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SOLAR THERMAL TEST FACILITY EXPERIMENT MANUAL

CHAPTER I. INTRODUCTION

The Solar Thermal Test Facility (STTF) is operated for the Department of Energy (DOE) by Sandia Laboratories to advance the development of solar thermal electric power to a commercial scale. The STTF (Figure 1), with a thermal collection capability of about 5 megawatts, is designed to perform a variety of functions including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Testing scale models of water cooled receivers (boilers) for a 10 MW_e demonstration pilot plant and commercial plants of the future.
2. Testing prototype collectors (heliostats) for the 10 MW_e pilot plant and future plants.
3. Testing components and subsystems for advanced solar thermal systems including heat storage and gas or liquid metal cooled receivers.
4. Development of high temperature chemical and metallurgical processes and determination of high temperature (solar spectrum) effects on materials.
5. Testing instrumentation systems needed for the commercialization of solar energy.
6. Training personnel to operate solar facilities.

This document provides information on administrative procedures, the capabilities of the STTF, and the requirements of the experimenter. This document will be revised periodically to reflect the capabilities of the facility and needs of the experimenters.

Experimenters with projects that are under direct DOE programmatic contracts will work directly with the STTF Experiment Coordination Office (ECO). Correspondence should be addressed to:

STTF Experiment Coordination Office

Division 5713, T-27

Sandia Laboratories

Albuquerque, NM 87115

Commercial 505-264-2280

FTS 475-2280

Figure 1. Solar Thermal Test Facility

Other experimenters interested in using the facility should direct inquiries to the STTF Users Association at:

Solar Thermal Test Facility Users Association
Suite 1507, First National Bank Building, East
Albuquerque, NM 87108

Commercial 505-268-3994

CHAPTER II. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES

There are two routes that experimenters may follow in implementing experiments at the STTF. Experimenters with major DOE programmatic projects (Route 1) will work directly with the STTF Experiment Coordination Office (ECO). Other experimenters will work initially with the STTF Users Association (Route 2) which will review, coordinate, and set priorities for these experiments. Initial contacts with either organization need only to include a brief description of the experiment and definition of the testing requirements.

When these initial contacts indicate that the experiment is feasible, the experimenter will be asked to prepare a brief written proposal and submit two copies to the STTF-ECO for Route 1 experiments or the Users Association for Route 2 experiments. The proposal shall cover:

1. The objective of the experiment.
2. A description of the experimental equipment including STTF interface requirements.
3. Space, utilities, and services required including a brief definition of:
 - a. Flux required.
 - b. Thermal power required.
 - c. Cooling needs.
 - d. Instrumentation and control requirements.
 - e. Facility data requirements.
 - f. Special safety precautions or safety features.
 - g. Thermal protection requirements.
 - h. Beam diagnostic needs
4. Time estimate for set-up, operation, and removal including the desired time frame for testing.
5. An estimate of financial assistance, if necessary.¹

If technically feasible and appropriate for testing at the STTF, a probable time frame for testing will be established by the STTF Project Director relative to other current and proposed experiments and facility capabilities. When a Route 2 experiment has been approved by the Users Association, the experimenter will be put in direct contact with the STTF-ECO for the details of

¹The STTF director will have a limited amount of funds for operation of non-DOE supported experimenters (see II F). The UA will not, at present, fund hardware developments, but may be able to provide limited financial aid for experiment delivery, installation, and travel to the STTF.

implementing his experiment. The STTF-ECO will provide the experimenter details of facility capabilities, interfaces, safety policies, and other requirements. The ECO will also assist the experimenter in designing special interfaces. The functions of the ECO are outlined in detail in Section II, Part B.

A. Experiment Implementation

Implementing an experiment at the STTF necessitates strong and direct interactions between the experimenters and the STTF staff to assure that experiments are carried out in a systematic and timely manner. The experimenter will be required to supply detailed information to the STTF so that the experiment can be installed and operated safely and reliably to obtain desired test conditions and results.

To document an approved experiment, the experimenter shall develop and submit five copies of a Data Package and Test Plan to the STTF for review and approval. The amount of detail required will depend on the nature of the experiment. It is possible that one or more iterations of these submittals will be required prior to their final approval by the STTF Project Director. The experimenter should normally start construction of his hardware only after the Data Package is approved. Earlier construction shall be at his own risk since STTF reviews may require significant changes. At the time approval is given, the STTF Project Director will also assign a preliminary test schedule for the experiment.

At least 60 days prior to the scheduled installation date at the STTF, the experimenter shall provide two copies of any detailed input to the ECO on operating, maintenance, training, and quality assurance (QA) procedures that may be required.

At least 30 days prior to shipping his experiment to the STTF site, the experimenter shall submit his QA Records (as-built drawings and QA records) for a final ECO review and approval.

The ECO's approval of the QA Records will constitute authorization to ship the experiment to the STTF. Approval or disapproval to ship will be granted within 15 days of receipt of the QA Records.

A summary of the normal times required for reviews and approvals of the various experimenter inputs is given in Table I.

TABLE I

Experiment Review Process

<u>Requirement of Experimenter</u>	<u>Time Required for Review and Approval</u>	<u>Result to Experimenter</u>
Feasibility discussion with STTF and/or Users Association	1 week	Feasibility determined, test time frame established
Written experiment proposal to STTF or Users Association	2-8 weeks	Experiment approved, preliminary test schedule
Data Package and Test Plan to STTF	6-8 weeks per iteration	Test scheduled
Detailed procedures (if required) to STTF	4-8 weeks	Procedures approved
Quality assurance records to STTF	2 weeks	Authorization to ship hardware to STTF

B. STTF Experiment Coordination Office

The STTF will provide engineering services to experimenters through the Experiment Coordination Office (ECO). The ECO is comprised of the STTF engineering and operations staff. The scope of these ECO services include:

1. Provide information on STTF capabilities, controls, data systems, and safety requirements.
2. Provide design data on STTF/experiment interfaces.
3. Consult with experimenters on their designs for mounting and interface hardware. Experimenters will normally provide all connections to existing STTF systems and utilities.
4. Review experimenter's Data Package and Test Plan.
5. Provide detailed test planning to assure that test conditions and data requirements are met.
6. Translate experimenter's procedural input into STTF operating procedures and sequences.
7. Provide special safety equipment and procedures to assure overall facility safety.
8. Provide data reports and a limited amount of data processing and analysis.
9. Provide summary reports on the operation and control of the experiment.

C. STTF Users Association

The STTF Users Association is an organization of scientists and engineers that includes representatives of the national laboratories, research institutes, private utilities, industrial corporations, universities, and others interested in use of the STTF.

The STTF Users Association has the following general purposes:

1. To act as a point of contact and primary access link for Route 2 experimenters and the STTF.
2. To solicit and review proposals, and make recommendations to DOE regarding the utilization of the STTF for Route 2 experiments.
3. To disseminate STTF information on a regular basis; and
4. To provide funding for testing Route 2 experiments, subject to DOE program approval.

The STTF Users Association can be contacted through its Executive Director:

Executive Director
STTF Users Association
Suite 1507, First National Bank Building, East
Albuquerque, NM 87108
Phone 505-268-3994

D. Experiment Operation

Many types of experiments are expected to be proposed for the STTF. Some will be very complex and will have strong interfaces with the STTF systems. Such experiments will normally be operated by the STTF staff with close coordination and advice provided by the resident experimenter. Similar experiments, such as instruments, material tests, etc. may be operated by the resident experimenter. In all cases, the STTF staff will operate the major STTF systems and diagnostic tools. The STTF staff will be responsible for facility safety. The exact role of the experimenter in operations will be determined during reviews of the Data Package and Test Plan.

The facility has the flexibility for changing and tailoring the flux or other operating conditions in real time. The bounds on permitted changes are related to facility safety operability and will be defined during detailed test planning between the experimenter and the ECO. Other deviations from the test plan during actual operation will require approval by the ECO Test Engineer and the STTF Safety Officer assigned to the test.

E. Scheduling

Scheduling is the responsibility of the STTF Project Director. Input from the experimenter and advice from the STTF Experiment Coordination Office (ECO), DOE/DSE, and the STTF Users Association will be considered when scheduling experiments. The experimenter will be notified of the tentative schedule for his experiment when the experiment proposal is approved. The detailed test schedule will be worked out during the review of the experimenter's Data Package and Test Plan.

F. Responsibilities and Charges to Experimenters

Funding of the general operation and maintenance of the STTF will be provided by DOE/DSE. A memorandum of understanding will be developed by Sandia to define the Sandia/DOE/Experimenter/Users Association funding and responsibility relationships through the DOE Albuquerque Operation Office.

