Implications of RES in the EU Georg Zachmann 30 May 2013

Messages

Benefits of cooperation increase

- To reap these benefits:
 - Market design needs to be updated
 - System operation needs to be Europeanised
 - Network development needs to follow welfare-optimisation

Alternatively, scope for markets will vanish



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Effects of integrating renewables

- Renewables will make the residual demand more volatile
- Renewables will be produced at different location
- At some hours almost no renewable unit will run
- Significant shift of supplies might happen at rather short notice
- ⇒ sufficient complementary technologies needed (transmission, demand response, conventional generation, storage)
- ⇒ Appropriate market design to remunerate the investment and operation of these technologies needed

More integration is part of the least cost solution

- Geographic averaging of individual resources
- Pooling of national resources
- Pooling of reserves

For small and medium countries

- Larger portfolio of plants possible (reactiveness, marginal cost, fix cost, fuels)
- Competition at all steps of the merit order curve

Simulation exercise

Two countries

- Solar correlation 98%,
- Wind correlation 76.5%,
- Demand correlation 78%
- 28 h are among the 100 h with the highest residual demand in both countries

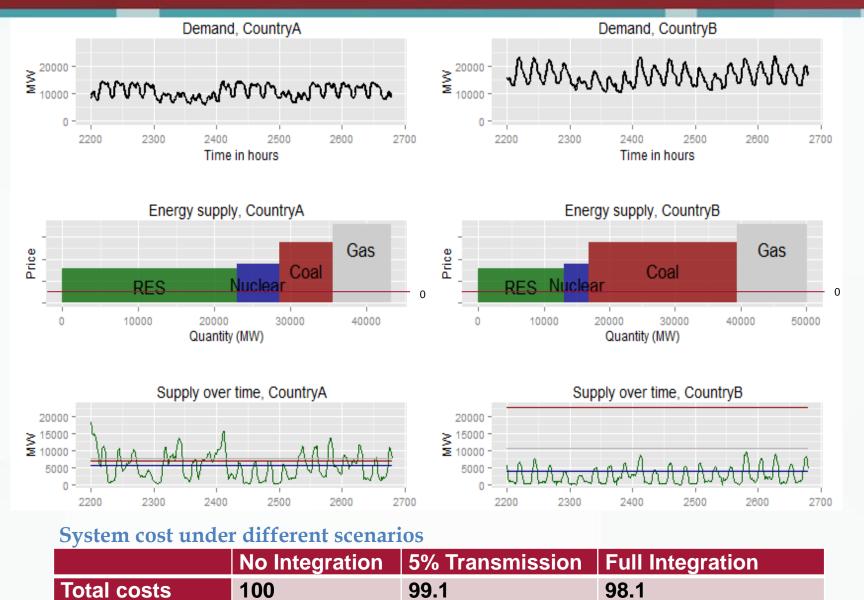
Four technologies

	Capacity, Country A (MW)	Capacity, Country B (MW)	Fixed cost in Euro/MW/y	Variable cost in Euro/MWh
Renewables	23,000	13,000	120,000	0
Nuclear	5,500	3,900	190,000	10
Coal	7,100	22,600	100,000	21
Gas	7,600	10,600	40,000	35

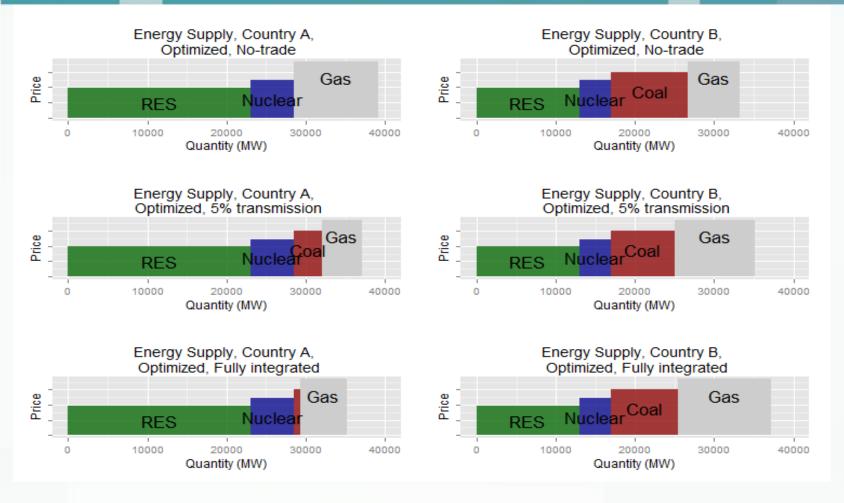
• Four scenarios:

