

Power System Economics Institutions

Master Energy – Master 2

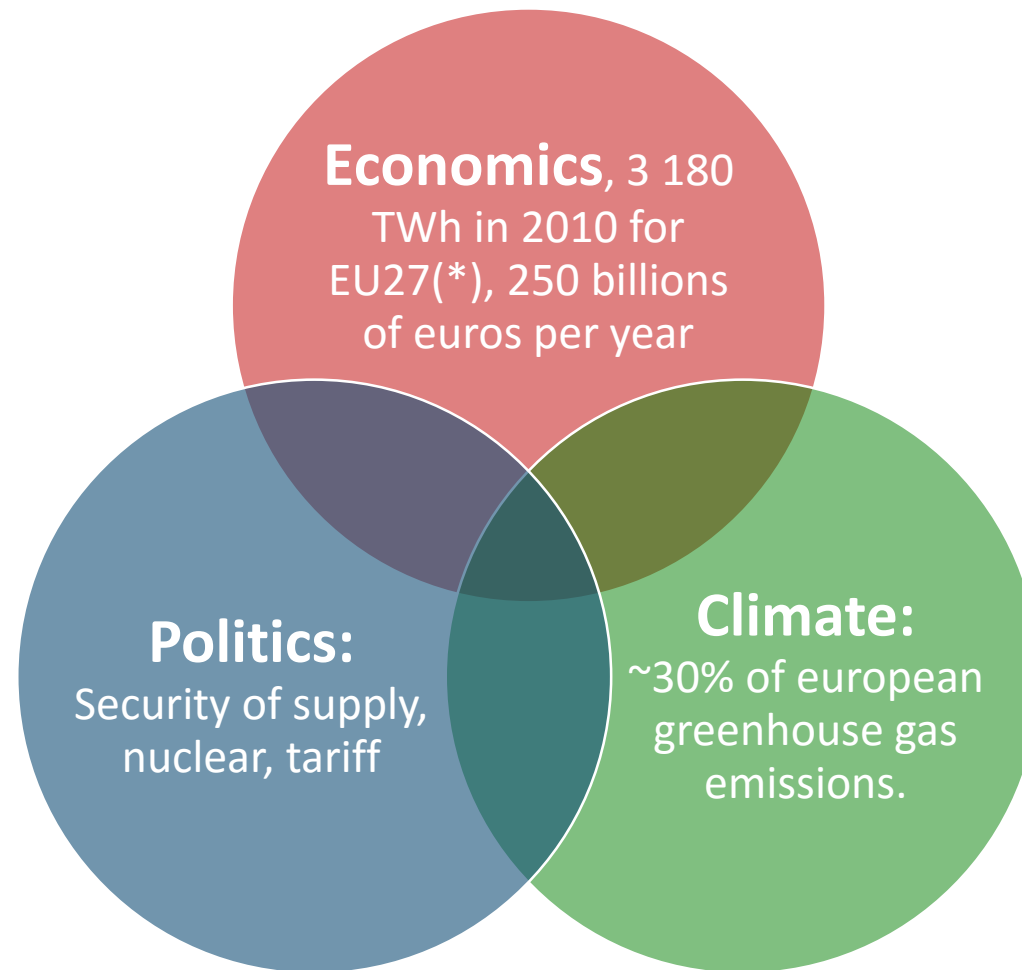
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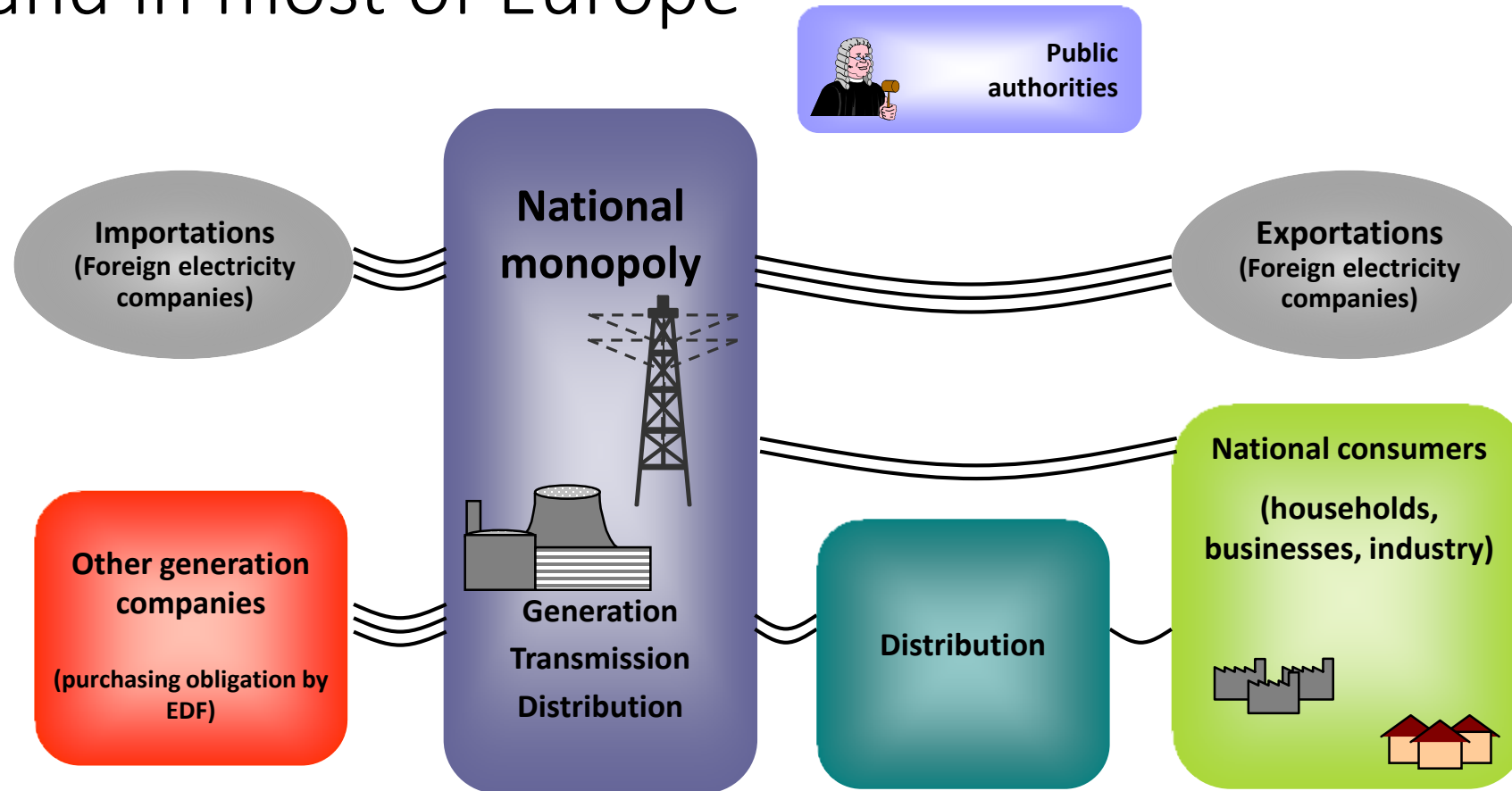
II- Economic analysis: the stakes



