



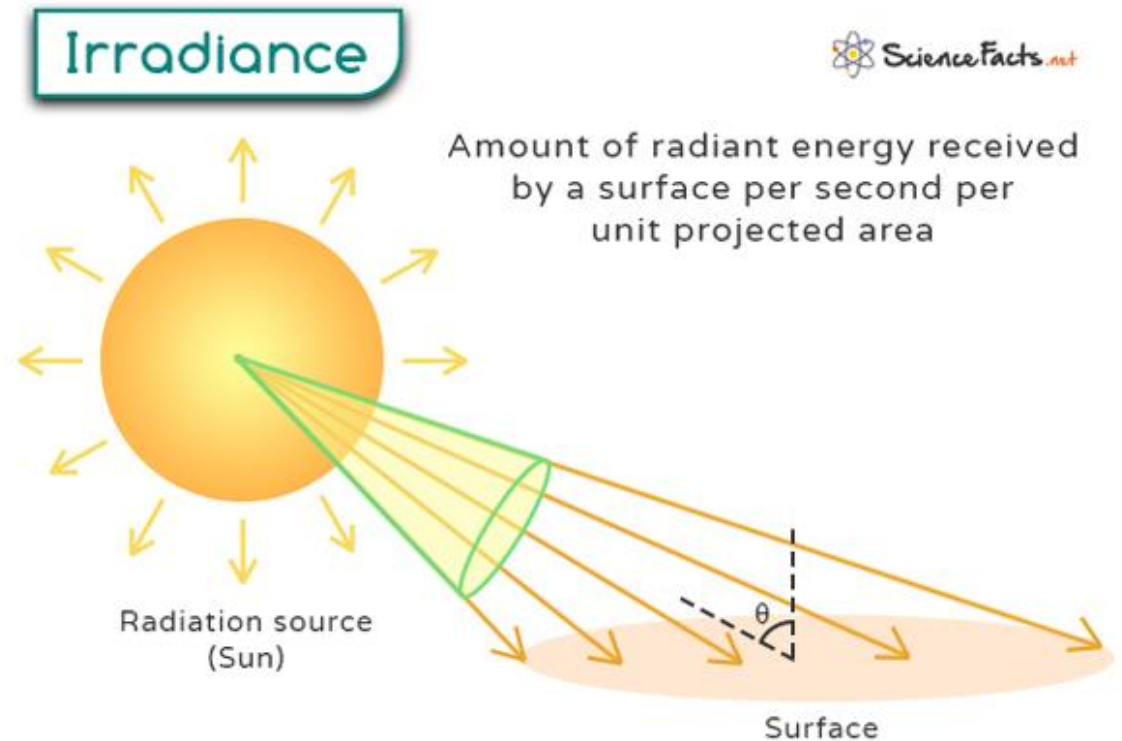
Forecast Direct Normal Irradiance of Solar Energy

