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# How not to repeat the Swedish wind mistakes

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The four horsemen of the Apocalypse Swedish Wind buildout:

- Capture rates
- Poor grid planning
- Lack of system thinking
- Overconfidence in learning rates



# Capture Rates

# Cannibalization





## SE2 change in capture rate and production

### Capture rate development SE2

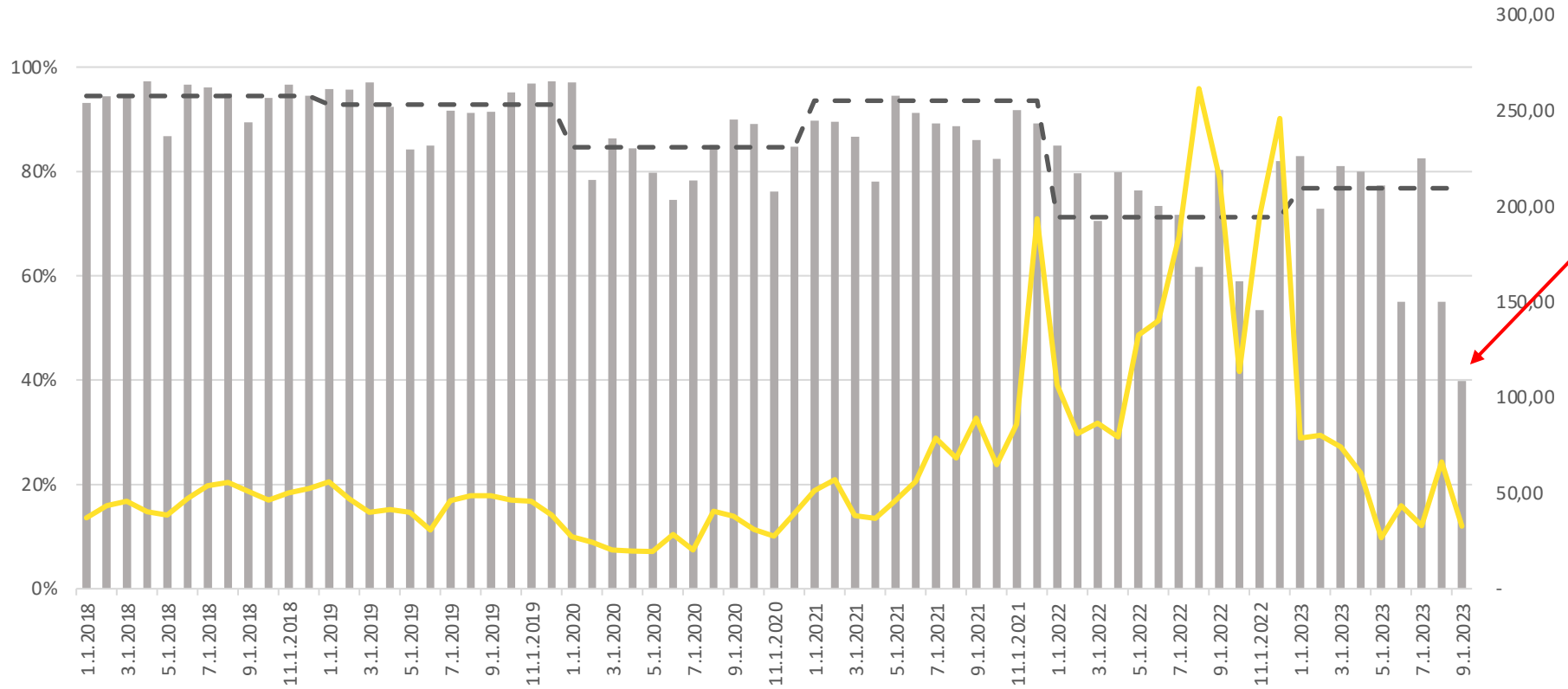
	Wind prod. (GWh)	Share of SE2 prod.	Captured price	Avr Spot price	Diff price	Capture rate
2017	5 624,860	13%	29,50	30,86	- 1,36	96%
2018	5 859,252	15%	42,21	44,20	- 1,99	96%
2019	6 320,783	15%	36,81	37,97	- 1,15	97%
2020	10 572,492	20%	12,63	14,37	- 1,74	88%
2021	10 796,539	21%	33,78	42,53	- 8,75	79%
2022	13 941,806	26%	36,83	61,95	- 25,13	59%
2023	8 486,959	30%	35,33	45,51	- 10,18	78%

From 5 to 14  
GW in four  
years—  
similar to  
Finland!