(*)Source: Eurostat 2012

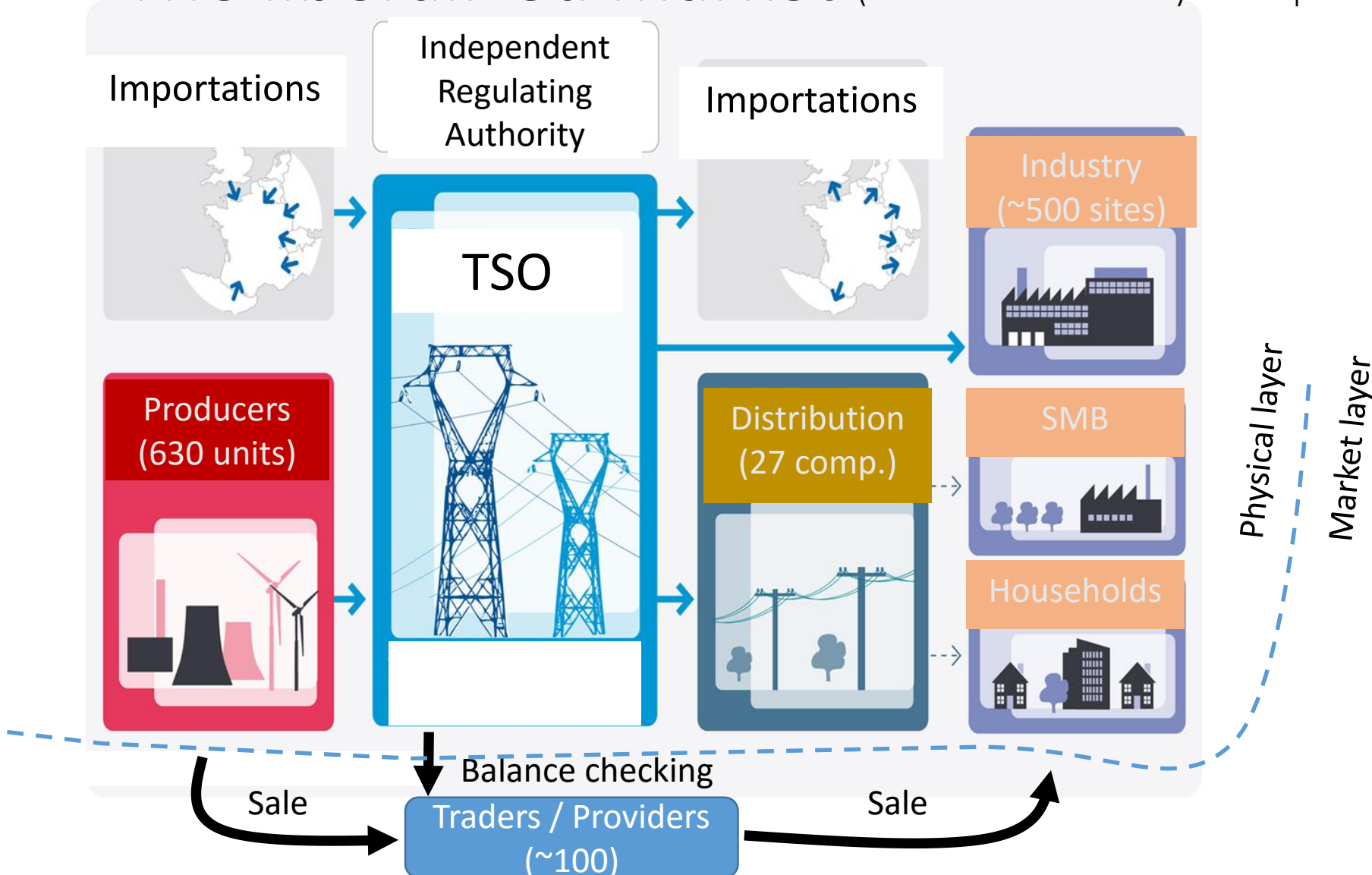
The institutional context

Before 1999, a national monopoly in France and in most of Europe

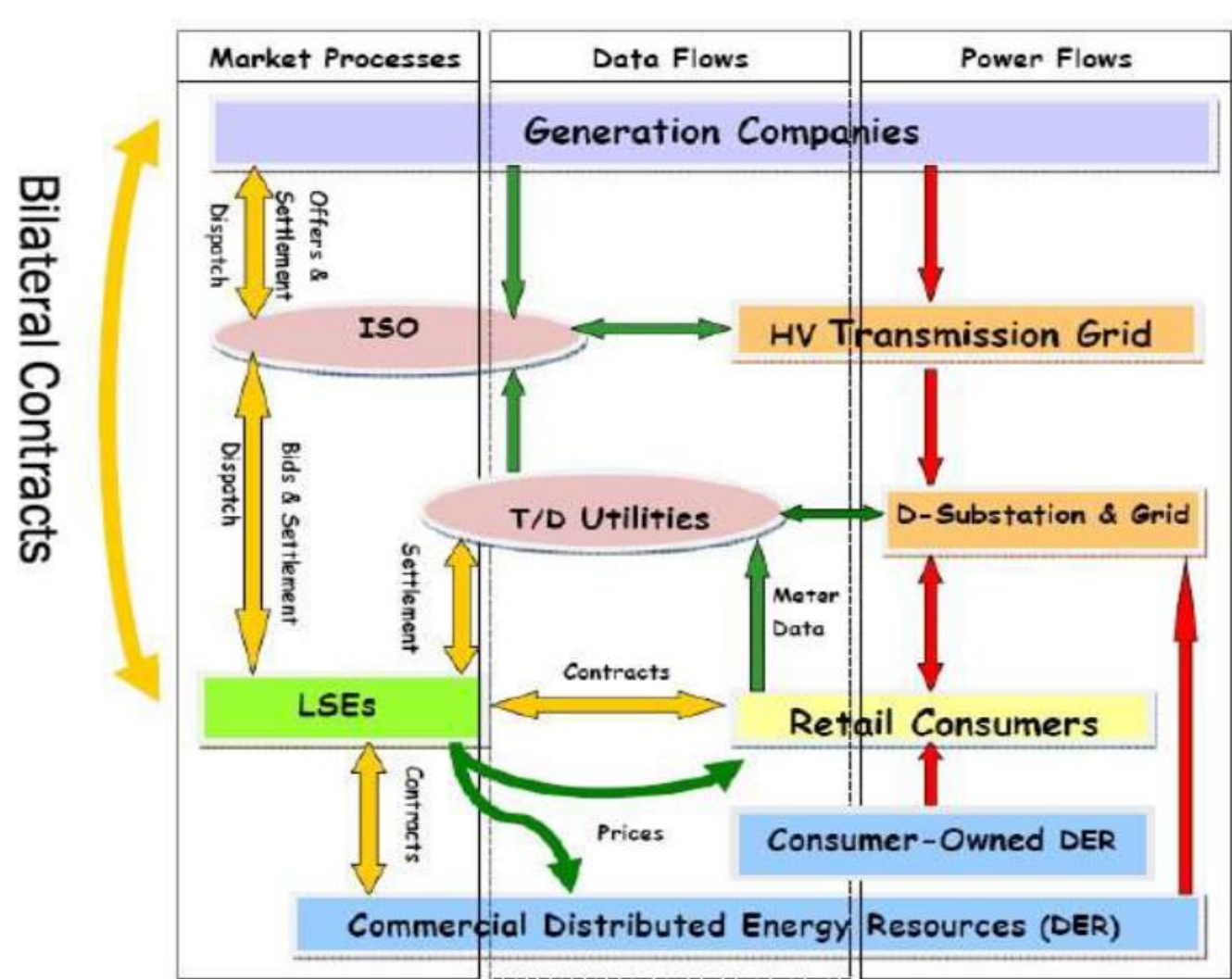


The institutional context

The liberalized market (TSO = Transmission System Operator)



American example with retail competition: ERCOT (Texas)



LSE=Load serving entity

The European liberalization process

- ~~Deregulation~~ → many more laws than before.
- It was pushed ahead by the European Commission (Only GB had some experience before):
 - *European commission press release (July 12th , 1989)*
 - “There are **regions** of the Community **where generating capacity can hardly satisfy demand** - and then with **high marginal costs**. In other **regions**, however, **highly competitive excess capacity is underused**. Yet intra-Community trade accounts for less than 4% of total consumption. Clearly, therefore, there are many obstacles to trade in electricity within the Community and full competition is lacking. The results of studies on the **"cost of non-Europe" in the electricity industry** show that full rationalization of the system could generate the following annual savings: (ECU thousand million)

1992	2000	2010
1.3	2.3-5.3	6-13

In the light of these findings, the Commission is proposing a step-by-step approach, in three sections, in order to liberalize transfrontier trade in electricity and thereby increase competition to the advantage of the consumer.”

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=P/89/38&format=HTML&aged=1&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

The European liberalization process



Decided at the European level

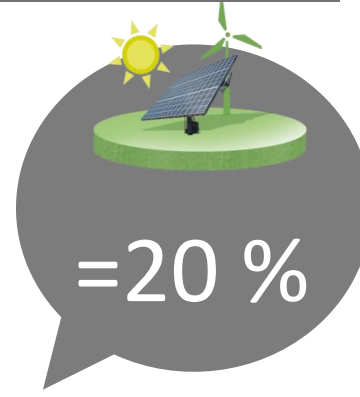
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Binding / national



CO2 emissions
compared to 1990

Binding / national



Of renewable in final
energy

Indicative / Europe



Energy efficiency

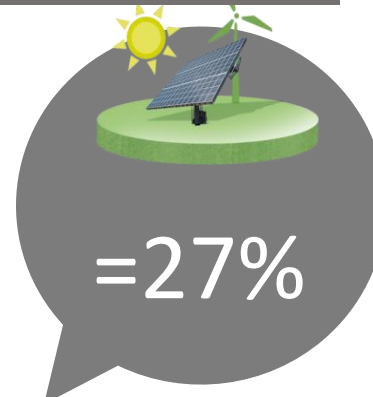
2030

Binding / national



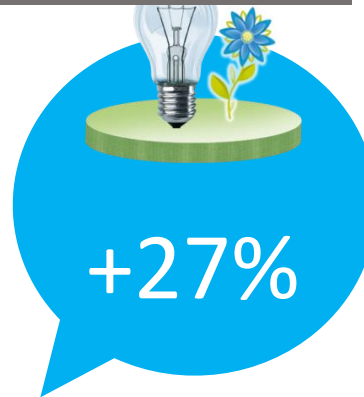
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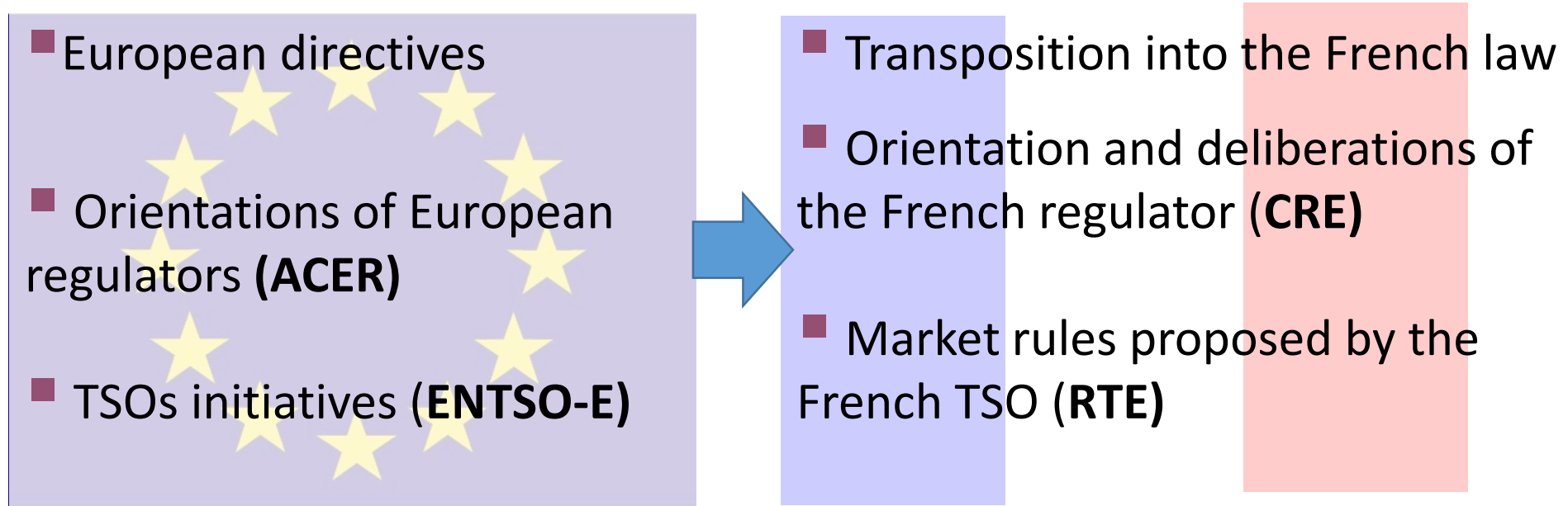


Energy efficiency

Strong relationships with the regulator and the government...

- The regulator (Energy Regulation Commission)
 - Approves RTE's budget and accounts
 - Approves the investment plan
 - Arbitrate disagreements with grid users
 - Proposes to the minister the grid access tariff
- The minister of energy
 - Sets the grid access tariff
 - Approves the development plan
 - Defines the mission specifications (quality level...)

