



#### Fortress Power Webinar: FAQ of Lithium Energy Storage

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## Topic

Why Energy Storage

**Company Introduction** 

Battery Technology Comparison

Integrating battery storage to PV array

Design Guide for PV + Storage

# Why Energy Storage

## **Challenges with PV Grid-tie System**



- Unbalanced Generation and Consumption
- No power during outages
- Back-feeding is prohibited in some regions.

## **Energy Storage: Balancing Energy Generation & Use**

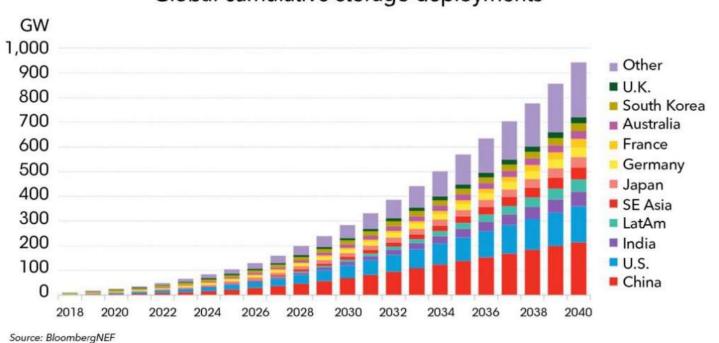


- Energy that is not used can be consumed later.
- Match the needs and demands
- Grid resilience
- Back up power during outages

