

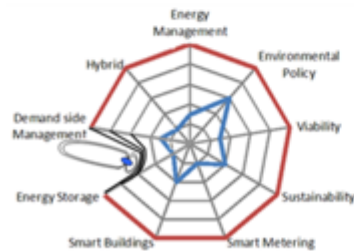


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Operational Commissioning of Photovoltaic systems

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History of Constructors vs Quality



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**ISO
50001**

**Energy
manager**

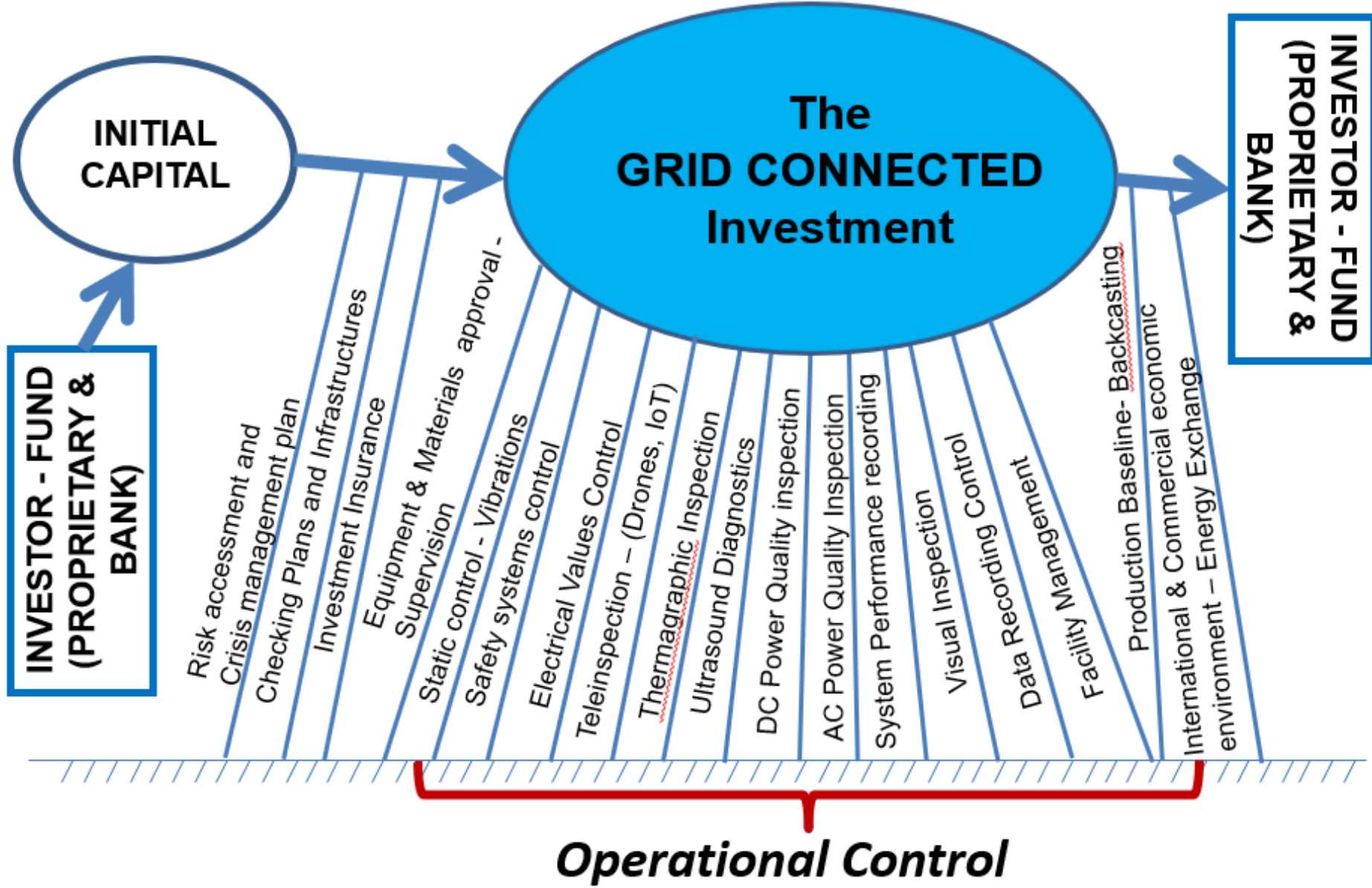


**Renewable
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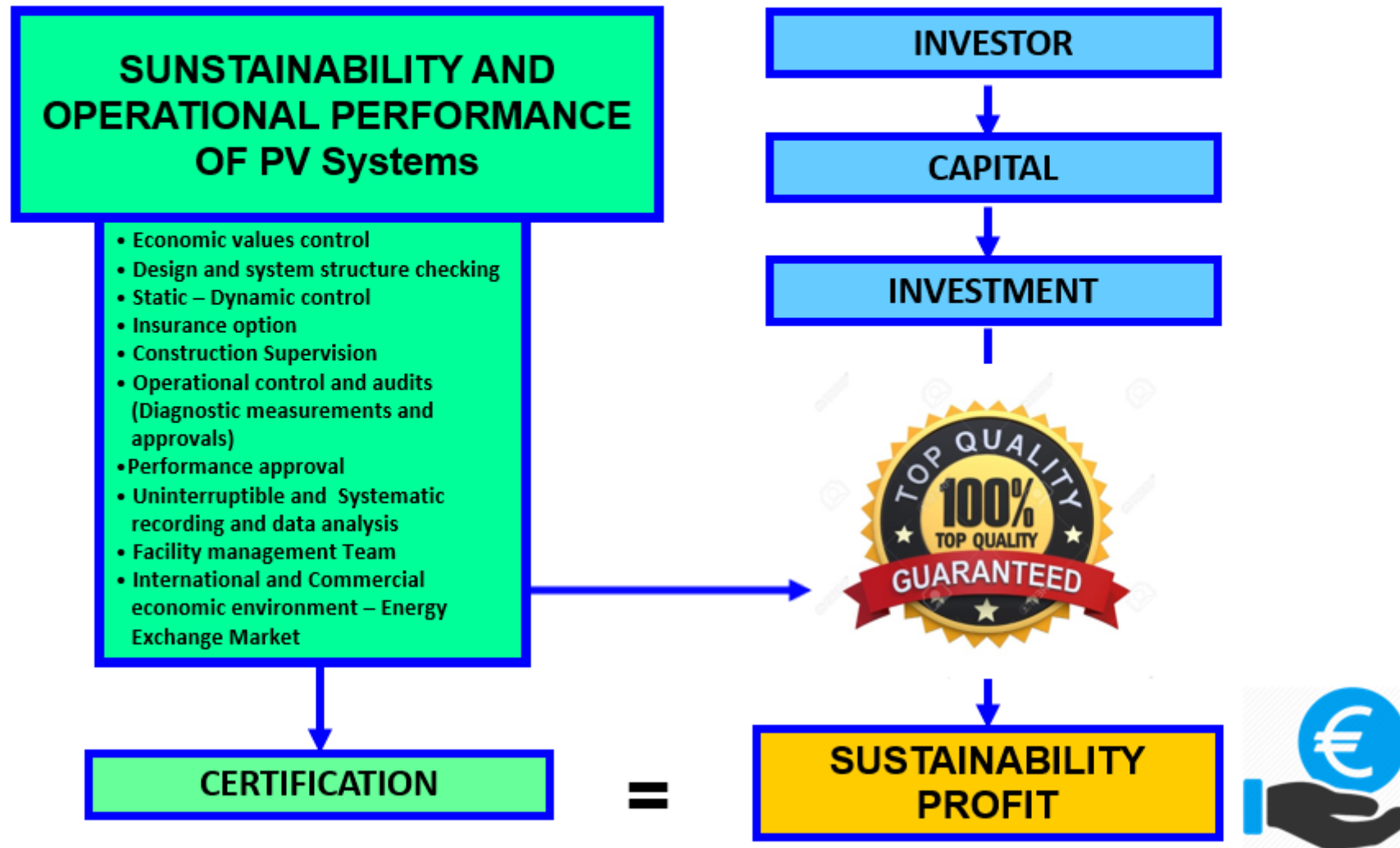
**EN
62446**

**PV installation
commissioning**

BASIC TOPICS OF PV INVESTMENT STABILITY



The Warranty of Investment depends on the Operational Inspection





- Strict adherence to updated standards with emphasis on investment sustainability

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- Enrich the template with mixture of measurements, risk assessment, the terms of the contract with DNO, and the experience of the installation methods and the commercial reality

ENRICHED STANDARD WITH SPECIFIC APPLICATIONS IN ORDER TO CERTIFY THE PV INSTALLATION AND ALSO THE INVESTOR BENEFITS

- The Operational COMMISSIONING includes also corrective actions to be taken by the manufacturer and the facility management team

