

# Power Plants A1M15ENY

## Lecture No. 1

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# Types and Operation of Power Plants

Type of technology:

- Thermal Power Plants (TPP)



Alholmens Kraft, FIN  
240 MW

- fossil fueled

- biomass fueled

- with Combined Cycle Gas Turbine  
(CCGT)



EMĚ III 1x500 MW



Vřesová 2x185 MW

# Types and Operation of Power Plants

Type of technology:

- Nuclear Power Plants (NPP)
- Wind Farms



NPP JETE 2x1000 MW



FVE Hrušovany 3,73 MW

- Photovoltaics (PV)



Mravenečník 1,6 MW

# Types and Operation of Power Plants

Type of technology:

- Hydroelectric power plants (HPP)
- Waste-to-energy power plants
- Other types (geothermal, tidal power plant ...)



HPP Dlouhé Stráně  
2x325 MW

# Other clasifications

**According to product:**

- **Solely electrical energy production**
- **Combined heat and power production (CHP)**

**According to arrangement:**

- **Classical unit concept**
- **Interconnected technology**

**Accorging to the type of turbine:**

- **Kaplan, Pelton, Francis (HPP)**
- **Back pressure, Condensing, Condensing with bleeding (TPP)**

**Accorging to the type of renewable source (RES):**

- **Small hydro power plant**
- **Photovoltaics (PV)**
- **Wind power generation**
- **Others (geothermal, tidal, solar heating... etc.)**

# ELECTRIC PART OF POWER PLANTS

# Quality of Electrical Energy

**Generated electrical energy** has to be in compliance with requirements to its quality

Above all from:

- **Distribution System Operator (DSO)**
- **Transmission System Operator (TSO)**

Why?

- **The Distributor is obliged to supply consumers with el. energy acc. to EN 50160 resp. its internal rules + energy law (CZ - Act No. 458/2000 Coll.) and other regulations**

This means technical requirements predominantly to:

- **Frequency**
  - **Voltage level**
  - **Content of voltage harmonics**
  - **Content of voltage unbalance**
  - **Reactive power compensation**
- => Quality metering**

# Transport Effectiveness and Reliability

The requirements again from:

- Distribution System Operator (DSO)
- Transmission System Operator (TSO)

Why?

- The Distributor is obliged to supply consumers with el. energy acc. to EN 50160 resp. its internal rules + energy law (CZ - Act No. 458/2000 Coll.) + market mechanisms

This means another requirements to the **generated electrical energy**:

- Active power regulation
- Reactive power regulation
- Ability of „Black Start“
- Ability of „Islanding“

=> Ancillary Services (TSO), DSO dispatching



# Power Plant Scheme Topology

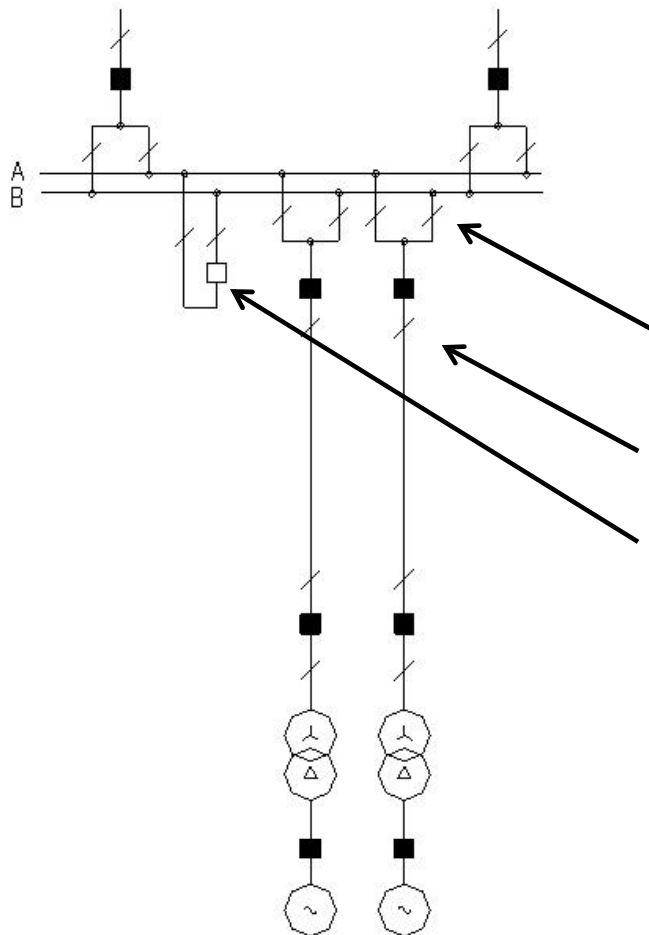
Main requirements:

- Reliability and safety
  - back-up supply for auxiliary devices
  - back-up for power outlet (optional)
  - safety during manipulations, maintenance and revisions
  - ability of black start and islanding
  - ability of safe shut down the plant
- Operability
  - ability of device change without intervention to a common operation
- Effectiveness
  - ability of power outlet, which minimizes the losses in DS / TS

