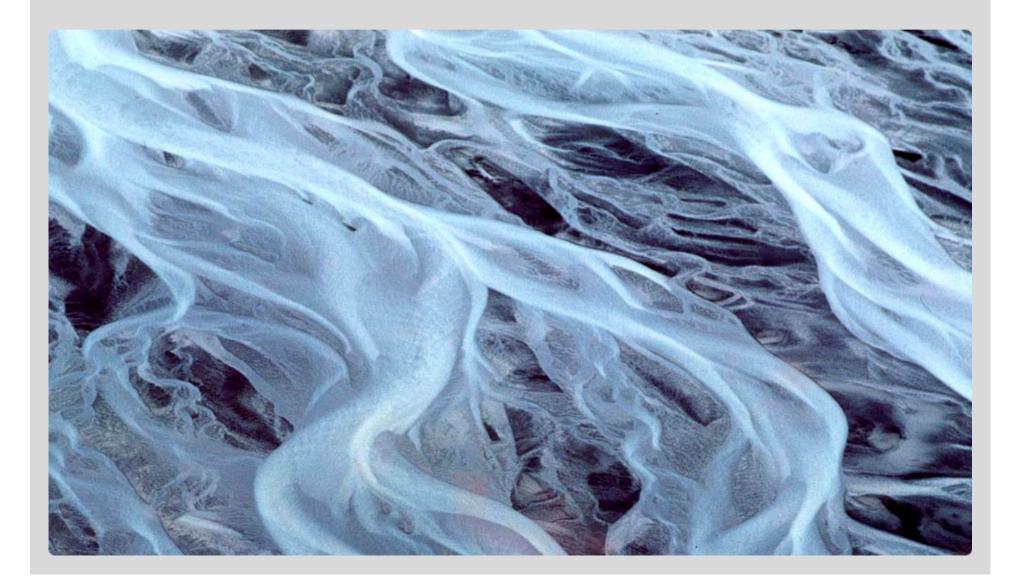
# HYDROPOWER IN ICELAND Impacts and adaption in future climate







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### Landsvirkjuns system



### Installed power 1850 MW

- 96 % Hydroelectricity
- 4% Geothermal

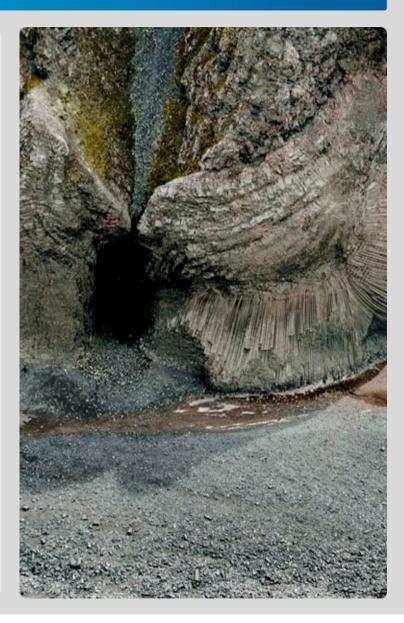
## Production capacity 13 TWh/a

### Customer base

- 86 % Large industries
- 14 % Small businesses / Household
- •No connection to other countries
- •Reliability a major concern



### Regular use of flow series



•Every autumn reservoir content is forecasted one year into the future

•When designing or reviewing design of new units. Reservoir size and installed capacity are based on reservoir inflow.

•For long term contracts a due diligence study is performed

•Larger research projects. For instance connecting Iceland to Europe with a submarine power cable.



#### **Expected** inflow



•Operational planning: A set of inflow series is selected for determination of the generation capacity.

•New Development: A set of inflow series is selected for estimation of energy production, installed capacity and reservoir storage capacity ...etc.

•These tasks require an ongoing review of expected inflow, both for present and the future.





