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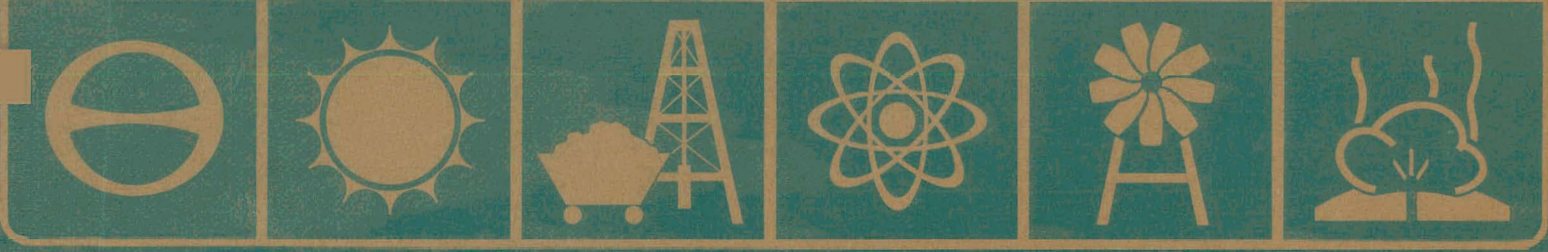
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ABSTRACT

DELSOL2 is a revised and substantially extended version of the DELSOL computer program (SAND79-8215) for calculating collector field performance and layout, and optimal system design for solar thermal central receiver plants. The code consists of a detailed model of the optical performance, a simpler model of the non-optical performance, an algorithm for field layout, and a searching algorithm to find the best system design. The latter two features are coupled to a cost model of central receiver components and an economic model for calculating energy costs. The code can handle flat, focused and/or canted heliostats, and external cylindrical, multi-aperture cavity, and flat plate receivers. The program optimizes the tower height, receiver size, field layout, heliostat spacings, and tower position at user specified power levels subject to flux limits on the receiver and land constraints for field layout. The advantages of speed and accuracy characteristic of Version I are maintained in DELSOL2.

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## A USER'S MANUAL FOR DELSOL2

### I. Introduction

In central receiver systems, a large number of individually tracking mirrors, called heliostats, are used to concentrate sunlight on a receiver at the top of a tower. These systems have the potential to deliver thermal energy over a wide range of power levels and temperatures. Applications include central station electric power generation, industrial process heat and production of fuels and chemicals. Analytical techniques are required because it is impractical to investigate experimentally the wide ranges of design and application alternatives for central receivers. Furthermore, the analysis must be computer based because of: 1) the large number (i.e., thousands) of heliostats in many single system designs; 2) the strong time dependence of system performance due to the motion of the sun; and 3) the large number of options which have to be considered in optimal design. The DELSOL computer program was generated to fill the need for an accurate, but fast, easy to use and documented code for performance and design applications. Version I, which analyzed large power electric applications, was released in August 1978. The present Version II improves and extends the capabilities of Version I. Version II can handle both large and small power systems for electricity and process heat applications. The code consists of a detailed model of the optical performance, a simpler model of the non-optical performance, an algorithm for field layout, and a searching algorithm to find the best system design. The latter two features are coupled to a cost model of central receiver components and an economic model for calculating energy costs.

Figure I-1 indicates schematically how the components of DELSOL are used in the two general classes of application. In (A), the complete system design (which may have been previously optimized by DELSOL) is specified by the user and the code calculates the performance. Typical applications include design point evaluation and analysis of experiments at test facilities. In (B), the heliostat design, the range of system variables to be optimized, and the design constraints are specified by the user and the code calculates optimal designs for a range of power levels. Typical applications include system optimization and component design tradeoff studies.

As an optical performance tool, DELSOL simulates the effects of cosine, shadowing, blocking, atmospheric attenuation, spillage, and flux profiles. The code has several special features. First, the running time for a single performance calculation is much less than for other codes, such as MIRVAL (ref. 1), but with the same accuracy for most problems. Second, because of the analytical form of the spillage and flux, one annual performance calculation determines the performance for any tower height or receiver size. Other

(A) PERFORMANCE

INPUT

Heliostat design  
Field layout  
Tower & Receiver

DETAILED  
ANNUAL OPTICAL  
PERFORMANCE

OUTPUT

Efficiency  
Receiver Flux

(B) SYSTEM DESIGN

INPUT

Receiver Type  
Range - Receiver Sizes (2d)  
- Tower Heights  
- Power Levels  
Flux, land constraints

OPTIMIZER  
FINDS LOWEST  
ENERGY COST

OUTPUT

"Best" Design vs. Power  
Performance  
Capital and Energy Costs  
Field Layout

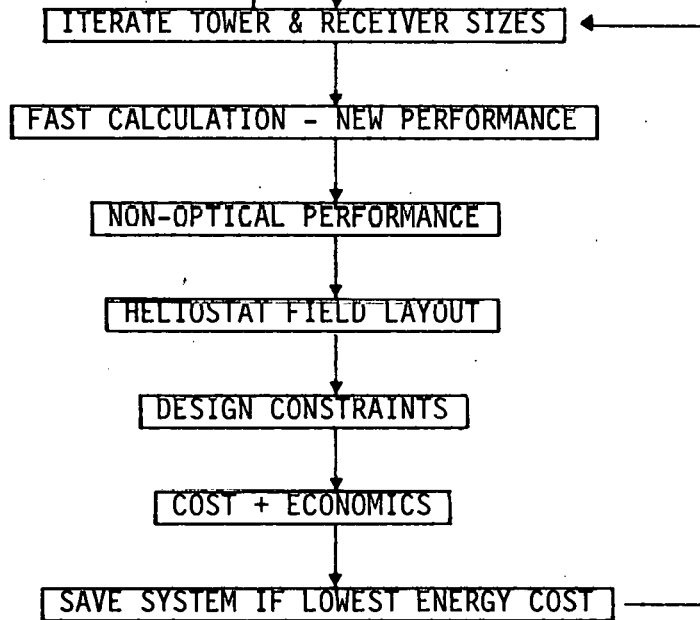


Figure I-1. Two General Types of Applications of DELSOL



codes must perform a new calculation every time the system is varied. DELSOL, therefore, has a very significant advantage in the running time required for the large number of performance calculations necessary in design tradeoff and optimization studies. Third, DELSOL contains a very detailed description of the types of errors that can degrade the performance of heliostats. Finally, DELSOL is relatively easy to use. With minimal input, systems involving flat, focused, or canted heliostats with round or rectangular shapes, external, multiple aperture cavity, or multiple flat plate receivers, and variable aiming strategies can be analyzed.

As a system design tool, DELSOL determines the best combination of field layout, heliostat density, tower height, receiver size and tower position (land constrained system) based on the performance, total plant capital cost, and system energy cost. In this mode, the code can be used to define values of the key design parameters on which a detailed design can be based. The need for manually doing a succession of point designs in the order to identify an optimum is eliminated. The optimal design is evaluated by searching over a range of tower heights and two components of the receiver dimension (e.g., diameter and height of an external receiver) at the design point power level(s) to find the system with the minimum energy cost. The code is also capable of doing constrained optimizations in which the peak flux on the receiver is restricted below some maximum value and/or land availability is limited.

The development of DELSOL followed that of Sandia's other two central receiver performance codes, MIRVAL and HELIOS (refs. 1,2). The earlier codes have been used to validate the theory and programming in DELSOL. The agreement in performance predictions among the three codes is discussed in Section VII. While any one of the codes can, in principle, do the same kinds of problems, they have been developed with different purposes in mind and thus do not greatly overlap in use. HELIOS is specially adapted for analyzing experiments at Sandia's Central Receiver Test Facility. MIRVAL employs a Monte Carlo ray trace technique, giving it the potential to analyze very complex, but well defined systems. DELSOL has been developed with speed in mind; hence it typically requires much less computer time for performance calculation, and it can also readily handle the multiple performance calculations required for system design and optimization.

DELSOL is based in part on the performance/design approaches developed at the University of Houston (refs. 3,4), but with many important additions. The mathematical basis is an analytical Hermite polynomial expansion/convolution of moments method for predicting the images from heliostats (ref. 3). The method has been extended at Sandia to allow a more general representation of heliostat errors and to incorporate analytical scaling of the images as the tower height is varied (ref. 5). DELSOL also employs a method for optimizing heliostat densities similar to the Houston approach (ref. 4). The primary difference in the two codes is in their design/optimization capabilities. The Houston approach considers only one tower height and receiver size at a time. These variables must be optimized by manually rerunning the Houston codes until an optimum is located. In contrast, DELSOL automatically optimizes the tower height and receiver dimension (s), saving considerable user and computer time. (The user is cautioned, however, to provide his own values for the appropriate input variables if his system of interest differs significantly in size or cost/performance from the default system description in the code.)



## II. Problem Geometry

### II.A. Coordinate Systems and Angles

The geometry used in the calculations is shown in Figures II-1 and II-2. Polar (zenith) angles are measured from vertical. Azimuthal angles are measured clockwise from the south. There are four basic vectors and coordinate systems:  $\hat{s}$ , from the heliostat center to the center of the sun;  $\hat{n}$ , directed along the heliostat normal;  $\hat{t}$ , the reflected vector from the heliostat center to the aim point on the receiver; and  $\hat{r}$ , the outward surface normal of the receiver.

The orientation of the heliostats is determined by Snell's law: the angle of incidence equals the angle of reflection, i.e.,

$$\hat{n} \cdot \hat{s} = \hat{n} \cdot \hat{t} \quad (\text{IIA-1})$$

Solving for  $\hat{n}$  and  $\hat{t}$  gives

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\hat{s} + \hat{t}}{\hat{s} + \hat{t}} \quad (\text{IIA-2})$$

$$\hat{t} = 2(\hat{n} \cdot \hat{s}) \hat{n} - \hat{s} \quad (\text{IIA-3})$$

The five cartesian coordinate systems are listed in Table IIA-I. The  $(\hat{i}_t, \hat{j}_t)$  plane of the reflection normal system is given the special name "image plane."

### II.B. Zoning

In design optimization runs, DELSOL does not consider individually each of the thousands of heliostats required in large systems. Instead, the code calculates the performance at a set of field points. It is assumed that each field point represents the average performance in a surrounding zone of heliostats. For runs in which only the performance is calculated, the field can be described with the zoning approximation, or the coordinates of each individual heliostat can be defined.

II.B-1. Zoning Options--There are two options for zoning: 1) zoning that completely surrounds the tower and can be used with any receiver ( $IN\emptyset RTH=0$ ); and 2) finer zoning of the area north of the tower which can be used only with a single north facing cavity or flat plate receiver ( $IN\emptyset RTH=1$ ).

#### a) Surround Field ( $IN\emptyset RTH=0$ )

The field points are located on a regularly spaced radial-azimuthal grid surrounding the tower as shown in Figure II-3. There are  $NRAD$  values of

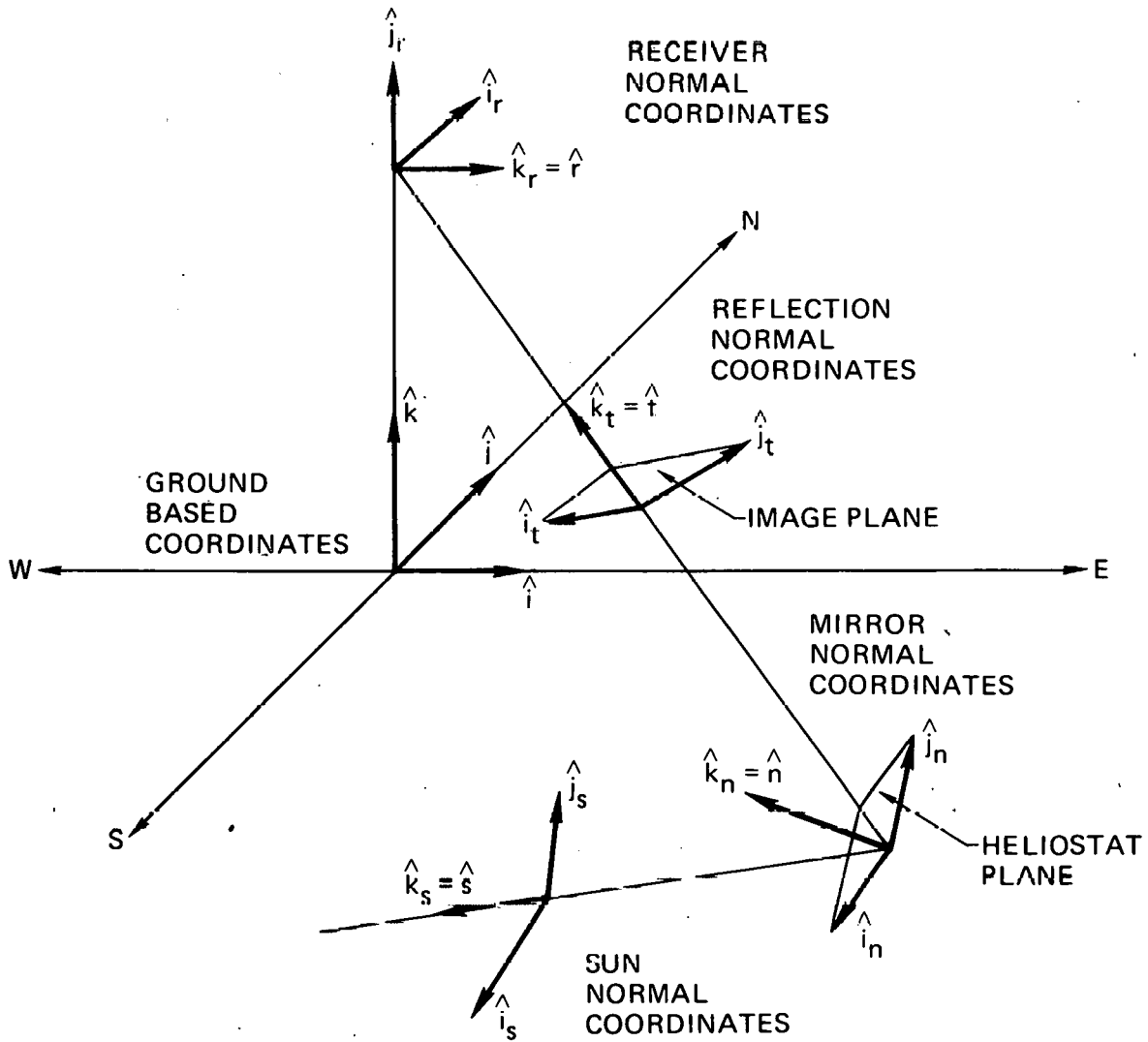


Figure II-1. Coordinate Systems for Field Performance Calculations



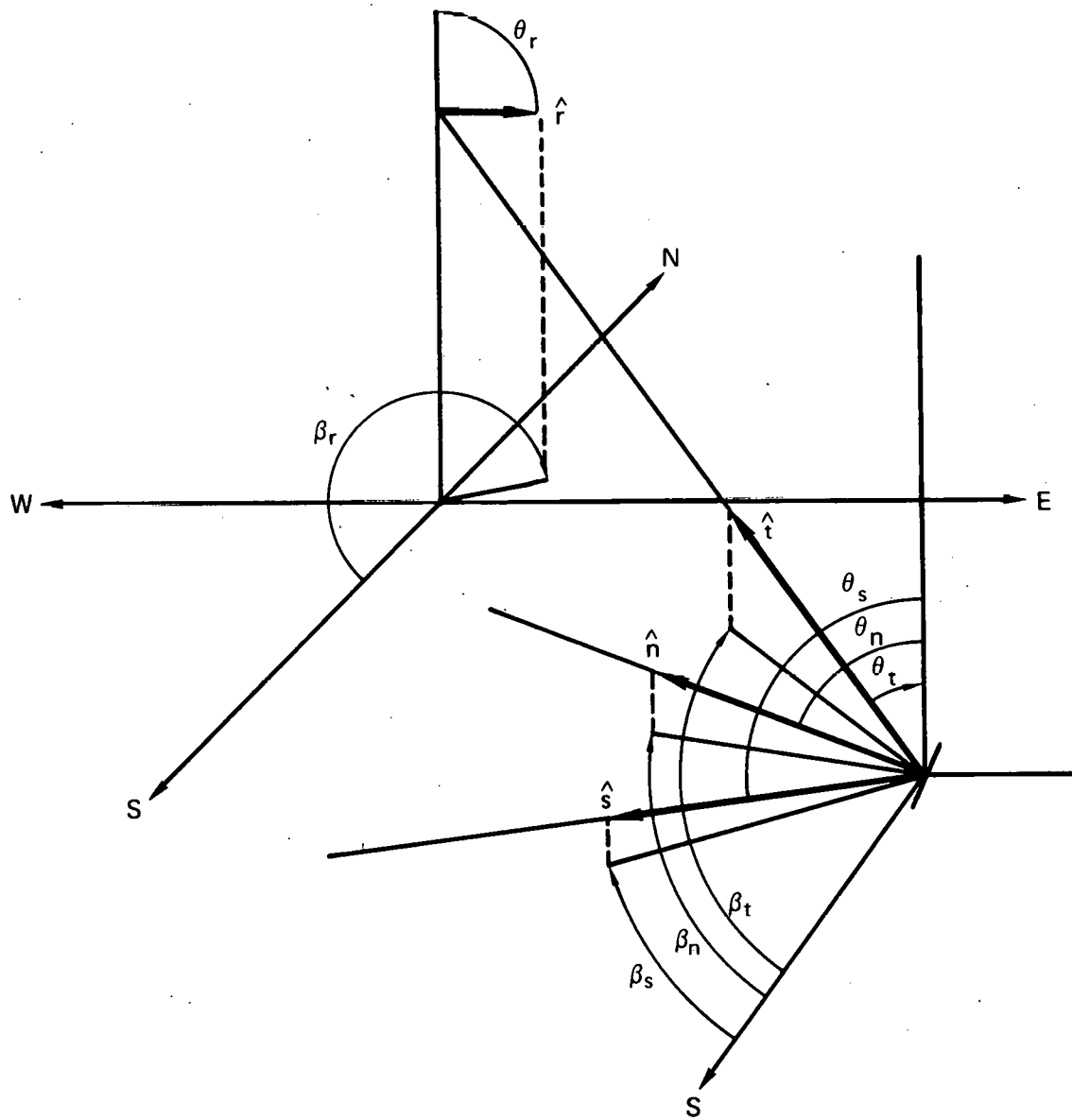


Figure II-2. Angles Associated with Sun, Mirror Normal, Reflection, and Receiver Normal Vectors

TABLE II.A-1  
COORDINATE SYSTEMS

Name	Unit Vector	Value	Definition of Orientation
Ground Based	$\hat{i}$	$x_g$	Due south
	$\hat{j}$	$y_g$	Due west
	$\hat{k}$	$z_g$	Vertical, upward
Mirror Normal	$\hat{i}_n$	$x_n$	Horizontal, in plane of mirror
	$\hat{j}_n$	$y_n$	Vertically upward when normal is horizontal, in plane of mirror
	$\hat{k}_n = \hat{n}$	$z_n$	Mirror normal
Sun Normal	$\hat{i}_s$	$x_s$	Horizontal
	$\hat{j}_s$	$y_s$	Vertical at sunset
	$\hat{k}_s = \hat{s}$	$z_s$	Towards sun
Reflection Normal	$\hat{i}_t$	$x$	Horizontal
	$\hat{j}_t$	$y$	Upward
	$\hat{k}_t = \hat{t}$	$z$	Towards tower
Receiver Normal	$\hat{i}_r$	$x_r$	Horizontal, tangent to receiver surface
	$\hat{j}_r$	$y_r$	Upward, tangent to receiver surface
	$\hat{k}_r = \hat{r}$	$z_r$	Outward normal of receiver surface

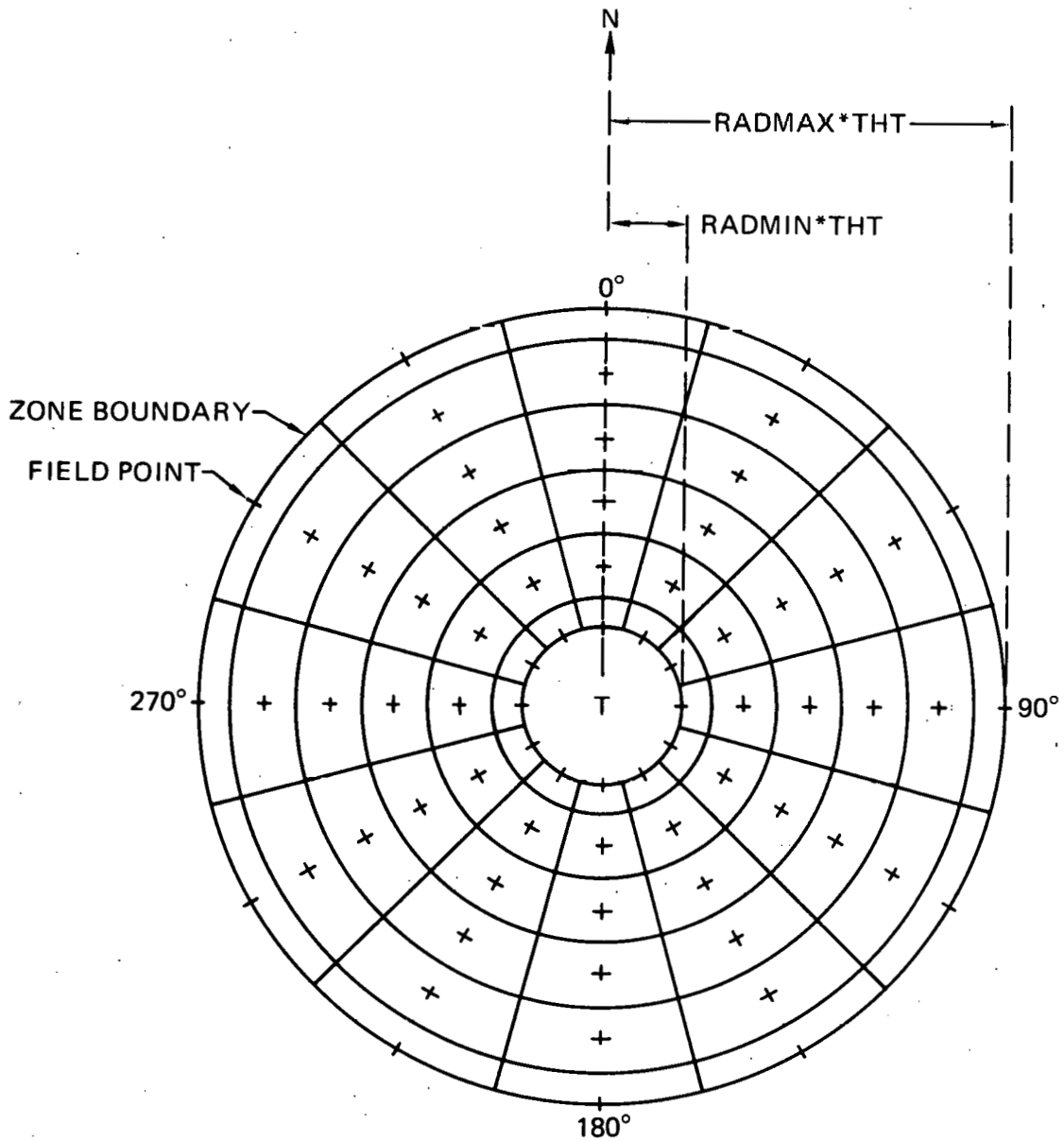


Figure II-3. Surround Field ( $INORTH=0$ ). Field Point (x's) and Field Zone Boundaries (Solid Lines) for  $NRAD = 6$ ,  $NAZM = 12$ . Field azimuthal angle determined from clockwise rotation from north.

the radius from a minimum of RADMIN to a maximum of RADMAX (RADMIN and RADMAX in normalized units of tower height). There are NAZM values of the azimuthal angle with the first azimuthal value being due North. The total number of field points (and therefore, zones) is N<sub>RAD</sub> \* N<sub>AZM</sub>. Observe that the field point is in the center of the zone except at the inner and outer radial boundaries where it is at the boundary.

Heliostats are located by specifying the value of the radius and the azimuthal angle of the tower vector  $t$ .  $\phi_t = 0$  corresponds to a heliostat due North of the tower whose  $t$  points due South. Similarly,

<u>Angle <math>\phi_t</math></u>	<u>Location</u>
0	N
45	NE
90	E
135	SE
180	S
225	SW
270	W
315	NW

b) North Field (INORTH=1)

This option can be used only with a single north facing cavity or flat plate receiver. (In Namelist REC, IREC>0, NUMCAV=1, RAZM(1)=180.0.) The field points are located on a regularly spaced radial-azimuthal grid located north of the tower, as illustrated in Figure II-4. In addition, a "dummy" set of zones with field points due south of the tower is carried along. These southerly zones do not affect the calculations because they are automatically assigned zero intercept with north-facing receivers. The radial zoning is the same as that for the surround field (INORTH=0). The azimuthal zones utilized are NAZM-1 in number and extend + AMAXN degrees about the N-S axis. The default values produce 11 azimuthal zones each spanning 15° in the north part of the field. This gives half of the minimum 30° segment obtained when INORTH=0. Default values are:

NAZM=12

AMAXN=82.5(°)

II.B-2. Field Options--The user has several options for the field performance calculation according to his choice of the parameter IUSERF in the FIELD namelist:



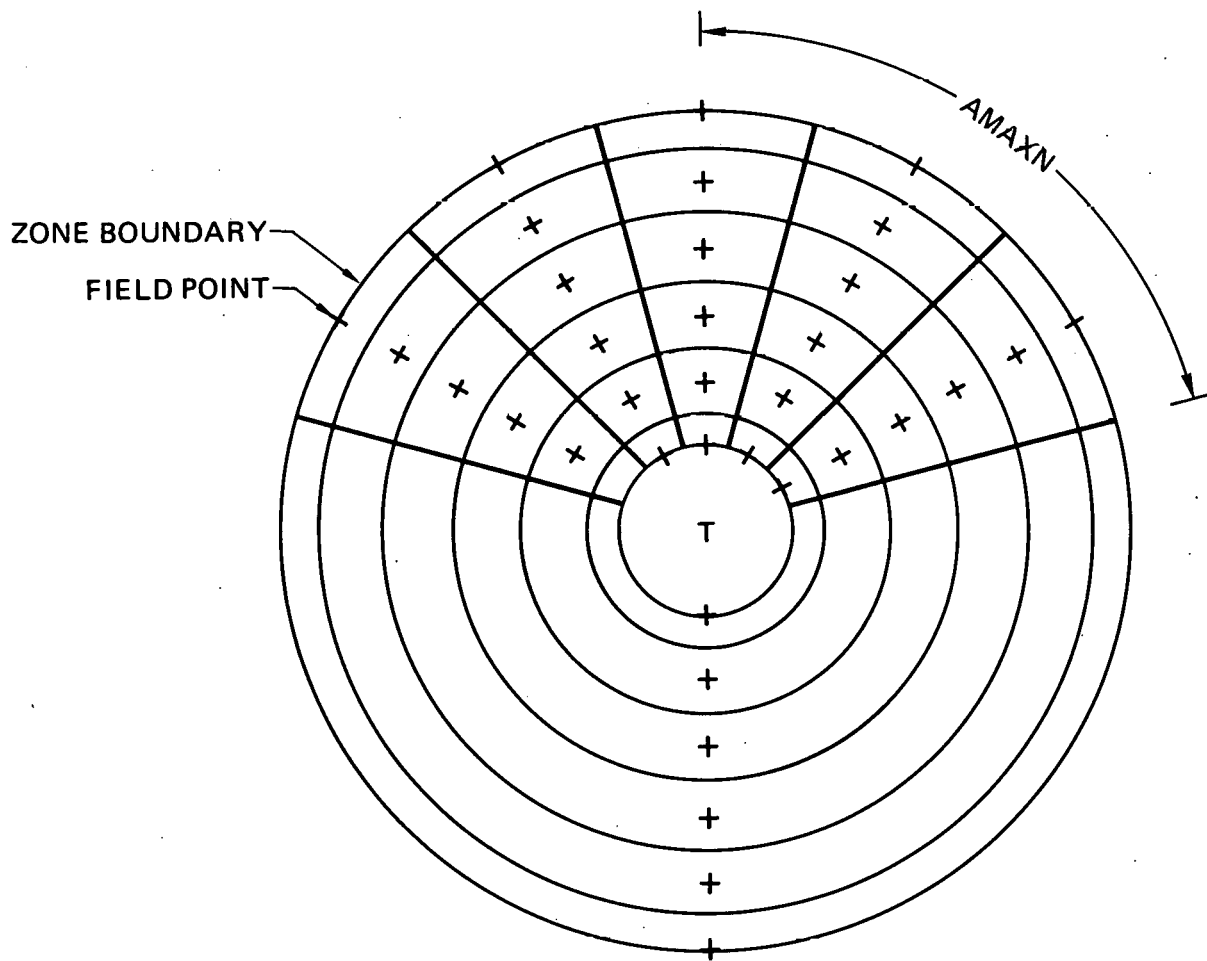


Figure II-4. North-only Field (INORTH=1). Field Points (x's) and Field Zone Boundaries (Solid Lines) for NRAD=6, NAZM=6, AMAXN=75. In actual problems, a larger NAZM and NRAD would probably be used.

a) IUSERF = 0

The user specifies RADMIN, RADMAX, NRAD, NAZM and INØRTH. No field boundaries are provided with this option. The code calculates and reports only the zone by zone performance for the symmetric grid defined by the five input variables above. Average field performance is meaningless in this case and therefore not calculated. This option must be used for a field buildup and optimization run (described in Section V).

b) IUSERF = 1

The code defined north biased surround field of Figure II-5 is used. User specifications of other field variables are ignored. The layout is typical of fields required for larger industrial or electrical power plants ( $> \sim 250 \text{ MW}_{\text{th}}$  or  $100 \text{ MW}_{\text{e}}$ ; ref. 6). Field averaged performance is calculated and reported. This option is not to be chosen for a design and optimization run.

c) IUSERF = 2

This option allows the user to define a field zone by zone. To specify such a field, the following variables must be defined: (1) RADMIN, RADMAX, NRAD, NAZM, INØRTH, and AMAXN (all described above) to set up the zoning; and (2) NRADMN, NRADMX, DENSIT, AZMSEP, and FLAND (described below) to characterize the field zone by zone. The user can always input this information on Namelist FIELD. In addition, if the user desires to do a performance calculation on a system optimized by DELSOL, two simpler methods of field input are available. First, the code will automatically carry out a performance calculation after a system optimization if IRERUN=1 in Namelist ØPT. All of the above variables will be set automatically by DELSOL (see Section VI-2). Second, the results of an optimization run can be written on a storage device (e.g., magnetic tape) by setting IØTAPE=1 in Namelist ØPT. At a later time all of the above variables can be read off this tape by setting ITAPE=2 on Namelist BASIC (see Section VI-2).

For the Lth azimuthal zone ( $L=1, \text{NAZM}$ ) all radial zones are occupied from the minimum radial zone number, NRADMN(L), through the maximum radial zone number, NRADMX(L). If no zones are occupied in the Lth azimuthal zone, then NRADMN(L)=NRADMX(L)=0. The radial/azimuthal zone boundaries may not exactly match the boundaries of the user's field. The FLAND array can be used to trim the DELSOL zoning. If there is a land constraint (see Section II.B-4), FLAND will be calculated automatically by DELSOL. In the absence of a land constraint, the user may specify FLAND. For the (K,L) zone, FLAND(K,L) is the fraction of the land area in the (K,L) zone that is occupied by the heliostat field. If the whole zone is occupied, FLAND(K,L)=1.0; if half the zone is occupied, FLAND(K,L)=.5, etc. Field averaged performance is calculated and reported. This option cannot be used for a design and optimization run.

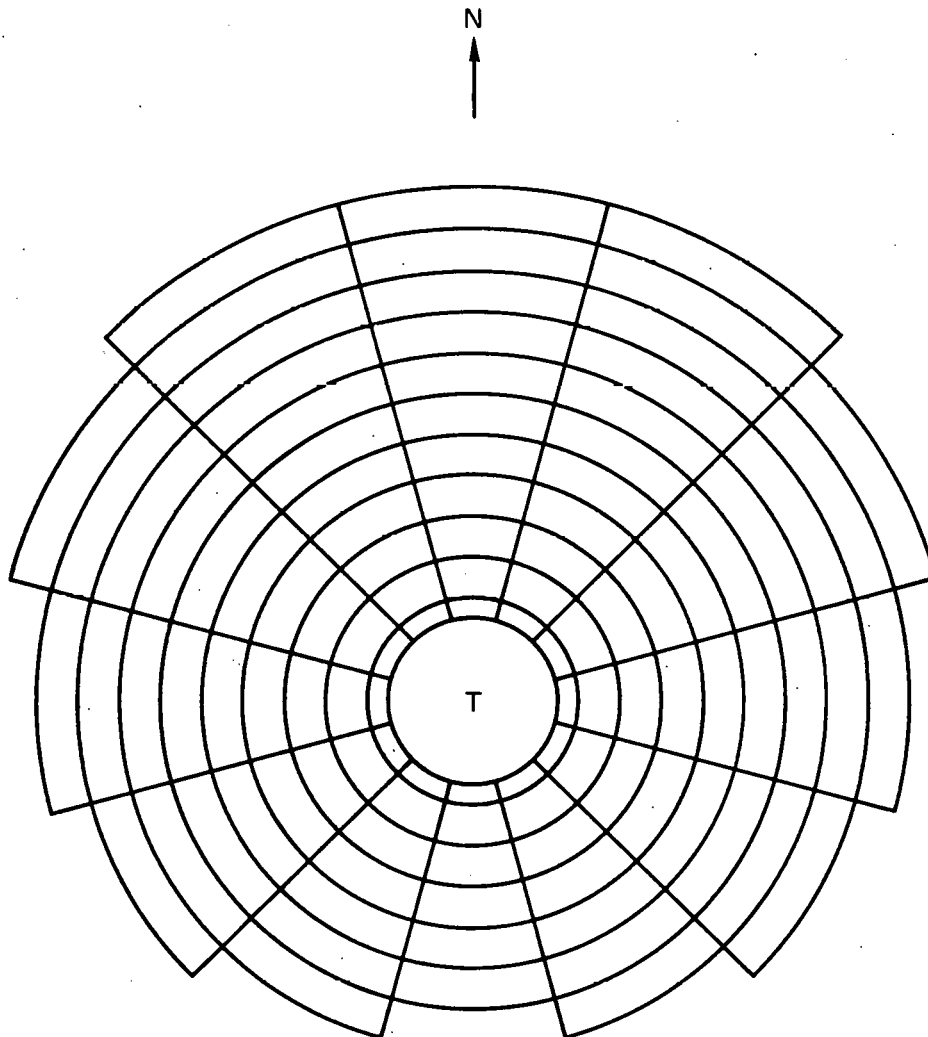


Figure II-5. Code Defined Field (IUSERF = 1). RADMIN = 0.80;  
 RADMAX = 7.15; NAZM = 12; NRAD = 11. Letting I = 1,  
 NAZM, boundaries are defined as follows:

<u>I</u>	<u>NRADMN(I)</u>	<u>NRADMX(I)</u>
1,2,12	1	11
3,11	1	10
4,10	1	9
5,9	1	8
6,8	1	7
7	1	6

d) IUSERF=3

This option allows the user to specify the x and y (east and north) coordinates of the base of every heliostat relative to the tower base. For the performance at a single time (IPRØB=2, Namelist BASIC), an asymmetrical heliostat field can be used. However, in order to calculate daily or annual performances the field must be symmetric about the N-S axis.

A special convention is used to group and number the heliostats. The heliostats are grouped into "rows" as illustrated in Figure II-6. In a field that surrounds the receiver the rows will usually be completely or partially filled circles. In a north-only field the rows will be arcs or lines. The rows do not intersect. The rows are numbered starting with the row nearest the tower and proceeding outward. Within each row the heliostats are numbered starting with the heliostat on the N/S line or just east of the N/S line. The numbering increases in a clockwise manner around the tower. Note that for a line or arc of heliostats (see row 4 in Figure IV-6) the number starts in the middle, proceeds to the eastern edge, goes to the western edge and then heads to the middle again. The code considers the shading and blocking by only those heliostats within ± two rows of the row in which the heliostat of interest is located.

Concerning the choice of NRAD and NAZM, the larger each is, the greater the number of zones, and hence, the greater the accuracy. The cost is increased computing time. The running time is approximately linear with the number of zones while the increase in accuracy with number of zones follows a "law of diminishing returns." The default values offer a good compromise:

NRAD = 12

INØRTH = 0

NAZM = 12

AMAXN = 82.5

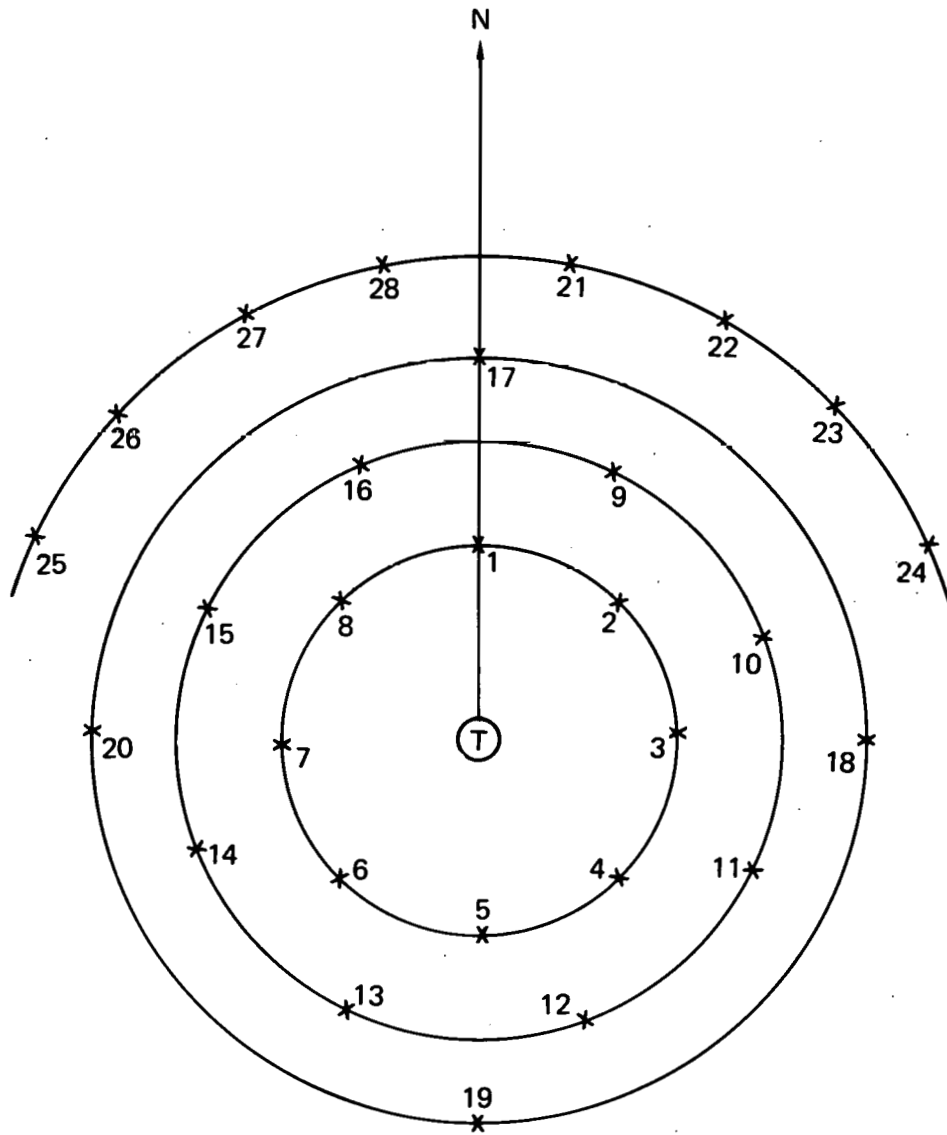
The default field option is the first one, and the default field limits encompass most designs:

IUSERF = 0

RADMIN = 0.75

RADMAX = 7.5

II.B-3. Rotating Fields--DELSOL can analyze central receiver systems that rotate (IRØTFL≠0). The rotation is synchronous with the azimuthal motion of the sun. An observer rotating with the field will only see the sun move vertically in one dimension. There is no apparent azimuthal motion of the sun. DELSOL also assumes that the receiver is in synchronous rotation. When using rotating fields, the azimuthal angle of the sun (when viewed from the field) always appears to be due south. (Note: In optimizing rotating field systems, DELSOL does not include the cost of the extra land required to allow the field to rotate.)



Row 1: Heliostats 1- 8  
 2           9-16  
 3           17-20  
 4           21-28

Figure II-6. Schematic Diagram of Heliostat Numbering and "Rows" in an Individual Heliostat Field (IUSERF=3, Namelist FIELD)

II.B-4. Land Constrained Heliostat Field--DELSOL allows the user to subject the heliostat field (not including the tower) to an existing land constraint. If NLAND>0 (Namelist FIELD for performance calculations; Namelist OPT for design optimizations), then all heliostats must be within one of NLAND user defined rectangles. The rectangles can have arbitrary size, displacement and orientation and may or may not overlap, as illustrated in Figure II-7. The center of the Ith rectangle is CLE(I) meters east and CLN(I) meters north of the first rectangle; therefore, CLE(1)=CLN(1)=0. ALP(I) is the angle, in degrees, that the sides of the Ith rectangle are rotated from the N-S and E-W axes. ALP(I) is positive for a clockwise rotation viewed from above. SLNS(I) and SLEW(I) are the length, in meters, of the sides of the Ith rectangle, which, prior to rotation by ALP(I), were parallel to the N-S and E-W axes, respectively.

In a land constrained field it is necessary to specify the location of the tower. In performance calculations a single tower position is considered. The center of the tower is YTOWER meters north and XTOWER meters east of the center of the first land constraint rectangle. In design optimization calculations DELSOL can search to find the optimum tower location. DELSOL considers NUMPTS equally spaced tower locations along a line from a first tower position of XTPST m east, YTPST m north to a final tower position XTPEND m east, YTPEND m north.

