

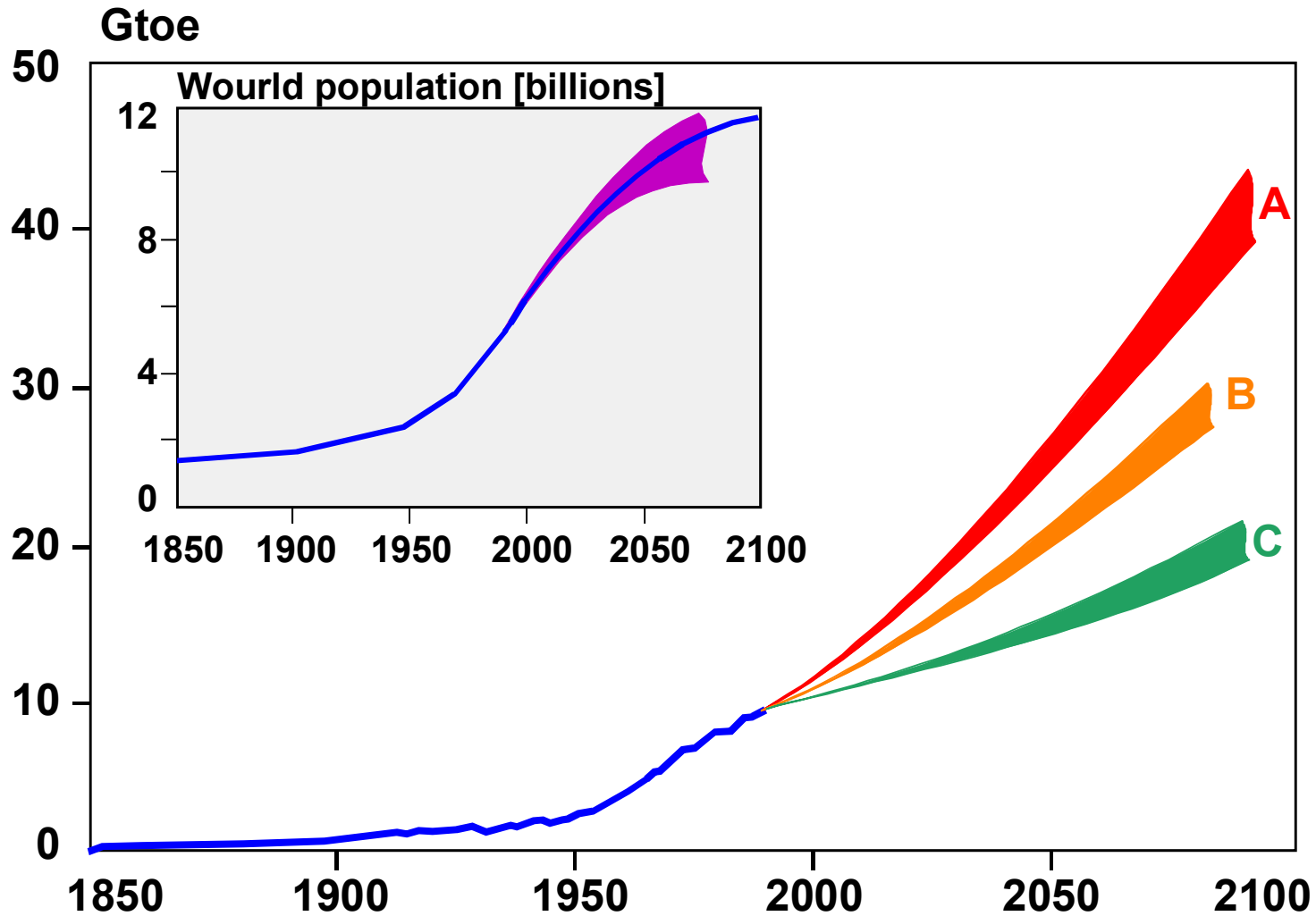
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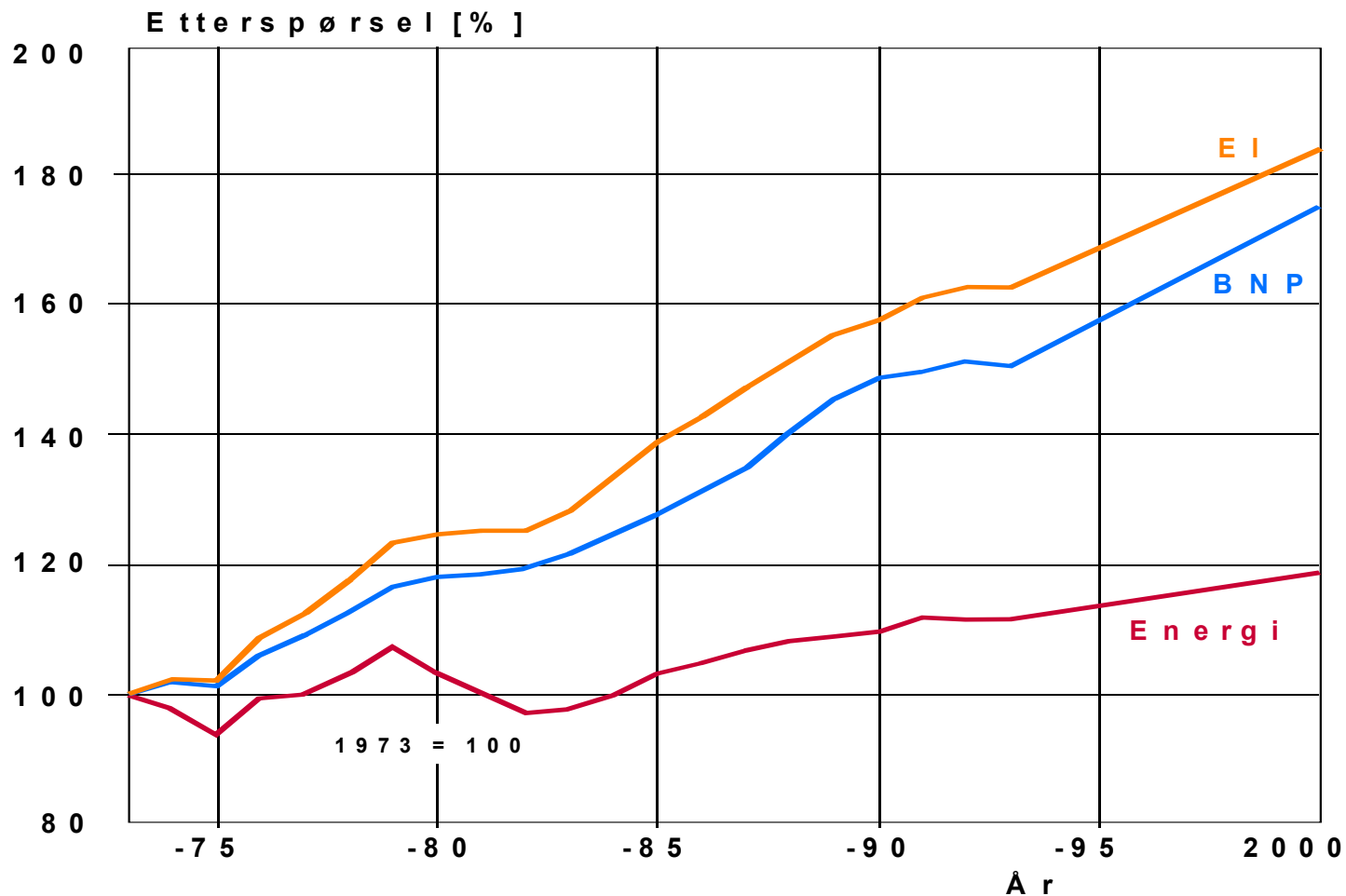
Global primary energy use



Source: IIASA, WEC

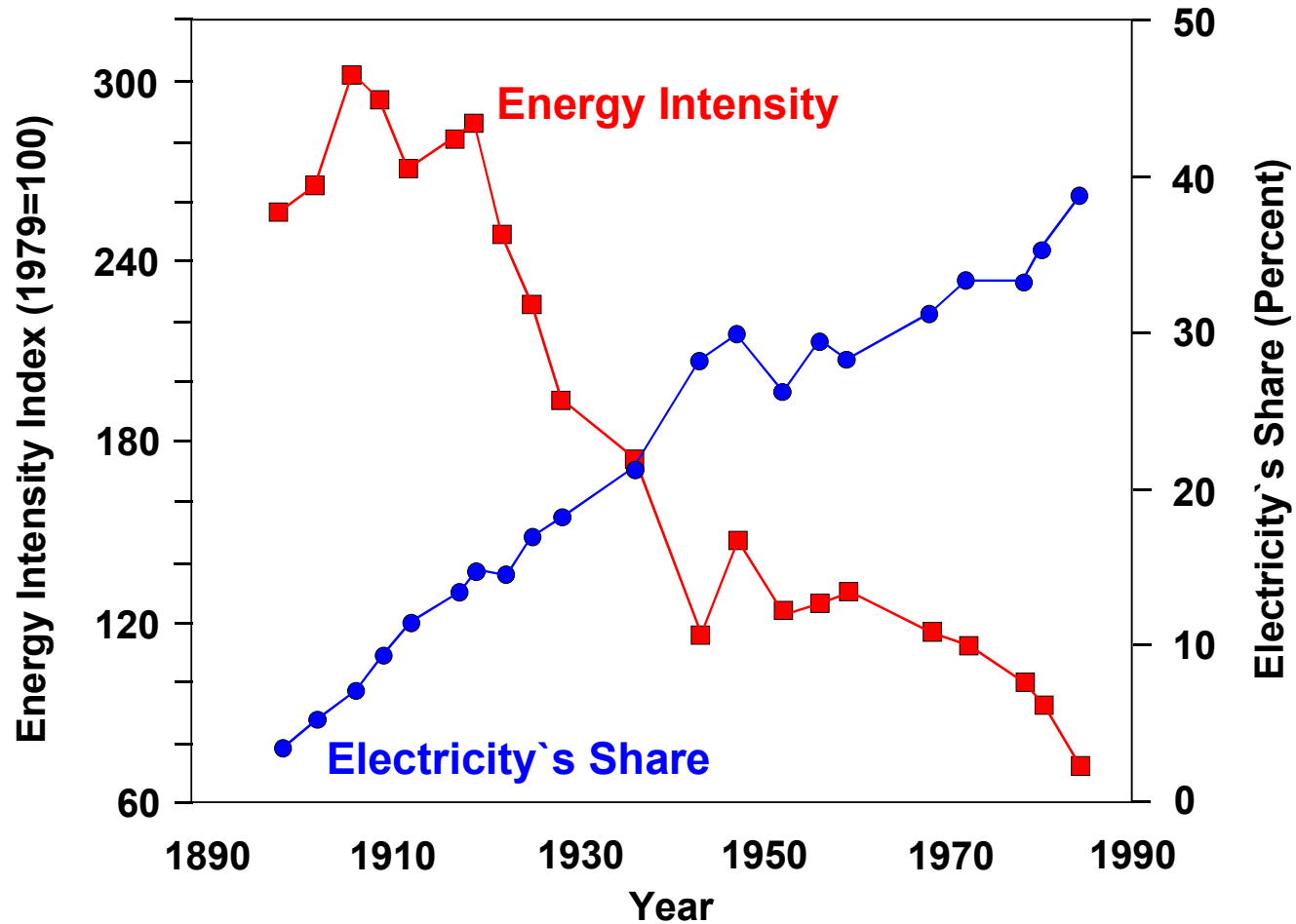
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Energy- and elconsumption v.s. BNP (EC 12 - 1973-1993/2000)

