

# Propulsion systems for Aircraft Carrier

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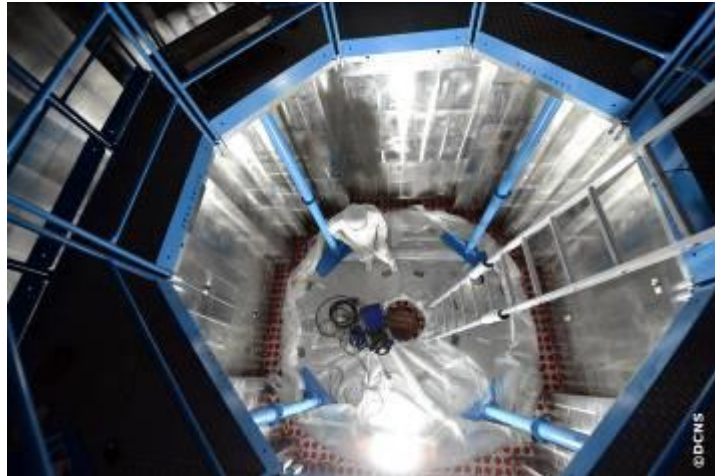


# DCNS AT A GLANCE



- Revenues **€3.1 billion**
- Group staff **13,130**
- 50 Navy clients worldwide
- Designer, builder and maintainer of warships: SSBN, SSN, SSK, Fregates and Aircraft Carriers
- Functional and physical integrator of the whole warship, combat system and platform system

# DCNS Propulsion Center for nuclear and conventional warship



- 1,175 employees
- R & D
- Design
- Test
- Production
- Maintenance



# Power and propulsion systems and equipment



- Nuclear stockhold module for FR SSN
- 360t - 2,100 components



- 2nd Generation Air Independent Propulsion with fuel cells
- Under testing



- Key components for nuclear steam supply systems



- Hybrid propulsion system



# DCNS AIRCRAFT CARRIER LEGACY

US and UK Leasing  
1945-1960



FS Bapaume  
1918 (trial ship)



WW1



FS Béarn  
1920

WW2



FS Arromanches  
1951-1974 (bought from UK)



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CV CATOBAR  
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FS Charles de Gaulle  
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Future Aircraft  
Carrier

1<sup>st</sup> shipboard  
aircraft trials

1<sup>st</sup> FRENCH CV  
STOBAR

Intensive Ops  
(Indochina, Suez,  
Algeria...)

