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PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICES –

Part 7: Computation of the spectral mismatch correction for measurements of photovoltaic devices

1 ~~Scope and object~~

This part of IEC 60904 describes the procedure for correcting the ~~bias~~ spectral mismatch error introduced in the testing of a photovoltaic device, caused by the mismatch between the test spectrum and the reference spectrum (e.g. AM1.5 spectrum) and by the mismatch between the spectral ~~responses~~ responsivities (SR) of the reference ~~cell~~ device and of the device under test ~~specimen~~ and therewith reduce the systematic uncertainty. ~~The procedure applies only to photovoltaic devices linear in SR as defined in IEC 60904-10.~~ This procedure is valid for single-junction devices but the principle may be extended to cover multi-junction devices.

The purpose of this document is to give guidelines for the correction of ~~measurement bias~~ the spectral mismatch error, should there be a spectral mismatch between the test spectrum and the reference spectrum as well as between the reference device SR and the device under test ~~specimen~~ SR. The calculated spectral mismatch correction is only valid for the specific combination of test and reference devices measured with a particular test spectrum.

Since a PV device has a wavelength-dependent ~~response~~ spectral responsivity, its performance is significantly affected by the spectral distribution of the incident radiation, which in natural sunlight varies with several factors such as location, weather, time of year, time of day, orientation of the receiving surface, etc., and with a solar simulator varies with its type and conditions. If the irradiance is measured with a thermopile-type radiometer (that is not spectrally selective) or with a PV reference ~~solar cell~~ device (IEC 60904-2), the spectral irradiance distribution of the incoming light must be known to make the necessary corrections to obtain the performance of the PV device under the reference ~~solar~~ spectral irradiance distribution defined in IEC 60904-3.

If a reference PV device or a thermopile type detector is used to measure the irradiance, then, following the procedure given in this document, it is possible to calculate the spectral mismatch correction necessary to obtain the short-circuit current of the ~~test PV~~ device under test under the reference ~~solar~~ spectral irradiance distribution in IEC 60904-3 or any other reference spectrum. If the reference PV device has the same relative spectral ~~response~~ responsivity as the ~~test PV~~ device under test then the reference device automatically takes into account deviations of the ~~real light~~ measured spectral irradiance distribution from the ~~standard~~ reference spectral irradiance distribution, and no further correction of spectral ~~bias~~ mismatch errors is necessary. In this case, location and weather conditions are not critical when the reference device method is used for ~~outdoor~~ performance measurements ~~provided both reference cell and test PV device have the same relative spectral response under natural sunlight.~~ Also, for identical relative SRs, the spectral classification of the simulator is not critical for ~~indoor~~ measurements with solar simulators.

If the performance of a PV device is measured using a known spectral irradiance distribution, its short-circuit current at any other spectral irradiance distribution can be computed using the spectral ~~response~~ responsivity of the PV ~~test~~ device under test.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60891, *Photovoltaic devices – Procedures for temperature and irradiance corrections to measured I-V characteristics* ~~of crystalline silicon photovoltaic devices~~

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IEC 60904-1-1, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 1-1: Measurement of current-voltage characteristics of multi-junction photovoltaic (PV) devices*

IEC 60904-2, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 2: Requirements for photovoltaic reference* ~~solar devices~~

IEC 60904-3, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 3: Measurement principles for terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) solar devices with reference spectral irradiance data*

IEC 60904-8, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 8: Measurement of spectral* ~~response~~ *responsivity of a photovoltaic (PV) device*

IEC 60904-8-1, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 8-1: Measurement of spectral responsivity of multi-junction photovoltaic (PV) devices*

IEC 60904-9, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 9: Solar simulator performance requirements*

~~IEC 60904-10, Photovoltaic devices – Part 10 Methods of linearity measurement~~

~~IEC 61215, Crystalline silicon terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules – Design qualification and type approval~~

~~IEC 61646, Thin film terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules – Design qualification and type approval~~

IEC TS 61836, *Solar photovoltaic energy systems – Terms, definitions and symbols*

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- pour davantage de compatibilité et moins de redondance, l'article "Détermination du spectre pour l'essai" fait référence à l'IEC 60904-9;
- le facteur de désadaptation des réponses spectrales est appelé *SMM* plutôt que *MM* afin de permettre la différenciation avec le facteur de désadaptation angulaire *AMM* et le facteur de désadaptation angulaire spectral *SAMM*;

- les formules correspondant à la dérivée et à l'application du facteur de désadaptation spectral *SMM* sont ajoutées;
- des références à de nouvelles normes sont données, par exemple concernant les dispositifs multijonctions;
- des formulations ont été corrigées ("sensibilité" remplace "réponse" et "éclairage" remplace "intensité").

