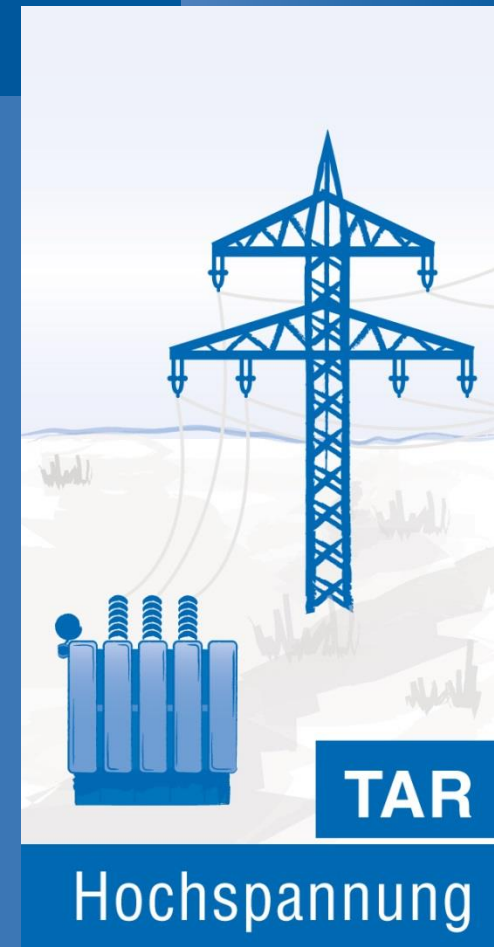


Summary of the draft VDE-AR-N 4120:2017-05

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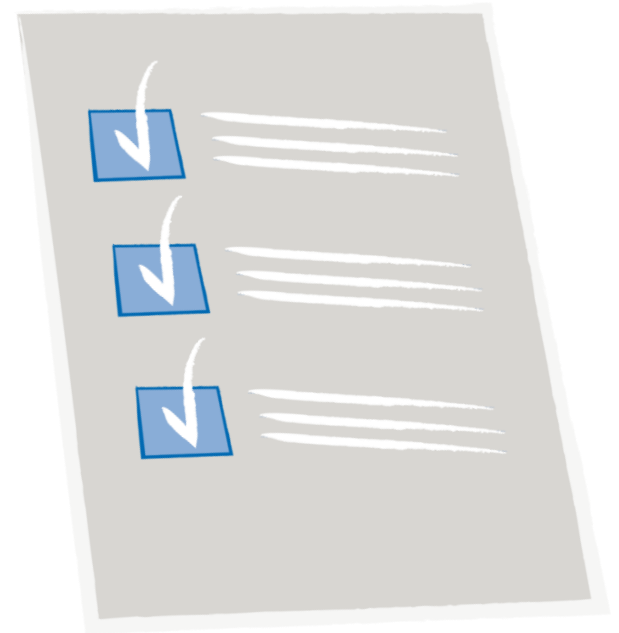
- does not cover all parts of the VDE-AR-N 4120 and is therefore not exhaustive;
- mainly covers the technical requirements for customer installations;
- and is purely informative.

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Overview

- Section 5 und 10.2.2 Static Voltage Stability
- Section 10.2.3 Dynamic Grid Support
- Section 10.2.4 Active Power Supply
- Section 10.3 Protection systems and protection settings
- Section 10.4 Connection conditions and synchronization
- Section 10.5 Additional requirements for power generating modules



Section 5 and 10.2.2

Static Voltage Stability

5.5 Reactive power behavior (demand facilities)

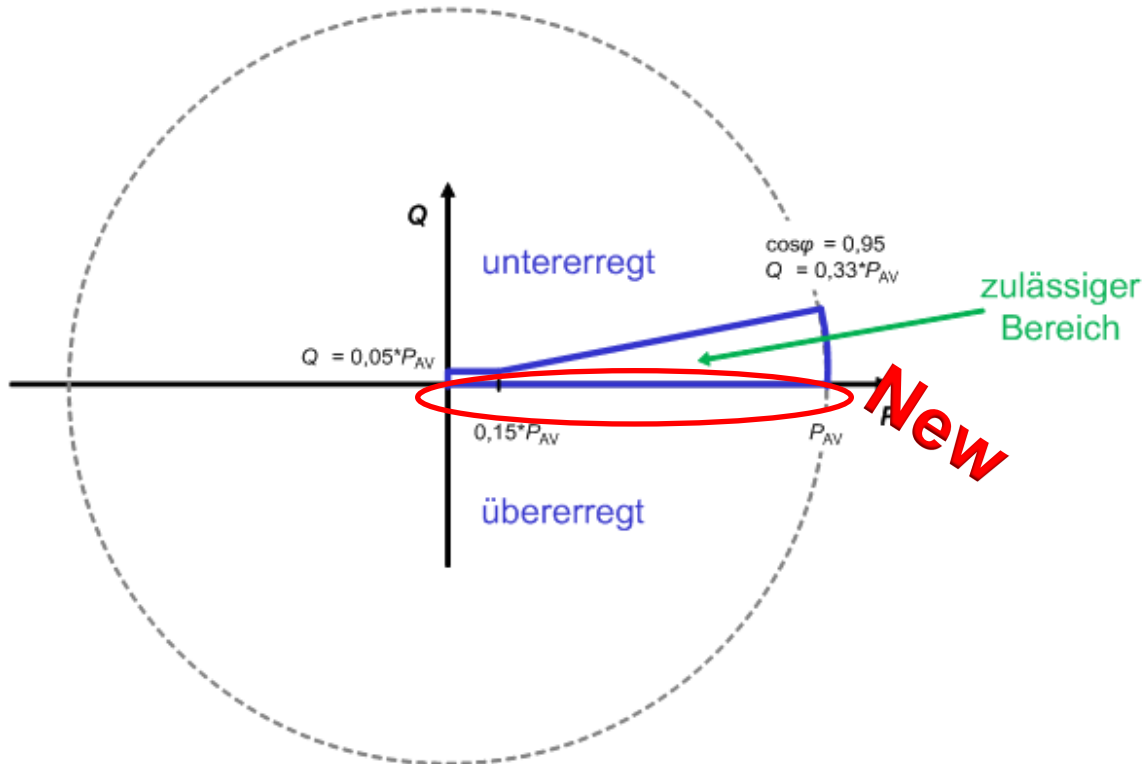


Bild 2 – Zulässiger Bereich des Verschiebungsfaktors $\cos \varphi$ bei Wirkleistungsbezug der Kundenanlage (dargestellt im Verbraucherzählpfeilsystem)

5.5 Reactive power behavior (demand facility)

- Inclusion of inductive reactive power allowed (I. quadrant in Figure 2) up to maximum 5 % of the agreed active connection power $P_{AV, B}$ independent of active power;
- Inclusion of capacitive reactive power (IV. quadrant in Figure 2) not permitted
- above 15 % of the agreed active connection power $P_{AV, B}$, a displacement factor $\cos \varphi = 0.95$ (inductive) is not allowed to be lower;

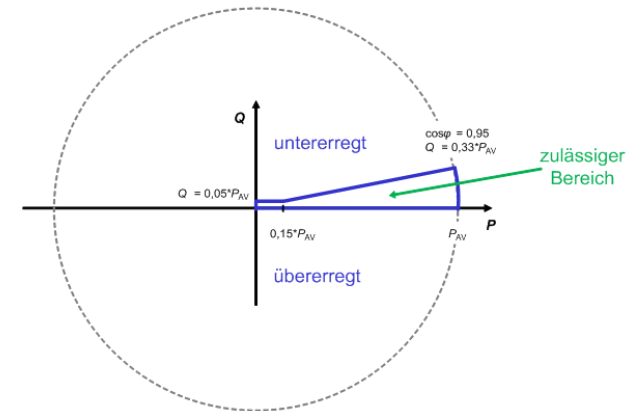


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10 Power generating modules

- Requirements apply equally to
 - power generating modules / power generating units
 - storage
 - combined facilities with generation/demand/storage (characteristics described separately)

- Caveat:

“In the FNN’s Technical Connection Rules, currently being formulated or processed, additional requirements are under discussion for reactive power produced by power generating modules compared with previous regulations. This discussion has, with the current draft for TAR high voltage, not yet been concluded within the project group and will be finalized in the course of processing the statements.”

10.2.1.1 Steady-state operation

- Voltage gradient $< 5 \% U_n/\text{min}$ and
- frequency gradient $< 0.5 \% f_n/\text{min}$
- Voltage changes on the GCP of $\leq 10 \% U_n$ with $\geq 5 \% U_n/\text{min}$ possible within the voltage range of 96 kV to 127 kV

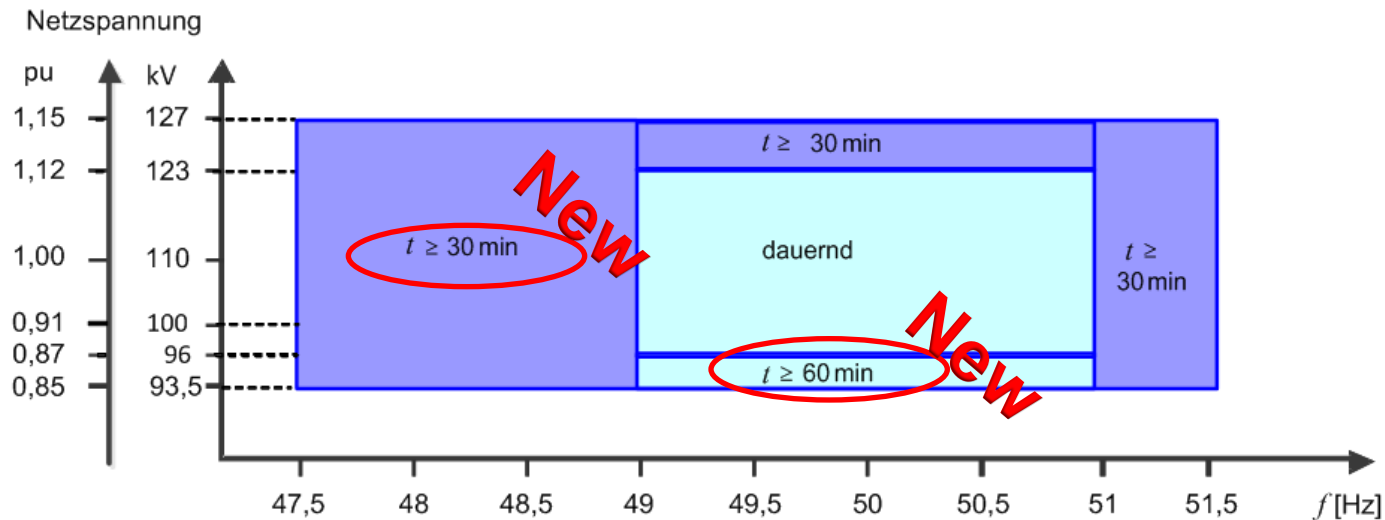


Bild 3 – Anforderungen an den quasistationären Betrieb von Erzeugungsanlagen

10.2.2 Static voltage stability/ Reactive power supply

- Definition:

“Static voltage stability denotes the supply of reactive power through a power generating module to maintain voltage in the high voltage grid. Due to the static voltage stability, slower (steady-state) voltage changes in the distribution grid should be kept within tolerable limits.”

- The power generating modules' power transformers must be equipped with a step switch that is adjustable under load.
- Requirements for reactive power behavior are to be met at the grid connection point.

10.2.2.2 Reactive power capability at $P_{b\ inst}$

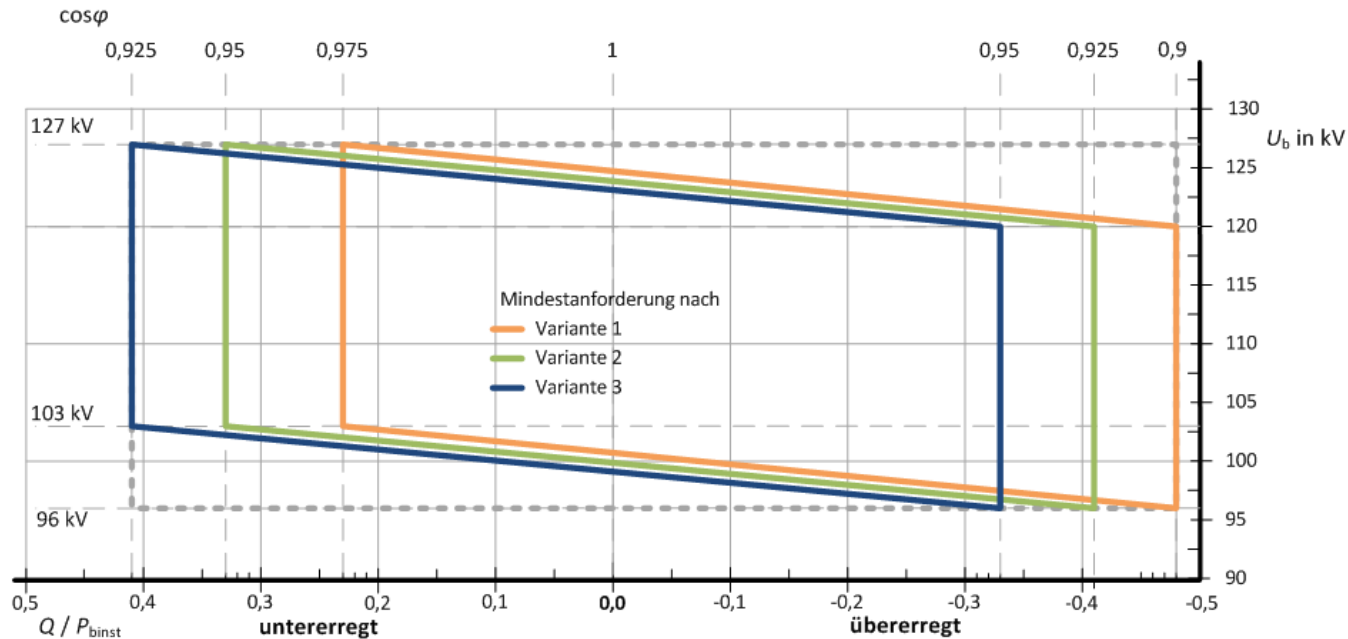


Bild 4 – Varianten der Anforderungen an Erzeugungsanlagen an die Blindleistungsbereitstellung am Netzanschlusspunkt

