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Overview

How to determine the IAM of a PV module?

SunSolve is one of the most accurate tools to model IAM and is currently used for this purpose by many large companies. In this tutorial, you will determine the IAM of a PV module. The zenith and azimuth angle inputs are defined as the angle of the light source from the normal of the PV module.

What is incident angle modifier (IAM) in PV design?

However, a pivotal focus in PV design is module/array orientation. The spectrum and incident angle of sunlight will continuously vary, affecting the module performance as a function of its tilt, orientation and placement. This effect is quantified by the incident angle modifier (IAM), which needs to be calculated for each type of module.

What is the difference between IAM and PVSyst?

The IAM only concerns the angular dependency of this effect, i.e. it is normalized to the transmission at perpendicular incidence (0° incidence angle). PVsyst uses an IAM function, which describes the deficit of transmission as a function of the incidence angle.

What is IAM function in PVSyst?

PVsyst uses an IAM function, which describes the deficit of transmission as a function of the incidence angle. This function is applied either to the beam component, and to the diffuse and albedo, using an integral over all "seen" directions, supposing an isotropic distribution of the diffuse irradiance.

How do I specify the IAM model used in a simulation?

The IAM model used in the simulation is defined in the "Detailed Losses" part. By default, PVsyst will take the values specified for the PV module (of each sub-array). But you can also specify another profile for this present simulation.

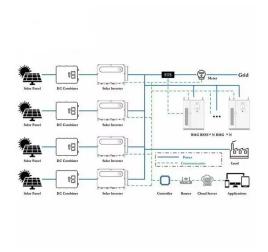


How do I create a custom IAM model?

The IAM model is defined with the PV module parameters, page " Additional data > Customized IAM ". Here you should define the glass surface type, and PVsyst will attribute the corresponding IAM model. If you want, you can also specify a customized IAM profile, according to your experimental data.



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