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Offshore BMU Configuration



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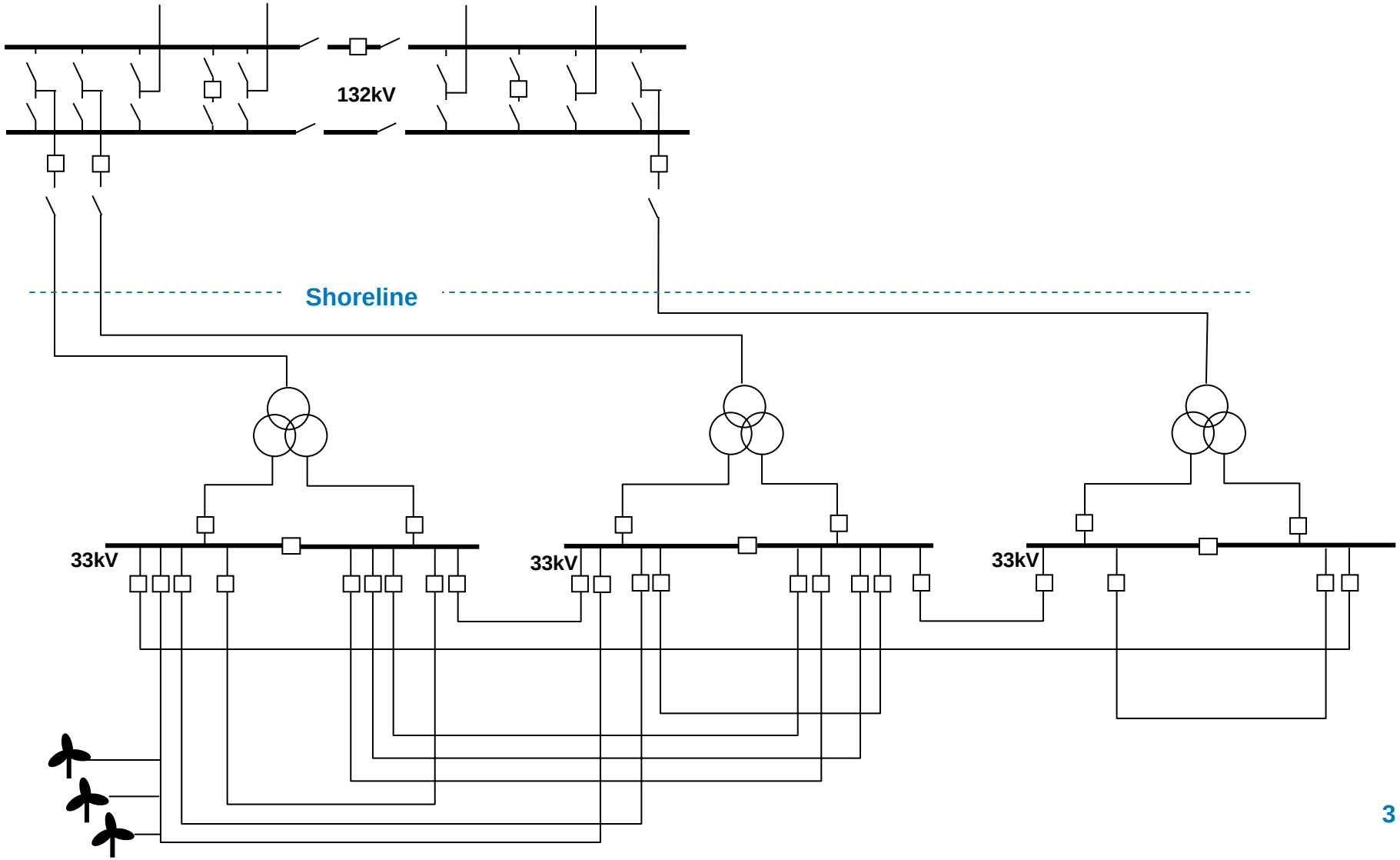

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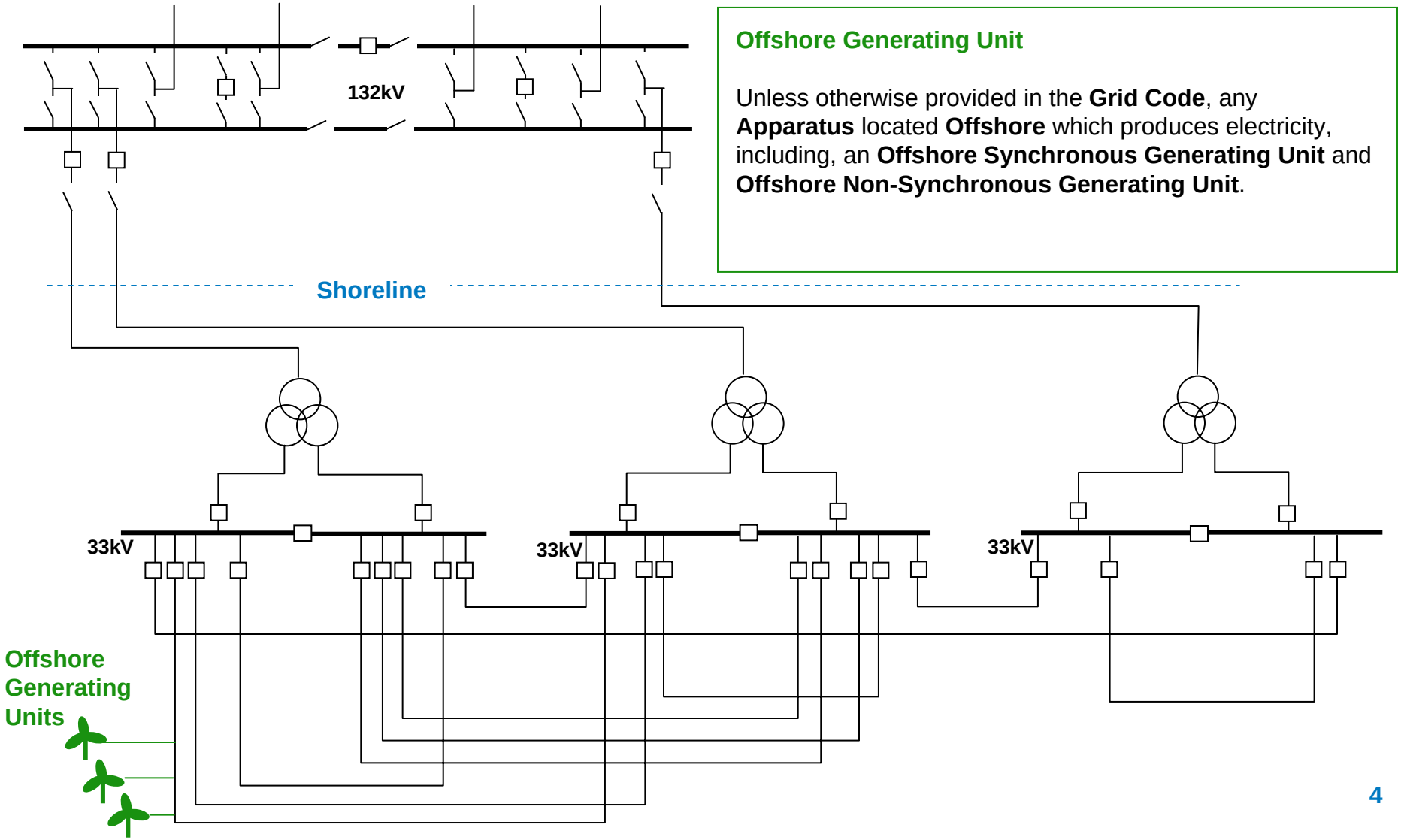

Offshore Generating Unit

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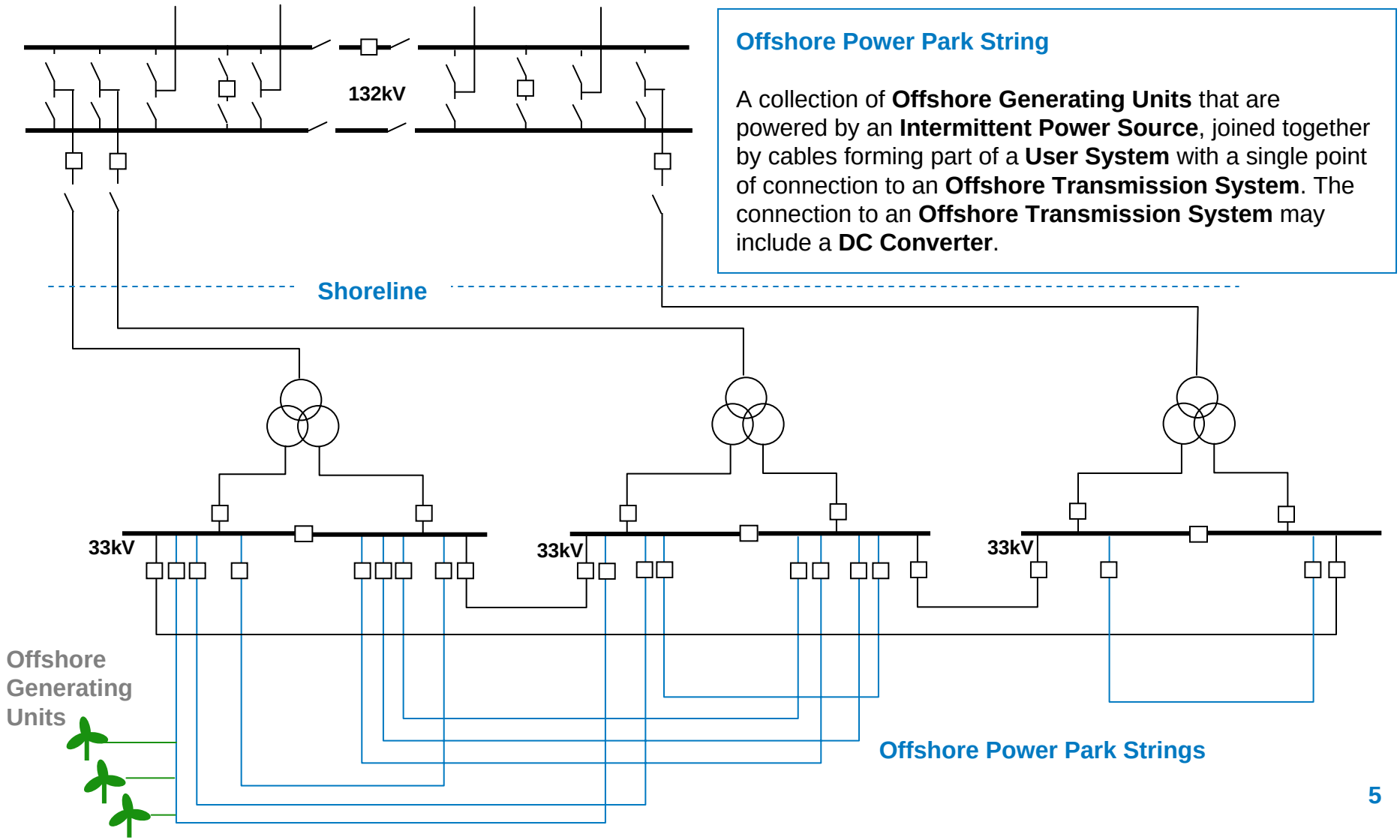

Offshore Power Park String

A collection of **Offshore Generating Units** that are powered by an **Intermittent Power Source**, joined together by cables forming part of a **User System** with a single point of connection to an **Offshore Transmission System**. The connection to an **Offshore Transmission System** may include a **DC Converter**.

