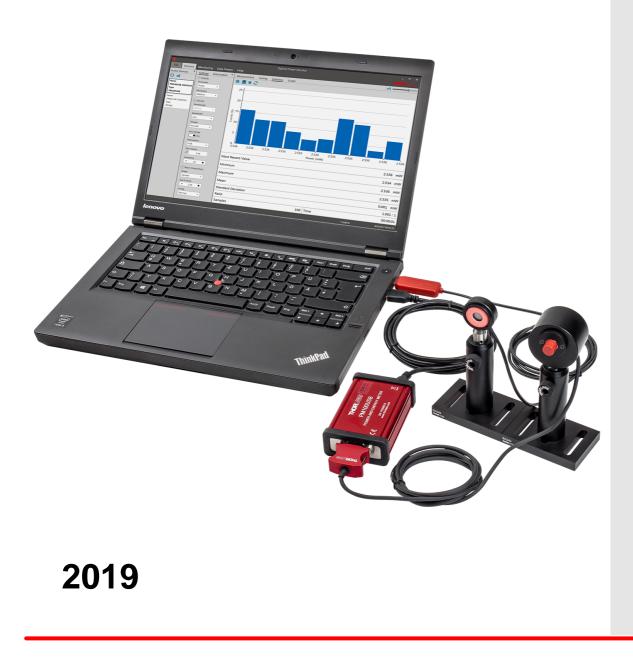


# **Optical Power Monitor**

# **Operation Manual**





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#### Attention

Paragraphs preceded by this symbol explain hazards that could damage the instrument and the connected equipment or may cause loss of data.

#### Note

This manual also contains "NOTES" and "HINTS" written in this form.

Please read this advice carefully!

# **1** General Information

The Thorlabs Optical Power Monitor (OPM) is a graphical user interface (GUI) designed for the straightforward use of Thorlabs' power meters. The OPM monitors and saves power meter measurements and features an interface for data viewing and analysis. A variety of setting for the connected devices, the display, and the measurement can be easily configured.

To control complex setups, the OPM can monitor up to 8 Thorlabs power meters in parallel, connected via USB or Bluetooth also on your tablet computer.

The OPM software provides continuous data logging, also for long-term measurements. Short-term measurements are monitored and recorded by the software with a high resolution.

The user can switch between displayed parameters at any time during an active measurement or use the simulated analog needle view for assistance during tuning.

Log files saved by the OPM or data saved by a PM400 power meter can be loaded into the OPM Data Viewer for viewing or analysis. Additionally, the OPM provides statistics parameters to evaluate the results.

The user can set the display language to English, German, or Chinese.

Beyond these capabilities, the OPM provides a user-friendly design with reduced overall brightness for comfortable work in dark environments and high contrast and minimized use of color coding for operability with laser safety glasses.

The OPM supports the following Thorlabs power meters and appropriate sensors and can administer them in parallel.

- <u>PM101x</u> (PM101, PM101A, PM101R, PM101U)
- <u>PM102x</u> (PM102, PM102A, PM102U)
- <u>PM100USB</u>
- PM16-Series
- <u>PM160</u><sup>1)</sup>
- <u>PM160T <sup>1)</sup></u>
- <u>PM160T-HP</u><sup>1)</sup>
- <u>PM400</u>
- <u>PM100A</u>
- <u>PM100D</u>
- PM200

<sup>1)</sup> Bluetooth connection possible

# Note

The OPM contains the functions provided by the **Optical Power Meter Utility, Multi Power Meter,** and **Power Meter Monitor** software packages and provides many additional features.

#### Attention

#### **New Instrument Driver**

Please note that the Optical Power Monitor installs and uses new and improved instrument drivers. In case you want to use any of the old software packages **Optical Power Meter Utility**, **Multi Power Meter** or **Power Meter Monitor** or if you are using **Custom Made Software**, please read the Instrument Driver for Thorlabs Power Meters 53 section.

# 2 Requirements

These are the requirements for the PC intended to be used for the installation of the Optical Power Monitor.

# **Hardware Requirements**

CPU:	2.4 GHz or Faster
RAM:	Min. 4 GB
Graphic Card:	Min. 1024 x 768 Pixel Graphic Resolution
Hard Disc:	Min. 1 GB of Available Free Space (32 bit Operating System) Min. 2.3 GB of Available Free Space (64 bit Operating System)
Interface	Free USB 2.0 Port, USB Cable According to the USB 2.0 Specification

# **Software Requirements**

The OPM software is compatible with the following operating systems:

- Windows® 7 (SP1+) (32 bit, 64 bit)
- Windows<sup>®</sup> 8.1 (32 bit, 64 bit)
- Windows® 10 (32 bit, 64 bit)

For operation of the Optical Power Monitor, the following software is required:

- Microsoft<sup>®</sup> .Net (Version 4.6.1 or later)
- DirectX9® or higher

# 3 First Steps

The Optical Power Monitor can be downloaded from the Thorlabs website: <a href="https://www.thorlabs.com/software\_pages/ViewSoftwarePage.cfm?Code=OPM">https://www.thorlabs.com/software\_pages/ViewSoftwarePage.cfm?Code=OPM</a>

# Note

Do not connect a power meter to the PC during software installation! Please make sure that the installation is carried out completely, including the reboot requests.

- Save the ZIP file to your computer and unpack the archive.
- Double click the setup.exe to install Shield Wizard.
- Read and accept the End-user License Agreement and the GNU Lesser general Public License.
- Note the Readme Information during the installation process: A new and improved instrument driver (<u>TLPM Instrument Driver</u> 3) is installed.
- After installing the OPM, connect the power meter(s) to the PC.

# Note

Up to 8 power meters can be connected and monitored in parallel in a single software instance. If your PC does not provide a sufficient number of USB-ports, use a powered USB-HUB to ensure that enough power is supplied to the power meters.

# **Start Application**

Start the OPM from the desktop icon:



or access the OPM from the START button:

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# Attention

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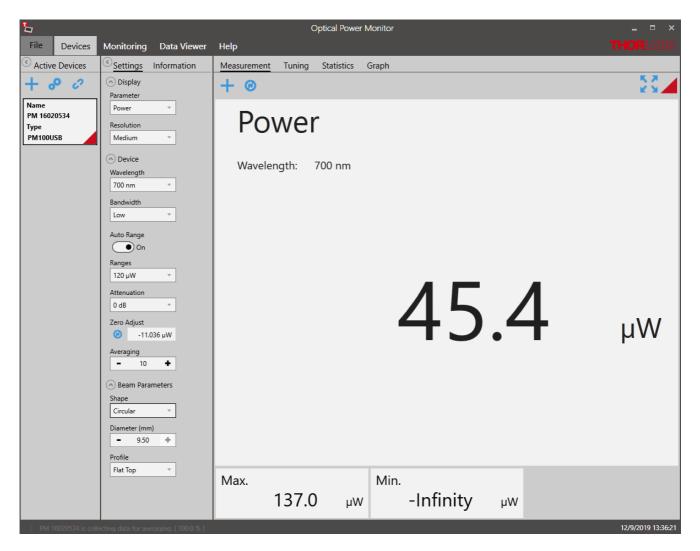
# Note

When connecting an additional power meter, unknown to the PC, the driver for this power meter will be installed as indicated on the bottom right corner of the screen.

# 4 Graphical User Interface (GUI)

In this manual, the OPM interface is described based on a set up using a Power Meter console consisting of either a Thorlabs PM100USB with a Thorlabs Photodiode Power Sensor S122C, or a Thorlabs PM101 with a Thorlabs Photodiode Power Sensor <u>S120C</u>, connected to a PC running with OS Windows<sup>®</sup> 10. Variations in the interface due to certain power meter consoles are described in the section <u>OPM with Different Devices</u> 36.

The OPM automatically connects the first recognized power meter, lists it in the left panel in <u>Ac-</u> <u>tive Devices</u> (here: PM10USB) and shows the setting options for power measurements recorded by the connected power meter.



# Menu Bar

File 8	Load File, Save, and Print Screen Shot and Exit the Software
Devices 8	Activate and Administer Devices and Measurements
Monitoring 24	Set Up a Measurement to be Logged and Saved (Active only after Device Setup)
Data Viewer 31	View and Analyze Loaded Files
Help 35	Language Settings, General Software Settings, Software Information and Link to the Manual

To setup a short measurement, go through the sub menu of <u>Devices</u> or use the <u>Monitoring</u>  $\underline{\text{menu}}_{24}$  for long term logging.

# Note

If no power meters are connected to the PC or automatically recognized, the OPM starts with the <u>Found Devices</u>  $10^{\circ}$  panel instead of the <u>Measurement</u>  $15^{\circ}$  panel. Use the <u>Found Devices</u>  $10^{\circ}$  panel to scan for devices and connect them to the software.

# 4.1 File

The File menu provides the following options:

File	Devices	
🔁 Lo	ad File	Load Files Generated in Monitoring 24
b Lo	ad PM400 File	Load Files Generated by the Thorlabs PM400
Print Screen		Print a Screen Shot
sa	ve Screen	Generate a Screen Shot to be Saved as an Image
U Ex	it	

# Note

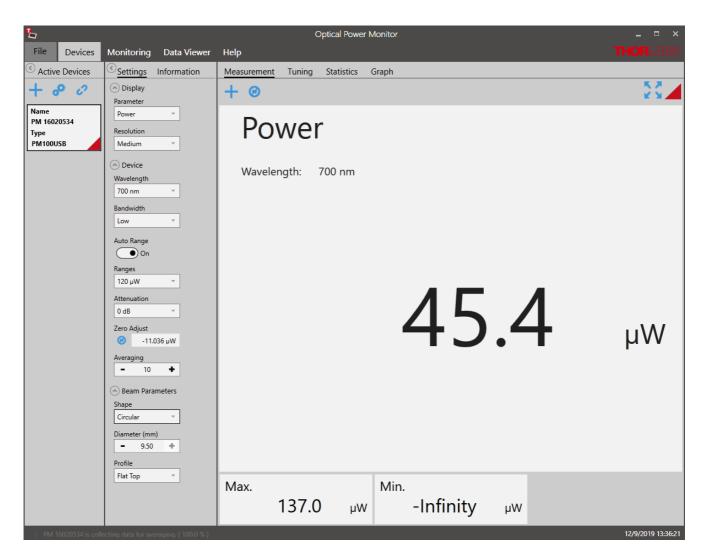
**PM400 files:** The file structure of data saved by the Optical Power Monitor and the PM400 differ. Both file formats can be loaded by the OPM by selecting the appropriate import option. Also note the information given in the section <u>file formats</u> 30.

# 4.2 Devices

The **Devices** menu administers the currently connected devices, short-term measurements and the respective settings.

To start a measurement, follow the sequence suggested by the menu bar from left to right:

- Activate Devices 10
- Adjust <u>Settings</u>
- Observe the <u>Measurement</u>



# Menu Bar

Active Devices 10	Administer Connected Power Meters
Settings 13	Administer Settings of the Display and Connected Devices
Information 15	Information about the Connected Devices
Measurement 15	Active Measurement Display
Tuning 17	Analog Needle Simulation with Digital Measurement Value
Statistics 20	Statistics Tool to Setup, Display, and Save Statistics of the Active Measurement
Graph 22	Tool for Short-Term Measurements with High Sampling Resolution

#### Note

If no power meters are connected to the PC or automatically recognized, the OPM starts with the <u>Found Devices</u> panel instead of the <u>Measurement</u> panel. Use <u>Found Devices</u> to scan for devices and connect them to the software. The OPM automatically connects the first recognized power meter.

# 4.2.1 Active Devices

Devices connected to the software will automatically appear in the list <u>Active Devices</u> 10. To activate additional devices, connect them in the <u>Found Devices</u> 10 panel. The OPM automatically recognizes devices connected to the PC and connects to the first recognized device any time the software is started.

In the example below, the PM101 and a sensor with the Serial Number 14031917 are connected to the PC. This combination has automatically been connected to the OPM and therefore appears in the panel **Active Devices**.

Active devices receive a default name consisting of the power meter type and the serial number of the sensor. This default name can be edited to a name of choice.

