



Connecting Generation to the NSW Electricity System

# Maintaining System Security

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- **AEMO's Obligations**

- The Power System should always be in a satisfactory operating state

NER 4.3.1(k)(1):  
Ensure the power system is, and is maintained, in a satisfactory operating state

- The Power System may operate in an insecure state for no longer than 30 minutes

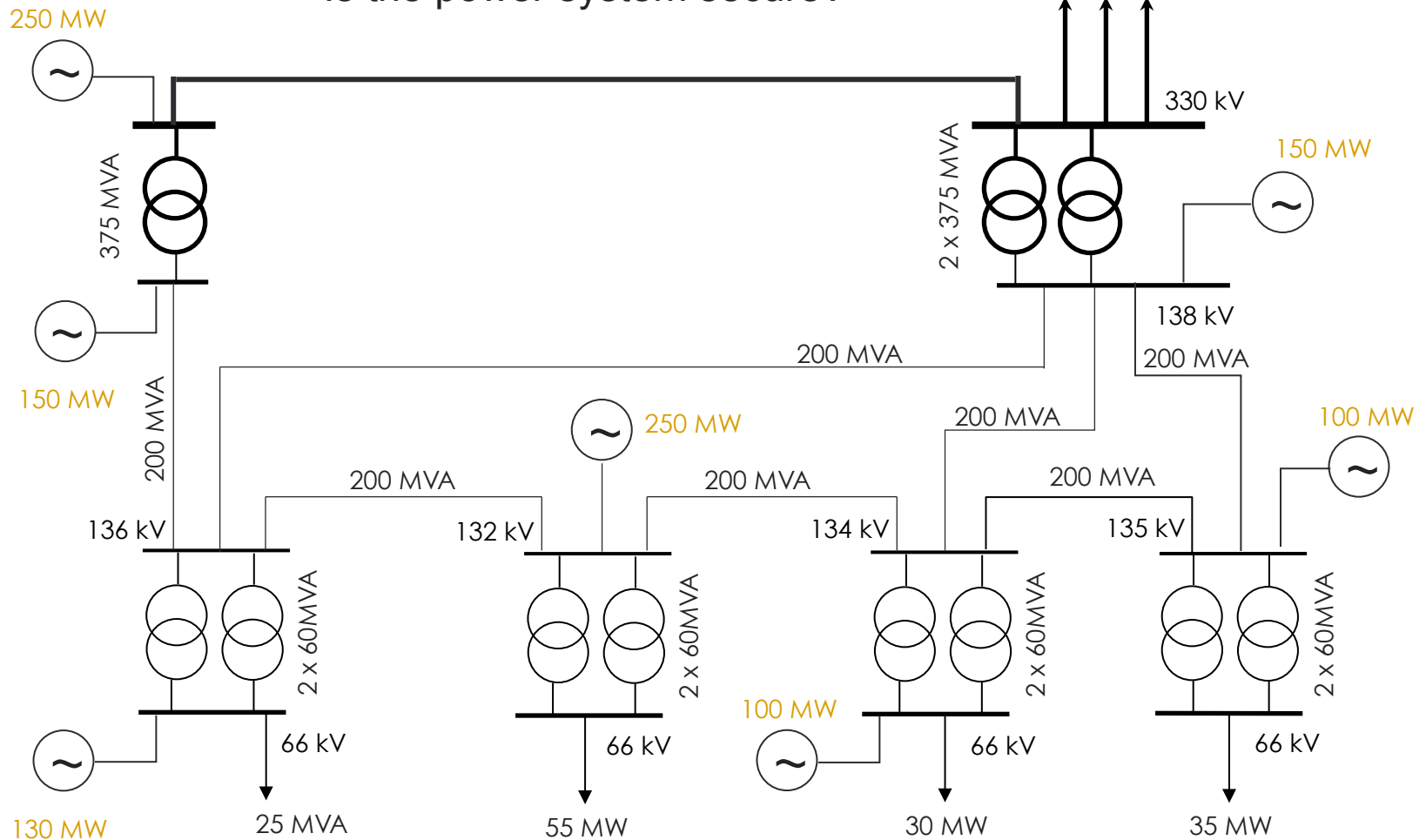
NER 4.2.6(b):  
Following a contingency event (whether or not a credible contingency event) or a significant change in power system conditions, AEMO should take all reasonable actions:

(1) to adjust, wherever possible, the operating conditions with a view to returning the power system to a secure operating state as soon as it is practical to do so, and, in any event, within thirty minutes; or

(2) if any principles and guidelines have been published under clause 8.8.1(a)(2a), to adjust, wherever possible, the operating conditions, in accordance with such principles and guidelines, with a view to returning the power system to a secure operating state within at most thirty minutes

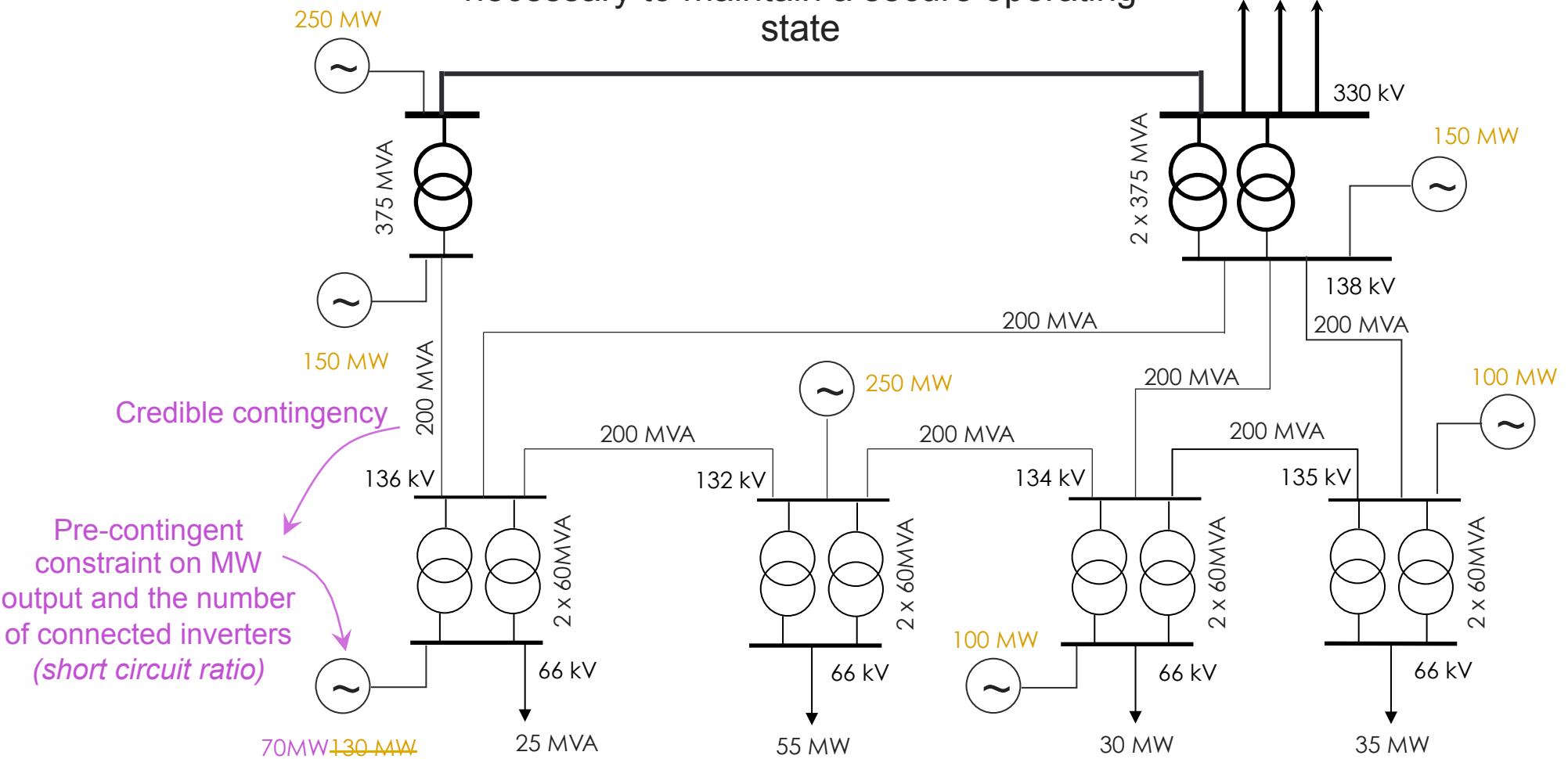
# Connecting Intermittent Generation

Is this power system satisfactory?  
Is the power system secure?



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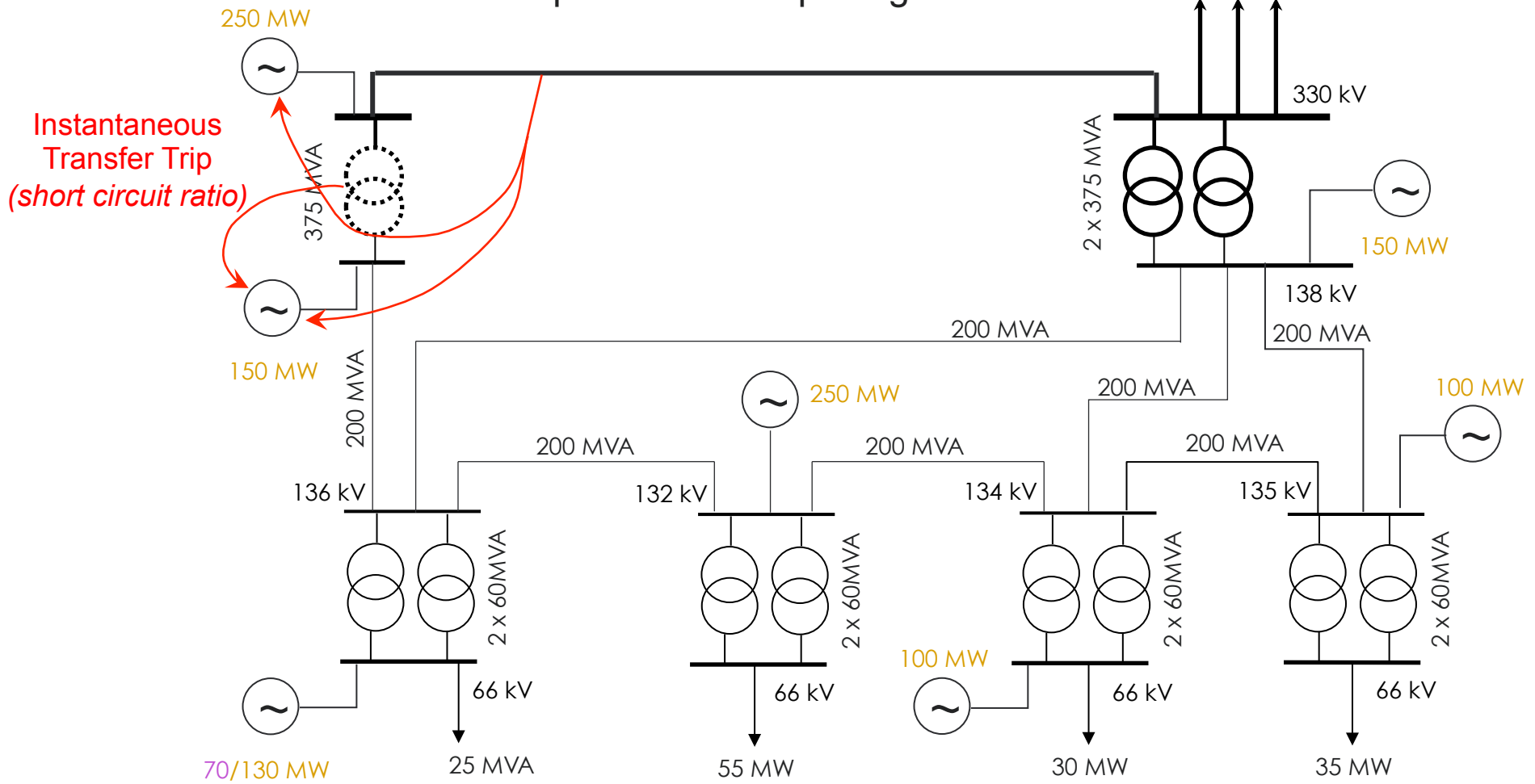
Pre-contingent constraints may be necessary to maintain a secure operating state





