

## **Session 3**

# **Managing Voltage Control on a Power System with High Renewable Penetration**

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## PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

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# Session 3: Managing Voltage on a Power System with High Renewable Penetration - TSO Issues

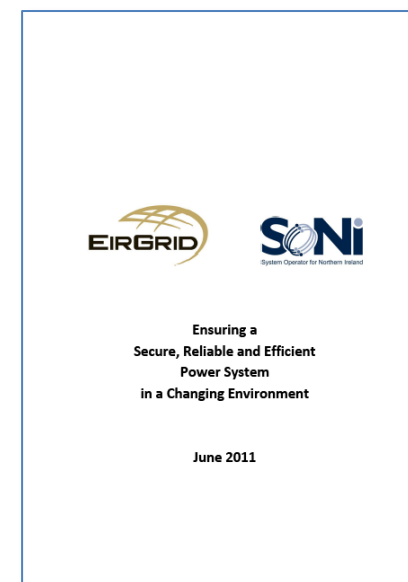
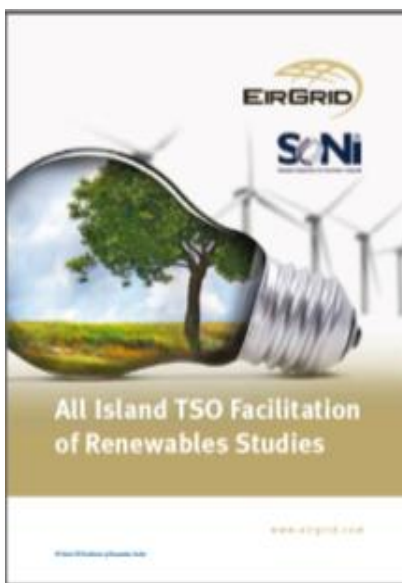
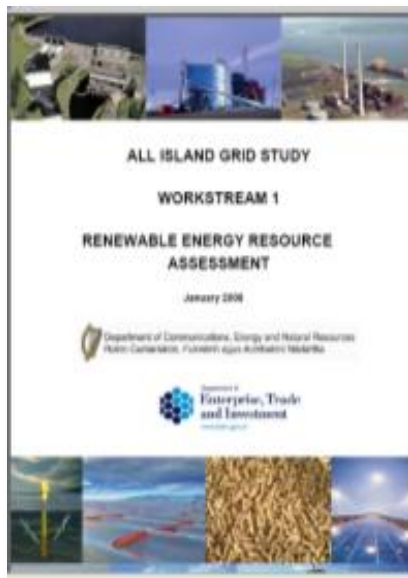
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# Technical Analysis of the Issues



## Detailed Technical Analysis

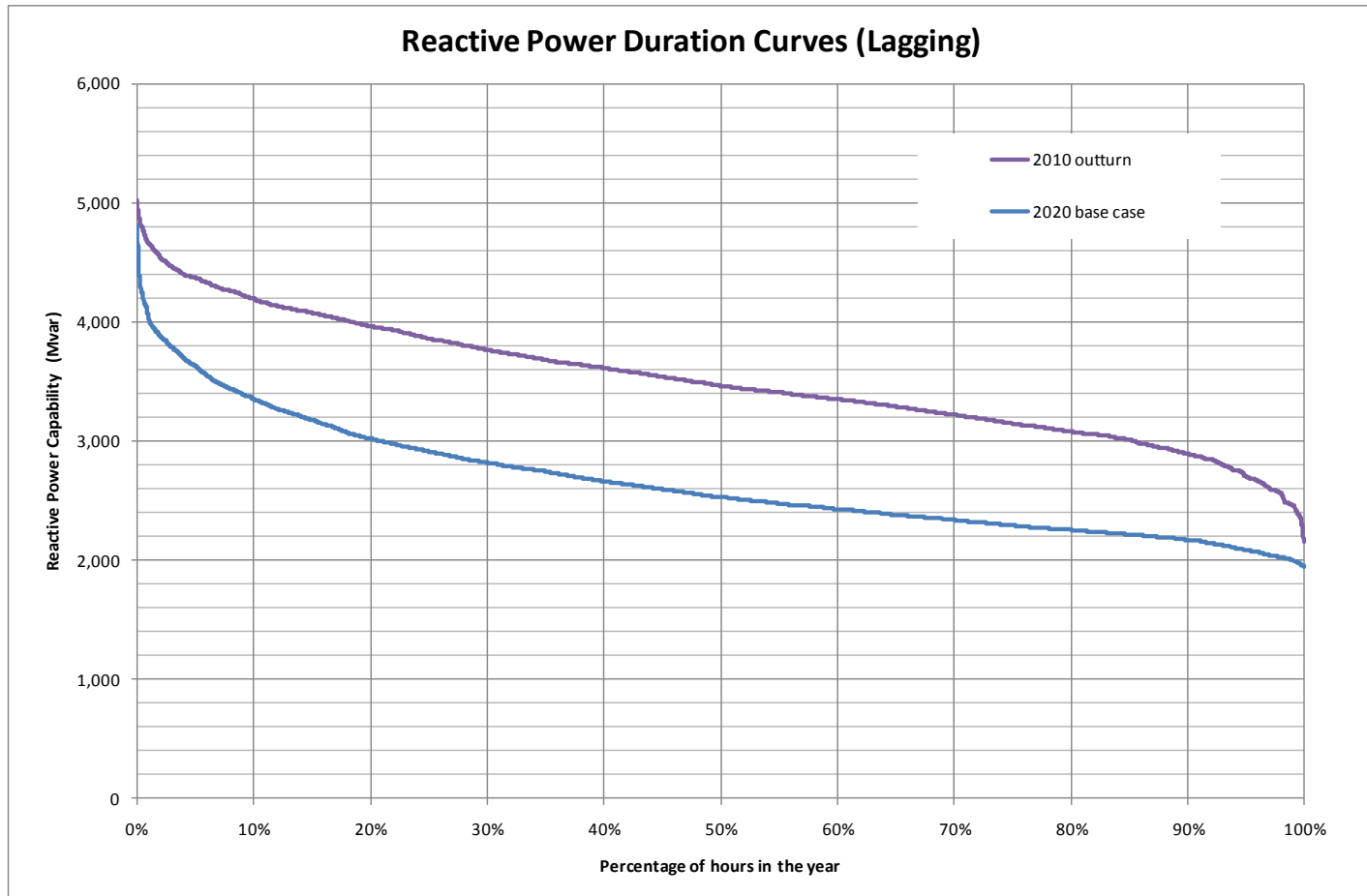
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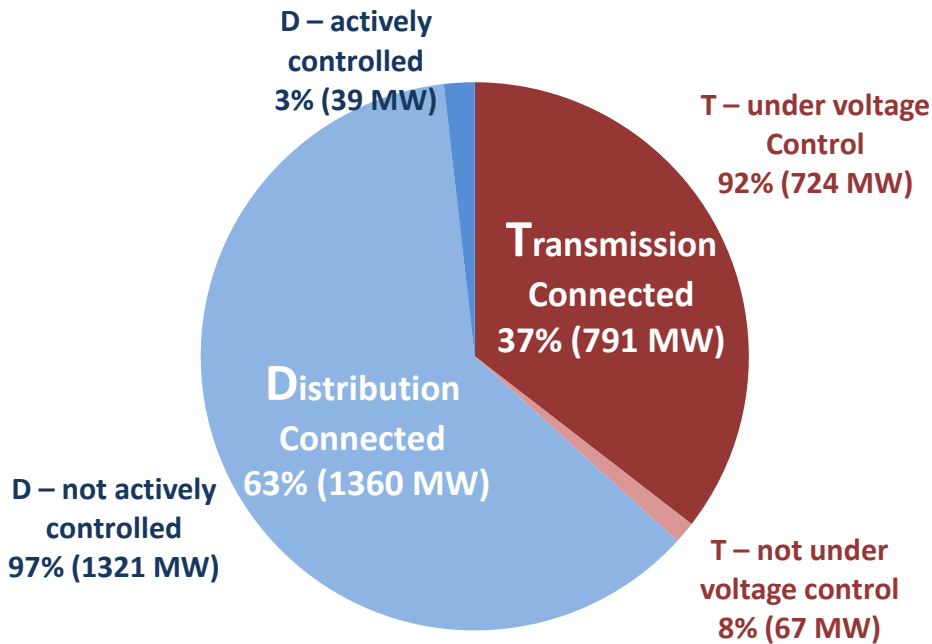
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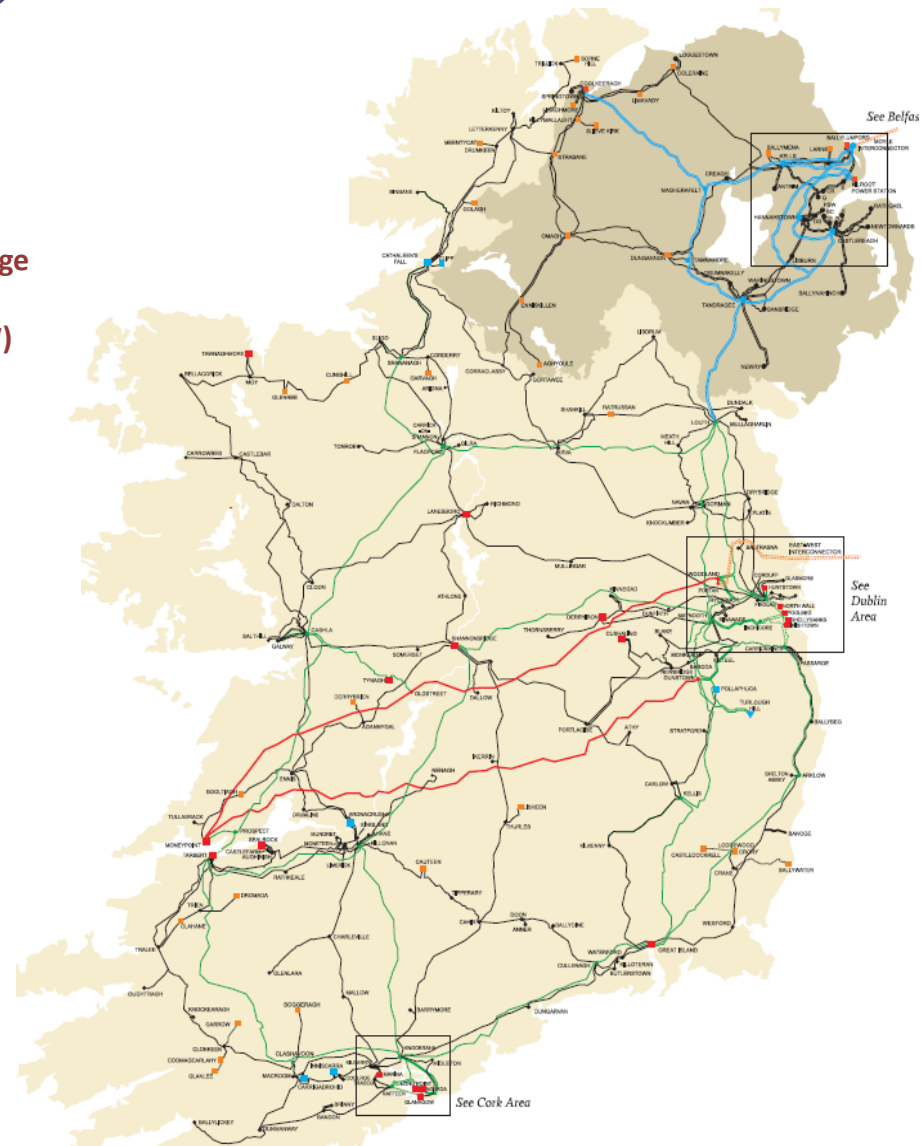
# Issue: Reactive Power Availability (Sync)



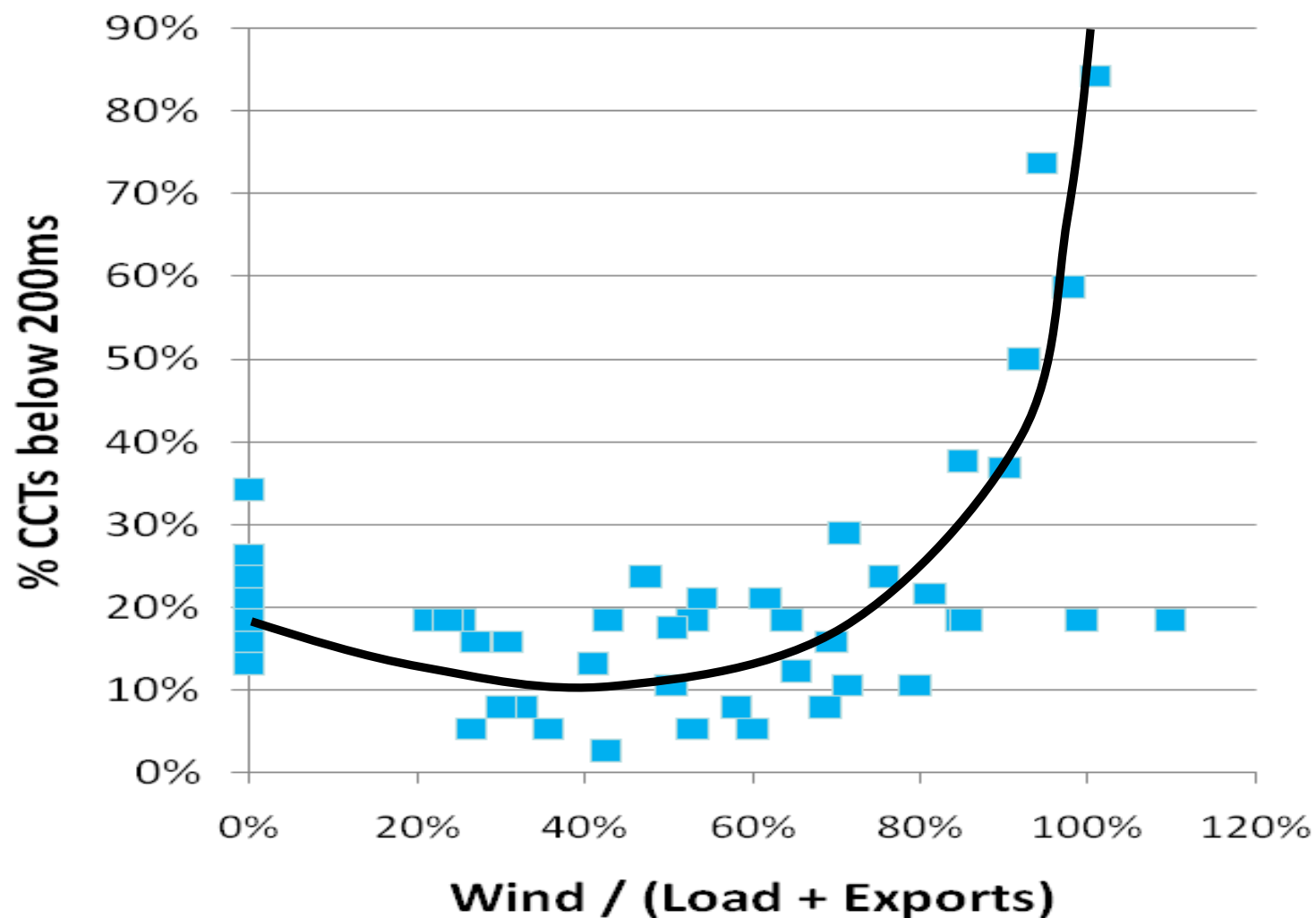
# Issue: Wind Farm Location & Reactive Controllability



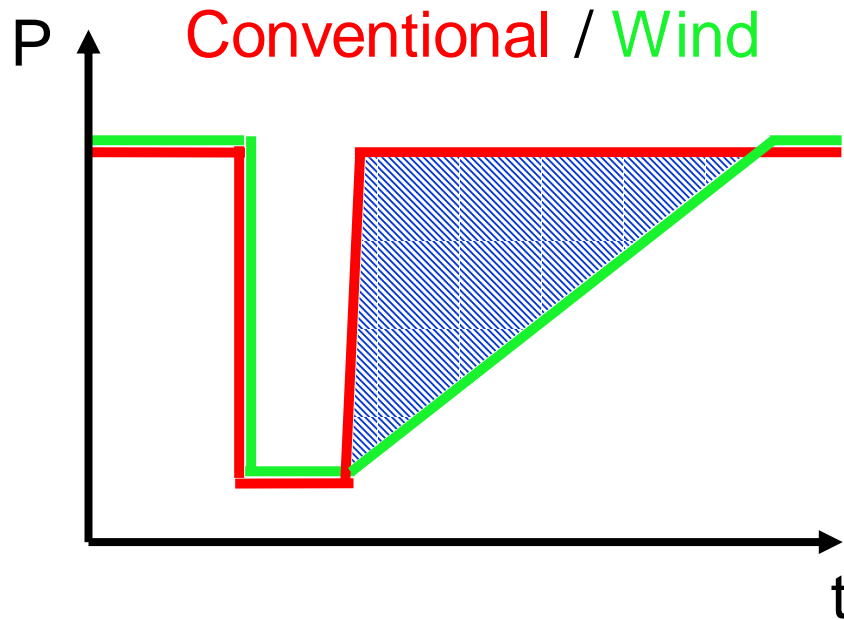
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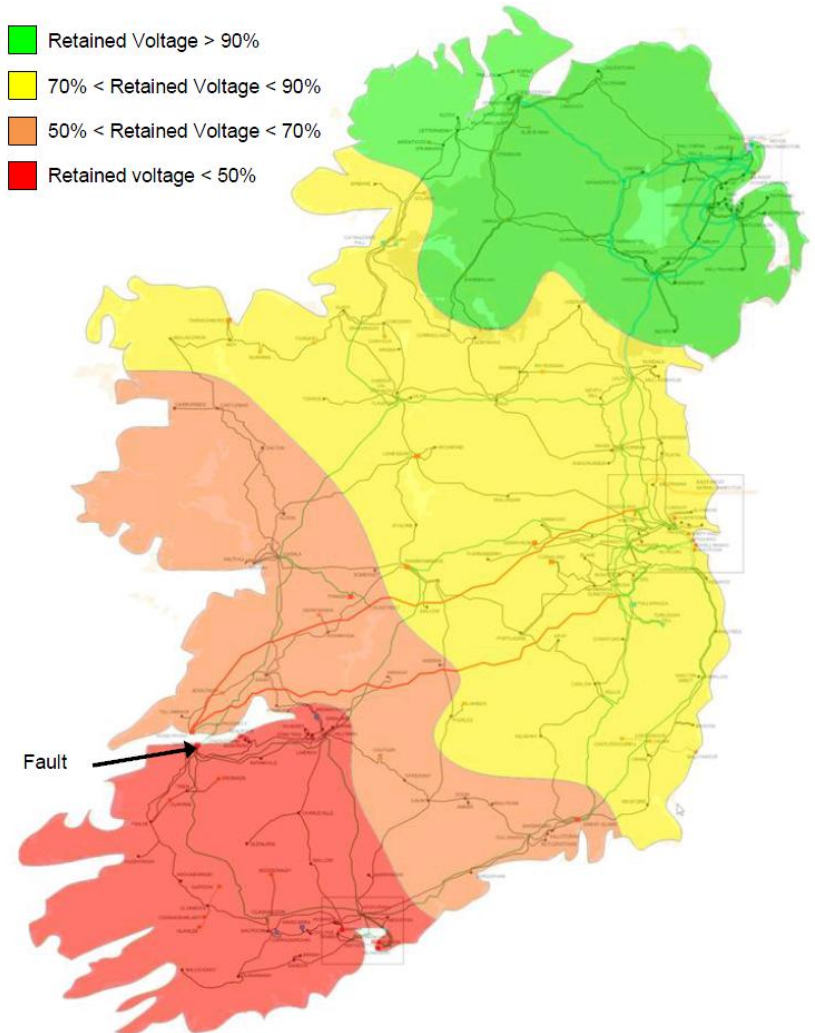
# Issue: Dynamic Stability



# Issue: Voltage Dip-Induced Frequency Dip



- Retained Voltage > 90%
- 70% < Retained Voltage < 90%
- 50% < Retained Voltage < 70%
- Retained voltage < 50%







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# Managing Voltage Control on a Power System with High Renewable Penetration

Problem Description: DSO Perspective

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# Presentation Structure

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**What makes Distribution Connection different**

**Degrees of embedding within Distribution System**

**Traditional voltage-rise**

**New tools at our disposal**

**Reactive Range and visibility**

**Example of inter-windfarm interaction for Cluster scenario**

- **DSO License obligations**
  - Must keep all customers terminal voltage within limits [EN 50160] at all times
  - Must keep all network voltages within operational limits
  - Must minimise distribution network losses
- **Varying degrees of embedding in Distribution System**
- **Varying topologies**
- **Interaction with existing Distribution Plant**
- **Interaction with demand**
- **Voltage Range differences**

# Varying degrees of embedding in Distribution System

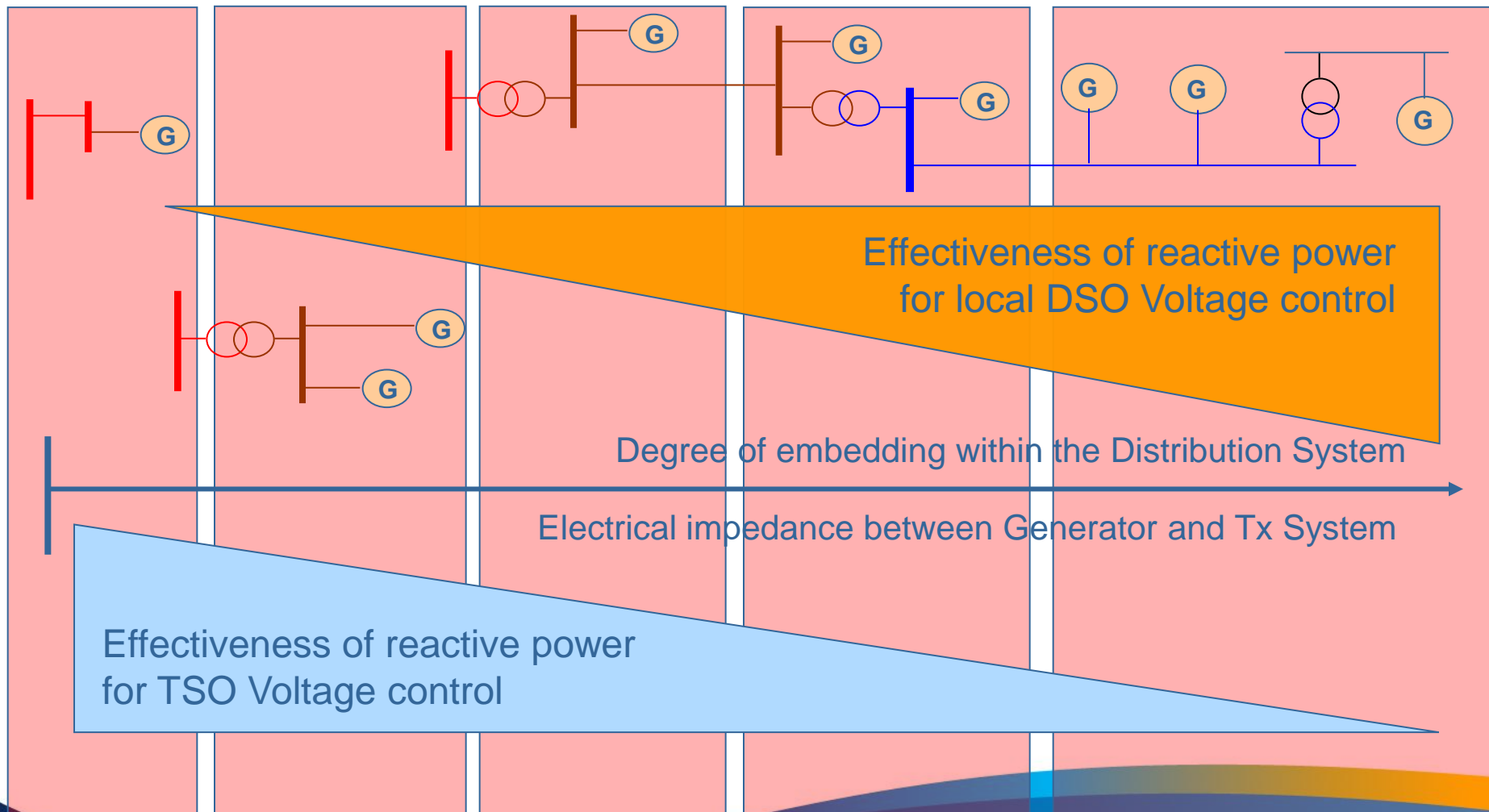
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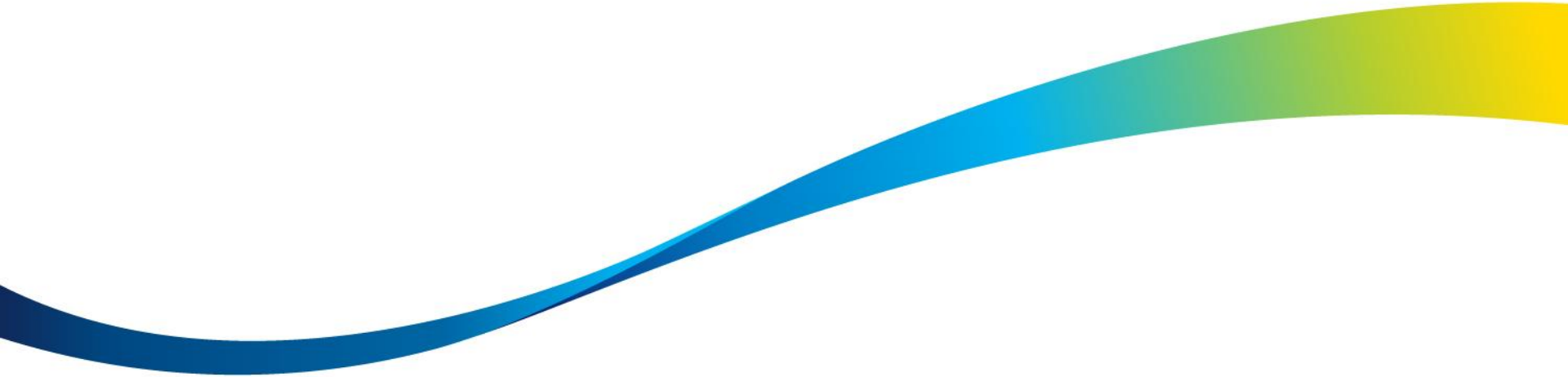
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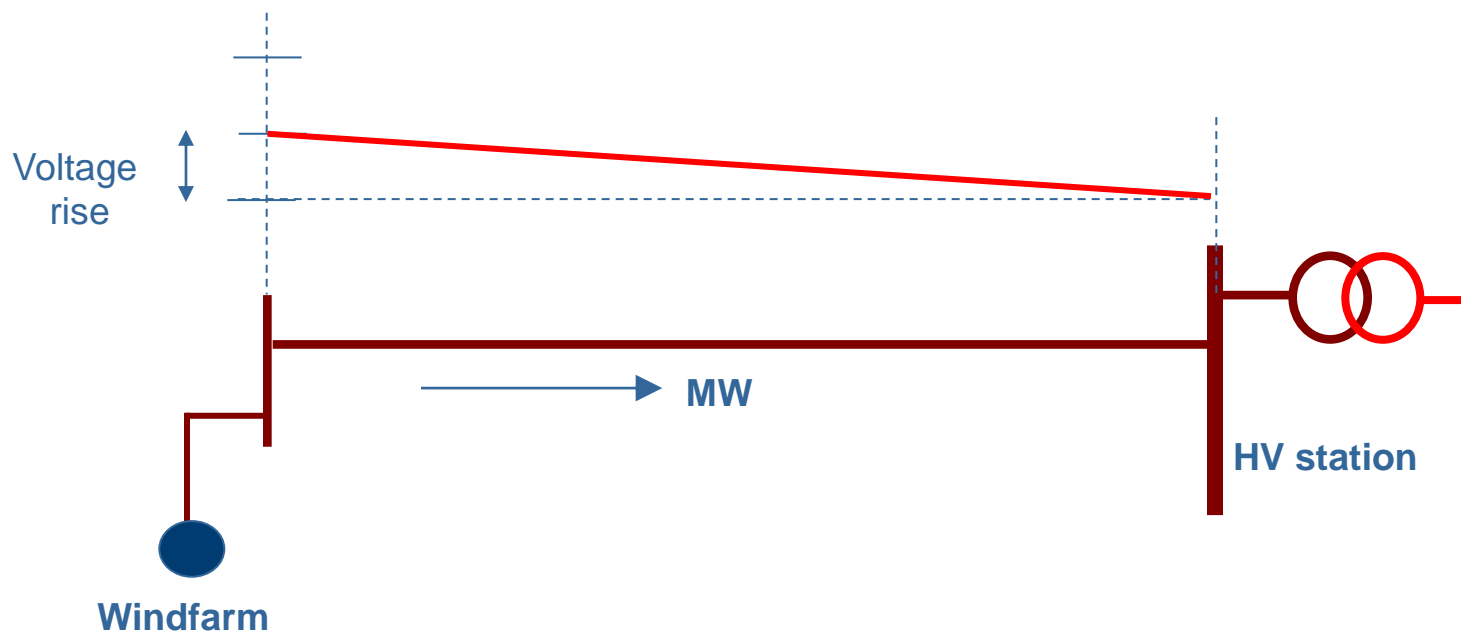
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# “Traditional” Voltage Rise