...within a complex decisional and institutional framework:



The missions of RTE

- Balancing consumption and generation
- Guaranteeing the safety of the network (24/24 7/7 continuous delivery of power)
- Maintain and develop the grid
 - Generation connection
 - Distribution grid connection
 - Large consumer connection
 - Interconnection with neighbours
- Guarantee fair access to the network
 - guarantee the confidentiality of commercially sensitive data)
- Integrate assets into the environment and guarantee the safety of persons and goods.
- At the best cost...

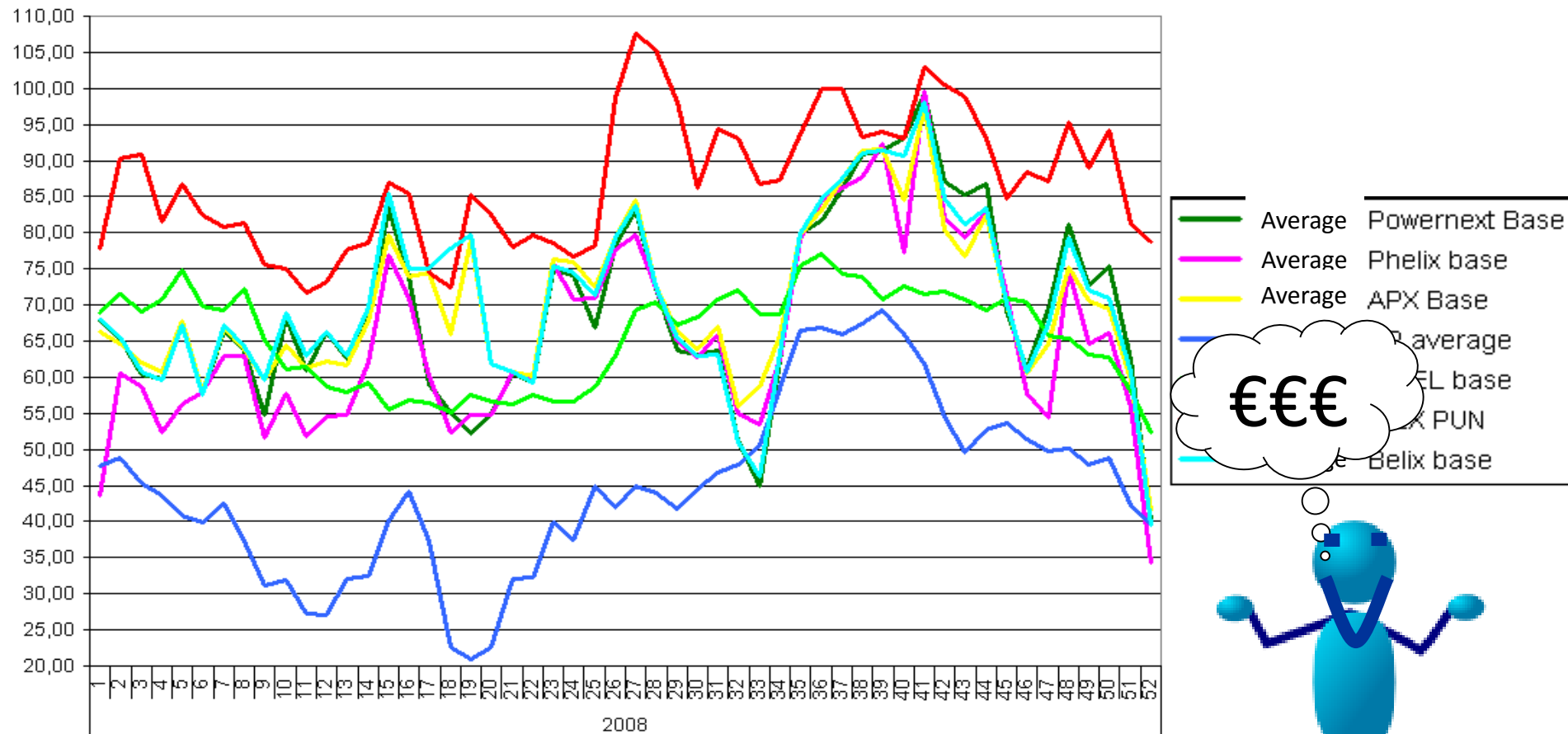
Implementations of exchanges

- Up to 2000: National monopolies exchanged power through bilateral agreement.
- 1999-2001: Creation of national day-ahead markets (Power exchanges).
- 2001-2002: Creation of long term to daily auctions to allocate cross-border transmission capacity.

⇒ Cross border trading was possible.

A trader's view on interconnections: European market prices

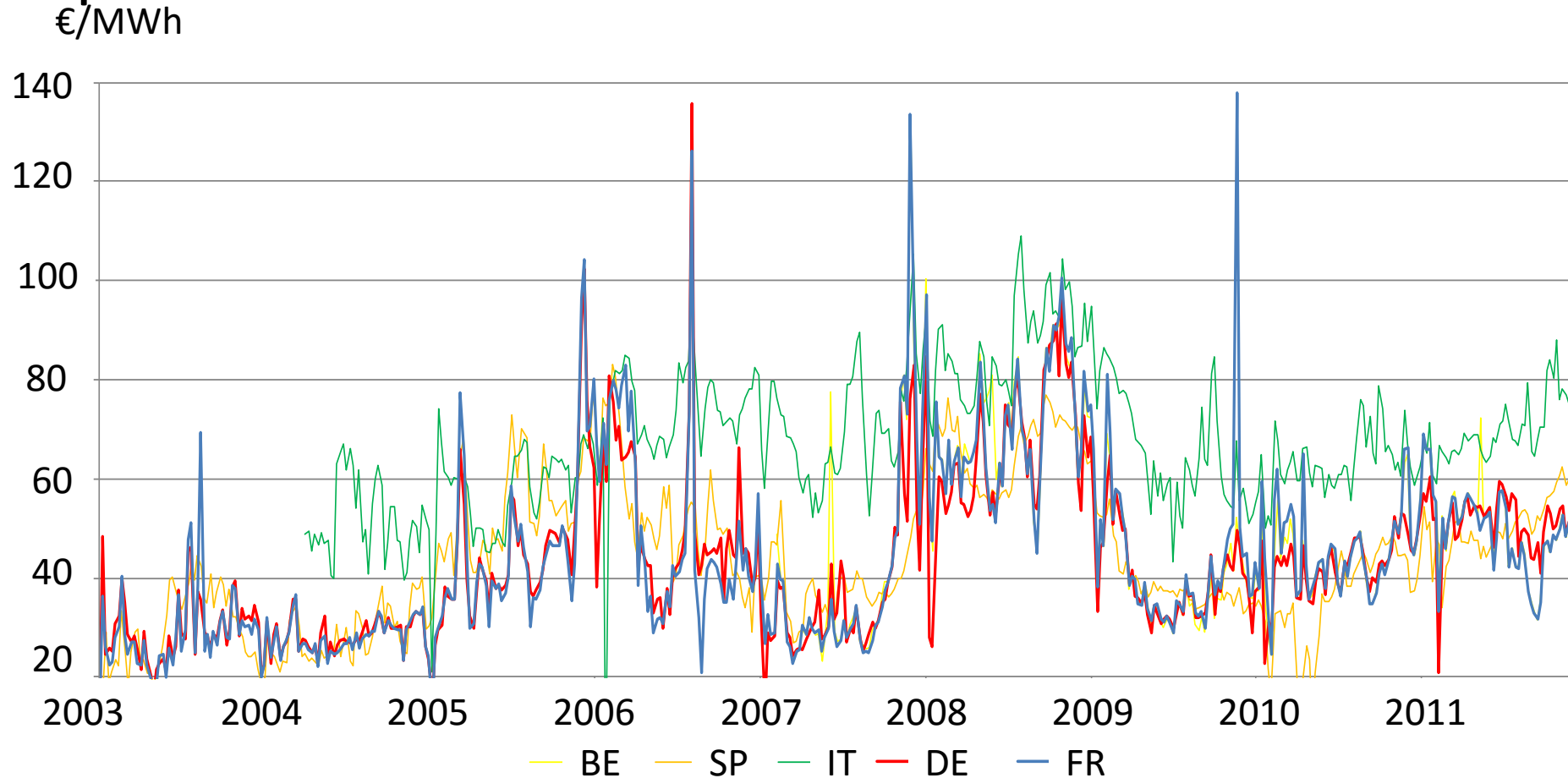
Weekly average in 2008



For the trader: price differences = money to earn.



Compared evolution of market prices in some European countries



In practice: initially, explicit allocation of interconnection capacity

- A German company can produce 10 MW at 50 €/MWh
- Its trader wants to sell the production of the French Day-Ahead market because he/she expects a price of 60 €/MWh.
 - He/she bids for 10 MW of German to France cross-border capacity.
 - Let's assume the he/she obtains it for 5 €/MWh.
 - The trader nominates it so that he/she has to do the exchange
 - It offers 10 MW on the French market. The bid must be at the minimal price (-3000 €/MWh) so as to guarantee that the exchange will take place.
- If the French market clears at more than 55€/MWh, the transaction benefits to the company. If clears below, the company loses money because it must do the exchange.
- Not efficient: flows were often “against” the price differences.
⇒ Implicit allocations through “market coupling” is being set up
(started in 2006 with the “Tri-Lateral Coupling” between FR, BE and NL)

Interconnections: Market Coupling



The area in green, as well as the area in blue is fully coupled. Italy and Slovenia will do so soon.

In this area, when you bid in a given zones, you automatically benefit of the bids in the other zones (all prices are computed simultaneously while respecting the transmission capacities).

The goal is to have a unique price coupling zone in Europe.

