# **Keithley Solutions for HB-LED**



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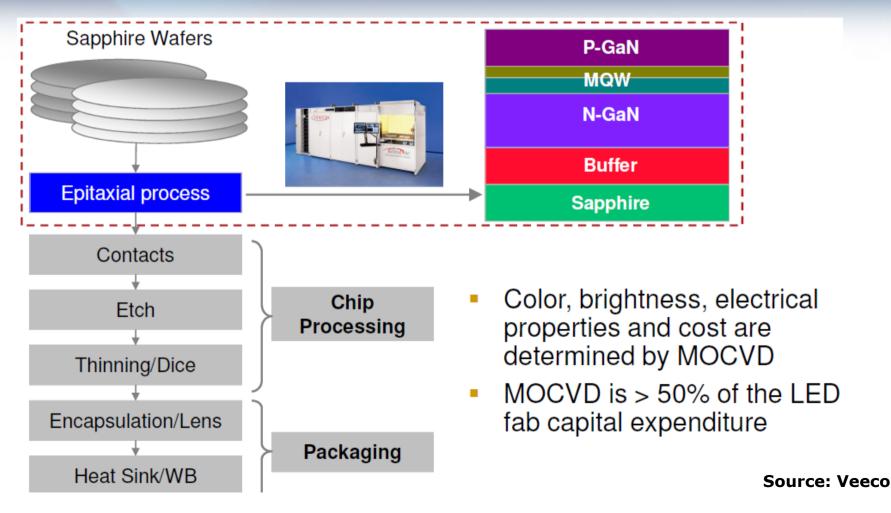
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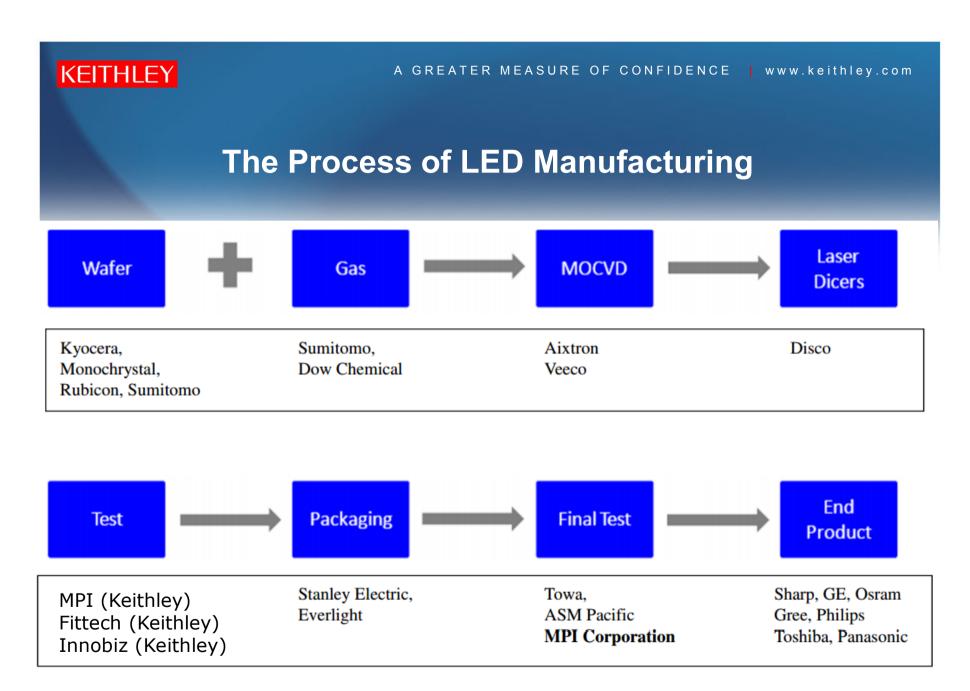
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#### **MOCVD** is the Critical Process in LED Manufacturing





**Source: Deutsche Bank + Personal Experience** 



#### **Typical HB Visible LED LIV Testing Parameters**

#### For a typical 300 $\mu m$ x 300 $\mu m$ LED

項目	符號	測試條件*	單位
順向電壓	V <sub>F</sub>	20 mA	V
逆向電流	I <sub>R</sub>	-5V	uA
主波長	$\lambda_{\sf d}$	20mA	nm
峰值波長	$\lambda_{\mathbf{p}}$	20mA	nm
光譜輻射帶寬 (半高寬)	Δλ	20mA	nm
光通量	$\Phi_{V}$	20mA	mlm
發光強度	I <sub>v</sub>	20mA	mcd
色度範圍	<b>x</b> , <b>y</b>	20mA	
發光效率	$\eta_{V}$	20mA	lm/W

Source: Prof. Wei-I Lee, http://ocw.nctu.edu.tw/



# **Instrument Systems** - Lab Application







## **Instrument Systems** - Production Application

#### LED檢測儀 - 產線專用的完整檢測系統

藉由 LED-Tester 檢測系統的輔助,在生產線上也能實現實驗室等級的量測精準度。這款完整的檢測系 統以 CCD 陣列式光譜儀 CAS 140CT 為核心,搭配吉時利(Keithley)2400/2600 電源供應器,以及專用的監控電腦與 Instrument Systems 自行研發之檢測軟體。CAS 140CT 準確優秀的量測能力,加上其 他高精度儀器的組合,正是有效提高生產線效率以及品質穩定度的最佳保證。



**Keithley SMU** 

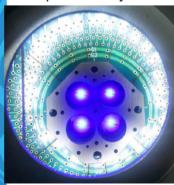




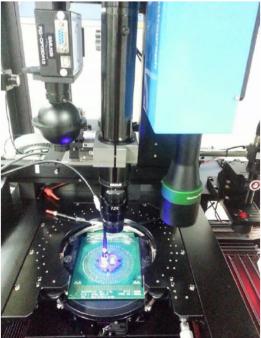
#### LIV Parallel Production System, ITRI, 2013

# Multi-Channel Optoelectronic Measurement Technology

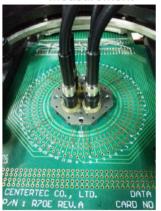
A. probe array

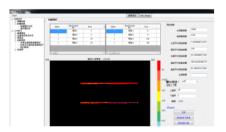






C. Multi-Channel Optical Measurement





Source: Dr. Chen, ITRI, SEMCON 2013



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#### Keithley's Leadership in SMU Technology

Series 23x **SMUs** 

Series 2400 **SourceMeter** Instruments

Series 2600 **System** SourceMeter Instruments

Series 2600A System SourceMeter Instruments









1989

1995

2000

2005

2012

- 20 patents issued for SMU-specific technology
- Numerous industry awards, including R&D100, T&MW, and more
- Thousands and thousands of customers
- Serving Semiconductor, Electronic Components, Optoelectronics, Automotive, Mil/Aero, Medical, Research & Education, and many more industries





S500 and S530 **Parametric Test Systems** 



## **Common Instruments for Semiconductor Device Testing?**

**Picoammeter** 

**Power Supply** 

Current Source

**Digital** Multimeter

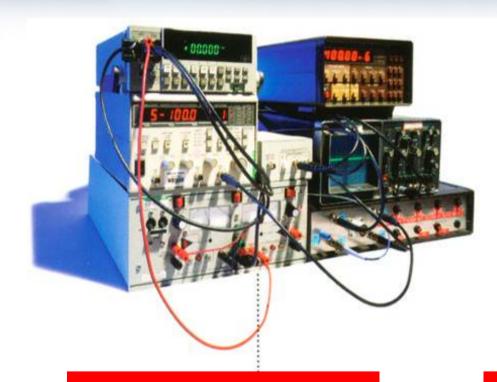


Electronic Load

**Typical Equipment Rack for Device Testing** 



#### Which One Do You Want?



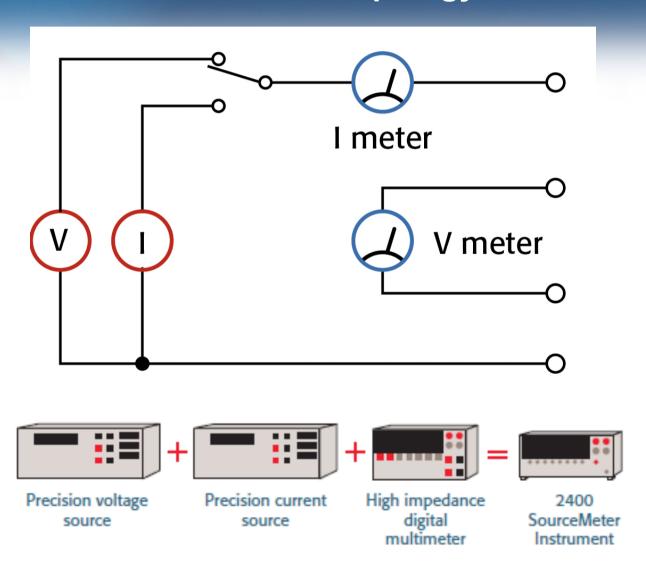


Well, it works.

It works well.

