Grid Integration of an Increasing Share of Renewable Power Generation
- Geothermal Power: Challenges for Network and System Operation -

Aims, Developments and Expectations of RES

Challenges for Network and System Operation

Smart Tools and Smart Grids

Geothermal Power Plant Connection

Procedure, Checklists and Costs

Results/Summary and Outlook

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Brief portrait
EnBW Energie Baden-Württemberg AG

› One of the largest energy companies in Germany and Europe
› Business segments:
  electricity generation and trading, electricity grid and sales,
  gas, energy and environmental services
› Annual revenue 2011: in excess of € 18 billion
› Customers: some 5.5 million
› employees: some 20,000
## Some figures of EnBW Regional AG

**Status December 2011**

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Environmental objectives and expectations

Framework conditions for power system development

The Measure of all Things

The 20-20-20 Energy and Climate Targets of the EU for 2020

The Ambitions for 2050
The EU 20-20-20 energy- and climate targets for 2020
The evolution of networks: Smart Grids

"In this new World, it may not be economically feasible to operate the system as it is done today. Significantly more system monitoring and intelligent control will need to be introduced to securely meet the demand for energy with the optimum level of generation and network capacity. This will be achieved by the evolution of electricity networks: in short: Smart Grids" (ERGEG)
Rapid installation of renewable generation
Lucrative promotional concepts

- **Renewable generation 2020**
  ca. 70,000 MW

- **Current peak load in Germany**
  ca. 80,000 MW!!

- **Substantial network problems (P, Q, U, f)** (locally, regionally, holistically)

- **Network related load-/feed-in management for cost efficient network operation is indispensable**!
Changing the dynamic control capability of generation
Redeployment from transmission- to the distribution network

The contribution of generating units in the distribution network for the control will have to increase substantially
- Frequency-Load Control
- Primary control, loss of inertia of the system/network needs to be compensated
- Mastery of faults (fault ride through)
- Voltage control
- Integration of storages (medium-term and long-term)
Increase of generation
Determinants for the Networks
The North-South Bottleneck

Wind Power
- already today critical network situations
- Massive expansion of off-shore plants in the North of Germany
- Repowering of existing plants
- In-feed direction: from high voltage to medium / low voltage

Solar Power
- Massive expansion of PV-plants in the South of Germany
- In-feed direction: from low voltage level to high voltage level

Discussing Tendencies

Overlay grid? Congestion Management: 2 Trading Zones?
Increase of generation
Determinants for the Networks
The North-South Bottleneck

Off-shore – Nordssee
bis 2020 geplant:
18.000 MW

Off-shore – Ostsee
bis 2020 geplant:
10.000 MW

PV-Anlagen
heute: 4.000 MW,
bis 2020: 20.000 MW
Up to 40.000 MW

On-shore in Deutschland 2008:
ges. 24.000 MW

Bottleneck North-South

Overlay grid?

Congestion Management: 2 Trading Zones?

Discussed Tendencies

dena network study II

a) 3.600 km 380 kV of lines
10 Mrd. €
0,2-0,5 Ct / kWh (High Voltage)

b) 1.700 + (5.700) km 380 kV
high temperatur Ropes
17 Mrd. €

c) 3.400 km HGÜ
22-29 Mrd. €

Approvals ? , t= ? …….
Discussed scenarios for grid reinforcements

![Grid Reinforcement Scenarios](image-url)
2020 was the beginning! Stepwise towards the supergrid
2050 80% from renewable energy is targeted
Dessertec und Seatech inspire the phantasie

"Supergrids": Pan-European Smart Grids

Coordinated planning of new transmission capacities of the TSOs

15% from the dessert
The future has already begun
EnBW with Baltic I as a pioneer
Off-shore hot spot Nord Sea and Baltic Sea

Fresh Energy

The Future has already begun

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Initial future planning: in total 1200 MW
Challenges and problems

Technical, economical problems for power plants, TSOs and DSOs

The nature as a power plant operator volatile/stochastic generation

The customer „load follows generation“
Problems for the Distribution System Operator
What must be mastered?

