



Off-Grid Systems with Sunny Island Battery Inverters:

System Design

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WHO IS PRESENTING?



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MAIN GOAL



- 1 After these webinar you can understand much better the main applications of Sunny Island inverters for off-grid projects

MAIN TOPICS



1

SMA Solutions

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Sunny Island inverters

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Main applications in Off-grid mode for single-cluster systems

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













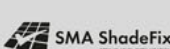





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






























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We wish you a successful training!



SMA Solutions

WORLD WIDE		HOME				
USE CASES	Generate solar power	Store solar power	Manage energy	Refuel with solar power	Be your own grid	
HARDWARE	 SUNNY BOY 1.5/2.0/2.5					
	 SUNNY BOY 3.0/3.6/4.0/5.0/6.0	 SUNNY BOY STORAGE 2.5	 SUNNY HOME MANAGER 2.0		 SUNNY ISLAND 4.4M/6.0H/8.0H	
	 SUNNY TRIPOWER 3.0/4.0/5.0/6.0					
	 SUNNY TRIPOWER 8.0/10.0	 SUNNY BOY STORAGE 3.7/5.0/6.0	 SMA ENERGY METER		 SUNNY ISLAND US 6048	
	 SUNNY BOY 5.5V-IP	 SUNNY BOY STORAGE US 3.8/5.0/6.0	 SMA DATA MANAGER M LITE	 SMA EV CHARGER 7.4 / 22		
	 SUNNY BOY US 3.0/3.8/5.0/6.0/7.0/7.7	 SUNNY ISLAND 4.4M/6.0H/8.0H	 SMA POWER LIMITER		 SUNNY ISLAND US 6048 SPLITPHASE	
	 SUNSPEC RAPID SHUTDOWN (US ONLY)					
SOFTWARE	 SUNNY DESIGN powered by enverox	 SUNNY PORTAL powered by enverox	 SUNNY PLACES	 SMA 360 Professional Support	 SMA ENERGY The energy transition in your hand.	 SMA ShadeFix SHADE LOSS OPTIMIZATION
SERVICES	 Smart Connected	 Extended Warranty	 Remote Service	 Repowering	 Solar Academy Training	

WORLD WIDE		BUSINESS				
USE CASES		Generate solar power	Store solar power	Manage energy	Be your own grid	
HARDWARE		 SUNNY TRIPOWER 15/20/25000L	 SUNNY TRIPOWER STORAGE 60	 SMA DATA MANAGER M	 SUNNY ISLAND 4.4M/6.0H/8.0H	
		 SUNNY TRIPOWER 25000L IP		 SMA DATA MANAGER M LITE	 SUNNY ISLAND US 6048 120/208V	
HARDWARE		 SUNNY TRIPOWER CORE 1 IP (30 kW)	 SMA STORAGE BUSINESS (76 kWh)	 SMA ENERGY METER	 MULTICLUSTER 6/12/36	
		 SUNNY TRIPOWER CORE 1 US (33.3 / 50 / 62.5 kW)			 MULTICLUSTER BOX 12U	
HARDWARE		 SUNNY TRIPOWER CORE 2 (110 kW)				
SOFTWARE		 SUNNY DESIGN powered by enverox	 SUNNY PORTAL powered by enverox	 SMA 360 Professional Support	 SMA ENERGY The energy transition in your hand.	 SMA ShadeFix SHADE LOSS OPTIMIZATION
SERVICES		 Smart Connected	 Commissioning Support	 Extended Warranty	 Operation & Maintenance	 Repowering
				 Solar Academy Training	 SMA SPOT More Solar Power on Trade	
WORLD WIDE		LARGE SCALE				
USE CASES		Generate solar power	Store power	Manage energy		
HARDWARE		 SUNNY HIGHPOWER PEAK (100 kW/1000 V + 150 kW/1500 V)	 SMA DC-DC CONVERTER	 SUNNY CENTRAL STORAGE UP (2200 - 4600 kW)	 SMA DATA MANAGER L	
		 SUNNY HIGHPOWER PEAK (100 kW + 143 kW)		 SUNNY HIGHPOWER PEAK (125 kW + 150 kW)	 HYBRID CONTROLLER	
		 SUNNY CENTRAL (1850 - 4600 kW)	 SUNNY CENTRAL (UP) (2200 - 4600 kW)	 SUNNY CENTRAL (UP) US (1850 - 4600 kW)		
		 MEDIUM VOLTAGE POWER STATION		 MEDIUM VOLTAGE POWER STATION	 POWER PLANT MANAGER	
SOFTWARE		 SMA VIRTUAL SUPPORT	 SUNNY PORTAL powered by enverox			
SERVICES		 Smart Connected	 Commissioning Support	 Extended Warranty	 Response Time	 Virtual Support
				 Engineering Services	 Operation & Maintenance	 Repowering
				 Remote Service	 Solar Academy Training	



Sunny Island battery inverter

APPLICATIONS



Functions for Grid Operation

SMA
Sunny Island
inverters

Functions for Off-grid Operation



FUNCTIONS FOR GRID OPERATION



SMA
Sunny Island
inverters

Functions for Grid Operation



(self-consumption systems)



Public grid



Country Standard



Operation
mode

FUNCTIONS FOR GRID OPERATION



SUNNY ISLAND 8.0H



Home



Select application

Select application

Functions for grid operation

Operation mode

- Self-consumption only
- Backup only
- Self-consumption and backup
- Self-consumption only

Selecting the Country Data Set

In order to change the current country data set, you must additionally log in with your personal SMA Grid Guard code.

SMA Grid Guard login

Country standard

[DE] VDE-AR-N4105:2018 Storage > 4.6 kVA

Set country standard

Back

Save and next

User information

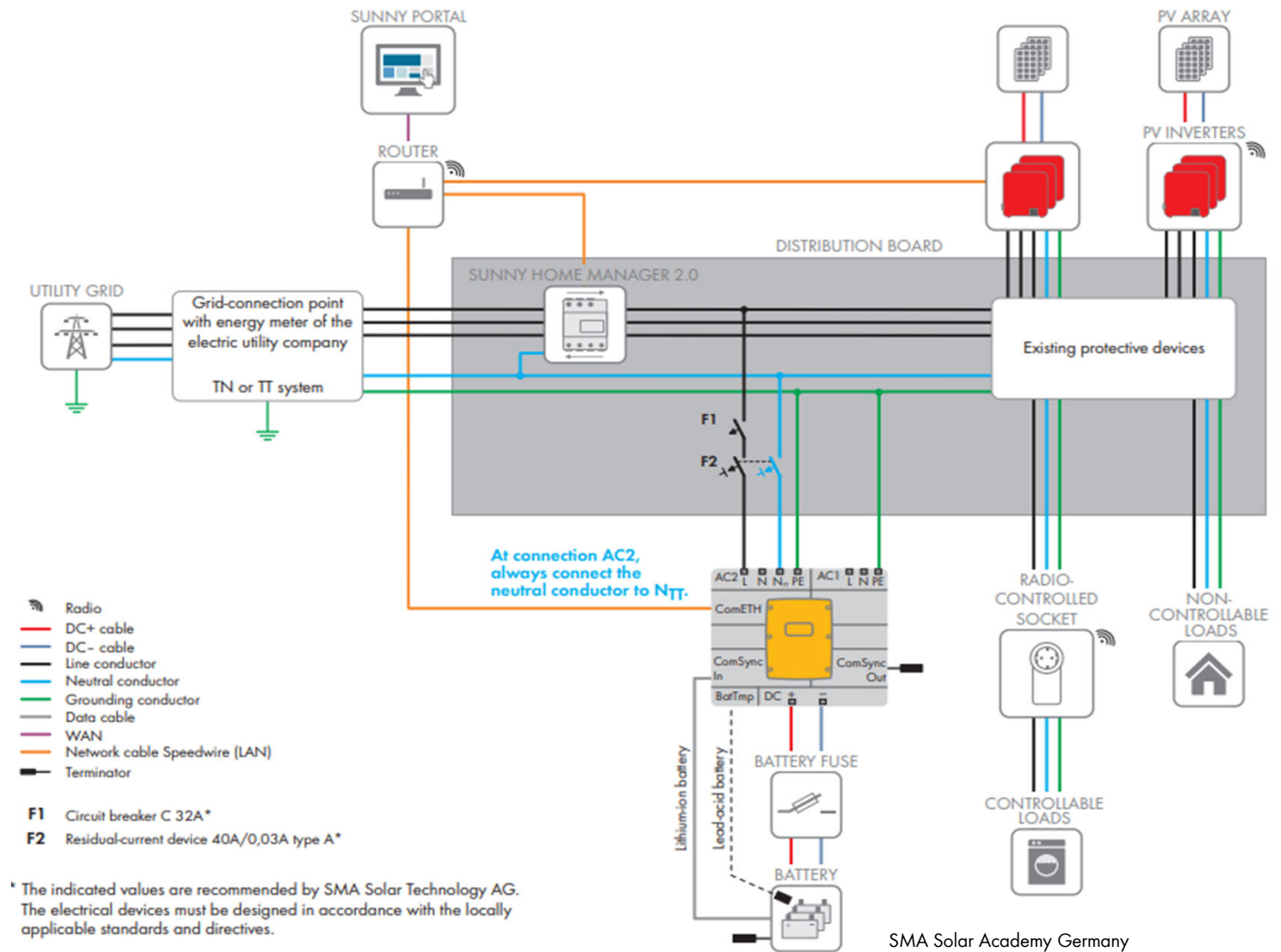
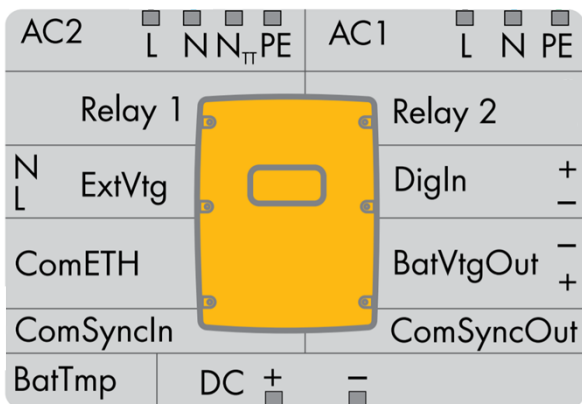
Select application

If the inverter is to form a self-sufficient utility grid, select the stand-alone mode and set the nominal voltage and frequency of the utility grid. If the inverter is used in a storage system for increased self-consumption or in a battery-backup system, select grid operation and set the function of the system.

