Electrical Distribution System Optimisation for Marine Applications

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Main Objectives

- Development of a new technology of Power Generation and Distribution System for Marine Applications.
- Improving the nowadays existing AC based classic solutions in terms of : Energy Efficiency, Fuel consumption and Emissions (20%*), Volume (25%*), Weight (25%*) and Maintenance requirements, Cost, and Ship functionality.
- Complying and fulfilling the requirements of classification standards in terms of system protection and operation availability.





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Technological Challenges

- Robustness and Stability of the DC bus must be guaranteed for all the operating conditions. Multiple and high coupled Nonlinear Constant Power Loads are present.
- More Control Degrees of Freedom: The Optimisation of Energy and Power flows becomes a high complex task, but the benefit in terms of fuel consumption could be high.
- System Protection and Selectivity in case of electrical fault must be assured: At Power converter level, at DC Distribution network level. Coordination needed to prevent blackouts. DC Breakers in coordination with the Power Converters.







Project Main Activities



> WP1: Power Generation and DC distribution Analysis (2014)

- Methodology for the Analysis and Dimensioning of the entire system.
- Definition of the evaluation scenario. Analysis of Power demands in Vessels.
- Application of the methodology. System Optimization. Optimal Design.
- Evaluation of the benefits obtained.

> WP2: Protection of DC Distribution System (2014-Mid2015)

- Identification of failure conditions and the worst operation conditions.
- Evaluation of different protection strategies.
- Design and Development of the protections at component level.
- Design and Development of the protections coordination strategy at system level.

WP3: Experimental evaluation (2015)

- Small Scale Prototype Design and Development
- Definition, Execution and Validation of Test Protocols







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