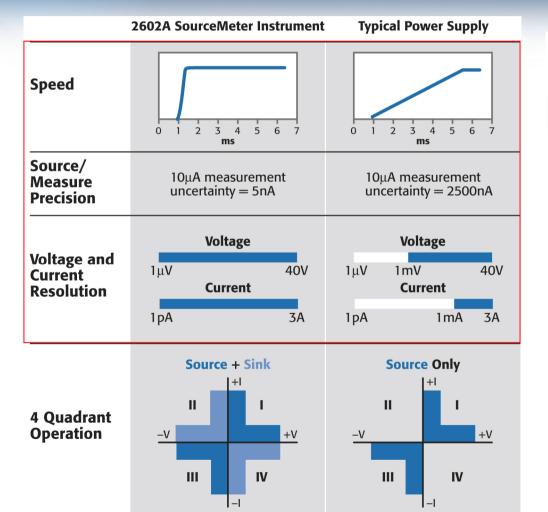


### **Basic SMU Topology**

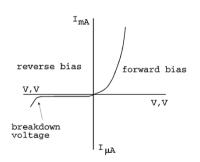




## **SMUs** compared to Power Supplies - Speed, Precision, Resolution









# **SMUs compared to Power Supplies** - Rising Time Comparison



K2636B



K2260

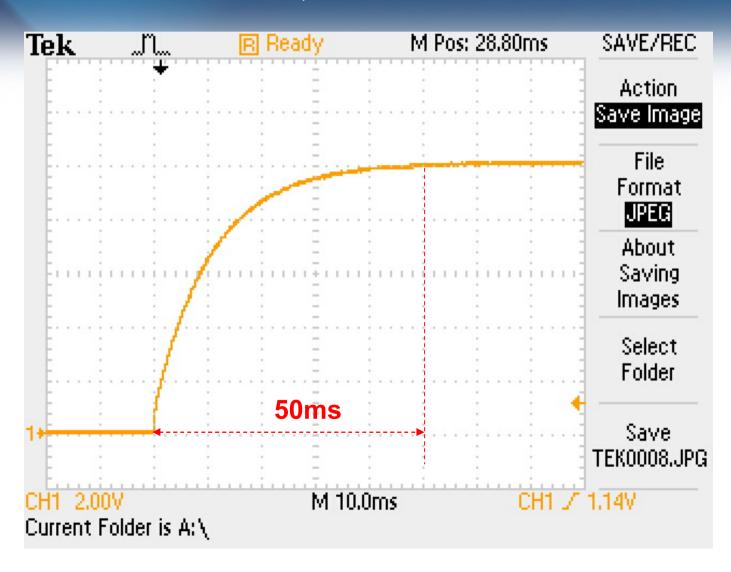


K2200





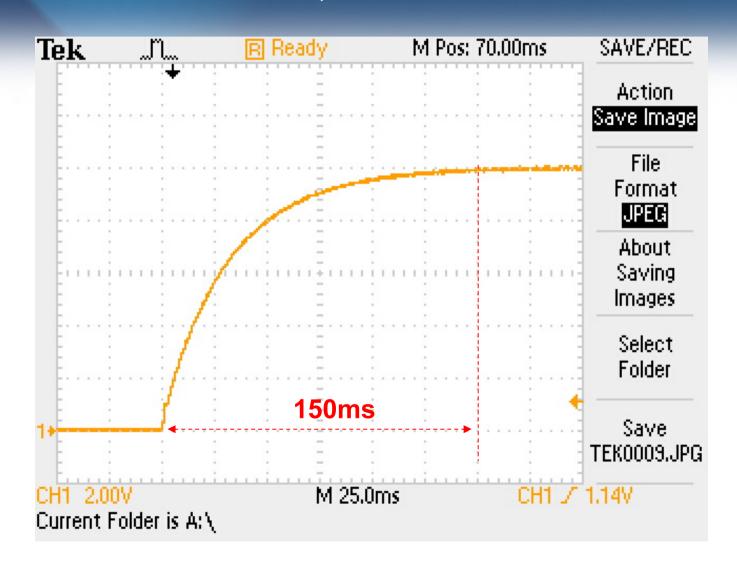
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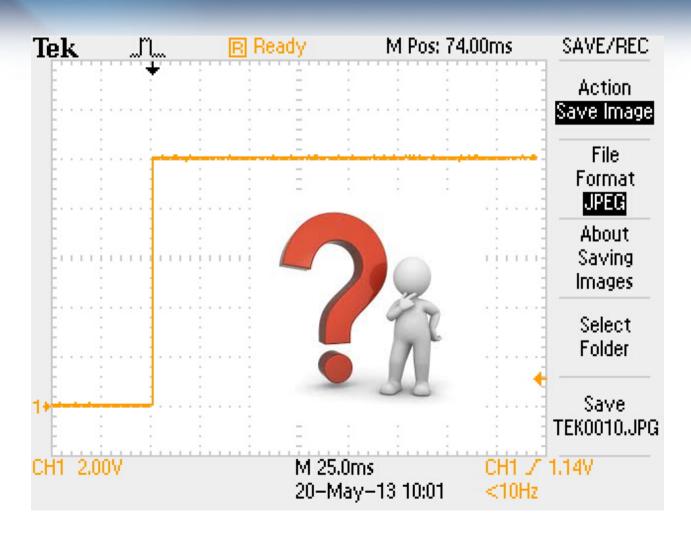
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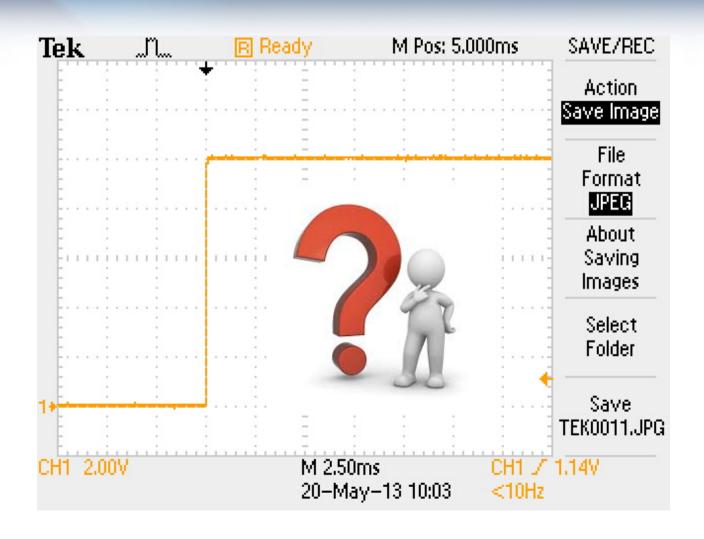
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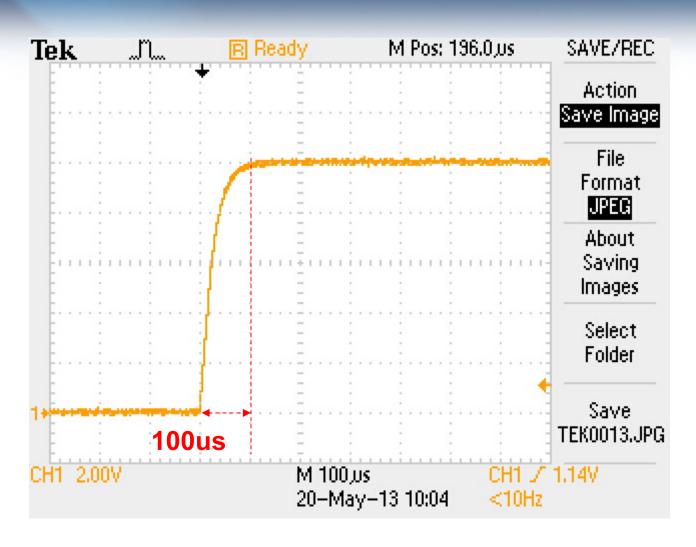
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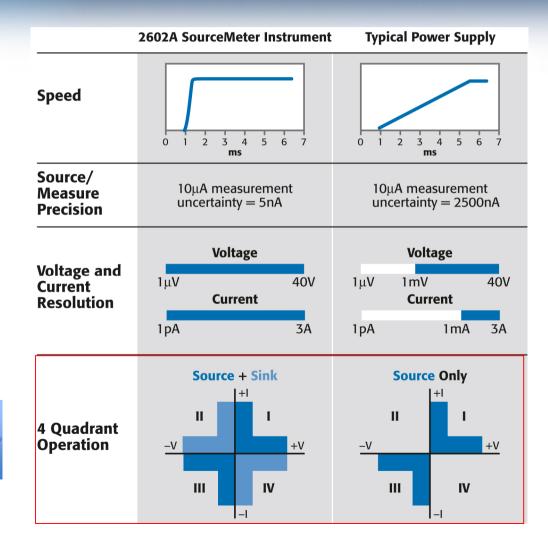


# Vsrc = 10V, K2636B, Tr = $\rightarrow$ ?? (M:100us)



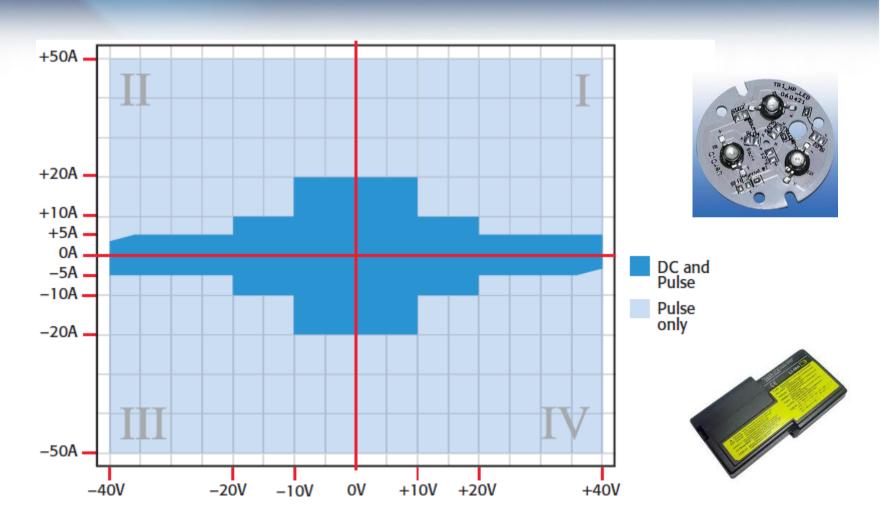


# **SMUs** compared to Power Supplies - 4 Quadrant Operation





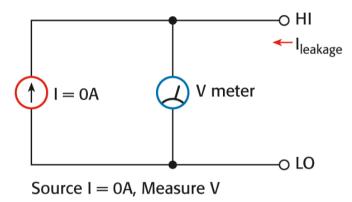
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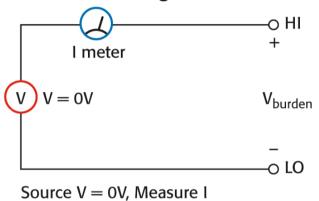