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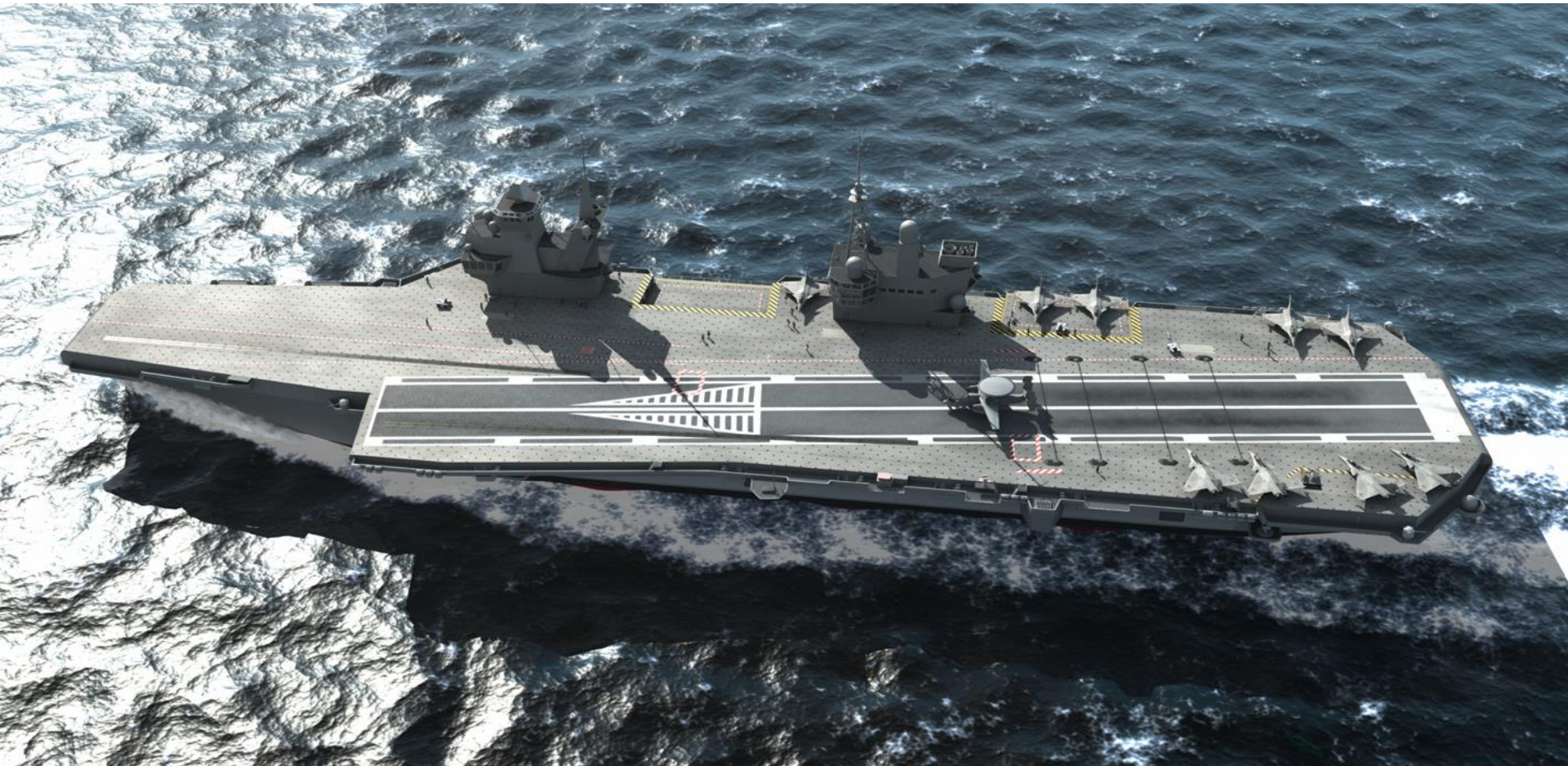
DCNS pioneering Aircraft  
Carrier concept

Post WW2 Return of  
Experience (Design &  
Operations)

DCNS sole designer and builder  
Complete French independence

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# FUTURE CV PROPULSION STUDIES



