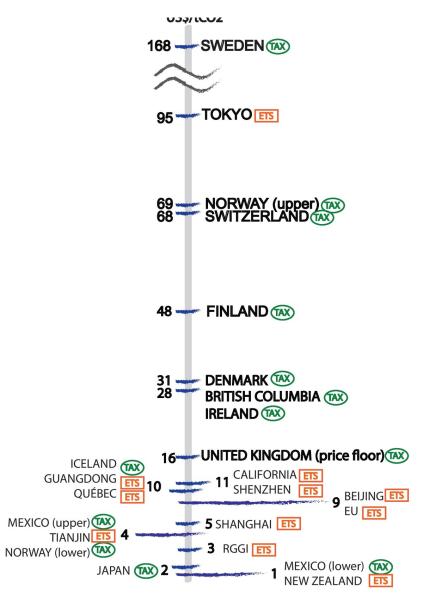


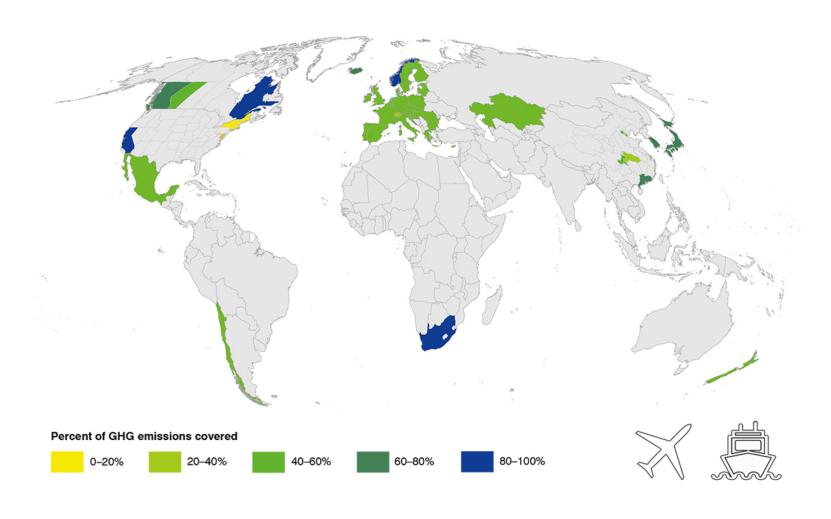
CO2 tax Sweden 130 \$/Ton





Sweden's tax is exceptional

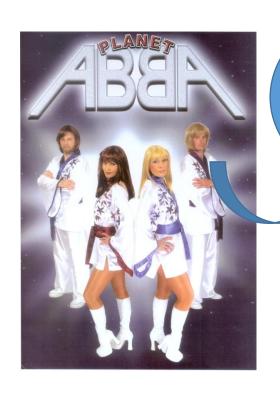
CO2 taxes (coverage)



a big **FAT** Carbon **TAX**

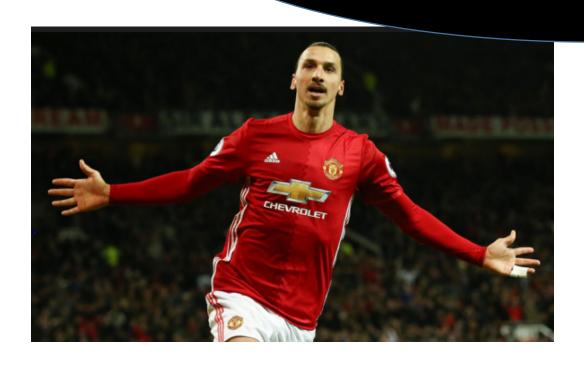
- Nordhaus: 17 \$/tonne
- Stern speaks of 20-50 \$/tonne
- 2017: RGGI 3.00 Chicago 2-3 EU ETS: ~ 5\$
- French Tax: 30 €/tonne
- US 10 or 20
- Swedish Tax 130 \$/ton + energy tax, Sulfur tax, N fee, fuel tax VAT etc. Gasoline costs 6\$/gal (300-435 \$/t)

SO WHAT?



I wonder how high is the CO2 tax today

Oh no, not one more day with high CO2 taxes!!



We want to know

- •How come tax was passed?
- Political context. EFR. No fossil interests
- •What were Effects?
- Complex to say. Taxes have varied. Many other policies too.