- Grid operator provides one of three possible variations in the course of planning for grid connection

10.2.2.3 Reactive power capability below $P_{b\ inst}$



Bild 5 – Varianten der PQ-Diagramme der Erzeugungsanlage am Netzanschlusspunkt im Verbraucherzählpfeilsystem

10.2.2.3 Reactive power capability below $P_{b\ inst}$

New

- between $0 \leq P_{mom}/P_{AV,E} < 0.05$ or the technical minimum performance for Type 1 modules, there are no requirements for controlled reactive power supply at the grid connection point, however the permitted range is defined as follows:
 - under-excited operation amounting to up to a maximum of 5 % of the agreed active connection power $P_{AV,E}$ is permitted, independent of active power
 - over-excited operation is normally not permitted

New

- maximum, remaining deviation between setpoint and actual value in the range $P_{mom}/P_{AV,E} \geq 0.05 \rightarrow$ maximum $\pm 2\%$ relative to $P_{AV,E}$

New

10.2.2.4 Procedures for reactive power supply

- power generating modules must master the following procedures for reactive power supply:
 - a) Reactive power-voltage curve $Q(U)$;
 - b) Idle power curve as function of active power $Q(P)$;
 - c) Reactive power in Mvar;
 - d) Displacement factor $\cos \varphi$.
- must be switchable by remote control system upon request by the grid operator
- fixed setpoint or variable setpoint via remote control system (or other control technology)
- transfer of setpoint to the substation
- Control behavior for procedures a), **b) and c)** should correspond to PT2 behavior (see attachment C.2)

New

New

10.2.2.4 Procedure for reactive power supply

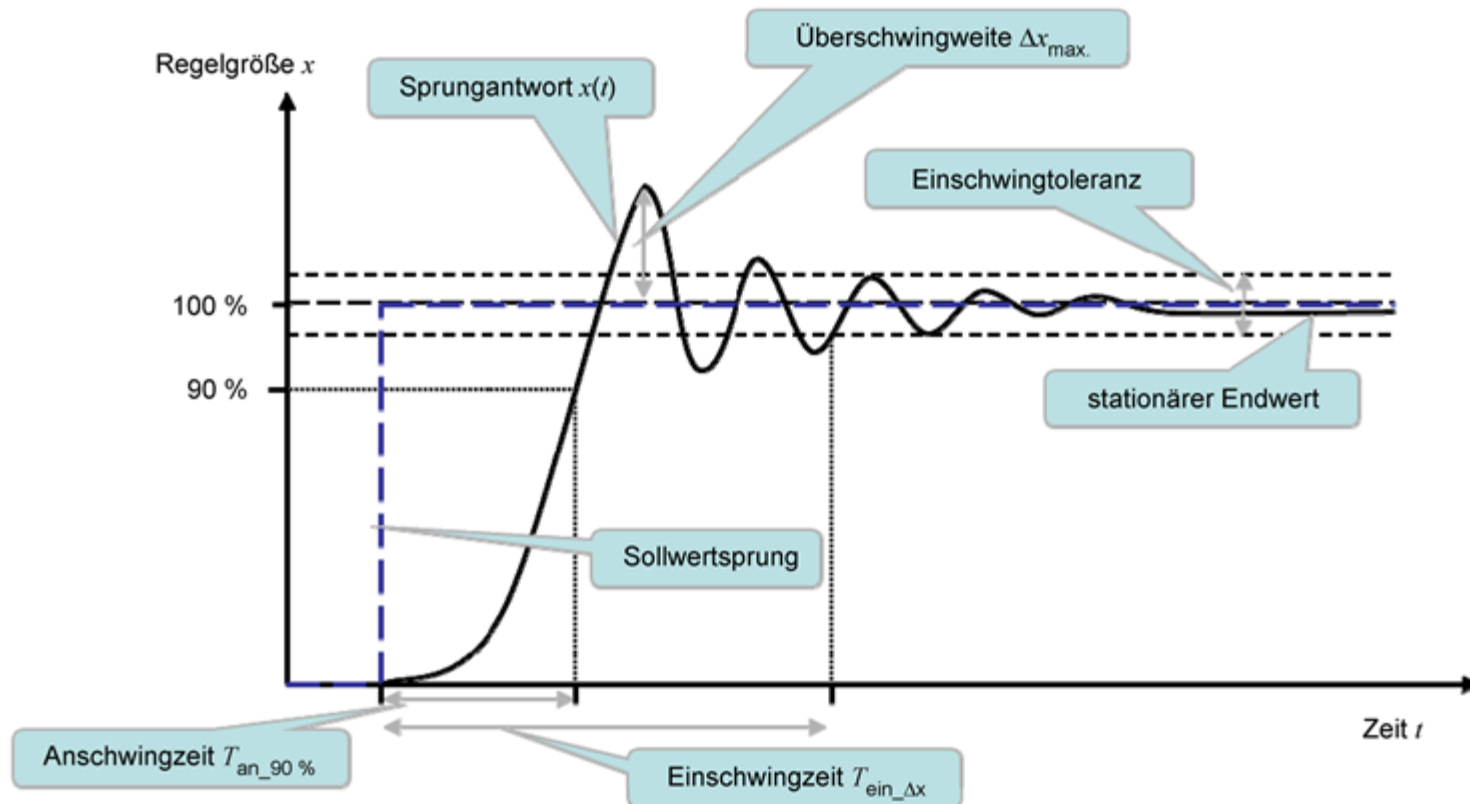


Bild C.2 – Prinzipielles Reglerverhalten einer Erzeugungsanlage

10.2.2.6 Special requirements for combined facilities with generation/demand/storage with demand facilities

- all requirements for power generating modules and storage at the grid connection point must follow Section 10.2.2.
- Impact of loads is not taken into account
- Agreement on measurement concept is essential (i.a. to ensure reactive power operation for the power generating module is not at the expense of the demand facility; decentralized measurement of the power generating module and/or shared operating equipment in the current path up to grid connection point)
- Simplification of an agreement with the grid operator is possible if the installed active power P_{inst} of the power generating module $\leq 50\%$ of the agreed reference power $P_{AV, B}$ of the combined facility with generation/demand/storage (does not apply to power generating modules with storage or storage alone)

10.2.2.6 Special requirements for combined facilities with generation/demand/storage with demand facilities

Simplification

- different location to GCP for the measuring point of the regulator
- for b), c) and d) measurement of Q and P can be done at the PGU → calculations adjusted and set at the GCP (without demand facility)

Beispiel der Erfüllung der Q-U-Regelung an alternativem Erfüllungspunkt bei Mischanlagen

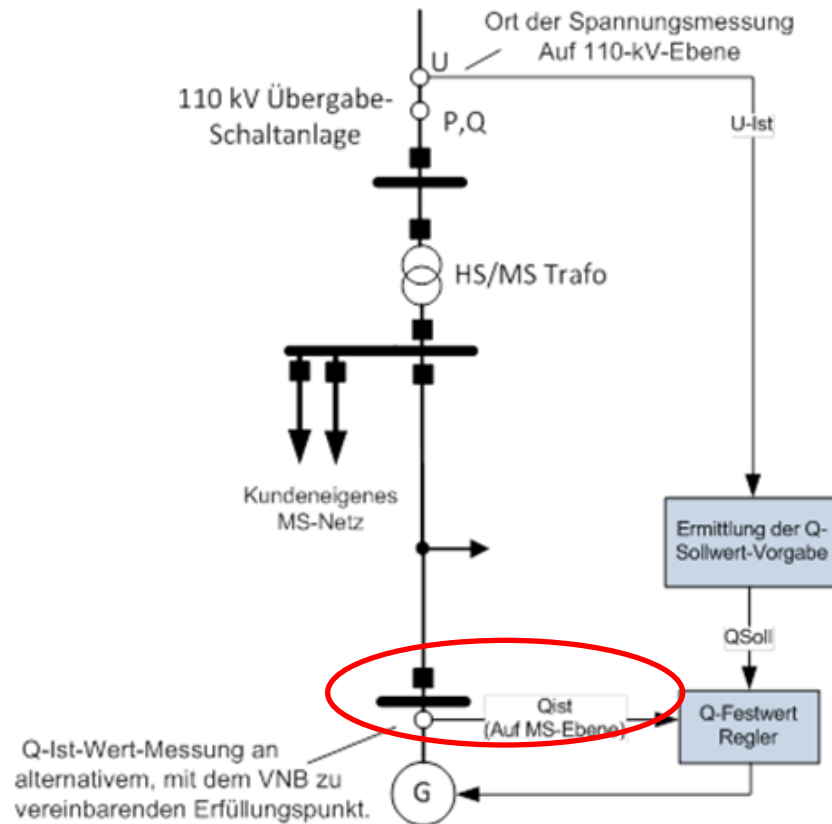


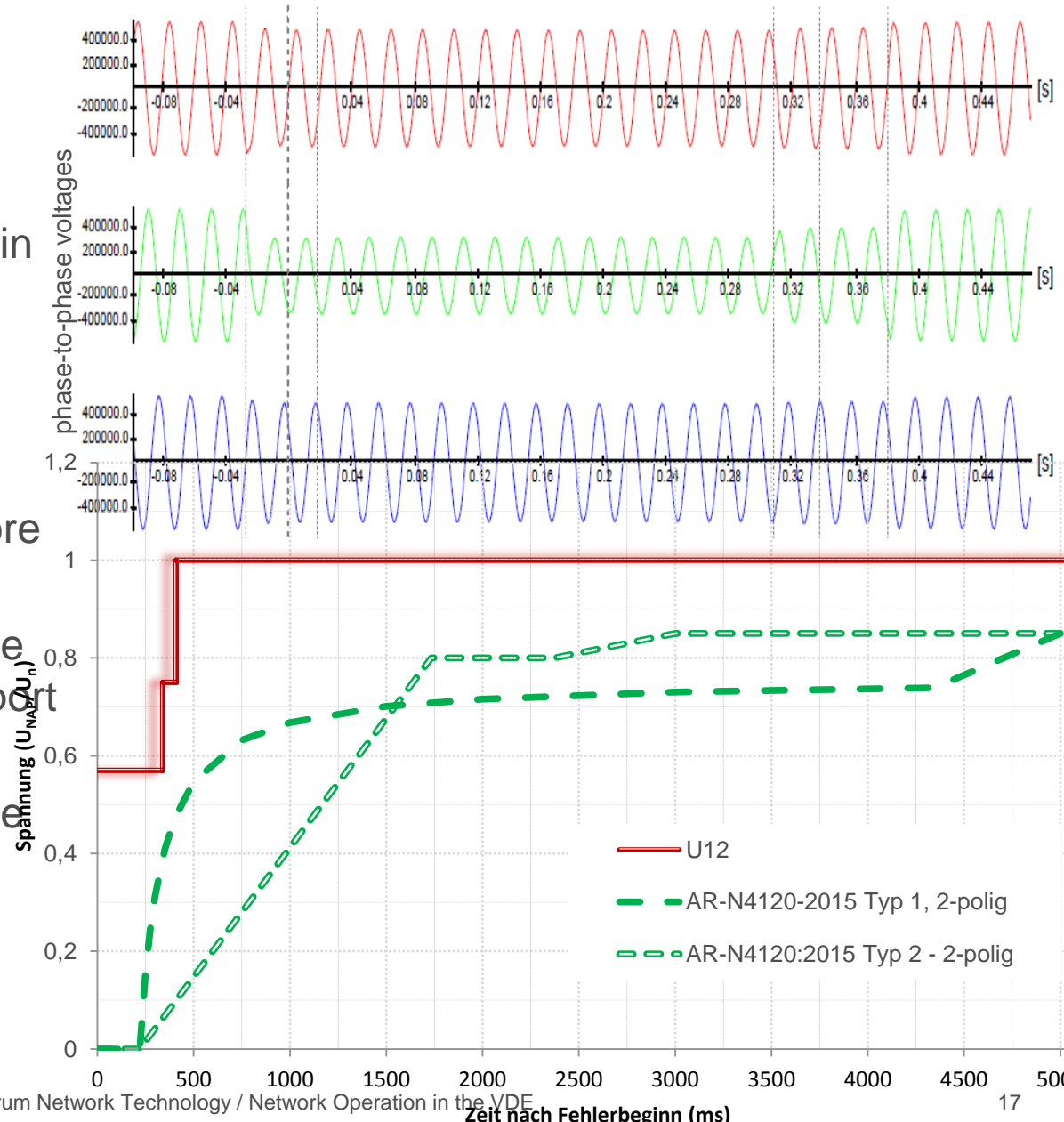
Bild 8 – Beispiel der Erfüllung der $Q(U)$ -Kennlinien-Regelung an zu vereinbarem Ort bei Mischanlagen