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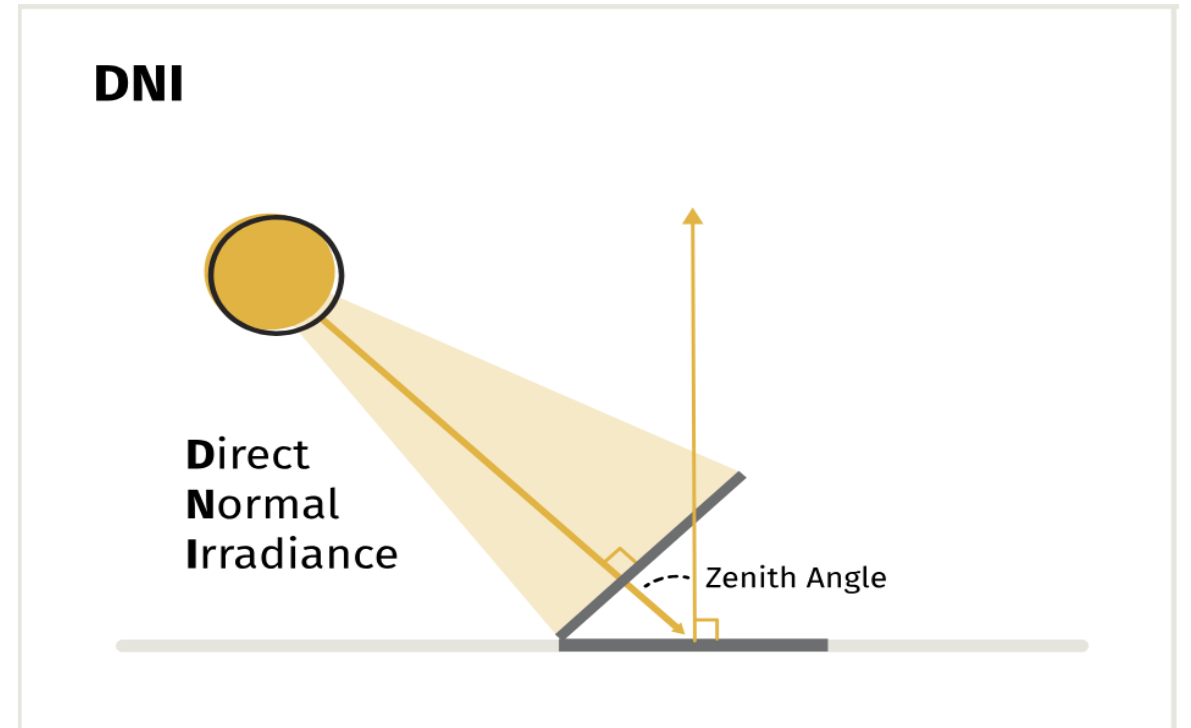
Overview

Solar energy, a renewable source of power, plays an important role in reducing greenhouse gases, mitigating climate change, and protecting ecosystems. Nowadays, the adoption of solar energy into the power grid has increased, and Direct Normal Irradiance (DNI) is particularly important in forecasting the performance of concentrating solar power (CSP) systems. Photovoltaic panels track the sun to receive more DNI, which accounts for a large portion of solar energy from PV.



