Modeling and forecasting of electricity prices and demand

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1 Introduction

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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[5].

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.

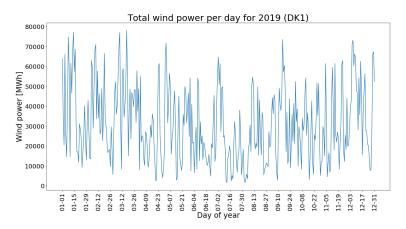


Figure 1: Wind power produced per day in 2019 (DK1)

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.

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.



Figure 2: Danish electricity market

3 Data analysis

Data I used to perform forecasts has been downloaded from the official webpage of the Nordpool power exchange[4]. 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.

I performed a few analysis for each dataset, although I didn't include all of the charts and the 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

Elictricity consumption was higher in the 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.

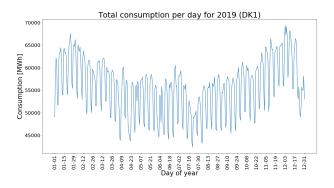


Figure 3: Consumption per day in 2019 (DK1)

Although it's not easy to spot in the DK1, there is annual trend with lower consumption during summer months and higher during winter. It's observable particularly in the DK2.

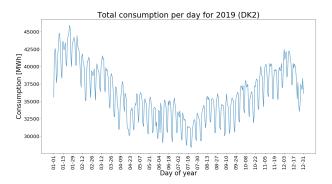


Figure 4: Consumption per day in 2019 (DK2)

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

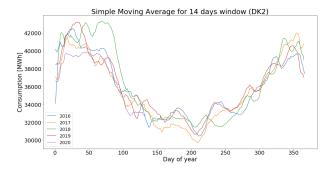


Figure 5: Simple moving average of consumption - 14 days window (DK2)

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

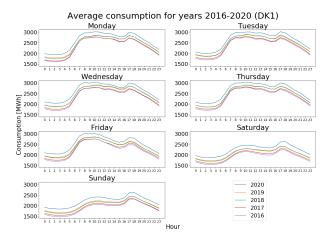


Figure 6: Average consumption per each hour of day for each day of week (DK1)

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.

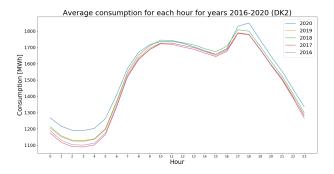


Figure 7: Average consumption per each hour of day for each year (DK2)

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.

		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	18.7	15.2	13.2	12.7	12.3		18.7	19.5	20.3	19.6	19.6	19.7	20.4	19.0	16.5	16.9	16.0	18.7	17.7	15.9	16.0	15.0		17.3	16.9
	2017	16.1	24.9	19.0	13.9	14.1	15.1	18.7	18.7	19.1	19.9	19.8	17.8	16.3	15.4	15.1	16.1	21.1	22.1	20.7	17.2	18.0	17.5	19.4	22.5	18.3
DK1	2018	18.8	26.7	17.7		14.1		20.6	24.8	21.0	23.6	21.3	20.1	22.5	21.0	20.9	19.8	19.2	21.7	18.3	19.9	24.9	22.5	23.1	25.8	20.8
DKI	2019	22.0	29.3	21.8	17.9	17.2	18.1	23.0	24.9	22.0	27.3	24.7	22.7	23.0	20.6	19.2			21.5	22.6	22.4	25.2	24.0	25.1	30.3	22.7
	2020	21.7	26.9	23.4		16.8		34.8	34.2	26.4	32.8	32.9	22.6	22.2	27.4	24.6	22.2	22.3	36.1	32.4	23.6	26.4	24.5	27.7	32.4	26.5
	Total	19.1	24.3	18.4	15.5	14.6		21.4	23.0	21.1	23.5	22.3	20.3	20.7	19.7	18.5	18.3	19.4	22.2	20.9	19.2	21.5	20.1	20.9	24.7	20.2

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	17.1	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	16.8	20.2	21.8	21.6	20.8	20.2	20.5	20.6	16.7		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	18.8	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
DICE	2019	16.1	23.9	22.8	17.5	16.3		21.2	14.3	16.9	17.9	21.2	21.6	18.6	17.5	17.1	15.3	18.7	24.5	22.1	18.8	22.2	22.6	21.1	22.7	19.5
	2020		18.2	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	18.3	17.2	17.1	14.6	18.9	21.1
	Total	19.2	22.3	21.5	19.1	18.9	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 trends whereas in the wind power data there is no distinct trend.