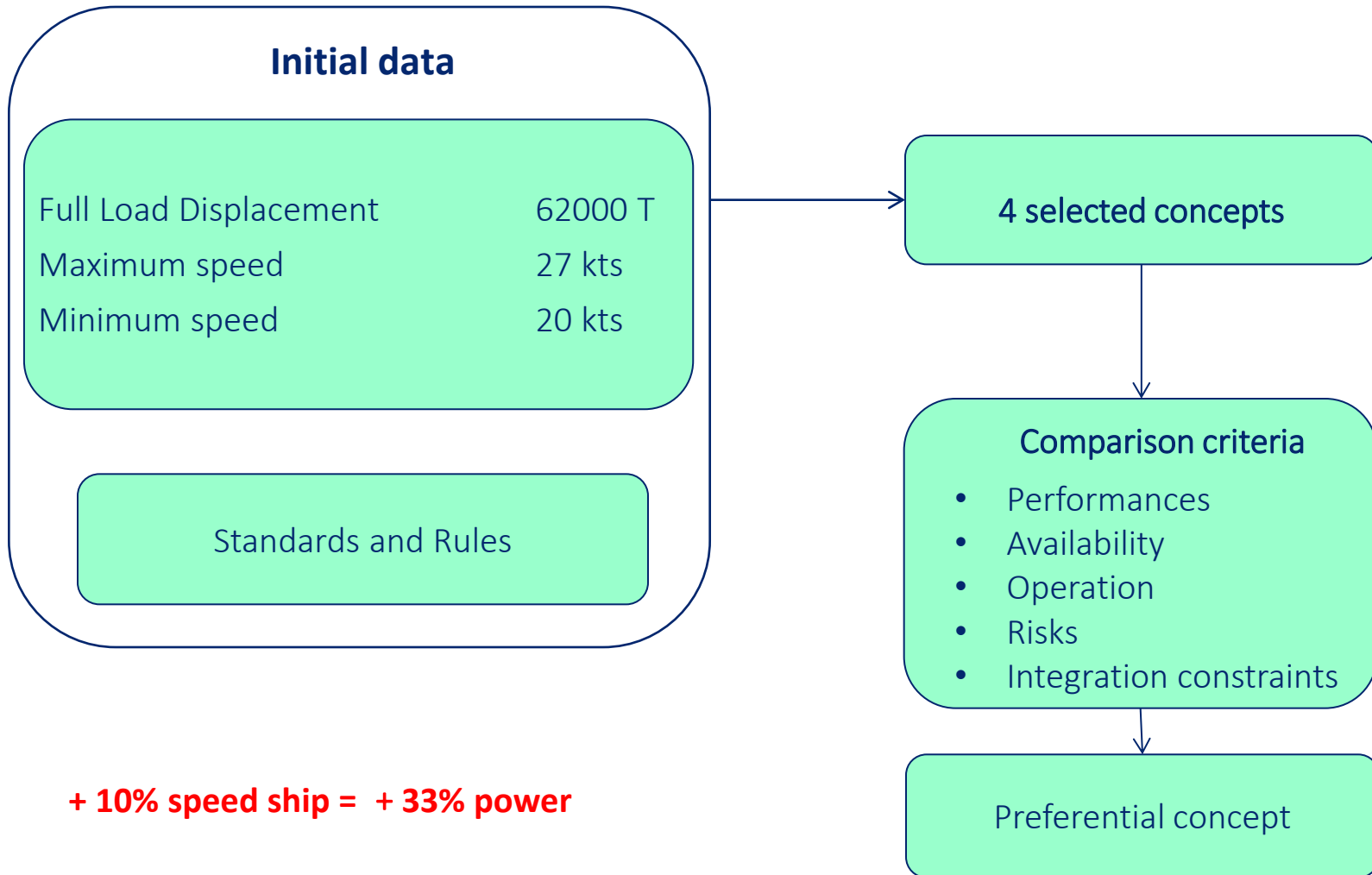
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## Operational drivers

- FOR LAUNCH AND RECOVERY, AIRCRAFT SPEED MAY NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO FLY ACCORDING TO THE WEIGHT OF THE AIRCRAFT DUE TO ITS CONFIGURATION
- THE ONLY WAY TO HELP THE AIRCRAFT TO FLY IS TO ADD RELATIVE WIND SPEED
- RELATIVE WIND SPEED = TRUE WIND SPEED + SHIP SPEED
- IF NO TRUE WIND THEN THERE IS A NEED FOR HIGH SHIP SPEED (UP TO ABOUT 30 KNOTS)
- AND A MINIMUM SPEED HAS TO BE GUARANTEED (ABOUT 20 KNOTS) TO RECOVER AIRCRAFT IN CASE OF DEGRADATION OF THE PROPULSION
- PROPULSION HAS TO BE REACTIVE TO COMPENSATE VARIATIONS OF TRUE WIND

