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An In-Depth Analysis on Weather Data from CIMIS: Estimating Evapotranspiration (ET) Values

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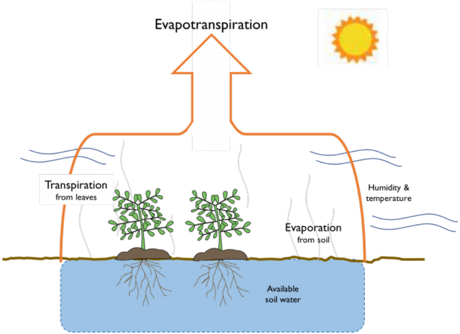
Introduction: Evapotranspiration (ET)

- Loss of water through:
  1. Evaporation and
  2. Transpiration
- Applications:
  - Irrigation scheduling
  - Water resource planning, etc.



Introduction: CIMIS Weather Stations

- *California Irrigation Management Information System*
- 257 CIMIS stations all through California
    - 136 actively reports ET values
- Measures various weather parameters
- some directly influence ET
- Also measures (*calculates?*) ET

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Data Collection

- Publicly available API
- Reports both hourly and daily data
- A record contains 16 different features
- Current working dataset: data of last one year
- Working dataset will be extended to multiple years:
  - better for capturing seasonal variations

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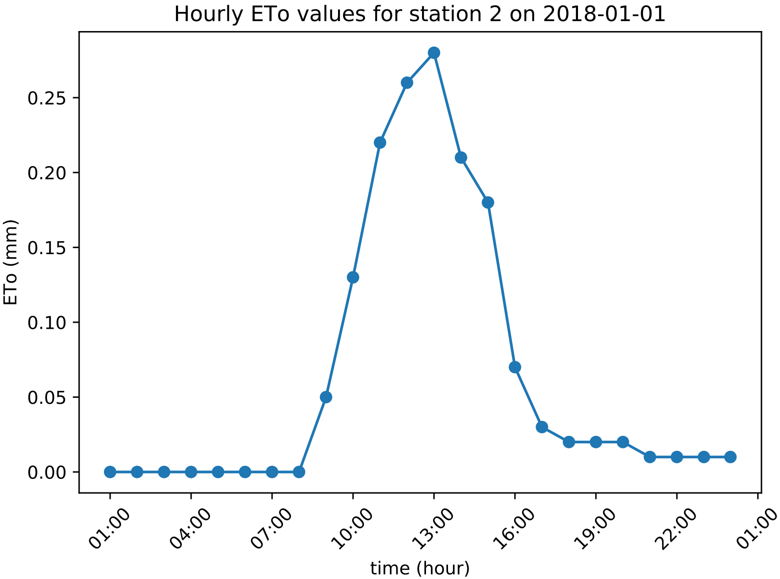
Sample Hourly ET Values



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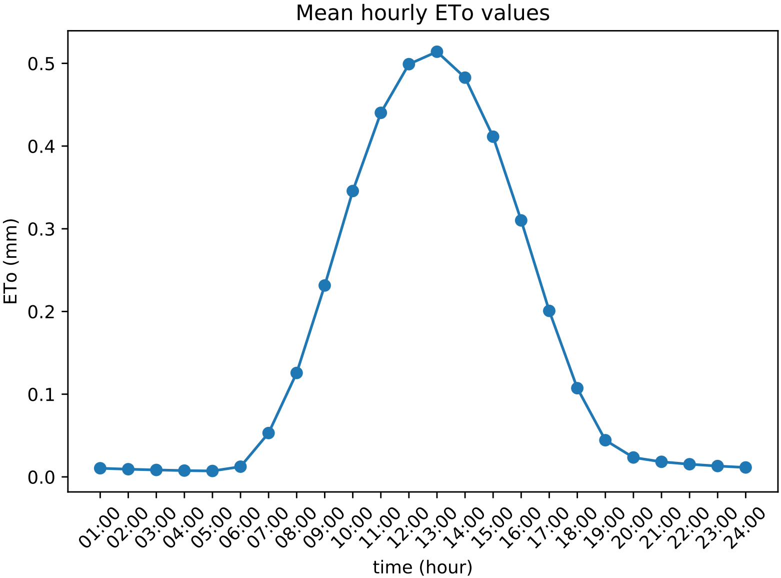

