

# IE290

# Alternate Energy Course

Lecture #, 5

Energy and Power,  
Solar Energy Resources  
Solar Astronomy

# Notion of the Cost per peak watt installed

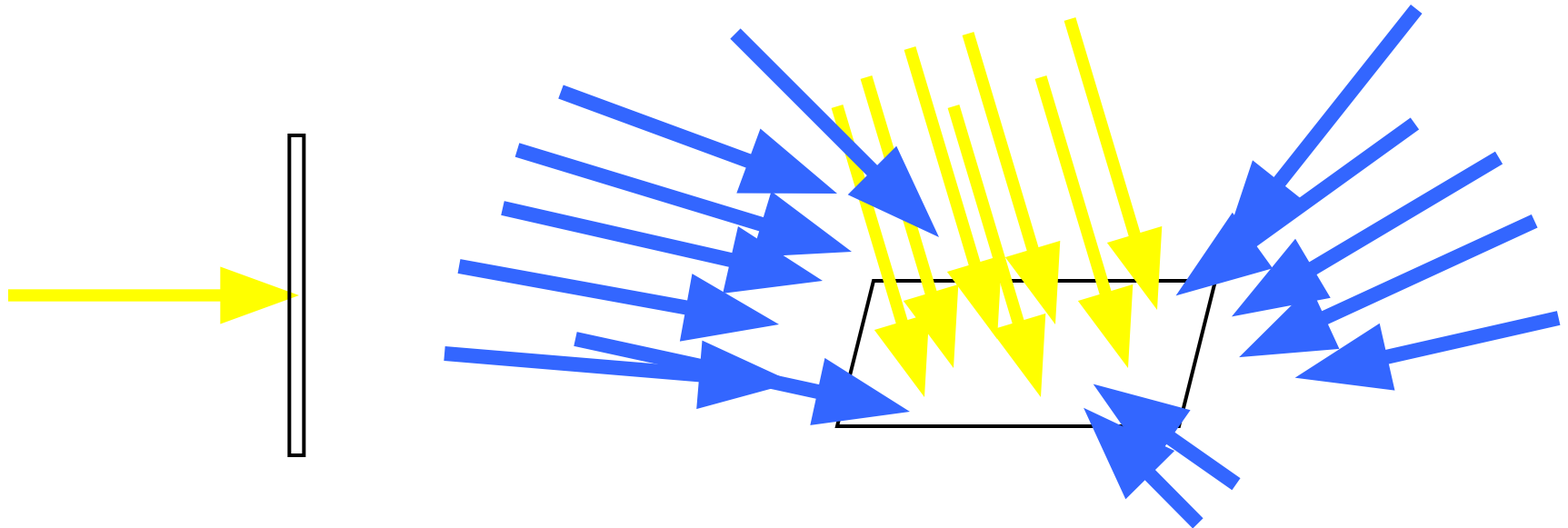
- “Peak Watt” = 1000W = 1kW
- Is the power produced at normal incidence of solar radiation @ 1000W/m<sup>2</sup>.
- $\$/W_p$  - Easy way to compare various solar conversion devices.
- Mostly useful for electric power generation devices, such as for: Hydro; PV; Wind, Solar Thermal Electric, etc.

# Solar Monitoring

- However, each geographical location has its characteristic insolation.
- For that purpose we need to have a number of solar monitoring stations
- AUA has the first automated solar monitoring station in Armenia.
- There are >24 SMS-s in San Francisco

# Components of Solar Radiation

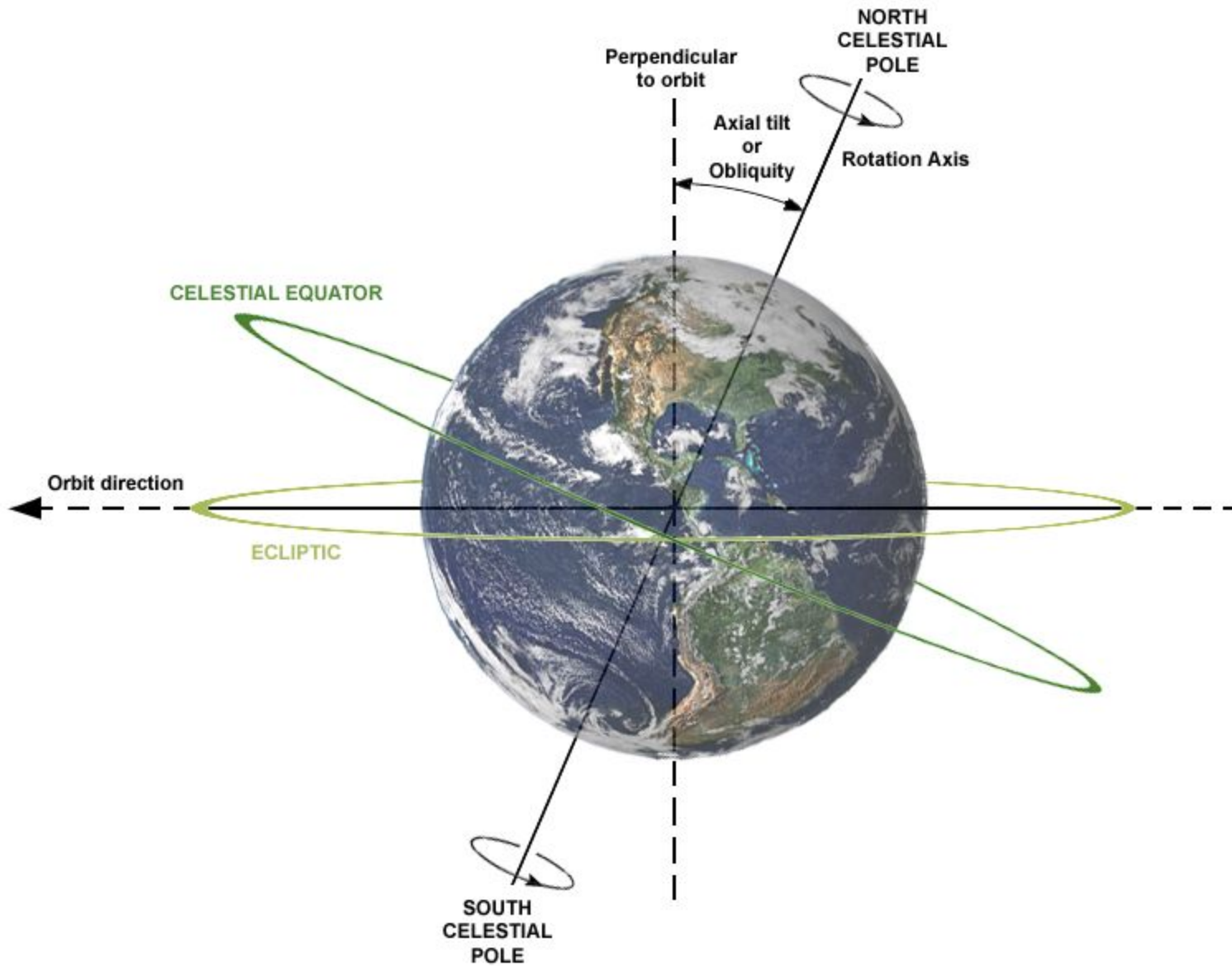
- Direct Normal, DN – pure direct sun rays that hit a surface, normal to the rays.
- Diffuse Horizontal, DH
- Global Horizontal, GH



# Direct Normal realization



- Concentration
- Tracking: DN + inclined Diffuse (PV panel)

