

# Data analysis for solar radiation and grid simulation

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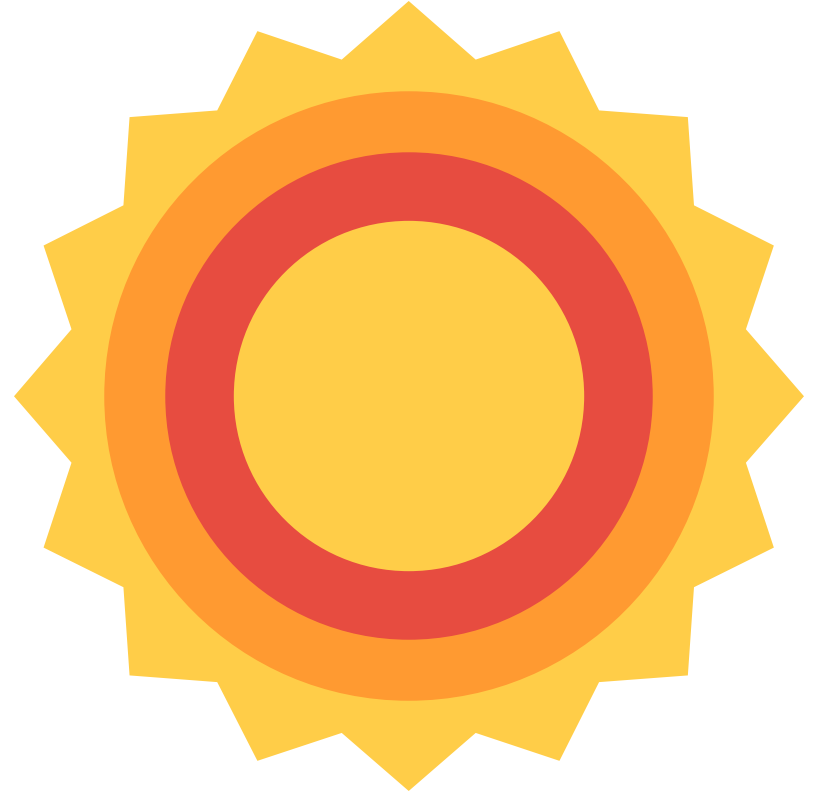
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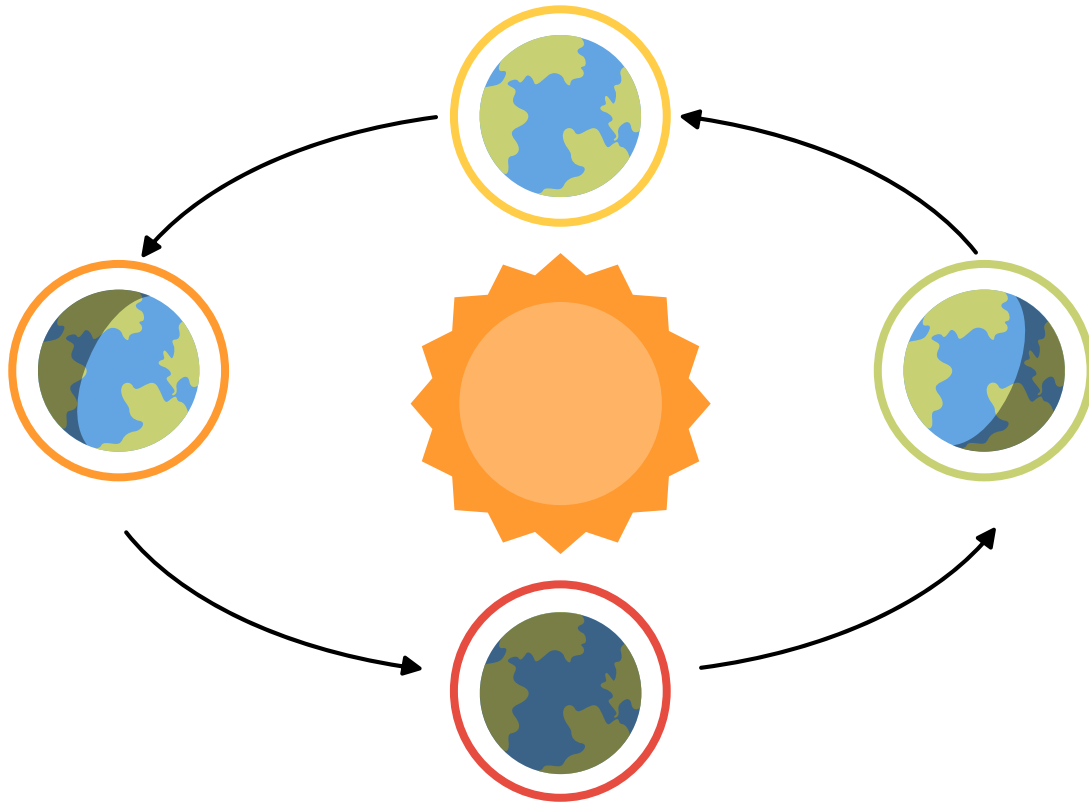
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# Solar Irradiance Concepts



**DNI**

Direct Normal Irradiance  
( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ )

**DHI**

Diffuse Horizontal Irradiance  
( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ )

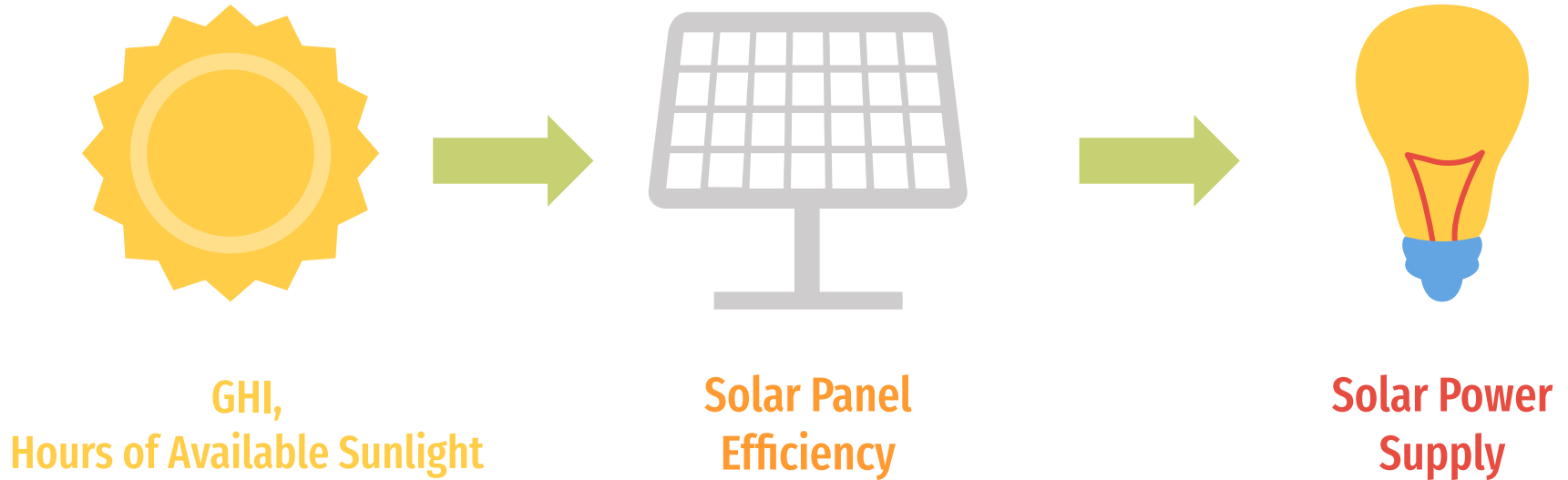
**Solar Zenith Angle (Z)**

Angle between normal of the Earth  
and the Sun's rays (Degrees)

**GHI**

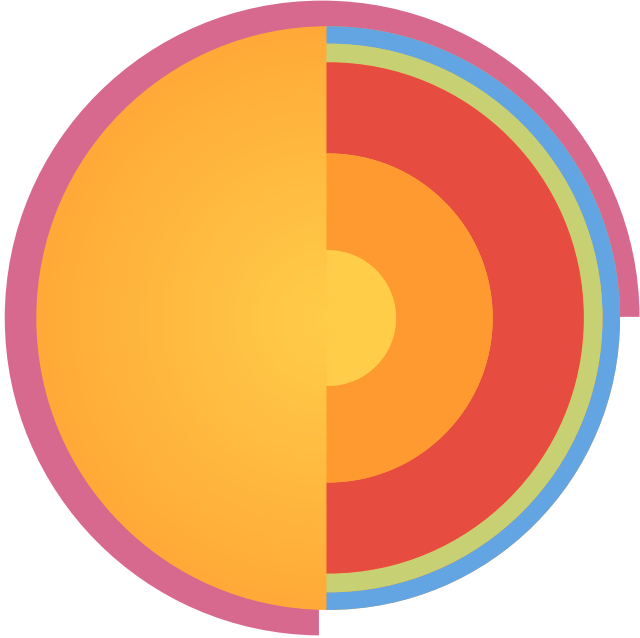
$\text{DHI} + \cos(Z) * \text{DNI}$   
( $\text{W}/\text{m}^2$ )

