

# DC Grids for Electric Marine, Control and Protection

Peter van Duijsen  
THUAS, Delft, The Netherlands

[www.dc-lab.org](http://www.dc-lab.org)

[www.caspoc.com](http://www.caspoc.com)

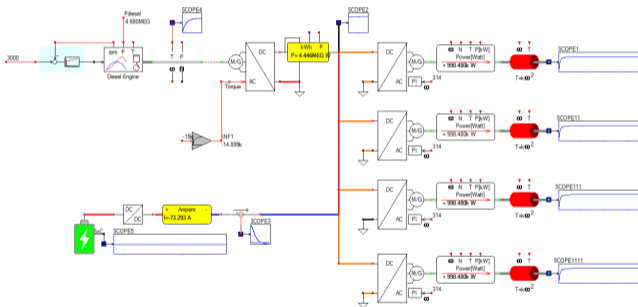
September 14th, 2021

Electric and Hybrid Marine World Expo Sept 13,14,15 2021

**THE HAGUE**  
UNIVERSITY OF  
APPLIED SCIENCES

# Table of contents

- 1 DC grid structure
- 2 Control
- 3 Switching
- 4 Protection
- 5 Stability

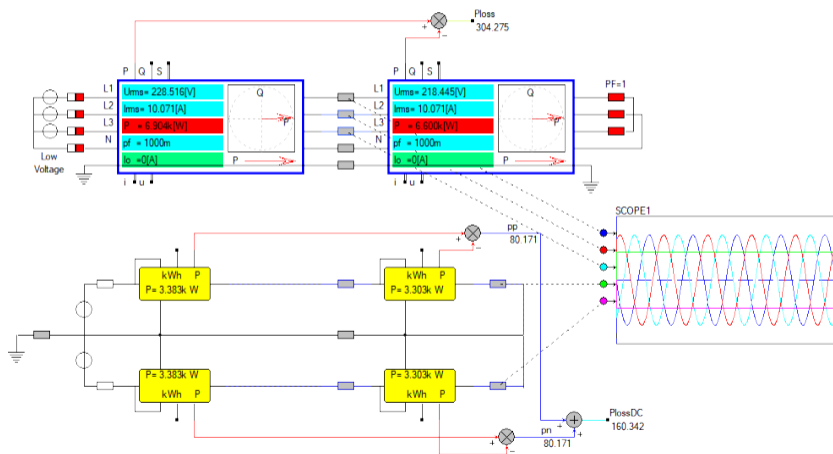


# DC grid structure?

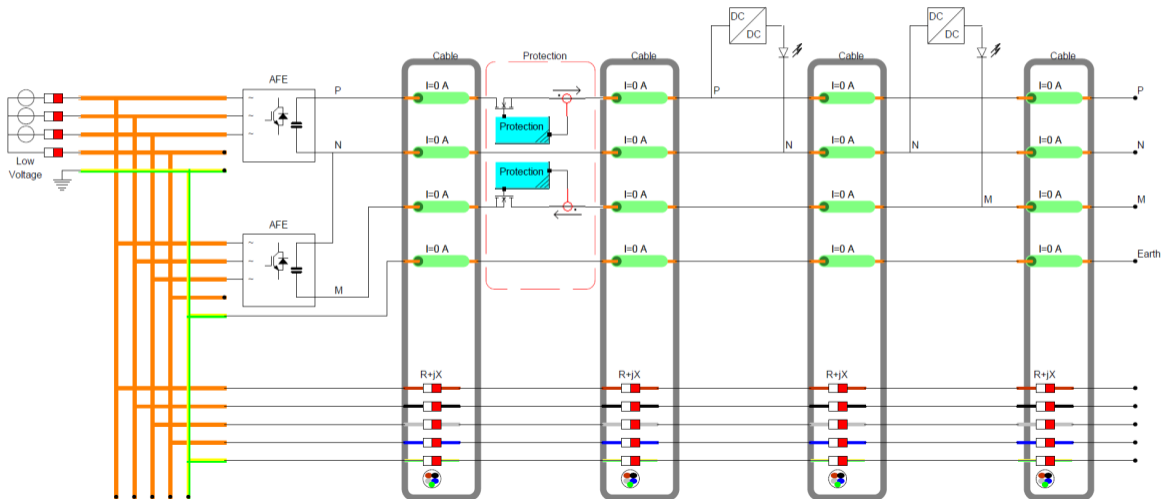
## Structure of the DC Grid

# Why do we need a DC Grid?

Lower losses is not the reason why we choose DC!

