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NREL-SAM Component Database,  
PVLIB API, and Interactive PV  
Modeling Tutorial

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# Motivation

- Many different sources of modelling parameters, different formats
- Data updates difficult, no data validation, repeats, missing data
- No modelling parameter API, data passed around in spreadsheets, need to keep track of versions
- Wanted to make a pvlib demo site
- Wanted to make interactive tutorial



# NREL-SAM Component Database

- CEC Inverters

## PV Inverters

Show 10 entries

Search: PV Powered

Name	Vac	Paco	Vdco	Pdco	C0	C1	C2	C3	Pso	Pnt	Vdcmx	Idcmx	MPPT low	MPPT high
PV Powered: PVP100 kW-208 [208V] 208V [CEC 2018]	208.0	100000.0	341	105191	-2.74E-07	3.50E-05	2.29E-03	-5.66E-04	445.7	42.0	480.0	308.477	295.0	480.0
PV Powered: PVP100 kW-480 [480V] 480V [CEC 2018]	480.0	100000.0	341	104680	-2.90E-07	5.27E-05	2.40E-03	2.29E-04	476.5	36.0	480.0	306.978	295.0	480.0
PV Powered: PVP100kW-208 208V [CEC 2016]	208.0	100000.0	341	105191	-2.74E-07	3.50E-05	2.29E-03	-5.66E-04	445.7	42.0	480.0	0.208333	295.0	480.0
PV Powered: PVP100kW-480 480V [CEC 2016]	480.0	100000.0	341	104680	-2.90E-07	5.27E-05	2.40E-03	2.29E-04	476.5	36.0	480.0	0.208333	295.0	480.0
PV Powered: PVP100KW-600 600V [CEC 2012]	600.0	100000.0	341.7	104547.2	-2.33E-07	3.85E-05	2.34E-03	2.91E-04	536.0	99.56	600.0	356.0	295.0	595.0
PV Powered: PVP100KW-600 [600V] 600V [CEC 2018]	600.0	100000.0	341	104450	-2.20E-07	4.07E-05	2.56E-03	7.51E-04	517.0	99.56	480.0	306.306	295.0	480.0
PV Powered: PVP1100EVR	120.0	1100.0	182	1194.1	-2.06E-05	5.71E-05	2.00E-03	6.23E-04	22.1	3.6	380.0	6.56096	100.0	380.0

# NREL-SAM Component Database

- CEC Inverters
- CEC Modules

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## CEC Modules

Show 10 entries Search: Jinko

Name	BIPV	Date	NOCT	A <sub>c</sub>	Cells in Series	I <sub>sc,ref</sub>	V <sub>oc,ref</sub>	I <sub>mp,ref</sub>	V <sub>mp,ref</sub>	Tech	STC [W]
<a href="#">Jinko Solar Co._Ltd JKM170M-72B</a>	false	2018-11-04	46.6	1.277	72	5.11	44.4	4.77	37.5	Mono-c-Si	178.875
<a href="#">Jinko Solar Co._Ltd JKM175M-72</a>	false	2018-11-04	47.2	1.277	72	5.23	44.7	4.9	35.8	Mono-c-Si	175.42
<a href="#">Jinko Solar Co._Ltd JKM175M-72B</a>	false	2018-11-04	46.6	1.277	72	5.14	44.9	4.78	36	Mono-c-Si	172.08
<a href="#">Jinko Solar Co._Ltd JKM180M-72</a>	false	2018-11-04	47.2	1.277	72	5.29	44.8	5	36	Mono-c-Si	180
<a href="#">Jinko Solar Co._Ltd JKM180M-72B</a>	false	2018-11-04	46.6	1.277	72	5.23	45.2	4.95	36.4	Mono-c-Si	180.18
<a href="#">Jinko Solar Co._Ltd JKM185M-72</a>	false	2018-11-04	46.9	1.277	72	5.43	45	5.09	36.4	Mono-c-Si	185.276
<a href="#">Jinko Solar Co._Ltd JKM185M-72B</a>	false	2018-11-04	46.6	1.277	72	5.4	45.4	5.05	36.7	Mono-c-Si	185.335
<a href="#">Jinko Solar Co._Ltd JKM190M-72</a>	false	2018-11-04	46.9	1.277	72	5.56	45.2	5.19	36.6	Mono-c-Si	189.954
<a href="#">Jinko Solar Co._Ltd JKM190M-72B</a>	false	2018-11-04	46.6	1.277	72	5.51	45.7	5.14	37	Mono-c-Si	190.18
<a href="#">Jinko Solar Co._Ltd JKM195M-72</a>	false	2018-11-04	46.9	1.277	72	5.67	45.4	5.3	36.8	Mono-c-Si	195.04
Name	BIPV	Date	NOCT	A <sub>c</sub>	Cells in Series	I <sub>sc,ref</sub>	V <sub>oc,ref</sub>	I <sub>mp,ref</sub>	V <sub>mp,ref</sub>	Tech	STC [W]

