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Off-Grid Solar Power System and Mongolia

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Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) is aimed at catalyzing a transformation in the world's energy systems toward an equitable and sustainable future. Launched in September 2011 by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the three objectives of SE4All are to, by 2030:

1. Ensure universal access to modern energy services
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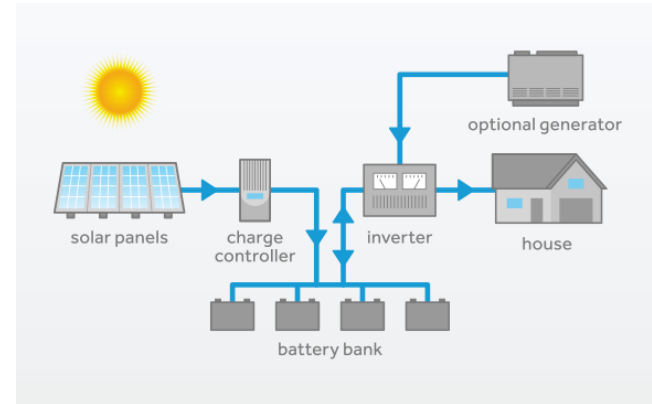
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Solar PV Systems-Types of Systems

Stand Alone - Off grid

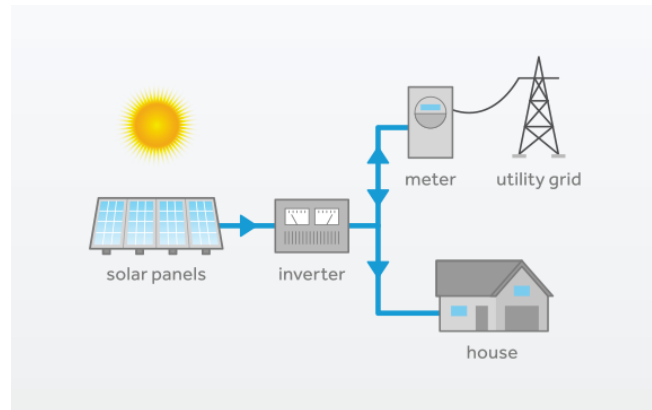
An off-grid energy supply is autonomous and independent of the public grid:

- ❖ Non-renewable off-grid systems
- ❖ Renewable energy off-grid systems.



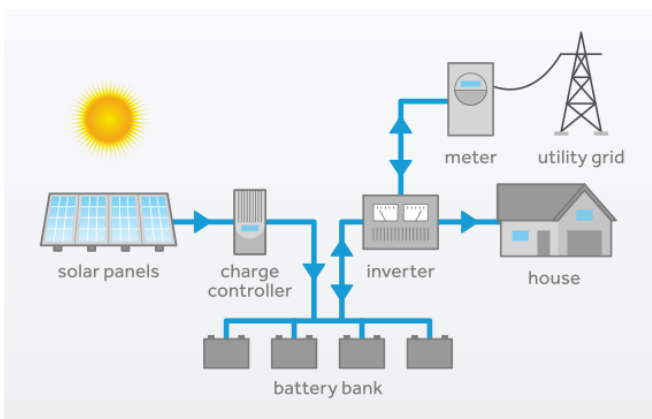
Grid Tie - Grid connected (On-grid)

PV Modules, and inverter connected to the power grid (utility)



Hybrid - Grid connected with batteries

PV Modules, grid-tie inverter, and batteries for backup storage when the grid is unavailable. Systems with Battery Backup can supply power 100% of the time: At night, on cloudy days and when the utility power is down



Types of Solar PV Systems

Off-Grid



- ❖ **Battery = Energy Reservoir**
- ❖ **Days of autonomy**
- ❖ **Moderate cycling**
- ❖ **Used in low voltage electricity generation 12/24/48V**
- ❖ **Typically provide DC and AC power to smaller systems**

On-Grid



- ❖ **Battery = Buffer**
- ❖ **Minutes to hours**
- ❖ **Intensive cycling**
- ❖ **Used in high voltage electricity generation**
- ❖ **Typically provide AC power to grid**

Statistics of the PV Systems applications

Solar home systems (SHSs) have enjoyed sustained growth in many developing countries, with installations now surpassing more than six million:

Bangladesh 2014 (July) > 3 200 000

India 2012 (March) > 861 654

China 2008 >400 000

Kenya 2010 > 320 000

Indonesia 2010 > 264 000

Nepal 2012 > 229 000

South Africa Est. > 150 000

Sri Lanka 2011 > 132 000

Morocco Est. > 128 000

Mongolia 2014 > 120 000

Zimbabwe Est. > 113 000

Mexico Est. > 80 000

Tanzania Est. > 65 000

Total > 6 million

In Bangladesh, the government has played an important leadership role in off-grid RE, having deployed more than three million SHSs.

Unfortunately, other Asian nations have yet to replicate this success.

According IFC (2012), total sales in Asia in 2011 reached 2.2-2.4 million, nearly half of which was located in India .

Kenya - Africa's leader in solar home systems with 320 000 units market growth of around 10% per year

Standards for Off-grid PV Systems

The main standards required for Off-grid PV systems are:

- ❖ Standards PV Array quality
- ❖ Standards for Electronic system quality (Inverter, Controller)
- ❖ Standards for Batteries for Off-grid system
- ❖ Standards for Wiring performance and Electrical installations
- ❖ Standards for Lightning Protection
- ❖ Standards for Energy management programs
- ❖ Standards for Noise level limits

It is intended to develop standards for Off-grid DC system for CAREC countries!

Main requirement for Off-grid PV Systems

Off-grid PV System is used mainly in remote areas, and popular in developing countries. It must be

1. High quality, reliable, longlife
2. User-friendly, simple to use –Plug in/plug out design
3. Reasonable low cost and affordable for poor users

Therefore, Off-grid PV System must have quality which governs product safety.

- PV modules must meet international standards such as IEC 61215 for Si PV and IEC 61646 for thin film modules) and the IEC 61730 (or the equivalent UL 1703)
- Inverters must meet international standards and also have to meet the quality standard to allow their interconnection to the grid.
- The majority of the other electronic components, such as charge controls must meet international standards (last ten or more years)
- Batteries typically need replacement every five to ten years.

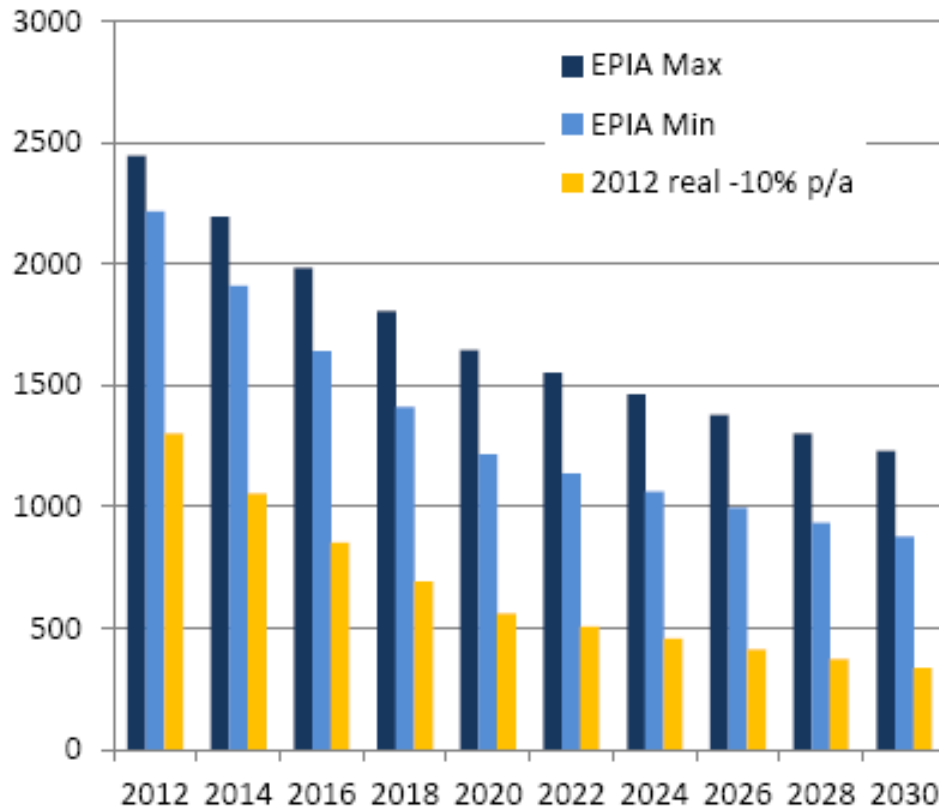
Need to establish after-sales service, including where the products need to be sent for warranty service, and who pays for shipping & warranty services.

The reasons of high cost of the off-grid system

- ❖ The need for storage of electricity
- ❖ Off-grid PV solutions require a battery bank for energy (for evening use and as a back-up for cloudy days). The batteries are usually the largest cost component for off-grid installations, making up typically between 20-30% of total installation cost
- ❖ Off-grid market is very mature markets and many pilot projects
- ❖ Remote locations makes transportation a large cost component
- ❖ Small system sizes and lack of scale leads to higher equipment costs (i.e. not possible to obtain lowest module prices when sourcing small quantities) and higher project management costs, as each system has to be designed individually

Cost reductions Off-grid PV have by far surpassed even the most optimistic projections

€/kWp - system



One example:

- EPIA (European Photovoltaic Industry Association) report from 2011*
 - Blue columns represent EPIA's price projections for two scenarios
 - EPIA Min (light blue) represents EPIA's most optimistic price projections
 - Yellow columns represent actual system cost for 2012, and projecting a 10% annual price reduction between 2012-2020 (Photon projections), and then a 5% annual price reduction 2020-2030
- Lowest reported system price in Germany in 2012 is 1 100 €/kWp
 - This is equivalent to year 2024 in EPIA's most optimistic price projections (EPIA Min)

Sources: EPIA, 2011. *Unlocking the Sunbelt Potential of Photovoltaics*. Norplan database and analysis

Benefits of Solar PV for Off-grid solutions

- ❖ Solar energy is abundant and locally available
- ❖ Sustainable – clean and renewable with no emissions
- ❖ Decentralized – no need for long transmission lines
- ❖ Free and predictable energy source – no need to worry about increasing/fluctuating fuel prices
- ❖ No moving parts – reliable and easy to operate
- ❖ Modular and scalable – easy to add-on more capacity if needed
- ❖ Short installation time

Solar PV is ideal for off-grid solutions and it can make a big change in developing countries !

Barriers for off-grid PV applications (Barriers for developers)

Financial barriers

- ❖ Overcoming the high upfront investment
- ❖ Application of off-grid systems are costly and requires public and/or donor money
- ❖ The *availability* of funds is in many cases less of a barrier than *accessibility* and *attractiveness* of financing schemes
- ❖ Commercial banks are very reluctant to provide debt financing (at affordable rate)

Business model

- ❖ How to make a profit? (Revenues from villagers are minimal, unstable, and challenging and costly to collect)
- ❖ Who is the customer? (Individual consumer? Community? Utility? Local govt? Development organization?)

Policy barriers

- ❖ Subsidies on alternatives (diesel and electricity tariffs)
- ❖ Lack of functional incentive schemes
- ❖ Lack of policy framework allowing for solar PV off-grid development (license to build and operate, tax and VAT regime, agreement securing developers revenue if grid is extended to the village etc)

Energy efficiency for off-grid PV applications

All appliances should be chosen for the lowest possible energy consumption for each application, such as:

- ❖ High efficiency DC LED lighting
- ❖ Energy efficient DC LED TV
- ❖ Energy efficient PC and Laptop
- ❖ Energy efficient DC Refrigerator & Freezer
- ❖ Energy efficient DC Washing machine

Note: Energy efficiency of the loads and conservation are important measures that should be considered in conjunction with PV systems. It is far cheaper to save a kilowatt-hour than to produce one.

Trends for Off-grid PV System development

- 1. Development of plug-and-play Off-grid PV System,** simple to install and operate and more reliable
- 2. Development of Lithium battery based Off-grid PV System**
Lithium batteries offer significant advantages over lead acid batteries. It is expected that lithium batteries will begin to replace lead acid batteries in significant numbers over the coming years. Emerging battery technologies such as lithium iron phosphate (LiFePO₄) batteries are approaching price parity with lead-acid batteries.
- 3. Super-high efficient appliances** offer perhaps the best upcoming opportunity to reduce PV system initial purchase prices, but other trends in the off-grid energy market offer avenues for improving durability and longevity, further reducing life cycle costs.

The transition to new type may not allow to reduce quickly for some period off-grid system price, as Lithium batteries and Super-high efficient home appliances more expensive than traditional system based on lead acid batteries and. However, it will result in improved system durability and a lower system life cycle.

