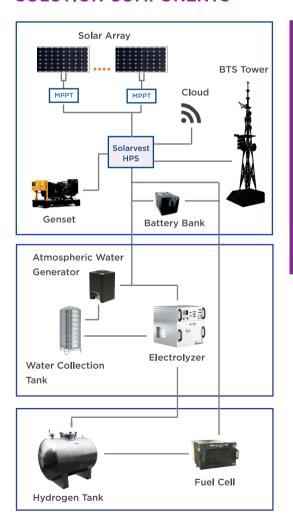


# **SELF REFUELING POWER SYSTEM**

# INTELLIGENT POWER MANAGEMENT FOR **BASE TRANSCEIVER STATION (BTS) SITES**

Solarvest's Self-refueling Solution (SES) is a completely regenative system that creates the fuel needed onsite for the back-up systems. The SES combines Solar Panels (Primary power) with Batteries, (Primary Backup), Electrolyzers, Hydrogen Storage, and Fuel Cells (Secondary Backup), all controlled from the Hybrid Power Systems (HPS), to efficiently monitor and control all aspects of the system. This means that the system does not need to be refueled, and has very low maintenance requirements making it perfect for remote sites where refueling is very expensive and/or troublesome.

## **SOLUTION COMPONENTS**



	SOLARVEST HPS	SOLAR ARRAY	ELECTROLYZER
SYSTEM	Smart Hybrid Systems Hub	Solar Panels	Electrolyzer
	System Controllers	Mounting System	Water Collection Tank
	Sensors (as required)	MPPT	Atmospheric Water Generator
	Rectifier	Solar Controller	Rainwater Collection Tank
	Inverter	GENSET	Rainwater Filters
	Power Distributor	Diesel Generator	FUEL CELL
	Surge Protection	Fuel Tank	Hydrogen Storage Tank
	Indoor/Outdoor Cabinet	BATTERY BANK	Hydrogen Fuel Cell
	Weather Station	Batteries	
	Remote Communication	Battery Management System	

5kW Fuel Cell system with Electrolyzer, Water Collection Tank and Hydrogen Tank



# **SOLAR PANELS, FUEL CELLS & ELECTROLYZERS**

Fuel cell systems have revolutionized the application of reliable backup power for critical equipment. This technology provides several advantages over traditional backup power methodologies - batteries and internal combustion generators - as the sole power solutions. Like batteries, fuel cells provide current directly to the DC bus, but have a significantly increased service life and decreased maintenance costs, as well as a smaller footprint for longer runtimes. Installation is accomplished with ease.

Additionally, fuel cell runtime, as with a generator, is a function of fuel storage, but with few moving parts and lower maintenance. Using an Electrolyzer allows for a complete clean and regenative renewable energy solution so there is no need for refueling physically this allowest for the lowest cost and maintenance option. Whether off-grid or on, the fuel cells work well in hybrid solutions with solar power for a complete clean energy solution.

## **ADVANTAGES & CHALLENGES**

PARAMETERS	ADVANTAGES	CHALLENGES
EMISSIONS	Low CO2 Pollution Low Noise Pollution	None
CAPEX	Solar prices dropped significantly over the last 5 years.	Fuel Cells and their Reformers are still not common items so generally built to order and there for expensive with fairly long leadtimes.
OPEX	Dramatically reduced refueling needed Fuel Cell and reformer reduce maintenance to 1-2 times a year Fuel Cell can be used to reduce deep cycling of the Battery Bank enabling longer battery lifetimes Methanol fuel is less in demand in small qualities so less likely to be stolen.	Reformer has slow start up from cold, so generally must be on hot-standby which uses fuel Cleaning required of the panels and the water filtering Increasing the number of systems automatically creates more potential failure points and therefore more monitoring nodes are needed.
SUNSHINE AVAILABILITY	Average 1500Wh/m² Annually	Monsoon seasons and mountainous rainforest locations.
SOLUTION CONFIGURATIONS	Easily integrated hybrid solution with plug and play solutions No Generator or grid connection provides a onsite low pollution system.	Intermittent sunshine availability requires equipment automation to optimise solar photovoltaic usage. A higher capacity solution leads to a higher CAPEX investment.
STORAGE	Load balancing and trickle charging.	In low solar capacity sites need to balance the CAPEX vs OPEX to optimise the overall cost of the system.

## RELIABLE

N+1 or 1+1 redundancy is designed into the system modular fault-tolerant design enables advanced management of fuel cell membranes.

#### **MODULAR**

Modular system design means easy hot-swappable maintenance in seconds, without tools, and while continuing to provide power to the customer load. With a fault-tolerant design, we can ensure continued power to customer equipment, using larger power modules building blocks. Multiple bus and multiple voltage scenarios are easy to accomodate.

#### **SCALABLE**

The systems allow us to configure the power to suitthe load from 1kW to 20kWs Scalable Hydrogen storage provides for up to hundreds of hours of runtime.

## **LOW MAINTENANCE**

Annual air filter inspection Refueling not needed as fuel generated onsite Mean time to repair minutes Advanced diagnostics and self-testing.

#### **ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY**

Hydrogen in, power and warm water out No emmissions Low noise signatures under 60 dBA @5 feet.

# **ENVIRONMENTALLY- HARDENED**

Operating temperature range from -40°C to 50°C Field-proven ability to perform during hurricanes, tusanmis and other harsh weather Diverse geographic locations.

# **MONITORING AND CONTROL**

Remote / local system configuration and status monitoring for historical and operational data.

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