Overraskende endringer i husholdningenes energiforbruk Presentasjon under CenSES årskonferanse 9–10 desember 2013



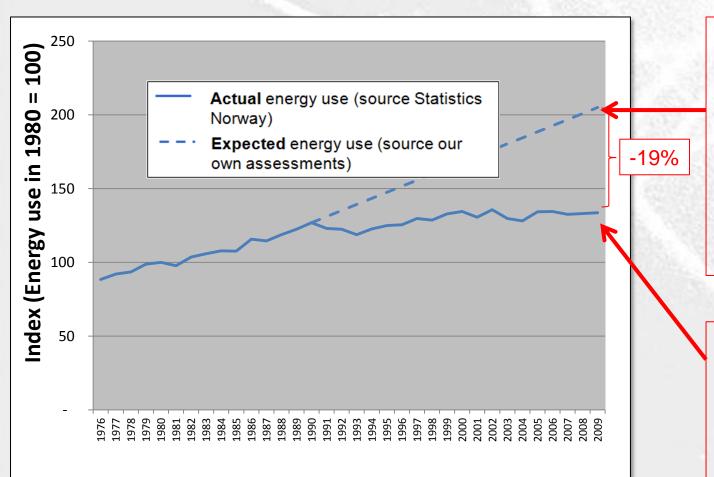
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Outline

- The case
- An energy and climate policy context
- Methodological approach
- Results
- Some final reflections on the way ahead

The case



Assessments made by the Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate (NVE) in **1990** (and **1998**) concluded that household energy-use would continue to increase at the same rate as from 1976 to1990

In **2011** NVE commissioned a study to explain why this had happened (19 % lower energy-use in 2009 than what was expected)

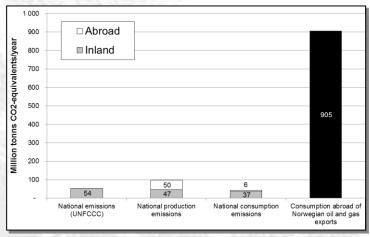
The energy and climate policy context

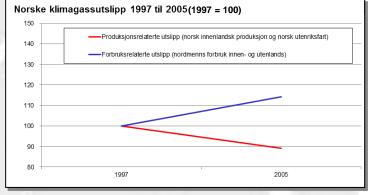
Norwegian energy policy

- Increasingly borrowing political credibility from climate policy
- Strong focus on introducing CCS technologies in Norwegian oil- and gas production
- Also focus on increasing the capacity of producing renewable energy

Norwegian climate policy

- Strong disputes on how much of the mitigation efforts should be done abroad and inland
- GHG emissions relating to Norwegian inland production have fallen whereas emissions embedded in Norwegian private consumption are increasing





Still – some policies have been implemented on reducing energy-use and GHG emissions in Norwegian households

- Information from Enova
- Energy-labelling of electric appliances
- Time limited (2002/03) economic support for installing air-to-air heat pumps
- Tax on oil
- Tax on electricity
- Step-by-step increasingly more stringent building regulations

