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Abstract

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The vast sustainable and renewable worldwide transmission of energy is being aided by annual growth in global energy consumption, as well as environmental difficulties and concerns. Throughout the previous decade, solar energy systems have gotten the most attention out of all the other renewable energy systems. However, even renewable energies can have negative environmental consequences; as a result, more attention and precautionary measures should be taken. For the sake of solar energy deployment, this article focuses on cities located near the Mediterranean Sea. The research goes on to discuss some of the relevant advancements as well as some of the critical components in their systems. The approach follows all the stages, starting with the cities longitude and latitude, their solar radiation impact and the most suitable geographical location.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

SPS: Solar Panel System

PV: Photovoltaic volts

DC: Direct current

AC: Alternating current

PVGIS: Photovoltaic Geographical Information System

EU: European Union

JRC: Joint Research Center

CHAPTER I

Introduction

Mediterranean Countries

The Mediterranean Sea is a sea connected to the Atlantic Ocean, surrounded by the Mediterranean Basin and almost completely enclosed by land: on the north by Western and Southern Europe and Anatolia, on the south by North Africa, and on the east by the Levant. The Sea has played a central role in the history of Western civilization. Although the Mediterranean is sometimes considered a part of the Atlantic Ocean, it is usually referred to as a separate body of water. Geological evidence indicates that around 5.9 million years ago, the Mediterranean was cut off from the Atlantic and was partly or completely desiccated over a period of some 600,000 years during the Messinian salinity crisis before being refilled by the Zanclean flood about 5.3 million years ago.

The Mediterranean countries are those that surround the Mediterranean Sea. Twenty sovereign countries in Southern Europe, the Levant and North Africa regions border the sea itself, in addition to two island nations completely located in it are Malta and Cyprus.

Portugal, Andorra, San Marino, Vatican City, Kosovo, Serbia, Bulgaria, North Macedonia, Romania, Mauritania, Western Sahara, and Jordan are sometimes listed in lists of Mediterranean countries despite not having a Mediterranean coastline. Their geographical, economic, geopolitical, historical, ethnic, and cultural (language, art, music, cuisine) linkages to the region as a whole are used to classify them. Climate and flora are also important considerations. The countries that border to the Mediterranean are as listed below.

CHAPTER I.I

Geographical Location



Figure 1: A geographical image marking the territory of the Mediterranean countries and its sea.

The Mediterranean is surprisingly mountainous, in contrast to the conventional sandy beach imagery depicted in most tourist brochures. Mountains may be seen from nearly every location. High mountains, rocky coasts, dense scrub, semi-arid steppes, coastal wetlands, sandy beaches, and a plethora of islands of varying shapes and sizes strewn amidst the pure blue sea make up the Mediterranean Region's ever-changing landscape.

The Mediterranean Levant is located at the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea, and is bordered on the east and south by the Syrian and Negev deserts. It encompasses the western and southern regions of the Anatolian peninsula, excluding the temperate-climate Mountains of central Turkey, in Western Asia. The Atlas Mountains separate the northern Maghreb region of north-western Africa from the Sahara Desert, which stretches throughout North Africa. With the exception of the northern fringe of Libya's peninsula of Cyrenaica, which

has a dry Mediterranean climate, the Sahara stretches to the Mediterranean's southern shore in the eastern Mediterranean.

The Iberian Peninsula, the Italian Peninsula, and the Balkan Peninsula, all of which are located to the north of the Mediterranean, expand into and encompass much of the Mediterranean climate zone. The Pyrenees, which separate Spain and France, the Alps, which separate Italy from Central Europe, the Dinaric Alps, which run along the eastern Adriatic, and the Balkan and Rila-Rhodope mountains, which run through the Balkan Peninsula, divide the Mediterranean from the temperate climate regions of Western, North Western or Northern Europe, Central Europe, and Eastern Europe.

As you can see in 'Figure 2' the climates are warm on the south regime and on the north regime it is more of semi-arid climate. They mostly have a Mediterranean climate with mild to cool, rainy winters and warm to hot, dry summers which generally supports the characteristics of Mediterranean forests, woodlands and scrub vegetation.

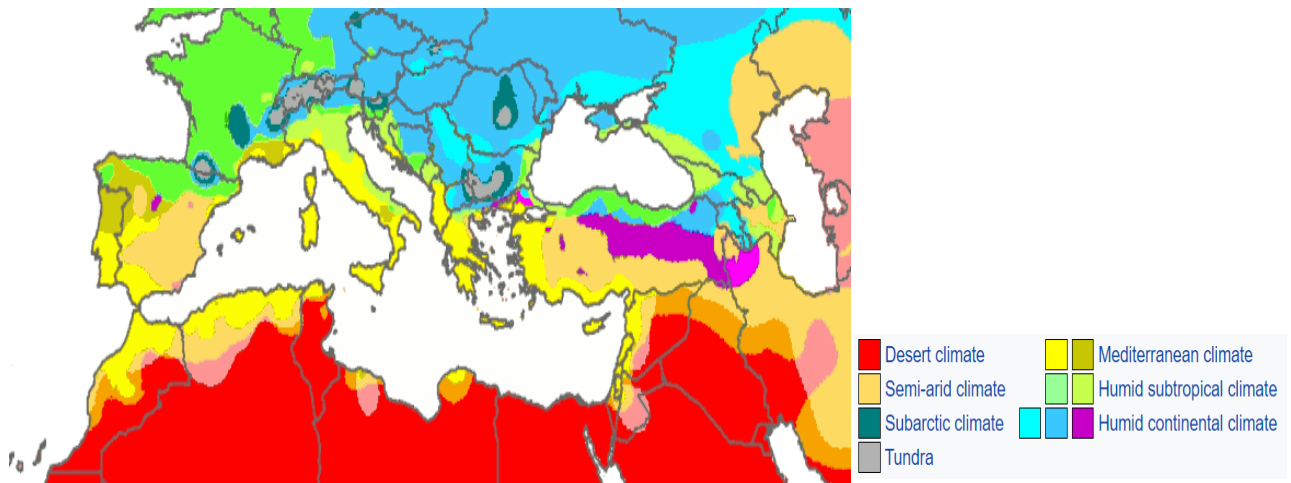


Figure 2: Temperature and climate image description

CHAPTER I.II

Introduction on Renewable Energy

Energy sources can be classified into two groups which are; Non-renewable energy and renewable energy. In non-renewable energy the types we have are; conventional and fossil fuel, their supplies are limited and we cannot produce as much fossil fuel in a short period of time, most of our electricity is generated based on non-renewable energy resources and the fossil fuel types are coal, petroleum and natural gas. In renewable energy we have the following types; Alternative energy, sustainable energy that includes biomass, geothermal energy, hydro-power, solar energy and wind energy. Due to their regeneration in a small amount of time they are called renewable energy. We use renewable energy sources mainly to make electricity and provide heat applications. Renewable energy comes from naturally renewing but flow-limited sources; renewable resources are nearly limitless in terms of length but have a finite amount of energy per unit of time. Energy can't be created nor destroyed but it can be converted from one form to another; such that, mechanical energy is transformed into heat energy. Figure 3 shows the analysis on the growth in electricity generation from renewable sources since 1990 to 2010.

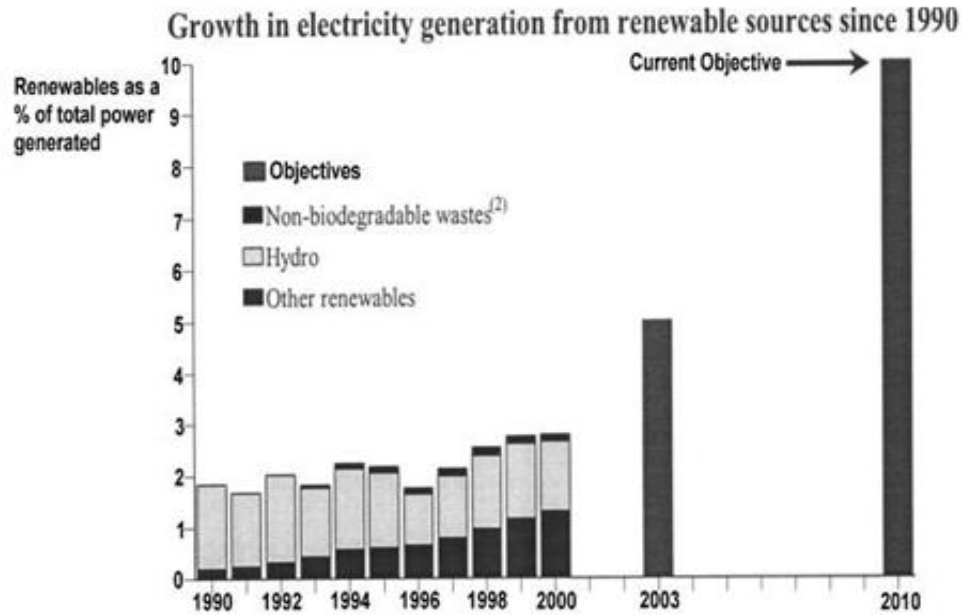


Figure 3: Growth in electricity generation from renewable sources since 1990

Renewable Energy

We will be discussing about the renewable energy in a detailed way and how it can be used to produce electricity. The main sources we will be discussing about are firstly the solar panels and then we will be putting some light on the wind turbines, both being environmental friendly to our planet earth. We will discuss the advantages, importance and the types of renewable energy below in an easy way.

The advantages of renewable energy:

- It should not ever deplete
- The fact that they are renewable, we will never run out of sources of renewable energy.
- Photovoltaic system is flexible, highly reliable and last long.

The importance of photovoltaic system:

- Produces no pollution to the environment,
- Reduces the growth dependency brought in energy and electricity,

- Decreases the cost of complying with existing and upcoming ecological regulations,
- Conserves nature for future generations,
- Improves the stability of energy supplies,
- Protects our environment and public health by preventing or decreasing emissions of CO₂.
- Cost effective operation in remote areas where it can be expensive or impossible to run power.

Types of Renewable energy

As we discussed before, there are two types of renewable energy which are wind energy and solar energy. Solar energy is an energy source that involves tapping the radiant light energy that is emitted by the sun to convert it to electricity. The photovoltaic (PV) system is composed of one or more panels with an inverter and other electrical and mechanical hardware that use energy from the sun to generate electricity. PV systems can greatly vary in size. This system works by the light from the sun, made up of packets of energy called 'photons' that fall onto a solar panel, creating an electric current through a process called the photovoltaic effect. This electricity that is being produced is in the form of direct current (DC), although many electronic devices use DC electricity, including our laptops and phones. Using an inverter we can convert the DC current produced to alternating current (AC). This alternating current (AC) can then be used to power electronics locally and the excess produced can then be sent to the grid station through the help of wires and meters to be used elsewhere in the locality. The solar panel consists of many solar cells with semiconductor properties encapsulated within a material to protect it from the environment. These properties enable the cell to capture more light. On either side of the semiconductor is a layer of conducting material which collects the electricity produced. The solar panels consist of a coating that has the properties of anti-reflection to minimize the losses due to reflection. Second of all, we will now be discussing about the wind energy which is also a very

important method to produce renewable energy into the form of electrical energy. The wind energy is produced by wind turbines. The terms 'wind energy' and 'wind power' both describe the process by which wind is used to generate mechanical power. This mechanical power can then be converted using generators into electrical power. A wind turbine turns wind energy into electricity using the aerodynamic force from the rotor blades which work like an airplane wing, decreasing the pressure across the blades. As the blades of a turbine turn, it also spins a generator which therefore creates electricity. The wind turbine produces an ample amount of sound pollution to the environment. Therefore, wind turbines are often placed further away from cities towards the coastal areas in order to generate electricity. Wind turbines electricity production can vary depending on the size and location of the placement; usually they produce around 8 MegaWatts depending on their placement.

Keeping in mind, from our perspective the best renewable energy is from solar panels instead of wind turbines because solar panels do not cause any harm to the environment at all. Whereas, wind turbines cause noise pollution to the environment and are not easy to install near the cities.

In-depth explanation of Solar Panel System (SPS):

The earth intercepts a lot of solar power of around 173×10^{15} watts. That is ten thousand times more power than the planet's population usage. So is it possible that one day the world will be completely reliant on solar energy? To answer this question we first need to examine how solar panels convert solar energy to electrical energy.

Solar panels are made up of smaller units called solar cells. Most solar panels are finished from a semi-conductor that is the second most abundant element on Earth. In a solar cell, crystalline silicon is sandwiched between conductive layers. Each silicon atom is connected to its neighbours by four strong bonds, which keep the electrons in place so no current can flow. A silicon solar cell uses two different layers of silicon; n-type silicon has extra electrons and p-type silicon has extra spaces for electrons called holes where two types of silicon meet. The electrons wander across the P & N junction leaving a positive charge on each one side and creating a negative charge on the other. Light can be considered as the flow of tiny particles called photons shooting out from the Sun. When one of these photons strikes the silicon cell with enough energy it can knock an electron from its bond leaving a hole. The negatively charged electron and location of the positively charged hole are now free to move around but because of the electric field at the P/N junction they will only go one way. The electrons are drawn to the n-side while the hole is drawn to the p-side. The mobile electrons are then collected by the metal fingers at the top of the cell. From there, they flow through an external circuit doing electrical work like powering a lightbulb before returning through the conductive aluminium sheet on the back. Each silicon cell only puts out half a volt but you can string them together in modules to get more power. Approximately twelve photovoltaic cells are enough to charge a cellphone while it takes many modules to power an entire house. Electrons are the only moving part in a solar cell so that makes it really reliable energy source because there is almost no wear and tear.

Advantages of solar panels:

The sun is a strong energy source, and while we can only gather a fraction of it, harnessing this power by installing solar panels may have a big impact on the environment. While it was widely criticised for being expensive and inefficient, solar energy has proved to be beneficial to both environment and private economy. Some of its advantages are listed below;

1. It reduces electricity bills,
2. Low maintenance costs – Solar energy generally does not require a lot of maintenance. The only possible maintenance it requires is cleaning.
3. Highly reliable/Low wear and tear; some solar companies provide 20-25 years warranty on their panels but due to the inverter having a 10 year life, they need to be changed within 10 years.
4. Technology Development; the solar power industry has been consistent in advancing and improving using nanotechnology that increases the effectiveness of solar output.

Disadvantages of solar panels:

With pros there are always cons with anything that is made in the world. Therefore, this technology has more advantages compared to disadvantages. We gathered some disadvantages below for better understanding:

1. Weather dependant: In cloudy and rainy regions the system does not perform that well. This technology is dependent on mostly sunlight but this does not stop it from producing electricity. Electricity is still produced during cloudy and rainy seasons but compared to sunny days it is less.
2. High installation cost: The panels themselves do not cost a lot but to install the inverter and batteries it is a little costly. Solar energy is supposed to be used right away or it can send its output to be stored in large batteries. Some countries have allowed house owners to send their electricity output towards the off-grid station in their area to provide electricity to other homes instead of

them purchasing expensive batteries to store the energy.

3. Uses space: The more electricity output one requires could lead to using more area for placement. This theory depends individually.

CHAPTER II

Literature Review

Abstract:

Only 48 countries out of 154 enacted the renewable energy assistance policies by 2005. By 2017, 128 countries enacted towards these policies. The policies were critical in assisting countries in making the transition from conventional to renewable energy by removing impediments to renewable energy production. This paper reviews the studies which outlined the policies used by different governments to support development renewable energy which included tax incentives, loans, feed-in tariff and renewable portfolio standard. The study looked at the effects of renewable energy on economic growth, jobs, welfare, emissions, power cost, fuel imports and lastly CO₂ emissions amongst all. The methodological approaches along with the time periods in all nations were studied using a variety of approaches.

Analytical Framework and Related Literature

Understanding how PV systems are developed, manufactured, sold, and managed throughout their lifetimes demands a value chain view. The concept of a value chain was coined by Michael Porter as a means of breaking down the activities of the firm into strategically relevant stages, processes, and relationships related to a product or service during the process of delivering “value” for a customer. Such activities involve product manufacturing, product delivery to consumers, and product disposal and/or reprocessing after use. Although initially developed to help understand the value creation process at the firm level, the value chain concept is now also used as a tool for understanding value creation in industries and countries. At the industry level, a value chain analysis provides a comprehensive view of an industry, thereby supporting strategic and technology planning for incumbents and new entrants, as well as policy making at a higher level. The accelerated transition to a CE requires research on all relevant aspects of the value chain. In the literature,

terms such as “circular value chain,” “circular supply chain,” “supply chain management in a circular economy,” or “closed-loop supply chain” are sometimes used interchangeably. Different from the traditional linear value chain explained above, we define the value chain concept in this article as the myriad of activities involved both in the supply and the take-back chain of the PV industry. Our base definition therefore covers “all stages of the life cycle from idea/concept, raw material sourcing, production, distribution, and end customer use to the point where the product returns to a biological or technical cycle, thus closing the loop”. A value chain perspective has therefore been chosen as means to identify hotspots for value creation at different stages of the PV lifecycle. Despite the holistic view proposed in this article, most of the published systematic literature reviews linked to solar PV have showed a technical focus, covering topics such as: advances in solar cell research and testing, energy losses and degradation of PV modules, forecasting of solar photovoltaic radiation and electricity generation, digital technologies for PV monitoring, and leaching of metals from EOL PV waste. Other review articles have been more market-oriented, highlighting the need for government interventions in supporting PV diffusion; the factors influencing residential households’ adoption of PV systems; and descriptions of the current PV market, its associated costs, and available technologies. Finally, a growing stream of literature focusing on the management of EOL PV modules has also emerged. For instance, suggests that monitoring and reporting systems at the national and regional level can support the identification and management of current and future streams of PV waste. The authors also stress the need for reverse logistics between geographically close nodes and recycling centers. Furthermore, while analyzing the drivers, barriers, and enablers for the EOL management of PV and battery energy storage systems, suggests that besides technology-related research, socio-economic research is also necessary to boost successful EOL implementation. Different from other review publications, the contribution of this article lies not only in showcasing the current barriers that impede PV and LIB reuse and recycling, and the overall achievement of

industry circularity, but also in unveiling untapped opportunities for different stakeholders along the PV value chain.

CHAPTER III

‘The Methodology’

The Research:

In this research we used the longitude and latitudes of the Mediterranean countries to determine what country will be the most suitable for the placement of solar energy. We have explained all the necessary information above in the chapters regarding the Mediterranean countries and the relevant information of the solar energies. We collected the monthly data analysis from January 2005 to December 2016 for the following:

- Irradiation on horizontal plane,
- Irradiation on optimally inclined plane,
- Irradiation on a plane always normal to sun rays,
- Average temperature.

We then made the solar radiation by month graph to air-temperature graph to determine which country would be more suitable for the placement of renewable energy. Three cities will be taken as an example to explain the process done in this paper.

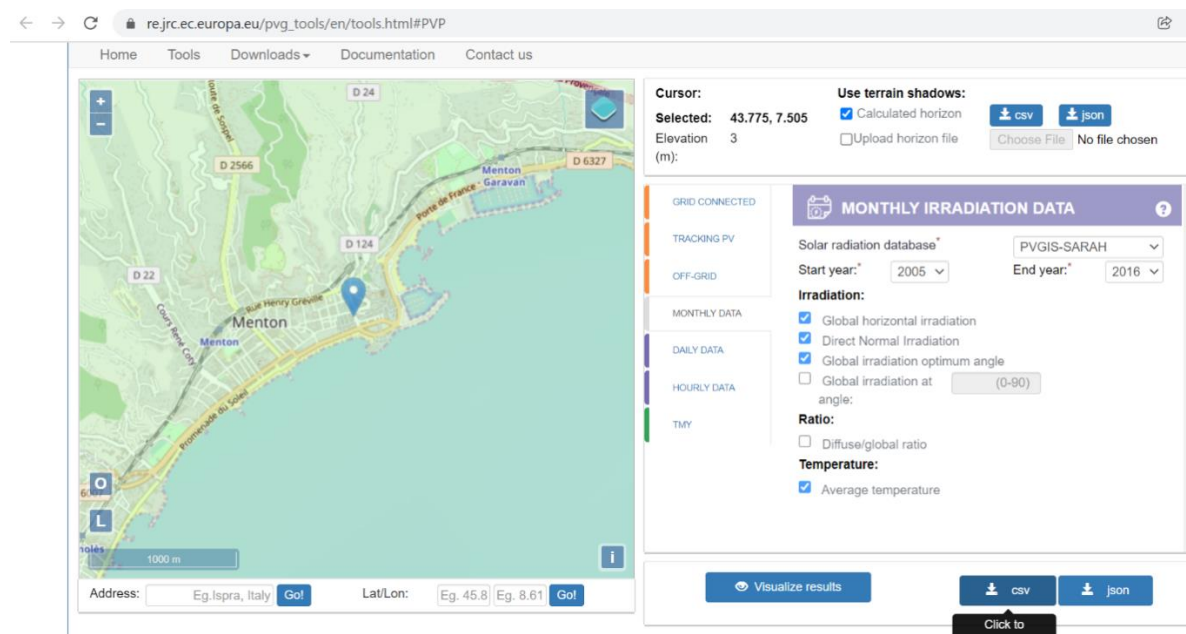


Figure 4: Menton PVGIS website data screenshot.

Monthlydata_43.775_7.505_SA_2005_2016 - Excel

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From Access From Web From Text From Other Sources Existing Connections New Query Recent Sources Show Queries From Table Refresh All Connections Properties Edit Links Sort Filter Clear Reapply Advanced Sort & Filter

A1 Latitude

year	month	H(h)_m	H(i_opt)_m	Hb(n)_m	T2m
2005	Jan	64.84	133.08	136.07	11.2
2005	Feb	76.25	124.6	115.5	8.9
2005	Mar	125.13	166.52	144.33	12
2005	Apr	145.04	159.3	138.45	13.8
2005	May	202.33	200.5	184.41	18.5
2005	Jun	219.12	205.55	216.8	22.3
2005	Jul	223.32	213.83	235.88	23.4
2005	Aug	196.41	210.3	210.41	23.3
2005	Sep	126.73	153.45	128.67	21.2
2005	Oct	90.98	132.02	111.97	18
2005	Nov	60.65	109.94	101.13	14.3
2005	Dec	48.46	105.78	108.35	10.6
2006	Jan	56.94	114.33	113.52	10.2
2006	Feb	75.37	119.84	105.51	10.9
2006	Mar	116.37	151.6	123.93	12.1
2006	Apr	162.42	181.64	164.56	14.9
2006	May	199.39	196.82	182.8	18.1
2006	Jun	204.86	191.53	186.08	20.9
2006	Jul	222.13	214.45	225.56	26.3
2006	Aug	194.25	207.26	206.19	22.4
2006	Sep	126.26	153.45	128.18	21.4
2006	Oct	102.98	155.22	146.56	19.4
2006	Nov	68.08	125.9	119.5	16.2
2006	Dec	50.93	109.67	111.05	13.5
2007	Jan	55.86	104.21	95.27	12.5
2007	Feb	73.08	116.25	104.18	12.6
2007	Mar	125.72	165.22	144.51	12.9
2007	Apr	165.14	183.1	175.82	16.2
2007	May	200.15	197.19	195.18	18.6
2007	Jun	209.37	195.72	196.24	20.5
2007	Jul	243.36	233.67	268.94	22.7
2007	Aug	197.09	209.85	210.49	22.7

Monthlydata_43.775_7.505_SA_200

Figure 5: Menton PVGIS excel data.

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Cursor: Selected: 13.941, 44.910 Elevation: 2170 (m)

Use terrain shadows: Calculated horizon Upload horizon file

MONTHLY IRRADIATION DATA

Solar radiation database*: PVGIS-SARAH

Start year*: 2005 End year*: 2005

IRRADIATION: Global horizontal irradiation Direct Normal Irradiation Global irradiation optimum angle Global irradiation at angle: (0-90)

RATIO: Diffuse/global ratio

TEMPERATURE: Average temperature

Address: Eg. Ispra, Italy Go! Lat/Lon: Eg. 45.8, Eg. 8.61 Go!

Visualize results CSV JSON

Figure 6: Arish PVGIS website data screenshot.

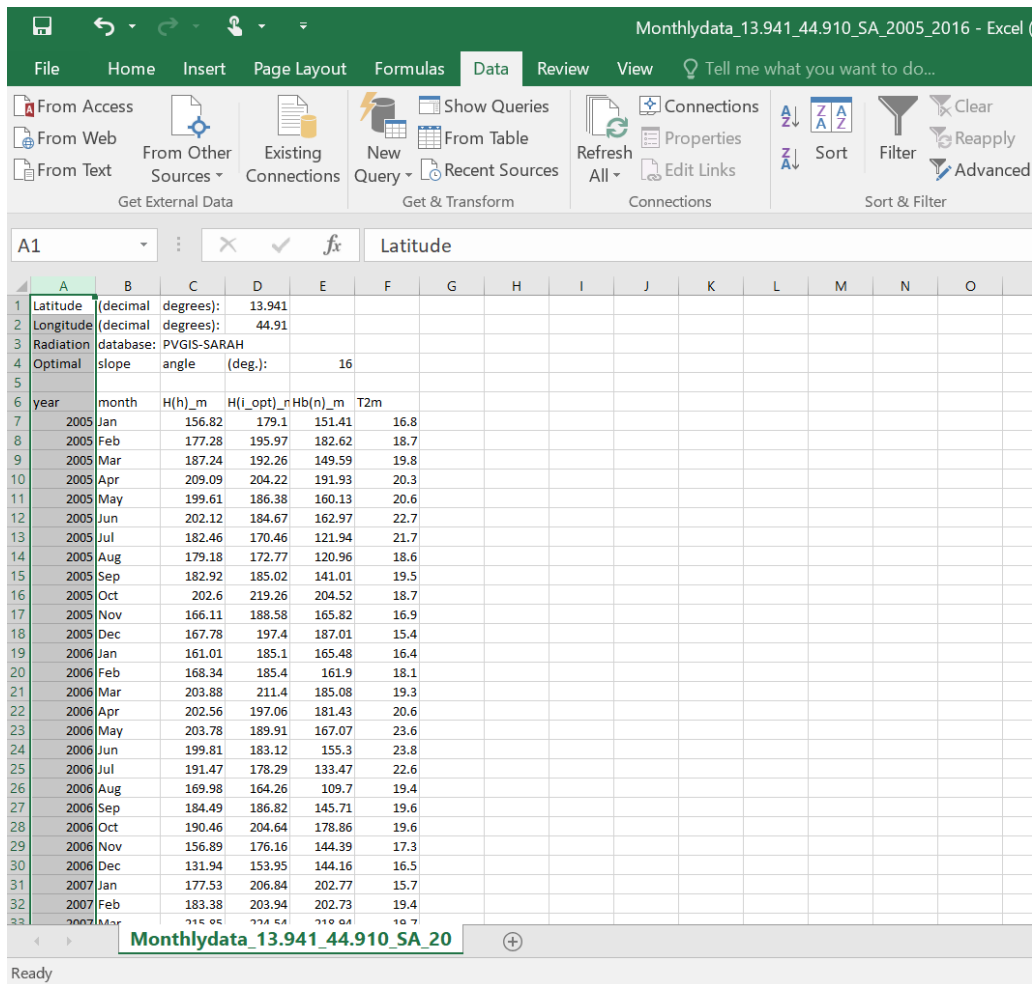
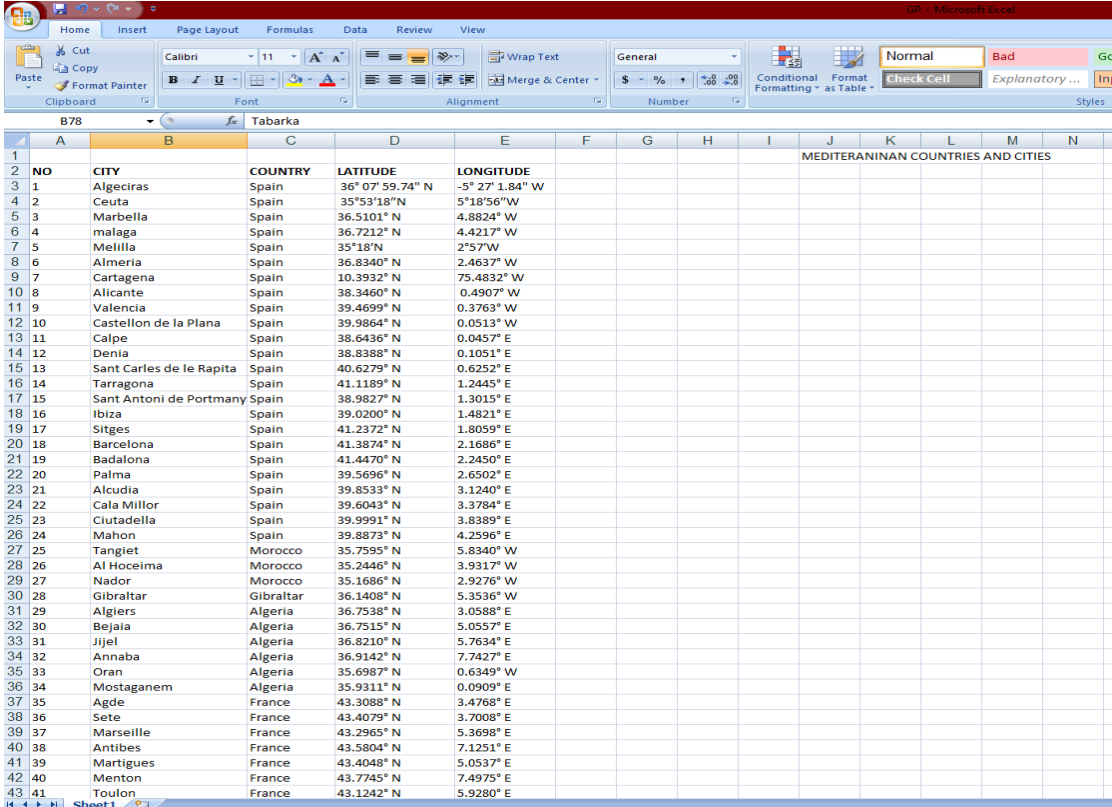


Figure 7: Arish monthly excel data.

Procedure:

To explain further, each step of the research will be analysed down below:

Step 1: In this step, we collected all the cities that lie near the Mediterranean Sea in one excel file. After that we collected the longitude and latitude from 2005 to 2016 using Wikipedia.



The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following data:

NO	CITY	COUNTRY	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
1	Algeciras	Spain	36° 07' 59.74" N	-5° 27' 1.84" W
2	Ceuta	Spain	35°53'18"N	5°18'56"W
3	Marbella	Spain	36.5101° N	4.8824° W
4	malaga	Spain	36.7212° N	4.4217° W
5	Melilla	Spain	35°18'N	2°57'W
6	Almeria	Spain	36.8340° N	2.4637° W
7	Cartagena	Spain	10.3932° N	75.4832° W
8	Alicante	Spain	38.3460° N	0.4907° W
9	Valencia	Spain	39.4699° N	0.3763° W
10	Castellon de la Plana	Spain	39.9864° N	0.0513° W
11	Calpe	Spain	38.6436° N	0.0457° E
12	Denia	Spain	38.8388° N	0.1051° E
13	Sant Carles de le Rapita	Spain	40.6279° N	0.6252° E
14	Tarragona	Spain	41.1189° N	1.2445° E
15	Sant Antoni de Portmany	Spain	38.9827° N	1.3015° E
16	Ibiza	Spain	39.0200° N	1.4821° E
17	Sitges	Spain	41.2372° N	1.8059° E
18	Barcelona	Spain	41.3874° N	2.1686° E
19	Badalona	Spain	41.4470° N	2.2450° E
20	Palma	Spain	39.5696° N	2.6502° E
21	Alcudia	Spain	39.8533° N	3.1240° E
22	Cala Millor	Spain	39.6043° N	3.3784° E
23	Ciutadella	Spain	39.9991° N	3.8389° E
24	Mahon	Spain	39.8873° N	4.2596° E
25	Tangiet	Morocco	35.7595° N	5.8340° W
26	Al Hoceima	Morocco	35.2446° N	3.9317° W
27	Nador	Morocco	35.1686° N	2.9276° W
28	Gibraltar	Gibraltar	36.1408° N	5.3536° W
29	Algiers	Algeria	36.7538° N	3.0588° E
30	Bejaia	Algeria	36.7515° N	5.0557° E
31	Jijel	Algeria	36.8210° N	5.7634° E
32	Annaba	Algeria	36.9142° N	7.7427° E
33	Oran	Algeria	35.6987° N	0.6349° W
34	Mostaganem	Algeria	35.9311° N	0.0909° E
35	Agde	France	43.3088° N	3.4768° E
36	Sete	France	43.4079° N	3.7008° E
37	Marseille	France	43.2965° N	5.3698° E
38	Antibes	France	43.5804° N	7.1251° E
39	Martigues	France	43.4048° N	5.0537° E
40	Menton	France	43.7745° N	7.4975° E
41	Toulon	France	43.1242° N	5.9280° E

Figure 8: Excel file screenshot.

Step 2: We collected this data shown in figure 5 below using ‘JRC Photovoltaic Geographical Information System (PVGIS)’ website. We will be using three cities as an example to explain in detail below.

year	month	H(h)_m	H(i_opt)_Hb(n)_m	T2m
2005	Jan	106.34	181.2	192.5
2005	Feb	109.44	154.86	147.2
2005	Mar	137.9	160.52	128.06
2005	Apr	199.05	208.1	208.91
2005	May	216.47	204.92	207.08
2005	Jun	229.91	207.39	227.81
2005	Jul	246.11	227.86	246.14
2005	Aug	220.38	222.32	230.88
2005	Sep	179.27	207.03	198.74
2005	Oct	130.22	169.88	145.26
2005	Nov	94.37	144.08	133.34
2005	Dec	82.6	138.05	133.93
2006	Jan	86.84	139.08	135.92
2006	Feb	97.36	135.4	120.95
2006	Mar	165.44	201.16	185.71
2006	Apr	174.71	182.91	166.55
2006	May	169.82	161.63	127.19
2006	Jun	221.76	202.68	198.53
2006	Jul	238.87	222.16	229.83
2006	Aug	216.05	217.21	225.09
2006	Sep	175.97	202.97	192.34
2006	Oct	132.11	173.1	154.98
2006	Nov	91.62	140.18	128.61
2006	Dec	84.98	147.43	151.99
2007	Jan	102.21	172.77	182.23
2007	Feb	110.72	154.37	142.16
2007	Mar	171.21	209.8	199.92
2007	Apr	153.46	158.89	140.51
2007	May	229.61	217.27	228.77
2007	Jun	244.91	220.78	247.55
2007	Jul	245.7	227.92	241.5
2007	Aug	204.19	206.77	201.95
2007	Sep	159.01	181.62	162.68
2007	Oct	133.07	176.21	161.73
2007	Nnv	98.01	153.15	150.87

Figure 9: A screenshot of the city Al Hoceima data.

