

Workshop “Digital Tools for Solar Thermal Plant Monitoring”

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Workshop:
Digitalisation of Solar Thermal Plants
Overview of digital tools & Live SunPeek-demo

Online	25.06.2024	14:00-16:00
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Eine Veranstaltung von AEE INTEC & DIH Süd:

Online Workshop

Digital Tools for Solar Thermal Plant Monitoring

25 June 2024, 2 – 4 pm (CEST, UTC+2)

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Agenda

1 Handbook “Digital Tools for Solar Thermal Plant Monitoring” (~15 min.)

Philip Ohnewein (AEE INTEC)



2 “Speed Dating” of selected tools (~30 min.)

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3 SunPeek Live Demo + Discussion (~30 min.)

Marnoch Hamilton-Jones (AEE INTEC)



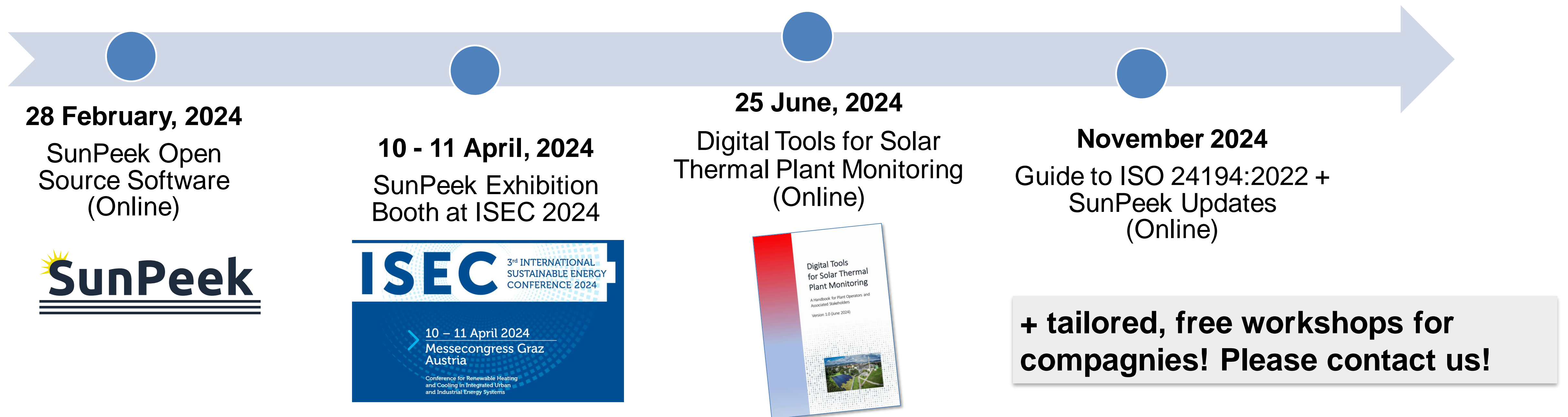
4 Further developments, Q&A (~30 min.)

All



Workshop Series „Digitalization of Solar Thermal Plants”

- **Focus:** Demonstrate how to use **digital tools** and **methods** for the monitoring of (large-scale) solar thermal plants & give support for SunPeek users
- **Target group:** Operators of large-scale solar thermal plants and associated companies and stakeholders



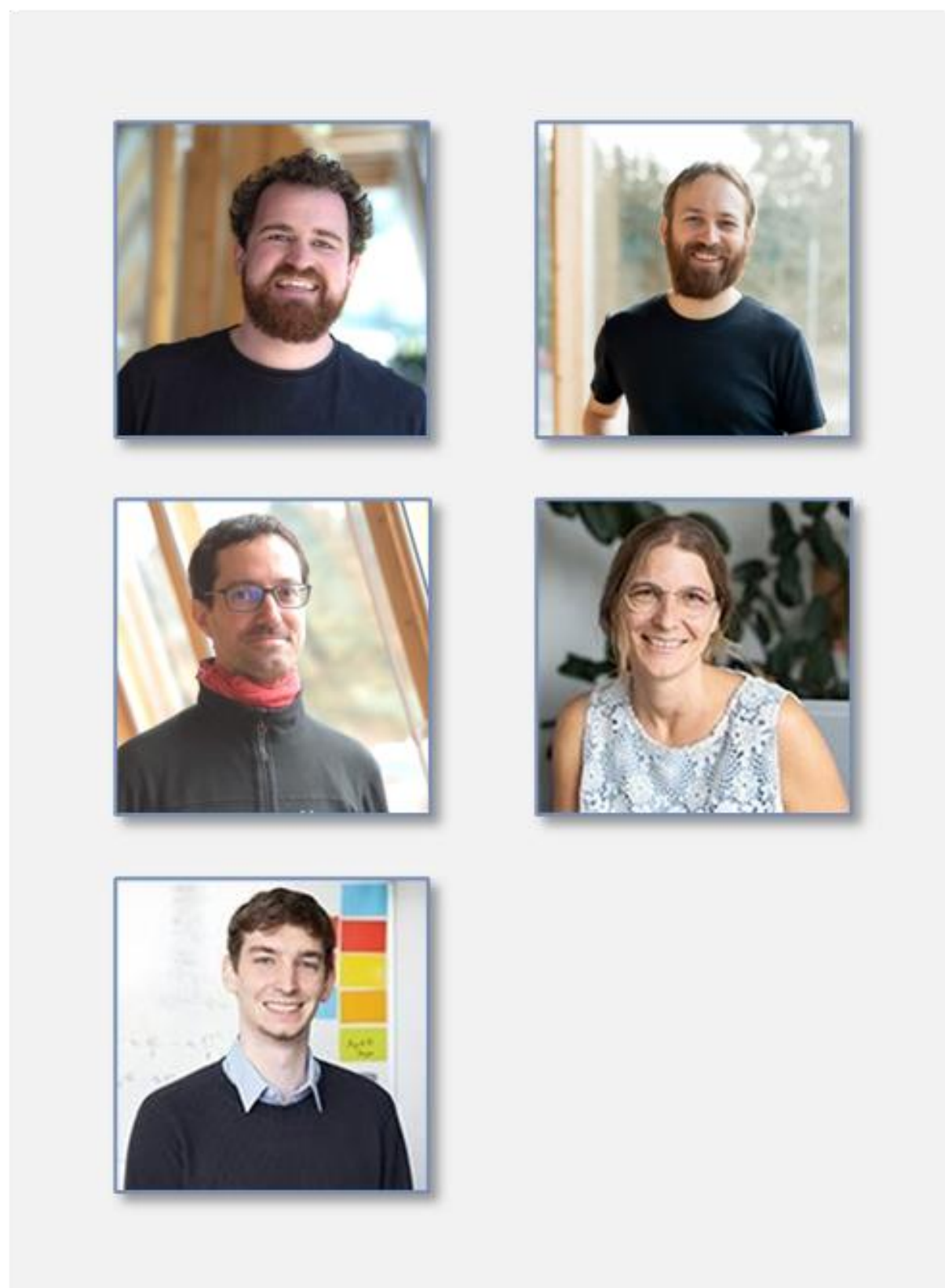


SunPeek Eco System

Initiators



Steering Committee & Maintainers

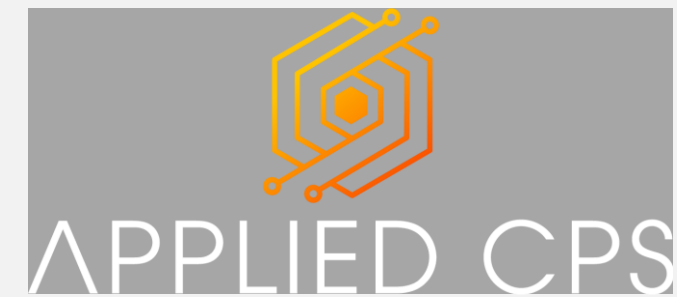


Community, Users & Enablers



Funding





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- The project **Applied-CPS (Applied Cyber-Physical Systems)** is an Austrian research project of the **Digital Europe Programme**, funded by the European Commission and the Austrian Research Promotion Agency
- **Project duration: 2022/09 to 2025/08**
- Applied-CPS offers **tailored services for SME within the European Union** to support the implementation of cyber-physical systems (CPS)
- **Services up to 40 k€ are fully funded!** Please contact us if you are interested! (limited resources available)