Showing 1 to 10 of 475 entries (filtered from 21,187 total entries)

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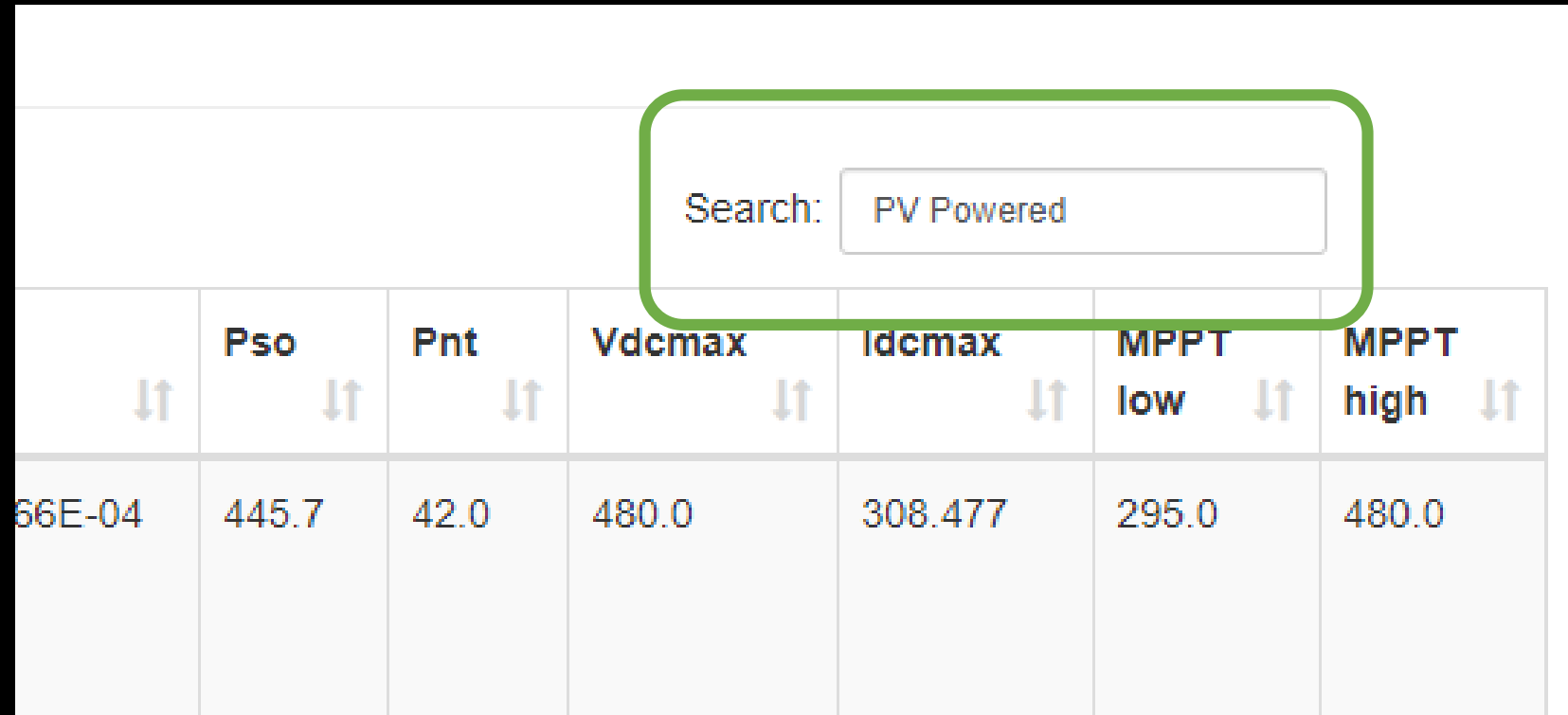
### PV Modules