End use	Efficiency technologies	Description	Power reduction and other benefits
Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEDs 	LEDs are on the order of 1000 times, 6 times, and 1.3 times more efficient than kerosene-based lights, incandescent, and CFLs, respectively (US-DOE, 2014; Mills, 2005)	A 10 W LED lamp can replace a 60 W incandescent or a 13 W CFL, and has 30 and 2.5 times the rated life, respectively.
TV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LED backlight • Efficient optical films • Dimming technology • DC powered system 	In general, LED backlit LCD TVs are 50%+ more efficient than CRT TVs. Efficient backlight sources, optical films, local dimming technology, and DC powered systems can further improve the typical LED-LCD TV efficiency by more than 40% (Park et al., 2011, 2013a & 2013b)	A 19 in, 10 W DC-powered LED-LCD TV can replace a 60 W CRT TV of similar screen size. DC LED-LCD TVs provide better picture quality, require less space, and do not need an AC to DC converter in the TV set.
Fans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brushless DC motors • Efficient blades 	Brushless DC motors are 50% more efficient than the typical induction motors used in ceiling fans. Better blade design can improve the efficiency of a ceiling fan by 15% (Sathaye et al., 2013) Similar efficiency gains are expected from table fans.	A 6 W DC motor powered table fan can replace a 10 W standard table fan and provide the same service (air delivery). Further, these DC fans do not require an AC to DC convertor.

Lithium Ion Battery for Off-grid Systems

OptimumNano® CE UL



Weight: about 4.6kg
Size: 175* 175* 125mm

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CAUTION:
Do not touch the battery terminals or the metal casing. Do not short circuit the terminals. Do not use the battery in a fire or in a flammable atmosphere. Do not use the battery in a high temperature environment.

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Lithium Ion Battery- The cutting edge of battery technology

- ❖ No maintenance, no gas
- ❖ High power, light weight
- ❖ 10-15 year cycle life
- ❖ Low cost over time

Retail Price Lithium Battery

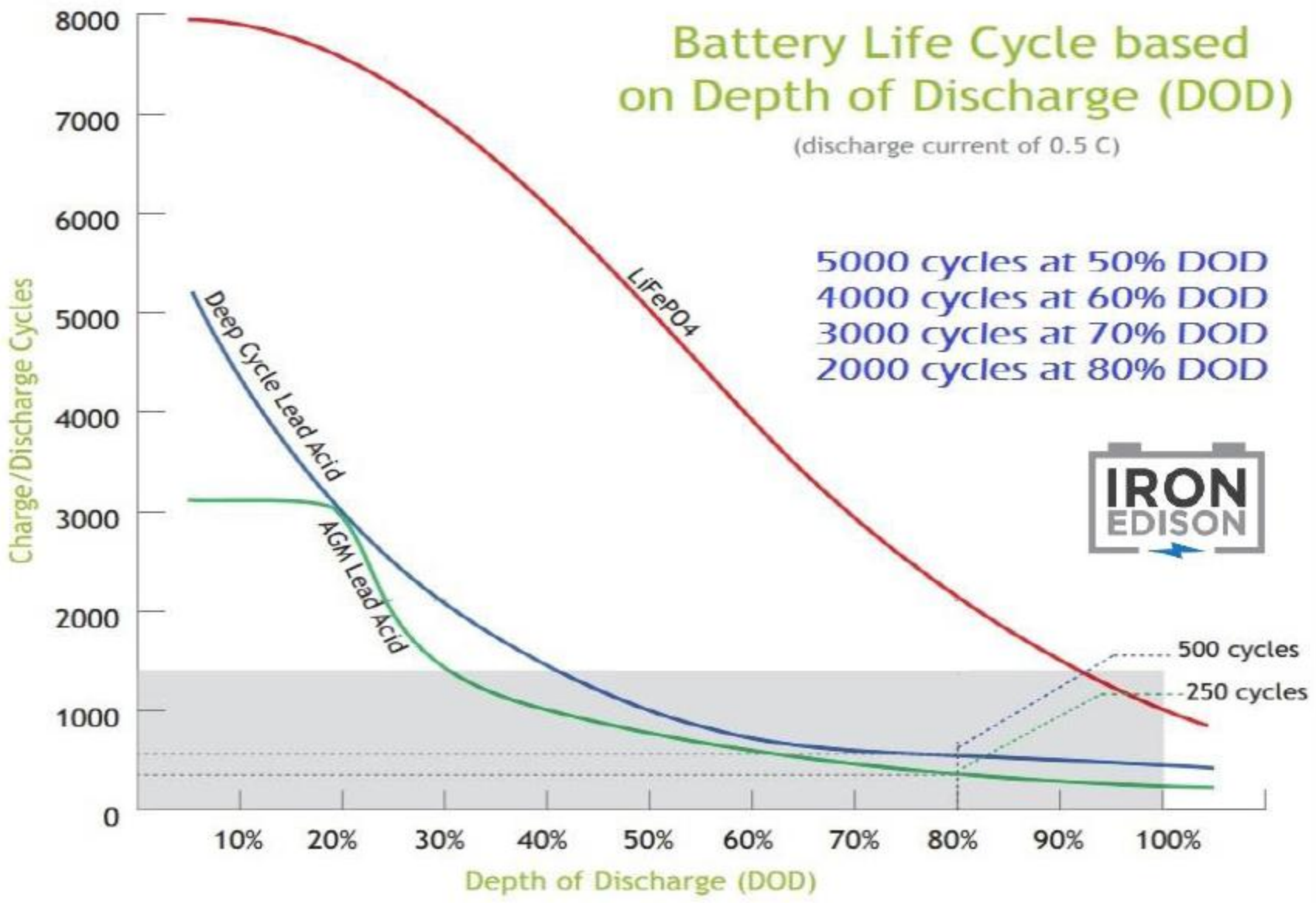
- ❖ Deka AGM \$320 per kWh
- ❖ Trojan AGM \$350 per kWh
- ❖ Flooded Lead Acid: \$390 per kWh
- ❖ Lithium Iron Edison: \$680 per kWh
- ❖ Tesla Power Wall \$350 per kWh

Tesla's selling price to installers is \$3500 for 10kWh

Battery Life Cycle based on Depth of Discharge (DOD)

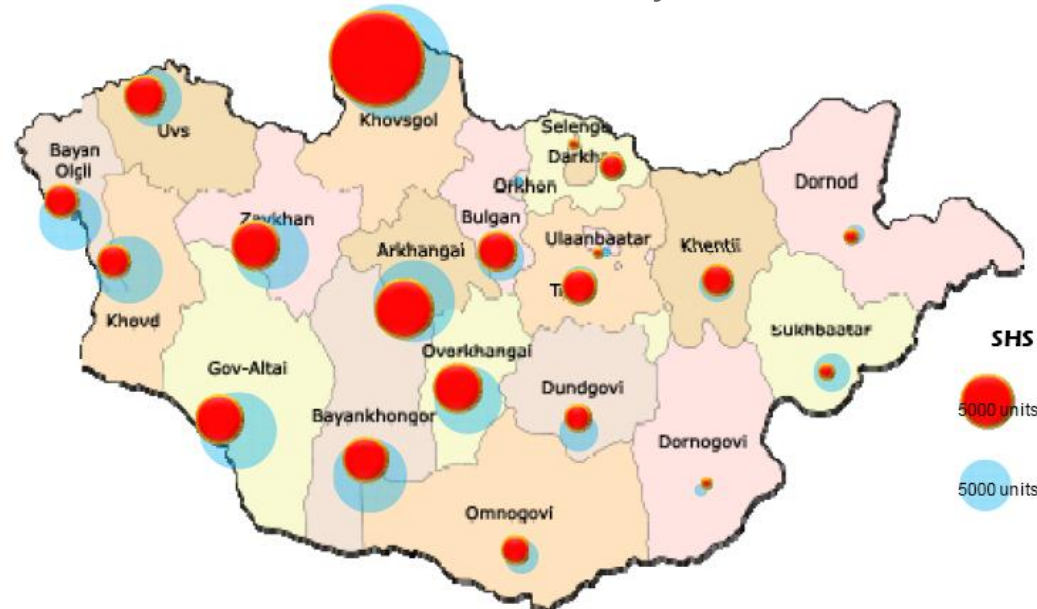
(discharge current of 0.5 C)

5000 cycles at 50% DOD
4000 cycles at 60% DOD
3000 cycles at 70% DOD
2000 cycles at 80% DOD

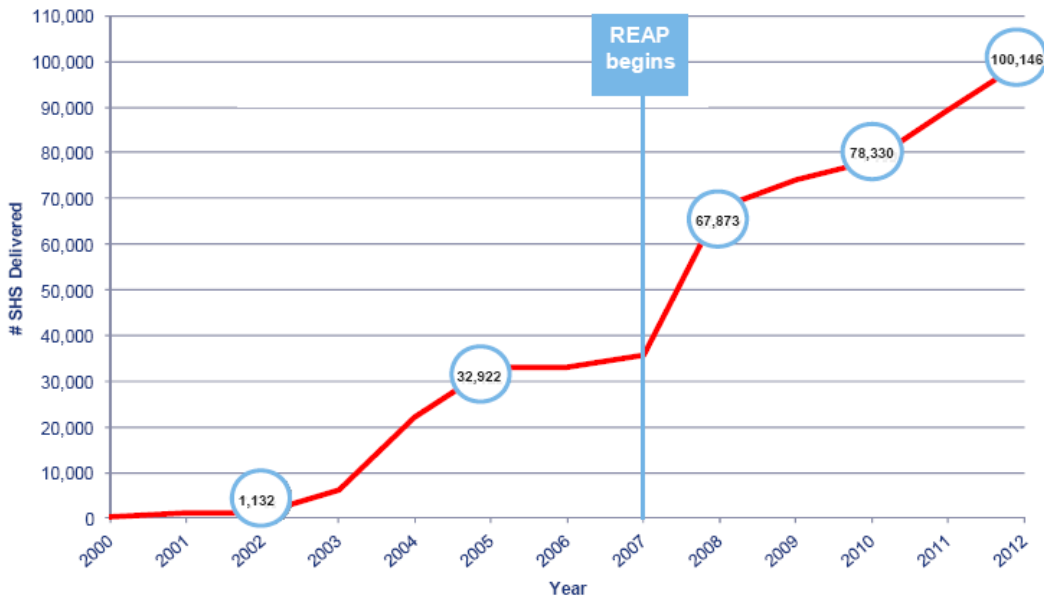


The National 100,000 Solar Ger Program

Distribution of SHSs by Province



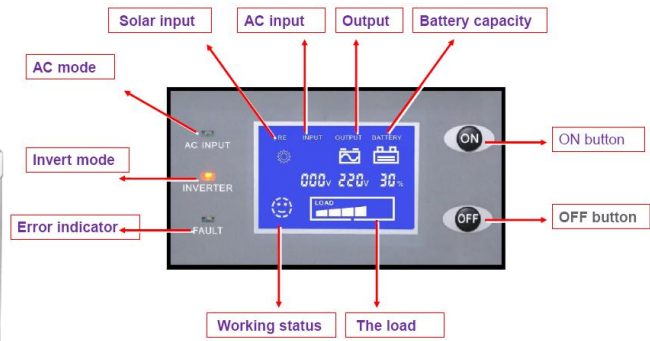
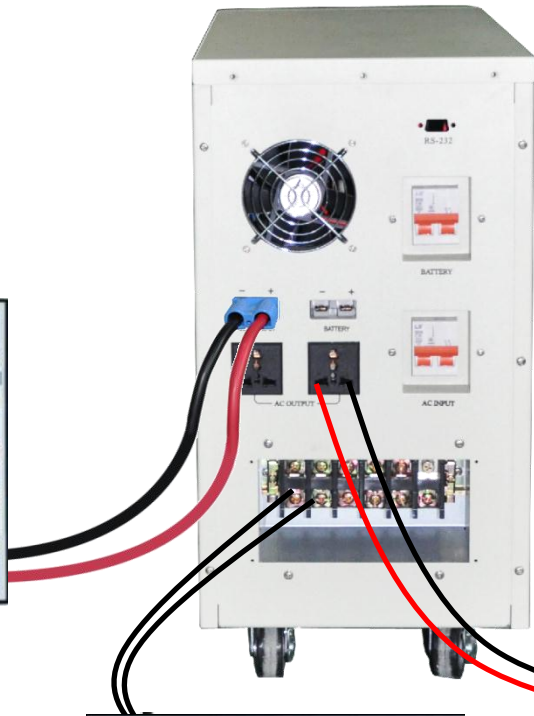
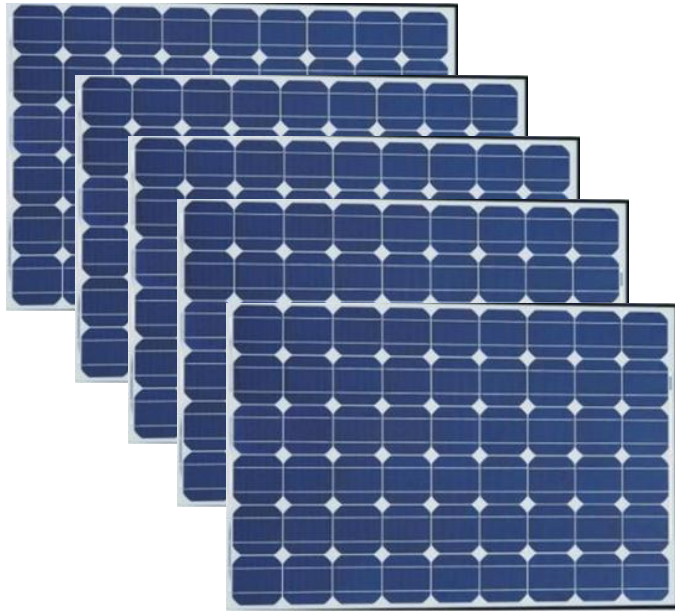
As part of 100,000 Solar Ger Electrification Program (including REAP)



Within 100,000 SHS national program the Distribution network of private dealers, Sales and Service Centers (SSC) was formed. SSCs are fully trained and certified to perform after sales maintenance and repair services.

