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PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICES –

Part 13: Electroluminescence of photovoltaic modules

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60904 specifies methods to:

- a) capture electroluminescence images of photovoltaic modules,
- b) process images to obtain metrics about the images taken in quantitative terms, and
- c) provide guidance to qualitatively interpret the images for features in the image that are observed.

This document is applicable to PV modules measured with a power supply that places the cells in the modules in forward bias.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC TS 61836:2016, *Solar photovoltaic energy systems – Terms, definitions and symbols*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC TS 61836 as well as the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

electroluminescence

EL

emission of optical radiation resulting from the application of electrical energy

3.2

open circuit

electrical circuit that has a break, or “open”, somewhere in the conductive path

Note 1 to entry: A module or laminate exhibits an “open circuit” if defective or damaged so that no current can flow through it when attached to an external circuit at the module electrical connection points.

Note 2 to entry: A PV module itself is in open circuit condition if one or both of the module electrical connection points are not connected to anything or current is not flowing as defined in IEC TS 61836:2016, 3.4.57.