Show 10 entries Search: Evergreen

Name	Nameplate	Vintage	Area	Material	Cells in Series	Parallel Strings	fd	Isco	Voco	Impo	Vmpo	IXO	IXXO	C0	C1	C2	C3	C4
<a href="#">Evergreen ES-180 [2008 (E)]</a>	180.0	2008	1.495	mc-Si	54	2	1.0	7.8	32.6	7.0	25.9	7.6	4.9	9.77E-01	2.30E-02	-3.87E-01	-9.55E+00	9.85E-01
<a href="#">Evergreen ES-180-RL-T Module [2008]</a>	181.2	2008	1.49	mc-Si	54	1	1.0	7.6	32.6	7.0	25.9	7.5	5.0	9.89E-01	1.06E-02	-1.81E-01	-1.00E+01	9.67E-01
<a href="#">Evergreen ES-180-RL-T Module [2008 (E)]</a>	180.0	2008	1.49	mc-Si	54	1	1.0	7.8	32.6	7.0	25.9	7.6	4.9	9.89E-01	1.06E-02	-1.81E-01	-1.00E+01	9.67E-01
<a href="#">Evergreen ES-190 [2008 (E)]</a>	190.1	2008	1.495	mc-Si	54	2	1.0	8.1	32.8	7.1	26.7	7.9	5.1	9.77E-01	2.30E-02	-3.87E-01	-9.55E+00	9.85E-01

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- Sandia Modules
- Searchable
- Sortable
- Human  
Browsable

