# Solar Panel Analysis

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This data has been gathered at two solar power plants in India over a 34 day period. It has two pairs of files - each pair has one power generation dataset and one sensor readings dataset. The power generation datasets are gathered at the inverter level - each inverter has multiple lines of solar panels attached to it. The sensor data is gathered at a plant level - single array of sensors optimally placed at the plant.

0.0.1	Provenance			

#### Sources

Power generation and sensor data gathered from two solar power plants

#### Collection methodology

Power generation and sensor data gathered at 15 minutes intervals over a 34 day period. Generation data collected at inverter level, while the sensor data is at the plant level. \*\*\*

#### 0.0.2 Columns

#### Plant 1&2 Generation data @Inverter level

DATE\_TIME- Date and time for each observation.

Observations recorded at 15 minute intervals.

PLANT\_ID - this will be common for the entire file.

SOURCE\_KEY - Source key in this file stands for the inverter id. changed to Inverter id)

DC\_POWER - Amount of DC power generated by the inverter (source\_key)
 in this 15 minute interval. Units - kW.

AC\_POWER - Amount of AC power generated by the inverter (source\_key) in this 15 minute interval. Units - kW.

DAILY\_YIELD - Daily yield is a cumulative sum of power generated on that day, till that point in time.

TOTAL\_YIELD - This is the total yield for the inverter till that

point in time.

#### Plant 1&2 Weather sensor data @Plant level

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DATE_TIME- Date and time for each observation.

Observations recorded at 15 minute intervals.

PLANT_ID - this will be common for the entire file.

SOURCE_KEY - Stands for the sensor panel id. This will be common for the entire file because there's only one sensor panel for the plant.

AMBIENT_TEMPERATURE - This is the ambient temperature at the plant.

MODULE_TEMPERATURE - There's a module (solar panel) attached to the sensor panel. This is the temperature reading for that module.
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```
[1]: import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import matplotlib as mlp
import seaborn as sns
import numpy as np
import stat as st
import datetime as dt
```

```
[2]: gen_1 = pd.read_csv('Plant_1_Generation_Data.csv',delimiter=',')
gen_2 = pd.read_csv('Plant_2_Generation_Data.csv',delimiter=',')
s1 = pd.read_csv('Plant_1_Weather_Sensor_Data.csv',delimiter=',')
s2 = pd.read_csv('Plant_2_Weather_Sensor_Data.csv',delimiter=',')
gen_1.rename(columns={'SOURCE_KEY':'INVERTER_ID'},inplace =True)
gen_2.rename(columns={'SOURCE_KEY':'INVERTER_ID'},inplace =True)
```

### 1 Functions

```
[3]: def slice_df(columns,data=[gen_1,gen_2]):
    df1= data[0].copy()
    df2=data[1].copy()
    df1 = df1[columns]
    df2 = df2[columns]
```

```
[4]: def split_date(df,h=False,**kwargs):
        reset = kwargs.get('reset',False)
        if reset == True:
            df = df.reset index()
        df['TIME'] = df["DATE_TIME"].dt.time
        df['DATE'] = df['DATE_TIME'].dt.date
        #convert to hour
        if h ==True:
            df['HOUR'] = df['DATE_TIME'].apply(lambda t : t.hour)
        return df
[5]: def Generate_sd_mean(df,df2,column,rows=1,cols=2):
        #agg as list.
        #column as str
        results={}
        results[0] = df.groupby('TIME')[column].agg(['mean','std'])
        results[1] = df2.groupby('TIME')[column].agg(['mean','std'])
        fig,axes = plt.subplots(rows,cols,figsize=(13,6))
        ax={}
        for i in range(0,rows*cols):
            ax[i]= results[i]['mean'].plot(ax=axes[i])
            ax[i].fill_between(results[i].
     →3)
[6]: def groupby_inv_date(df,freq,fillna=False,agg_m =__
     → 'count', multi_index=True, **kwargs):
        col = kwargs.get('col','INVERTER_ID')
        if multi index ==False:
            gb = df.groupby(pd.Grouper(freq=freq,key='DATE_TIME'))[col].agg([agg_m])
            gb_org = gb.unstack().transpose()
        else:
            gb = df.groupby(['INVERTER_ID',pd.
     Grouper(freq=freq,key='DATE_TIME')])[col].agg(agg_m)
            gb_org = gb.unstack().transpose()
        if fillna == True:
            gb_org_cleaned = gb_org.fillna(0)
            return gb_org_cleaned
        return gb_org
```

# 2 Understanding the data

#### 2.1 Generation data