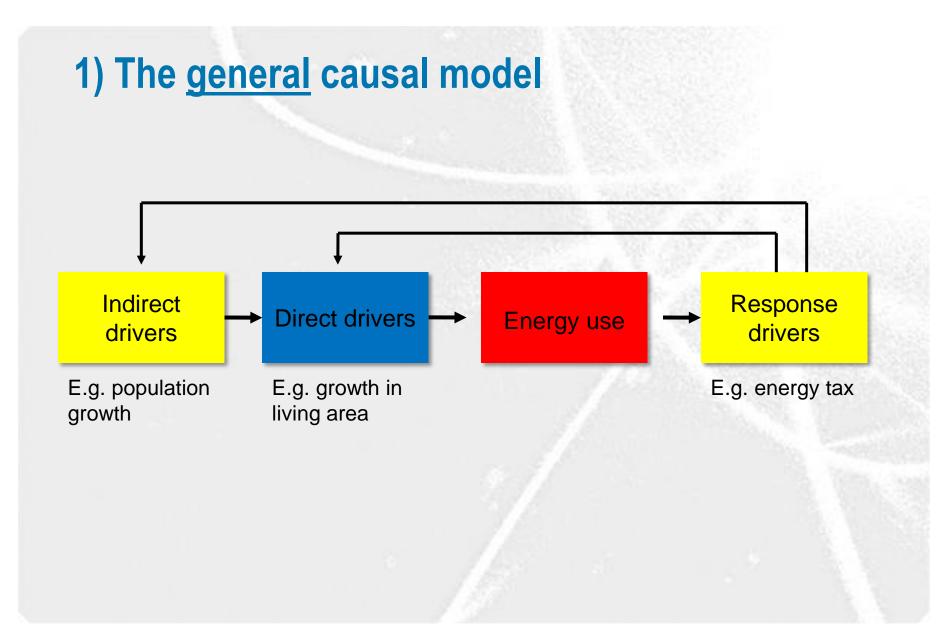
Methods applied

Literature review

- Going through existing Norwegian energy consumption statistics (NVE, SSB) and relevant "single" studies on energy consumption (10 studies identified)
- Supplemented by going through relevant statistics and studies from Sweden (6 studies identified) and Denmark (5 studies identified)

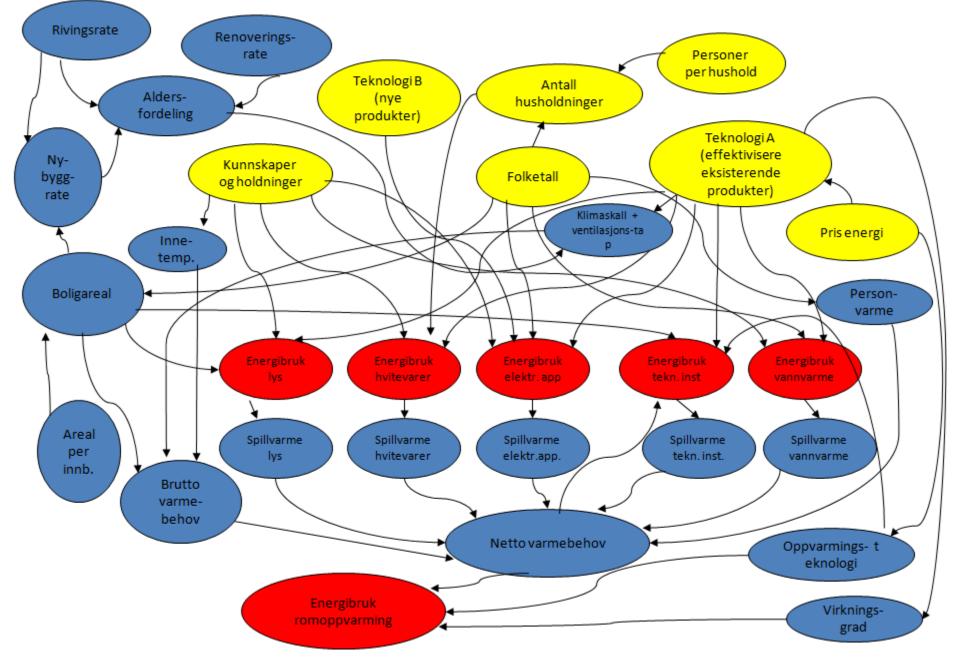
Model development

- 1. Established a causal model
- 2. Established a calculation model
- 3. Create a proxy historical dataset by means of interpolation
- 4. Create a scenario model

