

Modelling And Impact Of Solar Eclipses On PV Energy Production

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Envision Energy

World champion wind turbine manufacturer and #1 order taker in 2019



Envision Digital

A global leader in AIoT operating system EnOS™



Envision AESC

A global leader in AIoT-defined batteries



Envision Ventures

Building a global AIoT, CleanTech eco-system



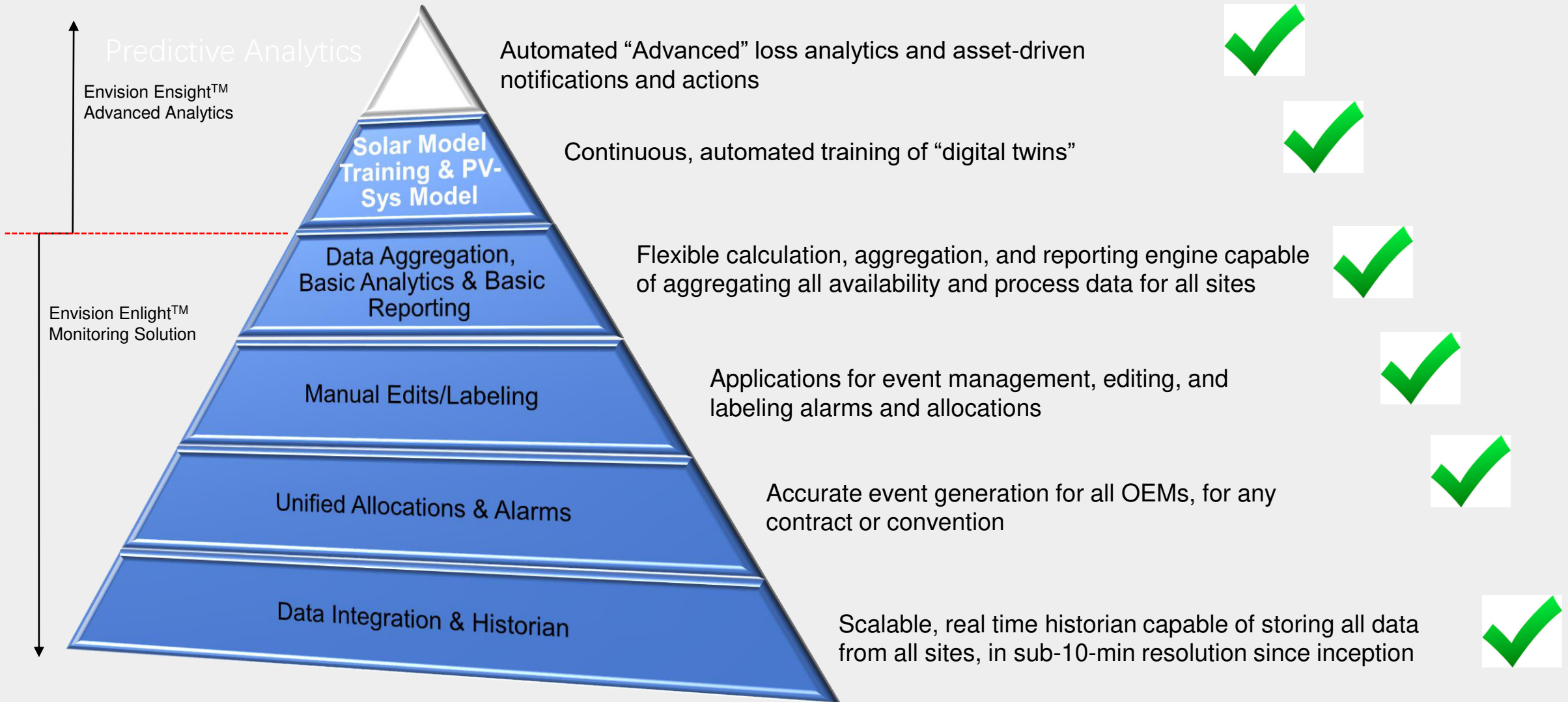
Envision Virgin Racing

*eMobility powered by AIoT
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- **A 13-year old Digital Energy Pioneer and RE100 Member**
- **Global #1 wind turbine manufacturer (by order volume)**
 - *Leading software-defined smart wind turbine; Superconducting generator pioneer; Smart Wind Farm developer; Global projects portfolio.*
- **#1 Energy AIoT Platform:**
 - *200GW of energy assets managed, across more than 30,000 sites*
 - *100M IoT sensors connected, processing over 44B energy transactions daily*
- **Global top 5 EV battery supplier**
 - *2000+ patents; powering 500,000+ EVs; 1M+ operating ESS hours with Zero incidents – making us the worlds safest battery solutions supplier*
- **Leading International CleanTech Investor:**
 - *AESC, Sonnen, Chargepoint, AutoGrid, Bazefield, ClimaCell, Baffle, PreNav, Orbital Insights, PubNub, Vidder, Onion Id, ProtectWise, ZingBox, etc.*
- **10 Research & Development Centers Globally**
- **7000+ Staff operating in more than 20 Countries**



Advanced Analytics...Where Does it Fit?



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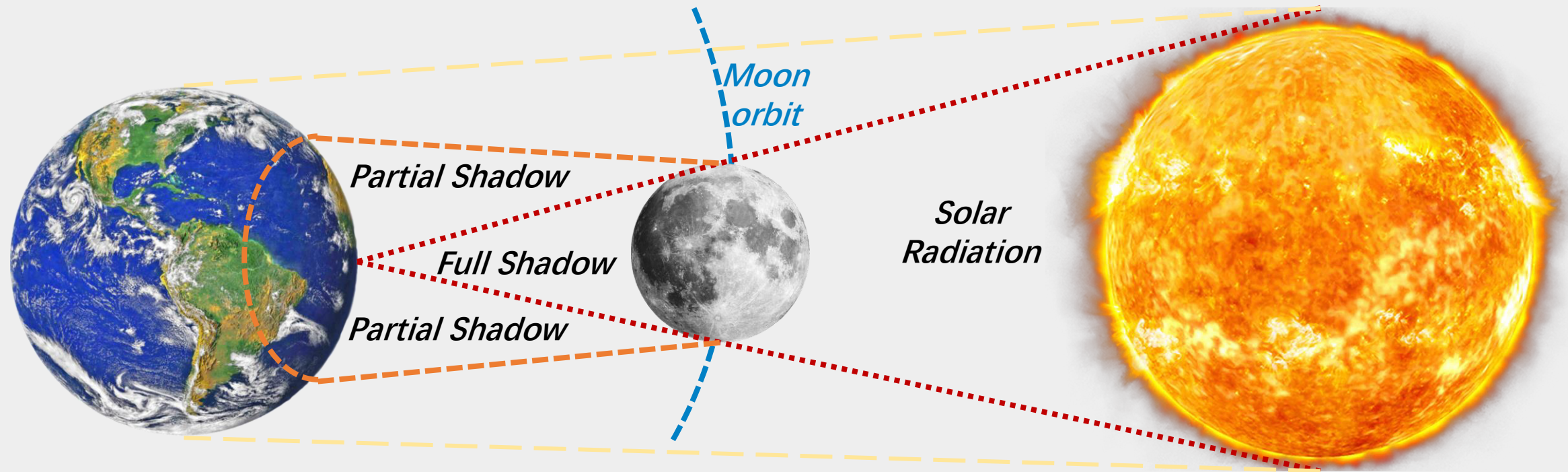
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Introduction

What a Solar Eclipse is?

