

Project DG DemoNet-Concept Experiences of 3 Austrian Distribution Network Operators (DNO)

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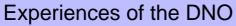
















To manage the new challenge, we do research activities to look for alternative solutions.

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Motivation to participate



- DNOs are aware of DG as an upcoming issue
- To be well prepared for future requirements DNOs are interested in economic integration techniques.
- DNOs and some of their employees personally feel responsible to take part in the research process for more ecologic global energy supply.









Energy systems



- As the grid-systems role is transmission it is one of the key components of energy supply systems
- Technical and economical efficiency are basic requirements
- Quality levels have to be guaranteed to avoid any handicap to economy









DNOs role in research project



- To bring the DNOs everyday experience to the scientists
- To provide real case data which also means setting up interfaces
- Evaluation of practicability of new approaches in respect to legal conditions, customers interests and successful business plans









DNOs Efforts



- Preparation or even measurement of data and setting up interfaces
- Clearing in case of scientific evidences in contra diction to long term DNO-experiences
- Discussions of conclusions
- Communication in the own company and to customers as well as to other DNOs
- Employees have additional workload









DNOs benefit



- DNOs have the chance to develop a scientific background for everyday business
- DNOs real case data are analysed scientifically in a way only a research project allows, and scientists know how to do
- DNOs participating in research programs are well prepared and ready to start the implementation of new technologies in planning and operating the grid.









Future Outlook



- There are still many questions
- There are many answers to evaluate e.g. by demonstration projects
- Economic & ecologic analysis of the whole energy systems have to be done.
- Many research projects are funded.
- To ensure that participation in research projects is not too much additional workload for the employees DNOs need a long term continuous research activity to employ additional engineers.









3 DNOs made experiences by participating in DG DemoNet-Concept



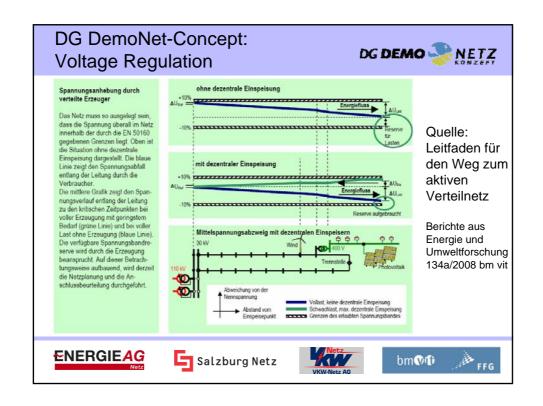
- Salzburg Netz, VKW-Netz and Energie AG -Netz
- Key-issue: Increased Integration of DG units without cost intensive expansion of lines.
- Key-results:
 New methods for better use of the voltage band reserve by special regulation of voltage. These are useful for increasing decentralised generation as well as for increasing loads.

