Modeling and forecasting of electricity prices and demand

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1 Introduction

Danish power market has been transformed in the last several years drastically. Since 70s there was a lot of investments in renewable sources of energy, especially in the field of wind power, and much more since 2002 when first large scale offshore wind farm in the world has been finished - Horns Rev 1 (160 MW). For year 2019, total wind power generation capacity was 6128 MW[6].

National target for 2020 is over 50% of a energy consumption covered by wind power and it's likely to be achieved, as in 2019 they obtained 47% of coverage by domestic production[2]. Moreover they have finished construction of next large scale wind farm Horns Rev 3 in August 2019[2]. There are also defined next goals in last presented national energy strategy. For wind power consumption they aim for 70% in 2030[2]. Denmark is currently leader of wind power shares in the national production and its development.

The production of such significant part of energy from wind carries some risk. Wind speed is very fluctuant and variable even in a day cycle. There are no perfect methods of forecasting in the long term periods. It may occur in higher (or lower) demand in production from other, stable sources of energy to cover consumption. It's problematic to mark a common trend in wind power forecasts1. Thus it's helpful to correct prediction of electricity demand.

Wind power generation can't be stopped quickly as production of conventional sources of energy (coal, gas). Because of that higher unexpected wind power production may lead to decreased prices on energy stocks and in some cases, prices can drop below zero. That was happening rarely in the era of conventional production and regulated electricity market, but it happens more often with more renewable power generators. Because energy network is quite connected with each other in the European Union, in a case of negative prices energy from Danish areas (DK1, DK2) is exported to the neighboring countries, mainly to the Germany, which Denmark has the biggest balance of energy export and import.

Negative prices obligate to use other approaches of price forecasting, than the old ones which were failing with unexpected domain of values. In my work I will present a few models to forecast price and consumption and point out the best approach to have optimal forecasts.

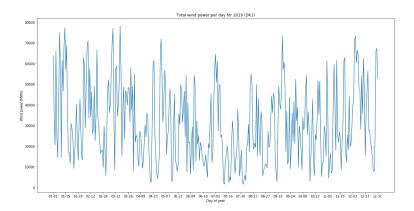


Figure 1: Wind power produced per day in 2019 (DK1)

The electricity market in Denmark is divided into 2 areas (DK1 and DK2). First area (DK1) consists of regions: Nordjylland, Midtjylland and Syddanmark; second area (DK2) consists of regions Sjælland and Hovedstaden with the capital Copenhagen.

Denmark is located between two large energy producers: Germany and Sweden. Is connected directly with these countries and further with Norway and Netherlands. Energy link (Viking Link) with United Kingdom is under construction and connection with Poland is in the planning phase.

Denmark covers only small part of the its demand from the export, however their goals is to start exporting renewable energy from 2026[3].



Figure 2: Danish electricity market

2 Methodology

I decided to choose Danish market for forecasting and so on I want to apply methods and models which are most fitted to the characteristics of this market. I performed forecasting for 3 categories of values: wind power, consumption and price. In each category I make prognosis for few models which are described in Forecasting section. My forecasting framework for all of them is following:

- 1. Data preparation
- 2. Preliminary data analysis
- 3. Data forecasting (cycle for each model and day)
 - Data normalization
 - Day-ahead forecasting
- 4. Verifying models' performance

All calculations were conducted with Python3.7 language and its libraries, i.e. numpy, pandas, scipy. All the scripts made are accessible in public GIT repository https://github.com/ajescode/energyForeca Data I used to perform forecasts has been downloaded from the official webpage of the Nordpool power exchange[5]. Datasets are divided into the year files and periods (hours, weeks etc.). I managed to download following datasets (valid for the day 14.05.2020):

• Consumption - hourly

- Consumption prognosis hourly
- Wind power hourly
- Wind power prognosis hourly
- Elspot prices (as Price) hourly

All of the datasets were available for years 2013-2020, except for Consumption prognosis (2015-2020). So I decided to focus on analysis only on the period 2015-2020 (2015.01.01-2020.05.12), because 4 years time frame is still sufficient for calculations.

Units of downloaded data are following:

- Consumption and Wind Power- MWh
- Price DKK/MWh

The files were downloaded, merged, split for regions DK1 and DK2, pivoted in order to have separated hours as parameters for each day and merged for all years. Example for consumption DK1 is presented below.

	date	holiday	0	1	2	 22	23
0	2016-01-01	1	1818.0	1741.0	1660.0	 1858.0	1713.0
1	2016-01-02	0	1615.0	1510.0	1461.0	 2027.0	1822.0
2	2016-01-03	1	1724.0	1665.0	1671.0	 2127.0	1998.0
3	2016-01-04	0	1844.0	1803.0	1789.0	 2293.0	2079.0
4	2016-01-05	0	1940.0	1891.0	1952.0	 2372.0	2193.0

Table 1: First 5 rows of merged file Consumption DK1.