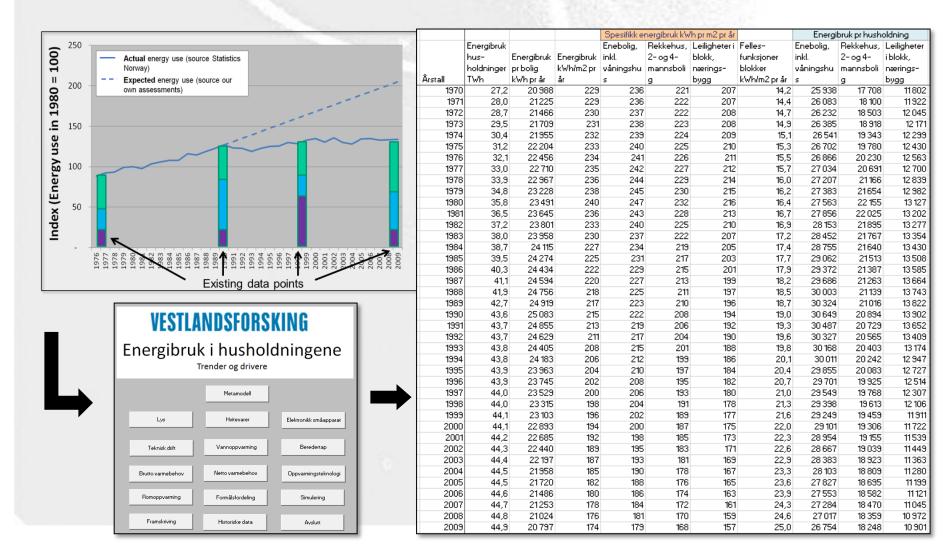


1) The specific casual model

Indirect drivers	Direct drivers	Response drivers
Changes in environmental	Living area	Information
conditions (mainly	• The distribution of dwellings	Taxation
outdoor temperature)	and living area according to	 Regulations
Demographic changes	types of building	• Economic support
Economic considerations	• The condition of the building	
Technological	envelope	
development	 Indoor temperature 	
• Changes as to knowledge,	• Water heating specific energy	
attitude and preference	consumption	
	• Energy consumption relating	
	to lighting and electrical	
	equipment	
	• Choice of heating system	
	Heat pumps	
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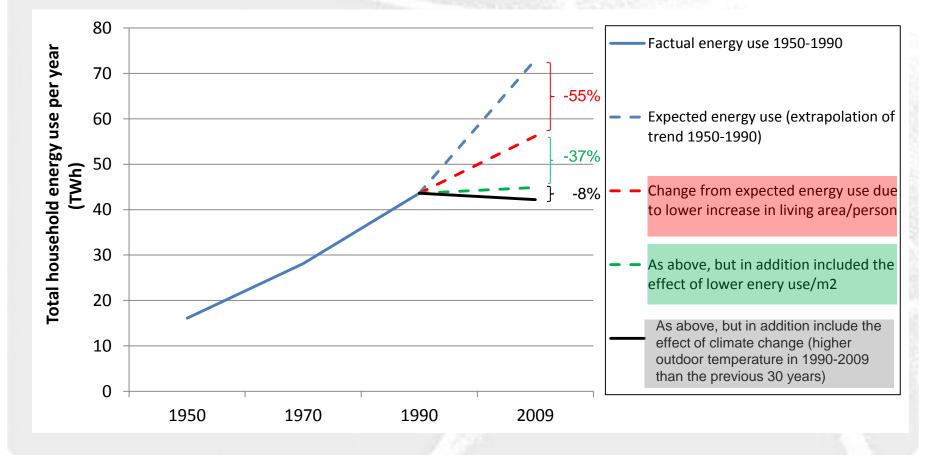
3) The proxy interpolated historical dataset



