

#### **Ukraine-Denmark Energy Center**

Biomass for power and heat generation in Denmark
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## The race for biomass in Denmark

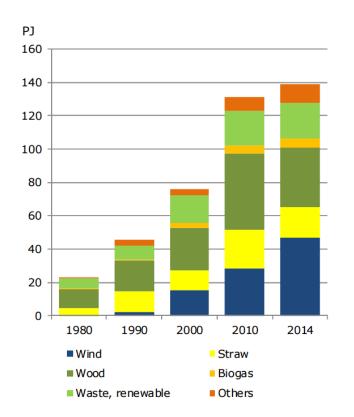
- These years biomass to replace natural gas and coal is very popular in Denmark
  - The main reason is that coal and gas for heat production is taxed a policy incentive
    - Fossil fuel is cheaper than biomass, BUT
    - Fossil fuel used for heating is heavily taxed, biomass is not
    - Fossil fuel + tax is more expensive than biomass

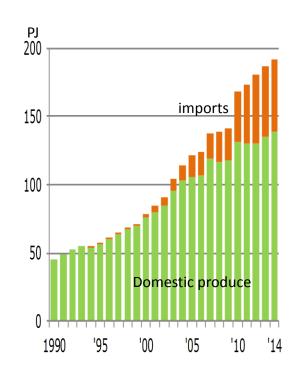
#### 3 markets:

- 1. Large scale power generation is not feasible today power price is low
- 2. Small scale generation units near end of designed lifetime
- 3. Individual heating based on biomass is much cheaper
- This presentation focus on
  - Biomass in the Danish energy mix
  - Recent significant conversion projects

#### Biomass in Denmark

#### Renewable energy production by type

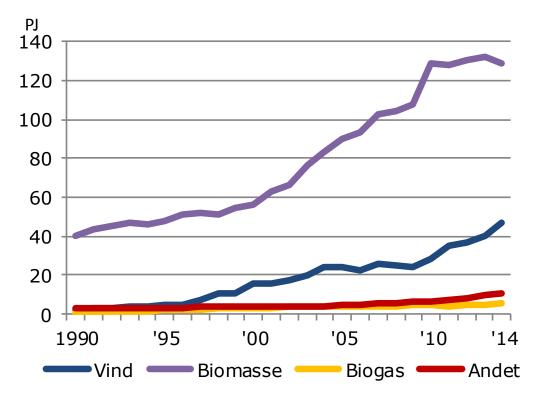




Production 140 PJ + Imports 55 PJ (mainly wood pellets for large CHP plants)
Renewables cover **27** % **of total demand** – of which biomass 18 %

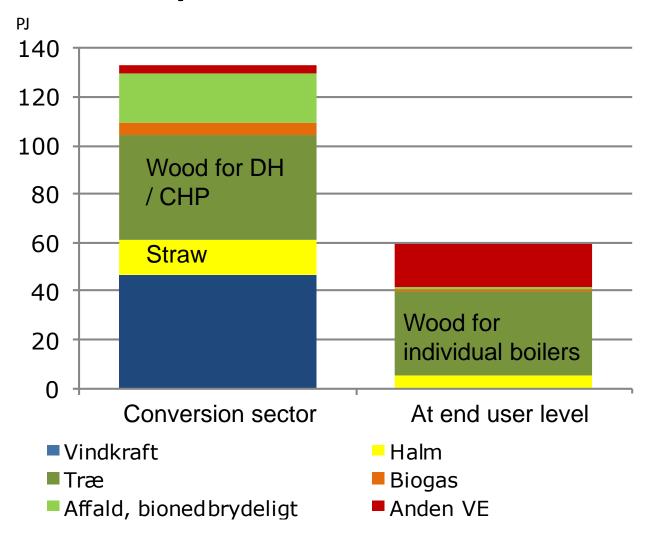
#### Renewables in Denmark

#### is not only wind!



Denmark is world famous for large share of wind, but use of biomass is nearly 3 times higher

#### **Consumption of Renewables 2014**



#### Rationale behind investments

- Investments in energy sector are big and lasts many years
- Danish regulation enables coverage of investment in tariff and
- Depreciation over lifetime of technology
- Investment decisions in biomass based heat production are based on lifetime cost analysis and relies on exception of taxation for biomass
- These calculations shows conversion to biomass or replacement with new biomass plant is cheapest

# Examples of projects

- 1. Conversion of large-scale coal fired CHP
- 2. Conversion of large-scale gas fired CHP
- New medium-scale biomass CHP
- 4. Small scale boilers

# Studstrup 3

- 350 MWe, 450 MW DH extraction unit, baseload power plant and utilized cooling water to cover 80% of district heat to 2<sup>nd</sup> largest city Aarhus
- 1984: Built as coalfired unit design lifetime 30 years. 1.3 mio. tons coal/year
- 1995: Refurbished with deNOx and desulphur equipment
- 2016: 15 year lifetime extension and wood pellets equipment, total investment 175m EUR
- 20% of lifetime extension and 80% of biomass equipment financed by heat company
- New operational regime: mainly following district heat demand as back pressure power generation on coal only as backup for power system
- Expected consumption 800,000 tons pellets and 140,000 tons coal

#### Before conversion



First shipload of pellets September 2016



## Skaerbaek 3

- 420 MWe, 440 MW DH extraction unit
- 1998: Built as natural gas fired unit
- Low in merit order due to expensive fuel and low value as power generation asset
- 2014-2017 new separate boiler for wood chips and fuel handling equipment, total investment 240m EUR
- NG boiler fully operational as reserve, Biomass boiler to supply steam for existing CHP capacity on biomass is 90 MWe and 320 MW DH capacity
- Same operational regime: supplying district heat as back pressure power capacity on natural gas still to be offered as peak load for the power system
- Expected consumption 500,000 tonnes chips only limited NG

Visualisation of storage and new boiler



Start of construction 2015



## Hillerød - new CHP

- Built for supply of district heat
- 1991: Medium scale CHP natural gas, 71 MWe, 78 MW
   DH. 80 mio m3 NG/year
- Weak economy due to expensive fuel and fuel tax
- 2014-2017 new CHP plant based on wood chips, total investment 25m EUR
- 4 MWe & 25 MW DH will supply 50% of DH demand
- Existing NG CHP still to supply DH during peak load

Visualization of new bio CHP

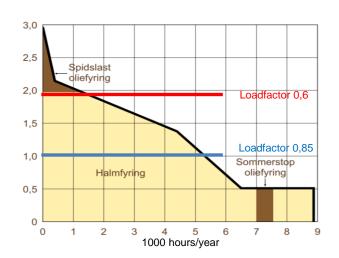


Existing NG CHP



## Small scale biomass boilers

- These years all investments in small scale district heating is about biomass, in particular chips
- Approximately 250 small gas engines CHP plants built in the 1990'ies
- Typical size 1-10 MWe and 2-20 MW DH
- Low to average utilization load factor ~ 0,6
- End of the 20-25 year lifetime is near
- Power generation no longer feasible
- Minimum 100 new projects or proposals for biomass
- New smaller biomass boilers with higher load factor
- Very popular due to reduction in consumer prices!





RØGGASKONDENSERING

MØRKØV VARMEVÆRK - NY 1 MW BIOMASSEKEDEI

decentrale kraftvarmeværker, der har fået mulighed for at etablere en 1 MW

Biomassekedelcentralen placeres ved eksisterende kraftva

Vestervig Fjernvarme A.m.b.a. har etableret et nyt fliskedelanlæg på 3,5 MW inkl. røggaskondensering. Fliskedelanlægget er etableret i ny

biomassekedel.

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