

## 6. Examples of top down methods: Electricity end uses in services

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## Top-down estimation of energy savings for electricity end uses in services

- Indicators to measure savings : **unit electricity consumption per employee** (excluding electricity for thermal uses when data available) measured :
  - from the sum of unit electricity consumption by activity subsector (detailed approach) to clean the changes in the structure of service sector activities (“hidden structure effect”) → the best approach but data available only for few countries
  - from the total unit electricity consumption for service sector (aggregative approach) if data by subsector are unavailable.
- Use of unit electricity consumption per employee because
  - Physical indicators used and not economical indicators: energy needs related more to work conditions than to production
  - Employment data more robust than building surface data
- Change in unit electricity consumption can generally be explained by the following variables:
  - Autonomous trend
  - Electricity price
  - Energy efficiency facilitating measures (subsidies, fiscal incentives, VA, taxes)  
(After / before 1995)

**Defines the baseline**

## Modelling of the baseline unit electricity consumption of services

➤ Identification by country of a period over which policy measures either are negligible or have a limited impact → over that period changes in unit electricity consumption mainly linked to autonomous trend, electricity prices

➤ Modelling over that period of the indicator through regression analysis with two variables:

- Time to capture an autonomous trend
- Electricity price

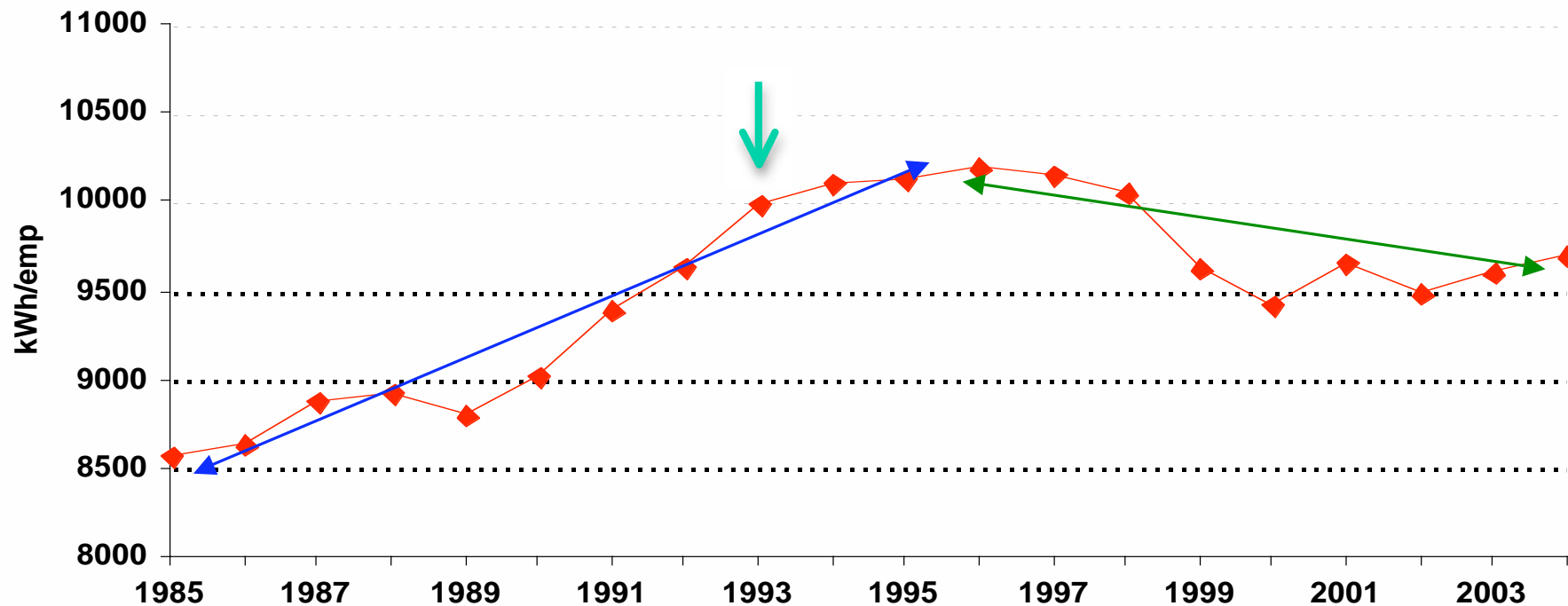
$$\text{Ln (UC)} = T \times t + A \times \text{Ln (P)} + K$$

