

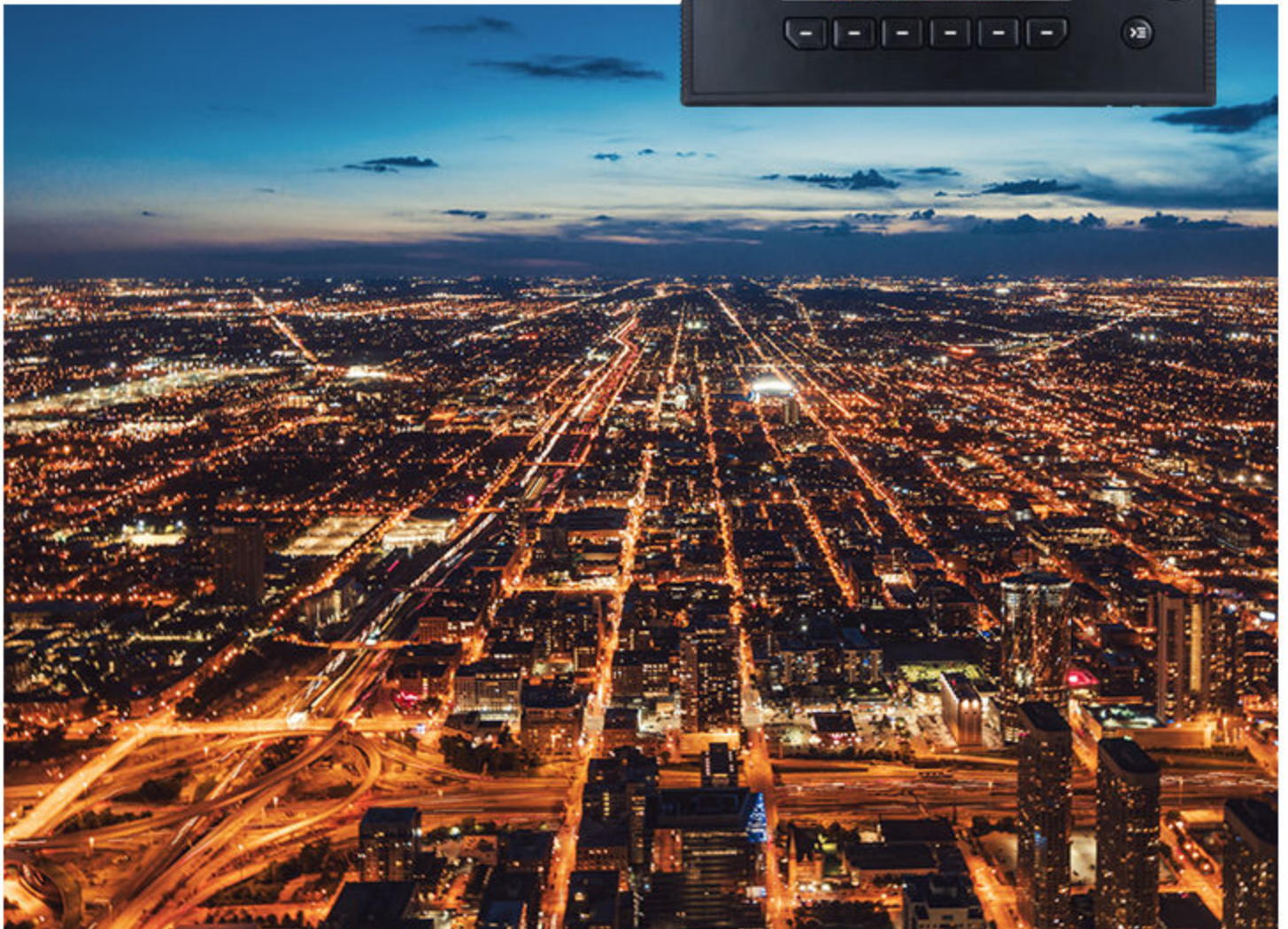
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Application notes

VDE AR-N 4105/4110 and G99 grid protection



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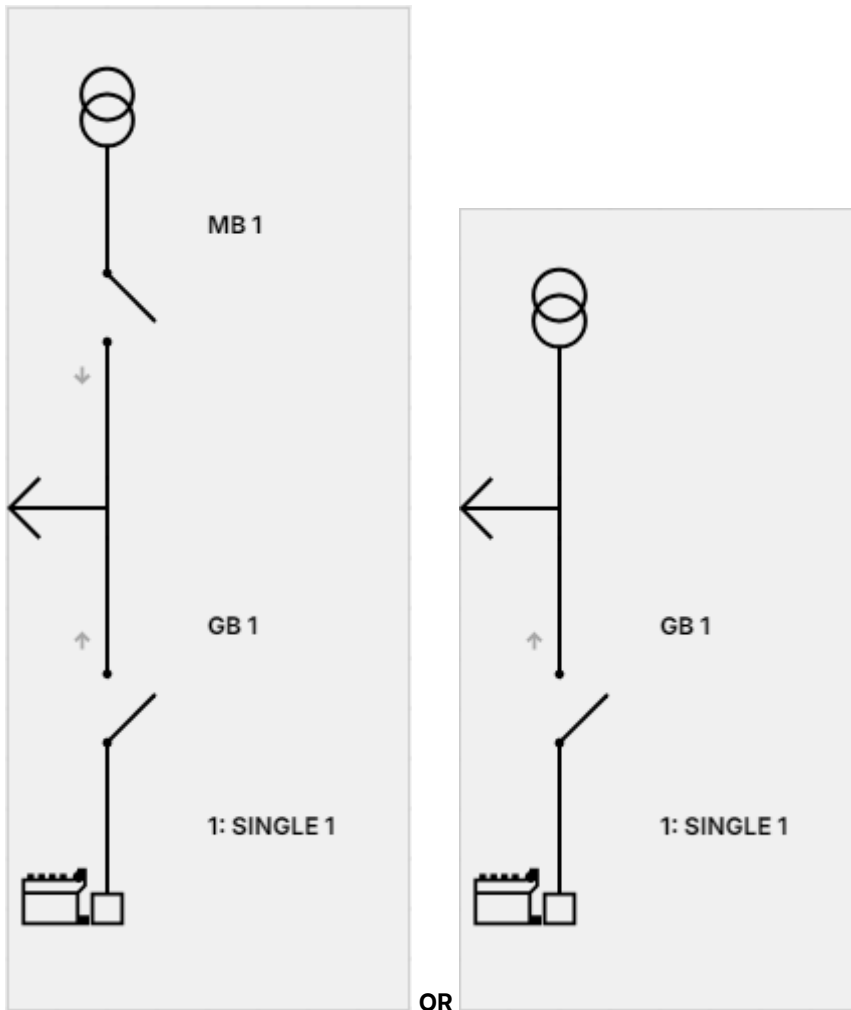
1. Introduction to grid protections

1.1 Grid protections

Grid protections is a group of functions for genset controllers. The functions allow the genset controller to meet VDE and G99 requirements, so that the genset connect to the grid.

Requirements

- The genset controller application must be a SINGLE GENSET controller with a mains connection.



- The controller must have *LC* software.
- The controller must have the *Premium Land* licence.
 - You can use *WebConfig > License manager* to check the controller licence.
- The measurements at the grid connection must meet the requirements in this document.
- For each protection, the controller parameters must be configured to meet the local grid requirements.

1.2 Using the controller to meet VDE requirements

The functions required by VDE 4105 and 4110 are activated when the controller has the grid connection licence (which is included in the *Premium Land* licence). The user can then configure the controller according to the requirements of the local grid provider.

1.3 Using the controller to meet G99 requirements

The functions required by G99 are activated when the controller has the grid connection licence (which is included in the *Premium Land* licence). The user can then configure the controller according to the requirements of the local grid provider.

1.4 Software version

This document is based on the following software:

Controller	Application software	PICUS
iE 250 (LC)	2.0.19.xx	1.0.28.xx

The defaults are generally based on the requirements from DIN VDE AR-N 4105, DIN VDE AR-N 4110 and G99. However, you must check all relevant parameters and settings (especially for LVRT and HVRT) before the generator set is started for the first time.

1.5 Grid voltage and genset power

Nominal grid voltage

Several functions are based on the nominal grid voltage. The user can use the generator nominal voltage. Alternatively, the user can define the nominal grid voltage by selecting *User defined* under *Mains > Nominal settings > Nominal settings [1 to 4] > Voltage (V) > Nominal value source*.

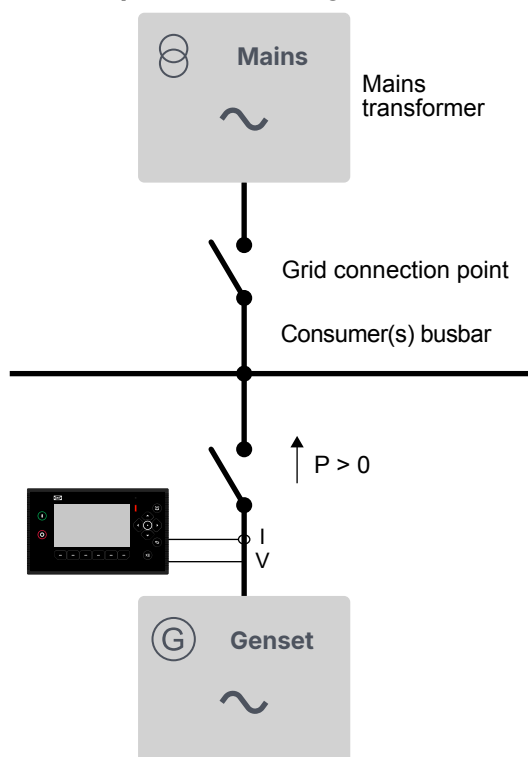
Nominal genset power

Several functions are based on the nominal genset power. The nominal genset power is defined in *Generator > Nominal settings > Nominal settings [1 to 4] > Power (P) > Nominal*.

1.6 Power direction

For all the protections, cos phi regulation, and the RRCR set points, the power from the genset is positive.

Positive power from the genset



NOTE For the reactive power direction, see [Reactive power direction for variants A, B, C and E](#).

1.7 Phase-phase or phase-neutral voltage

By default, the controller uses phase-phase voltage measurements. For some protections, you can use `AC setup` to select the phase-phase or phase-neutral voltage measurement.

1.8 Abbreviations and glossary

Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Explanation
AVR	Voltage regulator
BDEW	<i>Bundesverband der Energie- und Wasserwirtschaft</i> , German Association of Energy and Water Industries The VDE grid protections are a successor to the BDEW requirements.
FRT	Fault Ride Through
GOV	Speed regulator
HVRT	High Voltage Ride Through
LVRT	Low Voltage Ride Through
PICUS	DEIF's PC Utility software
P _{nom}	Genset nominal power
P _{ref}	The reference active power.
P %	Active power (P) as a percentage of the nominal power (P _{nom}).
Q _{nom}	Genset nominal reactive power Calculations generally assume that Q _{nom} = P _{nom} , although the generator capability curve is an exception.
Q _{ref}	The reference reactive power.
Q %	Reactive power (Q) as a percentage of the nominal power (P _{nom}).
RRCR	Radio Ripple Control Receiver Digital inputs can be used for external set point control. Digital outputs can be used to show the generator output.
U	Measured voltage
U _c	Nominal grid voltage
U _{nom}	Nominal genset voltage
VDE	<i>Verband der Elektrotechnik</i> , one of Europe's largest technical-scientific associations

Glossary

Term	Explanation
genset	An electricity generating set with controllable speed (governor) and excitation (AVR).
genset controller	The iE 250 genset controller.
grid	The national electricity supply. Also called <i>mains</i> .
plant	The power producing facility where the genset is located.

1.9 Safety, warnings and legal information

1.9.1 Safety during installation and operation

When you install and operate the equipment, you may have to work with dangerous currents and voltages. The installation must only be carried out by authorised personnel who understand the risks involved in working with electrical equipment.



DANGER!



Hazardous live currents and voltages

Do not touch any terminals, especially the AC measurement inputs or any relay terminals, as this could lead to injury or death.

1.9.2 Factory settings

The unit is delivered from the factory with default settings. These are not necessarily correct for the engine/generator set. Check all the settings before running the engine/generator set.

1.9.3 Legal information

DEIF takes no responsibility for installation or operation of the generator set. If there is any doubt about how to install or operate the engine/generator controlled by the controller, the company responsible for the installation or the operation of the set must be contacted.

NOTE The controller is not to be opened by unauthorised personnel. If opened anyway, the warranty will be lost.

1.9.4 Disclaimer

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2. External measurements, inputs and outputs

2.1 AC measurements at the grid connection

For the grid protections, the AC measurements (voltage and power) **must** be at the grid connection point.

Voltage measurement

Mains > AC setup > Connection point voltage measurement

Name	Range	Notes
Source	None External Analogue input	None: This is not allowed for grid protections. A connection point voltage measurement is required. External: The controller gets the connection point voltage using Modbus. Analogue input: A controller analogue input is connected to an external measurement of the voltage. The analogue input must be assigned the function Mains > Analogue > Connection point voltage measurement [V], and configured for the external measurement.

Power measurement

Mains > AC setup > Mains power measurement

Name	Range	Notes
Source	None I4 Analogue input	None: This is not allowed for grid protections. A power measurement is required. I4: The controller's 4th current transformer measures the current at the grid connection point. The controller uses this measurement with the voltage measurement to calculate the power. Analogue input: A controller analogue input is connected to an external measurement of the power. The analogue input must be assigned the function Mains > Analogue > P total [kW], and configured for the external measurement. Another controller analogue input is connected to an external measurement of the reactive power. The analogue input must be assigned the function Mains > Analogue > Q total [kvar], and configured for the external measurement.

NOTE To use these measurements for grid protections, you must also enable the [Remote sensing](#) parameters.

2.1.1 Using a transducer for voltage measurements

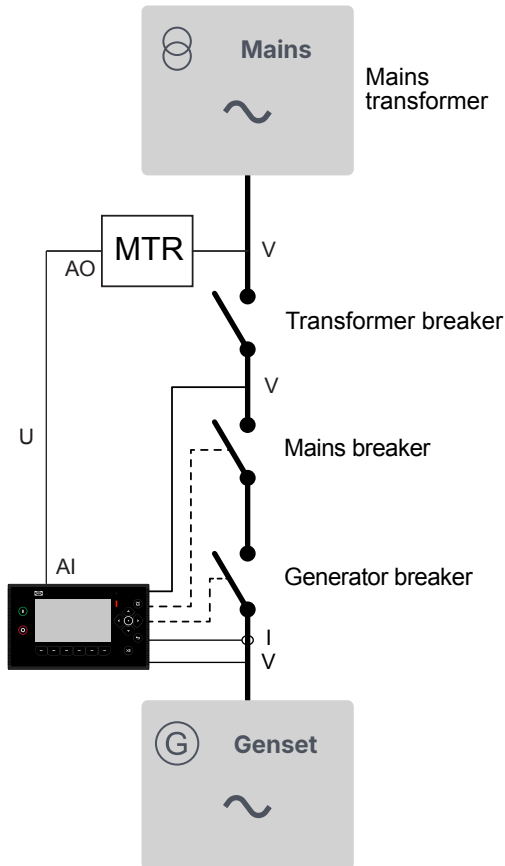
The $Q(U)$ *U-shift* and $Q(U)$ *Q-shift* functions can be based on a 4 to 20 mA grid voltage signal from a meter at the grid connection point. This is useful if there is a significant voltage drop in the measurement lines between the connection point and the controller.

NOTE When using an external analogue input, the wire break monitoring function must be activated. A fallback function must also be configured in case the input fails.

Voltage measurements from a DEIF MTR

The 4 to 20 mA signals from a DEIF MTR can be connected to a multi-input on the controller.

Example for voltage measurement as an analogue input from the grid connection point



To use an analogue input for the voltage at the grid connection:

- In the parameter `Mains > AC setup > Connection point voltage measurement > Source`, select *Analogue input*.
- For the analogue input function, select `Mains > Analogue > Connection point voltage measurement [V]`.

2.2 Priority of set point inputs

The regulation set points in the controller are either internal set points, or external set points. There are a number of different sources for external set points. The controller uses the following priority order for the regulation set points:

1. RRCR (highest priority)
2. If activated, and the frequency is outside the frequency deadband: Active power droop curve
3. Modbus
4. Controller analogue inputs
5. Internal set point

2.3 Set point outputs

The controller can output the P, Q and cos phi set points using analogue outputs and/or Modbus. See the **Modbus tables**.

You can use these analogue output functions:

- Regulators > GOV > GOV regulator reference [kW]
- Regulators > AVR > AVR regulator reference [kvar]
- Regulators > AVR > Cos phi reference []

2.4 Display design

You can use the *Display designer* in PICUS to create grid connection dashboards. A wide range of data is available to display, including:

- Functions > Analogue output functions > Mains > Frequency (f) (from voltage) > Mains | L1
- Functions > Analogue output functions > Mains > Frequency (f) (from voltage) > Mains | Avg.
- Functions > Analogue output functions > Generator > Frequency (f) (from voltage) > Generator | L1
- Functions > Analogue output functions > Generator > Frequency (f) (from voltage) > Generator | Avg.
- Functions > Analogue output functions > Grid code > Reactive power regulation > Ramp switch timer

3. Grid protection functions

3.1 Power ramps

The controller has four sets of power ramps that are used during operation, and relevant for grid protections. You can configure a ramp up and ramp down curve for each set of power ramps.

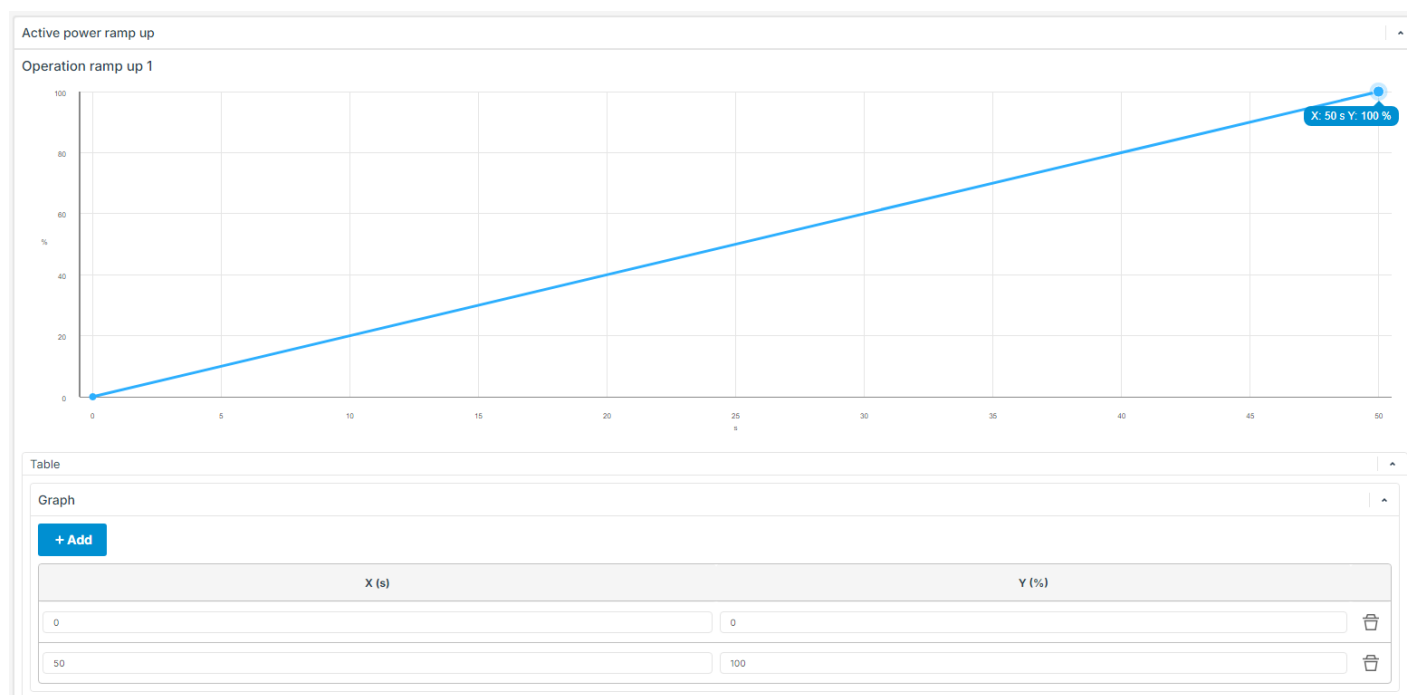
There are also ramps for entering operation, and deloading, but these ramps are not relevant for grid protections.

By default, ramp 1 is enabled. You can enable ramps 2 to 4 under `Regulators > GOV > Regulation set points > Active power ramp configuration`.

