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# Modelling of Monthly Clear Sky Solar Irradiation on Horizontal Surface in Denpasar City

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**Abstract**—This article discusses the monthly clear sky solar irradiation in Denpasar City from April to October, focusing the effect of June Solstice. The primary data of daily solar irradiation on horizontal surface is taken using Lutron SPM-1116SD from 8 o'clock to 16 o'clock in minute basis. The data is filtered using second order polynomial fitting. Only data with adjusted R-square more than 0.9 is included. If it is needed, the upper envelope signal processing is taken before second order polynomial fitting. By integrating this data, we have daily solar irradiation data on horizontal surface in Watt hour per square meter and a precise model of monthly clear sky solar irradiation using third order polynomial.

**Keywords**—modelling, solar irradiation, irradiance, horizontal surface, denpasar, bali

## I. INTRODUCTION

The sun moves from position above the equator on March 21 towards the June Solstice ( $23^{\circ} 26' 12.3''$  north of equator) on June 21. Furthermore, the movement of the Earth's axis causes the movement of the sun to return to the equator on September 23 and is continued to reach the December Solstice ( $23^{\circ} 26' 12.3''$  south of equator) on December 22. The position of the sun then returns to the equator on March 21. This regular movement causes repeated solar irradiation every year at certain locations on the surface of the earth. In Surabaya, Indonesia, the monthly solar irradiation average is  $4.92 \text{ kWh/m}^2$  in 2008 [1]. In Medan, Indonesia, the minimum and maximum estimations of irradiance are  $522.19 \text{ W/m}^2$  in December and  $671.69 \text{ W/m}^2$  in August [2]. In Pontianak, Indonesia, solar irradiation reaches  $7.71 \text{ kWh/m}^2$  on March 10, reaching a minimum value of  $6.78 \text{ kWh/m}^2$ , with possible local maximum of  $7.62 \text{ kWh/m}^2$  on June 22 and reaching a maximum value of  $671.69 \text{ W/m}^2$  in August [3]. Due to the variety in solar irradiation, there are several models that have been studied about this subject such as: Genetic algorithms to optimize the direction and angle of installation of solar panels in Sabang, Indonesia [4]; Solar energy potential in Indonesia using artificial neural networks (ANNs) method in Makassar [5]. The ANNs method is also used in the cities of Pekanbaru, Bandung, Banjarmasin and Gorontalo [6]. Meanwhile in Jakarta, solar radiation modelling is based on the calculation of mean bias error and root mean square error [7]. In this research we report about modelling of monthly clear sky solar radiation on horizontal surface in Denpasar City, Bali.

## II. METHODOLOGY

We collect the data of solar irradiation in Denpasar City, Bali, Indonesia. It is located at  $8^{\circ}39' \text{ S}$ ,  $115^{\circ}13' \text{ E}$ . We use Lutron Solar Power Meter (SPM-1116SD) to collect the daily data in  $\text{Watt/m}^2$  on minute basis from April to October 2018 and 2019. The irradiation sensor of Lutron Solar Power Meter SPM-1116SD is placed in a horizontal position as shown in Fig 1.



Fig. 1. Lutron SPM-1116SD.

The daily data is collected every minute from 08.00 to 16.00 local time. By integrating this data, we have solar irradiation data in  $\text{Wh/m}^2$ . Then the data is fitted using second order polynomial fit. Only data with adjusted R-square more than 0.9 is included. If it is needed, the upper envelope signal processing is taken before second order polynomial fitting. So that only the data on sunny days will be processed further to be monthly data. Furthermore, the monthly data is fitted to obtain the appropriate mathematical model.

## III. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

### A. Solar Irradiation Data

Data collection begins on April 2018 in Denpasar City. In that month, the average sun declination at  $4.51^{\circ}$  and the average sun elevation at  $71.70^{\circ}$ . On April 18, 2018, it has a maximum irradiance value of  $1036 \text{ W/m}^2$ , as shown in Fig. 2. In May 2018, the average sun declination at  $18.86^{\circ}$  and the average sun elevation at  $62.49^{\circ}$ . The maximum irradiance level on May 6, 2018 is  $870 \text{ W/m}^2$ , lower than April as shown in Fig. 3. On June 2018, the sun is approaching June Solstice, the maximum irradiance level has value of  $867 \text{ W/m}^2$  on June 6, 2018, which is lower than May as shown in Fig. 4. On June, the average sun declination at  $23.06^{\circ}$  and the average

