



TASK 13: PERFORMANCE AND RELIABILITY OF PV SYSTEMS

Improving Efficiency of PV Systems Using Statistical Performance Monitoring

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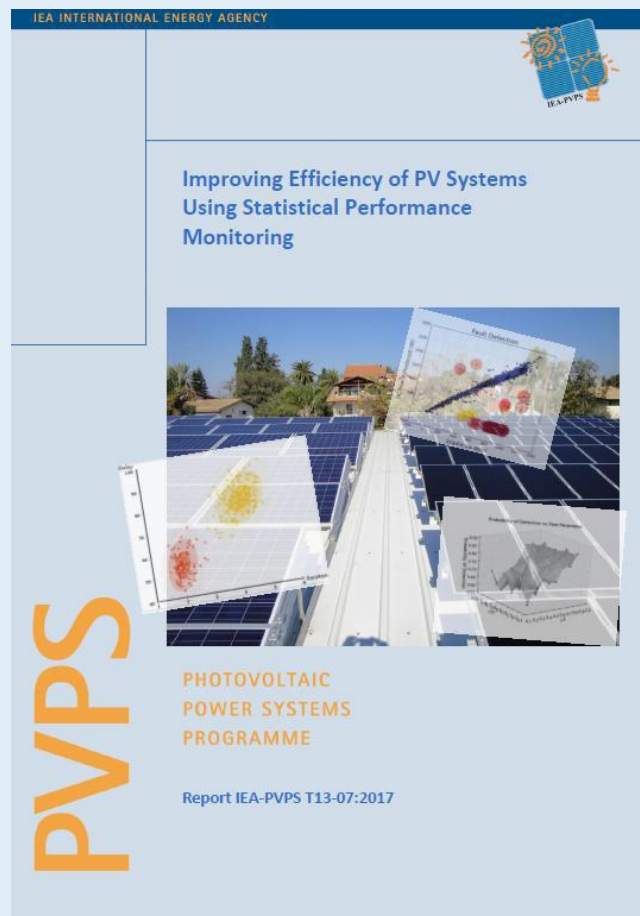
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Independently Motivated Development



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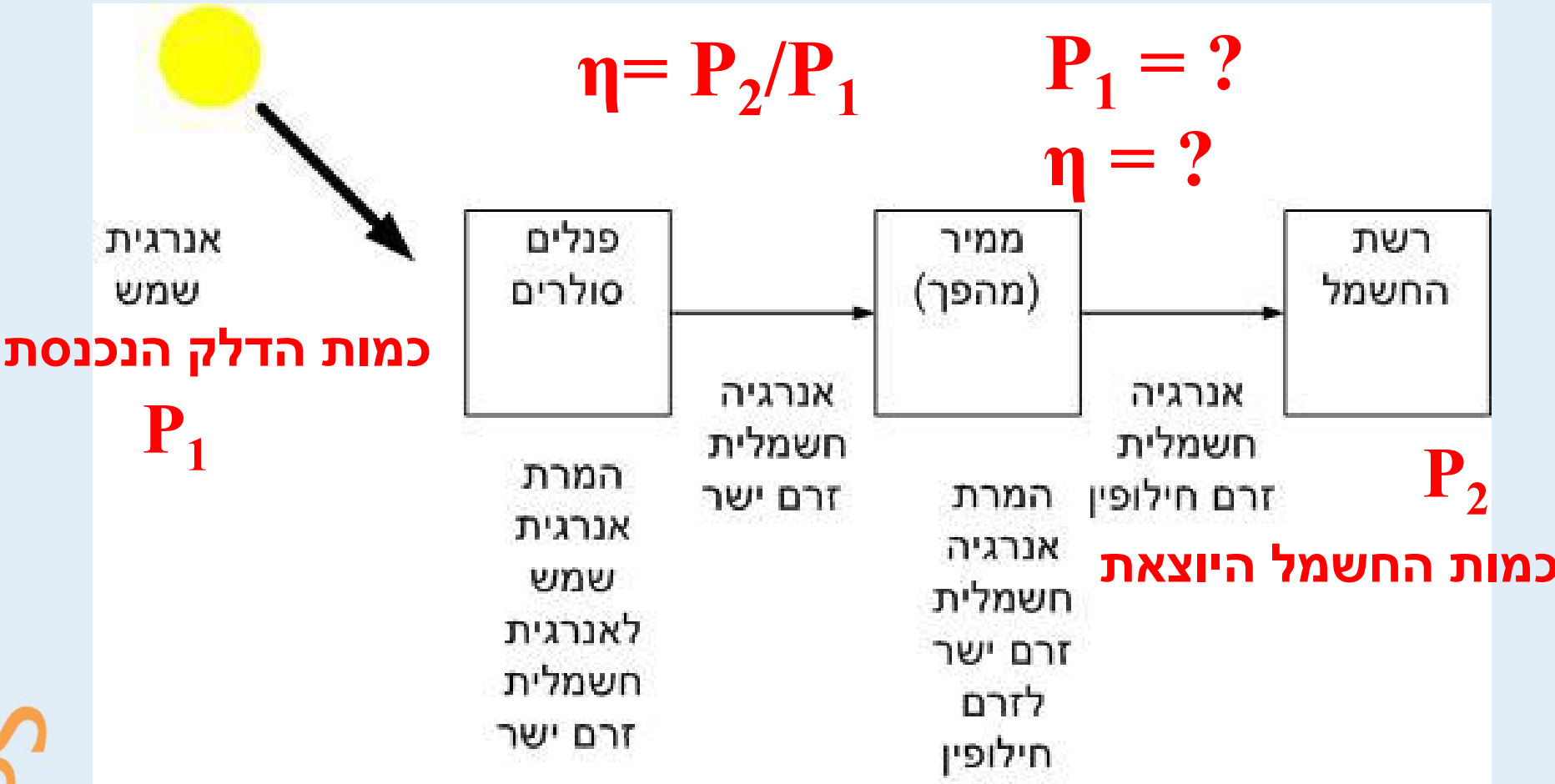
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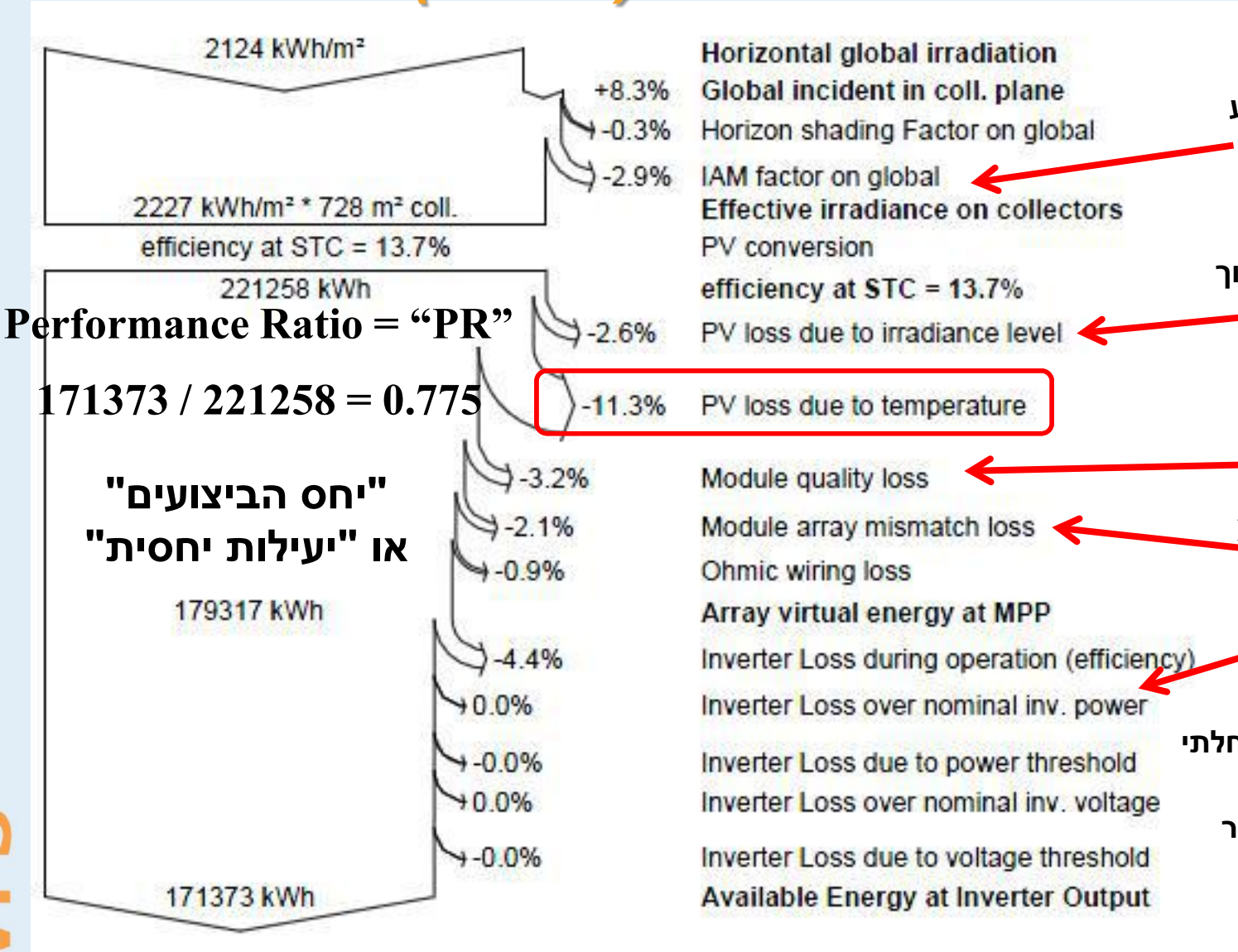
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הפרשים בין צורת IV של הפנלים במערך

