

# Illustrative Examples of Reactive Capability (D-Curves) and Corresponding Compensation under Packages G and E

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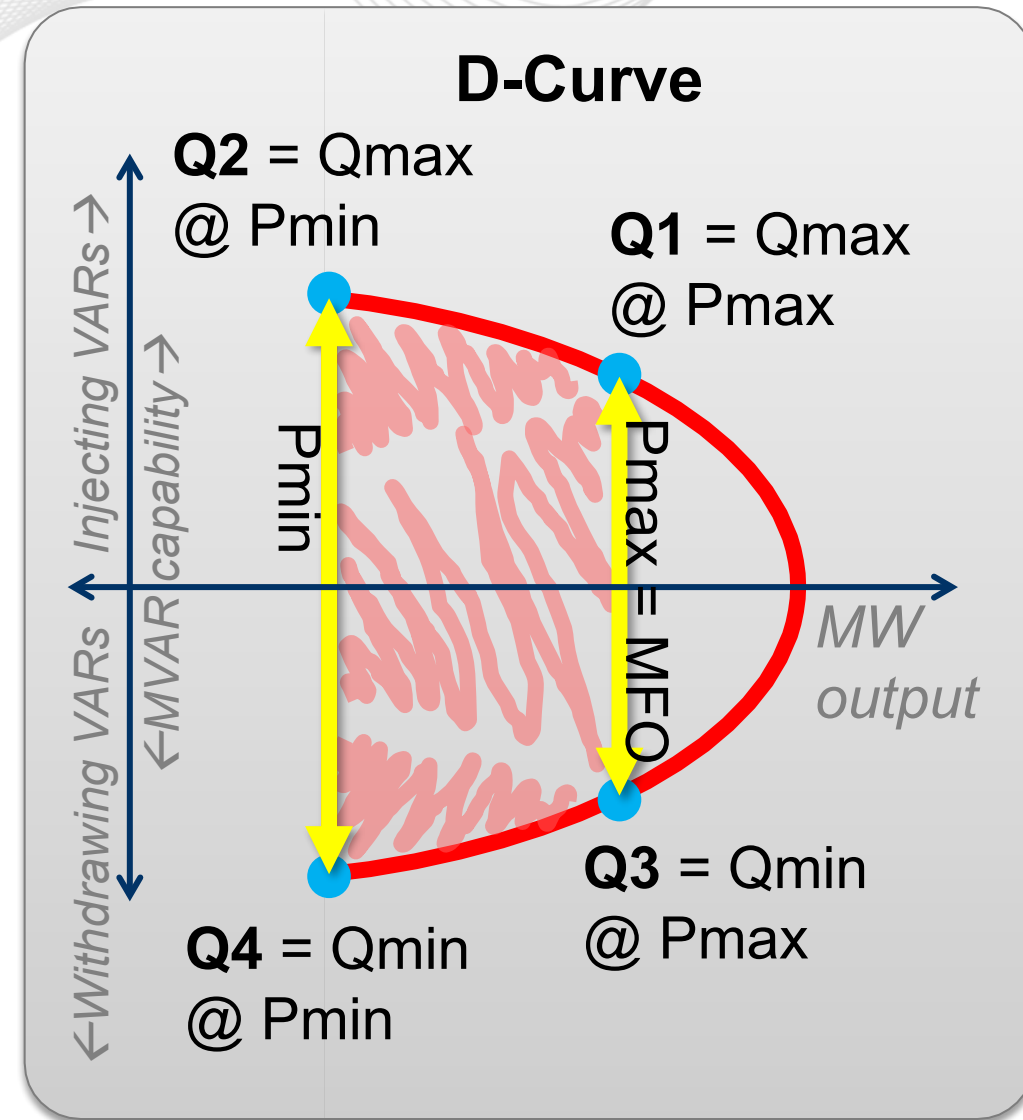
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A generator's **D-curve** shows the maximum reactive capability (both injecting & withdrawing VARs, or "Q") as a function of real power (i.e., MW or "P") output.

- In general, machine designs mean more MW output means less MVAR capability.

**MVAR\_Capability\_E** is [average of Q1 and Q2] minus [average of Q3 and Q4]. This basically amounts to: **injecting capability (averaged at Pmax and Pmin) plus withdrawing capability (averaged at Pmax and Pmin).**

- VAR withdrawal is negative Q, hence the "minus".
- Pmin is the lowest power the generator is capable of making while online (not less than zero).
- Pmax is Maximum Facility Output or the functional equivalent.



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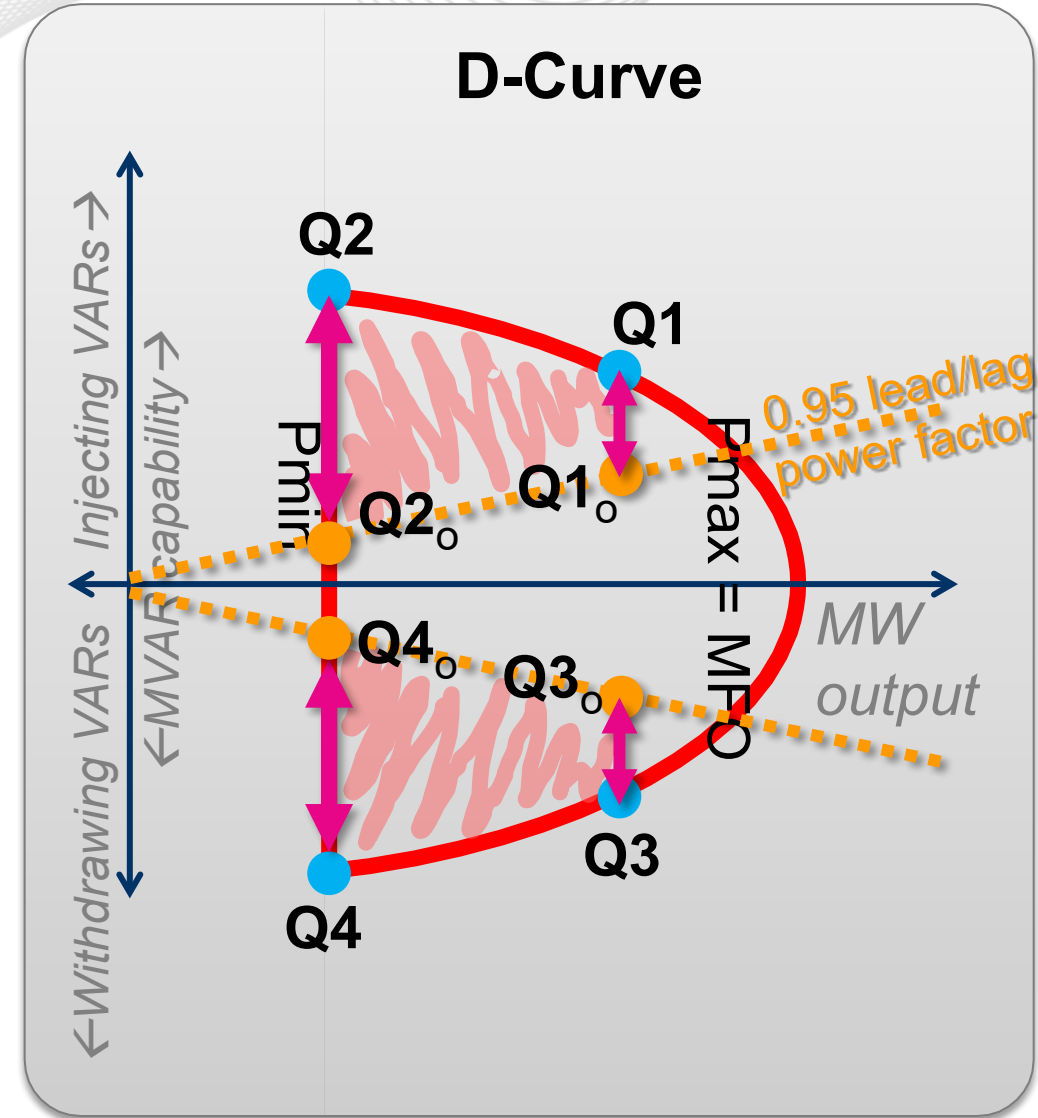
Package G would use precisely the same reactive rate as Package, without adjustment.

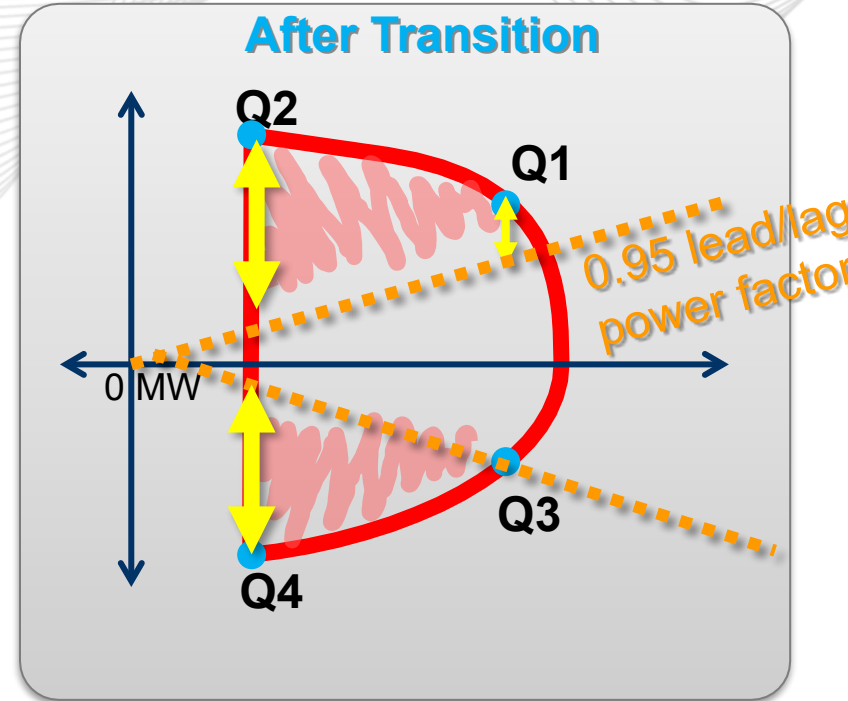
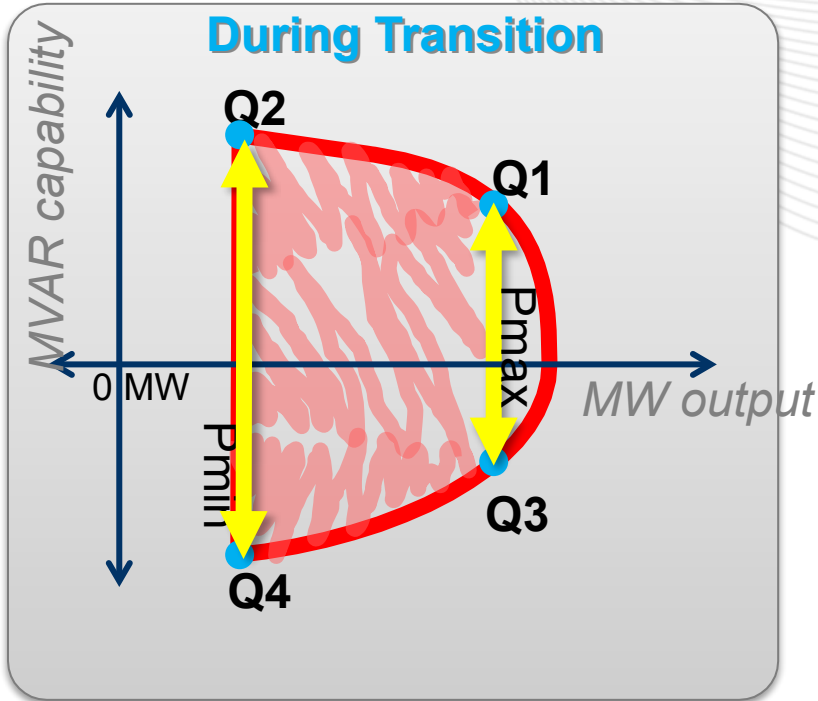
**MVAR\_Capability\_G** is [average of Q1-Q1<sub>o</sub> and Q2-Q2<sub>o</sub>] minus [average of Q3-Q3<sub>o</sub> and Q4-Q4<sub>o</sub>].

