



# **Solutions from SMA**

**for On-GRID, Off-GRID and Hybrid  
Projects & upcoming new Sunny Island X**

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in over 190 countries prove SMA's strong market position over many years. . Around 63 million tons of CO2e have been avoided thanks to the PV.

**... 1,700 patents and utility models**

granted worldwide prove our high innovative strength.

**... more than 6 GW of SMA battery inverter power**

ensure round-the-clock sustainable electricity supply worldwide and make us a global leader in battery system technology.

**... 3,600 SMA employees**

are working with our partners and customers to pave the way for the energy supply of tomorrow, today.

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Sales: MEUR1,066

EBITDA: MEUR70

## Guidance 2023

Sales: MEUR1,450 to MEUR1,600

EBITDA: MEUR135 to MEUR175

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# Sunny Island System

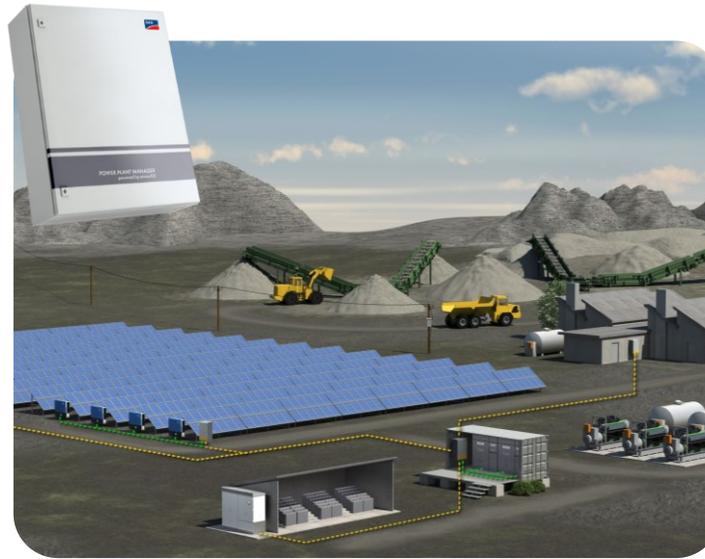
# Power range, which can be covered

# Power range



## Sunny Island System

- 0 – 216 kW continuous load
- 0 - 288 kW load for 30 minutes
- Can start/stop Genset as backup



## Hybrid controller System

- 150 kW – open end
- Reduce powerplant fuel
- Flexible for different condition of powerplants



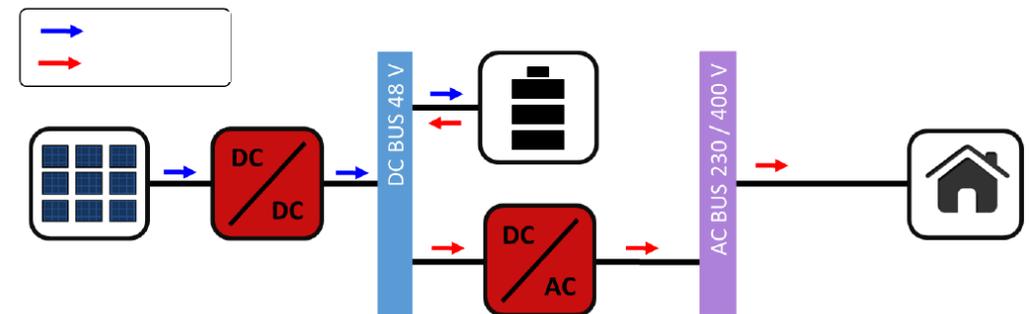
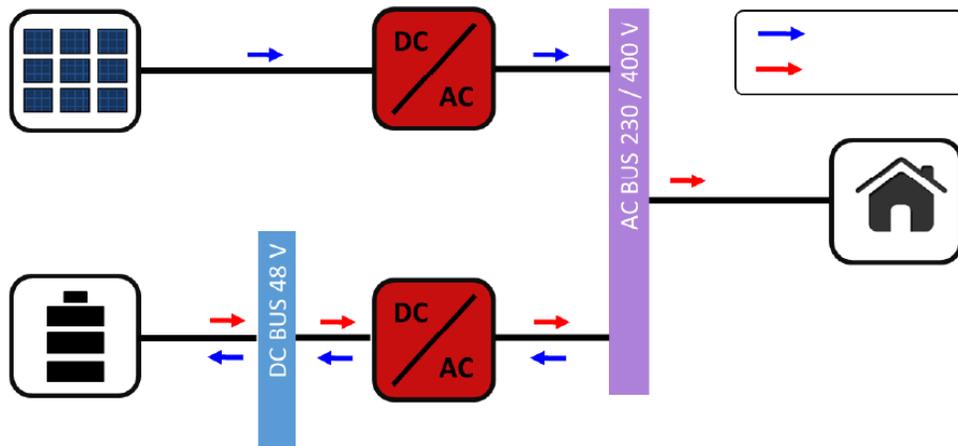
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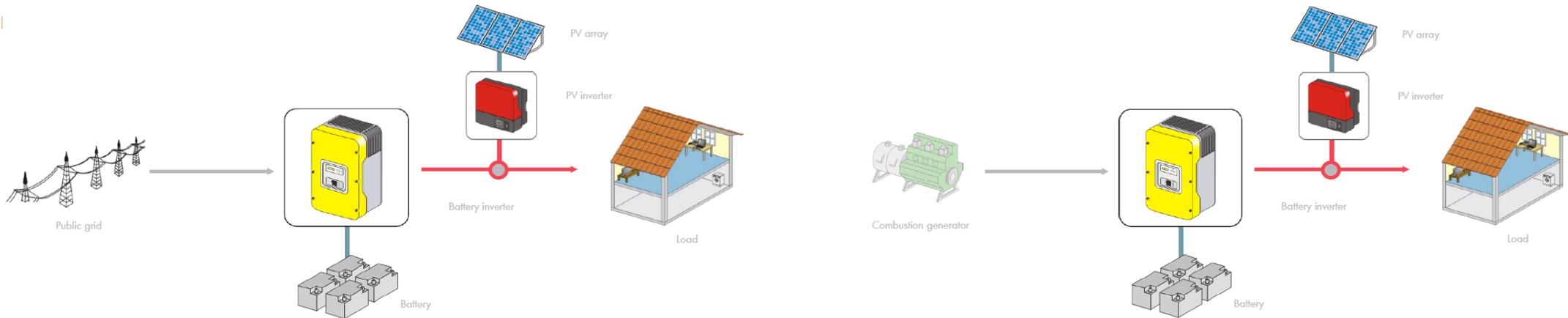


# **Advantages** **from Sunny Island** **against other battery inverters**

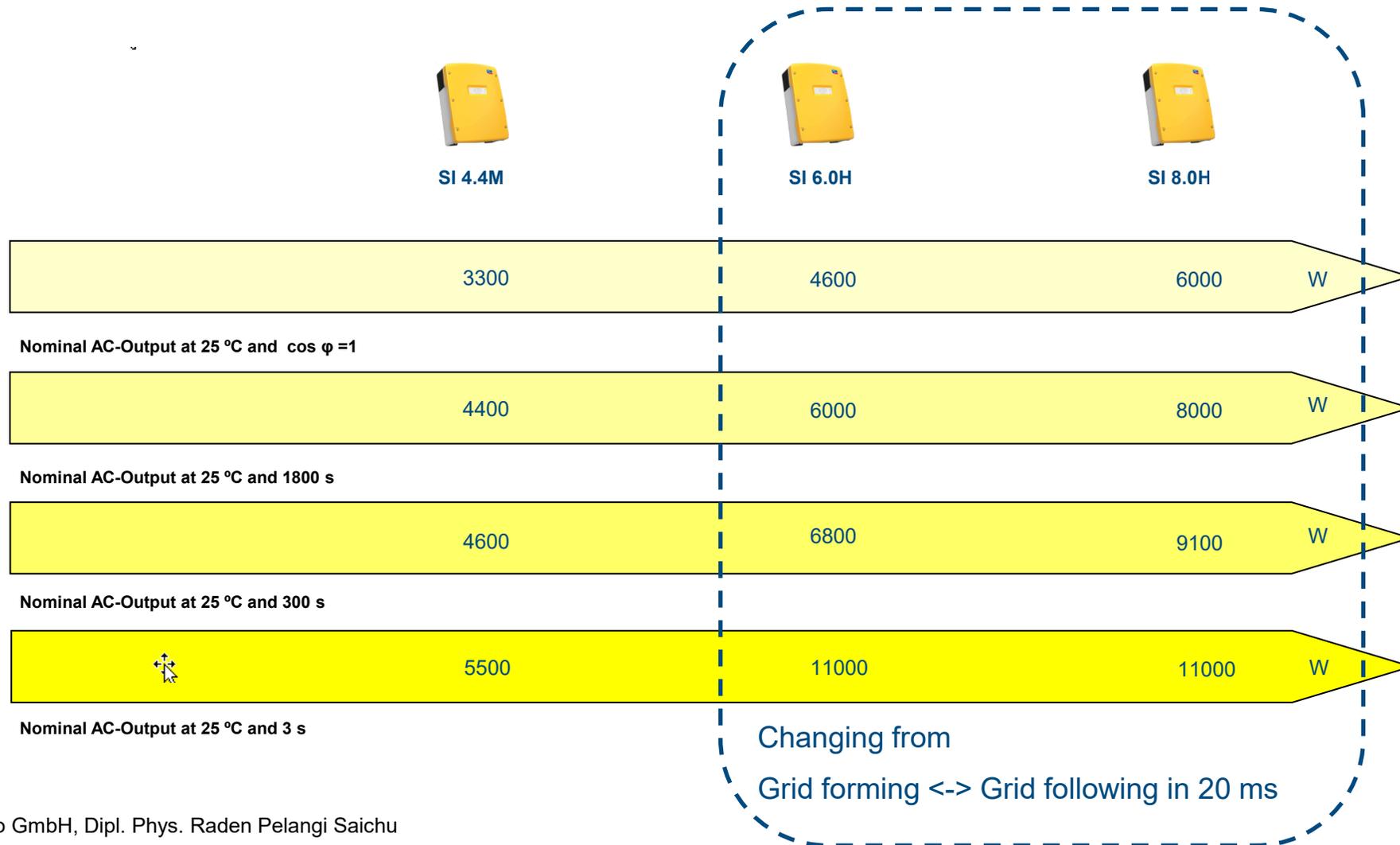
# AC-coupling vs DC-Coupling



# Solution for increase Self-Consumption, Backup and fully Off-GRID



# Inrush current capability



# **Flexibility** in **batteries**

**which can be used**

# Lead Acid



Lead Acid Batteries need **additional settings**, which must be given from the **battery manufacture!**



