## Policy approaches in Industry



Some thoughts drawing upon book "Planetary Economics: Energy, Climate Change and the Three Domains of Sustainable Development



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## Differentiation and integration of policy approaches ...

- An introduction to the high-level intellectual framework
  - The Three Domains and Three Pillars of Policy
- Some indicative data on industry?
- Expanding the horizons
- Policy Integration



## Three Domains – an Economic Interpretation





#### **Economic Output / Consumption**

PE Fig. 2 -3 b Resource trade-offs with the other two domains



Three realms of abatement opportunities

## - Where do industry sector opportunities lie? ..



Solutions need to harness corresponding policy pillars







Significant industrial potential appears to exist at *slightly cost-effective when measured at a common (low) discount rate* ...



ECONDATES

... UK Carbon Trust experience indicated continuing potentials particularly but not exclusively in less energy-intensive businesses





**Figure 4-4 Proportion of Carbon Trust recommendations to UK business implemented: dependence on pay-back period** *Note: The graph shows combined responses of public, services, retail and chemical sector regarding recommendations identified in 2006-2007. Source:* Source: Carbon Trust, based on Carbon Management/Energy Efficiency Advice Close-out database (personal communication)



# Global "modest positive cost" potential dominated by power generation far more than industry or buildings



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In terms of economic-carbon characteristics, need to distinguish huge differences between energy intensives and others



41% of EU 'value added' (GDP) in manufacturing industry + utilities

Figure 8-4 Impact of carbon pricing on EU industry sectors and their share of the EU economy UCL Institute for Sustainable Resources

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But a word of caution – key opportunities may exist outside of production zone – in recycling, and product characteristics



#### **Figure 3-6 Opportunities in energy-intensive supply chains: From primary materials to products.** *Source: Authors*



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Eg. in both buildings & vehicles, balance is moving towards embodied energy ... first or second domain ...?





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kg CO<sub>2</sub>/m<sup>2</sup>/year
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#### Figure 5-11 Embodied energy in buildings

Source: Allwood and Cullen (2012)



## Taking energy / resource efficiency much further is likely to require diggination into dimensions of use and embodied energy



#### Figure 5-10 The scope of consumer-driven emissions

Note that these categorisations of the consumers' part are not entirely independent of one another. For example the emissions from the industrial process make up the embodied emissions of consumer goods and services.



Source: Authors

.... Or Third? We are seeking radical innovation in sectors with relatively low innovation intensity ..



Data source: EU Joint Research Centre on Industrial Investment and Innovation, R&D Scoreboard 2012, http://iri.jrc.europa.eu/scoreboard12.html



## **Planetary Economics**



An integrating approach to climate policy



- Nature of the challenge
- The Three Domains and Three Pillars of Policy
- System key components
- Pillar I: Standards and Engagement
- Pillar II: Markets and Pricing
- Pillar III: Strategic investment
- Policy Integration
- Joint Benefits
- The Economics of Changing course



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Need to understand the *complementary* economic roles of the different pillars





**Economic Output / Consumption** 

Fig. 12.3 Public and private returns in the 3 domains UCL Institute for Sustainable Resources

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No pillar on its own can credibly solve the problem – nor offers a politically stable basis for policy

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- Energy efficiency policy on its own limited by:
  - Scale of intervention required
  - Growing scale satisficing behaviour
  - … Leading to large Rebound effects
- Pricing on its own limited by:
  - Blunt nature of impacts First and Third Domain impacts
  - Rising political resistance to rising fuel bills
  - .. and competiveness concerns
- Innovation on its own limited by:
  - Lack of demand pull incentives
  - Scale & risks of investment costs
  - Political failures in absence of rising market feedbacks

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Changing course requires a sustained package the key is to integrate and synergise across all three domains

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## Planetary Economics:

### Energy, Climate Change and the Three Domains of Sustainable Development

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![](_page_17_Figure_3.jpeg)

Kindle: http://www.amazon.co.uk/Planetary-Economics-Sustainable-Development-sustainableebook/dp/B00JQFBWDO/ref=tmm\_kin\_swatch\_0?\_encoding=UTF8&sr=8-1&qid=1415625933

http://climatestrategies.org/projects/planetary-economics/ for information and register of related events.

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