Development
of Plug-and-play off-grid PV System based
on Lithium battery technology and Super high
efficiency electrical appliances

WORKING PRINCIPLE OF THE OFF-GRID PV SYSTEM FOR HOMES



OFF-GRID DC PV SYSTEM



Front side



Back Side

DC Power Control System;

- Solar PV module 200W, 12V, 1pc
- Charge Controller 12V/24V, 30A, 1pc
- Battery 12V, 150A.цаг 1pc
- Battery management system

Off-grid AC PV System



Front side

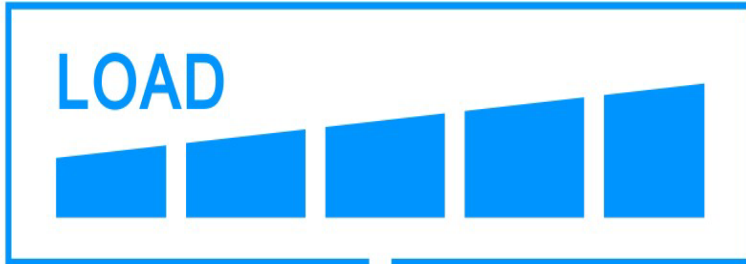


- ❖ **Power Control System**
 - Solar PV module 4kW
 - Inverter 6000W, 96V
 - Charge Controller 60A
 - Battery 12V, 200A.цаг 8pcs.
 - 20A Charger
- ❖ **Dimension: 926x620x1230mm**

Back Side

The Functions & Features of the proposed Plug-and Play off-grid PV system

Full Power, Standard & Stable Pure Sine Wave

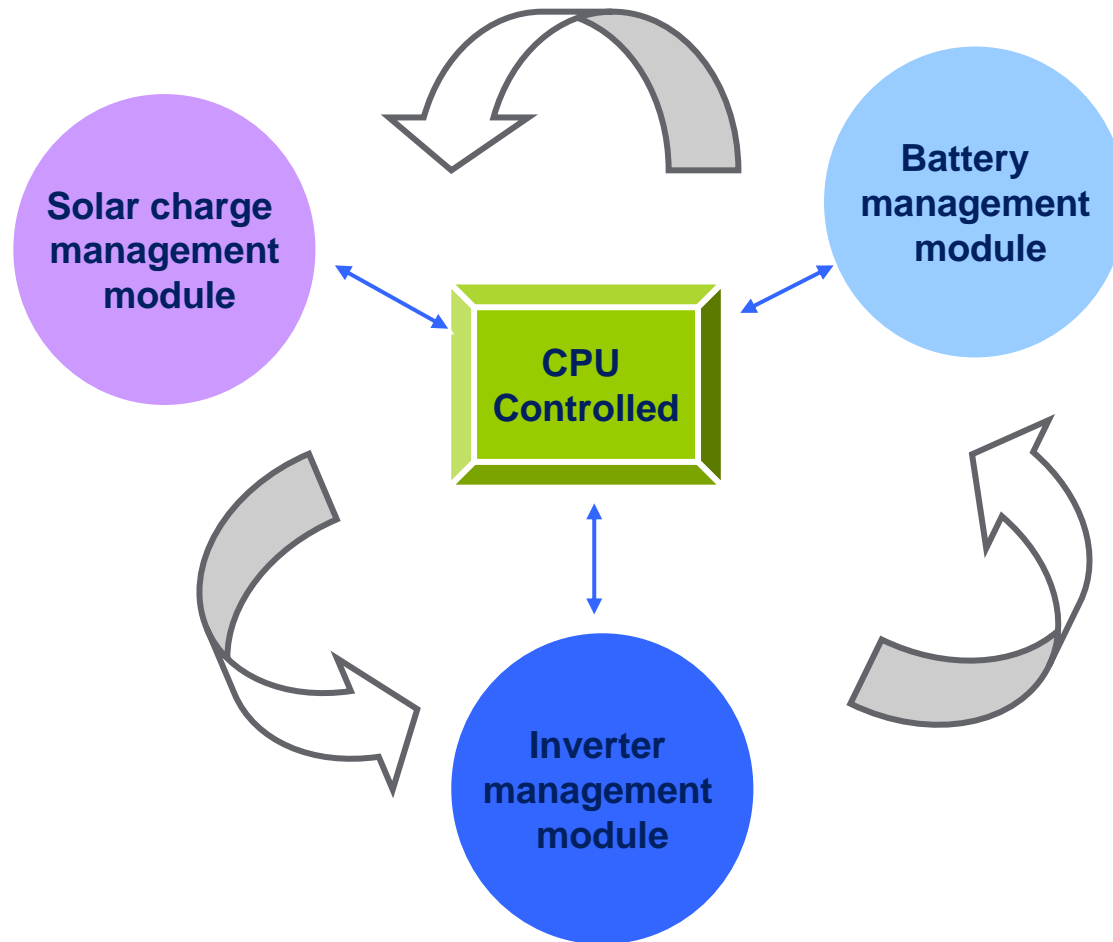


All items:

1. Full power ;
2. The peak power is 3 times of rated power

1. The output is standard pure sine wave, the same as the grid AC output.
2. Wide application and suitable for any electrical equipments.
3. High efficiency with low no-load loss

CPU Controlled and Achieves Free Communication with Protocol

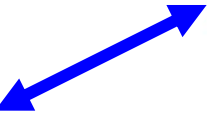
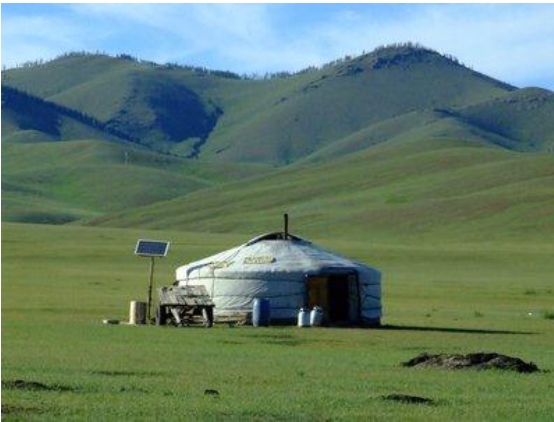


Off-grid DC PV System

DC loads

DC Power Controller System

Solar PV Module

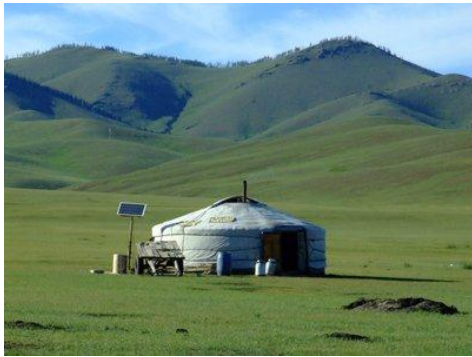


Lithium Ion Battery



Automatically Identify and Select the PV Mode or AC Mode

Three Working Modes



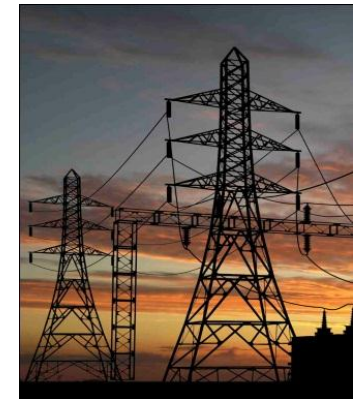
Solar PV Module



Inverter & Controller System



AC load

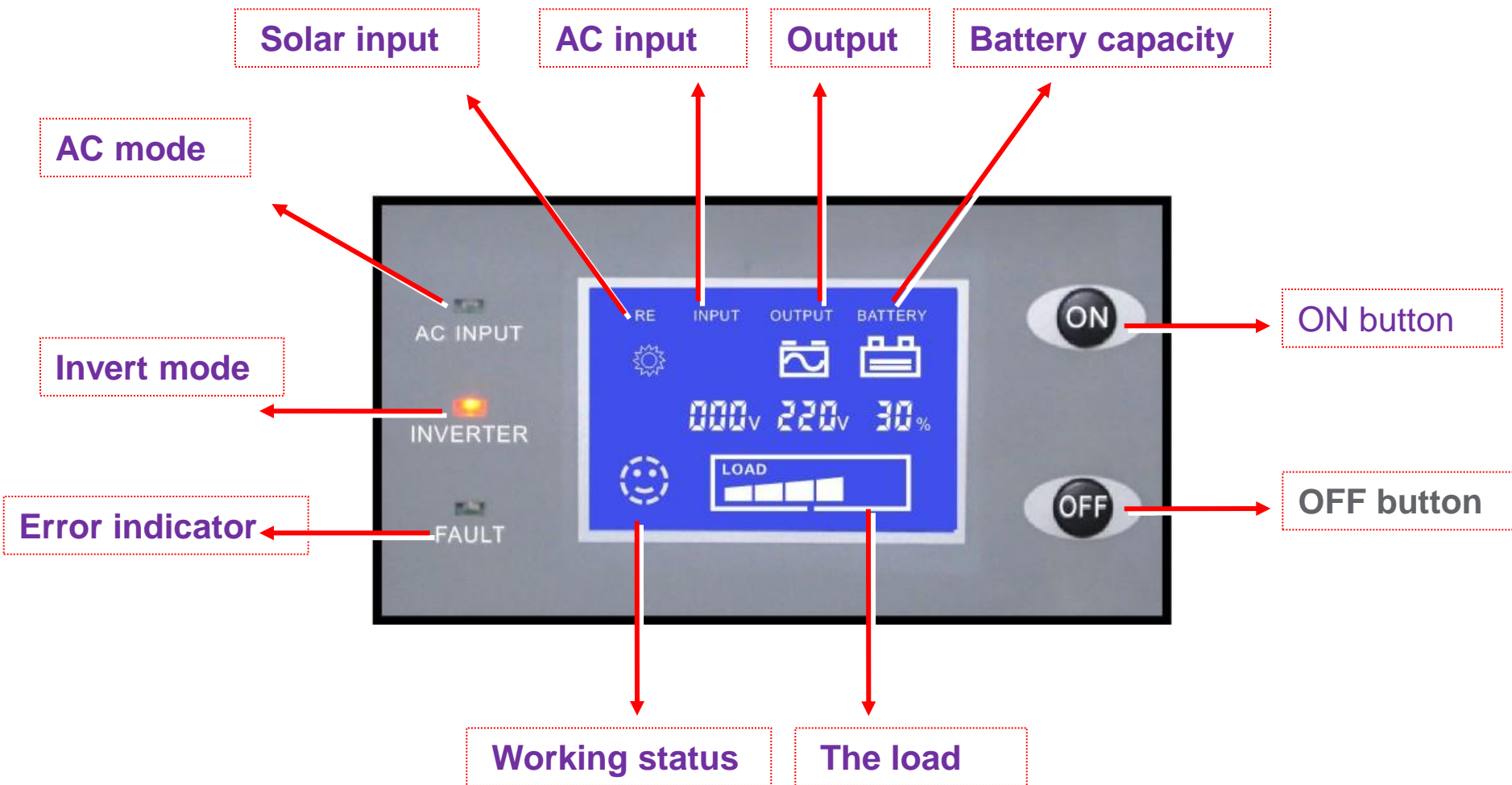


Grid AC

① PV mode ;

