

Off-Grid Cabin Project

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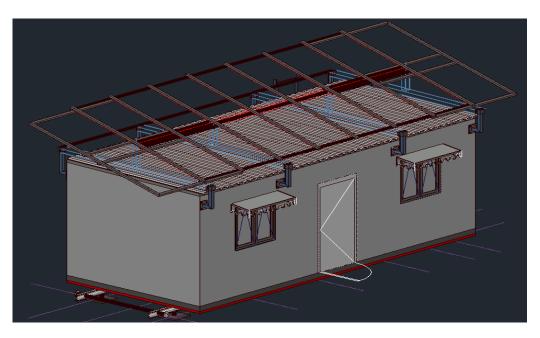
- 100% Solar powered cabins with battery backup
- Project uses TESVOLT's Energy Storage System
- Challenges and assumptions
 - Disconnected from the grid and generator
 - Consider peak temperature of 50°C
 - Consider 6-8 hours/day of direct sunlight
- Objective:
 - Target 24 hours operation time
 - Maintain room temperature of 25°C
 - Savings in CO2 emission and Money
- Projects:
- UAE, Oman & Qatar

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System Design

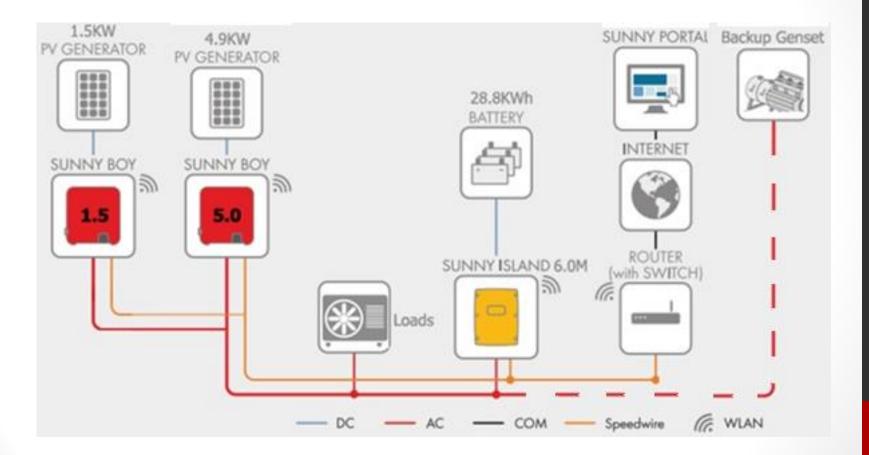
- Factors taken into consideration:
 - The direct sunlight duration during the day
 - The angle and position of the PV modules
 - The tidiness (dust free) of the modules
 - Inverter efficiencies
 - The battery's surroundings temperature
 - The peak load/demand of power during the summer months



System Design

- Loads considered:
 - Air-conditioner (AC): 18000BTU cooling, 220V dual inverter technology AC with a rated consumption of 1.812Kw.
 24hours/day but with different demand factors
 - Desktop computer & Networking: desktop computer, a LTE modem, and a local area network switch
 - Power sockets: for convenience 2 double sockets (13A each)
 - Lights: 4 LED AC lights consuming an average of 35W each.

Electrical Single Line Diagram



Equipment Used



18x350W polycrystalline PV modules (3 strings)



6x4.8kWh Lithium Ion Batteries



Rockwool Insulation with reinforced aluminum foil

220V AC unit 18000 BTU dual inverter with rated consumption of 1.812kW



4x35W LED AC Lights



Desktop PC with LTE router



1xDC to AC Battery Inverter 4.6kWh, 220VAC output rating



2xPV DC to AC Inverter output of 230VAC 33Amp.











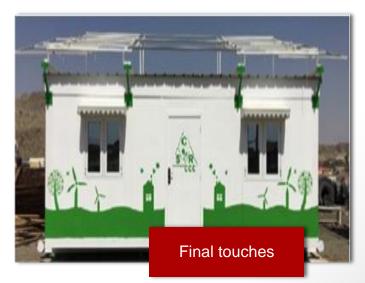


















System monitoring



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Verification of System Performance

- Minimum System Requirement Testing
 - Allowed for 24 hours operation time with room temperature of 25°C.
- Battery Storage System Capabilities Testing
 - PV modules shut down
 - Batteries fully charged
 - Load running
 - → Continuous 38.75 hours (target was set at 24 hours).
- PV Modules Capabilities Testing
 - Batteries fully drained
 - Load running
 - \rightarrow PV modules fully charge the batteries in 10.5 hours.

Next Steps

- Test technology on larger scale
- Make 17% of our camps powered by PV panels
- Use in combination other system such as zero-mass panels

Thank you!