

Introducing the Baseline Performance Reference

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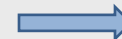
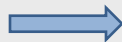
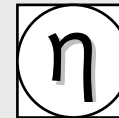
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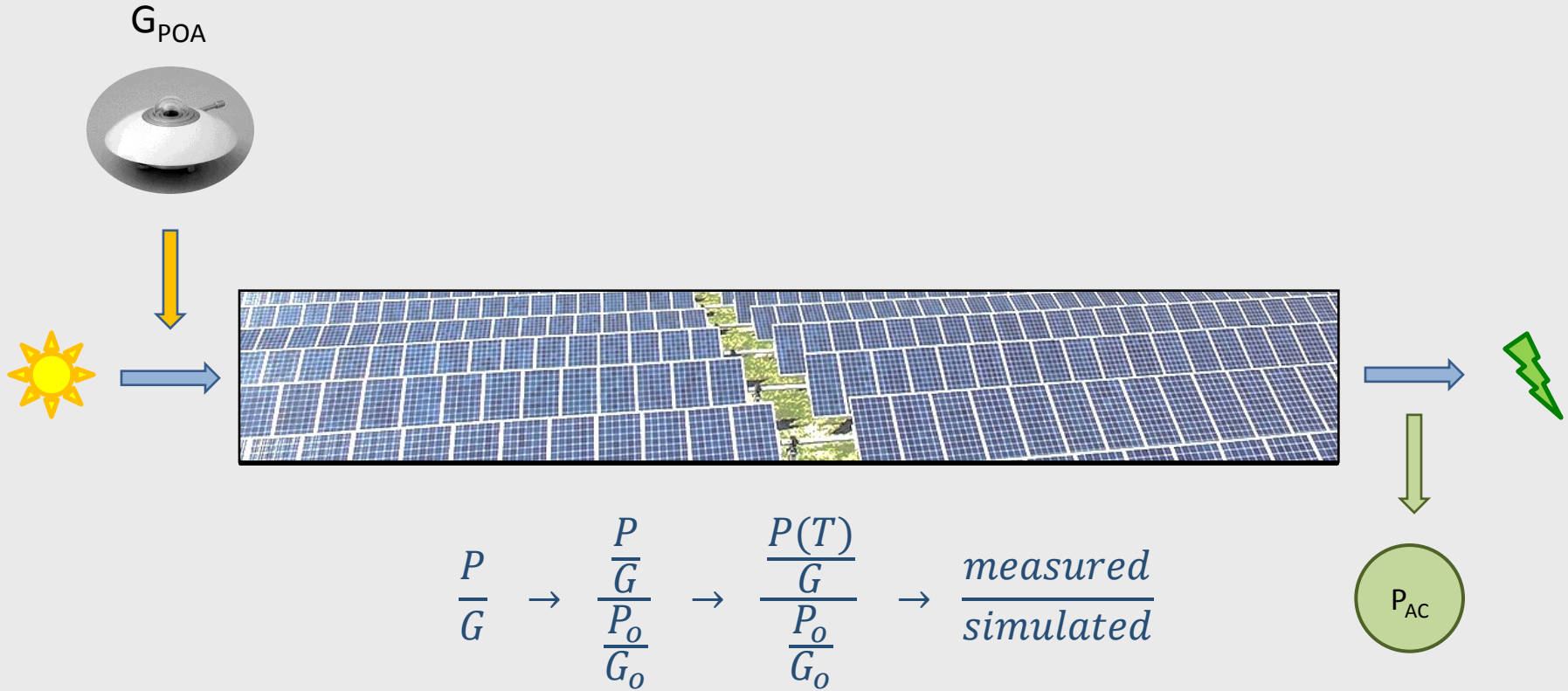