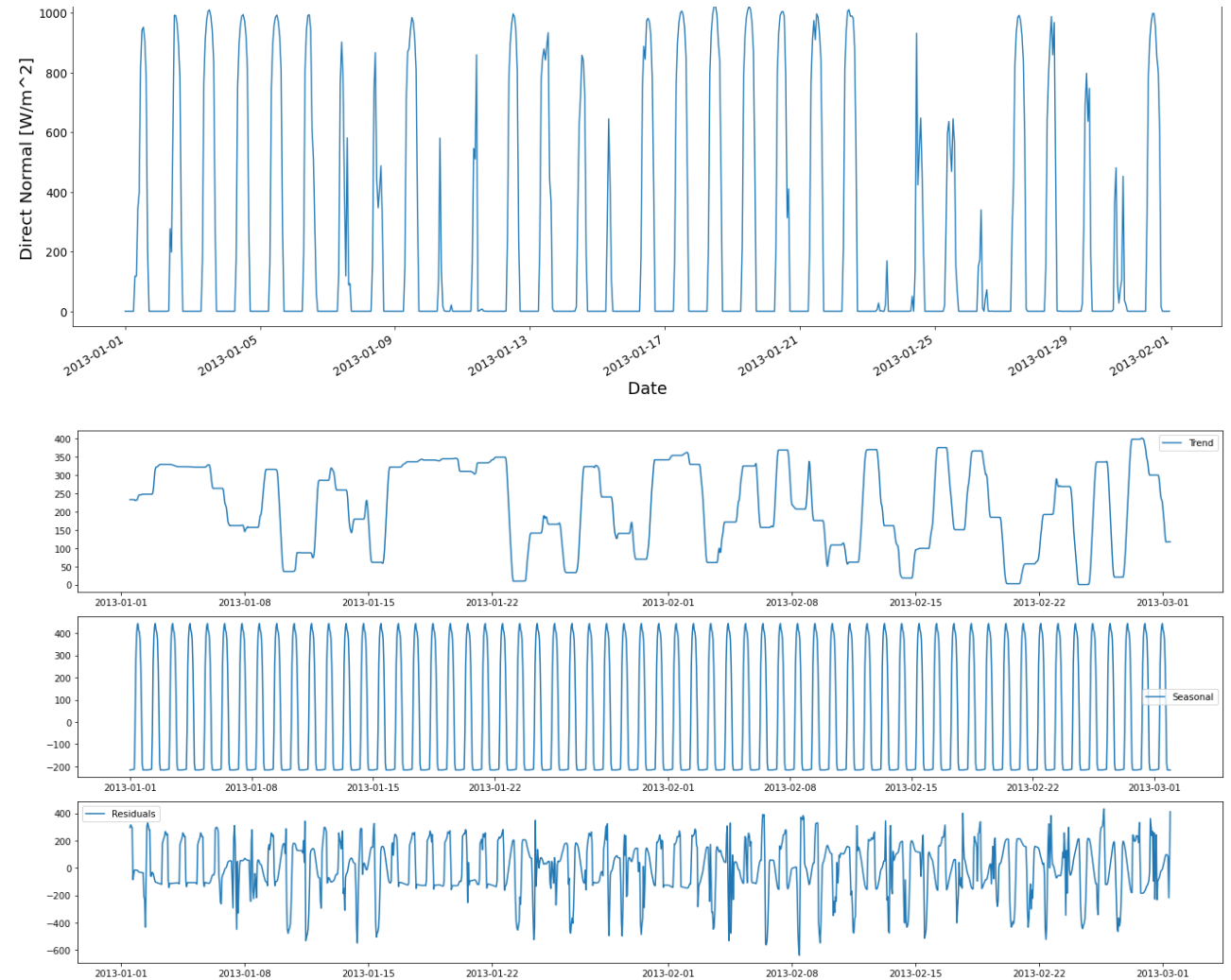
Goal

Choose an effective time series model that can forecast a week ahead of Direct Normal Irradiance from solar power. This is crucial for the effective