Organizational issues

- The workshop will **not** be recorded.
- **Slides** and **additional material** will be distributed after the workshop. Please feel free to share them!
- After each session, there is some time for **longer questions** and **discussion**.
- You may ask **shorter questions** during the sessions directly to the presenter or using the “Chat” function in MS Teams
- Please register through the Applied CPS website if you haven't done this yet: https://www.applied-cps.at/event_kalender/digital-tools-for-solar-thermal-plant-monitoring/

Brief Introduction Round



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- SunPeek Support: support@sunpeek.org
- For specific requests / problems / bugs, please open issues in <https://gitlab.com/sunpeek/>

Questions



„Digital Tools“ Handbook



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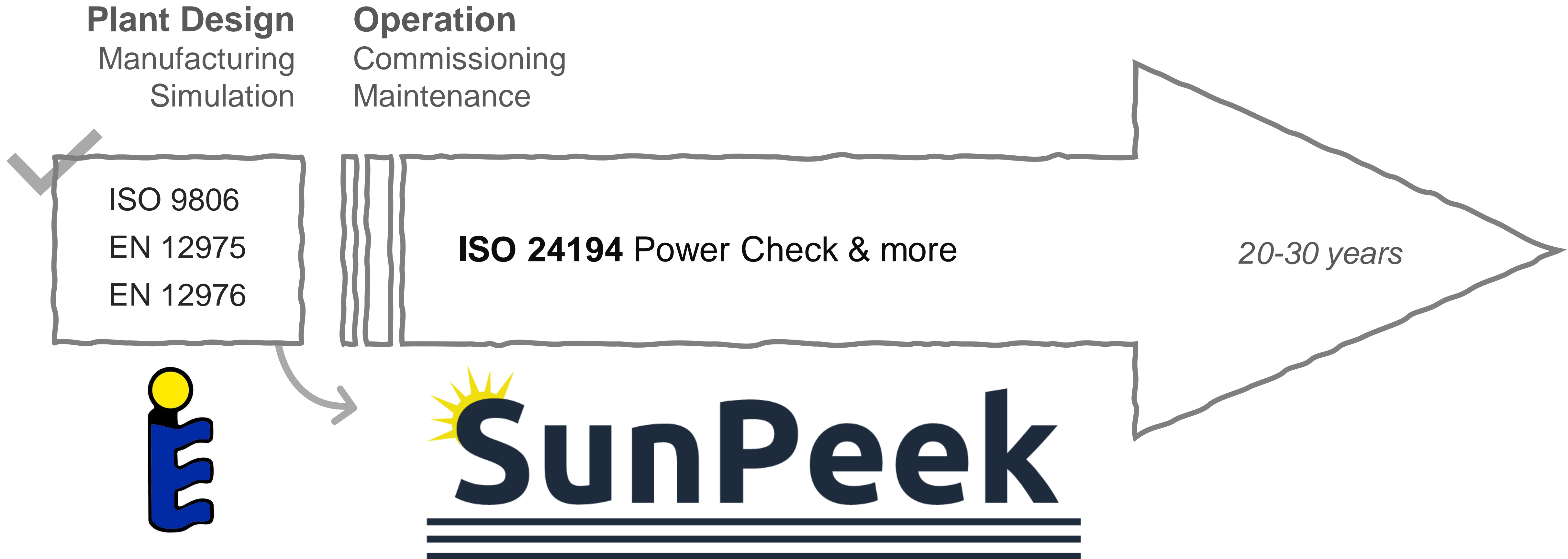


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International Standards, SunPeek



ISO 24194

“Solar energy — Collector fields — Check of performance”

- International standard that focuses on the performance check of solar thermal collector *arrays* → first standard targeting collector arrays in operation
 - First published in 05/2022 → currently *ISO 24194:2022* + amendment (Amd 1:2024)
 - Collaboration between ISO and CEN (European Committee for Standardization)
 - Plays a key role for on-going operational monitoring and guarantee procedures
 - Bankability and trust in large-scale installations
- Specifies methods how to *compare measured output with its target*:
 - *Power Check* → Denmark, IEA SHC Task 45 & 55
 - Daily Yield Check
 - Annual Yield Check (in preparation)
- How to apply in practice?
 - *Guide* to ISO 24194:2022 – Power Check, Task 68

ISO 24194:2022 “Check of Performance”

- New ISO standard for assessing performance of solar thermal collector fields / plants.
 - ✓ **In-situ**, for plants in operation!
 - ✓ Refers to ISO 9806 (single collector lab tests)
 - ✓ Refers to ISO 9060 (instruments for solar radiation)
 - ✓ Refers to ISO 9488 (solar vocabulary)

- Applicable **Collector types**:
 - ✓ Glazed flat plate collectors
 - ✓ Evacuated tube collectors
 - ✓ Tracking, concentrating collectors

- Defines **2 methods** on paper:
 - ✓ *Power Check*
 - ✓ Daily Yield Check

- ✓ Revision: **Annual Yield Guarantee**
 - ✓ TC180 / SC4 / WG4
 - ✓ Lead by M. Liu & S. Abrecht

Solar energy — Collector fields — Check of performance

(ISO 24194:2022)

Sonnenenergie — Kollektorfelder — Überprüfung der Leistungsfähigkeit
(ISO 24194:2022)

Energie solaire — Champs de capteurs — Vérification de la performance
(ISO 24194:2022)

Life cycle

Now

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Stage: 60.60 ▾

Corrigenda / Amendments

↳ Under development
ISO 24194:2022/Amd 1

General information

Status : Published
 Publication date : 2022-05
 Stage : International Standard published
 [60.60]

 Edition : 1
 Number of pages : 30

 Technical Committee : **ISO/TC 180/SC 4**
 ICS : **27.160**

SunPeek Power Check → ISO 24194



„Digital Tools for Solar Thermal Plant Monitoring“

A Handbook for Plant Operators and Associated Stakeholders

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Associated Stakeholders

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Purpose

- Guide for plant operators & stakeholders to effectively *monitor solar thermal plants*.
- Focus is on solar *collector fields*, not single arrays.
- Overview of digital tools: *software, methods, datasets*.
- Focus on *open-source tools & open datasets*.

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- Cooperation with team of [SunPeek](#) open-source software



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Sensors

- Practical recommendations for monitoring
- Choice & placement of sensors

Data Gathering

- Sampling rate: at least 1 minute
- Time zones: explicit time zones, or UTC
- Timestamp format: ISO 8601
- Encoding: UTF-8
- **Data validation tools & algorithms**

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- ISO 9806
- ISO 24194: Power Check, Daily Yield Check
- Most important Key Figures

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Solar thermal

- Software tools
- Open datasets

PV

- Software tools

General

- Weather & Irradiance tools, databases & APIs
- Visualization, Monitoring & IoT Platforms

→ “Speed Dating” → 4 selected tools

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SunPeek Demo

- Later today



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Background: Large-scale solar thermal plants are a key technology to provide renewable heat in residential, industrial, and district heating applications with substantial growth worldwide in recent years. Increasing availability of data, performance analytics methods and digitalization technologies offer the opportunity to improve quality assurance standards of the technology. An important milestone is the release of ISO 24194 in 2022, which is the first standard of its kind to target the operating phase of solar thermal collector arrays.