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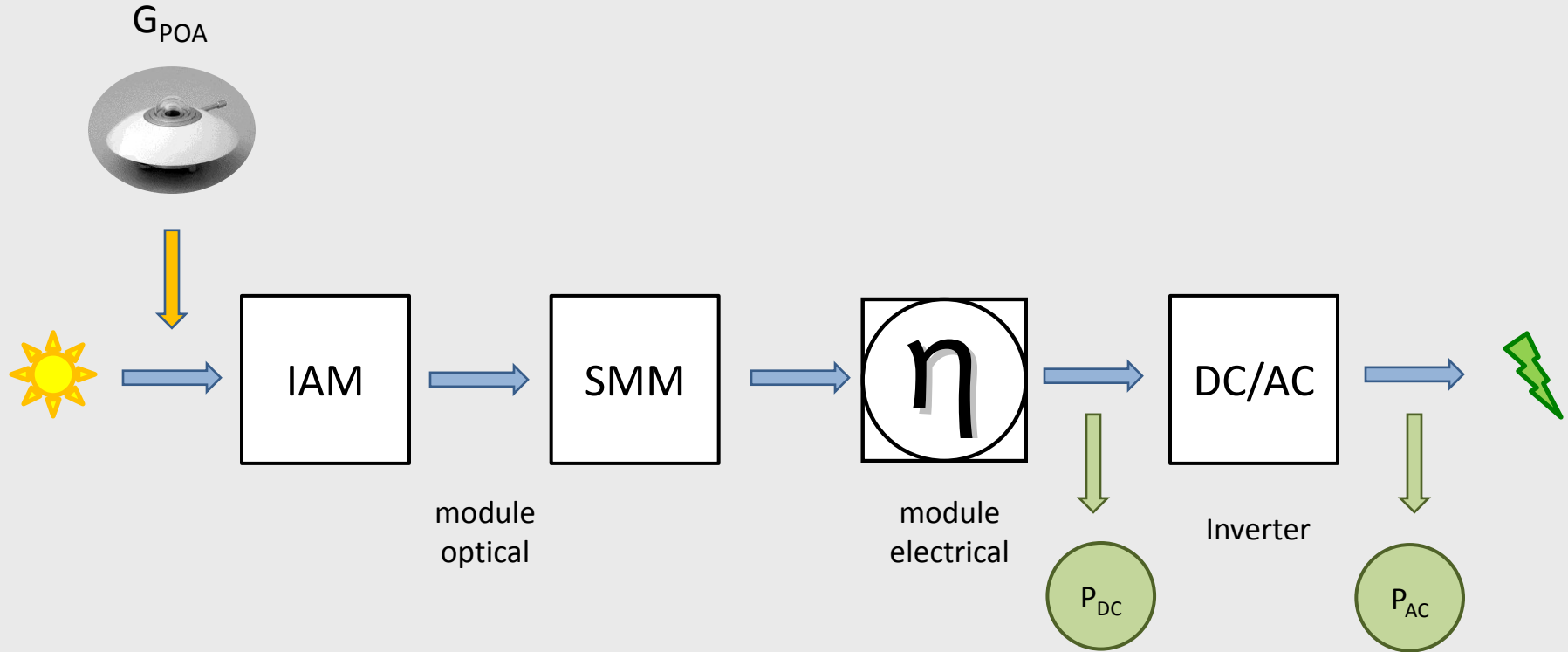
PV System