# SMUs compared to DMMs

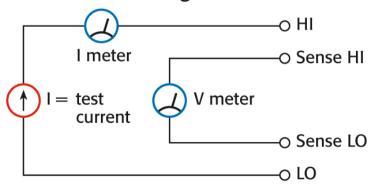
#### **Voltmeter Configuration**



#### **Ammeter Configuration**

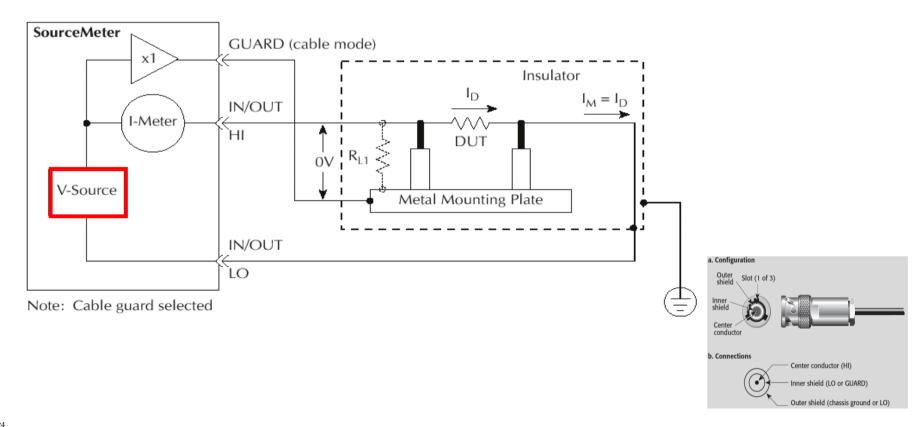


#### **Ohmmeter Configuration**



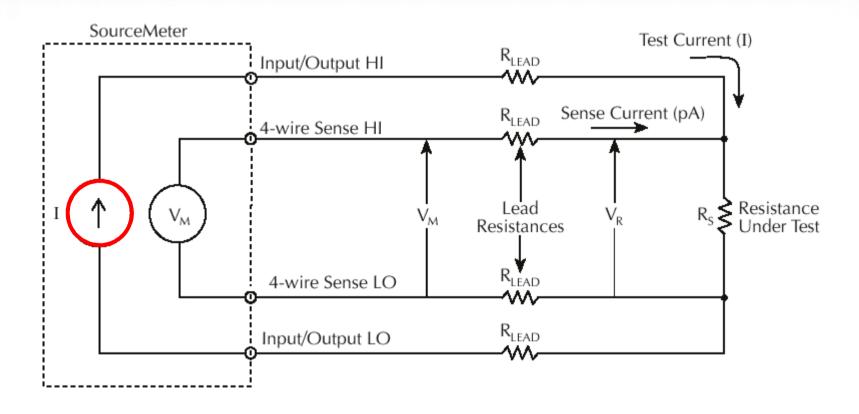


# **SMU Instrument Basics** - For High Resistance Meas. (Guard)



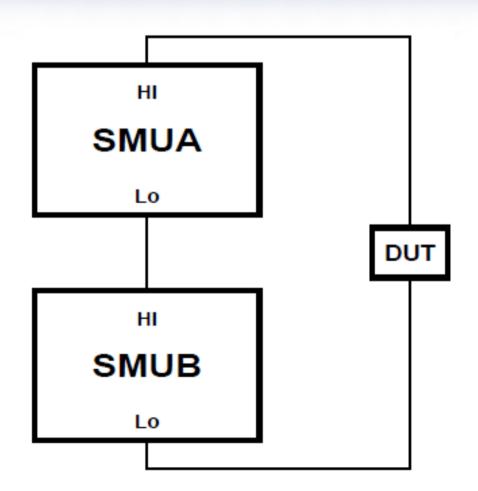


## **SMU Instrument Basics** - For Low Resistance Meas. (4W)



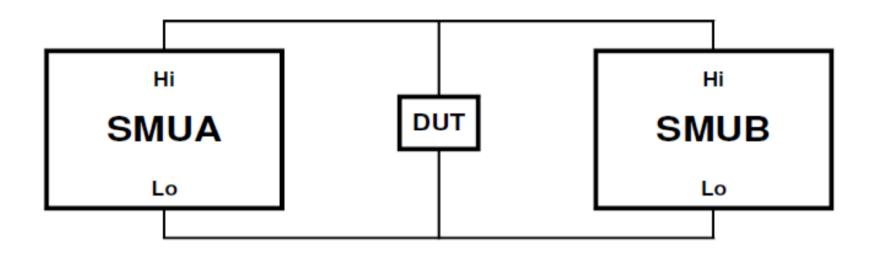


# **SMU Instrument Basics** - Higher Voltage Applications





# **SMU Instrument Basics** - Higher Current Applications

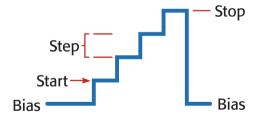




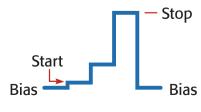
## **SMU Instrument Basics** - Built-in Sweeps

DC



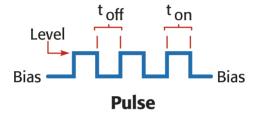


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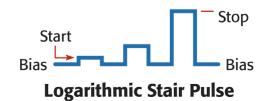


**Logarithmic Stair** 

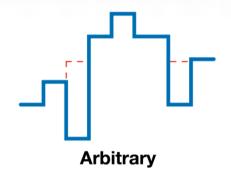
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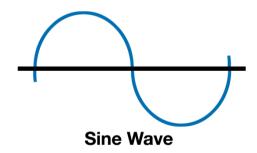






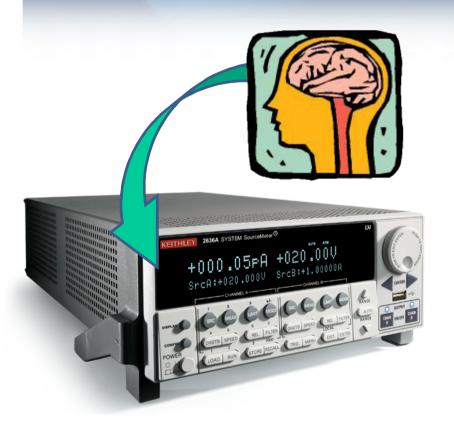
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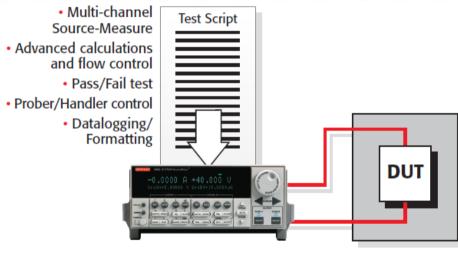


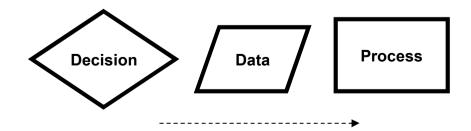




## Keithley TSP® Technology - Smart SourceMeter









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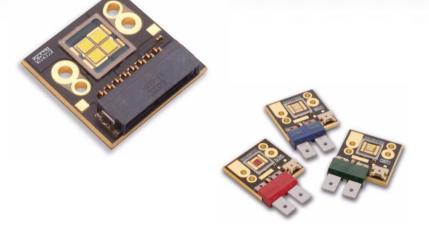




- High Brightness LEDs are commonly defined as LEDs that operate at 1W of power or higher
- Often multiple High Brightness LEDs are put together to create luminaires for lighting applications



#### **High Power LED Modules**





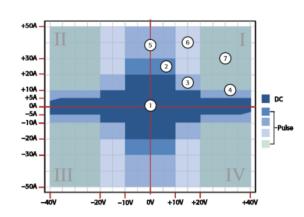
- Demand for more light from a smaller physical package has lead to the development of High Power LED Modules
- High Power LED Modules contain large die LEDs and/or multiple LED die in a single package
  - Multiple LEDs are wired in parallel or in series



#### **High Power LED Module Test Requirements**

#### **Testing High Power LED Modules requires test equipment** with:

- 1. More Power
- 2. Pulse Width Modulation
- 3. Precise Timing & Consistent Pulse Width





#### 1. More Power

- DC power approaching 100 Watts
  - Example: Luminus Devices CSM-360 Phlatlight
    - Operates at 6.3A DC with a V<sub>F</sub> of 14.15V for nearly 90 Watts



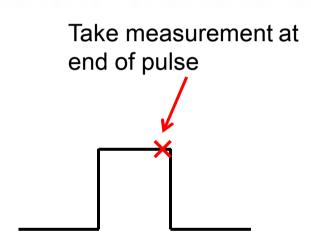
- Pulsed power exceeding 100 Watts
- High power at duty cycles up to 50%
  - Example: Luminus Devices CBT-90 Green Phlatlight
    - Operates at 22.5A, 50% Duty cycle with a V<sub>F</sub> of 4.9V for 110 Watts Pulsed





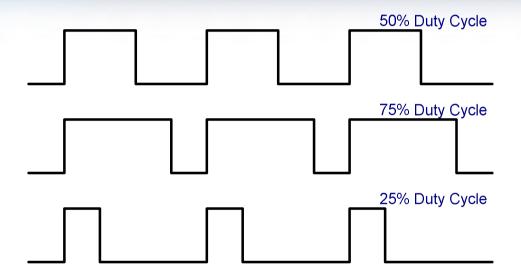
#### **Pulse Testing**

- Heating can be minimized by pulse testing LEDs
- Pulse widths of 1ms or less can greatly reduce device heating
  - Requires a current source that can be pulsed consistently
  - Requires precisely timed measurements
- On wafer requires smaller pulse widths