Data forecasting is performed for day ahead because given Wind power prognosis and Consumption prognosis is supplying only one day in advance. For the computations is considered number of previous days to have insights of possible value and its called as calibration window. It may take values of week multiples (7 days) because of the seasonal trend of energy production. Because chosen data has limit of 1583 days, the maximum calibration window I consider is 728 days, around 2 years.

I consider few models for each category of forecasts (consumption, price and wind power) which I explain in the end of this section. General equation for each model (except of benchmark models for wind power and consumption) can be presented as:

$$\hat{Y}_{d,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta_{d,h,i} X_{d,h}^{i} \tag{1}$$

, where $Y_{d,h}$ is prediction and $X_{d,h}^i$ is variable for given day (d) and hour (h). We can predict values for next whole day only, but basing on the variables from whole calibration window. Coefficients $\beta_{h,i}$ have been approximated by Ordinary least squares (OLS).

$$\vec{\hat{\beta}} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y \tag{2}$$

,where X is matrix of independent variables, and Y is vector of dependent variables of size of calibration window (multiple of 7 days).

Because prices of energy due to the wind dependence can have negative values I need to normalize values. I used function *asinh* which was empirically confirmed to have best results for danish market among 4 different normalization functions.[1].

$$Y_{d,h} = asinh(y_{d,h}) \equiv \log(y_{d,h} + \sqrt{y_{d,h}^2 + 1})$$
 (3)

, where $Y_{d,h}$ is transformed value used for forecasts either as independent variable or dependent variable. Independent values in the model must be also transformed. $y_{d,h}$ is normalized value in calibration window by:

$$y_{d,h} = \frac{1}{b_{d,h}} (y_{d,h}^* - a_{d,h}) \tag{4}$$

, where a is median and b is median absolute deviation (MAD) for given day and hour in the calibration window. I used both simple normalization (4), and one with asinh function (3) for each category of forecasting.

Inverse function for transformation and normalization is following:

$$y_{d,h}^* = b_{d,h} sinh(Y_{d,h}) + a_{d,h}$$
(5)

For each forecast there is error analysis with Mean Average Error (MAE), Mean Root Square Error (MRSE). All forecasts in the appropriate categories are compared to each other in order to get optimal result.

$$MAE = \frac{1}{24T} \sum_{d=1}^{T} \sum_{h=1}^{24} |\hat{\varepsilon}_{d,h}| \equiv \frac{1}{24T} \sum_{d=1}^{T} \sum_{h=1}^{24} |y_{d,h} - \hat{y}_{d,h}|$$
 (6)

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{24D} \sum_{d=1}^{T} \sum_{h=1}^{24} \hat{\varepsilon}_{d,h}^2} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{1}{24D} \sum_{d=1}^{T} \sum_{h=1}^{24} (y_{d,h} - \hat{y}_{d,h})^2}$$
(7)

, where T is size of calibration window. Also I performed error analysis for each hour and day of forecasts and compared average values of them.

$$MAE_{h} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{d=1}^{T} |\hat{\varepsilon}_{d,h}| \equiv \frac{1}{T} \sum_{d=1}^{T} |y_{d,h} - \hat{y}_{d,h}|$$
 (8)

$$MAE_d = \frac{1}{24} \sum_{h=1}^{24} |\hat{\varepsilon}_{d,h}| \equiv \frac{1}{24} \sum_{h=1}^{24} |y_{d,h} - \hat{y}_{d,h}|$$
(9)

$$RMSE_{h} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{d=1}^{T} \hat{\varepsilon}_{d,h}^{2}} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{d=1}^{T} (y_{d,h} - \hat{y}_{d,h})^{2}}$$
(10)

$$RMSE_d = \sqrt{\frac{1}{24} \sum_{h=1}^{24} \hat{\varepsilon}_{d,h}^2} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{1}{24} \sum_{h=1}^{24} (y_{d,h} - \hat{y}_{d,h})^2}$$
(11)

3 Data analysis

I performed a few analysis for each dataset, although I don't include all of the charts and tables in this work. The rest is uploaded into the github repository.

3.1 Missing values

Data was very consistent and yet only single values were missing. These null values were replaced by average of the neighboring cells and in case of missing value in neighbor cell, value was fixed manually (with file fill_empty_cells.py). Half of day 2018-09-18 from Wind prognosis files was filled taking closest neighbors and counting average for whole vector (with file fill_empty_cells_wind_prognosis_DK.py). Number of missing values was reduced to zero.

Dataset	DK1	DK2
Consumption	5	5
Consumption prognosis	5	5
Price	21	12
Wind power	12	6
Wind power prognosis	18	19

Table 2: Missing values in files.

3.2 Consumption data

There was bigger consumption in area DK1 than DK2, compared for years 2016-2019 19.14, 19.41, 20.28, 20.37 TWh to 13.13, 13.03, 13.28, 13.16 TWh accordingly. We can see that consumption increased gradually in the area DK1, meanwhile in area DK2 was on the similar level.

We can spot three types of seasonal trends in the data: annual, weekly and daily. On the below chart showing consumption per day in 2019, we see that every weekend consumption value drops.