# Power Plant Scheme Topology

## Power Plant Main Substation

a) not present



Power outlet is realized by direct lines to the closest substation which is a DSO's property

bus selection disconnector

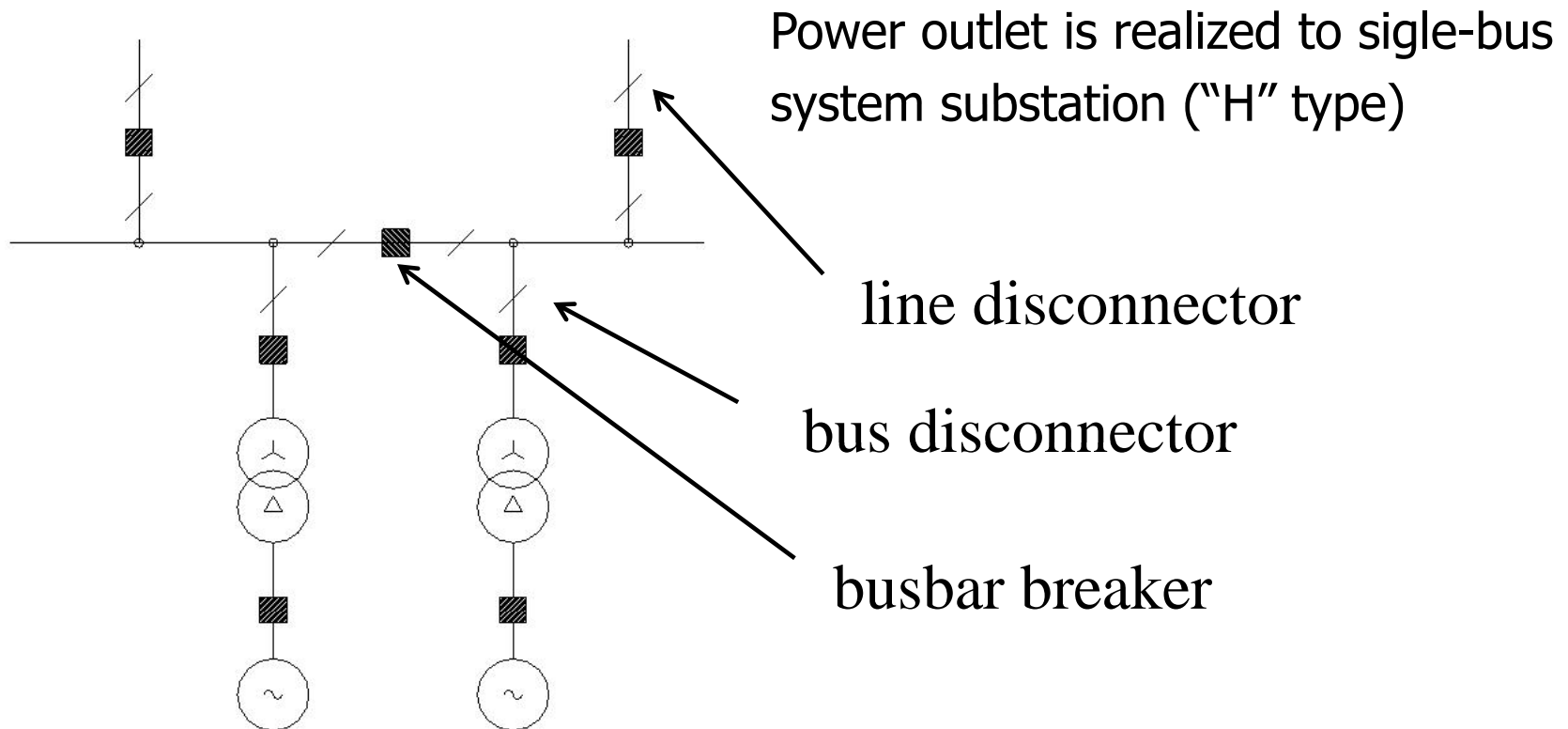
line disconnector

busbar breaker

# Power Plant Scheme Topology

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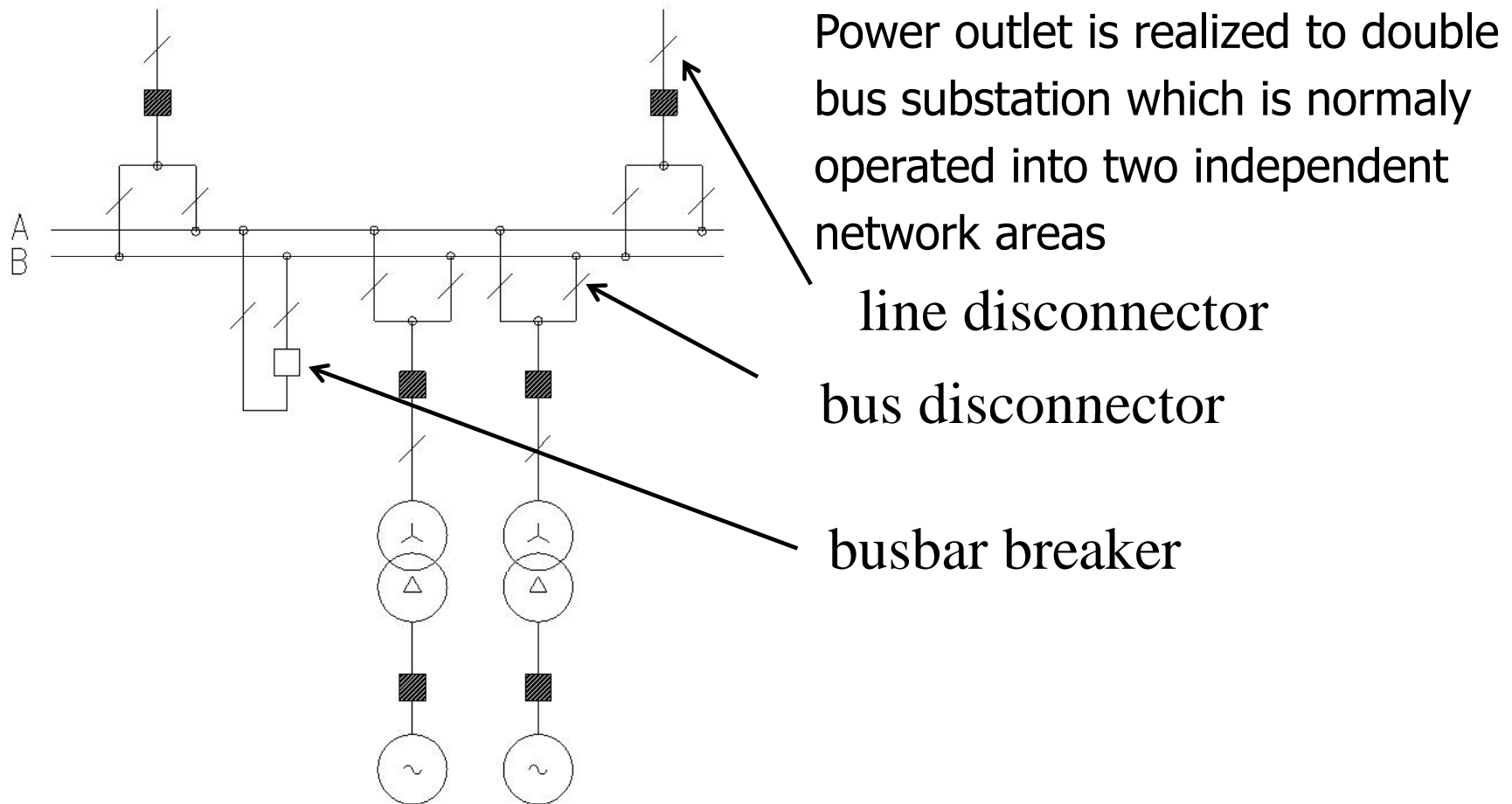
