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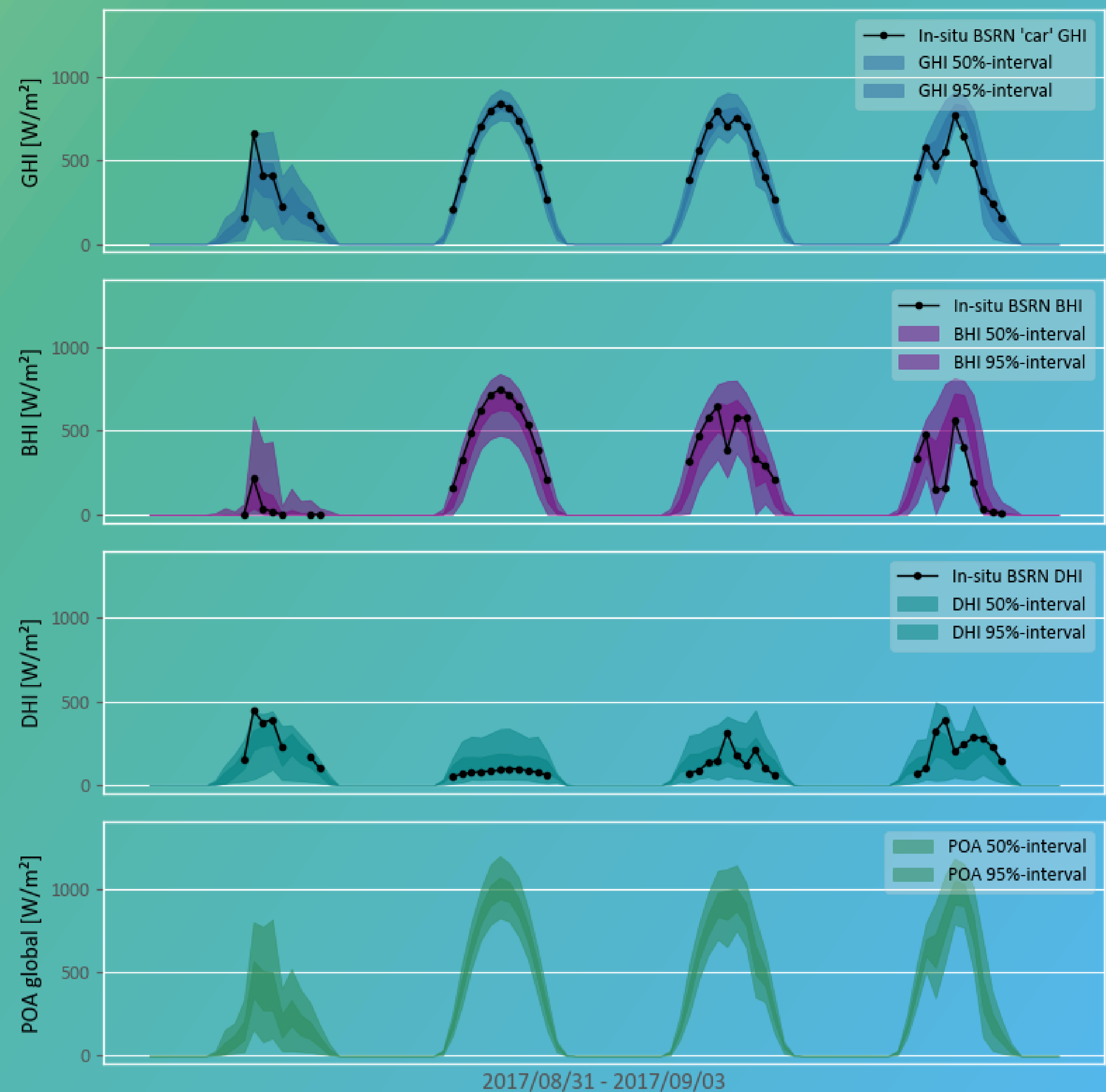
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## with a Focus on Solar Plane-Of-Array Irradiance