- ✓ T: trend
- ✓ A: price elasticity (<0 )
- ✓ P: electricity price

➤ The price effect was generally not validated by statistics test as electricity prices did not change enough in the past

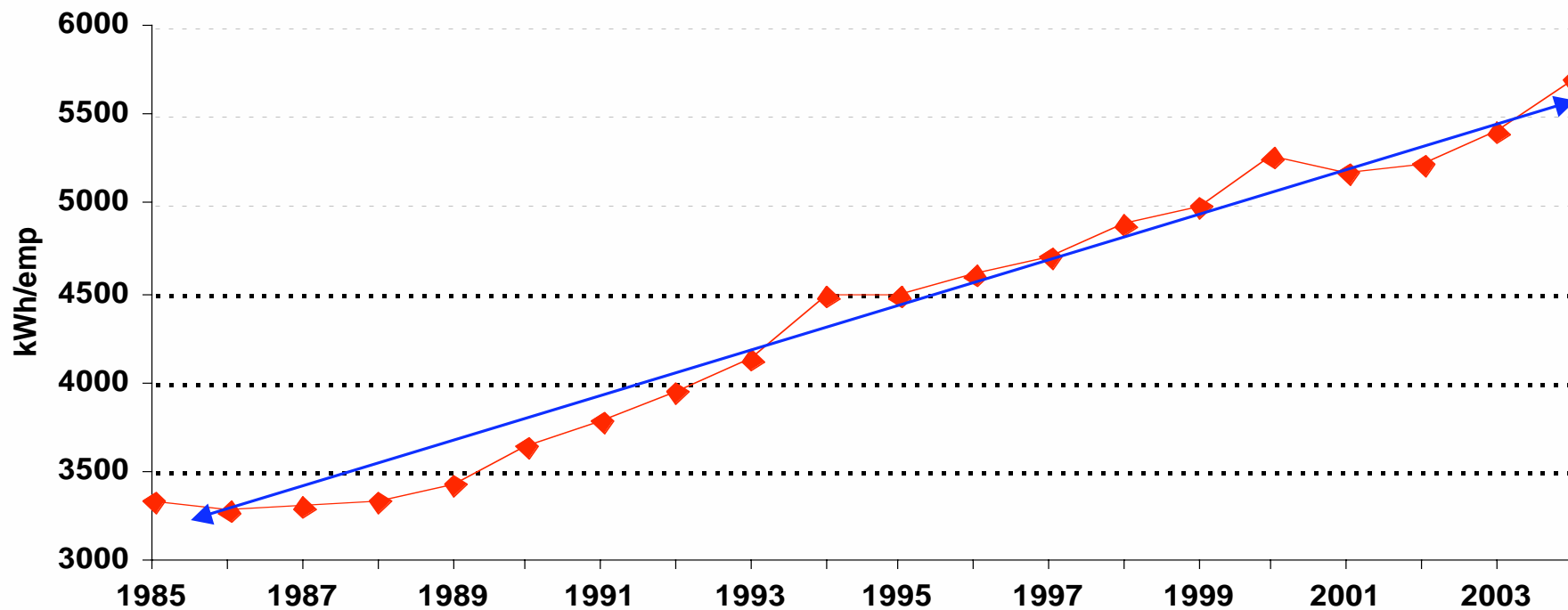
# Countries with national measures and slower increase, stabilisation or decrease of the unit consumption after measures implementation : case of Sweden

- Implementation of voluntary agreements in 1993. Which trend to take? Before 1993? Or after 1993? Or somewhere in between (saturation of autonomous change?)?