#### Note

Devices that were connected to the software in the previous session are automatically reconnected to the software. Device name and settings from the previous session are automatically loaded in the new session.

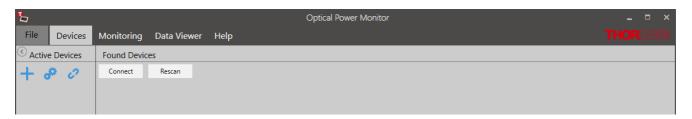
Use the Tool Bar, to add or edit the active devices:

	+ : <u>Add devices</u> 10 to the list of Active Devices . Edit 13: Rename devices
Name PM101 14031917 Type PM101	<ul> <li>Disconnect: Disconnect devices from the software.</li> <li>Note</li> <li>In case a device was not recognized by the Optical Power Monitor, please reconnect it to the PC.</li> </ul>

# 4.2.1.1 Add Devices

Use the **Found Devices** panel to connect power meter consoles to the software by activating them in the "Active Devices" list.

• Click + in the Active Devices table to add devices.



• Click **Rescan** if no devices are detected to find all devices connected to the PC or reconnect devices to the PC.

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Active	e Devices	Found Devices		
	p 0	Connect Rescan		
		Powermeter       Name:     PM102       Sensor     Ø		
		Powermeter       Name:       PM100USB       Sensor		

Here, PM102 and PM100USB are recognized. The panel **Found Devices** shows details about the devices that are connected to the PC.

Click O to view sensor information.

- Mark the tick-box in Found Devices and click Connect to activate devices.
- Click on a device in Active Devices to return to the Devices menu and view measurements.

#### Note

When the first recognized device is connected to the software, the display changes to monitor a measurement as shown in <u>Devices</u>.

#### Note

If no power meters are connected to the PC or automatically recognized, the OPM starts with the <u>Found Devices</u> panel.

#### **COM-PORT**

When using a PM101, PM101R, or PM102 device over a serial interface, the COM Port can be selected by clicking the respective field. Please also adjust the Baud rate in this interface. For more information, please see the manuals for PM101x and PM102x.

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File	Devices	Monitoring	Data Viewer	Help			
Active	e Devices	Found Device	es				
+ 4	P 0	Connect	Rescan				
		Serial Device Name: Con Port: COM:	nmunications Port	(COM1) 115200	×		



The power meter is now controlled via RS232 operation via the DE-9 or DA-15 port. The status is shown in the field Active Devices next to the device name.

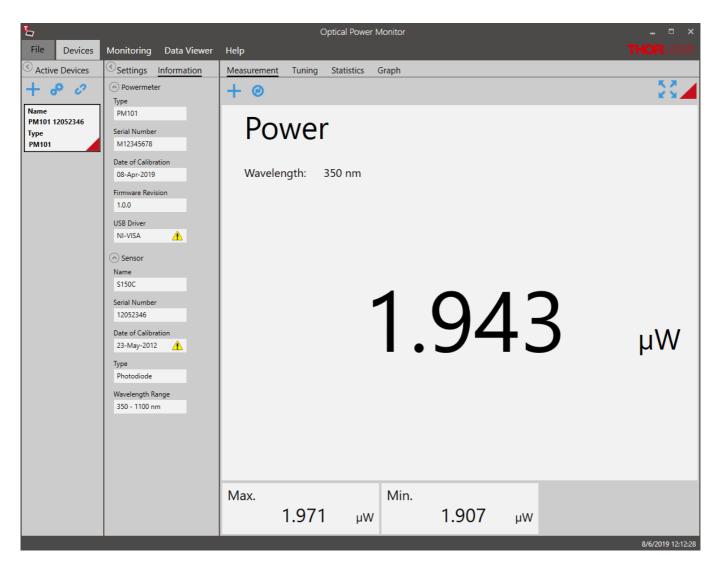
# Attention

Be aware that different instrument drivers and runs with power meters using the new driver TLPM or a legacy driver PM100D. However,

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when running the software with a connected PM400, PM101x, or PM102x with the old PM100D driver, the software will not provide all functions.

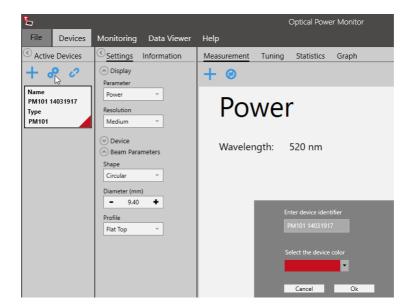
In case the legacy driver PM100D is used, the information panel under devices will show a field USB driver, indication NI-VISA<sup>TM</sup>. In this case, please use the <u>driver switcher</u>  $\begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix}$ , that is automatically installed with the OPM to change to the new driver TLPM.



# 4.2.1.2 Edit Devices

Click 🔗 to edit the Active Devices list.

Use the below panel to rename the device or change the identification color.



# 4.2.2 Settings

Device settings and measurement settings need to be adjusted in the **Settings** menu prior to the measurement by using the drop down menus shown below.

#### Note

Changes in the settings made during a measurement are applied immediately and impact the measurement. Changes in settings during active measurements are not saved!

#### Attention

As the OPM calculations depend on these settings, correct settings are essential for best measurement accuracy.



#### Display

Settings	Information	
🔿 Display		
Parameter Power Resolution Medium	•	<b>Parameter:</b> Select the parameter that should be displayed as the main parameter in all 4 measurement monitors: Measurement, Tuning, Statistics, and Graph. <b>Resolution:</b> Set the desired measurement resolution.

#### Device

Device     Wavelength     520 nm	<b>Wavelength:</b> Set the wavelength of the measured light. This is essential in order to compensate the measurement result for the wavelength-dependent responsivity of the sensor.
Bandwidth Low -	<b>Bandwidth:</b> Set the bandwidth of the photodiode to low or high, depending on the incoming signal and the properties of your photodiode sensor (please see the specification of your sensor and the Thorlabs <u>Photodiode Tutorial</u> ).
Off Ranges 1.4 mW	<b>Range:</b> Maximum value to be measured within the selected power range. This displayed value is calculated by the power meter. It is recommended to use the default setting <b>Auto Range ON</b> .
Attenuation 0 dB	Use <b>Auto Range OFF</b> , to set the measurement range manually, for example for measurement of pulsed light sources.
Zero Adjust 6.177 µW Averaging 10	<b>Attenuation:</b> To account for the attenuation of optical components placed between the light source and the power meter sensor (e.g. filters, beam splitters, etc.), a correction factor can be assigned. For exceptions see the section <u>Power Meter Dependent Variations</u> 36.
AO2 Responsivity	Zero Adjust: Compensate the measurement result for the measured dark signal or noise.
	Averaging: Choose the number of values averaged. Averaging is cal-

culated by the software and thus the measurement values may differ from the values displayed on the power meter consoles. Measurement values are provided to the software by the connected Thorlabs power meter at the specified refresh rate described in the <u>power meter manual</u>. When choosing to average the measurement values, all measurement values displayed within the OPM will be averaged.

**AOx Responsivity:** For PM101 (AO2) and PM101A (AO), and PM102 and PM102A (POWER AO) the OPM allows to define the voltage level of the anlog output by configuring the responsivity. Please see the PM101x and PM102x manuals for more details.

#### Note

Depending on the power meter, not all options may be displayed.

#### **Beam Parameters**

The Beam Parameters are relevant when calculating Irradiance or Fluence (for pyro sensors).

📀 Beam Parameters						
Shape	Shape					
Circular 🔹						
Diameter (mm)						
-	+					
Profile						
Flat To	ор	•				

Shape: Choose between Circular, Square or Rectangular according to your light source and optics.

**Size:** Adjust the size of the beam arriving on the photo sensor according to your light source and optics.

**Profile:** Adjust beam profile arriving at the photo sensor according to your light source and optics.

# 4.2.3 Information

This menu lists information about the connected devices, **Power Meters** and **Sensors**, as retrieved from the connected device.

<ul> <li>Powermeter</li> <li>Type</li> </ul>	Power Meter
PM100USB	Type: Type of Thorlabs Power Meter
Serial Number P2002285	Serial Number: Serial Number of the Device
Date of Calibration 25-Apr-2019	Calibrated: Date of Last Calibration
Firmware Revision     Image: 1.3.2	<b>Firmware Revision:</b> Current Firmware Version of the Power Meter. Update the Firmware by selecting the button <i>©</i> .
Sensor Name	Sensor
\$122C	Name: Sensor Name
Serial Number 16020534	Serial Number: Serial Number of the Sensor
Date of Calibration 05-Feb-2016	Calibration: Date of Last Calibration
Type Photodiode	Type: Type of Sensor: Photodiode, Thermal-, or Pyroelectric Sensor
Wavelength Range 700 - 1800 nm	Wavelength Range: Wavelength Range of Detection of the Sensor

# Attention

When the software uses the power meter driver PM100D.dll, this is shown in the interface in the power meter section below "Firmware". However, when running the software with a connected PM400, PM101x, or PM102x with the old PM100D driver, the software will not provide all functions. To switch the driver, please see the chapter <u>Power Meter Driver Switcher</u> [53].

# 4.2.4 Measurement

In the measurement panel, the currently measured numerical values of selected parameters are displayed. Use the **Tool Bar** to add more parameters to the display, maximize the display screen, or reset the measurement.

The display resets when a different device is selected.

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Active	e Devices	Cettings Information	Measurement Tuning Statistics Graph	
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Name Seam Parameters		Seam Parameters	Power	

# Tool Bar

# + Add/Remove Parameter

Several numerical measurement values can be displayed simultaneously in the main screen. To select the parameter of interest from the panel, click + to open the following interface:

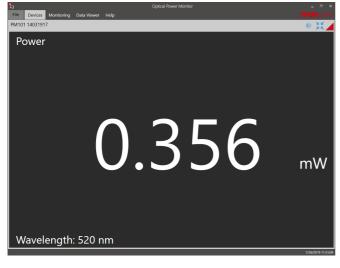
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C Active Devices	© <u>Settings</u> Information	Measurement Tun	ing Statistics Graph			
Name           PM101 14031917           Type           PM101	<ul> <li>⊘ Display</li> <li>⊘ Device</li> <li>⊗ Beam Parameters</li> </ul>	+ @ Powe Wavelength:	er			23
			AO2 Voltage Power	Current Power dBm	Irradiance Max.	X
			Min.	Ratio	Saturation	mW
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# Reset min/max:

Click the icon to reset the displayed minimum and maximum values and recalculate their ratio.

# Maximize the Screen:

Switch to full screen mode. Only the main parameter and wavelength will be displayed.



# Bright/dark design:

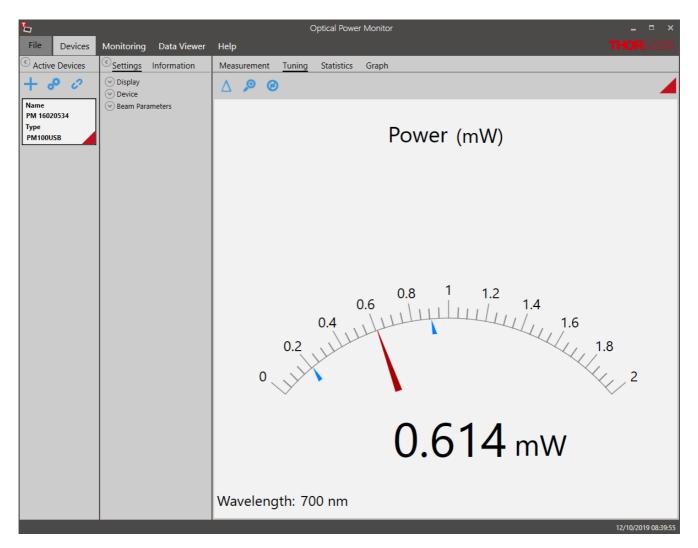
When the screen is maximized, the user can switch to dark design to reduce background light in the maximized display.

# 🔀 Shrink:

Reduce size of the display to view all selected parameters.