operation and maintenance of power systems, ensuring their ability to harness solar energy effectively



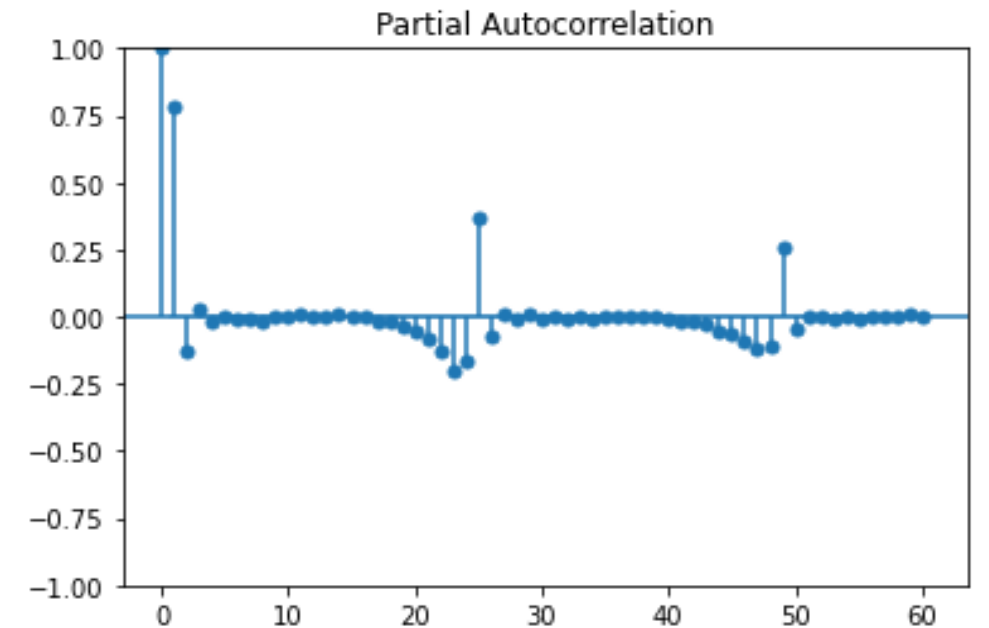
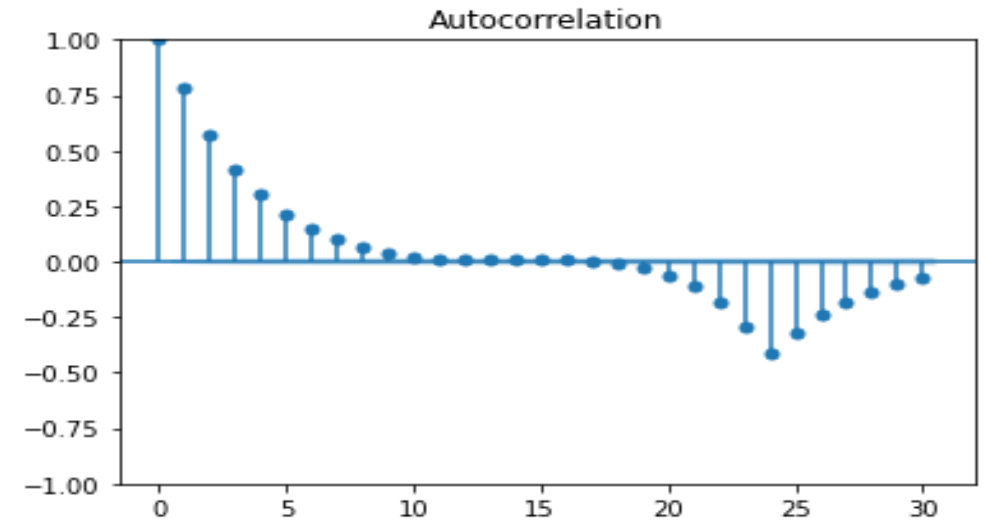
Data Processing