### b) single bus system



# Power Plant Scheme Topology

## Power Plant Main Substation

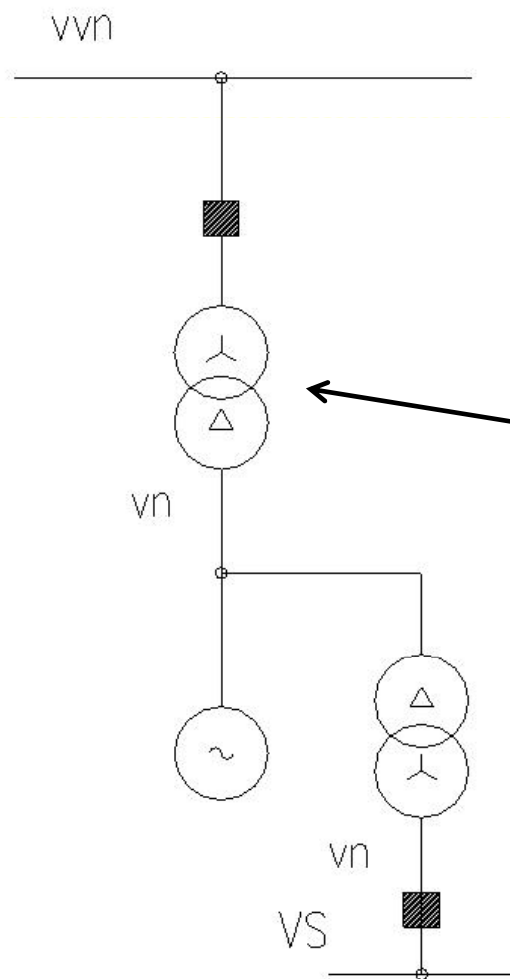
### c) double bus system



# Power Plant Scheme Topology

## Unit Scheme

a) without generator circuit breaker



Strat-up (back-up) transformer is necessary also for unit faults. Cheap solution. It has been used for small sized units.