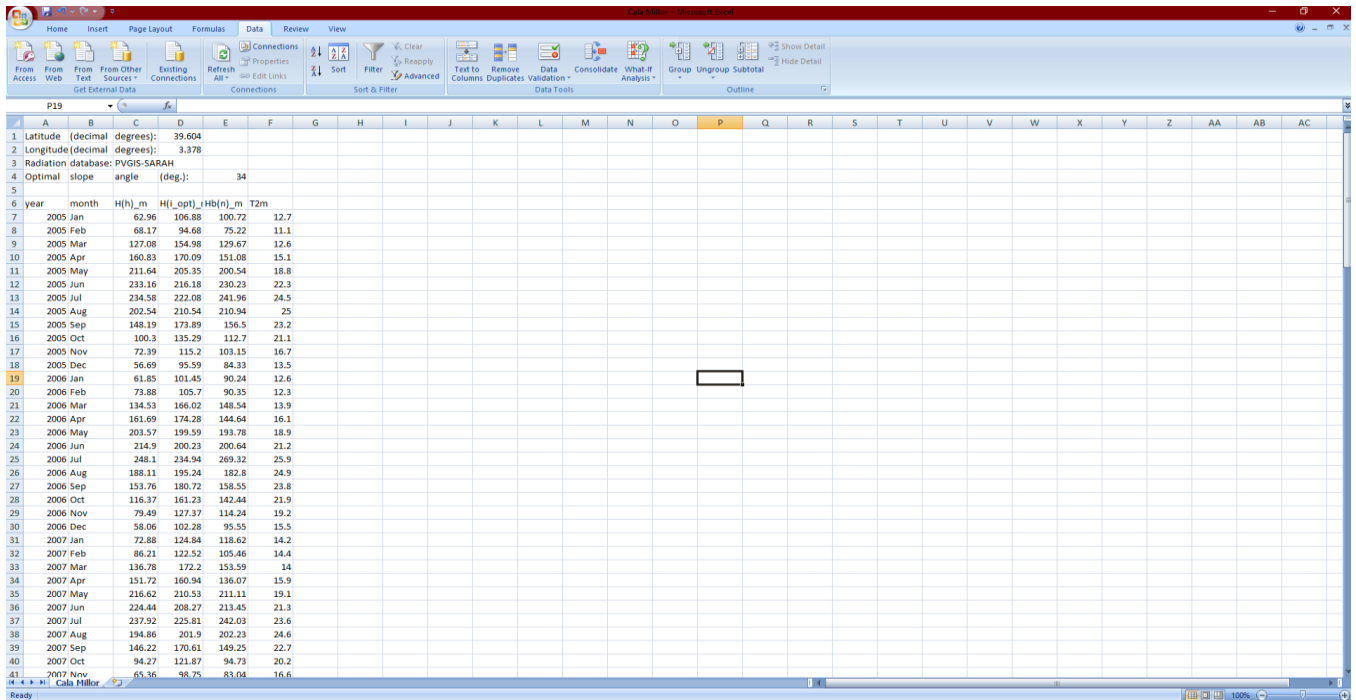


Figure 10: A screenshot of the city Cala Milor data.

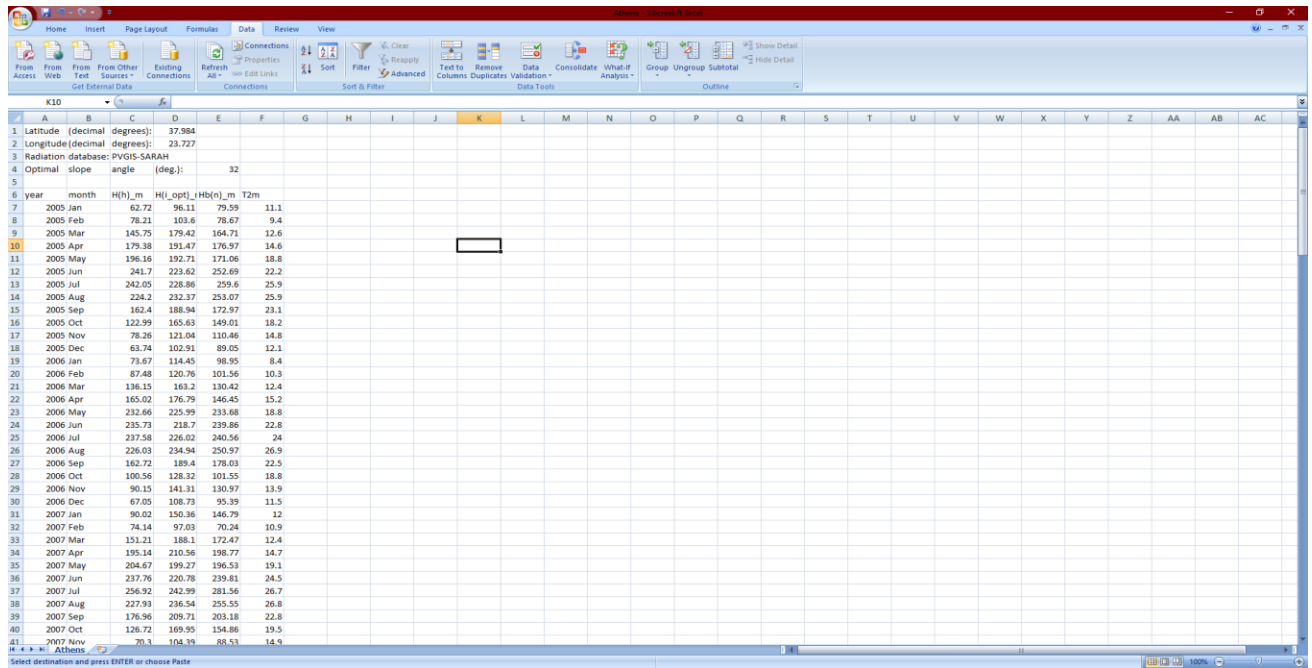


Figure 11: A screenshot of the city 'Athens' data.

Step 3: Using excel file we managed to calculate the ‘irradiation on horizontal plane’, ‘irradiation on optically inclined plane’, ‘irradiation on a plane always normal to sun rays’ and ‘average temperature’.

irradiation on horizontal plane																			
year	month	H(h)_m	H(i_opt)_m	H(b)_m	T2m	Jan	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
2005	Jan	106.34	181.2	192.5	10.1	Feb	106.34	86.84	102.21	97.58	89.55	81.6	89.66	103.21	96.48	89.63	100.32	90.24	94.47167
2005	Feb	109.44	154.86	147.2	10.6	Mar	137.9	165.44	171.21	173.73	144.64	130.22	139.93	141.94	138.48	162.41	163.59	169.73	153.2683
2005	Mar	137.9	160.52	128.06	15.6	Apr	199.05	174.71	153.46	198.62	198.45	167.66	177.86	187.93	163.4	184.51	152.1	184.98	178.5608
2005	Apr	199.05	208.1	208.91	16.7	May	216.47	169.82	229.61	193.27	225.98	227.57	185.74	227.22	215.43	225.22	219.73	209.95	212.1675
2005	May	216.47	204.92	207.08	21.4	Jun	229.91	221.76	244.91	240.63	230.7	237.99	231.34	236.21	238.71	224.45	229.4	240.01	233.835
2005	Jun	229.91	207.39	227.81	25.5	Jul	246.11	238.87	245.7	230.7	245.2	237.66	239.03	245.19	234.56	243.83	247.64	235.34	240.8192
2005	Jul	246.11	227.86	246.14	26	Aug	220.38	216.05	204.19	220.83	220.72	216.5	213.96	207.25	200.15	231.12	204.41	208.08	213.6367
2005	Aug	220.38	222.32	230.88	26.4	Sep	179.27	175.97	159.01	167.24	155.78	169.06	169.56	159.27	163.3	161.61	172.15	177.26	167.4567
2005	Sep	179.27	207.03	198.74	22.6	Oct	130.22	132.11	133.07	110.42	149.28	132.11	143.12	130.6	137.04	138	133.54	121.81	132.61
2005	Oct	130.22	169.88	145.26	20.2	Nov	94.37	91.62	98.01	88.92	105.09	96.61	91.03	82.94	99.14	82.75	105.56	86.31	93.52917
2005	Nov	94.37	144.08	133.34	14.7	Dec	82.6	84.98	91.86	83.33	79.79	76.34	94.53	90.08	84.72	91.69	95.45	68.95	85.36
2005	Dec	82.6	138.05	133.93	11.5														
irradiation on optimally inclined plane																			
year	month	H(h)_m	H(i_opt)_m	H(b)_m	T2m	Jan	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
2006	Jan	97.36	135.4	120.95	12.2	Jan	181.2	139.08	172.77	161.54	143.03	126.48	143.07	173.73	159.85	143.22	166.72	142.94	154.4692
2006	Feb	165.44	201.16	185.71	15.8	Feb	154.86	135.4	154.37	138.53	137.31	114.53	174.18	188.67	154.66	156.87	145.13	151.64	150.5125
2006	Mar	174.71	182.91	166.55	18.1	Mar	160.52	201.16	209.8	212.02	170.06	150.8	163.76	173.38	162.71	196.82	199.37	208.53	184.0775
2006	Apr	169.82	161.63	127.19	21.7	Apr	208.1	182.91	158.89	209.15	208.65	174.63	186	196.39	170.13	192.54	154.28	194.94	186.3842
2006	May	221.76	202.68	198.53	23.6	May	204.92	161.63	217.27	183.61	214.54	214.78	175.85	215.82	203.99	213.99	208.81	196.1	200.9425
2006	Jun	238.87	222.16	229.83	27.8	Jun	207.39	202.68	220.78	216.61	208.48	214.78	208.91	213.82	215.13	202.6	207.54	215.85	211.2142
2006	Jul	216.05	217.21	225.09	26.2	Jul	227.86	222.16	227.92	214.04	226.95	221.17	221.21	227.34	217.66	226.12	229.73	216.7	223.23
2006	Aug	175.97	202.97	192.34	24.2	Aug	222.32	217.21	206.77	222.38	222.93	219.25	216.59	209.73	201.13	233.53	206.34	208.61	215.5658
2006	Sep	132.11	173.1	154.98	22.2	Sep	207.03	202.97	181.62	190.37	177.05	192.26	192.99	180.22	186.78	181.93	197.33	205.81	191.3633
2006	Oct	91.62	140.18	128.61	17.9	Oct	169.88	173.1	176.21	141.98	202.17	175.37	193.16	170.16	181.83	185.76	175.71	157.57	175.2117
2006	Nov	84.58	147.43	151.99	11.5	Nov	144.08	140.18	153.15	136.82	165	147.16	137.68	123.9	154.24	122.11	168.7	128.65	143.4725
2006	Dec	102.21	172.77	182.23	12.2	Dec	138.05	147.43	160.55	141.38	134.4	122.04	166.45	156.47	144.46	160.38	167.28	109.78	145.7225
2007	Jan	110.72	154.37	142.16	14.9														
irradiation on a plane always normal to sun rays																			
year	month	H(h)_m	H(i_opt)_m	H(b)_m	T2m	Jan	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Average
2007	Jan	153.46	158.89	140.51	15	Jan	192.5	135.92	182.23	166.34	138.34	116.53	136.56	183.51	164.18	138.63	171.7	126.68	154.4267
2007	Feb	229.61	217.27	228.77	19.3	Feb	147.2	120.95	142.16	120.74	122.43	88.79	173.8	191.89	145.39	150.02	138.11	138.71	140.0158
2007	Mar	244.91	220.78	247.55	22.5	Mar	128.06	185.71	199.92	200.45	139.07	115.18	137.27	154.9	130.62	181.86	183.02	202.64	163.225
2007	Apr	245.7	227.92	241.5	26.9	Apr	208.91	166.55	140.51	205.32	210.74	146.75	167.66	193.04	153.73	187.71	123.52	190.86	174.6083
2007	May	204.19	206.77	201.95	26.2	May	207.08	127.19	228.77	156.83	219.75	221	151.6	215.56	202.13	219.12	215.17	210.47	197.8892
2007	Jun	159.01	181.62	162.68	23.7	Jun	227.81	198.53	247.55	245.75	223.74	232.65	222.92	227.85	242	216.04	219.67	247.9	229.3675
2007	Jul	133.07	176.21	161.73	19.9	Jul	246.14	229.83	241.5	220.65	242.94	229.75	235.52	242.86	226.98	239.93	248.67	240.02	237.0658
2007	Aug	98.01	153.15	150.87	16.3	Aug	230.88	225.09	201.95	232.43	233.36	223.93	216.89	203.65	195.47	253.27	191.28	216.26	187.705
2007	Sep	91.86	160.55	167.3	11.8	Sep	198.74	192.34	162.68	172.06	157.85	174.28	182.5	163.73	171.41	161.06	183.14	206	177.1492
2008	Jan	97.58	161.54	166.34	12.9	Oct	145.26	154.98	161.73	122.08	197.94	161.2	187.68	150.54	167.67	172.26	156.29	135.74	159.4475
2008	Feb	100.88	138.53	120.74	15.5	Nov	133.34	128.61	150.87	130.2	161.33	137.69	126.23	108.84	149.15	107.51	169.54	115.82	134.9317

Figure 12: A screenshot defining the irradiation data. ‘Al Hoceima’ city.

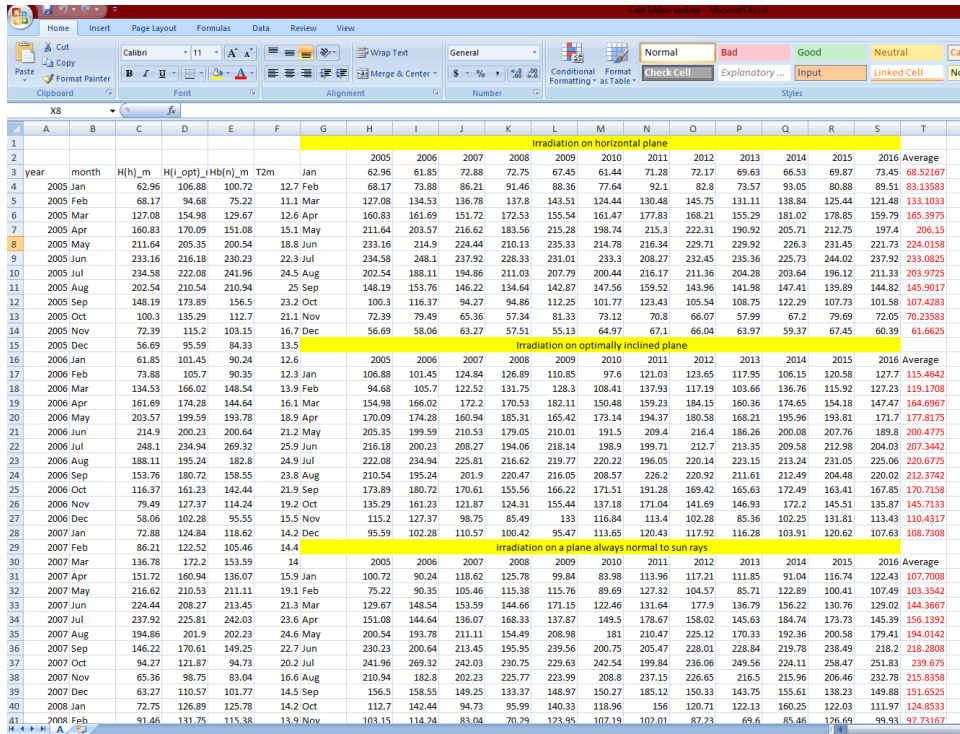


Figure 13: A screenshot defining the irradiation data. 'Athens' city.

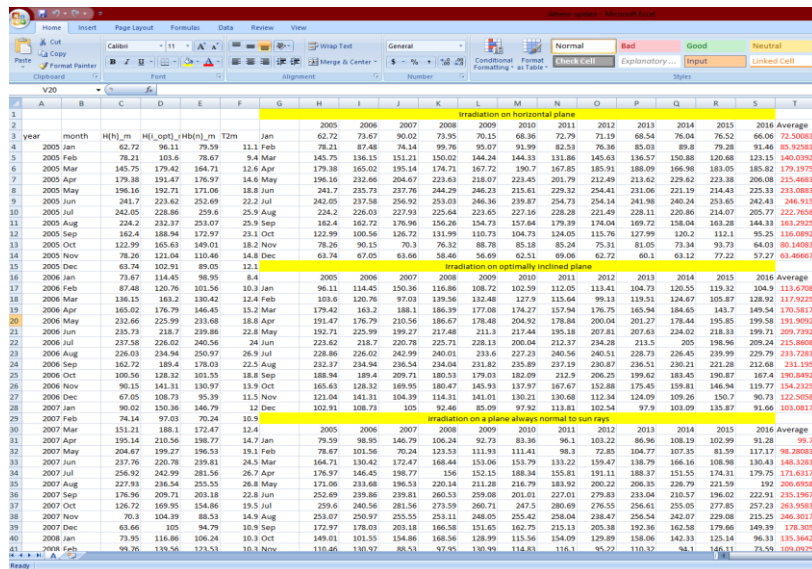


Figure 14: A screenshot defining the irradiation data. 'Cala Milor' city.

Step 4: We used the data we showed in the last step to analysis the graph. The graph shows us the four data; ‘Irradiation on horizontal plane’, ‘irradiation on optically inclined plane’, ‘irradiation on a plane always normal to sun rays’ and ‘average temperature’.

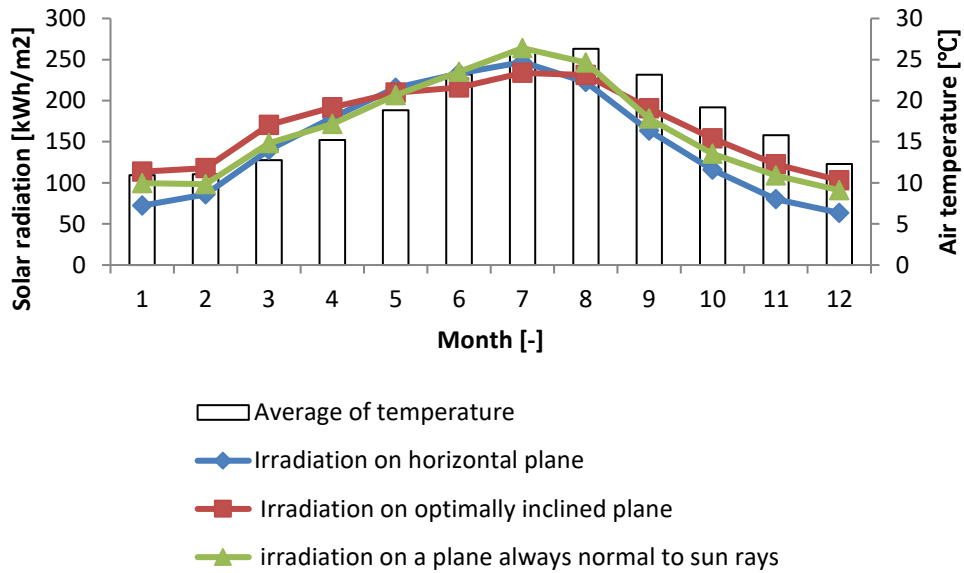


Figure 15: The data graph from the city ‘Athens’.

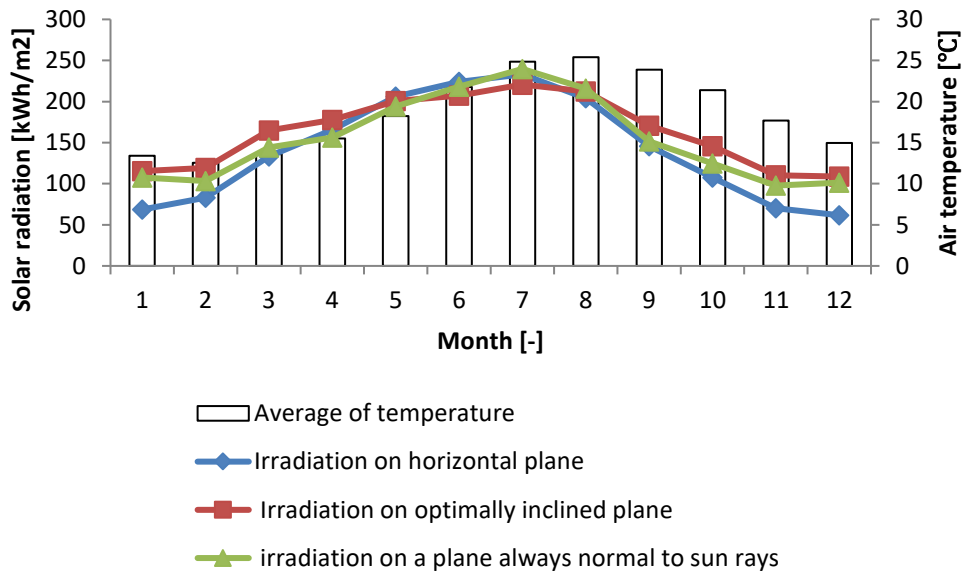


Figure 16: The data graph from the city ‘Cala Milor’.

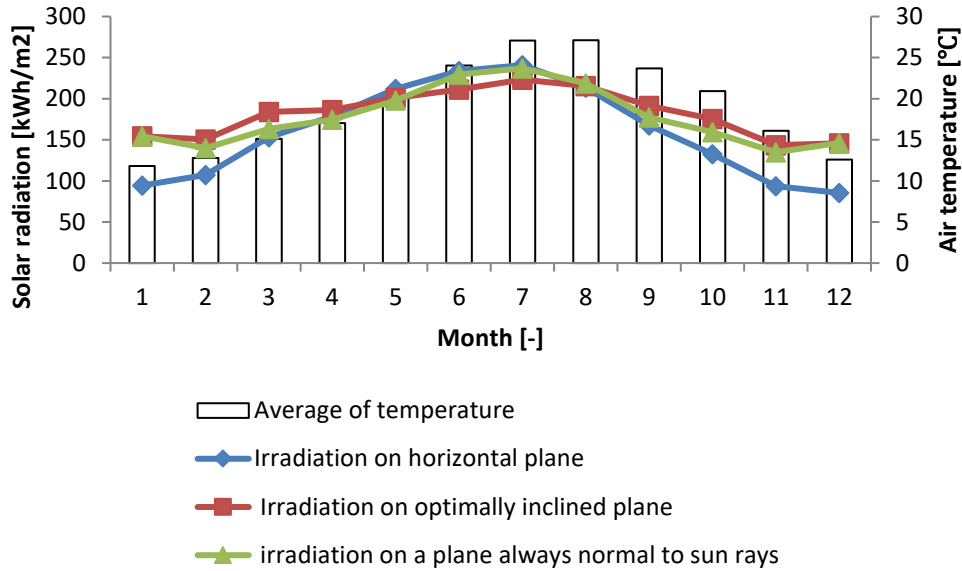


Figure 17: The data graph from the city ‘Al Hoceima’.

Step 5: In this step, we combined the data for all the cities in four excel sheets to get the maximum and minimum value for ‘average temperature’, ‘irradiation on a horizontal plane’, ‘irradiation on optimally inclined plane’, and ‘irradiation on a plane always normal to sun rays’.

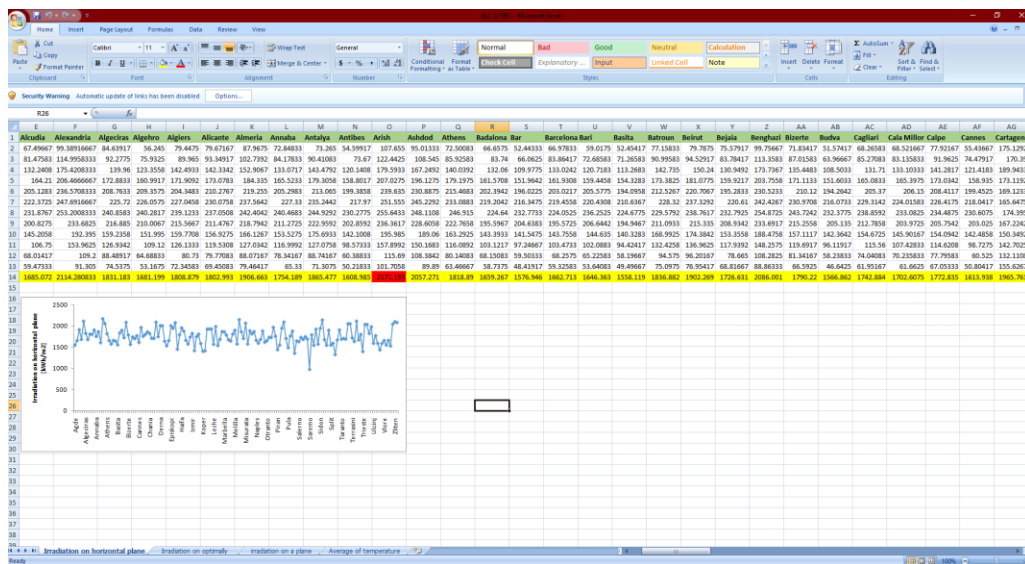


Figure 18: The combined data for maximum and minimum average.

CHAPTER IV

Results

The results we got for ‘irradiation on a horizontal plane’ were as follows; Saremo with the minimum value of 981 kWh/m² and Arish with the maximum value of 2171 kWh/m² shown in figure 19. For ‘irradiation on optimally inclined plane’ the results were also the same cities with Saremo having the minimum value 1180 kWh/m² and Arish having the maximum value 2396 kWh/m² as shown in figure 20. For ‘irradiation of a plane always normal to the sun rays’ we found the same cities; Arish with the maximum value 2345 kWh/m² and Saremo having the minimum value 1032 kWh/m² as shown in figure 21. The only different cities we got was in ‘average temperature’ which were Menton and Saremo. Menton having the maximum value 1817 kWh/m² and Saremo having the minimum value 93.68 kWh/m² as shown in figure 22.

IRRADIATION ON HORIZONTAL PLANE

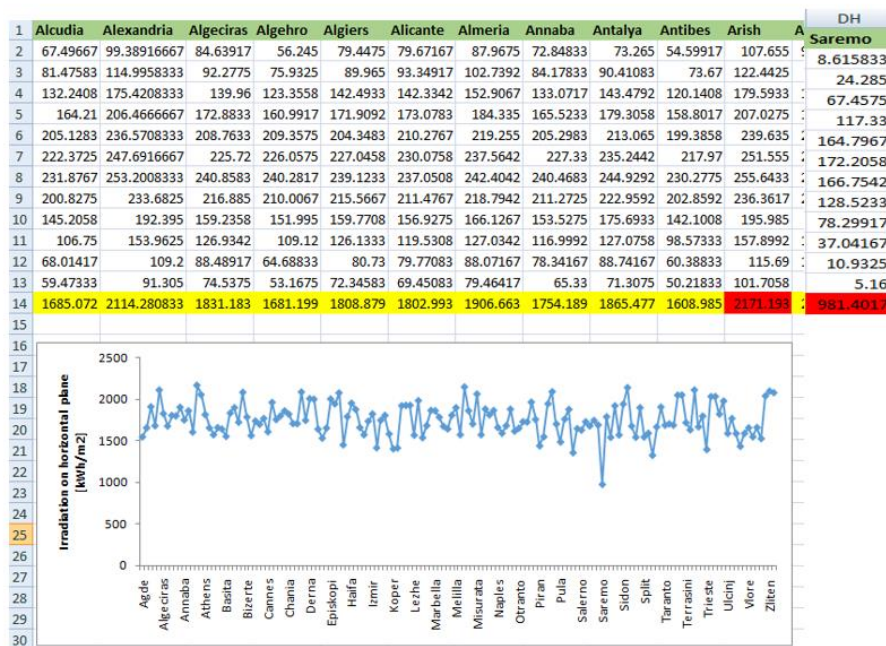


Figure 19: Results for Irradiation on horizontal plane.

IRRADIATION ON OPTIMALLY INCLINED PLANE

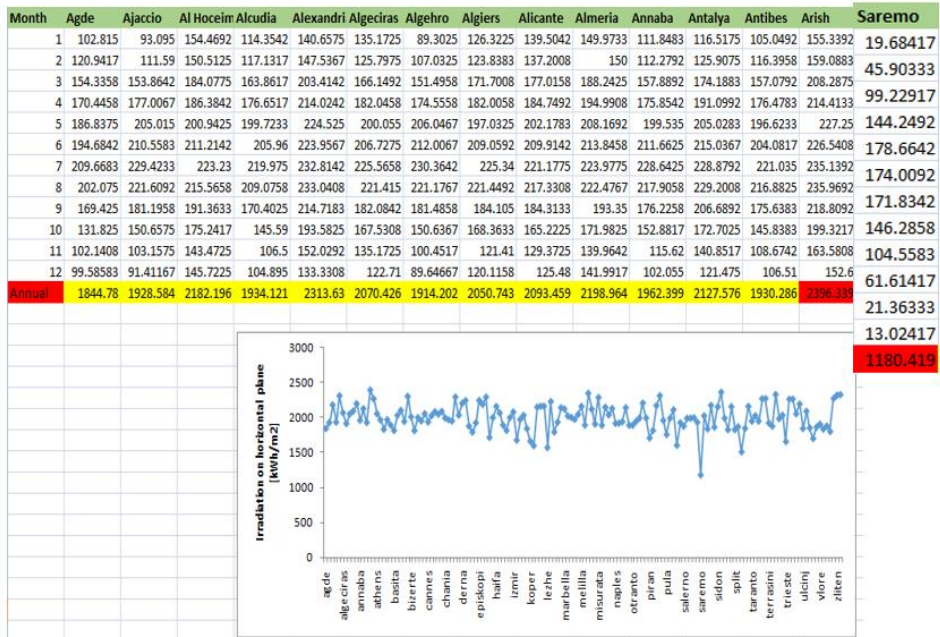


Figure 20: Results for irradiation on optimally inclined plane.

IRRADIATION ON A PLANE ALWAYS NORMAL TO THE SUN RAYS

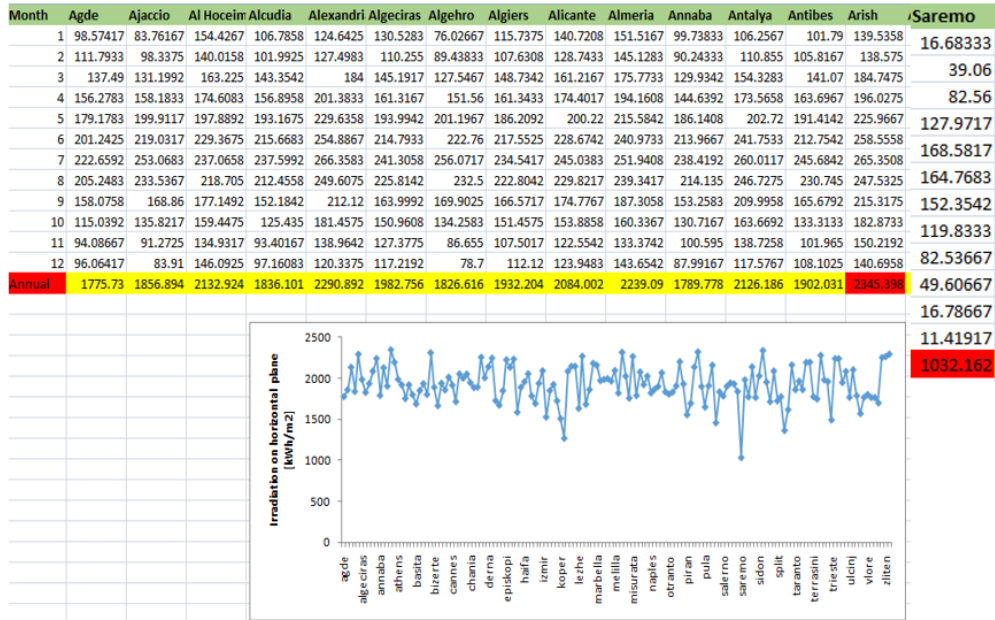


Figure 21: Results for irradiation on a plane always normal to the sun rays.

Menton
98.08
105.4825
131.6633
152.6692
180.015
202.9225
236.06
218.9875
155.9925
129.1683
99.50417
106.7108
1817.256

Saremo
-0.85833
-1.74167
-0.125
4.391667
9.891667
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17.91667
14.6
9.108333
5.641667
2.258333
93.68333

AVERAGE OF TEMPERATURE

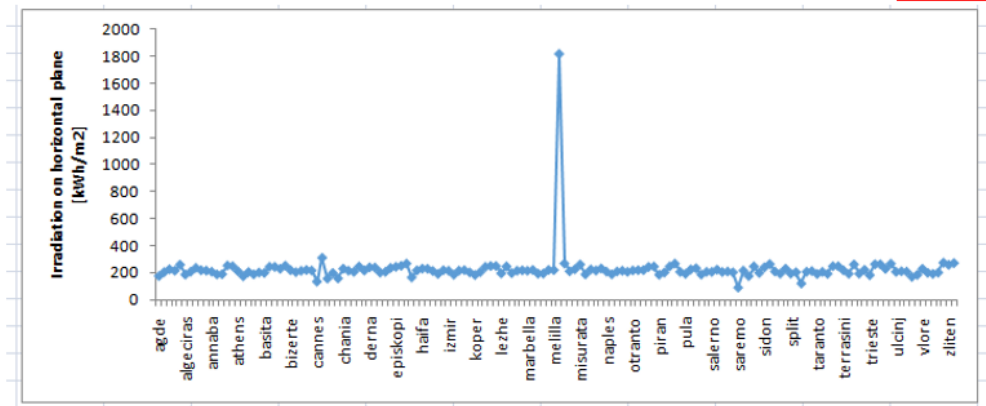


Figure 22: Results for average of temperature.

Below we have obtained the data results into graphs for every city that lies near the Mediterranean, representing the Solar radiation and air temperature on monthly basis. We also divided the cities by their directions below for better understanding.

