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# **Re-Inventing High Power Semiconductor Device Characterization**



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Reinventing High Power Semiconductor Device Characterization									
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	UPSs	High–End Power Supplies, Servers, etc.	HEVEV	Solar Panel Inverters	Industrial Motors	Wind Turbines	Electronic Transmission, Rail Traction, Ships		
Main Devices	FETs, IGBTs, Diodes	FETs, Diodes	FETs, IGBTs, Diodes	FETs, IGBTs, Diodes	FETs, IGBTs, Diodes	IGBTs, Diodes	IGBTs, Diodes		
Peak Current	2A-100A	0.5A–10A	50A-200A	75A	3A–100A	>150A	>200A		
Rated Voltage	600V–1200V	600V	650V-2000V	600V-1200V	600V-1200V	Today: 690V, Trend: 3kV–4kV	>5kV		

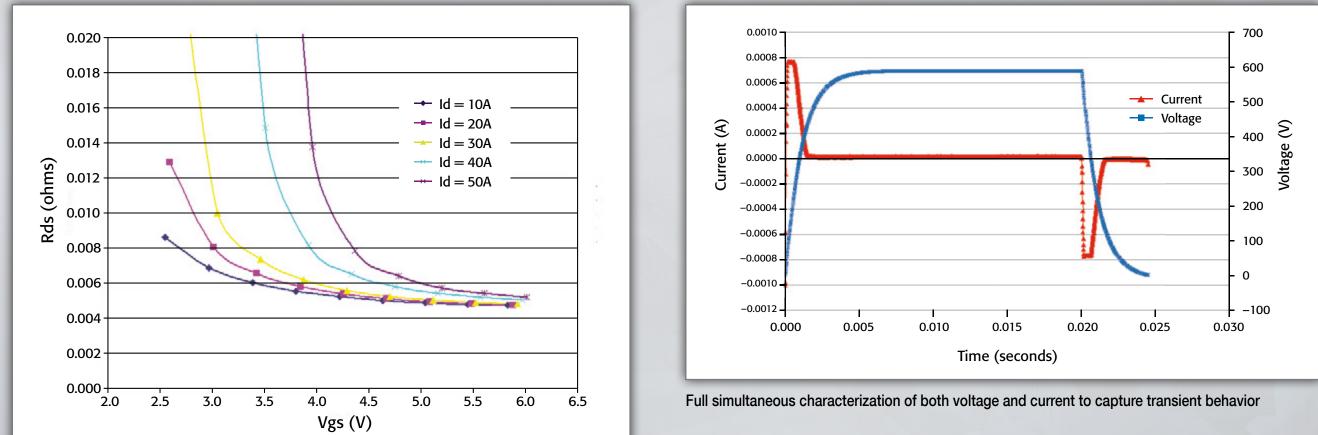
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# **Testing for Today's and Tomorrow's Devices**

High power semiconductor end applications are becoming increasingly demanding, requiring test instrumentation capable of characterizing significantly higher rated voltages and peak currents than ever before. Even more significant, breakdown and leakage test are typically performed at 2–3 times the level of the rated or operating voltage. When the devices are in the ON state, they have to pass through tens or hundreds of amps with minimal loss; when they are OFF, they have to block thousands of volts with minimal leakage currents.

At the same time, semiconductor technology is being advanced so that it can operate at much higher levels of voltage, current, power, and frequency. This develops the need for integrating measurement modes for characterizing both transient and steady-state behavior, including rapidly changing thermal effects and capturing voltage and current transients simultaneously. Today's solutions need to be fast enough to capture and characterize transient behavior without the need to average multiple readings to produce an accurate result.



Low-level Rds measurements to support next-generation devices

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# **Building Blocks of Keithley's High Power Offering**