Section 10.2.3

Dynamic Grid Support

Motivation

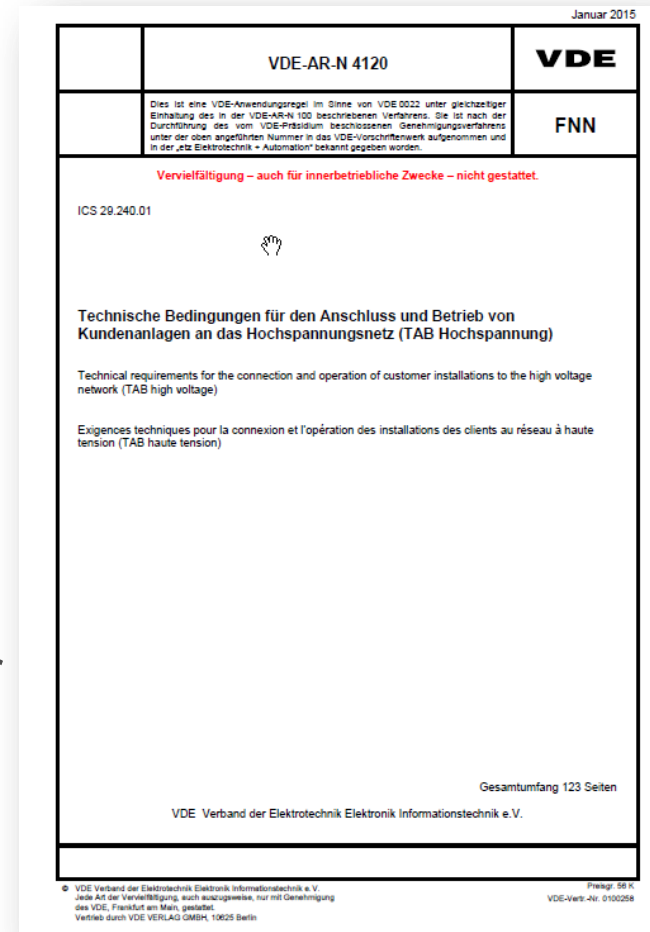
- example: Two-phase faults in high voltage grid
- max. changes to voltage:
positive sequence: 20%
negative sequence: 21%
- unsymmetrical faults far more frequent than symmetrical
- also incorporate fault-remote systems in the voltage support
- support also after fault clearing, to maintain reactive power allowance



Status Quo: dyn. grid support in TAB high voltage 2015

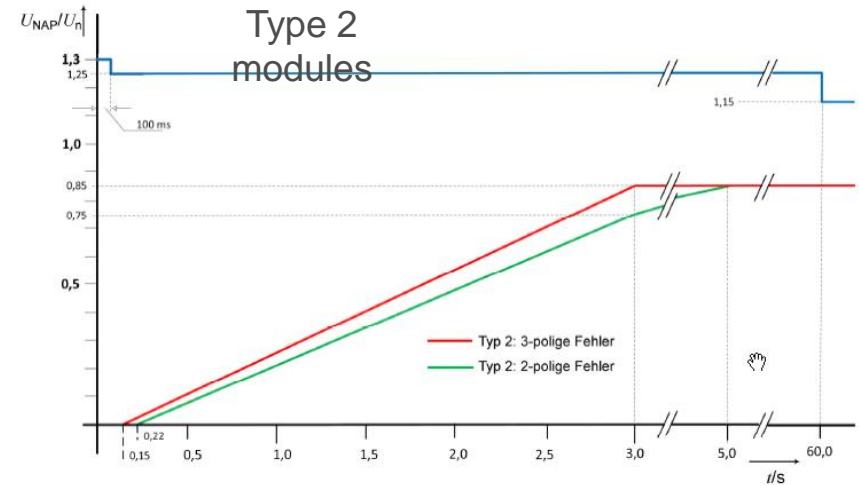
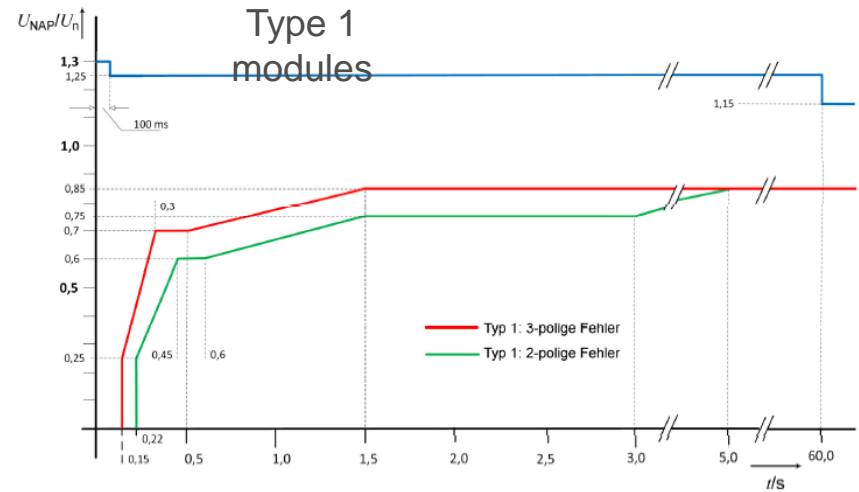
- riding through grid faults with defined timed limits
- dyn. reactive current in positive and negative sequence (limitation on increase in voltage in non-faulty phases)
- riding through multiple faults
- return of active current min. 20% I_r/s

→ nature of requirements predominantly similar to current draft



Dynamic grid support in current draft of **AR-N-4120**

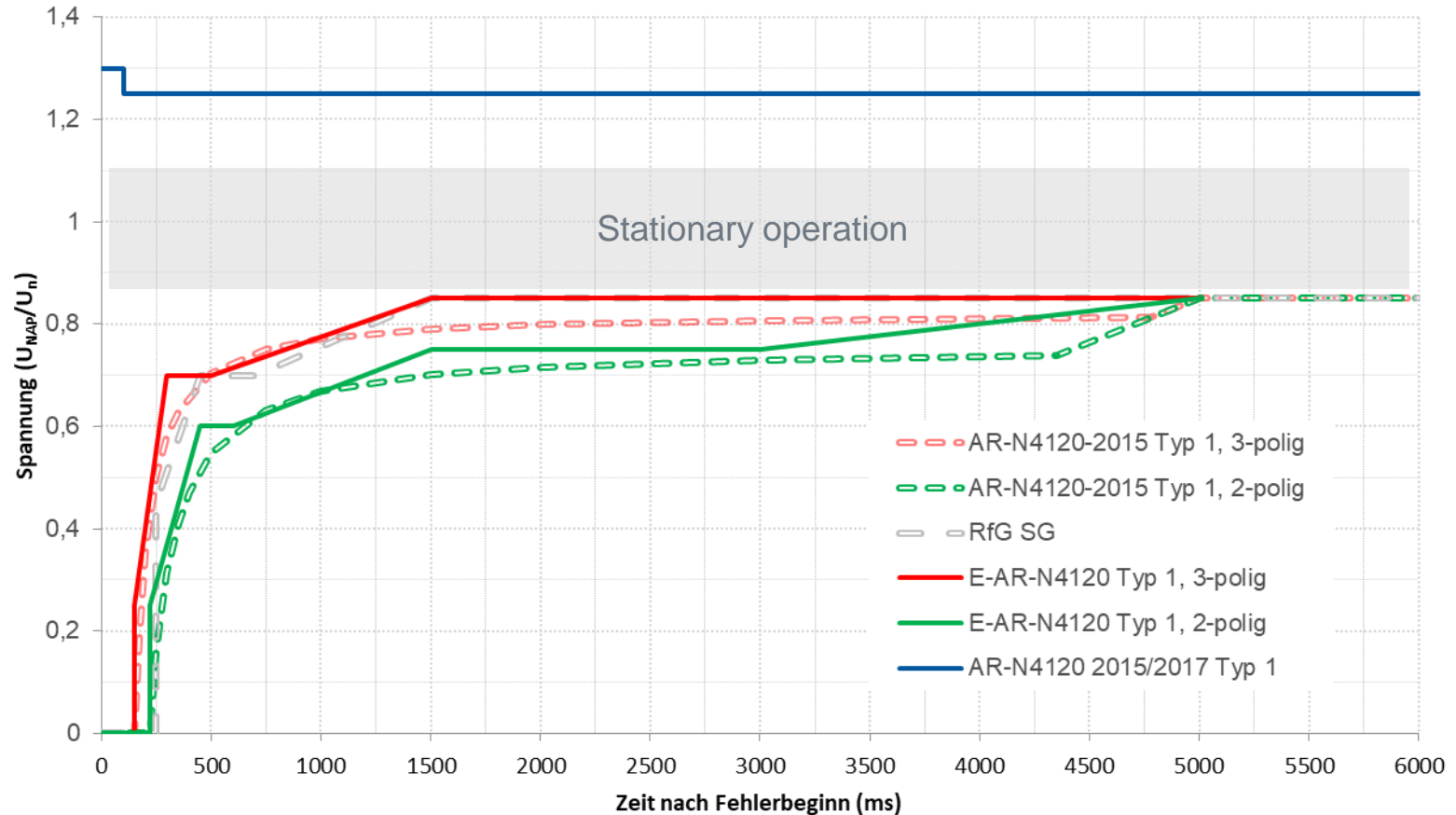
- power generating modules must ride through **symmetrical and unsymmetrical** grid faults
- to evaluate: smallest/largest of the three **phase-to-phase voltages** on the GCP
- Dynamic reactive current support in the **positive and negative sequence**
- an arbitrary sequence of **multiple faults** must be ridden through
- voltage **surges within** the FRT curves must not lead to tripping ($\leq 10\%$, or $\leq 15\%$ from 2021)
- under and over-voltage limit curves apply **independently** of one another
- requirements also apply to **auxiliary systems!**



Section 10.2.3.2

Dynamic Grid Support for Type 1 modules

Type 1 modules: Time constraints



- Lower limit curves were **slightly adjusted** (dependence on RfG curve for **symmetrical faults**)
- **Two-phase** faults: often a more profound issue, usually non-critical for PGM (green curve)
- Requirements for riding through **surges** (upper limit curve) unchanged compared to AR-N-4120-2015 (after 60s to $U=1.15$)

Other / general requirements Type 1 modules

- Voltage drops within the a.m. limit curves should be ridden through if S_k at connection point is $> 6 S_{A,Ges}$ after the End of fault in the relevant grid
- Voltage regulator settings and software status must be defined and traceable
- Plants $>10MW$ shall be prepared for Power System Stabilizers and have to be equipped by request of the grid operator
- After fault end: Increase active current as quickly as possible, response time maximum 3 seconds

Multiple faults

- It must be possible to ride through **multiple consecutive faults**
- **Thermal design** of the generator according to DIN EN 60034-1 must be guaranteed
- tripping **permitted**, if
 - these thermal limits are **exceeded** by multiple faults
 - instability threatens (e.g. oscillation of the shaft)

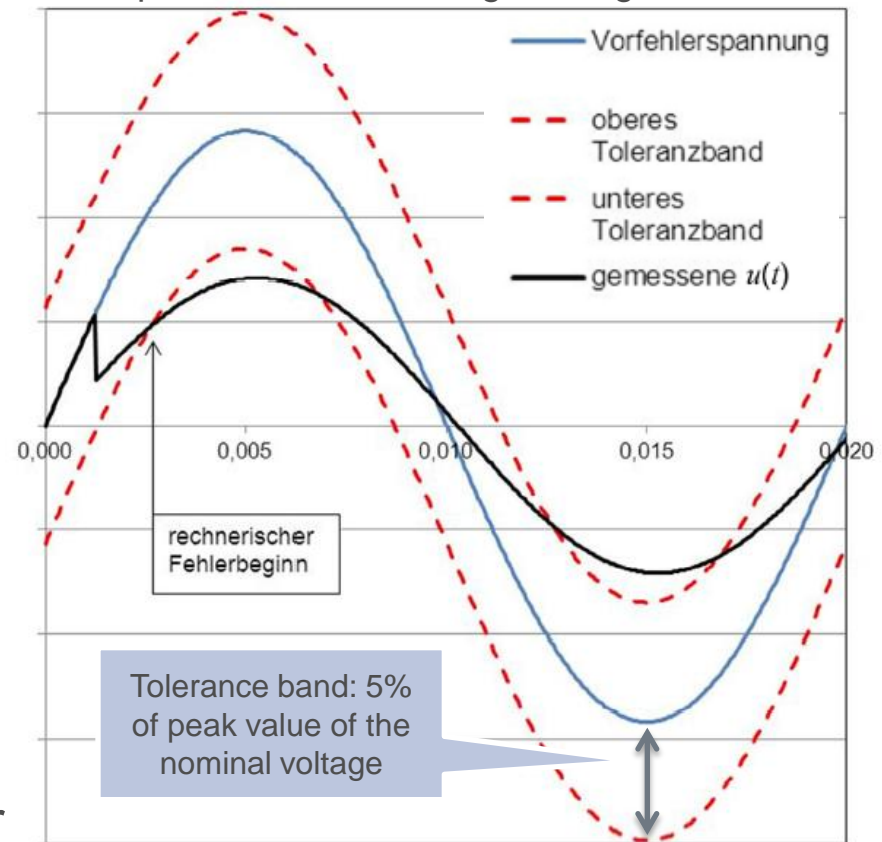
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Dynamic Grid Support for Type 2 modules