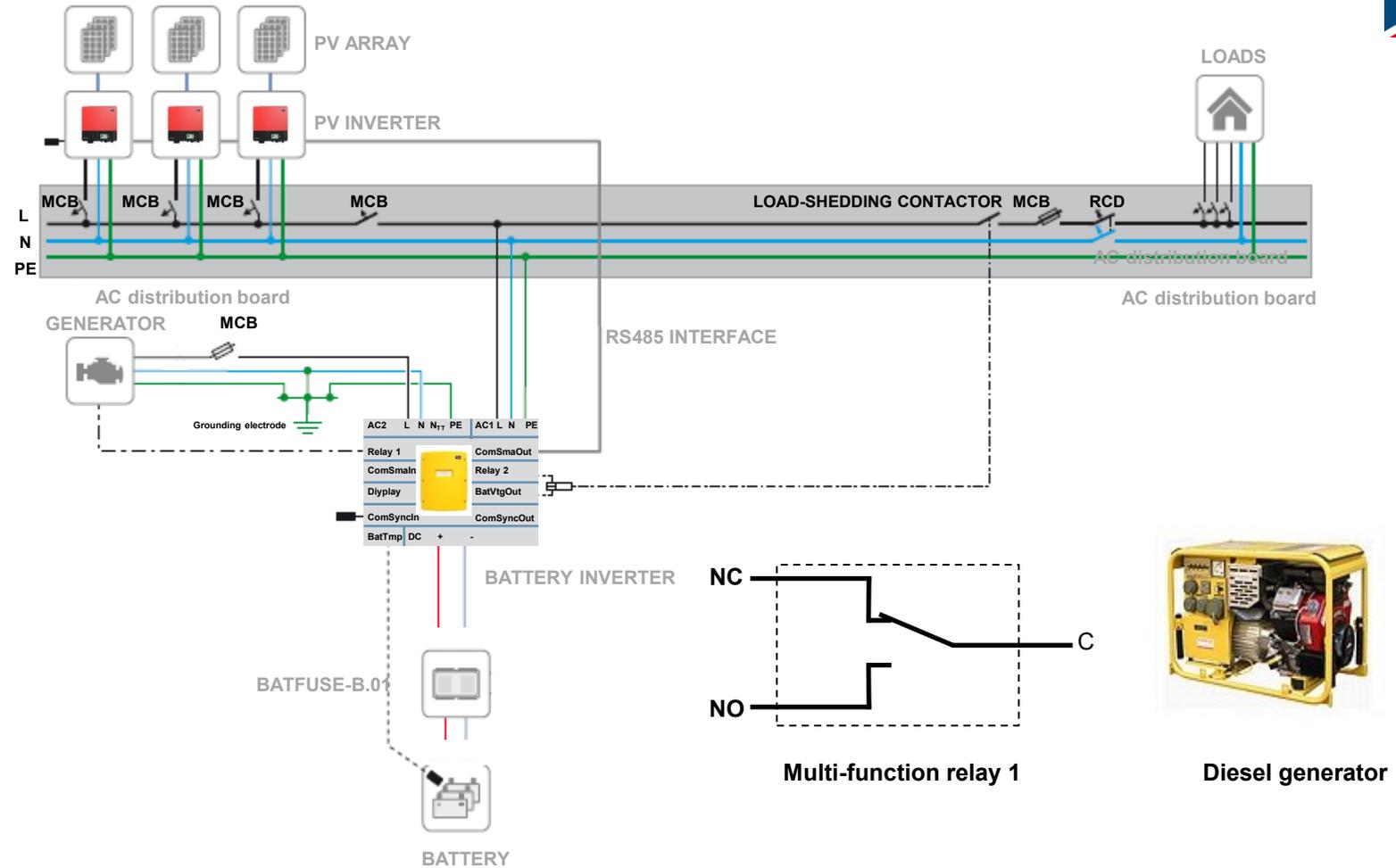
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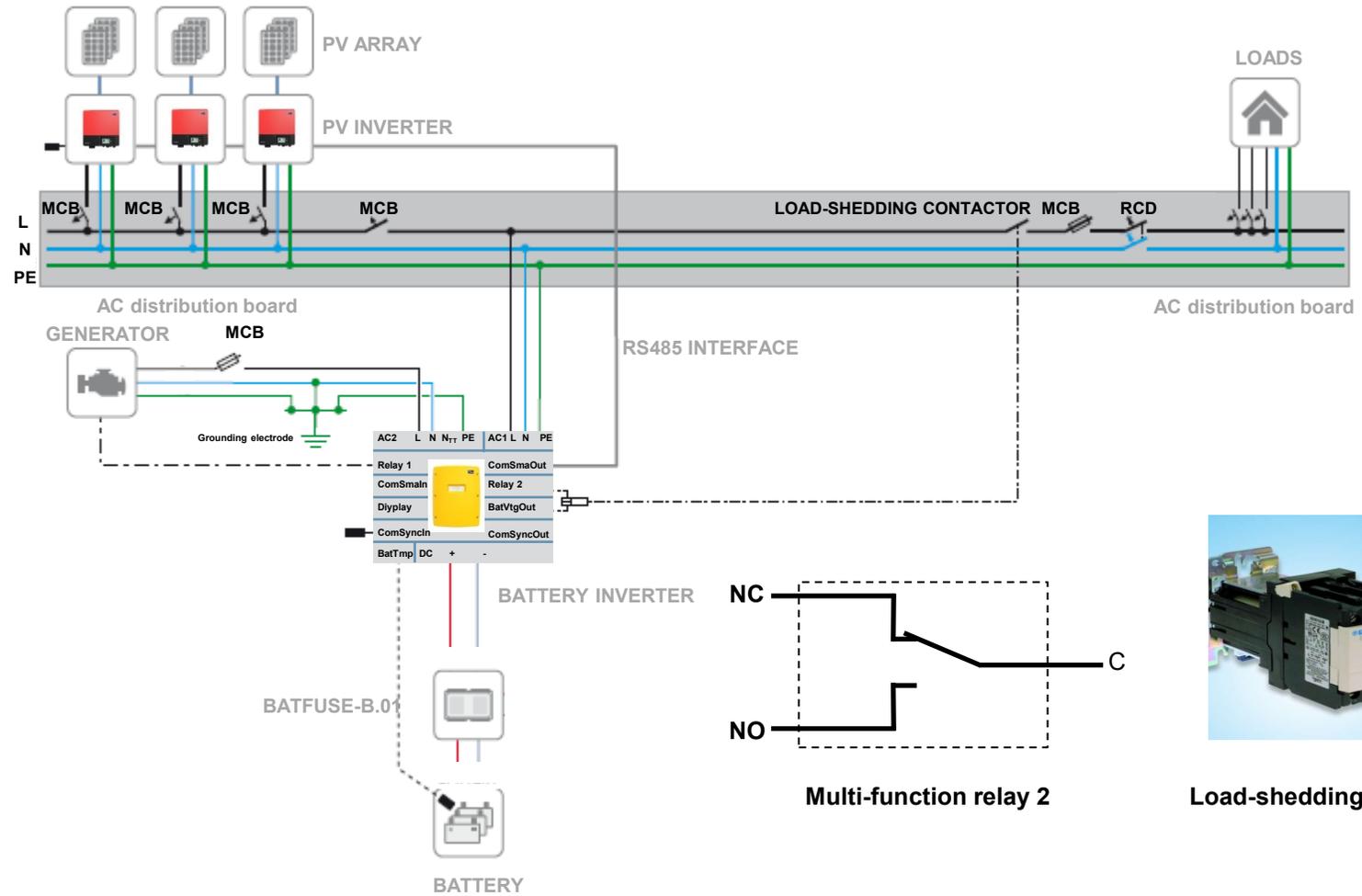
Li-Ion

