Community Battery Storage

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Individual vs. Community Storage



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Community Battery



Use case:

Storage in combination with photovoltaics (PV)

- Store excess PV energy
- Provide energy in case of darkness
- Aims:
 - Increase grade of autarky (use green energy)
 - Reduce need for grid power (grey energy)



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Fictive Exemplary Community



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22 Households

Individual load and PV power profiles

Loads: 3000...7000 kWh/a

PV:

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- 3...7 kWpk
- Storage size varied: typically 120 kWh

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Use Case



Arbitrary distribution for yearly

- Consumption
- PV-Generation

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Exemplary Power Profiles



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Grade of Autarky



- Grade of autarky varies
- Community storage:
 - Grade of autarky better than average with individual storages
 - Winners and loosers



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Battery Size



Optimal size:

- Halve day storage
- 24% size reduction with same grade of autarky

Without storage:

- Improvement by mutual energy use
- from 35% to 44% grade of autarky
- Full autarky
 - Only with seasonal storage
 - Commercially not suitable

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Converter Size



Discharging power:

• Reduced by 60%

• Due to energy sharing

Charging power

No reduction

 Due to high simultaneous factor of PV



Operation Mode



Prioritisation:

Self-consumption

- Storage as full as possible
- Strong power peak if storage is full at noon
- Grid relief
 - Feed-in power capped

General Measuring Equipment



Measuring devices for

- Legal aspects
 - Proof of renewable feed-in
 - Taxes and fees
- Fair billing for
 - House owners
 - Contractor
 - Mains grid operator

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General Measuring Equipment



Measuring devices for

- Operation
 - Real-Time
 - Reliability
 - No public data network

Billing

- Each 15 min or yearly
- Public data network
- Data security

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Measuring Equipment



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- Use case: Peer-to-peer trading
- **Organisational Aspects**
 - Community storage operated like individual storages for each participant
 - Households own PV
 - and trade energy between each other
 - Controller to manage trading
 - Investor to install and operate storage
- **Technical Aspects**
 - Battery control based on Real time measurements of
 - All households
 - All PV
 - Grid connection
 - 15 min recording for billing
 - Complex data processing
- **Financial Aspects**
 - Households benefit from
 - PV self-consumption
 - PV feed-in tariff
 - Controller and investor makes profit from
 - Service provision
 - Legal Aspects
 - Who operates the grid?
 - PV feed-in tariff for stored energy?
 - Which fees apply?

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Example:

Flex4Energy, Groß-Umstadt, Germany, https://www.entega.ag/flex4energy/

Measuring Equipment



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- Use case: Contractor
- Organisational Aspects
 - Contractor owns
 - Community storage
 - PV-systems
 - Local grid
 - Fixed, average electricity cost for households includes
 - Direct PV-energy
 - Stored PV-energy
 - Mains grid energy
- Technical Aspects
 - Battery control: No charging, if power is delivered from the mains grid
 - Realtime measurement only at mains grid connection
 - Yearly recording for billing
 - Simple data processing
- Financial Aspects
 - Households benefit from
 - Low and predictable electricity price
 - Contractor makes profit from
 - Cost margin for electric energy
 - Legal Aspects
 - Contractor as official grid operator?
 - Feed-in-tariff for contractor?

Measuring Equipment



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- Use case: Contractor with multiple use
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- Technical Aspects
 - Battery control:
 - Based on PV realtime measurements and further use
 - 15 min recording for billing to prove PV origin
 - Complex data processing
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 - Contractor makes profit from
 - Cost margin for electric energy
 - Further use options
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What is fair?

Individual fairness:

- Each person gets and pays exactly for each item
- Example: Restaurant (in Germany), market

Flat fairness:

- Items can be used by paying a flat-rate
- Example: Telephone bill

Solidary fairness:

- Regular payment, support in case of exceptional event
- Example: Insurance

Social fairness:

- Each person gets what needed
- Example: Family



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Summary

Community storages

- Have technical advantages
 - Less capacity
 - Less converter power
- Are difficult to organize



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