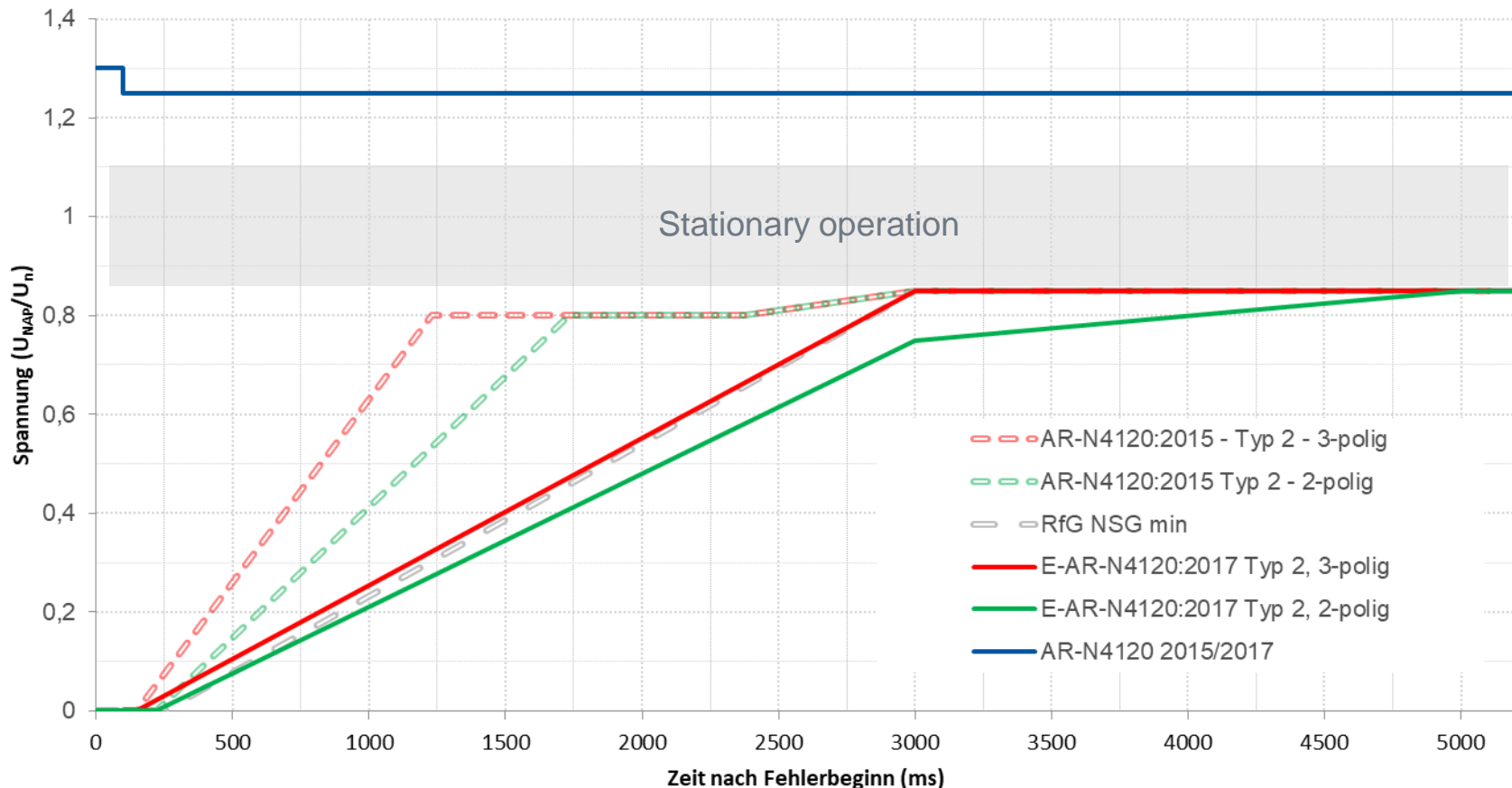
Type 2 modules: Fault start and end

- Criteria for **fault start**:
 - sudden voltage **changes** compared to 50 pre-fault voltage periods
 - Voltages $> 1.1 U_{MS}$ or $< 0.9 U_{MS}$
 U_{MS} : controller's target voltage for the plant's medium voltage
- Criteria for **fault end**:
 - 5s after fault start
 - Restoration of all L-L voltages in the range of $0.9 U_{MS} < U < 1.1 U_{MS}$
- **New** faults, as soon as a criterion for fault end was completed
- These are calculated criteria, in order to make behavior verifiable

Example of a sudden voltage change



Type 2 modules: Time constraints



- Requirements of Type 2 modules **expanded**, to conform with RfG limit curve
- **Two-phase** faults: often a more profound issue, usually non-critical for PGM (green curve)
- Requirements for riding through **surges** (upper limit curve) unchanged compared to AR-N-4120-2015

Type 2 modules: Comprehensive Dynamic Grid Support

- Supply of additional reactive current from fault start
- Objective: Optimum grid support for **symmetrical and unsymmetrical** faults
- Minimization of surges in non-faulty phases → **grid support in positive and negative sequence**
- Voltage measurement and provision of additional reactive current at the **PGU**
- Reactive current is prioritized; setpoint arises **continually** from the curve; active current is continually readjusted
- After **fault end**:
 - Increase in active current to pre-fault value within **maximum one second (response time)**
 - Transition to **static voltage stability**

Type 2 modules: Comprehensive Dynamic Grid Support

- Context: 1-min mean value of the grid voltage (here: L-L values); $U_2 \rightarrow 0$
 \rightarrow unchanged reference for the whole duration of the fault

$$\Delta u_1 = \frac{|U_1| - U_{1min}}{U_n}$$

$$\Delta u_2 = \frac{U_2}{U_n}$$

- zus. Blindstrom:

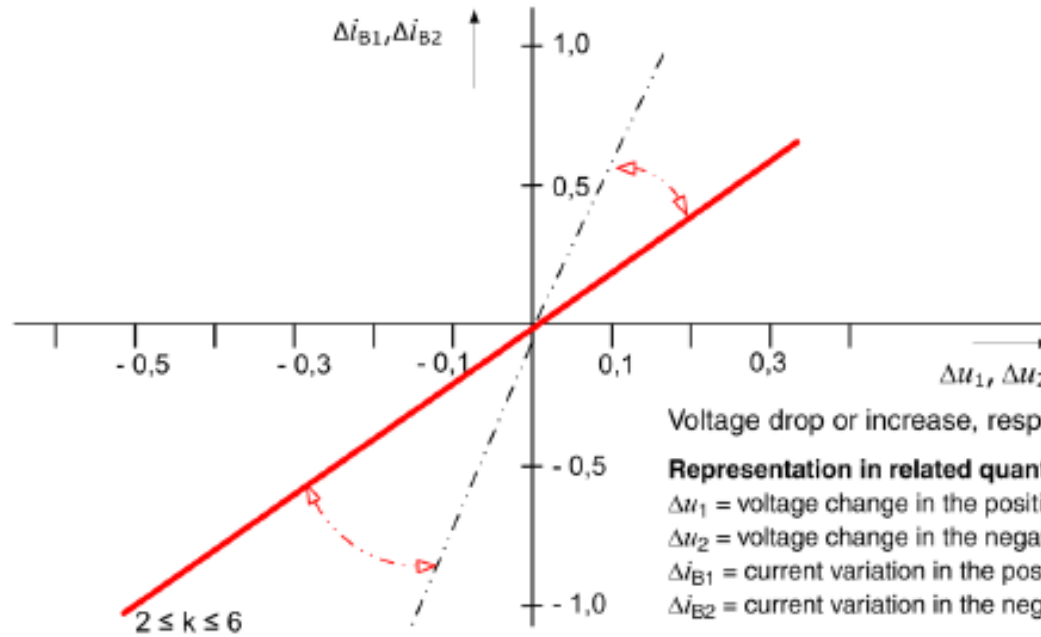
$$\Delta i_{B1,2} = k \cdot \Delta u_{1,2}$$

- Dynamik:

$$T_{an_{90\%}} \leq 30 \text{ ms}$$

$$T_{ein_{\Delta x}} \leq 60 \text{ ms}$$

Additional reactive current required



Voltage drop or increase, respectively

Representation in related quantities:

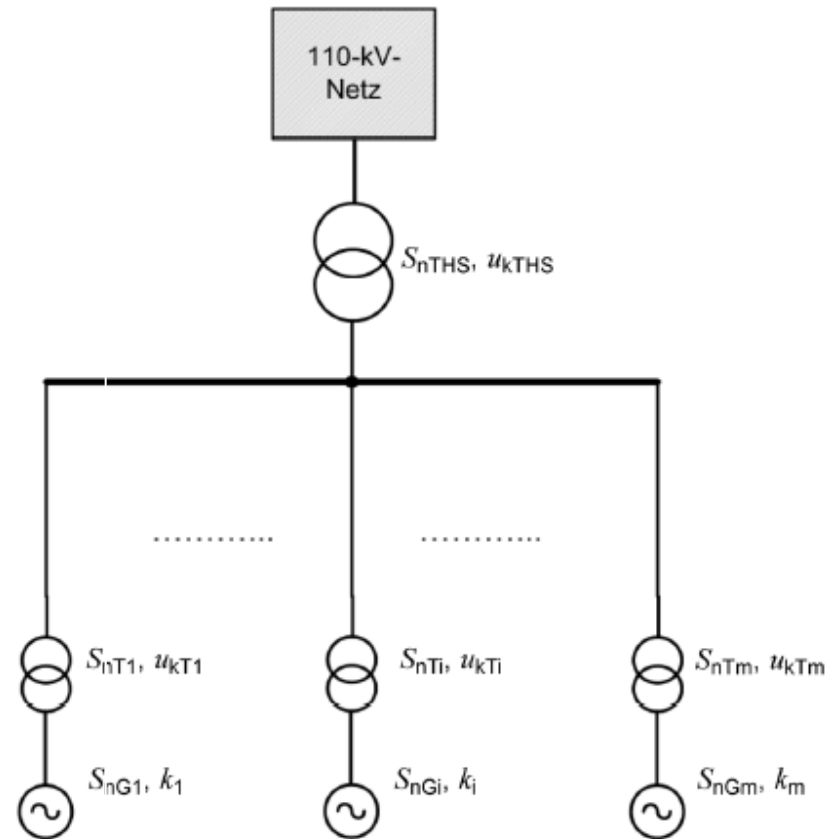
- Δu_1 = voltage change in the positive sequence system
- Δu_2 = voltage change in the negative sequence system
- Δi_{B1} = current variation in the positive sequence system
- Δi_{B2} = current variation in the negative sequence system

Calculation of k-Factor at grid connection point

- Internal plant impedances impacting the effective k-Factor
- Formula for calculating the k-Factor value:

$$k_i = \frac{c_K}{\frac{1}{k_{soll}} - u_{kTi} \cdot \frac{S_{nGi}}{S_{nTi}} - u_{kTHS} \cdot \frac{\sum_1^m S_{nGi}}{S_{nTHS}}}$$

- Example:**
Plant with $S_{nTHS} = 30\text{MVA}$; $u_{kTHS} = 12\%$;
15 PGU each with 2MVA, $S_T = S_{nG}$; $u_{kTi} = 6\%$
- $k_{soll} = 2 \rightarrow k_i \approx 3$



Multiple faults

- It must be possible to ride through an **arbitrary sequence** of grid faults
- With some plant types there may be limitations
 - Requirement is limited to an energy of $P_{E_{max}} \cdot 2s$ dissipated or not supplied to the grid as a result of grid fault effects
- between multiple grid fault sequences, a time of **30min** is estimated
- Verification through test sequence:

Netzereignis	Residualspannung bezogen auf U_{1mi}^n	Dauer [ms]	Pausenzeit
Doppelfehler	0,2 – 0,3	140 ms – 160 ms	0,3 s – 2 s
	0,2 – 0,3	550 ms – 600 ms	20 s – 30 s
Standardfehler	0,2 – 0,3	950 ms – 1050 ms	20 s – 30 s
Doppelfehler	0,2 – 0,3	140 ms – 160 ms	0,3 s – 2 s
	0,2 – 0,3	950 ms – 1050 ms	20 s – 30 s

Summary and Dynamic Grid Support

- The requirements in the draft AR-N 4120 for dynamic grid support were **revised** compared to AR-N 4120:2015-1 and aligned with the **RfG framework**
- The required conduct was specifically revised regarding
 - time requirements
 - sudden voltage changes
 - conduct after the fault
 - multiple faults
 - verification procedures

Section 10.2.4

Active Power Supply

Requirements for power generating modules – active power supply

- **10.2.4.1 Overview**
 - Speed restrictions
 - Prioritisation
- **10.2.4.2 Grid security management**
 - DSO requirements
- **10.2.4.3 Active power supply for over and under frequency**
 - Requirements of grid retention
 - P-f curves

