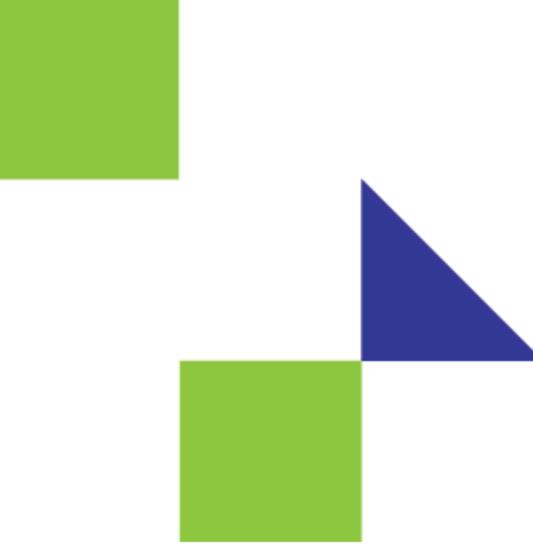




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Open Rack V2.1 Standard Compliant 48V System Design

High Efficiency Power and Lithium BBU units

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Why 48 Volt DC?

- OCP has traditionally supported 12 volt systems, with great success, so why change to 48 volt?
 - Power Density
 - Efficiency, Rack and Site Level
 - Economy of Scale



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Why 48 Volt DC – Power Density

- As power densities increase, it becomes progressively more difficult to move the power to the payloads. A single 12 volt rack may require two or three 12 volt systems, each with its own bus bar, to avoid massive losses
- Each of these systems takes space away from revenue-generating payloads
- For the same wattage, increasing the voltage by 4X means reducing the current by 1/4X
- Current is directly proportional to heat and power loss, as well as to the amount of copper necessary to carry it
- *Generally, above 15kW per rack, 12 volt systems become too inefficient to manage*



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Why not 70 or 100 VDC?

- There are two main reasons for standardizing on 48 VDC:
 - 'Low Voltage'** is a recognized class of power delivery and allows for reduced safety requirements. DC power is only 'safe' at low voltages.
The limits vary, but are generally below 60 VDC:

NEC limit:	49 VDC
NFPA limit:	60 VDC
OCP limit:	59.5 VDC
 - Telco has used 48 VDC as the standard for decades, so there is a wealth of existing products and technologies supporting it.



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But Telco is negative (-)48 VDC?

- Telco standard is 48 VDC, but the polarity is NEG on the 48 VDC, and the RTN is the 0(+) VDC reference (ground)
- Telco standardized on -48 VDC to reduce corrosion on the wires by moving the corrosion to the framework (ground). This is important when a large part of the Telco infrastructure is outside.
- This is not a big issue in a Data Center, but a bigger issue is the total potential voltage:
 - Consider a Data Center with both +12 VDC and -48 VDC power supplies, there is a possibility of having more than 60 volt potential between two terminals, violating the low voltage limits
- Openrack V2 allows for both +48 and -48 VDC (A.2.2), but +48VDC is easier to support in a mixed environment



NOTE: Standard Telco -48 VDC equipment may not naturally function in a +48 VDC environment – may require modifications



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So where did 54.5 VDC come from?

- The Telco 48 VDC standard is actually the nominal voltage, but systems typically run at 52.5 VDC, 54.5 VDC, etc.
- This is due to battery charging requirements, for example:
 - A lead acid cell produces from about 2.2 volts, down to 1.75 volts at full discharge
 - A standard 12 volt battery has six cell, and a 48 volt system has four 12 volt batteries, so the voltage range from Charged to Discharged is about 53 VDC to 42 VDC
 - To fully charge the battery, a slightly high voltage is needed = 54.5 VDC (float voltage)
- NOTE: Consider the *low voltage* issue: from +12 VDC (actually 13.6) to -48 VDC (actually 54.5) creates a 68 VDC total potential voltage



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So where did 54.5 VDC come from? (continued)

- Many years ago, the Telco voltage level was actually 48 volts for the equipment, and a separate charging system handled the batteries, but this made the systems more complicated and less reliable.
- Connecting the batteries directly to the DC bus solves this issue.
- It is the simplest and most reliable method to provide backup power, but it does require the whole common bus to follow the battery voltage range.

Per OCP: 42V – 58 Vdc, output defaulted to 54.5V



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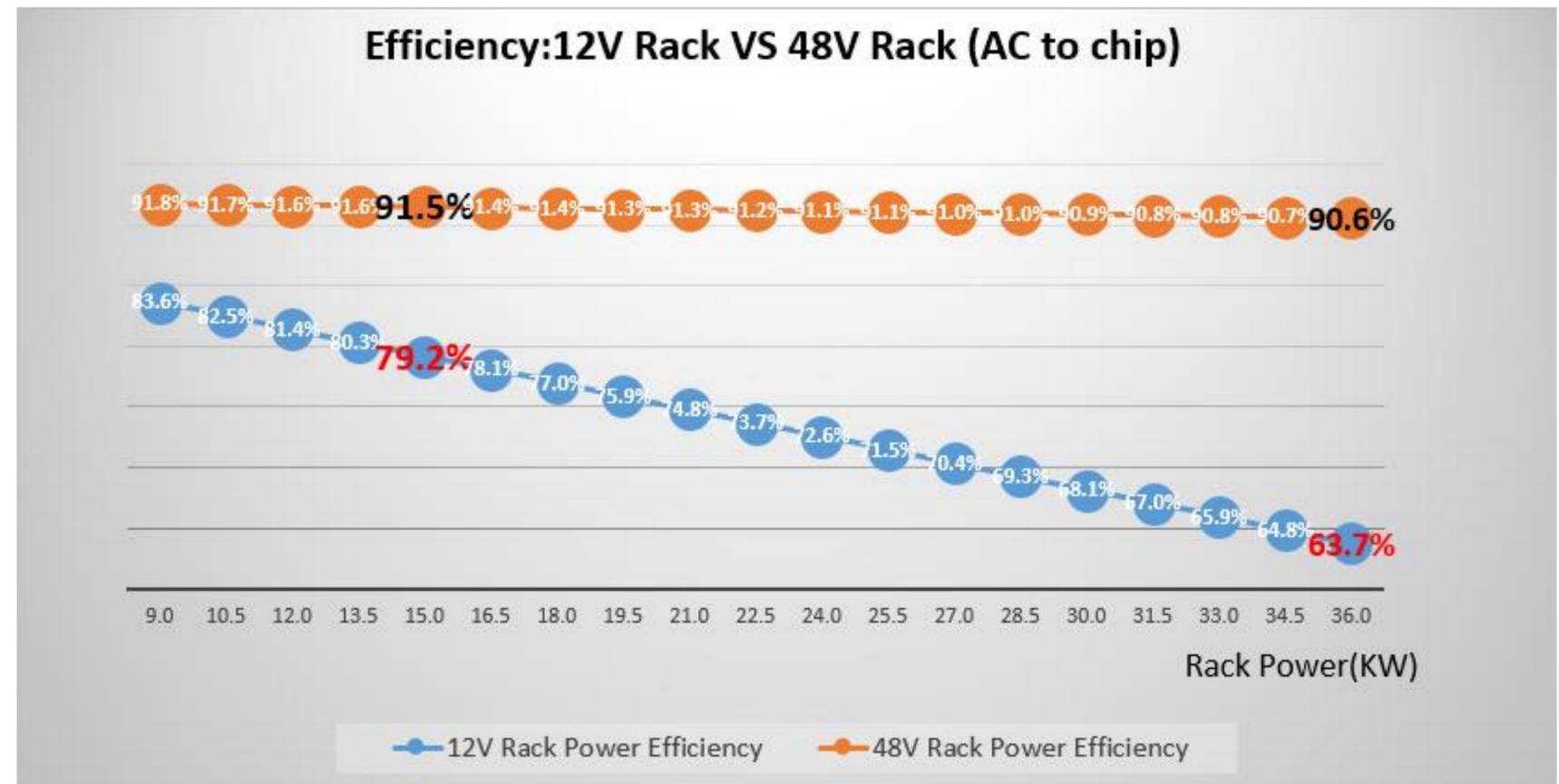