Safety and operational parameters is handled by the Li-Ion BMS

# Automatic Genset



# Load shedding can be handled automatically



# Scaling up potentials

in case of increasing needs

# Multicluster Box



MC-Box-6.3-11



MC-Box-12.3-20



MC-Box-36.3-11



Load @ 25 °C and  $\cos \varphi = 1$



Sunny Island @ 25 °C and  $\cos \varphi = 1$



Genset @ 25 °C and  $\cos \varphi = 1$

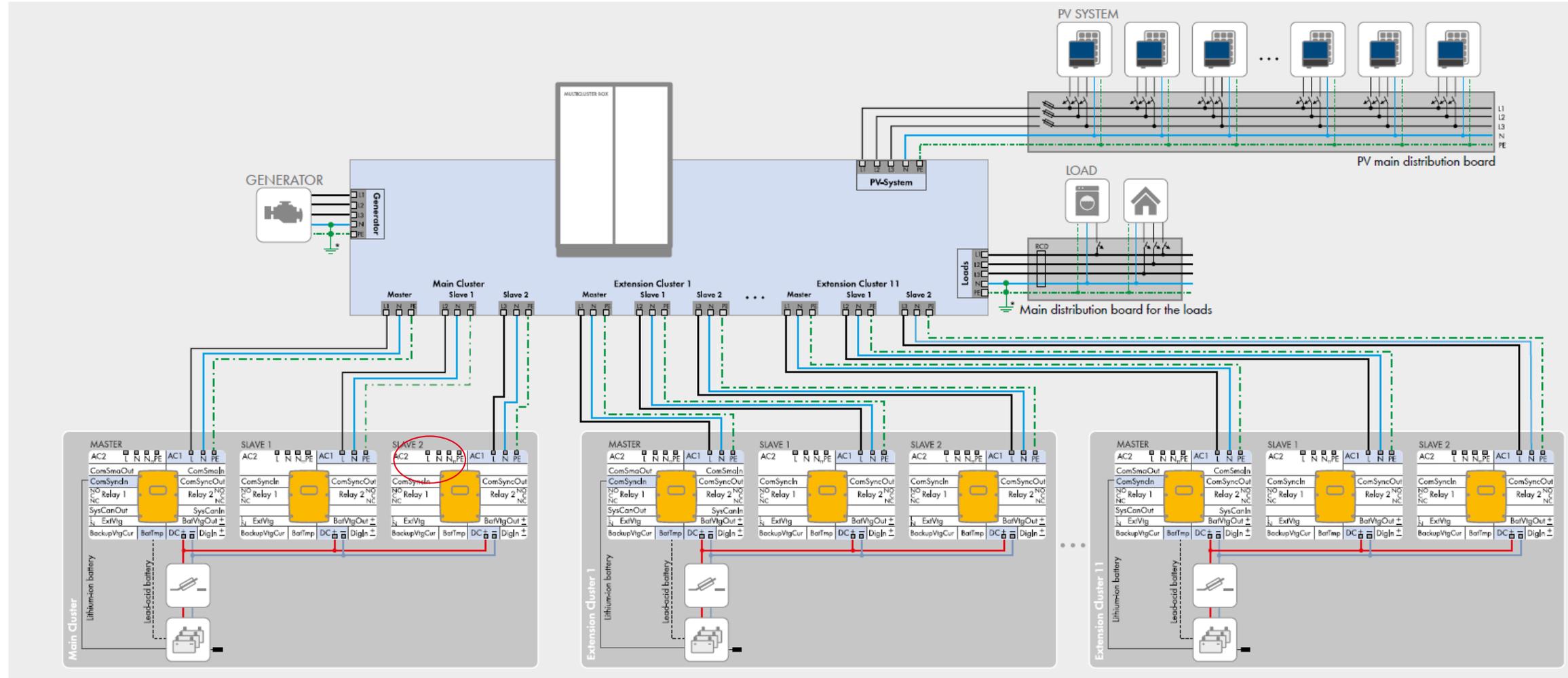


PV Inverter @ 25 °C and  $\cos \varphi = 1$

# Connect MC-Box 36.3 to AC1



## POWER CABLE CIRCUITRY





# Hybrid controller

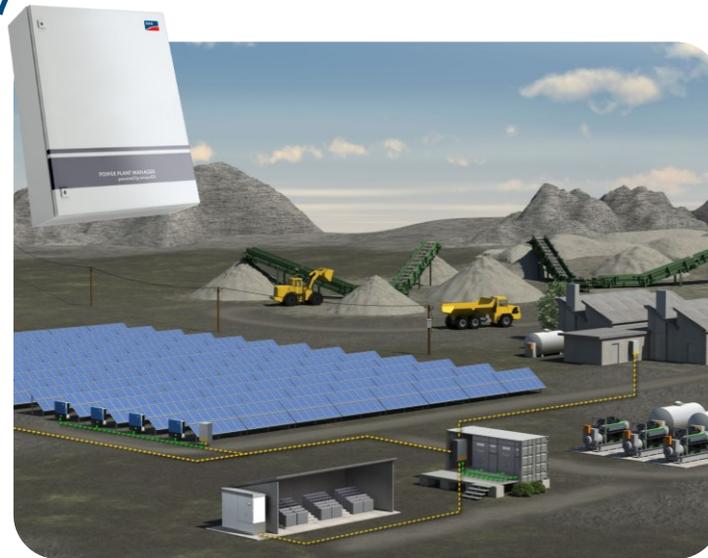
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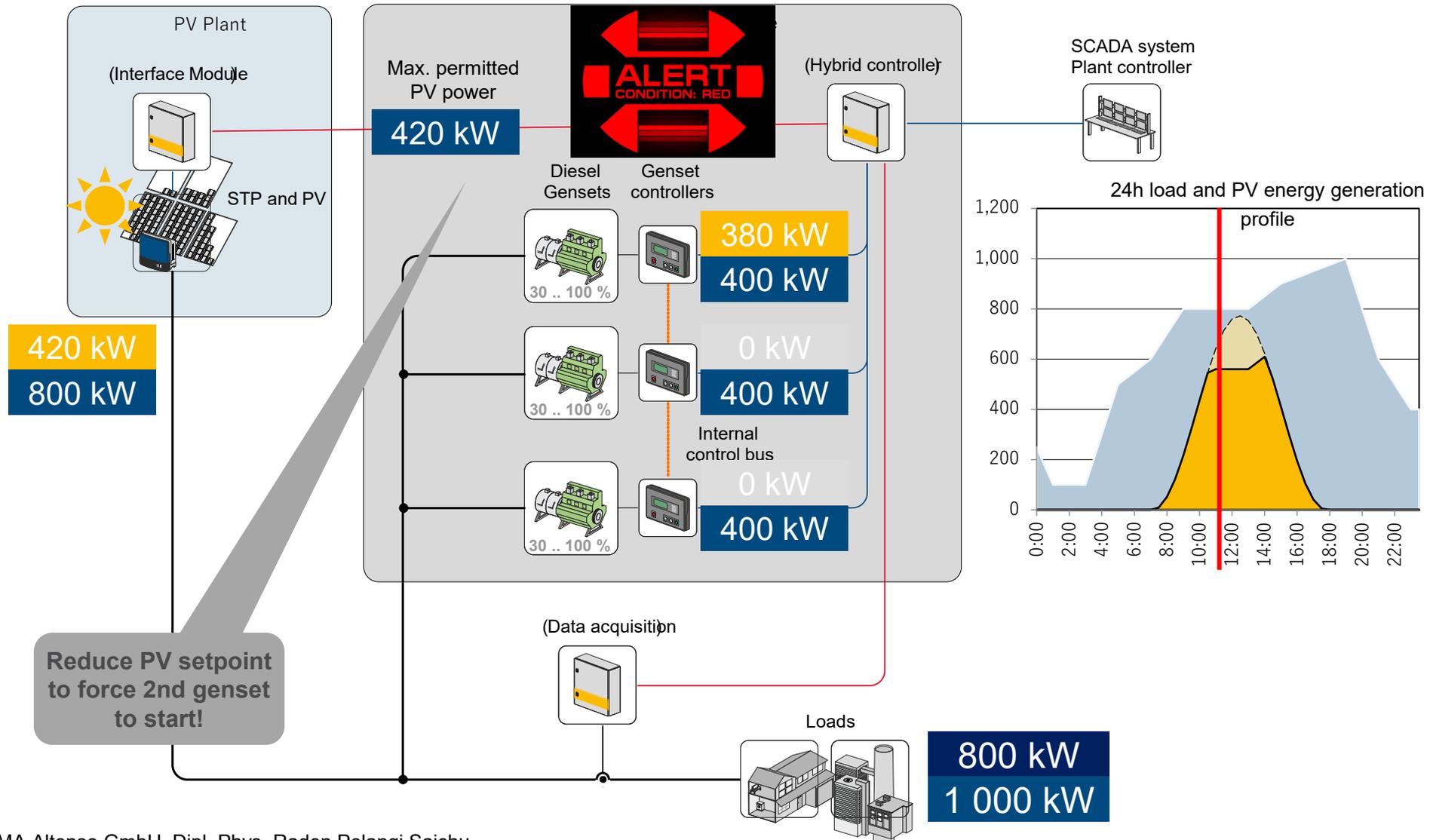
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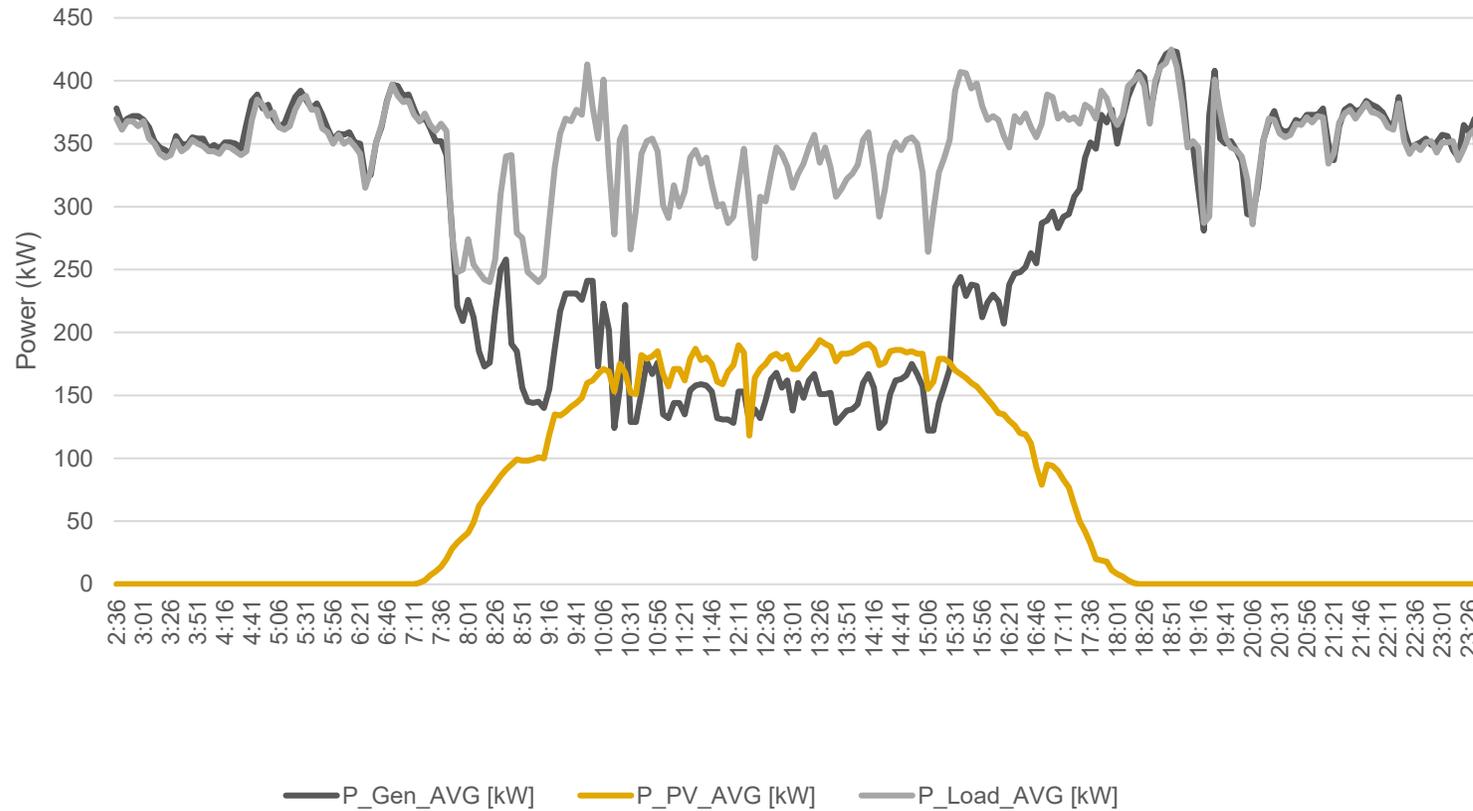
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# How a typical day could look like (5/10)