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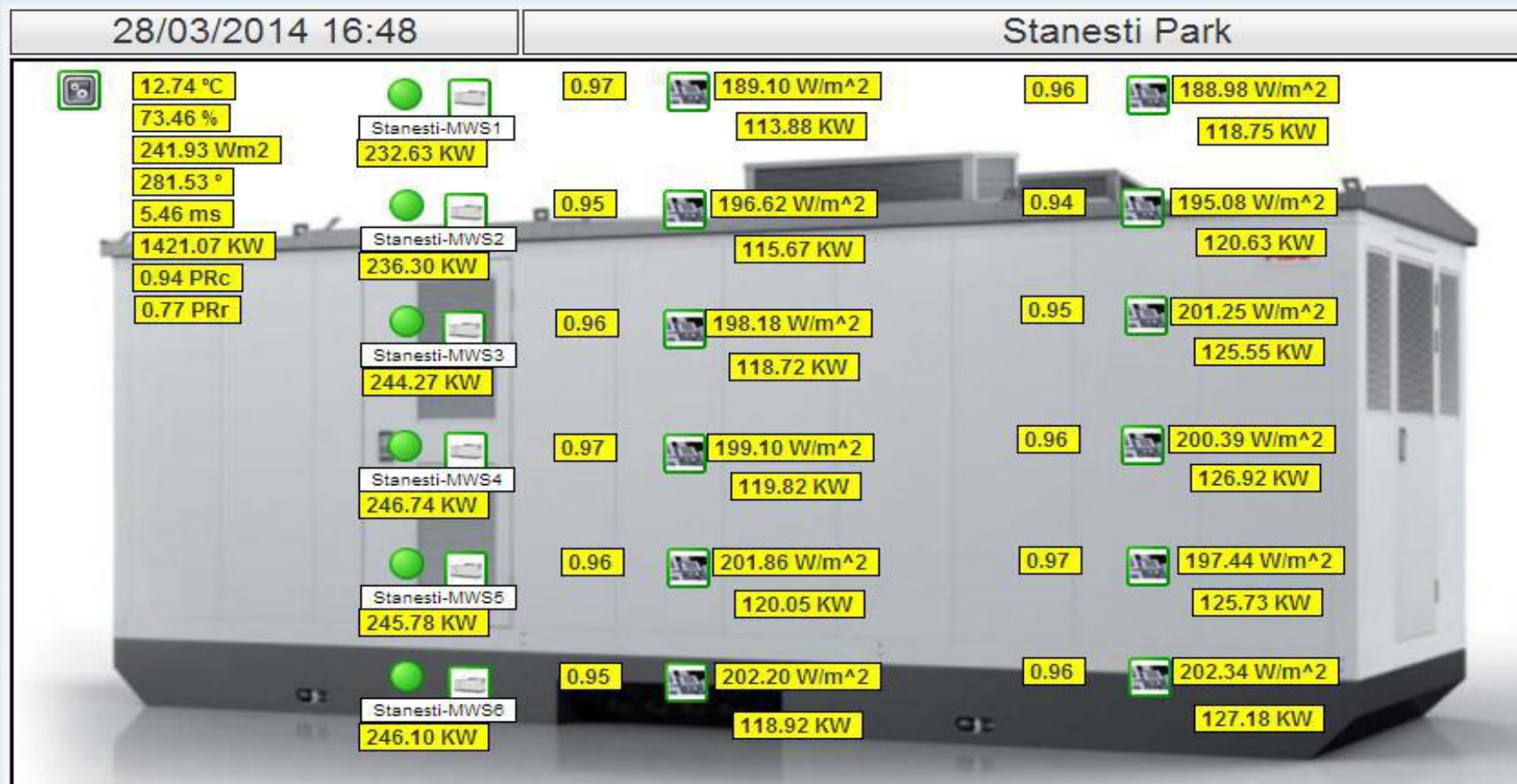
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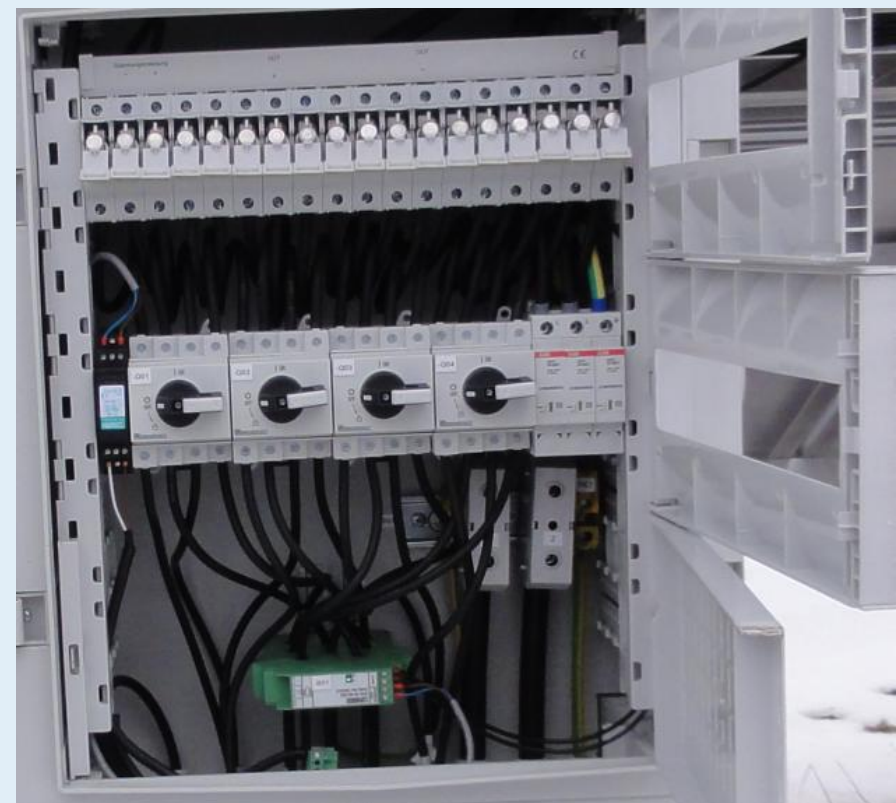
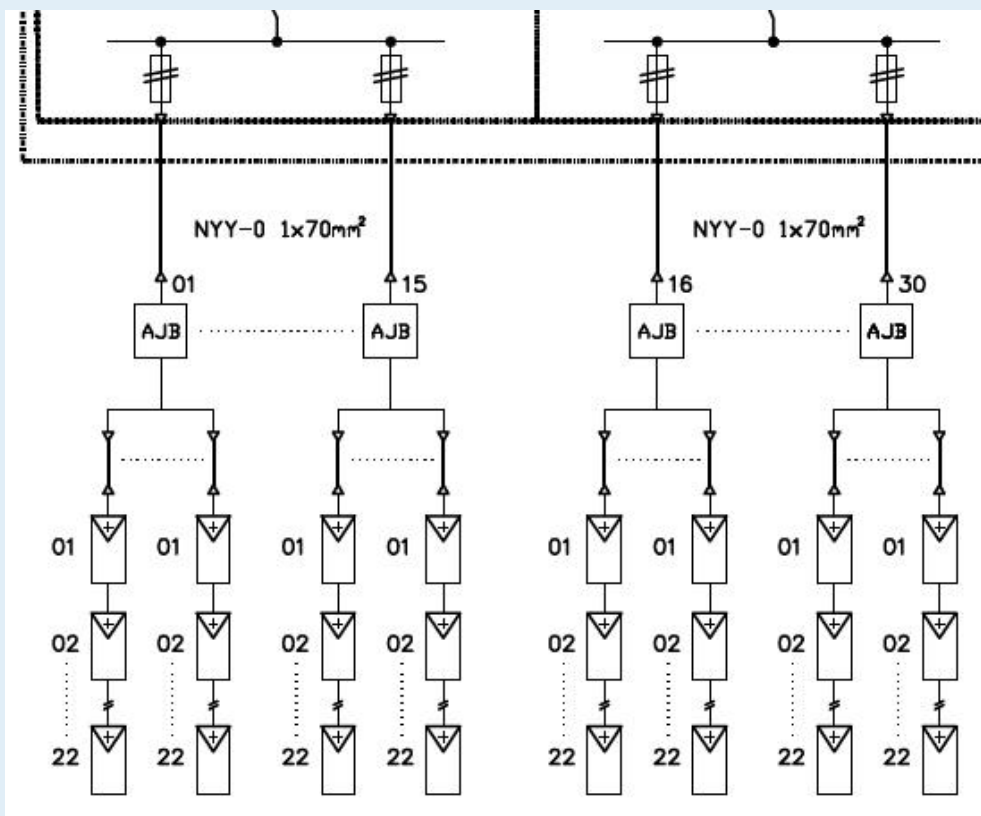
- Performance Ratio
- Temperature Corrected PR





Current State of the Art

➤ String Monitoring



8 strings x 15 SB x 12 inverters = 1440 monitored channels



The Motivation

Utility Grade PV:

- High level of predictability
- High level of availability



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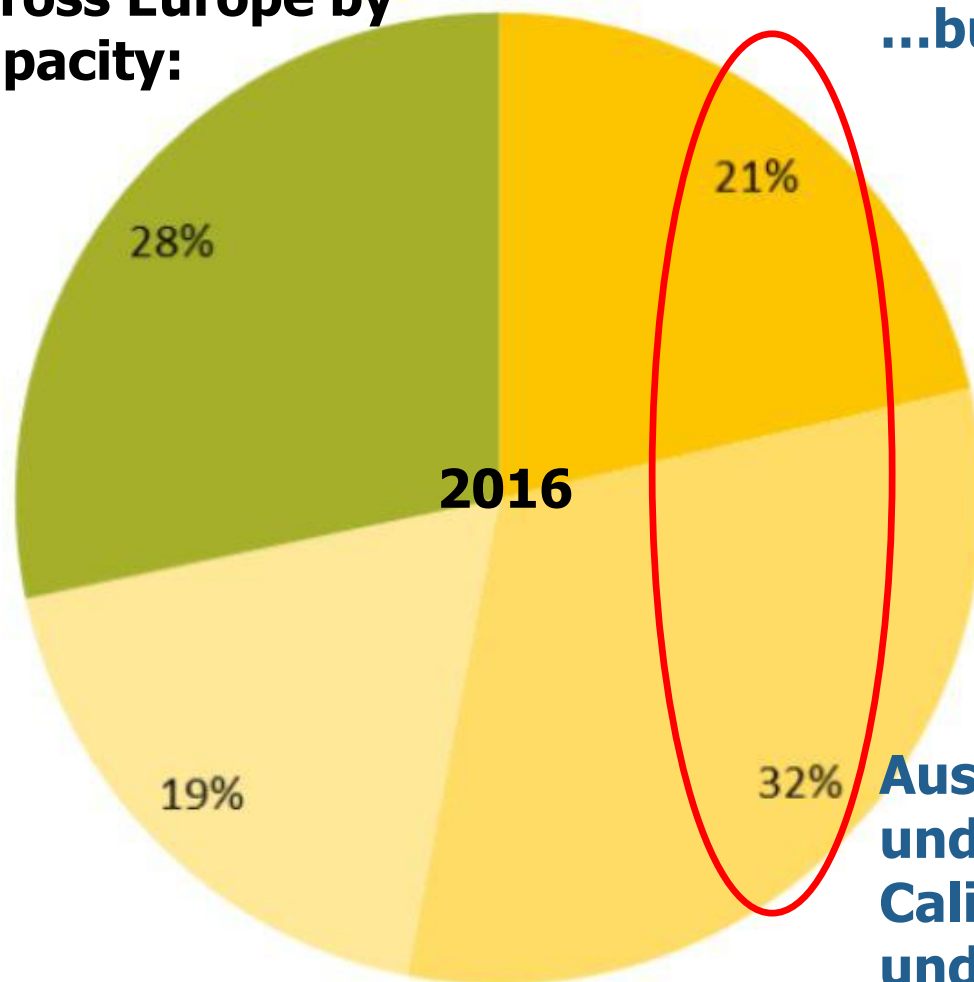
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The Motivation