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48V versus 12V, major improvement in efficiency:

The power efficiency (AC to chip) will decrease as the rack-level power goes up

- 12V system efficiency can reach 80% below 15KW
- 12V system efficiency drops faster above 15KW, only 64% @ 36KW
- 48V system efficiency stays above 89% for power above 15KW



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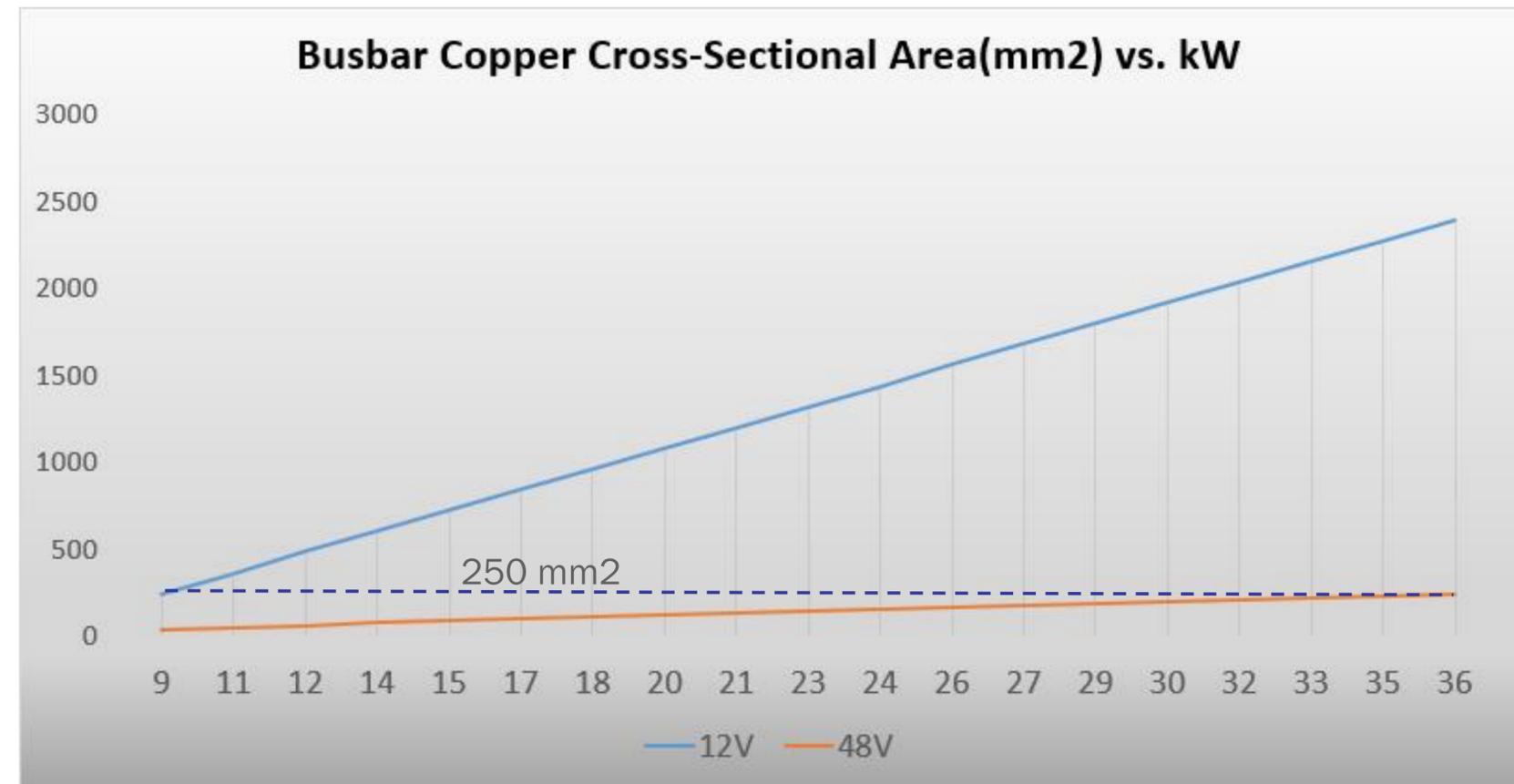
The 48V DC output cables much thinner than 12V in high power applications

- Cable size can be only 1/9 compared with 12V
- Less cost on cables
- Easier to manufacture

OCP and Huawei opinion:

<15KW: 12V OCP power architecture

>15KW: 48V OCP power architecture



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Overall Data Center Efficiency Analysis

Main Goal – Power to the Chips!