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sun elevation at  $58.29^{\circ}$ . The irradiance level still decreases on July although the sun has already moved to the equator. As shown in Fig. 5, the maximum irradiance on July 20, 2018 is  $830 \text{ W/m}^2$ . The increase of irradiance level begins on August. On August 15, 2018, the maximum irradiance level is  $959 \text{ W/m}^2$ , as shown in Fig. 6. The average sun declination at  $13.61^{\circ}$  and the average sun elevation at  $67.74^{\circ}$ . On September, the sun is approaching equator. The average sun declination at  $2.83^{\circ}$  and the average sun elevation at  $78.52^{\circ}$ . On September 30, 2018, the maximum irradiance level is  $976 \text{ W/m}^2$ , as shown in Fig. 7. On October, the average sun declination at  $-8.76^{\circ}$  and the average sun elevation at  $87.16^{\circ}$ . The sun is right above Denpasar at noon on October 15, 2018. As shown in Fig. 8, the maximum irradiance level is  $1001 \text{ W/m}^2$  on October 3, 2018.

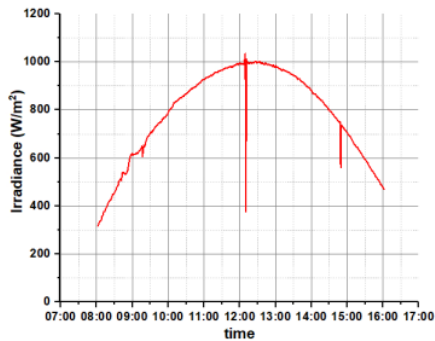


Fig. 2. Irradiance on April 18, 2018.

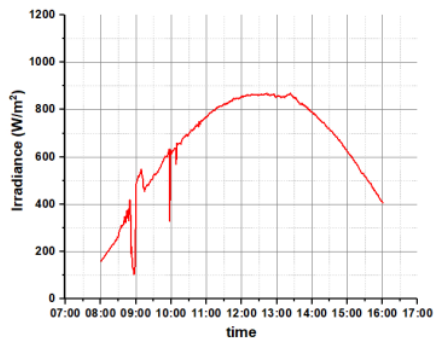


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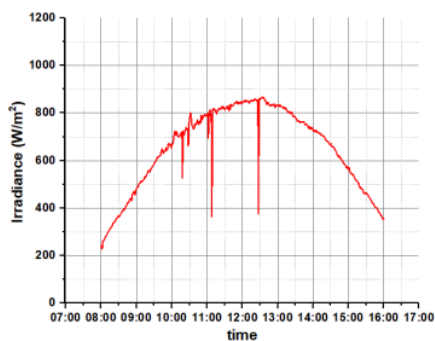


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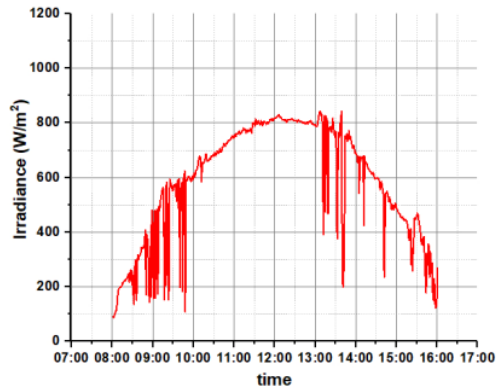


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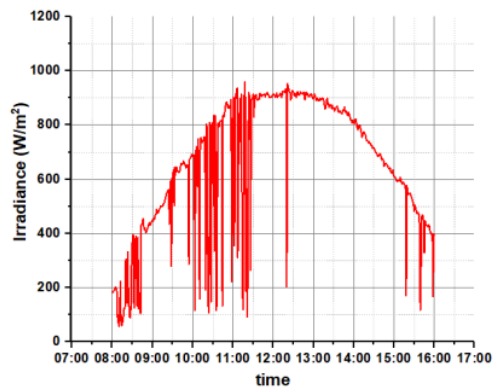


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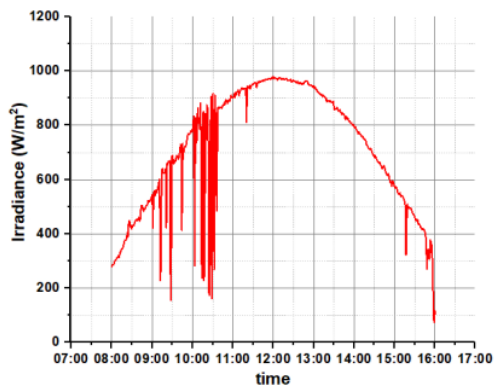