### II.C. Heliostat Pattern and Density

It is assumed that the heliostats are arranged in the radial stagger pattern illustrated in Figure II-8. They lie on isoazimuthal and isoradial lines. The local heliostat density,  $\rho$ , (i.e., the ratio of mirror area to land area) is related to the local row spacing,  $\Delta R$ , and azimuthal spacing,  $\Delta Az$ , by the equation:

$$\rho = \frac{\text{DENSMR} \times \text{WM} \times \text{HM}}{(\Delta R \Delta Az / 2)} * \text{RROUND} \quad (\text{II.C-1})$$

where DENSMR = fraction of mirror area of a heliostat whose overall

dimensions are WM x HM;

WM = heliostat width (m);

HM = heliostat height (m).

$$\text{RROUND} = \begin{cases} 1.0 & \text{rectangular heliostats} \\ \pi/4 & \text{circular heliostats} \end{cases}$$

The choice of heliostat density is indicated by the value of the parameter

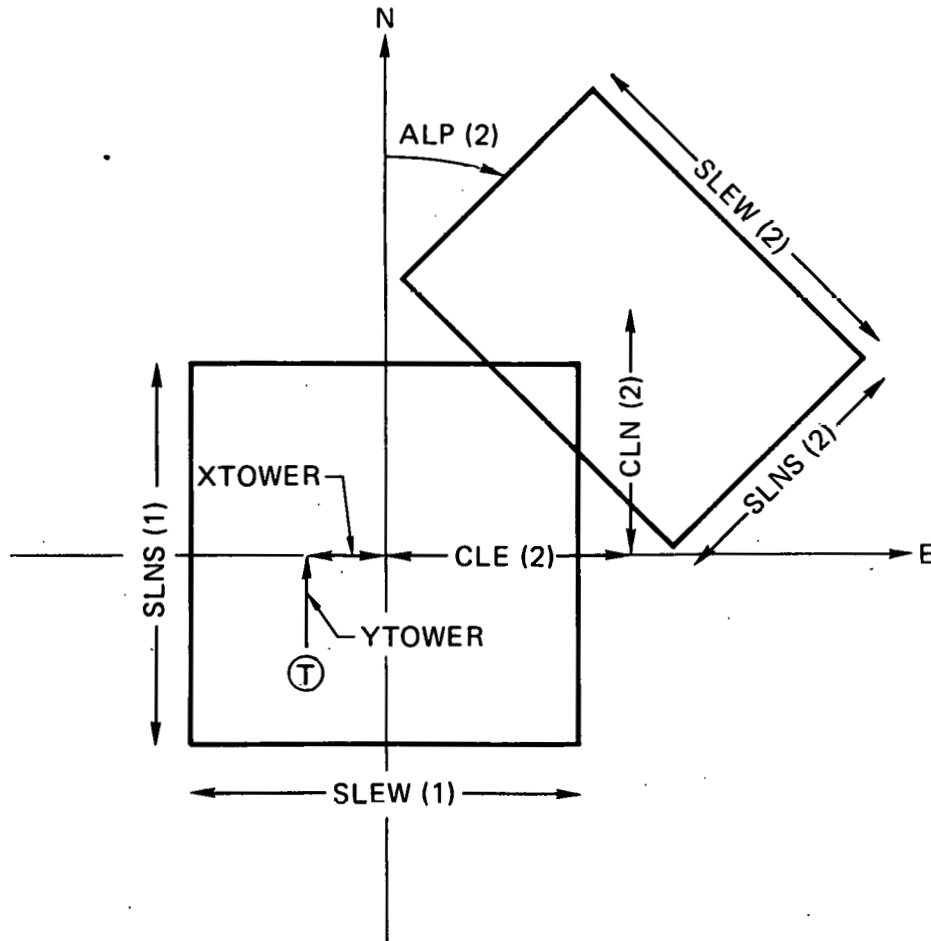


Figure II-7. Example of a Land Constraint with NLAND=2. T is the tower location. In a design optimization run several T positions along a line can be searched to find the optimum position.

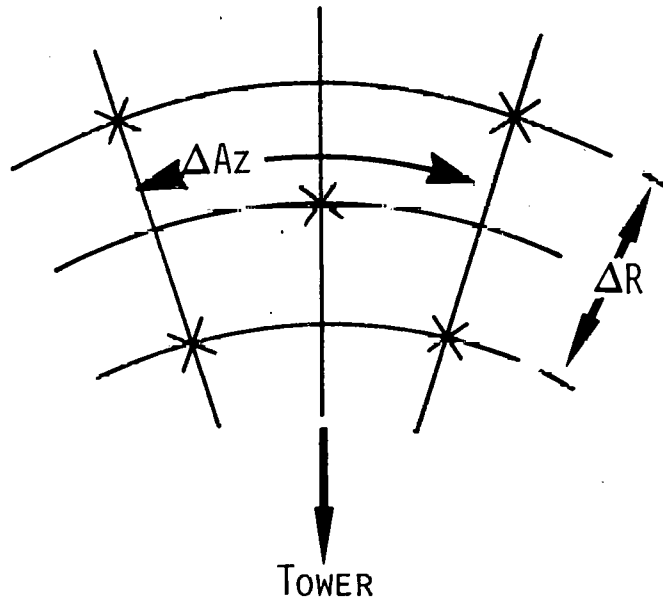


Figure II-8. Radial Stagger Arrangement of Heliostats.  
x's mark individual heliostat location



IDENS. For IDENS = 1 or 2, the values of  $\Delta R$  and  $\Delta Az$  are curve fits to optimized field layouts reported by the University of Houston (refs. 4,6,7) with a correction factor dependent on tower height for applications to small systems.

a) IDENS = 1 High reflectivity ( $\sim 0.9$ ), rectangular heliostats

$$\Delta R = (1.14424 \cot \theta_L - 1.0935 + 3.0684 \theta_L - 1.1256 \theta_L^2) HM \quad (II.C-2)$$

$$\Delta Az = \left( 1.7491 + 0.6396 \theta_L + \frac{0.02873}{\theta_L - 0.04902} \right) WM \frac{2 * RADIUS}{2 * RADIUS - HM * \Delta R} K(THT) \quad (II.C-3)$$

$$\text{where } K(THT) = \left( 1 - \frac{HM * \Delta R}{2 * THT * RADIUS} \right)^{-1}$$

and  $\theta_L = \frac{\pi}{2} - \theta_t$  (see Figure II-2). RADIUS (in meters) is the radius from the tower base and HM is the height of the heliostat (in meters).

b) IDENS = 2 Low reflectivity ( $\sim 0.6$ ), round heliostats

$\Delta R$  same as in equation (II.C-2)

$$\Delta Az = \left( 1.6097 + 0.2966 \theta_L + \frac{0.01914}{\theta_L - 0.01234} \right) WM \frac{2 * RADIUS}{2 * RADIUS - HM * \Delta R} K(THT) \quad (II.C-4)$$

c) IDENS = 3 User defined, zone by zone

$\rho$  is specified by DENSIT(K,L), and  $\Delta Az/2$  by AZMSEP(K,L) in the FIELD namelist.

Note that when IDENS=1 or 2 the azimuthal spacing and therefore the density depend on the tower height, THT.

The  $\Delta R$  and  $\Delta Az$  spacings from the above equations are tested to insure that the mechanical limits on adjacent heliostats are not exceeded; i.e., that adjacent heliostats will not hit each other in any combination of orientations. If the mechanical limits are violated, then the azimuthal spacing is adjusted to accommodate the full exclusion circle of the heliostat.

II.C-1. Slip Planes--The individual placement of heliostats in a radial layout pattern given only the zone average  $\Delta R$  and  $\Delta Az$  leads to a complication as one moves radially inward from the center of the zone. Heliostats on successive rows become more compressed until they incur an unacceptable increase in shading and blocking (or reach mechanical limits for the zones close to the tower). The problem can be alleviated by removing a fixed ratio (1-1/FSLIP) of the heliostats in the unacceptably compressed row, and restarting the layout pattern based on the new number of heliostats in the row. Figure II-9 illustrates this interruption in the layout pattern for the default 4/3 slip (FSLIP=1.33); the circular row at which the adjustment is made is called

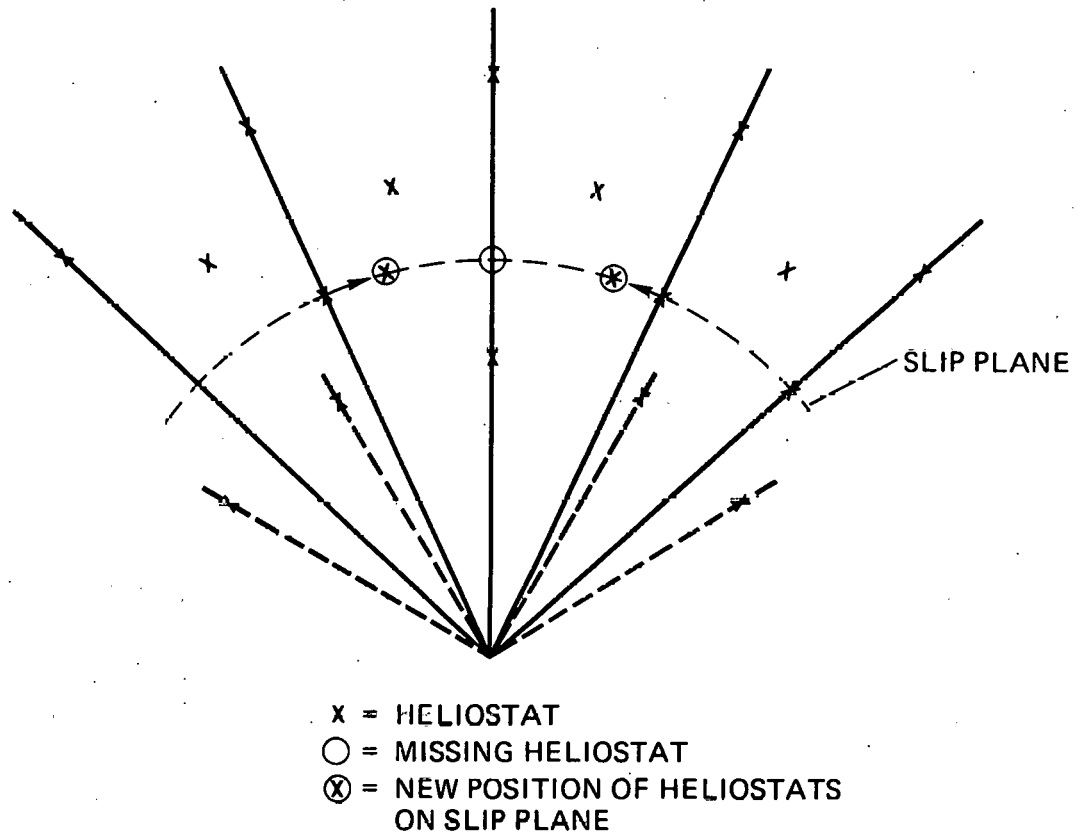


Figure II-9. Slip Planes in a Radial Stagger Layout (FSLIP=4/3)

the "slip plane" in analogy with discontinuities in crystal structures. The number of rows between slip planes increases as the radius increases and as the tower height increases. (See ref. 8 for additional discussion on slip planes.)

DELSOL calculates a zone by zone correction to account for the heliostat number change at a slip plane. The user specifies the slip ratio, FSLIP in namelist FIELD, i.e., the number of heliostats present on the slip plane row before any are removed divided by the number remaining after removal. The default value for FSLIP (=4/3) is a satisfactory one for most intermediate to small systems. By choosing a very large value for FSLIP (e.g., 100), the user effectively eliminates the slip plane correction in the code.

#### II.D. Time Steps

DELSOL will calculate the performance at a single time, over a single day, on a user defined matrix of sun positions, or over the year according to the value of IPRØB (Namelist BASIC).

II.D-1. IPRØB=0 or 4, Annual Performance--DELSOL calculates the performance at a finite number of times during the year and integrates to get daily and annual averages. The problem is simplified by the daily and seasonal symmetry of clear sky insolation, described in Section III-A. Only the half year between winter and summer solstice and the times between noon and sunset need to be sampled. NYEAR equally spaced days starting at Dec. 21 and ending on June 21 are considered as illustrated in Table II.D-1. At each of these days the time is varied from solar noon on in steps of HRDEL hours, also shown in Table II.D-1. The last time step at each day is taken as the time when the sun angle,  $\theta_s$ , is ASTART degrees from the vertical.

II.D-2. IPRØB=1, Single Calculational Day--DELSOL calculates the performance only on the UDAY (Namelist BASIC) day of the year. No annual average is calculated. The time steps are controlled by HRDEL as described under IPRØB=0.

II.D-3. IPRØB=2, Single Calculational Time--DELSOL calculates the performance only at UTIME hours past solar noon (UTIME is negative in the morning) on the UDAY day of the year (both Namelist BASIC).

II.D-4. IPRØB=3, Matrix of Sun Angles--Instead of calculating performances at certain specified times with this option allows the user to obtain the performance at certain specified sun angles. NUAZ values of the azimuthal angle, UAZ, and NUEL values of the zenith angle, UZEN, are considered in all possible pairwise combinations.

II.D-5. Selection of NYEAR, HRDEL, Reference Times--Both accuracy and calculational time of the performance (but not the optimization calculational time) increase with the number of day and hourly time steps. Fortunately, a

Table II.D-1. Time Steps

Days of the Year Sampled

<u>Calculational Day</u>	Day of the Year	
	<u>NYEAR = 3</u>	<u>NYEAR = 5</u>
1	354.75	354.75
2	81.0	35.375
3	172.25	81.0
4		126.625
5		172.25

NOTE: Day 354.75 is winter solstice

" 81.0 is spring equinox

" 172.25 is summer solstice

Hours after Solar NOON Sampled\*

<u>Calculational Time Step</u>	HRDEL = 1.			HRDEL = 2.		
	<u>Day = 354.75</u>	<u>Day = 81.</u>	<u>Day = 172.25</u>	<u>Day = 354.75</u>	<u>Day = 81.</u>	<u>Day = 172.25</u>
1	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
2	1.	1.	1.	2.	2.	2.
3	2.	2.	2.	3.3	4.	4.
4	3.	3.	3.		4.8	5.8
5	3.3	4.	4.			
6		4.8	5.			
7			5.8			

\*ASTART = 75°

relatively few days (3-5) and a reasonable time step (1 hour) appear to produce accuracies better than 1%. Generally, it is better to decrease HRDEL than increase NYEAR when attempting to increase accuracy.

Two times of the year have special significance. First, REFTIM hours past noon on the REFDAY day of the year is called the reference time. This is the time of the year which is used to determine the design point power levels of the system, as described in Section V.A-1. Second, HCANT hours past noon of the DCANT day is used to determine the off-axis canting of heliostats, if any, as described in Section II.E-2. Note: The reference time must correspond to one calculational time. The canting time has no such restriction. In addition, daily start-up and shutdown times are determined by the user specified zenith angle, ASTART.

Default values are:

NYEAR = 5

HRDEL = 1.0

ASTART = 75.0(°)

REFTIM = 0.0 (noon)

REFDAY = 81.0 (equinox)

HCANT = 0.0

DCANT = 81.0

II.D-6. Time Averages--DELSOL computes daily and annual averages of the total performance and the individual performance terms. These time averages are weighted according to the following table:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Weighting</u>
cosine	insolation
shadowing	" x cosine
blocking	" x " x shadowing
attenuation	" x " x " x blocking
spillage	" x " x " x " x atten.

To illustrate this weighting the average blocking from time  $t_1$  to time  $t_2$  is

$$\langle \text{block} \rangle = \frac{\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \text{block}(t) \text{ shadow}(t) \text{ cosine}(t) \text{ insolation}(t) dt}{\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \text{shadow}(t) \text{ cosine}(t) \text{ insolation}(t) dt}$$

The same type of weighting is used in averaging the performance for a user defined field.

## II.E. Heliostats

Either rectangular (IRØUND=0) or circular (IRØUND=1) mirror shapes (Figure II-10(A) and (B)) can be accommodated by the code. The overall dimensions of the heliostat, WM and HM, enclose the mirrored surface, the edge supports, and cutouts or slots, if any. The fraction of the area defined by WM and HM which actually reflects sunlight is specified by the parameter DENSMR. The user has the option of generating more accurate images from canted heliostats by specifying the size and location of the cant panels (ICPANL=1, Namelist HSTAT). This option is highly recommended in small systems. The width and height of the reflective surface of each cant panel are WPANL and HPANL meters, respectively (Figure II-10(C)). The center of the Ith cant panel is displaced from the pivot point (center of heliostat) by HXCANT(I) meters parallel to the horizontal edge of the heliostat and HYCANT(I) meters parallel to the vertical edge of the heliostat.

The reflectivity, given by the value of RMIRL, represents the time averaged value and not the value just after washing. RMIRL should also include transmission losses due to any enclosure surrounding the heliostat. (See also Section III.E-2.) The heliostats are assumed to have altitude-azimuth drive systems pivoted at the center of the mirrored surface.

II.E-1. Heliostat Error Sources--The performance of heliostats is degraded by several error sources. Care must be taken with the input of these terms because different reports often use different descriptions for the same errors. Specifically, a distinction must be made between an error source (e.g., backlash in the azimuthal motor drive) and the effect of the error source (i.e., the magnitude of the displacement and/or distortion of the heliostat image on the receivers). The latter, the effect of the error source, depends on the geometry between sun, heliostat, and receiver. Thus, a heliostat with a constant error source will provide variable effects

on the image at different times of the year for the same field position, or at different field positions for the same time of the year, due to the changing relative positions of the sun and receiver.

Consider the example of the effect of a constant backlash error in the azimuthal drive in otherwise perfect heliostats. At noon on any given day of the year, a heliostat located due north of the tower will produce a larger displacement of the image on the receiver than its counterpart at the same distance due south. In fact, as heliostats in the south field approach a horizontal orientation (i.e., mirror normal  $\hat{n}$  vertical), errors in the azimuthal drive produce no displacement in the image on the receiver.

Given that heliostats will be mass produced and assembled, it is assumed in DELSOL that the error sources are essentially the same for each heliostat regardless of field location. Hence, the user supplies as input the magnitude of the sources of error (e.g., motor inaccuracies, surface distortions), and the code calculates the time and field dependent effects of these sources. (This is identical to the approach in MIRVAL and HELIOS (refs. 1,5).)

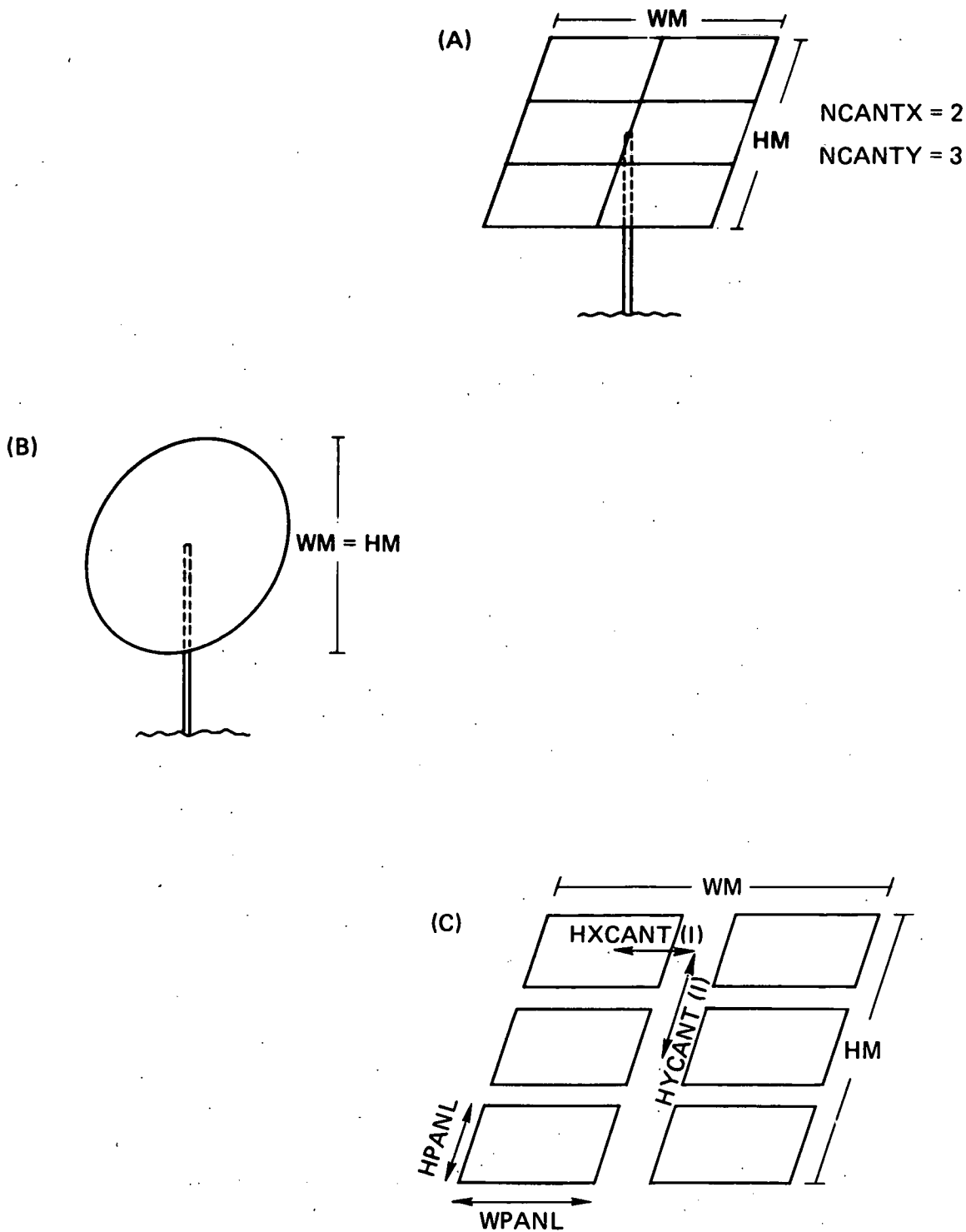


Figure II-10. Types of Heliostats. (A) Canted, rectangular heliostat with 2 cant divisions along the width and 3 along the height; (B) Circular heliostat with  $WM=HM=diameter$ ; (C) Canted heliostat defined for more accurate image calculation ( $ICPANL=1$ )

The sources of heliostat errors can be grouped into three types according to the variable used to describe the error distribution. Each type produces different qualitative and quantitative effects on the position and profile of the heliostat image. Normal probability distributions characterized by standard deviations in two perpendicular directions are assumed. The three error groups, typical sources, and the coordinate systems in which they are defined are listed in Table II.E-1. The default values are also included, and are consistent with a fairly accurate, high reflectivity mirror.

II.E-2. Focusing and Canting--The size of the image produced by a heliostat on the receiver is determined by the finite size of the sun, the heliostat performance errors, and the size of the heliostat, as illustrated in Figure II-11(A). Reducing the contribution of heliostat size can lead to a smaller image size, and in turn, lower spillage, smaller receivers, and lower receiver radiation and convection losses. DELSOL simulates the two methods, focusing and canting, employed to reduce image size by decreasing the contribution from heliostat size.

In focusing, the mirror panels are concave in a manner such that rays from the center of the sun reflected from any point on the mirror panel hit the same point on the receiver, as shown in Figure II-11(B). A canted heliostat is divided into a number of submirrors. Each submirror is displaced relative to the others such that rays from the center of the sun reflected from analogous points of the submirrors all converge to the same point on the receiver, as indicated in Figure II-11(C). Thus, perfect focusing results in the minimum size image by eliminating the contribution of heliostat size to the reflected image. Perfect canting approximates perfect focusing by reducing the total heliostat size to that of a single submirror. The greater the number of canted submirrors for a given size heliostat, the smaller the contribution of heliostat size to the image. In other words, canting is a Fresnel approximation to focusing. (Note also that the submirrors of a canted heliostat can each be focused in 0 to 2 dimensions.)

The curvature or displacement required for focusing or canting depends on the angles between the heliostat, sun, and receiver, and is therefore time dependent. For most heliostat designs the curvature cannot be varied, and the heliostat will be perfectly focused or canted for only the one or two times of the year when the sun is in the correct position. At all other times, the heliostat will produce "off-axis aberration" of the image; i.e., distortions of the ideal image due to off-design operation.

The most common choice for the curvature of a rigid heliostat is a symmetrical "on-axis" focusing or cant. In this case, the heliostat is perfectly focused or canted at a point along the heliostat optical axis,  $\hat{n}$ , when the sun is positioned along  $\hat{s}$ , (i.e.,  $\hat{n} = \hat{s}$  in Figure II-1). When the sun is in other positions ( $\hat{n} \neq \hat{s}$ ), there will be off-axis aberrations.

A second possibility is an asymmetric curvature such that the heliostat is perfectly focused or canted for a specific sun position (defined by the HCANT hour past noon on the DCANT day of the year). In this case the relative positions of sun, heliostat, and receiver are important because in general, the focal point will not lie along  $\hat{n}$ . This "off-axis" cant or focus results in off-axis aberrations when the sun position differs from that specified by (HCANT, DCANT).



TABLE II.E-1  
HELIOSTAT ERROR SOURCES

Type	Error Distribution*	Typical Sources	Default Values (rad)
Heliostat angles	$\theta_n, \beta_n$	Tracking errors in open-loop drive systems	$\sigma_{\theta_n}$ (SIGEL) = 0.00075
		Foundation motion	$\sigma_{\beta_n}$ (SIGAZ) = 0.00075
Surface normal	$x_n, y_n$	Mirror waviness	$\sigma_{x_n}$ (SIGSX) = 0.001
		Panel alignment errors	$\sigma_{y_n}$ (SIGSY) = 0.001
Reflected vector	$x, y$	Tracking errors in closed-loop drive systems	$\sigma_x$ (SIGTX) = 0.000
		Atmospheric refraction	$\sigma_y$ (SIGTY) = 0.000
		Tower sway	

\*Each distribution is of the form:

$$P(da, db) = (2\pi \sigma_a \sigma_b)^{-1} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{da}{\sigma_a} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{db}{\sigma_b} \right)^2 \right]$$

where a,b = variable pair defined above,

P = probability of displacements, da and db, from the nominal values of a and b.

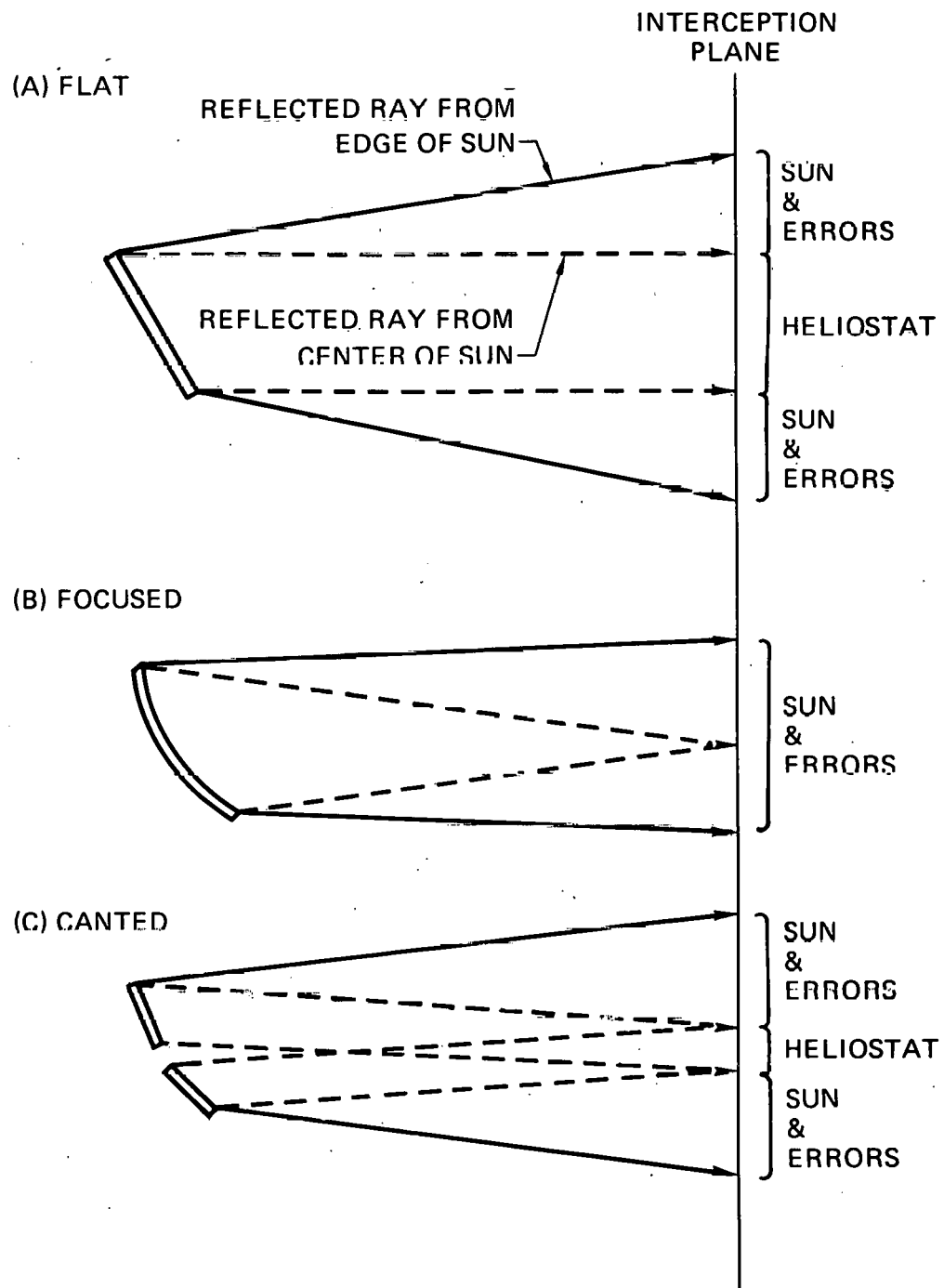


Figure II-11. Schematic of Images Formed by (A) Flat, (B) Focused, and (C) Canted Heliostats

On a yearly average, off-axis aberrations are less with an on-axis than off-axis cant or focus. Moreover, the symmetry of the on-axis cant or focus allows for a simpler manufacturing procedure. However, at the time specified by (HCANT, DCANT), an off-axis cant or focus produces a smaller image and higher flux density. This may be useful in test facilities where the number of heliostats is small, and periodic readjustment of their canting or focusing is possible. DELSOL allows both on- and off-axis canting but only on-axis focusing.

For canting several options are available according to the choice of the parameters ICANT, NCANTX, and NCANTY. There are NCANTX times NCANTY equally sized submirrors per heliostat with NCANTX (NCANTY) submirrors along the  $\hat{i}_n$  ( $\hat{j}_n$ ) edge of the heliostat, as shown in Figure II-6(A). The larger NCANTX and NCANTY, the more closely a canted heliostat approximates a focused heliostat. Uncanted heliostats are specified by ICANT=0 and have only one sub-mirror equal to the heliostat itself; therefore, NCANTX=1 and NCANTY=1. Fields in which each heliostat is individually canted off-axis on the HCANT hour past noon and the DCANT day of the year (default - noon, equinox, Mar. 21) are specified by ICANT=3. Heliostat fields in which every heliostat is focused "on-axis" with a focal length equal to its slant range is specified by the parameter ICANT=-1. Finally, fields in which heliostats have "on-axis" canting with user defined focal lengths (= RCANT (K) tower heights) are specified by ICANT=1. (This option can be used to produce a single cant for the whole field.)

Independent of canting, the mirror or submirrors can be focused in 0-2 dimensions. If the mirror is curved along the  $\hat{i}_n$  ( $\hat{j}_n$ ) direction then the parameter XFØCUS=1.0 (YFØCUS=1.0). Thus, no focusing is specified by XFØCUS=0.0, YFØCUS=0.0. 1-d focusing is specified by XFØCUS=1., YFØCUS=0., or XFØCUS=0., YFØCUS=1; 2-d focusing is specified by XFØCUS=1., YFØCUS=1. The parameter IFØCUS determines the specification of the focal lengths. DELSOL automatically sets the focal length equal to the slant range when IFØCUS=0. User defined focal lengths, XFØCAL and YFØCAL, can be read in when IFØCUS=1.

II.E-3. Default Heliostat--The default heliostat is a high reflectivity square advanced design with a single cant and focus.

IRØUND = 0	ICANT = 1
WM = 7.4 (m)	NCANTX = 2
HM = 7.4 (m)	NCANTY = 6
DENSMR = 0.897	RCANT = 12*7.15
RMIRL = 0.89	XFØCUS = YFØCUS = 1.0
SIGAZ = SIGEL = 0.00075	IFØCUS = 1
SIGSX = SIGSY = 0.001	XFØCAL = YFØCAL = 12*7.15
SIGTX = SIGTY = 0.	

## II.F. Tower and Receiver

DELSOL considers three types of receivers as illustrated in Figure II-12: external cylinders, multiple aperture cavities, and multiple flat plates. Flat plate receivers are specified in the same manner as cavity receivers. The tower height, THT, is defined as the elevation of the middle of the external receiver, cavity aperture, or flat plate above the pivot point of the heliostat. To get the height above ground, the elevation above ground of the pivot point must be added to THT.

The size of external cylindrical receivers (IREC=0) is specified by the height, H, and width or diameter, W. The apertures on cavity receivers are specified by giving their dimensions, orientation, and displacement from the tower centerline. For rectangular apertures (IREC=2), one edge is horizontal of length RX and the other perpendicular edge has a length RY. For elliptical apertures (IREC=1), one axis is horizontal with length RX and the other axis has a length RY. The orientation of the apertures is specified by the  $\hat{r}$  vector which is the outward surface normal at the center of a surface stretched across the aperture. It is assumed that all apertures are oriented such that an extension of the  $\hat{r}$  vectors will go through the tower centerline at the same point. (See Figure II-2.)  $\theta_r$  (RELV) is the polar angle of  $\hat{r}$ ; it equals  $90^\circ$  if the cavity aperture is vertical and is greater than  $90^\circ$  if the cavity faces downward.  $\beta_r$  (RAZM) is the azimuthal angle;  $\beta_r = 180^\circ$  if the aperture faces North. The width W of the cavity structure is taken as twice the horizontal distance from the center of the cavity aperture to the tower centerline. In multiple aperture cavities, the same receiver width and tower height apply to all apertures (i.e., a horizontal circle can be passed through the aperture centers). The height H is the total vertical distance of the heat absorbing unit in the cavity above the bottom of the cavity aperture. A total of NUMCAV ( $< 4$ ) apertures can be specified. Single or multiple flat plate receivers with rectangular (IREC=3) or elliptical (IREC=4) shapes are specified in an identical manner to a single or multiple cavity receiver with rectangular or elliptical apertures.

In designing cavity receivers it is necessary to describe the configuration within the cavity in order to determine the cost of the receiver. DELSOL assumes that the inside of the cavity is a section of a vertical cylinder centered on the aperture as shown in Figure II-13. The relative depth RWCAV(I) of the heat absorbing surface inside the Ith aperture is specified as the ratio of the radius of the cavity to the receiver radius, W/2. The height of the cylindrical heat absorbing surface is chosen so as to intercept all of the image that passes through the aperture from the nearest and farthest possible heliostat. The height is therefore a function of the minimum and maximum heliostat positions within the sector of the field seen by the cavity, the aperture height, RY, the orientation of the aperture, RELV, the tower height, THT, and the relative diameter of the heat absorbing surface.

## II.G. Heliostat Aiming

DELSOL has several options for aiming the heliostats at different points on the receiver. The "smart" aiming options, described below, are generally

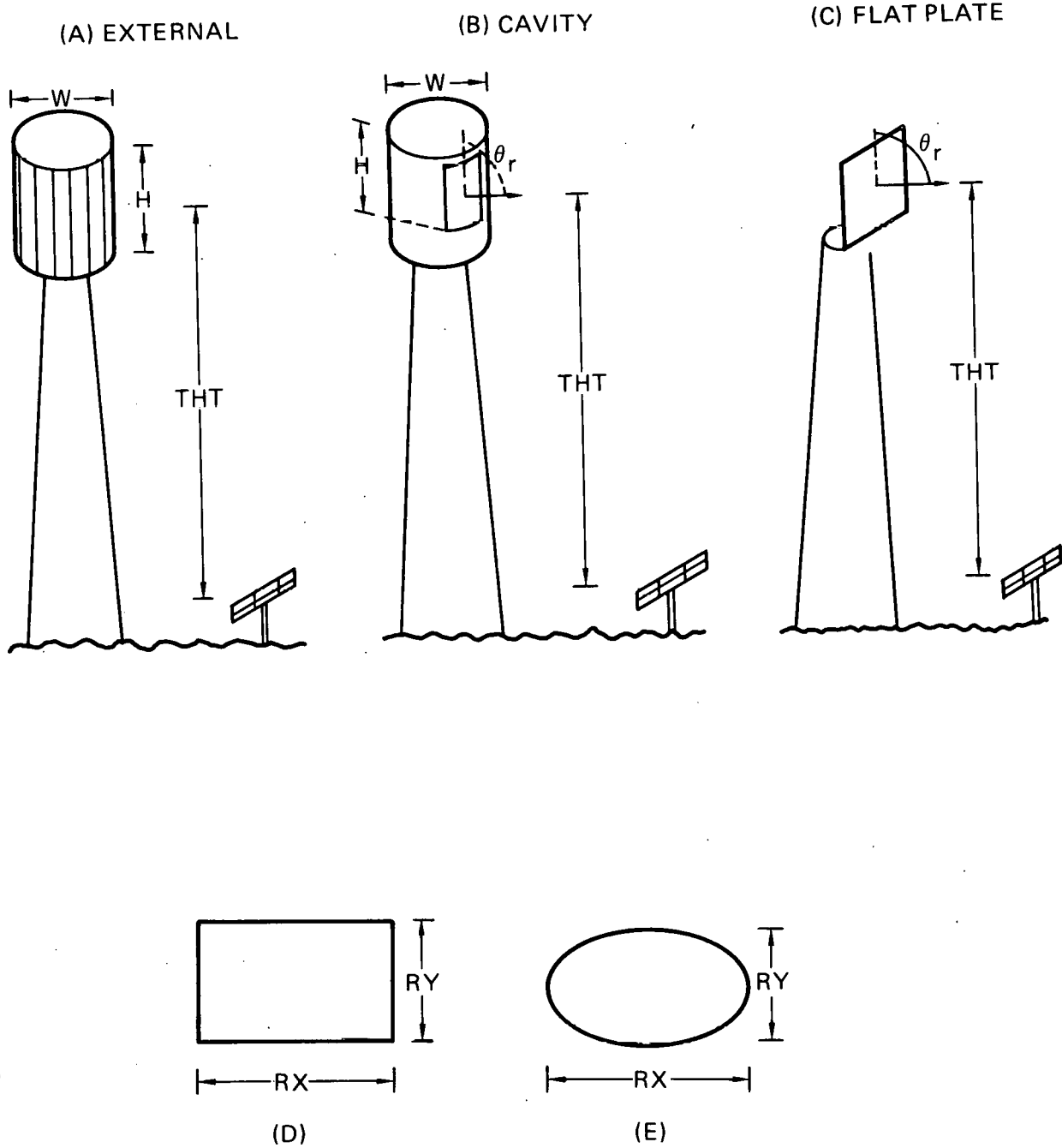


Figure II-12. Types of Receivers. (A) External Cylindrical; (B) Cavity with Single Aperture; (C) Single Flat Plate; (D) Rectangular Aperture or Flat Plate; (E) Elliptical Aperture or Flat Plate

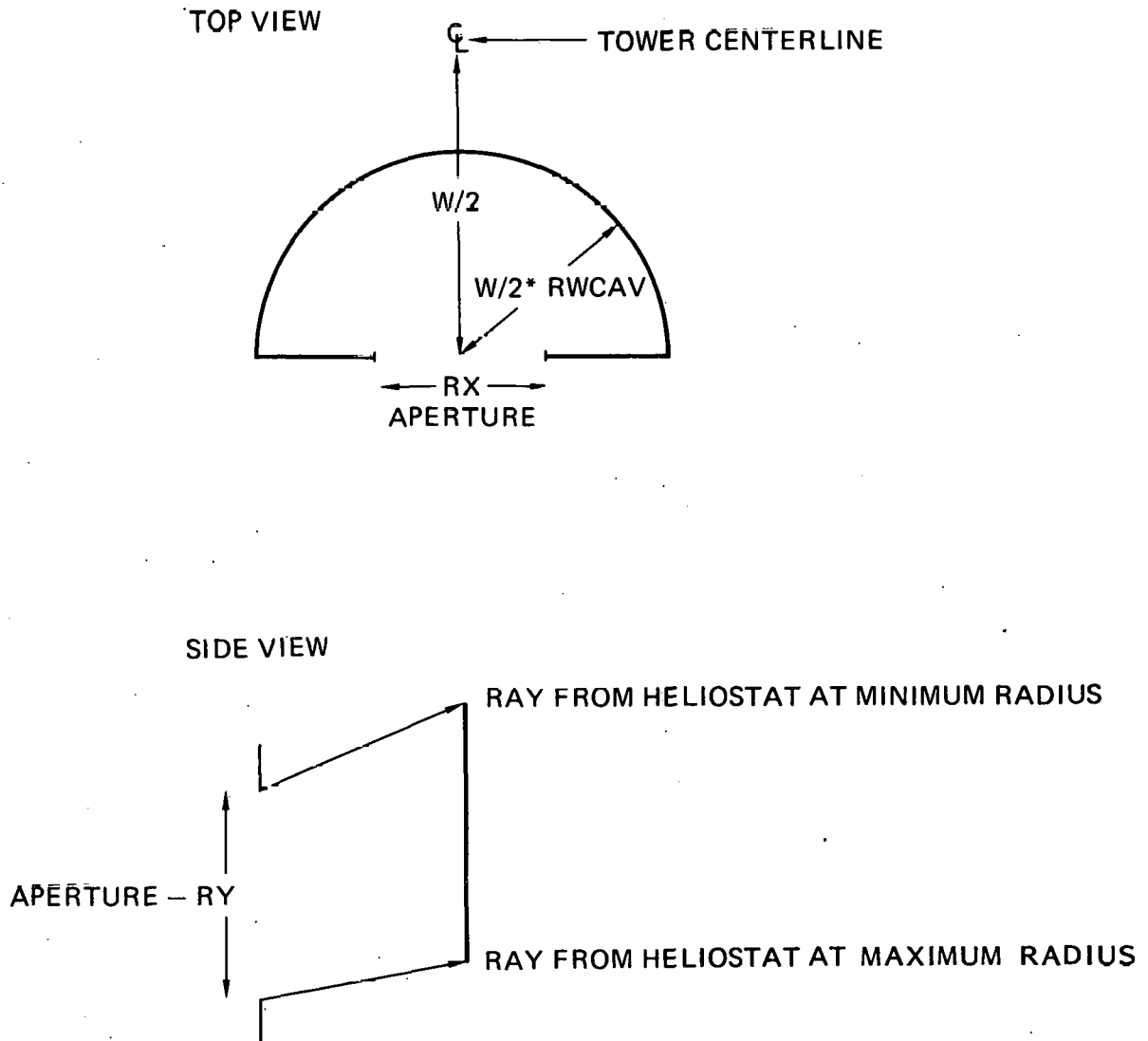


Figure II-13. Heat Absorbing Surface Within a Cavity. It is modeled as a segment of a right circular cylinder centered on the cavity aperture.

required when trying to design flux limited receivers. The options are controlled by the IAUTØP parameter in Namelist REC and illustrated in Figure II-14. All "smart" aiming options are time dependent; i.e., the number of aim points can change over the year if the image changes.

