

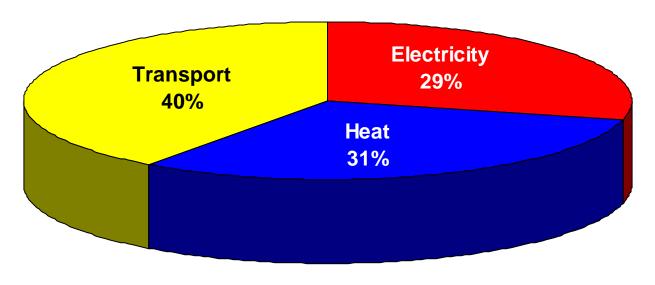
# **Electrical Energy Consumption**and Markets

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# **Electricity Supply**

## UK Carbon Sources 2010 - 505 Mt CO2

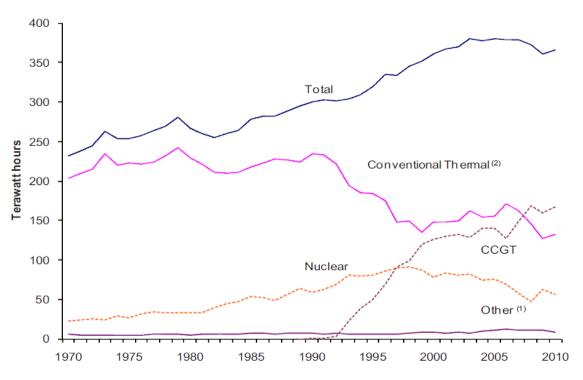


Source: National Grid



# **Electricity Supply**

## Increase in total electricity supplied and type of plant 1970-2010

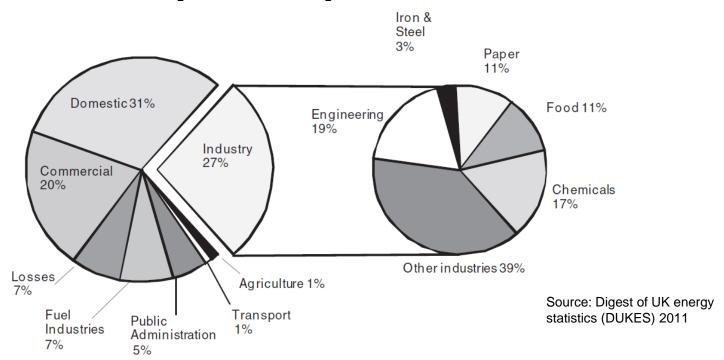


Source: Digest of UK energy statistics (DUKES) 2011

Total of ~ 400000 GWh produced in the UK per annum



## **Electricity demand by sector in 2010**



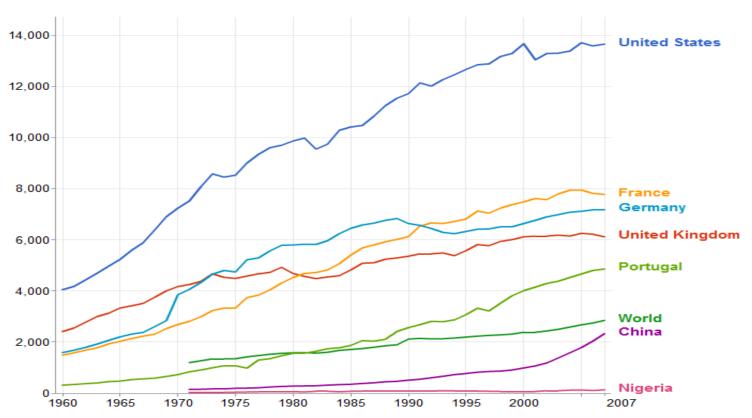
**Total demand 384003 GWh** 

**Industry demand 104499 GWh** 



## **Electric Power Consumption (kWh per capita)**

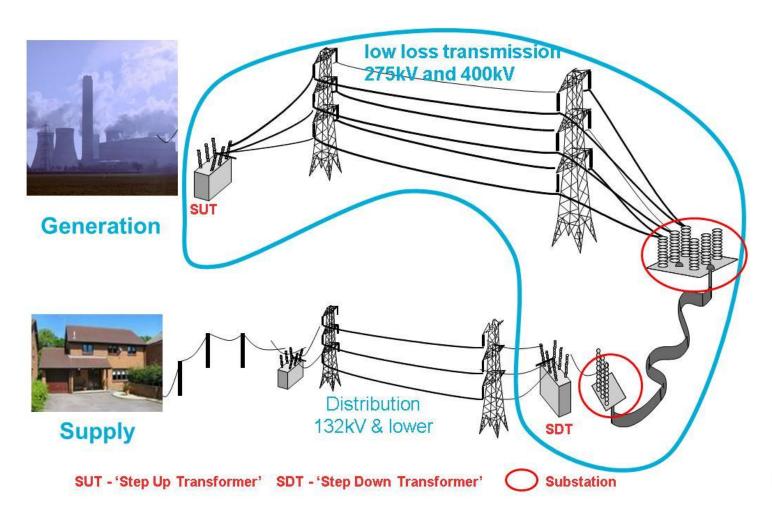
(Electric power consumption measures the production of power plants less transmission, distribution, and transformation losses and own use by power plants)



Source: International Energy Agency, World Bank - World Development Indicators



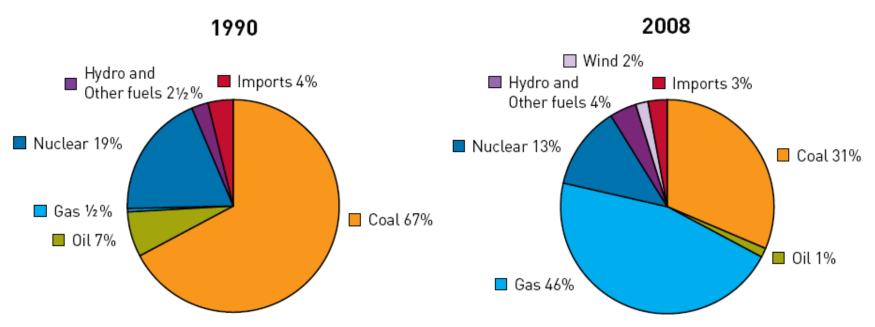
## **UK** electrical network





# **Electricity Supply**

## Fuel used in electricity generation in 1990 and 2008



Hydro includes both natural flow and pumped storage

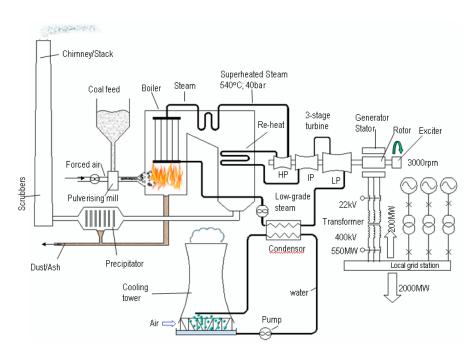
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- Diversity required to protect the supply of electricity from fuel availability difficulties and cost fluctuations
