

Field Test Experience with Areva's PEM Electrolysis Systems

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AREVA in Germany

4.100 AREVA-Employees in Germany (41.000 worldwide)

Sales in Germany (2014)*: 1,1 B€ (Germany 29%, Export 71%) (8,3 B€worldwide)

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The hydrogen chain

"Green production"

"green" production of hydrogen (Solar, wind turbine)

\rightarrow H₂/O₂ production via water electrolysis

• Hydrogen as energy storage (electricity storage, thermal use, grid stabilization)

\rightarrow Multiple-use applications

- Hydrogen as a substitute of fossil fuels (Cars, Fuel Cell utility vehicles, Electricity-/H₂ – gas station)
- Power to Gas
- Power to Chemicals



- Wasserstoffmobilität (Lokale Flotten: Autos, Taxis, Busse, Gabelstapler etc.)
- Industrieanwendungen (direkte Nutzung von Wasserstoff, Sauerstoff und Wärme)
- Kommunale Einrichtungen (Schwimmbäder, Hotels, Nahwärme etc.)



The hydrogen chain at the Smart Grid Solar Project



Topics for the testing:

- Smoothing of fluctuating PVgrid fed in profiles
- Dynamics of a PEM ELY
- Efficiency at partial load
- Combination of short/longterm storage components



*) LOHC = Liquid Organic Hydrogen Carrier

- Performance of LOHC storage
- Steady hydrogen production for seasonal storage
- Cycle stability of LOHC
- Degradation LOHC
- Technology field test(TRL 7)



- Dynamics of PEM fuel cell
- Extension of feed-in times (virtually)
- Combination of short/long-term storage components





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The hydrogen chain at the Smart Grid Solar Project

75 kW PEM Elektrolyseur

Wasserstofferzeugung



Themen für die Komponententests:

- Glättung von unsteten PV Einspeiseprofilen
- Dynamik eines PEM ELY
- Effizienz unter Teillast
- Kombination Kurzzeit-Langzeit
 Speicherkomponenten



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- Betriebsverhalten LOHC Speicher
- Konstante Wasserstoffproduktion als Saisonalspeicher
- Zyklenstabilität LOHC
- Degradation LOHC
- Technologie Feldtest (TRL 7)



- Dynamik der PEM BZ
- Virtuelle "Einspeiseverlängerung" (in die Nacht)
- Kombination Kurzzeit-Langzeit Speicherkomponenten



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Details and characteristics of the electrolyser



N°	Characteristics Stack design: 65 cells, active surface 300cm ²	Measured values	
1	Nominal flowrate: 10Nm ³ H ₂ /h (370 amp in the stack)	370 amp	
2	Maximum flowrate: 15Nm ³ H ₂ /h (550 amp in the stack)	520 amp /14.2Nm ³ H ₂	
3	Nominal Pressure: 35barg H ₂ for 75kW	80kW 35 barg H_2 , 34 barg O_2	
4	Overall electrical consumption < 5kWh/Nm ³ at nominal flowrate	ok	
6	Operating range (in % of nominal flowrate): 10-150%	ok	
7	Power from local grid connexion 400V TRI	395V	
8	CE certification	ok	



Characteristics measurements from factory acceptance test

N°	Step	Supply	Value obtained
1	Start up set	Time (s) to contactor (first current on the stack) closure to reach set power (50 kW) , starting at 0barg	~ 95sec
2	Power range	Average value of cells voltage at 550 amp (74,7kW, 14,11Nm ³ /h, 524A)	130V/65 cells
3	Stand by >12h	Pressure loss during longterm hot stand-by $\rm H_2$ and $\rm O_2$ pressure curves in function of time	H2 < 2.5 bar
4	Hot stand-by max	Time (s) to contactor (first current on the stack) closure to reach maximum power (75 kW) , starting at 35barg	~14sec
5	Cold stand-by max	Time (s) to reach 35barg at maximum power (75kW)	~ 5min 44sec



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Delivery and installation of the PEM Electrolyzer, 65 cells, 300cm², 35 bar





Measurements from the testfield in Arzberg: Dynamics: Following the PV-Profile

Nachfahren eines PV-Profils vom 13.05.2015



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Measurements from the testfield in Arzberg: Efficiency complete system vs. hydrogen production



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All values based on heating value (HHV - 3,54 kWh/Nm³)



Measurements from the testfield in Arzberg: Energy consumption stack vs total system



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Measurements from the testfield in Arzberg: U-I curves and temperatures



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