# Battery technology is rapidly changing.



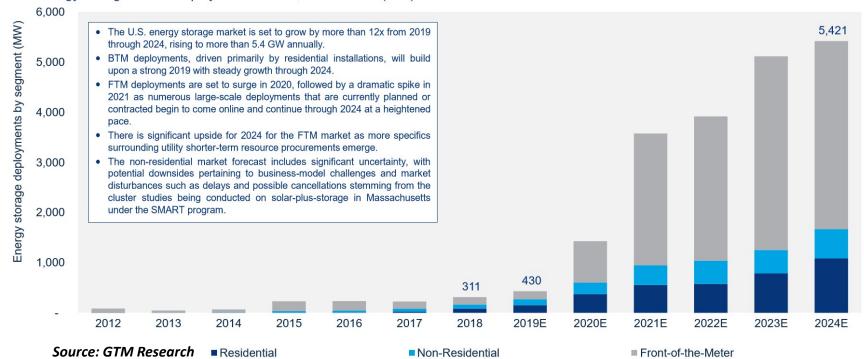
## **Global Energy Storage Market**



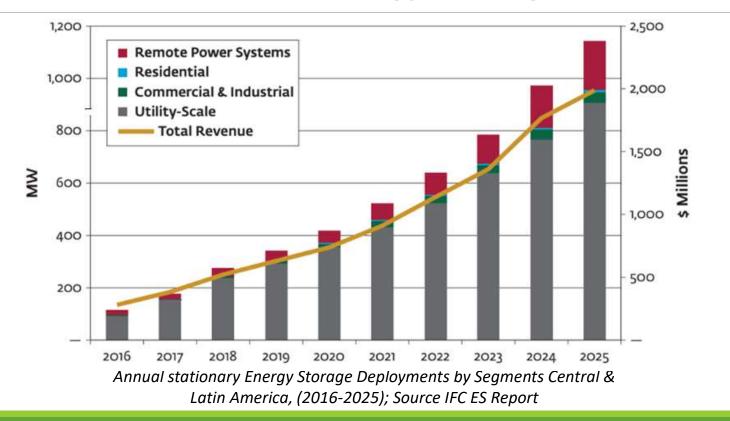
Global cumulative storage deployments

#### **US Energy Storage Market**

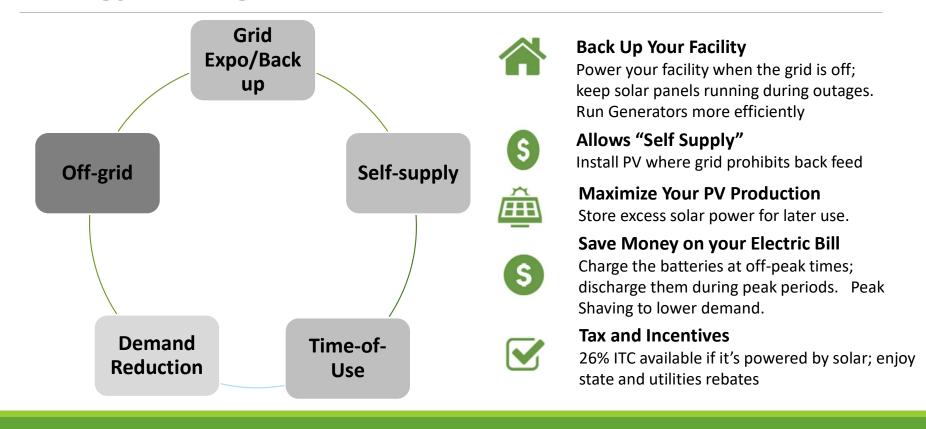
U.S. energy storage annual deployment forecast, 2012-2024E (MW)



#### **Central & Latin America Energy Storage Market**



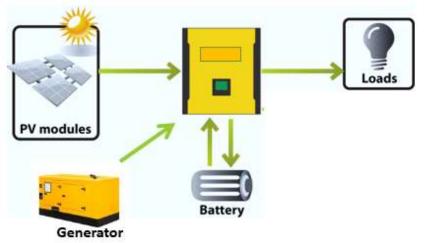
## **Energy Storage Benefits**



#### **Off-Grid Application**

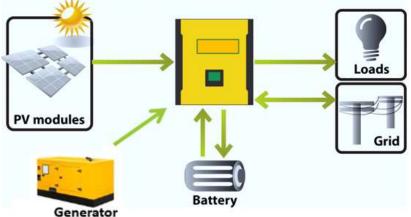
#### Stand alone PV + Storage System

- a) No grid available. Power loads from PV or Battery
- a) Integrate generator, if needed



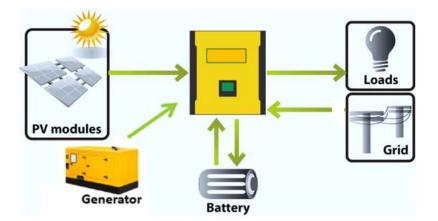
#### Grid Export / Back up

- a) When grid fails, the hybrid Inverter keeps the PV system operating, and powers loads from PV or Battery.
- b) During the day, when grid is connected, the excessive PV production feeds back to the grid



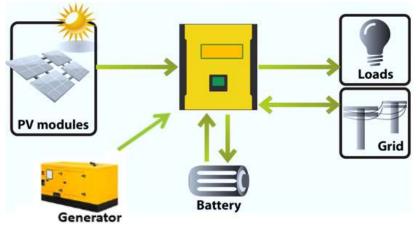
#### Self-Supply Application (HI, AZ & Caribbean)

- a) Grid Available for Purchase but Sale is prohibited
- b) PV power charges batteries during day and discharges them at night.
- c) When Battery Charge low, power bought from grid to supply loads and/or charge batteries.



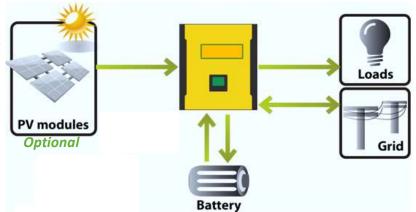
#### Grid Export / Back up / Time-of-Use (CA)

a) Peak shaving: Block out times for purchasing grid power (ie. high tariff times) and recharge batteries at low-cost times. It works without Solar.



#### **Demand Curtailment**

a) Reduce KW-Charger for commercial clients, require a smart control unit. It works without Solar.





# **Company Introduction**

#### **US Headquarter**

A world-leading manufacturer who brings automotive Lithium Ferro Phosphate batteries to the energy sector

- U.S. Headquarter: Southampton, PA
- □ 30,000 Sqf Facility for R&D, Sales and Logistic
- Logistic Centers in California and Florida
- Over 45 MWH Installs Worldwide
- Exclusive Battery Supplier for a local railway company



#### Manufacturing Facility



- □ Manufacturing Facility in Shenzhen, China
- □ ISO and OHSAS Certified
- Produce Lithium Batteries since 2008
- □ Supply Batteries to Automotive Companies
- □ 1 GWH Production Capacity