- Quality is finally the warranty of the investment



IEC 60050-131, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 131: Circuit theory*

IEC 60216-2, *Electrical insulating materials – Thermal endurance properties – Part 2: Determination of thermal endurance properties of electrical insulating materials – Choice of test criteria*

IEC 60216-5, *Electrical insulating materials – Thermal endurance properties – Part 5: Determination of relative thermal endurance index (RTE) of an insulating material*

IEC 60269-1, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 61095, *Electromechanical contactors for household and similar purposes*

IEC 61215-1, *Terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules – Design qualification and type approval – Part 1: Test requirements*

IEC 61439-1, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies – Part 1: General rules*

IEC 61724-1, *Photovoltaic system performance – Part 1: Monitoring*

IEC 61730-1, *Photovoltaic (PV) module safety qualification –Part 1: Requirements for construction*

IEC 61730-2, *Photovoltaic (PV) module safety qualification –Part 1: Requirements for testing*

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

IEC 62109-1, *Safety of power converters for use in photovoltaic power systems – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 62446-1, *Photovoltaic (PV) systems – Requirements for testing, documentation and maintenance – Part 1: Grid connected systems – Documentation, commissioning tests and inspection*

IEC (TS 62446-3 2017)

IEC 62446-2:–, *Photovoltaic (PV) systems – Requirements for testing, documentation and maintenance – Part 2: Grid connected photovoltaic (PV) systems – Maintenance of PV systems¹*

IEC 62930:–, *Electric cables for photovoltaic systems with a voltage rating of 1,5 kV d.c.¹*

ISO 9488, *Solar energy – Vocabulary*

ISO 9712, *Non-destructive testing — Qualification and certification of NDT Personnel*

VATh- Directive, *Electrical Infrared Inspections – Low Voltage. Planning, execution and documentation of infrared surveys on electrical systems and components ≤1kV* (http://www.vath.de/docs/richtlinien/VATh-Richtlinie_Elektro_NS+PV_engl_web.pdf)

EN 16714-3, *Non-destructive testing – Thermographic testing of electric installations*

EN 50110-1, *Operation of electrical installations – Part 1: General requirements*

DGUV BGV/GUV-V A3 E, *Accident prevention regulations, Electrical installations and equipment*



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Certifications



Drone Inspection of PV Systems SERVICES



DETAILED REPROTING

PV system anomalies analysis with high quality visual and thermal cameras

PHOTOGRAPH AND VIDEO HD SERVICES



DIGITAL GROUND MODELING

Digital modeling and volumetric measurements.

3D MODELING

3D Design

Thermal Orthomosaic

RGB Orthomosaic

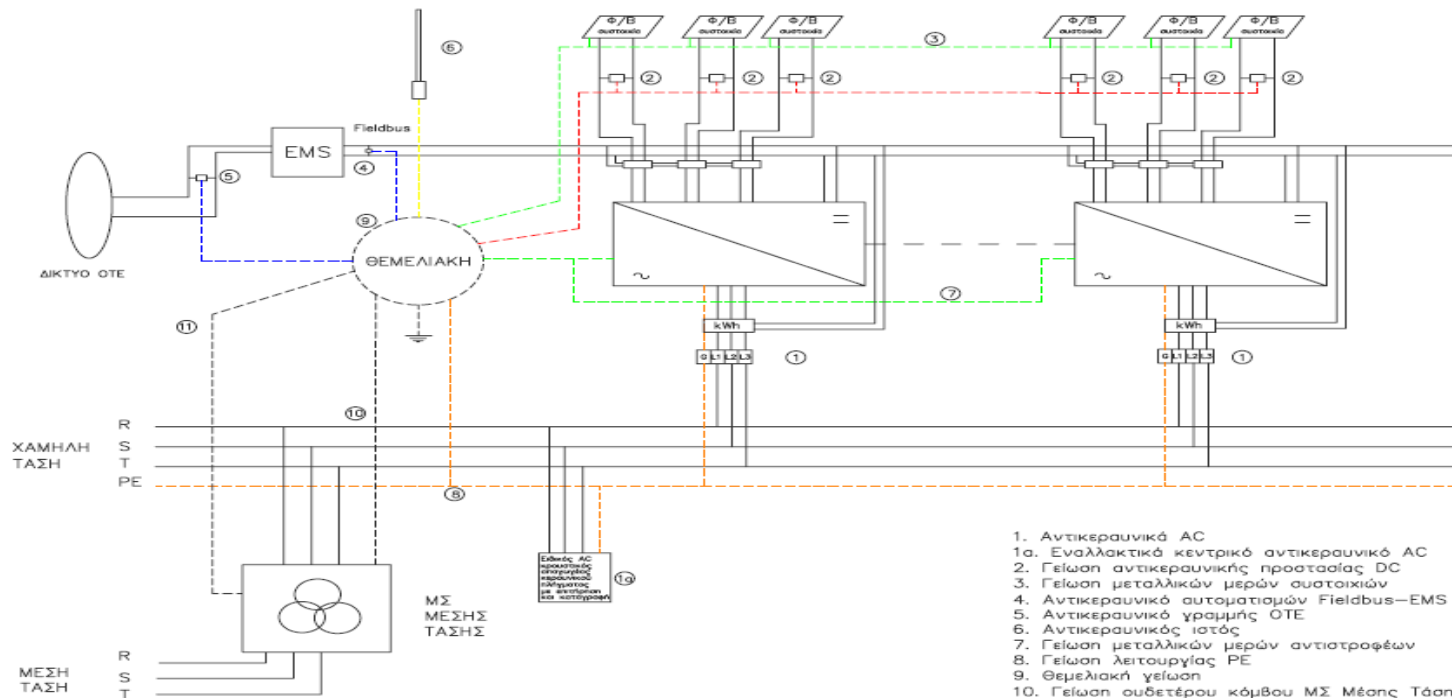
High quality analysis of topographic measurements



1. Visual Audits



- Electrical Installation Connections
- Grounding and Bonding
- Lightning Protection
- PV Panels Static Structure Assessment



Σημείωση: Το σχήμα περιλαμβάνει μόνο γειώσεις και διατάξεις προστασίας έναντι κεραυνικού πλήγματος. Η παράλειψη των λοιπών προστατευτικών διατάξεων έγινε για λόγους κατανόησης της αντικεραυνικής προστασίας. Στη συγκεκριμένη περίπτωση απαιτείται αντίσταση γείωσης <1ohm.

2. Electrical Measurements

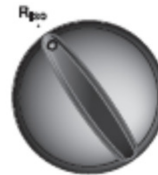
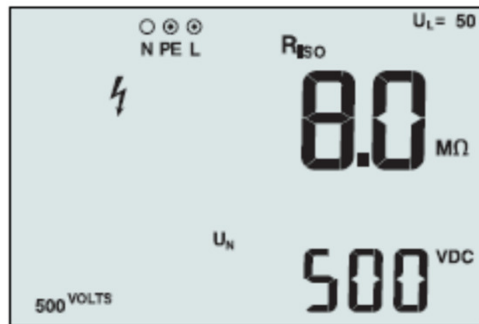
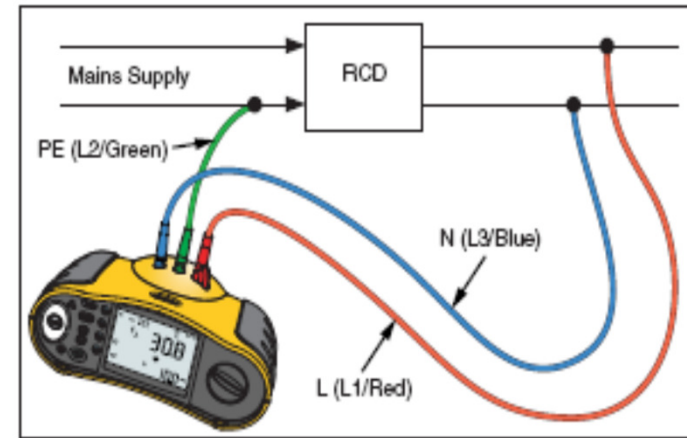
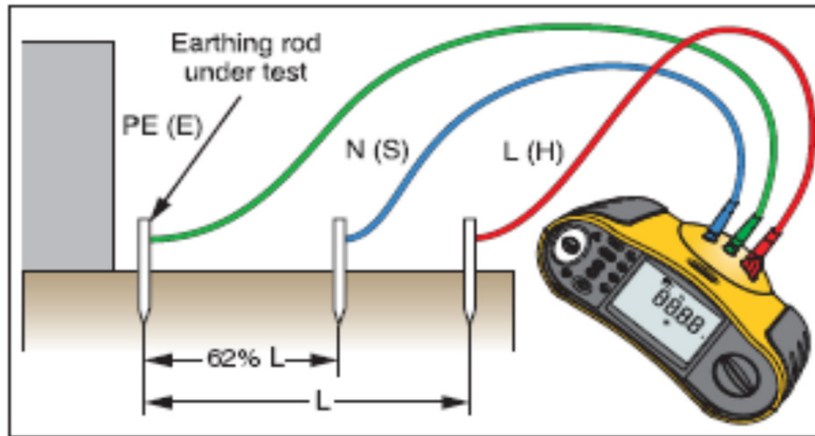
(Open Circuit)