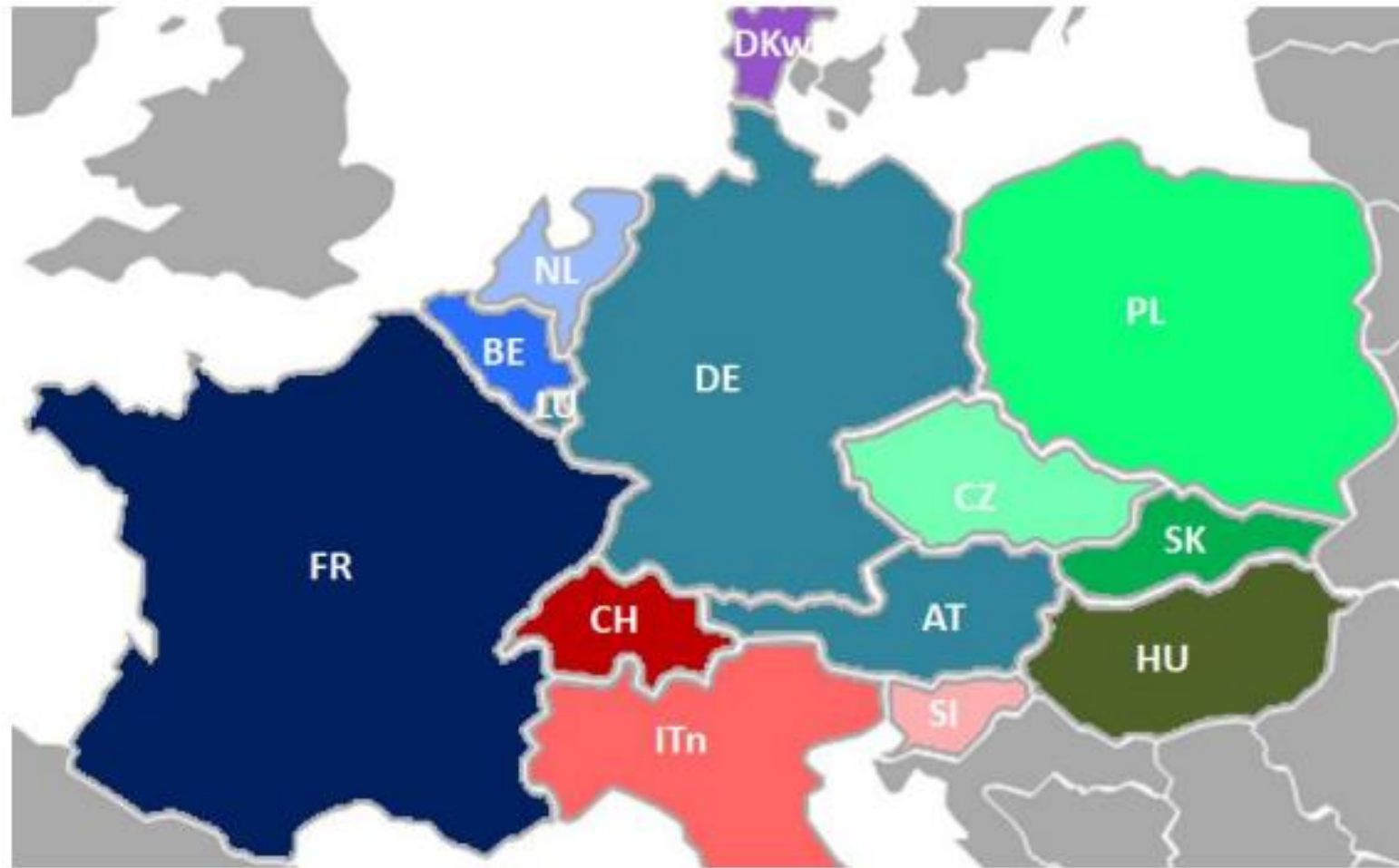
Interconnections mechanisms

Mechanism	
Explicit allocation	Capacity auctions (annually, monthly, daily)
Implicit allocation	Market Coupling (one day-ahead)
	Continuous market (intra-day)

In practice

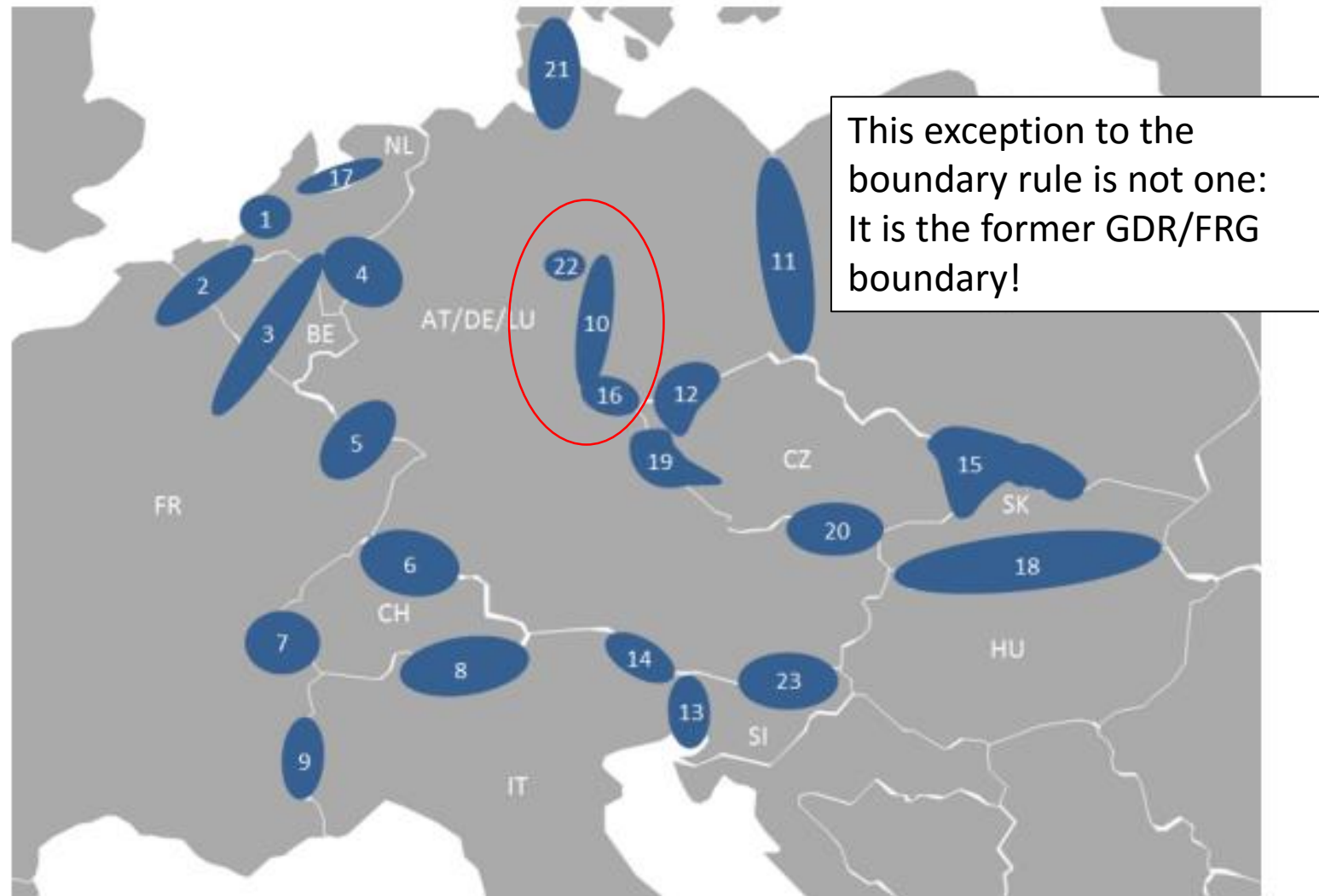
- In Europe: zonal pricing. 2 examples:
 - Central Western Europe + Central Eastern Europe + Central South Europe
 - Scandinavia
- In the USA: nodal pricing. 1 exemple:
 - MISO (Midcontinent Independent System Operator)

Continental Europe bidding zones:



Zones often match political boundaries. Besides political reasons, the grid is also weaker there.

Continental Europe bidding zones: most forecasted constraints are indeed on the boundaries



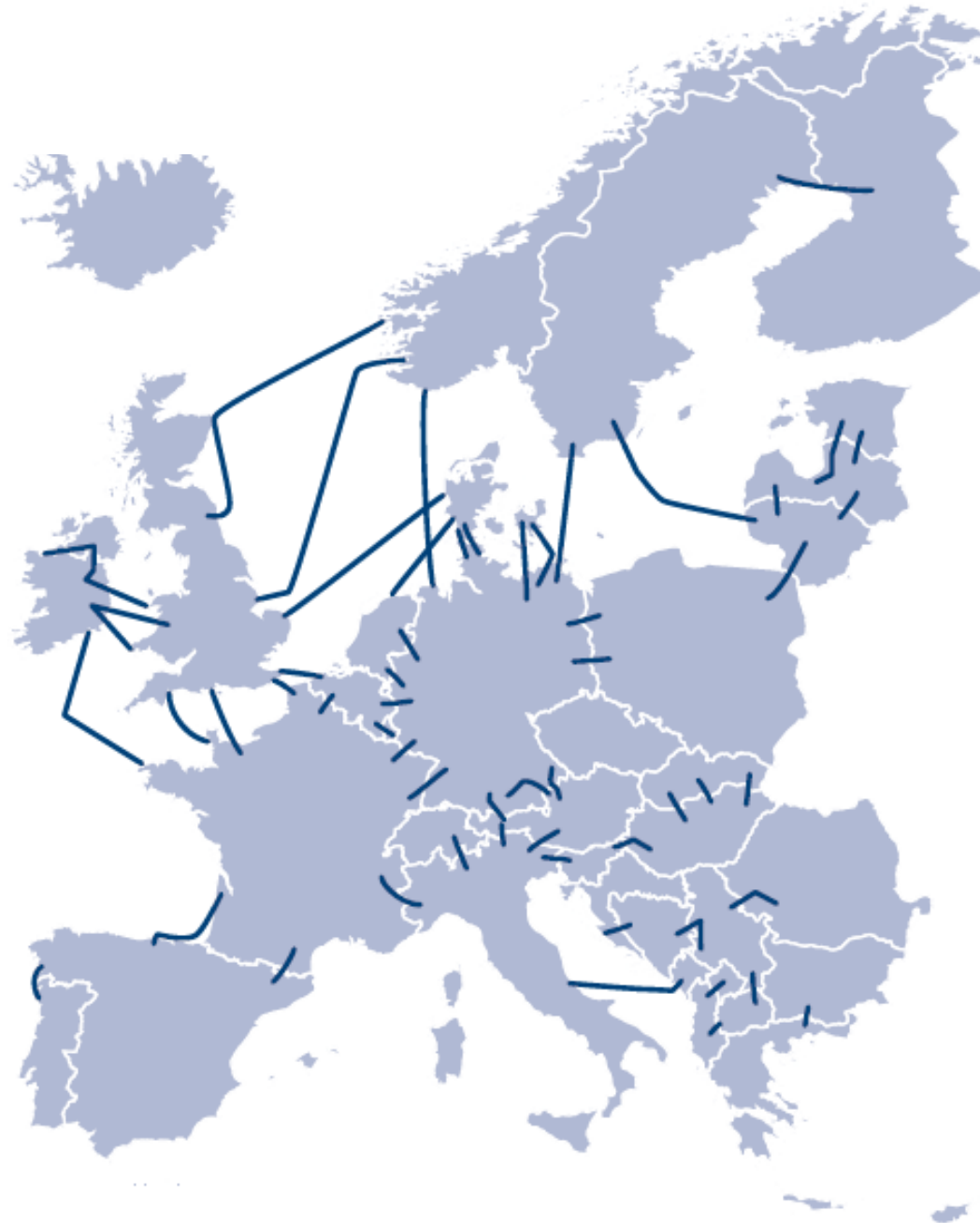
Critical/Congested network element clusters: Planning phase (D-1 and D-2 in 2011 and 2012)

