Short-term dynamics in day-ahead and intraday electricity markets with rising wind power – two case studies of Denmark and Nord Pool

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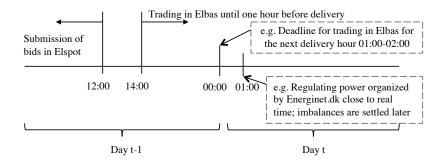
Balancing market

- Regulating power: TSOs buys and sells through BRPs
- Balancing power: financial neutralization for imbalances after delivery

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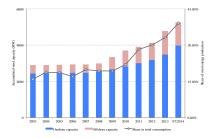
Figure 1 : Timeline of the Nordic sequential electricity trading



Wind power generation in Denmark

- Domestic combined heat and power (CHP) and hydropower in neighbouring countries
- Elspot: remuneration was made up of the market price plus a premium since 2004
- Wind generators: Balancing Responsible Parties (BRP)
- Target: 50% wind energy in consumption by 2020; 100% by 2050

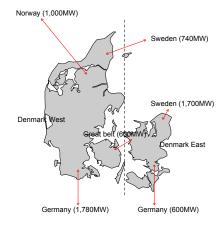
Accumulated wind capacity and share in total electricity consumption



Data source: Authors' realization based on Danish Wind Industry Association (2014) and Danish Energy Agency (DEA) (2015).

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Research topics

1. Short-term price and volatility dynamics, and forecasting in day-ahead electricity markets with rising wind power.

2. A novel idea to test the functionality of an intraday market and how wind power is integrated (joint with Fatih Karanfil).



Elspot and wind power



Features of the study

Short-term price and volatility dynamics in the Elspot day-ahead market

- Market fundamentals: wind power, market coupling, Danish imports
- Idiosyncrasies of electricity prices: seasonality, asymmetric impacts of innovations (inverse leverage effect (Knittel and Robert, 2005)), heavy tails
- Hourly data for the period of March 25, 2012 to March 24, 2015

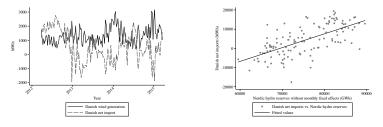
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(a) Danish wind and net imports

(b) Net imports and Nordic hydro storage

Figure 3 : Correlations between Danish wind generation, Danish net imports and Nordic hydro storage

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Three-step approach (Weron, 2009; Janczura and Weron, 2010)

- 1. LTSC: wavelet decomposition and smoothing
- 2. STSC: weekly median
- 3. Scaling up by hourly means

Wavelet decomposition and smoothing

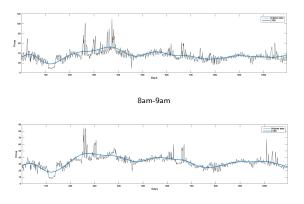
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Figure 4 : Estimation of the LTSC

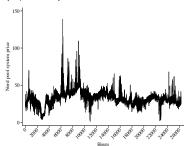


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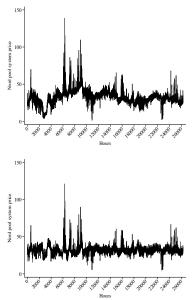
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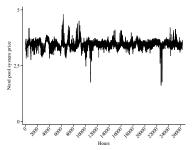
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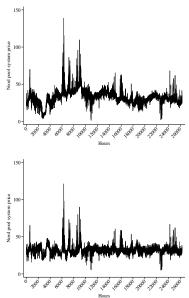


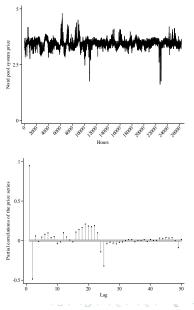


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Estimation strategy

- AR-GARCH with exogenous variables
- Asymmetric GARCH: EGARCH, TGARCH, GJRGARCH
- Heavy tails: Student's t distribution
- Model fits: AIC and BIC
- Forecast performance: RMSE, MAE, MAPE and TIC

Empirical results

Table 1 : Estimation results of asymmetric GARCH compared with GARCH

Mean Equation	GARCH	EGARCH	TGARCH	GJRGARCH
δ	3.116***	3.575***	3.432***	-0.012
log(Wind)	-0.010***	-0.010***	-0.010***	-0.011***
Net coupling	-7.69e-06***	-7.07e-06***	-7.11e-06***	7.16e-06***
Net import	2.63e-06***	3.44e-06***	3.25e-06***	2.27e-05***
log(Load)	0.036***	0.009	0.023***	0.339***
AR(1)	1.206***	1.254***	1.247***	0.521***
Variance Equation				
ω	0	-0.776***	0.005***	0.004***
α	0.696***	0.415***	0.233***	0.275***
β	0.302***	0.930***	0.782***	0.641***
γ		-0.042***	0.098***	0.164***
log(Wind)	-6.37e-05***	-0.046***	-0.001***	-1.27e-04***
Net coupling	-5.76e-08***	-4.56e-05***	-5.92e-07***	-9.93e-08***
Net import	-5.14e-08***	-4.96e-05***	-6.23e-07***	-9.91e-08***
log(Load)	7.57e-05***	0.028***	8.62E-05	-2.51e-04***
R2	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.9
Adj. R2	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.9
LL	54330	54484	54401	47800
AIC	-4.14	-4.15	-4.14	-3.64
BIC	-4.13	-4.14	-4.13	-3.63
ARCH test	0.16	0	0	0