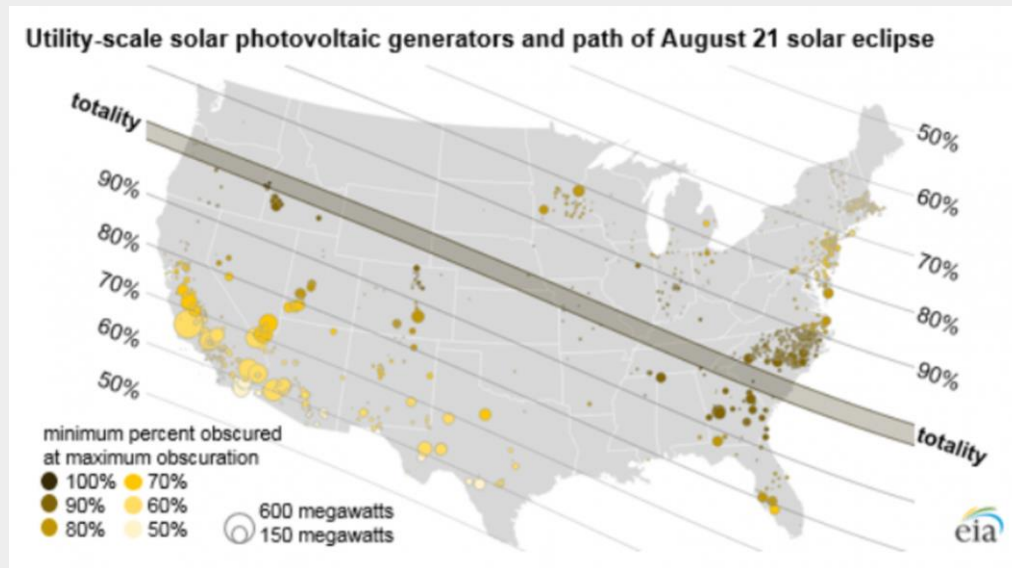


Some examples of Solar Eclipses

- M1.045 10am 20/03/2015 Europe
- M1.031 6pm 26/02/2017 North America
- M1.046 7pm 02/07/2019 South America
- M1.025 4pm 14/12/2020 South America

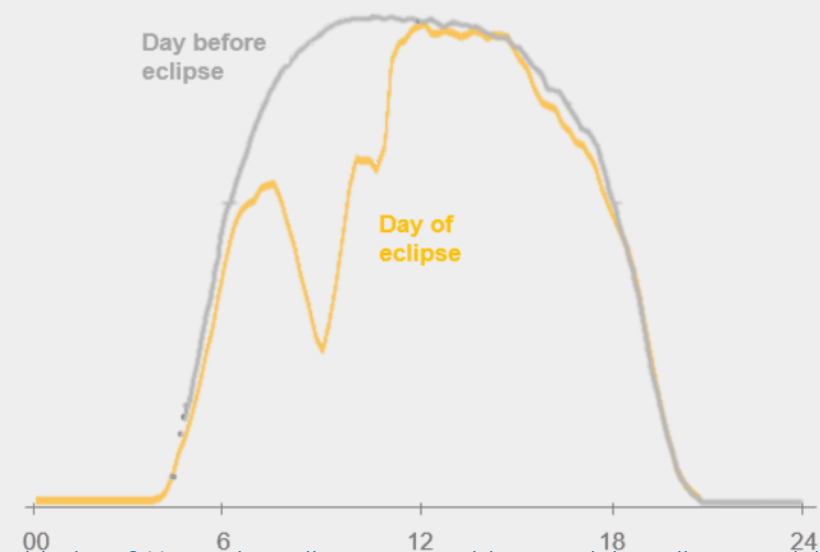
What a Solar Eclipse is?

1. Rare event that can highly impact the operation of electrical grids.
2. Grids with high PV penetration suffer the most due to the large production ramps.
3. Forecasting is important for TSO and DSO to enable an optimum grid planning.



[What blackout? How solar-reliant power grids passed the eclipse test \(phys.org\)](https://www.phys.org)

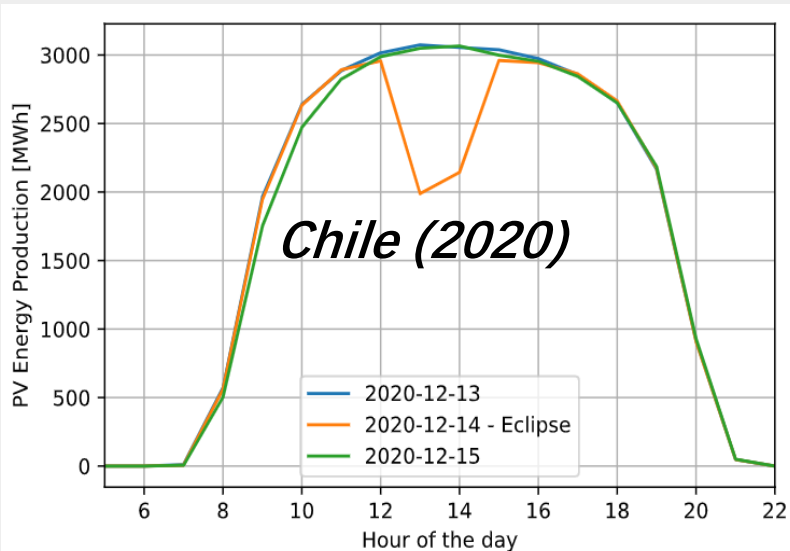
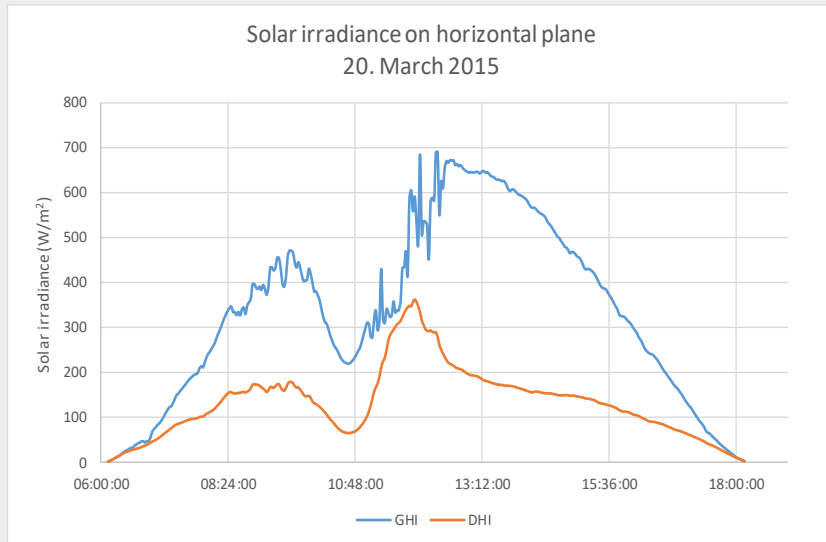
Drop in California's Solar Power Output (MW)