PGM – active power supply / overview

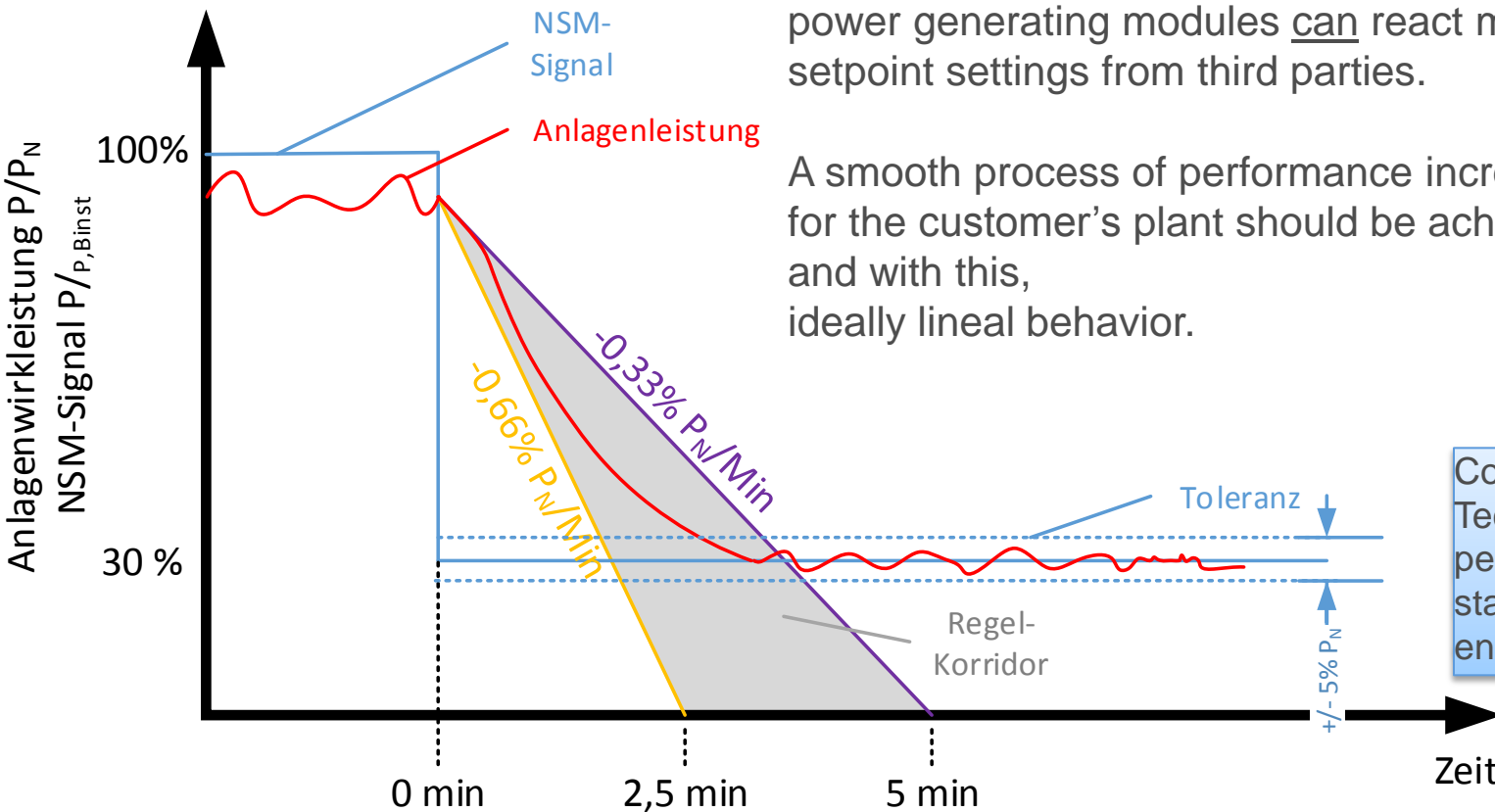
- **Challenges:**

- increasing number of plants participate in direct marketing
- higher power gradients up to 15 min change as a result
- sudden power changes are always dangerous
- synchronized plant behavior potentially critical
- in future, controllable demand facilities are also likely

PGM – active power supply / limitation of gradients

Limitation of performance gradients are for increasing and reducing active power supply and active power usage

- no faster than in 2.5 min (0.66 % P_N per second);
 - no slower than in 5 min (0.33 % P_N per second).
- power generating modules can react more slowly to setpoint settings from third parties.



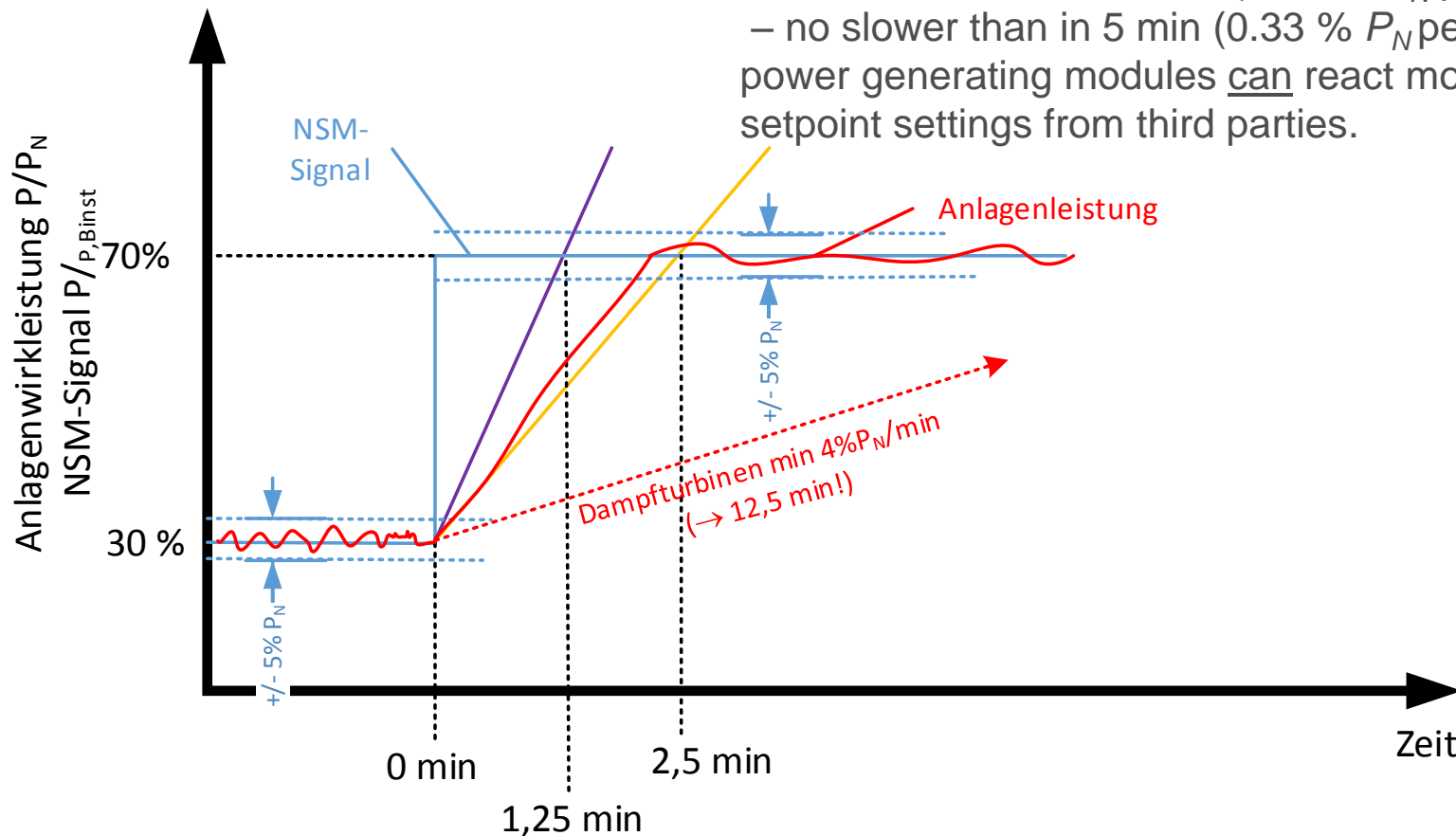
A smooth process of performance increase or reduction for the customer's plant should be achieved, and with this, ideally lineal behavior.

Comments:
Techn. minimum performance stated for combustion engines

PGM – active power supply / performance increase

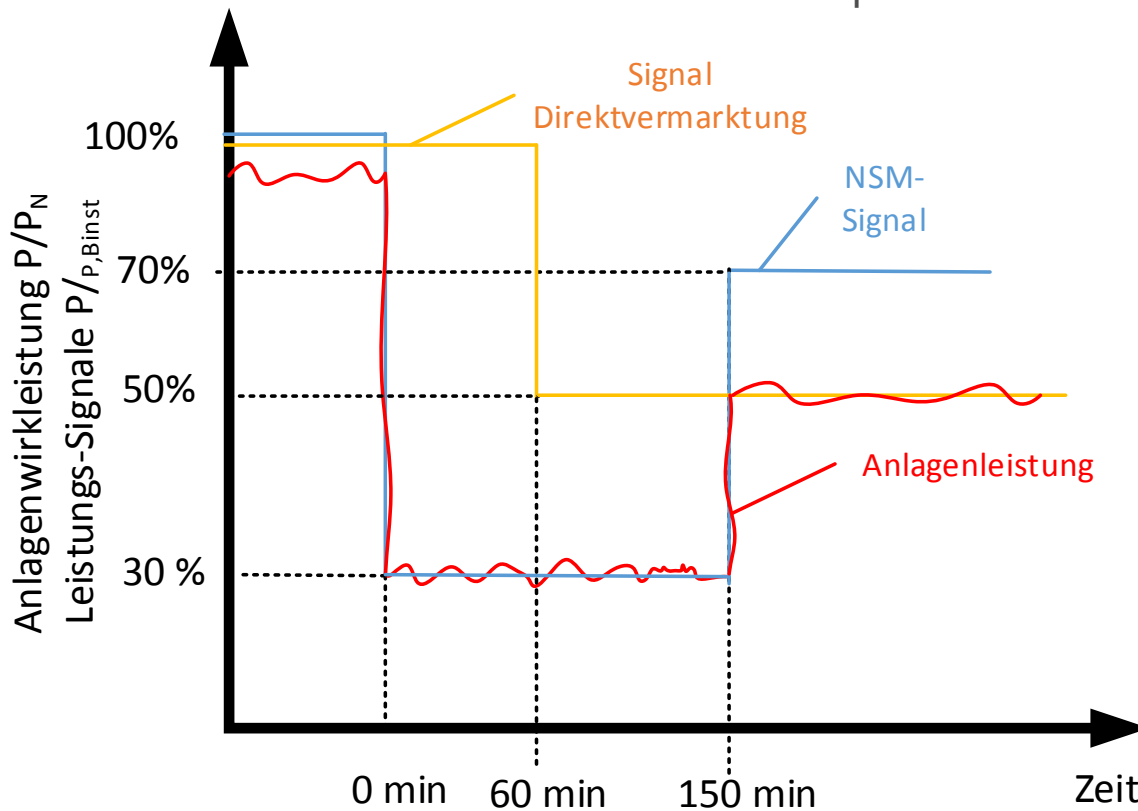
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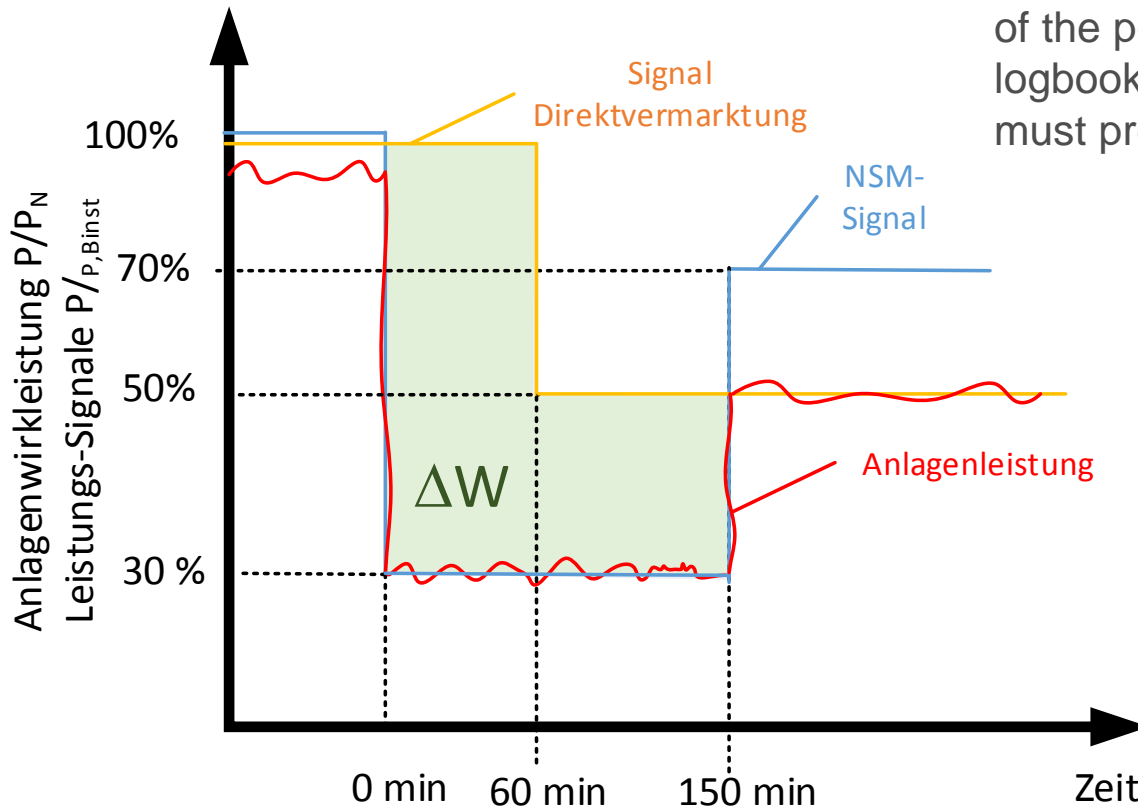
PGM – active power supply / priority regulations

With temporally overlapping active power specifications of grid operators (grid security management) and third parties (market specifications, personal requirement improvements etc.), smaller services always matter



PGM – active power supply / logbook

The plant operator must always retain evidence for the prior 12 months of power regulation for grid security management and interference by third parties during operation of the power generating module (e.g. in a logbook). Upon demand, the grid operator must present this evidence.