II.G-1. Single Aim Point (IAUTØP=0)--This is the simplest of all aiming options. All heliostats are pointed at the center (when viewed from the heliostat surface) of the receiver (Fig. II-14(A)). This option produces the maximum flux on the receiver.

II.G-2. One-Dimensional "Smart" Aiming (IAUTØP=1)--The heliostat images are spread out along the "height" of the receiver or aperture until the spillage starts to increase. As seen in Figure II-14(B) the smaller images of the inner heliostats can be spread out over more aim points than the larger images of the outer heliostats. This option reduces both the peak flux and flux gradients on the receiver. This is the "smart" aiming option to use with external receivers (IREC=0) and with cavity or flat plate receivers of elliptical shape (IREC=1 or 3). Since the size of the images from the heliostats can change with time (especially in small systems) the 1-d smart aiming also changes with time.

II.G-3. Two-Dimensional "Smart" Aiming (Rectangular Cavity Apertures or Flat Plates Only, IAUTØP=2)--This option is similar to IAUTØP=1 except that the images are spread out in two dimensions as shown in Figure II-14(C). This results in even smaller peak fluxes than IAUTØP=1. However, this option should only be used with rectangular cavities (IREC=2), or rectangular flat plates (IREC=4). If used with elliptical receivers the spillage will increase. Furthermore, if used with external cylinders much of the flux will be incident on the receiver at grazing angles where the absorption is poor.

II.G-4. Single Aim Point at the Lower Part of the Receiver (IAUTØP=3)--The heliostats are aimed as close to the bottom of the receiver as is possible without increasing spillage significantly as shown in Figure II-14(D). There are several reasons for considering this strategy. First, if the fluid enters from the bottom the peak fluxes will occur near the colder (and presumably stronger) end of the piping. The penalty is increased radiation and convection losses since the average receiver temperature is increased. However, if the fluid enters from the top the radiation and convection losses are minimized, but the peak flux occurs near the hot end of the tube.

II.G-5. One-Dimensional Aiming at the Lower Part of the Receiver (IAUTØP=4)--Same as IAUTØP=3 except that the images are spread out along the top of the receiver as shown in Figure II-14(E).

II.G-6. User Defined Aiming Strategy (IAUTØP=5)--A user defined aiming strategy can be defined for each zone through the variables NAY(K,L), NAX(K,L), YAIM(K,L,M), XAIM(K,L,M), and NUMPT(K,L) where K=1, NRAD, L=1, NAZM, M=1,2. Each zone has a rectangular grid of NAX by NAY points with the grid limits set by XAIM and YAIM. Figure II-14(F) gives an example for this case.

## II.H. Flux Density Distribution

DELSOL has the option of calculating the flux density on an arbitrary planar or vertical cylindrical surface (IFLX = 1, Namelist NLFLUX). The flux



IMAGE FROM INNER HELIOSTAT

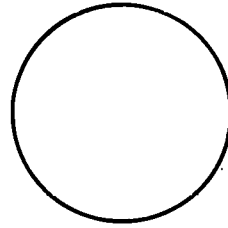
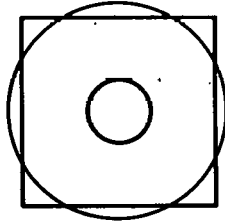
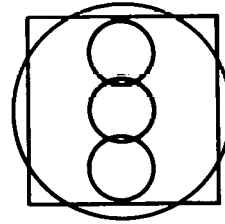


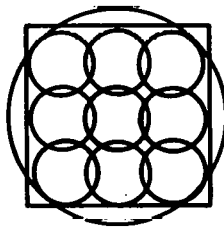
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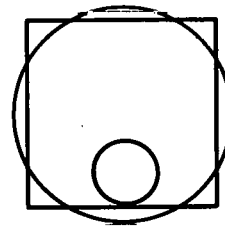
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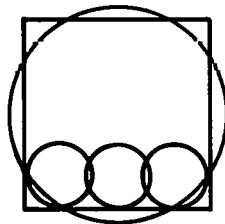
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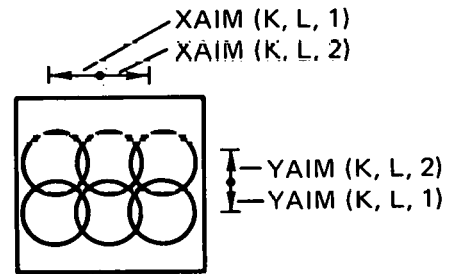
(C) IAUTOP = 2



(D) IAUTOP = 3



(E) IAUTOP = 4



(F) IAUTOP = 5  
NAX (K, L) = 3  
NAY (K, L) = 2

Figure II-14. Aiming Options.



on complex receivers composed of several planar and/or cylindrical surfaces can be mapped by several executions of the program. For cavity receivers the flux surfaces are assumed to be behind the apertures. DELSOL tests each flux point to insure that it can be seen through the aperture from the heliostat being calculated (i.e., that the flux point is not shadowed by the outside of the cavity). In addition, for multiple aperture cavities, DELSOL allows the user to specify the aperture(s) through which the reflected sunlight can reach the flux surface (ICAVF, Namelist NLFLUX). This latter feature can be used to account for the possibility that the flux surface may be blocked by the internal structure of the cavity.

The flux from a heliostat is found by projecting the flux point along the  $-\hat{f}$  direction (i.e. back towards the heliostat) to the image plane whose origin is the aimpoint on the receiver. The Hermite series (Equation III. D-1) is evaluated and multiplied by  $-\hat{f} \cdot \hat{f}$  where  $\hat{f}$  is the normal of the flux surface at the flux point. For multiple aimpoints this procedure is repeated for each aimpoint. To represent accurately the flux from a zone of heliostats, the code uses the average flux from a number of heliostats spanning the zone and not just a single heliostat located at the field point. The flux from a field of heliostats is obtained by summing the flux from the zones within the field. The single time of the year at which the flux is calculated is determined by the user (IFXØUT).

II.H-1. Specification of Flux Points--The flux points are specified by giving their location in ground based coordinates relative to the receiver "center" and by defining the direction of the outward normal on the side of the surface upon which the flux is incident. The receiver center is on the tower centerline a distance THT (Namelist REC) above the plane of the heliostat pivots (i.e., at the same elevation as the middle of the external receiver or the middle of the cavity aperture or flat plate). The program provides four options for automatically generating a 2-d grid of equally spaced flux points: (1) the outer surface of a vertical cylinder (IFLAUT=1); (2) the inner surface of a hollow vertical cylinder (IFLAUT=2); (3) one side of an arbitrarily oriented plane (IFLAUT=3); or (4) code generated grid on the heat absorbing surface (IFLAUT=4).

If IFLAUT=1 the points are generated on the outside of a cylinder of diameter DIAMF meters. The center of the vertical cylinder is XFC meters to the east, YFC meters to the north and ZFC meters up with respect to the receiver center. There are NXFLX flux points around the circumference from a minimum surface normal azimuth of FAZMIN degrees to a maximum of FAZMAX degrees (see Fig. II-15). The north side of the cylinder has an azimuth of 180°, east 270°, etc. There are NYFLX values of the height of the flux point relative to ZFC from a minimum of FZMIN meters to a maximum of FZMAX meters.

If IFLAUT=2 the points are on the inside of a hollow vertical cylinder. All the variables have the same meaning as above except that since the surface normals are on the inside of the cylinder, the azimuth on the north side is 0° and not 180° as it is for IFLAUT=1, and the east side azimuth is 90° not 270°, etc. (i.e., the direction of the north side azimuth is south, etc.), as shown in Figure II-15.

AZIMUTH ANGLES

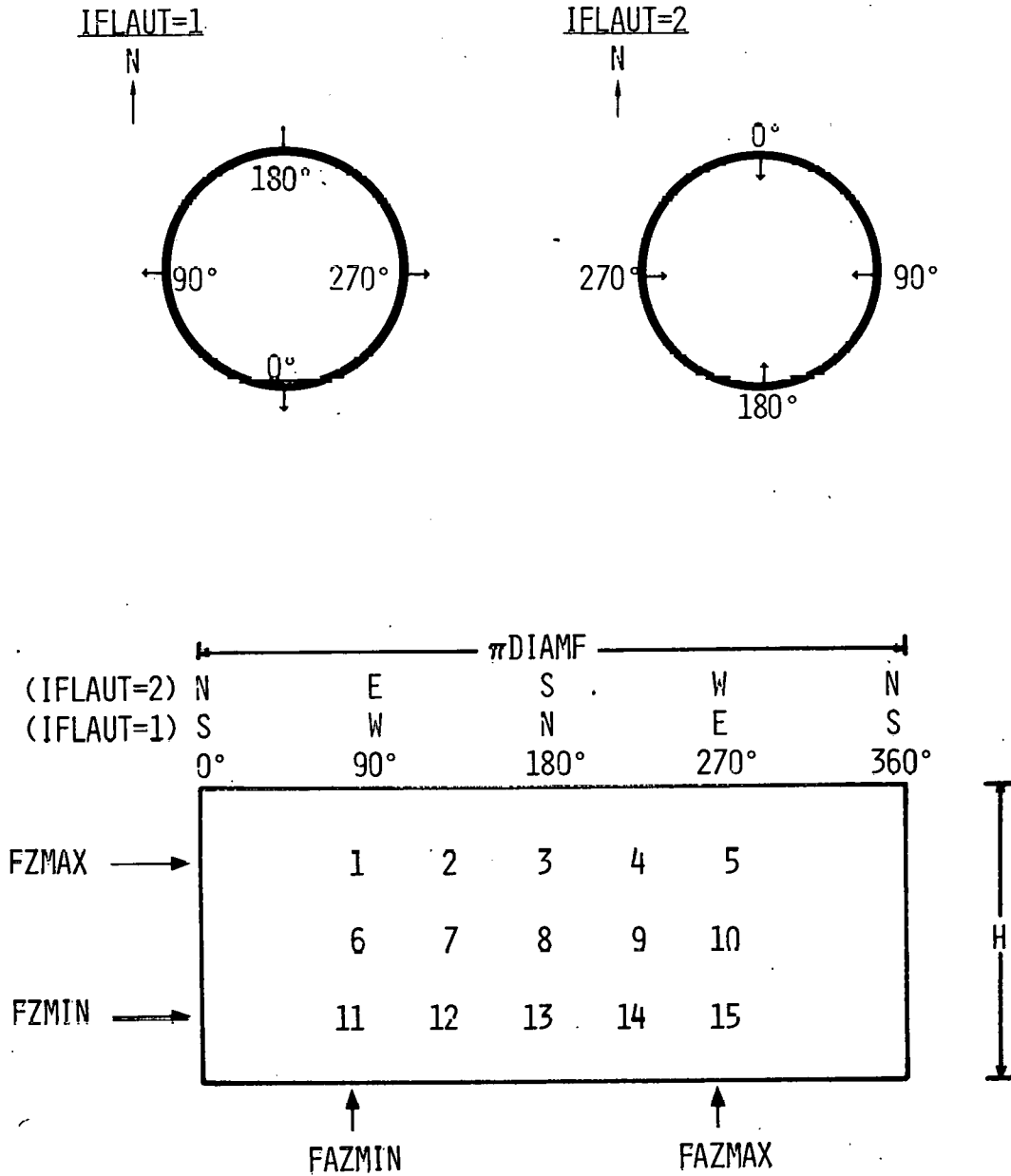


Figure II-15. Flux Points on a Cylinder. For IFLAUT=1, the points are on the outside of the cylinder and for IFLAUT=2, the points are on the inside. In this Figure  $NXFLX = 5$ ,  $NYFLX = 3$ . Point number  $NMXFLX = M + (N-1) \times NXFLX$ , where  $M = 1$ ,  $NXFLX$  and  $N = 1$ ,  $NYFLX$ . For clarity, the receiver has been "unfolded" and laid flat in (c).

If IFLAUT=3 the flux points are located on a plane. The outward surface normal  $\hat{f}$  on the side of the plane on which the flux is incident makes a polar angle of POLF degrees with the vertical and an azimuthal angle of AZMF degrees with respect to the south direction (these angles are defined in an analogous manner to the angles of the  $\hat{n}$ ,  $\hat{s}$ ,  $\hat{t}$ , and  $\hat{r}$ , vectors in Figure II-2). A cartesian coordinate system ( $\hat{i}_f, \hat{j}_f, \hat{k}_f$ ) is constructed with  $\hat{k}_f = \hat{f}$ ,  $\hat{i}_f$  in the plane and horizontal and  $\hat{j}_f$  in the plane and pointing up when  $\hat{k}_f$  is horizontal (Figure II-16). The origin of this coordinate system is XFC meters to the E, YFC meters to the N, and ZFC meters up with respect to the center of the receiver. There are NXFLX equally spaced values of the flux points along the  $\hat{i}_f$  axis from a minimum of FAZMIN meters to a maximum of FAZMAX meters. Similarly, there are NYFLX equally spaced values of the flux points along the  $\hat{j}_f$  axis from a minimum of FZMIN meters to a maximum of FZMAX meters.

If IFLAUT=4 the flux points are located automatically by the code on the heat absorbing surface of the receiver. If the default choices for NXFLX, FAZMIN, FAZMAX, NYFLX, FZMIN, and FZMAX are used with this option, a single point on the center of the north facing heat absorbing surface will be generated. While this is usually the logical point to test for a flux limit for external and flat plate receivers, it is usually too high for a cavity (see Sample Problem 2 in Appendix B for an example). For cavities, the user should test several points along the centerline of the back wall in order to locate and properly design for the maximum flux.

II.H-2. Flux Constrained System Designs--Many receiver designs have to impose flux limitations on the receiver surface to meet lifetime requirements. DELSOL provides the option for designing systems with a peak flux constraint. The flux at NFLXMX points is calculated at the design point as the field is being built up. If the flux limit (FLXLIM) is exceeded, no more zones are added. In calculating the flux during design studies, it is assumed that the relative shape of the flux profile at the design point is the same as the relative shape of the annual average flux profile.

When the receiver size is iterated, the location of the flux points is scaled in such a way that they remain at the same relative position on the receiver. For external receivers, a width and height of the receiver, W and H, are specified on the 2nd REC Namelist (just before the OPT Namelist in the optimization input group). The flux points are specified by using IFLAUT=1 with XFC=YFC=ZFC=0 and DIAMF=W. Generally, the peak flux occurs at the middle of the north side of the receiver so that only one flux point is tested (this is generated by using all the default values in Namelist NLFLUX). The azimuthal location of the flux point(s) is unchanged as the receiver size is varied. The height of the flux points is given by

$$\text{Height of flux point} = (\text{Initial location}) \frac{H_{it}}{H}$$

where  $H_{it}$  is the current iterated receiver height. For example, if the flux point is chosen as 3/4 of the way up the receiver on the NE side it will remain in this relative position as W and/or H is varied.

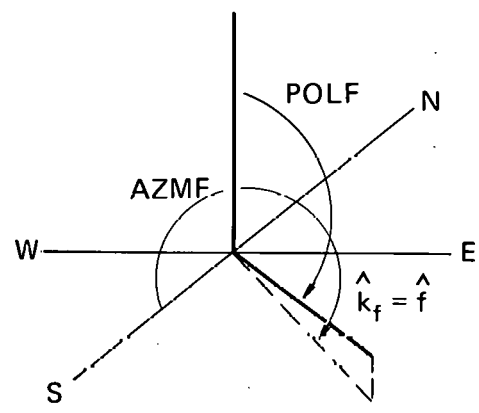
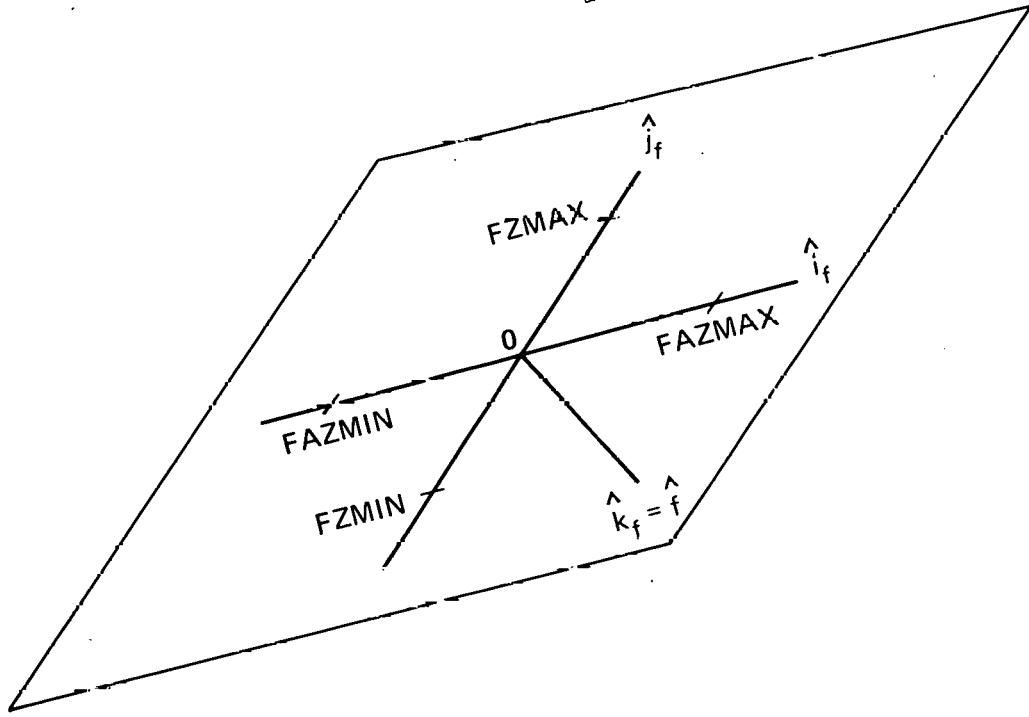


Figure II-16. Flux Points on a Plane. The origin 0 is displaced (XFC, YFC, ZFC) from the receiver surface and the normal  $f$  has a polar angle POLF and an azimuthal angle AZMF. The  $i_f$ -axis is in the plane and horizontal. The  $j_f$  axis is in the plane and pointing upward. The limits of the 2-D grid of equally spaced points are shown.

For cavity receivers, the locations of the flux points scale with W and the height of the heat absorbing surface based on RADMIN and RADMAX

$$(x, y) = (x, y)_{\text{initial}} \frac{W_{it}}{W}$$

$$z = z_{\text{initial}} \frac{HCAV_{it}}{HCAV_{\text{initial}}}$$

where  $W_{it}$  is the current iterated width, and  $HCAV_{it}$  is the height of the heat absorbing surface based on current values of THT, W, and RY. The surface normal at the flux point is held constant.

For a single flat plate receiver the flux points are specified by IFLAUT=3 with POLF=RELV(1), AZMF=RAZM(1), ZFC=0, XFC=-W\* SIN (AZMF) and YFC=-W\* COS(AZMF) where W is the diameter defined in Namelist REC. The spacing of the flux points along the  $\hat{i}_f$  axis scale with RX(1) and along the  $\hat{j}$  axis with RY(1), i.e.

$$x_{fit} = x_f \frac{RX(1)_{it}}{RX(1)}$$

$$y_{fit} = y_f \frac{RY(1)_{it}}{RY(1)}$$

where RX(1) and RY(1) are the values of the receiver dimensions from Namelist REC,  $RX(1)_{it}$  and  $RY(1)_{it}$  are the values used in the iteration, and  $x_f$  and  $y_f$  are the coordinates of the flux points generated by the values in Namelist NLFLUX. Generally, the peak flux occurs in the center of the flat plate.

For flux limited external or flat plate receivers automatic aiming (IAUTØP=1, Namelist REC) must be used. In design calculations the REC Namelist appears twice, once in the Performance Group and once in the Layout/Optimization Group (Table A.A.-1). To save computer time do not use automatic aiming on the first REC Namelist, only on the second REC Namelist (the one immediately before the ØPT Namelist). Similarly, the NLFLUX Namelist appears twice. Again to save time do not calculate any fluxes on the first NLFLUX Namelist only on the second one (after the ØPT Namelist).

III. Performance  
Calculation

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#### III.A. Seasonal and Daily Variation of Sun Position; Sunshape

III.A-1. Position of the Sun--The sun position vector  $\hat{s}$  is specified by  $(\theta_s, \beta_s)$  as illustrated in Figure II-2. Ignoring refraction effects in the atmosphere,  $\theta_s$  and  $\beta_s$  can be calculated by (refs. 9,10):

$$\cos\theta_s = \sin \lambda \sin \delta + \cos \lambda \cos \delta \cos \tau \quad (\text{III.A-1})$$

$$\sin\beta_s = \sin \tau \cos\delta / \sin\theta_s \quad (\text{III.A-2})$$

where  $\lambda$  = latitude (>0 in northern hemisphere),

$\tau$  = hour angle measured from noon (>0 in afternoon; 15° per hour),

$\delta$  = declination.

$\delta$  is determined by:

$$\sin\delta = \sin(23.442274^\circ) \sin\beta_{se} \quad (\text{III.A-3})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } \beta_{se} \text{ (radians)} &= \beta_{s0} + 0.007133 \sin\beta_{s0} \quad (\text{III.A-4}) \\ &+ 0.032680 \cos\beta_{s0} - 0.000318 \sin 2\phi_0 \\ &+ 0.000145 \cos 2\phi_0 \quad (\text{ref. 11}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\phi_0 = \frac{2\pi(\text{DAY}+284.)}{365.24} \quad (\text{III.A-5})$$

The effect of atmospheric refraction is to make the sun's apparent zenith angle  $\theta'_s$  (i.e., the zenith angle observed through the atmosphere) less than the true zenith angle  $\theta_s$ . The correction is given by a numerical fit (ref. 12):

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\theta_s \text{ (radians)} &= \theta_s - \theta'_s \quad (\text{III.A-6}) \\ &= A * (\theta_s/B)**(C+D*\theta_s) - E \end{aligned}$$

where  $A = .004013327$

$B = .06476916$

$C = -.66956539$

$$D = .019276169$$

$$E = -.00051297$$

$\Delta\theta_s$  is multiplied by the relative atmospheric pressure (PRES or DPRES, Namelist BASIC) to account for the effect of altitude. It is the apparent sun angle, not the actual sun angle, that is tracked by the heliostats.

The default latitude is that for Barstow, CA:

$$\lambda(\text{PLAT}) = 35.0^\circ.$$

III.A-2. Insolation--The extraterrestrial insolation of the sun,  $S_0$ , including the effect of eccentricity of the earth's orbit, is given by (ref. 13):

$$S_0 \text{ (kw/m}^2\text{)} = 1.353 + 0.045 \cos \left( 2\pi \frac{\text{DAY} + 10.0}{365.0} \right) \quad (\text{III.A-7})$$

where DAY = day of the year.

The position of the sun is symmetric about the summer and winter solstices. The code ignores the small change in declination during each day and assumes that sun position is symmetric about noon.

DELSOL assumes clear sky models to predict the direct normal insolation at the surface,  $S$ . Insolation is decreased by transmission through the atmosphere. Losses depend on such factors as the weather, air mass traversed, and altitude, which determine the extent of photon absorption and scattering. The result is that part of the direct insolation is converted to a diffuse form which cannot be concentrated by the heliostats. The annual energy predicted by the clear sky models is corrected for weather effects as described below. The parameter  $\text{INS}\emptyset\text{L}$  controls the insolation model choice.

a)  $\text{INS}\emptyset\text{L} = 0$ , Meinel Model (ref. 14)

$$S = S_0 \{ (1. - 0.14 \text{ ALT}) \exp(-0.347(\sec \theta_s)^{0.678}) + 0.14 \text{ ALT} \} \quad (\text{III.A-8})$$

where  $S_0$  is given by equation (III.A-4) and ALT is the altitude in km.

b)  $\text{INS}\emptyset\text{L} = 1$ , Hottel Model (ref. 15)

$$S = S_0 (a + b \exp(-c \sec \theta_s)) \quad (\text{III.A-9})$$

where  $a = 0.4237 - 0.00821 (6. - \text{ALT})^2$



$$b = 0.5055 + 0.00595 (6.5 - \text{ALT})^2$$

$$c = 0.2711 + 0.01858 (2.5 - \text{ALT})^2$$

c) INSØL = 2, Constant Insolation

$$S = SØLCØN \text{ (constant specified in BASIC namelist)} \quad (\text{III.A-10})$$

d) INSØL = 3, Allen Model (ref. 16)

$$S = S_0 \left\{ 1.0 - 0.263 \left( \frac{\text{DH2Ø} + 2.72}{\text{DH2Ø} + 5.0} \right) (m * \text{DPRES})^\gamma \right\} \quad (\text{III.A-11})$$

where  $m$  = air mass correction

DH2Ø = precipitable water overhead (mm)

DPRES = atmospheric pressure/sea level atmospheric pressure

$$\gamma = 0.367 \left[ \frac{\text{DH2Ø} + 11.53}{\text{DH2Ø} + 7.88} \right]$$

The air mass correction,  $m$ , depends on the zenith angle,  $\theta_s$ , according to:

$$m = \frac{1}{\cos \theta_s} \quad (\theta_s < 60^\circ) \quad (\text{III.A-12})$$

$$m = \frac{1}{\cos \theta_s} - 41.972213(90 - \theta_s)^\beta \quad (\theta_s > 60^\circ)$$

$$\text{where } \beta = -2.0936381 - 0.04117341(90 - \theta_s) + 0.000849854(90 - \theta_s)^2 \quad (\text{III.A-13})$$

(ref. 17)

Note that the altitude of the site affects the insolation via the relative pressure DPRES.

e) INSØL = 4, Moon Model (ref. 16)

$$S = S_0 \left\{ 0.183 \exp(-m * \text{DPRES}/0.48) + 0.715 \exp(-m * \text{DPRES}/4.15) + .102 \right\} \quad (\text{III.A-14})$$

The above equations are plotted in Figure III-1 for ALT=0. The default values give yearly insolation corresponding to a Barstow, CA, location (ref. 18):

$$\text{INSØL} = 0$$

$$\text{DPRES} = \text{PRES} = 1.0$$

$$\text{ALT} = 0.65$$

$$\text{DH2Ø(I)} = \text{H2Ø} = 20.0$$

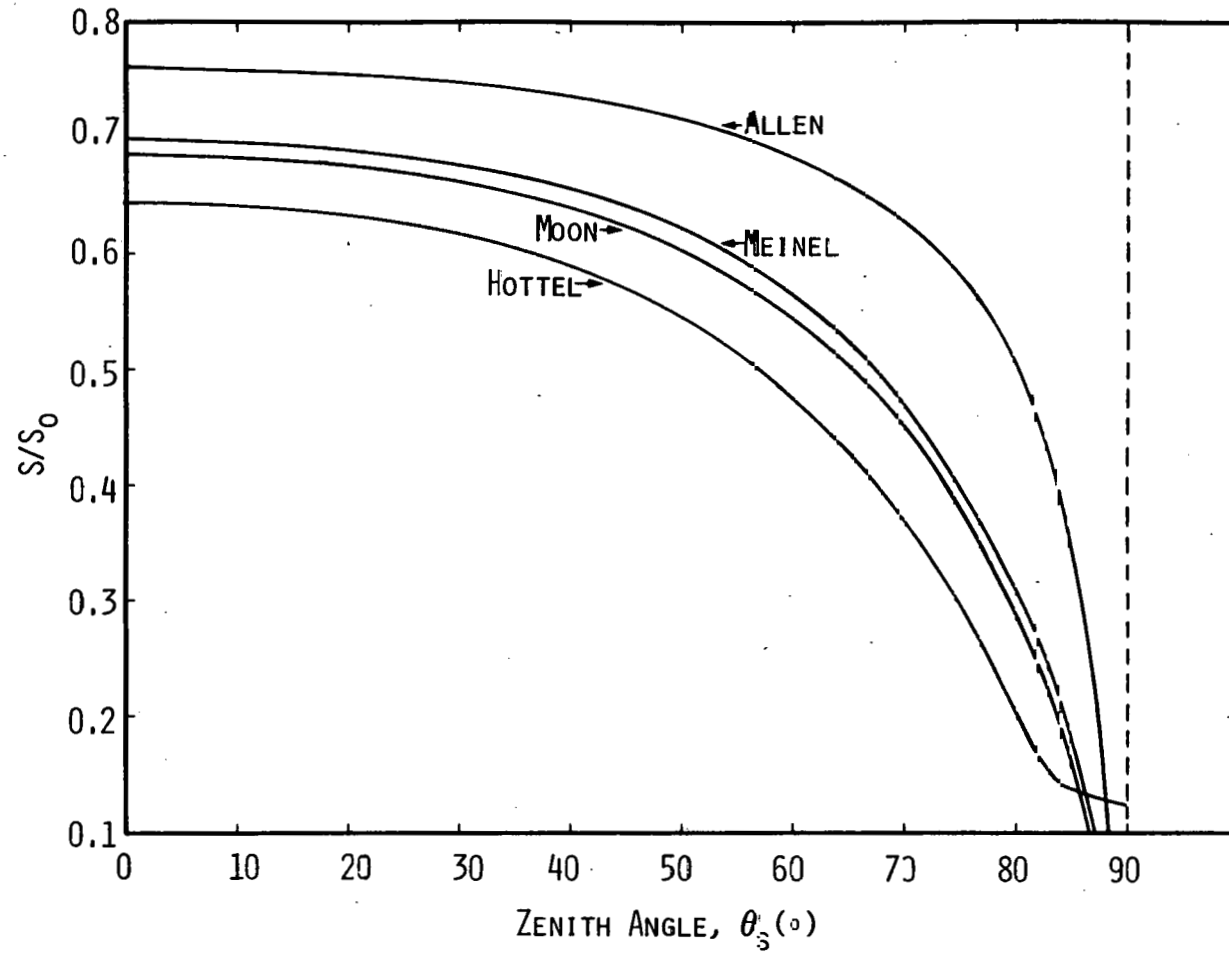


Figure III-1. Ratio of Incident to Extraterrestrial Insolation,  $S/S_0$ , as a Function of Solar Zenith Angle (Sea Level)

III.A-3. Time Dependent Weather Effects--DELSOL allows the user to define the weather characteristics of the site being analyzed. The weather factors can be defined separately for each of the NYEAR calculational days (IWEATH=1, Namelist BASIC) or can be held constant over the year (IWEATH=0). The weather affects both performance and design calculations.

a) Cloudiness

The energy produced on the Ith calculational day is multiplied by DWEATH(I) (IWEATH=1) or WEATH (IWEATH=0) to correct for the probability that some insolation will be lost due to cloudiness. The default values are consistent with a Barstow, CA location:

$$DWEATH(I) = WEATH = 0.83$$

b) Atmospheric Pressure

The atmospheric pressure divided by sea level atmospheric pressure on the Ith calculational day is given by DPRES(I) (IWEATH=1) or PRES(IWEATH=0). The relative atmospheric pressure affects the refraction of sunlight in the atmosphere, and its influence is accounted for in the Allen and Moon insolation models.

c) Precipitable Water

The precipitable water overhead (in mm) on the Ith calculational day is given by DH2Ø(I) (IWEATH=1) or H2Ø (IWEATH=0). This quantity is used only in the Allen insolation model (INSØL=3).

III.A-4. Sunshape--The image of the extraterrestrial sun is limb darkened; i.e., the insolation decreases toward the edge. The size and shape of the solar intensity is further modified by the very small angle scattering in the earth's atmosphere. In general, the size of the solar image increases as the total insolation decreases because of increased scattering. The shape of the solar image is important in its effects on the spillage and flux calculations. The sunshape models available in DELSOL are set by the choice of parameter NSUN.

a) NSUN = 0, Point Sun

A point sun, while unrealistic, has been useful for debugging the field performance calculation and for studying the effects of heliostat size and errors on the images projected on the receiver.

b) NSUN = 1, Limb Darkened Sun

This is one of the simpler models for a limb darkened sun described by (ref. 3):

$$S(r) = \begin{cases} S_0 (1.0 - 0.5138(r/R)^4) & (r \leq R) \\ 0.0 & (r > R) \end{cases} \quad (\text{III.A 15})$$

where  $r$  = angle subtended between the center of the sun to some point toward the edge ( $<R$ ), in rad;

$$R = \text{maximum angle subtended,} \\ = (4.65 \times 10^{-3})$$

c) NSUN = 2, Square Wave Sun

The intensity is constant to  $r = R$  ( $= 4.65$  mrad), and then drops to zero:

$$S(r) = \begin{cases} S_0 & (r \leq R) \\ 0 & (r > R) \end{cases} \quad (\text{III.A-16})$$

d) NSUN = 3, User Specified Sunshape

The user specifies the intensity vs. angle in a circularly symmetric sunshape. There are NSUNPT pairs of values of intensity, SUNI, vs. angle from the center of the sun, SUNR. The angles are in ascending order and the first angle must be zero (i.e., the center of the sun).  $\pi r * \text{SUNI}(r) dr$  gives the power from the sun within a differential circular ring from  $r$  to  $r+dr$ .

The default in the code is the limb darkened model (NSUN = 1).

III.B. Cosine Effect

In general, heliostats are not perpendicular to the incident direct insolation. The total power reflected per unit area of heliostat is proportional to the cosine  $\hat{n} \cdot \hat{s} = \hat{n} \cdot \hat{t}$ . The analytical formulas for the heliostat orientation and the cosine are derived in reference 19. The amount of energy reflected by a heliostat,  $S_r$ , is therefore:

$$S_r = S_x(\hat{n} \cdot \hat{s}) \times \text{RMIRL} \quad (\text{III.B-1})$$

where

$$\hat{n} \cdot \hat{s} = \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos \theta_s \cos \theta_t + \sin \theta_s \sin \theta_t \cos(\beta_t - \beta_s))^{1/2} \quad (\text{III.B-2})$$

The angles are defined in Figure II-2.

### III.C. Shadowing and Blocking

Shadowing occurs when one heliostat is in the shadow of one or more neighbors. Blocking occurs when a part of the unshaded region of the heliostat cannot be seen from the receiver because of its neighbors. Shadowing and blocking are strongly time and position dependent.

Shadowing (blocking) is calculated by projecting the neighboring heliostats along the sun (tower) direction onto the plane of the heliostat being considered. The area shaded (blocked) is then calculated analytically. Twelve nearest neighbors are considered in the calculation.

Two options are provided for overlapping of shadowing and blocking on a heliostat. For ISB=0 (Namelist HSTAT) the shading and blocking are assumed to never overlap. This is generally the case except at low sun angles. This approximation is an upper bound on shading and blocking losses. For ISB=1 the shading and blocking are assumed to always overlap. This approximation is a lower bound on the losses. The default choice is the conservative one (ISB=0).

III.C-1. Effect of Slip Planes on Shadowing and Blocking--As explained in II.C-1, heliostats have to be removed from slip planes in radial stagger layout patterns. These missing heliostats will reduce the shadowing and blocking. DELSOL assumes that the shadowing and blocking losses are reduced by the fraction of missing heliostats/total heliostats in a zone. For example, if 5% of the heliostats are missing, a 10% shadowing loss would be reduced to 9.5%.

III.C-2. Tower Shadow--DELSOL calculates the effect of the shadow cast by the tower and receiver. The tower and receiver shadow is modeled as that cast by a vertical cylinder of height TØWL meters (above the plane of heliostat pivots) and diameter of TØWD meters. Both values scale with THT. The default values are consistent with THT and W:

$$\begin{aligned}TØWL &= 175.0 \text{ m} \\TØWD &= 10.0 \text{ m}\end{aligned}$$

### III.D. Flux Density and Spillage

The details of the theoretical method for calculating the flux in DELSOL is given in references 3 and 5. The flux distribution from a heliostat, normalized to unit power, is represented analytically by a truncated expansion in Hermite polynomials:

$$F(x,y) = (2 \alpha_x \alpha_y)^{-1} \exp \left( - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x}{\alpha_x} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{y}{\alpha_y} \right)^2 \right) \quad (\text{III.D-1})$$
$$\left( \sum_{i=0}^6 \sum_{j=0}^{6-i} A_{ij} H_i \left( \frac{x}{\alpha_x} \right) H_j \left( \frac{y}{\alpha_y} \right) / i! j! \right)$$

where  $\alpha_x$ ,  $\alpha_y$ , and  $A_{ij}$  are calculated from the projection of the heliostat on the receiver, the sunshape, and the heliostat performance error distribution, and  $x$  and  $y$  are the coordinates in the plane of the reflected image (Table II.A-1). The  $H$ 's are Hermite polynomials, the first three of which are:

$$\begin{aligned}H_0(x) &= 1 \\H_1(x) &= x \\H_2(x) &= x^2 - 1\end{aligned}\tag{III.D-2}$$

In reference 5 it is shown that the  $A_{ij}$  and  $\alpha$ 's have a simple power law dependence on the tower height, THT. Therefore, once the flux is found for one tower height, it is straightforward to calculate the dependence for other tower heights. Furthermore, since Eq. (III.D-1) describes the flux over the entire image plane, the flux can be projected onto any receiver as long as the receiver dimensions are small compared to the slant range.

It is assumed that the total energy in the flux distribution is reduced by shadowing and blocking, but that the spatial distribution is taken as proportional to that of an unshaded and unblocked heliostat. This is generally justified because shadowing and blocking losses are usually small and the convolution of the mirror shape with the sunshape and errors reduces the effect of shadowing and blocking on the flux profile.

The ability to use one flux calculation to predict the flux from a given heliostat design on any tower or receiver is the main strength of DELSOL.

The speed of the Hermite method results from the fact that a severely truncated polynomial (6th order) expansion is an accurate approximation to the flux density. As discussed in reference 5, the accuracy of the Hermite method increases as the error sources of heliostat performance and/or their effect on the flux profile become larger. Specifically, DELSOL becomes more accurate in predicting the flux and spillage when: (1) the errors increase; (2) the slant range increases; or (3) the size of the heliostat is reduced (either physically or effectively by focusing or canting).

To calculate the fraction of the flux intercepted by the receiver, equation (III.D-1) must be integrated over the projection of the receiver on the image plane. The resulting two dimensional integral can be evaluated analytically in one dimension and numerically, using a 16 point Gaussian quadrature, in the other.

III.D-1. More Accurate Images from Canted Heliostats--The normal method used in DELSOL is a single Hermite series to represent the heliostat's image. When the heliostat to receiver distance is small this can result in a blurring of the sharp edges of the image. A slower running option which calculates a more accurate image is available for canted heliostats (INDC=1 in Namelist HSTAT). The location of the center of the image from each cant panel is calculated. Then a separate Hermite series is used to represent the image from each cant panel. This option can only be used in performance calculations with a single aimpoint at the center of the receiver (IAUTOP=1, Namelist REC). Its affect on an optimized system can be determined by rerunning a performance calculation on the optimized system with INDC=1.

### III.E. Time Independent Losses

The hourly and seasonal variation of: a) atmospheric attenuation from the heliostat to the receiver, b) receiver radiation and convection losses, and c) piping insulation losses, are assumed negligible. In addition, mirror and receiver reflectivity, the thermal to electric conversion efficiency, and parasitic loads are represented by constant time averaged values.