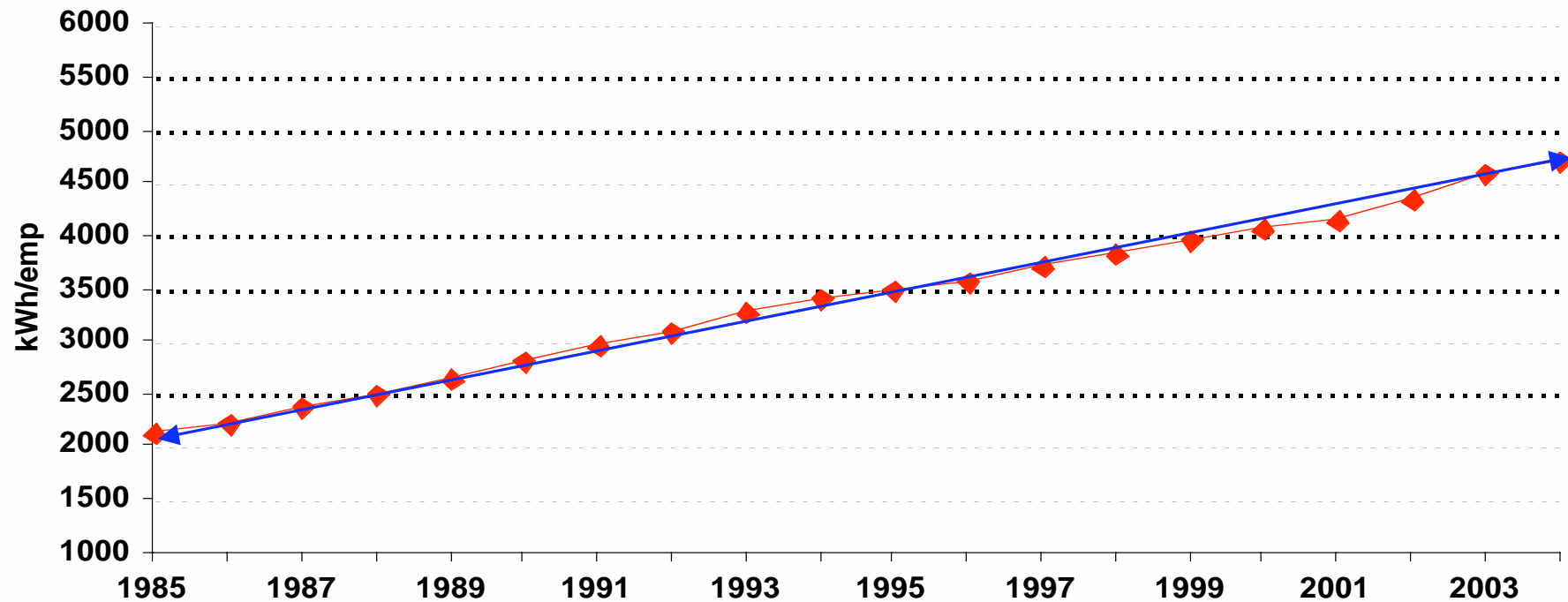
# Countries with national measures and steady increase of the unit consumption despite measures implementation : case of Spain

➤ Trend easy to measure. Impact of measures not visible, probably measures with low impact → any deviation in the future compared to the trend can be linked to measure



# Countries without national measures and steady increase of the unit consumption : case of Italy

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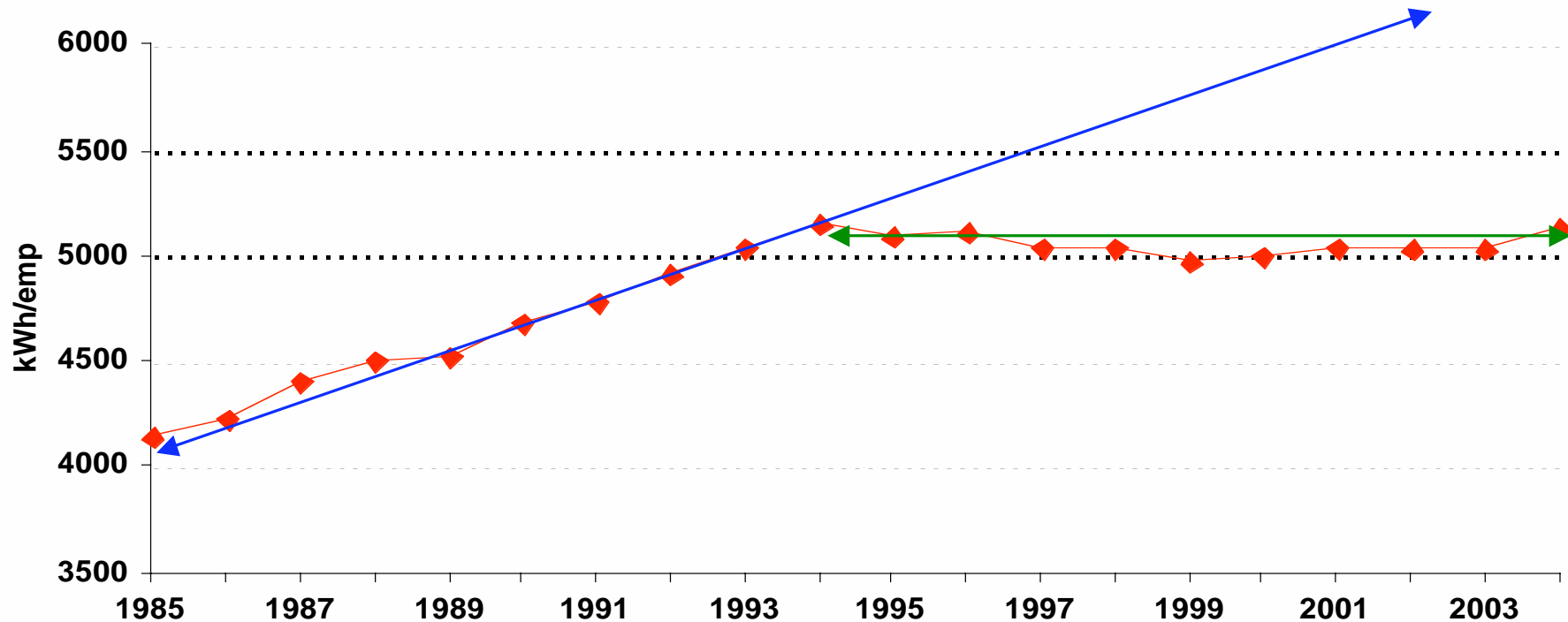