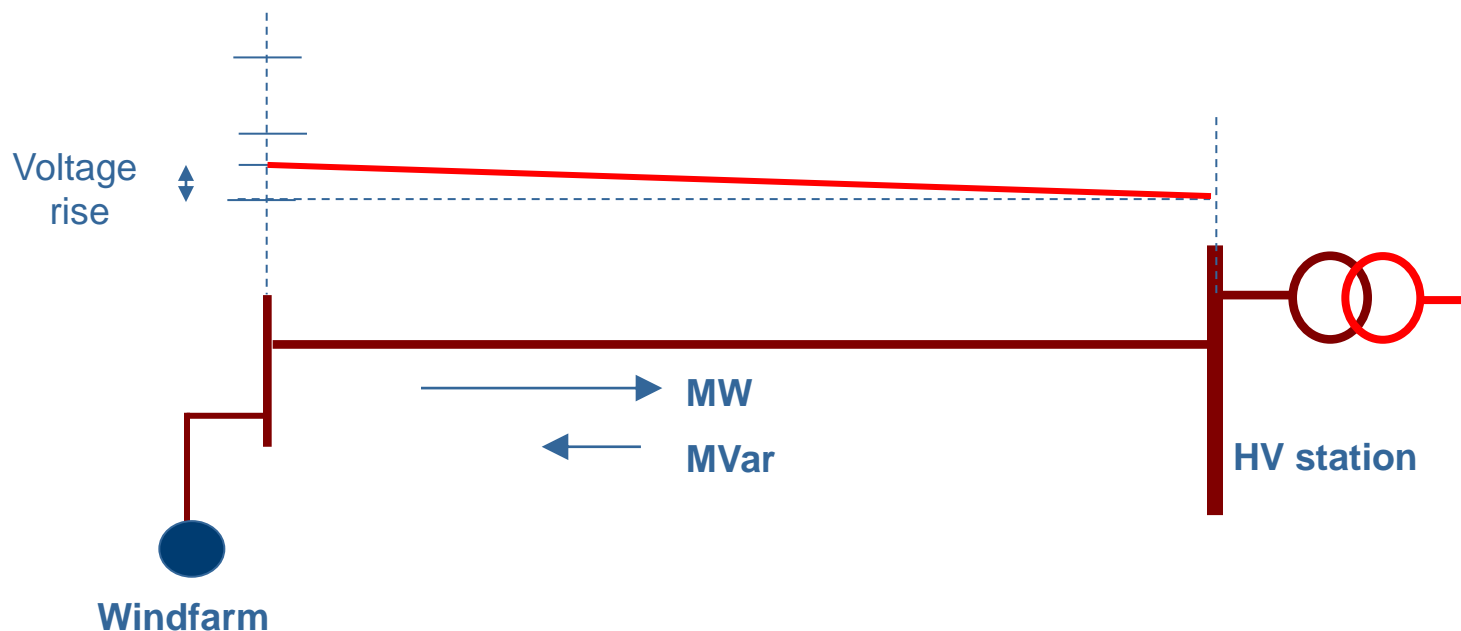


# Traditional Voltage Rise



**If Windfarm operates at unity Power Factor**  
– there is voltage rise along the feeder

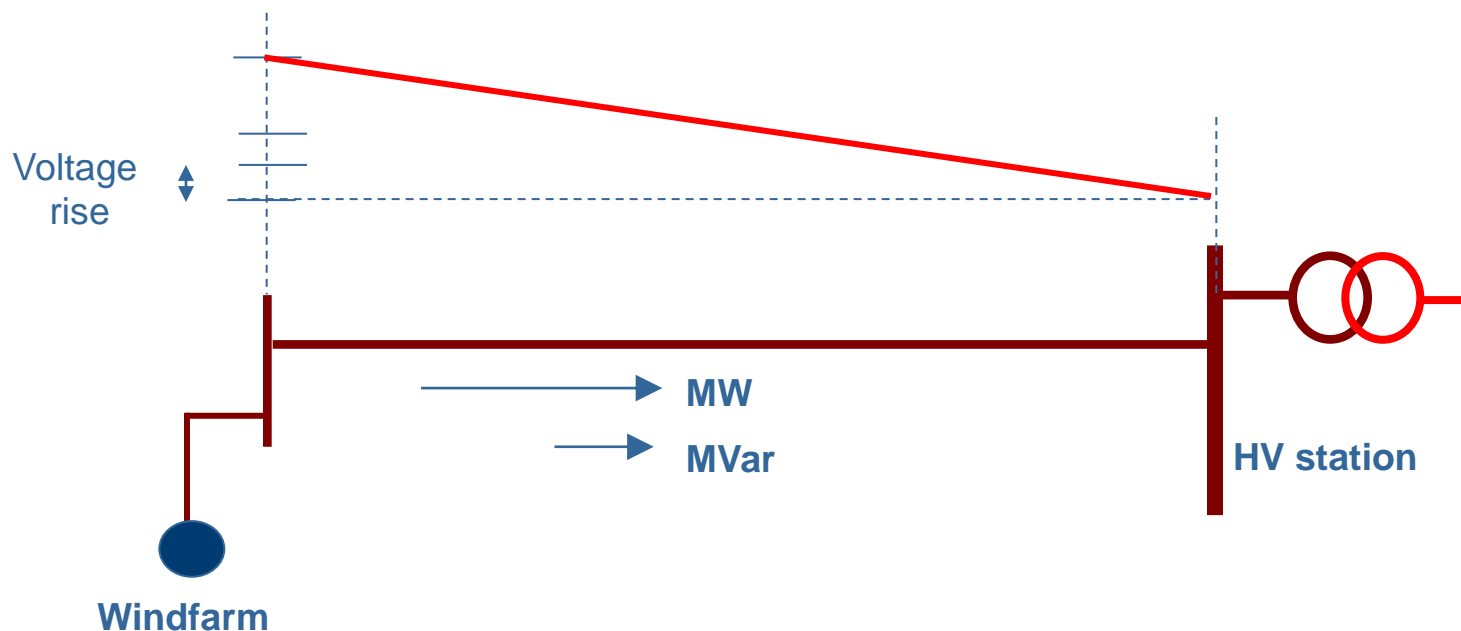
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**If Windfarm operates such as to import VArS**

**– Voltage drop due to MVar offsets voltage rise due to MW**

# Traditional Voltage Rise

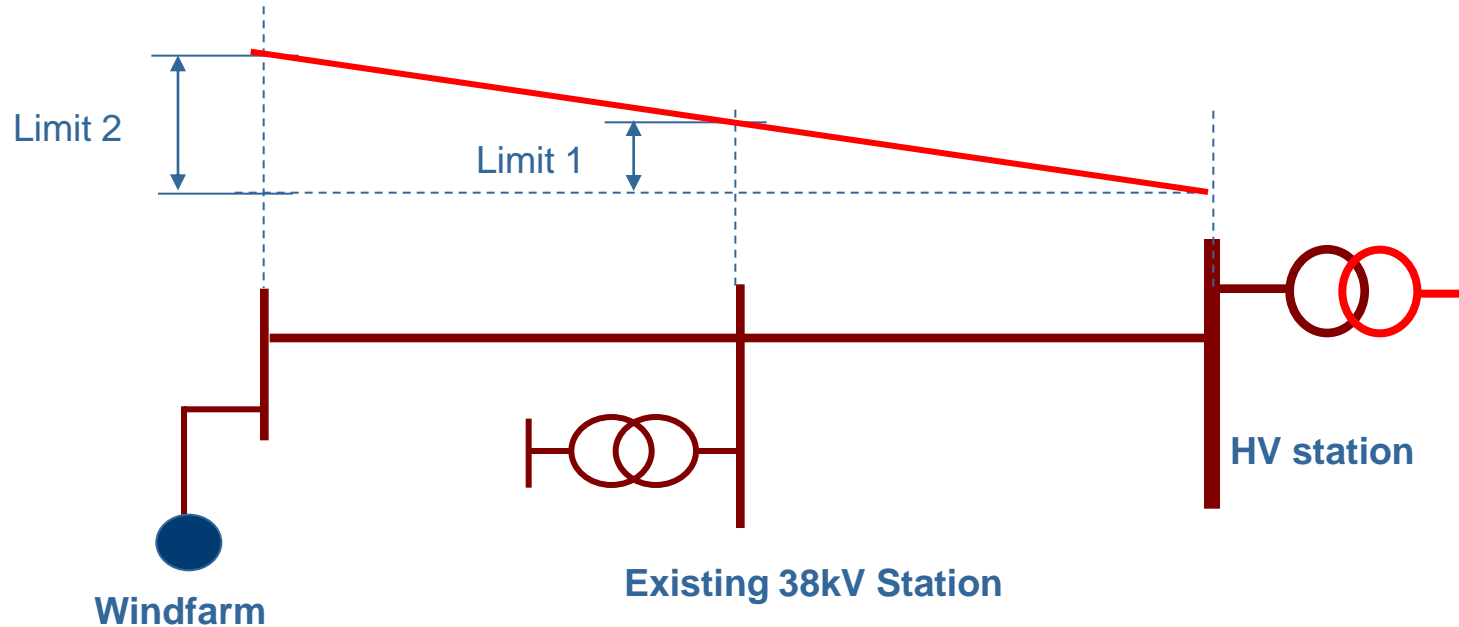


**If Windfarm operates such as to export VARs**

**– Voltage rise due to MVar adds to voltage rise due to MW**



# Traditional Voltage Rise

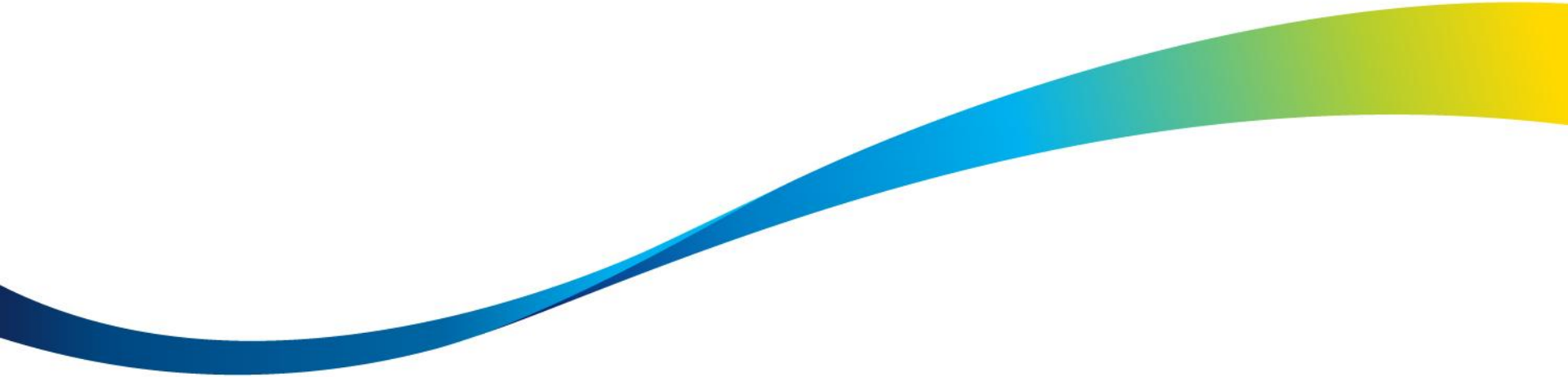


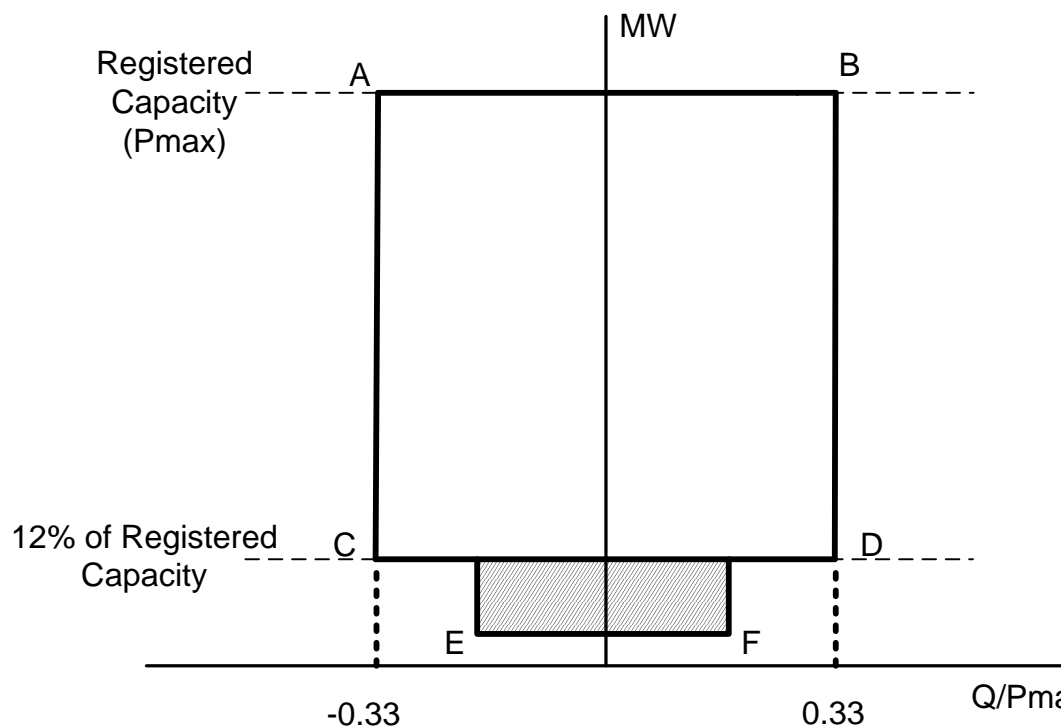
**Limit 1 at load station dictated by tapping range on transformers**

**Limit 2 at Windfarm location can be higher**

# New tools at our disposal

Now and being contemplated for future use





Referring to *Figure WFPS1.4*:

**Point A** represents the minimum Mvar absorption capability of the Controllable WFPS at 100% Registered Capacity and is equivalent to 0.95 power factor leading;

**Point B** represents the minimum Mvar production capability of the Controllable WFPS at 100% Registered Capacity and is equivalent to 0.95 power factor lagging;

**Point C** represents the minimum Mvar absorption capability of the Controllable WFPS at 12% Registered Capacity and is equivalent to the same Mvar as Point A;

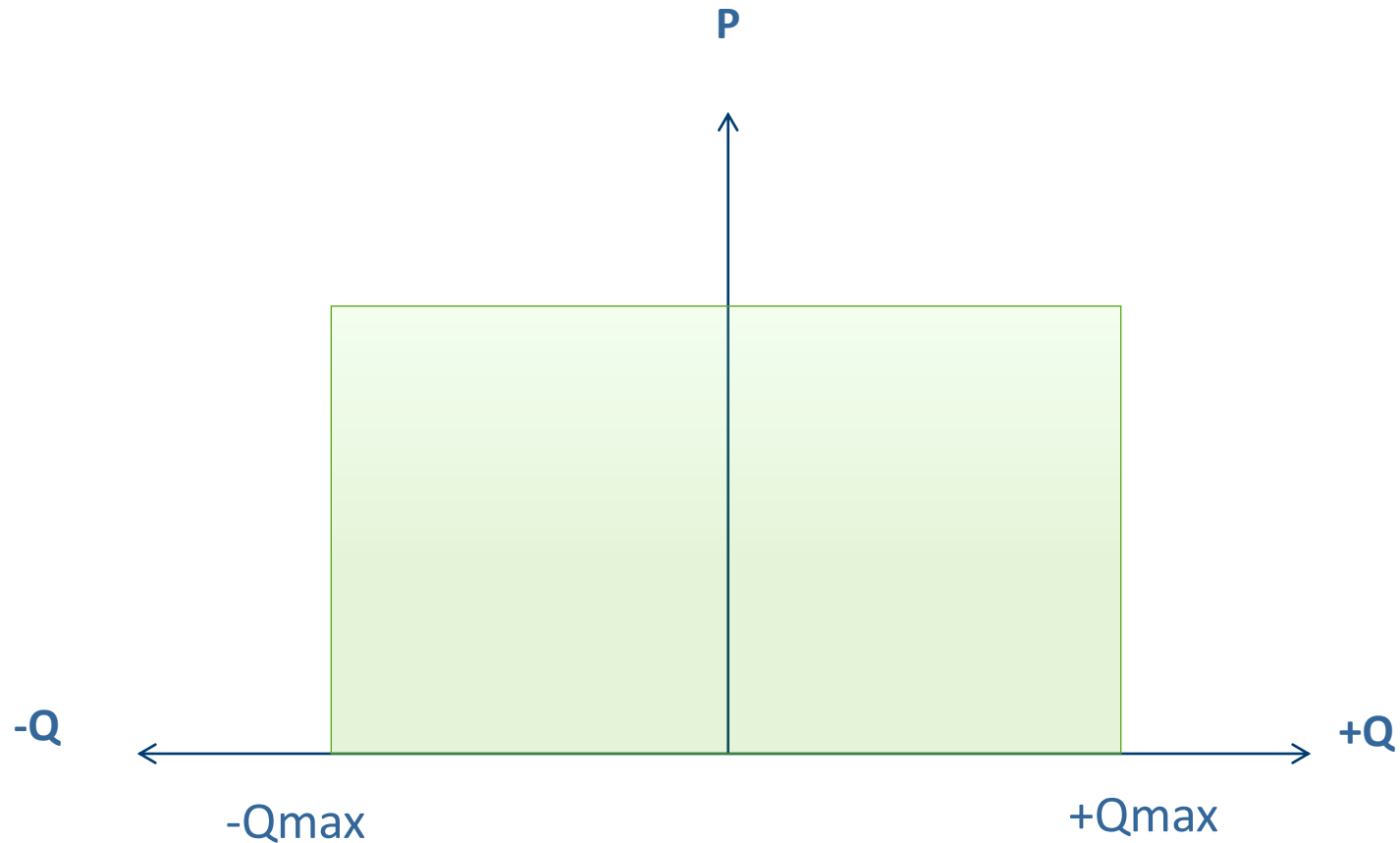
**Point D** represents the minimum Mvar production capability of the Controllable WFPS at 12% Registered Capacity and is equivalent to the same Mvar as Point B;

**Point E** represents the minimum Mvar absorption capability of the Controllable WFPS at the cut-in speed of the individual WTGs;

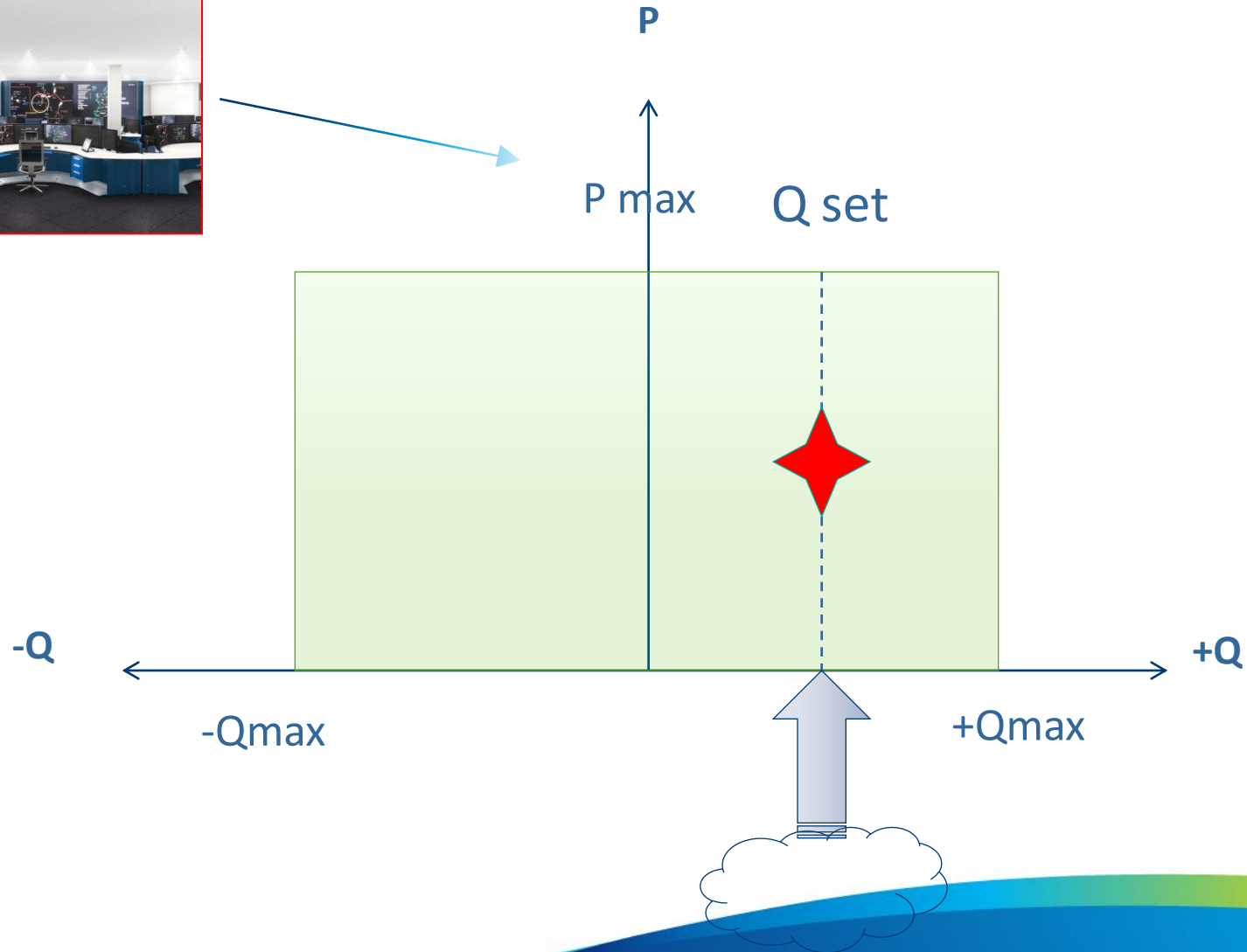
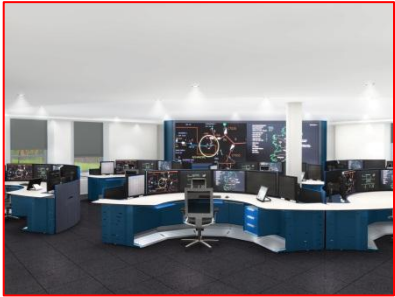
**Point F** represents the minimum Mvar production capability of the Controllable WFPS at the cut-in speed of the individual WTGs;