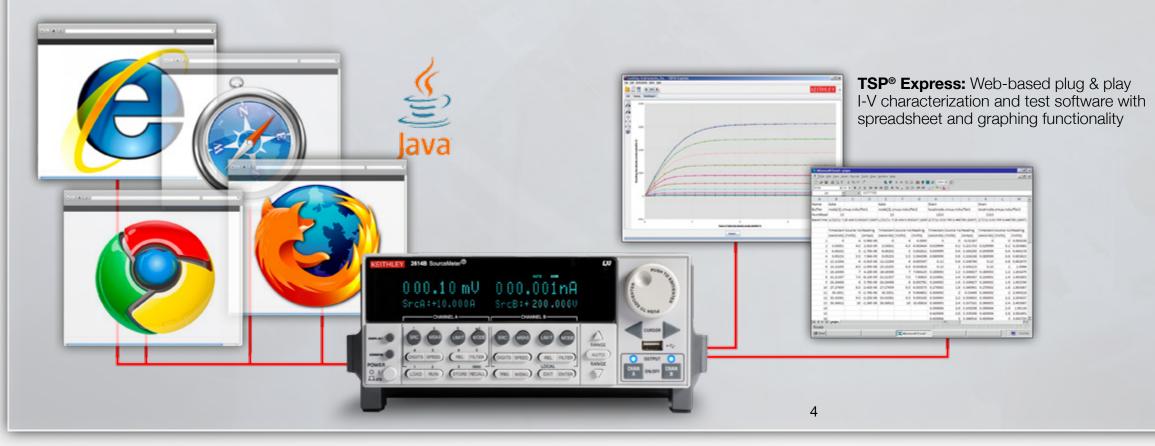
# Model 2636B SourceMeter® SMU Instrument

- Two independent SMU channels
- Up to 200V, up to 10A pulsed
- 0.1fA measurement resolution

# Model 2657A High Power Source Measurement Unit (SMU) Instrument

Model 8010 Test Fixture: Provides safe environment for testing at 3kV and at 100A





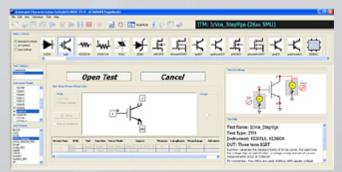
RE-INVENTING HIGH POWER SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE CHARACTERIZATION | APPLICATION ADVICE AND PRODUCT SELECTION

Up to 3000V, Up to 180W of power ■ 1fA measurement resolution High speed and integrating ADCs

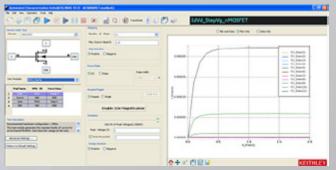
# Model 2651A High Power System SourceMeter Instrument

- Up to 50A pulsed (up to 100A with 2 units)
- Up to 2000W pulse / 200W DC power
- Pulse widths from 100µs to DC
- High speed and integrating ADCs

# Parametric Curve Tracer software: **ACS Basic Edition 2.0**



## **Parametric Test Mode**



Trace Mode For fast and simple single device testing!



# High Power Device Characterization with Parametric Curve Tracer Configurations

Characterizing and testing today's high power semiconductor devices and components is placing a high demand on test equipment. Device design engineers need equipment that can support them throughout the complete lifecycle of a power device. Today, high power characterization systems are available in two main forms — complete turnkey systems and building blocks that must be configured by the user and completed with good software. Turnkey systems can be set up and running quickly, but they can be quite expensive and limited in the breadth of testing that can be performed.

Keithley's Parametric Curve Tracer configurations are complete solutions configured with a variety of high quality instruments, cables, test fixturing, and software. This building block approach offers the advantages of easy upgrading or modification to meet changing test needs. Additionally, these instruments and accessories can be used across different test system platforms, such as for reliability or device qualification testing.

Keithley's Parametric Curve Trace configurations include everything necessary for the characterization engineer to develop a complete test system quickly. The configurations supports both parametric and trace test modes, thus including the best of a curve tracer and a parameter analyzer.

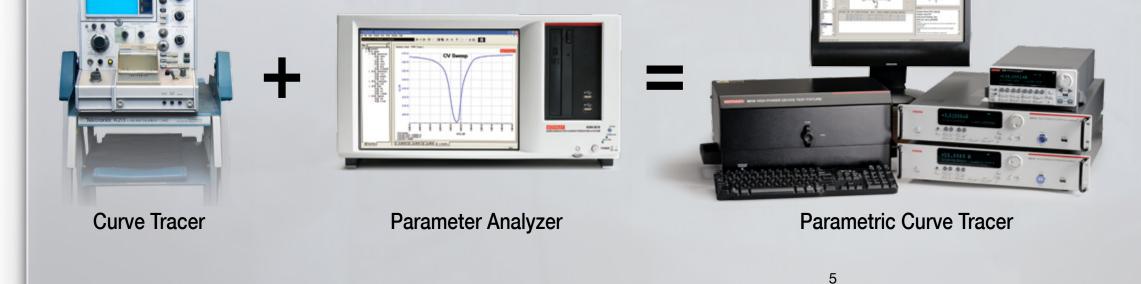
# **Download the Parametric Curve Tracer Configurations datasheet.**