Q<sub>o</sub> is the "standard obligation" = 0.95 lead/lag power factor at high side. This amounts to:

**injecting capability above obligation (averaged at Pmax and Pmin) --plus--**  
**withdrawing capability above obligation (averaged at Pmax and Pmin).**

- VAR withdrawal is negative Q, hence the "minus".





- Same as Package E during transition period.
- After transition period, same as Package E, except **compensates only capability above standard obligation (i.e., above 0.95 lead/lag power factor).**

- Transition period is:
  - Option I: 5 years
  - Option II: after 90% of existing Schedule 2 filed rates have rolled off (e.g., only 29 or fewer remain)

- $P$  is real power,  $Q$  is reactive power,  $S$  is “apparent power”
- **Obligation is 0.95 Power Factor**
- Power factor is defined as  $P/S = 0.95 \rightarrow S = P/0.95$
- Power systems engineering says:  $S^2 = P^2 + Q^2 \rightarrow Q = \sqrt{S^2 - P^2} \rightarrow$
- $Q = \sqrt{\left(\frac{P}{0.95}\right)^2 - P^2} = \left(\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{0.95}\right)^2 - 1}\right) \times P = \rightarrow$

**Obligation: Q is 32.87% of P**

- Example: obligated reactive capability at 100 MW is 32.87 MVAR (leading and lagging)



# Comparative Summary of Compensation Examples (Details for Each Example on Following Slides)

	<b>Package E</b>	<b>Package G</b>
Steam	\$81,500	\$32,500
CT	\$76,500	\$17,500
CT w/ Condensing Mode	\$81,500	\$48,500
Solar	\$78,000	\$45,000
Solar w/ Condensing Mode	\$78,000	\$45,000
Battery	\$133,000	\$100,000
DC-Coupled Hybrid	\$78,000	\$45,000
New Tech Wind	\$78,000	\$45,000
Old Tech Wind	\$66,000	\$33,000
Old Tech Wind Fixed PF	\$33,000	\$0

*Hypothetical rate of \$1,000/MVAR-yr*

# Package G (“Pay Capability in Excess of Standard Obligation”) Examples

## VAR injection capability:

- **Q1**@Pmax (100 MW) = **40** MVAR      Difference: **7** MVAR
- **Q1<sub>o</sub>**@Pmax (100 MW) = **33** MVAR

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- **Q2**@Pmin (50 MW) = **50** MVAR      Difference: **34** MVAR
- **Q2<sub>o</sub>**@Pmin (50 MW) = **16** MVAR

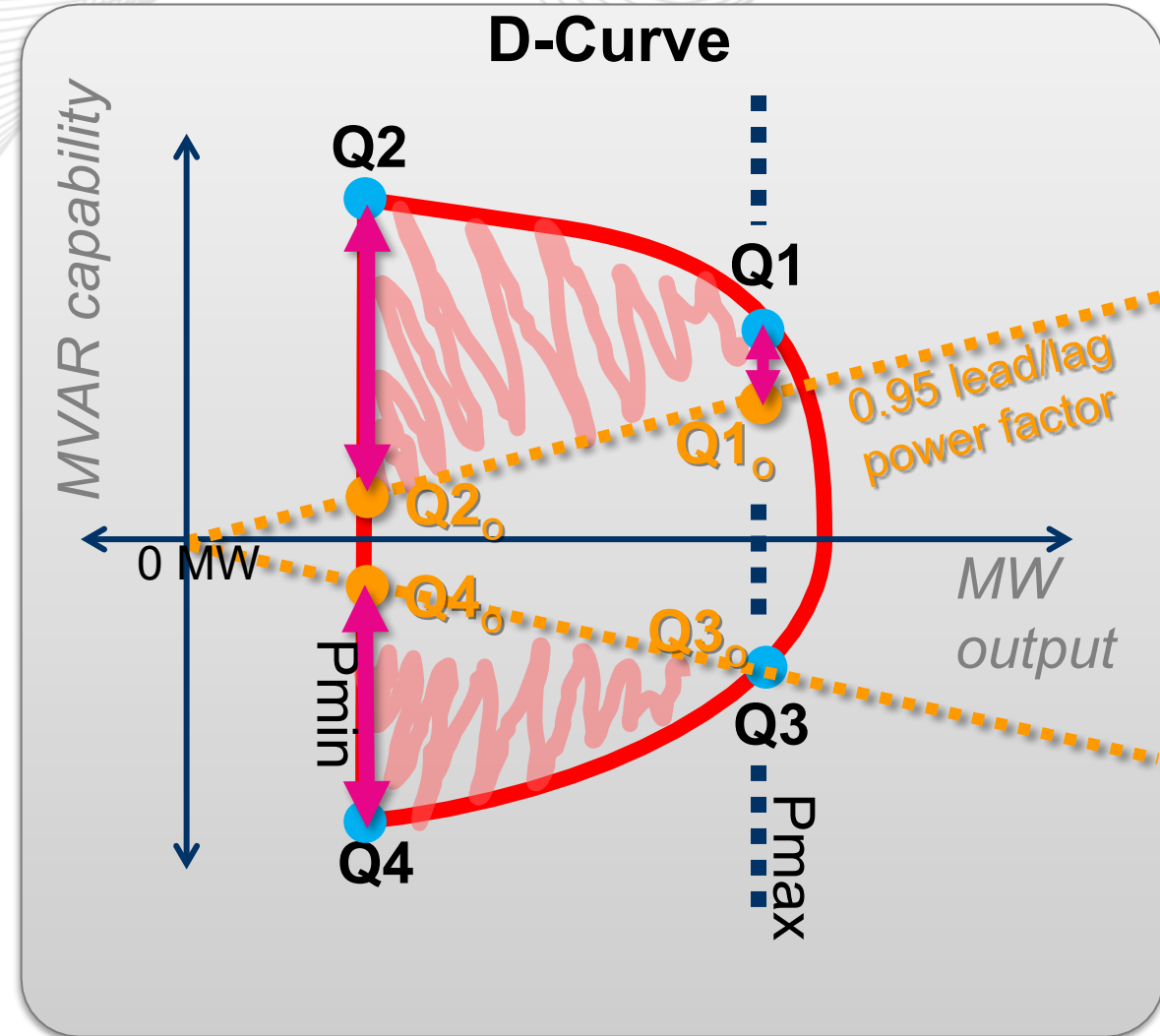
## VAR withdrawal capability:

- Q3 at Pmax = **-33** MVAR      Difference: **0** MVAR
- **Q3<sub>o</sub>**@Pmax = **-33** MVAR

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- Q4 at Pmin = **-40** MVAR      Difference: **-24** MVAR
- **Q4<sub>o</sub>**@Pmin = **-16** MVAR

- Average(**7,34**) - Average(**0,-24**) = 32.5
- Compensation = \$1,000\*32.5 = **\$32,500/yr**



Hypothetical rate of \$1,000/MVAR-yr



## VAR injection capability:

- **Q1**@Pmax (100 MW) = **40** MVAR      Difference: **7** MVAR
- **Q1<sub>o</sub>**@Pmax (100 MW) = **33** MVAR

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- **Q2**@Pmin (80 MW) = **45** MVAR      Difference: **19** MVAR
- **Q2<sub>o</sub>**@Pmin (80 MW) = **26** MVAR