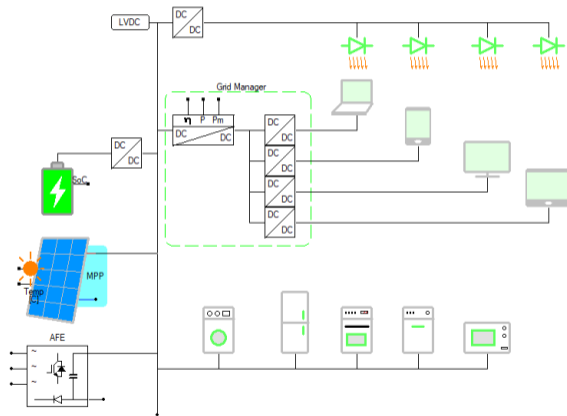


It is not about optimizing components  
It is optimizing the system!



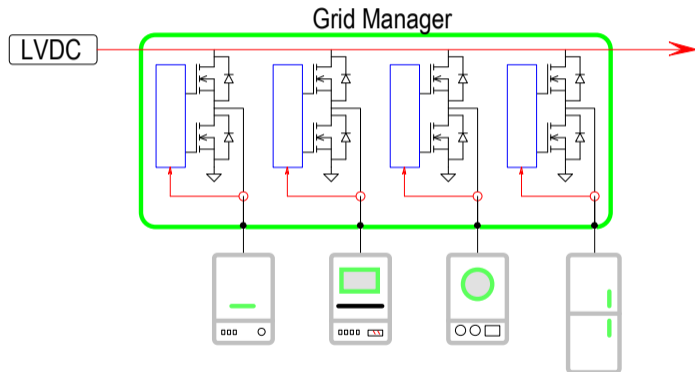
# Which grid to choose?

- Centralized
- Decentralized



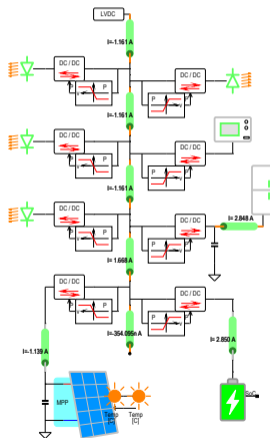
# Centralized DC Grid with Grid Manager

- All control in one device
- Control of Power
- Breaker
- Inrush limiter



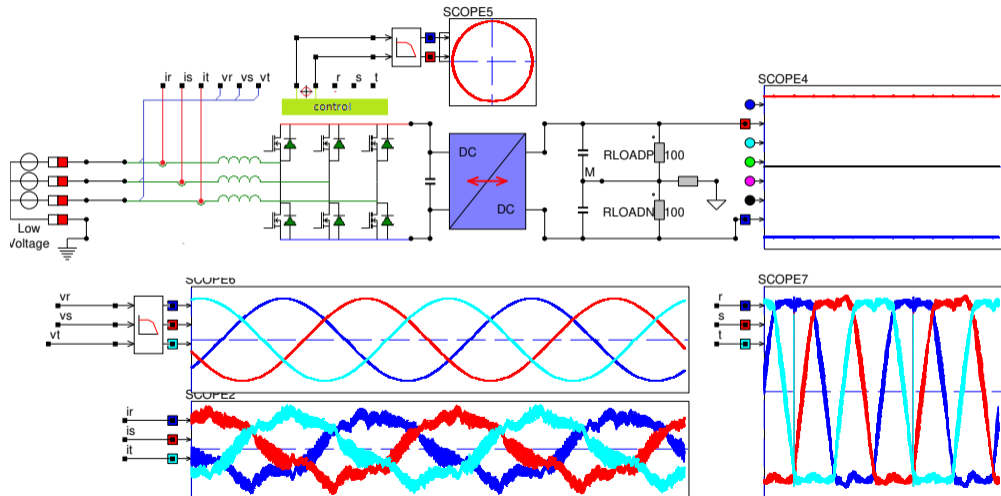
# Decentralized DC Grid with Droop Control