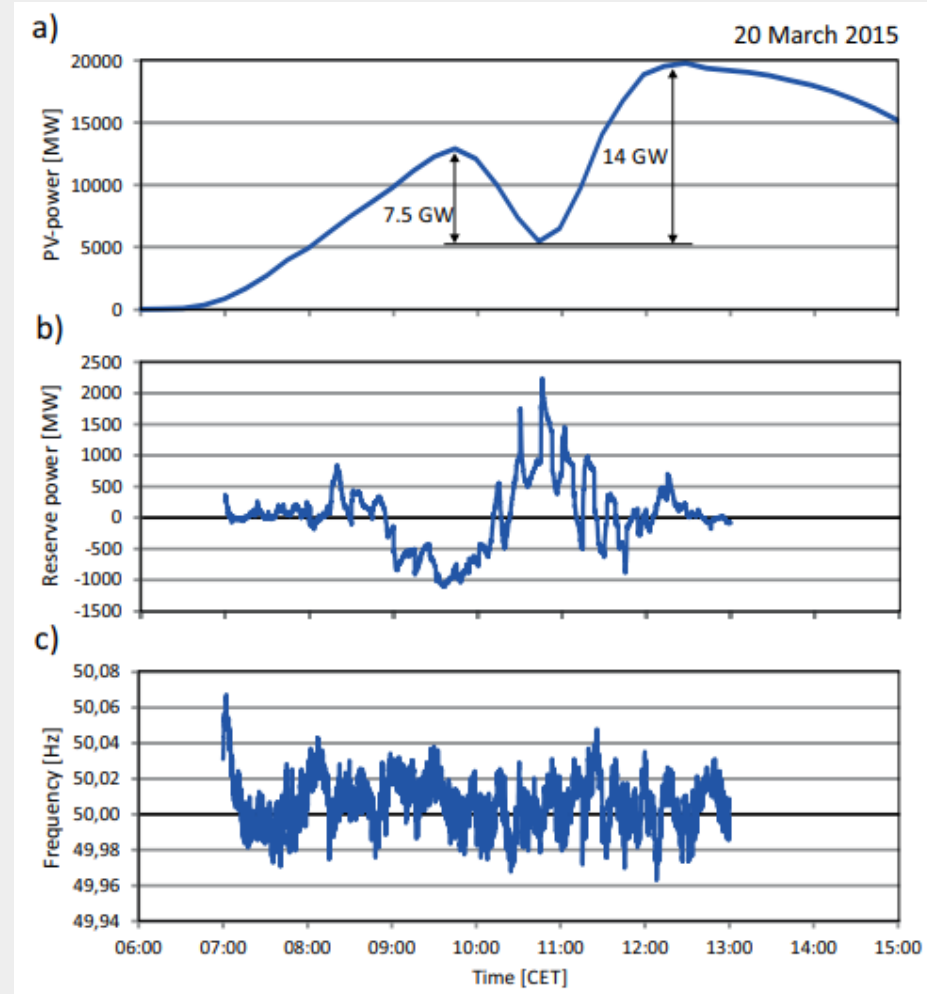
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What a Solar Eclipse is?

Slovenia (2015)



Germany (2015)



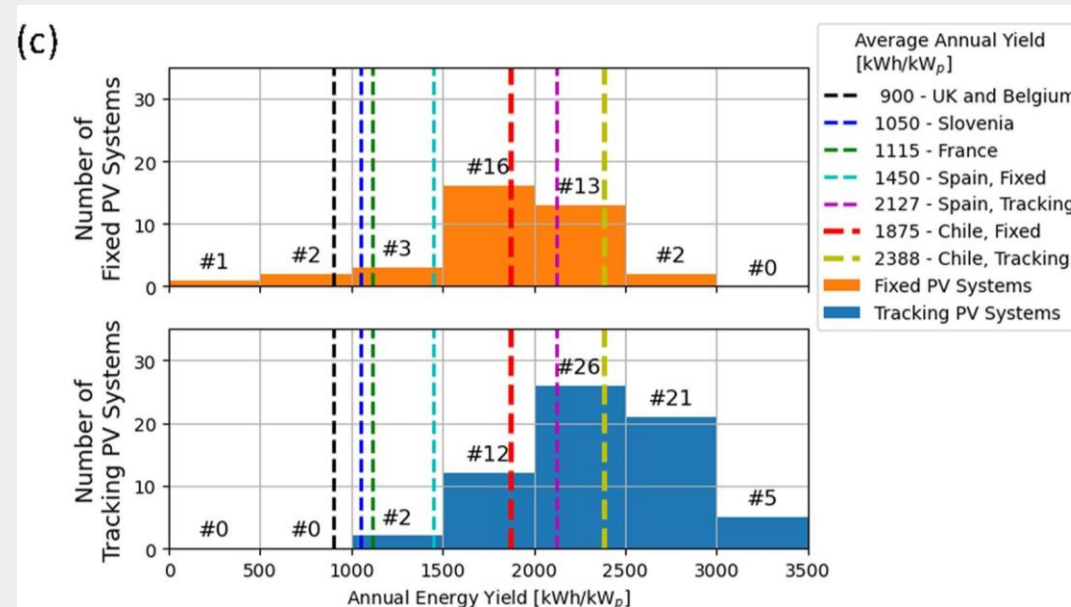
[C. Köhler et al., Meteorologische Zeitschrift Vol. 25 No. 1 \(2016\),](#)

Data Availability and Research Methodology

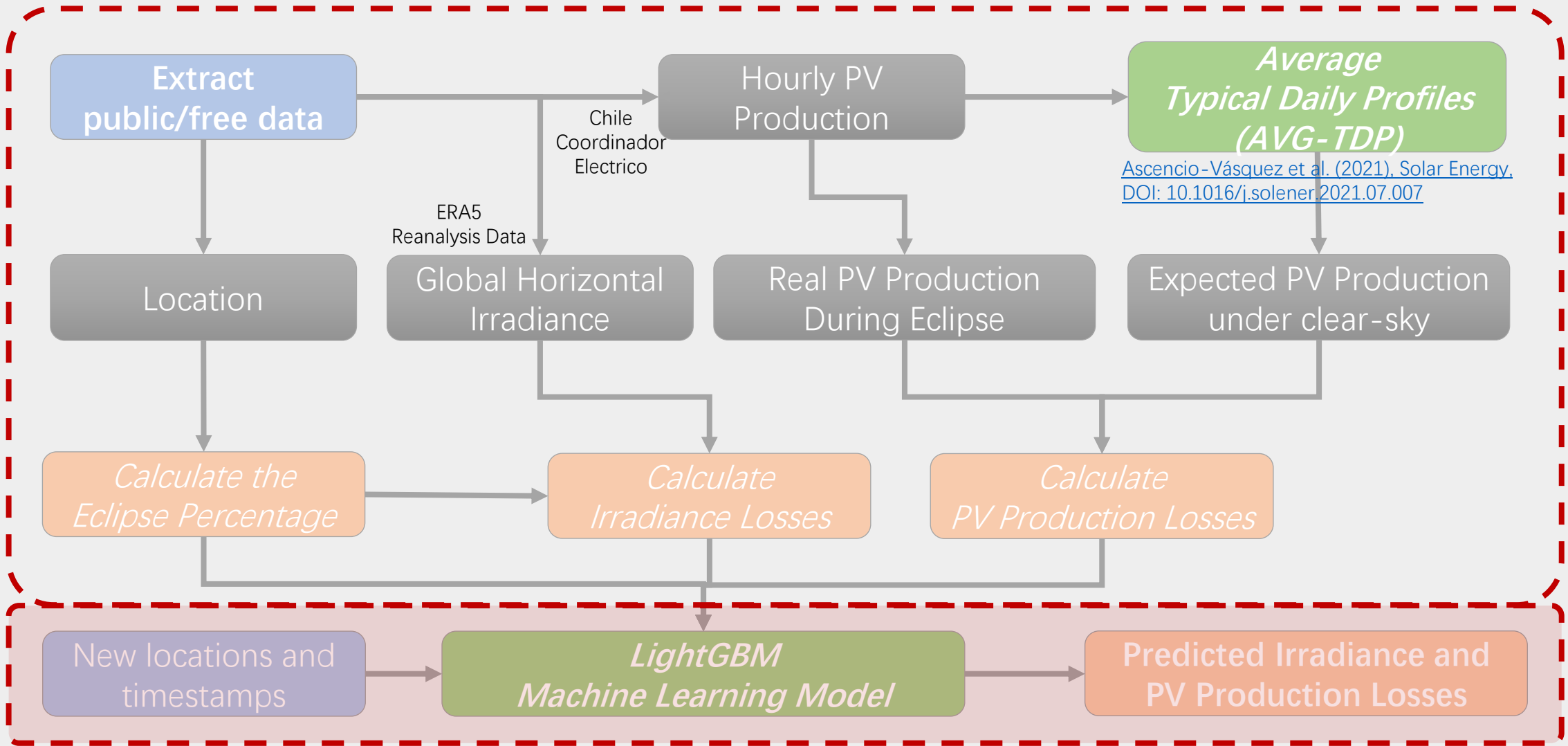
Data: *Chilean PV fleet*

- Highest irradiation levels worldwide
- Very high PV Yields
- Over 3 GW under operation
- Mounting
 - Half tracking
 - Half fixed
- Dataset description in