South European coast, (West to East):

1. Spain

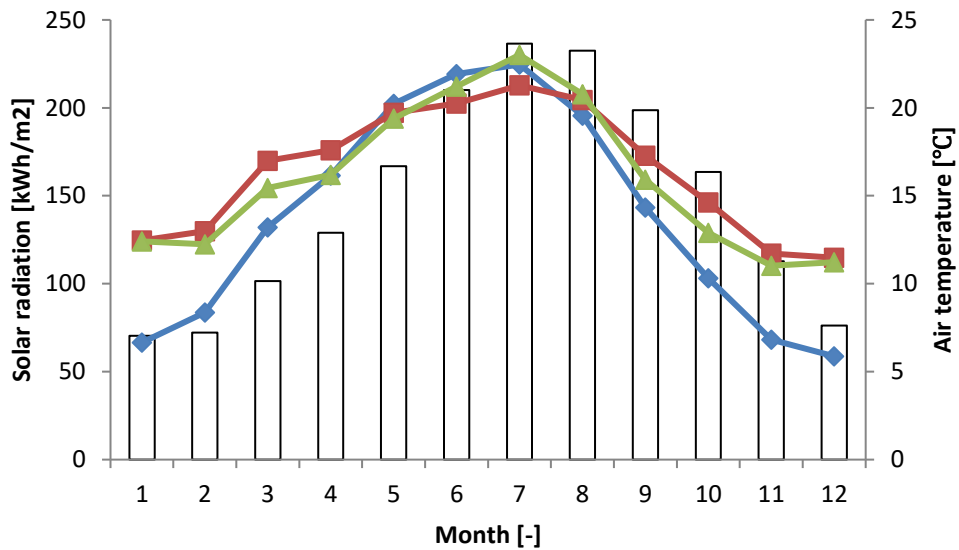


Figure 23 Badelona

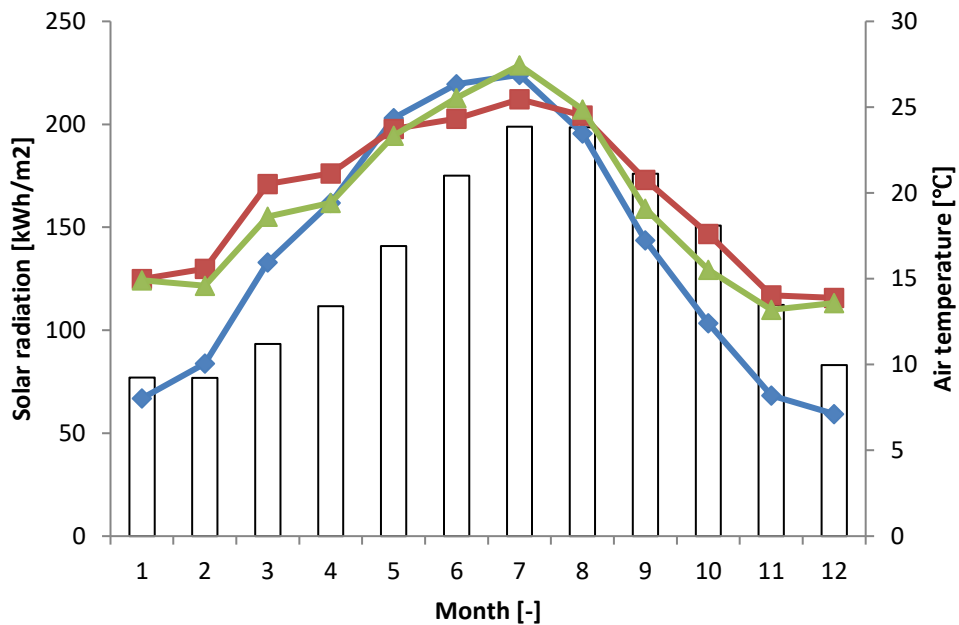


Figure24: Barcelona

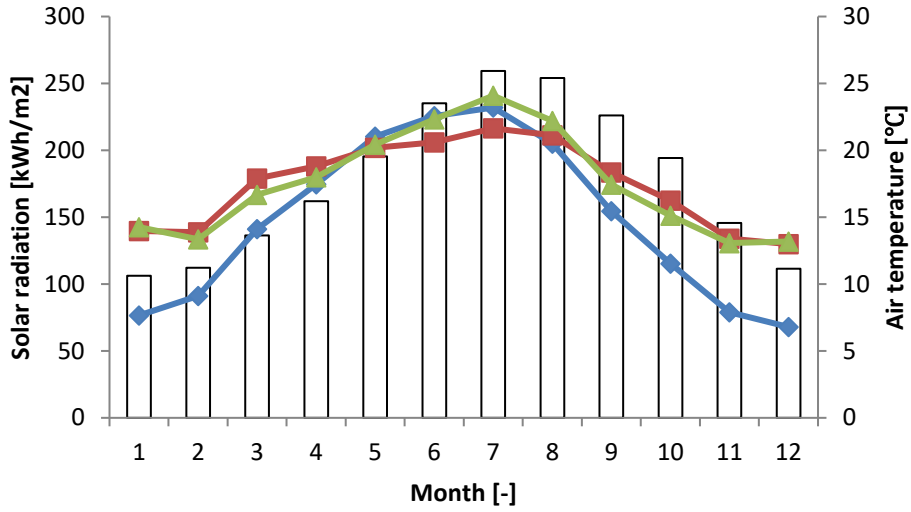


Figure25: Valencia

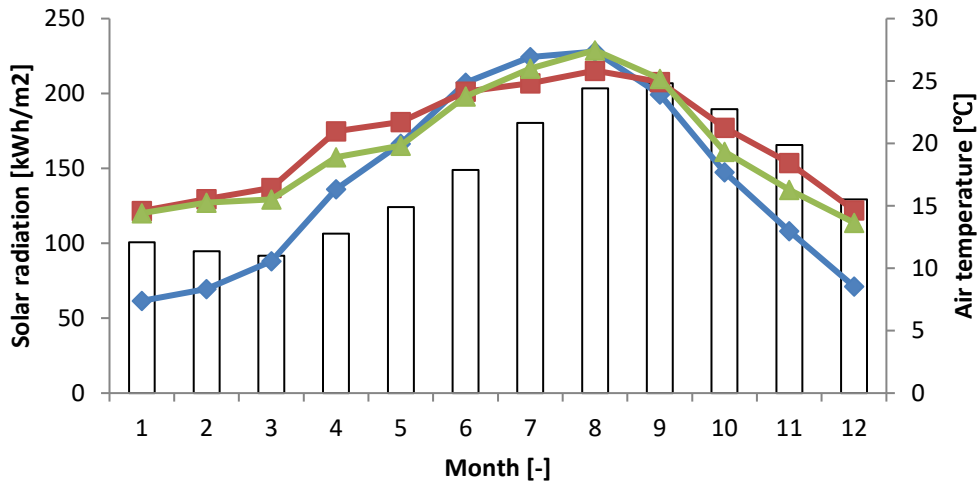


Figure 26: Tarragona

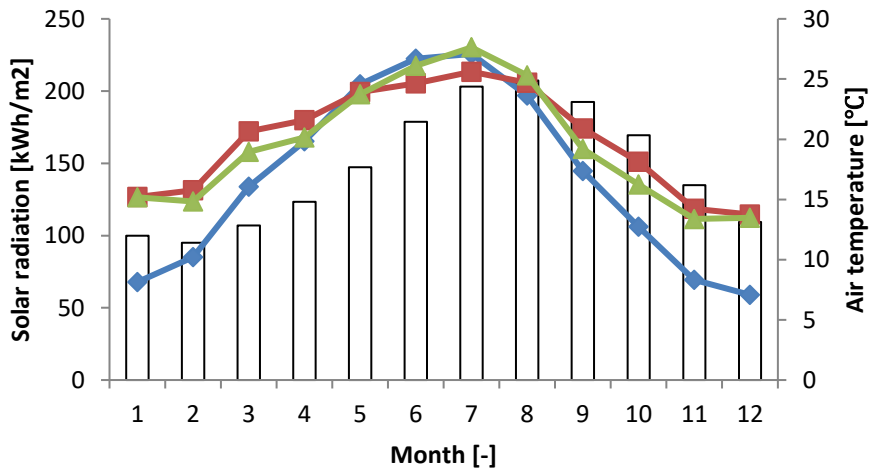


Figure 27: Sitges

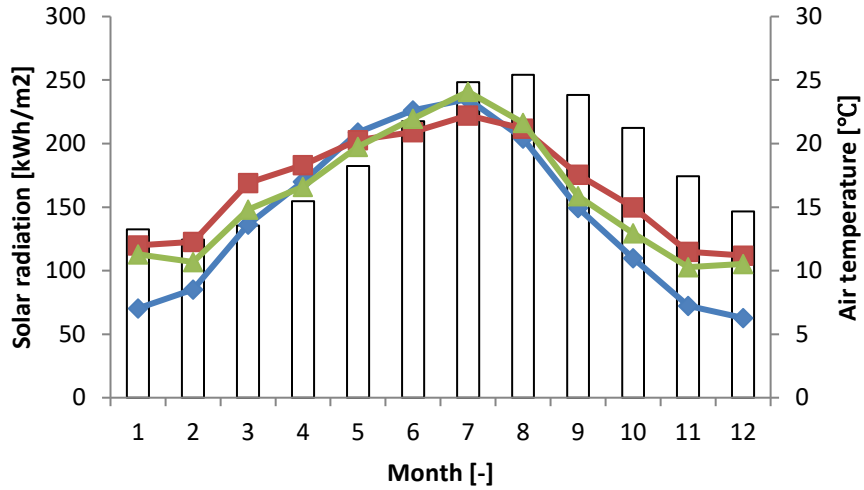


Figure 28: Palma

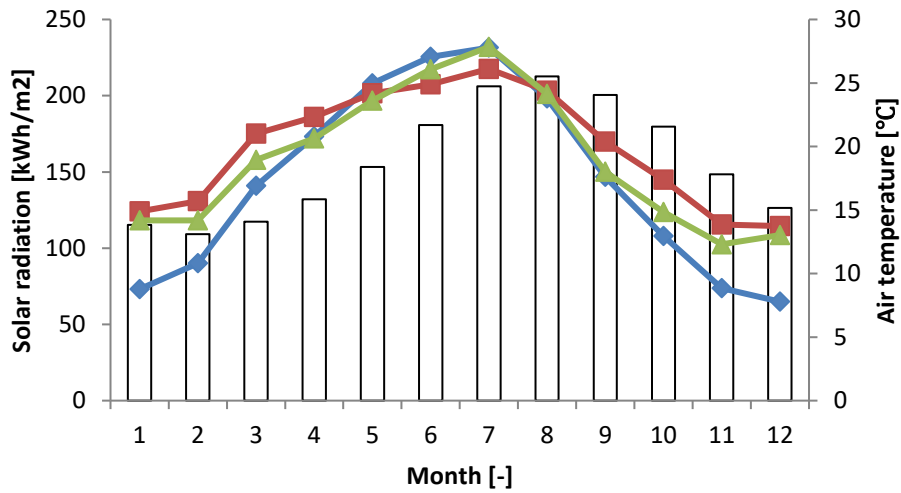


Figure 29: Sant Antonio De Portmary

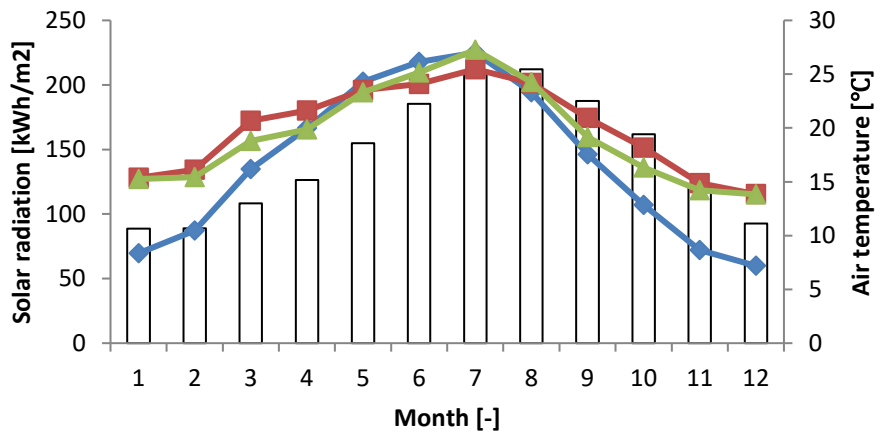


Figure 30: Sant Carles

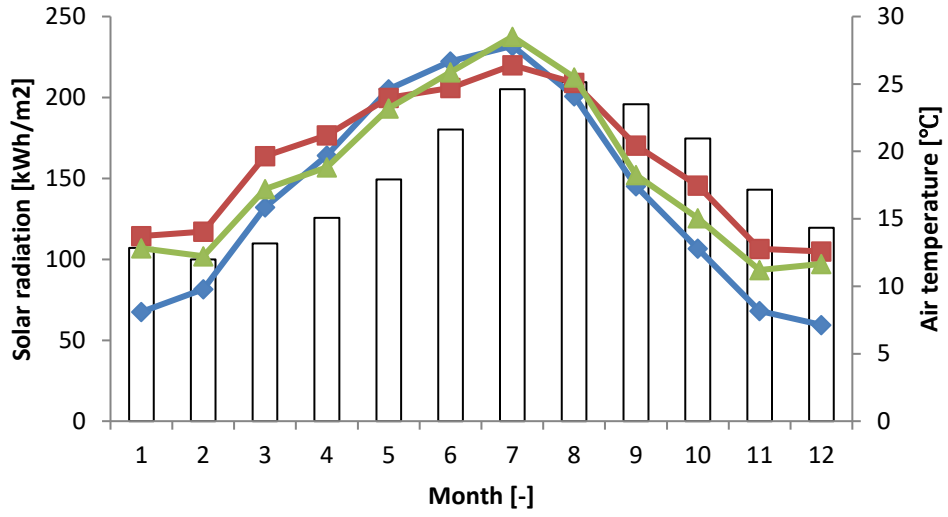


Figure 31: Alcudia

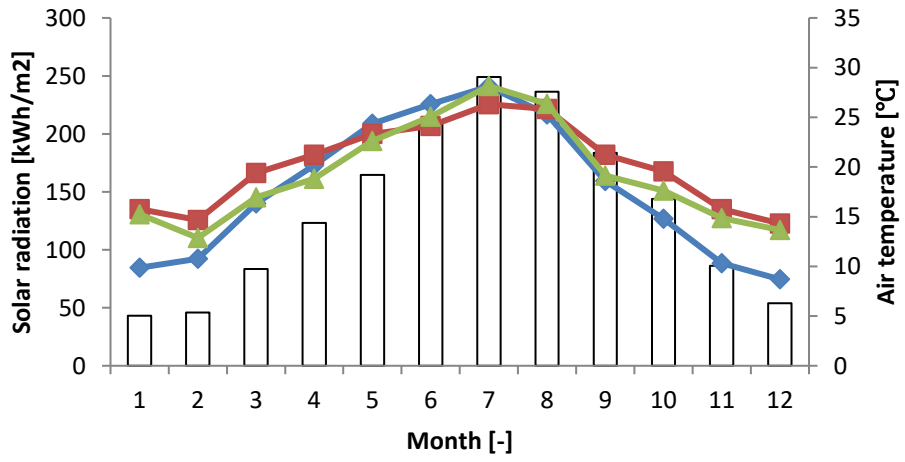


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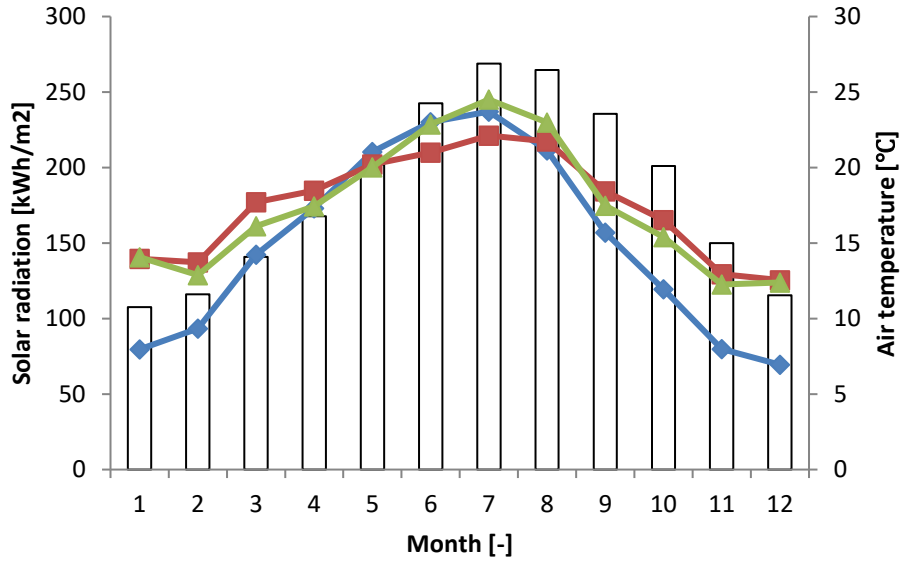


Figure 33: Alicante

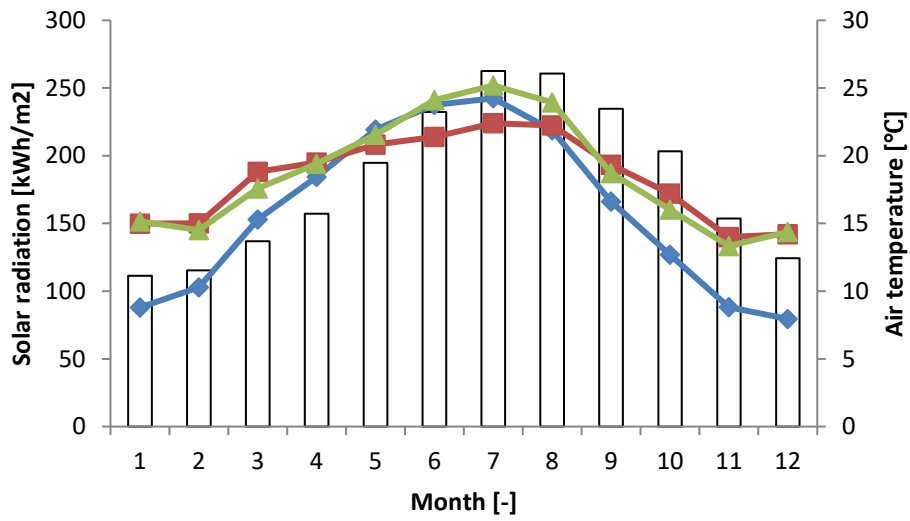


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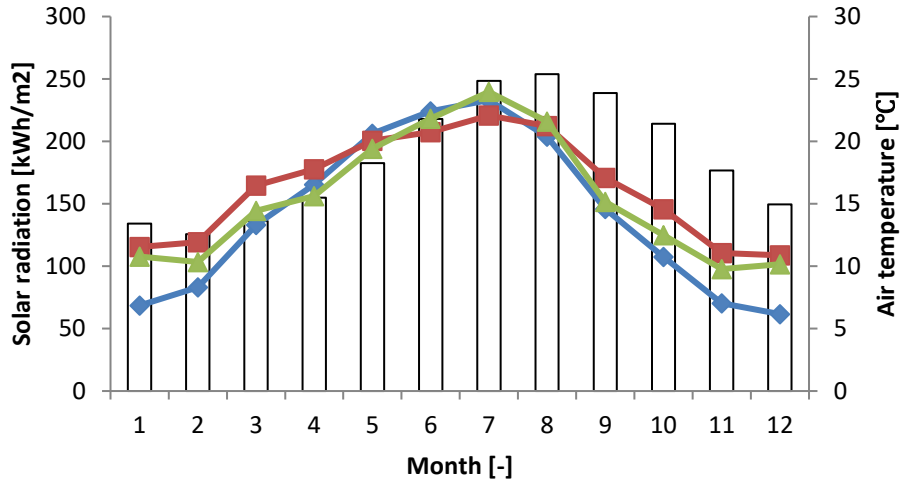


Figure 35: Cala Millor

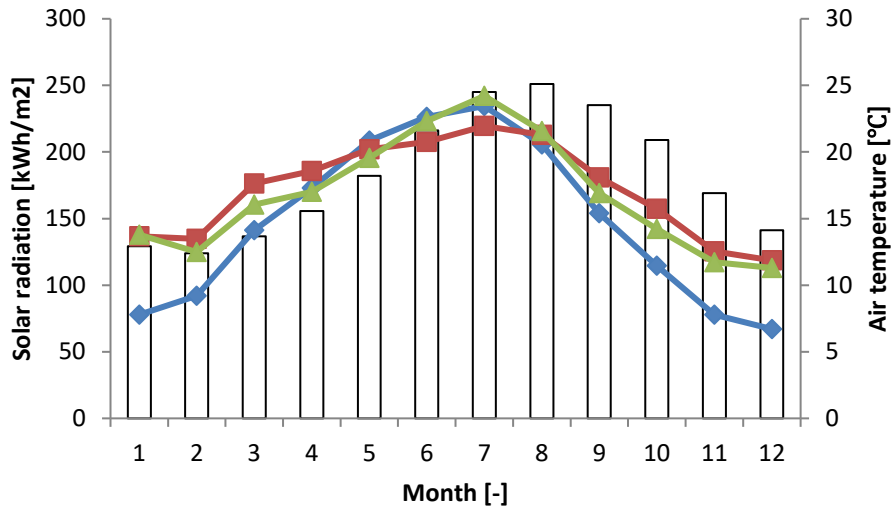


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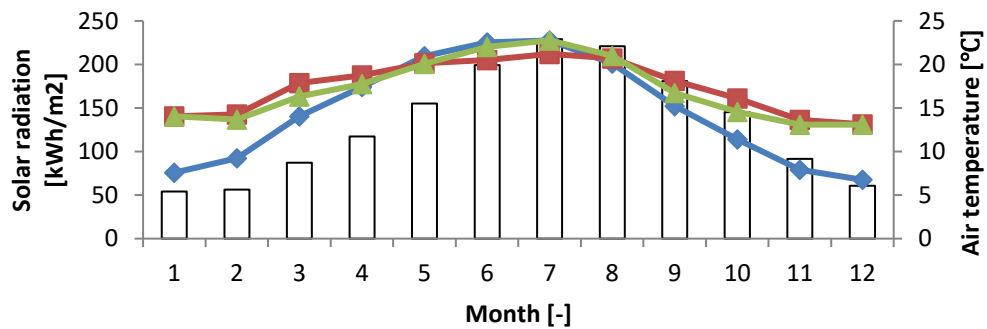


Figure 37: Castellon De La Plana

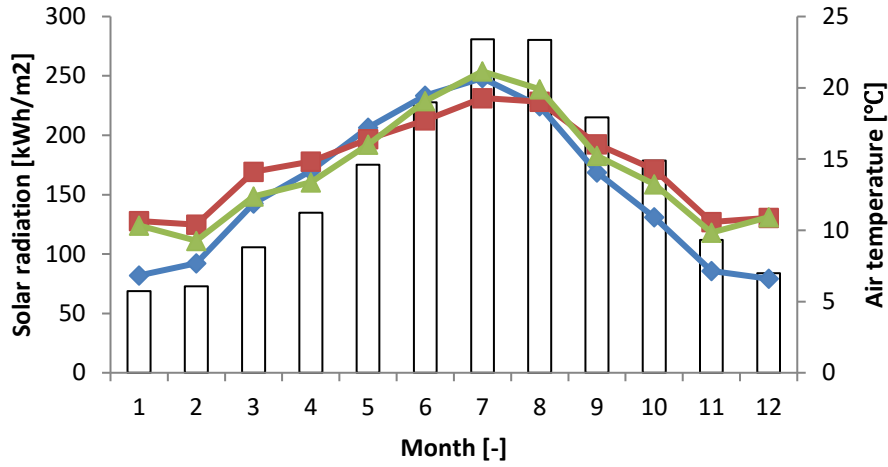


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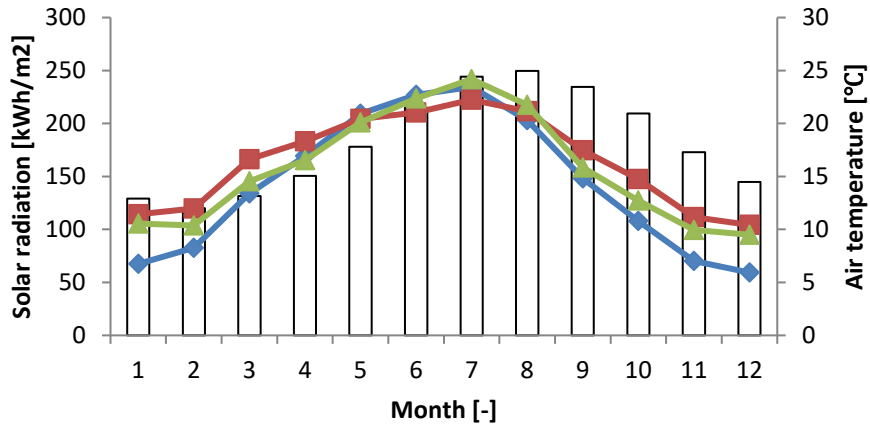


Figure 39: Ciutadella De Menorca

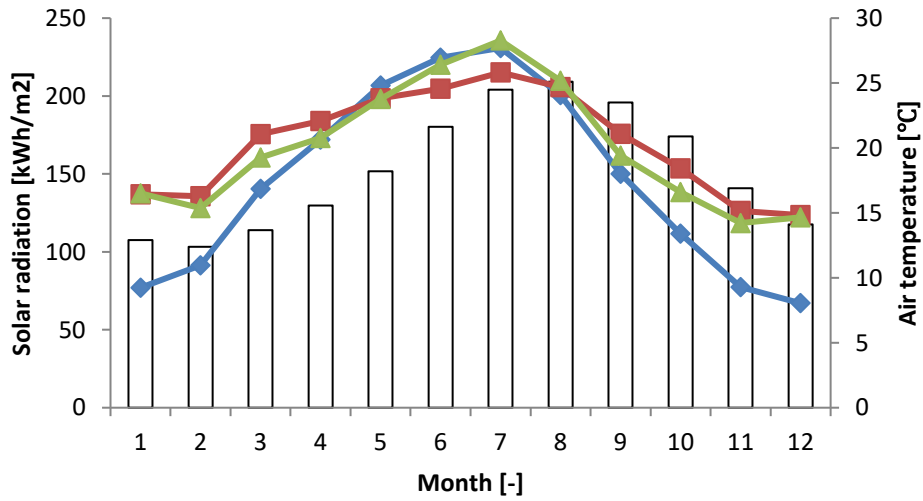


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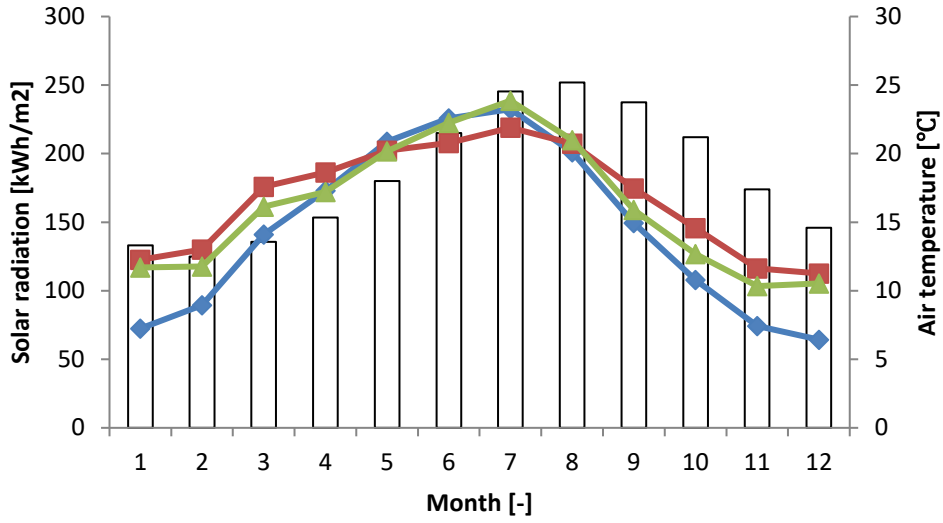


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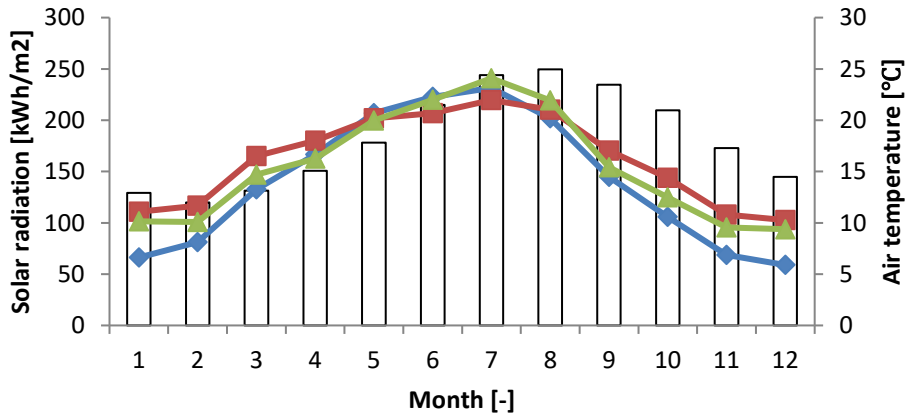


Figure 42: Mahon

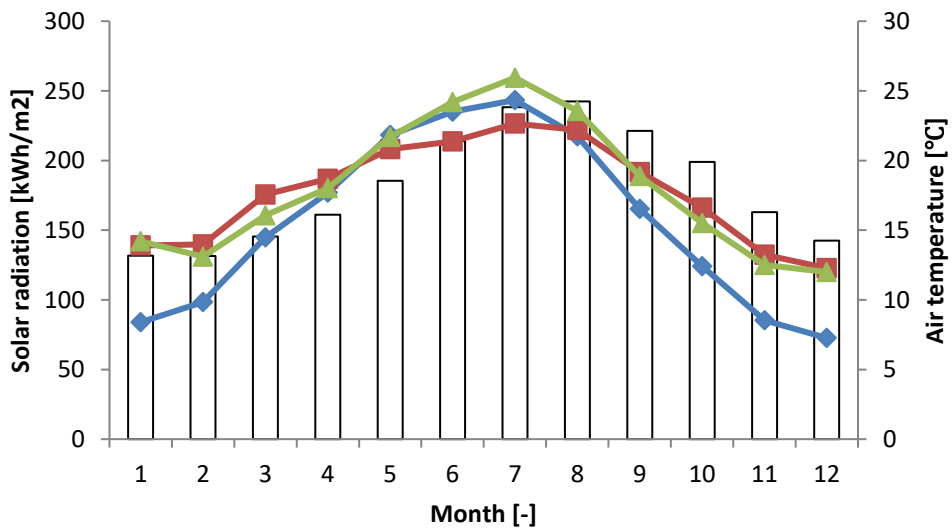


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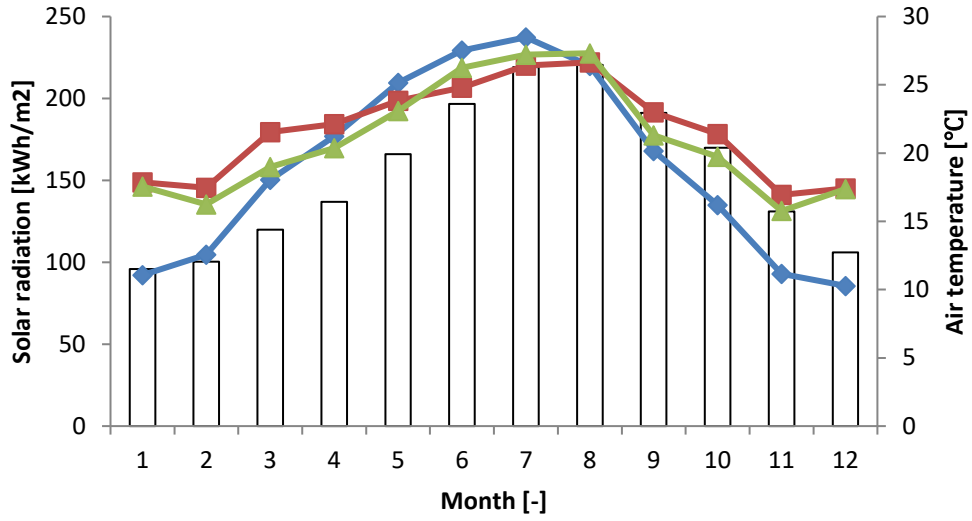


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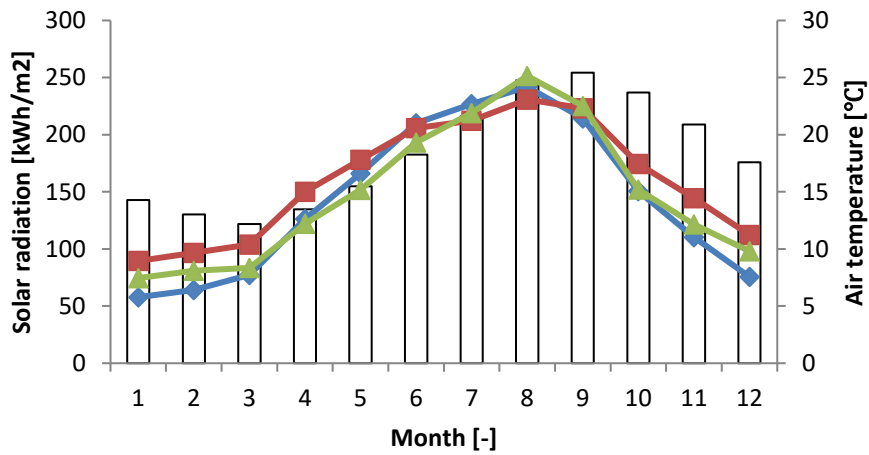


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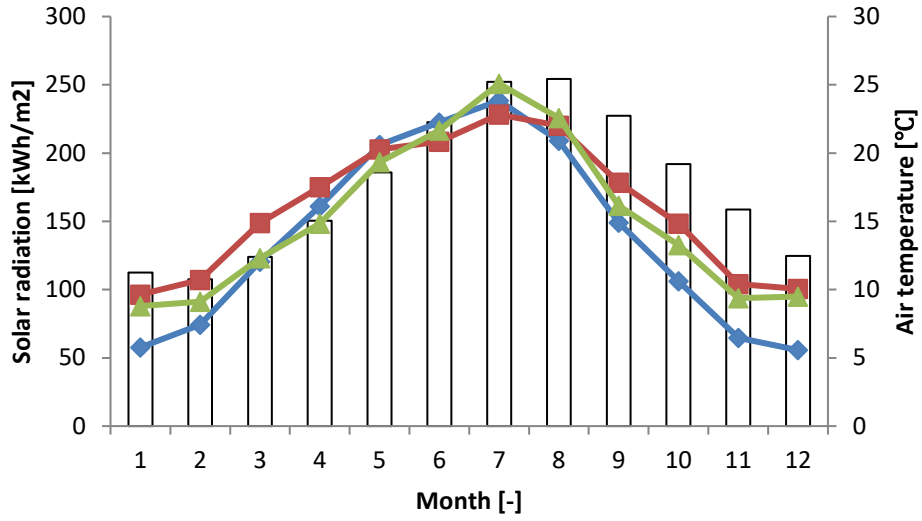


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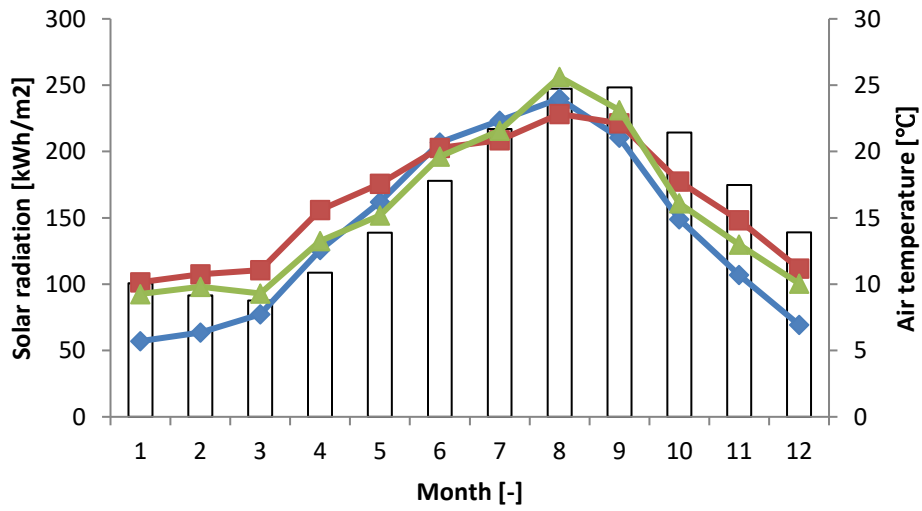


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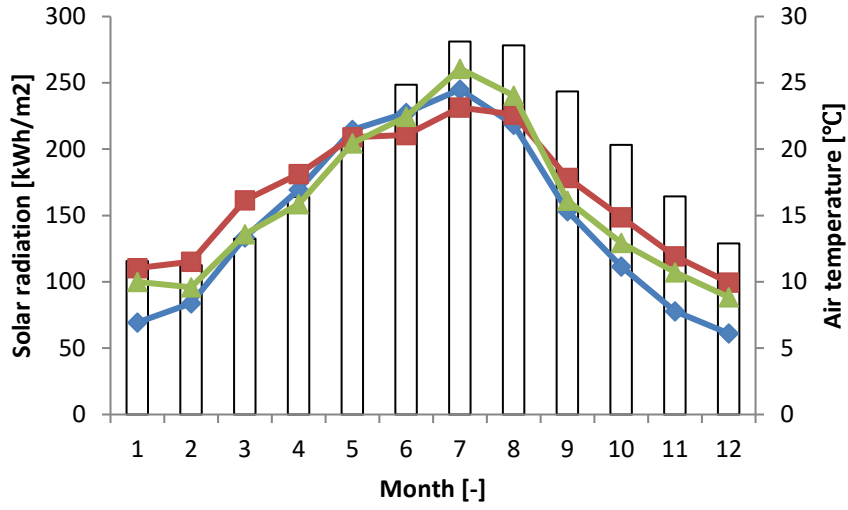