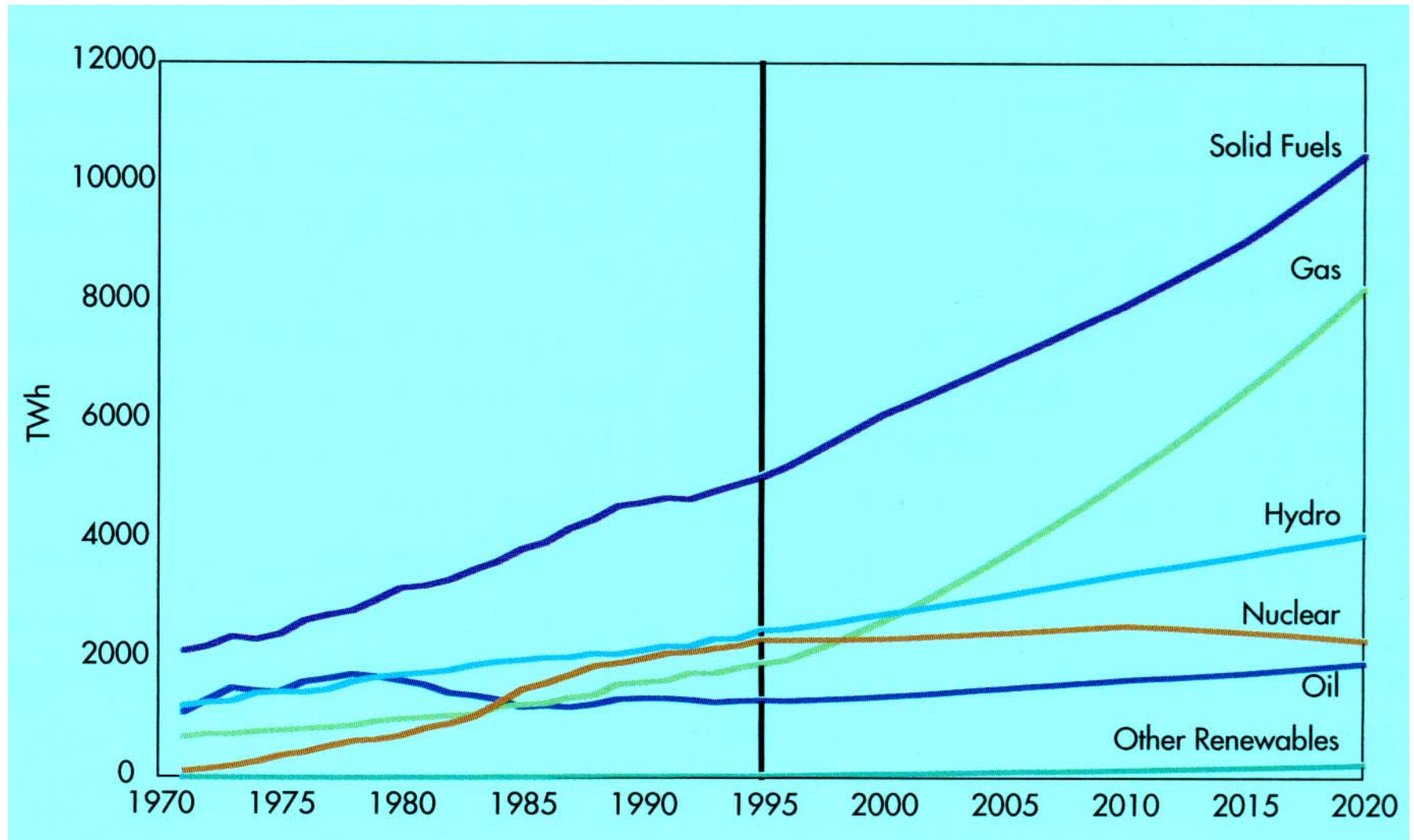


Sourcs: unipede; Statistical panorama 1997

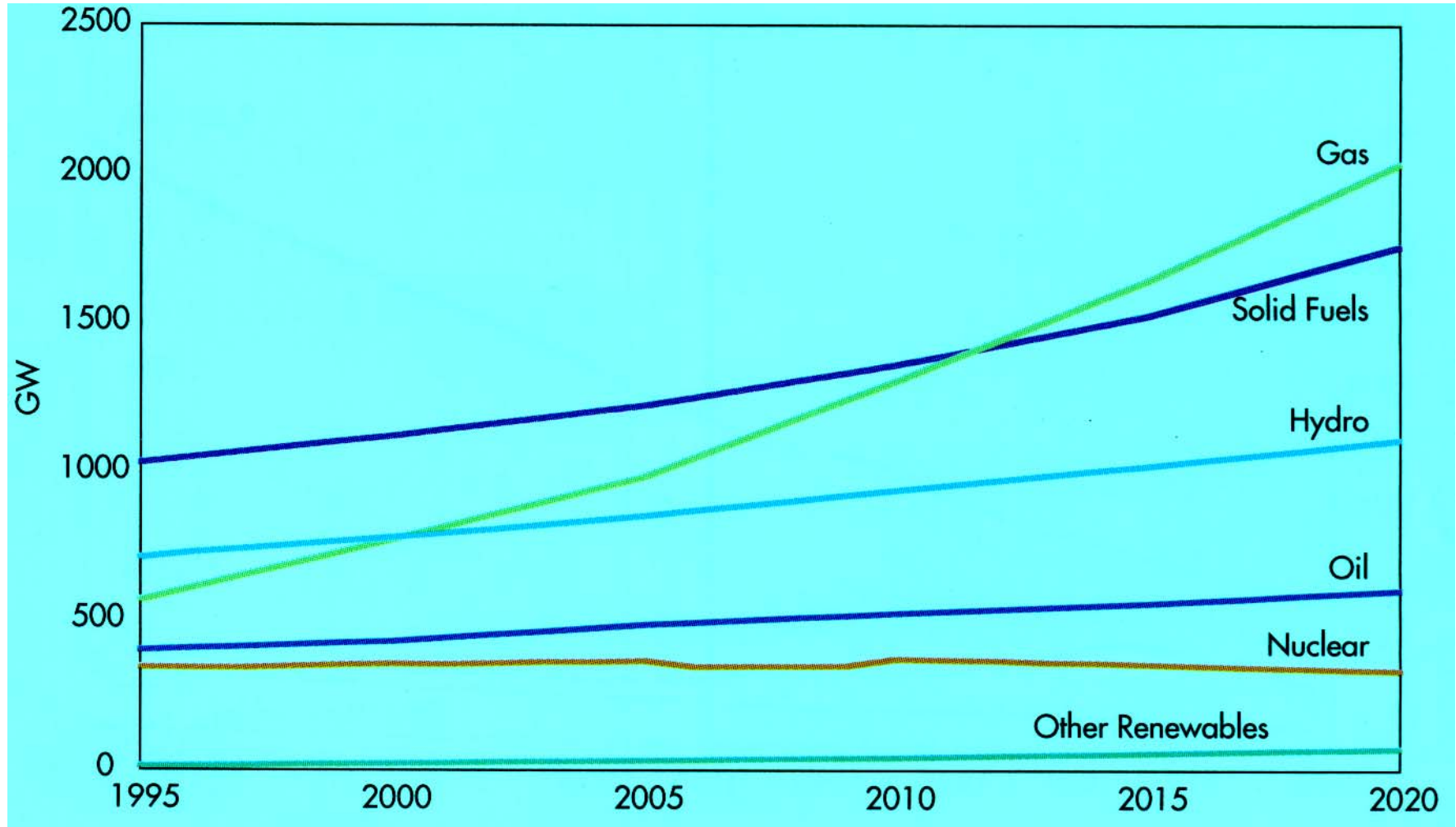
Energi- og elektrisitets intensitet i amerikansk industri