- 1. No trade
- 2. Limited trade
- 3. Full trade
- 4. Reoptimisation of power plant park (excl. RES and nuclear)

Static efficiencies of integration



Going from an individually to jointly optimised system



	No Integration	5% Transmission	Full Integration
System cost	100	98.9	97.5

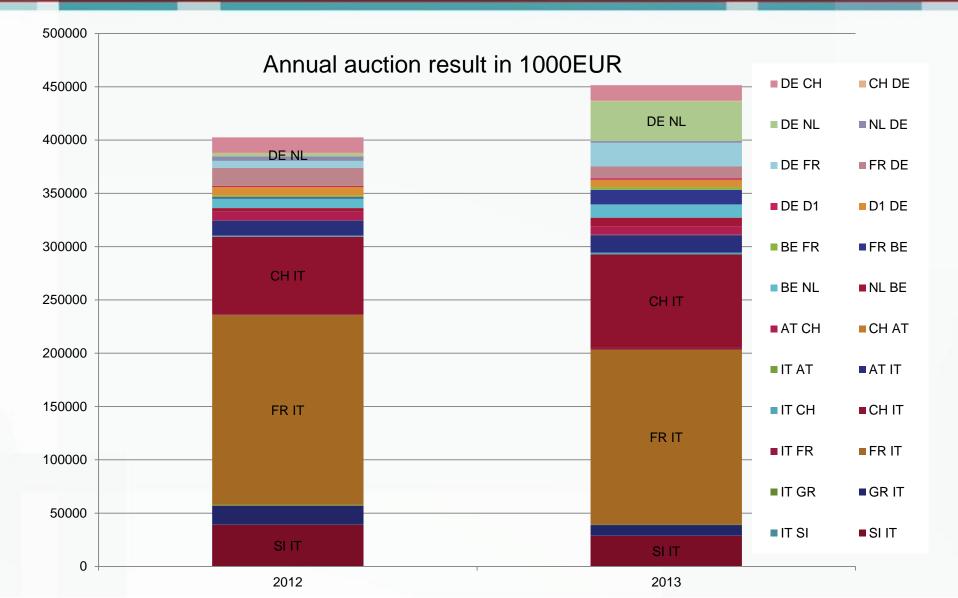
Gains of integration at higher shares of RES

	No Integration	5% Transmission	Full Integration
Current	100	98.9	97.5
Renewables			
High Renewables	100	97.5	95.4

Interpretation

- 1. Most (static) trade benefits accrue already at limited trade
- 2. Full trade has some marginal benefits
- 3. Additional gain in Reoptimisation of power plant park
- 4. Increasing RES share increases the value of interconnection