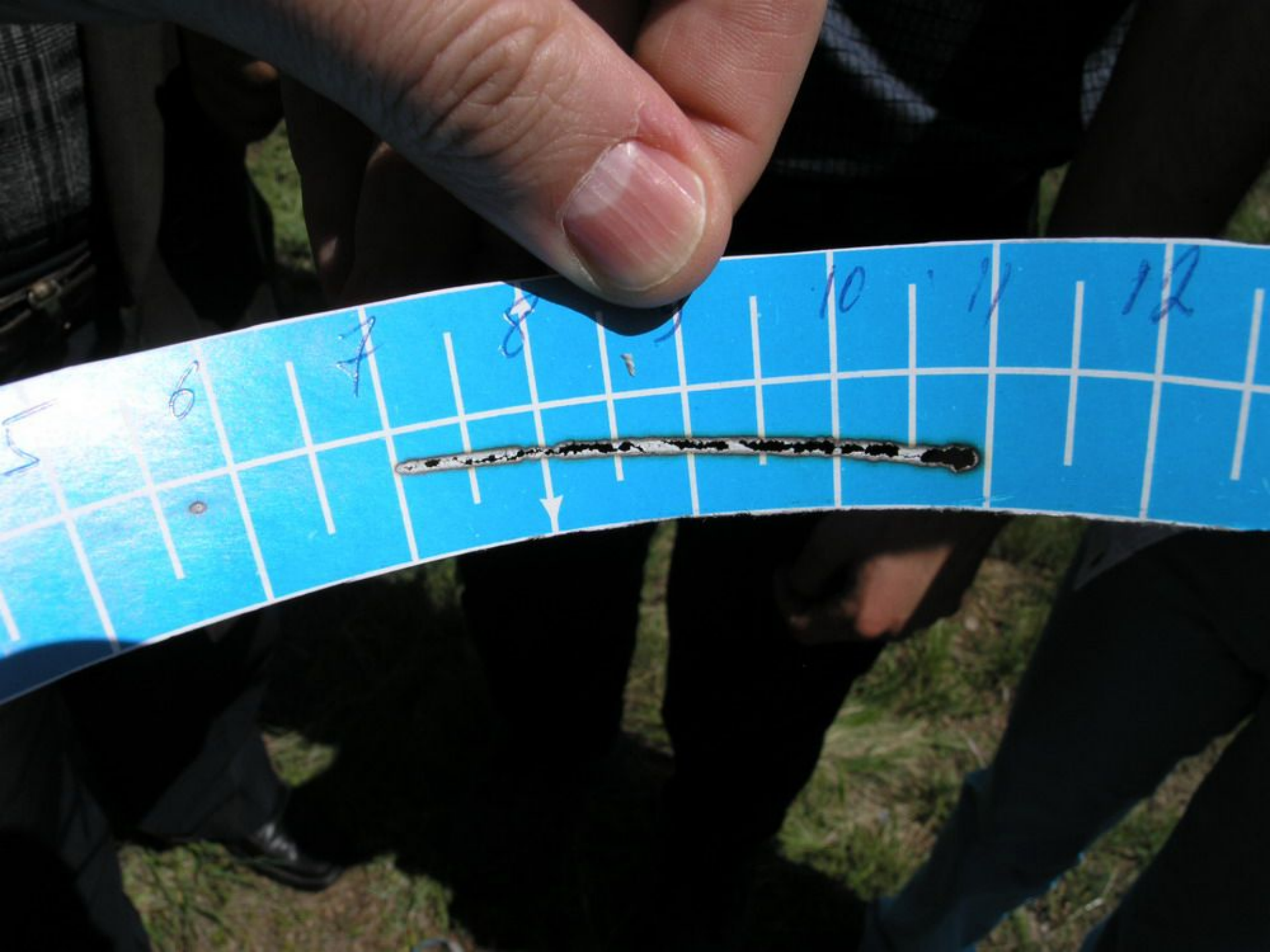




















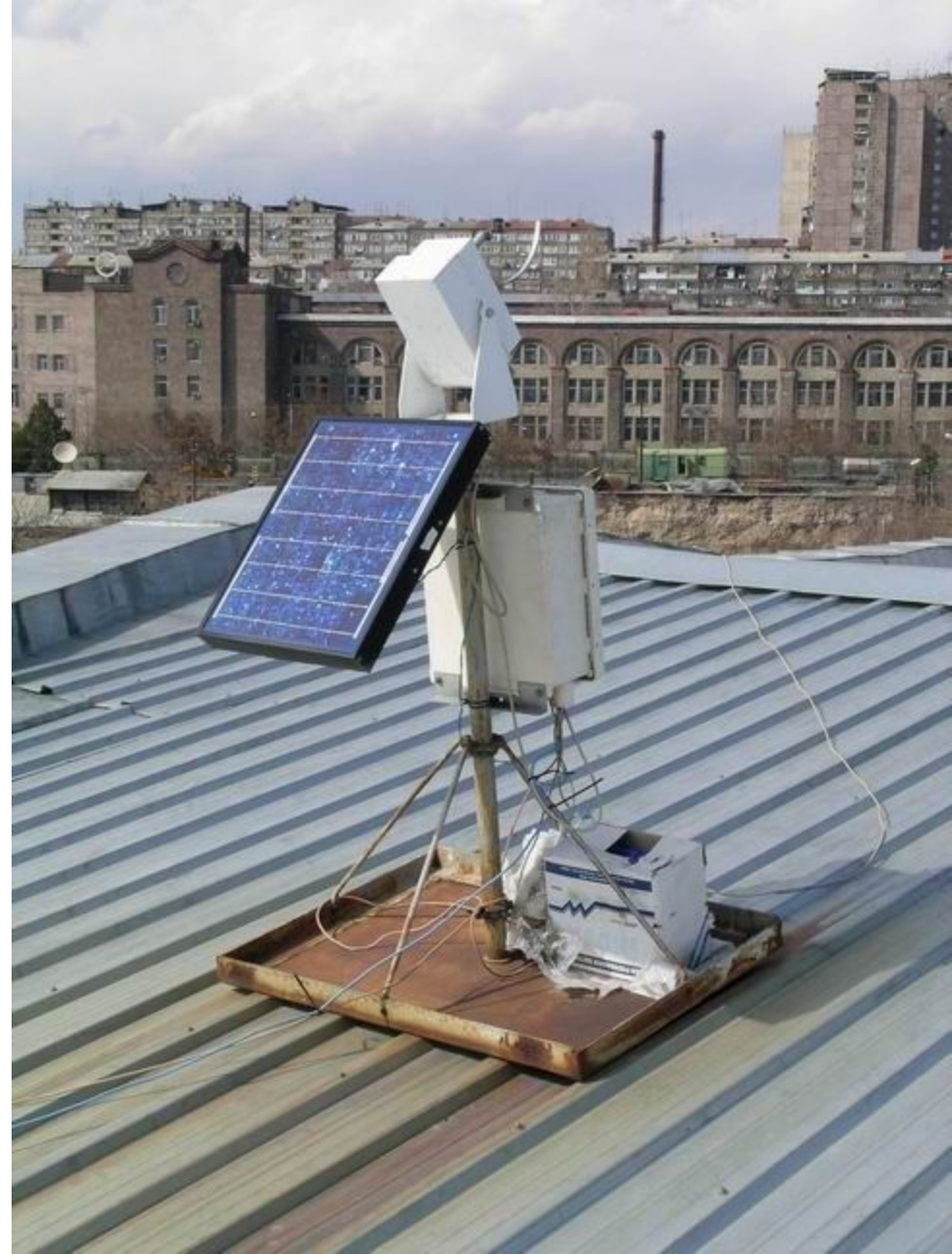
# Solar position Calculator

- [http://www.spectralcalc.com/solar\\_calculator/solar\\_position.php](http://www.spectralcalc.com/solar_calculator/solar_position.php)