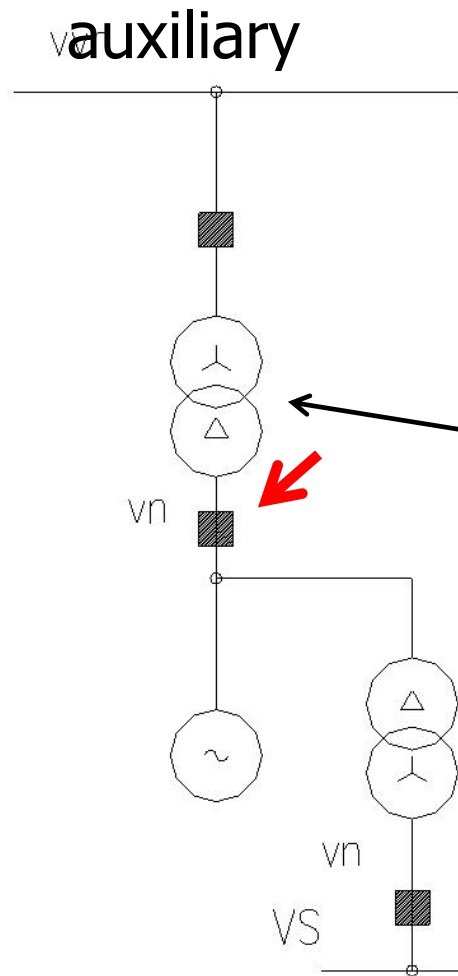
unit transformer

auxiliary transformer

# Power Plant Scheme Topology

## Unit Scheme

b) with generator circuit breaker behind branch to



Start-up (back-up) transformer is necessary also for unit faults. Ability of operation within fault on the unit transformer. This principle is used in NPP.

unit transformer

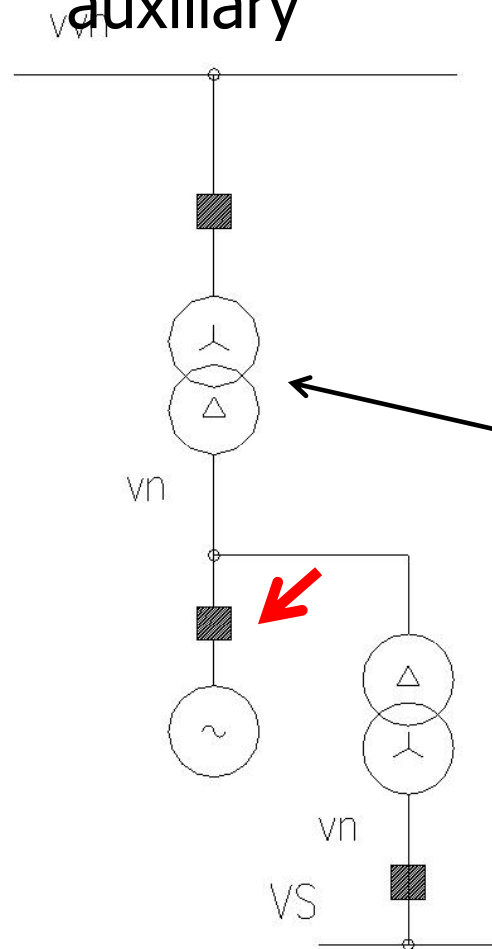
auxiliary transformer

# Power Plant Scheme Topology

## Unit Scheme

c) with generator circuit breaker in front of branch to

auxiliary



Unit transformer used for unit start-up

Despite start-up ability, back-up transformer is recommended also in the case of multi unit power plants of high rated power