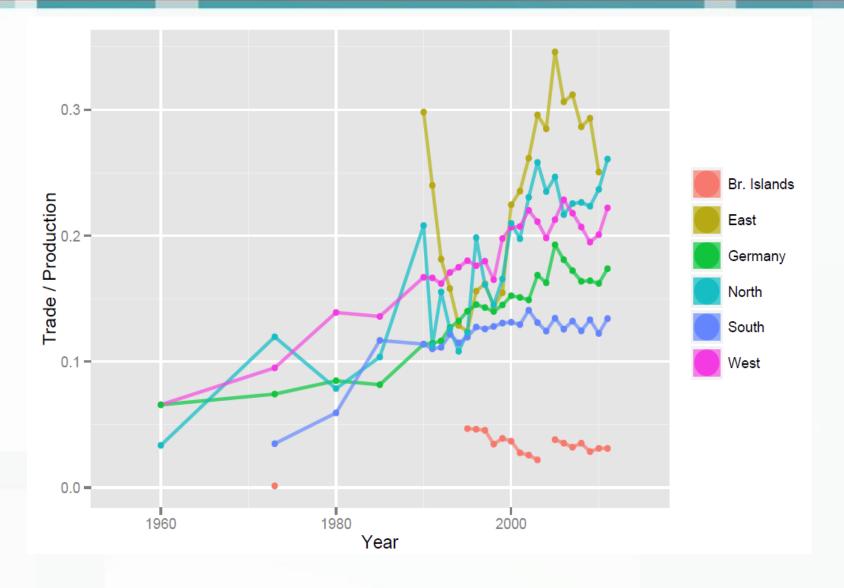
Willingness to pay for interconnectors



Reaping the benefits

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Important benefits have been reaped in the past



Reaping the benefits

Requirements

- The physical network and its operation have to reliably ensure the optimal cross-border exchanges
- Market Design has to ensure that production, consumption and investment decisions do depend on the cost (incl. externalities) and not on the country

Determining optimal infrastructure

- Determining optimal infrastructure need is a challenging exercise that crucially depends on a number of assumptions.
 - 1. Which measure should be optimised by the infrastructure investment?
 - 2. Which development of the energy system in the coming decades is considered?
 - 3. Which technical options are considered?
 - 4. What cost assumptions for the different options?
 - 5. Which market design is assumed?

=> Estimates are largly assumption driven and barely comparable

Infrastructure cost studies

Roland Berger's report (2011)

- distribution and transmission together will require around EUR 400 billion + EUR 200 billion for 2010-2020 (65% electricity, 35% gas)
- The European Infrastructure Priorities (2010)
 - 2011-2020: EUR 70 billion for transmission infrastructure, EUR 32 billion for offshore grid infrastructure and EUR 40 billion for smart grid infrastructure.

2013 <u>OECD working paper</u>

 Grid shortage would make renewables deployment 38 billion dollars more expensive

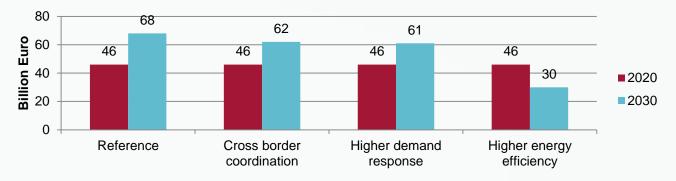
The Energy Roadmap 2050

 2011-2050 infrastructure requirements reach EUR 1269 billion in the reference and EUR 2195 billion in the high RES scenario

Infrastructure cost studies

Ten Year Network Development Plan 2012

- increasing the total length of the network by 17 % over the coming ten years
- ECF's study (2011)



Hirschhausen et al. (2012)

 Total investment costs for transmission capacity in Europe 2011-2050 of "80% GHG reduction" scenario: EUR 57 bn

Electricity has multiple dimensions that can be individually traded

	Nationally administered	National market	National market with an interface for imports/exports		Expected change in Importance
Ancillary services					+
Intraday & Balancing			Nordic+		+
Day-ahead delivery of electricity					-
Supply Adequacy					+
Location			Nordic		+
"Greenness"		Quotas			+
Emissions				ETS	

- Dimensions interact: => "grand design" or complex set of interfaces
- Existing national arrangements and national plant park



-> cross-border harmonisation produces losers

Discussion

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Discussion: Governance

Different regional settings

- EU 27+ (ENTSO, ACER, EU)
- NWE
- Penta-lateral
- Bilateral (FR-DE)

Different institutional frameworks

- Merger of TSOs
- Independent system operator
- Merger of PX
- Joint regulator



Day-ahead wind forecast error in Germany 2012 in MW