```
[8]: gen_1.info()
     <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
     RangeIndex: 68778 entries, 0 to 68777
     Data columns (total 7 columns):
                      Non-Null Count Dtype
      #
         Column
         -----
                      -----
         DATE_TIME
                      68778 non-null object
         PLANT_ID
                      68778 non-null int64
      1
      2
         INVERTER ID 68778 non-null object
      3
         DC_POWER
                      68778 non-null float64
      4
         AC POWER
                      68778 non-null float64
         DAILY_YIELD 68778 non-null float64
         TOTAL_YIELD 68778 non-null float64
     dtypes: float64(4), int64(1), object(2)
     memory usage: 3.7+ MB
 [9]: print('gen1 # of Inverters:',gen_1['INVERTER_ID'].nunique())
     print('gen2 # of Inverters:',gen_2['INVERTER_ID'].nunique())
     gen1 # of Inverters: 22
     gen2 # of Inverters: 22
[10]: |gen_1[['DATE_TIME', 'PLANT_ID', 'INVERTER_ID', 'DC_POWER']].head(23)
```

```
[10]:
                 DATE_TIME PLANT_ID
                                          INVERTER_ID DC_POWER
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
                                      1BY6WEcLGh8j5v7
                                                             0.0
      0
                                                             0.0
      1
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
                                      1IF53ai7Xc0U56Y
      2
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
                                      3PZuoBAID5Wc2HD
                                                             0.0
                                                             0.0
      3
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
                                      7JYdWkrLSPkdwr4
      4
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
                                      McdE0feGgRqW7Ca
                                                             0.0
      5
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
                                      VHMLBKoKgIrUVDU
                                                             0.0
                                      WRmjgnKYAwPKWDb
                                                             0.0
      6
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
      7
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
                                      ZnxXDlPa8U1GXgE
                                                             0.0
                                      ZoEaEvLYb1n2sOq
                                                             0.0
      8
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
      9
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
                                      adLQv1D726eNBSB
                                                             0.0
      10
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
                                      bvB0hCH3iADSZry
                                                             0.0
                                                             0.0
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
                                      iCRJ16heRkivqQ3
      11
                                                             0.0
      12
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
                                      ih0vzX44o0qAx2f
      13
                             4135001
                                      pkci93gMrogZuBj
                                                             0.0
          15-05-2020 00:00
                                      rGa61gmuvPhdLxV
                                                             0.0
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
      15
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
                                      sjndEbLyjtCKgGv
                                                             0.0
                                      uHbuxQJ181W7ozc
      16
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
                                                             0.0
      17
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
                                      wCURE6d3bPkepu2
                                                             0.0
                                      z9Y9gH1T5YWrNuG
                                                             0.0
      18
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
                                      zBIq5rxdHJRwDNY
                                                             0.0
      19
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
      20
          15-05-2020 00:00
                             4135001
                                      zVJPv84UY57bAof
                                                             0.0
                                                             0.0
      21
          15-05-2020 00:15
                             4135001
                                      1BY6WEcLGh8j5v7