We collected the from the Lowery power station and conducted a thorough data cleaning process, fixing anomalies, filling in missing values, and converting it to an hourly dataset. Also, check the seasonality and trend of the data



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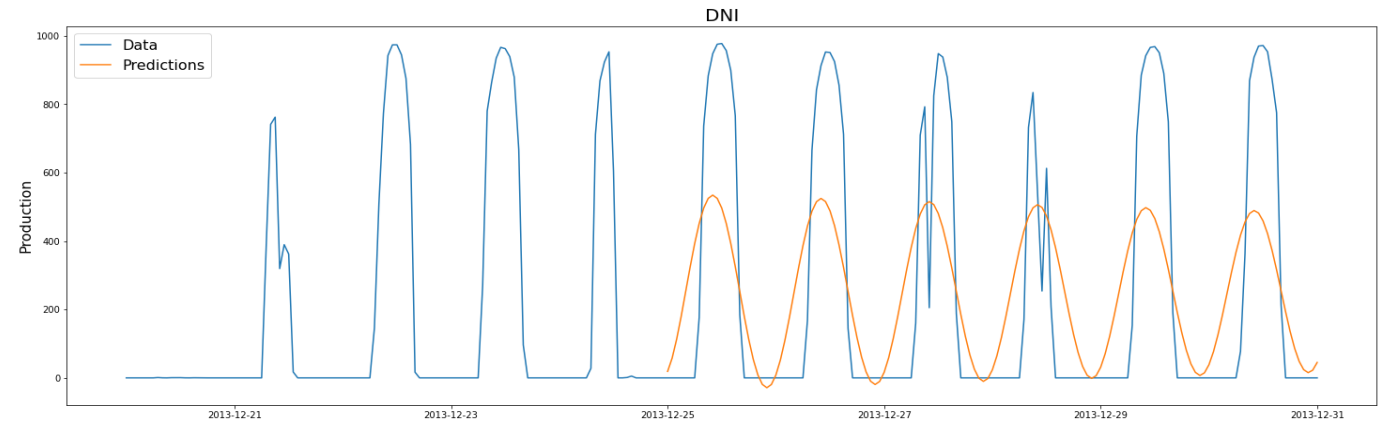
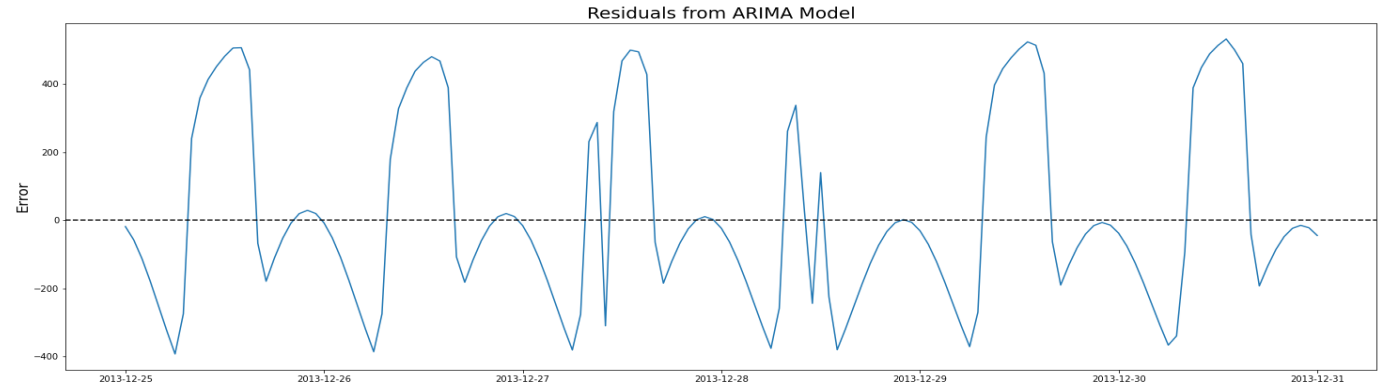
From autocorrelation and partial autocorrelation plots, identify the seasonal pattern of direct normal irradiance