# AUA Solar Monitoring Station

Collecting  
data since 1995

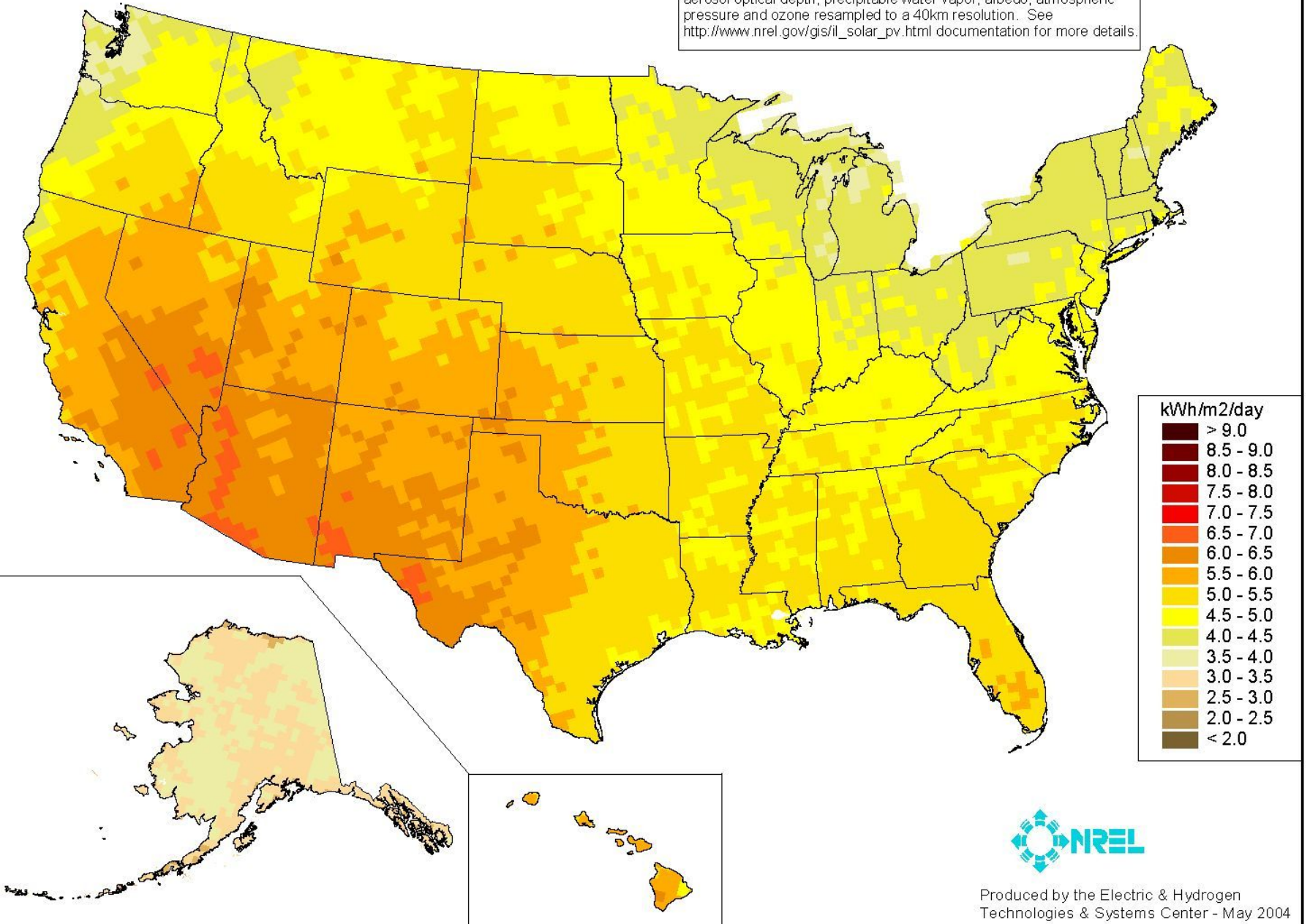




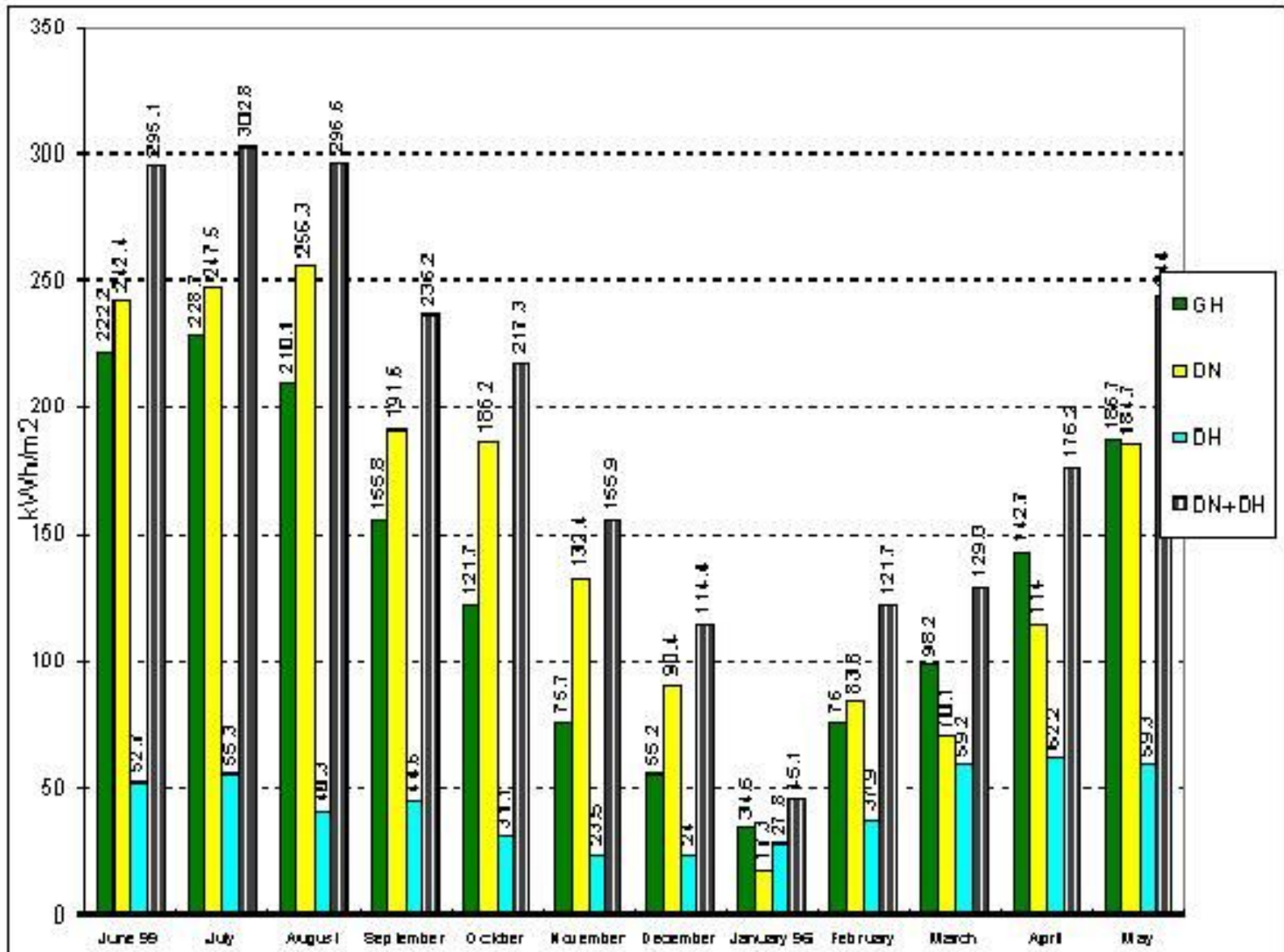
# PV Solar Radiation (Flat Plate, Facing South, Latitude Tilt)

Annual

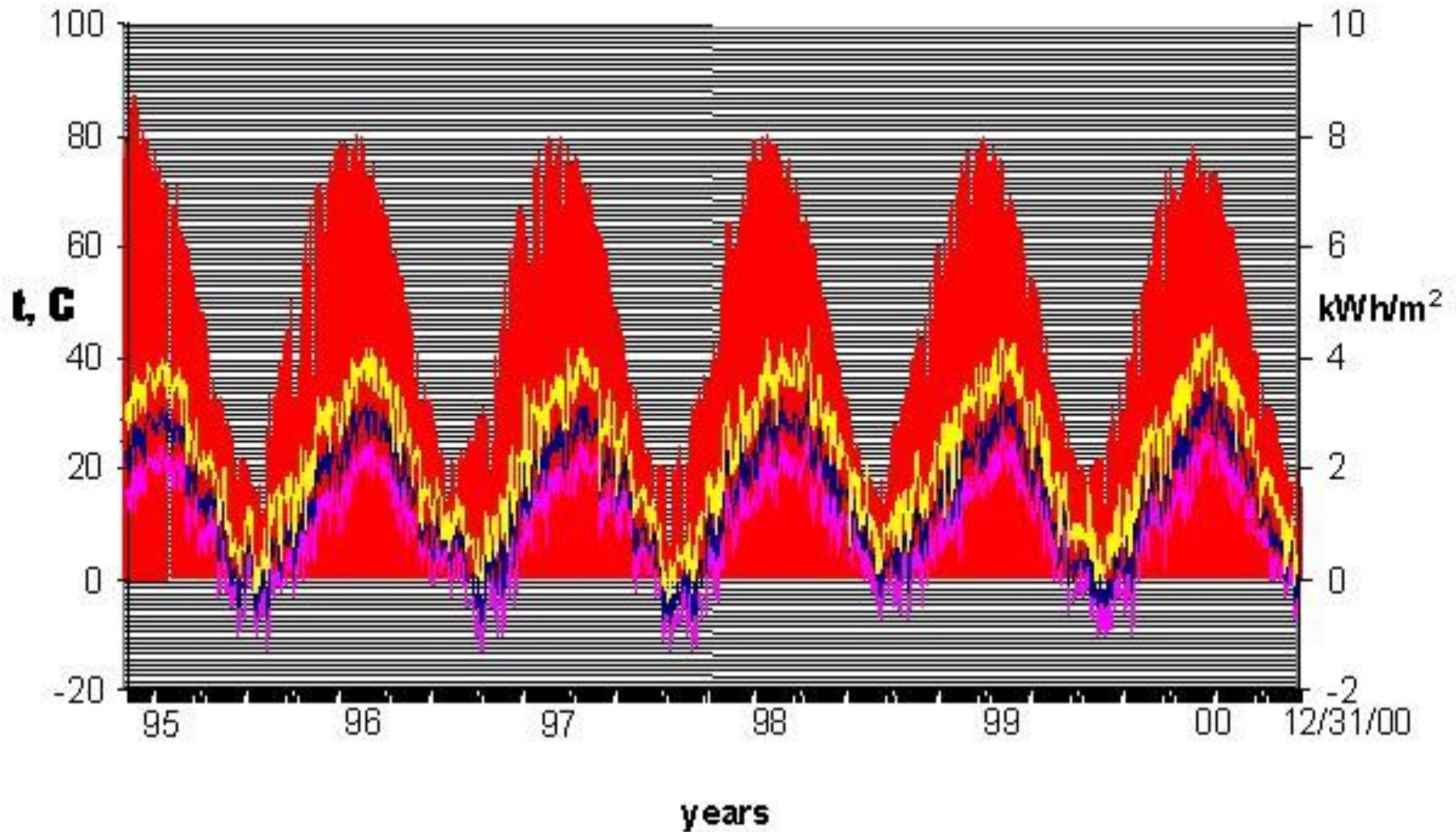
Model estimates of monthly average daily total radiation using inputs derived from satellite and/or surface observations of cloud cover, aerosol optical depth, precipitable water vapor, albedo, atmospheric pressure and ozone resampled to a 40km resolution. See [http://www.nrel.gov/gis/il\\_solar\\_pv.html](http://www.nrel.gov/gis/il_solar_pv.html) documentation for more details.



# AUA Solar Monitoring Station



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# AUA SMS RESULTS

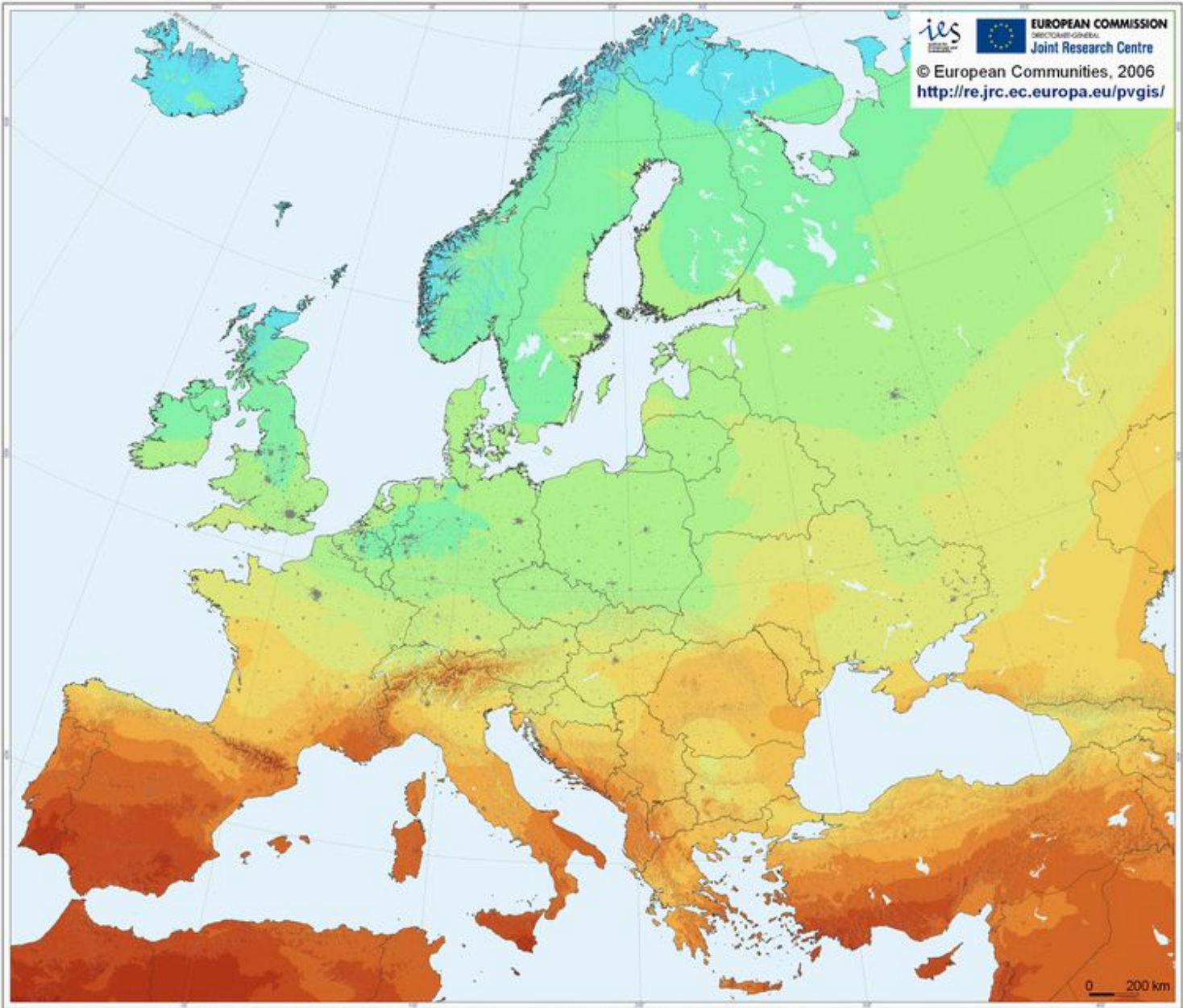
- Total Annual Global horizontal: 1720kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.
- Average of 4.7 kWh/m<sup>2</sup> per day across years (DN+DH).
- January about 6.6 times less than in June:
- January:  $\approx 1.1$  kWh/m<sup>2</sup> per day.
- June:  $\approx 8.3$  kWh/m<sup>2</sup> per day.