Utility Tower



Do Something
to the Power

Chip



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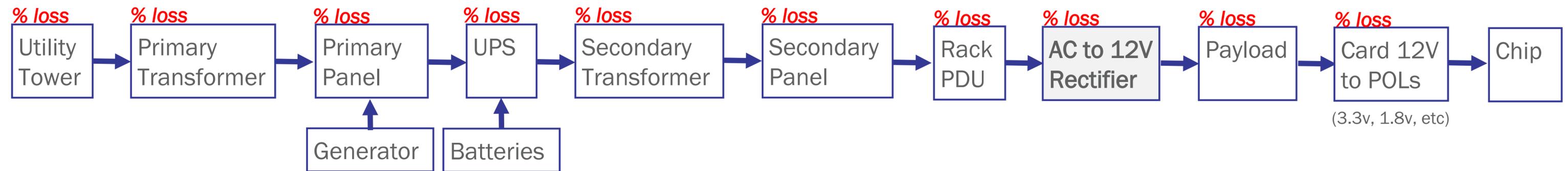


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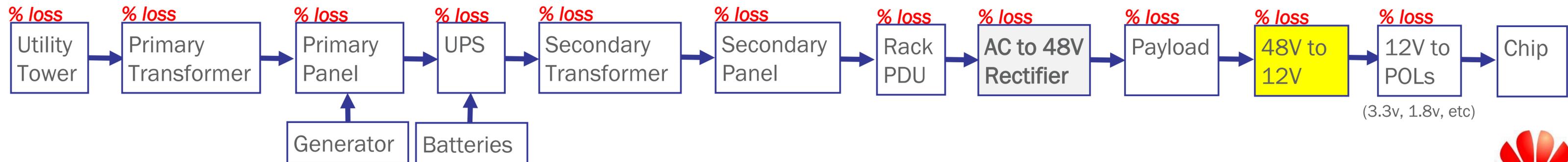
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Overall Data Center Efficiency Analysis – Moving to 48 VDC alone does not fix everything:

Traditional AC to DC Power Path



Only Replace 12V with 48V



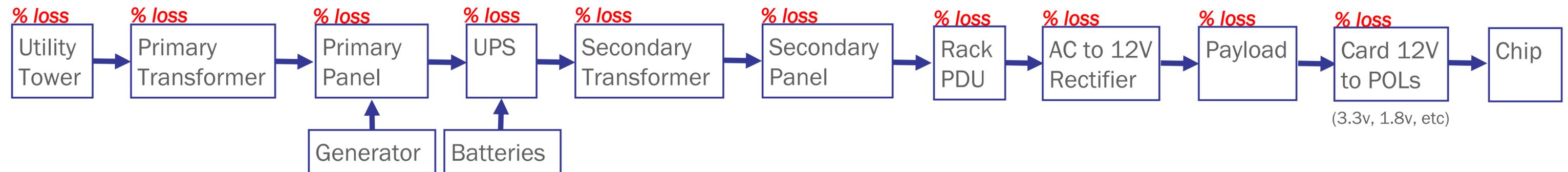
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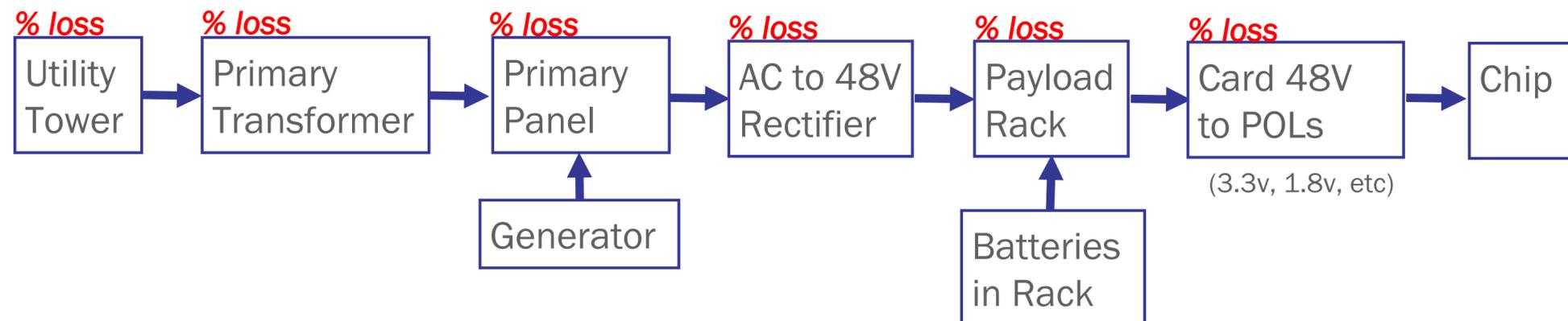
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Optimized AC to DC Power Path



- **10%++ potential energy savings**
- **May create SCCR issues**



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48 VDC OCP Design - Open Rack V2.1 standard compliant

Key design targets:

- *Play well with OCP Open Rack V2.1*
 - Overall size, shelf latching, common 48 VDC bus bar*
- *Maximum power density – up to 36kW in an OCP rack*
- *Support both single (split) phase and balanced 3-phase AC 208 to 277 VAC*
- *Include high density battery option in the rack – variable capacity*
 - Maintain power until generator kicks-in – around 2 minutes*
- *Allow for an optimized power architecture*
 - Must survive in a high SCCR environment*



← Power Shelf

← OCP V2
48V Rack

← BBU Shelves



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48 VDC OCP Design – Highest Efficiency Rectifier Module

Current Model:



R4850S

- Peak efficiency: **98.1%**
- Output power: 3000W
- Power density: 42 W/inch³
- Temp range: -40 to 55 degC
- Size: 1*2.5U*12 inch
- Volume production in Q1, 2015

Future Model:



R4875X

- Peak efficiency: **98%**
- Output power: 4500W
- Power density: **63 W/inch³**
- Temp range: -40 to 55 degC
- Size: 1*2.5U*12 inch
- Release: Expected Q2, 2018