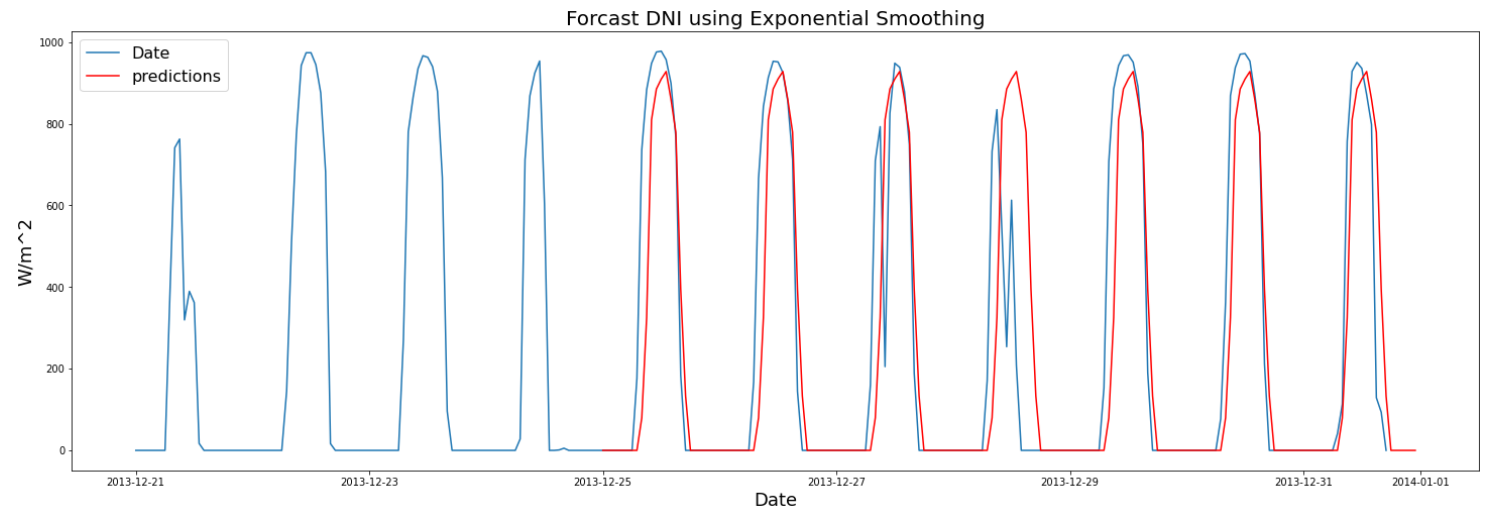
Models

- ARIMA
- Tripple Exponential Smoothing
- SARIMA
- SARIMAX

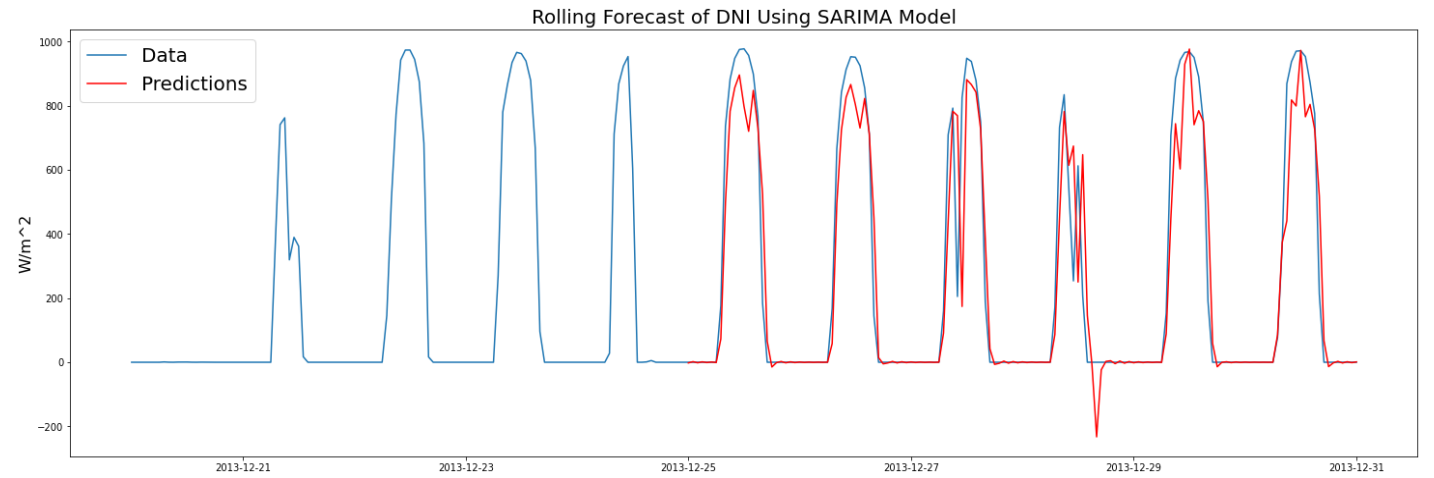
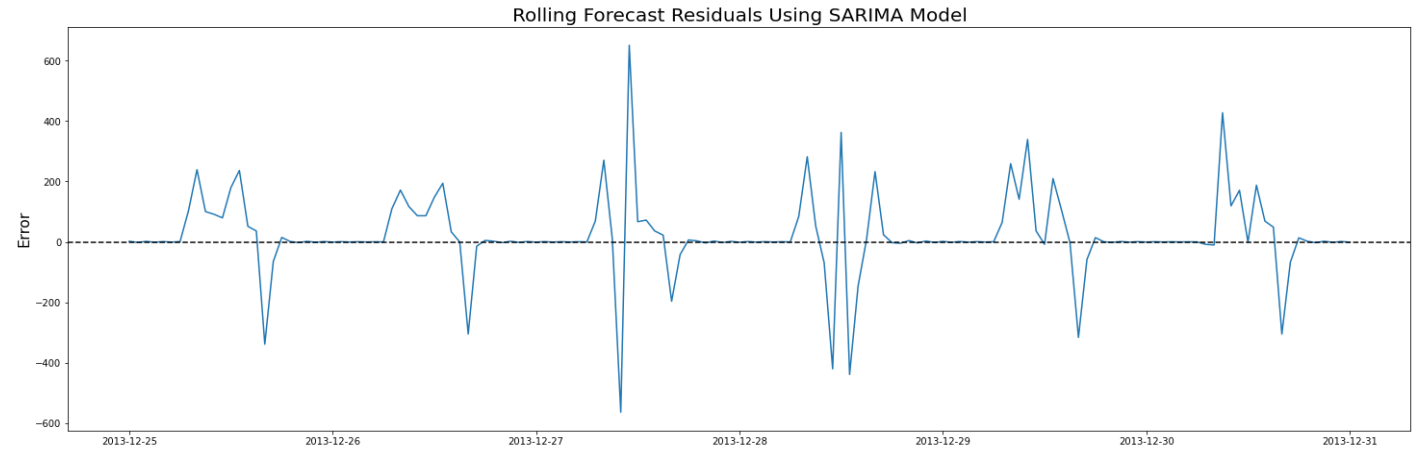
ARIMA