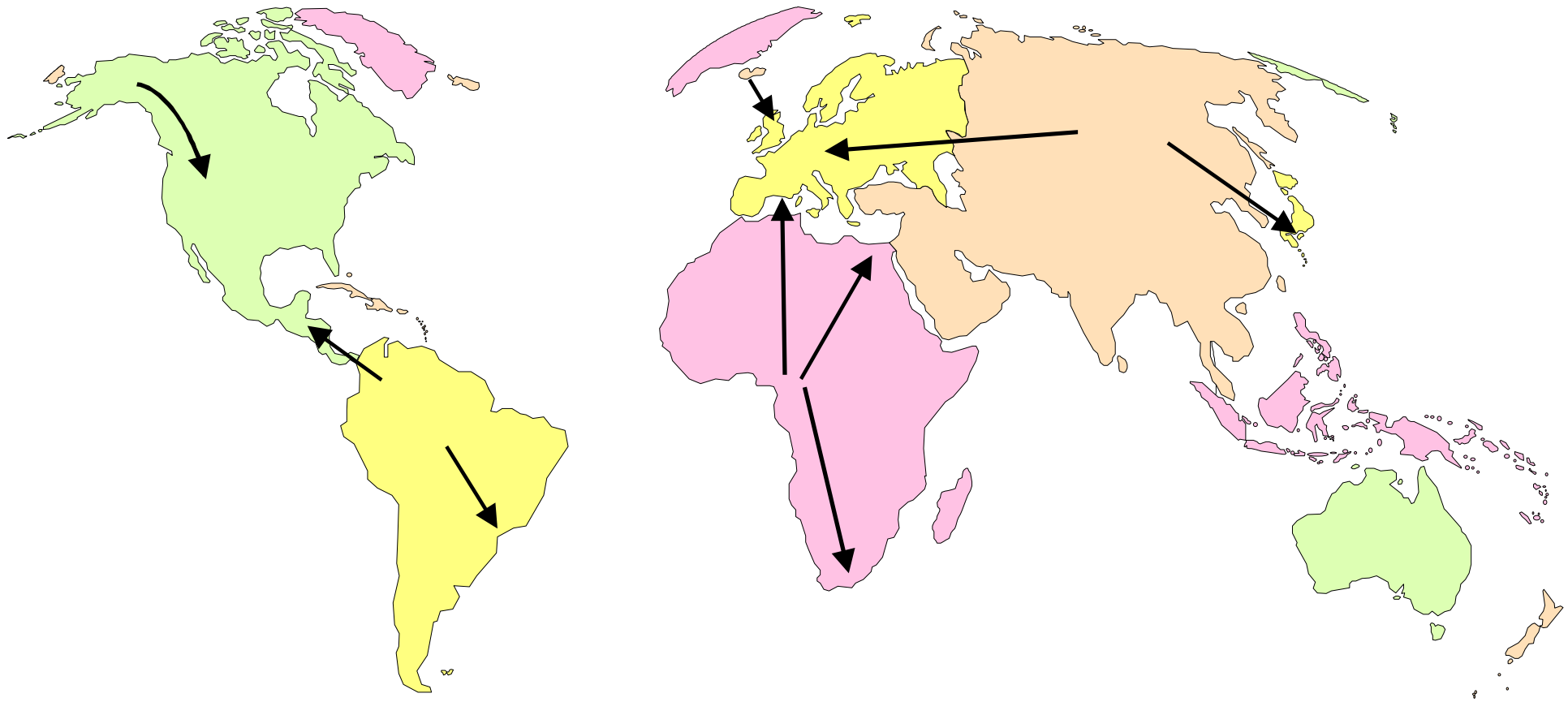
World electricity generation sources



World generation capacity



Massive transfer of hydro electricity to population centres (Source ABB)





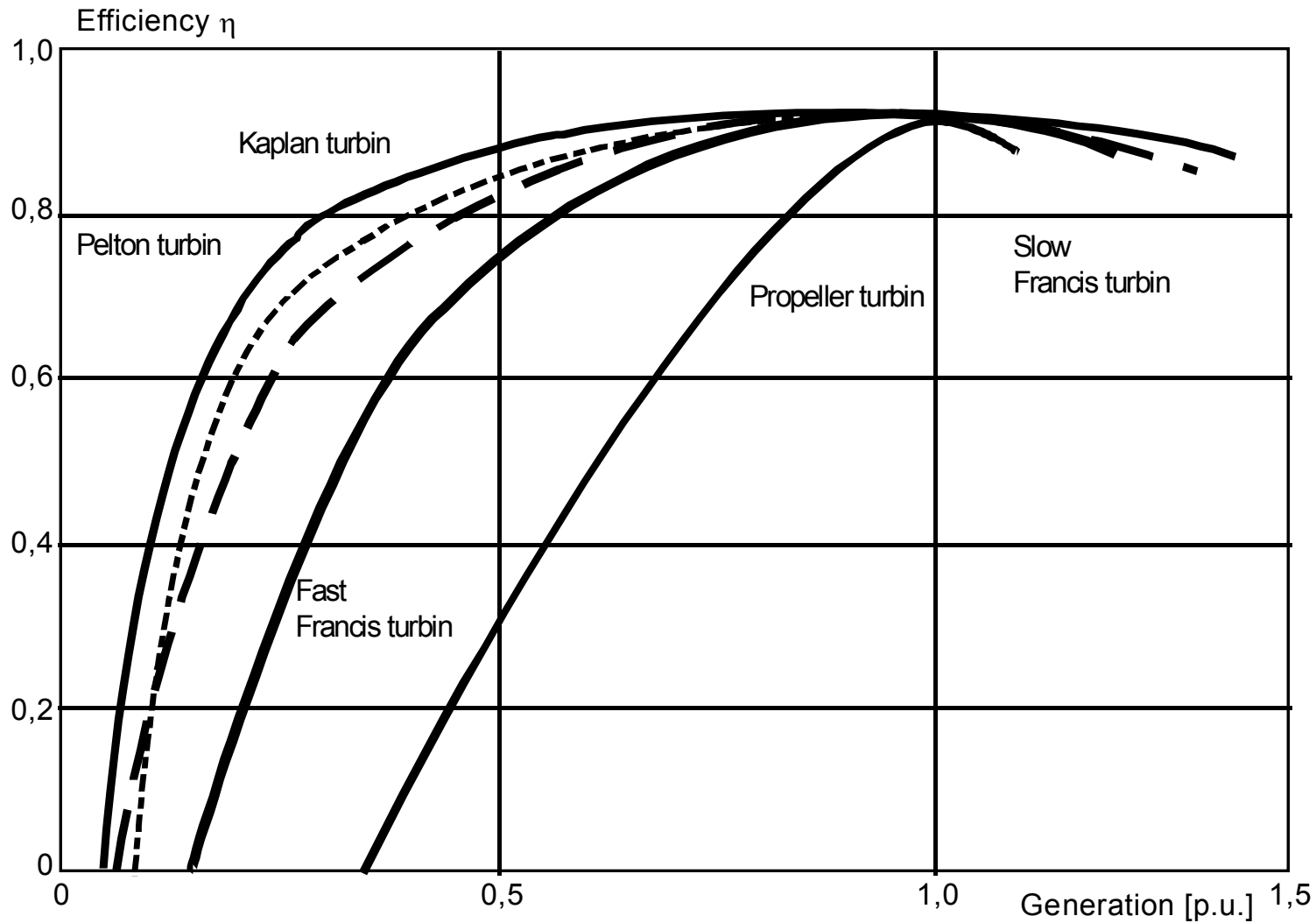
Factors contributing to benefits

- **Non coincidental peak load (Example: the England-France interconnection)**
- **Merit order investments, i.e. the cheapest projects first.**
- **Scale economy. Large projects have often low unit cost but are too large for the local market.**
- **Operational benefit (merit order loading)**
- **Lower total investment.**
- **Lower total reserve requirement (which contributes to lower investment).**
- **Use of hydro as a cheap FCR (Frequency Control Reserve).**
- **Load following.**

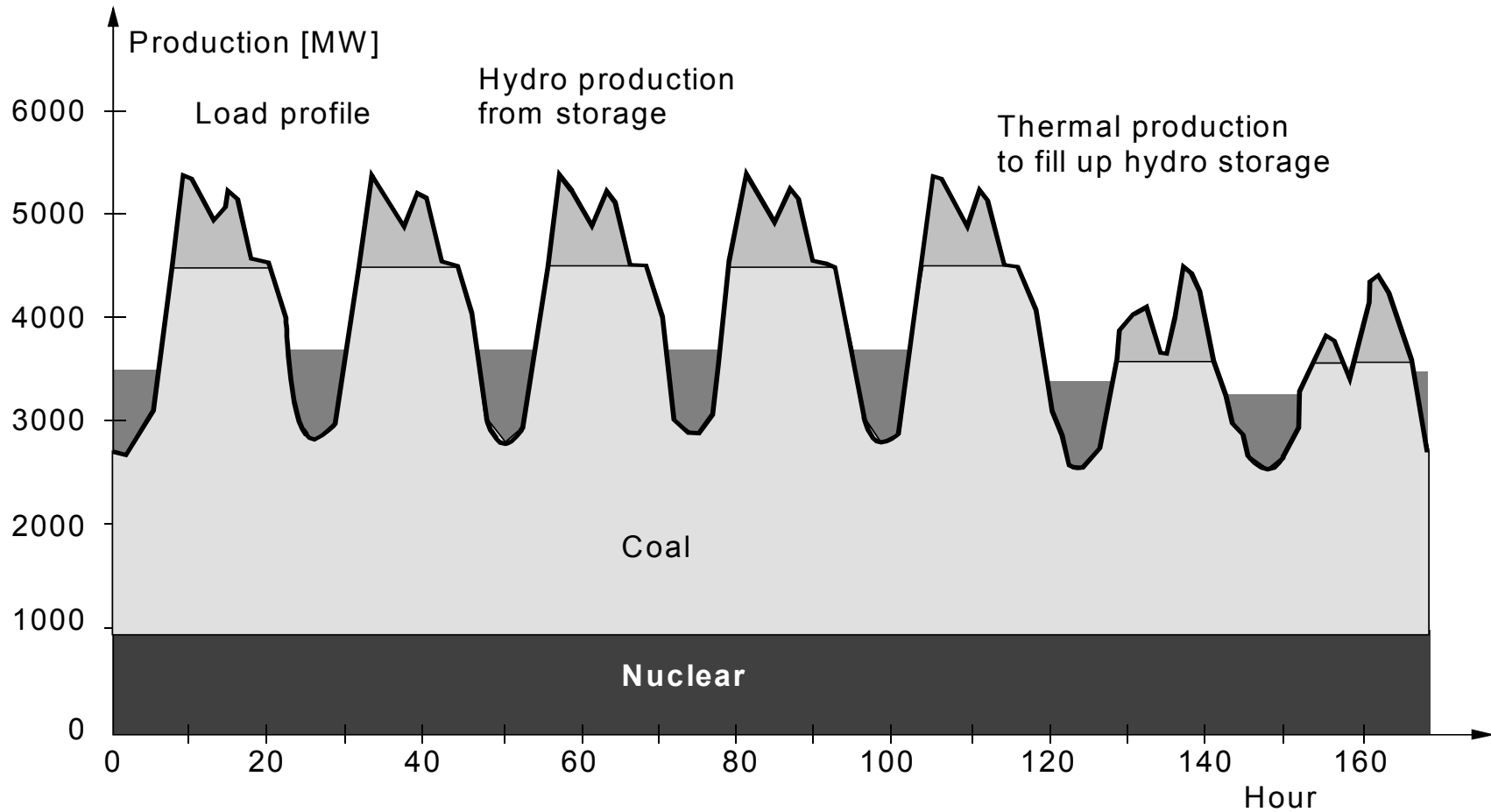
Benefit of hydro thermal interconnection