- Droop control per appliance
- DCDC converter per appliance

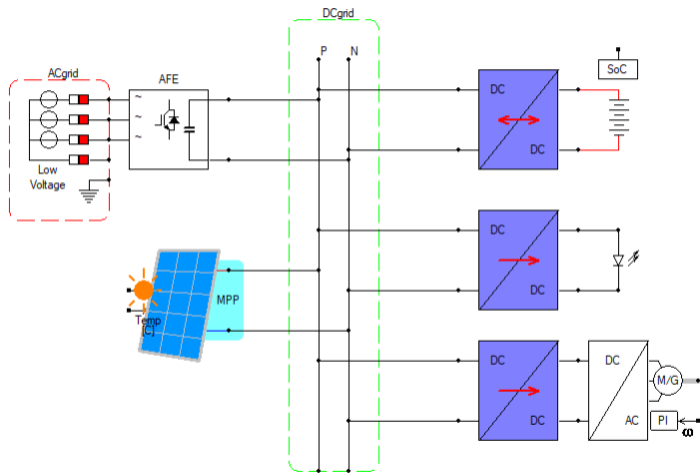




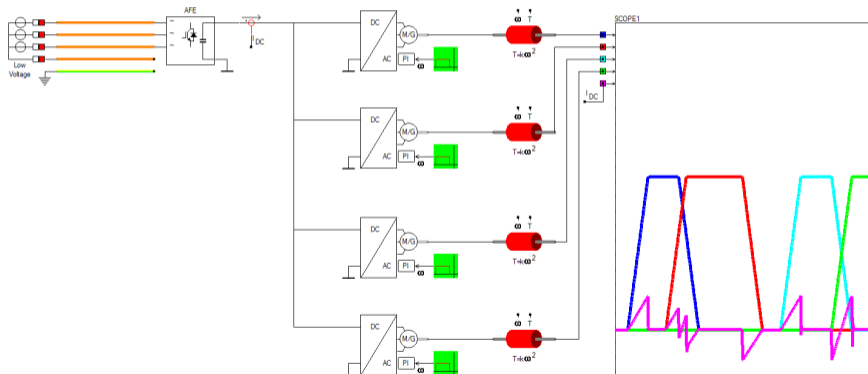
# Connection to existing AC Grid?



# Producers and Consumers are directly coupled



# Exchange of Drive and Brake Energy

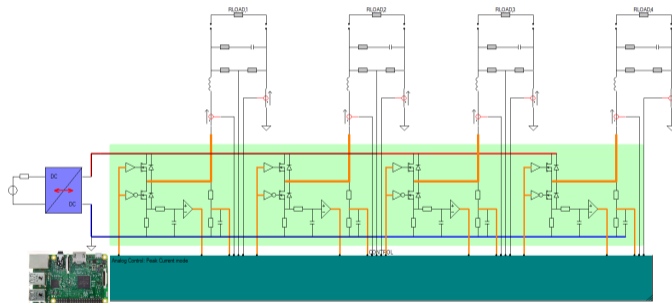


## Switching in the DC grid?

What type of switches do exist,  
if they do exist at all?

