

PV-KLA

I-V Curve Analyser for Photovoltaics

The I-V curve analyser for photovoltaics PV-KLA can be used on many terms for I-V curve tracing of PV modules and generators in research and industry. Because of its flexibility it can be used for indoor tests as well as for outdoor tests. Several devices are in action at german and international producer sites and research institutes. The PV-KLA is directly and comfortably controlled via the com port of a PC by using the software PVK.



Functional Description

For I-V curve tracing of PV generators the device uses a capacitive load. For a wide range of different PV generators the device uses only one capacitor without the need to exchange hardware. Optimization is done only by software. All 4 channels (voltage, current, irradiance and temperature) are sampled at the same time. The maximal sampling rate for one voltage-current-irradiance-temperature value is 66 kHz.

The portable, accu supplied device is suitable for indoor laboratory tests as well as for portable outdoor test. Large memory for every I-V curve, high accuracy and high sampling rates in combination with irradiance and temperature measurement in standard version enable the device to take curves with high quality. Meteorological sensors are sampled and displayed with 1 Hz. With optional specific adaptors the PV-KLA can be expanded for additional usage.

The meteorological adaptor multiplexes the temperature channel, so that 7

additional channels for the use of several meteorological sensors (Pt100 sensors, wind, pyranometer) are free.

The cell adaptor gives the opportunity to measure the I-V curve of single PV cells. It is the ideal partner for the steady-state solar simulator Mini-SuSi produced by our bureau.

The comfortable control software PVK is programmed object orientated (german and english versions are available) and shows in only one measuring window all relevant parameters for the I-V curve, incl. the curve as graphics.

It can be controlled by using the mouse or the keyboard. Long-time measurements with user defined time periods are possible as well as calculation of temperature coefficients for parameters like open-circuit voltage, short-circuit current or power within the maximum-power-point (MPP).

A multiplexer for up to 8 PV modules or generators is also available. It is controlled via the parallel port of the PC.



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