

Economics of Wind power

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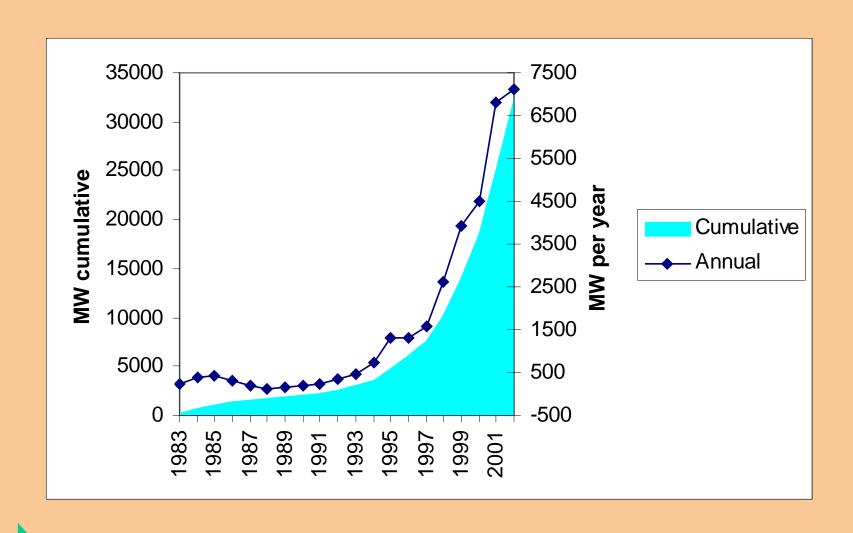
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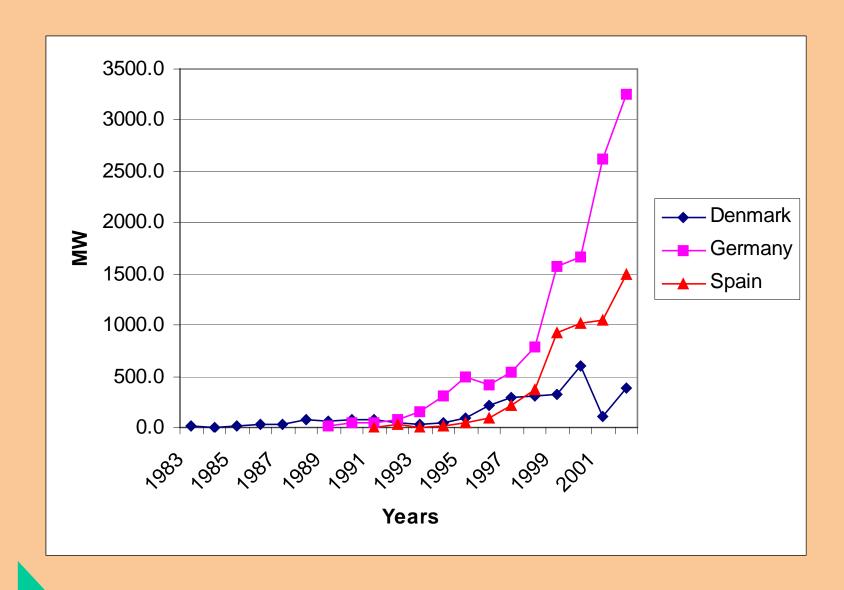


