





Condition monitoring platform for proactive and reactive operation and maintenance (O&M) with enhanced data analytic functionalities

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Highlights of the PV Technology Laboratory





Indoor/outdoor testing





Testing site

Official testing site for over 40 different manufacturers:







Introduction

- Key factor for future PV uptake is to reduce Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCoE)
- Increasing performance and reducing operating costs (advanced monitoring)



Data quality and sanity

System health state

Failure detection and classification

Added Value Services: Performance loss quantification Degradation rate estimation





Background & Objective

Specific Objective: Development of an innovative condition monitoring platform for proactive and reactive O&M with enhanced data analytic functionalities

Advanced baseline condition monitoring solution to ensure operational quality and optimise energy production



Partners: GI and UCY Project: Innovative Performance Monitoring System for Improved Reliability and Optimized Levelized Cost of Electricity IPERMON [Solar-ERA.net project] Budget: €400,000 Duration: 36 Months Weblink: http://www.pvtechnology.ucy.ac.cy/projects/ipermon/







State-of-the-art

- Visual inspection is the simplest method to detect visible failures
- The most popular technique for failure diagnosis is image analysis
- Methods based on advanced data analysis of electrical parameters are becoming increasingly popular







Performance monitoring and data analytics

• Change from Descriptive analytics to Diagnostic/Predictive Analytics















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Platform functionalities – Data quality routines (DQRs)

- Identify missing and erroneous data
- Estimate system availability and sensor deviations
- Correct data through data imputation techniques (LOCF and linear interpolation)







Platform functionalities – PV system model prediction

• Parametric and machine learning simulation models







Platform functionalities – Degradation Rate

• Statistical and comparative techniques for trend extraction and estimation of the degradation rate







Platform functionalities – System Health State

- Comparative assessment between measured and predicted daily PV performance
- Classification of the relative error in ranked categories







Platform functionalities – Failure detection

- Comparative assessment between measured and predicted measurements against set threshold levels (TL)
- Statistical outlier detection rules







- AE - Measured - Predicted





Platform functionalities – Failure classification

- Unsupervised procedures (voltage/current/power ratio and fuzzy logic rules)
- Supervised procedures (k-NN, SVM, Decision and Regression Tress)
- Failure patterns

Current and voltage indicators

Bypass diode pattern







Online Platform







Future...







Summary

- PV performance measurements and analytical techniques are required to ensure optimal lifetime performance and to reduce LCoE
- Performance monitoring platforms consist of the:
 - Sensor network
 - Data acquisition (DAQ) device
 - Visualizations portal Descriptive analysis
- Required accuracy and complexity depends on the PV system size and user objectives
- Future grid modernisation is the driver for advanced performance architectures



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Technology Platform formation.

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- DERIab Presents Its Activity Report 2014/2015.

- National Technical University of Athens and FOSS sign research collaboration agreement.

- FOSS and Alfa Mediterranean Enterprises Ltd join forces.

- Pilot Smart Meters with DSM and PV generation under way in Cyprus.

- Smart meters and EMF