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Congestion clusters: Operational phase (real time)

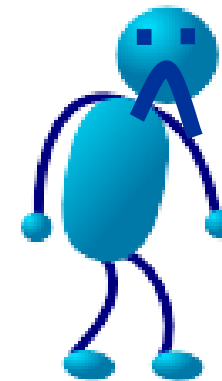
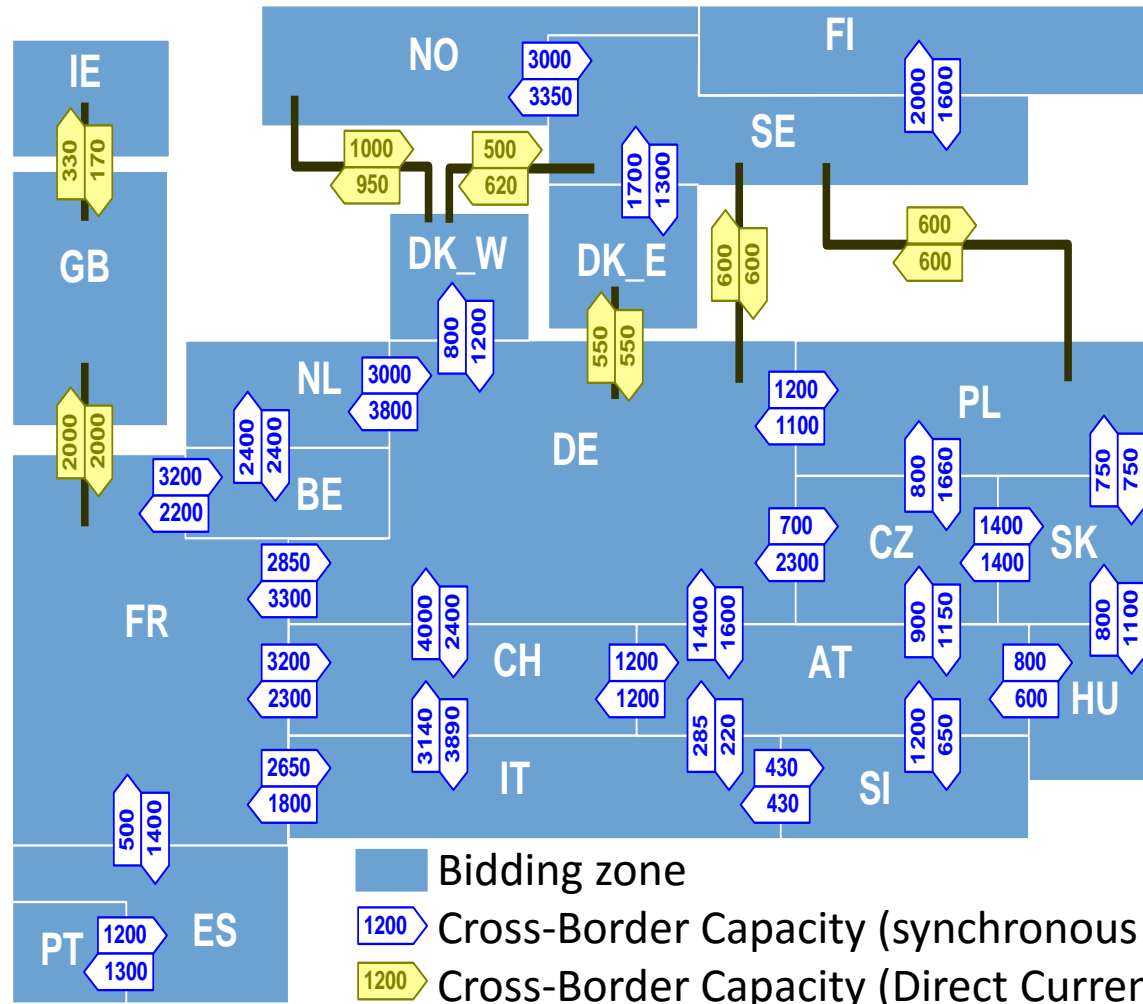
Reinforcement
project for 2030
aim at relieving
current
congestions and
anticipate on
future
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generation



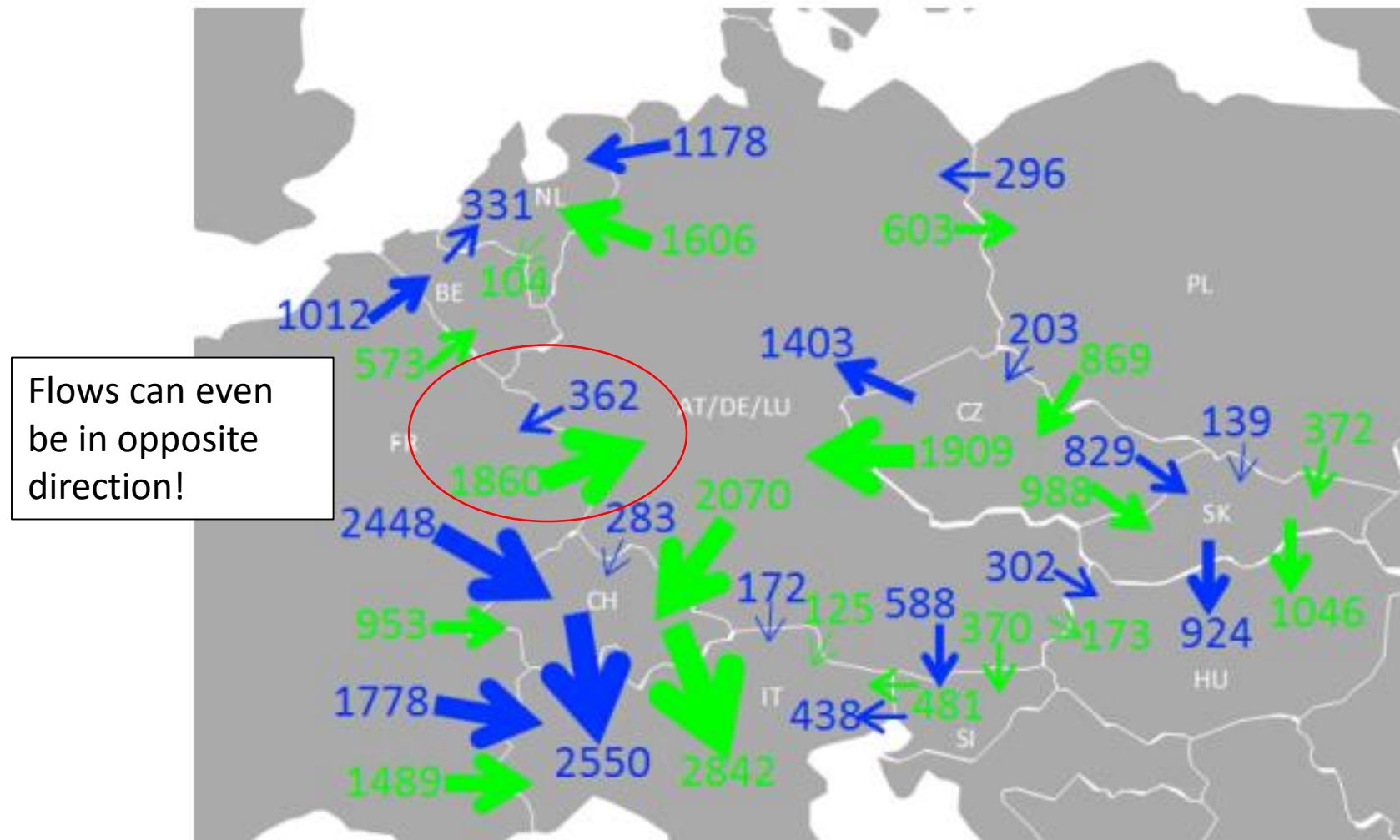
Capacity calculation

General principles:

- ❖ Within a price zone, no constraint for actors: free exchange of energy
- ❖ Between price zones, the “pipes” are limited.



Commercial exchanges do not match physical flows! (ATC model)
Only both sums per country (net position) match.