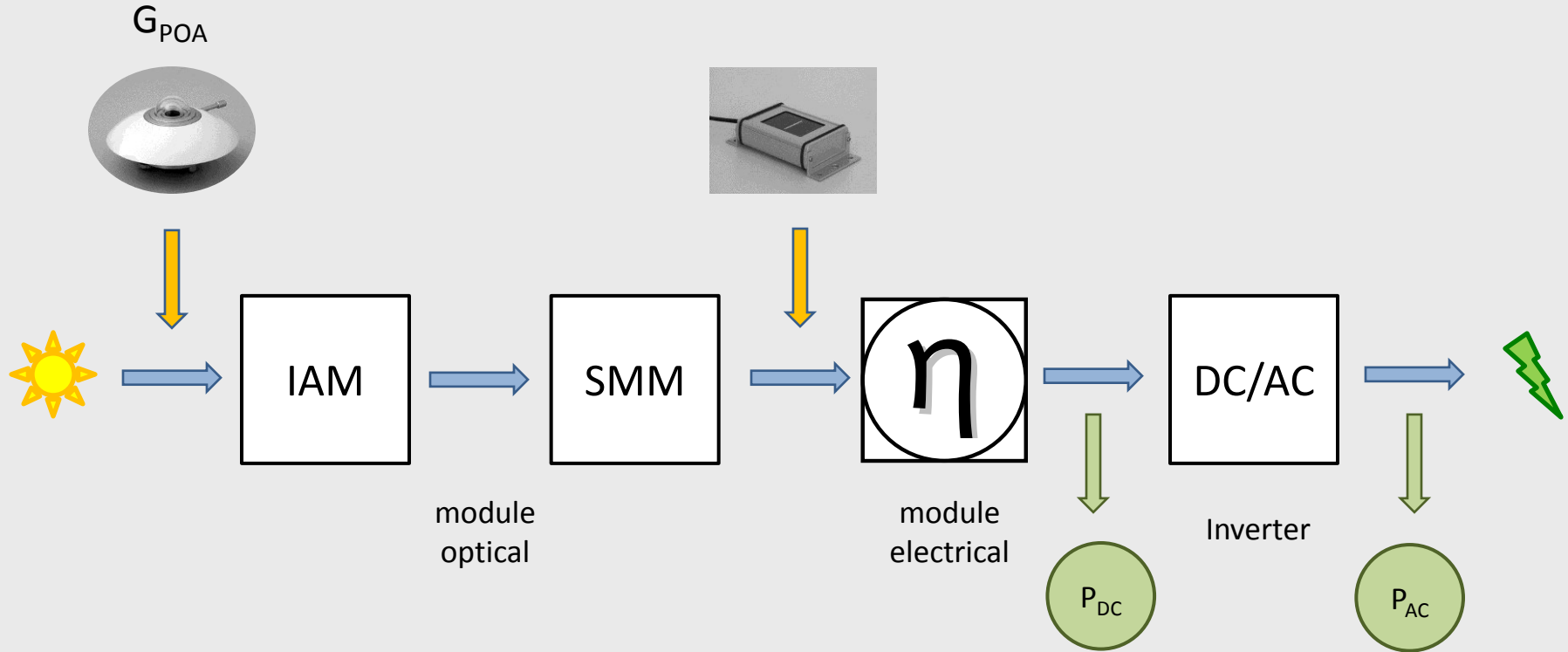
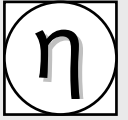
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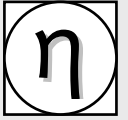
PV System under the hood



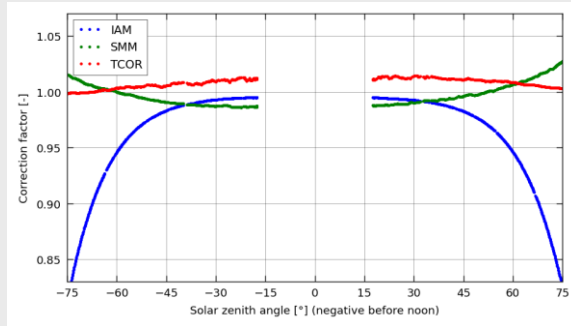
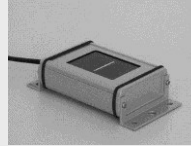
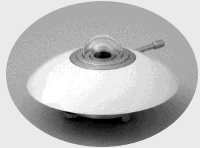
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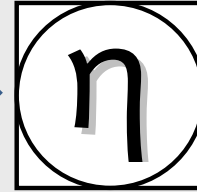
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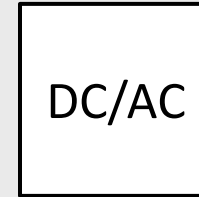
G_{POA}



module
optical



module
electrical



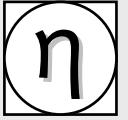
Inverter



P_{DC}

P_{AC}

Pyranometer or reference cell?



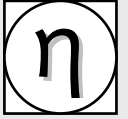
Modeling SMM and IAM introduces uncertainty

Measurements from a matched reference cell remove this modeling uncertainty

But what about the measurement uncertainty?

And can I even buy a “matched” reference cell ??

Evaluation of reference cells you can buy



PVPLabs (2014...): 4 manufacturers, 6 types, 20 cells, 2 locations

NREL (2019...): 6 manufacturers, 10 types, 40+ cells, 3 locations

single-axis tracker



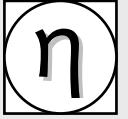
fixed-tilt



dual-axis tracker



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Example: Comparison of annual POA energy