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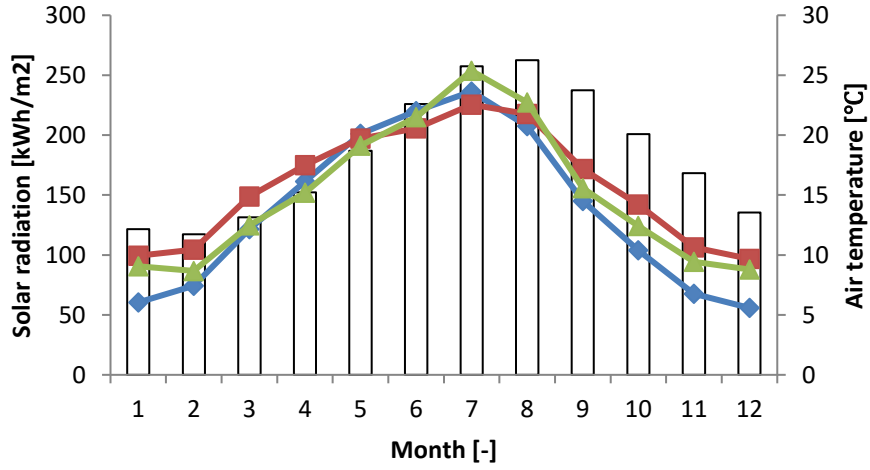


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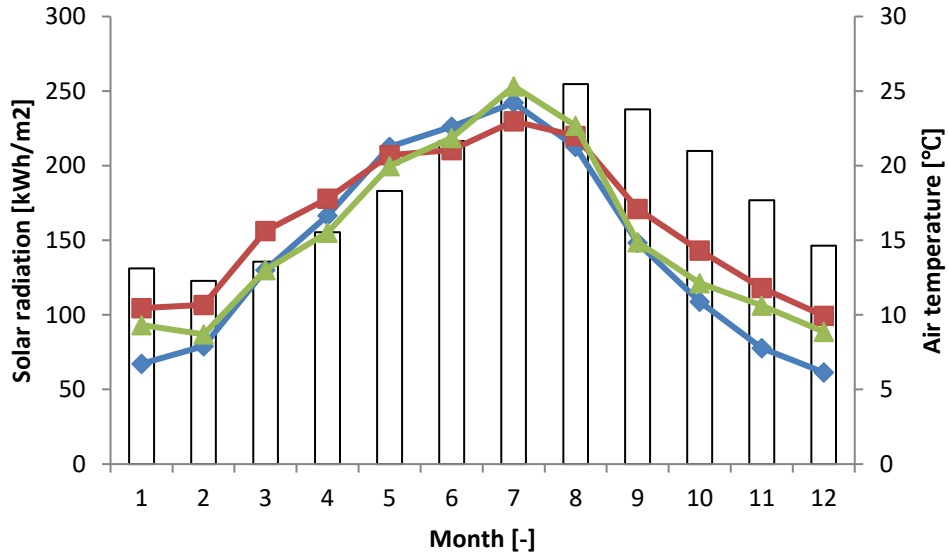


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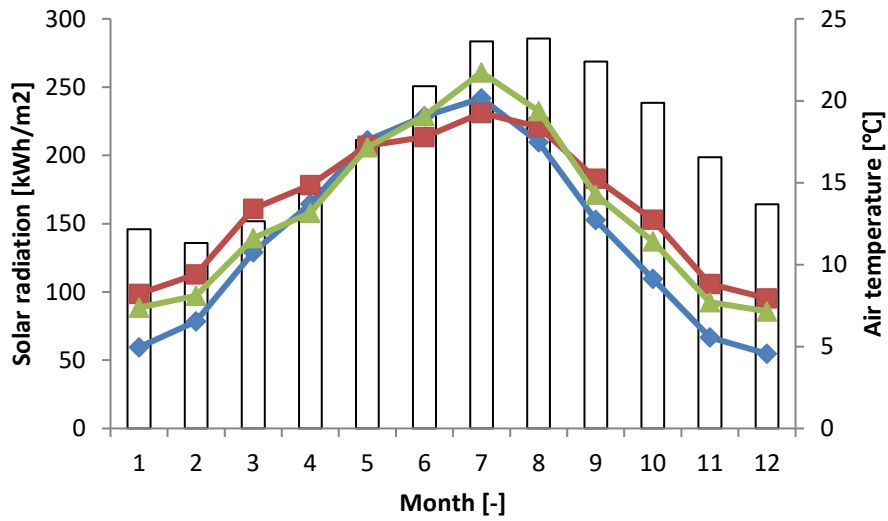


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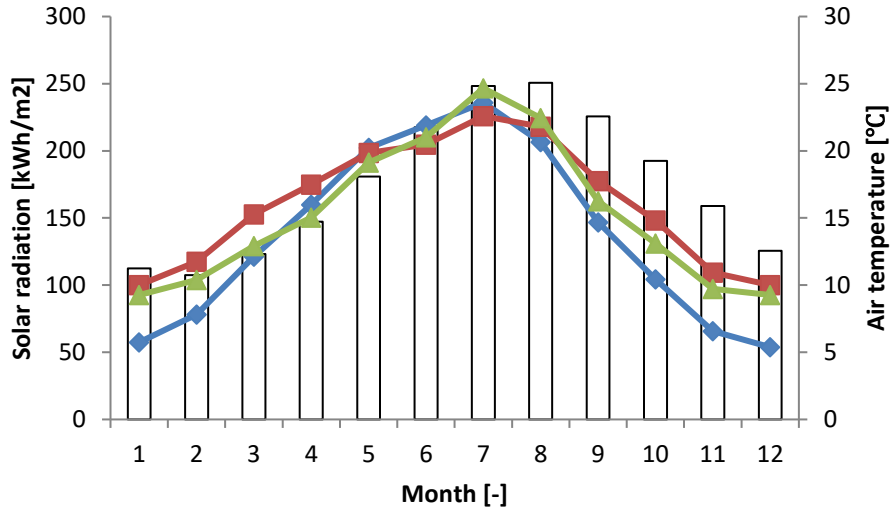


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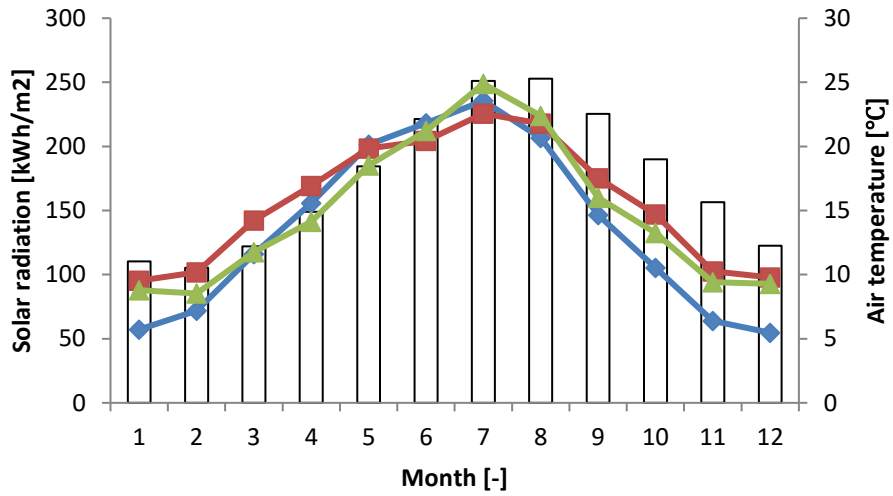


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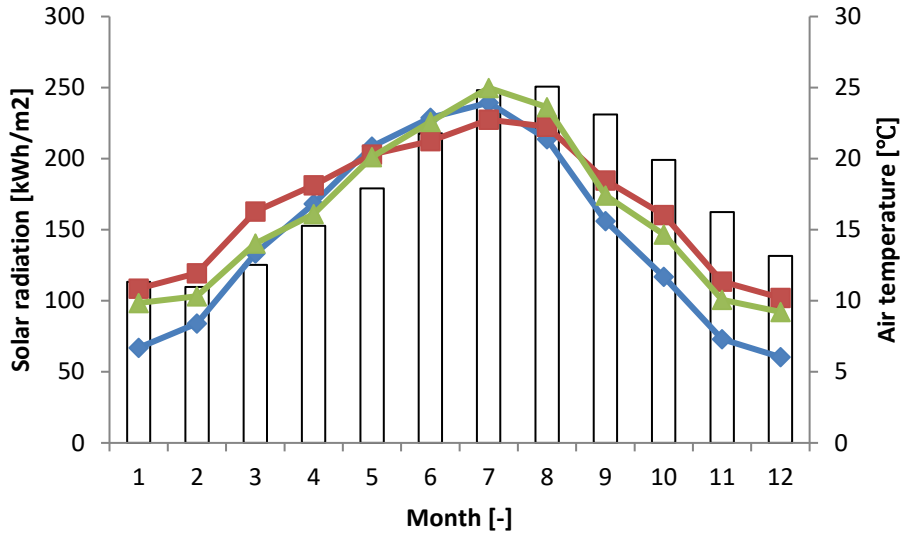


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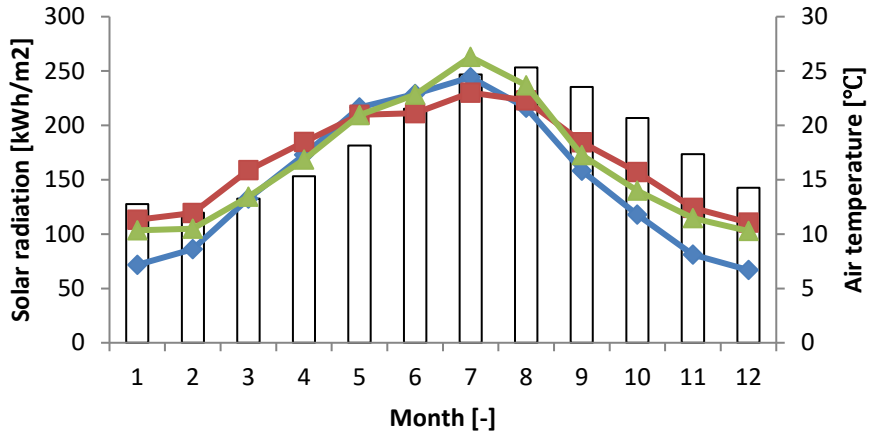


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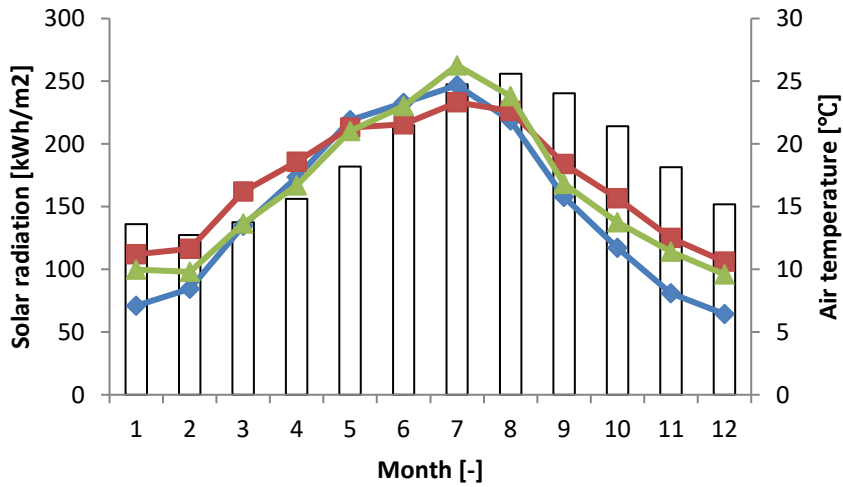


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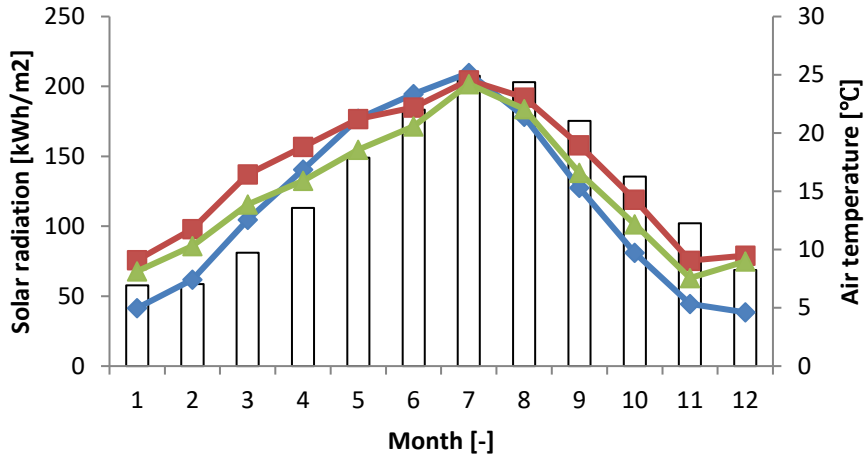


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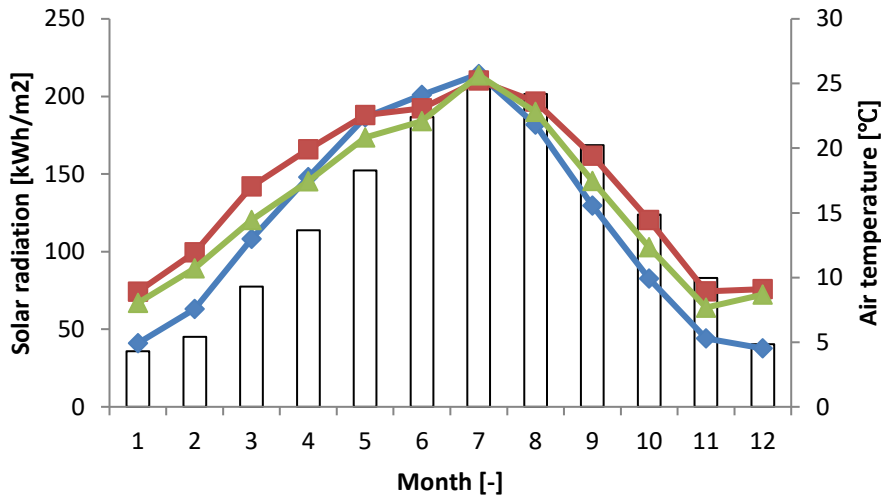


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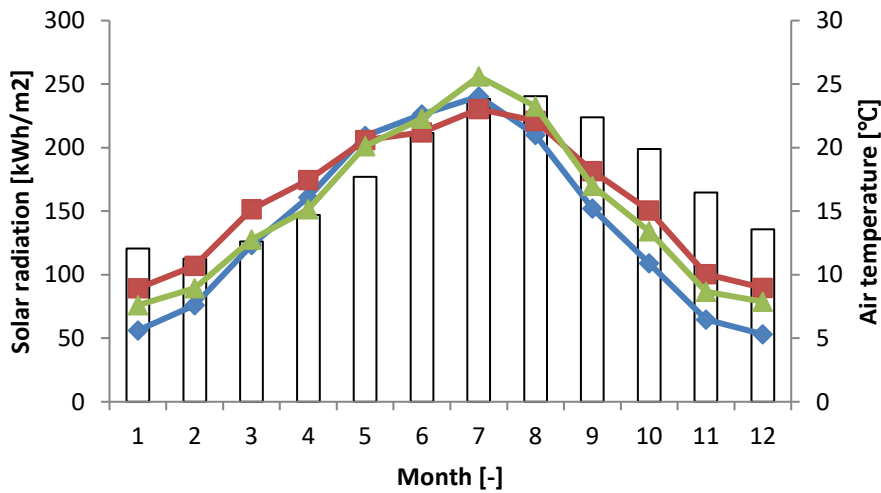


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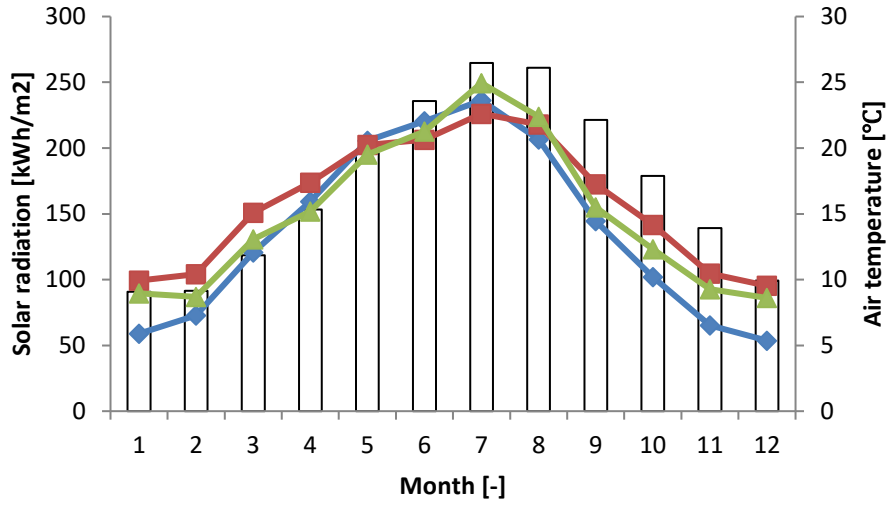


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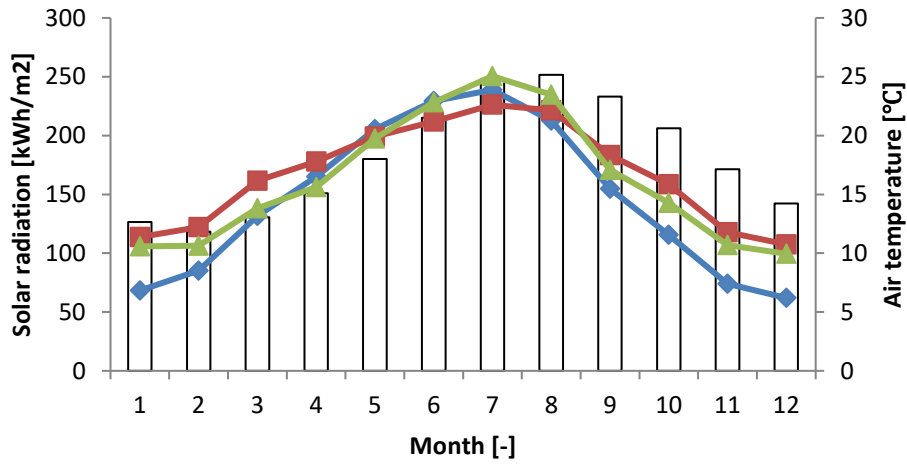


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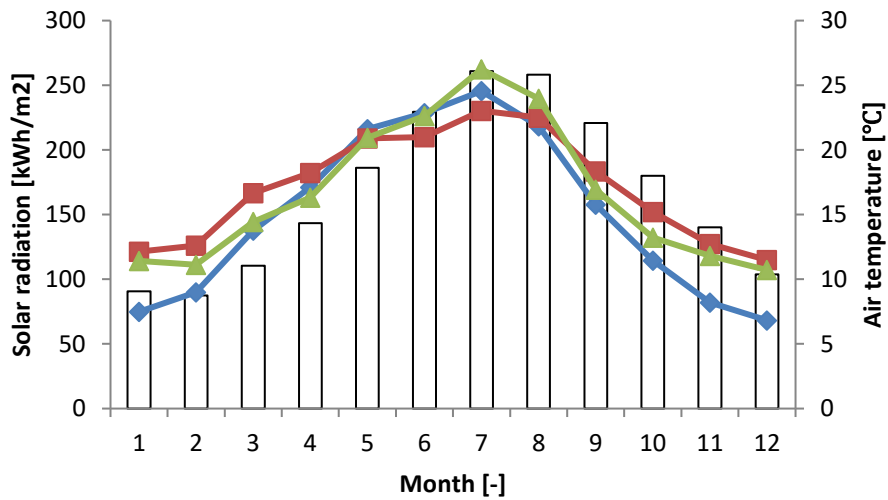


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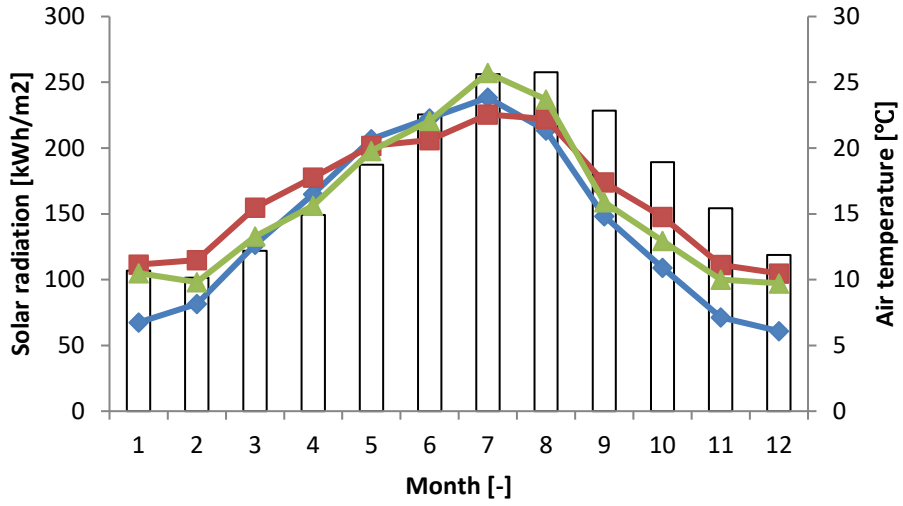


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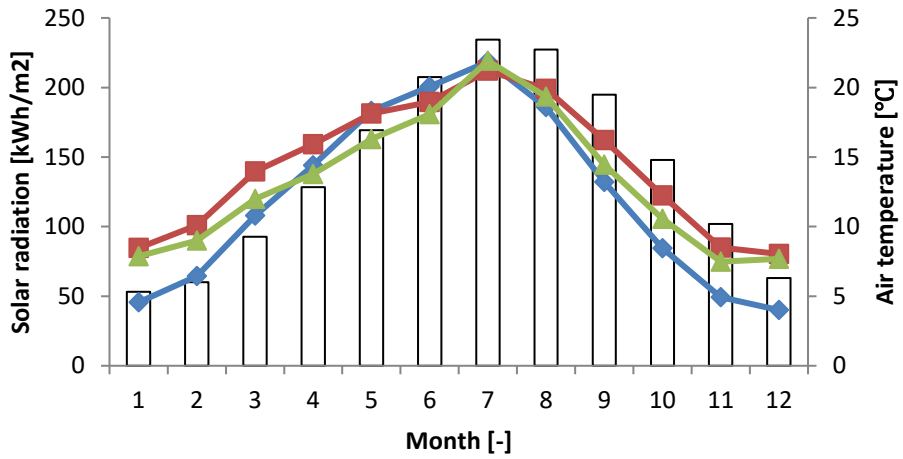


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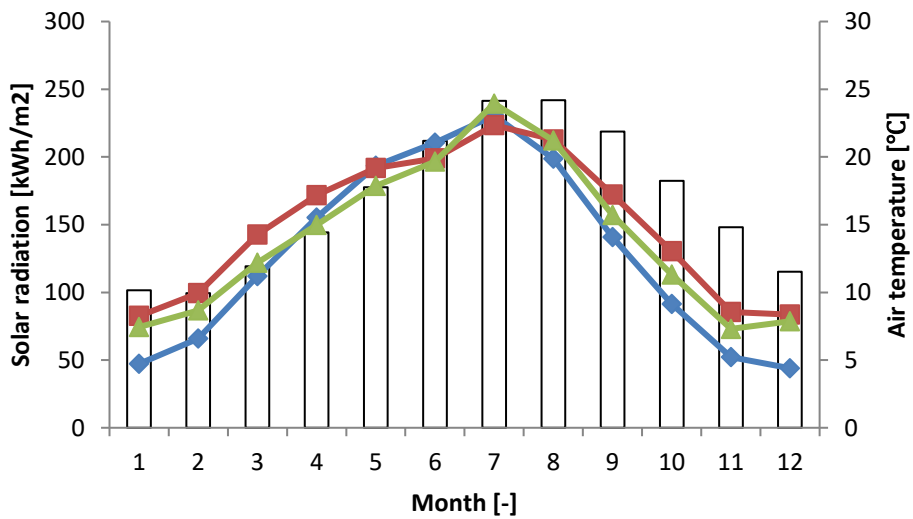


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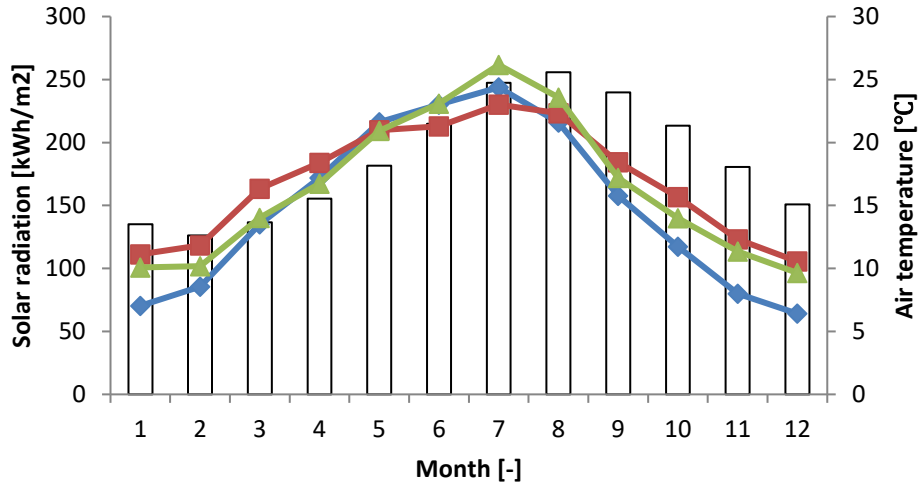


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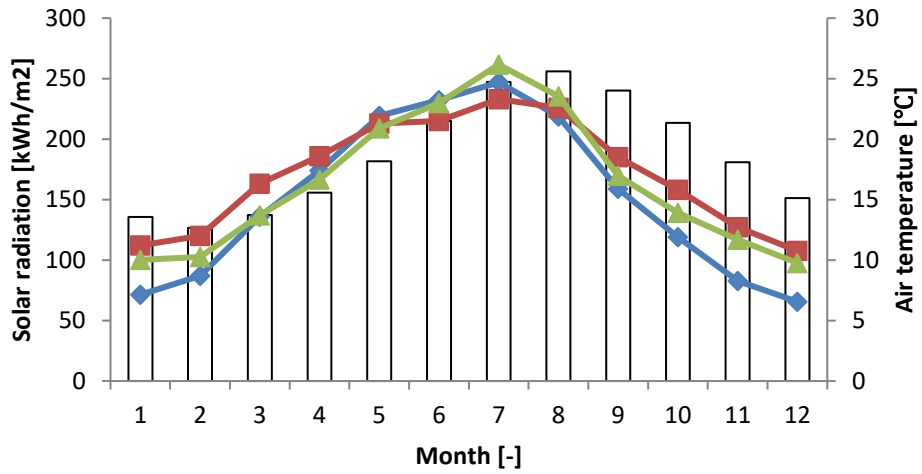


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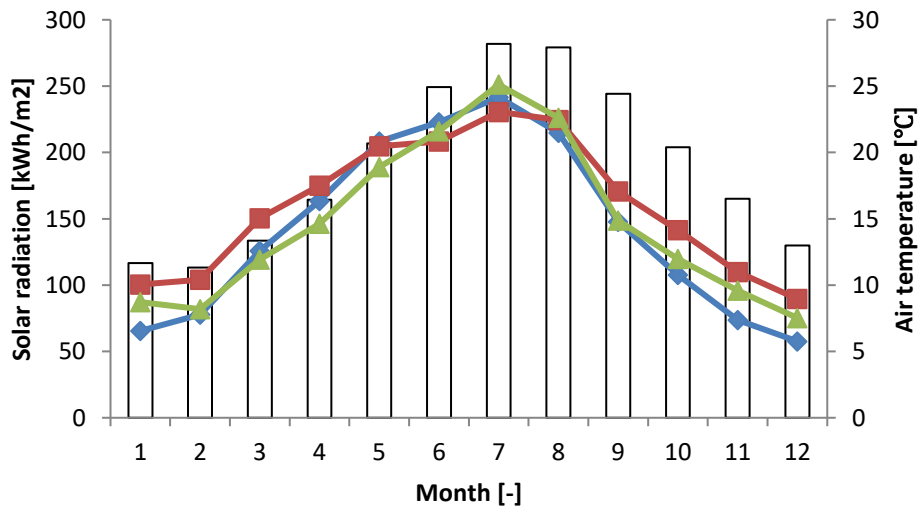


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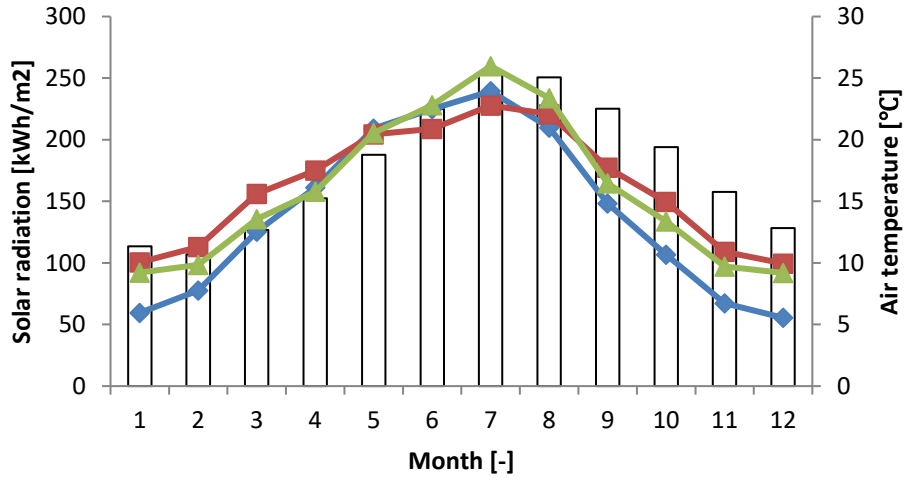


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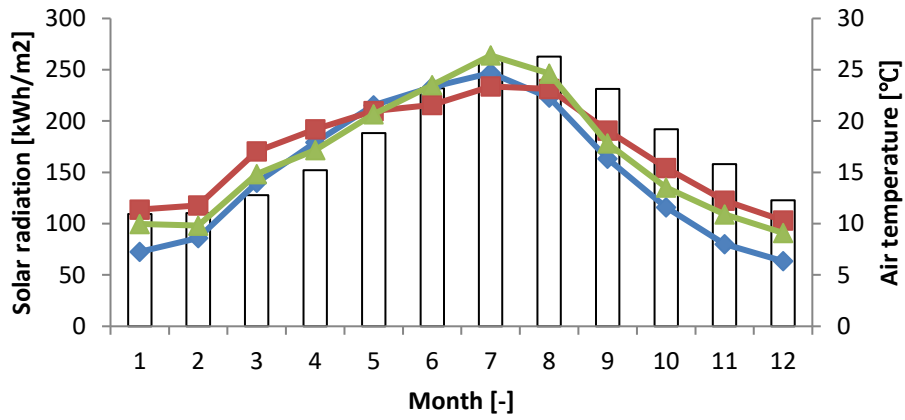


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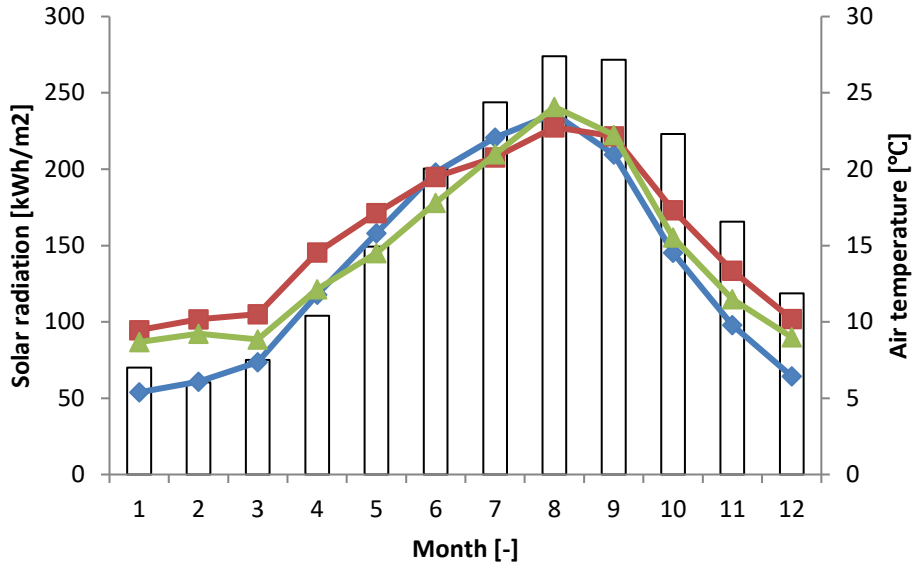


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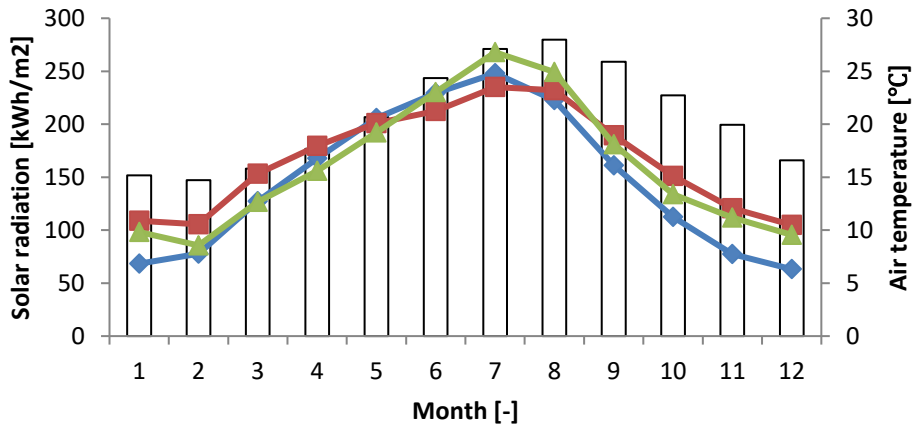


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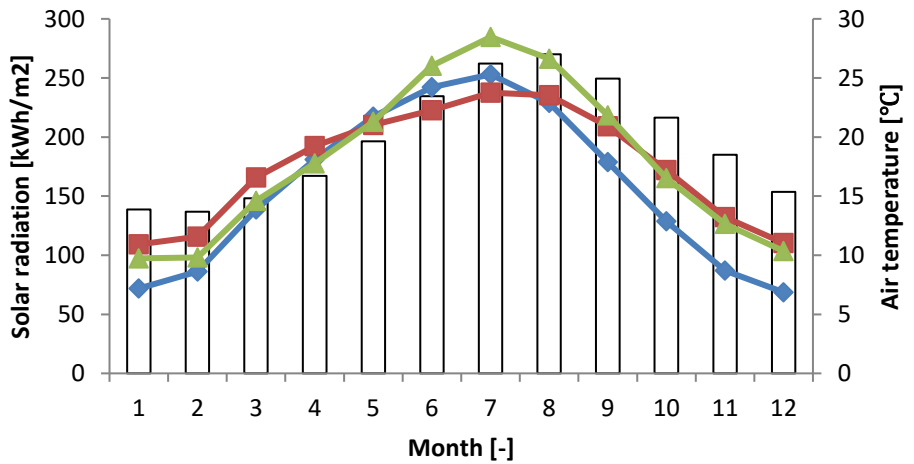