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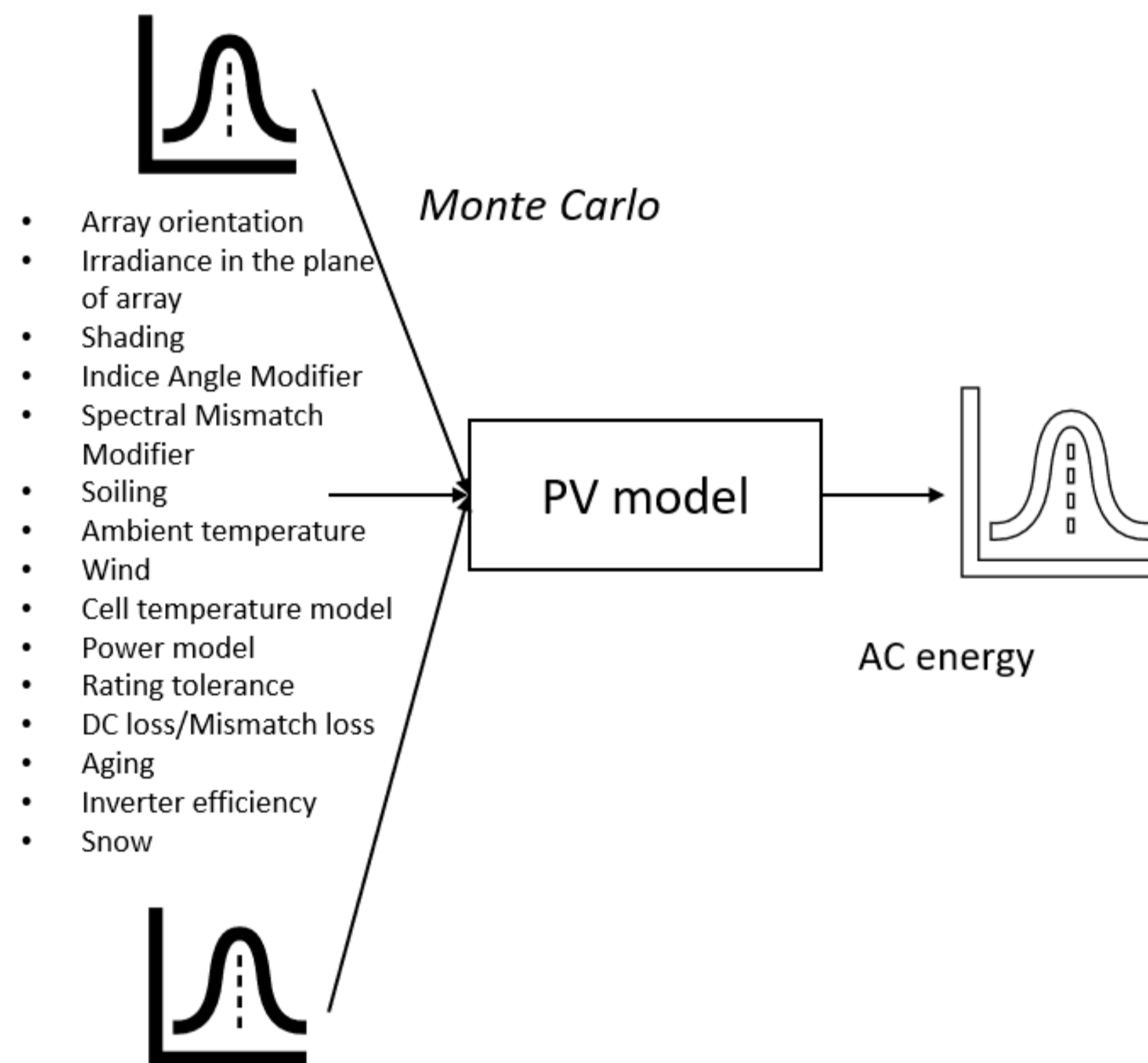