Ramp 1: Normal operation

`Regulators > GOV > Regulation set points > Active power ramp up > Operation ramp up 1`

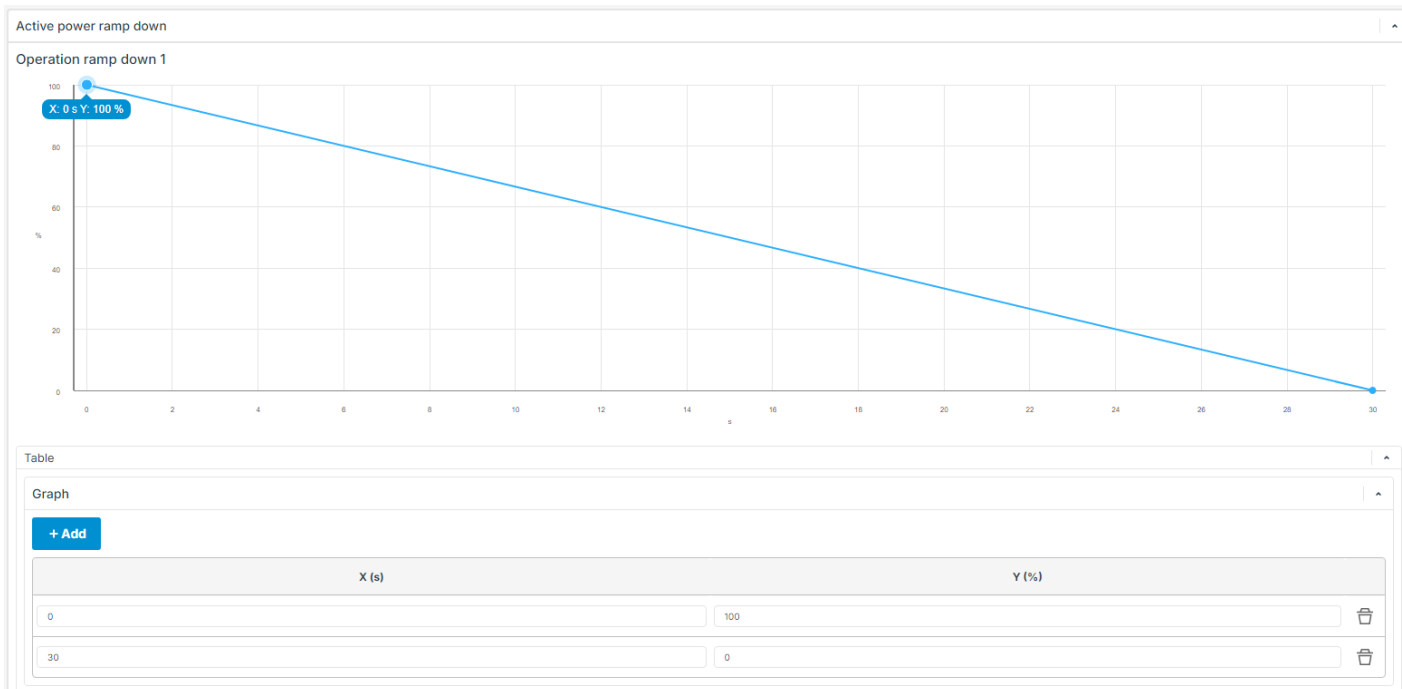
Name	Range	Notes
Table > Graph > X (s)	0.0 to 3600.0 s	Time
Table > Graph > Y (%)	0 to 100 % of the generator nominal power	Power



`Regulators > GOV > Regulation set points > Active power ramp down > Operation ramp down 1`

Name	Range	Notes
Table > Graph > X (s)	0.0 to 3600.0 s	Time
Table > Graph > Y (%)	0 to 100 % of the generator nominal power	Power

Example of *Operation ramp down 1* curve:



Ramp 2: Frequency/voltage outside the deadband

Ramp 2 is used when the frequency (for frequency-dependent active power droop) or voltage (for voltage-dependent active power droop) is outside the deadband. See [Over- and under-frequency-dependent active power](#).

Use these parameters to configure ramp 2:

Regulators > GOV > Regulation set points > Active power ramp up > Operation ramp up 2

Regulators > GOV > Regulation set points > Active power ramp down > Operation ramp down 2

Ramp 3: Recovery after frequency and/or voltage outside the deadband

Ramp 3 is used when the frequency or voltage is back in the deadband, but the timer for the recovery is still running after a grid under- or over-frequency, or under- or over-voltage. See [Frequency-dependent active power droop](#) and [Voltage-dependent active power droop](#).

Use these parameters to configure ramp 3:

Regulators > GOV > Regulation set points > Active power ramp up > Operation ramp up 3

Regulators > GOV > Regulation set points > Active power ramp down > Operation ramp down 3

Ramp 4: Recovery after a grid disconnection

Ramp 4 is used after a disconnection from the grid due to a grid protection, to ramp again after reconnection. See [Mains sync inhibit \(reconnection after a grid protection trip\)](#).

Use these parameters to configure ramp 4:

Regulators > GOV > Regulation set points > Active power ramp up > Operation ramp up 4

Regulators > GOV > Regulation set points > Active power ramp down > Operation ramp down 4

3.2 Reactive power ramp

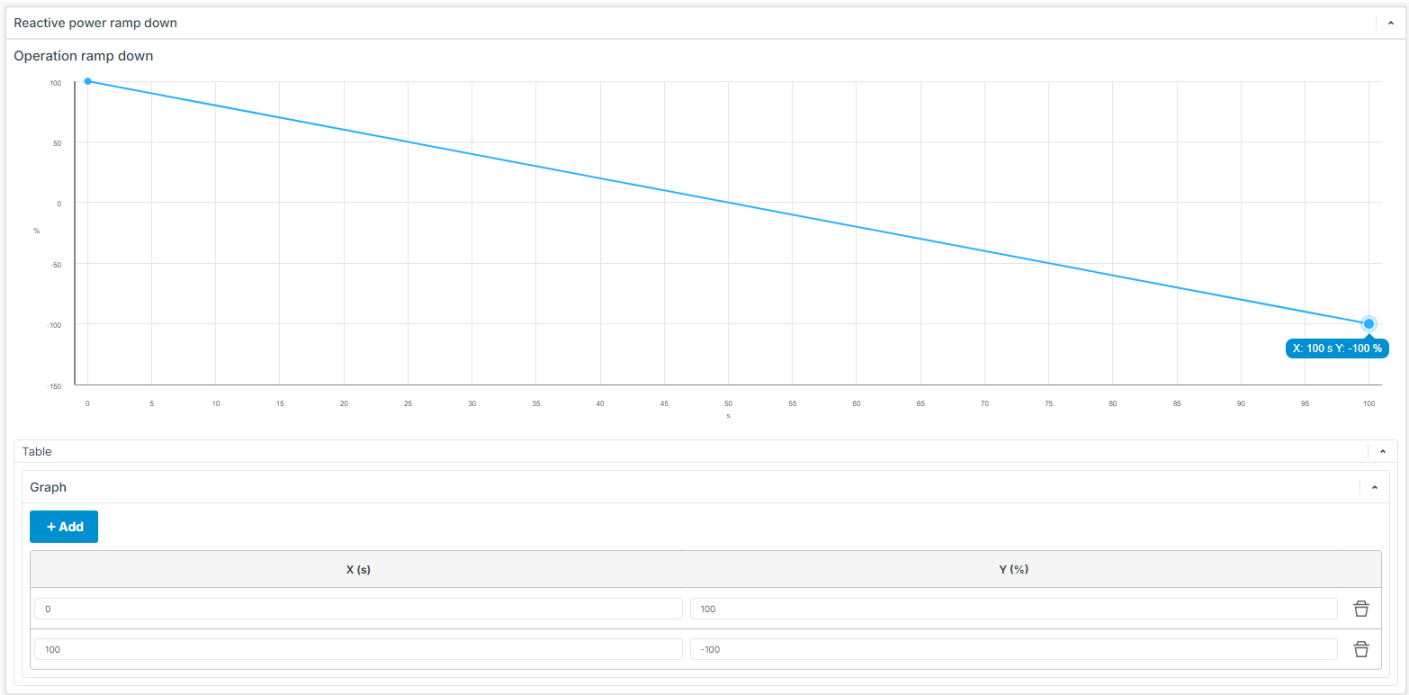
Ramp functions are available for reactive power regulation. The ramp is used when the controller increases or decreases the reactive power.

Parameters

Regulators > AVR > Regulation set points > Reactive power operation ramp

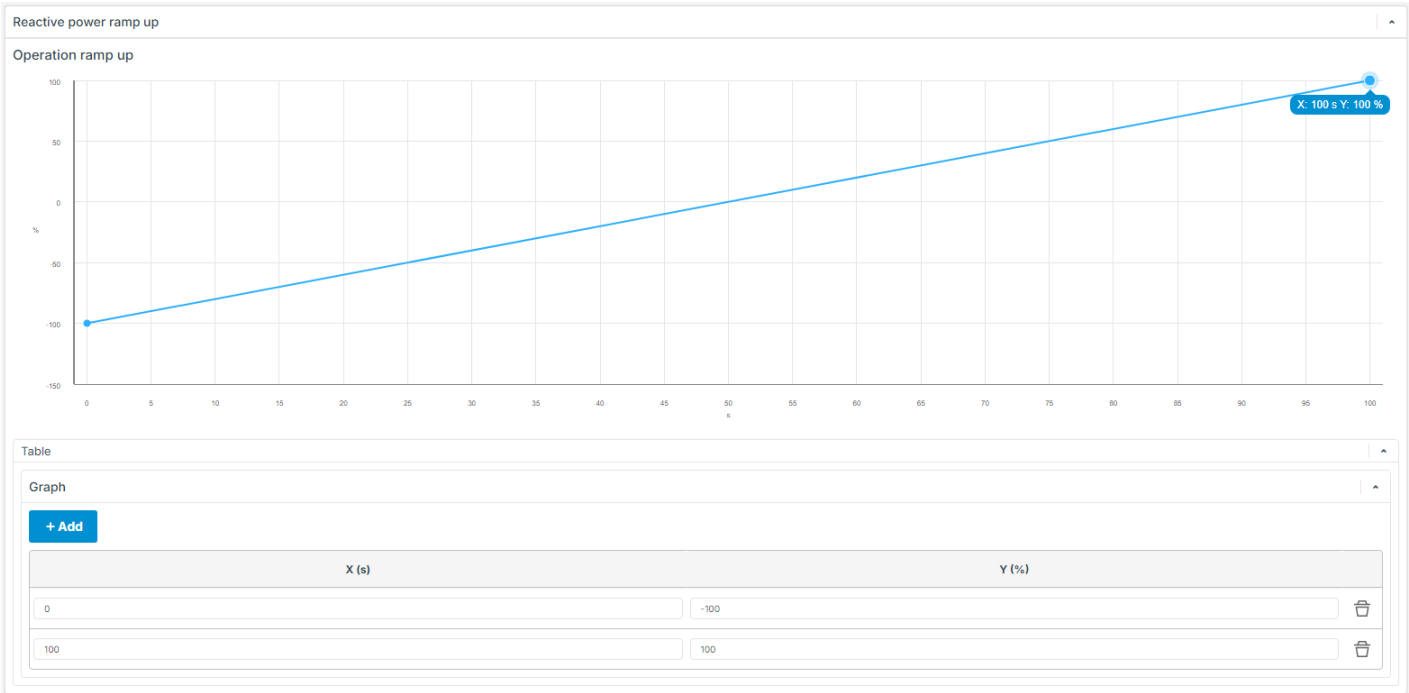
Name	Range	Notes
Enable ramping	Linear Time constant	Linear: The curves defined in <i>Reactive power ramp up</i> and <i>Reactive power ramp down</i> are used. Time constant: <i>Time constant</i> is used.
Time constant	1.0 to 30.0 s	Time constant is selected: PT1-based time constant.

Regulators > AVR > Regulation set points > Reactive power ramp up



Use the table to configure the reactive power ramp up curve.

Regulators > AVR > Regulation set points > Reactive power ramp down



Use the table to configure the ramp down curve.

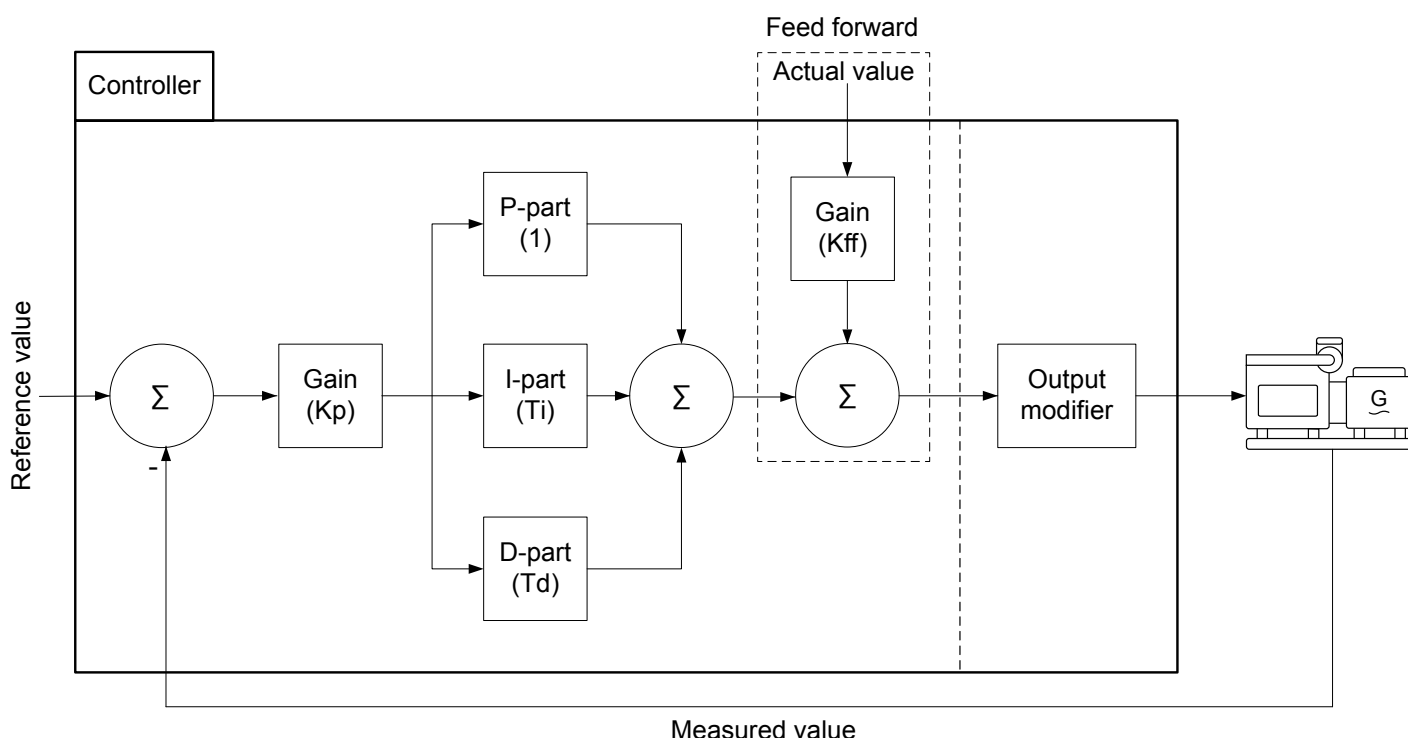
3.3 Feed forward

You can use the feed forward function to improve the regulation loop performance. You can activate the power regulator feed forward function. This suppresses the effect of frequency disturbances. You can also activate the reactive power regulator feed forward function to suppress voltage disturbances.

For example, without feed forward, if the frequency on the busbar increases, the controller could decrease the power from the genset. With feed forward, the effect of the busbar frequency change is minimised. Similarly, without feed forward, if the busbar voltage drops, the controller could reduce the reactive power from the genset. With feed forward, the effect of the busbar voltage change is minimised.

NOTE To support the grid and respond to frequency and voltage disturbances, the controller uses [over- and under-frequency-dependent active power](#) and [reactive power regulation](#) functions.

How the feed forward function works



For the power regulator feed forward function:

1. The controller calculates the PID regulation.
2. The controller calculates a contribution from the actual frequency and the configured gain.
3. The controller adds the feed forward contribution to the regulation output.

Parameters

Grid code > Feed forward

Parameter	Range	Notes
Reactive power gain	0.00 to 50.00	Q FF KFF: The reactive power feed forward gain*.
Reactive power enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enable the reactive power regulator feed forward.
Active power gain	0.00 to 50.00	P FF KFF: The power feed forward gain*.
Active power enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enable the active power regulator feed forward.

Calculating the feed forward gain

To calculate the gain for a frequency disturbance (*P FF KFF*), you need the frequency range for the governor. For a symmetrical system, you can assume that the governor output in the middle of the range is 0.5. You can then calculate KFF using this formula:

$$KFF = \text{Governor output} / ((\text{Frequency}/\text{Nominal frequency}) - 1)$$

The gain for a voltage disturbance (*Q FF KFF*) is similar.



Power feed forward gain example

For example, for a nominal frequency of 60 Hz, the governor range is 56 to 64 Hz, that is ± 4 Hz. When the frequency is 62 Hz, the governor output is 0.5.

$$KFF = 0.5 / ((62 \text{ Hz} / 60 \text{ Hz}) - 1) = 15$$



Reactive power feed forward gain example

For example, for a nominal voltage of 1 p.u., the AVR range is 0.88 to 1.12 p.u., that is ± 0.12 p.u. When the voltage is 1.06 p.u., the AVR output is 0.5.

$$KFF = 0.5 / ((1.06 / 1) - 1) = 8.3$$

3.4 RRCR

The grid can use a Radio Ripple Control Receiver (RRCR) for load management. The controller uses digital inputs from the RRCR for its power and reactive power references.

The controller can also have digital outputs to the RRCR to communicate the generator operating values.

CustomLogic is used to connect the RRCR inputs to the controller references. Similarly, CustomLogic is used to translate operating values into RRCR outputs. This makes the RRCR configuration in the controller completely flexible.

RRCR inputs

To use the RRCR inputs, you must select `Grid code > RRCR > Inputs enable`.

Assign the RRCR signals to controller digital inputs by using the functions in `Grid code > RRCR > RRCR input [1 to 4]`.

RRCR outputs

To use the RRCR outputs, you must select `Grid code > RRCR > Outputs enable`.

Assign the RRCR signals to controller digital outputs by using the functions in `Grid code > RRCR > RRCR output [1 to 4]`.

CustomLogic project

To use CustomLogic, you must select `Local > CustomLogic > Configuration > Enable`.



More information

To help you get started, DEIF has created a CustomLogic project to use as a template for RRCR. You can download this project from the controller documentation page (*RRCR project.xml* under *Application Notes*).

In PICUS, under CustomLogic, select *Open Project*. Select *RRCR project.xml*. PICUS loads 25 CustomLogic blocks. Blocks 0 to 15 connect the four RRCR input states to controller reference selections and set points. Blocks 16 to 24 connect the controller active power to the four RRCR digital outputs. Adjust the CustomLogic project to meet the grid RRCR requirements, then write it to the controller.

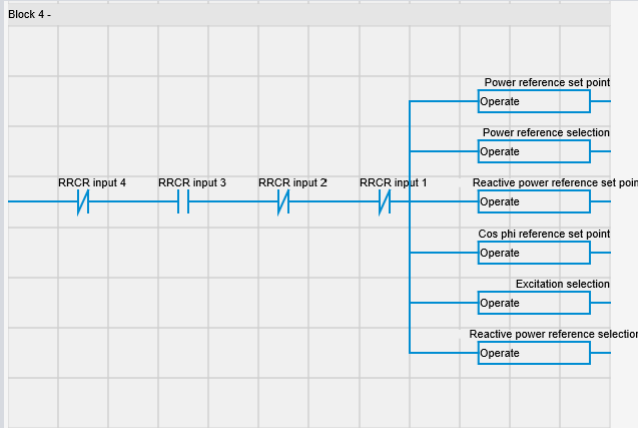


More information

See **CustomLogic** in the **PICUS manual**.



Configuring RRCR inputs



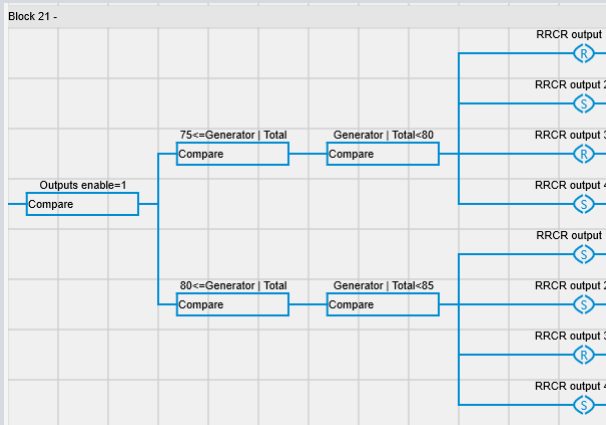
For block 4: The controller carries out the actions defined on the right only when ALL of these conditions are met:

- RRCR input 4 is OFF
- RRCR input 3 is ON
- RRCR input 2 is OFF
- RRCR input 1 is OFF

That is, if the conditions are met for block 4 in for the CustomLogic template for RRCR, then the power reference is activated, and the power reference set point is changed to 40 %.



Configuring RRCR outputs



For block 21:

Outputs enable=1: The *Outputs enable* parameter must be selected to continue on the logic ladder.

75<=Generator | Total: The total generator power must be more than 75 % of its nominal power to continue on the logic ladder.

Generator | Total<80: The total generator power must be less than 80 % of its nominal power to continue on the logic ladder.

Top branch: The generator power is between 75 and 80 %:

- CustomLogic deactivates RRCR output 1
- CustomLogic activates RRCR output 2
- CustomLogic deactivates RRCR output 3
- CustomLogic activates RRCR output 4

3.5 Frequency offset

To compensate for disturbances during testing, you can enable a frequency offset.

Parameters

Grid code > Frequency offset

Name	Range	Notes
Frequency offset enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller adds the frequency offset to the frequency reference.
Frequency offset source	External External → Off	External: The controller uses the frequency offset from an analogue input with the function <code>Grid code > Frequency offset > Frequency offset [Hz]</code> . The controller does not check whether a valid value is present. External → Off: The controller checks if the frequency offset value is valid before using it. If the offset value is not valid, the controller uses 0 Hz as the offset.

3.6 Mains sync inhibit (reconnection after a grid protection trip)

If enabled, the *Mains sync inhibit* function inhibits mains breaker (MB) synchronisation after a grid protections trip.