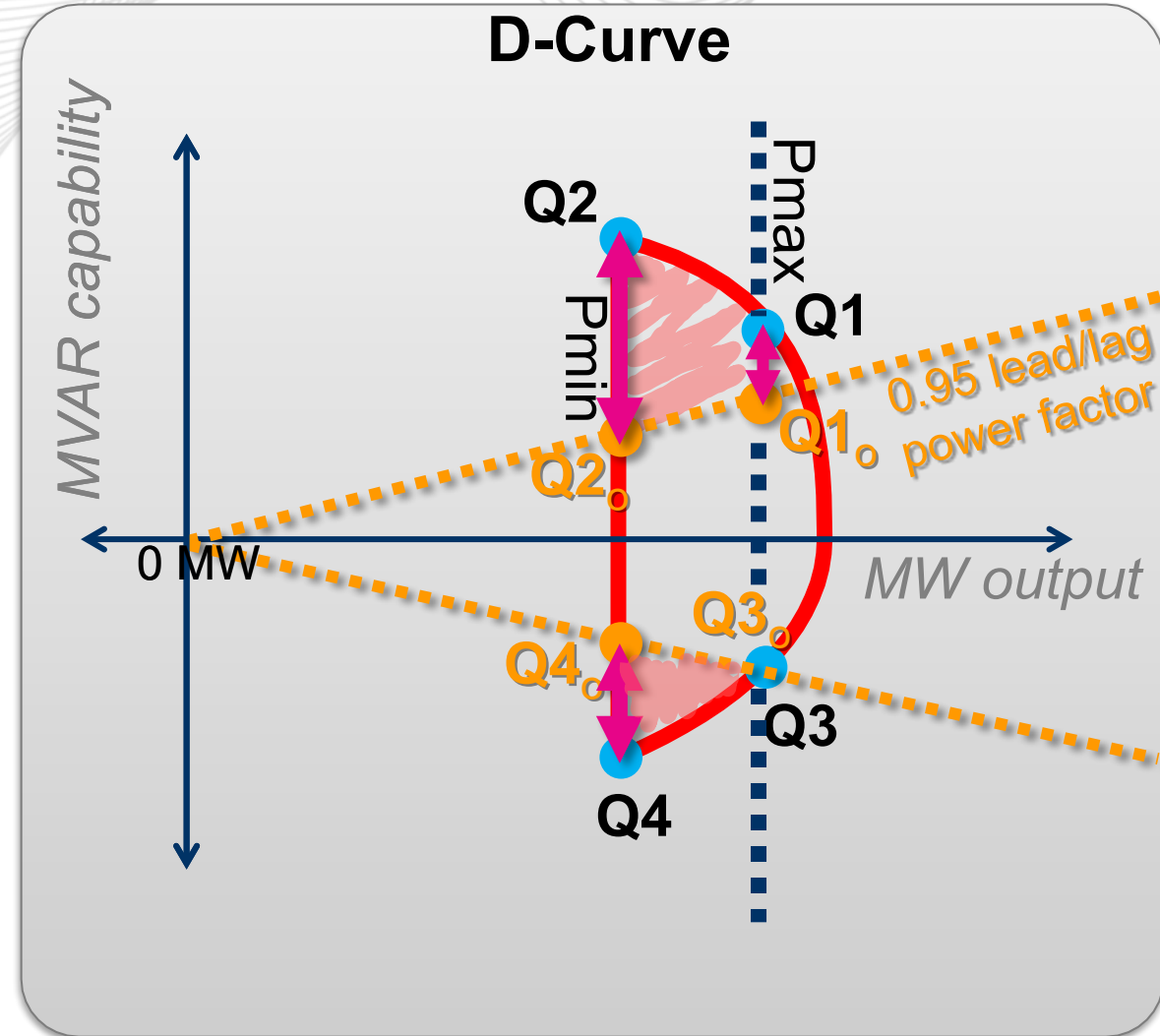
## VAR withdrawal capability:

- Q3 at Pmax = **-33** MVAR      Difference: **0** MVAR
- **Q3<sub>o</sub>**@Pmax = **-33** MVAR

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- Q4 at Pmin = **-35** MVAR      Difference: **-9** MVAR
- **Q4<sub>o</sub>**@Pmin = **-26** MVAR

- Average(**7,19**) - Average(**0,-9**) = 17.5
- Compensation = \$1,000\*17.5 = **\$17,500/yr**



Hypothetical rate of \$1,000/MVAR-yr

## VAR injection capability:

- **Q1**@*P*<sub>max</sub> (100 MW) = **40** MVAR      *Difference:* **7** MVAR
- **Q1<sub>o</sub>**@*P*<sub>max</sub> (100 MW) = **33** MVAR

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- **Q2**@*P*<sub>min</sub> (0 MW) = **50** MVAR      *Difference:* **50** MVAR
- **Q2<sub>o</sub>**@*P*<sub>min</sub> (0 MW) = **0** MVAR

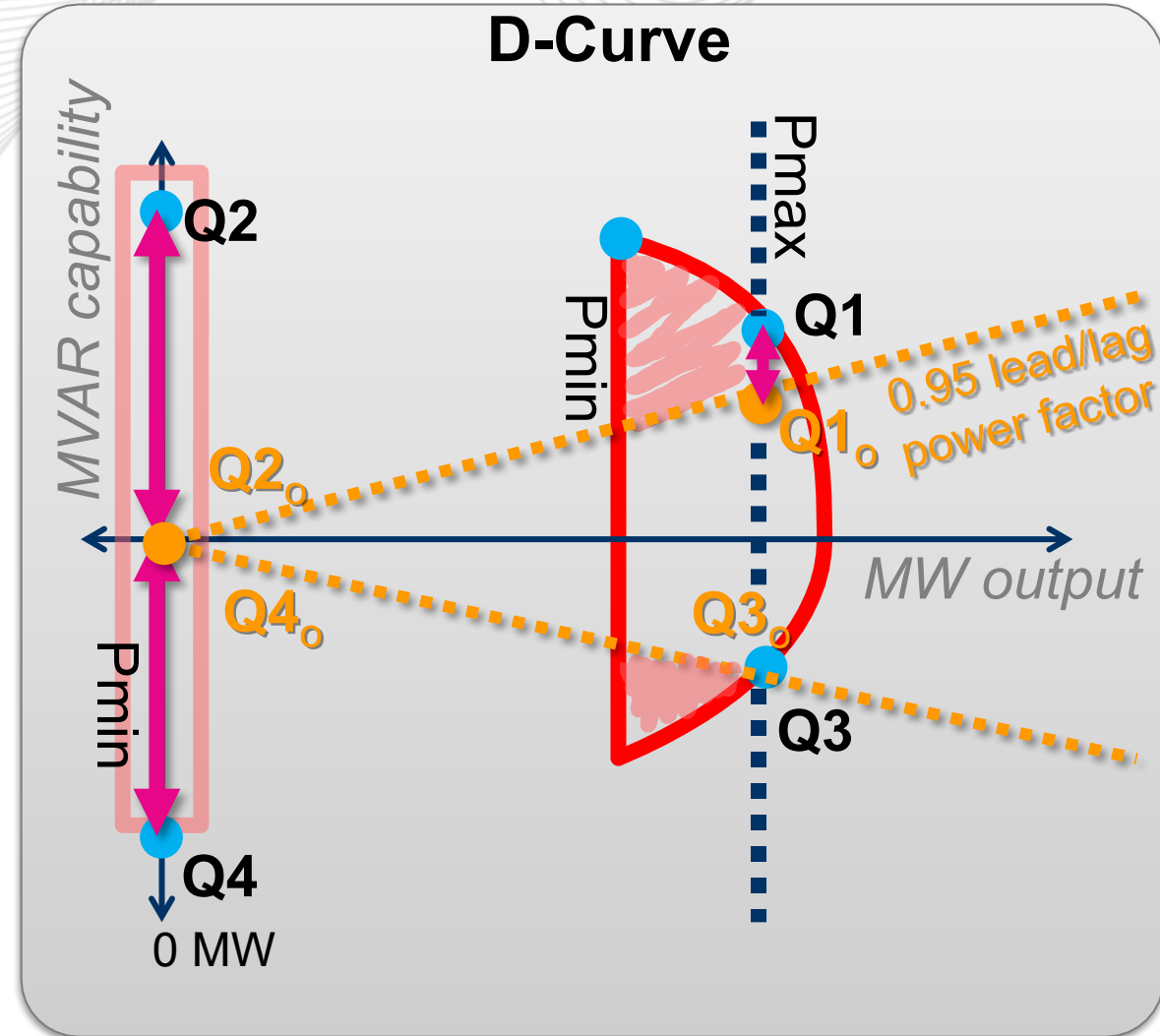
## VAR withdrawal capability:

- Q3 at *P*<sub>max</sub> = **-33** MVAR      *Difference:* **0** MVAR
- **Q3<sub>o</sub>**@*P*<sub>max</sub> = **-33** MVAR

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- Q4 at *P*<sub>min</sub> = **-40** MVAR      *Difference:* **-40** MVAR
- **Q4<sub>o</sub>**@*P*<sub>min</sub> = **0** MVAR

- Average(**7**,**50**) - Average(**0**,**-40**) = 48.5
- Compensation = \$1,000\*48.5 = **\$48,500/yr**



Hypothetical rate of \$1,000/MVAR-yr

## VAR injection capability:

- **Q1**@ $P_{max}$  (100 MW) = **33** MVAR      Difference: **0** MVAR
- **Q1<sub>o</sub>**@ $P_{max}$  (100 MW) = **33** MVAR

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- **Q2**@ $P_{min}$  (0 MW) = **45** MVAR      Difference: **45** MVAR
- **Q2<sub>o</sub>**@ $P_{min}$  (0 MW) = **0** MVAR

## VAR withdrawal capability:

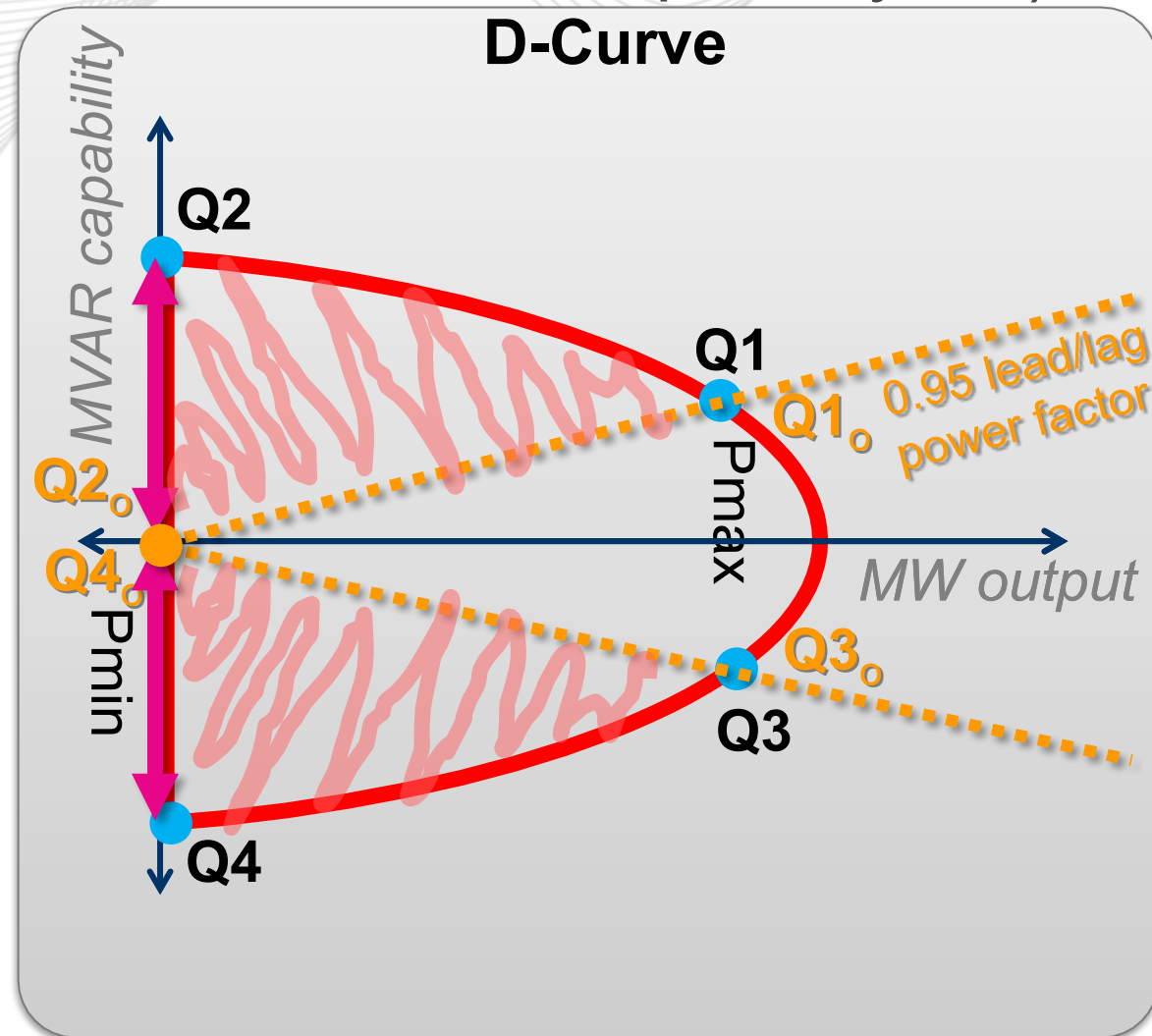
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- **Q3<sub>o</sub>**@ $P_{max}$  = **-33** MVAR