# How GHI translates to power supply?



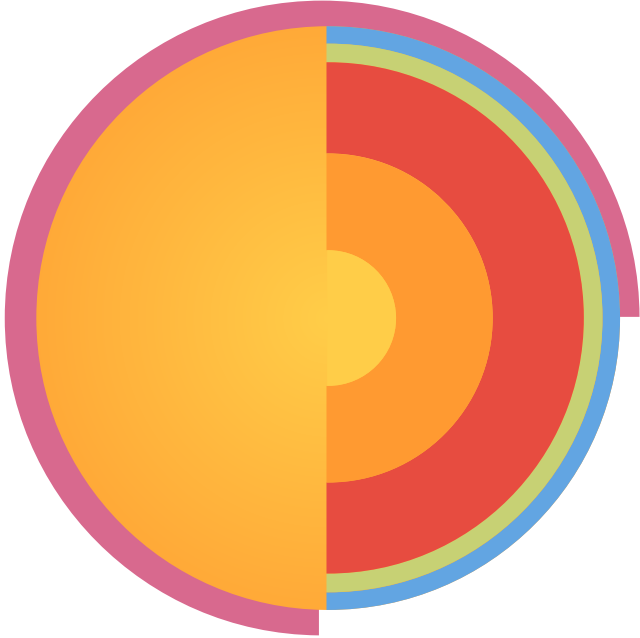
**A GHI of 1000 is roughly equivalent to solar energy resources generating at 100%**

# Motivation



- Evaluating spatial and seasonal variations changes in solar supply and energy demands
- Evaluate relationship and gaps in solar supply and energy demand throughout the year
- Measuring efficiency of California grid assuming it is running on only on solar supply and storage

# Data Sets



## Solar Energy Supply Data

National Renewable Energy Laboratory -  
National Solar Radiation Database

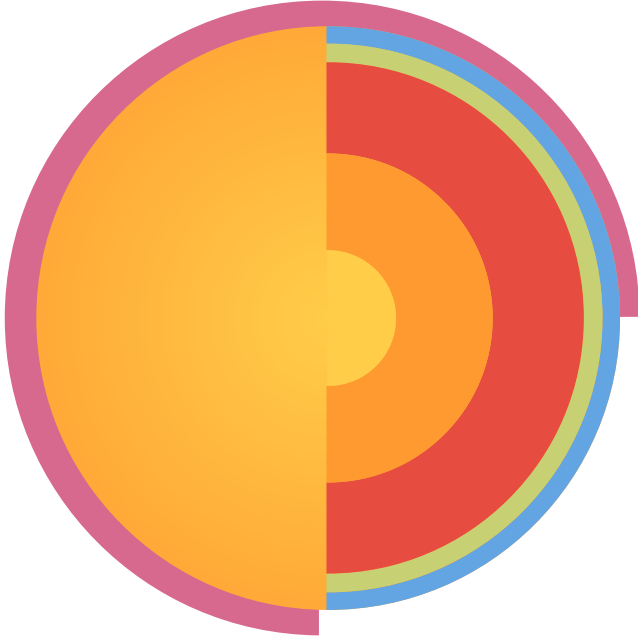
<https://nsrdb.nrel.gov/>

## Energy Demand Data

California Independent System Operator

[https://github.com/grgmiller/CAISO\\_data](https://github.com/grgmiller/CAISO_data)

# Data Overview



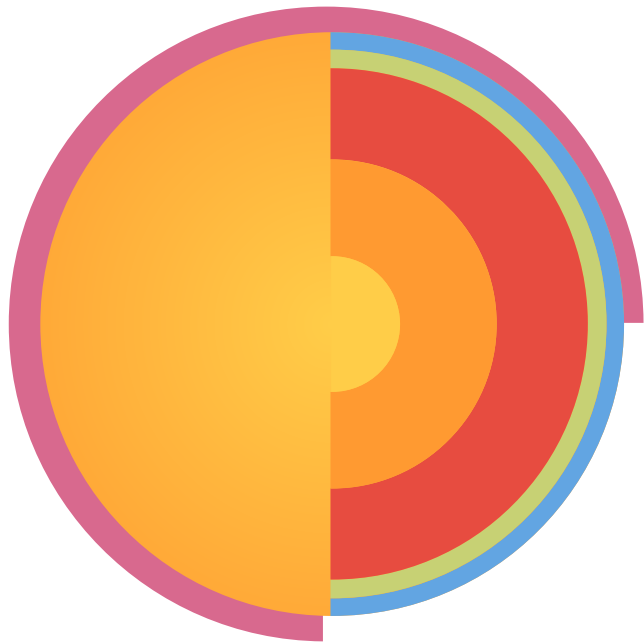
## Solar Energy Supply Data

- Temporal resolution - 30 min
- Spatial resolution - 4 km
- California data for 1 year ~70GB!

## Energy Demand Data

- Temporal resolution - 60 min
- Spatial resolution - Per State
- California data for 1 year ~13MB

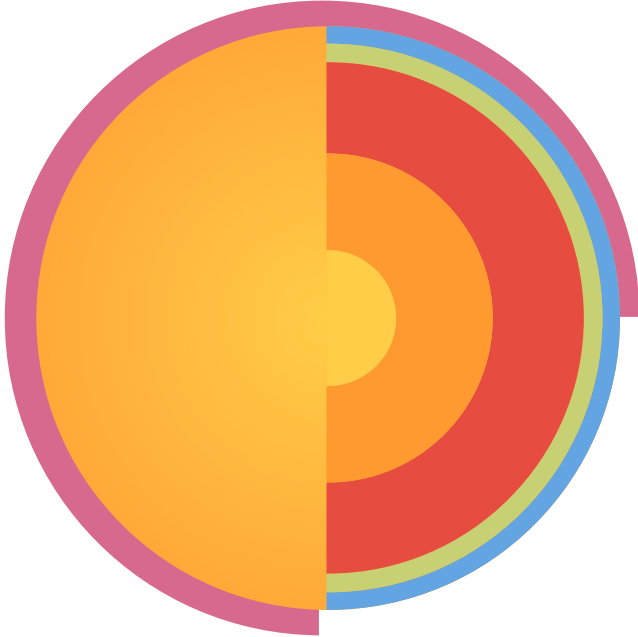
# Methodology



## Data Pre-processing

- Data Reduction
  - Focused on 3 years
  - Matched supply and demand data
  - Segregated datasets for visualizations and analysis
- Dimensionality Reduction
  - Selected specific attributes
- Data Discretization
  - Temporal: Hourly data instead of every 30 min
  - Spatial: Sampled coordinates

# Processed Data



## Solar Energy Supply Data

Year	Month	Day	Hour	Minute	GHI	Supply (MW)
2019	1	3	16	30	160	16000

## Energy Demand Data

Timestamp	Load (MW)	Zone
1/1/2018 12:00:00 AM	2662.00	CA ISO



# Processed Data

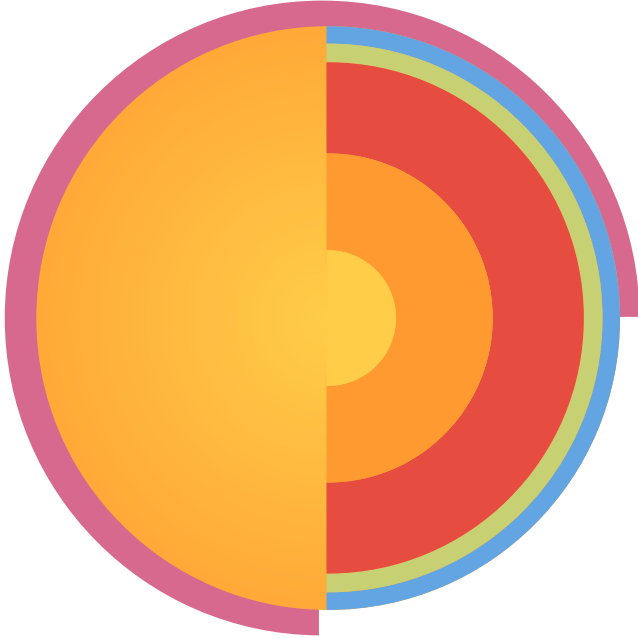
## Solar Energy Data Example for Visualization

	latitude	longitude	elevation	timezone	country	state	county	urban	population	landcover
70276	32.529999	-117.099998	55.062500	-8	b'United States'	b'California'	b'San Diego'	b'None'	32326	130
70588	32.570000	-117.099998	7.100000	-8	b'United States'	b'California'	b'San Diego'	b'Tijuana'	27971	190

