Applied GaN: Innovations in Energy Management Systems

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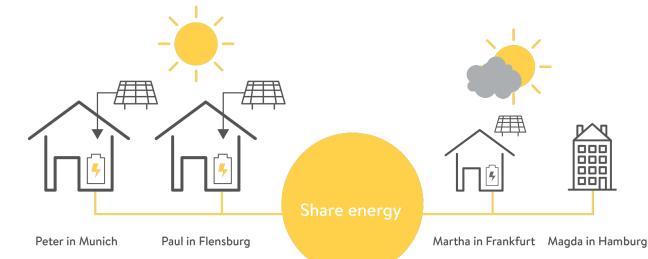


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Renewable Energy Management

Energy Storage Systems enable renewable energy by adding an extra degree of freedom

- Net Metering are challenging original ROI calculation
 - Lower Feed-In Rates
 - Zero-Export Regulation
- Energy Independence
 - Solar production only works when grid-tied
 - More demand on weaker grids
 - Use it when you need it
- Grid Resiliency
 - Enhance grid-edge by deploying virtual power plants
 - Allow end-nodes to remain operational during outages





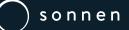
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Energy Storage Systems Status Quo

Renewable energy know-how comes from the learnings and teachings derived from PV and Wind

- Monodirectional designs have been adapted to operate in bi-directional configurations
 - Uneven efficiencies
- High Power is the best power
 - Targeting better efficiencies at nominal power
 - ESS benefits from high power charging and low power discharging
- Integrated solutions are hard to come by
 - Each component is sold separately
 - Sophisticated Installers required





Advantage with GaN Systems

Integrated solutions can help us achieve a new product offering that centers not only on power harvesting but properly manage energy as individual unit or a collective virtual power plant

- Leveraging GaN Systems' technology gives us improved design freedom
 - Higher Efficiencies: 4% round-trip efficiency increase
 - Normalized Efficiencies: at low and high power
 - Reduction in Material Cost: 8% BoM cost savings
 - Reduction in Size: 30% smaller
- GaN Systems allow us to pack an improved value-stack at a competitive cost position
 - Extending the value of the battery usable capacity by improving directional efficiencies
 - Allow us to design more integrated solutions