Across Europe by Capacity:



...but the story is residential

- Residential
- Commercial
- Industrial
- Ground Mounted

Australia: 1.6M systems under 10kWp
California: >200,000 systems under 10kWp

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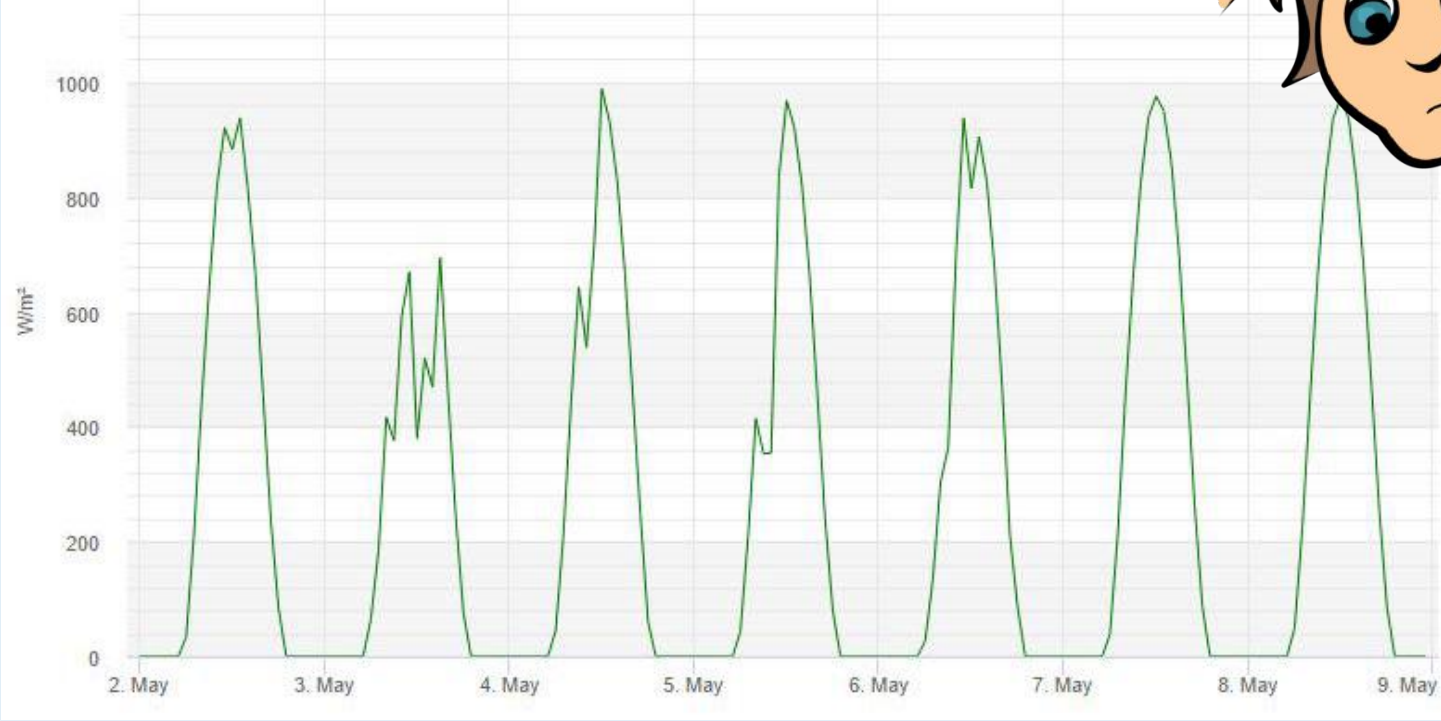


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The Motivation



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Current State of the Art?



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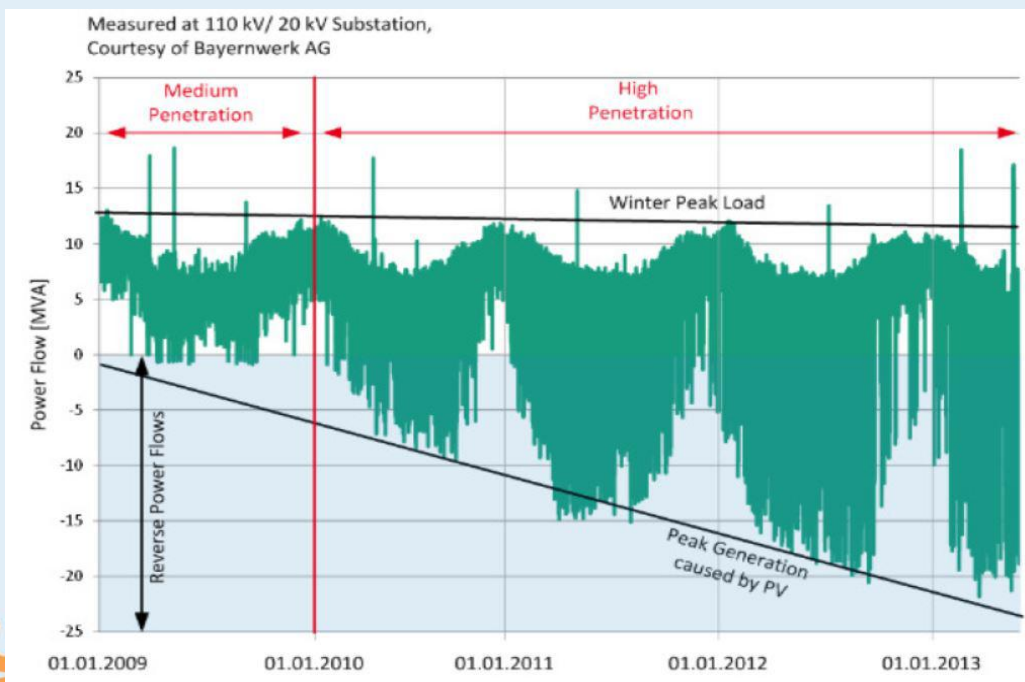
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The Motivation

ניטור – חיוני לרשת...



**אני מוכר פחות חשמל...
משלם יותר עבור עתודות...
וסובל מבעיות באיזון מתחים!!!**



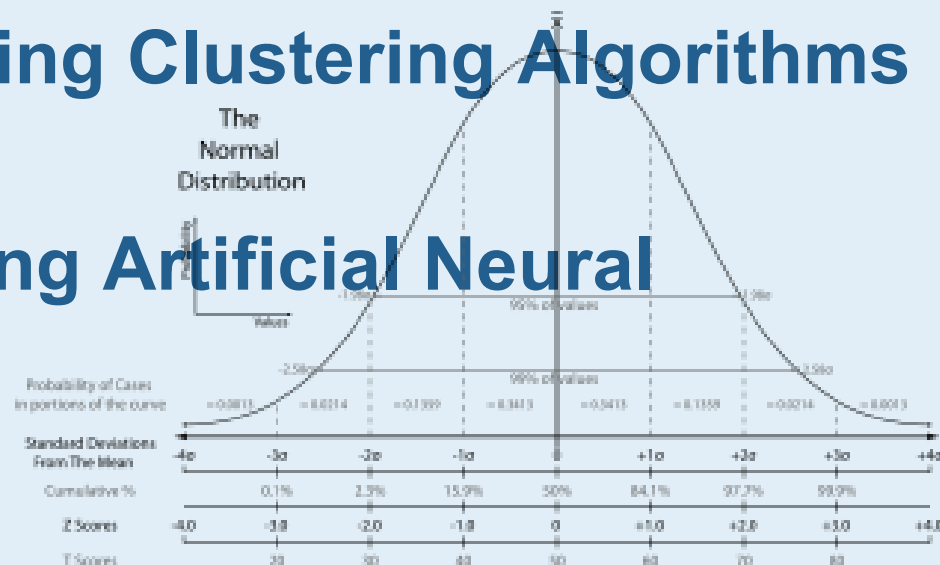
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Statistical Performance Monitoring

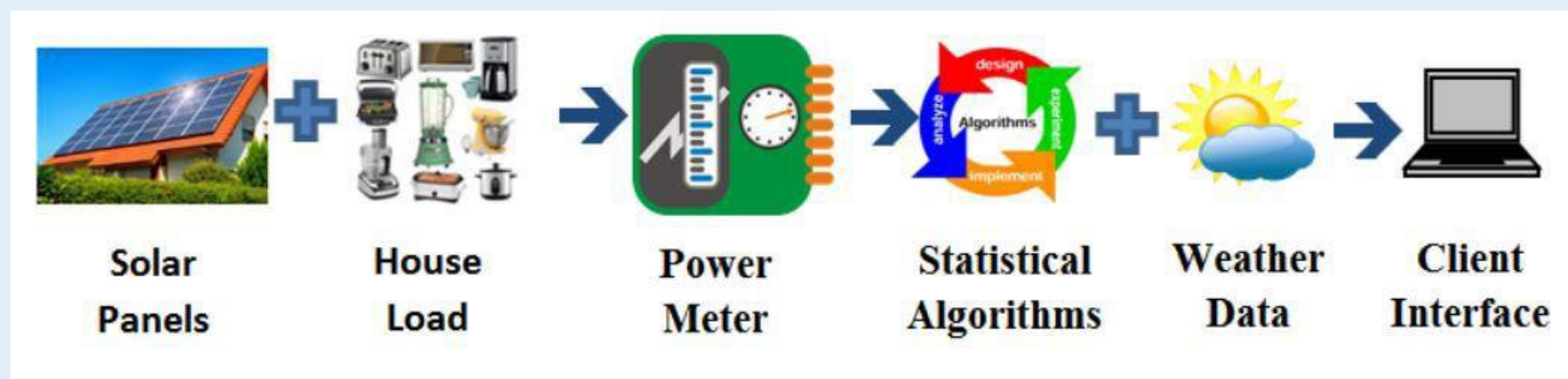
- Smart Monitoring for Residential Solar
- Machine Learning for Fast Fault Recognition
- Fault Prediction Using Clustering Algorithms
- Fault Detection Using Artificial Neural Networks





