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
**Figure 1**: Timeline of the Nordic sequential electricity trading

- Submission of bids in Elspot
- 12:00 to 14:00
- Trading in Elbas until one hour before delivery
- 00:00 to 01:00
- e.g. Deadline for trading in Elbas for the next delivery hour 01:00-02:00
- e.g. Regulating power organized by Energinet.dk close to real time; imbalances are settled later

Day t-1

Day t
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).
Figure 2: Cross-border connections and transmission capacities between Denmark and neighboring countries

Data source: Author's realization based on energinet.dk (2015). Western Denmark is connected to Norway, Sweden and Germany. Eastern Denmark is connected to Sweden and Germany.
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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).
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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
Market drivers

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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
Idiosyncrasies of the day-ahead price

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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
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Figure 4: Estimation of the LTSC
Hourly day-ahead spot price and deseasonalized price in Elspot (€/MWh).
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Partial correlations of the price series
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

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| 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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**Table 2**: Estimation results under Student’s t distribution

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

prices

forecasts
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
Economic rationale

• Intraday trading allows participants to modify day-ahead quantities; important tools to deal with intermittent wind power

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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.
Methodology

Test of stationarity
  All series are stationary

Vector autoregressive (VAR) model

Generalized impulse response (GIR) analysis
Empirical results

- Wind and conventional power forecast errors → 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

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.
Conclusions

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- 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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