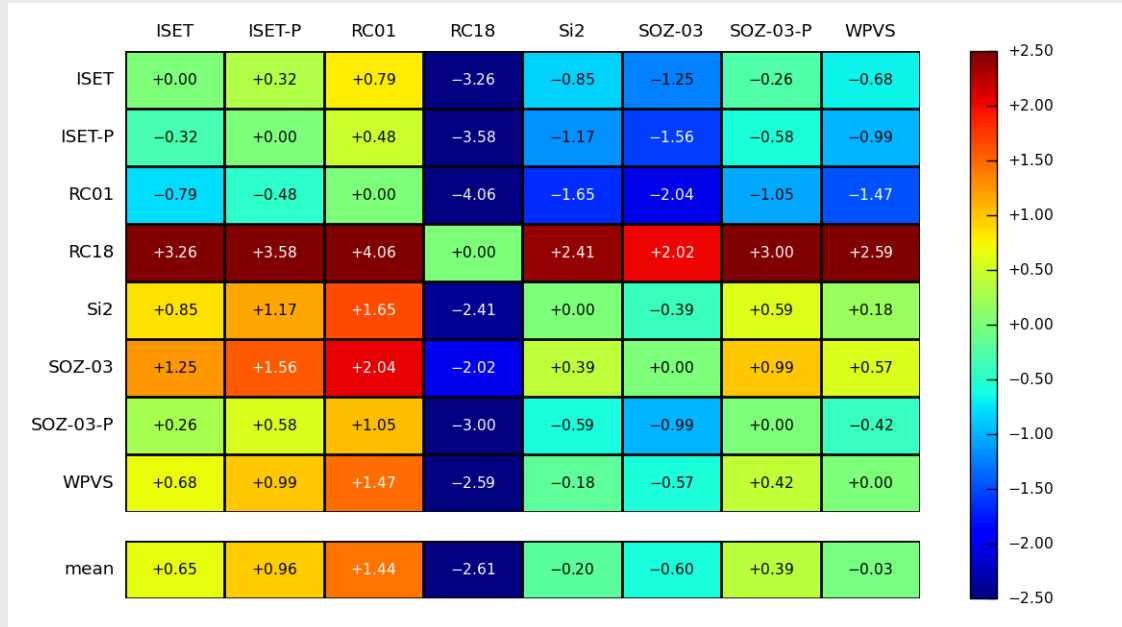
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Comparison of annual POA energy at fixed tilt



using factory calibrations

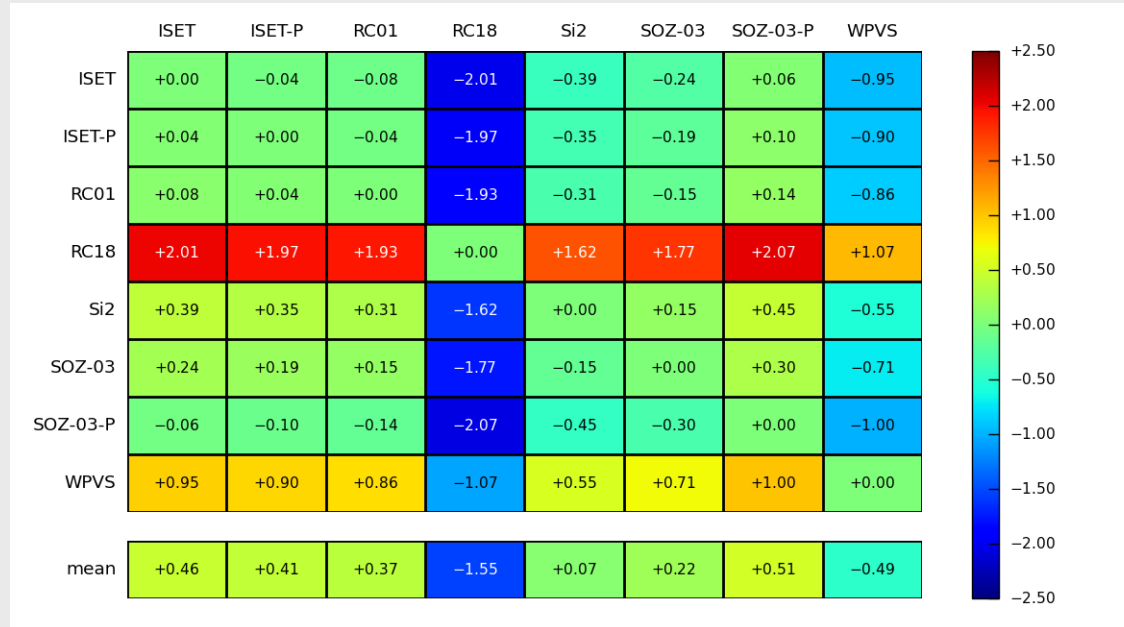


$$\frac{(max - min)}{mean} = 4.1\%$$

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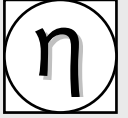