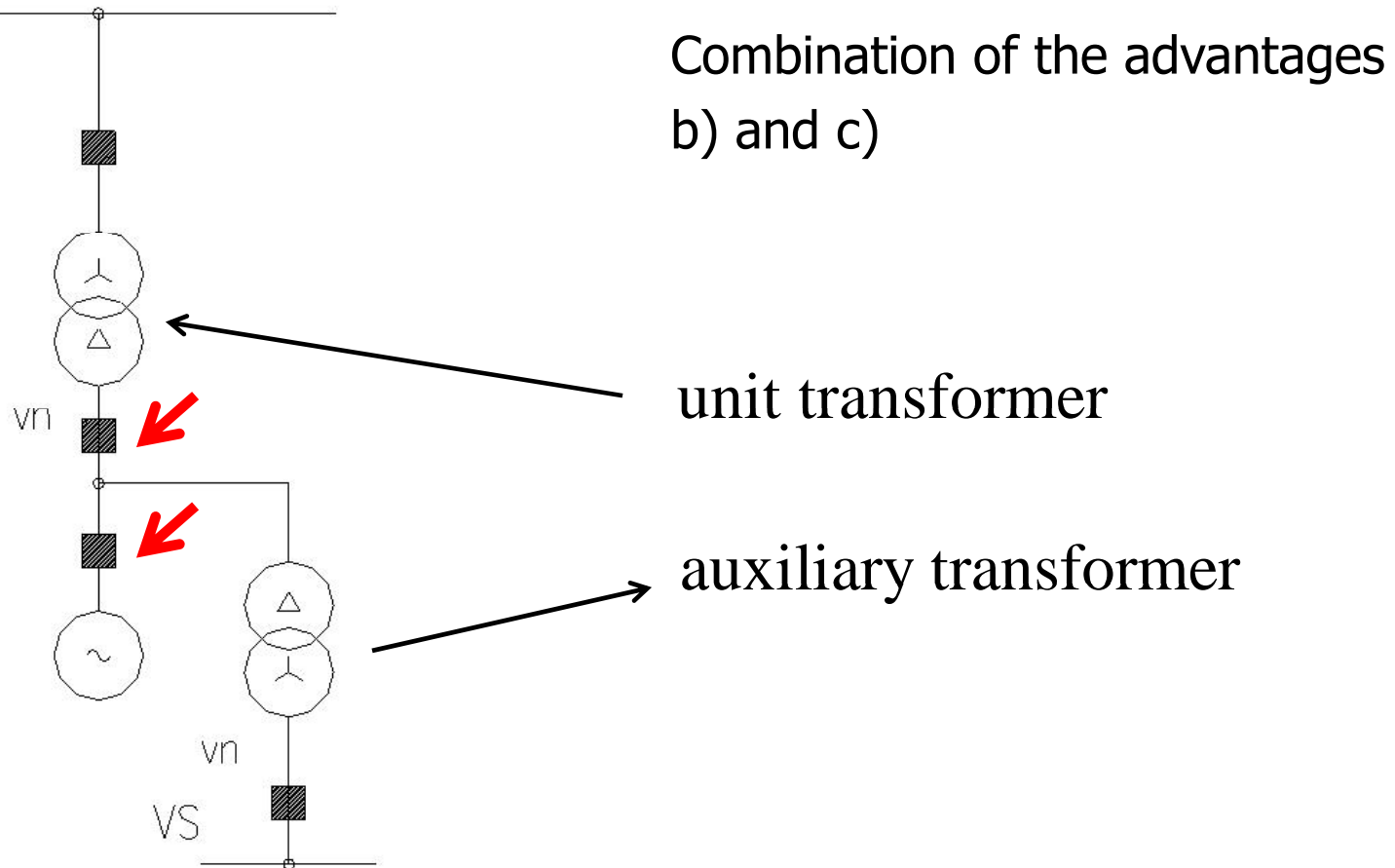
unit transformer

auxiliary transformer

# Power Plant Scheme Topology

## Unit Scheme

d) with generator circuit breaker behind and in front of branch to auxiliary