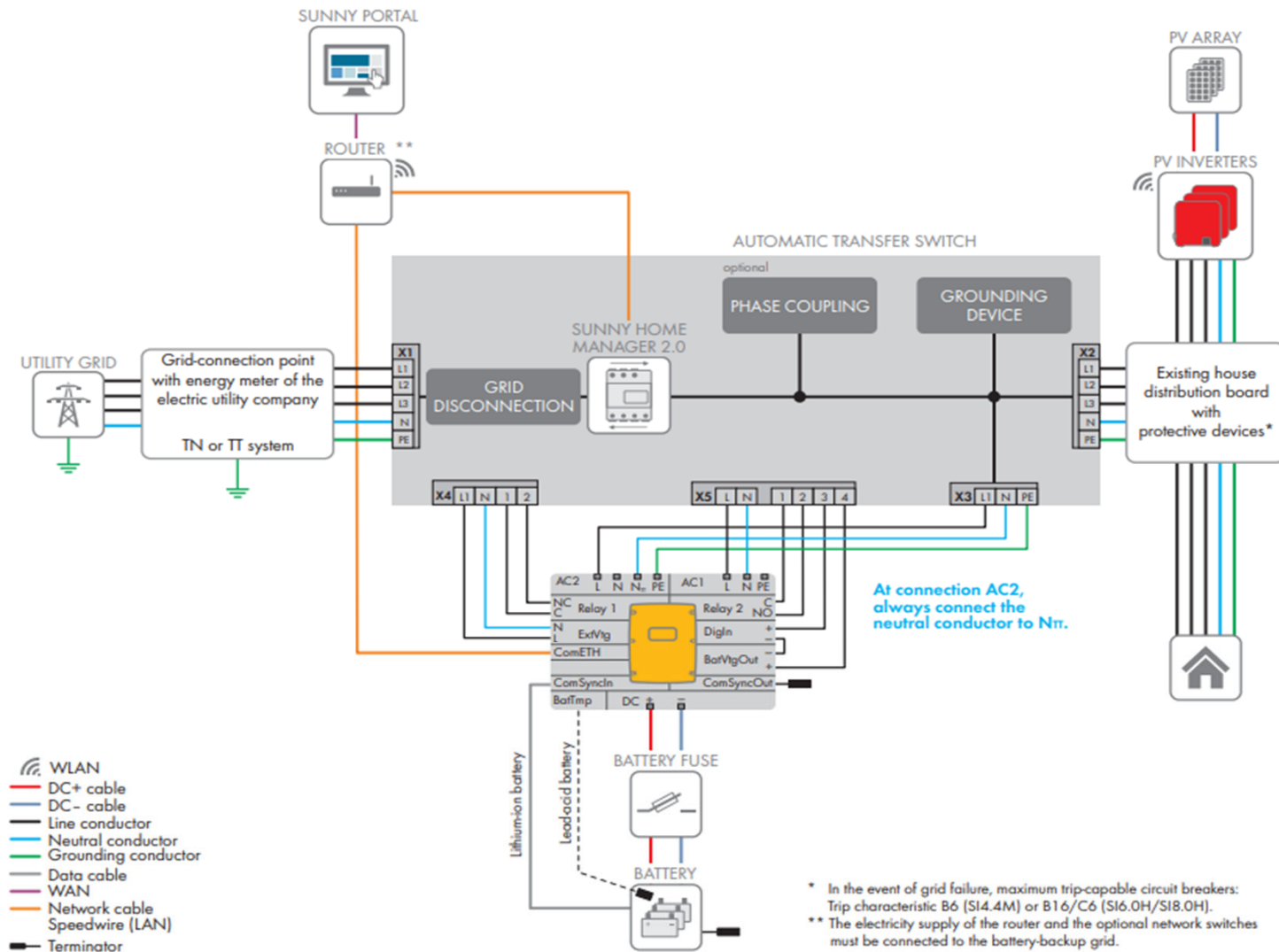
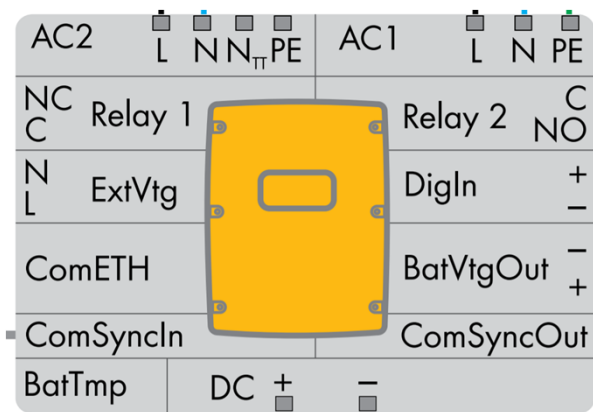
Selecting the Country Data Set

Select the country data set valid for your application. The country data set contains special default settings of the device parameters on the grid side to meet the corresponding grid-connection standard. The selection of the correct country data set depends on the installation site and the grid-connection standard applicable on-site. Contact your grid operator, if necessary. Depending on the application, it might be necessary to adjust further device parameters after completion of the installation assistant in order to meet the respective grid connection standard.

EXAMPLE 1



EXAMPLE 2





FUNCTIONS FOR OFF-GRID OPERATION



SMA
Sunny Island
inverters

Functions for Off-grid Operation



(off-grid systems) ➔ Autonomous grid



Nominal voltage and frequency



Island mode

FUNCTIONS FOR OFF-GRID OPERATION



SUNNY ISLAND 8.0H



Home



Select application

Select application

Functions for offgrid operation



Nominal voltage and frequency

230V_50Hz

220V_60Hz

230V_50Hz



Selecting the Country Data Set

Country standard

Island mode

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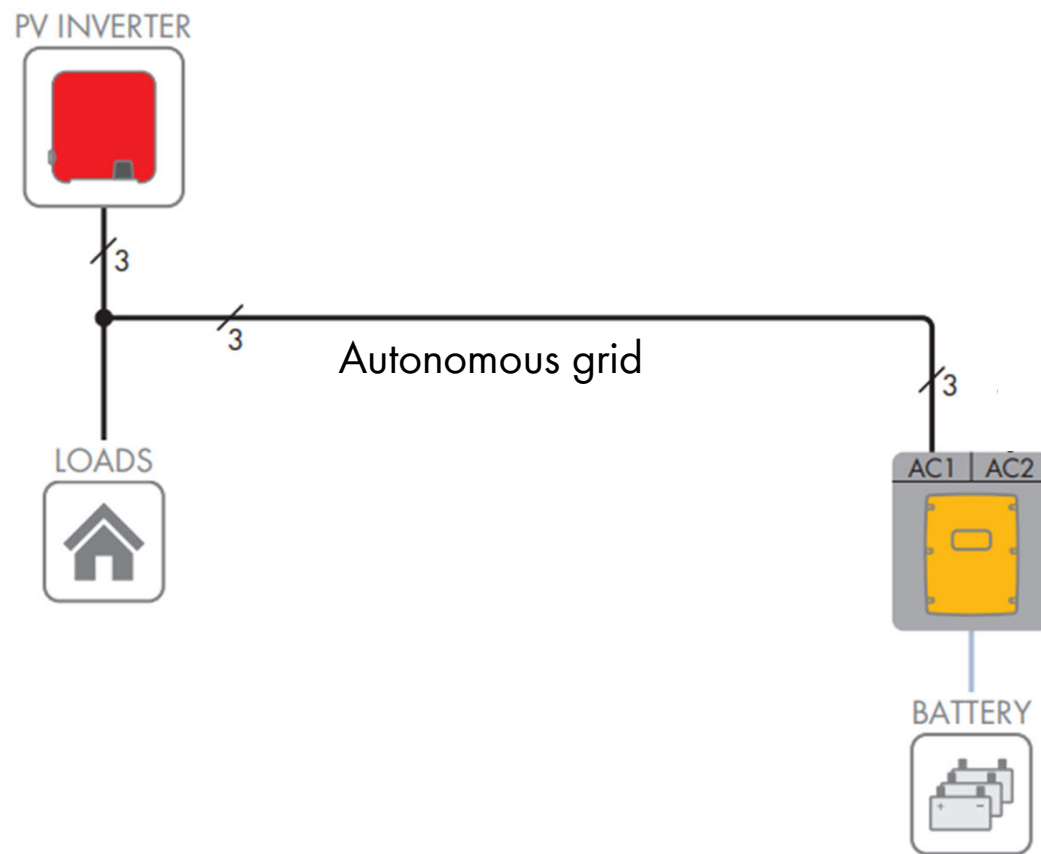
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