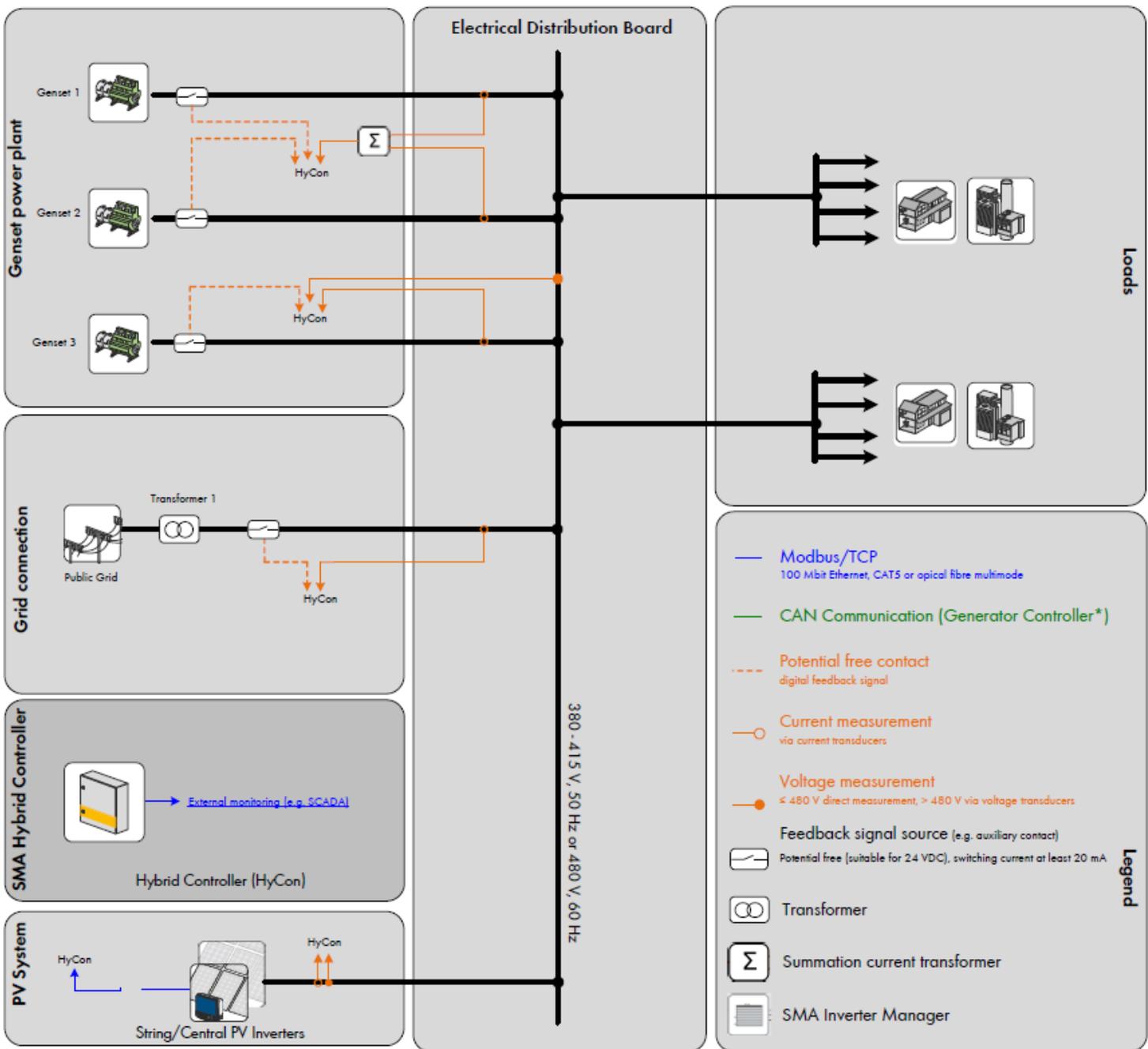


What are the **limiting factors** for  
**max. PV penetration?**

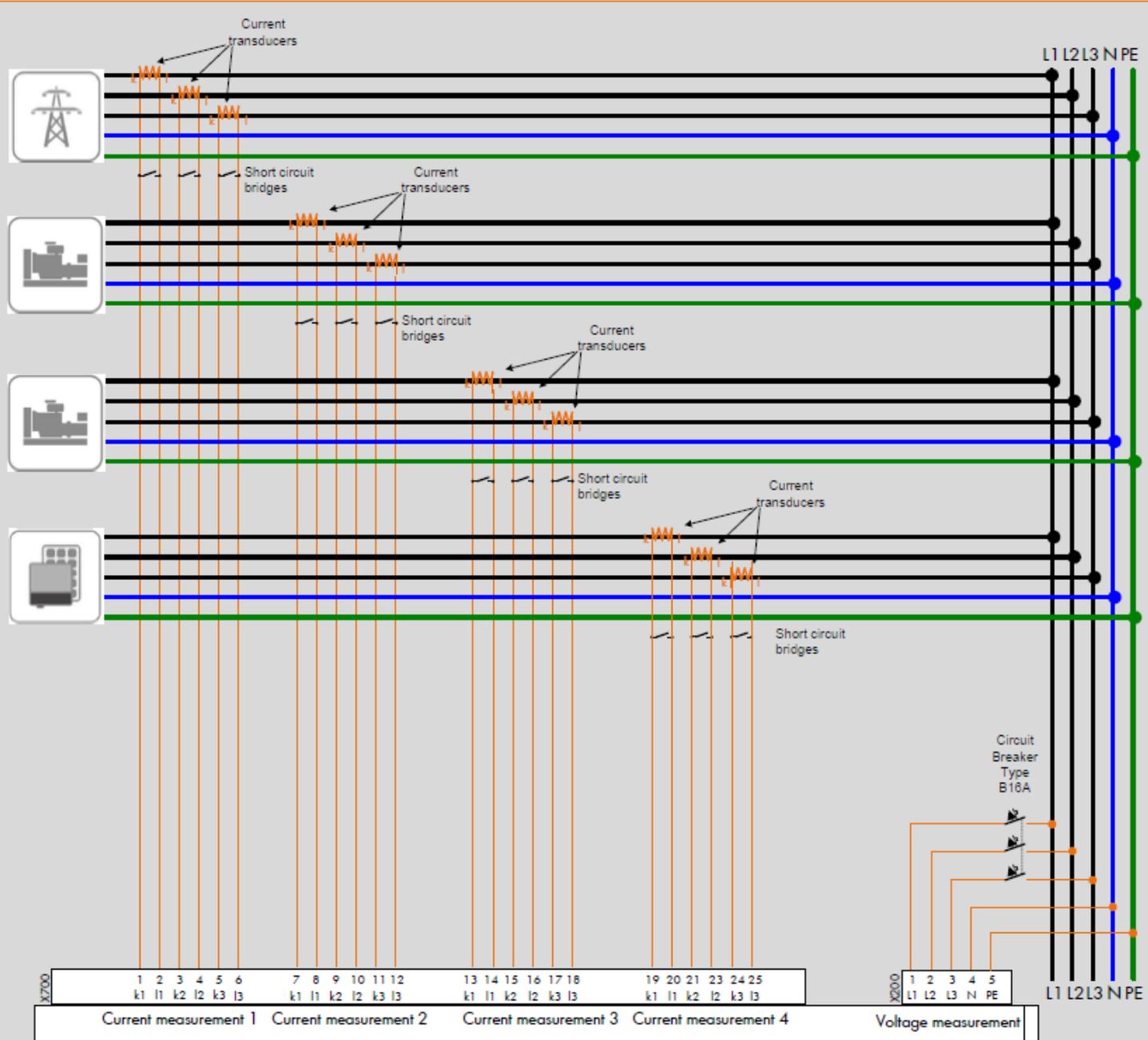
# Genset stable minimal load



# PV-Diesel Hybrid System with SMA Hybrid Controller



The hybrid controller responds based on settings and measurements to ensure that the load is always safely supplied and the diesel generator operates in its intended range.



Requires the following additional devices:

- **Current transformers to measure the current from each generator or connections.**
- **Connections to the main busbar to determine the voltages of each phase**
- **A feedback from each generator or connection, if it is connected or not**



# Sunny Central Storage

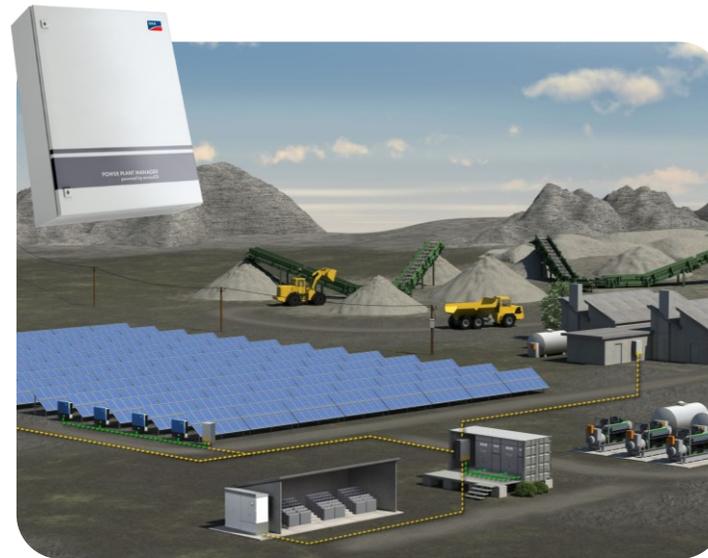
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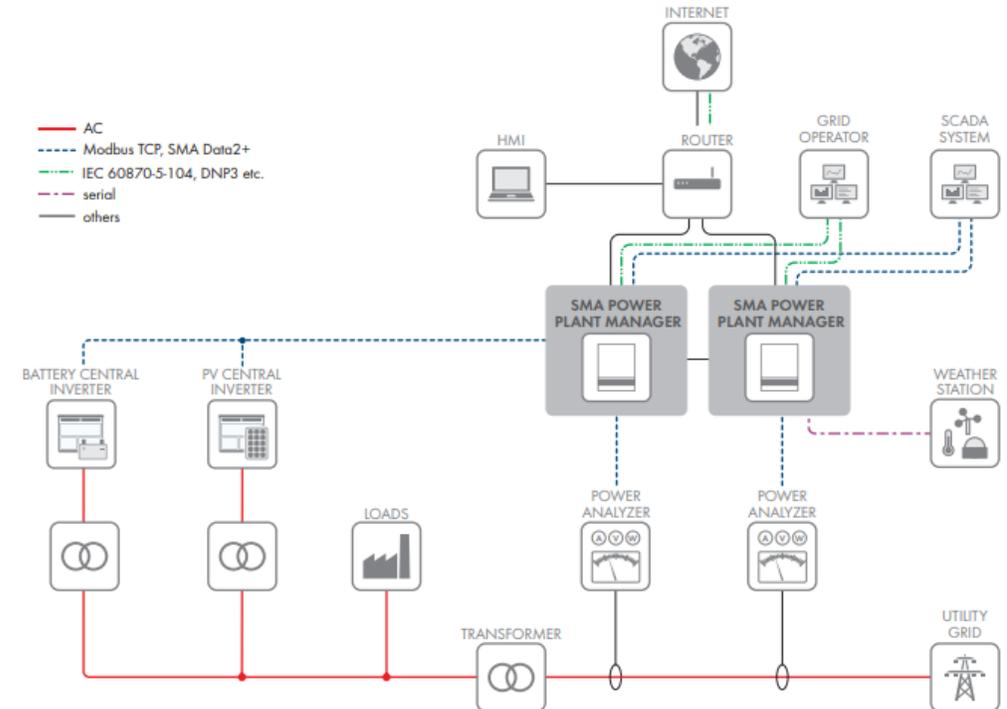
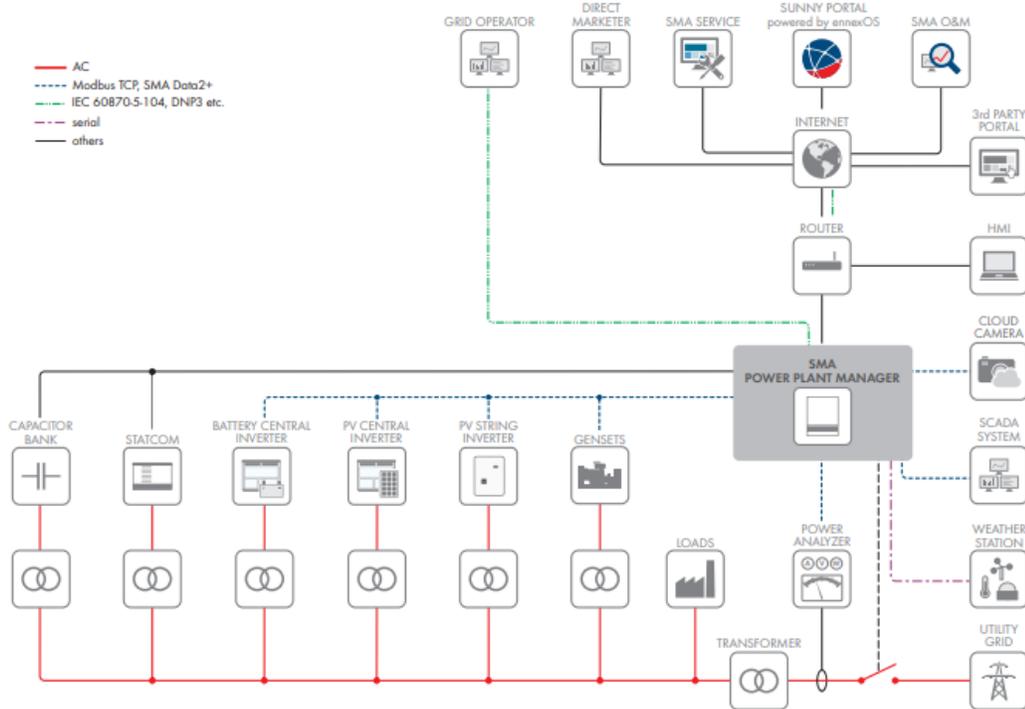
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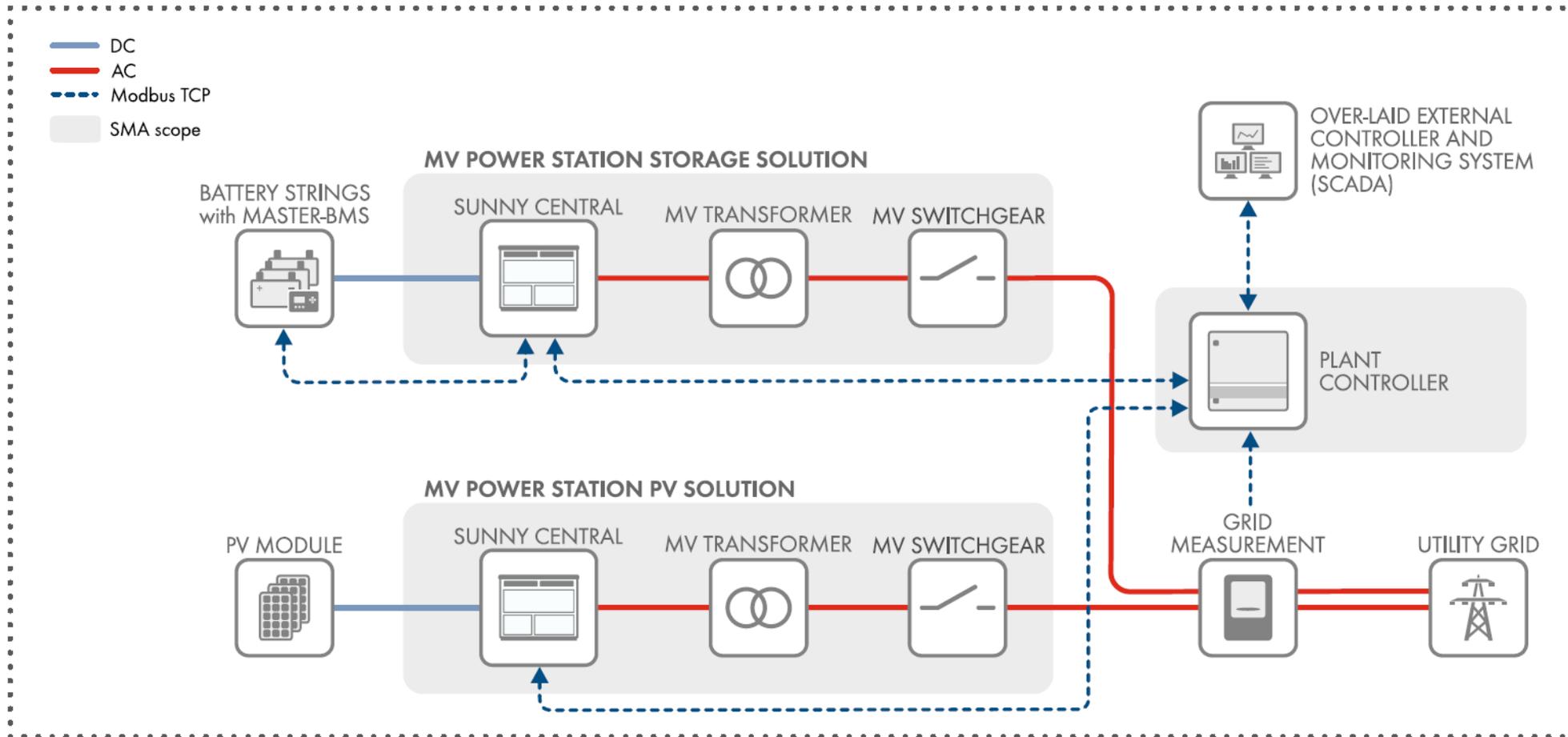
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# Difference between **AC-Coupling** and **DC-Coupling** system in **Sunny Central System**

