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Condensed experimentation manual

with the solar module SUSE CM330 + solar vehicle SUSE solar runabout turboST



After you finished building the solar module and tested it, you can conduct some experiments on photovoltaics with the solar module SUSE CM330 and the SUSE solar runabout turboST, using this condensed manual.

1. Determining the electric voltage, current, power of the solar module with measurements

You need a multimeter with 2 lab wires (red + black) for this, as well as the basic device SUSE 4.0 (halogen spot lamp 120W) and an overhead projector.

Settings of the multimeter for measuring the voltage: 20V DC, black negative wire in socket 'com', red positive wire in socket 'loA' (indoors use measurement range 20 mA DC). Plug the red wire into the red socket at the solar module, the black wire into the black socket.

Measurement location	Voltage V in V	Short-circuit current I in A	Power P in W P = V*I*0,8
On glass plate (centered) of the overhead projector			
40 cm in front of halogen spot lamp 120W			
Outdoors, bright sunshine			
Outdoors, clouded sky			
Indoors with normal room illumination			

What do you notice? Note your observations on the measurements and the rotational speed of the motor, as well as other ideas for analysis here:

2. Determining the irradiance (light intensity) of the light

You need a **multimeter in the measurement range 10A DC** with 2 lab wires (red + black) for this. Black negative wire into the socket 'com', red positive wire into the socket '10A DC'.

The intensity of the light (= irradiance S in W/m^2) can be determined by measuring the short-circuit current, because that is directly proportional to the irradiance. With this equation, S can be calculated from the short-circuit current:

Measurement location	Short-circuit current I in A	Irradiance S in W/m ²	I in A * 1000	
On glass plate (centered) of the overhead projector			S = W/m ² 0,48 A	
Outdoors in the sunshine, directed towards the sun			0,48 A is the short-circuit current of the solar cell at S = 1000W/m ²	
Outdoors with a clouded sky, directed southward				
Outdoors in the shade				

Note your observations and evaluations here:

3. Charging the storage capacitor on the SUSE solar runabout turboST

You need a multimeter in the measurement range 20V DC with 2 lab wires (red + black) for this, put the switch on the vehicle on "OFF" (central position). Before beginning the measurements, the capacitor needs to be discharged, briefly connect the two soldering eyelets of the capacitor to a metal item, e.g. a screwdriver.

Now plug the charging cable of the solar module into the vehicle's socket, make sure the switch is on "OFF"! Plug the two wires of the multimeter into the red-black socket pair at the module (see photo on the right). Adjust the module towards the sun or towards the light source for experiments indoors. Put the switch on "CHARGE" and observe the multimeter's display. In a second measurement you can read out the display every 10 seconds and note the values in the

table:



Measuring setup for experiment 3

Time in s From the start	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
Voltage in V										

If interested, you can also plot the charging curve with Excel or on mm paper!

Note your observations and evaluations here: