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Industry level production functions and energy use in  
within a  
growth framework

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**There is no widely accepted theory which shows the relationship between energy and economic growth.**

**Studies show results:**

- without causality;
- with a causal direction running from energy to production;
- with a causal direction running from production to energy consumption;
- and that double causality exists.

**Although many of these studies suggest the existence of at least a causal relationship running from energy to economic growth, the inclusion of the energy factor in the production function has been scarce**

**The industrial sector uses more delivered energy than any other end-use sector, consuming about 54% of the world's total delivered energy.**

**Additionally, industrial sector energy consumption is projected to increase by an average of 1.2%/year worldwide.**

**Despite the importance of energy use by industry, there are few studies examining the effect of energy consumption on industrial output by sectors.**



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## OBJETIVE

**The aim of this study is to analyse the role of energy in the industry sector economic growth**

**With that purpose**

**Industry-level translog production functions are estimated including an energy variable as independent variable**

**Panel Data techniques are used to estimate it**

## DATA SAMPLE

### 18 EU countries- depending on available data

Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Rep., Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom

### **Period analyzed 1997 to 2007**

### **The translog production functions are estimated for ten industry levels:**

Food and beverages, textiles, wood, pulp and paper, chemicals, non-metallic, transport equipment, other manufacturing, mining and construction.

## Variables Used

- **Gross Value Added**  
data came from the Economic Data by Enerdata
- **Physical capital**  
data came from the WIOD Socio-Economic Accounts sub-base
- **Human capital**  
Measured as the percentage of hours worked by highly and medium qualified workers.  
  
This variable has been constructed from WIOD Socio-Economic Accounts sub-base
- **Employment**  
Data came from the WIOD Socio-Economic Accounts sub-base.
- **Energy**  
Data came from the Global Energy Statistical by Enerdata

## DATA BASE

[World Input-Output Database \(WIOD\):](#) for 40 countries

**Provides**

- time-series of world input-output tables for the period from 1995 to 2011.
- data on labor, capital inputs (only until 2007) and energy indicators

[Enerdata database.](#)

**Provides, among others, detailed and temporal energy statistics**



## Modelling

### Starting point

$$Y_{it} = A_{it} + \beta_L L_{it} + \beta_K K_{it} + \beta_h h_{it} + \beta_P E_{it} + \beta_{KL} K_{it} L_{it} + \beta_{Kh} K_{it} h_{it} + \beta_{KE} K_{it} E_{it} + \beta_{Lh} L_{it} h_{it} + \beta_{Lh} h_{it} P_{it} + \beta_{LE} L_{it} E_{it} + 1/2 \beta_{KK} K_{it}^2 + 1/2 \beta_{hh} h_{it}^2 + 1/2 \beta_{PP} E_{it}^2 + 1/2 \beta_{LL} L_{it}^2$$

**Y is the sum of the logarithm of the TFP ( $A_{it}$ ) and total input**

**Total input is determined by a translog production function with four arguments (K, E, L and h),**



## Modelling

**We assume:** constant returns to scale. Variables are expressed in per employee

Data were converted to **deviations from the geometric mean** of the sample. In order to avoid multicollinearity between variables

Data were converted to **first differences** to avoid spurious estimates.

**We include: the evolution of the technological progress**

$$\delta_t - \lambda (y_{it} - y_{Lt})$$

equal to the sum of a common temporal effect for all the countries ( $\delta_t$ ) and a technological catch-up term



## Modelling

$$\Delta y_{it} = \delta_t - \lambda(y_{it} - y_{1t}) + \beta_k \Delta k_{it} + \beta_h \Delta h_{it} + \beta_e \Delta e_{it} + \beta_{kh} \Delta k_{it} h_{it} + \beta_{ke} \Delta k_{it} e_{it} + \beta_{he} \Delta h_{it} e_{it} + \\ 1/2 \beta_{kk} \Delta k_{it}^2 + 1/2 \beta_{hh} \Delta h_{it}^2 + 1/2 \beta_{ee} \Delta e_{it}^2 + \beta_c C_{it}$$