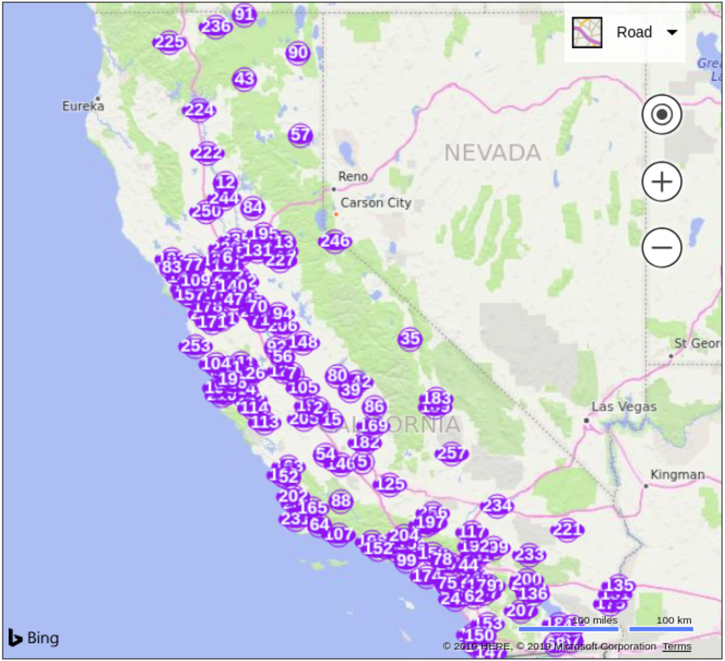
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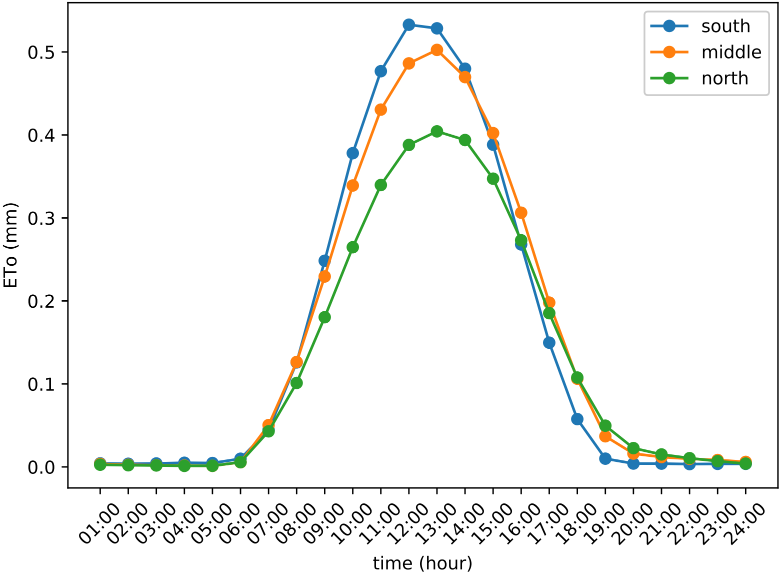
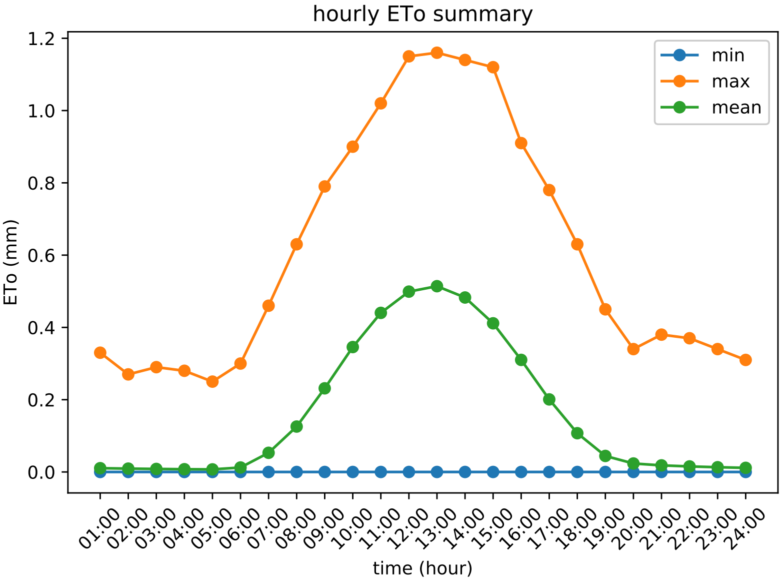
Stations of Interest