EN60364 – HD384

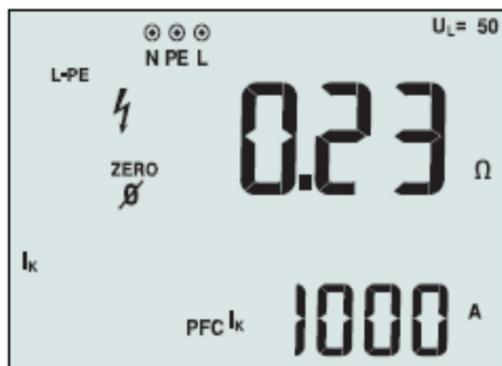
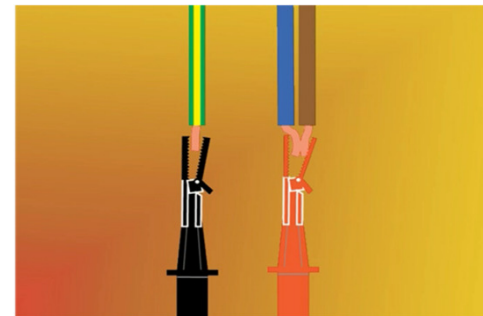
- Insulation resistance
- Loop resistance
- Line resistance
- Earth resistance
- Earth fault current
- RCD switching time and tripping level
- Trip time and current for RCD
- Voltage and Phase sequence measurements



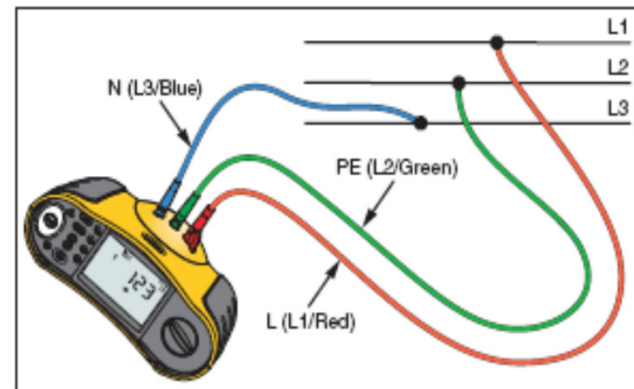
The above measurements and the Vibration test can be made during the construction phase of a project, as well as in the phase of the system operation commissioning process.



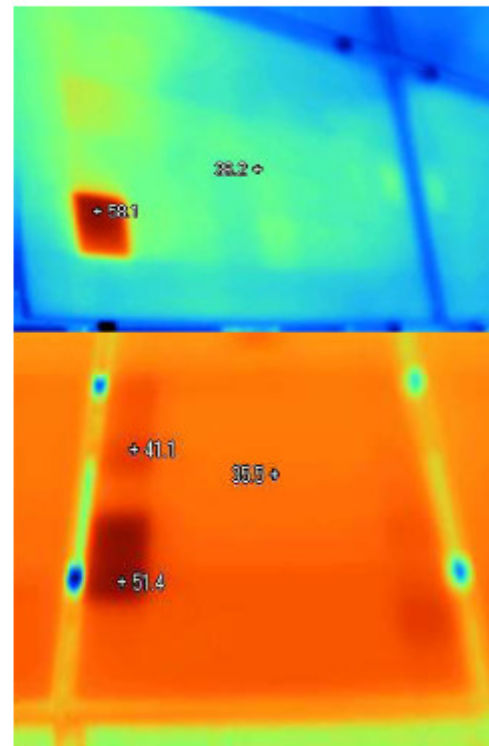
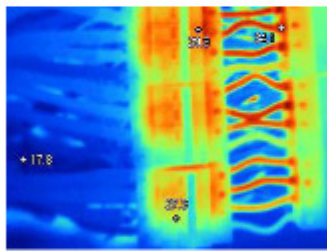
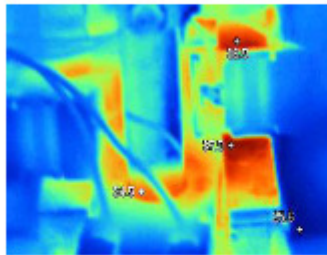
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4. Thermographic Inspection



Thermocamera FLUKE Ti 35



Hot-spot $\Delta T \gg 8^{\circ}\text{C}$

- Hot-spot in Electrical panel
- Hot-spot in Photovoltaic panel

*Failures that
prevent the
project Insurance*



INDUSTRIAL DRONE SERVICES

AERIAL PV INSPECTION



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APPLICATIONS



Specifications According **IEC (TS 62446-3)**



Photo Analysis: 20MP



Video Analysis: 4K, 30FPS



Thermal Imager Analysis 640*512PX, 13mm, 30hz



Zoom: 30X



PANEL INSPECTION ON SOLAR TRACKERS

Aerial inspection with thermal and RGB cameras has comparative advantages over ground inspection as it adapts to the angle variation of the system avoiding glare and reflections.

CONSTRUCTION MONITORING

Monitor the maintenance and construction works of Solar Parks. Track the progress in different stages from start to completion of the project.

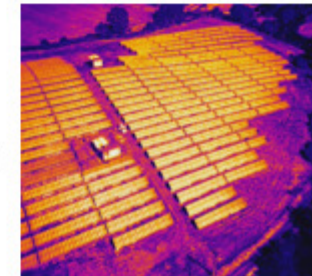


ROOFTOP PV PANEL INSPECTION

Thermal and optical inspection of solar modules installed on industrial and residential rooftops. Fast, efficient and safe panel inspection on rooftops with varying inclination and height.

UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR PANEL INSPECTION

Inspection of large-scale Solar Park installations with 100% coverage and detailed reporting.