      22
          15-05-2020 00:15
                             4135001
                                      1IF53ai7Xc0U56Y
                                                             0.0
[11]: gen_2[['DATE_TIME', 'PLANT_ID', 'INVERTER_ID', 'DC_POWER']].head(23)
                                             INVERTER_ID DC_POWER
[11]:
                    DATE_TIME
                               PLANT_ID
          2020-05-15 00:00:00
                                4136001
                                         4UPUqMRk7TRMgml
                                                                0.0
      0
          2020-05-15 00:00:00
                                         81aHJ1q11NBPMrL
                                                                0.0
      1
                                4136001
      2
          2020-05-15 00:00:00
                                4136001
                                         9kRcWv60rDACzjR
                                                                0.0
          2020-05-15 00:00:00
                                         Et9kgGMD1729KT4
                                                                0.0
      3
                                4136001
      4
          2020-05-15 00:00:00
                                4136001
                                         IQ2d7wF4YD8zU1Q
                                                                0.0
      5
          2020-05-15 00:00:00
                                4136001
                                                                0.0
                                         LYwnQax7tkwH5Cb
                                         L1T2YUhhzqhg5Sw
                                                                0.0
      6
          2020-05-15 00:00:00
                                4136001
      7
          2020-05-15 00:00:00
                                4136001
                                         Mx2yZCDsyf6DPfv
                                                                0.0
                                         NgDl19wMapZy17u
          2020-05-15 00:00:00
                                4136001
                                                                0.0
      8
                                         PeE6FRyGXUgsRhN
      9
          2020-05-15 00:00:00
                                4136001
                                                                0.0
      10
          2020-05-15 00:00:00
                                4136001
                                         Qf4GUc1pJu5T6c6
                                                                0.0
                                         Quc1TzYxW2pYoWX
                                                                0.0
      11
          2020-05-15 00:00:00
                                4136001
      12
          2020-05-15 00:00:00
                                4136001
                                         V94E5Ben1TlhnDV
                                                                0.0
                                         WcxssY2VbP4hApt
                                                                0.0
      13
          2020-05-15 00:00:00
                                4136001
      14
          2020-05-15 00:00:00
                                4136001
                                         mqwcsP2rE7J0TFp
                                                                0.0
      15
          2020-05-15 00:00:00
                                4136001
                                         oZ35aAeoifZaQzV
                                                                0.0
      16
          2020-05-15 00:00:00
                                4136001
                                         oZZkBaNadn6DNKz
                                                                0.0
      17
          2020-05-15 00:00:00
                                4136001
                                         q49J1IKaHRwDQnt
                                                                0.0
                                                                0.0
      18
          2020-05-15 00:00:00
                                4136001
                                         rrq4fwE8jgrTyWY
```

```
      19
      2020-05-15
      00:00:00
      4136001
      v0uJvMaM2sgwLmb
      0.0

      20
      2020-05-15
      00:00:00
      4136001
      xMbIugepa2P71BB
      0.0

      21
      2020-05-15
      00:00:00
      4136001
      xoJJ8DcxJEcupym
      0.0

      22
      2020-05-15
      00:15:00
      4136001
      4UPUqMRk7TRMgml
      0.0
```

- There are 22 inverters active inverters for each plant.
- After an initial inspection of both plant data, there seem to be missing rows. For plant1 at '15-05-2020 00:00' there are only 21 rows out of the expected 22, indicating that there is a missing inverter.
- The total number of data entries for plant1 and plant2 do not match. Considering the data has been collected over the same period (34 days), and that both plants have 22 inverters, this should not be the case.