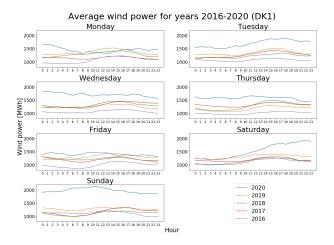


Figure 10: Wind power production per hour of a day for each day of week (DK1)

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

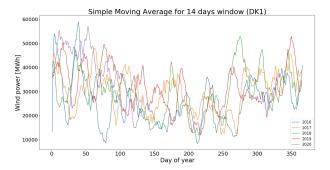


Figure 11: Simple moving average of wind power production per each hour for each day of week (DK1)

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.

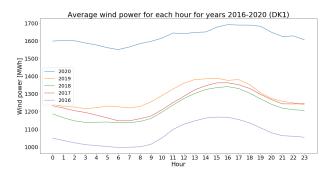


Figure 12: Average wind power production per hour of a day for each year (DK1)

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 whole number. We can spot that error for prognosis is bigger for newer data 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.

		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						145	144	152	155	157	164	163	163	180	191	194	189	189	187	189	185	186	182	180	165
	2017						166	167	170	169	168	183	196	197	198	199	202	204	202	197	194	194	195	199	200	183
DK1	2018	154	149	150	156	155	156			174	175	184	186	192	201	209	217	225	215	207	211	208	207	210	227	187
DKI	2019	216		208								226	229	238	249	253	255	261	255	256	241	232	240	246	258	233
	2020	410		381	389			425	411	381	382	386		431	429	451	447	484	470	432	424	437	455	449	462	422
	Total	182			184	188					196	205	211	217	225	233	236	242	236	230	227	224	227	229	237	211

Figure 13: MAE for wind power and Nordpool prognosis for each hour and year (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.

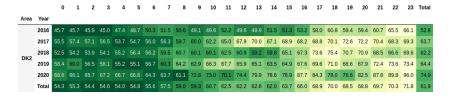


Figure 14: MAE for wind power and Nordpool prognosis for each hour and year (DK2)

3.4 Price data

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

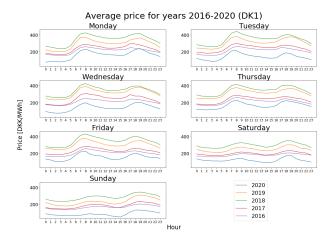


Figure 16: Average price per hour of a day for each day of week (DK1)

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.

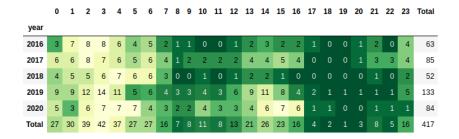


Figure 17: Number of negative prices for each hour, year and totally (DK1)

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.

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



Figure 18: 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)[6]
- 1 Sundays
- 0 Not a public holidays (e.g. New Year's Eve)
- 0 Other days

Each holiday is treated in weekday dummies as a Sunday.

4 Methodology

I decided to choose Danish market for forecasting and so on I want to apply methods and models most fitting to the characteristics of this market. I performed forecasting for 3 categories of values: wind power, consumption and price. In each category I made 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)

Optional deseasonalization

Data normalization

Day-ahead forecasting

4. Verifying models' performance

All calculations were conducted with Python 3.7 language and its libraries, i.e. numpy, pandas, scipy. All the scripts and results made are accessible in public GIT repository https://github.com/ajescode/energyForecast.

Wind power prognosis and Consumption prognosis is provided only one day in advance so data forecasting is also performed day ahead. I used 3 calibration windows to compute predictions. They may take values of week multiples (7 days) because of the seasonal trend of energy production. Because chosen data has a limit of 1583 days, the maximum calibration window I considered is 728 days, around 2 years.

I consider few models for each category of forecasts (consumption, price and wind power) which I explain later in 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 dependant variables of size of calibration window (multiple of 7 days).