Smart Monitoring for Residential Solar

- Monitor mounted in the household electrical panel
- Australian NWS → Meteo data and satellite maps





Smart Monitoring for Residential Solar

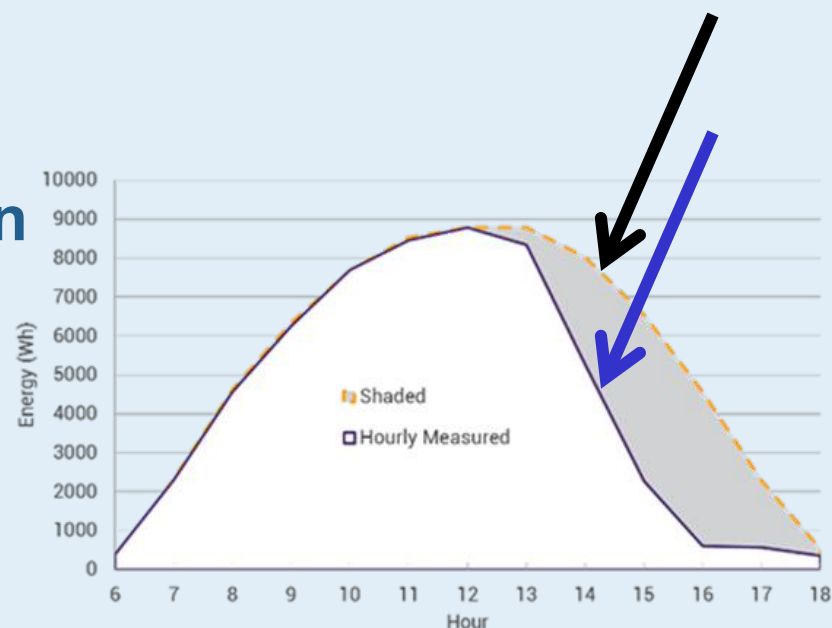
System parameters:

- Location
- PV module type
- Inverter type
- PV module orientation
- PV module tilt
- String configuration



Smart Monitoring for Residential Solar

- Generation Estimation
- Real-time monitoring - day end evaluation
- Performance losses:
 - Shading
 - Inverter clipping
 - Power Factor correction
 - Degradation
 - String/Module faults





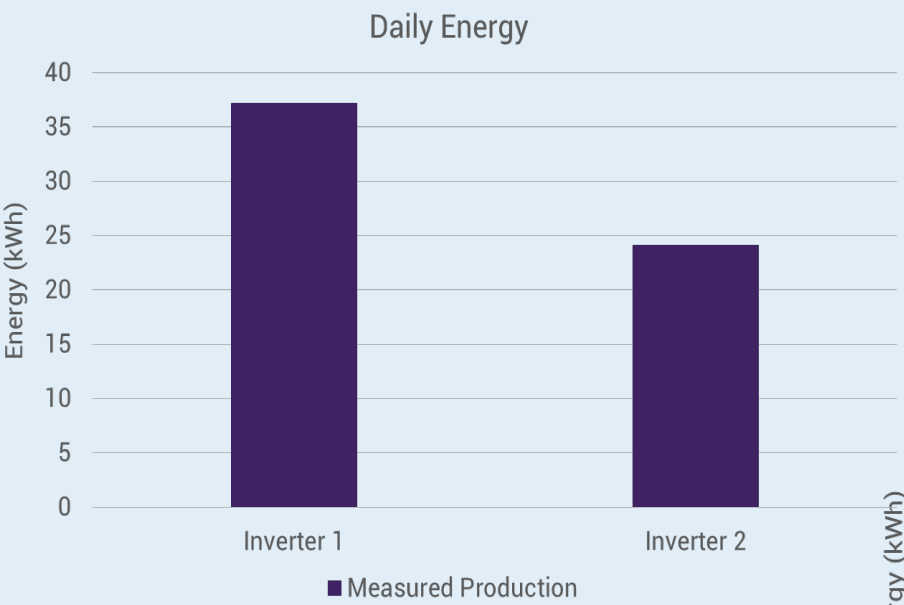
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Finding faults in strings without string monitoring





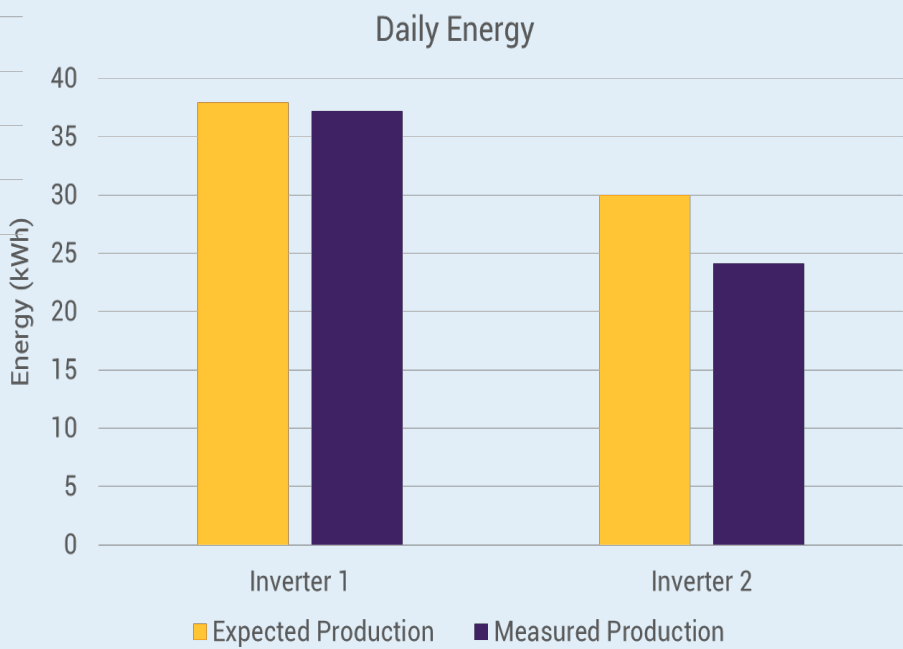
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Inverter 1 Inverter 2

**Measured
Production**

Measured vs Expected Production

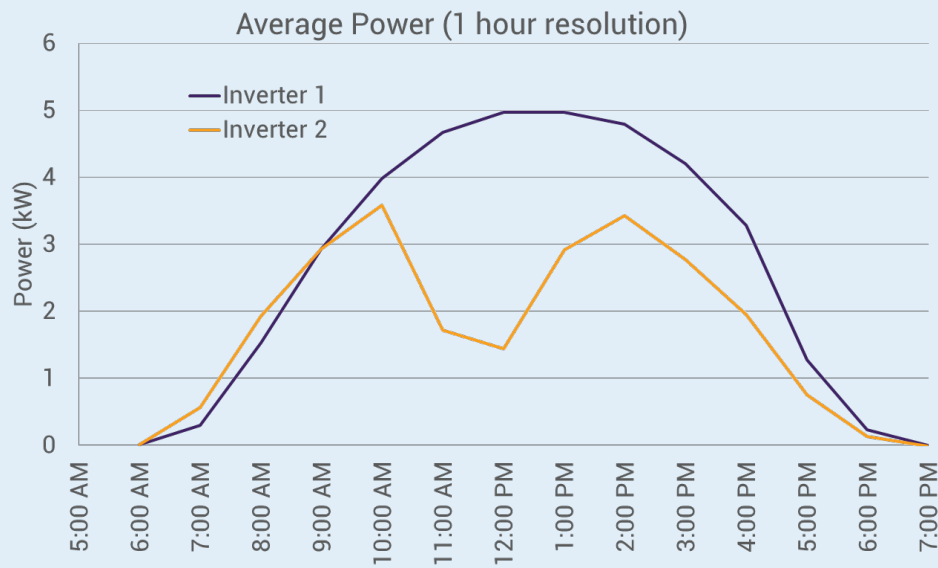


Inverter 1 Inverter 2

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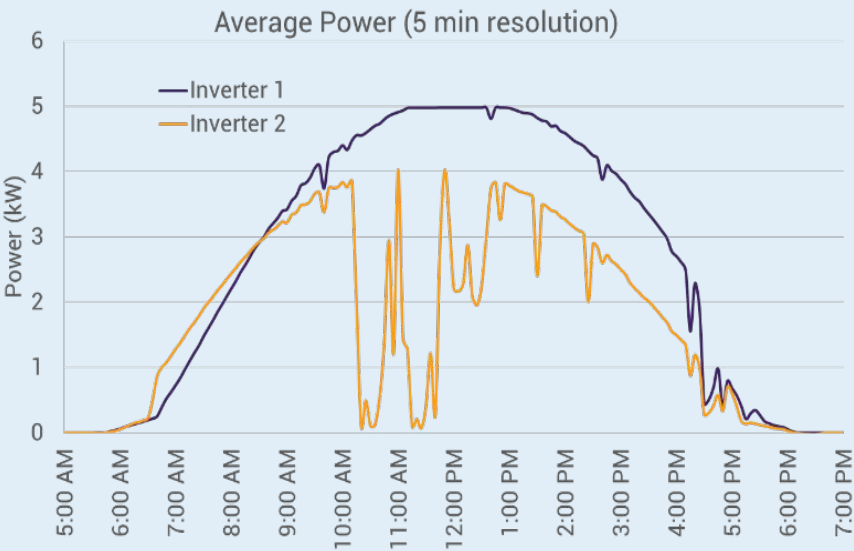