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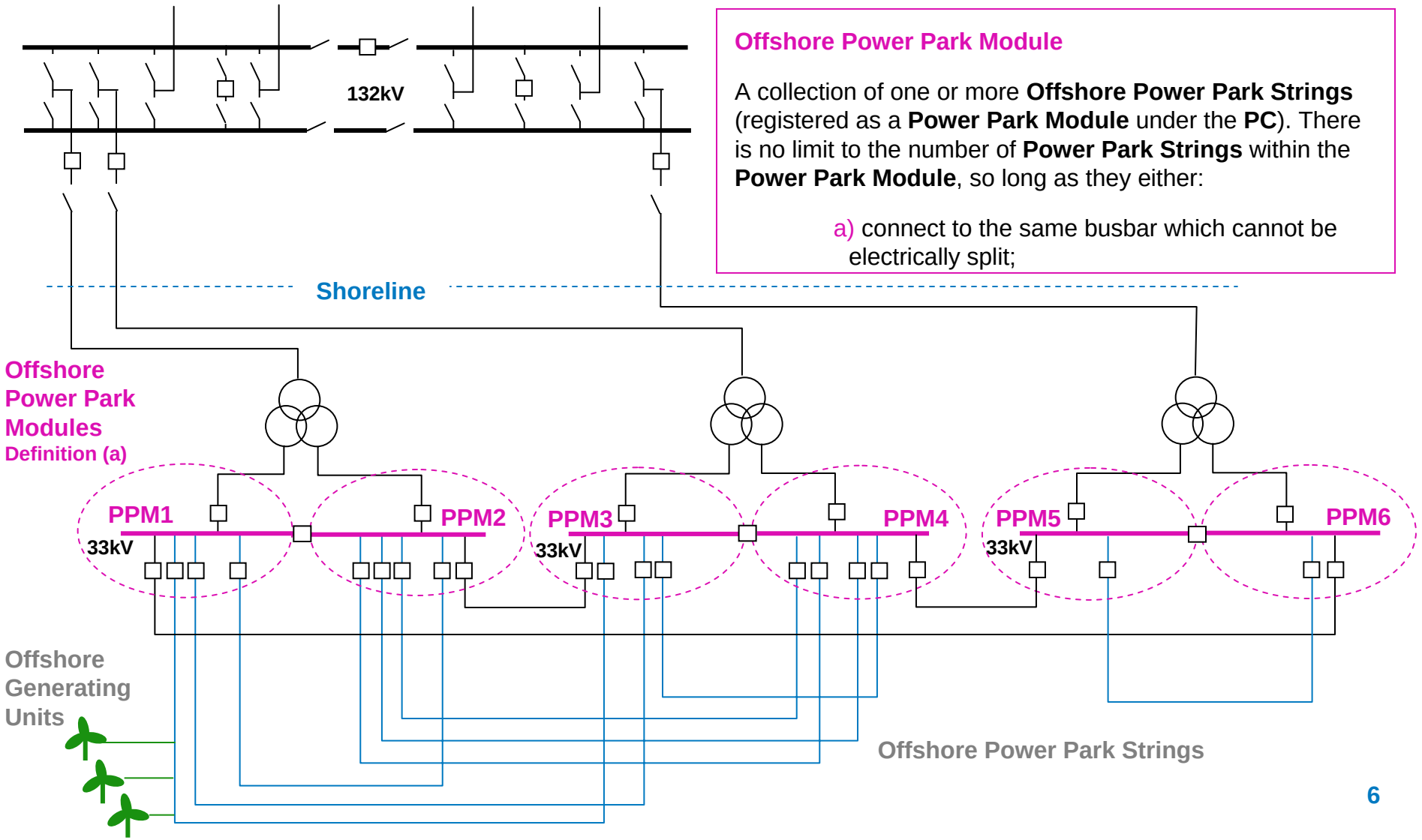

Offshore Power Park Module

A collection of one or more **Offshore Power Park Strings** (registered as a **Power Park Module** under the **PC**). There is no limit to the number of **Power Park Strings** within the **Power Park Module**, so long as they either:

a) connect to the same busbar which cannot be electrically split;

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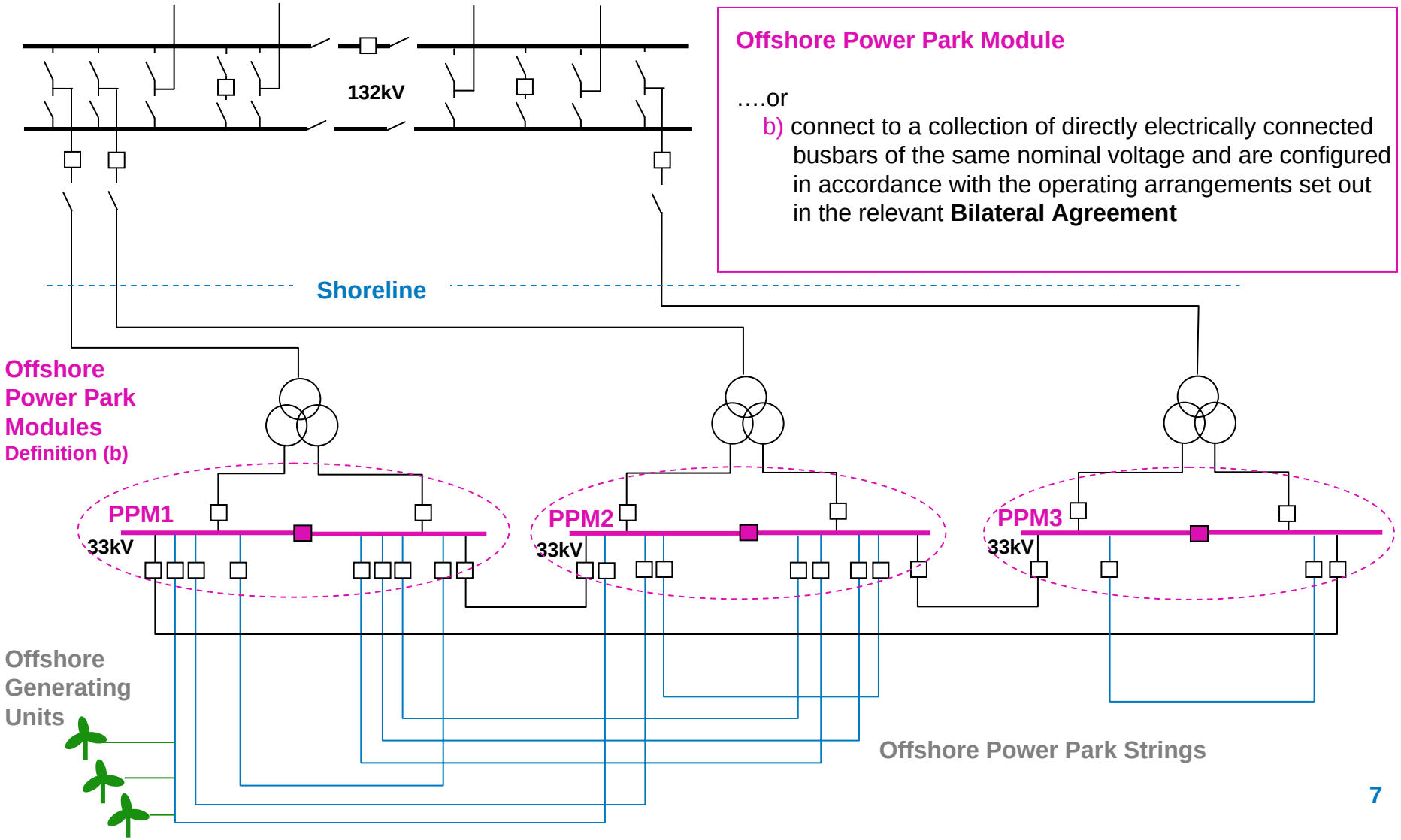

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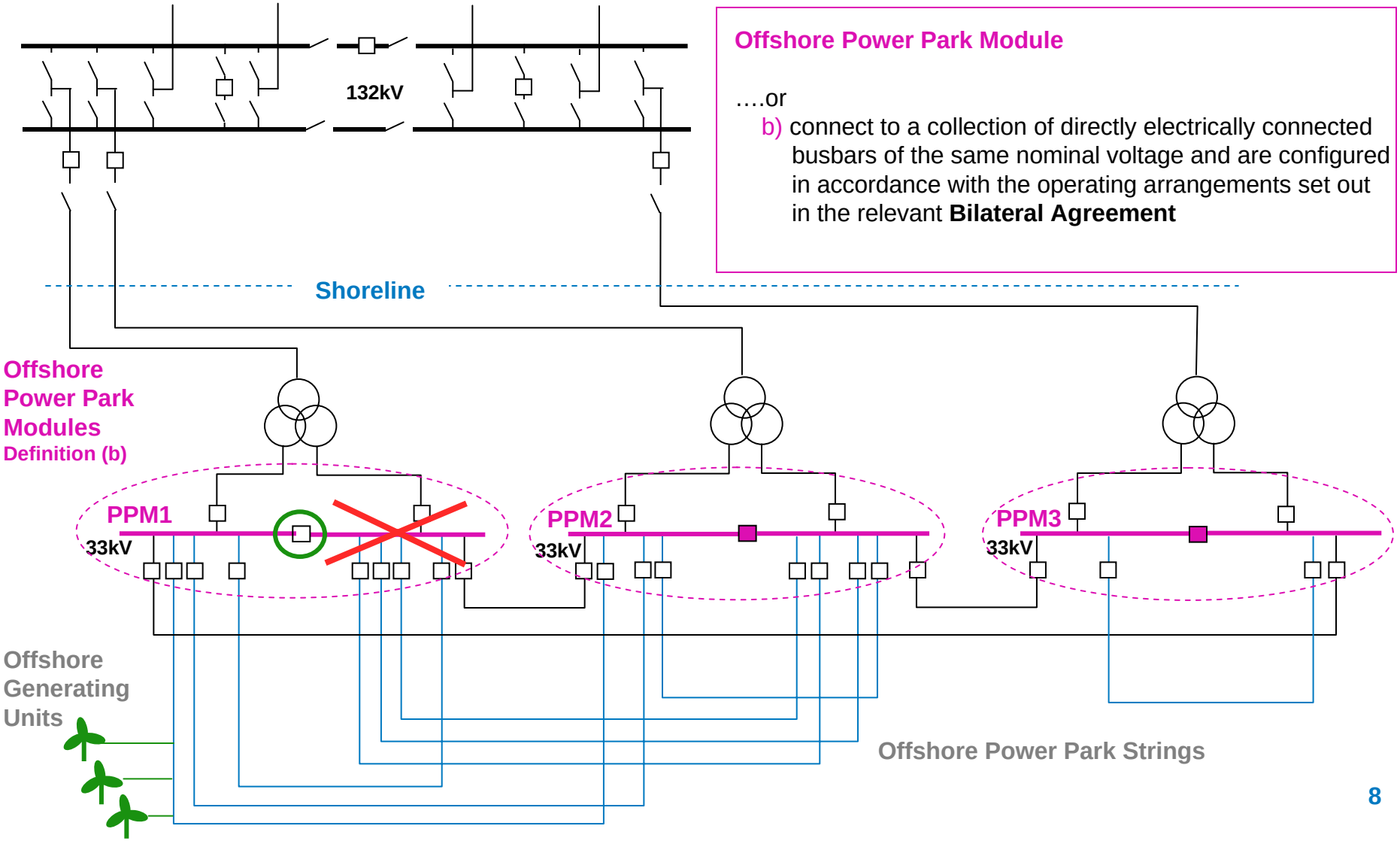