As shown in the flowchart, the recovery timer (*Recovery delay select time*) is used to check whether the grid recovers quickly. If the grid recovers within this time, the short grid interruption timer (*Recovery delay 1 time*) starts. If the grid does not recover within this time, the controller waits until the grid recovers, then runs the long timer (*Recovery delay 2 time*).

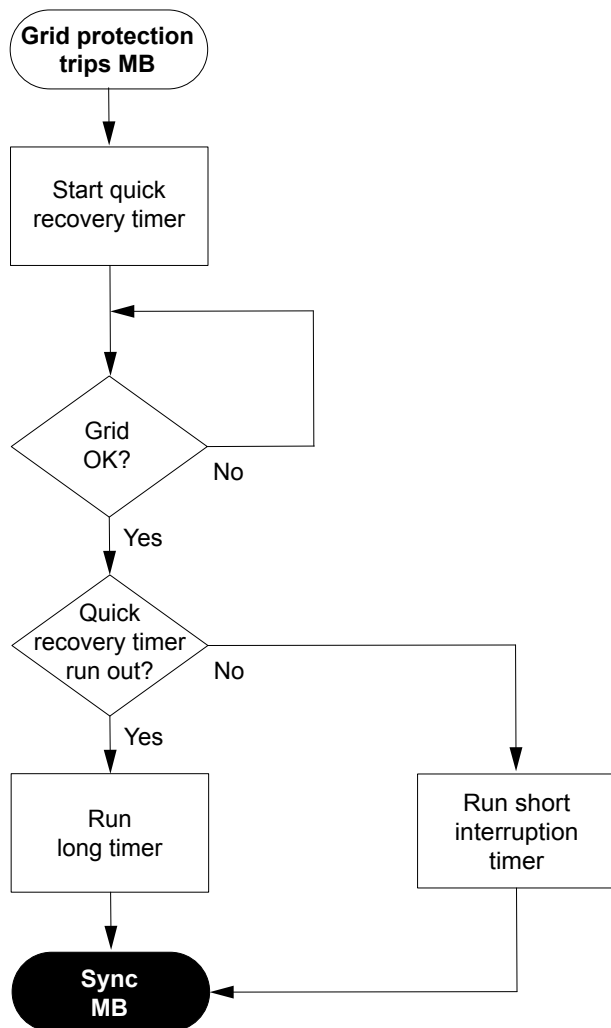
When the short or long timer runs out, the controller can synchronise the MB.

Parameters

Grid code > Mains sync inhibit

Name	Range	Notes
Enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller inhibits MB synchronisation after a grid protections trip.
Voltage low limit	80 to 100 % of the nominal voltage	Grid OK: The grid voltage must be higher than this limit.
Voltage high limit	100 to 120 % of the nominal voltage	Grid OK: The grid voltage must be lower than this limit.
Frequency low limit	90.0 to 100.0 % of the nominal frequency	Grid OK: The grid frequency must be higher than this limit.
Frequency high limit	100.0 to 110.0 % of the nominal frequency	Grid OK: The grid frequency must be lower than this limit.
Recovery delay select time	0.0 to 20.0 s	The grid quick recovery timer.
Recovery delay 1 time	0.0 to 60.0 s	The short grid interruption timer.
Recovery delay 2 time	0.0 to 2000.0 s	The long timer.
Action	Alarm actions	The alarm action when the grid is not OK, and/or the timers are running.

Flowchart



Examples

For these examples, the mains sync inhibit function is enabled.

- *Recovery delay select time* is 3.0 s.
- *Recovery delay 1 time* is 5.0 s.
- *Recovery delay 2 time* is 600.0 s.



Quick grid recovery

A grid connection function trips the mains breaker. The grid is OK again within 2.0 seconds.

The grid quick recovery timer runs for 2.0 seconds, then the grid is OK. The short grid interruption timer then runs for 5.0 s. The controller can therefore synchronise the mains breaker after 7.0 s.



Long recovery

A grid connection function trips the mains breaker. It takes 300 seconds before the grid is OK again.

The grid quick recovery timer runs for 3.0 seconds, but the grid is not OK. After 300 s, the grid is okay and the long timer starts. The long timer then runs for 600 s. The controller can therefore synchronise the mains breaker 900 s (15 minutes) after the initial trip.

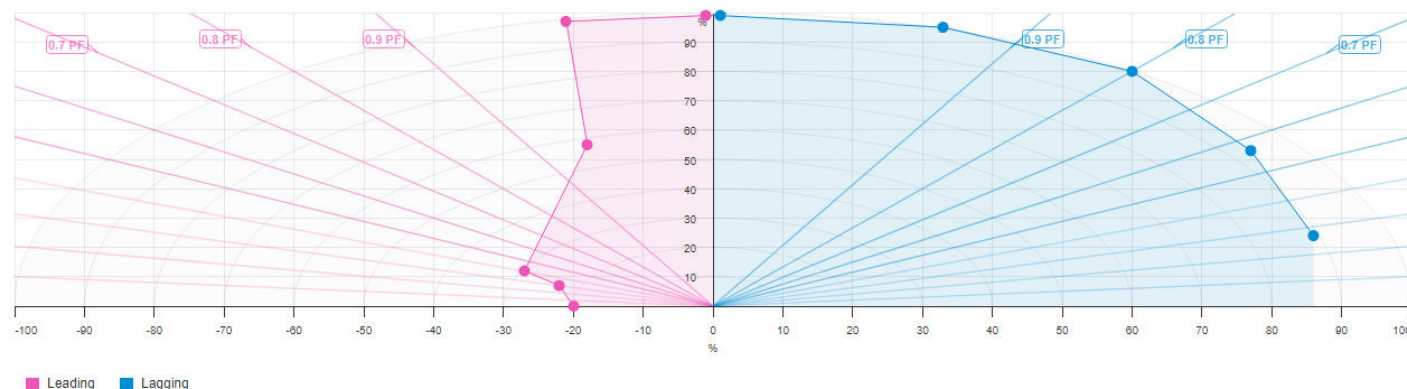
3.7 Capability curve

Active power-dependent reactive power limiting is a generator protection feature. It limits the reactive power production relative to actual power production.

Active power-dependent reactive power limiting can use the generator steady state reactive power capability curve. The actual curve depends on the generator. The curve should be included in the generator's data sheet. Contact the generator manufacturer to get this information.

To activate the reactive power limitation based on the capability curve, enable `Grid code > Capability curve > Protections > Import protection` and/or `Export protection`. Power and reactive power co-ordinates define the curves for import of reactive power (leading), and export of reactive power (lagging).

Example of generator capability curve



The table below lists some of the terms that are used to describe the left and right side of this diagram.

Left side	Right side
Leading	Lagging
Capacitive	Inductive
Import*	Export*
Under-excited	Over-excited
Absorption	Injection

NOTE * The controller software uses *Import* and *Export*.

If the set point for reactive power is outside the limiting curve, the controller restricts the reference to the regulator. When the reactive power set point moves inside the limiting curve, the controller regulates reactive power (or $\cos \phi$).

Protections can also be activated to disconnect the generator from the grid.

The *AVR limiting set point* defines when regulation is stopped. If this parameter is *100 %*, the controller regulates all the way to the capability curve. For *95 %*, regulation stops at 5 % away from crossing the limit curve.

3.7.1 Parameters for capability curve

These parameters define the active power-dependent reactive power limiting.

Generator > Nominal settings > Nominal settings [1 to 4] > Apparent power (S)

Name	Range	Notes
Nominal	12.5 to 25000.0 kVA	Nominal apparent power

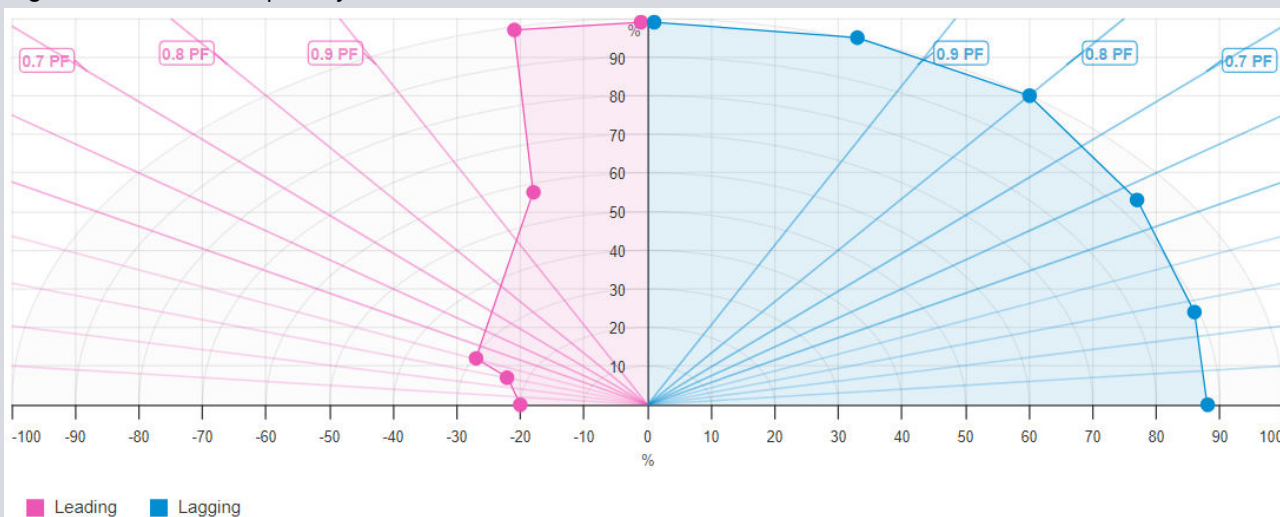
Grid code > Capability curve > Configuration

Name	Range	Notes
Enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the capability curve.
Capability margin	0.0 to 100.0 %	The cos phi/reactive power regulation stop with respect to the capability curve. That is, this value adjusts each of the X-axis values of the capability curve. See the example.
y-axis nominal select	Apparent power (S) Power (P)	Select the y-axis for the capability curve.

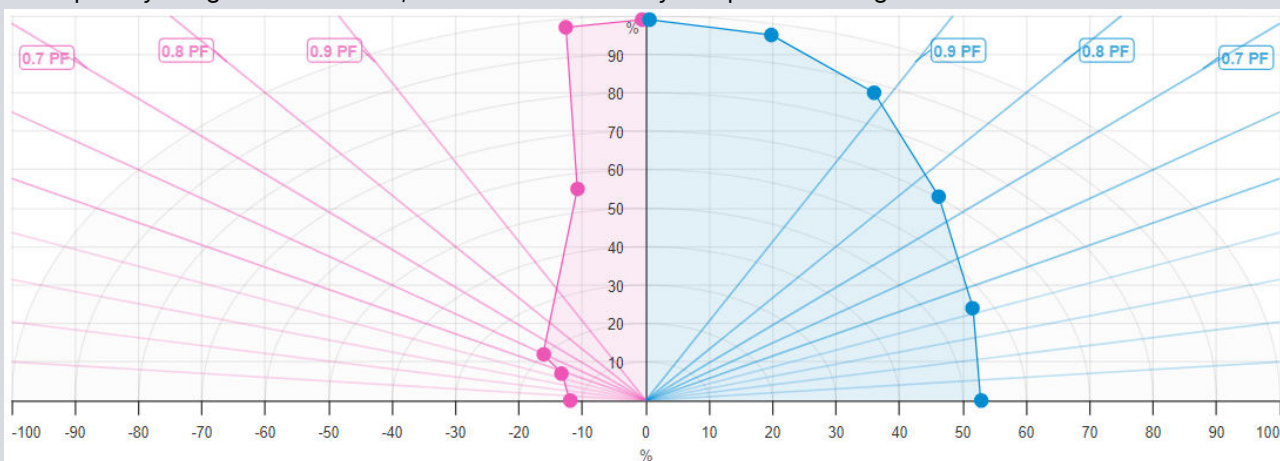


Capability margin example

A generator has this capability curve:



If a capability margin of 0.6 is used, the curve is effectively compressed along the X-axis:



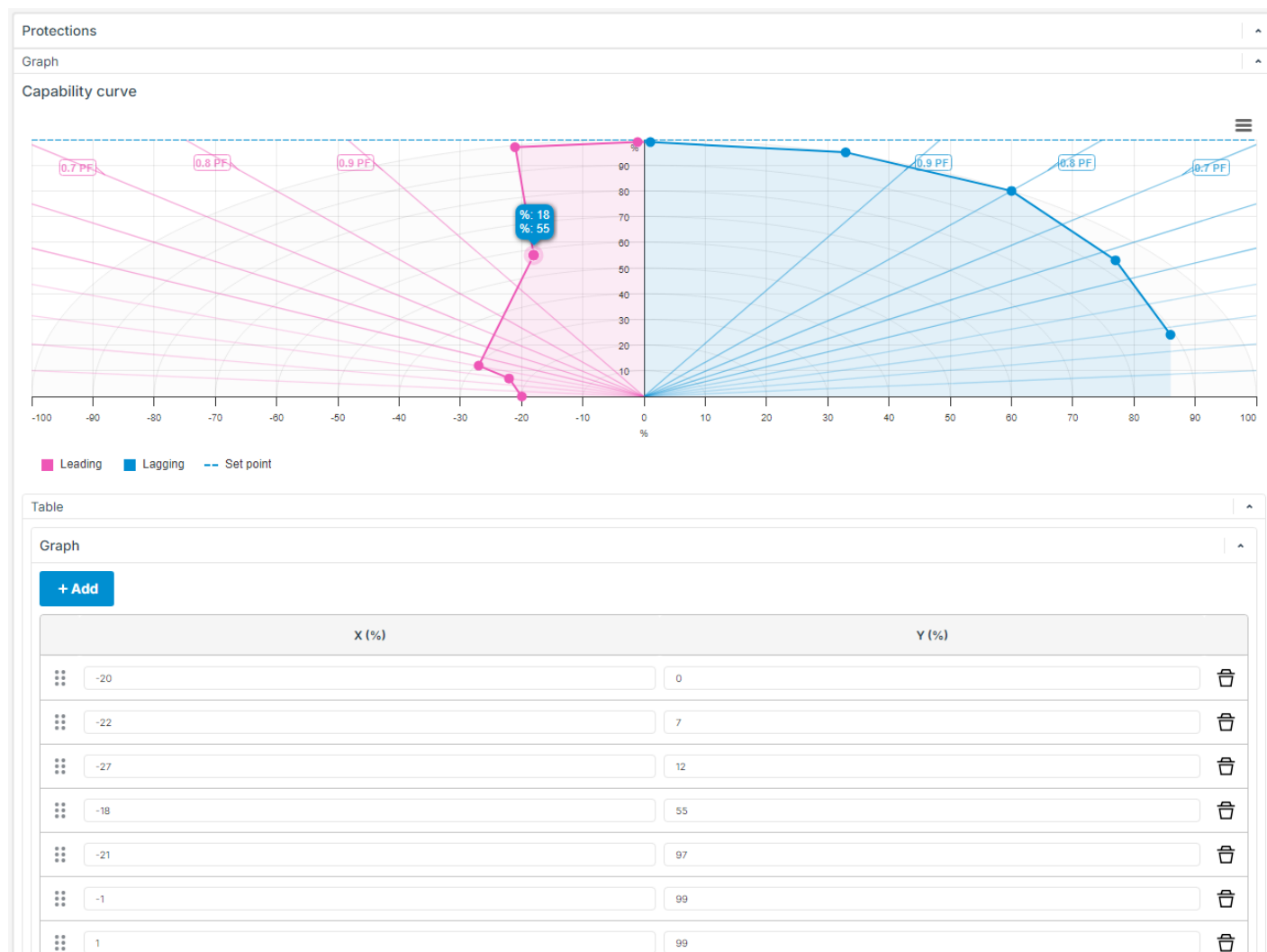
NOTE

This example is only to show the effect of the capability margin on the capability curve. PICUS always shows the curve without applying the capability margin.

Grid code > Capability curve > Engine limit

Name	Range	Notes
Enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: PICUS shows the engine line on the capability curve as a horizontal dashed blue line. Note: The engine limit is only visual . The engine limit does not affect the capability curve.
Set point	0 to 100 %	The engine limit.

Example of capability curve configuration



Name	Range	Notes
Table > Graph > X (%)	-100.0 to 100.0 %	Reactive power (Q)
Table > Graph > Y (%)	0.0 to 100.0 %	Apparent power (S) or Power (P)

Name	Range	Notes
Delay	0.10 to 300.00 s	The delay for the import protection.

Name	Range	Notes
Delay	0.10 to 300.00 s	The delay for the export protection.

3.8 Remote sensing

These parameters are for power and voltage measurements at the grid connection point. When these parameters are enabled, the controller uses the measurements at the grid connection point for the regulator references (instead of the genset measurements).

Name	Range	Notes
Power (P)	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the remote power measurement. The source is selected in <code>Mains > AC setup > Mains power measurement</code> . The controller uses the measurement for: • All active power droop curves • Reactive power regulation: Variants B and D • Power feed in management ($P_{AV,E}$)
Reactive power (Q)	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the remote reactive power measurement. The source is selected in <code>Mains > AC setup > Mains power measurement</code> . The controller uses the measurement for all reactive power or cos phi droop curves.
Voltage (V)	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the remote voltage measurement. The source is selected in <code>Mains > AC setup > Connection point voltage measurement</code> . The controller uses the measurement for: • Grid voltage-dependent reactive power limiting • Reactive power regulation: Variants A and C • All droop curves that are based on voltage

NOTE To use these measurements for grid protections, you must also select voltage and power measurement sources (see [AC measurements at the grid connection](#)).

3.9 Reactive power regulation

For grid protections, there are several types of reactive power regulation.

The variant can be selected using the parameter, or CustomLogic (*Output, Grid Support, Var Reg Type ...*).

Name	Range	Notes
Type selection	Default	The default control type is compatible with the BDEW rules.
		If reactive power droop is not activated, the reactive power regulation uses the set points in <code>Power management rules > Mains power > Common power factor control</code> .
		If reactive power droop is activated, the reactive power regulation uses the reactive power/cos phi droop curve* that is enabled:
		- Grid code > Droop curve > Voltage-dependent reactive power droop - Grid code > Droop curve > Active power-dependent reactive power droop - Grid code > Droop curve > Voltage-dependent cos phi droop - Grid code > Droop curve > Active power-dependent cos phi droop
		Note: * Select the <i>Curve output</i> and <i>Dependency</i> then write to the controller to see the relevant curve.
	Variant A: Q(U) U-Shift	Reactive power regulation uses <i>Variant A: Q(U) U-Shift</i> .
	Variant B: Q(P) curve	Reactive power regulation uses <i>Variant B: Q(P) curve</i> .
	Variant C: Q(U) Q-shift	Reactive power regulation uses <i>Variant C: Q(U) Q-shift</i> .
	Variant D: Cos phi fixed	Reactive power regulation uses <i>Variant D: Cos phi fixed</i> .
	Variant E: Q fixed	Reactive power regulation uses <i>Variant E: Q fixed</i> .
Ramp switch timer	0 to 600 s	To prevent a sudden jump in reactive power set point, a ramp timer activates when the regulation type is changed. When the ramp is active, the new set point is reached at the selected ramp time. If the ramp timer is 0 s, the ramp is disabled.

3.9.1 Default reactive power regulation

When *Default* is selected, if reactive power droop is not activated, the reactive power regulation uses these set points. If reactive power droop is activated, the reactive power regulation uses the droop curve that is enabled under `Grid code > Droop curve`.

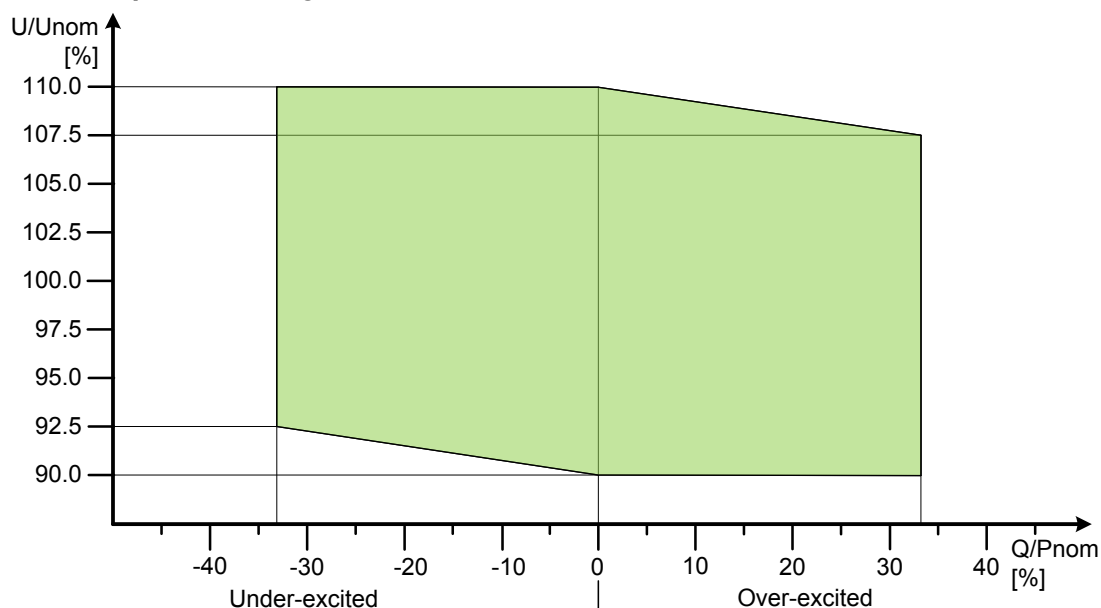
Power management rules > Mains power > Common power factor control

Name	Range	Notes
Set point	0.700 to 1.000	Cos phi set point
Type	Inductive Capacitive	Cos phi inductive or capacitive
Controller settings Q	-100 to 100 %	Reactive power set point, as a percentage of P _{nom}
Controller settings cos phi or Q	Fixed cos phi Superior Fixed Q	Fixed cos phi: Set point. Superior: Not relevant for grid code protection. Fixed Q: Controller settings Q.