For DOE-sponsored experiments, Sandia will normally furnish the following materials and services without charge:

1. Technical coordination, consultation, and reviews of experimenter inputs.
2. Design assistance for experiment interfaces.
3. Instrument and data system hook-up, check-out, and operation, including real time data displays, data recording, and a limited amount of data reduction.
4. Space and normal utilities for the experiment.
5. Heat rejection system operation.
6. Elevating module and crane operation.
7. Office and assembly or set-up space.
8. Working heliostat field operation tailored to the needs of the experiment.
9. Safety coordination.
10. Operations of diagnostic and calibration facilities including:
 - a. Heliostat focus and alignment system.
 - b. Meteorological system.
 - c. Real time aperture flux measuring system.
 - d. 1 MW_t low temperature, water cooled working receiver.
11. Data and operations reports.

Normally the experimenters will have the following responsibilities:

1. Delivery of experiment to the STTF.
2. Provide final assembly of experiment at the STTF.
3. Install data and control system to STTF computer and data acquisition interfaces.
4. Provide data package, test plan, and other requirements outlined in Chapter IV.
5. Design, procure, and provide all mechanical, structural, and electrical interfaces required for experiment installation and operation.
6. Provide for experiment disassembly and final disposition.
7. Provide for data analysis, and interpretation, and write test reports.

A number of items will require negotiation regarding the responsible party and funding source for the work. The result of the negotiation will be summarized in the document of understanding. These negotiable items include:

1. Experiment installation and check-out including required labor, special equipment, and supplies.
2. Experiment control method:
 - a. Use of STTF computers for control.
 - b. Use of experimenter supplied controls.
3. Experiment operation responsibilities and interfaces.

The STTF Project Director will also have the discretion of providing similar services up to a \$10,000 value to non-DOE funded (including foreign experimenters) experimenters. Non-DOE/DSE funded experiments will be required to negotiate a cost reimbursement agreement with DOE/ALO for experiments expected to exceed \$10,000 in operational cost.

The following services, if provided, will normally require cost reimbursement by all experimenters:

1. Design and engineering services for major plant modifications or interfaces required for certain experiments.*
2. Components and services supplied by the STTF required to remedy, repair, or replace defective or malfunctioning components in an experiment. Spare parts are the responsibility of the experimenter.

* Major STTF modifications (new permanent facilities such as gas or liquid metal heat rejection systems, thermal storage systems, etc.) normally will be funded from DOE construction budget and will require the normal proposal/approval sequence for line items.

3. Data logging or analysis equipment or supplies in addition to the current capabilities of the STTF.
4. Special services requiring paid overtime effort.
5. Computing time on Sandia's CDC computer facilities.

To cover charges for these services to DOE experimenters or general charges over \$10,000 for non-DOE experimenters, the experimenter must submit a statement of work and request for estimate to:

Director, Special Programs Division
DOE Albuquerque Operations Office
P.O. Box 5400
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87115

with a copy to the STTF Project Director. The experimenters contract number and the contracting officer, address, and telephone number should be included for all government funded programs.

The experimenter will receive a cost estimate (not a quotation), and he shall then proceed to submit a funding document (purchase order, etc.) to DOE. When DOE authorizes the funds to Sandia, the services will be provided in accordance with the document of understanding and the assigned schedule.

G. Access to KAFB and the STTF

The STTF is located on Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB). Visitors must inform the STTF of their expected arrival time so that arrangements can be made for KAFB visitor passes. A security clearance will normally not be required.

When the visitor arrives at either the Gibson or Wyoming entrance to KAFB, he shall identify himself and provide the Security Police with the name of his STTF contact. Visitors will be required to observe all posted traffic regulations while on KAFB. Figure 2 shows the location of the STTF relative to other prominent features at Sandia Laboratories and KAFB.

A receptionist will greet all visitors arriving at the STTF Administration Building. Any access problems should be addressed to the STTF Project Director, 505-264-2280.

Private cameras will be permitted at the STTF site, but cannot be taken into Sandia or KAFB security areas.

Resident experimenters will be required to sign the following experimenters agreement prior to becoming resident at the STTF.

Figure 2. Location of Solar Thermal Test Facility, KAFB

SANDIA LABORATORIES
SOLAR THERMAL TEST FACILITY
RESIDENT EXPERIMENTER AGREEMENT

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS

I agree to observe and conform to all rules and regulations including security, health, and safety rules presently in effect at Sandia or Kirtland AFB or as they may be amended from time to time.

B. RELEASE

I hereby covenant and agree for myself, my heirs, successors, administrators, executors, and assigns to release the United States of America, including DOE and Sandia and their officers, agents, and employees from all liability for any personal injuries (including death) to me or for damage to any of my property which may arise out of my access to the STTF and the use of its facilities unless it shall be determined that such injury or damage was caused directly by gross negligence or wilful misconduct on the part of an officer, employee, or agent of Sandia or the United States of America, including DOE.

Date Signed _____ Signature _____

Citizen of _____ Experimenter Name _____

Parent Organization _____

Dates of Residence, From _____ To _____

STTF Contact _____

Purpose of Residence _____

CHAPTER III. DESCRIPTION OF STTF CAPABILITIES AND INTERFACES

This section describes the general capabilities and interfaces that will be of interest to experimenters. Additional details of the design and capabilities of STTF systems will be available through the Experiment Coordination Office (ECO). This section of the Manual will be revised periodically to reflect current STTF capabilities.

A. Heliostat Array Subsystem

The STTF energy collection field will initially consist of 222 heliostats (Figure 3). The total heliostat field is capable of concentrating in excess of 5 million thermal watts of power under optimum sun, heliostat, and target conditions. For test flexibility heliostats may be located on either of two general foundation arrays which form a northern and annular distribution with respect to the tower center (Figure 4).

Figure 3. Martin Marietta Heliostat Array

Figure 4. STTF Heliostat Layout

The maximum theoretical temperature obtainable at the STTF can be found using the following procedure:

At steady state the heat input to an object in the beam is equal to the heat loss. At high temperatures, radiation is the dominant mode of heat transfer.

$$\alpha Q = \epsilon \sigma (T^4 - T_a^4)$$

or

$$T = \left[\frac{\alpha Q}{\epsilon \sigma} + T_a^4 \right]^{1/4}$$

This also assumes heat loss is to a large space (not a small room). Therefore, the geometric configuration factor is approximately 1.

The STTF can achieve approximately 2500 kW/m² maximum with 222 heliostats under the best conditions. Assuming a body where $\epsilon = \alpha$ and $T_a = 300^\circ\text{K}$. The equation for temperature gives:

$$T = 2570^\circ\text{K} = 2297^\circ\text{C} = 4626^\circ\text{R} = 4166^\circ\text{F}$$

Calculated flux maps are presented in a later section of this chapter.

Each heliostat has 25 mirror facets that total 400 square feet of reflective surface per heliostat. The mirror facets are mechanically shaped such that the reflected energy is concentrated (focused). The facets are equipped with alignment adjustments to collectively concentrate the reflected energy from the entire heliostat. The facets are mounted on a structure with azimuth and elevation gimbals to allow aiming the reflected energy at multiple target locations.

Each heliostat gimbal can be driven at angular rates of 5.6 milliradians/s for the fast or slew mode and 0.3 milliradians/s for the slow or sun-tracking mode. Gimbal position sensors provide 2^{13} (8192) discrete, angular, switch position increments (7.7×10^{-4} radians) to which the gimbal can be directed while tracking. During slew only 2^{10} (1024) increments (6×10^{-3} radians) are used by the control system.

The facility master control system (MCS) computer provides solar time and position instructions to other heliostat array control (HAC) computers. The HAC computes heliostat required gimbal positions. Control commands are transmitted over signal cables to the heliostats. The control system is assembled in a modular manner with up to 32 heliostats on a signal cable, four signal lines on a computer, and four computers for the total field control.

The heliostats are stored with the mirror surface facing the ground when not in use. When the beams of energy are moved above the horizon, they will be controlled to concentrate the beams along specific paths. These paths will terminate at a point called the line top (LT) near the experiment. The heliostats can be moved in groups or individually to other off-target hold points called standby points or to the specific target points. When the heliostats are returned to stowage, they retrack the path.

One of every 10 heliostats is equipped with a detector to determine if the sun is obstructed by a cloud. Tests sensitive to rapid applications of thermal power such as would likely follow passage of a cloud will be protected by moving the group of heliostats off the target when the sun is interrupted. When the sun is again detected the heliostats will be returned to the target in a controlled manner.

B. Focus and Alignment Subsystem (FASS)

Every heliostat and every facet upon the heliostat must be properly oriented to effectively collect energy. The FASS consists of a laser collimator (L/C), control and monitoring equipment at the heliostat, and a display target.