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- **DSO**
  - "Peak Shaving" (Load flow, Voltage, network related preventive coordinated Customer supply, load- and in-feed management, costefficient network operation, automation of network, network expansion)

- **TSO**
  - "Load Leveling“ / “Balancing“ Net-/system stability reinforcement of transmission system

- **Enormous increas of RES in 2020 ca. 80% of today’s peak performance !
  - Extremely high volatility/intermittency of the generation
  - Substantial network problems (P, Q, U and f), (locally, regionally, holistically)

Regulatory Framework

- **DSO**
  - Recognition of the DSO costs / invest
  - requirement for an investment-friendly climate

Invest EU-wide up to approx. 1.000 Bill. Euro
500 Bill. Generation
100 Bill. Transmission
400 Bill. Distribution

accord. to EURELECTRIC
Control loop to efficiently solve network economic and network technical problems
Overview of the Smart Grid Approaches

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Solutions and approaches

Intelligent network control

Load- and feed-in control

Electrical equipment

Customer involvement

Smart Box

Time dependent network tariffs
Balancing (f-problem)

Load and generation in equilibrium

momentary demanded power

momentary generated power

Control-Plant
Intelligent, preventive and network-related load-/in-feed management
Options for cost-efficient network operation

1. Ramp down Control power plant
2. Shut down decentralized generation (RES)
3. Load-activation
4. Renewables disconnection
5. Load shifting + activation by incentives

Usage of all advantages

Overloading

Politica issue

Touch of smartness

Load shifting + activation by incentives

Smart solution

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Intelligent, preventive and network-related load management
Load follows generation (paradigm change)

max. net capacity
load activation/shifting
original power curve
current power after incentives/smoothing

network incentives for load shifting
original network fees

Customer
Satisfaction

Cost efficient smart and economic network operation
Preventiv Load management
Priority feed-in for RES
Usage of RES by load activation
Preventiv net expansion
Preventiv control power

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Incentives for network friendly/related load management e. g. Heat pump (by the DSO) by means of release and cut-off times

Realisation of a cost efficient network operation and network expansion

With preventive Load management

Without preventive Load management

Network-capacity

grid-load

Working time

From the DSO point of view

Restricted periods

11:30-13:00
17:30-19:00
Smart grids may mitigate the cost increase of the integration of renewable energy sources.

**Smart Tools**
- **Smart Solutions for network improvements**
  - IKT + FE, CU, AL
- **Intelligent communication-, control and steering technology**
- **Intelligente load-/generation management by attractive incentives**
- **Smart stations**
- **Intelligent metering systems**
- **Smart Boxes**
- **Smart customers**
- **Smart regulatory framework**
Smart Station (I), controllable step transformers
Avoidance/postponement of net and line constructions
Dynamic voltage control: Voltage problem (U-problem)

20-kV Netz 0,4-kV Netz

Smart Station PV  PV- feed-in
Voltage measurement at customer’s “Eyes” for network optimization

Control range Transf.
Voltage limit
Line length
Voltage limit

PV
Loads

20-kV Netz
0,4-kV Netz

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Smart Station (II)
Avoidance/postponement of net and line constructions
Dynamic load control

20-kV Netz  Smart Station  0,4-kV Netz  z.B. warm-water  PV
| PV-feed-in |
| Loads |

Voltage measurement at the customer’s `Smart meter at end customer  additional „Eyes“for network optimization

Voltage
Control Range
Transf.

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Smart Station (III)
Additional features and advantages

Measured data for network monitoring and state estimation
   → Advantage for planning, steering and asset management

› Loading control/monitoring of the equipment
   → Protection and optimal use of assets
      (lines, transformers, network configuration)

› Data hub for smart meter data
   → Synergies for data systems

› Remote control of switches and status feedback of:
   short circuit & earth fault indicators to control centre
   → Fast fault localisation/remedy.
      Improvement of the reliability and quality of supply

Installation of BB Powerline coupling in an open air station
Interaction of participants in the Smart Grid

Participants

Customers

Network operators (DSO and TSO)
Supplier
Trader
Service provider
Storage operator

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Regulator
A Smart Grid Approach: Power network- and customer friendly demand side management (DSM). Time of use pricing, incentives, interruptable and uninterruptable loads
Connecting and integrating geothermal power plants

Geothermal Integration

Procedure

Checklists

Costs
Flow diagram: Connecting a power plant to the network

1. Network Connection Request by PPO
   \( P_{\text{max}}; S_{\text{max}}; \text{Location} \)

2. Determination of Network Connection Point by DSO
   Voltage level, Costs, Timing

3. Application for the Network Connection by PPO
   Voltage level, Costs, Timing

4. Projecting by DSO
   DSO Components; Timing Details; Construction; Grid Update

5. Projecting by PPO
   PPO Components; Construction

6. Commissioning and Protocols

7. Power Plant Operation

Specification of Remuneration (Marketing)
Enquiry for connection
Request for connection of a generating plant and order to perform network calculations.