5. DC values evaluation



Fluke 289



**HT I-V Curve
Analyzer**

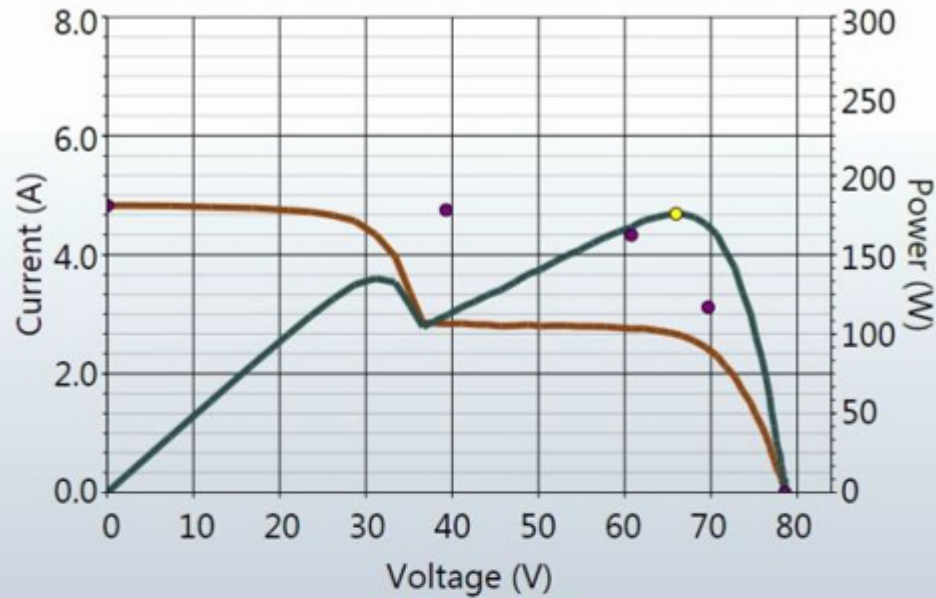


**Metrel MI 3108
EurotestPV**



**Fluke a3003 FC
Wireless 2000 A DC
Current Clamp Meter**

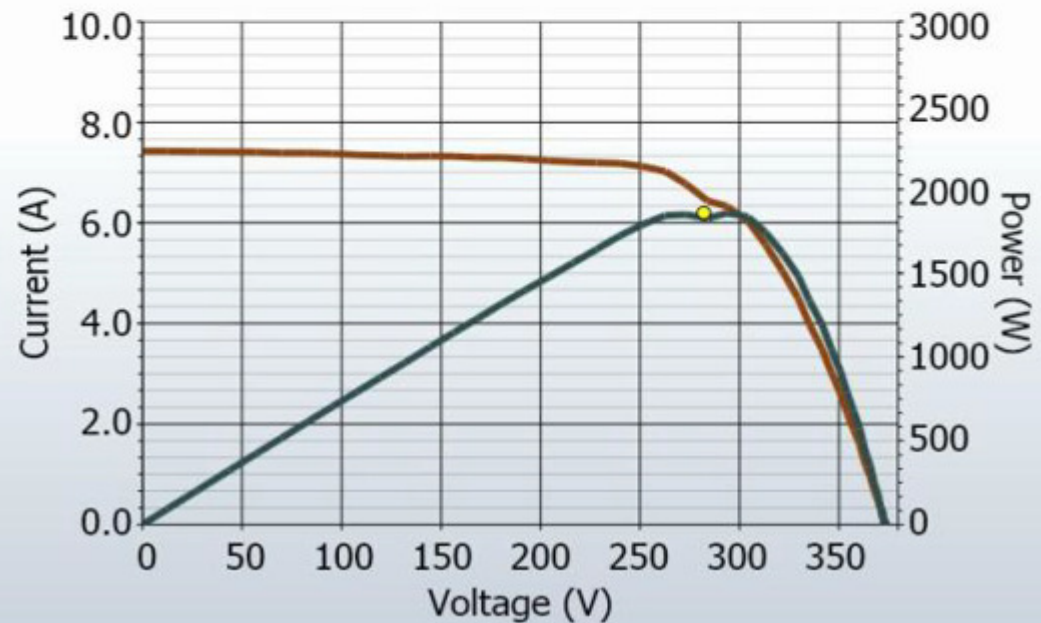
- DC Voltage comparison with the expected
- DC Current comparison with the expected
- Curve I-V measurement



The effect of partial shading on 2 parallel strings with 8 PV-panels 175-watt



The effect of partial shading with a business card on a 15 PV-panels system (180-watt each)



6. AC Power Quality Evaluation



FLUKE 438 II
Power quality analyzer



Fluke 125 Industrial
ScopeMeter

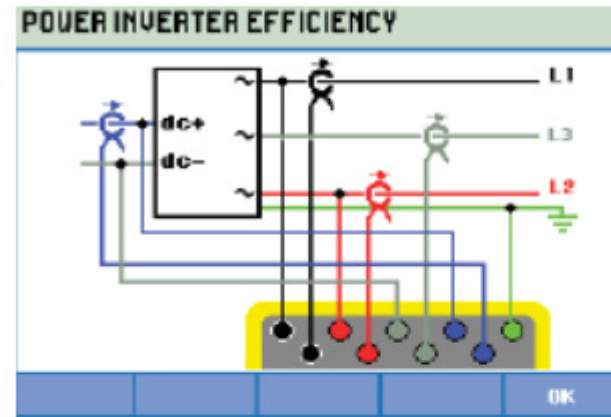


Fluke 369
Residual Current Meter

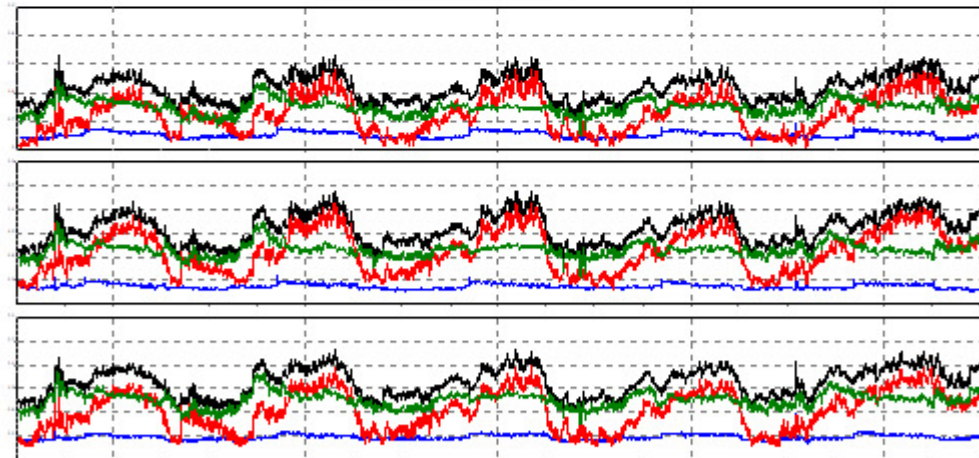
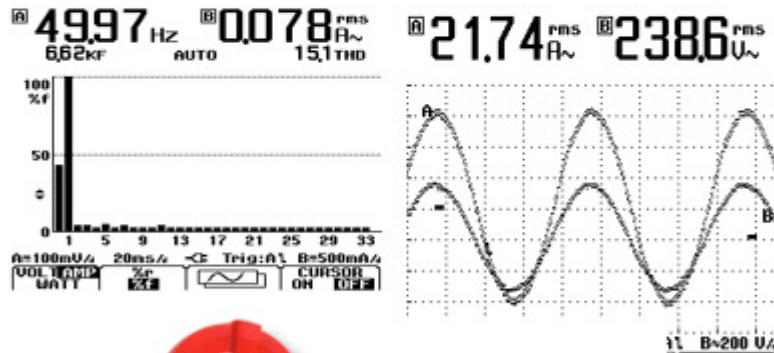
- Voltage & current – harmonic distortion measurements of the main and also the individual MCBs.
- EN 50160 standard compliance
- DC injection measurement which shall not exceed more than 0,5% of the nominal current output in a period with full production
- Earth leakage measures or records

EN 50160

1	<i>Volts and Amps</i>	PASS
2	<i>Frequency / Unbalance%</i>	PASS
3	<i>Unbalance volts&Amps</i>	PASS
4	<i>Flicker (short Long term flicker, Dc, Dmax, TD)</i>	PASS
5	<i>Harmonics voltage (THD, DC)</i>	PASS
6	<i>Harmonics amps (THD, DC)</i>	FAIL
7	<i>Power</i>	PASS
8	<i>Energy</i>	PASS

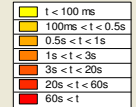
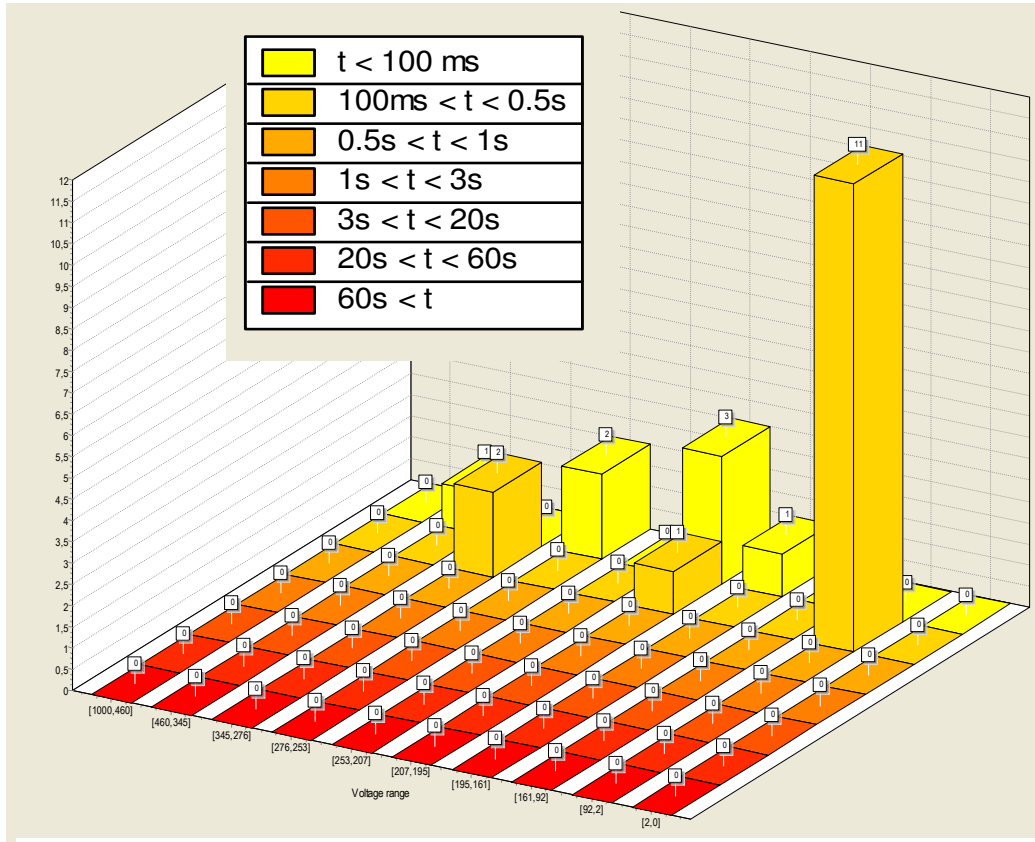


