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Powercurves Measurement Tool

This software enables the user to measure the power of the laser in a certain range of currents and frequencies. After the measurements are complete the results are stored in a table and saved to a file.

User Interface:

PowerCurveMeasurement 2.7.1

Powercurves Measurement Tool

Powermeter Settings

- ☒ Normal Mode
- ☐ Meandering Mode
- ☐ Continuous Mode
- ☐ Simulation

HighLeadTime: 10
LowLeadTime: 7
Repeat Count: 4

Start Measurement
Stop Measurement
Advanced Config
Clear Messages

☒ File output: C:\Program Files\VisualLaserMarker\System\powercurves.txt

Measurements:
16:50:16 settings read from previous measurement

Powermeter messages:

Pump Power (Current or Percentage) Settings

Pump Pwr List: IstCurrent

Low limit: 10,0
High limit: 40,0
Step: 1,0

insert above
remove
remove all

Create List

Frequency Settings

Frequency list:

Low limit: 0
High Limit: 50000
Step: 10000

insert above
remove
remove all

Create List

Progress

Single Curve:
All Curves:



Power meter settings:

Normal Mode:

Operate the software in this mode if you are about to create a file that describes the power characteristic of the laser ("powercurves.txt") over a range of pump power values (i.e. diode current) and frequencies. Necessary for the VLM target power feature.

Continuous Mode:

Operate the software in this mode if you are about to create a file that shows the continuous power of the laser at a certain working point. The parameters for a continuous power measurement are set on the 'Advanced Config' dialog. While the continuous measurement is running the laser power will be measured each second and the result will be written to a text file.

Low and High Lead Time:

The low lead time is the time the laser beam is fired on the power sensor before the measurements take place, to warm up the sensor. The high lead time serves the same purpose, but is used after a current change.

Repeat Count:

The number of measurements taken after the lead time has elapsed.

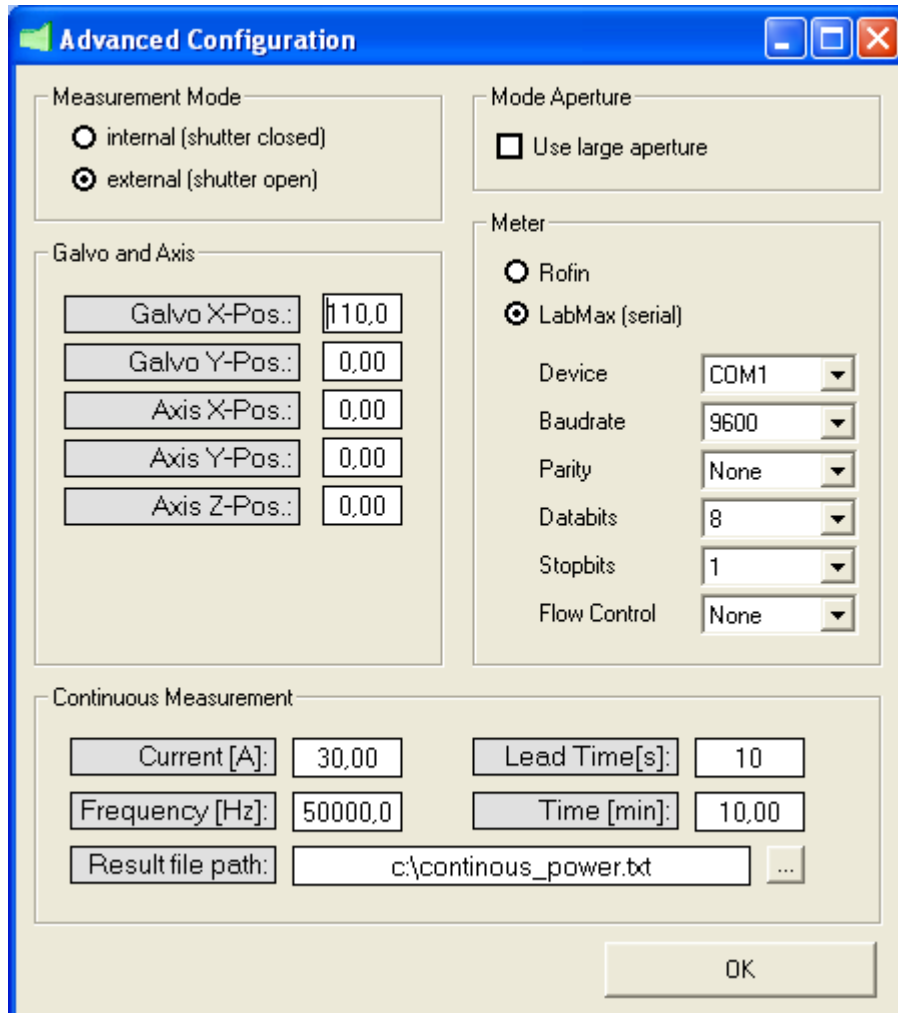
Start and Stop Measurement:

After the range of currents and frequencies have been set as well as the configuration of the powermeter, the measurement range can be started or stopped with this buttons.



Advanced Config:

Opens a new dialog for the advanced settings of the powermeter. All the shutter, aperture, axis and galvohead settings necessary for the power measurement are placed here. This dialog also contains the settings for a continuous power measurement.



The 'Advanced Configuration' dialog box is divided into several sections. The 'Measurement Mode' section has two radio buttons: 'internal (shutter closed)' and 'external (shutter open)'. The 'Mode Aperture' section has a checkbox for 'Use large aperture'. The 'Galvo and Axis' section contains five input fields: 'Galvo X-Pos.' (110,0), 'Galvo Y-Pos.' (0,00), 'Axis X-Pos.' (0,00), 'Axis Y-Pos.' (0,00), and 'Axis Z-Pos.' (0,00). The 'Meter' section has two radio buttons: 'Rofin' and 'LabMax (serial)'. Below these are dropdown menus for 'Device' (COM1), 'Baudrate' (9600), 'Parity' (None), 'Databits' (8), 'Stopbits' (1), and 'Flow Control' (None). The 'Continuous Measurement' section contains input fields for 'Current [A]' (30,00), 'Lead Time[s]' (10), 'Frequency [Hz]' (50000,0), 'Time [min]' (10,00), and a 'Result file path' field with the text 'c:\continous_power.txt' and a browse button (...). An 'OK' button is at the bottom right.

Simulation:

Only for developer testing purposes.

File output:

The suggested name and path of the result file.

Current Range:

The user can define the current range used for the power measurements.

Frequency Range:

The user can define the frequency range used for the measurements.



1 Attention

The range is always taken from the frequency list and not from low limit, high limit and step values. These values are there to create a list of increasing frequency values in the list, by pressing the **[create list]** button. The list can of course also be edited by using the the **[insert above]**, **[remove]** and **[remove all]** buttons.

Single Curve All Curves Progress Bars:

Single curve shows the progress of one power curve, all curves the progress of the complete measurement.

Measurements Window:

Each complete measurement will be displayed here as:
Timestamp Frequency Current Power

The small window below shows the messages of the software power meter. I.e. the result of each single measurement or error messages if an internal error.