3.9.2 Grid voltage-dependent reactive power limiting

If the function is activated, the controller uses grid-voltage dependent reactive power limitation when one of the five types of reactive power regulation is activated. When the *Type selection* is *Default* (under *Grid code* > *Reactive power regulation* > *Configuration*), then the controller does not use grid voltage-dependent reactive power limiting.

Reactive power limiting



When the maximum or minimum limit is reached, reactive power limiting starts (that is, outside the green area). For example, when U/U_{nom} is above 107.5 at 33 % Q/P_{nom} over-excited, or below 92.5 at 33 % Q/P_{nom} under-excited. The function can be activated for under- or over-voltage, or both.

The grid voltage-dependent reactive power limiting curve cannot be changed. At $U/U_{nom} = 90.0$ and 110.0 , the controller's reactive power set point is 0 kvar.

Grid voltage-dependent reactive power limiting does not automatically reduce the active power.



Example application

Grid-voltage dependent reactive power limitation can allow the use of smaller generators. These generators have a lower current and mechanical load rating, and might not otherwise be able to supply enough reactive power.

3.9.3 Parameters for grid voltage-dependent Q limiting

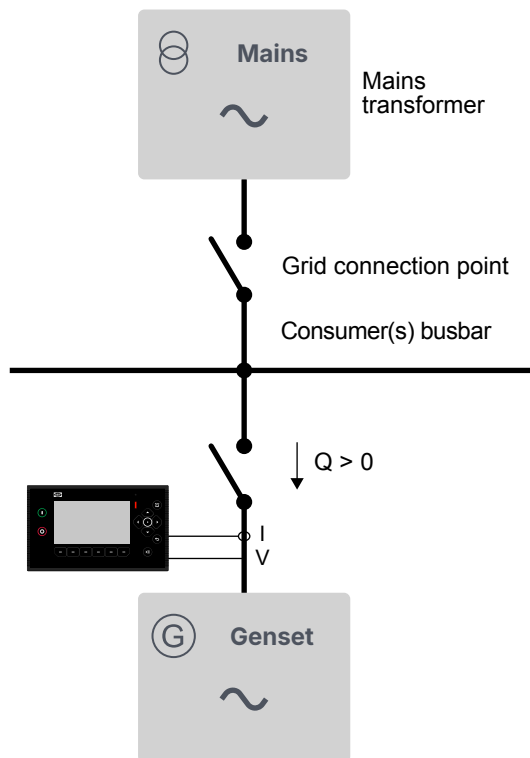
Grid code > *Reactive power regulation* > *Configuration*

Name	Range	Notes
Limit Q under-excited	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: During low grid voltage, grid V-dependent Q limiting limits the reactive power.
Limit Q over-excited	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: During high grid voltage, grid V-dependent Q limiting limits the reactive power.

3.9.4 Reactive power direction for variants A, B, C, and E

For variants A, B, C, and E, the reactive power (Q) from the grid is positive. That is, positive reactive power is from the grid to the consumer.

Positive reactive power to the genset

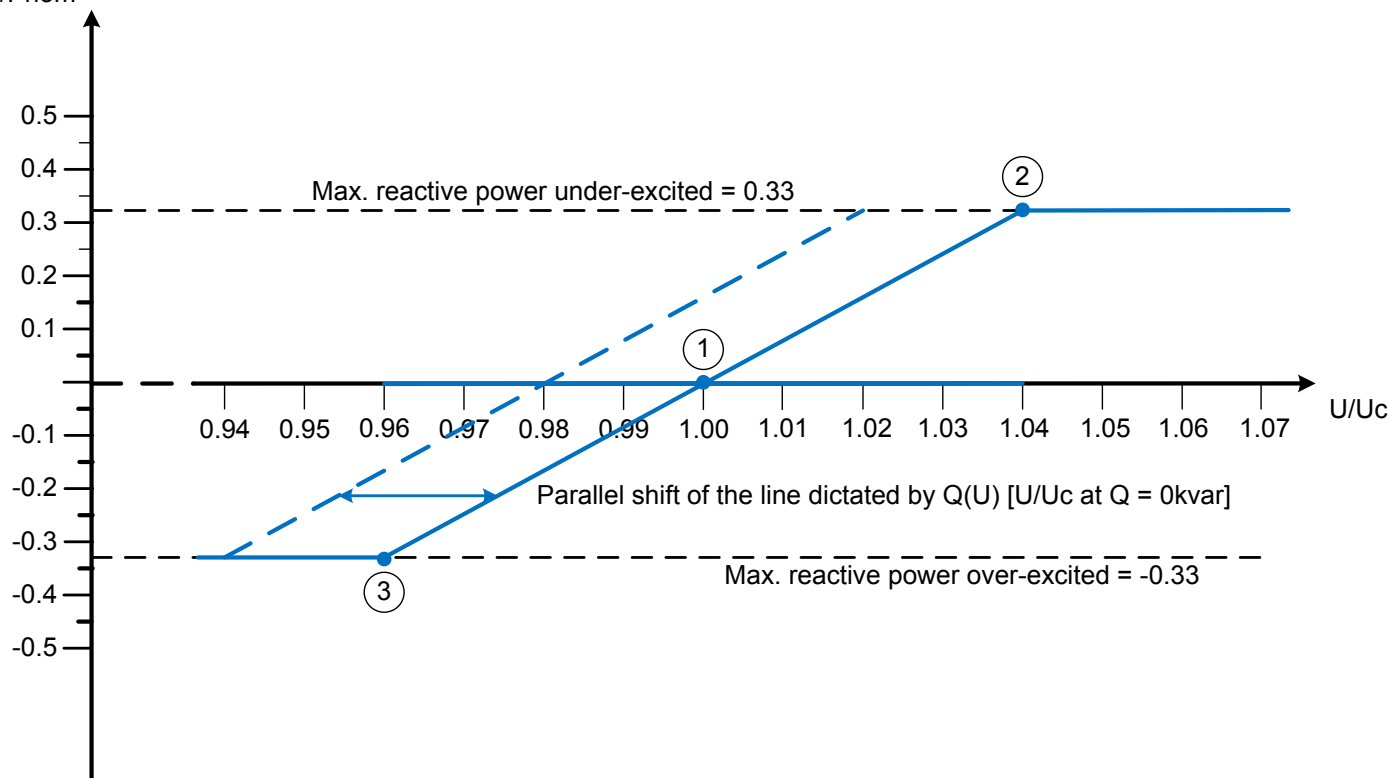


3.9.5 Variant A: Q(U) U-Shift

If $Q(U)$ U-shift is selected, the reactive power is regulated with respect to the grid voltage. When the grid voltage is increasing, the reactive power is regulated in a capacitive direction. When the grid voltage is decreasing, the reactive power is regulated in an inductive direction.

Defaults for $Q(U)$ U-Shift

Q/P_{nom}



The $Q(U)$ U-shift curve is defined under Grid code > Reactive power regulation > Variants > Variant A: $Q(U)$ U-shift.

Point 1 is defined by *Reference voltage at $Q=0$* .

Point 2 is defined by *Maximum voltage at Q max* and *Maximum Q during over-voltage* (over-excited).

Point 3 is defined by *Minimum Q during under-voltage* (under-excited). The voltage level for point 3 is defined automatically.

Point 1 can be moved horizontally using *Reference voltage offset value*, Modbus, or an analogue input. The movement of point 1 affects points 2 and 3.

Offset control

For offset control using Modbus, see the **Modbus tables**.

When using an analogue input for offset control, activate the wire break monitoring function. Configure CustomLogic to select another reactive power regulation function if the input fails.

3.9.6 Parameters for Variant A

Grid code > Reactive power regulation > Variants > Variant A: $Q(U)$ U-shift

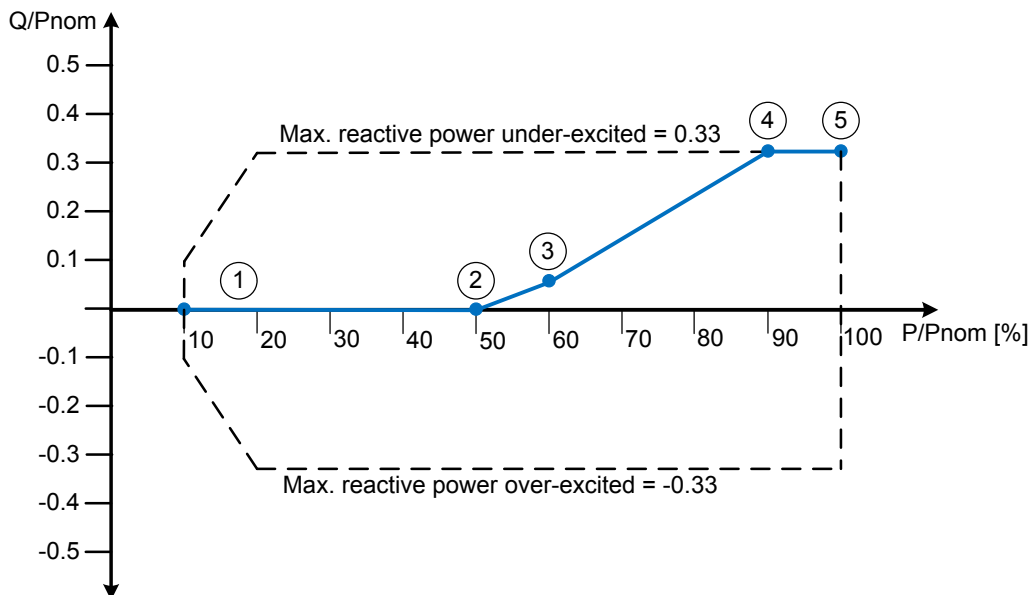
Name	Range	Notes
Voltage deadband	0.00 to 5.00 %	
Reference voltage at $Q=0$	0.50 to 1.50	
Maximum voltage at Q max	0.50 to 1.50	
Maximum Q during over-voltage	0.00 to 0.40	
Minimum Q during under-voltage	-0.40 to 0.00	
Reference voltage offset value	-0.200 to 0.200	Offset value for reference voltage at $Q=0$.
External control	PICUS/Modbus Analogue	External control of the offset value for reference voltage at $Q=0$.

3.9.7 Variant B: $Q(P)$ curve

This variant regulates the reactive power based on the measured active power.

The curve can have up to 10 co-ordinates. The default curve uses five co-ordinates.

Defaults for Q(P) curve



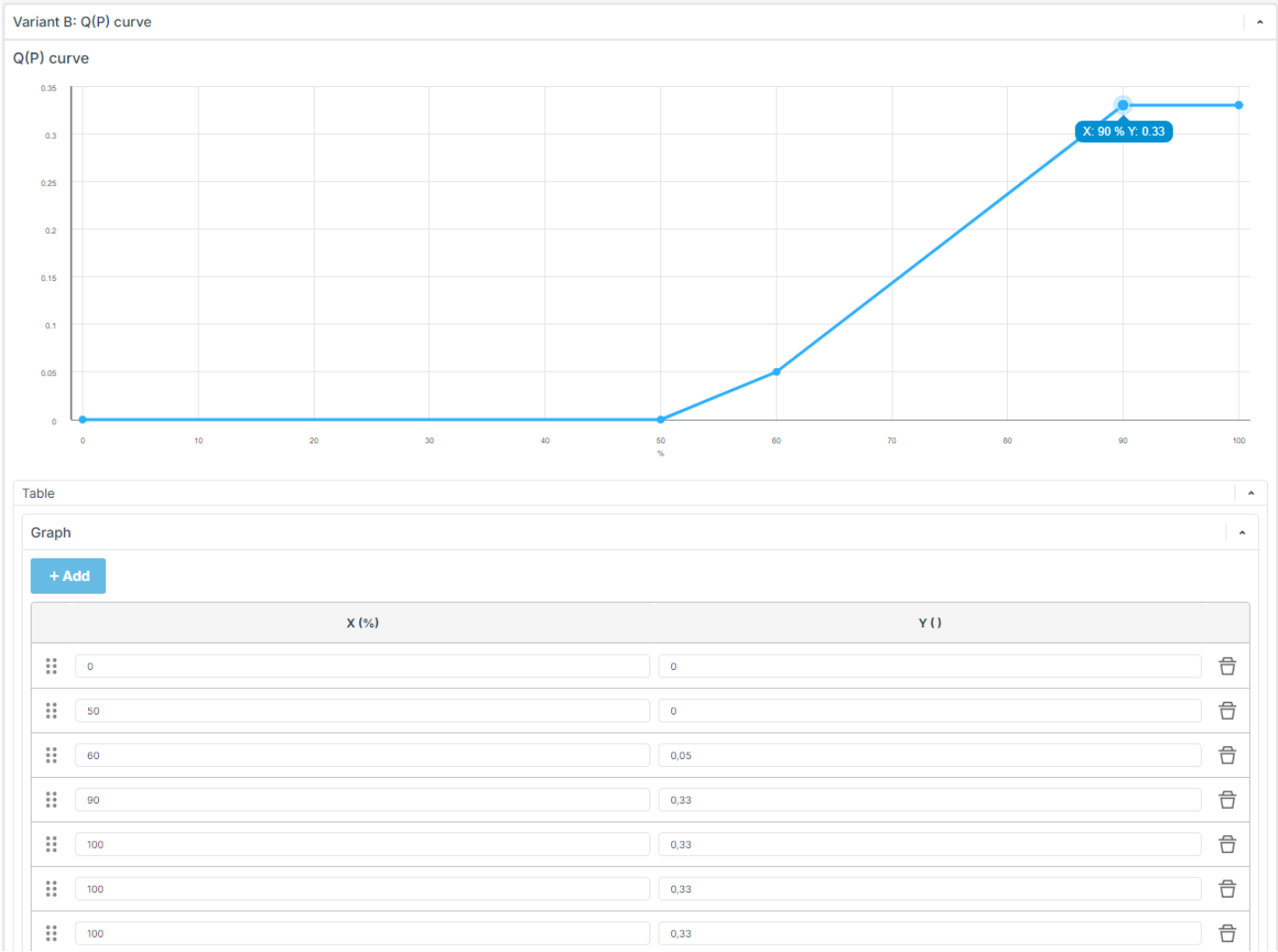
The active and reactive power % is related to the nominal active power.

3.9.8 Parameters for Variant B

Grid code > Reactive power configuration > Variants > Variant B: Q(P) curve

Name	Range	Notes
Table > Graph > X (%)	0.0 to 100.0 %	P/P_{nom}
Table > Graph > Y ()	-1.00 to 1.00	Q (in kvar) / P_{nom} (in kW) For example, if the Q/P_{nom} ratio is 0.05, for $P_{nom} = 480$ kW, then Q is 24 kvar. If Q/P_{nom} is -0.05, then Q is -24 kvar.

Example of Variant B: Q(P) curve

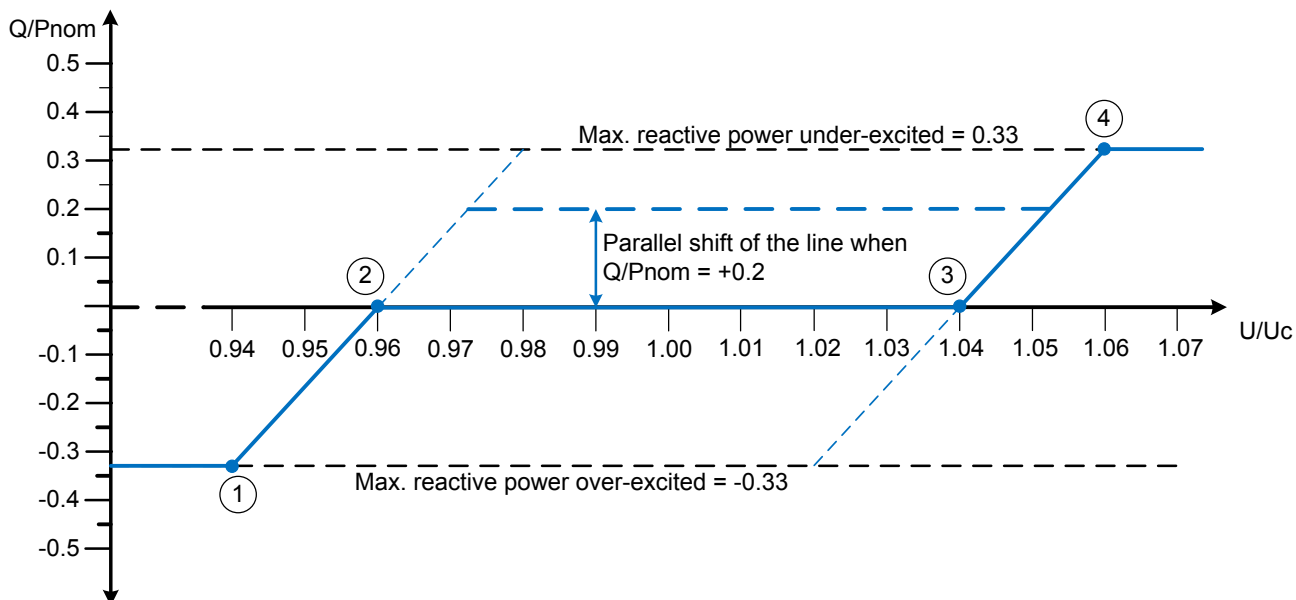


Use the table to configure the curve according to the requirements of the local grid provider.

3.9.9 Variant C: Q(U) Q-Shift

With *Q(U) Q-Shift*, the controller uses a fixed reactive power set point, to support the grid. If there is grid over- or under-voltage, the reactive power set point is adjusted based on the curve.

Defaults for Q(U) Q-Shift



The reactive power value between points 2 and 3 can be shifted by using an offset. The offset can be defined by a parameter, Modbus, or an analogue input. The offset is added to the actual reactive power.

The offset parameter is *Q/Pnom offset*.

Offset control

For offset control using Modbus, see the **Modbus tables**.

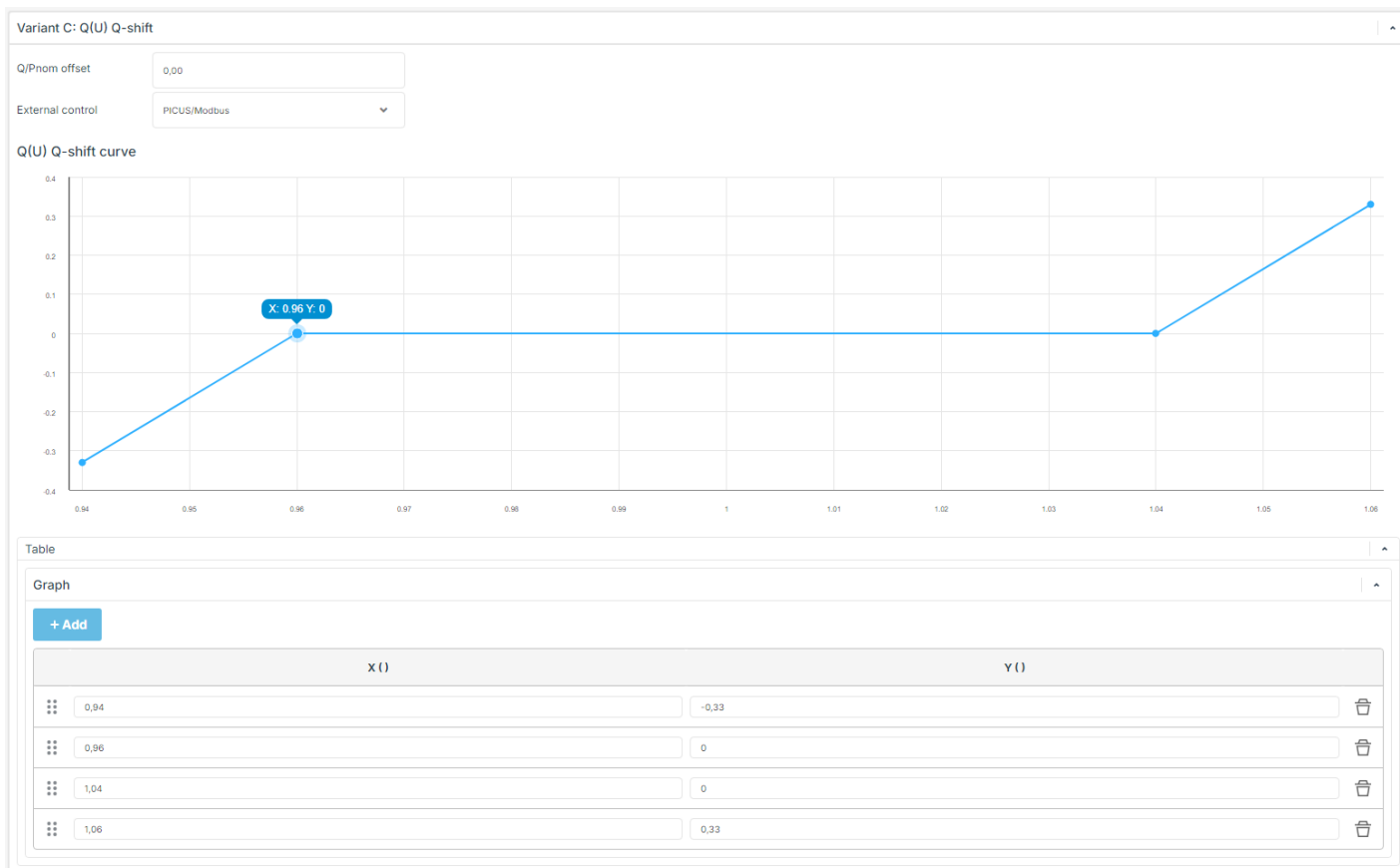
When using an analogue input for offset control, activate the wire break monitoring function. Configure CustomLogic to select another reactive power regulation function if the input fails.