```
[12]: #Formating DATE_TIME from object to datetime.

gen_1['DATE_TIME'] = pd.to_datetime(gen_1['DATE_TIME'],format ='%d-%m-%Y %H:%M')

gen_2['DATE_TIME'] = pd.to_datetime(gen_2['DATE_TIME'],format ='%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:

→%S')

start_date =gen_1['DATE_TIME'].min()

end_date = gen_1['DATE_TIME'].max()
```

# 3 Missing inverter data

```
[13]: print('Gen_1 unique inverters')
    print('\n')
    inv_freq1 = gen_1['INVERTER_ID'].value_counts()
    print(inv_freq1.tail())
    m_pct = (1-(inv_freq1/3264))*100
    print('Mean % missing data per inverter',round(m_pct.mean(),1))

Gen_1 unique inverters
```

```
zBIq5rxdHJRwDNY 3119
1IF53ai7XcOU56Y 3119
WRmjgnKYAwPKWDb 3118
3PZuoBAID5Wc2HD 3118
YxYtjZvoooNbGkE 3104
Name: INVERTER_ID, dtype: int64
Mean % missing data per inverter 4.2
```

```
[14]: print('Gen_2 unique inverters')
print('\n')
inv_freq2 = gen_2['INVERTER_ID'].value_counts()
print(inv_freq2.tail())
m_pct2 = (1-(inv_freq2/3264))*100
print('Mean % missing data per inverter',round(m_pct2.mean(),1))
```

Gen\_2 unique inverters

```
Quc1TzYxW2pYoWX 3195
mqwcsP2rE7J0TFp 2355
IQ2d7wF4YD8zU1Q 2355
NgDl19wMapZy17u 2355
xMbIugepa2P71BB 2355
Name: INVERTER_ID, dtype: int64
Mean % missing data per inverter 5.7
Mean % missing data per inverter w/ lowest four 0.8
```

- It seems that the amount of missing inverter data is much larger than I had initially thought. My initial thought was that a few culprit inverters were not functioning properly, causing the disparity in data. However, it seems that most if not all the inverters are missing at least some data.
- To understand the extent of the problem i want to know how many data entries there should be for each inverter.

There should be 4 data entries per hour for each inverter. With 24 hours in a day for 34 days, equals a total of 816 hours.

```
816 * 4 = 3264
```

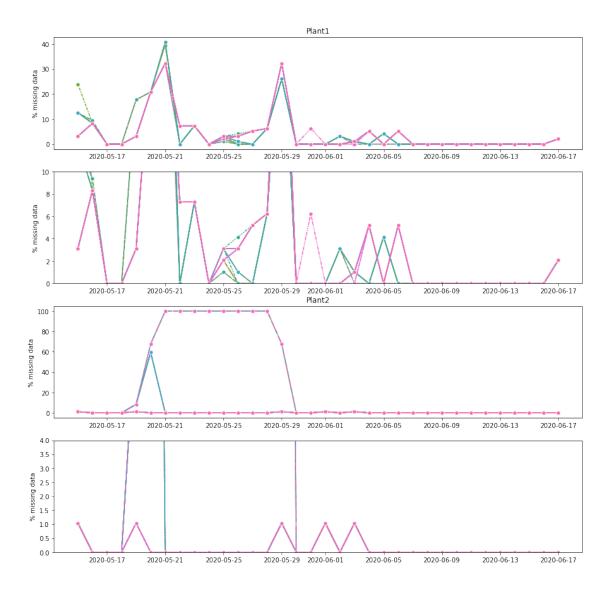
• None of the inverters matches this number, However, most are close enough except for 4. these four inverters from **gen\_2** are far below 3,264.

```
mqwcsP2rE7J0TFp 2355
NgDl19wMapZy17u 2355
IQ2d7wF4YD8zU1Q 2355
xMbIugepa2P71BB 2355
```