# 4.2.5 Tuning

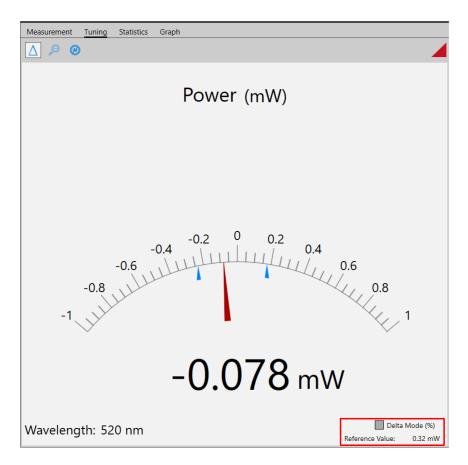
This panel shows the analog needle simulation of the currently measured value along with the digital numerical value.



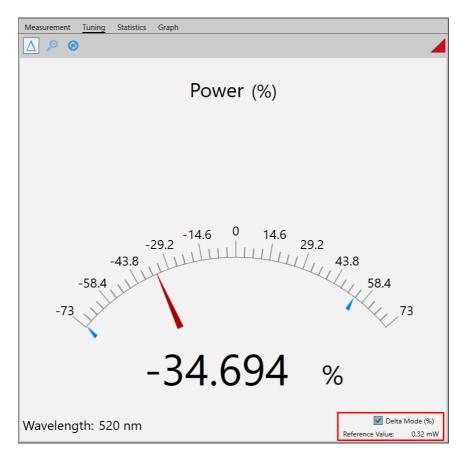
The display can be adjusted using the Tool Bar.

# △ Enable/Disable Delta Mode

The Delta Mode shows the fluctuation around the measured value at the moment of starting the delta mode. This value is reset to zero by clicking <sup>(2)</sup>.



View the **Delta Mode** in % by selecting the tick-box: **Delta Mode (%)** in the lower right display, marked red.

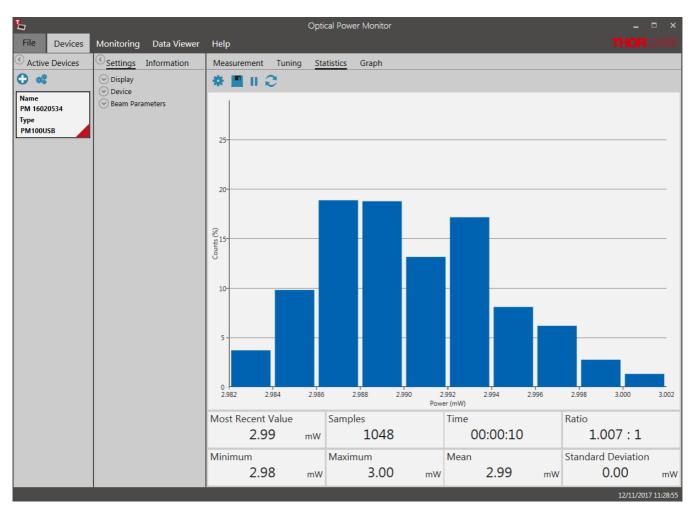


P Zoom in/out: The zoom-factor is determined by the current Min and Max-values.

**Reset min/max:** Reset the displayed zero-, minimum and maximum values and recalculate their ratio.

# 4.2.6 Statistics

The Statistics panel shows the measurement statistics in chart and table format.



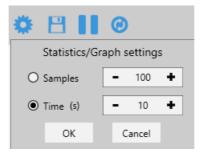
The chart displays the distribution of counts [%] for the parameter selected in <u>Settings</u>. This parameter can be changed during the active measurement. When parameter or monitored device are changed, the OPM starts a new data acquisition for statistical analysis.

To configure, save, start and restart measurement statistics, use the **Tool Bar**. The **Status Bar** below shows the currently measured values and the measurement progress.

# Tool Bar

# 🌣 Statistics/Graph Settings

The number of data points used for statistics can be set as the duration of acquisition (Time) or number of data points (Sample). These settings are also applied in the  $\underline{\text{Graph}}_{22}$  panel for the display of power meter signal over time.



### Note

Statistics are calculated as a rolling average. After the set duration or number of samples is reached, the next sample data point is evaluated at the expense of the first data point. Statistics are shown even when the set sample number or measurement time is incomplete.

#### 💾 Save Histogram Data

Saves a snapshot of the statistics. The file will be saved in .csv-format and can be opened in a text editor. When the recording is stopped prior to full data acquisition as set in Statistics/Graph setting, this incomplete set of data can be saved.

### **I** / Stop/Start Collecting Data

Sampling for statistics can be stopped and restarted at any time. When the recording is stopped prior to full data acquisition, this incomplete set of data is statistically evaluated and can be saved. At **START**, the last set of acquired data is deleted.

#### Restart

Deletes the acquired statistics and graph mode data and starts a new acquisition for both, the statistics and graph mode.

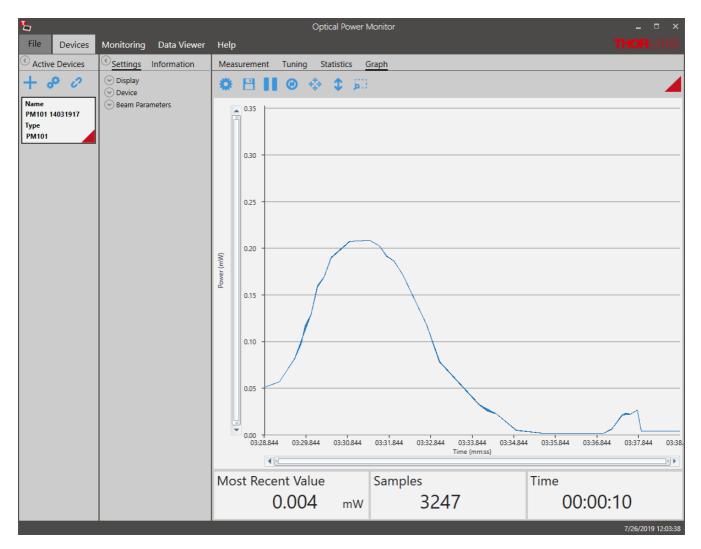
#### **Status Bar**

Most Recent Value:	Most Recent Value Used for Statistics		
Samples:	Number of Samples Acquired for Statistics		
Time:	Duration of Acquisition for Statistics		
Ratio:	Ratio Between the Minimum and Maximum Values Recorded During the Interval Set in Statistics/Graph Settings		
Minimum:	Lowest Value Recorded During the Interval Used for the Statistics Calculation		
Maximum:	Highest Value Recorded During the Interval Used for the Statistics Calculation		
Mean:	Mean Calculated Based on the Data Recorded During the Interval Set in Statistics/Graph Settings		
Standard Deviation:	Standard Deviation Calculated Based on the Data Recorded During the Interval Set in Statistics/Graph Settings		

# 4.2.7 Graph

The **Graph** panel displays the signal over time as measured by the power meter. Shorter power meter measurements can be configured, flexibly displayed and saved, using the options given in the **Tool Bar**. Use the Graph panel to acquire high-resolution measurements of over 100Hz, depending on the refresh rate of the power meter.

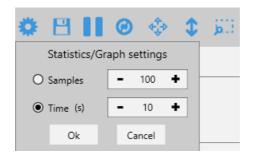
Data acquisition in **Graph** panel is reset when a different power meter is selected in the **Active Devices** panel.



Zoom: To zoom into the chart, place the mouse cursor over the diagram and scroll.

# Tool Bar

Settings: Set the displayed time interval of the measurement in time or sample number.
 These settings are also applied in the <u>Statistics</u> panel



- Save graph data: Save a snap shot of the measurement in .csv format. When the recording is stopped prior to full data acquisition as set in Statistics/Graph settings, this incomplete set of data can be saved.
- Start/Pause collecting data: Sampling for the graph mode can be stopped and restarted at any time. When the recording is stopped prior to full data acquisition, this incomplete set of data is displayed and can be saved.
- Restart: This deletes the acquired data in Graph mode and Statistics and starts a new measurement and statistics evaluation.
- **Zoom out:** Zooms out to the original resolution in both, the X and Y axis.
- **Zoom out Y-Axis:** Zooms out to the original resolution in the Y axis only.
- **Zoom selection:** Zooms into an area selected with the mouse.

# Note

In **Graph** mode, data are acquired in a rolling manner: After the set duration or number of samples is reached, the next sample data point is inserted at the expense of the first data point.

# **Status Bar:**

The status bar at the bottom shows the data acquisition progress with the following values

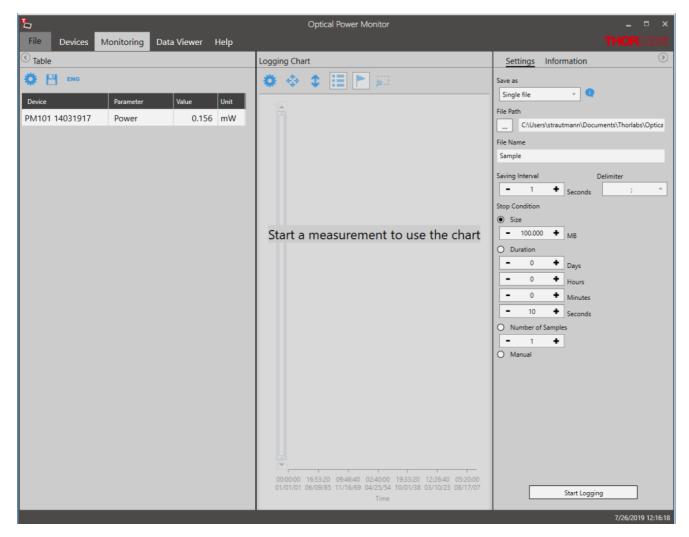
Most Recent Value: The value of the most recent data point collected in the time interval.

**Samples:** Number of samples acquired for the time interval set in <u>Statistics/Graph settings</u>

**Time:** Recording time acquired for the display of the time interval set in **Statistics/Graph set-tings** 

# 4.3 Monitoring

Use the Monitoring panel to configure, execute, observe, and save long-term monitoring of up to 8 connected power meters in parallel and for different parameters. Long-term measurements can be recorded with a minimal interval of one second. The Optical Power Monitor uses this resolution in order to display data acquired from devices with different refresh rates in parallel.



To log a measurement, follow the sequence below:

1. <u>Table</u> 25

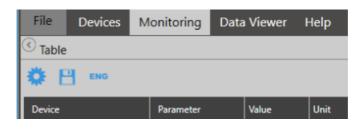
Select the devices and parameters to be monitored.

- 2. <u>Logging Settings and</u> <u>Logging Information</u> 26
- 3. Logging Chart 29

**Select the settings** for recording and saving of the measurement and review settings in the panel **Information**. **Start Logging**. Select the displayed parameters.

# 4.3.1 Table Configuration

The **Table** menu lists the devices and parameters to be logged in the experiment and continuously displays the currently measured values. To add devices and parameters to the table, use the **Tool Bar.** 



**Configuration:** Configure the devices and parameters to be monitored in the table, logged in the measurement and displayed in the Logging Chart 29.

Table Configuration			
Device X PM101 14031917	Parameter Power	Deactivated Values  PM101 14031917  Current  Irradiance  Power dBm  Saturation	
		OK	

- + Add devices and parameters from the list of **Deactivated Values** to the **Table Configura-**tion.
- **x** Remove Values by deselecting them in the left panel.

Choose a custom name for the device in your setup.

# **Optical Power Monitor**

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The order of the selected values can be changed using the mouse.

Click OK to return to the Table.

The monitoring **Table** now lists the devices and parameters with their currently recorded data that are logged in the experiment.

File Devices	Monitoring	Data Vie	wer l	Help
Table				
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Device	Parameter	Value	Unit	
PM101 14031917	Current	5.856	μA	
PM101 14031917	Power	0.154	mW	
Herbert_1	Current	107.219	nA	
Herbert_1	Power	47.003	μW	

**Snapshot:** Save a snapshot of the current values in .csv-format.

**Engineering Notation:** Switch the table to engineering notation of the monitored values.

Following the selection of devices and parameters to be monitored, go to the Logging Configuration menu.

# 4.3.2 Logging Settings and Information

Configure the logging of a measurement and select the output file format, location and name and set the duration and resolution for logging in the **Settings** menu.

Please read the section File Format 30 to learn about the data saved in the log files.