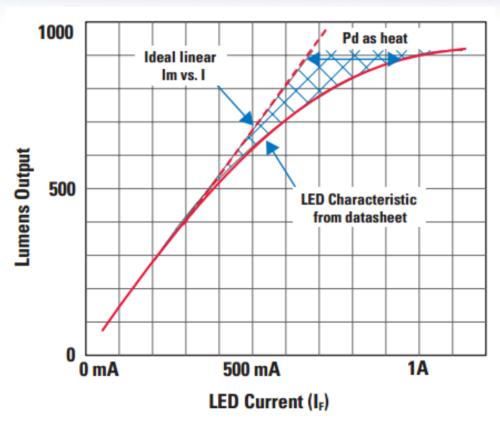
#### 2. Pulse Width Modulation



- Used as a method to control brightness
  - 1. Current to LED is pulsed while pulse level is kept constant
  - 2. Pulse width is modulated to increase/decrease the on time and therefore increase/decrease LED brightness



# **LED Output vs. LED Current** - Current Drop by Self Heating

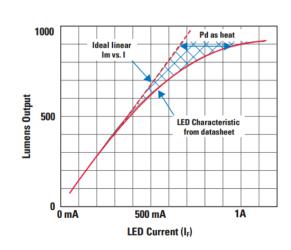


Refer to the LED driver spec of National Semiconductor



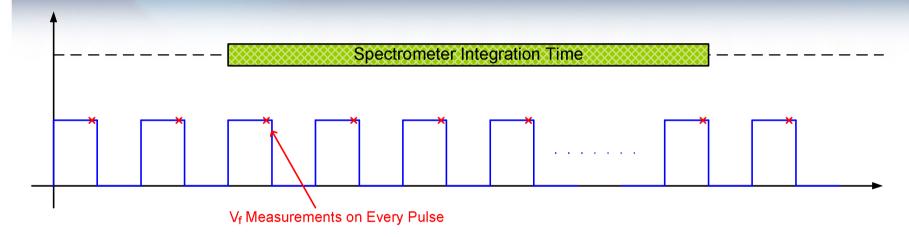
### **PWM Advantages**

- Consistent LED color as LED is dimmed
- **Brightness control linearity**
- **Power Efficiency** 
  - LED can be operated at its most efficient current level for all brightness levels (Maximum Lumens/Watt!)
  - LEDs often produce more Lumens/Watt when pulsed
  - Switching circuitry uses little power
- Simple to implement and control with inexpensive digital circuitry





# Pulse Width Modulation Test Equipment Requirements



- Pulse frequencies from up to 10KHz
- Duty Cycles as high as 50%
- Ability to measure V<sub>F</sub> at every pulse
- Ability to trigger and respond to a spectrometer
- Precise timing and consistent pulse shape



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### **Cabling Considerations**

- 1. Two-Wire (2W) vs. Four-Wire (4W, Kelvin) Connections
- 2. The Effects of Excessive Lead Resistance
- 3. The Effects of Excessive Lead Inductance



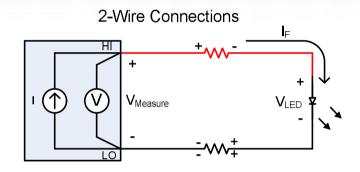
#### 2-Wire vs. 4-Wire Connections

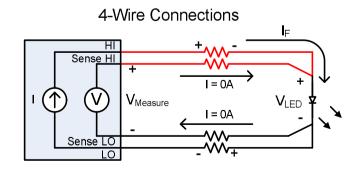
#### 2-Wire Connections

- Same leads that are used to source the current are used to sense the voltage
- Voltage drops across the test leads will cause the measured voltage to be greater than the voltage at the device

#### 4-Wire (Kelvin) Connections

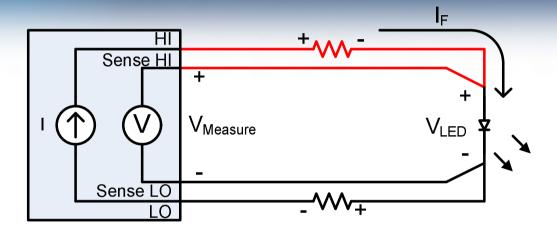
- A separate set of test leads is used to sense the voltage at the device
- The volt meter is high impedance so nearly zero current flows through its leads thus there is no voltage drop
- $-V_{\text{Measure}} = V_{\text{LFD}}$







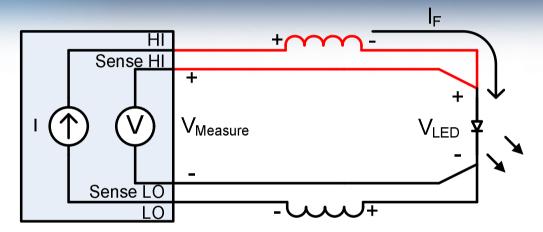
#### Effects of Excessive Lead Resistance



- **Excessive cable wastes a lot of power** 
  - Voltage drop can be calculated:  $V_{Drop} = I_F * R_{Cable}$
  - At 20A, only 200mΩ of lead resistance will cause a 4V drop. That's 80 Watts of power lost in the test leads! Fire hazard!
- There is a limit to how much voltage drop an SMU can compensate for in 4-wire mode
  - Exceeding this limit will cause measurements to be incorrect
- Lead resistance slows the rise time of the pulse



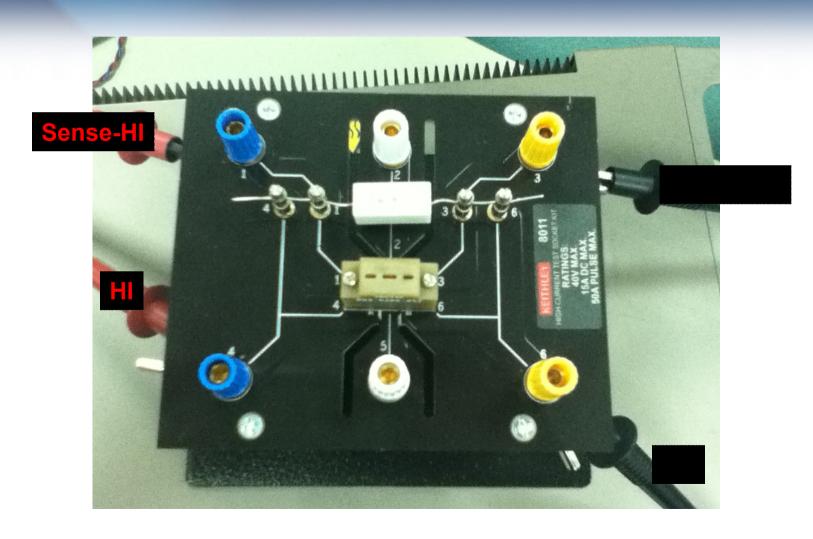
#### **Effects of Excessive Lead Inductance**



- Cable inductance resists changes in current
  - Causes voltage drops across the test leads during the rising and falling edges of the pulse
  - Voltage drop created by inductance is determined by V = L \* di/dt
  - Cable inductance does not have an affect when the current is constant
  - Example: 20A pulse with a 20 $\mu$ s rise time and 2 $\mu$ H cable inductance. V = 2 $\mu$ H \* 20A/20 $\mu$ s = 2 Volts
- An SMU will try to compensate for cable inductance but if excessive, the rise and fall times of the pulse will slow down
- SMUs have a limit to how much cable inductance they can handle
  - Ensure cable inductance is kept below the maximum specification for your SMU



### Isrc=1A @ Resistor = 0.1 ohm → Vmeas = ? **DUT Setup on Test Fixture** (Module 8001)



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## Isrc=1A @ Resistor = 0.1 ohm → Vmeas = ? Theory: V = I\*R = 1A \* 0.1 ohm = 0.1V



2-wire method

 $\rightarrow$  Rm = 0.21 ohm



4-wire method

 $\rightarrow$  Rm = 0.099 ohm  $\approx$  0.1 ohm



### **Tips for Optimal Cabling**

#### **Minimizing Resistance**

- Always use wire of the appropriate gauge for required level of current
  - Example: 20A DC requires 12 AWG or lower
- Minimize contact resistance
  - Ensure contacts are clean, connections are secure, good solder joints
- Minimize the number of connection adapters between the instrument and the device

#### **Minimizing Inductance**

- Minimize loop area by twisting test leads together to form a twisted pair
- Use coaxial cable
- The Keithley Model 2651A High Power SourceMeter instrument includes a low resistance, low inductance coaxial cable
  - Cable is rated  $3m\Omega$  and 85nH per meter



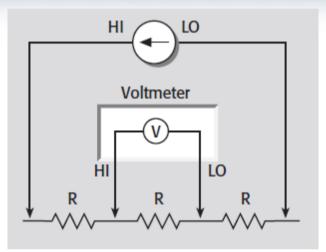
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### **LED Application** - 1. Four-Point Probe Method for Resistivity



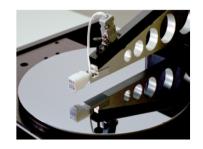
$$\rho = \frac{\pi}{\ln 2} \times \frac{V}{I} \times t \times k$$

where: V = the measured voltage (volts)

= the source current (amps)

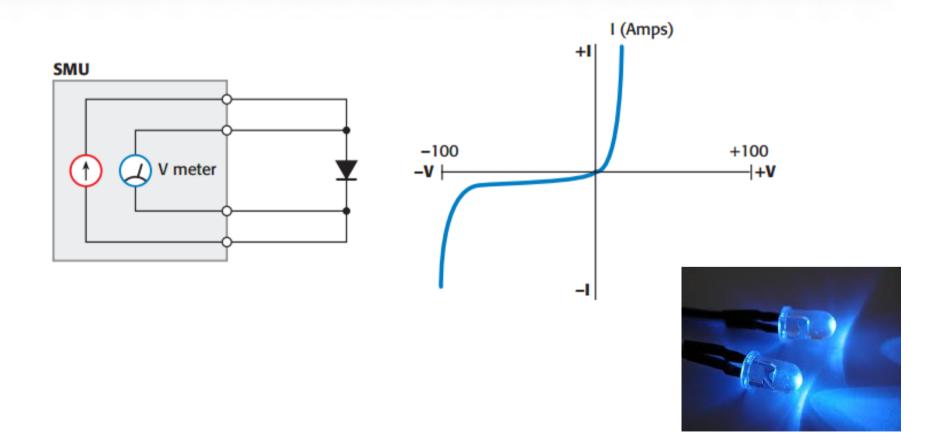
= the wafer thickness (cm)