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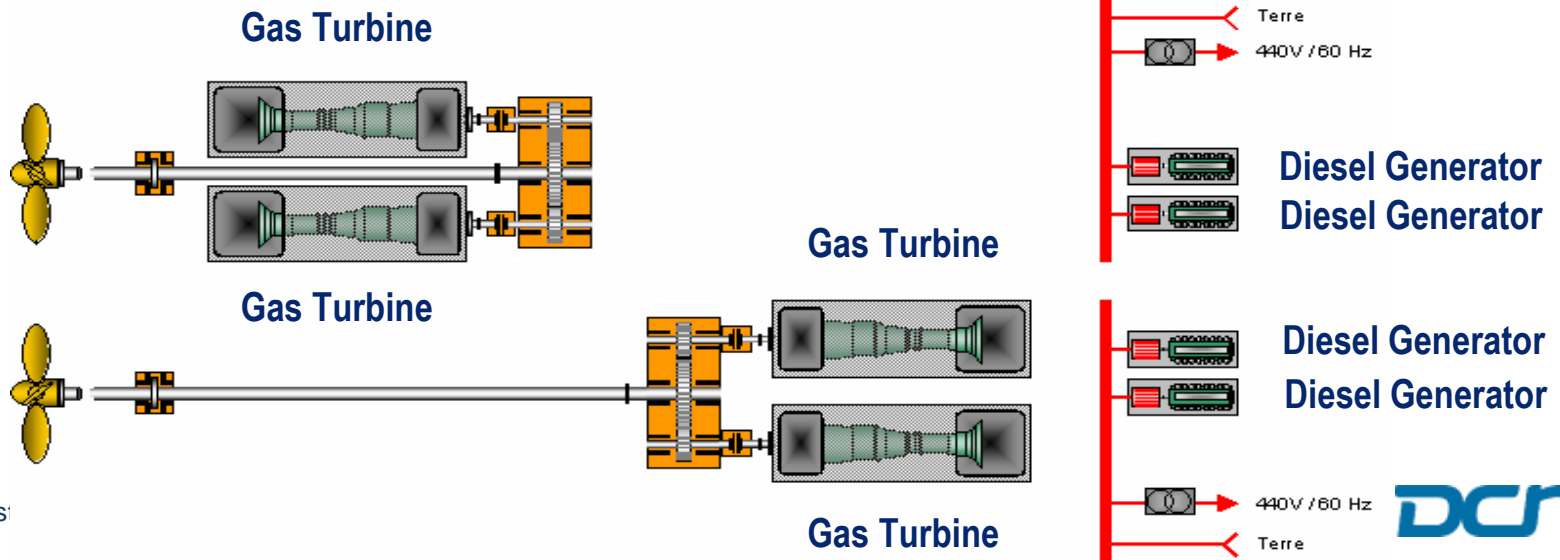
## Combined Gas and Gas concept with 2 Shaft lines

### Advantages

- Good power-to-weight ratio
- Good high speed

### Disadvantages

- High fuel consumption at low speed
- Heavy turbines integration constraints (suction and exhaust)
- Variable pitch propeller
- Complex Gearbox



Propulsion sys:

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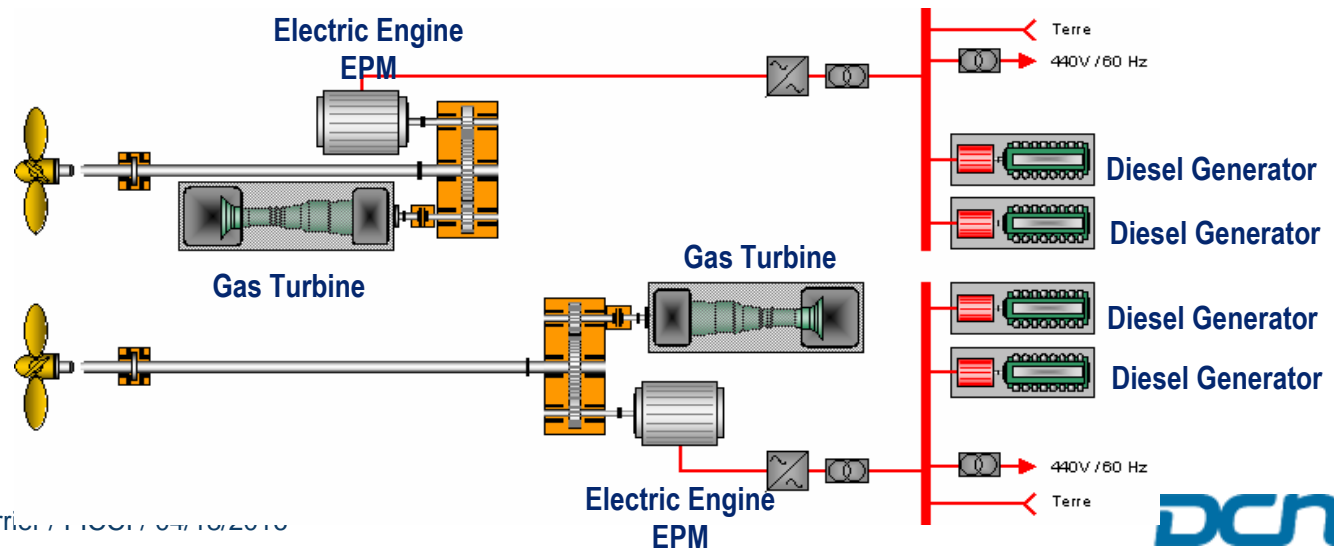
## Combined Diesel Electric and Gas concept with 2 Shaft lines