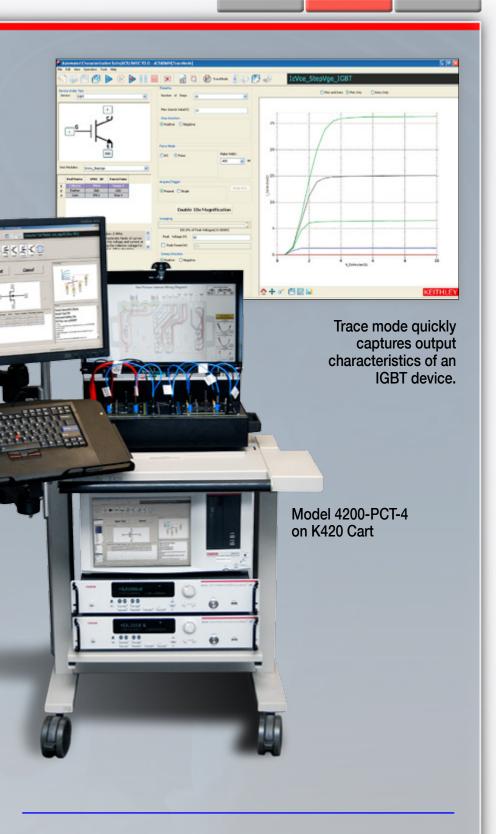
# **Key Facts**

- Configurable power levels
  From 200V to 3kV
  From 1A to 100A
- Wide dynamic range From  $\mu$ V to 3kV
- From fA to 100A
- Capacitance-voltage measurement
- DC or pulsed I-V to  $50\mu s$
- Test management software includes both trace mode for real-time control and parametric mode for parameter extraction

# Applications

- Power semiconductor device characterization and testing
- Characterization of GaN and SiC, LDMOS, and other devices
- Reliability studies on power devices
- Incoming inspection and device qualification





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# Characterize and Test High Voltage Electronics and Power Semiconductors

The *Model 2657A High Power/High Voltage System SourceMeter*<sup>®</sup> *instrument* adds high voltage to Keithley's SourceMeter SMU instruments family of high speed, precision source measurement units. Suitable for R&D, production, and QA/FA, it:

- Sources or sinks up to 3000V @ 20mA or 1500V @ 120mA –able to capture important parametric data that other equipment can't
- Provides 1fA (femtoamp) current measurement resolution for measuring the lowleakage requirements of next-generation devices
- Eliminates the hassle of integrating power supplies and instruments by combining a precision power supply, current source, DMM, arbitrary waveform generator, V or I pulse generator, electronic 18-bit load, and trigger controller.

+120 mA

+60 mA •

+20 mA -

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-120 mA -

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-3 kV

-1.5 kV

Like the Model 2651A, the 2657A comes with dual 22-bit precision ADCs and dual 18-bit 1µs per point digitizers for high accuracy and high speed transient capture. Like other Series 2600A SMU instruments, it includes TSP<sup>®</sup> Express characterization software, LabVIEW<sup>®</sup> driver, and Keithley's Test Script Builder software development environment.

The Model 2657A can source or sink up to 3000V @ 20mA or 1500V @ 120mA.

Learn How to Perform a Simple Breakdown Test on a High Power, High Voltage IGBT Device. Click here.





Power semiconductor device characterization and testing

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- Characterization of GaN, SiC, and other compound materials and devices
- Breakdown and leakage testing to 3kV
- Characterization of sub-millisecond transients



Keithley offers a broad spectrum of tools, both hardware and software, for power device characterization. A typical device test system could include the high voltage Model 2657A, one or two high current Model 2651A instruments, and up to three low power SMU instruments (other Series 2600A instruments or the Model 4200-SCS semiconductor characterization system). System configuration is made safer and simpler with the optional new Model 8010 High Power Device Test Fixture or individual protection modules. TSP-Link<sup>®</sup> technology links Series 2600A instruments to form powerful multi-channel systems that rival the system speed of large ATE systems that cost tens of thousands of dollars more.



