

PV Diesel 101

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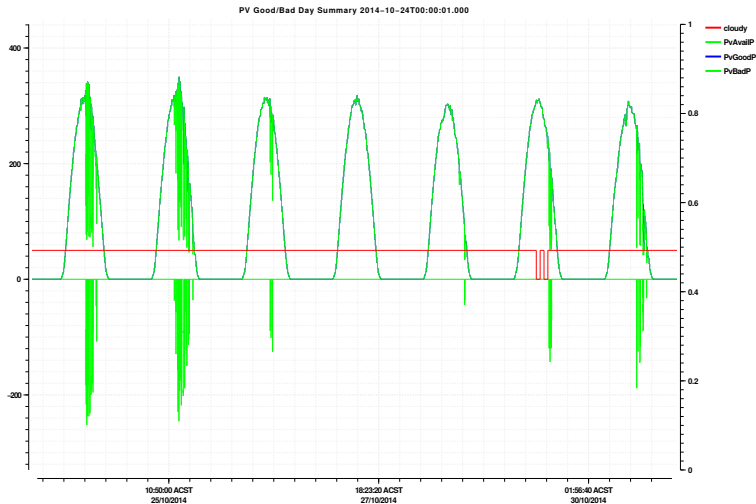
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- ▶ **Reactive Power (vars)**, regulates the voltage, similar to kW it must balance:
$$\text{GenQ} = \text{LoadQ}$$

Note that:

- ▶ Increasing P results in an increase F.
- ▶ And a decrease in P results in a decrease in F
- ▶ Similarly for Q and V.



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- ▶ **Setpoint control:** can be used to control output of devices but we need a mixture of Droop and Isochronous in order to balance the system.



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 1. Wind speed at 1000m = 5m/s
 2. Field is 50m across.
 3. Result is obvious, i.e. PV variability depends on wind speed.
- ▶ Low Penetration is limited to 10..20% (spinning reserve).

Dill Alert: Designs a power system where we keep 30kW of Spinning Reserve and try to install 60kW of PV.



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Examples are available from WA, AQ, AK, MY, ID, etc.

But its not off the shelf for larger systems.



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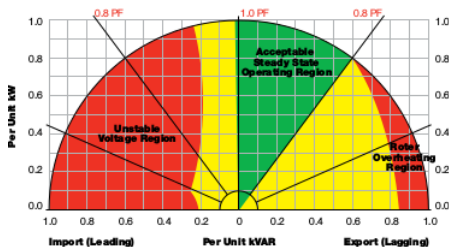


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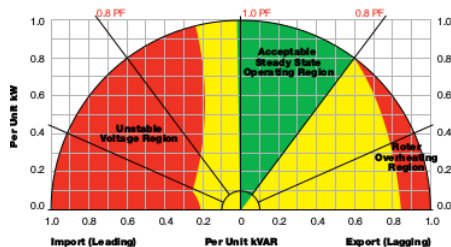


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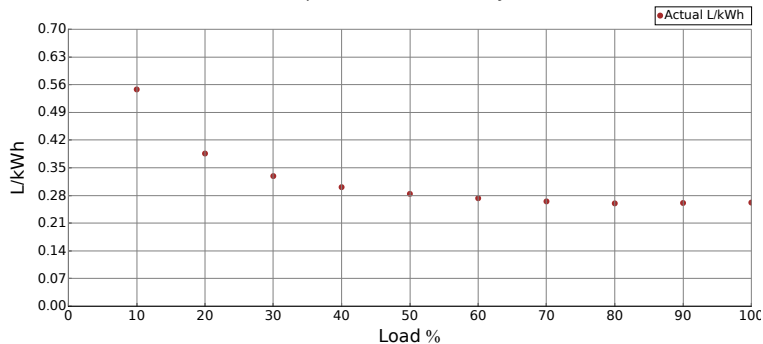


Dill Alert: At low loads my powerfactor is bad, panic

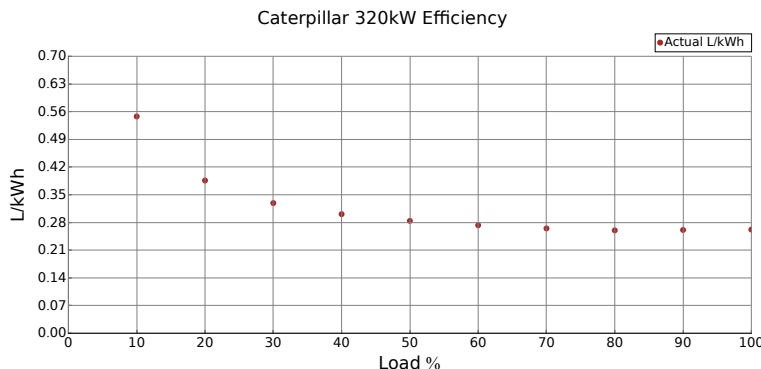


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Caterpillar 320kW Efficiency