Capture rate and spot price FI

■ Capture rate    - - - Yearly Average Capture Rate    — NP Spot price



**Capture rate  
September:  
40!**



# “Summer is coming!”

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## Solar drives European power prices below zero on Sunday

(Montel) Power prices in several European nations plunged below zero during some hours on Sunday – the fourth consecutive weekend with negative prices – amid robust solar output and low demand.

In Germany, Europe's biggest power market, prices dropped to as low as EUR -34.99/MWh in the hours between 11:00-17:00 CET.

Solar power generation reached 37.8 GW at 13:00 CET, when power prices were the lowest, while wind power generation contributed 8.6 GW, according to Montel Energy Quantified (EQ). Demand stood at only 48.2 GW at the same time.

Elsewhere, the Netherlands saw the lowest hourly prices on Sunday, with prices dropping to as low as EUR -66.67/MWh. Prices in the Nordic region also sank below zero.

Analysts expect a [greater frequency](#) of hourly power prices falling [below zero](#) in some European nations due to a growing capacity of intermittent renewable energy, especially during periods of low demand, Montel reported last week.

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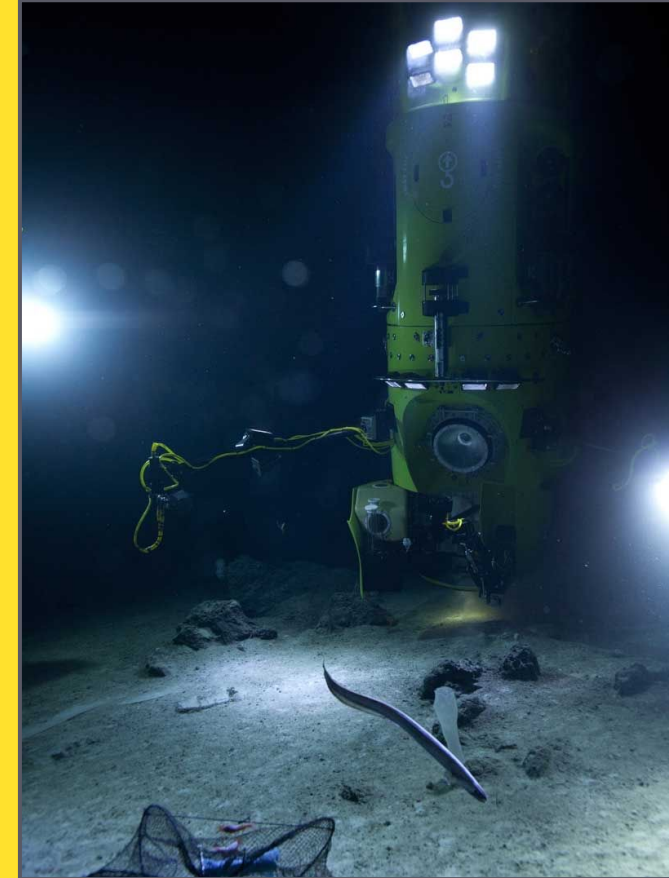
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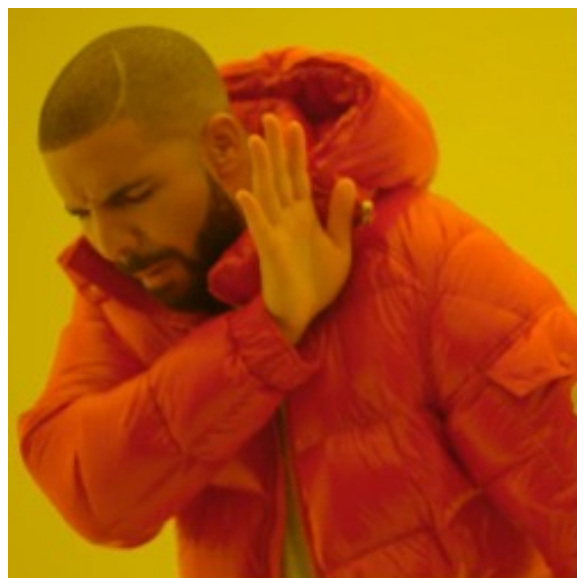




Where will the Finnish power prices be in 2030 with another 30 GW renewables a windy sunny day?