The TSO accepts that the values of Points E and F may vary depending on the number of WTGs generating electricity in a low-wind scenario;

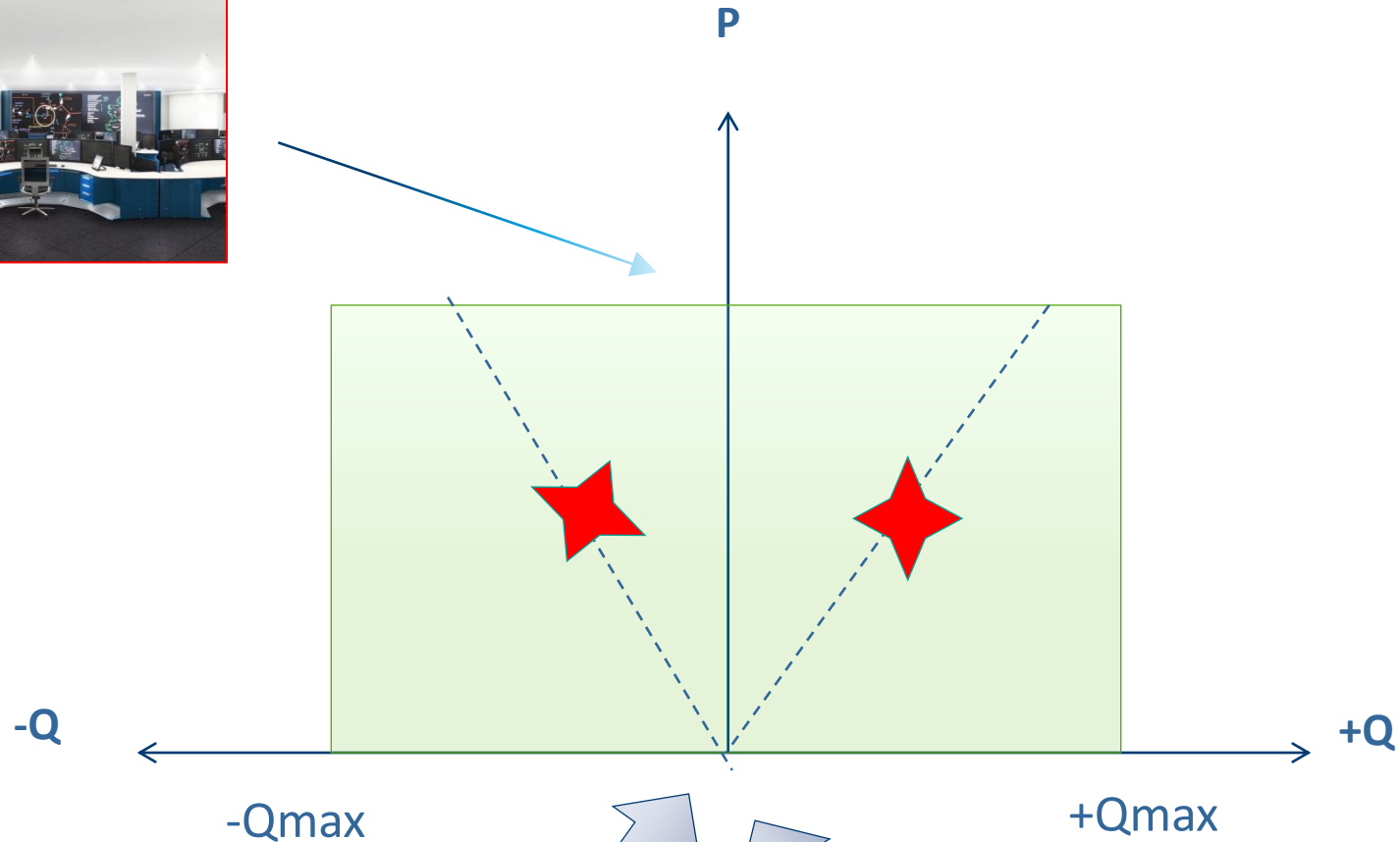
# Changes pending: Control modes



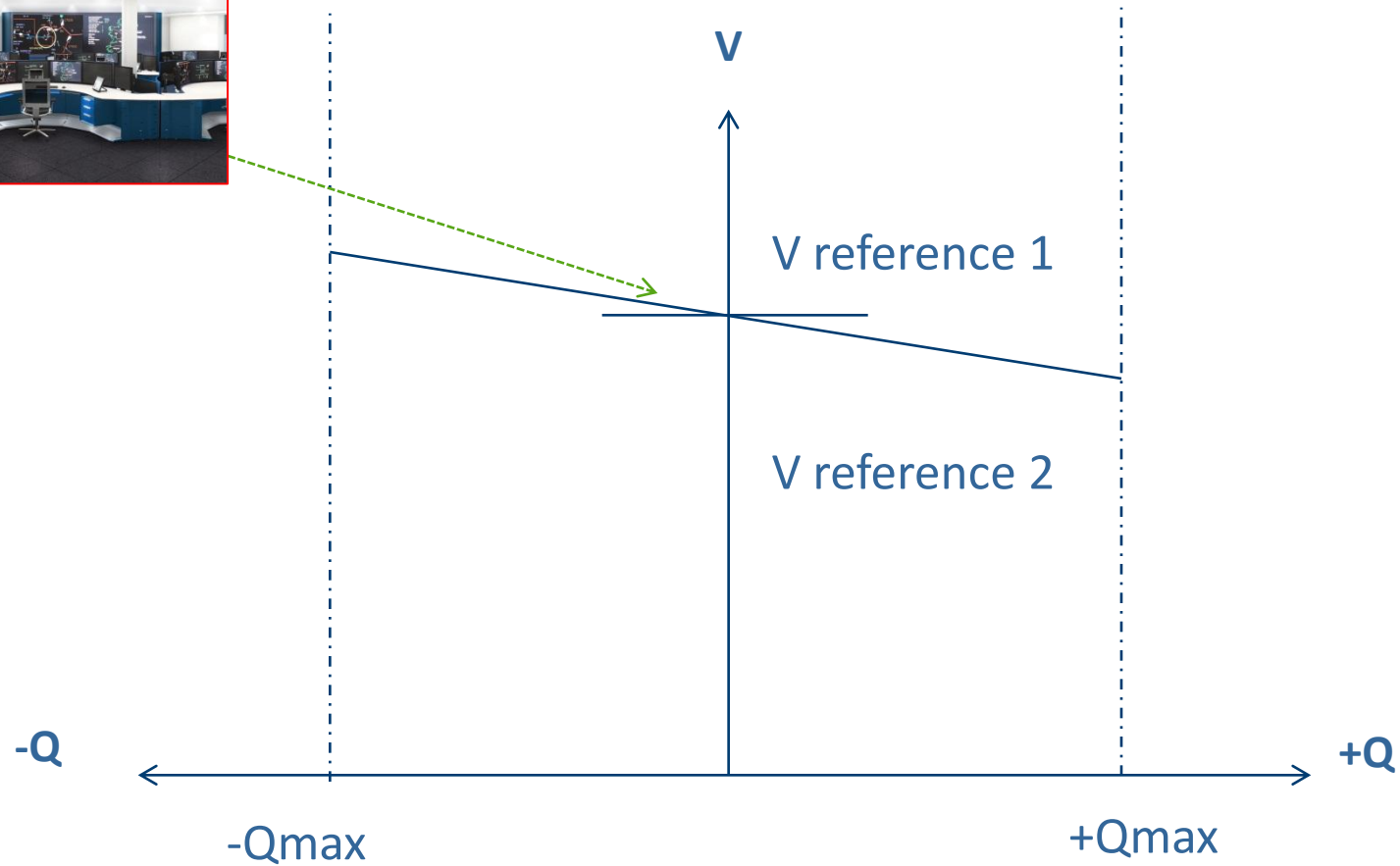
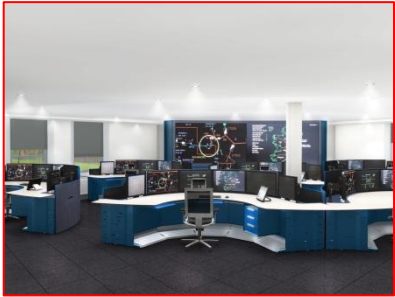
# Q mode

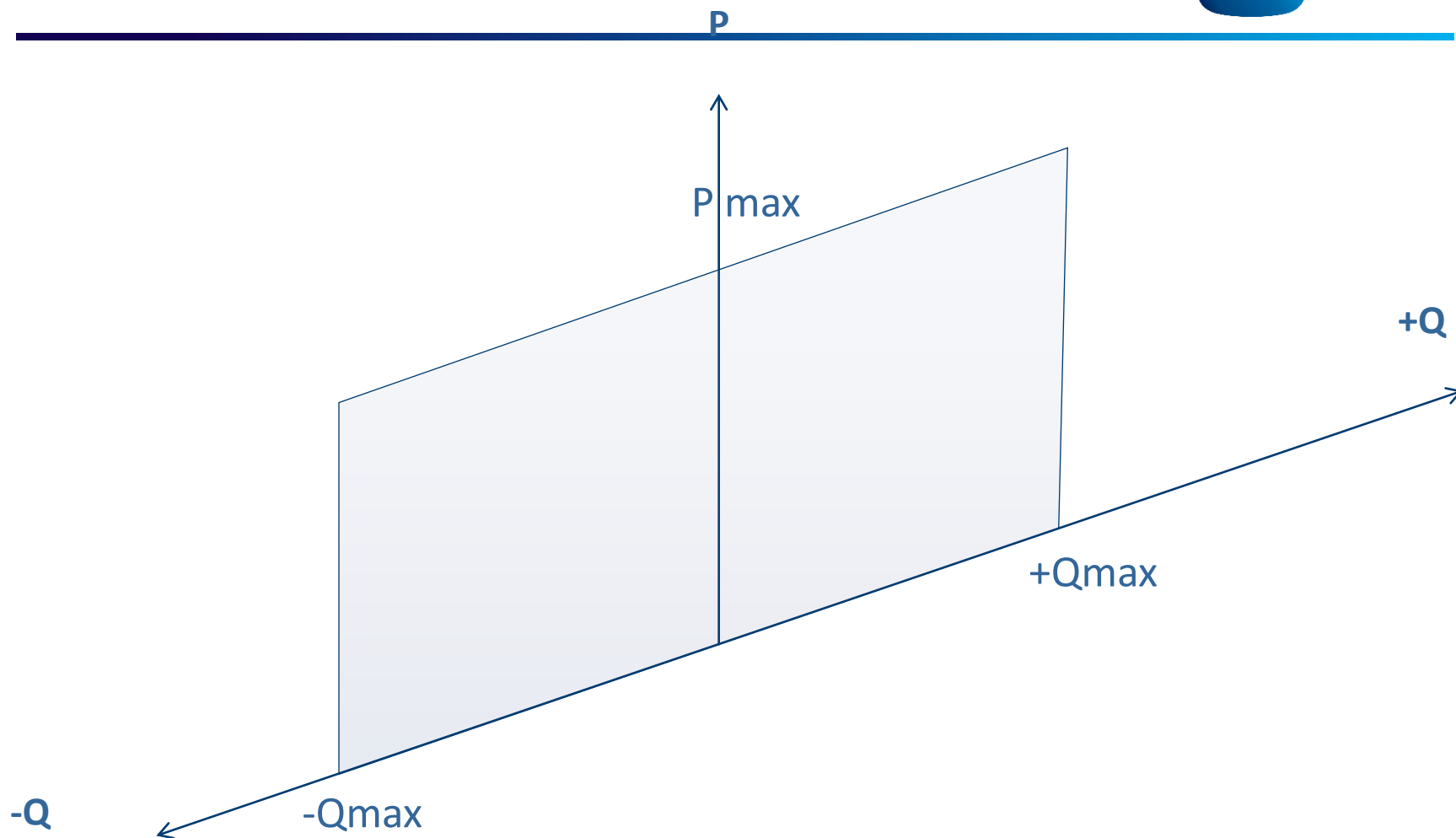


# Power Factor mode

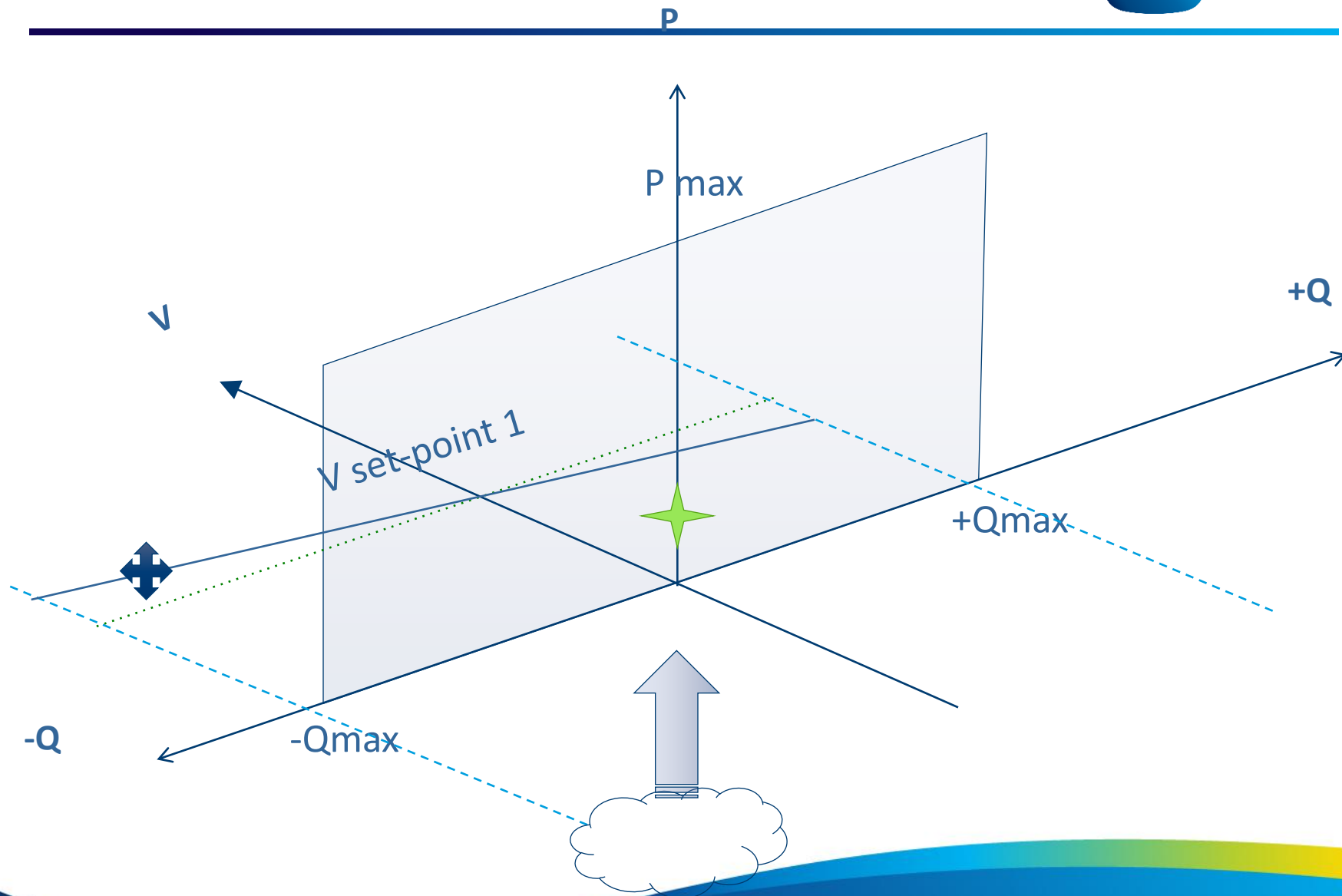


# Voltage Control

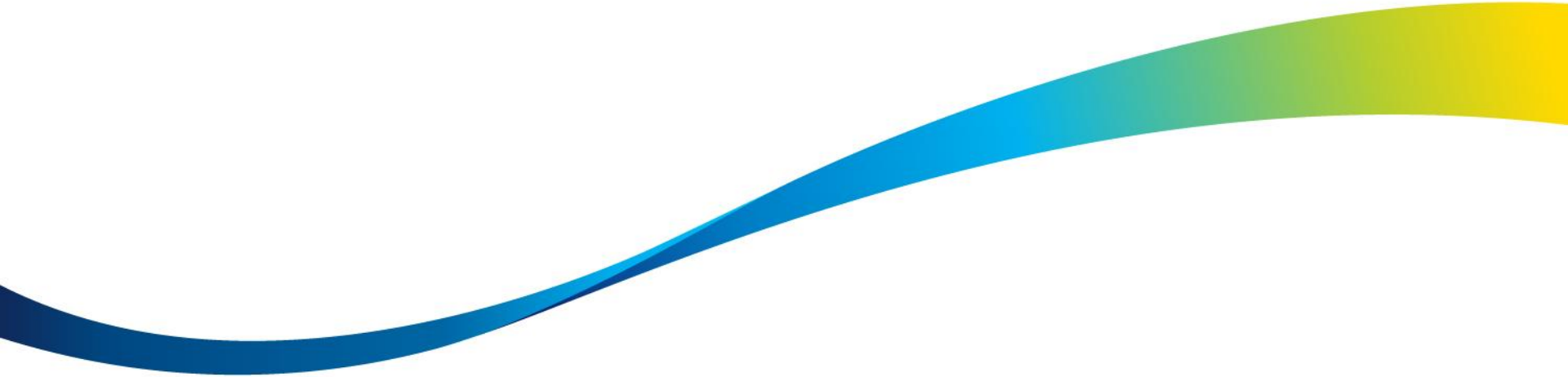




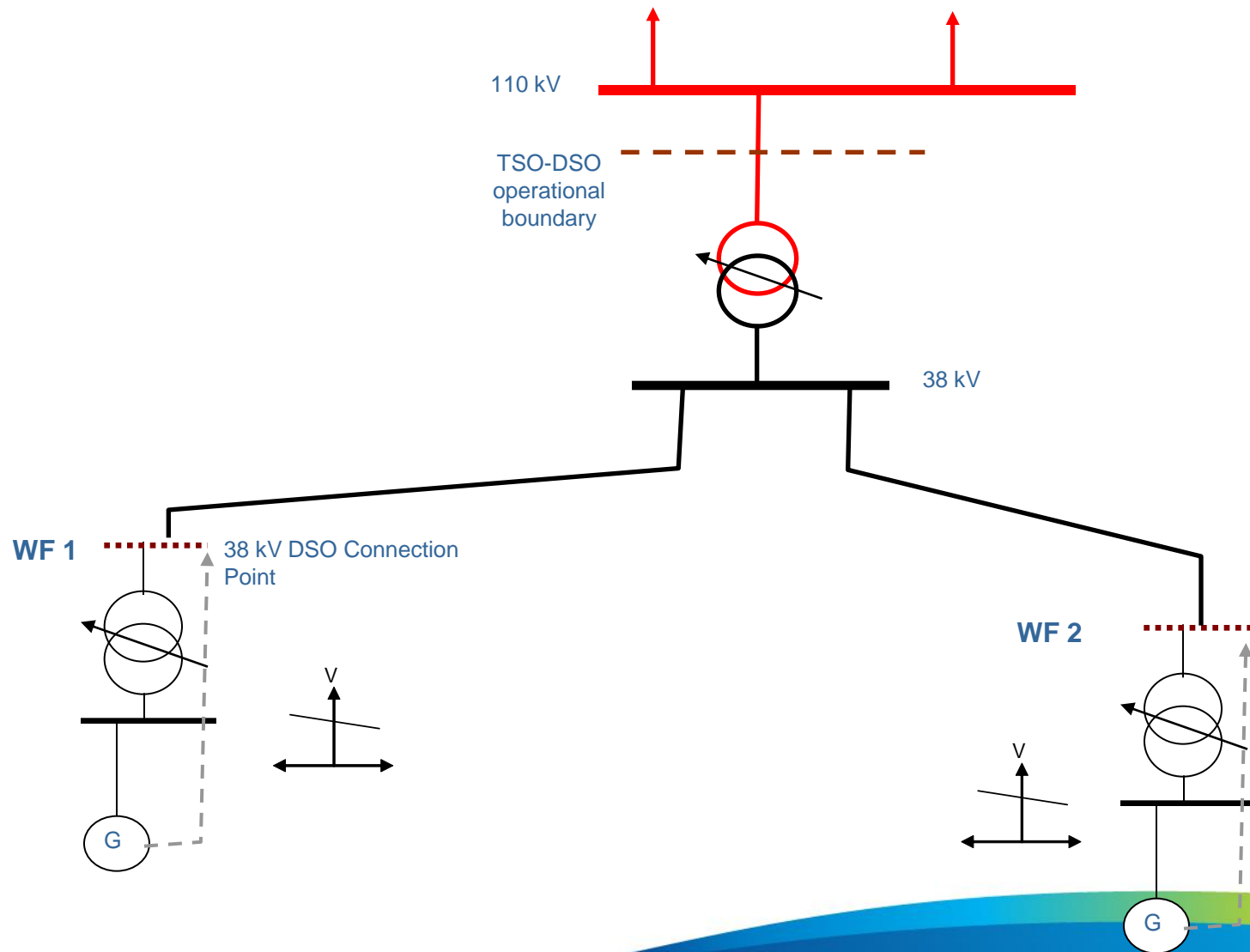




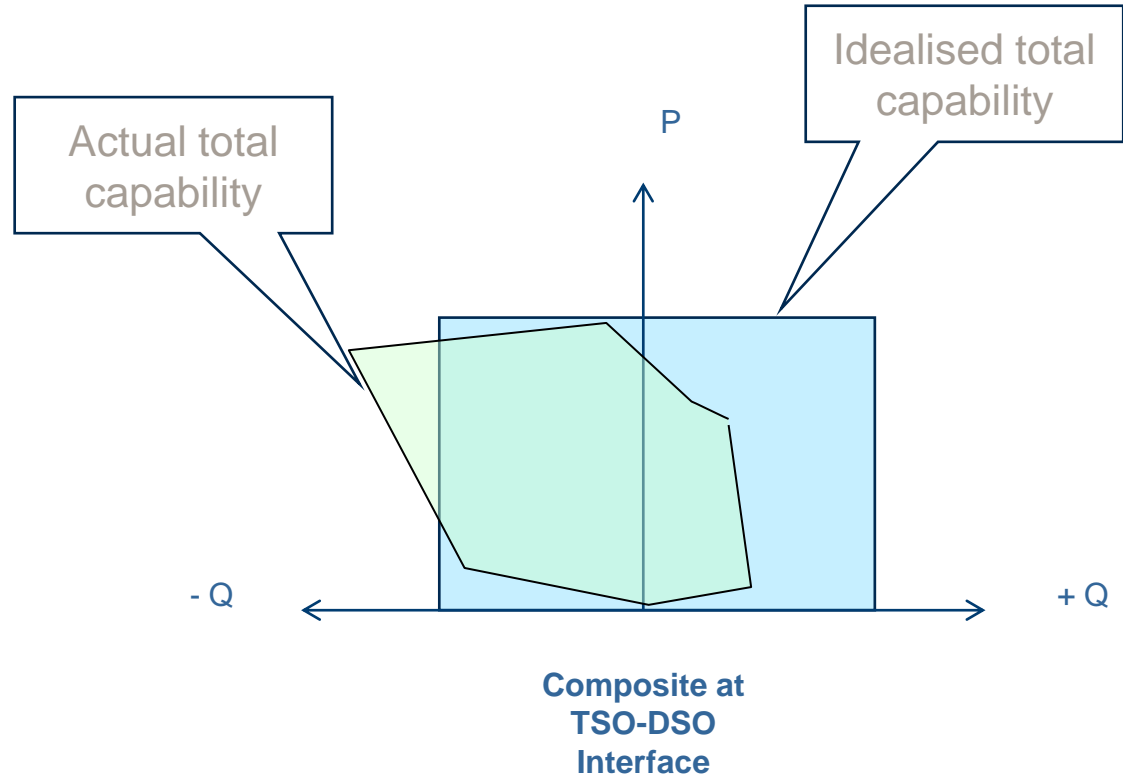
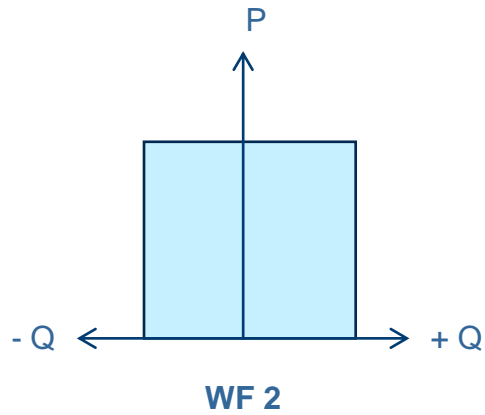
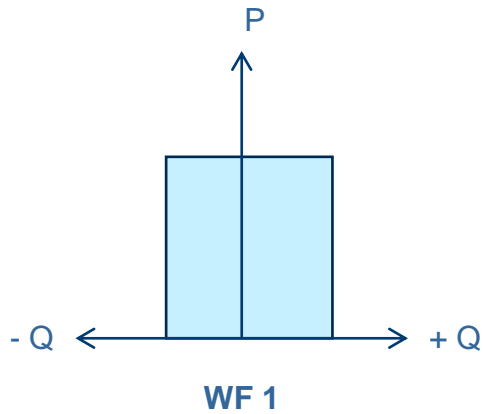
# Reactive Range and visibility