Average realized schedule exchanges (blue) & Measured physical flows (green) for the year 2011 and 2012 (in MW)

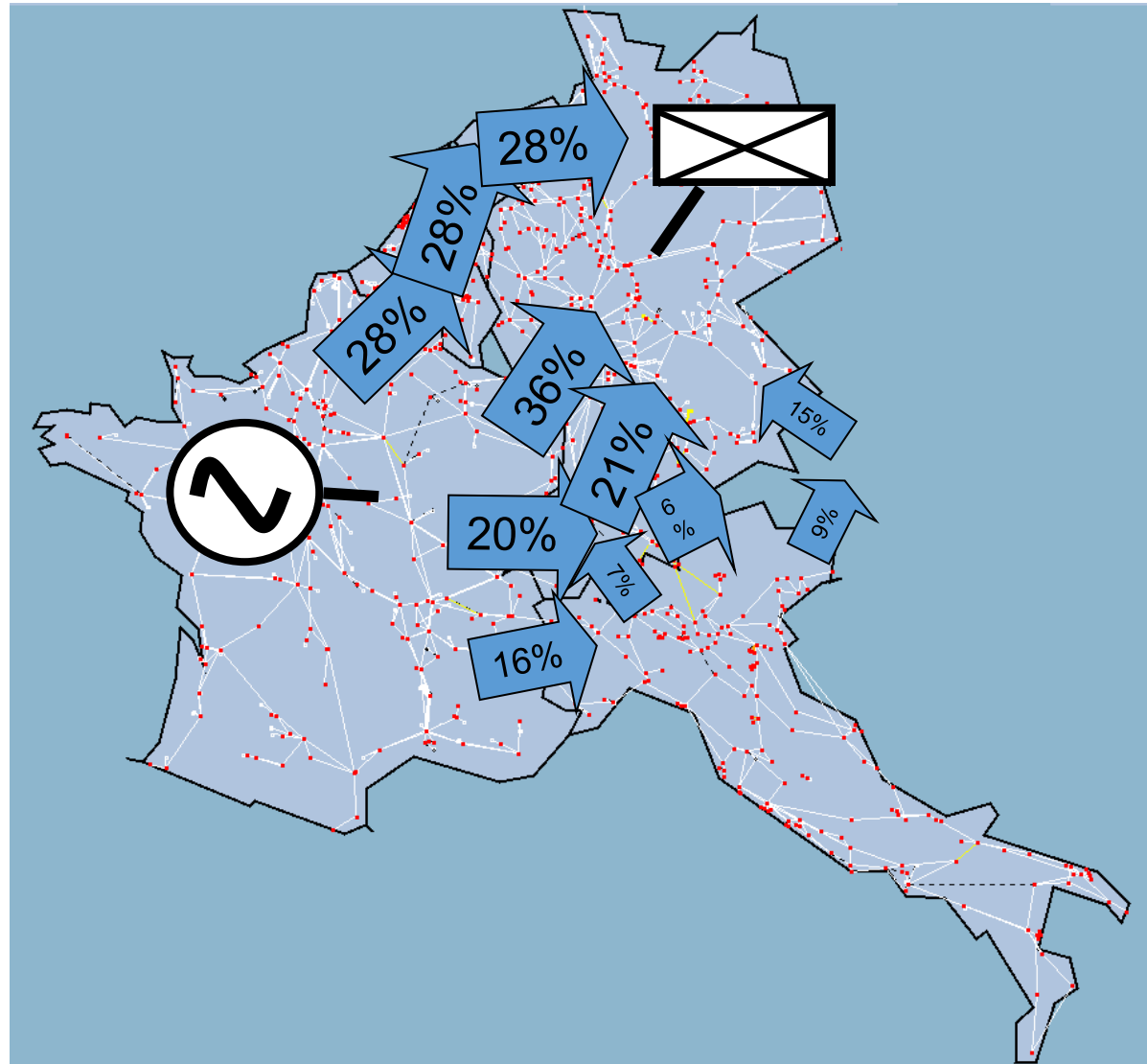
But, things are more complex...

Exchanges \neq Physical flows...

Physical flows generated
by a an exchange $FR \Rightarrow DE$

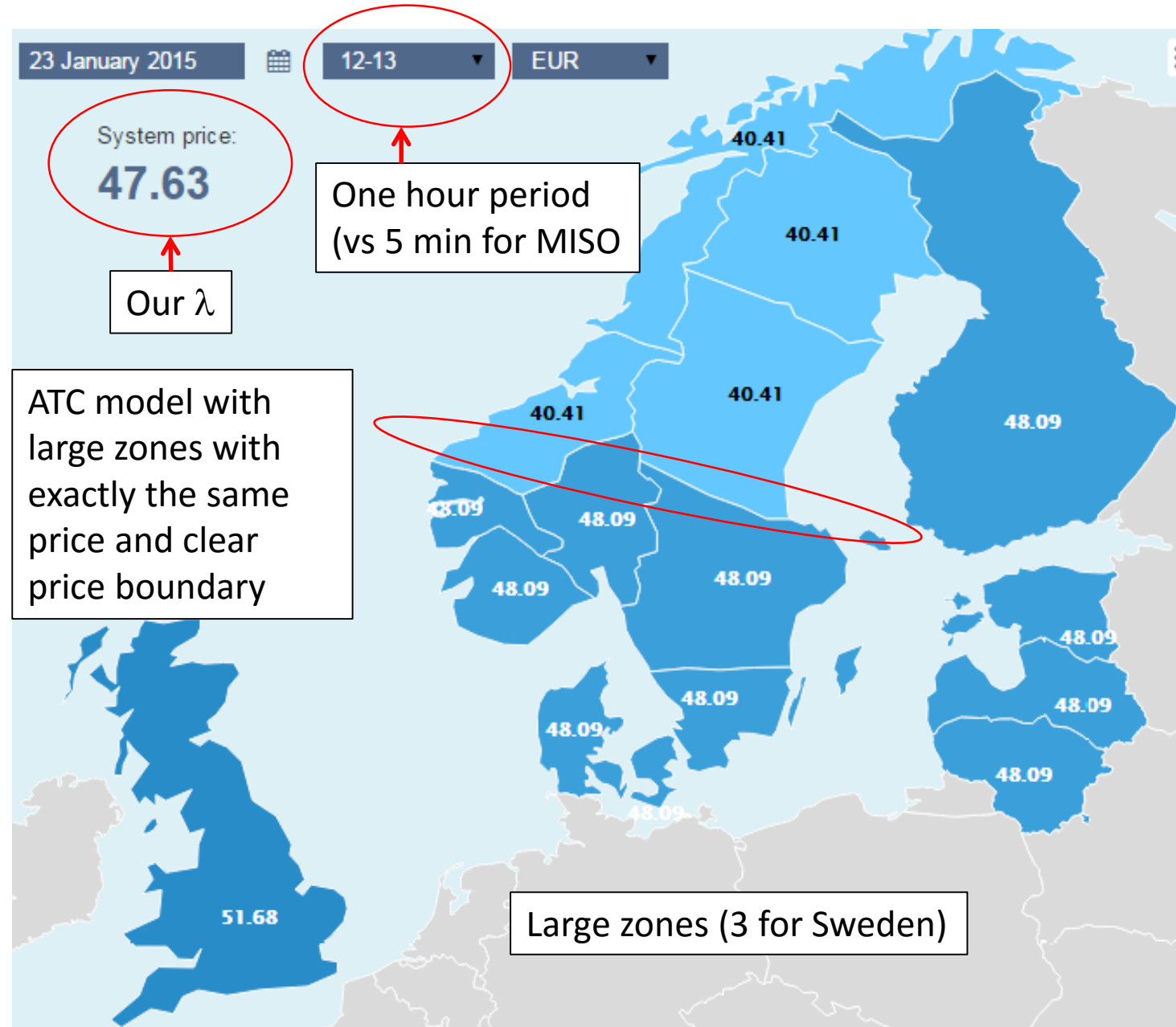
Only one-third of the flow
goes through the French-
German boundary. The
other flows are called
“loop flows”

Only the **net export**
position of each country is
actually meaningful (sum
of exchanges = sum of
physical flows)

