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Test Script 1

IRRADIANCE AND ATMOSPHERIC FUNCTIONS

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1.1 pvlib.pvl_alt2pres

pvlib.**pvl_alt2pres**(*altitude*)

   Determine site pressure from altitude

   > **Parameters Altitude: scalar, vector or DataFrame** :
   >
   > > Altitude in meters above sea level
   >
   > **Returns Pressure** : scalar, vector or DataFrame
   >
   > > Atomspheric pressure (Pascals)

   See also:

   `pvl_alt2pres`, `pvl_makelocationstruct`

Notes

The following assumptions are made

Parameter	Value
Base pressure	101325 Pa
Temperature at zero altitude	288.15 K
Gravitational acceleration	9.80665 m/s^2
Lapse rate	-6.5E-3 K/m
Gas constant for air	287.053 J/(kgK)
Relative Humidity	0%

References

"A Quick Derivation relating altitude to air pressure" from Portland State Aerospace Society, Version 1.03, 12/22/2004.

1.2 pvlib.pvl_pres2alt

`pvlib.`**`pvl_pres2alt`**(*pressure*)

Determine altitude from site pressure

> **Parameters Pressure** : scalar, vector or DataFrame
>
> > Atomspheric pressure (Pascals)
>
> **Returns altitude: scalar, vector or DataFrame** :
>
> > Altitude in meters above sea level

See also:

`pvl_alt2pres`, `pvl_makelocationstruct`

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1.3 pvlib.pvl_getaoi

pvlib.**pvl_getaoi**(*SurfTilt*, *SurfAz*, *SunZen*, *SunAz*)

> Determine angle of incidence from surface tilt/azimuth and apparent sun zenith/azimuth

> The surface is defined by its tilt angle from horizontal and its azimuth pointing angle. The sun position is defined by the apparent (refraction corrected)sun zenith angle and the sun azimuth angle.

> > **Parameters SurfTilt** : scalar or DataFrame of surface tilt angles in decimal degrees
> >
> > > If SurfTilt is a DataFrame it must be of the same size as all other DataFrame inputs. SurfTilt must be >=0 and <=180. The tilt angle is defined as degrees from horizontal (e.g. surface facing up = 0, surface facing horizon = 90)
> >
> > **SurfAz** : scalar or DataFrame of the surface azimuth angles in decimal degrees
> >
> > > If SurfAz is a DataFrame it must be of the same size as all other DataFrame inputs. SurfAz must be >=0 and <=360. The Azimuth convention is defined as degrees east of north (e.g. North = 0, East = 90, West = 270).
> >
> > **SunZen** : scalar or DataFrame of apparent (refraction-corrected) zenith angles in decimal degrees.
> >
> > > If SunZen is a DataFrame it must be of the same size as all other DataFrame inputs. SunZen must be >=0 and <=180.
> >
> > **SunAz** : scalar or DataFrame of sun azimuth angles in decimal degrees
> >
> > > If SunAz is a DataFrame it must be of the same size as all other DataFrame inputs. SunAz must be >=0 and <=360. The Azimuth convention is defined as degrees east of north (e.g. North = 0, East = 90, West = 270).
> >
> > **Returns AOI** : DataFrame
> >
> > > The angle, in decimal degrees, between the surface normal DataFrame and the sun beam DataFrame.

> **See also:**

> PVL_EPHEMERIS

References

> D.L. King, J.A. Kratochvil, W.E. Boyson. "Spectral and Angle-of-Incidence Effects on Photovoltaic Modules and Solar Irradiance Sensors". 26th IEEE Photovoltaic Specialists Conference. Sept. 1997.

1.4 pvlib.pvl_disc

pvlib.**pvl_disc**(*GHI*, *SunZen*, *Time*, *pressure=101325*)

> Estimate Direct Normal Irradiance from Global Horizontal Irradiance using the DISC model

> The DISC algorithm converts global horizontal irradiance to direct normal irradiance through empirical relationships between the global and direct clearness indices.

> > **Parameters GHI** : float or DataFrame
> >
> > > global horizontal irradiance in W/m^2. GHI must be >=0.
> >
> > **Z** : float or DataFrame

True (not refraction - corrected) zenith angles in decimal degrees. Z must be >=0 and <=180.

doy : float or DataFrame

the day of the year. doy must be >= 1 and < 367.

Returns DNI : float or DataFrame

The modeled direct normal irradiance in W/m^2 provided by the Direct Insolation Simulation Code (DISC) model.

Kt : float or DataFrame

Ratio of global to extraterrestrial irradiance on a horizontal plane.

Other Parameters pressure : float or DataFrame (optional, Default=101325)

site pressure in Pascal. Pressure may be measured or an average pressure may be calculated from site altitude. If pressure is omitted, standard pressure (101325 Pa) will be used, this is acceptable if the site is near sea level. If the site is not near sea:level, inclusion of a measured or average pressure is highly recommended.

See also:

`pvl_ephemeris`, `pvl_alt2pres`, `pvl_dirint`

References

[1] Maxwell, E. L., "A Quasi-Physical Model for Converting Hourly Global Horizontal to Direct Normal Insolation", Technical Report No. SERI/TR-215-3087, Golden, CO: Solar Energy Research Institute, 1987.

[2] J.W. "Fourier series representation of the position of the sun". Found at: http://www.mail-archive.com/sundial@uni-koeln.de/msg01050.html on January 12, 2012

1.5 pvlib.pvl_ephemeris

`pvlib.`**`pvl_ephemeris`**(*Time*, *Location*, *pressure=101325*, *temperature=12*)
    Calculates the position of the sun given time, location, and optionally pressure and temperature

Parameters Time : pandas.Index

Location: struct :

Location.latitude **- vector or scalar latitude in decimal degrees (positive is**
    northern hemisphere)

Location.longitude **- vector or scalar longitude in decimal degrees (positive is**   east
    of prime meridian)

Location.altitude **- an optional component of the Location struct, not** used in the
    ephemeris code directly, but it may be used to calculate standard site pressure (see pvl_alt2pres function)

location.TZ - Time Zone offset from UTC

Returns SunAz : float of DataFrame

Azimuth of the sun in decimal degrees from North. 0 = North to 270 = West

SunEl : float of DataFrame

> Actual elevation (not accounting for refraction) of the sun in decimal degrees, 0 = on horizon. The complement of the True Zenith Angle.

ApparentSunEl : float or DataFrame

> Apparent sun elevation accounting for atmospheric refraction. This is the complement of the Apparent Zenith Angle.

SolarTime : fload or DataFrame

> Solar time in decimal hours (solar noon is 12.00).

Other Parameters pressure : float or DataFrame

> Ambient pressure (Pascals)

tempreature: float or DataFrame :

> Ambient temperature (C)

See also:

`pvl_makelocationstruct`, `pvl_alt2pres`, `pvl_getaoi`, `pvl_spa`

References

Grover Hughes' class and related class materials on Engineering Astronomy at Sandia National Laboratories, 1985.

1.6 pvlib.pvl_spa

`pvlib.`**`pvl_spa`**(*Time*, *Location*)

Calculate the solar position using the PySolar package

The PySolar Package is developed by Brandon Stafford, and is found here: https://github.com/pingswept/pysolar/tree/master

This function will map the standard time and location structures onto the Pysolar function

Parameters Time: Dataframe.index :

> A pandas datatime object

Location: struct :

> Standard location structure, containting:

> *Location.latitude* **- vector or scalar latitude in decimal degrees (positive is** northern hemisphere)

> *Location.longitude* **- vector or scalar longitude in decimal degrees (positive is** east of prime meridian)

> *Location.altitude* **- an optional component of the Location struct, not** used in the ephemeris code directly, but it may be used to calculate standard site pressure (see pvl_alt2pres function)

Returns SunAz : DataFrame

> Azimuth of the sun in decimal degrees from North. 0 = North to 270 = West

SunEl : DataFrame

Actual elevation (not accounting for refraction)of the sun in decimal degrees, 0 = on horizon. The complement of the True Zenith Angle.

References

PySolar Documentation: https://github.com/pingswept/pysolar/tree/master

1.7 pvlib.pvl_extraradiation

pvlib.**pvl_extraradiation**(*doy*)

Determine extraterrestrial radiation from day of year

> **Parameters doy** : int or pandas.index.dayofyear
>
> > Day of the year
>
> **Returns Ea** : float or DataFrame
>
> > the extraterrestrial radiation present in watts per square meter on a surface which is normal to the sun. Ea is of the same size as the input doy.

See also:

pvl_disc

References

<http://solardat.uoregon.edu/SolarRadiationBasics.html>, Eqs. SR1 and SR2

SR1 Partridge, G. W. and Platt, C. M. R. 1976. Radiative Processes in Meteorology and Climatology.

SR2 Duffie, J. A. and Beckman, W. A. 1991. Solar Engineering of Thermal Processes, 2nd edn. J. Wiley and Sons, New York.

1.8 pvlib.pvl_globalinplane

pvlib.**pvl_globalinplane**(*SurfTilt*, *SurfAz*, *AOI*, *DNI*, *In_Plane_SkyDiffuse*, *GR*)

Determine the three components on in-plane irradiance

Combines in-plane irradaince compoents from the chosen diffuse translation, ground reflection and beam irradiance algorithms into the total in-plane irradiance.

> **Parameters SurfTilt** : float or DataFrame
>
> > surface tilt angles in decimal degrees. SurfTilt must be >=0 and <=180. The tilt angle is defined as degrees from horizontal (e.g. surface facing up = 0, surface facing horizon = 90)
>
> **SurfAz** : float or DataFrame
>
> > Surface azimuth angles in decimal degrees. SurfAz must be >=0 and <=360. The Azimuth convention is defined as degrees east of north (e.g. North = 0, south=180, East = 90, West = 270).
>
> **AOI** : float or DataFrame

Angle of incedence of solar rays with respect to the module surface, from `pvl_getaoi`. AOI must be >=0 and <=180.

DNI : float or DataFrame

Direct normal irradiance (W/m^2), as measured from a TMY file or calculated with a clearsky model.