James Cameron at the Mariana trench, 11 000 meters deep.



**Decreasing  
capture rates**



**Battery  
hybrid  
parks**

Saved by electrolyzers?  
(=> no need for batteries)

“This is the way”

“Hydrogen is the way”



# 90+ GW electrolyzers in EU by 2030....

1. Where will all the power come from?



2. => Variable power from wind and solar no longer a problem! (Or?)



First comes low prices!

“The best cure for low prices is low prices”



# We overestimate the learning curves for electrolyzers!

Lower volume

More BOP

More compressors, pipes, valves etc.



**Michael Liebreich** • Following

Speaker, analyst, writer, advisor, investor in the future ec...

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"Here are my 2023 predictions for hydrogen: one-third of the projects promoted during the year will make sense; two-thirds will be dumb as a rock; 90% of both will never see the light of day. Happy New Year!"

Large scale wind (and solar) power will come several years before the demand catches up

The laws of thermodynamics



The law of tax payer money

The electrolyzer hallelujah choir will be much slower than the renewables buildout



# Poor Grid Planning

Fingrid offers Power2X  
projects a lot of opportunities

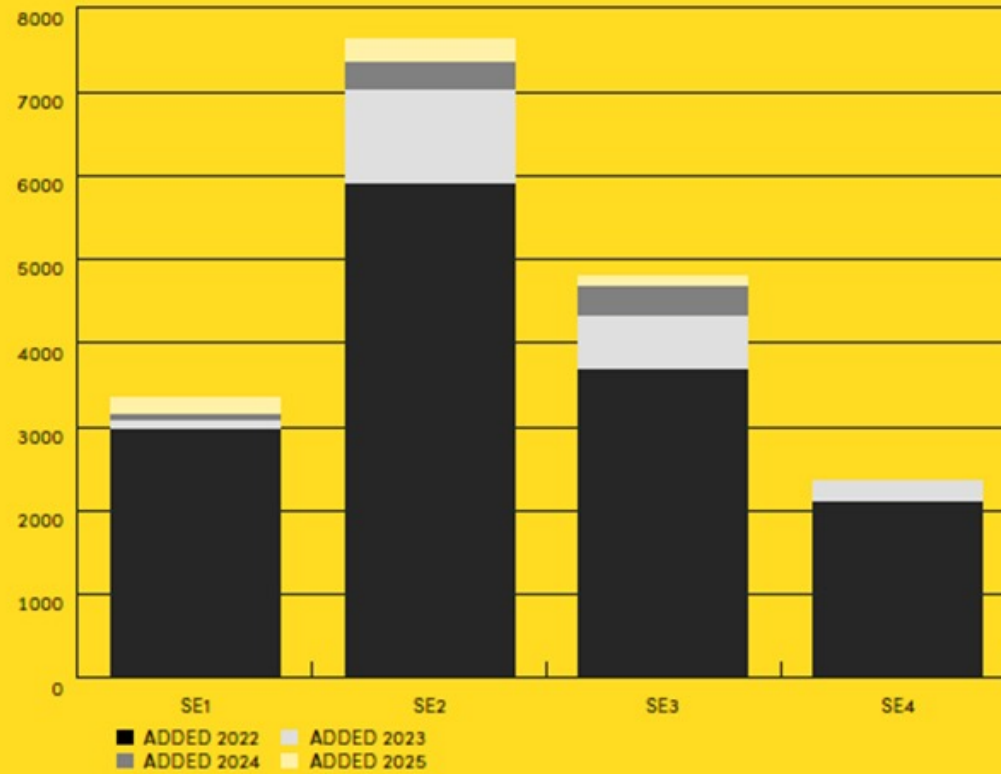
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## Scheduled Commissioning\* (Megawatt, MW)