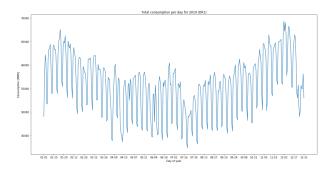


Figure 3: Consumption per day in 2019 (DK1)

Although it's not easy to spot, there is also annual trend with lower consumption during summer months and higher during winter. It's observable particularly in the DK2.

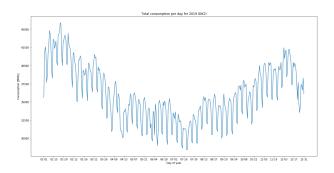


Figure 4: Consumption per day in 2019 (DK2)

Simple Moving Average with 14 days windows for each year shows clearly this trend. Although in the area DK1 it's not very sharp.

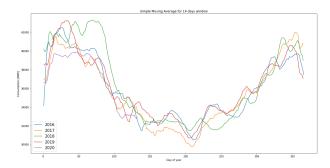


Figure 5: Simple Moving Average of consumption - 14 days window (DK2)

Last seasonal trend is daily which can be observed for each day of week, even holidays. There are two peaks of energy consumption each day, on the morning and evening. During weekend and holidays, morning peaks occurs later than during work days. There is also noticeable smaller consumption in the night.

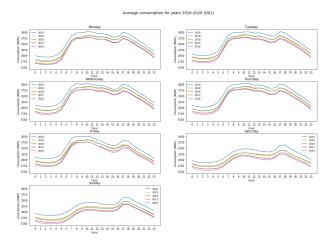


Figure 6: Average consumption per each hour of day for each day of week (DK1)

There is also one interesting thing observed in the 2020's data only in the area DK2. Evening daily peak is slightly shifted which can be caused epidemic COVID-19 or incomplete data of 2020 year.

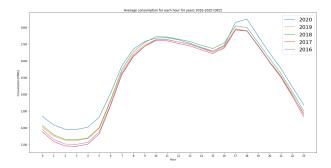


Figure 7: Average consumption per each hour of day for each year (DK2)

3.2.1 Nordpool's prognosis

The prognosis day-ahead given by Nordpool shows that those are less accurate over time, especially for area DK1 where consumption is larger than DK2. Level of accuracy for area DK2 is quite stable. Also there is no clear trend regarding the time of day. For DK1 best prediction are for night and for DK2 best prediction are performed for hours 7 and 15.

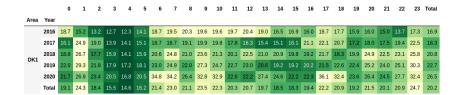


Figure 8: MAE for consumption for each hour and year with total figures (DK1)

		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Total
Area	Year																									
	2016	23.8	19.6	19.0	20.3	22.4	22.9	20.9		23.6	27.6	24.3	21.4	24.1	22.0	20.0	19.2	23.3	26.4	24.5	22.9	24.5	24.6	20.7	15.9	22.1
	2017	19.6	21.9	21.7	20.2			22.7		20.2	21.8	21.6	20.8	20.2	20.5	20.6	16.7	18.0	24.4	23.3	21.2	20.8	22.8	22.8	27.4	21.0
DK2	2018	18.1	25.2	24.7	20.8			27.5		21.2	24.8	26.8	26.7	27.0	26.1	22.4	17.5	20.7	24.7	22.5	22.4	26.8	29.1	25.9	23.2	23.4
	2019	16.1	23.9	22.8	17.5			21.2		16.9	17.9	21.2	21.6	18.6	17.5	17.1		18.7	24.5	22.1	18.8	22.2	22.6	21.1	22.7	19.5
	2020	17.4		15.8	12.4			25.5	22.1	24.4	31.0	36.4	27.6	23.5	26.0	21.7	13.9	15.9	28.1	27.5				14.6	18.9	21.1
	Total	19.2	22.3	21.5	19.1		19.2	23.3	17.2	20.8	23.7	24.5	23.0	22.6	21.9	20.1	16.9	19.8	25.3	23.5	21.1	23.1	24.1	22.0	22.0	21.5

Figure 9: MAE for consumption for each hour and year with total figures (DK2)

3.3 Wind power data

Wind power production increased significantly within last 4 years. In the area DK1 from 9.41 to 11.26 TWh and for area DK2 from 2.37 to 3.22 TWh, so about 35% more.

So far in the consumption data we could spot any trend whereas in the wind power data there is no distinct trend.

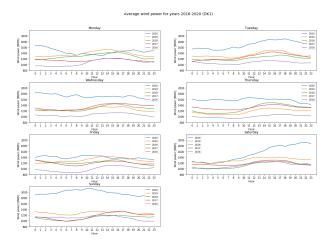


Figure 10: Wind power production per hour of a day for each day of week (DK1)

Simple Moving Average also doesn't show anything recurrent, thus we can assume any annual trend.

