

## User's group: pvlib python and pvanalytics

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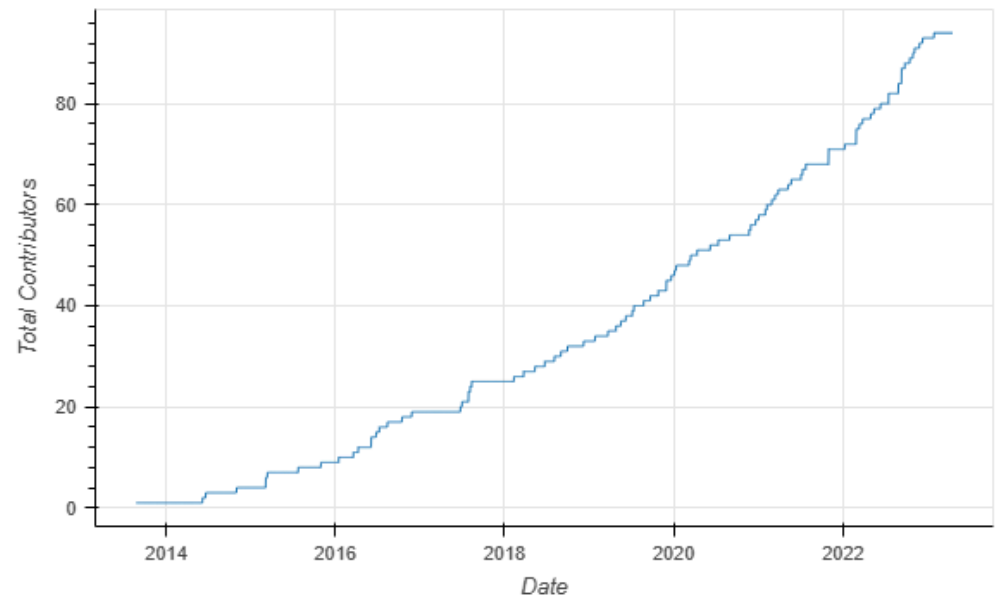
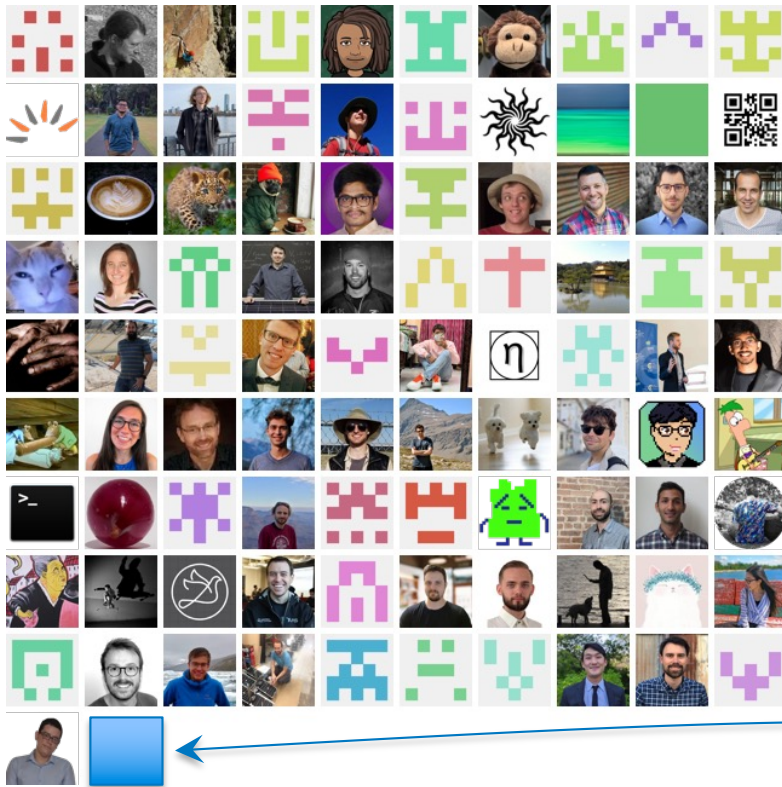
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\*Not all contributions are code!

This software is made possible by contributions from people like you. You can help!

<https://pvlib-python.readthedocs.io/en/stable/contributing.html>

# Pvlib-python 1.0?



## Does 1.0.0 come right after 0.9.\*?

- No. Expect 0.10.0 to come next. There is no ETA for pvlib 1.0.0 yet 😊

## What does 1.0 mean?

- A declaration that pvlib is no longer “beta” (whatever that means)
- Mostly, no more changes that break people’s code (until 2.0, anyway)

## What needs to happen before 1.0?

- Change all the things we want to change:
  - Package-wide consistency in naming (mostly there already, but still room for improvement)
- Fill in some modeling gaps: transformer losses, direct shading, etc.
- Rewrite/reorg the docs to follow an intentional strategy instead of the current ad-hoc “pile of info”
- **What else? We’d love to get your feedback!**

## Suggested New Features: pvlib-python



Additions/improvements where publications and/or data are available

- ✓ **Spectral irradiance mismatch calculations**
- ✓ **Functions and models for module efficiency**
- ☐ Functions for horizon shading (e.g., input digital elevation data, output angle from ground to horizon)
- ☐ Function(s) for LCOE
  - Cell, module and string electrical mismatch calculations (stay tuned)
  - **Degradation of DC components**

Additions where new publications and/or data may be needed

- ☐ Functions to translate parameters among models: temperature, incidence angle modifier (IAM), IV curve models
  - **Models for transformer losses, inverter operations off unity power factor, inverter temperature derating**
  - **“Smarter clipping” (find both voltage and power from IV curve rather than simply capping power)**

# Improving the user experience: pvlib-python



## Library of data for model benchmarking

- Non-expert users can be challenged when faced with e.g. seven clear-sky models
- Provide some guide to assist in selecting appropriate models
- Illustrate model accuracy and limitations

## Overhaul the documentation

- The “middle” layer between the home page for pvlib-python and each function’s document page

More examples

## ✓ More frequent releases (quarterly)

- Quarterly community meetings (contact [cwhanse@sandia.gov](mailto:cwhanse@sandia.gov))

[www.github.com/pvlib/pvanalytics.git](https://www.github.com/pvlib/pvanalytics.git)

Welcoming contributors, developers, maintainers

Project will mature through contact with users

Guiding principles:

- Built from the bottom up
  - Workflow independent library of documented functions
  - Common signature: input time series, output Boolean series
    - E.g., clear sky labeling, clipped inverters, GHI passes quality checks
- Combine functions into workflows
  - Prioritize flexibility

New Features?

Classes to help automate workflows

- Gallery of examples should help to clarify workflow definitions



**What are your ideas?**



# Thank You

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