In_Plane_SkyDiffuse : float or DataFrame

Diffuse irradiance (W/m^2) in the plane of the modules, as calculated by a diffuse irradiance translation function

GR : float or DataFrame

a scalar or DataFrame of ground reflected irradiance (W/m^2), as calculated by a albedo model (eg. `pvl_grounddiffuse`)

Returns E : float or DataFrame

Total in-plane irradiance (W/m^2)

Eb : float or DataFrame

Total in-plane beam irradiance (W/m^2)

Ediff : float or DataFrame

Total in-plane diffuse irradiance (W/m^2)

See also:

`pvl_grounddiffuse`, `pvl_getaoi`, `pvl_perez`, `pvl_reindl1990`, `pvl_klucher1979`, `pvl_haydavies1980`, `pvl_isotropicsky`, `pvl_kingdiffuse`

1.9 pvlib.pvl_grounddiffuse

pvlib.**pvl_grounddiffuse**(*SurfTilt*, *GHI*, *Albedo*)

Estimate diffuse irradiance from ground reflections given irradiance, albedo, and surface tilt

Function to determine the portion of irradiance on a tilted surface due to ground reflections. Any of the inputs may be DataFrames or scalars.

Parameters SurfTilt : float or DataFrame

Surface tilt angles in decimal degrees.

SurfTilt must be >=0 and <=180. The tilt angle is defined as degrees from horizontal (e.g. surface facing up = 0, surface facing horizon = 90).

GHI : float or DataFrame

Global horizontal irradiance in W/m^2. GHI must be >=0.

Albedo : float or DataFrame

Ground reflectance, typically 0.1-0.4 for surfaces on Earth (land), may increase over snow, ice, etc. May also be known as the reflection coefficient. Must be >=0 and <=1.

Returns GR : float or DataFrame

Ground reflected irradiances in W/m^2.

See also:

`pvl_disc`, `pvl_perez`, `pvl_reindl1990`, `pvl_klucher1979`, `pvl_haydavies1980`, `pvl_isotropicsky`, `pvl_kingdiffuse`

References

[1] Loutzenhiser P.G. et. al. "Empirical validation of models to compute solar irradiance on inclined surfaces for building energy simulation" 2007, Solar Energy vol. 81. pp. 254-267

1.10 pvlib.pvl_makelocationstruct

pvlib.**pvl_makelocationstruct**(*latitude*, *longitude*, *TZ*, *altitude=100*)
   Create a struct to define a site location

   > **Parameters   Latitude** : float
   >
   > > Positive north of equator, decimal notation
   >
   > > **Longitude** : float
   > >
   > > > Positive east of prime meridian, decimal notation
   >
   > > **TZ** : int
   > >
   > > > Timezone in GMT offset
   >
   > **Returns   Location** : struct
   >
   > > *Location.latitude*
   > >
   > > *Location.longitude*
   > >
   > > *Location.TZ*
   > >
   > > *Location.altitude*
   >
   > **Other Parameters   altitude** : float (optional, default=100)
   >
   > > Altitude from sea level. Set to 100m if none input

   See also:

   `pvl_ephemeris`, `pvl_alt2pres`, `pvl_pres2alt`

1.11 pvlib.pvl_relativeairmass

pvlib.**pvl_relativeairmass**(*z*, *model='kastenyoung1989'*)
   Gives the relative (not pressure-corrected) airmass

   > Gives the airmass at sea-level when given a sun zenith angle, z (in degrees). The "model" variable allows selection of different airmass models (described below). "model" must be a valid string. If "model" is not included or is not valid, the default model is 'kastenyoung1989'.

   > **Parameters   z** : float or DataFrame
   >
   > > Zenith angle of the sun. Note that some models use the apparent (refraction corrected) zenith angle, and some models use the true (not refraction-corrected) zenith angle. See model descriptions to determine which type of zenith angle is required.

model : String

Avaiable models include the following:

- 'simple' - secant(apparent zenith angle) - Note that this gives -inf at zenith=90
- 'kasten1966' - See reference [1] - requires apparent sun zenith
- 'youngirvine1967' - See reference [2] - requires true sun zenith
- 'kastenyoung1989' - See reference [3] - requires apparent sun zenith
- 'gueymard1993' - See reference [4] - requires apparent sun zenith
- 'young1994' - See reference [5] - requries true sun zenith
- 'pickering2002' - See reference [6] - requires apparent sun zenith

Returns AM : float or DataFrame

Relative airmass at sea level. Will return NaN values for all zenith angles greater than 90 degrees.

See also:

`pvl_absoluteairmass`, `pvl_ephemeris`

References

[1] Fritz Kasten. "A New Table and Approximation Formula for the Relative Optical Air Mass". Technical Report 136, Hanover, N.H.: U.S. Army Material Command, CRREL.

[2] A. T. Young and W. M. Irvine, "Multicolor Photoelectric Photometry of the Brighter Planets," The Astronomical Journal, vol. 72, pp. 945-950, 1967.

[3] Fritz Kasten and Andrew Young. "Revised optical air mass tables and approximation formula". Applied Optics 28:4735-4738

[4] C. Gueymard, "Critical analysis and performance assessment of clear sky solar irradiance models using theoretical and measured data," Solar Energy, vol. 51, pp. 121-138, 1993.

[5] A. T. Young, "AIR-MASS AND REFRACTION," Applied Optics, vol. 33, pp. 1108-1110, Feb 1994.

[6] Keith A. Pickering. "The Ancient Star Catalog". DIO 12:1, 20,

1.12 pvlib.pvl_absoluteairmass

pvlib.**pvl_absoluteairmass**(*AMrelative*, *Pressure*)

Determine absolute (pressure corrected) airmass from relative airmass and pressure

Gives the airmass for locations not at sea-level (i.e. not at standard pressure). The input argument "AMrelative" is the relative airmass. The input argument "pressure" is the pressure (in Pascals) at the location of interest and must be greater than 0. The calculation for absolute airmass is: absolute airmass = (relative airmass)*pressure/101325

Parameters AMrelative : float or DataFrame

The airmass at sea-level which can be calculated using the PV_LIB function pvl_relativeairmass.

pressure : float or DataFrame

a scalar or vector of values providing the site pressure in Pascal. If pressure is a vector it must be of the same size as all other vector inputs. pressure must be >=0. Pressure may be measured or an average pressure may be calculated from site altitude.

Returns **AMa** : float or DataFrame

Absolute (pressure corrected) airmass

See also:

pvl_relativeairmass

References

[1] C. Gueymard, "Critical analysis and performance assessment of clear sky solar irradiance models using theoretical and measured data," Solar Energy, vol. 51, pp. 121-138, 1993.

1.13 pvlib.pvl_clearsky_ineichen

pvlib.**pvl_clearsky_ineichen**(*Time*, *Location*, *LinkeTurbidity=-999*)
Determine clear sky GHI, DNI, and DHI from Ineichen/Perez model

Implements the Ineichen and Perez clear sky model for global horizontal irradiance (GHI), direct normal irradiance (DNI), and calculates the clear-sky diffuse horizontal (DHI) component as the difference between GHI and DNI*cos(zenith) as presented in [1, 2]. A report on clear sky models found the Ineichen/Perez model to have excellent performance with a minimal input data set [3]. Default values for Linke turbidity provided by SoDa [4, 5].

Parameters **Time** : Dataframe.index

A timezone aware pandas dataframe index.

Location : struct

Location.latitude - **vector or scalar latitude in decimal degrees (positive is** northern hemisphere)

Location.longitude - **vector or scalar longitude in decimal degrees (positive is** east of prime meridian)

Location.altitude - **an optional component of the Location struct, not** used in the ephemeris code directly, but it may be used to calculate standard site pressure (see pvl_alt2pres function)

location.TZ - Time Zone offset from UTC

Returns **ClearSkyGHI** : Dataframe

the modeled global horizonal irradiance in W/m^2 provided by the Ineichen clear-sky model.

ClearSkyDNI : Dataframe

the modeled direct normal irradiance in W/m^2 provided by the Ineichen clear-sky model.

ClearSkyDHI : Dataframe

the calculated diffuse horizonal irradiance in W/m^2 provided by the Ineichen clear-sky model.

Other Parameters LinkeTurbidityInput : Optional, float or DataFrame

An optional input to provide your own Linke turbidity. If this input is omitted, the default Linke turbidity maps will be used. LinkeTurbidityInput may be a float or dataframe of Linke turbidities. If dataframe is provided, the same turbidity will be used for all time/location sets. If a dataframe is provided, it must be of the same size as any time/location dataframes and each element of the dataframe corresponds to any time and location elements.

See also:

`pvl_maketimestruct`, `pvl_makelocationstruct`, `pvl_ephemeris`, `pvl_haurwitz`

Notes

This implementation of the Ineichen model requires a number of other PV_LIB functions including pvl_ephemeris, pvl_date2doy, pvl_extraradiation, pvl_absoluteairmass, pvl_relativeairmass, and pvl_alt2pres. It also requires the file "LinkeTurbidities.mat" to be in the working directory. If you are using pvl_ineichen in a loop, it may be faster to load LinkeTurbidities.mat outside of the loop and feed it into pvl_ineichen as a variable, rather than having pvl_ineichen open the file each time it is called (or utilize column vectors of time/location instead of a loop).

Initial implementation of this algorithm by Matthew Reno.

1.14 pvlib.pvl_clearsky_haurwitz

pvlib.**pvl_clearsky_haurwitz**(*ApparentZenith*)

Determine clear sky GHI from Haurwitz model

Implements the Haurwitz clear sky model for global horizontal irradiance (GHI) as presented in [1, 2]. A report on clear sky models found the Haurwitz model to have the best performance of models which require only zenith angle [3].

Parameters ApparentZenith : DataFrame

The apparent (refraction corrected) sun zenith angle

in degrees.

Returns ClearSkyGHI : DataFrame

the modeled global horizonal irradiance in W/m^2 provided by the Haurwitz clear-sky model.

Initial implementation of this algorithm by Matthew Reno.