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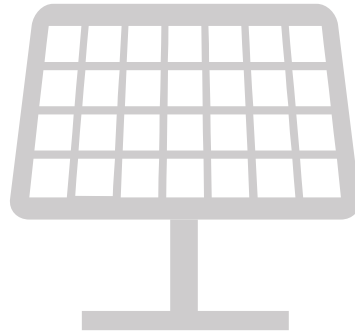
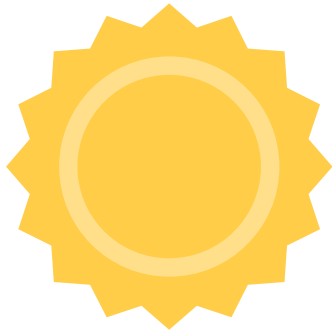
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1	-174.860001	-19.990000	3.0

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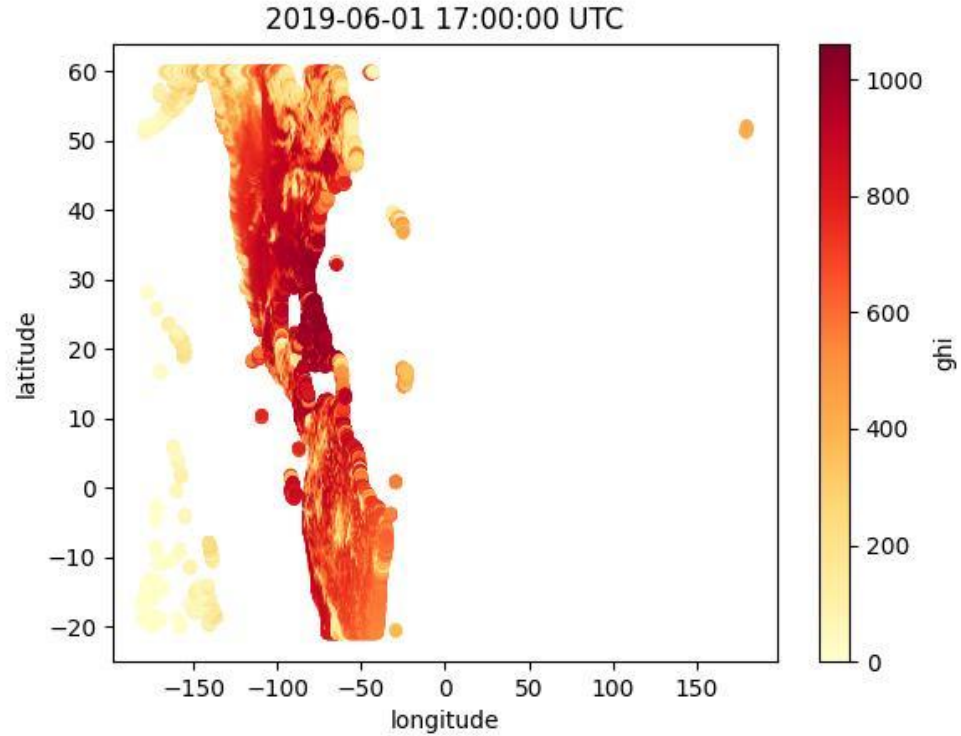


## Data Analysis

- Solar supply analysis
  - Spatial
  - Temporal
- Electricity demand analysis
  - Temporal
- Supply demand gap analysis
  - Temporal
  - Grid Simulation with energy storage resources.

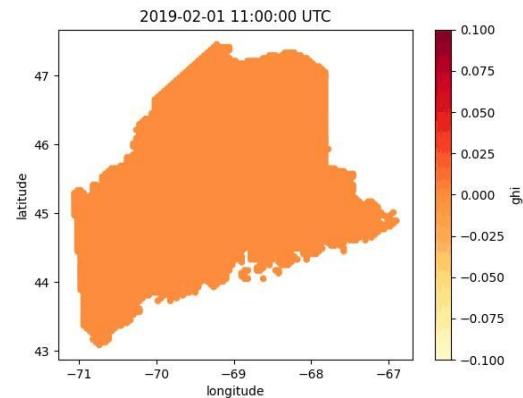
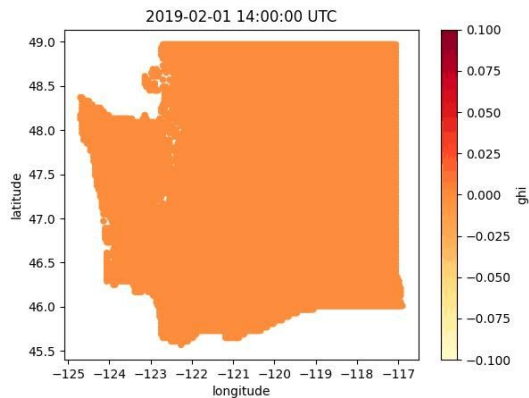


**Supply Data  
Analysis**



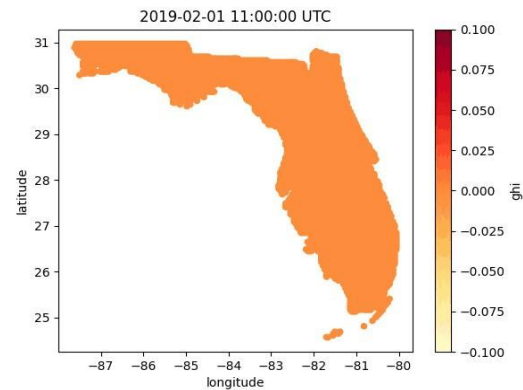
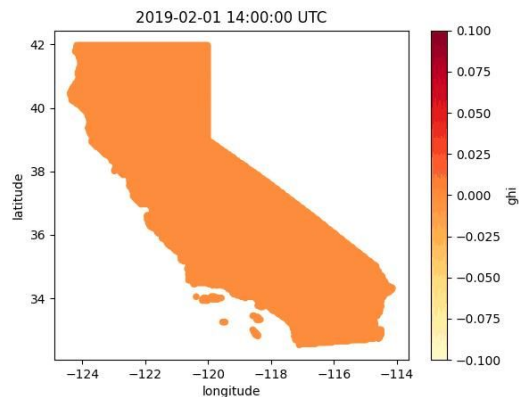
Heatmap of GHI across complete dataset at a particular time

WA



ME

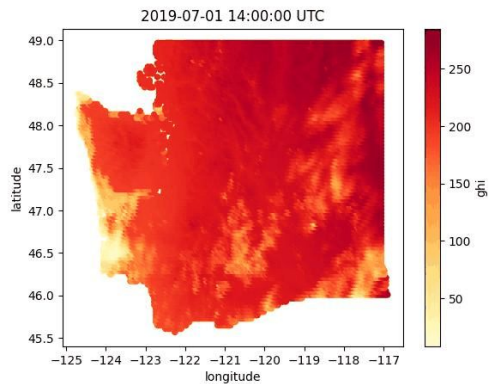
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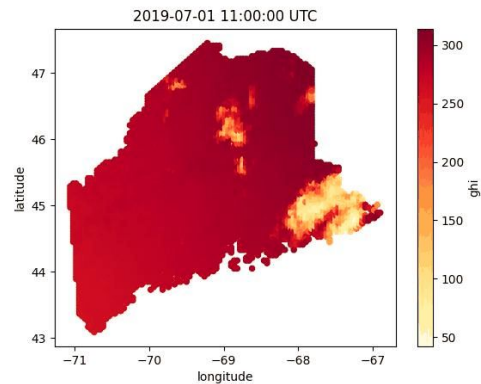
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GHI variations in the corner states  
over a day in February

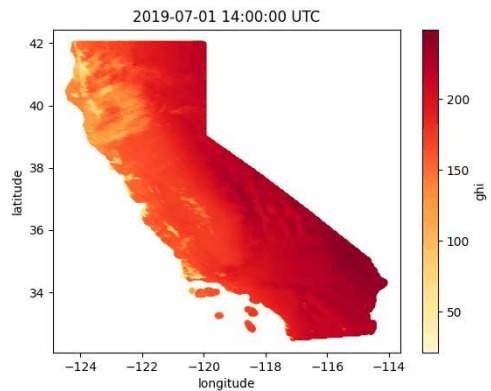
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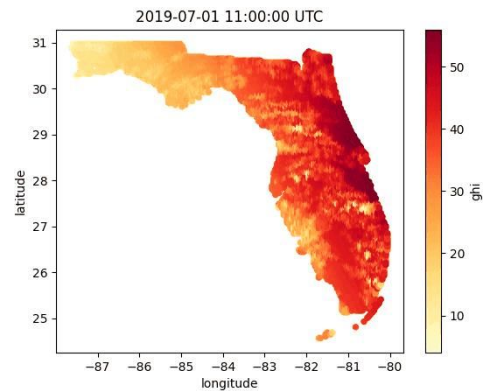
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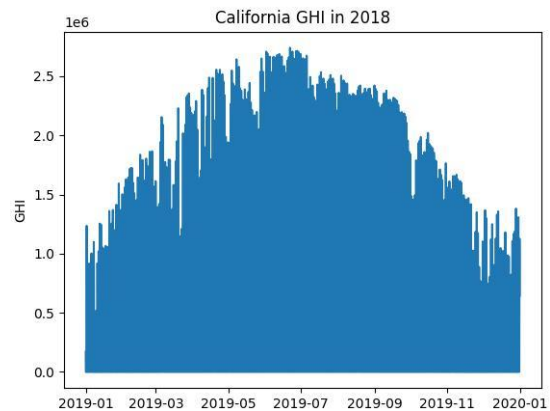


