



FRONIUS PV-GENSET SOLUTION

/ Save fuel with Fronius PV-Genset systems



/ Diesel gensets and photovoltaic technology can be combined in perfect harmony. Although these technologies have rarely been in demand by the same users in the past, bringing the two generation systems together has now become extremely beneficial technically, ecologically and especially economically. To control the entire system the new Fronius PV-System Controller is the first choice. Fronius also provides support in planning the PV-Genset solution.

FRONIUS PV-GENSET SOLUTION MINIMISES COSTS

/ In remote areas or regions where the electricity supply is patchy or extremely expensive, grids powered by diesel gensets are an absolute must. The cost per kilowatt hour of electricity from a diesel genset is largely changeable, depending as it does on fuel and other variable costs. Only a small proportion is fixed. The costs can vary widely depending on country, transport distance and increasing oil costs on the global market ($\in 0.05 - 2.5$ per kWh).

/ The price trend in the photovoltaics sector is much more positive. Over the past few years the costs per kWh from PV systems have dropped dramatically around the globe (€ 0.07 - 0.14 per kWh).

/ For this reason there is a clear financial justification for integrating a Fronius PV-Genset solution into almost every diesel-powered system. Every unused diesel kWh saves money.



The load profile of an example load

- The area in red represents power from PV and therefore the saving in expensive diesel
- The difference between load and PV is met as before by the diesel genset

INTELLIGENT TECHNOLOGY

/ A stable PV-Genset system is the highest priority. Using photovoltaics must not result in diesel gensets being operated at unfavourable or prohibited operating points, where an increased load causes premature ageing. As a result it becomes absolutely essential that the inverters (and, where necessary, the diesel gensets too) in systems above a certain size are subject to an intelligent control mechanism.



/ A consistent power balance (reactive and effective power) must be guaranteed within a PV-Genset system at all times. Both the load and the PV power available are subject to fluctuations. In small PV systems (just as in systems with no PV element), these variations are met by the diesel genset. Yet if the power from the photovoltaics system is proportionally quite large, the entire system must be optimally controlled to obtain the best possible diesel savings. / This is where the Fronius PV-System Controller comes into play. By using data from the Fronius inverters together with load measurements (as well as diesel genset measurements were necessary), the entire system can be monitored. This allows the Fronius inverters to be controlled. If several diesel gensets are in use, then these too have to be controlled at the same time. Further potential for optimisation exists where controllable (in terms of time) loads can also be taken into account.

PROTECTING AND OPTIMISING THE DIESEL GENSET

/ The diesel genset is a fundamental part of the system. Protecting it has to take the highest priority, as losing the generator would cause the entire power supply to fail.

The Fronius PV-System Controller assumes the following functions:

- / Ensuring that the minimum number of diesel gensets needed are in use during any given situation.
- / Checking that the diesel gensets are always being used in a manner that has the lowest possible impact on service life, even at low loads.
- / Guarantees an extremely quick and responsive control over the PV output. As a result, power fluctuations are compensated immediately and the strain on the diesel genset is reduced dramatically.



/ Owing to the high level of dynamism exercised by the controller, the diesel genset can be operated under a steady load, thereby increasing service life and improving efficiency. Furthermore, this approach also enables the maximum diesel savings to be achieved.

OPTIMISING THE PV-GENSET SYSTEM

/ It is very easy for a small PV system in relation to the load to pay for itself financially, but it does not represent a costeffective form of optimisation. As the PV output never has to be restricted, the savings can simply be identified from the annual energy calculated in the respective region.

The difference between the costs of producing PV energy and the costs of producing electricity from diesel is normally quite large. The saving is therefore much higher if the size of the PV system has been designed so that temporary power restrictions are the norm. This significantly increases the amount of power supplied from photovoltaics. In order to identify the most cost-effective PV system size for each project, it is important to examine the insolation and load profile alongside the variable diesel power costs and the cost of the PV system.

Simulations are then used to calculate the highest possible savings that could be achieved. Fronius can provide you with unbeatable support in the planning of your PV-Genset system.

ONLINE SYSTEM MONITORING



/ Fronius Solar.web App

/ Every PV-Genset system can be designed, monitored, analysed and visualised at any time using the Fronius Solar.web online portal. Up-to-date system data can be accessed at any time and is clearly presented: the portal is very user-friendly and easy to use, and a comprehensive range of analysis functions is included.

/ Fronius Solar.web is also available as an app to allow you to check your PV system data from your smartphone at your own convenience.

PRODUCTS FOR THE FRONIUS PV-GENSET SOLUTION



/ Fronius Datamanager 2.0 Box

/ All Fronius inverters can be used in a PV-Genset system. The Fronius PV-System Controller assumes all control functions over the system. Depending on the configuration, the required measuring accessories will also be offered.

/ Due to the open nature of Fronius communication solutions, it is also possible to implement individual solutions containing third-party components. With the Fronius Datamanager 2.0 or Fronius Datamanager Box 2.0, it is possible to incorporate all components into a control system using Modbus RTU or TCP with the SunSpec Inverter Control Model.

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