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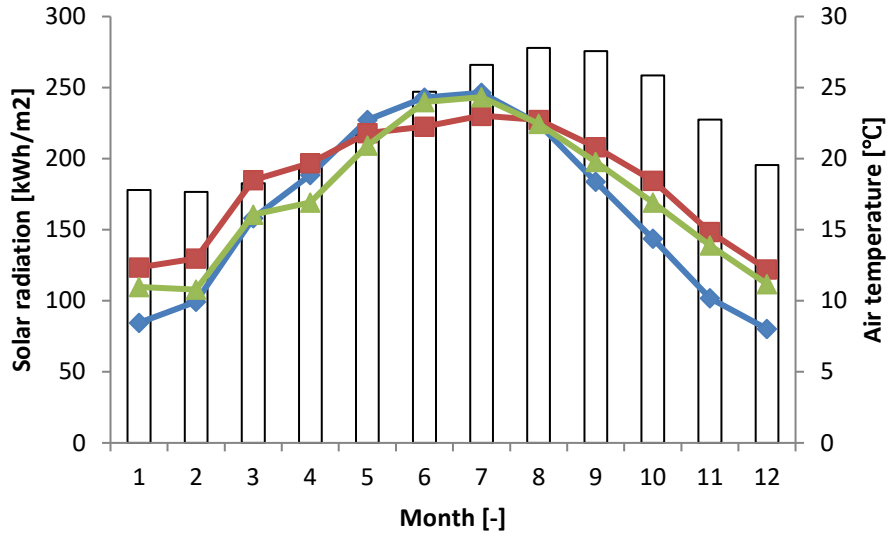


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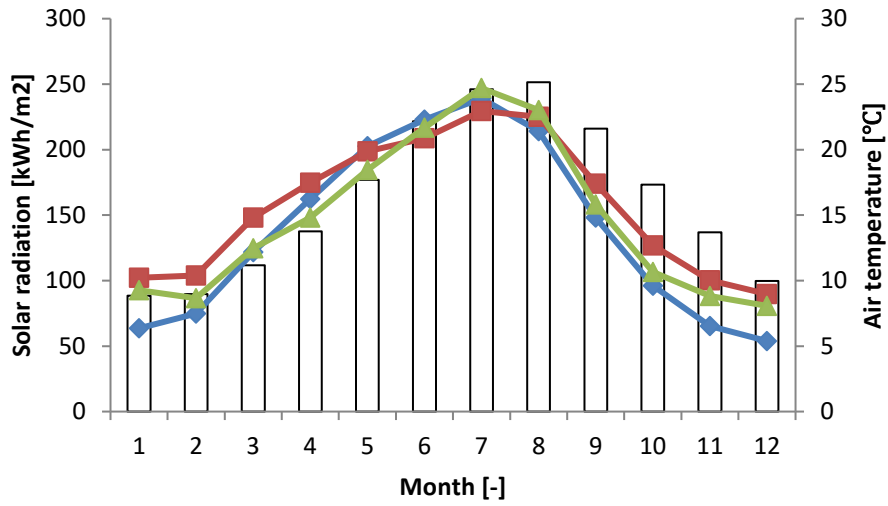


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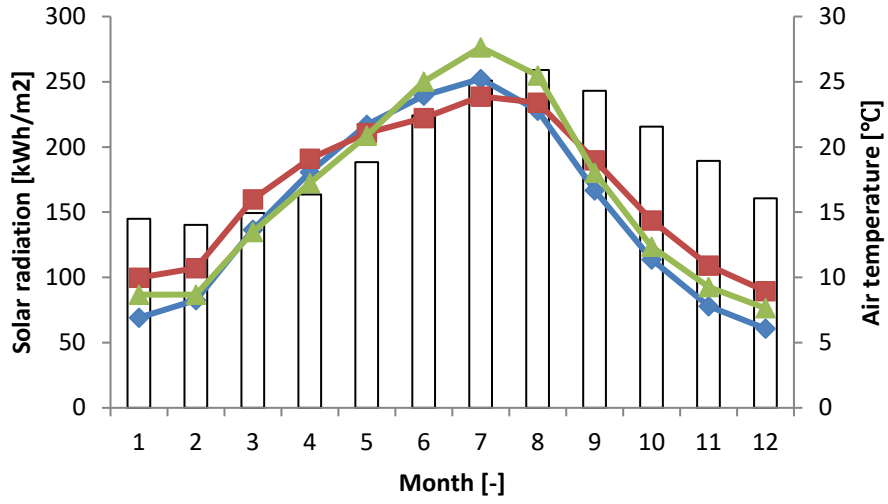


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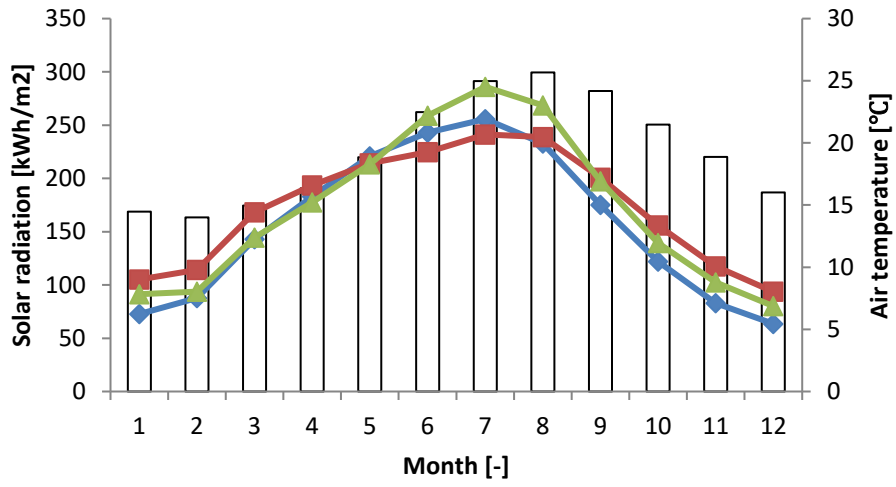


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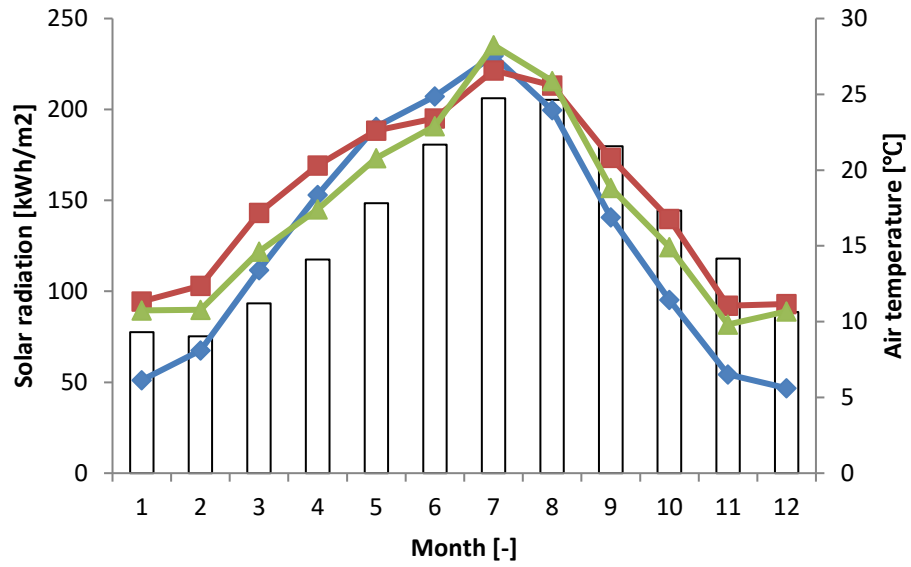


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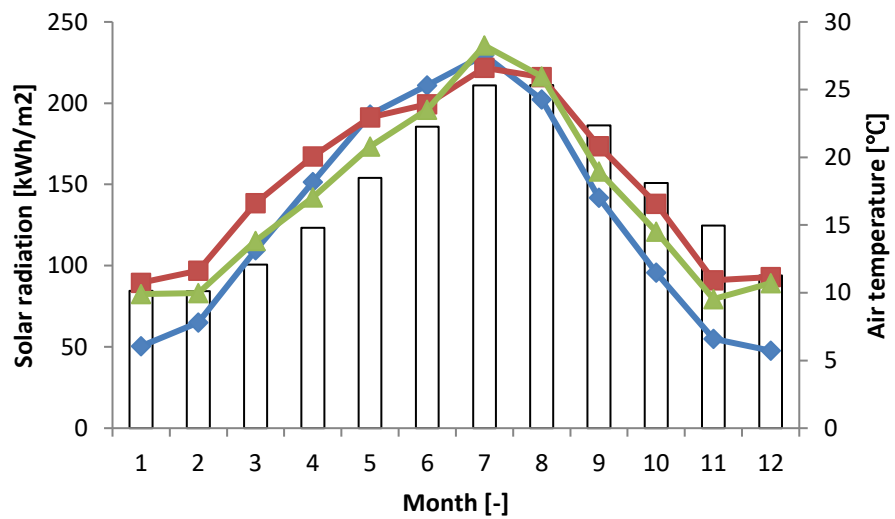


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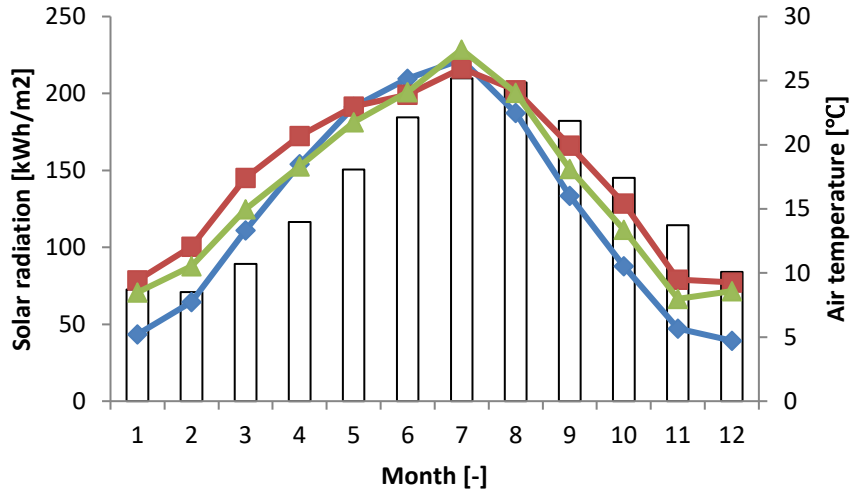


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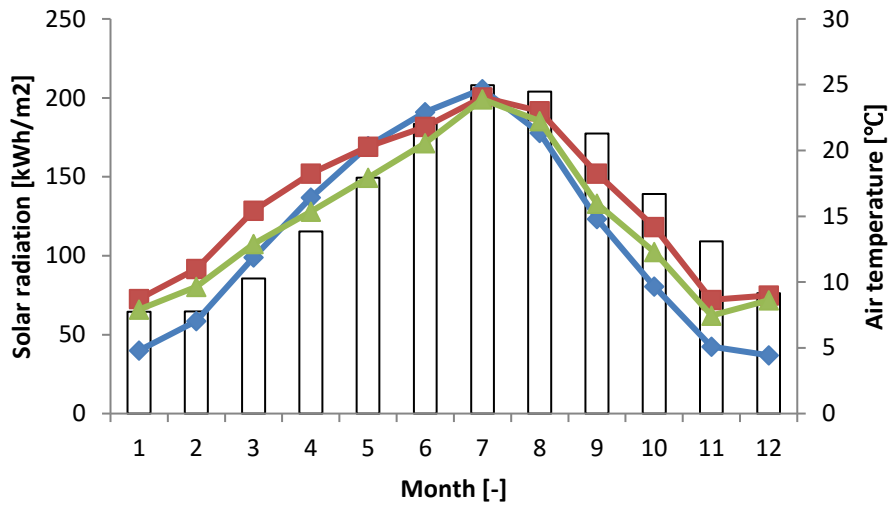


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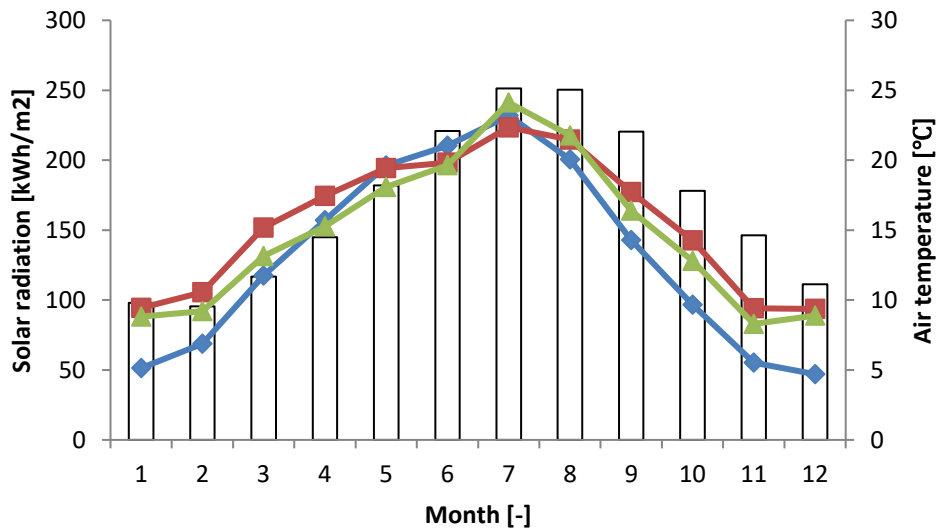


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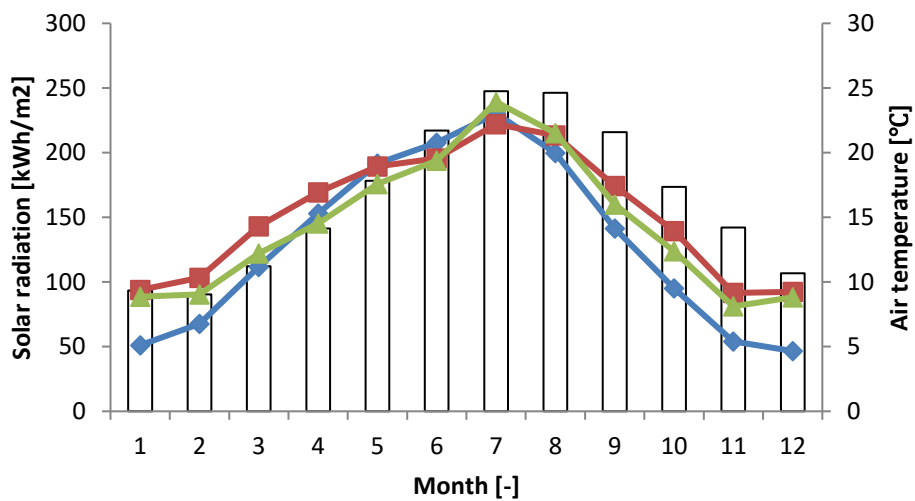


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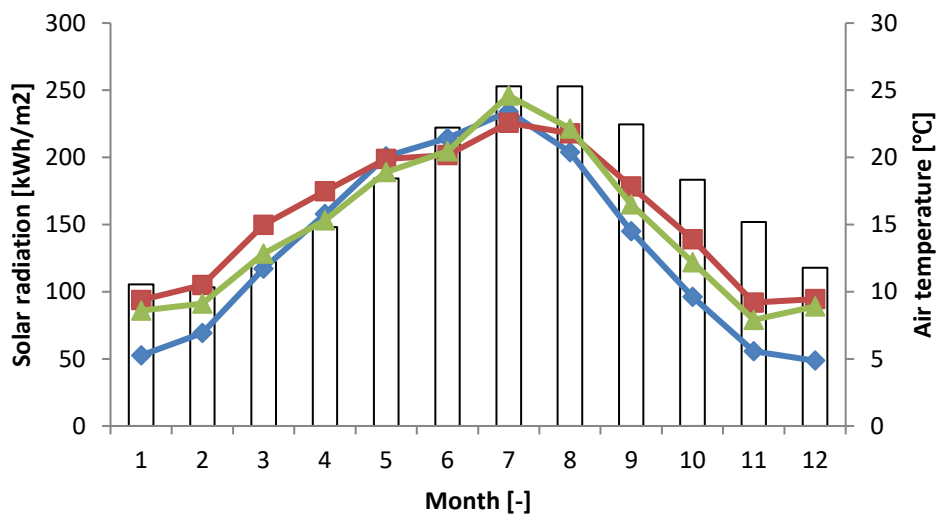


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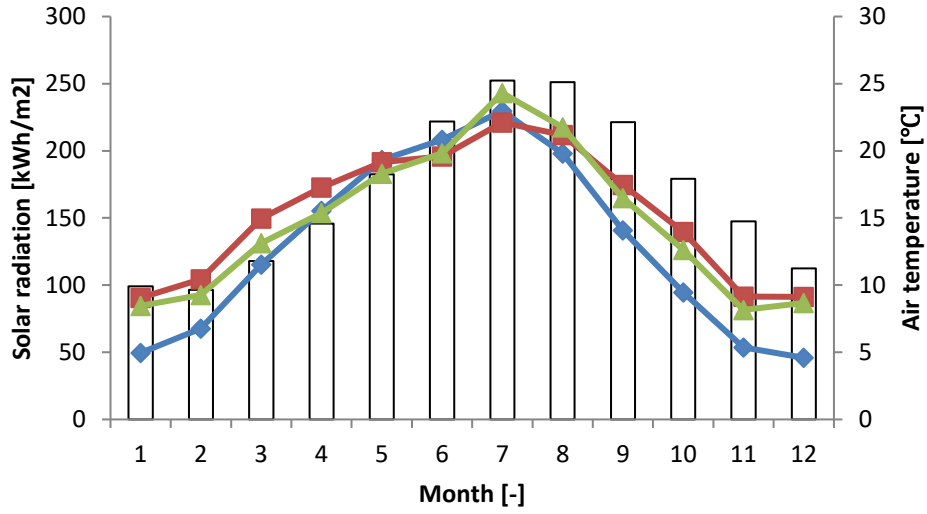


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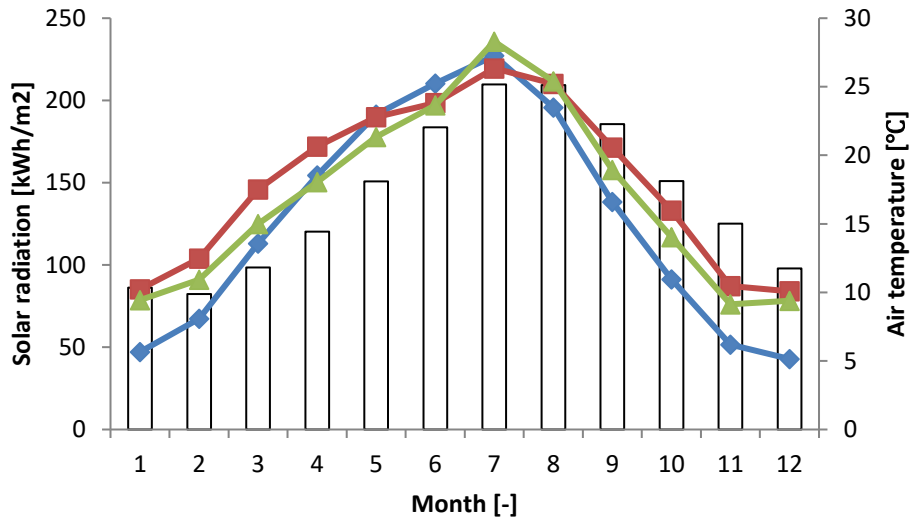


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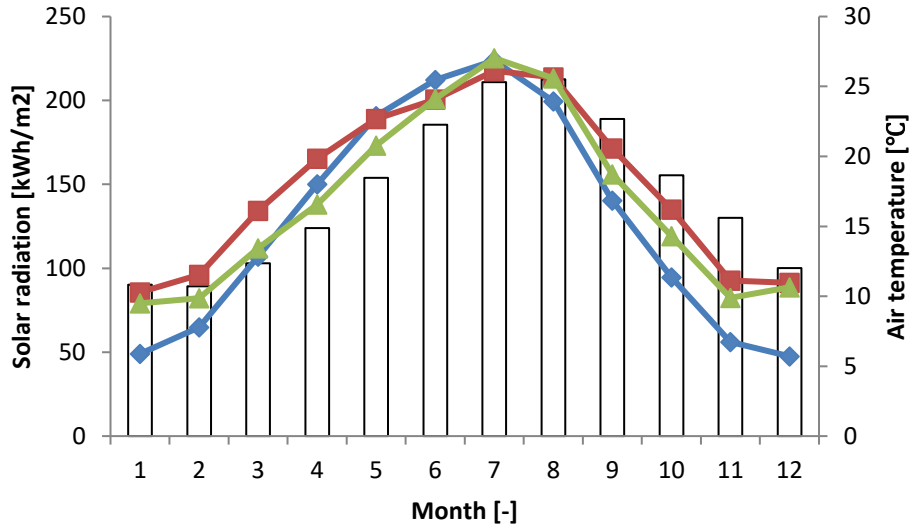


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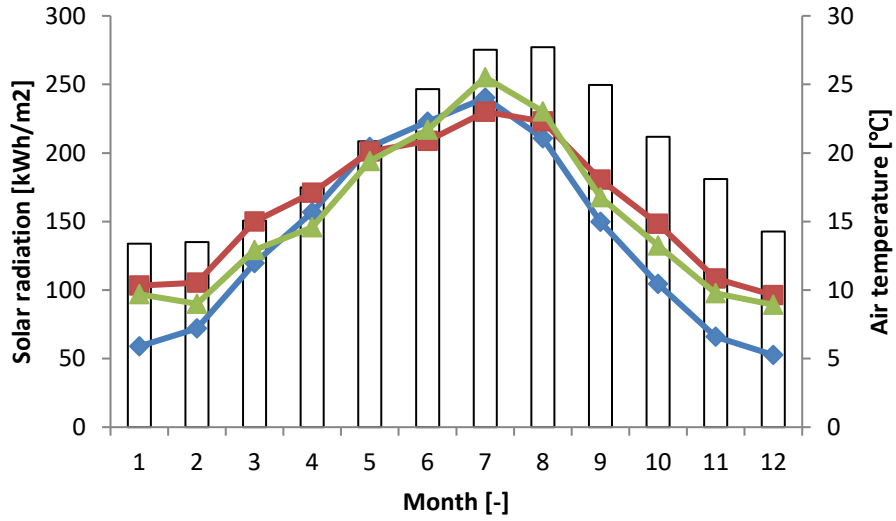


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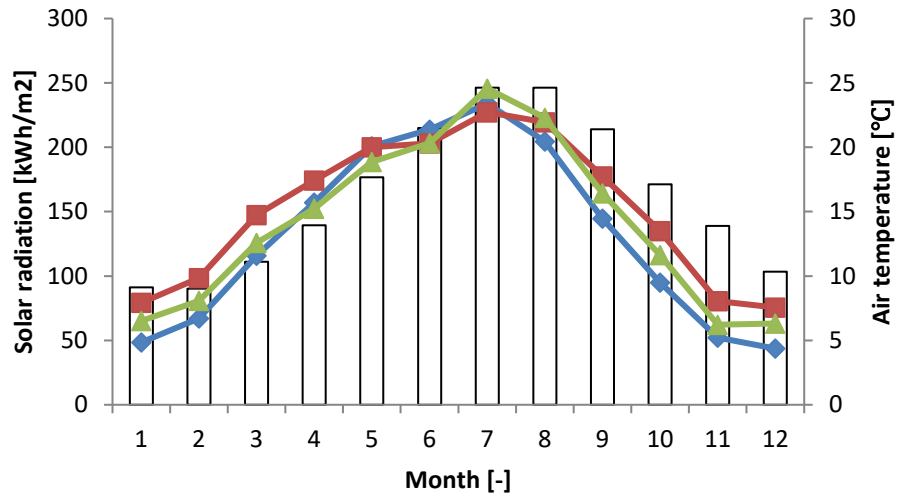


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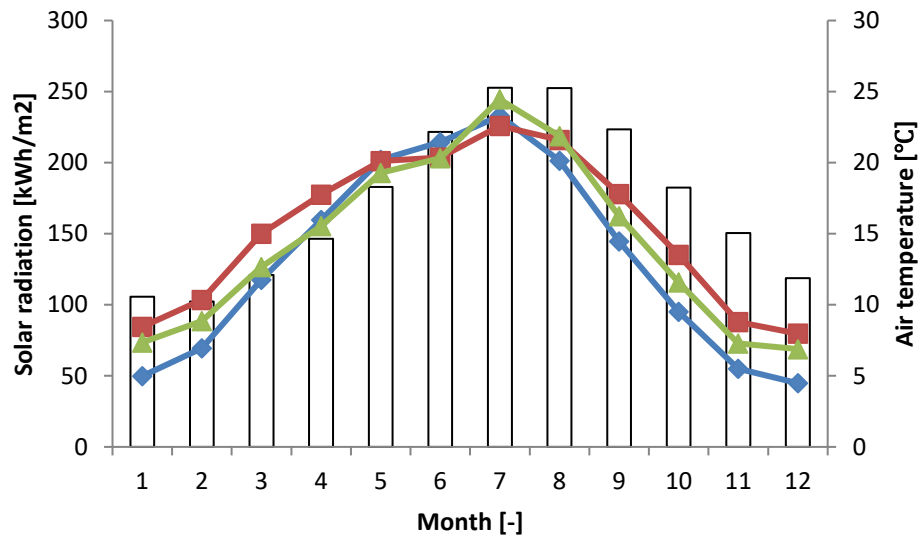


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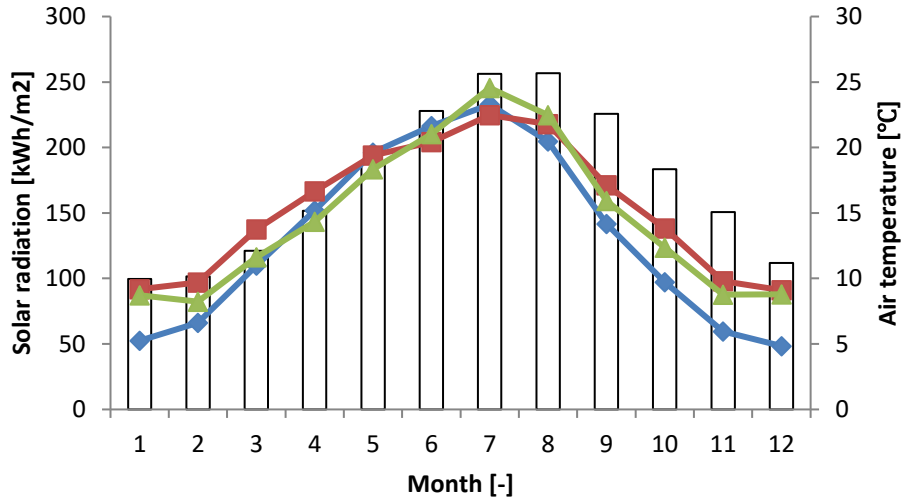


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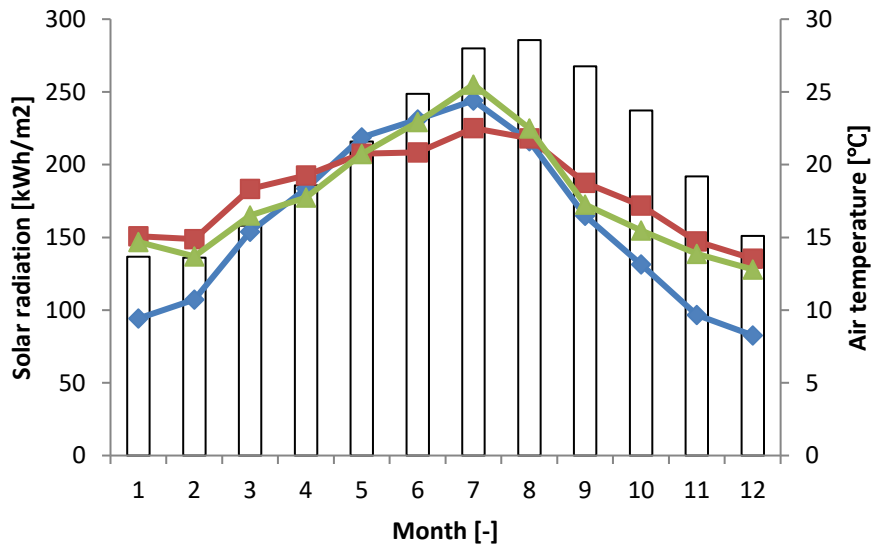


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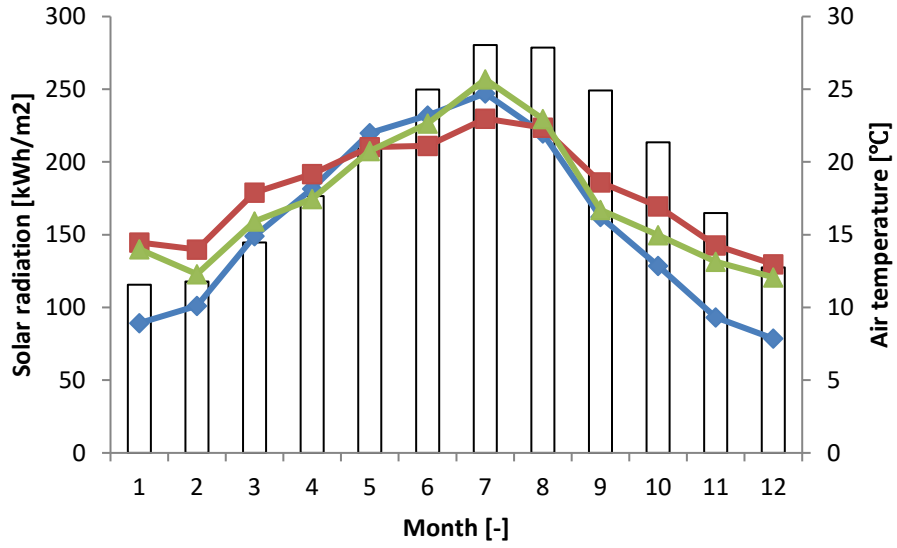


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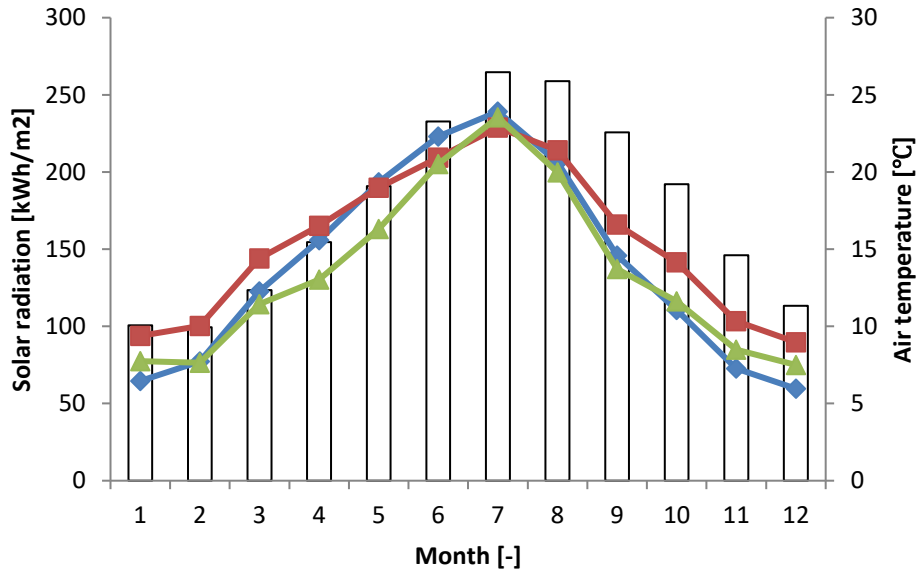


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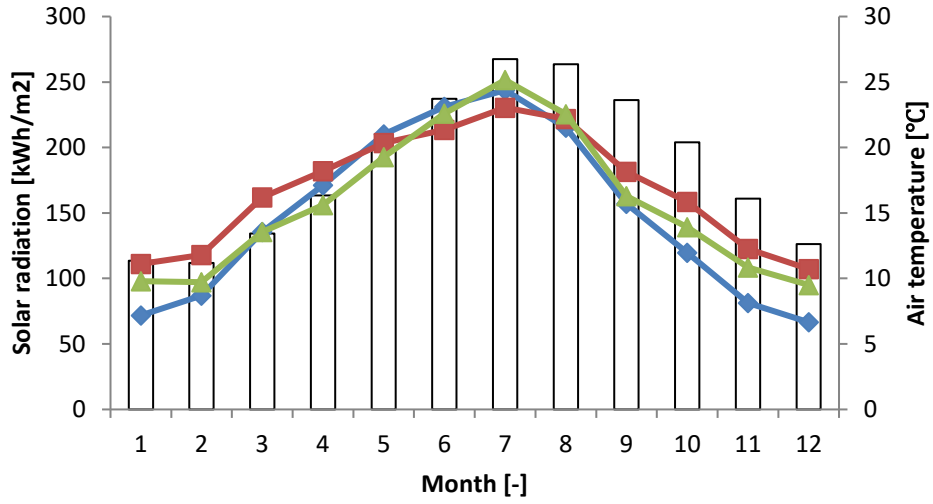


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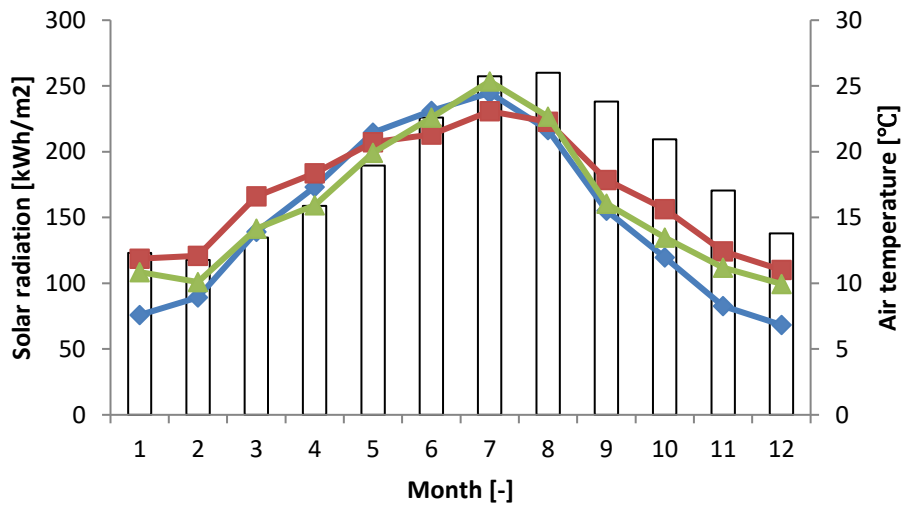


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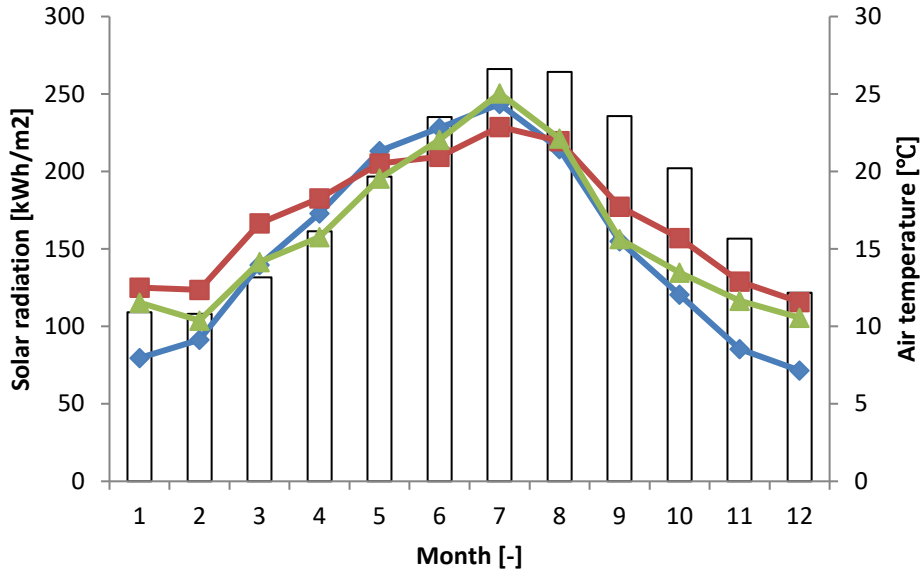


