

## The role of Nordic hydropower from a European perspective

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#### **Renewables and the grid**

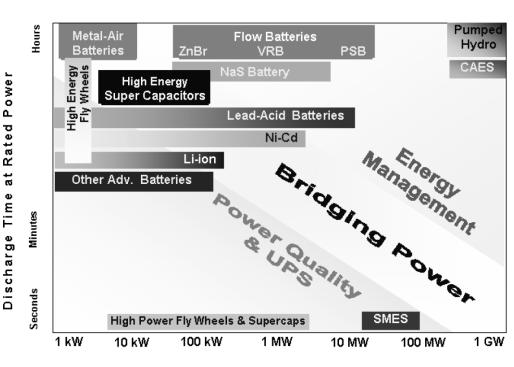
- The geographical allocation of renewables is different from that of thermal generation.
- Variations in renewable generation is reduced as the geographical scope increases.
- The grid can provide access to flexibility already in place, such as hydropower.



# Hydropower and wind power -a perfect match?

- Hydropower can provide everything from compensation for forecast errors to seasonal variation management.
  - Options for short term var:
    - Curtailment
    - Batteries
    - DSM

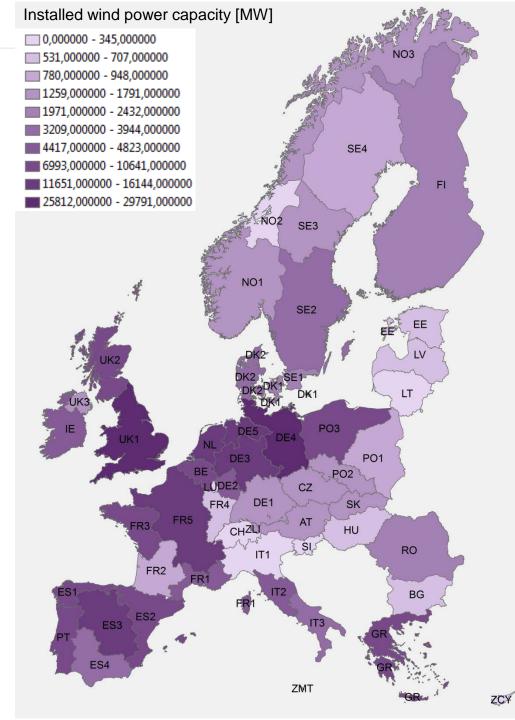
- Trade
- Options for long term var:
  - Cycling of thermal
  - Long distance trade
  - Pumped hydro
  - Electrofuels



System Power Ratings Source: Nourai 2002 CHALMERS UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

#### Neighboring regions have some of Europe's best wind conditions

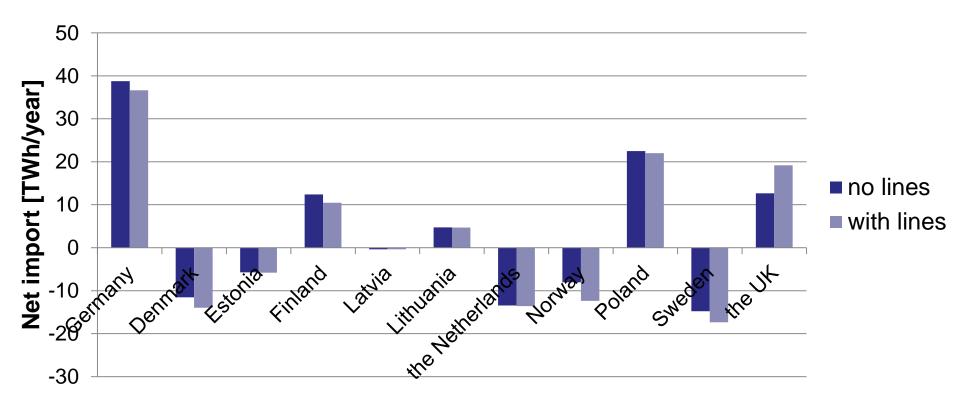
- A 2025 scenario with and without transmission expansion
  - Fulfilled efficiency targets
  - Only slight increase in demand
  - Fulfilled NREAP:s
- Planned transmission reinforcements
  - Norway UK
  - Norway Germany
  - Norway Denmark
  - Denmark-the Netherlands
  - DC corridors in Germany
  - DC corridor in UK