Active power supply during frequency deviations

Fundamentals

- if $f < 49.8 \text{ Hz}$ or $f > 50.2 \text{ Hz}$ then: System is at risk
 - P-changes have priority over market (complies with EnWG Art.13)
 - P-changes do not have priority over NSM

Reason: if NSM was used, the grid is close to 100% capacity at the MV level; additional capacity increase risks tripping protection and loss of the entire production.

- When does that cease?
 - If $49.8 \text{ Hz} < f < 50.2 \text{ Hz}$ → generally OK;
 - But please slowly return to “Normal status”!
 - If f in “Range”: Active power changes of a maximum of $10 \% P_N / \text{min}$
 - if f over 10 min long within the tolerance range → normal grid operation

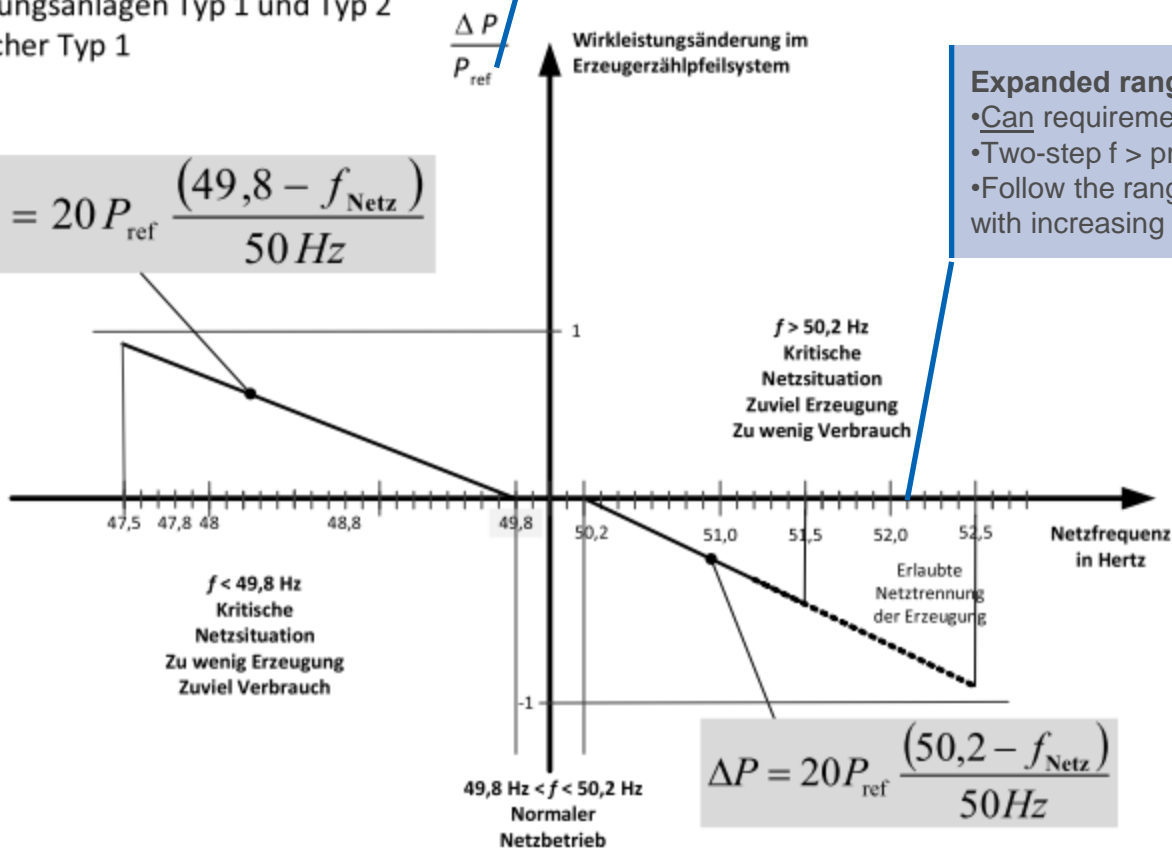
Most recently:
2006

PGM – active power supply at over or under-frequency for PGM Type 1 and 2 and storage Type 1

$P_{ref} = P_{MOM}$ for Type 2: → No change (remains locked at $f = 50.2$ or $f = 49.8$)
 $P_{ref} = P_N$ for Type 1: → RfG (fixed curve slope)

a) Erzeugungsanlagen Typ 1 und Typ 2 und Speicher Typ 1

$$\Delta P = 20 P_{ref} \frac{(49,8 - f_{Netz})}{50 Hz}$$

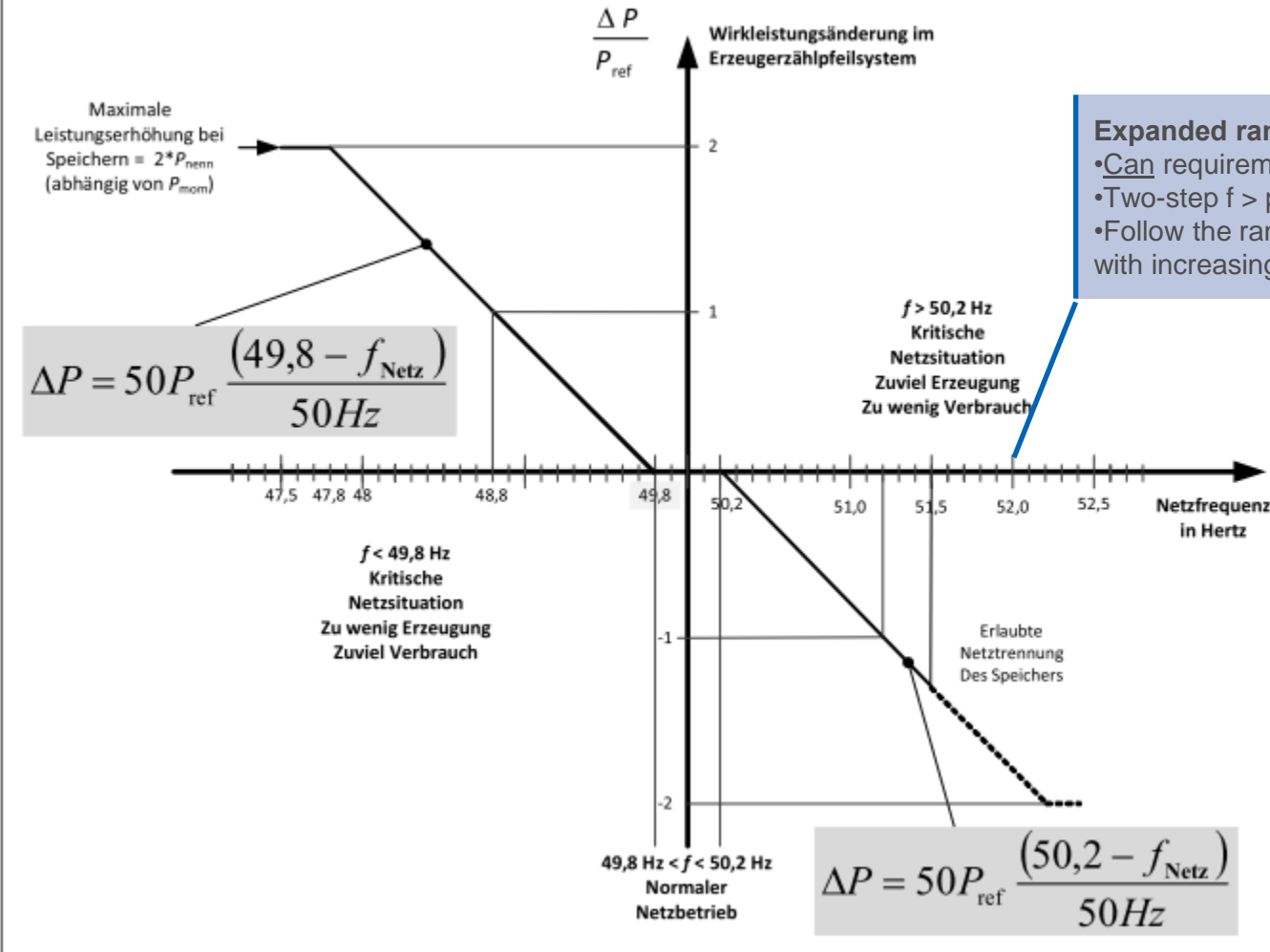


Expanded range for overshots" by 5 s
 • Can requirement
 • Two-step $f >$ protection
 • Follow the range curve where possible; no increase with increasing frequency

$$\Delta P = 20 P_{ref} \frac{(50,2 - f_{Netz})}{50 Hz}$$

PGM – active power supply at over or under-frequency for storage Type 2

b) Speicher Typ 2



Expanded range for overshots" by 5 s

- Can requirement
- Two-step $f >$ protection
- Follow the range curve where possible; no increase with increasing frequency

PGM – active power supply at over or under-frequency Control times

		Type 1	Type 2	
		Generation units and storage	Generation units	Storage
Power increase	Step response time when decreasing frequency in the range of 49.8 Hz – 47.5 Hz	≤ 5 min for a Δf of up to 0.5 Hz	≤ 10 s	≤ 1 s
	Step response time when decreasing frequency in the range of 51.5 Hz - 50.2 Hz	≤ 5 min for a Δf of up to 0.5 Hz	≤ 5 s for a Δf of up to 0.5 Hz	
	Settling time	≤ 6 min	≤ 30 s	≤ 10 s
Power reduction	Step response time when increasing frequency in the range of 50.2 Hz - 51.5 Hz	≤ 8 s for a Δf of up to 1.3 Hz	≤ 2 s for a Δf of up to 1.3 Hz	≤ 1 s
	Step response time when increasing frequency in the range of 47.5 Hz – 49.8 Hz			
	Settling time	≤ 30 s	≤ 20 s	≤ 10 s

PGM – active power supply at over or under-frequency

Control times

Limited requirements due to technical restrictions

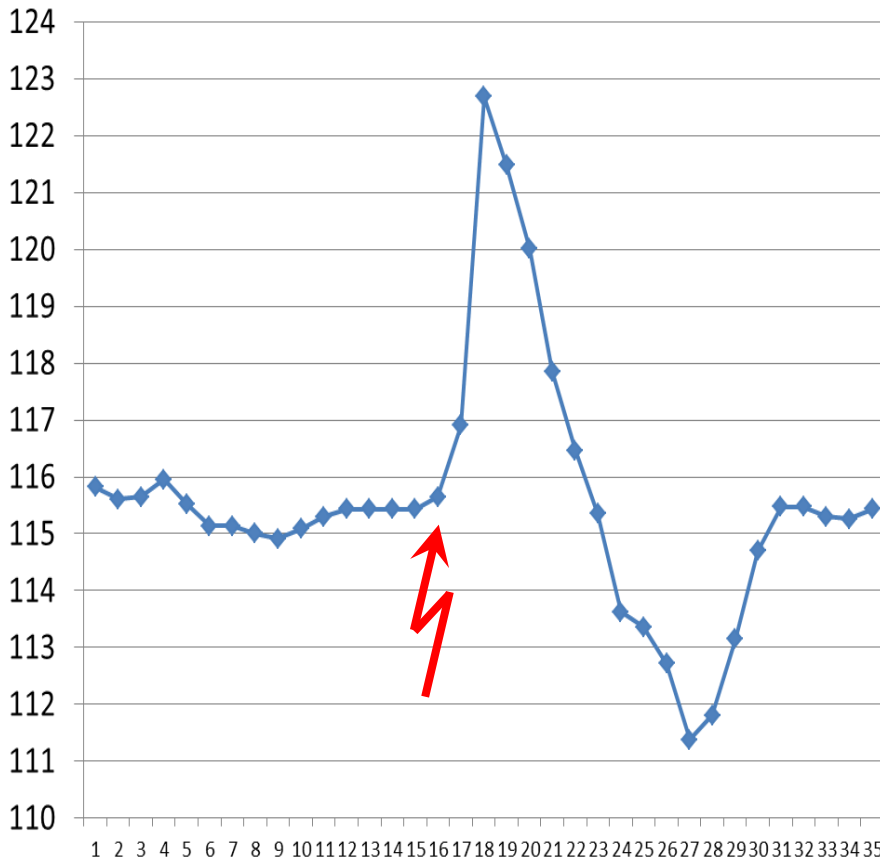
- Wind (active power increase): if wind $> 50\% P_N$ response time of 5 s (at a frequency change of 0.5 Hz) if wind $< 50\% P_N$ no requirements for control times
- Combustion engines or gas turbines:
 - ≤ 2 MW minimum 66 % P_n per minute
 - > 2 MW minimum 20 % P_n per minute
- Increase through steam turbines; minimum 4 % P_n /min
- For hydroelectric power plants (incl. pumped storage), the response and settling times must be agreed for each specific project with the grid operator