### Fortress Lithium Iron Phosphate Batteries



#### New Product-e*Flex* 5.4



Available in Q2 2020

#### **New Features:**

- ✓ SD card for data storage
- ✓ WiFi remote monitoring
- Wall-mounting, Floor-standing & Racking Solution

## **Technical Specification**

	eVault 18.5	eFlex 5.4	LFP-10	LFP-5	
Total Energy [KWH]	18.5	5.4	10.2	5.1	
Capacity [AH]	360	105	200	100	
Battery Voltage [V]	48V				
Max. Charge Current (Continuous) [A]	160	100	80	80	
Max Discharge Power (Continuous) [KW]	9 (180A)	5 (100A)	5 (100A)	4 (80A)	
Peak Output [KW]	12 ( 240A)	6.6 (130A)	7.5 (150A)	7.5 (150A)	
Parallel Stacking	12	10	2	3	
LCD Monitoring	Yes	No	No	No	
Communication	CAN/RS485	CAN/RS485	N/A	N/A	
Breaker	250A	125A	150A	125A	
Warranty	5/10 years; up-to 6,000 cycles				

### Two type of Battery Management Systems

	LFP-5 &10	eVault 18.5 & e <i>Flex</i> 5.4
BMS Type	Mosfet-based	Contact-based
Overcharge and Deep Discharge Protection	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Over-heat & Low Temp. Protection	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Over Current Protection	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Short Circuit and Open Circuit Protection	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Cell monitoring and balancing	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Communication with Inverters		$\checkmark$
Communication between units in parallel		$\checkmark$
Remote monitoring		$\checkmark$
Cell Type	Cylindrical	Prismatic

### eVault 18.5 Local LCD Display

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#### Safety features:

- HV: High Voltage
- LV: Low Voltage
- HT: Hight Temperature
- LT: Low Temperature
- OC: Open Circuit
- SC: Short Circuit



#### LFP vs NMC vs LiPo

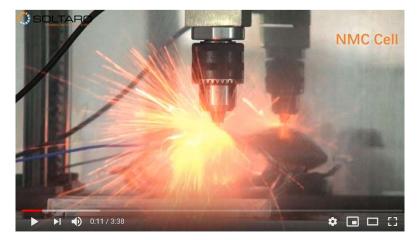
#### We incorporate the safest technology available into our batteries

	Fortress Power	Tesla, LG Chem, Panasonic	Humless
Chemistry	Lithium Ferro/Iron Phosphate (LFP) or LiFePo4	Lithium Ion or Nickel- Magnesium - Cobalt (NMC)	Lithium Polymer or LiPo
Safety	$\checkmark$	Х	Х
Eco-friendly	$\checkmark$	Х	Х
Thermal Stability	Ň.	Х	Х
Life Cycles	6000	< 3000	< 1500
Degradation Rate		LFP < NMC < LiPo	
Energy density		LFP < NMC < LiPo	

#### Highest Safety Standard



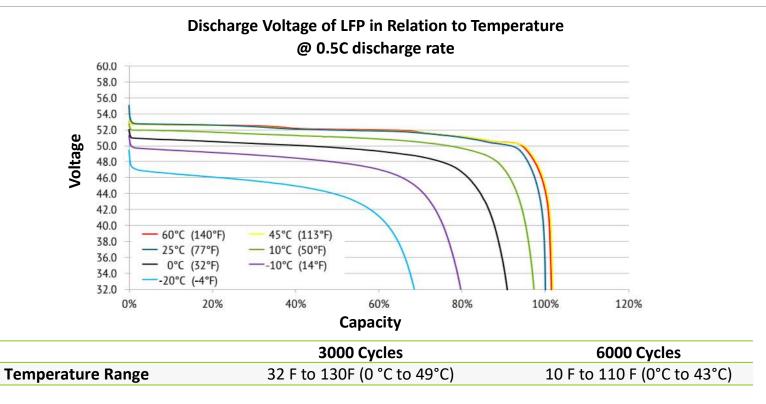
Lithium Iron Phosphate Technology (Fortress Power)