The beam from the L/C is approximately the size of the facet. The control system is used to align the laser reflection from the center facet so that it is displayed on the target. The facet is then focused mechanically to give minimum image size at the display target. The heliostat positional encoders are recorded when the L/C reflection from the center facet is centered on the target. For the rest of the facets, the heliostat is oriented by the computer to form the proper relative angle between facets and the facets are individually aligned to reflect the laser beam to the target center.

C. Working Receiver

A nominal 1 MW_t working receiver is part of the STTF and is available for diagnostic and experimental work at the facility. The working receiver is built as two major assemblies and interconnecting piping. One assembly is an equipment skid with a heat exchanger, pump, and expansion tank permanently mounted at the 45.7 meter (150 ft) level in the tower. The second assembly (Figure 5) is an array of heat absorbing panels mounted on a mobile base. The interconnecting piping between the two assemblies is the two pair of 15.2 cm (6 in.) water/glycol lines listed under tower utilities. One pair of these lines provides a loop through the STTF heat rejection system (HRS) dry cooling towers and the equipment skid heat exchanger. The second pair of lines provides a loop through the heat absorbing panels and the equipment skid heat exchanger. This second pair of lines has 6-inch hose connectors at tower top and all test bays so the heat-absorbing loop can be "plugged in" at any of these locations.

Figure 5. 1 MW Working Receiver.

The heat exchanger is rated nominally at 1 MW_t and more specifically as 50 l/sec (800 gal/min) and 72 kPa (10.5 psi) pressure drop across the hot side and 25 l/sec (400 gal/min) and 21 kPa (3.0 psi) pressure drop across the cold side with a 33% glycol/water mixture on both sides. The pump is in the hot side loop and rated at 50 l/sec (800 gal/min) at 240 kPa (35 psi). The highest temperature is the 67°C (152°F) fluid from the heat absorbing panels.

The heat absorbing panels are arranged in a 3 by 3 planar array. Each panel is nominally one meter square. The panel array hydraulically pivots about a horizontal axis near its center point. The panel array surface normal will range from horizontal to 60° below horizontal. The panel array is cantilevered out from a mobile base that rides on an air-blower/air-caster system.

Each heat absorbing panel is cooled by a 33 percent ethylene glycol/water solution. The panels operate at a minimum of 240 kPa (35 psia) and the fluid solution is kept well below the 136°C (277°F) boiling temperature. The panels are an all copper welded fabrication designed to absorb 0.5 MW_t of energy uniformly distributed across the panel. All panels cannot absorb this quantity of energy simultaneously without overloading the 1 MW heat exchanger.

Each panel is instrumented with a turbine flowmeter in the coolant inlet line, thermocouples in the coolant inlet and outlet lines, and nine circular foil heat flux gages with thermocouples built into its base. The panel array coolant circuit is instrumented with a total flow turbine flowmeter and thermocouples in both the inlet and outlet lines.

Each panel is equipped with a flow control valve and a calibration valve in the coolant outlet line. The calibration valve diverts panel flow to a weigh tank or similar device for flowmeter calibration.

D. Real Time Aperture Flux System

This system allows actual measurement of the flux density in the aperture plane. Circular foil heat flux gages and high intensity photovoltaic cells are used to obtain high accuracy over the entire spectral range.

The system uses 0 to 3400 W/m² (0-300 Btu/ft²-s) heat flux gages (calorimeter type) that exhibit a linear response over the entire spectral and thermal range. These gages are linear from approximately 0.25 μ m to 30 μ m, and the response time is within 100 milliseconds.

The photovoltaic cells are used in conjunction with the gages because of their fast response time. The gages can be used for a baseline and then the cells can be used for a fast sweep of the aperture. The cells were designed for:

Dynamic Range 40-4000 suns

Deviation of Short-Circuit Current Response from Linearity vs Concentration--2%
or less over full-dynamic range vs Temperature--5% or less for 50°C change

Angular Acceptance

± 60° with less than 10% deviation from cosine law

Both detectors are mounted together in a fixed array, 7.6 cm to 10.2 cm (3 to 4 in.), spacings on a water cooled bar which will be adapted to scan the receiver or experiment aperture. The data will be collected and analyzed by a dedicated computer system and will be used to fine-tune the heliostat beam and provide flux data for the experimenter.

E. Computerized Heliostat Beam Model

HELIOS, Sandia Laboratories' ray trace program, is an analytical tool of many capabilities. The heliostat field may be modeled to allow the user to study many different operating situations. HELIOS will calculate the solar radiation intensity reflected from the heliostats to any desired location. This allows calculations for many operational and safety situations. HELIOS can be used to calculate the flux density on a given surface (receiver or other experiment) or to determine

pointing strategies to give a desired flux distribution. Following is an outline of some of the capabilities of HELIOS that will be used to assist in tailoring the beam to the needs of the experimenter:

1. Model receiver and other experiments located on or off the tower.
2. Operate with any heliostat or group of heliostats.
3. Plot and print output options.
4. Model shadowing and blocking.
5. Choice of six sun shape options including the ability to model the measured sun shape.
6. Read in insolation or calculate it.
7. Specify sun error cone.
8. The target location and the aim point are independent.
9. Focus heliostats on any location at any time of the year.
10. Vary target size and shape.
 - a. rectangular shape
 - b. cylindrical shape (inside or outside)
 - c. spherical shape (inside or outside)
11. Account for field slope; therefore, different geographical locations can be analyzed.
12. Choose different facet geometric representations and sizes available (6 options).
 - a. parabolic shape
 - b. flat facet shape
 - c. facet shaped by uniform pressure applied to a pull point and ring support
 - d. facet shaped by uniform pressure on a pull ring and ring support
 - e. continuously focusing facet shape
 - f. spherical shape
13. Study different operating and safety situations.
 - a. total power loss (lock problem)
 - b. emergency stow (elevation slew only)
14. Model different system errors.
 - a. facet surface errors
 - b. focus errors
 - c. alignment errors

- d. aiming errors
 - e. tracking errors
15. Model unique problems.
- a. user-supplied subroutine to describe any target shape if rectangular, spherical and cylindrical options are not good enough
 - b. actual facet surface normals can be entered into the program if one of the 6 facet options is inadequate or inaccurate

Examples of HELIOS calculations are given in Tables II and III. The calculations are for noon on day 80 (vernal equinox). The insolation was 0.1 W/cm^2 . A measured sun shape (circum-solar telescope) and a spherical facet shape were used. The results are presented as the sum of the power (W/cm^2) from all heliostats intercepted by a 11 by 11 node rectangular target mesh. The dimensions are in meters. The coordinates given for points 1, 11, 111, and 121 are the x, y, z dimensions in meters with the ground level center of the tower being 0, 0, 0. The target mesh was facing north. Similar results are available for each contributing facet and each total heliostat. Table II is for the Zone A (78) heliostats aimed at a target in the 140' test bay. Table III is for Zone A and B (222) heliostats aimed at a target on top of the tower (above 200'). Similar results can be generated for any target location, variable target sizes and shapes, and heliostat locations.

F. STTF Tower

General Description

The STTF receiver tower rises 61 m (200 ft) above ground level and extends 15.2 m (50 ft) below ground. The nominal tower cross section is circular with rectangular projections on the north and south sides as shown in Figure 6.

The tower cross section begins to taper at the 56.4 m (185 ft) level and is smallest at the 61 m (200 ft) level as shown in Figure 7. The taper minimizes flux blockage at the 61 m (200 ft) level. At ground level the tower cross section is basically a circle as shown in Figure 8. The extra area, which is one story high, is used to house mechanical and electrical equipment.