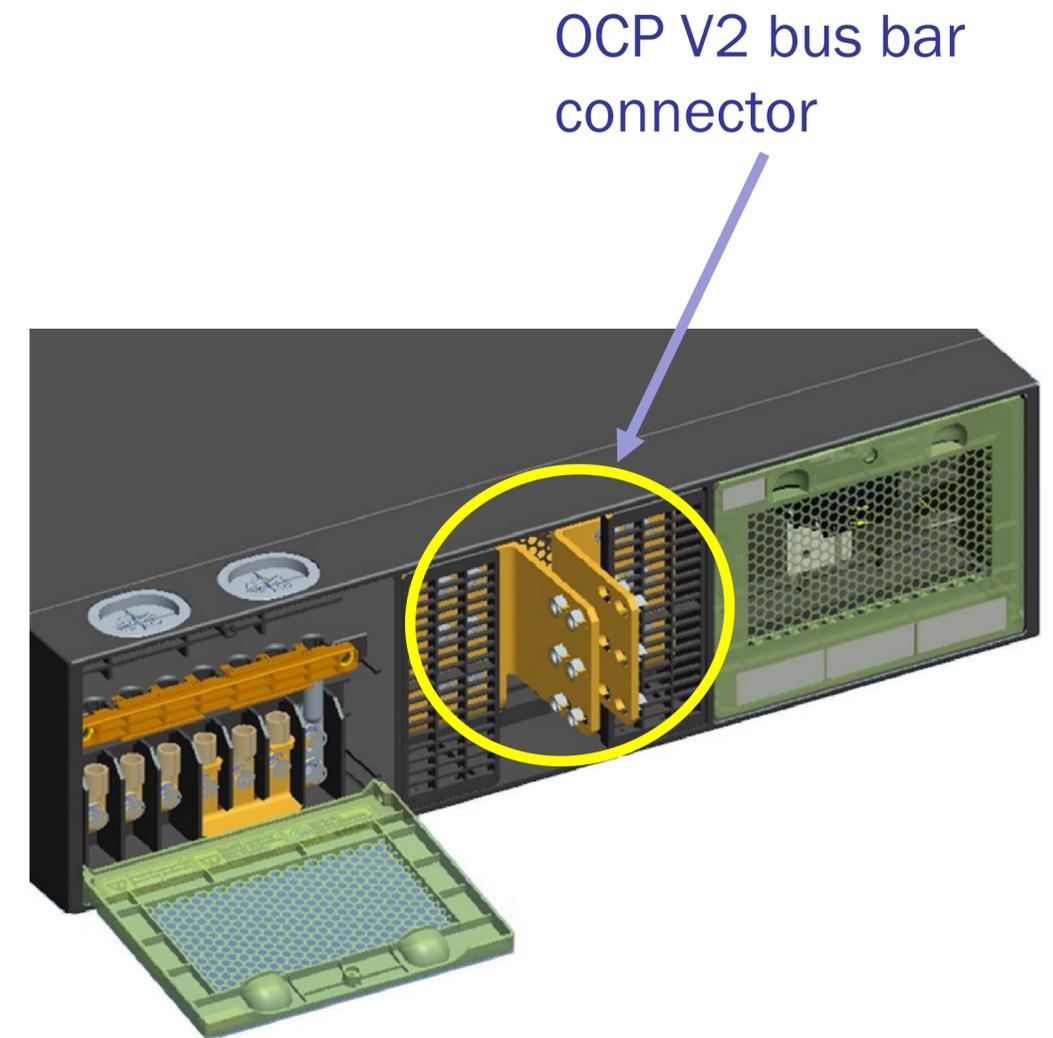
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48 VDC OCP Design – Power Shelf Design, 36kW Capacity

- **Max 36kW output:** Shelf design supports 24kW and 36kW output in a 30U space using Huawei's 98.1% efficient 3kW rectifier modules.



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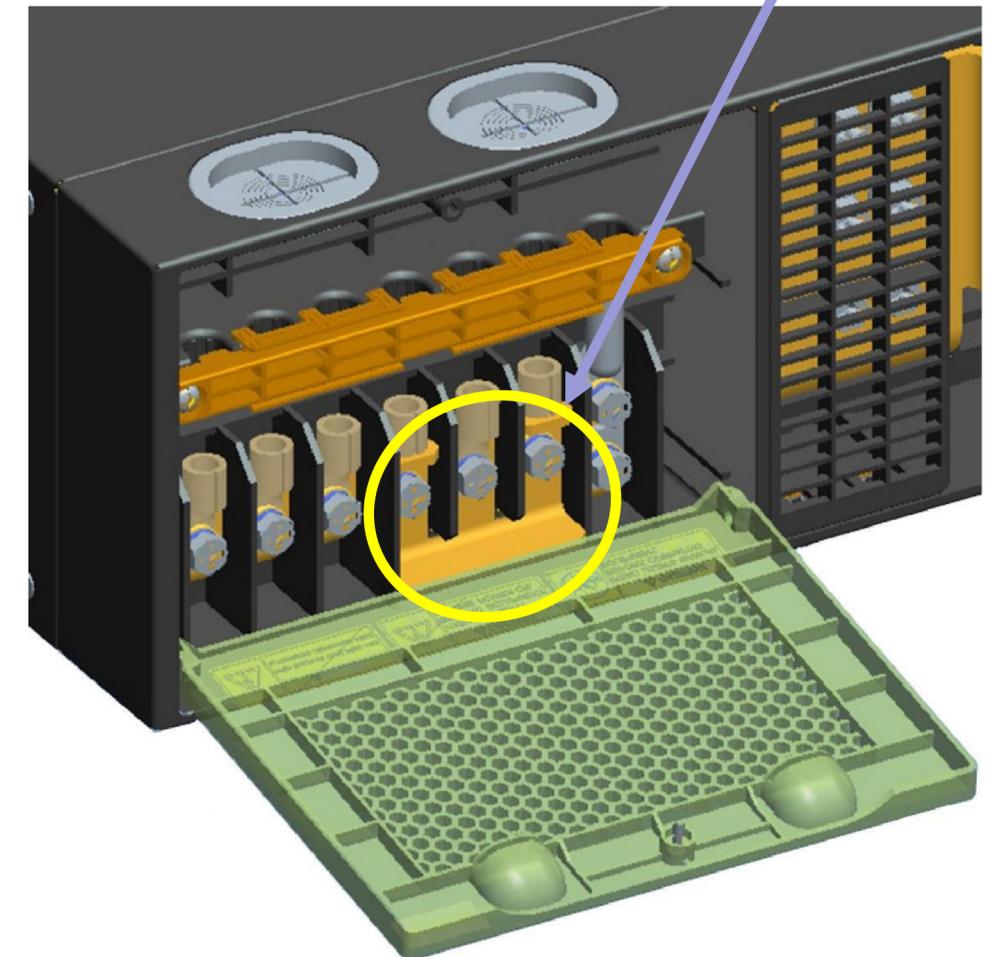
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48 VDC OCP Design – Single/3-phase operation

- **3-Phase operation:** Shelf is designed with nine rectifier modules arranged in three sets of three each. Each set is connected to one of the phases. This provides a perfectly balanced load on the 3-phase feed.
- The system is also flexible, allowing the shelf to be converted to single-phase operation by simply removing a jumper.