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FUNCTIONS FOR OFF-GRID OPERATION OFF-GRID WITHOUT AN EXTERNAL SOURCE

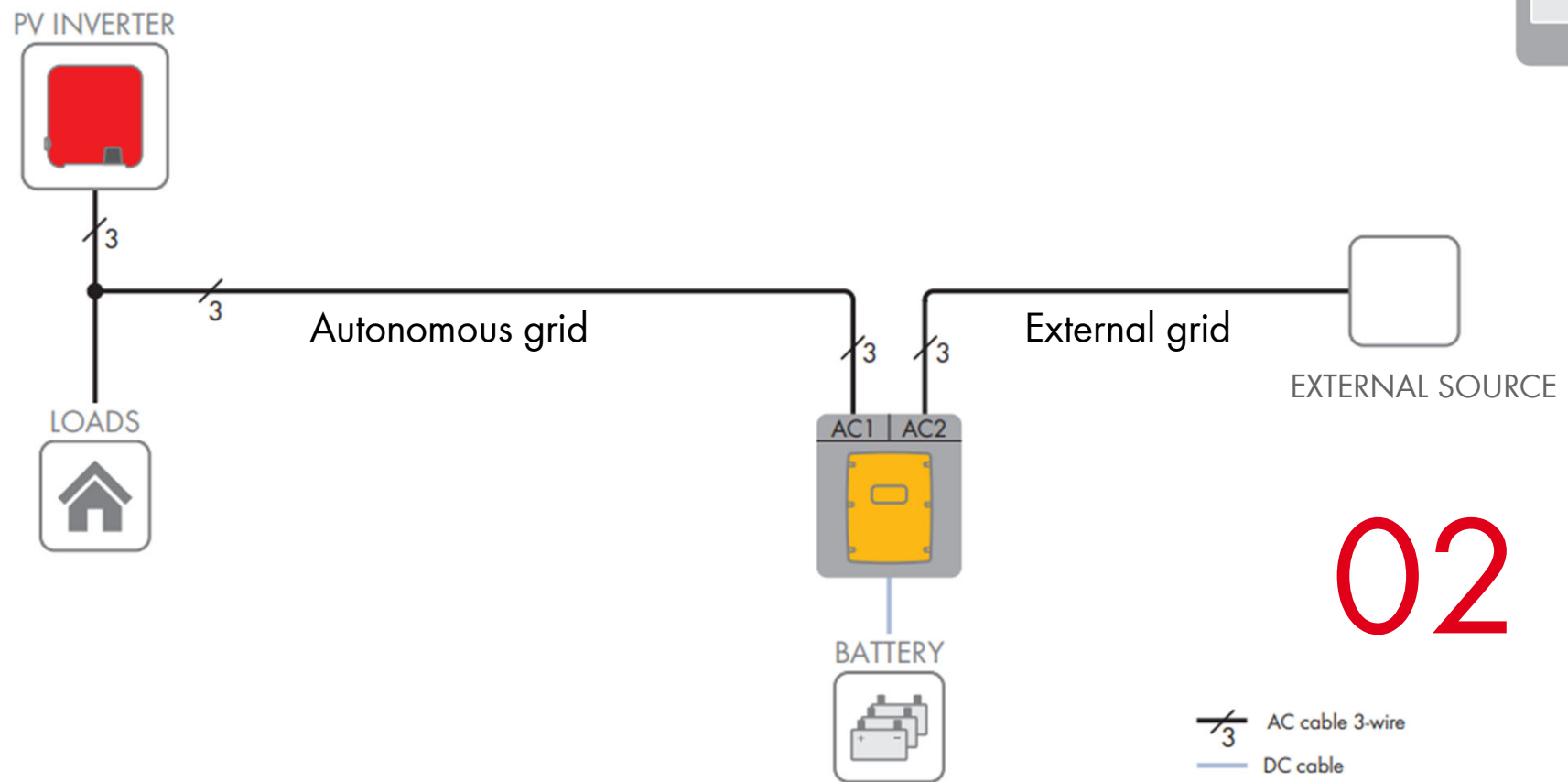


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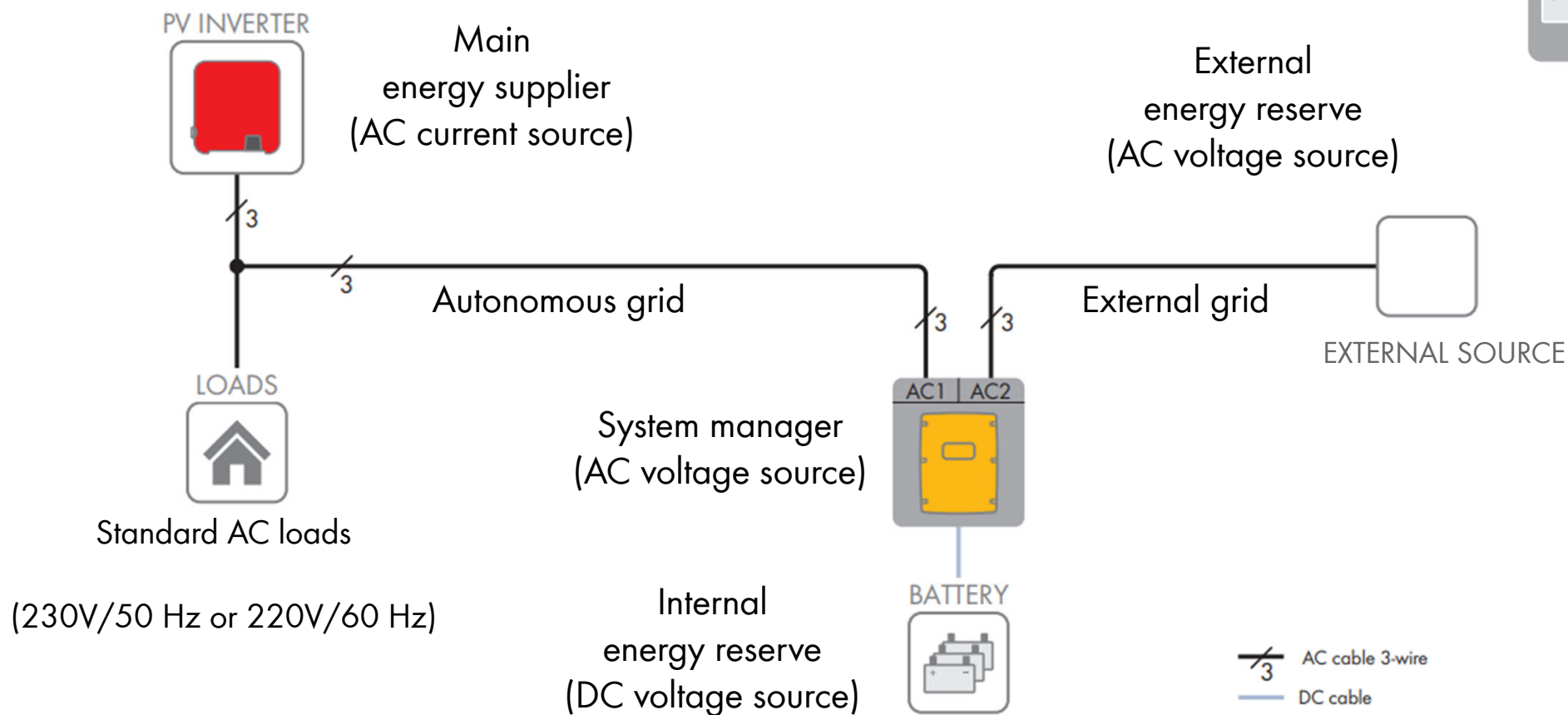
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 DC cable