CONTEXT Parlament also

- Abolished wealth tax, inheritance tax,
- Modified property tax
- Broadened tax base for VAT etc.
- includes Services, energy, télévis., heat etc
- Reduced profit taxes for companies
- Total 10 billion € (30% environnemental)

Applies to

Coal, Coke, oil, gasoline etc, natural gas, fuels. Household waste 12.6%

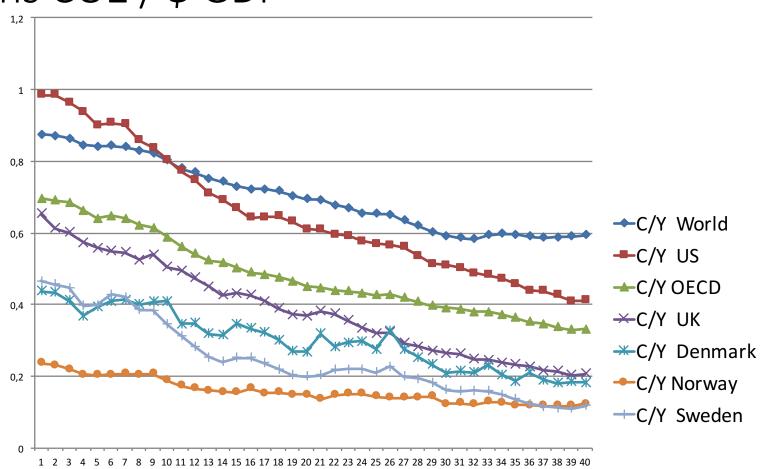
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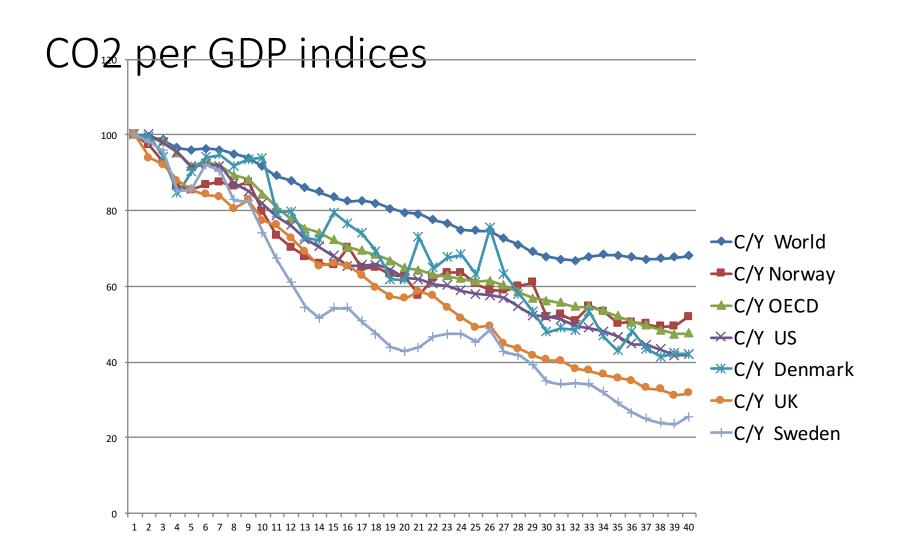
- Industry in ETS.
- Trade exposed business (25%)
- Biofuels
- CH₄, N₂O
- Fishing fleet, Some ag
- Some ships, Airplanes,
- Some rail..
- Coverage 50%