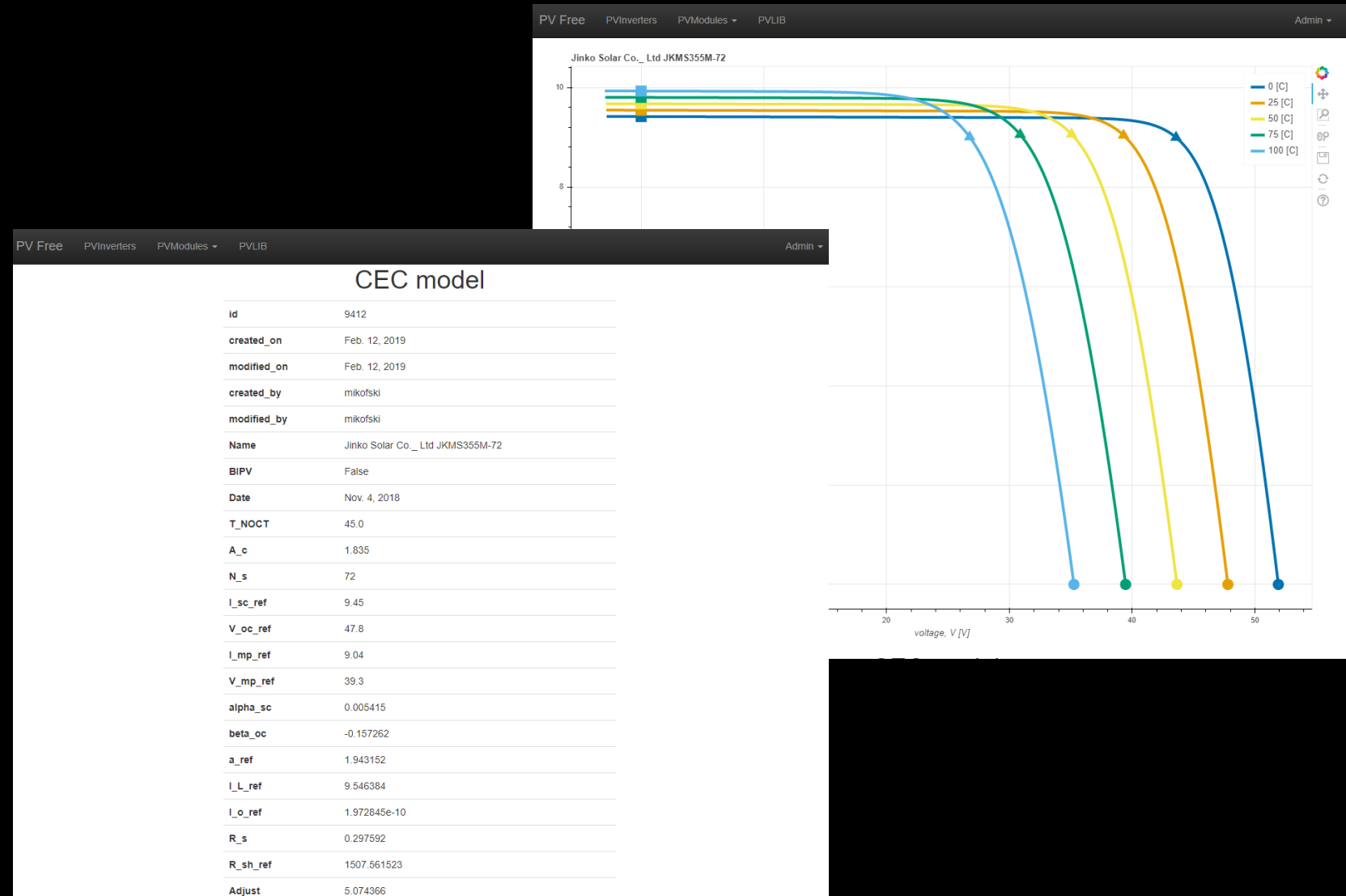


The screenshot displays the NREL-SAM Component Database interface. A search bar at the top right contains the text "PV Powered". Below the search bar is a table with columns for various parameters. The first column contains a value "66E-04". The second column is labeled "Pso" and contains the value "445.7". The third column is labeled "Pnt" and contains the value "42.0". The fourth column is labeled "Vdcmx" and contains the value "480.0". The fifth column is labeled "Idcmx" and contains the value "308.477". The sixth column is labeled "MPPT low" and contains the value "295.0". The seventh column is labeled "MPPT high" and contains the value "480.0". Each column header has a double-headed arrow icon indicating it is sortable. A green rounded rectangle highlights the search bar and the first two columns of the table.

	Pso	Pnt	Vdcmx	Idcmx	MPPT low	MPPT high
66E-04	445.7	42.0	480.0	308.477	295.0	480.0

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- Human Browsable
- Details, Plots





# API Usage, filters

```
IPython: C:\Users\mikm
In [1]: import requests

In [2]: r = requests.get(
....:     'https://pvfree.herokuapp.com/api/v1/pvinverter/?Name__startswith=KACO&Paco__gt=2030&Paco__lt=2050')

In [3]: r
Out[3]: <Response [200]>

In [4]: r.json()
Out[4]:
{'meta': {'limit': 20,
          'next': None,
          'offset': 0,
          'previous': None,
          'total_count': 2},
 'objects': [{'C0': -1e-05,
              'C1': -3.62e-05,
              'C2': -7.54e-05,
              'C3': -0.00148,
              'Idcmax': 11.0,
              'Mppt_high': 510.0,
              'Mppt_low': 190.0,
              'Name': 'KACO: blueplanet 2.0 TL1 M1 WM OD US3x (208V) 208V [CEC 2015]',
              'Paco': 2040.0,
              'Pdco': 2109.374224,
              'Pnt': 4.67,
              'Pso': 20.54972872,
              'Vac': 208.0,
              'Vdcmax': 600.0,
              'Vdco': 389.8024,
```