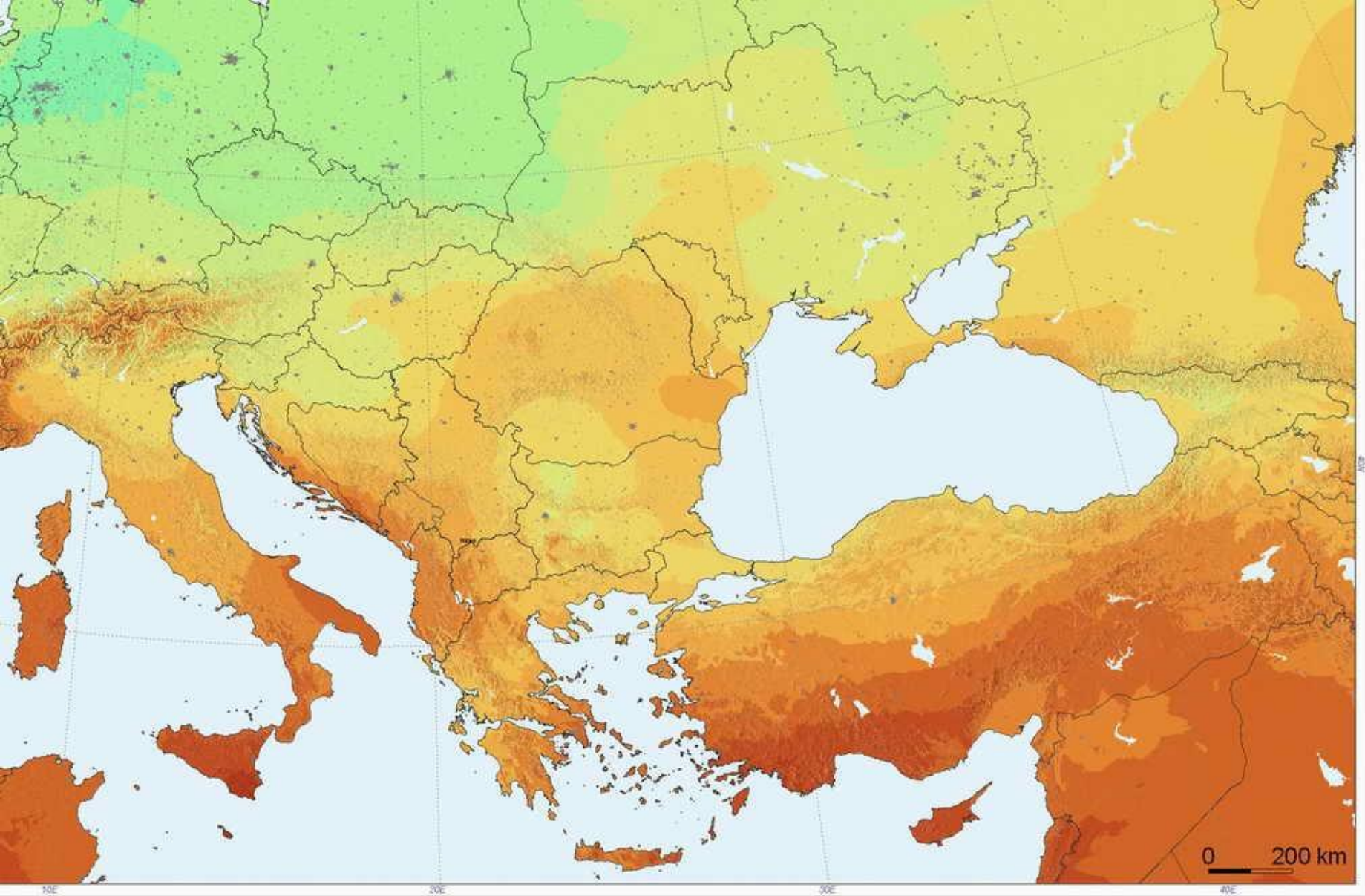
# Photovoltaic Solar Electricity Potential in European Countries

PVGIS -  
Europe

<http://re.jrc.ec.europa.eu/pvgis>







**Optimally-inclined south-oriented photovoltaic modules**



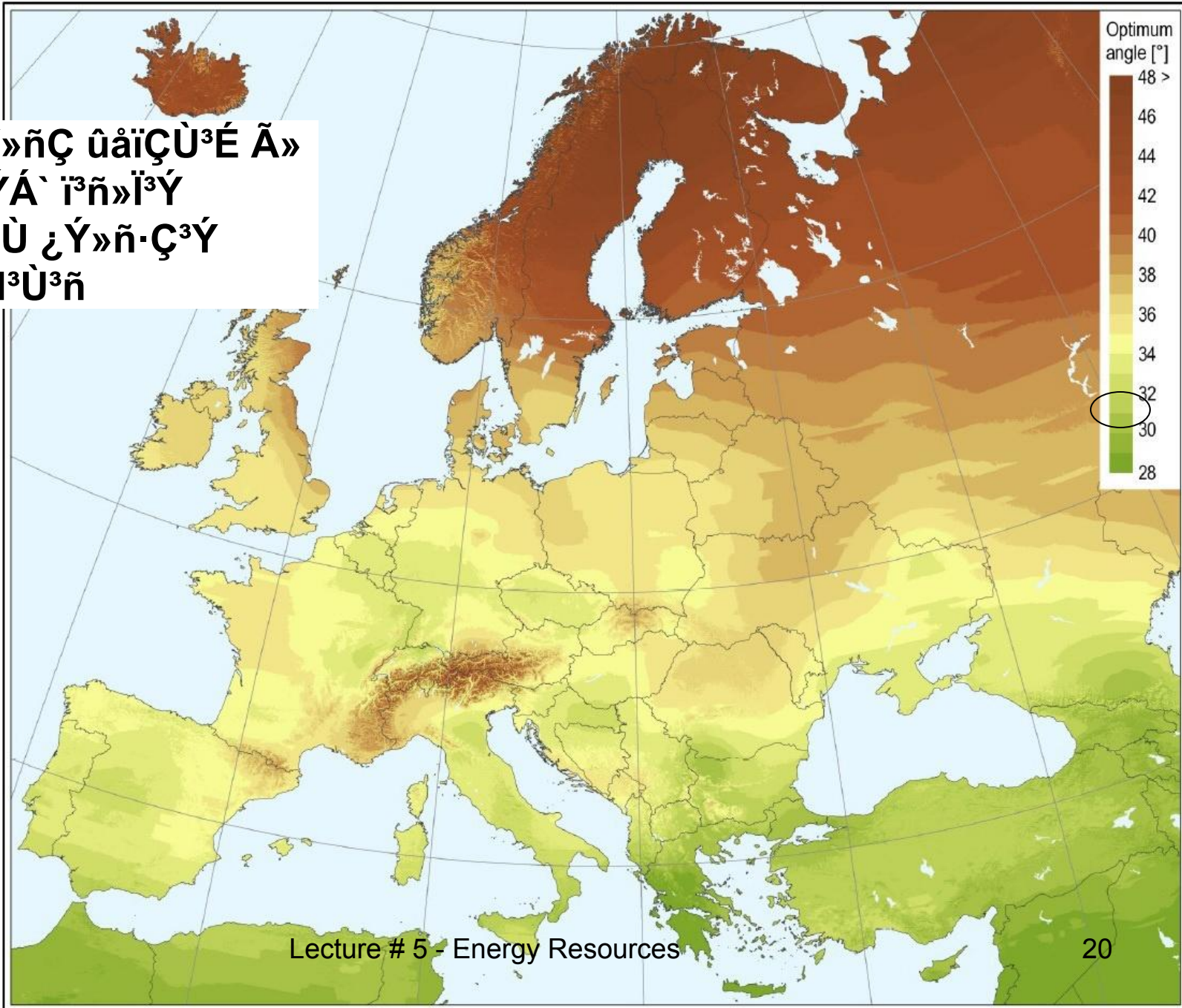
**System with optimally-inclined modules and performance ratio 0.75**