```
[16]: r = {}
    ax = {}
    pos = [0,0,1,1]
    n_rows = 4
    n_cols = 1

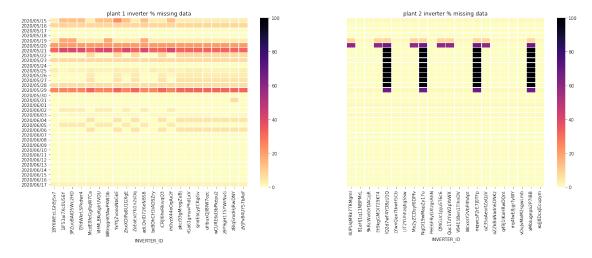
r[0] = groupby_inv_date(gen_1,'24h',True)
    r[1] = groupby_inv_date(gen_2,'24h',True)
    r[0].index.rename('',inplace=True)
    r[1].index.rename(''',inplace=True)
```

<sup>&</sup>quot;Collection methodology Power generation and sensor data gathered at 15 minutes intervals over 34 days"



## The above graphs each plot all 22 inveters

- What's interesting is that within each plant, the inverters seem to follow a very similar pattern of missing data. Initially, I plotted each plant in groups of 4 inverters so that each inverter could be seen and identified. However, this seemed redundant after seeing how similar the pattern of missing data was between them.
- In Fig1 there are two days in particular, where all the inverters had a significantly lower inverter count for that day than usual. I wonder if these low count days could be due to scheduled maintenance.
- For **plant 2** there are 7 days where some inverters do not have any data. I suspect that these inverters are the four that I flagged earlier for missing data.



Using a heat map the difference in missing data between plant 1 and plant 2 is more comparable.

- Plant 1 has a higher occurrence of missing data but at lower levels. The two valleys in the graph can be seen here too by the two horizontal red lines.
- Plant\_2 has fewer occurrences of significant missing data but at a much higher level. When data is missing it is very structured in its time and levels.
- the same 4 inverters from **plant 2** with the lowest count did not record any data between the same 7 days period from the 21st to the 28th of may.

After looking at both the line graphs and the heat map, It could be possible especially for plant 2 that the missing data could be due to maintenance, as opposed to error or hardware malfunction. For plant\_1 I am more uncertain due to the low-level spread of missing data. Despite this, there are still patterns of missing data where large quantities of inverters are missing substantial amounts of data.

# 4 Power Output

# 4.1 AC/DC power

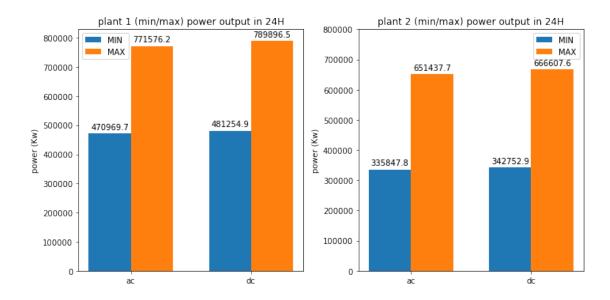
```
[18]:
     gen_1[['AC_POWER', 'DC_POWER']].describe()
[18]:
                 AC_POWER
                                DC_POWER
             68778.000000
                            68778.000000
      count
               307.802752
                             3147.426211
      mean
               394.396439
                             4036.457169
      std
                                0.000000
      min
                 0.000000
      25%
                 0.000000
                                0.000000
                              429.000000
      50%
                41.493750
      75%
               623.618750
                             6366.964286
      max
              1410.950000
                            14471.125000
[19]: gen_2[['AC_POWER', 'DC_POWER']].describe()
[19]:
                                DC_POWER
                 AC_POWER
      count
             67698.000000
                            67698.000000
               241.277825
                              246.701961
      mean
               362.112118
                              370.569597
      std
                 0.000000
                                0.000000
      min
      25%
                 0.000000
                                0.000000
      50%
                 0.000000
                                0.00000
      75%
               438.215000
                              446.591667
      max
              1385.420000
                             1420.933333
```

- Plant 1 DC\_POWER appears to be roughly 10x that of AC\_POWER. After confirming that plant\_2 DC\_POWER did not have show similar results i feel confidant that this is due to error.
- talk about how ac and dc are meant to be comparable

```
[20]: gen_1['DC_POWER'] = gen_1['DC_POWER']/10
```

### 4.1.1 Maximum/Minimum power generated in 24 hours

