# Preparing utilities for a datadriven future

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### About Assens Fjernvarme

- Cooperative established in 1960
- 3.450 DH customers ("Shareholders")
- 100% CO<sub>2</sub> neutral since 1988
  - Heat production 115.000 MWh/year
  - Power generation 35.000 MWh/year

Sector coupling due to project

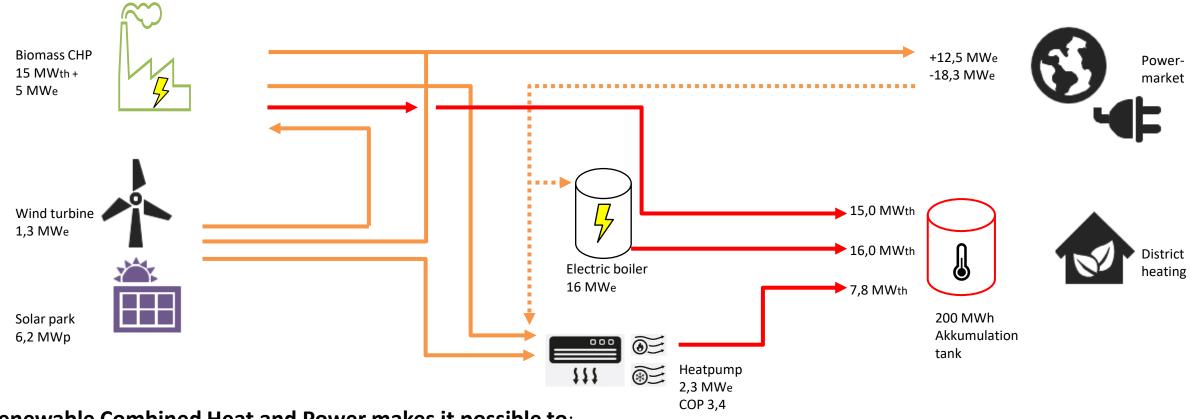
#### Renewable Combined Heat & Power

The business model benefits from fluctuating (sustainable) electricity prices due to:

- Biomass CHP (locally sourced woodchips)
- Wind turbine
- Solar park (east-west bound)
- Electric heatpump



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#### Renewable Combined Heat and Power makes it possible to:

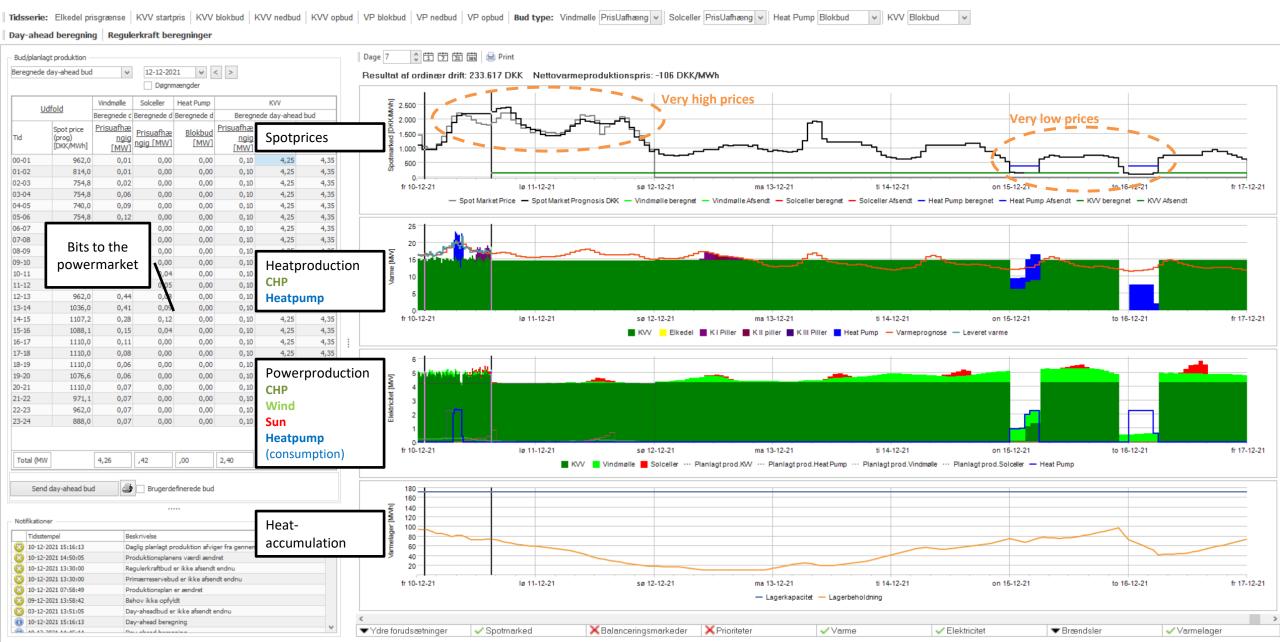
- 1. Produce amounts of sustainable energy. Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and (local) biomass by 40-50%
- 2. In combination with Heat Pump increase efficiency of the CHP to +150%
- 3. Trade on the power market:
  - a) Sell power when the price is high
  - b) Purchase power when the price is low (negative)
  - c) Use own power to gain efficiency when the price is middle
- 4. Impact on heatprice:
  - a) Low heatprice are reduced by ~12%
  - b) Stability. Less sensible to changes in spotprice, taxes, biomass cost etc.



## A complex system causes complex planning

- The system receives forecasts on a minute basis
  - Temperature data
  - Sun data
  - Wind data
  - Heat demand
  - Powermarket data
- The forecasts are used for energy optimization and production planning and based on 5-day cost optimization
- As the calculations are complex and constantly changing, an automated software solution is needed
- The software bits prices to the powermarket
- The software regulates heat and power production itself





## Key takeaways

- The green transition leads to far more unpredictability in the energy system. Consider this as a business opportunity!
- The unpredictability can be handled through sector coupling.
- The unpredictability requires that large amounts of data has to be handled
- Unpredictability can be profited from if there is a suitable business model.
- Advanced data driven systems are needed for forecasting and managing production facilities. The task is far too complex and dynamic for humans to handle.
- The datadriven systems must be developed on an interdisciplinary basis. It is necessary to involve highly competent specialists



Thank you for listening