### Background

#### Objectives:

Establishment of a methodology to estimate PV performance uncertainties

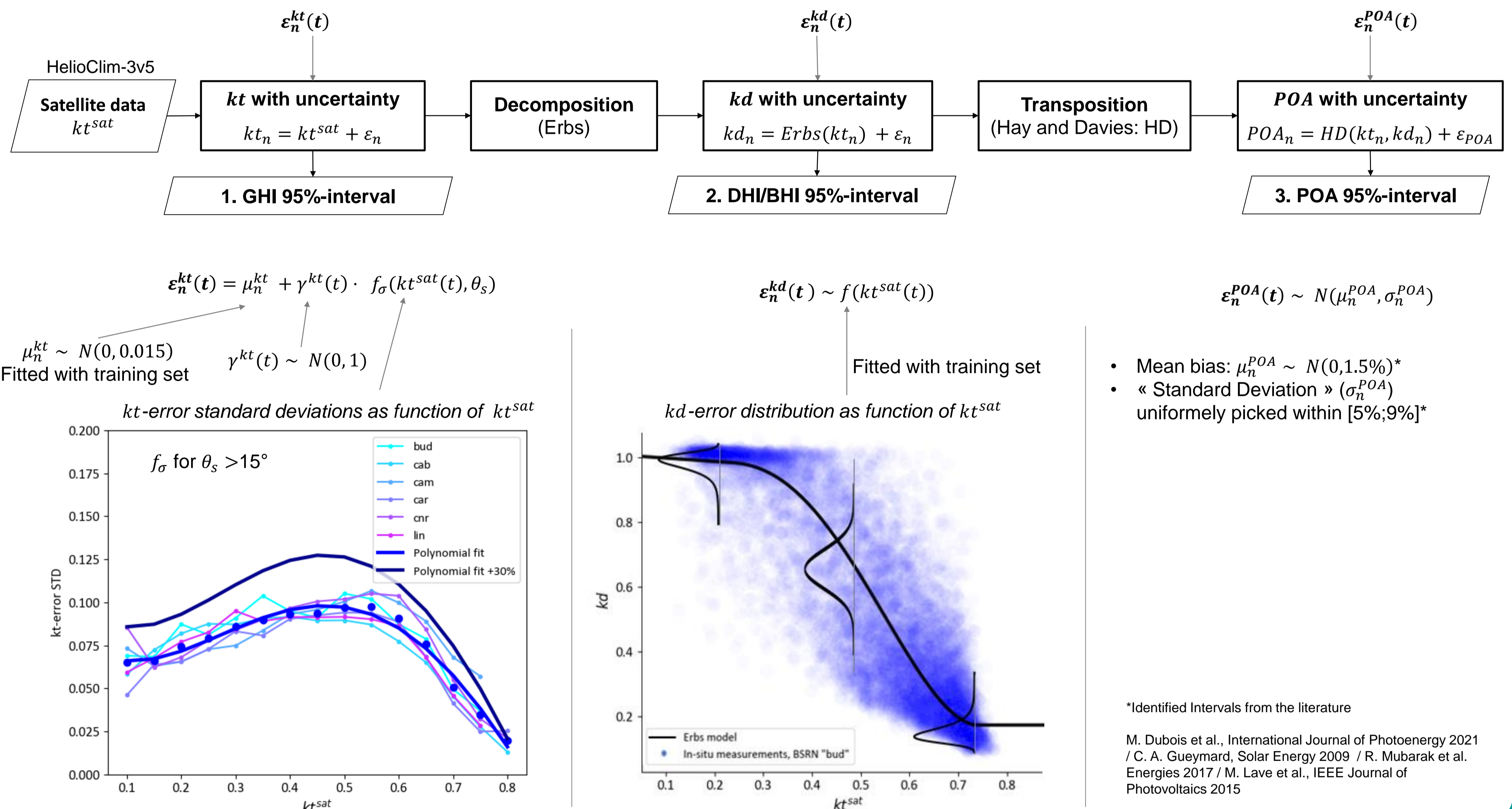
POA irradiance = major source of uncertainty\*