3.9.10 Parameters for Variant C

Grid code > Reactive power regulation > Variants > Variant C: Q(U) Q-shift curve

Name	Range	Notes
Q/Pnom offset	-0.40 to 0.40	Offset for Qref/Pnom
External control	PICUS/Modbus Analogue	External control of the offset value for Qref/Pnom
Table > Graph > X ()	0.50 to 1.50	U/Uc
Table > Graph > Y ()	-0.40 to 0.40	Q (in kvar) / P nominal (in kW) For example, for Pnom = 480 kW, if the Q/Pnom ratio is 0.05, then Q is 24 kvar. If Q/Pnom is -0.05, then Q is -24 kvar.

Use the table to configure the Variant C: Q(U) Q-shift curve.



3.9.11 Variant D: fixed cos phi

With this variant, the controller can have a fixed cos phi set point for regulation. The parameter has 3 decimals, as required in the VDE AR-N 4105/4110 rules. Inductive or capacitive cos phi can be selected. An offset value can be added to the cos phi value using the setting *Cos phi offset*, or Modbus.

For offset control using Modbus, see the **Modbus tables**.

3.9.12 Parameters for Variant D

Grid code > Reactive power regulation > Variants > Variant D: Cos phi fixed

Name	Range	Notes
Cos phi set point	0.900 to 1.000	Cos phi set point
Cos phi direction	Inductive Capacitive	Cos phi inductive or capacitive (from the generator)
Cos phi offset	-0.100 to 0.100	Offset for the set point
External control	PICUS/Modbus Analogue	External control of the offset for cos phi PICUS/Modbus: If there is a value from Modbus, use it for the offset. Otherwise use the <i>Cos phi offset</i> parameter value. Analogue: Use the offset value from an analogue input.

3.9.13 Variant E: Q fixed

With this variant, the controller can have a fixed reactive power set point for regulation.

Parameter for Variant E

Grid code > Reactive power regulation > Variants > Variant E: Q fixed

Name	Range	Notes
Q set point	-100.0 to 100.0 % of Q nominal	The reactive power set point for variant E.

3.10 Frequency-dependent active power droop (used for RfG)

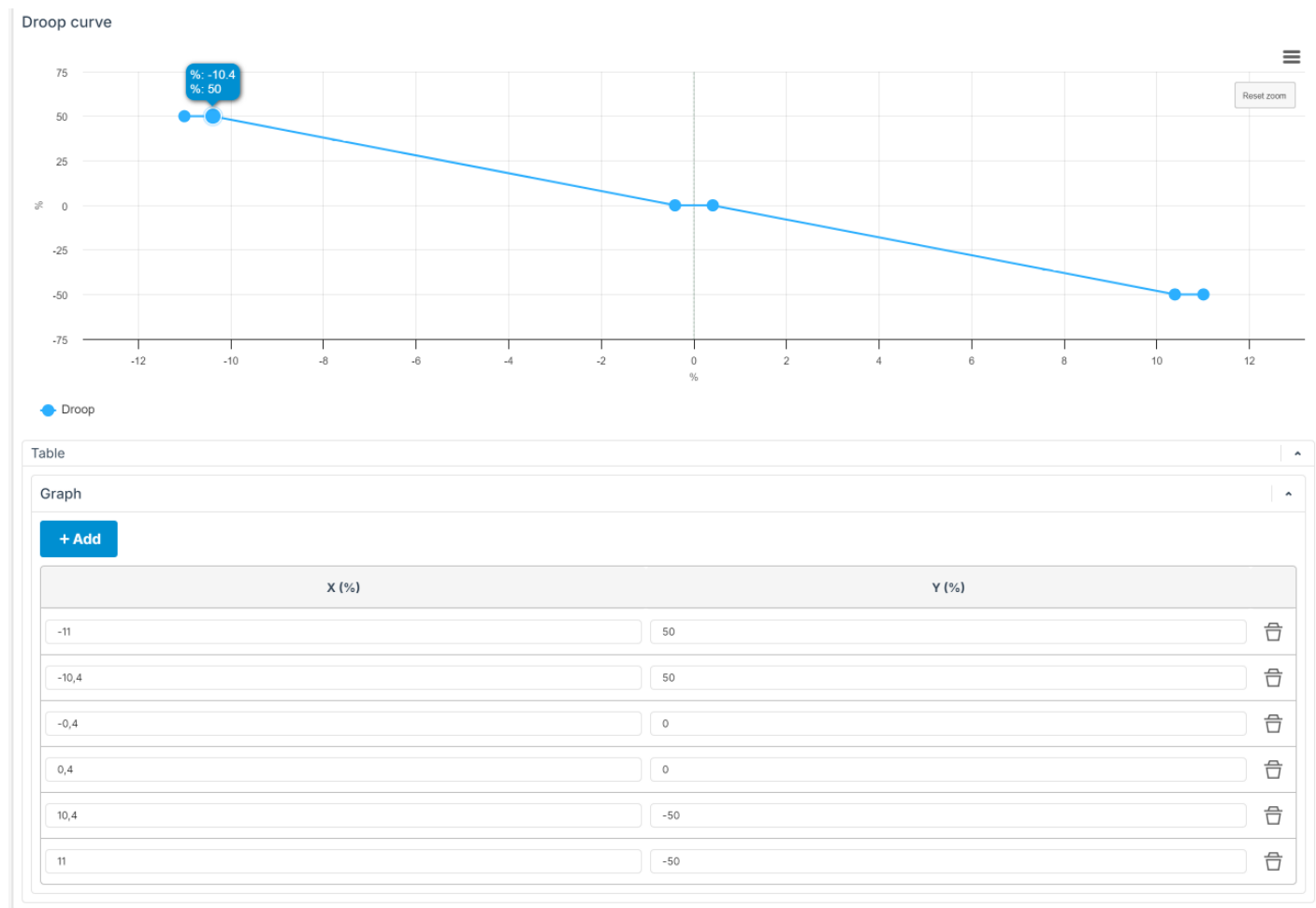
The grid code functions include a frequency-dependent active power droop. This can be used for Regulation (EU) 2016/631 (also known as RfG) (Requirements for Generators).

NOTE To see these parameters, Grid code > Droop curve > [Frequency or Voltage]-dependent active power droop > Dependency must be **Frequency**.

Grid code > Droop curve > Frequency-dependent active power droop > Configuration

Parameter	Range	Notes
Enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: This must be selected to enable the droop curve for RfG frequency droop.
Adjustment source	Nominal power, Active power snapshot	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i>. Nominal power: This must be selected for RfG frequency droop, to ensure that the droop response is based on the controller's nominal power (Generator > Nominal settings > Nominal settings [1 to 4] > Power (P) > Nominal) (called P_{ref} in the RfG calculations). Active power snapshot: The droop is calculated as a percentage of the instantaneous active power.
Calculation method	Percentage, Absolute	This parameter determines the units of the droop curve (graph) parameters, as well as the hysteresis limits.
Dependency	Frequency, Voltage	For RfG frequency droop, Frequency must be selected.
Recovery delay	0.0 to 3600.0 s	You can configure a recovery delay.
Ramp 3 activation delay	0.0 to 10.0 s	You can delay the activation of ramp 3.
Hysteresis low enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the hysteresis low limit. For RfG: Hysteresis is not relevant. Select <i>Not enabled</i>.
Hysteresis high enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the hysteresis high limit. For RfG: Hysteresis is not relevant. Select <i>Not enabled</i>.

Droop curve



Parameter	Range	Notes
Table > Graph > X (%)	-100.0 to 100.0 % of nominal frequency	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> .
Table > Graph > Y (%)	-100.0 to 100.0 % of nominal power	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The frequency-based active power
Table > Graph > X (Hz)	-100.00 to 100.00 Hz	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> .
Table > Graph > Y (kW)	-900000.0 to 900000.0 kW	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The frequency-based active power

Grid code > Droop curve > Frequency-dependent active power droop > Hysteresis

Parameter	Range	Notes
Percentage > Hysteresis low limit	-100.00 to 0.00 %	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . HYSL : The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal frequency relative to the nominal. Above this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the low frequency excursion.
Percentage > Hysteresis high limit	0.00 to 100.00 %	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> .

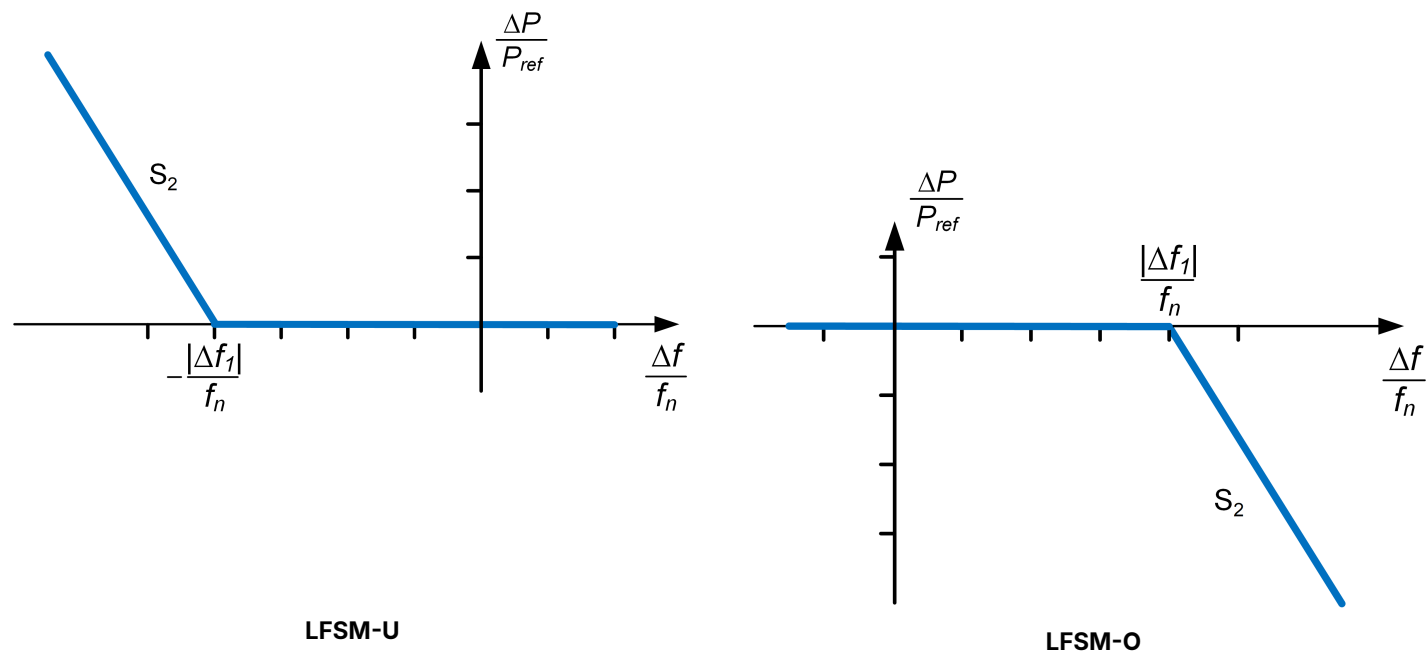
Parameter	Range	Notes
		HYSH: The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal frequency relative to the nominal. Below this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the high frequency excursion.
Frequency > Hysteresis low limit	-100.00 to 0.00 Hz	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . HYSL: The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal frequency. Above this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the low frequency excursion.
Frequency > Hysteresis high limit	0.00 to 100.00 Hz	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . HYSH: The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal frequency. Below this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the high frequency excursion.

3.10.1 Requirements for Generators frequency droop

Regulation (EU) 2016/631 (also known as RfG) (Requirements for Generators) states the requirements for the *Active power frequency response capability of power-generating modules*. The regulation includes a Limited Frequency sensitive mode - over-frequency (LFSM-O) and a Limited Frequency sensitive mode - under-frequency (LFSM-U). These use a Frequency threshold (f_1) and a Droop setting (S_2).



More information
See [Over- and under-frequency-dependent active power](#) for the grid connection functions used to meet the Requirements for Generators.



This formula defines the droop (S_2):

$$S_2 \text{ [%]} = 100 \cdot \frac{|\Delta f| - |\Delta f_1|}{f_n} \cdot \frac{P_{ref}}{|\Delta P|}$$

- S_2 [%] Droop (2: LFSM)
- Δf [Hz] The frequency deviation in the network.
- Δf_1 [Hz] The threshold frequency deviation from the nominal frequency (f_n).

LFSM-U: The frequency threshold below which the generator must provide a positive active power output change.

LFSM-O: The frequency threshold above which the generator must provide a negative active power output change.

f_n [Hz] The nominal frequency in the network. This corresponds to the controller nominal frequency (Generator > Nominal settings > Nominal settings [1 to 4] > Frequency (f) > Nominal).

P_{ref} [W] The reference active power. This corresponds to the controller nominal power (Generator > Nominal settings > Nominal settings [1 to 4] > Power (P) > Nominal). (the maximum capacity of the generator). ΔP is based on P_{ref} .

ΔP [W] The change in active power output from the generator.

3.10.2 RfG curves and calculations

Use the *Frequency-dependent active power droop* parameters to meet the "active power frequency response capability of power-generating modules", seen in Requirements for Generators.



More information

You can request a spreadsheet for **RfG calculations** from DEIF.

Variables for calculations

f_{DBL}	[Hz]	The deadband low frequency (that is, for under-frequency).
f_{DBH}	[Hz]	The deadband high frequency (that is, for over-frequency).
f	[Hz]	The network frequency.
$P(f)$	[W]	The power at frequency f .
$P(f_{DBL})$	[W]	The power at the deadband low frequency.
$P(f_{DBH})$	[W]	The power at the deadband high frequency.
P_n	[W]	The controller nominal power (Generator > Nominal settings > Nominal settings [1 to 4] > Power (P) > Nominal).

Curve control settings for RfG

Variable	Unit	Notes
Deadband low	%	DBL: The frequency deadband (deviation from nominal, relative to the nominal). Below the deadband, droop curve 1 provides an active power output change calculated from <i>Slope low</i>. $DBL [\%] = \frac{ \Delta f }{f_n} \cdot 100 = \frac{ f_{DBL} - f_n }{f_n} \cdot 100$ For RfG: Configure deadband low to match the RfG LFSM-U threshold value (f_1 [Hz]): $DBL [\%] = \frac{ f_1 - f_n }{f_n} \cdot 100$ Example: Threshold value (f_1) = 49.8 Hz Nominal frequency (f_n) = 50 Hz $DBL = 49.8 - 50 / 50 \cdot 100 = 0.4 \%$
Deadband high	%	DBH: The frequency deadband (deviation from nominal, relative to the nominal). Above the deadband, droop curve 1 provides an active power output change calculated from <i>Slope high</i>.

Variable	Unit	Notes
		$DBH [\%] = \frac{ \Delta f }{f_n} \cdot 100 = \frac{ f_{DBH} - f_n }{f_n} \cdot 100$ For RfG: Configure deadband high to match the RfG LFSM-O threshold value (f_1 [Hz]): $DBH [\%] = \frac{ f_1 - f_n }{f_n} \cdot 100$ Example: Threshold value (f_1) = 50.2 Hz Nominal frequency (f_n) = 50 Hz DBH = $50.2 - 50 / 50 \cdot 100 = 0.4 \%$
Minimum active power	kW	P_{min} (MIN): The minimum active power. This limits the change in the active power output. For RfG: Configure P_{min} according to the system capabilities.
Maximum active power	kW	P_{max} (MAX): The maximum active power. This limits the change in the active power output. For RfG: Configure P_{max} according to the system capabilities.

Absolute method for droop slope calculation for RfG

Variable	Unit	Notes
Slope low absolute	kW	SLPL (LFSM-U): The slope of the active power output change when the network frequency is decreasing. Using absolute frequency values: $SLPL \left[\frac{W}{\%} \right] = \frac{P(f) - P(f_{DBL})}{\frac{ f - f_{DBL} }{f_n} \cdot 100}$ For $f < f_{DBL}$; do not exceed P_{max}. For RfG: Configure the slope low value to match the RfG LFSM-U droop value (S_2 [%]): $SLPL \left[\frac{W}{\%} \right] = \frac{P_{ref}}{S_2}$ Example: LFSM-U droop (S_2) = 5 % Nominal power (P_n) = 480 kW SLPL [W/%] = 480 kW / 5 % = 96 kW/%
Slope high absolute	kW	SLPH (LFSM-O): The slope of the active power output change when the network frequency is increasing. Using absolute frequency values: $SLPH \left[\frac{W}{\%} \right] = \frac{P(f) - P(f_{DBH})}{\frac{f - f_{DBH}}{f_n} \cdot 100}$ For $f > f_{DBH}$; do not exceed P_{min}. For RfG:

Variable	Unit	Notes
		Configure the slope high value to match the RfG LFSM-O droop value (S_2 [%]): $SLPH \left[\frac{W}{\%} \right] = \frac{-P_{ref}}{S_2}$ Example: LFSM-O droop (S_2) = 5 % Nominal power (P_n) = 480 kW $SLPH [W/\%] = -480 \text{ kW} / 5 \% = -96 \text{ kW}/\%$

Percentage method for droop slope calculation for RfG

Variable	Unit	Notes
Slope low percentage	%	SLPL (LFSM-U): The slope of the active power output change when the network frequency is decreasing. Using absolute frequency values: $SLPL [-] = \frac{\frac{P(f) - P(f_{DBL})}{P_n}}{\frac{ f - f_{DBL} }{f_n}}$ For $f < f_{DBL}$; do not exceed P_{max}. For RfG: Configure the slope low value to match the RfG LFSM-U droop value (S_2 [%]): $SLPL [-] = \frac{100}{S_2}$ Example: LFSM-U droop (S_2) = 5 % $SLPL [-] = 100 / 5 = 20 [-]$
Slope high percentage	%	SLPH (LFSM-O): The slope of the active power output change when the network frequency is increasing. Using absolute frequency values: $SLPH [-] = \frac{\frac{P(f) - P(f_{DBH})}{P_n}}{\frac{f - f_{DBH}}{f_n}}$ For $f > f_{DBH}$; do not exceed P_{min}. For RfG: Configure the slope high value to match the RfG LFSM-O droop value (S_2 [%]): $SLPH [-] = \frac{-100}{S_2}$ Example: LFSM-O droop (S_2) = 5 % $SLPH [-] = -100 / 5 = -20 [-]$

3.10.3 Verify the expected active power change

Calculation of the expected change in active power output at a certain deviating frequency

The following formulas aid test situations to verify the expected active power change caused by a certain frequency excursion.