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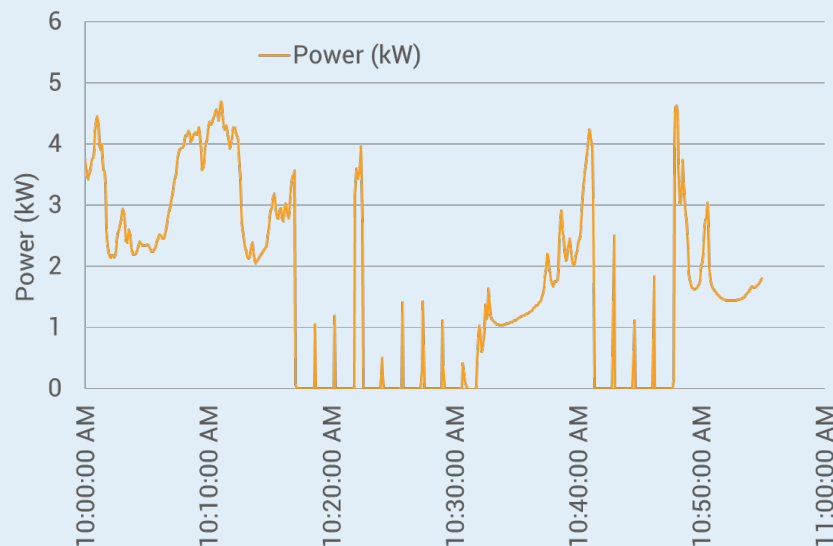
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5 minute resolution



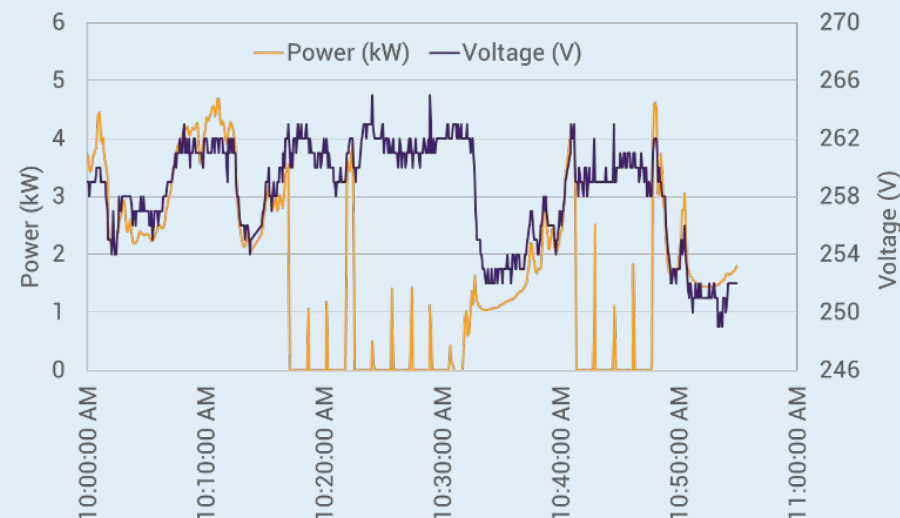


Smart Monitoring for Residential Solar



**Power:
5 second resolution**

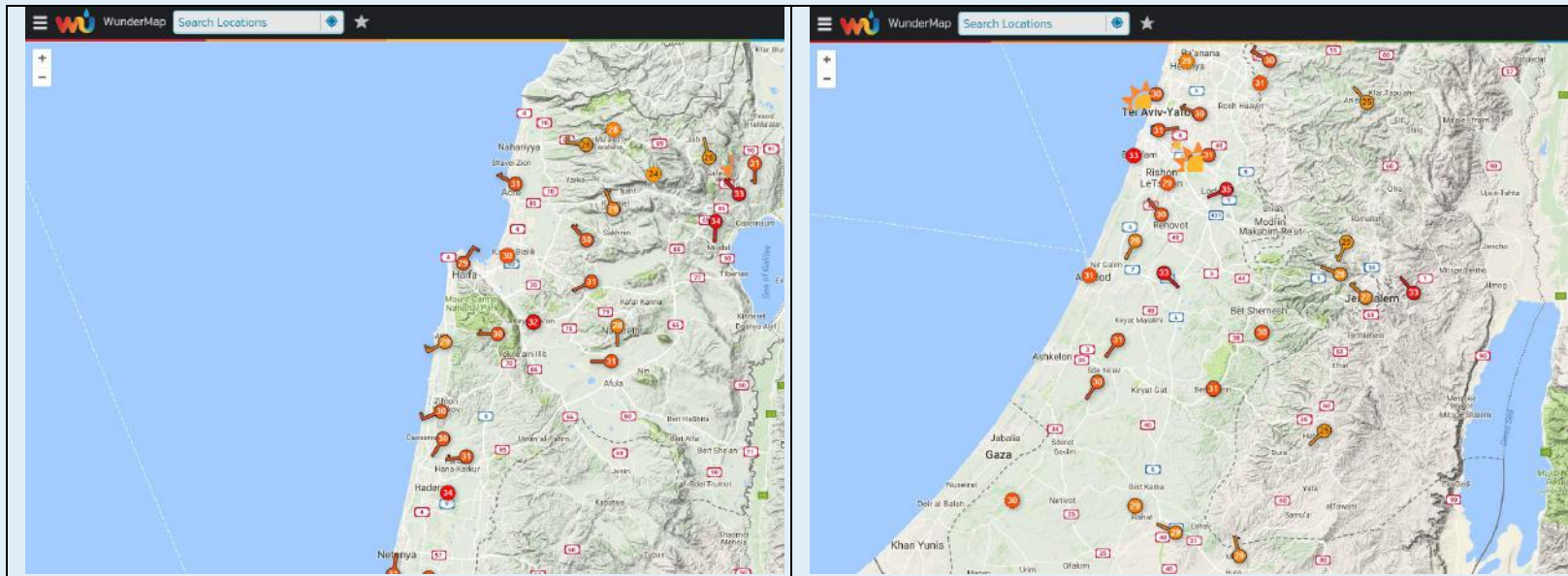
**Power and Voltage:
5 second resolution**





Machine Learning for Fast Fault Recognition

- Prediction software
- No sensors
- No irradiation maps
- No system configuration

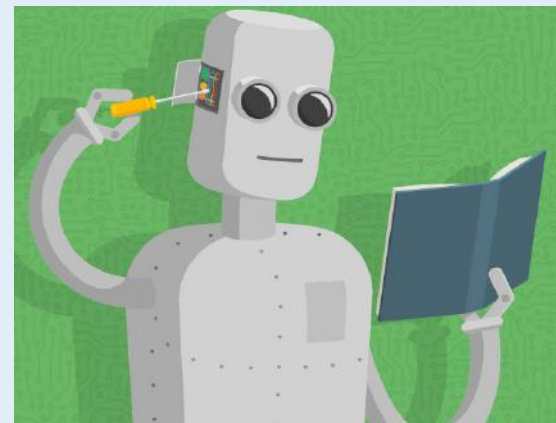




Machine Learning for Fast Fault Recognition

- Temperature
 - Humidity
 - Barometric pressure
 - Wind speed
 - Dew point
 - Rain
 - Sky view
- +
- Hourly generated power

No irradiance





Machine Learning for Fast Fault Recognition

Daily State of Health Score

No	Inverter	Health Index	Relative Index	Production (kWh)	Prediction (kWh)	Self Health	Relative	Revenue (NIS)	Normalized (kWh)	Installed (KWp)	Health History
1	2001451939	A	A	59.02	59.37	0.99	0.98	38.4	5.02	11.76	AAAAAAC
2	2001452028	A	A	60.05	60.74	0.99	1.00	39.0	5.11	11.76	ABABBAC
3	2001452162	A	C	55.43	55.99	0.99	0.92	36.0	4.71	11.76	ABAABAC
4	2110317438	A	B	92.75	91.14	1.02	0.95	60.3	4.87	19.04	AAAAAAA
Total				267.24	267.25			173.71	19.71	54.32	

- A = 100 to 97 %
- B = 97 to 95 %
- C = 95 to 90 %
- D = 90 to 85 %
- E = 85 to 80 %
- F = less than 80 %

Ratio between
PREDICTED energy
and PRODUCED
energy

Previous week in
daily SoH

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Machine Learning for Fast Fault Recognition

Regression Tree:

- **Dependent Variable**
 - Energy
- **Independent Variable**
 - Temperature
 - Humidity
 - Barometric pressure
 - Wind speed
 - Dew point
 - Rain
 - Sky view

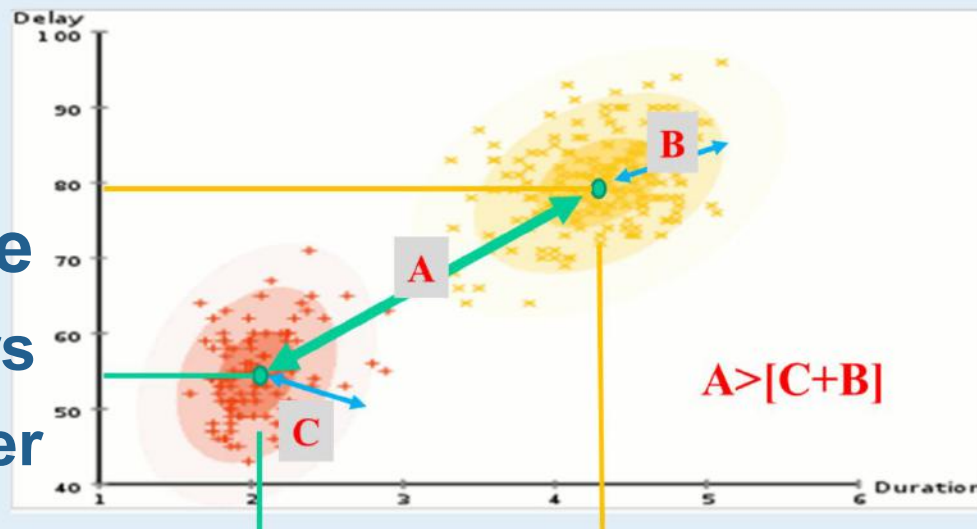




Fault Prediction Using Clustering Algorithms

Clustering:

- **Dependent Variable**
 - AC Power
- **Independent Variable**
 - Weather parameters
 - All available inverter parameters
 - Yesterdays generation
 - Last hours generation
 - Trigonometric transformation