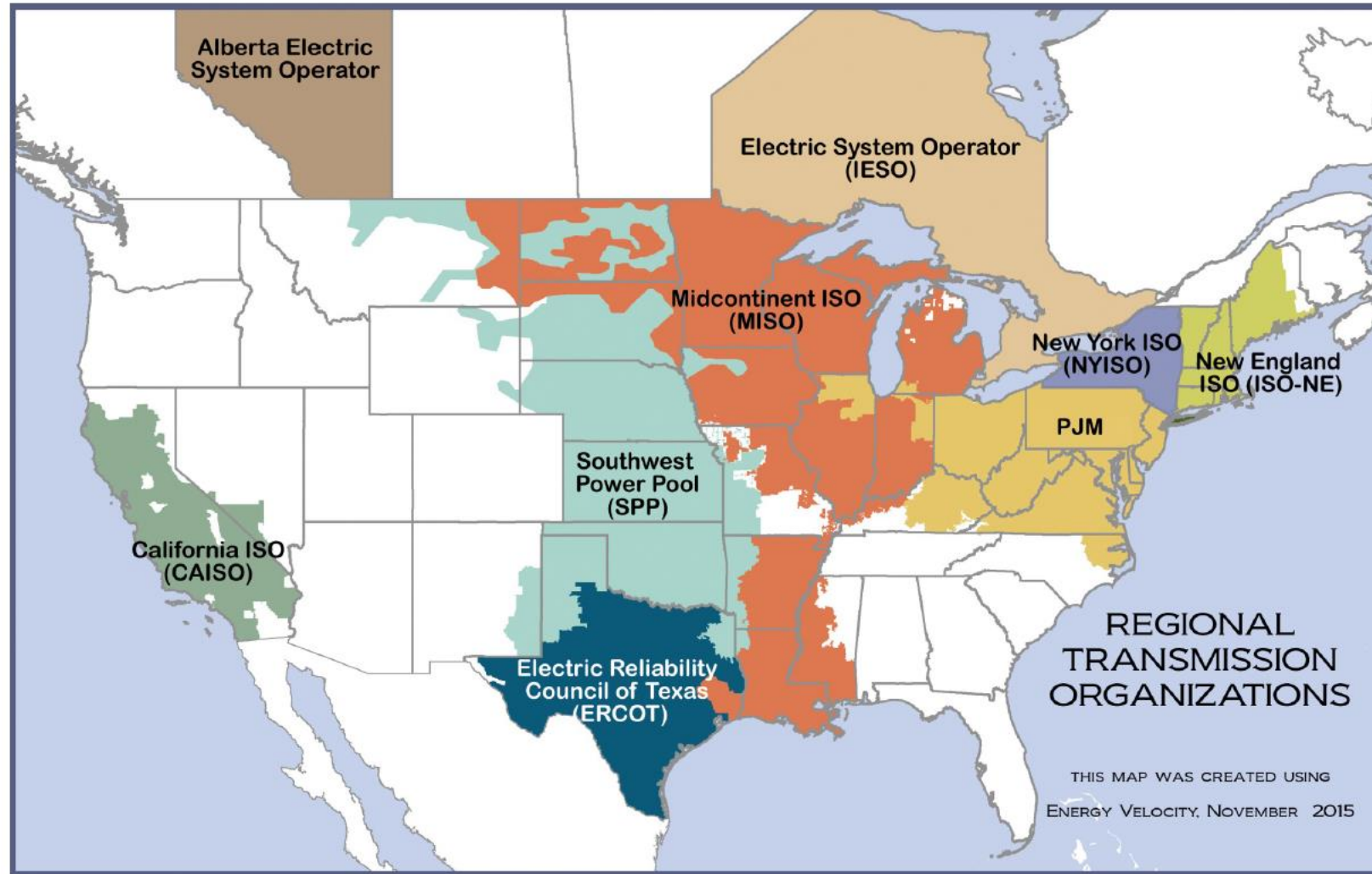


A European example: NordPool

<http://www.nordpoolspot.com/#/nordic/map>



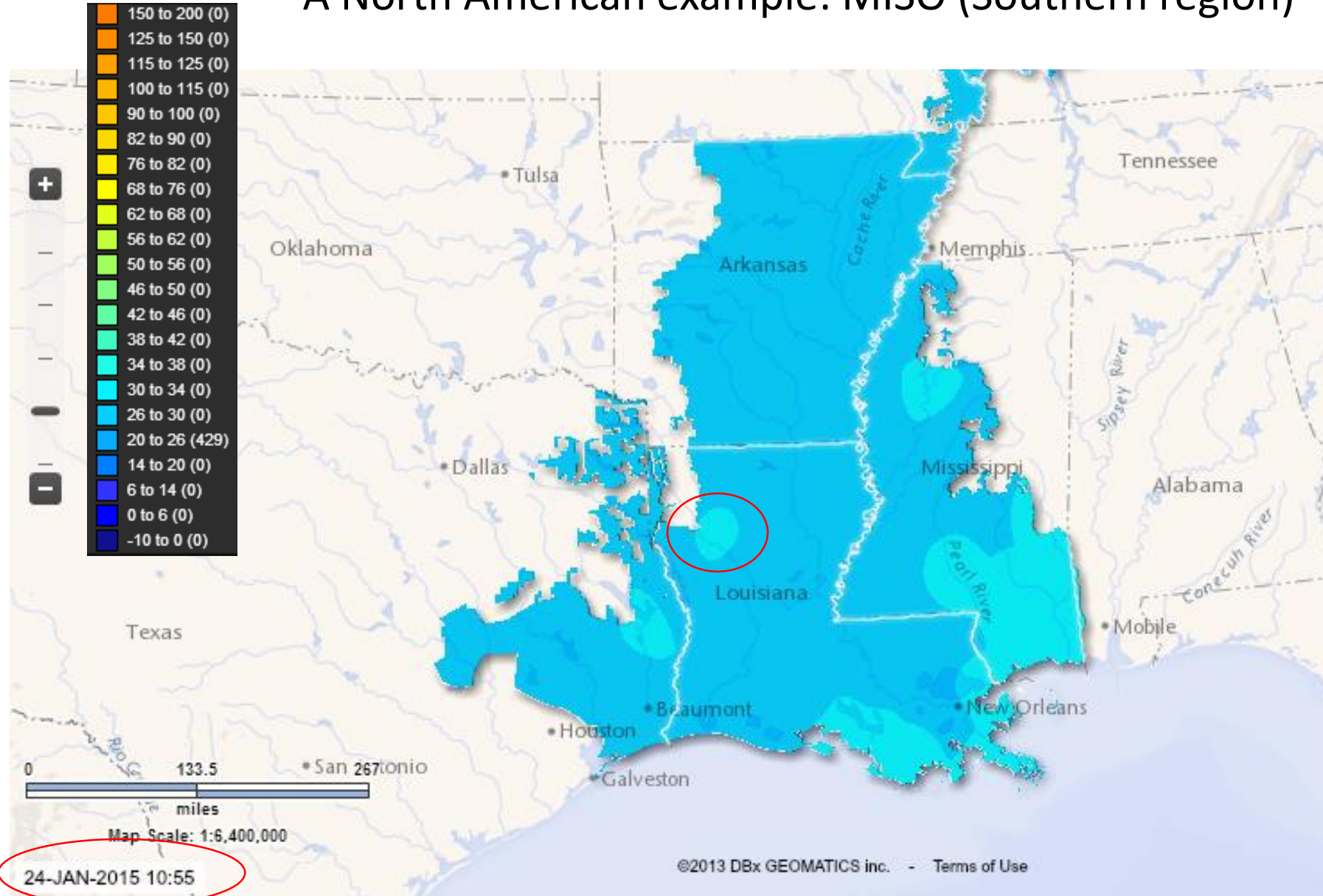
USA Real Time Operator map



<https://www.ferc.gov/industries/electric/indus-act/rto/elec-ovr-rto-map.pdf>

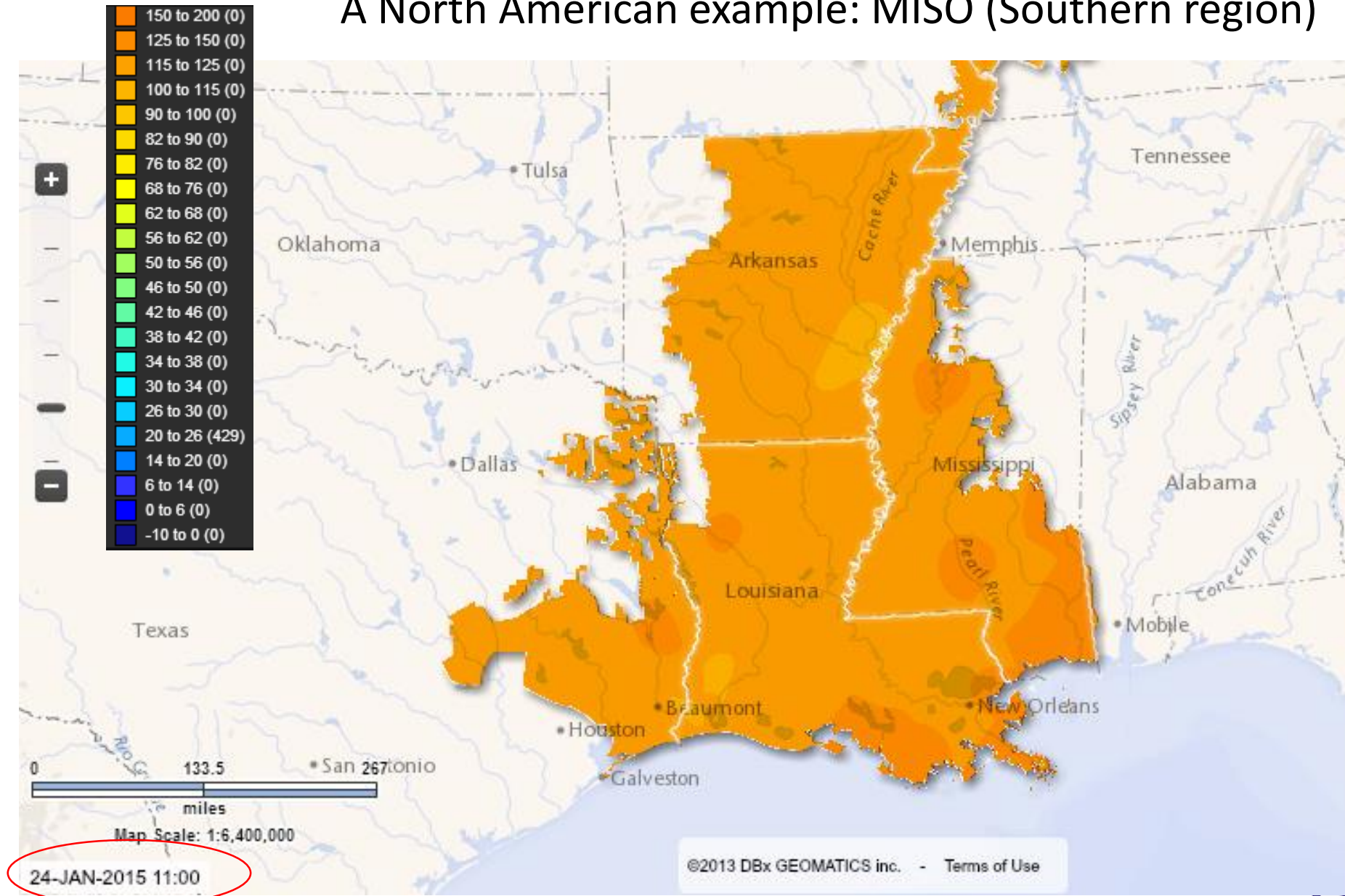
A North American example: MISO (Southern region)