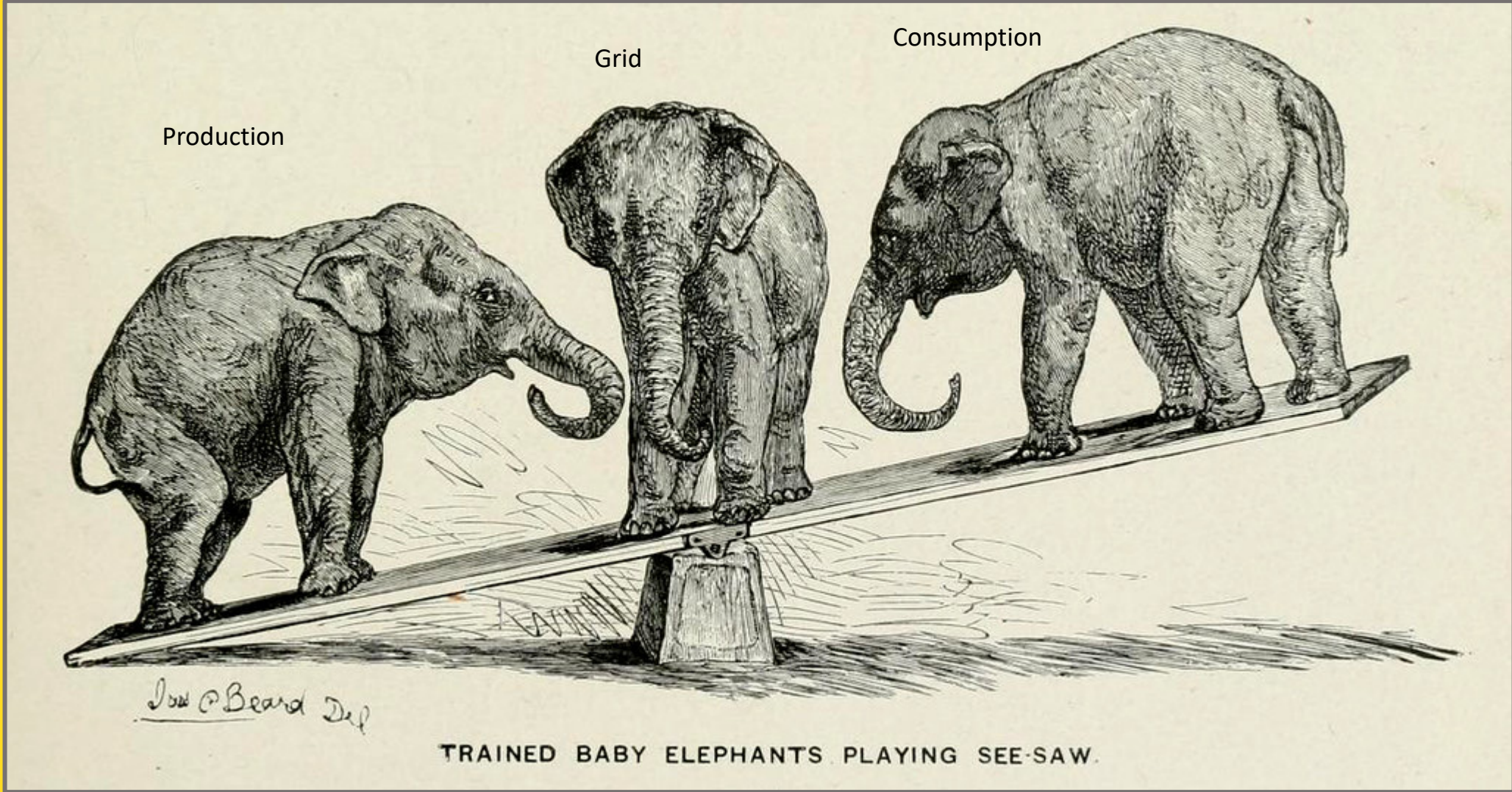
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Not kicking the grid  
owners in the butt  
earlier