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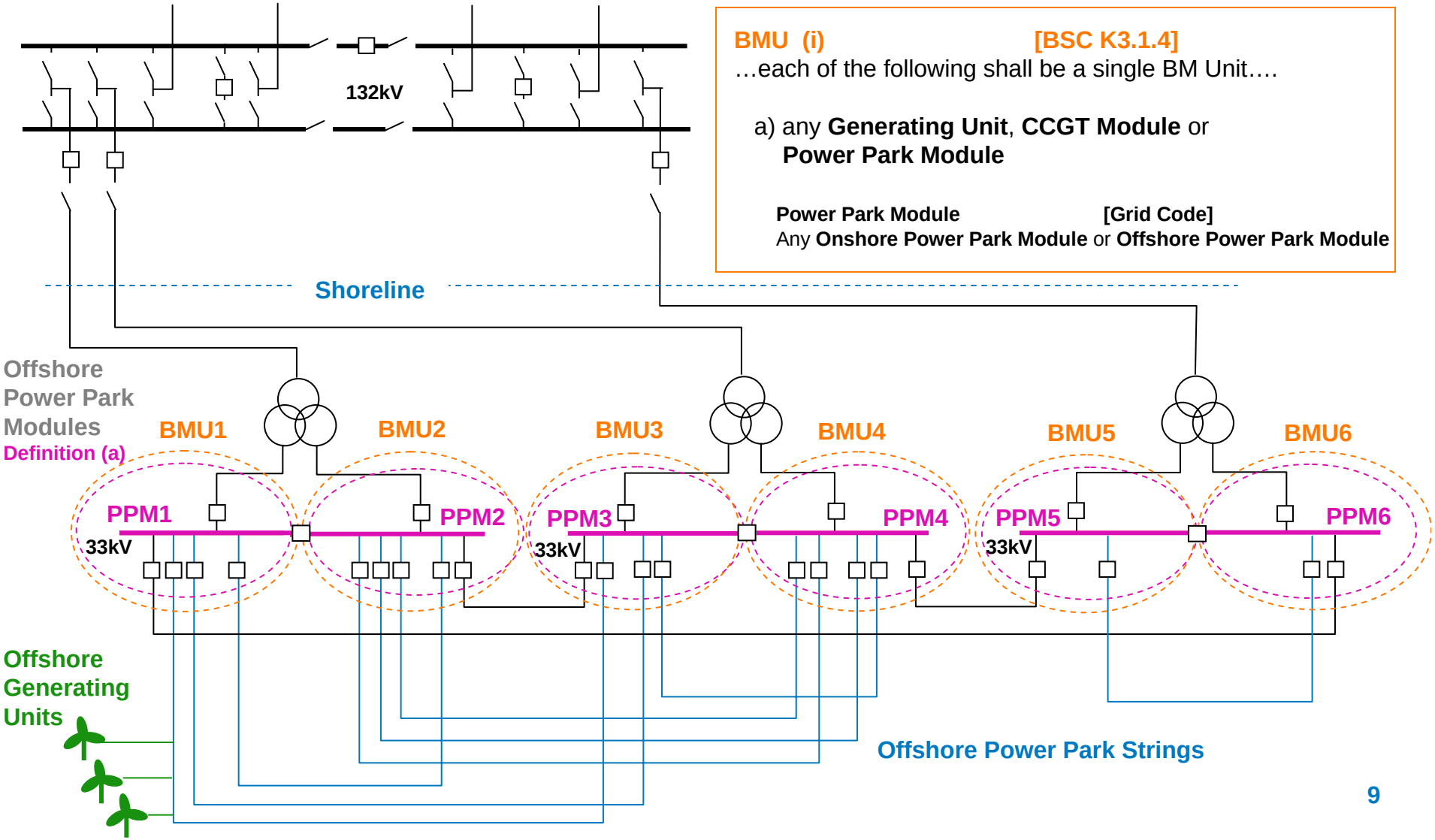

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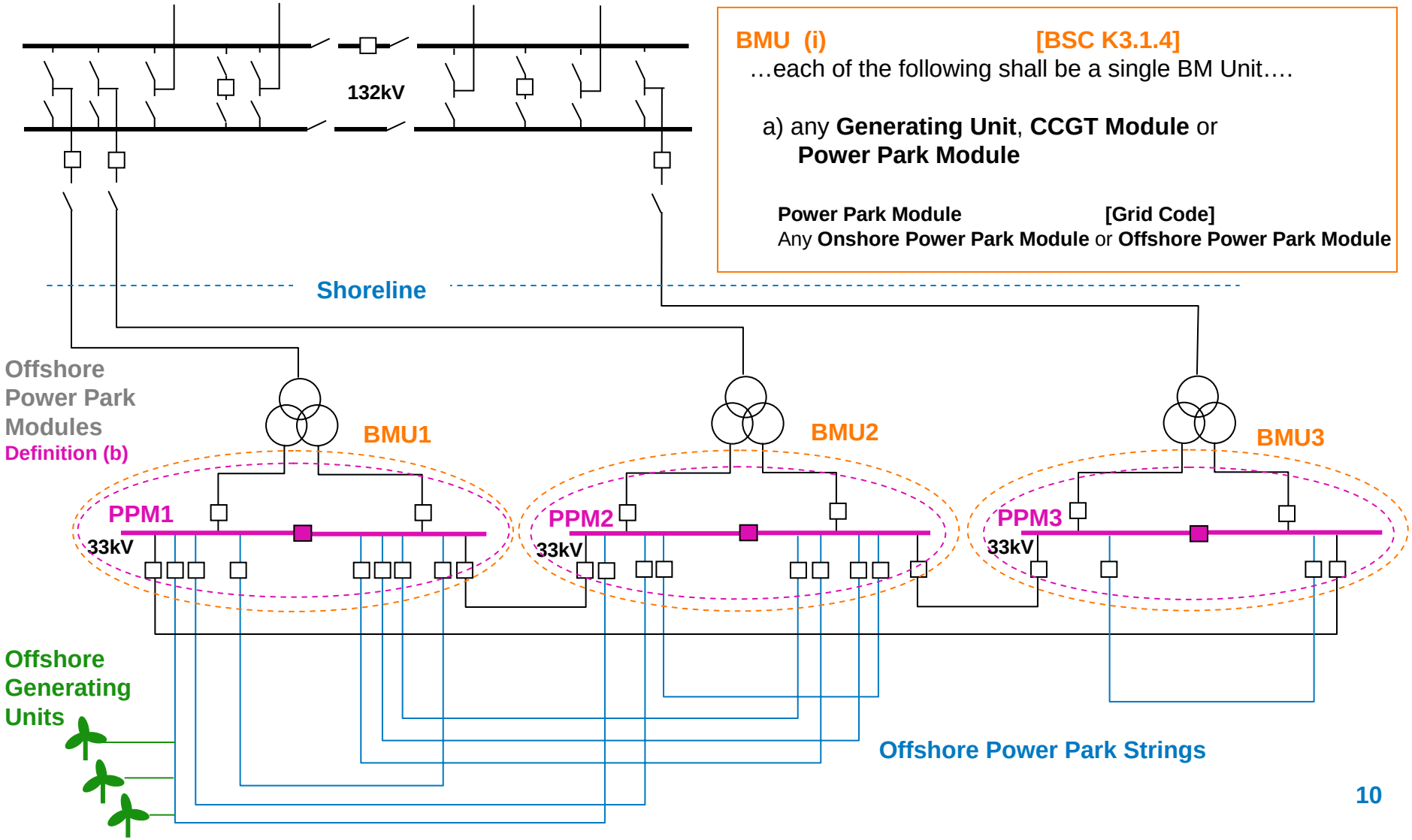

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BMU (ii) **[BSC K3.1.4] as amended by P237**

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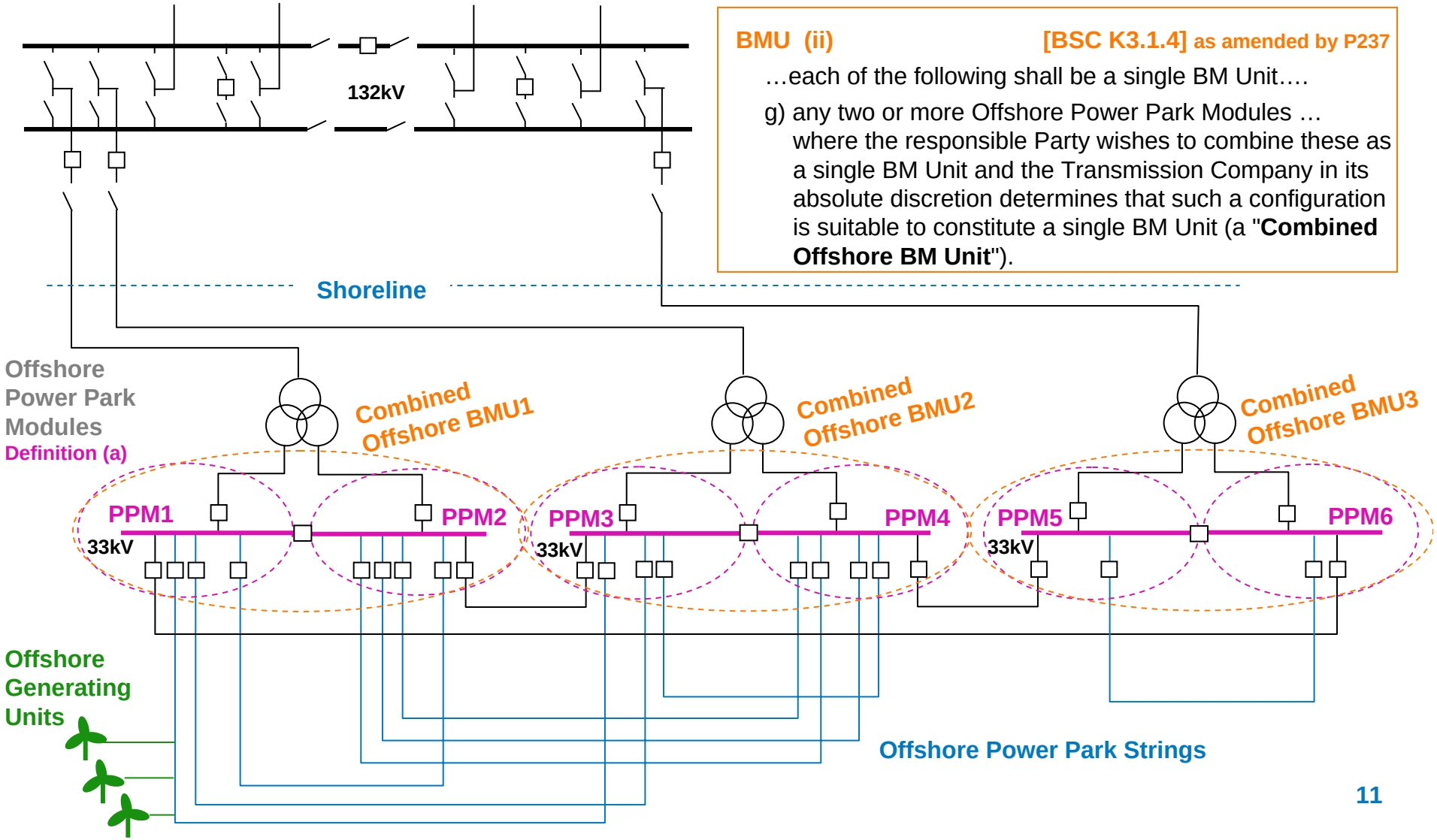
g) any two or more Offshore Power Park Modules … where the responsible Party wishes to combine these as a single BM Unit and the Transmission Company in its absolute discretion determines that such a configuration is suitable to constitute a single BM Unit (a "**Combined Offshore BM Unit**").