Section 10.3

**Protection systems and protection settings -
experiences gained from grid faults with voltage
protection systems**

Case 1) short circuit in 110kV grid

L-L voltage in kV (minute values)

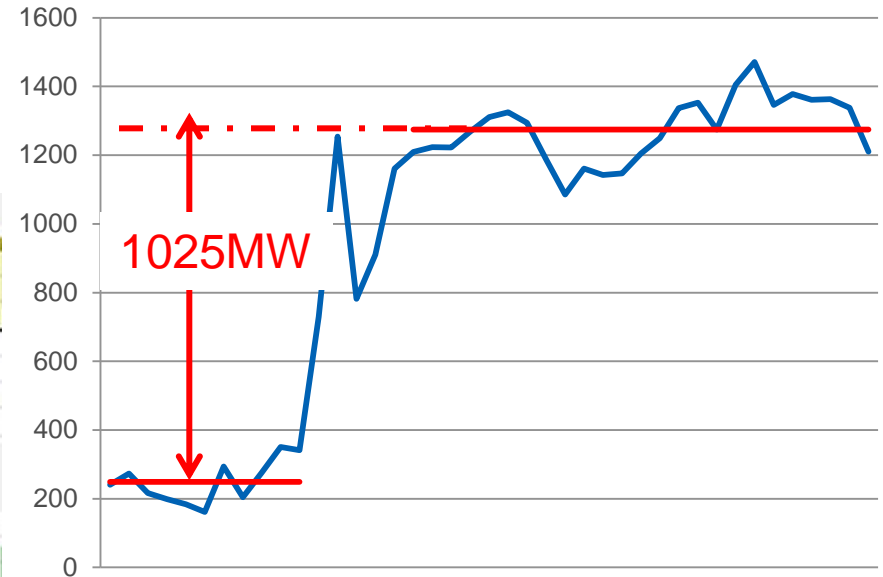
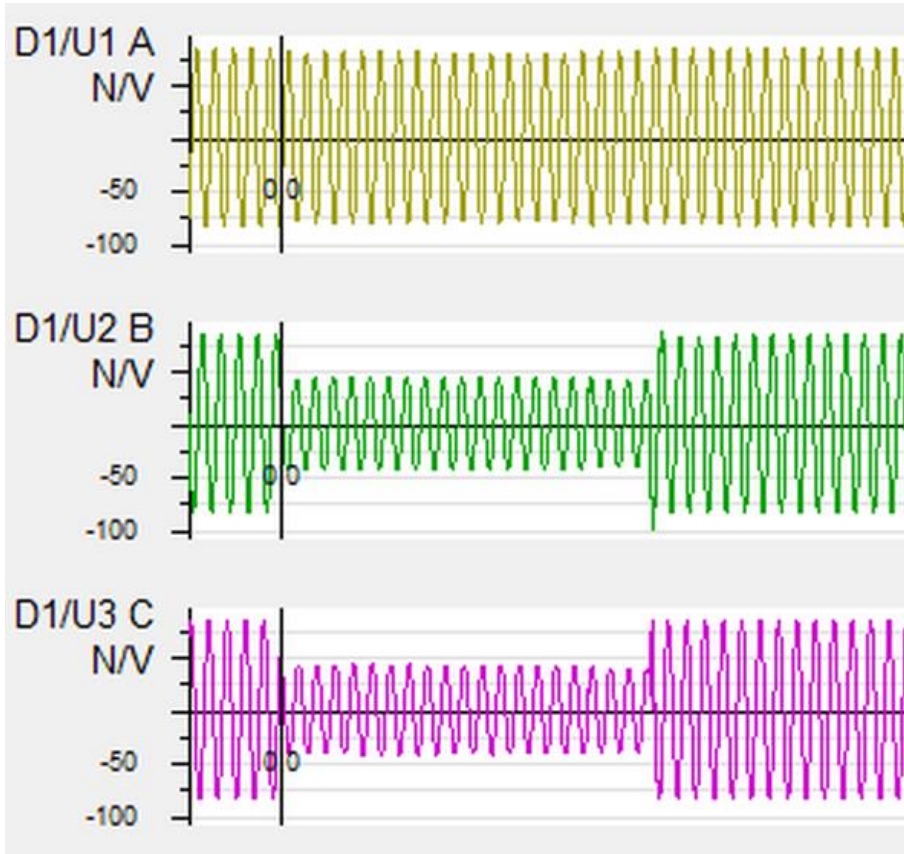


- Two-phase short circuit 110kV
- fault clearing time 90ms
- Loss of generation capacity >900MW

- Suspected cause: Response by surge protection systems

*) source: Effects of grid disruption on energy balance and voltage maintenance, T. Henning, U. Welz, H. Kühn SuL 2014

Case 2) Two-phase short circuit in 380kV grid

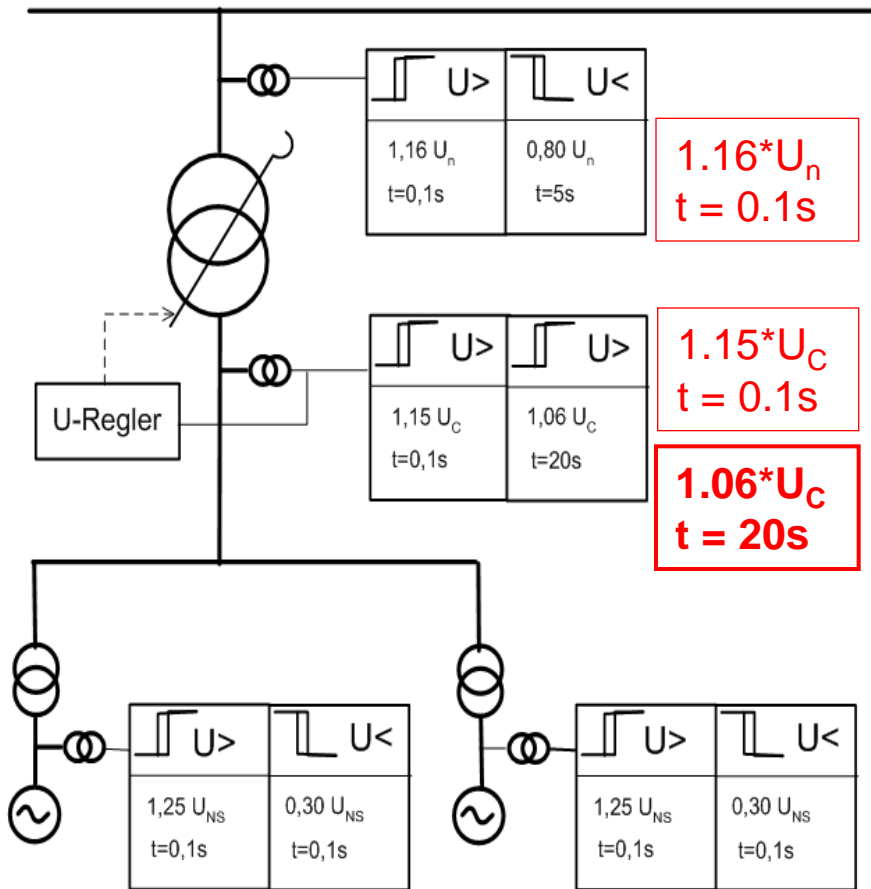


- Two-phase short circuit 380kV
- fault clearing time approx. 400ms
- Loss of over 1000 MW
- Suspected cause: Response by surge protection systems

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Suspected cause for the loss of generation capacity

110-kV



- Example formulation of voltage relay VDN guidelines from 2004

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	VDN 2004		4120 (old) TAB HV		VDE-AR-N 4120 (new)	
Function - GCP						
Voltage increase $U >$	$1,16 U_N$	$0,1s$	$1,25 U_n$	$0,5 s$	$1,25 U_n$	$0,5 s$
Voltage decrease $U <$	$0,80 U_N$	$5 s$	$0,80 U_n$	$5,0 s$	$0,80 U_n$	$5,0 s$
QU protection $Q \rightarrow \& U <$	$./.$	$./.$	$0,85 U_n$	$0,5 s$	$0,85 U_n$	$0,5 s$
Function – MV side (optional)						
Voltage increase $U >>$	$1,15 U_C$	$0,1s$	$1,20 U_{MS}$	$0,3 s$	$1,20 U_{MS}$	$0,3 s$
Voltage increase $U >$	$1,06 U_C$	$20s$	$1,10 U_{MS}$	$180 s$	$1,10 U_{MS}$	$180 s$
Function – PGU						
Voltage increase $U >>$	$1,25 U_{NS}$	$0,1s$	$1,25 U_{NS}$	$0,1 s$	$1,25 U_{NS}$	$0,1 s$
Voltage decrease $U <<$	$0,30 U_{NS}$	$0,1s$	$0,30 U_{NS}$	$0,8 s$	$0,30 U_{NS}$	$0,8 s$
Voltage decrease $U <$	$./.$	$./.$	$0,80 U_{NS}$	$1,5-2,4s$	$0,80 U_{NS}$	$1,5-2,4s$

Important – Important – Important – Important – Important –
Important

Requirements for voltage relays (Ch. 10.3.4.2)

- resetting ratio voltage increase $\leq 1,02$
- resetting ratio voltage drop ≥ 0.98
- measurement error $\leq 1\%$
- analysis of fundamental oscillation root mean square

Section 10.3

Protection systems and protection settings - Frequency protection systems and protection overviews

Frequency protection systems

VDE-AR-N 4120 (old)

- ≤ 47.5 Hz isolation from grid
- 47.5–51.5 Hz isolation not permitted
- ≥ 51.5 Hz isolation from grid

VDE-AR-N 4120 (new)

- ≤ 47.5 Hz isolation from grid
- 47.5–51.5 Hz isolation not permitted
- 51.5-52.5 Hz isolation permitted
- 52.5 Hz isolation from grid

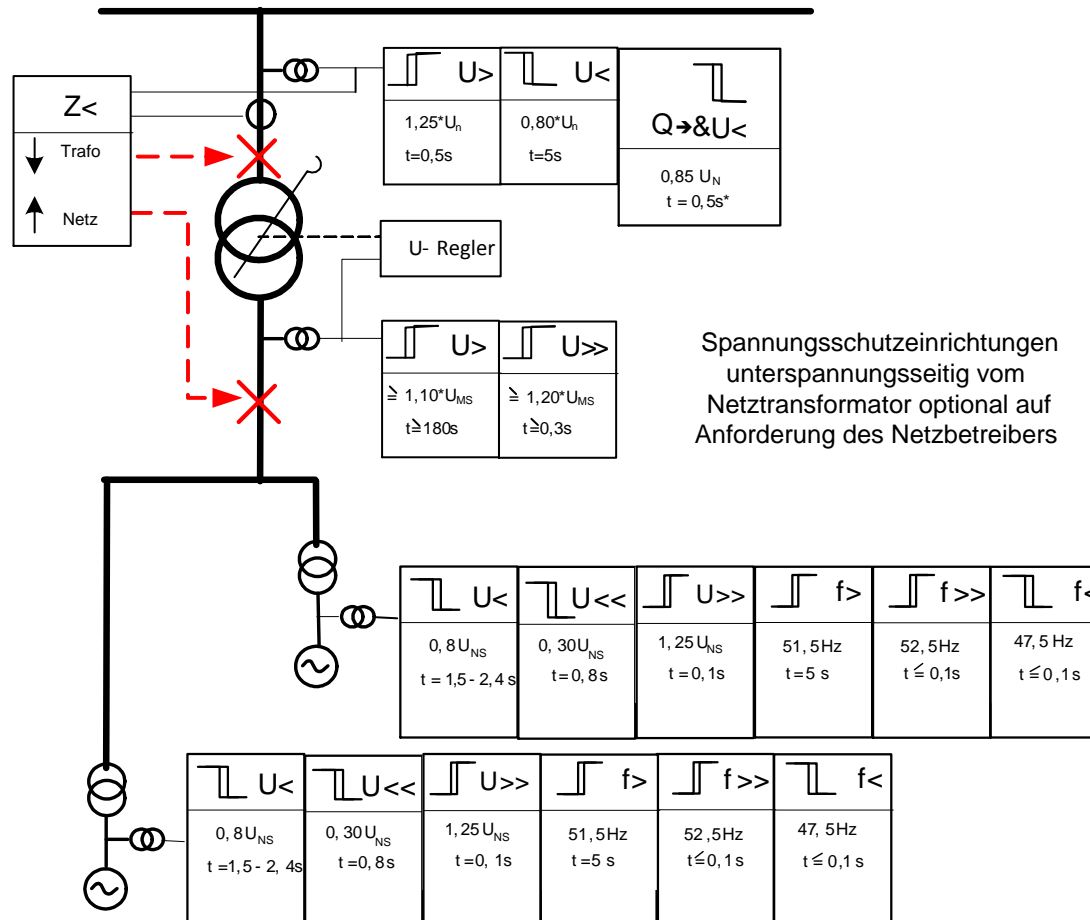
PGU frequency protection systems

Frequency decrease	$f <$	47.5 Hz	0.1 s *
Frequency increase	$f >$	51.5 Hz	≤ 5 s **
Frequency increase	$f >>$	52.5 Hz	0.1 s *