https://www.misoenergy.org/LMPContourMap/MISO_All.html



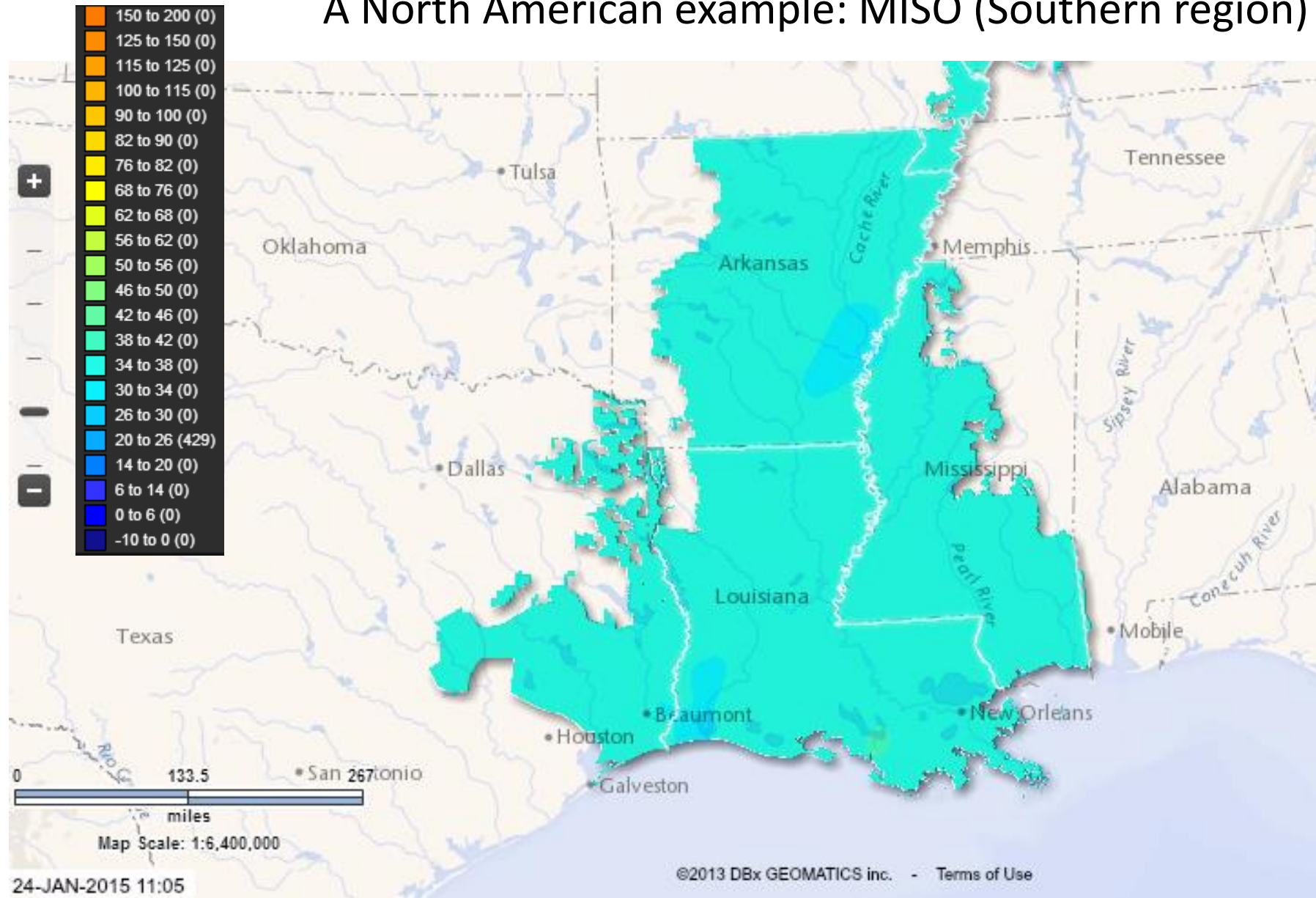
Saturday, 10:55: the real time price map is quiet. Some fine grained differences (<30km) are visible

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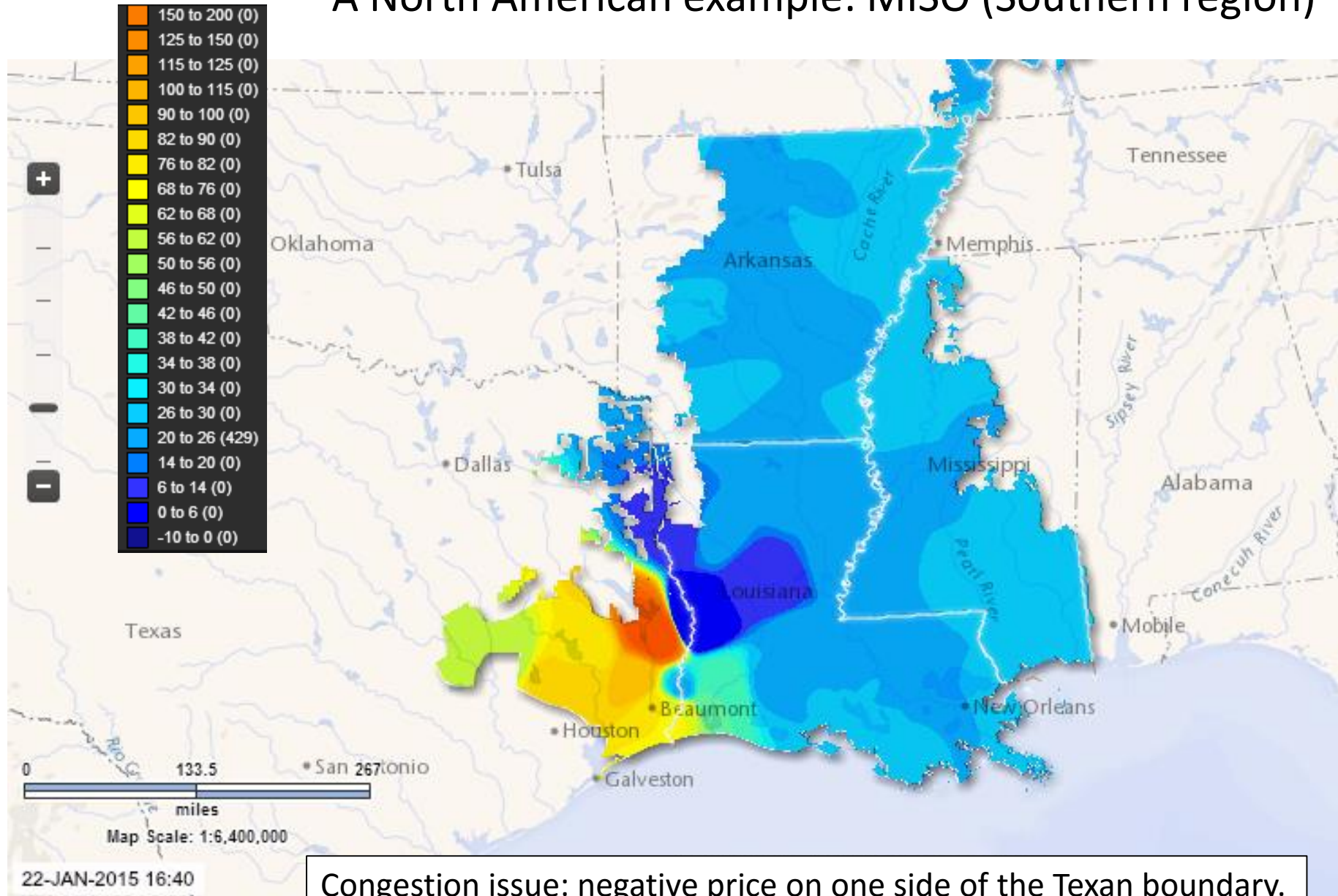
5 minutes later: prices are up from 20 USD/MWh to more than 100 USD/MWh!

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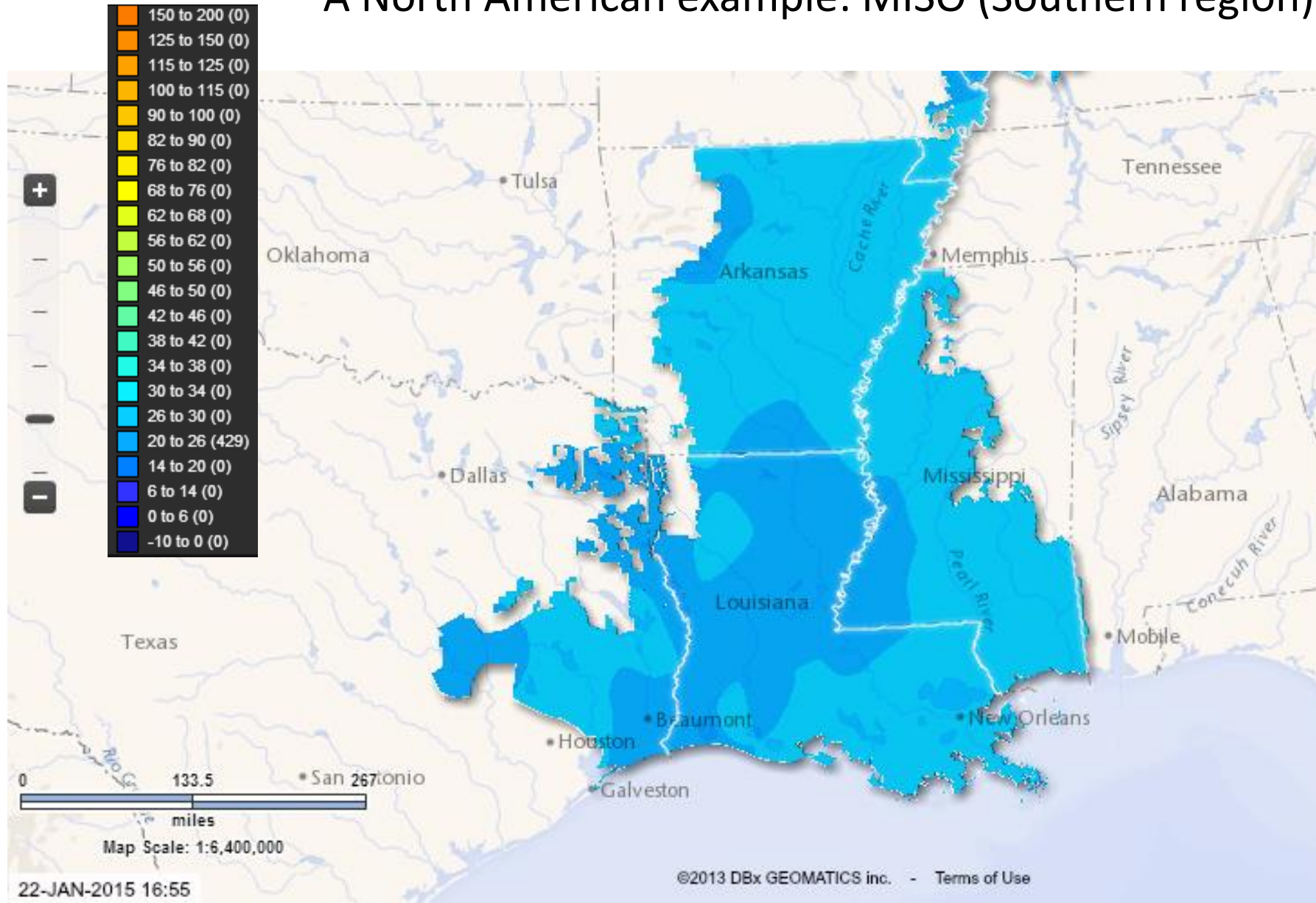
10 minutes later: prices are down to 30 €/MWh...

A North American example: MISO (Southern region)



Congestion issue: negative price on one side of the Texan boundary.
More than 160 USD/MWh of difference in virtually 0 km!

A North American example: MISO (Southern region)



10 minutes later: everything back to normal...