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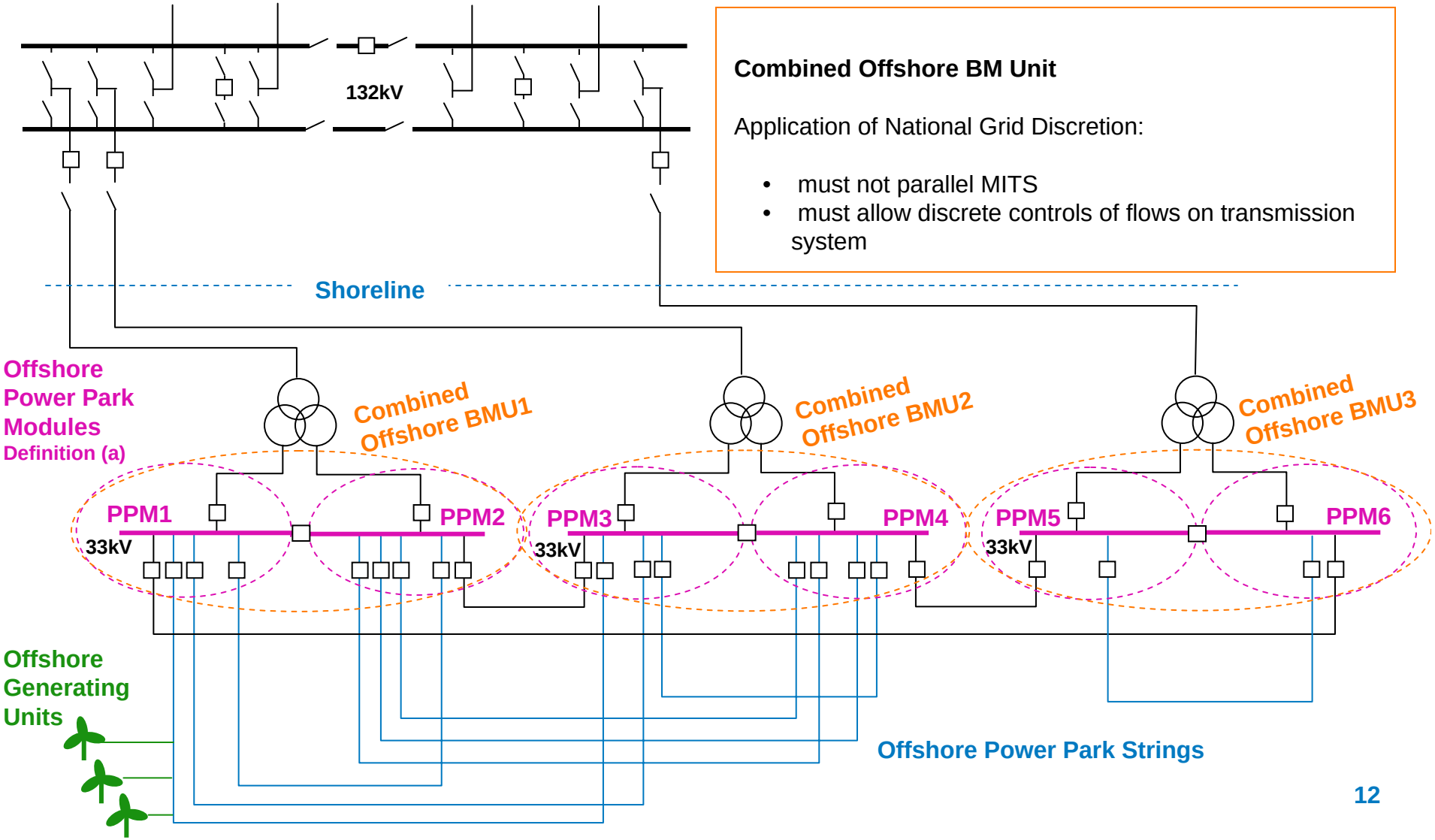


Combined Offshore BM Unit

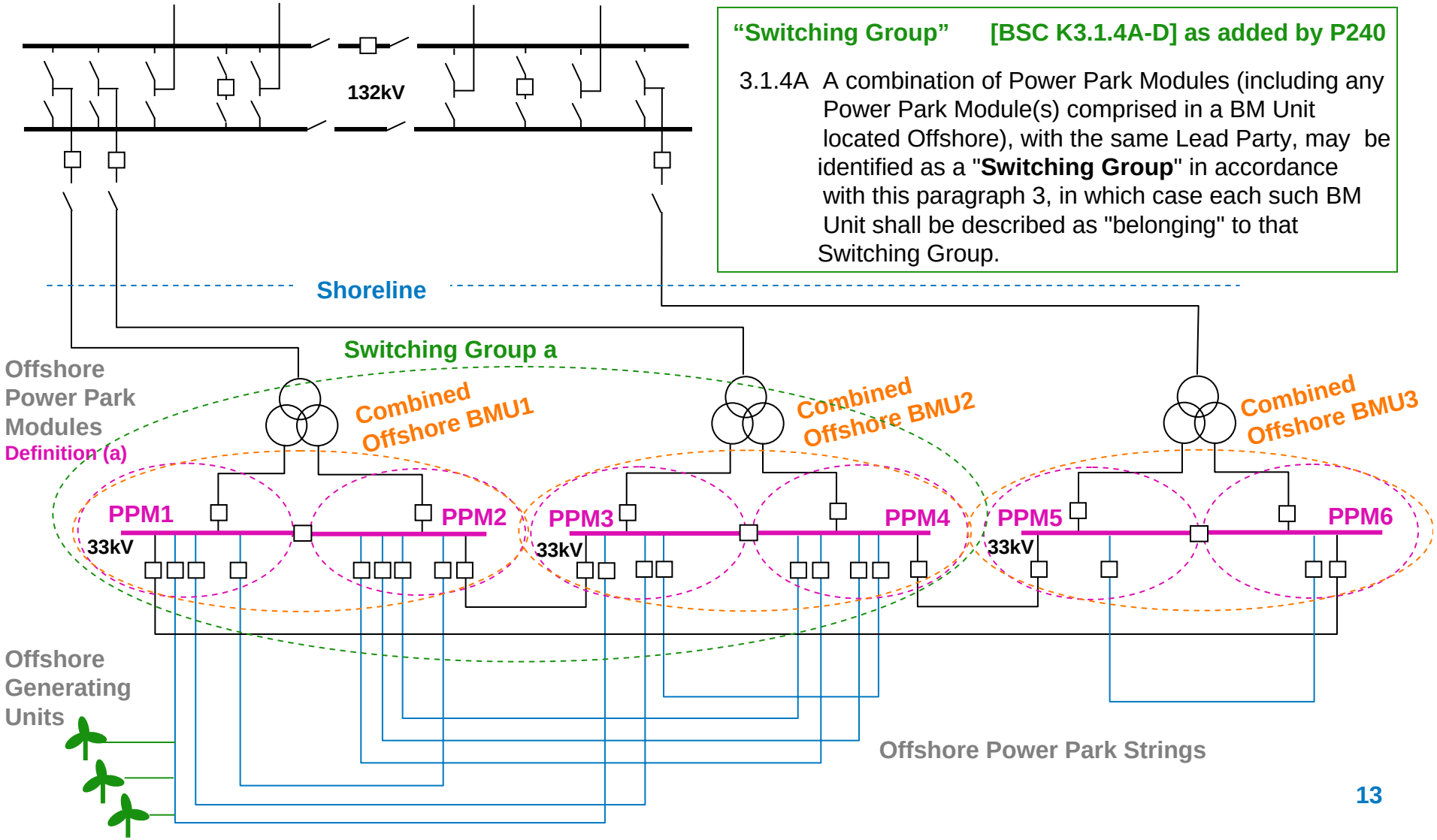
Application of National Grid Discretion:

- must not parallel MITS
- must allow discrete controls of flows on transmission system

Offshore Network Definitions

"Switching Group" **[BSC K3.1.4A-D] as added by P240**

3.1.4A A combination of Power Park Modules (including any Power Park Module(s) comprised in a BM Unit located Offshore), with the same Lead Party, may be identified as a "**Switching Group**" in accordance with this paragraph 3, in which case each such BM Unit shall be described as "belonging" to that Switching Group.



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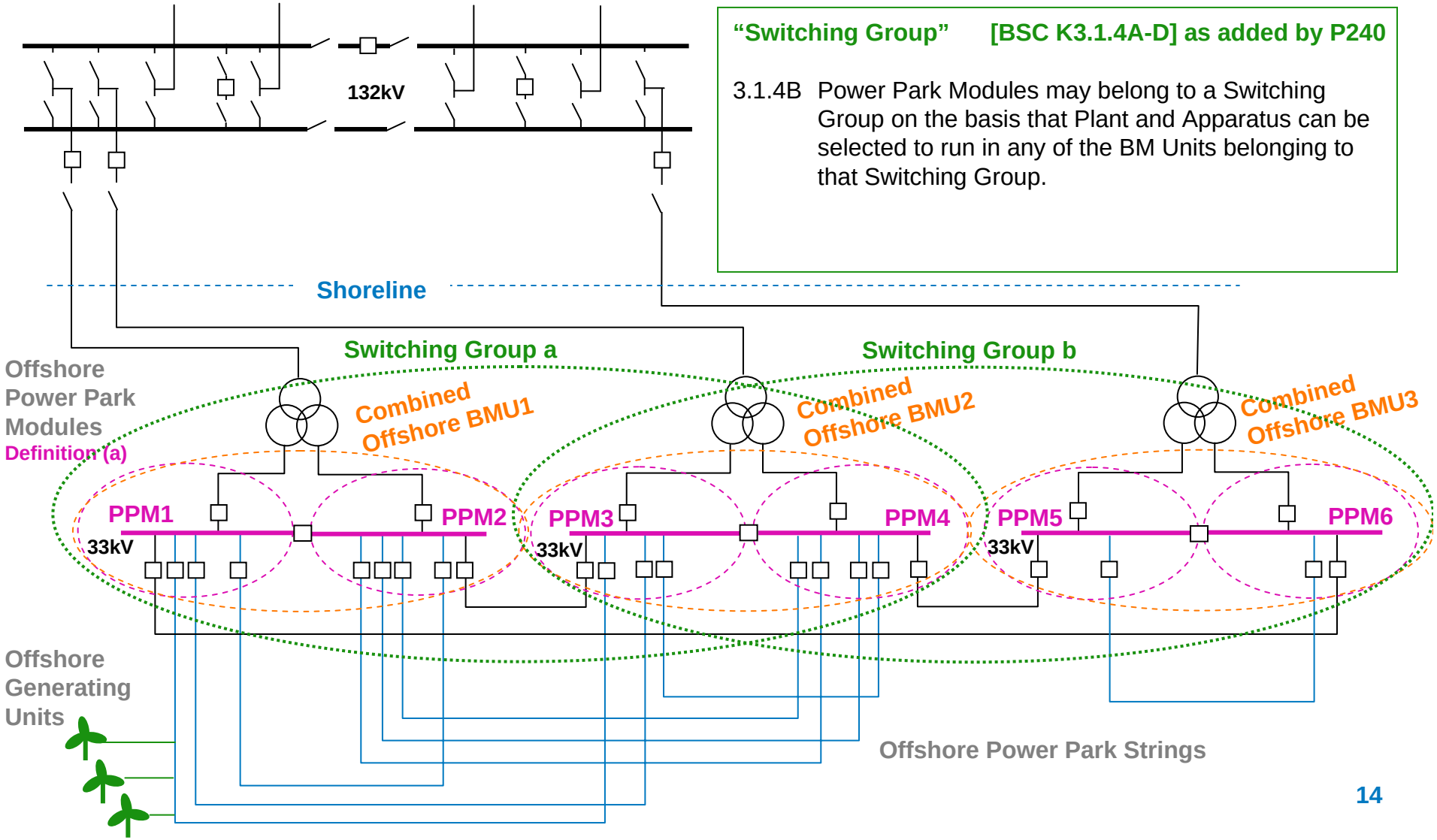