- Two categories of hydro generation systems:
 - ◆ Capacity constrained systems.
 - ◆ Energy constrained systems.
- Thermal systems are always energy constrained.
- There is always a benefit in connecting an energy constrained system to a capacity constrained.
- The hydro system can provide low cost reserves.
- The same for load following capabilities.
- The hydro system relies on a highly variable and stochastic inflow of water.

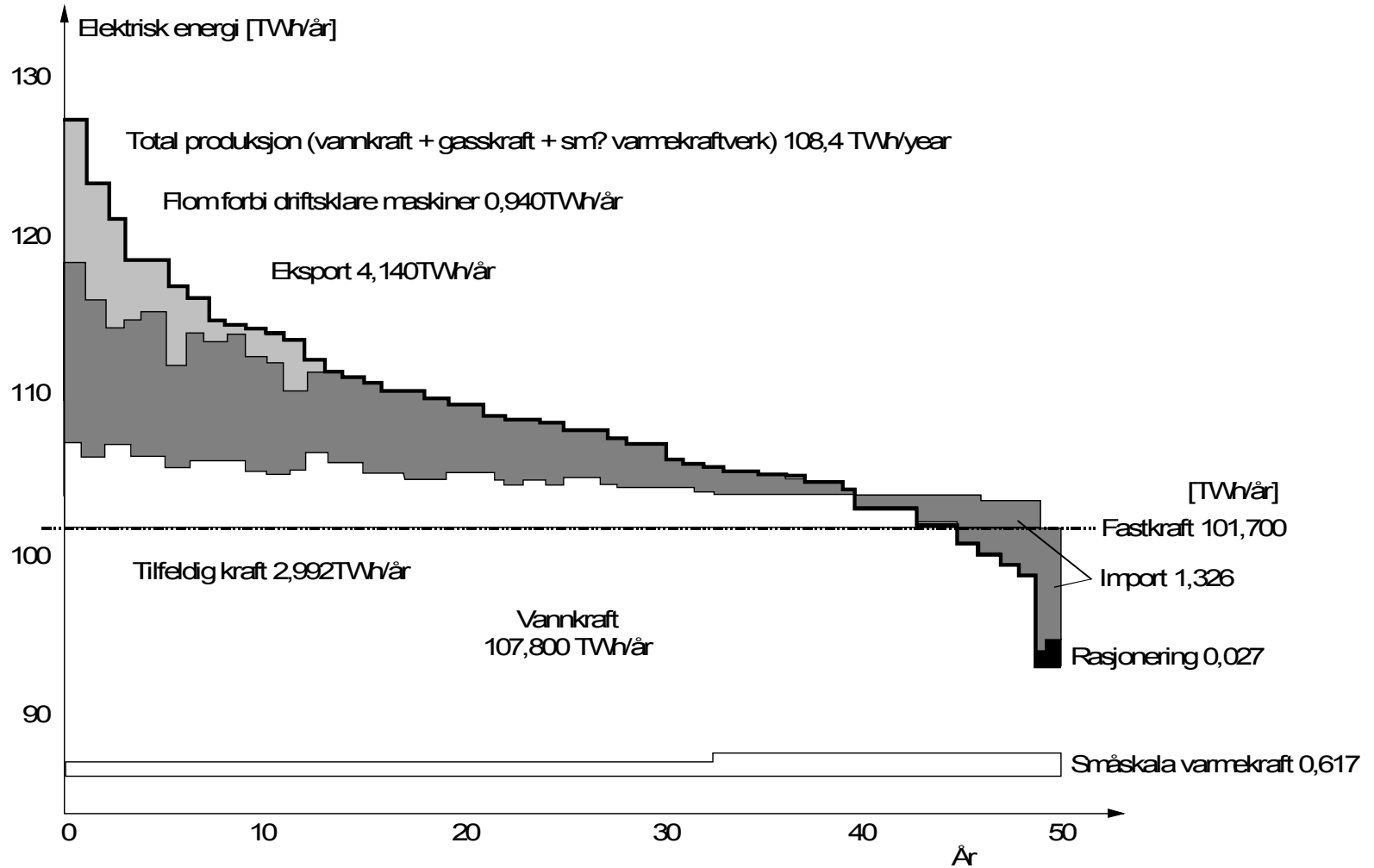
Rate of efficiency for different hydro turbines



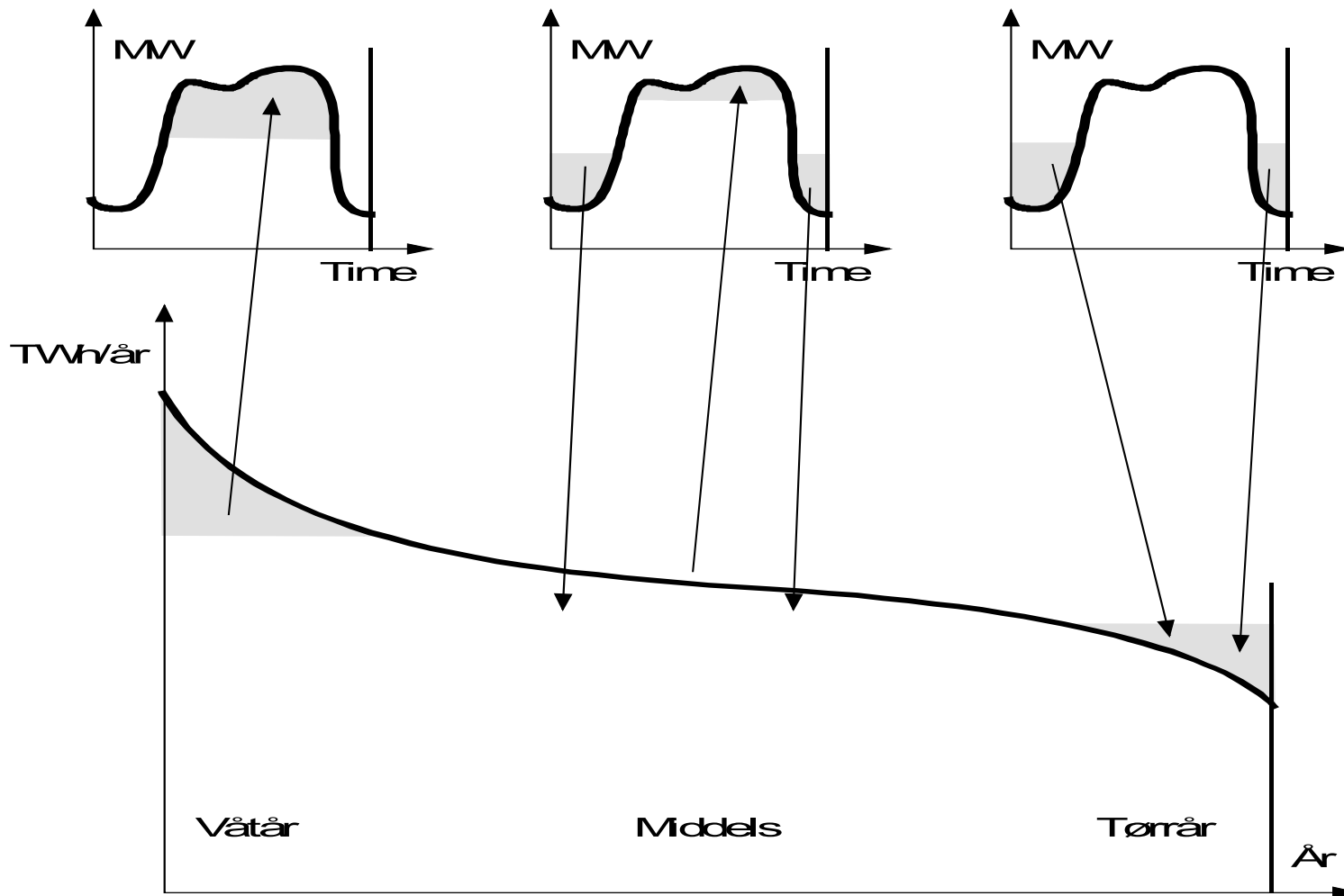
Load profile covered by hydro and thermal generation