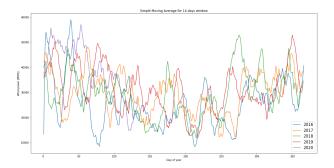


Figure 11: Simple moving average of wind power production per each hour for each day of week (DK1)

Only chart of average wind power for each hour suggest there may be a daily trend, however data from area DK2 doesn't confirm this assumption.

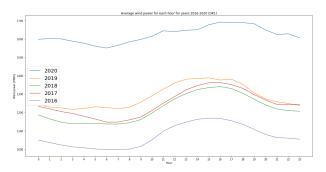


Figure 12: Average wind power production per hour of a day for each year (DK1)

3.3.1 Nordpool's prognosis

I calculated Mean Absolute Error for prognosis performed by Nordpool for each hour and year. The results for area DK1 are rounded to the integer. We can spot that the newer data is the bigger error for prognosis with over 80% growth in 2020 (until 12th May) comparing to the previous year. Another thing we can notice that the error in the night hours is lower than others.

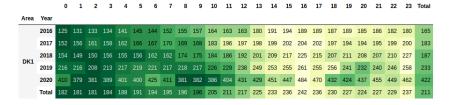


Figure 13: MAE for wind power for each hour and year with total figures (DK1)

The results for area DK2 are similar, however numbers are smaller due to the lower capacity of wind farms in this part of Denmark.

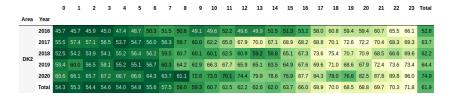


Figure 14: MAE for wind power for each hour and year with total figures (DK2)

3.4 Price data

In the 2020 price of energy decreased compared to the previous years. However we don't know what impact had epidemic on this data so it's hard to retrieve any conclusion.

Year	DK1	DK2
2016	184.435	206.825
2017	224.005	227.575
2018	329.235	339.345
2019	289.270	295.390
2020	142.520	149.865

Table 3: Average price of energy per each year (DKK/MWh)

As in the consumption data we can also notice seasonal trends in this category, but this time only two kinds: daily and weekly. There is no annual trend in the price data.



Figure 15: Simple moving average of price for each year - 14 days window (DK1)

Electricity prices are lower during weekends due to the lower consumption and there are also 2 daily peaks each day, either weekend (including holidays) and work days.

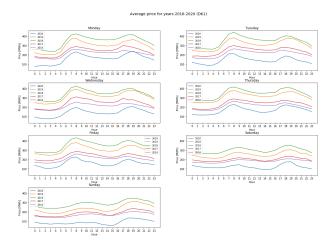


Figure 16: Average price per hour of a day for each day of week (DK1)

3.4.1 Negative prices

There were 417 negative prices in the area DK1 in the years 2016-2020 and 288 in the DK2. The dataset for 2020 ends on 12th May, however there are already 84 negative prices compared to the 133 in the full year 2019. Negative prices occur more often during nights than the peaks of consumption.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Total
year																									
2016	3	7	8	8	6	4	5	2						2	3	2	2					2	0	4	63
2017	6	6	8	7	6	5	6	4		2	2	2	2	4	4	5	4					3	3	4	85
2018	4	5	5	6	7	6	6	3						2	2	1								2	52
2019	9	9	12	14	11	5	6						6	9	11	8	4							5	133
2020	5	3	6	7	7	7	4	3	2	2	4	3	3	4	6	7	6							1	84
Total	27	30	39	42	37	27	27	16	7	8	11	8	13	21	26	23	16	4	2	1	3	8	5	16	417

Figure 17: Number of negative prices for each hour, year and totally (DK1)

3.4.2 Correlation between price and wind power

We can suspect that with bigger values of wind power price is lower. Pearson's correlation shows that mostly it's weak correlation, only for 2020 year there are moderate values.

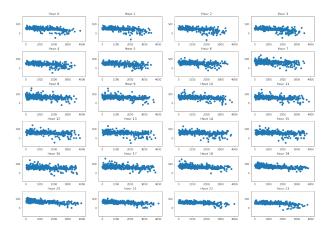


Figure 18: Correlation between price and wind power for each hour - year 2019 (2019, DK1)

Correlation is a little bit higher for night hours than rest of the day.



Figure 19: Correlation between price and wind power for each hour and year (DK1 and DK2)

3.5 Holidays

Usage of the electricity decreases during weekends and public holidays and this has a significant effect on a prediction especially during Christmas or Easter. Due to that fact, each day was aligned with variable holiday with following value based of occurrence of day of week or public holiday:

- 1 National Holidays (e.g. Easter Monday)[7]
- 1 Sundays
- 0 Not a public holidays (e.g. New Year's Eve)
- \bullet 0 Other days

Each holiday is treated in weekday dummies as a Sunday.

