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# Mapping vulnerability to fuel price increases in England

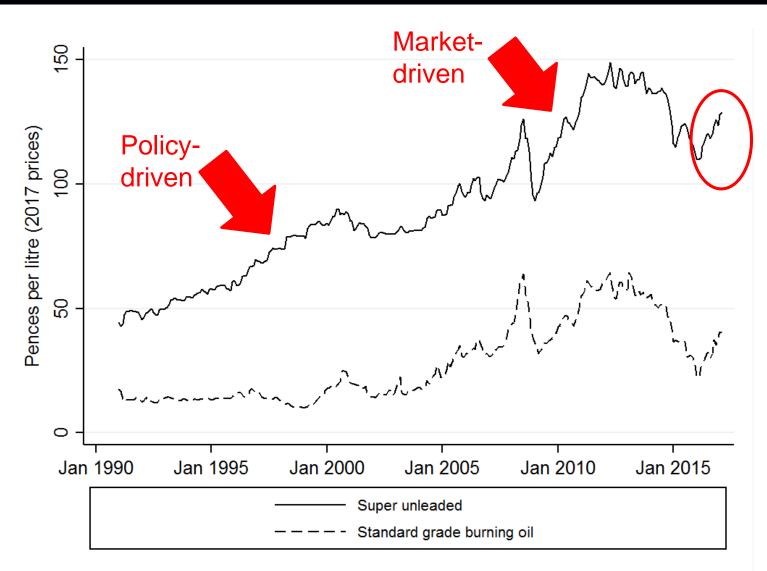
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### Motor fuel and oil prices, UK 1990-2017

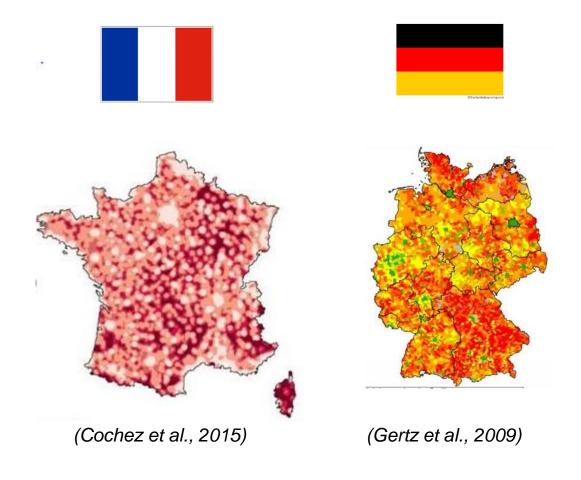




Source: DBEIS, 2017

### Policy interest









### The 'Oil vulnerability' debate



Dodson et al. (e.g. Dodson & Sipe, 2007)

Australian city = "regressive city" – urban structural effect:

"low socioeconomic status and high car dependence are strongly co-located" (Dodson & Sipe, 2007, p.57)

BUT "the socio-spatial structure of Australian cities differs from many overseas jurisdictions, particularly (...) Europe (...) given different socio-spatial and transport geographies" (Dodson & Sipe, 2007, p.58)

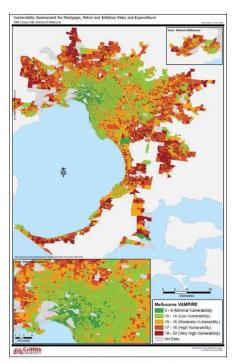
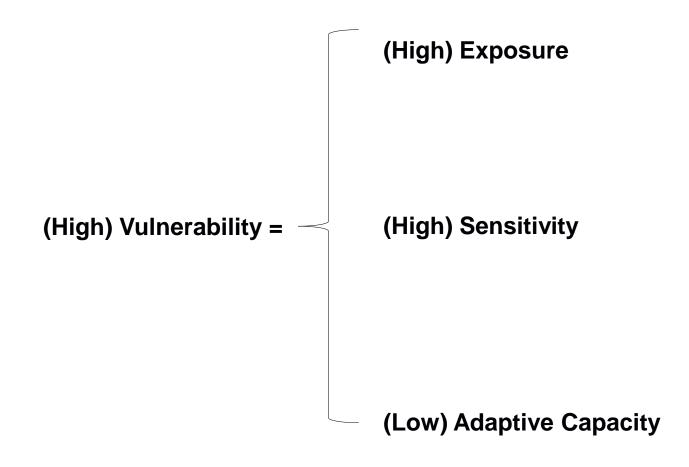