Review the Logging Settings prior to starting the measurement:

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Save as			
Single file 🔹 🔍			
File Path			
C:\Users\Administrator\Desktop			
File Name			
Sample			
Saving Interval Delimiter			
- 1 + Seconds ; -			
Stop Condition			
Size			
- 100.000 + MB			
O Duration			
- 0 + Days			
- 0 + Hours			
- 0 + Minutes			
- 10 + Seconds			
O Number of Samples			
- 1 +			
O Manual			
Chat Louris			
Start Logging			

**Save as**: Choose to save data either as single files or multiple files, depending on the data volume.

 <u>Single files:</u> The Optical Power Meter saves a .csv file for short measurements with small data volume.

o <u>Multiple files</u>: The Optical Power Meter saves multiple .cvs files for measurements with large data volumes such as longer measurements or measurements with multiple power meters in parallel. When the software saves multiple files, an associated .tcsv file is saved for accelerated loading of data into the data viewer. Do not move or delete any files from the common folder. Please find more information in the section <u>File</u> Format 30.

File Path: Select the Output File location

File Name: Choose the file name

**Saving Interval:** Set the time interval between saved data points. The minimal interval is one second. Choose the **Delimiter** for easy access and analysis of your saved data.

**Stop Condition:** Select the criteria for terminating the logging process.

 $\circ$  <u>Size</u>: Measure up to a file size of 99 999 MB. Approximation of the file size: 100 samples of one parameter of one power meter require ~ 4kb disc space. The required disc space is not strictly linear. To log measurements > 99 999 MB, choose either the stop condition "Duration" or "Manual".

o <u>Duration</u>: Measure for a certain duration

<u>Number of Samples</u>: Measure a set number of samples

o Manual: Stop logging manually

# Note

Logging can not be started if no parameters were se-

lected in the Table Settings.

# Attention

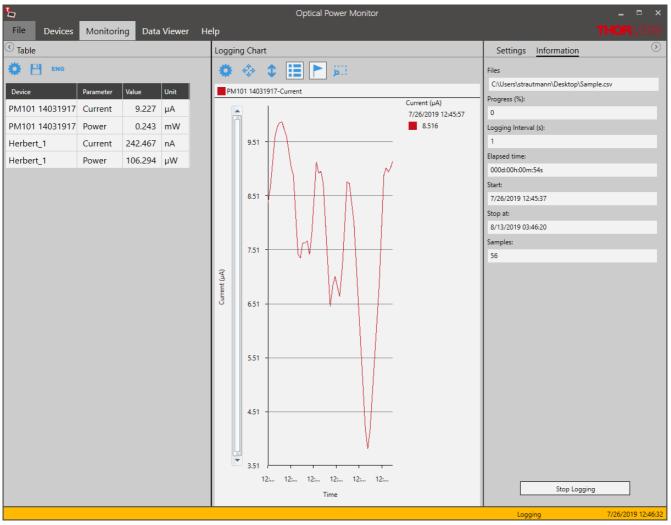
General settings in the <u>Settings</u> applied immediately but the changes in the settings will not be saved in the logged file. Please note such changes, as evaluation of such data may otherwise be complicated.

# Attention

Disable hibernation and sleep mode of the PC. Otherwise, the PC looses the connection to the monitored devices, the measurement stops, and the OPM software may freeze when entering sleep mode or hibernation.

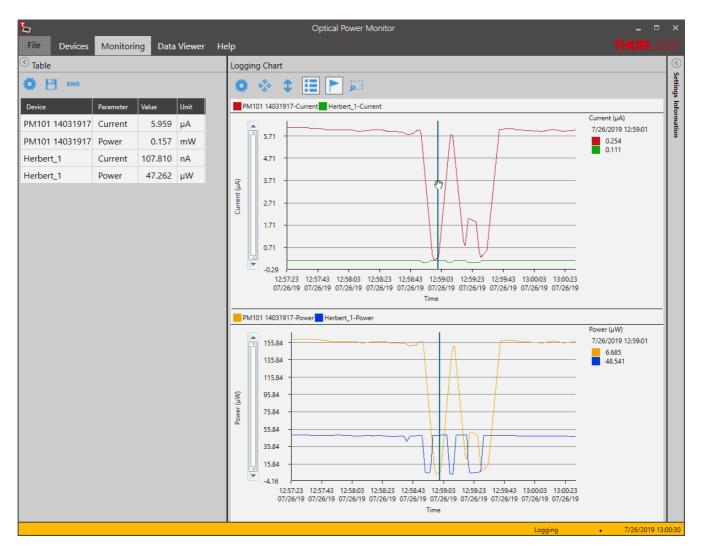
# Start Logging

Click this button to start logging of the measurement. If the file name was already used, a warning window appears. The Logging Settings panel will change to the **Logging Information** panel and show the status of the measurement.



# 4.3.3 Logging Chart

The **Logging Chart** displays the logged data over time. Use the **Tool Bar** to set up the display and analyze the data. The **Logging information** panel displays the progress of the measurement.



#### **Tool Bar**

# 🌣 Settings

To configure the chart display settings in the real-time measurement, choose any parameter and device (**Displayed Devices**) selected in the monitoring Table 25. Assign different colors to easily distinguish power meters and parameters in the display. Enable a second chart by moving the toggle switch in **Chart 2** to **Enabled**.

Chart Settings		
Chart 1	Chart 2 💽 Er	nabled
Parameter Current (A)	Parameter Power (W)	*
Displayed Parameters	Displayed Parameters	
PM101 14031917-Current	PM101 14031917	'-Power
✓ Herbert_1-Current	Herbert_1-Power	•

Click **Ok** to set the selection.

# Note

If parameters or devices do not appear for selection, they were not selected in the <u>Table</u> 25 menu. To add them, click "**Stop Logging**" in the **Logging Information** panel, go to the <u>Table</u> 25 menu on the left side of the display, add the desired devices and parameters and **Start Logging** in the **Logging Information** panel.

Zoom: To zoom into the chart, place the mouse pointer over the chart and scroll.

- **Zoom out:** Zooms out to the original resolution in both, the X and Y axis.
- **Zoom out Y-Axis:** Zooms out to the original resolution in the Y axis only.
- **Enable/Disable Legend:** Add the legend listing the used devices to the chart area as shown above
- **Enable/Disable Marker:** Add the marker to display the measurement value at a chosen single time point next to the chart.
- **Zoom selection:** Zoom into the region of interest (ROI) by selecting the area. You can then move a window of the size of the ROI through the whole chart area. Click **t** for the chart to resume the original resolution.

# 4.3.4 File Format

The user can record and save data in different formats, depending on the size of the measurement data.

# 1) Small Data Volumes

All data saved in the <u>Statistics</u> 20 or <u>Graph</u> 22 panel are saved as .csv files. Choose this setting to save data than can easily be opened in a text editor without reaching the line limit of about 1 million lines. This format can be opened in a text editor, but can not be loaded into the <u>Data</u> <u>Viewer</u> 31.

Data recorded in the <u>Monitoring</u> 24 panel when choosing to save as single file only are also saved as .csv files. These data can be opened in the <u>Data Viewer</u> 31 or in a text editor.

### 2) Large Data Volumes

All data saved in the Monitoring 24 panel when choosing to save as "multiple files" are saved as multiple .csv files with an associated .tcsv file in the same folder.

The .tcsv files are compressed files of the associated .csv files for fast loading into the <u>Data</u> <u>Viewer</u> [31]. For high resolution viewing in the data viewer, the .csv files are required to be in the same location as the .tcsv file. The uncompressed .csv files carry the name: filename\_Raw#.

The log-file in .tcsv format saves the following data:

- Device Information (Power Meter and Sensor with Serial Numbers)
- Values of the Selected Devices and Parameters, Saved with the Selected Sampling Interval (Sorted by Sample Number, Date and Time down to Seconds)
- Wavelength

#### Note

DO NOT DELETE, MOVE or RENAME the uncompressed .csv files in the .tcsv file folder, because the uncompressed files are required for high resolution viewing in the data <u>Data</u> <u>Viewer</u> [31]. However, the uncompressed "raw" csv files can be used in your own analysis software. To do this, please copy the desired files first to a location different from the original location.

#### PM400 .csv Format

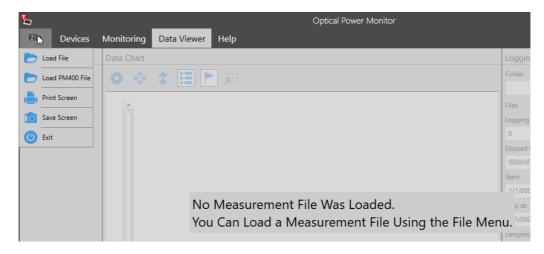
To load data saved by the PM400 into the Data Viewer of the OPM, go to the File Menu and choose Load PM400 File.

# 4.4 Data Viewer

Data logged by the OPM can be loaded and displayed in the Data Viewer.

#### Loading Data:

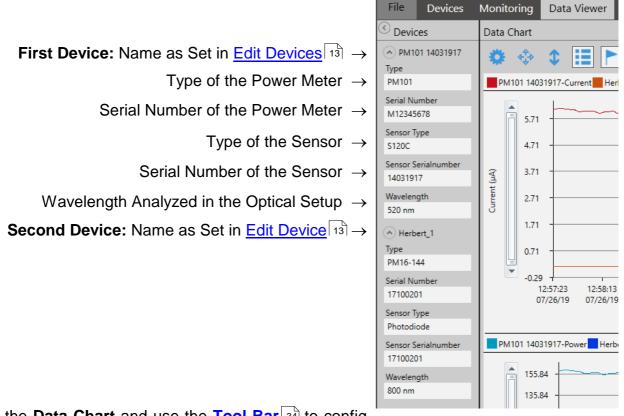
To load data into the Data Viewer, go to File and select Load to open the file of interest.



The loaded data are displayed as a list of **Devices**, the **Data Chart** of data points over time and the **Logging Information**.

# **Devices:**

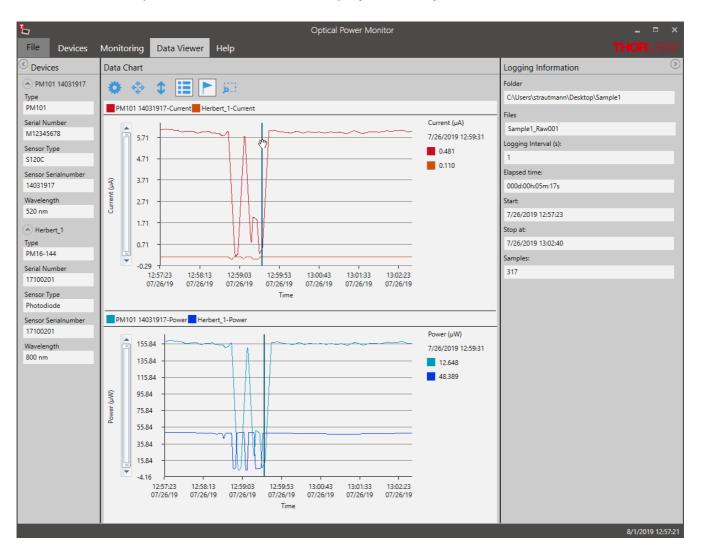
The **Devices** menu lists the power meters and sensors that were used in the loaded measurement.



Go to the **Data Chart** and use the **Tool Bar** 34 to configure the display of devices and parameters.

#### **Data Chart:**

The **Data Chart** displays the loaded data over time. The display optionally includes a legend for the monitored devices and a cursor to choose the display of a specific measurement value. Use the **Tool Bar** on top of the chart to edit the display and analyze the data set.



### Tool Bar

#### Settings:

To analyze the measurement, add any parameter and device (Displayed Devices) of the loaded file to the **Data Chart**. Assign different colors to easily distinguish power meters and parameters in the display. Move the toggle switch in **Chart 2** to **Enabled** to display the second chart.

Chart Settings	
Chart 1	Chart 2 Enabled
Parameter Current (A)	Parameter Power (W)
Displayed Parameters	Displayed Parameters
PM101 14031917-Current	✓ PM101 14031917-Power -
✓ Herbert_1-Current	✓ Herbert_1-Power
	0
	Ok

Click **OK** when the selection is finished.