4 Demand forecasting

First considering model is a benchmark model containing consumption forecast provided by Nordpool's database for day ahead $(FL_{t,h})$. Its performance is analyzed in the section Demand data prognosis.

$$C_{d,h} = FC_{d,h} \tag{12}$$

Second model is extension of benchmark model (12), where Di, d is a vector of the values 0,1 for the corresponding day of a week. For day (d) which is Monday $D_{1,d} = 1$ and $D_{2,d} = D_{3,d} = \dots = D_{7,d} = 0$, for a day which is Tuesday $D_{2,d} = 1$ and $D_{1,d} = D_{3,d} = \dots = D_{7,d} = 0$ etc.

$$C_{d,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \beta_1 F C_{d,h} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
(13)

Third model is extension of second model (13), where are added 3 parameters according to a similar-day technique: consumption of previous day $(C_{d-1,h})$, 2 days ago $(C_{d-2,h})$ and week ago $(C_{d-7,h})$.

$$C_{d,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \beta_1 F C_{d,h} + \beta_1 C_{d-1,h} + \beta_2 C_{d-2,h} + \beta_3 C_{d-7,h} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
 (14)

Fourth model is extension of third model (14) where is also considered forecast of the wind power download from Nordpool's database, denoted as $FW_{d,h}$.

$$C_{d,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \beta_1 F C_{d,h} + \beta_2 C_{d-1,h} + \beta_3 C_{d-2,h} + \beta_4 C_{d-7,h} + \beta_5 F W_{d,h} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
 (15)

4.1 Results

The forecasts were performed with several different settings for each area (DK1 and DK2):

- Calibration window: 182, 364, 728
- Normalization function: standard, asinh
- Dates: 2019.01.01-2019.12.31 (2019 year),
 2019.05.13-2020.05.12 (last year),
 2020.01.01-2020.05.12,
 2019.01.01-2020.05.12

For both areas results with asinh were significantly worse than with standard normalization function. Especially for calibration window 182. The forecast with standard normalization was better for Models 2-4 than Nordpool's prognosis, however better accuracy was for longer calibration windows. Because drops of consumption level in 2020 results including this period were less accurate.



Figure 20: MAE on the consumption forecasts (DK1)



Figure 21: MAE on the consumption forecasts (DK2)



Figure 22: RMSE on the consumption forecasts (DK1)

			Model 1	Model 2 (asinh)	Model 3 (asinh)	Model 4 (asinh)	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
Area	Dates	Window							
		182	36.902095	69.147136	69.699399	69.826043	35.185087	35.451488	35.453872
	2019.01.01-2019.12.31	364	36.902095	49.596527	49.710845	49.839186	34.817941	34.784771	34.754983
		728	36.902095	48.507415	48.334706	48.417899	34.743648	34.675315	34.613163
		182	36.780154	71.261926	71.419734	71.554337	34.936314	35.254252	35.263161
	2019.01.01-2020.05.12	364	36.780154	59.391927	56.455358	56.721813	34.637305	34.680831	34.637497
DK1		728	36.780154	66.047064	60.961407	61.090178	34.560341	34.537831	34.469738
DKI		182	39.326498	72.316495	72.337533	72.505304	37.479944	37.799352	37.796761
	2019.05.13-2020.05.12	364	39.326498	65.372788	61.574367	61.908548	37.224406	37.262406	37.190576
		728	39.326498	73.436774	67.217973	67.374424	37.138652	37.121964	37.038202
		182	36.443407	76.766925	75.940983	76.095987	34.244308	34.707205	34.734402
	2020.01.01-2020.05.12	364	36.443407		71.779368	72.319654	34.136663	34.393967	34.313009
		728	36.443407	99.379622	86.623593	86.835512	34.052210	34.157681	34.073025

Figure 23: RMSE on the consumption forecasts (DK2)

5 Wind power forecasting

First model is presented and analyzed in the section Wind power data prognosis. This is a benchmark model for further forecasts, where $FW_{t,h} + \varepsilon_t$ is a day ahead forecast of wind power taken from Nordpool's data.

$$W_{t,h} = FW_{t,h} \tag{16}$$

Second model includes additionally day of week vector as the second demand model (13).

$$W_{t,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \beta F W_{t,h} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
 (17)

Third model is extension of second model (17) and contains also wind power from previous day $(W_{t-1,h})$ and 2 days ago $(W_{t-1,h})$ from the corresponding hour.

$$W_{t,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \beta_1 F W_{t,h} + \beta_2 W_{t-1,h} + \beta_3 W_{t-2,h} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
(18)

Fourth model is extension of third one (18) and contains additionally parameter of consumption forecast from previous day denoted as $FL_{t,h}$.

$$W_{t,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \beta_1 F W_{t,h} + \beta_2 W_{t-1,h} + \beta_3 W_{t-2,h} + \beta_4 F C_{t,h} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
 (19)

5.1 Results

The retrieved results from wind power forecasting with standard normalization were significantly better for DK1, and very slightly better for DK2 comparing to the Nordpool's forecast. *Asinh* function as normalization was useful only for part of cases with short calibration window, so I don't consider it as successful results. MAE for Model 4 with 728 days window and for full 2019 year is 6,6% lower, while MAE for last period (2020.01.01-2020.05-12) is 22,19% lower.