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

$$X_{d,h} = asinh(x_{d,h}) \equiv \log(x_{d,h} + \sqrt{x_{d,h}^2 + 1}), \tag{asinh}$$

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 in a calibration window by:

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

where a is median and b is median absolute deviation (MAD) for given day and hour in the calibration window. $y_{d,h}^*$ is original value of a parameter without any transformation yet. I used both simple normalization (std), and one with asinh function (asinh) for each category of forecasting.

Inverse function for transformation and normalization is following:

$$x_{d,h}^* = b_{d,h} \sinh(X_{d,h}) + a_{d,h}, \tag{3}$$

To eliminate seasonal component from the data I applied Hodrick-Prescott filter[7] before standard normalization with smoothing parameter derived from Ravn and Uhlig (2002) [8] and adjusted to the daily data as $1600^4 * 6.25 = 110930628906.25$.

Types of transformations used:

- 1. Standard normalization (std)
- 2. Standard normalization (std) + asinh (asinh)
- 3. Standard normalization (std) + asinh (asinh) + HP filter

4.1 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.

$$C_{d,h} = FC_{d,h} \tag{C1}$$

Second model is extension of benchmark model (C1), 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.

$$C_{d,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \beta_1 F C_{d,h} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
 (C2)

Third model is extension of second model (C2), 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 $(C_{d-7,h})$.

$$C_{d,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \beta_1 F C_{d,h} + \beta_1 C_{d-1,h} + \beta_2 C_{d-2,h} + \beta_3 C_{d-7,h} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
 (C3)

Fourth model is extension of third model (C3) where is also considered forecast of the wind power download from Nordpool's database, denoted as $FW_{d,h}$.

$$C_{d,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \beta_1 F C_{d,h} + \beta_2 C_{d-1,h} + \beta_3 C_{d-2,h} + \beta_4 C_{d-7,h} + \beta_5 F W_{d,h} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
 (C4)

4.2 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.

$$W_{t,h} = FW_{t,h} \tag{W1}$$

Second model includes additionally day of week vector as the second demand model (C2).

$$W_{t,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \beta F W_{t,h} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
 (W2)

Third model is extension of second model (W2) and contains also wind power from previous day $(W_{t-1,h})$ and 2 days ago $(W_{t-1,h})$ from the corresponding hour.

$$W_{t,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \beta_1 F W_{t,h} + \beta_2 W_{t-1,h} + \beta_3 W_{t-2,h} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
 (W3)

Fourth model is extension of third one (W3) and contains additionally parameter of consumption forecast from previous day denoted as $FL_{t,h}$.

$$W_{t,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \beta_1 F W_{t,h} + \beta_2 W_{t-1,h} + \beta_3 W_{t-2,h} + \beta_4 F C_{t,h} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
 (W4)

4.3 Price forecasting

First forecasting model of price consists of the same daf of week vector $(D_{i,d})$ as the second demand model (C2).

$$P_{d,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
(P1)

Second model is an extension of first model (P1), where were added parameters of price for previous days: 1 day ago, 2 days ago and 1 week ago.

$$P_{d,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \beta_1 p_{d-1,h} + \beta_2 p_{d-2,h} + \beta_3 p_{d-7,h} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
 (P2)

Third model is an extension of second model (P2) 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 $(p_{d-1,24})$.

$$P_{d,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \beta_1 p_{d-1,h} + \beta_2 p_{d-2,h} + \beta_3 p_{d-7,h} + \beta_4 p_{d-1,min} + \beta_5 p_{d-1,max} + \beta_6 p_{d-1,24} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
(4)

Fourth model is an extension of third model (4) which is an expert model ARX2[3] with two exogenous variables: wind power prognosis $(FW_{d,h})$ and consumption prognosis $(FC_{d,h})$.

$$P_{d,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \beta_{1} p_{d-1,h} + \beta_{2} p_{d-2,h} + \beta_{3} p_{d-7,h} + \beta_{4} p_{d-1,min} + \beta_{5} p_{d-1,max} + \beta_{6} p_{d-1,24} + \beta_{7} FW_{d,h} + \beta_{8} FC_{d,h} + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
(P4)

In the last fifth model, Nordpool's prognosis for wind and consumption are replaced with the best forecasts acquired from the wind and consumption prognosis. However only values in predicted period were replaced by better prognosis, not full rolling window, that's why eventually it wasn't very efficient.