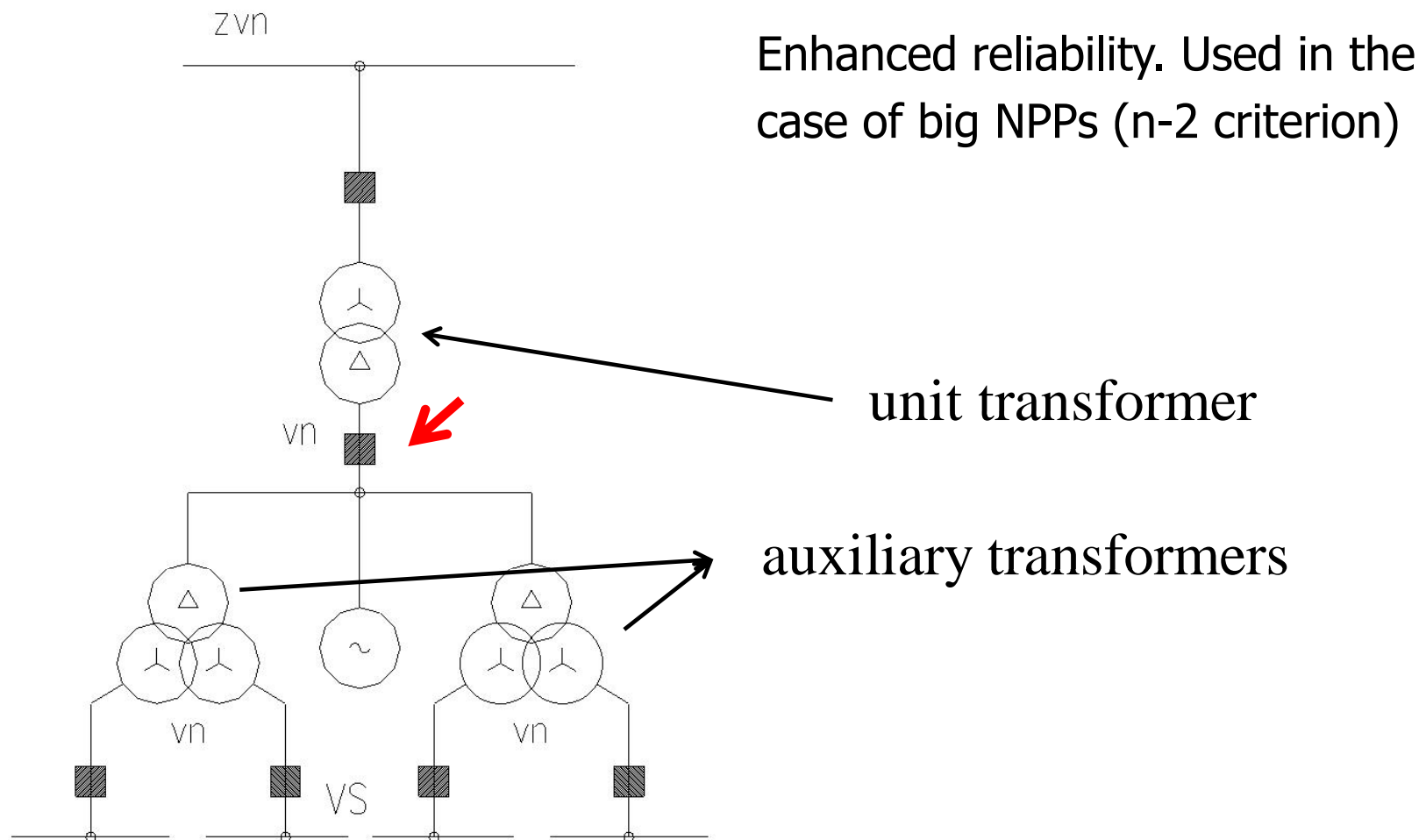




# Power Plant Scheme Topology

## Unit Scheme

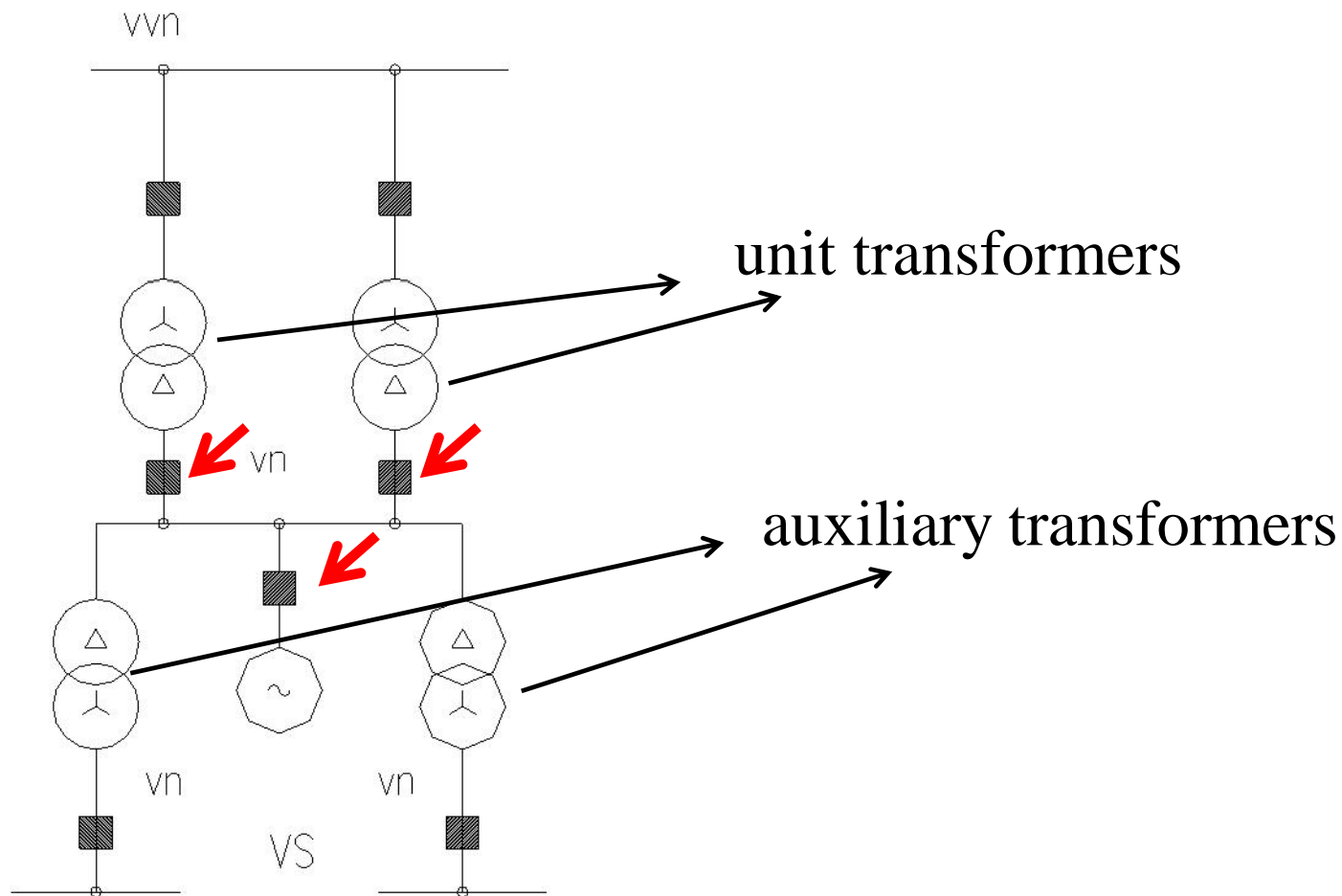
e) with generator circuit breaker + 2 x auxiliary trf.