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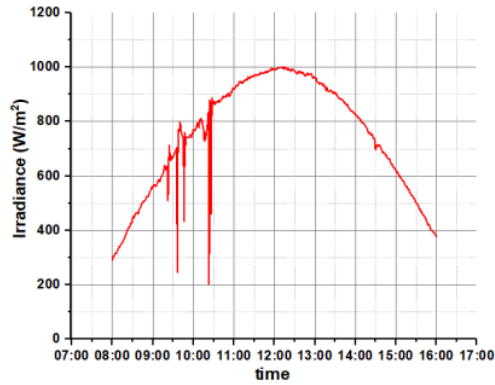


Fig. 8. Irradiance on October 3, 2018.

TABLE I. SOLAR IRRADIATION STATISTIC

Month	No. of Days	Mean (Wh/m <sup>2</sup> )	Min (Wh/m <sup>2</sup> )	Max (Wh/m <sup>2</sup> )
April	12	6179.64	5618.78	6747.23
May	16	5200.46	4645.23	5762.80
June	4	5112.32	4636.14	5289.44
July	8	4992.19	4306.95	5316.54
August	6	5391.75	5066.41	5717.09
September	4	6009.49	5919.93	6071.98
October	7	6066.65	5810.86	6334.49

By integrating the daily irradiance data, the mean, minimum, median and maximum values of daily solar irradiation can be determined as shown in Table I. Number of days in Table I shows the amount of sunny days in a certain month which is calculated statistically in Denpasar City, Bali.

### B. Modelling

The movement of the sun towards June Solstice from March 21 to June 21 causes reduction of solar irradiation on horizontal surface in Denpasar. Mean, minimum and maximum values of solar irradiation are still decreasing until July even though the sun has moved towards the equator. This phenomenon is consistent with the results obtained in other locations as stated in [6]. Mean, minimum and maximum values of solar irradiation are increasing from August to October.

According to the data in Table I, we propose a 3<sup>rd</sup> order polynomial equation to determine daily solar irradiation on horizontal surface in Denpasar City from April to October as stated in Eq. 1. In this equation, the value of  $y$  represents daily solar irradiation in Watt hour per square meter (Wh/m<sup>2</sup>), meanwhile  $x$  represents the month number. The values of intercept, B1, B2 and B3 are written in Table II. The fitness level of this equation is shown Adjusted R-Square value of 0.91 as shown in Fig. 9.

$$y = \text{Intercept} + B1 \times x + B2 \times x^2 + B3 \times x^3 \quad (1)$$

TABLE II. FITNESS OF THIRD ORDER POLYNOMIAL EQUATION

Statistic	Value
Number of Points	7
Degrees of Freedom	3
Residual Sum of Squares	63805.11
R-Square(COD)	0.95
Adj. R-Square	0.91
Intercept	20210.28
B1	-6241.70
B2	816.92
B3	-33.37

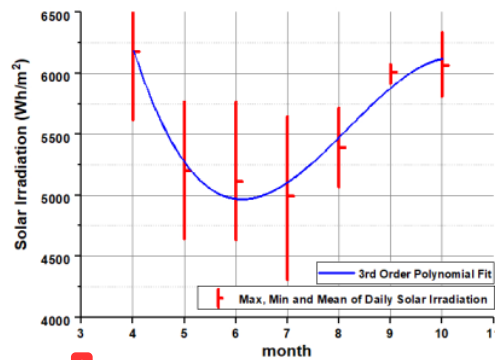


Fig. 9. 3<sup>rd</sup> order polynomial fit of solar irradiation.

Compared to other models [4-7], this equation does not require other parameters such as temperature, humidity and so forth. As shown in Fig. 9, the Equation (1) can predict monthly clear sky solar irradiation on horizontal surface in Denpasar City from April to September.

### IV. CONCLUSION

In this research, we recommend a mathematical model using 3<sup>rd</sup> order polynomial to calculate monthly clear sky solar irradiation on horizontal surface in Denpasar City from April to October as stated in Eq. 1. This equation is statistically fit with adjusted R-square value 0.91.

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