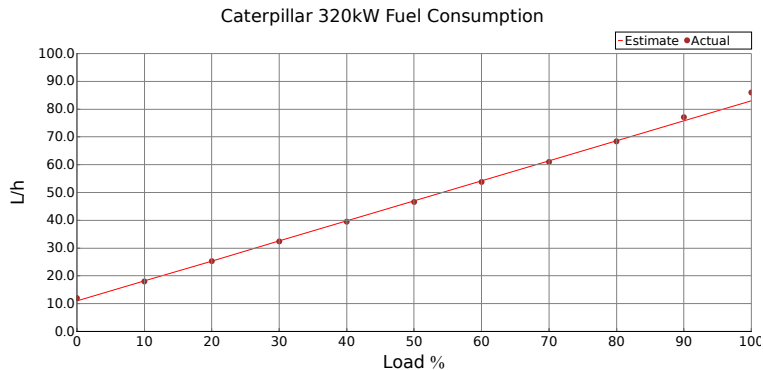
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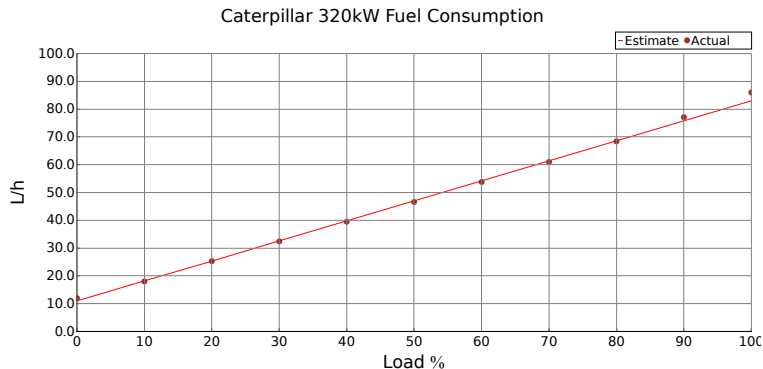
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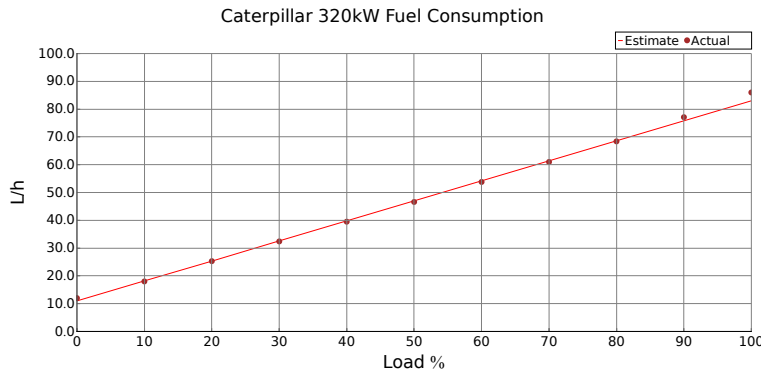
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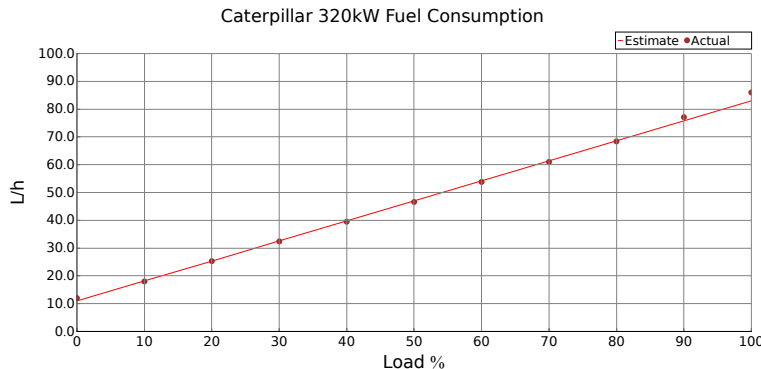
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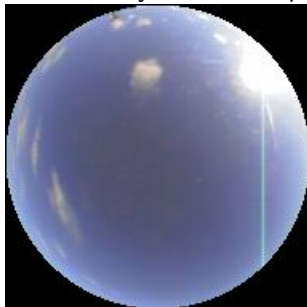
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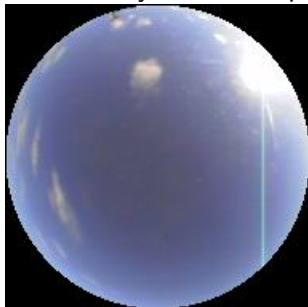
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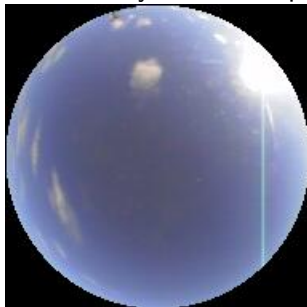


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Demand Management

Control LoadP so we can turn off load, perhaps using:

Green Power Point power iff there is excess green power.

Brown Power Point we assure power but there might be an outage for 2 minutes whilst we start a diesel.

Red Power Point always on.

The key thing is we need two way control and measurement. See **Saturn South**



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