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- Q4 at  $P_{min}$  = **-45** MVAR      Difference: **-45** MVAR
- **Q4<sub>o</sub>**@ $P_{min}$  = **0** MVAR

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- Average(**0,45**) - Average(**0,-45**) = 45
- Compensation = \$1,000\*45 = **\$45,000/yr**



Hypothetical rate of \$1,000/MVAR-yr

## VAR injection capability:

- $Q1@P_{max}$  (100 MW) = **33** MVAR      Difference: **0** MVAR
- $Q1_o@P_{max}$  (100 MW) = **33** MVAR

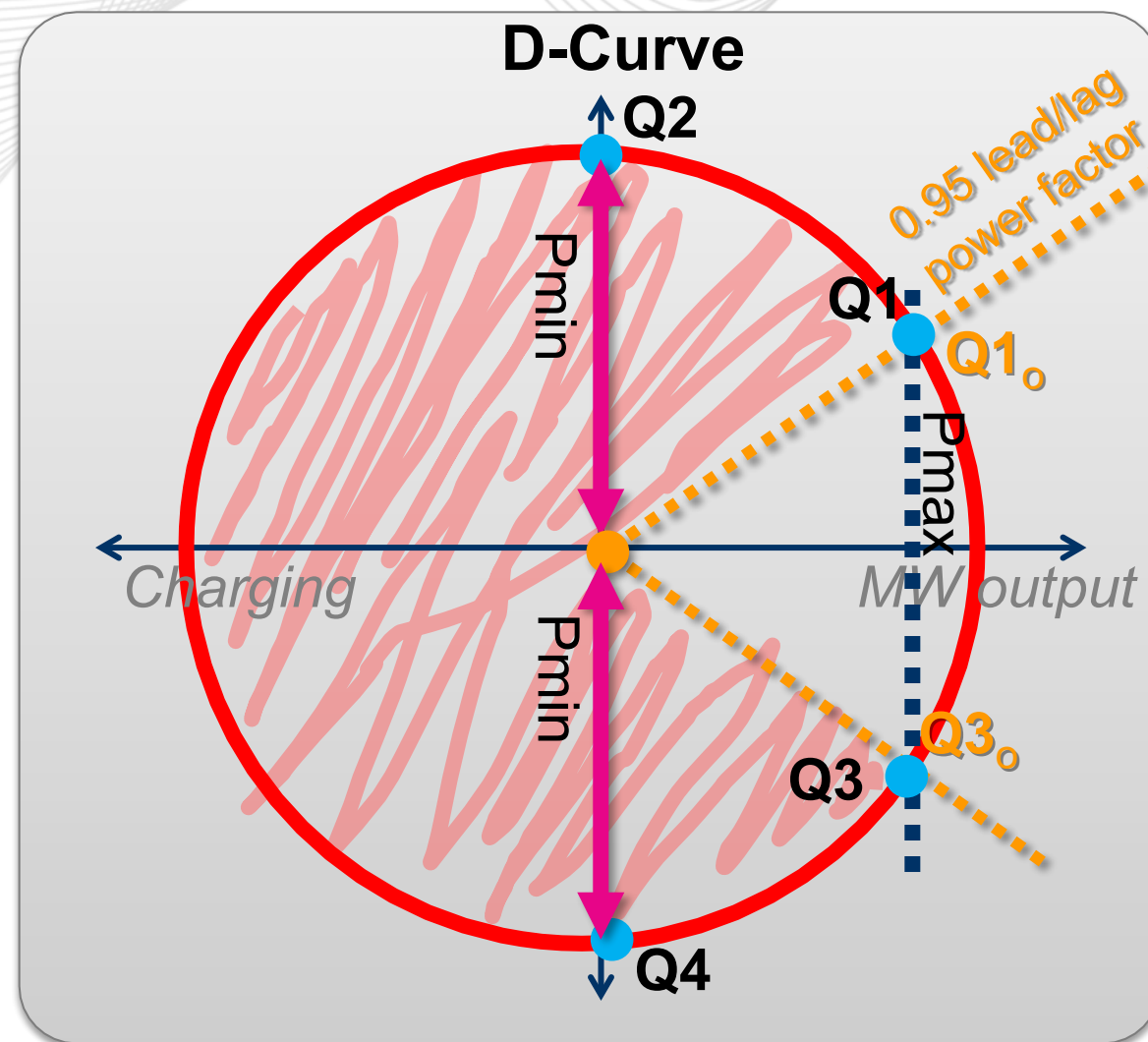
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- $Q2@P_{min}$  (0 MW) = **100** MVAR      Difference: **100** MVAR
  - $Q2_o@P_{min}$  (0 MW) = **0** MVAR

## VAR withdrawal capability:

- $Q3$  at  $P_{max}$  = **-33** MVAR      Difference: **0** MVAR
- $Q3_o@P_{max}$  = **-33** MVAR

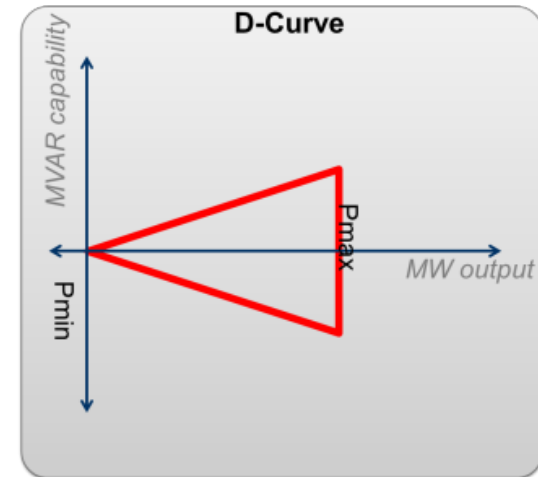
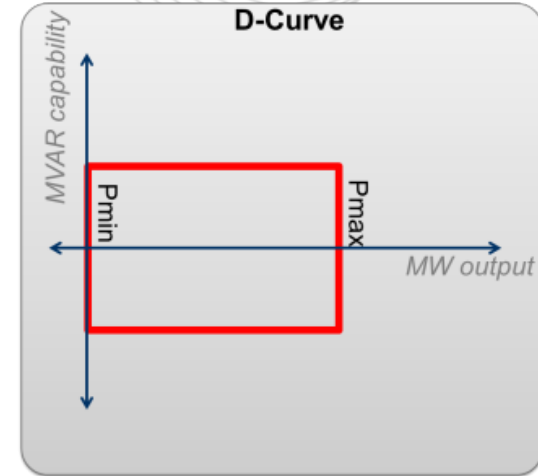
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- $Q4$  at  $P_{min}$  = **-100** MVAR      Difference: **-100** MVAR
  - $Q4_o@P_{min}$  = **0** MVAR

- Average(**0,100**) - Average(**0,-100**) = 100
- Compensation = \$1,000\*100 = **\$100,000/yr**



Hypothetical rate of \$1,000/MVAR-yr

- Old tech with full capability fixed at +/-33 MVAR regardless of power:
  - 0 excess at Pmax, 33 MVAR excess lead and lag at Pmin → \$33,000
  
- Old tech with controller set to only provide 0.95 lead/lag capability:
  - 0 excess capability above obligation → \$0