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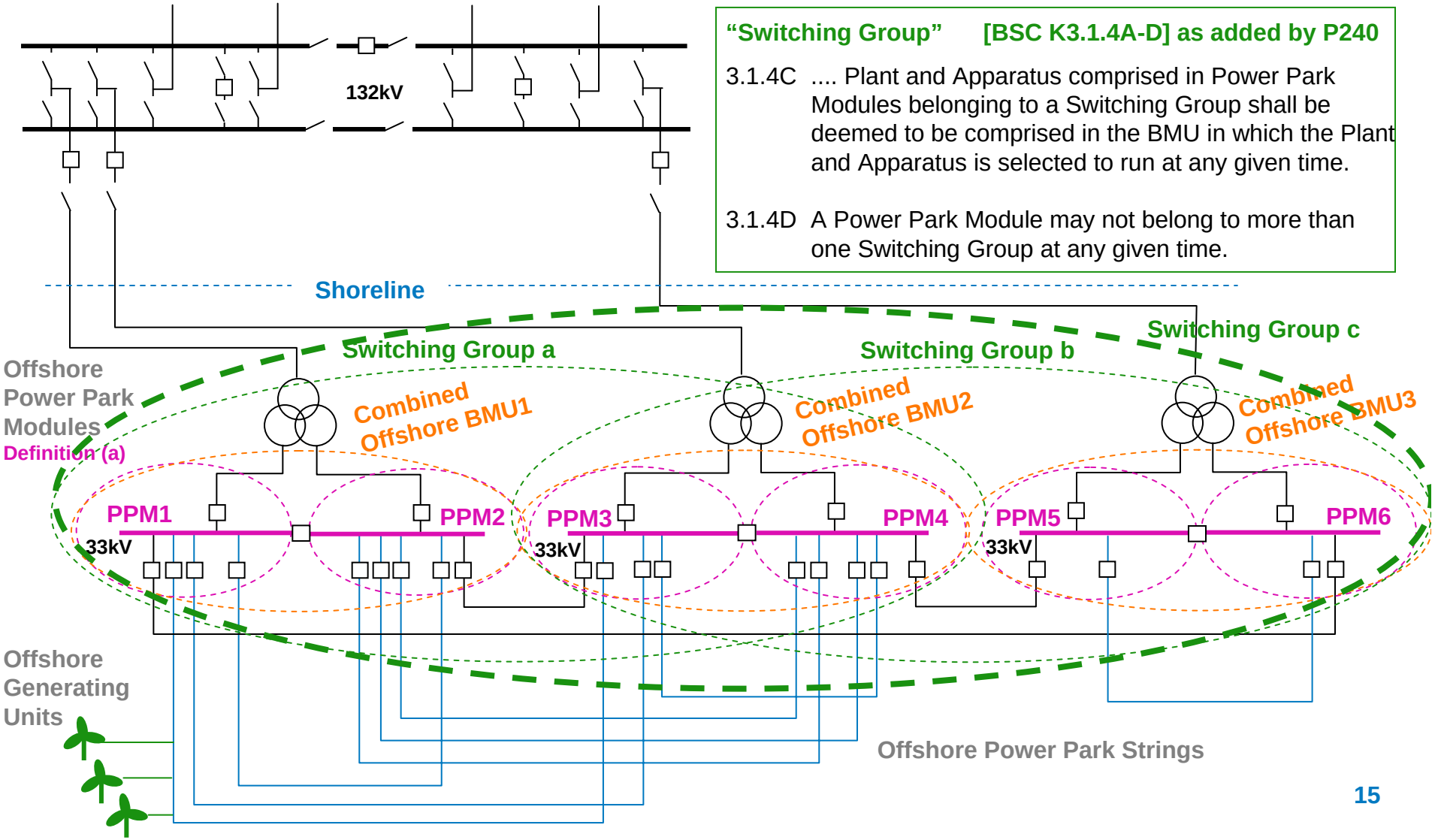
3.1.4C .... Plant and Apparatus comprised in Power Park Modules belonging to a Switching Group shall be deemed to be comprised in the BMU in which the Plant and Apparatus is selected to run at any given time.

3.1.4D A Power Park Module may not belong to more than one Switching Group at any given time.



PPM Availabilty Matrix

BC1.A.1.8 **Power Park Module Availability Matrix**

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Power Park Module Availability Matrix example form

POWER PARK UNIT AVAILABILITY	**POWER PARK UNITS**			
	Type A	Type B	Type C	Type D
Description (Make/Model)				
Number of units				

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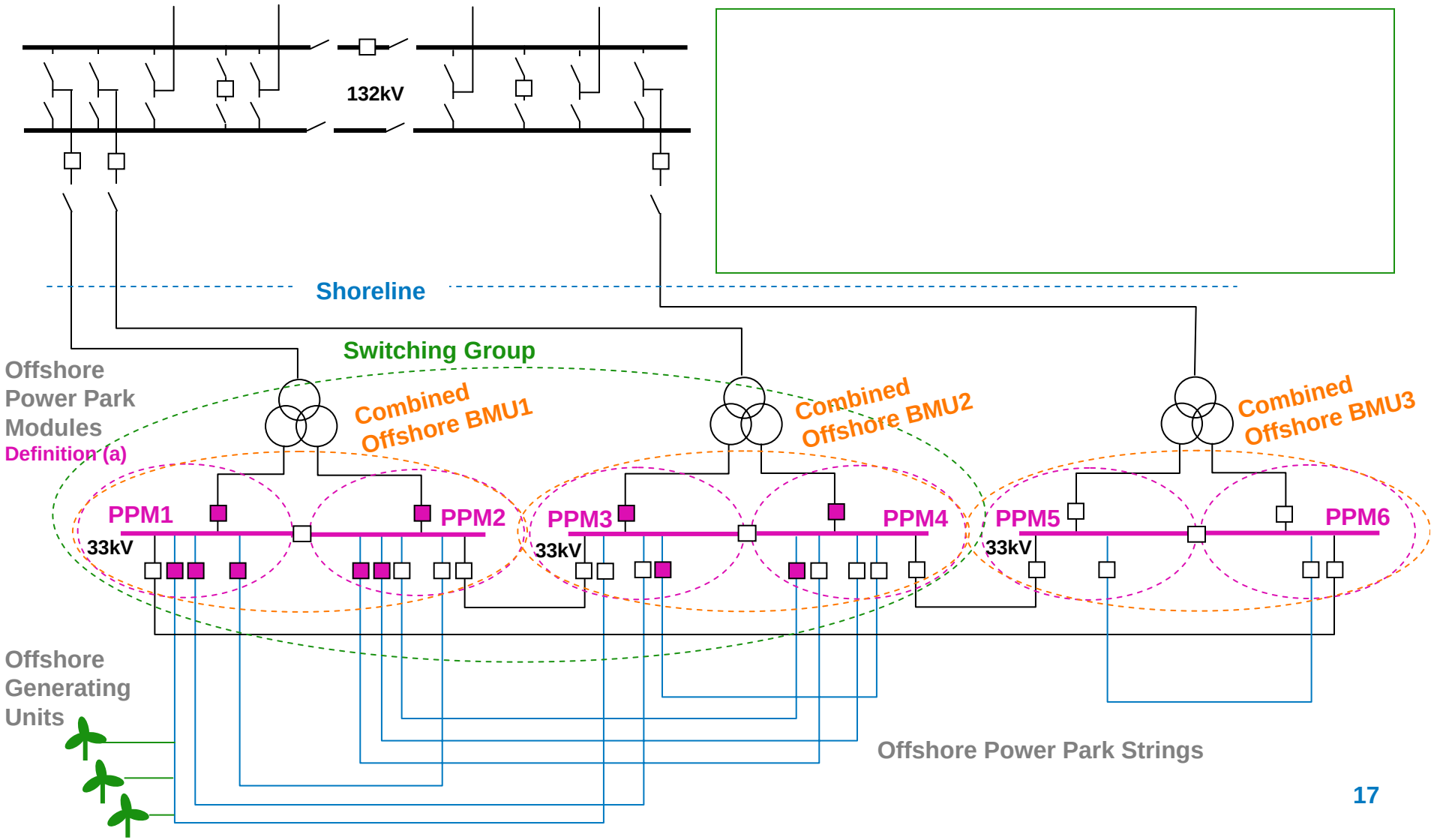

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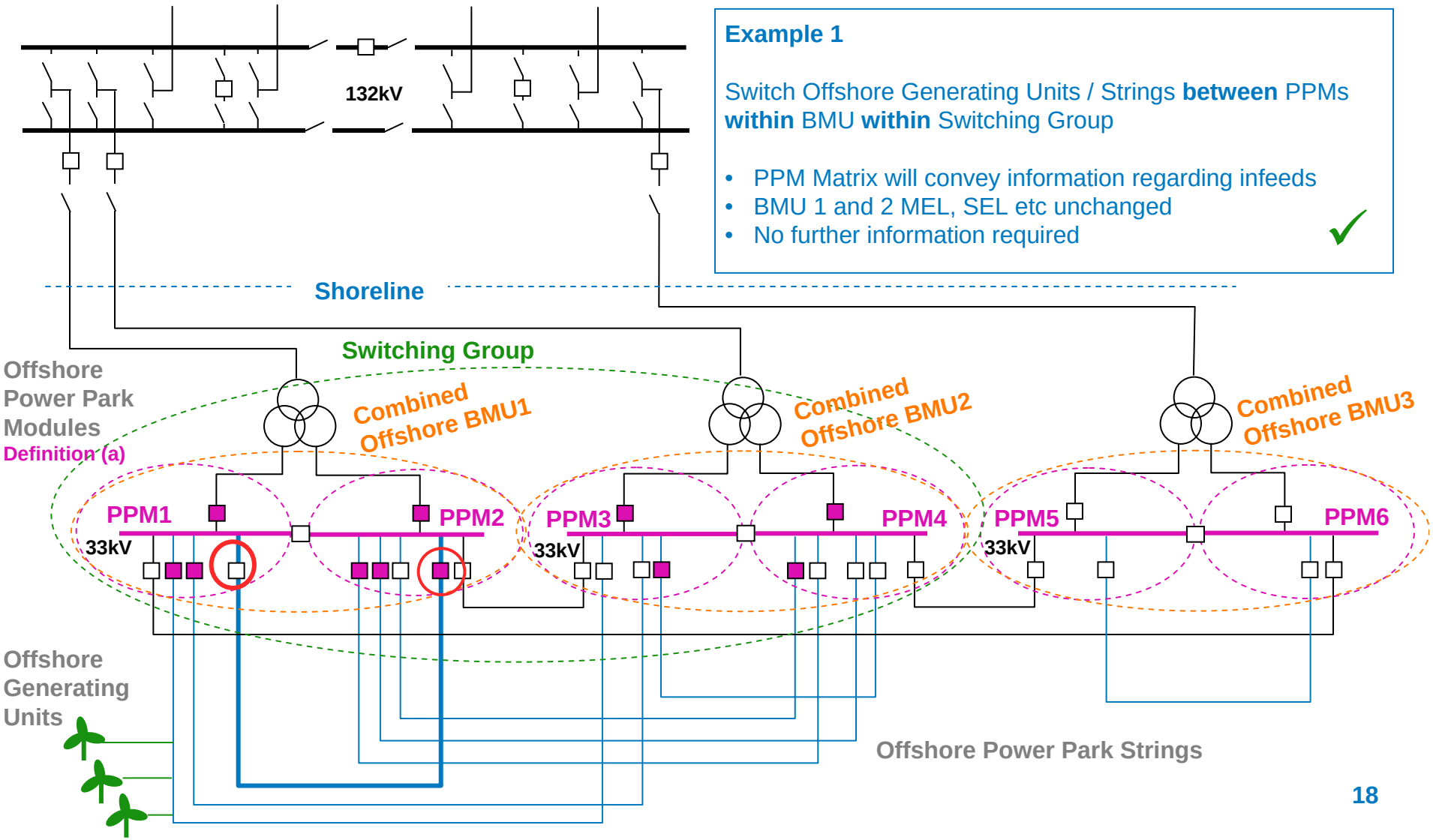