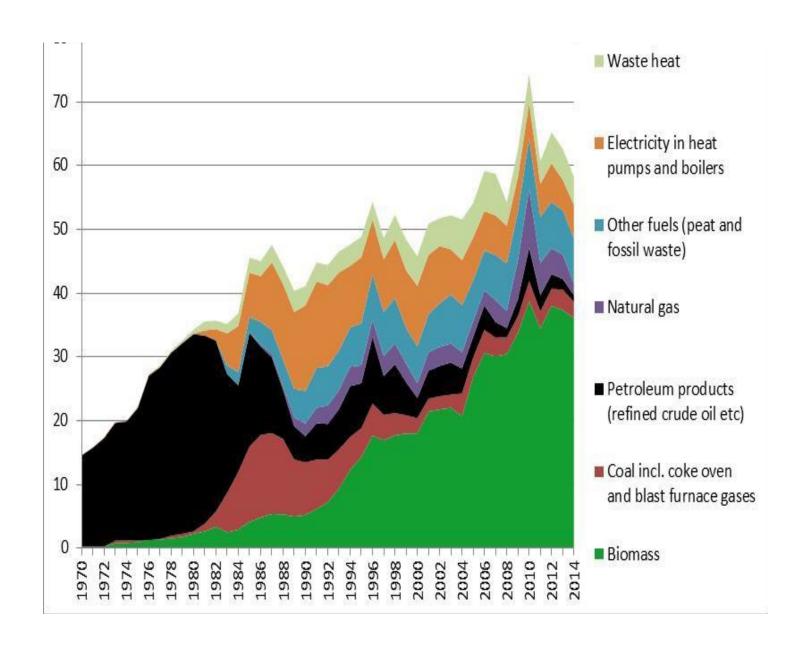
Effect: **DECOUPLING**



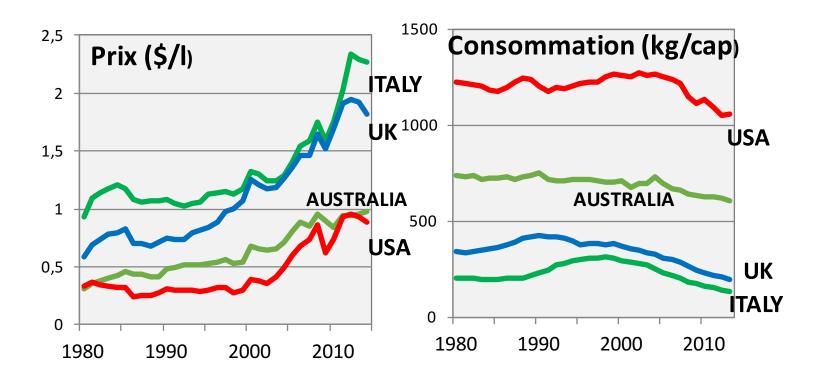
Tons CO2 / \$ GDP







Prix de l'essence et émissions



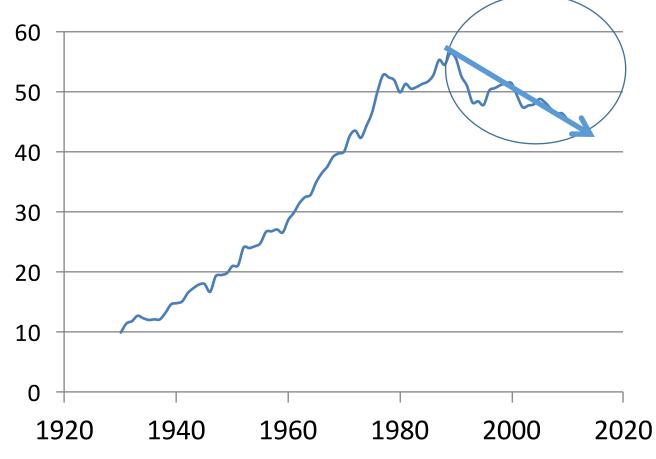
Transport Fuel Use in OECD Gtons fuel (and ~C*(12/14))

		UK	US
	Real	prices	prices
Fuel			
use	1,13	0,72	1,47
		-36%	+30%

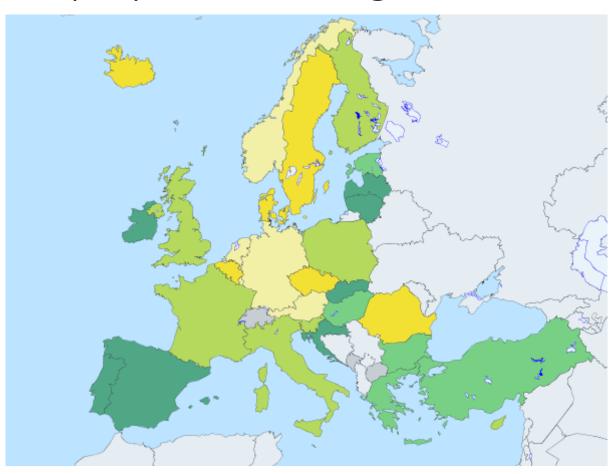
Carbon Tax

	Billion €
CO2	3
Tot Env	10
Tot Taxes	111
GDP	367

Taxes in Sweden did NOT go up in total



Unemployment not higher



Is this all due to Carbon taxes?

- Green Certificates,
- Regulations
- Efficiency Subsidies to municipalities
- Hydro and nuclear; no fossil
- Susidies to renewables
- ETS
- Hard because policies are broadly speaking collinear.
- Many decisions taken at different levels of jurisdiction

Fiscal Federalism & Interjurisdictional Externalities

Air Quality Regulations in Sweden

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Coexistence of federal and local policies

- Nature of overlap,
- Relative stringency
- Type of instruments

Conclusions

- Local regulation weaker than Federal
- Results holds regarless of regulatory timing.
- Williams III (2012). J of Pub Econ 96:1092-9

National /local policies for NOx in Sweden

- High tax AND stringent ELVs
- Theoretical model of combined effects
- Actual data to test hypotheses.