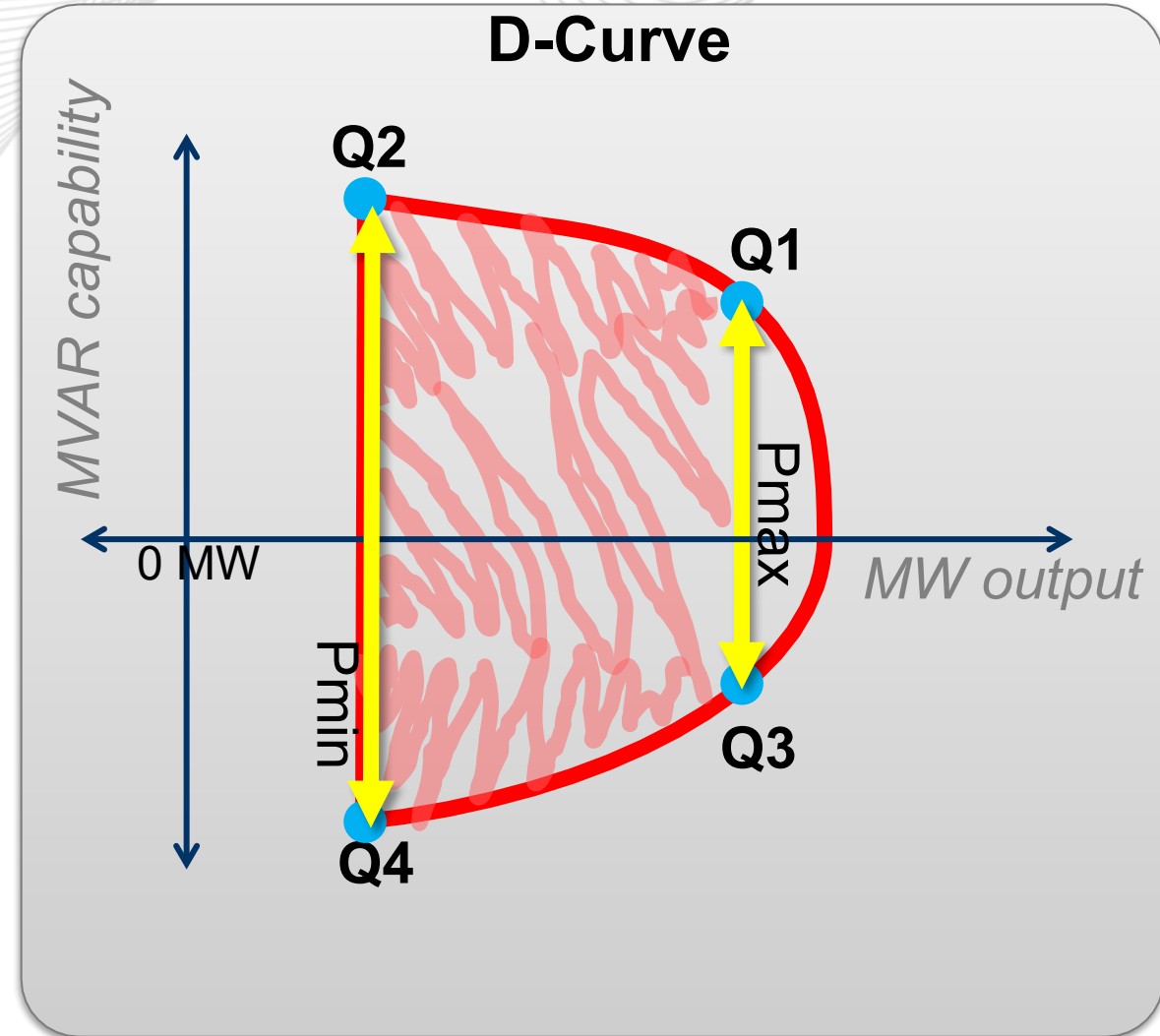
*Hypothetical rate of \$1,000/MVAR-yr*

# Package E (“Pay Full Capability”) Examples (Same As Prior Meeting)

- VAR injection capability:
  - Q1 at Pmax (100 MW) = **40 MVAR**
  - Q2 at Pmin (50 MW) = **50 MVAR**
- VAR withdrawal capability:
  - Q3 at Pmax = **-33 MVAR**
  - Q4 at Pmin = **-40 MVAR**
- Average(**40,50**) - Average(**-33,-40**) = 81.5
- Compensation = \$1,000\*81.5 = **\$81,500/yr**

Typical interconnection agreements require a minimum reactive capability that amounts to roughly 1/3d of MFO. In theory, the “nose” of the D-curve is typically not available.

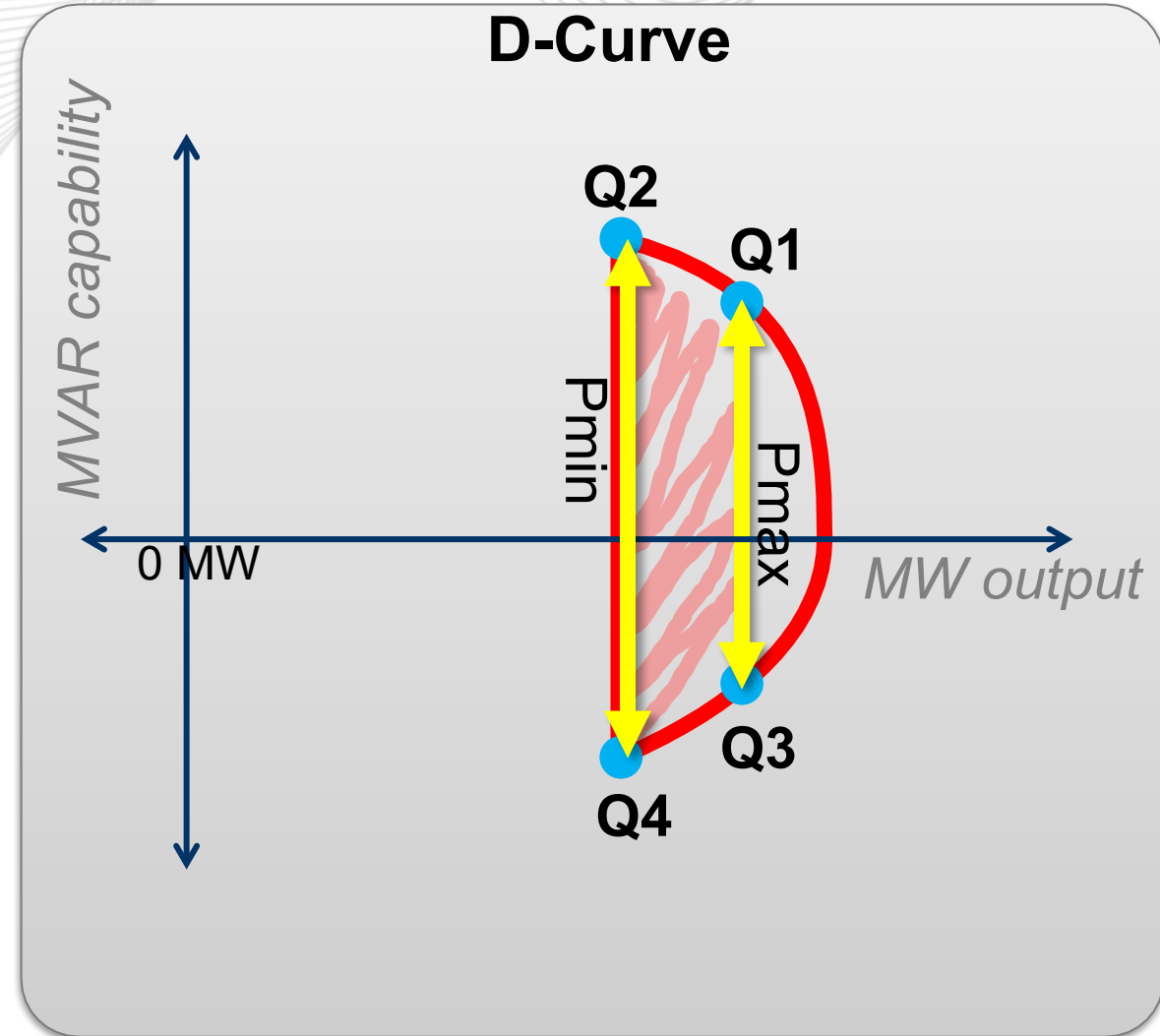
Synchronous machine designs generally have lower VAR withdrawal capability than injection capability.



Hypothetical rate of \$1,000/MVAR-yr

- VAR injection capability:
  - Q1 at Pmax (100 MW) = **40** MVAR
  - Q2 at Pmin (80 MW) = **45** MVAR
- VAR withdrawal capability:
  - Q3 at Pmax = **-33** MVAR
  - Q4 at Pmin = **-35** MVAR
- Average(**40,45**) – Average(**-33,-35**) = 76.5
- Compensation = \$1,000\*76.5 = **\$76,500/yr**

*A CT might have a narrower dispatchable range than a steam generator, which might reduce the reactive capability available to PJM.*

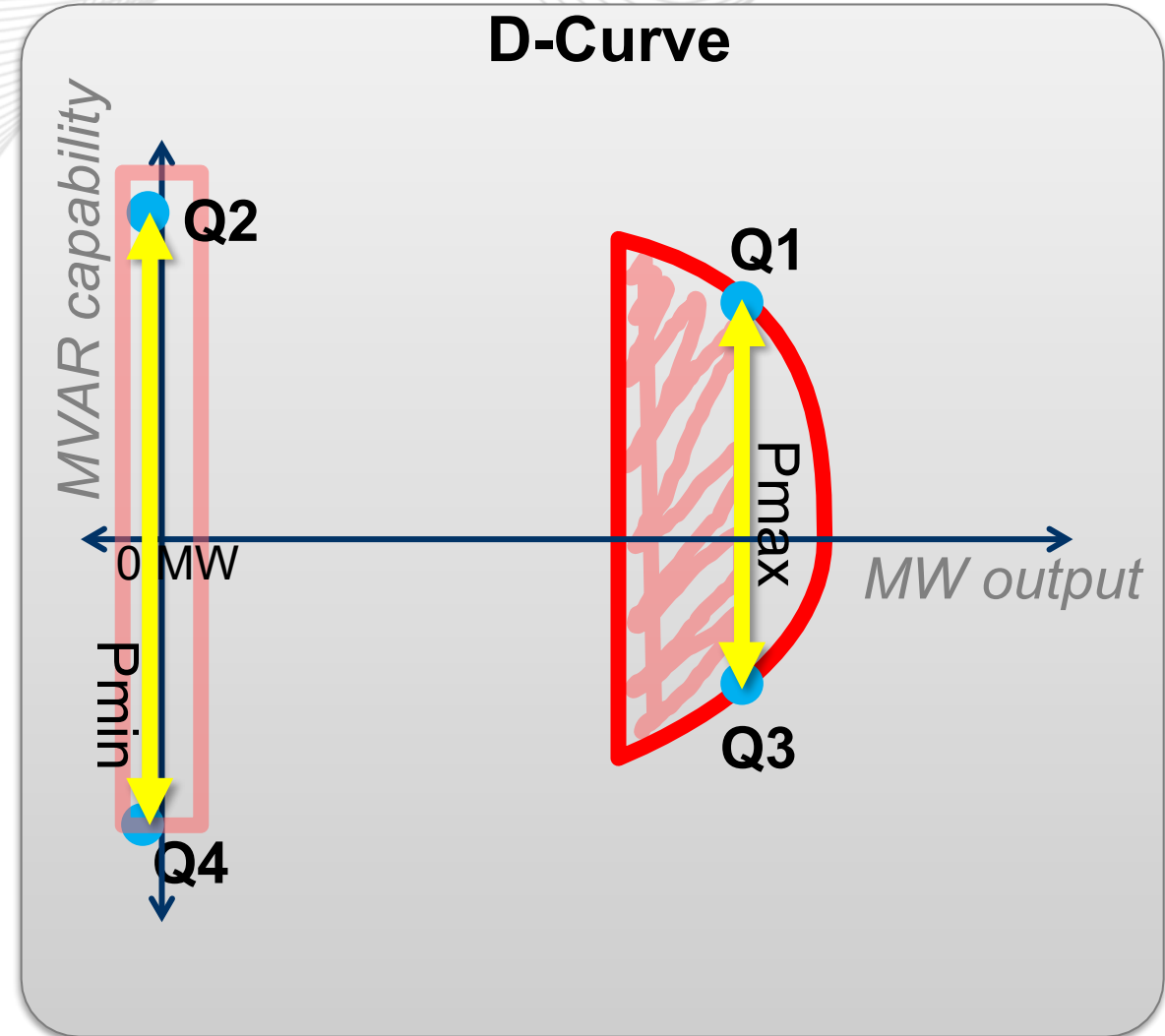


*Hypothetical rate of \$1,000/MVAR-yr*



A synchronous machine generator with “condensing mode” can operate at 0 MW.