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DISPOSITIFS PHOTOVOLTAÏQUES –

Partie 7: Calcul de la correction de désadaptation des réponses spectrales dans les mesures de dispositifs photovoltaïques

1 Domaine d'application

Cette partie de l'IEC 60904 décrit la procédure pour corriger l'erreur de mesure spectrale introduite dans l'essai d'un dispositif photovoltaïque, due d'une part à la désadaptation du spectre pour l'essai et du spectre de référence (par exemple, spectre AM1.5), et d'autre part à la désadaptation entre les sensibilités spectrales (SS) du dispositif de référence et du dispositif soumis à essai, et ainsi réduire l'incertitude systématique. Cette procédure est valable pour les dispositifs à jonction unique, mais le principe peut être étendu aux dispositifs multijonctions.

Le but du présent document est de donner des lignes directrices pour la correction de l'erreur de mesure spectrale se traduisant par une désadaptation à la fois du spectre pour l'essai et du spectre de référence, ainsi que des sensibilités spectrales (SS) du dispositif de référence et celles du dispositif soumis à essai. La correction calculée de désadaptation des réponses spectrales n'est valable que pour la combinaison spécifique des dispositifs d'essai et de référence mesurés à l'aide d'un spectre d'essai particulier.

Comme la sensibilité spectrale d'un dispositif PV est liée à la longueur d'onde, ses performances sont influencées de manière significative par la distribution spectrale du rayonnement incident, qui, dans le cas d'un éclairage solaire naturel, varie selon plusieurs facteurs tels que l'emplacement, les conditions météorologiques, le moment de l'année ou de la journée, l'orientation de la surface de réception, etc., et qui, avec un simulateur solaire, varie selon son type et les conditions correspondantes. Si l'éclairage est mesuré avec un radiomètre à thermopile (qui n'est pas spectralement sélectif) ou avec un dispositif PV de référence (IEC 60904-2), la distribution spectrale de l'éclairage de la lumière entrante doit être connue de façon à appliquer les corrections nécessaires pour obtenir les performances du dispositif PV avec la distribution spectrale de l'éclairage de référence définie dans l'IEC 60904-3.

Si un dispositif PV de référence ou un détecteur de type thermopile est utilisé pour mesurer l'éclairage, alors, en suivant la procédure donnée dans le présent document, il est possible de calculer la correction de désadaptation des sensibilités spectrales nécessaire à la détermination du courant de court-circuit du dispositif soumis à essai avec une distribution spectrale de l'éclairage de référence donnée dans l'IEC 60904-3 ou avec tout autre spectre de référence. Si le dispositif PV de référence a la même sensibilité spectrale relative que le dispositif soumis à essai alors le dispositif de référence prend automatiquement en compte les écarts de la distribution spectrale de l'éclairage mesurée par rapport à la distribution spectrale de l'éclairage de référence, et aucune correction supplémentaire des erreurs de mesure spectrales n'est nécessaire. Dans ce cas, l'emplacement et les conditions atmosphériques ne sont pas critiques lorsque la méthode employant un dispositif de référence est utilisée pour des mesures de performance sous éclairage solaire naturel. De plus, pour des sensibilités spectrales relatives identiques, la classification spectrale du simulateur n'est pas critique pour des mesures avec des simulateurs solaires.

Si la performance d'un dispositif PV est mesurée en utilisant une distribution spectrale de l'éclairage connue, son courant de court-circuit avec toute autre distribution spectrale de l'éclairage peut être calculé en utilisant la sensibilité spectrale du dispositif PV soumis à essai.

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IEC 60904-1, *Dispositifs photovoltaïques – Partie 1: Mesure des caractéristiques courant-tension des dispositifs photovoltaïques*

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