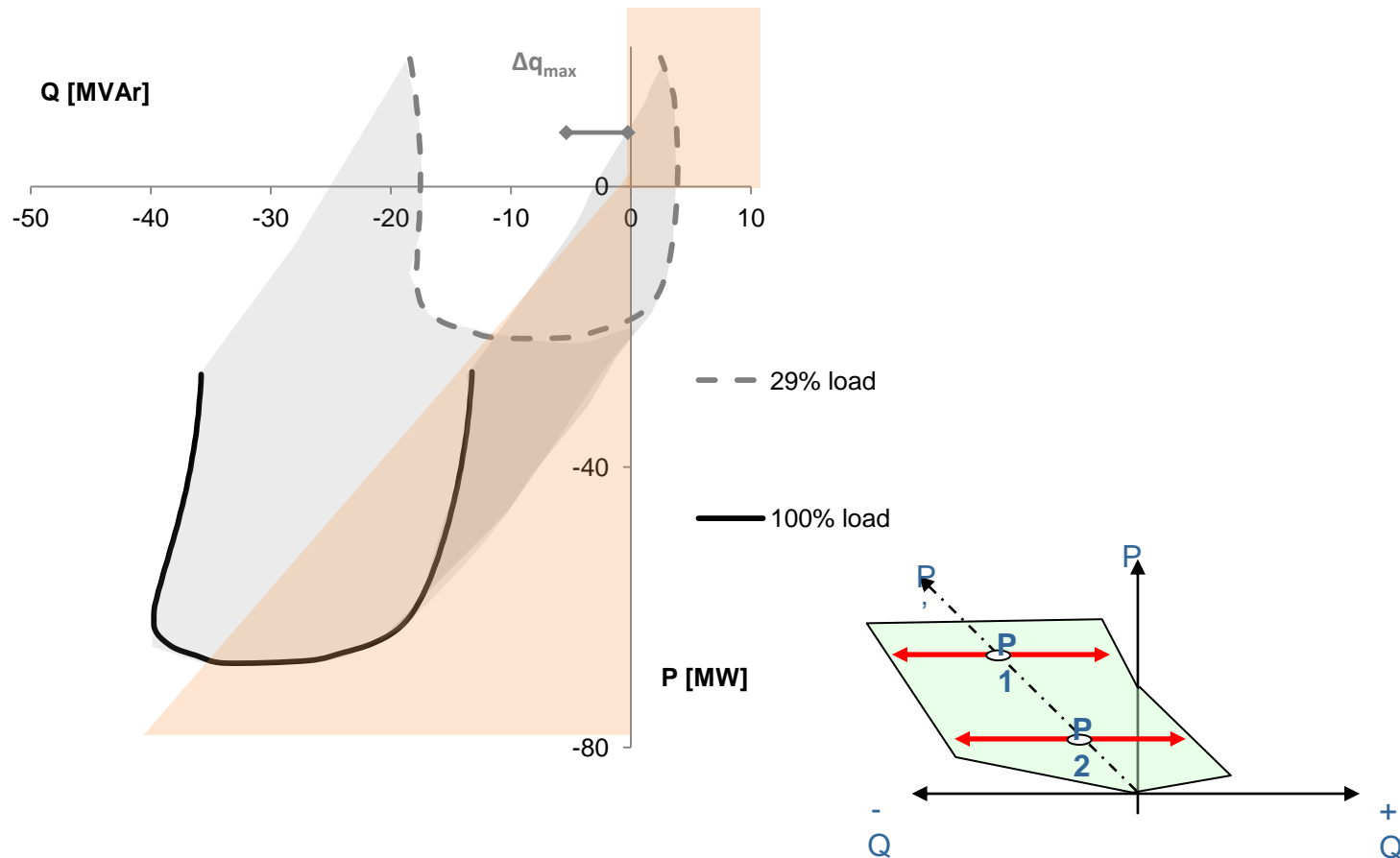
# Can this be applied to a distribution wind cluster?



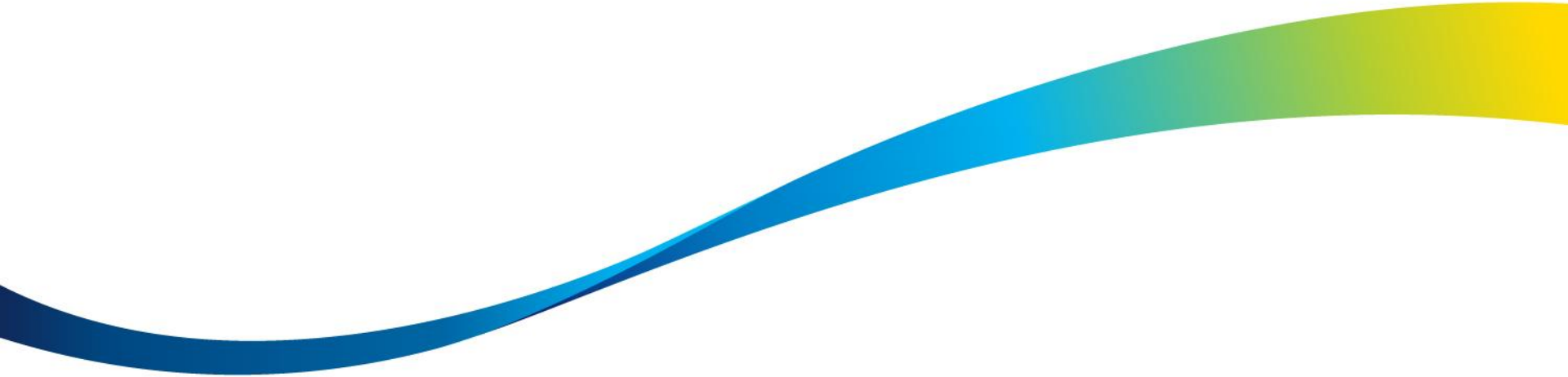
# 2 + 2 may not equal 4



# Interaction with Demand Load



# Voltage Range differences



Tx KV %	Tx KV
112	123.2
111	122.1
110	121
109	119.9
108	118.8
107	117.7
106	116.6
105	115.5
104	114.4
103	113.3
102	112.2
101.5	111.65
101	111.1
100.5	110.55
100	110
99.5	109.45
99	108.9
98.5	108.35
98	107.8
97	106.7
96	105.6
95	104.5
94	103.4
93	102.3
92	101.2
91	100.1
90	99
89	97.9
88	96.8
87	95.7
86	94.6
85	93.5
84	92.4
83	91.3
82	90.2
81	89.1
80	88
79	86.9
78	85.8
77	84.7

MV KV % MV KV

Tap 1

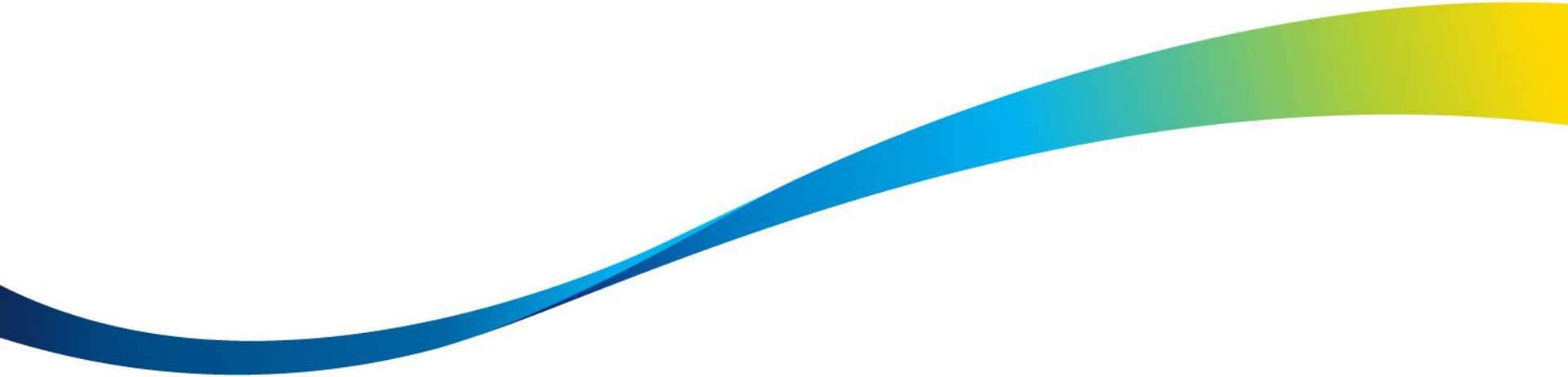


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Tap 9

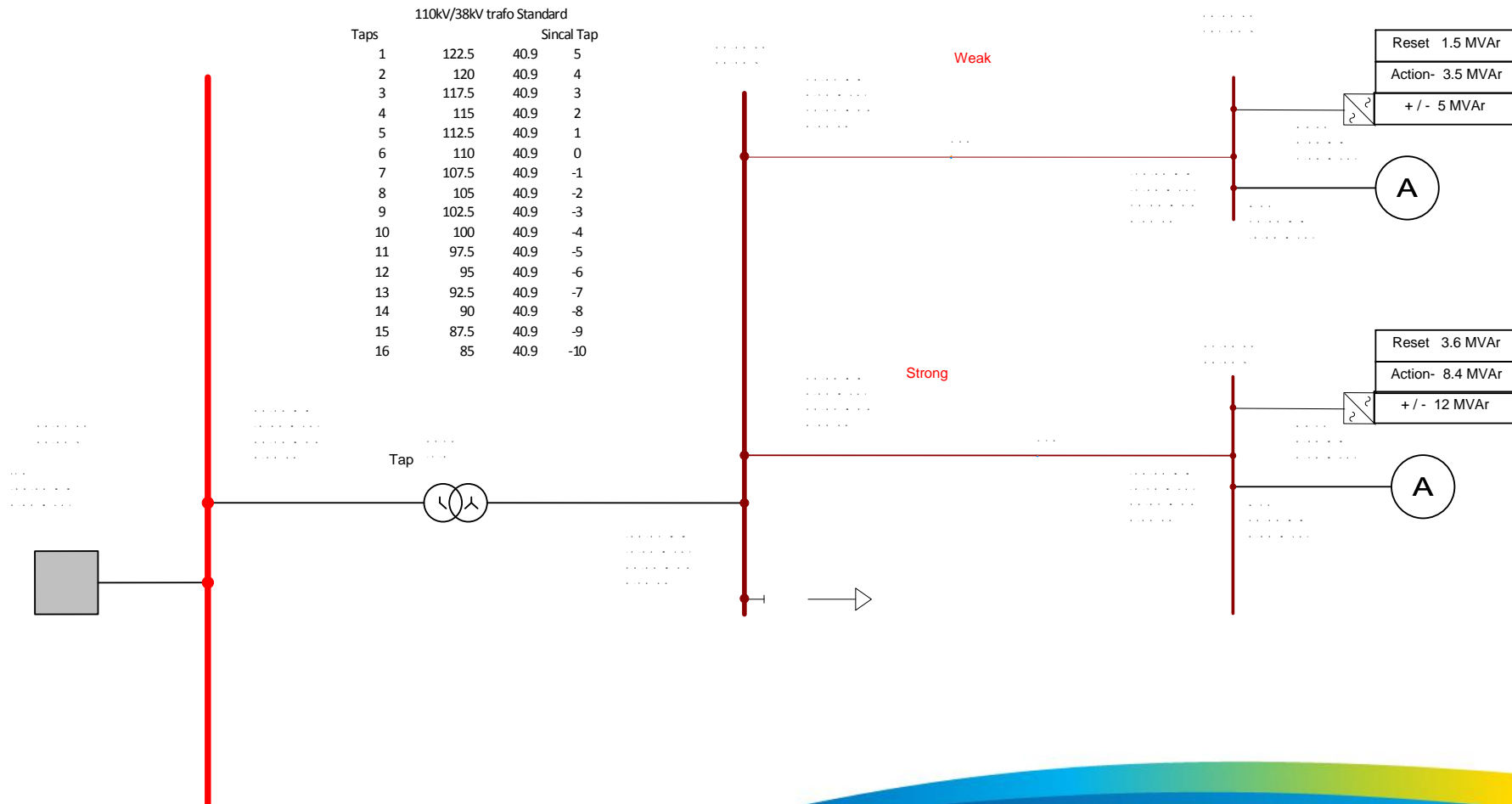
113	22.6
112	22.4
111	22.2
110	22
109	21.8
108	21.6
107	21.4
106	21.2
105	21
104	20.8
103	20.6
102	20.4
101	20.2
100	20
99	19.8
98	19.6
97	19.4

