Power gadgets with your own electricity

Iceland – no sun but – photovoltaics



escape the basement and make the sun work for you

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Contents

A really short **introduction** into the available power sources like sun, wind etc. + some Pipedreams

We'll show you how much power you can **expect** from which source. We'll show you how much **sunshine you can expect** at your place.

As a follow-up we'll show you the **amount of power various things need**.

Building the system, the easy, boring and fully-legal way

The difficult way: Put your own power into the public grid.

power sources

- The Sun!
 - Direct: Photovoltaics
 - Via Heat: Mirrors, Receiver, Turbine, Generator
 - Via air pressure difference: Wind
 - · Via evaporation from water bodies: Water
- Kinetic energy of planets
 - Via waves: Wave power at sea at the beach
 - Via tides: Tidal energy
- . Radioactiv decay + the heat from the big bang
 - Geothermal energy

Good

some pipe-dreams

• Salt gradient energy

Photo: Bjoertvedt



• Damming the mediterranean



Energy?

- kWh=Kilowatthour
- Simple:
- Watt = Power = The more the better
- Hour = Time worked using Power
- Kilo = "*1000"

Sun: What do you get?

- Sun: solar constant 1,361 kW/m²
- Clouds
- Longitude
- Winter
- Photovoltaic efficiency
- Realistic, germany (Berlin): 100 kWh/m²*a
- Calculate yourself: http://valentin.de/calculation/pvonline/pv_system/
- Solarkataster: http://www.enbausa.de/solar-geothermie/fotovoltaik/staedtemit-solarkataster.html
- Fluctuations

How about here?



EFRE

be Berlin

Wind: What do you get?

• Wind maps:

Michael Kemp, https://sites.google.com/site/michaelukemp/wind-maps





Photo: Marlec Engineering Co Ltd

What you need

• As a follow-up to part 2 we'll show you the amount of power various things need. You can do the math yourself afterwards to see what you can power from your balcony.

What you need

- Calculator: Microwatts.
- Arduino: Milliwatts.
- Kindle: 0,002 Wh/page
- Ipad: 0,6 Watt
- Fluorescent bulb: 8 Watt
- Netbook: 35 Watt
- Laptop: 60 Watt
- Human being (=you): 80-250 Watt



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What you need

- Desktop non-gaming machine: 250 Watt
- Car: 50.000 Watt
- Google: 260.000.000 Watt
- Bus: 200.000 Watt
- ICE3 train at full power: 16.000.000 Watt
- Germany: 607.800.000.000 kWh/a



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Building the system, the easy and fully-legal way

- Parts lists,
- schematics and
- Instructions.
- Not here but on Google.
- Aquire the necessary stuff without paying too much.

Components

- Generator
- Diode and / or Charge Controller
- Battery (lead-acid!)
- Voltage (and frequency) converter
- Cabling

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Vattenfall vs. You

- Vattenfall (Berlin): 22,56 Cent/kWh (as of dec 28th, 2011)
- You Storage in Lead-acid batteries: 20 ct/kWh stored

→ Small Battery 12V, 66Ah, 80 €, only discharged to 50% → 750 cycles

Production:

expensive...

30% direct use, 70% stored and used later

13,8 ct/kWh produced (see de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Photovoltaik)

- Net result: 13,8 ct/kWh + 70% * 20 ct/kWh = 27,8 ct/kWh
- Now deduct 5,90 € fixed fee per month.
- Assumptions: amortisation 25 years, cheap car battery, ..., see Wikipedia

Where to buy

- PV cells: Print your own or:
 1,20 €/Watt incl. VAT (Ebay)
- Lead batteries:
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 - cheap car parts shops
- Wind generator: Build your own (from car alternators)
- If rich: Marlec Ltd.
- Diode: 1 €, your local Radio Shack equivalent

Battery? Take Care

- Lead Acid
 - With fluid acid
 - Gel
- Lithium

The difficult way: Put your own power into the public grid.

- Can't be done.
- Well, yes, can be done.
- Germany: Erneuerbare-Energien-Gesetz. This can make your purse fill up automatically. (anything above 1 kW installation can earn feed-in tariffs) or
- it can (in theory) make your electricity meter go backwards but that's not actually tolerated. Once the grid company recognizes what you are doing (and German law requires you to tell them) unfortunately they will install a digital meter.
- Digital meters will not count backwards like the Ferraris counters do now...
- Also please note: any installation work that put electricity into the grid has to be done by approved electricians! Even though you could just plug it in you can't!
- So: Don't do this at home! You have been told!

Small scale feed-in

• Example:

Vattenfall Hamburg:

(3) Vor der Errichtung einer Eigenanlage hat der Anschlussnehmer oder -nutzer dem Netzbetreiber Mitteilung zu machen. Der Anschlussnehmer oder -nutzer hat durch geeignete Maßnahmen sicherzustellen, dass von seiner Eigenanlage keine schädlichen Rückwirkungen in das Elektrizitätsversorgungsnetz möglich sind. Der Anschluss von Eigenanlagen ist mit dem Netzbetreiber abzustimmen. Dieser kann den Anschluss von der Einhaltung der von ihm nach § 20 festzulegenden Maßnahmen zum Schutz vor Rückspannungen abhängig machen.

Components

- Generator
- Grid-Tie
 Inverter:



Connections

Look on stage not here

Now it's your turn

- What needs to be developed:
- Software / databases
- Opensolarmap.org go and measure your city's rooftops
- Openwindmap.org same thing for wind

Fun with solids and fluids

• Hardware

- Grid-tie inverters as open hardware
- Make improved, new and fancy battery technology workable for the enthusiast, example: Redox-Flow batteries
- Make-your-own-solar-panel from sand ... if we can print 3D why can't we grow silicon crystals? TiO Cells?
- Colour the world with electricity-generating paint
- REPRAP solar panel printhead ask downstairs



Beat 1%



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Make use of networks

- Energy server control the amount of energy your appliances use and match that to current production from your roof.
- Go and disconnect yourself from the grid just because you can.
- Team up with your neighbors.
- Needs a control port in everything, fridge, freezer, washing machine, computer, electric bike, toaster, ... Isn't that fun?
- And fancy server-side software

The digital meter

- EU wants us to have these.
- Communicate, like UESP Universal Energy Supply Protocol let the components talk
- What can you do with it? Impress us next year.





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