- Challenge:** To ensure high solar energy yields over the lifespan of the plant, digital monitoring solutions which support automated, cost-effective performance benchmarking and optimal system operation are needed. The promising developments in this field are not yet fully seized by the stakeholders, mainly small and medium-sized enterprises who operate solar thermal plants, due to a lack of awareness and accessible, target group specific information.

Aim: This handbook strives to give an overview of digital tools for solar thermal plant monitoring and addresses typical data requirements and evaluation methods. The work focuses on open-source software tools. Open-source tools not only decrease licensing costs for users, but also offer the benefit of traceable and transparent outcomes, e.g., when the software is used to check performance guarantees.

- Target group:** The handbook mainly targets plant operators of large-scale solar thermal plants, especially small and medium-sized enterprises, and additionally associated stakeholders like system designers, collector manufacturers, quality assurance institutions, investors and heat costumers.
- Scope:** The presented digital tools are geared towards large-scale applications, mainly for systems using non-concentrating flat plate collectors, with a focus on the collector array (primary loop). One open-source tool, the SunPeek software, is presented in detail. The authors do not claim completeness of the selected tools nor any preference which tools are most suitable.

Structure: The handbook consists of 4 chapters:

- Chapter 1 summarizes the required measurement setup and data handling.
- Chapter 2 introduces common methods and key figures used in digital tools.
- Chapter 3 gives an overview of digital tools and open data sets.
- Chapter 4 introduces the SunPeek software, which implements the ISO 24194 Power Check.

Previous work: The handbooks integrates on-going work and discussions with experts from [IEA SHC Task 68](#), and strongly builds on the projects [HarvestIT](#) and [MeQuSo](#).

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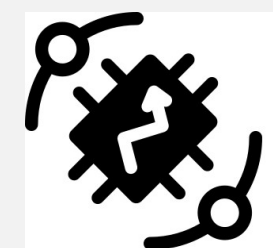
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<https://solarkeymark.eu/calculation-tools/>

SOLARHEATDATA.EU

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 ThingsBoard

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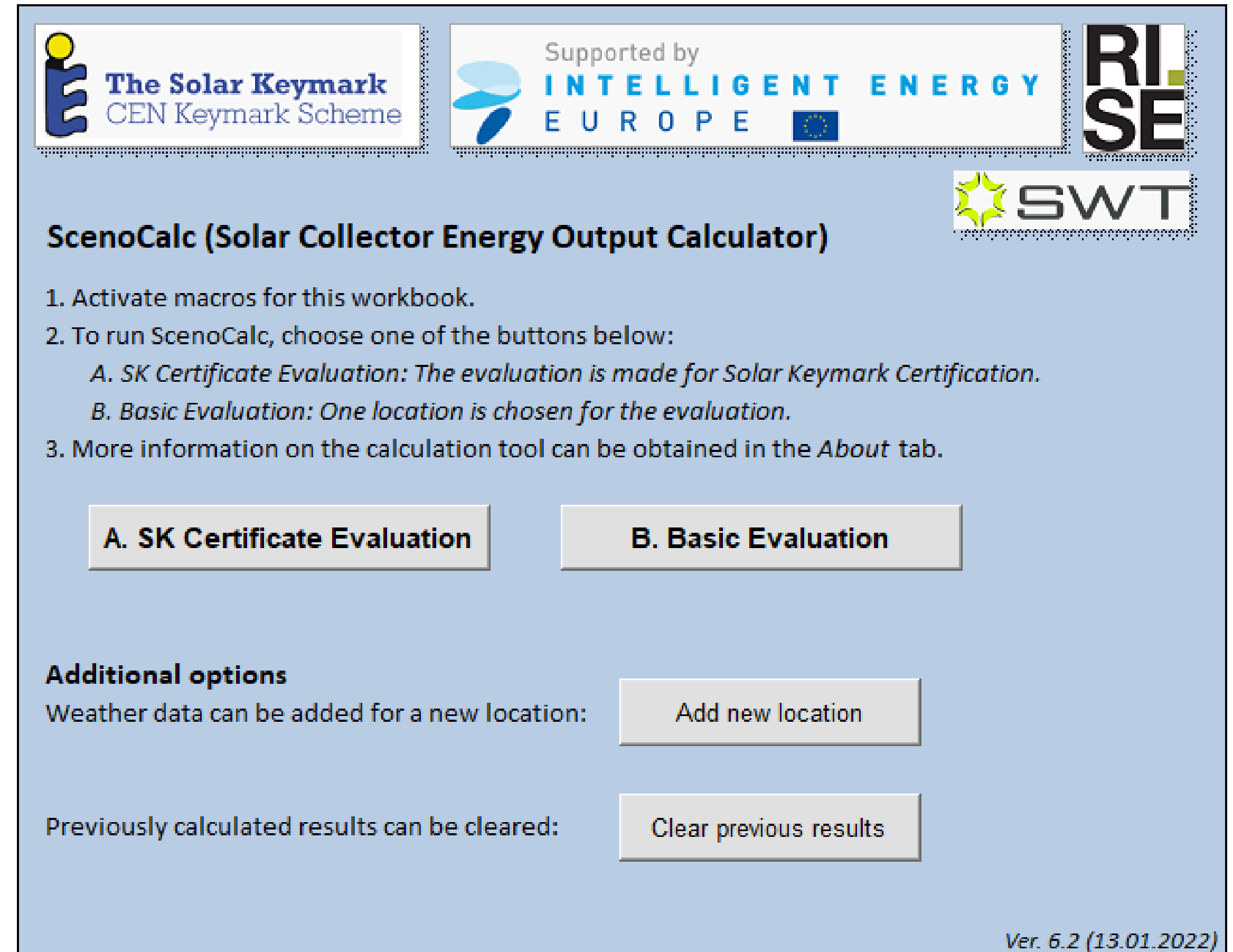
 pvlib

[https://pvlib-
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Official SolarKeymark calculation tool



- Download:
<https://solarkeymark.eu/calculation-tools/>
- Excel file + VBA code
- Current version: 6.2



The screenshot shows the ScenoCalc interface with the following elements:

- Logos:** The Solar Keymark CEN Keymark Scheme, Supported by INTELLIGENT ENERGY EUROPE, RISE, and SWT.
- Title:** ScenoCalc (Solar Collector Energy Output Calculator)
- Instructions:**
 1. Activate macros for this workbook.
 2. To run ScenoCalc, choose one of the buttons below:
 - A. SK Certificate Evaluation: The evaluation is made for Solar Keymark Certification.
 - B. Basic Evaluation: One location is chosen for the evaluation.
 3. More information on the calculation tool can be obtained in the *About* tab.
- Buttons:** A. SK Certificate Evaluation, B. Basic Evaluation.
- Additional options:**
 - Weather data can be added for a new location: Add new location
 - Previously calculated results can be cleared: Clear previous results
- Version:** Ver. 6.2 (13.01.2022)