Simulated generation in Norway over 50 hydrological years



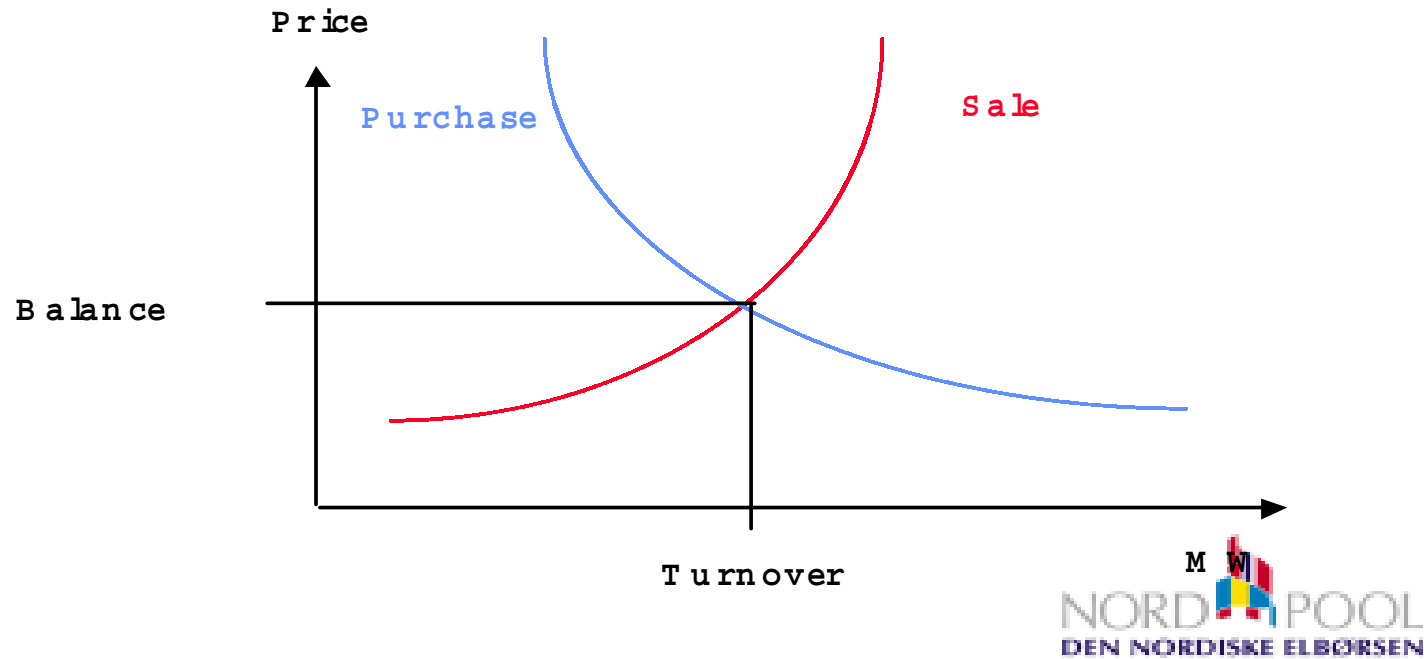
Benefit of hydro-thermal exchange



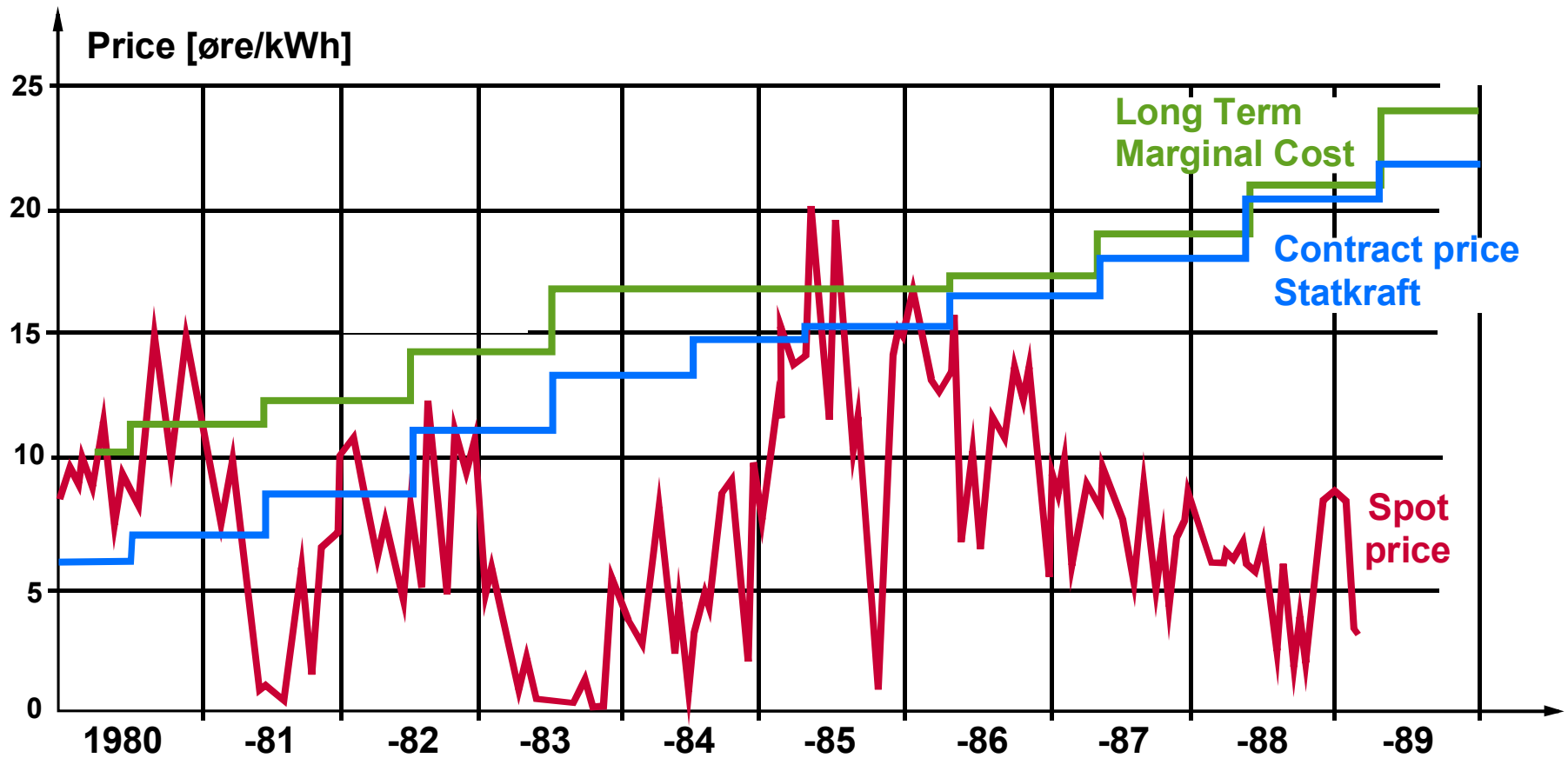
Deregulation has serious impact on regional interconnections

- Interconnections increase the competitive pressure
- Interconnections affect market prices.