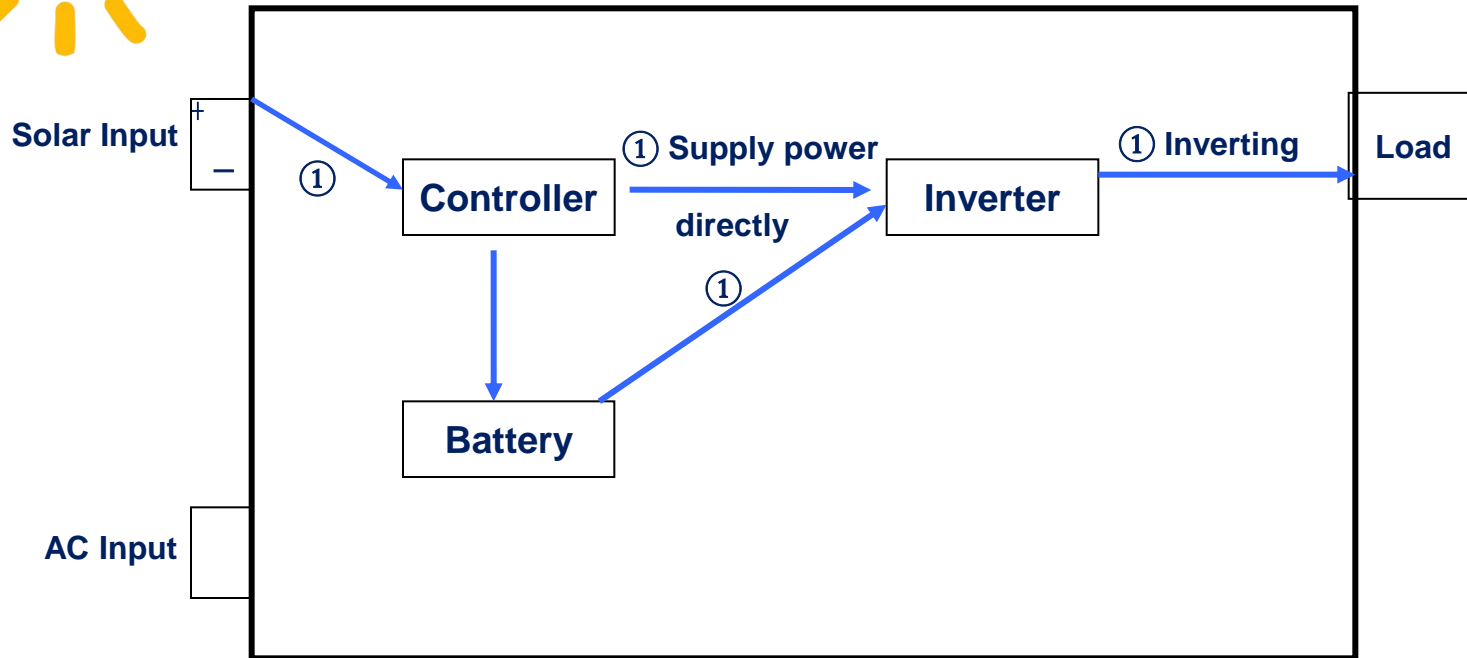
② AC mode

LCD DISPLAY



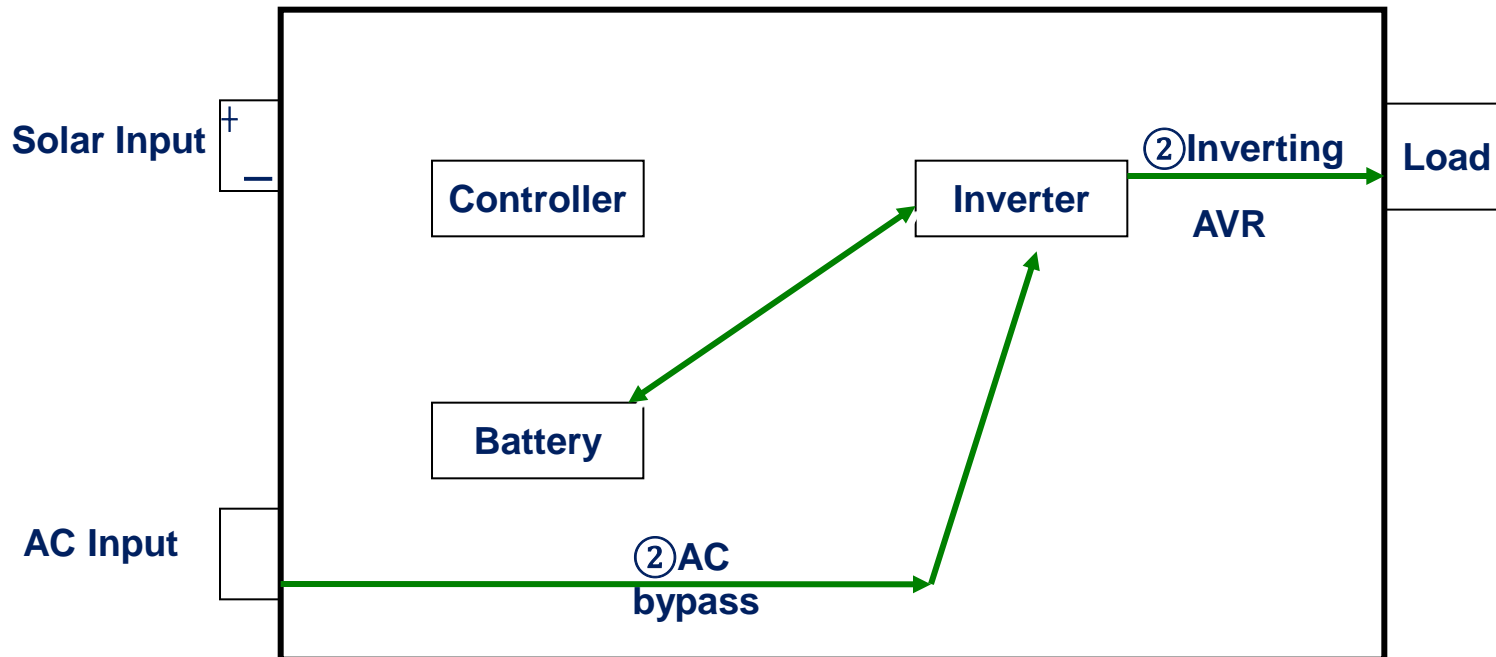
Automatically Identify and Select the PV Mode or AC Mode

PV Priority working mode is auto selected during the day



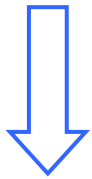
Automatically Identify and Select the PV Mode or AC Mode

AC Priority working mode is auto selected at night



Solar Energy Provides Power for Loads Directly

When there is sufficient sunshine



PV Module 3500W



Battery



Solar Energy Provide Power for Loads Directly

When there is no sufficient sunshine



2500W



3000W for loads

Loads

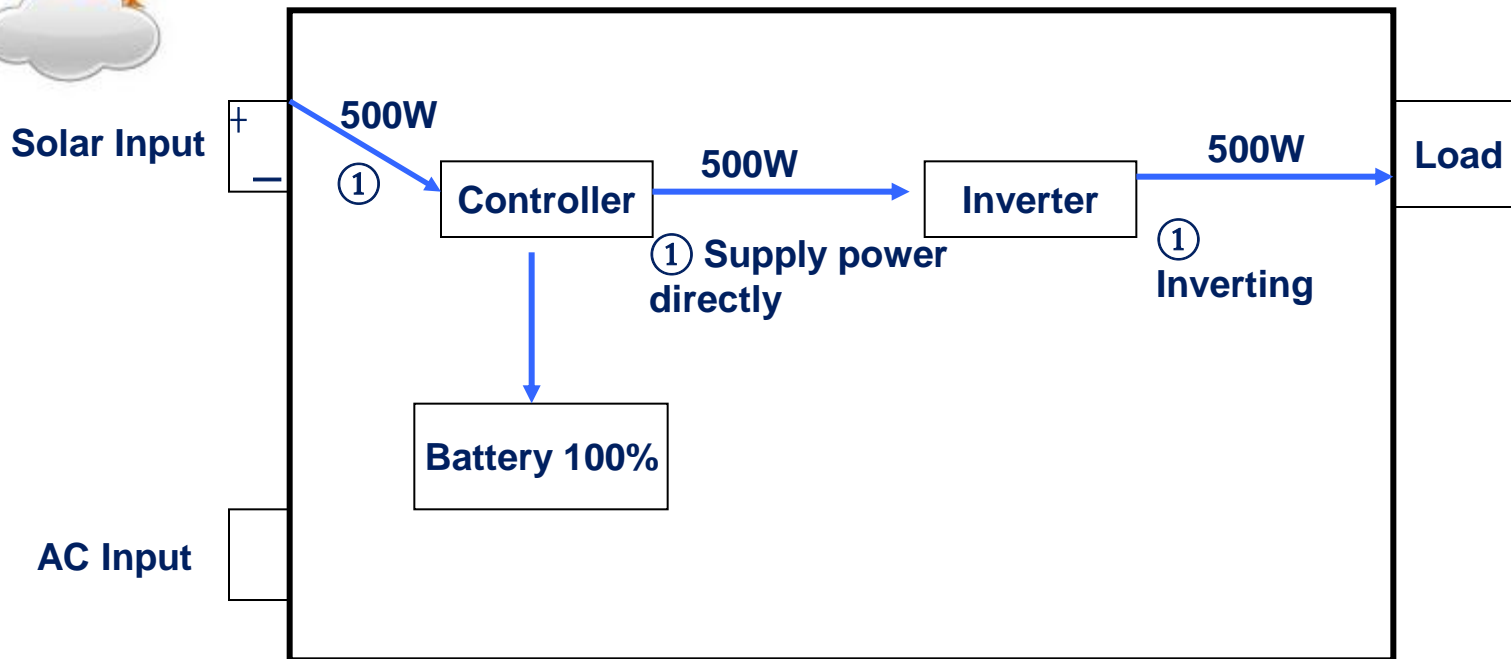
Battery

500W



Solar/Grid AC Complementary Functions

When there is solar energy and the battery voltage is relatively high (to the appointed point)

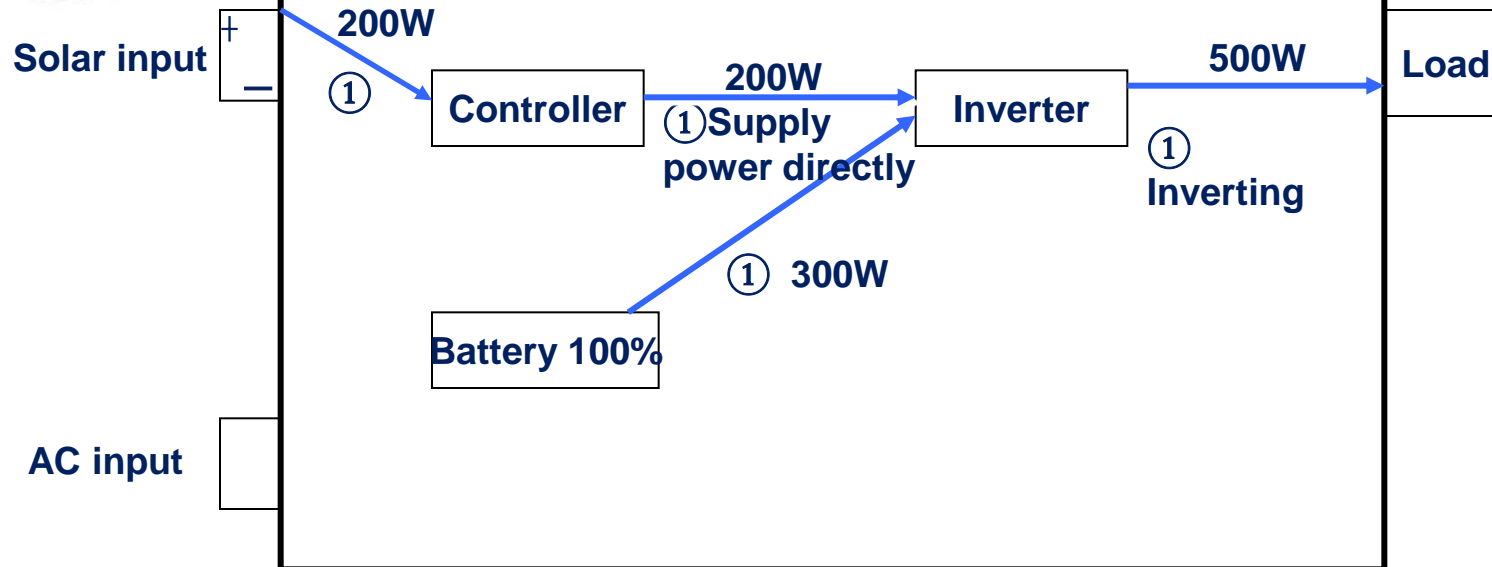


① PV mode ;

② AC bypass mode

Solar/Grid AC Complementary Functions

When there is solar energy, and the battery voltage is relatively high (to the appointed point), but the solar is insufficient

