Checking the new IEC 61853.1-4 with high quality 3rd party data to benchmark its practical relevance in energy yield prediction

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Checking IEC 61853 equations and methods vs. GI's OTF measured data and modelling

for standards tests, designers, modellers and measurements

IEC 61853- *Photovoltaic module performance testing and energy rating*

-1 Ed 1.0 2011 :	Irradiance and temperature performance matrix
-2 Ed 1.0 2016 :	Spectral responsivity, incidence angle
-3 Ed 1.0 2018 :	Energy rating
-4 Ed 1.0 2018 :	Climatic profiles

Gantner Instruments' Outdoor Test Facility (OTF)

- High quality Meteorological and Electrical PV measurements
- Works with all module technologies and climates
- Good fitting and modelling with GI/SRCL's Loss factors model (2011) and Mechanistic performance model (2017) (LFM/MPM)

Comparing IEC 61853 vs. GI's OTF testing

	IEC 61853 energy rating *"Indoor and/or steady"*	OTF e.g. GI energy yield *"Real weather data"*
	Characterise modules → *Estimate expected energy rating at given climate by module type and technology*	Measure Energy yield → *Derive module characteristics to optimise and validate performance at test site*
# Samples	1-3 Specific modules for testing	Actual modules measured (may only be flash tested before use?)
Characterisation vs. input e.g. Gi, Tmod, AOI, SR …	Independent e.g. P vs Gi(Tmod=25) then P vs Tmod(Gi=1) etc.	Correlated weather params e.g. High insolation ~ Hot, Low AOI, Blue rich …
Steady/transient conditions?	Steady state (thermal equilibrium)	Includes transient weather (but can wait for steady)
Direct or Global irradiance?	All or mostly Direct	Direct+Diffuse+Reflected
Module status	New, clean, uniform	Aged, Soiling? Shading? Snow?

Gantner Instruments' OTF Tempe AZ measurements

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Irradiance : Plane of array Gi from pyranometers, cSi and KG3 reference cells
Horizontal Gh, Dh; Beam normal Bn, spectral 350-1050nm …

Met data: WindSpeed and direction, Relative Humidity, Tambient…

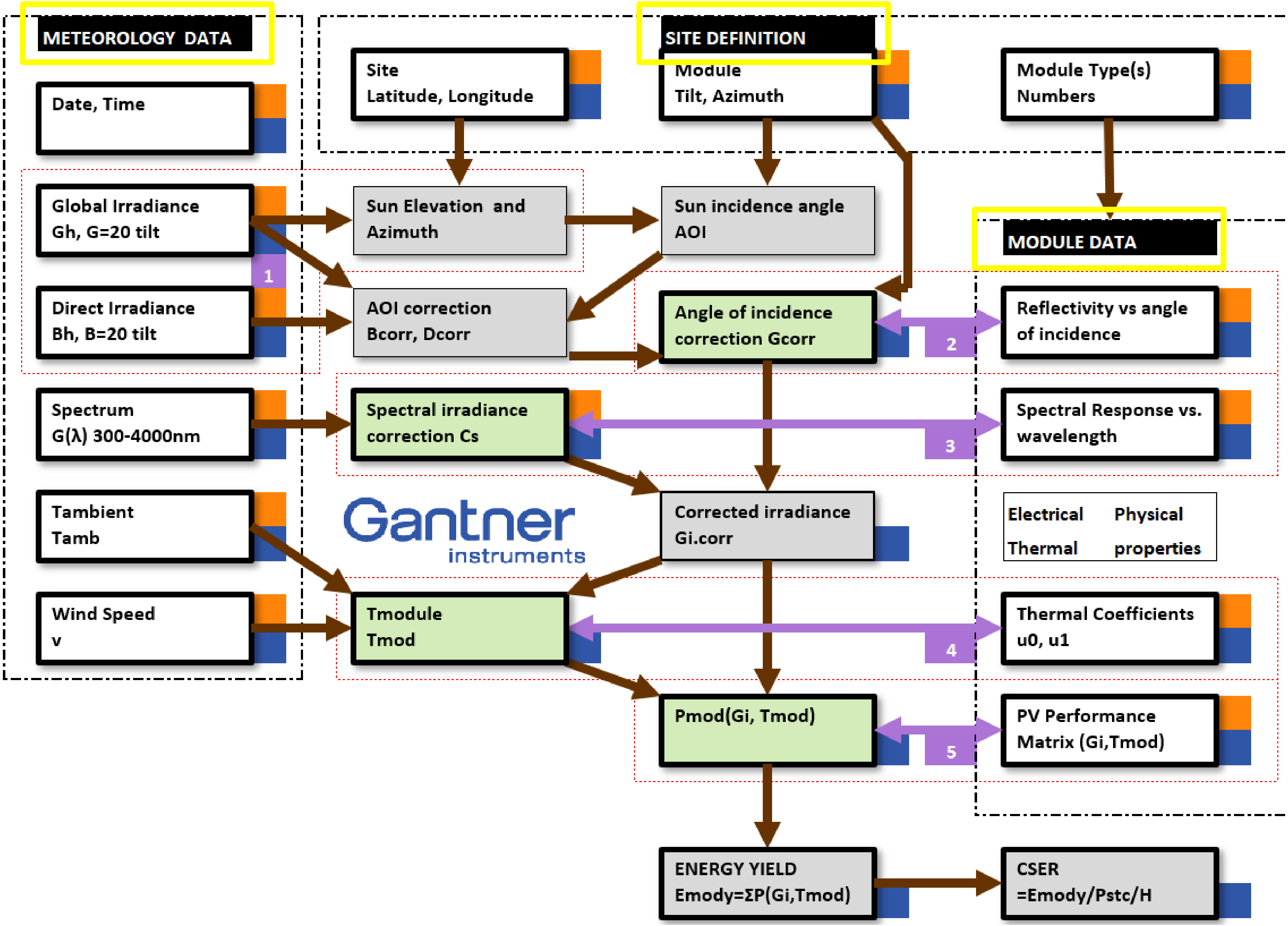
PV : Fixed and 2D track; IV curve every minute, Tmodule
Derive parameters using Loss Factors and Mechanistic Performance Models

Continuous measurements in Arizona since 2010; Other sites available around the world