[Ascencio-Vásquez et al. \(2021\), Solar Energy, DOI: 10.1016/j.solener.2021.07.007](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.solener.2021.07.007)

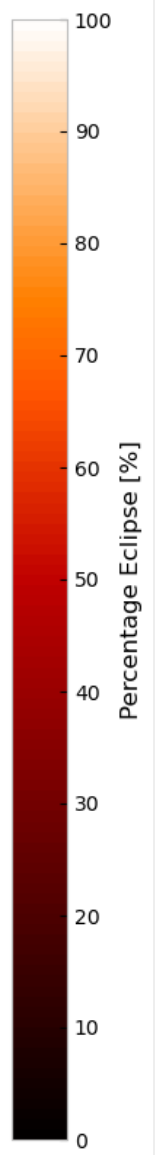
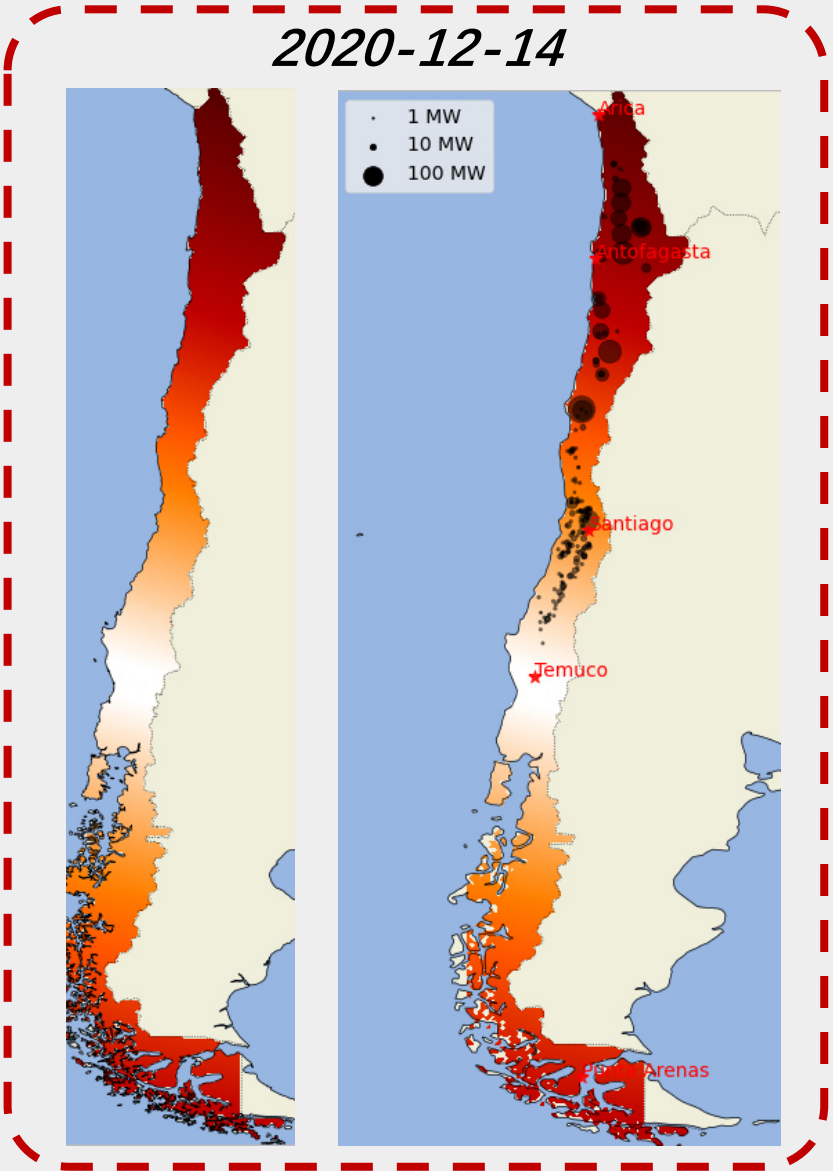
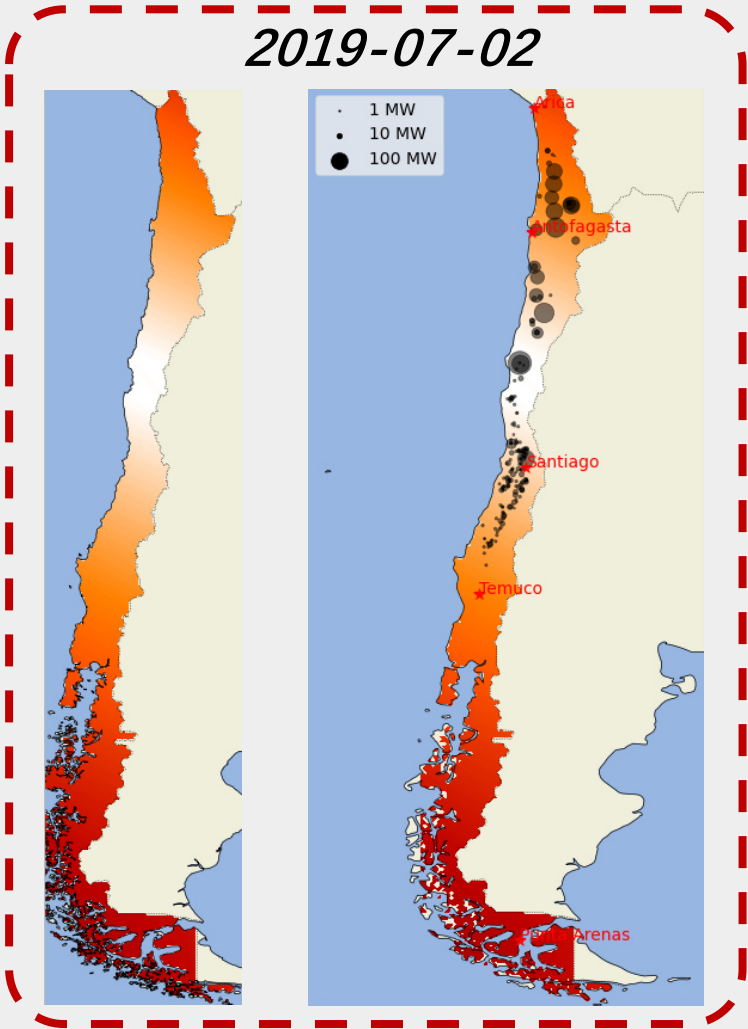


