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AI, Industries and grid flexibility

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# Forecast: 2022-ish we add new Solar and Wind faster than load growth

Fuel based production ends up in free fall due to zero marginal cost



Lazard 10 year LCOE<sup>1</sup> drop: Solar PV down 89% Wind down 70%

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# Two simultaneous paradigm shifts



## **Price variability in Sweden**



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How do we handle weather dependent production?



# "Electrify everything"

Many of these new industries will have inherent demand flexibility

#### **Datacenters + edge computing**



### H<sub>2</sub> for steel, transport and kerosene



### **Battery Factories**



### Indoor green farming



#### Cooling



BOLIDEN

**E-Waste recycling** 



# **Flexible manufacturing**

Various strategies



# Way forward

### 2013: Conclusions on industry demand response

To increase the demand response potential, investments in increased production capacity, inventories and more flexible working hours may be required.

The reasons why most companies in Sweden do not make use of demand side management are, for example that

- they are producing at 100% capacity
- they have very small buffers
- they have no excess capacity
- it takes several hours or days to reach a stable production after a stop
- electricity is a small share of total production costs
- it is complicated and expensive to do it
- they have fixed price contracts for electricity
- they have not considered it

### 2025: AI, energy systems and next generation industries

Energy costs often ends up directly on the profit bottom line

Weather dependent electricity production is expected to increase price variability

New industries grows in this environment and may develop new tools making use of:

- Buffers
- Routing flexibility
- Machine flexibility
- "Temporary manufacturing"

Al in its various forms will be needed to connect widely disparated loops of locally optimized controls

### Al will help us improve end to end efficiency of "optimized islands"