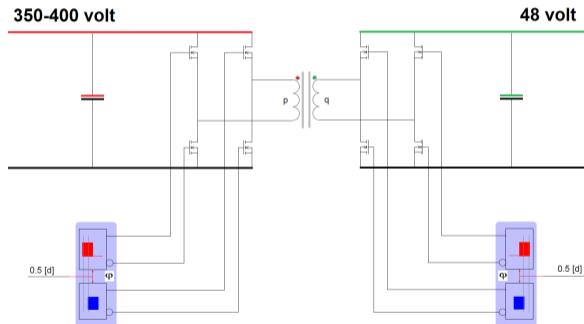
# Grid Manager contains multiple Synchronous Buck Converter

- power flow
- Current Limited
- Breaker
- Non-Isolated

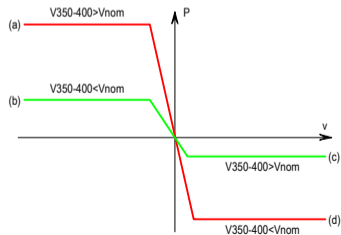
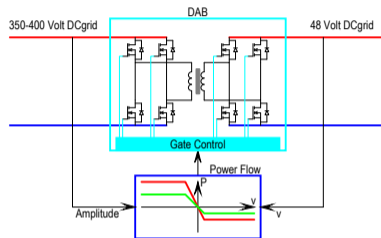


# Dual Active Bridge is Isolated

- Bidirectional power flow
- Current Limited
- Breaker
- Isolated
- DC transformer

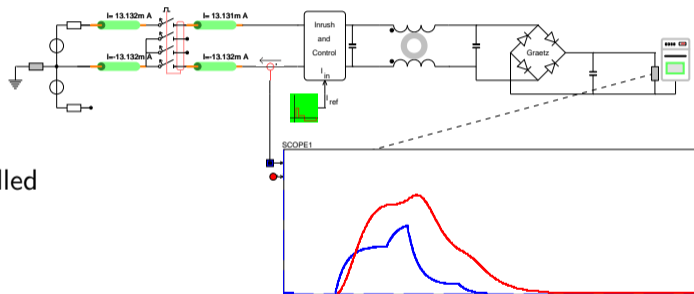


# Connecting two DC grid with different voltage levels



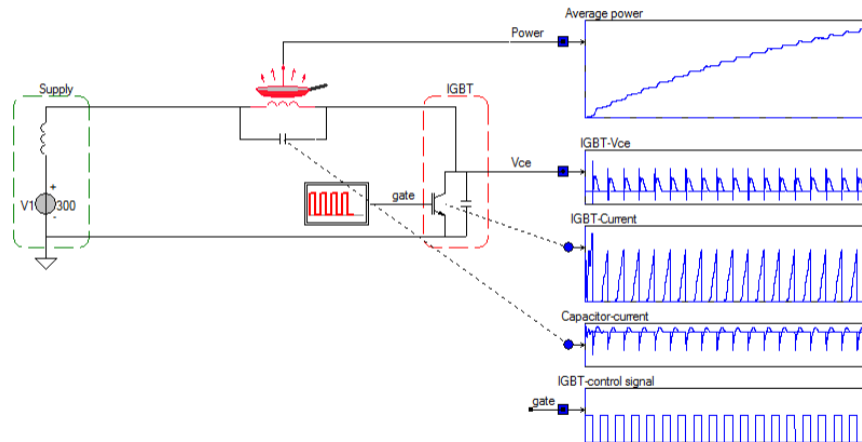
# Inrush protection using a Sepic converter

- Controlled current flow
- Input Impedance is controlled





# Low side mosfet for inrush protection

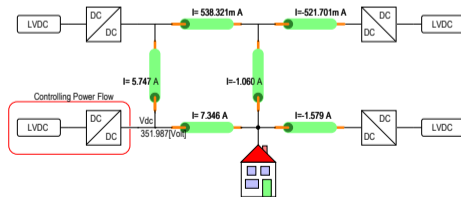
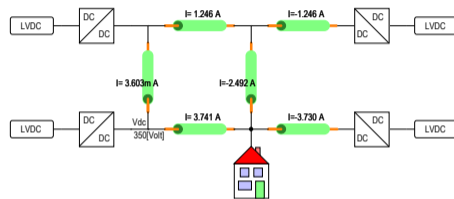