# Power Plant Scheme Topology

## Unit Scheme

f) with generator circuit breakers + 2 x aux. and unit trf.



# Auxiliary

= Power consumption within generation in the main and secondary operation parts of the power plant

- Fuel transportation and processing + other necessary media for power generation (i.e. limestone, lubrication oil...)
- Feed water, cooling (or heat water) pumping incl. treatment
- Desulphurization of flue gases
- Transportation and processing of by-products (gypsum slurry)
- Air and flue gas ventilation
- Generator excitation, control system (I&C) and protection supply

Note:

In some operation parts is used steam as an energy source (i.e. steam feedwater pumps, steam heatwater pumps etc.)

# Auxiliary

Auxiliary share according technology type:

- Classical thermal power plant 7 - 11%  
(if steam feedwater pump is present 4 - 6%)
- CCGT power plant 5 - 6%  
(if steam feedwater pump is present 2,5 – 3,5%)
- Nuclear power plant 6 - 7%
- Hydroelectric, photovoltaic power plant <1%

Auxiliary share on total power generation is influenced by:

- other than electrical form of energy use (technological steam)
- quality and availability of the fuel
- operating point of unit determining total efficiency
- district heating operation
- failures and efficiency of the devices

Note:

In case of RES “declared auxiliary” dependent on legislation

# Auxiliary

Auxiliary must ensure reliable and safe

- Start-up
  - => appropriate transformer size
  - => tolerable voltage drops
- Operation
  - => back-up supply of technological substations
  - => for NPP minimal frequency of shut-downs
- Shut-down

During shutting down, it is necessary to ensure reliable supply to all essential devices, which outage could cause significant damages on technology or human life hazard. Typical applications are:

  - => reactor cooling in NPP
  - => turbine lubrication oil pumps
  - => feedwater pump / emergency feedwater pump in TPP
  - => metering, protections and I&C

# Auxiliary

In spite of that, according an importance of devices for all operating configurations, up to three independent types of source are possible to design:

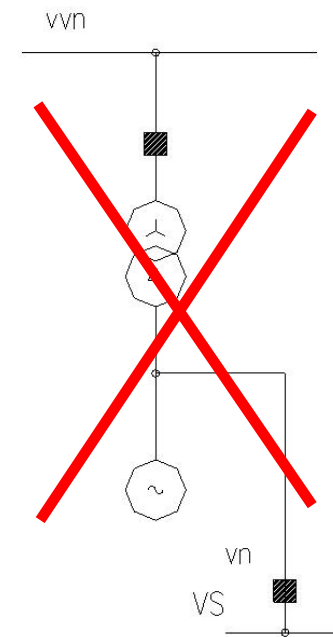
- **working**  
=> for standard operation (without fault occurrence)
- **back-up**  
=> in the case of outage of working supply, supply recovery with delay  
Unit substation, Common auxiliary substation, other important technological substations  
Note: less important technol. substations are using 2 from 3, 3 from 4 reliability scheme
- **UPS (online back-up)**  
=> without outage (rectifier+ battery / inverter)  
AC: I&C, protections, metering, emergency lighting, oil pumps, substation instruments (230 V AC)  
DC: protections, DC emergency pumps, DC emergency lighting (110 or 220 V DC)