# AC-Coupling



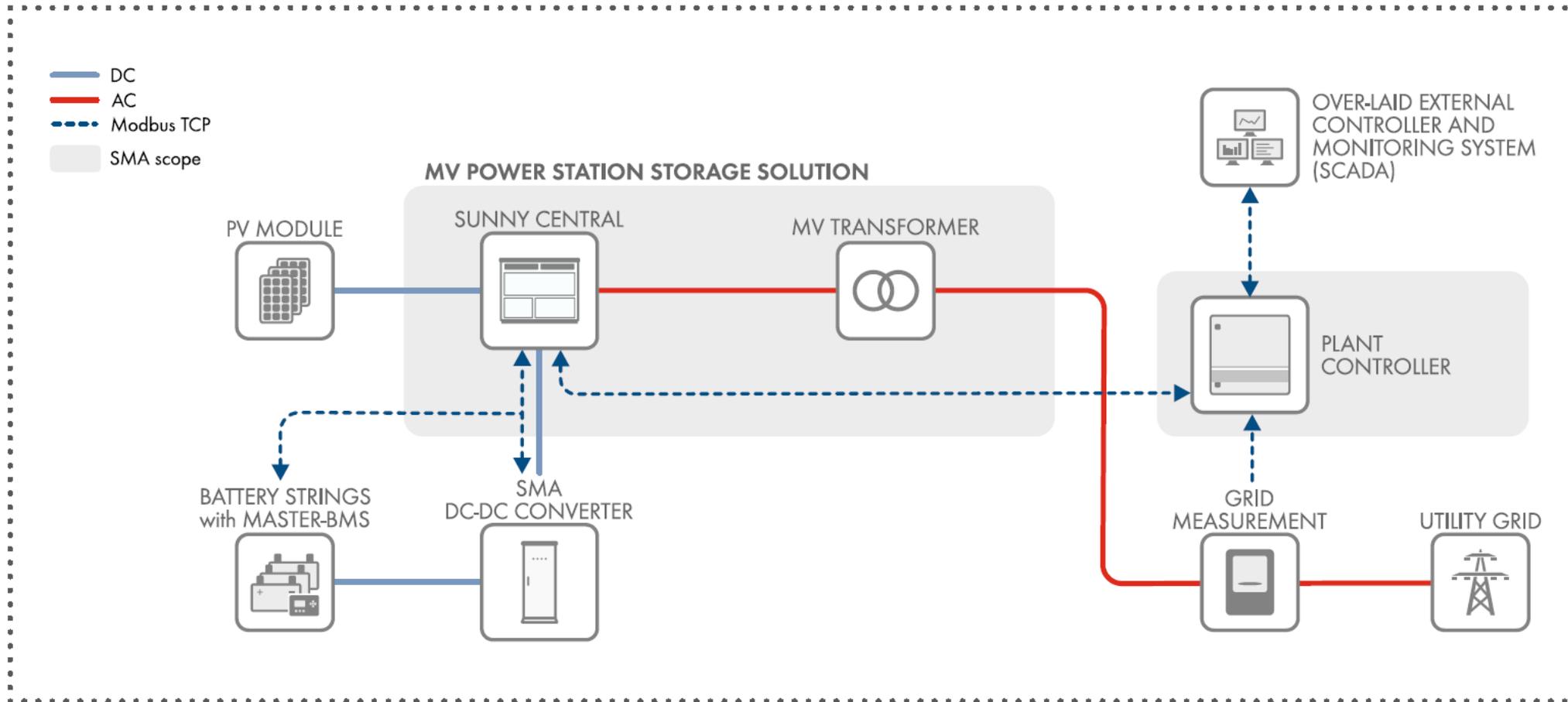
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# Sunny Central and Sunny Central Storage



# DC-Coupling

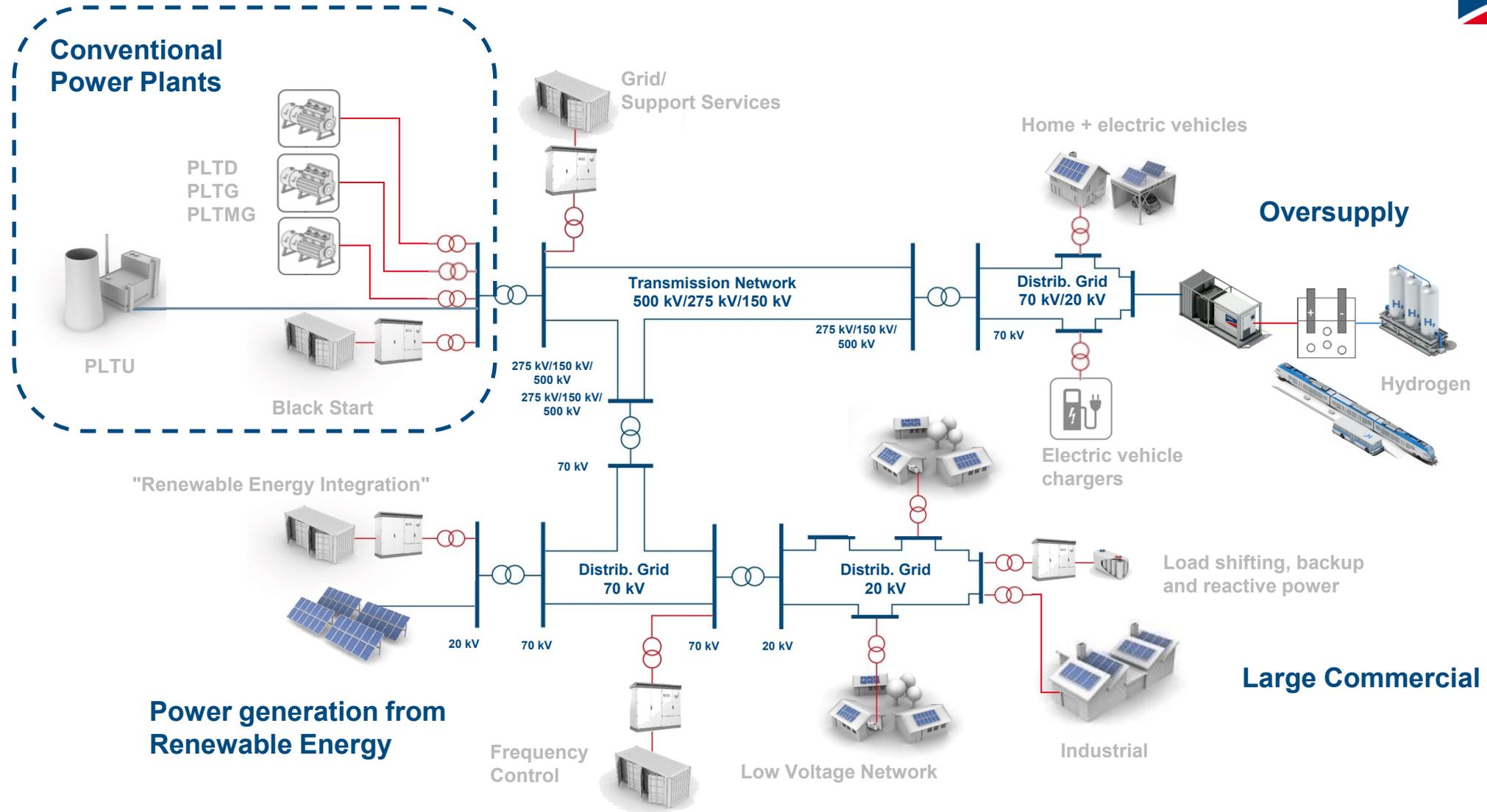
Not suitable for off-GRID or black start



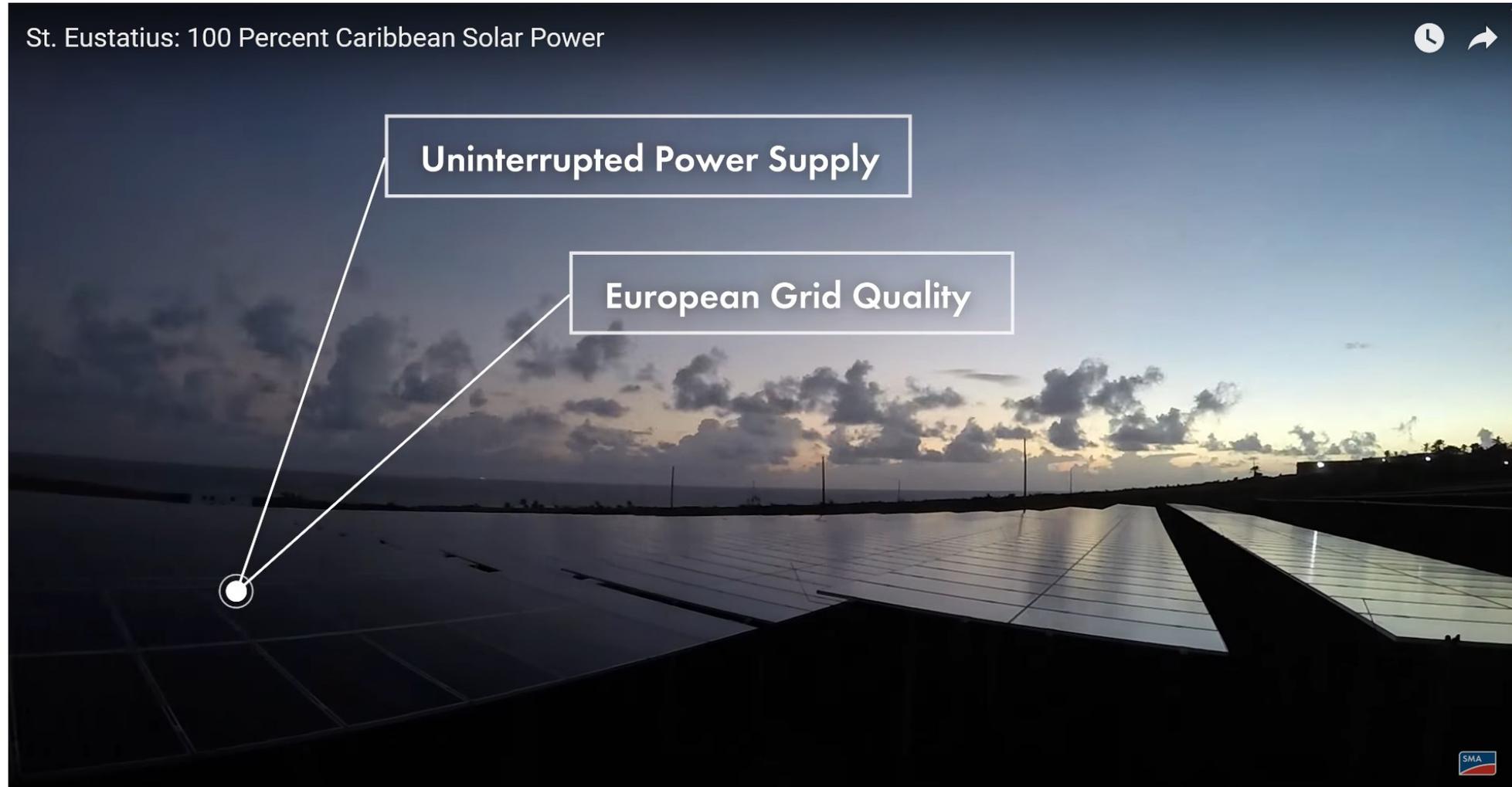
## DC-coupled PV + storage system

When **Black start**  
**capability** is needed?