FUNCTIONS FOR OFF-GRID OPERATION

OFF-GRID WITH AN EXTERNAL SOURCE

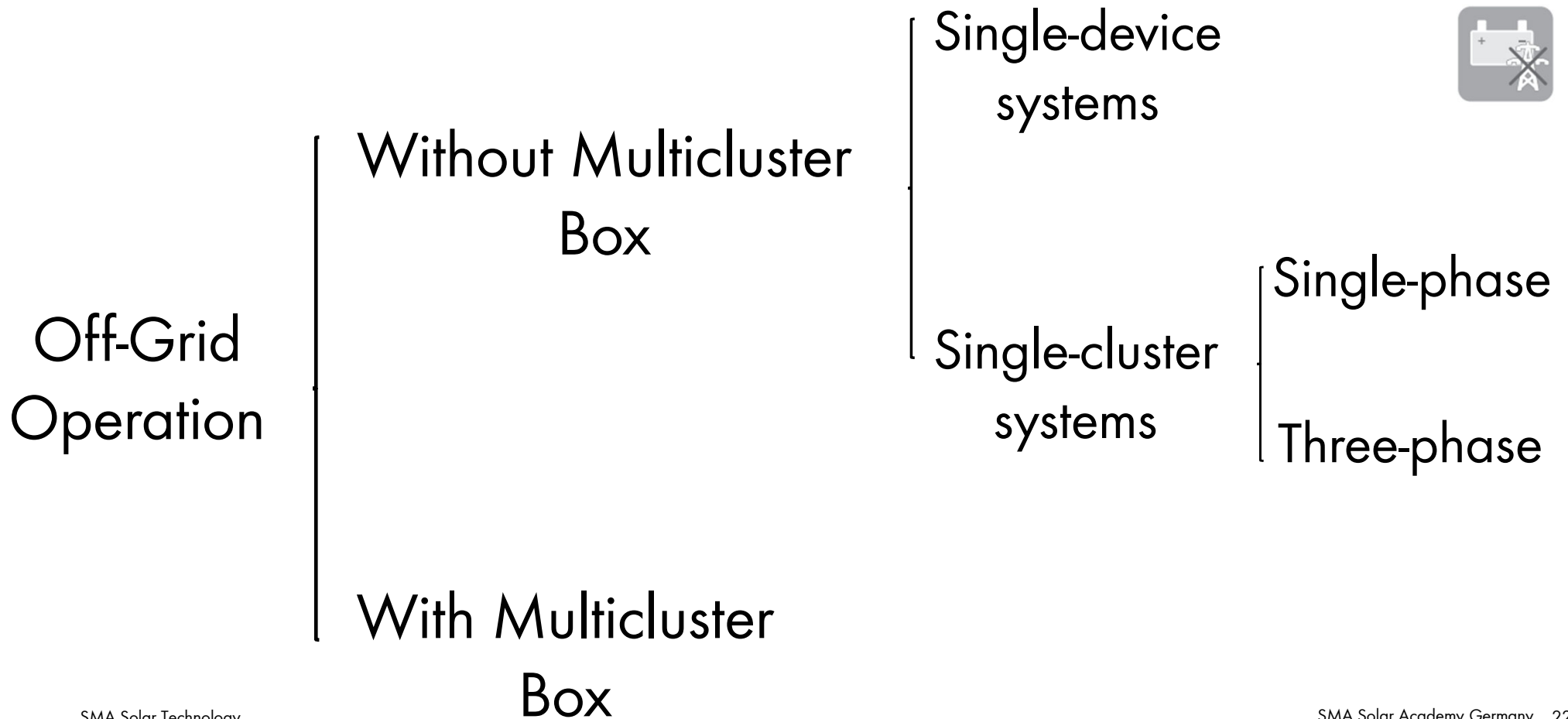


FUNCTIONS FOR OFF-GRID OPERATION SUB-SYSTEMS



FUNCTIONS FOR OFF-GRID OPERATION

SUB – TOPOLOGIES



FUNCTIONS FOR OFF-GRID OPERATION SUB – TOPOLOGIES



Off-Grid
Operation

Multi-Cluster
systems

MC- Box 6.3-11 / 36.3-11

MC- Box 12.3-20



SUNNY ISLAND BATTERY INVERTER (IEC) MAIN FEATURES



SUNNY ISLAND 4.4M / 6.0H / 8.0H

The most reliable all-purpose solution – easier than ever

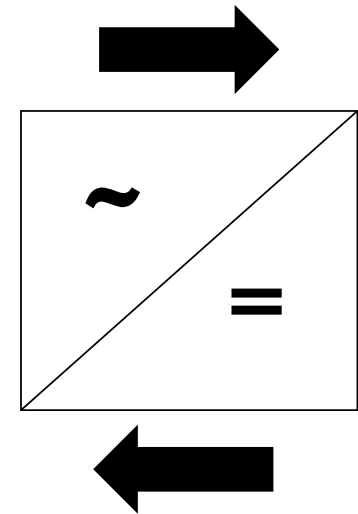


SUNNY ISLAND BATTERY INVERTER (IEC)

MAIN FEATURES



- The Sunny Island battery inverter is a bidirectional DC/AC converter which supports a wide range of applications



SUNNY ISLAND BATTERY INVERTER (IEC)

MAIN FEATURES



SUNNY ISLAND 6.0H / 8.0H-13
(IEC)



SUNNY ISLAND 4.4M-13
(IEC)

SUNNY ISLAND BATTERY INVERTER (IEC) ¹

MAIN FEATURES



SI 4.4M-13



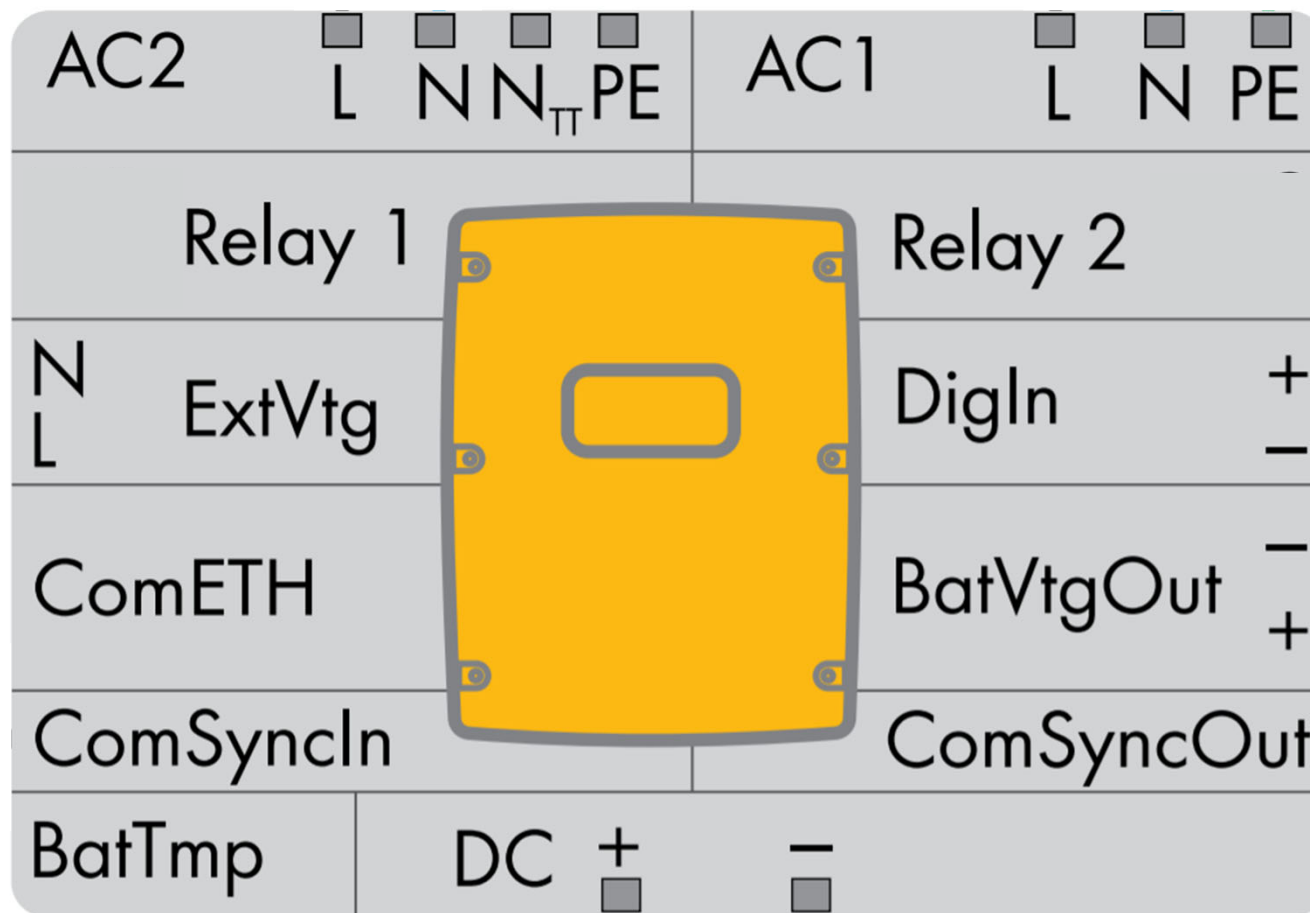
SI 6.0H-13



SI 8.0H-13

AC power: 25 °C /continuously/cos φ =1	3300	4600	6000	W
AC power: 25 °C / 30 min / cos φ =1	4400	6000	8000	W
AC power: 25 °C / 5 min / cos φ =1	4600	6800	9100	W
AC power: 25 °C / 3 s / cos φ =1	5500	11000	11000	W

SUNNY ISLAND BATTERY INVERTER (IEC)



SUNNY ISLAND BATTERY INVERTER (IEC)

MAIN FEATURES



- SMA offers the Sunny Island inverter M for small systems :

SI 4.4M-13

- Maximum 1 x SI 4.4 M-13 per single-phase system
- Maximum 3 x SI 4.4 M-13 per three-phase system
- I-loop

1. Single-device System
(Single-phase)

2. Single-Cluster System
(Three-phase)



SUNNY ISLAND BATTERY INVERTER (IEC)

MAIN FEATURES



- SMA offers the Sunny Island inverters H for medium- and large systems :

SI 8.0H-13 & SI 6.0H-13

- Maximum 3 x SI 8.0/6.0H-13 per single-phase system
- Maximum 36 x SI 8.0/6.0H-13 per three-phase system
- Only same Sunny Island type in each cluster supported
- Different cluster types in an multi-cluster system supported
- V-loop