See also:

`pvl_maketimestruct`, `pvl_makelocationstruct`, `pvl_ephemeris`, `pvl_spa`, `pvl_ineichen`

References

[1] B. Haurwitz, "Insolation in Relation to Cloudiness and Cloud Density," Journal of Meteorology, vol. 2, pp. 154-166, 1945.

[2] B. Haurwitz, "Insolation in Relation to Cloud Type," *Journal of* Meteorology, vol. 3, pp. 123-124, 1946.

[3] M. Reno, C. Hansen, and J. Stein, "Global Horizontal Irradiance Clear Sky Models: Implementation and Analysis", Sandia National Laboratories, SAND2012-2389, 2012.

IRRADIANCE TRANSLATION FUNCTIONS

`pvlib.pvl_perez`(SurfTilt, SurfAz, DHI, DNI, ...)	Determine diffuse irradiance from the sky on a tilted surface using one of the Perez models
`pvlib.pvl_haydavies1980`(SurfTilt, SurfAz, ...)	Determine diffuse irradiance from the sky on a tilted surface using Hay & Davies' 1980 model
`pvlib.pvl_isotropicsky`(SurfTilt, DHI)	Determine diffuse irradiance from the sky on a tilted surface using isotropic sky model
`pvlib.pvl_kingdiffuse`(SurfTilt, DHI, GHI, SunZen)	Determine diffuse irradiance from the sky on a tilted surface using the King model
`pvlib.pvl_klucher1979`(SurfTilt, SurfAz, DHI, ...)	Determine diffuse irradiance from the sky on a tilted surface using Klucher's 1979 model
`pvlib.pvl_reindl1990`(SurfTilt, SurfAz, DHI, ...)	Determine diffuse irradiance from the sky on a tilted surface using Reindl's 1990 model

2.1 pvlib.pvl_perez

`pvlib.`**`pvl_perez`**(*SurfTilt, SurfAz, DHI, DNI, HExtra, SunZen, SunAz, AM, modelt='allsitescomposite1990'*)

Determine diffuse irradiance from the sky on a tilted surface using one of the Perez models

Perez models determine the diffuse irradiance from the sky (ground reflected irradiance is not included in this algorithm) on a tilted surface using the surface tilt angle, surface azimuth angle, diffuse horizontal irradiance, direct normal irradiance, extraterrestrial irradiance, sun zenith angle, sun azimuth angle, and relative (not pressure-corrected) airmass. Optionally a selector may be used to use any of Perez's model coefficient sets.

> **Parameters SurfTilt** : float or DataFrame
>
> > Surface tilt angles in decimal degrees. SurfTilt must be >=0 and <=180. The tilt angle is defined as degrees from horizontal (e.g. surface facing up = 0, surface facing horizon = 90)
>
> **SurfAz** : float or DataFrame
>
> > Surface azimuth angles in decimal degrees. SurfAz must be >=0 and <=360. The Azimuth convention is defined as degrees east of north (e.g. North = 0, South=180 East = 90, West = 270).
>
> **DHI** : float or DataFrame
>
> > diffuse horizontal irradiance in W/m^2. DHI must be >=0.
>
> **DNI** : float or DataFrame
>
> > direct normal irradiance in W/m^2. DNI must be >=0.

HExtra : float or DataFrame

> **extraterrestrial normal irradiance in W/m^2.** HExtra must be >=0.

SunZen : float or DataFrame

> apparent (refraction-corrected) zenith angles in decimal degrees. SunZen must be >=0 and <=180.

SunAz : float or DataFrame

> Sun azimuth angles in decimal degrees. SunAz must be >=0 and <=360. The Azimuth convention is defined as degrees east of north (e.g. North = 0, East = 90, West = 270).

AM : float or DataFrame

> relative (not pressure-corrected) airmass values. If AM is a DataFrame it must be of the same size as all other DataFrame inputs. AM must be >=0 (careful using the 1/sec(z) model of AM generation)

Returns SkyDiffuse : float or DataFrame

> the diffuse component of the solar radiation on an arbitrarily tilted surface defined by the Perez model as given in reference [3]. SkyDiffuse is the diffuse component ONLY and does not include the ground reflected irradiance or the irradiance due to the beam.

Other Parameters model : string (optional, default='allsitescomposite1990')

> a character string which selects the desired set of Perez coefficients. If model is not provided as an input, the default, '1990' will be used. All possible model selections are:
>
> - '1990'
> - 'allsitescomposite1990' (same as '1990')
> - 'allsitescomposite1988'
> - 'sandiacomposite1988'
> - 'usacomposite1988'
> - 'france1988'
> - 'phoenix1988'
> - 'elmonte1988'
> - 'osage1988'
> - 'albuquerque1988'
> - 'capecanaveral1988'
> - 'albany1988'

See also:

`pvl_ephemeris`, `pvl_extraradiation`, `pvl_isotropicsky`, `pvl_haydavies1980`, `pvl_reindl1990`, `pvl_klucher1979`, `pvl_kingdiffuse`, `pvl_relativeairmass`

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[2] Perez, R., Seals, R., Ineichen, P., Stewart, R., Menicucci, D., 1987. A new simplified version of the Perez diffuse irradiance model for tilted surfaces. Solar Energy 39(3), 221-232.

[3] Perez, R., Ineichen, P., Seals, R., Michalsky, J., Stewart, R., 1990. Modeling daylight availability and irradiance components from direct and global irradiance. Solar Energy 44 (5), 271-289.

[4] Perez, R. et. al 1988. "The Development and Verification of the Perez Diffuse Radiation Model". SAND88-7030

2.2 pvlib.pvl_haydavies1980

pvlib.**pvl_haydavies1980**(*SurfTilt*, *SurfAz*, *DHI*, *DNI*, *HExtra*, *SunZen*, *SunAz*)

Determine diffuse irradiance from the sky on a tilted surface using Hay & Davies' 1980 model

Hay and Davies' 1980 model determines the diffuse irradiance from the sky (ground reflected irradiance is not included in this algorithm) on a tilted surface using the surface tilt angle, surface azimuth angle, diffuse horizontal irradiance, direct normal irradiance, extraterrestrial irradiance, sun zenith angle, and sun azimuth angle.

> **Parameters** **SurfTilt** : float or DataFrame
>
>> Surface tilt angles in decimal degrees. SurfTilt must be >=0 and <=180. The tilt angle is defined as degrees from horizontal (e.g. surface facing up = 0, surface facing horizon = 90)
>
> **SurfAz** : float or DataFrame
>
>> Surface azimuth angles in decimal degrees. SurfAz must be >=0 and <=360. The Azimuth convention is defined as degrees east of north (e.g. North = 0, South=180 East = 90, West = 270).
>
> **DHI** : float or DataFrame
>
>> diffuse horizontal irradiance in W/m^2. DHI must be >=0.
>
> **DNI** : float or DataFrame
>
>> direct normal irradiance in W/m^2. DNI must be >=0.
>
> **HExtra** : float or DataFrame
>
>> **extraterrestrial normal irradiance in W/m^2.** HExtra must be >=0.
>
> **SunZen** : float or DataFrame
>
>> apparent (refraction-corrected) zenith angles in decimal degrees. SunZen must be >=0 and <=180.
>
> **SunAz** : float or DataFrame
>
>> Sun azimuth angles in decimal degrees. SunAz must be >=0 and <=360. The Azimuth convention is defined as degrees east of north (e.g. North = 0, East = 90, West = 270).
>
> **Returns** **SkyDiffuse** : float or DataFrame
>
>> the diffuse component of the solar radiation on an arbitrarily tilted surface defined by the Perez model as given in reference [3]. SkyDiffuse is the diffuse component ONLY and does not include the ground reflected irradiance or the irradiance due to the beam.

> **See also:**
>
> `pvl_ephemeris`, `pvl_extraradiation`, `pvl_isotropicsky`, `pvl_reindl1990`, `pvl_perez`, `pvl_klucher1979`, `pvl_kingdiffuse`, `pvl_spa`

References

[1] Loutzenhiser P.G. et. al. "Empirical validation of models to compute solar irradiance on inclined surfaces for building energy simulation" 2007, Solar Energy vol. 81. pp. 254-267

[2] Hay, J.E., Davies, J.A., 1980. Calculations of the solar radiation incident on an inclined surface. In: Hay, J.E., Won, T.K. (Eds.), Proc. of First Canadian Solar Radiation Data Workshop, 59. Ministry of Supply and Services, Canada.

2.3 pvlib.pvl_isotropicsky

pvlib.**pvl_isotropicsky**(*SurfTilt*, *DHI*)
    Determine diffuse irradiance from the sky on a tilted surface using isotropic sky model

Hottel and Woertz's model treats the sky as a uniform source of diffuse irradiance. Thus the diffuse irradiance from the sky (ground reflected irradiance is not included in this algorithm) on a tilted surface can be found from the diffuse horizontal irradiance and the tilt angle of the surface.

    Parameters SurfTilt : float or DataFrame

        Surface tilt angles in decimal degrees. SurfTilt must be >=0 and <=180. The tilt angle is defined as degrees from horizontal (e.g. surface facing up = 0, surface facing horizon = 90)

    DHI : float or DataFrame

        Diffuse horizontal irradiance in W/m^2. DHI must be >=0.

    Returns SkyDiffuse : float of DataFrame

        The diffuse component of the solar radiation on an arbitrarily tilted surface defined by the isotropic sky model as given in Loutzenhiser et. al (2007) equation 3. SkyDiffuse is the diffuse component ONLY and does not include the ground reflected irradiance or the irradiance due to the beam. SkyDiffuse is a column vector vector with a number of elements equal to the input vector(s).

    See also:

    pvl_reindl1990, pvl_haydavies1980, pvl_perez, pvl_klucher1979, pvl_kingdiffuse

References

[1] Loutzenhiser P.G. et. al. "Empirical validation of models to compute solar irradiance on inclined surfaces for building energy simulation" 2007, Solar Energy vol. 81. pp. 254-267

[2] Hottel, H.C., Woertz, B.B., 1942. Evaluation of flat-plate solar heat collector. Trans. ASME 64, 91.