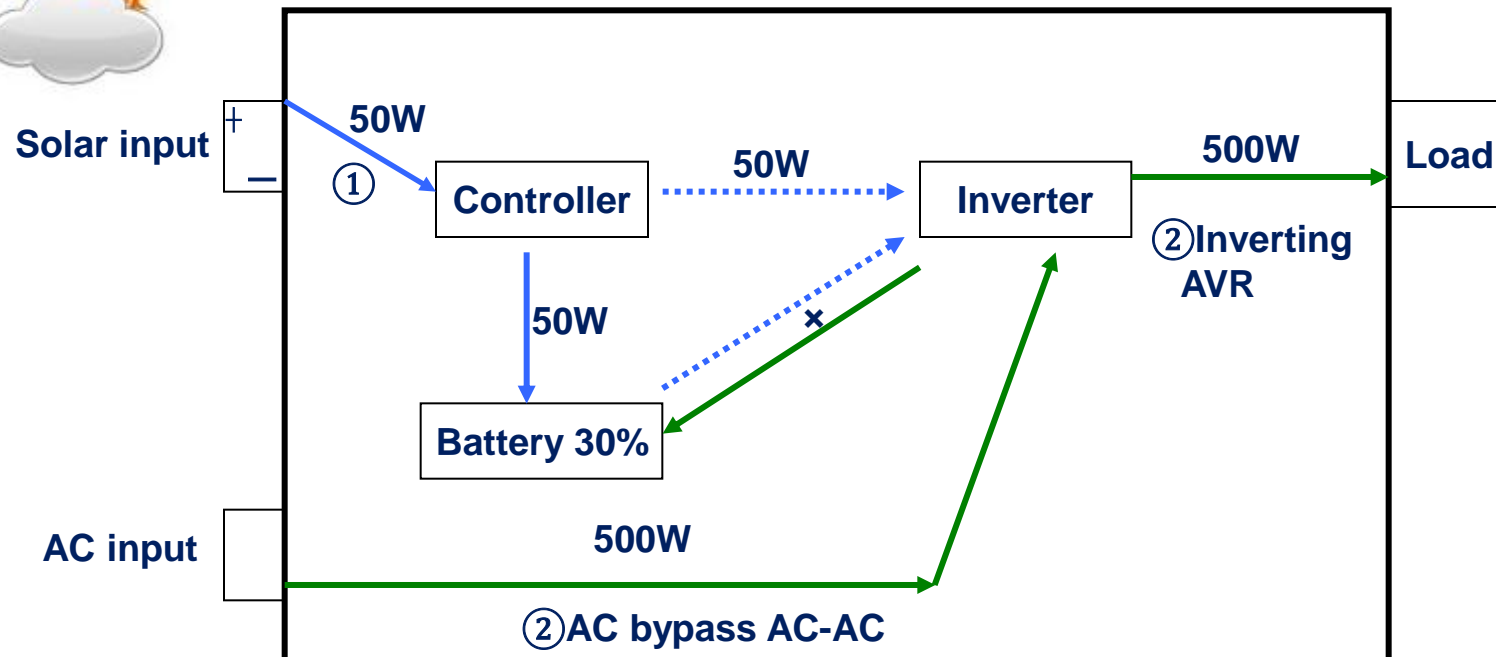


① PV mode ;

② AC bypass mode

Solar/Grid AC Complementary Functions

When there is solar energy, but the solar is insufficient and the battery voltage drops to the protection voltage

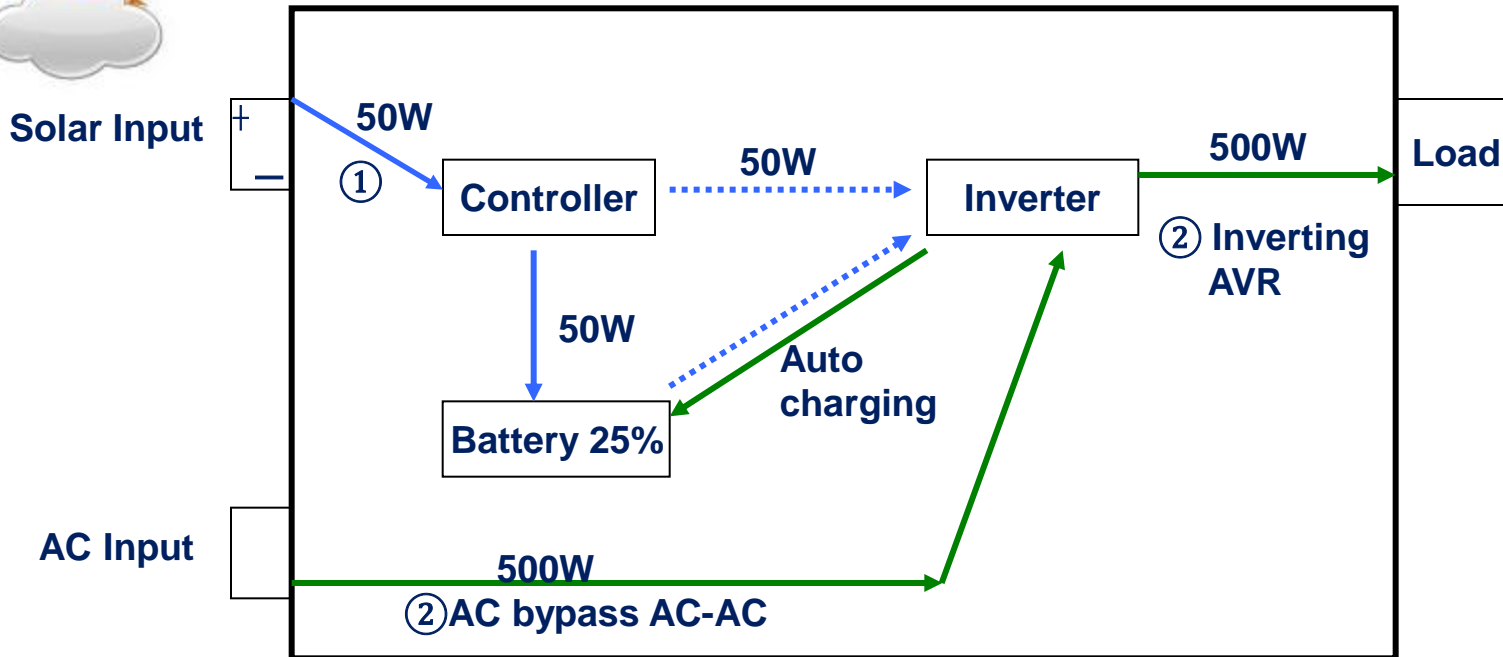


① PV mode ;

② AC bypass mode

Solar/Grid AC Complementary Functions

When there is solar energy, but the solar is insufficient and the battery voltage is lower than the protection voltage



① PV mode ;

② AC bypass mode

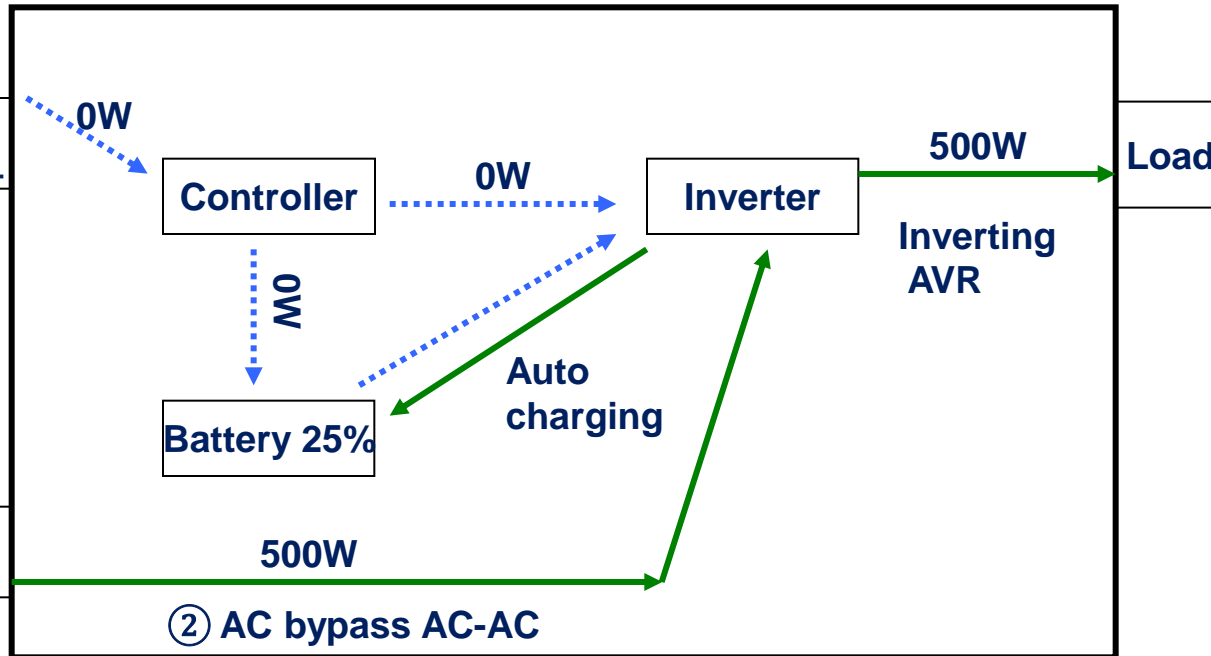
Solar/Grid AC Complementary Functions

When there is no solar, and the the battery voltage is lower than the protection voltage



Solar input

AC input



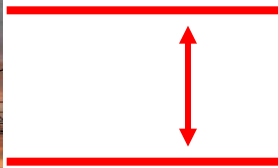
① PV mode ;

② AC bypass mode

AVR Function



AC140V



AC280V



220V

AVR function
(better AC output)