Required data for the DSO:

- Name/Addresses of the DSO, the customer/client, communication partner, installer
- System/plant location and a true-to-scale site plan

- Plant data: RES-feed-in according to the law (e.g., EEG),
- Type of the generator
  -- synchronous, asynchronous, double fed asynchronous generator
  -- max real power P, max apparent power S, additional feed-in, ...
- Mandate for ordering a data signal transmission device according to the law (EEG)
  -- incl. a cost absorption declaration
- Selecting the measuring concept
  -- direct measurement, commercial financing transit or full feed-in model, need for a metering exchange

- Planned commissioning of the power plant
- Assignment for the accomplishment of network calculations (< 30 kW)
  -- cost absorption declaration (blanket 1200 €)

Regarding the remuneration/feed-in compensation, the customer itself must inform.
The Reservation of the feed-in power are binding for six month. Afterwards extension is possible.
Determination of the Network Connection Point (NCP)
Most significant key point for connecting a power plant considering costs, property borders and operating responsibilities

Criteria for the determination of the network connection point (NCP) is the minimum of “Total Costs” incl. reinforcement of the network
The Soultz Project
Geothermal plant in the Upper Rhine Valley.

Exploitation of 1 production well, 5000 m, 200 °C hot rock, and 2 injection wells

Power plant with Organic Rankine Cycle (ORC) process, 1.5 MWel
The Soultz Project
Geothermal plant in the Upper Rhine Valley.
Technical components

- Separators
- OCR process and components
- Technical facilities
- Generator (12,000 rpm) and gear box
- Long shaft pump
- Long shaft pumping motor
The Soultz Project
Geothermal plant in the Upper Rhine Valley.
Electrical connection scheme and supply devices

- **1,25 MVA**
- **33 kV**
- **public MV grid**
- **10 km**
- **HV grid**
- **AUX1 0,6 MW** (pumps, air coolers for ORC,..)
- **AUX2 0,6 MW** (pumps, air coolers for ORC,..)
- **GG**
- **11 kV**
- **Pmax = 2,5 MW, asynchronous**
- **Capacitor Banks for Compensation**
- **66 kV**
- **20 kV**
- **20/0,4 kV transformer station**
- **control devices**
- **Network Connection Point (NCP). Relevant for responsibilities and costs**
- **flywheels for stabilizing supply**
- **Pumps ORC process**
- **11 kV Asynchronous generator (12,000 rpm) and gear box**

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Costs of some main components for connecting a power plant to the grid (Rough figures)

Soultz Project

Generation
- Transformer generator: 46 T€
- Switchgear equipment: 68 T€

Auxiliaries.
- Transformer: 93 T€
- Switchgear: 112 T€

Compensation
- Capacitor banks: 24 T€

Network Connection Point is in front of the site
- No construction subsidy for the network

Connection devices in general
- Medium voltage lines/cables: 70 - 120 €/m
- Medium/Low voltage substation: 30 - 50 T€
- High/Medium voltage transformer station: 1 - 1,5 Mil €

Influencing circumstances: terrain conditions, power plant key figures, local infrastructure,....
Plants bigger than approximately 20 MW connected to 110 kV, depending on network conditions
Checklist for documents required (categories) for application and commissioning of generating units

- **Request/Enquiry**
  General data, max feed-in power, location, DSO form, Site plan

- **Application form for connecting a generating plant**
  - DSO form
  - Measurement concept
  - Declaration that the construction is made in accordance with applicable laws and official directives as well as accepted engineering standards VDE.