Optional jumper
For 3-phase operation



For 240V/415V 3P4W, With A/B/C/N/PE

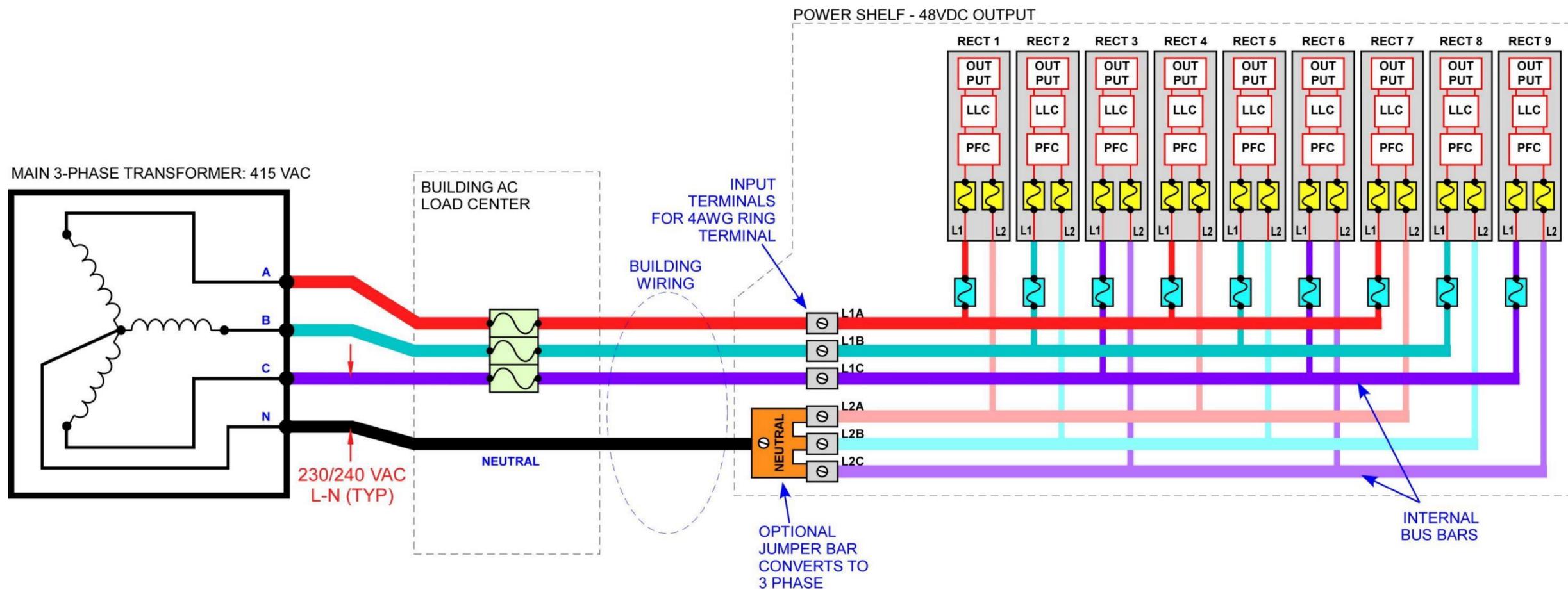


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48 VDC OCP Design – Single/3-phase operation



- Option for Single AC Cable
- UL/IEC 60309 Connector
 - 5 PIN: L1, L2, L3, N, GND
 - Current: 100 A

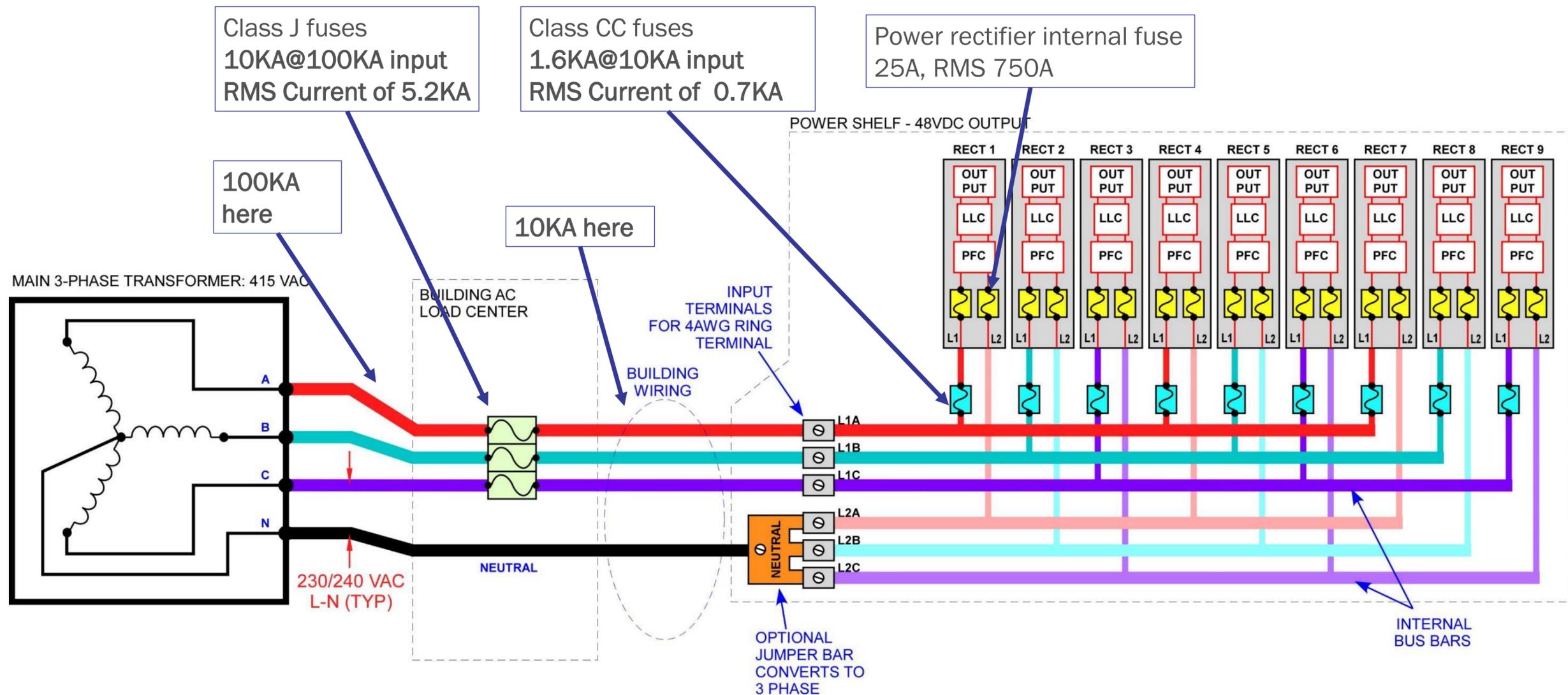


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48 VDC OCP Design – High SCCR environments



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48 VDC OCP Design – BBU Architecture