### Landsvirkjuns use of flow series

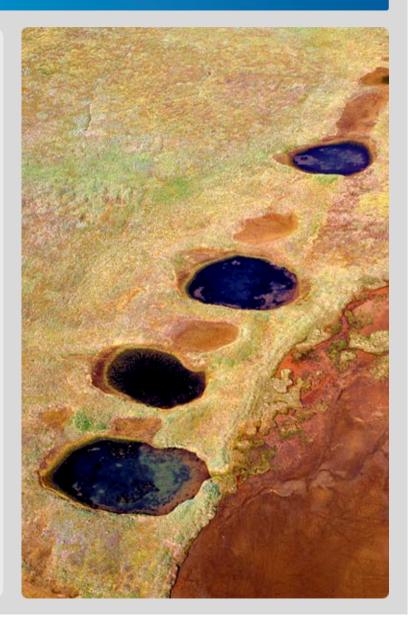
•River flows from 1950 to 2008 have been simulated using a hydrological model

•These series were used to determine generation capacity and for new development

•Since the start of CWE, CE, CES the use of these historical series has been questioned and is now abandoned

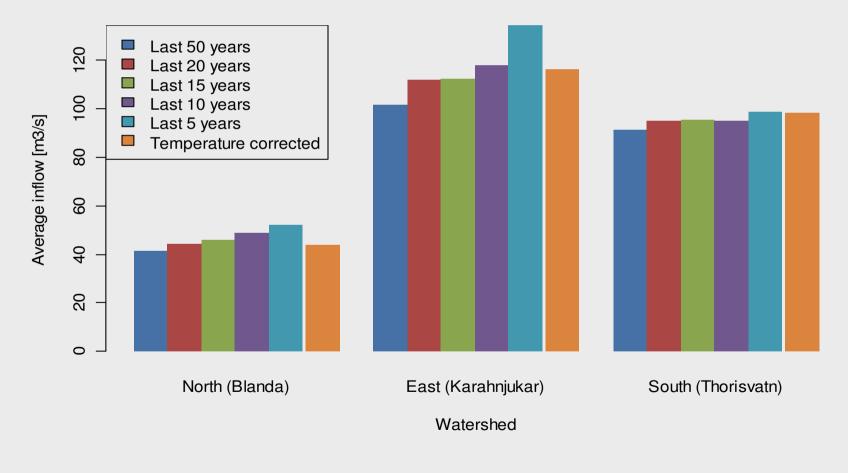
•Currently 2010 series are being used for operational planning and 2010 and 2025 series for design

•New series have been made for 2010, 2015, 2025, 2035 and 2050





### Change in average inflow to the main storage reservoirs





### Transformation of climate measurements

## •Change in temperature

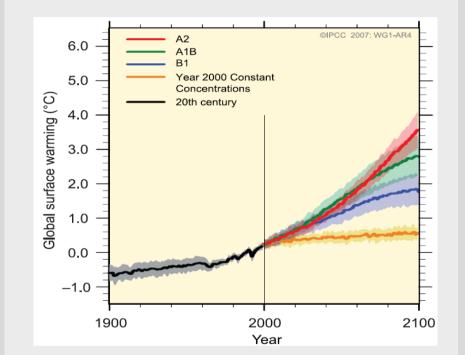
- 0.75 °C/100y 1950-1975
- 1.55 °C/100y 1975-2000
- 2.35 °C/100y 2000-