Zoom: To zoom into the chart, place the cursor over the chart and scroll.

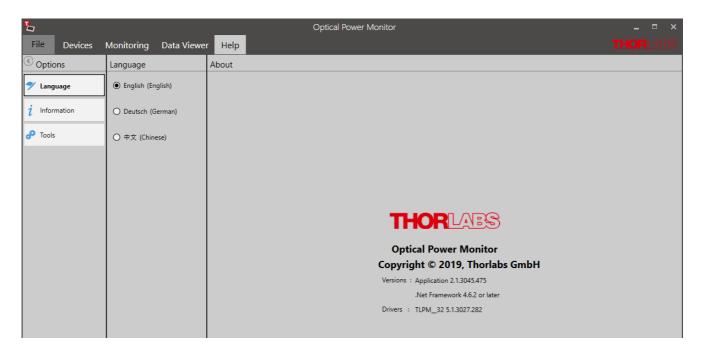
- **Zoom out:** Zooms out to the original resolution in both, the X and Y axis.
- **Enable/Disable Legend:** Add the legend listing the used devices to the chart area as shown above.
- **Enable/Disable Marker:** Add the marker to display the measurement value at a chosen single time point next to the chart.
- **Zoom Selection**: Zoom into a ROI by selecting the area. The user can then move a window of the size of the ROI through the whole chart area.

#### 5 Optical Power Monitor File Devices Monitoring Data Viewer Help Data Chart Devices Logging 🍄 💠 🎗 🖽 🏲 PM101 14031917-Current Herbert\_1-Current Current (µA) nor 7/26/2019 13:00:29 5.71 5.964 4.71 0.108 3.71 Current (µA) 2.71 1.71 0.71 -0.29 13:00:43 12:58:13 13:01:33 13:02:23 12:57:23 12:59:03 12:59:53 07/26/19 07/26/19 07/26/19 07/26/19 07/26/19 07/26/19 07/26/19 Time

#### **Zoom Selection:**

### 4.5 Help

In the HELP interface, choose the language, find the operating instructions, of files and software license under Information and change instrument drivers or update firmware of software.



### Information

Options	Information			
💙 Language	Manual			
	Open manual as HTML			
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🔗 Tools	Application Log			
	Open log file			
	License			
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Please find the operating manual as online help (.chm file) or .pdf as well are the log file and the software license here.

Please feel free to check for updates frequently.

#### Tools

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	Driver Switcher		
i Information			
-	Update		
🔗 Tools	Firmware Update Tool		
	Check for OPM update		
	Check for OPM Update at application start Disabled		

This interface leads you to the driver switcher to change the power meter driver from the former PM100D.dll to the newer TL.dll. While the PM100D.dll supports older software, generated with the older driver, the TL.dll supports all functions of all Thorlabs power meters. Visit the section Instrument Driver for Thorlabs Power Meters 53 for more details.

The Firmware Update tool allows to search your PC for already downloaded firmware. In case you did not download a firmware and

wish to search the web for the update, please go to the DEVICES menu and open the panel  $\underline{\text{In-formation}}$  [15]. Here, you will find a firmware update tool which searches the web for updates of the firmware for the connected power meter. For questions, please contact  $\underline{\text{Thorlabs}}$  [65].

## **5** Optical Power Monitor with Different Devices

The Optical Power Monitor automatically responds to the functional differences of connected devices and adjusts the interface with the additional options.

This chapter describes differences and additional options with respect to different power meter consoles or sensors compared to <u>PM100USB</u> and a Photodiode Power Sensor <u>S120VC</u>.

### 5.1 Power Meter Dependent Variations

### 5.1.1 PM101x

When using the power meters of the PM101x models, the software shows the following additional options:

### PM101

- <u>Analog Output</u>: For the PM101, the OPM allows to define the voltage level of the analog output by configuring the responsivity. Please see the chapter Settings under <u>Device</u> to for more information or the PM101x manual for more details.
- <u>NTC</u>: With the PM101, the user can monitor the temperature with an attached NTC. for more information on this feature, please see the PM101x manual or the section <u>Temperature</u> <u>Sensor TSP-TH on PM400 and PM101</u> [41].
- <u>COM-Port</u>: The PM101 can use a DB-15 connector run with RS232 operation for input and output. The OPM provides a interface to switch the COM-port of the power meter. Please see the chapter <u>Add Devices</u> 10 for more information.

### PM101R

• <u>COM-Port</u>: The PM101R can use a serial DE-9 connector run with RS232 operation for input and output. The OPM provides a interface to switch the COM-port of the power meter. Please see the chapter <u>Add Devices</u> for more information.

### PM101A

• <u>Analog Output</u>: For the PM101A, the OPM allows to define the voltage level of the analog output by configuring the responsivity. Please see the chapter Settings under <u>Device</u> for more information or the PM101x manual for more details.

### 5.1.2 PM102x

When using the power meters of the PM102x models, the software shows the following additional options:

### PM102

- <u>Analog Output</u>: For the PM102, the OPM allows to define the voltage level of the analog output by configuring the responsivity. Please see the chapter Settings under <u>Device</u> for more information or the PM102x manual for more details.
- <u>NTC</u>: With the PM102, the user can monitor the temperature with an attached NTC. for more information on this feature, please see the PM102x manual or the section <u>Temperature</u> <u>Sensor TSP-TH on PM400, PM101, and PM102.</u>

• <u>COM-Port</u>: The PM102 can use a DB-15 connector run with RS232 operation for input and output. The OPM provides a interface to switch the COM-port of the power meter. Please see the chapter <u>Add Devices</u> 10 for more information.

### PM102A

• <u>Analog Output</u>: For the PM102A, the OPM allows to define the voltage level of the analog output by configuring the responsivity. Please see the chapter Settings under <u>Device</u> for more information or the PM102x manual for more details

### PM102x with Thermal Position Sensors S44xC

All PM102x power meters are compatible with Thorlabs Thermal Position Sensors. When connected to a S44xC sensor, the OPM shows the interfaces described in the section <u>Thermal</u> <u>Position Sensors</u> in the chapter "Sensor Dependent Functions".

### 5.2 Sensor-Dependent Variations

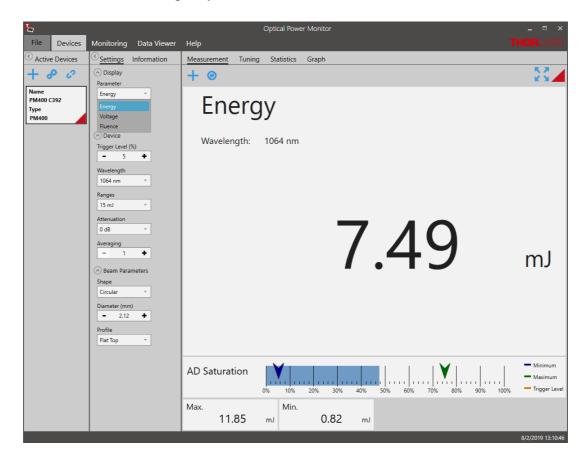
### 5.2.1 Pyroelectric Energy Sensors ESxxxC

The Thorlabs <u>ESxxxC Pyroelectric Sensors</u> are designed to measure pulsed light from coherent and incoherent sources. Pyroelectric sensors convert energy from light pulses into voltage pulses.

Because in this case the measured light signal is not continuous, the OPM requires different settings for processing and display.

Find below the relevant changes in the OPM when using a pyroelectric energy sensor, described for a setup using a ES111C pyroelectric sensor connected to a PM100D power meter.

The interface looks the following way:



### 1. Settings Menu

The list of settings differs in the following:

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Parameter	and Irra
Energy 🔻	<b>D</b>
Energy	Range:
Voltage	this can
Fluence	
Device     Wavelength	Trigger
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Trigger Level (%)	tector.
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Ranges	When a
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Averaging	voltage
- 1 +	reset or

**Parameter: Energy** and **Fluence** are parameters of choice instead of Power and Irradiance as Energy and Fluence are calculated independent of time.

**Range: Auto Range** is not available when using a pyroelectric sensor because his can not be accommodated with pulsed signals.

**Trigger Level:** The Trigger Level can be set as a threshold to eliminate small pulses caused by fluctuations in the light source or intrinsic noise from the detector.

When an incoming pulse exceeds the set trigger level, the peak detector circuit gets armed and is waiting until the pulse peak is reached. After finding the maximum voltage the level is kept and the microprocessor reads the AD converted voltage for displaying the pulse energy. Finally the peak detector circuit gets a reset and is ready for the next pulse.

The trigger level can be adjusted as a percentage of each selected energy range. Only pulses that are higher than the adjusted trigger level are recognized by the OPM. The trigger level should be set between the noise level and the expected pulse height.

### 2. Measurement Menu: Add/Remove Parameters

For pyroelectric sensors, the measurement interface additionally displays the **AD Saturation** in a bar, as shown on the previous page 37.

When selecting +, the available parameters now list **Energy**, **Fluence** and **Average Power**.

			X
Energy	Fluence	Voltage	
Average Power	Max.	Min.	
Ratio	Saturation		

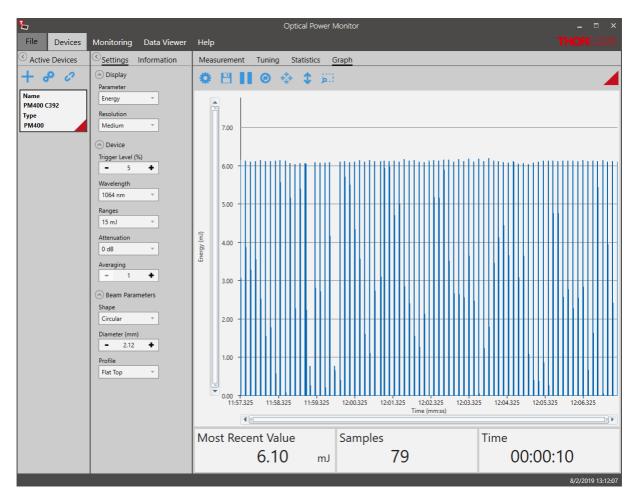
**Average Power:** The Average Power is calculated as an average of 3 measurement values. The calculation of the measurement values is based on the set <u>Averaging</u> 14.

When **Averaging** is set to 1, each signal pulse results in one measurement value. Since this is a rolling average, the second value of the average power is calculated using the pulse signals 2 to 4 and so on.

When **Averaging** is set to 2, the average of pulse 1 and 2 generates the first measurement value. The average of pulse 2 and 3 gives the second measurement value and so on. As above, the average power is calculated as the average of measurement values 1-3 calculated from signal pulses 1-4. Since this is a rolling average, the second average power value is calculated using signal pulse 2 to 5 and so on.

### 3. Graph Menu

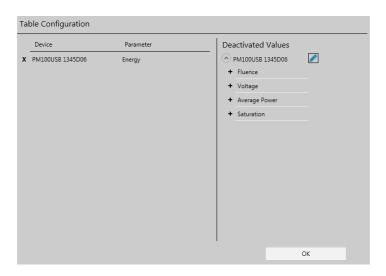
For pulsed laser applications, the Graph panel changes from a line-display, as shown for continuous signal, to a bar graph.



### 4. Monitoring Menu

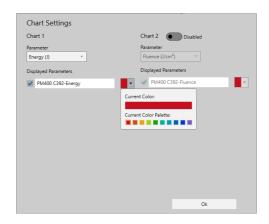
### **Table configuration**

For pyroelectric sensors, the <u>Table Configuration</u> how additionally lists the parameters **Energy**, **Fluence** and **Average Power** that can to be logged in the experiment and continuously displayed.