- **Provisions before connecting the generating unit to the general supply grid**
  - Proofs and certificates
  - Constructions to VDE guidelines, Attestation of conformity
  - Construction to bdeW guidelines (connection to the medium voltage network)
  - Any other network operator relevant regulations

- **Documents for the commissioning of the power generating unit.**
  - Data sheets / protokolls
  - other generating units, number size and complementary documents

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Measurement concept and counting for the remuneration of RES “Full feed-in”, „commercial financial transit“ and surplus feed-in” model
Required capabilities for generation units (RES)

Feed-in management according to EEG §6

- In general all plants > 100 kW
  remote controllable steps (60%, 30%, 0%, 100%) of \( P_{\text{max}} \)

- PV plants > 30 kW < 100 kW
  remote controllable steps (60%, 30%, 0%, 100%) of \( P_{\text{max}} \)

- PV plants < 30 kW
  choice of the PPO
    - like bigger plants
    - fix limitation of peak power to 70%

In addition all PV plants < 10 kW will be equipped with frequency relays to drop them when frequency > 50.2 Hz (according to the system stability act).

Bigger plants need to participate to the primary control
Commissioning protocol (form)
according to VDE-AR-N 4105

- Plant address, plant installer
- Max apparent power $S_{\text{max}}$, max real power $P_{\text{max}}$, $\cos \phi (0.95 \ 0.9)$
- Peak power of the individual modules/generators kWp
- Order for commissioning is available
- Compliance with data
- Measurement for billing was tested
- Conformity evidence
- Protection devices
  - Set point for voltage control $U_n$
  - Set value on integrated protection of the net connection $U_n$
- Trip test performed
- Feed-in management according to §6 EEG is well functioning
  - including power reductions to several levels (e.g. 70%,.....)
- Limitation of the maximum power according to the contracted value $P_{\text{max}}$
- Carrier frequency locks are proved. Protocols
- Date of commissioning
Market and renumeration models
Choice of the power plant operator (PPO)

Remuneration models (Germany)

1. Feed-in according to the EEG. Will be payed by the DSO
   (In case of the Soultz Project, the remuneration is 20 Ct/kWh)

2. Direct Marketing models (PPO has to clarify with a supplier)
   - Direct Marketing + Avoided Network Charges
   - Direct Marketing (green power privilege)
   - Direct Marketing + Avoided Network Charges + Market premium

Payed by the supplier
Payed by the network operator

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Compensation of the power plant operator (PPO) in case of feed-in management by the network operator

In case of an impending network bottleneck, the DSO is entitled to reduce the generated power (0, 30, 60,....%)

General convention with regard to the law (EEG §11):

Compensation of lost revenues “As if”

Two variants for free choice for the PPO

- Blanket remuneration (Ct/kWh) according to the last actual performance for the time in question
- Billing based on a detailed generation profile (pointed billing)

BNetzA guideline for wind and association agreement for other sources.

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Realistic potentials of geothermal power plants

Medium term (within the next 15 years)
probably no unit size bigger
than 100 MW in low enthalpy areas
not anticipated at present

Germany
biggest plant currently 3.3 $MW_{el}$ (Unteraching Munich)
in 2009 total installed capacity
in 2013 total installed capacity
7.5 $MW_{el}$
forcast 30 $MW_{el}$
200-500 MW ??
Uncertainties due to geological uncertainties and technical risks
Summary
EU 20-20-20 targets and challenges for the energy turnaround
Green light for geothermal generation

Building up Smart Grids to integrate the renewable sources is a huge network economic challenge for distribution- and transmission system operators (DSOs, TSOs)

- Additional integration of new loads (e-mobility and storages) make it further challenging
- DSOs as carrier of enormous investments. Increased pressure for efficiency
- Integrated perspectives needed. Network operators in the centre of responsibility
- Paradigm change „Load Follows Generation“
- Fundamental challenge for planning construction and operation of networks by means of
  - system monitoring, communications systems, smart Meters as well as
  - feed-in and preventive load management through incentives

Geothermal generation and connection is no problem in general

- Potentials are relatively low compared to wind, PV and biomass from a today’s grid point of view
- Checklists for connection should be available at the local DSO
- Larger units are required to attend primary and voltage control
- The power plant operator can select a model to market its current
- Obstacles to the development of geothermal power plants should in general not be expected from the part of the network

Smart Customers

- Incorporation and empowering of the customer is required including Home Automation Systems.

Smart Regulation

- Incentives for implementation of Smart Grids are overdue. Creating an investment-friendly climate
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