# Optimum inclination of PV modules to maximize yearly energy yield

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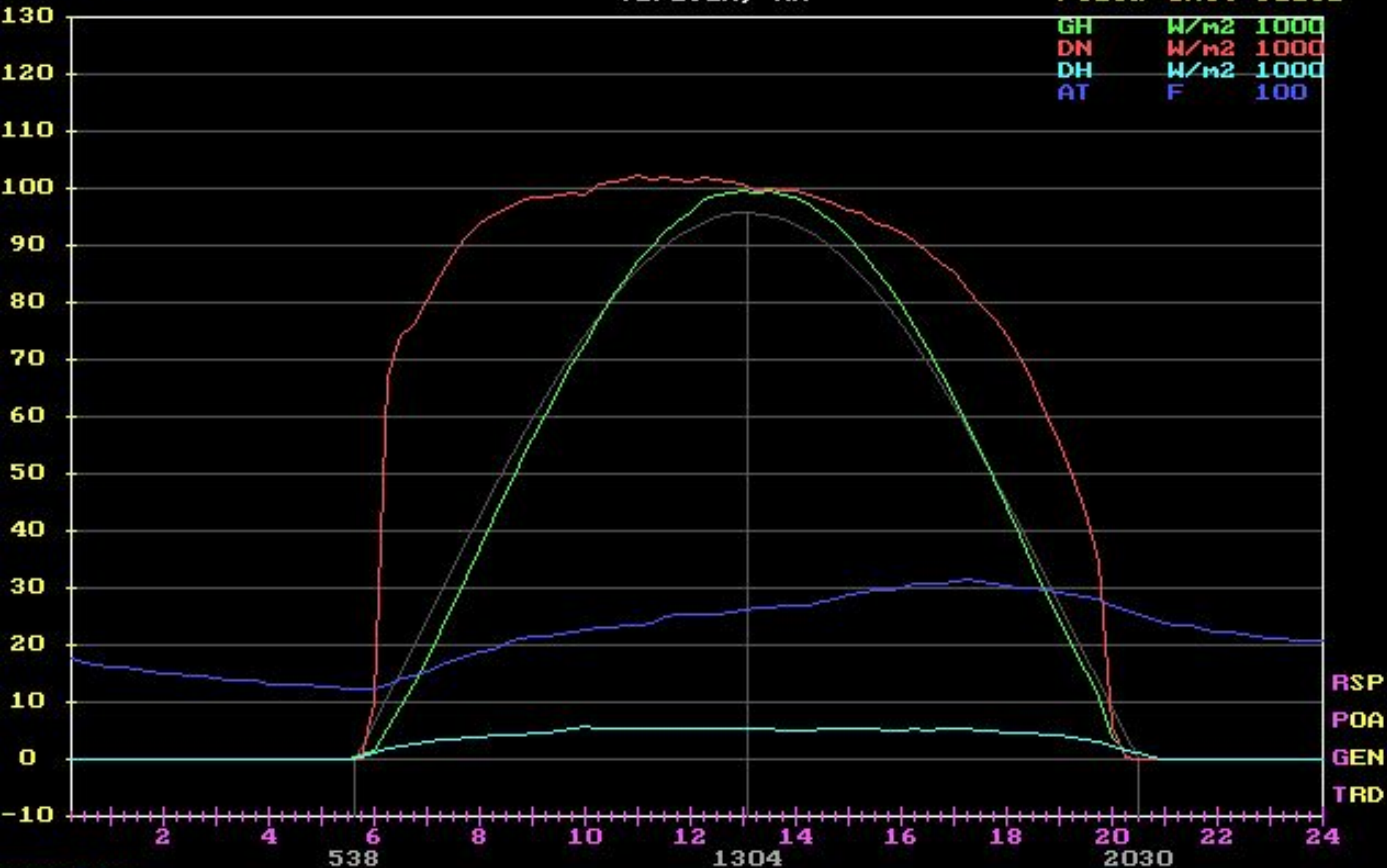
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% of Scale

Yerevan, AM

Field Unit Scale

GH	W/m2	1000
DN	W/m2	1000
DH	W/m2	1000
AT	F	100



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 Julian Day 174  
 24 Records

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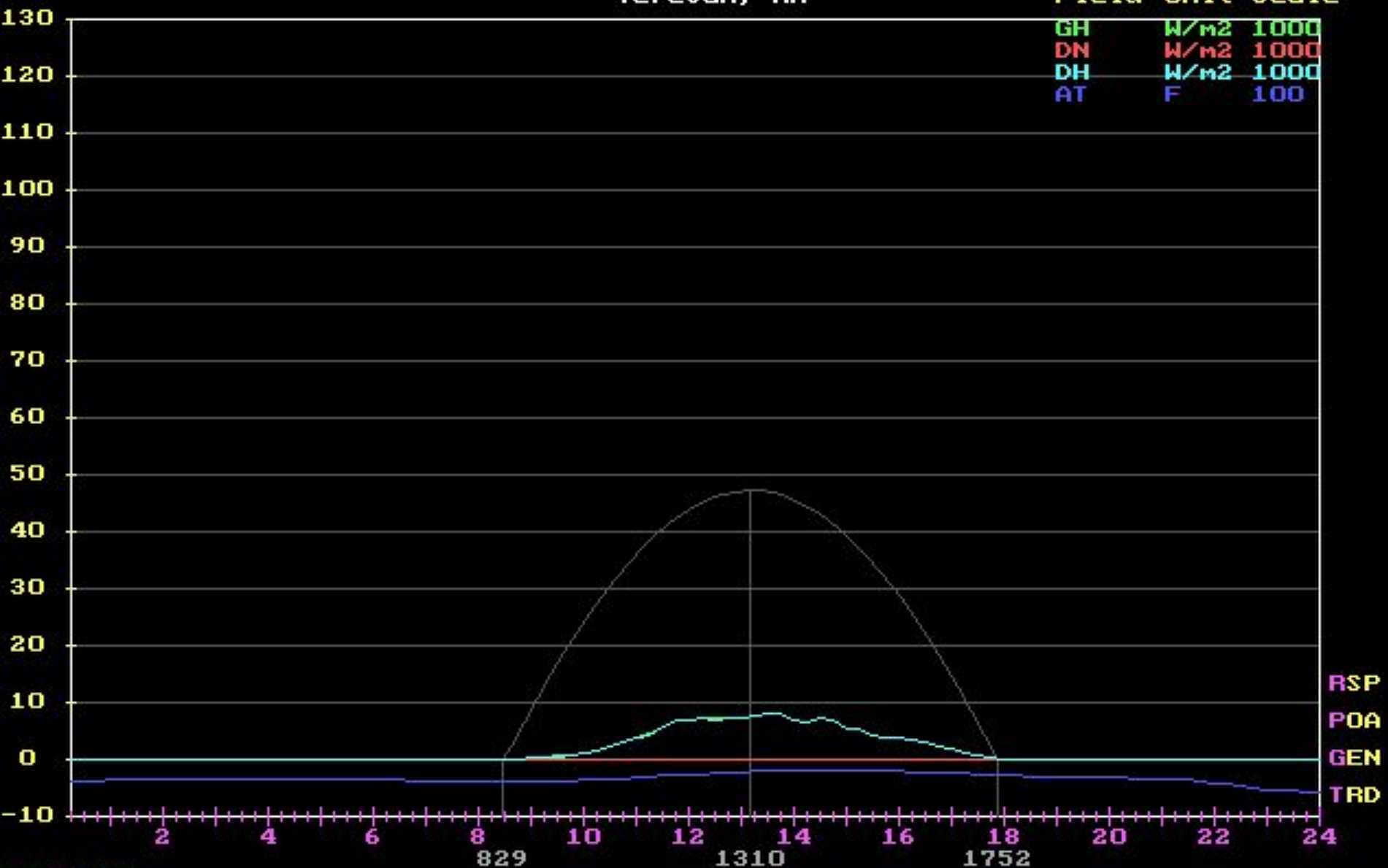
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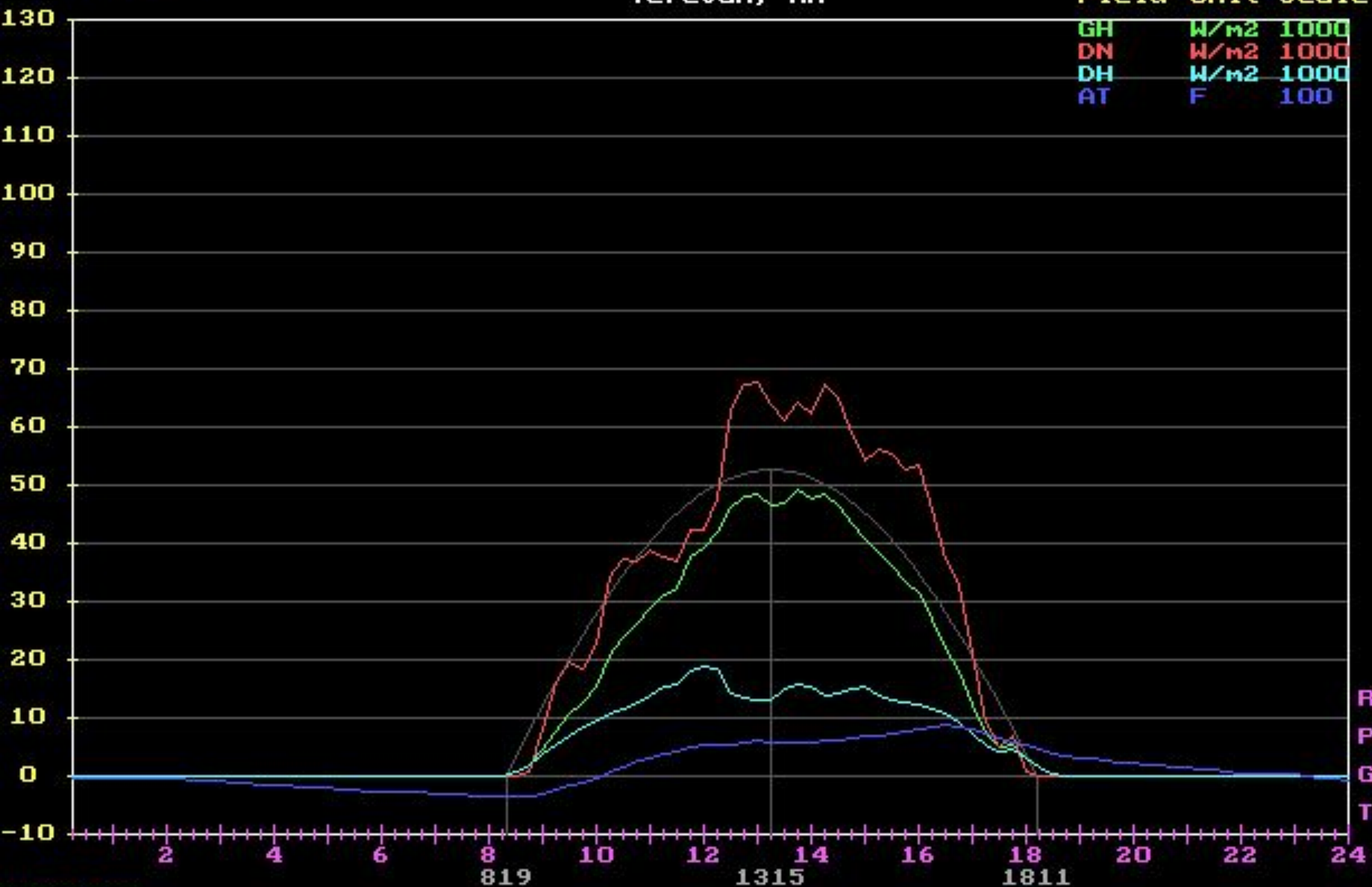