Figure 6. Nominal Tower Cross Section

Figure 7. Nominal Tower Cross Section at 61 m (200 ft) Level

TABLE II

73 Heliostats, Zone A, Aimed at Target in 140-Foot Test Bay

POWER FROM HELIOSTATS ONTO TARGET SURFACE FOR THE FIRST DAY AND FIRST TIME OF DAY PROCESSED (WATT/CM**2)

Z METERS	X(I)=	-1.0000	-.8000	-.6000	-.4000	-.2000	0.0000	.2000	.4000	.6000	.8000	1.0000 M
1.0000		.272E+01	.521E+01	.870E+01	.125E+02	.152E+02	.163E+02	.155E+02	.128E+02	.903E+01	.546E+01	.288E+01
.8000		.533E+01	.103E+02	.185E+02	.282E+02	.364E+02	.397E+02	.366E+02	.285E+02	.188E+02	.105E+02	.516E+01
.6000		.773E+01	.168E+02	.316E+02	.509E+02	.683E+02	.754E+02	.682E+02	.509E+02	.317E+02	.169E+02	.781E+01
.4000		.132E+02	.231E+02	.454E+02	.758E+02	.104E+03	.116E+03	.104E+03	.755E+02	.453E+02	.231E+02	.103E+02
.2000		.120E+02	.276E+02	.557E+02	.951E+02	.132E+03	.148E+03	.132E+03	.949E+02	.556E+02	.276E+02	.120E+02
0.0000		.125E+02	.291E+02	.593E+02	.102E+03	.143E+03	.160E+03	.143E+03	.102E+03	.593E+02	.291E+02	.125E+02
-.2000		.116E+02	.270E+02	.548E+02	.938E+02	.131E+03	.147E+03	.131E+03	.941E+02	.549E+02	.270E+02	.116E+02
-.4000		.966E+01	.221E+02	.438E+02	.736E+02	.102E+03	.113E+03	.102E+03	.739E+02	.439E+02	.220E+02	.960E+01
-.6000		.702E+01	.156E+02	.299E+02	.485E+02	.654E+02	.724E+02	.655E+02	.485E+02	.298E+02	.155E+02	.692E+01
-.8000		.435E+01	.931E+01	.170E+02	.263E+02	.340E+02	.370E+02	.338E+02	.260E+02	.167E+02	.903E+01	.421E+01
-1.0000		.220E+01	.448E+01	.772E+01	.113E+02	.138E+02	.146E+02	.136E+02	.109E+02	.739E+01	.424E+01	.205E+01

TOWER COORDINATES OF TARGET POINTS 1, 11, 111, AND 121

-.100E+01	.800E+01	.455E+02	.100E+01	.800E+01	.455E+02	-.100E+01	.800E+01	.435E+02	.100E+01	.800E+01	.435E+02
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POWER MATRIX (INTEGRATIONS OF SEVERAL SETS OF 3' X 3 ARRAYS ABOVE OVER A FLAT TARGET PLANE)

.1770E+05	.4658E+05	.6493E+05	.4694E+05	.1801E+05
.3893E+05	.1192E+06	.1767E+06	.1188E+06	.3894E+05
.4910E+05	.1586E+06	.2402E+06	.1586E+06	.4909E+05
.3740E+05	.1160E+06	.1732E+06	.1163E+06	.3733E+05
.1608E+05	.4361E+05	.6087E+05	.4318E+05	.1574E+05

TOTAL POWER ON TARGET SURFACE IS .20025E+07 WATTS.

CHECK OF POWER MATRIX

.1759E+05	.4658E+05	.6497E+05	.4693E+05	.1739E+05
.3894E+05	.1192E+06	.1767E+06	.1188E+06	.3894E+05
.4913E+05	.1586E+06	.2402E+06	.1586E+06	.4911E+05
.3741E+05	.1160E+06	.1731E+06	.1163E+06	.3734E+05
.1607E+05	.4360E+05	.6091E+05	.4318E+05	.1572E+05

TOTAL POWER ON TARGET SURFACE IS .20025E+07 WATTS.

EFFECTIVE AREA INTERCEPTING SUN = .2814E+04 SQUARE METERS
 POWER INTERCEPTED BY MIRRORS = .2814E+07 WATTS.

ERROR ESTIMATE FOR POWER MATRIX

.1548E+03	.2554E+02	.4647E+03	.4634E+02	.1510E+03
.7958E+02	.1311E+02	.1823E+03	.4195E+01	.7226E+02
.3184E+03	.6570E+01	.9467E+03	.4955E+01	.3190E+03
.7075E+02	.1549E+02	.1989E+03	.7350E+00	.7776E+02
.1561E+03	.5149E+02	.4659E+03	.3007E+02	.1606E+03

ESTIMATED ERROR IN TOTAL POWER ON TARGET SURFACE IS .1316E+04
 TIME FOR C IS 462.660000

TABLE III

222 Heliostats, Zone A, Aimed at Tower Top Receiver

POWER FROM HELIOSTATS ONTO TARGET SURFACE FOR THE FIRST DAY AND FIRST TIME OF DAY PROCESSED (WATT/CM**2)

Z METERS	X(I)=	-2.5000	-2.0000	-1.5000	-1.0000	-.5000	0.0000	.5000	1.0000	1.5000	2.0000	2.5000 M
2.5000		.237E-01	.781E-01	.198E+00	.410E+00	.639E+00	.749E+00	.660E+00	.443E+00	.222E+00	.900E-01	.286E-01
2.0000		.150E+00	.496E+00	.141E+01	.306E+01	.467E+01	.525E+01	.480E+01	.320E+01	.149E+01	.537E+00	.166E+00
1.5000		.466E+00	.173E+01	.518E+01	.122E+02	.210E+02	.251E+02	.212E+02	.124E+02	.532E+01	.180E+01	.492E+00
1.0000		.939E+00	.374E+01	.118E+02	.304E+02	.606E+02	.784E+02	.606E+02	.305E+02	.119E+02	.380E+01	.963E+00
.5000		.136E+01	.564E+01	.185E+02	.511E+02	.112E+03	.150E+03	.111E+03	.511E+02	.185E+02	.567E+01	.137E+01
0.0000		.150E+01	.638E+01	.213E+02	.603E+02	.136E+03	.186E+03	.136E+03	.603E+02	.213E+02	.638E+01	.150E+01
-.5000		.131E+01	.553E+01	.182E+02	.505E+02	.111E+03	.150E+03	.111E+03	.505E+02	.182E+02	.551E+01	.129E+01
-1.0000		.867E+00	.359E+01	.114E+02	.296E+02	.592E+02	.767E+02	.591E+02	.294E+02	.113E+02	.353E+01	.843E+00
-1.5000		.408E+00	.161E+01	.488E+01	.116E+02	.200E+02	.236E+02	.197E+02	.113E+02	.475E+01	.155E+01	.384E+00
-2.0000		.123E+00	.440E+00	.127E+01	.280E+01	.434E+01	.487E+01	.424E+01	.269E+01	.120E+01	.406E+00	.110E+00
-2.5000		.171E-01	.650E-01	.166E+00	.355E+00	.568E+00	.663E+00	.554E+00	.333E+00	.150E+00	.560E-01	.138E-01

TOWER COORDINATES OF TARGET POINTS 1, 11, 111, AND 121

-.250E+01 .450E+11 .683E+02 .250E+01 .450E+01 .683E+02 -.250E+01 .450E+01 .633E+02 .250E+01 .450E+01 .633E+02

POWER MATRIX (INTEGRATIONS OF SEVERAL SETS OF 3 X 3 ARRAYS ABOVE OVER A FLAT TARGET PLANE)

.75835E+04	.41851E+05	.74708E+05	.43110E+05	.80149E+04
.46021E+05	.32914E+06	.75164E+06	.33022E+06	.46572E+05
.77043E+05	.62753E+06	.15835E+07	.62751E+06	.77019E+05
.44395E+05	.32162E+06	.73743E+06	.32033E+06	.43827E+05
.68846E+04	.39063E+05	.69477E+05	.37949E+05	.65158E+04

TOTAL POWER ON TARGET SURFACE IS .62990E+07 WATTS.

CHECK OF POWER MATRIX

.75064E+04	.41719E+05	.75136E+05	.42976E+05	.79377E+04
.45999E+05	.32869E+06	.75260E+06	.32976E+06	.46551E+05
.77251E+05	.62874E+06	.15805E+07	.62871E+06	.77227E+05
.44370E+05	.32114E+06	.73846E+06	.31985E+06	.43801E+05
.68180E+04	.39942E+05	.69852E+05	.37830E+05	.64399E+04

TOTAL POWER ON TARGET SURFACE IS .62988E+07 WATTS.

EFFECTIVE AREA INTERCEPTING SUN = .7977E+04 SQUARE METERS

POWER INTERCEPTED BY MIRRORS = .7977E+07 WATTS.

ERROR ESTIMATE FOR POWER MATRIX

.92613E+03	.15850E+04	.51358E+04	.16068E+04	.92636E+03
.25972E+03	.54914E+04	.11591E+05	.55397E+04	.25267E+03
.25013E+04	.14418E+05	.36574E+05	.14418E+05	.25031E+04
.30443E+03	.57590E+04	.12336E+05	.57156E+04	.31584E+03
.91913E+03	.14466E+04	.44982E+04	.14254E+04	.91122E+03

ESTIMATED ERROR IN TOTAL POWER ON TARGET SURFACE IS .47315E+05

TIME FOR C IS 1286.510000

Figure 8. Nominal Tower Cross Section at Ground Level

The south projection of the nominal tower cross section houses stairs and elevators. The north projection provides extra area for experiment locations. Platforms are located inside the tower at 6.1 m (20 ft) intervals both above and below ground level.