- <https://groups.google.com/d/msg/pvlib-python/Zc0grCqYRkA/uVoV89zZGQAJ>

# Pvlib Python API

```
IPython: C:\Users\mikm
(py37)
MIKM@PTOD702634 MINGW64 ~
$ ipython
Python 3.7.3 (default, Apr 24 2019, 15:29:51) [MSC v.1915 64 bit (AMD64)]
Type 'copyright', 'credits' or 'license' for more information
IPython 7.5.0 -- An enhanced Interactive Python. Type '?' for help.

In [1]: import requests, pandas as pd

In [2]: URL = 'https://pvfree.herokuapp.com/api/v1/pvlib/solarposition/'
Out[2]: dict or DataFrame

In [3]: params = dict(lat=38, lon=-122, start='2018-01-01 7:00', end='2018-01-01 8:00', freq='T', tz=-8)

In [4]: r = requests.get(URL, params=params)

In [5]: r
Out[5]: <Response [200]>

In [6]: sp = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(r.json(), orient='index')

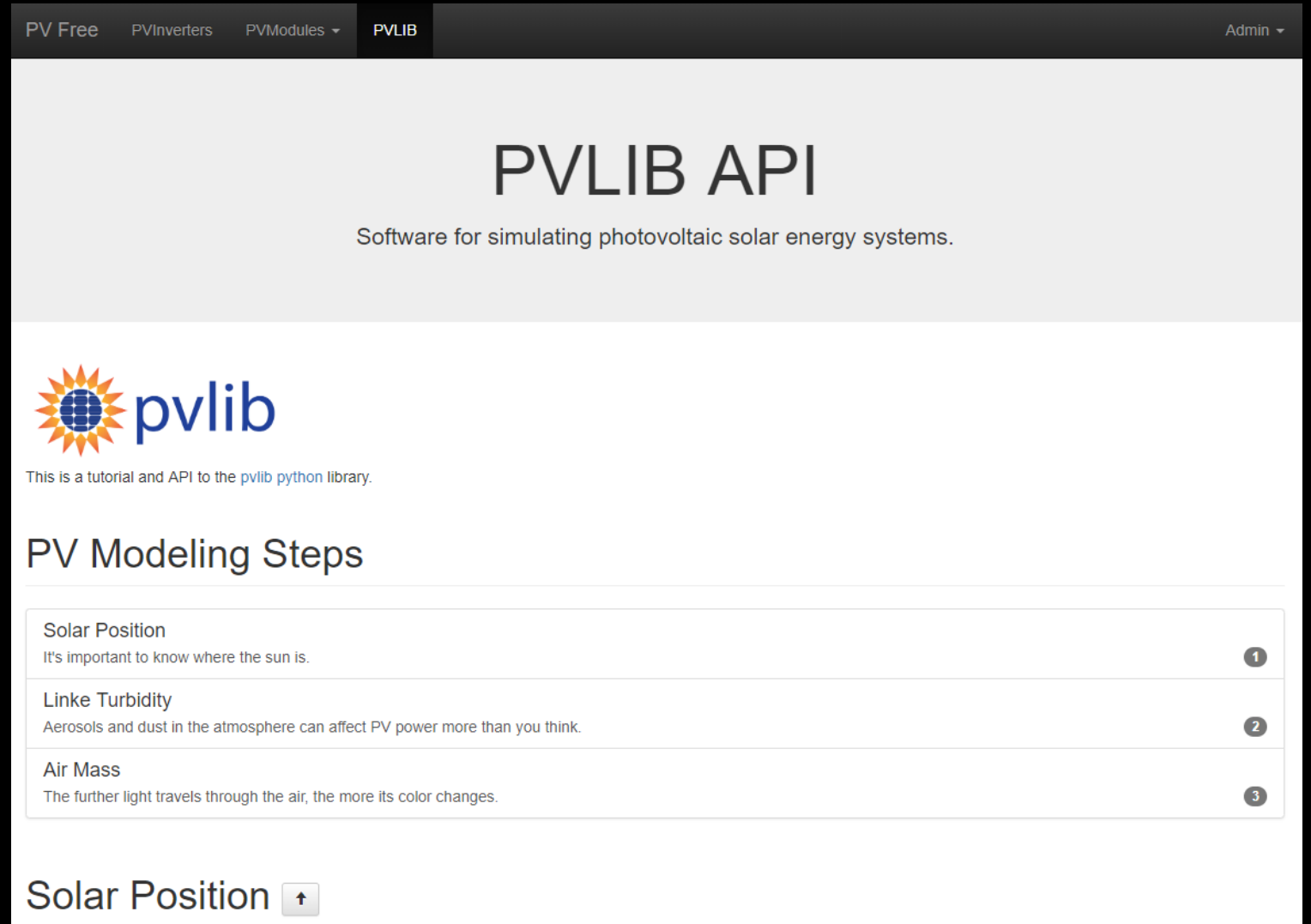
In [7]: sp.head()
Out[7]:
              apparent_zenith  zenith  apparent_elevation  elevation  azimuth  equation_of_time
2018-01-01T07:00:00-0800      95.063743  95.063743      -5.063743  -5.063743  115.335821      -3.620059
2018-01-01T07:01:00-0800      94.885818  94.885818      -4.885818  -4.885818  115.482289      -3.620384
2018-01-01T07:02:00-0800      94.708110  94.708110      -4.708110  -4.708110  115.628983      -3.620709
2018-01-01T07:03:00-0800      94.530619  94.530619      -4.530619  -4.530619  115.775906      -3.621034
2018-01-01T07:04:00-0800      94.353349  94.353349      -4.353349  -4.353349  115.923059      -3.621359

In [8]:
```