Numerical Pipeline for estimation of PV losses during eclipses



Results

Calculate the Eclipse Percentage

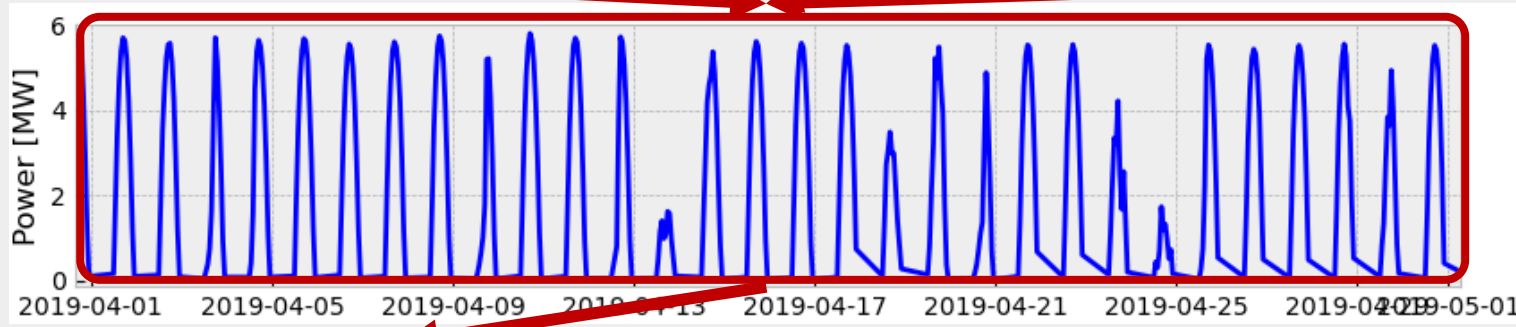
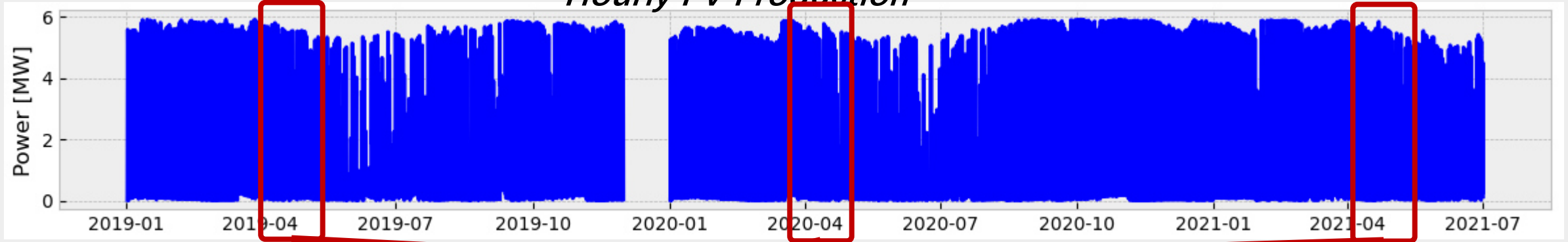


[Castillejo-Cuberos et al. \(2021\), Energies MDPI, DOI: 10.3390/en14175352](https://doi.org/10.3390/en14175352)

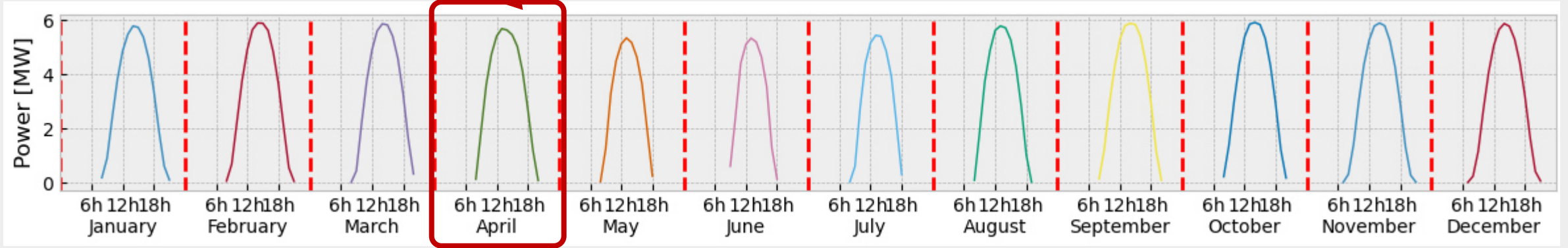
Calculation of Typical Daily Profiles (TDP)

PV System 1

Hourly PV Production



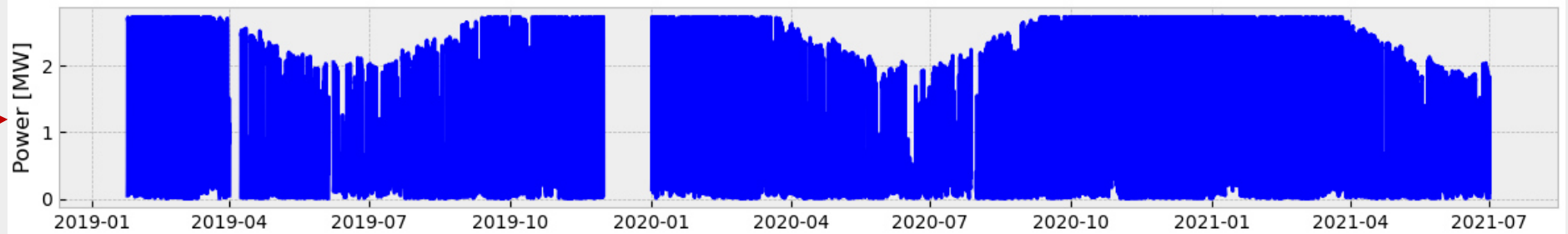
Average TDP



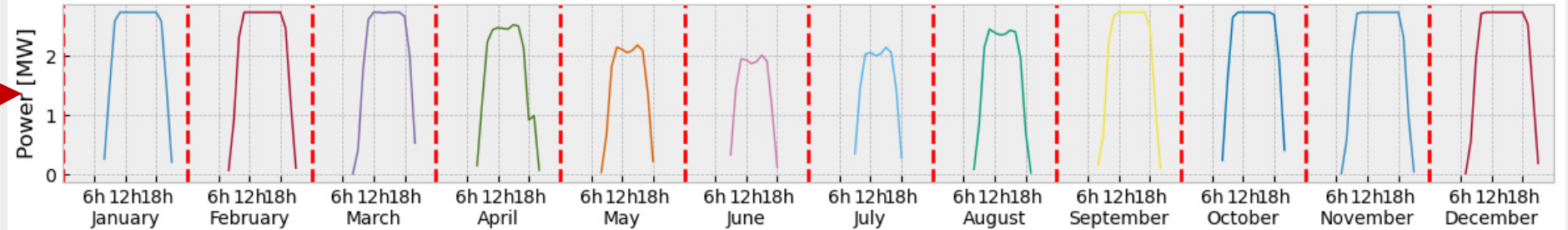
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PV System 2