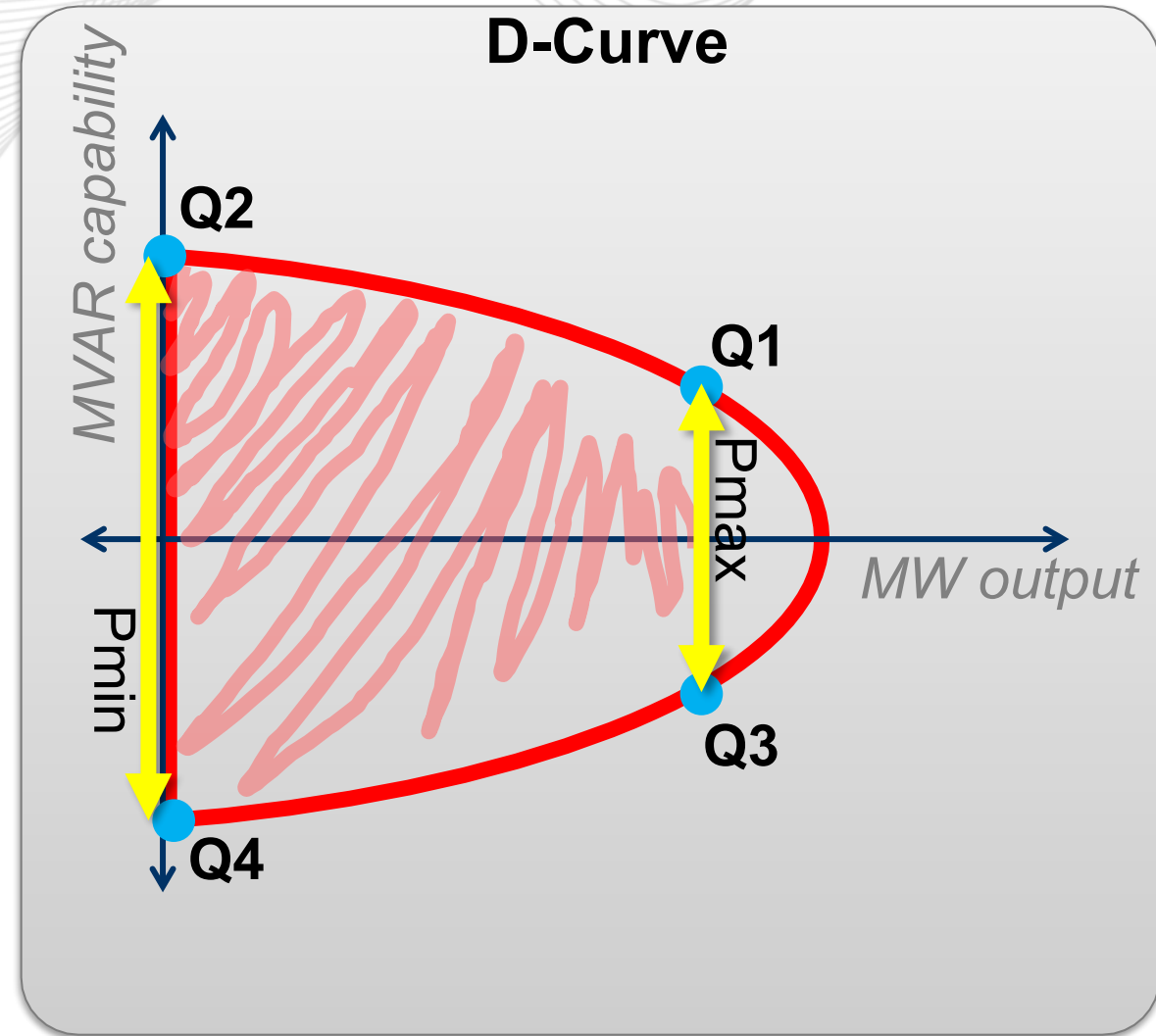
- VAR injection capability:
  - Q1 = **40** MVAR
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- VAR withdrawal capability:
  - Q3 = **-33** MVAR
  - Q4 = **-40** MVAR
- Average(**40,50**) – Average(**-33,-40**) = 81.5
- Compensation = \$1,000\*81.5 = **\$81,500/yr**



Hypothetical rate of \$1,000/MVAR-yr

- VAR injection capability:
  - Q1 = **33** MVAR
  - Q2 = **45** MVAR
- VAR withdrawal capability:
  - Q3 = **-33** MVAR
  - Q4 = **-45** MVAR
- Average(**33,45**) – Average (**-33,-45**) = 78
- Compensation = \$1,000\*78 = **\$78,000/yr**

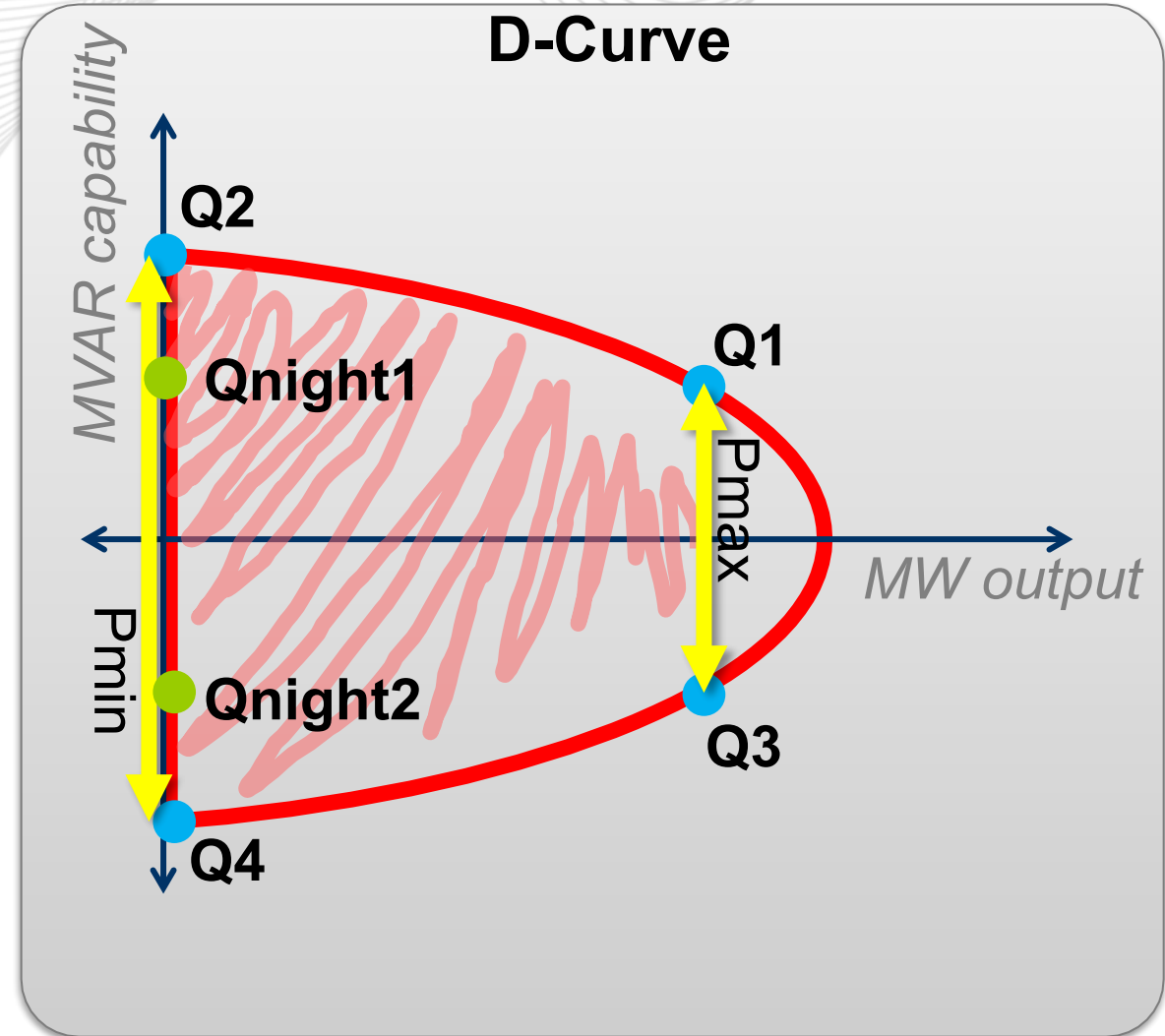
*Inverter reactive capability matches power capability (they have a circular D-curve at the inverter terminals), however high impedance between PJM and large solar farm inverters reduces the reactive capability.*



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  - Q1 = **33** MVAR
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- VAR withdrawal capability:
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- Average(**33,45**) – Average (**-33,-45**) = 78
- Compensation = \$1,000\*78 = **\$78,000/yr**