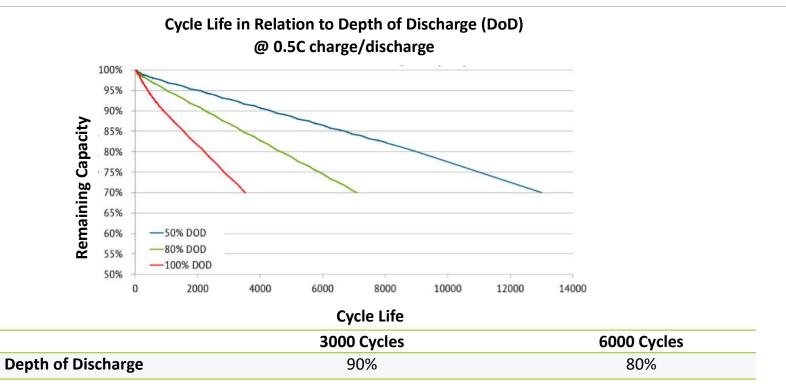
Nickel-Manganese-Cobalt Technology (Tesla)

View <u>LFP vs. NMC nail test video</u> on YouTube

#### Temperature Impact on LFP Performance



#### LFP Cycle Life vs Depth of Discharge



# Why over 90% Global ESS Installs are Lithium?



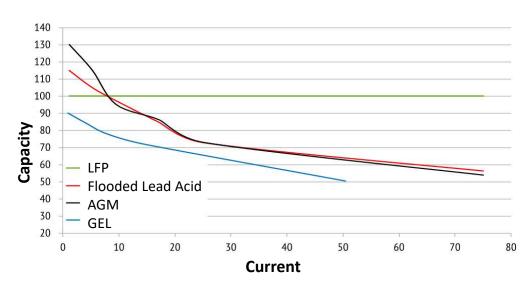
## Comparison of different Battery Technologies

	LFP	Lithium Ion	Li-Polymer	Flooded LA	AGM	Nickel Iron
Round trip efficiency	98%	95%	95%	80%	88%	65%
Cycle Life @ 80% DOD	6,000	2,800	1,500	300	500	8,000
Off Grid Years	16.4	6.8	4	1	1.4	21.9
Energy Throughput ** in MWH	47	21.5	11.5	1.9	3.5	41.6
The Homeowner Cost of 10 kWh	6,900	6,500	4,500	1,200	2,200	18,000
Cost per kWH	0.14	0.30	0.40	0.74	0.57	0.19
Safety	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Free Maintenance	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No

**Energy Throughput**: The total amount of energy a battery can be expected to store and deliver over its lifetime.

Energy Throughput=Nominal capacity x DoD x Efficiency x Cycle Life

#### Performance Comparison: LFP vs Lead Acid



#### LFP advantages:

- a) LFP Actual Capacity = Nameplate Capacity
- b) Lead Acid allows only 50% DoD, Actual Capacity = 0.5\*Nameplate Capacity
- Lead Acid Capacity is affected by
   Discharge Rate, Temperature, and
   DoD at much higher rates than LFP.

Lead Acid capacity drops significantly when output current increases!

## Space Comparison: LFP is 1/3 size and 1/3 weight of AGM



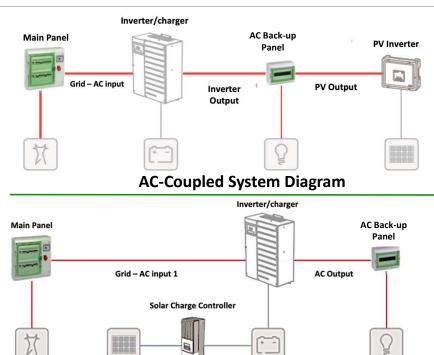
AGM Batteries 48V, 250AH (6 kWh usable power) LFP Technology Advantage





# Integrating battery storage to PV array

#### AC vs DC Coupled Solution



#### **DC-Coupled System Diagram**

#### **Application for AC coupled solutions**

- When retrofitting to existing PV systems
- For new installations that require module level rapid shutdown