# Starting a whole GRID or a conventional power plant



We help the Utility in 2016 to integrate PV inside their Genset in St. Eustatius with European grid standard quality





# New Sunny Island X System

# Power range, which can be covered

# Power range



## Sunny Island System

- 0 – 216 kW continuous load
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- Can start/stop Genset as backup



## Sunny Island X System

- 30 kW – 800 kW standard
- With Altenso more
- Can start/stop Genset
- Flexible for various power plants



## Sunny Central System

- For On-GRID applications load from 1.9 MW – no final limit
- Reasonable for Off-GRID loads above 1 MW

# Sunny Island Off-Grid Family



Sunny Island 4500  
Sunny Islands 3324 / 4248 / 4248U

Sunny Island 5048 / 5048U

Sunny Island 2012/2224

Sunny Island 4.4M/6.0H/8.0H



First Sunny Island, CHP applications, Special applications

Small systems, Single device applications

Multicenter systems for increase of scalability, High overload power

Small systems, 1-phase parallel and three-phase

for Offgrid & Ongrid, Multicenter systems, High Power, Variety of functions & flexibility

What is needed for next generation?

# Current Off-Grid portfolio at SMA



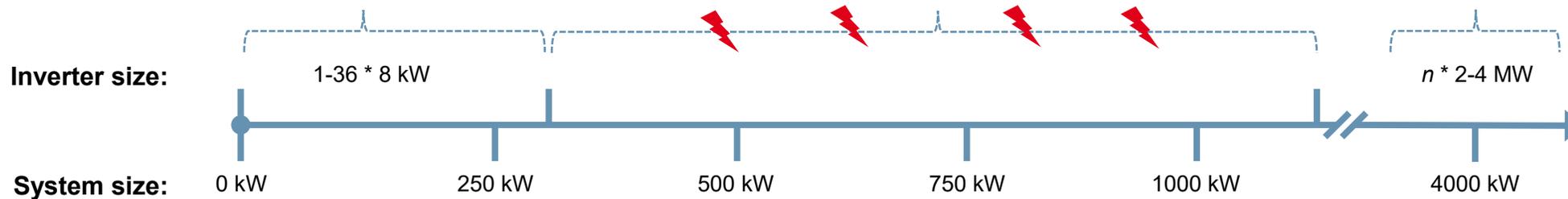
- System sizes 4 – 300 kW<sub>AC</sub> are covered by Sunny Island + MC Box 6 / 12 / 36
- System sizes >1500 kW<sub>AC</sub> are covered by Sunny Central Storage



- **There is a gap** in the SMA portfolio for commercial size Off-Grid systems.
- Larger Multicluster-Systems based on single phase Sunny Island require **significant installation efforts.**



Sunny Central Storage  
Grid-Forming



# New Sunny Island:

# Comparison



- ✓ Scalable 50kW 3ph @400V inverter units allow an easy handling and will increase redundancy also for larger system sizes
- ✓ Pre-wired Off-Grid Connection Boxes up to 800 kW by SMA
- ✓ Use of grid and / or (multiple) generators in Off-Grid systems
- ✓ Customer specific solution, e.g. up to 2 MW loads, by using the Modbus interfaces

- ✓ The on-Board System Manager powered by ennexOS allows up to 10 devices w/o Data Manager M in (pure) On-Grid Systems
- ✓ Integrated On-Grid Energy Management (e.g. Peak Load Shaving or Self-Consumption Optimization)



- ✓ Wide DC range from 200V upwards allows a better technical fit of the battery to your system needs
- ✓ New list of qualified and approved 3rd party batteries as you well-know from our current 1ph Sunny Island
- ✓ In technical exchange with:



- ✓ SMA proven inverter technology: Made in Germany with 25 years lifetime design
- ✓ 10 years warranty (5+5)
- ✓ Three-phase transformerless inverter design will reduce costs for acquisition and commissioning significantly

Reliable and robust inverter design for a sustainable decrease of LCOE  
Ease of installation and reduction of CAPEX

# Technical Data & Features



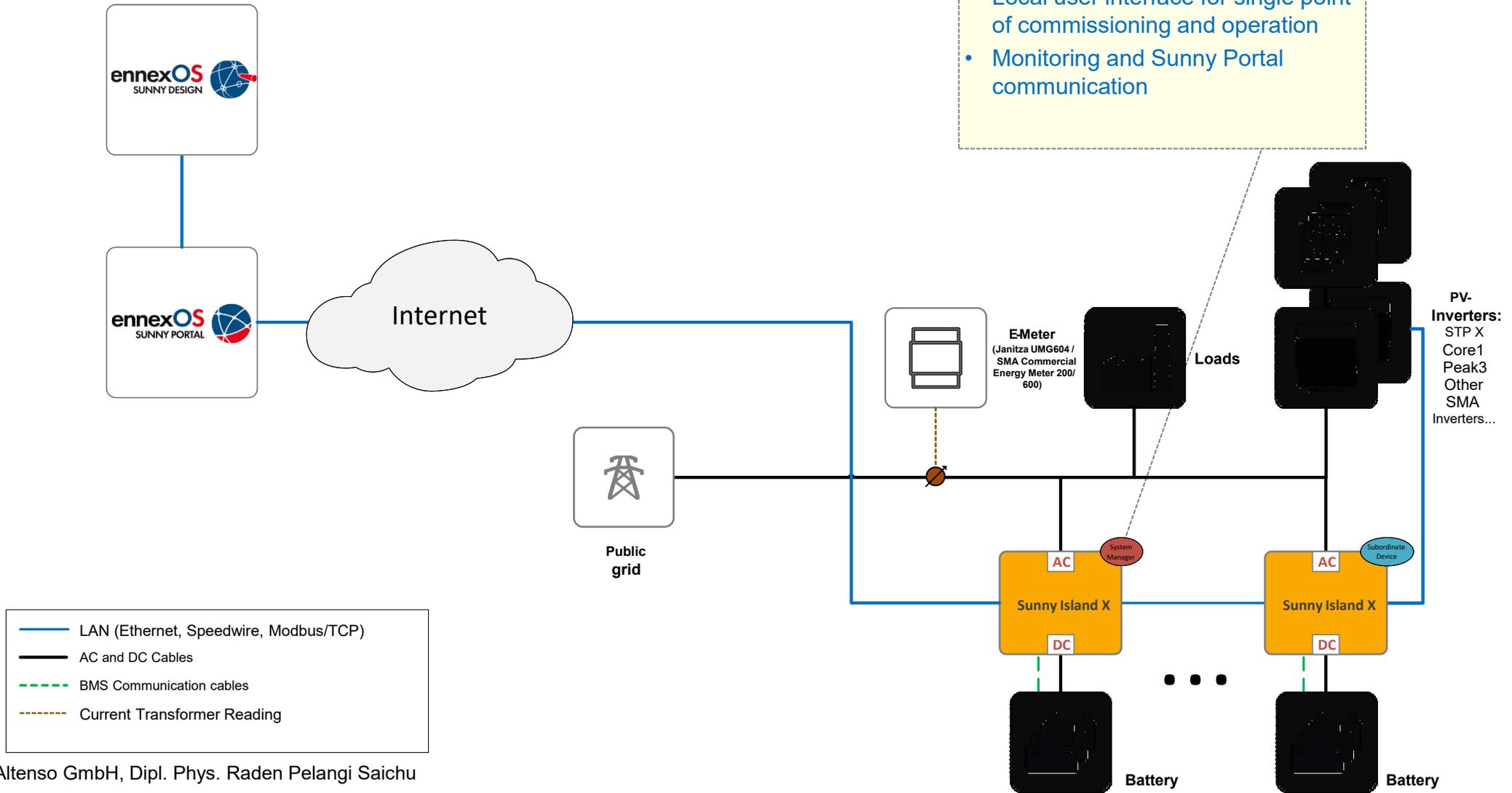
- Inverter with nominal AC-Power of **30 - 50 kW @ 400 V<sub>AC</sub>**
- **UL-approved** devices for US-grids with 208 or 480V (27 - 60kW)
- **Power derating only above 45°C** ambient temperature allows use in warm equator close areas
- **Real 4 wire inverter technology** for direct supply of single-phase load
- Multiple **AC Parallel operation** by using v/f droops internally
- Internal DC/DC-converter with a variable DC range from **200 to 980 V<sub>D</sub>** **ampacity of 150A** allows a most flexible battery design
- **Compatible with different Li-ion battery manufacturers** (BMS communication through **Ethernet** or **CAN**)
- Inverter **start up from AC or DC** improves use and commissioning
- **Weight of 104 kg** and **central lid screwing** allows still a good handling for installation and service
- **IP65** Outdoor installation
- **EMC class B** allows more sensitive loads and devices in Off-Grids
- Modern software and UI/UX design using **ennexOS communication core**



# Scenario 1a

Grid tied system w/o backup (Sunny Island X as System Manager)

- The System Manager provides:**
- Up to 11 devices in sum
  - Energy and power management (e.g. Self-Consumption, Peak Shaving, Time of Use)
  - Local user interface for single point of commissioning and operation
  - Monitoring and Sunny Portal communication