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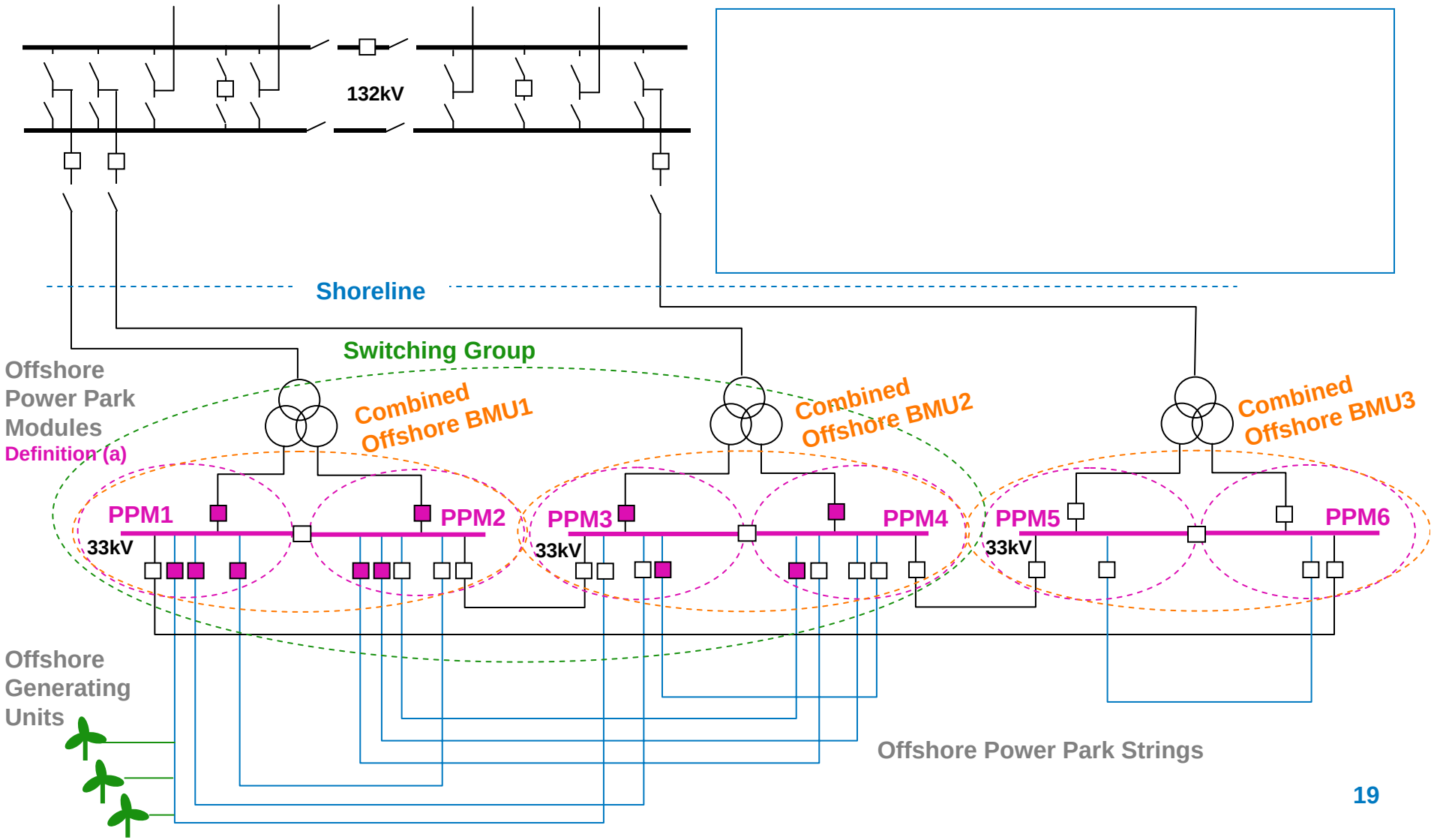

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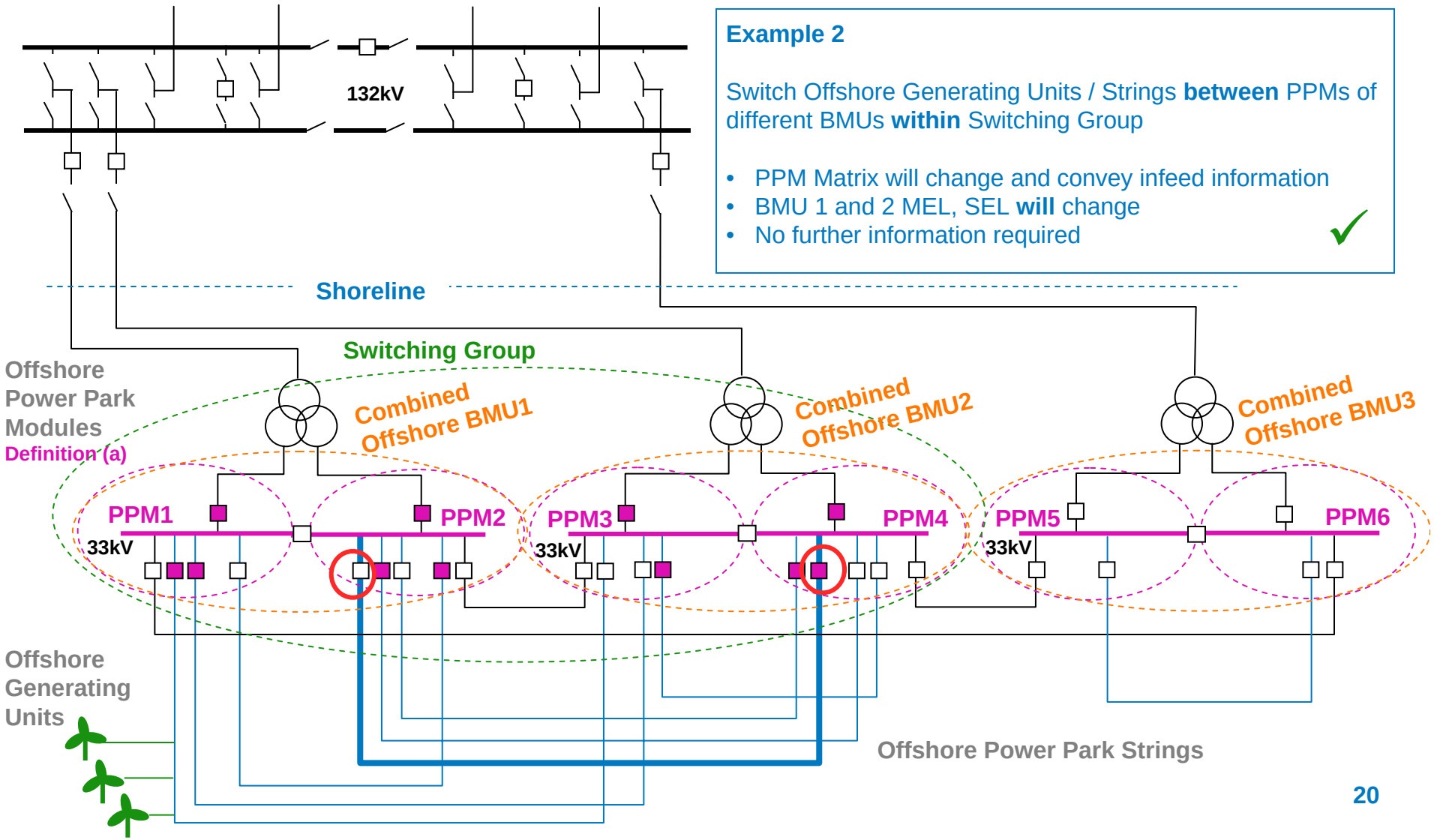

Example 2

Switch Offshore Generating Units / Strings **between** PPMs of different BMUs **within** Switching Group

- PPM Matrix will change and convey infeed information
- BMU 1 and 2 MEL, SEL **will** change
- No further information required ✓

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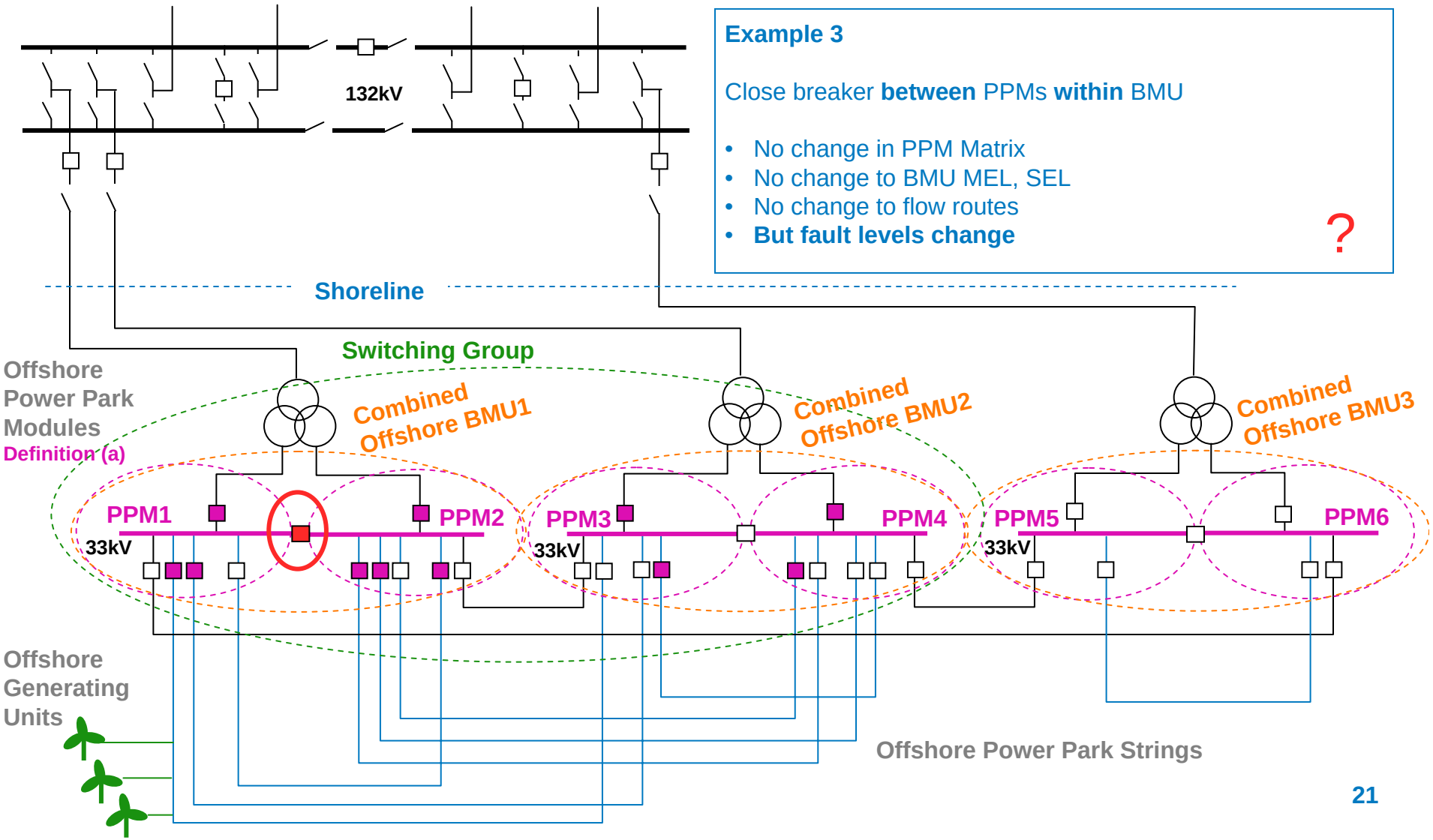