### ■ Advantages

- Single electrical power plant for propulsion and ship consumption
- Precise and progressive control of rotation speed with fixed blades propeller and EPMs

### ■ Disadvantages

- Gearbox presence
- Harmonic pollution to be treated
- Crew training requested in power electronics, automation...
- Minimum speed if one of the two shaft lines is locked



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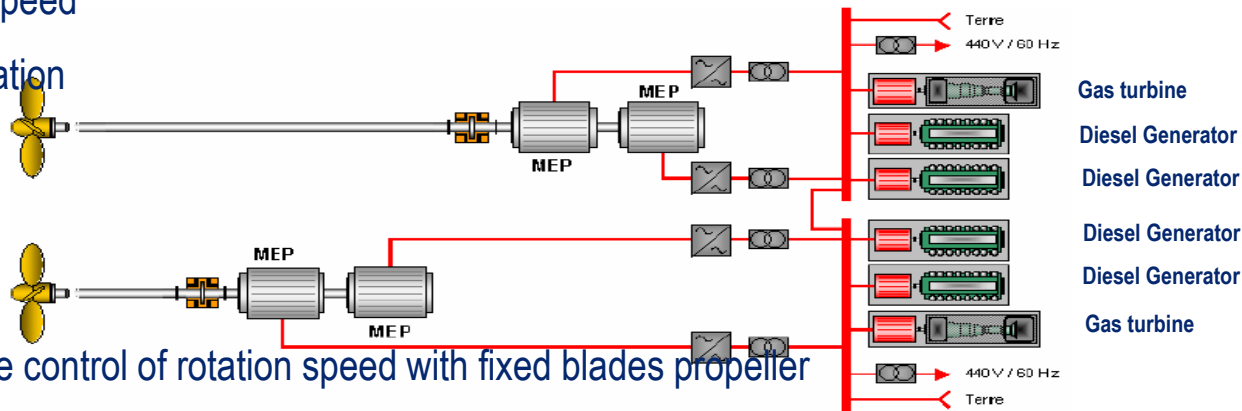
## Integrated Full Electric Propulsion concept with 2 Shaft Lines

### ■ Advantages

- No gear box
- Single electrical power plant for propulsion and ship consumption
- Optimization of the load rate of generators
- Reduced maintenance costs on diesels:
  - Operating at constant speed
  - Working Hours optimization

### • Maneuverability

- Precise and progressive control of rotation speed with fixed blades propeller
- Maximum torque on the whole range speed
- 4 Static converters easy to maintain
- Electric generation redundancy
- Propulsion redundancy