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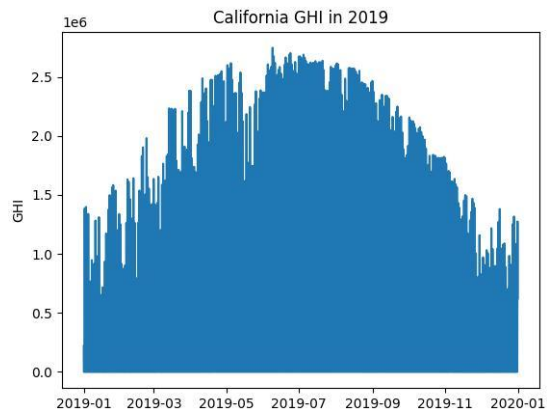


GHI variations in the corner states over a day in July

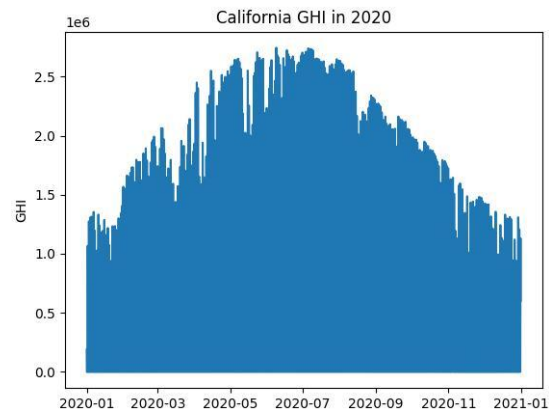
2018



2019

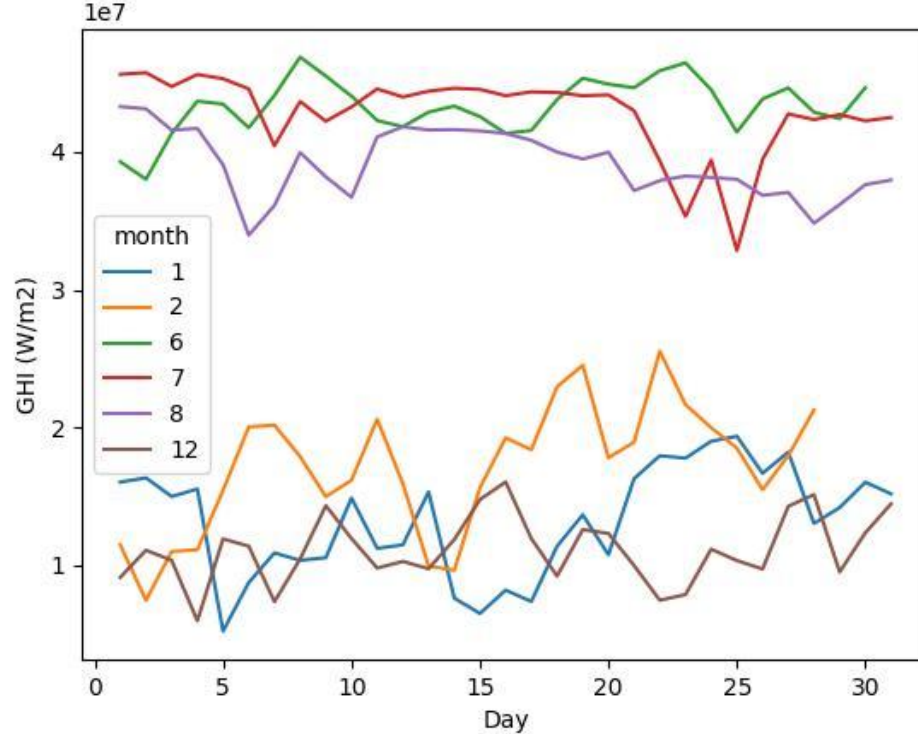


2020



Total GHI across 3 years

Months with highest and lowest GHI in California (2019)

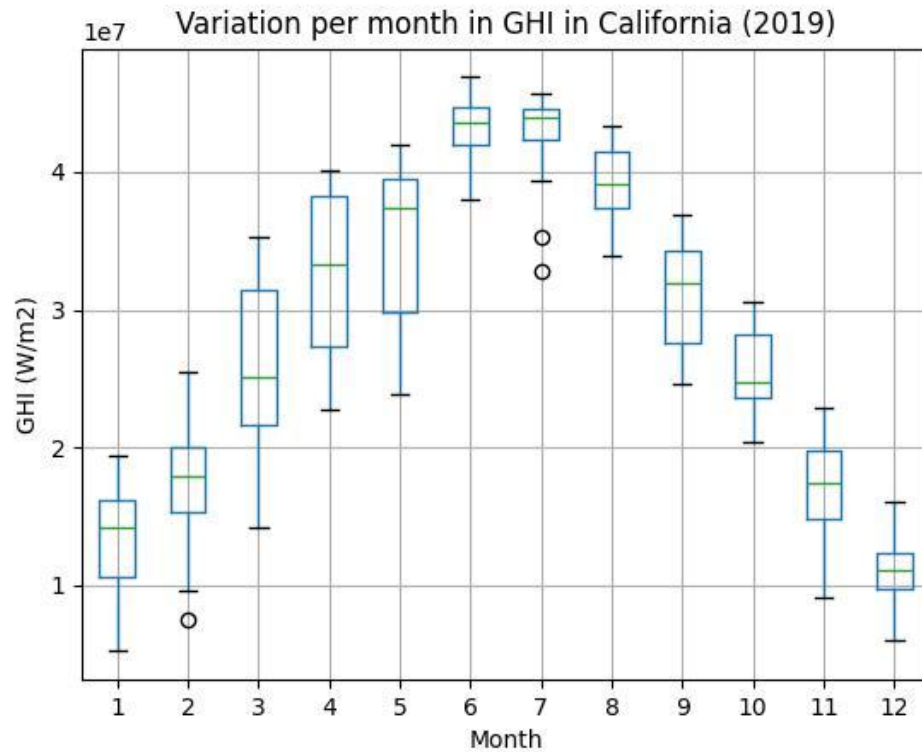


Jun, Jul, Aug

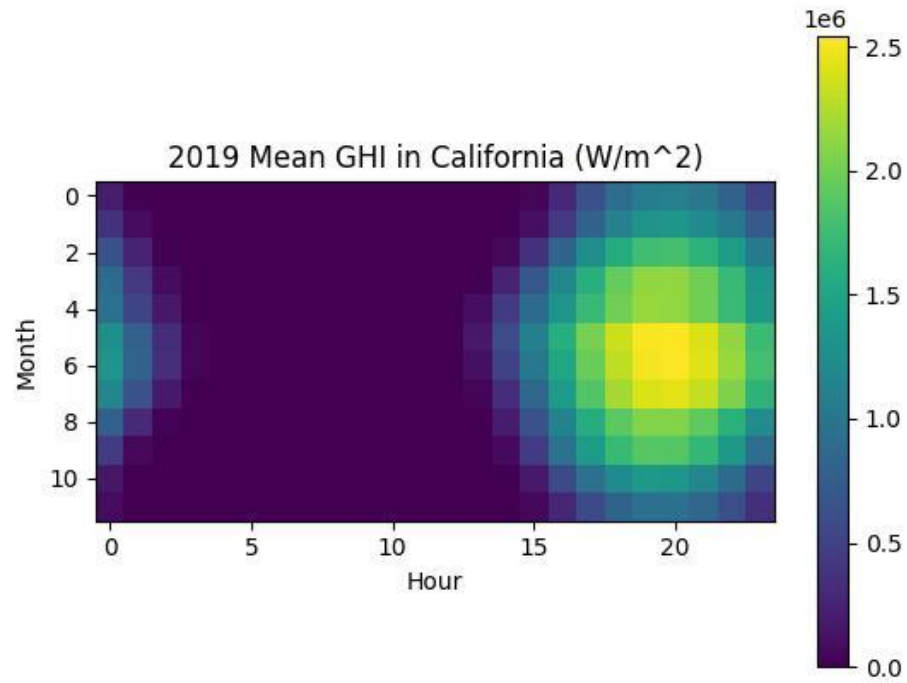
Dec, Jan, Feb

Total GHI across months for the year 2019



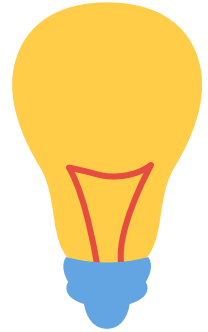
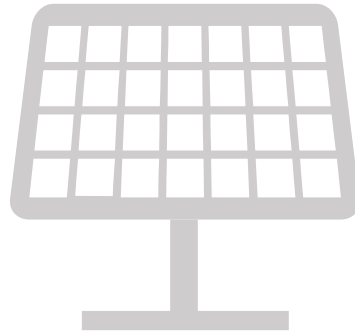