1. Single-device System
(Single-phase)

3. Single-Cluster System
(Three-phase)



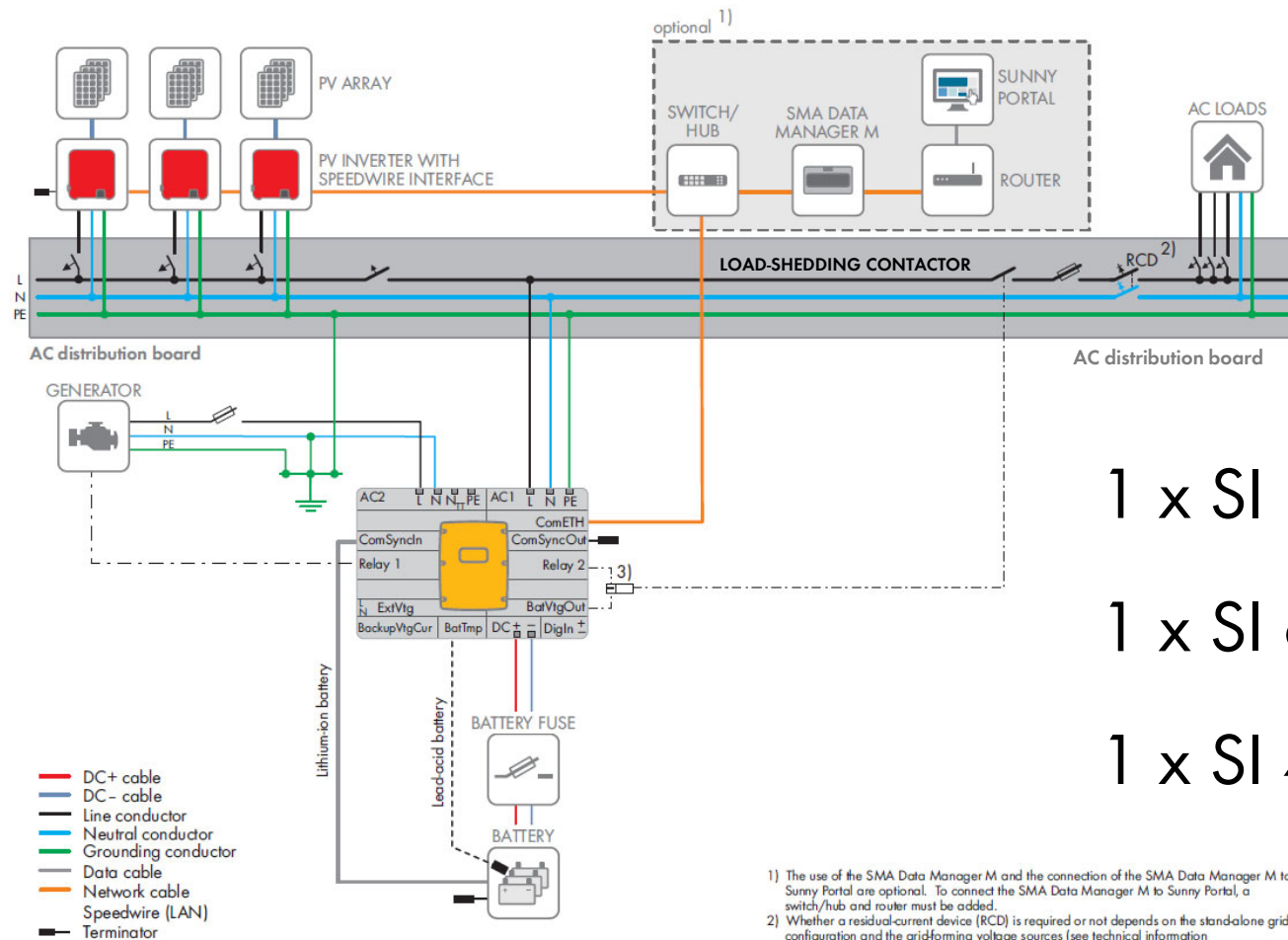
2. Single-Cluster System
(Single-phase)

4. Multi-Cluster System
(Three-phase)

1. SINGLE-DEVICE SYSTEM



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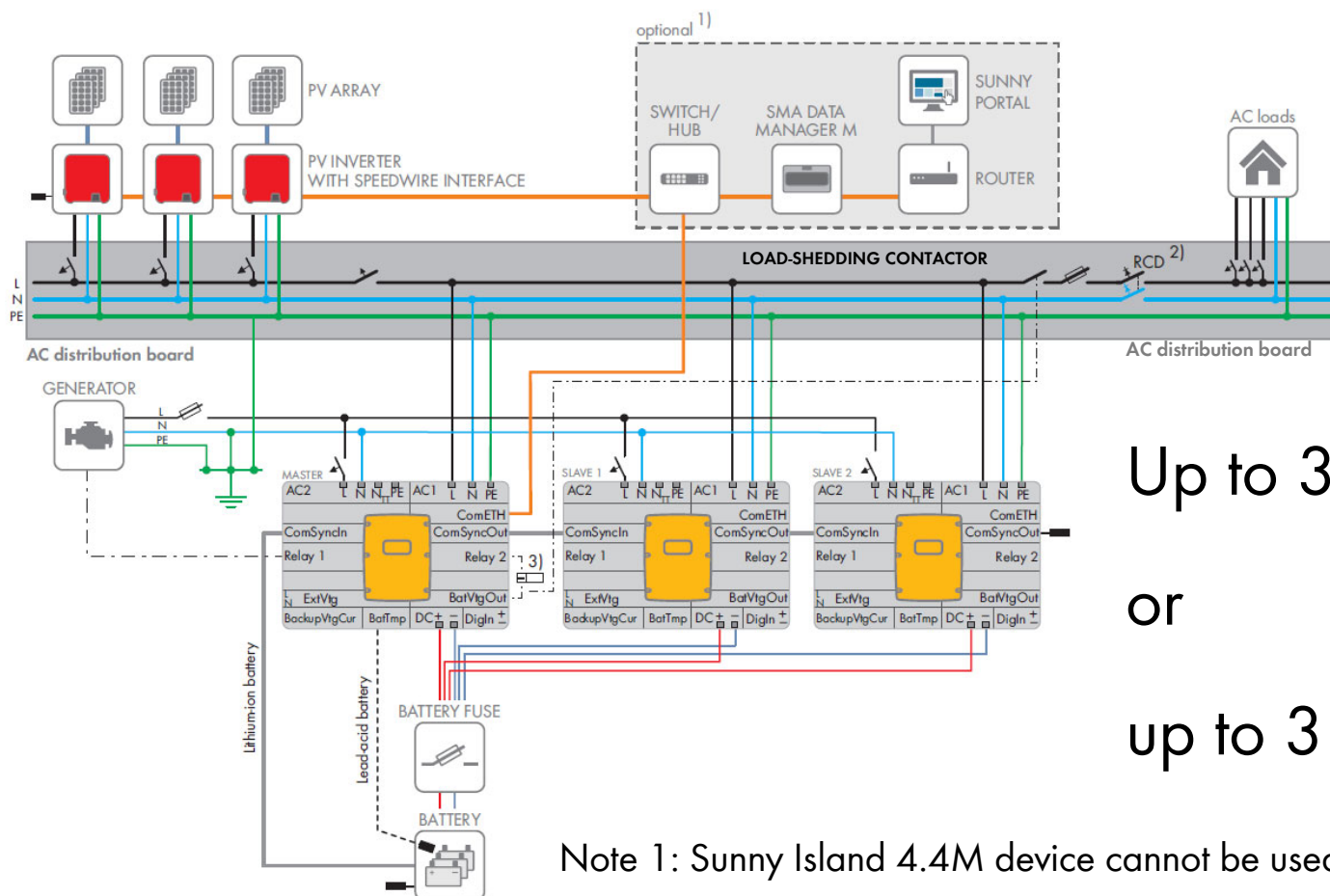
1 x SI 8.0 H-13 or
1 x SI 6.0 H-13 or
1 x SI 4.4 M-13

- 1) The use of the SMA Data Manager M and the connection of the SMA Data Manager M to Sunny Portal are optional. To connect the SMA Data Manager M to Sunny Portal, a switch/hub and router must be added.
- 2) Whether a residual-current device (RCD) is required or not depends on the standalone grid configuration and the grid-forming voltage sources (see technical information "Grounding in Off-Grid Systems").
- 3) DC-supplied contactor.