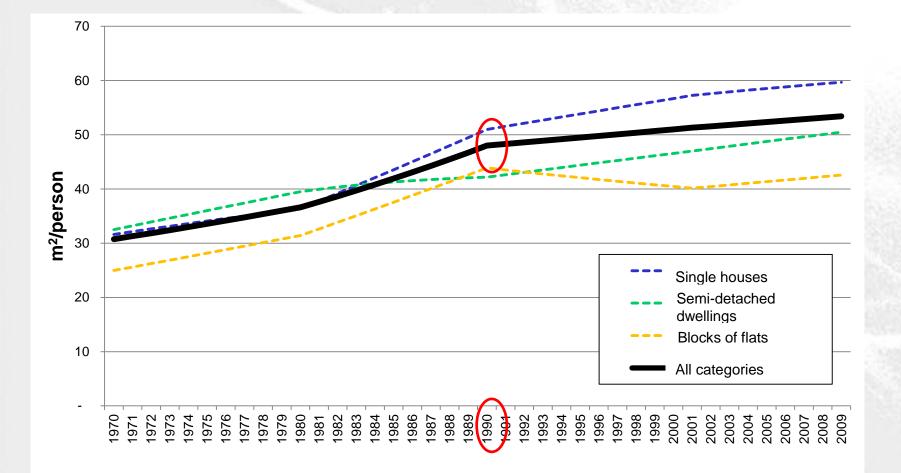
3) The scenario model

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			Teknologi B	1,00	Lineær 💌	2 030	0,5 %
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		Elektronikk	kWh pr m2	10,9			
			Teknologi A	1,00	Lineær 💌	2 020	-3,0 %
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		-	Spillvarmefaktor	60,0 %	Lineær 💌	2 015	-5,0 %
		Vannoppvarming	kWh pr m2	25,1			
Teknisk drift	Vannoppvarming		Teknologi A	1,00	Eksponen 💌	2 030	-0,5 %
		Beredertap	kWh pr m2	6,7			
			Teknologi A	1,00	Eksponen	2 030	-1,5 %
Brutto varmebehov		Teknisk drift	kWh pr m2	14,5			
	Netto varmebehov		Teknologi A	1,00	Eksponen 💌	2 030	0,0 %
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			Rekkehus, % areal	18,7 %	Lineær 💌	2 030	0,0 %
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		Fordeling boliger	Enebolig, % boliger	52,7 %	Lineær 💌	2 030	-3,0 %
F 111			Rekkehus, % boliger		Eksponen	2 030	0,0 %
Framskriving	Historiske data		Blokker, % boliger	26,7 %	Eksponen 💌	2 030	3,0 %

Main categories of factors that can explain the levelling out of household energy use



Changes in living area per capita

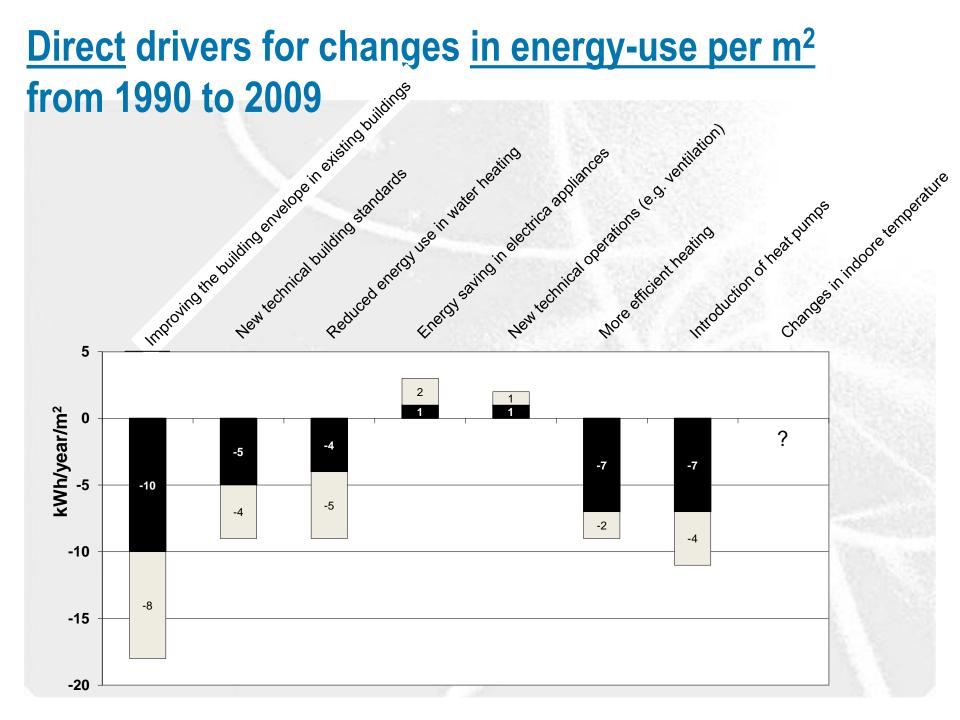


Reasons for a lower increase in <u>living area per</u> capita from 1990 to 2009

- Increase in real-estate prices (especially in major cities) and real interest rates (for the whole of Norway)
 - In 2009 we inhabited an area per capita that was 2/3 larger than in 1973, but had to pay 7 times more for it (in constant currency)
- Changes in peoples preferences
 - People find it less important to have a large home
- The growth in non-western immigration
 - Use 1/3 less living area per capita than the rest of the population

