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New
Software
with API
Interface

Hybrid Energy Lab-System

1.2 kW Fuel Cell and Battery Hybrid System for Laboratory Applications



A Fuel Cell – Battery Hybrid System that enables users to understand & research individual components and system behavior under various hybrid set-ups. Designed as a lab to support engineering courses focussed on the application of fuel cells, battery technology, hybrid systems, energy management and energy storage. It is critical for today's engineering students to have a deeper understanding of the application of electrical chemical energy conversion & storage. Especially as it relates to fast growing markets of stationary, portable and mobile hybrid power systems.

Ideal for Courses Focused On

- » Battery Technology (Modeling)
- » Battery Systems & Control
- » Applied Fuel Cell Technology
- » Battery- Fuel Cell Hybrids
- » Electrochemical Energy Storage & Conversion
- » Renewable Energy Storage
- » Electrical & Hybrid Vehicles (HEV/FCEV)
- » Backup Power Systems
- » Micro-Grids & Smart Grids

The system provides an experimental platform for advanced training to applied research:

- » Fuel Cell – Battery Hybrids
- » Battery Charging/Discharging
- » Battery & Fuel Cell Model Analysis & Comparison
- » Calculation & Evaluation of Electrical Characteristics
- » Energy Management
- » User Developed Control Algorithms
- » Validation of Models Against a Real System
- » Hybrid Power System Set-ups:
UPS, Autonomous Power Supply, Back-up Power System, HEV/FCEV

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System Overview

The Hybrid Energy Lab-System is a comprehensive learning and research system for hybrid energy systems with a focus on batteries and fuel cells. Designed specifically for use in universities and colleges, it offers a wide range of theoretical and practical applications for the design criteria of hybrid systems with batteries and fuel cells.



Control and Experimentation PC

- » System Overview
- » Real-Time Display & Data Acquisition
- » Execution of experiments

System Control Module

- » With Display for system parameters and controlling

Electronic Load Module

- » Simulation of electrical loads
- » Operating modes: CC, CV, CP, CR
- » Manual or software-supported control

Battery System Module

- » Selection of the battery capacity
- » Connecting external batteries possible

Power Management Module

- » Configuration of the battery charging regulation
- » Preparation of regulated DC or AC voltage
- » Inverters with power through circuit
- » Sensor system

Fuel Cell Module

- » Well established Nexa 1200 W fuel cell
- » Unregulated DC Output
- » Hydrogen consumption measurement
- » Stack temperature monitoring

H₂ Storage Module

- » Heliocentris Metal Hydride Canister (3x 800NI)*
- » Storage temperature monitoring


Optional: H₂ Generator

- » Hydrogen Generator with PEM technology
- » Integrated module

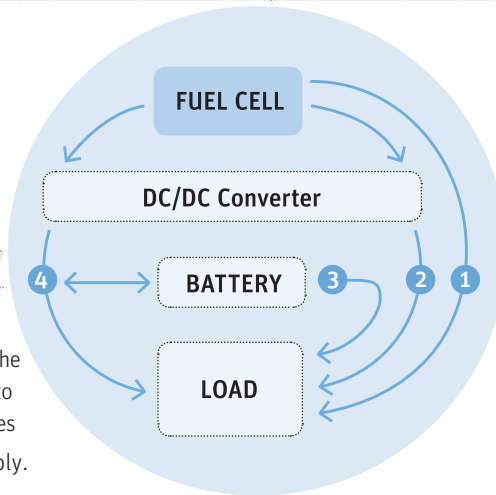
* (0 °C, 1013.25 hPa in accordance with DIN 1343)

Realistic Application of Hybrid Systems


The Hybrid Energy Lab-system enables various hybrid setups for Applied Research of battery and fuel cell / diesel generator systems:




Range Extender
Planning of system switching
Range calculation of the overall system.

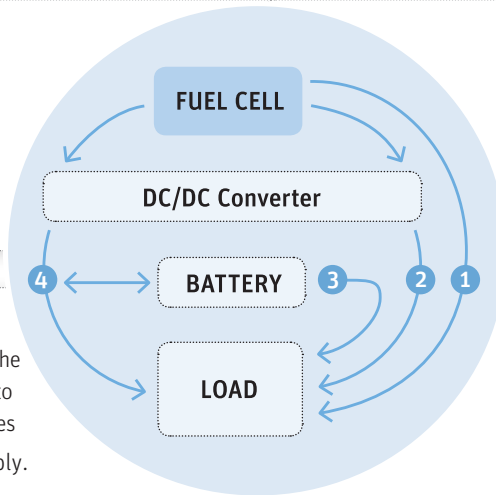


Hybrid Electric Vehicles
The system design is similar to that of typical fuel cell hybrid electric vehicles (FCEV).