2. SINGLE-PHASE SINGLE-CLUSTER SYSTEM ¹



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Up to 3 x SI 8.0 H-13

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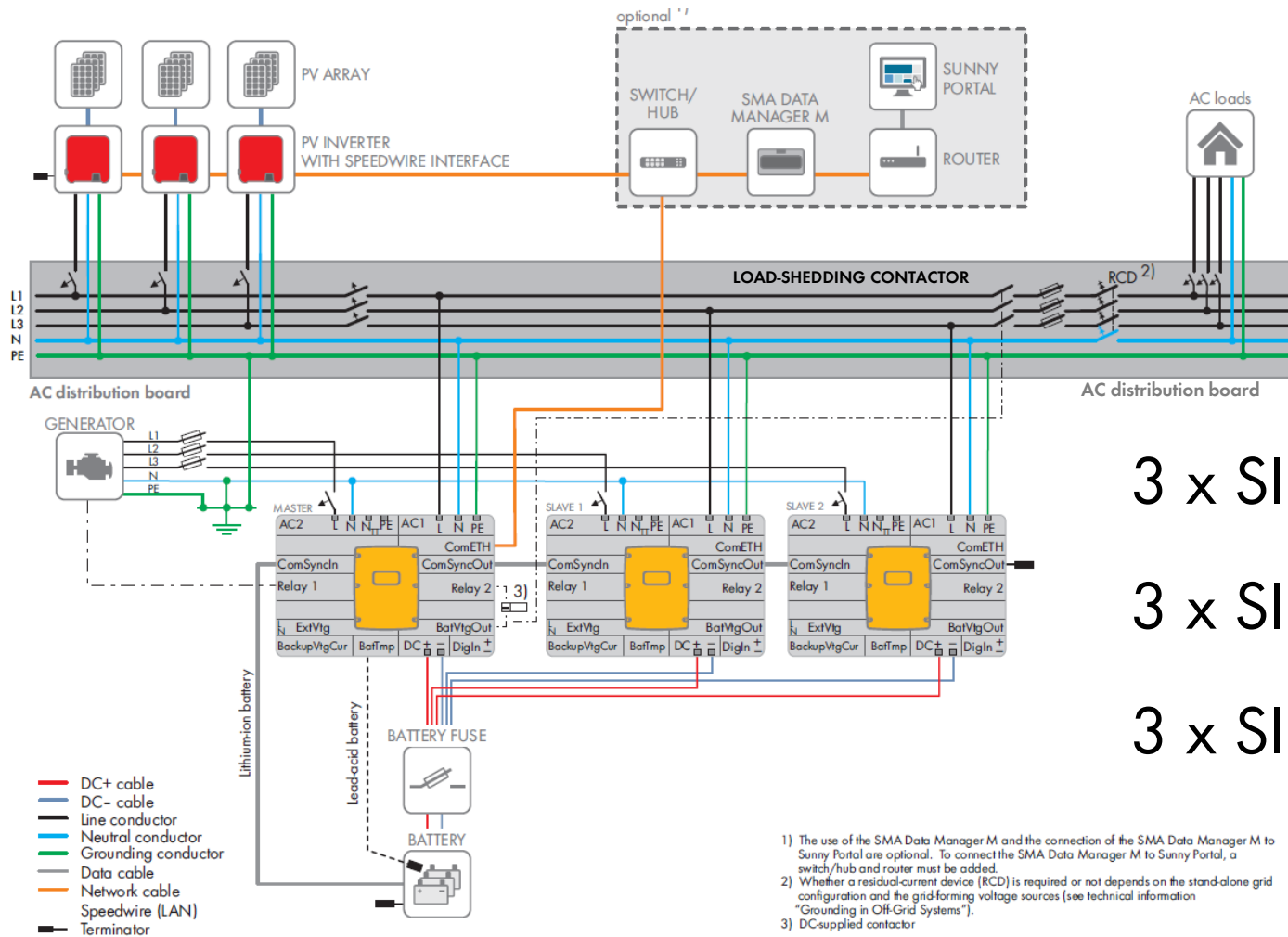
up to 3 x SI 6.0 H-13

Note 1: Sunny Island 4.4M device cannot be used in single-phase single-cluster systems

3. THREE-PHASE SINGLE-CLUSTER SYSTEM



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3 x SI 6.0 H-13 or

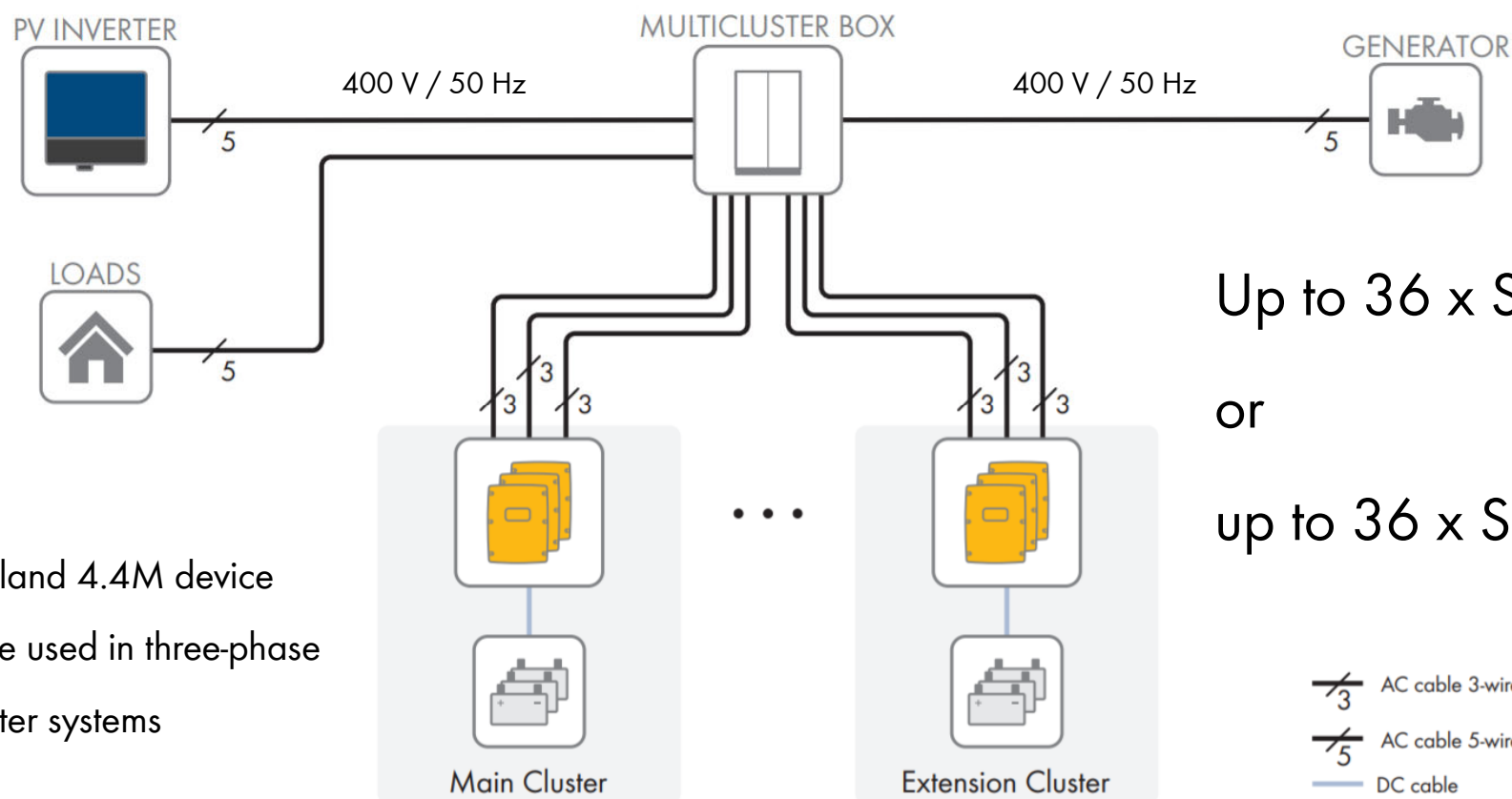
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4. THREE-PHASE MULTI-CLUSTER SYSTEM ²



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Note 2: Sunny Island 4.4M device cannot be used in three-phase multi-cluster systems

MULTI-CLUSTER BOXES



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MC-Box 36.3-11

MC-Box 12.3-20

MC-Box 6.3-11

Single-device and single-cluster systems

MAIN APPLICATIONS WITHOUT THE MULTICLUSTER BOX



Off-Grid
Operation

Without Multicluster
Box

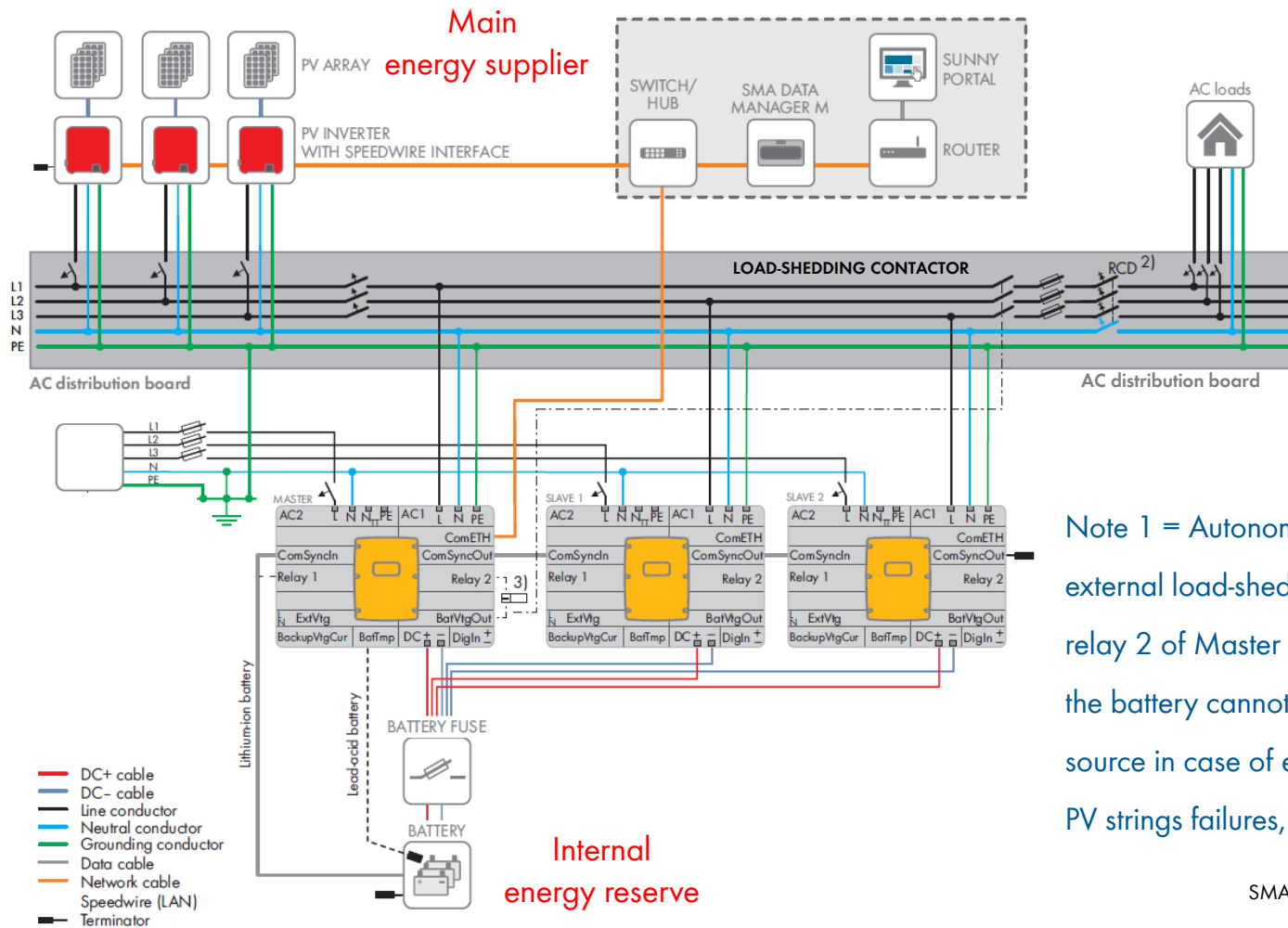
- 01 PV plant without external source
- 02 PV plant and Diesel generator
- 03 PV plant and utility grid
- 04 Utility grid
- 05 Utility grid and PV plant