First Best

• Let us assume that the regulatory objective is to minimize the sum over all the counties of pollution plus the costs of reducing emissions:

$$\min_{e_i} \sum_{i=1}^n [C_i(e_i) + D_i(e_i, E)],$$

FOC for e_i :

$$-\frac{\partial C_i(e_i)}{\partial e_i} = \frac{\partial D_i(e_i, E)}{\partial e_i} + \sum_j \frac{D_j(e_j, E)}{\partial E}.$$

Differentiated taxes

$$\tau_i = \frac{\partial D_i(e_i, E)}{\partial e_i} + \sum_j \frac{\partial D_j(e_j, E)}{\partial E}.$$

But Federal level sets ONE (average) tax and local level optimizes ELVs

$$T = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial D_i(e_i, E)}{\partial e_i} + \sum_j \frac{\partial D_j(e_j, E)}{\partial E}.$$

$$-\frac{\partial C_i(e_i)}{\partial e_i} = \frac{\partial D_i(e_i, E)}{\partial e_i} + \frac{\partial D_i(e_i, E)}{\partial E} + T[1 - r_i]. \tag{6}$$

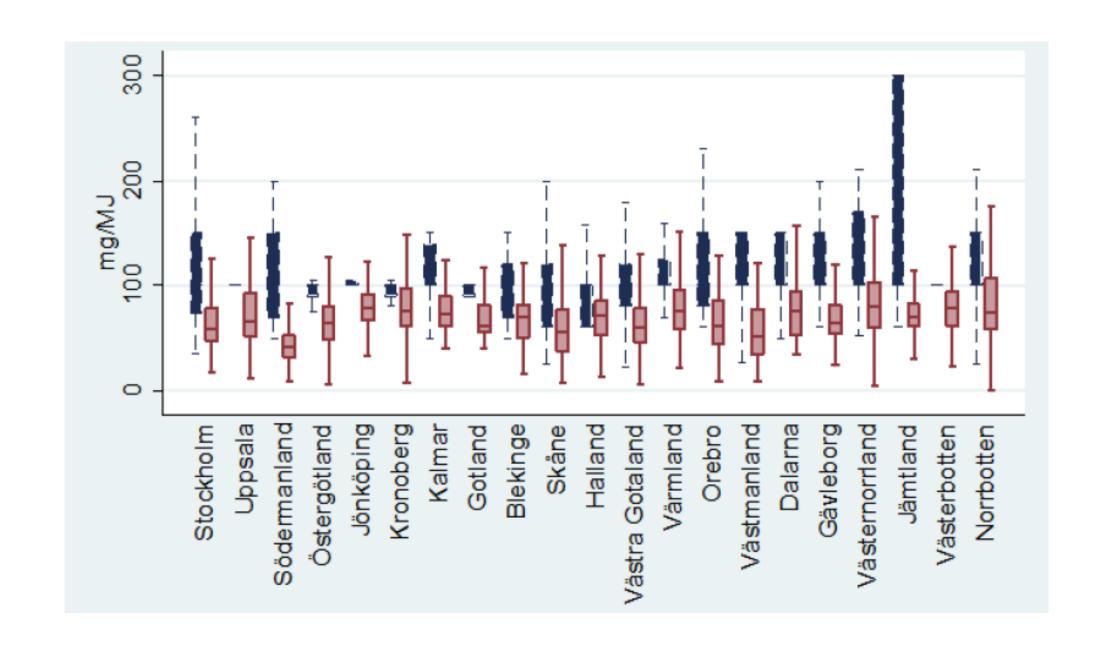
From equation (6) we know that counties set emission limits such that marginal cost equals marginal damage (including only damages within the county and not damage to other counties) plus

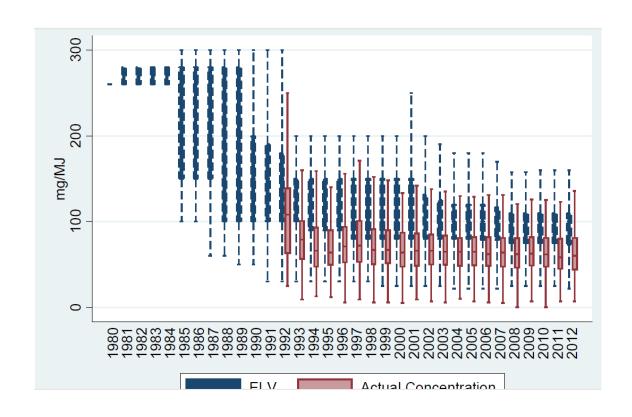
Emission Limit Values

- Introduced in the 1980s. Determined by county authorities; boiler specific, vary with sector.
- We collected information about ELVs for the firms regulated under the NOx charge for the period 1980-2012.
- We focus on ELVs expressed in mg NOx per MJ added energy (to make it comparable to the NO_x charge).

Classify plants

- *G*₁: in operation before 1992, ELV enforced before the implementation of the charge and **never** been subject to the charge.
- G_2 : in operation before 1992, ELV enforced before the implementation of the charge and also subject to the charge after 1992.
- G₃: started operations after 1992 that have only been subject to the NOx charge.
- *G*₄: started operations after 1992, subject to both regulations, but ELV implemented first.
- *G*₅: started operations after 1992, subject to both regulations, but charge implemented first.





Psychological aspects to the setting of ELVs