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Field Unit Scale



RSP  
POA  
GEN  
TRD

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Julian Day 30  
56 Records

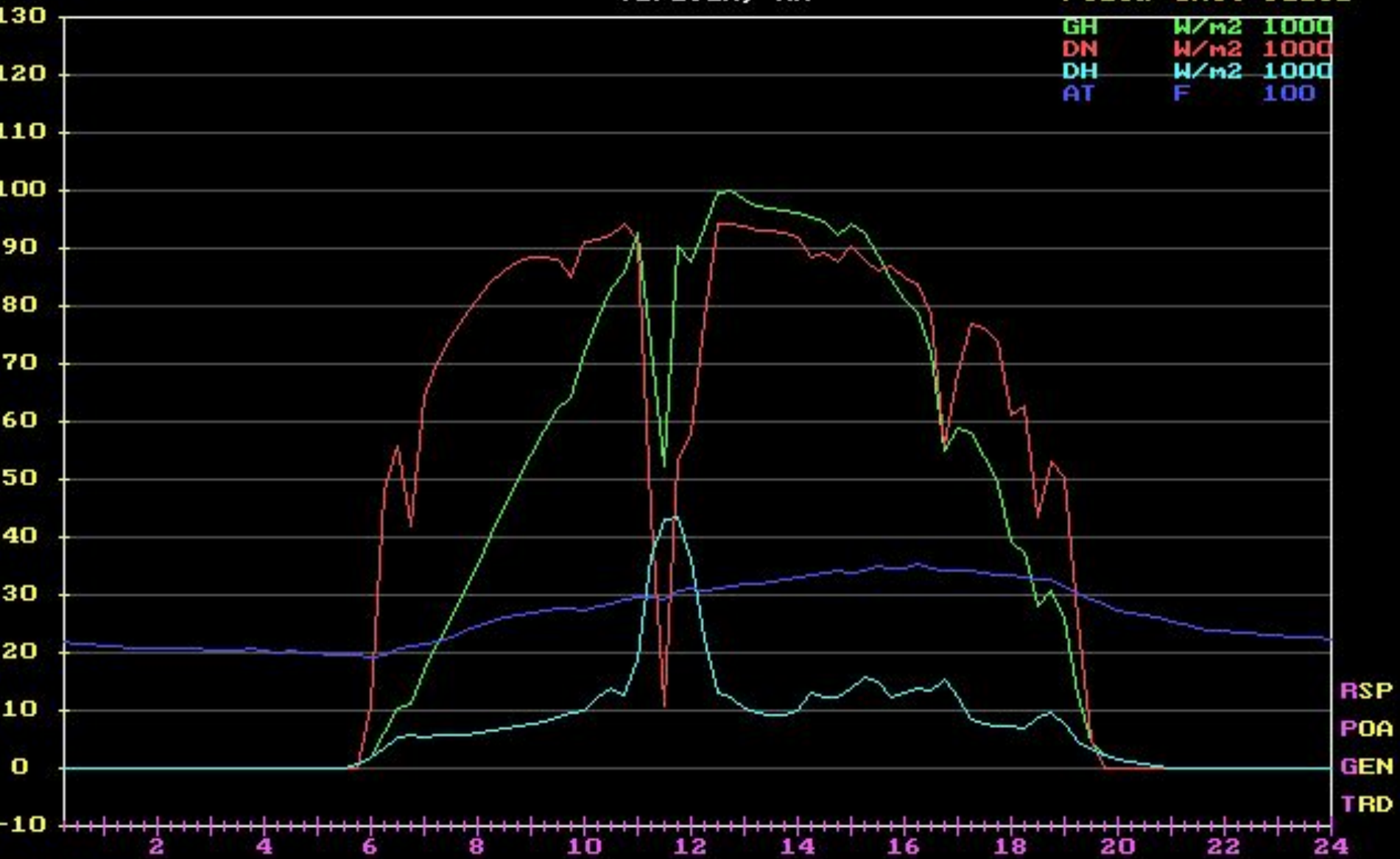
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 85 Records

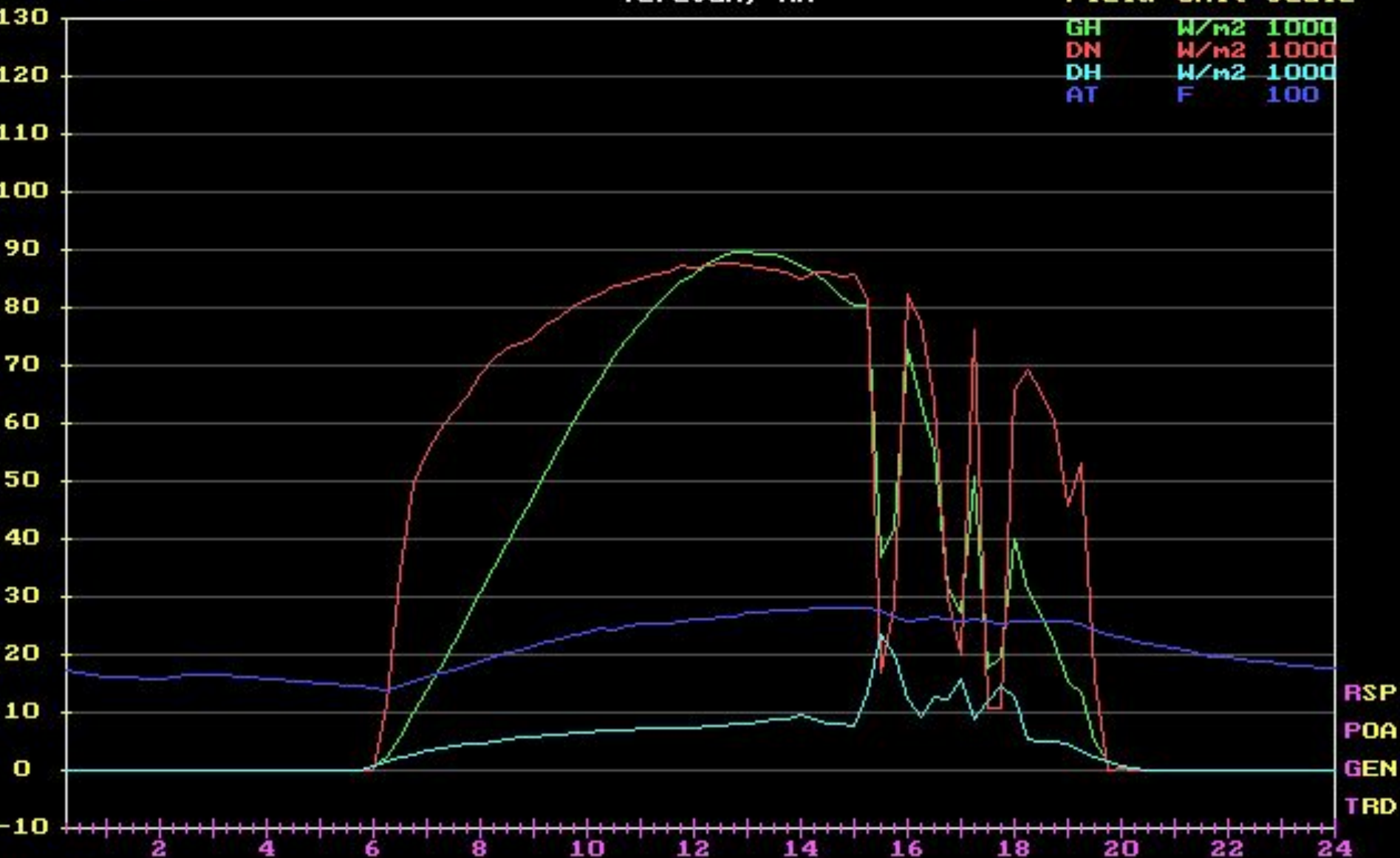
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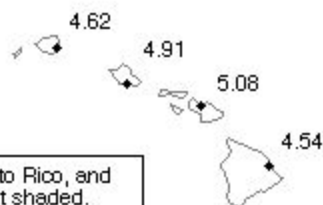
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### Alaska



### Hawaii



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### San Juan, PR

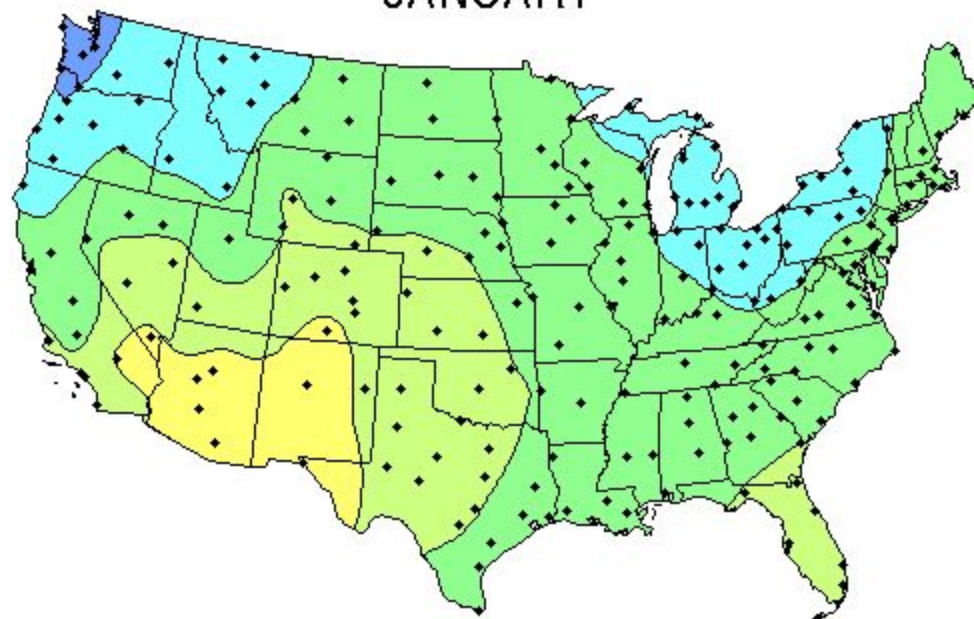


### Guam, PI



## Average Daily Solar Radiation Per Month

### JANUARY



### Flat Plate Tilted South at Latitude

### Collector Orientation

Flat-plate collector facing south at fixed tilt equal to the latitude of the site: Capturing the maximum amount of solar radiation throughout the year can be achieved using a tilt angle approximately equal to the site's latitude.

This map shows the general trends in the amount of solar radiation received in the United States and its territories. It is a spatial interpolation of solar radiation values derived from the 1961-1990 National Solar Radiation Data Base (NSRDB). The dots on the map represent the 239 sites of the NSRDB.