#### **Application for DC coupled solutions**

- For new installation
- No additional PV inverter
- More efficient

#### **Compatible Inverters**

#### COMPATIBLE WITH MOST 48V CHARGERS AND HYBRID INVERTERS!

Brand	Inverter/Charger Mode	Configuration
Schneider **	Conext XW MPPT charge controller; Conext XW+/XW pro series;	AC or DC coupled
Outback	Skybox, FLEX max charge controller (48V), FLEXpower series (48V); Radian series (48V); FXR(A) and FXR (E) series (48V); GVFX and GVFX series (48V);	AC or DC coupled
Magnum	MS 4448PAE; MS 4048-20B	AC or DC coupled
SMA**	SUNNY ISLAND 4548-US/6048-US; SUNNY ISLAND 3.0M/4.4M/6.0H/8.0H	AC coupled
Sol-Ark**	8 KW & 12 KW Inverter	AC or DC coupled
Victron	Phoenix VE.Direct Inverter; MultiPlus and Quatro Inverter/Charger; Skylla-TG Charger; General; Color Control or Venus GX	DC coupled
Morning Star	TriStar MPPT 600V; TriStar MPPT; Tristar PWM	DC coupled
Midnite Solar	Solar Classic 150, 200 & 250; Solar Classic 150, 200 & 250-SL	DC coupled

\*\* we're establishing close-loop communication with those inverters!

### Fortress + Schneider XW+ and XW Pro (AC & DC Coupling)

#### **Key features:**

- Over 10 years in operation
- Stacking up-to 4 in 120/240V
- Stacking up-to 9 in 120/280V
- Component system with many features (Off-Grid, Time-of-Use, Load shifting, Back-up, Grid export)
- □ Allows DC & AC coupling
- Performs in hot environments up to 70°C
- Auto-Gen Start optional



13.6 kW/74 kWh

# **Technical Specification**

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Inverter AC output	5.5 KW	6.8 KW				
Surge power at backup	7/9.5 kW (30 min/60 sec)	8.5/12 kW (30 min/60 sec)				
Storage capacity	5/10/18.5 KWH per unit; scalable to 222 KWH					
UPS Grid Failure Transfer time	Built-in 60A auto-transfer relay at 8ms					
Compatible PV Inverters	AC-coupled to Enphase, AC modules, SolarEdge, SMA, Fronius 10 kW+, etc.					
Stack-ability	<ul> <li>Max. 4 in 1-Ph (120/240V)</li> <li>Max. 9 in 3-Ph (120/208V): 3 units per phase</li> </ul>					

### FORTRESS POWER ESS-Residential & Commercial



12 kW/18.5 kWh

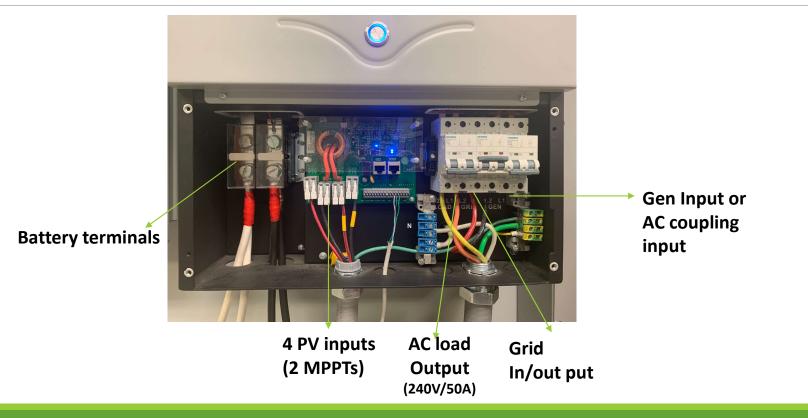
#### Key features:

- □ Stacking up-to 3 in 120/240V
- □ Stacking up-to 6 in 120/280V
- □ Storage Capacity 10 222kWh
- □ 93% roundtrip efficiency (PV->Battery->Load)
- Auto-Gen start included
- Allows DC & AC coupling
- All in one unit (Off-grid, Time-of-use, Selfsupply, Back-up, Grid export)

