

Principle of measuring current when photovoltaic panels are connected in series

How to measure open circuit voltage of a photovoltaic module?

For the measurement of module parameters like VOC, ISC, VM, and IM we need voltmeter and ammeter or multimeter, rheostat, and connecting wires. While measuring the VOC, no-load should be connected across the two terminals of the module. To find the open circuit voltage of a photovoltaic module via multimeter, follow the simple following steps.

How to measure short circuit current of a photovoltaic module?

While measuring the ISC, no-load should be connected across the two terminals of the module. To find the short circuit current of a photovoltaic module via multimeter, follow the simple following steps. Make sure that one probe is connected to the COM port of multimeter and another to the current measuring port.

How to calculate solar panels connected in parallel configuration?

The following figure shows solar panels connected in parallel configuration. If the current IM1 is the maximum power point current of one module and IM2 is the maximum power point current of other module then the total current of the parallel-connected module will be IM1 + IM2.

How to increase the current N-number of solar PV modules?

To increase the current N-number of PV modules are connected in parallel. Such a connection of modules in a series and parallel combination is known as "Solar Photovoltaic Array" or "PV Module Array". A schematic of a solar PV module array connected in series-parallel configuration is shown in figure below. Solar Module Cell:

How to calculate PV module voltage and power requirement?

Step 1: Note the current, voltage, and power requirement of the PV array Step 2: Note the PV module parameters Voltage at maximum power point of module VM = 70 V Current at maximum power point of module IM = 17 A Maximum power PM: $PM = VM \times IM$ $PM = 70V \times 17A$ $PM = 1190 W$ Step 3: Calculate the number of modules to be connected in series and parallel

When n-number of PV modules are connected in series?

When N-number of PV modules are connected in series. The entire string of series-connected modules is known as the PV module string. The modules are connected in series to increase the voltage in the system. The following figure shows a schematic of series, parallel and series parallel connected PV modules. PV Module Array



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