using local field calibrations



$$\frac{(max - min)}{mean} = 2.0\%$$

Comparison of annual POA energy at fixed tilt

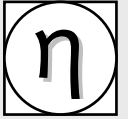


The cells we bought and tested have different IAM and SMM characteristics
(among other things)
and therefore “match” different PV modules—or perhaps none at all.

But there are no *right* or *wrong* IAM and SMM characteristics,
therefore, we can't quantify measurement *error*
and we can't quantify measurement *uncertainty*.



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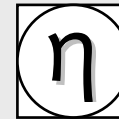


Proposal for standardized reference cell characteristics

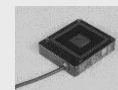
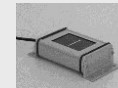
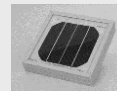
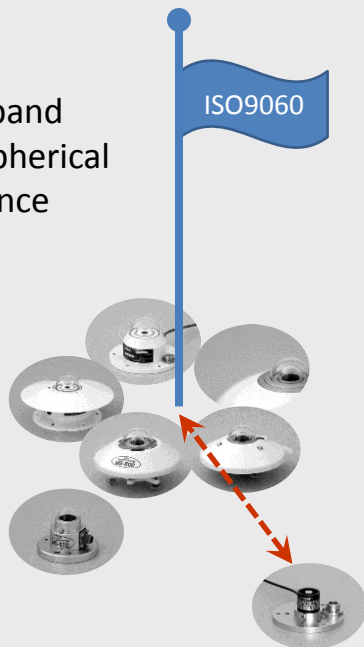
Definition of a “measurand”