III.E-1. Atmospheric Attenuation: Heliostat to Receiver--The seasonal variation of atmospheric attenuation at ground level for the test locations of Barstow and Albuquerque (based on constant visibility) is reported to be small (ref. 20) and is ignored in DELSOL. However, the effects of local altitude and visibility are not. DELSOL offers two options, identified by the user's choice of the parameter IATM in the BASIC namelist:

1) IATM = 0 Clear day, Barstow (visibility = 23 km)  
Loss (%) =  $0.6739 + 10.46 R - 1.70 R^2 + 0.2845R^3$  (ref. 15) (III.E-1)

2) IATM = 1 Hazy day, Barstow (visibility = 5 km)  
Loss (%) =  $1.293 + 27.48 R - 3.394 R^2$  (ref. 15) (III.E-2)

3) IATM = 2 User defined attenuation  
Loss (fraction) =  $ATM1 + ATM2 R + ATM3 R^2 + ATM4 R^3$  (III.E-3)

where R is the slant range (heliostat to receiver) in km. The first two equations are graphically presented in Figure III-2. Similar equations for Albuquerque are also given in reference 20, but these are not currently available as an option in the code. The default choice is the clear day model:

$$IATM = 0$$

III.E-2. Mirror and Receiver Reflectivity--While it is known that mirror reflectivity can degrade between washings (ref. 21), it is assumed constant along with receiver re-reflectivity. Default values are (namelist variable name in parentheses):

Mirror reflectivity (RMIRL) = 0.89 (glass, average between washings;  
ref. 16)

Receiver absorption (RRECL) = 0.965 (=1.0- receiver reflectivity; default  
value for external molten salt  
design)

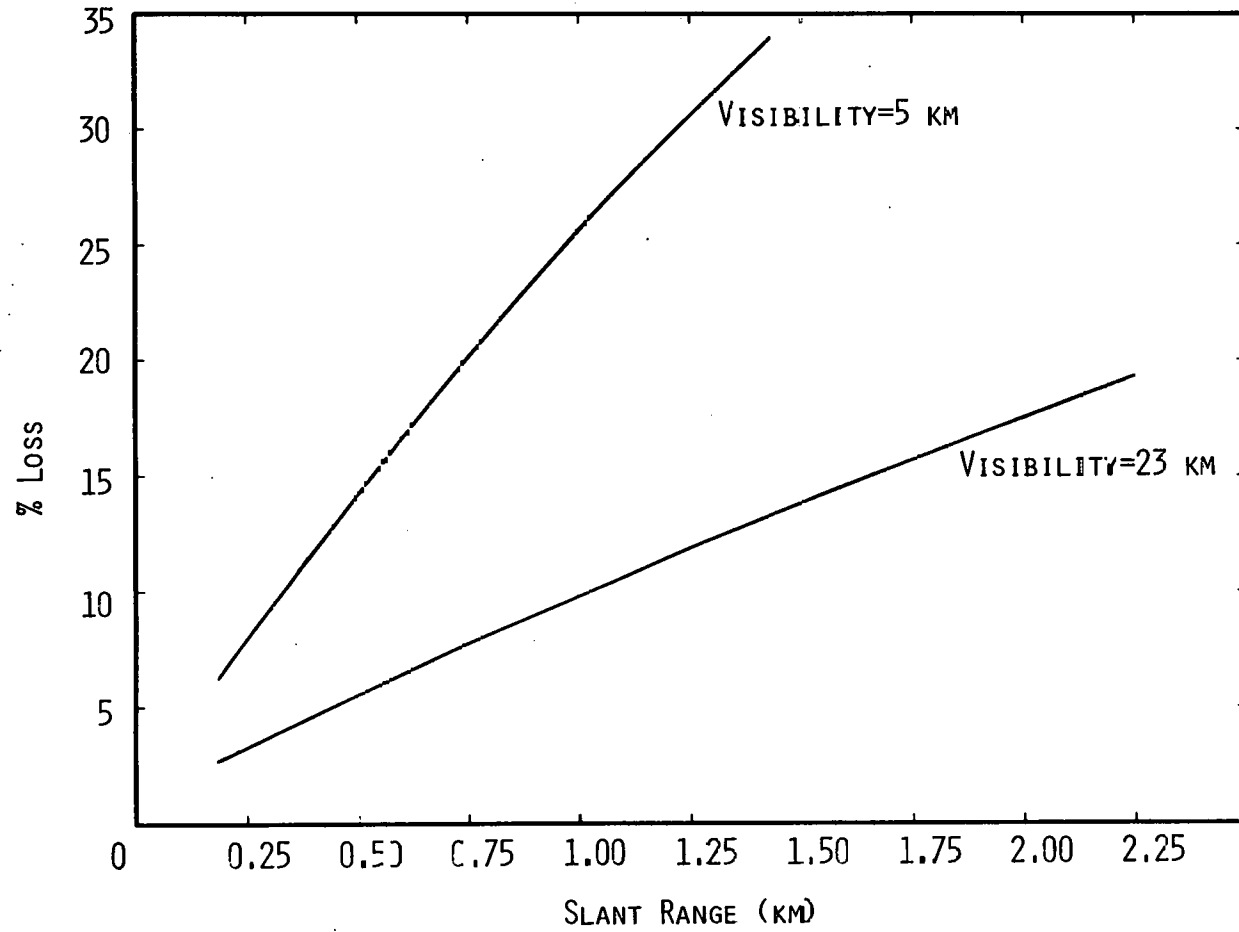


Figure III-2. Atmospheric Attenuation for Low and High Visibility, Barstow



III.E-3. Radiation and Convection Losses from the Receiver--Both the design point and a yearly average efficiency are calculated based on the assumption that the power loss due to radiation and convection is proportional to either: 1) the area of an external receiver, or 2) the total aperture area in a cavity design; i.e.,

$$P_{\text{LOST,R}} = \alpha_{\text{R}} A_{\text{R}} \quad (\text{III.E-4})$$

where  $A_{\text{R}}$  = external receiver, total aperture, or total flat plate area,

$\alpha_{\text{R}}$  = proportionality factor.

In other words,  $P_{\text{LOST,R}}$  is the same at any time of the day or year. Implicit in the assumption is that the same temperature profile is maintained on the receiver at all times and for any receiver size by adjusting the fluid flow rate, and that convective losses vary insignificantly with time.

Letting  $\eta_{\text{RC,R,DP}}$  be the design point efficiency based on receiver radiation and convection losses, then:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{\text{RC,R,DP}} &= \frac{P_{\text{th,R}} - P_{\text{LOST,R}}}{P_{\text{th,R}}} \\ &= 1 - \frac{\alpha_{\text{R}} A_{\text{R}}}{P_{\text{th,R}}} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{III.E-5})$$

where  $P_{\text{th,R}}$  = gross thermal power absorbed by the receiver at the design point.

Similarly, let  $\eta_{\text{RC,R,AVG}}$  be the yearly average efficiency, its value is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{\text{RC,R,AVG}} &= \frac{E_{\text{TOT,R}} - (H_{\text{OP}} \times P_{\text{LOST,R}})}{E_{\text{TOT,R}}} \\ &= 1 - \frac{H_{\text{OP}} \times \alpha_{\text{R}} A_{\text{R}}}{E_{\text{TOT,R}}} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{III.E-6})$$

where  $E_{\text{TOT,R}}$  = total gross energy absorbed by the receiver per year,

$H_{\text{OP}}$  = total number of hours of plant operation in direct, non-storage mode.

$\alpha_R$  is determined from some reference design for which the radiation and convection losses have been calculated in more detail. Rearranging equation (III.E-5),

$$\alpha_R = (1 - \eta_{RC,R}^{\circ}) \frac{P_{th,R}^{\circ}}{A_R^{\circ}} \quad (III.E-7)$$

where the variables have the same meaning as above and the  $^{\circ}$  superscript refers to the reference. Current default values correspond to an external molten salt receiver with flow from the bottom to the top of the receiver panels;  $\eta_{RC,R}^{\circ}$  should be calculated based on average ambient conditions (wind speed, temperature, etc.).

$$\eta_{RC,R}^{\circ} (\text{REFRC}) = 0.83$$

$$P_{th,R}^{\circ} (\text{REFTHP}) = 4.17 \times 10^8 \text{ watts}$$

$$A_R^{\circ} (\text{AREF}) = 2165.0 \text{ m}^2$$

III.E-4. Insulation Losses in Piping Runs--Only single module designs are considered, and the following two assumptions are made:

- 1) The hot piping run can be expressed as some constant,  $\ell_{pH}$ , times the tower height, so that the total length is:

$$L_p = \ell_{pH} \times THT \quad (III.E-8)$$

$\ell_{pH}$  should include the ground run to storage and the electric generating subsystem (EPGS) plus any necessary expansion allowances. The default value is based on an advanced salt design with storage and EPGS within one THT of the base of the tower plus a 30% increase for expansion:

$$\ell_{pH} (\text{FPLH}) = 2.6$$

- 2) The pipe diameter,  $D_p$ , scales directly with the square root of the flow rate, which is, in turn, directly proportional to the design thermal power delivered to the downcomer from the receiver. Referring to the previous section for nomenclature:

$$D_p = \beta_p (\eta_{RC,R} \eta_{DP} P_{th,R})^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (III.E-9)$$

where  $\beta_p$  = proportionality factor.

Piping losses are assumed to be proportional to the total pipe area. At the design point:

$$P_{LOST,P} = \alpha_p L_p (\pi D_p) \quad (III.E-10)$$

where  $\alpha_p$  = proportionality factor. Combining equations (III.E-8), (III.E-9), and (III.E-10), and defining  $\alpha_p' = \pi \alpha_p \beta_p$ ,

$$P_{LOST,P} = \alpha_p' l_{PH}^{THT} (\eta_{RC,R,DP} P_{th,R})^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad (III.E-11)$$

Following the approach in the previous section, we let  $\eta_{p,DP}$  be the piping thermal efficiency at the design point, so that:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{p,DP} &= \frac{\eta_{RC,R,DP} P_{th,R} - P_{LOST,P}}{\eta_{RC,R,DP} P_{th,R}} \\ &= 1 - \alpha_p' l_{PH}^{THT} (\eta_{RC,R,DP} P_{th,R})^{-1/2} \end{aligned} \quad (III.E-12)$$

In analogous fashion, the yearly average piping efficiency,  $\eta_{p,AVG}$ , is calculated assuming that  $P_{LOST,P}$  is constant through the year:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{p,AVG} &= \frac{E_{TOT,P} - H_{OP} \times P_{LOST,P}}{E_{TOT,P}} \\ &= 1 - \frac{H_{OP} \times \alpha_p' l_{PH}^{THT} (\eta_{RC,R,DP} P_{th,R})^{1/2}}{E_{TOT,P}} \end{aligned} \quad (III.E-13)$$

where  $E_{TOT,P}$  = total energy delivered to piping per year (=  $\eta_{RC,R,AVG} E_{TOT,R}$ ),

$H_{OP}$  = same as previous section.

As with finding  $\alpha_R$  in the previous section,  $\alpha_p'$  is based on a reference design for which a detailed calculation is available. Rearranging equation (III.E-12), and denoting the reference design values with a superscript  $^{\circ}$  we get:

$$\alpha_p' = \frac{(1 - \eta_p^{\circ}) (\eta_{RC,R}^{\circ} P_{th,R}^{\circ})^{\frac{1}{2}}}{L_p^{\circ}} \quad (III.E-14)$$

Current default values are based on a salt design ( $\eta_{RC,R}^{\circ}$  and  $P_{th,R}^{\circ}$  given above):

$$\eta_p^{\circ} (\text{REFPIP}) = 0.998$$

$$L_p^{\circ} (\text{REFLP}) = 170.0 \text{ m}$$

III.E-5 Thermal/Electric Conversion Efficiency--There are two options for the design point thermal to electric conversion efficiency,  $\eta_{TE,REF}$ , identified by the user's choice of the parameter ITHEL:

- 1) ITHEL = 0  $\eta_{TE,REF}$  constant at all design point power levels; value specified by the user.
- 2) ITHEL  $\neq$  0  $\eta_{TE,REF}$  varies with gross design point electrical output based on reported plant performance and designs (refs. 22-24).

The fit for option (2) is plotted in Figure III-3. For calculating total yearly electrical energy production, the yearly average thermal to electric conversion efficiency,  $\eta_{TE,AVG}$ , is expressed as some fraction,  $f_{EFF}$ , of the design point value in order to account for off design operation of the turbine plant:

$$\eta_{TE,AVG} = f_{EFF} \eta_{TE,REF} \quad (\text{III.E-16})$$

Default values are:

$$\text{ITHEL} = 0$$

$$\eta_{TE,REF} (\text{ETAREF}) = 0.42$$

$$f_{EFF} (\text{FEFF}) = 0.95$$

III.E-6. Process Heat Production--In design problems where only thermal energy is desired (i.e., no electrical production), the code can be flagged through variable IPH to override automatically the default electrical conversion calculation. A non-zero value of IPH in namelist NLEFF will set the following variables to the indicated values:

$$\text{ETAREF} = 1.0 \quad (\text{Section III.E-5})$$

$$\text{FEFF} = 1.0 \quad (\text{Section III.E-5})$$

$$\text{CEPGS} = 0.0 \quad (\text{Section IV.A-10})$$

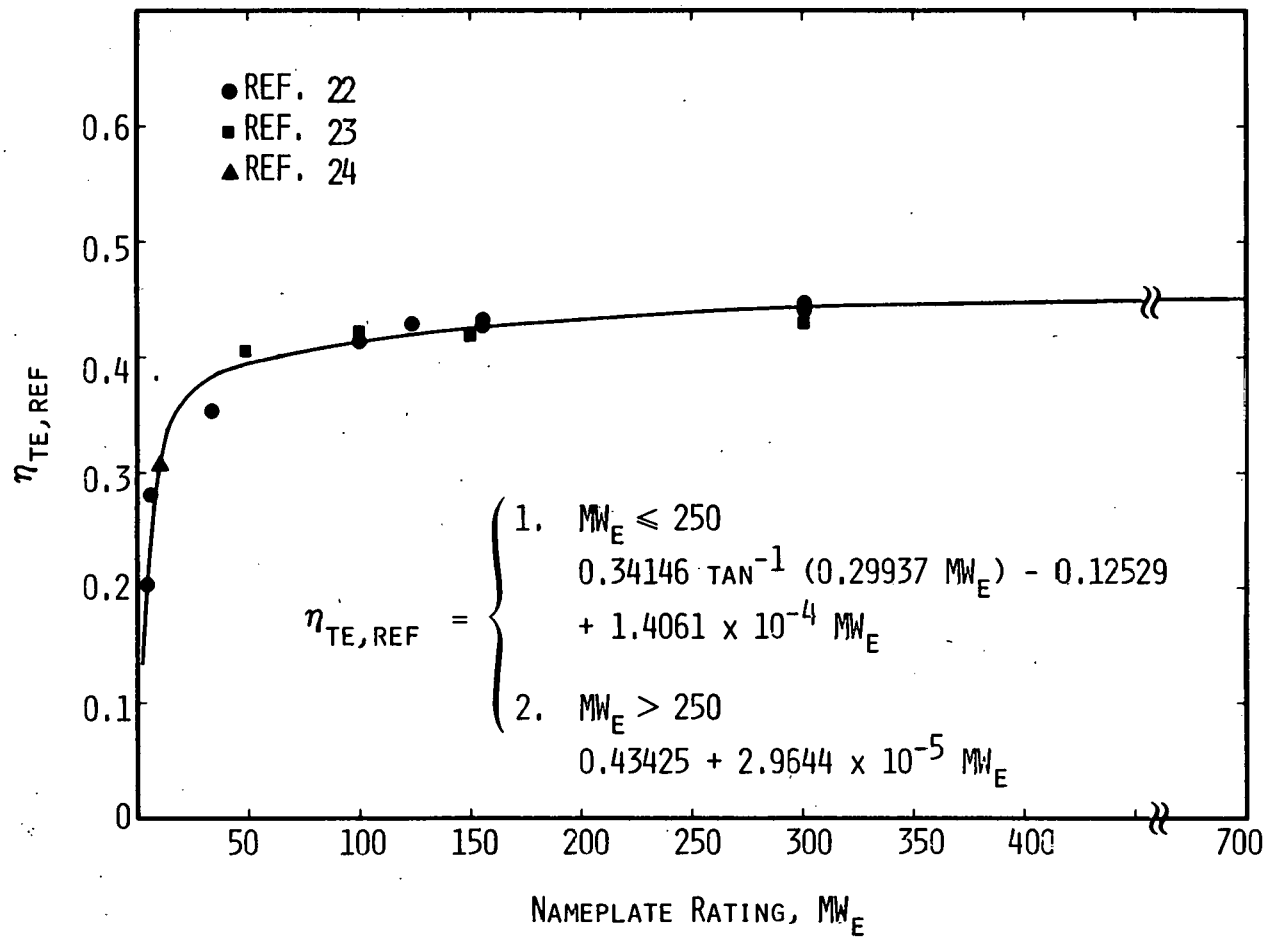


Figure III-3. Design Point Thermal to Electric Conversion Efficiency as Function of Turbine/Generator Nameplate Rating

$$\text{REFPRL} = 0.0$$

$$\text{FSP} = 0.0$$

$$\text{FEP} = 0.0$$

Output energy costs remain in mills/kw-hr, and energy headings in  $\text{MW}_e$  (although this is now the same as  $\text{MW}_{th}$ ).

III.E-7. Storage Efficiency--Round trip losses through storage are accounted for through variable  $\text{EFF}_{STR}$ , which is the net thermal efficiency, or  $(1.0 - \text{round trip loss})$ , of the energy sent to storage. The default value is consistent with a few hours of high temperature nitrate salt storage.

$$\text{EFF}_{STR} = 0.99$$

III.E-8. Parasitic Loads--The power rating and net yearly energy production of the plant include parasitic load factors (PL). At the design point:

$$\text{MW}_{E,\text{net}} = (1 - \text{PL}_{\text{REF}}) \text{MW}_{E,\text{gross}} \quad (\text{III.E-17})$$

Over the year:

$$\text{KW-HR}_{\text{net}} = (1 - \text{PL}_{\text{AVG}}) \text{KW-HR}_{\text{gross}} \quad (\text{III.E-18})$$

where  $\text{KW-HR}_{\text{gross}}$  includes an assumed weather outage.

$\text{PL}_{\text{REF}}$  and  $\text{PL}_{\text{AVG}}$  differ from each other because operation from storage requires less power than daytime receiver operation in which the heliostats and tower pump are used. Assuming that storage operation requires some fraction,  $f_s$ , of the design point parasitic load,

$$\text{PL}_{\text{AVG}} = \frac{\text{Hr}_{\text{REC}} \text{PL}_{\text{REF}} + \text{Hr}_{\text{STOR}} f_s \text{PL}_{\text{REF}}}{\text{Hr}_{\text{REC}} + \text{Hr}_{\text{STOR}}} \quad (\text{III.E-19})$$

where  $\text{Hr}_{\text{REC}} = \text{hrs/day of receiver operation,}$   
 $= \text{HROP}/365 \text{ (Section III.E-3)}$

$\text{Hr}_{\text{STOR}} = \text{hrs/day of storage operation}$

$$= \frac{\text{Energy stored}}{\text{MW}_{E,\text{gross}} / \eta_{\text{TE,REF}}}$$

(also see "Cost Model" section  
for discussion of energy stored  
calculation)

An additional parameter, FEP, is specified as the fraction of REFPRL required for operation of the turbine/generator subsystem. When a detailed performance calculation of a user defined field is carried out (see Chapter VI), FEP is required for energy accounting during those time steps when the field is still operating, but is no longer able to supply full turbine power requirements.

Default values are based on an advanced salt system:

$$PL_{REF} \text{ (REFPRL)} = 0.10$$

$$f_s \text{ (FSP)} = 0.5$$

$$FEP = 0.0$$





## IV. System Cost and Economics

While DELSOL can be used to calculate field performance only, as described in earlier sections, it also has capabilities for total system design. In DELSOL an optimal system design is that combination of tower height, receiver size, and field layout which gives the lowest system energy cost at a given design power level and solar multiple\*. In order to calculate the energy cost, both system performance, as discussed in previous sections, and system capital and operating costs must be determined. The subsystem cost models for estimating the total capital cost and the economic model for calculating the levelized energy cost are discussed below.

### IV.A. Cost Model

The total capital cost,  $CC_T$ , is calculated as the sum of the costs of several subsystems:

$$\begin{aligned} CC_T = & (CC_{HEL} + CC_{LAND} + CC_{WIRE} \\ & + CC_{TOW} + CC_{REC} \\ & + CC_{PUMP} + CC_{PIPE} + CC_{STORAGE} + CC_{HTXCHG} + CC_{EPGS} \\ & + CC_{FIXED}) \\ & \times (1.0 + DI + CONT + SPTS) \end{aligned} \quad (IV.A-1)$$

As discussed in detail in Chapter 5, the optimization scheme considers one tower height/receiver size combination at a time and then builds up the heliostat field zone by zone until the desired power level(s) at the specified solar multiple is achieved for that tower and receiver. Capital cost components can be grouped according to that point in the field build-up at which they are calculated. The line grouping of the costs above is to clarify those which are similarly calculated. The tower and receiver costs ( $CC_{TOW}$ ,  $CC_{REC}$ ) are fixed by the values of tower height and receiver dimensions for each pass through the field buildup subroutine MAX. Heliostat, land, and wiring costs ( $CC_{HEL}$ ,  $CC_{LAND}$ ,  $CC_{WIRE}$ ), are updated with each zone added in the field build-up. The power (i.e., system size) related costs of piping, pumping, storage, heat exchangers, and EPGs ( $CC_{PIPE}$ ,  $CC_{PUMP}$ ,  $CC_{STORAGE}$ ,  $CC_{HTXCHG}$ ,  $CC_{EPGS}$ , respectively) are calculated as each design level is reached. It is assumed that certain fixed costs ( $CC_{FIXED}$ ), e.g., master control, administration

\*The solar multiple specifies total system collection and storage size. It is the factor multiplying the minimum requirement for thermal power at the base of the tower to meet the specified power delivered to the process at the design point. Thus, a solar multiple of 1.0 means that the field, receiver, and tower are designed to deliver only that power to meet design point requirements. A solar multiple of two means that the design point thermal power at the base of the tower is twice that required for the defined plant rating. In this case the excess is stored.

buildings, roads, etc., are common to all the systems. Factors for distributable and indirect costs (DI) to cover architectural and engineering services, contractor fees, and temporary facilities, for contingencies (CONT), and for spare parts (SPTS) are added to the basic capital cost of the major component subsystems. Values are expressed as a fraction of the total direct costs. Current default values are based on nth plant design and construction:

$$DI (EXT) = 0.16$$

$$CONT (CONT) = 0.12$$

$$SPTS (SPTS) = 0.01$$

The individual capital cost models are described below. User supplied cost parameters should include materials, fabrication, and field installation, and subcontractor fees and contingencies, if any. The default values are consistent with a 100 MW<sub>E,net</sub> salt design using a high reflectivity glass heliostat (ref. 25). Should the user desire to set any subsystem cost to zero to eliminate its contribution to the system design, then the input cost parameters, not the size or scaling parameters, should be set to zero.

#### IV.A-1. Heliostats

$$\begin{aligned} CC_{HEL} &= C_H \left( \frac{\$}{m^2 \text{ mirror area}} \right) \times \text{total mirror area} \\ &= C_H \sum_{\text{zones}} \text{zone mirror area} \end{aligned} \quad (IV.A-2)$$

Zone mirror area is determined from the zone density and land area. Default  $C_H$  (CH) = \$75.00/m<sup>2</sup> applies to a high reflectivity glass heliostat. (This value of \$75/m<sup>2</sup> for glass heliostats is consistent with stated cost goals for large scale production.)

#### IV.A-2. Land

$$\begin{aligned} CC_{LAND} &= C_L \left( \frac{\$}{m^2 \text{ land}} \right) \times \text{total land area} \\ &= C_L \sum_{\text{zones}} \text{zone land area} \end{aligned} \quad (IV.A-3)$$

$C_L$  should include site preparation costs. Default  $C_L$  (CL) = \$1.30/m<sup>2</sup>.

### IV.A-3. Wiring

$$C_{\text{WIRE}} = \sum_{\text{zones}} (C_{\text{W,R}} R_i + C_{\text{W, } \Delta R} \Delta R_i + C_{\text{W, } \Delta \text{Az}} \Delta \text{Az}_i) \times \# \text{ heliostats in zone } i \quad (\text{IV.A-4})$$

where  $R_i$  = radial distance from the tower base to zone  $i$ ;

$\Delta R_i$  = average row spacing in zone  $i$ ;

$\Delta \text{Az}_i$  = average spacing between heliostats on the same row in zone  $i$ .

This model was supplied with the field performance results from reference 6. It is designed to penalize heliostats placed farther out due to requirements of larger (or more) primary cables as the field grows radially from the tower, and longer plowed in secondary line runs as the mirror density decreases with distance from the tower. From the defined zoning and density option in namelists FIELD and OPT,  $R_i$ ,  $\Delta R_i$ , and  $\Delta \text{Az}_i$  are known. Default values for the wiring cost parameters are:

$$C_{\text{W,R}} \text{ (CWR)} = \$0.0475/\text{m}$$

$$C_{\text{W, } \Delta R} \text{ (CWDR)} = \$0.4889/\text{m}$$

$$C_{\text{W, } \Delta \text{Az}} \text{ (CWDA)} = \$13.20/\text{m}$$

### IV.A-4. Tower

$$C_{\text{TOW}} = C_{\text{TOW1}} + C_{\text{TOW2}} \text{THT}_B + C_{\text{TOW3}} \text{THT}_B^{X_{\text{TOW}}} \quad (\text{IV.A-5})$$

where  $\text{THT}_B$  = base tower height (m);

$X_{\text{TOW}}$  = exponent greater than 1 (usually between 1.8-2.2).

$\text{THT}_B$  is the actual tower height from the ground to the bottom of the receiver; it is related to THT by

$$\text{THT}_B = \text{THT} + \text{HM}/2.0 - \text{H}/2 \quad (\text{IV.A-6})$$

where HM = height of a heliostat;  
 H = height of the receiver.

The user has 2 options for calculating the cost of the tower:

a) ITHT = 0; cost based on Sandia studies (ref. 26):

$THT_B > 120$  (concrete tower)

$$C_{TOW}(\$) = 3.02864 \times 10^6 - 2.33415 \times 10^4 THT_B + 1.47152 \times 10^2 THT_B^2$$

$THT_B < 120$  (steel tower)

$$C_{TOW}(\$) = 1.6292 \times 10^2 THT_B^2$$

b) ITHT = 1; user supplies values for CTØW1, CTØW2, CTØW3, XTØW in namelist NLCØST.

The tower cost for option a) is plotted in Figure IV-1. The default is option

a): ITHT = 0.

#### IV.A-5. Receiver

a) External and flat plate receivers:

$$C_{REC} = C_{REC,REF} \left( \frac{A_{REC}}{A_{REC,REF}} \right)^{X_{REC}} \quad (IV.A-7)$$

where  $C_{REC,REF}$  = cost of a reference design (\$);

$A_{REC,REF}$  = heat transfer area of the reference design,  
 same as in tower cost model (external receiver,  $m^2$ );

$A_{REC}$  = heat transfer area of receiver being evaluated,  
 same as in tower cost model (external receiver,  $m^2$ ).

$X_{REC}$  = scaling exponent for receivers,  $\leq 1.0$ .

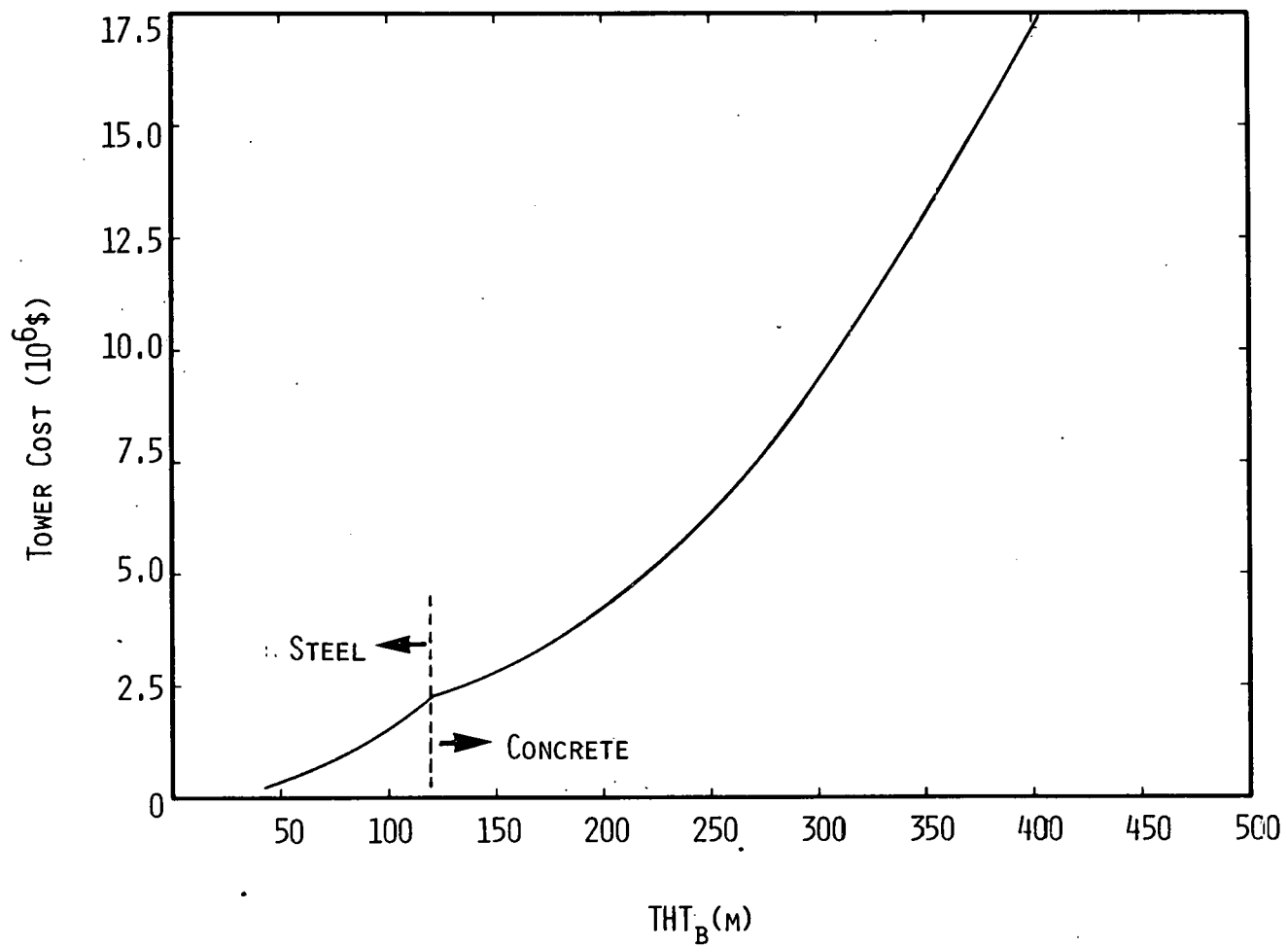


Figure IV-1. Tower Cost Predicted for  $ITHT = 0$

The equation is of a form commonly used in the chemical process industries (refs. 27,28), and the scaling with area results from the fact that the receiver is a specially designed heat exchanger. For external receivers the area is simply the product of  $\pi$  times the diameter (W) times the height (H). For a flat plate receiver the area is  $RX \cdot RY$ . Default values are for an external cylindrical salt receiver:

$$C_{REC,REF} (CREC1) = \$4.21 \times 10^6$$

$$A_{REC,REF} (ARECREF) = 2.165 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^2$$

$$X_{REC} (XREC) = 0.8$$

b) Cavity receivers--The cost equation is of the same form as equation (IV.A-6) above for external and flat plate receivers. The height of the heat absorbing surface is calculated so that at the given cavity depth,  $W/2 \times RWCAV$ , a ray from the nearest heliostat through the center of the aperture intersects the top of the surface. A ray entering the bottom of the aperture from the farthest heliostat determines the bottom of the heat absorbing surface. The equation used to calculate the height of the heat absorbing surface for each cavity is:

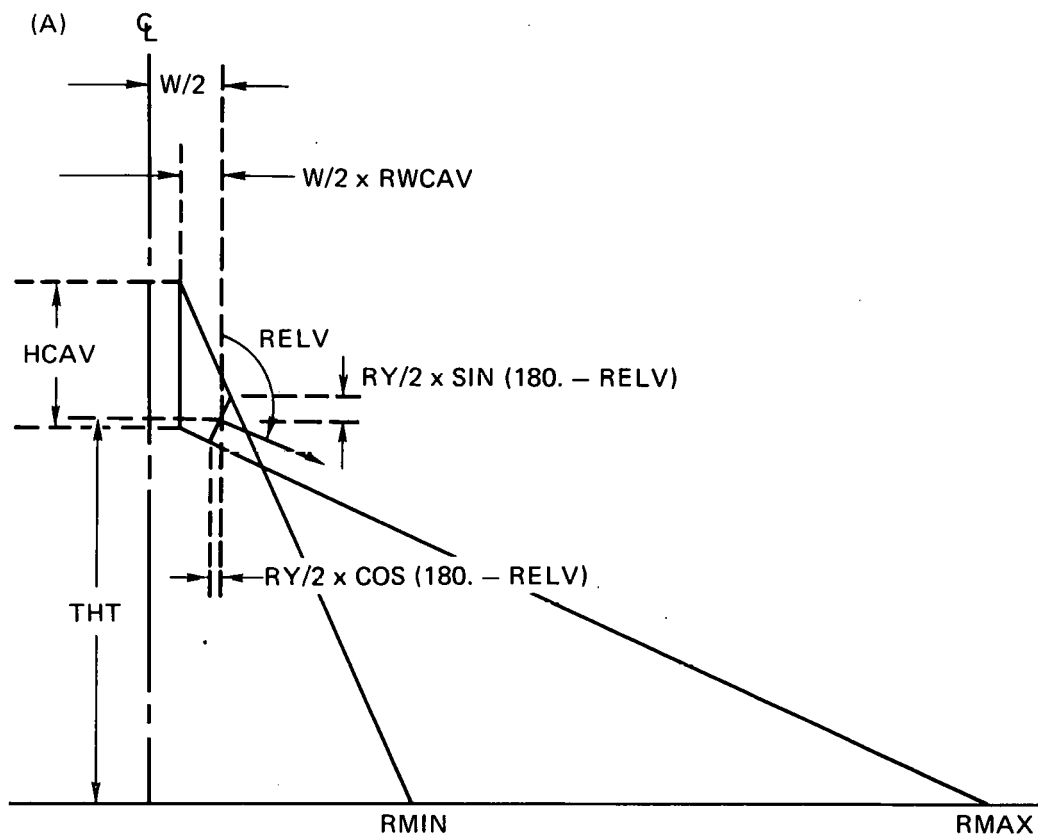
$$HCAV = (THT + RY/2 \times \sin(180. - RELV)) \times \left( \frac{RMIN - W/2 + W/2 \times RWCAV}{RMIN - W/2} \right) - (THT - RY/2 \times \sin(180. - RELV)) \\ \times \left( \frac{RMAX - W/2 + W/2 \times RWCAV}{RMAX - W/2 + RY/2 \times \cos(180. - RELV)} \right) \quad (IV.A-8)$$

where RMIN and RMAX are the local minimum and maximum radii for the optimized field.

The circumferential width of the heat absorbing surface is that portion of the cylindrical surface which can be seen through the aperture by the section of the field active for the cavity. Rays from the nearest heliostats on the boundaries of this sector are used to calculate the fraction of the surface seen (see Fig. IV-2b). As discussed in Section V.A-3(c), the height of the cavity will be extremely sensitive to the choice of RADMIN. The user may find it necessary to rerun the code with values of RADMIN larger than the default in order to obtain a reasonable value for H.

#### IV.A-6. Pumps

$$CC_{PUMP} = C_{RP} + C_{SP} \quad (IV.A-9)$$



(B)

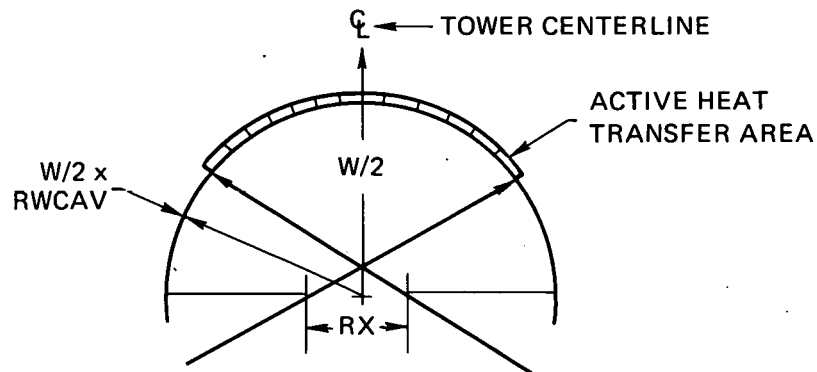


Figure IV-2. a) Schematic illustrating the relation of the height of the back wall of a cavity to other system dimensions

b) Assumed shape of the heat transfer surface in a cavity

where  $C_{RP}$  = receiver/tower pump cost;

$C_{SP}$  = storage pump cost

The scaling parameter for pump costs is the product of the head times the capacity (ref. 27). We assume a reference design for each pumping system. For the receiver pump, the head is proportional to the tower height, and the flow rate is the total fluid flow, i.e., EPGS and storage requirement, which is proportional to the solar multiple times the thermal power transferred in the heat exchangers. For the storage pump, the head is assumed to change negligibly from the reference design, and the flow rate is proportional to the thermal power only (i.e., EPGS requirement). These assumptions lead to the following equation for the pumping costs:

$$CC_{PUMP} = C_{RP,REF} \left( \frac{THT \times SM \times P_{th}}{THT_{RP,REF} \times SM_{RP,REF} \times P_{th,RP,REF}} \right)^{x_{RP}} + C_{SP,REF} \left( \frac{P_{th}}{P_{th,SP,REF}} \right)^{x_{SP}} \quad (IV.A-10)$$

where

$C_{RP,REF}$  = cost of reference receiver/tower pump (\$);

THT = tower height (m);

SM = solar multiple;

$P_{th}$  = thermal power to EPGS (watts);

$THT_{RP,REF}$  = tower height for reference receiver pump design (m);

$SM_{RP,REF}$  = solar multiple for reference receiver pump design;

$P_{th,RP,REF}$  = thermal power to EPGS in reference receiver pump system (watts);

$x_{RP}$  = scaling exponent for receiver pump;

$C_{SP,REF}$  = cost of reference storage pump (\$);

$P_{th,SP,REF}$  = thermal power to EPGS in reference storage pump system (watts);

$x_{SP}$  = scaling exponent for storage pump.



Default values are for a molten salt system:

$$C_{RP,REF}(CRPREF) = \$0.671 \times 10^6$$

$$THT_{RP,REF}(TRPREF) = 170.0 \text{ m}$$

$$SM_{RP,REF}(SMRP) = 1.5$$

$$P_{th,RP,REF}(PRPREF) = 2.6 \times 10^8 \text{ watts}$$

$$x_{RP}(XRP) = 0.85^*$$

$$C_{SP,REF}(CSPREF) = \$1.51 \times 10^5$$

$$P_{th,SP,REF}(PSPREF) = 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ watts}$$

$$x_{SP}(XSP) = 0.15^{**}$$

#### IV.A-7. Pipes

$$CC_{PIPE} = THT(\lambda_{PH} C_{HOT,REF} + \lambda_{PC} C_{COLD,REF}) \left(\frac{D}{D_{REF}}\right)^{X_{PIPE}} \quad (IV.A-11)$$

where  $\lambda_{PH}$  = multiplier on THT to give total hot piping run as described in Section III.E-4;

$C_{HOT,REF}$  = reference hot pipe cost, including pipe, insulation, fittings, hangars, supports, installation (\$/m);

$\lambda_{PC}$  = multiplier on THT to give total cold piping run (can be different from  $\lambda_{PH}$  if expansion allowance is less);

$C_{COLD,REF}$  = reference cold pipe cost, as above (\$/m);

D = pipe diameter (m);

$D_{REF}$  = reference pipe diameter (m).

(See ref. 29 for pipe cost scaling relation.)

The pipe diameter is assumed to scale with the square root of the flow rate, which is in turn proportional to the product of the solar multiple times the design point thermal power delivered to the process:

$$\frac{D}{D_{REF}} = \left( \frac{SM \times P_{th}}{SM_{PIPE,REF} \times P_{th,PIPE,REF}} \right)^{1/2} \quad (IV.A-12)$$

\*Capacity x head large (ref. 27).

\*\*Capacity x head small (ref. 27).

Thus,

$$CC_{PIPE} = THT (\ell_{PH} C_{HOT,REF} + \ell_{PC} C_{COLD,REF}) \left( \frac{SM \times P_{th}}{SM_{PIPE,REF} \times P_{th,PIPE,REF}} \right)^{X_{PIPE}/2} \quad (IV.A-13)$$

Default values are based on a molten salt design in which hot and cold runs are the same length (allowing the total reference cost to be put in either  $C_{HOT,REF}$  or  $C_{COLD,REF}$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \ell_{PH}(FPLH) &= 2.6 \\ \ell_{PC}(FPLC) &= 2.6 \\ C_{HOT,REF}(CHPREF) &= \$1.32 \times 10^4 \\ C_{COLD,REF}(CCPREF) &= \$0.0/m \\ SM_{PIPE,REF}(SMPI) &= 1.5 \\ P_{th,PIPE,REF}(PPIREF) &= 2.6 \times 10^8 \text{ watts} \\ X_{PIPE}(XPI) &= 1.06 \quad (\text{ref. 23}) \end{aligned}$$

#### IV.A-8. Storage

$$CC_{STORAGE} = n_{STOR} \left( C_{TK,REF} \left( 1 + \frac{n_{EMPTY}}{n_{STOR}} \right) \left( \frac{V_{TK}'}{V_{TK,REF}} \right)^{X_{ST}} + C_{MED,REF} \frac{V_{TK}'}{V_{TK,REF}} \right) \quad (IV.A-14)$$

- where
- $n_{STOR}$  = number of storage tanks, or hot/cold pairs;
  - $n_{EMPTY}$  = number of spare tanks;
  - $C_{TK,REF}$  = reference storage media containment cost (including hot and cold tank pair, if so designed, insulation, foundation, valving, etc.) (\$);
  - $C_{MED,REF}$  = reference storage media cost (\$);
  - $V_{TK}'$  = tank volume ( $m^3$ );
  - $V_{TK,REF}$  = reference tank volume ( $m^3$ );
  - $X_{ST}$  = scaling exponent for tanks.

$n_{\text{STOR}}$  is determined from an assumed maximum volume per tank:

$$n_{\text{STOR}} = \frac{V_{\text{STOR}}}{V_{\text{TK,MAX}}}$$

where  $V_{\text{STOR}}$  = total volume required for storage ( $\text{m}^3$ );

$V_{\text{TK,MAX}}$  = maximum tank volume ( $\text{m}^3$ ),

and for non-integer values,  $n_{\text{STOR}}$  is rounded to the next highest integer. The total storage volume is related directly to the energy in storage:

$$V_{\text{STOR}} = V_{\text{TK,REF}} \left( \frac{E_{\text{STOR}}}{E_{\text{STOR,REF}}} \right) \quad (\text{IV.A-15})$$

where  $E_{\text{STOR}}$  is the energy in storage. The individual tank volume is:

$$V_{\text{TK}} = \frac{V_{\text{STOR}}}{n_{\text{STOR}}} \quad (\text{IV.A-16})$$

assuming that multiple tanks will be constructed of equal volume. (Note: Since  $V_{\text{TK,MAX}}$  is a user supplied value, it can be chosen sufficiently large if only a single tank design is desired.)