			Model 1	Model 2 (asinh)	Model 3 (asinh)	Model 4 (asinh)	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
Area	Dates	Window							
		182	234.505308	257.618128	259.217127	259.929772	217.478916	219.693092	220.001034
	2019.01.01-2019.12.31	364	234.505308	258.494888	259.708202	259.503366	217.177879	218.212622	218.529144
		728	234.505308	258.537776	258.675203	258.022547	218.872158	219.069252	219.064942
		182	283.895457	275.953249	278.209823	279.151491	235.274013	237.847026	238.300715
	2019.01.01-2020.05.12	364	283.895457	295.505857	296.964391	296.016090	239.146582	240.612433	240.579080
DK1		728	283.895457	315.423075	315.350516	312.618201	248.212884	248.436243	247.801243
DKI		182	304.049977	277.287942	279.245624	281.134477	236.693538	239.211003	240.226255
	2019.05.13-2020.05.12	364	304.049977	295.273433	296.312244	295.538486	243.185350	244.585107	244.556479
		728	304.049977	326.742085	326.318958	323.256497	256.066520	256.193458	255.405858
		182	419.439850	326.271437	330.332636	331.902824	284.110181	287.667971	288.521645
	2020.01.01-2020.05.12	364	419.439850				299.436631	302.085601	301.092064
		728	419.439850	471.536867	470.888032	462.448378	328.734424	329.029865	326.664025

Figure 24: MAE on the wind power forecasts (DK1)

			Model 1	Model 2 (asinh)	Model 3 (asinh)	Model 4 (asinh)	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
Area	Dates	Window							
		182	64.516667	80.646820	81.464406	81.117840	66.312175	66.869509	67.068310
	2019.01.01-2019.12.31	364	64.516667	78.611877	78.642126	78.084783	65.032888	65.272429	65.175668
		728	64.516667	76.183505	76.255634	76.059755	65.407998	65.534689	65.536840
		182	67.261881	82.837225	83.904873	83.621384	69.068615	69.888059	70.093752
	2019.01.01-2020.05.12	364	67.261881	82.274283	82.540406	82.179327	67.589801	68.034580	68.040300
DK2		728	67.261881	81.739830	81.959521	81.866628	67.493742	67.711453	67.768841
DKZ		182	66.814094	83.174766	84.490223	84.151104	69.954498	70.736871	70.795956
	2019.05.13-2020.05.12	364	66.814094	78.516309	78.865089	78.761522	68.159593	68.515858	68.578528
		728	66.814094	80.800997	81.179748	81.046728	67.891692	68.032725	68.047130
		182	74.795739	88.848488	90.602396	90.492013	76.633279	78.172049	78.396656
	2020.01.01-2020.05.12	364	74.795739	92.325247	93.238693	93.416235	74.606895	75.614920	75.901884
		728	74.795739	96.988392	97.613044	97.802785	73.217778	73.685281	73.894259

Figure 25: MAE on the wind power forecasts (DK2)

			Model 1	Model 2 (asinh)	Model 3 (asinh)	Model 4 (asinh)	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
Area	Dates	Window							
		182	318.384899	367.489059	369.193070	368.878292	290.354599	292.139811	292.894480
	2019.01.01-2019.12.31	364	318.384899	366.263058	367.687652	367.200224	291.047309	291.751225	292.323555
		728	318.384899	363.631430	364.043984	363.075531	292.788017	293.021460	293.042919
		182	406.869604	398.507940	401.168220	401.122645	321.310501	323.896706	324.118359
	2019.01.01-2020.05.12	364	406.869604	441.763189	442.604058	441.151312	330.377883	331.423292	331.739072
DK1		728	406.869604	488.802754	488.103420	483.676908	346.422368	346.399049	345.970348
DKI		182	436.840443	406.496547	408.846682	408.653622	327.239721	329.807483	329.796350
	2019.05.13-2020.05.12	364	436.840443	446.751304	446.944226	445.319835	340.344860	341.254752	341.364980
		728	436.840443	516.323439	514.813697	510.169295	362.431378	362.043568	361.528382
		182	584.516298	473.302871	478.054583	478.577964	393.959310	398.243803	397.396892
	2020.01.01-2020.05.12	364	584.516298				419.791015	421.531960	421.373847
		728	584.516298	729.213484	726.890877	717.074711	462.704143	462.232981	460.991772

Figure 26: RMSE on the wind power forecasts (DK1)