# Example of inter-windfarm interaction for Cluster scenario

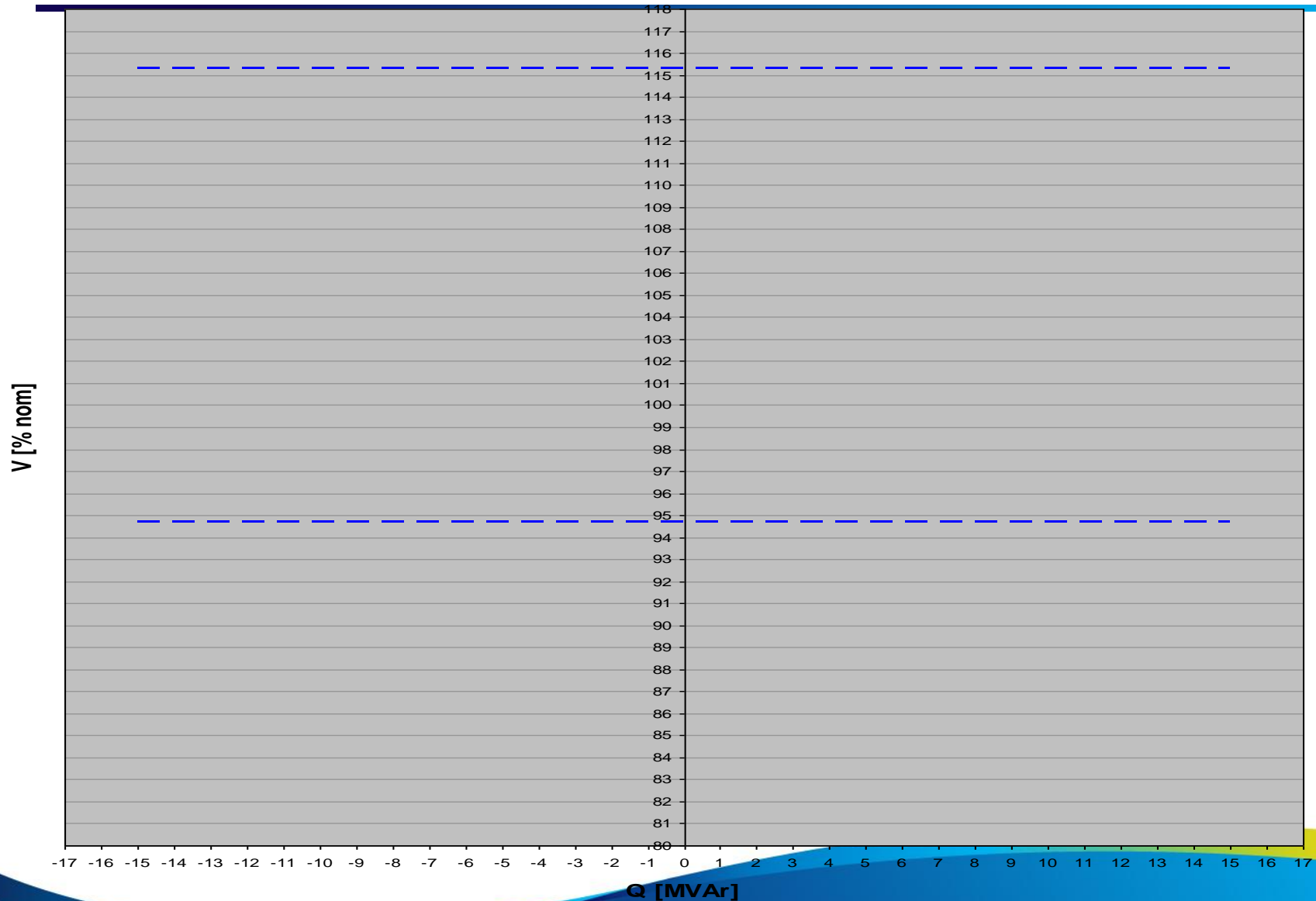




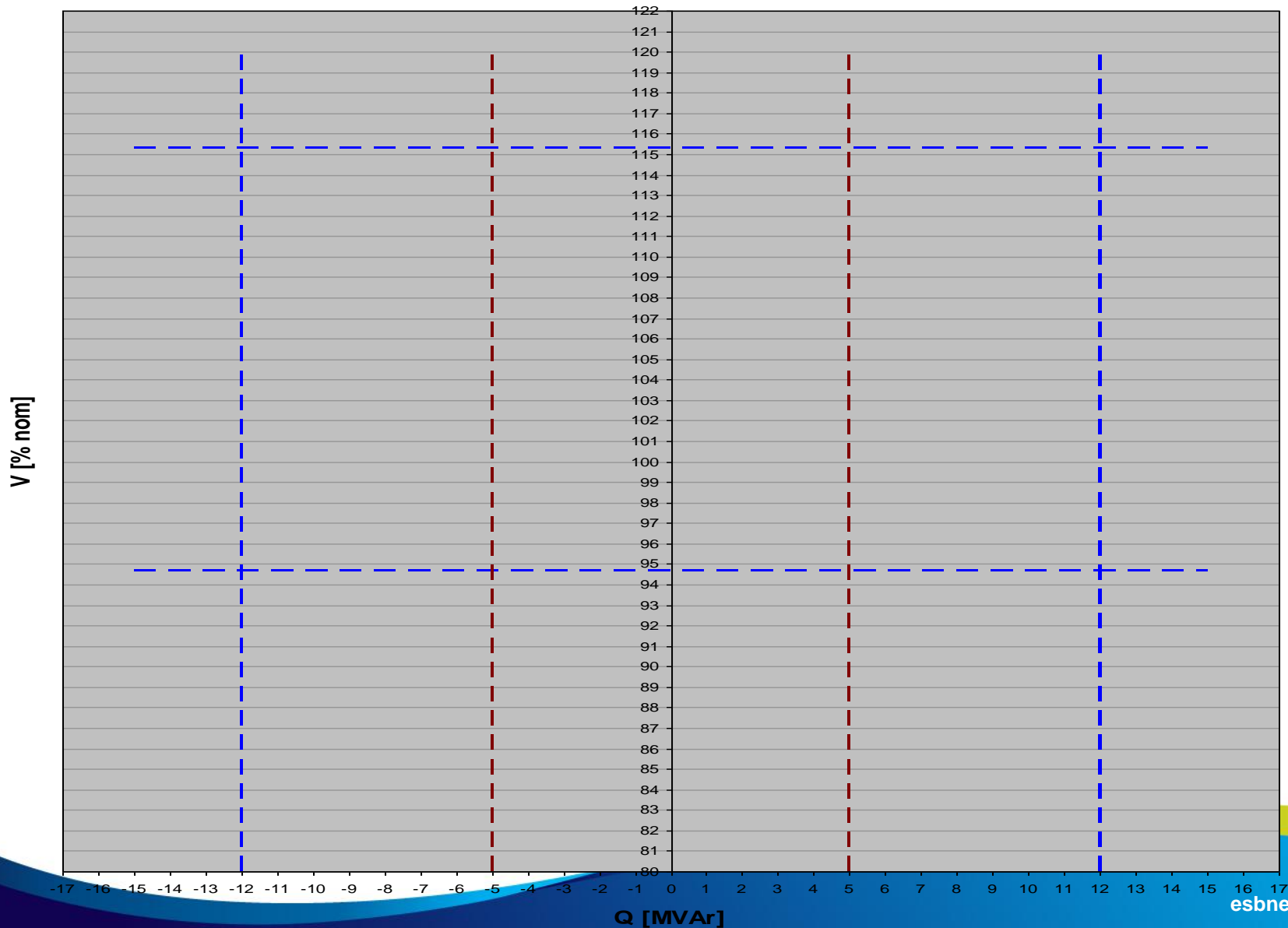
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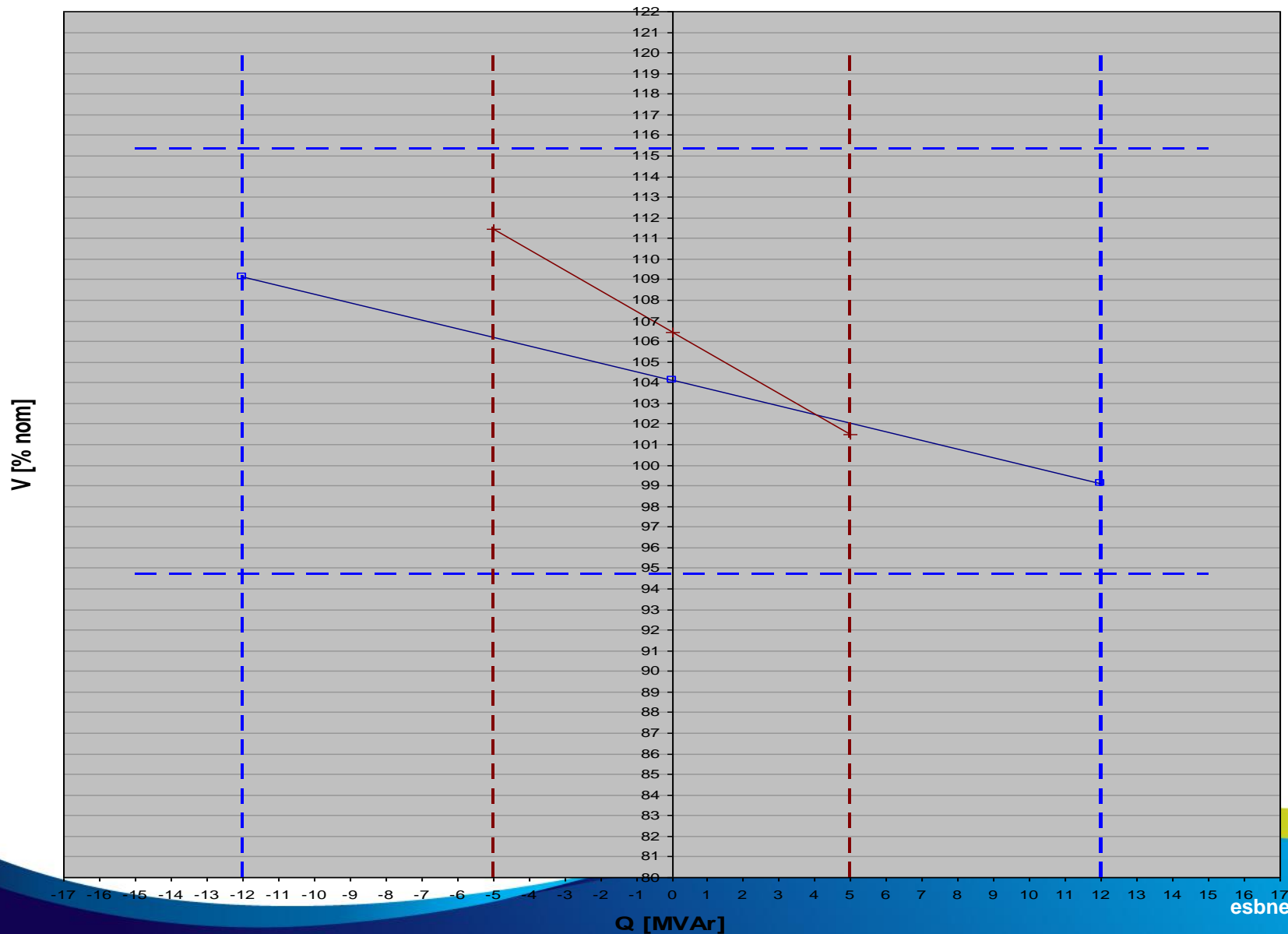
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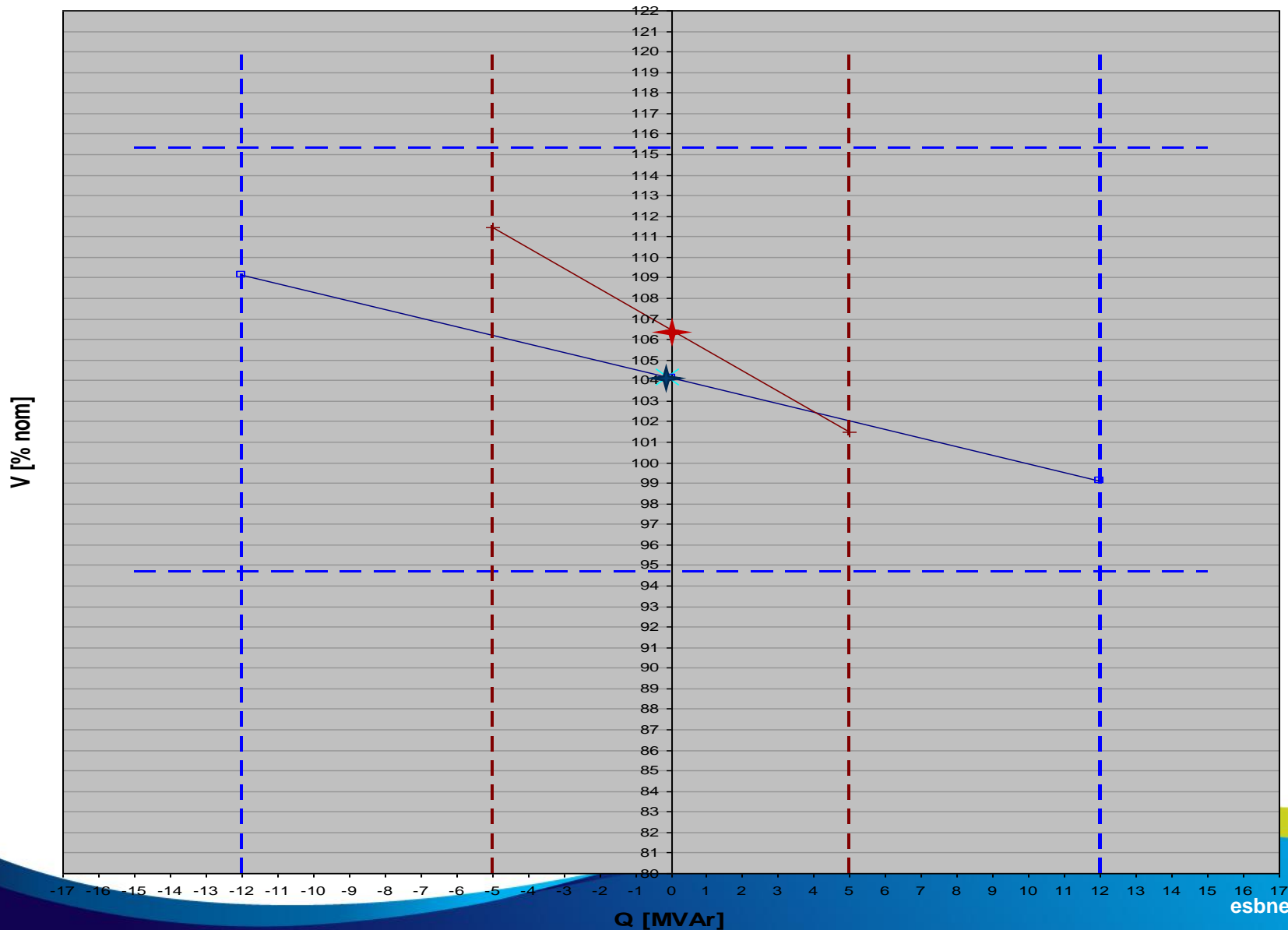
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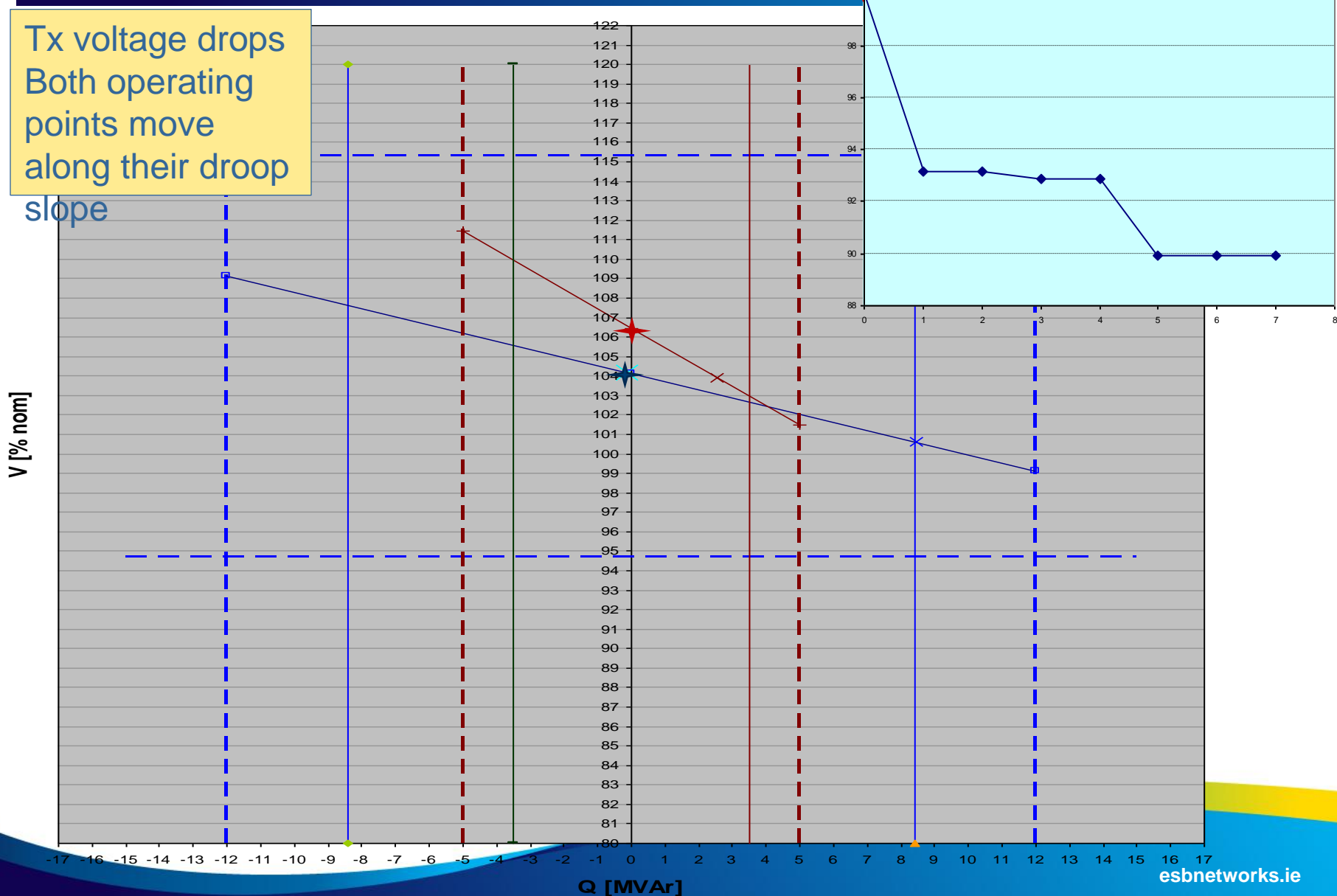
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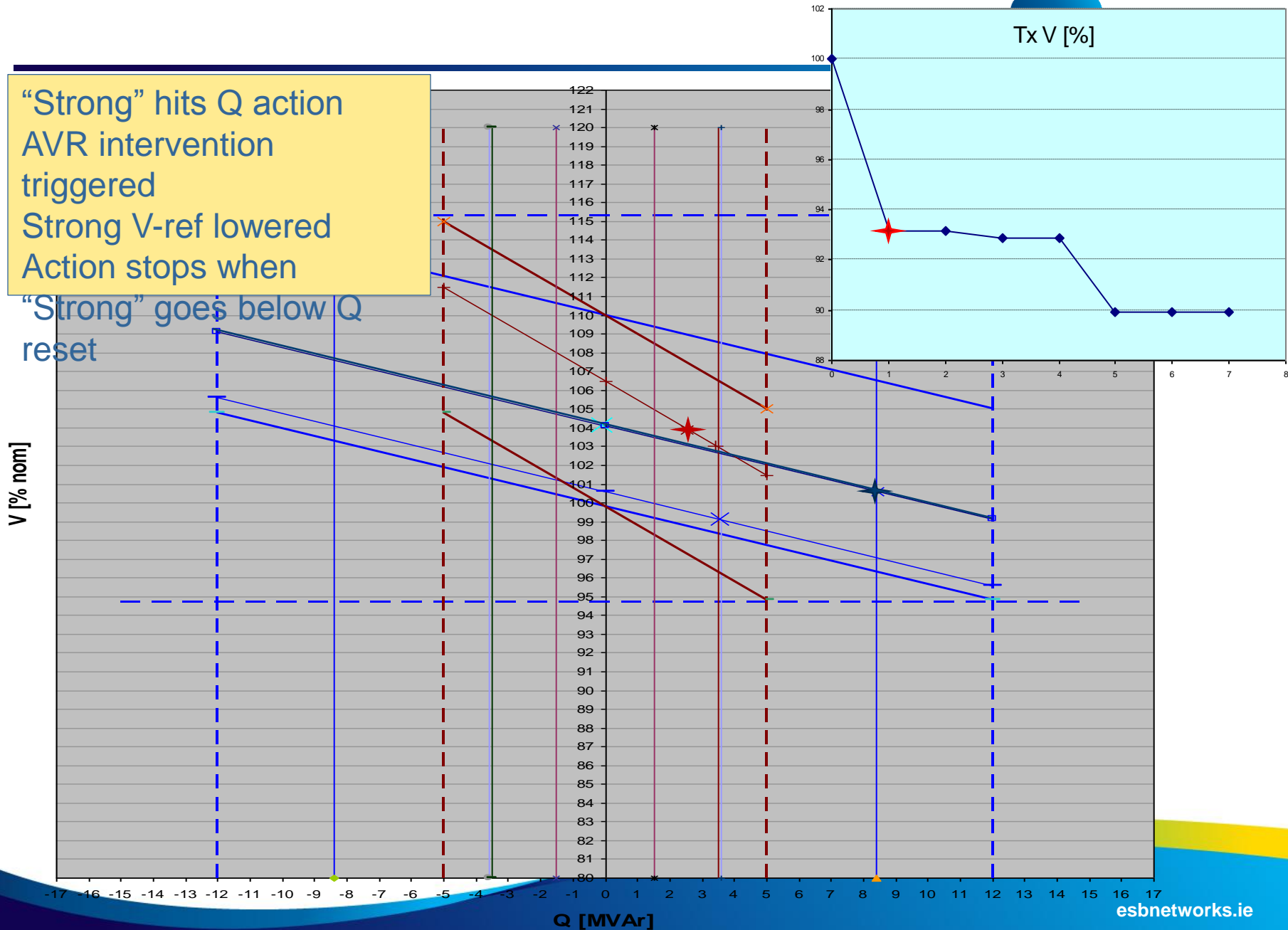


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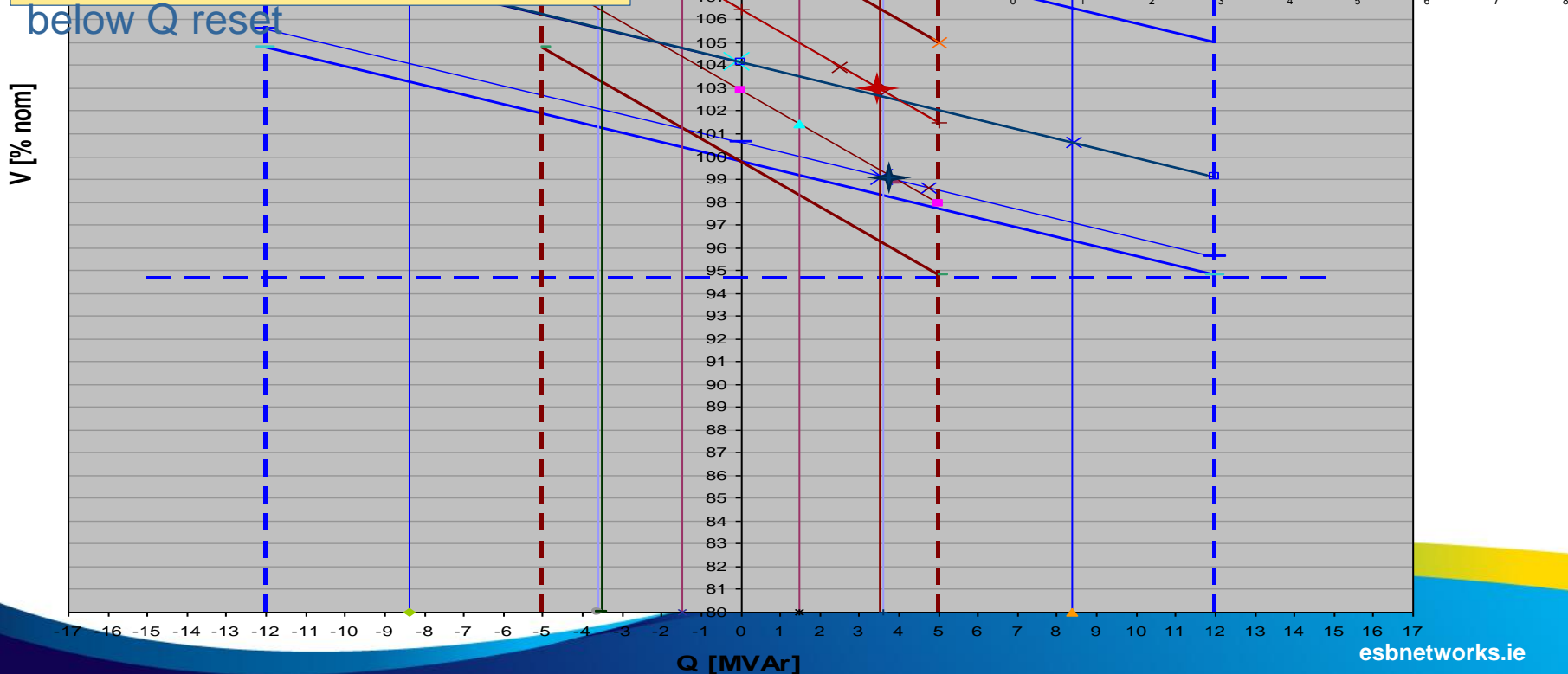
# Case 3: Strong and weak on same trafo

“Strong” hits Q action  
AVR intervention  
triggered  
Strong V-ref lowered  
Action stops when  
“Strong” goes below Q  
reset



# Case 3: Strong and weak on same trafo

“Weak” now close to its Q action  
Tx V drops  
“Weak” hits its Q action  
AVR intervention triggered  
Weak V-ref lowered  
Action stops when “Weak” goes  
below Q reset





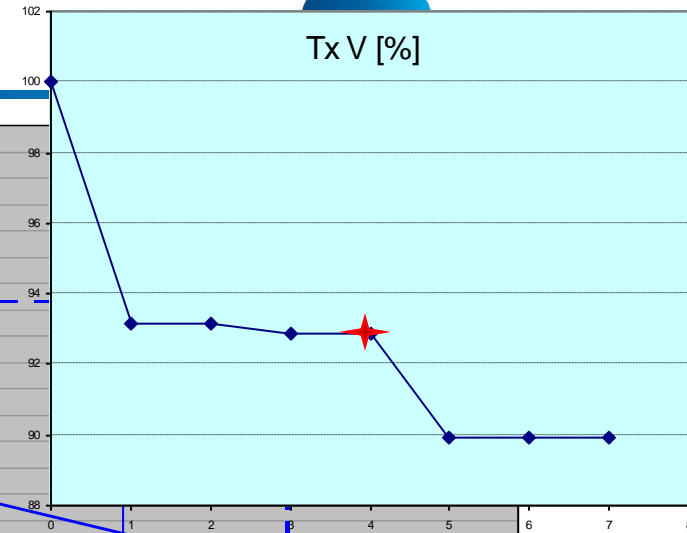
# Case 3: Strong and weak on same trafo

Tx V drops further  
 “strong” once again hits Q action  
 AVR intervention triggered  
 V ref lowered but hits V min  
 Tap change initiated  
 Tap until either or both come below Q reset

V [% nom]

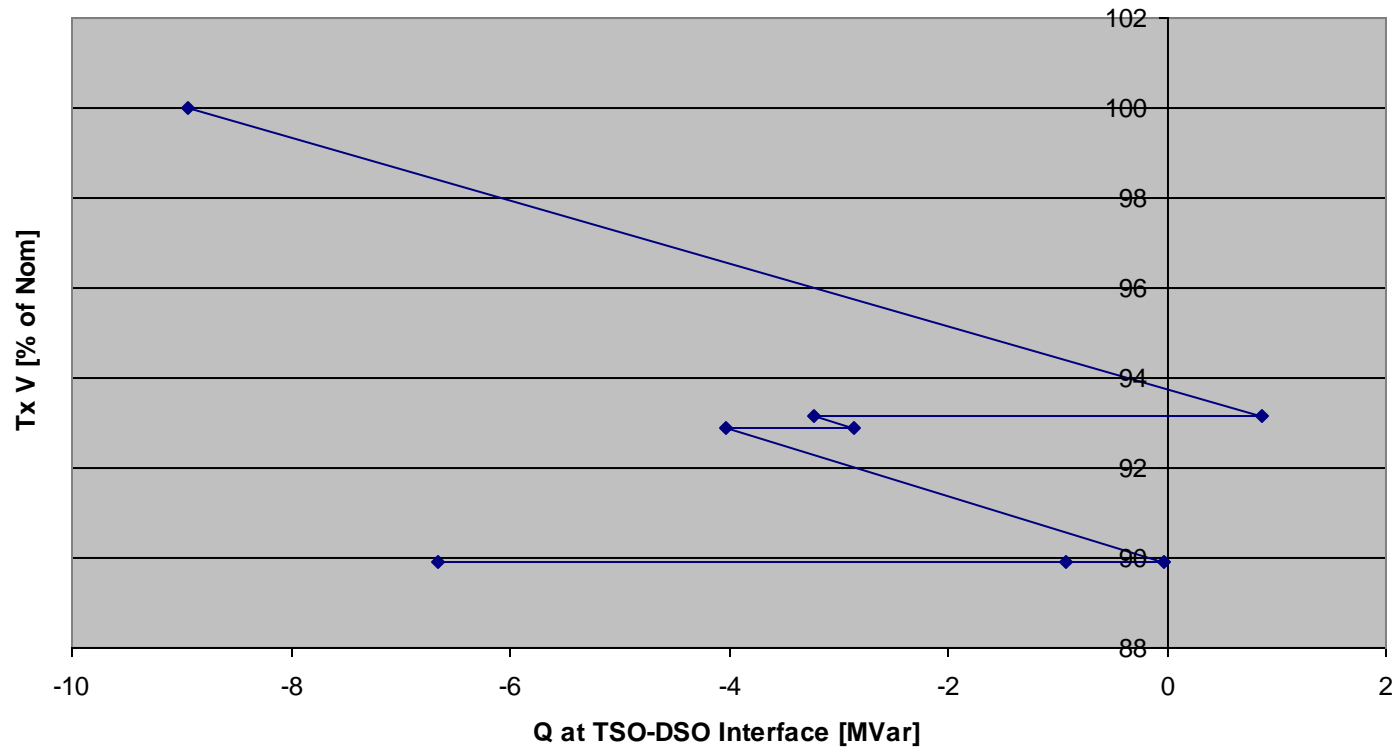
110kV/38kV trafo Standard			
Taps		Sincal Tap	
1	122.5	40.9	5
2	120	40.9	4
3	117.5	40.9	3
4	115	40.9	2
5	112.5	40.9	1
6	110	40.9	0
7	107.5	40.9	-1
8	105	40.9	-2
9	102.5	40.9	-3
10	100	40.9	-4
11	97.5	40.9	-5
12	95	40.9	-6
13	92.5	40.9	-7
14	90	40.9	-8
15	87.5	40.9	-9
16	85	40.9	-10

Q [MVar]



# Q / V at TSO-DSO Interface

Tx V against Q at TSO-DSO Interface



# Questions ?

# Managing Voltage Control on a Power System with High Renewable Penetration

## **RANGE OF SOLUTIONS**

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# Managing reactive power on power systems with high renewable penetration

## Range of Possible Solutions

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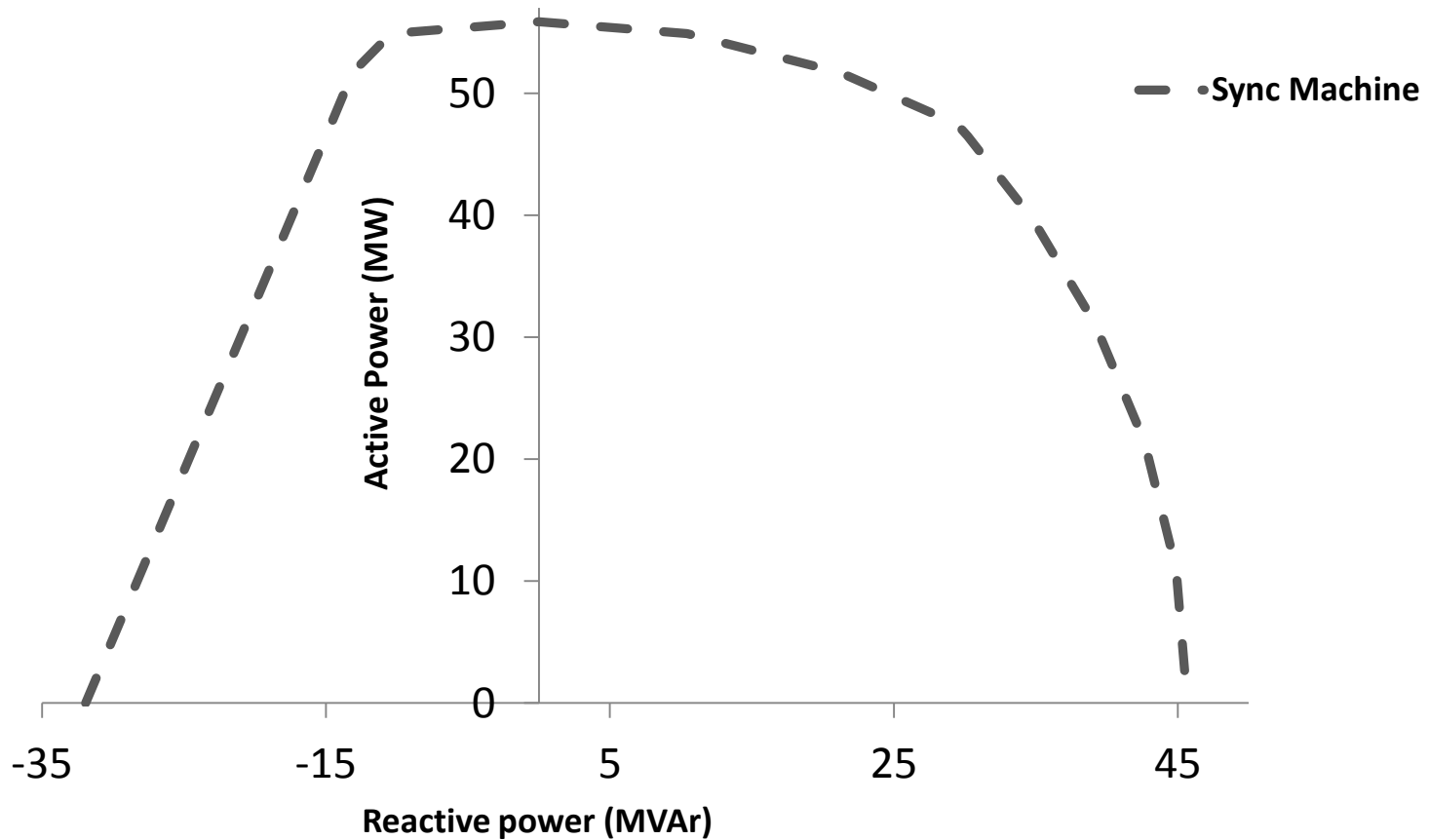
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- Function traditionally taken care of by synchronous generators and capacitor banks
  - In some cases FACTS devices also employed
- At distribution level tap changers play a big role