Test bays for experiments are located on platforms at the 36.6 m (120 ft), 42.7 m (140 ft), and 48.8 m (160 ft) levels as shown in Figure 9. Experiments can also be conducted at the top of the tower. The test bays at the 36.6 m and 42.7 m (120 and 140 ft) levels are in rooms approximately 9.8 m (32 ft) wide (east-west) by 4.6 m (15 ft) deep (north-south) with a 5.2 m (17 ft) ceiling and are equipped with 6.7 m (22 ft) wide by 4.6 m (15 ft) high roll-up steel doors on the north walls. These rooms have no south wall as they are open to the tower interior. The test bay at the 48.8 m (160 ft) level is on an exposed platform and is approximately 10.7 m (35 ft) wide (east-west) and 3.0 m (10 ft) deep (north-south). This test bay has no overhead structure and access is provided through a 6.7 m by 4.6 m (22 ft by 15 ft) roll-up door in a wall at the south edge of the test bay.

Figure 9. North Tower Elevation Showing Test Bays

Elevators and Hoists

Hardware can be transported to the test bays or tower top in two ways. Hardware up to 4536 kg (10,000 pounds) can be hoisted up the outside of the tower on the north side. Heavier hardware can use the elevating module which runs up the tower interior.

The 76.2 m (250 ft) tower interior has 9.1 m by 7.6 m (30 ft by 25 ft) rectangular hoistway with an elevating module. The elevating module is nominally 9.1 m (30 ft) wide by 7.6 m (25 ft) deep by 13.1 m (43 ft) high. The elevating module roof can be positioned anywhere between ground level and the 61 m (200 ft) level. Ground level access to the elevating module roof is provided by a 9.8 m (32 ft) wide by 16.8 (55 ft) high sliding steel door on the north side of the tower. A 9.1 m (30 ft) by 7.6 m (25 ft) trap door at the top of the tower folds into the tower and provides a tower top opening for any hardware riding the elevating module roof. The same trap door provides a work platform at the 61 m (200 ft) level if the elevating module is at another location. The elevating module will lift experiments weighing up to 90,700 kg (200,000 pounds).

The elevating module is an enclosed three-story building in itself. Each story is laid out as a single room. The top room contains instrumentation path panels, the middle room contains the STTF data acquisition system and the lower room is a light machine shop. The floors of the middle and lower rooms are 20 feet apart to match the internal tower platform interval.

The elevating module can be locked into position whenever the roof is located at any of the test levels or at ground level. With the elevating module locked in position, the four lift ropes detach from the elevating module and are used individually or in any combination for auxiliary hoisting. The working lift load of each wire rope is 54,400 kg (120,000 pounds).

A 9.1 m by 7.6 m (30 ft by 25 ft) platform stores on the floor of the tower hoistway at the -15.2 m (-50 ft) level. The lift ropes are used to position this working platform flush with any tower platform below the elevating module.

The tower interior is also serviced by two 4536 kg (10,000 pound) jib cranes mounted at the 24.4 m (80 ft) level. These cranes primarily support light assembly work on the elevating module roof with the roof at ground level.

The test bays at the 36.6 m and 42.7 m (120 and 140 ft) levels are serviced by 4536 kg (10,000 pound) hand-gearred bridge cranes. The bottom of the bridge beam is approximately 4.4 m (14.5 ft) above floor.

The roof of the elevating module structurally interfaces with tower-top experiments and is structural steel framing covered with a one-half-inch thick steel plate. Large tower-top experiments must have support features engineered to match up with this roof structure.

Thermal Protection

All tower thermal protection is passive. The north face of the tower above the 33.5 m (110 ft) level is built with an easily replaceable sacrificial layer of concrete. Depending on location, this is either a 5.1 cm (2 in.) thick layer of concrete-like material sprayed on top of the basic slip formed tower shell or 7.6 cm (3 in.) thick preformed concrete panels which stand off from the tower shell.

The STTF also provides a supply of thermal protection panels to be used as radiation shields. The primary purpose of these panels is to shield the tower interior and experimental hardware from solar flux spillage. The roll-up steel doors on the various test bays do not qualify as thermal protection.

Utilities

The tower is built with a mechanical chase running up the east side of the tower and an electrical chase running up the west side of the tower. The mechanical chase contains the following lines:

- 4 ea. 6-inch water/glycol
- 1 ea. 1-1/2-inch water/glycol supply
- 1 ea. 1-1/2-inch water/glycol return
- 1 ea. 3/4-inch compressed nitrogen
- 1 ea. 3/4-inch control compressed air
- 1 ea. 1-1/2-inch compressed air (not control quality)
- 1 ea. 4-inch drain
- 1 ea. 2-inch receiver feedwater supply
- 1 ea. 1-inch receiver blowdown
- 1 ea. 1/2-inch receiver sampling
- 1 ea. 3-inch high pressure steam
- 1 ea. 2-inch cold water
- 1 ea. 1/2-inch chemical feed

All these lines are terminated at the tower top and at each of the lower test bays. Sewer and fire protection lines also run in the mechanical chase. Room exists in the mechanical chase for additional lines.

* These lines are standard U.S. sizes - metric equivalents are not appropriate.

The electrical chase contains 115 VAC single phase, 208 VAC three phase and 480 VAC three phase power. The 115 and 208 VAC is distributed throughout the tower. The 480 VAC is available only at the tower top and test bays. Power lines for tower equipment and data acquisition system lines also run in the electrical chase. Room exists in the electrical chase for a large number of additional conduits or other lines as required by future needs.

Heat Rejection System (HRS)

The primary functions of the tower HRS are to supply preconditioned feedwater and cooling fluid to receiver experiments and to dissipate the energy collected by receiver experiments. The HRS, shown schematically in Figure 10, can supply boiler quality feedwater at a maximum rate 3.16 l/s (50 gpm) and a maximum temperature and pressure of 204°C (400°F) and 15.5 MPa (2250 psi), respectively. The HRS can also supply 25.2 l/s (400 gpm) of a 33 percent ethylene glycol/water solution to experiment locations. The HRS can accommodate 9000 kg (20,000 pounds) per hour of 518°C (965°F), 13.8 MPa (2000 psi) steam.

The feedwater system starts at the STTF potable water supply. Water is passed through cation, anion, and mixed demineralizer beds and stored in a 37,850 l (10,000 gallon) tank. The water is pumped from the tank into a low pressure, 1.6 MPa (233 psi), spray water loop that contains a deaerator desuperheater and heat exchanger. Hydrazine is added at this spray water loop. Feedwater is then pumped from the spray water loop into high pressure pipe running up the tower to the receiver experiment. Acidity control chemicals are added in this high pressure pipe.

The feedwater returns down the tower in a high pressure steam line, passes through a pressure reducing valve and into the deaerator desuperheater vessel, thus completing the cycle. The feedwater returns from the receiver experiment along the same path whether it is water or steam.

A closed-loop dry cooling tower system dissipates energy returned in the feedwater/steam. The cooling tower loop uses a 33 percent ethylene glycol-water solution for coolant and passes the coolant through the cold side of the heat exchanger in the feedwater spray water loop. Coolant at 94.6 l/s (1500 gpm) is supplied to the heat exchanger. A second 25.2 l/s (400 gpm) pump taps coolant from the cooling tower loop and pumps it up the tower to the working receiver equipment skid heat exchanger and also provides coolant at each test level.

A receiver blowdown line is routed down the tower and into an underground blowdown holding chamber. Five water sample points built into the HRS feed a water sample table in the tower base. Two chemical feed mixing tanks and metering pumps are provided for the feedwater pH and O₂ control chemicals. A glycol-water mixing tank is provided for glycol-water makeup in the dry cooling tower loop. A 1514 l (400 gallon) industrial waste water collection tank is provided for drain system waste.

Figure 10. Simplified Schematic, Heat Rejection System

G. Data Recording and Control

The STTF uses a multiple-computer distributed control system to control the heliostats, heat rejection, water treatment, and other facility functions. An integral part of this computer-based Master Control System (MCS) is a data acquisition capability, since some of the data are used for control. The Master Control System uses three Hewlett Packard (HP) 9611A minicomputer systems and two mobile measurements and control "front end" HP 9611R subsystems. One minicomputer is used for the Meteorological Data System (MDS). One is used as the MCS central computer and is used to transmit data to the MCS central computer.

The MCS central minicomputer is located in the Remote Terminal and Data Reduction room of the Control and Administration Building. All experiment and facility data are recorded on the central system's disc, and data are accessed, analyzed, and displayed at the central computer. This computer is also the operators' control points to the MCS.