2.4 pvlib.pvl_kingdiffuse

pvlib.**pvl_kingdiffuse**(*SurfTilt*, *DHI*, *GHI*, *SunZen*)
    Determine diffuse irradiance from the sky on a tilted surface using the King model

King's model determines the diffuse irradiance from the sky (ground reflected irradiance is not included in this algorithm) on a tilted surface using the surface tilt angle, diffuse horizontal irradiance, global horizontal

irradiance, and sun zenith angle. Note that this model is not well documented and has not been published in any fashion (as of January 2012).

> **Parameters SurfTilt** : float or DataFrame
>
>> Surface tilt angles in decimal degrees. SurfTilt must be >=0 and <=180. The tilt angle is defined as degrees from horizontal (e.g. surface facing up = 0, surface facing horizon = 90)
>
> **DHI** : float or DataFrame
>
>> diffuse horizontal irradiance in W/m^2. DHI must be >=0.
>
> **GHI** : float or DataFrame
>
>> global horizontal irradiance in W/m^2. DHI must be >=0.
>
> **SunZen** : float or DataFrame
>
>> apparent (refraction-corrected) zenith angles in decimal degrees. SunZen must be >=0 and <=180.
>
> **Returns SkyDiffuse** : float or DataFrame
>
>> the diffuse component of the solar radiation on an arbitrarily tilted surface as given by a model developed by David L. King at Sandia National Laboratories.

See also:

pvl_ephemeris,   pvl_extraradiation,   pvl_isotropicsky,   pvl_haydavies1980,
pvl_perez, pvl_klucher1979, pvl_reindl1990

2.5 pvlib.pvl_klucher1979

pvlib.**pvl_klucher1979**(*SurfTilt*, *SurfAz*, *DHI*, *GHI*, *SunZen*, *SunAz*)
>Determine diffuse irradiance from the sky on a tilted surface using Klucher's 1979 model

>Klucher's 1979 model determines the diffuse irradiance from the sky (ground reflected irradiance is not included in this algorithm) on a tilted surface using the surface tilt angle, surface azimuth angle, diffuse horizontal irradiance, direct normal irradiance, global horizontal irradiance, extraterrestrial irradiance, sun zenith angle, and sun azimuth angle.

> **Parameters SurfTilt** : float or DataFrame
>
>> Surface tilt angles in decimal degrees. SurfTilt must be >=0 and <=180. The tilt angle is defined as degrees from horizontal (e.g. surface facing up = 0, surface facing horizon = 90)
>
> **SurfAz** : float or DataFrame
>
>> Surface azimuth angles in decimal degrees. SurfAz must be >=0 and <=360. The Azimuth convention is defined as degrees east of north (e.g. North = 0, South=180 East = 90, West = 270).
>
> **DHI** : float or DataFrame
>
>> diffuse horizontal irradiance in W/m^2. DHI must be >=0.
>
> **GHI** : float or DataFrame
>
>> Global irradiance in W/m^2. DNI must be >=0.
>
> **SunZen** : float or DataFrame

apparent (refraction-corrected) zenith angles in decimal degrees. SunZen must be >=0 and <=180.

SunAz : float or DataFrame

Sun azimuth angles in decimal degrees. SunAz must be >=0 and <=360. The Azimuth convention is defined as degrees east of north (e.g. North = 0, East = 90, West = 270).

Returns SkyDiffuse : float or DataFrame

the diffuse component of the solar radiation on an arbitrarily tilted surface defined by the Klucher model as given in Loutzenhiser et. al (2007) equation 4. SkyDiffuse is the diffuse component ONLY and does not include the ground reflected irradiance or the irradiance due to the beam. SkyDiffuse is a column vector vector with a number of elements equal to the input vector(s).

See also:

`pvl_ephemeris`, `pvl_extraradiation`, `pvl_isotropicsky`, `pvl_haydavies1980`, `pvl_perez`, `pvl_reindl1990`, `pvl_kingdiffuse`

References

[1] Loutzenhiser P.G. et. al. "Empirical validation of models to compute solar irradiance on inclined surfaces for building energy simulation" 2007, Solar Energy vol. 81. pp. 254-267

[2] Klucher, T.M., 1979. Evaluation of models to predict insolation on tilted surfaces. Solar Energy 23 (2), 111-114.

2.6 pvlib.pvl_reindl1990

`pvlib.`**`pvl_reindl1990`**(*SurfTilt*, *SurfAz*, *DHI*, *DNI*, *GHI*, *HExtra*, *SunZen*, *SunAz*)
    Determine diffuse irradiance from the sky on a tilted surface using Reindl's 1990 model

Reindl's 1990 model determines the diffuse irradiance from the sky (ground reflected irradiance is not included in this algorithm) on a tilted surface using the surface tilt angle, surface azimuth angle, diffuse horizontal irradiance, direct normal irradiance, global horizontal irradiance, extraterrestrial irradiance, sun zenith angle, and sun azimuth angle.

Parameters SurfTilt : DataFrame

Surface tilt angles in decimal degrees. SurfTilt must be >=0 and <=180. The tilt angle is defined as degrees from horizontal (e.g. surface facing up = 0, surface facing horizon = 90)

SurfAz : DataFrame

Surface azimuth angles in decimal degrees. SurfAz must be >=0 and <=360. The Azimuth convention is defined as degrees east of north (e.g. North = 0, South=180 East = 90, West = 270).

DHI : DataFrame

diffuse horizontal irradiance in W/m^2. DHI must be >=0.

DNI : DataFrame

direct normal irradiance in W/m^2. DNI must be >=0.

GHI: DataFrame :

Global irradiance in W/m^2. GHI must be >=0.

HExtra : DataFrame

extraterrestrial normal irradiance in W/m^2. HExtra must be >=0.

SunZen : DataFrame

apparent (refraction-corrected) zenith angles in decimal degrees. SunZen must be >=0 and <=180.

SunAz : DataFrame

Sun azimuth angles in decimal degrees. SunAz must be >=0 and <=360. The Azimuth convention is defined as degrees east of north (e.g. North = 0, East = 90, West = 270).

Returns SkyDiffuse : DataFrame

the diffuse component of the solar radiation on an arbitrarily tilted surface defined by the Reindl model as given in Loutzenhiser et. al (2007) equation 8. SkyDiffuse is the diffuse component ONLY and does not include the ground reflected irradiance or the irradiance due to the beam. SkyDiffuse is a column vector vector with a number of elements equal to the input vector(s).

See also:

`pvl_ephemeris`, `pvl_extraradiation`, `pvl_isotropicsky`, `pvl_haydavies1980`, `pvl_perez`, `pvl_klucher1979`, `pvl_kingdiffuse`

Notes

The POAskydiffuse calculation is generated from the Loutzenhiser et al. (2007) paper, equation 8. Note that I have removed the beam and ground reflectance portion of the equation and this generates ONLY the diffuse radiation from the sky and circumsolar, so the form of the equation varies slightly from equation 8.

References

[1] Loutzenhiser P.G. et. al. "Empirical validation of models to compute solar irradiance on inclined surfaces for building energy simulation" 2007, Solar Energy vol. 81. pp. 254-267

[2] Reindl, D.T., Beckmann, W.A., Duffie, J.A., 1990a. Diffuse fraction correlations. Solar Energy 45(1), 1-7.

[3] Reindl, D.T., Beckmann, W.A., Duffie, J.A., 1990b. Evaluation of hourly tilted surface radiation models. Solar Energy 45(1), 9-17.

DATA HANDLING

`pvlib.pvl_readtmy2`(FileName)	Read a TMY2 file in to a DataFrame
`pvlib.pvl_readtmy3`(FileName)	Read a TMY3 file in to a pandas dataframe

3.1 pvlib.pvl_readtmy2

`pvlib.`**`pvl_readtmy2`**(*FileName*)

Read a TMY2 file in to a DataFrame

Note that valuescontained in the DataFrame are unchanged from the TMY2 file (i.e. units are retained). Time/Date and Location data imported from the TMY2 file have been modified to a "friendlier" form conforming to modern conventions (e.g. N latitude is postive, E longitude is positive, the "24th" hour of any day is technically the "0th" hour of the next day). In the case of any discrepencies between this documentation and the TMY2 User's Manual ([1]), the TMY2 User's Manual takes precedence.

If a FileName is not provided, the user will be prompted to browse to an appropriate TMY2 file.

>   **Parameters FileName** : string
>
>>   an optional argument which allows the user to select which TMY2 format file should be read. A file path may also be necessary if the desired TMY2 file is not in the working path. If FileName is not provided, the user will be prompted to browse to an appropriate TMY2 file.
>
>   **Returns TMYData** : DataFrame
>
>>   A dataframe, is provided with the following components. Note that for more detailed descriptions of each component, please consult the TMY2 User's Manual ([1]), especially tables 3-1 through 3-6, and Appendix B.
>
>   **meta** : struct
>
>>   A struct containing the metadata from the TMY2 file.