# Changing Circumstances

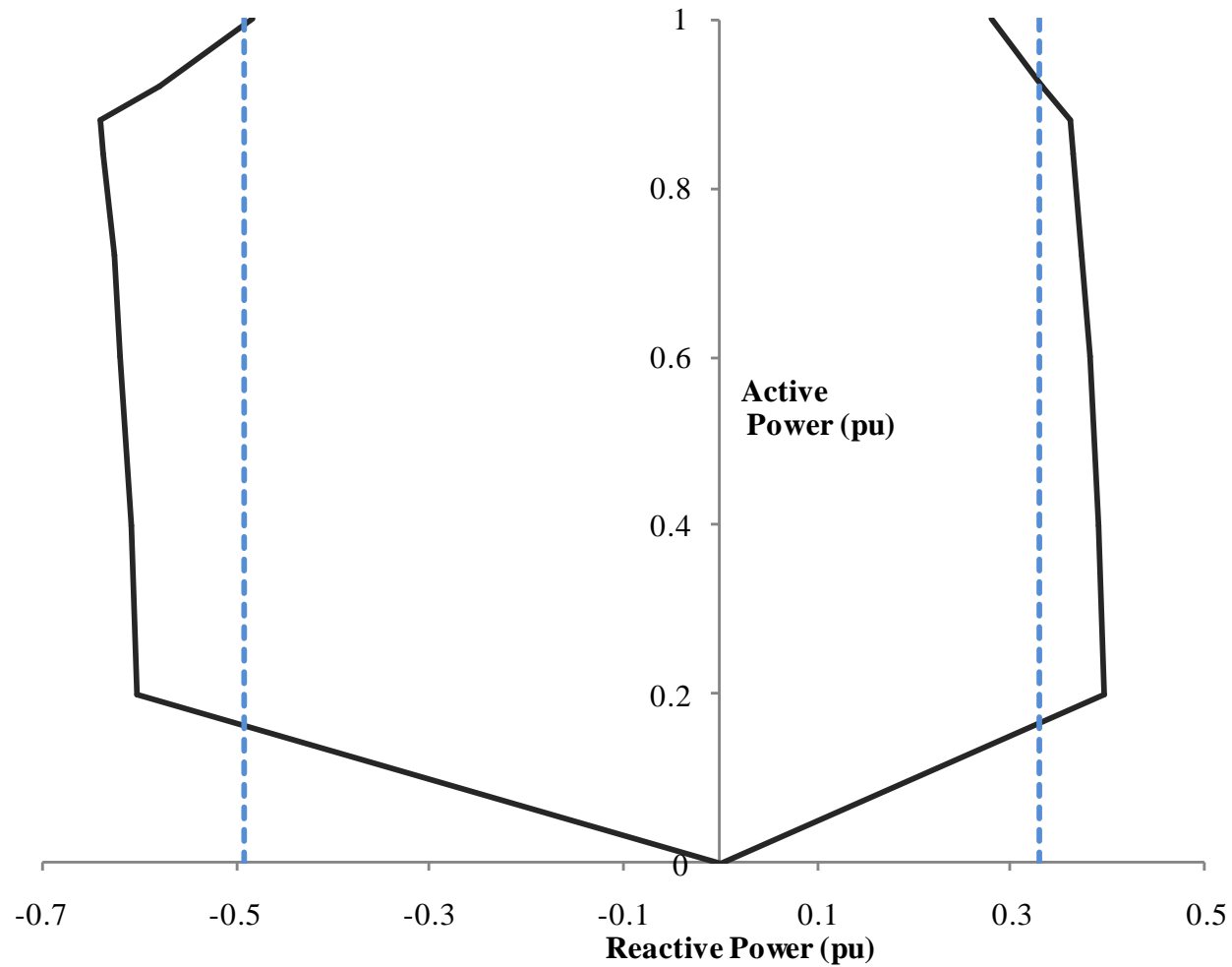
1. Renewable generation causing displacement of conventional generators
2. Renewable generation connecting to distribution system

# Synchronous Machine Capability





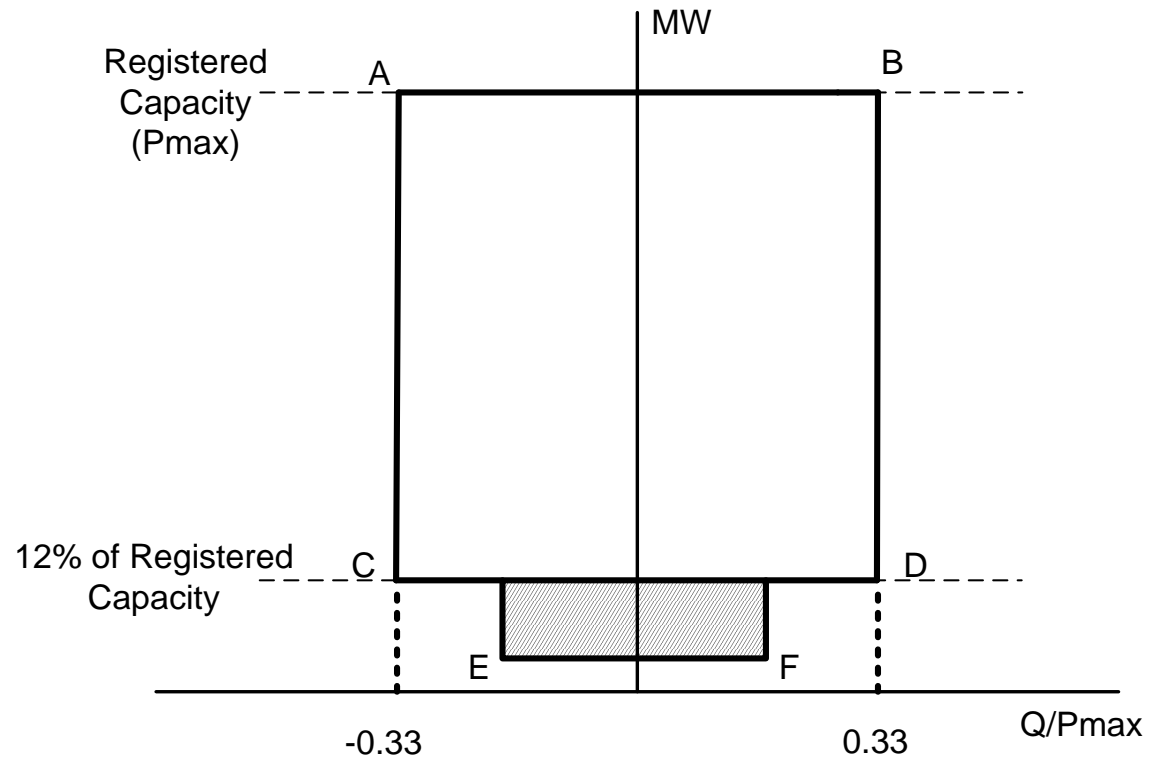
# Wind P-Q Capability



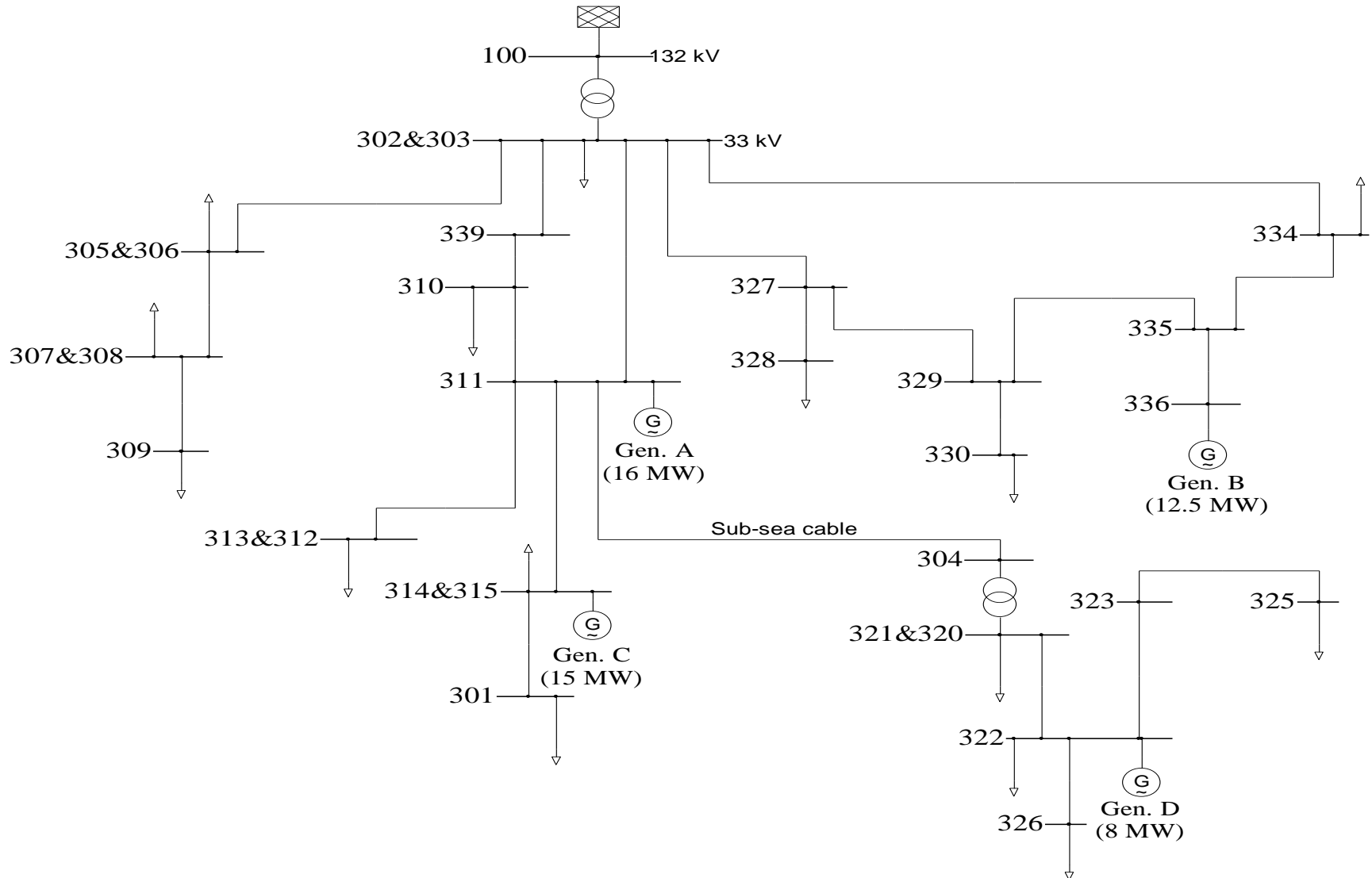
# What can wind do?

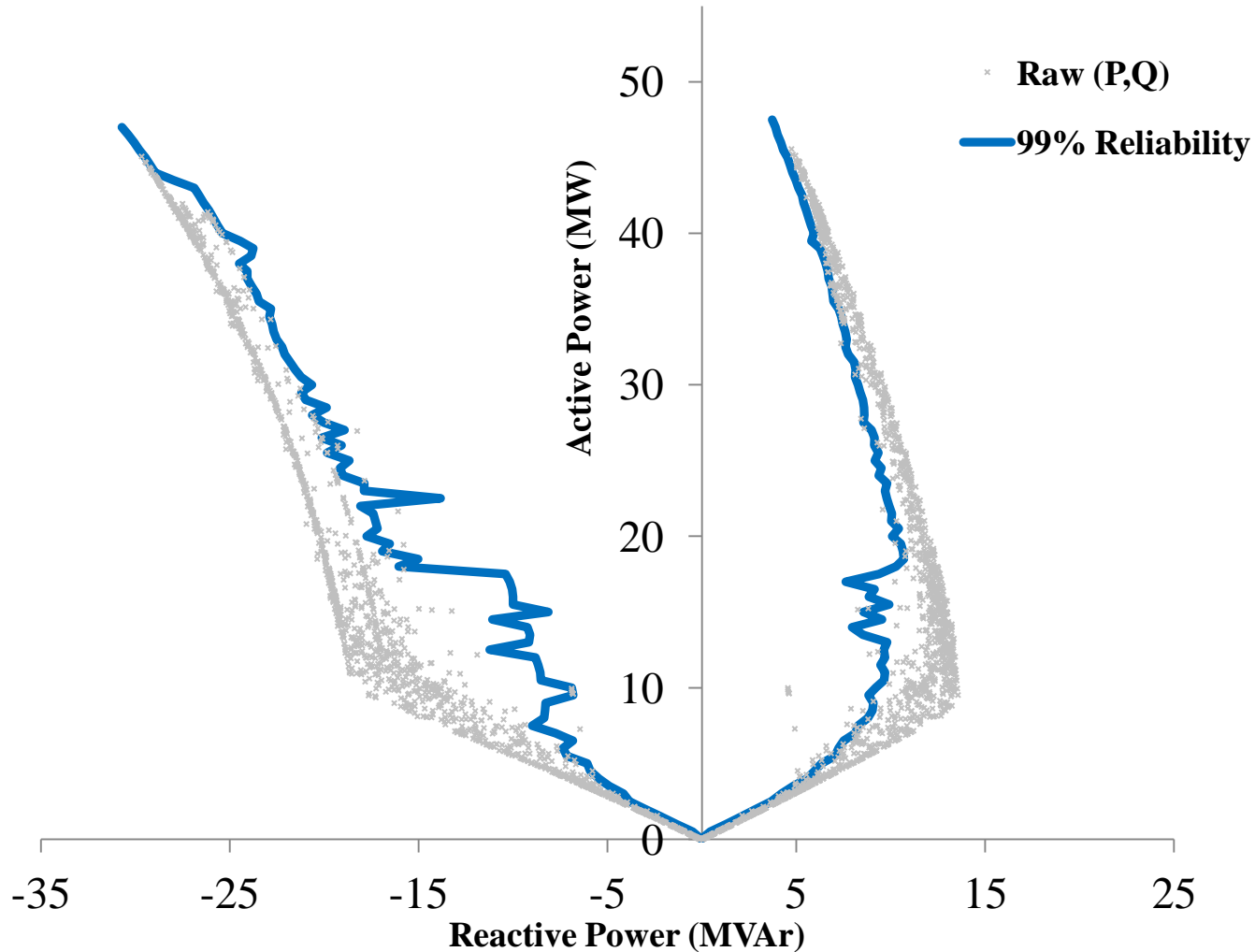
- Grid code requirements

- Const. PF
- Const. V
- Const. Q



# Distributed Generation





# Possible Solutions

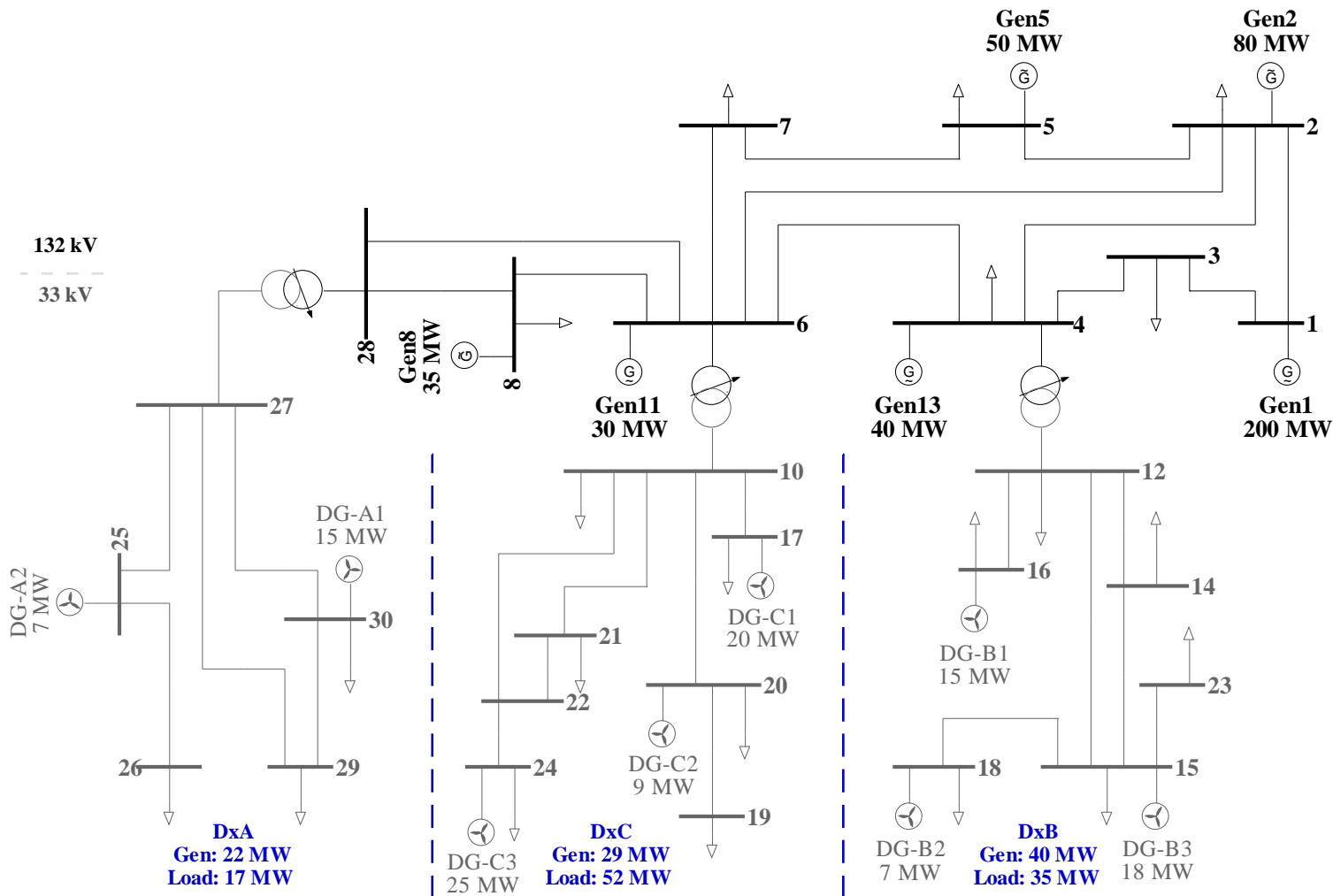
- Provision of additional MVAr capacity



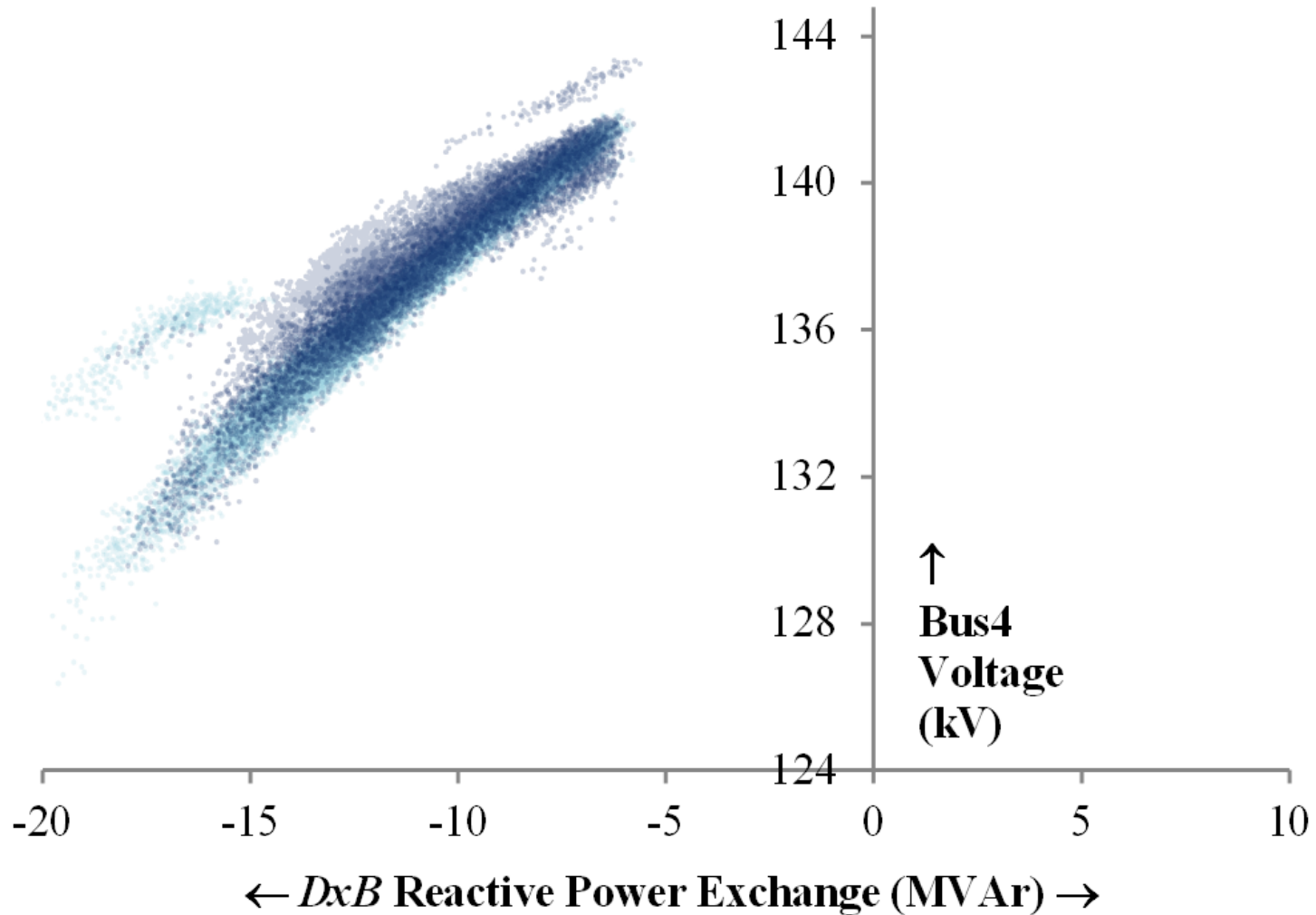
# Possible Solutions

- Better utilisation of existing capacity
  - Software based solution providing enhanced controllability
  - Optimised controller settings requiring no operational change