= a correction factor based on the ratio of the probe to wafer diameter and on the ratio of wafer thickness to probe separation





# **LED Application** - 2. Sweep Current Measure Voltage





### **LED Application**

### - 3. Common Electrical Measurements for LEDs

#### V<sub>f</sub> – Forward Voltage

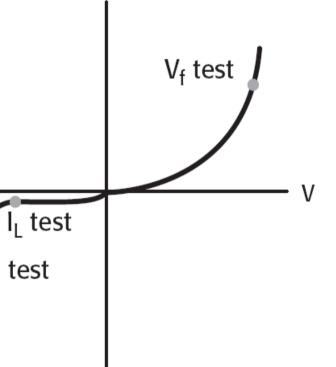
- **Chromaticity (color)** of the LED is directly related to V<sub>f</sub>
- Ex. If = 700mA, Vm = 3.7V

#### I<sub>I</sub> – Reverse Leakage Current

- to a specified minimum limit to determine pass or fail
- − Ex.  $I_L$  = -5  $\mu$ A, if Vm >= 20V  $\rightarrow$  Pass

### V<sub>R</sub> – Reverse Breakdown Voltage

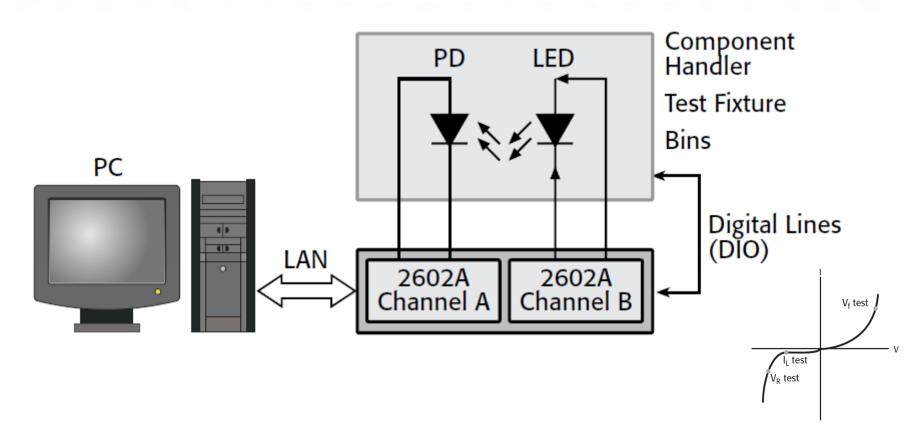
- a specified maximum to determine if the LED passes or fails.
- Ex.  $V_R$  = -10V, if Im > -10mA → Pass





### **LED Application**

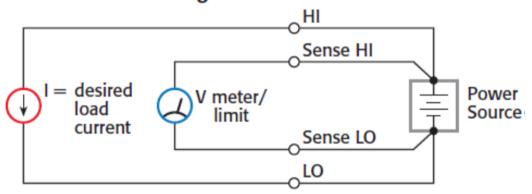
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# **LED Application** - 5. Sink Current (Electrical Load)

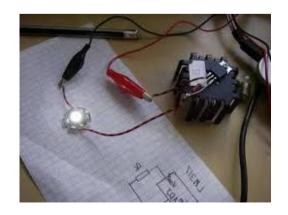
#### **Power Load Configuration**



Sink I = Desired load current, Measure V, Remote Sense ON

#### Note:

SMU can perform e-load which means you can verify the characteristics of LED driver.





### **LED Application** - 6. AC LED Challenges

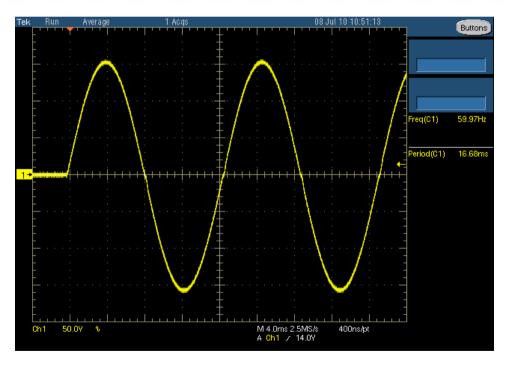
- AC LEDs run off of an AC voltage rather than a DC current
- Thorough testing requires an AC voltage source in combination with synchronized current and voltage measurements



 Can be performed with high speed **SMUs** 



# **LED Application** - Output Signal Verification for AC110V<sub>rms</sub> Driving



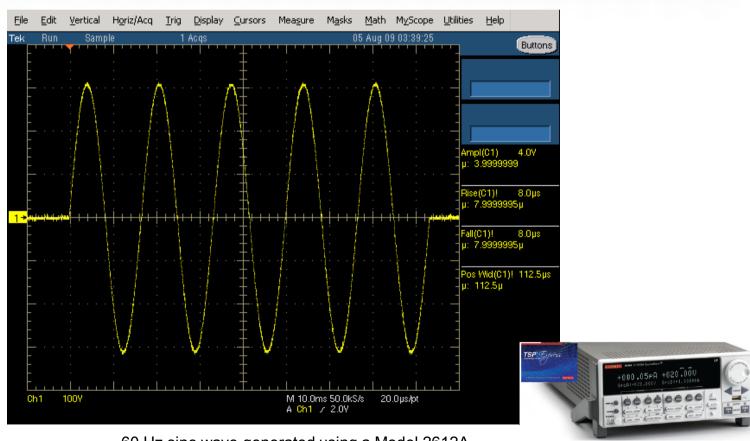
60 Hz sine wave generated using a Model 2612A





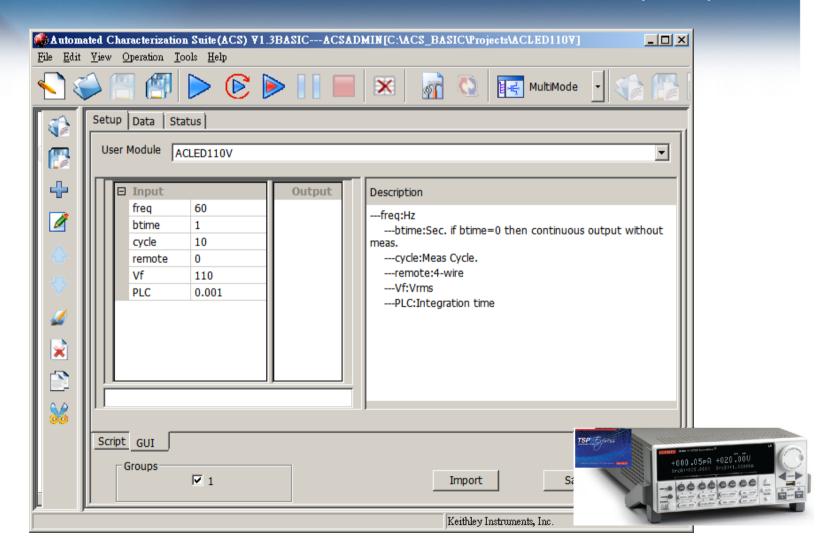
### **LED Application**

- Output Signal Verification for AC220V<sub>rms</sub> Driving (Cont.)



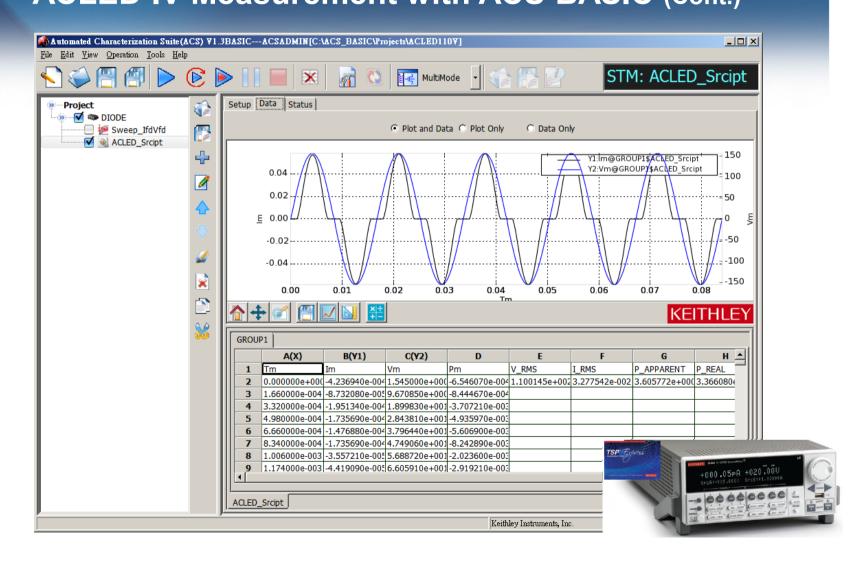


### **LED Application** - ACS BASIC GUI for ACLED Measurement (Cont.)





### **LED Application** - ACLED IV Measurement with ACS BASIC (Cont.)



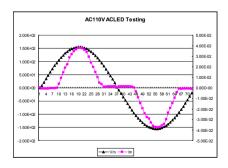


### **LED Application Electrical Parameters Calculation (Cont.)**

- Meas RMS Voltage (Vm.rms)
- Meas RMS Current (Im.rms)
- Peak Forward Current (Ipf)
- Peak Reverse Current (Ipr)
- Real Power (P) = Sum of Pm / pts
- Apparent Power (S) = Vm.rms X Im.rms
- Power Factor (PF) = P / S

**Note: Refer to ACLED Measurement Draft, ITRI** 

Parameter	Value
Vs_RMS	110.76
Vm_RMS	110.61
Im_RMS	0.02
lpf	0.04
lpr	-0.04
S (Apparent P)	2.22
P (Real P)	1.94E+00
PF	87.53%

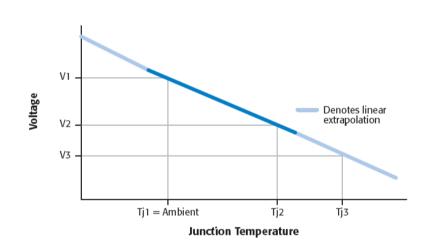




# **LED Application**

### - 7. T<sub>i</sub> Measurement vs. Device Self Heating

- An LED's junction heats as current is sourced through it
- An LED's forward voltage drops as its junction heats
- Problematic at all levels but most problematic on wafer.