Flow chart for DC Energy Yield and Energy Rating

IEC 61853

GI OTF



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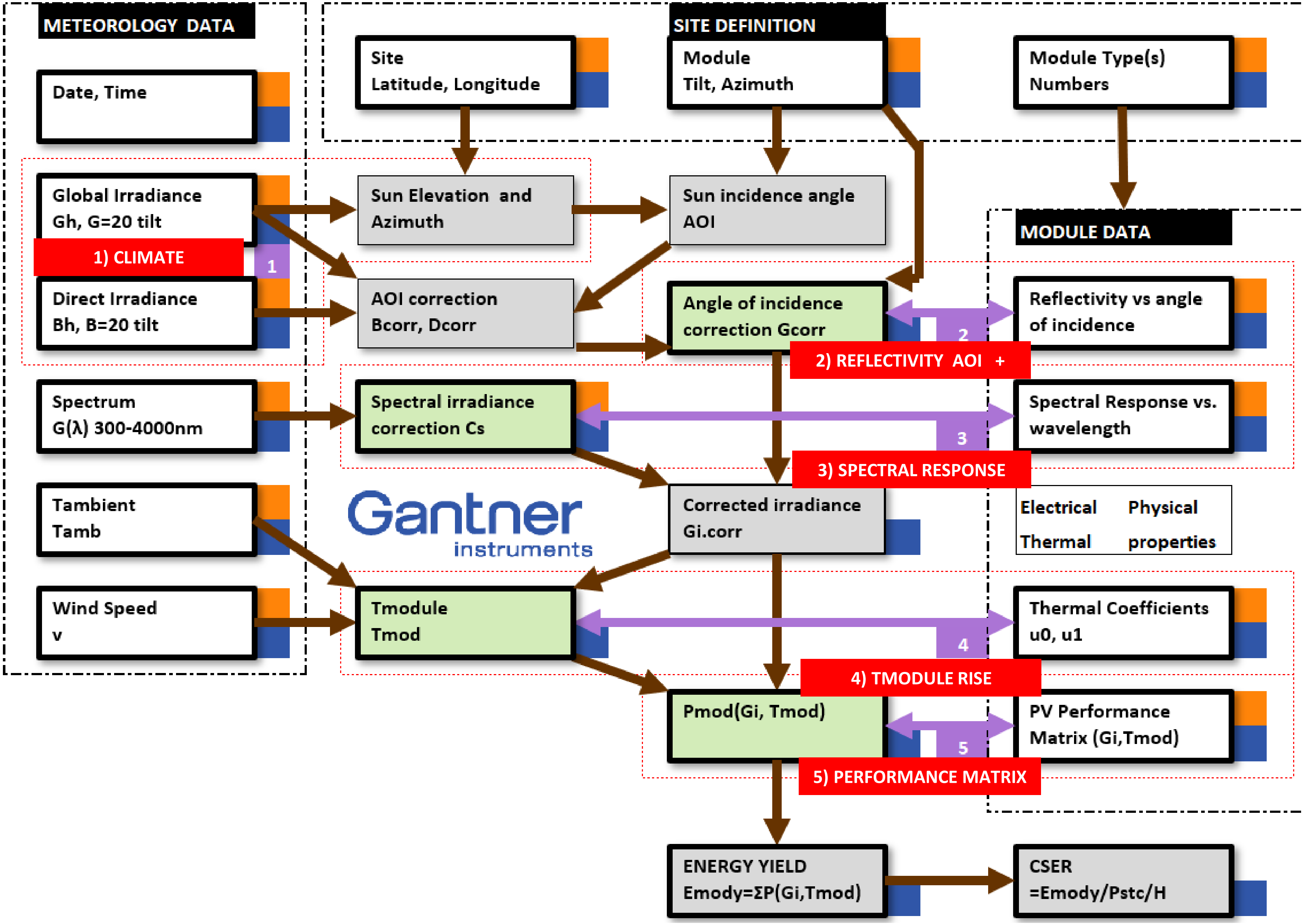
calcs that can be checked



CLIMATE : %Insolation (colour) vs. Irradiance, Tamb→Tmodule (calc)

- 0.0%-0.2%
- 0.2%-0.4%
- 0.4%-0.6%
- 0.6%-0.8%
- 0.8%-1.0%
- 1.0%-1.2%
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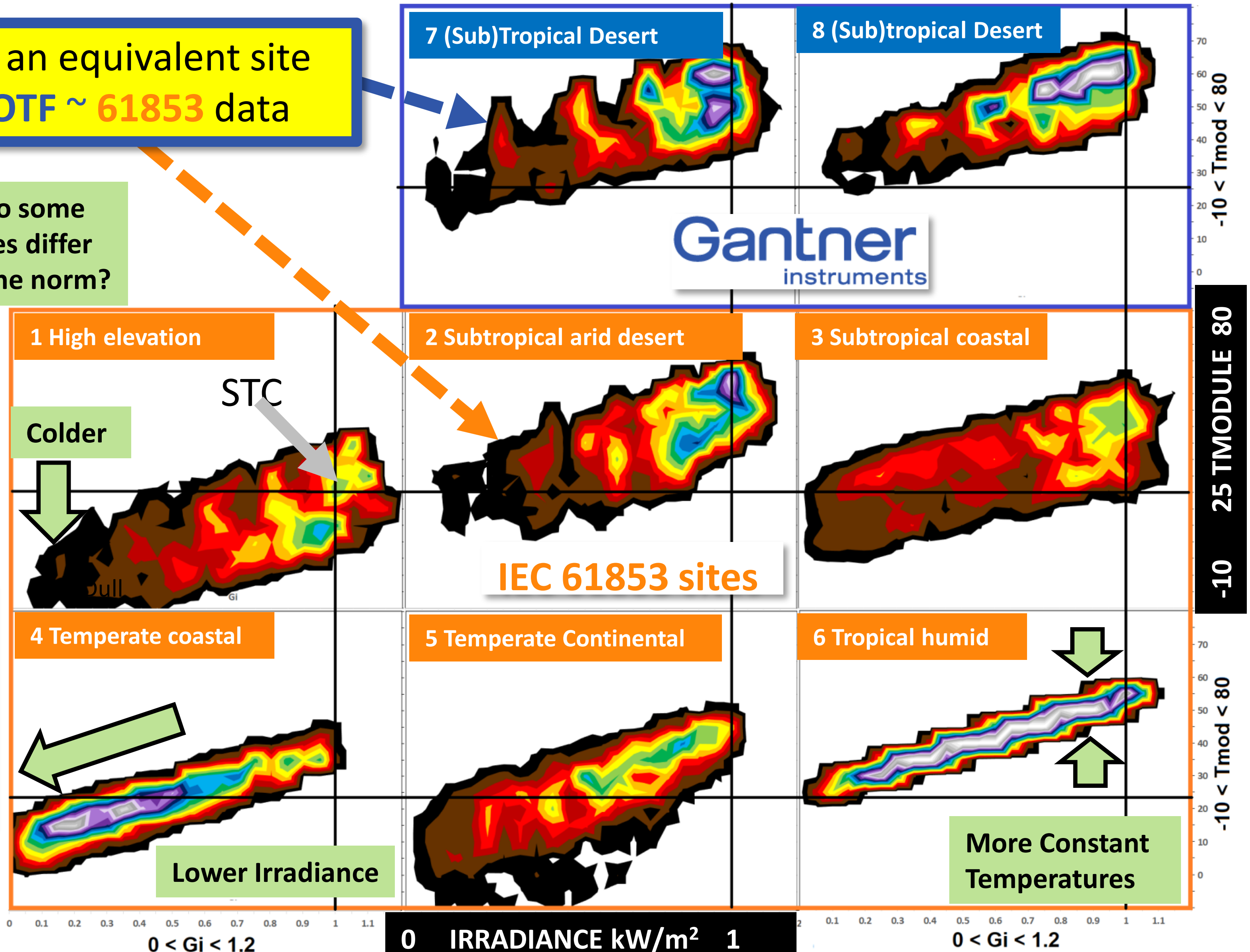
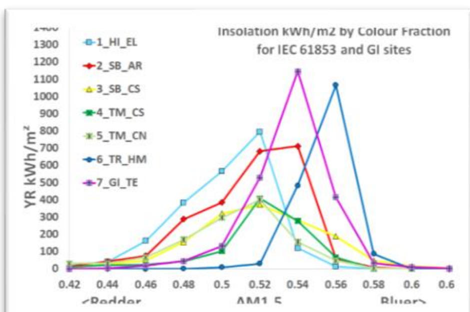
- 1.8%-2.0%

For an equivalent site GI OTF ~ 61853 data

How do some climates differ from the norm?