ScenoCalc

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Annex to Solar Keymark Certificate					Licence Number		011-7S2636 F																	
Summary of EN ISO 9806 Test Results					Issued		2016-04-06																	
Collector test standard		EN ISO 9806																						
Licence holder		TIGI LTD.			Country		Israel																	
Brand (optional)		--			Web		www.tigisolar.com																	
Street, Number		12 Modi-in St.			E-mail		info@tigisolar.com																	
Postcode, City		IL-4927161, Petah Tikva			Tel		+972 3 6353626																	
Collector Type					Evacuated tubular collector																			
					Power output per collector G _b = 850 W/m ² ; G _d = 150 W/m ²																			
					̑ _m - ̑ _a																			
					0 K		10 K		30 K		50 K		70 K		130 K									
Collector name					W		W		W		W		W		W									
TIGI HC1-A					2.09		2'027		1'030		195		1'416		1'375		1'291		1'201		1'106		791	
Power output per m ² gross area					678		659		618		575		530		379									
Performance parameters test method					Steady state - outdoor																			
Performance parameters (related to AG)					̑ _{0,hem}		a1		a2															
Units					-		W/(m ² K)		W/(m ² K ²)															
Test results					0.678		1.900		0.003															
Incidence angle modifier test method					Steady state - outdoor																			
Bi-directional incidence angle modifiers					Yes																			
Incidence angle modifier					Angle		10°		20°		30°		40°		50°		60°		70°		80°		90°	
Transversal					K _{gT, coll}		0.99		0.98		0.96		0.93		0.88		0.78		0.65		0.38		0.00	
Longitudinal					K _{gL, coll}		1.00		0.99		0.98		0.95		0.89		0.80		0.65		0.40		0.00	
Fluid for testing					Water-Glycole																			
Flow rate for testing (per gross area, AG)					dm/dt		0.021		kg/(sm ²)															
Maximum temperature difference for thermal performance calculations					(̑ _m -̑ _a) _{max}		130		K															
Standard stagnation temperature (G = 1000 W/m ² ; ̑ _a = 30 °C)					̑ _{stg}		150		°C															
Effective thermal capacity (per gross area, AG)					C/m ²		6.1		kJ/(Km ²)															
Maximum operating temperature					̑ _{max, op}		139		°C															
Maximum operating pressure					p _{max, op}		800		kPa															
Testing laboratory					SPF, CH-8640 Rapperswil			www.spf.ch																
Test report(s)					C1679LPEN C1679LPEN			Dated		31.03.2016 31.03.2016														



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Supplementary Information										Issued		2016-04-06		
Annual collector output in kWh/collector at mean fluid temperature ̑ _m , based on ISO 9806 Test Results														
Standard Locations		Athens			Davos			Stockholm			Würzburg			
Collector name		̑ _m	25°C	50°C	75°C	25°C	50°C	75°C	25°C	50°C	75°C	25°C	50°C	75°C
TIGI HC1-A		2'201	1'808	1'455	1'812	1'473	1'179	1'306	1'019	788	1'406	1'096	838	
Annual output per m ² gross area		1'054	866	697	868	706	565	625	488	377	673	525	401	
Fixed or tracking collector		Fixed (slope = latitude - 15°; rounded to nearest 5°)												
Annual irradiation on collector plane		1765 kWh/m ²			1714 kWh/m ²			1166 kWh/m ²			1244 kWh/m ²			
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Collector orientation or tracking mode		South, 25°			South, 30°			South, 45°			South, 35°			
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Official SolarKeymark calculation tool

Status

- Well-established and *accepted tool* in SolarKeymark & most of the European solar thermal world.
- Originally developed by *RISE 2019* in project QAIST.
- Supports a variety of collector types, but not yet PVT.
- Rework / Update planned (Pro-Sol-Netz project) towards supporting parabolic trough / *PTC and Fresnel* collectors.

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Similarities with SunPeek

- Both are based on *ISO 9806* standard / SolarKeymark.
- Both support a variety of *collector types* (flat plate, concentrating / tracking, air). Both aim at improving support for concentrating, PVT and other collector types.
- Both support *SST and QDT* collector data sheets

Differences to SunPeek

- SunPeek is a *performance monitoring* tool for plants in operation. ScenoCalc is a *yield estimation* tool, converting collector parameters into a projected solar energy yield.
- SunPeek processes *in-situ measurement data* from solar thermal plants. ScenoCalc does not, it's not a monitoring tool.
- ScenoCalc is not backed by an *open-source* project. Maintenance and Governance are somewhat undefined.



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*pvlib **python** is a community developed toolbox that provides a set of functions and classes for **simulating the performance of photovoltaic energy systems** and accomplishing related tasks.*



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Time and time zones

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API reference

Classes

Solar Position

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Airmass and atmospheric models

Irradiance

Methods for irradiance calculations

`pvlb.pvsystem.PVSystem.get_irradiance`

`pvlb.pvsystem.PVSystem.get_aoi`

`pvlb.pvsystem.PVSystem.get_jam`

`pvlb.tracking.SingleAxisTracker.get_irradiance`

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Decomposing and combining irradiance

<code>irradiance.get_extra_radiation (datetime_or_doy)</code>	Determine extraterrestrial radiation from day of year.
<code>irradiance.aoi (surface_tilt, ...)</code>	Calculates the angle of incidence of the solar vector on a surface.
<code>irradiance.aoi_projection (surface_tilt, ...)</code>	Calculates the dot product of the sun position unit vector and the surface normal unit vector; in other words, the cosine of the angle of incidence.
<code>irradiance.poa_horizontal_ratio (...)</code>	Calculates the ratio of the beam components of the plane of array irradiance and the horizontal irradiance.
<code>irradiance.beam_component (surface_tilt, ...)</code>	Calculates the beam component of the plane of array irradiance.
<code>irradiance.poa_components (aoi, dni, ...)</code>	Determine in-plane irradiance components.
<code>irradiance.get_ground_diffuse (surface_tilt, ghi)</code>	Estimate diffuse irradiance from ground reflections given irradiance, albedo, and surface tilt.
<code>irradiance.dni (ghi, dhi, zenith[, ...])</code>	Determine DNI from GHI and DHI.

Transposition models

<code>irradiance.get_total_irradiance (...[, ...])</code>	Determine total in-plane irradiance and its beam, sky diffuse and ground reflected components, using the specified sky diffuse irradiance model.
<code>irradiance.get_sky_diffuse (surface_tilt, ...)</code>	Determine in-plane sky diffuse irradiance component using the specified sky diffuse irradiance model.
<code>irradiance.isotropic (surface_tilt, dhi)</code>	Determine diffuse irradiance from the sky on a tilted surface using the isotropic sky model.
<code>irradiance.perez (surface_tilt, ...[, model, ...])</code>	Determine diffuse irradiance from the sky on a tilted surface using one of the Perez models.
<code>irradiance.haydavies (surface_tilt, ...[, ...])</code>	Determine diffuse irradiance from the sky on a tilted surface using Hay & Davies' 1980 model
<code>irradiance.klucher (surface_tilt, ...)</code>	Determine diffuse irradiance from the sky on a tilted surface using Klucher's 1979 model

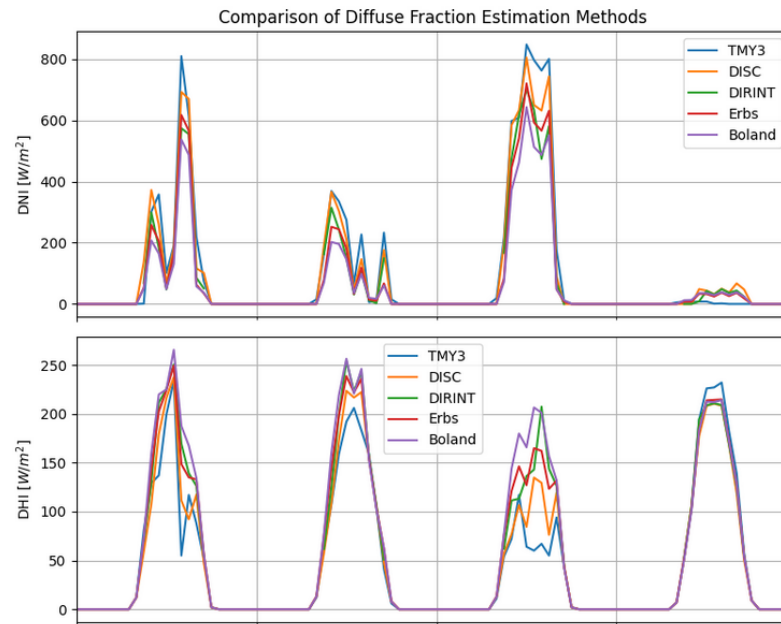
Many calculations regarding irradiance (AOI, extraterrestrial irradiation, solar time, decompositions, etc.)