Equivalent of ISO 9060 for reference cells

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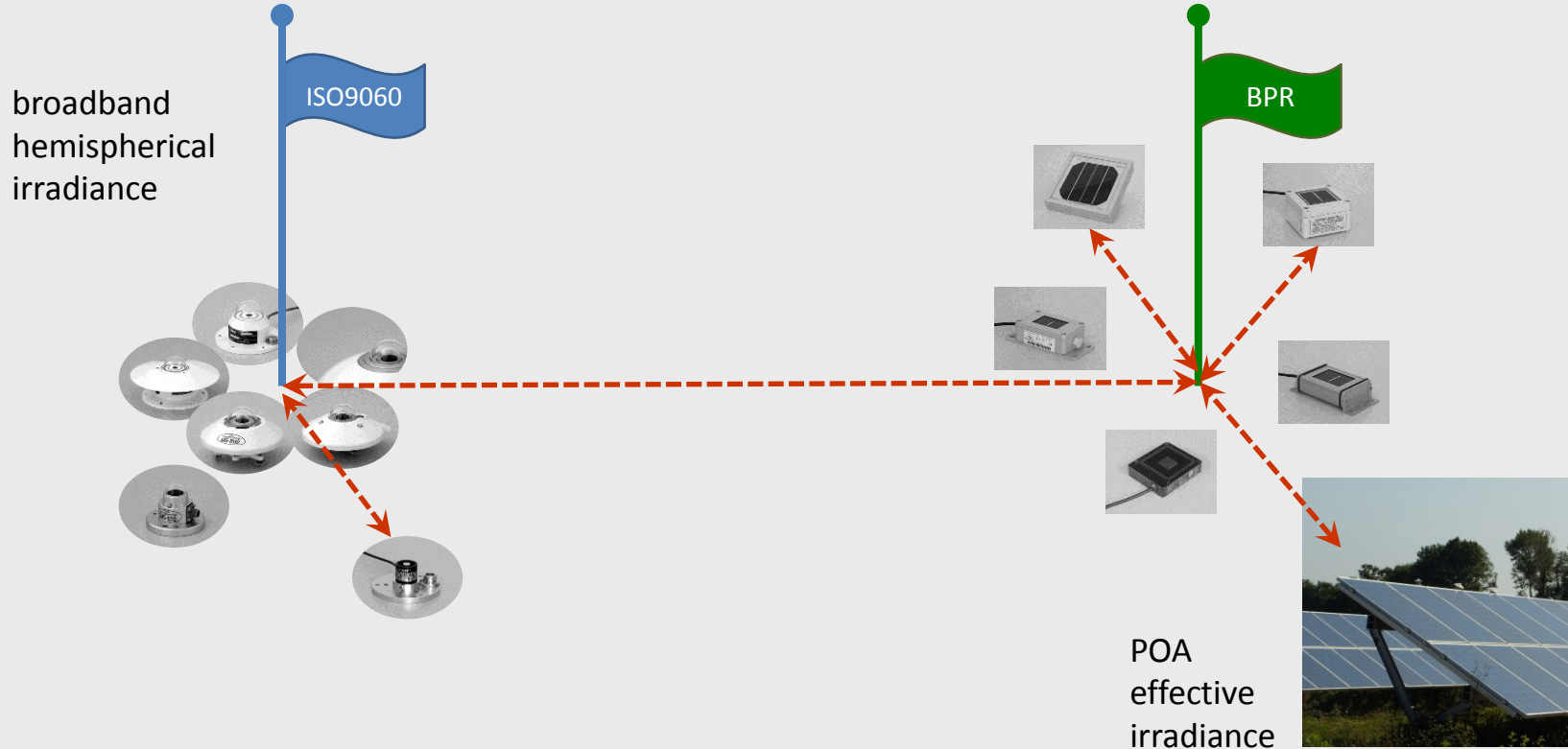
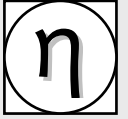
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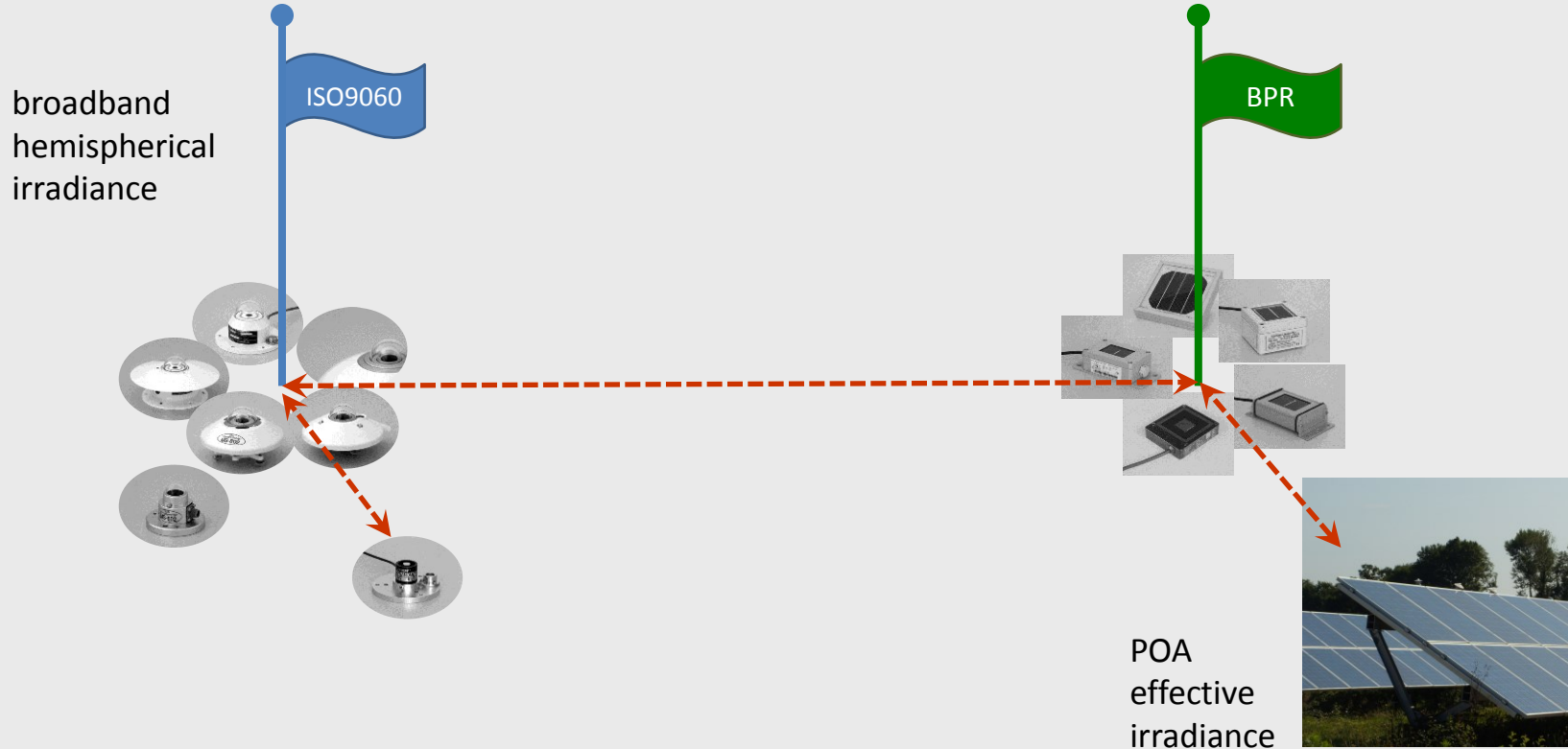
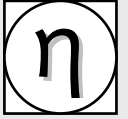