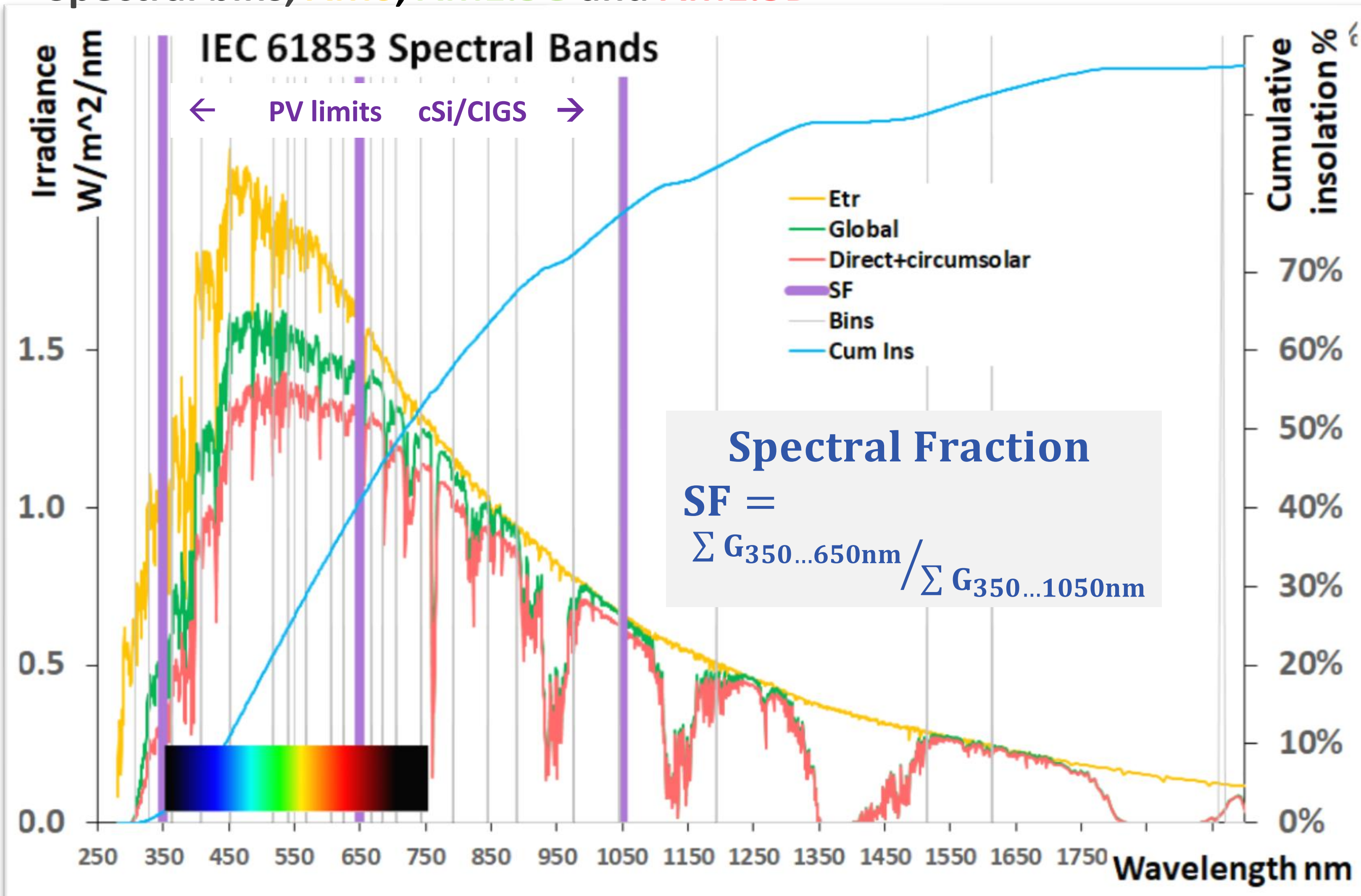


Fractional Insolation at spectral distributions also compared, not enough time to discuss

SPECTRAL : ASTM G-173-03

61853 Satellite spectra 306-4660nm of varying bin widths. GI 350-1050nm but can extend on new OTFs

Spectral bins, AM0, AM1.5G and AM1.5D



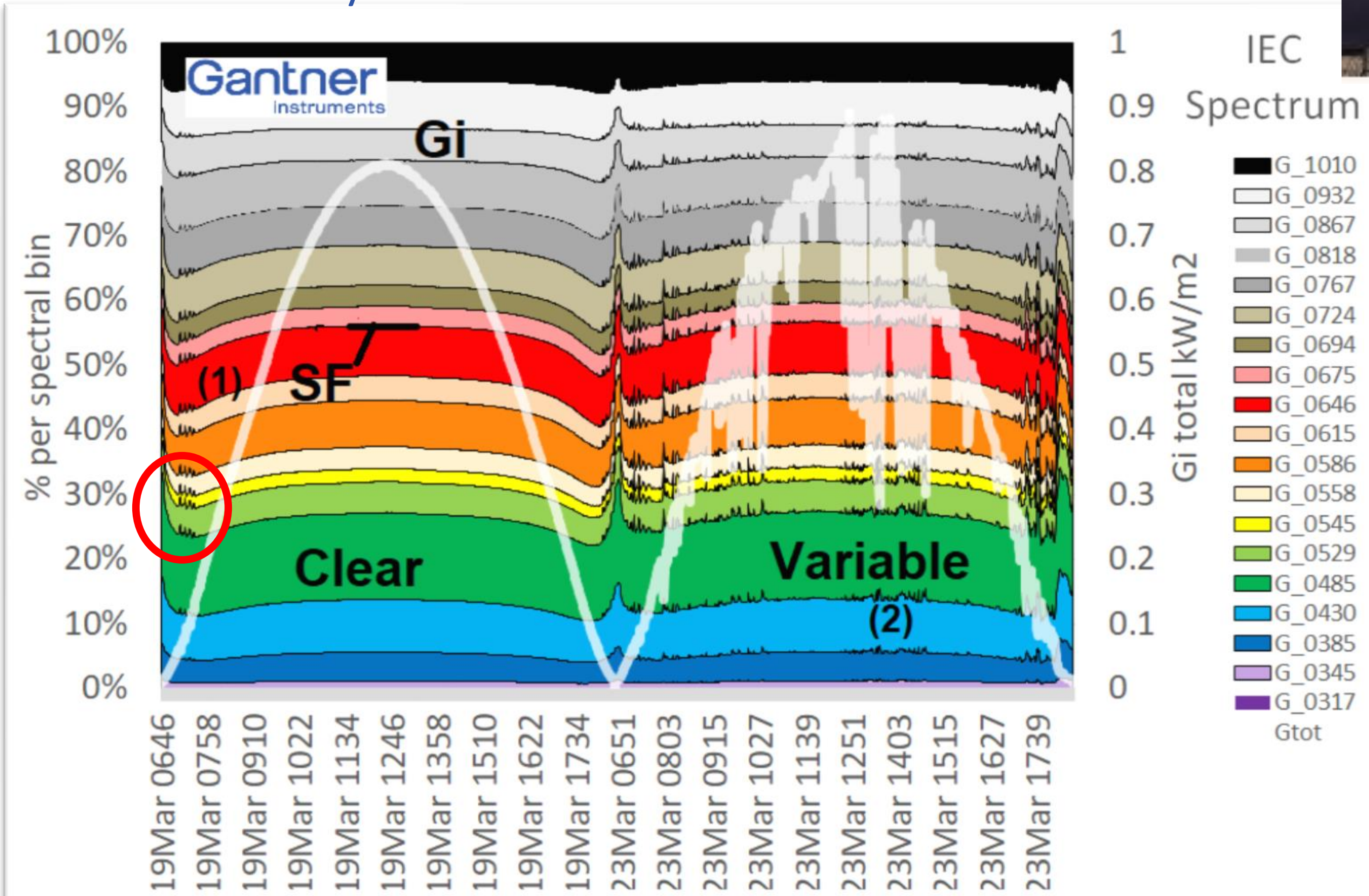
Spectral Fraction

$$SF = \sum G_{350...650nm} / \sum G_{350...1050nm}$$

SPECTRAL :

GI OTF 350-1050 every 3.3nm → 61853 bins

- Clear day and Variable days
- Most PV only sensitive ~350 to <=1050nm



Spots morning shading from transmission lines

GI OTF measurements are accurate and can be used 350-1050nm

REFLECTIVITY AOI and SPECTRAL :

- **IEC 61853** irradiance correction methods rely on knowing the spectral response and the reflectivity/AOI of a test device before using this for energy rating calculations.