Variation in GHI in per month for the year 2019

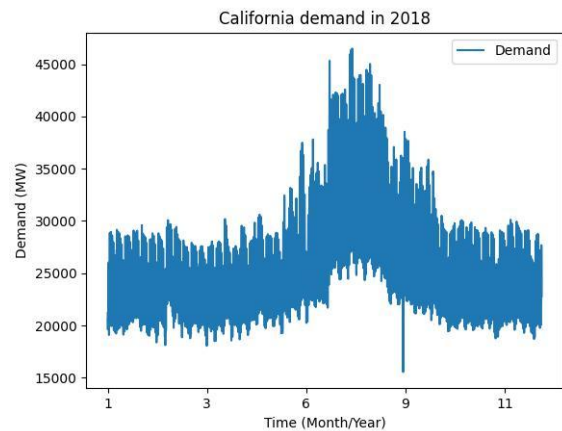


Month vs Hour GHI Heatmap for the year 2019

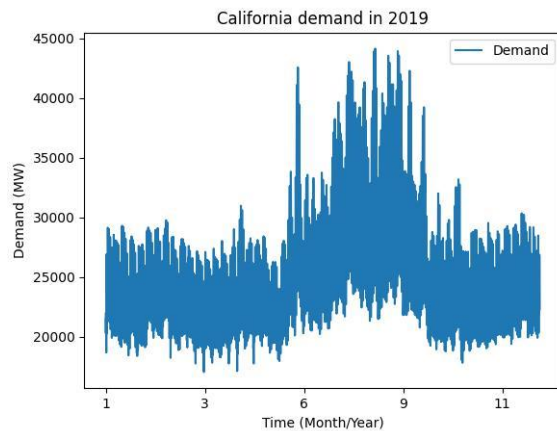
# Demand Data Analysis



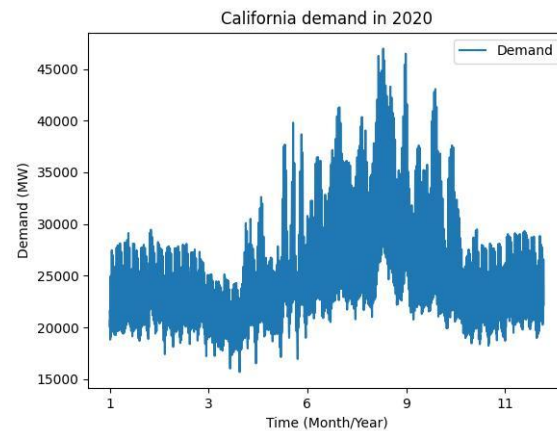
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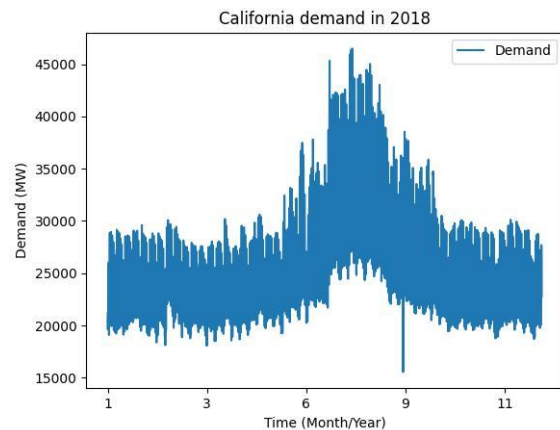


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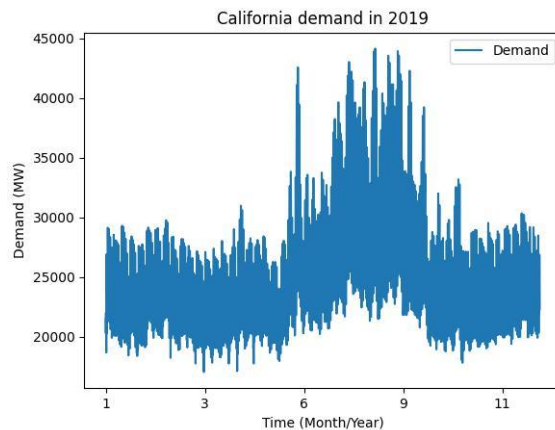


Total power demand for all 3 years

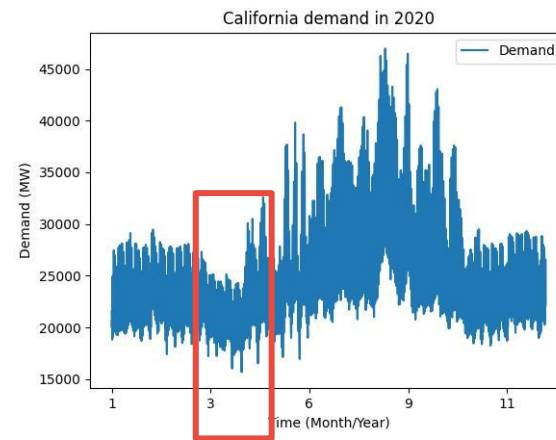
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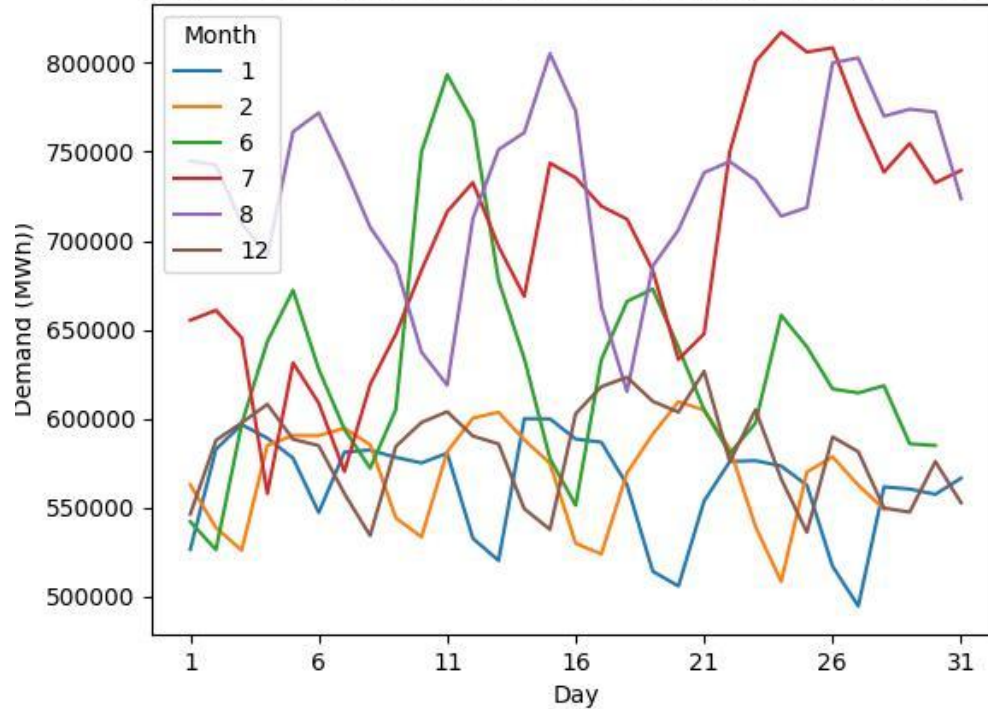