- Diversity required to cover the different operational conditions as no energy storage in the system (e.g. fast response for rapid load changes)



## **Thermoelectric Power Station**

- Burns fossil fuel (coal,oil etc.) to generate steam which drives steam turbine connected to the electrical generator
- Usually sited near source of fuel (e.g. coalfield) and plentiful supply of cooling water (e.g. river or coast)







## **COAL & OIL**

- Relatively cheap
- Slow response to load fluctuation (4 – 8 hours to start-up)
- Practical thermal efficiency ≈ 35-37%
- 500MW per machine is typical (but up to 1000MW are possible)
- Run 24hours/day BASE LOAD stations

## **NUCLEAR**

- Low fuel costs
- High construction and decommissioning costs
- Handling/storage of nuclear waste
- Practical thermal efficiency ≈ 40%
- 500MW per machine
- Run 24hours/day i.e. BASE LOAD stations



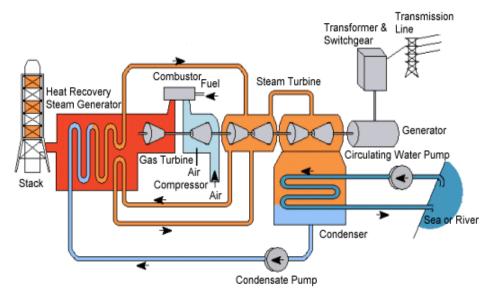




## **COMBINED CYCLE GAS TURBINES (CCGT)**

- A gas turbine generator generates electricity and the waste heat is used to raise steam to generate additional electricity via a steam turbine
- Very fast response (Start-up 2 3 minutes)
- Currently cheap (availability of natural gas and turbine technology)
- Usually relatively low power (often sited near to load centres)
- 10-300MW per machine
- Practical thermal efficiency ≈ 60%
- More efficient so use less fuel