- Each 1 OU shelf is made up of 3 battery modules and one communication board
- Output connector for Openrack V2 bus bar, blind-mate, 250 amp max power. Allows the customer to add or remove battery shelves as needed, without shutting down the rack.
- Maximum backup power is 7.5KW per shelf, and the backup time is [2mins@7.5KW](#)
- Each Battery Module has its own BMS to manage charge/discharge, and battery temperatures. Max operating temperature is 60degC
- Each battery module has its own DC/DC converter. This allows the module's output to be a fixed voltage, while the individual cell voltages change during charging/discharging. This provides a much more stable power output for the payloads



- 7.5kW BBU shelf with three battery modules



- 250 AMP 48 VDC Connector – Mates to OCP Openrack V2 vertical busbar



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48 VDC OCP Design – BBU, Cell selection - Safety comparison: LFP to NMC (Tested by Sony)

- Battery modules are based on lithium-iron-phosphate battery cells that provide the best balance of safety, density, temperature resistance, and cost.
- Each Battery module is made up of 64 18650 LFP cells, connected in 4 parallel sets of 16 cells each

Material	Chemical formula	Energy density	Burn test	Nail test
NMC	$\text{Li}[\text{Ni},\text{Co},\text{Mn}]\text{O}_2$	220Wh/kg	Burns at 33s, explodes at 40s	Burns at 1s, out of control at 4s
LFP	LiFePO_4	160Wh/kg	Explosion valve opens at 30s, the cell does not move after combustion	Liquid leakage but no fire or explosion



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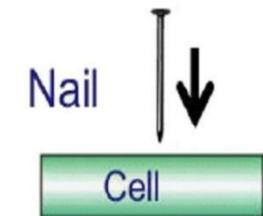
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Safety test (Single Cell, Nail test)

Safety

Penetration to the full charged cell.
It is a test that assumes the battery damage due to building collapse, etc..



Sony's LIB (LFP)

LFP



Company A(NCM type)

NMC



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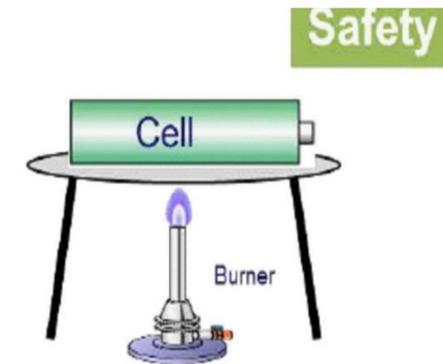


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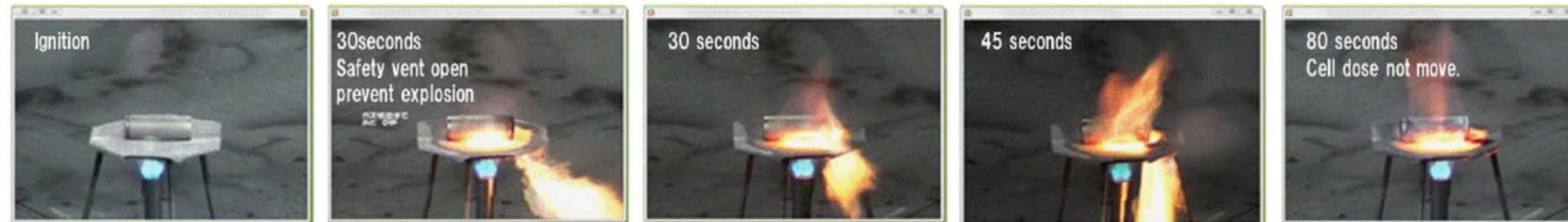
Safety test (Single Cell, Burner test)

Test for the emergency situation such as heating by fire in the surrounding area



Sony's LIB (LFP)

LFP



Company A(NCM type)

NMC



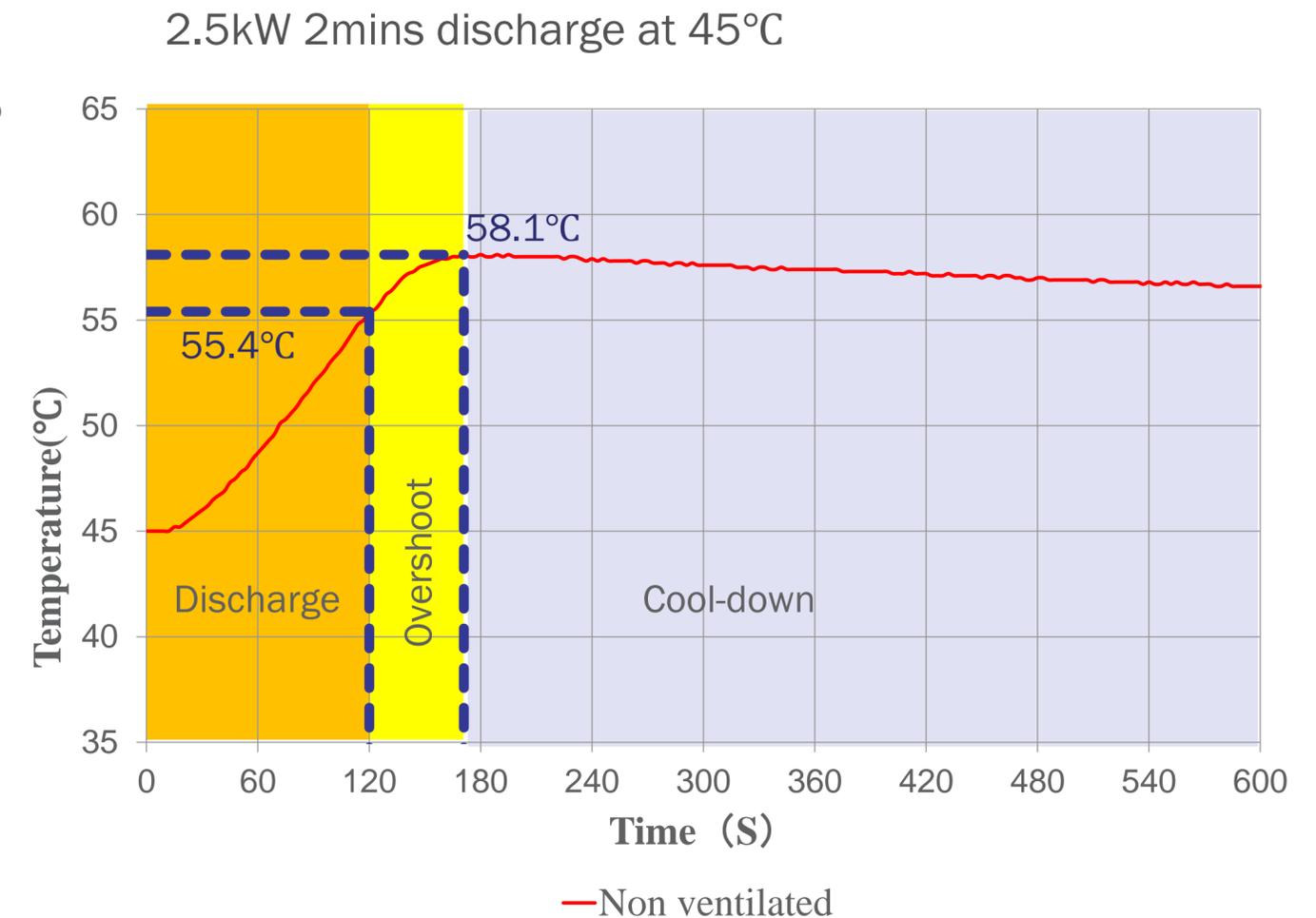
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48 VDC OCP Design – BBU thermal considerations

