



ON-GRID SOLAR ENERGY WITH STORAGE



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Modular trainer for the theoretical and practical study of the electric energy generation from photovoltaic panels.

With the on-grid solar energy with storage, it is possible to perform experiments to determine the characteristics of a photovoltaic panel, study its on-grid operation with the connection to the mains network and its operation with a grid-tie battery charge controller for storage.

The complete system is supplied with a sun simulation module for indoor use.

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

Solar panel characterization:

- Measuring solar radiation: Changing the inclination and azimuth of the solar panel
- Investigating the PV module response to shadow formation
- Recording the characteristics of the solar modules: Solar Panel Voltage-Irradiation Curve, Solar Panel Current-Irradiation Curve (calculating the inner resistance of the solar panel), Obtaining the solar panel current-voltage curve, Obtaining the solar panel power-voltage curve.

Solar on-grid system:

- Measuring the electricity delivered to the mains grid
- Measuring the electricity produced by the solar panel, delivered/taken from the mains grid, and the loading of AC lamps
- Determining the efficiency of the grid connected inverter
- Investigating the response of a PV system to a mains failure

Solar on-grid storage system:

- Measuring the generated power of a PV system and battery charging.
- Using Solar Panel and Battery to supply an AC Load.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- Inclinal photovoltaic panel, approx. 90W, 12V, complete with a cell for measuring the solar irradiation and a temperature sensor.
- Sun simulator consisting of halogen lamps to provide energy to the photovoltaic module for indoor use.
- Multifunction measurement module: solar irradiation (up to 1000 W/m²), solar panel temperature (up to 400°C), 2 DC power meters (65Vdc, 30Adc, 1000W) and 1 AC power meter (512Vac, 30Aac, 1000W).
- Load management module with three independent single-phase outputs for the dynamic study of different load types.
- Active DC load used in the renewable energies' laboratories configurable as constant resistance or constant current.
- Single phase transformer with full-wave rectifier and capacitive filter to power DC load from AC single phase supply.
- A Grid-tie inverter output at mains voltage, 12V, 300W.
- Three-phase power analyser. Measurement of voltages, currents, frequencies, active power, reactive power, apparent power.
- Inverter charger module used in on grid system to manage the energy stored in the battery, combining with solar & utility charging and AC output. It offers four charging modes including Solar priority, Utility priority, Solar and Utility & Solar and two output modes for Battery and Utility. It utilizes the MPPT technology. Its output is protected against over current and reverse polarity.
- Single-phase supply at the mains voltage and frequency. Key operated Output: Phase + N + T through 4mm safety terminals, protected with differential magneto-thermal switch.
- Variable DC power supply that emulates a photovoltaic panel. The V/I characteristic of the output varies in function of the irradiation setting. Local or remote control via serial communication using Modbus RTU.
- Three-level frame.

SOFTWARE

The ON-GRID solar energy with storage is supplied with a software developed in LabVIEW that communicates with the main components of the modular system via RS485 serial communication using Modbus RTU protocol to perform data acquisition and processing.

