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Reaching Nordic Carbon Neutrality The Role of Direct and In Direct Electrification

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Stepping up Nordic Climate Co-operation

"The aim of the Nordic countries is to be carbon neutral and to demonstrate leadership in the fight against global warming"



The Nordic prime ministers in their declaration at the summit in Helsinki
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Three scenarios

Carbon Neutral Nordic (CNN)

Nordic powerhouse (NPH) Climate Neutral Behaviour (CNB)



Five Solution Tracks to Carbon Neutrality



CARBON NEUTRALITY

BEHAVIORAL CHANGE

will lower the demand for energy and make the transition easier

Direct Electrification is Central to all Decarbonisation Strategies



CARBON NEUTRALITY

Cost reductions for key technologies increase the pace of the transition



Projected cost developments. Historical and expected development in cost/kWh for solar panels, wind turbines, and batteries. Adapted from Dorr & Seba, 2020.

Direct electrification dramatically improves energy efficiency



Cost reduction for electric vehicles drives the development of road transport electrification

Stock of cars and trucks (incl. vans) CNN and NPH scenario





Number of trucks

1000 Trucks



■Diesel ■Gasoline ■Gas ■Electric ■Hybrid ■Hydrogen

Modelled sector electricity demand



Electrification and process optimisation in industry Index

Heavy industry

Important strategies for reduced energy intensity and even higher ambitions are possible



Other sectors

Final energy consumption in the Nordic's



What electricity demand should we plan for by 2050?



(Total Nordic demand in 2020: 423.6 TWh)

Key scenario developments in the Nordics

- In the Nordic's road transport is almost all electric by 2040
- Iceland and Norway leads with electricity shares of final energy at 60% and 70% in 2050
- In Sweden and Denmark more than 50% of district heating is produced with heat pumps in 2050



Nordic cooperation on integrated offshore wind and grid development will be important



Capacity and total share of onshore and offshore wind

Key messages Direct Electrification in the Nordic Clean Energy Scenarios

• To reach ambitious climate targets, direct electrification is the single most

important measure in the Nordic Clean Energy Scenarios

- The potential for electrification is higher than what is shown in the scenarios
- High electrification rate requires high build of wind and solar power
- If wind and solar capacity are not built out fast enough, demand for biomass,

biofuels, and electricity import will increase

• The big uncertainty is the development of PtX.....

Power-to-X and Hydrogen is not just Hype



Hydrogen is essential in EU and industrial strategies for decarbonisation

- The EU targets 30 GW of electrolyzer capacity by 2030
- Following the 2018 EU climate strategy, power demand would double by 2050 – largely due to hydrogen



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The path towards a European hydrogen eco-system step by step :

HYBRIT – Towards Fossil-Free Steel

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HYBRIT - A Piece of the Future

The aim of the HYBRT initiative is to replace the coal used to produce iron and steel from iron ore with hydrogen, produced using water and with fossil free electricity. This will remove the source of carbon dioxide and the byproduct will be regular water.

Increase in electricity demand by 2050 compared to 2015

Power system analyses

Main assumptions

- WEO 2020's Sustainable Development Scenario fuel and CO2 prices
- Biomass constraint of 2700 PJ/year on the model area (fair share of global biomass resource)
- Strong cost reduction offshore wind
- Electricity demand
 - NoPtX only direct electrification
 - HighPtX EU COMBO scenario 1826 TWh for PtX
 Very-HighPtX EU 1.5 Tech scenario 2437 TWh for PtX





Balmorel power system model

- Detailed district heating modelling
- Electrification (EV, heating, industry)
- PtX including option to redistribute demand for hydrogen
- Endogenous investment power plant and transmissions capacity

Power generation





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Large portion of Nordic power is exported

Nordic power supply 2050 divided by end-uses, TWh	NoPtX	HighPtX	Very-HighPtX
Electricity demand (excl. PtX)	471	476	475
PtX to serve Nordic demand	-	117	156
PtX for export	-	304	499
Net export of electricity	78	219	230
Grid losses	9	9	10
Total power generation	542	1124	1369

HighPtX 2050

- Meshed grid with off-shore hubs in the North Sea and the Baltic Sea
- Large exports from offshore wind in Danish and Swedish waters to continental Europe
- PtX evens out price differences between Nordics and continental Europe

> 300 GW of offshore wind in the North Sea and Baltic Sea

+ app. 3 €/MWh with standard offshore prices



Nordic power generation

HighPtX case



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48 67 GW potential if same acceptance level as Germany today....

Need for significantly more transmission capacity in all cases



Offshore grid on top of this

Power prices will vary (more?)

HighPtX case

€19/MWh HighPtX high nuclear HighPtX low nuclear 559 745 931 7441

Green export opportunity

Potential exports of hydrogen and electricity by 2050	Exports in TWh	Estimated value in €
Green hydrogen	210	11.3 billion €
Blue hydrogen	100	5.4 billion €
Electricity	220	9.5 billion €
Total	530	26.2 billion €

+Estimated CO2-abatement: 46 Mt by 2050.



Key messages Indirect Electrification in the Nordic Clean Energy Scenarios

- European hydrogen demand is an export opportunity for Nordic countries
- Are the Nordic countries ready for doubling or tripling power generation?
- In a balanced system, power prices will stay modest
 - PtX smoothens prices and improve security of supply
- A decarbonised European power system is less sensitive to gas price variations but new weather-related uncertainties emerge



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