Link: <https://pvlb-python.readthedocs.io/en/v0.9.0/api.html#methods-for-irradiance-calculations>

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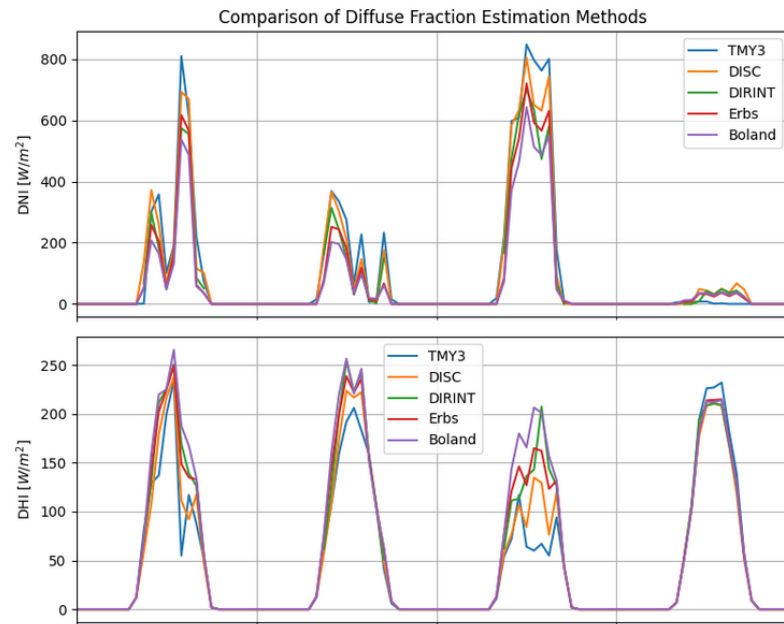
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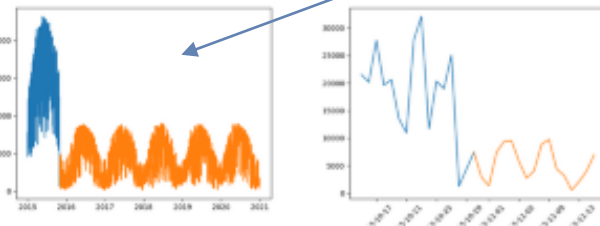
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Now we run the data shift algorithm (with default parameters) on the data stream, using `pvanalytics.quality.data_shifts.detect_data_shifts()`. We plot the predicted time series segments, based on algorithm results.

```
shift_mask = ds.detect_data_shifts(df['value'])
shift_list = list(df[shift_mask].index)
edges = [df.index[0]] + shift_list + [df.index[-1]]
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
for (st, ed) in zip(edges[:-1], edges[1:]):
    ax.plot(df.loc[st:ed, 'value'])
plt.show()

# We zoom in around the changepoint to more closely show the data shift. Time
# series segments pre- and post-shift are color-coded.

edges = [pd.to_datetime("10-15-2015")] + shift_list + \
        [pd.to_datetime("11-15-2015")]
fig, ax = plt.subplots()
for (st, ed) in zip(edges[:-1], edges[1:]):
    ax.plot(df.loc[st:ed, 'value'])
plt.xticks(rotation=45)
plt.show()
```



We filter the time series by the detected changepoints, taking the longest continuous segment free of data shifts, using `pvanalytics.quality.data_shifts.get_longest_shift_segment_dates()`. The trimmed time series is then plotted.

```
start_date, end_date = ds.get_longest_shift_segment_dates(df['value'])
df['value'][start_date:end_date].plot()
plt.show()
```

Identify shifts in measurement data (PVAnalytics)

Link:
<https://pvanalytics.readthedocs.io/en/stable/generated/gallery/shifts/data-shifts.html>

Summary



- Open Source Python project
 - ⇒ Role model for SunPeek
 - ⇒ Used for some calculations
- Many functions that can be used for solar-thermal:
(even though developed for PV)
 - Irradiation & irradiation conversion (pvlib)
 - Fetching weather data (pvlib)
 - Plausibility checks (PVAnalytics)



SunPeek

Demo

SunPeek
SunPeek API (0.3.80)
(Docker)

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- Overview
- Configuration
- Data Upload
- Sensor Data
- Performance Check**

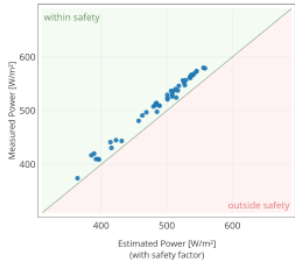
Thermal Power Check

Settings: Method: ISO Formula: AUTO (2) f₀: AUTO (93%) f₁: AUTO (99%) f₂: AUTO (98%) use wind: AUTO (true)

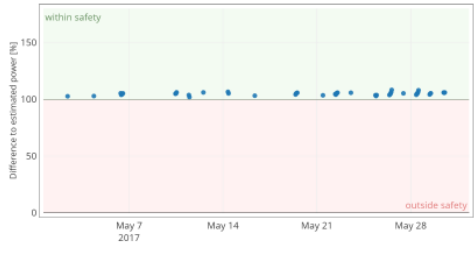
Measurement Period: Start: 30 / 04 / 2017 End: 01 / 06 / 2017

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Measured-Estimated Comparison



Timeseries



Safety Factor: 90 % with safety factor

Selected	Name	Type	Measured (with safety)	Estimated (with safety)	Ratio (with safety)	Valid Intervals
	Arcon South	Array	512 [W/m ²]	488 [W/m ²]	104.9%	47 [h]
→	Plant Total	Total	512 [W/m ²]	488 [W/m ²]	104.9%	47 [h]

What is SunPeek?



” SunPeek is the quasi-standard to apply the ISO 24194
Free and easy to use!



Usage of SunPeek



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Collector Guarantees

Does the collector perform as specified?



Performance Monitoring

How does collector performance changes over time?



How does it work?



ISO 24194 – Power Check compares array performance:

Actual performance

Based on measurements:

$$\dot{Q} = c_p \dot{m} (v_{out} - v_{in})$$

1h averages

Estimated performance

Based on Collector-Keymark-Equation:

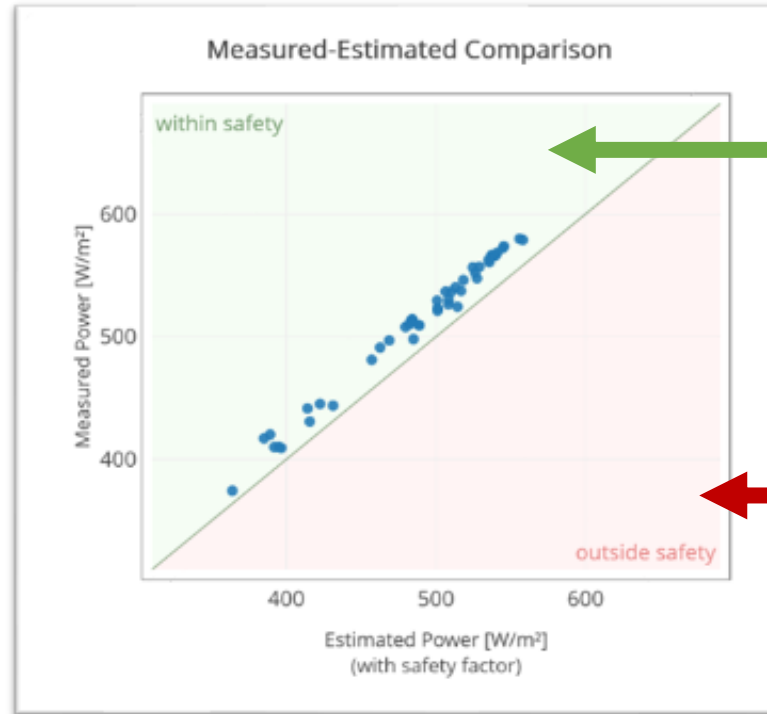
$$\dot{Q} = A_{GF} \cdot \left[\eta_{0,hem} K_{hem}(\theta) G_{hem} - a_1(\vartheta_m - \vartheta_a) - a_2(\vartheta_m - \vartheta_a)^2 - a_5 \left(\frac{d\vartheta_m}{dt} \right) \right] \cdot f_{safe}$$

1h averages

Compare only for valid timestamps
(operation conditions close to stable full power operation)

How does it work?