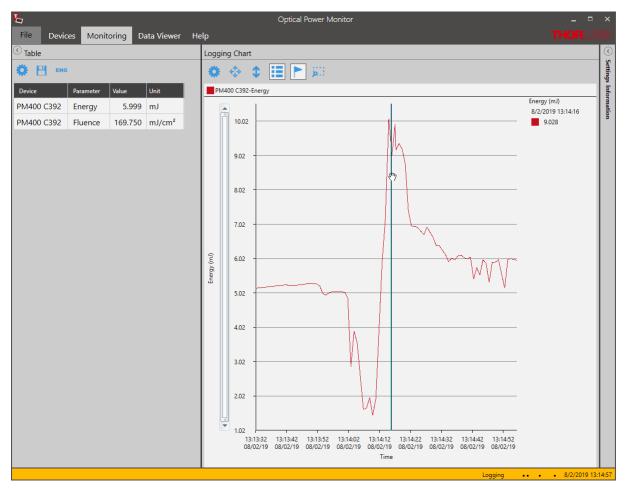


### 5. Logging Chart

Corresponding to the parameters selected in the above **Table Configuration**, the additional parameters can be selected for display in the Logging Chart 29.



The **Logging Chart** displays the pulse energy values in a continuous line. Please adjust the saving interval according to the interval between the laser pulses in your setup to avoid data points without signal. For pulse intervals shorter than the saving interval, the displayed value is the last value sent by the power meter. For higher resolution measurements, please use the Graph 22 mode.



### 5.2.2 Temperature Sensor TSP-TH on PM400, PM101, PM102

For <u>PM400</u>, <u>PM101</u>, and <u>PM102</u>, the temperature can be recorded by the Optical Power Monitor if a Thorlabs Temperature Sensor <u>TSP-TH</u> or alternative NTC is attached. Please see the <u>PM400 Manual</u> and the manual for PM101 for more details.

This section describes the additional options available in the software when a temperature sensor is recognized.

### 1. Settings Menu

Specify the following Temperature Sensor settings.

Active Devices	Settings Information
+ 🕫 🖉	<ul> <li>⊘ Display</li> <li>⊘ Device</li> </ul>
Name PM400 12052346 Type PM400	<ul> <li>Beam Parameters</li> <li>Temperature Sensor</li> <li>R25 (Ω)</li> <li>10000 +</li> </ul>
	B (K) - 3988 +

**R25:** Resistance @ 25 °C in Ohm  $[\Omega]$ 

B: NTC-Constant (NTC: Negative Temperature Coefficient) [K]

To find the appropriate parameters, please see the specifications of the Temperature Sensor.

### 2. Measurement Menu: Add/Remove Parameters

For temperature sensors, the parameters list temperature in °C and °F, when selecting **①**.

Voltage	Irradiance	Power
Power dBm	Max.	Min.
Ratio	Saturation	Temperature (°C)
Temperature (°F)		

### 3. Monitoring Menu

When using a temperature sensor, the temperature in °C and °F can be logged and monitored by adding these parameters in the <u>Table 25</u> Configuration panel.

bevice	Parameter	Deactivated Values PM400 00353 Voltage Irradiance Power Power dBm Saturation Temperature (*C) Temperature (*F)
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### 5.2.3 Thermal Sensors

Thermal detectors measure the optical power of incident light radiation. The absorber on the detector surface converts the incident light into heat energy. The heat flows from the absorber across the sensor into a heat sink. Due to the thermoelectric effect, the resulting temperature gradient across the multiple thermocouples in the sensor generates a voltage that is proportional to the optical power of the incident radiation.

Certain thermal sensors can show a fairly slow response. When laser power hits the active area in these sensors, it may take up to 20 seconds until the power reading shows the maximum power value. A slow sensor can be accelerated to up to 1-3 seconds by predicting the maximum power value based on the initial power reading.

### Settings:

Active Devices	Settings Information
+ 🕫 🖉	Display     Parameter
Name PM101 00019	Power -
Type PM101	Resolution Medium
	O Device
	Wavelength
	Acceleration Auto

### Acceleration:

Set the Acceleration to **Auto** when using a slow thermal sensor. As this function has a disadvantage in that it induces noise to the measurement value, the acceleration circuit can be set to **Off**.

### Information: Power Measurement Prediction

The typical natural response of the a thermal sensor to an instantaneous transition from darkness to being steadily illuminated is a step function. It produces a response that can be modeled using an expo-

### nential function.

The sensor time constant is defined in terms of the duration until the sensor response reaches 99% of its maximum response. When the sensor has reached the 99% level, a time period equal to five sensor time constants has elapsed.

When the sensor's natural response characteristic function is known, the final power reading can be modeled and predicted well before the sensor reading has stabilized. Thorlabs' power meter consoles calculate and display predictions of the stabilized power reading when Thorlabs sensors with sensor time constants larger or equal to 0.5 s (natural response time larger than 1s) are connected. For this calculation, the sensor information stored in the EEPROM built into the C-Series connectors is used. Please refer to the specifications sheet of the used sensor for the response time of your sensor.

When Acceleration is switched to **Auto**, the first prediction is made after a duration equal to a single sensor time constant. This prediction is updated at time intervals of one sensor time constant until a total duration of seven sensor time constants has elapsed. Prediction is then turned off; the power reading after seven time constants is 99.9% of the final reading.

After prediction is turned off, the gradient of the power reading is monitored, and prediction is re-enabled if an increase is detected which exceeds a defined threshold.

### 5.2.4 Thermal Position Sensor

The Thorlabs Thermal Position Sensors S44xC measure the power and position of a light beam originating from low and medium power lasers and are controlled via a connected compatible power meter, either a PM400 or a PM102x. The OPM features an interface to display and analyse the signal from these Thorlabs Thermal Position Sensors.

At the core of the S440C and S442C are the Thorlabs Thermal Position Detectors  $\underline{TD4HR18XP}_{43}$  and  $\underline{TD4HP18XA}_{43}$ , respectively. The sensors are wire connected to a D-Sub-9 Pin Male connector for instrument control via a compatible Thorlabs power meter.

The core S44xC consists of four contiguous thermopile-based sensors arranged as quadrants of a square. Their mechanical integration thermally couples the four quadrants. However, the sensor in each quadrant is electrically independent and connected to only the thermocouples in that quadrant. This mechanical integration and electrical separation forms a position sensitive device (PSD). If the beam spot is incident on one quadrant, the output signal from this quadrant will be higher than the output signals of the other three quadrants. If the beam moves towards the center of the PSD, the signals from the four quadrants will become more similar. The X and Y position of the beam is determined by comparing the signal intensities of all four quadrants.

### 5.2.4.1 OPM Interface for Thermal Position Sensors

Find below the relevant changes in the OPM when using a Thermal Position Sensor, described for a setup using a S440C thermal position sensor connected to a PM102 power meter. The Thorlabs Thermal Position Sensors S44xC can be run using the PM400, PM102, PM102A, or PM102U and the OPM interface will appear correspondingly.

### 1. Devices - Settings Menu

### **Sub-section Display:**

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File Devices Monitoring	Data Viewer Help			THORLABS
	Information Measurement	Tuning Statistics Graph		
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When a Thorlabs Thermal Position Sensor is connected to a power meter and run via the OPM, the OPM menu for "Devices" gives the option to display either the power signal or the positional signal.

When the "Power" is chosen in the section "Parameter", the OPM shows the standard interface.

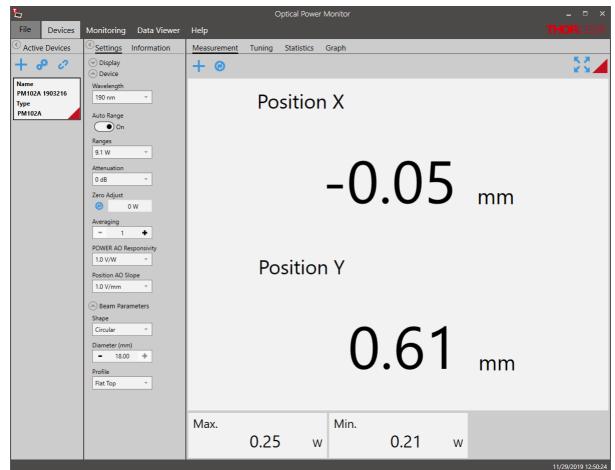
When "Position" is chosen, the coordinates are shown in x and y. The user has the option to change the resolution and sensor orientation.

### **Sub-section Device:**

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File Devices	Monitoring	Data Viewer	Help							THORLARS
Active Devices	Settings	Information	Measurement	Tuning	Statistics	Graph				
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Under devices, the standard settings described in the chapter <u>Settings</u> in the general section can be adjusted.

The Responsivity for the software-configurable analog output port POWER AO can be adjusted as well as the analog position output ports X POS and Y POS.



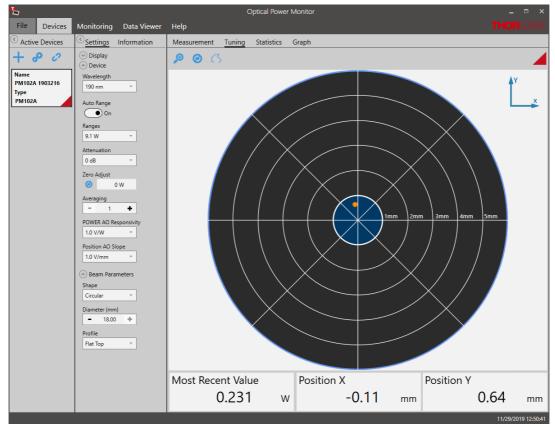
### 2. Devices - Measurement Menu

The Measurement interface displays the X and Y - position values and other values selected via the + icon. Options are shown below.

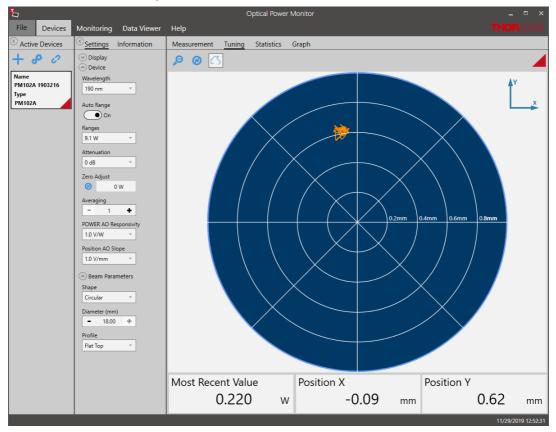
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POWER AO Voltage	X POS AO Voltage	Y POS AO Voltage
Position X	Position Y	Voltage
Irradiance	Power	Power dBm
Max.	Min.	Ratio
Saturation		

### 3. Devices - Tuning Menu

The interface "Tuning" shows a graphic display of the beam position in a target. Use the icon  $\mathcal{P}$  to zoom into the target.

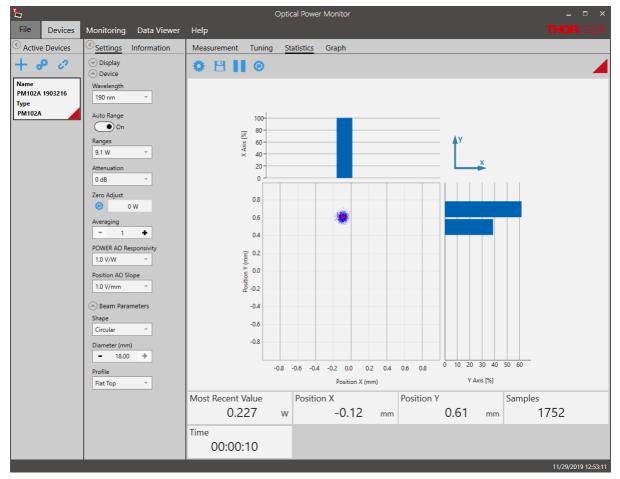


Use the button  $\bigtriangleup$  to trace the position over time and the icon @ to refresh the trace.



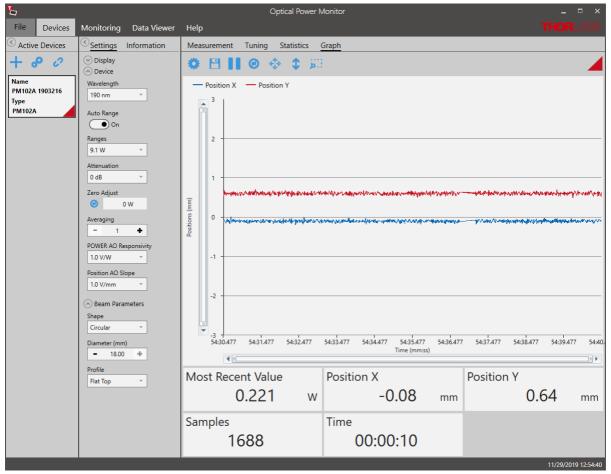
### 4. Devices - Statistics Menu

The interface "Statistics" shows the signal density on a particular position.