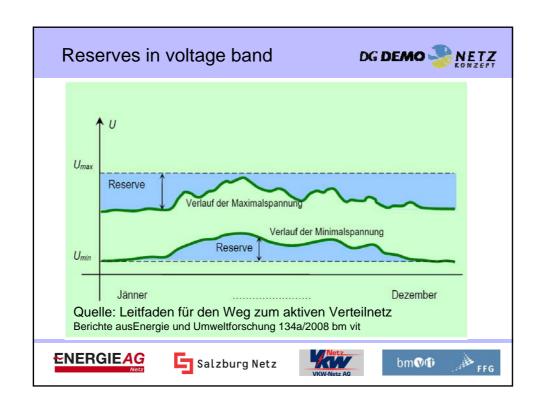


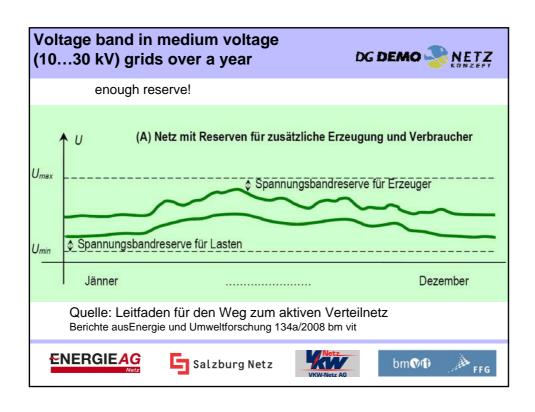


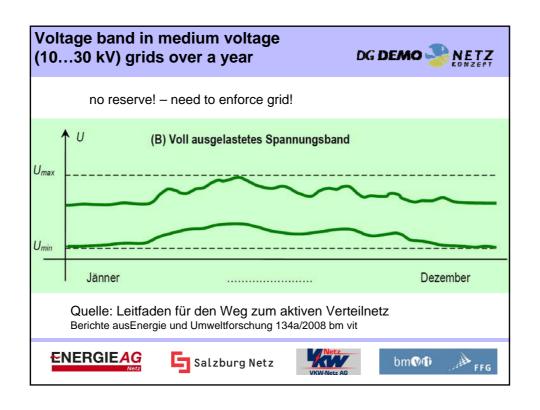


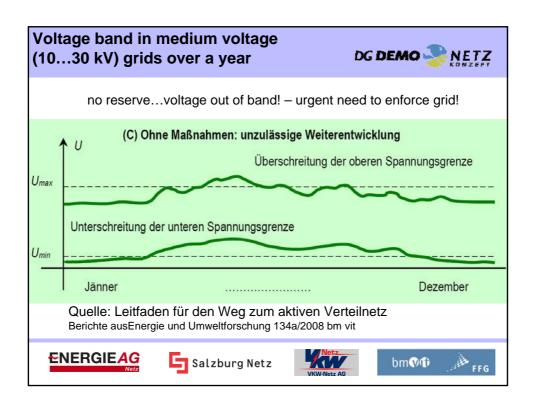


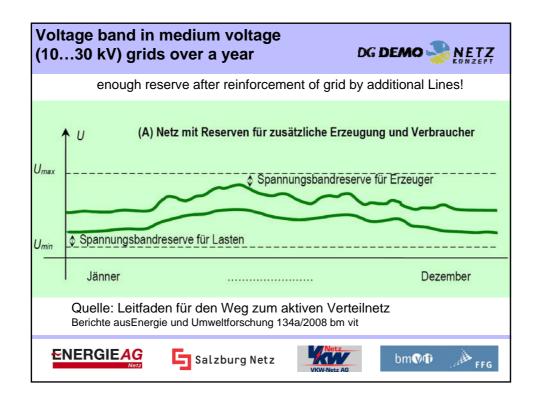


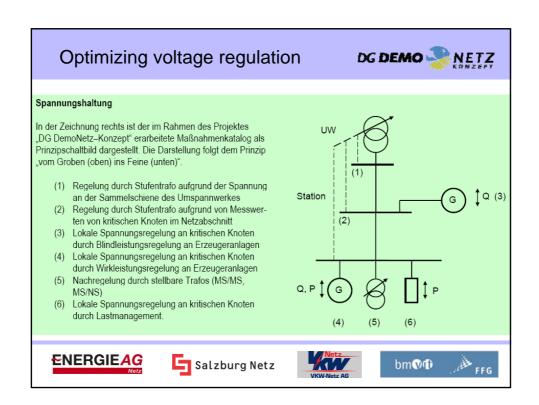


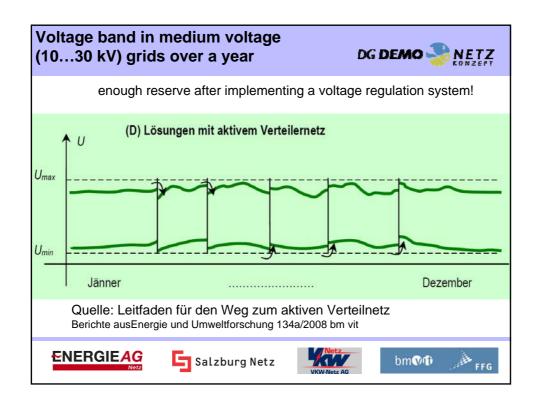


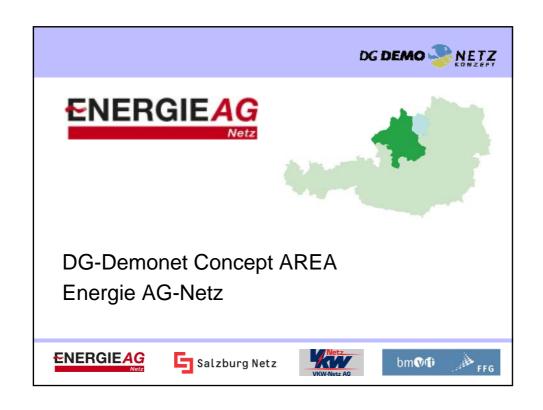




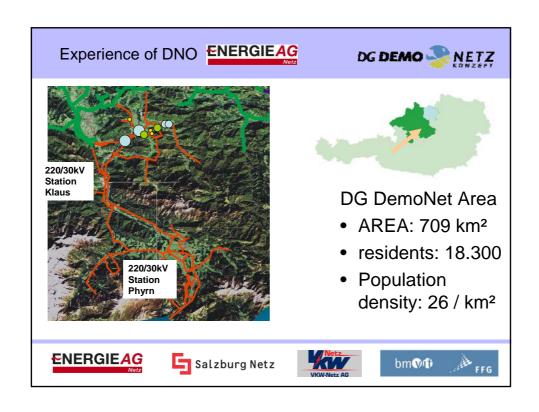


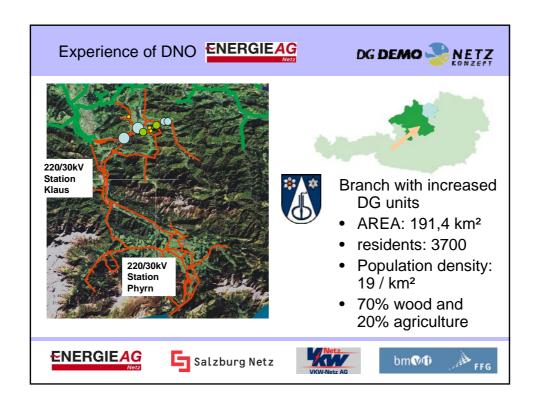


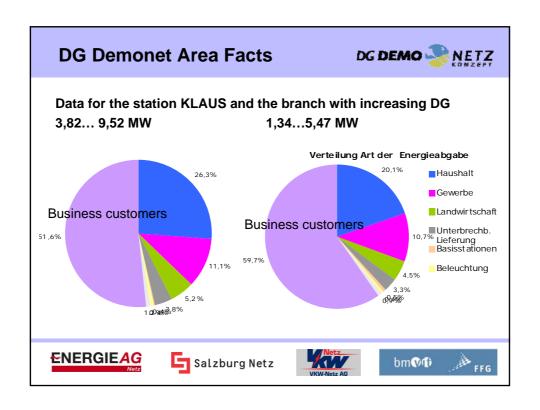