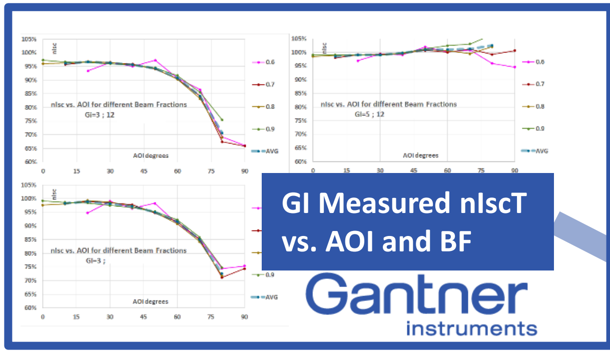
- Many test modules won't have had spectral response or reflectivity/AOI measurements

- Find AOI and spectral correction factors from standard **GI OTF** data 350-1050nm vs. pyranometer ~280-2800nm
  nI_{SC_T} vs. AOI and Spectral fraction

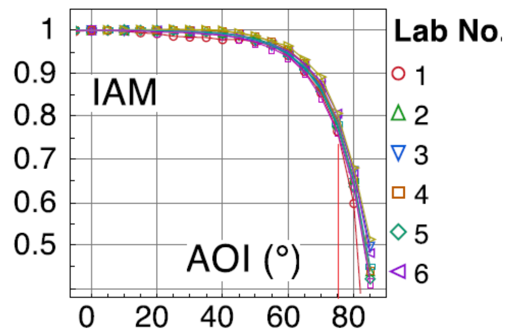
- (Not yet analysed 1D or 2D tracker data – for a future paper)

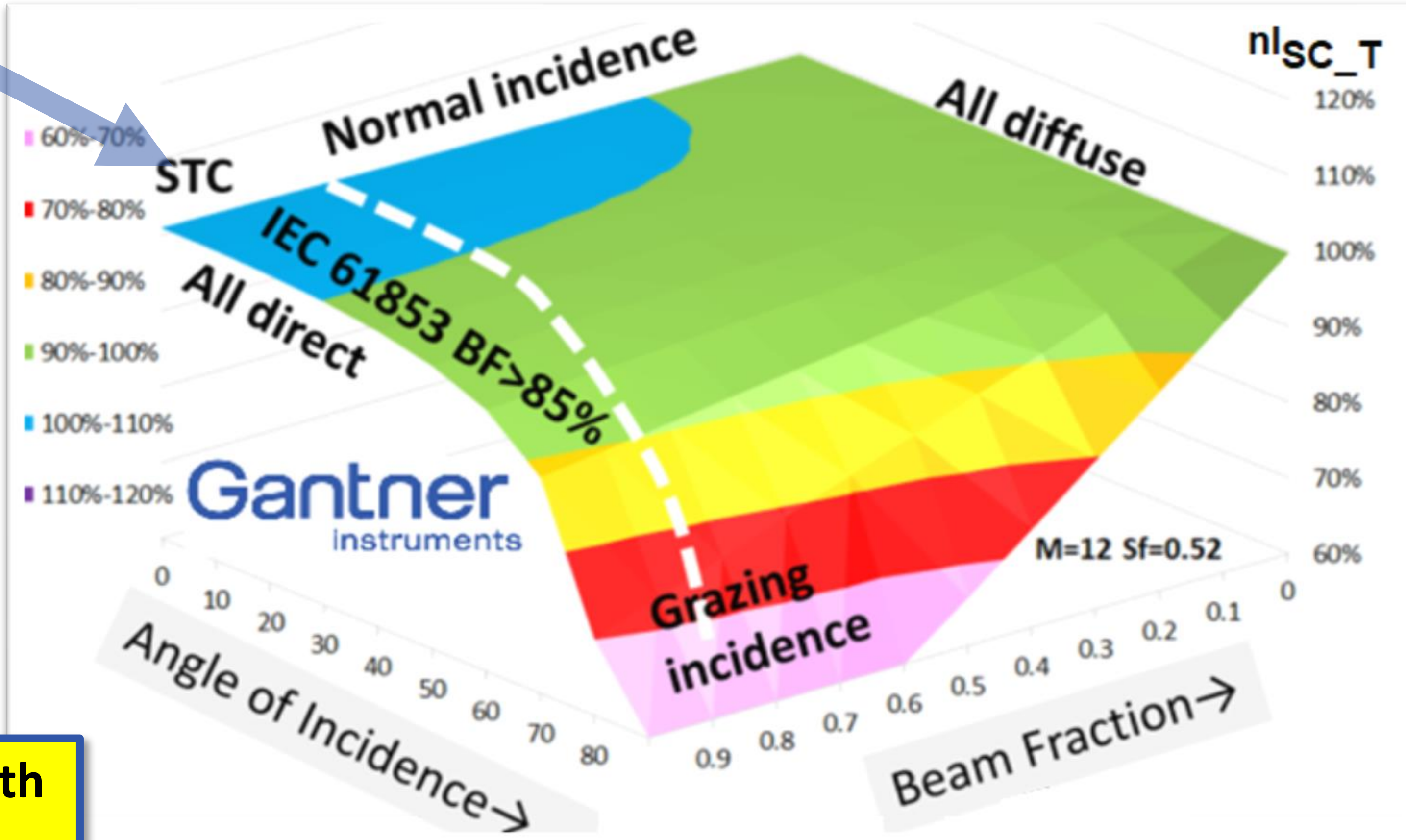
REFLECTIVITY vs. AOI (high beam fraction)

$$nI_{SC\_T} = \frac{meas.I_{SC}}{ref.I_{SC} * G_I} \times (1 - \alpha_{ISC} \times (T_{MOD} - 25)) \qquad (1)$$



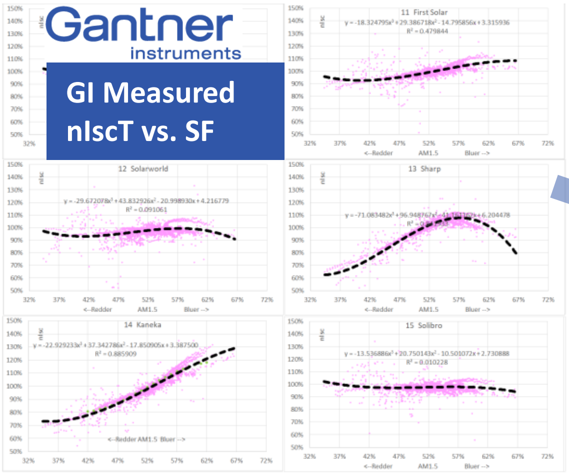
Compare with
Riedel et al 12th PVPMC 2019
“Incident Angle Modifier
(IAM) Round Robin Updates”