## •Change in precipitation

- Average increase 4.8% / 100 y
- Range 3.3 7.2 %

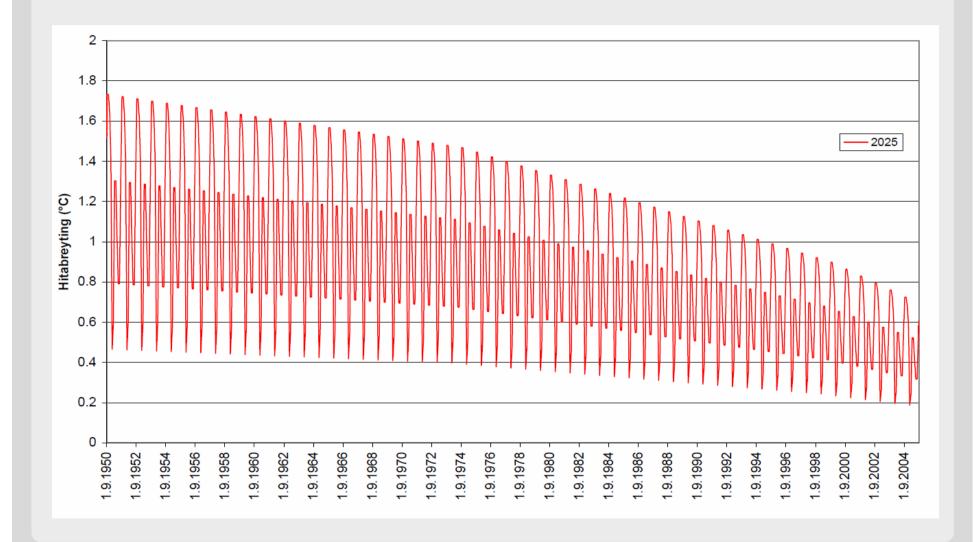
## •Glaciers

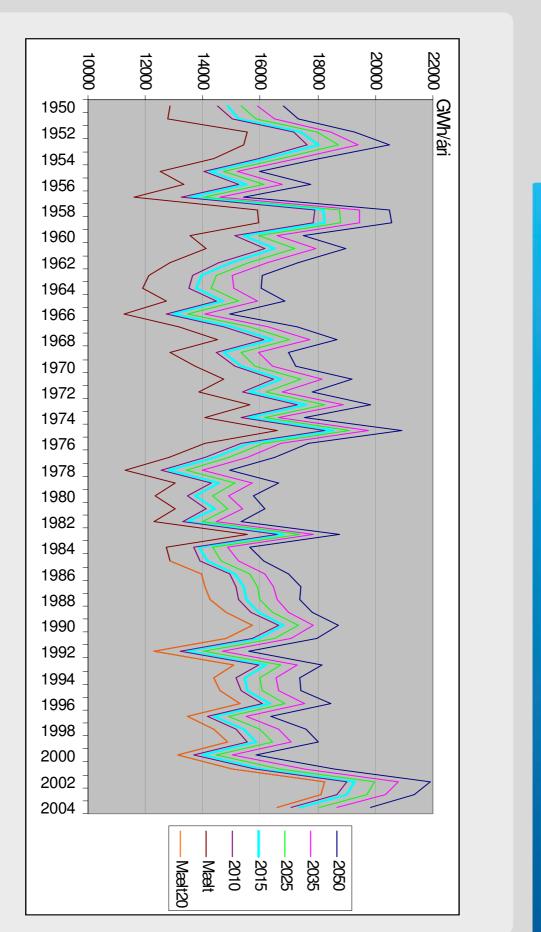
- Results from CES
- 25% decrease in volume from 2000 to 2050