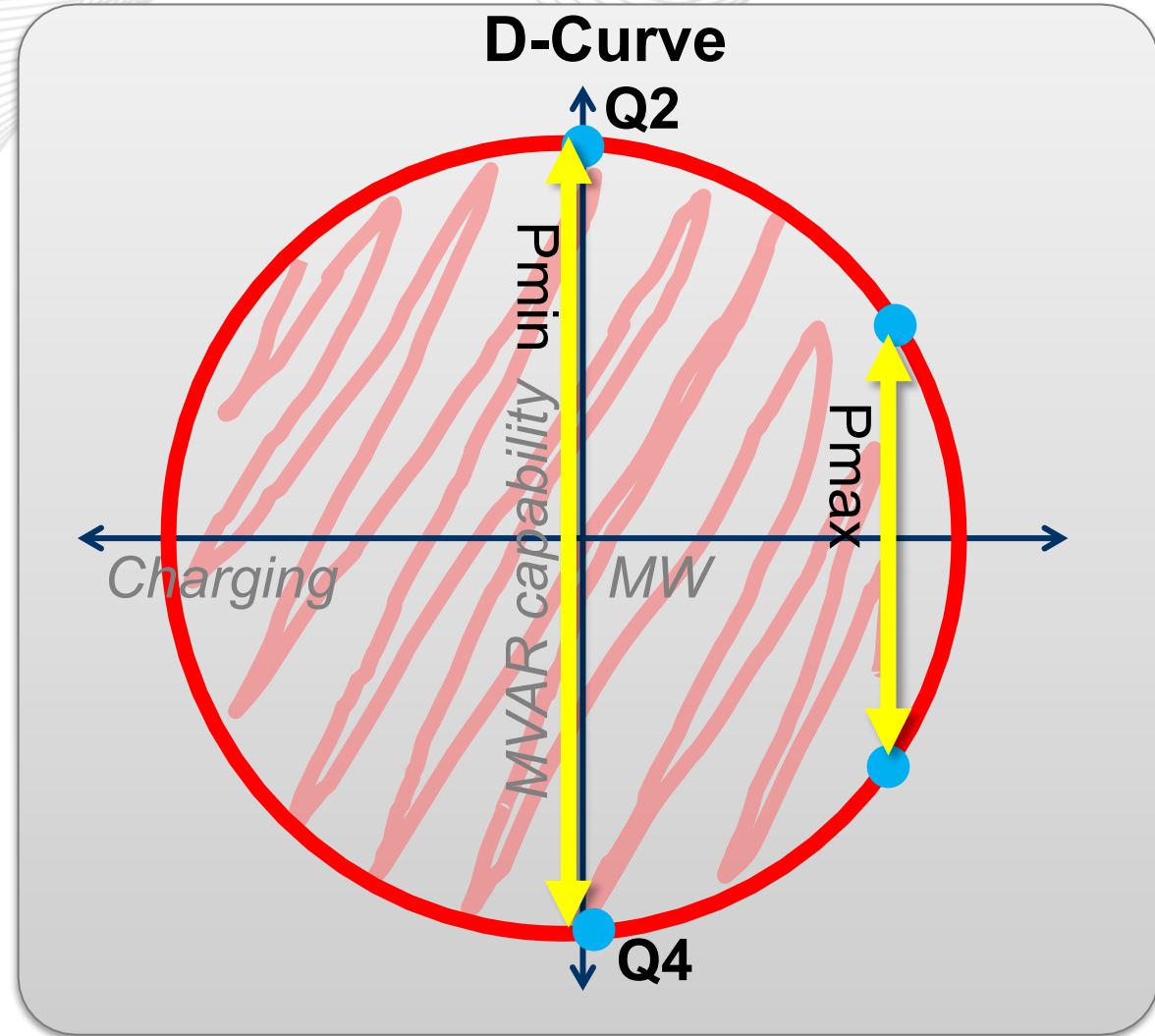
*Reactive capability at 0 MW at night might be lower than capability at 0 MW during the day (i.e., when dispatched to 0 MW). Therefore, no change vs. previous example.*



*Hypothetical rate of \$1,000/MVAR-yr*

- VAR injection capability:
  - Q1 = **33** MVAR
  - Q2 = **100** MVAR
- VAR withdrawal capability:
  - Q3 = **-33** MVAR
  - Q4 = **-100** MVAR
- Average(**33,100**) – Average (**-33,-100**) = 133
- Compensation = \$1,000\*133 = **\$133,000/yr**

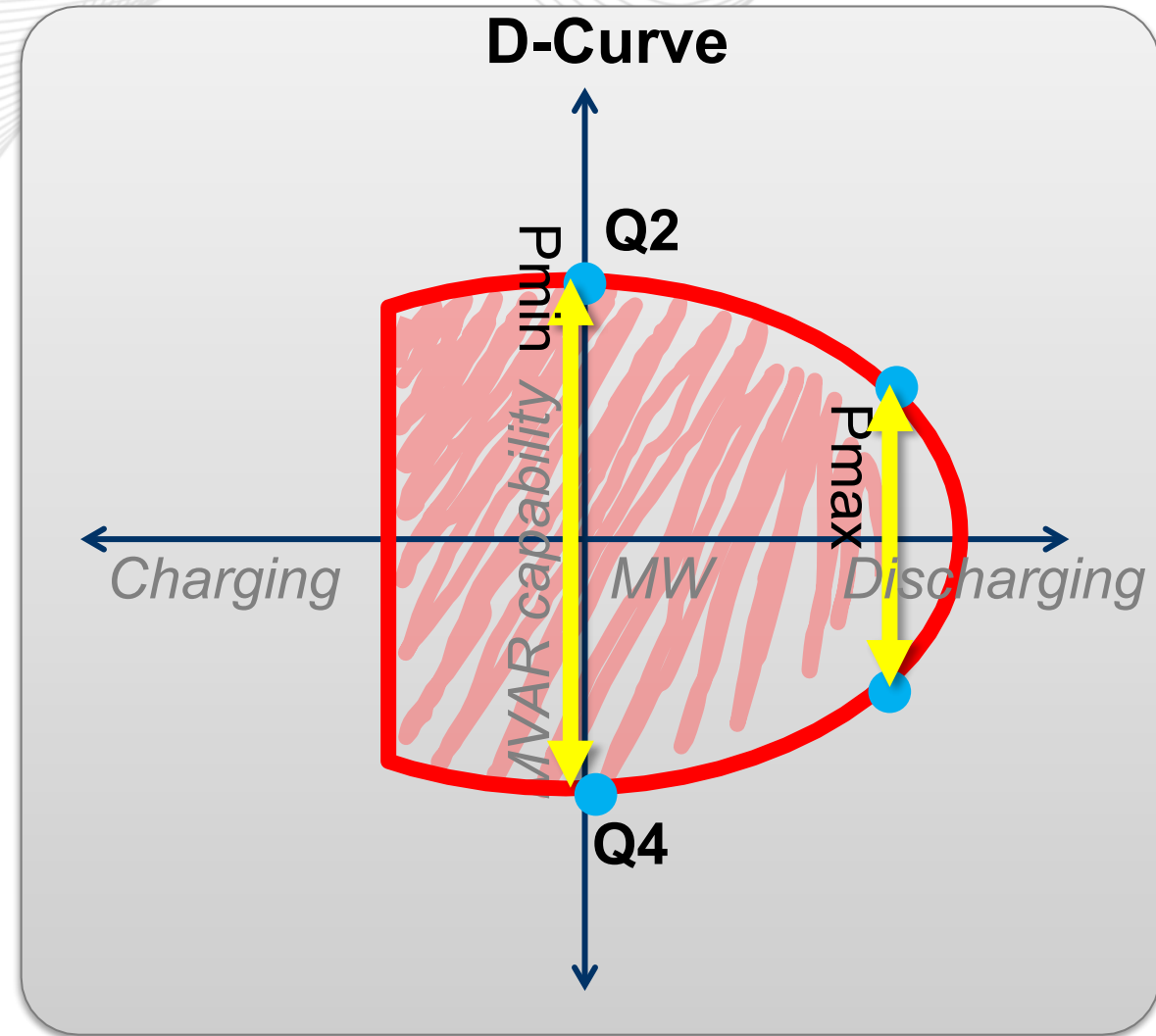
*Battery inverters would be located close to the POI, with little impedance to PJM. The full circular inverter capability is therefore available to PJM.*



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  - Q2 = **45** MVAR
- VAR withdrawal capability:
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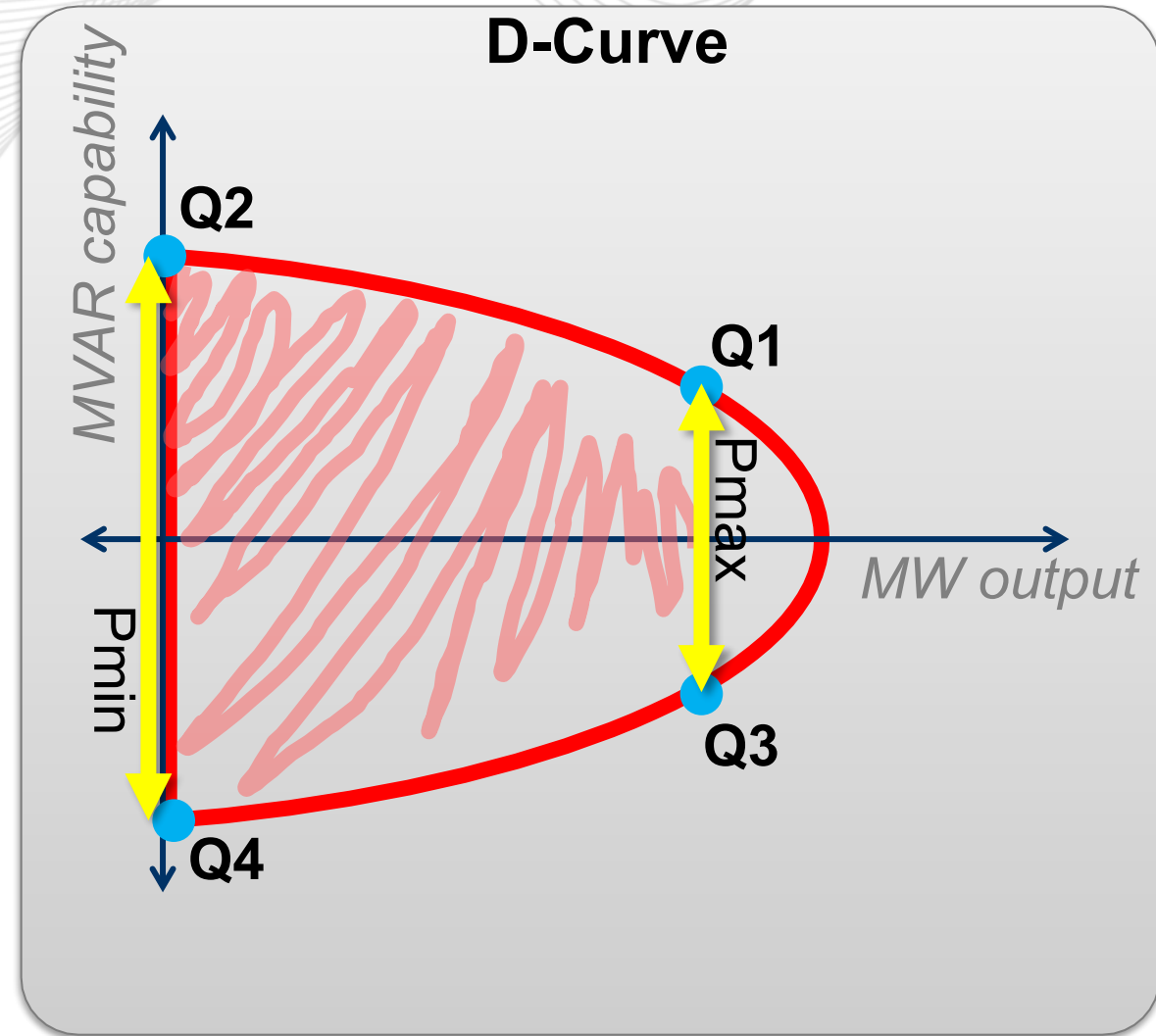
*This hypothetical solar-battery hybrid uses the solar inverters to operate the batteries. It is the same as the standalone solar example, except also has charging MW.*