```
[22]: labels = ['ac', 'dc']
      title = 'plant 1'
      x = np.arange(len(labels)) # the label locations
      width = 0.35 # the width of the bars
      fig, ax = plt.subplots(1,2,figsize=(10,5))
      rects1 = ax[0].bar(x - width/2, pwr1.iloc[1], width, label='MIN')
      rects2 = ax[0].bar(x + width/2, pwr1.iloc[0], width, label='MAX')
      rects3 = ax[1].bar(x - width/2, pwr2.iloc[1], width, label='MIN')
      rects4 = ax[1].bar(x + width/2, pwr2.iloc[0], width, label='MAX')
      # Add some text for labels, title and custom x-axis tick labels, etc.
      ax[1].set_ylim(0,800000)
      for i in range(0,2):
          ax[i].set_ylabel('power (Kw)')
          ax[i].set_title('plant {}'.format(i+1)+' (min/max) power output in 24H')
          ax[i].set_xticks(x)
          ax[i].set xticklabels(labels)
          ax[i].legend()
      def autolabel(rects,i=0):
          """Attach a text label above each bar in *rects*, displaying its height."""
          for rect in rects:
              height = rect.get_height()
              ax[i].annotate('{}'.format(round(height,1)),
                          xy=(rect.get_x() + rect.get_width() / 2, height),
                          xytext=(0, 3), # 3 points vertical offset
                          textcoords="offset points",
                          ha='center', va='bottom')
      autolabel(rects1)
      autolabel(rects2)
      autolabel(rects3,i=1)
      autolabel(rects4,i=1)
      fig.tight_layout()
      plt.show()
      autolabel(rects2)
      v = round(m1.mean()/m2.mean(),1)
      print('plant_1 ac/dc =',v[0],'* Daily output of plant 2 on average.')
```



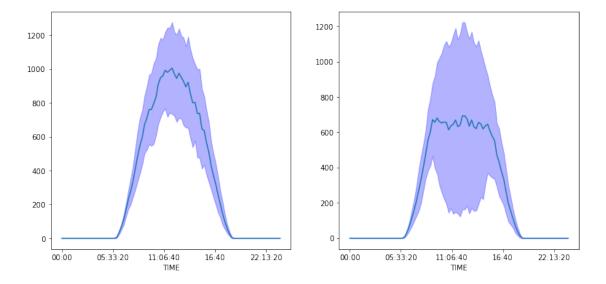
 $plant_1 ac/dc = 1.3 * Daily output of plant 2 on average.$ 

- Over the 34 days, it seems that **plant 1** outperformed **plant 2**, Having both a higher min 24h power output and higher max 24h power output for both ac power and dc power.
- Plant 1 on average produced 1.3\* that of plant 2's power output by day.

## 4.1.2 Power output over the course of a day.

```
[23]: g1,g2 = slice_df(['DATE_TIME','INVERTER_ID','DC_POWER'])

dc1 = split_date(g1)
dc2 = split_date(g2)
Generate_sd_mean(dc1,dc2,'DC_POWER')
plt.show()
```

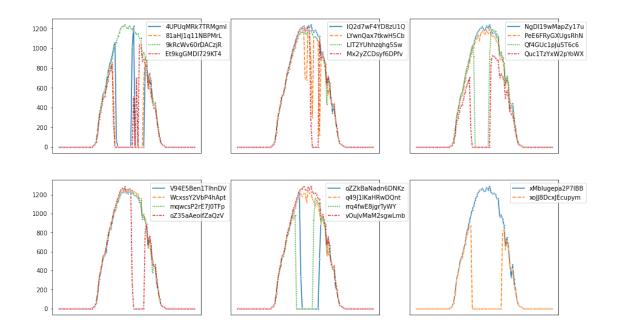


- Max power output is reached at around mid day for both plant 1 and and plant 2.
- The deivation in power output is around mid day is far more significant in **PLANT 2**, this gives plot 2 the cut off appearance seen by the blue line **average**.
- plant 2 may be having hardware issues converting power, whats interesting is that is huge deviation only seems to happend at certain period of time.
- This gives more information on why **plant 2** had a lower 24 hour max and min output compared to **plant 1**