## DC grid control?

# Control and Power Congestion Management in the DC Grid

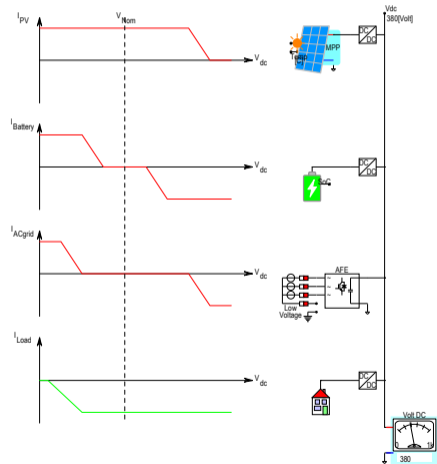
# Control the current in a Meshed grid

- Nodal voltage defines current flow
- DCDC converters have losses



# Droop Control regulates in a decentralized grid

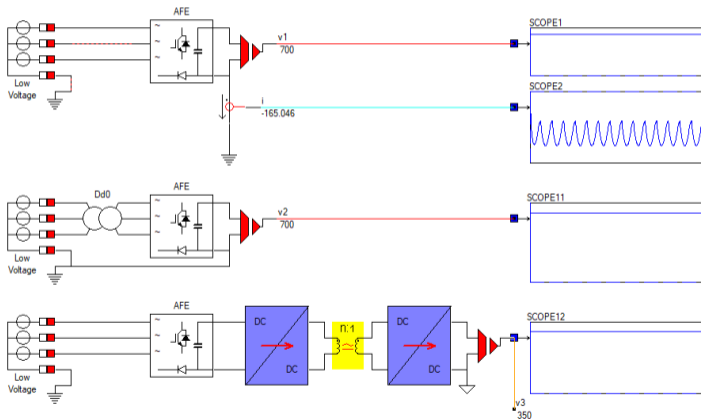
- Controlled current flow per appliance
- Islanding operation
- No communication required



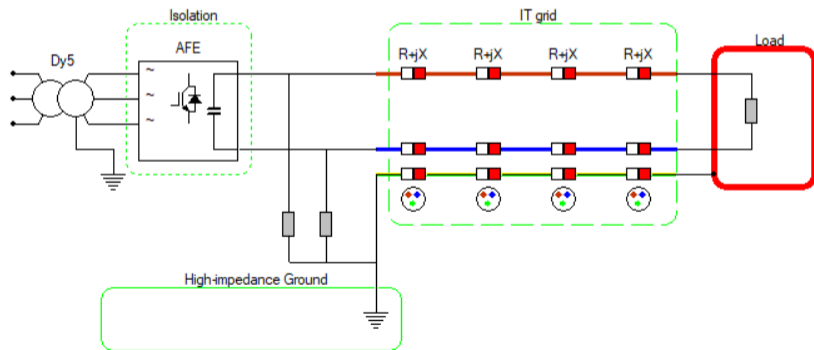
## DC grid selectivity and protection?

# Protection and/or selectivity in the DC Grid?

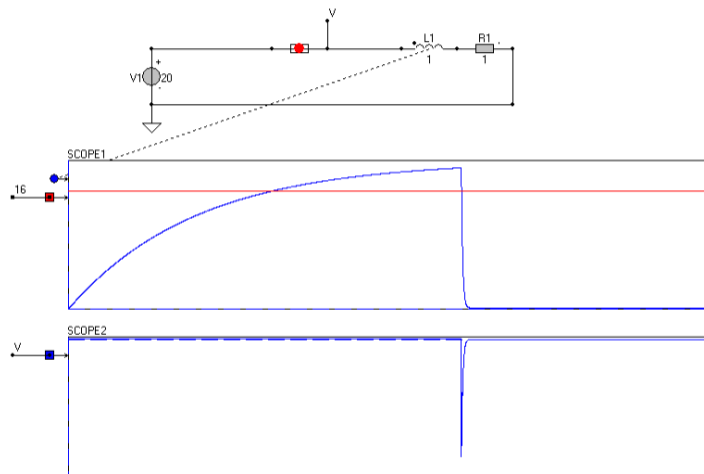
# When grounding, the DC grid has to be isolated from the AC grid



You can choose an isolated Grid **IT** to implement earth leakage detection, but your grid is floating!