*Hypothetical rate of \$1,000/MVAR-yr*

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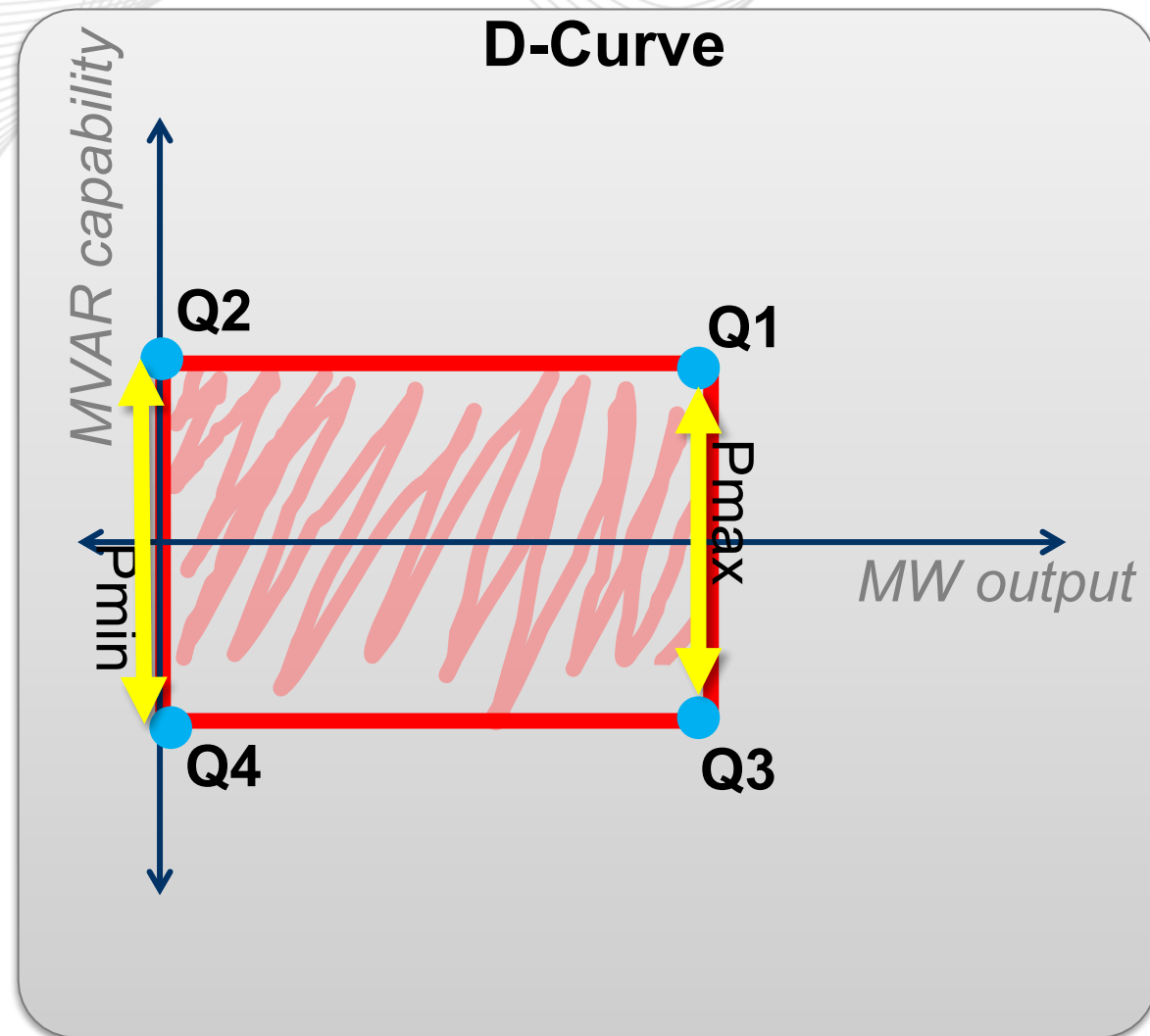
*New wind generator technology is fully inverter-based, similar to solar. This result is the same as the solar example.*



*Hypothetical rate of \$1,000/MVAR-yr*

- VAR injection capability:
  - Q1 = **33** MVAR
  - Q2 = **33** MVAR
- VAR withdrawal capability:
  - Q3 = **-33** MVAR
  - Q4 = **-33** MVAR
- Average(**33,33**) – Average (**-33,-33**) = 66
- Compensation = \$1,000\*66 = **\$66,000/yr**

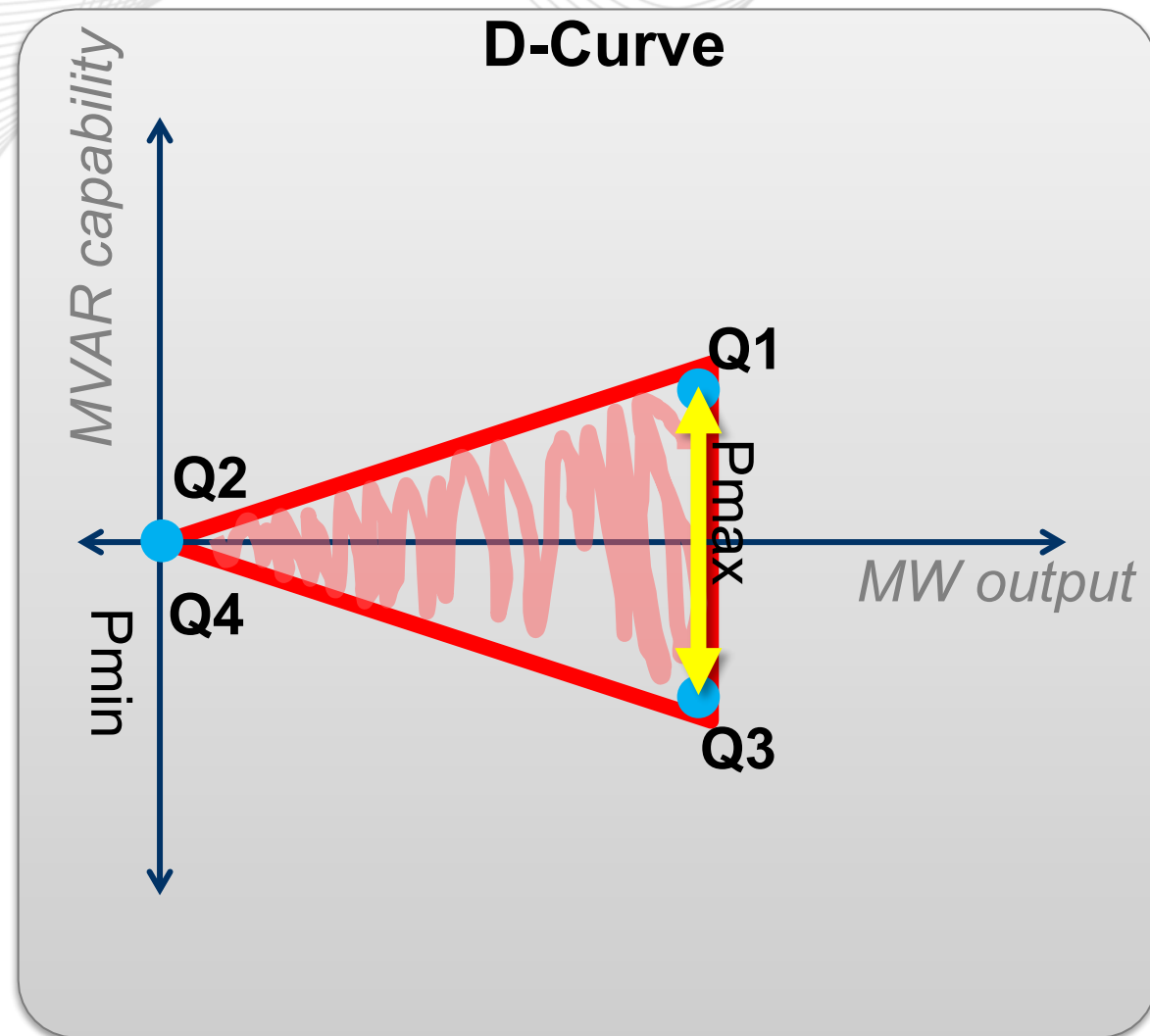
*Old wind generator technology is only partly inverter based. They don't use the generators for reactive, instead using dedicated equipment that doesn't vary with power output..*



*Hypothetical rate of \$1,000/MVAR-yr*

- VAR injection capability:
  - Q1 = **33** MVAR
  - Q2 = **0** MVAR
- VAR withdrawal capability:
  - Q3 = **-33** MVAR
  - Q4 = **-0** MVAR
- Average(**33,0**) – Average (**-33,-0**) = 33
- Compensation = \$1,000\*33 = **\$33,000/yr**

*This example's dedicated VAR equipment was programmed to only provide reactive capability required by the ISA, which is a fixed power factor that drops with lower MW. This is consistent with the ISA power factor obligation, but does not provide the full capability of the equipment.*



*Hypothetical rate of \$1,000/MVAR-yr*