- Station with lowest latitude LAT_{MIN} (south)
- Station with highest latitude LAT_{MAX} (north)
- Station with latitude closests to $\frac{LAT_{MIN}+LAT_{MAX}}{2}$ (middle)

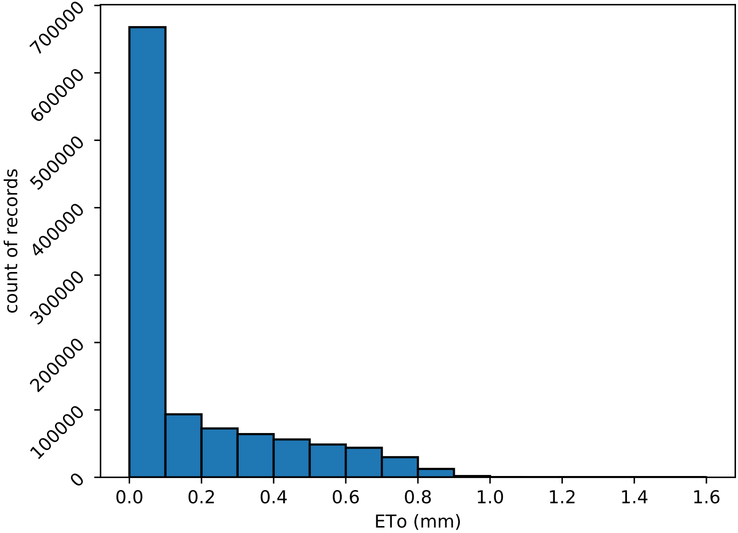
Mean Hourly ET Values of Stations of Interest



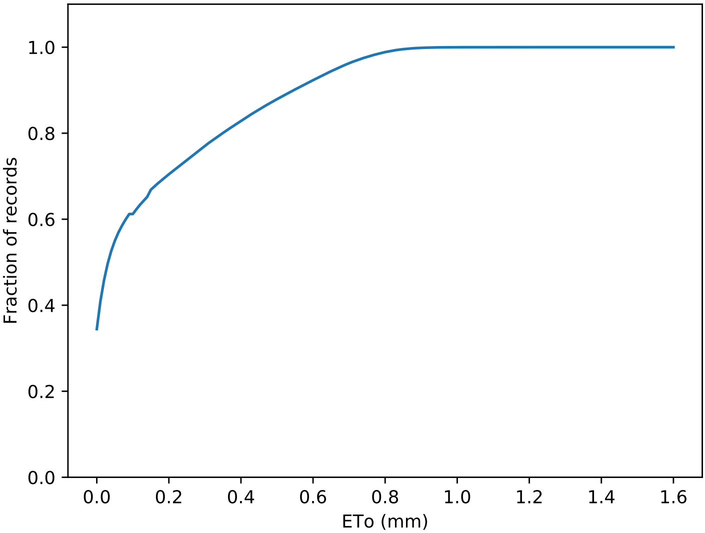
Min/Mean/Max Hourly ET Values



Histogram of ET Values



Empirical CDF of ET Values



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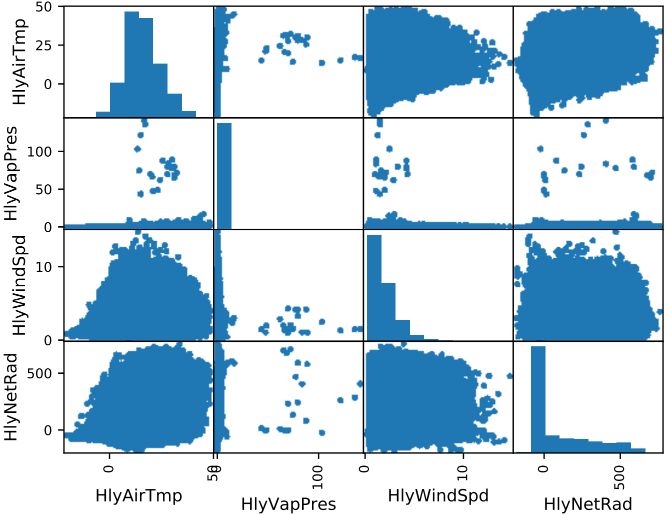
Scatterplot Matrix of Features of Interest