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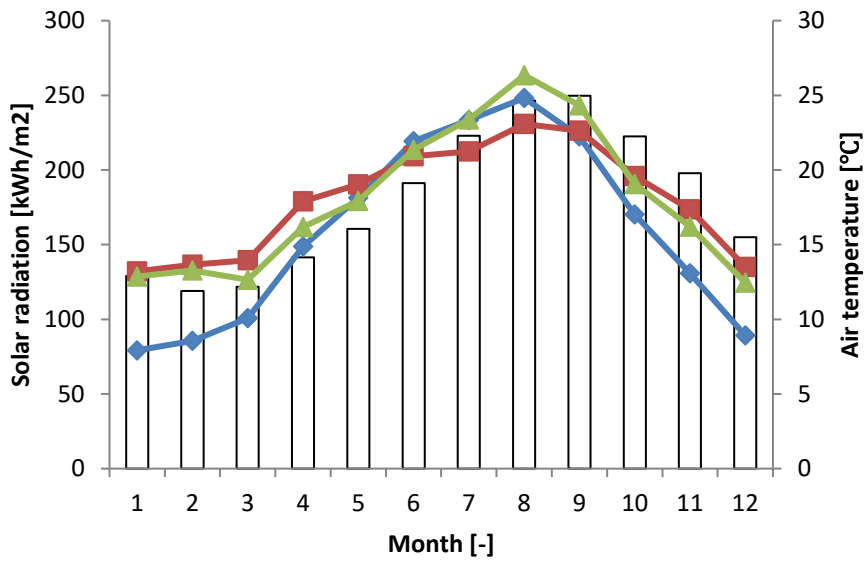


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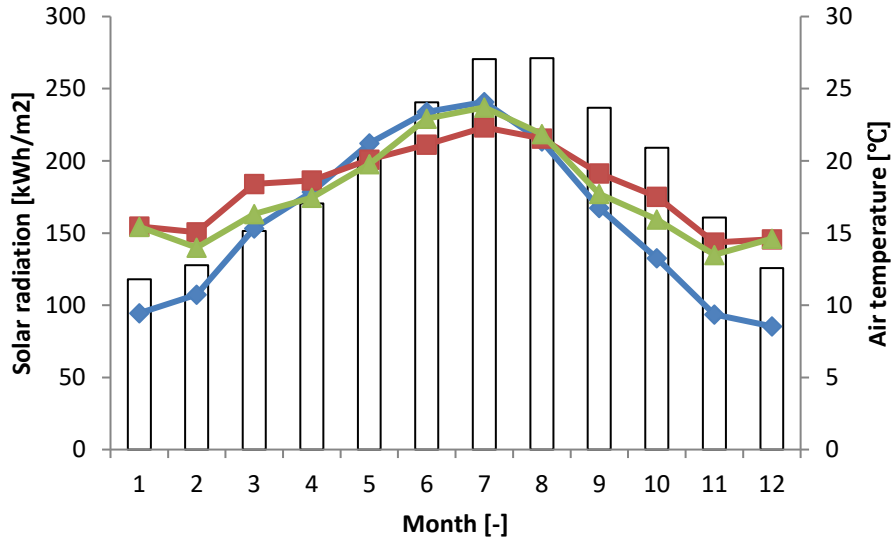


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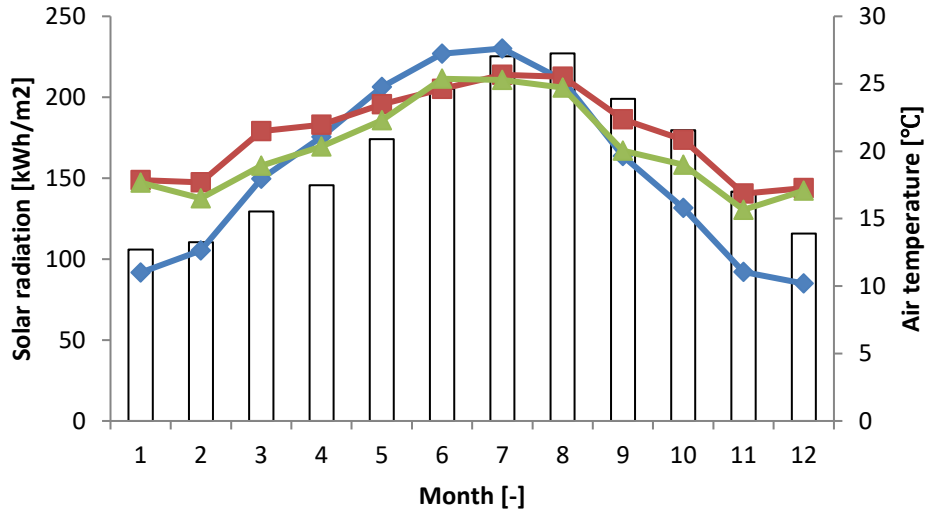


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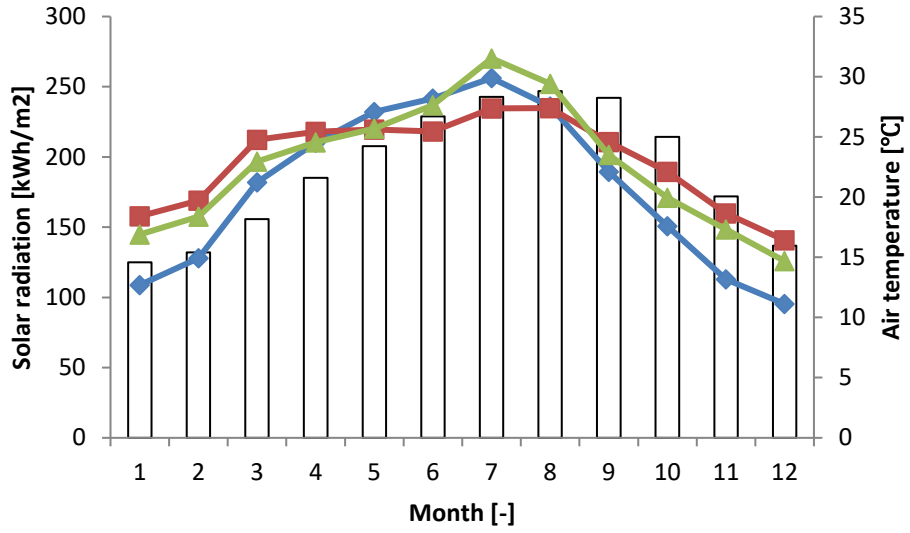


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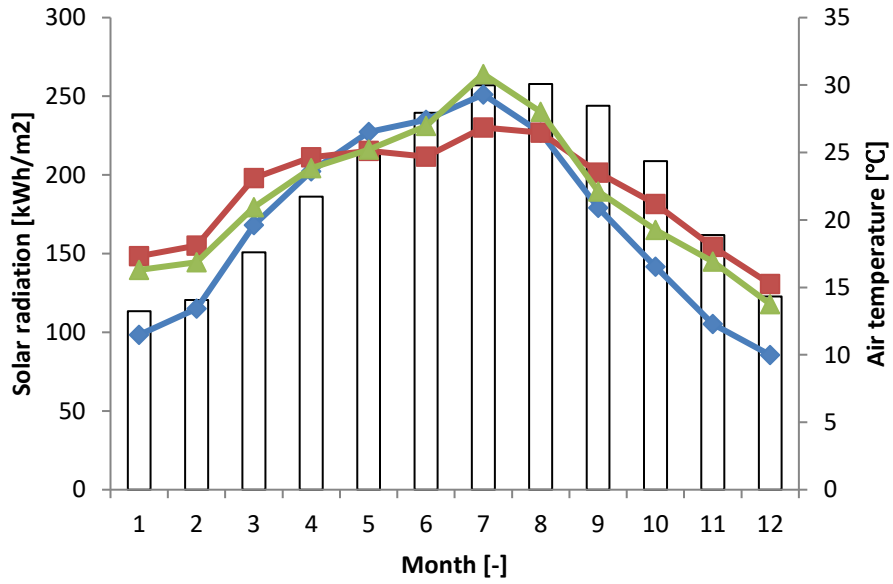


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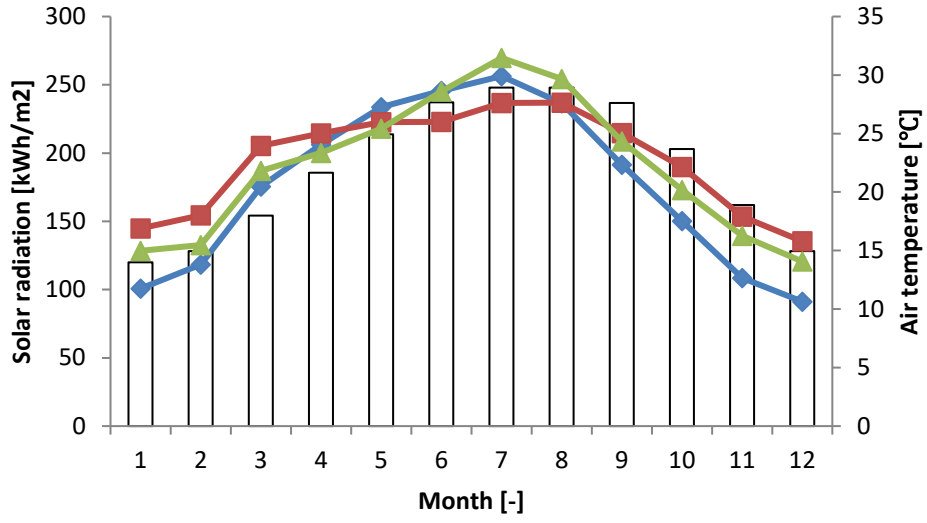


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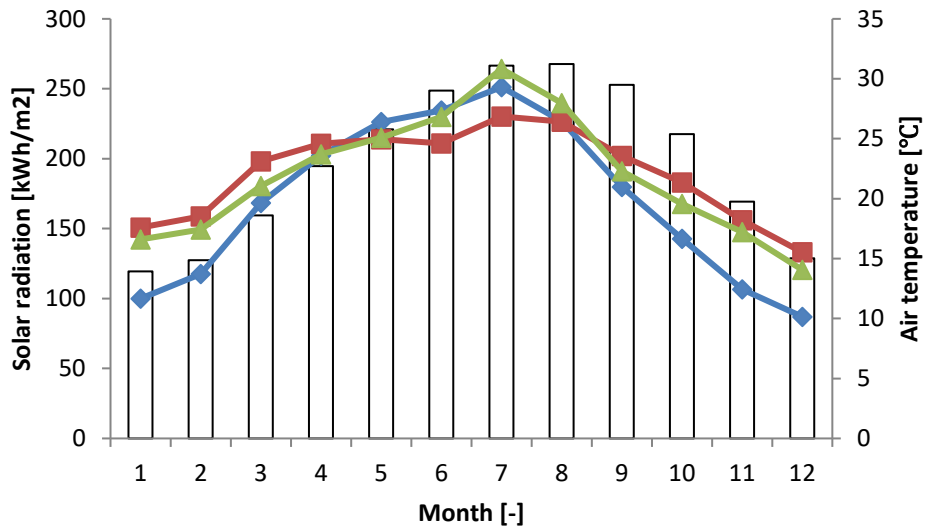


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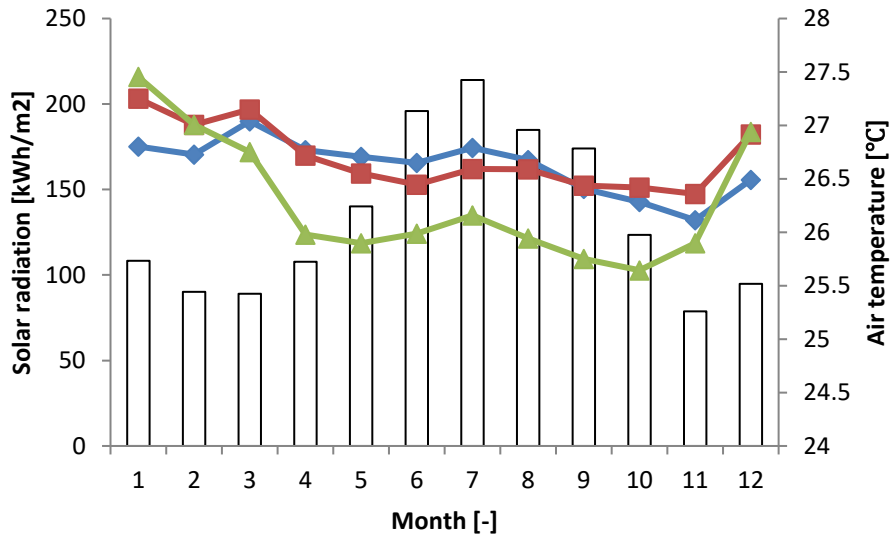


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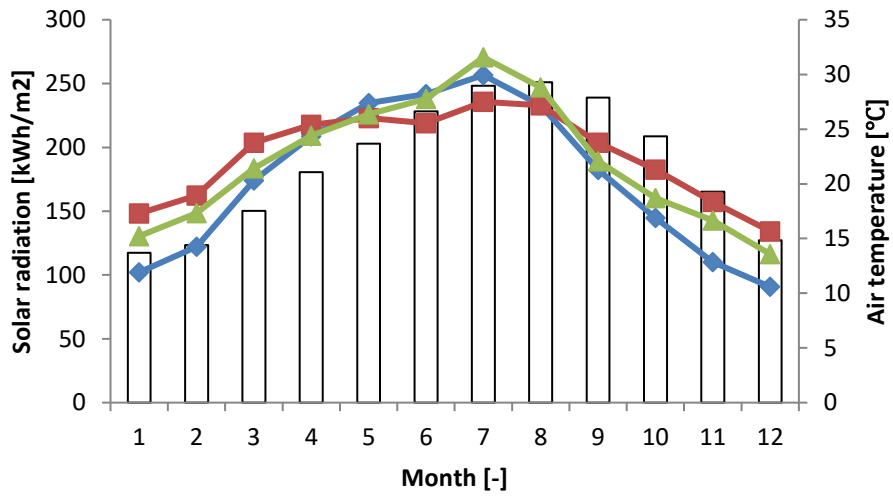


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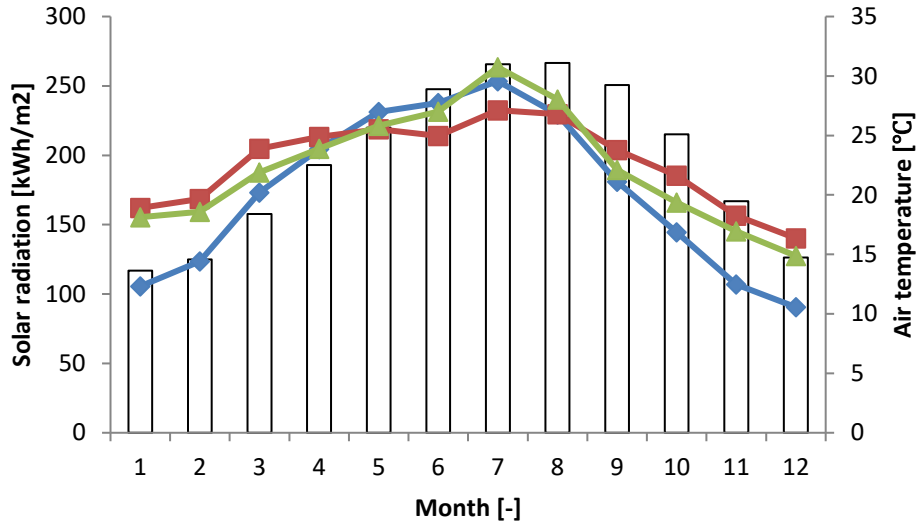


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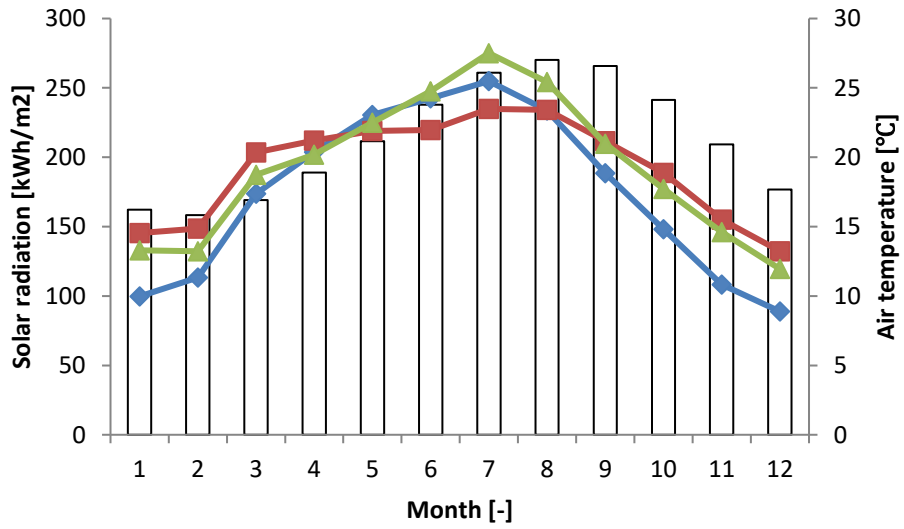


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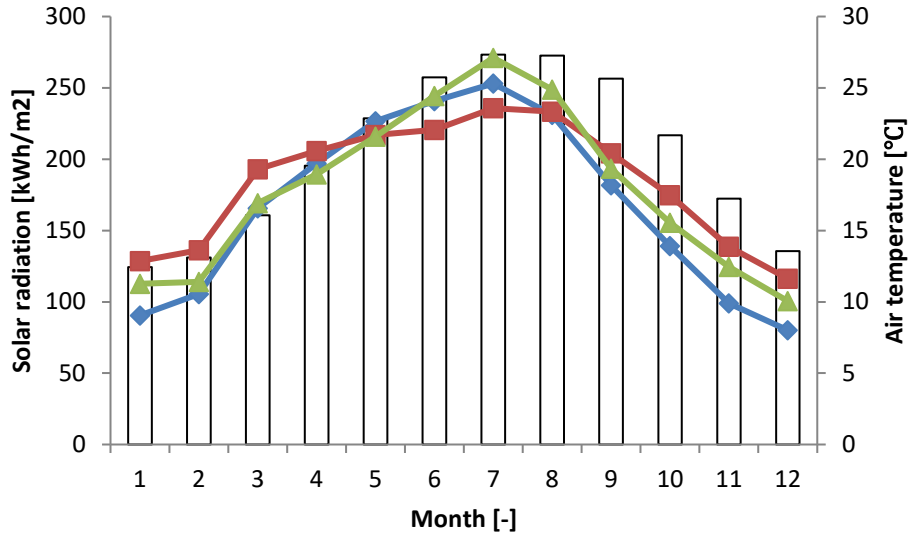


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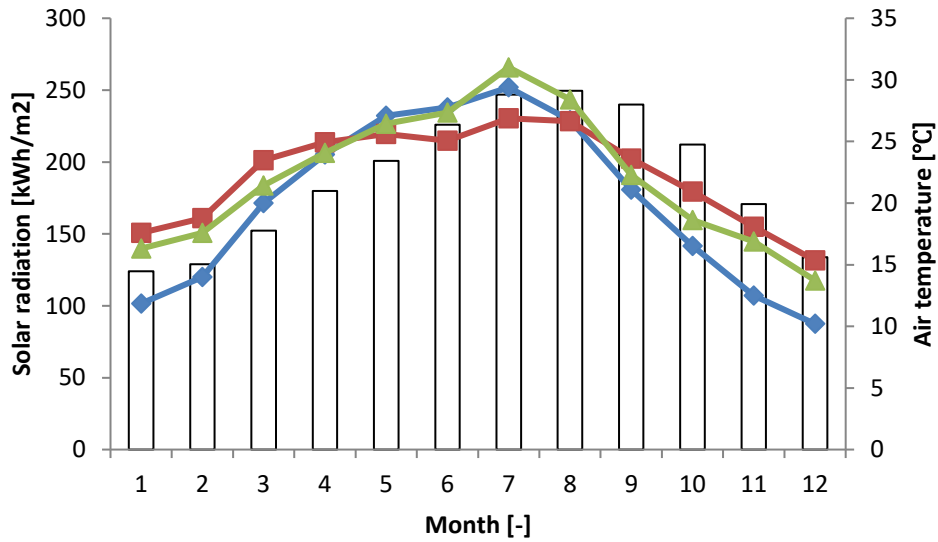


Figure 110: Misurata

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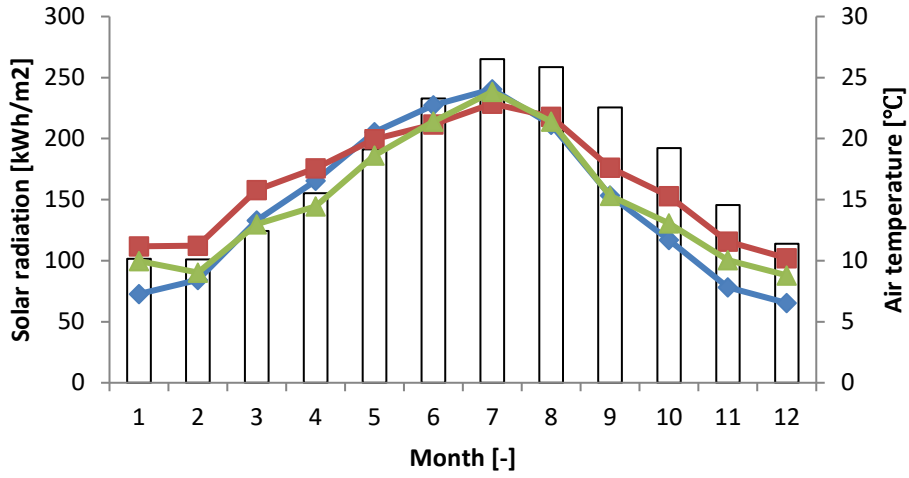


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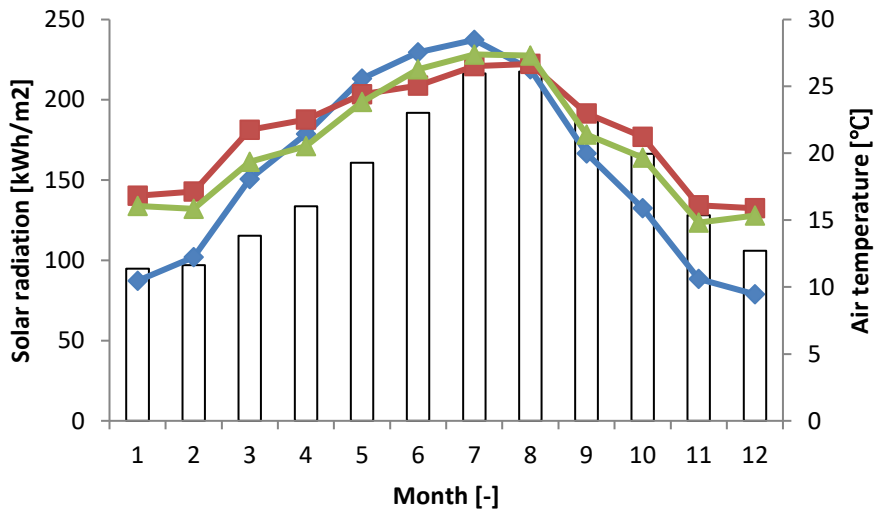


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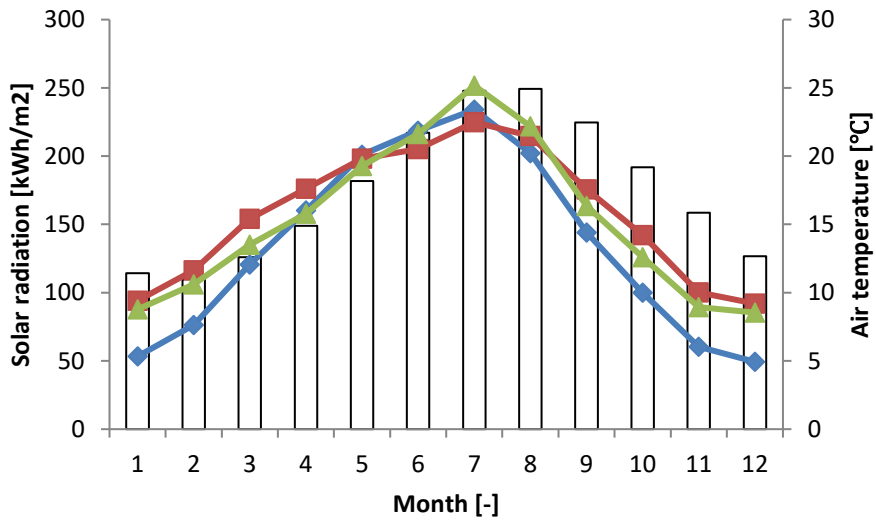


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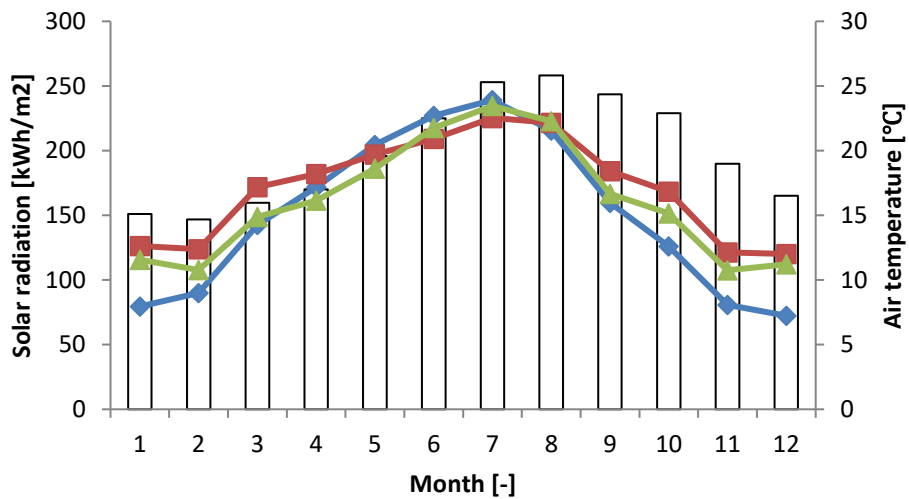


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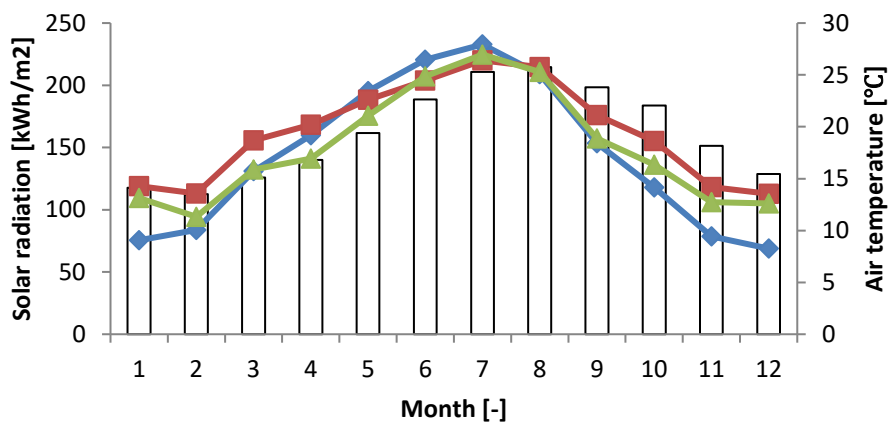


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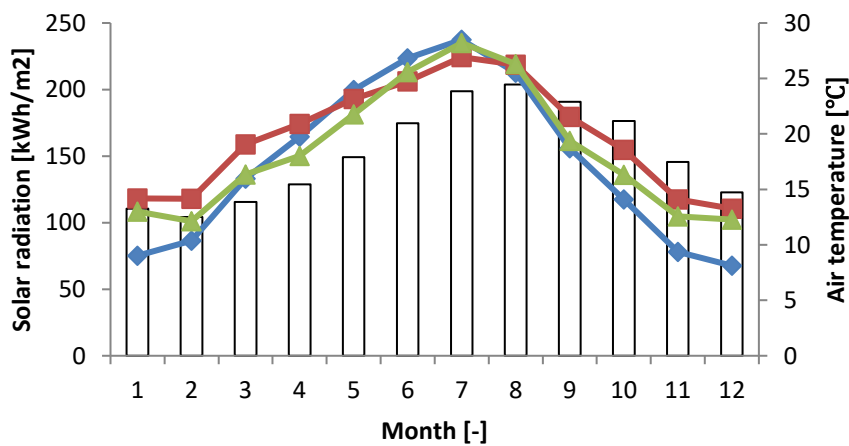


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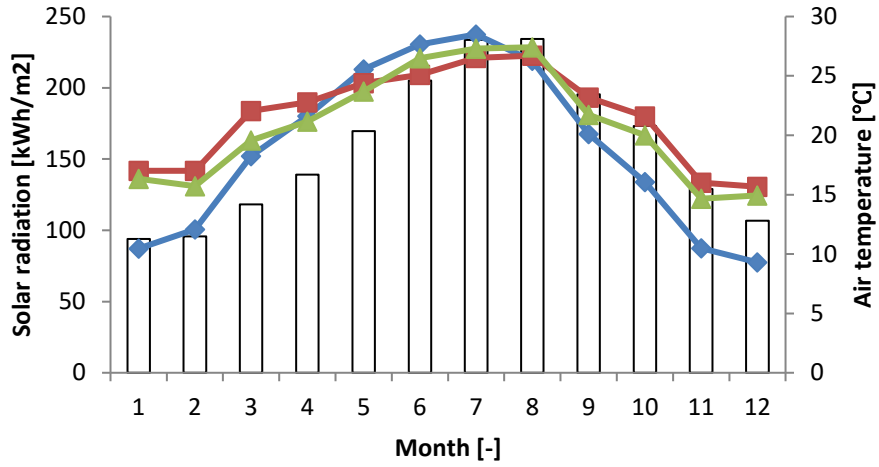


Figure 117: Mostaganem

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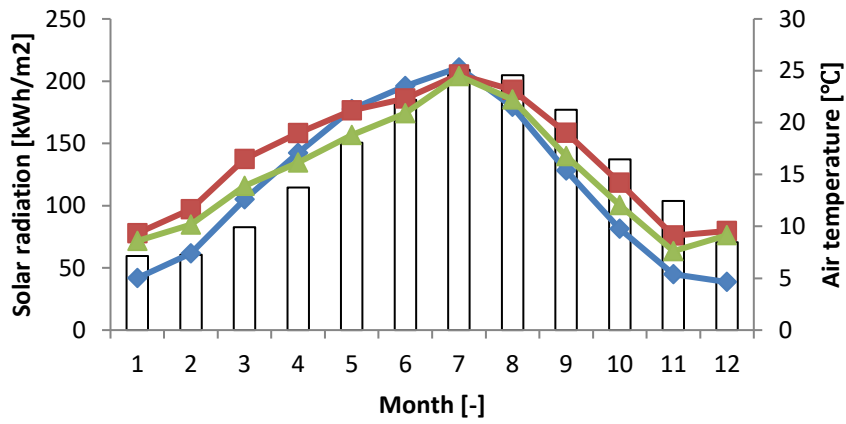


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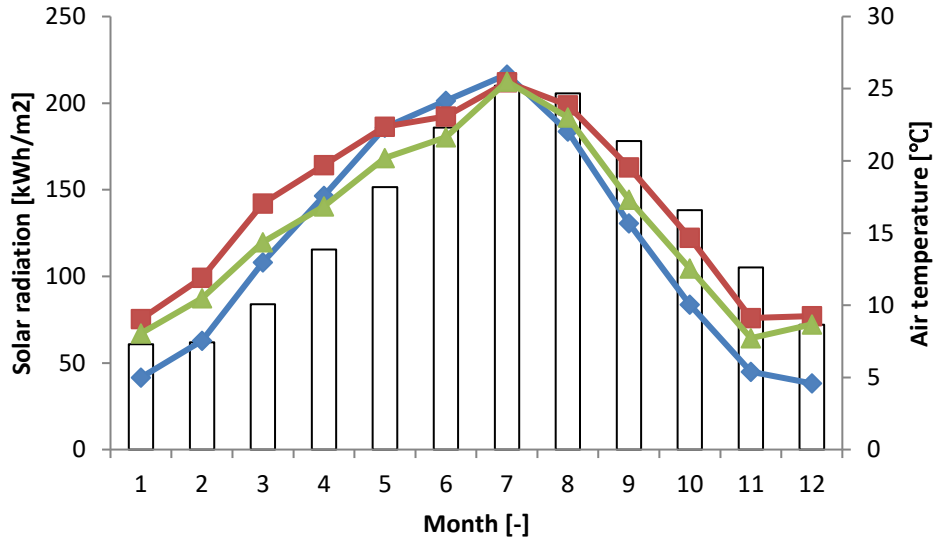


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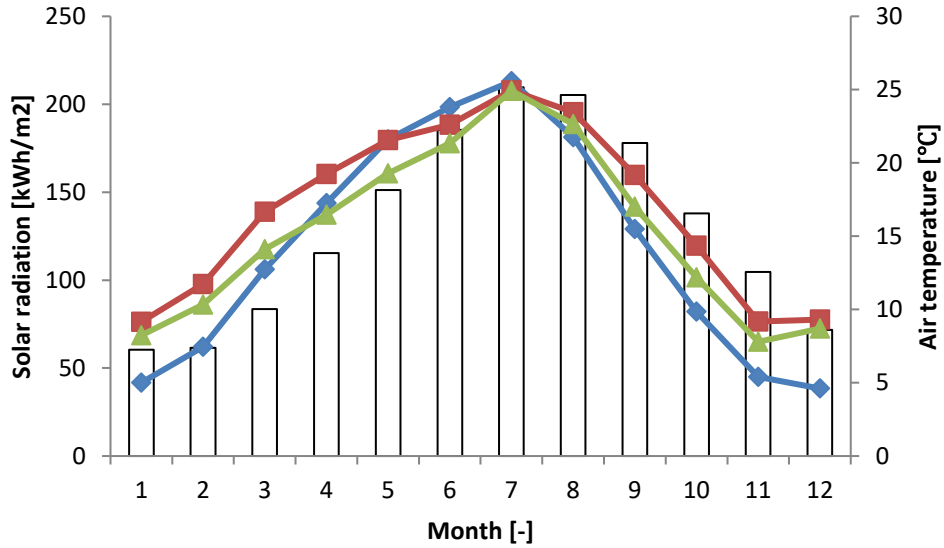