Power quality analyzer
FLUKE 438 II



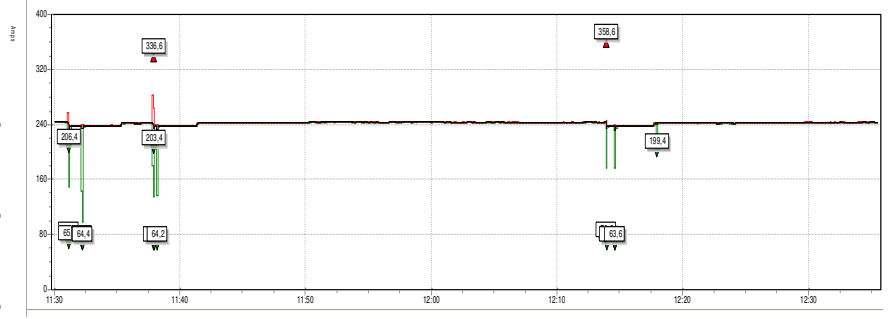
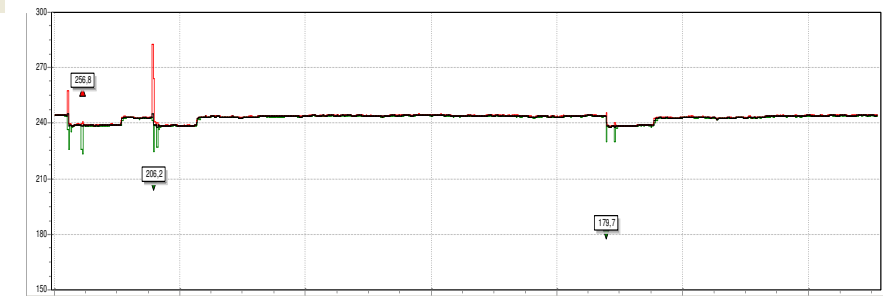
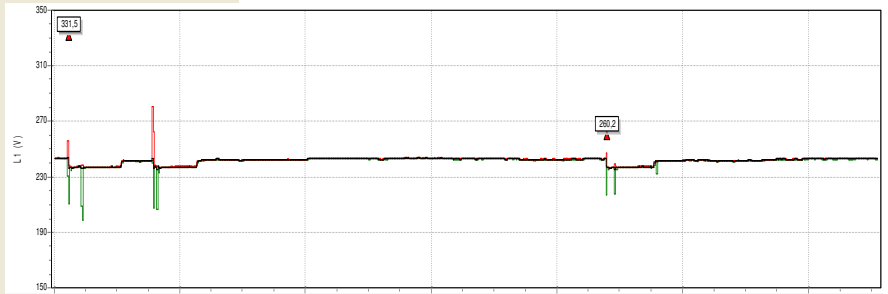
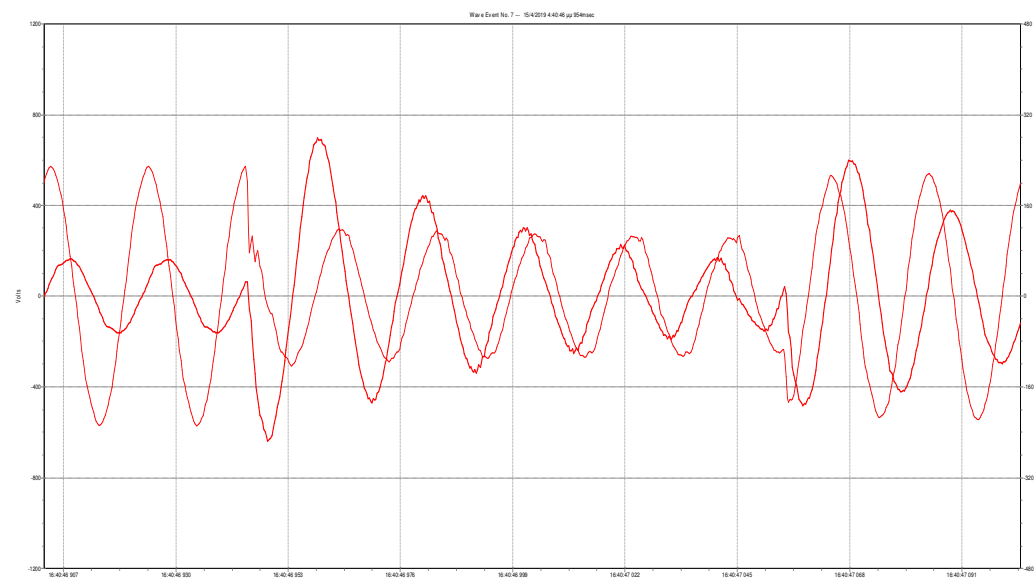
THDv, HDv3, HDv5, HDv7





Swell voltage u[%]	Duration t[ms]				
	t < 10	10 <= t <= 500	500 < t <= 5000	5000 < t <= 60000	60000 < t
u >= 120	0	3	0	0	0
120 > u > 110	0	2	0	0	0

Residual voltage u[%]	Duration t[ms]				
	t < 10	10 <= t <= 200	200 < t <= 500	500 < t <= 1000	1000 < t <= 5000
90 > u >= 80	2	2	0	0	0
80 > u >= 70	0	1	0	0	0
70 > u >= 40	0	0	0	0	0
40 > u >= 5	0	8	3	0	0
5 > u	0	0	0	0	0





Ultrasound Airborne Diagnostics

Electrical inspection

Discharge testing on:

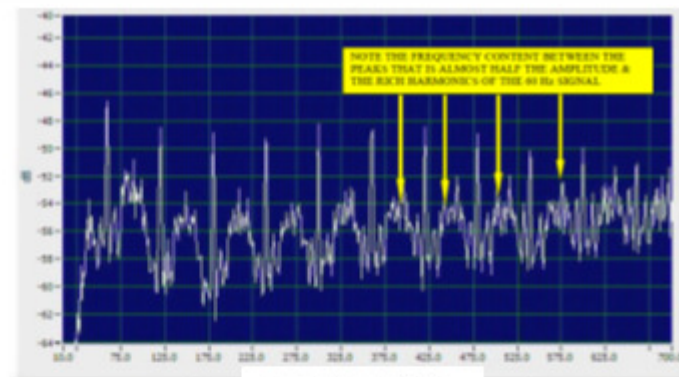
- Switchgears
- Power lines & isolators
- Transformers
- Circuit breakers

*(Tracking, Arcing, Corona
& mechanical looseness)*

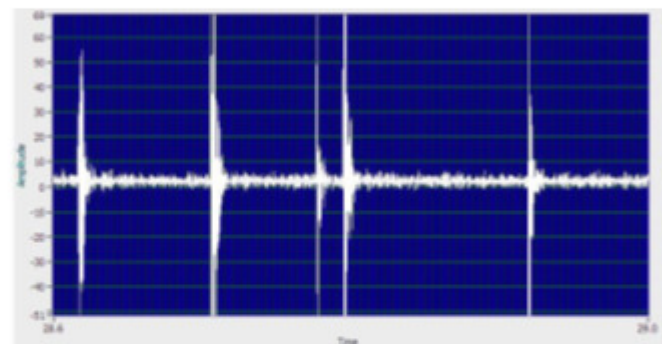
**TRANSFORMER
Mechanically Loose**



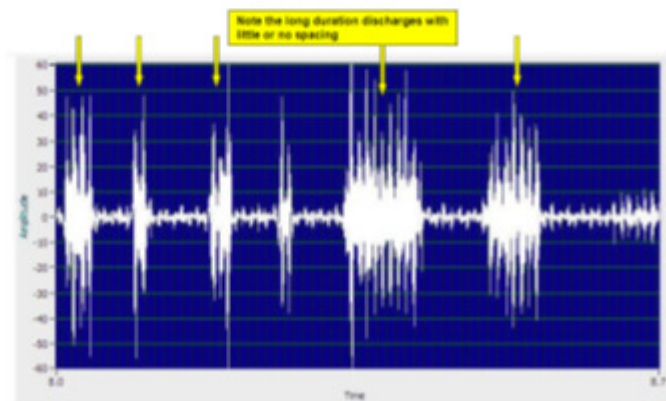
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The *ultrasound* approach



CORONA



BAD TRACKING



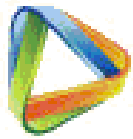
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7. Troubleshooting

a. Electrical Installation



- **Weak connections**
- **Burned connectors and safety modules**
- **Cable Insulation absence**
- **Damaged doors and lack of IP protection**
- **Materials Incompatibility**