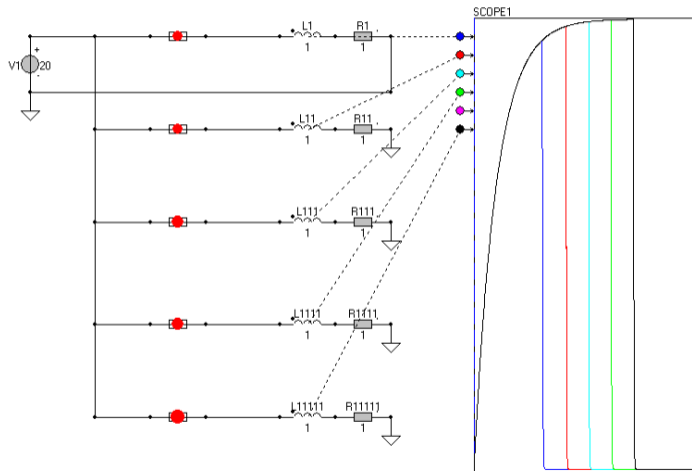


# Fuse?

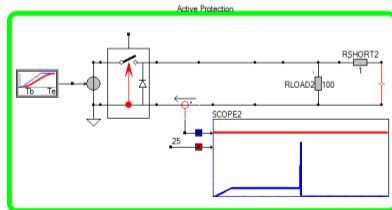
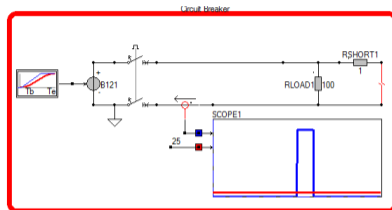




# Fuse?



# RoCoC Rate of Change of Current

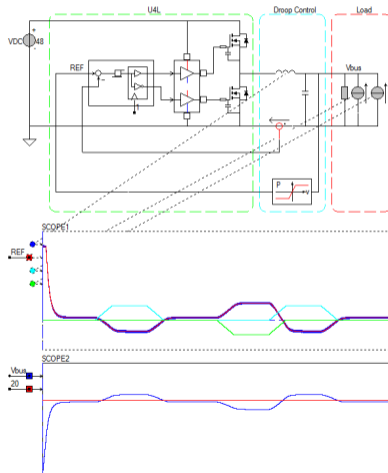


## DC grid stability?

# How to predict and ensure stability in the DC Grid

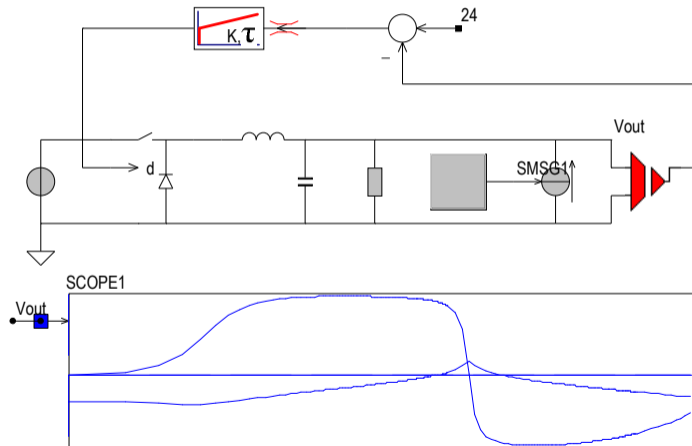
# Static stability depends in Droop Control Characteristics

- Droop characteristic per appliance
- Low Bandwidth
- Stand alone operation



# Dynamic stability depends on input and output impedance

- $Z_{out} < Z_{in}$
- Middlebrooks  
Stability Criterion



## DC Grid: Protect or Control?

- Centralized or Decentralized
- Control
- Protection
- Stability

Thanks for your attention!