In DELSOL storage is initially sized for the excess energy production on the longest day, June 21st. The calculation of  $E_{\text{STOR}}$  is illustrated in Figure IV-3. Its value is determined by a numerical integration to give the shaded area in the figure. The nominal number of hours of storage is simply  $E_{\text{STOR}}$  divided by  $P_{\text{DES}}$ . This storage size is used in the optimum total system design. However, this simplified approach often leads to a larger than optimal size storage system. The user is therefore given the option of rerunning a given design in a detailed performance calculation in which the storage size is incrementally decreased until a minimum energy cost is found. The details of this option are discussed in Section V.A-7. Default values are based on a salt hot tank/cold tank design:

$$\begin{aligned} n_{\text{EMPTY}}(\text{EMPTY}) &= 0.0 \\ C_{\text{TK,REF}}(\text{CSTREF}) &= \$4.593 \times 10^6 \\ C_{\text{MED,REF}}(\text{CSTRMD}) &= \$3.22 \times 10^6 \\ V_{\text{TK,REF}}(\text{VSTREF}) &= 4.078 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^3 \\ x_{\text{ST}}(\text{XST}) &= 0.6 \quad (\text{ref. 23}) \end{aligned}$$

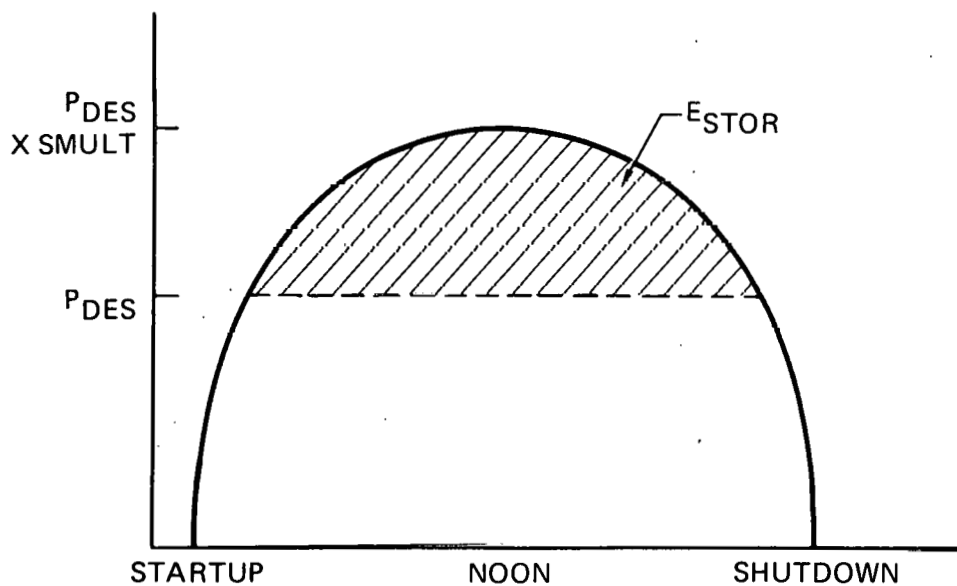


Figure IV-3. Energy to storage is the excess energy produced above the design point requirement; it is given by the hatched area. The reference time in this example is noon

$$V_{TK,MAX}(VMAX) = 1.23 \times 10^4 \text{ m}^3$$

$$E_{STOR,REF}(ESTREF) = 9.0 \times 10^8 \text{ watt-hrs}$$

#### IV.A 9. Heat Exchangers

1. ICHE = 0 ; cost scales with thermal power:

$$CC_{HTXCHG} = C_{HE,REF} \left( \frac{P_{th}}{P_{th,HE,REF}} \right)^{x_{HE,P}} \quad (IV.A-17)$$

where  $C_{HE,REF}$  = reference heat exchanger subsystem cost (\$);

$P_{th,HE,REF}$  = reference design thermal power (watts);

$x_{HE,P}$  = scaling exponent

Default values are based on proposed molten salt designs, and the total subsystem cost includes an evaporator, superheater, and reheater:

$$C_{HE,REF} (CHREF) = \$1.525 \times 10^6$$

$$P_{th,HE,REF} (PHEREF) = 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ watts}$$

$$x_{HE,P} (XHEP) = 0.8$$

2. ICHE ≠ 0; cost scales with individual heat exchanger areas:

$$CC_{HTXCHG} = n_{PH} C_{PH,REF} \left( \frac{A'_{PH}}{A_{PH,REF}} \right)^{x_{HE,A}} + n_{EV} C_{EV,REF} \left( \frac{A'_{EV}}{A_{EV,REF}} \right)^{x_{HE,A}}$$

$$+ n_{SH} C_{SH,REF} \left( \frac{A'_{SH}}{A_{SH,REF}} \right)^{x_{HE,A}} + n_{RH} C_{RH,REF} \left( \frac{A'_{RH}}{A_{RH,REF}} \right)^{x_{HE,A}} \quad (IV.A-18)$$

where subscripts PH, EV, SH, RH refer to the preheater, evaporator, superheater, and reheater, respectively, and:

- $n_i$  = number of type  $i$  heat exchangers;  
 $C_{i,REF}$  = reference cost of single type  $i$  heat exchanger (\$);  
 $A_i$  = area of heat exchanger  $i$  ( $m^2$ );  
 $A_{i,REF}$  = area of reference type  $i$  heat exchanger ( $m^2$ );  
 $x_{HE,A}$  = scaling exponent.

$n_i$  is calculated from a specified maximum area  $A_{i,MAX}$  for a type  $i$  heat exchanger:

$$n_i = \frac{A_i}{A_{i,MAX}} \quad (IV.A-19)$$

where

$$A_i = A_{i,REF} \left( \frac{P_{th}}{P_{th,i,REF}} \right) \quad (IV.A-20)$$

and

$$A_i' = \frac{A_i}{n_i} \quad (IV.A-21)$$

For non-integer values of  $n_i$  in equation (IV.C-19), it is rounded to the next highest integer. Default values are based on sodium hockey stick designs (ref. 30), and no preheater is included. (Salt heat exchangers have not yet been studied in detail by the authors for costing according to this option.) Also,  $A_{i,MAX}$  is set sufficiently large so that only single units will be built.

- $C_{PH,REF}$  (CPHREF) = \$0.0  
 $A_{PH,REF}$  (APHREF) = 1.0  $m^2$   
 $A_{PH,MAX}$  (APHMAX) =  $10^{10}$   $m^2$   
 $P_{th,PH,REF}$  (PPHREF) = 1.0 watt  
 $C_{EV,REF}$  (CEVREF) =  $3.77 \times 10^6$   
 $A_{EV,REF}$  (AEVREF) = 1300.0  $m^2$   
 $A_{EV,MAX}$  (AEVMAX) =  $10^{10}$   $m^2$   
 $P_{th,EV,REF}$  (PEVREF) =  $2.6 \times 10^8$  watts

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{SH,REF} \text{ (CSHREF)} &= \$1.24 \times 10^6 \\
A_{SH,REF} \text{ (ASHREF)} &= 400.0 \text{ m}^2 \\
A_{SH,MAX} \text{ (ASHMAX)} &= 10^{10} \text{ m}^2 \\
P_{th,SH,REF} \text{ (PSHREF)} &= 2.6 \times 10^8 \text{ watts} \\
C_{RH,REF} \text{ (CRHREF)} &= \$1.38 \times 10^6 \\
A_{RH,REF} \text{ (ARHREF)} &= 310.0 \text{ m}^2 \\
A_{RH,MAX} \text{ (ARHMAX)} &= 10^{10} \text{ m}^2 \\
P_{th,RH,REF} \text{ (PRHREF)} &= 2.6 \times 10^8 \text{ watts} \\
x_{HE,A} \text{ (XHEA)} &= 0.6
\end{aligned}$$

#### IV.A-10. Electric Power Generating Subsystem (EPGS)

$$C_{EPGS} = C_{EPGS,REF} \left( \frac{\eta_{TE,REF} P_{th}}{P_{EPGS,REF}} \right)^{x_{EPGS}} \quad \text{(IV.A-22)}$$

where  $C_{EPGS,REF}$  = cost of reference EPGS subsystem (turbine plant and electric plant) (\$);

$P_{EPGS,REF}$  = gross power rating of reference subsystem (watts);

$\eta_{TE,REF}$  = design point thermal to electric conversion efficiency (see section III.E-5).

Default values assume a 112 MW<sub>E</sub>, gross output and constant  $\eta_{TE,REF}$  for all power levels.

$$\begin{aligned}
C_{EPGS,REF} \text{ (CEGREF)} &= \$27.3 \times 10^6 \\
P_{EPGS,REF} \text{ (PEGREF)} &= 1.12 \times 10^8 \text{ watts} \\
\eta_{TE,REF} \text{ (ETAREF)} &= 0.42 \\
x_{EPGS} \text{ (XEPGS)} &= 0.8
\end{aligned}$$

Note: This cost is automatically set to zero for a user specified industrial process heat design (IPH  $\neq$  0 in namelist NLEFF).

IV.A-11. Fixed Costs--It is assumed that regardless of plant size, all plants have some common field costs (e.g., buildings and roads, master control, etc.). The default is estimated from a 100 MW<sub>E,net</sub> salt system.

$$CC_{\text{FIXED}} \text{ (CFIXED)} = \$7.0 \times 10^6$$

#### IV.B. Calculating the Levelized Energy Cost

Based on the total capital cost,  $CC_T$ , estimated from the models discussed in the previous section, a levelized (or discounted average) cost of energy over the lifetime of the plant is calculated as follows (ref. 31,32):

- 1) The total investment at startup,  $CC_{\text{ST-UP},T}$ , will be the current capital cost estimate,  $CC_T$ , escalated to the first year of construction,  $Y_{\text{CON}}$ , plus the interest on the borrowed investment during construction,  $i_{\text{DC}}$ :

$$CC_{\text{ST-UP},T} = (1.0 + i_{\text{DC}}) (1 + \text{ESC})^{(Y_{\text{CON}} - 1981)} CC_T \quad (\text{IV.B-1})$$

In current dollars,

$$CC_{\text{ST-UP},81\$} = \frac{CC_{\text{ST-UP},T}}{(1 + r_{\text{inf}})^{(Y_{\text{CON}} - 1981)}} \quad (\text{IV.B-2})$$

where  $r_{\text{inf}}$  is the general rate of inflation (not necessarily equal to the capital escalation rate).

- 2) The levelized energy cost includes both capital recovery and operating and maintenance charges. The O&M charges are calculated as a levelized percentage of the capital cost; DELSOL splits O&M charges into heliostat and non-heliostat rates:

$$\text{LEC} = \frac{(\text{FCR} \times CC_{\text{ST-UP},T}) + (\text{O\&M}_{\text{H,LEV}} \times CC_{\text{ST-UP},H}) + (\text{O\&M}_{\text{BAL,LEV}} \times CC_{\text{ST-UP},\text{BAL}})}{\text{PF} \times (1 - \text{PL}_{\text{AVG}}) \times \text{KW-HR}} \quad (\text{IV.B-3})$$



where FCR = fixed charge rate, i.e., annual charge against the capital investment to account for returns to shareholders, taxes and insurance, depreciation, debt cost, discount rate;

$O\&M_{H,LEV}$  = levelized heliostat O&M rate;

$CC_{ST-UP,H}$  = heliostat subsystem capital investment at startup (includes land and wiring);

$O\&M_{BAL,LEV}$  = levelized balance of plant O&M rate;

$CC_{ST-UP,BAL}$  = balance of plant capital investment at startup;

PF = plant factor for scheduled maintenance;

$PL_{AVG}$  = average parasitic load, as a fraction of the gross plant output (see also section III.E-6);

KW-HR = net total yearly energy production (kw-hr) at 100% plant factor; i.e., no scheduled shutdowns, but weather outage included.

IV.B-1. Fixed Charge Rate--The user is allowed one of two options for the fixed charge rate, FCR:

1. IFCR = 0; user specified value of FCR (value of DISRT should be consistent).
2. IFCR  $\neq$  0; FCR calculated by DELSOL based on user supplied values of economic parameters.

$$FCR = PTI + \frac{(1.0-ITC)-(ITR \times DEP)}{(1.0-ITR)f_{DIS}} \quad (IV.B-4)$$

where PTI = annual property tax and insurance rate;

ITC = investment tax credit;

ITR = income tax rate;

DEP = depreciation allowance, discussed below;

$f_{DIS}$  = discount factor, discussed below.

a) Depreciation Schedules--With option b) above (IFCR≠0), the user is allowed one of two choices for calculating the depreciation allowance:

1) IDEP=1; straight line schedule:

$$DEP = \sum_{y=1}^{Y_{DEP}} \frac{1.0/Y_{DEP}}{(1.0+r_{DIS})^y} \quad (IV.B-5)$$

where  $Y_{DEP}$  = depreciation life of the solar plant (yrs);

$r_{DIS}$  = discount rate (see below).

2) IDEP=2; sum-of-years digits schedule

$$DEP = \sum_{y=1}^{Y_{DEP}} \frac{2(Y_{DEP}-y+1)}{Y_{DEP}(Y_{DEP}+1)(1+r_{DIS})^y} \quad (IV.B-6)$$

b) Discount Rate and Discount Factor--The discount rate  $r_{DIS}$  is the effective cost of money to the owner and includes both debt cost and return on equity requirements according to:

$$r_{DIS} = [(1.0-ITR) \times f_D \times i_D] + (1.0-f_D) \times ROE \quad (IV.B-7)$$

where  $f_D$  = debt fraction;

$i_D$  = debt cost (interest rate on borrowed capital);

ROE = before tax return on equity.

(Note that  $r_{DIS} = ROE$  for  $f_D = 0$ ; i.e., 100% equity financed projects.)

The discount factor is:

$$f_{DIS} = \sum_{y=1}^{Y_{OP}} \frac{1.0}{(1.0+r_{DIS})^y} \quad (IV.B-8)$$

where  $Y_{OP}$  = economic operating life of the plant (yrs).

IV.B-2. Levelized O&M Rates--The levelized O&M rates are determined from the initial rate,  $O\&M_i$ ; the yearly inflation and discount rates,  $r_{inf}$  and  $r_{dis}$ , respectively; and the plant operating life,  $Y_{op}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 O\&M_{LEV} &= \frac{\sum_{y=1}^{Y_{op}} \frac{O\&M_y}{(1 + r_{dis})^y}}{\sum_{y=1}^{Y_{op}} \frac{1}{(1 + r_{dis})^y}} \\
 &= O\&M_i \frac{\sum_{y=1}^{Y_{op}} \frac{(1 + r_{inf})^y}{(1 + r_{dis})^y}}{\sum_{y=1}^{Y_{op}} \frac{1}{(1 + r_{dis})^y}} \quad (IV.B-9)
 \end{aligned}$$

Default values are:

- $i_{DC}$  (AFDC) = 0.15 (5-year construction period)
- ESC (ESC) = 0.08
- $Y_{CON}$ -1981(NYTCØN) = 0 (plant construction begins now)
- $r_{inf}$  (RINF) = 0.08
- IFCR = 0
- FCR (FCR) = 0.159
- $O\&M_{h,i}$  (RHØM) = 0.015
- $O\&M_{BAL,i}$  (RNHØM) = 0.015
- PF(PF) = 1.0
- $r_{DIS}$ (DISRT) = 0.0996
- PIT(PTI) = 0.025
- ITC(TC) = 0.10
- ITR(TR) = 0.48

$$f_D(\text{FDEBT}) = 0.543$$

$$i_D(\text{RDEBT}) = 0.11$$

$$\text{ROE}(\text{ROE}) = 0.15$$

$$\text{IDEP} = 2$$

$$Y_{\text{DEP}}(\text{NDEP}) = 24$$

$$Y_{\text{OP}}(\text{NYOP}) = 30$$



## V. System Optimization

### V.A Optimization Variables

DELSOL can perform an efficient search for the combination of system design variables that minimizes the levelized energy cost (LEC). The design parameters which can be automatically varied by DELSOL are listed in Table V.1. The design parameters that are held constant during an optimization search are listed in Table V.2. This second set of variables can be optimized by performing several DELSOL optimizations, each run having different values for these variables. In addition, DELSOL can optimize the system design subject to constraints on the receiver fluxes and on the land available for the heliostat field. (Unless indicated otherwise all variables mentioned in Section V are in Namelist OPT.)

V.A-1. Design Point Power Level--DELSOL can simultaneously optimize systems at NUMOPT ( $< 20$ ) equally spaced discrete design point power levels from a minimum value of PPTMN to a maximum value of PPTMX watts. The design point occurs at REFTIM hours past solar noon on the REFDAY day of the year (namelist BASIC). The insolation at the design point is REFSOL  $\text{kw/m}^2$  (namelist BASIC). In Version 1 of DELSOL it was recommended that even if the user desired only one design power, he should also specify lower design powers in order to speed up the search algorithm. This is no longer true in Version 2. If only one power level is desired, then the user should specify only one power level.

V.A-2. Tower Height--DELSOL can search over NUMTHT ( $< 20$ ) equally spaced discrete values of the tower height from a minimum value of THTST m to a maximum value of THTEND m. The user is reminded that tower height is defined in DELSOL as the elevation of the midpoint of the receiver above the plane of the heliostat pivot (see Figure II-12).

V.A-3. Receiver Dimensions--DELSOL can search independently over two receiver variables. The choice of the variables depends on the type of receiver.

a) External Receiver--The first receiver variable for an external receiver is the diameter W. There are NUMREC ( $< 20$ ) equally spaced discrete values of W from a minimum of WST meters to a maximum of WEND meters. The second receiver variable is the ratio of the receiver height H to the receiver width W. There are NUMHTW ( $< 20$ ) equally spaced discrete values of H/W from a minimum of HTWST to a maximum of HTWEND.

b) Flat Plate Receiver(s)--The first receiver variable for a flat plate receiver is the horizontal dimension of the first flat plate, RX(1). There are NUMREC ( $< 20$ ) equally spaced discrete values of RX(1) from a minimum of WST meters to a maximum of WEND meters. The second receiver variable is the ratio of the first plate's vertical dimension to its horizontal dimension, RY(1)/RX(1). There are NUMHTW ( $< 20$ ) equally spaced discrete values of RY(1)/RX(1) from a minimum of HTWST to a maximum of HTWEND.

TABLE V.A-1.

DESIGN PARAMETERS VARIED DURING OPTIMIZATION

Note that some of the variables can have only discrete values (e.g., either 100 m or 120 m tower heights) while others are varied continuously.

- 
- Design point power level (discrete values)
  - Tower height (discrete values)
  - Receiver dimensions (discrete values)
    - External cylinder  
Height and diameter
    - Flat plate(s)  
Height and width
    - Cavity(ies)  
Height and width of aperture  
-or-  
Width of aperture and depth of cavity
  - Tower location for land constrained system (discrete values)
  - Field boundaries (continuous values)
  - Heliostat spacings (continuous values)
  - Storage capacity at a given solar multiple (discrete values)
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TABLE V.A-2.

DESIGN PARAMETERS HELD CONSTANT DURING A  
SINGLE DESIGN OPTIMIZATION RUN

These parameters can be optimized only by doing several runs, each with a different value for the parameter of interest.

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• Site

- Latitude
- Insolation
- Weather
- Atmospheric attenuation

• Field

- Type (surround or north-only zoning)
- Heliostat layout pattern
- Minimum and maximum radial boundaries

• Heliostat

- All design parameters

• Receiver

- Receiver type (external cylinder or flat plate or cavity)
- Orientation of cavity aperture or flat plate
- Ratio of dimensions of 2nd, 3rd, 4th apertures or flat plates (if any) to that of the 1st

• Solar Multiple

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In the case of multiple flat plate receivers all receiver dimensions are assumed proportional to the first receiver's dimensions. RX2TRX, RX3TRX, RX4TRX are the ratios of the second, third and fourth plate's horizontal dimension to the first plate's horizontal dimension. The vertical/horizontal ratio, RYTRX, is assumed the same for all plates.

c) Cavity Receivers--Cavity receivers are more complicated to design than other receiver types. Not only must the size of the aperture be determined, but also the depth of the cavity and the size of the heat exchanger surface within the cavity. These are more design parameters than DELSOL can vary at one time. Therefore, a single automatic optimization of a cavity receiver is not possible. However, DELSOL has the capability to run a series of optimization and performance runs that will lead to a good cavity design. Different pairs of receiver variables are selected in sequence. First, the width of the aperture and depth of the cavity are optimized (IØPTUM=2). Second, the aspect ratio of the aperture is optimized (IØPTUM=1). Finally, performance runs are used to generate flux maps within the cavity so that the user can manually fine tune the shape of the heat absorbing surface. Each of these steps is described below in more detail.

The first step in optimizing a cavity is to determine the aperture width and cavity depth by specifying IØPTUM=2. DELSOL searches NUMREC equally spaced discrete values of the width of the first aperture, RX(1), from a minimum value of WST meters to a maximum value of WEND meters. The second receiver variable is the diameter W of the horizontal circle containing the cavity apertures. Since the depth of the Ith cavity is proportional to W (RWCAV(I), Namelist REC), the second receiver variable also varies the cavity depth. There are NUMHTW discrete equally spaced values of the width, W, from a minimum of HTWST meters to a maximum value of HTWEND meters. W (and hence the cavity depths  $W \times RWCAV(I)$ ) is determined entirely by the receiver flux limits. There is no performance advantage (for a fixed aperture size) to making the cavity deeper. However, there is a cost penalty for making the cavity deeper since the size of the heat exchanger surface grows as discussed in section IV.A-5(b). Therefore, DELSOL will not increase the depth of the cavity above the minimum value allowed in the search, HTWST x RWCAV(I), unless it is forced to by a flux constraint.

The second step in optimizing a cavity is to fine tune the width and aspect ratio of the apertures by specifying IØPTUM=1. During this step the constant width, W, specified on the REC Namelist should be set equal to the optimum W found in the first step. With IØPTUM=1 the first receiver variable is again the width of the first aperture, RX(1). However, the second receiver variable is now the dimensionless aspect ratio of the aperture, RY(1)/RX(1). There are NUMHTW (< 20) equally spaced values of the aspect ratio from a minimum value of HTWST to a maximum value of HTWEND.

The final step is to fine tune the shape of the heat exchanger surface within the cavity. As described in Sections II.H and IV.A-5 the heat absorbing surface is modeled as a segment of right circular cylinder centered on the cavity aperture. The size of the cylinder is made big enough so that the image from any heliostat that might be used in building up the optimal field will be intercepted. However, DELSOL seldom uses all of the heliostats that might be added to the field. Therefore, it is possible that parts of the heat exchanger surface may be receiving little or no flux. To check this the user

should rerun detailed performance calculations of the optimum system to generate flux maps on the heat absorbing surface. The user can then manually trim the heat absorber to eliminate areas whose amount of energy collected is not justified by the cost.

The user should also be aware that the height of the heat absorbing surface is very sensitive to the minimum radius (RADMIN, Namelist FIELD), as seen in equation (IV.A-8). While it is desirable to use the high performance heliostats near the tower it may not be cost effective because of the increased receiver costs. The user should try repeating the optimization with a different RADMIN to investigate the sensitivity to this effect.

V.A-4. Tower Position (Land Constrained Only)--In a system with a land constraint, DELSOL will search for the optimal position for the tower. The tower does not have to be within the land constraint, only the heliostats must be within the constraint. The code considers NUMPØS (< 20) equally spaced discrete positions of the tower from (XTPST,YTPST) to (XTPEND,YTPEND). XTPST and XTPEND (YTPST and YTPEND) are in units of meters east (north) of the center of the first land constraint rectangle. (See Sections II.B-4 and V.B-2 for more discussion on land constrained systems.)

V.A-5. Heliostat Field Boundaries--DELSOL will optimize the boundaries of the heliostat field. The heliostat field is always constrained to lie within the zoning defined by the user (II.B). In addition, the heliostat field can be subjected to a land constraint as discussed in Section V.B-2.

V.A-6. Heliostat Spacings--DELSOL has an option for optimizing the spacing of heliostats within each zone (IHØPT=1 in Namelist ØPT). The optimization has three constraints: (1) the layout pattern is always a radial stagger; (2) the optimized densities and aspect ratios cannot be more than + 20% from the initial densities and aspect ratios defined in Namelist FIELD (range is set by DHØPT in Namelist BASIC); and (3) the tower height cannot be optimized simultaneously with optimizing heliostat spacings (see Section V.G.).

V.A-7. Storage Capacity--As mentioned in section IV.A-8, DELSOL will initially size storage based on the longest operating day in order to avoid the necessity of detailed energy flow accounting while optimizing other system design parameters. However, in systems with large amounts of storage and/or expensive storage concepts, it may be more cost effective to decrease the storage capacity at the expense of discarding (or not collecting) some of the energy from the field. DELSOL allows the user the option to carry out this suboptimization of the storage size given the optimum design from subroutine MAX for the rest of the system.

First the user "turns on" the option by setting ISTR to some non-zero value in Namelist ØPT, and also by defining the NSTR equally spaced sizes from zero to maximum capacity to be evaluated. The user must also specify the detailed performance rerun option (IRERUN=1) as discussed in Chapter VI since storage size optimization takes place in conjunction with the detailed energy flow accounting of this option. Further the user is restricted to a single power level for rerun and hence storage optimization.

The default values (ISTR=0, NSTR=1) allow no storage optimization. Rerunning a specified optimum design for detailed performance would give, in this case, system performance for the maximum size storage capacity determined initially.

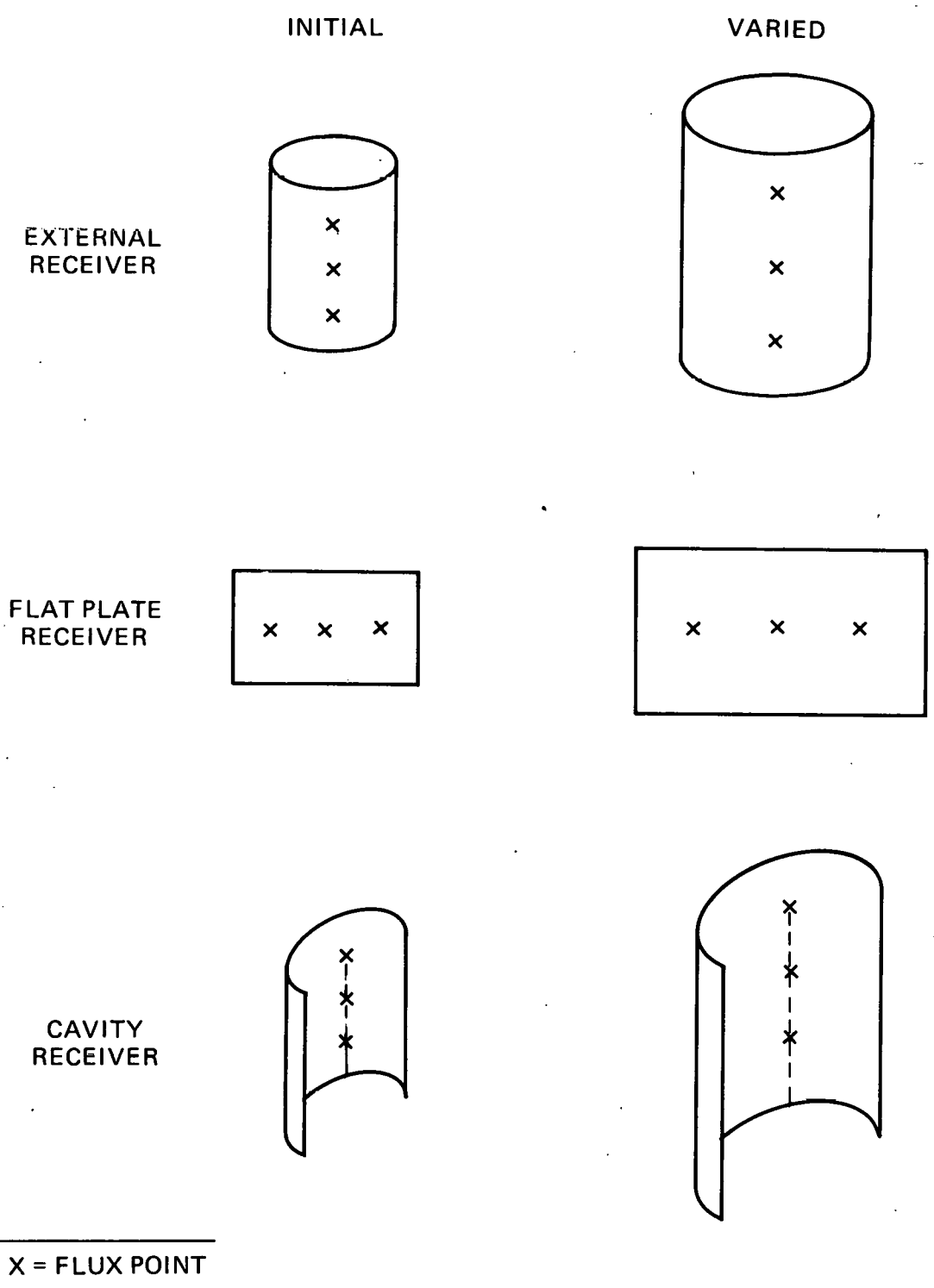
#### V.B. Constraints on System Design

DELSOL can accommodate flux limits on the receiver and/or land availability limitations in system design optimization.

V.B-1. Receiver Flux Constraint--DELSOL allows the user to limit the flux at the design point at NFLXMX (< 4) points on the receiver surface. The maximum allowed values are specified by FLXLIM(I) W/m<sup>2</sup> (I=1, NFLXMX). The flux points are initially defined relative to the receiver described in the REC namelist immediately preceding the ØPT namelist. The following steps should be used in setting up a flux limited design run:

- (1) Define the type of receiver desired on the REC Namelist preceding the ØPT namelist.
- (2) Set up a grid of flux points on the heat absorbing surface of this receiver (in Namelist NLFLUX following Namelist ØPT). The user is cautioned here to be careful in defining the correct flux surface, as it may not necessarily coincide with the receiver surface (e.g., cavity aperture plane). The option IFLAUT=4 automatically sets up a flux surface which is usually the one of interest, i.e., a single point at the north center of an external receiver or the center of the first flat plate or heat absorbing surface of the first cavity.
- (3) Choose NFLXMX (< 4) points from the grid of flux points defined in step (2) at which the flux limits are to be tested. Specify the number of each point in the NMFLX(I) array (I=1, NFLXMX) in Namelist NLFLUX following Namelist ØPT).
- (4) Specify the maximum value of the flux at each point in units of W/m<sup>2</sup> in the FLXLIM(I) array (I=1, NFLXMX) of Namelist NLFLUX following Namelist ØPT. The peak flux limit may differ at different points because of varying tube temperatures, etc.
- (5) For external or flatplate receivers select an appropriate automatic "smart" aiming option (Section II.G, Namelist REC). "Smart" aiming is optional for cavity receivers.
- (6) For external or flat plate receivers, allow the height to width ratio, H/W, to vary. For cavity receivers allow the diameter W, and hence the cavity depth, RWCAV(I)\*W, to vary.

As the receiver size is varied the flux point remains at the same relative position on the receiver surface as illustrated in Figure V-1. For external receivers each flux point remains at the same azimuth angle, same fraction of the height, and on the cylinder surface (provided it was initially on the cylinder surface). For flat plate receivers the flux point remains at the




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X = FLUX POINT

Figure V-1. Location of Flux Points as Receiver Dimensions are Varied. Flux points remain at the same relative position as the receiver size is varied.

same fraction of the height and same fraction of the width. For cavity receivers the flux surface is taken as the inside of a vertical cylinder centered on the first aperture. The displacements of flux points relative to the center of the first aperture scale with the height of the heat absorbing surface, calculated according to equation IV. A-8.

The fluxes at the NFLXMX receiver points will generally be less than the maximum values allowed, FLXLIM(I). This results from the fact that the receiver size is being varied in discrete steps and not continually. To come closer to a given flux limit the user can use more closely spaced receiver sizes, or the flux limit can be set slightly higher than actually desired since the flux from the optimum will generally be below the limit.

V.B-2. Heliostat Field Land Constraint--DELSOL allows the heliostat field to be constrained within a number of arbitrarily oriented rectangles. The input defining the land constraint is described in Section II.B-4. As mentioned above, with a land constraint it is necessary to search for the optimal location of the tower with respect to the constraint. Only the heliostat locations are constrained. The code does not require the tower to be within the land constraint. However, the user should make sure that land is available for the tower.

There is an additional complication in land constrained designs when the thermal energy is not used at the base of the tower. In repowering or process heat applications the thermal energy may have to be transported to a point near the edge of the land constraint. DELSOL does not consider the cost or losses in the piping run from the tower position to the use point. The user may want to fold in these effects manually. For example, consider a rectangular land constraint whose sides are parallel to the N/S and E/W directions. DELSOL will generally prefer to locate the tower south of the center of the land constraint. Suppose, however, that the thermal energy is required at the northern boundary of the field. It may then be cost effective to move the tower further north from the DELSOL optimum if the savings in the pipe run may more than offset the increased cost of thermal energy at the tower base.

#### V.C. Searching Algorithm

DELSOL has to consider NUMTHT x NUMREC x NUMHTW x NUMPØS combinations of tower height, receiver sizes and tower positions in searching for the minimum energy costs. Figure V-2 shows a schematic of the optimization search. There are four nested iterations of the discrete system variables: tower height, first receiver variable, second receiver variable and tower position. Since the zone by zone performances does not depend on the tower location, these performances are calculated outside of the tower position loop. For each set of system variables an optimal field is built up. At each design point power level attained in the field build-up, the levelized energy cost is tested to see if it is a new minimum. If it is a new minimum, the system design, performance and costs are saved. When the iterations are complete, the lowest energy cost system from the allowed system variations is known at each power level.

Considering every possible combination of system variables (IALL=1) is an inefficient way to find the optimum system(s). DELSOL, therefore, has the default option (IALL = 0) to do a "smart" search over the receiver variables.

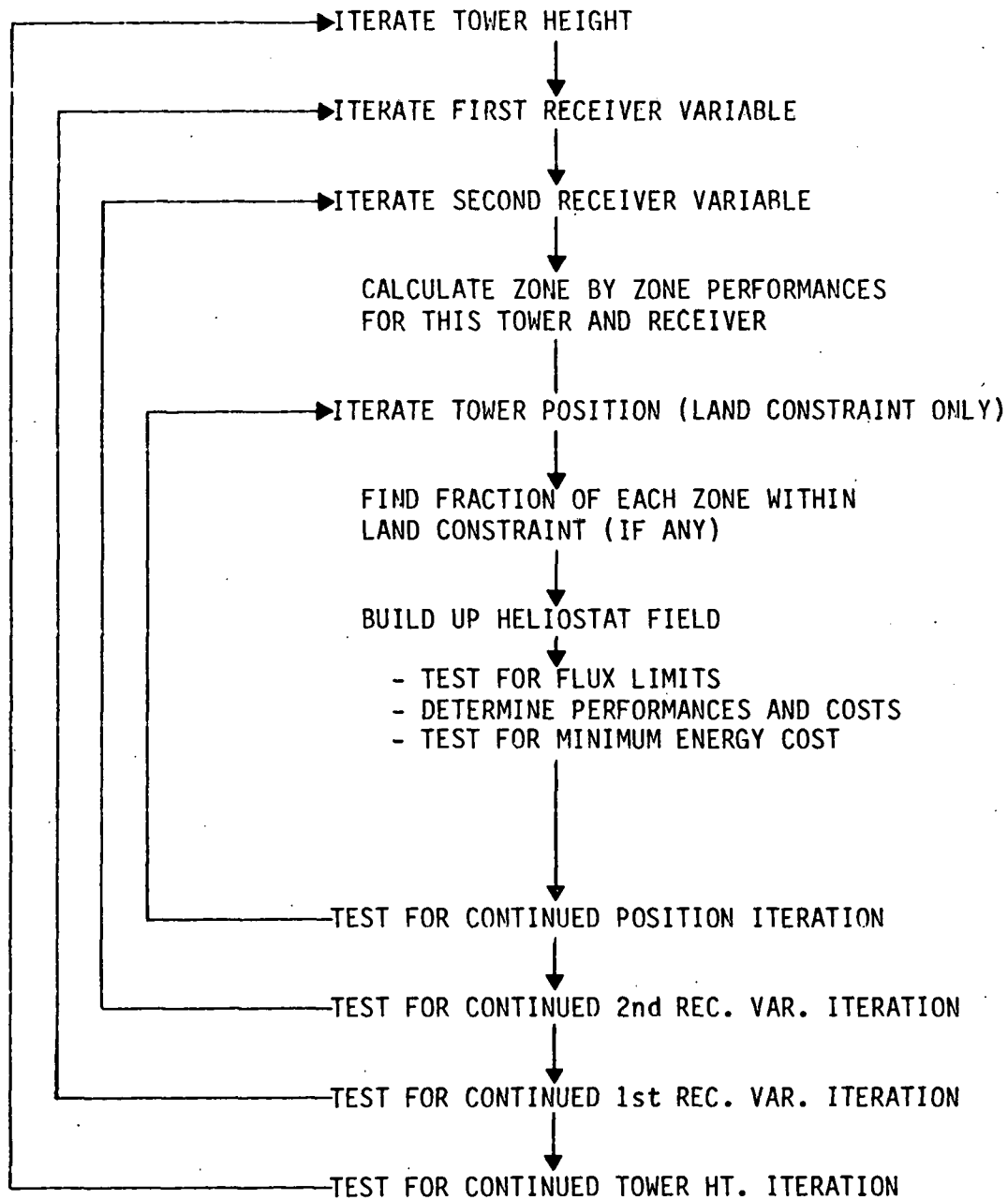


Figure V-2. Schematic of Optimization Search

Smart searching tries to consider the minimum set of system variables necessary to find the optimum system(s). The search algorithm attempts to start iterating a variable at a value greater than its minimum allowed value and to stop iterating a variable before it reaches its maximum allowed value. The search strategy follows from the assumptions that: (1) there is a single, well defined, minima in each variable; and (2) the optimum tower height and receiver size increases when the power level increases. The existence of a single minima allows DELSOL to stop iterating a variable when the energy cost is increasing at every power level that can be reached by changing that variable. The increase of optimum receiver size with power level allows DELSOL to use the minimum optimum receiver size at a lower power level as the starting point for the next power level. (For example, suppose the user has allowed receiver sizes of 10, 11, 12...20. At THT = 150 the minimum receiver size that is an optimum for any power level is 12. Then when doing the next tower height, say THT = 160, instead of starting to search at receivers of size 10, DELSOL will start searching at a receiver size of 12.)

DELSOL also contains tests to avoid searching over systems that cannot meet the minimum power of interest. If a given tower height is too small to meet the minimum design power level, DELSOL automatically skips to the next tower height without searching (in vain) for the optimum receiver size.

Flux limited receiver designs complicate the search strategy. None of the methods for restricting the search can be applied until the flux constraint is satisfied. For example, DELSOL will increase the receiver size as long as there is a flux limit even though the energy costs are increasing. Flux limited receiver optimizations have to search over more cases than the corresponding non-flux limited receiver optimizations. It is particularly important to use the coarse grid/fine grid strategy described at the end of this chapter when optimizing with a flux limit.

A detailed summary of the optimization search is provided as output. The user can follow the optimization strategy by analyzing this information. In addition, the information on the search can give a good indication of the sensitivity of the energy costs, performances, etc. to variation of the design parameters (e.g., if 150 m is the optimum tower height but the user would like to know what the system costs would be at 160 m or 140 m this information is available).

#### V.D. Scaling Performance

As shown in Figure V-2, DELSOL must recalculate the zone by zone annual average and design point optical performances at each new tower height and receiver size. The code does this by "scaling" the results of a detailed initial performance calculation. Some minor assumptions are made during the scaling of the performance with tower height and receiver size. The user can check the effect of these assumptions by rerunning a detailed performance calculation of the optimized system.

V.D-1. Cosine--The field points remain at the same relative position (e.g., 2 tower heights north) as the tower height is varied. The angles between the sun, heliostat and receiver are the same and therefore the cosine is not a function of the tower height. The very small change in the cosine as the receiver width from the tower centerline is varied is ignored.

V.D-2. Shadowing and Blocking--The actual shadow cast by a heliostat in the same relative field position is independent of the tower height. However, the displacement of heliostats relative to each other in radial layouts depends on the ratio of the heliostat dimension to the tower height. Hence, the shadowing and blocking has a small dependence on the tower height. The code, however, neglects this effect. For large systems, i.e., heliostat dimension/tower height  $\ll 1$ , this approximation is excellent. In smaller systems, the effect can be noticeable, but the generally small amount of shadowing and blocking even in these systems does not significantly effect overall system performance and energy costs. In a small system design run, the user is advised to select a tower height for the initial performance run (THT in first REC Namelist) within the range to be searched in the optimization. For example, if the default heliostat (7.4 m x 7.4 m) is used in a small system design where tower heights of 30 to 50 m are being tested, the default value of 175 m for THT should be replaced with 40 m in the initial performance run.

V.D-3. Atmospheric Attenuation--The atmospheric attenuation is exactly recalculated for every tower height and receiver.

V.D-4. Spillage and Flux--The variation of the annual average flux from each zone with tower height is given analytically in the extended Hermite polynomial expansion technique used in DELSOL. The coefficients of the tower height dependence are determined in the initial performance calculation and then used during the optimization to calculate the flux.

V.D-5. Design Point Performance--The design point, cosine, shadowing, blocking and atmospheric attenuation are scaled in exactly the same manner as the corresponding annual average quantities, as described above. However, the fluxes and spillages at the design point are not recalculated, but assumed equal to the annual average fluxes and spillages. This is generally a very good approximation.