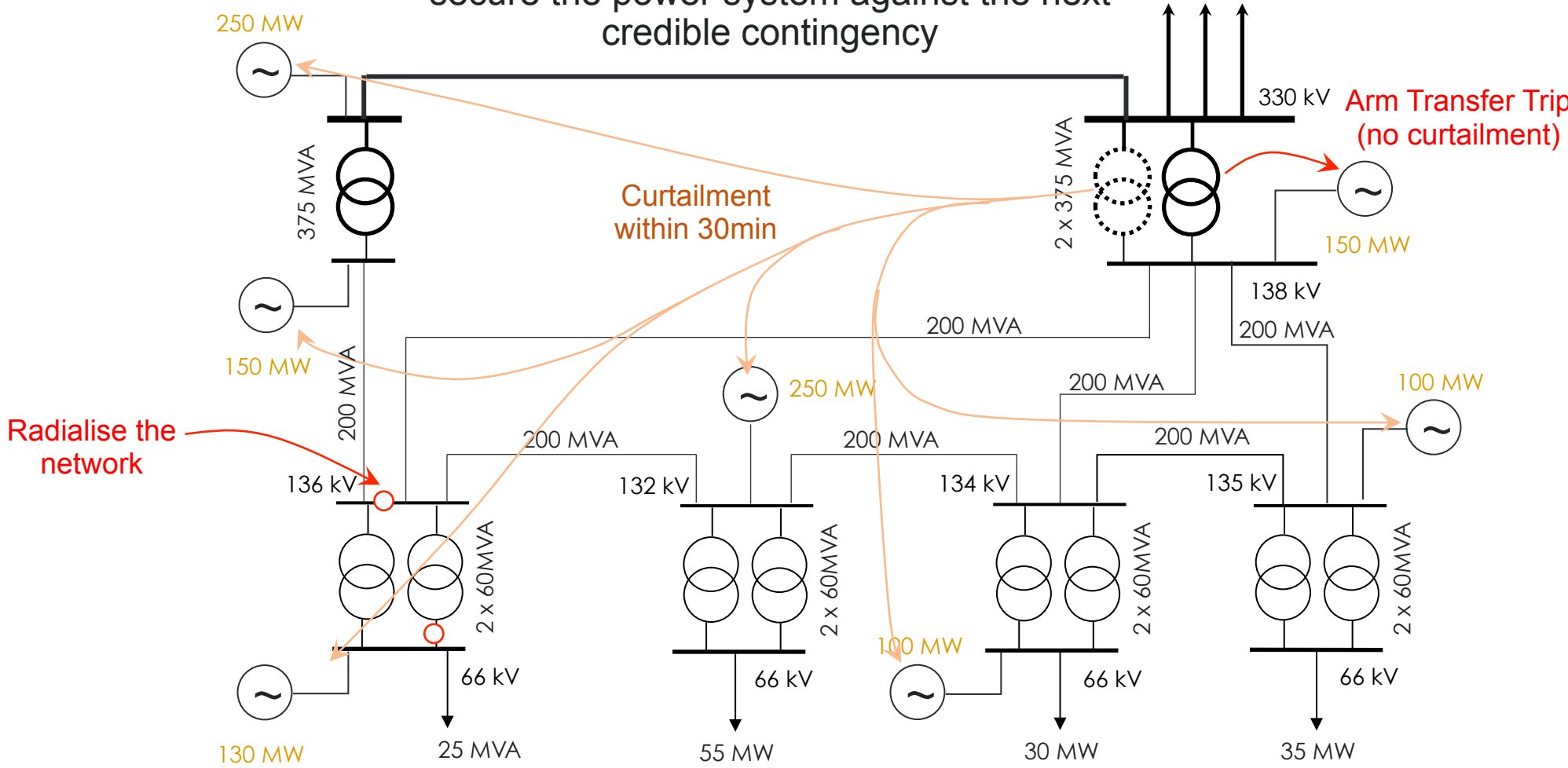
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These schemes are often complex and can require several input signals