# Countries with national measures and rupture in the trend of the unit consumption : case of Denmark

(DSM since 1995 and Elec. Saving Trust since 1996)

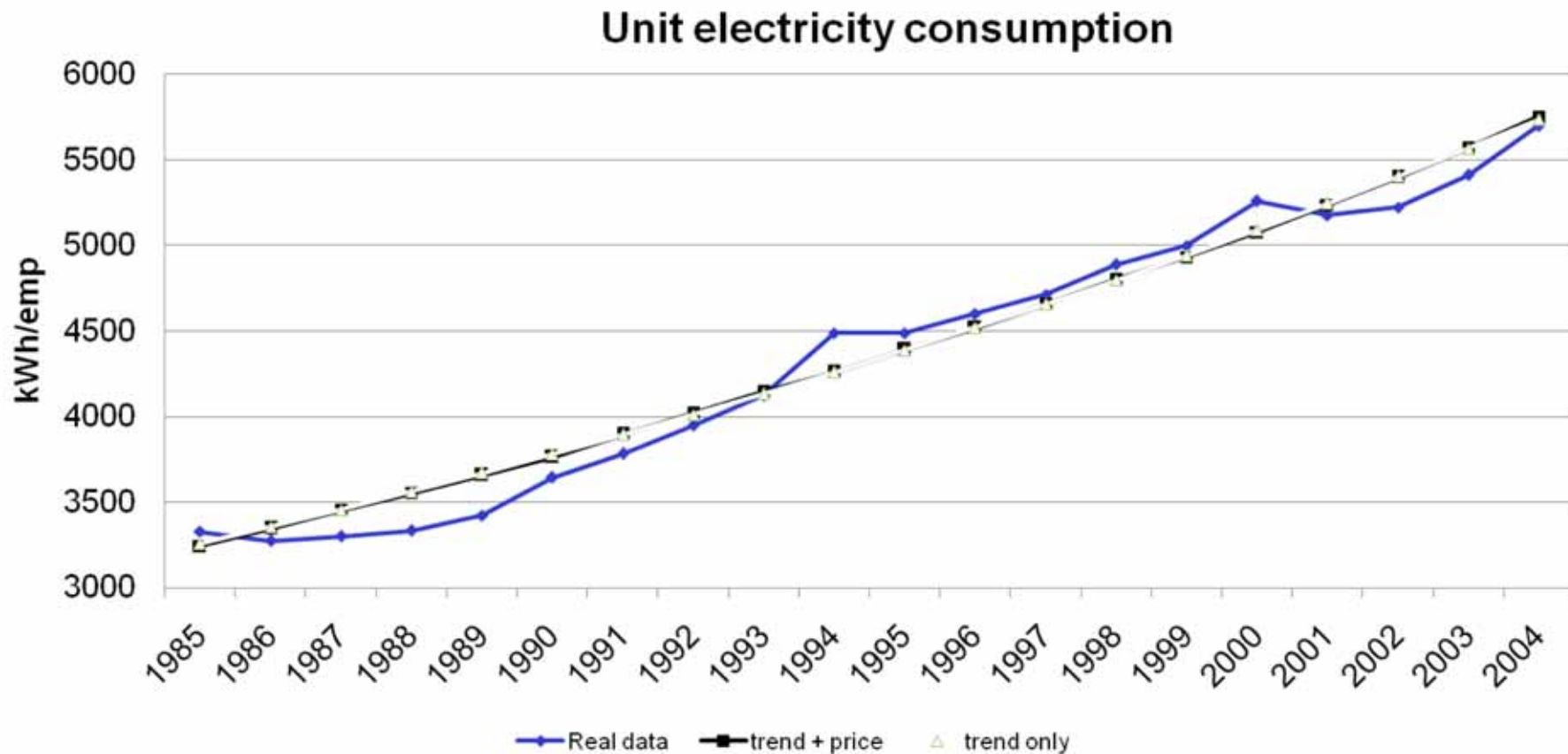
➤ Which trend considered to calculate energy savings? :