Hourly PV Production

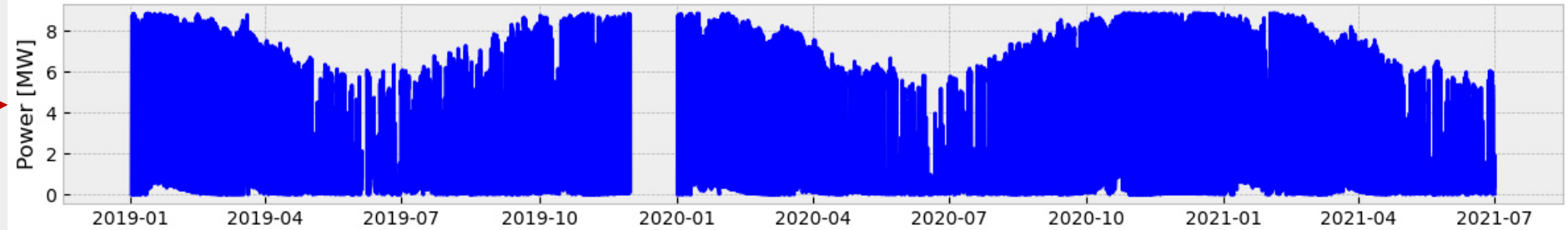


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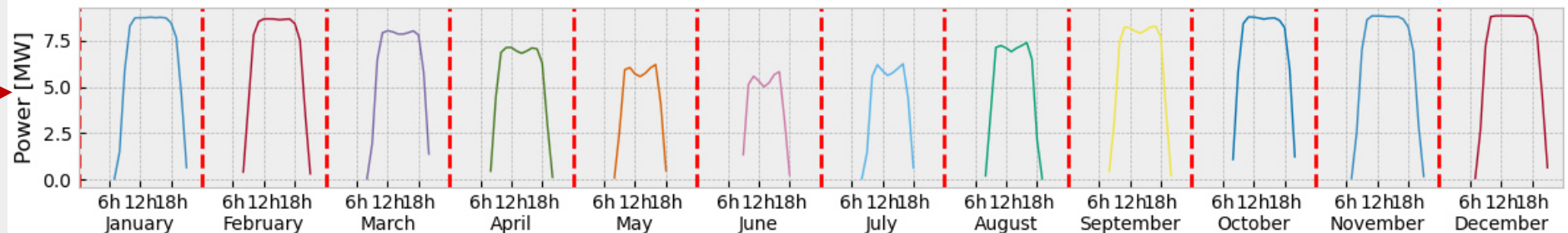


PV System 3

Hourly PV Production

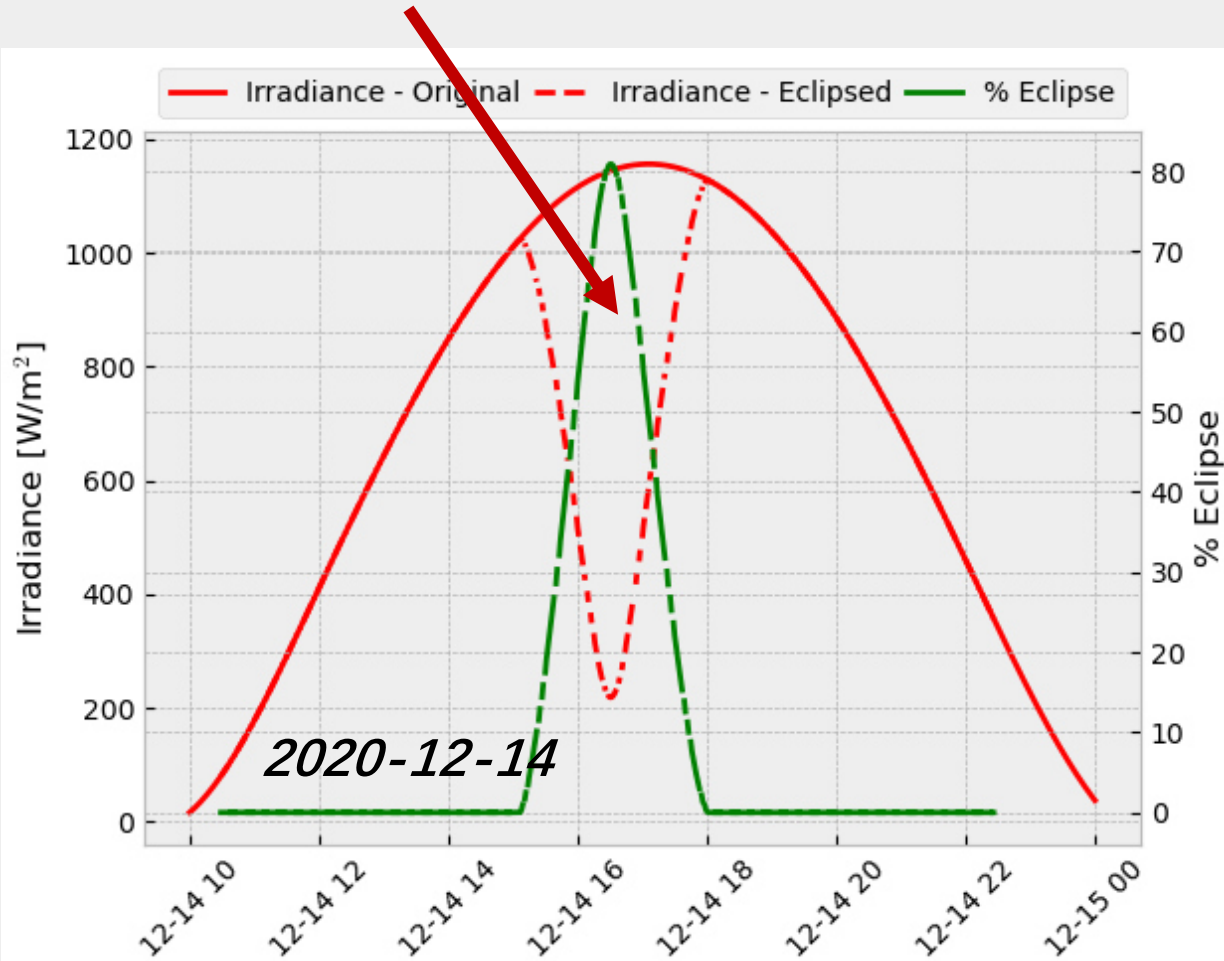


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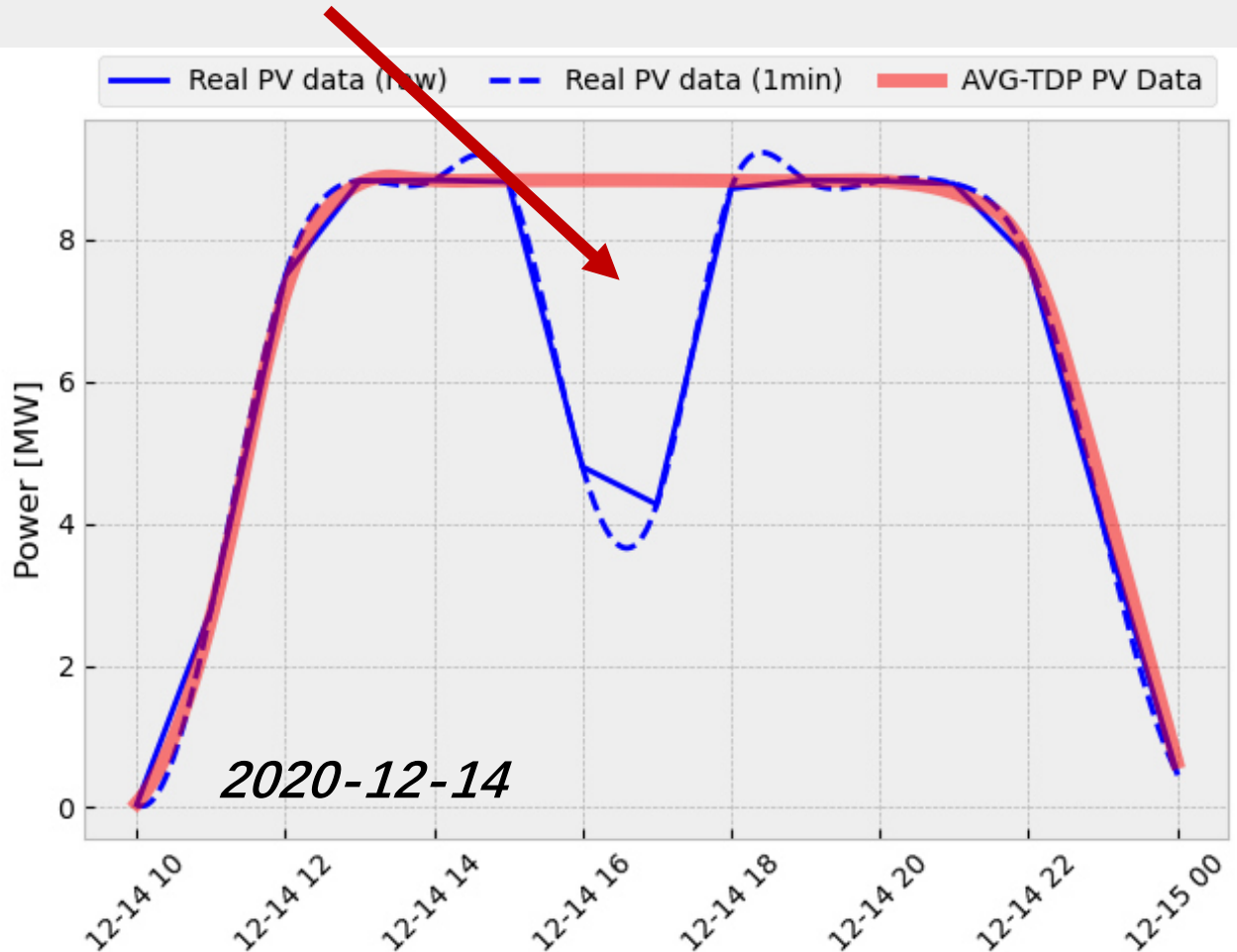


