Energy Rebound Research



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Research Question









Marginal Propensity to Consume







Base Case vs Energy Efficient Case





Equation for Rebound

$$Re_{EconomyWide} = 1 - \frac{\dot{E}_{savings,economywide,net}}{\dot{E}_{savings,device,direct,expected}}$$

$$Re_{EconomyWide} = 1 - \frac{0}{\dot{E}} = 1 \quad Re_{EconomyWide} = 1 - \frac{\dot{large E}}{\dot{E}} < 0 \quad Re_{EconomyWide} = 1 - \frac{\dot{E}}{\dot{E}} = 0$$

$$Re_{EconomyWide} = Re_{dev} + Re_{emb} + Reres_{pend}$$

























Embodied Energy 9x Larger Usable Life 5x Longer







\$9,504 [\$/yr]

\$8,721 [\$/yr]





1,519,747 [MJ/yr] \$30,598 [\$/yr] 374,043 [MJ/yr] \$7,531 [\$/yr]





Equation for Rebound

$$Re_{EconomyWide} = Re_{dev} + Re_{emb} + Rerespend$$

$$164\% = 15\% + 1\% + 148\%$$





Ternary Graph





Overall Results

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Economy-Wide Impacts

















Mitigating Rebound

https://www.adazing.com/book-clipart/

http://www.solidworks.com/sustainability/sustainable-design-guide.htm

https://calvin.edu/support/energy/



Further Questions

- Does education *actually* have an impact on device level rebound?
- Are there ways to design products that reduce device level rebound?
- How do you design products to minimize embodied energy rebound?
- How do energy revolving funds influence economy wide rebound?
- Are there ways to implement revolving funds at a community level?
- Are there policy changes that could impact economy wide rebound?
- Does the size of the economy effect rebound?

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Questions