Temp 
$$\uparrow V_f \downarrow$$

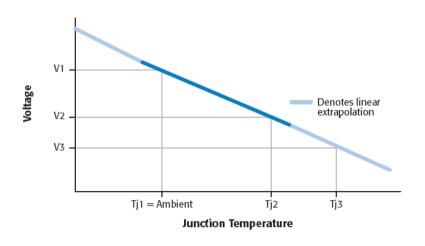


# **LED Application** - T<sub>i</sub> Measurement

The junction temperature (T<sub>i</sub>) of a diode can be measured by measuring V<sub>f</sub> and calculating T<sub>i</sub>

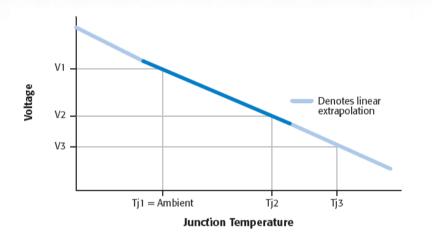
$$T_j = m * V_f + T_0$$

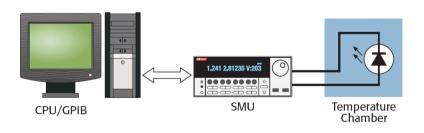
T<sub>i</sub> = Junction Temperature in °C \*m = slope in °C/Volt Vf = forward voltage drop  $*T_0$  = intercept in  $^{\circ}$ C \* Device specific parameters





# T<sub>i</sub> Measurement - Finding m and T<sub>0</sub>

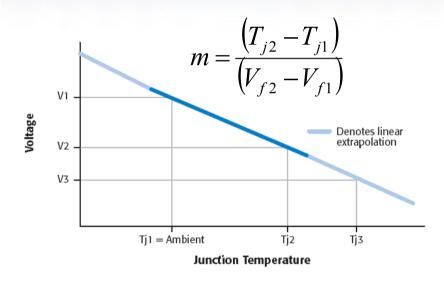




- To find m and T<sub>0</sub> we must first collect some known points on the Tj vs Vf curve
  - $T_{i1}$ ,  $V_{f1}$  and  $T_{i2}$ ,  $V_{f2}$
- **Equipment needed** 
  - LED device under test
  - Precision SourceMeter instrument
  - **Temperature chamber**
  - **Computer for control**



# T<sub>i</sub> Measurement - Calculating Slope m and T<sub>0</sub>



T<sub>0</sub> can be calculated by extrapolating the curve to the junction temperature axis.

#### **Equation 1**

$$T_{i} = m * V_{f} + T_{0}$$

Point-slope form of equation 1

$$T_{i2} - T_{i1} = m(V_{f2} - V_{f1})$$

By setting  $V_{f2}$  to 0, equation 2 becomes

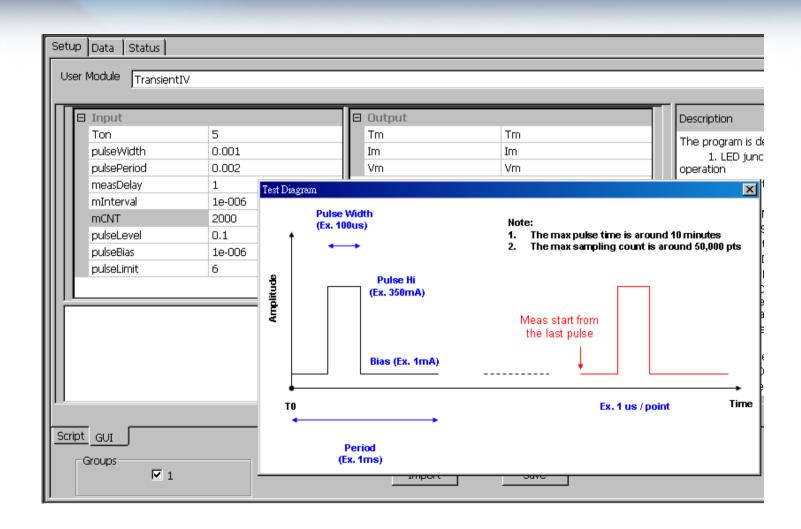
$$T_{j2} = T_{j1} - mV_{f1}$$

 $T_{i2}$  in this case is equal to the intercept, or  $T_{i2}$ 

$$T_0 = T_{i2} = T_{i1} - mV_{f1}$$

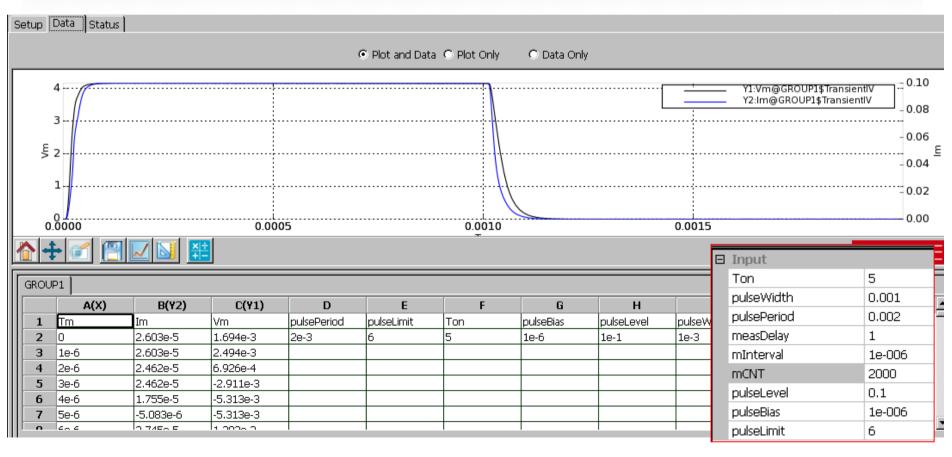


# T<sub>j</sub> Measurement with Pulse Operation → Setting for Transient Pulse IV Measurement



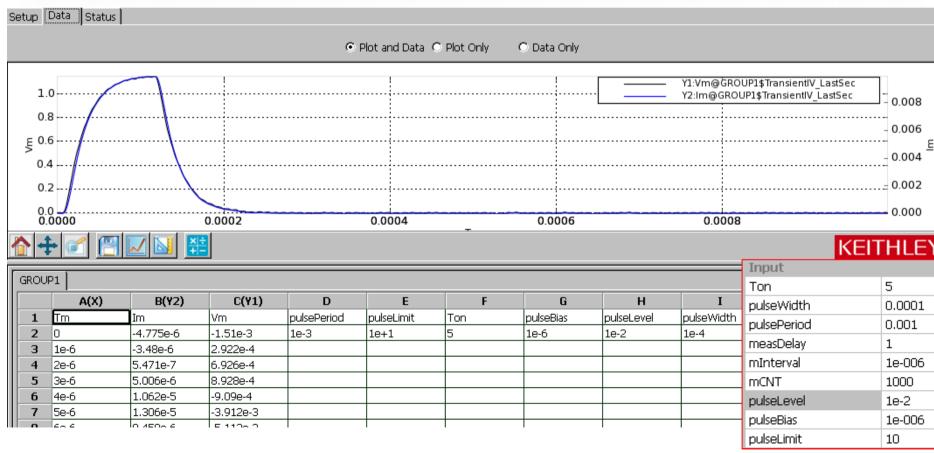


### T<sub>i</sub> Measurement with Pulse Operation $\rightarrow$ PW = 1ms, PRD = 2ms @ I.pulse = 0.1A



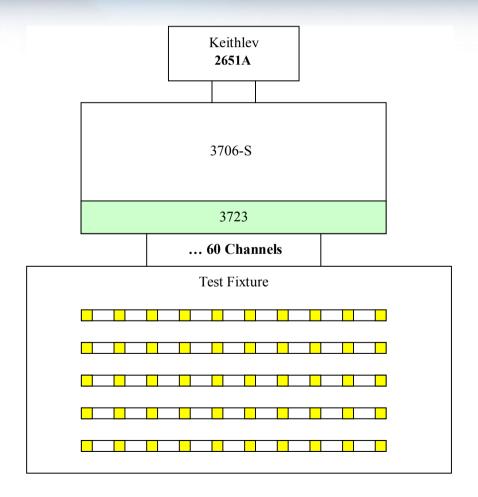


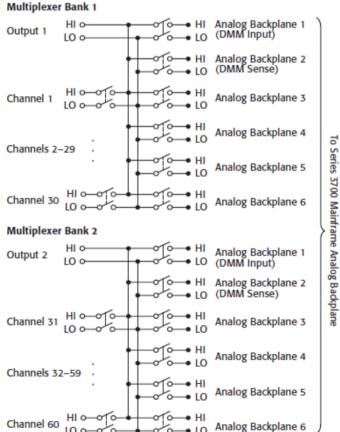
### T<sub>i</sub> Measurement with Pulse Operation $\rightarrow$ PW = 100us, PRD = 1ms @ I.pulse = 0.1A





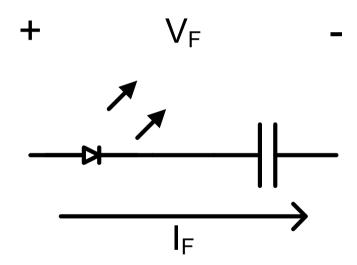
### **LED Application** - 8. LED Light Bar







# **LED Application** - 9. What is a Thyristor?



- A thyristor is an unwanted capacitance in series with the LEDs junction
- $V_F = V_{LED} + V_{Capacitor}$