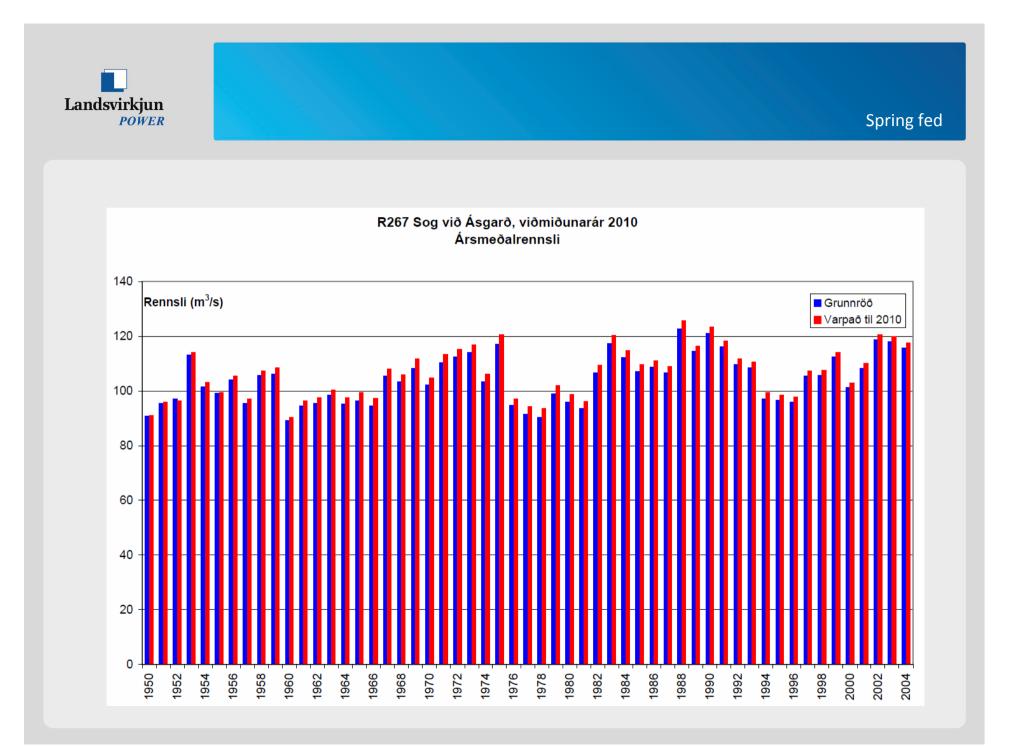
Temperature transformation





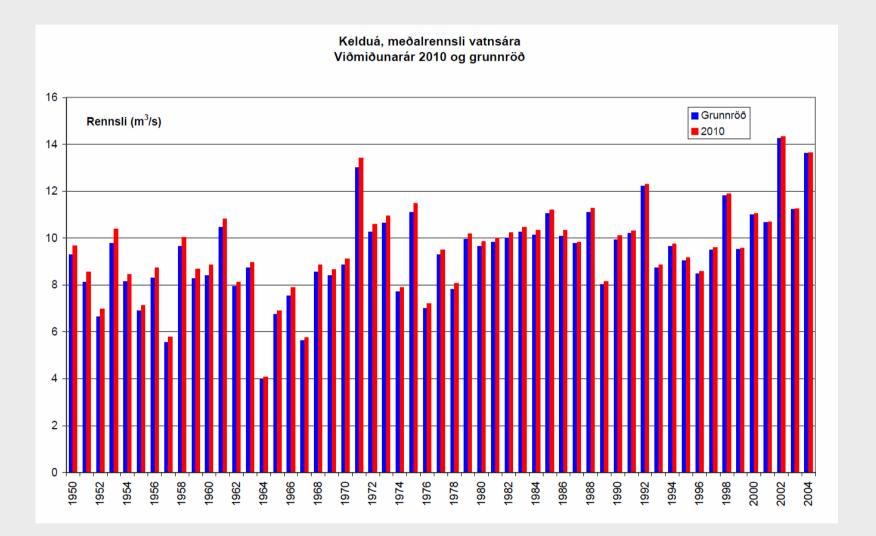


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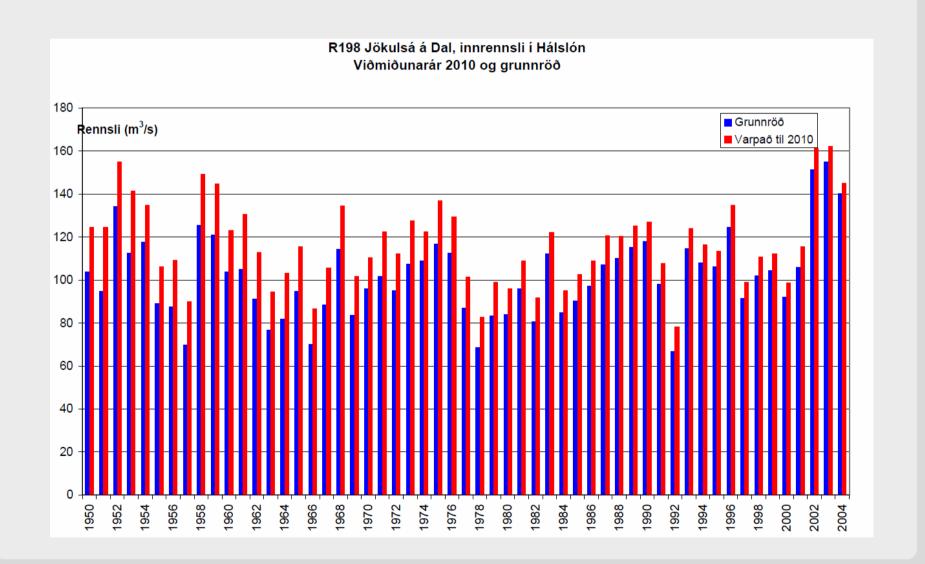


### Direct runoff









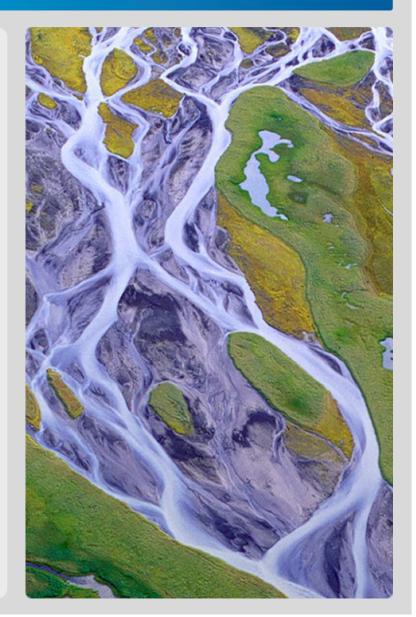


•Difference between historical series (1950 to 2004) and 2010 series

- •Direct runoff and spring fed
  - 2 3 % increase

## •Glacier rivers

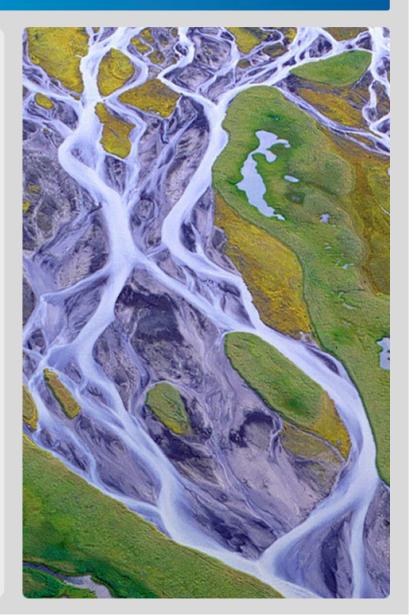
- 10 30 % increase
- 15 % on average
- •2010 series are stationary