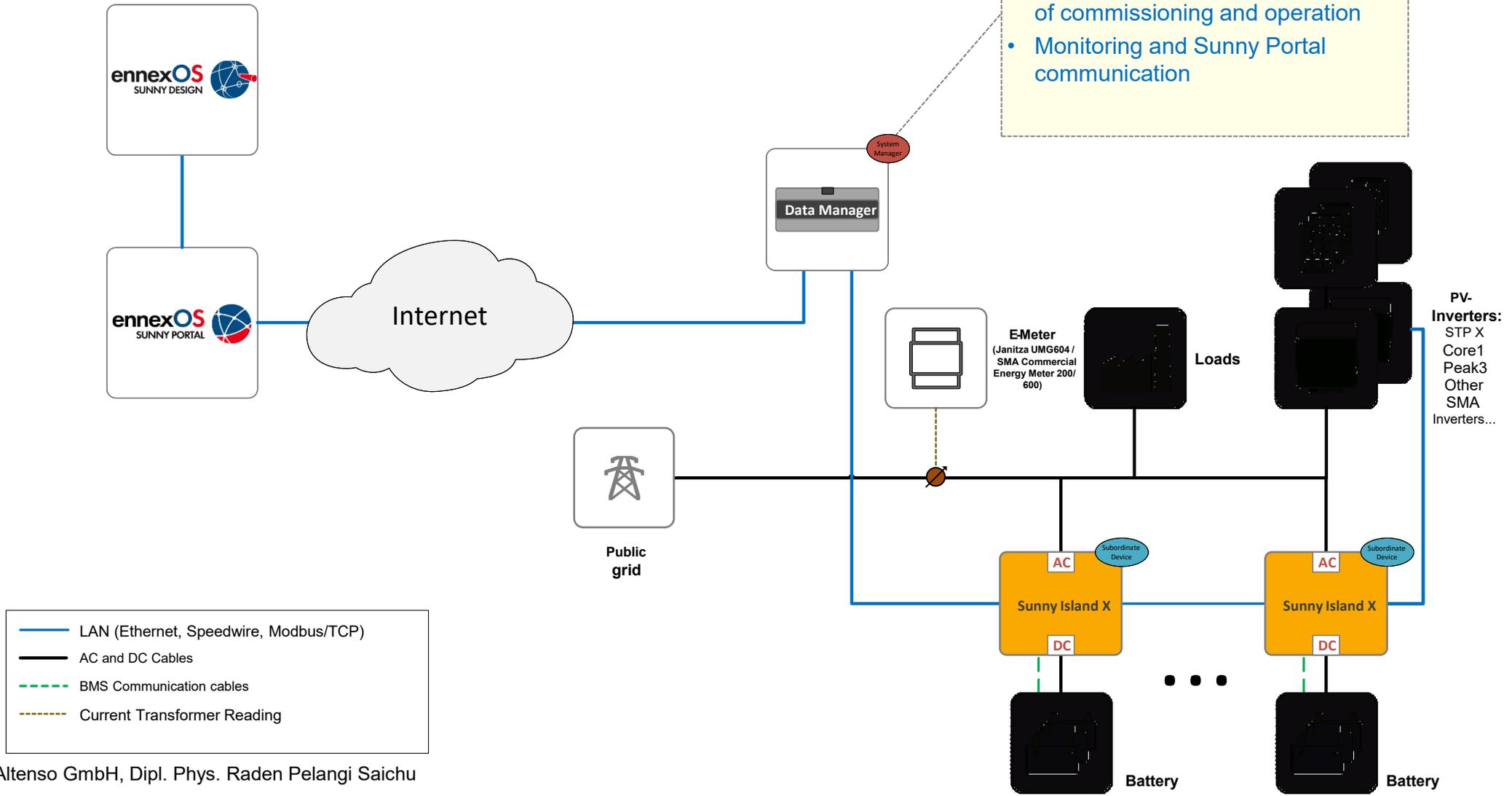


# Scenario 1b

Grid tied system w/o backup (Data Manager M as System Manager)

The Data Manager provides:

- Up to **50** devices in sum
- Energy and power management (e.g. Self-Consumption, Peak Shaving, Time of Use)
- Local user interface for single point of commissioning and operation
- Monitoring and Sunny Portal communication



# Scenario 2

## Grid tied system with backup



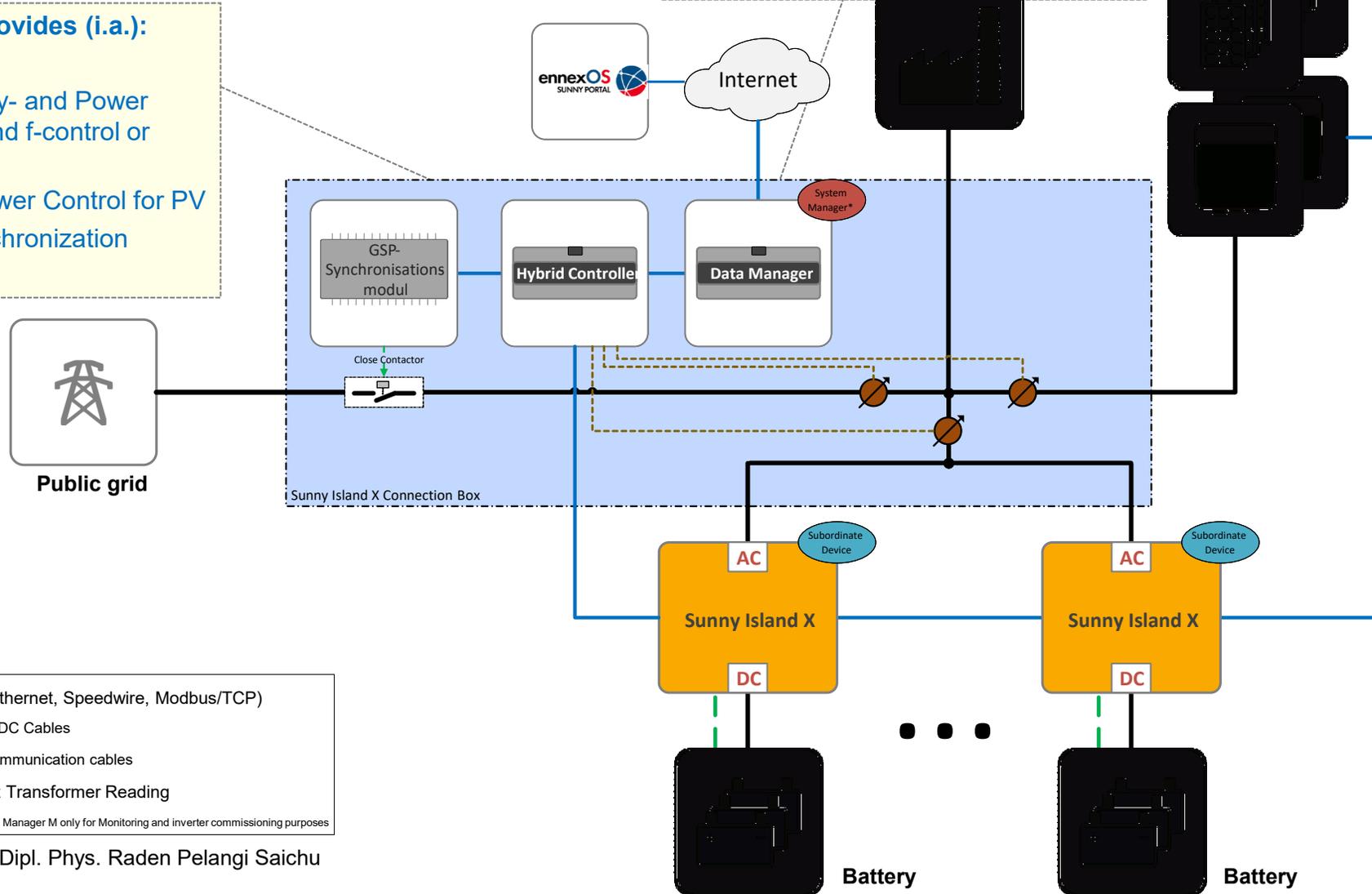
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 STP X  
 Core1  
 Core2  
 Peak3  
 Other  
 SMA  
 Inverters...

**The Data Manager provides:**

- Local user interface for single point of inverter commissioning
- Monitoring and Sunny Portal communication

**The Hybrid Controller provides (i.a.):**

- Blackstart
- On- and Off-Grid Energy- and Power Management (e.g. V- and f-control or Peak Load Shaving)
- Active and Reactive Power Control for PV
- Automatic ext. grid synchronization



— LAN (Ethernet, Speedwire, Modbus/TCP)  
 — AC and DC Cables  
 - - - BMS Communication cables  
 - · - · Current Transformer Reading

\* System Manager at Data Manager M only for Monitoring and inverter commissioning purposes

# Scenario 3

## Off-grid System with generator



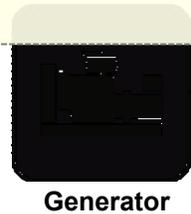
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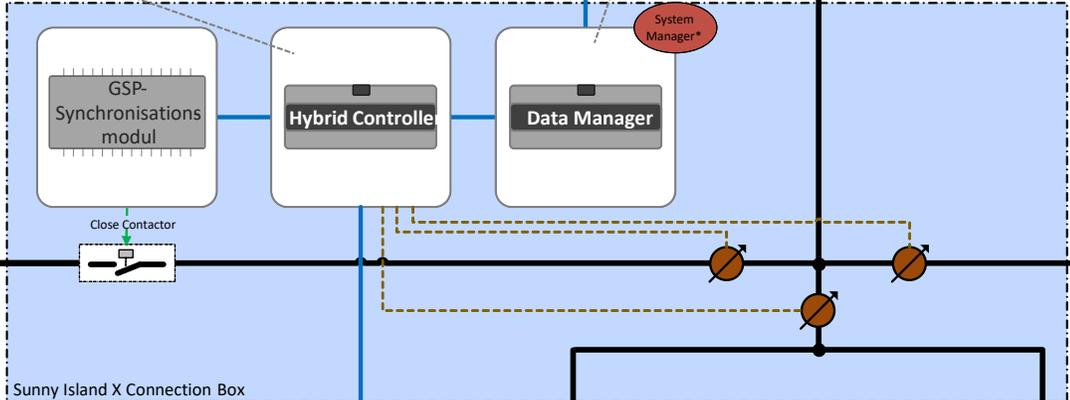
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- Diesel-Off-Mode



Generator



Sunny Island X Connection Box



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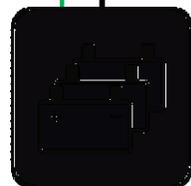
Loads



Sunny Island X



Sunny Island X



Battery



Battery

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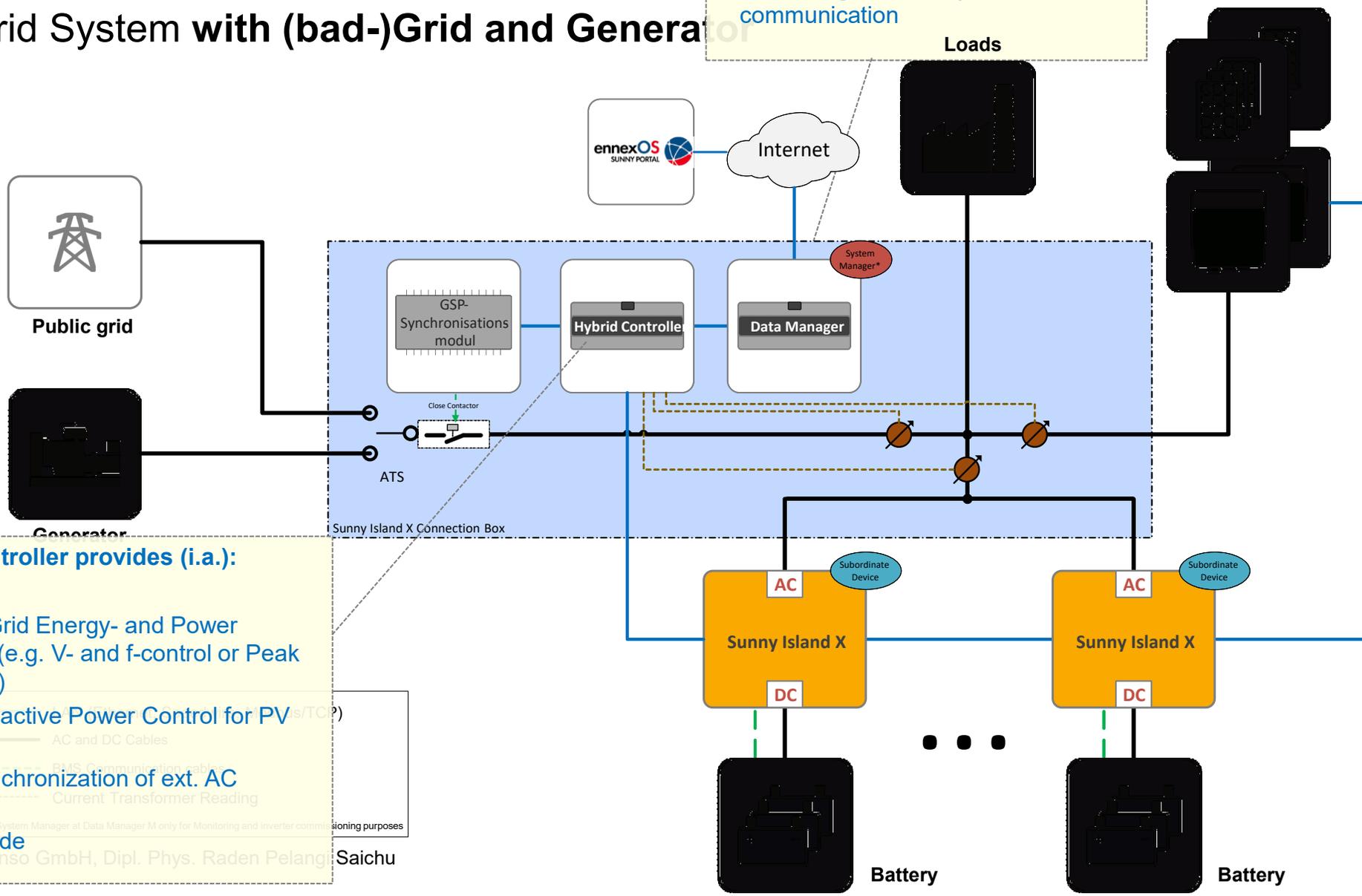
## Off-grid System with (bad-)Grid and Generator