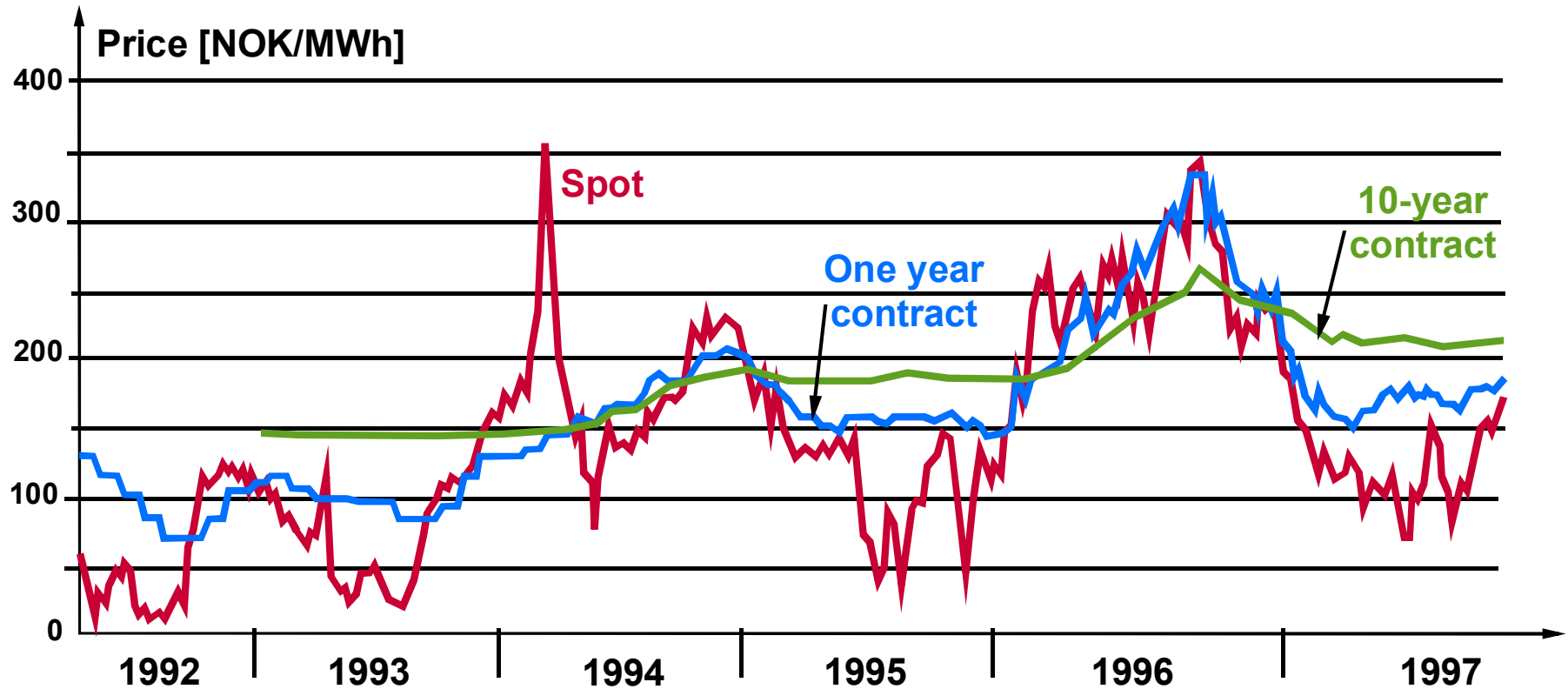
Principle for price calculation



Spot and wholesale contract prices before deregulation



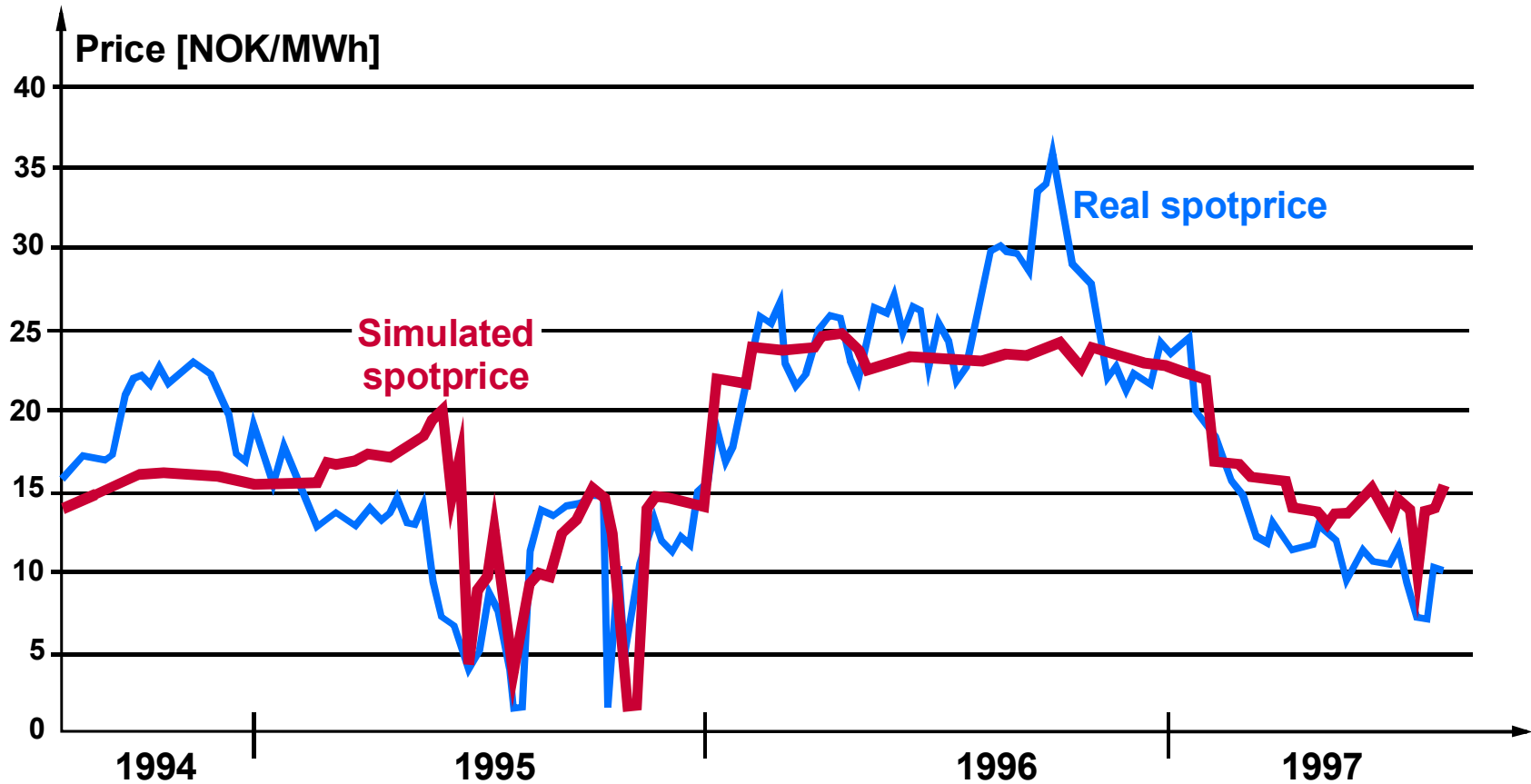
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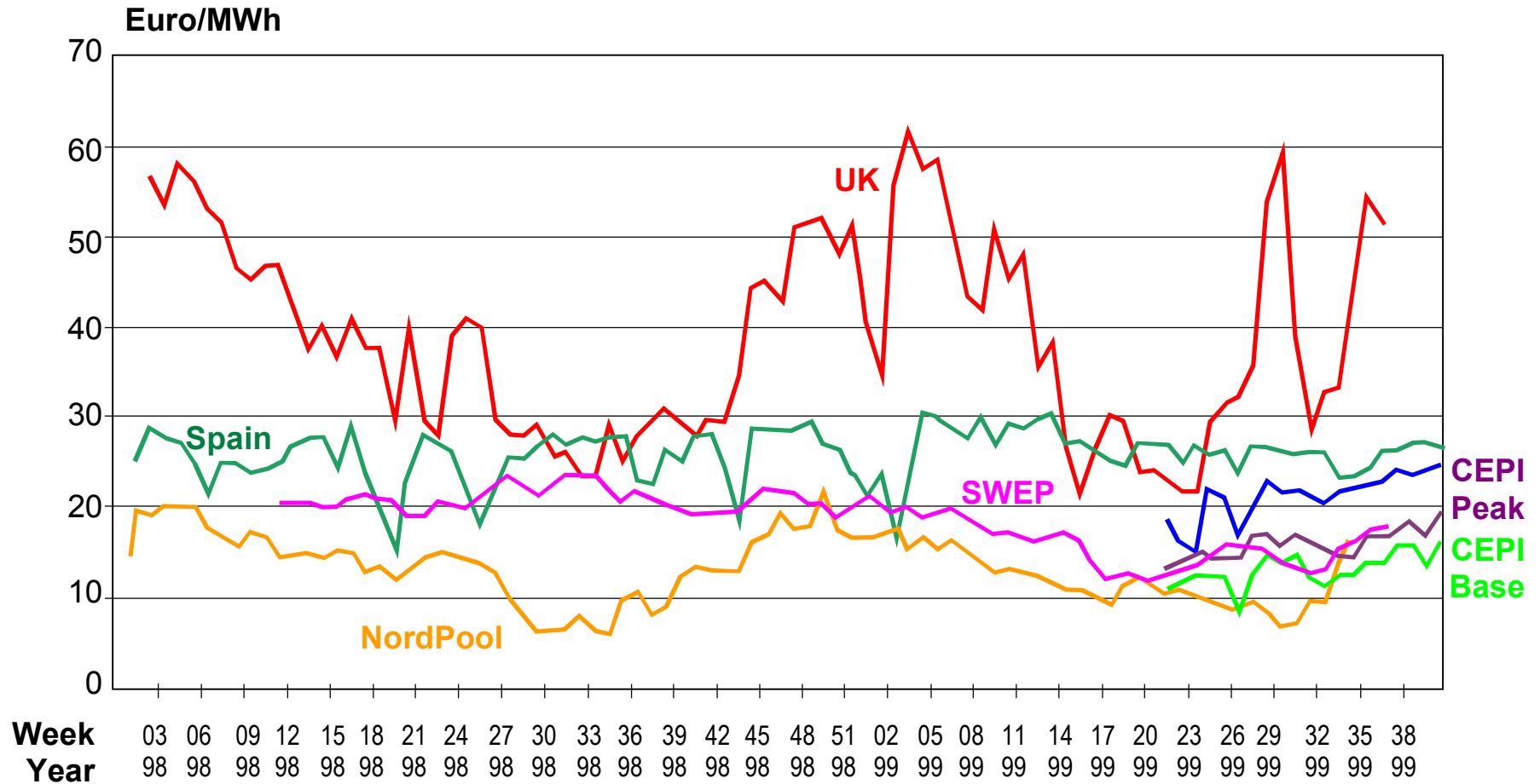
Source: Norsk Kraftmegling

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Simulated and observed spot prices in Nord Pool