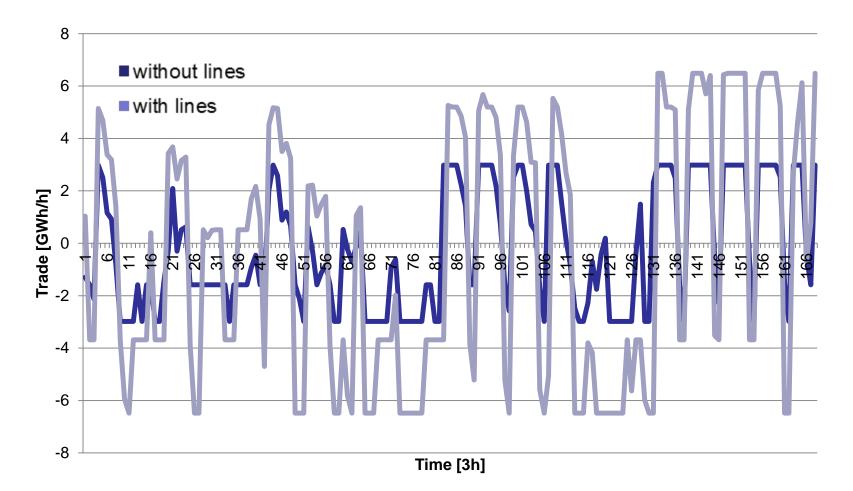


#### Low increase in net export

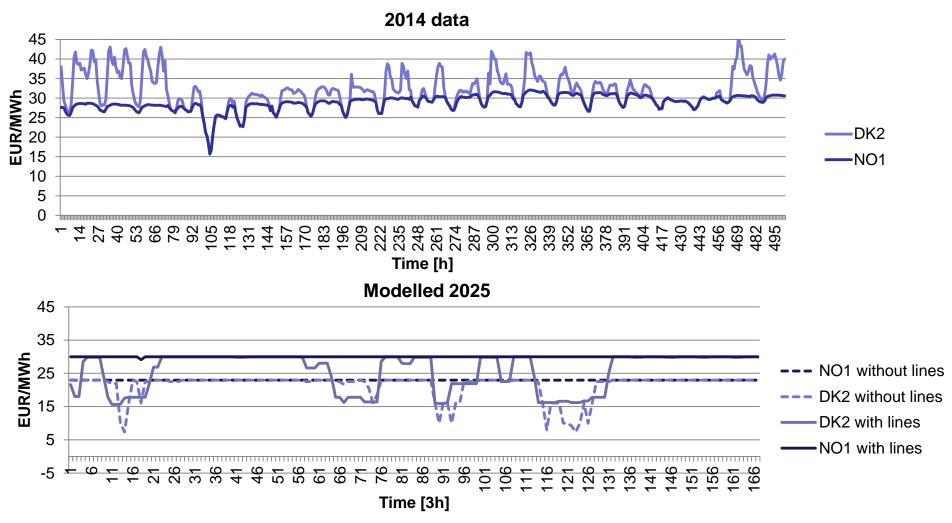
- Main trade flows from regions with low load and large natural resources to high load regions in same country.
- With lines: 40 TWh/year net export from Nordic countries
- Without lines: 30 TWh/year net export from Nordic countries