Global development of wind power



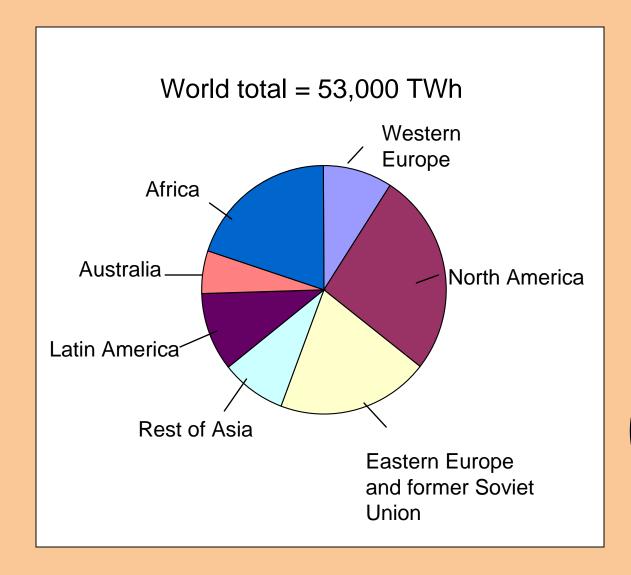


Three countries dominating in Europe



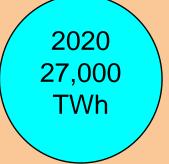
Wind resource potentials





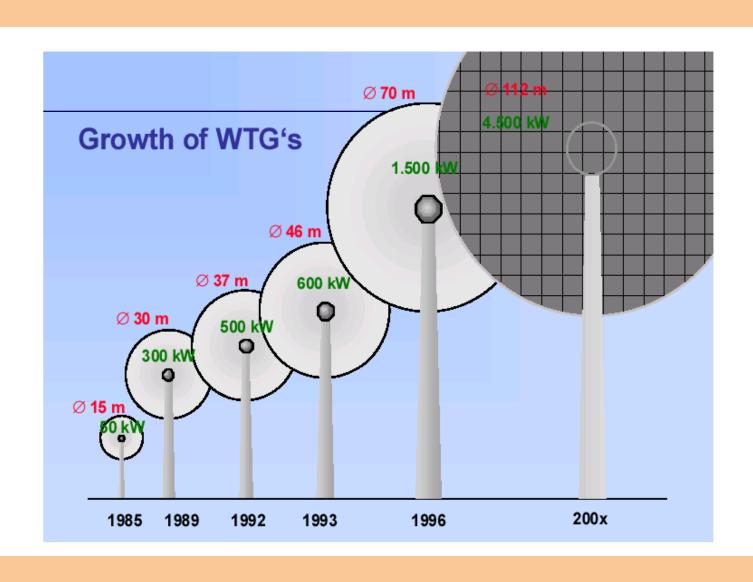
World electricity demand





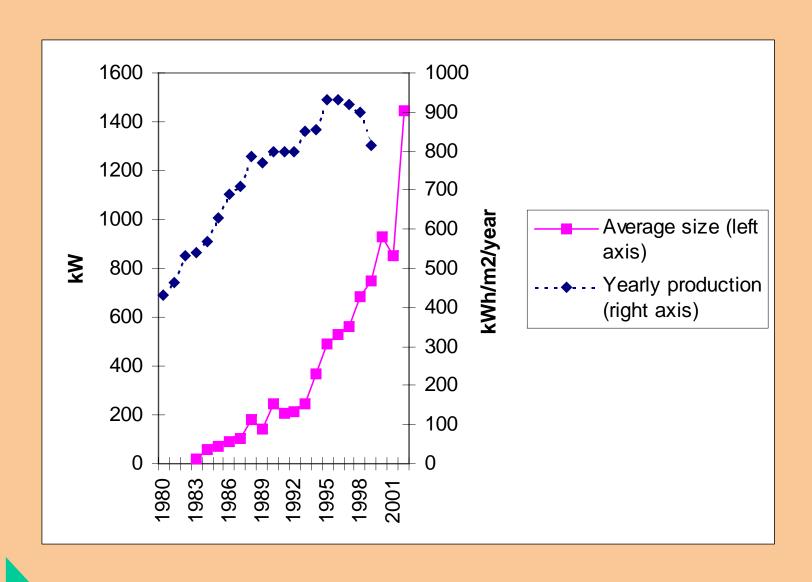
Turbine size







Size and efficiency





The main economic parameters

The main parameters governing wind power economics include the following:

- Investment costs, including auxiliary costs for foundation, grid-connection, and so on.
- Operation and maintenance costs
- Electricity production / average wind speed
- Turbine lifetime
- Discount rate

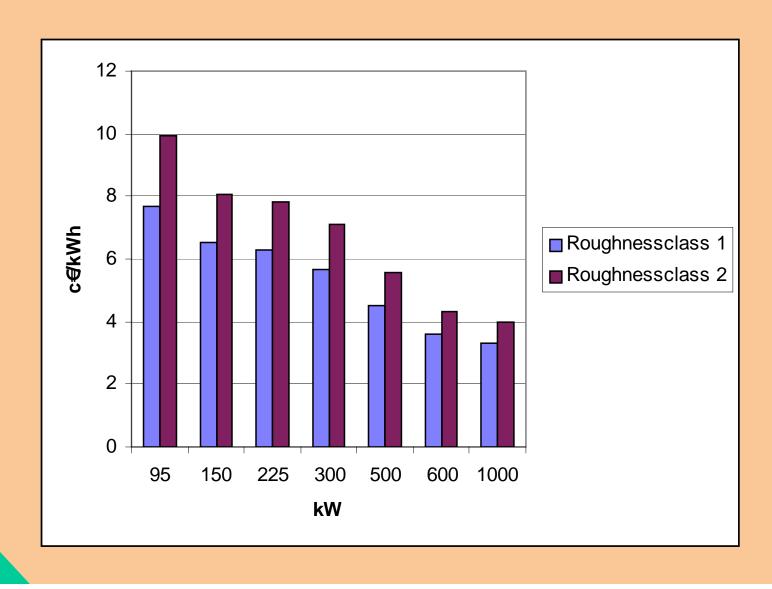


Investments in a 1 MW turbine

	Investment	Share
	(1000 €)	(%)
Turbine (ex works)	748	81.9
Foundation	44	4.8
Electric installation	10	1.1
Grid-connection	60	6.6
Control systems	2	0.2
Consultancy	8	0.9
Land	27	2.9
Financial costs	8	0.9
Road	7	0.7
Total	914	100.0