# Test system

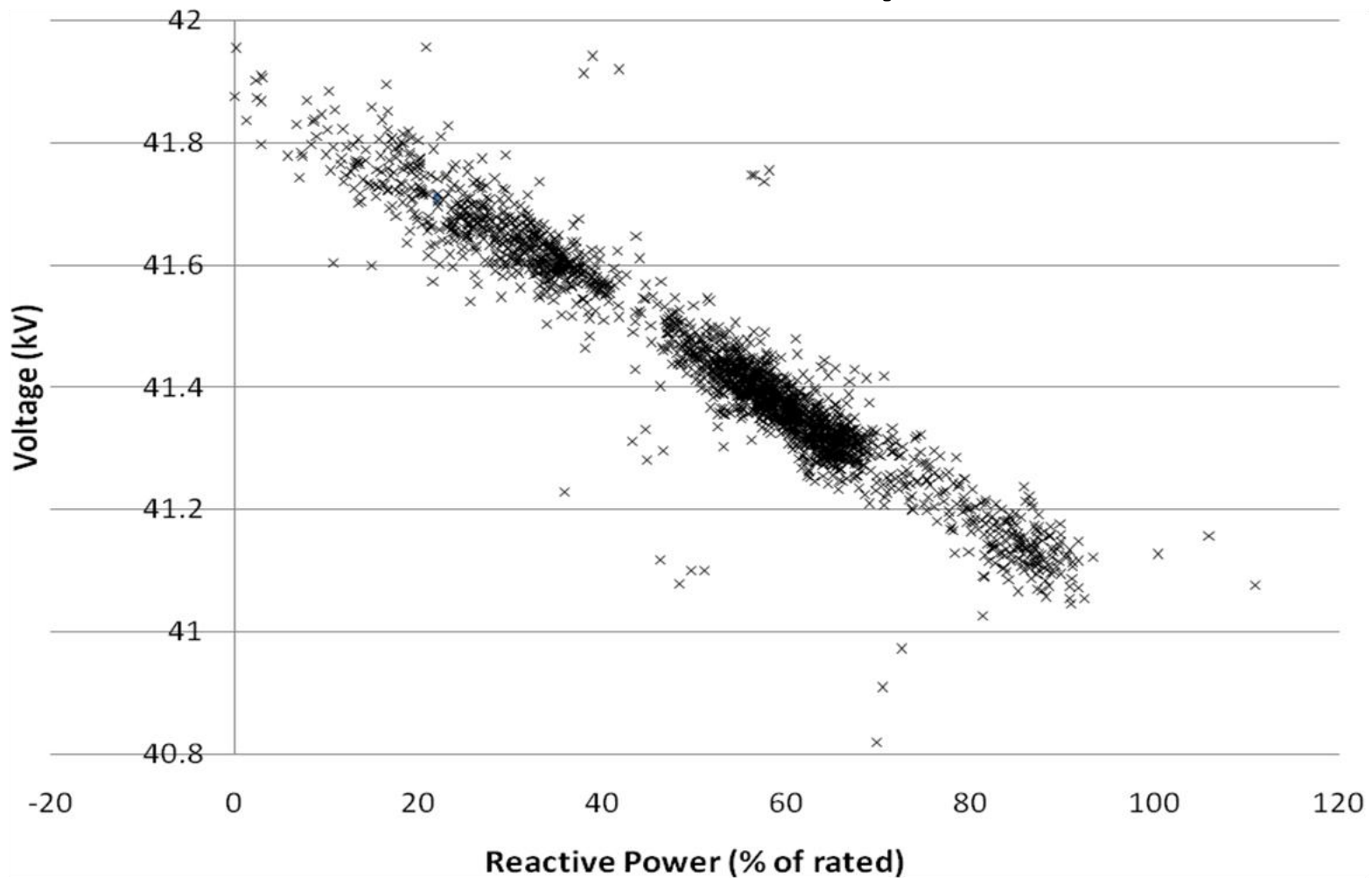


# Unity Power Factor



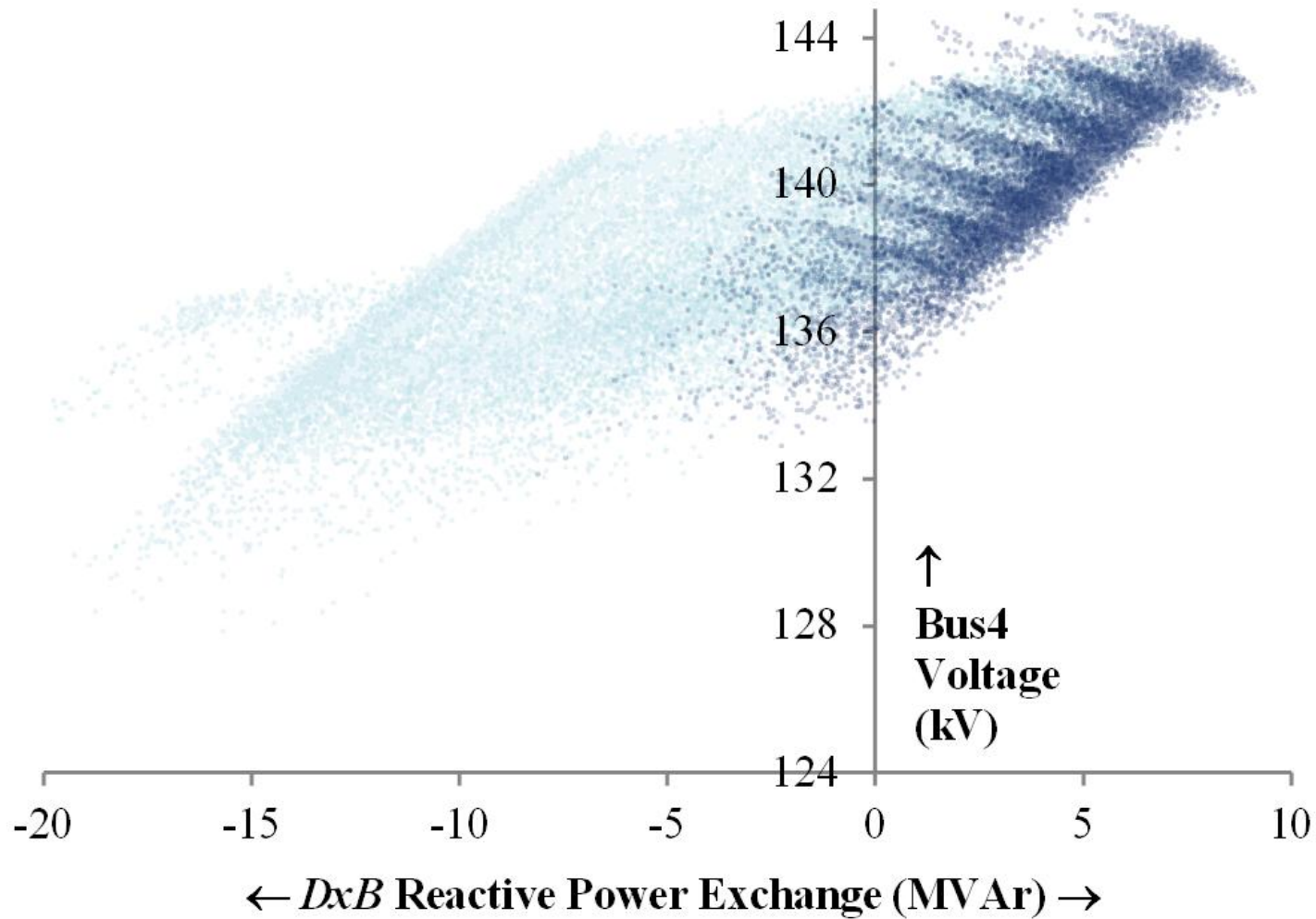


# Wind Q-V Response



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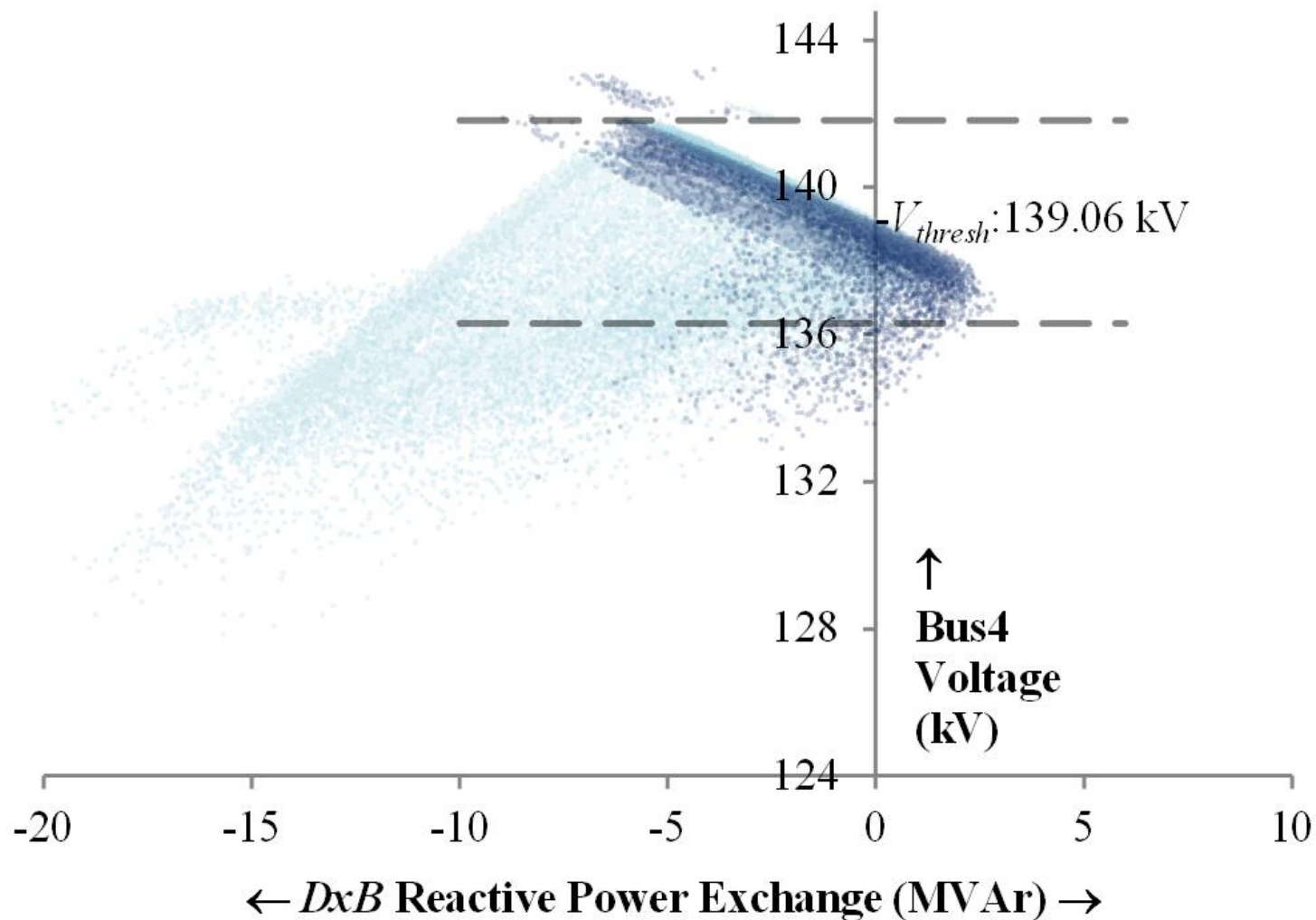
# Non optimised voltage control



# Possible Desired Response

- Desired response is given by **simultaneously**:
  - Maximising the aggregate reactive power *injection* for the lower-voltage periods and the *absorption* for higher-voltage periods
- Utilise multi scenario ACOPF with embedded models of voltage control and tap changer
- Determines fixed voltage set-points, droops and tap setting

# Optimised settings



# Result

- Optimised fixed settings for DG and trafo
- Deliver desirable voltage response at transmission
- Distribution constraints all respected
- Real time control could deliver more

# Summary

- Question of capacity and location
- Scope for improvement in control of existing resources
- A lot can be achieved with optimised settings
- Real time control has potential for further benefits

# Acknowledgements



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## **SOLUTION CASE STUDY**

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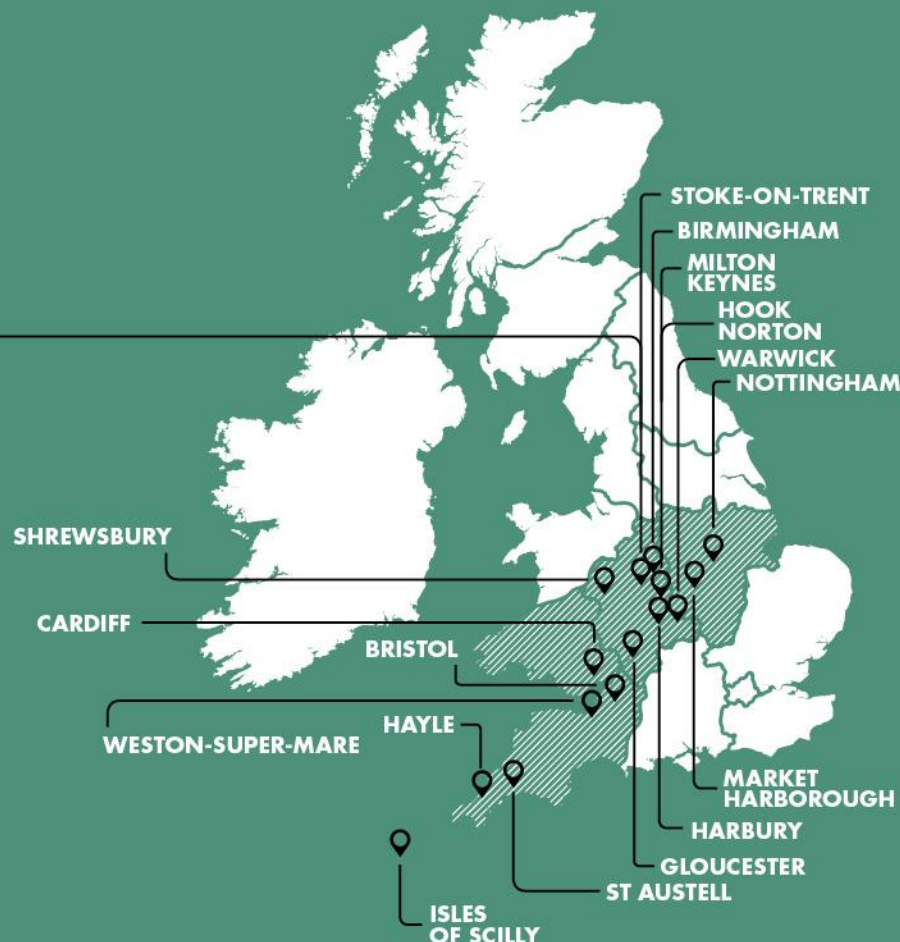
## NEXT GENERATION NETWORKS

### HV Voltage Control

Hitachi's D-SVC integration onto  
the 11kV distribution network

Steven Gough – WPD

Douglas Cheung – Hitachi Europe



# Innovation Strategy

## Networks



Demonstrating alternative investment strategies to facilitate the UK's Low Carbon Transition

## Customers



Testing innovative solutions to make it simple for customers to connect Low Carbon Technologies

## Performance



Developing new solutions to improve network and business performance

Stakeholder Engagement and Knowledge Management

**WESTERN POWER  
DISTRIBUTION**  
LOW CARBON HUB

**WESTERN POWER  
DISTRIBUTION**  
NETWORK  
TEMPLATES

**WESTERN POWER  
DISTRIBUTION**  
SOLA BRISTOL

**WESTERN POWER  
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FLEXDGRID

**WESTERN POWER  
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CLEAN ENERGY  
BALANCE

**WESTERN POWER  
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ISLES OF SCILLY  
SMART GRID

**WESTERN POWER  
DISTRIBUTION**  
ECHO

**WESTERN POWER  
DISTRIBUTION**  
SMART HOOKY

**WESTERN POWER  
DISTRIBUTION**  
HV VOLTAGE  
CONTROL

**WESTERN POWER  
DISTRIBUTION**  
COMMUNITY  
ENERGY ACTION

**WESTERN POWER  
DISTRIBUTION**  
LV SENSORS

**WESTERN POWER  
DISTRIBUTION**  
ELECTRIC  
BOULEVARDS

**Super Conducting  
Fault Current  
Limiter** 

**Isentropic Energy  
Storage** 

**Carbon Tracing**

**WESTERN POWER  
DISTRIBUTION**  
FAULT LEVEL  
MONITORING

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CONTROL  
CENTRE LINKS

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EARLY LEARNING

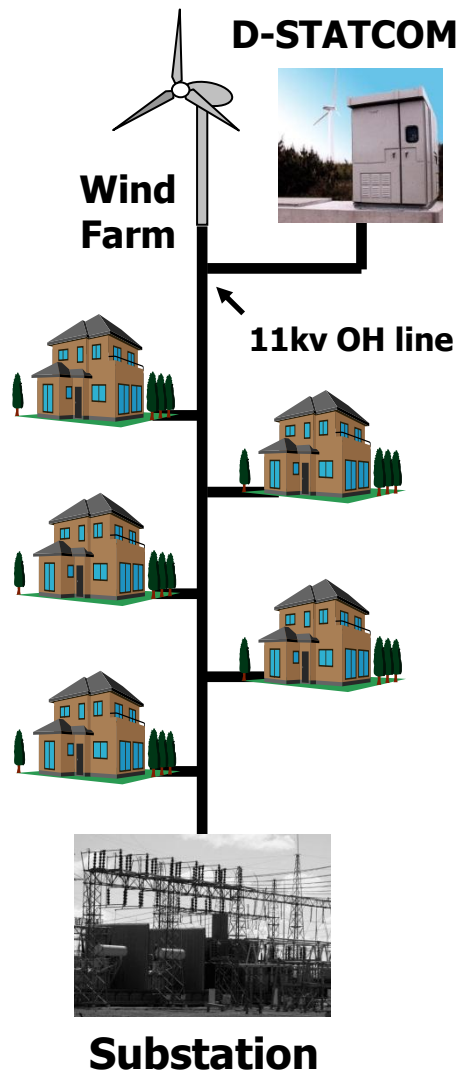
**WESTERN POWER  
DISTRIBUTION**  
SEASONAL  
GENERATION

**WESTERN POWER  
DISTRIBUTION**  
SUBURBAN  
PV IMPACT

## Project Specifics

- Two phases
    - A 400kVar D-SVC on the end of a 11kV feeder adjacent to a 1.8MW windfarm
    - Three 400kVar D-SVCs spread across two feeders of a Primary Substation's network with a centralised control system D-QVC
  - Looking to investigate effectiveness of using reactive power for controlling voltage at feeder ends
  - Specifically looking to help the integration for further DG across rural networks
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## LCNF Tier 1 project



### Background

- As DG (Distributed Generation) becomes more common, the growing number of renewable connections to distribution lines is expected to cause voltage fluctuations (specifically high or low voltage) due to the variable power output of the DG. In turn this can affect the efficiency and capacity of the distribution network.

### Goals

- Determine the effectiveness of D-STATCOM as a dynamic voltage control system in rural 11kV networks to address voltage fluctuation.
- Optimise control by using a D-VQC (Voltage and Reactive Power Control System) to network multiple D-STATCOMs.

### Scope

- 2 Strand project, initially 1 D-STATCOM as proof of concept, then 3 additional units as well as a D-VQC server.

### Expected Benefits

- Improvement of power quality and mitigation of voltage spikes issues, thereby increasing network stability, efficiency and load capacity in distribution networks.
- Learning from project will be beneficial for informing DNOs business case for alternative responses to network rebuild.

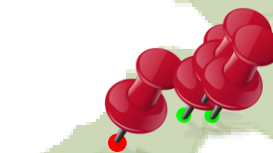
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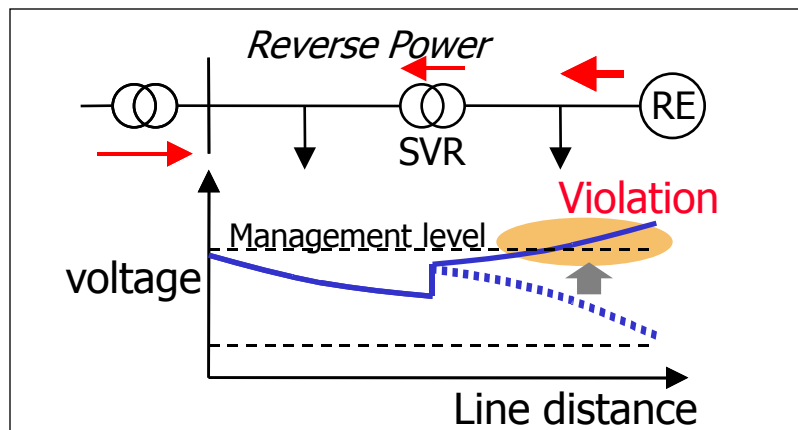
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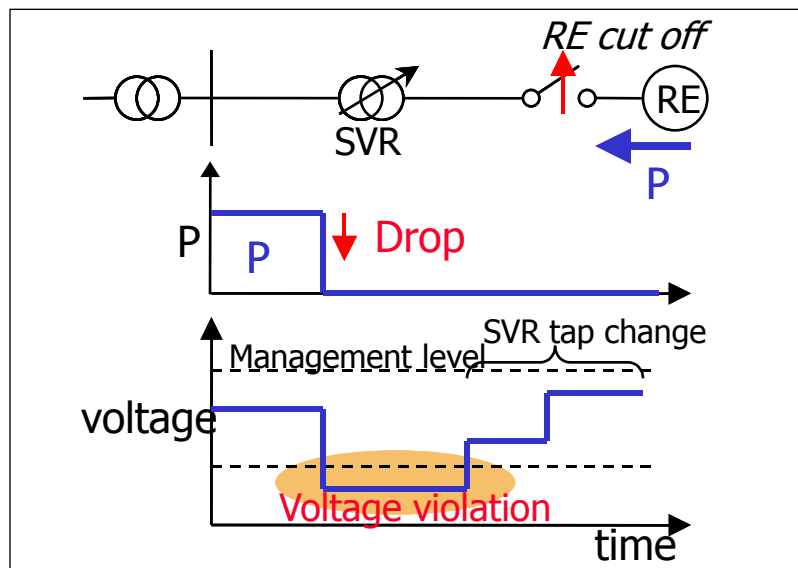
- Agreed
- Tentative



## ■ Violation of Voltage management level

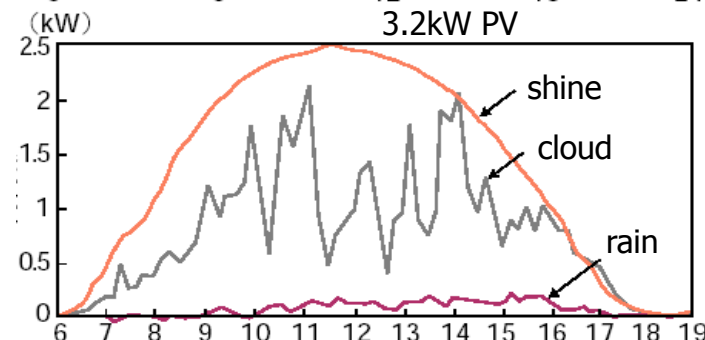
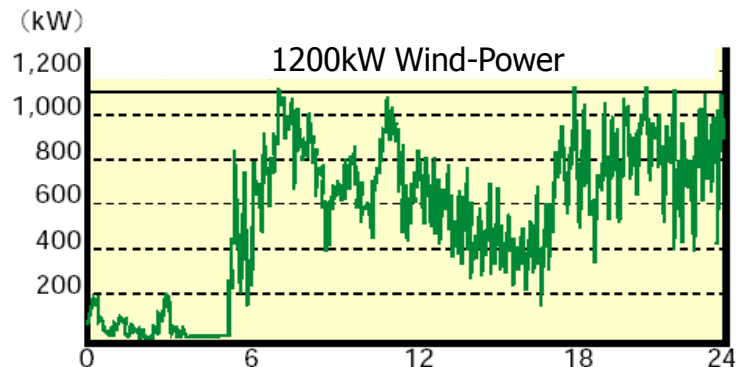


(a) Reverse Power Flow from RE



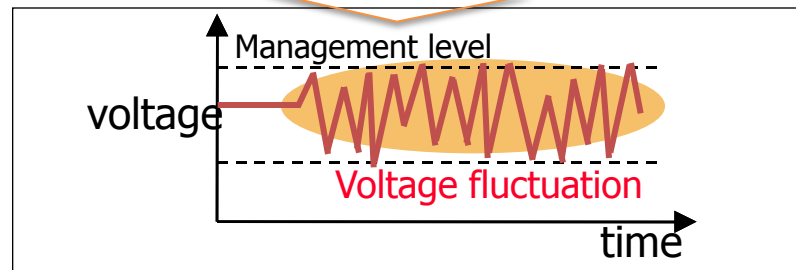
(b) Generator Cut Off

## ■ Voltage fluctuation



Fluctuated power output from

RE





# What is a STATCOM?

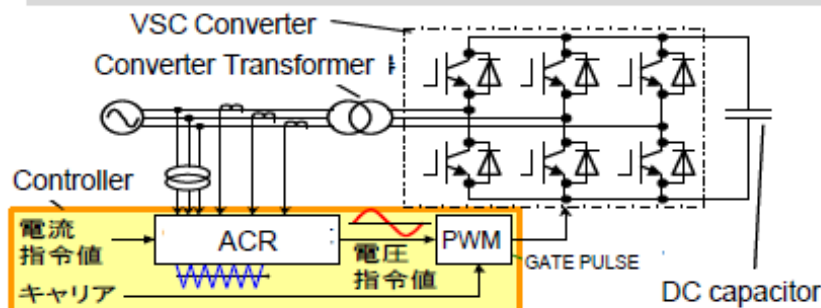
- STATCOM (Static synchronous Compensator) is a high speed SVC (Static Var Compensator) using IGBT converter

## Reduce Voltage fluctuation

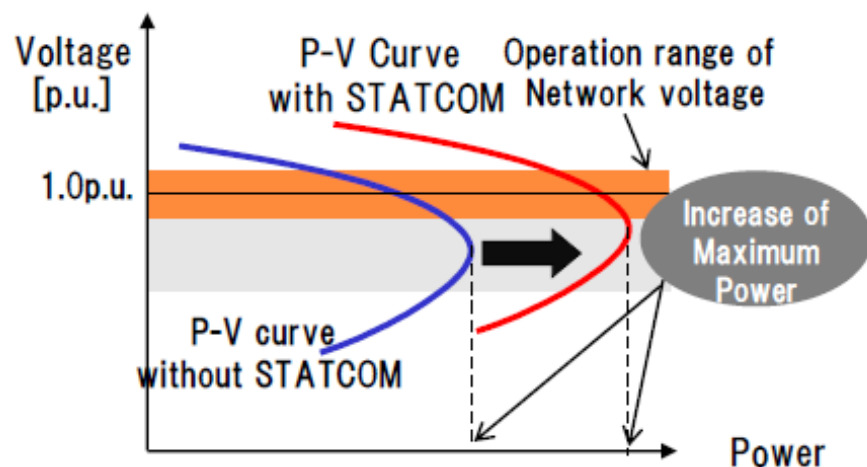
- Voltage fluctuation caused by wind turbine and/or mega solar can be suppressed by STATCOM

## Avoid voltage instability

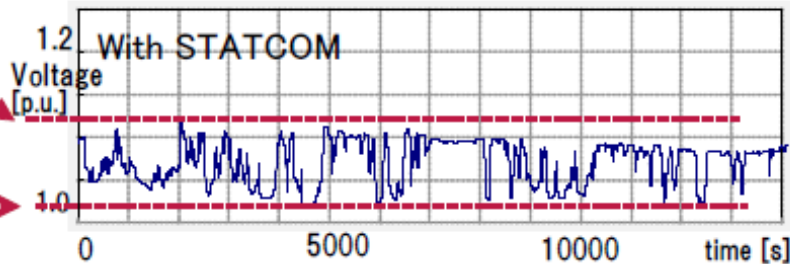
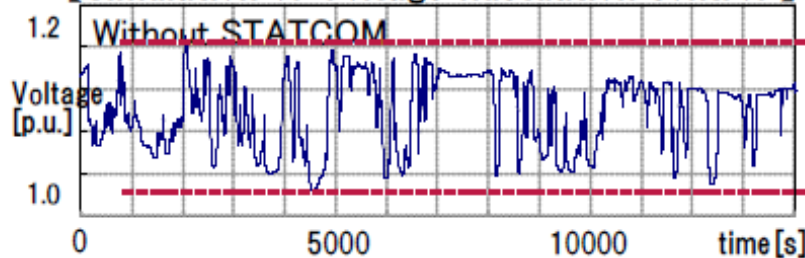
- Transfer capability can be increased by keeping power system voltage by STATCOM



