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MULTI-CHANNEL IV CURVE TRACER







How does the PV Master unleash your solar power potential?

Performance: Testing ensures that PV modules, and other components perform as expected under various conditions. The PV Master assesses their efficiency, power output, and reliability.

Safety Compliance: Early fault detection through a combination of leakage current measurement and IV curve tracing.

Inspection methods

There are already a few methods to carry out PV inspections. The ones mainly used in the field are thermal imaging and electroluminescence but since they often need a lot of time and know how to use, they aren't flawless.

Diagnosis Faults	Optical Inspection	Thermal Imaging	Electro- luminescence	1-Channel IV-Curve Tracing	Multichannel IV-Curve Tracing
PID	×	\bigtriangleup	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Bypass open	×	×	×	\checkmark	\checkmark
Bypass shorted	×	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
Hot Spots	×	\checkmark	\bigtriangleup	\checkmark	\checkmark
Cell Crack	×	\bigtriangleup	\checkmark	\bigtriangleup	\bigtriangleup
Disconnection	×	\checkmark	-	\checkmark	\checkmark
Snail Trail	\checkmark	\bigtriangleup	-	\checkmark	\checkmark
parallel Mismatch	×	×	×	×	\checkmark
Needed Time	-	High	High	High	Low
× no detection	Δ partly detection	✓ full detection			

World's only instrument to detect parallel Mismatch-Losses

Exemplary faults detected by IV – CURVE

Standard Test Conditions

Expected curve when no damage or aging is present.

Hotspots

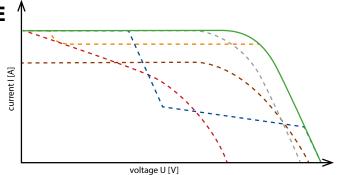
When solar cells within a module no longer supply current due to partial shading they heat up strongly due to the current of the other cells connected in series. In the worst case, a hot spot can lead to fires, but in any case, it results in a power reduction.

PID – Potential Induced Degradation

PID occurs when a voltage difference prevails between panel and ground. The primary circuit thereby produces a partial voltage discharge which then results in an output power reduction.

LID - Light Induced Degradation

The degradation of photovoltaic modules describes the reduction in performance due to aging effects. This mainly includes browning, cell bleaching blistering or cell corrosion.



Bypass-Diode Breakage

Bypass-Diodes can break due to production faults, thunderstorms, overheating, mechanical damage or continuous shading. When that happens the system voltage will be reduced leading to output power reduction.

Shading

Shaded modules do not only reduce the power output but also lead to bigger problems like Hotspots or breakage of the bypass diode.

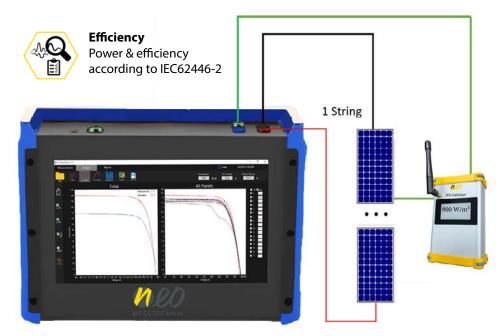
Measurement



Why is it the world's most versatile Solar Power Plant diagnostic system?



The best IV-Curve Tracer



Sensor Box Options:

Sensor Box Lite Integrated Class C Pyranometer,

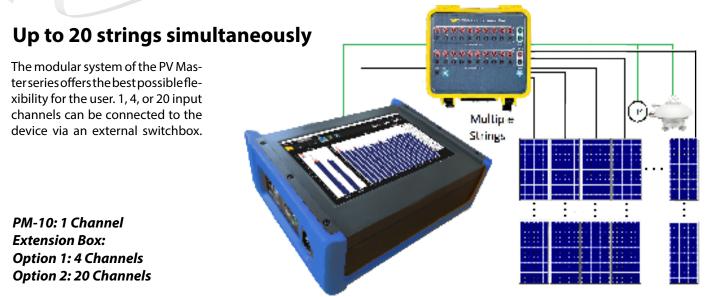
ambient and module temperature (PT100/PT1000)

Sensor Box Expert

- up to 2x Radiation
- (Pyra Class A, B or C)
- up to 5x Temperature
- (PT100/1000 or Thermocouple Typ K)
- wired or wireless (up to 100m)
- Touch-Screen Display and battery powered
- Bifacial Module support



Devices



PV MASTER 10



1 Channel IV-curve tracing

Highly precise measurement diagnostics an report tool for PV systems.

up to 1500 V / 30 A or 45 A

Designed for high-power applications (high voltage / high current)

20 CHANNEL EXTENSIONBOX



AUTOMATIC SWITCHING Switches automatically through all connected Channels. 20x IV-curve measurement 20x Leakage measurement

PV MASTER 70



20 Channels with 1600 V / 40 A

PV MASTER 80

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24 Channels with 1100 V / 40 A



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