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Does Faroe Islands have a space heating microgrid?

Faroe Islands Wind-Powered Space Heating Microgrid Using Self-Excited 220 kW Induction Generator.

How does a microgrid work in the Faroe Islands?

The residents of the Faroe Islands have set up their own microgrid. A microgrid is an autonomous local network of distributed power sources and loads. It can operate either independently (island mode) or connected to the main power grid. When linked to the main power grid, it can supply or receive power.

How much wind energy does the Faroe Islands have?

The Faroe Islands are 'blessed' with world record wind energy. In many locations average wind speed is above 10 m/s and wind turbines will typically produce energy with around 50% capacity factor. Albeit fluctuating, the average wind energy has more than double magnitude in winter (wind speeds mainly 10-15 m/s) compared to summer (5-10 m/s).

Are there alternative energy sources in the Faroe Islands?

Increase in the oil price as well as environmental concerns have spurred the use of alternative renewable energy sources. In the Faroe Islands the readily available wind energy is an obvious source for space heating.

Do microgrids scale easily?

Microgrids do not scale easily. Each location is unique in terms of energy demand and available energy resources. In the case of the Faroe Islands system, the main requirement is to meet the demand for heat, and wind energy is available.

Will the Faroe Islands use more green energy in 2025?

Even more conservative scenarios predict that the Faroe Islands' current electricity consumption of approximately 350,000 MWh per year will increase to approximately 450,000 MWh in 2025. "The current discussion recommends using more green energy and especially the potential for wind energy is quite high," says one of the islanders.

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simple water tanks as heat storages.

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