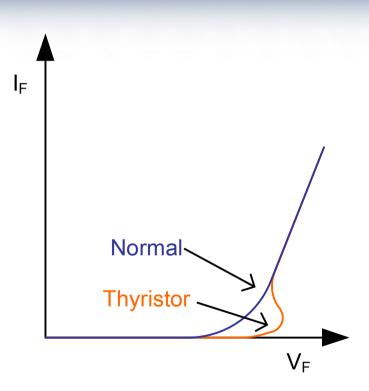


### **The Thyristor Effect**

A thyristor shows up as a "Kink" in the  $V_F$ - $I_F$  curve

LED will exhibit a higher V<sub>F</sub> than expected for a given I<sub>F</sub>

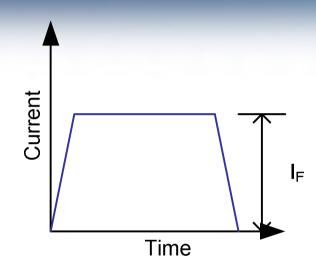
Causes a delayed turn on of the **LED** 

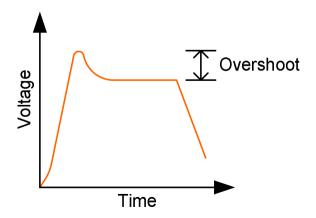




### **Detecting a Thyristor**

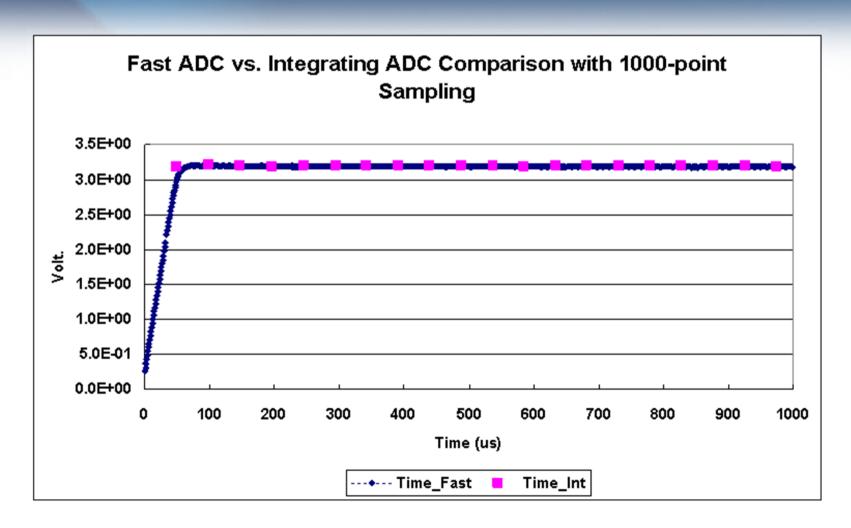
- A thyristor will cause an overshoot in the voltage waveform before it breaks down
- Pulse current into the LED and capture the voltage waveform
- Adjust the pulsed forward current IF to adjust for thyristor sensitivity
  - A thyristor will be most sensitive at certain current levels
- The Keithley Model 2651A High **Power SourceMeter Instrument** features a fast 18-bit digitizing ADC that can capture the waveform.
  - Waveform analysis can be performed on the instrument in script.





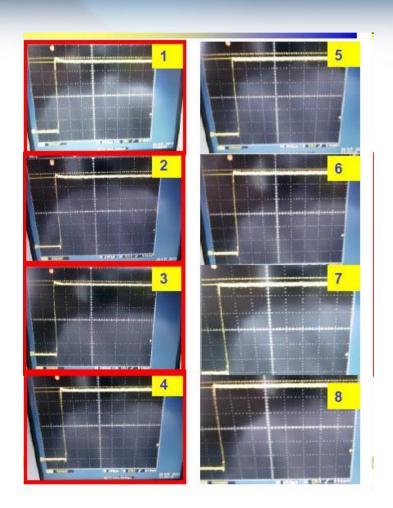


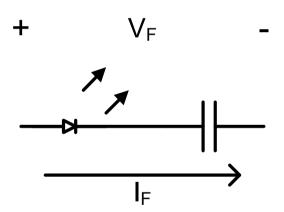
# Sampling Speed Comparison with K2651A - Integrating ADC (50us/pt) vs. Fast ADC (1us/pt)





### Oscilloscope Verification, Thyristor LED

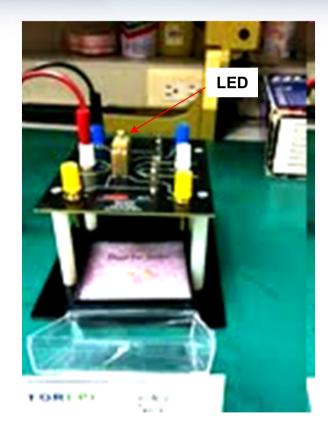




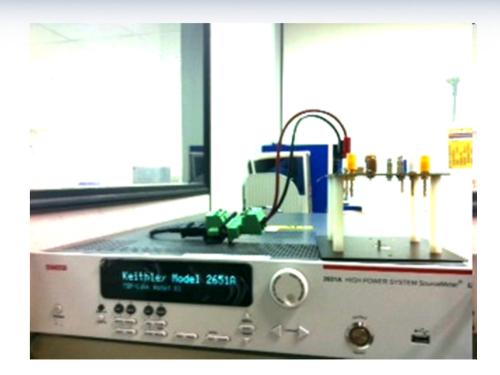




### **K2651A Setup and Verification**



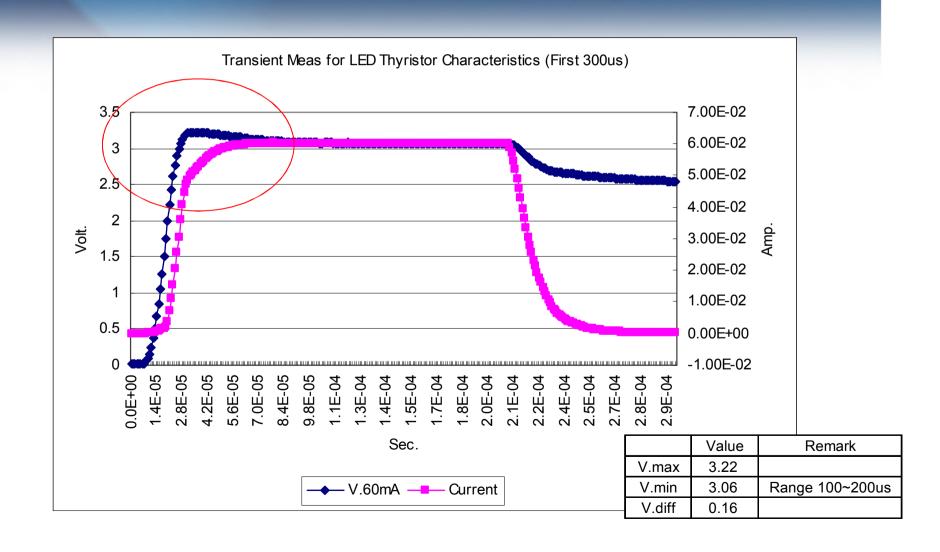
Keithley Test Fixture



New Features: 18-bit Fast ADC → 1us / point Keithley 2651A



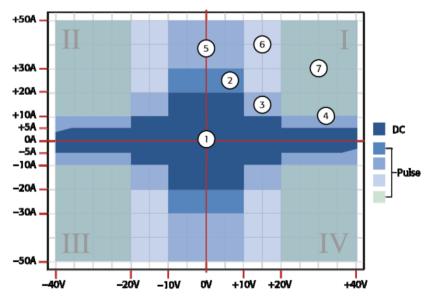
#### Transient IV Measurement for Thyristor Investigation





#### The Keithley Model 2651A High Power SourceMeter® Instrument





- 200 Watts of DC Power
- Up to 2000 Watts of pulsed power
- Pulse Width Modulation capability
- Programmable duty cycle from 0-100% in the standard DC operating areas
- Up to 50% duty cycle at 30A
- Precision timing and synchronization to 500ns
- High speed vs. accuracy A/D
  - True 1 us/point with 18-bit digitizing A/D
  - Full line-cycle integration with 22-bit integrating A/D



# SourceMeter® Source Measurement Unit 2651A High Current 50A model

- Power: 200W DC, 2KW Pulse
  - 20A @ 10V (DC) / 50A @ 40V (pulse)
  - Easily expand to 80V @ 50A pulse or 40V @ 100A pulse (with 2 units)
  - 100uSec minimum pulse with ~30uSec rise time
  - Pulse from 1% to 100% duty cycle

"Easily capture important parametric data that other equipment cannot"

- High Speed and High Accuracy A/D Converters (same as 2657A)
  - True 1 uSec per point sampling with 18-bit digitizing A/D
  - Full line-cycle integration with 22-bit integrating A/D

"Precisely characterize transient and steady-state behavior, as well as thermal effects"





# SourceMeter® Source Measurement Unit 2657A High Voltage 3KV model

#### 180W of Power

120mA@1.5kV/20mA@3kV

"Easily capture important parametric data that other equipment cannot"

#### Scalable, Flexible, High Speed Architecture

- Part of 26xx Family with TSP / TSP-Link
- Fully floating, independent channels support SMU-per-pin testing

"Improve productivity in many applications across R&D. Reliability, and Production"

#### High Speed and High Accuracy A/D Converters

- 1 uSec per point sampling with 18-bit digitizing A/D
- Full line-cycle integration with 22-bit integrating A/D

"Precisely characterize transient and steady-state behavior"