$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$



Fault Prediction Using Clustering Algorithms

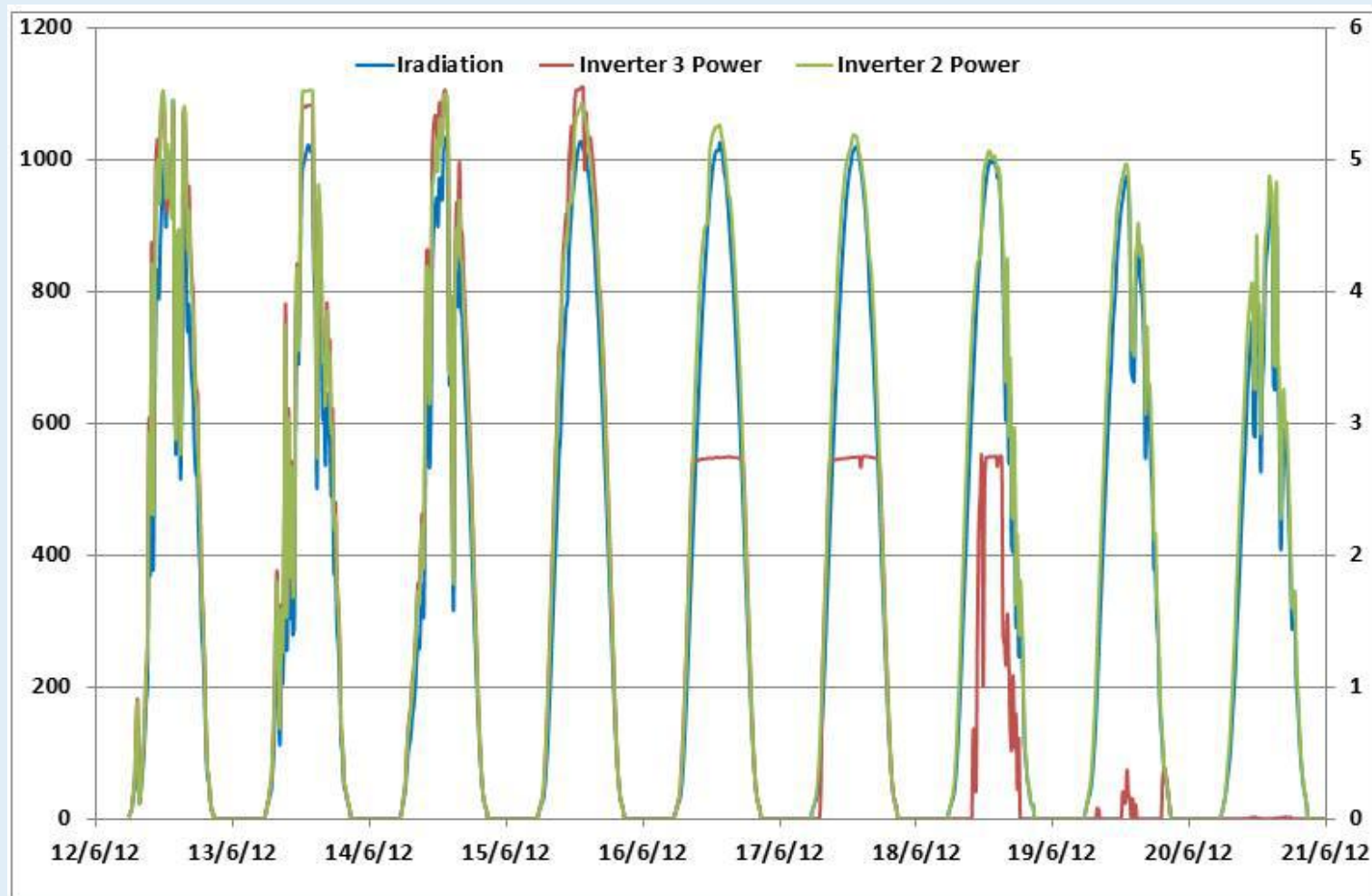
1. Generate a clear data set
2. Choose an output value (dependent variable)
3. Add the following to each record
 1. Generation from previous hour
 2. Generation from this hour yesterday
 3. Day of the year expressed as:

$$\sin\left(\frac{\text{dayofyear} \times 2 \times \Pi}{365}\right), \cos\left(\frac{\text{dayofyear} \times 2 \times \Pi}{365}\right)$$

4. Develop an equation for each cluster with CI of 99%
5. Test with new data; output should match data by 0.001
6. All new data run through equation; should fall within CI

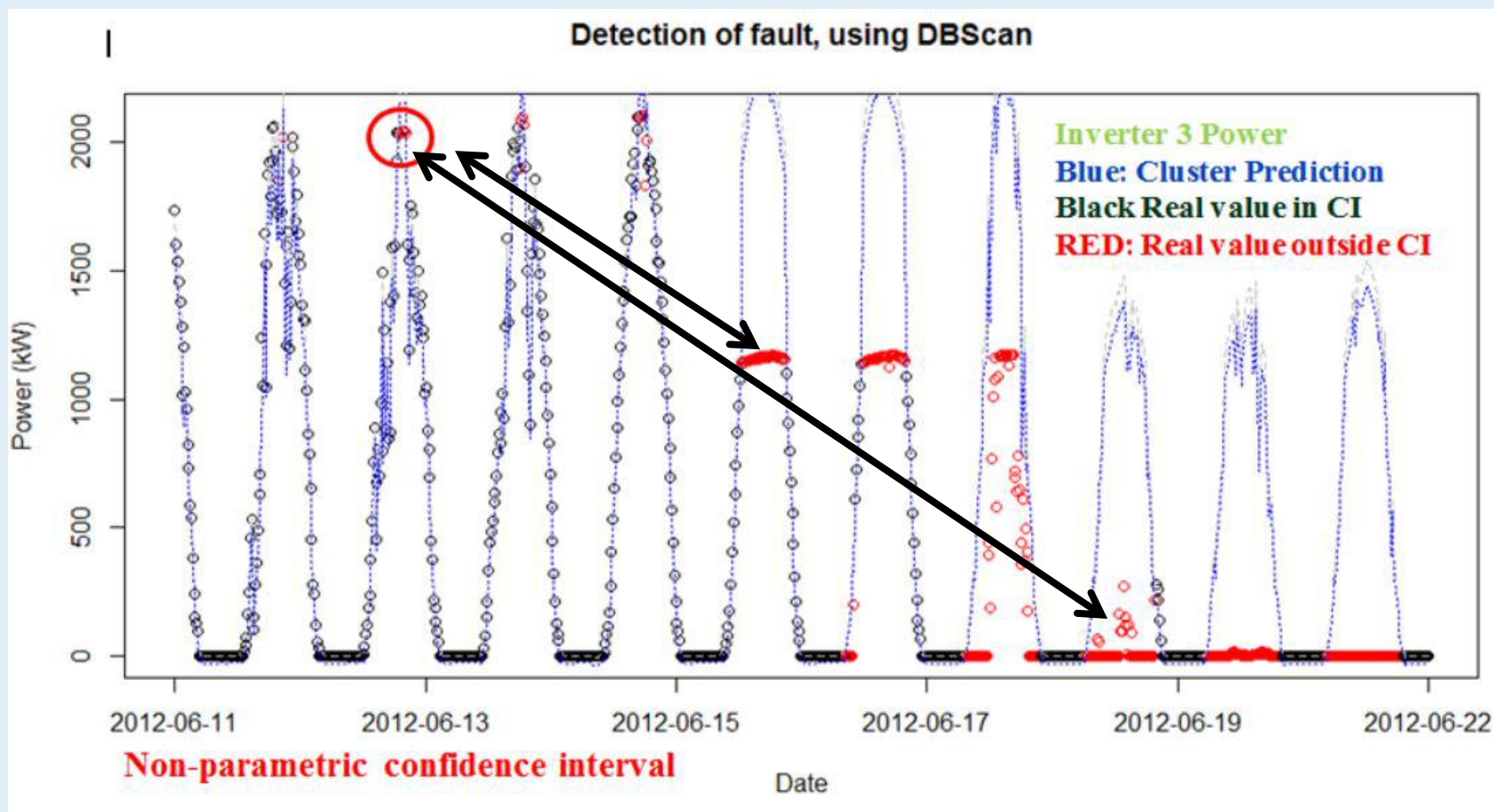


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Fault Prediction Using Clustering Algorithms



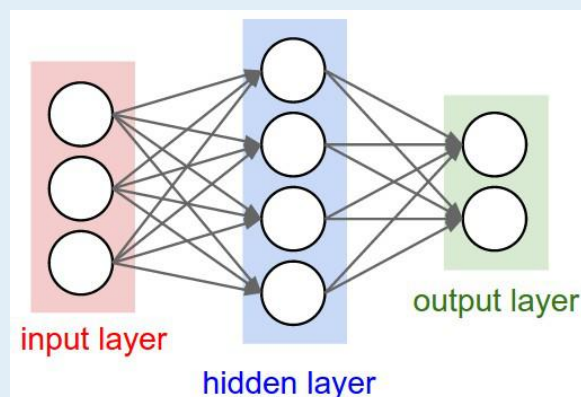


Fault Detection Using Artificial Neural Networks

Neural Network Algorithms

Three algorithms:

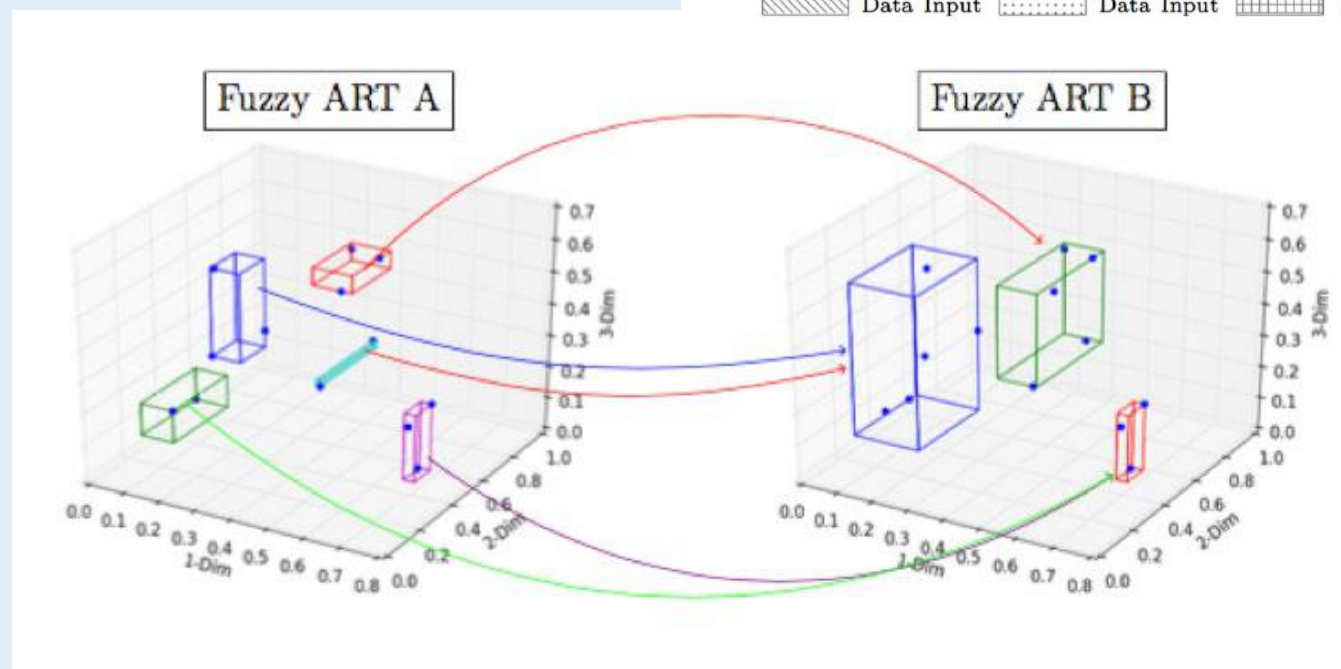
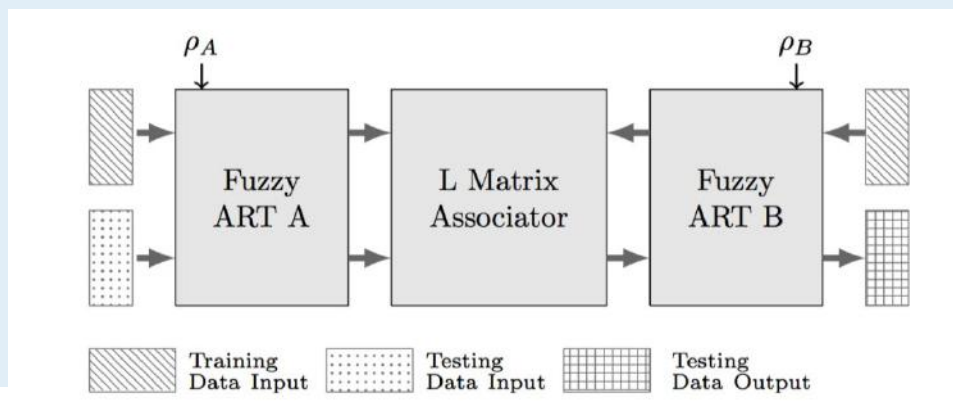
- LAPART - Laterally Primed Adaptive Resonance Theory
- SVM - Support Vector Machine
- GPR - Gaussian Process Regression





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LAPART:



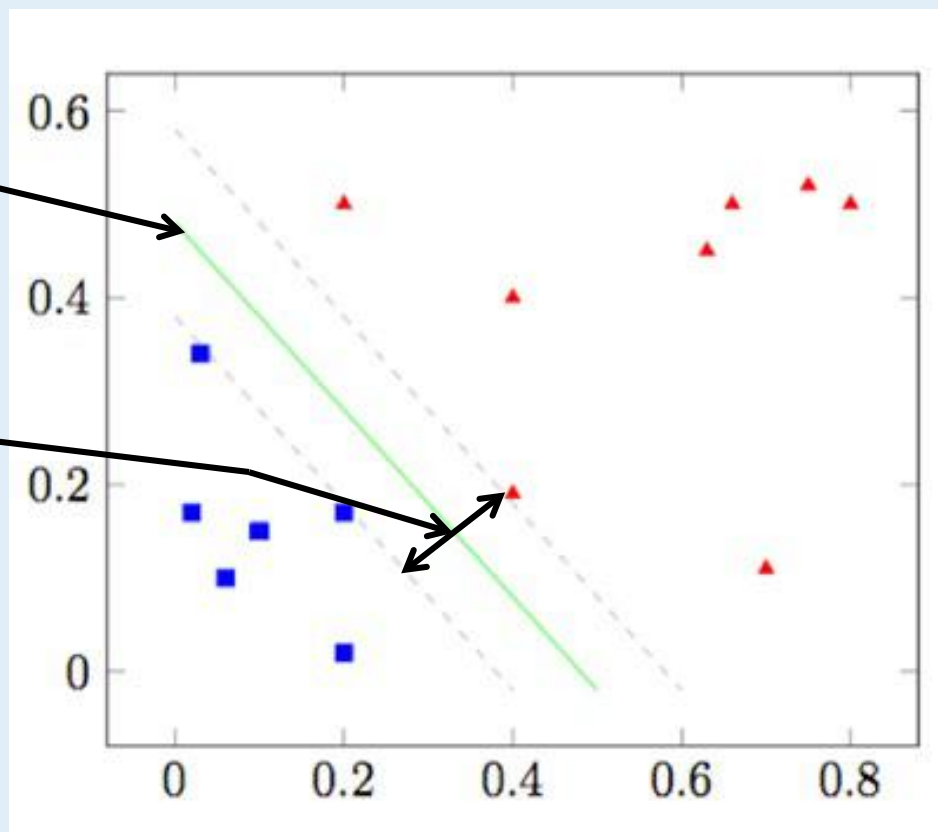


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Support Vector Machine (SVM):

Optimal Hyperplane

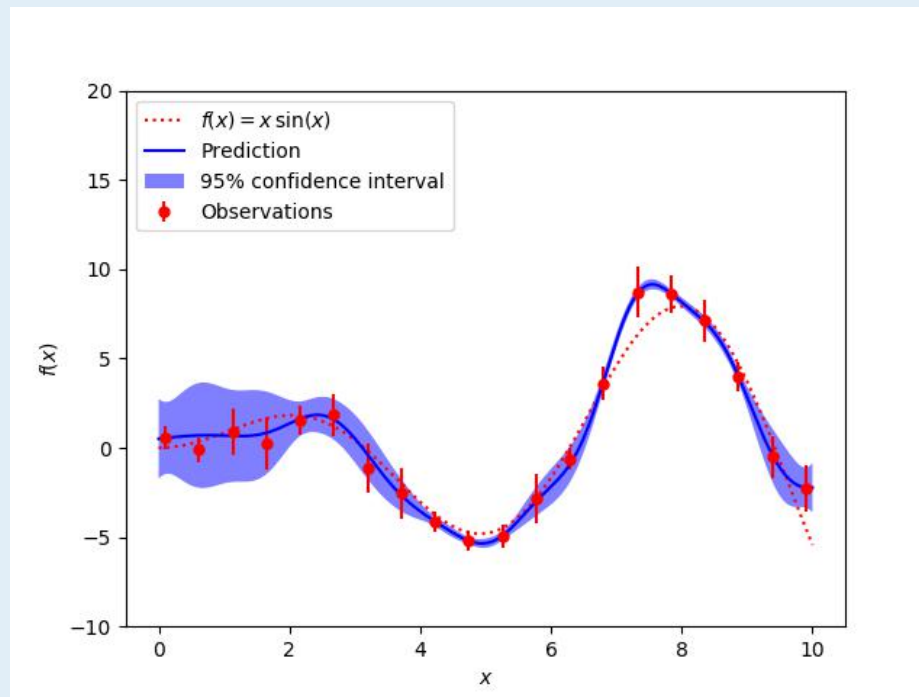
Maximum Margin





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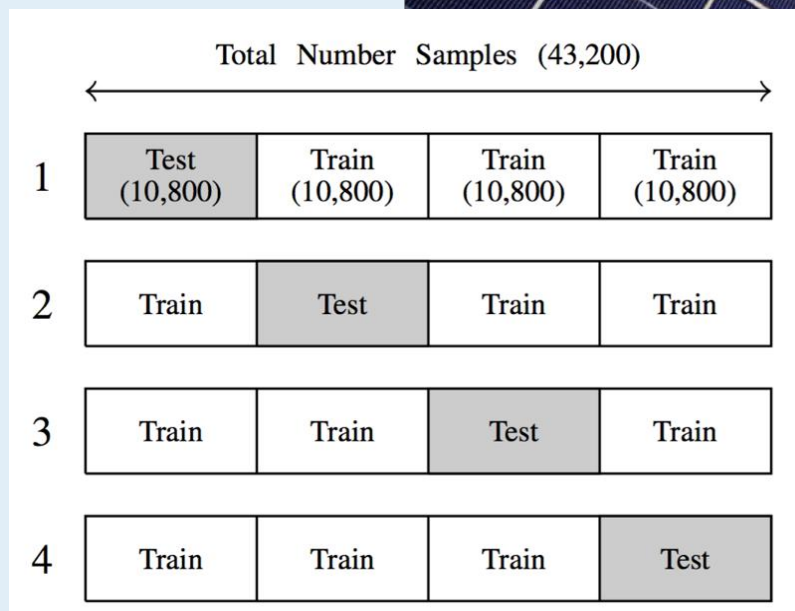
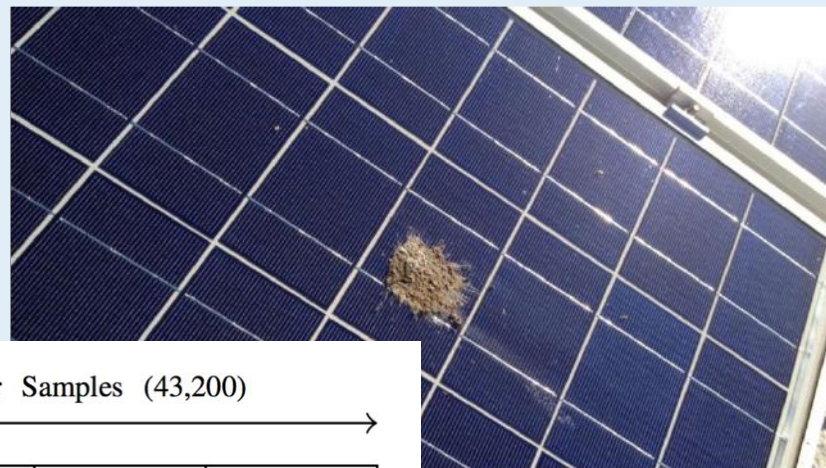
Gaussian Process Regression (GPR):