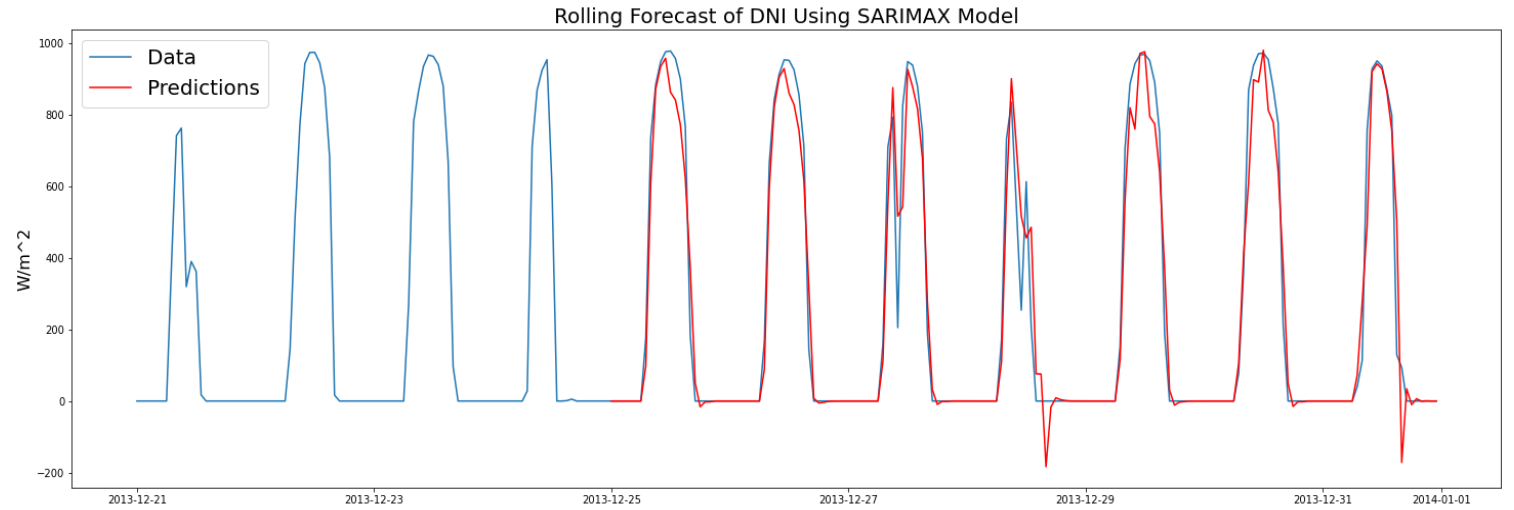
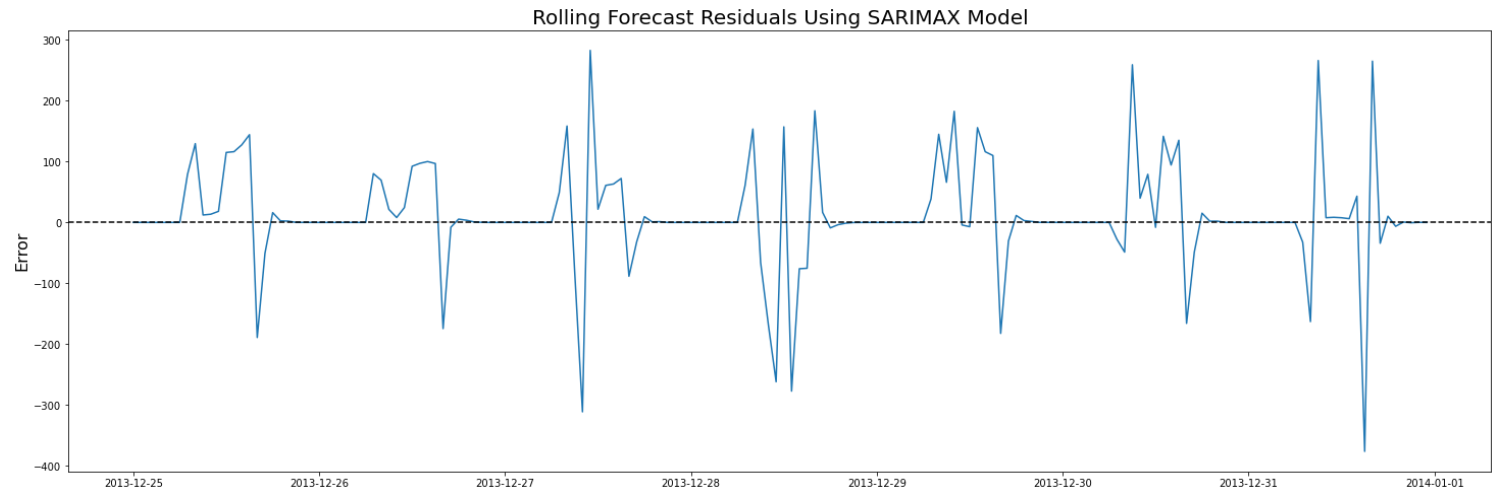
Triple Exponential Smoothing