## **COMBINED HEAT AND POWER**

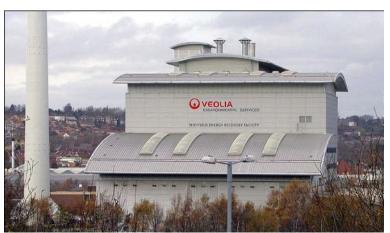
- Either waste heat from gas turbines used to provide heating OR, heat from combustion of fuel for heating also used to raise steam and drive turbine for electricity
- Sheffield Heat and Power incineration of refuse, used for district heating and provides electricity

Utilises 225000 tonnes of household waste per annum

Produces 60MW of heat to 140 buildings (including the University) through 44km pipes (≈ 120000MWh/annum)

19MW of electrical power (≈ 22600 homes)

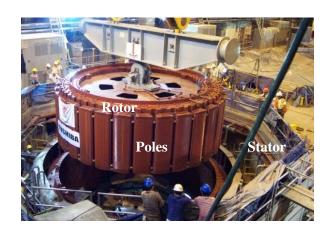
Over 12000 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> prevented/annum



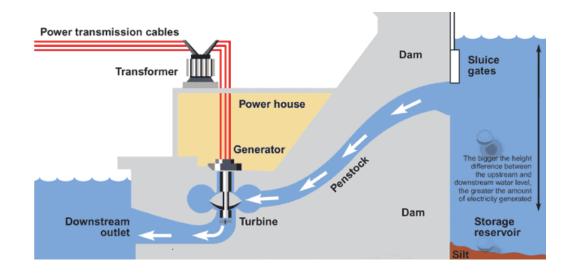


## **HYDRO-ELECRTIC – NATURAL FLOW**

- Geography (not prevalent in UK, most in Scotland)
- In other countries Hyrdo can be significant (Norway 99% is Hydro)



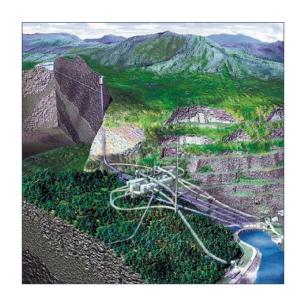
500MVA, 15kV, 200 rpm generator Diameter 9.2m; 2.3m long, 378 Slots

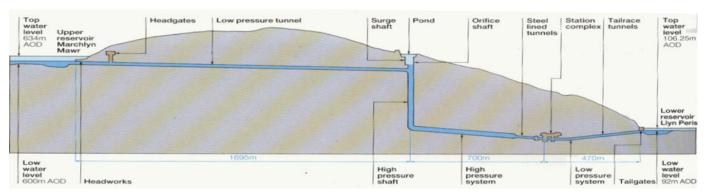




## **HYDRO-ELECRTIC – PUMPED STORAGE**

- Used to meet peak demands (peak lopping)
- Head of water pumped back electrically when demand is low and electricity is cheap
- Fast response
- E.g. 1740MW Station, Dinorwig, Wales
   6 pump/generator sets
   1740MW generation (typically 5 hours/day)
   1650MW pumping (typically 7 hours/day)
   Zero to full output in under 16s







## **WIND POWER**



## **TIDAL POWER**



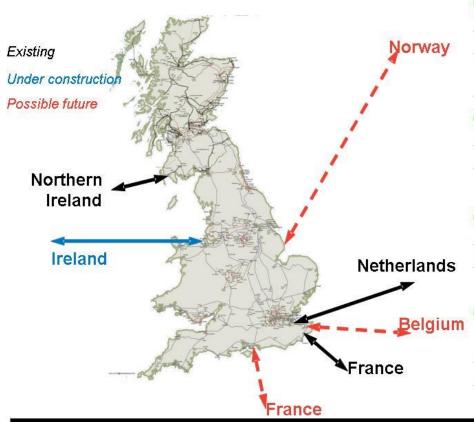
## **SOLAR POWER**







## Interconnects



#### **GB-Netherlands (BritNed)**

- Subsea cable laid (~260km)
- Converter stations at Massvlakte and Grain constructed
- Operational beginning 2011