Balancing the power grid



Production

Grid

Consumption

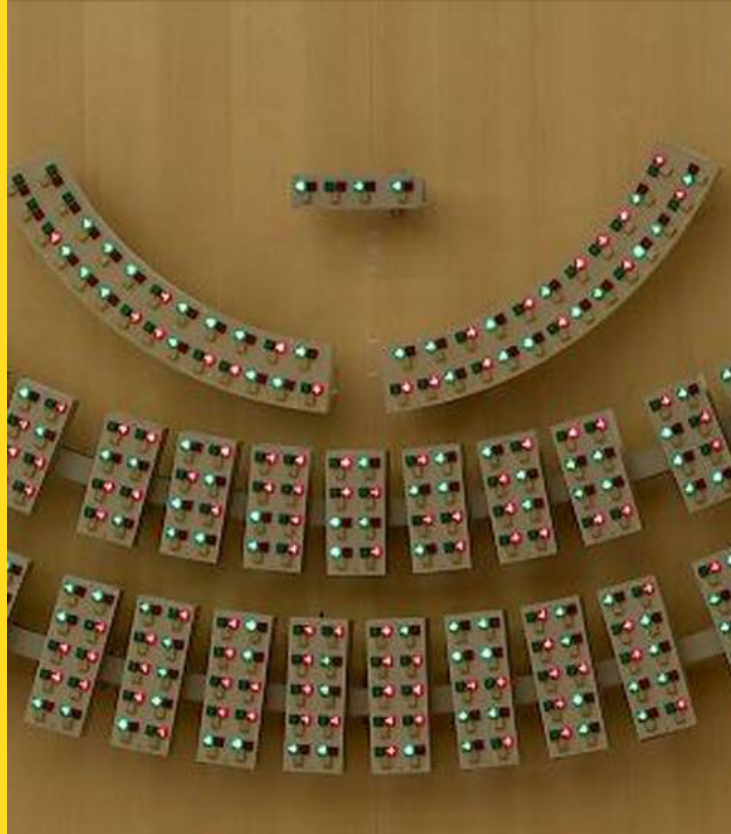
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TRAINED BABY ELEPHANTS PLAYING SEE-SAW.



Lack of thinking about  
the whole power  
system

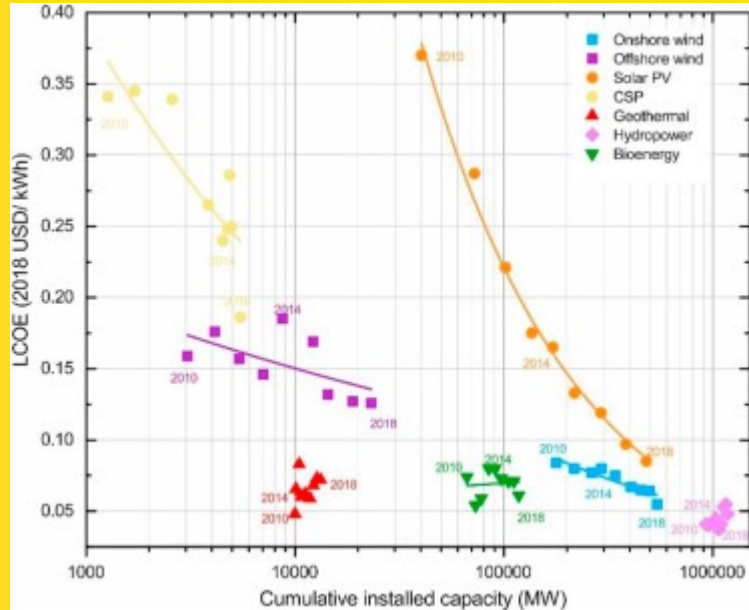




One vote



# Overconfidence in Learning Rates



# Is Wright's law broken for wind?

Experience curve effects    learning rate  
 40% cost increase for new turbines  
 logistics around offshore wind

CfD auction round failure underscores Government's wrong thinking on subsidies

# CfDs are a hedge, not a subsidy!\*

The truth is that the Government needs to understand that the CfDs are a hedge and not a subsidy. And there is no reason to expect the strike price of a hedge to decline over time. However, if wholesale electricity prices fell to zero, then it would be both a hedge and a subsidy since price support would be required, to provide developers with a source of income, since selling electricity will not generate the returns needed to repay capital costs, and to provide certainty over income to ensure that income is sufficient over the life of the contract to provide an acceptable return on investment.

This means that the Government has to let go of its ambition to taper renewable subsidies to zero over time. And it needs to be honest with consumers that they are going to continue to pay these support costs forever, with the value of the support increasing as wholesale prices fall below the strike prices, something the Government expects will happen as renewable generation replaces conventional generation. Unless it faces up to this new power market reality, its plans for renewable generation, and in particular off-shore wind, will continue to stall.

# Electricity certificates )in context of temporary subsidy during learning)



Ending words...



For last, some  
culture...





Write a limerick about the Finnish power market



In Finland, so brisk and so stark,  
The power flows light in the dark.  
Nuclear thrives,  
And wind power drives,  
A dance of electrons, a spark.