Regression Results

Features	**Mean Squared Error**	R^2 **Value**
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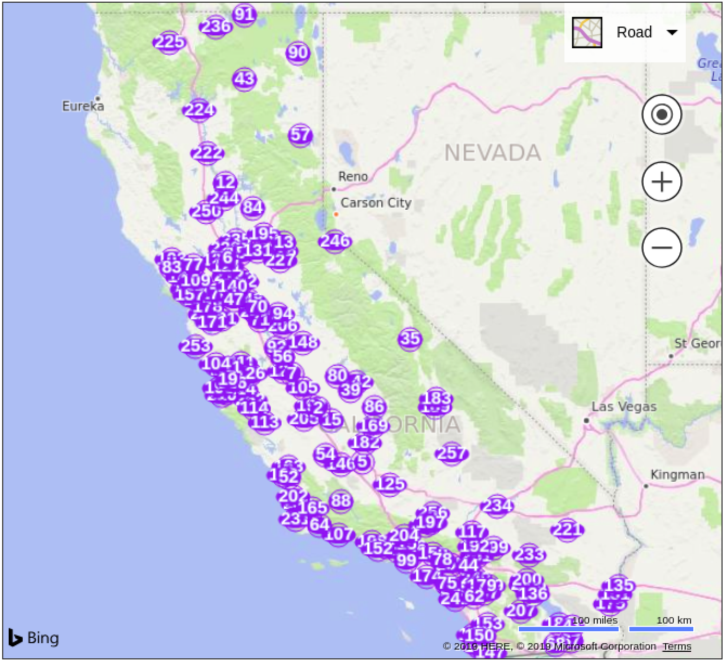
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- Station with lowest distance D_{MIN} to nearest neighbor
- Station with highest distance D_{MAX} to nearest neighbor
- Station with nearest neighbor at a distance closest to $\frac{D_{MIN}+D_{MAX}}{2}$

Nearest Neighbor Results

Station Number	Num of Neighbors	MSE for Average	MSE for IDW
129	1	0.000832971114168	0.000832971114168
234	1	0.00437018526497	0.00437018526497
57	1	0.00451400872516	0.00451400872516
129	2	0.00116361600992	0.000620877927137
234	2	0.00761026004119	0.00730456269316
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129	3	0.000890784115612	0.000596760525931
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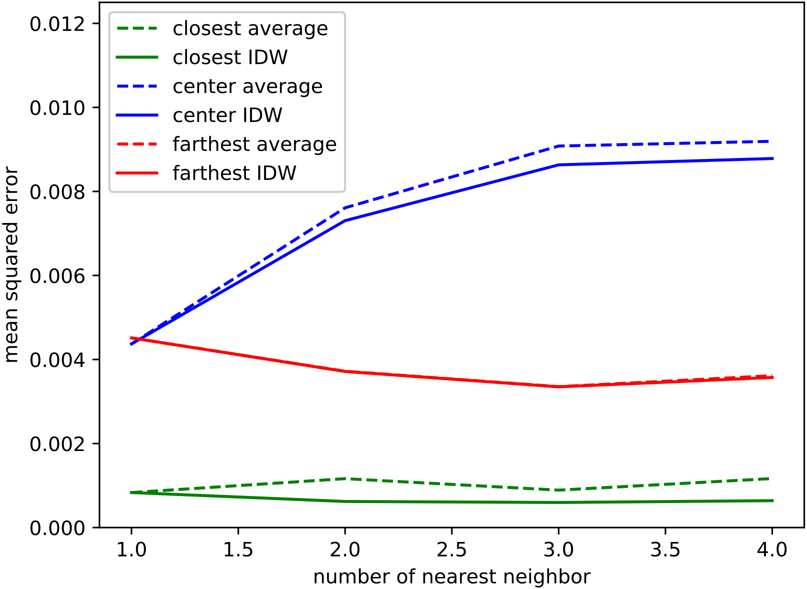
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A Different Approach to Nearest Neighbor

- Some stations are sparsely located, some are densely located
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