# Ready to learn more?

Download the Model 2657A datasheet.



Read the Application Note:

- Creating Multi-SMU Systems for High Power Semiconductor Characterization.

The recent push for higher power, more efficient semiconductor devices has spurred the development of devices based on advanced materials that surpass the limitations of devices built on silicon. DC characterization of power semiconductor devices requires test systems that incorporate high voltage and high current source measurement units (SMUs). The steps required to properly build these test systems are detailed in this new application note. More...



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**Click on the video above** – Learn how to Perform a Simple Breakdown Test on a High Power, High Voltage IGBT Device.

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# Get Unmatched Performance for Characterizing and Testing **High Power, High Current Electronics**

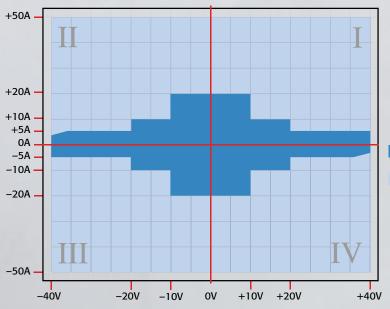
Our new Model 2651A High Power/High Current System SourceMeter® Instrument simplifies characterizing today's challenging high power electronics with unprecedented power, precision, speed, flexibility, and ease of use. It combines a highly flexible, fourquadrant voltage and current source/load with precision voltage and current meters.

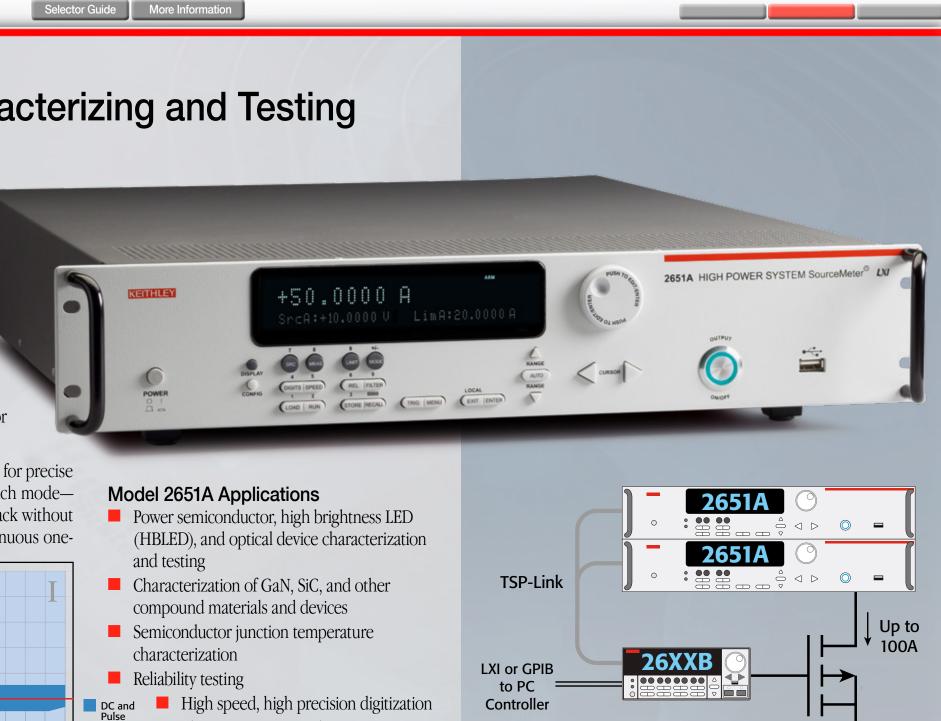
- Source or sink 2,000W of pulsed power ( $\pm$ 40V,  $\pm$ 50A), 200W of DC power  $(\pm 10V@\pm 20A, \pm 20V@\pm 10A, \pm 40V@\pm 5A)$
- Easily connect two units (in series or parallel) to create solutions up to  $\pm 100$ A or  $\pm 80$ V
- **I**pA resolution enables precise measurement of very low leakage currents
- $\blacksquare$  1µs per point (1MHz), continuous 18-bit sampling, accurately characterizes transient behavior

# Choice of digitizing or integrating measurement modes

With the Model 2651A, you can choose from either digitizing or integrating measurement modes for precise characterization of both transient and steady-state behavior. Two independent ADCs define each modeone for current and the other for voltage—which run simultaneously for accurate source readback without sacrificing test throughput. The digitizing measurement mode's 18-bit ADCs can support continuous one-

microsecond-per-point sampling, making it ideal for waveform capture and measuring transient characteristics with high precision. The integrating measurement mode, based on 22-bit ADCs, supports applications that demand the highest possible measurement accuracy and resolution. This ensures precise measurements of the very low currents and voltages common in next-generation devices.