GI OTF agrees well with round robin

Spectral correction factor SCF vs. Spectral fraction SF



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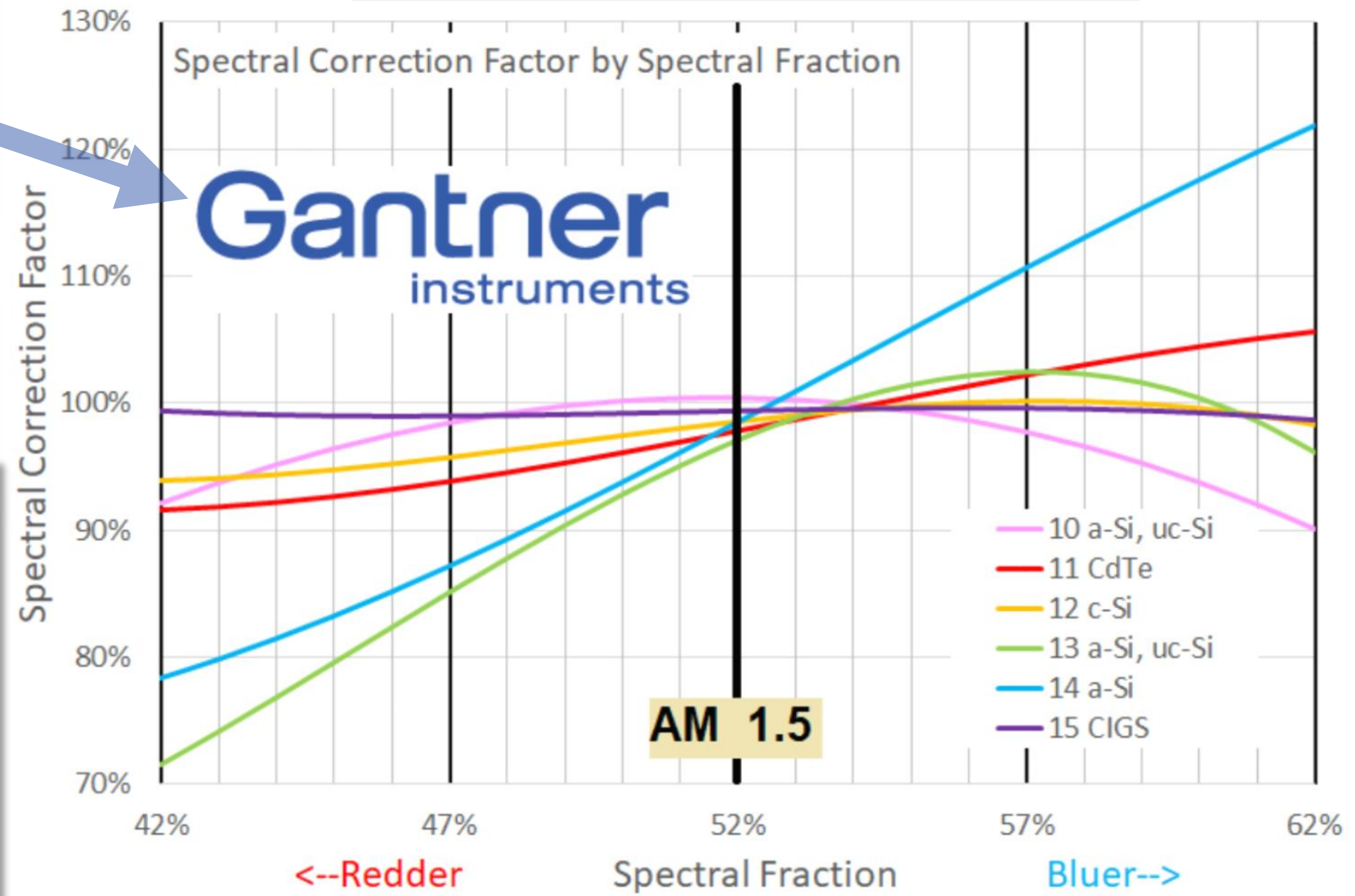


simple fits SCF vs. SF

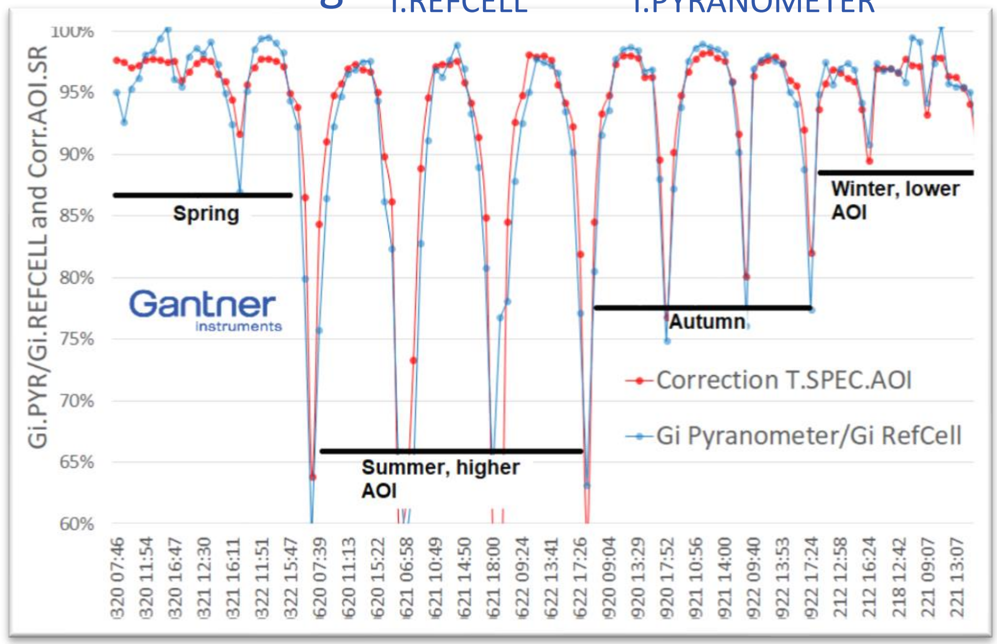
1 Junction = Linear fit
a-Si, CdTe, c-Si
2 Junction = Concave down
a-Si:uc-Si a-Si:uc-Si

Spectral correction factor vs. SF and AOI/Beam fraction

for a 1 junction device (2+ Junction equation to come later)

- **SF** = Spectral fraction
- **BF** = Beam fraction
- **AOI** = Angle of incidence
- **cXXX** = Fitted Mechanistic coefficients

Correcting $G_{I.REFCELL} \rightarrow G_{I.PYRANOMETER}$



$Corr_{T.SPEC.AOI}$ and Gi.pyr/Gi.refcell vs. time

- $$nISC_{T,SPEC,AOI} = nI_{SC\_T} * (1 + cSF_M * (SF - cSF)) * ((1 - BF * cAOI * (1/Cos(AOI)-1)) + cBF * BF)$$

nIsc

Spectral

AOI (ASHRAE) or other …

MODULE TEMPERATURE RISE vs. Irradiance and Windspeed

IEC 61853 formula

- $$T_{RISE} = T_{MOD} - T_{AMB} = \frac{G_{CORR.AOI}}{U_0 + U_1.W_S} \quad (2)$$

Coefficient	Example value from Gi meas	Unit
U_0	0.0322	C/(kW/m^2)
U_1	0.0018	C/(kW/ms^{-1})