With Multicluster
Box

01 PV PLANT WITHOUT AN EXTERNAL SOURCE ¹



01



Load-shedding contactor highly recommended



Note 1 = Autonomous grid is connected to AC1 / external load-shedding contactor controlled by relay 2 of Master / not recommended because the battery cannot be charged by an external source in case of emergency (worst weather, PV strings failures, too high demand,...)

02 PV PLANT AND DIESEL GENERATOR ²

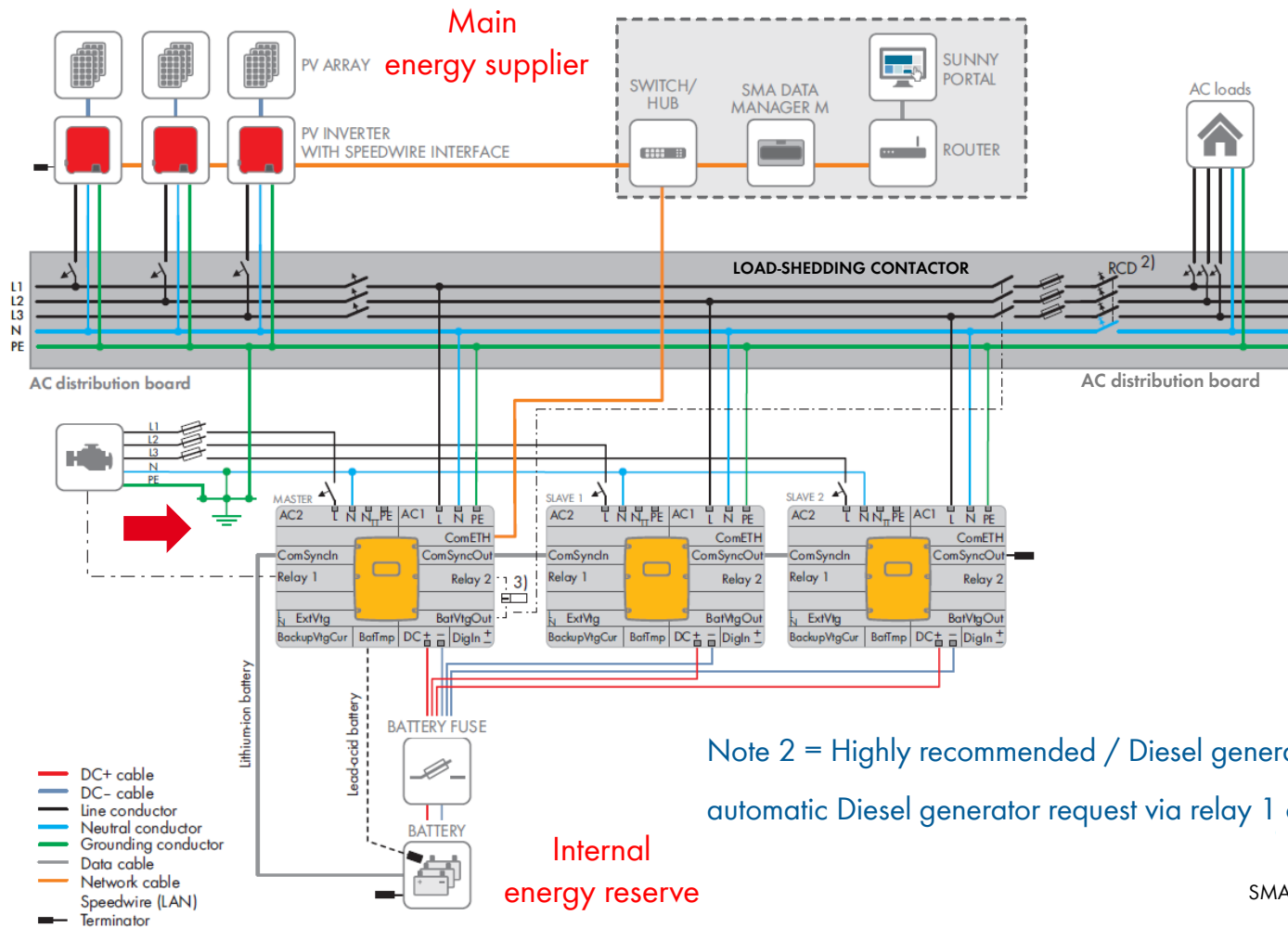


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External
energy reserve

Diesel generator
start / stop
depending
on
State of Charge
(SoC)
of battery

SMA Solar Technology



Load-shedding
contactor recommended

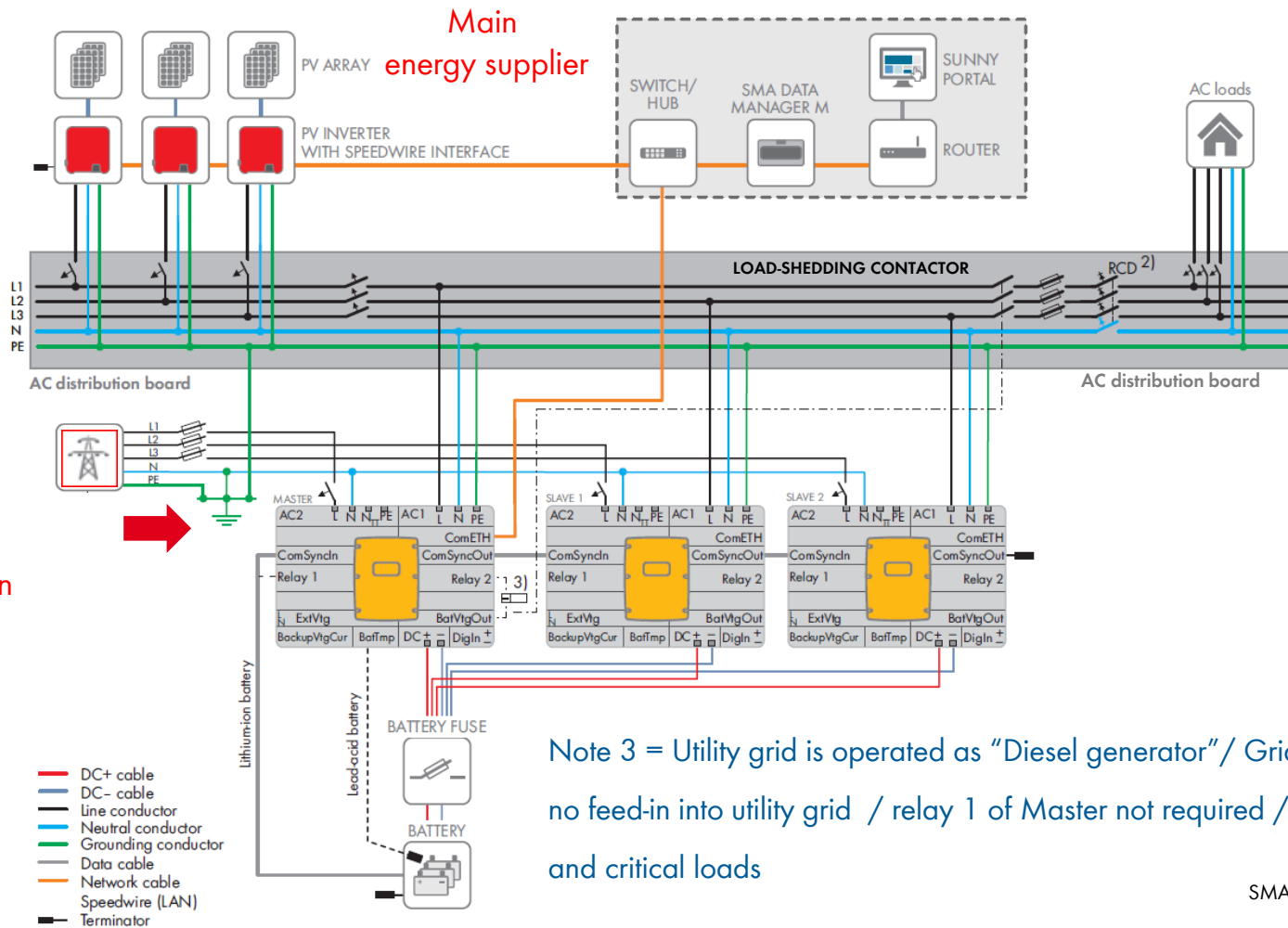


Note 2 = Highly recommended / Diesel generator is connected to AC2 /
automatic Diesel generator request via relay 1 of Master / no reverse power