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### Methodology

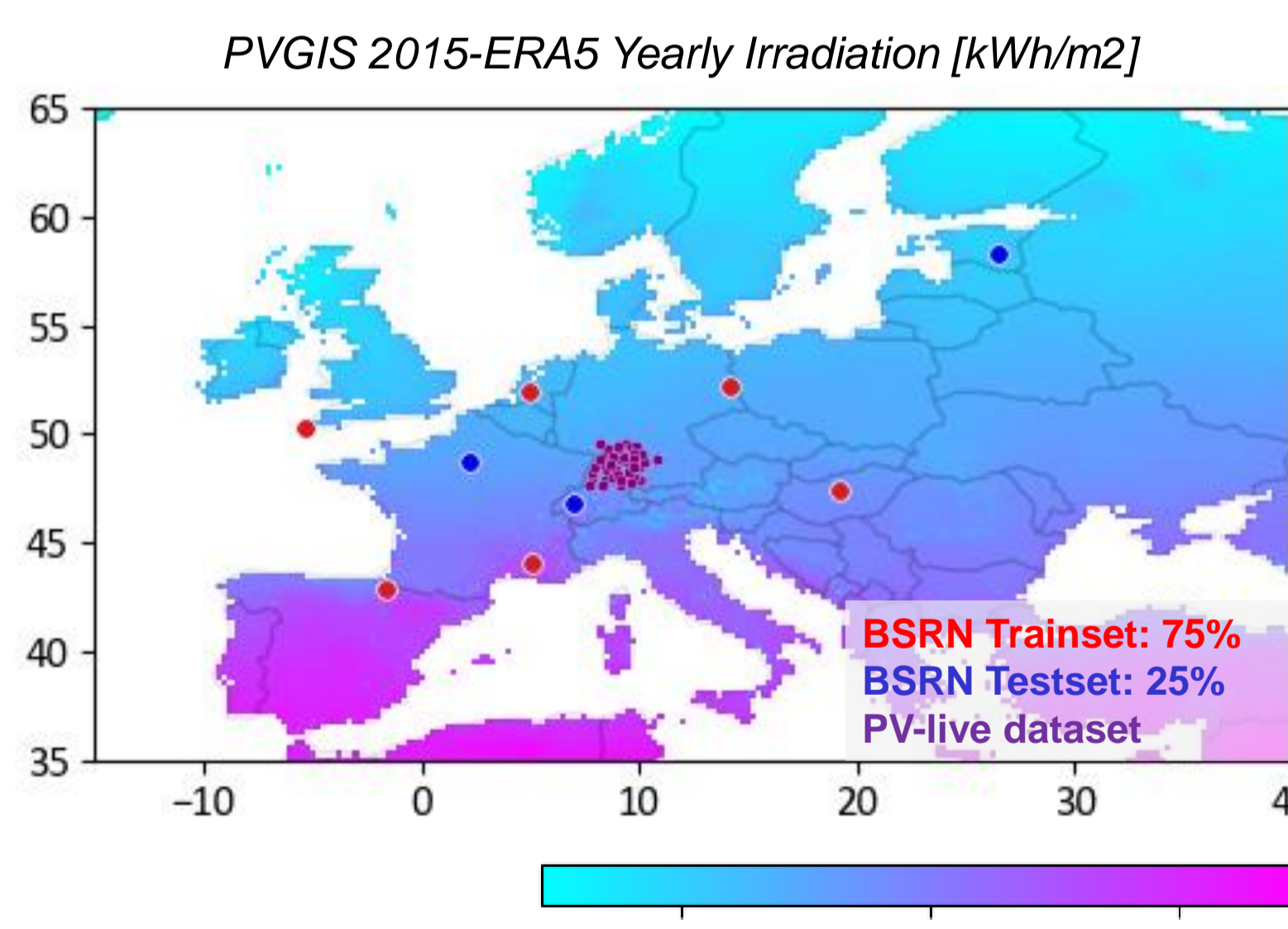
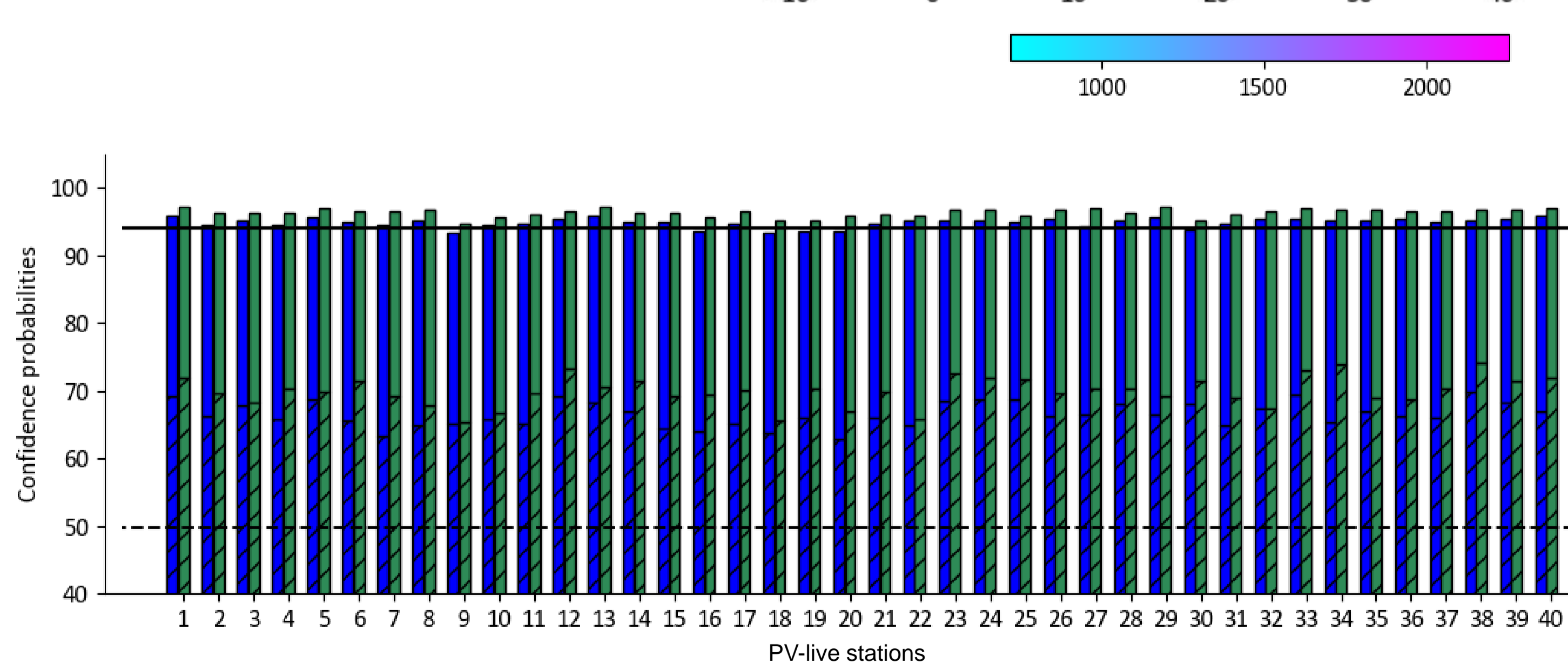
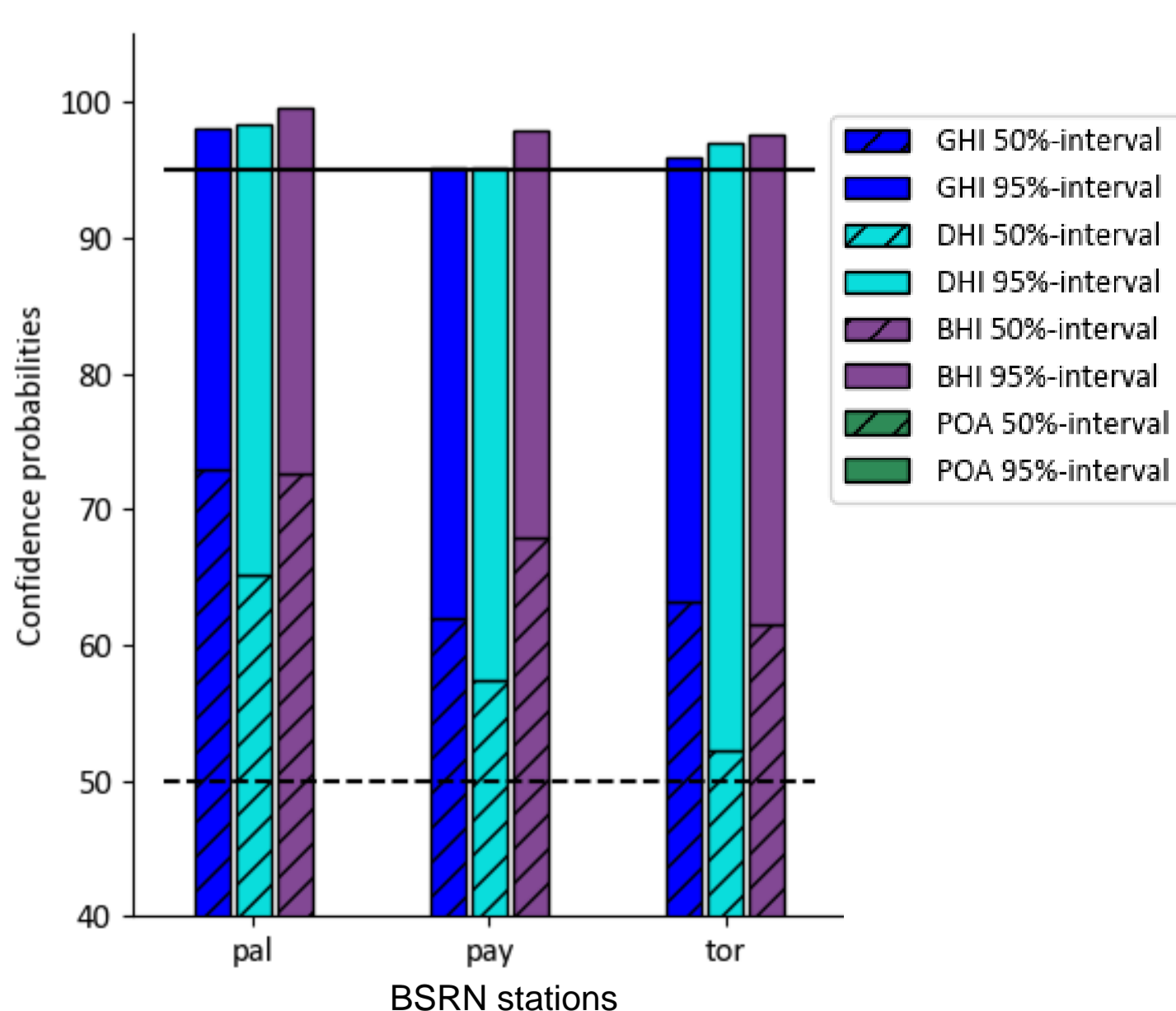
Uncertainties are estimated at **each step** of the modeling chain to generate the **Plane-Of-Array (POA) irradiance at a hourly granularity with Monte Carlo simulations.**



### Validation

The methodology is validated through 3 steps:

1. Trained on 6 BSRN stations
2. Tested on 3 other BSRN stations for GHI/BHI/DHI
3. Tested on 40 PV-live stations for POA-global (25° south)



### Conclusion

This study addresses AC-energy **uncertainties** with a focus on POA-irradiance at an **hourly** granularity within **Europe**.

Using **Monte Carlo** techniques, the developed methodology enables to generate 95% confidence intervals for:

- Global Horizontal Irradiance
- Beam Horizontal Irradiance
- Diffuse Horizontal Irradiance
- Plane-Of-Array (POA) irradiance.

Paper in progress

"Uncertainty Estimation of the Hourly Plane-Of-Array Irradiance from Satellite Data: An European Case Study"

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