The third MCS minicomputer is located in Room 2 of the receiver tower elevating module. This minicomputer has no local data recording capability, but instead transmits the data to the MCS central where they are then recorded on disc. The tower system is thus designed to be operated as a satellite of MCS central, either remotely from the central during tests or locally for setup. The MCS tower satellite is the main data acquisition node and is interfaced to an industrial-quality HP2313B analog-to-digital (A/D) converter subsystem, complete with modular, expandable analog multiplexers, programmable pacer (sample rate clock), sample and hold amplifier, and 12 bit converter. The A/D input-subsystem may be programmed in random address (multiplexer channels in any order), sequential address (consecutively numbered channels) or single address (one channel) modes. An industrial-quality HP6940 Digital Input-Output (DIO) subsystem is also interfaced to the MCS tower satellite for digital input, digital output, and analog output. The 12-bit DIO subsystem is used mostly for control of the central receiver experiment.

The two mobile measurement and control A/D and DIO systems are interfaced to either the MCS central or tower satellite minicomputer over the same double twisted-pair cable connecting the computers. One of these mobile systems will be used at the base of the receiver tower for the facility controls and data. Both these systems and the tower satellite computer are hardware compatible, with each A/D expander holding up to twelve 16-channel multiplexers, for a maximum of 480 channels per system.

The same flexible modularity is used for the signal conditioning as for the digitized system. Each 36-channel thermocouple reference junction chassis allows plug-in of the transducer, easy patching of the voltage output to a particular A/D channel and complete shielding of each channel. Both type K (chromel-alumel) and type T (copper-constantan) thermocouples will be referenced, with 250 channels of K and 100 channels of T with the mobile "front ends." Strain gages will have 10 channels of 1, 2, or 4 arm bridge completion circuits and a separate 0-15 V power supply in each chassis. The elevating module will accommodate up to 150 channels of strain gages, and 150 more channels will presently be with the mobile systems.

The individual capabilities of the computer digitizing systems and the signal conditioning as specified by the manufacturers are as follows:

1. Analog Input to Computer, Hewlett Packard 2313B.

a. Basic Sample and Hold, Analog-Digital Converter.

Resolution, 12 bits, including sign, LSB = 5 mV

Full Scale Input, +10.235 V to -10.24 V.

b. Solid State Low Level Analog Multiplexers, HP91111A.

Each plug-in card has 16 differential channels.

Full Scale Inputs, programmable for ± 10 mV to ± 800 mV in binary sequence.

Overall Accuracy (worst case), $\pm 0.38\%$

$\pm 1/2$ LSB at 50 samples/second.

Sample Rates up to 8,000 channels/second with local computer, nominally used to 1000 channels/second for most tests; up to 1000 channels/second for mobile "front end" subsystems.

Source Resistance, less than 100 ohms for rated accuracy, 1 k ohm maximum.

Common Mode Rejection, greater than 100 dB up to 1 k ohms unbalance.

Input Voltage (signal plus common mode), cannot exceed 10 V peak between inputs or between any input and ground. Signals must be referenced to system ground.

c. High Level Analog Multiplexers, HP91110A.

Each plug-in card has 16 differential channels.

Full scale inputs, +10.235 V to -10.24 V.

Overall accuracy (worst case), $\pm 0.09\%$ $\pm 1/2$ LSB

Sample rates up to 45,000 channels/second with local computer, nominally used to 2000 channels/second for most tests; up to 1000 channels/second with mobile "front ends."

Source resistance, less than 1 k ohm maximum.

Common Mode Rejection, greater than 80 dB up to 1 k ohm maximum unbalance.

Input voltage (signal plus common mode), cannot exceed 15 V peak any input to ground.

d. Solid State Analog Current Multiplexers, HP91224A.

Each plug-in card is essentially the low level voltage multiplexer, HP91111A, with a 4 ohm, fused shunt per ISA Standard S50.1.

Full scale inputs, 2.5 mA to 200 mA.

Overall accuracy (worst case), $\pm 0.58\%$.

$\pm 1/2$ LSB at 50 samples/second.

Other specifications similar to voltage multiplexer.

2. Analog Output from Computer, HP91206/91207A (Control signals)

- a. Each plug-in card is a single voltage (91206A) or current (91207A) Digital-to-Analog (D/A) converter.

Voltage output, +10.235 to -10.24 V at 0-5 mA, short protected, 5 mV LSB.

Current output, 0 to 20.475 mA at 0-10.5 V compliance.

3. Digital Input to Computer

- a. Direct Input with Handshake, HP91202A.

Inputs, 12 bits, TTL-compatible, ground-true.

Handshake signals, TTL-compatible.

Gate low (ground) state indicates computer ready for data from external source.

Flag high to low transition indicates external device busy; return to high state indicates inputs are available.

- b. Event Sense Interrupt, HP91205A.

Twelve data lines are compared to reference word, computer interrupted if lines are equal/unequal to references. Used to monitor contacts. Open, > 1 m ohm to ground, Closed, < 100 ohms to ground, standard dry contact configuration. Can be used with modules to sense presence or absence of either.

95 - 130 VAC

10 - 55 VAC

4. Digital Output from Computer

- a. Mercury-Wetted Relay Output, HP91204-010 (Control Signals)

Twelve normally-open contact pairs.

Operating Times, 3.5 milliseconds

Ratings, 100 V AC or DC, 1.0 A switching, 20 W, maximum.

Solid State Relay Output, HP91223A (Control Signals).

Twelve-channel normally-open circuits to switch either AC or DC solid state relays.

AC Relays, 20-250 VAC, 10 mA-2 A.

DC Relays, 4-55 VDC, 2A (unidirectional).

5. Thermocouple Reference Junctions.

- a. Reference junction temperature: 150°F.
- b. Thermocouple type: Type K (chromel-alumel) or Type T (copper-constantan).
- c. Number of channels per chassis: 36.
- d. Input connections: 3 pin thermocouple jack (front surface).
- e. Output connections: Terminal strips (rear surface).
- f. Shields carried through.

6. Strain Gage Signal Conditioners.

- a. Input: 1, 2, 4 arm strain gage and strain gage transducers.
- b. Standard 120 ohm strain gages. (Selector switch per channel--local and/or remote).
- c. Capacity: 10 channels per chassis.
- d. Power: 1 supply per chassis (0 + 15 V); Input 115 Volt AC, 40-400 Hz.
- e. Shield carried through.
- f. Coarse balance switch: +4000 micro-strain, 0, -4000 micro-strain.
- g. Calibration: Single shunt per channel, local or remote.
- h. Noise: Less than 5 volts peak to peak per channel.
- i. Input wiring: 3 to 6 wires plus shield.

7. Linear Variable Differential Transformer (LVDT) Signal Conditioners.

- a. Input: 4, 5, or 6-lead LVDT's.
- b. Capacity: 10 channels per chassis.
- c. Power: 1 supply per chassis, ± 15 V, 0.1% regulation ± 40 mA no-load current maximum.
- d. Carrier output: 3.0 V RMS, 2.5 kHz, 1.0 VA maximum load capability.
- e. Input impedance: 40 K ohms or 100 K ohms depending upon modular card used.
- f. Output, full range: ± 10 VDC at less than 100 ohms.

H. Meteorological System

Components

The meteorological system consists of:

1. Hewlett Packard 9611A computer.
2. Towner Systems Sensor Package which includes:
 - Spot wind direction transducer.
 - Spot wind speed transducer.
 - Air temperature transducer.
 - Relative humidity transducer.
 - Dew Point transducer.
 - Barometric pressure transducer.
 - Precipitation transducer.
 - Digital interface panels and cables.
 - Tripod mounted portable wind direction and wind speed transducers.
3. Meteorology Research, Inc. (MRI) Integrating Nephelometer, an electro-optical instrument which continuously monitors the air and provides a readout of atmospheric particle contamination.
4. EG&G Forward Scatter Visibility Meter, an electro-optical instrument which determines visual range.
5. Eppley Normal Incident Pyrheliometer, an instrument which measures incident solar radiation.
6. Eppley Black and White Pyranometer, an instrument which measures global (total sun and sky) radiation.
7. Lawrence Berkeley Laboratories Circumsolar Telescope, a scanning instrument designed to measure the effects of atmospheric conditions on the direct and circumsolar components of the solar flux. It incorporates the measurement of total hemispherical insolation in the horizontal plane and in a plane normal to the direction of the sun.

The Towner Systems sensor package will be mounted on a 200-foot (60 m) Weather-Measure tower as follows:

- 200-foot (60 meter) level: a, b, c, d
- 100-foot (30 meter) level: a, b, c, d
- 33-foot (10 meter) level: a, b, c, d, e
- Ground level: g, h

The forward scatter visibility meter and the air intake for the integrating nephelometer will be mounted on the tower. Data from these transducers will be automatically scanned and recorded by the Hewlett Packard computer at selected time intervals.

Capabilities

The Towner Systems' sensors and other meteorological equipment are coupled to the computer system by a serial current loop. At selected times, the computer will command readings to be made of specified sensors or equipment. The sensor or equipment outputs will be scanned and the readings recorded on digital magnetic tape, disc, or both. The system is capable of scanning and displaying the data at one second intervals. Readings can also be transmitted to the Master Control System computer if required during a particular experiment.