2020



Total power demand across 3 years

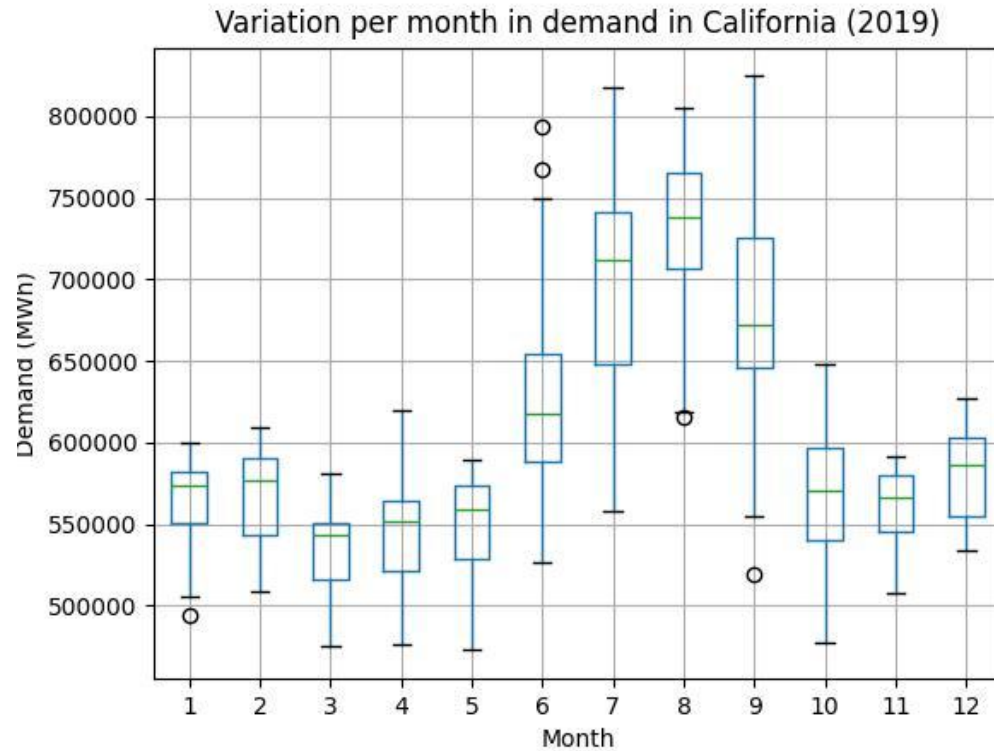
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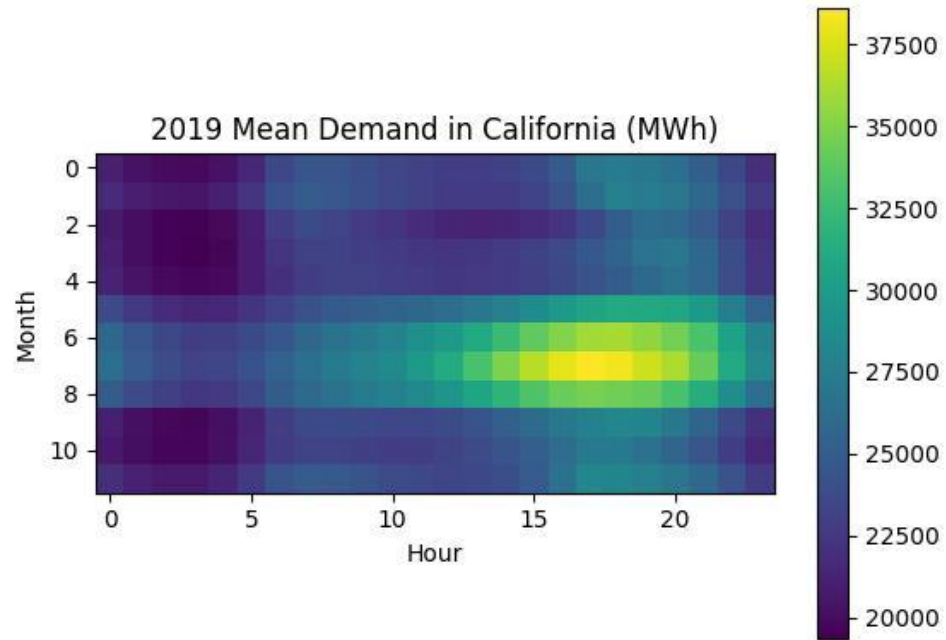
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Total Demand across months for the year 2019