**[20MVA STATCOM]**



**[Simulation of Voltage fluctuation control]**



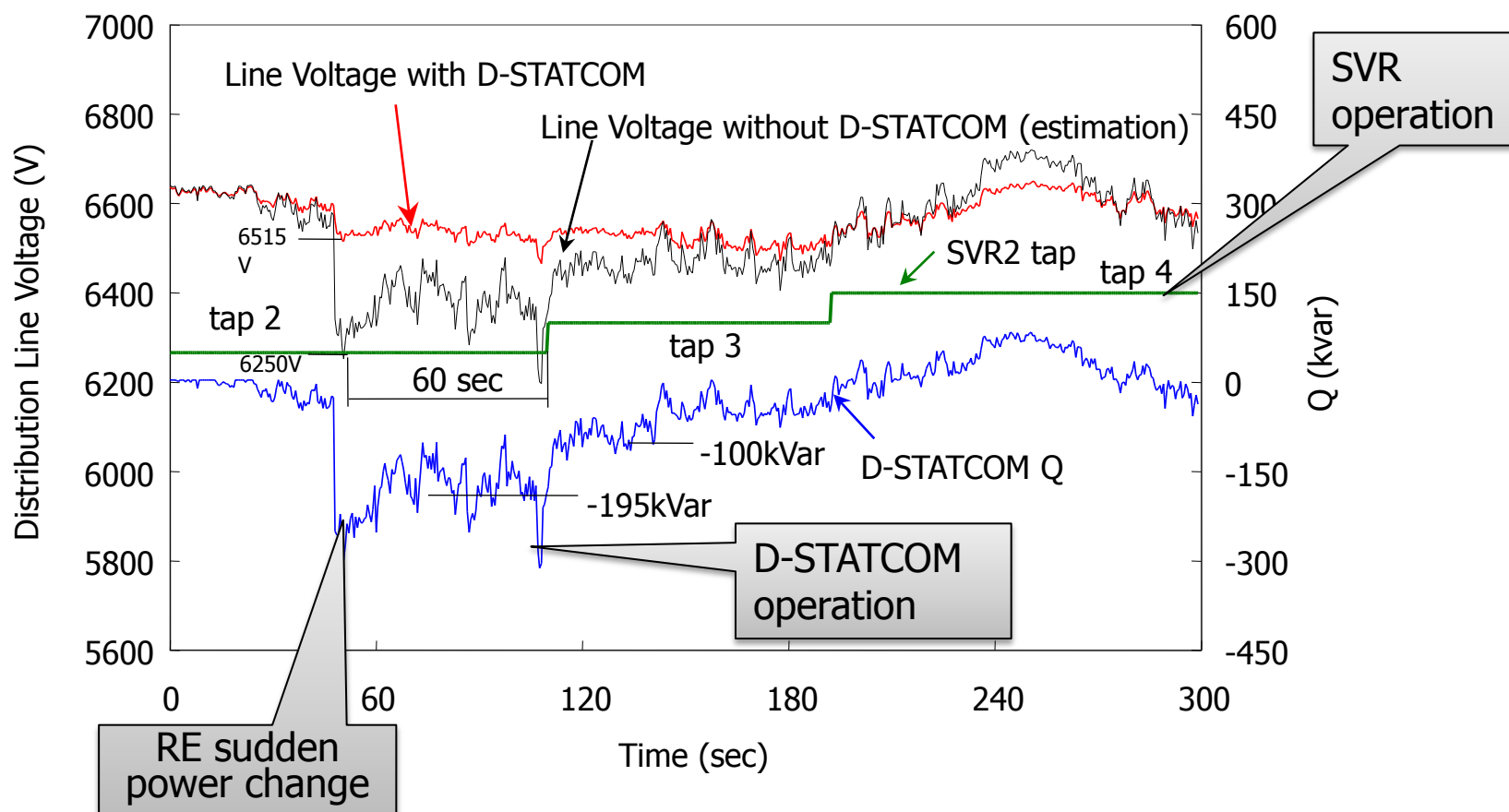
# Control Block Diagram of D-SVC/D-STATCOM

Mode	Block Diagram	Target
AVR		All fluctuations
ARV		Long-term fluctuation (minutes)
SFV		Short-term fluctuation (seconds)

AVR : Automatic Voltage Regulation,      ARV : Average Reference Voltage  
 SFV : Short-term Fluctuation of Voltage,      VSC : Voltage Source Converter

# Using Reactive Power to Control Voltage

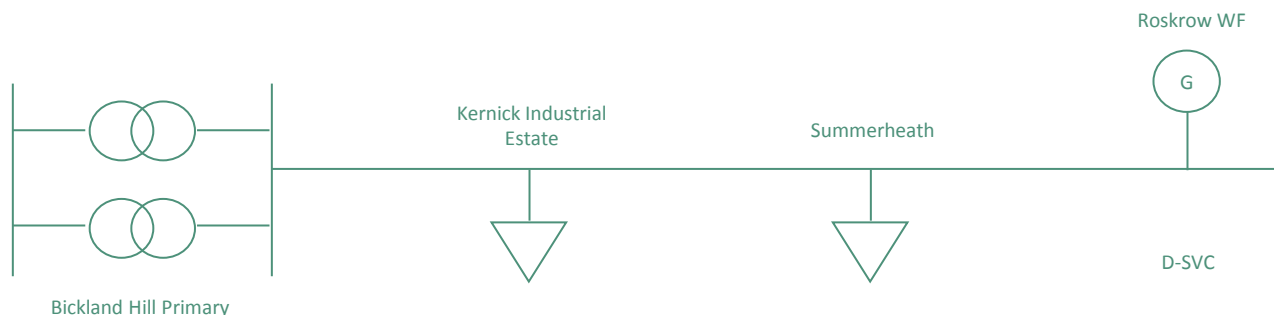
Reactive power can be used to control the distribution line voltage against sudden power change of RE between taps of SVR





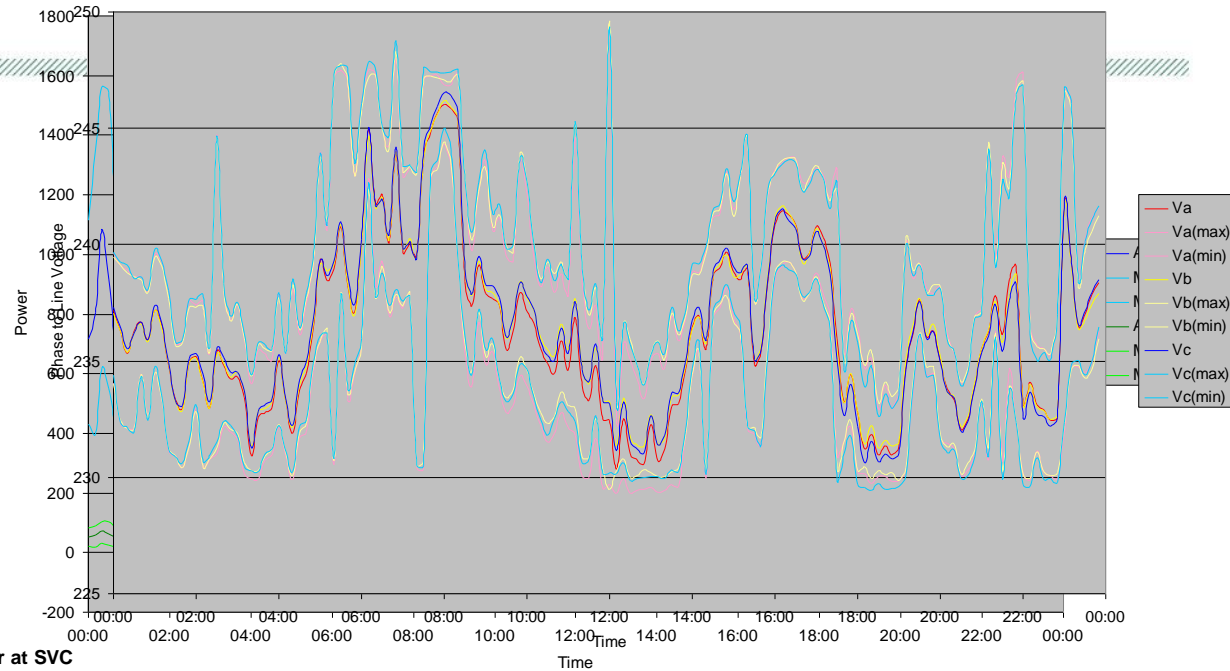
## Phase 1

- D-SVC is installed on site adjacent to a 1.8MW windfarm in Cornwall
- Protection was installed on the LV side of the transformer as there was not a metering unit
- Monitoring equipment was installed along the feeder
- D-SVC has been running on various modes for nearly a year and a half

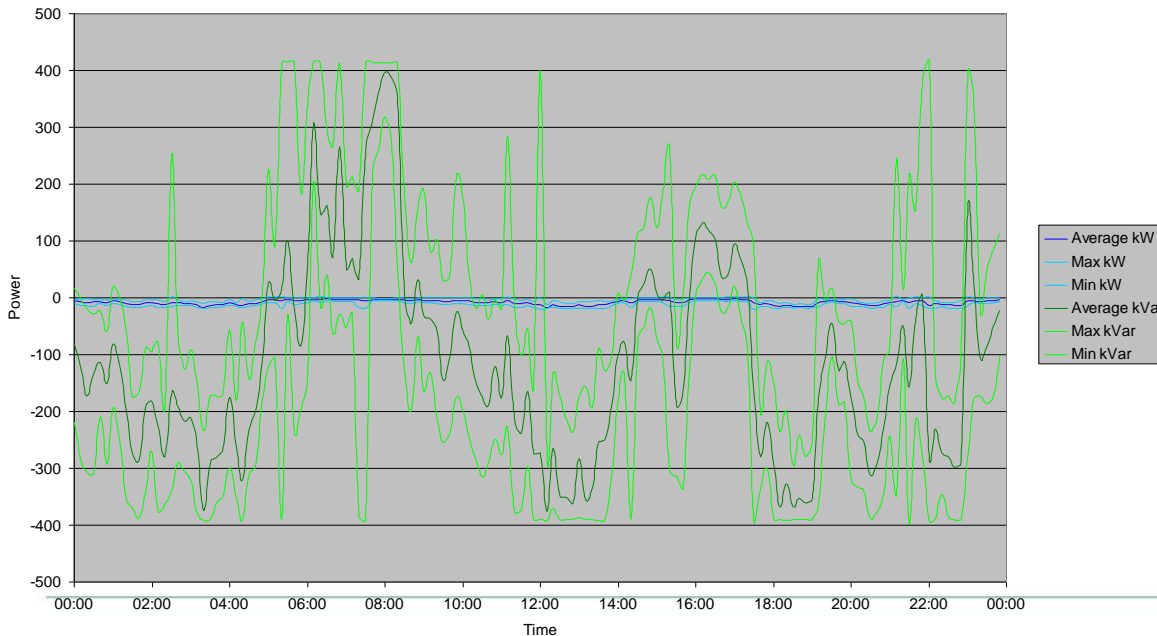


# Phase 1 Output Graphs (1)

Real and Reactive Power at SVC

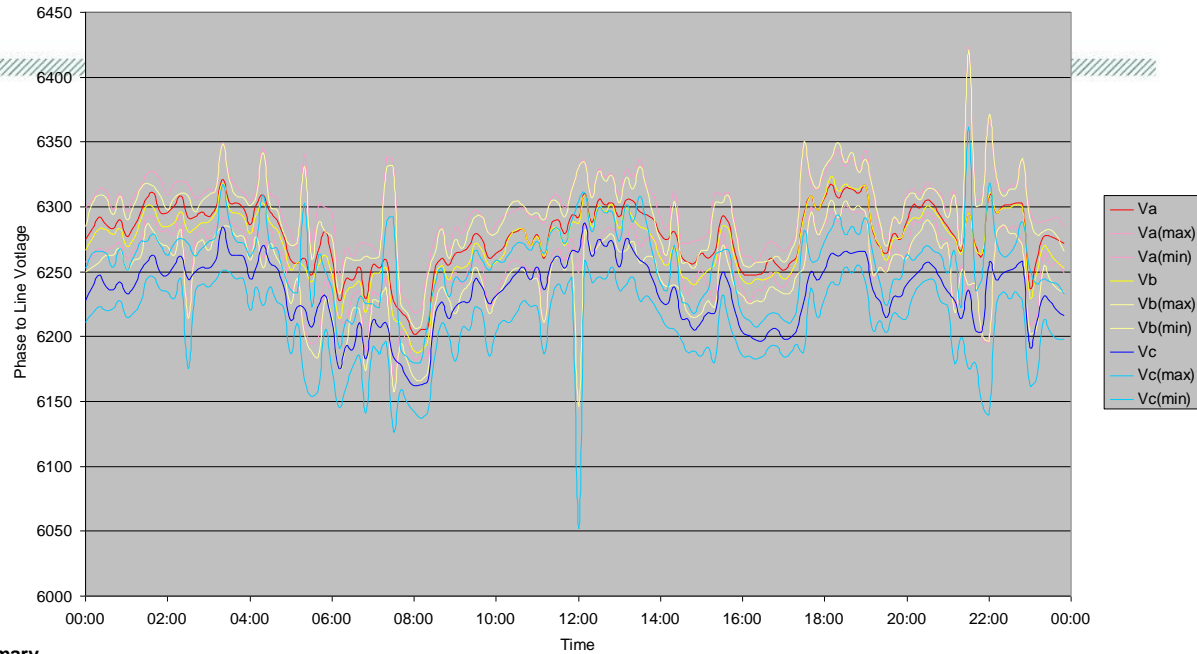


Real and Reactive Power at SVC



# Phase 1 Output Graphs (2)

Voltage at Windfarm

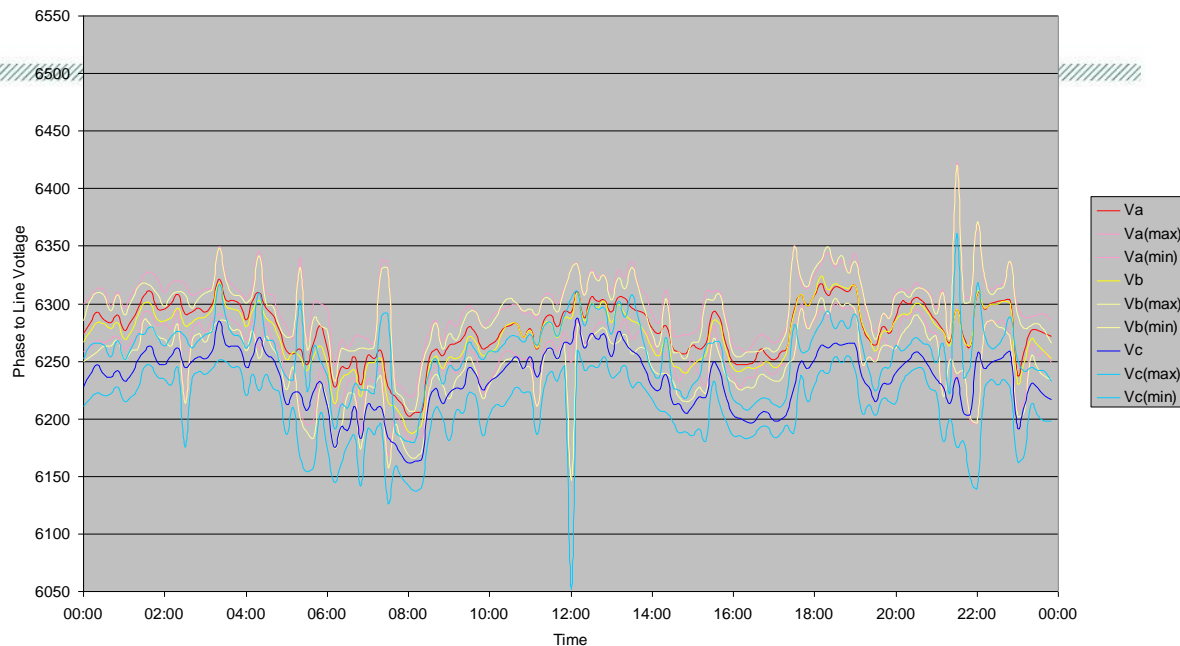


Voltage at D-SVC  
Voltage at Bickland Hill Primary

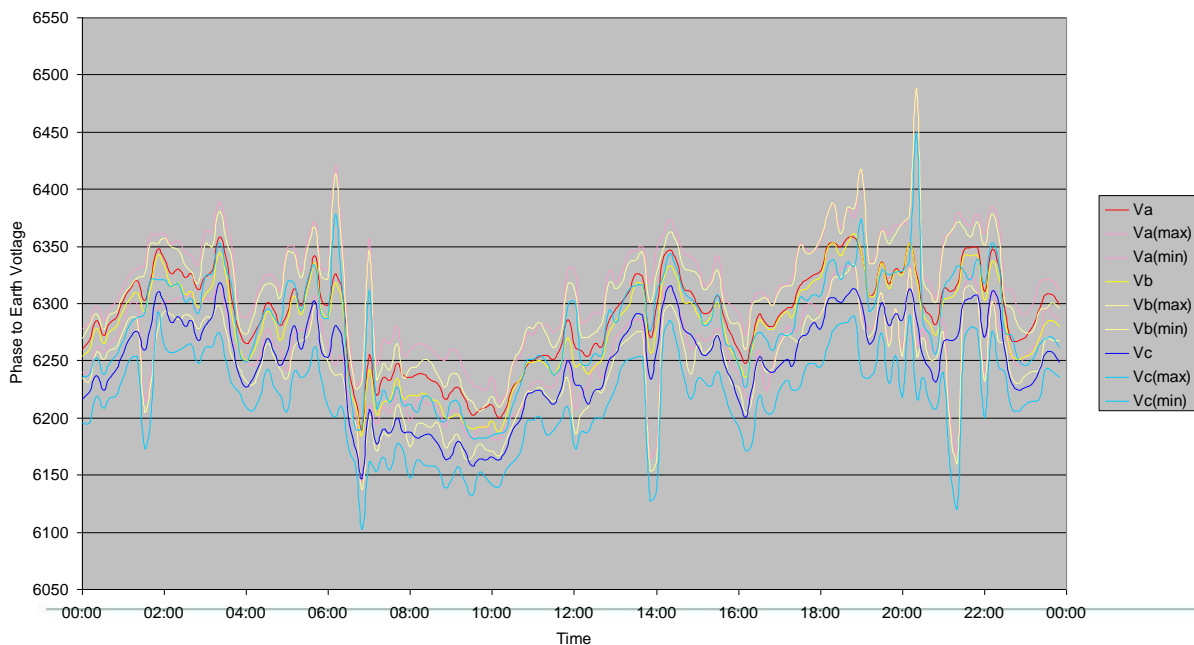


# Phase 1 Output Graphs (3)

Voltage at Windfarm with D-SVC Switched In

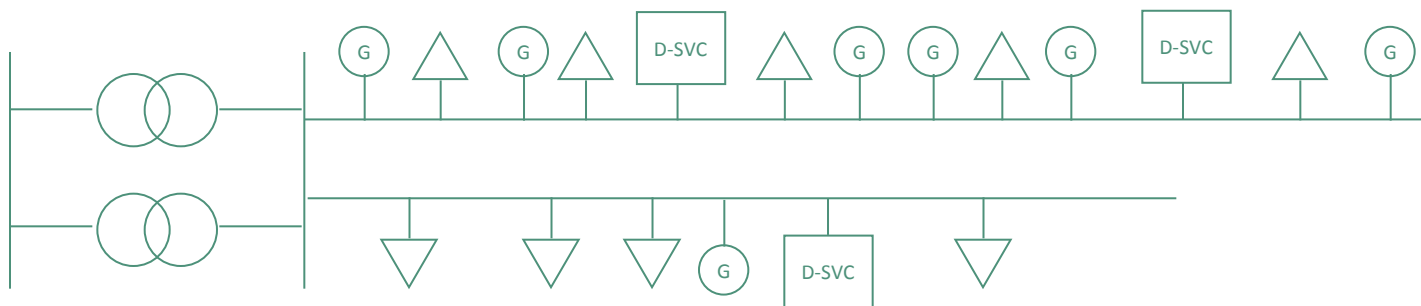


Voltage at Windfarm with D-SVC Switched Out



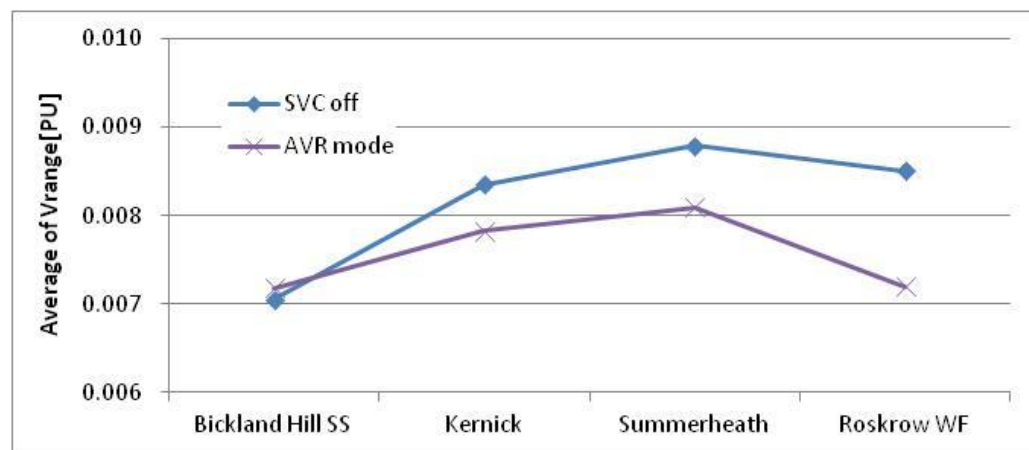
## Plans for Phase 2

- Three D-SVCs will be used on one primary two on a feeder with multiple small generators and the other a feeder with one larger generator
- A D-VQC (Voltage and Reactive Power (Q) Control System) will be used at the primary to control all three D-SVCs and the tap changer at the primary substations
- This will demonstrate cohesive voltage optimisation across the primary



## Learning so far

- Sizing and impedance the transformer is important to get right for a D-SVC.
- The D-SVC can help smooth the voltage
- The D-SVC can help reduce the voltage range seen on the 11kV
- D-SVC over and under voltage protection needs to be on the HV side of the transformer



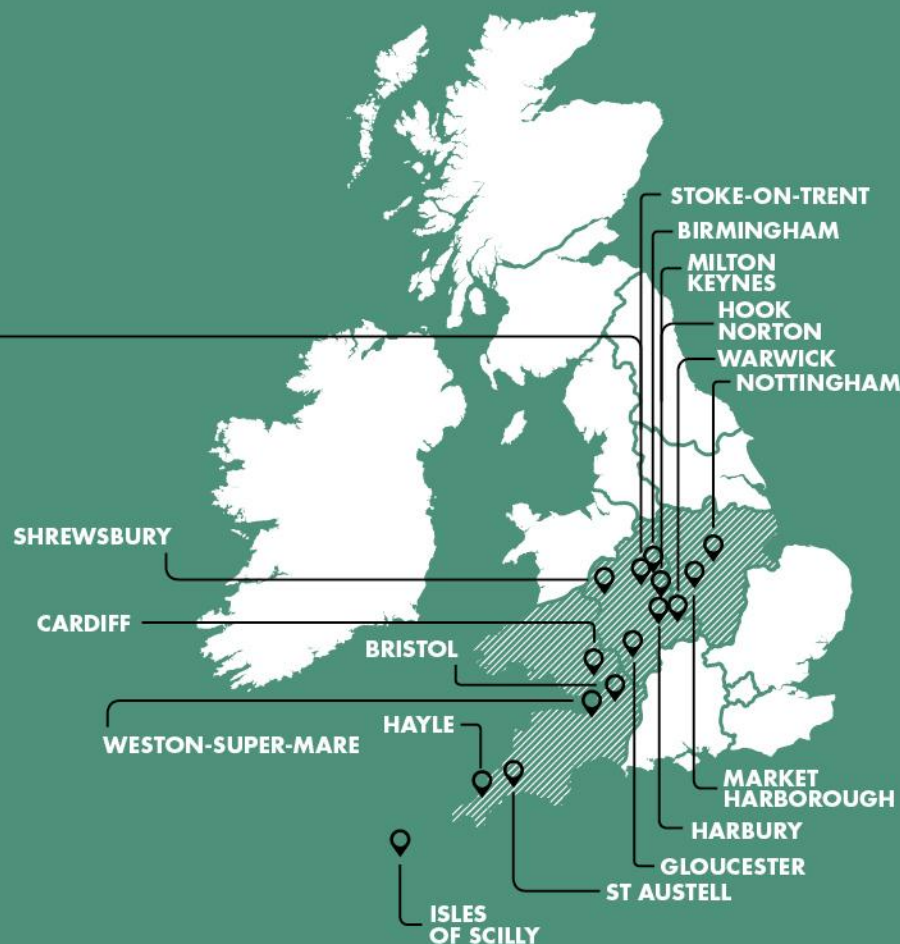


## NEXT GENERATION NETWORKS

# Any Questions?

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# Questions & Answers





# Managing Voltage Control on a Power System with High Renewable Penetration

PUBLICATIONS

# Paris 2012 & 2014

- **2012 - SC B4 HVDC and Power Electronics**
  - **PS2 > HVDC and FACTS Technology Developments**
    - FACTS equipment
  - **PS3 > Applications of HVDC and FACTS**
    - FACTS equipment for increased AC network performance
    - Use of Power Electronics to facilitate the integration of large renewable energy sources into AC networks
- **2014 - SC B4 HVDC and Power Electronics**
  - **PS2 > FACTS Systems and Applications**
    - Renewable Resources Integration
    - Increased network performance

# Publications

- **Technical Brochures**

- TB 523 System Complexity and Dynamic Performance
- TB 310 Coordinated Voltage Control in Transmission Networks.
- TB 371 Static Synchronous Series Compensator

- **Session Papers / Electra**

- Comparison of the dynamic response of wind power generators of different technologies in case of voltage dips
- Voltage and VAr Support in System Operation
- Development and testing of ride-through capability solutions for a wind turbine with doubly fed induction generator using VSC t
- Real time dynamic security assessment and control by combining FACTS and SPS
- FACTS for enabling wind power generation