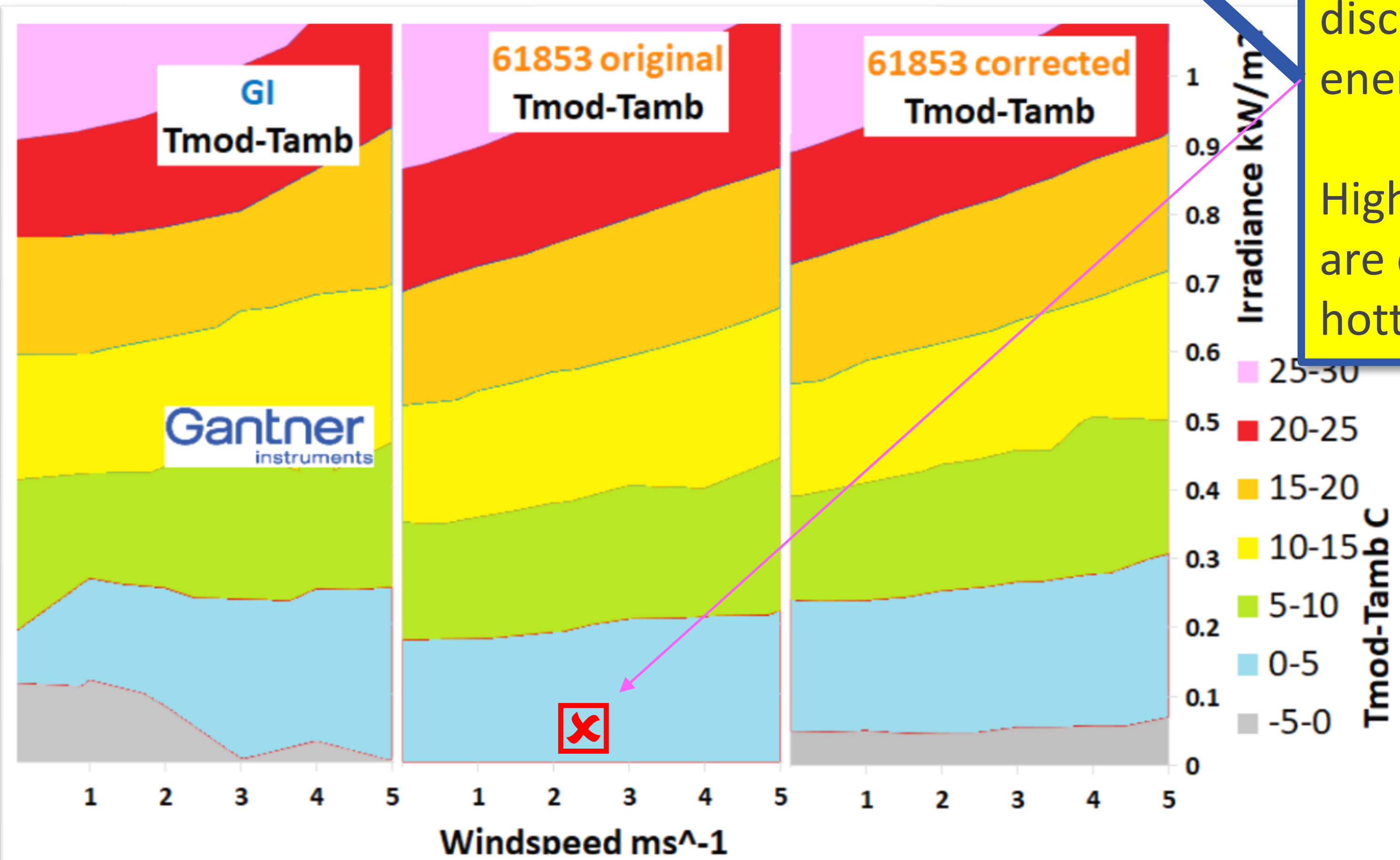
MODULE TEMPERATURE RISE vs. Irradiance and Windspeed

Best fit to GI measurements in AZ (1 measurement/h for 4000 pts, 1 year)

$$T_{RISE} = T_{MOD} - T_{AMB} = \frac{G_{CORR.AOI}}{U_0 + U_1.W_S} + U_2$$

New temperature coefficient **U_2 ~-2.0C** fixes low irradiance T_{RISE} discrepancy but won't alter energy yield much.

Higher efficiency modules are cooler, and glass-glass hotter

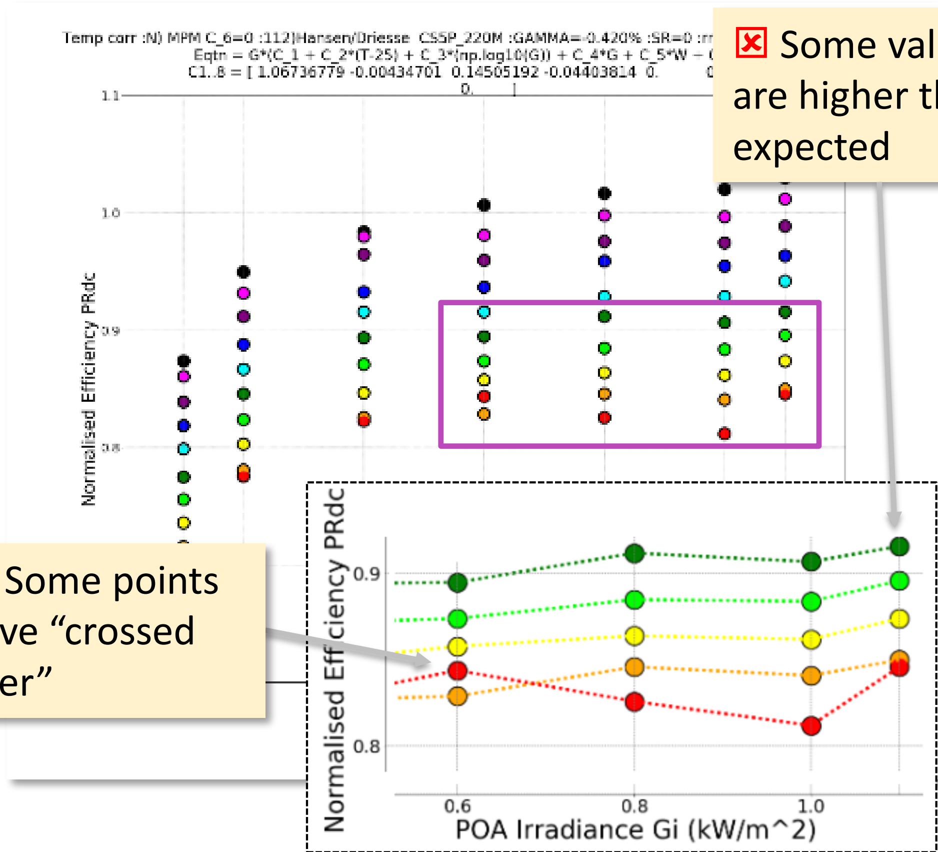


Matrix Performance Measurements "Raw data"

PR_{DC}↑ vs. Irradiance kW/m^2→ and Tmodule C (colours), not 23 points

61853-1 : c-Si indoor

Old, poor quality, temp sensor problems (zoomed in)

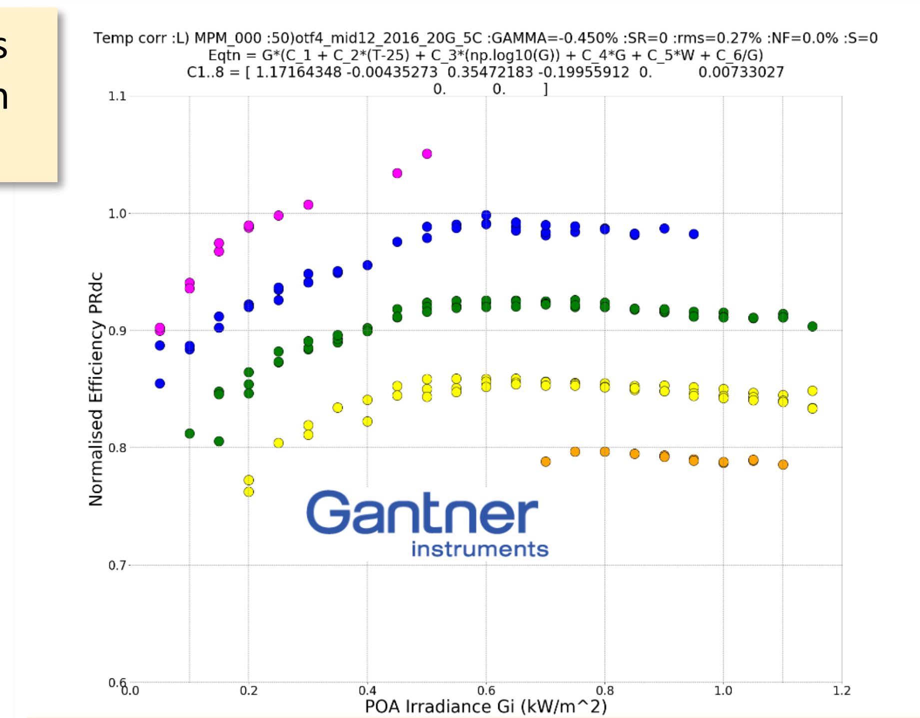


☒ Some values are higher than expected

☒ Some points have "crossed over"