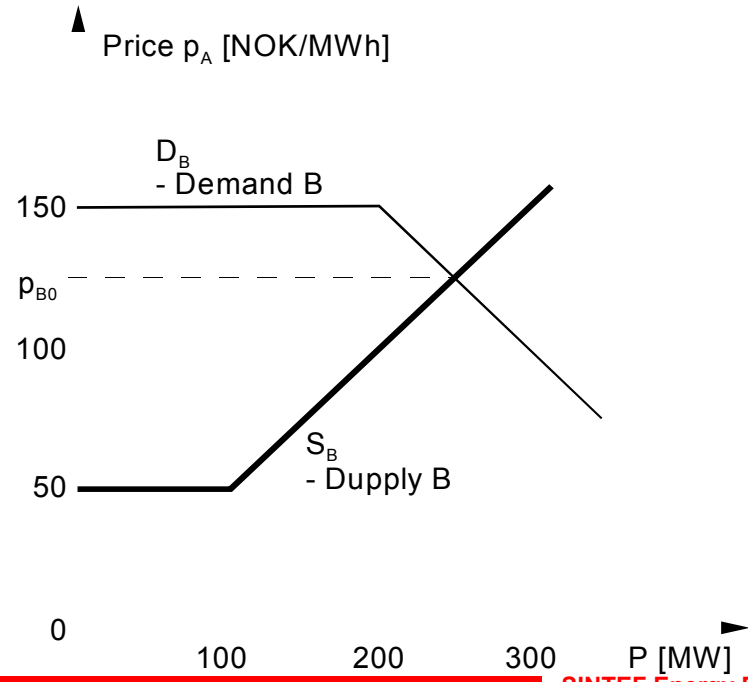
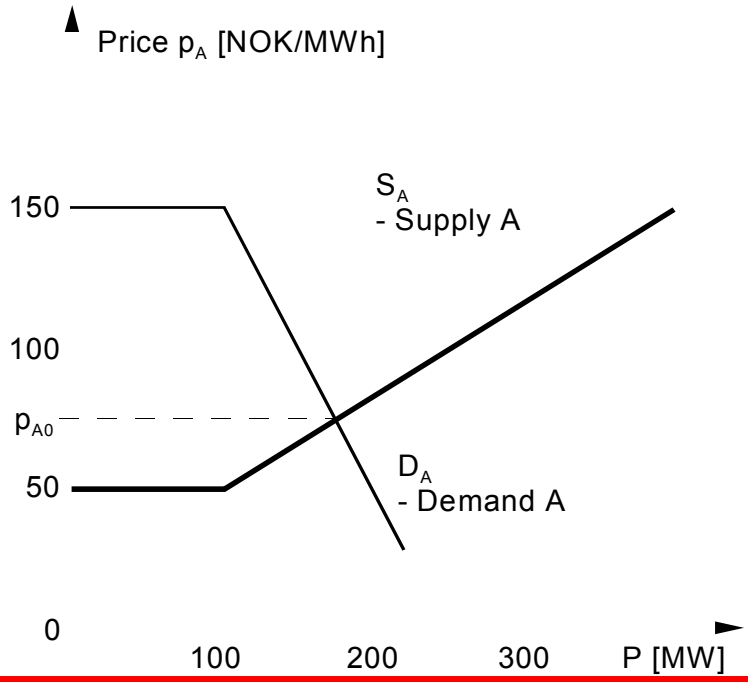
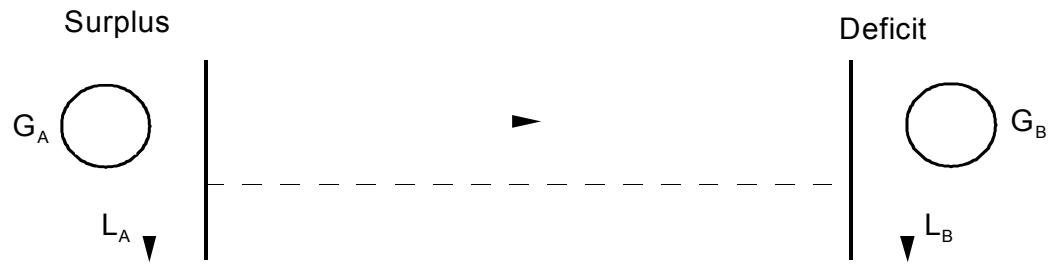


Spotpriser/prisindekser i Europa



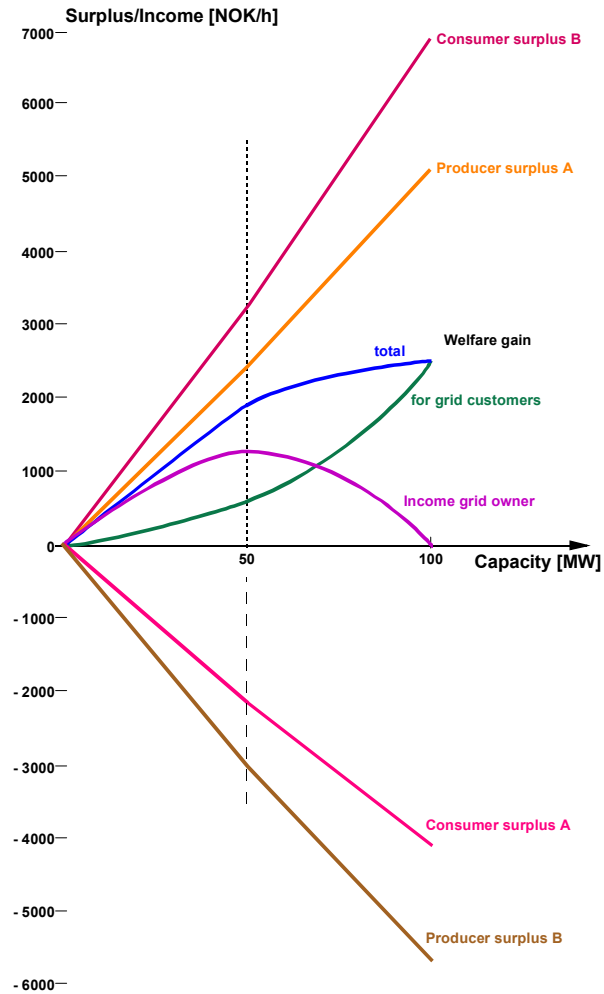
APX - Amsterdam Power Exchange
SWEP - Sveitsiste prisindeks
CEPI - Central European Power Index