			Model 1	Model 2 (asinh)	Model 3 (asinh)	Model 4 (asinh)	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
Area	Dates	Window							
		182	89.692353	116.154447	117.190195	116.498073	90.576995	91.036874	91.390983
	2019.01.01-2019.12.31	364	89.692353	110.471759	110.326201	109.651575	89.196772	89.297236	89.237428
		728	89.692353	105.140561	105.256967	104.918033	89.525286	89.519276	89.464245
		182	93.437162	117.509184	118.914050	118.290468	93.841940	94.697121	95.107356
	2019.01.01-2020.05.12	364	93.437162	114.542670	114.884931	114.473742	92.486348	92.898494	92.978135
DK2		728	93.437162	113.682709	114.033447	113.881175	92.547781	92.708086	92.759200
DICZ		182	93.684466	119.121235	120.798422	120.100026	94.989410	95.765894	96.047434
	2019.05.13-2020.05.12	364	93.684466	108.018185	108.491043	108.303648	93.450492	93.775196	93.870937
		728	93.684466	113.029049	113.398263	113.215839	93.766138	93.844232	93.853261
		182	103.017205	121.149259			102.267973	104.082899	104.630389
	2020.01.01-2020.05.12	364	103.017205		126.554807	126.768528	100.964946	102.131280	102.545264
		728	103.017205	134.363592	135.223585	135.465737	100.376066	100.943080	101.252321

Figure 27: RMSE on the wind power forecasts (DK2)

6 Price forecasting

iiTODO¿¿ First forecasting model of price consists of the same daf of week vector $(D_{i,d})$ as the second demand model (13).

$$P_{d,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
 (20)

Second model is an extension of first model (20), where were added parameters of price for previous days: 1 day ago, 2 days ago and 1 week ago.

$$P_{d,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \beta_1 p_{d-1,h} + \beta_2 p_{d-2,h} + \beta_3 p_{d-7,h} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
 (21)

Third model is an extension of second model (21) which consists additionally parameters of minimum $(p_{d-1,min})$ and maximum value $(p_{d-1,max})$ of previous day and value of price for last hour of previous day $(p_{d-1,24})$.

$$P_{d,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \beta_1 p_{d-1,h} + \beta_2 p_{d-2,h} + \beta_3 p_{d-7,h} + \beta_4 p_{d-1,min} + \beta_5 p_{d-1,max} + \beta_6 p_{d-1,24} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
(22)

Fourth model is an extension of third model (22) which is an expert model ARX2[4] with two exogenous variables: wind power prognosis $(FW_{d,h})$ and consumption prognosis $(FC_{d,h})$.

$$P_{d,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \beta_1 p_{d-1,h} + \beta_2 p_{d-2,h} + \beta_3 p_{d-7,h} + \beta_4 p_{d-1,min} + \beta_5 p_{d-1,max}$$

$$+ \beta_6 p_{d-1,24} + \beta_7 F W_{d,h} + \beta_8 F C_{d,h} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
(23)

In the last fifth model, Nordpoool's prognosis for wind and consumption are replaced with the forecast of Model 4 (19) for wind and Model 4 (15) for consumption. However only values for predicting period were replaced, not full rolling window.

6.1 Results

With more complex models results are much better, however *asinh* function surprisingly doesn't improve predictions in the every case. Disproportion is especially big in the last period (2020.01.01-2020.05-12) and Model 4.

I performed Model 5 hoping that with better predictions of wind power and consumption than original ones, price will be more accurate. Because these predictions replaced only values for prediction period, not rolling window, coefficients could be overfitted to the worse values trying to predict using improved ones.

			Model 1 (None)	Model 1 (asinh)	Model 2 (None)	Model 2 (asinh)	Model 3 (None)	Model 3 (asinh)	Model 4 (None)	Model 4 (asinh)	Model 5 (asinh)
Area	Dates	Window									
		182	62.419447	61.248905	49.398527	47.862838	45.414296	42.763101	41.584366	37.956804	38.914769
	2019.01.01-2019.12.31	364	66.905983	67.163867	48.320395	47.516155	43.157197	41.380780	40.287536	38.019336	38.588546
		728	59.616463	59.869545	47.760517	46.798962	42.791813	41.285560	39.158083	36.838072	37.013201
		182	74.037510	73.752601	53.104801	52.422105	47.130333	45.256767	42.385213	40.352169	41.270317
	2019.01.01-2020.05.12	364	81.583109	83.185105	52.822653	53.190293	46.141076	44.940818	42.189857	41.771937	43.275821
DK1		728	86.491722	87.441830	52.682925	52.983252	45.838737	44.803385	40.878352	41.166270	43.230931
DKI		182	71.894074	72.552328	50.503726	50.348744	45.324095	43.838396	39.604743	39.062069	39.984806
	2019.05.13-2020.05.12	364	83.140187	85.593875	51.252748	52.136530	45.124924	44.243325	41.724614	42.211475	44.201518
		728	90.324035	91.364589	50.691957	51.137697	44.376742	43.371479	39.671298	40.634902	43.683977
		182	105.921667	108.067257	63.276155	64.934380	51.839757	52.100288	44.583028	46.925914	48.454032
	2020.01.01-2020.05.12	364	121.862442	127.153167	65.178473	68.762175	54.329916	54.710845	47.410513	52.070428	56.260915
		728	160.247132	163.110131	66.191790	69.955175	54.200595	54.457565	45.599390	53.044408	60.855527

Figure 28: MAE on the price forecasts (DK1)

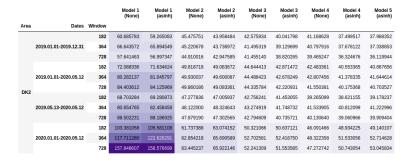


Figure 29: MAE on the price forecasts (DK2)