See also:

`pvl_makelocationstruct`, `pvl_maketimestruct`, `pvl_readtmy3`

Notes

The structures have the following fields

meta Field	
meta.SiteID	Site identifier code (WBAN number), scalar unsigned integer
meta.StationName	Station name, 1x1 cell string
meta.StationState	Station state 2 letter designator, 1x1 cell string
meta.SiteTimeZone	Hours from Greenwich, scalar double
meta.latitude	Latitude in decimal degrees, scalar double
meta.longitude	Longitude in decimal degrees, scalar double
meta.SiteElevation	Site elevation in meters, scalar double

TMYData Field	Meaning
index	Pandas timeseries object containing timestamps
year	
month	
day	
hour	
ETR	Extraterrestrial horizontal radiation recv'd during 60 minutes prior to timestamp, Wh/m^2
ETRN	Extraterrestrial normal radiation recv'd during 60 minutes prior to timestamp, Wh/m^2
GHI	Direct and diffuse horizontal radiation recv'd during 60 minutes prior to timestamp, Wh/m^2
GHISource	See [1], Table 3-3
GHIUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-4
DNI	Amount of direct normal radiation (modeled) recv'd during 60 mintues prior to timestamp, Wh/m^2
DNISource	See [1], Table 3-3
DNIUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-4
DHI	Amount of diffuse horizontal radiation recv'd during 60 minutes prior to timestamp, Wh/m^2
DHISource	See [1], Table 3-3
DHIUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-4
GHillum	Avg. total horizontal illuminance recv'd during the 60 minutes prior to timestamp, units of 100 lux (e.g. value of 50 = 5000 lux)
GHillumSource	See [1], Table 3-3
GHillumUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-4
DNillum	Avg. direct normal illuminance recv'd during the 60 minutes prior to timestamp, units of 100 lux
DNillumSource	See [1], Table 3-3
DNillumUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-4
DHillum	Avg. horizontal diffuse illuminance recv'd during the 60 minutes prior to timestamp, units of 100 lux
DHillumSource	See [1], Table 3-3
DHillumUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-4
Zenithlum	Avg. luminance at the sky's zenith during the 60 minutes prior to timestamp, units of 10 Cd/m^2 (e.g. value of 700 = 7,000 Cd/m^2)
ZenithlumSource	See [1], Table 3-3
ZenithlumUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-4
TotCld	Amount of sky dome covered by clouds or obscuring phenonema at time stamp, tenths of sky
TotCldSource	See [1], Table 3-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
TotCldUnertainty	See [1], Table 3-6
OpqCld	Amount of sky dome covered by clouds or obscuring phenonema that prevent observing the sky at time stamp, tenths of sky

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TMYData Field	Meaning
OpqCldSource	See [1], Table 3-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
OpqCldUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-6
DryBulb	Dry bulb temperature at the time indicated, in tenths of degree C (e.g. 352 = 35.2 C).
DryBulbSource	See [1], Table 3-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
DryBulbUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-6
DewPoint	Dew-point temperature at the time indicated, in tenths of degree C (e.g. 76 = 7.6 C).
DewPointSource	See [1], Table 3-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
DewPointUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-6
RHum	Relative humidity at the time indicated, percent
RHumSource	See [1], Table 3-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
RHumUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-6
Pressure	Station pressure at the time indicated, 1 mbar
PressureSource	See [1], Table 3-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
PressureUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-6
Wdir	Wind direction at time indicated, degrees from east of north (360 = 0 = north; 90 = East; 0 = undefined,calm)
WdirSource	See [1], Table 3-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
WdirUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-6
Wspd	Wind speed at the time indicated, in tenths of meters/second (e.g. 212 = 21.2 m/s)
WspdSource	See [1], Table 3-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
WspdUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-6
Hvis	Distance to discernable remote objects at time indicated (7777=unlimited, 9999=missing data), in tenths of kilometers (e.g. 341 = 34.1 km).
HvisSource	See [1], Table 3-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
HvisUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-6
CeilHgt	Height of cloud base above local terrain (7777=unlimited, 88888=cirroform, 99999=missing data), in meters
CeilHgtSource	See [1], Table 3-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
CeilHgtUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-6
Pwat	Total precipitable water contained in a column of unit cross section from Earth to top of atmosphere, in millimeters
PwatSource	See [1], Table 3-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
PwatUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-6
AOD	The broadband aerosol optical depth (broadband turbidity) in thousandths on the day indicated (e.g. 114 = 0.114)
AODSource	See [1], Table 3-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
AODUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-6
SnowDepth	Snow depth in centimeters on the day indicated, (999 = missing data).
SnowDepthSource	See [1], Table 3-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
SnowDepthUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-6
LastSnowfall	Number of days since last snowfall (maximum value of 88, where 88 = 88 or greater days; 99 = missing data)
LastSnowfallSource	See [1], Table 3-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
LastSnowfallUncertainty	See [1], Table 3-6
PresentWeather	See [1], Appendix B, an 8760x1 cell array of strings. Each string contains 10 numeric values. The string can be parsed to determine each of 10 observed weather metrics.

References

[1] Marion, W and Urban, K. "Wilcox, S and Marion, W. "User's Manual for TMY2s". NREL 1995.

3.2 pvlib.pvl_readtmy3

pvlib.**pvl_readtmy3**(*FileName*)

> Read a TMY3 file in to a pandas dataframe

Read a TMY3 file and make a pandas dataframe of the data. Note that values contained in the struct are unchanged from the TMY3 file (i.e. units are retained). In the case of any discrepencies between this documentation and the TMY3 User's Manual ([1]), the TMY3 User's Manual takes precedence.

If a FileName is not provided, the user will be prompted to browse to an appropriate TMY3 file.

> **Parameters FileName** : string
>
> > An optional argument which allows the user to select which TMY3 format file should be read. A file path may also be necessary if the desired TMY3 file is not in the MATLAB working path.
>
> **Returns TMYDATA** : DataFrame
>
> > A pandas dataframe, is provided with the components in the table below. Note that for more detailed descriptions of each component, please consult the TMY3 User's Manual ([1]), especially tables 1-1 through 1-6.
>
> > **meta** : struct
>
> > struct of meta data is created, which contains all site metadata available in the file

See also:

pvl_makelocationstruct, pvl_readtmy2

Notes

meta field	format	description
meta.altitude	Float	site elevation
meta.latitude	Float	site latitudeitude
meta.longitude	Float	site longitudeitude
meta.Name	String	site name
meta.State	String	state
meta.TZ	Float	timezone
meta.USAF	Int	USAF identifier

TMYData field	description
TMYData.Index	A pandas datetime index. NOTE, the index is currently timezone unaware, and times are set to local standard time (daylight savings is not indcluded)
TMYData.ETR	Extraterrestrial horizontal radiation recv'd during 60 minutes prior to timestamp, Wh/m^2
TMYData.ETRN	Extraterrestrial normal radiation recv'd during 60 minutes prior to timestamp, Wh/m^2
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TMYData field	description
TMYData.GHI	Direct and diffuse horizontal radiation recv'd during 60 minutes prior to timestamp, Wh/m^2
TMYData.GHISource	See [1], Table 1-4
TMYData.GHIUncertainty	Uncertainty based on random and bias error estimates see [2]
TMYData.DNI	Amount of direct normal radiation (modeled) recv'd during 60 mintues prior to timestamp, Wh/m^2
TMYData.DNISource	See [1], Table 1-4
TMYData.DNIUncertainty	Uncertainty based on random and bias error estimates see [2]
TMYData.DHI	Amount of diffuse horizontal radiation recv'd during 60 minutes prior to timestamp, Wh/m^2
TMYData.DHISource	See [1], Table 1-4
TMYData.DHIUncertainty	Uncertainty based on random and bias error estimates see [2]
TMYData.GHillum	Avg. total horizontal illuminance recv'd during the 60 minutes prior to timestamp, lx
TMYData.GHillumSource	See [1], Table 1-4
TMYData.GHillumUncertainty	Uncertainty based on random and bias error estimates see [2]
TMYData.DNillum	Avg. direct normal illuminance recv'd during the 60 minutes prior to timestamp, lx
TMYData.DNillumSource	See [1], Table 1-4
TMYData.DNillumUncertainty	Uncertainty based on random and bias error estimates see [2]
TMYData.DHillum	Avg. horizontal diffuse illuminance recv'd during the 60 minutes prior to timestamp, lx
TMYData.DHillumSource	See [1], Table 1-4
TMYData.DHillumUncertainty	Uncertainty based on random and bias error estimates see [2]
TMYData.Zenithlum	Avg. luminance at the sky's zenith during the 60 minutes prior to timestamp, cd/m^2
TMYData.ZenithlumSource	See [1], Table 1-4
TMYData.ZenithlumUncertainty	Uncertainty based on random and bias error estimates see [1] section 2.10
TMYData.TotCld	Amount of sky dome covered by clouds or obscuring phenonema at time stamp, tenths of sky
TMYData.TotCldSource	See [1], Table 1-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
TMYData.TotCldUnertainty	See [1], Table 1-6
TMYData.OpqCld	Amount of sky dome covered by clouds or obscuring phenonema that prevent observing the sky at time stamp, tenths of sky
TMYData.OpqCldSource	See [1], Table 1-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
TMYData.OpqCldUncertainty	See [1], Table 1-6
TMYData.DryBulb	Dry bulb temperature at the time indicated, deg C
TMYData.DryBulbSource	See [1], Table 1-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
TMYData.DryBulbUncertainty	See [1], Table 1-6
TMYData.DewPoint	Dew-point temperature at the time indicated, deg C
TMYData.DewPointSource	See [1], Table 1-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
TMYData.DewPointUncertainty	See [1], Table 1-6
TMYData.RHum	Relatitudeive humidity at the time indicated, percent
TMYData.RHumSource	See [1], Table 1-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
TMYData.RHumUncertainty	See [1], Table 1-6
TMYData.Pressure	Station pressure at the time indicated, 1 mbar
TMYData.PressureSource	See [1], Table 1-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
TMYData.PressureUncertainty	See [1], Table 1-6
TMYData.Wdir	Wind direction at time indicated, degrees from north (360 = north; 0 = undefined,calm)

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TMYData field	description
TMYData.WdirSource	See [1], Table 1-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
TMYData.WdirUncertainty	See [1], Table 1-6
TMYData.Wspd	Wind speed at the time indicated, meter/second
TMYData.WspdSource	See [1], Table 1-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
TMYData.WspdUncertainty	See [1], Table 1-6
TMYData.Hvis	Distance to discernable remote objects at time indicated (7777=unlimited), meter
TMYData.HvisSource	See [1], Table 1-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
TMYData.HvisUncertainty	See [1], Table 1-6
TMYData.CeilHgt	Height of cloud base above local terrain (7777=unlimited), meter
TMYData.CeilHgtSource	See [1], Table 1-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
TMYData.CeilHgtUncertainty	See [1], Table 1-6
TMYData.Pwat	Total precipitable water contained in a column of unit cross section from earth to top of atmosphere, cm
TMYData.PwatSource	See [1], Table 1-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
TMYData.PwatUncertainty	See [1], Table 1-6
TMYData.AOD	The broadband aerosol optical depth per unit of air mass due to extinction by aerosol component of atmosphere, unitless
TMYData.AODSource	See [1], Table 1-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
TMYData.AODUncertainty	See [1], Table 1-6
TMYData.Alb	The ratio of reflected solar irradiance to global horizontal irradiance, unitless
TMYData.AlbSource	See [1], Table 1-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
TMYData.AlbUncertainty	See [1], Table 1-6
TMYData.Lprecipdepth	The amount of liquid precipitation observed at indicated time for the period indicated in the liquid precipitation quantity field, millimeter
TMYData.Lprecipquantity	The period of accumulatitudeion for the liquid precipitation depth field, hour
TMYData.LprecipSource	See [1], Table 1-5, 8760x1 cell array of strings
TMYData.LprecipUncertainty	See [1], Table 1-6

References

[1] Wilcox, S and Marion, W. "Users Manual for TMY3 Data Sets". NREL/TP-581-43156, Revised May 2008.