## V.E. Building up the Optimal Heliostat Field

V.E-1. No Heliostat Density Optimization--In this case DELSOL does not try to vary the default or user defined heliostat fields. A performance/cost ratio, PCR, is determined for each zone:

$$PCR_{k,\ell} = \frac{\eta_{F,k,\ell}}{C_{H,k,\ell}} \quad (V.E-1)$$

where  $k$  = radial zone index,

$\ell$  = azimuthal zone index,

$\eta_{F,k,\ell}$  = yearly average field efficiency in zone  $(k,\ell)$ ,



$C_{H,k,\ell}$  = cost of putting 1 m<sup>2</sup> of reflective surface in zone (k,ℓ)  
relative to the same cost for zone (1,1).

In more detail,

$$\eta_{F,k,\ell} = \eta_{\text{COS},k,\ell} \times \eta_{\text{SHAD},k,\ell} \times \eta_{\text{BLOCK},k,\ell} \times \eta_{\text{ATM},k,\ell} \times \eta_{\text{INT},k,\ell}$$

where  $\eta_{\text{COS}}$  = cosine efficiency = 1.0 - cosine loss

$\eta_{\text{SHAD}}$  = shadowing efficiency = 1.0 - shadowing loss

$\eta_{\text{BLOCK}}$  = blocking efficiency = 1.0 - blocking loss

$\eta_{\text{ATM}}$  = atmospheric transmittance = 1.0 - atmospheric attenuation

$\eta_{\text{INT}}$  = receiver interception factor = 1.0 - spillage

The relative mirror cost is comprised of three parts:

$$C_{H,k,\ell} = \frac{C_{\text{HEL},k,\ell} + C_{\text{LAND},k,\ell} + C_{\text{WIRE},k,\ell}}{C_{\text{HEL},1,1} + C_{\text{LAND},1,1} + C_{\text{WIRE},1,1}} \quad (\text{V.E-2})$$

where  $C_{\text{HEL}} = \frac{\$}{\text{m}^2 \text{ mirror area}}$  for total heliostat structure, equal for all  
heliostats in the field;

$C_{\text{LAND}} = \frac{\$}{\text{m}^2 \text{ land}} \times \frac{1}{\text{mirror density per zone}}$ ; less dense zones have greater  
associated land costs per heliostat;

$C_{\text{WIRE}} = \frac{\$}{\text{heliostat}} \times \frac{1}{\text{glass area/hel.}}$ ; the "\$/heliostat" varies with local  
density (greater secondary wiring costs with lower densities) and  
distance from the tower (greater primary wiring costs as the field  
gets larger), as discussed in the wiring cost model section  
(IV.A-3).

After calculation of  $PCR_{k,\ell}$ , a call is made to subroutine MAX where the actual field build-up is carried out. First, the zones are ranked from best to worst PCR. Then the zones are added one at a time, starting with the most cost effective, i.e., the one with the highest PCR. As each zone is added, the reference (design point) thermal power to the receiver, the annual energy production from the field, and the total field costs (heliostats, land, and wiring) are updated. Also, the power dependent receiver and piping radiation and convection losses are re-calculated to determine the net electrical power production. When each design power of interest (as specified by  $P\emptyset PTMN$ ,  $P\emptyset PTMX$ , and  $NUM\emptyset PT$  in namelist  $\emptyset PT$ ) is reached, the remaining plant capital costs and corresponding levelized energy cost (LEC) are calculated. MAX will return to  $\emptyset PTCAL$  when any of the following three constraints are encountered:

- 1) all specified design powers have been achieved;
- 2) all design powers have not been achieved, but adding all remaining zones will not reach the next highest design power;
- 3) a specified flux limit is reached (in this case the code can reiterate with the "smart" aimpoint strategy described in section II.G if a single aimpoint had been the original choice).

V.E-2. Heliostat Density Optimization--DELSOL has an option ( $IH\emptyset PT=1$ ) to optimize the heliostat separations within each zone. In many problems the default densities are adequate. However, if the field costs or heliostat shape are very different from the DELSOL default values, then heliostat spacing optimization may be important. In all cases it is prudent to optimize periodically heliostat separations to see if this produces significant improvement in the energy cost. The mathematical details of heliostat optimization are derived by Lipps (ref. 4). DELSOL bases its heliostat optimization on these equations and assumptions.

A completely general optimization of the coordinates of every heliostat is not practical. Following the approach in reference 4, the following assumptions are made in order to simplify the problem:

- (1) the heliostat layout pattern within any one zone is determined by two parameters: the "average" radial separation  $\Delta R$  and the "average" azimuthal separation  $\Delta Az$ ;
- (2) the shadowing and blocking in a zone are determined only by the layout parameters for that zone;
- (3) the optimum layout parameters to produce a given amount of annual energy will be determined. These may or may not be the optimum layout parameters to produce a given design power. This subtle point is discussed in more detail below;
- (4) the maximum deviation of the optimized  $\Delta R$  and  $\Delta Az$  is constrained to be within a specified window around the initial  $\Delta R$  and  $\Delta Az$  defined for each zone in Namelist BASIC. The size of the window is controlled by  $DHOPT$  in Namelist BASIC.

Since the energy cost is not very sensitive to the heliostat spacings, the effect of the simplifying assumptions is minimal in most practical problems.

DELSOL must generate considerable information about the shading and blocking as a function of heliostat position in order to optimize the separations. During the initial performance calculation the code does 25 shadowing and blocking calculations for each zone. The calculations are done on a 5x5 grid of heliostat separations. One side of the grid has constant density lines; the other side has constant aspect ratio lines ( $= .5\Delta R^2 - .5\Delta Az^2$ ). The grid is used to interpolate the performances and performance derivatives with respect to separation required in heliostat spacing optimization. The grid is centered on the density and aspect ratio determined for each zone by the  $\Delta R$  and  $\Delta Az$  defined in Namelist FIELD. The size of the grid is determined by DHOPT (Namelist BASIC). The larger DHOPT the farther the heliostat separations are allowed to vary from the initial values in searching for the optimum. However, the larger DHOPT, the larger are the potential errors in interpolation and differentiation.

To prepare for field buildup, the code does four preliminary calculations for every zone. First, it finds the "best" aspect ratio at each density. If the land and wiring costs are negligible, the best aspect ratio at a given density would be the aspect ratio that gives the minimum shading and blocking. Second, it finds the density that gives the maximum average performance/cost ratio (PCR) for that zone. When the zone is first added to the field it will be at this density. Third, DELSOL finds the marginal value of increasing the density beyond the density that optimizes the average PCR. The marginal value is defined as the change in the busbar energy cost for adding or subtracting one heliostat from that zone. The marginal values decrease with density beyond the density that optimizes the average PCR. These marginal values determine how the density in the zone is increased during field buildup after the zone has been added to the field. Finally, when the first three calculations are completed for every zone, DELSOL ranks the zones accordingly from maximum to minimum average PCR. This ranking determines the order in which zones will be added to the field.

Field buildup proceeds as follows:

- (1) The zone with the best average PCR is added to the field;
- (2) The unused zone with the best average PCR is added to the field and the density of all zones already in the field is increased. The number of heliostats to be added to each zone already in the field is determined by requiring that the marginal value of adding one more heliostat to any zone is the same. (If the marginal values were unequal an optimum field would not exist since the energy cost could be lowered by moving a heliostat from a lower to a higher marginal value zone.)
- (3) Step (2) is repeated until: (a) all design powers are achieved; (b) a flux limit constraint is exceeded; or (c) all the zones have been added to the field.

V.E-3. Optimizing for Annual Energy vs. Optimizing for Design Point Performance--Characterizing the time dependent output of a central receiver system is difficult. The usual convention is to specify a design point power,  $P_{DES}$ . However, there are a whole range of systems with the same design point power which produce different amounts of annual energy,  $E$ , and different energy costs. Conversely, there are systems with the same  $E$  but with different  $P_{DES}$ 's. This leaves DELSOL with a subtle identity crisis. While DELSOL seeks to design a system to meet a specified  $P_{DES}$ , it optimizes the system to produce a given  $E$  at the minimum energy cost. To find the system with a given  $P_{DES}$ , DELSOL designs systems optimized for increasing  $E$ 's until a system is reached with the design power of interest.

Optimizing the system for a given annual energy  $E$  does not guarantee that the system will be the optimal system for the design power  $P_{DES}$  that corresponds to  $E$ . Consider the following example (these numbers are for illustrative purposes only; they are not actual output):

<u>System</u>	<u>Heliostat Optimization</u>	<u>Annual Energy</u>	<u>Design Power</u>	<u>Energy Cost</u>
1	No	100.	50.	80
2	No	110.	55.	78
3	No	110.	50.	79
4	Yes	90.	50.	81
5	Yes	100.	55.	79
6	Yes	110.	60.	77

Cases 1 and 2 are systems that are optimized to produce annual energies of 100. and 110. The corresponding design powers are 50 and 55, respectively. Consider now Case 3. Case 3 is not the optimum system to produce an  $E = 110$  because its energy cost (79) is higher than Case 2 (78). However, Case 3 produces the design power  $P_{DES} = 50$  at a lower cost than Case 1. The reason that Case 3 is better than Case 1 for  $P_{DES} = 50$  is that the energy cost (which depends on  $E$ , not  $P_{DES}$ ) is falling rapidly with increasing  $E$  due to the effect of non-field costs. The field layout in Case 3 is different from Case 1. In Case 3 the heliostats have a larger annual efficiency/design efficiency ratio in order to produce more annual energy at the design point.

Consider now optimizing the heliostat spacings. This is done in Cases 4-6. Notice that optimizing the heliostat spacing has reduced the energy cost at a fixed amount of annual energy (Case 5 vs. Case 1 or Case 6 vs. Case 2). However, the heliostat optimization has not decreased the energy cost for the cases of  $P_{DES} = 50$  (Case 4 vs. Case 1) and  $P_{DES} = 55$  (Case 5 vs. Case 2). The explanation is again that after heliostat optimization the design powers correspond to a lower annual energy  $E$  and the energy cost is dropping with  $E$ . Heliostat spacing optimization is doing what it is designed to do: lowering the energy cost at a fixed  $E$ . Unfortunately, this does not always result in a lower cost at a fixed  $P_{DES}$ . It can be disconcerting to observe occasionally

that the energy cost at a fixed  $P_{DES}$  increases after trying to optimize heliostat spacings. However, if the user plots the output on an energy cost vs. annual energy basis, then the improvement with heliostat spacing optimization can be seen.

In practice the difference in the energy costs between optimizing for a given annual energy vs. optimizing for a given design point are small (< 1%). The difference disappears if the non-field costs are relatively small or if the energy cost is not changing with  $E$ . Why doesn't DELSOL offer the option of finding the system optimized to produce a given  $P_{DES}$ ? Because it is much more complicated and the small improvements are generally not significant.

#### V.F. Sensitivity of Energy Costs to Variation of Design Parameters

Generally, the cost of energy is not very sensitive to modest variations of the design parameters away from the optimal values determined by DELSOL. It is important for the user to remember that the minima are shallow. First, the broad optimum means that a very fine (and time consuming) grid of variables is not needed. Second, the designer has the freedom to vary the system to maximize other considerations besides cost of energy. For example, DELSOL may select a large height to width ratio for a flux limited external receiver. However, a more modest aspect ratio may be desired for engineering or other reasons. The optimization can be repeated with smaller H/W ratios in order to see what the cost of energy penalty is. The energy cost differential may be so small that the other design considerations dominate and a smaller H/W ratio than the DELSOL minimum will be selected.

Small changes in the input generally produce small changes in the energy cost but can produce large changes in the optimum value of the design parameters. This is also a consequence of the shallow minima in the energy cost vs. design variables. This effect is often the source of consternation among users. It seems counter-intuitive to many people that one can set out to design systems for the same application and yet wind up with significantly different designs just because of some small differences in the input variables. If one were to compare energy costs, however, the different designs would probably be nearly identical on a cost basis.

#### V.G. Running Optimization Calculations

An outline for designing a system using DELSOL is given in Table V.G-1. Step I is the definition of the system design and is often the most time consuming step for the user. Specification of the site, field boundaries, heliostat design and receiver type are generally straightforward. However, determining the receiver thermal losses and the system costs can be much more involved. The radiation and convection losses depend on receiver geometry; receiver material and temperature. The system costs depend on the technology and application. Detailed cost estimation may be required to generate the input to DELSOL. In addition to the direct capital costs, operating and maintenance costs must be estimated. Finally, the economic parameters suitable to the consumer of the system have to be specified.

TABLE V.G-1.  
STEPS IN DESIGNING A SYSTEM

I. Define system

- Heliostat type; receiver type; flux limits; field boundaries
- Non-optical performance parameters: receiver losses; EPGS
- Costs appropriate to technology and application

II. Initial performance calculation

- Use a guess for optimum tower height
- Save results for other optimizations using this heliostat, site, tower height

III. Coarse optimization (can be done at same time as II)

- Limited number of widely spaced optimization variables
- If optimum value(s) of a design variable(s) is at the minimum or maximum value allowed in search for optimum, increase the range of values searched and do another coarse optimization

IV. Fine optimization

- Use a finer grid of optimization variables centered on results of III
- Reuse initial performance results from II unless tower height is very different

V. Heliostat density optimization

A. New initial performance calculation

- Use optimum tower height from IV
- Use default densities or optimized densities from similar system optimization

B. Optimization (can be done at same time as VA)

- Do not vary tower height
- Choose a fine grid of receiver sizes

C. Converge density optimization

- If optimum heliostat layout is very different from initial layout used in VA repeat VA and VB using the optimum densities from VB as the input densities for VA

VI. Detailed performance calculation of optimum system

- Do a user defined field performance calculation of optimum system
- Optimize storage capacity if desired

VII. Investigate Other Design Concepts (optional)

- Repeat I-VI with different heliostat or receiver type, different working fluid

VIII. Non-energy cost design considerations

- Energy cost is generally insensitive to small perturbations from optimal system
- If other considerations suggest deviating from DELSOL optimal design, run DELSOL to calculate energy cost of modified system

Step II is the initial performance calculation. This initial calculation will be scaled to give the performance of the different systems considered in searching for the optimum design. The initial performance calculation fixes the values of the constant design parameters listed in Table V.A-2. The results of this initial performance can be saved (ITAPE=1, Namelist BASIC) to be used in subsequent design calculations that have the same values for the constant design parameters.

Steps III and IV are the coarse and fine optimization searches. It is generally more efficient to do this two step optimization search. A search over a coarse grid of optimization variables locates an approximate optimum design rapidly. This is followed by a search over a fine grid of optimization variables centered on the coarse grid optimum.

The user must be certain that an optimum has been found. The user defines the range for each optimization variable. If the optimum value for a variable selected by DELSOL is at the minimum or maximum of the user defined range, an optimum may not have been found. For that variable the user should rerun the optimization with a wider range of values for that variable.

Step V is the optional optimization of the heliostat densities. DELSOL can simultaneously optimize the heliostat densities and receiver dimensions. However, DELSOL cannot vary the tower height while optimizing the densities. Therefore, the user must first perform steps III and IV to find the optimum tower height with constant heliostat densities. This optimum tower height is then used to optimize the heliostat densities and fine tune the optimum receiver size determined in IV. The optimization of densities requires a new initial performance calculation (Step VA) unless the user was lucky enough to have used the optimum tower height from step IV when doing the initial performance calculation in step II. The results of step VA are then used in step VB to optimize the densities and receiver sizes. DELSOL limits its search for the optimum densities to a window centered on the initial densities used in step VA. If the optimum heliostat separations output from step VB are very different from the input separations to step VA then these two steps should be repeated until the heliostat separations converge. At each iteration in the convergence the optimum heliostat separations from step VB are used as the input separations in step VA.

Finally, the optimum system from step I-V can be further analyzed to determine the optimum storage capacity simultaneously with obtaining detailed performance information (Step VI).

The process can then be repeated to evaluate other technology options and/or non-economic considerations deemed important.

## VI. Tape Options

### VI.A. Saving and Reusing the Initial Performance Calculation

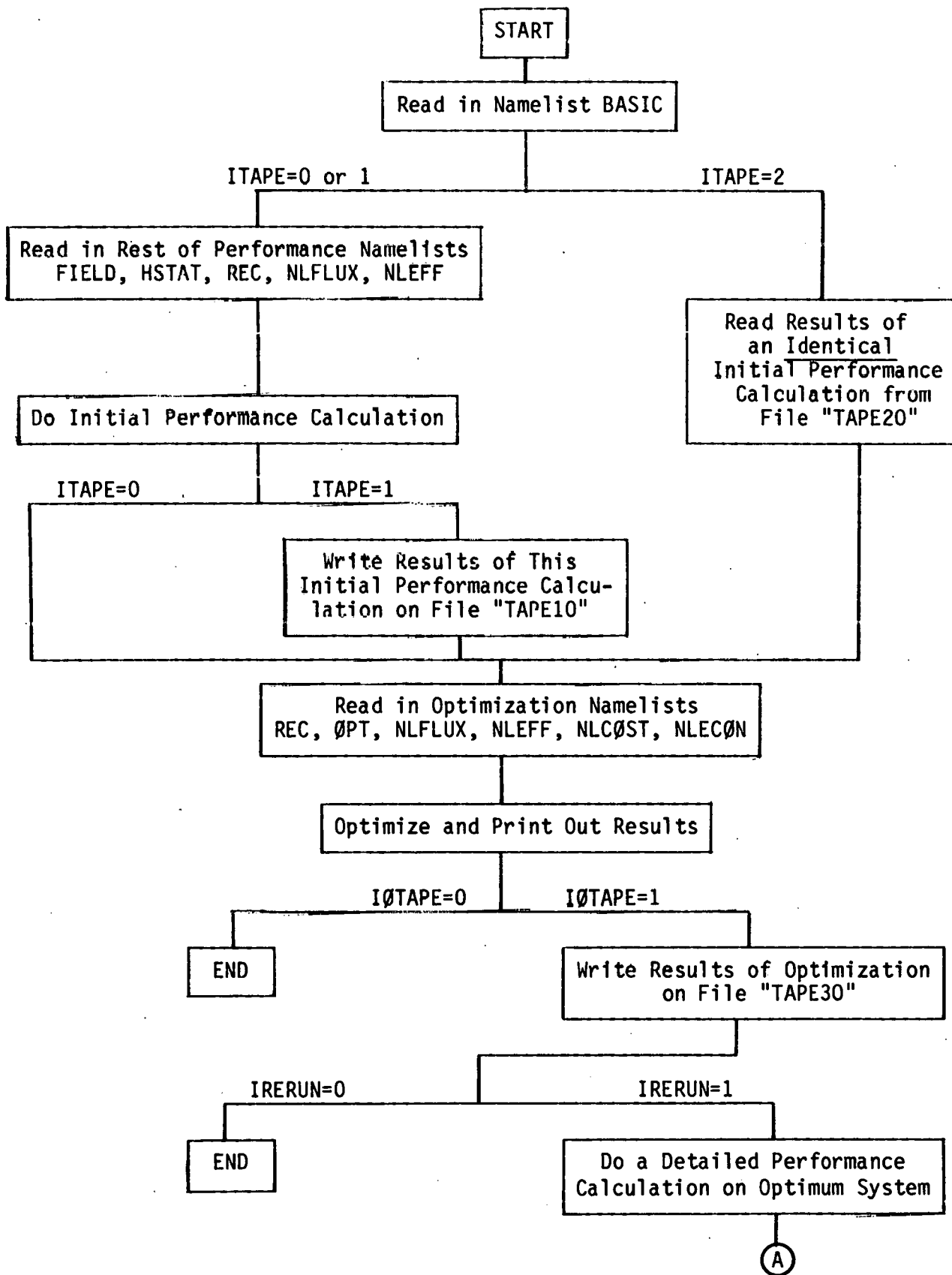
Every optimization run requires the results of a detailed initial performance calculation. The initial performance calculation must have the same site characteristics, type of zoning and heliostat design desired for the optimization run. In addition, for small systems with radial heliostat layout pattern the tower height used in the initial performance calculation should be within the range of tower heights used in the optimization (see Section V.D-2). Even with these constraints, it is common to use the same initial performance calculation for several different design optimizations. For example, the user may want to consider several different types of receivers for the same application. In these cases it would be wasteful of computer time to repeat the same initial performance calculation for each design study. Therefore, an option has been provided in DELSOL to allow the user to save the results of an initial performance calculation for use in any number of subsequent design optimizations. Use of this option can result in large savings in computer time.

Figure VI-1 illustrates the options for the initial performance calculations. In all cases the first Namelist, BASIC, is always read. The value of ITAPE on Namelist BASIC determines which branch is followed. For ITAPE = 0 or 1 the remaining performance Namelists are read in and the initial performance calculation is executed. For ITAPE = 0 nothing else happens and the code begins reading in the optimization Namelists. However, if ITAPE = 1 the results of the initial performance calculation are written on a temporary file called TAPE10. The user must make a permanent (e.g., tape or disk) copy of TAPE10 for future use. In the future when the user wishes to reuse this initial performance calculation a copy of this information is attached to the program as local file TAPE20, and ITAPE=2 is specified on Namelist BASIC. No other performance Namelists (i.e., FIELD...NLEFF) are read in. When ITAPE=2 is specified, DELSOL prints a short summary of the information on the tape, skips the initial performance calculation and proceeds directly to the optimization calculations. The next Namelist read is the REC Namelist that begins the optimization group of Namelists.

### VI.B. Saving and Rerunning Optimum System Designs

It is common to need to do detailed performance calculations on a system DELSOL has optimized. The user could manually transfer the optimum design from the printed output to punched cards to use as input to a DELSOL performance calculation. However, DELSOL provides two options to make it easier to do performance calculations on an optimized system. First, a performance calculation can be done in the same run that optimizes the system (IØTAPE=1 and IRERUN=1, Namelist ØPT). Second, the optimization results can be saved and performance calculation(s) run at a later time (IØTAPE=1, Namelist ØPT). This latter option gives the user a permanent record of optimized systems which can be used for a number of purposes (e.g., as input to a user provided plotting program).





See Figure VI-2

Figure VI-1. Options on Initial Performance Calculation

The options for saving and rerunning systems are illustrated in Figures VI-1 and VI-2. As seen in the lower part of Figure VI-1 when DELSOL has finished optimizing a system the optimum design(s) are written on a temporary file called TAPE30. The user must make a permanent (e.g., tape or disk) copy of TAPE30 for future use. To read the optimized system for a performance calculation the user attaches a temporary copy of TAPE30 to the program and specifies ITAPE=3 on Namelist BASIC. When IRERUN=1 DELSOL does not stop after the optimization is completed. Instead, the program starts a new performance calculation using the optimized system. Note that both options can be used simultaneously.

Both options for rerunning optimized designs automatically supply input of the optimum system description. Specifically, the following are defined:

- site (latitude, weather, insolation, etc.)
- field (number and type of zones, heliostat layout)
- heliostat (dimensions, reflectivity, canting, focusing)
- receiver (type and dimensions)
- tower height
- flux points (only if flux was calculated during performance)

The user therefore does not have to define these variables. Generally, when rerunning a system the only variables that the user redefines are: (1) type of problem (e.g., single time, single day, annual); (2) flux calculation if different from optimization (generally more flux points are desired); or (3) the option for more accurate heliostat images (INDC=1, Namelist HSTAT) which may be important in small systems.

The user must select the design point power level(s) to be saved or rerun. DELSOL allows the user to simultaneously optimize up to 20 design point power levels. However, the code writes a detailed field description of a maximum of only five of these power levels on TAPE30. The user selects these power levels via the IPLFL(I) parameters in Namelist OPT. When using IOTAPE=1, all non-zero IPLFL(I) power levels are written on TAPE30 to be stored for future use. When reading TAPE30 either for IRERUN=1 or in a later run in which the permanent file from an earlier TAPE30 write option is attached, the user specifies which of these power levels is to be used in the performance calculations (TDESP, Namelist BASIC). Only one power level is evaluated per run.

TAPE30 is a free format written file. The order of information on TAPE30 is given in Table VI.B-1.

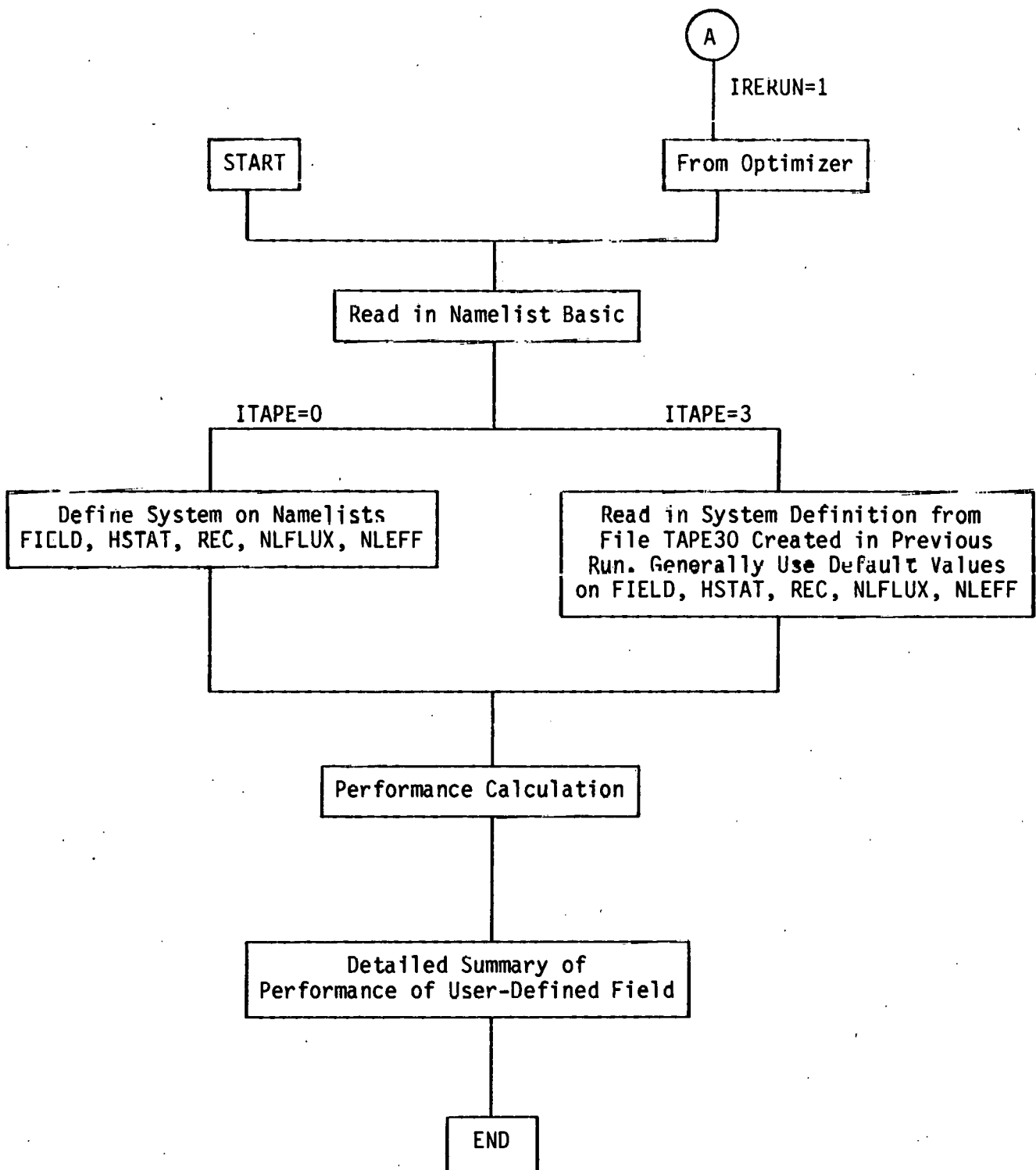


Figure VI-2. Options on Performance Calculation

TABLE VI.B-1.  
 OUTPUT FROM OPTIMIZATION RUN STORED ON TAPE30

<u>Variable</u>	<u>Namelist or Definition</u>
a) Common to all power levels	
WM, HM	HSTAT
IRØUND	"
ICANT	"
NCANTX, NCANTY	"
RØUND	
ASTAT	Surface area of heliostat including gaps (=WMxHM)
AMIRRØR	Total mirror area in field
NRAD	FIELD
NAZM	"
RMIRL	HSTAT
DENSMR	"
XFØCUS	"
YFØCUS	"
SIGAZ, SIGEL	"
SIGSX, SIGSY	"
SIGTX, SIGTY	"
HEAD	Hollerith heading (title) of job
IFØCUS	HSTAT
XFØCAL	"
YFØCAL	"
HCANT	"
DCANT	"
RADMIN, RADMAX	FIELD
RCANT	HSTAT
RANGE	Slant range
ILAY	FIELD
RFØCUS	HSTAT
INDC	"
IRØTFL	FIELD
REFSØL	BASIC
ATM1, ATM2, ATM3, ATM4, IATM	"
INØRTH, AMAXN	FIELD
PLAT	BASIC
ALT	"
REFDAY, REFTIM	"
NSUNPT, SUNR, SUNI, NSUN	"
ICPANL, WPANL, HPANL, HXCANT, HYCANT	HSTAT
NUMCAV, IREC, RELV, RAZM	REC
RRECL	"
IAUTØP	"
II	Total number of designs written on TAPE30 (<5)
HRØP	Total annual hours of plant operation

WEATH, DPRES, DH2Ø, DWEATH, IWEATH	BASIC
ALP	FIELD
ASTART	BASIC
REFTHP, AREF, REFR	NLEFF
REFLP, REFPIP, FPL	"
ITHEL, ETAREF, FEFF	"
REFPRL, FSP	"
PF	"
SMULT	"
CCMUL, CCMULY, CCMULC	Multipliers on direct capital cost
FCR, RHØML, RNHØML	Economic parameters
CSTREF, VSTREF, ESTREF, XST CSTRMD, VMAX	NLCØST
ISTR, NSTR	ØPT

b) Power level specific for detailed performance calculation  
(1 set for each power saved)

SAVE3	Power level
NTMIN(K), NTMAX(K) (K=1, NAZM)	Minimum, maximum zone occupied
AZMTR(L), DENTR(L) (L=1, NLAND)	Azimuthal separation, density
FLAND, XTØWER, YTØWER, SLEW, SLNS, CLE, CLN, NLAND	FIELD, ØPT
THT	REC
RX, RY, W, H, RWCAV	"
TØWD, TØWL	"
ACWØSY, ACWØSC	Capital cost without storage (escalated, current)
ESTØR	Maximum storage capacity
XFC, YFC, ZFC, DIAMF, PØLF, AZMF	NLFLUX
NXFLX, FAZMIN, FAZMAX, NYFLX, FZMIN, FZMAX	"

c) Arrays for plotting (all power levels: N=1, NP)

NP	Total number power levels (<20)
Y2(N)	Power levels
ALLBUSC(N)	Levelized energy costs (current \$)
HSTSAVE(N)	Number of heliostats
ARESAVE(N)	Total land area (km <sup>2</sup> )
ALLCC(N)	Total capital cost
ALLPCL(N)	% capital cost in land
ALLPCW(N)	" wiring
ALLPCH(N)	" heliostats
ALLPCT(N)	" tower
ALLPCR(N)	" receiver
ALLPCP1(N)	" piping
ALLPCPU(N)	" pumps
ALLPCS(N)	" storage
ALLPCEG(N)	" turbine/generator

ALLPCHX(N)	% capital cost in steam generators
ALLPCFX(N)	" fixed costs
ALLTØTE(N)	Overall system total efficiency
ALLHR(N)	Hours of storage
ALLKWHR(N)	Net energy production
ALLCØS(N)	Cosine
ALLSAB(N)	Shadowing and blocking (net efficiency)
ALLATM(N)	Atmospheric transmittance
ALLSPL(N)	Intercept
ALLRCR(N)	Annual average receiver efficiency (radiation and convection)
ALLRCP(N)	Annual average piping efficiency
ALLTØTH(N)	Overall system thermal efficiency
ALLLETA(N)	Average thermal to electric conversion efficiency
ALLFLUX(N,I) (I=1,4)	Design point flux on receiver at point I

#### VI.C. Saving a Compiled Version of DELSOL

Since DELSOL is a large program, the time involved in compiling the FORTRAN statements into machine language is non-negligible. It is recommended, therefore, that the user save (on a tape or disk) a permanent copy of a compiled version of DELSOL. The user will then only need to recompile if changes are made to the FORTRAN statements of DELSOL.

## VII. Comparison of DELSOL, MIRVAL and HELIOS Performance Predictions

The performance predictions of the MIRVAL, HELIOS and DELSOL computer codes are all in good agreement. A small system comparison is presented in this section since larger heliostat size/tower height ratios produce greater (but not necessarily significant) errors in the DELSOL predictions. The agreement of DELSOL in this more difficult application is good.

The system considered is a preliminary design for the CESA-1 (Central Energia Solar de Almeria) plant being built in Almeria, Spain. The complete system description, including heliostat coordinates, and details of the HELIOS and MIRVAL calculations are given in reference 33. A summary of the system is given in Table VII.1. The DELSOL calculations were performed using the option in which the individual heliostat coordinates are specified in Namelist FIELD. Two calculational times are considered: 10 AM and 4 PM on winter solstice. The 4 PM case involves an extreme sun zenith angle of  $82^\circ$ , which leads to considerable off-axis aberration of the canted heliostat images.

At the time of the comparisons MIRVAL and HELIOS used different descriptions of the heliostat errors. MIRVAL used a 1.65 mrad error in each component of the surface normal (corresponding to the DELSOL variables SIGSX and SIGSY). HELIOS used a 3.3 mrad ( $=2 \times 1.65$  mrad) error in each component of the reflected vector (SIGTX and SIGTY). These two error descriptions are not exactly equivalent whenever the cosine  $< 1$ . For the 10 AM case the DELSOL calculation was done twice: once with the MIRVAL error description and once with the HELIOS error description.

The final complication in the comparisons is a difference in defining the effect of the individual loss terms. The cosine, spillage, total power and flux definitions are identical. However, there is a small difference between DELSOL and the other two codes in defining the shadowing/blocking and between DELSOL and HELIOS (but not MIRVAL) in defining attenuation. Comparisons of shadowing/blocking and attenuation are therefore not as meaningful as comparing the other quantities.

The comparison of the power production is given in Table VII.2. The comparison of the flux distribution along a horizontal line through the aperture center is shown in Figure VII-1(a) (10 AM) and VII-1(b) (4 PM). The agreement is good. There are small differences (approximately 1% or less) in some of the predictions. These differences are not practically significant since the uncertainties in the input (e.g., heliostat errors) generally produce larger effects. The differences result from slightly different assumptions in the models, numerical errors, etc. For example, in Table VII.3 the DELSOL flux is symmetrical about the receiver center while the MIRVAL and HELIOS results show a slight asymmetry. The approximately 1% difference in the flux profiles results from the fact that in order to speed up the calculation DELSOL assumes that the mirror panels are canted symmetrically. In actuality, for canting at a fixed time (off-axis cant), the cant of the heliostat panels is slightly asymmetric because the sun angle is slightly different on each cant panel. MIRVAL and HELIOS include this small effect and therefore produce the small asymmetry in the image. The asymmetry would not arise for on-axis canting schemes.

TABLE VII.1

SYSTEM USED IN DELSOL, MIRVAL, HELIOS COMPARISON

Site:	37.099° N latitude
Field:	North only 282 Heliostats
Heliostats:	6.25 x 6.3 m (overall) 5 (horiz.) x 2 (vert.) cant panels Canted for noon on equinox
Receiver:	3.4 x 3.4 m square, tilted aperture
Tower Height:	56.345 m
Insolation:	0.7 kW/m <sup>2</sup>
Sunshape:	Rectangular



TABLE VII.2

## COMPARISON OF PERFORMANCE PREDICTIONS FOR A SMALL SYSTEM

Code	10 AM				4 PM	
	MIRVAL	HELIOS	DELSOL	DELSOL	HELIOS	DELSOL
Error Type <sup>1</sup>	MIRVAL	HELIOS	MIRVAL	HELIOS	HELIOS	HELIOS
Cosine	.949	.949	.949	.949	.873	.873
Shadow + Block <sup>2</sup>	.925	.924	.920	.920	.651	.658
Atmospheric Attenuation	.973	.974	.973	.973	.974	.973
Spillage	.921	.922	.921	.917	.902	.888
Power on Receiver (MW·th)	4.79 <sub>+ .2</sub>	4.76 <sub>+ .1</sub>	4.76	4.74	2.99	3.02
Peak Flux (MW·th/m <sup>2</sup> )	-	1.83	-	1.82	.923	.922
Avg. Flux Around Peak (MW·th/m <sup>2</sup> )	1.68	1.63	1.66	1.62	-	-

<sup>1</sup>MIRVAL errors are 1.65 mrad in each surface component.  
HELIOS errors are 3.30 mrad in each component of reflected ray.

<sup>2</sup>MIRVAL and HELIOS give an area loss, DELSOL gives an average area loss weighted by the cosine.

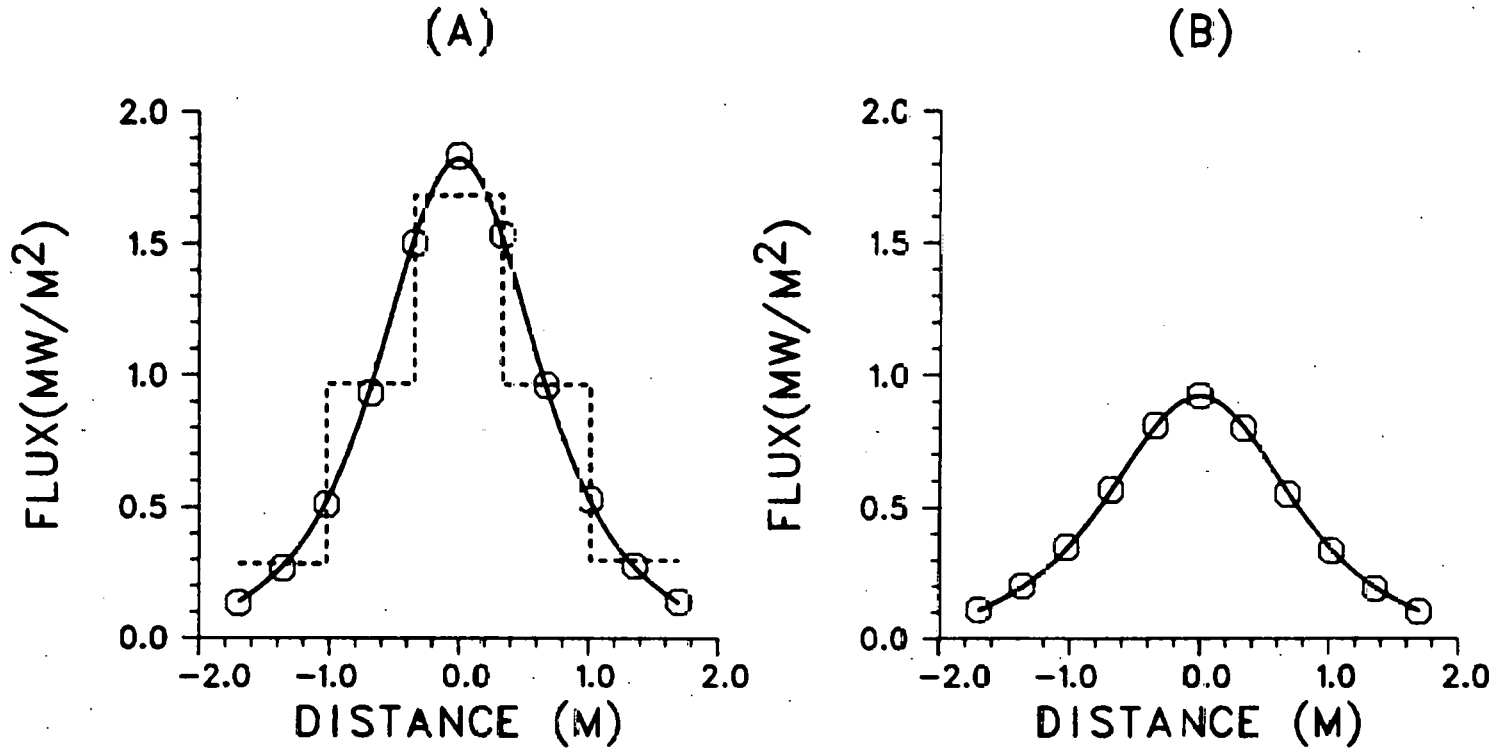


Figure VII-1. Comparison of DELSOL (solid line), MIRVAL (dashed histogram, 10 AM only) and HELIOS (O) predictions for the flux at 10 AM (A) and 4 PM (B) on Winter Solstice. Distance is measured along a horizontal line whose center coincides with the aperture center.

While the predictions are very close, the running times are very different. Users will probably find that DELSOL is 10-100 times faster than either MIRVAL or HELIOS.

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## APPENDIX A--INPUT CARDS

The input to DELSOL is accomplished through the use of namelists. Namelists are convenient because any format can be used for the input variables, the variables can be specified in any order and the only variables that need defining are those which differ from the default values. The Namelists are grouped into similar types of variables (e.g. Namelist HSTAT contains all of the heliostat inputs).

There are two types of problems that are run on DELSOL: performance calculations and design optimization calculations. In a performance calculation the user defines a single system and DELSOL calculates the optical performance for this system at a single time or day and/or on an annual basis. In a design optimization calculation the user specifies the heliostat, receiver geometry, range of all the optimization variables and DELSOL searches for the set of optimization variables that minimizes the energy cost. In the design search DELSOL analytically "scales" the results of an initial performance calculation. These initial performance results can be generated in the same computer run as the design optimization or can be read off of a tape that has been generated during a previous computer run. Finally, the results of the design optimization can be automatically used as input to a detailed performance run or can be written on a tape for subsequent calculations or plotting.

The input cards for a performance calculation are listed in Table A.A-1. The first card is a title card. The six namelists that follow specify the system to be analyzed. If the user wants to read in the coordinates of the heliostats instead of specifying zones of heliostats, these data cards follow the NLEFF namelist. Finally the REC namelist with W=-100 terminates the problem.