GI OTF :

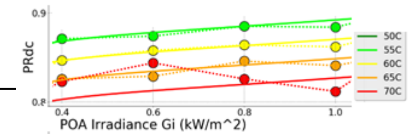
4000 points 1 year, 1/h, Avg PR_{DC} per Irradiance bin, corrected to T

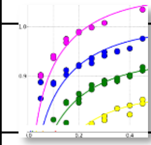


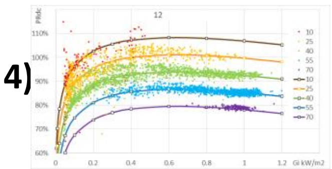
Real weather = "Non rectangular" (G,T) distribution.
Dull+Cold↖ to Bright+hot↘

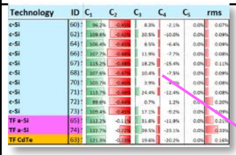
Matrix Performance Measurements fitting

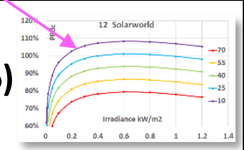
Effect	Linear Interpolation 61853	Mechanistic model GI MPM	Examples
1) Points with wrong values?	☒ Nearby interpolated and extrapolated values badly affected	☑ "Sanity check" easily finds them Erase, correct or remeasure!	1,2
2) Noisy Data?	☒ No noise reduction	☑ Robust fit, noise averages out	
3) Missing Points?	☒ Affects extrapolations	☑ Can still can get good fits	3)
4) Reduced or outdoor data (points<>23)	☒ Can't easily interpolate too few or too many points	☑ Can fit any number of points, weighted if needed	4)
5) Useful Coefficients to analyse ?	☒ No coefficients from analysis	☑ Yes, useful normalised orthogonal coefficients for a database	5)
6) Data storage	☒ Every point needs to be stored	☑ Only 5-6 coefficients stored +rmse	6)
7) Module variability or degradation Binning	☒ Hard to compare datasets without coefficients	☑ Normalised coefficients can determine rates and causes ☑ Pmax binning → C1?	7)

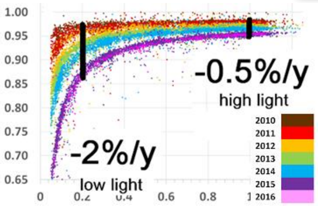








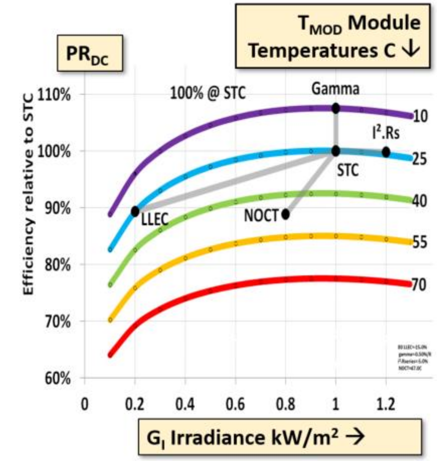




MPM “Mechanistic Performance Model”

meaningful, orthogonal, robust, normalised

(see 7th PVPMC, 44th PVSC, 33rd EUPVSEC, PVSEC-27 for more details www.steveransome.com)

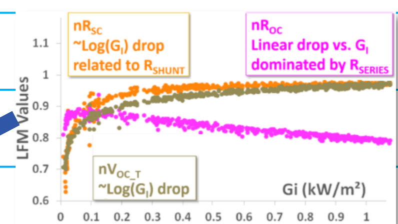


Where G_I in kW/m², $dT_{MOD} = T_{MOD}$-25C

$$PR_{DC} = C_1 + C_2 \times dT_{MOD} + C_3 \times Log_{10}(G_I) + C_4 \times G_I + C_5 \times WS + {}^{*}C_6/G_I$$

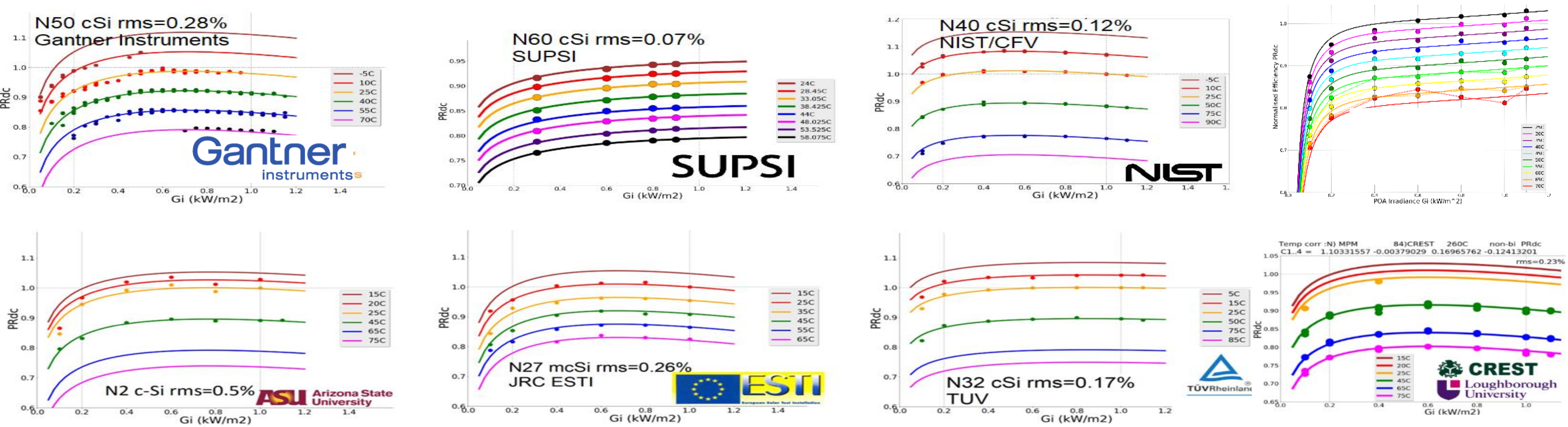
	Dependency	Comment	Normalised Unit
C_1	Tolerance	Actual/Nominal value ~100%	%
C_2	Tmodule-25C	Temperature coefficient ~ -0.25 to -0.50%/K	%/K
C_3	$Log_{10}(G_I)$	Low light fall due to V_{OC} (and R_{SHUNT}?)	%
C_4	G_I	High light fall – R_{OC} due to R_{SERIES}	%
C_5	Wind speed	Small correction	%/(ms^{-1})
C_6	$1/G_I$	*Only some modules (depends on how their R_{SHUNT} behaves)	%/(kW/m²)

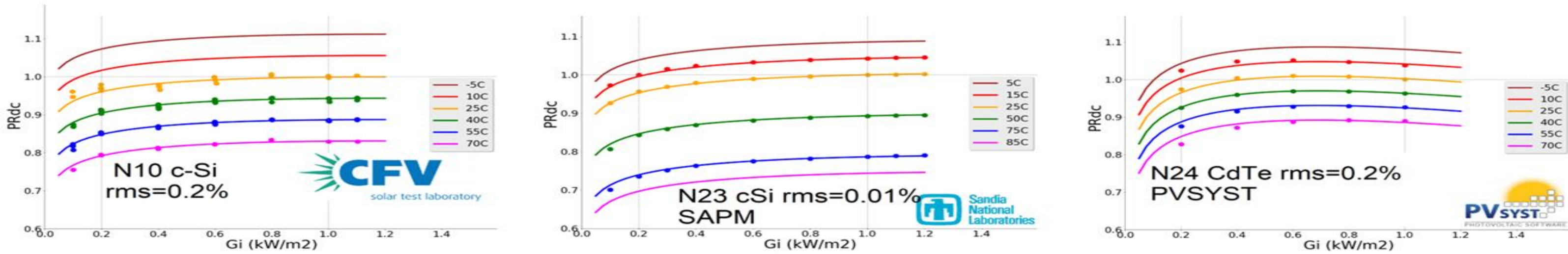
Loss factors Model (2011)