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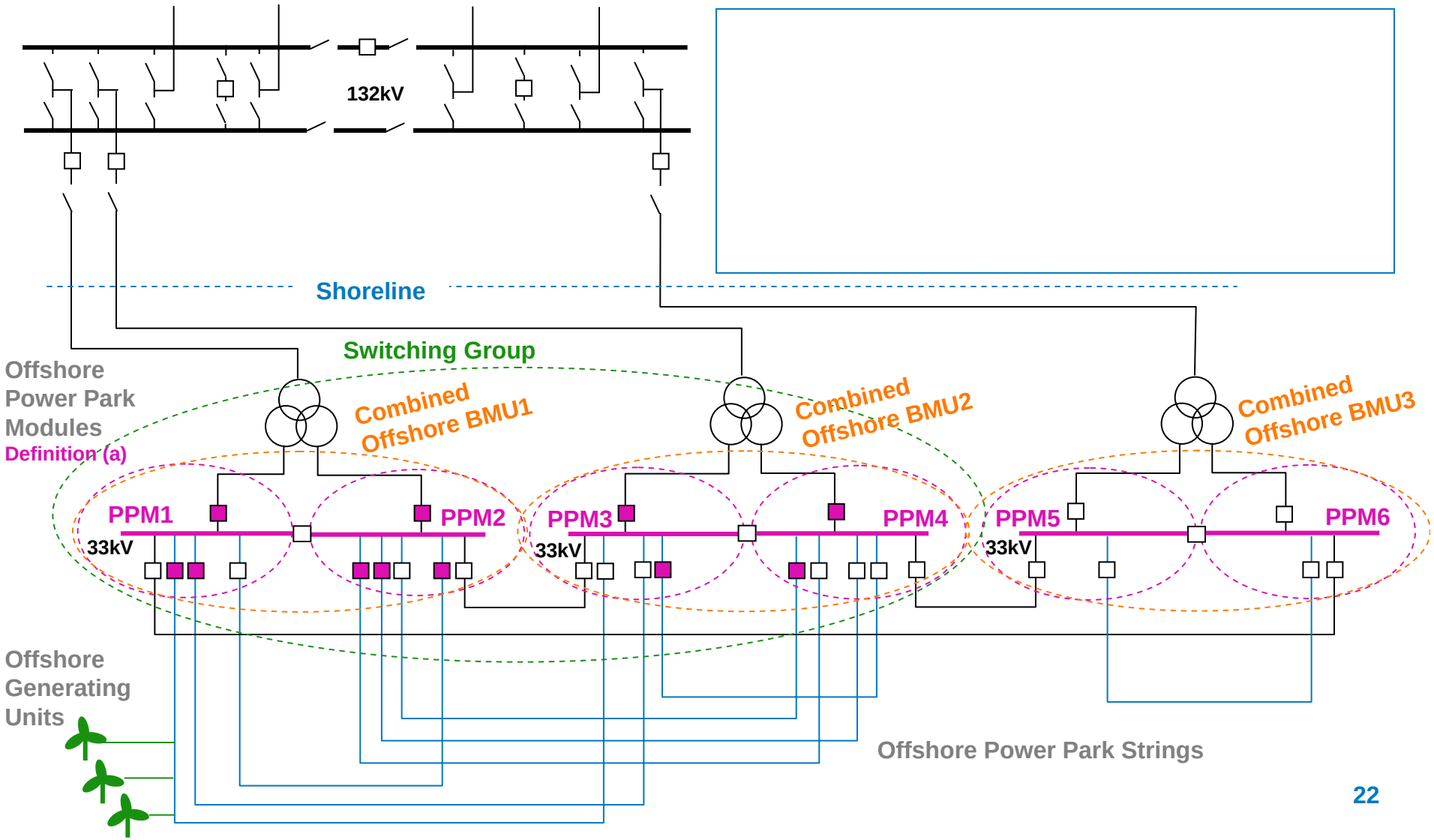

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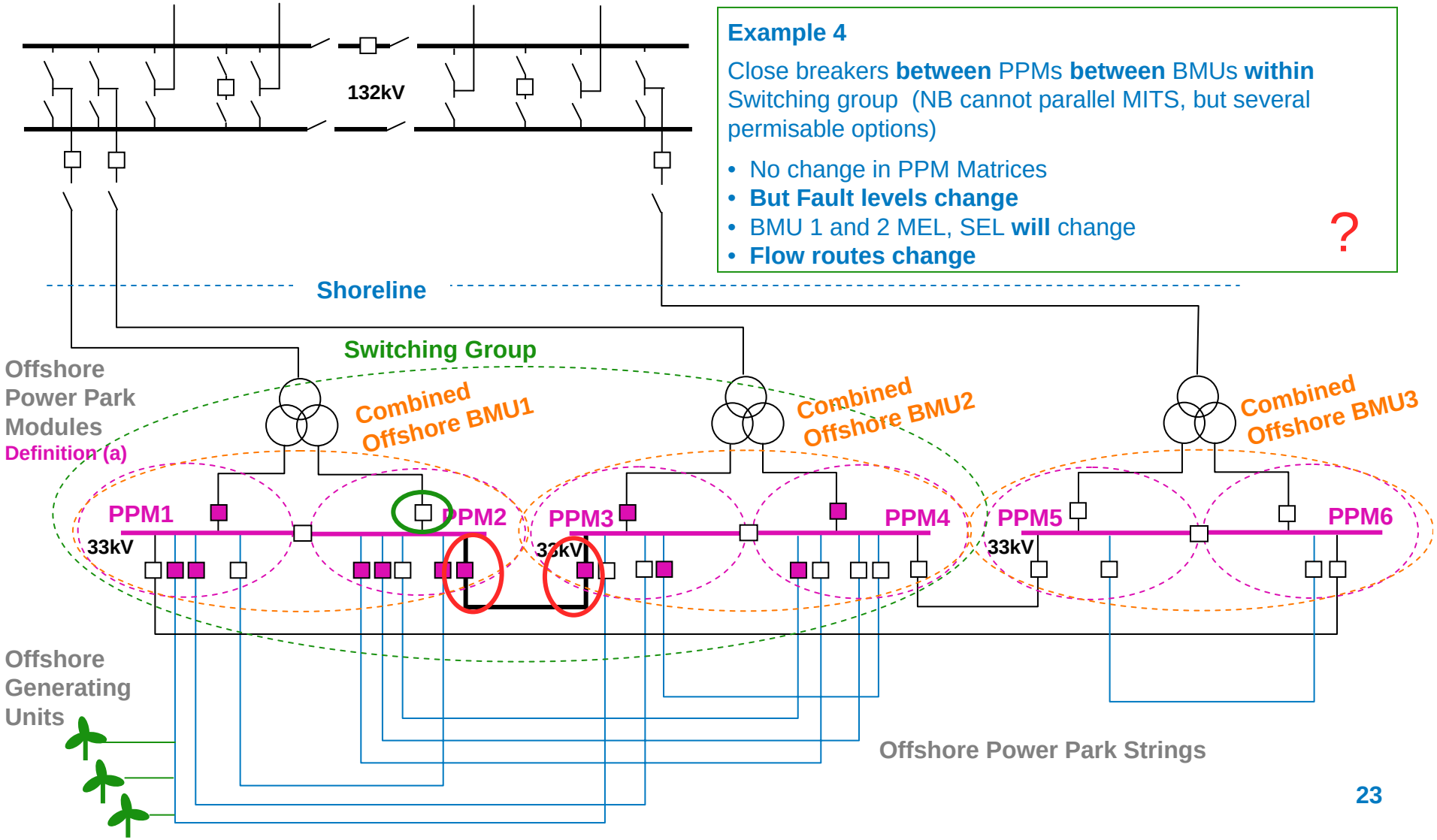

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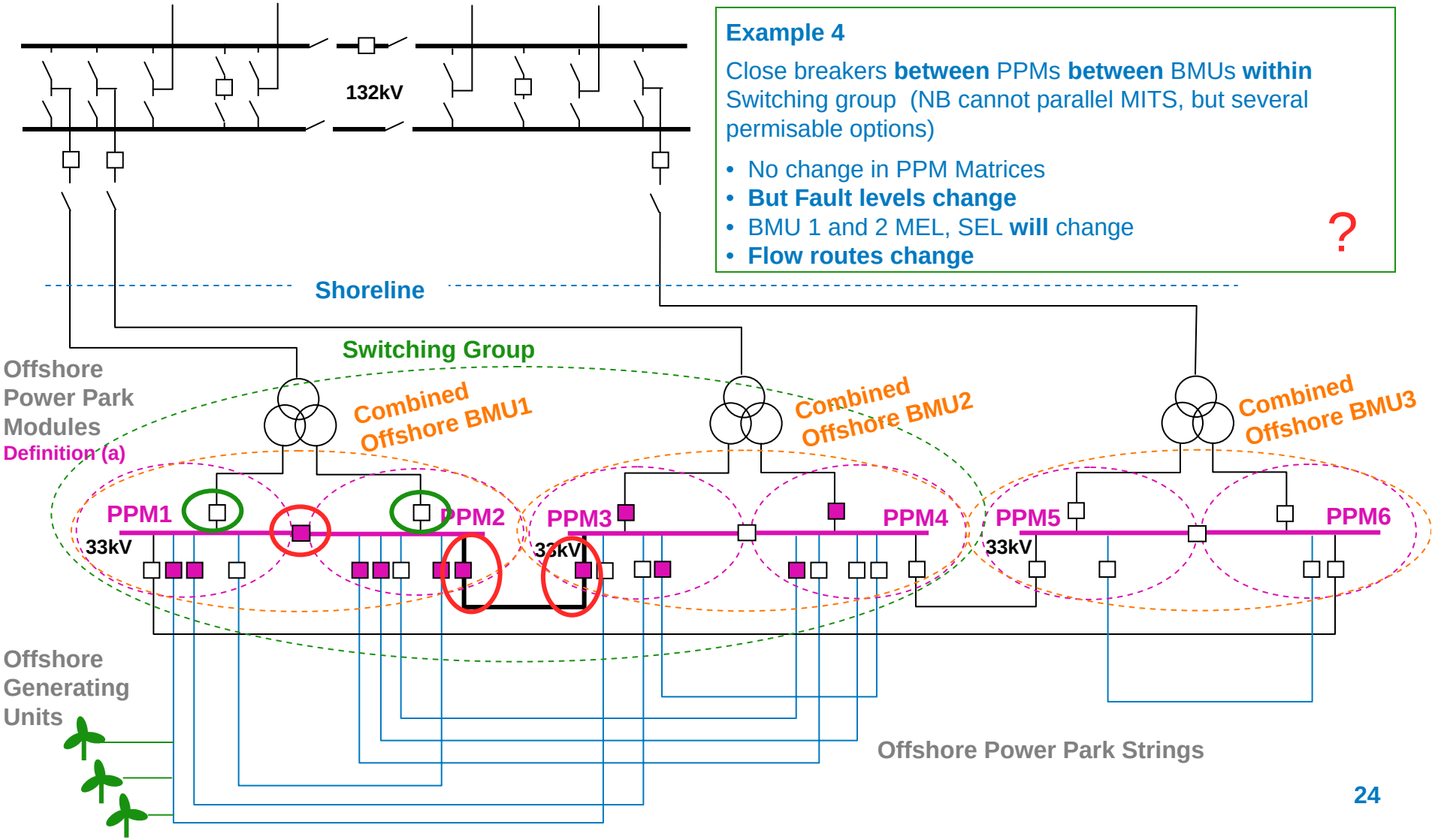

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    - Intended switch status of all switches System Operator operates

