

High Resolution Inventory of Renewable Electricity Generation Potentials in Europe

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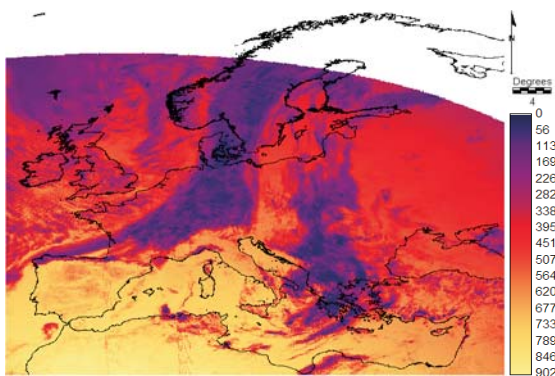
Efficient integration of fluctuating renewable energy resources into electricity supply systems requires information about temporal and spatial availability of all renewable energy sources. A geographic information system is used at the German Aerospace Center DLR for developing a high spatial and temporal resolution inventory of renewable electricity generation potentials in Europe. The inventory consists of maps which are generated in three steps: resource analysis, area analysis, and technology simulation. It will be linked to a model which balances renewable electricity generation with demand, aggregates regional deficits and surpluses on user defined nodes and calculates balancing energy fluxes.

Resource Assessment

Solar Energy

Irradiation maps from METEOSAT imagery processing based on the HELIOSAT method at DLR

- Resolution: 1 h, 10 km * 10 km



Example: irradiation [Wh/m²], 01/10/05, 12:00 - 13:00

- Usable areas: roofs, facades, noise barriers, undeveloped area
- Allocation to land cover types
- PV power plant model
- ↳ Electricity generation potential

Biomass

Biomass for energy potentials from literature

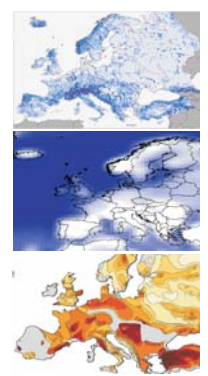
- Disaggregation with land cover maps / maps of net primary productivity (model BETHY/DLR)
- Resolution: 1 a, 10 km * 10 km



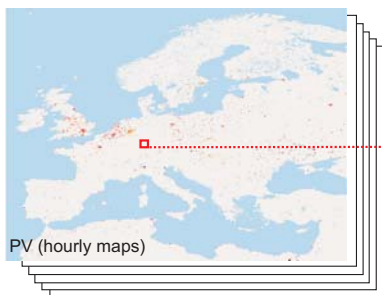
Example: forest wood for energy [t/ha] in 2000

- Restrictions for forest, industrial residue and old wood, energy plants, agricultural residue straw and manure
- Biomass power plant models
- ↳ Electricity generation potential

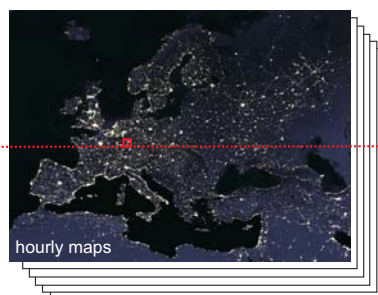
also:
Hydro, Wind and
Geothermal Energy



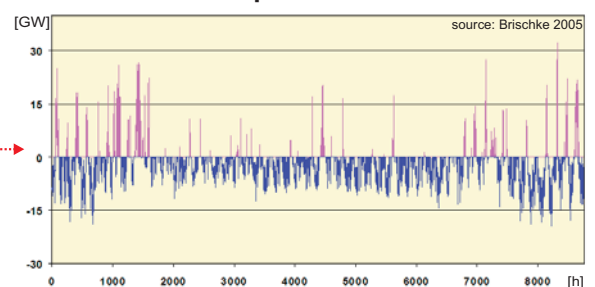
Electricity Generation



Load



Deficits and Surpluses



- Demand for electricity transport, storage and for load management
- Information for long term transport network planning
- Strategies for future energy supply