### Coefficients of terms with cross-products

**Positive values indicate complementarity**  
**Negative values indicate substitutability**

### Coefficients of the quadratic terms

**Negative values indicate decreasing returns to scale**

**We have done several estimates and some coefficients are removed if there are not significant**



## SOME RESULTS

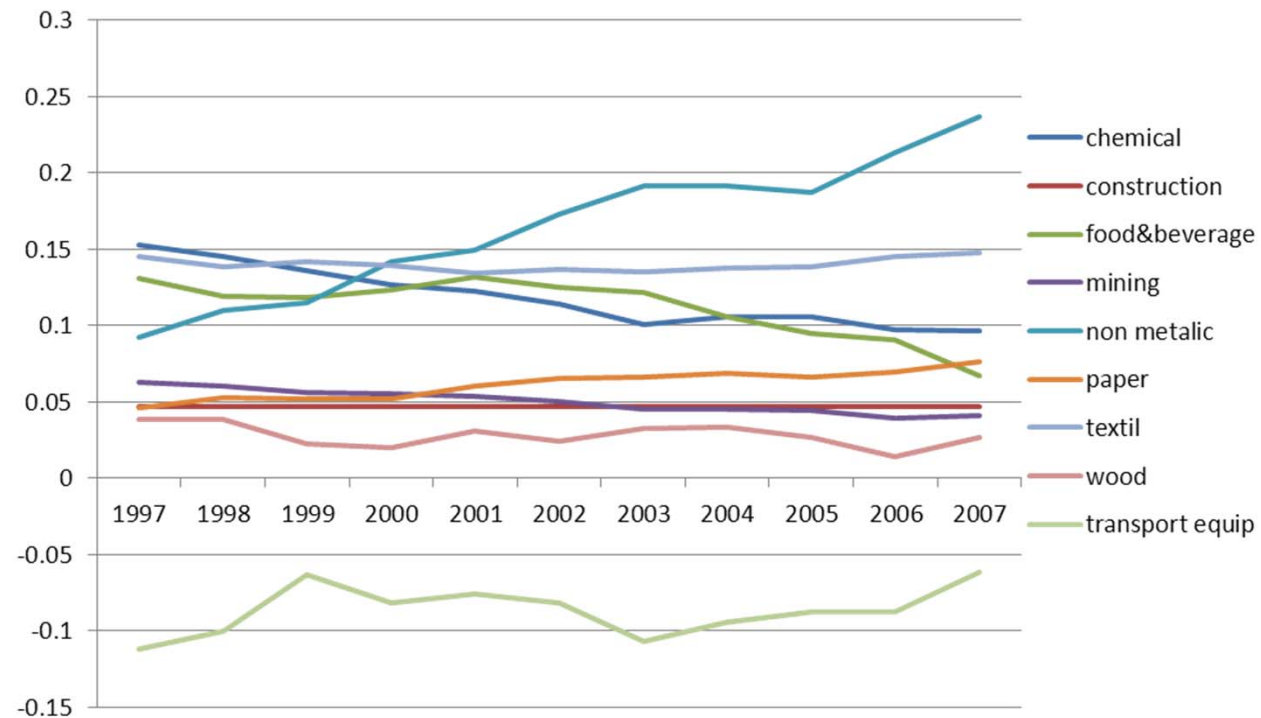
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E	0.12***	0.04***	0.11**	0.05***	0.16***	-	0.06***	0.14***	0.02**	-0.85**
K	0.11*	0.40***	0.22***	0.47***	0.75***	0.45***	0.58***	0.75***	0.28***	0.29***
H	0.54***	-0.16***	0.32***	0.20***	-0.86***	-0.24***	0.28***	0.13*	0.31***	0.33***
EK	-0.15***	-	-0.28***	-0.02***	0.39***	-	0.11***	-	-0.11***	0.12***
EH	-	-	-	-0.11***	-	-	-	-	-	-
KH	0.17***	0.14***	-	-	-0.16***	-	0.05***	-	-	-
E2	-	-	0.31***	-	-	-	-0.03***	-0.04***	0.04***	-0.19**
K2	-0.049*	-0.03***	-0.12***	-	-0.01***	-	0.45***	0.10***	0.03***	-0.13**
H2	-	-	0.16***	-	-0.78***	-	-	-	-	-
TP	-	-0.005**	0.008***	-	-0.01***	-0.01***	-0.01***	-0.01***	-0.001*	-



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## SOME RESULTS

Average productivity elasticity with respect to energy use by industrial sector



## Conclusions

Mostly, energy is a factor that influence industry production growth in all sector except for *others* and *transport equipments*

Energy and Stock of capital are substitutes factors in *Food and beverages, wood, chemicals* and *mining*

Energy and Stock of capital are substitutes factors *pulp and paper* and *transport equipment*

Decreasing returns to scale for Energy are observed in *transport equipment*

Increasing returns to scale for Energy are observed in *Food and beverages* and *wood*.



***Thank you for your  
attention***