Calculation of irradiance and PV production losses

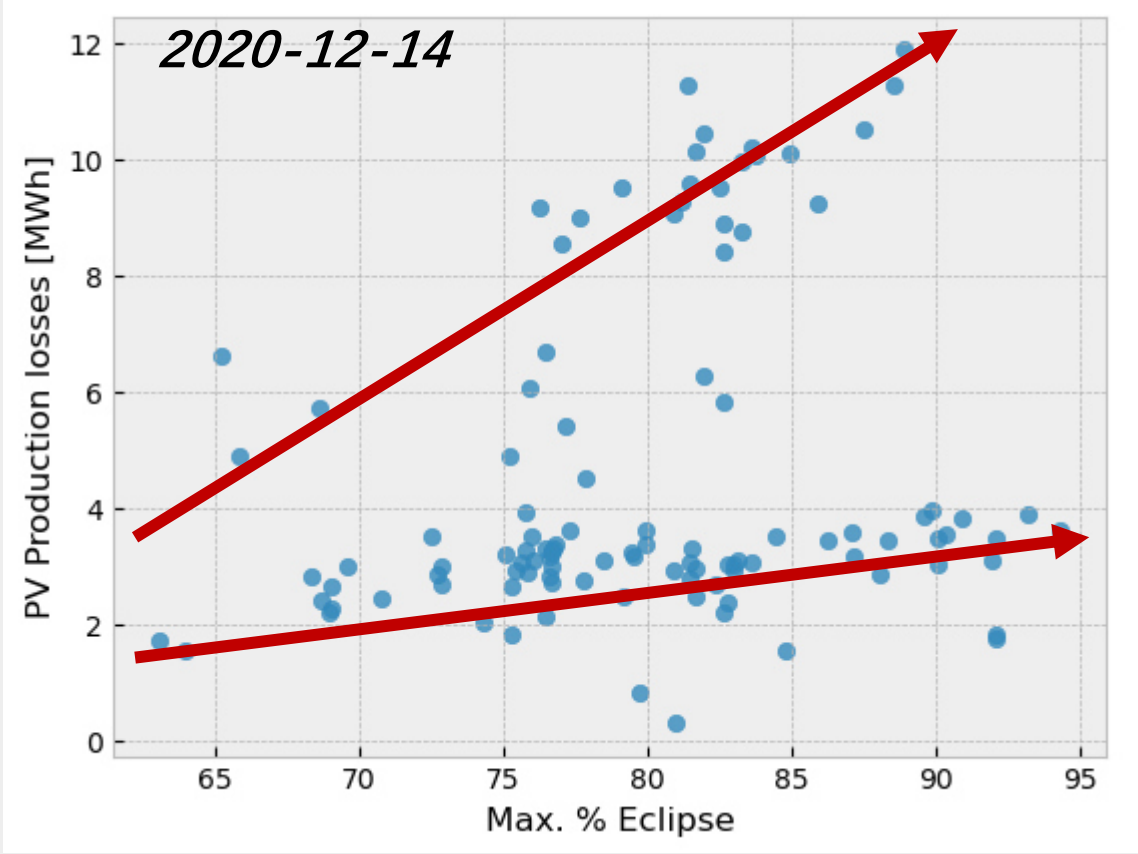
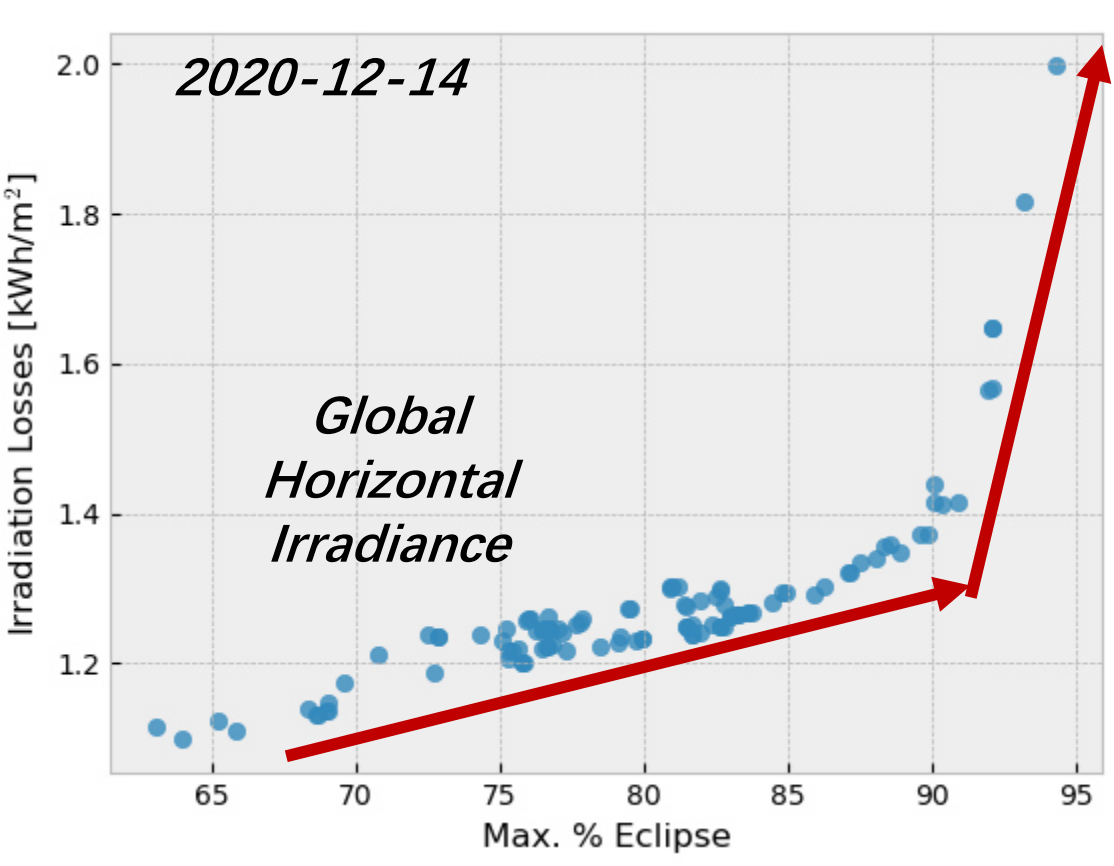
Irradiance losses