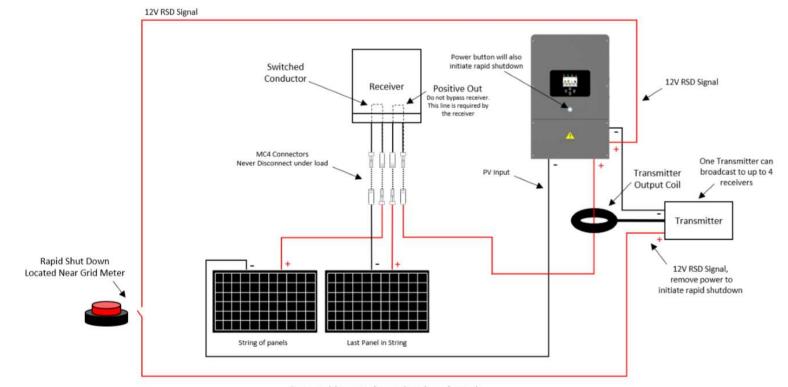
# **Technical Specification**

	Output to the Critical Load		Output to the Grid	
	On Solar or Battery (Back-up)	With Grid or Generator Present	Pass-through	
AC Output Power	8 KW	12 KW	12 KW	
Storage Capacity	5/10/18.5 KWH per unit; scalable to 222 KWH			
Surge Power	20 kW (5 Sec)			
Critical Load Panel	50A @ 240V			
Response Time (Grid-tie to Off-grid)	4ms			
PV Array Size	Up-to 13 KW in DC Coupling; Up-to 7.6 KW in AC Coupling			
Compatible PV Inverters in AC coupling	AC-coupled to Enphase, AC modules, SolarEdge, SMA, Fornius and etc			
PV Array in AC & DC Coupling combined	Total max 13 KW			
Stack-ability	<ul> <li>Max. 3 in 1-Ph (120/240V)</li> <li>Max. 6 in 3-Ph (120/208V): 3 units per phase</li> </ul>			
Warranty	10-year standard warranty			

## System Wiring

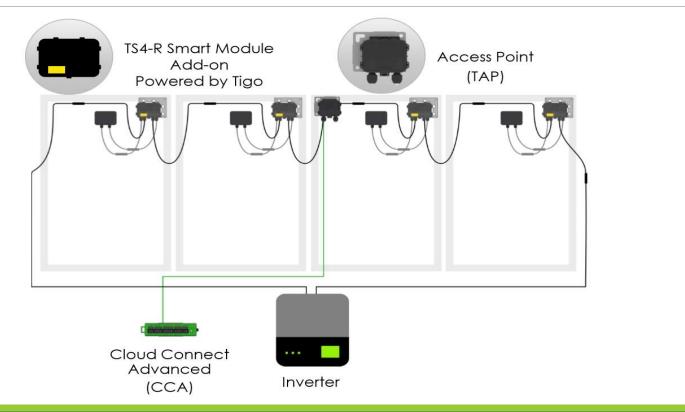


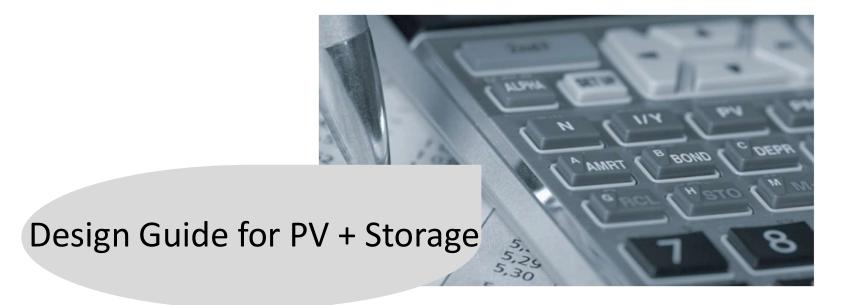
### Integrating Midnite for String Level Rapid Shutdown



Repeat this setup for each string of panels

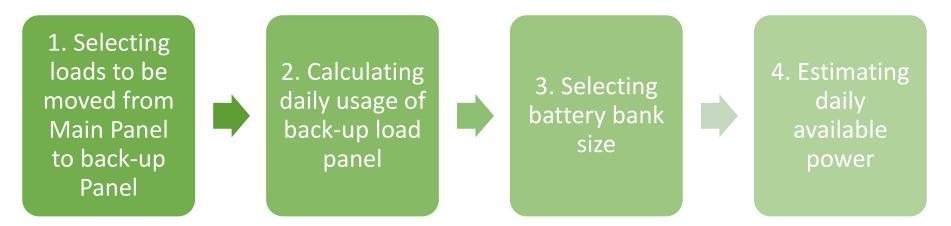
### Integrating Tigo for Module Level Rapid Shutdown