Data stored will be in standard ASCII format, readable by any other computer, and will include the WWV localized time, the sensor or equipment station number and the readings in engineering units. Computer programs will be prepared to access the recorded data and selectively print out over specified time intervals. Other access programs can be developed as required.

The Towner Systems' transducers are rated as follows:

Wind Direction: 0-359° azimuth $\pm 2^\circ$ above 5 mph
threshold 0.7 mph, increments of 1° .

Wind Speed: 0-60 meters per second ± 0.4 m/s below 32 m/s,
threshold 0.3 m/s, increments of 0.1 m/s.

Air Temperature: $-45/+60^\circ\text{C} \pm 1\%$, increments of 1°C .

Relative Humidity: 0-99% r.h. $\pm 5\%$ r.h. increments of 1 r.h.

Dew Point: $-33/+33^\circ\text{C} \pm 2\%$, increments of 1°C .

Barometric Pressure: 100 millibar range for 5600 feet
 ± 0.3 mb, increments of 0.1 mb.

Precipitation: 0-9.99 inches $\pm 1\%$ at 3 inches per hour maximum,
increments of 0.01 inch.

The MRI Integrating Nephelometer is rated for sensitivity and range as follows:

Scattering Coefficient: 0.1 to 100 E-4 per meter.

Local Visual Distance: to 0.3 miles (470 meters).

Mass Concentration: 0 to 3800 micrograms per cubic meter.

Accuracy: $\pm 10\%$ of scale.

The EG&G Forward Scatter Visibility Meter visual range detection is rated from 200 feet (60 meters) to 20,000 (61 meters) $\pm 5\%$ of forward scatter coefficient.

The Eppley Normal Incident Pyrheliometer has a range of 0-2800 watts per meter² at a rated accuracy of $\pm 0.5\%$.

The Eppley Black and White pyranometer has a range of 0-1400 watts per meter² at a rated accuracy of $\pm 1\%$.

Cosine response is: $\pm 2\%$ from normalization 0-70°

Zenith angle; $\pm 5\%$ 70-80° Zenith angle.

The Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory circumsolar telescope is rated as follows:

Angular Resolution: 1.5 minutes of arc; from sun center to 2 solar radii.

5.0 minutes of arc; from 2 solar radii to $\pm 3^\circ$ from sun center.

Instrument Contribution: Less than 0.5% with clean entrance window.

Accuracy = $\pm 0.5\%$ based on Eppley Normal Incident Pyrheliometer.

The LBL circumsolar telescope is normally used to gather sun shape data, but can also be used to monitor reflected and emitted radiation from experiments.

I. Administration and Control Building

General

The Administration and Control Building will provide facilities for operating personnel, experimenters, and visitors. The building will be divided into the following basic functional areas or rooms:

Reception Room - The Reception Room will provide space for a receptionist and seating for visitors. An adjacent Display Area will provide an exhibit area for solar power-related displays, photographs, and models.

Administrative and Technical Offices - The offices will provide space for administrative functions to support the Solar Thermal Test Facility requirements and will include offices for facility personnel and experimenters.

Program Presentation and Conference Rooms - The Program Presentation Room will provide space for public and contractor solar test-related audio-visual programs and will include a projection room and program preparation room with a planned seating capacity of 56 persons. The Program Preparation Room will provide space for preparation of technical program presentations and storage of prepared programs. A conference room will be provided for small administrative and technical conferences, experimenters,

and facility personnel. The Projection Room will provide space for rear screen projectors, audio system, and a control desk.

Library - The Library will provide storage space for test reports, reference material, solar power-related periodicals, and file space for experimenters and facility personnel.

Laboratories - Two laboratories will be provided. One will be dedicated to instrumentation maintenance and calibration functions by permanent facility personnel, and the other will be dedicated to experimenter requirements.

Master Control/Computer Room - A master control/computer room will be provided for control console and computer equipment including control safety equipment. An operator console will be located in a tower above the computer room to provide a 360-degree view of the surrounding area with particular attention given to viewing the receiver tower, the heliostat field, and tests being conducted on the tower.

Observation Deck - An observation deck will be provided at the first floor roof level to permit observation of the receiver tower and heliostat field by visitors.

Passenger and Service Elevator - One passenger and service elevator will be provided for public and handicapped passenger use to the observation deck and the elevated operator console room.

J. Assembly Building

General

The assembly building will house permanent facility personnel and experimenters for the purpose of assembly and checkout of collector subsystems, which are composed of heliostats and their control and drive mechanisms, and receiver subsystems, which consist of boiler/superheaters. Test assemblies for materials research and other areas of technology will be assembled in this structure.

Office - The office will provide space for temporary and permanent personnel associated with test assembly and checkout functions.

Laboratories - Two laboratories will be provided for experimenter use and will be maintained for the purpose of testing hardware, and maintaining instruments and controls. Laboratory activities such as chemical analysis of heat transfer fluids and metallurgical specimen studies will be conducted.

Assembly Areas - The experimenter assembly area will be required for preparation and checkout of research and subsystem hardware. Large exterior overhead type doors will be required for incoming and outgoing test assemblies and associated components.

Machine Shop, Welding, and Storage - The machine shop, welding, and storage area will provide space for maintenance and minor modifications of equipment. Space for welding, metal working, and woodworking equipment will be provided.

Equipment

Bridge Cranes - Two 9,070-kilogram (10-ton) capacity bridge cranes, traveling on the common rail system will be provided in the assembly areas. Hook height of each crane will be 50 feet.

Welding - 225 Amp Arc Welding Outfit.
Oxy-Acetylene Welding and Cutting Equipment.

Hydrostatic Test Equipment - Portable equipment for hydrostatic testing of test hardware will be available.

CHAPTER IV. REQUIREMENTS OF EXPERIMENTERS

The experimenter will be required to provide documentation about his experiment. The information that may be required is described in this chapter. A summary list of requirements and their lead times are given on Table IV. These lead times must be met by the experimenter to assure that installation and operation schedules are met.

TABLE IV
Requirements for Experimenters

<u>Experimenter Input to STTF</u>	<u>Chapter Reference</u>	<u>Minimum Lead Time Prior to Receipt of Experiment at STTF</u>
1. Discussions with STTF staff	II, C	-
2. Data package and codes and standards input	IV, A & B	90 days
3. Test plan	IV, C	90 days
4. Installation, QA and checkout procedures	IV, D, 1	60 days
5. Operating procedures	IV, D, 2	60 days
6. Maintenance procedures	IV, D, 3	60 days
7. Operator training input	IV, D, 4	60 days
8. QA records, reports, and as-built drawings	II, C and IV, E	30 days
9. Unpacking and receiving inspection	IV, D, 5	15 days
10. Manufacturer's drawings, literature, and manuals	IV, D, 6	With hardware
11. Experiment removal and handling	IV, D, 7	60 days prior to removal

A. Data Package

All experiments must be documented. The information shall be submitted to the STTF by the experimenter in the form of a Data Package. Five copies, including drawings, are required. The Data Package shall cover the following aspects of the experiment. The exact contents and amount of detail required will be determined by the STTF-ECO.

Scope and Objective

This shall be a summary of the nature of the experiment, a summary schedule and test duration, operating conditions, and expected or desired results.

Design Description

This section shall describe the final design of the experiment. It may include:

1. Specifications and Design Criteria.
2. Drawings - Mechanical and Electrical.
3. Engineering analysis and calculations to demonstrate the integrity of the equipment during normal, abnormal, or emergency conditions. Design calculations and a summary of prior test experience may also be included.
4. STTF interface and thermal shielding considerations including any special designs or requirements.
5. Utility requirements.
6. Detailed bill of materials and a list of spare parts to be supplied with the experiments.

Safety Analysis

The experimenter's safety analysis shall identify all potential safety problems and failure modes for the experiment and possible hazards to personnel and to the STTF. The analysis shall include normal and faulted operating conditions, and natural hazards such as earthquakes, high winds, rain, snow, and hail. It shall list all normal and unique safety features and demonstrate that "fail-safe" concepts have been incorporated into the design, operating procedures, and sequences. The experimenter will be responsible for supplying this safety related information to the satisfaction of the STTF-ECO. The STTF staff will have full responsibility for overall safety during the test.

The STTF will operate with the following general safety rules that the experimenter should account for in the development of his own safety analysis.

1. Personnel will not be allowed in the heliostat field for the period starting one hour before and during solar operations.