- ✓ 1985-1994
- ✓ Or 1994-2004?
- ✓ Or somewhere in between? (saturation of autonomous change?)



# Modelling of the baseline unit electricity consumption of services : case of Spain

- $\ln(UC) = 0.03 X t + 8.06$  (regression over the 1995-2004 period)
- Prices not validated by econometric tests



# Calculation of ESD savings

## ➤ Aggregative approach

- **Stage 1** : Calculation of the trend-related electricity consumption per employee
- **Stage 2** : Calculation of the trend-related total electricity consumption
- **Stage 3** : ESD energy savings calculated by difference between the actual total electricity consumption and the trend-related total electricity consumption

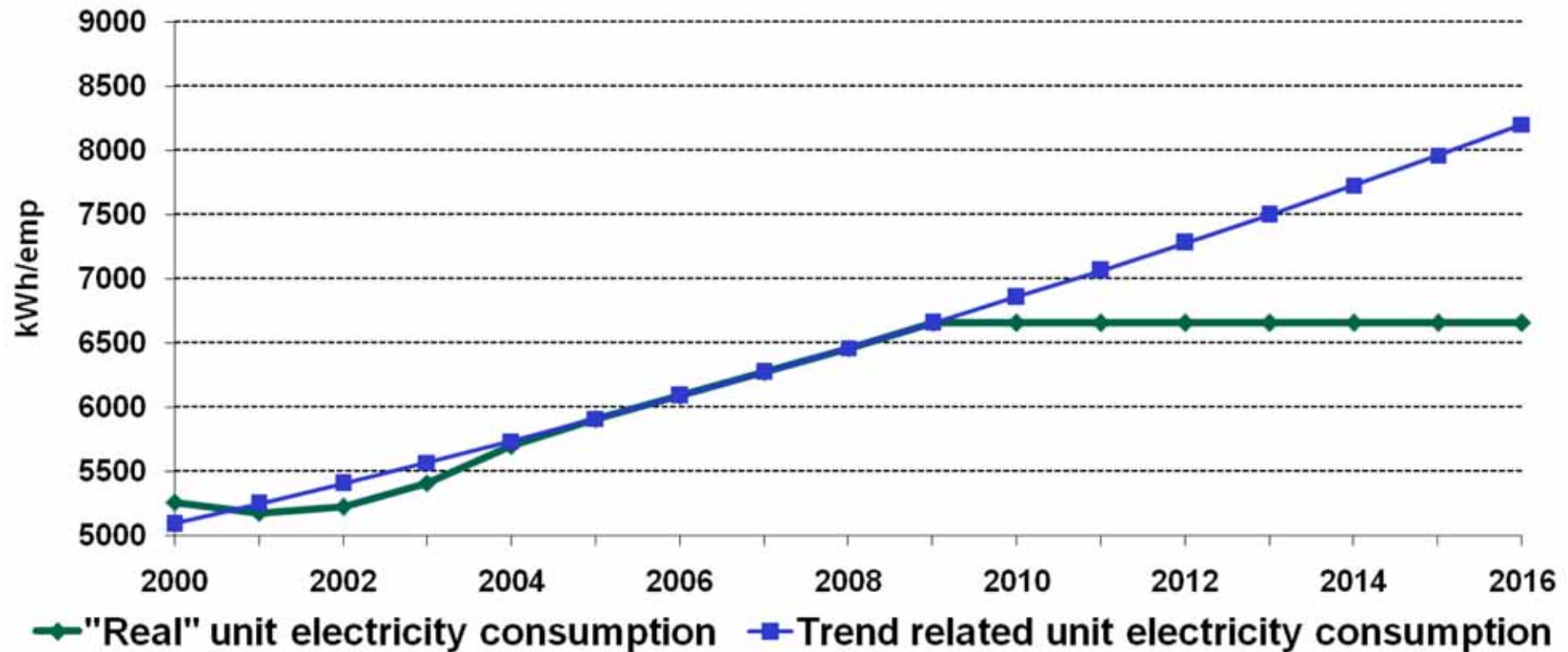
## ➤ Detailed approach

- **Stage 1** : Calculation of the trend-related electricity consumption per employee for each activity subsector
- **Stage 2** : Calculation of the trend-related electricity consumption of each subsector
- **Stage 3** : Calculation of the trend-related total electricity consumption by summing the subsectors
- **Stage 4** : ESD energy savings calculated by difference between the actual total electricity consumption and the trend-related total electricity consumption

# Calculation of ESD savings

## Aggregative approach (example)

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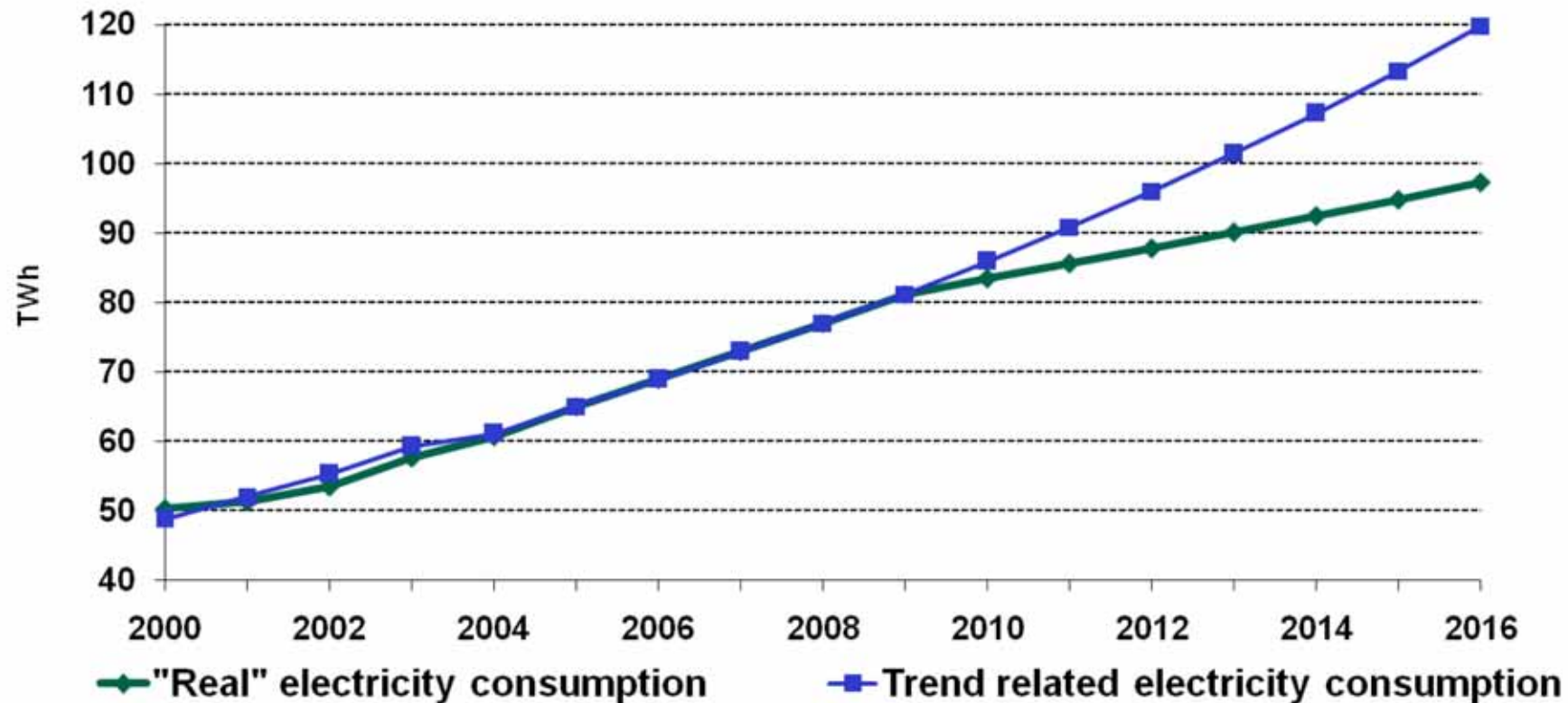