Figure 11: Oil and mortgage vulnerability in Melbourne, 2006

(Dodson & Sipe, 2008)







(see Adger, 2006; Brooks, 2003; Büttner et al., 2013; Leung et al., 2015)

#### 1. Exposure



**Definition** "the nature and degree to which a

system experiences stress"

(Adger, 2006, p.268)

**Indicator** Cost burden ratio = per household

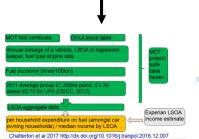
expenditure on fuel / median income

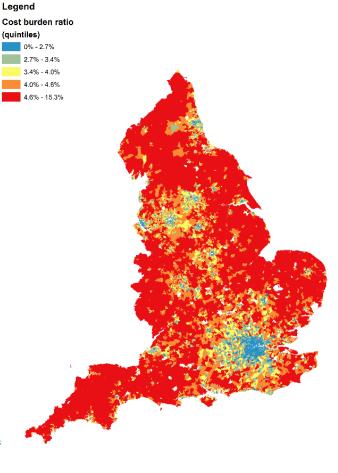
Data Anonymised MOT tests and results +

Experian Demographic Data MOTI

**Year** 2011

**Spatial** LSOA (ca. 700 households) **resolution** 





#### 2. Sensitivity



**Definition** "the degree to which a system is

modified or affected by perturbations"

(Adger, 2006, p.268)

**Indicator** Median household income

**Data** Experian Demographic Data

**Year** 2011

**Spatial** LSOA (ca. 700 households) **resolution** 

34,829 - 42,369 42,369 - 128,508

Legend

Median income (£) (quintiles)

9,168 - 24,172 24,172 - 29,389 29,389 - 34,829

#### 3. Adaptive Capacity



Definition

"the ability of a system to evolve in order to accommodate (stress) and and to expand the range of variability with which it ca cope"

(Adger, 2006, p.268)

Indicator

Travel time to 8 key services by public

transport / walking

**Data** 

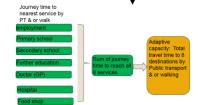
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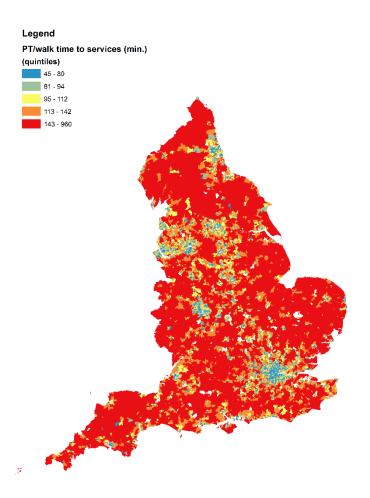
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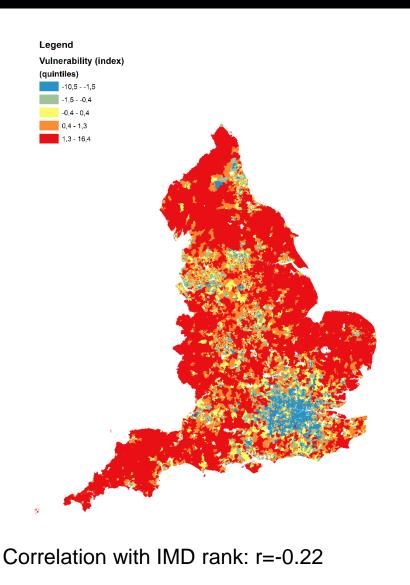
LSOA (ca. 700 households)