- WIP currently exposes: solarposition, linke-turbidity, and airmass

# Interactive PV Tutorial

- Single page app
- Steps user through modelling



The screenshot shows the PVLIB API website. The navigation bar includes links for 'PV Free', 'PVInverters', 'PVModules', and 'PVLIB', with 'PVLIB' currently selected. An 'Admin' dropdown menu is visible in the top right corner. The main heading is 'PVLIB API' with the subtitle 'Software for simulating photovoltaic solar energy systems.' Below this is the 'pvlb' logo, which consists of a stylized sun icon and the text 'pvlb'. A sub-heading reads 'This is a tutorial and API to the pvlb python library.' The 'PV Modeling Steps' section is displayed as a list of three items:

<b>Solar Position</b> It's important to know where the sun is.	1
<b>Linke Turbidity</b> Aerosols and dust in the atmosphere can affect PV power more than you think.	2
<b>Air Mass</b> The further light travels through the air, the more its color changes.	3

At the bottom, the 'Solar Position' step is expanded, showing the title 'Solar Position' and a small upward-pointing arrow icon.

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- Solar Position

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## Solar Position ↑

The first step to modeling a PV system is to get the solar position for the site. Use the PVLIB API by sending a `GET` request to `/api/v1/pvlib/solarposition/`, the response is `JSON`. The calculation requires the following parameters:

- `lat` - latitude in degrees
- `lon` - longitude in degrees
- `start` - start date/time
- `end` - end date/time
- `freq` - (optional) frequency as pandas offset alias [default hourly, `H`]
- `tz` - (optional) timezone in hours [default zero]


*Note: the API uses `pandas` to parse dates and times, see the documentation for formats.*

### Example

Try the following: `/api/v1/pvlib/solarposition/?lat=38&lon=-122&start=2018-01-01 7:00&end=2018-01-01 8:00&freq=T&tz=-8`

Latitude:  Longitude:  Start Timestamp:  End Timestamp:  Frequency:  Timezone:

Click on the map and enter the dates and frequency fields above, then click submit to see what your request looks like, a plot of azimuth vs. zenith, and a table of solar positions below:



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- Generates code and warnings