			Model 1 (None)	Model 1 (asinh)	Model 2 (None)	Model 2 (asinh)	Model 3 (None)	Model 3 (asinh)	Model 4 (None)	Model 4 (asinh)	Model 5 (asinh)
Area	Dates	Window									
		182	85.807352	85.896984	68.681944	69.555000	62.681457	62.180679	57.232525	54.613504	56.027413
	2019.01.01-2019.12.31	364	90.943848	90.895794	68.844172	69.132619	61.275359	60.741802	56.612904	55.238917	54.802160
		728	81.697935	81.828635	68.881595	67.728746	61.814231	60.256858	56.149914	54.710253	54.316044
		182	97.529695	98.309403	71.234277	72.475196	63.556629	63.442992	58.157818	57.157763	58.256162
	2019.01.01-2020.05.12	364	105.054135	106.585367	71.733750	72.939020	63.201140	63.127536	58.315606	58.534432	59.395440
DK2		728	114.468197	114.616814	72.117803	72.149589	63.762957	62.639554	57.840800	58.287714	59.779028
DKZ		182	91.720525	93.090487	64.062838	65.130937	57.931827	57.804075	52.908352	53.594883	54.949865
	2019.05.13-2020.05.12	364	103.403839	105.674446	65.220059	66.661286	58.187865	58.073291	54.795467	55.411215	56.815708
		728	118.232453	118.064362	65.520038	66.062437	58.438045	57.480783	53.715596	54.507649	57.074114
		182	124.137247	126.252027	77.809826	79.943070	65.898726	66.784762	60.624638	63.619475	64.301856
	2020.01.01-2020.05.12	364	136.477624	140.938122	79.123449	82.487579	68.207385	69.253864	62.751502	66.747699	69.443886
		728	175.342124	175.538274	80.332054	83.082018	68.828066	68.755588	62.245648	67.133107	72.266032

Figure 30: RMSE on the price forecasts (DK1)

			Model 1 (None)	Model 1 (asinh)	Model 2 (None)	Model 2 (asinh)	Model 3 (None)	Model 3 (asinh)	Model 4 (None)	Model 4 (asinh)	Model 5 (asinh)
Area	Dates	Window									
DK1	2019.01.01-2019.12.31	182	88.552095	89.377633	73.453704	74.598665	66.585558	66.034200	58.069433	55.353806	57.975328
		364	93.087824	94.352975	72.811845	73.924743	64.198902	64.475040	56.728553	56.218734	58.611370
		728	85.255977	86.419926	72.516739	72.257950	64.563703	64.153815	56.330472	55.766616	56.110416
	2019.01.01-2020.05.12	182	100.419523	101.646696	74.911766	76.322214	66.863426	66.772849	57.999542	57.023961	59.293787
		364	108.382915	110.865235	74.942412	76.967591	65.578259	66.328687	57.807665	59.259640	63.341491
		728	117.686433	119.273737	75.277150	76.389407	65.993905	66.199160	57.040865	59.885926	65.515682
	2019.05.13-2020.05.12	182	95.465230	96.983670	67.531875	68.563190	61.467533	61.418993	53.228442	54.279473	55.864725
		364	107.685682	110.712737	68.521489	70.734229	61.043412	61.916248	55.357007	57.718104	62.111698
		728	121.312715	122.971495	68.616275	70.469465	60.995904	61.666861	53.387447	57.608427	65.885615
	2020.01.01-2020.05.12	182	127.430779	129.475793	78.774675	80.863726	67.620131	68.759214	57.807300	61.374396	63.640505
		364	142.139512	146.937698	80.500255	84.758849	69.222638	71.168134	60.670603	66.898516	74.974579
		728	178.639717	181.030724	82.378827	86.722178	69.768425	71.512389	58.946472	69.955427	87.396320

Figure 31: RMSE on the price forecasts (DK2)

7 Conclusions

Almost all of the assumptions came true, forecasts for wind power and consumption were performed better than original prepared by Nordpool. Even models for wind power performed well however wind power predicting is not typical time-series problem, because more important factors influencing such as atmospheric models were not known and not used in this work.

Main finding is that period of forecast matters in using the most efficient model. For some periods more accurate were shorter calibration windows, because anomalies in the 2020 caused by COVID-19 changed seasonal numbers like consumption and thus price which was significantly lower in 2020 than 2019.

One assumption I found invalid was that asinh normalization function improves price predictions. It completely fails for wind power and consumption forecasting, but should be useful for price, but yet it works worse for periods including 2020 and especially for period which includes only 2020 year. The forecast Model 4 with asinh normalization performs 7.34% (DK1) and 16.34% (DK2) worse comparing MAE of the results.

Experiment of replacing original forecasts of Nordpool with better, forecasted results unfortunately failed but I still see potential with bigger calibration window, which can be used to trained better forecasts for whole considering period of price prediction. But for this purpose it's necessary to have more data.

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