**The Data Manager provides:**

- Local user interface for single point of inverter commissioning
- Monitoring and Sunny Portal communication



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- Active and Reactive Power Control for PV (s/TC?) and Genset
- Automatic synchronization of ext. AC sources
- Diesel-Off-Mode

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# Scenario 5

## Off-grid System with multiple generators

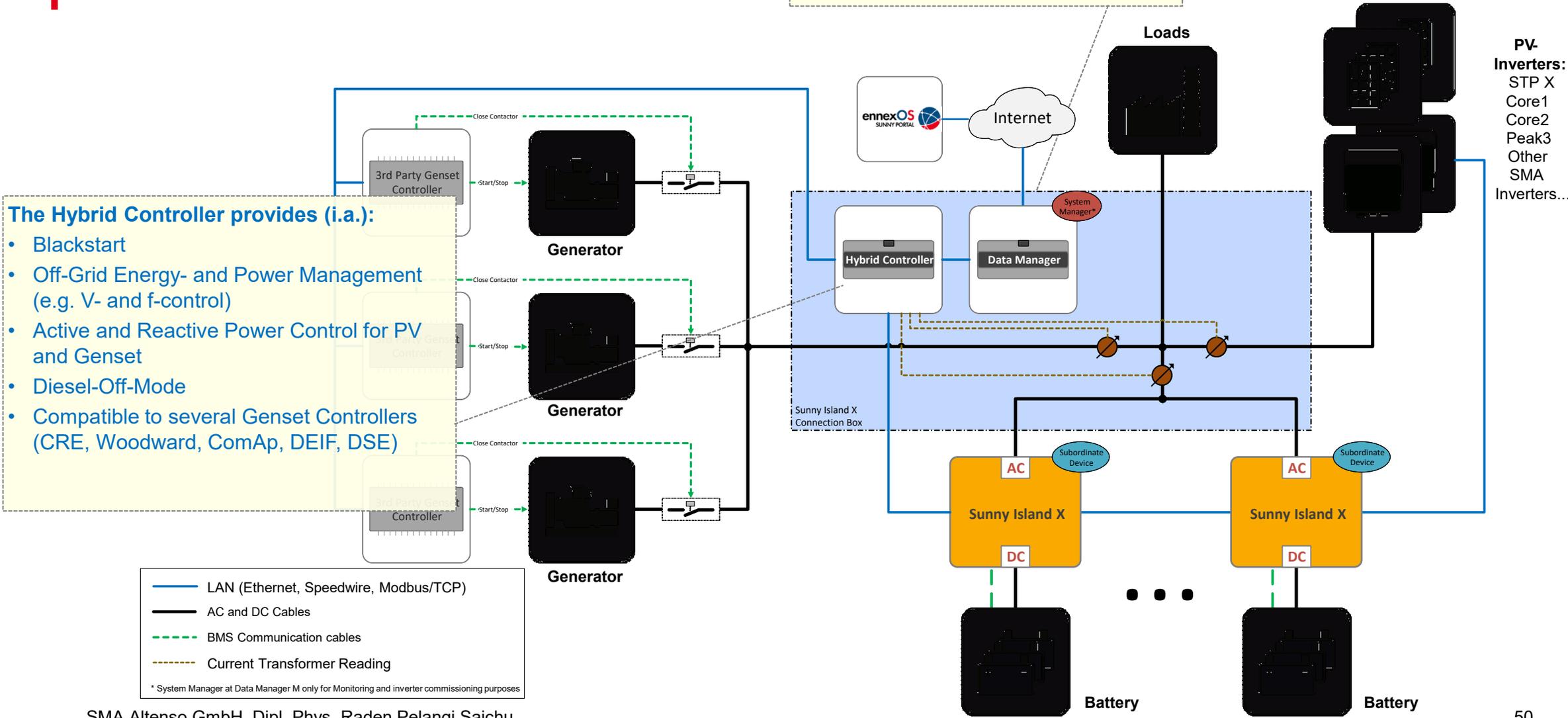
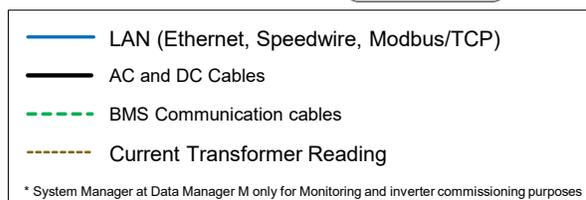
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- Active and Reactive Power Control for PV and Genset
- Diesel-Off-Mode
- Compatible to several Genset Controllers (CRE, Woodward, ComAp, DEIF, DSE)



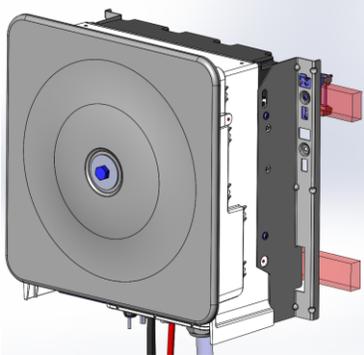
# Comparison of former SI Multicluster and New SI System



	36x SI 8.0 + MC-Box 36	10x New SI 50 + OffGrid-Box 10	16x New SI 50 + OffGrid-Box 16
<b>Number of inverters</b>	36	10*1	16*1
<b>Grid voltage</b>	400 V	208 / 400 / 480 V	208 / 400 / 480 V
<b>Nominal system power @ 400 V</b>	216 kW	500 kW	800 kW
<b>Peak system power @ 400 V</b>	328 kW (5 minutes)	500 kW (no overload capacity)	800 kW (no overload capacity)
<b>Short circuit power</b>	120 A per Phase (x 12)	140 A <sup>*2</sup> per Phase (x 10)	140 A <sup>*2</sup> per Phase (x 16)
<b>Maximum PV power @ 400 V</b>	360 kW <sub>AC</sub> / 430-540 kWp	ca. 500 kW <sub>AC</sub> <sup>*2</sup> / 600-750 kWp	ca. 800 kW <sub>AC</sub> <sup>*2</sup> / 960-1200 kWp
<b>Load shedding (internal/external)</b>	1 / 1	1 / 2	1 / 2
<b>Genset/Grid connection</b>	1x Genset	2x Genset or 1x Genset + 1x Grid or several Gensets with Genset controller	2x Genset or 1x Genset + 1x Grid or several Gensets with Genset controller
<b>Battery connection</b>	CAN, Lead-Acid	CAN, Modbus TCP	CAN, Modbus TCP
<b>DC voltage range</b>	41 V – 63 V	200 V – 980 V	200 V – 980 V

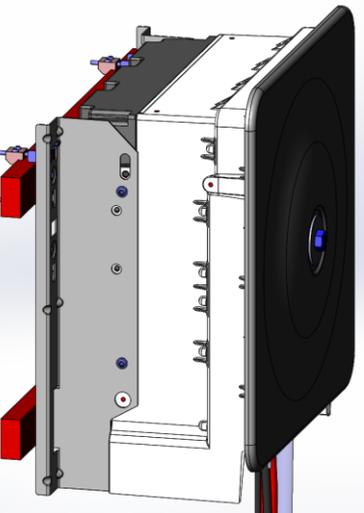
\*1 Number of inverters not yet fixed

\*2 Maximum allowed PV power and short-circuit power is still under investigation



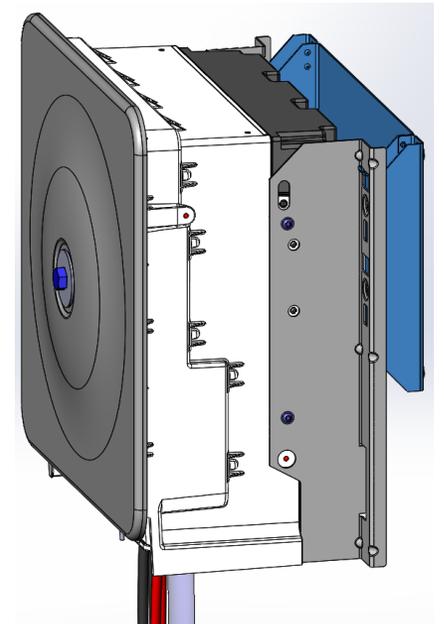
## Wall-Mounting

- > Left picture: Inverter can be **mounted on rails** like used for PV field installation frames (red part of the left pictures)
- > Right picture: Inverter can also be **mounted with a special wall-mounting kit** which allows a direct installation at the wall (blue part of the right picture)



## Lid fixing

- > Due to mounting simplification, the housing lid will be **fixed by just one central screw** (blue central screw of the pictures)



# Roadmap New Off-Grid Solution



**SPOILER ALERT!**



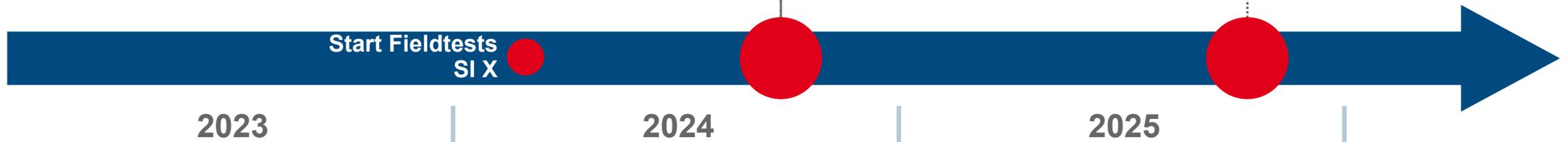
**New Genset Connection Boxes for 50-300 kW<sub>AC</sub> with Sunny Island X**



**Off-Grid Boxes for 300-800 kW<sub>AC</sub> with Sunny Island X**



**New Sunny Island X**



# Future Portfolio Off-Grid



- System sizes 4 – 300 kW<sub>AC</sub> are covered by Sunny Island + MC 6 / 12 / 36
- **NEW:** System sizes 300 – 800 kW<sub>AC</sub> and even larger are covered by new Sunny Island X Off-Grid Solution
- System sizes >1500 kW<sub>AC</sub> are covered by Sunny Central Storage



Sunny Island 6.0-8.0  
+ MC-Boxes 6 - 36



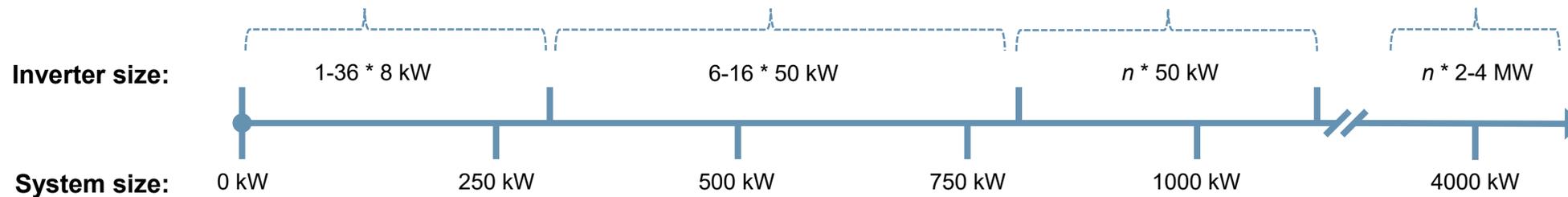
Sunny Island X  
+ SI X Connection Box



Project specific system design  
(e.g. by SMA ALTENSO)



Sunny Central Storage  
Grid-Forming



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