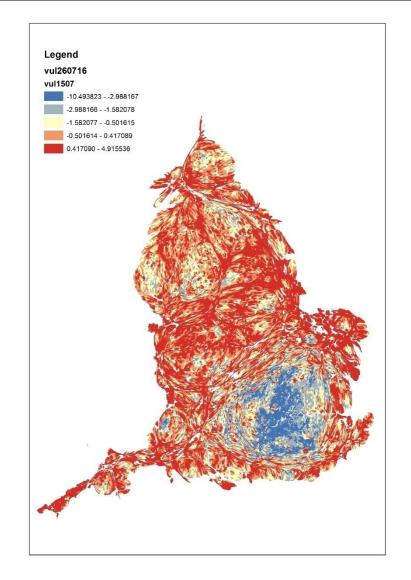




## A spatial index of vulnerability to fuel price increases - England, 2011

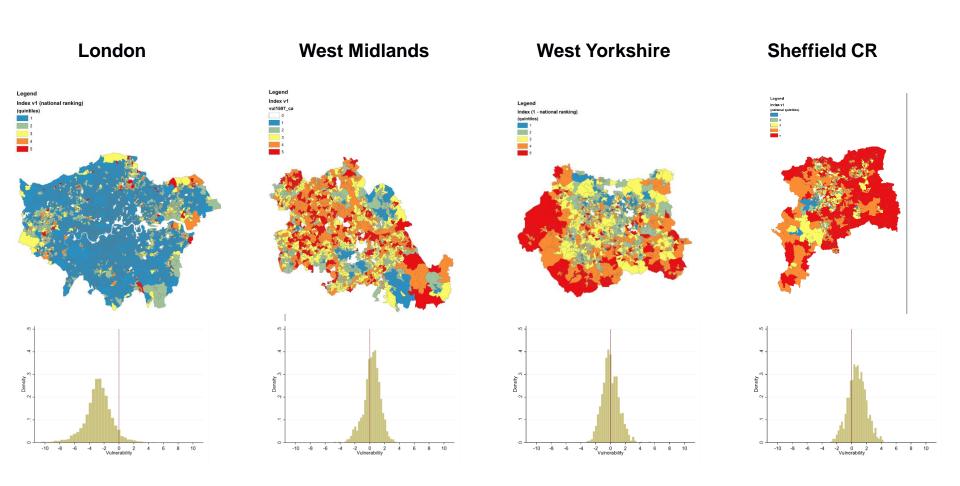








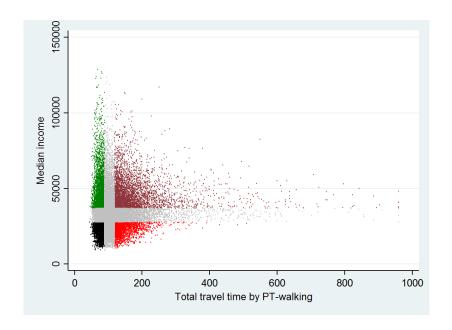




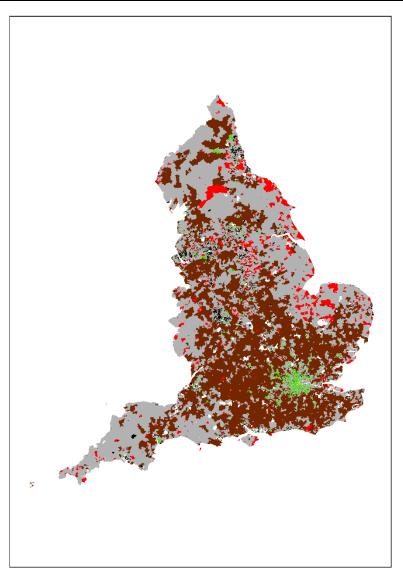
### Car dependence & income: a regressive spatial distribution?



Car dependence Medium High Low 4,112 4,029 2,417 Low 3,158 3,578 3,821 Medium Income High 3,118 3,119 4,320