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Following a contingency, there is a need to secure the power system against the next credible contingency



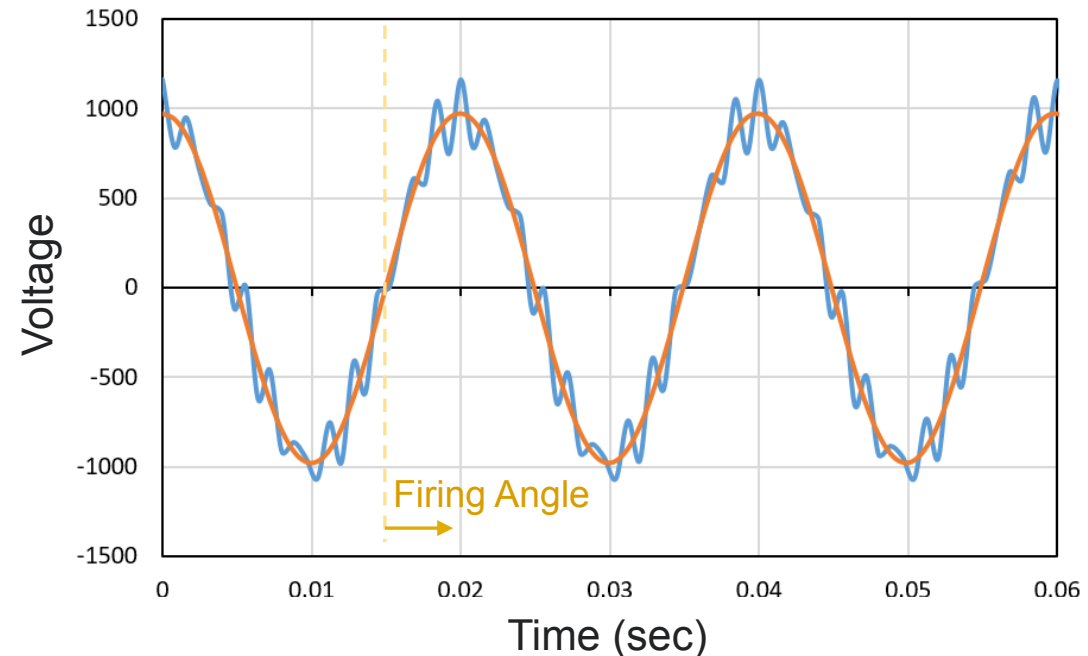
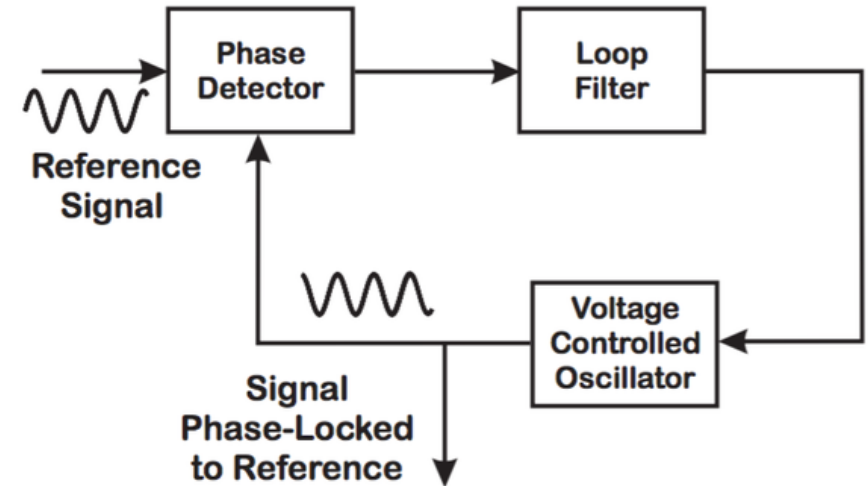
# Impact of System Strength