[2] Wilcox, S. (2007). National Solar Radiation Database 1991 2005 Update: Users Manual. 472 pp.; NREL Report No. TP-581-41364.

SYSTEM MODELLING FUNCTIONS

pvlib.pvl_physicaliam(K, L, n, theta)	Determine the incidence angle modifier using refractive
pvlib.pvl_ashraeiam(b, theta)	Determine the incidence angle modifier using the ASHRAE transmission model.
pvlib.pvl_calcparams_desoto(S, Tcell, ...[, ...])	Applies the temperature and irradiance corrections to inputs for pvl_singlediode
pvlib.pvl_retreiveSAM(name[, FileLoc])	Retreive lastest module and inverter info from SAM website
pvlib.pvl_sapm(Module, Eb, Ediff, Tcell, AM, AOI)	Performs Sandia PV Array Performance Model to get 5 points on IV curve given SAPM module parameters, Ee, and cell temperature
pvlib.pvl_sapmcelltemp(E, Wspd, Tamb[, modelt])	Estimate cell temperature from irradiance, windspeed, ambient temperature, and module parameters (SAPM)
pvlib.pvl_singlediode(Module, IL, I0, Rs, ...)	Solve the single-diode model to obtain a photovoltaic IV curve
pvlib.pvl_snlinverter(Inverter, Vmp, Pmp)	Converts DC power and voltage to AC power using Sandia's Grid-Connected PV Inverter model
pvlib.pvl_systemdef(TMYmeta, SurfTilt, ...)	Generates a dict of system paramters used throughout a simulation

4.1 pvlib.pvl_physicaliam

pvlib.**pvl_physicaliam**(K, L, n, $theta$)

Determine the incidence angle modifier using refractive index, glazing thickness, and extinction coefficient

pvl_physicaliam calculates the incidence angle modifier as described in De Soto et al. "Improvement and validation of a model for photovoltaic array performance", section 3. The calculation is based upon a physical model of absorbtion and transmission through a cover. Required information includes, incident angle, cover extinction coefficient, cover thickness

Note: The authors of this function believe that eqn. 14 in [1] is incorrect. This function uses the following equation in its place: theta_r = arcsin(1/n * sin(theta))

Parameters K : float

The glazing extinction coefficient in units of 1/meters. Reference [1] indicates that a value of 4 is reasonable for "water white" glass. K must be a numeric scalar or vector with all values >=0. If K is a vector, it must be the same size as all other input vectors.

L : float

The glazing thickness in units of meters. Reference [1] indicates that 0.002 meters (2 mm) is reasonable for most glass-covered PV panels. L must be a numeric scalar or vector with all values >=0. If L is a vector, it must be the same size as all other input vectors.

n : float

The effective index of refraction (unitless). Reference [1] indicates that a value of 1.526 is acceptable for glass. n must be a numeric scalar or vector with all values >=0. If n is a vector, it must be the same size as all other input vectors.

theta :float :

The angle of incidence between the module normal vector and the sun-beam vector in degrees. Theta must be a numeric scalar or vector. For any values of theta where abs(theta)>90, IAM is set to 0. For any values of theta where -90 < theta < 0, theta is set to abs(theta) and evaluated. A warning will be generated if any(theta<0 or theta>90).

Returns IAM : float

The incident angle modifier as specified in eqns. 14-16 of [1]. IAM is a column vector with the same number of elements as the largest input vector.

See also:

`pvl_getaoi`, `pvl_ephemeris`, `pvl_spa`, `pvl_ashraeiam`

References

[1] **W. De Soto et al., "Improvement and validation of a model for** photovoltaic array performance", Solar Energy, vol 80, pp. 78-88, 2006.

[2] **Duffie, John A. & Beckman, William A.. (2006). Solar Engineering** of Thermal Processes, third edition. [Books24x7 version] Available from http://common.books24x7.com/toc.aspx?bookid=17160.

4.2 pvlib.pvl_ashraeiam

`pvlib.`**`pvl_ashraeiam`**(*b*, *theta*)

Determine the incidence angle modifier using the ASHRAE transmission model.

pvl_ashraeiam calculates the incidence angle modifier as developed in [1], and adopted by ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers) [2]. The model has been used by model programs such as PVSyst [3].

Note: For incident angles near 90 degrees, this model has a discontinuity which has been addressed in this function.

Parameters b : float

A parameter to adjust the modifier as a function of angle of incidence. Typical values are on the order of 0.05 [3].

theta : DataFrame

The angle of incidence between the module normal vector and the sun-beam vector in degrees. Theta must be a numeric scalar or vector. For any values of theta where abs(theta)>90, IAM is set to 0. For any values of theta where -90 < theta < 0, theta is set to abs(theta) and evaluated. A warning will be generated if any(theta<0 or theta>90). For values of theta near 90 degrees, the ASHRAE model may be above 1 or less than 0

due to the discontinuity of secant(theta). IAM values outside of [0,1] are set to 0 and a warning is generated.

Returns **IAM** : DataFrame

The incident angle modifier calculated as 1-b*(sec(theta)-1) as described in [2,3]. IAM is a column vector with the same number of elements as the largest input vector.

See also:

`pvl_getaoi`, `pvl_ephemeris`, `pvl_spa`, `pvl_physicaliam`

References

[1] Souka A.F., Safwat H.H., "Determindation of the optimum orientations for the double exposure flat-plate collector and its reflections". Solar Energy vol .10, pp 170-174. 1966.

[2] ASHRAE standard 93-77

[3] PVsyst Contextual Help. http://files.pvsyst.com/help/index.html?iam_loss.htm retrieved on September 10, 2012

4.3 pvlib.pvl_calcparams_desoto

pvlib.**pvl_calcparams_desoto**(*S*, *Tcell*, *alpha_isc*, *ModuleParameters*, *EgRef*, *dEgdT*, *M=1*, *Sref=1000*, *Tref=25*)
Applies the temperature and irradiance corrections to inputs for pvl_singlediode

Applies the temperature and irradiance corrections to the IL, I0, Rs, Rsh, and a parameters at reference conditions (IL_ref, I0_ref, etc.) according to the De Soto et. al description given in [1]. The results of this correction procedure may be used in a single diode model to determine IV curves at irradiance = S, cell temperature = Tcell.

Parameters **S** : float or DataFrame

The irradiance (in W/m^2) absorbed by the module. S must be >= 0. Due to a division by S in the script, any S value equal to 0 will be set to 1E-10.

Tcell : float or DataFrame

The average cell temperature of cells within a module in C. Tcell must be >= -273.15.

alpha_isc : float

The short-circuit current temperature coefficient of the module in units of 1/C.

ModuleParameters : struct

parameters describing PV module performance at reference conditions according to DeSoto's paper. Parameters may be generated or found by lookup. For ease of use, PVL_RETREIVESAM can automatically generate a struct based on the most recent SAM CEC module database. The ModuleParameters struct must contain (at least) the following 5 fields:

ModuleParameters.a_ref **- modified diode ideality factor parameter at**
reference conditions (units of eV), a_ref can be calculated from the usual diode ideality factor (n), number of cells in series (Ns), and cell temperature (Tcell) per equation (2) in [1].

ModuleParameters.IL_ref **- Light-generated current (or photocurrent)** in amperes at reference conditions. This value is referred to as Iph in some literature.

ModuleParameters.I0_ref **- diode reverse saturation current in amperes,** under reference conditions.

ModuleParameters.Rsh_ref - shunt resistance under reference conditions (ohms)

ModuleParameters.Rs_ref - series resistance under reference conditions (ohms)

EgRef : float

The energy bandgap at reference temperature (in eV). 1.121 eV for silicon. EgRef must be >0.

dEgdT : float

The temperature dependence of the energy bandgap at SRC (in 1/C). May be either a scalar value (e.g. -0.0002677 as in [1]) or a DataFrame of dEgdT values corresponding to each input condition (this may be useful if dEgdT is a function of temperature).

Returns   IL : float or DataFrame

Light-generated current in amperes at irradiance=S and cell temperature=Tcell.

I0 [float or DataFrame] Diode saturation curent in amperes at irradiance S and cell temperature Tcell.

Rs [float] Series resistance in ohms at irradiance S and cell temperature Tcell.

Rsh [float or DataFrame] Shunt resistance in ohms at irradiance S and cell temperature Tcell.

nNsVth [float or DataFrame] Modified diode ideality factor at irradiance S and cell temperature Tcell. Note that in source [1] nNsVth = a (equation 2). nNsVth is the product of the usual diode ideality factor (n), the number of series-connected cells in the module (Ns), and the thermal voltage of a cell in the module (Vth) at a cell temperature of Tcell.

Other Parameters   M : float or DataFrame (optional, Default=1)

An optional airmass modifier, if omitted, M is given a value of 1, which assumes absolute (pressure corrected) airmass = 1.5. In this code, M is equal to M/Mref as described in [1] (i.e. Mref is assumed to be 1). Source [1] suggests that an appropriate value for M as a function absolute airmass (AMa) may be:

```
>>> M = np.polyval([-0.000126, 0.002816, -0.024459, 0.086257, 0.918093], AMa)
```

M may be a DataFrame.