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Empirical results

Table 2 : Estimation results under Student's t distribution

Mean Equation	GARCH	EGARCH	TGARCH	GJRGARCH
δ	1.208***	1.159***	1.138***	-0.002
log(Wind)	-0.008***	-0.008***	-0.008***	-0.014***
Coupling	-9.95e-06***	-9.76e-06***	-9.84e-06***	-4.94e-06***
Import	3.45e-06***	3.66e-06***	3.62e-06***	9.33e-06***
log(Load)	0.203***	0.207***	0.209***	0.330***
AR(1)	1.295***	1.295***	1.290***	0.352***
Variance Equation				
ω	0.003***	-0.248	0.056***	0.011***
α	1.056***	0.903***	0.645***	0.239***
β	0.182***	0.613***	0.271***	0.510***
γ		-0.024*	0.044**	0.105***
V	2.692***	2.667***	2.671***	20.000***
log(Wind)	-2.65E-06	-0.021**	-1.58E-04	-2.53e-04***
Coupling	-2.87e-08***	-4.04e-05***	-6.04e-07***	-1.54e-07***
Import	-3.88e-08**	-5.85e-05***	-8.40e-07***	-1.69e-07***
log(Load)	-2.41e-04***	-0.256***	-0.004***	-8.38e-04***
R2	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.88
Adjusted R2	0.94	0.94	0.94	0.88
LL	59085	58979	59076	48115
AIC	-4.50	-4.49	-4.50	-3.66
BIC	-4.49	-4.48	-4.49	-3.65
ARCH test	0.91	0.96	0.99	0

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Figure 5 : Out-of-sample forecasts 25/01/2015-24/03/2015



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Discussions and conclusions

- + 1% increase in wind output \Rightarrow 0.008% decrease in price
- Negative effect of market coupling and positive effect of net imports to reflect opportunity cost of hydro
- 1% increase in wind output \Rightarrow 0.02% decrease in price variance
 - · Price stabilizing effect jointly from market exchanges
 - Intraday volatility: long-term and short-term
 - Area prices are more volatile
- A standard "leverage effect" considering different asymmetric GARCH specifications
- Accounting for fat-tail error distributional property improve significantly model fits and forecast performance

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 - First empirical study to test the functionality of the intraday market by causality tests using an example of the two Danish bidding zones
 - Causality links among fundamentals of the price differences: wind, conventional generation, consumption forecast errors, power trades.
 - Persistency and durations of price and quantity divergences

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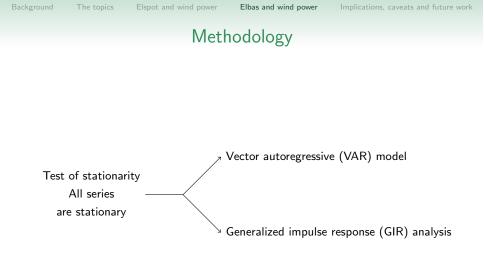
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A new perspective

Intraday price signals and other market drivers can effectively respond to wind forecast errors if Granger causalities are found.



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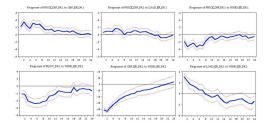
- Wind and conventional power forecast errors \rightarrow intraday price deviations from the day-ahead prices
- Demand deviations in DK1; cross-border trading in DK2
- Wind forecast errors affect significantly CHP forecast errors, load forecast errors, and intraday cross-border trades

	Dep. Var.	$Price_dif$	Wind_er	CHP_er	Load_er	Flow
DK1	Price_dif	-	92.17**	57.57**	45.99*	36.49
	CHP_er	38.71	330.5**	-	27.85	94.91**
	Load_er	57.71**	57.31**	60.25**	-	32.5
	Flow	33.23	123.6**	108.4**	24.11	-
DK2	Price_dif	-	62.12**	106.6**	24.06	47.10**
	CHP_er	45.85**	121.0**	-	157.8**	76.25**
	Load_er	40.30*	85.14**	156.1**	-	29.07
	Flow	56.02**	113.75**	78.02**	24.23**	-

Table 4 : Results of Granger causality

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Figure 6 : Responses in DK1 to generalized one standard deviation innovations + 2 standard errors.



- Merit order: wind forecast errors decrease intraday price divergences while CHP errors do the opposite
- Negative shocks to wind output stimulate power imports in the intraday market and vice versa
- Duration of divergences in the Elbas intraday market: 12 hours
- CHP power generation is adjusted in the opposite direction and consumption is adjusted in the same direction.

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Conclusions

- Wind and conventional generation forecast errors are the fundamental factors to intraday price deviations.
- Wind forecast errors are found to be absorbed by joint responses from other fundamentals.
- Zonal differences concerning additional causalities to price differences and fundamentals response paths
- Confirmed the effective functioning of the intraday market in the case of Denmark

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Future work:

- Investigation of area price volatility and volatility in different time horizons: the extent of constraint on transmission
- Overall system efficiency: cost and price comparisons between intraday trading and real time balancing subject to transmission capacities
- Strategic behaviours of wind generators

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