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The economic benefits of cloud-based battery analytics for energy storage assets



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PowerUp at a glance



15+ years of research on Li-ion batteries

200+ researchers dedicated to batteries

- CEA spin-off founded in 2017
- **35+ employees** including data scientists and battery experts
- 10+ patents on non-intrusive battery analytics solutions
- Embedded SW and Cloud analytics solutions for BESS, EV fleet management, and Backup systems & UPS

Difficulties in operating battery assets

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Meeting expected battery project performance



SAFETY

 Protect battery assets against safety issues



PERFORMANCE

 Maximize available battery capacity



ENDURANCE

 Predict battery degradation and maintenance

ENTREPRENEURS BY NATURE

Independent global renewable energy power producer and developer



* ICG Infra is an infrastructure fund of ICG, a global alternative asset manager.

GLOBAL PLAYER, LOCAL PRESENCE



> 90 Power plants

Note : Figures at the end of 2022

AKUO'S SPECIAL ATTENTION TO BATTERY SAFETY



BESS installed capacity continues surging

Li-ion batteries are a newer technology

Predictive maintenance to enhance safety and performance

AKUO'S WORK WITH POWERUP



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Akuo - PowerUp live test :

- 1 year
- 2 assets
- Historical data & Live data
- State of Safety indicators



Daily update on Battery Insight platform



Evaluate PowerUp's ability to detect potential battery safety failures on our plants



From battery data to battery insights



from batteries operation data to PowerUp Cloud platform via APIs using advanced deterministic and Machine Learning algorithms

through PowerUp dashboard and/or through APIs feeding customers dashboard

Use case 1: Avoid service interruption & associated revenue loss



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Case study: faulty modules identification on a 35MWh BESS

 ~75k€ cost of downtime (3 MWh container stopped + manpower on site)

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- ~15k€ loss associated to a 10% loss of useful capacity on that container for 9 months
- Further loss associated to potential contractual penalties, insurance premiums and customer dissatisfaction

Use case 2: Maximize available battery capacity and revenues

Case study: capacity limitation on a 32MWh BESS used for Frequency Regulation Rack usable capacity limited by cell imbalance issue container 0° container 04 container 05 container 0 260 Capacity [Ah] 220 180 160

Entire BESS limited to ~84 % of its nominal capacity due to cell imbalance issue

~270k€ untapped revenue per year

Further potential loss associated to a risk of contractual penalties

Use case 3: Replace costly capacity checks with remote SOH diagnosis



- Validation of warranty commitments including analysis of battery usage out of recommended values (heatmaps)
- Accurate monitoring of battery health evolution and maximum available capacity
- Remote and more frequent alternative to on-site capacity test without need for service interruption

A capacity test for a 200MW/800 MWh asset can cost up to 200k€

• Alerting system for knee-point detection

Use case 4: Reduce maintenance costs with controlled SOC calibration procedure



- Early identification of BMS deviation, enabling faster recalibration and more accurate knowledge of available battery power status
- Recalibration done whenever required – no longer systematically and blindly –, leading to cost and revenue savings

OEMs recommend BMS recalibration frequencies every month or less

 Better overall accuracy of the available energy/power levels, combining more precise SOH and SOC measurements and avoiding loss of service

Use case 5: Extend battery life and generate new revenues

Case study: 30 MWh BESS used for Energy Shifting service



- Extend battery asset lifetime, through a fine-tuned warranty management (1.5 years extension of a 30MWh asset translates into ~1.1M€ additional revenue)
- Optimize revenues by considering other energy services to take benefit from market volatility or T&D deferral requirements
- Better monetize battery for second life and overcome cost-benefits trade-offs

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