Sref : float (optional, Default=1000)

Optional reference irradiance in W/m^2. If omitted, a value of 1000 is used.

Tref : float (Optional, Default=25)

Optional reference cell temperature in C. If omitted, a value of 25 C is used.

See also:

`pvl_sapm`, `pvl_sapmcelltemp`, `pvl_singlediode`, `pvl_retreivesam`

Notes

If the reference parameters in the ModuleParameters struct are read from a database or library of parameters (e.g. System Advisor Model), it is important to use the same EgRef and dEgdT values that were used to generate the reference parameters, regardless of the actual bandgap characteristics of the semiconductor. For example, in the case of the System Advisor Model library, created as described in [3], EgRef and dEgdT for all modules were 1.121 and -0.0002677, respectively.

This table of reference bandgap energies (EgRef), bandgap energy temperature dependence (dEgdT), and "typical" airmass response (M) is provided purely as reference to those who may generate their own reference module parameters (a_ref, IL_ref, I0_ref, etc.) based upon the various PV semiconductors. Again, we stress the importance of using identical EgRef and dEgdT when generation reference parameters and modifying the reference parameters (for irradiance, temperature, and airmass) per DeSoto's equations.

Silicon (Si): EgRef = 1.121 dEgdT = -0.0002677

```
>>> M = polyval([-0.000126 0.002816 -0.024459 0.086257 0.918093], AMa)
```

Source = Reference 1

Cadmium Telluride (CdTe): EgRef = 1.475 dEgdT = -0.0003

```
>>> M = polyval([-2.46E-5 9.607E-4 -0.0134 0.0716 0.9196], AMa)
```

Source = Reference 4

Copper Indium diSelenide (CIS): EgRef = 1.010 dEgdT = -0.00011

```
>>> M = polyval([-3.74E-5 0.00125 -0.01462 0.0718 0.9210], AMa)
```

Source = Reference 4

Copper Indium Gallium diSelenide (CIGS): EgRef = 1.15 dEgdT = ????

```
>>> M = polyval([-9.07E-5 0.0022 -0.0202 0.0652 0.9417], AMa)
```

Source = Wikipedia

Gallium Arsenide (GaAs):

EgRef = 1.424 dEgdT = -0.000433 M = unknown Source = Reference 4

References

[1] W. De Soto et al., **"Improvement and validation of a model for** photovoltaic array performance", Solar Energy, vol 80, pp. 78-88, 2006.

[2] System Advisor Model web page. https://sam.nrel.gov.

[3] A. Dobos, **"An Improved Coefficient Calculator for the California** Energy Commission 6 Parameter Photovoltaic Module Model", Journal of Solar Energy Engineering, vol 134, 2012.

[4] O. Madelung, **"Semiconductors: Data Handbook, 3rd ed." ISBN** 3-540-40488-0

4.4 pvlib.pvl_retreiveSAM

pvlib.**pvl_retreiveSAM**(*name*, *FileLoc='none'*)

> Retreive lastest module and inverter info from SAM website

> PVL_RETREIVESAM Retreive lastest module and inverter info from SAM website. This function will retreive either:

> •CEC module database

> •Sandia Module database

> •Sandia Inverter database

and export it as a pandas dataframe

> **Parameters name: String** :

> > Name can be one of:

> > • 'CECMod'- returns the CEC module database

> > • 'SandiaInverter- returns the Sandia Inverter database

> > • 'SandiaMod'- returns the Sandia Module database

> **FileLoc: String** :

> > Absolute path to the location of local versions of the SAM file. If FileLoc is specified, the latest versions of the SAM database will not be downloaded. The selected file must be in .csv format.

> > If set to 'select', a dialogue will open allowing the suer to navigate to the appropriate page.

> **Returns** :

> **——-** :

> **df: DataFrame** :

> > A DataFrame containing all the elements of the desired database. Each column representa a module or inverter, and a specific dataset can be retreived by the command

> > **>>>** df.module_or_inverter_name

Examples

```
>>> Invdb=SAM.pvl_retreiveSAM(name='SandiaInverter')
>>> inverter=Invdb.AE_Solar_Energy__AE6_0__277V__277V__CEC_2012_
>>> inverter
Vac              277.000000
Paco            6000.000000
Pdco            6165.670000
Vdco             361.123000
Pso               36.792300
C0                -0.000002
C1                -0.000047
C2                -0.001861
C3                 0.000721
Pnt                0.070000
```

```
Vdcmax          600.000000
Idcmax           32.000000
Mppt_low        200.000000
Mppt_high       500.000000
Name: AE_Solar_Energy__AE6_0__277V__277V__CEC_2012_, dtype: float64
```

4.5 pvlib.pvl_sapm

pvlib.**pvl_sapm**(*Module*, *Eb*, *Ediff*, *Tcell*, *AM*, *AOI*)

> Performs Sandia PV Array Performance Model to get 5 points on IV curve given SAPM module parameters, Ee, and cell temperature
>
> The Sandia PV Array Performance Model (SAPM) generates 5 points on a PV module's I-V curve (Voc, Isc, Ix, Ixx, Vmp/Imp) according to SAND2004-3535. Assumes a reference cell temperature of 25 C.
>
> > **Parameters   Module** : DataFrame
> >
> > > A DataFrame defining the SAPM performance parameters (see pvl_retreivesam)
> >
> > **Ee** : float of DataFrame
> >
> > > The effective irradiance incident upon the module (suns). Any Ee<0 are set to 0.
> >
> > **celltemp** : float of DataFrame
> >
> > > The cell temperature (degrees C)
> >
> > **Returns   Result - DataFrame** :
> >
> > > A DataFrame with:
> > >
> > > - Result.Isc
> > > - Result.Imp
> > > - Result.Ix
> > > - Result.Ixx
> > > - Result.Voc
> > > - Result.Vmp
> > > - Result.Pmp
>
> **See also:**
>
> pvl_retreivesam, `pvl_sapmcelltemp`
>
> **Notes**
>
> The particular coefficients from SAPM which are required in Module are:

Module field	Description
Module.c	1x8 vector with the C coefficients Module.c(1) = C0
Module.Isc0	Short circuit current at reference condition (amps)
Module.Imp0	Maximum power current at reference condition (amps)
Module.AlphaIsc	Short circuit current temperature coefficient at reference condition (1/C)
Module.AlphaImp	Maximum power current temperature coefficient at reference condition (1/C)
Module.BetaVoc	Open circuit voltage temperature coefficient at reference condition (V/C)
Module.mBetaVoc	Coefficient providing the irradiance dependence for the BetaVoc temperature coefficient at reference irradiance (V/C)
Module.BetaVmp	Maximum power voltage temperature coefficient at reference condition
Module.mBetaVmp	Coefficient providing the irradiance dependence for the BetaVmp temperature coefficient at reference irradiance (V/C)
Module.n	Empirically determined "diode factor" (dimensionless)
Module.Ns	Number of cells in series in a module's cell string(s)

References

[1] King, D. et al, 2004, "Sandia Photovoltaic Array Performance Model", SAND Report 3535, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM

4.6 pvlib.pvl_sapmcelltemp

pvlib.**pvl_sapmcelltemp**(*E*, *Wspd*, *Tamb*, *modelt='Open_rack_cell_glassback'*, ***kwargs*)
  Estimate cell temperature from irradiance, windspeed, ambient temperature, and module parameters (SAPM)

  Estimate cell and module temperatures per the Sandia PV Array Performance model (SAPM, SAND2004-3535), when given the incident irradiance, wind speed, ambient temperature, and SAPM module parameters.

  Parameters E : float or DataFrame

  > Total incident irradiance in W/m^2. Must be >=0.

  windspeed : float or DataFrame

  > Wind speed in m/s at a height of 10 meters. Must be >=0

  Tamb : float or DataFrame

  > Ambient dry bulb temperature in degrees C. Must be >= -273.15.

  Returns Tcell : float or DataFrame

  > Cell temperatures in degrees C.

  Tmodule : float or DataFrame

  > Module back temperature in degrees C.

  Other Parameters modelt : string

  Model to be used for parameters, can be: :

  - 'Open_rack_cell_glassback' (DEFAULT)

  - 'Roof_mount_cell_glassback'

- 'Open_rack_cell_polymerback'

- 'Insulated_back_polumerback'

- 'Open_rack_Polymer_thinfilm_steel'

- '22X_Concentrator_tracker'

a : float (optional)

> SAPM module parameter for establishing the upper limit for module temperature at low wind speeds and high solar irradiance (see SAPM eqn. 11). Must be a scalar.If not input, this value will be taken from the chosen model

b : float (optional)

> SAPM module parameter for establishing the rate at which the module temperature drops as wind speed increases (see SAPM eqn. 11). Must be a scalar.If not input, this value will be taken from the chosen model

deltaT : float (optional)

> SAPM module parameter giving the temperature difference between the cell and module back surface at the reference irradiance, E0. Must be a numeric scalar >=0. If not input, this value will be taken from the chosen model

See also:

`pvl_sapm`

References

[1] King, D. et al, 2004, "Sandia Photovoltaic Array Performance Model", SAND Report 3535, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM

4.7 pvlib.pvl_singlediode

pvlib.**pvl_singlediode**(*Module*, *IL*, *I0*, *Rs*, *Rsh*, *nNsVth*, ***kwargs*)
Solve the single-diode model to obtain a photovoltaic IV curve

pvl_singlediode solves the single diode equation [1]: $I = IL - I0*[exp((V+I*Rs)/(nNsVth))-1] - (V + I*Rs)/Rsh$ for I and V when given IL, I0, Rs, Rsh, and nNsVth (nNsVth = n*Ns*Vth) which are described later. pvl_singlediode returns a struct which contains the 5 points on the I-V curve specified in SAND2004-3535 [3]. If all IL, I0, Rs, Rsh, and nNsVth are scalar, a single curve will be returned, if any are DataFrames (of the same length), multiple IV curves will be calculated.