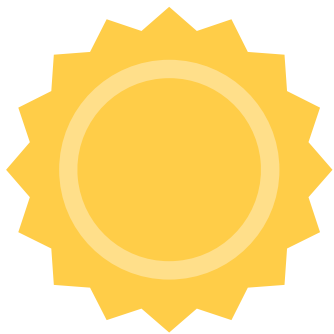


Variation in Demand per month for the year 2019

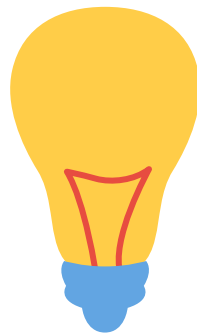


Month vs Hour Demand Heatmap for the year 2019





# Supply-Demand Gap Analysis

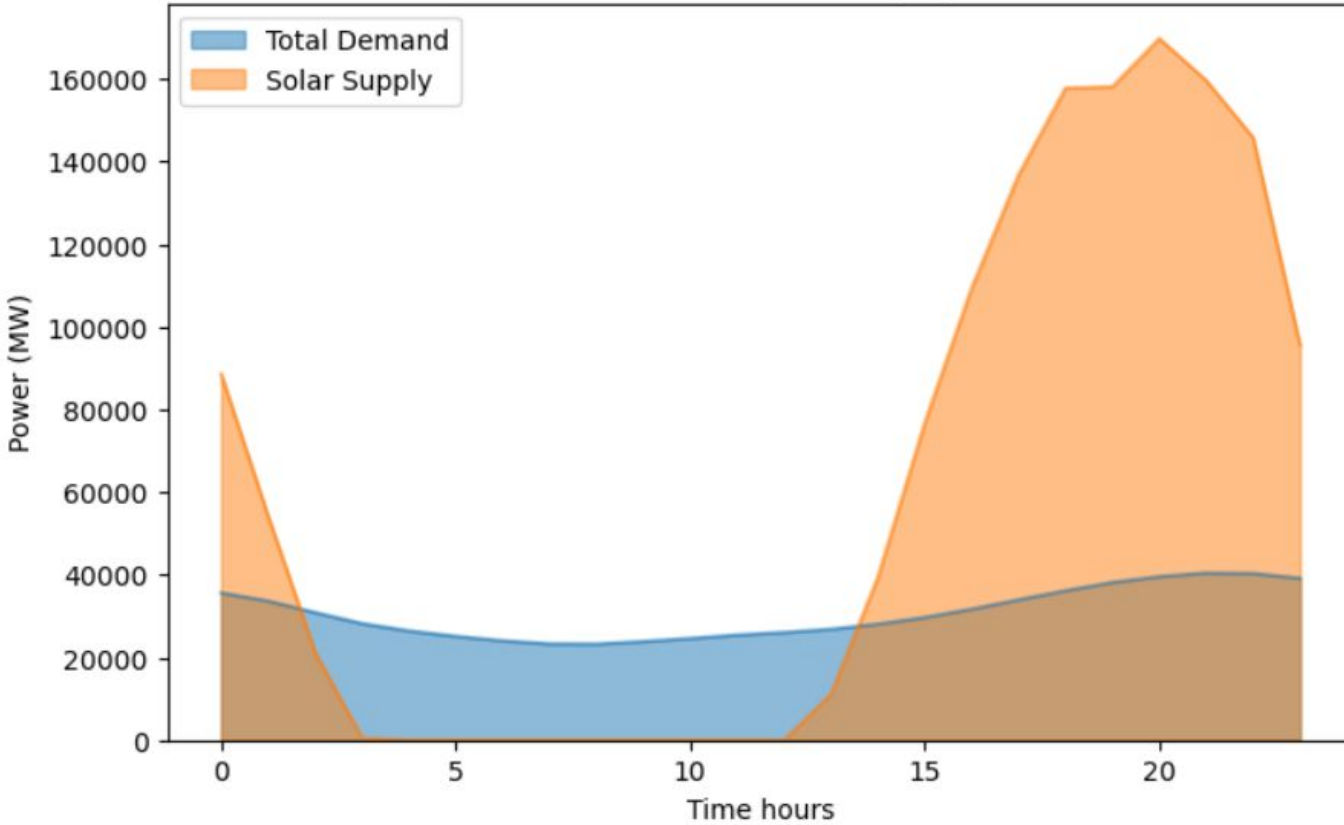


## Hypothetical California grid:

- 1.5X Solar generation capacity,
- 24 hours of energy storage,

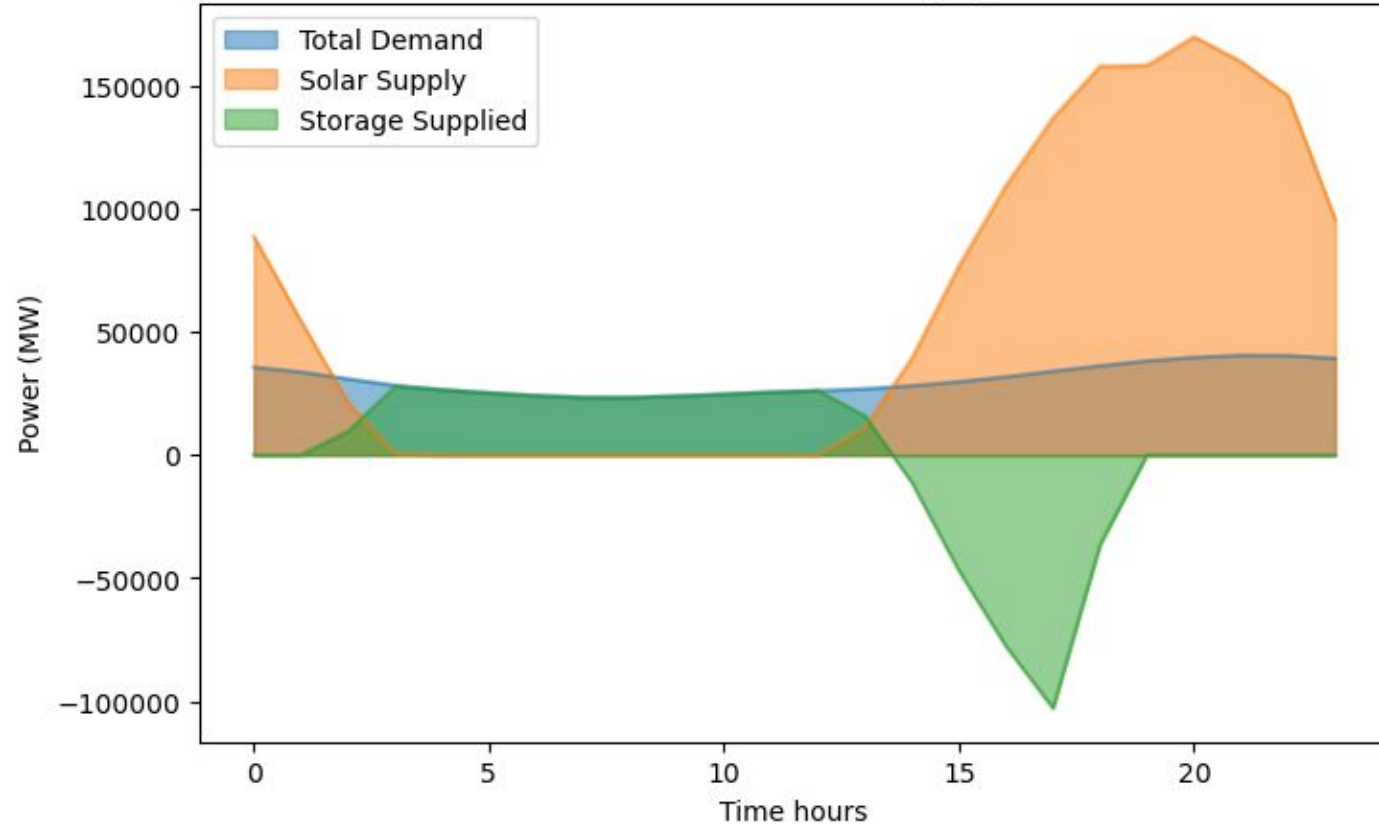
164 GW capacity  
696 GW•h capacity

24 Hour Period 2020 July



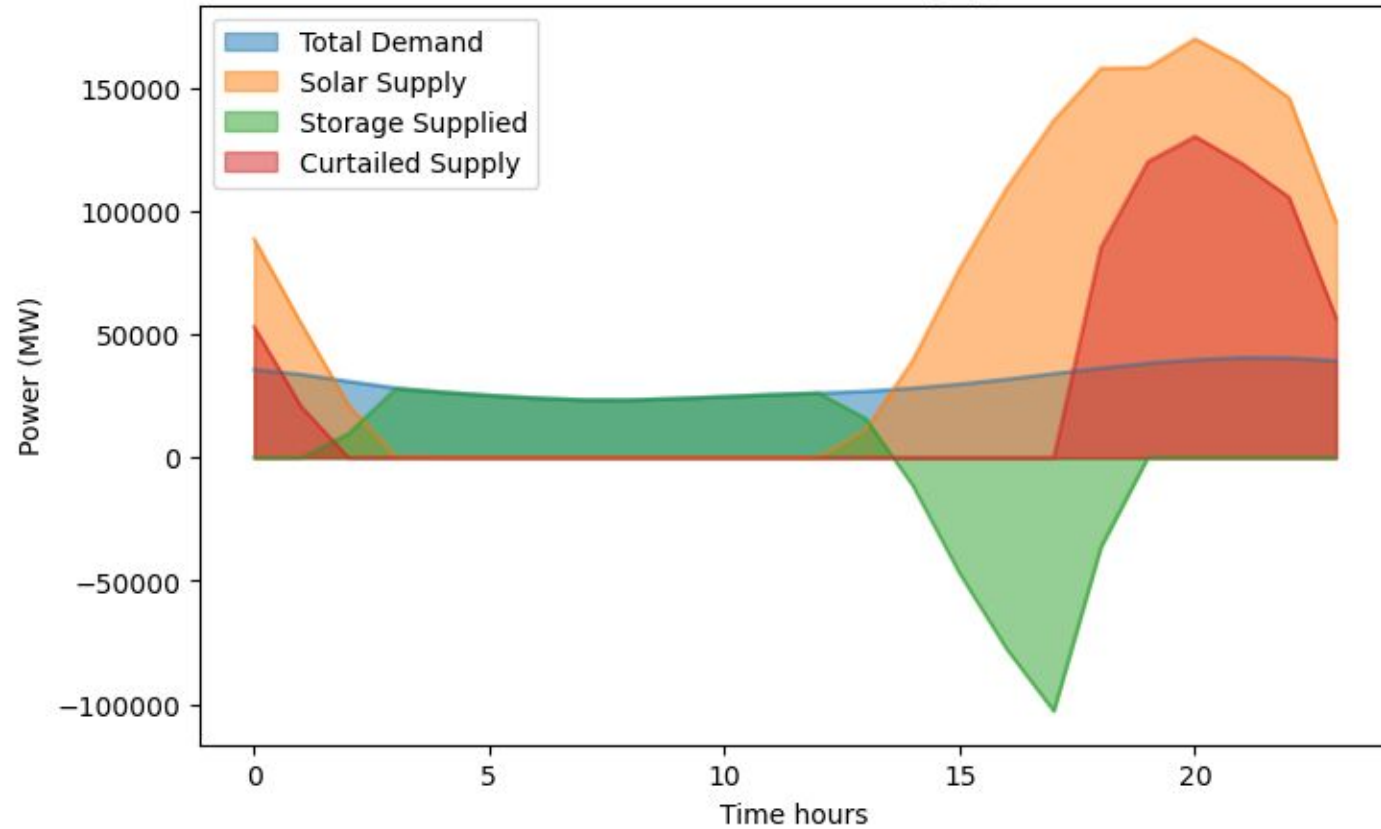
**Solar Supply and demand rarely match.**

24 Hour Period 2020 July



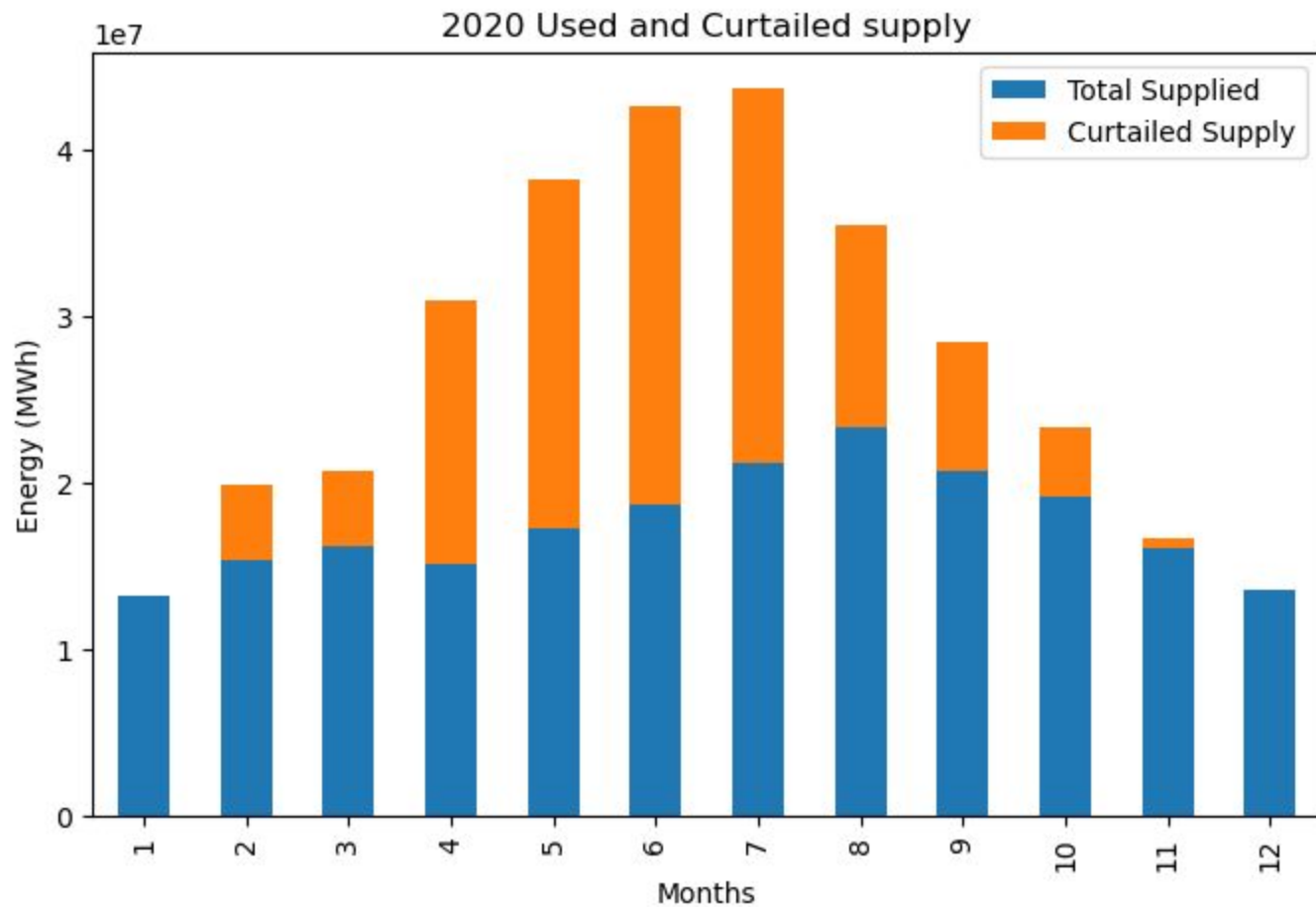
**Adding Energy  
Storage resources  
allows solar  
energy to meet 24  
hour demand**