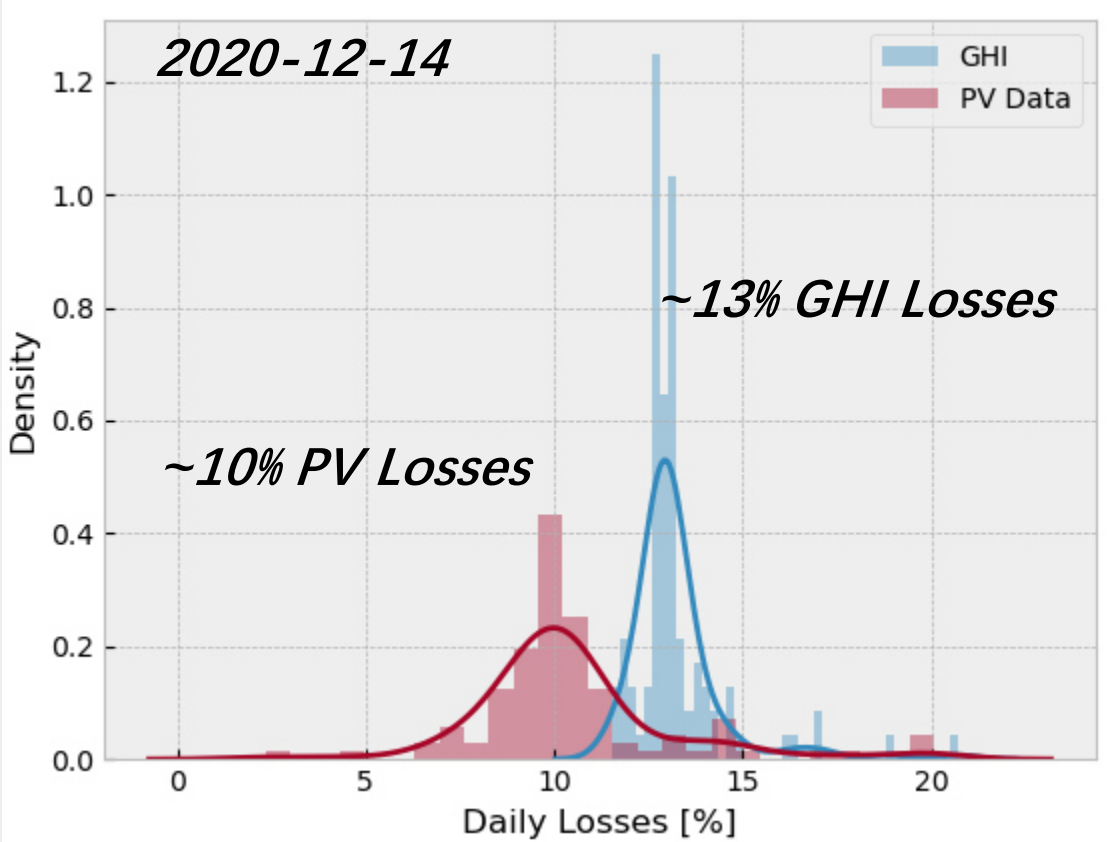
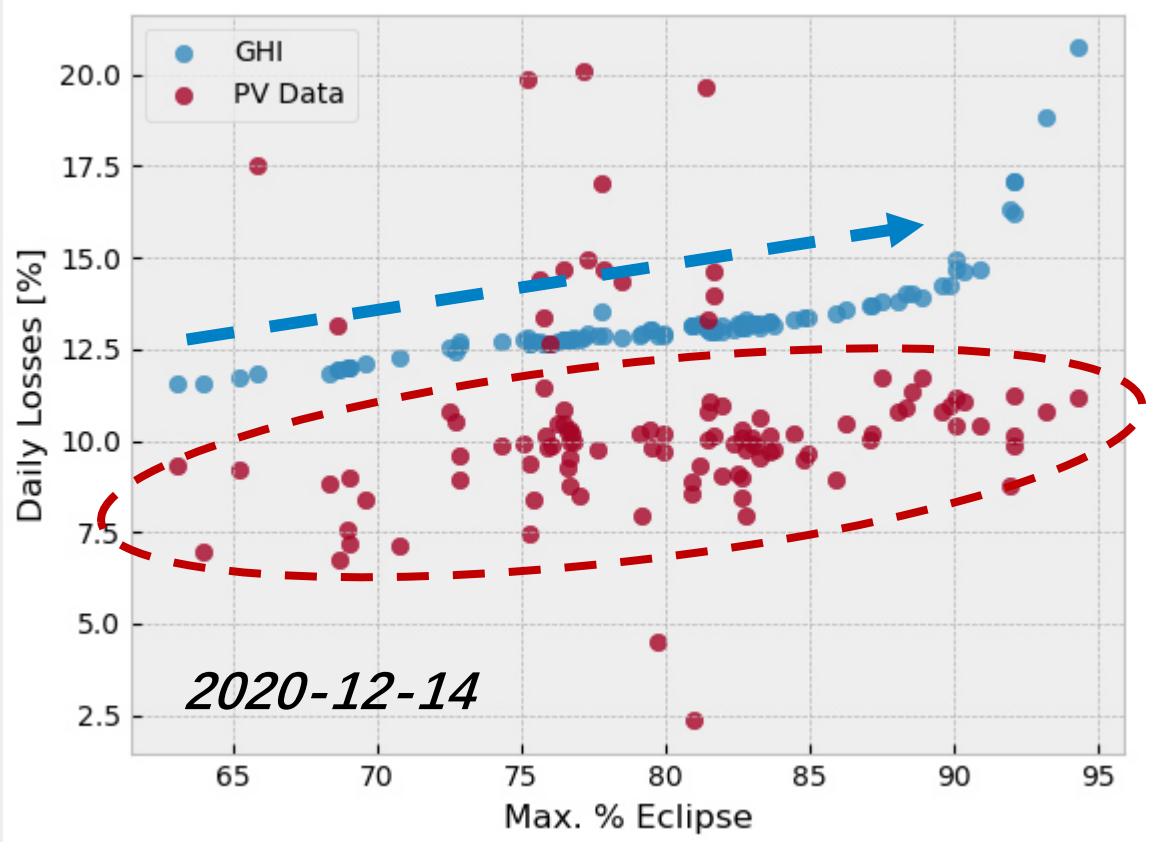
PV Production losses



Calculation of irradiance and PV production losses



Calculation of irradiance and PV production losses



Conclusions

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- **Quantification of irradiance changes and PV losses** during Solar Eclipses can help TSOs and DSOs to anticipate transient behavior and introduce mitigating measures.
- **TDP** proves to be a useful tool for modelling of any PV system
 - Python algorithms ready to be shared (contact me if interested)
- Approach can be applied to any **known temporal performance losses** (e.g., grid curtailment)
- Extend the study to other regions where **eclipses** are expected
 - M1.057 6pm 08/04/2024 Mexico/USA/Canada
 - M1.039 5pm 12/08/2026 South Europe
 - M1.079 10am 02/08/2027 North Africa Middle East
 - M1.046 10am 20/03/2034 North Africa Middle East
 - M1.077 5pm 12/08/2045 North/Central America

Thank You

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