MPM validation on different PV technologies from

SUPSI, NIST, ASU, ESTI, TÜV Rheinland, CFV, SANDIA, CREST, SAPM, PVSYST, Gantner instruments and many more …



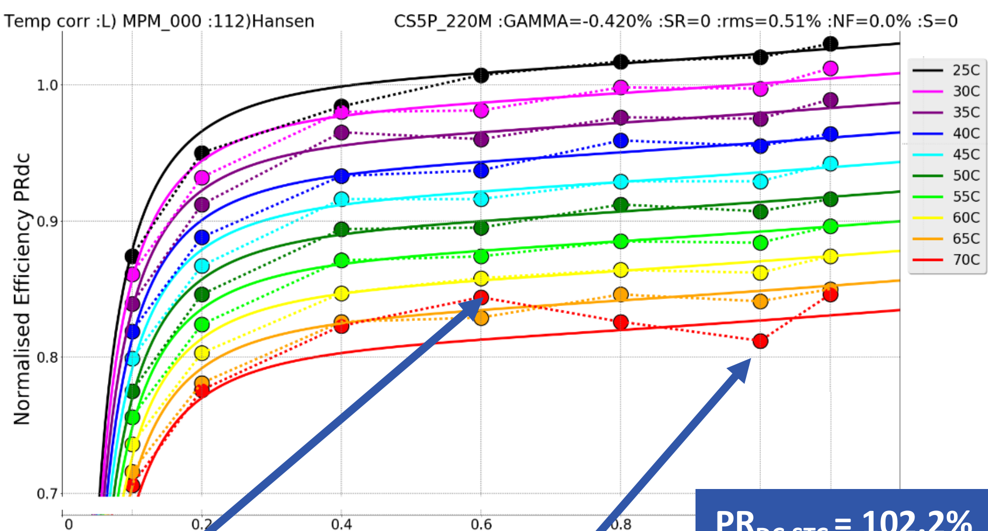


Please share your data!

MATRIX Performance Measurements fitted with MPM

61853-1 : c-Si (Indoor)

Known bad measurements thermal sensors etc.



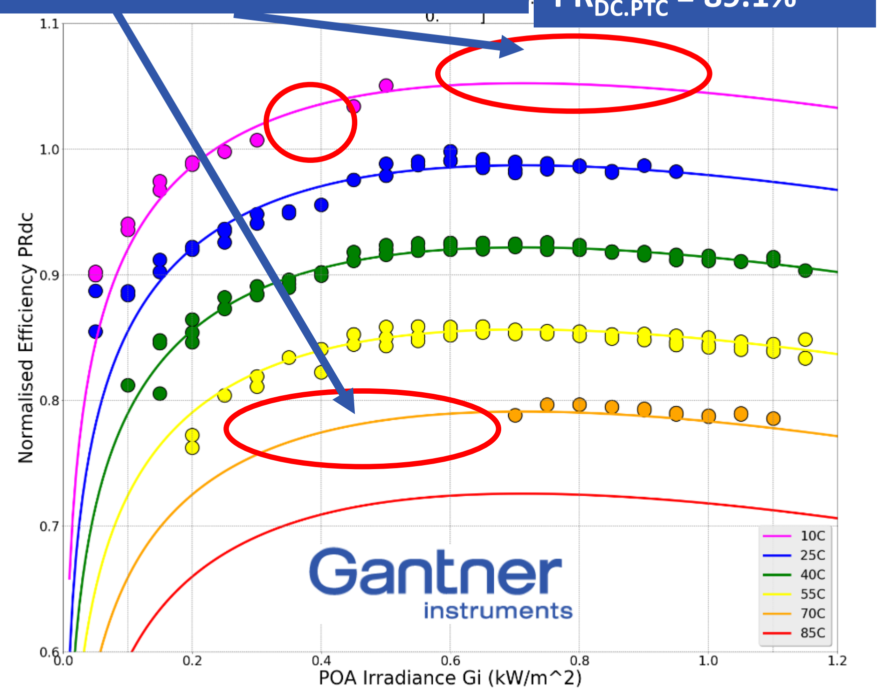
MPM RMSE good 0.55%
even with bad data points indoors

$PR_{DC.STC}$ = 102.2%
Gamma = -0.43%/K
$PR_{DC.LIC}$ = 96.6%
$PR_{DC.PTC}$ = 92.0%

GI OTF Avg PR_{DC} corrected Tmod

MPM RMSE very good 0.28%
even with "missing data" outdoors

$PR_{DC.STC}$ = 97.9%
Gamma = -0.43%/K
$PR_{DC.LIC}$ = 92.1%
$PR_{DC.PTC}$ = 89.1%

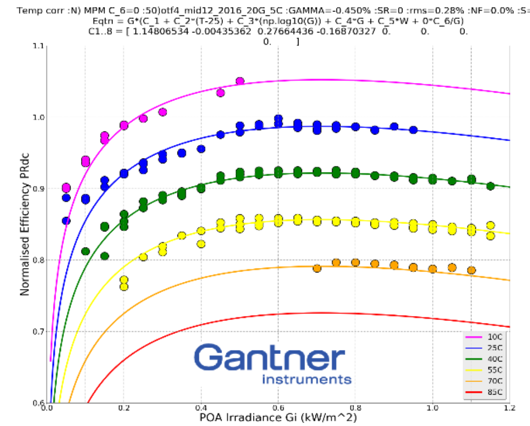


Current status on energy yield/energy rating predictions

- Simulation programs have been predicting energy yields vs. technology, climate, temperature coefficients, spectral effects etc. well enough for manufacturers, investors etc. for many years
- Binning of module P_{MAX} (±2.5%?), manufacturing variability and irradiance sensor tolerance may limit the accuracy of any energy rating validation
- A "Cookie cutter approach" is often used to guarantee performance by making similar new sites to old ones that are known to work
- How useful is this IEC 61853 method?
- Will it duplicate existing predictions/measurements or differ?

Summary

- **Hourly climate** – **GI OTF good results**
- **Reflectivity vs. AOI** – **GI OTF good results**
- **Spectral response**
  - if **61853 SR** not available, simpler **GI OTF method** presented (can extend nm range)
- **T_{MOD} (vs. T_{AMB}, Gi and WS)**
  - **GI OTF** suggests a small correction at low irradiance
- **Matrix performance fitting (vs. Gi, T_{MOD})**
  - **61853 - bilinear fit**
    - ☒ Poor choice, particularly for noisy or missing data
  - **GI OTF - MPM**
    - ☑ meaningful, orthogonal, robust, normalised
    - ☑ validated on data from many test institutes
    - ☑ technology and site independent



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- **Check 61853 energy rating vs. existing working methods (e.g. simulation programs)**

Thank you for your attention !

More data analysis will be presented in PVSEC Marseille

Spare

Other advantages available from using the MPM

$$PR_{DC} = C_1 + C_2 \times dT_{MOD} + C_3 \times Log_{10}(G_I) + C_4 \times G_I + C_5 \times WS + {}^{*}C_6/G_I$$

- **Tolerance** – Gives expected performance at STC, LIC etc.
- **Degradation studies** – quantify changes with coefficients over time
- **Temperature coefficients** – C_2 = gamma
- **Loss characterisation** and identification e.g. V_{OC} loss is due to C_3, R_{SERIES} loss is low C_4
- **Fault finding** – coefficients that glitch or aren't expected values
- **Database comparison** – normalised values should be similar by technologies but differ c-Si vs. thin film (e.g. TempCoeff=C_2, low light=C_3 , high light=C_4)
- **It's a proven, optimised and validated model**