24 Hour Period 2020 July

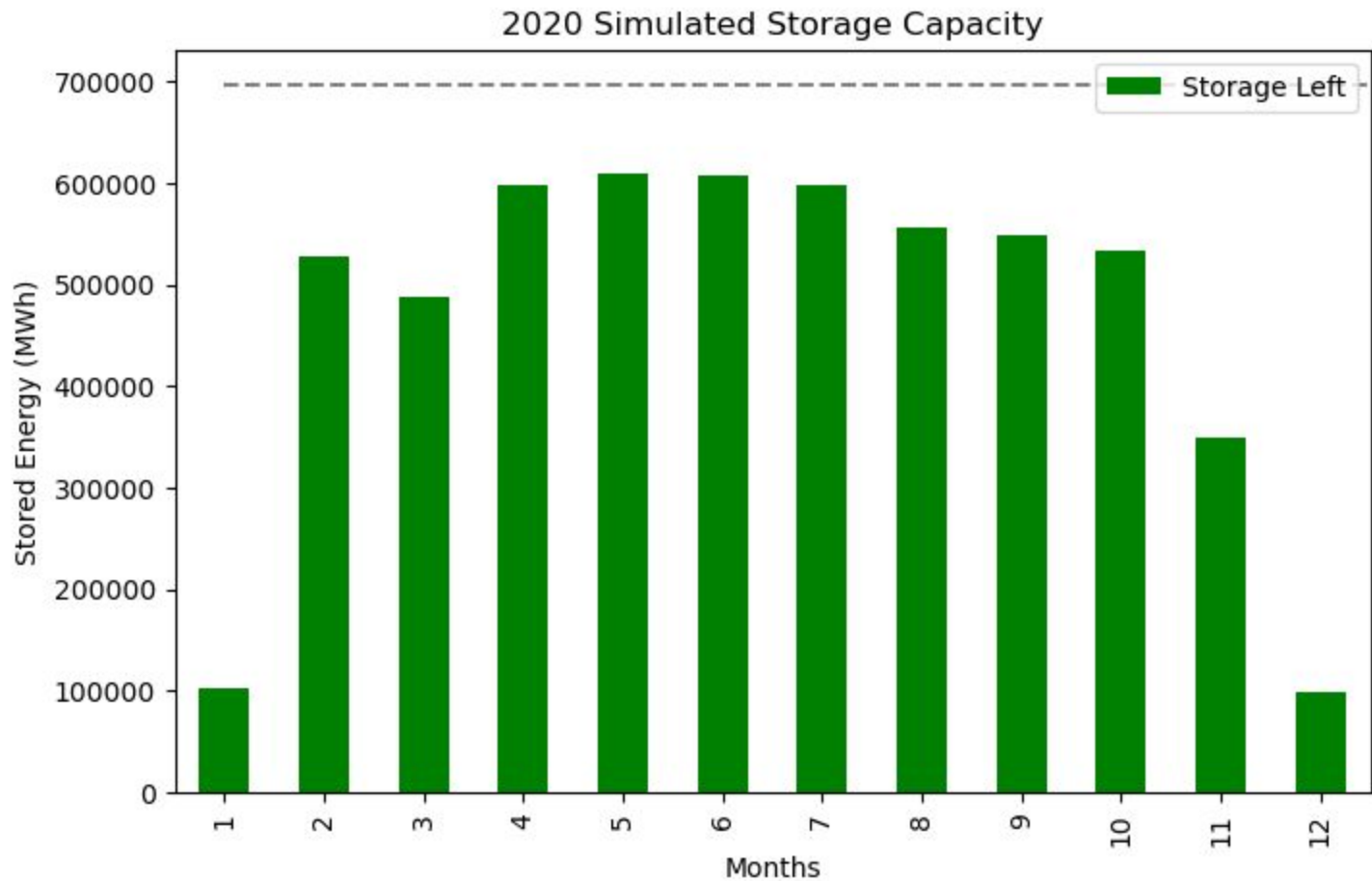


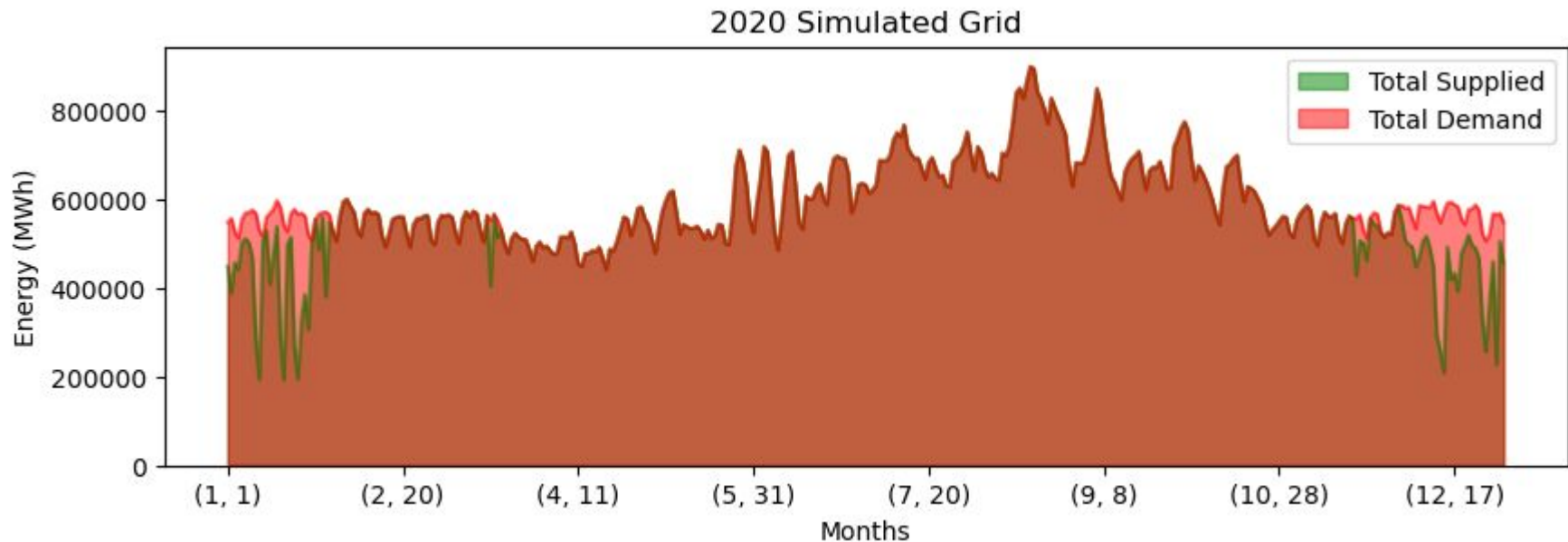
**Excess solar  
energy is wasted**

**Significant curtailments  
during the summer  
months**



**Unused storage  
capacity in  
summer months**





**Solar + storage meets demand consistently except for winter months**

# Functionality and Coverage Testing

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rootdir: /home/arbera/private/ECE143
configfile: pytest.ini
plugins: cov-4.1.0, anyio-3.2.1
collected 8 items
```

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test_1_supply.py::test_coordinateCheck PASSED [ 25%]
test_1_supply.py::test_plotsCheck PASSED [ 37%]
test_2_demand.py::test_zoneCheck PASSED [ 50%]
test_2_demand.py::test_yearCheck PASSED [ 62%]
test_2_demand.py::test_plotsCheck PASSED [ 75%]
test_3_analysis.py::test_analysisYearCheck PASSED [ 87%]
test_3_analysis.py::test_plotsCheck PASSED [100%]
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----- coverage: platform linux, python 3.9.5-final-0 -----
Coverage HTML written to dir htmlcov
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===== 8 passed in 0.89s =====
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## Coverage report: 100%

Module	statements	missing	excluded	coverage
<u>__init__.py</u>	0	0	0	100%
<u>test_1_supply.py</u>	17	0	0	100%
<u>test_2_demand.py</u>	10	0	0	100%
<u>test_3_analysis.py</u>	13	0	0	100%
Total	40	0	0	100%



# References

- <https://nsrdb.nrel.gov/data-sets/how-to-access-data>
- <https://nsrdb.nrel.gov/data-viewer>
- <https://www.caiso.com/about/Pages/default.aspx>
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- <https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2015/05/f22/CA-Energy%20Sector%20Risk%20Profile.pdf>
- <https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy06osti/38603.pdf>

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**Thank You!**