POA
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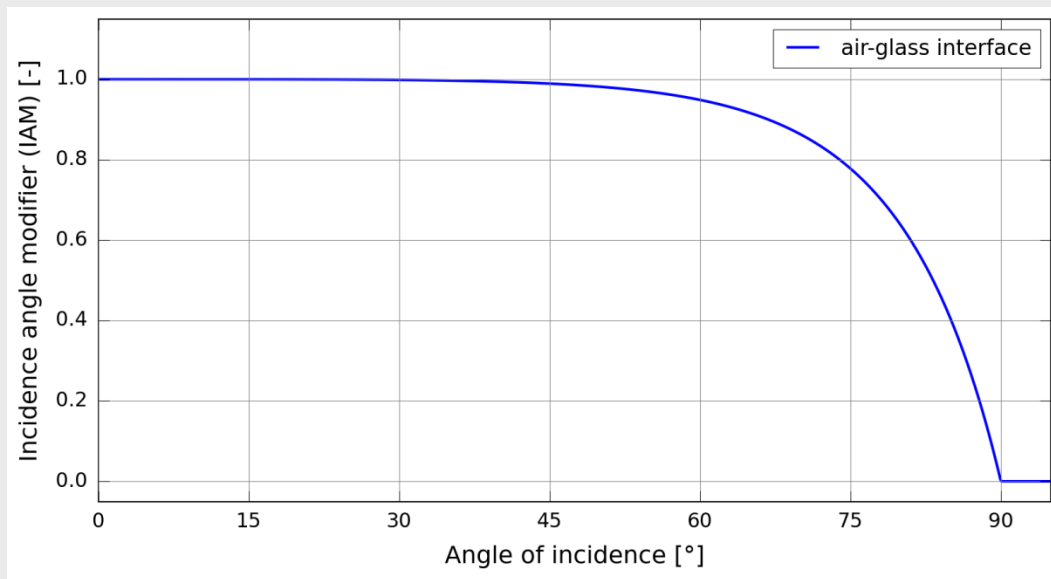
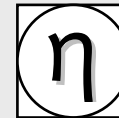
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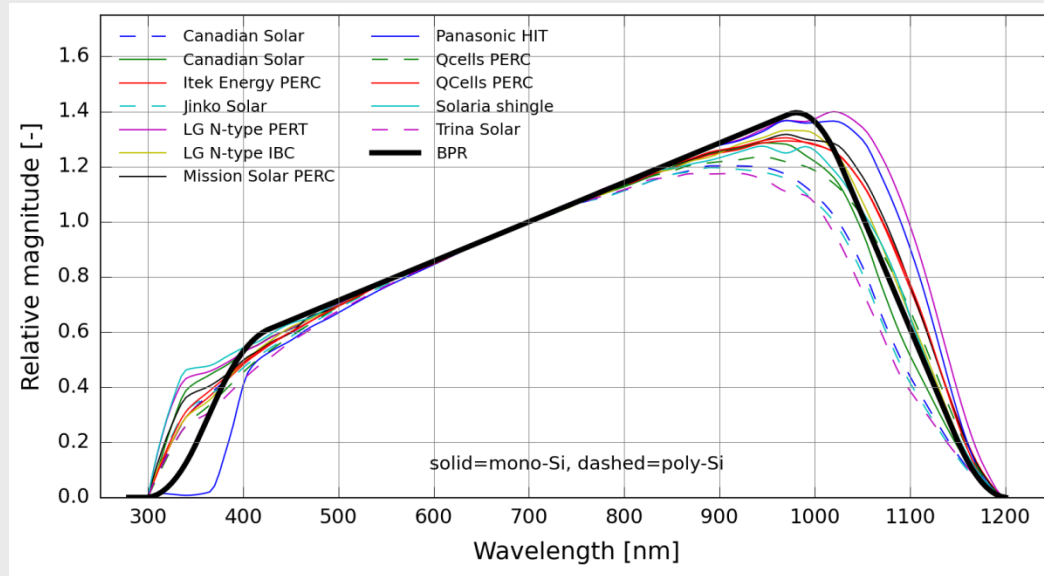
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BPR directional response