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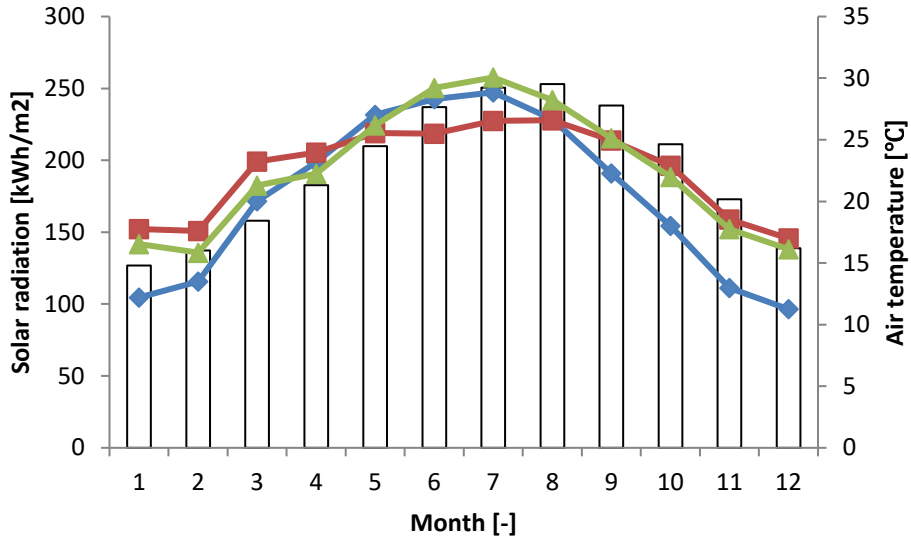


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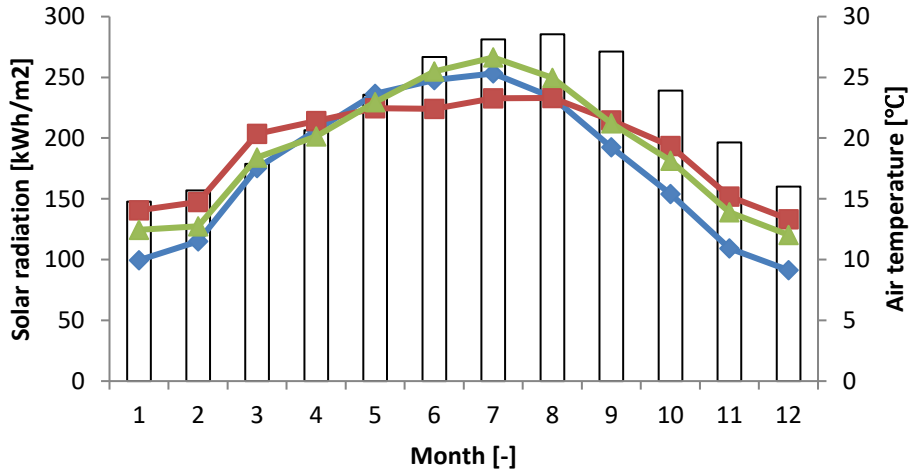


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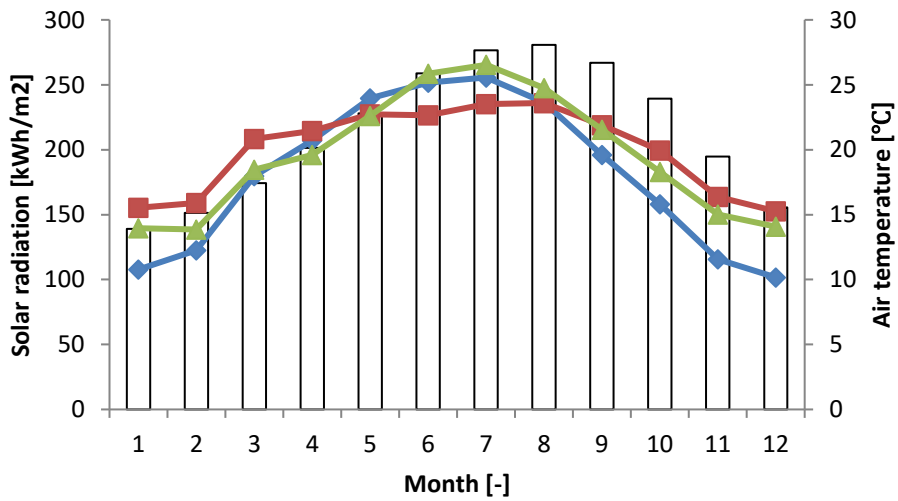


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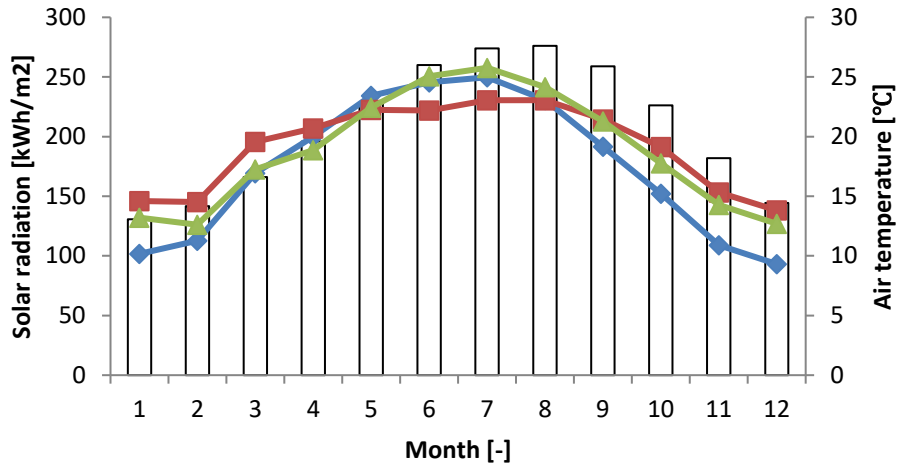


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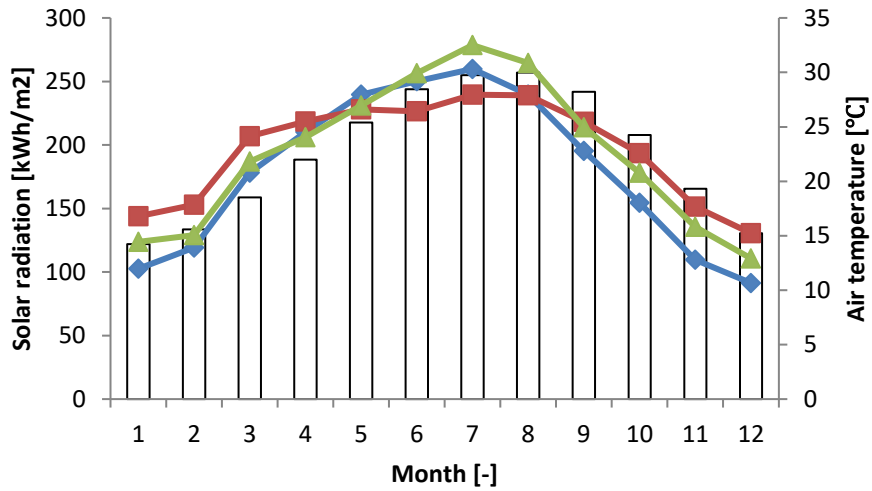


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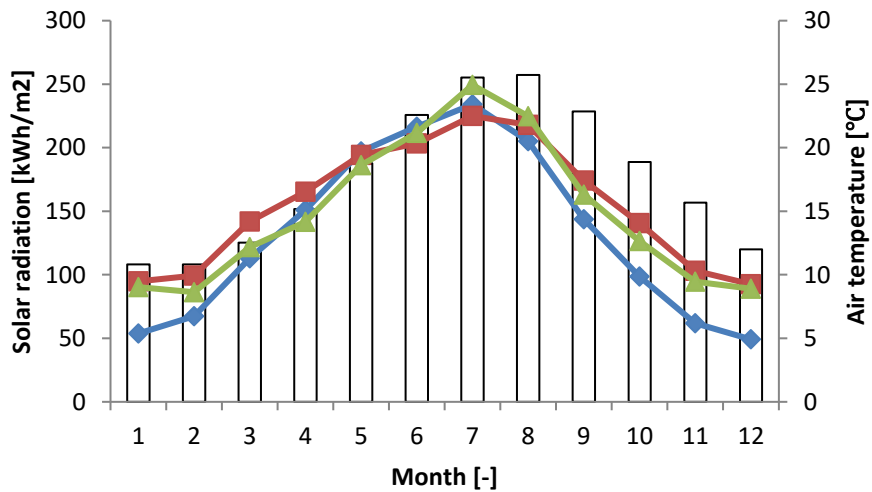


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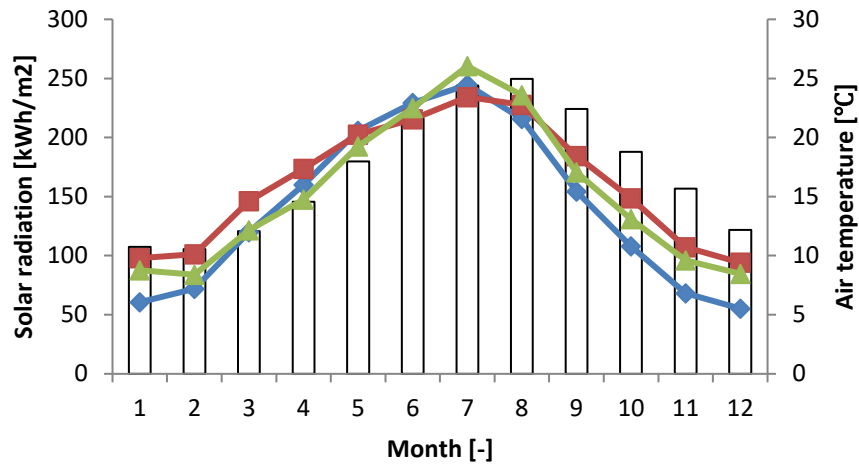


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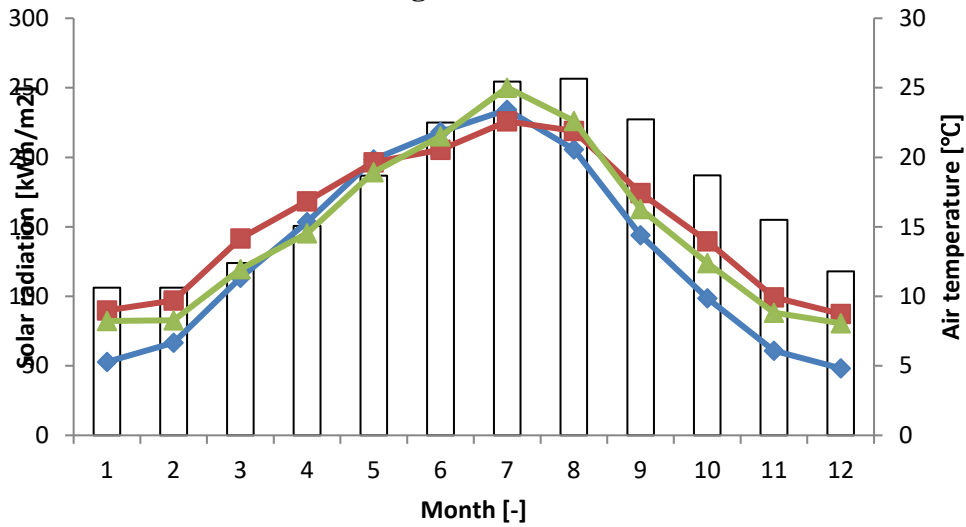


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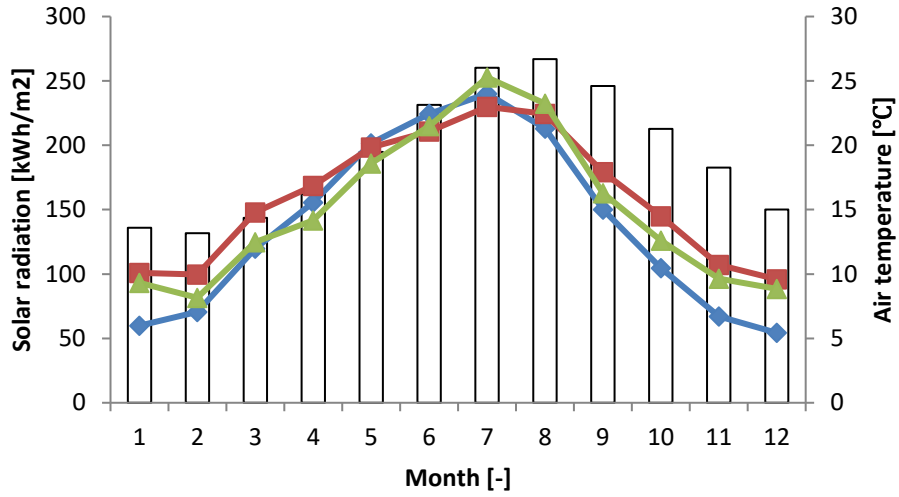


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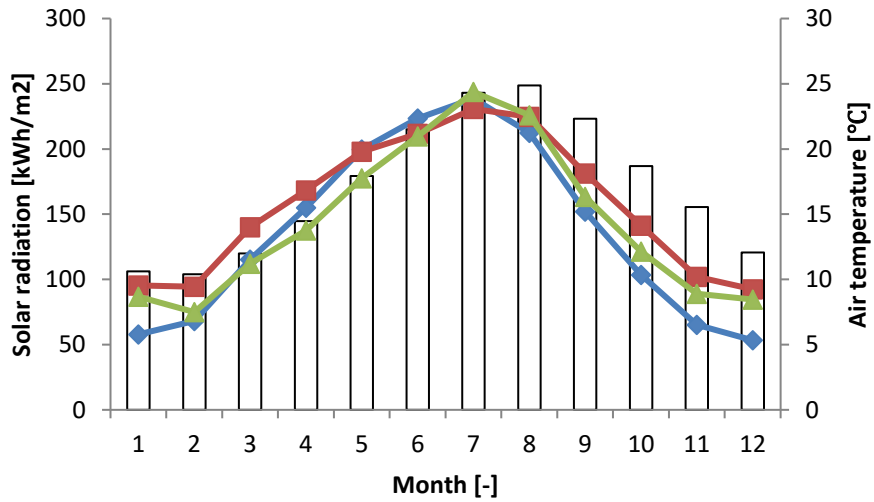


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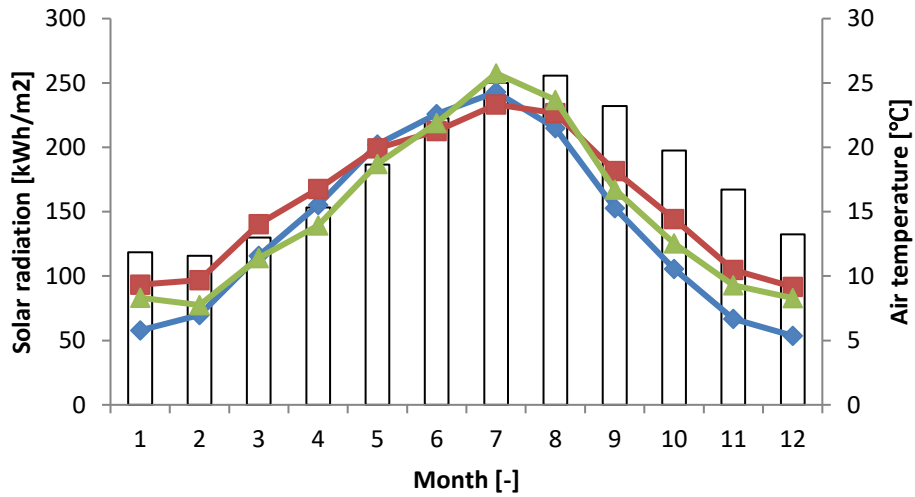


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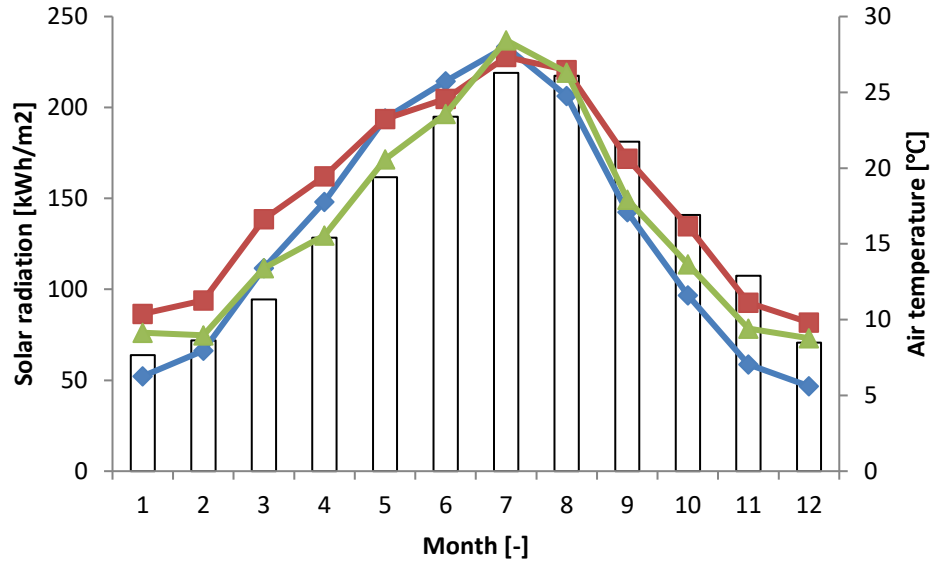


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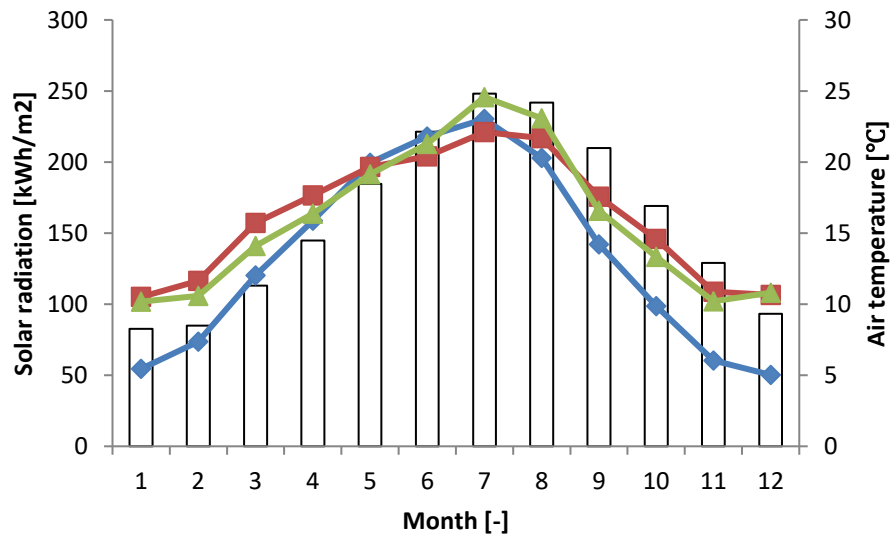


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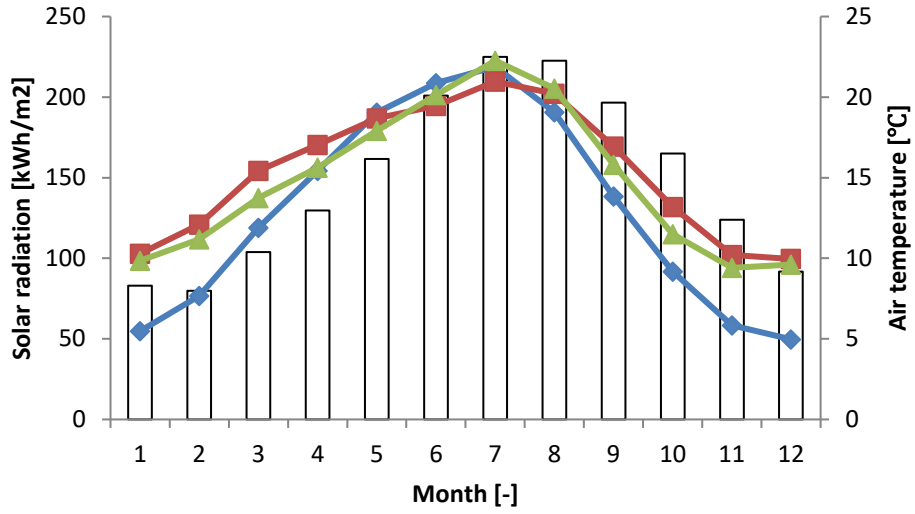


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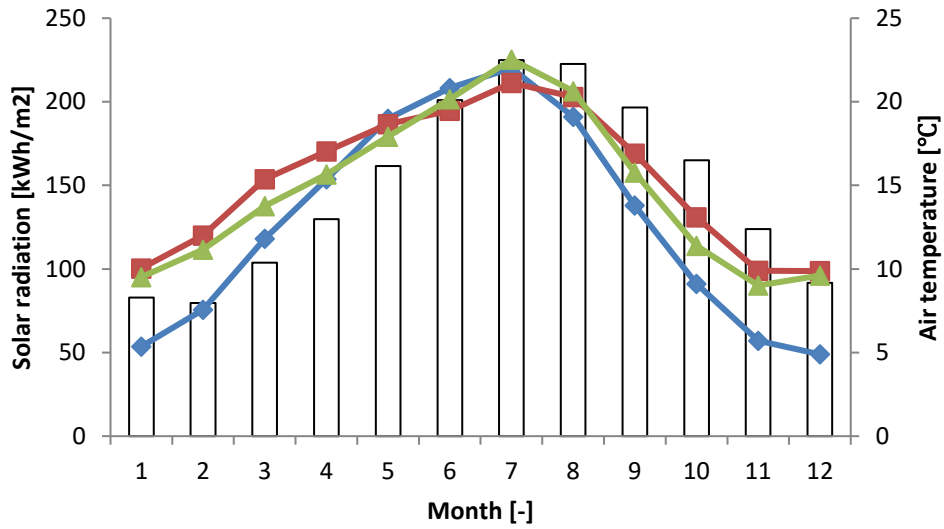


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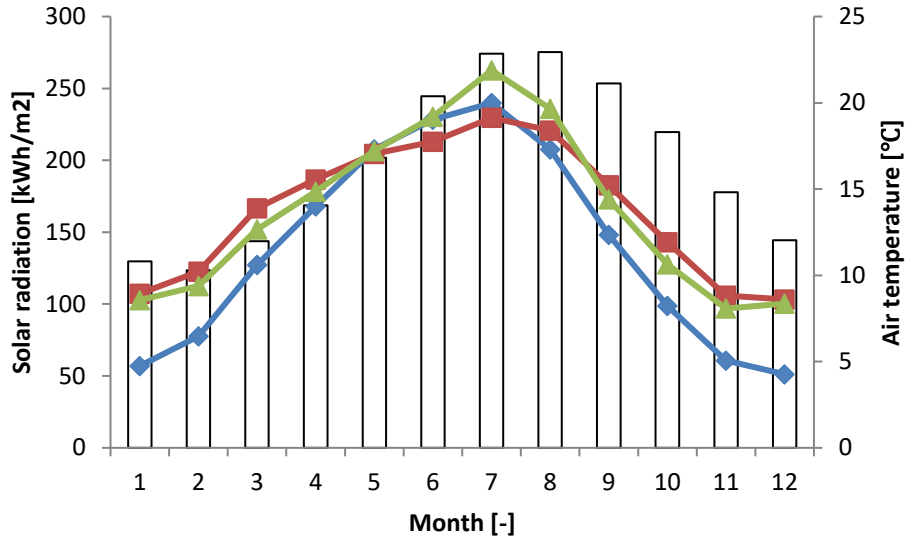


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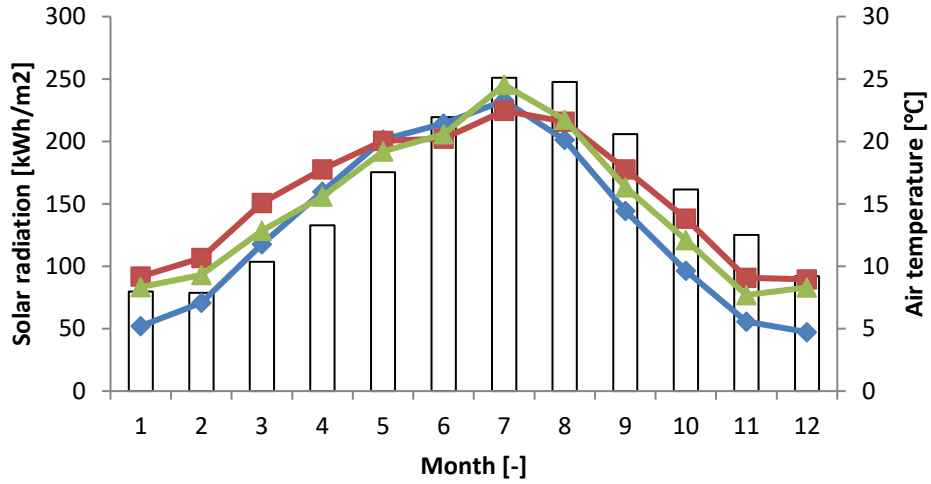


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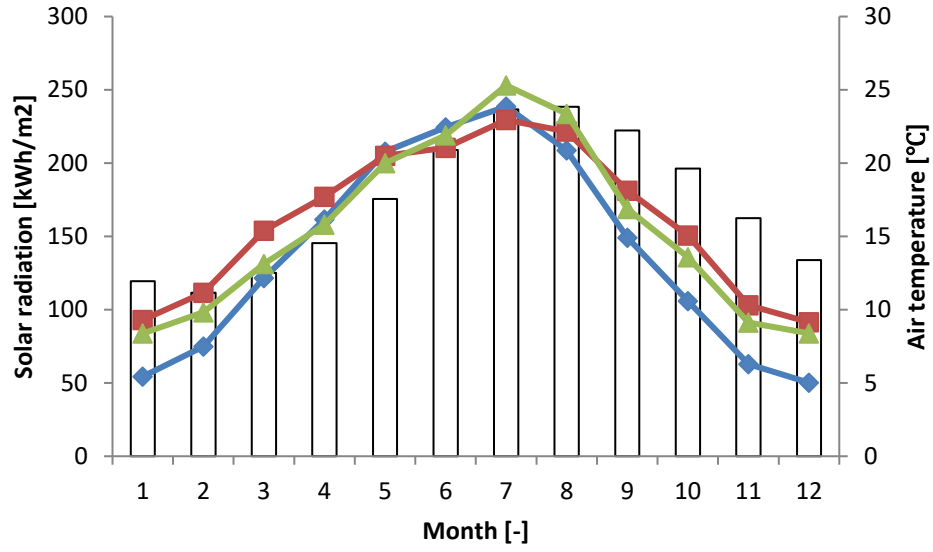


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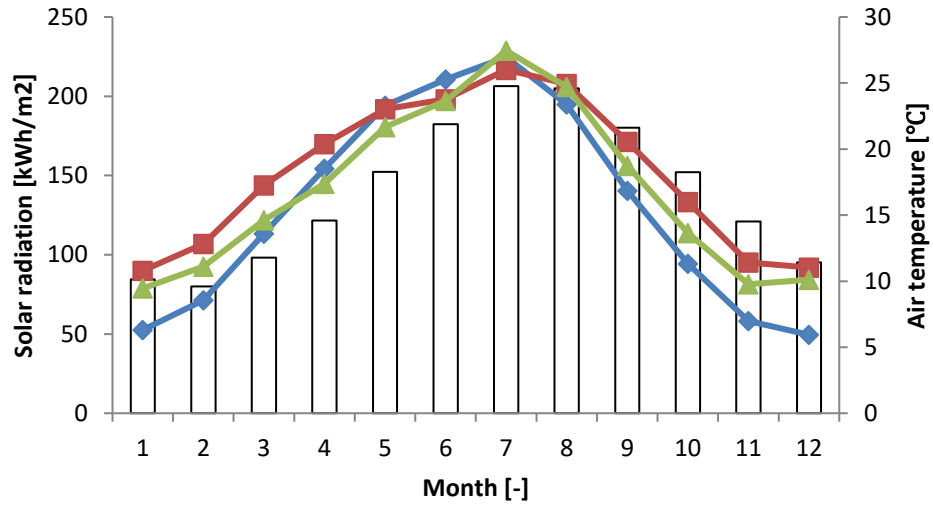


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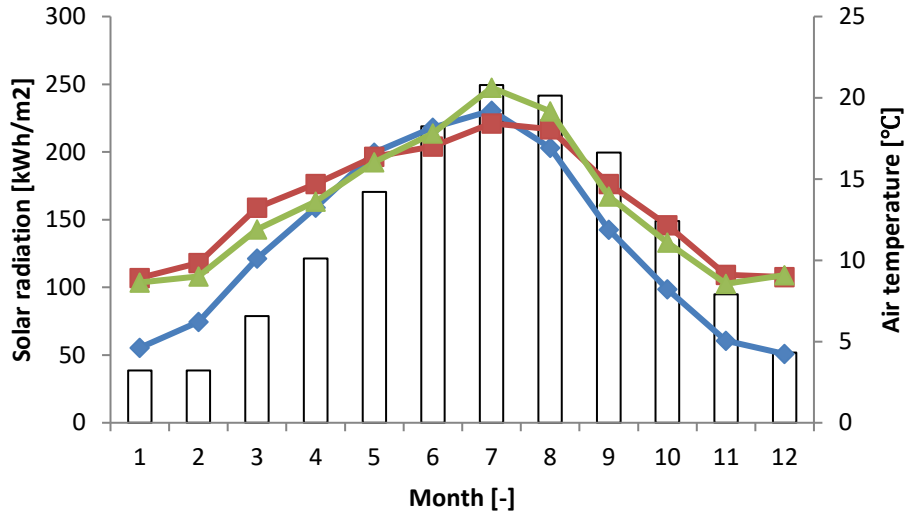


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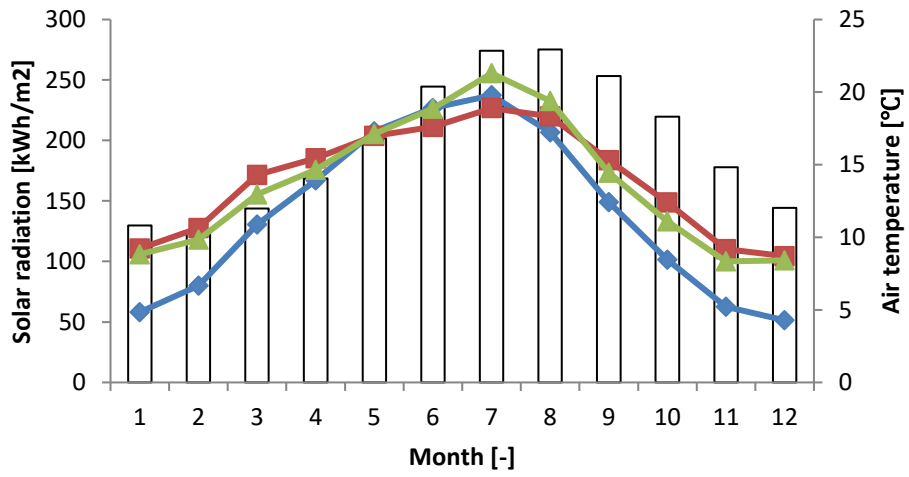


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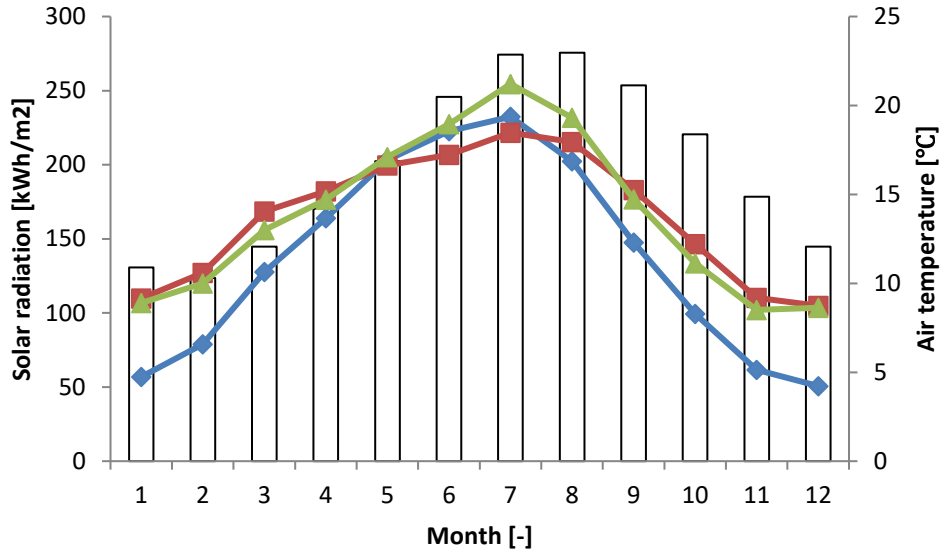


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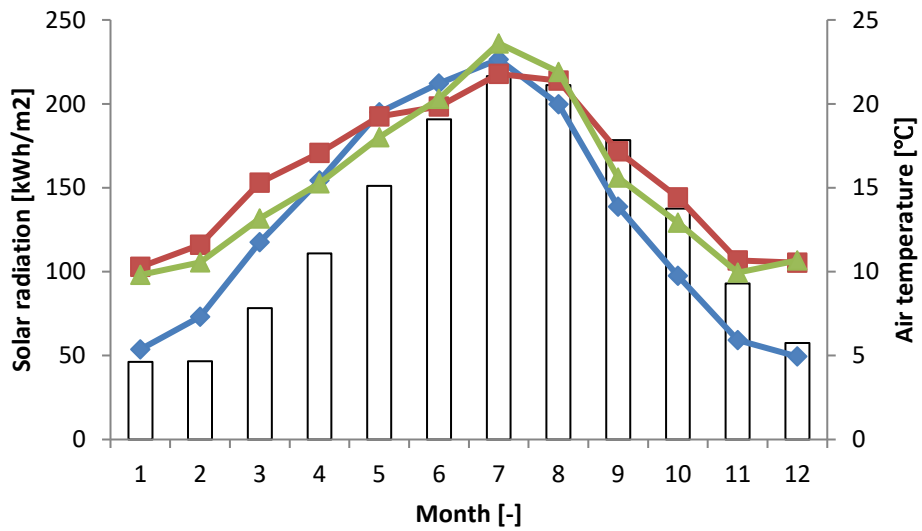


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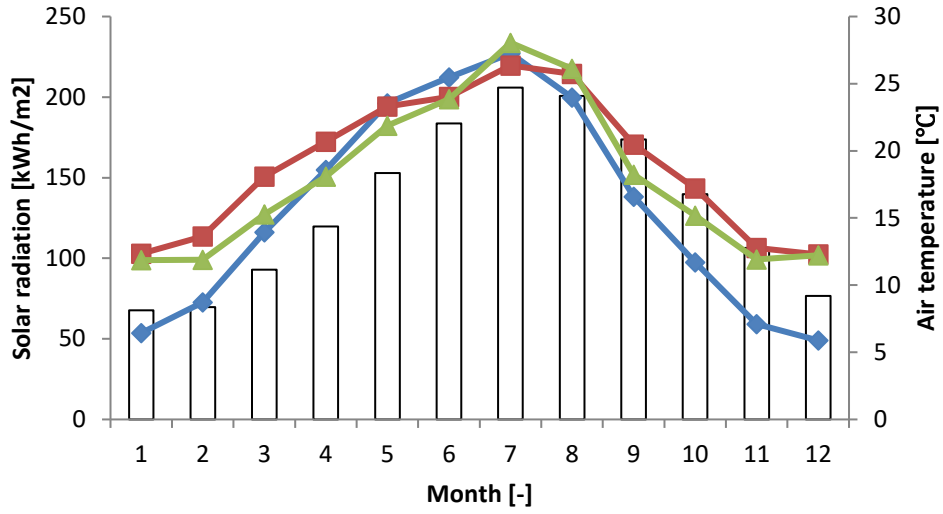