### 5. Devices - Graph Menu

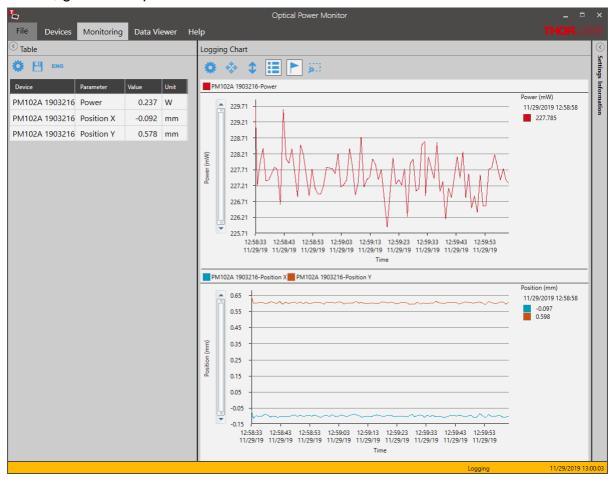
The interface "Graph" shows the signal position over time as a two-dimensional plot for the X and Y position.



The user can now change setting and zoom into the plot as for other graph displays.

### 6. Monitoring

When monitoring measurements with Thermal Position Sensors over time, the interface offers to view positional information in addition to the options available for other thermal sensors. To select those, go to the top left icon <sup>‡</sup>.



### 5.2.5 Custom Sensors

In addition to Thorlabs sensors, custom sensors can be used with the Optical Power Monitor.

### Note

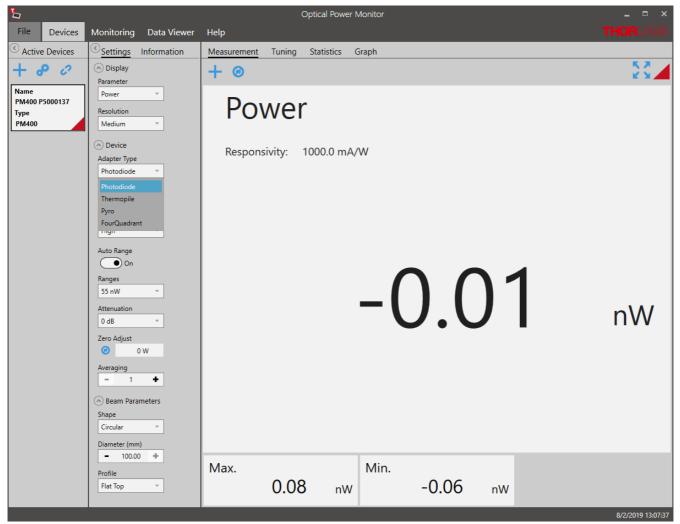
Please be aware that an adapter needs to be used to connect a custom sensor to a Thorlabs power meter. An adapter is not provided by Thorlabs. To build the adapter, please refer to the instructions in the manual of the respective power meter.

#### Setting the Sensor Type

The power meter and the OPM software will automatically recognize the adapter and set the sensor type in Found Devices to the last used adapter type.

<b>%</b>		Optical Power Monitor _	□ ×
File	Devices	Monitoring Data Viewer Help THOR	AES
Active	e Devices	Found Devices	
+ 6	p o	Connect Rescan Select COM Port	
		Powermeter         Name:       PM400       Serial Number:       P5000137         Sensor       Image: 1.0 march 2000       PD Adapter       Serial Number:       not available         Name:       PD Adapter       Serial Number:       not available       Sensor Type:       Photodiode Adapter       Responsivity Range:       1.0 mar/W - 9999.0 mar/W	

The custom sensor type can be changed under **Settings** in the **Active Devices** panel to either "Photodiode Adapter", "Thermopile Adapter", "Pyro Adapter", or "Four Quadrant" sensor for thermal position sensors.



### **Required Setting Adjustments**

The responsivity of the custom sensor is not recognized by the power meter and therefore not sent to the OPM software. This is indicated in the Found Devices Panel above: Responsivity Range: 1.0 mA/W - 9999.0 mA/W.

Therefore, it is necessary to account for it in your analysis or to set the responsivity of the used sensor at the operating wavelength in the **Settings** panel shown below.



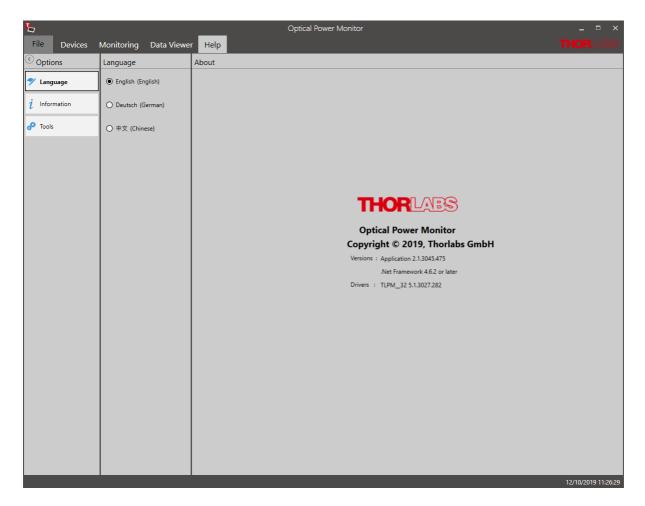
Several responsivities can be added to a list. This way, the correct responsivity can be quickly selected when using different wavelengths.

### Note

If the adapter is not automatically recognized or the settings can not be adjusted in the software, please contact Thorlabs GmbH

### **6** Version Information

For information on the software version, please go to the Help menu.



### 7 Instrument Driver for Thorlabs Power Meters

The Thorlabs Optical Power Monitor (OPM) uses a new driver for the connected power meters.

- Formerly used driver: NI-VISA<sup>™</sup>-based driver PM100D.dll.
- OPM software power meter driver: TLPM.dll.

The new driver TLPM.dll is automatically installed with the OPM installation. We recommend using this driver as it is easier to install, uses less disk space and has a more robust algorithm for recognizing devices than the previously used NI-VISA<sup>™</sup>-based driver PM100D.dll. To change to the new driver, please use the program Power Meter Driver Switcher <sup>53</sup>.

### Attention

#### **Custom Made Software**

Be aware that the driver assignment of the power meters is changed upon installation of the OPM. If you created your own software for remote operation of Thorlabs power meters based on the PM100D.dll driver, the software needs to be modified to use the new TLPM.dll driver. Please read the chapters Adaptation of Customer Software [56] and Write Your Own Application (WYOA) [59] for instructions.

Alternatively, you can use the tool <u>Power Meter Driver Switcher</u> (53) to switch between the two drivers, the PM100D.dll driver and the new TLPM.dll driver, according to your needs. The <u>Power Meter Driver Switcher</u> (53), is installed together with the Optical Power Monitor.

### Attention

#### Power Meter Monitor, Optical Power Meter Utility and Multi Power Meter

To keep using the software packages **Power Meter Monitor, Optical Power Meter Utility** or **Multi Power Meter** software after installing the Optical Power Monitor with the TLPM.dll driver, the user needs to revert to the driver PM100D.dll. To switch between the old PM100D.dll driver and the new TLPM.dll driver, a software tool, the <u>Power Meter Driver Switcher</u> (53), is installed together with the Optical Power Monitor.

### 7.1 Power Meter Driver Switcher

The Power Meter Driver Switcher is a tool to switch between the NI-VISA<sup>™</sup>-based PM100D.dll driver and the TLPM.dll driver installed with the Optical Power Monitor in <u>cases listed above</u> 53.

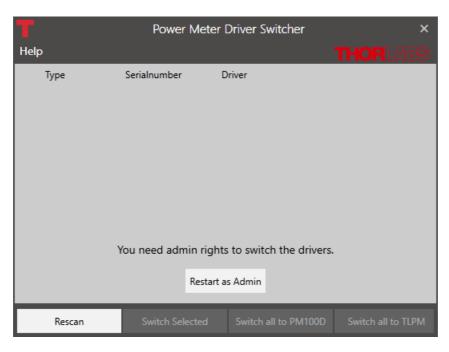
### Attention

To use the Power Meter Driver Switcher and change instrument drivers, you need administrator rights on your PC.

Open the Power Meter Driver Switcher through the Start button or from the Program Folder:

- Start Button:
- All programs > Thorlabs > Power Meter > Tools > Power Meter Driver Switcher
- Program folder:
- C:\Program File (x86)\Thorlabs\PowerMeters\Tools\DriverSwitcher

The Power Meter Driver Switcher opens with the following interface:



Use the **Menu Bar** at the bottom, to **Rescan** and see all attached devices. The table lists the **Type** of instrument, its **Serial Number** and the currently installed **Driver**.

Т		Power Mete	r Driver Switcher	×
Help	)			THORLADS
	Туре	Serialnumber	Driver	
	PM100USB	P2002287	TLPM (libusb)	
	PM160	15041501	TLPM (libusb)	
	PM160	13042924	PM100D (NI-VISA™)	
	PM400	P5000359	PM100D (NI-VISA™)	
	Rescan	Switch Selected	Switch all to PM100D	Switch all to TLPM

You can now convert the drivers for all or the selected devices to the driver appropriate for your application.

### Note

Use the PM100D.dll for the Power Meter Monitor, Optical Power Meter Utility, or Multi Power Meter software.

The OPM can operate with either driver. However, some functions of PM101x and PM400 will not appear when using the PM100D.dll.

Т		Power Mete	er Driver Switcher	×
Help	p			
	Туре	Serialnumber	Driver	
	PM100USB	P2002287	TLPM (libusb)	
	PM160	15041501	TLPM (libusb)	
	PM160	13042924	PM100D (NI-VISA™)	
~	PM400	P5000359	PM100D (NI-VISA™)	
	Rescan	Switch Selected	Switch all to PM100D	Switch all to TLPM

The **Help** panel guides you to the Thorlabs website, the license agreement, and the software version number.

**Close** the Power Meter Driver Switcher after the driver exchange to prevent unintentional use.

### Note

You can use the different drivers for different devices in parallel. Example: Power Meter PM100USB SerialNumber 1 and Power Meter PM100USB SerialNumber 2 are both connected to the PC. You can now use PM100USB SerialNumber 1 with driver TLPM.dll in the Optical Power Monitor and PM100USB SerialNumber 2 with the driver PM100D.dll using another software in parallel.

### 7.2 Adaptation of Customer Software

The driver assignment of the power meters is changed upon installation of the OPM. If you created your own software for remote operation of Thorlabs power meters based on the PM100D.dll driver, the software needs to be modified to use the new TLPM.dll driver.

Alternatively, you can use the tool <u>Power Meter Driver Switcher</u> (53) to switch between the two drivers, the PM100D.dll driver and the new TLPM.dll driver, according to your needs. The <u>Power Meter Driver Switcher</u> (53), is installed together with the Optical Power Monitor.

### Instruction to switch to the new TLPM driver:

 Replace the Header files in the project: PM100D implementation: #include "visa.h"

#include "PM100D.h"

→ TLPM Implementation: #include "TLPM.h"

2. Replace the prefix of all functions and defines  $PM100D_{\rightarrow} TLPM_{-}$ 

E.g.:  $PM100D_init \rightarrow TLPM_init$  $PM100D_ATTR_SET_VAL \rightarrow TLPM_ATTR_SET_VAL$ 

3. Add the library TLPM\_32.lib to the project

In the project settings add "TLPM\_32.lib" to the project.

4. Be sure that the library "TLPM\_32.dll" is either beside the application, in the path of the environment variable VXIPNPPATH or PATH or in the system folder. Use the same location as the PM100D\_32.dll.