03 PV PLANT AND UTILITY GRID ³



03



Load-shedding
contactor optional



External
energy reserve

Utility grid
connection/disconnection
depending
on
State of Charge
(SoC)
of
battery

Note 3 = Utility grid is operated as "Diesel generator" / Grid is connected to AC2 / no feed-in into utility grid / relay 1 of Master not required / best solution for weak grids and critical loads

04 UTILITY GRID ⁴



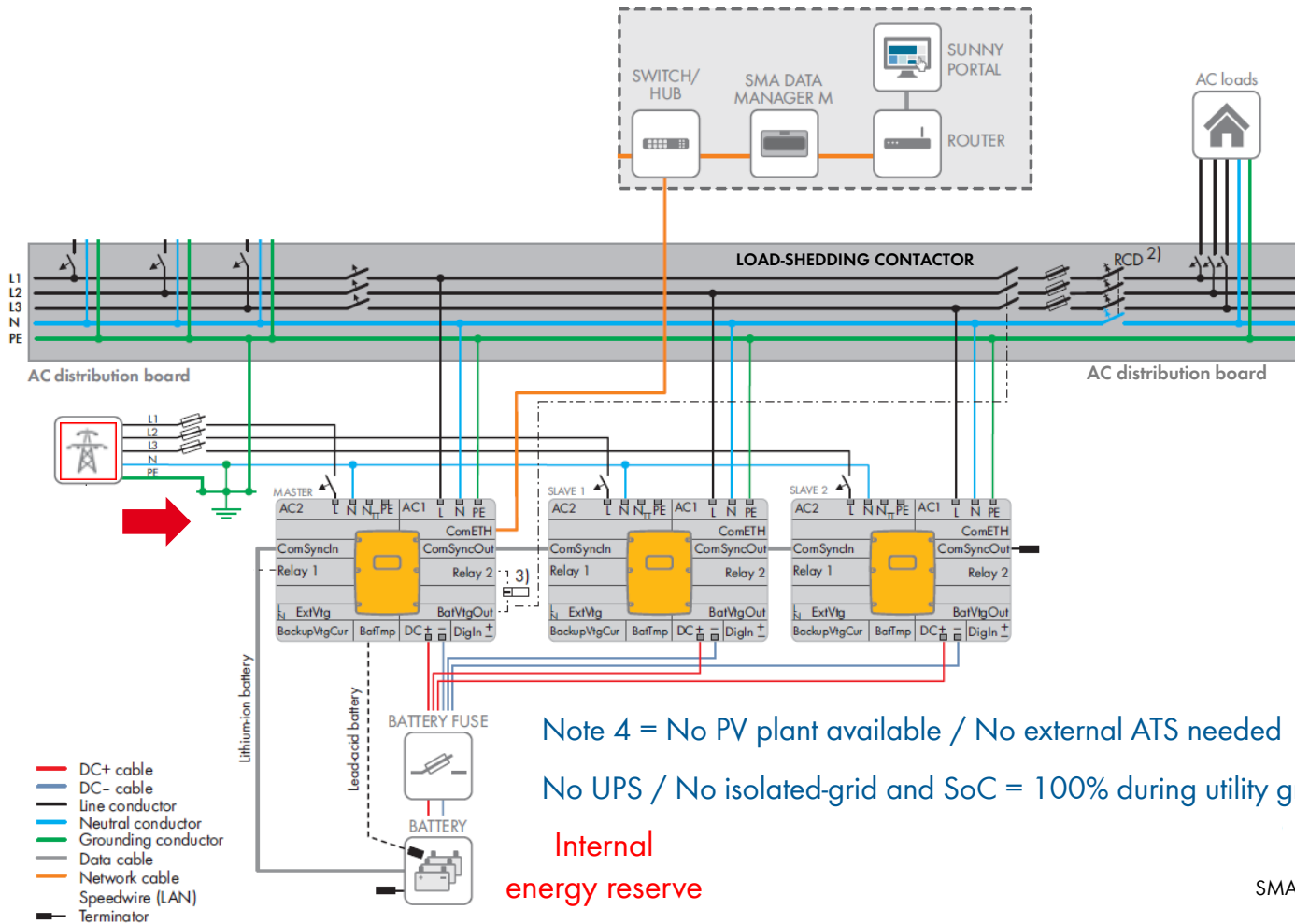
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Main
energy supplier

Utility grid
permanently connected

Internal
energy reserve

Load-shedding
contactor highly recommended

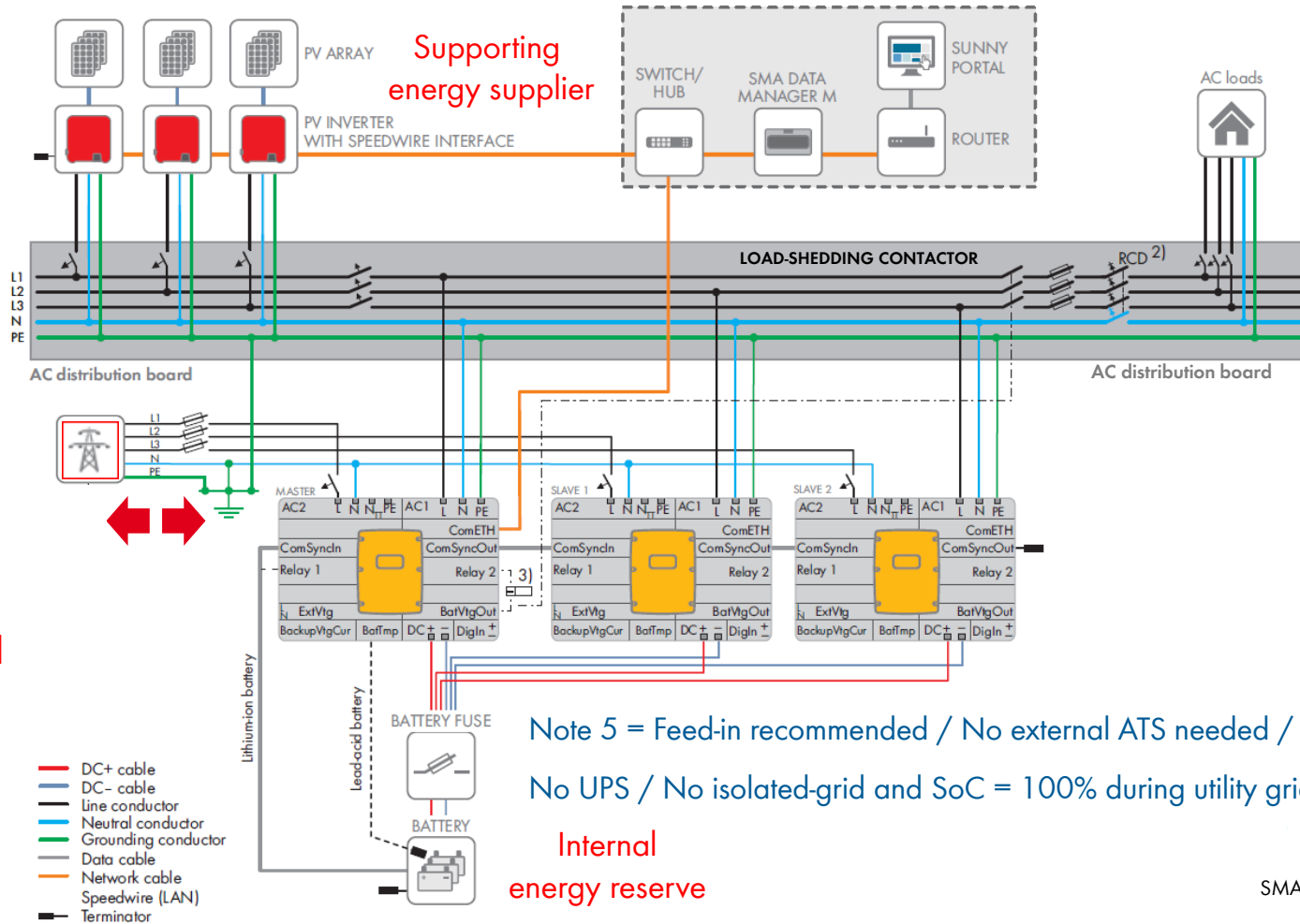


Note 4 = No PV plant available / No external ATS needed / short-term storage system /
No UPS / No isolated-grid and SoC = 100% during utility grid operation

05 UTILITY GRID AND PV PLANT ⁵



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The background of the slide is a photograph of a sunlit field with tall grass and wildflowers. On the left, the dark trunks of trees are visible, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, hazy glow.

Thank you!

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