- During discharge, the cells in the battery modules heat up dramatically
- Thermal analysis is important, but steady-state analysis does not work. Since discharge is limited to less than 2 minutes, analysis is a *transient* problem



- The highest temperature is 58.1°C (**13.1°C temp rise**) after 2mins @ 2.5kW discharge for sealed BBU



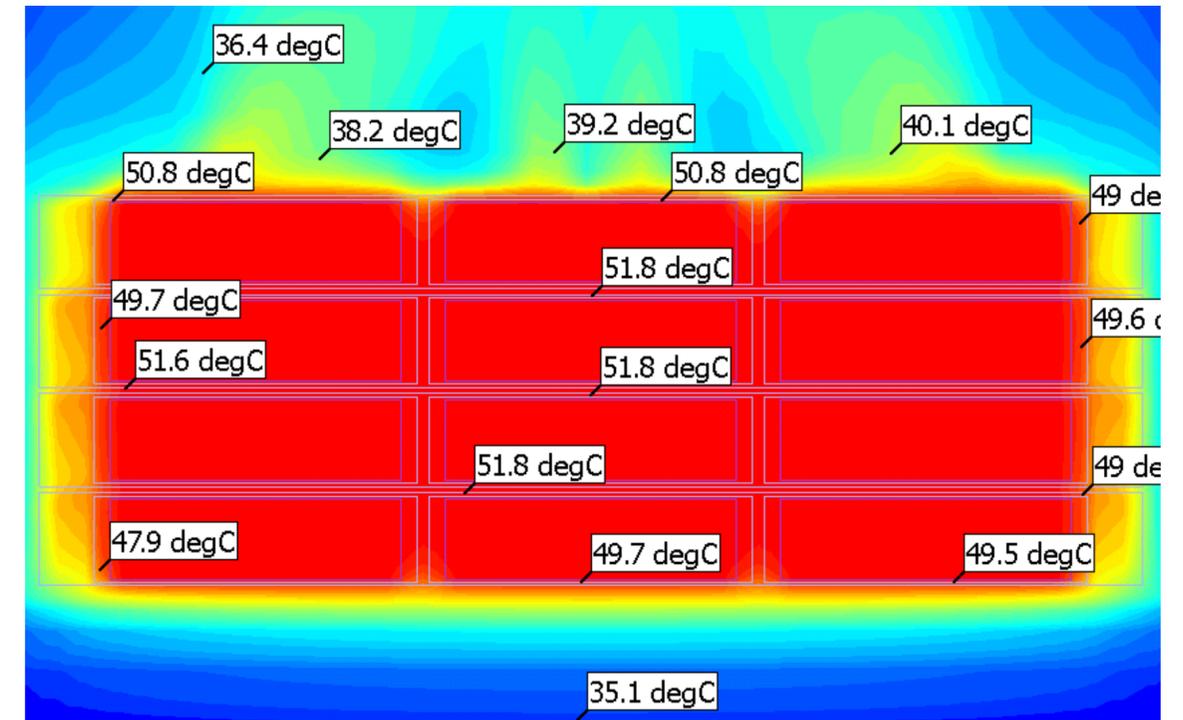
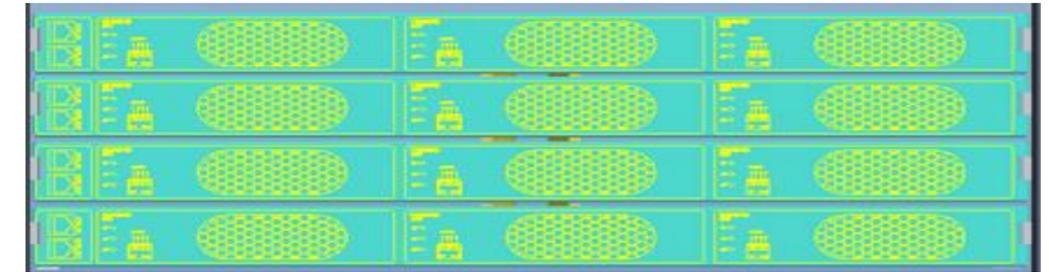
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48 VDC OCP Design – BBU thermal considerations

- Analysis is also important for full system to ensure servers and other equipment are not affected
- Results:
 - Due to short heat-up duration, the heat is only starting to soak into the surroundings when the discharge ends
 - Due to the large mass of the rack and equipment, actual effect on equipment is minimal (about 1 degC)



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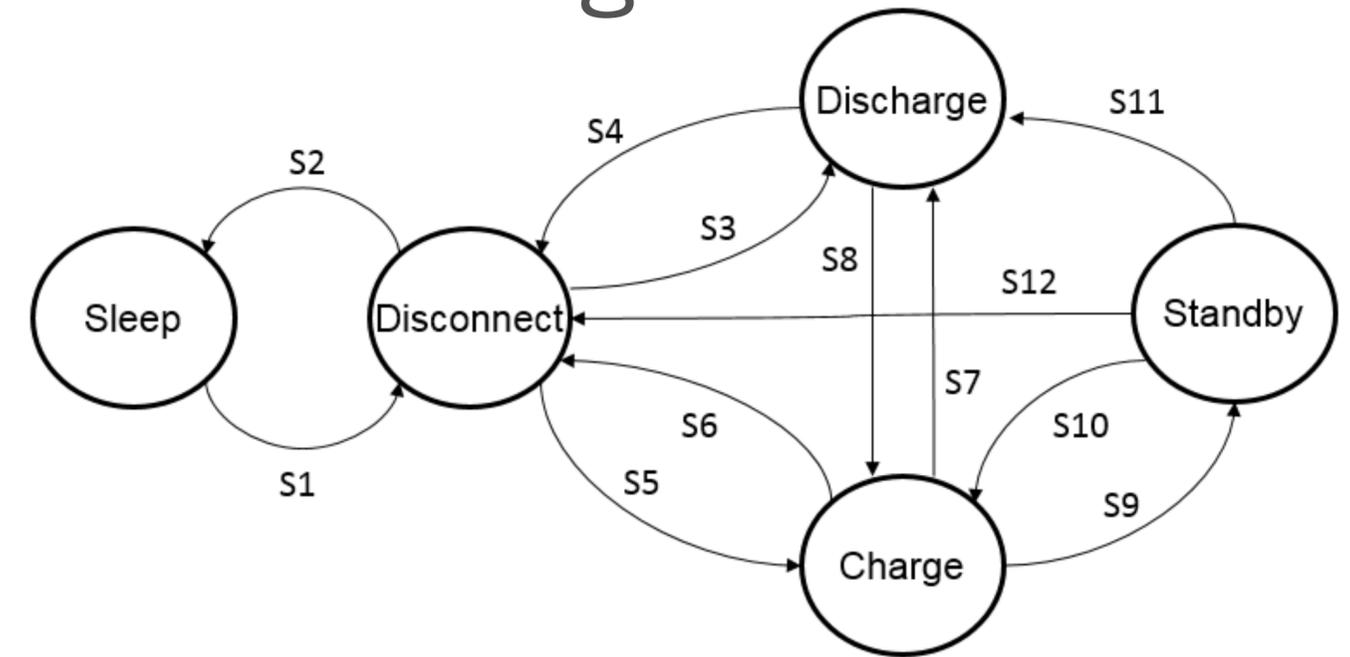
48 VDC OCP Design – BBU Control

