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Swiss Mobile Flasher Bus

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One year operation of the mobile flasher

- A throughput of up to 200 modules per day could be reached at customer's site (one flash each).
- Five different module technologies (cr.Si, HIT, a-Si/uc-Si, CIS, CdTe) were testet at the EKZ reference field the second time.
- The measurement uncertainty was analysed.
- The spectral response measurement on module scale was added as a new test feature.

Calculation of the uncertainty

- All measurements of th SMFB are referred to a set of four polycrystalline silicon modules which were measured at the ISE Fraunhofer Institute in Freiburg.
- The uncertainty of the temperature correction was measured at different module temperatures (see Fig. 1).
 The expanded combined uncertainty for power measurements of cr.-Si modules is 3.2% (module temperature 15°C 35°C).



Fig. 1: Measured module nominal power after temperature correction versus module temperature

limit	distribution	variance
1.00	G	1.00
0.50	R	0.08
0.89	R	0.26
0.60	R	0.12
0.12	R	0.01
0.18	G	0.03
0.50	G	0.25
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Low irradiance measurement

- Different low irradiance characteristics may contribute up to 4% difference in annual yield.
- The SMFB is equipped with 4 masks to block the irradiance, additionally the power of the lamp can be adjusted thus values between 70 to 1100 W/m2 can be reached.
- Increase of 2% for cr.- silicion at 400 W/m2; up to 6% for CdTe was measured (see Fig. 2)

Spectral response measurement on module scale

- The SMFB has been equipped with 15 band pass filters in the range of 400 nm to 1100 nm.
- Now it is possible to measure the photo current on module level.
- The mean of the standard deviation calculated for each wavelength range between measurement results with the SMFB and results of ISE is only 0.7%.

Miscellanesous	1.50	R	0.75
		Σ	2.51
		$2*sqrt(\Sigma)$	3.2%

Tab. 1: SMFB uncertainty budget for crystalline Si modules (95% confidence)



Fig. 2: Module efficiency at low irradiance (n*->Voc * FF normalized to STC; PIn*->Isc normalized)



Fig. 3: Spectral response module characteristic of mono cr. silicon (180 Wp) and CdTe (FS275).

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