#### Sub pA Resolution

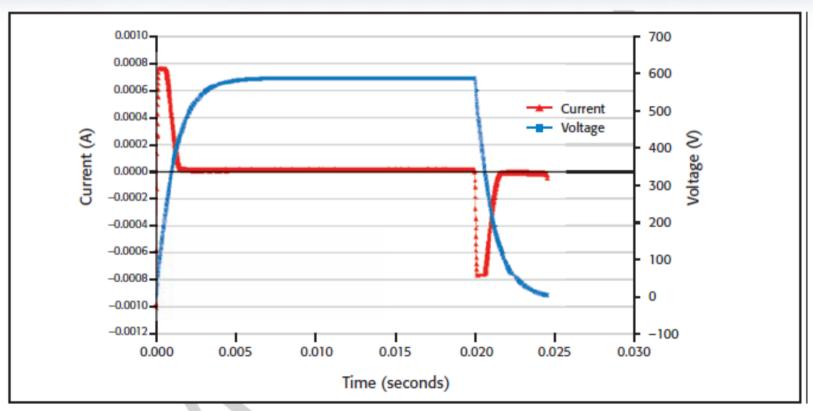
1nA range with 10fA resolution

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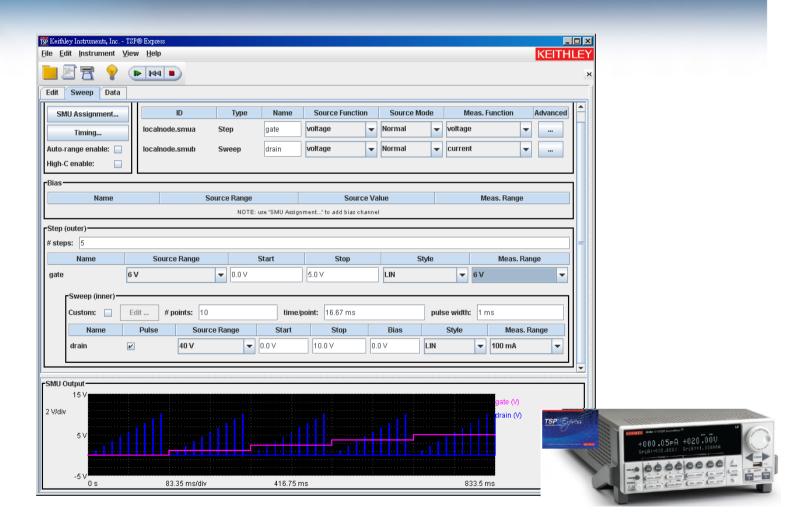
#### SourceMeter® Source Measurement Unit Ex. Fast ADC Function (sync IV meas.)



The dual high speed A/D converters will sample as fast as 1µs per point, enabling full simultaneous characterization of both voltage and current.

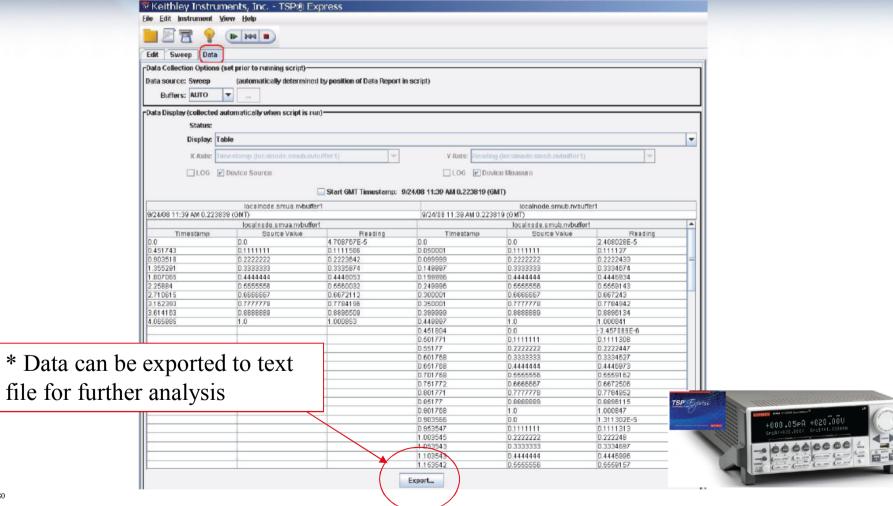


### TSP Express, Powerful Built-IN Software - Sweep Setting GUI



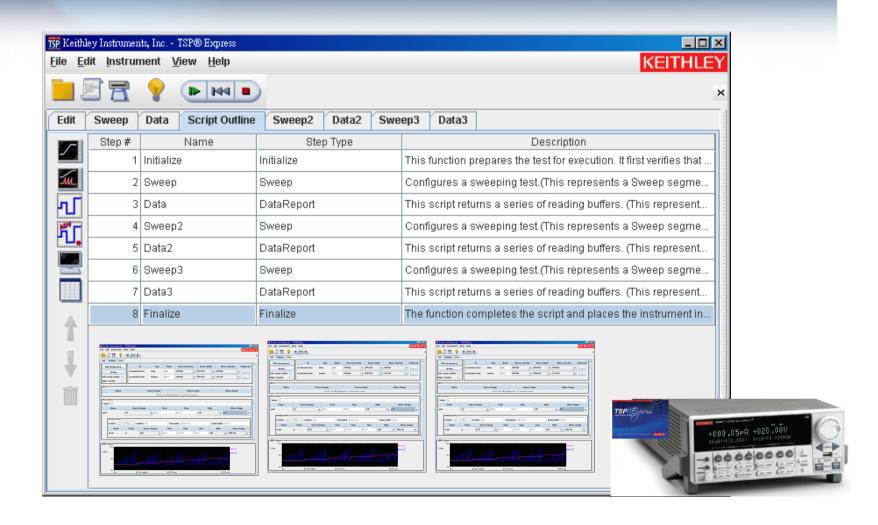


### **TSP Express, Powerful Built-IN Software** - Output Data GUI



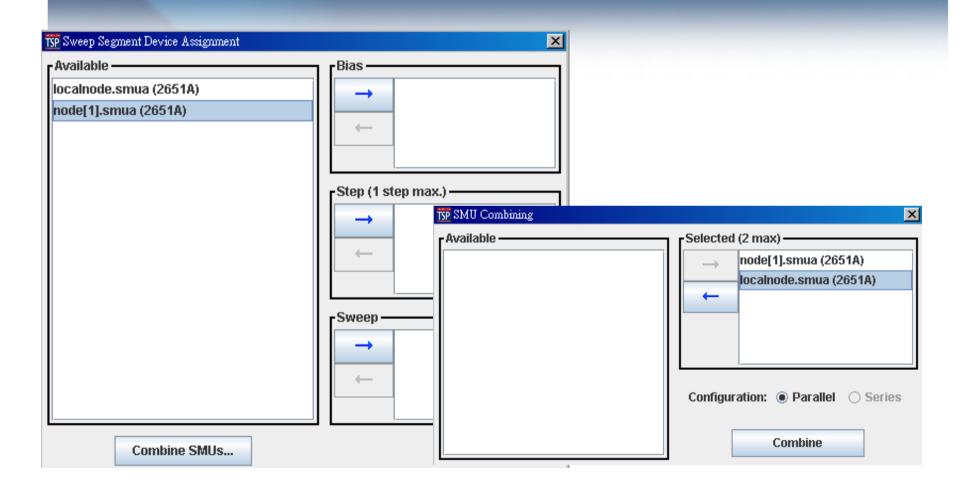


### **TSP Express, Powerful Built-IN Software** - Multi-Sweep with One Click





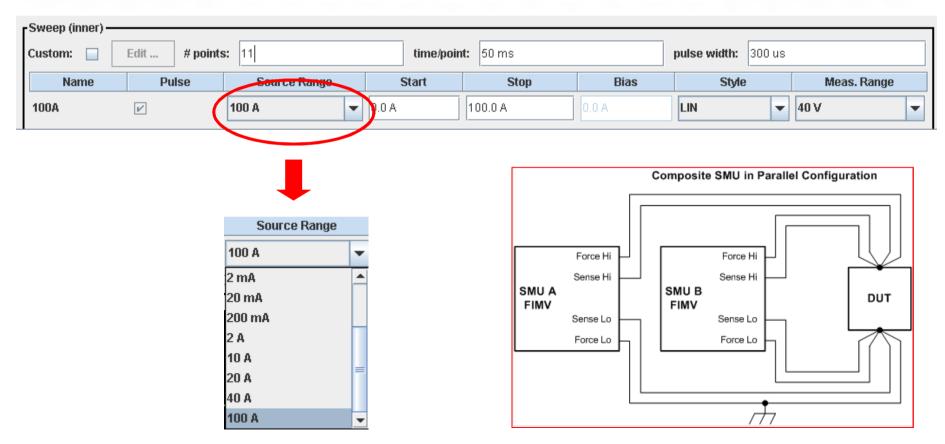
### TSP Express, Powerful Built-IN Software - Higher Current (50AX2, Parallel)





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### TSP Express, Powerful Built-IN Software - Higher Current (100A, Parallel)





#### Conclusion

#### - Your Superior Partner in Precision IV Measurement

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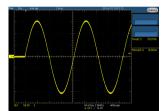
#### Current/Voltage Source and Measure Products

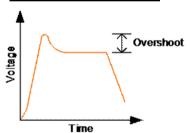
Multi-Channel I-V Test Solutions, Source Measure Units (SMU), Curve Tracer, and Precision Power Supplies for current/voltage source/measure capability.

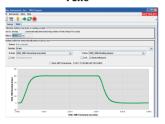
	Multi-Channel I-V Test Solutions Series 2600 with embedded Test Script Processors			Sub-Ferntoamp	Source Measure Unit (SMU)	Multi-Channel I-V Characterization (Parameter Analyzer)	
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Model	2602(Dual Ch) 2601(Single Ch)	2612(Dual Ch) 2611(Single Ch)	2636(Dual Ch) 2635(Single Ch)	6430	2651A (50A) 2657A (3KV)	4200-SCS	
Description	Scalable, High Throughput	High voltage and pulsed output	Low current and pulsed output	Ultra-Low Current	High Power	Multi-Channel I-V Characterization	
Programming	IEEE-488, RS-232 communication with embedded Test Script Processor (TSP) capability			IEEE-488, RS-232	IEEE-488, RS232, TSP	Embedded GUI	

	I-V Test Solutions - Series 2400 SourceMeter Instruments								
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Programming									
Contact Check and Other	2400-C 2400-LV	2410-C	2420-C	2425-C	2430-C	2440-C			









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