Flexibility for the energy transition: Battery economics

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The increasing share of intermittent renewables leads to a higher need for dispatchable capacity in the system

Europe's capacity mix sees a rapid buildout of renewables to meet rising demand, at the expense of coal and nuclear in Aurora's likeliest market view.

The increase in intermittent renewables will lead to more sudden changes in output, creating a need for flexible capacities.

1) Europe is defined here as EU27 countries minus Malta and Cyprus, plus UK and Norway. 2) Flexible includes batteries, thermal peakers, hydrogen peakers, DSR, CHP and pumped storage. 3) Gas CCGT includes abated thermal H2 CCGT and Gas CCS. 4) Other thermal includes CHP and peat. 5) Other renewables includes biomass, BECCS, hydro and marine. 6) Based on the hourly variations of non-dispatchable renewables.

Ramping requirements in Germany

- With increased renewables deployment more flexibility will be required to tackle increasing imbalances. This will in turn exacerbate the need for flexibility markets.
- Batteries are well suited to provide the needed flexibility.

Sources: Aurora Energy Research
Even though costs for battery main inputs have risen by up to 574% in the past year, we expect costs to decrease by ca. 57% in the long run.

Li-ion battery total system costs – 2h asset\(^1\)
EUR/kW real 2021

Commodity Price Futures

- **Lithium** (CNY/tonne) increased by 574% from January 2020 to July 2022.
- **Graphite** (INR/tonne) increased by 36% from January 2020 to July 2022.
- **Aluminium** (USD/tonne) increased by 27% from January 2020 to July 2022.
- **Copper** (USD/tonne) increased by 1% from January 2020 to July 2022.

Source: Aurora Energy Research, Trading Economics

\(^1\) Research is based on benchmarking across our market base.
Balancing, wholesale and capacity markets are the key sources of revenues for batteries that optimise their dispatch based on prices.

**Market**

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<td>Platform to buy and sell power to meet demand</td>
<td>Measure to secure grid stability</td>
<td>Exists to ensure grid stability, gets activated after the FCR</td>
<td>Capacity markets reward capacity to ensure security of supply</td>
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<td>Every hour and is contracted one day before delivery (Day-Ahead) and continuously (Intraday)</td>
<td>Flexibility providers get revenue through capacity payments</td>
<td>Energy will be procured via the European platform PICASSO, TSOs are in charge of procuring capacity</td>
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**Revenue stream**

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**Wholesale price**

EUR/MWh, real 2021

**Battery electricity generation**

MWh
Regulatory and political developments could entail market design changes that boost the development of batteries further

**Support for flexible capacities**
- A higher share of volatile renewable generation and the plan to reduce gas dependency leads to a need for dispatchable capacity
- Potential market design developments could be additional capacity markets in EU in the next 2-5 years
- Policy makers could launch support schemes for longer-duration storage to increase flexibility

**Locational value of batteries**
- With increasing share of renewables, grid management becomes a more challenging task for system operators
- Congestions within the country will increase, i.e. between northern and southern Germany
- Batteries can provide flexibility, alleviate congestions and provide virtual power lines

**European regulation**
- After the Clean Energy Package in 2018, storage is also addressed in the reform of Renewable Directive (RED III) and its role to provide needed flexibility is acknowledged. REDIII states that market design should not discriminate against storage and allow it to provide flexibility and balancing services to the system
- With the ongoing energy cost crisis, storage has an important role to play to bring flexibility to the system

Source: Aurora Energy Research
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