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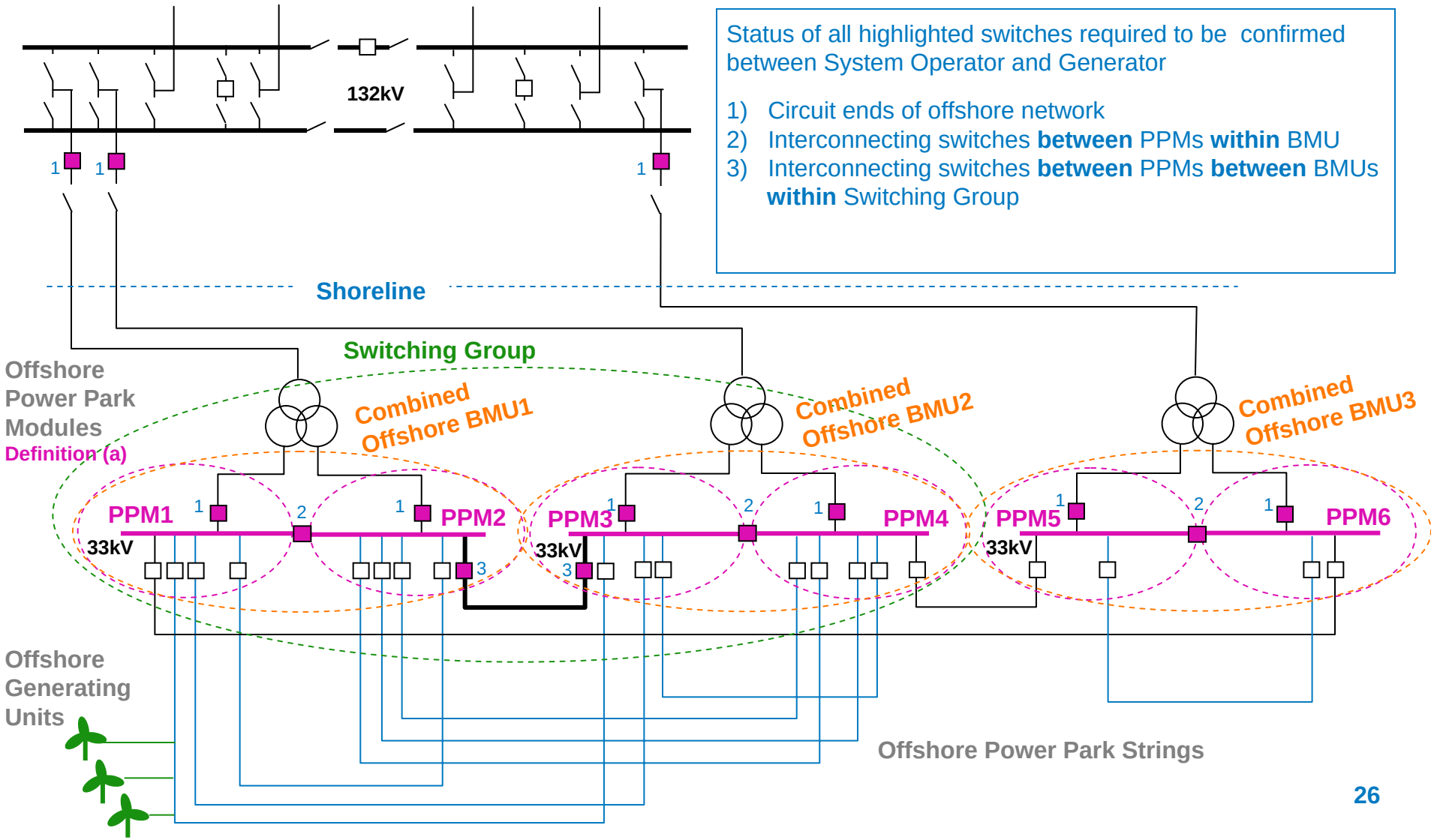

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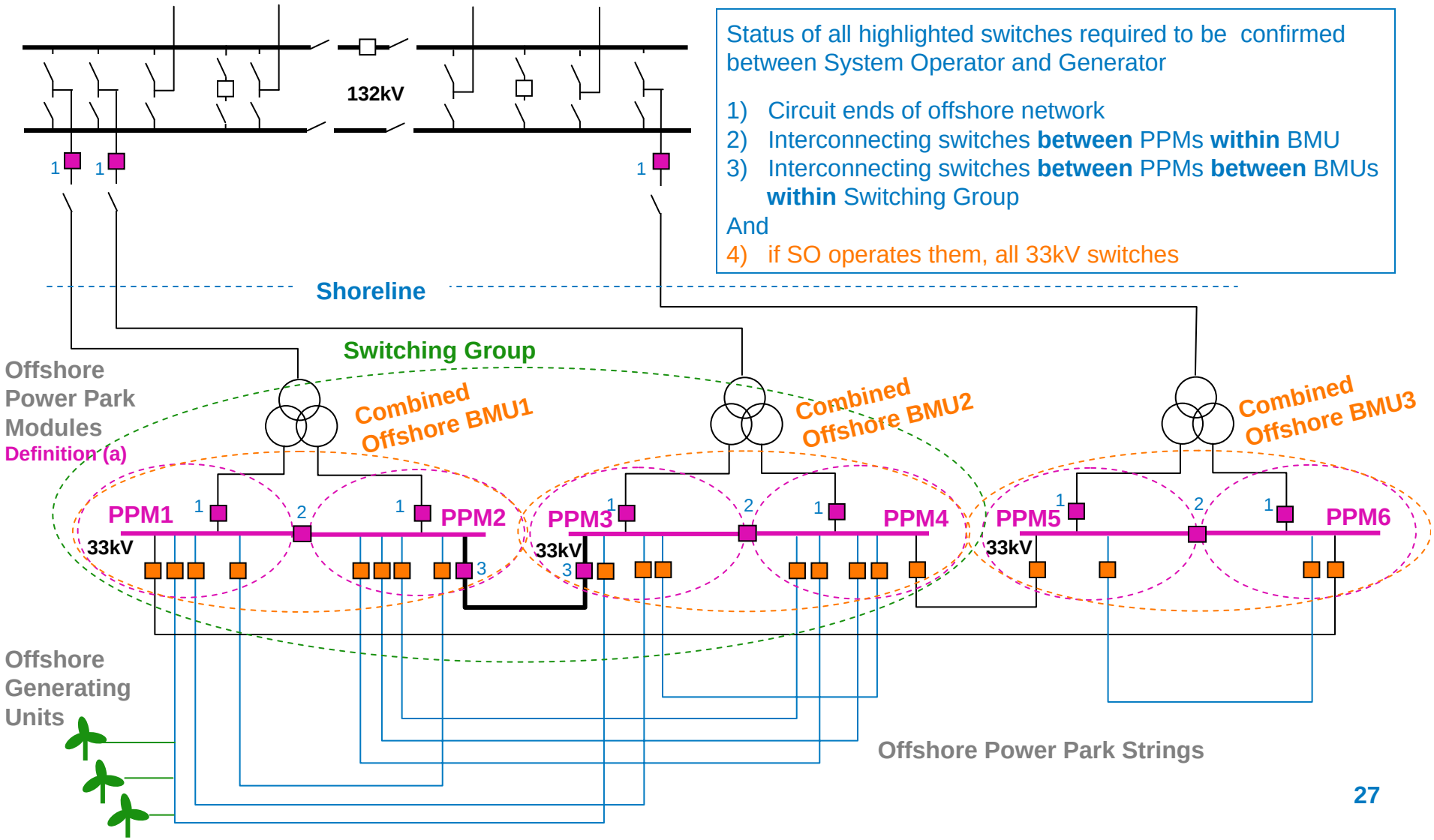

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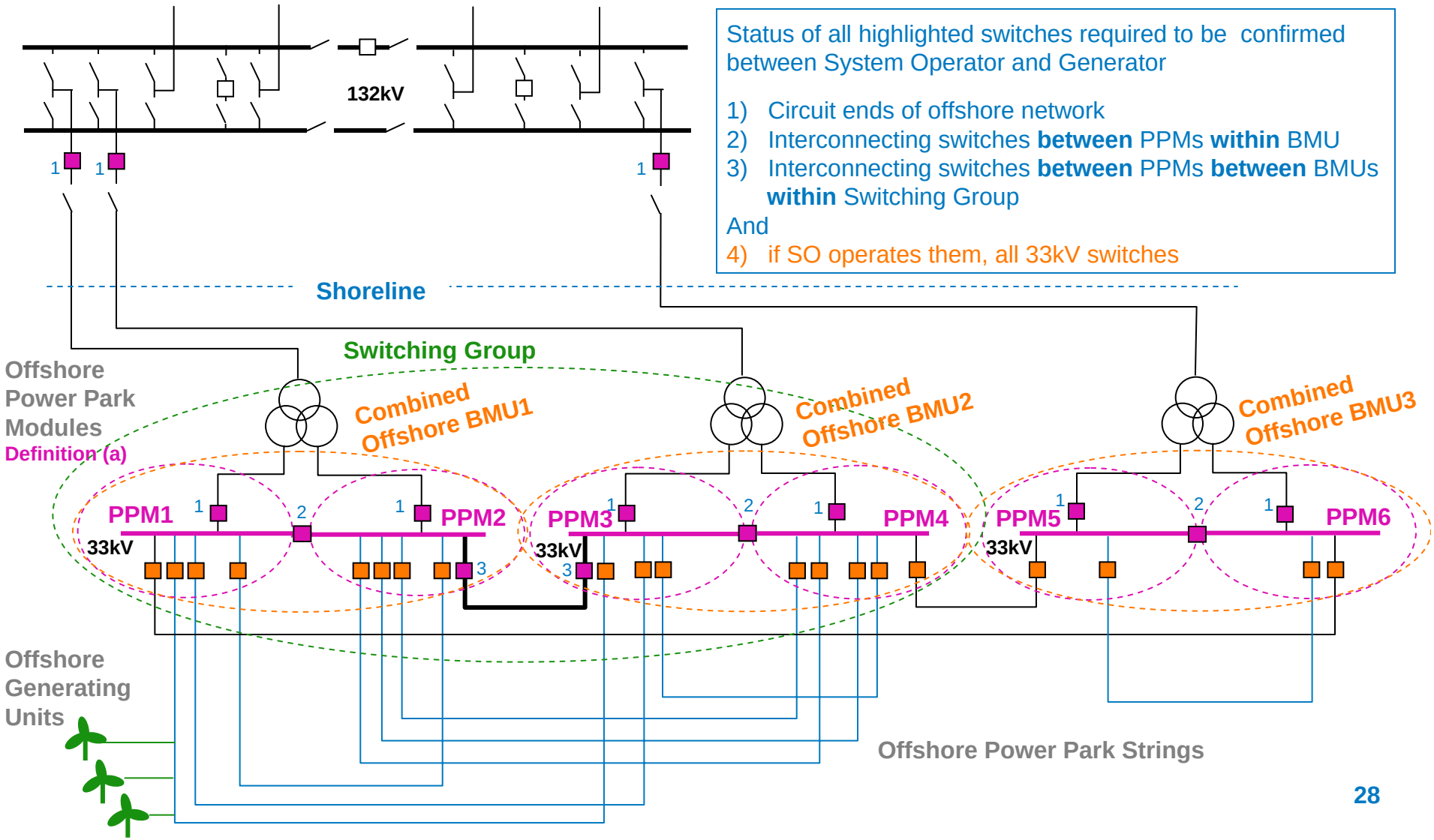

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BMU Configuration Diagram Process

- Standard configuration diagram to be agreed by National Grid and generator prior to BCAs being signed
- In operational timescales, National Grid and the generator will coordinate outages and determine whether any changes to the configuration (from standard) are required.
- Where changes are required, these will result in an Amended Configuration diagram, to be produced by National Grid. This will ideally be at week ahead; but by necessity may be at shorter timescales.
- The applicable configuration diagram, plus PPM matrix, will together provide the information required to allow the System Operators duties to be completed.

Proposed Grid Code Changes

- Regarding standard configuration:
  - Proposed Addition to OC2.4.2.1:
    (m) NGET and the generator shall agree a **Standard BMU Configuration** for the Offshore Power Park Module. NGET shall provide the generator with a **Standard BMU Configuration** Diagram to reflect the agreed standard configuration.
- Regarding amended configuration in operational timescales:
  - Proposed Addition to OC2.4.1.3.5:
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- New Grid Code definitions:
  - **Standard BMU Configuration** — The configuration agreed between the generator and National Grid
  - **Amended BMU Configuration** — The configuration agreed through the OC2 process to be adopted during fault or outage conditions