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```
{"start": ["This field is required."], "end": ["This field is required."]}
```


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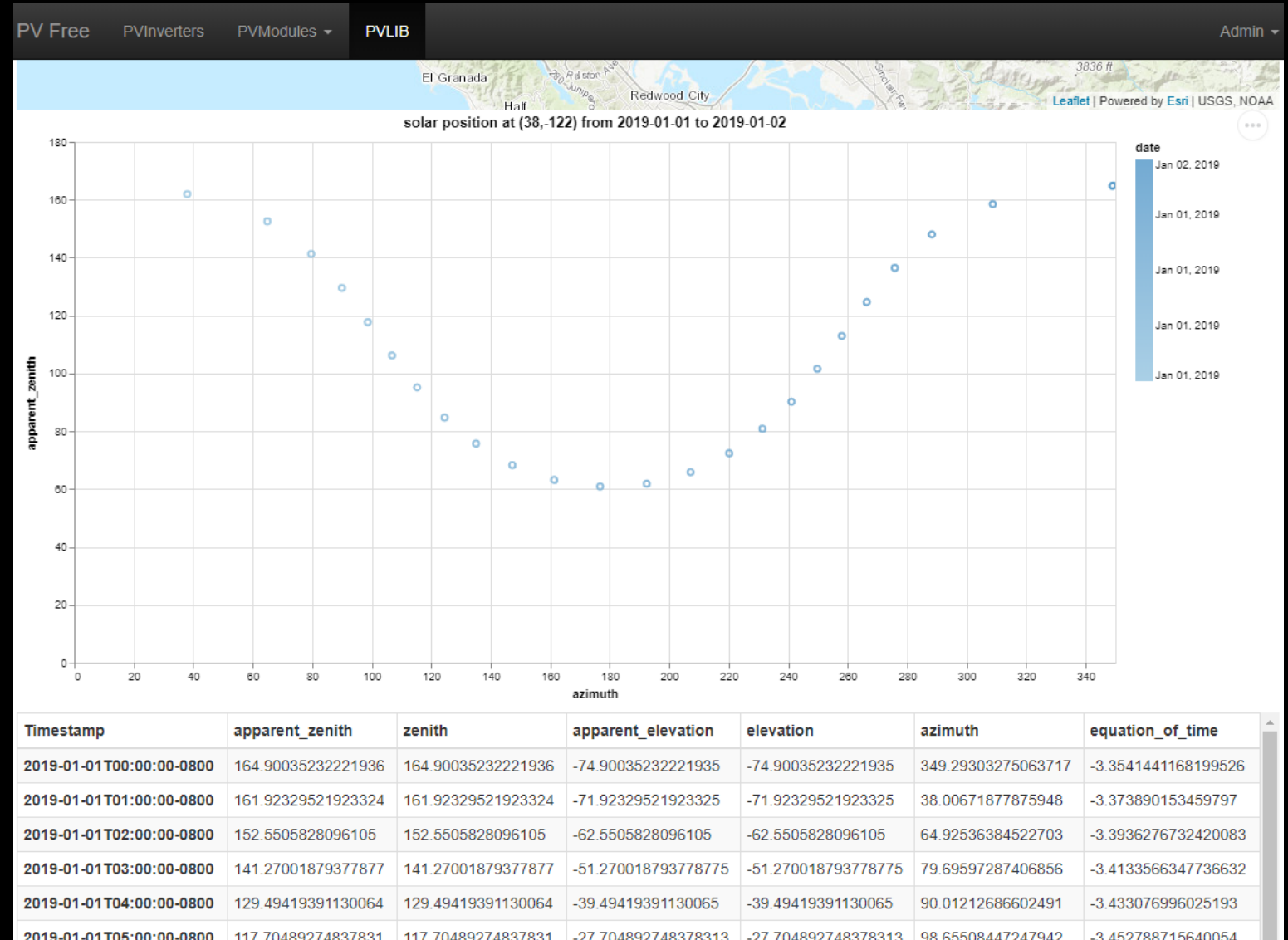
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```
/api/v1/pvlib/solarposition/?lat=37.89002800137124&lon=-122.17483520507814&start=2019-01-01&end=2019-01-02&freq=H&tz=-8
```



# Interactive PV Tutorial

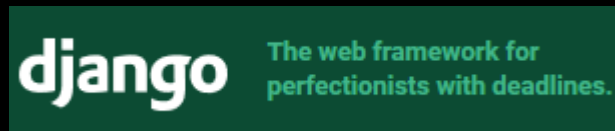
- Single page app
- Steps user through modelling
- Solar Position
- Generates code and warnings
- Outputs data and plots





# Hardware, Software Setup

- Python
- Pvlib Python
- Django, Tastypie
- Bokeh, Altair
- Bootstrap
- GitHub
- Heroku
- ElephantSQL





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