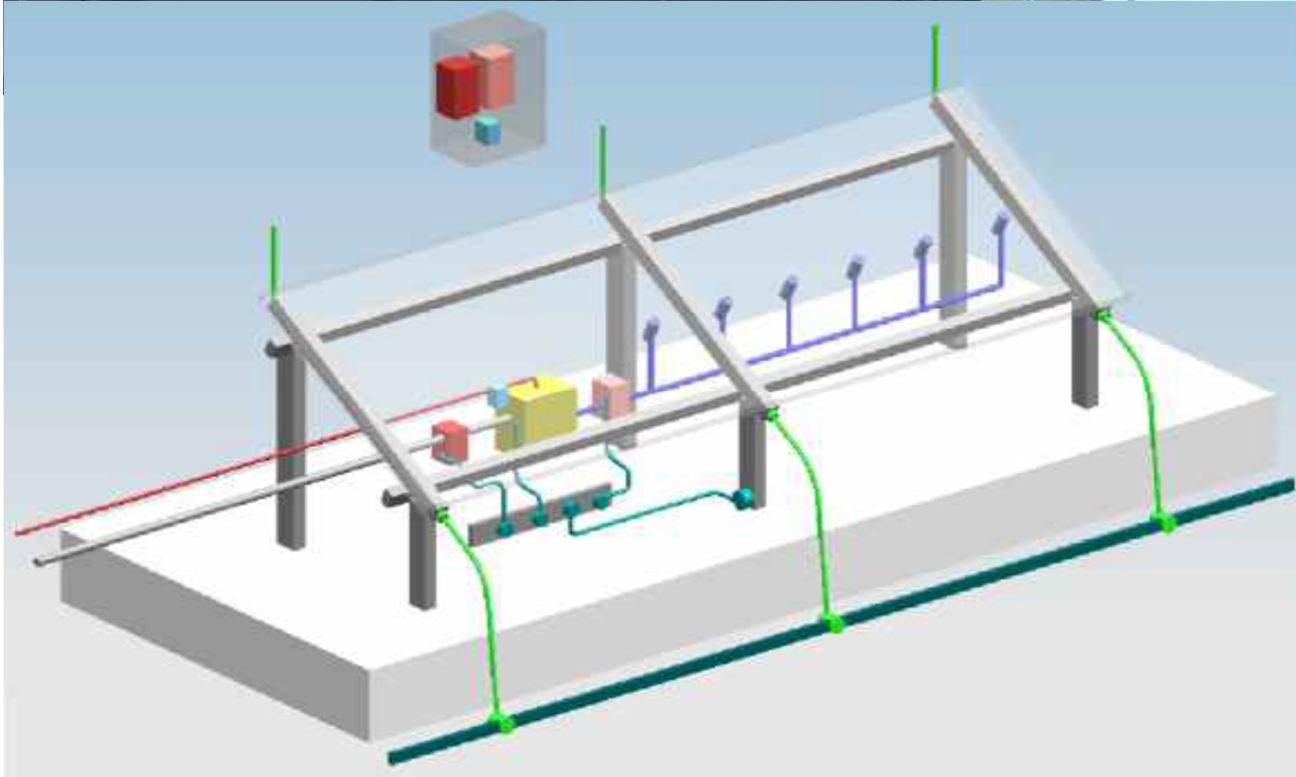
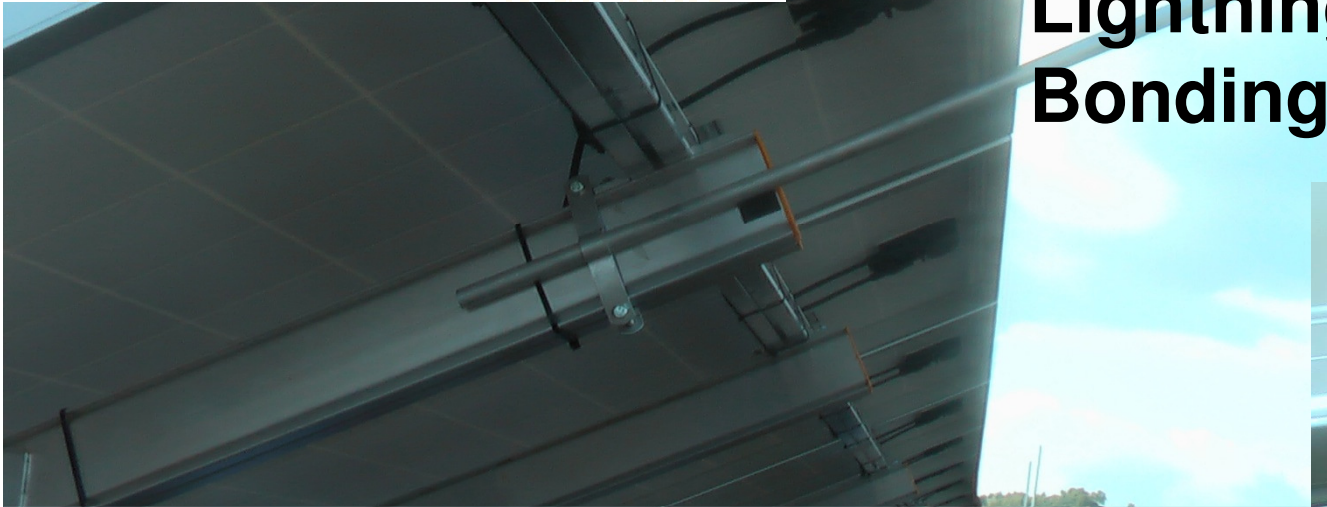


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Lightning & Bonding absence



b. Mechanical and Static audits

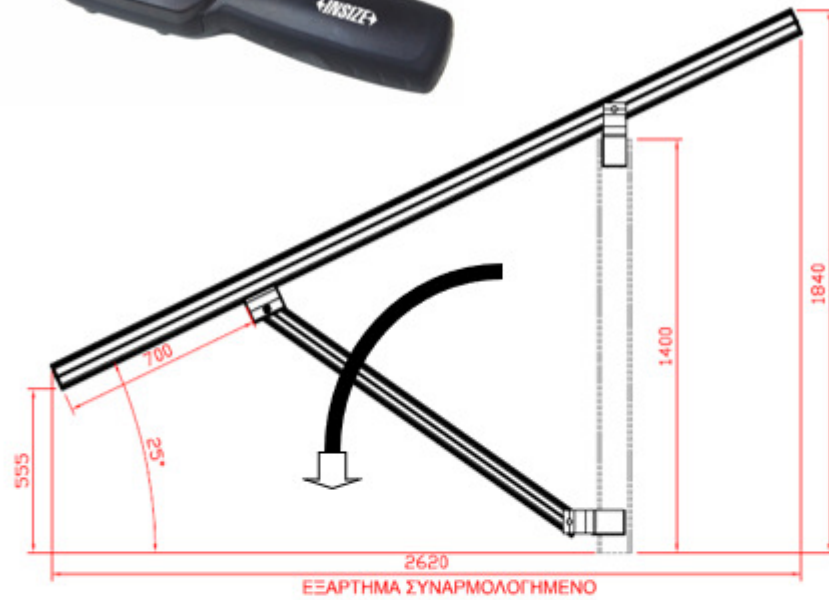
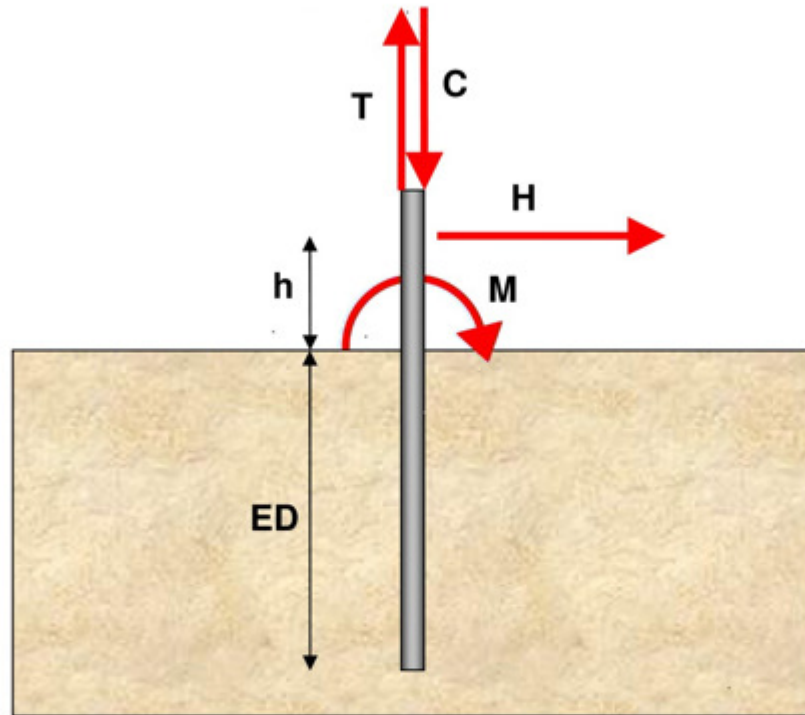
- Mechanical connections inspection (Nm)
- Vibration Testing
- Bending arrow of panels limits (laser)
- Pull-up test (4th phase of the standard)
- Deformation measurement in static & alternating loads under full load