The input cards for a design optimization calculation are shown in Table A.A-2. The first card is the title card. The next six namelists (BASIC.... NLEFF) define the initial performance calculation. The values of these cards fix the zoning, latitude, insolation model, heliostat design and heliostat focusing/aiming strategy to be used during the optimization. If these values will be used again in another design optimization calculation, the results should be saved. To do this, set ITAPE=1 in Namelist BASIC and store the local file generated, TAPE10, on a tape or disk. When this initial performance calculation is to be used in a subsequent design run, attach a copy of the stored data to DELSOL with the local file name TAPE20, set ITAPE=2 in Namelist BASIC and omit the FIELD, HSTAT, REC, NLFLUX, and NLEFF namelists that follow the BASIC namelist. The REC, OPT, NLFLUX, NLEFF, NLCOST, NLECON namelists define the optimization values. If a detailed performance calculation of the optimized design is required, set IRERUN=1 in



TABLE A.A-1.

INPUT CARDS FOR PERFORMANCE ONLY CALCULATION

Title Card (not a namelist)

\$BASIC\$

\$FIELD\$

\$HSTAT\$

\$REC\$

\$NLFLUX\$

\$NLEFF\$

data cards for individual  
heliostat coordinates

(required only for calculations in which  
the user specifies the coordinates of  
each heliostat, IUSERFL=3 on Namelist  
FIELD)

\$REC W=-100.\$

(Termination card)

TABLE A.A-2.

INPUT CARDS FOR DESIGN OPTIMIZATION CALCULATION

Title Card

\$BASIC\$

\$FIELD\$

\$HSTAT\$

\$RECS\$

\$NLFLUX\$

\$NLEFF\$

\$RECS\$

\$OPT\$

\$NLFLUX\$

\$NLEFF\$

\$NLCOST\$

\$NLECON\$

Title Card

\$BASIC\$

\$FIELD\$

\$HSTAT\$

\$RECS\$

\$NLFLUX\$

\$NLEFF\$

\$REC W=-100\$

Omit if the initial performance run is a previous calculation stored on TAPE20 (ITAPE=2, Namelist BASIC)

Required only if an annual performance run is to be performed on the optimized design (IRERUN=1, Namelist OPT)

Termination card

Namelist ØPT and provide the six namelists after the NLECOØN namelist as shown in Table A.A-2. Usually it is not necessary to define any variables in these namelists since the values have been already defined. Finally, all problems are terminated with a REC namelist with the value W=-100.

Descriptions of all namelist variables follow. Included are constraints on the variables, if any, and default values. References to the main text for further details appear by section number in parentheses at the right hand side of the page. Note that in the main text, if the code input variable name differs from the variable name used in the discussion, the input variable name is indicated in parentheses when default values are listed at the end of each section.

TITLE CARD

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Short title with less than 20 spaces.

Namelist BASIC

IPRØB

Control parameter specifying type of performance calculation; note additional variables in namelist BASIC to be defined with each option.

- = 0, annual performance calculation based on NYEAR and HRDEL values;
- = 1, single day performance calculation defined by UDAY and HRDEL;
- = 2, single time performance calculation defined by UDAY and UTIME;
- = 3, performance calculation at user specified sun angles defined by NUAZ, NUEL, UAZ(M), and UEL(N) (this option with default values for angles can be used to generate input required for the STEAEC code).
- = 4, performance calculation for design/optimization run only, based on NYEAR and HRDEL; unnecessary spiltage calculations eliminated in initial performance calculation.

Constraint: IPRØB=4 for design run

Default: IPRØB=0 (II.D)

NYEAR

Number of days in the half year used in the initial performance calculation.

Constraints:  $3 < \text{NYEAR} < 9$ ; must be odd

Default: NYEAR=5 (II.D-1,II.D-5)

HRDEL

Time step, in hours, used to calculate daily performance when IPRØB=0, 1, 4.

Constraint: HRDEL > 0.5

Default: HRDEL = 1.0 (II.D-1,II.D-5)

UDAY

Day of the year for performance calculation when IPRØB=1 or 2.

Default: UDAY=81.0 (II.D-2,II.D-3)

UTIME

Hour past solar noon for performance calculation when IPRØB=2.

Default: UTIME=0. (II.D-3)

NUAZ

NUEL

UAZ(M)(M=1,NUAZ)

UEL(N)(N=1,NUEL)

Variables to specify sun angles for performance calculation when IPRØB=3. NUAZ (NUEL) azimuthal (zenith) angles with values of UAZ(M) (UEL(N)) degrees are defined; performance is calculated for the NUAZ x NUEL matrix of sun angles.

Constraints: NUAZ < 20, NUEL < 9

Default: NUAZ=7

NUEL=6

UAZ=0., 30., 60., 75., 90., 110., 130.

UEL=0.5, 25., 45., 65., 75., 85. (II.D-4)

DHØPT

During heliostat optimization the density and aspect ratio will be varied by no more than  $1 + \text{DHØPT}$  from the initial values. The larger DHØPT the wider the search for the optimum and the poorer the numerical approximations used in finding the optimum.

Constraint:  $0 < \text{DHØPT} < 0.20$

Default:  $\text{DHØPT} = 0.2$

(V.A-6,V.E-2)

IPRINT(I)  
(I=1, NYEAR)

Control parameter for zone by zone output of performance calculation. The annual zone by zone performance is always printed. The average performance of a user defined field at all times is always printed. In addition, for the Ith day of the NYEAR days (if IPRØB=1 or 2 the only day of the year is I=1), IPRINT(I)

= 0, no zone by zone output for this day;

= 1, daily average printed;

= 2, each time step and daily average printed.

If IPRØB=3 then IPRINT(I)

= 0, no zone by zone performance printed for the I zenith angle, UEL(I);

= 2, zone by zone performance printed for every combination of the I solar zenith angle, UEL(I), and the NUAZ values of the solar azimuthal angle (UAZ(1)...UAZ(NUAZ)).

Default: IPRINT = 9\*0

ITAPE

Control parameter for reading and writing tapes

= 0, no reading or writing of tapes;

= 1, output of performance run written on local file called TAPE10 to allow storage on most convenient permanent device for use in subsequent design calculations; this option eliminates need to duplicate initial performance calculation for different design runs when location and field options (latitude, dimensions, heliostat design, etc.) remain unchanged;

= 2, initial performance input for design run read from local file called TAPE20 which is copied from the mass storage device used to store the data created in a previous performance run with ITAPE=1; input namelists FIELD, HSTAT, REC, NLFLUX, and NLEFF in performance group are omitted with this option (see Table A.A-2). The user must be sure that the latitude, insolation model, sunshape, and heliostat design read from TAPE20 are those desired in the present run.

= 3, system input for performance calculation read from local file called TAPE30 which is copied from a mass storage device used to store the data created in a design/optimization

run using IØTAPE=1 in namelist ØPT. The data includes field layout, heliostat design, receiver dimensions, tower height, etc. so that input namelist FIELD, HSTAT, REC, NLFLUX, and NLEFF need not redefine any of these values.

Constraint: ITAPE = 2 for design calculations only  
Default: ITAPE = 0 (II.B-2,V.G,VI.A,VI.B)

- TDESP Power level, in MW, of optimized system stored on TAPE30 to be rerun in detailed performance calculation.  
Constraint: ITAPE = 3  
Default: TDESP = 100.0 (MW) (VI.B)
- PLAT Latitude, in degrees, of solar plant location.  
Constraints: 0 < PLAT < 90.0 (northern hemisphere)  
Default: PLAT = 35.0 (°) (Barstow) (III.A-1)
- ALT Altitude, in km, of solar plant location.  
Default: ALT = 0.65 (III.A-2)
- INSØL Parameter specifying insolation vs. time model: Note additional variables in namelist BASIC to be defined with each option:  
= 0, Meinel model; value for ALT required;  
= 1, Hottel model; value for ALT required;  
= 2, constant equal to SØLCØN;  
= 3, Allen model; values for PRES or DPRES, and H2O or DH2O required;  
= 4, Moon model; values for PRES or DPRES required.  
Default: INSØL = 0 (III.A-2)
- SØLCØN Value of constant insolation, in kw/m<sup>2</sup>, used with INSØL=2 option.  
Constraint: INSØL=2  
Default: SØLCØN=0.95 (kw/m<sup>2</sup>) (III.A-2)
- IWEATH Control parameter for site dependent weather factors:  
= 0, uniform weather factor for entire year; defined by WEATHER if INSØL = 0, 1, 2 or by PRES (INSØL = 3, 4) and H2O (INSØL = 3);  
= 1, varying weather factor for each of the NYEAR calculational days defined by DWEATH(I) if INSØL = 0, 1, 2 or by DPRES(I) (INSØL = 3,4) and DH2O(I) (INSØL = 3).  
Constraint: If IWEATH = 0, define WEATHER, PRES, and/or H2O for site.  
If IWEATH = 1, define DWEATH,DPRES, and/or DH2O for site.  
Default: IWEATH = 0 (III.A-3)

WEATH  
DWEATH(I)  
(I=1,NYEAR)

Fraction of energy calculated from the clear sky insolation models when  $INSOL = 0, 1, 2$  that is actually produced due to weather effects. WEATH is the uniform correction for cloudiness on an annual basis ( $IWEATH = 0$ ); DWEATH(I) is the individual correction for cloudiness to the Ith calculational day.

Default: WEATH = 0.83  
DWEATH =  $9 * 0.83$  (III.A-3)

H2Ø  
DH2Ø(I)  
PRES  
DPRES(I)  
(I=1,NYEAR)

Site specific atmospheric conditions. H2Ø is the constant mm of precipitable water in the atmosphere ( $IWEATH=0$ ). DH2Ø(I) is the individual mm of precipitable water on the Ith calculational day ( $IWEATH=1$ ). PRES is the constant relative atmospheric pressure compared to sea level, 760 mm of Hg ( $IWEATH=0$ ). DPRES(I) is the relative atmospheric pressure on the Ith day ( $IWEATH=1$ ).

Default: H2Ø = DH2Ø(I) = 20.0  
PRES = DPRES(I) = 1.0 (III.A-1,III.A-2,III.A-3)

NSUN

Control parameter specifying sunshape model:

- = 0, point sun (unrealistic, but useful for debugging);
- = 1, limb darkened sun, U. of Houston form;
- = 2, square wave sun;
- = 3, user defined sunshape through variables NSUNPT, SUNI, SUNR.

Default: NSUN = 1 (III.A-4)

NSUNPT  
SUNI(I)  
SUNR(I)  
(I=1,NSUNPT)

Variables for defining sunshape: NSUNPT is number of pairs of points of sun intensity, SUNI (arbitrary units) vs. angle from the center of the sun, SUNR (radians). Points do not have to be equally spaced.

Constraints: NSUN = 3  
NSUNPT < 50  
Points start at center of sun; i.e.,  
SUNR(1) = 0. Points decrease monotonically with increasing radius.

Default: None. (III.A-4)

REFDAY

Day of the year chosen for the design point; day 1 is January 1st. REFDAY

- = UDAY if  $IPRØB = 1$  or  $2$  (automatically set by code);
- = 354.75, winter solstice (~Dec. 21);
- = 81.0, equinox (Mar. 21);
- = 172.25, summer solstice (~June 21).

Constraint: REFDAY must occur on one of the days determined by NYEAR if  $IPRØB = 0$  or  $4$ .

Default: REFDAY = 81.0 (II.D-5,V.A-1)



REFTIM Design point hour on or past noon on the REFDAY of the year. If IPRØB = 2, REFTIM is set equal to UTIME by code.  
Constraint: REFTIM must be an integer multiple of HOURDEL.  
Default: REFTIM = 0.0 (noon) (II.D-5,V.A-1)

REFSØL Design point insolation, in kw/m<sup>2</sup>.  
Default: REFSØL = 0.95 (kw/m<sup>2</sup>) (V.A-1)

ASTART Maximum sun angle, in degrees, with respect to the vertical at which the plant will begin operation.  
Default: ASTART = 75.0 (°) (II.D-5)

IATM Control parameter specifying atmospheric attenuation model:  
= 0, 25 km visibility, Barstow, CA;  
= 1, 5 km visibility, Barstow, CA;  
= 2, user defined through variables ATM1, ATM2, ATM3, ATM4.  
Default: IATM = 0 (III.E-1)

ATM1 Variables for defining attenuation according to:  
ATM2 Fractional loss =  $ATM1 + ATM2 * R + ATM3 * R^2 + ATM4 * R^3$   
ATM3 where R is the slant range (km) from the heliostat to  
ATM4 the receiver.  
Constraint: IATM = 2 for user defined variables.  
Default: ATM1 = 0.006789  
ATM2 = 0.1046  
ATM3 = -0.0170  
ATM4 = 0.002845 (III.E-1)

Namclist FIELD

NAZM	Number of zone divisions azimuthally around the tower. Constraint: NAZM < 12; NAZM, even. <u>Default:</u> NAZM = 12	(II.B-1)
NRAD	Number of zone divisions in the radial direction from the tower. Constraint: NRAD < 13 <u>Default:</u> NRAD = 12	(II.B-1)
RADMIN RADMAX	Minimum and maximum radial position of heliostats, expressed in normalized units of distance based on the tower height, THT (REC namelist). <u>Default:</u> RADMIN = 0.75 RADMAX = 7.5	(II.B-1)
INØRTH	Control parameter for surround vs. north-only field (used primarily in small systems)  = 0, Surround field with equally spaced azimuthal zones surrounding the tower; = 1, Finer zoning of the north part of the field set by AMAXN. <u>Constraint:</u> If INØRTH = 1, IREC > 0 NUMCAV = 1 RAZM(1) = 180.0 in namelist REC. <u>Default:</u> INØRTH = 0	(II.B-1)
AMAXN	Maximum angle, in degrees, from north-south axis for north field zoning option (INØRTH = 1). There are (NAZM-1) zones from -AMAXN to +AMAXN(°) about the north-south axis; remaining zone is a "dummy" for the south part of the field. <u>Constraint:</u> INØRTH = 1 <u>Default:</u> AMAXN = 82.5(°)	(II.B-1)
ILAY	Control parameter for heliostat layout pattern:  = 0, radial stagger (only option at present) <u>Default:</u> ILAY = 0	(II.C)
IDENS	Parameter specifying heliostat density; options 1 and 2 based on U. of Houston results:  = 1, high reflectivity (~0.9) rectangular heliostats; = 2, low reflectivity (~0.6) round heliostats; = 3, user specified (see below). <u>Default:</u> IDENS = 1	(II.C)
IUSERF	Parameter specifying field option for initial performance calculation:	

- = 0, circular field defined by NAZM, NRAD, RADMIN, RADMAX; only zone by zone performance reported;
- = 1, code defined north biased field of Figure II-4;
- = 2, user defined field specified zone by zone (see below);
- = 3, user defined field specified by individual heliostat coordinates (see below).

Constraint: IUSERF = 0 for optimization run

Default: IUSERF = 0 (II.B-2)

IHPR

Parameter controlling the printout of the coordinates of the individual heliostats for the IUSERF=3 option.

- = 0, no coordinates printed
- = 1, coordinates printed

Default: IHPR=0

NLAND

Parameter specifying land constrained field parameters

- NLAND = 0 No land constraint.
- > 0 Land available for heliostat field constrained to NLAND rectangles defined by ALP, CLE, CLN, SLEW, SLNS, XTOWER, YTOWER.

Constraint: NLAND < 5

Default: NLAND = 0 (II.B-4)

ALP(I)  
CLE(I)  
CLN(I)  
SLEW(I)  
SLNS(I)  
XTOWER  
YTOWER  
(I=1,NLAND)

Variables defining land constraints for field layout:

- ALP(I) = angle (°) of rotation of Ith rectangle from N-S and E-W axes (> 0 clockwise viewed from above);
- CLE(I),CLN(I) = displacements (m) east and north, respectively; of center of Ith rectangle relative to the 1st;
- SLEW(I),SLNS(I) = length (m) of sides of Ith rectangle parallel to E-W and N-S axes, respectively, prior to rotation;
- XTOWER,YTOWER = tower coordinates (m) east and north, respectively, with center of first land constraint rectangle.

Constraint: NLAND > 0

Default: ALP = 5\*0.0

CLE,CLN = 5\*0.0

SLEW,SLNS = 5\*0.0

XTOWER,YTOWER = 0.0

(II.B-4)

FLAND(K,L)  
(K=1,NRAD)  
(L=1,NAZM)

Fraction of the area of the (K,L) zone that can be used for heliostats. If a land constraint is specified (preceding variables) then DELSOL will calculate FLAND. FLAND can also be used to adjust the field trim or to simulate partial cloud cover.

Default: FLAND = 156\*1.0

(II.B-2,II.B-4)

IRØTFL

Parameter specifying heliostat rotation.

- = 0, stationary heliostat field;
- = 1, heliostat field rotates synchronously with the sun in such a way that the sun appears to have no azimuthal motion. To simulate rotating fields DELSOL sets the azimuthal angle of the sun to be always due south of the tower.

Default: IRØTFL = 0

(II.B-3)

The following variables require definition only if IDENS = 3:

DENSIT(K,L)

Density (i.e., mirror area to ground area ratio) in zone (K,L) where K specifies the radial position and L the azimuthal position.

Constraint:  $0.0 < \text{DENSIT} < 1.0$

(II.B-2,II.C)

Default: DENSIT =  $156 \times 1.0$  (i.e., user must specify values)

AZMSEP(K)  
(K=1, NRAD)

1/2 center to center azimuthal separation of heliostats in normalized units of heliostat widths ( $= \Delta\text{Az}/2 \times W \times M$ ).

Default: AZMSEP =  $13 \times 1.05$

(II.B-2,II.C)

The following variables require definition only if IUSERFL = 2:

NRADMN(L)  
NRADMX(L)  
(L=1, NAZM)

Boundaries of the user defined field. For the Lth azimuthal zone, NRADMN(L) is the number of the radial zone occupied closest to the tower, and NRADMX(L) is the number of the radial zone occupied farthest from the tower. If no zones are occupied, NRADMN(L) = NRADMX(L) = 0.

Constraint: NRADMN, NRADMX  $<$  NRAD

Maximum number of heliostats per row = 648

Default: NRADMN =  $12 \times 1$

NRADMX =  $12 \times 1$

(II.B-2)

FSLIP

Ratio determining slip plane correction; in radial stagger layouts, excess shadowing and blocking is alleviated by periodically placing n heliostats on a row where n+1 heliostats would have been based on zone-wise  $\Delta R$  and  $\Delta\text{Az}$  values. FSLIP is the ratio of (n+1)/n.

Constraint: FSLIP  $>$  1.0

Default: FSLIP =  $4./3.$

(II.C-1)

The following input cards are required only if IUSERF = 3 (User defined heliostat field specified by giving individual heliostat coordinates):

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NOTE: These input cards follow NLEFF (see Table A.A-1). These cards are not Namelists, they are input with the format specified below.

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Card	Column	Format	Description
1	1-40	4A10	Alphanumeric heading to identify field
2	1-10	I10	Total no. of heliostats in field
	11-20	I10	Total no. of rows in field
3	1-10	I10	Number of row
	11-20	I10	Number of heliostats in row, starting with first row
4	1-10	F10.4	Displacement of 1st heliostat in this row heliostat east of tower (m)
	11-20	F10.4	Displacement of 1st heliostat in this row heliostat north of tower (m)
	21-30	F10.4	Not used at present
	31-40	F10.4	Aim point horizontal displacement (m)
	41-50	F10.4	Aim point "vertical" displacement (m)
	51-60	F10.4	Focal length (1/2 radius of curvature) (m)
5+			Repeat card 4 for all heliostats in this row
6			Repeat cards 3, 4, 5+ for each row

(II.B-2)

Namelist HSTAT

WM  
HM                      Width (WM) and height (HM), in meters, of the rectangular or circular boundary of the heliostat, including any edge supports or enclosures.  
Default: WM = 7.4(m)  
HM = 7.4(m) (II.C,II.E)

ICPANL                      Parameter for optional specification of location of individual cant panels:  
                              = 0, no panel input  
                              = 1, individual panel location set by WPANL, HPANL, HXCANT, HXCANT, HXCANT (for more accurate images in small systems)  
Default: ICPANL = 0 (II.E)

WPANL  
HPANL  
HXCANT(I)  
HYCANT(I)  
(I=1,NCANTX\*NCANTY)      Variables defining individual cant panels; size WPANL(m) wide, HPANL(m) high in heliostat plane; center of Ith panel HXCANT(I) m from heliostat center parallel to horizontal edge, HYCANT(I) m parallel to vertical edge.  
Constraint: ICPANL = 1  
Default: WPANL = 3.70 (II.E)  
HPANL = 1.23  
HXCANT = 6\*1.4, 6\*(-1.4)  
HYCANT = 3.08, 1.85, 0.62, -0.62, -1.85, -3.08,  
3.08, 1.85, 0.62, -0.62, -1.85, -3.08

DENSMR                      Ratio of mirror area to total area of the heliostat defined by WM x HM.  
Default: DENSMR = 0.897 (II.C,II.E)

IRØUND                      Heliostat shape parameter.  
                              = 0, rectangular  
                              = 1, round  
Default: IRØUND = 0 (II.E)

RMIRL                      Average reflectivity of the mirrored surface, including transmission losses in the dome, if present.  
Default: RMIRL = 0.89 (II.E, III.E-2)

SIGEL  
SIGAZ                      Standard deviations, in radians, of the normal error distribution of the elevation angle (SIGEL) and azimuthal angle (SIGAZ).  
Constraint: SIGAZ+SIGSX+SIGTX>0  
                              SIGEL+SIGSY+SIGTY>0  
Default: SIGEL = 0.00075 (rad)  
SIGAZ = 0.00075 (rad) (II.E-1)

SIGSX  
SIGSY                      Standard deviations, in radians, of the normal error distribution of the heliostat reflective surface normal; SIGSX is in the horizontal direction, SIGSY in the direction perpendicular to the SIGSX direction (vertical when the heliostat is vertical).

Constraint: Same as SIGEL, SIGAZ  
Default: SIGSX = 0.001 (rad)  
 SIGSY = 0.001 (rad) (II.E-1)

SIGTX  
 SIGTY

Standard deviations, in radians, of the normal error distribution of the reflected vector; caused by atmospheric refraction, tower sway, etc. SIGTX is in the horizontal direction; SIGTY in the direction perpendicular to the SIGTX direction.

Constraint: Same as SIGEL, SIGAZ  
Default: SIGTX = 0.000 (rad)  
 SIGTY = 0.000 (rad) (II.E-1)

ICANT

Canting parameter:

- = 0, no canting;
- = -1, individual on-axis cant at a distance equal to the slant range;
- = 1, user defined on-axis canting. The canting is specified by the RCANT array defined below; (can be used to produce a single cant for the whole field).
- = 3, individual off-axis cant at time defined below by DCANT, HCANT.

Default: ICANT = 1 (III.E-2)

NCANTX  
 NCANTY

Number of submirror panels in a canted heliostat equals NCANTX times NCANTY; there are NCANTX panels in the  $\hat{i}_n$  direction, NCANTY in the  $\hat{j}_n$  direction.

Constraint: NCANTX\*NCANTY  $\leq$  25  
Default: NCANTX = 2  
 NCANTY = 6 (II.E-2)

HCANT  
 DCANT

Parameters defining off-axis cant; heliostats are canted at HCANT hours past noon on the DCANT day of the year.

Default: HCANT = 0.0  
 DCANT = 81.0 (II.D-5, II.E-2)

RCANT(K)  
 (K=1, NRAD)

Focal length, in units of tower heights, TH1 (Namelist REC), at which all heliostats in the Kth radial zones are canted; can be used to define one canting for the whole field.

Constraint: ICANT = 1  
Default: RCANT = 13\*7.15 (II.E-2)

XFØCUS  
 YFØCUS

Parameters specifying focusing or no focusing of mirror panel or subpanels (submirrors can be focused as well as canted). XFØCUS specifies focusing in the  $\hat{i}_n$  direction, YFØCUS in the  $\hat{j}_n$  direction.

XFØCUS or YFØCUS = 0.0 No focusing in corresponding direction

XFØCUS or YFØCUS = 1.0 Focusing in corresponding direction

Default: XFØCUS = 1.0 (III.E-2)  
YFØCUS = 1.0

IFØCUS

Types of focusing:

- = 0, individual focus with focal length equal to the slant range;
- = 1, user defined focal length determined by XFØCAL and YFØCAL if zoning is used or focal length read off of individual heliostat data cards if this is an individual heliostat field (IUSERFL = 3, Namelist FIELD); (can be used to produce a single focal length for the whole field).

Constraint: XFØCUS = YFØCUS = 1.0

Default: IFØCUS = 1 (II.E-2)

XFØCAL(K)  
YFØCAL(K)  
(K=1, NRAD)

User defined focal lengths for the Kth radial zone (note: the focal length = 1/2 radius of curvature); XFØCAL(K) is the focal length in units of tower heights (THT in namelist REC) in the  $i_n$  direction and YFØCAL(K) is in the  $j_n$  direction.

Default: XFØCAL = 13\*7.15  
YFØCAL = 13\*7.15

(II.E-2)

INDC

Control parameter for more accurate heliostat images during performance only calculations:

- = 0, regular images;
- = 1; separate image generated from each cant panel instead of a single image from the whole heliostat. This significantly increases the running time. This option can only be used with a performance calculation and cannot be used in design optimization calculations.

Constraint: INDC = 0 for a design calculation  
IAUTØPT = 0 (Namelist REC) if INDC = 1  
ICANPL = 1 if INDC = 1

Default: INDC = 0 (III.D-1)

ISB

Parameter controlling overlapping of shadowing and blocking:

- = 0, no overlap. Most conservative assumption as shading and blocking losses are maximized.
- = 1, complete overlap. Lower bound on shading and blocking losses.

Default: ISB = 0 (III.C)



Namelist REC

THT "Tower height." The elevation, in meters, of the center of external receiver or of the cavity aperture above the heliostat pivot point, not ground level.  
Default: THT = 175.0 (m) (II.F)

TØWL The shadow cast by the tower and receiver is modeled as  
TØWD the shadow cast by a cylinder that is TØWL meters tall (measured above the heliostat pivot points) and has a diameter of TØWD meters.  
Default: TØWL = 175.0, TØWD = 10.0 (m) (III.C)

IREC Parameter specifying type of receiver:  
= 0, vertical cylindrical external receiver;  
= 1, cavity with aperture(s) of elliptical cross section;  
= 2, cavity with aperture(s) of rectangular cross section.  
= 3, elliptical shape flat plate receiver(s)  
= 4, rectangular shape flat plate receiver(s)  
Default: IREC = 0 (II.F)

W Diameter, in meters, of an external receiver. For flat plates or cavities, W is twice the horizontal distance from the center of the aperture or flat plate to the tower centerline.  
Default: W = 16.0 (m) (II.F)

H Height, in meters, of an external receiver. For cavities H is the height of the top of the heat absorbing surface above the bottom of the cavity. Not needed for flat plates.  
Default: H = 16.0 (m) (II.F)

RRECL Fraction of the incident power absorbed by the receiver before radiation and convection losses, but after receiver reflection loss:  
$$RRECL = \frac{\text{Power incident} - \text{Power reflected}}{\text{Power incident}}$$
  
Default: RRECL = 0.965 (III.E-2)

IAUTØP Control parameter identifying aiming strategy:  
= 0, single aim point at center of receiver;  
= 1, code calculated time dependent 1-d "smart" aiming strategy; heliostat images are spread out along the "height" of the receiver or aperture to reduce the peak flux and flux gradients with no increase in spillage.

This option should be used with external cylinder, elliptical flat plate and elliptical aperture cavity receivers with flux limits (Namelist NLFLUX);

- = 2, same as 1 except that the images are spread out in 2-d. This option should be used only with rectangular flat plate or rectangular aperture receivers with flux limits;
- = 3, time dependent aiming strategy to reduce radiation/convection losses, to reduce thermal-mechanical damage, or to minimize the size of a heat absorbing surface inside a cavity. For each zone the image is centered across the "width" of the receiver or aperture and is positioned as close to the bottom of the receiver as possible without increasing spillage significantly;
- = 4, same as 3 except the images are spread out along the width of the receiver. This option should only be used with a rectangular flat plate or rectangular aperture receiver;
- = 5, user defined, time independent, uniform aiming. For the (K,L) zone the aim points are arranged in a rectangular grid that is in the plane of the cavity aperture or flat plate or is in the plane that is tangent to the external receiver at the azimuthal angle of the zone. There are NAX(K,L) aim points along the horizontal direction from a minimum value of XAIM(K,L,1) meters to a maximum value of XAIM(K,L,2) meters. Similarly, there are NAY(K,L) aim points along the "vertical" direction from a minimum value of YAIM(K,L,1) meters to a maximum value of YAIM(K,L,2) meters. Note that this option should only be used for performance runs.

NAY(K,L)  
NAX(K,L)  
XAIM(K,L,M)  
YAIM(K,L,M)  
NUMPT(K,L)  
(K=1,NRAD)  
(L=1,NAZM)

Constraint: Maximum of 25 user defined aim points/zone. Code will only automatically generate up to 100 aim points.

IREC = 2 or 4 if IAUTOPT = 2 or 4  
IPRØB ≠ 4 (namelist BASIC) if IAUTØPT = 5

Default: IAUTØP = 0  
NUMPT(K,L) = NAX(K,L) = NAY(K,L) = 1  
XAIM(K,L,M) = YAIM(K,L,M) = 0

(II.G,  
II.H-2)

For cavities or flat plates, the following must be defined:

NUMCAV                      Number of apertures in cavity receiver or number of flat plate receivers.

Constraint: NUMCAV < 4

Default: NUMCAV = 1

(II.F)

RELV(I)  
RAZM(I)

Orientation of  $\hat{r}$  vector; i.e., outward normal of surface stretched across the aperture or flat plate receiver. For the Ith (I=1, NUMCAV) aperture, RELV(I) is the polar angle,  $\theta_r$ , and RAZM(I) the azimuthal angle,  $\beta_r$ , both in degrees (see Figure II-1 in main text).

$$\text{RELV}(I) = \begin{cases} 90.0^\circ & \text{Vertical} \\ >90.0^\circ & \text{Down facing} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{RAZM}(I) = \begin{cases} 0.0^\circ & \text{South facing} \\ 90.0^\circ & \text{West facing} \\ 180.0^\circ & \text{North facing} \\ 270.0^\circ & \text{East facing} \end{cases}$$

Constraint: RAZM(I) < 360. Angles must be in order clockwise.

Default: RELV = 4\*90.0 (°)  
RAZM = 180., 270., 0., 90. (°) (II.F)

RX(I)  
RY(I)  
(I=1, NUMCAV)

Dimensions, in meters, of Ith cavity aperture or flat plate receiver. RX(I) is the horizontal dimension, and RY(I) perpendicular to RX(I).

Default: RX = 4\*6.0 (m)  
RY = 4\*6.0 (m) (II.F,V.A-3)

RWCAV(I)  
(I=1, NUMCAV)

Ratio of the radius of the vertical cylindrical heat absorbing surface centered on the Ith aperture to the radius, W/2, of the receiver. This option is used only with cavity receivers and allows the cavities to have different depths. The greater RWCAV the larger the heat exchanger surface within the cavity and the lower the peak flux.

Default: RWCAV = 4\*1.0 (II.F,IV.A-5,V.A-3)

Namelist NLFLUX

IFLX

Parameter specifying flux calculation. For performance runs flux calculations are made at the one time of the year specified by IFXØUT. For optimization runs, flux calculations are made only at the design point.

= 0, no flux calculations;

= 1, flux calculations desired.

Constraint: IFLX = 1 if any IFXØUT ≠ 0

Default: IFLX = 0 (II.H, V.B-1,V.D-5)

IFXØUT(I,J)  
(I=1, NYEAR;  
J=1, 16)

Parameter allowing selection of the one time of the year at which the flux is calculated. For the Jth time step (i.e., (J-1)\*HRDEL hours past noon) on the Ith day (I=1 at winter solistice, = (NYEAR + 1)/2 at equinox, = NYEAR at summer solistice, etc.), IFXØUT:

= 0, no flux calculated at this time;

= 1, total flux from user defined field (i.e., IUSERF = 1 or 2 in FIELD namelist) calculated and reported for this time;

= -1, flux from every zone printed plus total flux if IUSERF = 2 at this single time.

Constraint: One IFXØUT ≠ 0 for flux maps in performance runs, including reruns.

All IFXØUT = 0 if IFLX = 0.

Default: IFXØUT = 144\*0 (II.H)

IFLAUT

Parameter specifying the type of surface on which a grid of flux points will be automatically generated. In all cases the "center" of the receiver is on the tower centerline THT meters (Namelist REC) above the plane of the heliostat pivots. IFLAUT = 4 is generally the best option:

XFC  
YFC  
ZFC  
PØLF  
AZMF  
DIAMF

=1, points are on the outside surface of a cylinder with a vertical axis. The cylinder has a diameter of DIAMF meters and is offset by XFC meters to the east, YFC meters to the north and ZFC meters up from the "receiver center". This option with DIAMF=W (Namelist REC) and XFC=YFC=ZFC=0 generates the flux points on the surface of an external receiver.

=2, same as = 1 except the points are on the inside surface of a hollow vertical cylinder.

=3, points are on a plane. The center of the origin that is used to define the grid of flux points is XFC meters to the east, YFC meters to the north and ZFC meters up from the "receiver center". The outward surface normal of the plane on the side that the flux is incident has an azimuthal angle of

AZMF (North = 180°, E = 270° etc.) and a polar angle PØLF (90° = vertical, > 90° downward facing).  
= 4, automatic generation of the flux points on the heat absorbing surface of the receiver specified in the REC Namelist.

Note: For multiple aperture cavity or multiple flat plate receivers, flux calculations can be made for only one heat absorbing surface at a time.

External Cylinder Receiver (IREC = 0)

The flux points are located on the outside of a cylinder whose DIAMF = W and XFC = YFC = ZFC = 0. If the default values of NXFLX, FAZMIN, FAZMAX, NYFLX, FZMIN, FZMAX are used then a single flux point on the center of the north side of the cylinder will be generated.

Cavity Receiver (IREC = 1 or 2)

The flux points are located on the inner surface of a vertical cylinder centered on the first aperture DIAMF = W\*RWCAV(1), XFC =  $-(W/2.)*\text{SIN}(\text{RAZM}(1))$ , YFC =  $-(W/2.)*\text{CØS}(\text{RAZM}(1))$ . If the default values of NXFLX, FAZMIN, FAZMAX, NYFLX, FZMIN, FZMAX then a single flux point is generated in the center of the heat absorbing surface of the first cavity aperture at a height equal to the height of the center of the heat absorbing surface; it is further assumed that the first aperture faces north.

Flat Plate Receiver (IREC = 3 or 4)

The flux points are located on the surface of the first flat plate receiver. XFC =  $-(W/2.)*\text{SIN}(\text{RAZM}(1))$ , YFC =  $-(W/2.)*\text{CØS}(\text{RAZM}(1))$ , ZFC = 0., PØLF = RELV(1), and AZMF = RAZM(1). If the default values of NXFLX, FAZMIN, FAZMAX, NYFLX, FZMIN, FZMAX are used then a single flux point is generated at the center of the first plate, assumed to be facing north.

Default: IFLAUT=4

XFC=YFC=ZFC=0.0 (m)

PØLF=90.0(°)

AZMF=180.0 (°)

DIAMF=16.0 (m)

(II.H-1, II.H-2,V.B-1)

NXFLX  
FAZMIN  
FAZMAX

IFLAUT=1 or 2

Number of divisions around the circumference of the cylinder for automatically generated grid of flux points, NXFLX; points equally spaced at azimuthal angles starting at

FAZMIN and ending at FAZMAX (in degrees); angles increase clockwise when viewed from above the receiver:

<u>IFLAUT=1</u>	<u>IFLAUT=2</u>
0° or 360° → South	North
90° → West	East
180° → North	South
270° → East	West

IFLAUT=3

NXFLX equally spaced points along a horizontal axis of the the plane defined by (XFC, YFC, ZFC, PØLF, AZMF) from a minimum value of FAZMIN meters to a maximum value of FAZMAX meters.

Constraint: FAZMAX > FAZMIN (Note that in some cases with IFLAUT=1 or 2 it may be necessary to add 360° to FAZMAX).

$$NXFLX * NYFLX < 169$$

Default: NXFLX = 1  
 FAZMAX = 180.0 (°)  
 FAZMIN = 180.0 (°) (II.H-1)

NYFLX  
 FZMIN  
 FZMAX

Number of divisions along the "height" of the surface (H if IREC=0, RY if IREC≠0) used for automatically generated grid of flux points, NYFLX; points equally spaced from FZMIN to FZMAX, in meters; measured from the origin, up being positive.

Constraint: FZMAX > FZMIN

$$NXFLX * NYFLX < 169$$

Default: NYFLX = 1  
 FZMIN = 0.0 (m)  
 FZMAX = 0.0 (m) (II.H-1)

NOTE: For cavity receivers, FZMIN=FZMAX= center of height of the heat absorbing surface.

ICAVF(I)  
 (I=1, NUMCAV)

Parameter specifying aperture(s) through which incident light can reach the flux surface under consideration:  
 = 0, no light reaches flux surface from aperture I;  
 ≠ 0, light reaches flux surface from aperture I.

Constraint: IREC = 1 or 2

Code default values apply to first aperture.

Default: ICAVF = 1,0,0,0 (II.H)

The following are specified only for layout/optimization runs:

NFLXMX  
 NMXFLX(I)  
 (I=1, NFLXMX)

NFLXMX points on the receiver tested during field layout to check if FLXLIM limit exceeded; these are a subset of the NXFLX by NYFLX points defined above.

NMXFLX(I) identifies the exact point to be evaluated, as follows (see Figure (II-10)).

If M = azimuthal location between 1 and NXFLX  
N = vertical location between 1 and NYFLX

then  $NMXFLX(I) = M + (N-1)*NXFLX$

Constraints:  $NFLXMX < 4$   
 $NFLXMX < NXFLX*NYFLX$   
 $NMXFLX(I) < NXFLX*NYFLX$

Default:  $NFLXMX = 1$   
 $NMXFLX = 1$  (II.H-2,V.B-1)

FLXLIM(I)  
(I=1,NFLXMX)

Maximum allowed flux on the receiver in  $W/m^2$  at  
NMXFLX(I) flux point.

Default:  $FLXLIM(1) = 0.6E+06$   
 $FLXLIM(I) (I=2,NFLXMX) = 1.0 E+10$  (II.H-2,V.B-1)

Namelist NLEFF

REFTHP	Gross thermal power (watts) absorbed by a reference receiver (area AREF) before receiver and piping radiation and convection losses. <u>Constraint:</u> Data should be for same type receiver (i.e., external, cavity, etc.) as in REC namelist. <u>Default:</u> REFTHP = $4.17 \times 10^8$ (watts) (III.E-3)
AREF	Reference receiver area (m <sup>2</sup> ); for cavities, this should be total aperture area. <u>Default:</u> AREF = 2165.0 (m <sup>2</sup> ) (III.E-3)
REFRC	Fraction of REFTHP transferred to receiver working fluid after radiation and convection losses. <u>Default:</u> REFRC = 0.83 (III.E-3)
REFLP	Reference pipe length (m) for calculating piping insulation losses. <u>Default:</u> REFLP = 170.0 (m) (III.E-4)
REFPIP	Fraction of REFRC*REFTHP delivered to storage and EPGS after piping losses. <u>Default:</u> REFPIP = 0.998 (III.E-4)
FPLH	Factor multiplying tower height to give total hot piping run in a single module. <u>Default:</u> FPLH = 2.6 (III.E-4, IV.A-7)
FPLC	Factor multiplying tower height to give total cold piping run in a single module (may be different from FPLH if expansion allowance different). <u>Default:</u> FPLC = 2.6 (IV.A-7)
ITHEL	Parameter for design point thermal/electric conversion efficiency:  = 0, efficiency assumed constant at all design power levels, value specified by ETAREF; ≠ 0, efficiency varies with design power level as described in Figure III-3. <u>Default:</u> ITHEL = 0 (III.E-5)
ETAREF	Design point thermal/electric conversion efficiency; constant at all power levels (only used when ITHEL = 0). <u>Default:</u> ETAREF = 0.42 (III.E-5, IV.A-5)
FEFF	Fraction of design point efficiency describing average off-design operation. <u>Default:</u> FEFF = 0.95 (III.E-5)



REFPRL Design point parasitic load, expressed as a fraction of the gross electrical output.  
Default: REFPRL = 0.065 (III.E-8)

FSP Fraction of design point parasitic load required for operation from storage.  
Default: FSP = 0.5 (III.E-8)

FEP Fraction of design point parasitic load for operation electrical generating pumps (feedwater pumps, cooling tower, etc.).  
Default: FEP = 0.0 (III.E-8)

EFFSTR Round trip efficiency through storage.  
Default: EFFSTR = 0.99 (III.E-7)

PF Plant factor; expected fraction of the year in which the plant will be on line. The default value is commonly used for comparing solar technologies. In a realistic calculation of busbar energy cost, PF should be some value less than 1.0.  
Default: PF = 1.00 (IV.B)

SMULT Solar multiple at design point; 1/SMULT of the thermal power at the base of the tower goes directly to the industrial or electrical process at the design point; the rest is sent to storage.  
Constraint: SMULT > 1.0  
Default: SMULT = 1.5 (IV)

IPH Parameter identifying industrial process heat run instead of electrical plant run:  
 =0, electrical plant; output in MW<sub>e</sub>, mills/kw-hr, etc.  
 ≠0, industrial process heat; code automatically sets ETAREF=1.0, FEFF=1.0, REFPRL=0.0, CEGREF=0.0.  
Default: IPH = 0 (III.E-6)

Namelist IØPT\*

IHØPT

Control parameter for optimizing the heliostat densities.

= 0, no heliostat density optimization. The default densities (which are a function of the tower height) are used. The heliostat field boundaries are optimized;

= 1, heliostat densities are optimized.

Constraint: Tower height cannot be varied if IHØPT = 1.

Default: IHØPT = 0 (V.A-6,V.E-2)

NUMTHT  
THTST  
THTEND

In optimization run, NUMTHT discrete, equally spaced values of the tower height are tested from THTST to THTEND (in meters). If NUMTHT = 1, then the tower height is set equal to THT specified in the REC namelist; THTST and THTEND need not be specified.