### Fortress Energy Storage Sizing Tool simplifies battery size design

#### Automatically size Up Energy Storage for Backup



Available to our authorized installers

## Fortress Energy Storage Sizing tool Example

	Category	Item	Quantity	Starting Watts	Running Watts	Hours/Day	Watthours/Day	
:	1 Essential	Refrigerator/Freezer-Energy Star	1	1200	200	8	1600	
:	2 Essential	Incandescent Light Bulb-60 Watt	4	240	240	4	3840	
:	3 Essential	LED Light Bulb-60 Watt Equivalent	6	48	48	4	1152	
	4 Essential	Sump Pump-1/3 HP	1	1300	800	0	0	
:	5 Essential	Water Well Pump-1/3 HP	1	1400	750	3	2250	
	6 Kitchen	Electric Range-6" Element	1	1500	1500	1	1500	
-	7 Kitchen	Microwave Oven-650 Watts	1	1000	1000	0.1	100	
1	8 Personal Electronics	TV-Flat Screen-46"	1	190	190	6	1140	
<u> -</u>	9 Personal Electronics	Cell Phone Charger	1	25	25	2	50	
10	0 Personal Electronics	Computer-Laptop	1	250	250	2	500	
1:	1 HVAC	Window AC-10,000 BTU	1	1400	1200	3	3600	
12	2 HVAC	Furnace Fan-gas/oil-1/4 HP	1	1000	600	1	600	
	STANDBY POWER	Sol-Ark 8 kW	1	60	60	24	1440	
	201-2020		Totals	9613	6803		17772	
	ter Type	Quantity**	Watthours/Day	100	Surge Power		Running Watts	
Sol-A	rk 8 kW	1	17772 Watts	1038	87 Watts Av	allable	1197 Watts A	vailable

## Monthly PV/Day Production and Energy Available to Charge Batteries

		Solar		Energy Per Day	Full charge on	avail. Energy after
		Radiation	AC Energy	(watthours)	battery	battery charged
	January	3.8	<mark>7</mark> 51	24,226	(18,432)	5,794
	February	4.28	746	26,643	(18,432)	8,211
	March	5.2 <mark>3</mark>	986	31,806	(18,432)	<b>13,374</b>
9 KW PV array	April	5.91	1,039	34,633	(18,432)	16,201
+	May	6.32	1,132	36,516	(18,432)	18,084
9KW/20 KWH	June	6.74	1,106	36,867	(18,432)	18,435
	July	6.36	1,090	35,161	(18,432)	16,729
	August	5.78	1,004	32,387	(18,432)	13,955
	September	5.19	886	29 <mark>,</mark> 533	(18,432)	11,101
	October	5.08	926	<mark>29,871</mark>	(18,432)	11, <mark>43</mark> 9
	November	4.14	749	<mark>24,</mark> 967	(18,432)	6,535
	December	3.38	646	20,839	(18,432)	2,407
				WHAT TO EXPE	СТ	
Ava	ilable power in	Battery at	90% DoD	18,432 Wh		0.9 Days
Low	vest average dai	ly available	e PV Power	r: 20,800 Wh		
Hig	hest average da	ily availabl	le PV Powe	r: 36,800 Wh		

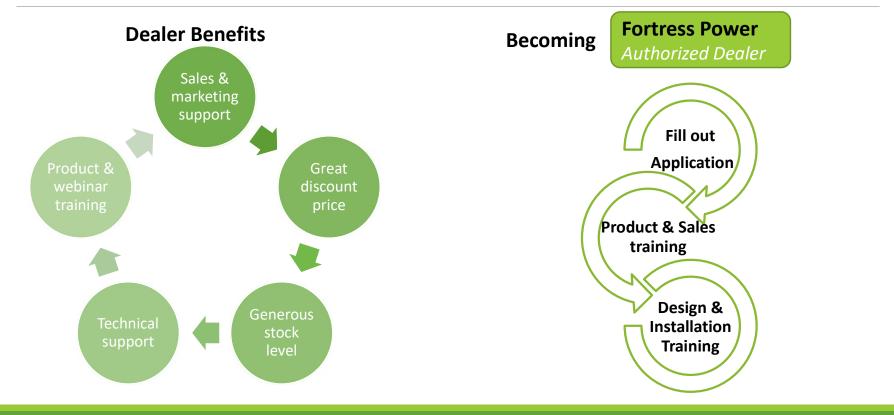
## Other Applications: (T-O-U, Self Supply, Demand Curtailment)

Send your project information

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#### Authorized Dealer Benefits



#### Thank You & Contact Us

#### If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together!



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