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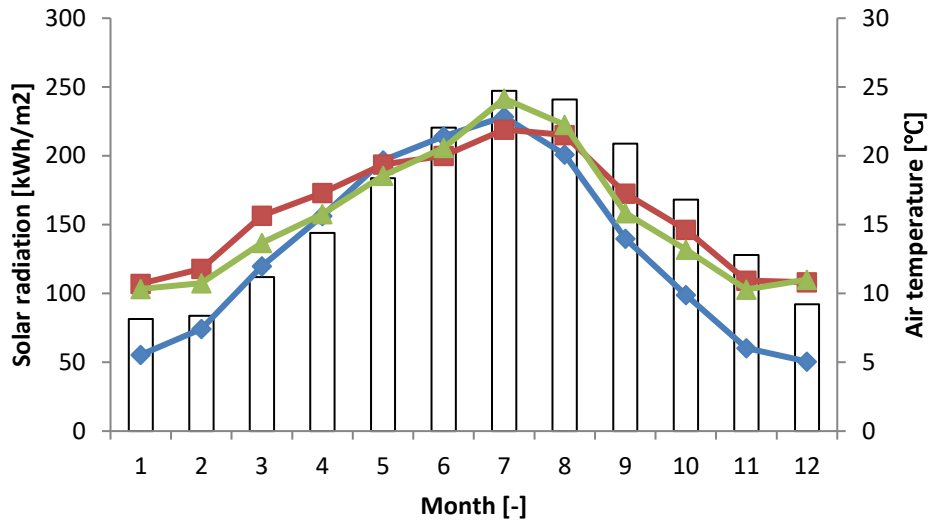


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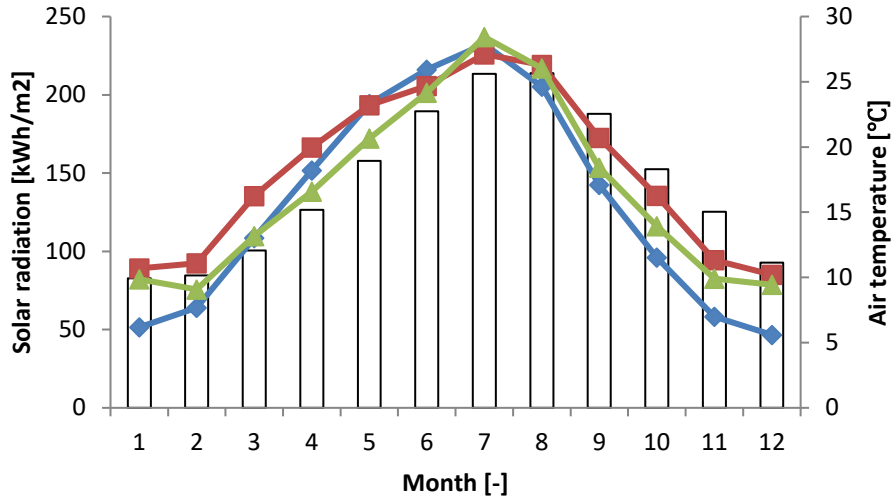


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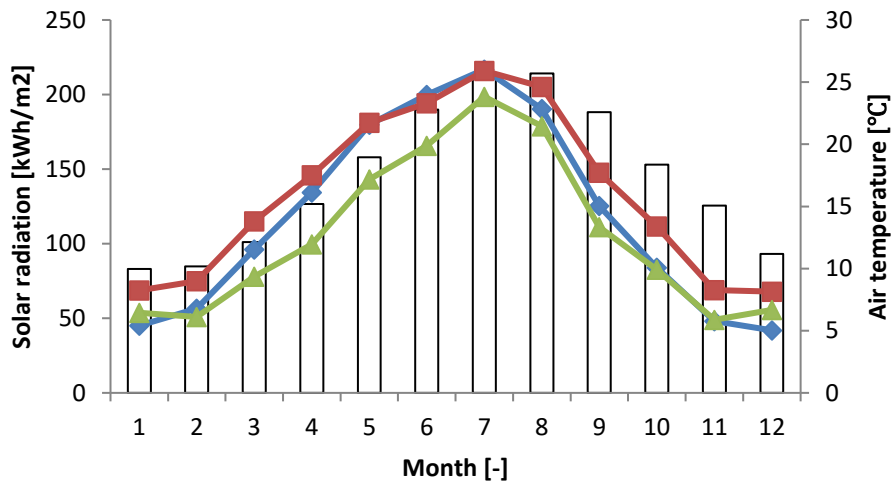


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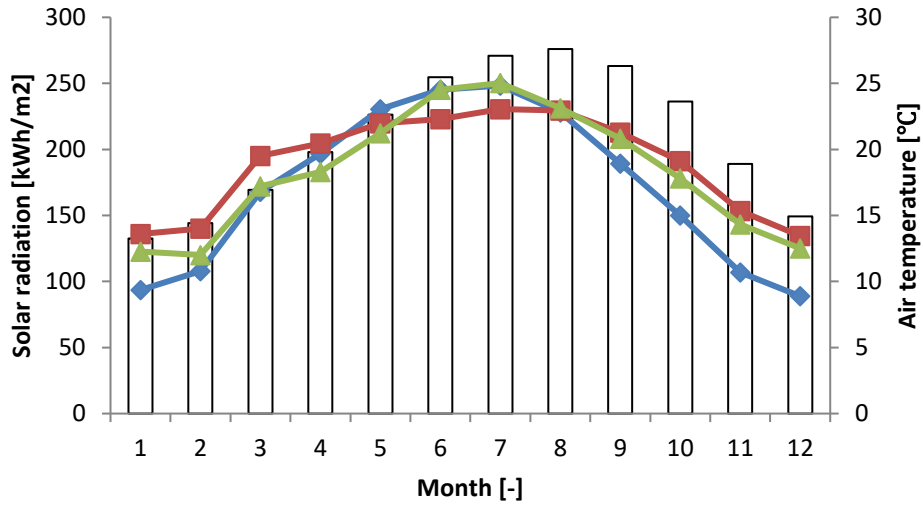


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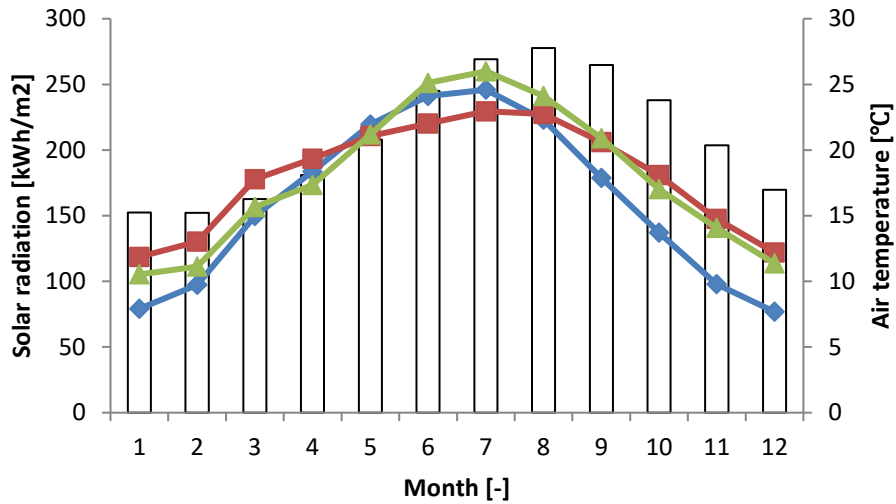


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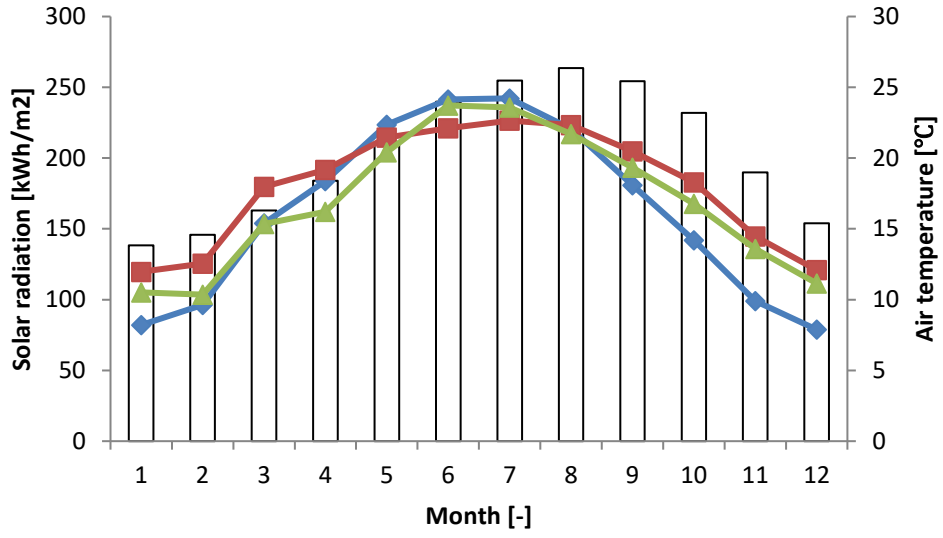


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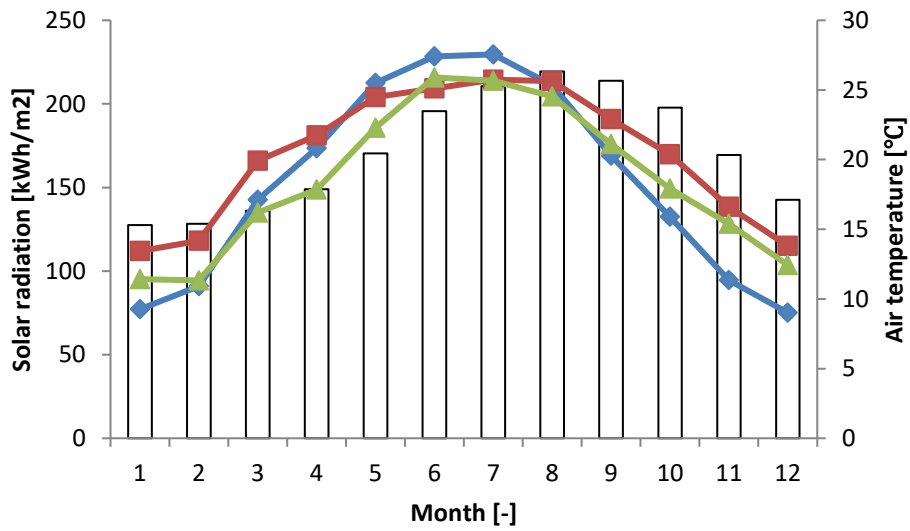


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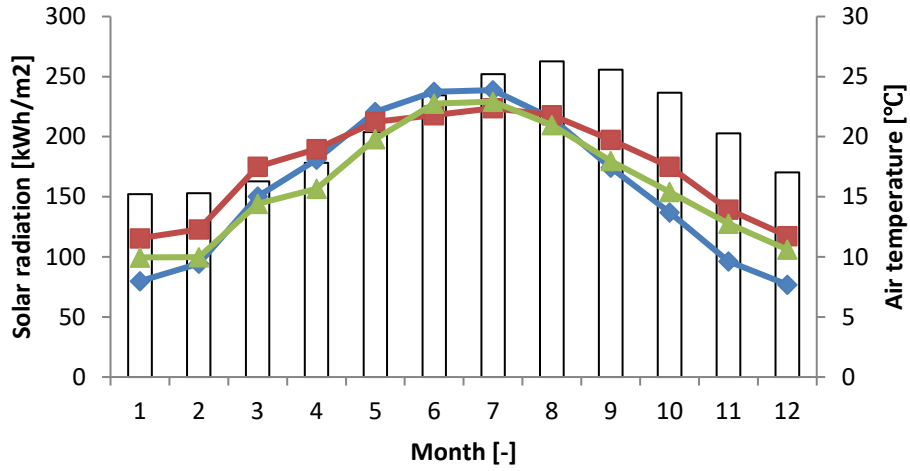


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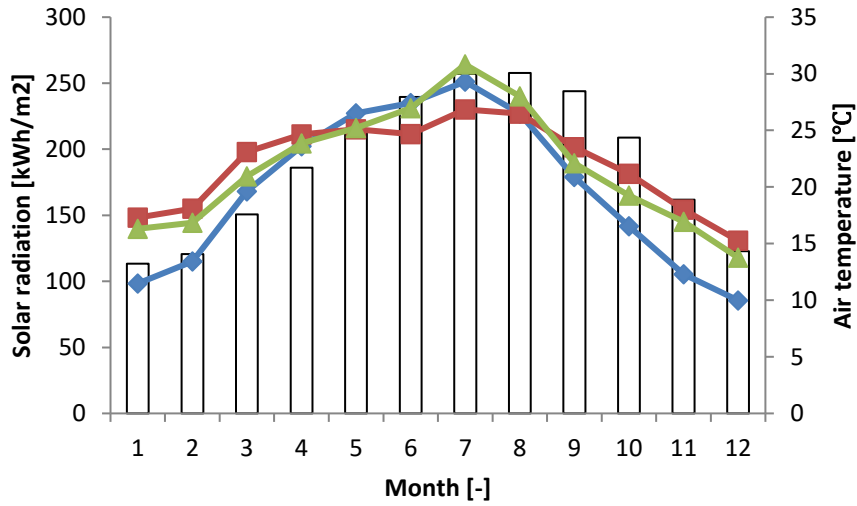


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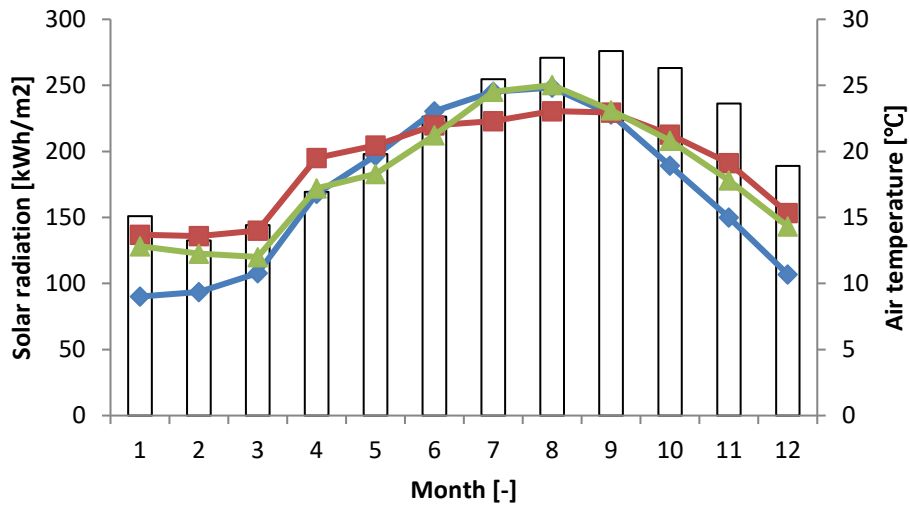


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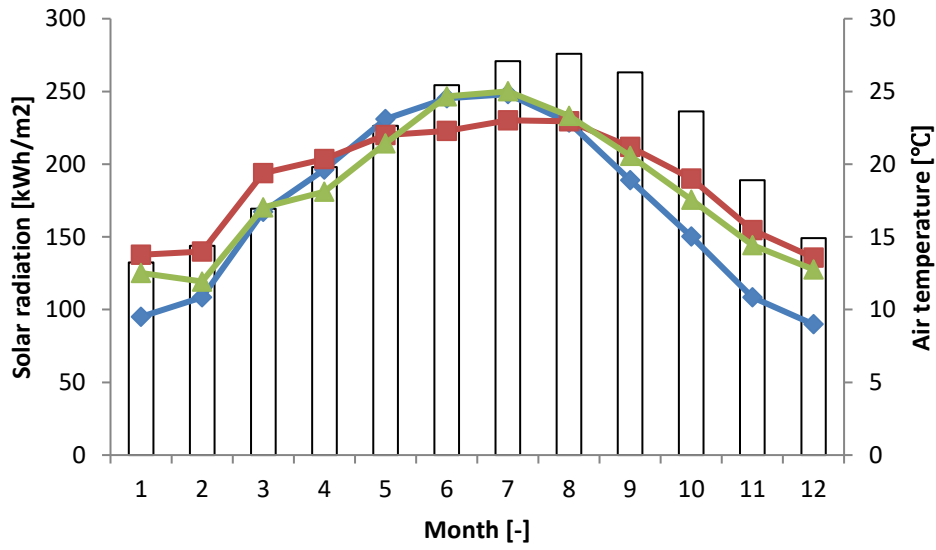


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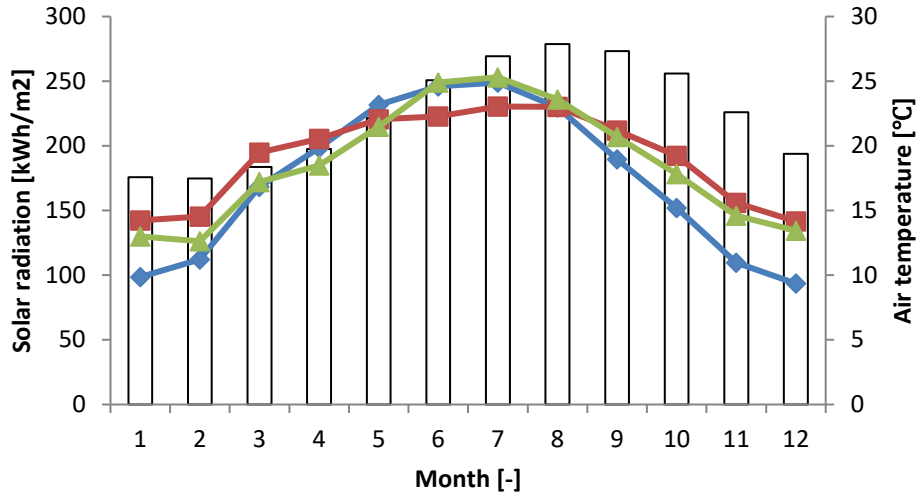


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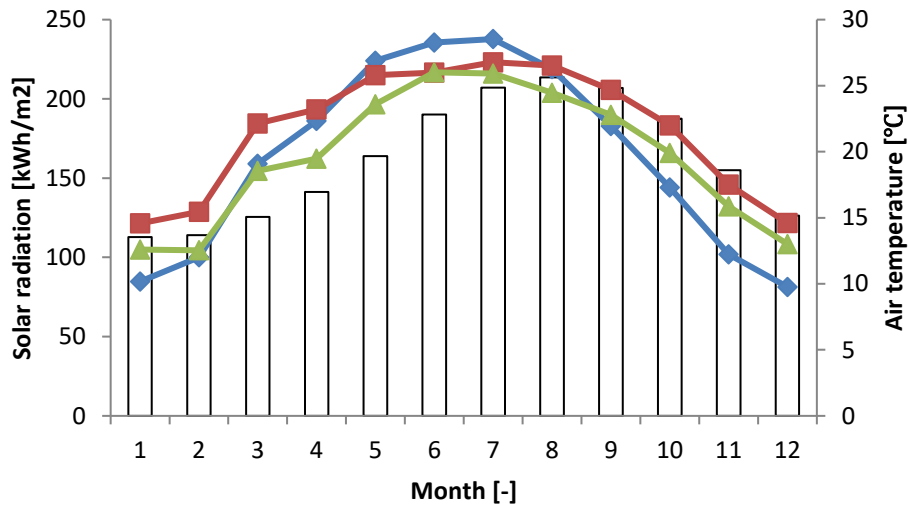


Figure157: Haifa

East:
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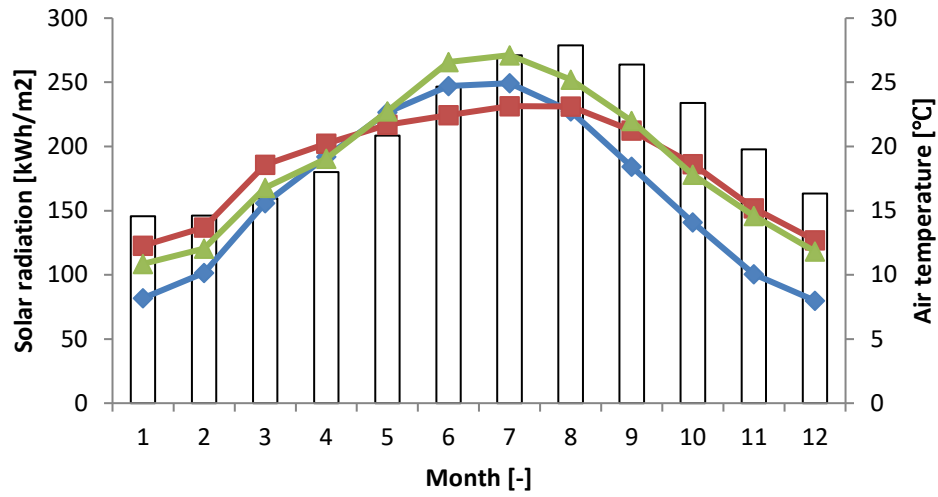


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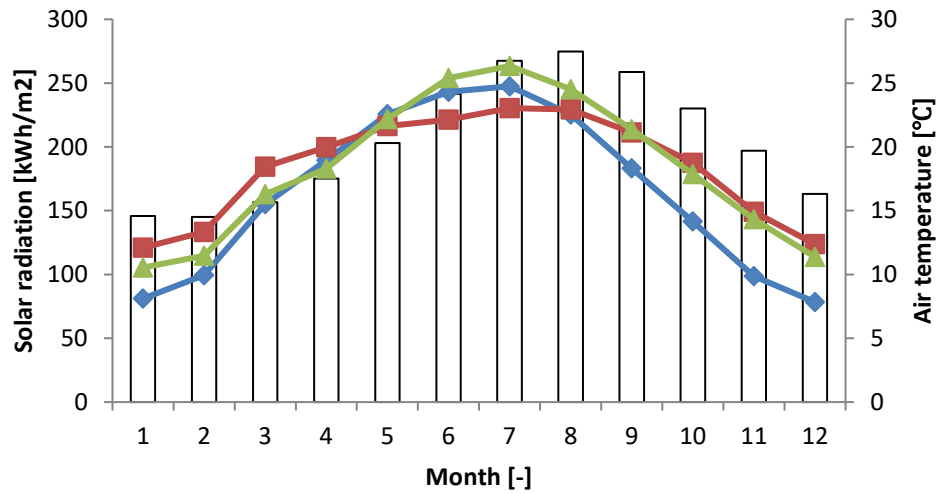


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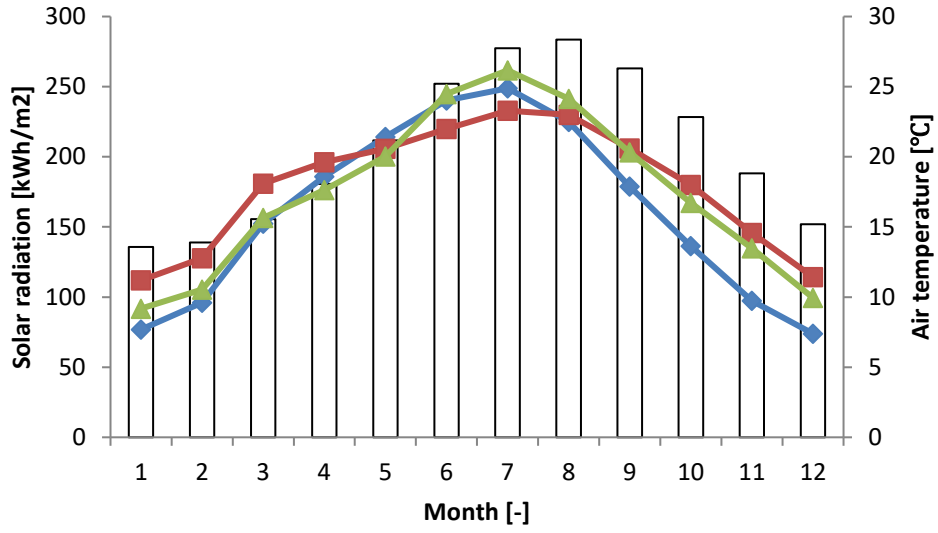


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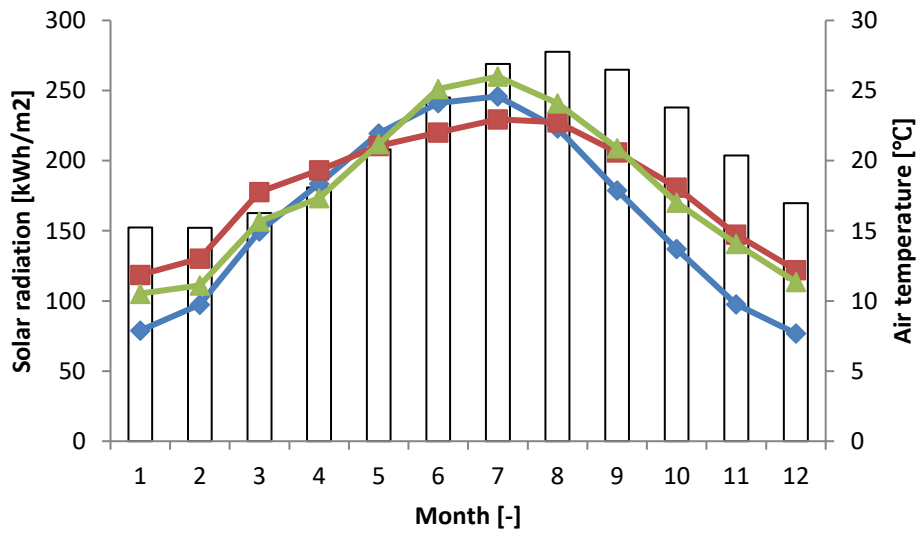


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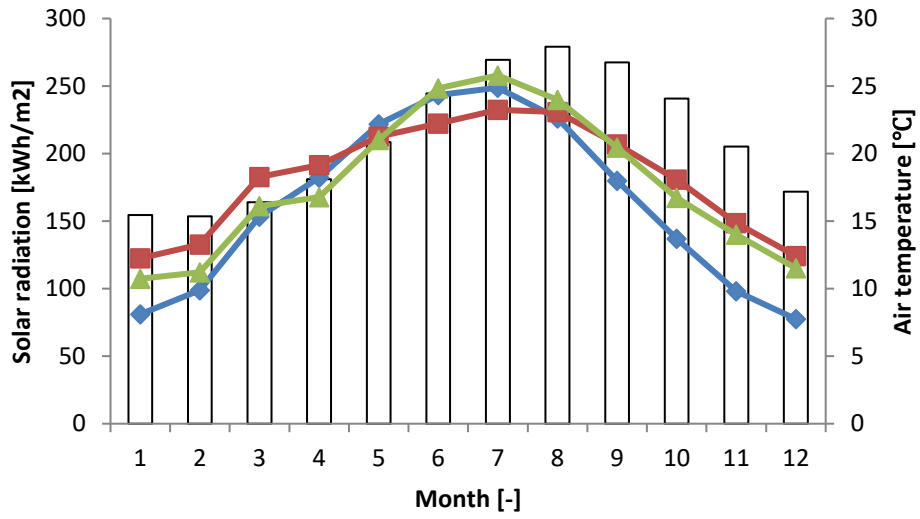


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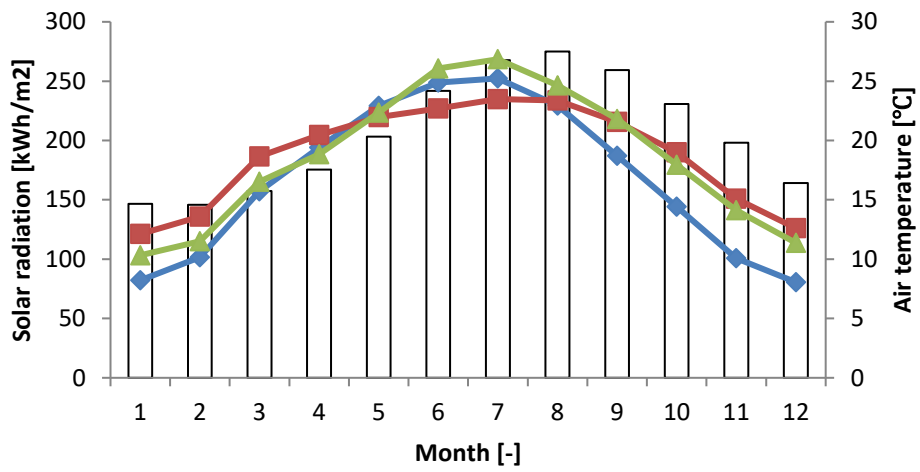


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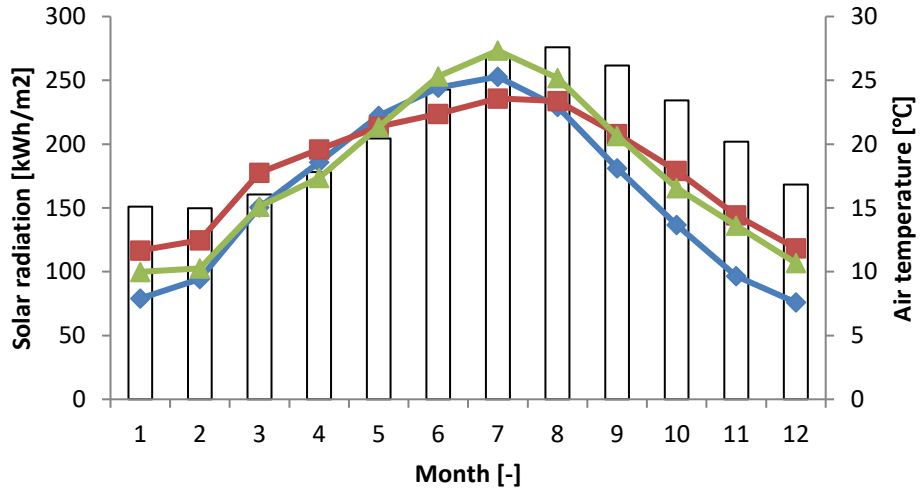


Figure 164: Polis Chrysochous

2. Turkey

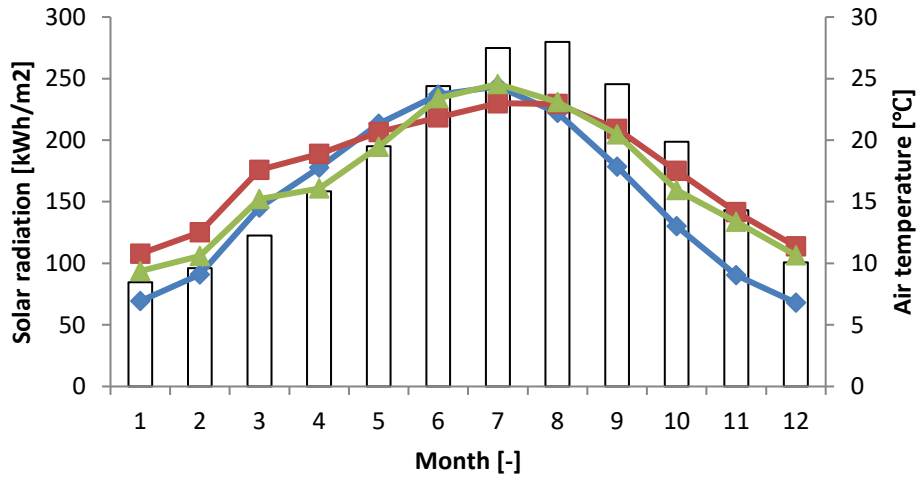


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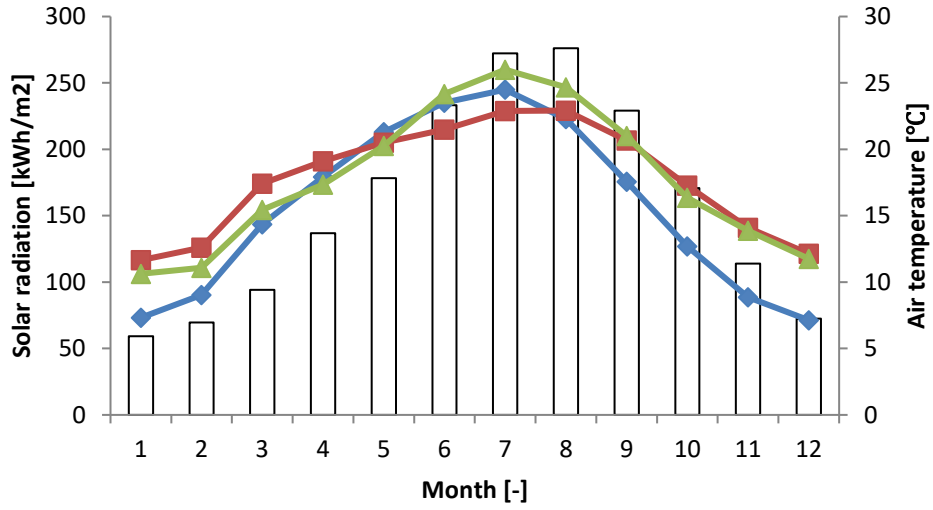


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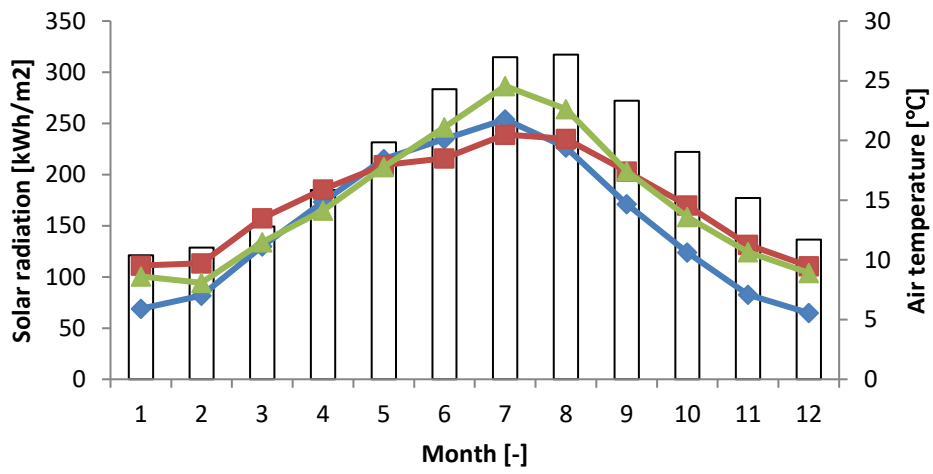


Figure 167: Izmir

CHAPTER V

Conclusion

Solar energy is undeniably a clean, pollution-free, and sustainable source of energy. The development of this source of energy necessitates a precise, long-term understanding of the potential, taking seasonal fluctuations into account. The region of the earth between the latitudes of 40°N and 40°S, also known as the solar belt, is a region with an abundant amount of solar radiation. Arish being located between latitudes 31.1321° N and 33.8033° E has a geographic position that favours the harvesting and development of solar energy. Arish receives global solar radiation in the range of 2171-2396 kWh/m² with respect to irradiation on horizontal plane and irradiation on a plane. Global solar radiation during the season of monsoon is less compared to winters and summers due to the denser clouds. This study identifies that Arish appears to be ideally suited for harvesting solar energy. Some of the limitations that occurred in this research were as follows; solar panels require space, cost of placement, initial materials for construction of solar panel can lead to pollution and negative energy balance. The study has also demonstrated the potential of solar radiation near the coastal region of the Mediterranean and has successfully determined the most suitable location for the placement of solar energy.

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