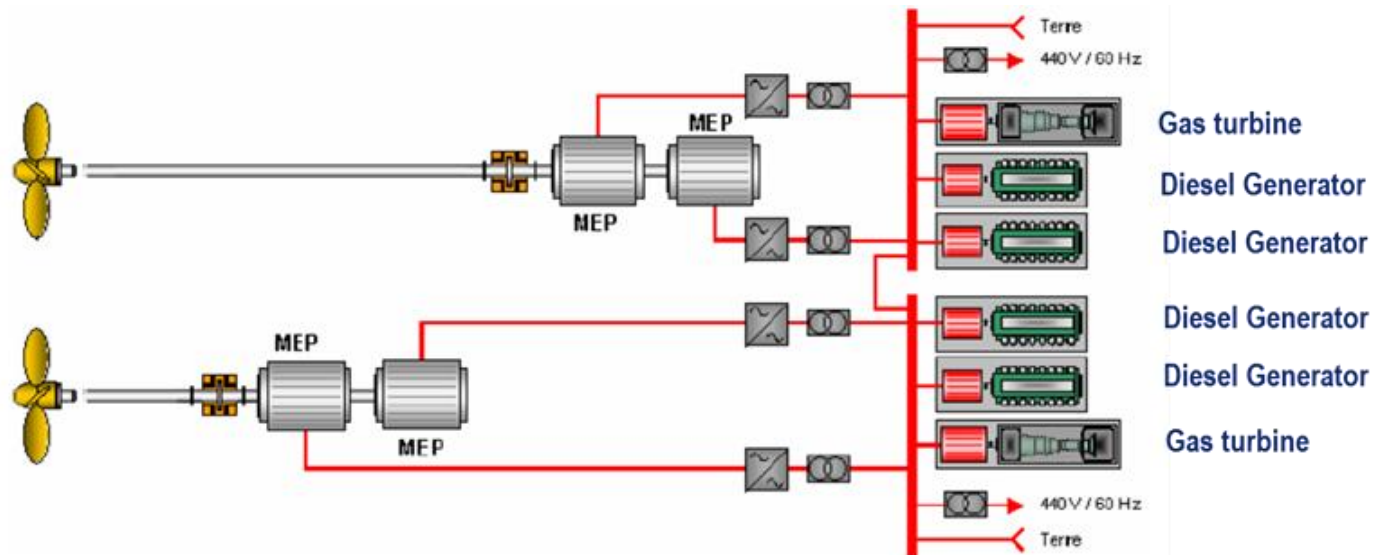


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### ■ Disadvantages

- Harmonic pollution to be treated
- Complex Control and Command system
- Crew training requested in power electronics, automation...
- Minimum speed if one of the two shaft lines is locked



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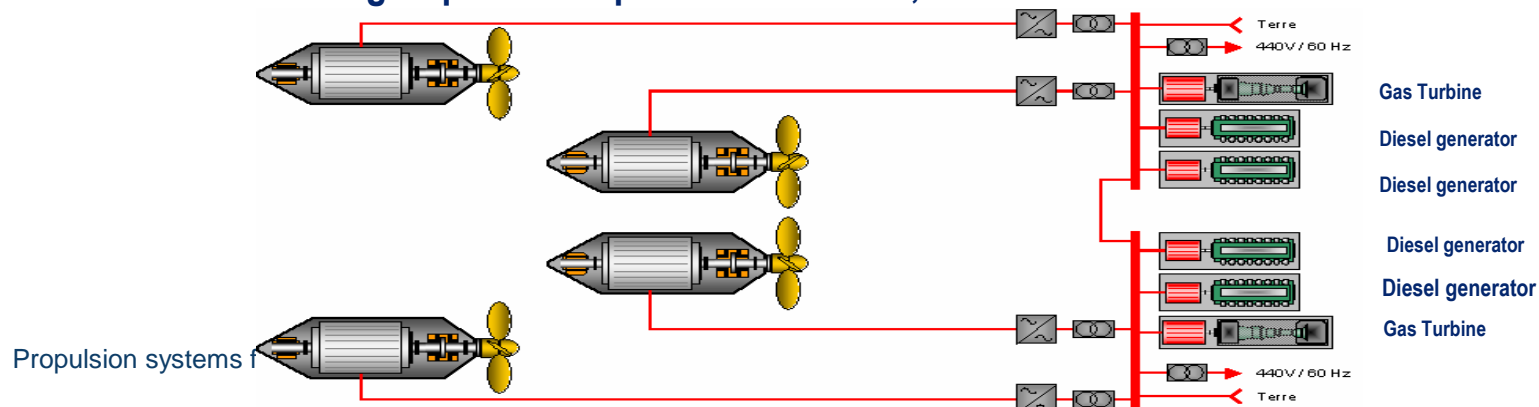
## Integrated Full Electric Propulsion concept with 4 Pods

### ■ Advantages

- 20 kts with N-1 propeller
- Space gain: no shaft line nor gear box, EPMs outside hull
- Excellent maneuverability: 360° steerable POD
- Less mounting operations: no shaft Line, no gear box, no rudder
- Possible late installation of the PODs
- Reduced noises and vibrations inside ship

### ■ Disadvantages

- Mechanical stress between PODs and hull
- More important draft
- Harmonic pollution to be treated
- Crew training requested in power electronics, automation