Autonomous Power Supply
System runs disconnected from the grid so it must be dimensioned to operate autonomously at all times
Starts from internal energy supply.



Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS)
In UPS mode, the system provides uninterrupted power in the event of a mains failure, thus ensuring a continuous power supply.
Automatic switchover between battery and fuel cell operation.

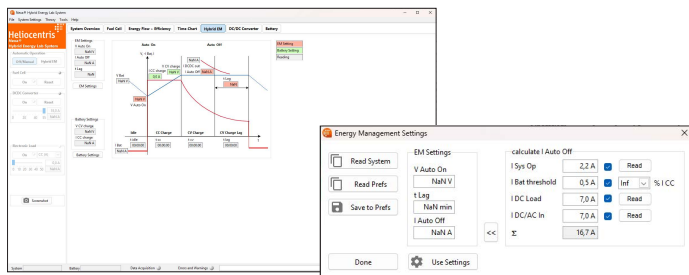
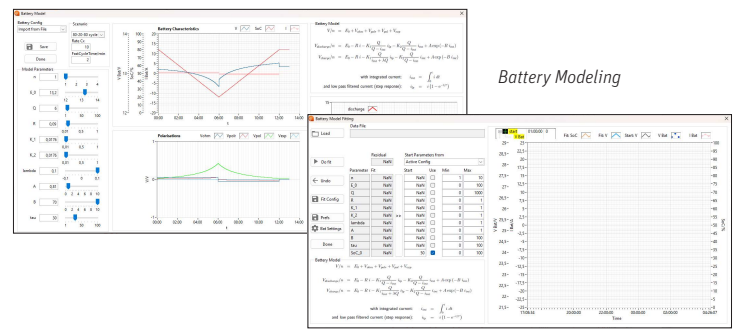


Battery Modeling & Data Fitting

The battery can be further analyzed by fitting a detailed battery model to the data. The obtained parameters characterize the dynamic behaviour of the battery and give insight into the electrochemical processes.

This analysis task is seamlessly integrated into the Application Software.

Built-In and user-provided batteries can be analyzed and compared.



Battery Data-Fitting

Hybrid Energy Management

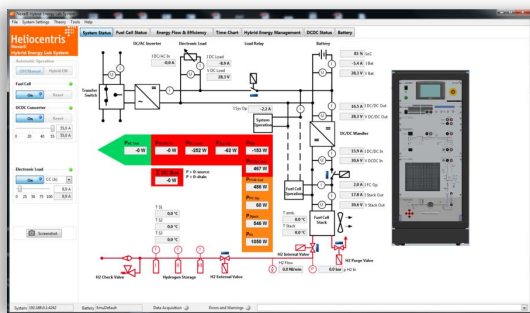
The Hybrid Energy Management allows a detailed real life investigation of the hybrid energy management algorithm in different phases. The connection to different sources and loads are fully configurable and allows a transparent exploration of the process.

OPC UA Interface

Via the integrated OPC UA server, the system exposes its live measurement values – such as voltage, current, temperature, hydrogen flow and state of charge (SoC) – as standardized OPC UA nodes, turning it into an Industry 4.0-ready device. It integrates seamlessly with industry-standard tools such as SCADA systems, PLCs, MATLAB/Simulink and Node-RED – with multi-client support, so multiple workstations can connect at the same time.

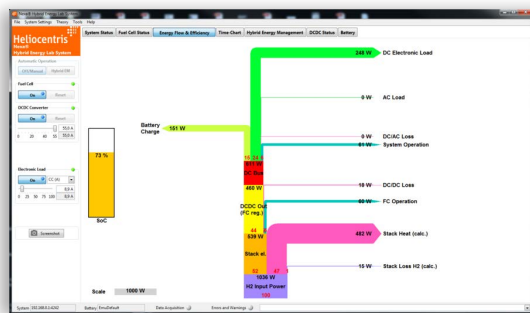
Software Functionality

Our LabVIEW™ based software allows users to control the hardware, system operation & set-up, gather & display data in various formats and perform data fitting for research and experimentation. Users can validate their models against a real system by using their control algorithms to set system parameters and then run real-time simulations. Acquired data can be exported to external applications such as MATLAB™ & MS Excel and many more.