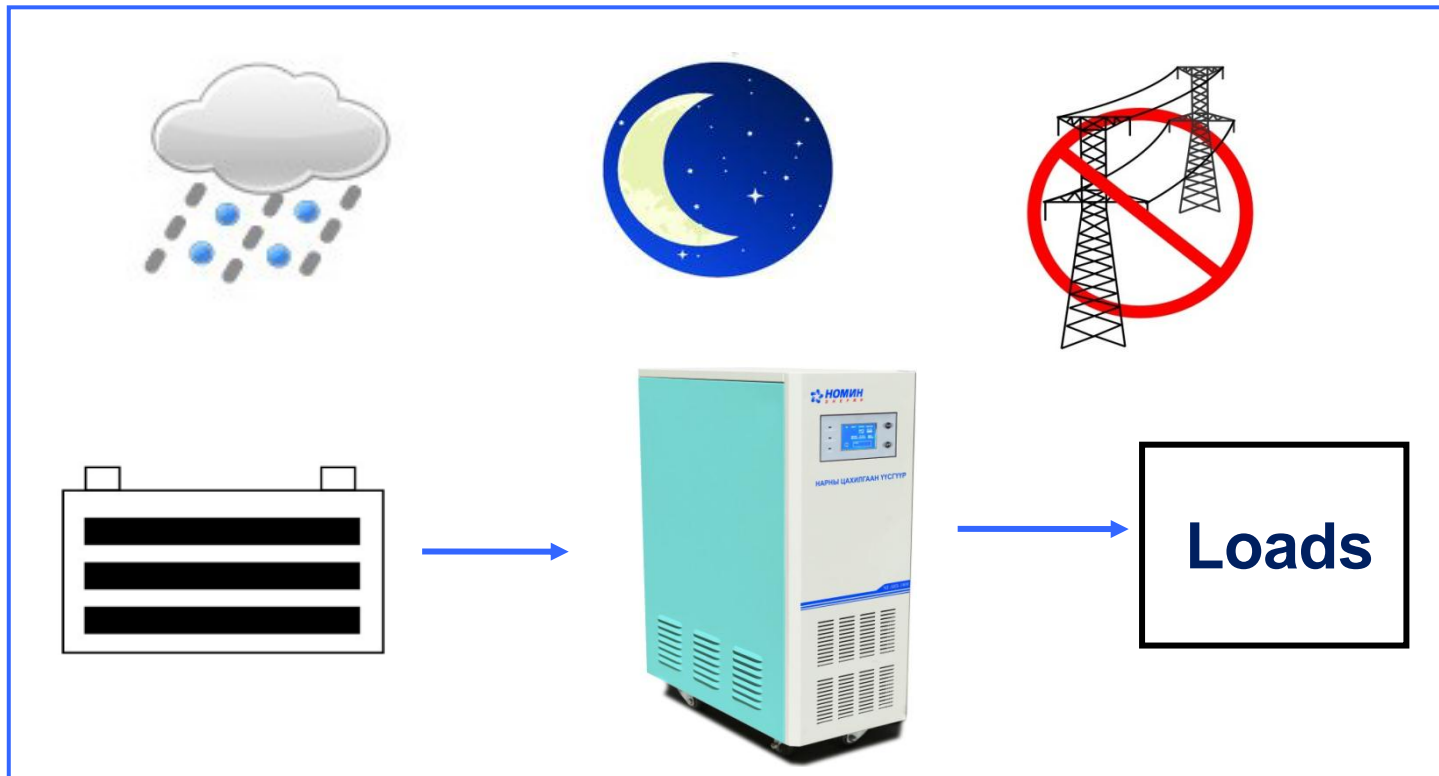
AC load

AC input: AC145±5V-AC275±5V,

AC output: AC220±5%V, with better and stable AC output

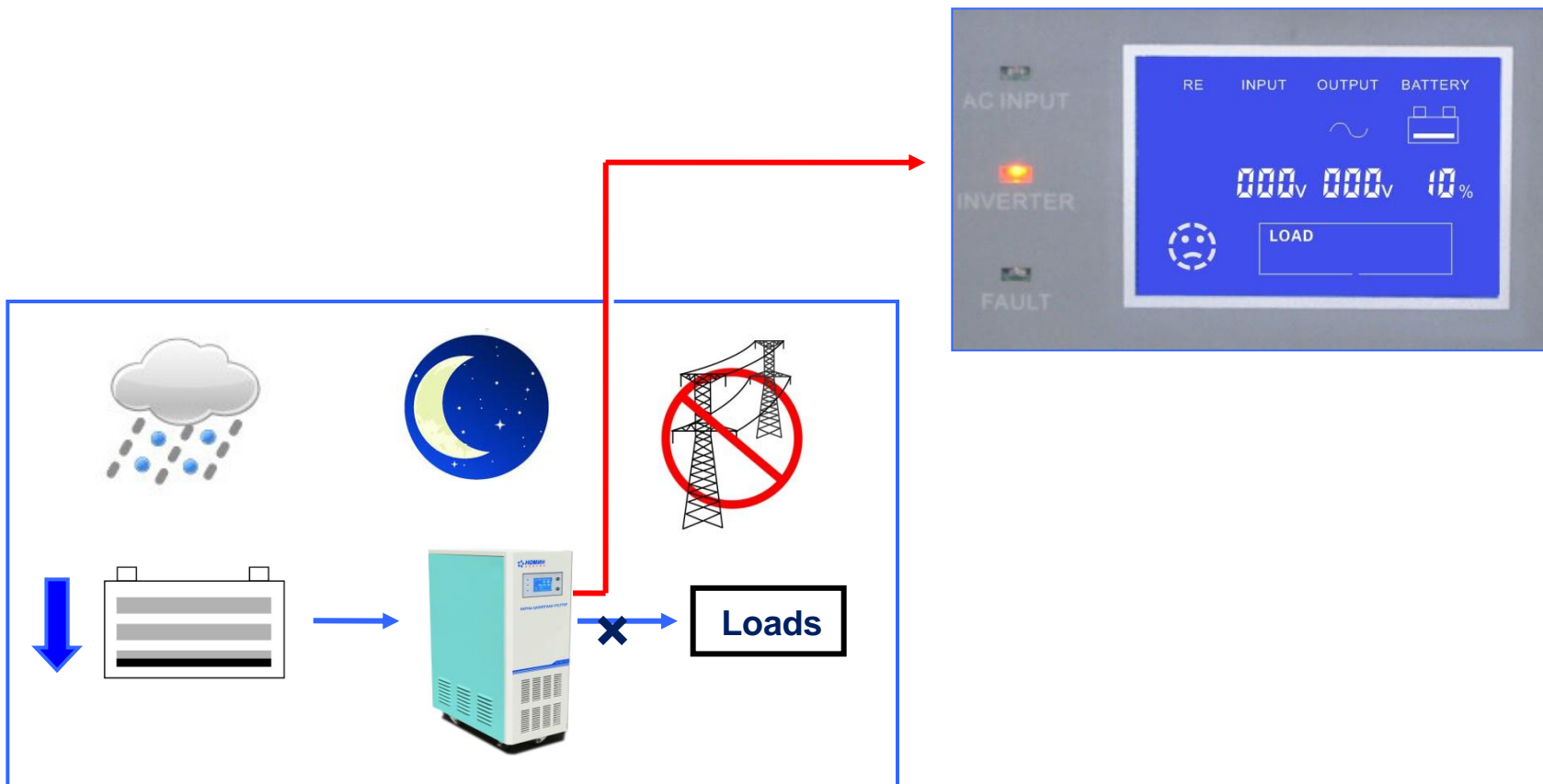
Self-recovery and Unattended Operation

Low-voltage protection and self-recovery



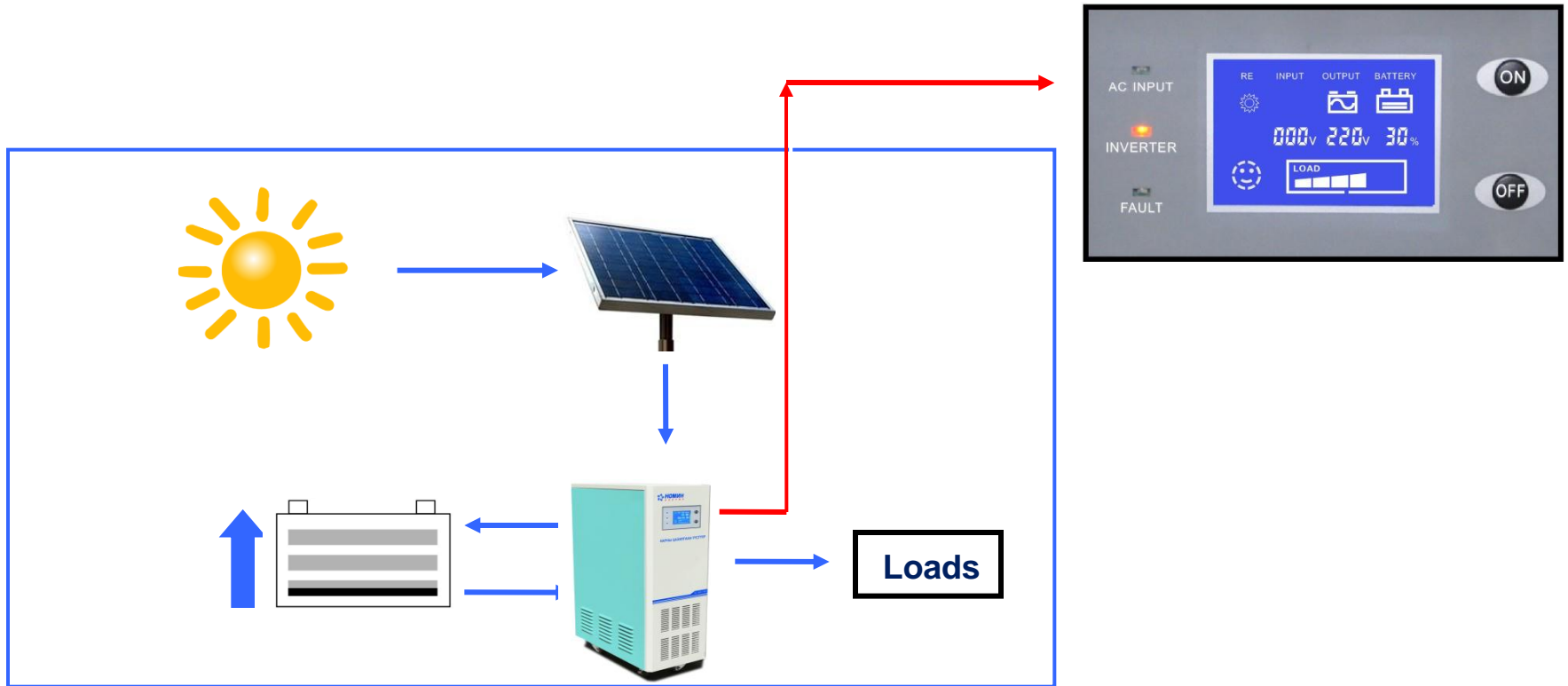
In overcast/rainy days or at night, and there is no grid AC, the battery will supply power to loads through inverter

Low-voltage protection and self-recovery



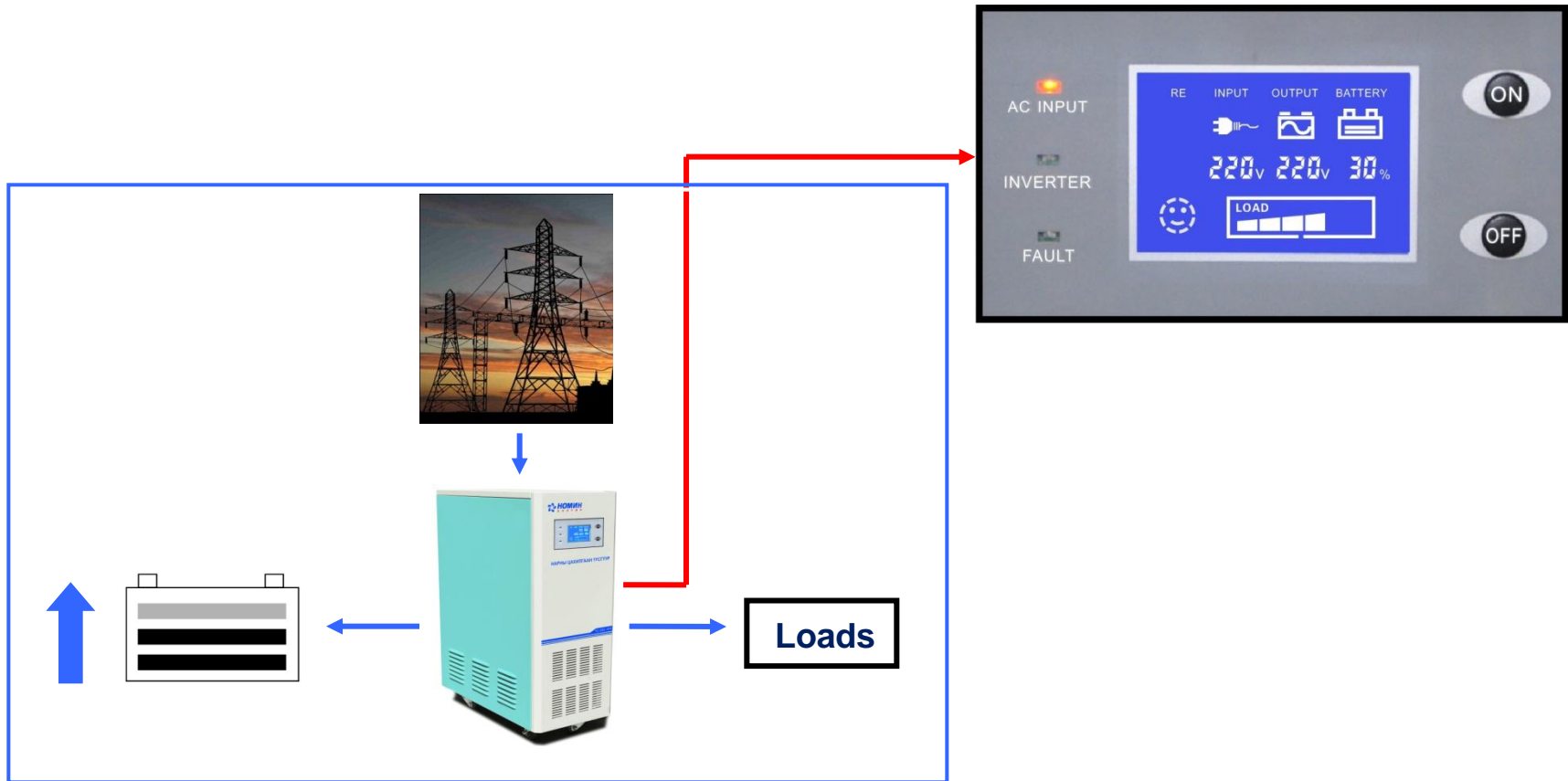
If the battery keeps supplying power for loads, its voltage gets lower and lower. When the battery voltage drops to low-voltage protection, the system will be protected automatically, no AC output, and the system will not be shut down but on standby status.

Low-voltage protection and self-recovery



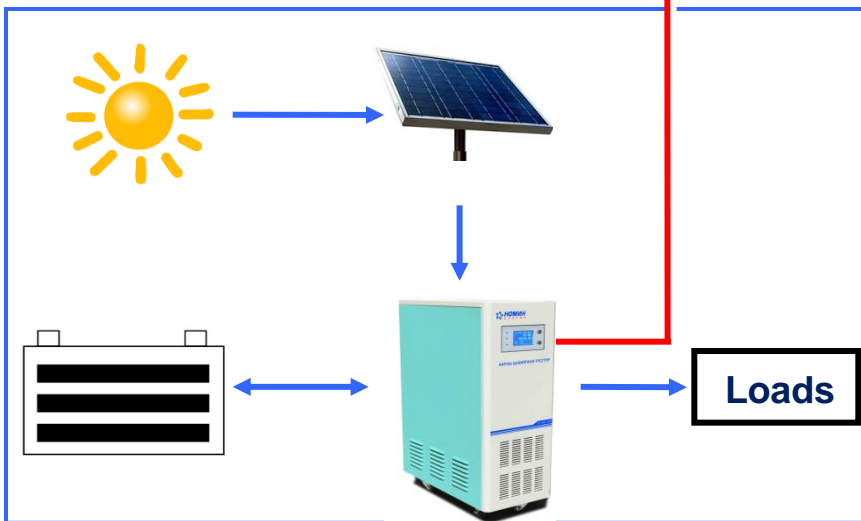
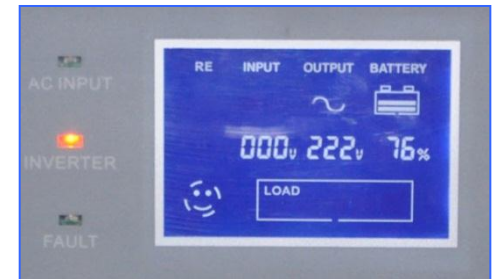
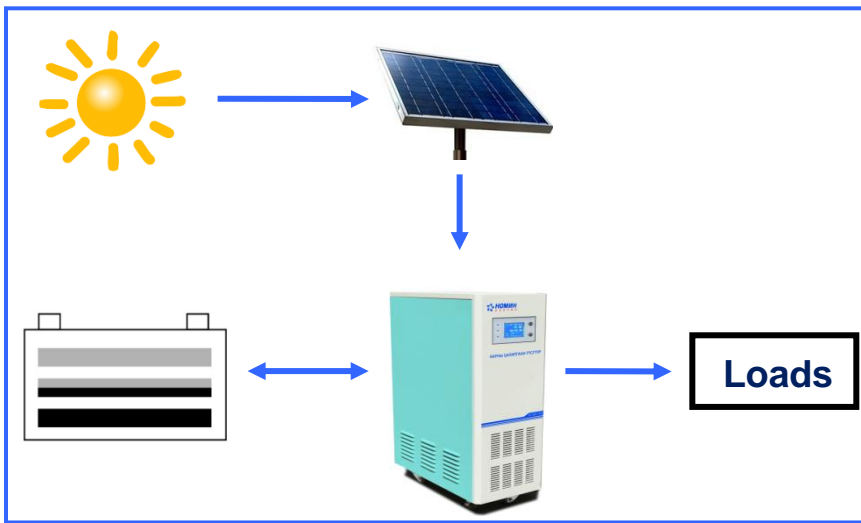
When the system detects there is solar input, it will charge for the battery automatically. If the battery voltage is higher than the appointed point, the solar and battery will supply power for loads together.