### 8 Troubleshooting

- The OPM does not show all functions of PM101x, PM102x, or PM400
  - Reason 1: The instrument might be using the older legacy instrument driver PM100D.dll for the connected power meters. That is why some functions displayed in the GUI are missing.
  - Solution: The problem is solved by switching to the new driver TLPM.dll. To switch between from the PM100D.dll to the TLPM.dll, use the Power Meter Driver Switcher stool. Read about the different instrument drivers in the section Instrument Driver for Thorlabs Power Meters s.

# • A power meter can not be connected, although it was found by the GUI (appears in the Found Devices Panel)

- Reason: The power meter may have been recognized by the OPM while the sensor was not connected.
- Solution: Please ensure that the sensor is properly connected to the power meter, then unplug and replug the USB cable between the PC and the power meter. In case the problem persists, reboot the power meter.

### • A power meter is not automatically connected to the OPM after a hot-swap (disconnecting one sensor on the power meter and connecting a different one)

- Reason: The power meter may have been recognized by the OPM while the sensor was not connected.
- Solution: Unplug and replug the USB cable between the PC and the power meter. In case the problem persists, reboot the power meter.

### • I can not use the software Power Meter Monitor

Reason: The Thorlabs Optical Power Monitor (OPM) uses a different driver for the connected power meters than the Thorlabs Power Meter Monitor. The instrument driver of the power meters was changed to the new driver upon installation of the Optical Power Monitor. That is why a driver may be incompatible.

Former instrument driver: NI-VISA<sup>™</sup>-based driver PM100D.dll. OPM instrument driver: TLPM.dll.

Solution: To revert to the PM100D.dll, use the <u>Power Meter Driver Switcher</u> stol supplied with the Optical Power Monitor software package. Read about the different instrument drivers in the section <u>Instrument Driver for Thorlabs Power Meters</u> stol.

### • I can not use the software Optical Power Meter Utility

Reason: The Thorlabs Optical Power Monitor (OPM) uses a different driver for the connected power meters than Thorlabs power meter software application Optical Power Meter Utility. The instrument driver of the power meters was changed to the new driver upon installation of the Optical Power Monitor. That is why a driver may be incompatible.

Former instrument driver: NI-VISA<sup>™</sup>-based driver PM100D.dll. OPM instrument driver: TLPM.dll.

Solution: To revert to the PM100D.dll, use the Power Meter Driver Switcher 53 tool supplied with the Optical Power Monitor software package. Read about the different instrument drivers in the section Instrument Driver for Thorlabs Power Meters 53.

### • I can not use the software Multi Power Meter

Reason: The Thorlabs Optical Power Monitor (OPM) uses a different driver for the connected power meters than Thorlabs power meter software application Multi Power Meter. The instrument driver of the power meters was changed to the new driver upon installation of the Optical Power Monitor. That is why a driver may be incompatible.

Former instrument driver: NI-VISA<sup>™</sup>-based driver PM100D.dll. OPM instrument driver: TLPM.dll.

Solution: To revert to the PM100D.dll, use the <u>Power Meter Driver Switcher</u> solutions to supplied with the Optical Power Monitor software package. Read about the different instrument drivers in the section <u>Instrument Driver for Thorlabs Power Meters</u> solutions.

### • I can not use my Custom Made Software to steer Thorlabs power meters anymore

Reason: The Thorlabs Optical Power Monitor (OPM) uses a different driver for the connected power meters than former Thorlabs power meter software applications. The instrument driver of the power meters was changed to the new driver upon installation of the Optical Power Monitor. You may have used the former instrument driver when writing your software and now that the driver is changed, your software no longer recognizes the power meters.

Former instrument driver: NI-VISA<sup>™</sup>-based driver PM100D.dll. OPM instrument driver: TLPM.dll.

Solution: You can either <u>adjust your custom made software</u> 56 or switch between the PM100D.dll and the TLPM.dll by using the <u>Power Meter Driver Switcher</u> 53 tool supplied with the Optical Power Monitor software package. Read about the different instrument drivers in the section <u>Instrument Driver for Thorlabs Power Meters</u> 53.

### • The PC freezes/ OPM freezes when logging a long term experiment

- Reason: When logging a long-term measurement, the PC may go into hibernation or sleep mode. This causes the Optical Power Monitor to loose contact to the power meters and results in freezing of the Optical Power Monitor
- Solution: Turn off hibernation and sleep settings on your PC for long-term experiments read the section Logging Configuration 26.

## 9 Write Your Own Application

In order to write your own application, you need a specific instrument driver and some tools for use in different programming environments. The driver and tools are being installed to your computer during software installation and cannot be found in the installation package.

In this section the location of drivers and files, required for programming in different environments, are given for installation under Windows<sup>®</sup> 7, Windows<sup>®</sup> 8.1 and Windows<sup>®</sup> 10 (32 bit and 64 bit).

In order to fully support 64 bit LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> version, the installation offers two installer versions:

- For Windows<sup>®</sup> 7 (32/64 bit), Windows<sup>®</sup> 8.x (32/64 bit) and Windows<sup>®</sup> 10 (32/64 bit): Install "xxxx VXIpnp Instrument Driver (32bit)"
- For Windows<sup>®</sup> 7 (64 bit), Windows<sup>®</sup> 8.x (64 bit) and Windows<sup>®</sup> 10 (64 bit): Install "xxxx VXIpnp Instrument Driver (64 bit)"

In other words, the 32 bit VXIpnp driver works with both 32 and 64 bit operating systems, while the 64 bit driver requires a 64 bit operating system.

### Note

The Thorlabs Optical Power Meter software and drivers contains 32 bit and 64 bit applications.

In 32 bit systems, only the 32 bit components are installed to

C:\Program Files\...

In 64 bit systems the 64 bit components are being installed to

C:\Program Files\...

while 32 bit components can be found at

C:\Program Files (x86)\...

In the table below you will find a summary of what files you need for particular programming environments.

Programming environment	Necessary files
C, CVI	*.h (header file) *.lib (static library)
C#	.net wrapper dll
Visual Studio	*.h (header file) *.lib (static library) or .net wrapper dll
LabVIEW™	*.fp (function panel) and VXIpnp Instrument Driver. Beside that, LabVIEW™ driver vi's are provided with the *.llb container file
Python	*.py wrapper

### Note

All above environments require also the VXIpnp Instrument Driver dll!

During Runtime installation, a system environment variable VXIPNPPATH for including files is created. It contains the information where the drivers are installed to, usually to C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\.

This environment variable is necessary for installation of the instrument driver software components. In the next sections the locations of above files are described in detail.

### 9.1 32 bit Operating System

### Note

According to the VPP6 (Rev6.1) Standard the installation of the 32 bit VXIpnp driver includes both the WINNT and GWINNT frameworks.

### VXIpnp Instrument Driver:

C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\Bin\TLPM\_32.dll

### Note

This instrument driver is required for all development environments!

### **Header File**

C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\include\TLPM.h

### **Static Library**

C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\lib\msc\TLPM\_32.lib

### **Function Panel**

C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\TLPM\TLPM.fp

### Online Help for VXIpnp Instrument Driver:

C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\TLPM\Manual\TLPM.html

### NI LabVIEW™ Driver

The LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> Driver is a 32 bit driver and compatible with 32 bit NI-LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> versions 8.5 and higher.

C:\Program Files\National Instruments\LabVIEW xxxx\Instr.lib\TLPM... ...\TLPM.llb

(LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> container file with driver vi's and an example. "LabVIEW xxxx" stands for actual LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> installation folder.)

In case LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> is not installed or if LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> versions 2017 and higher are installed, the LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> driver will be installed in:

C:\Program Files\Thorlabs\PowerMeters\LabVIEW\LabVIEW 32bit\TLPM\TLPM.11b

### .net wrapper dll

C:\Program Files\Microsoft.NET\Primary Interop Assemblies... ...\Thorlabs.TLPM\_32.Interop.dll

C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\VISA\VisaCom\... ...\Primary Interop Assemblies\Thorlabs.TLPM\_32.Interop.dll

### Python wrapper

C:\Program Files (x86)\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\TLPM\Example\Python\TLPM.py

### Example for C

### Source file:

```
C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\TLPM\Example\C\...
...sample.c
```

### Example for C#

#### Solution file:

```
C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\TLPM\Example...
...\MS.NET_CS\ Thorlabs.TLPM.Interop.Sample.sln
```

### Project file:

```
C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\TLPM\Examples...
...\MS.NET_CS\Thorlabs.TLPM.Interop.Sample\ Thorlabs.TLPM.In-
terop.Sample.csproj
```

### Example for LabVIEW™

```
C:\Program Files\National Instruments\LabVIEW xxxx\Instr.lib\TLPM...
...\TLPM.llb
```

(LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> container file with driver vi's and an example. "LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> xxxx" stands for actual LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> installation folder.)

### **Example for Python**

Solution file:

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\TLPM\Example...
...\Python\PowermeterSample.py
```

### 9.2 64 bit Operating System

### Note

According to the VPP6 (Rev6.1) Standard the installation of the 64 bit VXIpnp driver includes the WINNT, WIN64, GWINNT and GWIN64 frameworks. That means, that the 64 bit driver includes the 32 bit driver as well.

In case of a 64 bit operating system, 64 bit drivers and applications are installed to

"C:\Program Files"

while the 32 bit files - to

"C:\Program Files (x86)"

Below are listed both installation locations, so far applicable.

### VXIpnp Instrument Driver:

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\Bin\TLPM_32.dll
C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\VISA\Win64\Bin\TLPM_64.dll
```

### Note

This instrument driver is required for all development environments!

### **Header File**

### **Optical Power Monitor**

C:\Program Files (x86)\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\include\TLPM.h C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\VISA\Win64\include\TLPM.h

### **Static Library**

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\lib\msc...
...\TLPM_32.lib
C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\VISA\Win64\lib\msc\TLPM_32.lib
C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\VISA\Win64\Lib_x64\msc\TLPM_64.lib
```

#### **Function Panel**

C:\Program Files (x86)\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\TLPM\TLPM.fp

### **Online Help for VXIpnp Instrument Driver:**

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\TLPM\Manual\TLPM.html
```

### NI LabVIEW™ Driver

The LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> driver supports 32 bit and 64 bit NI-LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> 2009 and higher.

```
C:\Program Files\National Instruments\LabVIEW xxxx\Instr.lib\TLPM ...
...\TLPM.llb
```

(LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> container file with driver vi's and an example. "LabVIEW xxxx" stands for actual LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> installation folder.)

In case LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> is not installed or if LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> versions 2017 and higher are installed, the LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> driver will be installed in:

```
C:\Program Files\Thorlabs\PowerMeters\LabVIEW\LabVIEW 64bit\TLPM\TLPM.11b
```

### .net wrapper dll

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft.NET\Primary Interop Assemblies...
...\Thorlabs.TLPM_32.Interop.dll
C:\Program Files (x86)\IVI Foundation\VISA\VisaCom\...
...\Primary Interop Assemblies\Thorlabs.TLPM_32.Interop.dll
C:\Program Files\IVI Foundation\VISA\VisaCom64\...
...\Primary Interop Assemblies\Thorlabs.TLPM_64.Interop.dll
```

### **Python wrapper**

C:\Program Files (x86)\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\TLPM\Example\Python\TLPM.py

### Example for C

#### Source file:

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\TLPM\Example\C\...
...sample.c
```

### Example for C#

### Solution file:

C:\Program Files (x86)\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\TLPM\Example... ...\MS.NET\_CS\Thorlabs.TLPM.Interop.Sample.sln Project file:

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\TLPM\Examples...
...\MS.NET_CS\Thorlabs.TLPM.Interop.Sample\ Thorlabs.TLPM.In-
terop.Sample.csproj
```

### Example for LabVIEW™

C:\Program Files (x86)\National Instruments\LabVIEW xxxx\Instr.lib\TLPM... ...\TLPM.llb

(LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> container file with driver vi's and an example. "LabVIEW xxxx" stands for actual LabVIEW<sup>™</sup> installation folder.)

### **Example for Python**

Solution file:

```
C:\Program Files (x86)\IVI Foundation\VISA\WinNT\TLPM\Example...
...\Python\PowermeterSample.py
```

### 10 Appendix

### 10.1 Warranty

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Average Power	37 <b>P</b>
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