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INTRODUCTION

IEC 62670 series establishes requirements for evaluating concentrator PV performance. It is written to be applicable to all concentrator PV technologies that have a geometric concentration ratio greater than 3× and require tracking.

Included in the IEC 62670 series of standards are definitions of the standard conditions and methods to be used for assessing CPV performance.

IEC 62670-1 defines a standard set of conditions so that power ratings noted on data sheets and nameplates have a standard basis.

IEC 62670-2 describes an on-sun, measurement based method for determining the energy output and performance ratio for CPV arrays, assemblies and power plants.

IEC 62670-3 (under consideration) describes methods for providing a CPV power assessment under a set of standard conditions, enabling assessments both indoors and outdoors.

IEC 62670-4 (under consideration) describes methods for calculating the prospective electrical energy output of CPV modules, arrays, assemblies and power plants based on the measurements carried out in IEC 62670-2.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62670 specifies the minimum requirements for determining the energy output and performance ratio for CPV modules, arrays, assemblies and power plants using an on-sun, measurement based method.

The purpose of this International Standard is to define testing methods, to establish a standard energy measurement for CPV modules, arrays, assemblies and power plants, and to specify the minimum reporting information.

2 Normative references

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IEC 62670-1, *Photovoltaic concentrators (CPV) – Performance testing – Part 1: Standard* conditions

ISO/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

ISO 8601:2004, *Data elements and interchange formats – Information interchange – Representation of dates and times*

ISO 9060, *Solar energy – Specification and classification of instruments for measuring hemispherical solar and direct solar radiation*

ISO 9847, *Solar energy – Calibration of field pyranometers by comparison to a reference pyranometer*

JCGM 100:2008, *Evaluation of measurement data – Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement*

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For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply:

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active AC energy
real AC energy (excluding reactive energy)