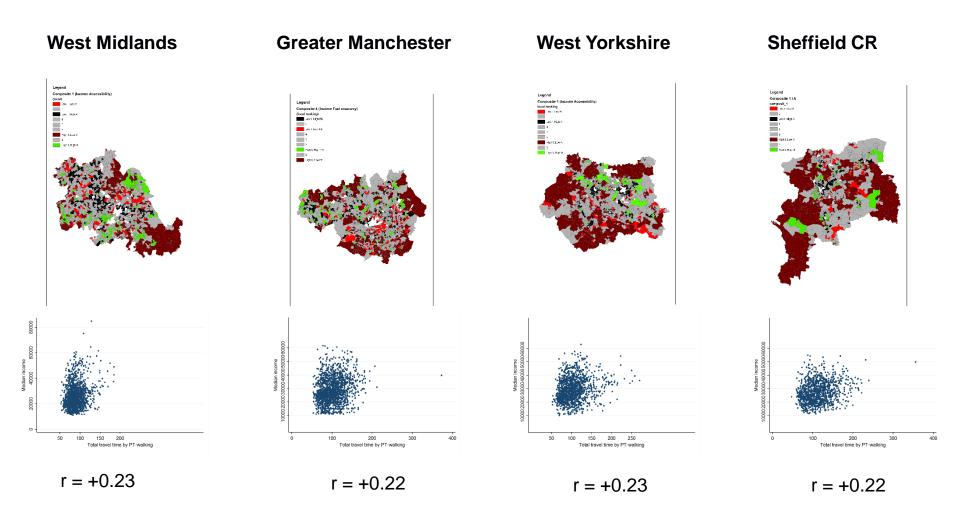


$$r = +0.10$$



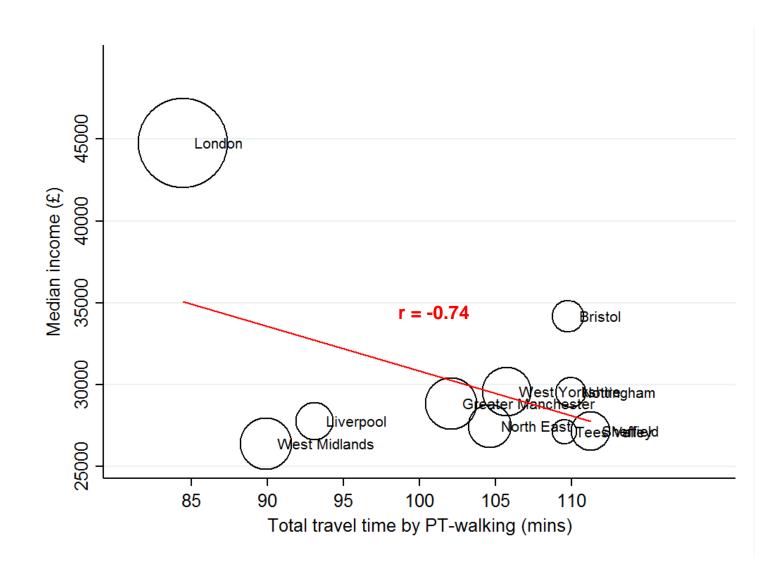
# Car dependence & income: a regressive spatial distribution?





## Regressive city or regressive country?





#### Regressive transport investment?



London gets 24 times as much spent on infrastructure per resident than northeast England



New transport figures reveal London gets £1,500 per head more than the North – but North West powerhouse 'catching-up'

Of course London gets more transport funding than the north. It's addicted to it



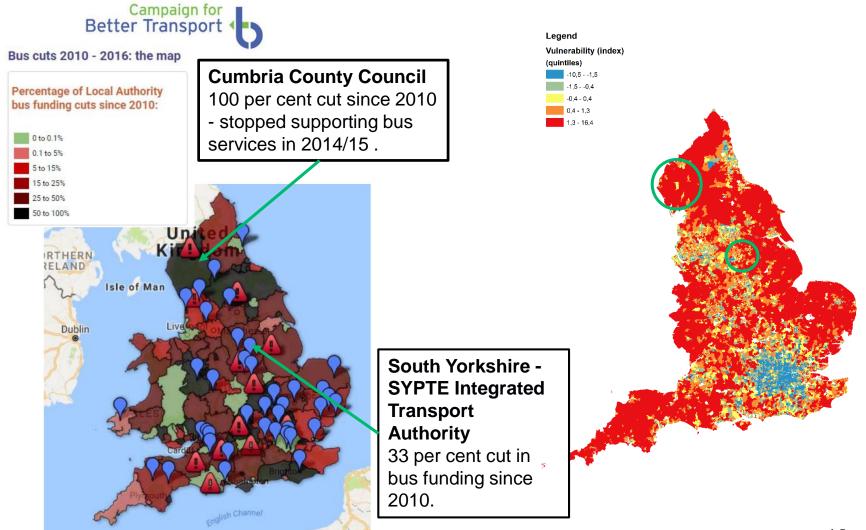
Here's why London gets so much of Britain's transport funding



It's all the fault of these fellas. Image: HBO.

#### Regressive *cuts*?





#### Conclusions



- VFP ≠ known patterns of deprivation
- spatial patterns at city-region level ≠ Australia (no regressive city)
- ...but: capital/global city vs. other city regions
- from a VFP perspective:
  - regressive public transport funding –improves adaptive capacity of least vulnerable areas
  - regressive bus cuts?

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### Thank you for your attention!