Case: Single transmission line between two areas

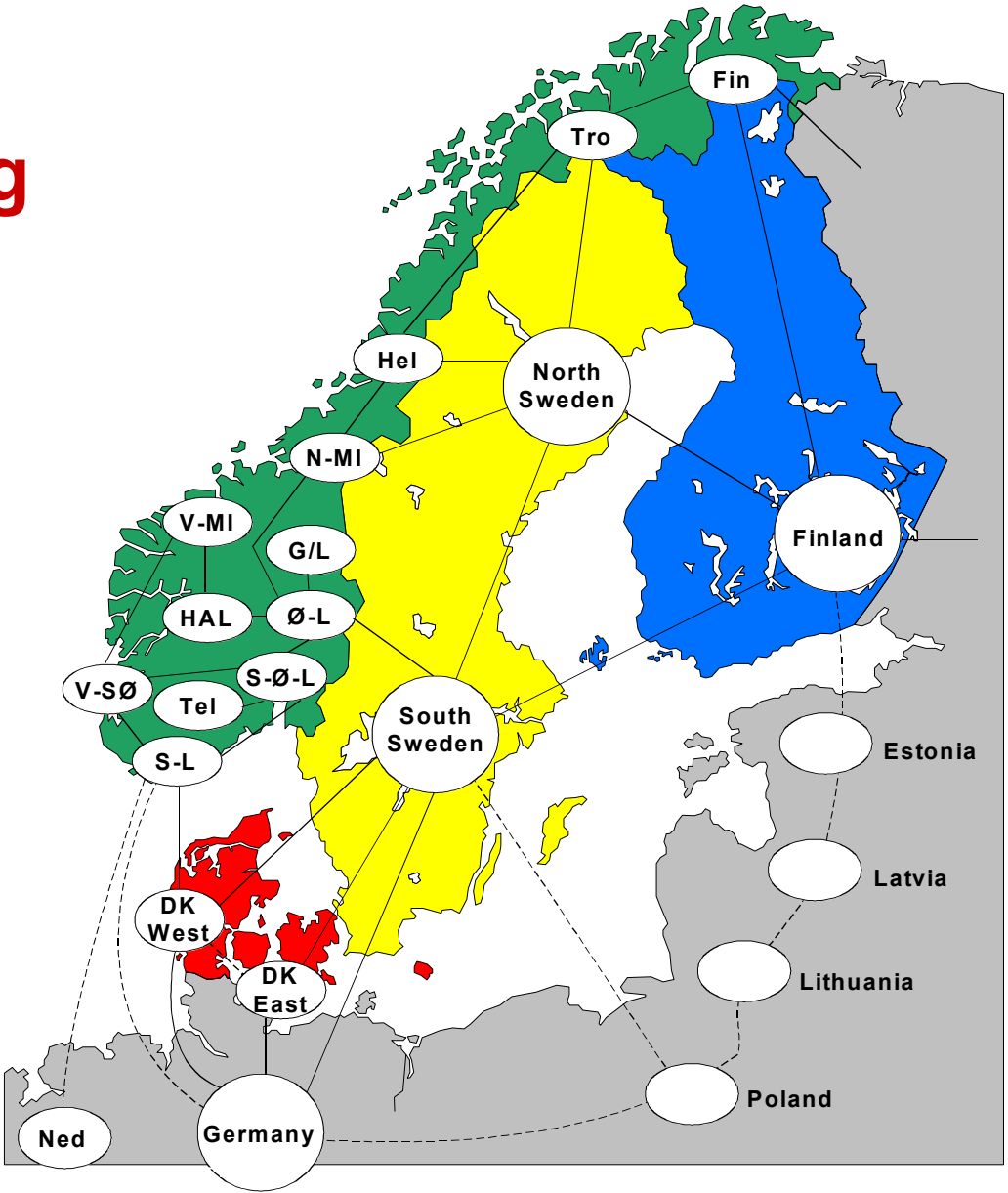


Congestion fee

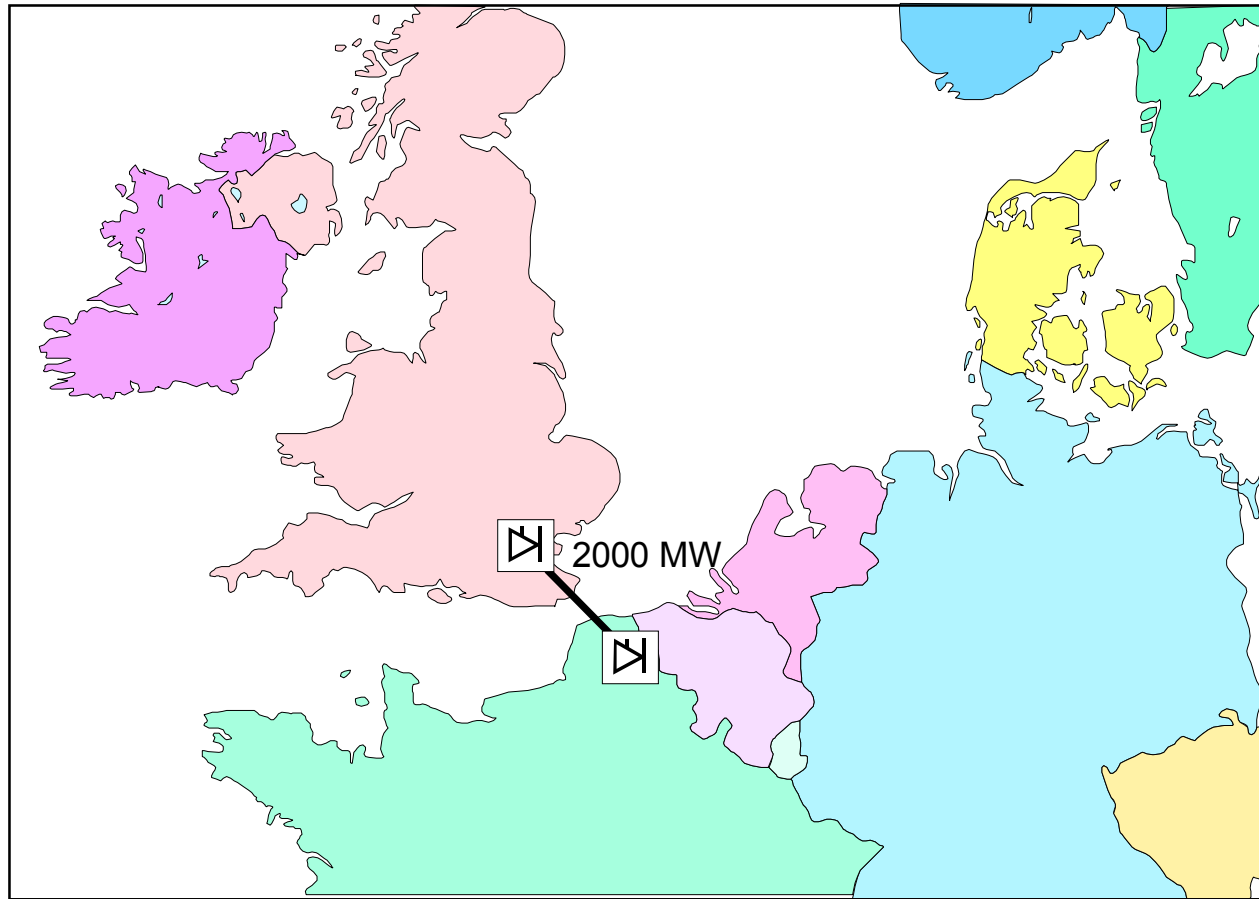
Consequences for different participants



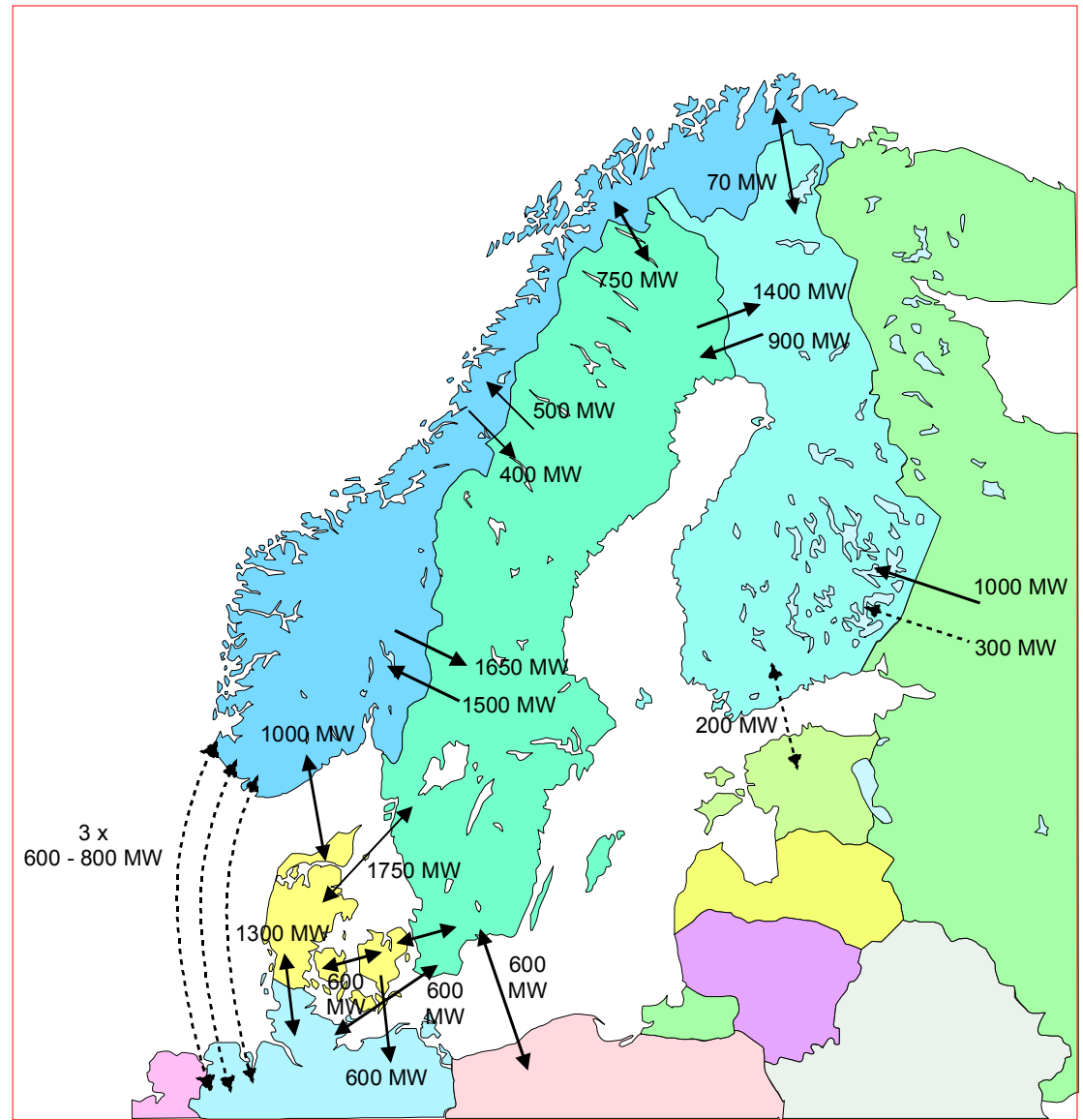
The Baltic Ring Project



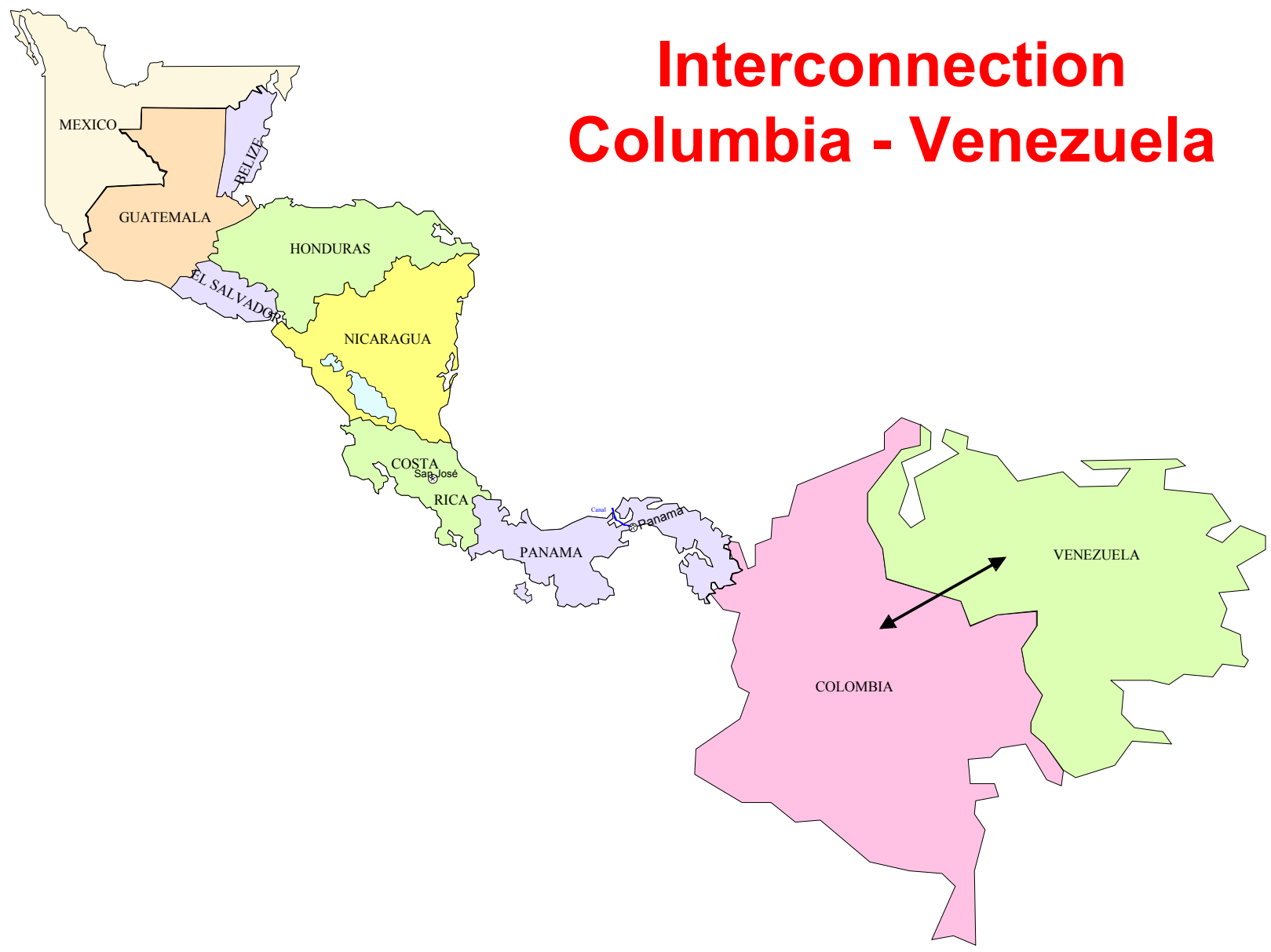
DC connection England - France



Interchange capacities in Scandinavia



Interconnection Columbia - Venezuela



Greater Mekong Subregion



Energy recourses in the GMS region

- Hydro power in Yunnan
- Hydro power in Myanmar
- Hydro power in Lao PDR
- Coal in Yunnan
- Lignite Lao PDR
- Gas in Myanmar and Malaysia