Models W2 and C2 were used for area DK1 and for are DK2 best forecasts were achieved in W1 and C3.

$$P_{d,h} = \sum_{i=1}^{7} \beta_{0,i} D_{i,d} + \beta_1 p_{d-1,h} + \beta_2 p_{d-2,h} + \beta_3 p_{d-7,h} + \beta_4 p_{d-1,min} + \beta_5 p_{d-1,max} + \beta_6 p_{d-1,24} + \beta_7 F W_{d,h}^* + \beta_8 F C_{d,h}^* + \varepsilon_{d,h}$$
(P5)

5 Results

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.

$$MAE = \frac{1}{24T} \sum_{d=1}^{T} \sum_{h=1}^{24} |\hat{\varepsilon}_{d,h}| \equiv \frac{1}{24T} \sum_{d=1}^{T} \sum_{h=1}^{24} |y_{d,h} - \hat{y}_{d,h}|$$
 (5)

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{24D} \sum_{d=1}^{T} \sum_{h=1}^{24} \hat{\varepsilon}_{d,h}^2} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{1}{24D} \sum_{d=1}^{T} \sum_{h=1}^{24} (y_{d,h} - \hat{y}_{d,h})^2}$$
 (6)

, 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.

$$MAE_{h} = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{d=1}^{T} |\hat{\varepsilon}_{d,h}| \equiv \frac{1}{T} \sum_{d=1}^{T} |y_{d,h} - \hat{y}_{d,h}|$$
 (7)

$$MAE_d = \frac{1}{24} \sum_{h=1}^{24} |\hat{\varepsilon}_{d,h}| \equiv \frac{1}{24} \sum_{h=1}^{24} |y_{d,h} - \hat{y}_{d,h}|$$
 (8)

$$RMSE_{h} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{d=1}^{T} \hat{\varepsilon}_{d,h}^{2}} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \sum_{d=1}^{T} (y_{d,h} - \hat{y}_{d,h})^{2}}$$
(9)

$$RMSE_d = \sqrt{\frac{1}{24} \sum_{h=1}^{24} \hat{\varepsilon}_{d,h}^2} \equiv \sqrt{\frac{1}{24} \sum_{h=1}^{24} (y_{d,h} - \hat{y}_{d,h})^2}$$
(10)

5.1 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.

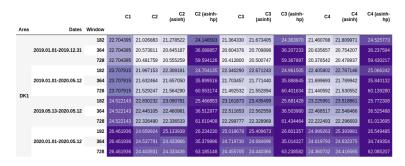


Figure 19: MAE on the consumption forecasts (DK1)

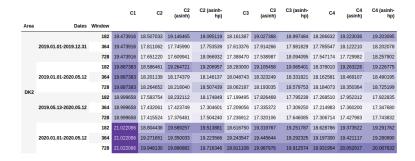


Figure 20: MAE on the consumption forecasts (DK2)



Figure 21: RMSE on the consumption forecasts (DK1)



Figure 22: RMSE on the consumption forecasts (DK2)

5.2 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.

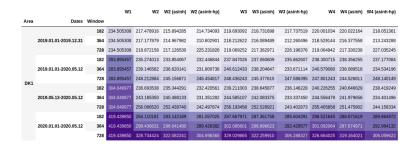


Figure 23: MAE on the wind power forecasts (DK1)



Figure 24: MAE on the wind power forecasts (DK2)

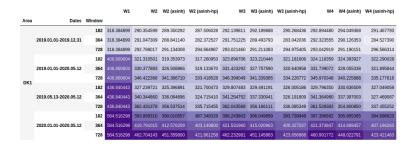


Figure 25: RMSE on the wind power forecasts (DK1)



Figure 26: RMSE on the wind power forecasts (DK2)

5.3 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.



Figure 27: MAE on the price forecasts (DK1)



Figure 28: MAE on the price forecasts (DK2)

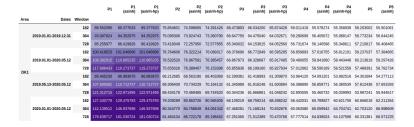


Figure 29: RMSE on the price forecasts (DK1)



Figure 30: RMSE on the price forecasts (DK2)

6 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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