- **Phase locked loops**

- PLL's are used to
  - derive the frequency and phase
  - replicate an input waveform that is then used to time inverter firing angles
- Adjusting the voltage angles
  - controls the MW output
- Adjusting the voltage magnitude
  - controls MVA<sub>r</sub> output

- **Types of phase locked loops**

- Three single phase PLL's
  - Then extract the positive sequence
- A single three-phase PLL
  - *abc* to quadrature *dq* transformation
  - Requires the measurement of system frequency.





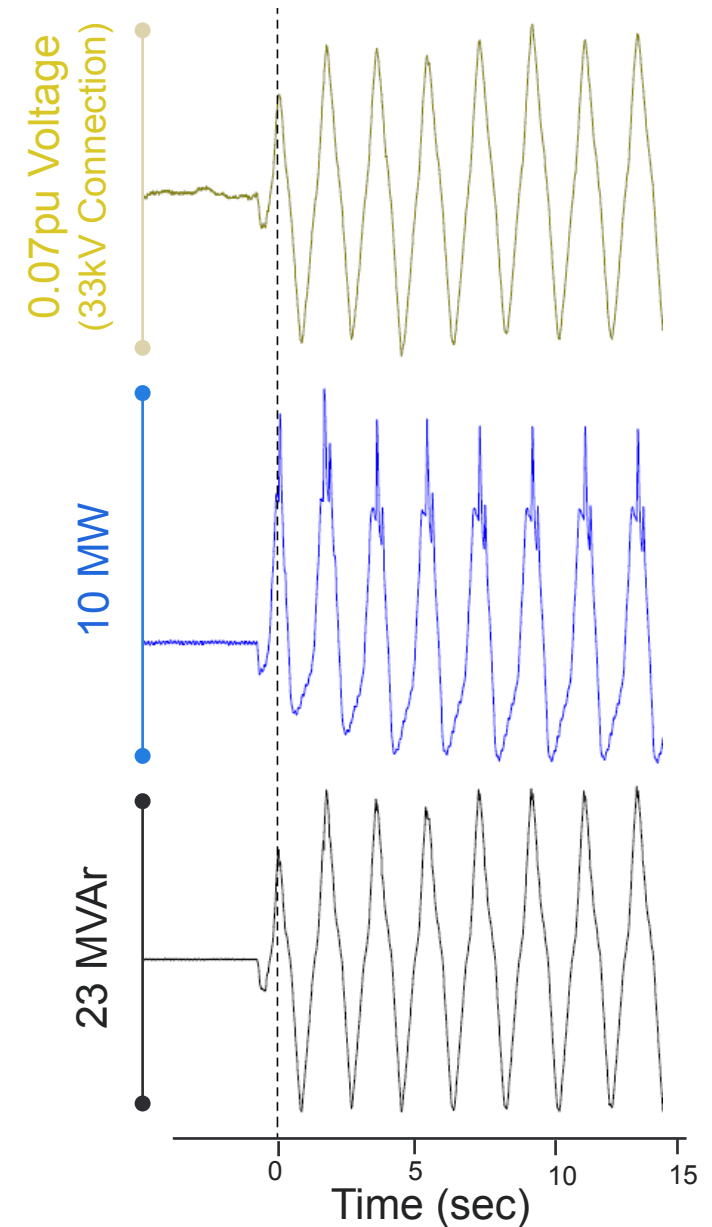
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- **Maintaining Commutation**

- PLL's work well where there is a good signal to noise ratio.
- They are susceptible to
  - phase angle changes
  - frequency changes
  - amplitude changes
  - unbalanced inputs
  - load type, if suddenly islanded
  - *low fault level (signal to noise) conditions*

- **Remediation Options**

- Transfer tripping schemes that cater for:
  - Islanding requirements
  - System strength limitations, etc
- External synchronising reference signals
- Increasing system strength



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Questions?