```
[24]: x =groupby_inv_date(gen_2,freq='15T',col='AC_POWER',agg_m='mean',fillna=True)
      x = x[x.index <= '2020-05-15 23:45']
      x =split_date(x,h=False,reset=True)
      fig,axes = plt.subplots(2,3,figsize=(15,9))
      fig.suptitle('Plant 2 inverter ac power over one day(2020-05-15)')
      ax0 = sns.lineplot(ax=axes[0,0],data=x.iloc[:,1:5],legend=True,marker='.')
      ax1 = sns.lineplot(ax=axes[0,1],data=x.iloc[:,5:9],legend=True,marker='.')
      ax2 = sns.lineplot(ax=axes[0,2],data=x.iloc[:,9:13],legend=True,marker='.')
      ax3= sns.lineplot(ax=axes[1,0],data=x.iloc[:,13:17],legend=True,marker='.')
      ax4= sns.lineplot(ax=axes[1,1],data=x.iloc[:,17:21],legend=True,marker='.')
      ax5= sns.lineplot(ax=axes[1,2],data=x.iloc[:,21:],legend=True,marker='.')
      ax_list = [ax1,ax2,ax4,ax5]
      xaxis = [ax0,ax1,ax2,ax3,ax4,ax5]
      for i in xaxis:
          i.tick_params(axis='x',labelbottom=False,bottom=False)
          i.legend(loc='upper right',bbox_to_anchor=(1.21,1))
```

```
for i in ax_list:
    i.tick_params(axis='y',labelleft=False,left=False)
```

Plant 2 inverter ac power over one day(2020-05-15)



```
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2,1)

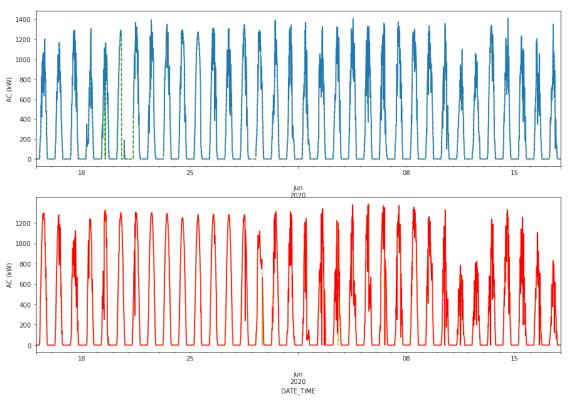
ax1 = g1_day_ac_smoothed.plot(ax=axes[0],figsize=(15,10),c='g',ls='--')
ax1 = g1_day_ac_plot(ax=axes[0],figsize=(15,10))

ax2 = g2_day_ac_smoothed.plot(ax=axes[1],figsize=(15,10),c='y',ls='--')
ax2 = g2_day_ac_plot(ax=axes[1],figsize=(15,10),c='r')
plt.plot()

ax2.set_yticks([0,200,400,600,800,1000,1200])

ax1.set_ylabel('AC (kW)')
ax2.set_ylabel('AC (kW)')
ax1.set_xlabel('')
plt.show()

#ax2 = g1_day_dc_smoothed.plot(ax=axes[1],figsize=(15,10),c='g',ls='--')
#ax2 = g1_day_dc_plot(ax=axes[1],figsize=(15,10))
```



#### 4.2 MTFB

If we assume that the missing data is because of malfunctioning hardware we can assign a score to each inverter.

MTBF is a basic measure of an asset's reliability. It is calculated by dividing the total operating time of the asset by the number of failures over a given period of time. Taking the example of the AHU above, the calculation to determine MTBF is: 3,600 hours divided by 12 failures. The result is 300 operating hours.