Testing using the absolute method for droop slope calculation

Frequency range	Calculation and notes
Frequency below the deadband low frequency: $f < f_{DBL}$ Slope low (SLPL) - LFMS-U	The active power output change when the network frequency is decreasing. Using absolute frequency values: $\Delta P [W] = -SLPL \cdot \frac{f - f_{DBL}}{f_n} \cdot 100$ SLPL [W/%]: Slope low (LFMS-U) $\Delta P [W]$: The change in power output relative to the pre-disturbance power (do not exceed P_{max}). Example: Slope low (SLPL) = 96 kW/% Deadband low (f_{DBL}) = 49.8 Hz Nominal frequency (f_n) = 50 Hz Frequency of interest = 49 Hz $\Delta P [W] = -96 \cdot (49 - 49.8) / 50 \cdot 100 = 153.6 \text{ kW}$ Using relative frequency values: $\Delta P [W] = -SLPL \cdot (\Delta f - \Delta f_{DBL})$ Δf [%]: The network frequency relative to f_n (do not exceed P_{max}) Δf_{DBL} [%]: The deadband low frequency relative to f_n (at under-frequency) Example: Slope low (SLPL) = 96 kW/% Deadband low ($\Delta f_{DBL} = -DBL$) = $(49.8 - 50) / 50 \cdot 100 = -0.4 \%$ Nominal frequency (f_n) = 50 Hz Frequency of interest = $(49 - 50) / 50 \cdot 100 = -2 \%$ $\Delta P [W] = -96 \cdot (-2 - -0.4) = 153.6 \text{ kW}$
Frequency above the deadband high frequency: $f > f_{DBH}$ Slope high (SLPH) - LFMS-O	The active power output change when the network frequency is increasing. Using absolute frequency values: $\Delta P [W] = SLPH \cdot \frac{f - f_{DBH}}{f_n} \cdot 100$ SLPH [W/%]: Slope high (LFMS-O) For $f > f_{DBH}$; do not exceed P_{min}. $\Delta P [W]$: The change in power output relative to the pre-disturbance power (do not exceed P_{min}). Example: Slope high (SLPH) = -96 kW/% Deadband high (f_{DBH}) = 50.2 Hz Nominal frequency (f_n) = 50 Hz Frequency of interest = 51 Hz $\Delta P [W] = -96 \cdot (51 - 50.2) / 50 \cdot 100 = -153.6 \text{ kW}$ Using relative frequency values: $\Delta P [W] = SLPH \cdot (\Delta f - \Delta f_{DBH})$ Δf [%]: The network frequency relative to f_n (do not exceed P_{min}) Δf_{DBH} [%]: The deadband high frequency relative to f_n (at over-frequency) Example: Slope high (SLPH) = -96 kW/% Deadband high ($\Delta f_{DBH} = DBH$) = $(50.2 - 50) / 50 \cdot 100 = 0.4 \%$ Nominal frequency (f_n) = 50 Hz Frequency of interest = $(51 - 50) / 50 \cdot 100 = 2 \%$ $\Delta P [W] = -96 \cdot (2 - 0.4) = -153.6 \text{ kW}$

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Frequency range	Calculation and notes
Frequency below the deadband low frequency: $f < f_{DBL}$ Slope low (SLPL) - LFSM-U	The active power output change when the network frequency is decreasing. Using absolute frequency values: $\frac{\Delta P}{P_n} [\%] = -SLPL \cdot \frac{f - f_{DBL}}{f_n} \cdot 100$ SLPL [-]: Slope low (LFSM-U) $\Delta P/P_n$ [%]: The change in power output relative to the pre-disturbance power (do not exceed P_{max}). Example: Slope low (SLPL) = 20 [-] Deadband low (f_{DBL}) = 49.8 Hz Nominal frequency (f_n) = 50 Hz Frequency of interest = 49 Hz $\Delta P/P_n$ [%] = $-20 \cdot (49 - 49.8) / 50 \cdot 100 = 32 \%$ Using relative frequency values: $\Delta P/P_n [\%] = -SLPL \cdot (\Delta f - \Delta f_{DBL})$ Δf [%]: The network frequency relative to f_n (do not exceed P_{max}) Δf_{DBL} [%]: The deadband low frequency relative to f_n (at under-frequency) Example: Slope low (SLPL) = 20 [-] Deadband low ($\Delta f_{DBL} = -DBL$) = $(49.8 - 50) / 50 \cdot 100 = -0.4 \%$ Nominal frequency (f_n) = 50 Hz Frequency of interest = $(49 - 50) / 50 \cdot 100 = -2 \%$ $\Delta P/P_n$ [%] = $-20 \cdot (-2 - -0.4) = 32 \%$
Frequency above the deadband high frequency: $f > f_{DBH}$ Slope high (SLPH) - LFSM-O	The active power output change when the network frequency is increasing. Using absolute frequency values: $\frac{\Delta P}{P_n} [\%] = SLPH \cdot \frac{f - f_{DBH}}{f_n} \cdot 100$ SLPH [-]: Slope high (LFSM-O) For $f > f_{DBH}$; do not exceed P_{min}. $\Delta P/P_n$ [%]: The change in power output relative to the pre-disturbance power (do not exceed P_{min}). Example: Slope high (SLPH) = -20 [-] Deadband high (f_{DBH}) = 50.2 Hz Nominal frequency (f_n) = 50 Hz Frequency of interest = 51 Hz $\Delta P/P_n$ [%] = $-20 \cdot (51 - 50.2) / 50 \cdot 100 = -32 \%$ Using relative frequency values: $\Delta P/P_n [\%] = SLPH \cdot (\Delta f - \Delta f_{DBH})$ Δf [%]: The network frequency relative to f_n (do not exceed P_{min}) Δf_{DBH} [%]: The deadband high frequency relative to f_n (at over-frequency) Example: Slope high (SLPH) = -20 [-] Deadband high ($\Delta f_{DBH} = DBH$) = $(50.2 - 50) / 50 \cdot 100 = 0.4 \%$ Nominal frequency (f_n) = 50 Hz Frequency of interest = $(51 - 50) / 50 \cdot 100 = 2 \%$ $\Delta P/P_n$ [%] = $-20 \cdot (2 - 0.4) = -32 \%$

3.11 Voltage-dependent active power droop

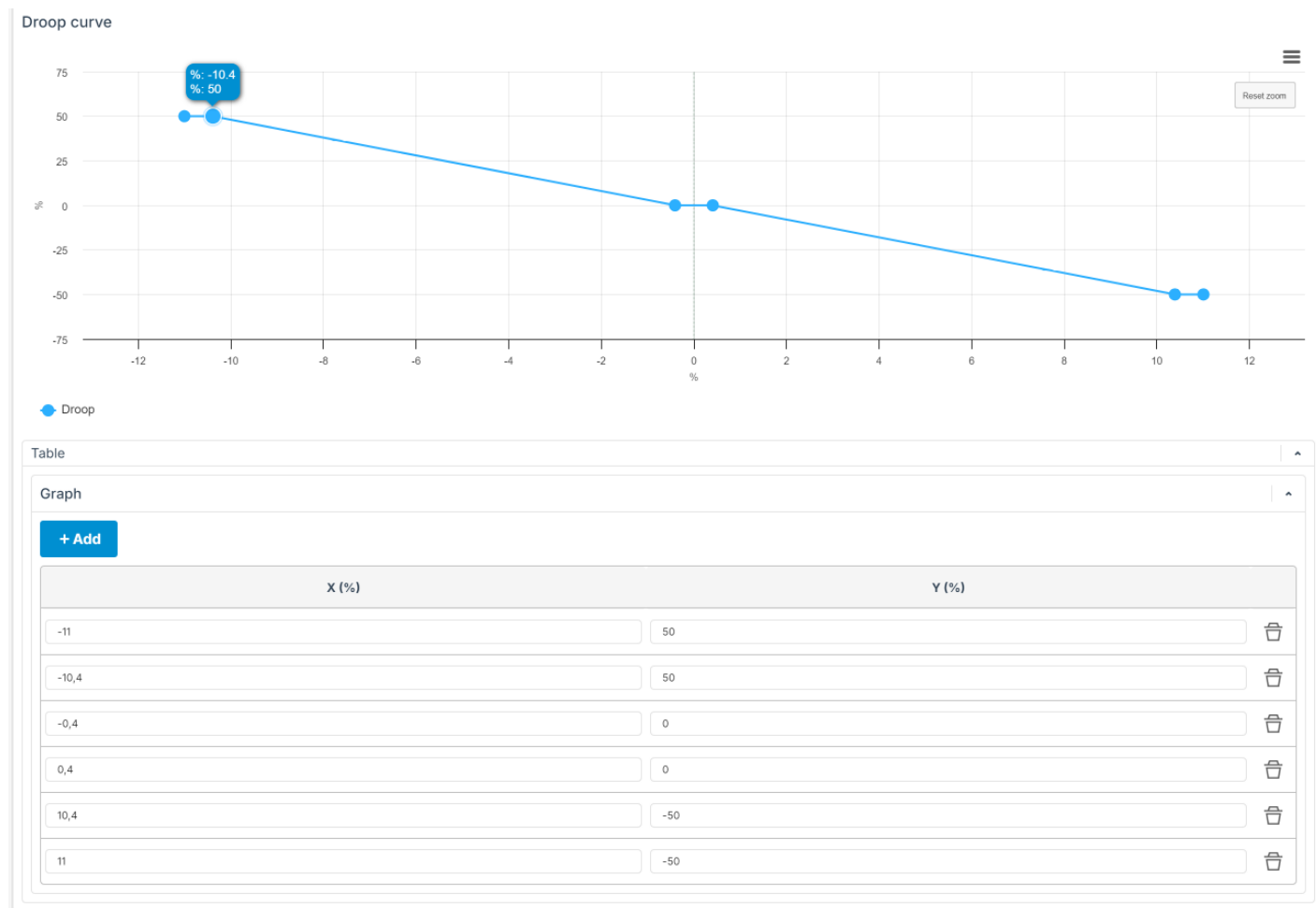
The grid code functions include a voltage-dependent active power droop.

Grid code > Droop curve > Voltage-dependent active power droop*

NOTE * To see these parameters, Grid code > Droop curve > [Frequency or Voltage]-dependent active power droop > Dependency must be **Voltage**.

Parameter	Range	Notes
Enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the droop curve.
Adjustment source	Nominal power, Active power snapshot	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . Nominal power: The droop response is based on the controller's nominal power (Generator > Nominal settings > Nominal settings [1 to 4] > Power (P) > Nominal). Active power snapshot: The droop response is calculated as a percentage of the instantaneous active power.
Calculation method	Percentage, Absolute	This parameter determines the units of the droop curve (graph) parameters, as well as the hysteresis limits.
Dependency	Frequency, Voltage	For voltage-dependent droop, Voltage must be selected.
Recovery delay	0 to 3600 s	You can configure a recovery delay.
Ramp 3 activation delay	0.0 to 10.0 s	You can delay the activation of ramp 3.
Hysteresis low enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the hysteresis low limit.
Hysteresis high enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the hysteresis high limit.

Droop curve



Parameter	Range	Notes
Table > Graph > X (%)	-100.0 to 100.0 % of nominal voltage	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> .
Table > Graph > Y (%)	-100.0 to 100.0 % of nominal power	The voltage-based active power This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> .
Table > Graph > X (V)	-1500000.00 to 1500000.00 V	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> .
Table > Graph > Y (kW)	-900000.0 to 900000.0 kW	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The voltage-based active power

Grid code > Droop curve > Voltage-dependent active power droop > Hysteresis

Parameter	Range	Notes
Percentage > Hysteresis low limit	-100.00 to 0.00 %	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal voltage relative to the nominal. Above this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the low voltage excursion.
Percentage > Hysteresis high limit	0.00 to 100.00 %	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> .

Parameter	Range	Notes
		The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal voltage relative to the nominal. Below this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the high voltage excursion.
Voltage > Hysteresis low limit	-1500000.0 to 0.0 V	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal voltage. Above this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the low voltage excursion.
Voltage > Hysteresis high limit	0.0 to 1500000.0 V	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal voltage. Below this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the high voltage excursion.

3.12 Reactive power and cos phi droop curves

You can configure a curve for reactive power or cos phi droop.

There are four possible droop curves. The parameters shown in PICUS are based on what you select for `Grid code > Droop curve > [Active power or Voltage]-dependent [reactive power or cos phi] droop > Curve output (Cos phi, or Reactive power) and Dependency (Voltage, or Active power)`. You can select a different droop curve by changing these selections.

The selection for `Calculation method (Percentage, or Absolute)` also changes the parameters shown in PICUS. This selection changes the units of the curve and the hysteresis limits.

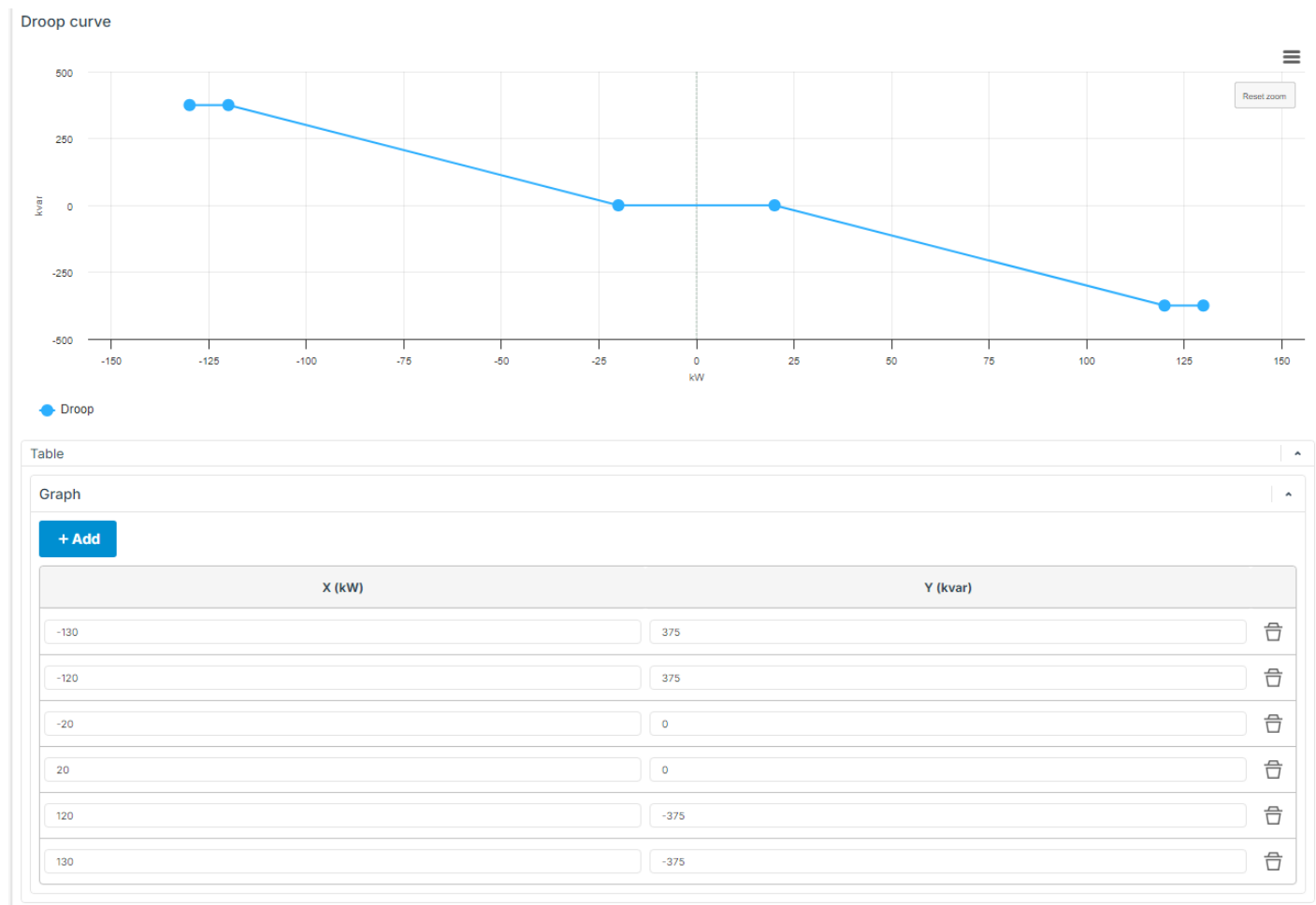
3.12.1 Active power-dependent reactive power droop

Grid code > Droop curve > Active power-dependent reactive power droop*

NOTE * To see these parameters, `Grid code > Droop curve > [Active power or Voltage]-dependent [reactive power or cos phi] droop > Curve output` must be **Reactive power** and `Dependency` must be **Active power**.

Parameter	Range	Notes
Enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the droop curve.
Adjustment source	Nominal reactive power, Reactive power snapshot	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . Nominal reactive power: The droop is calculated as a percentage of the nominal reactive power. Reactive power snapshot: The droop is calculated as a percentage of the instantaneous reactive power.
Calculation method	Percentage, Absolute	This parameter determines the units of the droop curve (graph) parameters, as well as the hysteresis limits.
Curve output	Cos phi, Reactive power	For <i>Active power-dependent reactive power droop</i> , Reactive power must be selected.
Dependency	Voltage, Active power	For <i>Active power-dependent reactive power droop</i> , Active power must be selected.
Hysteresis low enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the hysteresis low limit.
Hysteresis high enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the hysteresis high limit.

Droop curve



Parameter	Range	Notes
Table > Graph > X (%)	-100.0 to 100.0 % of the power	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> .
Table > Graph > Y (%)	-100.0 to 100.0 % of the reactive power	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The active power-based reactive power
Table > Graph > X (kW)	-900000.0 to 900000 kW	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> .
Table > Graph > Y (kvar)	-900000.0 to 900000 kvar	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The active power-based reactive power

Grid code > Droop curve > Active power-dependent reactive power droop > Hysteresis

Parameter	Range	Notes
Percentage > Hysteresis low limit	-100.0 to 0.0 %	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal active power relative to the nominal. Above this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the low active power excursion.
Percentage > Hysteresis high limit	0.0 to 100.0 %	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> .

Parameter	Range	Notes
		The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal active power relative to the nominal. Below this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the high active power excursion.
Active power > Hysteresis low limit	-900000.0 to 0.0 kW	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal active power. Above this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the low active power excursion.
Active power > Hysteresis high limit	0.0 to 900000.0 kW	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal active power. Below this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the high active power excursion.

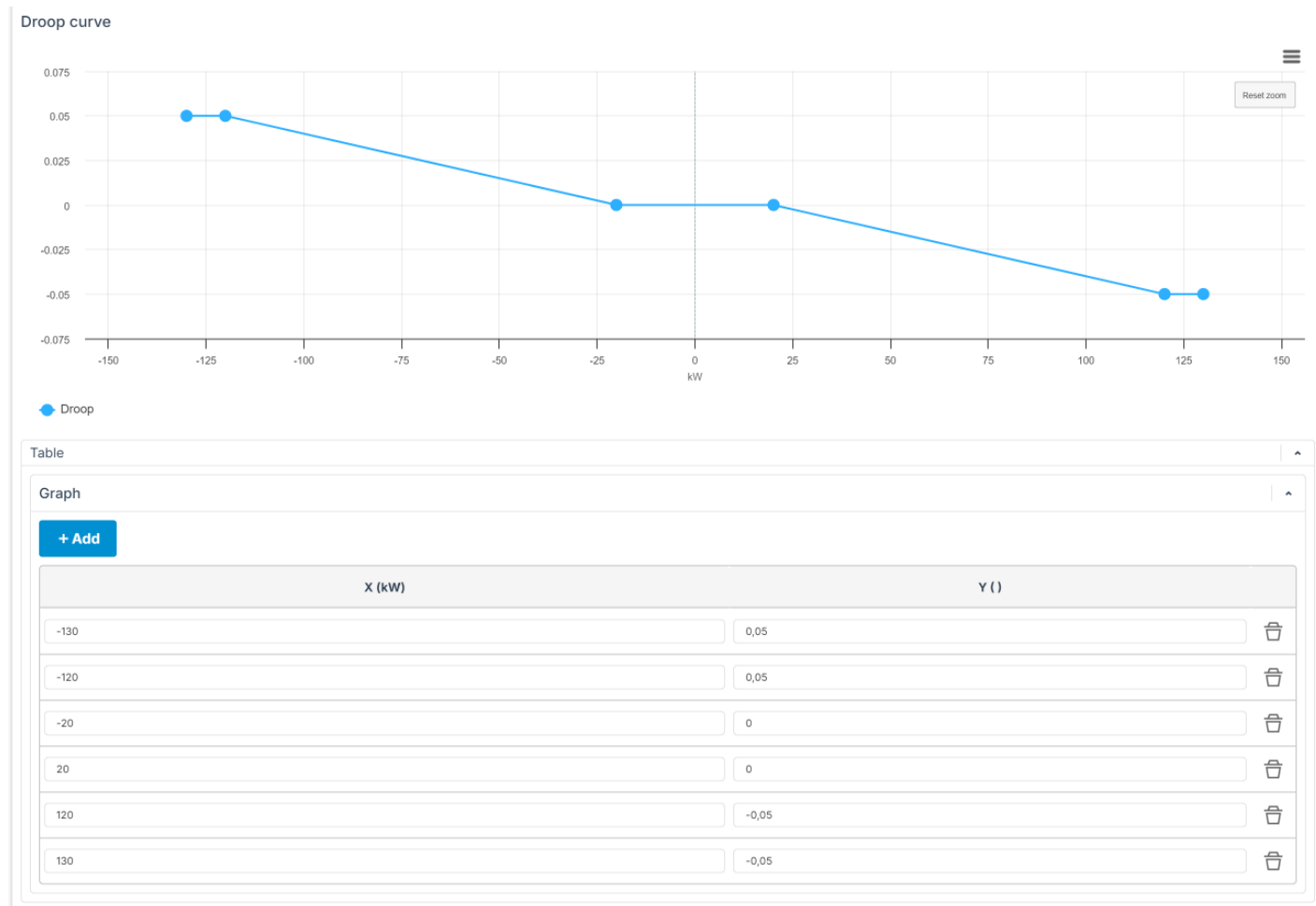
3.12.2 Active power-dependent cos phi droop

Grid code > Droop curve > Active power-dependent cos phi droop*

NOTE * To see these parameters, Grid code > Droop curve > [Active power or Voltage]-dependent [reactive power or cos phi] droop > Curve output must be **Cos phi** and Dependency must be **Active power**.

Parameter	Range	Notes
Enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the droop curve.
Calculation method	Percentage, Absolute	This parameter determines the units of the droop curve (graph) parameters, as well as the hysteresis limits.
Curve output	Cos phi, Reactive power	For Active power-dependent cos phi droop, Cos phi must be selected.
Dependency	Voltage, Active power	For Active power-dependent cos phi droop, Active power must be selected.
Hysteresis low enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the hysteresis low limit.
Hysteresis high enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the hysteresis high limit.

Droop curve



Parameter	Range	Notes
Table > Graph > X (%)	-100.0 to 100.0 % of power	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> .
Table > Graph > X (kW)	-900000.0 to 900000 kW	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> .
Table > Graph > Y ()	-1.000 to 1.000	The active power-based cos phi

Grid code > Droop curve > Active power-dependent cos phi droop > Hysteresis

Parameter	Range	Notes
Percentage > Hysteresis low limit	-100.0 to 0.0 %	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i>. The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal active power relative to the nominal. Above this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the low active power excursion.
Percentage > Hysteresis high limit	0.0 to 100.0 %	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i>. The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal active power relative to the nominal. Below this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the high active power excursion.
Active power > Hysteresis low limit	-900000.0 to 0.0 kW	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> .

Parameter	Range	Notes
		The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal active power. Above this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the low active power excursion.
Active power > Hysteresis high limit	0.0 to 900000.0 kW	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal active power. Below this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the high active power excursion.

