

The North European case: liberalized multinational electricity market and using hydro power as balancing resource

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#### Structure:



- Nordic power system energy
- Nordic power system operation
- Wind power balancing





## The Nordic system

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- Nordic system
  - 4 countries
  - 4 TSOs
  - Installed capacity: 93000 MW
  - Production: 414001 GWh
  - Inhabitants: ~25 miljons
- Sweden:
  - Installed capacity: 33000 MW
  - Production: 146000 GWh





#### Nordic statistics

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#### S5 Electricity generation 2008, GWh

	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden	Nordel
Total generation	34 648	74 137	16 468	142 727 <sup>2</sup>	146 021	414 001
Nuclear power	-	22 038	-	-	61 266	83 304
Other thermal power	27 644	34 948	3	1 147	14 331	78 073
- Condensing power	11 718	8 203	-		840	20 761
- CHP, district heating	14 034 <sup>1</sup>	14 659	-	119	7 209	36 021
- CHP, industry	1 879	12 080		596	6 256	20 811
- Gas turbines, etc.	14	6	3	432	26	481
Hydro power	27	16 889	12 427	140 663	68 429	238 435
Wind power	6 977	262		917	1 995	10 151
Geothermal power	-		4 038	-	-	4 038
Total generation 2007	37 025	77 817	11 976	137 387 <sup>2</sup>	144 708	408 913
Change compared to 2007	-6,4%	-4,7%	37,5%	3,9%	0,9%	1,2%



Nordic statistics – summary

- 58% of energy from hydro
- 20% from nuclear power
- •Hydro power, 238 TWh
- •Wind power, 10 TWh
- Hydro inflow can vary 86
  TWh between dry year and wet year
- Many internal bottlenecks
- Nordic export/import capacity 4300 MW





# Stockholm in Tokyo (km comparison)

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#### Renewable energy systems

- Energy is "produced" where the resource is
- The energy has to be transported to consumption center
- The energy inflow varies, which requires storage and/or flexible system solutions
- This is valid for hydro power, wind power, solar power



#### Example

- Nordic hydro power (inflow) can vary 86 TWh between different years
- Transport from NV to SE + continent
- Energi balancing with thermal power in i Dk+SF+Ge+PI+NL
- Wind power gives the same variations/uncertainties (and solutions) as hydro power.
- But: time perspective is much shorter!





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## Real wind and load in western Denmark

West Denmark January 3-15, 2005



Trading capacity:

- Sweden, 600 MW
- Norway, 1000 MW
- Germany, 1000 MW





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#### Power trading overview - 1

Physical trading:

- Ahead markets.
  - -Nordpool spot, strike price, closes 12.00 day before
  - Elbas, closes 1 hour before delivery hour
  - -Bilateral trade up to 1 hour before delivery hour



- Real-time market. The TSO:s coordinate actions to keep the physical balance between all Nordic producers and all consumers.
- Post trading. Imbalances caused by imperfect forecasts are traded between surplus and deficit players.



#### Nordic power market





# Wind power in Nordic system

- Currently a relatively large part in Denmark
- Large plans in Norway and Sweden (Sweden, forecast is ≈ 13 TWh/year ~ 9%, 2011: 6 TWh)
- Swedish applications: Currently 80-100 TWh/year
- The coordinated regulating market lowers the regulating prices and lowers imbalance costs.
- A: For Nordpool spot forecasts of 12-36 h are needed.
- B: Small volumes on Elbas
- A+B => All wind power production is traded via larger power producers.
- Denmark: TSO is Balance responsible for most wind power



# Example of Nordic cooperation

Nordic regulating market:

- No AGC (except Dk-W)!
- Assume that wind power decreases in Denmark with 100 MW
- The bids to the regulating market (tertiary control – up-regulation in 15 minutes) are coordinated in the Nordic system
- If an up-regulating bid from northern Finland is the cheapest and transmission limits are not violated, then this one is used!
- Distance: ~1400 km







## Transmission capacity - today

- Swe-Nor: 3500 MW
- Swe-Fin: 2800 MW
- Swe-Dan: 2600 MW
- Swe-continent: 1200 MW
- Sweden-neighbours: ca 10100 MW (*continuously* → 88 TWh/year)
- Nordel-neighbours: ca 5500 MW
- → Balancing of wind power is a North European challenge.





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Plans:

- Järpströmmen-Nea, S-N, ~1000 MW
- Sydvästlänken, S-N, 2x600 MW
- Nordbalt, S-L, ~600 MW
- New line to Gotland
- Strengthening North to Finland
- New cut 2 line, ev. DC

➔ Sweden-neighbours: +~2800 MW





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# Study of up to 30 TWh wind power in Sweden

New study Simulated 4000-12000 MW wind power

- 12 weeks per year studied
- Today transmission capacity to neighbors and within Sweden
- Detailed model of water court decistions for all hydro power stations >5 MW (10 in North Sweden), 256 stations, 15640 MW
- Thermal power: assumed known
- Consumtion: assumed known
- Wind energy "exported" Conclusion:
- Technically possible





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#### Comments

- One question is which prices this will result in
- The price has to low enough so other areas are interested to import.
- When the price is low enough, other power plants in Sweden/North Sweden will be operated on lower levels.
- When price differences are high between two neighboring areas then it is profitable to extend transmission between these areas.
- Larger price variation makes it more profitable to install, e.g., pumped hydro stations and/or apply pumping within a river system.
- Low prices (at high wind + low load) increases the interest to install, e.g., electric district heating.
- Better model for flexible seasonal hydro planning and uncertain seasonal planning needed.