

WHICH ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL VALUE DO INTEGRATED CHARGING SOLUTIONS YIELD FOR HIGH POWER CHARGING (HPC) PARKS?

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MOTIVATION: EV ROADMAP

A wide variety of models is coming to the markets in the following years. Around half of the announced models have a range of 350 km maximum.

Timeline of today's and future xEVs*



* xEVs = Vehicles with electrified powertrain; No claim made for completeness of the announcements.

Challenges: Economical & Technical



Economical challenge: Charging park operator

- Technical challenge: Grid operator
- High xEV charging powers lead to high grid connection capacities: High installation and operational costs

High variation in load could lead to grid instability

TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS

Tomorrow's charging park?



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Simulating the charging park operation and optimizing its component dimensions & use



*BSS = Battery Storage System

Many influencing cost factors vary from region to region and/or within great bandwidths

Example: Grid Connection Fees (GCF) on low voltage level

Capacity charge [€/kW]



Energy Rate [ct/kWh]

Further cost factors & assumptions made:

- Building cost subsidies (BCS) for grid connection: Ø 65 €/kW (vary with grid operator as well)
- BSS costs: Ø 470 €/kWh
- PV system costs: Ø 1170 €/kWp

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USE-CASE

4.2 kWp

Solar Power Roofing

150 kWh

Internal BSS

Small HPC charging park in catchment area of a German city

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2 x 160 kW

chargers

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xEV assumptions:

Market Distribution:



 Arrival Frequency: Derived from highway vehicle counting (Source: German Federal Highway Research Institute)



 Simulation time period: 20 years

Low Voltage

Grid Connection

Maximum vehicles per day derived from xEVs arrival frequency & market distribution



- Maximum vehicles per day: Number of vehicles that can be charged without having to reject further vehicles
 - \rightarrow Depending on arrival frequency of xEVs
 - → High Scenario = Max vehicles per day (100%); Medium Scenario = 50%; Low Scenario = 20%

Different charging park configurations (medium utilization scenario)



- No economic advantage when assuming average costs for analyzed solution with integrated 150 kWh BSS over the gird only solution
- Grid connection capacity can be reduced by up to 65%, but cost savings cannot compensate additional BSS costs
- 4.2 kWp PV plant too small to have a major impact on the economic efficiency of the BSS

Varying building cost subsidies (BCS) [€/kW] for the grid connection point



- 150 kWh BSS only provides additional economic value in scenarios with a PV plant and in areas in which high BCS of about 165 €/kW are charged for the grid connection point
- Grid connection capacity can be steadily decreased down to 80 kW, but limited effect on the economic value of the BSS, because BCS is only charged once during installation of the grid connection point

Varying capacity charges [€/kW] for the yearly peak load



In contrast to BCS the capacity charge is charged every year, which explains its high impact on the economic value of the BSS

- With above average capacity charges of 60 €/kW cost reductions of 23% (without PV) and 25% (with PV) can be achieved
- In areas with high capacity charges of around 110 €/kW cost reductions could reach 72%

Optimized BSS capacity depending on BSS costs



■ Without PV: Larger sized BSS (80 to 100 kWh) only economically profitable if extra costs for BSS don't exceed 400 €/kWh Assuming average costs of 470 €/kWh the optimized BSS capacity is considerably lower: 50 kWh When extra costs reach 540 €/kWh the BSS contains no economic value and is not installed

■ With PV: Increased profitability of the BSS: Even at high costs (> 470 €/kWh) a small BSS (15 to 18 kWh) is installed

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Result Summary

Economical value of the integrated 150 kWh BSS highly depends on local cost factors & BSS costs

- No eco. advantage with average German costs
- Big eco. potential in areas with above average capacity charges (>20 €/kW)
- Smaller sized BSS of 50 kWh (average BSS costs) to 100 kWh (very low BSS costs) would increase the systems profitability

Provision of reserve power shows high potential

- FCR and aFRR as 4h-products
- Grid connection fees limit economic potential

Outlook

Vehicle-to-grid (V2G)

- New source for network services and revenues
- > Examination of the revenue potential of V2G

Energy Management System

- Development based on the output of the optimization model
- Use of machine learning algorithms