# Addendum to 1st Lecture

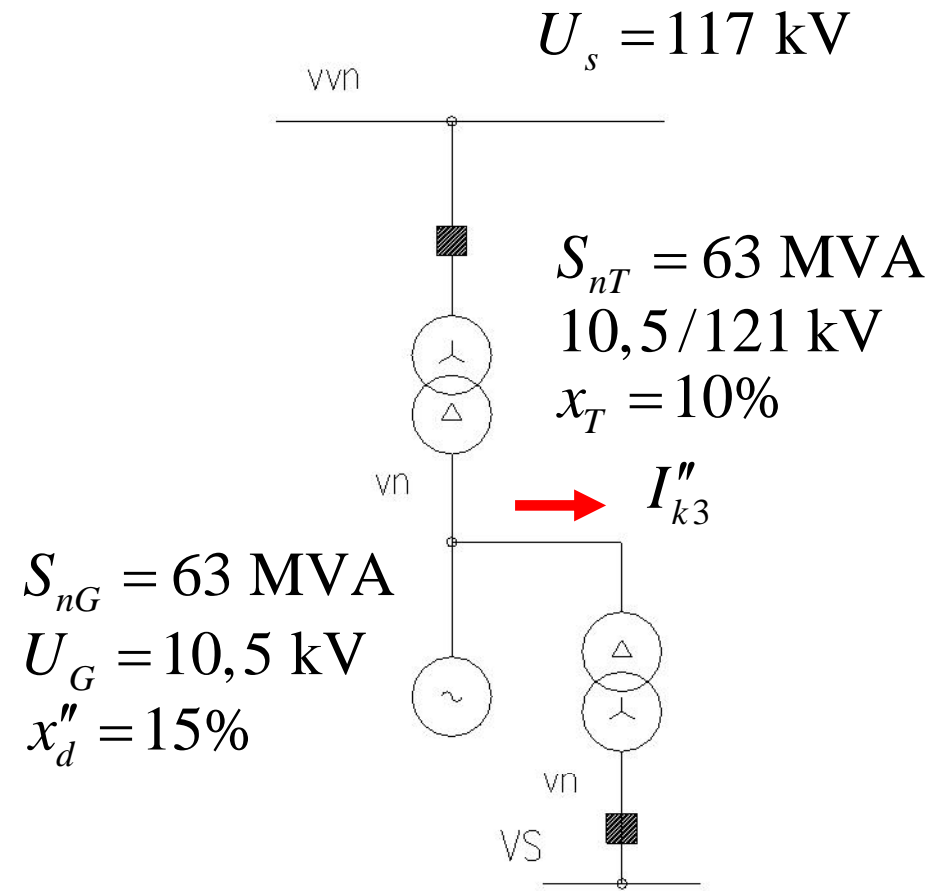
Auxiliary subst. of high and medium sized power plants is never directly connected with generator terminals, aux. transformer is always used!

Reasons:

- 1) Different voltage levels
- 2) Big short circuit current in aux. substation
- 3) Big current of earth connection



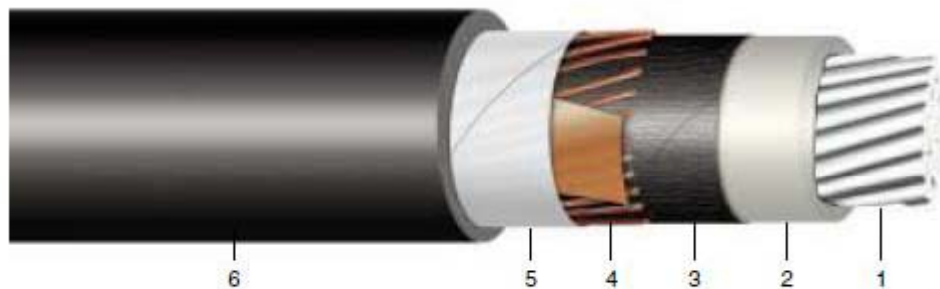
Example No. 1: Compute initial three phase short circuit current  $I''_{k3}$  in auxiliary. Neglect the contribution of the current of motoric load, take into consideration HV system as an infinity bus





Example No. 2: Compute earth connection fault current in auxiliary system.  
 Total length of the MV cable network is 20 km. Cable type used  
 is 1 x 3 x 6-AYKCY 70/16. Auxiliary network is operated as IT(r) 6,3 kV

## 6-AYKCY



### Konstrukce:

- |                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Hliníkové jádro  | 4. Cu koncentrický vodič |
| 2. PVC izolace      | 5. Páska                 |
| 3. Polovodivá páska | 6. PVC plášť             |

Počet a průřez žil (mm <sup>2</sup> )	Tvar jádra	Průměr inf. (mm)	Hmotnost inf. (kg/km)	Poloměr ohybu (mm)	Činný odpor (Ω/km)	Ekvivalentní zkrat. proud (kA)	Časová oteplovací konst. (sec)	Zatížitelnost na vzduchu (A)	Zatížitelnost v zemi (A)	Kapacita (μF/km)	Indukčnost (mH/km)	Obsah Cu/Al (kg/km)
No. of cores (mm <sup>2</sup> )	Shape of the conductor	Diameter appr. (mm)	Cable mass appr. (kg/km)	Radius of bend (mm)	Effect. resist. of conductors (Ω/km)	Short circuit current-equiv. (kA)	Time heating constant (sec)	Current carrying cap. in air (A)	Current carrying cap. in ground (A)	Capacity (μF/km)	Inductivity (mH/km)	Content Cu/Al (kg/km)
1x35/16	RMV	21	569	315	0,868	2,680	195	135	147	0,660	0,600	157/105
1x50/16	RMV	22	660	330	0,641	3,800	273	163	173	0,730	0,590	157/150
1x70/16	RMV	24	747	360	0,443	5,330	338	205	212	0,850	0,560	157/210
1x95/16	RMV	26	856	390	0,320	7,230	419	250	252	0,960	0,540	157/285
1x120/16	RMV	27	955	405	0,253	9,130	497	290	286	1,050	0,530	157/360
1x150/25	RMV	29	1 149	435	0,206	11,400	810	327	314	1,150	0,520	245/450