The Jevons' Paradox: Transitional and Developing Countries

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Example from Research on Transitional Economies

- Eastern European Countries: Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania
- Total primary energy consumption
- Energy Intensity
- Population

Primary Energy Consumption: Million Tonnes Oil Equivalent



Energy Intensity per Dollar of GDP: BTU per 2000 US Dollar



Population 1990-2003



Regional Analysis

- Energy intensity has greatest impact (marginal terms)
- Population and GDP also have impacts
- Digging deeper
 - Exports, Imports, Government Consumption, Household Consumption
 - Exports, Government Consumption, Household Consumption; no impact (-)
 - Imports <u>has</u> an impact (+)
 - Preliminary analysis indicates Foreign Direct Investment has an impact (+)

Individual Country Analysis

- The Jevons' Paradox likely
- Hungary: population density (+)
- Poland: population density (+), exports (+), imports (-), household consumption (+), government consumption (-)
- Bulgaria:

Alternative Approach

- MULTI-SCALE INTEGRATED ANALYSIS OF SOCIETAL METABOLISM
 - ANALYSIS OF DIFFERENT LEVELS
 - NATIONAL LEVEL (level n)
 - LEVEL N-1: THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PRODUCTION COMPARTMENT AND HOUSEHOLDS
 - LEVEL N-2: AGRICULTURE, PRODUCTIVE SECTOR, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS, GOVERNMENT AND OTHER, HOUSEHOLDS (URBAN AND RURAL)

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Energy Issues in Developing Countries

- Population Growth, demographics, population density, and fertility
- Heavy Industrialization
- Transportation
- Resources to satisfy growth in energy consumption
- Subsidies
- Energy per capita; lack of information
- Shift in energy type

Energy Issues in Transitional Countries

- Population migration, demographics, and fertility
- Major structural changes to the economy
 - Industries moving out
- Resources for energy consumption
- Energy per capita
- Governmental structures; national, EU, etc.

What Other Gaps Should Be Addressed