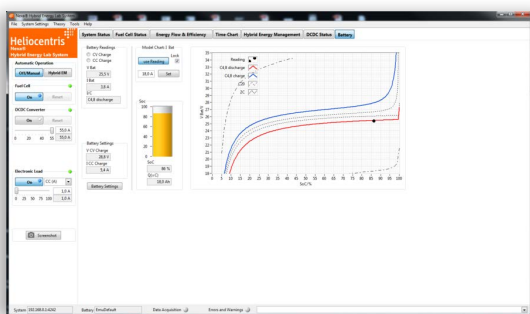
System & Sensor Overview

- » Extensive data points for: DC/AC Inverter, E-Load, DC/DC Converter, Fuel Cell, H2 Flow/ Valves/Storage, Batteries, DC/AC Bus



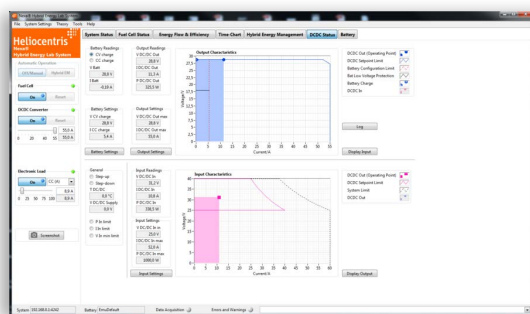
Energy Flow & Efficiency Levels

- » Real-Time Sankey diagram of overall system input/output power & battery charging (SoC)



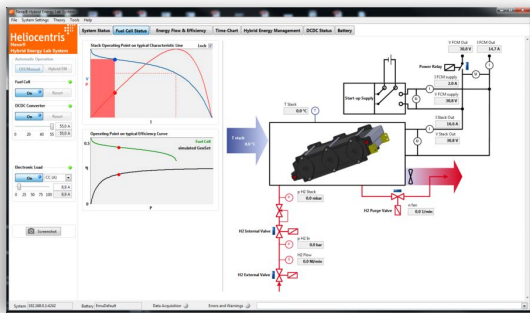
Battery Charging Discharging Behavior

- » Real-time display of battery operation based on the battery model (Charge & Discharge Curves), Readings V Bat/I Bat, Settings V CV/CC, SoC



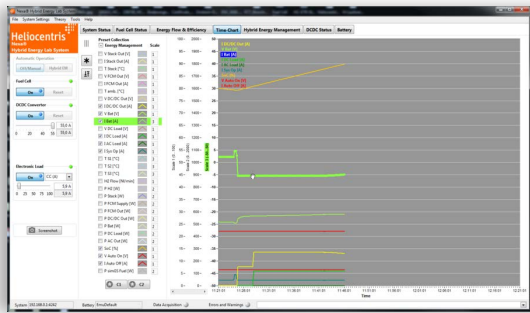
DC/DC Converter

- » Real time display of all relevant data: input & output characteristic of the DC/DC (V, I, P), Step-Up/Down, Battery readings (CV, CC, V Bat, I Bat)



Fuel Cell & H₂ System

- » Real-time display of all relevant fuel cell & H2 data points: Stack Temp. Start-up Supply (I/V), FCM Output (I/V), H₂ Flow & Pressure, Fan
- » Built-in capabilities for direct comparison to a simulated back-up diesel generator



Real-Time Graphing

- » Plotting of component parameters and measured values
- » Measured values are freely configurable
- » Adjustable data acquisition scales
- » Simple highlighting of curves by clicking

Instruction and Experimentation Material

Extensive training material assists the teacher in creating a more interactive and specialized classroom experience. Prepared experiments and software-supported exercises simplify the use of the system.

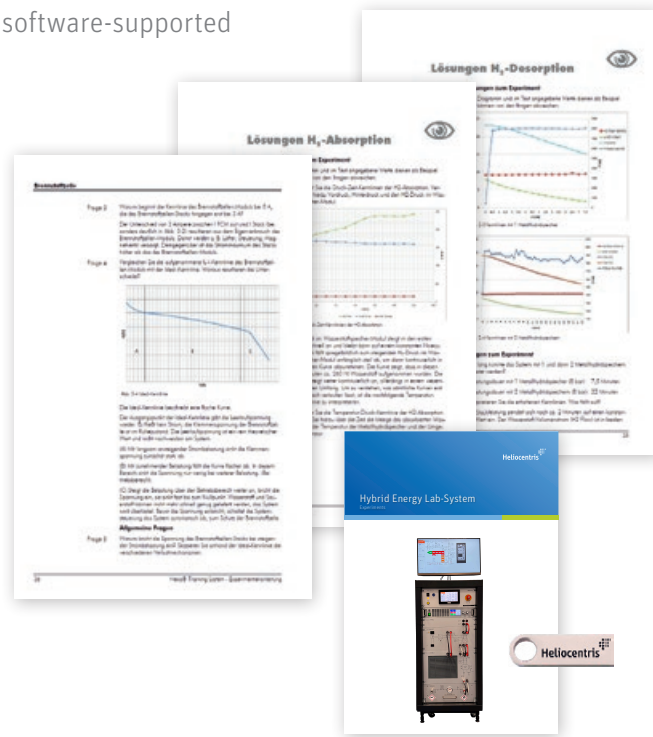
Experiments

Experimentation manual with:

- » Learning goals and content
 - Instructions for the execution of experiments
 - Topic-specific questions and sample answers
- » Evaluation templates
- » Detailed operating manual

Experiments including:

- » System design for special applications:
 - Backup, Emergency power supply (UPS), Autonomous power supply, Boost, range extender*
- » Examination of the operating behavior of:
 - Battery module, Fuel cell module, DC converter*
- » Determination of the efficiency and energy conversion
- » Examination of load step changes of up to 1.5 kW
- » Generation of characteristic curves



Ring binder and USB Flash Drive



Scope of Delivery of the Hybrid Energy Lab-System

- » Fuel cell module
- » Power management module
- » Electronic load module
- » Battery module
- » H₂ storage module (3x 800l)**
- » System control module
- » Measurement and experimentation software
- » All-in-one PC incl. keyboard, mouse
- » Instruction and experimentation material

Hybrid Energy Lab-System Item No. 793*

Accessories for Hydrogen Supply

Solar Hydrogen Extension

Combine the Hybrid Energy Lab-System with the Solar Hydrogen Extension to build your own PV-driven, autarkic Power-to-Gas-to-Power-Lab.

Solar Hydrogen Extension with HG 72 Art.-Nr. 812



H₂ Connection Kit with safety valve

Pressure reducer for 200 bar standard compressed gas cylinders for the refilling of the metal hydride canister or operate the Hybrid Energy Lab-System directly at 200 bar.

200 -> 15 bar H₂ Connection Kit Art.-Nr. 736



Hydrogen Generator

Produce high-purity hydrogen for the direct operation of the Fuel Cell Trainer or for refilling the metal hydride canisters.

Product Options
HG72 - HG198 Art. no. 1303-04



Hydrogen Detector

The portable hydrogen warning device (0 - 100 ppm) for monitoring of the workplace in combination with a leak detection liquid assure safety when working with hydrogen.

H₂-Detector Art.-Nr. 731



* Only available in combination with a hydrogen supply from Heliocentris. ** (0 °C, 1013,25 hPa nach DIN 1343)

Technical Data

Hybrid Energy Lab-System	
Dimensions (W × H × D)	520 × 1330 × 600 mm without HG72 600 × 1600 × 600 mm with HG72
Weight approx.	200 kg - 260 kg
Permissible environmental temperature during	+5 ... +35 °C
Connection standards	DIN, CGA, BS
Mains connection	230 V _{AC} (50 Hz), 115 V _{AC} (60Hz)
Communication interface	Ethernet
Fuel Cell Module	
Fuel Cell System	
Rated output	1200 W @ 5 ... 25 °C
Rated current	60 A _{DC} max.
Operating voltage	18 ... 36 V _{DC}
Maximum hydrogen consumption	15 NI/min
Hydrogen purity for operation	min. 4.0
Permissible H ₂ inlet pressure	1 ... 15 bar
H ₂ Flow Meter	
Measuring range	0.83 ... 25 NI/min
Measuring accuracy	± 1.5 % from the end value
H ₂ Sensor	
Sensor standard range	0.00 ... 1.00 Vol. % H ₂
Power-Management-Modul	
DC Converter with Integrated Load Regulator	
Max. output power	1500 W
Max. output current	55 A _{DC}
Rated output voltage	24 V _{DC}
Output voltage range	21 ... 30 V _{DC}
Max. input current	60 A _{DC}
Input voltage range	18 ... 36 V _{DC}
Efficiency	96 %

Inverter	
Continuous output power	1500 W _{AC}
Inlet voltage	21 ... 30 V _{DC}
Output voltage	230 V _{AC} (50 Hz), 115 V _{AC} (60Hz)
Output signal form pure	Pure Sine Wave (THD < 3 %)
Efficiency	91/93 % (110/230 V)
Electronic Load Module	
Max. continuous power	1200 W
DC load current	0 ... 85 A _{DC}
DC load voltage	0 ... 80 V _{DC}
Load resistance	0.08...30 ΩC
Battery Module	
Battery set 1	lead-acid, 24 V, (2 x 12 V), 7,2 Ah
Battery set 2	lead-acid, 24 V, (2 x 12 V), 18 Ah
Safety elements	30 A, 80 A
H ₂ Storage Module	
Hydrogen manometer	0 ... 25 bar
Safety elements	3 x temperature sensors, pressure relief valve, hydrogen safety switch, manometer
Metal Hydride Canisters	
Storage capacity	3x 800 NI @ 15 bar, 20°C
All-in-one PC and System Control Module	
All-in-one PC, keyboard, mouse and user software	
System control with touchscreen for measured value indication and adjustment	

Nexa® Integration System

From theory to applied application. Easy integration into various systems:

1200W Fuel Cell Module

Item No. 1911

Nexa® DC1200 Converter

DC1200 DC converter 24/48 V

Item No. 1610/1611



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