2. Personnel will not be allowed at the level of the tower where the experiment is being performed unless special protective equipment and safety policies are established. Personnel access to other parts of the tower will be reviewed for each experiment, but in general tower access will be discouraged.
3. Experiments should, whenever possible, be designed for remote operations and monitoring using the STTF digital control and data systems. Special experimenter needs will be accommodated whenever possible within the overall safety considerations of the STTF.
4. Personnel will normally be allowed to be in the mechanical/electrical equipment rooms at the base of the tower during solar operations.

Procedures

This section shall be descriptive procedures that cover the sequence of events required for the experiment. In addition, detailed, step-by-step procedures may be required 60 days in advance of the expected installation date for the experiment. Procedural input will be required from all experiments whether Sandia or the experimenter operates the equipment. The level of detail required will be determined by the ECO.

The descriptive procedures may include:

1. Assembly, installation, check-out, and pre-operational testing.
2. Normal operations.
 - a. Startup
 - b. Run
 - c. Shutdown
3. Abnormal operations.
 - a. Emergencies including loss of power, loss of solar flux, loss of coolant, and loss of utilities.
 - b. Response to environmental effects such as earthquakes, storms, clouds, etc.
 - c. Unique safety requirements and procedures.
4. Maintenance
 - a. Normal maintenance of all components.
 - b. Preventive maintenance and calibration requirements.
 - c. QA requirements and checkout or recalibration requirements shall be included.
5. Removal and disposition of experiment.

Quality Assurance

This input outlines the experimenter's plan and procedures for providing quality assurance to the design and construction of the experimental hardware. It shall show how quality requirements will be met and how QA records will be kept (forms, etc.). The scope of QA requirements for installation of the equipment at the STTF shall be listed. A completed QA records document will be required at least 30 days prior to installation of the experiment.

Supplementary Information

The experimenter may be required to supply additional information including, but not limited to:

1. Operation and maintenance manuals for commercial components and instruments.
2. Spare parts lists (parts to be supplied by experimenter).
3. Functional wire list.
4. STTF/experiment interface drawings.
5. Special tool and equipment list.
6. Description of assembly facility needs.

Data Package Changes

Any design or other changes to an experiment after the Data Package is approved must be submitted to the STTF at the earliest possible date as an addendum to the Data Package. The addendum will also receive thorough review by the STTF staff and a separate approval. Normally, changes of any kind will lengthen the implementation schedule. Failure to notify the STTF of changes at an early date may also result in delays.

B. Codes and Standards

It is realized that the STTF will test equipment and systems that are highly experimental in nature and that existing codes and standards may not be appropriate. After the feasibility of an experiment is initially established, the ECO will determine which codes or standards, if any, must be followed. If existing codes or standards cannot be strictly met (due to unconventional design or other reasons) the experimenter must demonstrate by calculations or by test data that the design and fabrication process to be used will provide a safe experiment.

The following detailed mechanical design documentation may be required with the Data Package depending on the nature of the experiment. Propriety designs, design methods, and fabrication methods will be protected.

1. Complete calculations with all assumptions, computer codes, and conclusions reached shall be documented.

2. Assumed static or dynamic loads, and load factors for normal and faulted conditions. Wind loads for gusts up to 100 mph and earthquake loads* for Zone 2 risk shall be included.
3. Assumed working stress and the factors of safety used shall be listed. Any unique temperature gradients or temperature cycles caused by the solar flux or experiment design must be considered.
4. Any applicable codes, standards, requirements, criteria, sources, references, and sources of test data or other data shall be listed.

The following are potentially applicable codes and standards.

Mechanical

1. ASME Code for Fired and Unfired Pressure Vessels and Relief Valves (applicable sections).
2. ASME (or equivalent ASTM) Materials Specifications.
3. ANSI Code for Pressure Piping (ANSI-B31).
4. Compressed Gas Association Standards.
5. Specification for Architecturally Exposed Structural Steel; American Institute for Steel Construction.
6. Specification for the Design, Fabrication, and Erection of Steel for Buildings: AISC.
7. Occupational Safety and Health Standards (OSHA) 29CFR1910

Electrical

1. National Fire Protection Association Standards (includes National Electrical Code).
2. OSHA 29CFR1910

C. Test Plan

The experimenter's test plan will be used to allocate resources and establish schedules for the experiment. The input will be used to develop operating plans and procedures for the actual testing on the STTF. The test plan shall include:

1. The test matrix of the desired set of values as a function of time for:
 - a. Temperature
 - b. Pressures
 - c. Solar flux distributions
 - d. Flow rates
 - e. Liquid levels

* The STTF-ECO will supply earthquake response data for the appropriate location and test level on the STTF tower.

- f. Coolant chemistry
 - g. Environmental and weather conditions
 - h. Other parameters
2. The proposed implementation sequence and schedule shall be in the form of a chart or network-type sequence of events for implementation of the testing. The sequence should start with the shipment of hardware to the STTF and continue through removal and final disposition of the experiment. The ECO engineer will work with the experimenter to develop an actual schedule after receiving the proposed sequence of activities.
 3. Data acquisition, on-line computer analysis, and computer control needs for the experiment. (This must be a detailed list of data channel and control requirements developed in conjunction with the ECO engineer).
 4. Special data needs from other STTF systems.
 - a. Heat rejection system.
 - b. Heliostat array
 - c. Real time aperture flux system.
 - d. Tower surface temperatures.
 - e. Meteorological data.
 - f. LBL circumsolar telescope.

D. Detailed Procedures and Training Materials

The experimenter may be required to provide the ECO detailed procedures for the operation and maintenance of the experiment. The amount of detail required will be determined by the ECO based on the nature of the experiment and how the experiment is to be implemented and operated. Five copies (including drawings) are required. The scope of the detailed input required may include:

1. System installation, QA requirements, and check-out procedures.
(60 days before receipt of hardware)
2. Start-up, operation, shut-down, and emergency procedures.
(60 days before receipt of hardware). Emergency procedures shall cover normal and faulted conditions and shall take the experiment and the STTF to a safe configuration.
3. Routine and preventive maintenance procedures. (60 days before receipt of hardware)
4. Operator training procedures including dealing with all unique hazards. (60 days before receipt of hardware)

5. Unpacking and receiving inspection procedures. (15 days before receipt of hardware). Special needs for heavy equipment shall be submitted at least 30 days in advance.
6. Manufacturer's drawings, literature, and operating manuals for all commercial components. (To accompany hardware).
7. Experiment removal and post experiment handling procedures. (60 days before removal of hardware).

The above lead times are required to assure that the installation and operation schedule is achieved. The experimenter shall be able to consult with the ECO on the interfacing of the experiment procedures with the STTF master procedures. The experimenter may also be called on to provide operator training sessions for the STTF operators.

E. Quality Assurance Records

So that the STTF-ECO can approve the shipment of the experimental hardware and make any final arrangements for any special interfaces, the experimenter shall submit two copies of their QA Records at least 30 days prior to the expected installation date. The contents of the QA Records will vary from experiment to experiment and will depend on specific requirements for quality and safety that are related to the potential hazards and required reliability of the experiment. The contents of the QA Records will be determined by the STTF-ECO at the time the Data Package is approved. The QA Records in all cases will include as-built drawings:

1. Mechanical (including interfaces).
2. Electrical (including data and control links).

The QA Records may also include:

1. Mechanical design documentation.
2. Non-destructive examination procedures and data.
3. Certified test reports.
4. Welder certification records.
5. Materials certifications.
6. List of archive materials (to be held by experimenter).
7. Code-stamp certifications if required.
8. Other QA information.

The ECO will review and audit the submitted information. Any serious discrepancies, unexpected design or fabrication changes, or omissions will be brought to the attention of the experimenter and corrective action by the experimenter and additional ECO reviews may be required.

prior to granting permission to ship the hardware to the STTF. Two to four weeks will normally be required for the review and approval process of QA Records that is complete and in order.

F. Shipping and Receiving

The experimenter will be responsible for shipping his experiment prepaid to the STTF site. Shipment shall only be made after the QA Records are approved. He shall follow all appropriate DOT, FAA, or IATA standards for crating, packing, rigging, and shipping. The shipment should be addressed as follows:

Solar Thermal Test Facility
Division 5713 - T27
Sandia Laboratories
Attn: STTF Assembly Facility (X2280)
Albuquerque, NM 87115

Receiving inspection shall be performed by Sandia and the resident experimenter, if present. Shipping damage, if any, shall be rectified by the experimenter.

If the experiment is to be returned to the experimenter at the end of the test program, all costs and arrangements shall be made by the experimenter. Otherwise, the experiment shall become the property of ERDA.

G. Results and Reports

The STTF staff will publish general reports related to operation of the STTF and summary reports on the operation of all experiments. Private or proprietary designs and data will be appropriately protected.

The STTF staff may be considered as contributing co-authors with the experimenter of certain open literature reports or publications resulting from tests at the STTF. The actual preparation of joint reports and publications will be shared responsibility.

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