Low-voltage protection and self-recovery

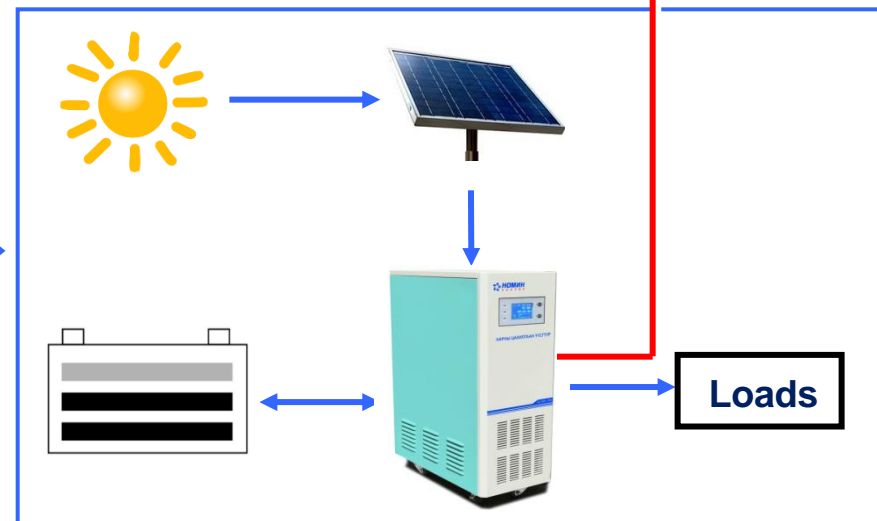


When the system detects there is grid AC input, it will start working automatically: Grid AC will supply power for load with AC bypass, and charge for the battery at the same time

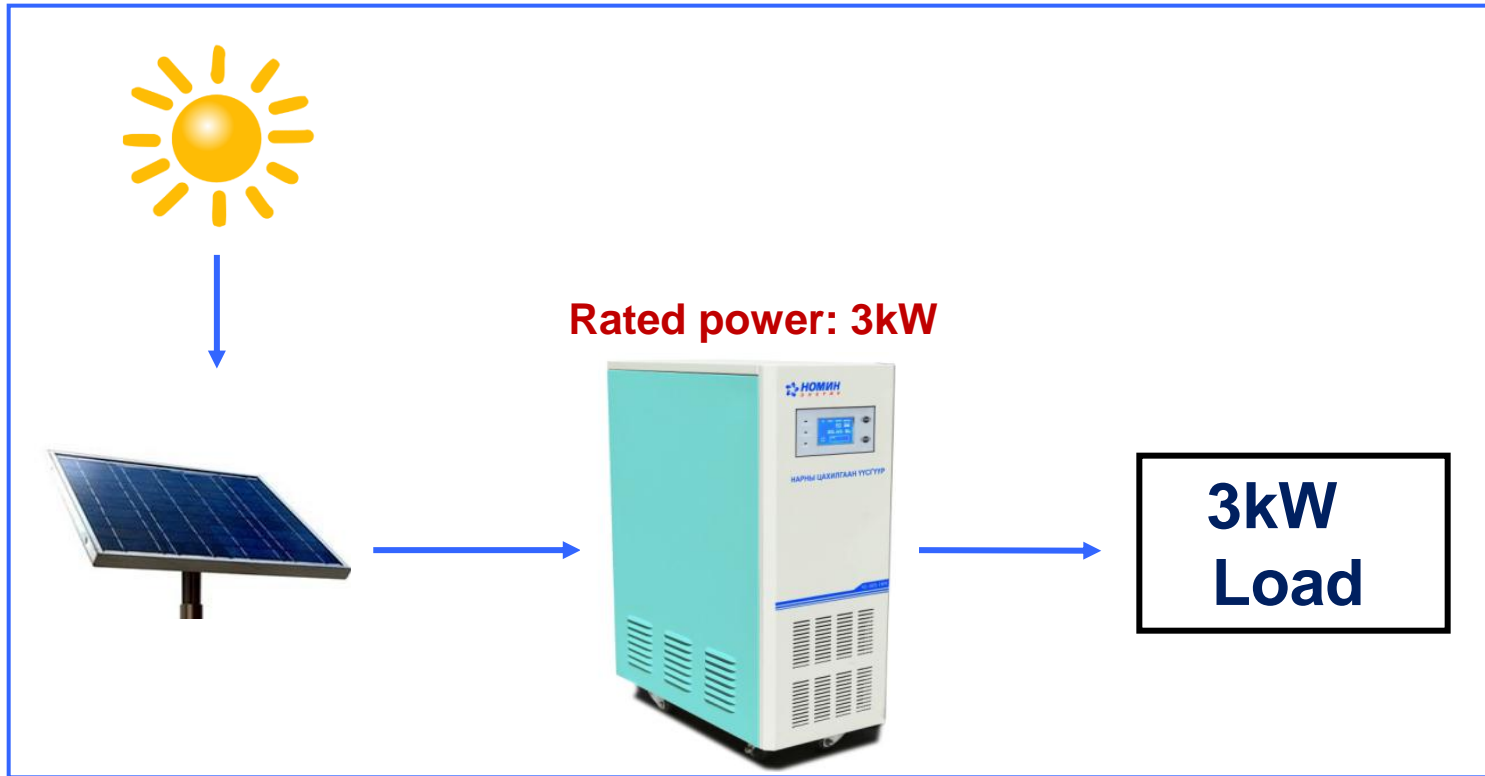
Over-voltage protection and self-recovery



Discharge

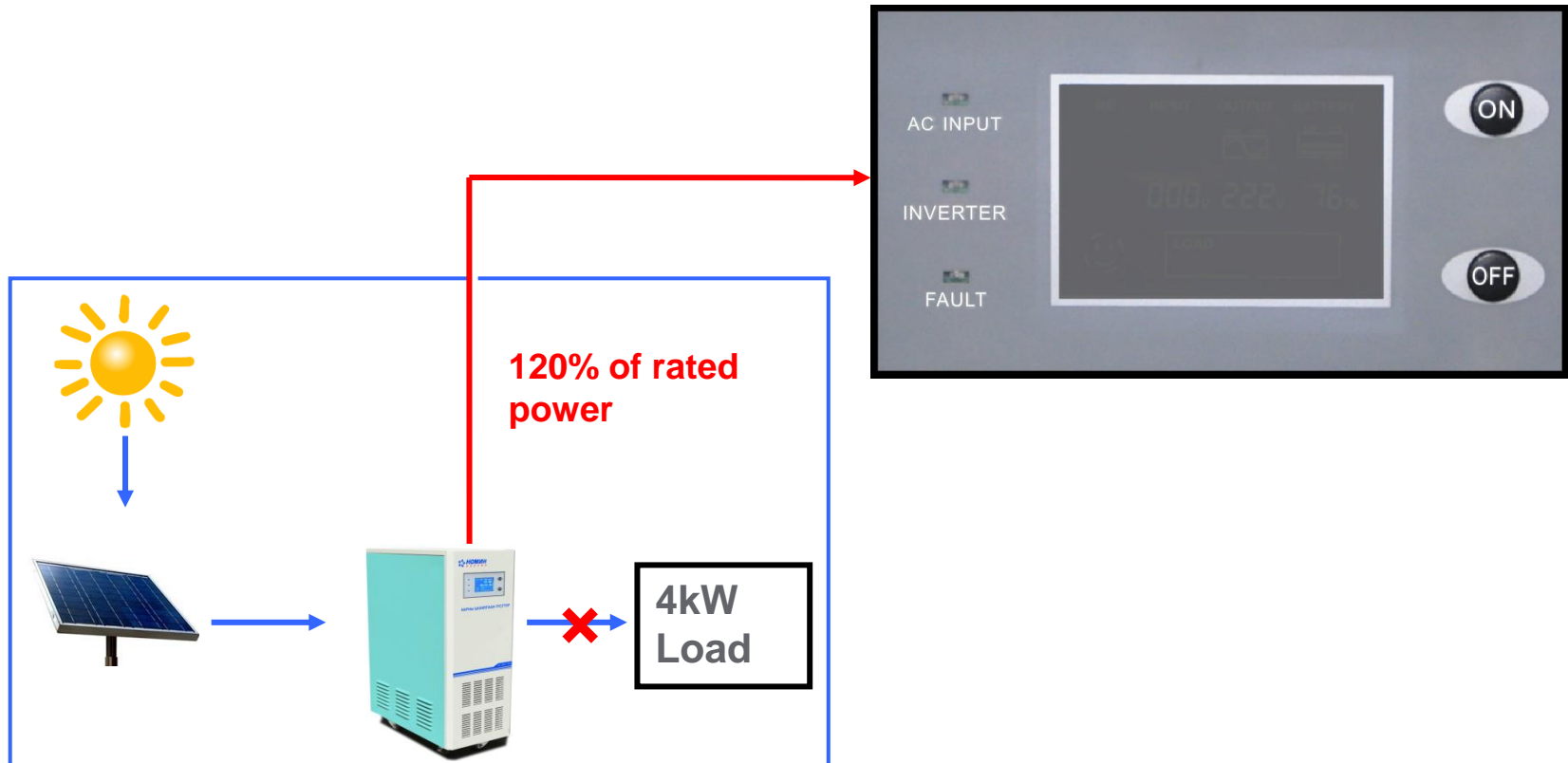


Overload Protection



If the rated power of the system is 3000W, it can work properly with loads $\leq 3000W$

Overload Protection



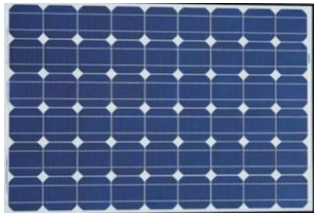
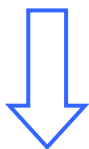
2、 Over-load protection:

120% of rated power, shut down automatically after 30S and restart after reducing the load by hands.

150% of rated power, shut down after 10S

200% of rated power, shut down after 1S

EXPERIENCE OF USING THE PV SYSTEM IN MONGOLIA



PV MODULE 5000W

(09:00-18:00)
PV Charging

5000BT



(17:00-22:00)
Peak hour use

4200BT



LED
BULB

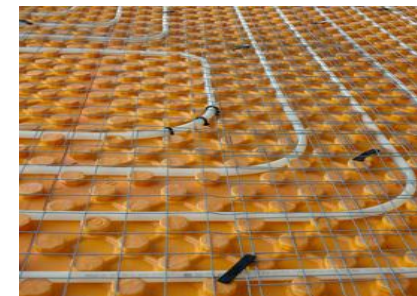


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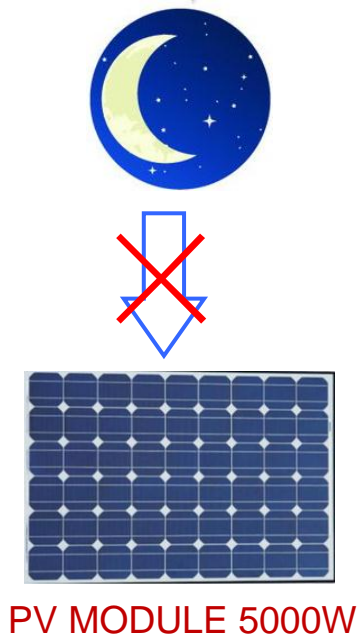
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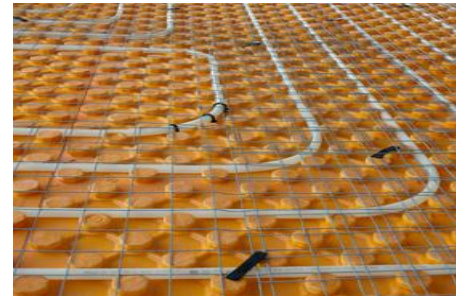
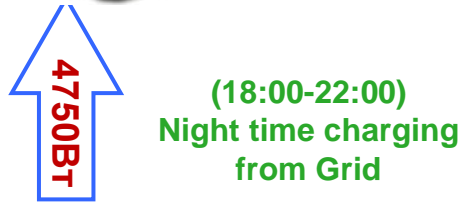
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NIGHT TIME CHARGING MODE OF PV SYSTEM



(06:00-10:00)



