

The Path to Getting Published: *Energy Economics*

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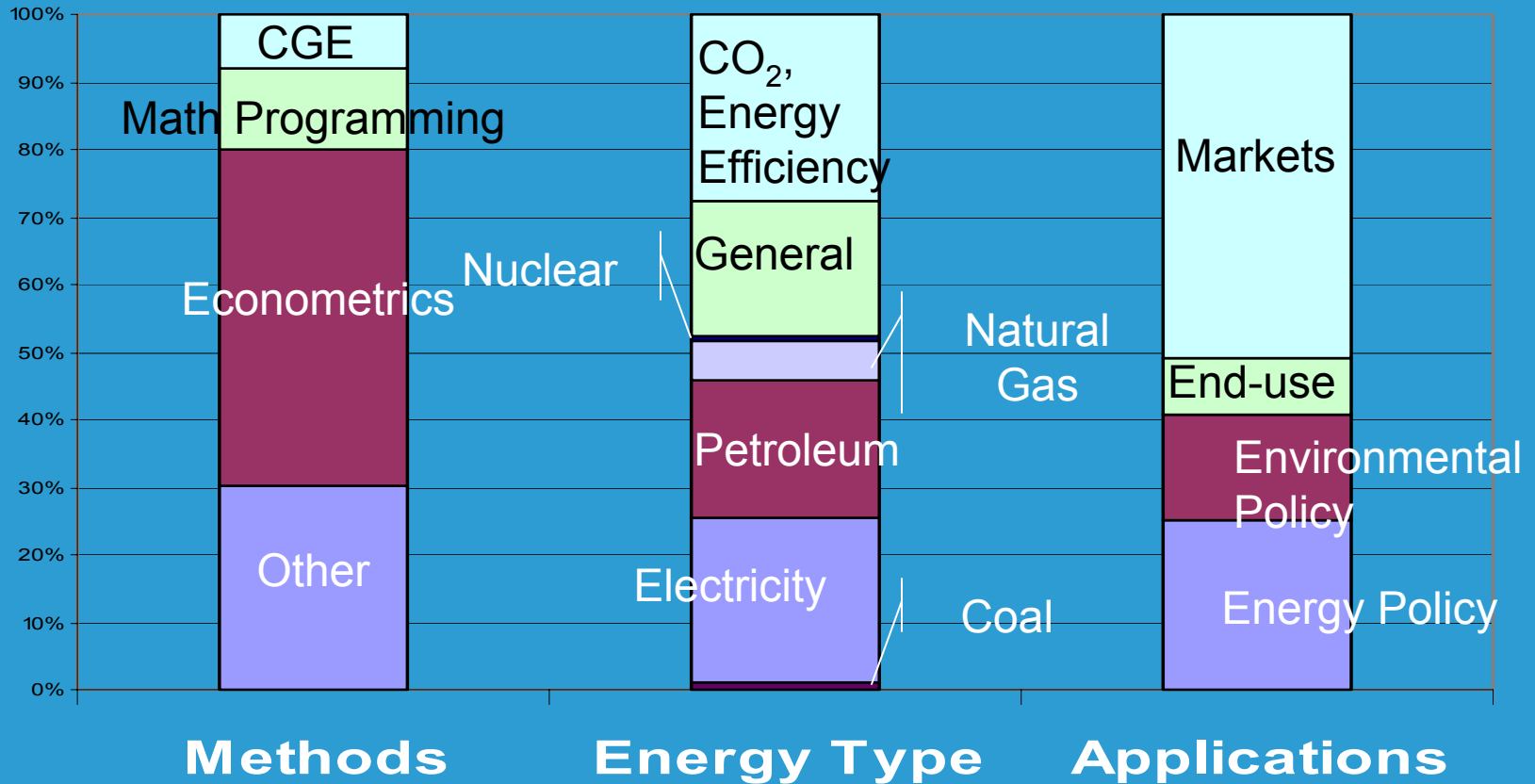
Energy Economics: Overview

- ♦ First issue: January, 1979.
- ♦ Stated purpose: A serious forum for research papers concerned with the economic and econometric modeling and analysis of energy systems and issues.
- ♦ Audience: Energy economists, consultants, corporate planners, economic researchers in universities, banks, energy companies, finance houses, and government.
- ♦ Abstracted: 9 abstracting and indexing publications including the *Journal of Economic Literature*.