Actual
performance



Actual power is **higher**
than estimated power
(above diagonal)

Actual power is **lower**
than estimated power
(below diagonal)

Estimated
performance

Why open-source?



✓ **Accessibility**

Implementing the ISO needs considerable knowledge and resources. With SunPeek, the method is accessible to everyone without any work



✓ **Transparency**

Guarantees must be transparent, so all parties can check the results independently. With SunPeek, everyone works with the



✓ **Consistency**

Results must be consistent and truthful to the ISO. With SunPeek, everyone relies on the same code.



web UI

Graphical user interface.
Interactive use in browser.



web API

Restful API. Automate
with other software tools.



Python package

Algorithm development.
Integrate with other projects.



Docker

Standardized distribution
and installation.

BSD-3 Clause

- „Permissive“, virtually no restrictions
- Used in similar open-source projects (e.g. pvlib).
- Simplifies integration with own software.



Summary

- ✓ SunPeek is **free** to use, also **commercially**, free to modify and distribute.
- ✓ **Open Data is optional**. No need to share measurement data!

• Backend: LGPL (GNU General Public License)

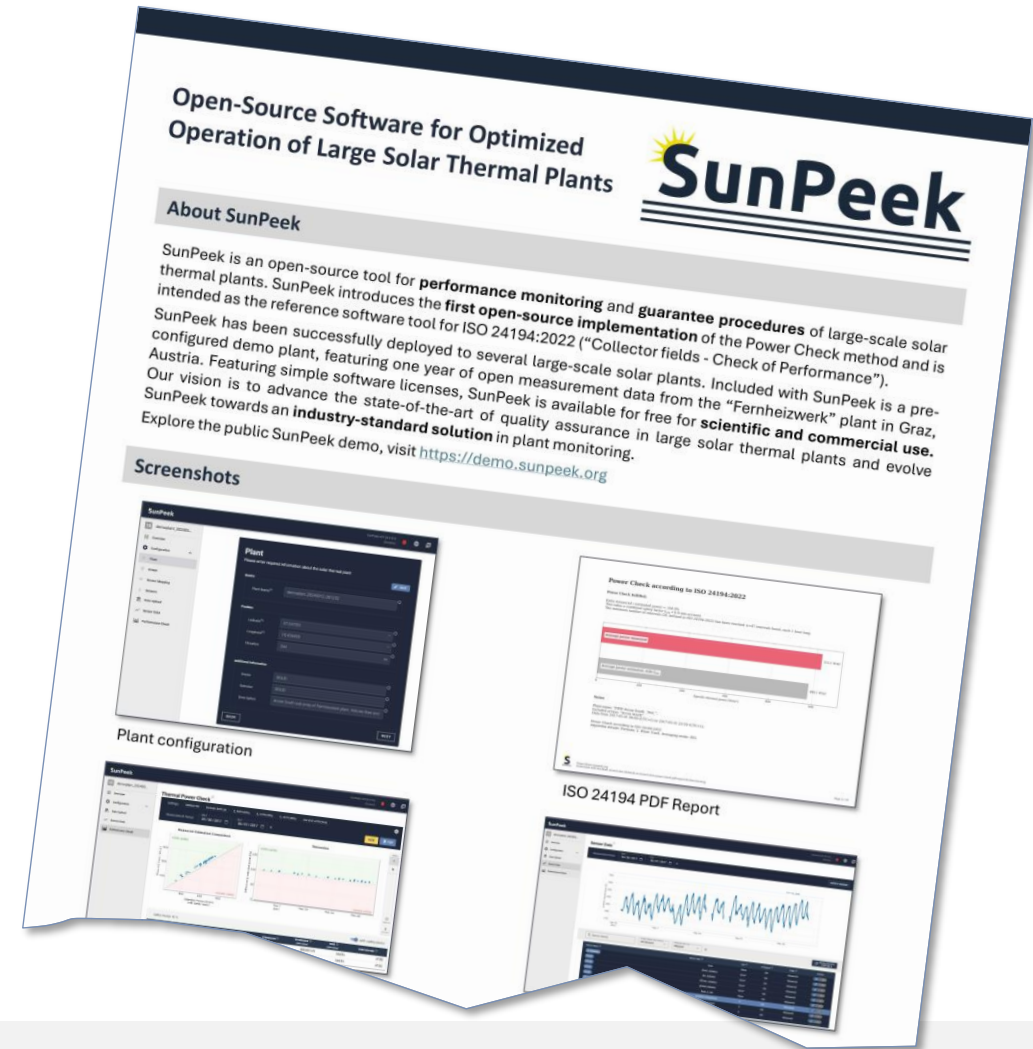
- „Weakly Protective“
- Must release changes under same license.
- Ensures *consistent implementation* of ISO 24194.