Pulse

- Electromigration studies

A single Model 2651A unit can source and sink up to ±40V and ±50A. Connect two units in parallel via the built-in TSP-Link expansion bus to extend the system's current range to 100A or connect them in series to expand the voltage range to 80V. The embedded Test Script Processor (TSP®) included simplifies testing by allowing you to address multiple units as a single instrument so that they act in concert. The built-in trigger controller can synchronize the operation of all linked channels to within 500 nanoseconds.

Built for building systems. The embedded TSP controller and TSP-Link interface in each Series 2600A instrument make it easy to link multiple Model 2651As and other Series 2600A instruments to create an integrated test system with up to 64 channels. Precision timing and tight channel synchronization are guaranteed with built-in 500ns trigger controllers. The fully isolated, independent channels of Series 2600A instruments allow true SMU-per-pin testing without the power and/or channel limitations of mainframe-based systems.





# Ready to learn more?

Download the Model 2651A datasheet.

- Read these Application Briefs:
  - Achieving Fast Pulse Measurements for Today's High Power Devices. Learn how to achieve the fast, pulsed measurements needed for today's high power devices.
  - Testing to 100A by Combining Model 2651A High Power SourceMeter® Instruments. Learn how two of these instruments can be combined to test semiconductor devices for power management, even when those devices operate at currents beyond that of a single 2651A instrument.

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Click on the video above to view our demo of how you can ombine two Model 2651As to source currents as high as 100A!

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# System SourceMeter<sup>®</sup> SMU Instruments

Feature	2651A / 2657A High Current / High Voltage	2634B / 2635B / 2636B Low Current	2602B / 2612B Dual Channel	2601B Single (
# of Channels	1 (optional expansion to 32 via TSP-Link®)	1 – 2 (optional expansion to 64 via TSP Link for 2635B/2363B)	2 (optional expansion to 64 via TSP-Link)	1 (optional to 32 via
Current Max / Min	2651A: 50A pulse/100fA 2657A: 120mA/1fA	2634B: 10A pulse/1fA 2636B, 2635B: 10A pulse/0.1fA	10A pulse/100fA	10A puls
Voltage Max / Min	2651A: 40V/100nV 2657A: 3,000V/100nV	200V/100nV	40V/100nV for 2602B 200V/100nV for 2612B	40V/100nV 200V/100n <sup>v</sup>
System-Level Automation	Digital I/O, TSP-Link, Contact Check	Digital I/O, TSP-Link, Contact Check (not available on 2634B)	Digital I/O, TSP-Link, Contact Check	Digital I/O, Contac
Max readings / sec	38,500 1µSec/pt.,18-bit digitizer	20,000	20,000	20,
Computer Interface	GPIB, LAN (LXI), RS-232	GPIB, LAN (LXI), RS-232, USB	GPIB, LAN (LXI), RS-232, USB	GPIB, LAN (LXI
Connectors/Cabling	2651A: Screw terminal, adaptors for banana 2657A: HV triax, SHV	Triax	Screw terminal, adaptors for banana or triax	Screw termina banana







Feature	6430 Low I SourceMeter	2430 High Power SourceMeter Instrument	2410 High V SourceMeter Instrument	2420 / 2425 / 2440 Higl SourceMeter Instrumer
Current Max / Min	105mA / 10aA	10.5A pulse / 100pA	1.05A / 10pA	5.25A/ 100pA
Voltage Max / Min	200V / 1uV	200V / 1uV	1100V / 1uV	100V / 1uV
Power	2W	1100W	22W	110W
Max readings / sec	256	2,000	2,000	2,000
Interface	GPIB, RS-232, Digital I/O, Trigger Link Trigger Bus	GPIB, RS-232, Digital I/O, Trigger Link Trigger Bus	GPIB, RS-232, Digital I/O, Trigger Link Trigger Bus	GPIB, RS-232, Digital I/ Trigger Link Trigger Bu
Connectors	Triax	Banana (front / rear)	Banana (front / rear)	Banana (front / rear)
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### 2604B / 2614B Dual Channel Benchtop