BMS functions:

- Cell failure alarm
- Cell imbalance detect
- SOC/SOH calculation
- Charge/discharge control

Protection:

- Over temperature (several temperature sensors monitoring high heat locations to guarantee the cells operate safely)
- Over Current
- Over Voltage
- Four stages isolate faults from the battery pack, the DC/DC converter and the bus bar – guarantee cell safety and payload reliability



Sleep Mode:	Bidirectional DC/DC converter is Shunt Down, BMS Power Off, Power consumption is about 0W
Disconnect Mode:	Bidirectional DC/DC converter Shunt Down, BMS Online , Communication & Temperature Detection & Voltage Detection are operating, Power consumption $\leq 3W$
Charge Mode:	BBU in Charge mode
Standby Mode:	BBU in Discharge mode
Standby Mode:	After charging the BBU, the BBU will enter Pre-Discharge mode; This mode prepares for discharge



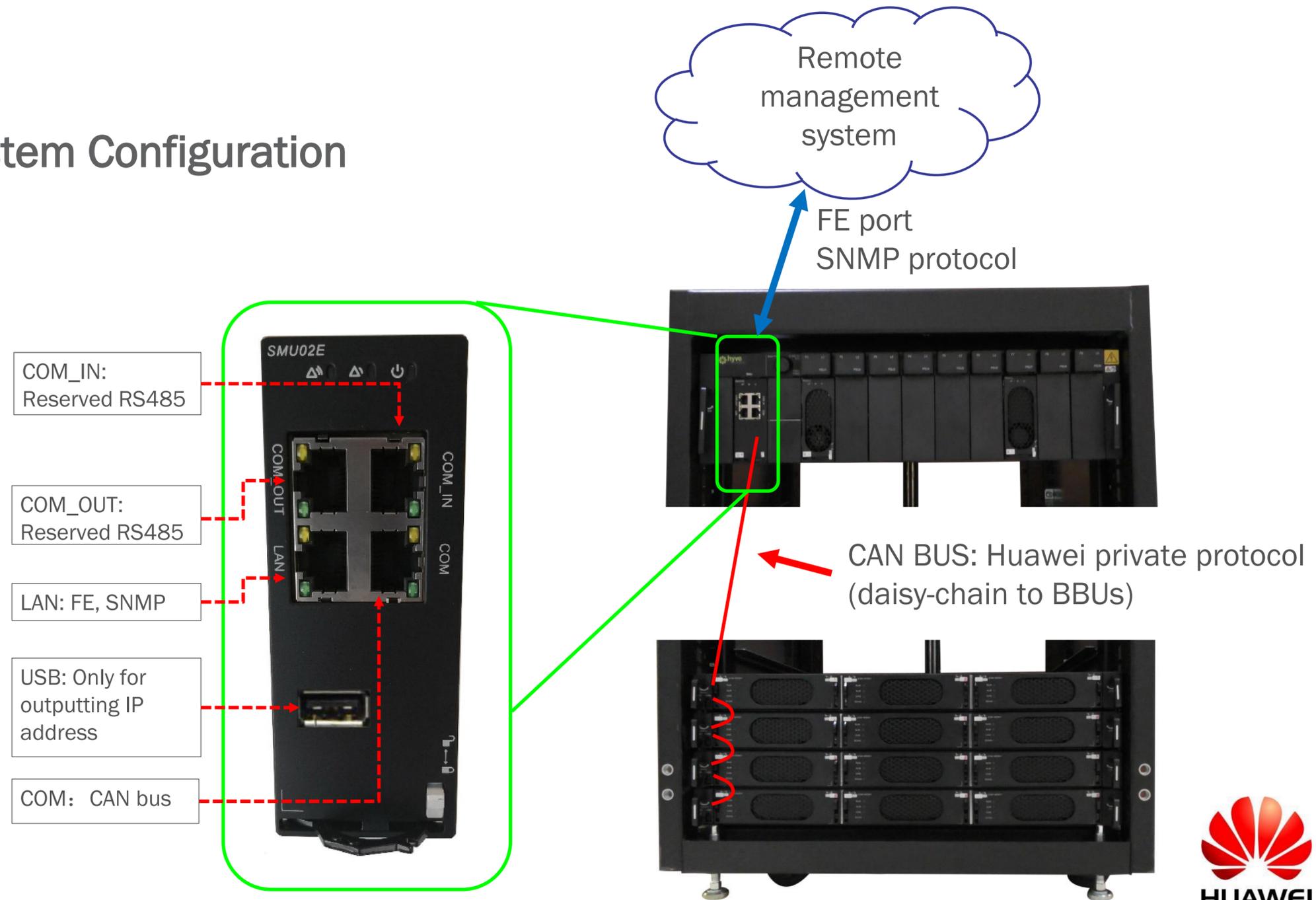
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48 VDC OCP Design – Full System Configuration

- One Power shelf
 - 1 System controller
 - 9 Rectifier modules
- One or more BBUs, each with
 - 1 Communication module
 - 3 Battery modules
- BBU communication module receives health info from its battery modules, communicates to system controller
- System controller gathers BBU and rectifier module info, communicates with remote management
- Both rectifier and BBU modules function independently and safely if loss of communications



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