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## Preferential concept

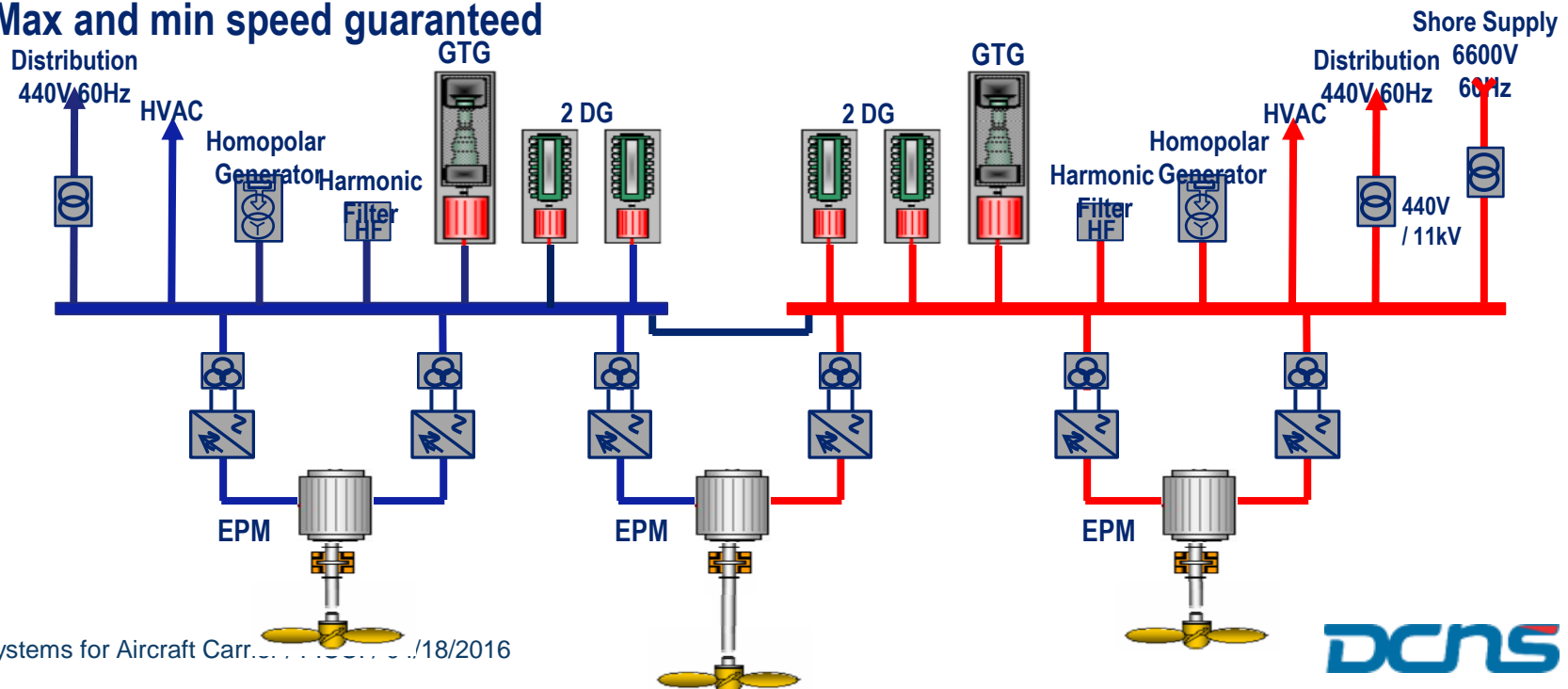
- **New assumption : increase of the Full Load Displacement at the end of life of the ship up to 75 000 tons,**
- **New technical risks identified:**
  - **Too high density of power on the Propellers**
  - **Too high propeller thrust**
- **More PODs or more powerful PODs not possible**
- **Preferential solution : IFEP with 3 Shaft Lines**



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## Integrated Full Electric Propulsion concept with 3 shaft lines

- 3 electrical propulsion motors (EPM)
- 2 variable speed drives for each EPM
- 1 transformer for each variable speed drive
- Central EPM supplied by the two main switchboards
- 50% motor maximum torque powered by only one variable speed drive
- Max and min speed guaranteed



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