> **Parameters** **These imput parameters can be calculated using PVL_CALCPARAMS_DESOTO from** :
>
> **meterological data.** :
>
> **IL** : float or DataFrame
>
> > Light-generated current (photocurrent) in amperes under desired IV curve conditions.
>
> **I0** : float or DataFrame
>
> > Diode saturation current in amperes under desired IV curve conditions.
>
> **Rs** : float or DataFrame

Series resistance in ohms under desired IV curve conditions.

Rsh : float or DataFrame

Shunt resistance in ohms under desired IV curve conditions. May be a scalar or DataFrame, but DataFrames must be of same length as all other input DataFrames.

nNsVth : float or DataFrame

the product of three components. 1) The usual diode ideal factor (n), 2) the number of cells in series (Ns), and 3) the cell thermal voltage under the desired IV curve conditions (Vth). The thermal voltage of the cell (in volts) may be calculated as k*Tcell/q, where k is Boltzmann's constant (J/K), Tcell is the temperature of the p-n junction in Kelvin, and q is the elementary charge of an electron (coulombs).

Other Parameters :

—————- :

NumPoints : integer

Number of points in the desired IV curve (optional). Must be a finite scalar value. Non-integer values will be rounded to the next highest integer (ceil). If ceil(NumPoints) is < 2, no IV curves will be produced (i.e. Result.V and Result.I will not be generated). The default value is 0, resulting in no calculation of IV points other than those specified in [3].

Returns :

Result : DataFrame

A DataFrame with the following fields. All fields have the same number of rows as the largest input DataFrame:

- Result.Isc - short circuit current in amperes.

- Result.Voc - open circuit voltage in volts.

- Result.Imp - current at maximum power point in amperes.

- Result.Vmp - voltage at maximum power point in volts.

- Result.Pmp - power at maximum power point in watts.

- Result.Ix - current, in amperes, at V = 0.5*Voc.

- Result.Ixx - current, in amperes, at V = 0.5*(Voc+Vmp).

See also:

`pvl_sapm`, `pvl_calcparams_desoto`

Notes

The solution employed to solve the implicit diode equation utilizes the Lambert W function to obtain an explicit function of V=f(i) and I=f(V) as shown in [2].

References

[1] S.R. Wenham, M.A. Green, M.E. Watt, "Applied Photovoltaics" ISBN 0 86758 909 4

[2] A. Jain, A. Kapoor, "Exact analytical solutions of the parameters of real solar cells using Lambert W-function", Solar Energy Materials and Solar Cells, 81 (2004) 269-277.

[3] D. King et al, "Sandia Photovoltaic Array Performance Model", SAND2004-3535, Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM

4.8 pvlib.pvl_snlinverter

pvlib.**pvl_snlinverter**(*Inverter*, *Vmp*, *Pmp*)

> Converts DC power and voltage to AC power using Sandia's Grid-Connected PV Inverter model

> Determine the AC power output of an inverter given the DC voltage, DC power, and appropriate Sandia Grid-Connected Photovoltaic Inverter Model parameters. The output, ACPower, is clipped at the maximum power output, and gives a negative power during low-input power conditions, but does NOT account for maximum power point tracking voltage windows nor maximum current or voltage limits on the inverter.

> > **Parameters Inverter** : DataFrame

> > > A DataFrame defining the inverter to be used, giving the inverter performance parameters according to the Sandia Grid-Connected Photovoltaic Inverter Model (SAND 2007-5036) [1]. A set of inverter performance parameters are provided with PV_LIB, or may be generated from a System Advisor Model (SAM) [2] library using pvl_retreivesam.

> > > Required DataFrame components are:

> > > | Field | DataFrame |
> > > | --- | --- |
> > > | Inverter.Pac0 | AC-power output from inverter based on input power and voltage, (W) |
> > > | Inverter.Pdco | DC-power input to inverter, typically assumed to be equal to the PV array maximum power, (W) |
> > > | Inverter.Vdco | DC-voltage level at which the AC-power rating is achieved at the reference operating condition, (V) |
> > > | Inverter.Ps0 | DC-power required to start the inversion process, or self-consumption by inverter, strongly influences inverter efficiency at low power levels, (W) |
> > > | Inverter.C0 | Parameter defining the curvature (parabolic) of the relationship between ac-power and dc-power at the reference operating condition, default value of zero gives a linear relationship, (1/W) |
> > > | Inverter.C1 | Empirical coefficient allowing Pdco to vary linearly with dc-voltage input, default value is zero, (1/V) |
> > > | Inverter.C2 | empirical coefficient allowing Pso to vary linearly with dc-voltage input, default value is zero, (1/V) |
> > > | Inverter.C3 | empirical coefficient allowing Co to vary linearly with dc-voltage input, default value is zero, (1/V) |
> > > | Inverter.Pnt | ac-power consumed by inverter at night (night tare) to maintain circuitry required to sense PV array voltage, (W) |

> > **Vdc** : float or DataFrame

> > > DC voltages, in volts, which are provided as input to the inverter. Vdc must be >= 0.

> > **Pdc** : float or DataFrame

> > > **A scalar or DataFrame of DC powers, in watts, which are provided** as input to the inverter. Pdc must be >= 0.

> > **Returns ACPower** : float or DataFrame

> > > Mdeled AC power output given the input DC voltage, Vdc, and input DC power, Pdc. When ACPower would be greater than Pac0, it is set to Pac0 to represent inverter "clipping". When ACPower would be less than Ps0 (startup power required), then ACPower is set to -1*abs(Pnt) to represent nightly power losses. ACPower is not adjusted for

maximum power point tracking (MPPT) voltage windows or maximum current limits of the inverter.

See also:

`pvl_sapm`, `pvl_samlibrary`, `pvl_singlediode`

References

[1] (SAND2007-5036, "Performance Model for Grid-Connected Photovoltaic Inverters by D. King, S. Gonzalez, G. Galbraith, W. Boyson)

[2] System Advisor Model web page. https://sam.nrel.gov.

4.9 pvlib.pvl_systemdef

pvlib.**pvl_systemdef**(*TMYmeta*, *SurfTilt*, *SurfAz*, *Albedo*, *SeriesModules*, *ParallelModules*)
    Generates a dict of system paramters used throughout a simulation

>   **Parameters** **TMYmeta** : struct or dict
>
>>   meta file generated from a TMY file using pvl_readtmy2 or pvl_readtmy3. It should contain at least the following fields:

meta field	format	description
meta.altitude	Float	site elevation
meta.latitude	Float	site latitude
meta.longitude	Float	site longitude
meta.Name	String	site name
meta.State	String	state
meta.TZ	Float	timezone

>   **SurfTilt** [float or DataFrame] Surface tilt angles in decimal degrees. SurfTilt must be >=0 and <=180. The tilt angle is defined as degrees from horizontal (e.g. surface facing up = 0, surface facing horizon = 90)
>
>   **SurfAz** [float or DataFrame] Surface azimuth angles in decimal degrees. SurfAz must be >=0 and <=360. The Azimuth convention is defined as degrees east of north (e.g. North = 0, South=180 East = 90, West = 270).
>
>   **Albedo** [float or DataFrame] Ground reflectance, typically 0.1-0.4 for surfaces on Earth (land), may increase over snow, ice, etc. May also be known as the reflection coefficient. Must be >=0 and <=1.
>
>   **SeriesModules** [float] Number of modules connected in series in a string.
>
>   **ParallelModules** [int] Number of strings connected in parallel.

>   **Returns** **Result** : dict
>
>>   A dict with the following fields.
>
>   • 'SurfTilt'
>
>   • 'SurfAz'
>
>   • 'Albedo'
>
>   • 'SeriesModules'

- 'ParallelModules'

- 'Lat'

- 'Long'

- 'TZ'

- 'name'

- 'altitude'

See also:

`pvl_readtmy3`, `pvl_readtmy2`

PVLIB FUNCTIONS

`pvlib.pvl_tools.Parse`(dct, Expect)	Parses inputs to pvlib_python functions.
`pvlib.pvl_tools.repack`(dct)	Converts a dict to a struct
`pvlib.pvl_tools.cosd`(angle)	Cosine with angle input in degrees
`pvlib.pvl_tools.sind`(angle)	Sine with angle input in degrees

5.1 pvlib.pvl_tools.Parse

class `pvlib.pvl_tools.`**`Parse`**(*dct*, *Expect*)

Parses inputs to pvlib_python functions.

> **Parameters kwargs** : dict
>
>> Input variables
>
> **Expect** : dict
>
>> Parsing logic for input variables, in the form of a dict.
>>
>> Possible flags are:
>>
>> | string flag | Description |
>> |---|---|
>> | num | Ensure input is numeric |
>> | array | Ensure input is a numpy array. If it is not in an array, it will attempt to convert it |
>> | df | Ensure input is a pandas dataframe |
>> | str | Ensure inpus is a string |
>> | optional | Input is not required |
>> | default | Defines a default value for a parameter. Must be followed by a 'default=x' statement |
>> | *logical* | Can accept a range of logical arguments in the form 'x[== <= >= < >]value' |
>
> **Returns var** : struct
>
>> Structure containing all input values in kwargs

Notes

This function will raise a descriptive exception if a variable fails any input requrements

Methods

parse_fcn(kwargs, Expect)

__init__(*dct*, *Expect*)

Methods

__init__(dct, Expect)
parse_fcn(kwargs, Expect)

5.2 pvlib.pvl_tools.repack

class pvlib.pvl_tools.**repack**(*dct*)

    Converts a dict to a struct

        Parameters dct : dict

            Dict to be converted

        Returns self : struct

            structure of packed dict entries

    __init__(*dct*)

Methods

__init__(dct)

5.3 pvlib.pvl_tools.cosd

pvlib.pvl_tools.**cosd**(*angle*)

    Cosine with angle input in degrees

        Parameters angle : float

            Angle in degrees

        Returns result : float

            Cosine of the angle

5.4 pvlib.pvl_tools.sind

pvlib.pvl_tools.**sind**(*angle*)

    Sine with angle input in degrees

        Parameters angle : float

> Angle in degrees

Returns result : float

> Sin of the angle

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