SunPeek Information



- ✓ Support support@sunpeek.org
 - ✓ Software Repository <https://gitlab.com/sunpeek/>
 - ✓ Public Demo <https://demo.sunpeek.org/>
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- ✓ Open Dataset <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7741083>
 - ✓ Data-in-Brief Article <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dib.2023.109224>
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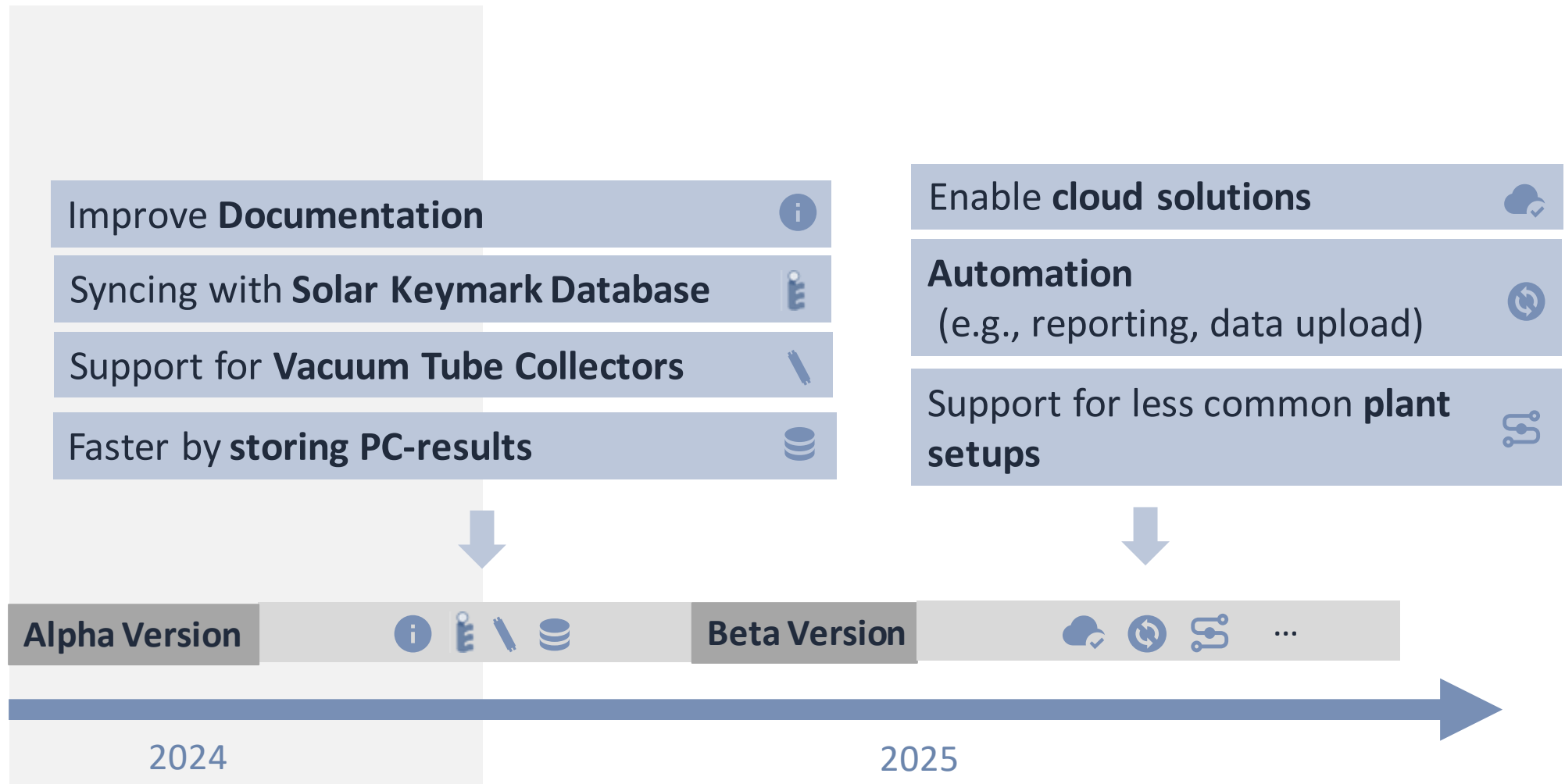
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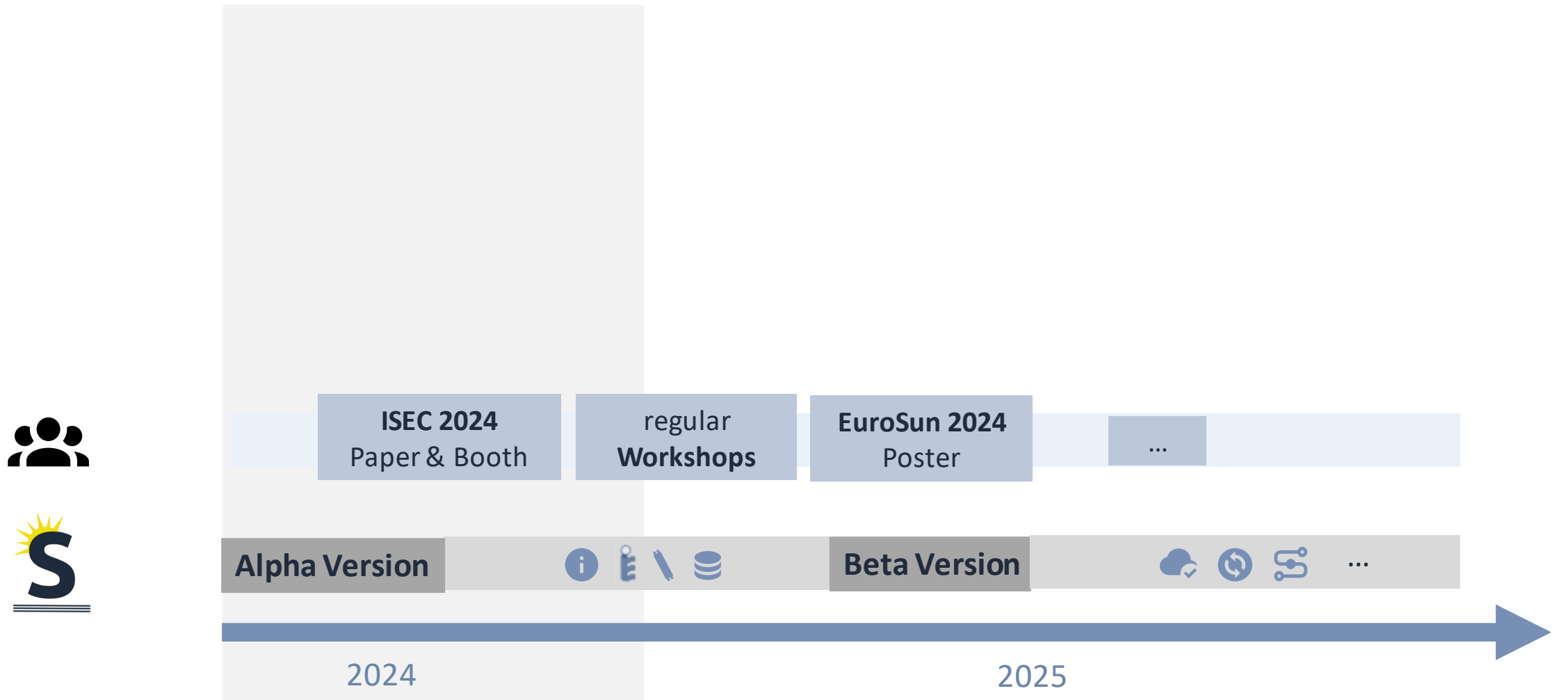
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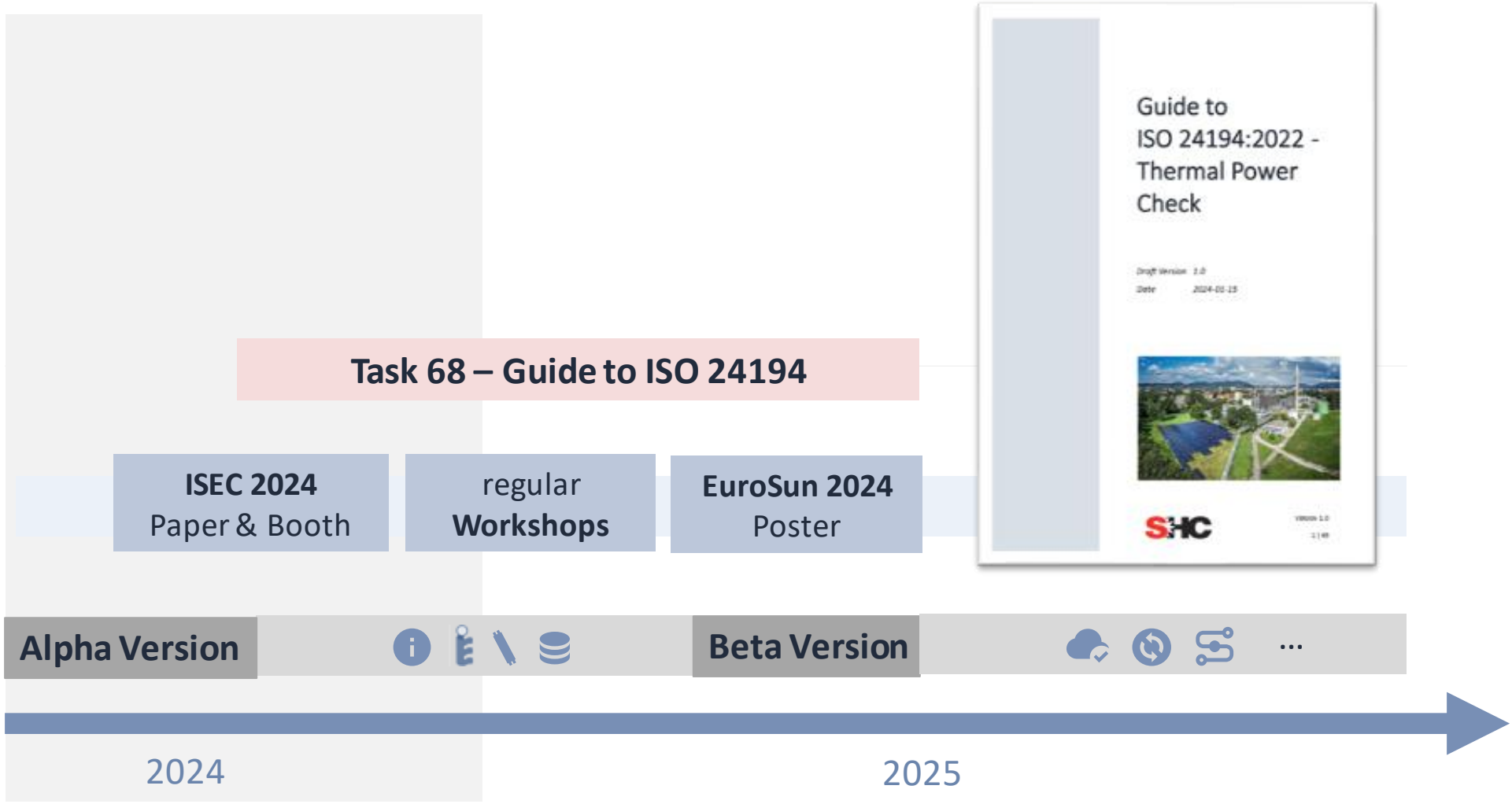
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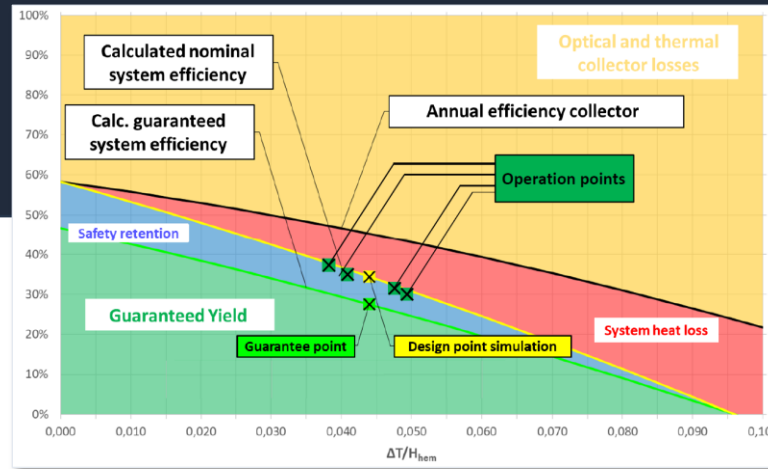
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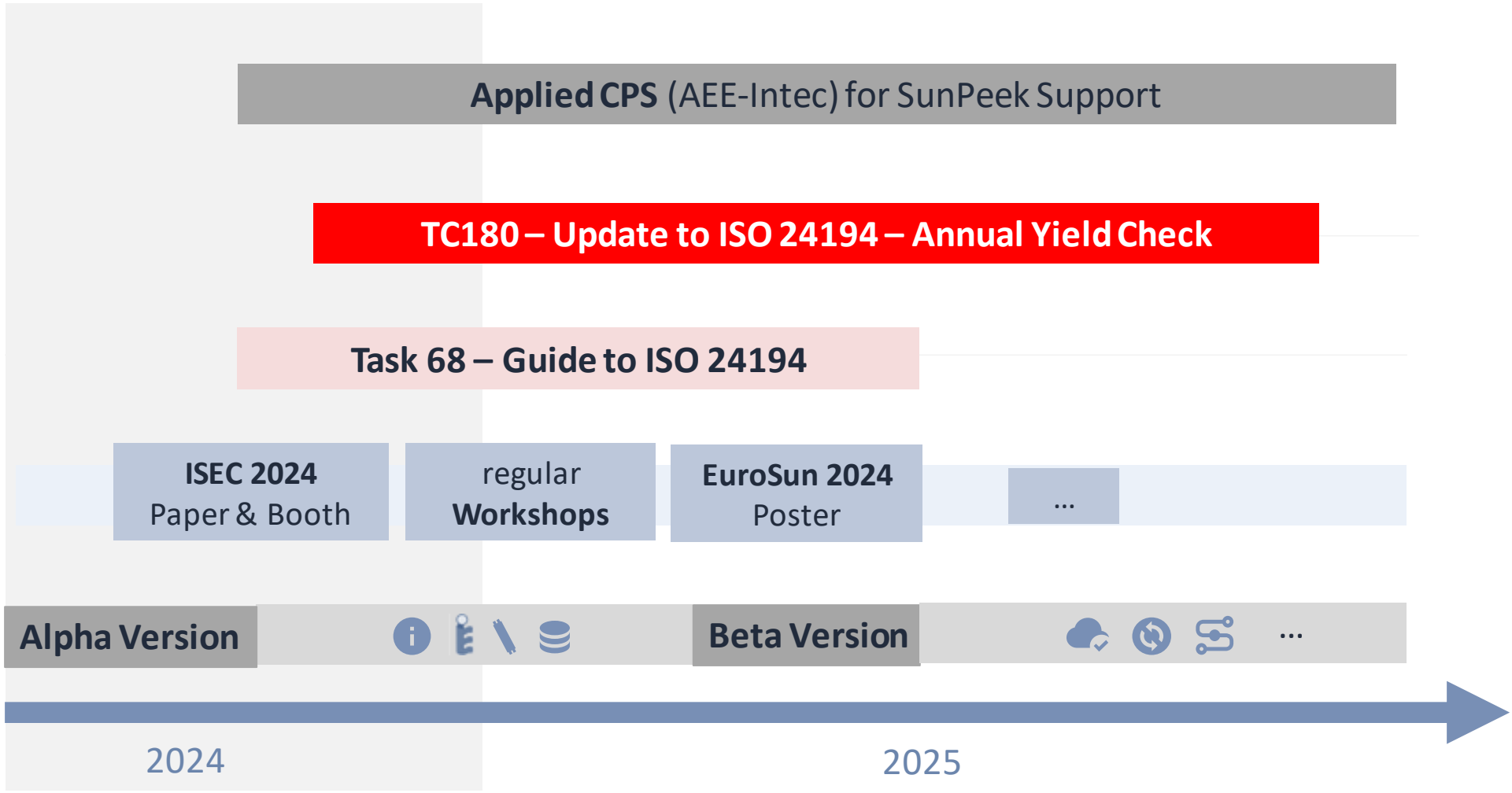
Alpha Version



Beta Version



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What does that mean for you?



➤ You want to try SunPeek?

Sure, just go to <https://demo.sunpeek.org> or download the software for free!



➤ You want support setting up your plant?

Contact us! We will help you set up your plant as part of the Applied CPS funding.



➤ You want to join the SunPeek community?

Stay connected and stay tuned for further workshops!
We are also always looking for contributors to join us!



➤ You want to join the ISO 24194 discussions?

Contact us! We are happy to include you in the Task 68 work and discussions





Join us!

Be a part of the SunPeek and let's work together for a brighter solar-thermal future

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