$$f(x)=GP(\mu(x),k(x,x'))$$



Fault Detection Using Artificial Neural Networks



30 Days 1-min. data including 10,000 faults



Fault Detection Using Artificial Neural Networks

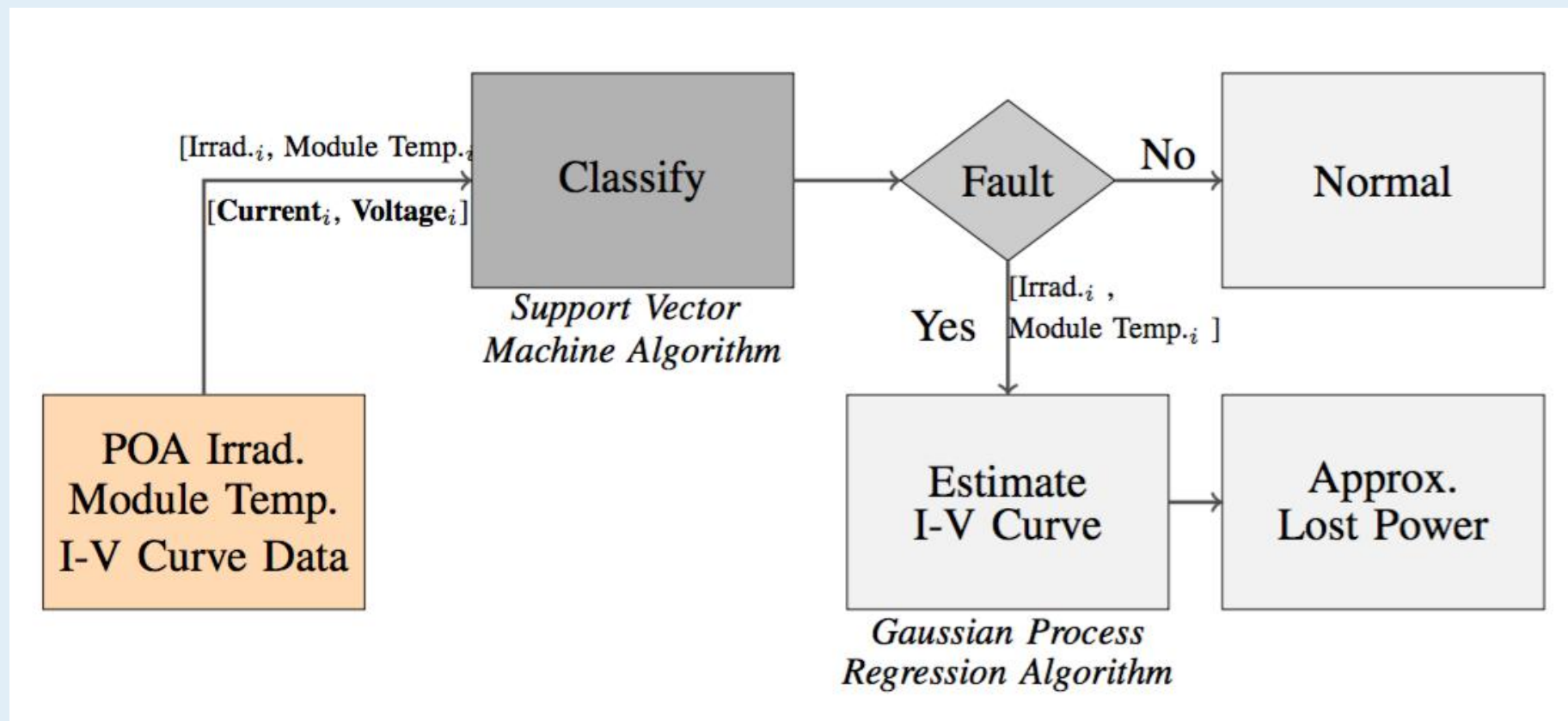


**PV array – 10.8kWp; 4x10 modules
SVM**

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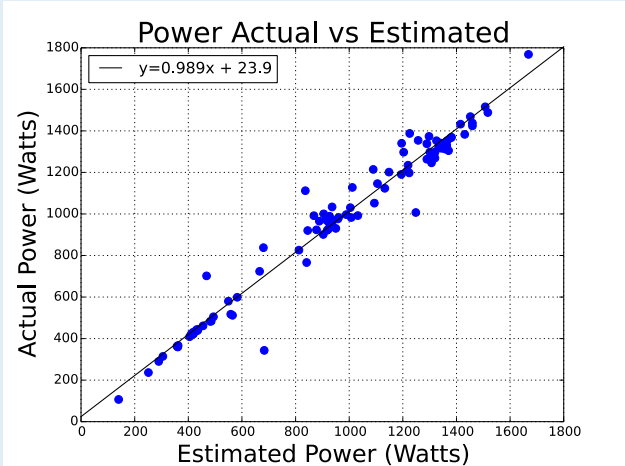
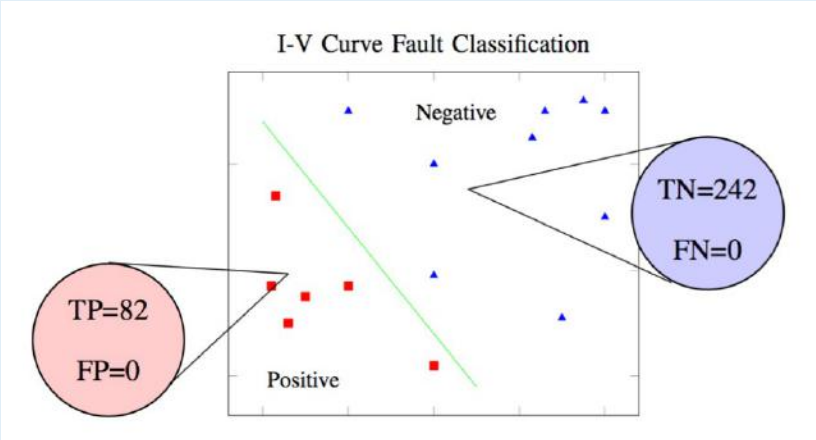
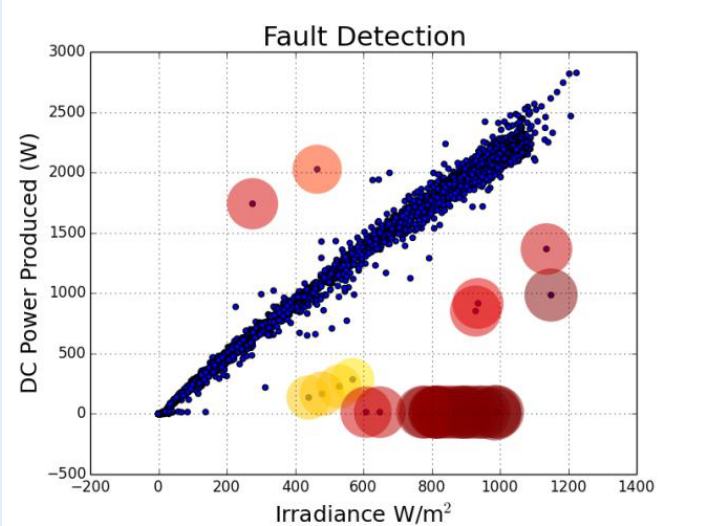
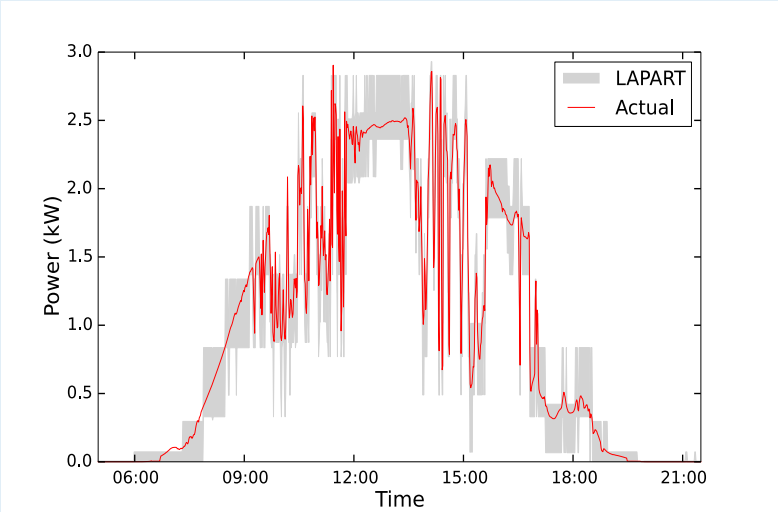
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**I-V Curve
SVM + GPR**



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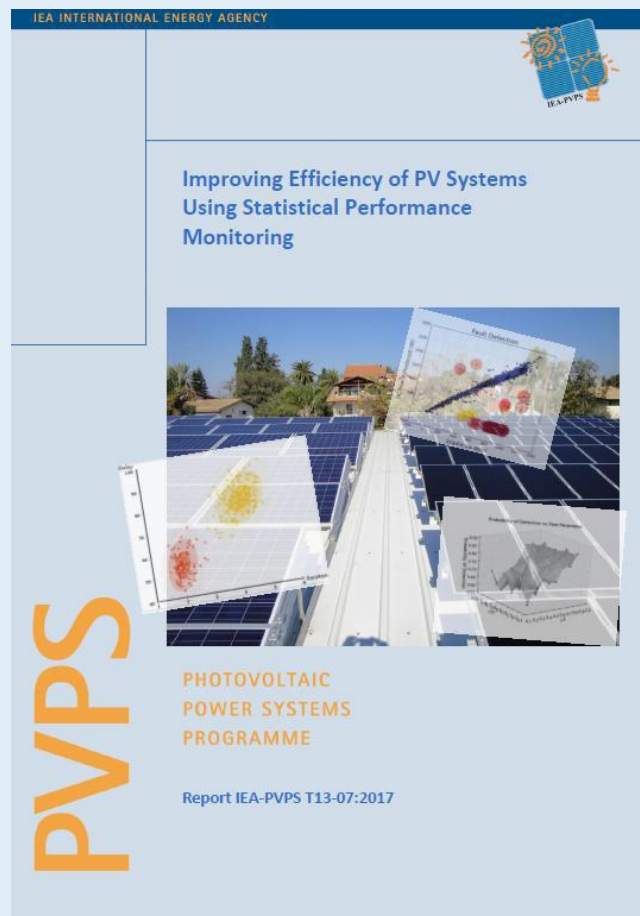


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