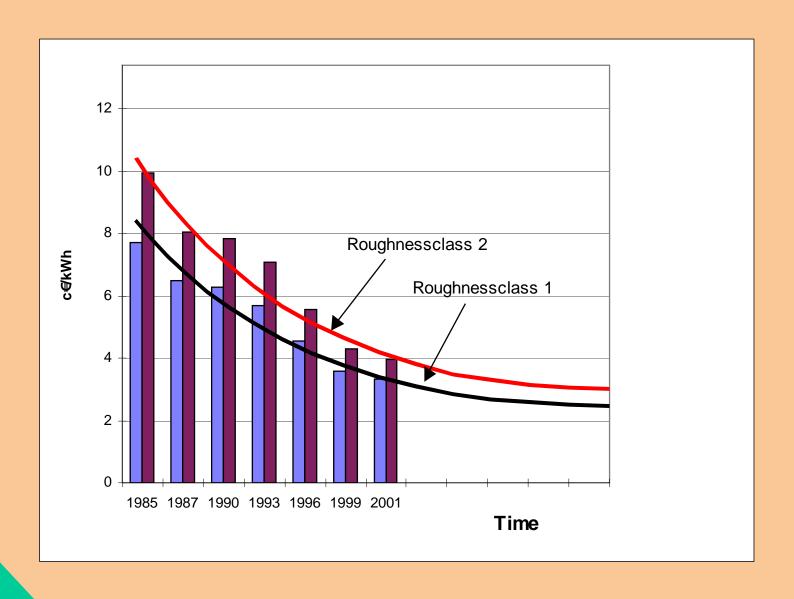


Cost of wind power



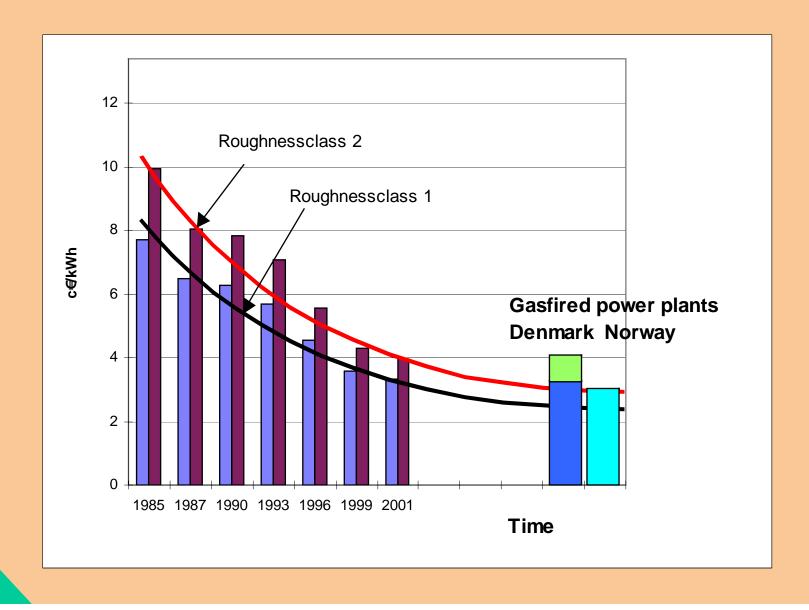


Future cost - experience curve analysis



Future cost - compared to conventional power production







Externalities - what is that?

Impacts from the energy production that is not included in the price of energy today

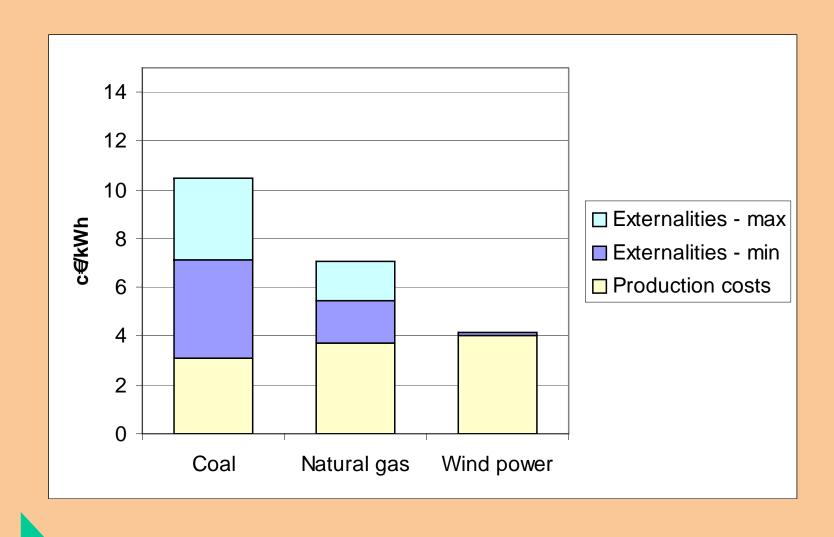
- Environmental emissions CO₂, NO_x, SO₂
- Noise
- Visual impacts