BPR spectral response



Summary of key differences



	ISO 9060	IEC 60904-2	ASTM E1040	WPVS	BPR
Directional response	Lambertian	Incompletely specified by physical package constraints			One air-glass interface
Temperature response	Flat	Linear correction	Linear correction	Operation at 25°C	Flat
Spectral response	Flat	Matched to the device under test			Simple idealization



The Baseline Performance Reference for Irradiance in PV System Applications

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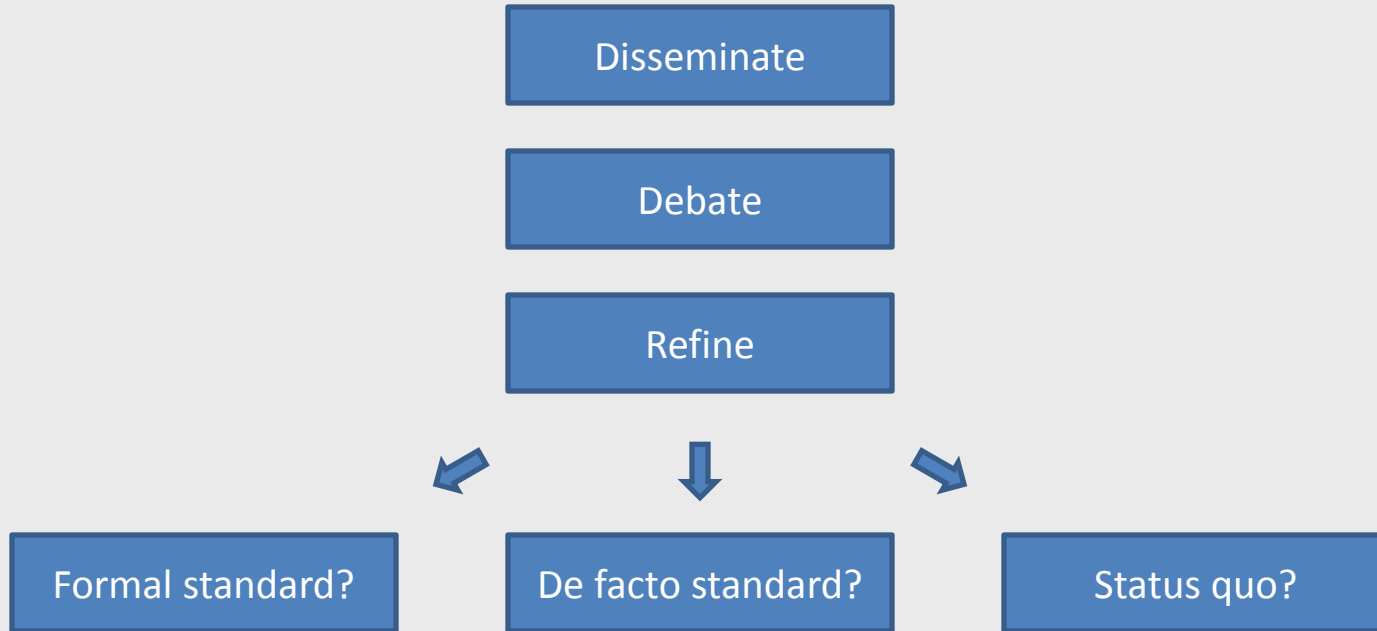
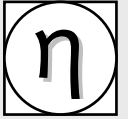
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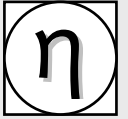
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