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### A spatial index of vulnerability to fuel price increases - England, 2011



Standardise each component variable (z-scores)

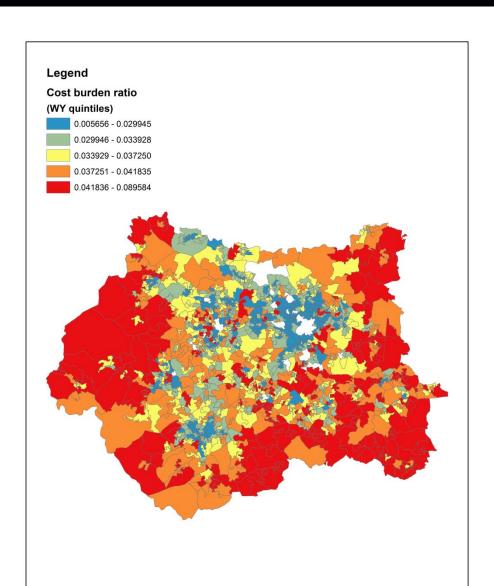
Vulnerability to fuel price increases (VFP)

VFP = f(Exposure , Sensitivity , Adaptive Capacity)

VFP = cost burden - income + travel time

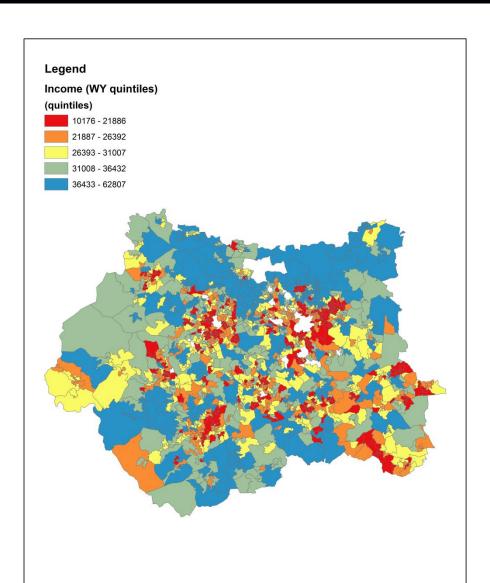






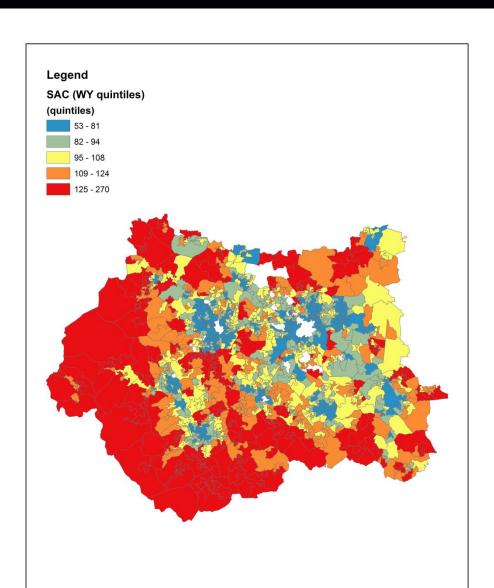






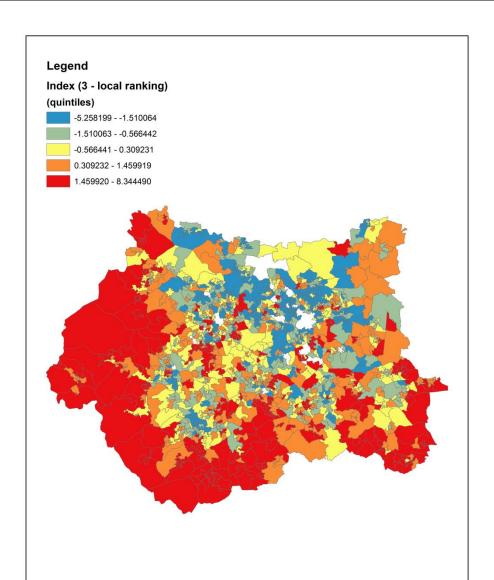


#### West Yorkshire: Adaptive Capacity











#### Exposure: Fuel cost / income

(Also called the cost burden ratio)

MOT test certificate

**DVLA** stock table

Annual mileage of a vehicle, LSOA of registered keeper, fuel type engine size

Fuel economy (litres/100km)

2011 average prices £1.33litre petrol, £1.39 diesel £0.73 for LPG (DECC, 2012).

LSOA aggregate data

per household expenditure on fuel (amongst car owning households) / median income by LSOA

MOT project safe data haven

Experian LSOA income estimate

Chatterton et al 2017 http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.tranpol.2016.12.007

# Accessibility by public transport



Journey time to nearest service by PT & or walk

employment

**Primary school** 

Secondary school

Further education

Doctor (GP)

Hospital

Food shop

Sum of journey time to reach all 8 services

Adaptive capacity: Total travel time to 8 destinations by Public transport & or walking

DfT LSOA accessibility statistics 2011