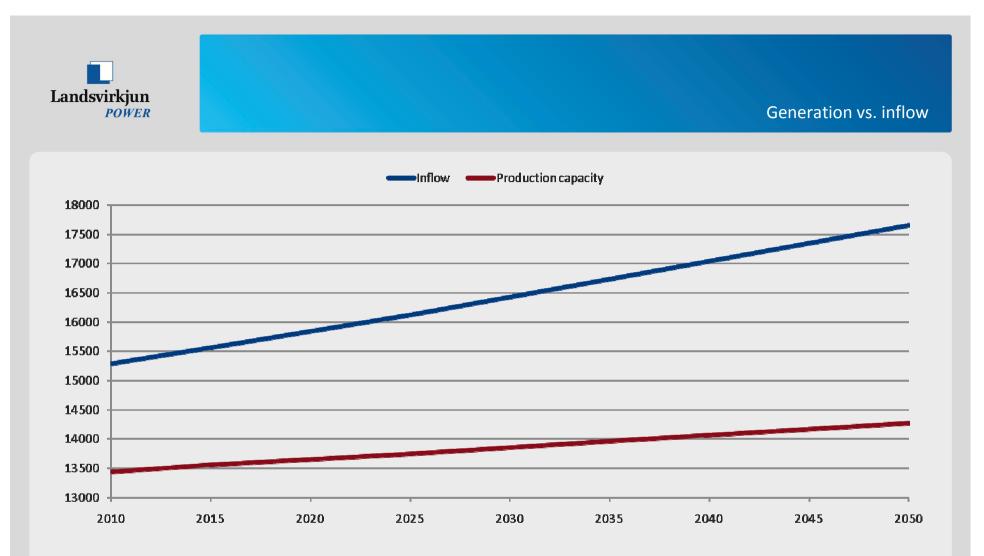




•Difference between historical series (1950 to 2004) and 2050 series

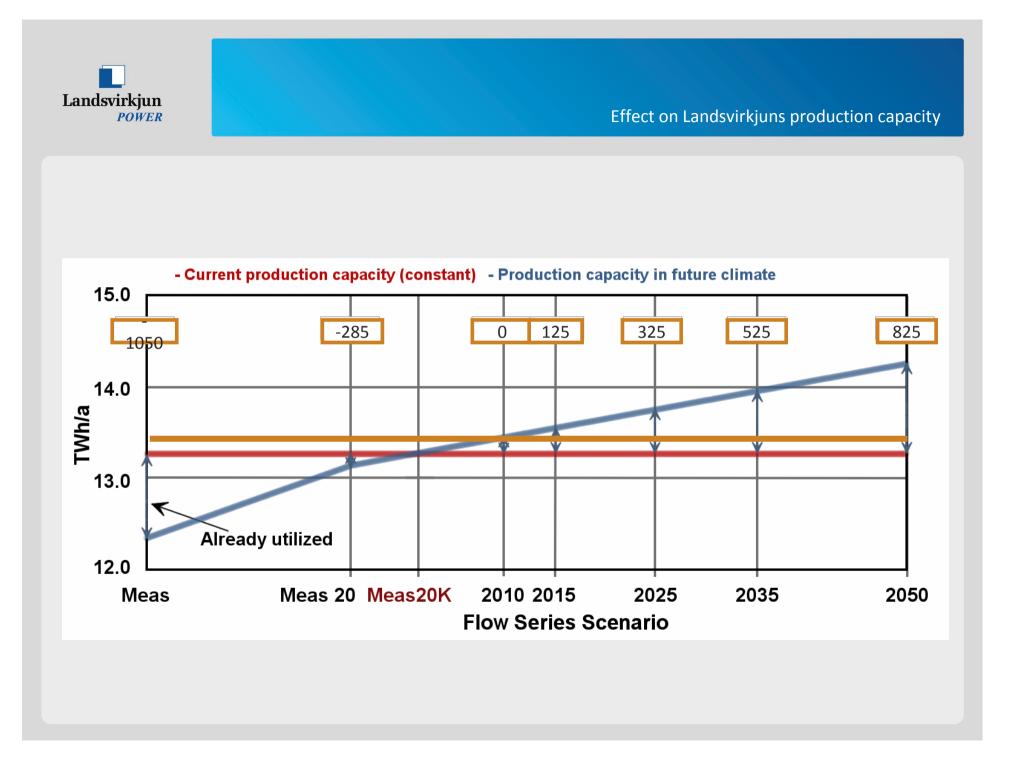
- •Direct runoff and spring fed
  - 5 6 % increase
- •Glacier rivers
  - 25 84 % increase
- •2050 series are stationary





-By the year 2050 inflow has increased by 16 %

- •At the same time production capacity has only increased by 6 %
- •Utilization of the runoff decreases from 84 % to 78 %







## •CWE, CE, CES have changed how Landsvirkjun works

- •Landsvirkjun would not have been able to get similar results on it's own
- •The size of the project and number of participants made it possible to make changes faster