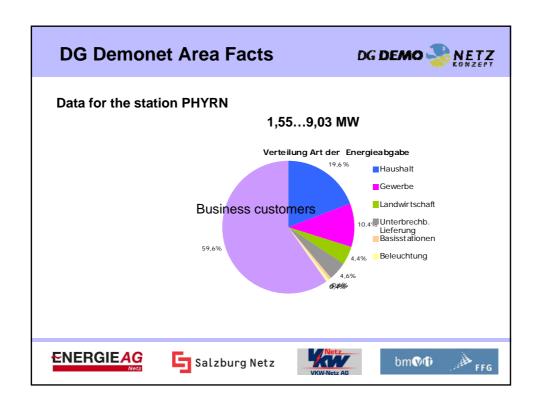




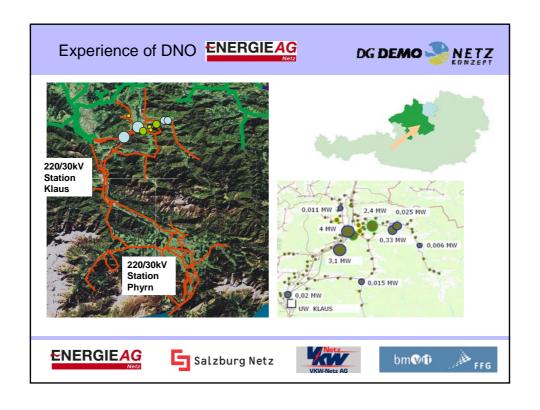


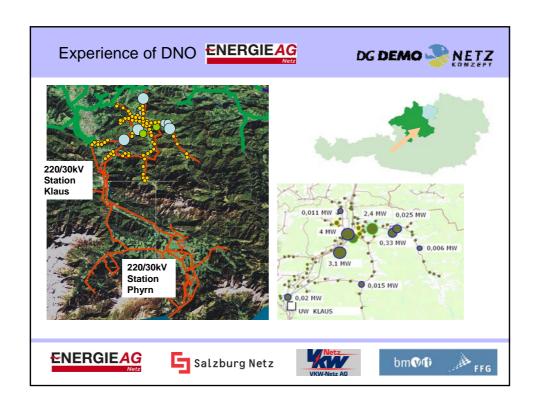


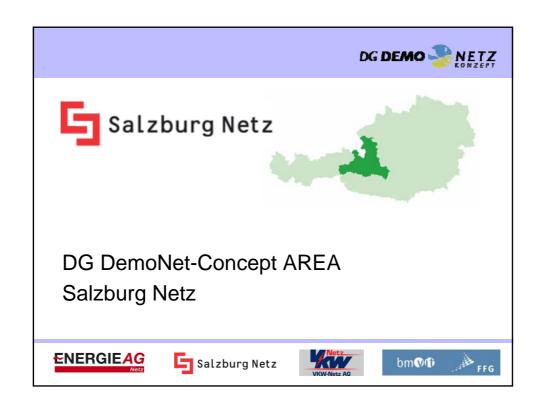


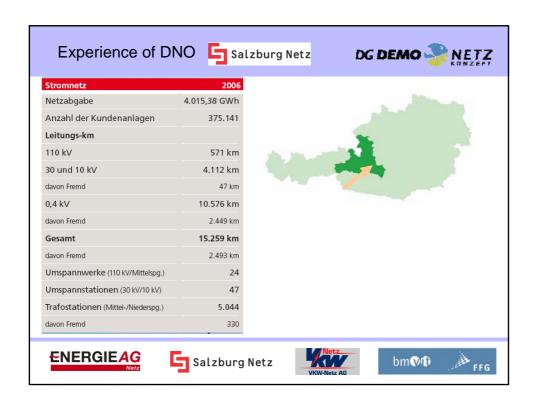


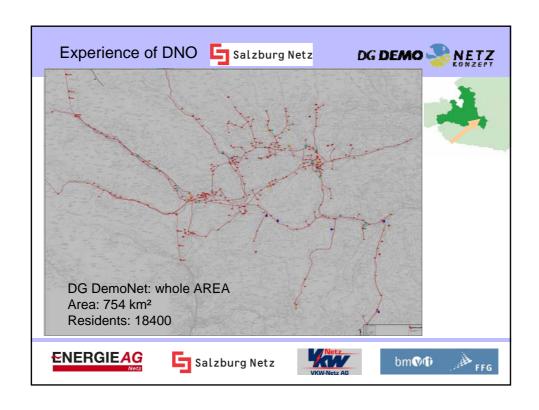
DG DEMO NETZ **DG DemoNet Area Facts** Data for the branch with increasing DG Electric Power and Energy in the DG DemoNet area today: 5,5 MW 15-min AVG peak load 10,3 MW installed DG-Power 32,8 GWh loads 37,6 GWh generation Electric Power and Energy in the DG DemoNet future scenario: 7,5 MW 15-min AVG peak load 26,5 MW installed DG-Power 44,3 GWh loads 88,75 GWh generation PV: ca. 900 plants 3,5 MW installed power 1000 equivalent hours of full load :3,15 GWh/a Biogas- und Biomass plants :10 2,5 MW installed power 8000 equivalent hours of full load : 20 GWh Hydropowerplant:6 MW, 28 GWh/a **ENERGIE**AG FFG Salzburg Netz bmoti

