



Dealing with uncertainties in long term energy scenarios

What we do at the Danish Energy Agency and why

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It's difficult to make predictions
– especially about the future

But predictions are used all the time when
making political decisions..

How can we convey uncertainties and improve
our energy scenarios?



Three types of uncertainties



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Inherent uncertainty

Uncertainty due to lack of
knowledge: can be improved
with 'better science'

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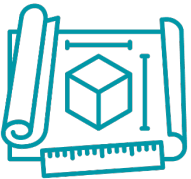
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What we try to do at DEA

Use of scenarios with only one parameter change at a time (sensitivity analysis)

Scenarios based on workshops with a range of people with different perspectives

"Hand-held" calibrations

Talking to stakeholders and technical experts

Public hearing of assumptions



Thanks for listening



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Energiforbrug til opvarmning i boliger

Indeks 1990= 100 Klimakorrigeret