"Real" unit electricity consumption are obtained by assuming the implementation of a first policy in 2008 with first impact in 2010 (stabilisation of the unit consumption)

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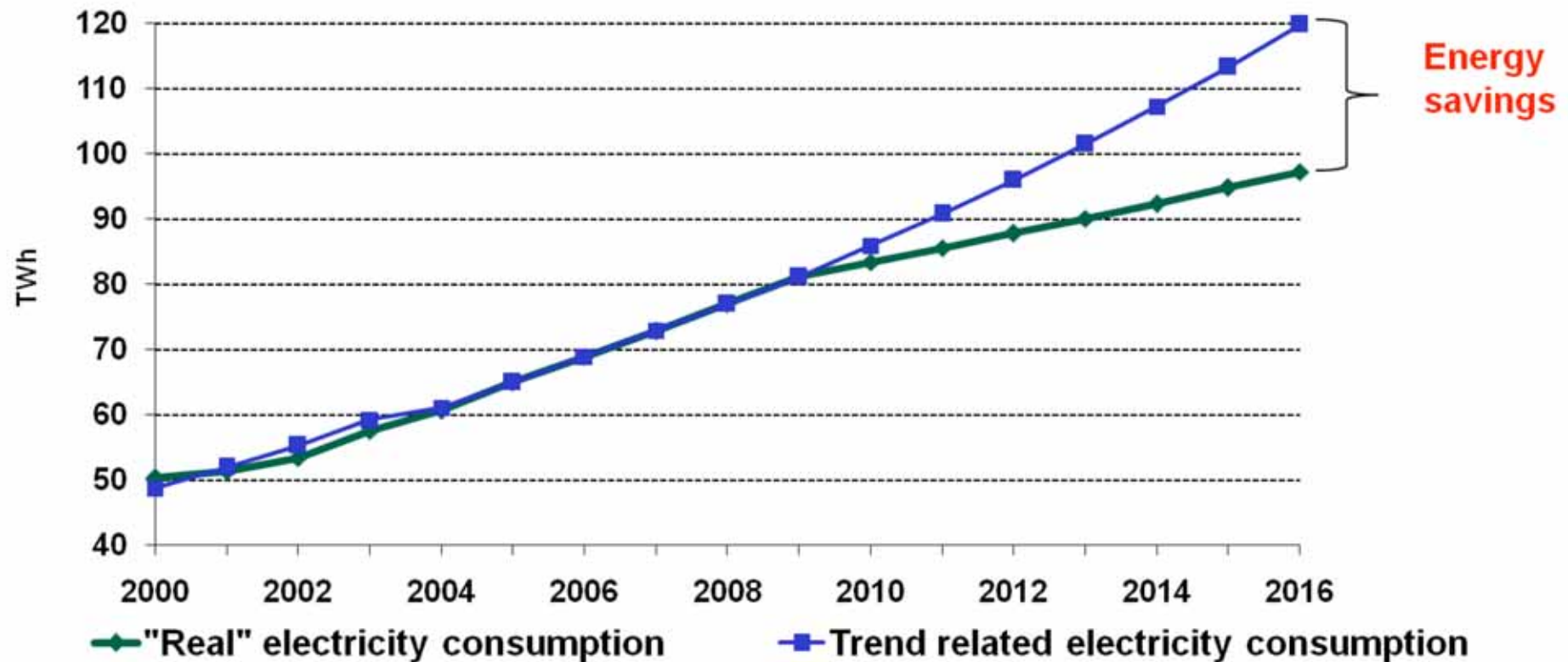
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# Calculation of ESD savings Aggregative approach (example)

➤ **Stage 3** : ESD energy savings calculated by difference between the actual (“real”) total electricity consumption and the trend-related total electricity consumption



## Step 9 : Conclusions and issues for replication on electricity end uses in services

- The detailed approach is the best one, but can be implemented only for few countries
- Price effect generally difficult to measure, as electricity prices did not change enough in the past
- Selection of baseline trend to assess energy savings:
  - ✓ Most recent trend?