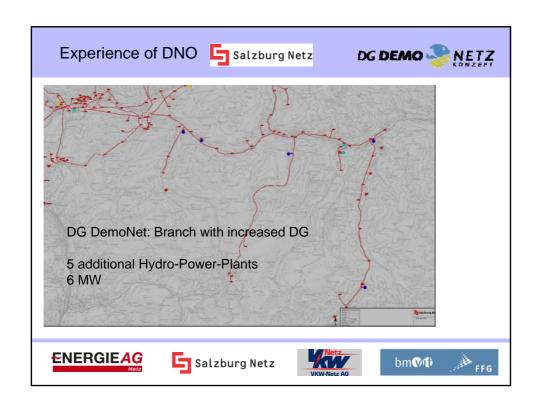






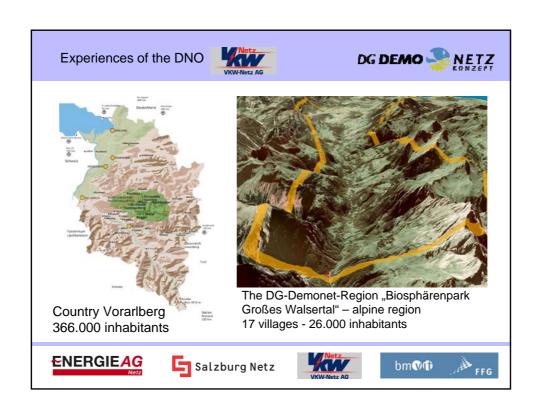


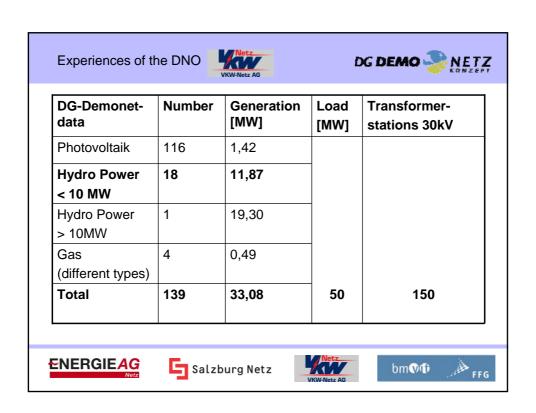


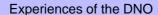
















Situation Großes Walsertal

- No more DG installation is possible
- Main problem ist voltage increase (30kV)
- 2 actual hydropower-projects (2*400kW)
- Other additional DG-projects probable
- Expensive investments upcoming 30kV underground cables 500mm² ALU









Experiences of the DNO

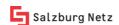




Experiences – lessons learned (internal effects 1):

- More work for the planning engineers
- A lot of additional necessary data: load- and generation profiles (1 year)
- More precise network-models for the simulations (control-circuits)
- But: Simulation results promise additional 10MW Hydropower possible in the DG-Demonet Großes Walsertal by using a new voltage control system
- Another unexpexted effect: about 10% more load is possible
- Substituation of cables by control systems are possible and cheaper within ranges in certain situations (high DG-penetration)









Experiences of the DNO





Experiences – lessons learned (internal effects 2):

There are also fears of the local oparation-units and remaining technical problems to be solved

- The substituation of overhead-lines by underground-cables may be stopped (is not intended generally)
- The network operation may become too complicated
- The failure of the central voltage control unit (CVCU) in the central HV/MV-Substation (110/30kV)
- · The failure of local metering-points in the network-area
- Strategies in the case of over- or undervoltage-information to the CVCU by the system









Experiences of the DNO





Experiences – lessons learned (external effects):

The efforts to solve the new challenges of DG lead to a better image of the DNO seen by:

- + Operators of DG-Installations (lower costs of DG-connection, but also higher costs for better control systems and data-connections)
- + Politics (Ministry for infrastructures), following EU-directives
- + Regulators (ECG)
- + NGO's (environment organisations, Austrian hydro-powerorganisation)
- + The own management CEO's support the research:
 Part of our concern-strategy-papers: "DG and their intelligent control in context with load and networks become more important"