SARIMA



SARIMAX



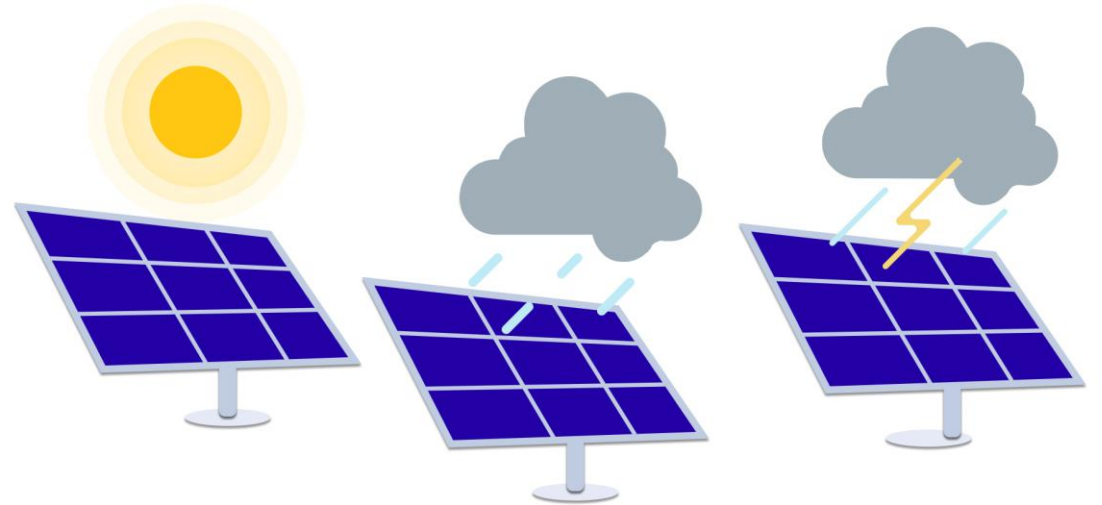
Model Comparison

Best Model: SARIMAX

Model	Root Mean Square Error ($\times 10^2$)
ARIMA	2.48
Tripple Exponential Smoothing	2.18
SARIMA	1.39
SARIMAX	0.88

Future Work

- Incorporate weather and cloud cover data, which can be important features for forecasting direct normal irradiance.
- Use multivariate deep learning models that can incorporate all important features of solar energy and forecast direct normal irradiance more accurately.



Thank you!



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