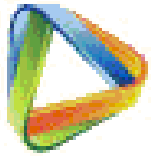


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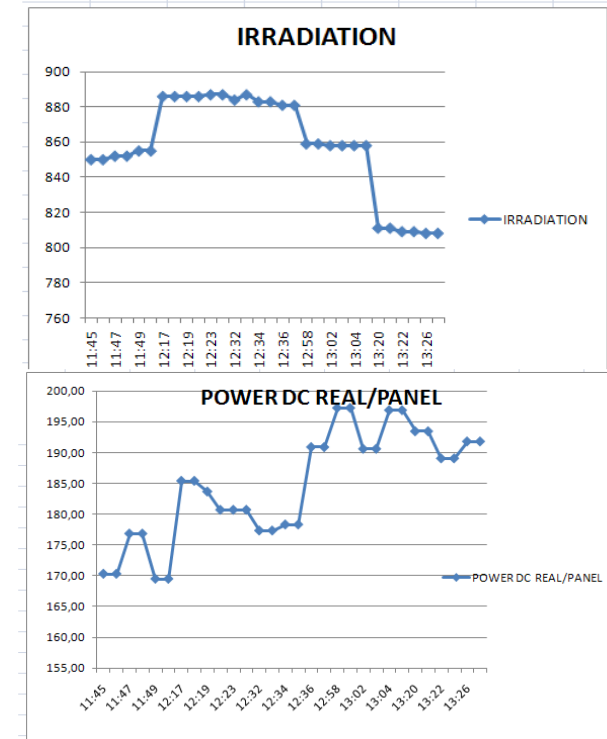
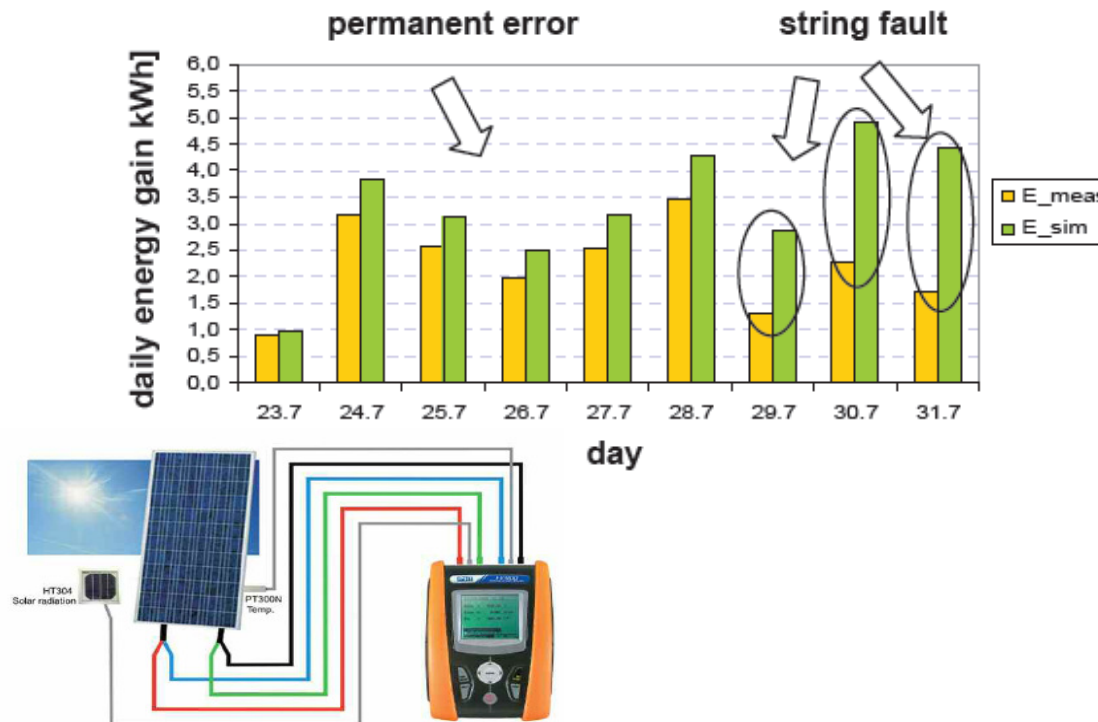
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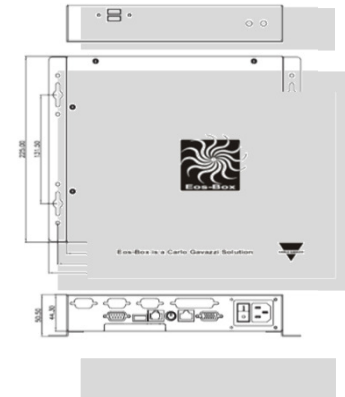


8. PV panels & Inverter performance



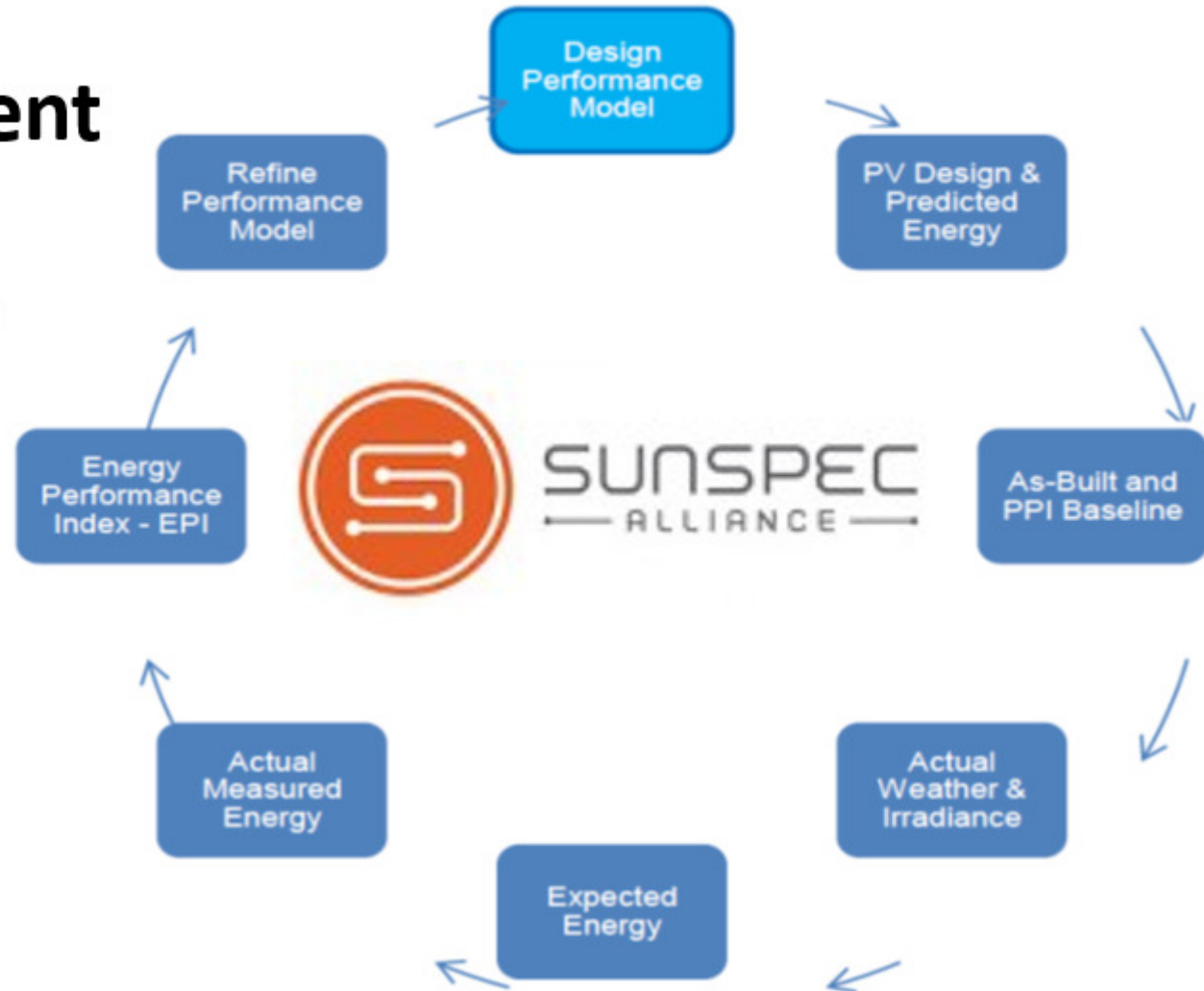
- Comparison PV panels performance with ideal operating conditions
- Comparison of the inverter performance with the nominal manufacturer technical characteristics.
- Recording of the Solar radiation and temperature with Specific Data-Loggers