On-grid AC PV System with Battery Backup



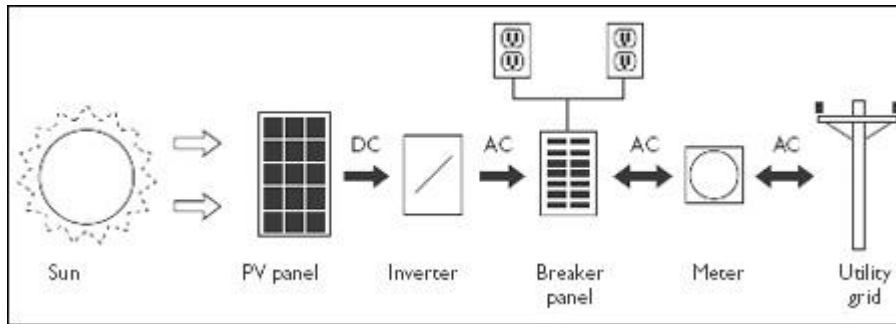
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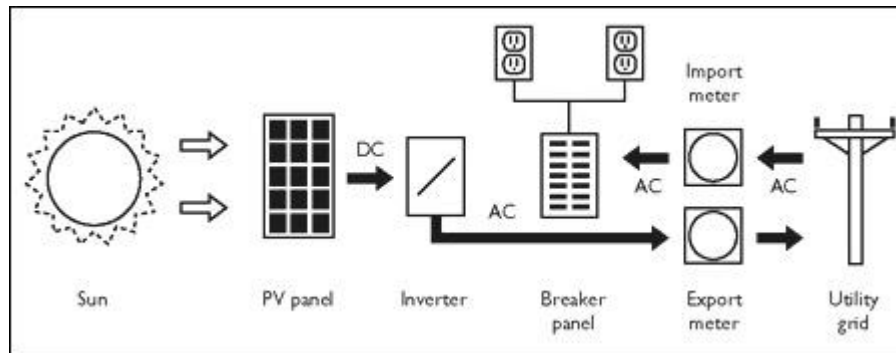
- ❖ **Power Control System**
 - Solar PV module 4kW
 - Inverter 6000W, 96V
 - Charge Controller 60A
 - Battery 12V, 200A.цаг 8pcs.
 - 20A Charger
- ❖ **Dimension: 926x620x1230mm**

Back Side

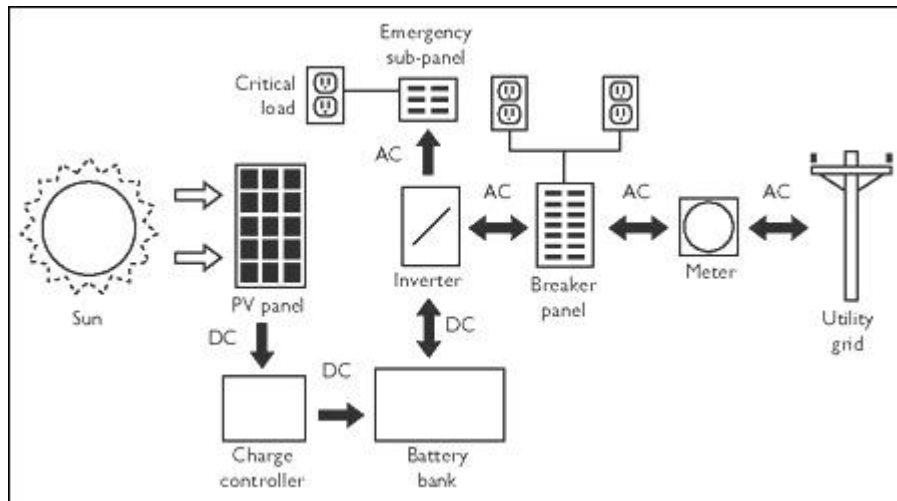
Operation modes of the AC PV Systems



Net-metering PV system configuration

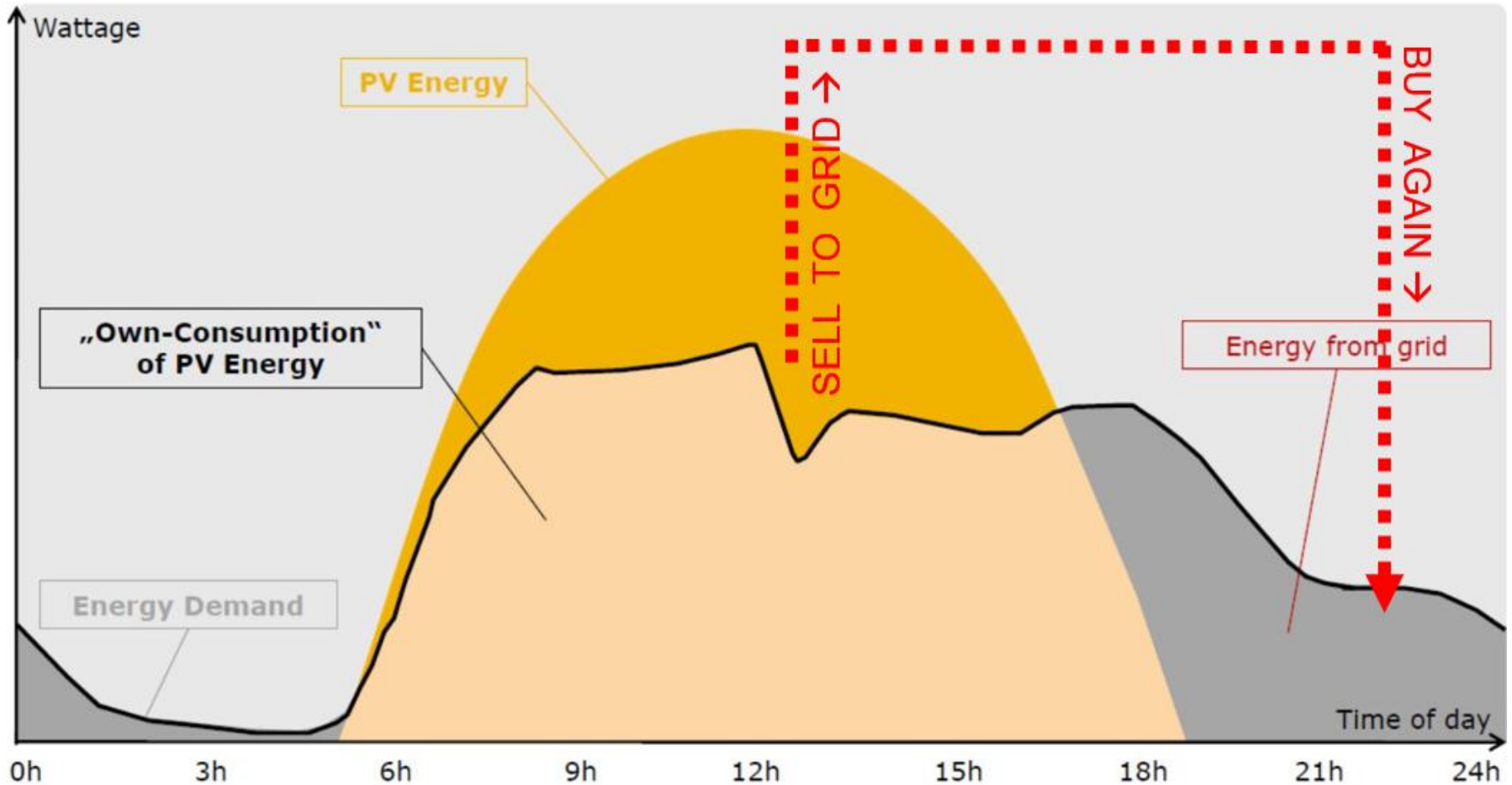


PV generated electricity is individually measured



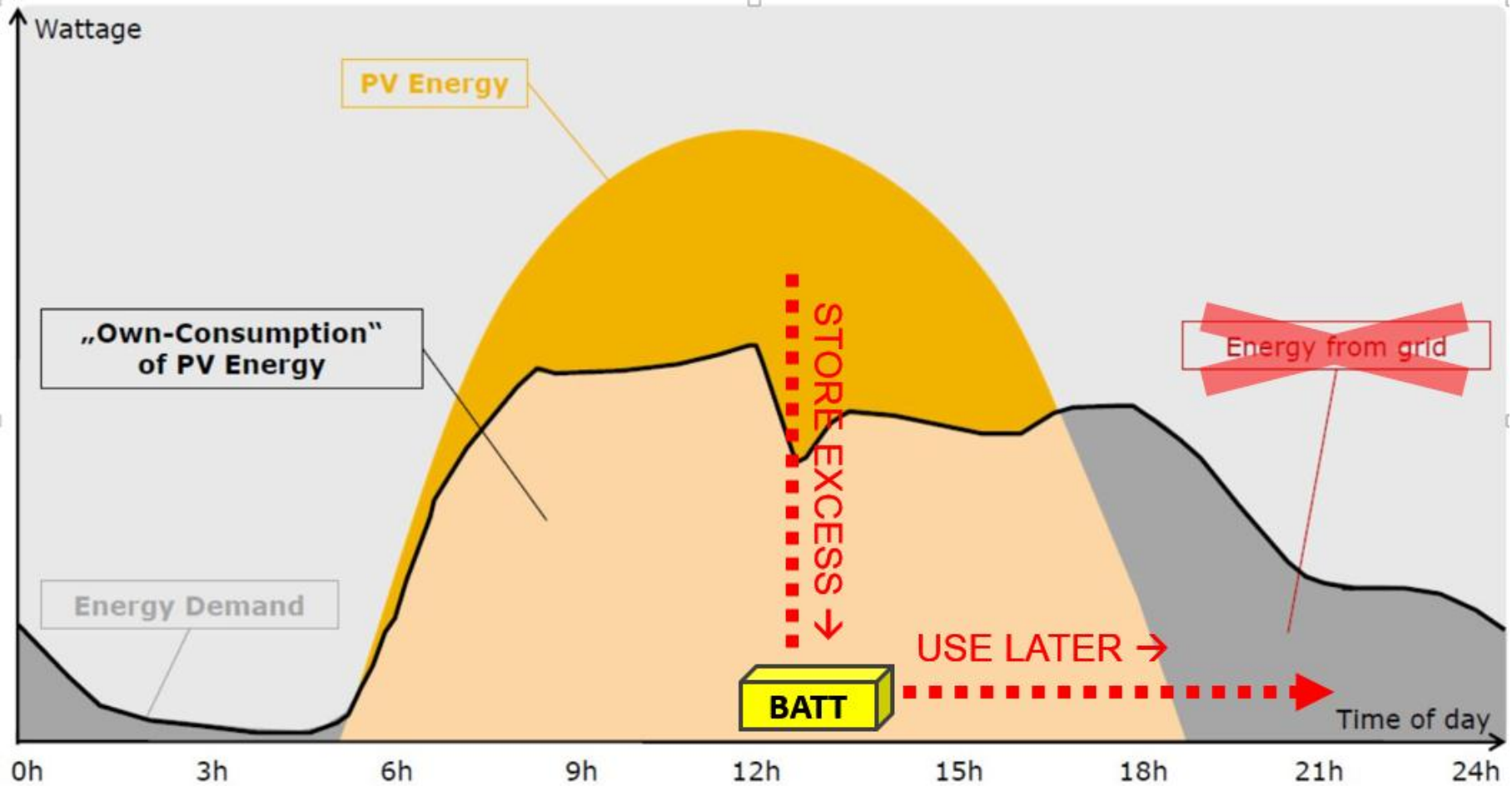
Net-metering PV system with emergency backup

PEAK SHAVING MODE OF PV SYSTEM



Notes: 1) Depending on size /type of system; Min. to max . tariff in 2013 of new EEG 2012 2) Depending on electricity retail price of respective utility company.

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Concluding remarks

1. Highly efficient DC appliances have the potential to dramatically increase the affordability of off-grid PV systems by reducing the size of the systems required. For example, the combined power requirement of a highly efficient color TV (28-45W) , DC Freezer (60-80W) and DC LED lamps, a Mobile phone charger, and Radio (approximately 10W) can be supported by a small solar power system 200-250W.
2. Price declines and efficiency advances in LED technology are already enabling rapidly increased use of small off-grid lighting systems
3. Similar progress is also possible for larger household-scale solar home systems that power appliances such as lights, TVs, Fans, Freezer, Radios, and mobile phones all together.
4. When super-efficient appliances are used, the total cost of PV systems and their associated appliances can be reduced by as much as 50% by now. These findings have critical relevance for efforts to provide modern energy services to the 1.2 billion people worldwide without access to the electrical grid and one billion more with unreliable access. However, policy and market support are needed to realize rapid adoption of Lithium battery technology and Super-efficient appliances.

Concluding remarks (continued...)

The impact of off-grid renewable energy systems will not only be measured in terms of their usage or reduced costs for electricity consumption in remote areas and developing countries

Off-grid renewable energy systems are not only urgently needed to connect this vast number of people with a source of electricity, but are also most appropriate for many applications due to geographical constraints and costs for grid extension.

Off-grid systems could become an important vehicle to support the development of renewables-based mini-grids, which are increasingly considered an option to improve energy security, power quality and reliability, as well as to avoid power blackouts due to natural disasters

Thank you for your attention

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