Maps of average values are produced by averaging all 30 years of data for each site. Maps of maximum and minimum values are composites of specific months and years for which each site achieved its maximum or minimum amounts of solar radiation.

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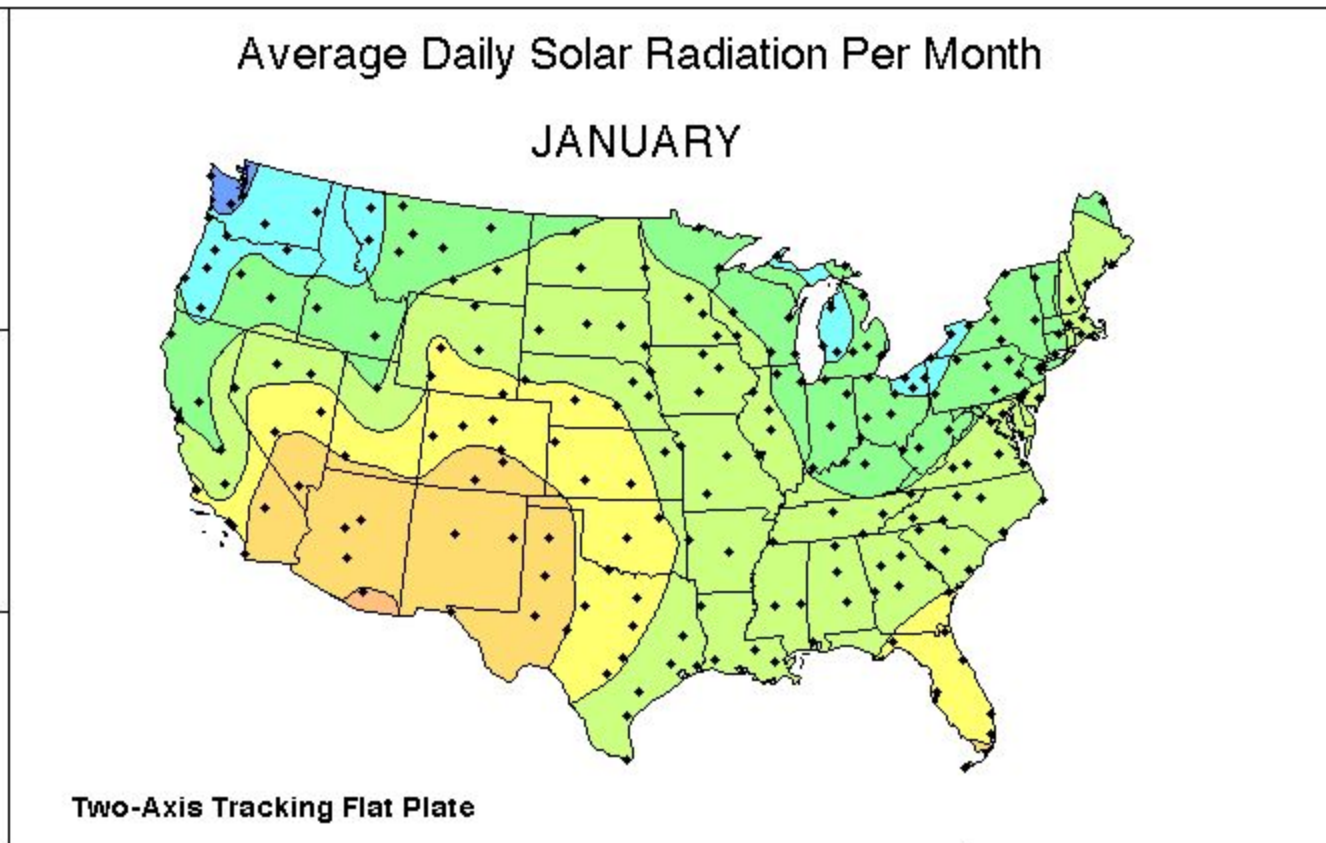
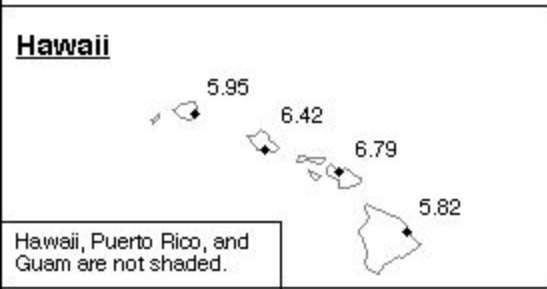
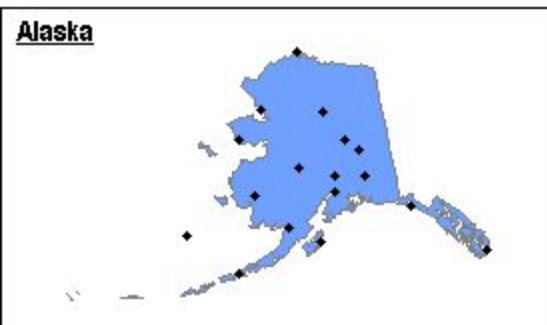


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### kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day







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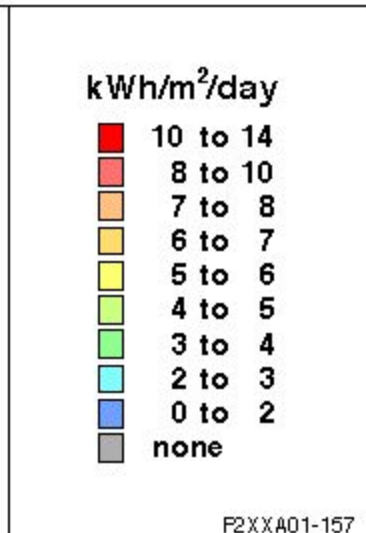
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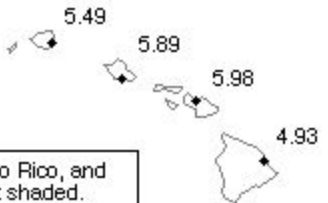




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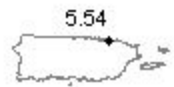


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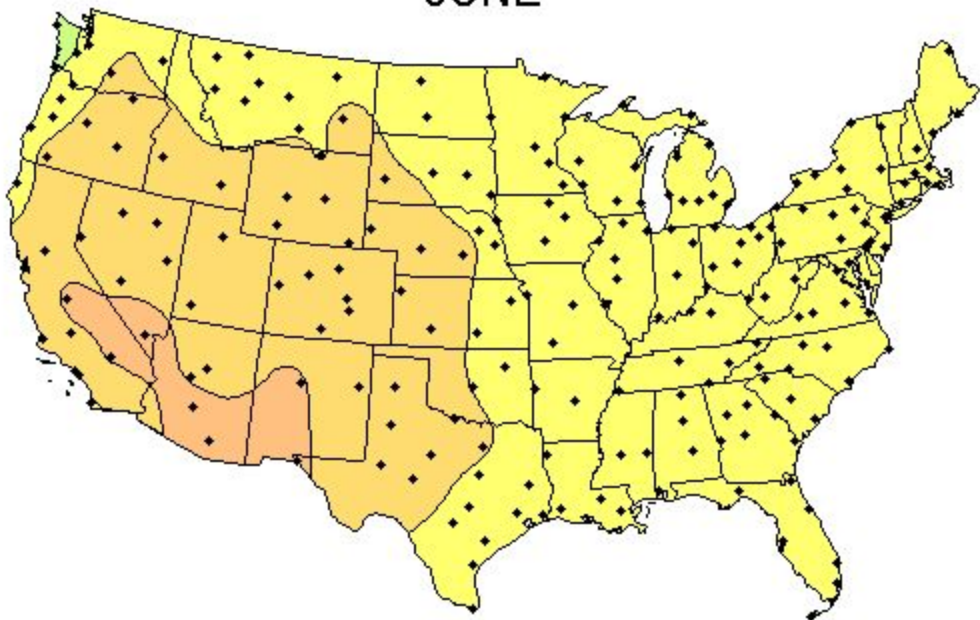


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## JUNE



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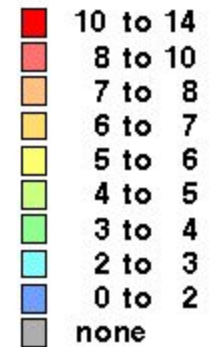
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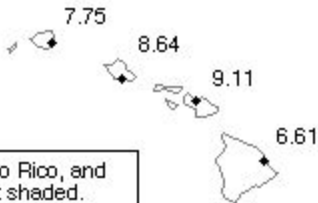


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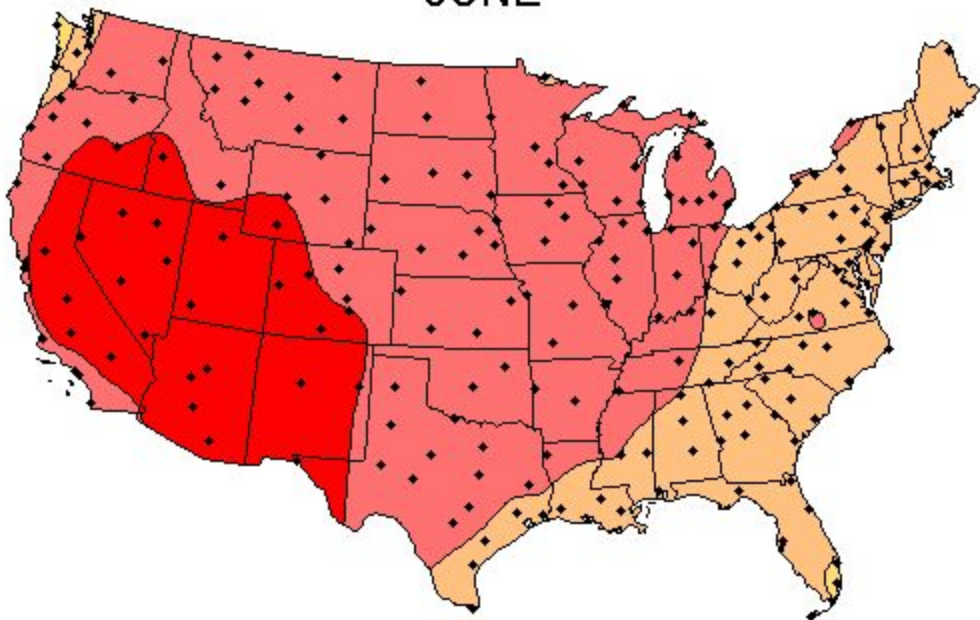