ExternE

- Large EU-project
- All the way from the impact to the damage is quantified - and monetised
- Enormous uncertainties



Production costs plus externalities for wind power and conventional plants





Offshore development in Denmark

Existing in total approx. 250 MW

- Horns Reef 80 x 2 MW = 160 MW
- Middelgrunden 20 x 2 MW = 40 MW
- Samsø offshore farm 10 x 2,3 MW = 23 MW
- Rønland $4 \times 2 MW + 4 \times 2,3 MW = 17,2 MW$
- Tunø Knop and Vindeby approx. 10 MW

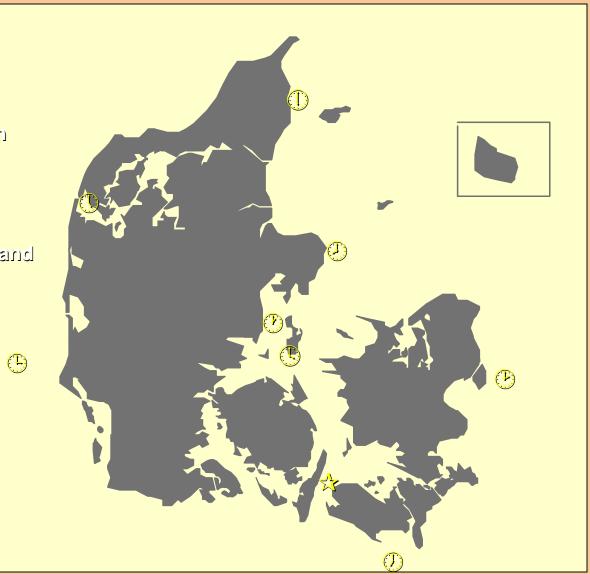
Planned

- Nysted (Rødsand) 72 x 2,3 MW approx. 160 MW
- Frederikshavn and Grenaa



Offshore sites in Denmark

- ☆ Vindeby௴ Tunø Knob
- Middelgrunden
- Horns Reef
- Samsoe
- Roenland
- Frederikshavn
- Mysted-Roedsand Grenå



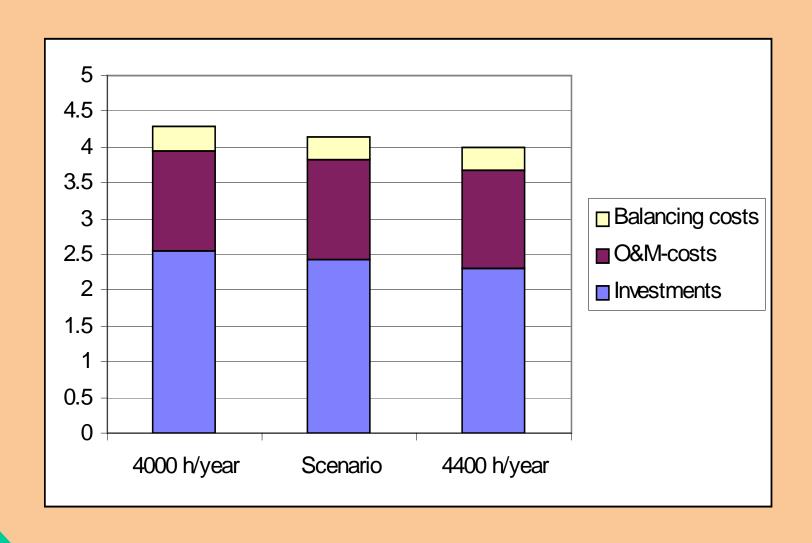


Horns Reef - 80 turbines 160 MW





The cost of an offshore wind farm equipped with 3 MW turbines



Conclusions



- On a global scale wind power is developing rapidly
 - Installed capacity increases by approx. 30% p.a.
 - Average size is continuously increasing largest turbine is more than 3 MW
- Taking externalities into account wind power is highly economic competitive today
- Within 5-7 years wind power is expected to be fully economic competitive compared to conventional power plants
- Offshore wind power is getting an increasingly important role in the development