# 20 TWh reallocated in time by Norwegian hydropower

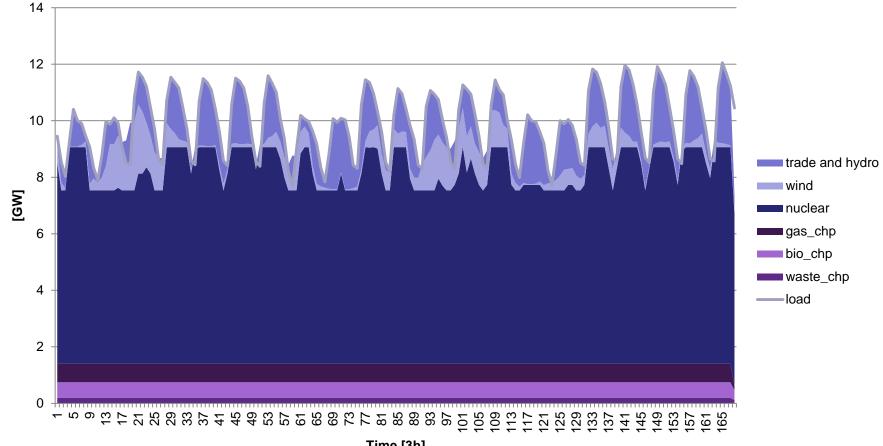


## **Counteract cost reduction in the Nordic countries**

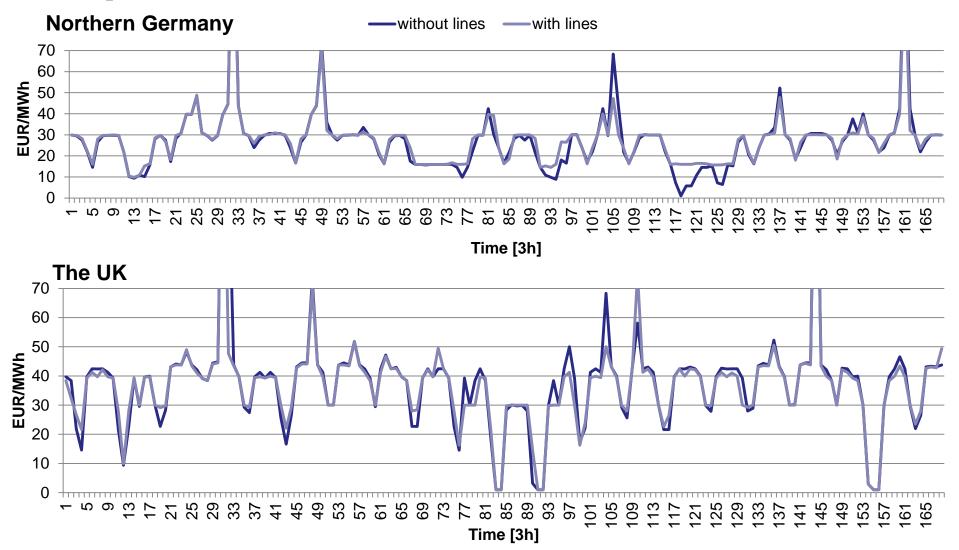




#### Low impact on Swedish generation pattern



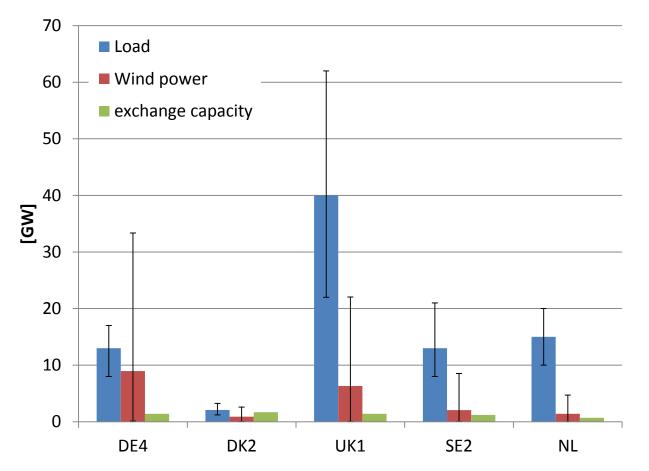
#### **Cut peaks and lows**



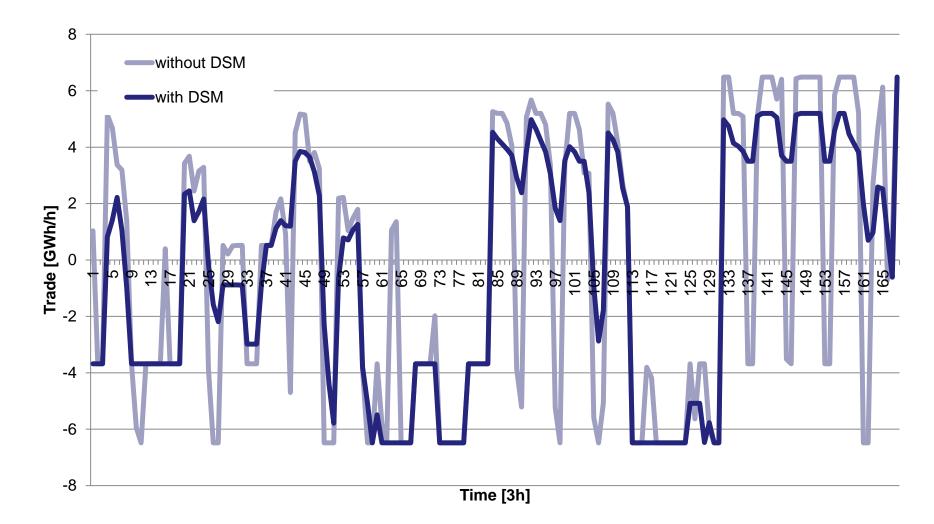


#### Exchange capacity vs. variations

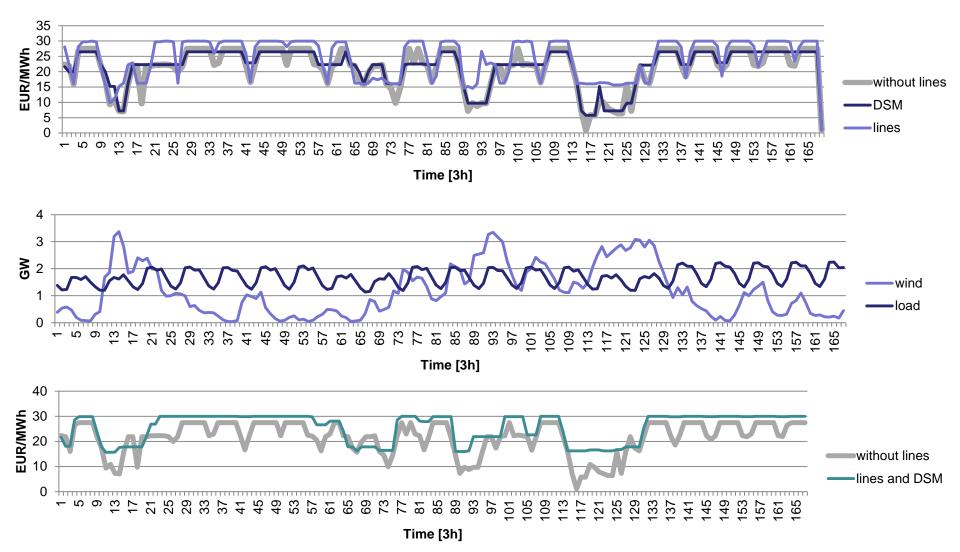
- Wind power and load with max/min based on data for one year only
- Exchange capacity to Norway



# Short term variations managed by DSM



### **DSM and Hydropower**



#### Summary

- Large amounts of wind power in and around the Nordic countries.
- Planned connections mainly used for variation management.
- Counteract reduction in marginal costs in the Nordic countries.
- Reduce hours of high and low marginal costs
- Low impact on marginal costs in continental Europe and the UK
- Planned capacity is low compared to expected size of variations
- Unique ability to manage long term variations
  - Complement to other variation management strategies