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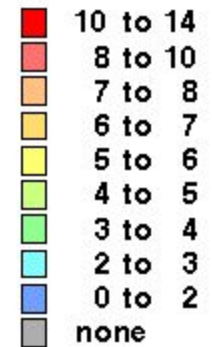
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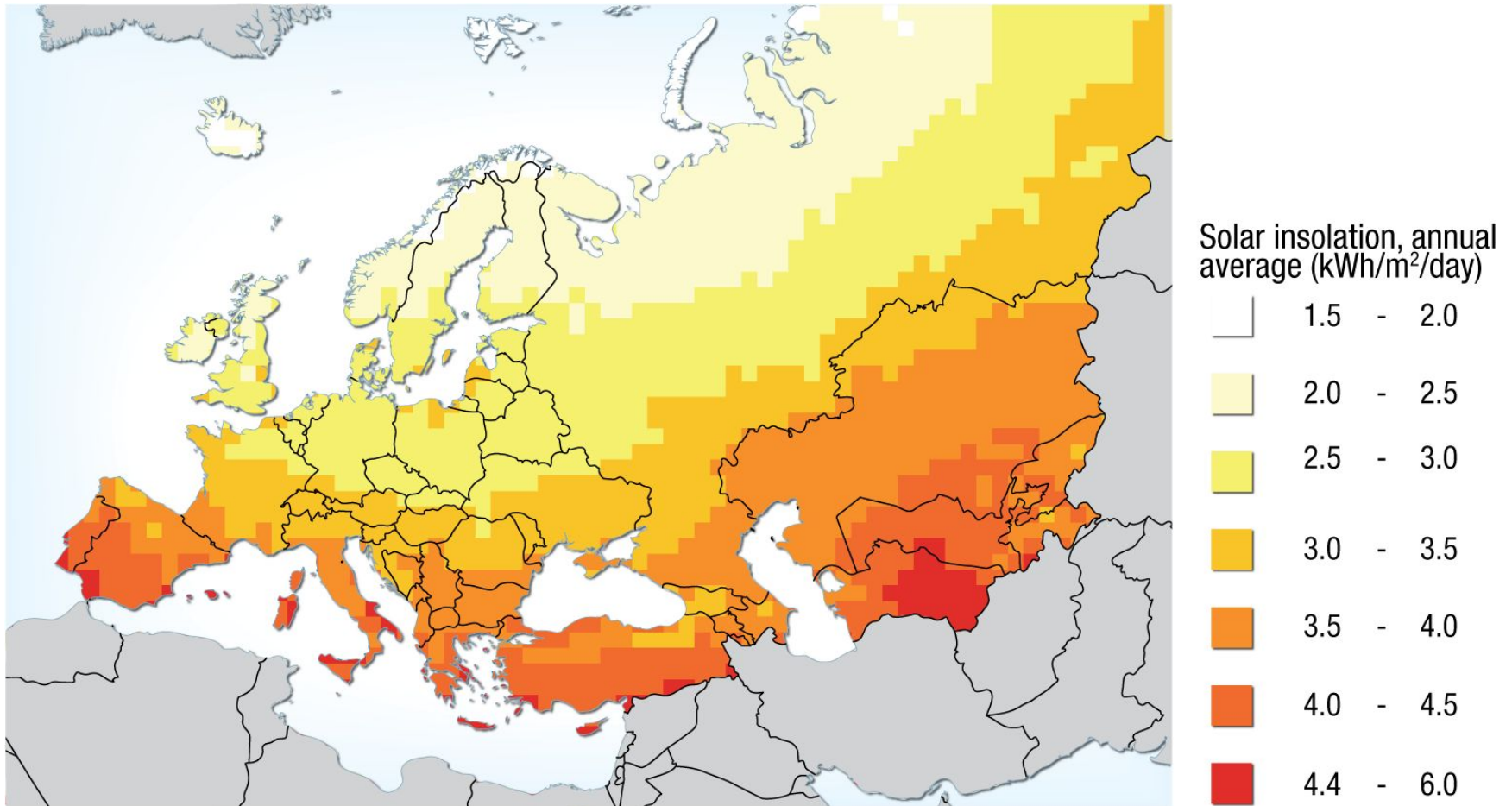


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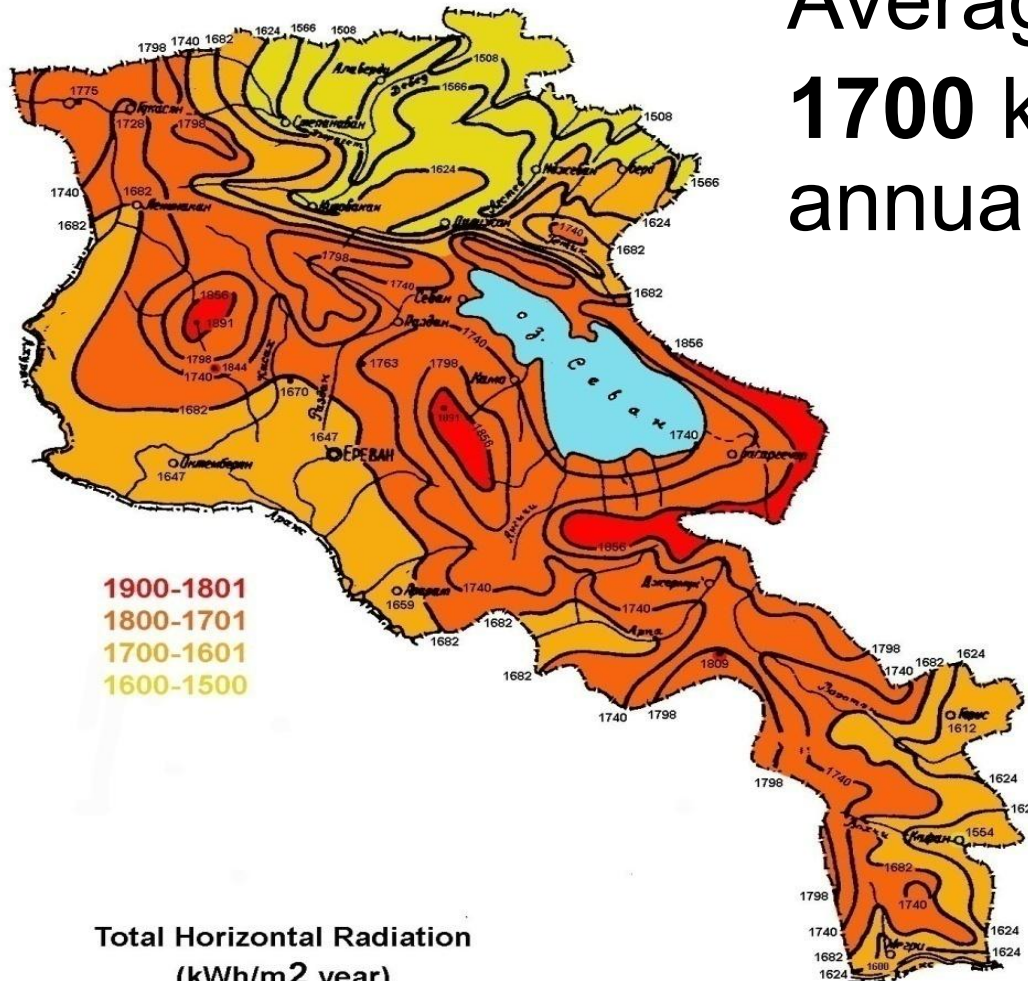
# European Global Horizontal



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# Global Horizontal in Armenia

Average:  
**1700 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>**  
annually



Total Horizontal Radiation  
(kWh/m<sup>2</sup> year)

# Solar Radiation in Armenia

- $\Delta$ ñÇ½áÝ³í³Ý Ù³İ»ñłáõÛÃÇ ³é³í»É³·áõÛÝ ·áõÛ³ñ³ÛÇÝ Ö³é³·³ÛÃáõÛÁ ÛÇÇÇÝ ³Ûá³Û³ÍáõÃÛ³Ý á³ÛÛ³ÝÝ»ñáõÛ` 1740-1770 İiiÅ/(Û²·í³ñÇ) êÇëÇ³Ý, æ»ñÛáõİ, Â³ÉÇÝ ł ³ÛÉÝ,
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- °ñł³ÝáõÛ ÑáõÉÇëÇÝ ` 0.94, ÑáõÝí³ñÇÝ` 0.62,
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- êł³ÝáõÛ ÑáõÉÇëÇÝ` 0.78, ÑáõÝí³ñÇÝ` 0.72



# Solar Radiation in Armenia

- $\rho_{\text{air}} \cdot Y_{\text{a}} \cdot \eta_{\text{PV}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot Y_{\text{PV}} \cdot U_{\text{PV}} \approx \rho_{\text{air}} \cdot Y_{\text{a}} \cdot \eta_{\text{PV}} \cdot U_{\text{PV}}$   
 $\approx 1.2 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot 1500 \cdot 0.15 \cdot 8.14 \cdot 10^3 / (3600 \cdot 1000) = 0.0004$
- $U_{\text{PV}} \cdot Y_{\text{a}} \cdot \eta_{\text{PV}} \cdot U_{\text{PV}} \approx 20-22\%$  or less,
- $U_{\text{PV}} \cdot Y_{\text{a}} \cdot \eta_{\text{PV}} \cdot U_{\text{PV}} \approx 30^\circ - 45^\circ$   $\rightarrow$   $U_{\text{PV}} \cdot Y_{\text{a}} \cdot \eta_{\text{PV}} \cdot U_{\text{PV}} \approx 900$   $\text{kWh}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{year})$ ,
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# Homework 5

1. calculate the maximum theoretical difference between direct normal (DN) and direct horizontal (DH) for 12 hour daytime period on a location at equator @ March 21 equinox. Assume AM0.
2. Go to [http://rredc.nrel.gov/solar/old\\_data/nsrdb/1961-1990/redbook/atlas/](http://rredc.nrel.gov/solar/old_data/nsrdb/1961-1990/redbook/atlas/). Explain why radiation values decrease with “**Two Axis Tracking Concentrator**” compared to “**Two Axis Tracking Flat Plate**”. Illustrate by maps.