#### GB-Belgium (Nemo) ~ currently 2019

- 1000 MW, 150km sub sea cable
- Connection secured in GB and Belgium

### GB-France (IFA2) ~ currently 2018

- 1,000MW, 170km sub sea cable
- Feasibility stage

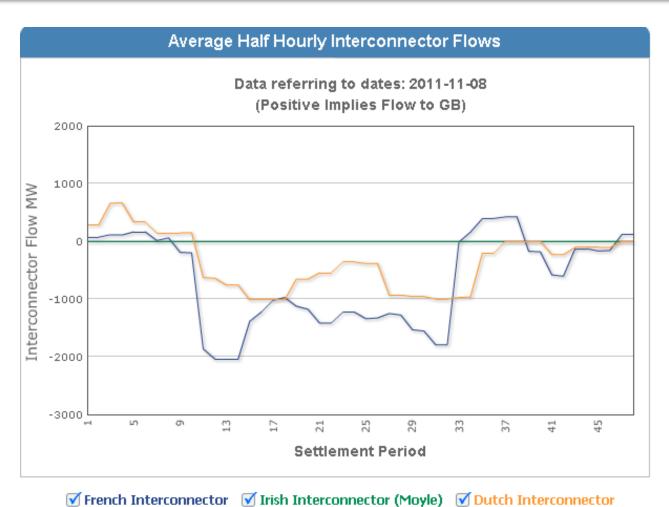
## GB-Norway (NSN) ~ currently 2018/2020

- 1,000MW, 850km sub sea cable
- Connection secured in Norway

...security of supply and shared resources..

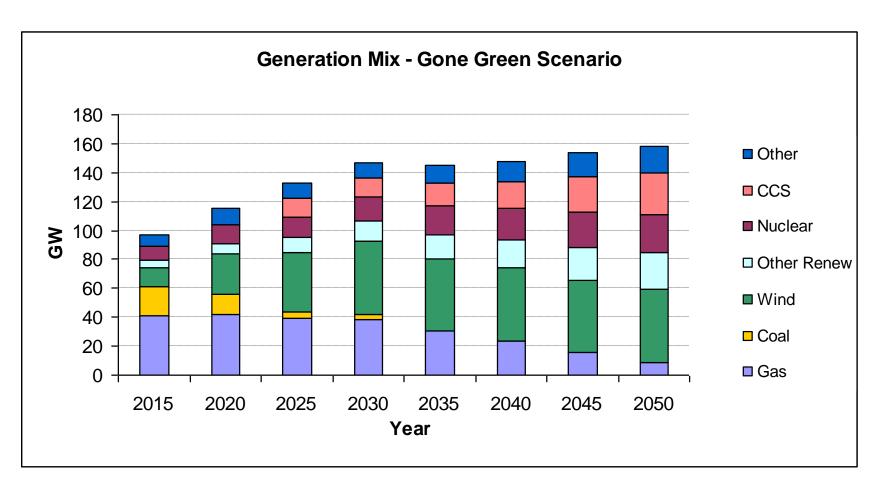


## Interconnects





# Electricity Generation - Projections

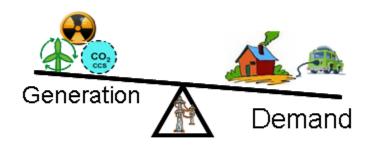


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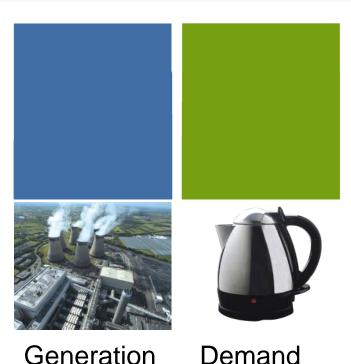
# **Frequency variation**

- National Grid has statutory obligation to keep frequency within ±1% of 50Hz
- Affects the efficiency and performance of electrical equipment
- Mechanical power = Electrical Power (frequency =50 Hz)
- Mechanical power > Electrical Power (frequency >50 Hz)
- Mechanical power < Electrical Power (frequency <50 Hz)</li>