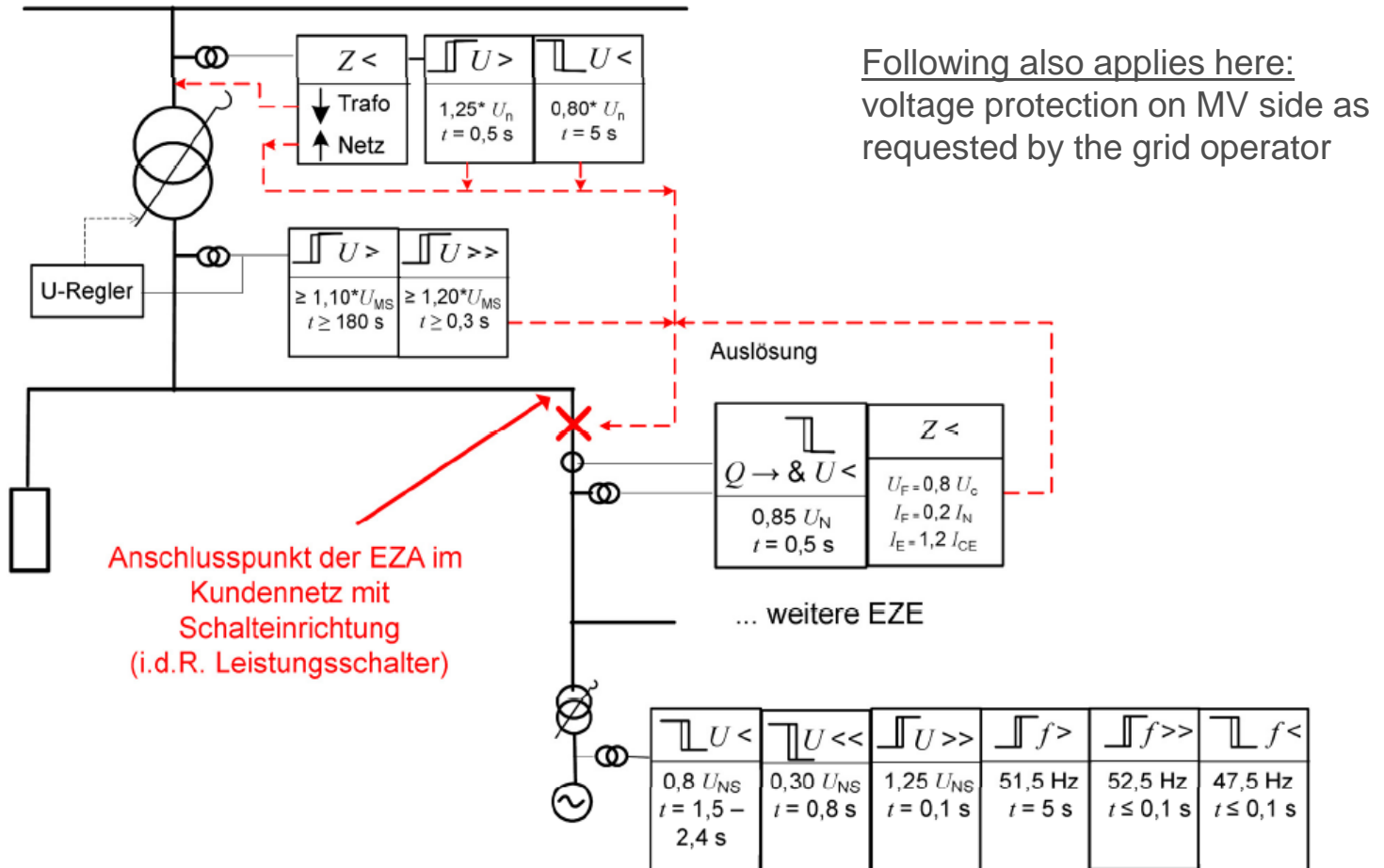
* better: 5 repeat measurements

** according to PGU property

Protection overview: Connection of a power generating module



Protection overview: Connection of combined facilities with generation/demand/storage (Ch. 10.3.6 new)



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Connection conditions and synchronization

TAB HV (old) – Ch. 10.3.2

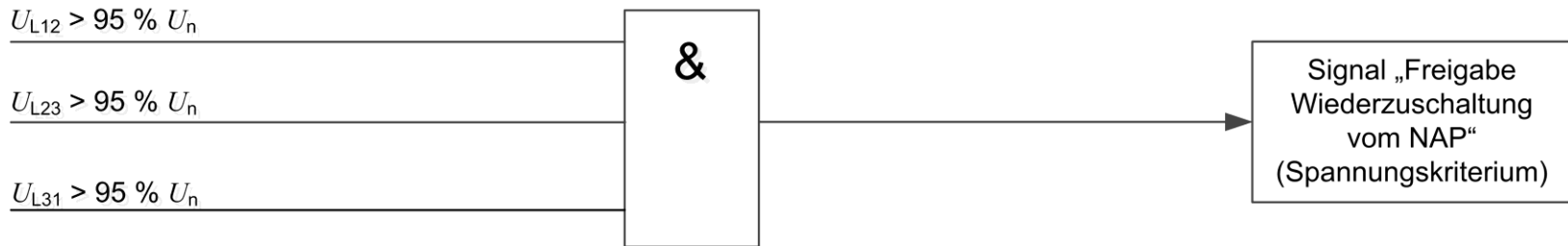
Following the disconnection of a power generating module from the grid through a cut-out of the 110 kV circuit breaker, due to tripping by short circuit or decoupling protective devices (over-frequency, under-frequency, overvoltage, undervoltage, reactive power-undervoltage protection), an automatic reconnection is not permitted. Reconnection will be carried out pending approval by the responsible grid control center.

TAR HV (new) – Ch. 10.3.2

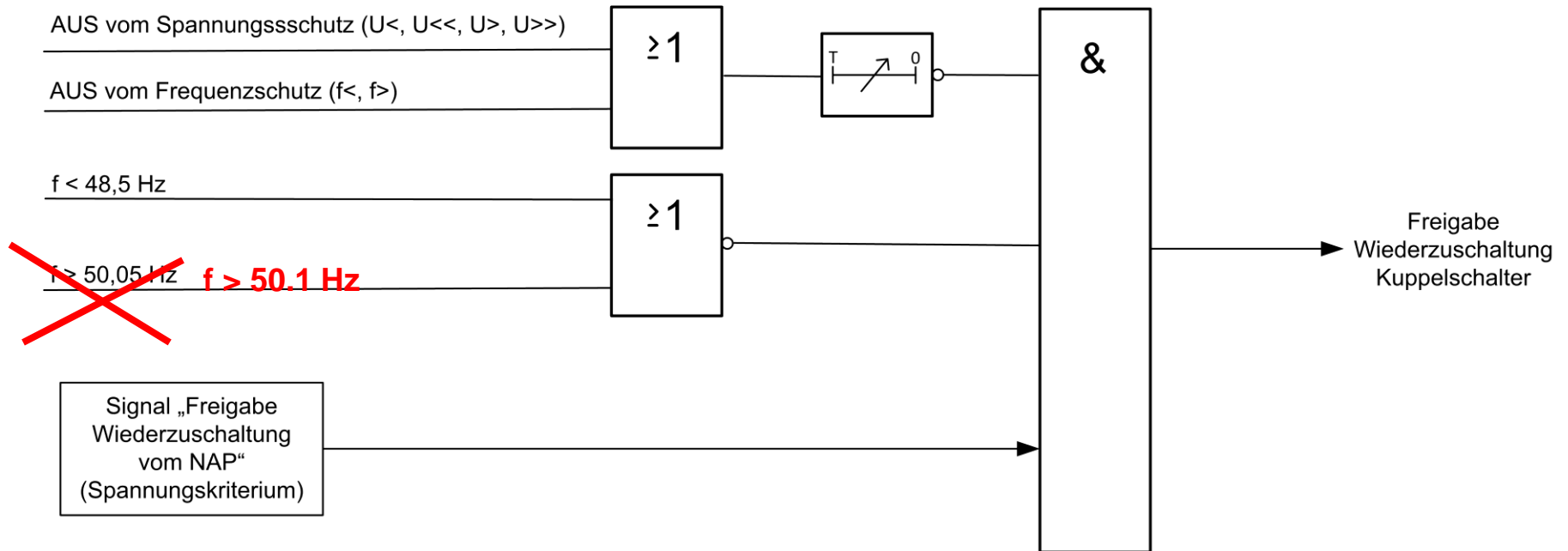
Paragraph removed, replaced by the following, newly added in Ch. 10.4.2

TAR HV (new) – Ch. 10.4.2 Connection after tripping by safety systems

Unless the grid operator specifies otherwise (grid management agreement), an automatic reconnection is not permitted following disconnection of a power generating module from the grid through a cut-out of the 110 kV circuit breaker, due to tripping by short circuit or decoupling protective devices (over-frequency, under-frequency, overvoltage, undervoltage, reactive power-undervoltage protection). Reconnection is carried out after approval by the relevant grid control center.

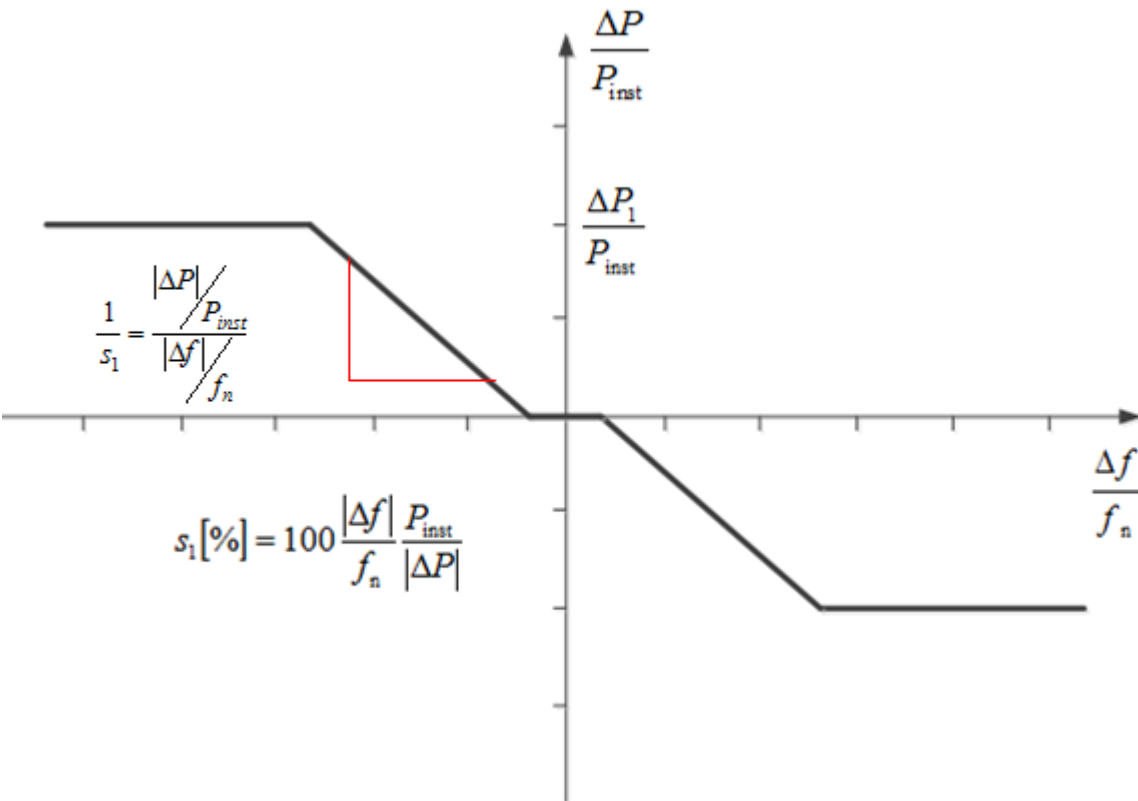


TAR HV – Ch. 10.4.2 Figure 19



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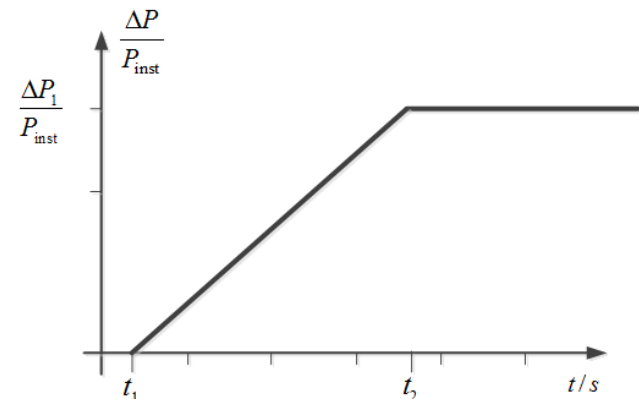
Additional requirements for power generating modules



Primary control power

- available min. 2% P_{inst}
- max. insensitivity $\leq 10\text{mHz}$
- measuring tolerance $\leq 10\text{mHz}$
- deadband 0 – **10** – 200mHz
- static for PGM and pumped storage
2% - 12"
- static for other storage
0.4% - 12%

- maximum delay time of activation $t_1 = 1\text{s}$
- maximum time to complete activation $t_2 = 30\text{s}$



Parameters	Secondary control	Minute reserve
Minimum control band (not simultaneous)	Type 1: +/- 5 % P _{AV} Type 2: +/- 10 % P _{AV}	Type 1: +/- 10 % P _{AV} Type 2: +/- 20 % P _{AV}
maximum delay time of activation	30 s	7,5 min
maximum time to complete activation	2 min – 7,5 min	7,5 min – 15 min