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200V/100nV for 2614B

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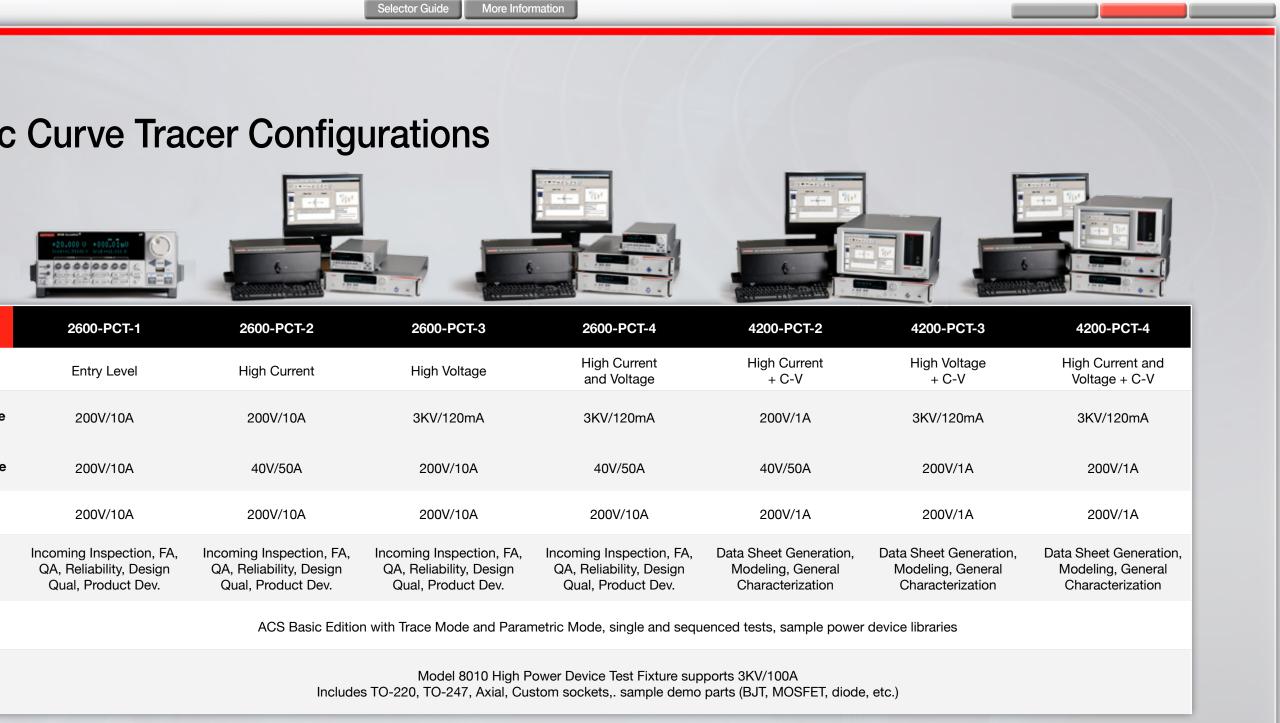
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I/O,GPIB, RS-232, Digital I/O,BusTrigger Link Trigger Bus

Banana (front / rear)



# **Keithley Parametric Curve Tracer Configurations**



	Model	2600-PCT-1	2600-PCT-2	2600-PCT-3	2600-PCT-4	4200-PCT-2
	Туре	Entry Level	High Current	High Voltage	High Current and Voltage	High Current + C-V
Collector/ Drain Supply	High Voltage Mode	200V/10A	200V/10A	3KV/120mA	3KV/120mA	200V/1A
	High Current Mode	200V/10A	40V/50A	200V/10A	40V/50A	40V/50A
	tep Generator se/Gate supply)	200V/10A	200V/10A	200V/10A	200V/10A	200V/1A
Typical Applications		Incoming Inspection, FA, QA, Reliability, Design Qual, Product Dev.	Data Sheet Generat Modeling, Genera Characterization			

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