# Frequency



50.0 Hz

50.0 Normal operating frequency

50.5 Upper statutory limit

52.0 Generators tripping

49.5 Lower statutory limit

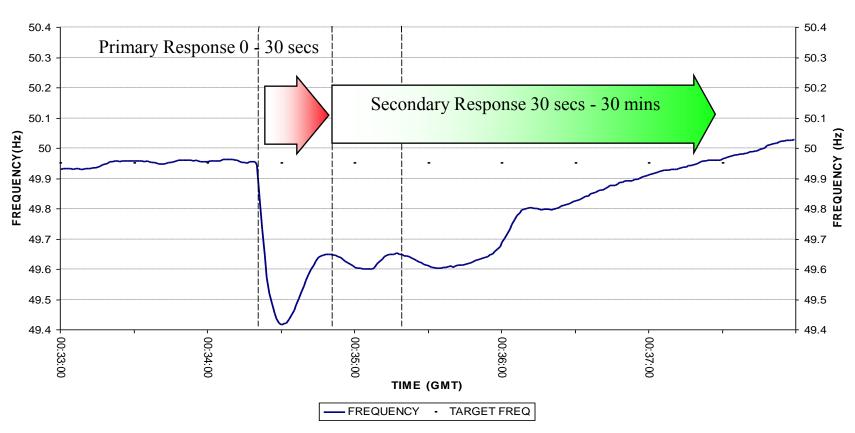
48.8 Demand disconnection starts

47.0 Demand disconnection complete



# Frequency

#### Frequency Trace, 26-May-2003



Source: National Grid



## **Effects of weather**

### Weather Effect

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### Temperature

(1° C fall in freezing conditions)

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Wind

(10 mph rise in freezing conditions)



Cloud cover (clear sky to thick cloud)



Precipitation (no rain to heavy rain)



## **Temperature**

(1° C rise in hot conditions)

Demand Response



+2%

+3%

+2%

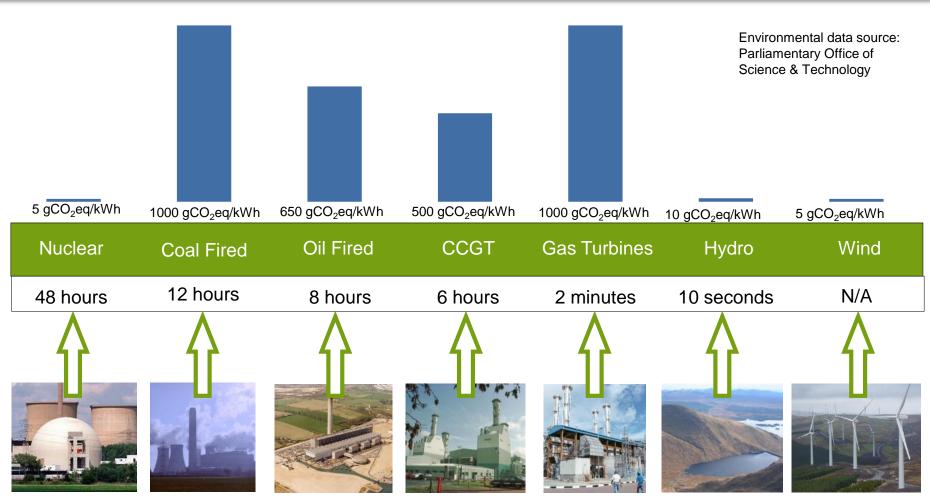
+1%

Generating Units (500MW)





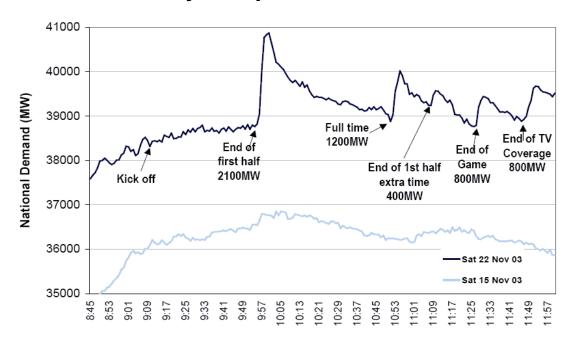
# Forward planning





## TV PICKUPS

- Peaks caused by kettles, toilet flushing (water pumps) in intervals and end of programmes
- National Grid spend significant effort in monitoring TV schedules and weather to try and predict future demand.