Ca 90%

Ca 10%



Indirect and **policy** drivers of changes in energy-use per m²

Most important

Individual behaviour

Energy use for certain categories of electrical equipment may see differences by <u>a factor of 20</u> <u>among otherwise equal households, and there</u> <u>may be differences in energy use for heating by</u> <u>a factor of 3 ⁽¹⁾</u>

Marked prices on energy

Increased oil price compared to that of electricity \rightarrow (irreversible) shift from oil to electric heating starting in the 1970s

Increase in prices on both oil and electricity after 2000 stimulated to do other energy saving physical alterations

Least important

Technological improvements

Today: 50 % have water saving shower heads and 80 % have: refrigerators and freezers of energy efficiency class A and higher

Policy measures

Tax: little importance because not used much

Economic support: little importance, but with exemption for the support to install air-to-air heat pumps

New building requirements can only explain 10-15 % of the reduction in specific energy use for all residences since 1990

(1): See e.g. http://groentregnskab.albertslund.dk/boliger/mit-boligomraade

Modes of change

Change energy-efficiency in consumption

• E.g. change to a car with less fuel consumption per km

Change patterns of consumption

E.g. change from private car to public transportation

Change volume of consumption

 E.g. reduce your total transport work measured in person kilometres

How do these categories apply to the case of energy-use in Norwegian households?

Focus in policy discourse

Modes of change in household energy-use

Share of contribution in the total reduction in energy-use from 1990 to 2009 (- 19% relative to expected trend)

Type of change		Effect
Change <u>energy</u>	Improvements of building envelope in existing houses	-13%
<u>efficiency</u> in	Introduction of air-to-air heat pumps	-8 %
consumption	New technical building standards	-7 %
	Reduced energy use in water heating	-6 %
	Energy use for technical operations (ventilation and lifts)	+1 %
	SUM	-33 %
Change <u>patterns</u> of	Change from oil to electric heating	-6 %
consumption	SUM	-6 %
Change <u>volume</u> of	Reduced increase in living area per person due to:	
consumption	increase in real-estate prices	
	changes in peoples preferences	-55%
	non-western immigration	
	Changes in indoor temperature	
	SUM	-55 %
Net effect of efficiency	Appliances and lighting, efficiency gains	-7% (?)
gains and growth in	Appliances and lighting, growth in volume	+10% (?)
volume of consumption	SUM	+2%

Summing up the observed changes in household energy-use from 1990 to 2009

Unexpected <u>nature</u> of change

 Changes in <u>volume of consumption</u> more important than that of increasing energyefficiency

Unexpected <u>drivers</u> of change

 Most of the observed change is due to <u>unexpected effects of drivers other than</u> <u>environmental-motivated policy-measures</u>

Unexpected <u>location</u> of change

 Most of the total energy reduction due to reduced energy-use per m² took place in "<u>existing</u>" buildings (improving building envelopes) and not in new buildings due to tougher building regulations.

Unexpected <u>rebound effect</u>

Increase in number of electrical appliances outweigh efficiency gains

Future research within CenSES

Supplementary empirical study

- Any sign of trend shift 2009-2013 compared to that of 1990-2009?
- How have NVE applied the scenario model?

• Own scenario analysis

- Business as usual, 0%, -20 %, -50 % by 2040
- Five scenario paths: Information, economic support, tax, technological improvements, land-use planning regulations
- Existing versus new buildings

Discussion

 Is it probable that emerging new policy initiatives will manage to result in any substantial decrease in the total household energy-use?

Relevant literature

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