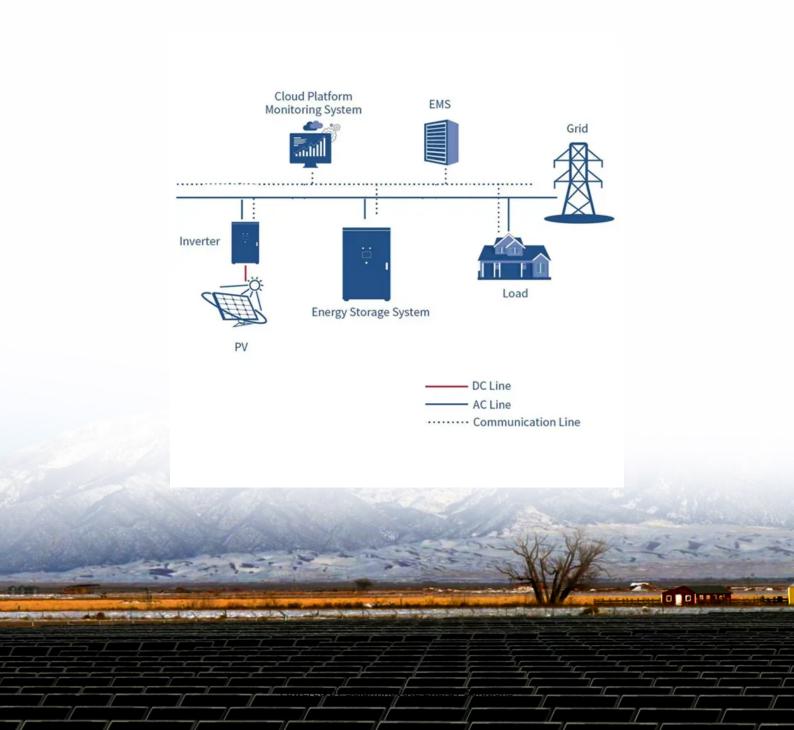


#### **SolarInnovate Energy Solutions**

# No electricity but with solar energy and on-site energy storage





#### **Overview**

Can solar energy be used as a energy storage system?

Existing compressed air energy storage systems often use the released air as part of a natural gas power cycle to produce electricity. Solar power can be used to create new fuels that can be combusted (burned) or consumed to provide energy, effectively storing the solar energy in the chemical bonds.

How can on-site solar PV & energy storage improve sustainability?

To achieve sustainability goals while meeting the increasing electricity demands of electrification, organizations are pairing on-site solar PV generation with on-site energy storage. These systems, which are considered as "behind-the-meter" (BTM) systems, allow facilities to maximize the benefits of on-site renewable generation.

Should solar energy be combined with storage technologies?

Coupling solar energy and storage technologies is one such case. The reason: Solar energy is not always produced at the time energy is needed most. Peak power usage often occurs on summer afternoons and evenings, when solar energy generation is falling.

What is energy storage & how does it work?

Sometimes energy storage is co-located with, or placed next to, a solar energy system, and sometimes the storage system stands alone, but in either configuration, it can help more effectively integrate solar into the energy landscape. What Is Energy Storage?

Why is solar storage important?

Storage helps solar contribute to the electricity supply even when the sun isn't shining. It can also help smooth out variations in how solar energy flows on



the grid. These variations are attributable to changes in the amount of sunlight that shines onto photovoltaic (PV) panels or concentrating solar-thermal power (CSP) systems.

Can solar energy storage systems improve self-consumption and self-sufficiency?

As energy storage systems are typically not installed with residential solar photovoltaic (PV) systems, any "excess" solar energy exceeding the house load remains unharvested or is exported to the grid. This paper introduces an approach towards a system design for improved PV self-consumption and self-sufficiency.



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