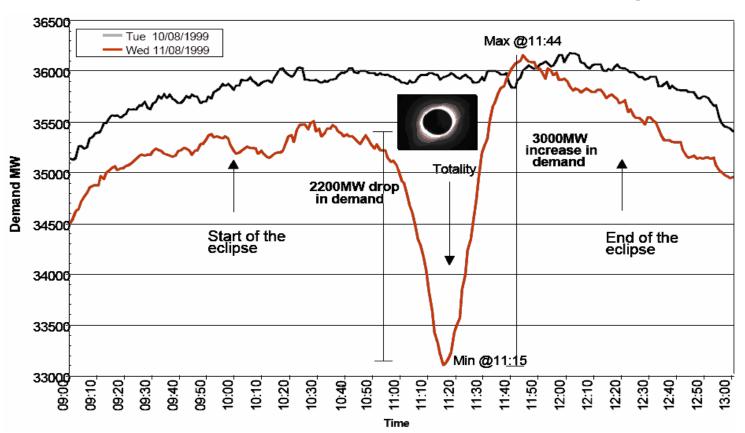
World Cup Semi-final (West Germany v England)	2,800MW
The Thornbirds,	2,600MW
World Cup (England v Brazil),	2,570MW
Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton	2,400MW
World Cup (Nigeria v England)	2,340MW
Eastenders (Who shot Phil Mitchell?)	2,290MW
Dallas (Who shot JR?)	2,290MW
Darling Buds of May	2,200MW
Rugby World Cup Final	2,110MW
Coronation Street	2,100MW
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**Top 10 TV Pickups** 



## **UNUSUAL EVENTS**

Solar Eclipse 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 1999 – 3000MW Pickup following eclipse

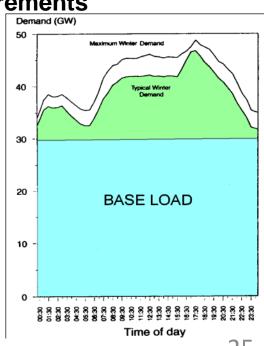




## **BASE LOAD**

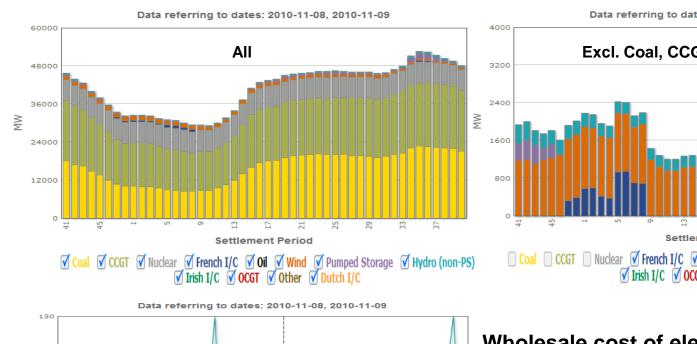
- To cope with demand changes, a base load is defined provided by high efficiency power stations
- Minimum amount of power that a distribution company must make available for its customers, or amount of power required to meet minimum demands based on reasonable expectations of customer requirements
  - Fast response generators kept in reserve to deal with peak loads
  - Peak power is expensive as generators are idle for most of the time
  - ➤ Proportion of Generators are operated ≈ 75% load to allow overhead for peak demands and/or compensate for faulted generators
  - > Pumped storage hydro also used for peak demands

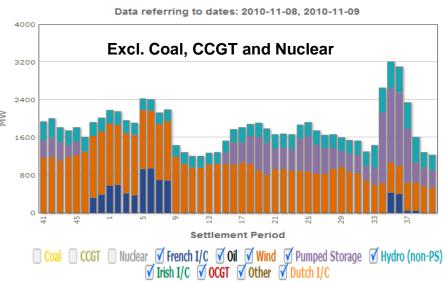
In addition to meeting demand it is crucial that voltage and frequency maintained Domestic Voltage: 230V ±10% 50Hz ±1%





## **Electrical generation by type of plant**







**Settlement Period** 

## Wholesale cost of electricity

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