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Articles: 2000-2005



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Editorial Process

- ♦ How to submit: **Electronic submission only**
- ♦ Number of external reviewers: **Two**
- ♦ Average length of time between submission and first decision: **Historical--6 months (6 months for resubmission). This is decreasing!**
- ♦ Average length of time from decision to publication: **Depending on the back-log of accepted papers. . anywhere from six to eighteen months.**
- ♦ Accepted papers posted on a website before appearing in print: **Yes, accepted articles appear on the web 1 to 3 months after acceptance.**
- ♦ Acceptance rates: **Target 20%; Actual 30-35%**

What's New!

- ◆ New co-editors were appointed in January, 2004.
 - ◆ Richard S.J. Tol, Vrije and Carnegie Mellon Universities, Hamburg, Germany
 - ◆ John P. Weyant, Stanford University, California
- ◆ A new editorial board has been appointed representing broader interests and background to accommodate the evolving focus and purpose.
- ◆ Invited papers are now a regular feature.
First: Adelman, M.A., and G.C. Watkins. 2005. "U.S. oil and natural gas reserve prices, 1982-2003." *Energy Economics* 27: 553-571.
- ◆ Special issues have become a regular feature.
Selected previous special issues include:
 - ◆ Electricity Markets (v. 27, no. 2);
 - ◆ Technology strategies for climate change policy (v. 26, no. 4)
 - ◆ Oil Markets (v. 24, no. 6)

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What's New!

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- ♦ No more paper submissions. All papers now must be submitted electronically.
(<http://ees.elsevier.com/eneeco>)
- ♦ The online version of the journal allows for color graphics, animations, sound, and hypertext.
- ♦ The journal's website can also be used as a depository for model descriptions, source codes, data-sets, and other supporting materials. As a new editorial policy, papers that include tools and data will only be accepted if these items are publicly accessible.

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Increasing the Probability of Acceptance

- ♦ Select a journal appropriate for the paper.
- ♦ If you're not familiar with the journal, review previous issues or selected papers from that journal for topics covered, writing style, format, and other presentational characteristics.
- ♦ Make sure that you are developing an original idea by performing a thorough literature review.
- ♦ Tell the reader why they care or should care about the topic:
 - ♦ "What insights do we gain from a line of analysis?"
 - ♦ "How does using your proposed method improve my analysis?"
 - ♦ "Why should your paper be published?"

Probability of Acceptance

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- ♦ Have a point for writing the paper and stick to the point—“do not waffle!”
- ♦ Excise excess or extraneous thoughts and verbiage (or as a colleague commented follow the **KISS** rule).
- ♦ Conclusions should evolve from the data and analysis presented. Unsupported conclusions or statements of philosophy are **not** appropriate for academic journal articles.
- ♦ Abstracts should **briefly** outline the objectives of the paper, the technique, and then summarize the major conclusions.

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- ◆ Prepare the manuscript in the format requested by the journal:
 - ◆ Include all of the references cited in the reference list in the appropriate format.
 - ◆ Use section headers and numbering consistent with the journal.
 - ◆ Use an apparent structure for paragraphs, sections, and the entire paper, e.g., topical sentences, transition phrases, and organizing paragraphs.
 - ◆ Use accepted mathematical notation and presentation in equations along with numbering. Refer to and describe the mathematics in the text.
- ◆ **Limit** your manuscript to the suggested length guidelines of the journal.
- ◆ Demonstrate originality or departure from existing thought in the introduction and the literature review section of the paper.
- ◆ Have other colleagues read your paper prior to submission to ensure clarity, precision, and grammatical correctness.

Being a Good Publication Citizen!

- ◆ Absolute “do nots”:
 - ◆ Plagiarism of text and ideas without attribution.
 - ◆ “Shopping” a paper around several journals or simultaneous submission.
- ◆ Journals exist through the largely volunteer efforts of editors, editorial boards, and reviewers. Please be polite in your interactions and correspondence!
- ◆ If you partake of the benefits of the system, support the system by volunteering to be a reviewer.
- ◆ Editors are very good about answering questions on editorial policy and etiquette. If you have questions, ask early during writing and ask often. (And, when in doubt. . .ask!)
- ◆ If you disagree with a review (and it is okay to disagree), be assertive and factual but polite in your rebuttal.

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The Best Advice of All!

- ♦ Write!!! Write. . . .and write!!!!!!!!!!!!
- ♦ Write often (every day if possible) and try writing many different types of materials.
- ♦ Learn new techniques, new methods, new areas, and study different topics.
- ♦ Keep abreast of the literature through scanning abstracts of new articles, scanning abstracts in different types of journals, and reading those articles that interest you.
- ♦ Use critical thinking skills.
- ♦ But above all, get something on paper!