9. Recording & Energy Remote Monitoring

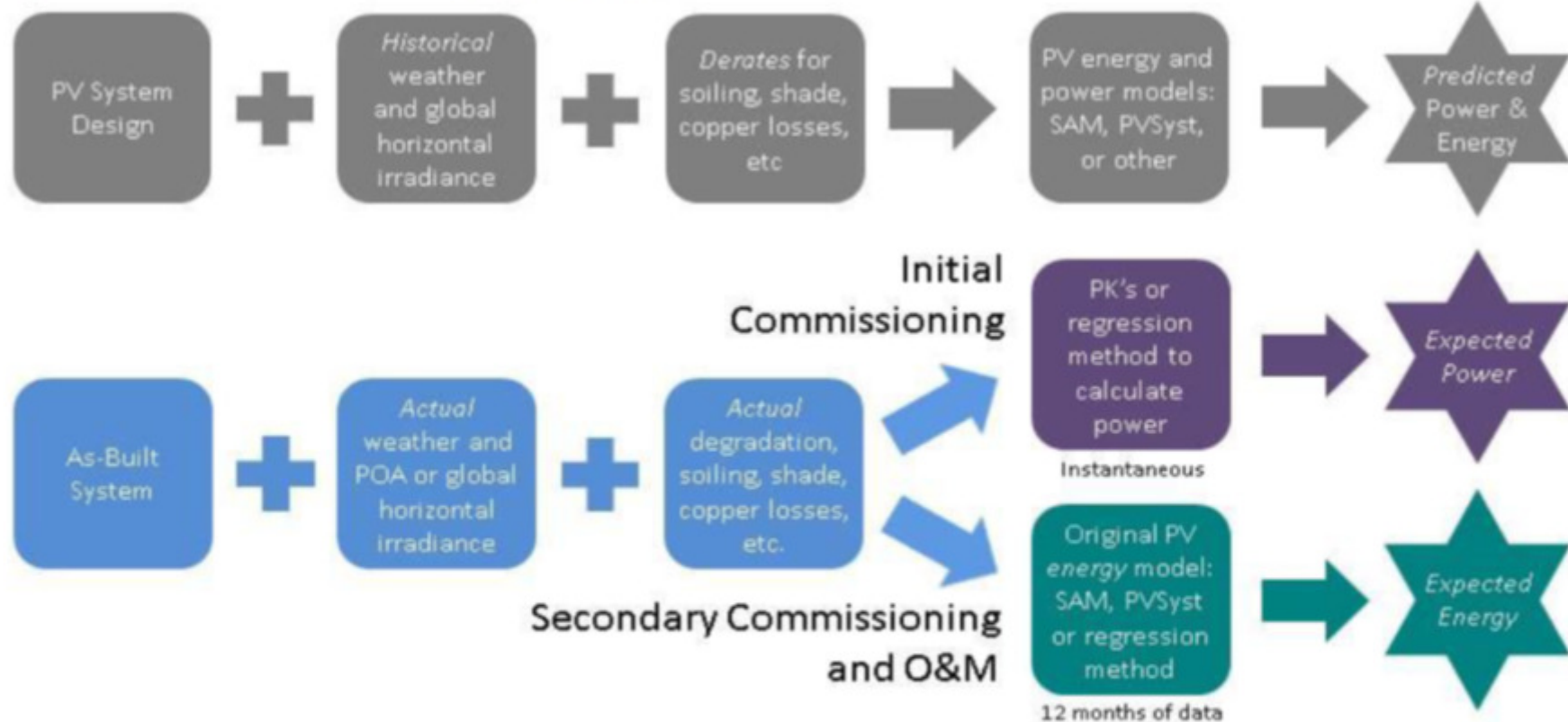



- PQ Analyzer connection with the IT network and Operating control system of the energy and industrial signals according the IEC 61724 standard
- Independent monitoring system connection DC/AC (Eos-Array, Eos –Box)


10. Assessment of Operational Commissioning & Sustainability



Solar Plant Life Cycle



 $\frac{\text{Measured power}}{\text{Expected power}} = \text{PPI (Power Performance Index)}$

 $\frac{\text{Measured energy}}{\text{Expected energy}} = \text{EPI (Energy Performance Index)}$

Recommended PV Lifecycle Performance Metrics

Commissioning for PV Performance Best Practice Guide

Monitoring Indicators



Expected ac Energy $E_{EXPECTED} = A + (Temp \times Irrad \times B) + (Irrad \times C) + (Irrad^2 \times D)$
where A, B, C and D are coefficients calculated by the regression analysis.

Expected AC output power $P_{EXPECTED} = A + (Temp \times Irrad \times B) + (Irrad \times C) + (Irrad^2 \times D)$

Baseline



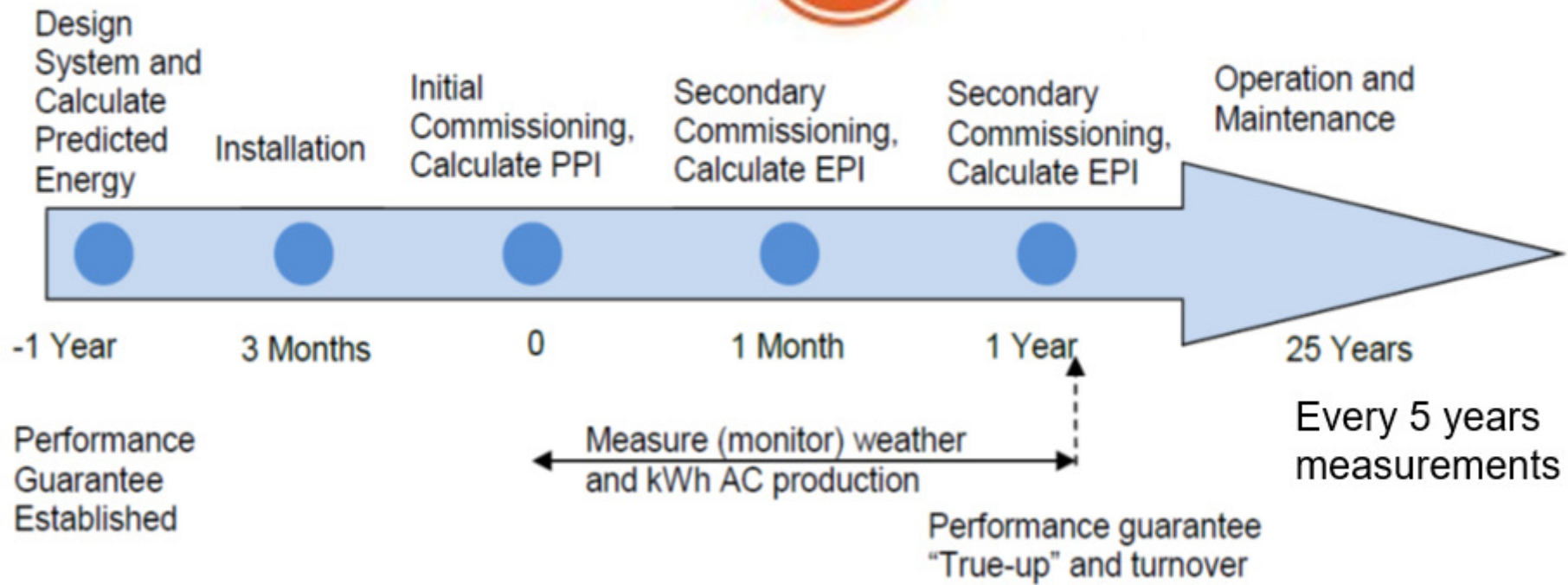
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Life sequence of a PV system

The Operational Commissioning report is made only by second party specialized consultants with the appropriate certifications using specific calibrated analyzers, testers, tools and applications & NEVER by CERTIFICATION BODIES

The Operational Commissioning includes not only the Specific measurements according to the EN62446 standard, but also the international best practices with the baseline calculation of any photovoltaic park separately taking into consideration:

- **The microclimate of the area**
- **The specific construction features (geomorphology-topography of the area, the technical specifications of materials, construction practices etc.)**
- **Viability evaluation using LCCA & LCOE methods.**

KYANIDIS ENERGY has the Know-How and the equipment to be able to undertake the operational commissioning of large scale Photovoltaic Parks using the holistic approach of measurements



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