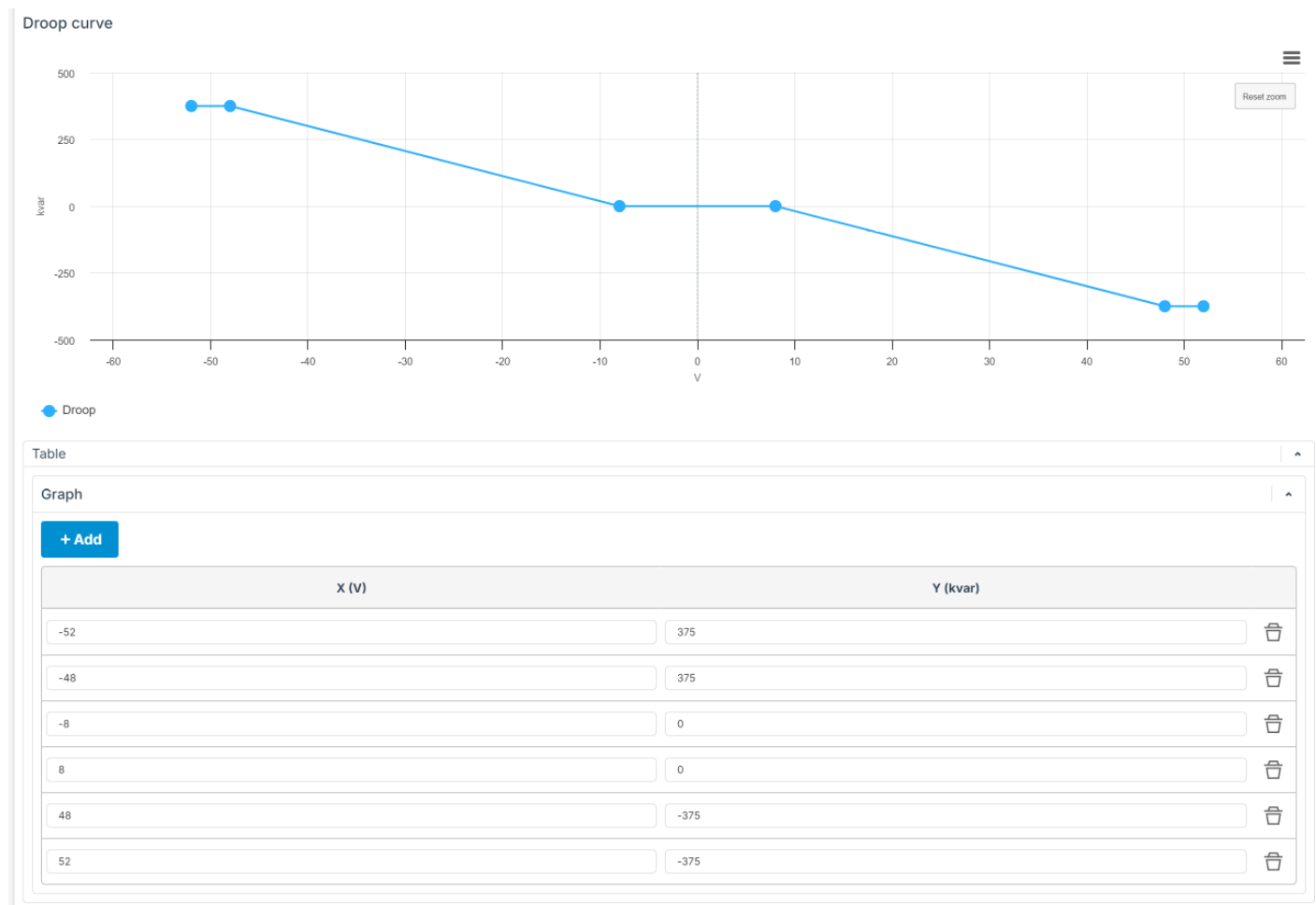
3.12.3 Voltage-dependent reactive power droop

Grid code > Droop curve > Voltage-dependent reactive power droop*

NOTE * To see these parameters, Grid code > Droop curve > [Active power or Voltage]-dependent [reactive power or cos phi] droop > Curve output must be **Reactive power** and Dependency must be **Voltage**.

Parameter	Range	Notes
Enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the droop curve.
Adjustment source	Nominal reactive power, Reactive power snapshot	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . Nominal reactive power: The droop is calculated as a percentage of the nominal reactive power. Reactive power snapshot: The droop is calculated as a percentage of the instantaneous reactive power.
Calculation method	Percentage, Absolute	This parameter determines the units of the droop curve (graph) parameters, as well as the hysteresis limits.
Curve output	Cos phi, Reactive power	For <i>Voltage-dependent reactive power</i> droop, Reactive power must be selected.
Dependency	Voltage, Active power	For <i>Voltage-dependent reactive power</i> droop, Voltage must be selected.
Hysteresis low enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the hysteresis low limit.
Hysteresis high enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the hysteresis high limit.

Droop curve



Parameter	Range	Notes
Table > Graph > X (%)	-100.0 to 100.0 %	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> .
Table > Graph > Y (%)	-100.0 to 100.0 %	The voltage-based reactive power
Table > Graph > X (V)	-1500000.0 to 1500000.0 V	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> .
Table > Graph > Y (kvar)	-900000.0 to 900000.0 kvar	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The voltage-based reactive power

Grid code > Droop curve > Voltage-dependent reactive power droop > Hysteresis

Parameter	Range	Notes
Percentage > Hysteresis low limit	-100.0 to 0.0 %	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal voltage relative to the nominal. Above this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the low voltage excursion.
Percentage > Hysteresis high limit	0.0 to 100.0 %	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal voltage relative to the nominal. Below this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the high voltage excursion.

Parameter	Range	Notes
Voltage > Hysteresis low limit	-1500000.0 to 0.0 V	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal voltage. Above this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the low voltage excursion.
Voltage > Hysteresis high limit	0.0 to 1500000.0 V	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal voltage. Below this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the high voltage excursion.

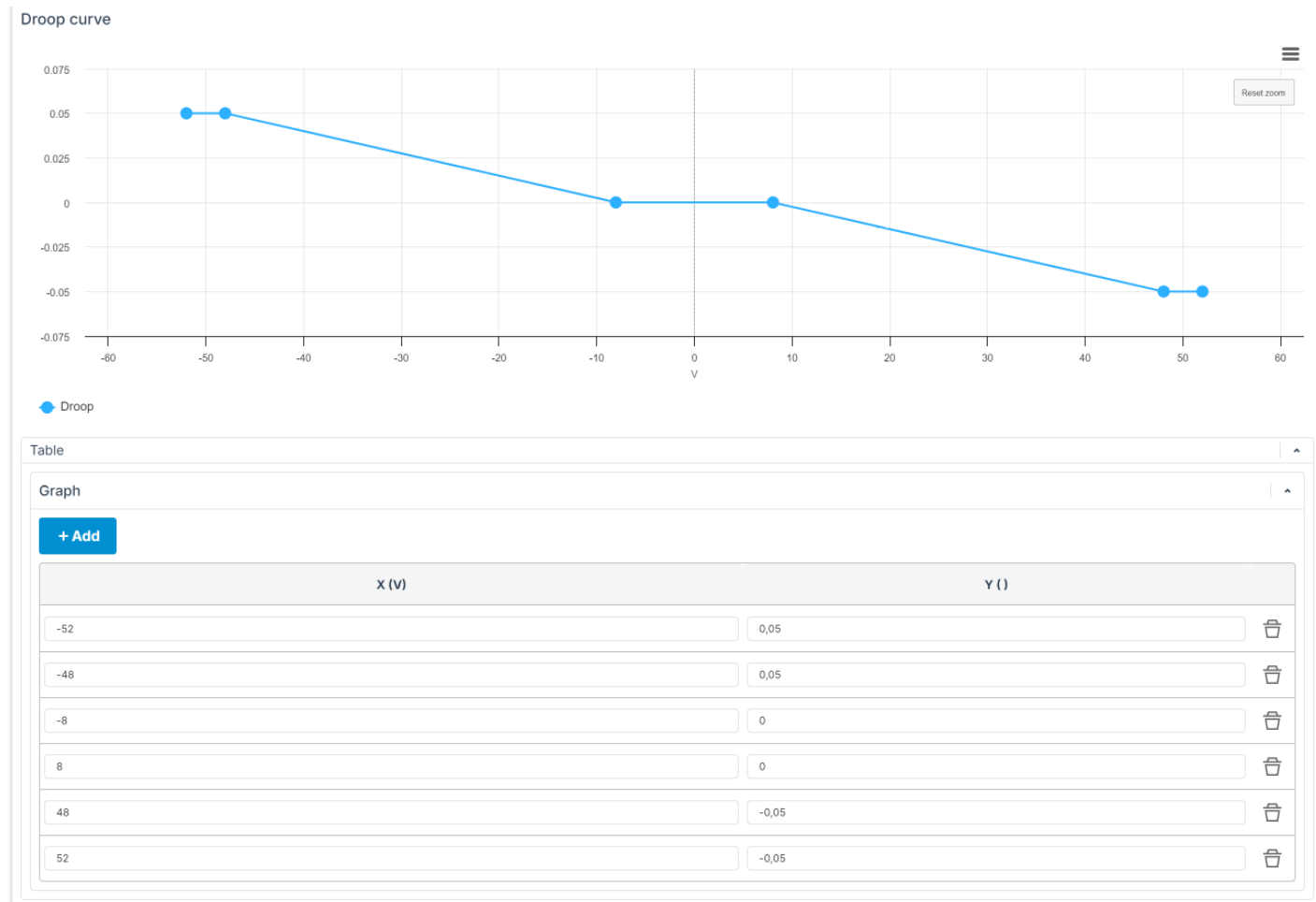
3.12.4 Voltage-dependent cos phi droop

Grid code > Droop curve > Voltage-dependent cos phi droop*

NOTE * To see these parameters, Grid code > Droop curve > [Active power or Voltage]-dependent [reactive power or cos phi] droop > Curve output must be **Cos phi** and Dependency must be **Voltage**.

Parameter	Range	Notes
Enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the droop curve.
Calculation method	Percentage, Absolute	This parameter determines the units of the droop curve (graph) parameters, as well as the hysteresis limits.
Curve output	Cos phi, Reactive power	For <i>Voltage-dependent cos phi droop</i> , Cos phi must be selected.
Dependency	Voltage, Active power	For <i>Voltage-dependent cos phi droop</i> , Voltage must be selected.
Hysteresis low enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the hysteresis low limit.
Hysteresis high enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the hysteresis high limit.

Droop curve



Parameter	Range	Notes
Table > Graph > X (%)	-100.0 to 100.0 % of voltage	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> .
Table > Graph > Y ()	-1.000 to 1.000	The voltage-based cos phi
Table > Graph > X (V)	-1500000.0 to 1500000.0 V	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> .

Grid code > Droop curve > Voltage-dependent cos phi droop > Hysteresis

Parameter	Range	Notes
Percentage > Hysteresis low limit	-100.0 to 0.0 %	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal voltage relative to the nominal. Above this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the low voltage excursion.
Percentage > Hysteresis high limit	0.0 to 100.0 %	This is only visible if Percentage is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal voltage relative to the nominal. Below this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the high voltage excursion.
Voltage > Hysteresis low limit	-1500000.0 to 0.0 V	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> .

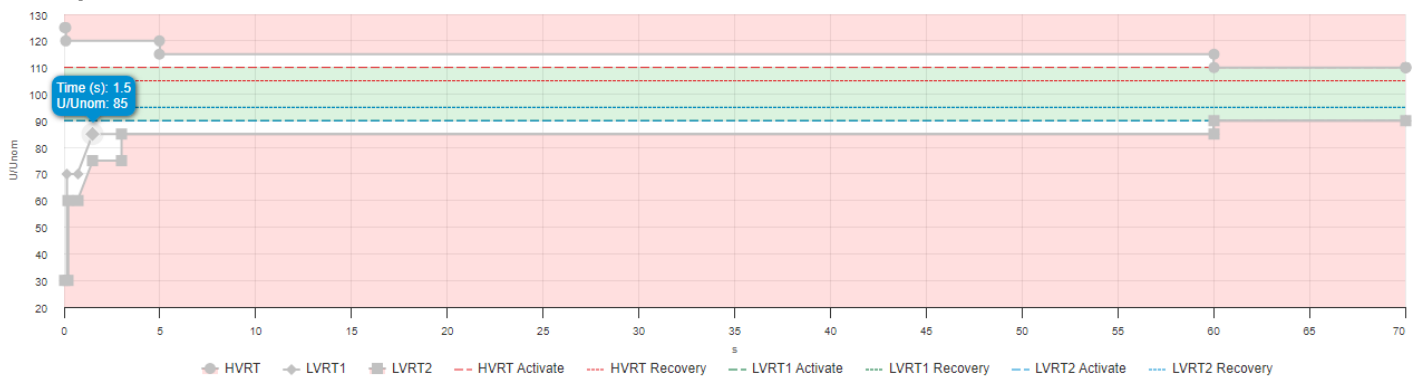
Parameter	Range	Notes
		The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal voltage. Above this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the low voltage excursion.
Voltage > Hysteresis high limit	0.0 to 1500000.0 V	This is only visible if Absolute is selected for the <i>Calculation method</i> . The hysteresis is a deviation from nominal voltage. Below this hysteresis the controller regards the system as recovered from the high voltage excursion.

3.13 FRT curves (LVRT and HVRT)

Fault ride through (FRT) keeps the generator connected even though the grid voltage is above or below the expected value. The FRT curves define how long the generator remains connected to the grid.

For dynamic grid support, the controller has two Low Voltage Ride Through (LVRT) curves and one High Voltage Ride Through (HVRT) curve.

Example of FRT curves



For each curve, configure a protection to disconnect the generator from the grid. Each recovery level can also be set. The LVRT protection activates if the specified phases drop below the set voltage values (below the curve). Between any two neighbouring points, the curve is a straight line.

There are configurable settings to stop GOV and/or AVR regulation during FRT.

The controller counts FRT activations. In PICUS, select **Configure > Counters > Grid code**. For each curve, the number of activations and alarm actions are shown.

The LVRT and HVRT activate lines do not affect the FRT function. These lines represent the set points for the activation alarms. You can configure the activation alarms to alert the user that the system is operating at a voltage that could activate FRT.

3.13.1 Parameters for FRT curves

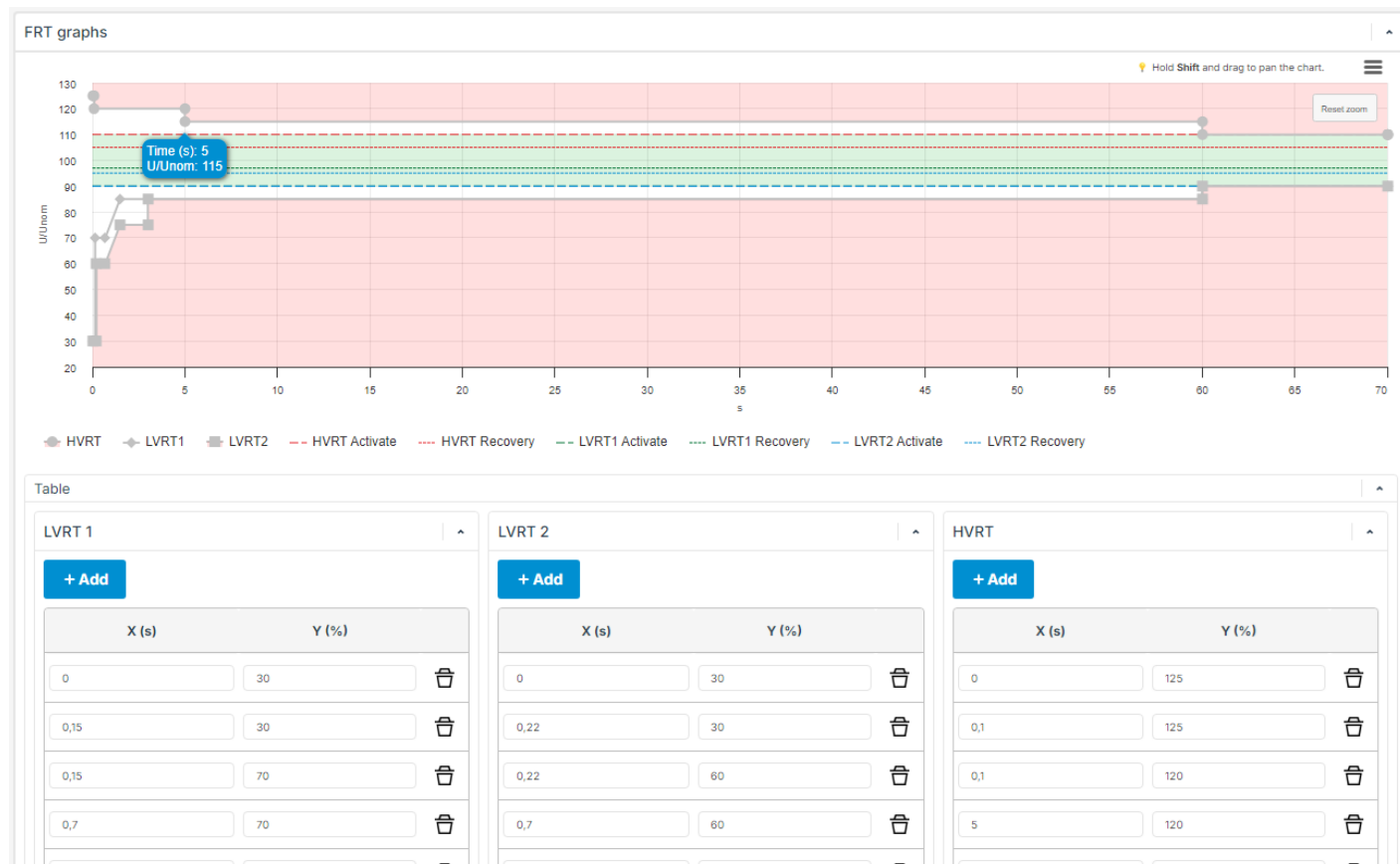
Grid code > Fault ride through > Preset all parameters

Name	Range	Notes
Preset to	-, VDE 2025	-: No effect. VDE 2025: When this is selected and written to the controller, the controller changes all of the FRT set points to comply with VDE 2025.

Grid code > Fault ride through > Suspend regulation

Name	Range	Notes
GOV enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Not enabled: GOV regulation is not affected when an FRT curve is activated. Enabled: GOV regulation is stopped when any FRT curve is activated.
GOV timeout	0.00 to 120.00 s	Timer for stopping GOV regulation, when an FRT curve is activated.
AVR enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Not enabled: AVR regulation is not affected when an FRT curve is activated. Enabled: AVR regulation is stopped when any FRT curve is activated.
AVR timeout	0.00 to 120.00 s	Timer for stopping AVR regulation, when an FRT curve is activated.

Grid code > Fault ride through > Protections > FRT graphs



Name	Range	Notes
Table > LVRT [1 to 2] > X (s)	0.000 to 7200.000 s	Use the tables to configure the LVRT curves.
Table > LVRT [1 to 2] > Y (%)	0.000 to 100.000 % of nominal voltage	
Table > HVRT > X (s)	0.000 to 7200.000 s	Use the table to configure the HVRT curve.
Table > HVRT > Y (%)	100.000 to 130.000 % of nominal voltage	

3.13.2 Parameters for LVRT protections

Grid code > Fault ride through > Protections > Low voltage ride through [1 to 2]

Name	Range	Notes
Enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The LVRT [1 to 2] function is active. Not enabled: The controller ignores the LVRT [1 to 2] function.
Activation phase type	One phase-phase Two phase-phase Three phase-phase Any phase-phase One phase-neutral Two phase-neutral Three phase-neutral Any phase-neutral Any phase-phase or phase-neutral Symmetrical phase-phase Asymmetrical phase-phase Symmetrical asymmetrical any phase-phase Symmetrical phase-neutral Asymmetrical phase-neutral Symmetrical asymmetrical any phase-neutral	The fault type for which the measurements have to exceed the set point to activate the fault ride through curve.
Recovery threshold	0.0 to 100.0 % of nominal voltage	Threshold for deactivation of the LVRT curve.
Recovery delay	0.00 to 100.00 s	Recovery delay for deactivation of the LVRT curve.
Link configuration	Not enabled, Enabled	Not enabled: Each FRT curve is activated and handled independently of the other FRT curves. Enabled: The FRT curves are activated based on the same incident, and the recovery is co-ordinated.
Minimum activation time	0.00 to 100.00 s	
Action	Alarm actions	

3.13.3 Parameters for HVRT protection

Grid code > Fault ride through > High voltage ride through

Name	Range	Notes
Enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The HVRT function is active. Not enabled: The controller ignores the HVRT function.
Activation phase type	Any phase-phase Any phase-neutral Any phase-phase or phase-neutral	The fault type for which the measurements have to exceed the set point to activate the fault ride through curve.

Name	Range	Notes
	Symmetrical asymmetrical any phase-phase Symmetrical asymmetrical any phase-neutral	
Recovery threshold	100.0 to 130.0 % of nominal voltage	Threshold for deactivation of the HVRT curve.
Recovery delay	0.00 to 100.00 s	Recovery delay for deactivation of the HVRT curve.
Link configuration	Not enabled, Enabled	Not enabled: Each FRT curve is activated and handled independently of the other FRT curves. Enabled: The FRT curves are activated based on the same incident, and the recovery is co-ordinated.
Minimum activation time	0.00 to 100.00 s	
Action	Alarm actions	

3.13.4 Parameters for activation alarms

The activation alarms can be used to alert the operator that the system is operating at a level that could activate LVRT or HVRT. The activation alarms are independent of the LVRT and HVRT functions (that is, they are unaffected by LVRT and HVRT alarms, and they do not do not affect the LVRT or HVRT alarms).

Grid code > Fault ride through > Protections > Activation alarm LVRT[1 to 2]

Name	Range	Notes
Enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The LVRT [1 to 2] activation alarm is enabled. Not enabled: The controller ignores the LVRT [1 to 2] activation alarm.
Set point	0.0 to 100.0 % of nominal voltage	The activation alarm set point. Recommendation: Use a value that would activate the LVRT[1 to 2] curve if the system continues to operate at that value for more than 60 seconds.
Action	Alarm actions	

Grid code > Fault ride through > Protections > Activation alarm HVRT1

Name	Range	Notes
Enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The HVRT activation alarm is enabled. Not enabled: The controller ignores the HVRT activation alarm.
Set point	100.0 to 130.0 % of nominal voltage	The activation alarm set point. Recommendation: Use a value that would activate the HVRT curve if the system continues to operate at that value for more than 60 seconds.
Action	Alarm actions	

3.13.5 Parameters for consecutive disturbance

Grid code > Fault ride through > Protections > Consecutive disturbance

Name	Range	Notes
Minimum time between disturbances	0.0 to 86400.0 s	After an FRT disturbance event, if other FRT activations start within this time, then the controller treats the FRT activations as one FRT activation.
Disturbance reset time	1.0 to 86400.0 s	The interval in which the maximum of consecutive FRT disturbance events may occur. Note: If you set this parameter lower than the <i>Minimum time between disturbances</i> , the controller automatically changes the value of this parameter to <i>Minimum time between disturbances</i> + 1.0 second.
Number of consecutive disturbances	1 to 10	The alarm is activated if this more than this number of FRT disturbance events occur during the disturbance reset time.
Action	Alarm actions	

3.14 Power feed in management

The grid operator may require the asset owner to comply with regulations to dynamically limit the active power fed into the network. Specifically, the German grid codes VDE 4105:2025 and VDE 4110:2025 (known as $P_{AV,E}$ or PAV,E) require power feed in management. The power feed in management function allows the controller to act as both a $P_{AV,E}$ controller and a $P_{AV,E}$ protection device.

The active power limit ($P_{AV,E}$) comes from the network operator via RRCR or Modbus. It is also possible to manually change the active power limit set point in the controller using PICUS or the display. Note that this limit is not necessarily the same as the generator active power set point, since there can be loads between the generator and the mains connection point.

This function requires a mains measurement at the connection point ($P_{mom.,Netz}$). That is, `Mains > AC setup > Mains power measurement > Source must be I4 or Analogue input`.

The $P_{AV,E}$ regulations only affect active power (P). That is, they do not include requirements for reactive power (Q).

Type of power generation

The $P_{AV,E}$ regulations make provision for two different types of power generation:

1. Generation plants and storage systems (Erzeugungsanlagen und Speicher)
2. Combined Heat and Power (CHP) units and fuel cells (BHKW und Brennstoffzellen)

CHP units and fuel cells are allowed a longer time to respond to changes to the active power limit.

The power feed in management parameters allow the user to configure the function for both types of power generation. The defaults are based on generation plants and storage systems.

Terms

Term	Notes
$P_{AV,E}$	The active power limit from the network operator.
P_{Inst}	The installed power. This corresponds to the asset nominal power.
$P_{mom.,Netz}$	The total active power of all phases being fed into the network.
t	Time (in seconds) since the active power limit was exceeded.

3.14.1 Active power limit via RRCR

The active power limit can come from the network operator via RRCR. This must be set up in CustomLogic using the RRCR inputs and corresponding P_{AVE} values agreed with the network operator. CustomLogic can then change the value of the *Contractual limit* parameter based on the RRCR digital input.



More information

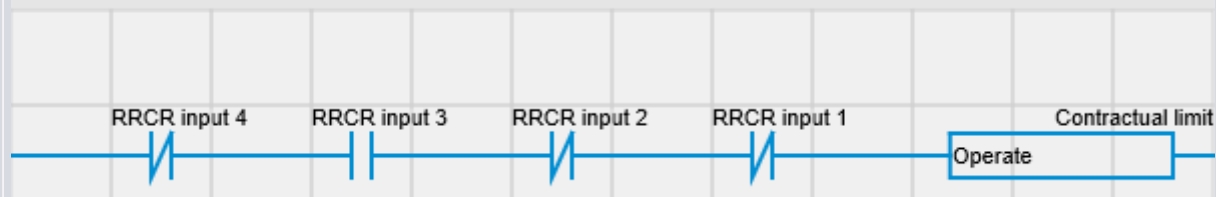
See [RRCR](#) for general RRCR information.



Example of configuring RRCR inputs for power feed in

For the Operate element, select *Parameters > Grid code > Power feed in management > Contractual limit > Percentage > Contractual limit* for the function, and set 40 for *Variable 1*.

Block 4 -



For block 4: The controller changes the *Contractual limit* parameter to 40 % when these conditions are met:

- RRCR input 4 is OFF
- RRCR input 3 is ON
- RRCR input 2 is OFF
- RRCR input 1 is OFF

3.14.2 Active power limit via Modbus

The active power limit can come from the network operator via Modbus.

By default, the controller Modbus server protocol allows a connected device to use Modbus and the Holding register (function codes 03;06;16) to change the value of the *Contractual limit* parameter. Use Modbus address 48321 for *Percentage*, or 48322 for *Absolute*.



More information

See **iE 250 Power management Modbus tables** for the default Modbus server protocol.

If you want to customise the Modbus server protocol to use a different address for the contractual limit parameter, you can use **Configure > Modbus** in PICUS to do so.



More information

See the **Omni Modbus server manual** for how to create a customised Modbus protocol.

3.14.3 Parameters for power feed in

These parameters allow the controller to act as a P_{AVE} controller.

Grid code > Power feed in management > Configuration

Name	Range	Notes
Enable	Not enabled, Enabled	Enabled: The controller uses the power feed in management parameters.

Name	Range	Notes
		Not enabled: The controller ignores the power feed in management parameters.
Calculation method	Percentage Absolute	Percentage: The function uses the parameters under <i>Grid code > Power feed in management > Contractual limit > Percentage</i>. Absolute: The function uses the parameters under <i>Grid code > Power feed in management > Contractual limit > Absolute</i>.

Grid code > Power feed in management > Ramp

Name	Range	Notes
Curve type	Exponential Linear	Exponential: In VDE 4105, this is used for generation plants and storage systems. When the contractual limit is exceeded, the <i>Start delay</i> timer runs. After that, the controller uses an exponential ramp to reduce the power export when the contractual limit is exceeded. The ramp equation corresponds to the equation in VDE 4105. It uses the <i>Start delay</i> and <i>Decay factor</i> as follows: $P_{\text{mom., Netz}} = P_{\text{AV,E}} + (P_{\text{inst.}} - P_{\text{AV,E}}) e^{-[\text{Decay factor}](t - [\text{Start delay}])}$ Linear: In VDE 4105, this is used for Combined Heat and Power (CHP) units and fuel cells. When the contractual limit is exceeded, the <i>Start delay</i> timer runs. After that, the controller uses a linear ramp to reduce the power export. At the <i>End time</i>, the contractual limit is no longer exceeded.
Start delay	0.0 to 300.0 s	In VDE 4105: • Generation plants and storage systems: This value is 0.8 s. • Combined Heat and Power (CHP) units and fuel cells: This value is 5.0 s.
Decay factor	0.01 to 2.00	This parameter is only for an exponential ramp. In VDE 4105, this value is 1.05. For an exponential curve with the VDE values, when the network operator changes the contractual limit, within 3 seconds, the excess power falls to 10 % of the initial excess power. At 10 seconds the excess power is 0. Note: To see this parameter, <i>Grid code > Power feed in management > Ramp > Curve type</i> must be Exponential.
End time	0.0 to 3600.0 s	This parameter is only for a linear ramp. In VDE 4105, this value is 40 s. Note: To see this parameter, <i>Grid code > Power feed in management > Ramp > Curve type</i> must be Linear.

Grid code > Power feed in management > Contractual limit > Percentage*

Name	Range	Notes
Contractual limit	0.0 to 110.0 %	The limit for active power to mains divided by active power installed ($P_{\text{mom., Netz}}/P_{\text{inst.}}$), in percent.
Contractual limit margin	0.0 to 100.0 %	This is a safety margin is to make sure that the active power measured at the common point of connection at mains/grid is never above the agreed $P_{\text{AV,E}}$ limit.

Name	Range	Notes
		The controller uses <i>Contractual limit</i> - <i>Contractual limit margin</i> as the limit for the power to the mains ($P_{AV,E}$).

NOTE *To see these parameters, Grid code > Power feed in management > Configuration > Calculation method must be **Percentage**.

Grid code > Power feed in management > Contractual limit > Absolute*

Name	Range	Notes
Contractual limit	0.0 to 900000.0 kW	The $P_{mom,Netz}$ limit absolute in kW.
Contractual limit margin	0.0 to 900000.0 kW	This is a safety margin is to make sure that the active power measured at the common point of connection at mains/grid is never above the agreed $P_{AV,E}$ limit. The controller uses <i>Contractual limit</i> - <i>Contractual limit margin</i> as the limit for the power to the mains ($P_{AV,E}$).

NOTE *To see these parameters, Grid code > Power feed in management > Configuration > Calculation method must be **Absolute**.

3.14.4 Protections for power feed in

These parameters allow the controller to act as a $P_{AV,E}$ protection device.

Grid code > Power feed in management > Protections > Grid contractual alarm [1 to 3]

Name	Range	Notes
Delay	0.00 to 7200.00 s	The controller activates the alarm if the alarm condition is met for the duration of the delay.
Set point	0.0 to 110.0 %	See <i>Alarm condition</i> below.
Set point addition	0.0 to 900000.0 kW	See <i>Alarm condition</i> below. VDE 4105 uses the <i>Set point addition</i> for CHP units and fuel cells.
Action	Alarm actions	The alarm action is typically to trip out the asset (that is, open the generator breaker).

NOTE Each protection can be enabled separately.

NOTE The default values for these protections correspond to the defaults in VDE 4105 for generator plants and storage systems. You can use the parameters to change to the VDE 4105 defaults for CHP units and fuel cells.

Alarm condition

The alarm condition is met when:

$$P_{mom,Netz} > [\text{Set point}] \times (P_{inst.} - P_{AV,E}) + [\text{Set point addition}] + P_{AV,E}$$

3.15 ROCOF for grid code

The grid code functions include up to three independent ROCOF protections. The measurement can be on the mains or generator side. PICUS displays a ROCOF graph that shows how changes to the settings affect the graph.

Parameters

Grid code > ROCOF > Preset all parameters

Name	Range	Notes
Present to	-, VDE 2025	-: No effect. VDE 2025: When this is selected and written to the controller, the controller changes all of the ROCOF set points to comply with VDE 2025.

Grid code > ROCOF > ROCOF graph



Name	Range	Notes
Series [1 to 3] > Time period	0.09 to 2.00 s	The time period for the ROCOF graph.
Series [1 to 3] > ROCOF limit	0.10 to 50.00 Hz/s	The limit for the ROCOF graph.
Series [1 to 3] > Alarm	Not enabled, Enabled	

Grid code > ROCOF > ROCOF [1 to 3]

Name	Range	Notes
Measurement source	Mains Generator	The ROCOF protection is based on the measurements from the selected source.
Action	Alarm actions	

Other

The controller also has a legacy ROCOF function that does not require a grid codes licence. You can configure the measurement period (in half periods), and configure the positive and negative df/dt independently in this function. You can read about it in the **Designer's handbook** and configure it in Mains > Additional protections > ROCOF (df/dt).

NOTICE



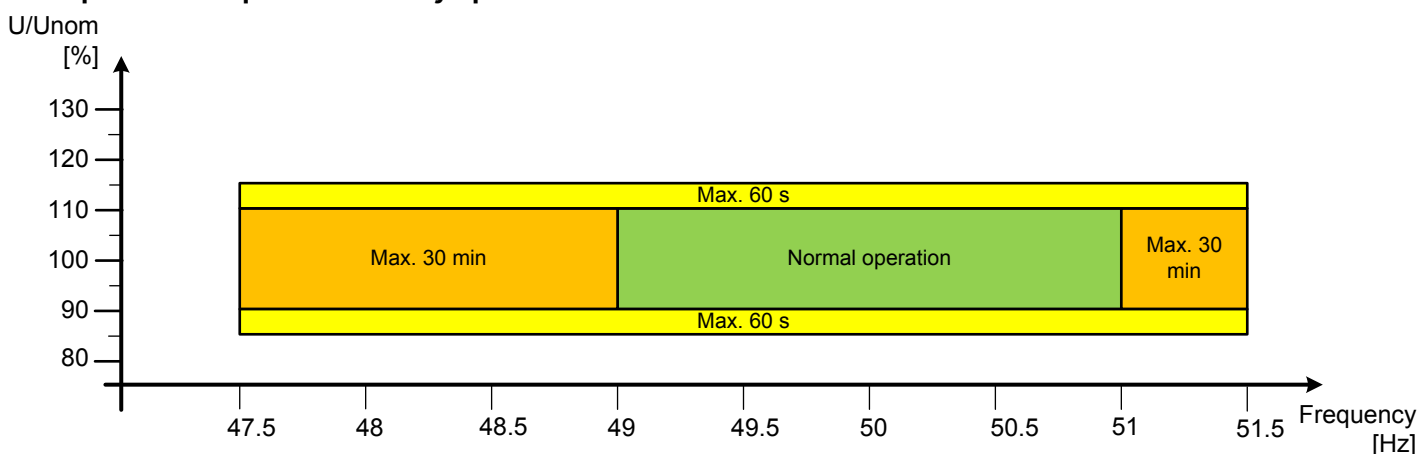
Legacy ROCOF parameters no longer available

When the grid codes ROCOF function is present, if you change the legacy ROCOF function to *Not enabled*, the parameters for the legacy ROCOF function will not be shown. You will also not be able to use the legacy ROCOF function.

3.16 Quasi-stationary operation

During quasi-stationary operation, the genset runs parallel to grid even though the voltage and frequency are outside the normal operation area. If the time limit is reached, the alarm fail class is activated. The normal operation area is 90 to 110 % of nominal voltage, and 49 to 51 Hz (nominal frequency ± 1 Hz).

Example for VDE quasi-stationary operation



3.16.1 Parameters for quasi-stationary operation

The controller's standard AC protections include several mains voltage and frequency protections. You can configure their set points and timers to define the area and long durations for quasi-stationary operation.

Voltage protections

Mains > Voltage protections > Over-voltage [1 to 3]

Name	Range	Notes
Set point	90.0 to 120.0 % of nominal voltage	See the Designer's handbook .
Reset hysteresis	0.0 to 20.0 %	
Delay	0.00 s to 2 hours	

Mains > Voltage protections > Under-voltage [1 to 4]

Name	Range	Notes
Set point	10.0 to 100.0 % of nominal voltage	See the Designer's handbook .
Reset hysteresis	0.0 to 20.0 %	
Delay	0.00 s to 2 hours	

Frequency protection

Mains > Frequency protections > Over-frequency [1 to 3]

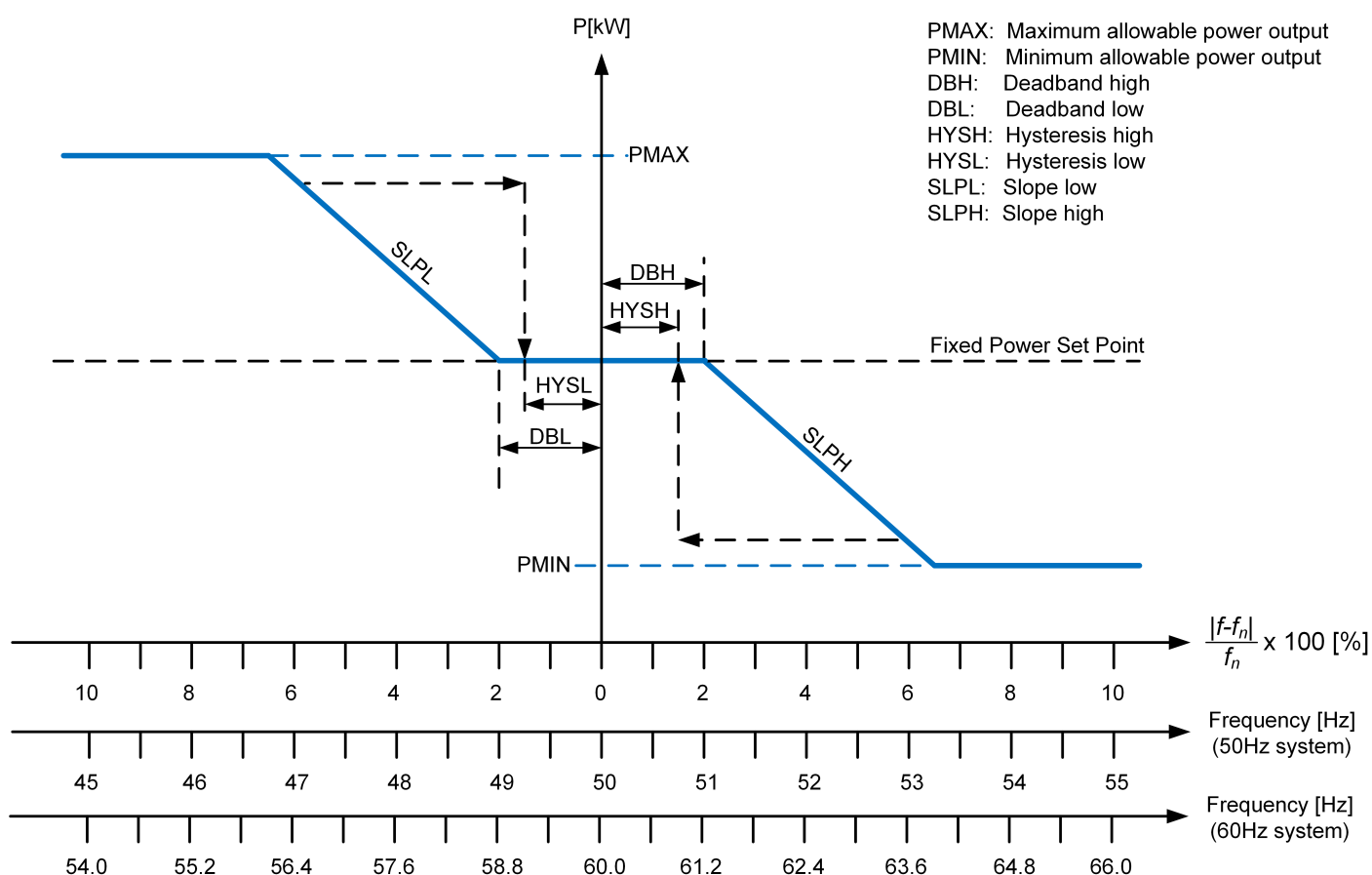
Name	Range	Notes
Set point	100.0 to 130.0 % of nominal frequency	See the Designer's handbook .
Reset hysteresis	0.0 to 20.0 %	
Delay	0.00 s to 2 hours	

Mains > Frequency protections > Under-frequency [1 to 4]

Name	Range	Notes
Set point	80.0 to 100.0 % of nominal frequency	See the Designer's handbook .
Reset hysteresis	0.0 to 20.0 %	
Delay	0.00 s to 2 hours	

3.17 Over- and under-frequency-dependent active power

During a critical grid condition all power production plants must support the grid frequency.



You can use *Droop curve* to create a curve to control the produced power, based on grid under- and over-frequency. If the frequency is outside of the deadband, the produced power is regulated with a gradient reaction (Power Ramp 2).

When the grid frequency returns inside the deadband, the *Recover delay* timer activates, and there is a gradient change for power regulation (Power Ramp 3).

When the *Recover delay* timer runs out, if the grid frequency remains in the deadband zone, the gradient changes to normal operation (Power Ramp 1).

The calculation of decrease or increase of active power can be switched between *Active power installed* (nominal power) or *Active power momentary* (actual power).

The slope can be based on absolute value or %.



Example of Calculation method

The generator has a nominal power of 1000 kW. The grid frequency is 50 Hz. A slope of 40 % is required for each 1 Hz increase or decrease of grid frequency.

40 % of 1000 kW = 400 kW. 1 Hz/50 Hz = 2 %. *Slope low (7133)* must therefore be $400 \text{ kW} / 2 \% = 200 \text{ kW}/\%$.

If `Grid code > Droop curve > Active power droop > Active power momentary` is selected, the calculation uses the load to adjust the slope. If the generator is running at 500 kW, the slope is $200 \text{ kW}/\% \times (500 \text{ kW} / 1000 \text{ kW}) = 100 \text{ kW}/\%$.

For `Grid code > Droop curve > Active power droop > Active power installed`, the calculation uses the value in *Slope low*.



More information

See [Requirements for Generators frequency droop](#) for information on how the grid protections complies with Regulation (EU) 2016/631 (also known as RfG).

3.17.1 Parameters

Power ramp parameters

See [Power ramps](#).

- **Ramp 1: Normal operation**
 - Ramp 1 is for normal operation in the deadband (between DBL and DBH).
- **Ramp 2: Frequency outside the deadband**
 - Ramp 2 is for operation outside the deadband (below DBL or above DBH).
- **Ramp 3: Recovery after frequency and/or voltage outside the deadband**
 - Ramp 3 is used if the operation is in the deadband again (between DBL and DBH) after Ramp 2 was activated.
 - Ramp 3 is used for recovery until the set point is reached.
 - After the set point is reached, the controller changes to normal operation and uses Ramp 1.

Droop

Configure the active power droop. This is described in [Active power droop \(for RfG\)](#).

3.18 Low voltage low reactive power

Two protections are available for *Low voltage low reactive power*. You can configure the parameters in [Generator or Mains] > Additional protections > V< and Q< [1 to 2].



More information

See **Low voltage low reactive power** in the **Designer's handbook**.

3.19 Mains frequency alarms

Mains over-frequency and mains under-frequency alarms are required for G99. The controller's standard AC protections include several mains over-frequency and under-frequency protections that can be used for this. These alarms can be configured with delays up to 2 hours. They are described in the **Designer's handbook**.