Constraints: THTST < THTEND  
1 < NUMTHT < 20

Default: NUMTHT = 1  
THTST = 75.0 (m)  
THTEND = 400.0 (m) (I,V.A,V.A-2)

NUMREC  
WST  
WEND

External receivers (IREC = 0 in REC namelist): NUMREC discrete, equally spaced values of the diameter tested from WST to WEND (in meters). If NUMREC = 1, the only value of the diameter considered is that defined by W in the REC namelist.

Cavity (IREC = 1, 2) and Flat Plate (IREC = 3,4)

Receivers: NUMREC discrete, equally spaced values of the horizontal dimension of the first aperture or flat plate, RX(1), tested from WST to WEND (in meters). If NUMREC = 1, the only value considered is that defined for RX(1) in the REC namelist.

Constraints: WST < WEND  
1 < NUMREC < 20

Default: NUMREC = 1  
WST = 8.0 (m)  
WEND = 26.0 (m) (I,V.A,V.A-3)

NUMHTW  
HTWST  
HTWEND  
IØPTUM

External receivers (IØPTUM = 1): NUMHTW equally spaced values of the receiver height to diameter ratio (H/W) tested from HTWST to HTWEND. If NUMHTW = 1, only the ratio defined by H and W in namelist REC is used.

Cavity and flat plate receivers (IØPTUM = 1): NUMHTW equally spaced values of the ratio of the height to width, RY(1)/RX(1), of the first cavity or flat plate tested from HTWST to HTWEND. If NUMHTW = 1, only the ratio defined by RX(1) and RY(1) on Namelist REC is used. The width W is held constant.

Cavity receivers (IØPTUM = 2): NUMHTW equally spaced values of W tested from HTWST to HTWEND. If NUMHTW = 1, only the W defined by namelist REC is used. The aspect

\*For all design/optimization runs, set IPRØB = 4 in namelist BASIC.

ratios of the cavity apertures,  $RY(I)/RX(I)$  are held constant. This option is appropriate for a flux limited cavity receiver.

Constraints:  $HTWST < HTWEND$   
 $1 < NUMHTW < 20$

Default:  $NUMHTW = 1$   
 $HTWST = 1.0$   
 $HTWEND = 1.0$  (II.F,V.A,V.A-3,V.B-1)  
 $IØPTUM = 1$

RYTRX  
RX2TRX  
RX3TRX  
RX4TRX

Cavity and flat plate receivers: RYTRX is the ratio  $RY(I)/RX(I)$ , assumed the same for all apertures or flat plates. RX2TRX is the ratio  $RX(2)/RX(1)$ , etc. (See REC namelist for definitions of RX's and RY's.)

Default:  $RYTRX = 1.0$   
 $RX2TRX = 1.0$   
 $RX3TRX = 1.0$   
 $RX4TRX = 1.0$  (II.F,V.A-3)

NUMØPT  
PØPTMN  
PØPTMX

NUMØPT equally spaced net electrical design power levels from PØPTMN to PØPTMX (in watts) considered for optimal design.

Constraint:  $1 < NUMØPT < 20$   
 $PØPTMN < PØPTMX$   
Cost models not necessarily accurate  
below  $\sim 10^7$  watts.

Default:  $NUMØPT = 20$   
 $PØPTMN = 2.0 \times 10^7$  (watts)  
 $PØPTMX = 4.0 \times 10^8$  (watts) (I, V.A, V.A-1)

NUMPØS  
XTPST  
YTPST  
XTPEND  
YTPEND

In a land constrained design ( $NLAND > 0$ , below) NUMPØS discrete, equally spaced values of the tower location relative to the origin used to describe the land constraints are tested. The tower positions lie along a line specified by the coordinates of the first tower position (XTPST m east, YTPST m north) and the last tower position (XTPEND m east, YTPEND m north).

Constraint:  $1 \leq NUMPØS \leq 20$

Default:  $NUMPØS = 1$   
 $XTPST = XTPEND = YTPST = YTPEND = 0.0$   
(I, V.A, V.A-4)

NLAND  
ALP(I)  
CLE(I)  
CLN(I)  
SLEW(I)  
SLNS(I)  
(I=1,NLAND)

Land constrained field parameters.

$NLAND = 0$  No land constraint

$> 0$  The land available for the heliostat at field is constrained to be within NLAND rectangles. CLE(I) and CLN(I) are the displacements in m to the east and north, respectively, of the center of the Ith

rectangle relative to the center of the first rectangle. ALP(I) is the angle in degrees that the Ith rectangle is rotated about its center from the N-S, E-W orientation (positive angles represent a clockwise rotation when viewed from above). SLEW(I) and SLNS(I) are the lengths of the sides of the Ith rectangle that, prior to rotation by ALP(I), were parallel to the E-W and N-S axes, respectively.

Constraint: NLAND < 5

Default: NLAND = 0

ALP, CLE, CLN, SLEW, SLNS = 0 (II.B-4, V.B-2)

SMULT

Solar multiple at design point; 1/SMULT of the thermal power at the base of the tower goes directly to the industrial or electrical process at the design point; the remainder is sent to storage.

Constraint: SMULT > 1.0

Default: SMULT = 1.5

(IV)

IPLFL(I)  
(I=1, NUMØPT)

Parameter identifying the subset of the NUMØPT power levels at which field layouts are printed and descriptions of optimized system are written on TAPE30 if desired:

- = 0, no field layout output for the Ith power level;
- = 1, output generated for Ith power level.

Constraint: Maximum number of nonzero IPLFL's = 5

Default: IPLFL = 20\*0

(VI.B)

IPRØPT

Parameter for detailed output of zone by zone field buildup (IPRØPT = -1 is strongly recommended):

- = 0, output suppressed;
- = 1, output printed. (Note: this option generates a large amount of output);
- = -1, Limited output printed during optimization. Shows some detail of search and provides useful output even when program runs out of time.

Default: IPRØPT = -1

(App. B)

IHØPTP

Parameter for detailed print out of heliostat density optimization:

- = 0, output suppressed
- = 1, output printed (Note: this option generates a large amount of output).

Default: IHØPTP = 0

(App. B)

IØTAPE

Parameter specifying if user desires to write the results of an optimization run on TAPE30 to save as a permanent file, or to rerun for a detailed performance calculation, or both:

= 0, no information written on TAPE30;  
= 1, information written on TAPE 30.  
Default: IOTAPE = 0 (II.B-2,VI.B)

IRERUN

Parameter for automatically rerunning a detailed performance calculation of an optimized system:

= 0, no performance calculation;  
= 1, performance calculation of optimized system according to the choice of the non-zero IPLFL's (namelist ØPT) and TDESP (namelist BASIC). See Figure VI-2 and Table A.A-2 for required Namelists.

Constraint: IOTAPE = 1 if IRERUN = 1.

Default: IRERUN = 0 (II.B-2,VI.D)

IALL

Parameter controlling search algorithm:

= 0, "smart" search (selected subset of THT, W, H, etc.);  
= 1, all possible combinations of optimization variables evaluated (long running times required).

Default: IALL = 0 (V.C)

ISTR

Parameter identifying storage optimization in the detailed performance calculation of a DELSØL optimized design:

= 0, no optimization on storage size; maximum size as determined in MAX used;  
≠ 0, optimum storage size determined; NSTR discrete values between 0 and 1 times the maximum size determined in MAX are evaluated.

Default: ISTR = 0 (V.A-7)

NSTR

Number of storage sizes, between 0 and 1 times the maximum size, evaluated to find optimum storage capacity for a given design.

Default: NSTR = 1 (V.A-7)

Namelist NLCØST\*

CH Cost of heliostats excluding wiring;  $\$/m^2$  mirror surface.  
Default: CH = 75.00 ( $\$/m^2$ ) (IV.A-1)

CL Cost of land including site preparation;  $\$/m^2$ .  
Default: CL = 1.30 ( $\$/m^2$ ) (IV.A-2)

CWR Wiring cost parameters; CW, total wiring cost in  
CWDR  $\$/heliostat$ , given by  
CWDA

$$CW = CWR \cdot RAD + CWDR \cdot RSEP + CWDA \cdot AZMSEP$$

where RAD, RSEP, AZMSEP are calculated from variables in the FIELD namelist.

Default: CWR = 0.0475 ( $\$/m$ )  
CWDR = 0.4889 ( $\$/m$ )  
CWDA = 13.20 ( $\$/m$ ) (IV.A-3)

ITHT Parameter for tower cost:  
= 0, cost based on Sandia studies for concrete and steel towers;  
= 1, user supplied values for CTØW1, CTØW2, CTØW3, XTØW.  
Default: ITHT=0 (IV.A-4)

CTOW1 Tower cost parameters; CTOW, tower cost in \$, given by  
CTOW2  
CTOW3  
XTOW

$$CTOW = CTOW1 + CTOW2 \cdot THTB + CTOW3 \cdot THTB^{XTOW}$$

where THTB is the actual tower height from the ground to the receiver base.

Default: CTOW1 =  $3.02864 \times 10^6$  (\$)  
CTOW2 =  $-2.33415 \times 10^4$  ( $\$/m$ )  
CTOW3 =  $1.47152 \times 10^2$  ( $\$/m^2$ )  
XTOW = 2.0 (IV.A-4)

CREC1 Receiver cost parameters; CREC, receiver cost in \$,  
ARECRF given by:  
XREC

$$CREC = CREC1 \cdot (AREC / ARECRF)^{XREC}$$

See text for definition of AREC and ARECRF for cavity designs.

Default: CREC1 =  $4.21 \times 10^6$  (\$)  
ARECRF = 2165.0 ( $m^2$ )  
XREC = 0.8 (IV.A-5)

\*All reference powers in the cost models refer to the power delivered to the process at the design conditions, not to the power at the base of the tower (unless the corresponding solar multiple is 1.0).

CRPREF  
TRPREF  
SMRP  
PRPREF  
XRP

Receiver/tower pump cost parameters; CRP, receiver pump cost in \$, given by:

$$CRP = CRPREF * \left( \frac{THT * SMULT * PTH}{TRPREF * SMRP * PRPREF} \right)^{XRP}$$

where THT is defined in namelist REC or OPT, SMULT in OPT, and PTH is the design thermal power delivered by the heat exchangers. The denominator consists of the corresponding terms for a reference design costing CRPREF.

Default: CRPREF =  $0.671 \times 10^6$  (\$)  
TRPREF = 170.0 (m)  
SMRP = 1.5  
PRPREF =  $2.6 \times 10^8$  (watts)  
XRP = 0.85

(IV.A-6)

CSPREF  
PSPREF  
XSP

Storage pump cost parameters; CSP, storage pump cost in \$, given by:

$$CSP = CSPREF * (PTH / PSPREF)^{XSP}$$

Default: CSPREF =  $1.51 \times 10^5$  (\$)  
PSPREF =  $3.0 \times 10^8$  (watts)  
XSP = 0.15

(IV.A-6)

CHPREF  
CCPREF  
SMPI  
PPIREF  
XPI

Piping cost parameters; CPIPE, piping cost in \$, consists of hot (CHPREF) and cold (CCPREF) pipe contributions. Each of these includes the pipe material itself, fittings, supports, insulation, and field erection costs.

$$CPIPE = THT * (FPLH * CHPREF + FPLC * CCPREF) * \left( \frac{SMULT * PTH}{SMPI * PPIREF} \right)^{XPI/2}$$

where FPLH and FPLC are defined in namelist NLEFF, THT in REC or OPT, SMULT in OPT on NLEFF. SMPI and PPIREF are the reference solar multiple and thermal power corresponding to the reference hot and cold pipe costs.

Default: CHPREF =  $1.32 \times 10^4$  (\$/m)  
CCPREF = 0.0 (\$/m)  
SMPI = 1.5  
PPIREF =  $2.6 \times 10^8$  (watts)  
XPI = 1.06

(IV.A-7)

CSTREF  
CSTRMD  
VSTREF  
ESTREF  
XST  
VMAX  
EMPTY

Storage cost parameters; CSTOR, total storage cost in \$, consists of media containment equipment (tanks with insulation, foundation; storage heat exchangers; etc.) and storage media costs.

$$CSTOR = N_{STOR} * (CSTREF * (1 + \frac{EMPTY}{N_{STOR}}) * (\frac{V_{STOR}}{VSTREF})^{XST} + CSTRMD * (\frac{V_{STOR}}{VSTREF}))$$

where  $N_{\text{STOR}} = \text{integer} (V_{\text{STOR}}/V_{\text{MAX}}) + 1$

EMPTY = number spare tanks

$V_{\text{STOR}} = V_{\text{STREF}} * (E_{\text{STOR}}/E_{\text{STREF}})$

$V_{\text{STOR}} = V_{\text{STOR}}/N_{\text{STOR}}$

CSTREF (\$) and CSTRMD (\$) are reference containment and media costs, respectively, for a system of volume VSTREF (m<sup>3</sup>) and stored energy capacity ESTREF (watt-hrs). VMAX (m<sup>3</sup>) is the maximum practical volume.

Default: CSTREF =  $4.593 \times 10^6$  (\$)  
CSTRMD =  $3.22 \times 10^6$  (\$)  
VSTREF = 4078.0 (m<sup>3</sup>)  
ESTREF =  $9.0 \times 10^8$  (watt-hrs)  
XST = 0.6  
VMAX =  $1.23 \times 10^4$  (m<sup>3</sup>)  
EMPTY = 0.0

(IV.A-8)

ICHE

Parameter for heat exchanger cost:

=0, cost scales with thermal power;

≠0, cost scales with individual heat exchanger areas.

Default: ICHE = 0

(IV.A-9)

CHREF  
PHEREF  
XHEP

Heat exchanger cost parameters for scaling with thermal power; CHTXCHG, total heat exchanger cost in \$, given by:

$$\text{CHTXCHG} = \text{CHREF} * (\text{PTH}/\text{PHEREF})^{\text{XHEP}}$$

where CHREF (\$) and PHEREF (watts) are the cost and associated thermal power of a reference design.

Constraint: ICHE = 0

Default: CHREF =  $1.525 \times 10^6$  (\$)  
PHEREF =  $3.0 \times 10^8$  (watts)  
XHEP = 0.8

(IV.A-9)

Preheater:

CPHREF

APHREF

PPHREF

APHMAX

Evaporator:

CEVREF

AEVREF

PEVREF

AEVMAX

Superheater:

CSHREF

ASHREF

PSHREF

ASHMAX

Heat exchanger cost parameters for scaling with individual heat exchanger areas; CHTXCHG in \$ given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CHTXCHG} = & N_{\text{PH}} * \text{CPHREF} * (\text{APH}'/\text{APHREF})^{\text{XHEA}} \\ & + N_{\text{EV}} * \text{CEVREF} * (\text{AEV}'/\text{AEVREF})^{\text{XHEA}} \\ & + N_{\text{SH}} * \text{CSHREF} * (\text{ASH}'/\text{ASHREF})^{\text{XHEA}} \\ & + N_{\text{RH}} * \text{CRHREF} * (\text{ARH}'/\text{ARHREF})^{\text{XHEA}} \end{aligned}$$

where  $N_{\text{PH}} = \text{integer} (\text{APH}/\text{APHMAX}) + 1$

APH = APHREF (PTH/PPHREF)



Reheater:

CRHREF  
ARHREF  
PRHREF  
ARHMAX

XHEA

$$APH' = APH/N_{PH}$$

and similarly for the other heat exchangers. CPHREF (\$) is the cost of a preheater of reference surface area APHREF (m<sup>2</sup>) and thermal power rating PPHREF (watts), and similarly for the others. APHMAX is the maximum practical size preheater, etc.

Default: CPIHREF = 0.0 (i.e., no preheater in default case)  
APHREF = 1.0  
PPHREF = 1.0  
APHMAX = 10<sup>10</sup>  
CEVREF = 3.77 x 10<sup>6</sup> (\$)  
AFVREF = 1300.0 (m<sup>2</sup>)  
PEVREF = 2.6 x 10<sup>8</sup> (watts)  
AEVMAX = 10<sup>10</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>) (i.e., no size limit)  
CSHREF = 1.24 x 10<sup>6</sup> (\$)  
ASHREF = 400.0 (m<sup>2</sup>)  
PSHREF = 2.6 x 10<sup>8</sup> (watts)  
ASHMAX = 10<sup>10</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>)  
CRHREF = 1.38 x 10<sup>6</sup> (\$)  
ARHREF = 310.0 (m<sup>2</sup>)  
PRHREF = 2.6 x 10<sup>8</sup> (watts)  
ARHMAX = 10<sup>10</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>)  
XHEA = 0.6 (IV.A-9)

CEGREF  
PEGREF  
XEPGS

EPGS cost parameters; CEPGS, total EPGS subsystem cost in \$, given by:

$$CEPGS = CEGREF * (PTH * ETAREF / PEGREF)^{XEPGS}$$

where PEGREF is the nameplate rating (watts) for the reference turbine-generator costing CEGREF (\$). ETAREF, the design thermal-electric conversion efficiency, is defined in namelist NLEFF.

Default: CEGREF = 27.3 x 10<sup>6</sup> (\$)  
PEGREF = 1.12 x 10<sup>8</sup> (watts)  
XEPGS = 0.8 (IV.A-10)

CFIXED

Fixed costs associated with all plants independent of power level (master control, buildings and roads, etc.).

Default: CFIXED = 7.0 x 10<sup>6</sup> (\$) (IV.A-11)

NameList NLECON

CØNT	Contingencies, expressed as a fraction of the total capital cost. <u>Default:</u> CØNT = 0.12	(IV.A)
SPTS	Spare parts investment, also expressed as some fraction of the total capital cost. <u>Default:</u> SPTS = 0.01	(IV.A)
EXT	Distributable and indirect charges (contractor fees, A&E services, etc.), specified as a fraction of the total capital cost. <u>Default:</u> EXT = 0.16	(IV.A)
ESC	Yearly capital escalation rate, fraction between 0 and 1 (not %). <u>Default:</u> ESC = 0.08	(IV.B)
RINF	Yearly general inflation rate, fraction between 0 and 1. <u>Default:</u> RINF = 0.08	(IV.B)
NYTCØN	Years to the beginning of the construction period from the year in which the capital cost estimate is made. <u>Default:</u> NYTCØN = 0	(IV.B)
AFDC	Allowed funds during construction to cover interest charges, expressed as a fraction of the total capital cost. <u>Default:</u> AFDC = 0.15 (5-year construction period)	(IV.B)
IFCR	Parameter for determining the fixed charge rate, FCR: =0, FCR supplied by user or default value used; code does not calculate it; ≠0, FCR calculated by the code based on user supplied values for DISRT, PTI, TC, TR, FDEBT, RDEBT, RØE, IDEP, NDEP (see below). <u>Default:</u> IFCR = 0	(IV.B-1)
FCR	Fixed charge rate (fraction between 0 and 1); i.e., required yearly fractional recovery of total capital investment. <u>Default:</u> FCR = 0.159	(IV.B-1)
DISRT	Discount rate (between 0 and 1); must be consistent with value chosen for FCR if IFCR = 0. <u>Default:</u> DISRT = 0.0996	(IV.B-1)
PTI	Property tax and insurance rate, expressed as a fraction of the total capital cost. <u>Default:</u> PTI = 0.025	(IV.B-1)

TC	Investment tax credit expressed as a fraction of the total investment. <u>Default:</u> TC = 0.10	(IV.B-1)
TR	Income tax rate, expressed as a fraction, not %. <u>Default:</u> TR = 0.48	(IV.B-1)
FDEBT	Fraction of debt financing. <u>Default:</u> FDEBT = 0.543	(IV.B-1)
RDEBT	Debt cost; i.e., appropriate interest rate for borrowed funds, expressed as a fraction, not %. <u>Default:</u> RDEBT = 0.11	(IV.B-1)
RØE	Before tax return on equity, expressed as a fraction, not %. <u>Default:</u> RØE = 0.15	(IV.B-1)
IDEP	Parameter identifying depreciation schedule to be used: -1, straight line method; =2, sum-of-years digits method. <u>Default:</u> IDEP = 2	(IV.B-1)
NDEP	Depreciation period (in years) of solar plant equipment. <u>Default:</u> NDEP = 24	(IV.B-1)
NYØP	Operating life (years) of a plant for investment recovery. <u>Default:</u> NYØP = 30	(IV.B)
RHØM	Heliostat operating and maintenance charge, expressed as a fraction of field related capital costs. <u>Default:</u> RHØM = 0.015	(IV.B-2)
RNHØM	Balance of plant O&M charge, expressed as a fraction of non-field related capital costs. <u>Default:</u> RNHØM = 0.015	(IV.B-2)



## APPENDIX B--SAMPLE INPUT AND OUTPUT

The following pages illustrate DELSOL output in conjunction with sample problems of interest to most users.

### Sample Problem 1 - Optimization of an External Receiver Design; Saving the Initial Performance

#### Problem Statement

The optimum external molten salt receiver design at power levels of 75 to 150 MWe with no storage is desired. An incident flux level of  $0.85 \text{ MW/m}^2$  is not to be exceeded anywhere on the receiver. The default heliostat can be used. The initial performance data should be saved for subsequent calculations, and the optimized field layouts should be printed.

#### Input Cards

```
SAMPLE PROBLEM 1
$BASIC IPRØB=4, ITAPE=1$
$FIELD$
$HSTAT$
$REC$
$NLFLUX$
$NLEFF$
$REC IAUTØP=1$
$ØPT NUMTHT=6, THTST=100., THTEND=200., NUMREC=6, WST=8., WEND=18.,
  NUMHTW=3, HTWST=1.0, HTWEND=2.0, NUMØPT=4, PØPTMN=75.E+06,
  PØPTMAX=150.E+06, SMULT=1.0, IPLFL=4*1$
$NLFLUX IFLX=1, FLXLIM=0.85E+06$
$NLEFF SMULT=1.0$
$NLCØST$
$NLECØN$
$REC W=-1.$
```

#### Analysis of Input

For the initial performance calculation in a design/optimization run IPRØB=4 is specified; the data is saved on local file TAPE10 by setting ITAPE=1. (A permanent file is made with the control card appropriate to the user's computer system.) Since the solar subsystems are the same technology as the code defaults and the desired power levels are close to the default, no changes are necessary for the remaining performance input. Note

that there is no need for automatic aiming or flux calculations in the initial performance calculation.

The next set of cards is read at the start of the optimization calculation. At this point input changes are necessary to calculate fluxes and test for flux limits. "IAUTØP=1" on the \$REC\$ card specifies the 1-dimensional smart aiming option required for a flux limited external receiver design. In the \$ØPT\$ namelist, tower height and receiver dimensions are varied over a range compatible with the range of power levels. The variation in receiver height to width is specified because optimum system designs for this type problem generally result in designs of greater height to width to allow spreading of the flux. "IFLX=1" in \$NLFLUX\$ turns on the flux calculation and the flux limit is set by FLXLIM. Since the maximum flux will occur at the center of the north panel for the default design point, only that one point need be tested. The default values in NLFLUX insure that this is the point at which the flux is calculated and compared to FLXLIM.

The absence of storage is handled by setting SMULT=1.0 (no additional energy collected) in both \$ØPT\$ and \$NLEFF\$. It is not necessary to set the reference costs to zero because the code will calculate zero storage costs if no energy is available to charge storage.

#### Comments on Output

The first part of the output consists of the performance namelists (pp. B-3 to B-11) followed by summaries of the heliostat design (p. B-12) and receiver (p. B-13) used in the initial performance calculation, of the zone by zone density and heliostat count (pp. B-14 and B-15), insolation table (pp. B-16 and B-17), and the zone by zone yearly average performance (pp. B-18 and B-19). The optimization namelists follow (pp. B-20 to B-28), then a summary of the optimization variables and design constraints (p. B-29). The default choice of IPRØPT in \$ØPT\$ produces the abbreviated list (partly shown on pp. B-30 to B-31) indicating the combinations of optimization variables searched along with pertinent information related to each set considered.

The optimization results are then tabulated in a series of readily tractable tables (pp. B-32 to B-45). Note in the system design summary (p. B-32) that all design variables fall within the ranges searched except for the receiver height in the 75 and 100 MWe cases, which is at the maximum height to width. While the energy cost will change little, the user may want to rerun this case to allow consideration of larger height to width ratios. Note also in the field layout summary (pp. B-38 to B-44) that the field extends to RADMAX in all cases for a number of azimuthal zones. The user should rerun with a larger value for RADMAX to allow the code more flexibility in zone selection for field build-up.

BASIC

IPRCH = 4,

NYEAR = 5,

HODEL = .1E+01,

UCAY = .81E+02,

UTIME = 0.0,

NUAZ = 7,

NUEL = 6,

UAZ = 0.0, .3E+02, .6E+02, .75E+02, .9E+02, .11E+03, .13E+03, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0,

UEL = .5E+00, .25E+02, .45E+02, .65E+02, .75E+02, .85E+02, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0,

CHOPT = .2E+00,

IPRINT = 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,

ITAPE = 1,

TDESP = .1E+03,

PLAT = .35E+02,

ALT = .65E+00,

INSOL = 0,

SOLCON = .95E+00,

IMEATH = 0,

WEATH = .83E+00,

DWEATH = .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00,

H2O = .2E+02,

DH2O = .2E+02, .2E+02, .2E+02, .2E+02, .2E+02, .2E+02, .2E+02, .2E+02, .2E+02, .2E+02,

PRES = .1E+01,

DPRES = .1E+01, .1E+01, .1E+01, .1E+01, .1E+01, .1E+01, .1E+01, .1E+01, .1E+01, .1E+01,

NSUN = 1,

NSUNPT = 0,

SUNI = 0.0,

SUNR = 0.0,

PREPAY = .81E+02

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REFTIM = 0.0.

REFSCL = .95E+02.

ASTART = .75E+02.

IATM = 0.

ATM1 = .6789E-02.

ATM2 = .1046E+00.

ATM3 = -.17E-01.

ATM4 = .2845E-02.

SEND







SHSTAT

WM = .74E+01,

HM = .74E+01,

ICPANL = 0,

WPANL = .37E+01,

HPANL = .123E+01,

HXCANT = .14E+01, .14E+01, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, -.14E+01, -.14E+01, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0,  
0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0,

MYCANT = .308E+01, .185E+01, .62E+00, -.62E+00, -.185E+01, -.308E+01, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, .308E+01, .185E+01,  
0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0,

DENSMP = .897E+00,

IROUND = 0,

RMIRL = .89E+00,

SIGEL = .75E-03,

SIGAZ = .75E-03,

SIGSX = .1E-02,

SIGSY = .1E-02,

SIGTX = 0.0,

SIGTY = 0.0,

ICANT = 1,

NCANTX = 2,

NCANTY = 6,

HCANT = 0.0,

DCANT = .81E+02,

RCANT = .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01,  
.715E+01, .715E+01,

XFOCUS = .1E+01,

YFOCUS = .1E+01,

IFOCUS = 1,

XFOCAL = .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01,  
.715E+01, .715E+01,

YFOCAL = .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01,  
.715E+01, .715E+01,

INDC = 0,

ISD = 0







ENLEFF

REFTHP = .417E+09.

APEF = .2165E+04.

REFRC = .83E+00.

REFLP = .17E+03.

REFPIP = .998E+00.

FPLH = .26E+01.

FPLC = .26E+01.

ITHEL = 0.

ETAREF = .42E+00.

FEFF = .95E+00.

REFPRL = .65E-01.

FSP = .66E+00.

FEP = 0.0.

EFFSTP = .1E+01.

PF = .1E+01.

SMULT = .15E+01.

IPH = 0.

END

CONSTANT LOSSES - MIRROR= .890 REC REFL= .965 TOTAL= .859

## HELIOSTAT

RECTANGULAR HELIOSTAT - WIDTH = 7.40 M, HEIGHT = 7.40M  
 OVERALL AREA/HSTAT= 54.760 M2, REFLECTIVE AREA/HSTAT= 49.120 RATIO (REFLECTIVE/TOTAL)= .897

THE SHADOWING AND BLOCKING ARE ASSUMED NOT TO OVERLAP

THE HELIOSTAT PERFORMANCE ERRORS HAVE NORMAL DISTRIBUTIONS WITH STANDARD DEVIATIONS OF

NAME	VARIABLE EFFECTED	STC. DEV (RAD)
SIGAZ	- AZIMUTH ANGLE	.00075
SIGEL	- ELEVATION ANGLE	.00075
SIGSX	- HSTAT SURFACE, HORIZ.	.00100
SIGSY	- HSTAT SURFACE, VERT.	.00100
SIGTX	- REFLECTED RAY, HORIZ.	0.00000
SIGTY	- REFLECTED RAY, VERT.	0.00000

THE 12 MIRROR PANELS ARE CANTED ON-AXIS WITH THE FOLLOWING FOCAL LENGTHS - RADIAL ZONE FOCAL LENGTH(M)

1	1251.3
2	1251.3
3	1251.3
4	1251.3
5	1251.3
6	1251.3
7	1251.3
8	1251.3
9	1251.3
10	1251.3
11	1251.3
12	1251.3

NO. OF PANELS IN HORIZ. DIRECTION= 2 VERT. DIRECTION = 6

MIRROR PANELS FOCUSED IN TWO DIMENSIONS  
 FOCAL LENGTHS DEFINED BY USER

DELSOL DEFAULT LIMB DARKENED SUNSHAPE



RECEIVER

TOWER HEIGHT=175.00 M ABOVE PLANE OF HELICSTAT PIVOTS

THE TOWER SHADOW IS CALCULATED USING A CYLINDER OF HEIGHT= 175.0 M AND DIAMETER = 10.0 M

EXTERNAL RECEIVER - CYLINDER HT.= 16.00 DIAM.= 16.00 M

SINGLE AIM POINT AT THE CENTER OF THE RECEIVER OR APERTURE



3.20	HSTATS	158.6	158.6	158.6	158.6	158.6	158.6	158.6	158.6	158.6	158.6	158.6	158.6
3.82	DENSITY	.219	.219	.219	.219	.219	.219	.219	.219	.219	.219	.219	.219
3.82	MISS. H	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967
3.82	RAD SEP	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910
3.82	AZM SEP	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048
3.82	FR LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
3.82	HSTATS	161.9	161.9	161.9	161.9	161.9	161.9	161.9	161.9	161.9	161.9	161.9	161.9
4.43	DENSITY	.189	.189	.189	.189	.189	.189	.189	.189	.189	.189	.189	.189
4.43	MISS. H	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967
4.43	RAD SEP	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510
4.43	AZM SEP	1.051	1.051	1.051	1.051	1.051	1.051	1.051	1.051	1.051	1.051	1.051	1.051
4.43	FR LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
4.43	HSTATS	162.6	162.6	162.6	162.6	162.6	162.6	162.6	162.6	162.6	162.6	162.6	162.6
5.05	DENSITY	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166
5.05	MISS. H	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967
5.05	RAD SEP	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128
5.05	AZM SEP	1.056	1.056	1.056	1.056	1.056	1.056	1.056	1.056	1.056	1.056	1.056	1.056
5.05	FR LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
5.05	HSTATS	161.9	161.9	161.9	161.9	161.9	161.9	161.9	161.9	161.9	161.9	161.9	161.9
5.66	DENSITY	.146	.146	.146	.146	.146	.146	.146	.146	.146	.146	.146	.146
5.66	MISS. H	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967
5.66	RAD SEP	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760
5.66	AZM SEP	1.065	1.065	1.065	1.065	1.065	1.065	1.065	1.065	1.065	1.065	1.065	1.065
5.66	FR LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
5.66	HSTATS	160.3	160.3	160.3	160.3	160.3	160.3	160.3	160.3	160.3	160.3	160.3	160.3
6.27	DENSITY	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130
6.27	MISS. H	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967
6.27	RAD SEP	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401
6.27	AZM SEP	1.077	1.077	1.077	1.077	1.077	1.077	1.077	1.077	1.077	1.077	1.077	1.077
6.27	FR LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
6.27	HSTATS	158.1	158.1	158.1	158.1	158.1	158.1	158.1	158.1	158.1	158.1	158.1	158.1
6.89	DENSITY	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117
6.89	MISS. H	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967
6.89	RAD SEP	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050
6.89	AZM SEP	1.092	1.092	1.092	1.092	1.092	1.092	1.092	1.092	1.092	1.092	1.092	1.092
6.89	FR LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
6.89	HSTATS	155.5	155.5	155.5	155.5	155.5	155.5	155.5	155.5	155.5	155.5	155.5	155.5
7.50	DENSITY	.105	.105	.105	.105	.105	.105	.105	.105	.105	.105	.105	.105
7.50	MISS. H	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967	.967
7.50	RAD SEP	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705
7.50	AZM SEP	1.108	1.108	1.108	1.108	1.108	1.108	1.108	1.108	1.108	1.108	1.108	1.108
7.50	FR LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
7.50	HSTATS	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7

## INSOLATION AND SUN POSITION

## INSOLATION CALCULATED USING MEINEL MODEL

DAY OF THE YEAR = 354.750 DECLINATION OF SUN (DEG) = -23.44 DAILY CLEAR SKY INSOLATION (KWH/M2) = 5.25  
 THE AVERAGE CORRECTION TO CLEAR SKY INSOLATION TO ACCOUNT FOR CLOUDINESS = .830  
 MM OF WATER = 20.00 ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE/SEA LEVEL = 1.000

TIME = 0.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .858	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 58.44	OBSERVED ZENITH = 58.41	SUN AZIMUTH = 0.00
TIME = 1.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .844	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 60.15	OBSERVED ZENITH = 60.12	SUN AZIMUTH = 15.89
TIME = 2.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .797	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 64.99	OBSERVED ZENITH = 64.96	SUN AZIMUTH = 33.41
TIME = 3.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .697	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 72.35	OBSERVED ZENITH = 72.29	SUN AZIMUTH = 42.91
TIME = 3.3	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .648	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 75.00	OBSERVED ZENITH = 74.94	SUN AZIMUTH = 46.34

DAY OF THE YEAR = 35.375 DECLINATION OF SUN (DEG) = -16.09 DAILY CLEAR SKY INSOLATION (KWH/M2) = 6.36  
 THE AVERAGE CORRECTION TO CLEAR SKY INSOLATION TO ACCOUNT FOR CLOUDINESS = .830  
 MM OF WATER = 20.00 ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE/SEA LEVEL = 1.000

TIME = 0.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .898	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 51.09	OBSERVED ZENITH = 51.07	SUN AZIMUTH = 0.00
TIME = 1.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .887	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 53.04	OBSERVED ZENITH = 53.02	SUN AZIMUTH = 18.13
TIME = 2.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .849	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 58.49	OBSERVED ZENITH = 58.46	SUN AZIMUTH = 34.30
TIME = 3.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .772	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 66.57	OBSERVED ZENITH = 66.53	SUN AZIMUTH = 47.77
TIME = 3.9	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .642	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 75.00	OBSERVED ZENITH = 74.94	SUN AZIMUTH = 57.46

DAY OF THE YEAR = 81.000 DECLINATION OF SUN (DEG) = .65 DAILY CLEAR SKY INSOLATION (KWH/M2) = 8.24  
 THE AVERAGE CORRECTION TO CLEAR SKY INSOLATION TO ACCOUNT FOR CLOUDINESS = .830  
 MM OF WATER = 20.00 ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE/SEA LEVEL = 1.000

TIME = 0.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .942	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 34.35	OBSERVED ZENITH = 34.34	SUN AZIMUTH = 0.00
TIME = 1.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .934	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 37.09	OBSERVED ZENITH = 37.07	SUN AZIMUTH = 25.42
TIME = 2.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .919	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 44.28	OBSERVED ZENITH = 44.27	SUN AZIMUTH = 45.73
TIME = 3.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .860	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 54.15	OBSERVED ZENITH = 54.12	SUN AZIMUTH = 69.74
TIME = 4.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .767	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 65.41	OBSERVED ZENITH = 65.38	SUN AZIMUTH = 72.24
TIME = 4.8	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .627	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 75.00	OBSERVED ZENITH = 74.94	SUN AZIMUTH = 80.03

DAY OF THE YEAR = 126.625 DECLINATION OF SUN (DEG) = 16.72 DAILY CLEAR SKY INSOLATION (KWH/M2) = 9.55  
 THE AVERAGE CORRECTION TO CLEAR SKY INSOLATION TO ACCOUNT FOR CLOUDINESS = .830  
 MM OF WATER = 20.00 ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE/SEA LEVEL = 1.000

TIME = 0.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .950	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 18.28	OBSERVED ZENITH = 18.27	SUN AZIMUTH = 0.00
TIME = 1.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .944	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 22.66	OBSERVED ZENITH = 22.65	SUN AZIMUTH = 40.05
TIME = 2.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .925	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 32.39	OBSERVED ZENITH = 32.38	SUN AZIMUTH = 63.38
TIME = 3.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .889	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 43.96	OBSERVED ZENITH = 43.95	SUN AZIMUTH = 77.29
TIME = 4.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .827	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 56.13	OBSERVED ZENITH = 56.11	SUN AZIMUTH = 97.31
TIME = 5.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .715	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 68.40	OBSERVED ZENITH = 68.36	SUN AZIMUTH = 95.78
TIME = 5.5	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .612	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 75.00	OBSERVED ZENITH = 74.94	SUN AZIMUTH = 100.14

DAY OF THE YEAR = 172.250 DECLINATION OF SUN (DEG) = 23.44 DAILY CLEAR SKY INSOLATION (KWH/M2) = 10.02  
 THE AVERAGE CORRECTION TO CLEAR SKY INSOLATION TO ACCOUNT FOR CLOUDINESS = .830  
 MM OF WATER = 20.00 ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE/SEA LEVEL = 1.000

TIME = 0.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .947	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 11.56	OBSERVED ZENITH = 11.55	SUN AZIMUTH = 0.00
TIME = 1.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .941	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 17.42	OBSERVED ZENITH = 17.42	SUN AZIMUTH = 52.47
TIME = 2.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .924	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 28.47	OBSERVED ZENITH = 28.47	SUN AZIMUTH = 74.19
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TIME = 5.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .746	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 65.00	OBSERVED ZENITH = 64.96	SUN AZIMUTH = 102.08

TIME = 5.8 INSCLATION(KW/M2) = .666 TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 75.00 OBSERVED ZENITH = 74.94 SUN AZIMUTH = 108.37

YEARLY INSOLATION (KWATT-HOUR/M2) - CLEAR SKY = 2902.1 TIMES WEATHER FACTOR OF .83 GIVES NET OF 2408.7

HRS OPERATION PER YEAP = .2847E+04

## YEARLY AVERAGE PERFORMANCE

SAMPLE PROBLEM 1

TOTAL PERFORMANCE INCLUDES REFLECTIVITIES BUT NOT RADIATION AND CONVECTION LOSSES

THIS PERFORMANCE CALCULATION IS ONLY USED AS INPUT FOR DESIGN OPTIMIZATION - ALL SPILLAGES ARE SET = 1.0

RADIUS		AZIMUTHAL ANGLE OF HELICSTAT, NORTH=0, EAST=90						
		0.	30.	60.	90.	120.	150.	180.
.75	COSINE	.929	.920	.897	.865	.834	.813	.805
.75	SPILL	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
.75	ATTEN	.972	.972	.972	.972	.972	.972	.972
.75	SHADOW	.912	.896	.914	.914	.939	.942	.951
.75	BLOCK	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
.75	TOTAL	.707	.688	.684	.659	.654	.639	.639
1.36	COSINE	.914	.901	.865	.818	.774	.743	.733
1.36	SPILL	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
1.36	ATTEN	.964	.964	.964	.964	.964	.964	.964
1.36	SHADOW	.921	.917	.926	.930	.943	.954	.958
1.36	BLOCK	.997	.998	.998	.998	.997	.998	.999
1.36	TOTAL	.695	.683	.662	.629	.603	.586	.581
1.98	COSINE	.897	.882	.840	.785	.733	.699	.687
1.98	SPILL	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
1.98	ATTEN	.956	.956	.956	.956	.956	.956	.956
1.98	SHADOW	.931	.949	.942	.947	.956	.966	.977
1.98	BLOCK	.992	.994	.994	.994	.992	.992	.992
1.98	TOTAL	.680	.683	.645	.606	.571	.550	.546
2.59	COSINE	.884	.868	.822	.762	.707	.670	.658
2.59	SPILL	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
2.59	ATTEN	.947	.947	.947	.947	.947	.947	.947
2.59	SHADOW	.951	.969	.959	.966	.971	.977	.983
2.59	BLOCK	.990	.991	.991	.991	.989	.987	.986
2.59	TOTAL	.677	.678	.636	.594	.552	.525	.518
3.20	COSINE	.875	.858	.810	.747	.689	.651	.638
3.20	SPILL	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
3.20	ATTEN	.938	.938	.938	.938	.938	.938	.938
3.20	SHADOW	.972	.978	.974	.976	.979	.983	.983
3.20	BLOCK	.991	.991	.991	.991	.989	.985	.985
3.20	TOTAL	.679	.669	.629	.581	.537	.507	.497
3.82	COSINE	.868	.850	.800	.735	.676	.637	.624
3.82	SPILL	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
3.82	ATTEN	.929	.929	.929	.929	.929	.929	.929
3.82	SHADOW	.982	.982	.985	.986	.985	.988	.981
3.82	BLOCK	.992	.992	.992	.991	.989	.986	.986
3.82	TOTAL	.675	.660	.621	.573	.525	.485	.481

4.43	COSINE	.863	.844	.794	.727	.666	.626	.613
4.43	SFILL	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
4.43	ATTEN	.920	.920	.920	.920	.920	.920	.920
4.43	SHADOW	.986	.986	.992	.992	.989	.989	.982
4.43	ELCK	.994	.994	.993	.993	.991	.987	.987
4.43	TOTAL	.658	.654	.617	.566	.516	.484	.469

5.05	COSINE	.858	.840	.788	.720	.659	.618	.605
5.05	SFILL	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
5.05	ATTEN	.911	.911	.911	.911	.911	.911	.911
5.05	SHADOW	.987	.989	.995	.995	.993	.990	.982
5.05	BLCK	.996	.995	.994	.994	.992	.989	.989
5.05	TOTAL	.661	.647	.610	.557	.508	.474	.460

5.66	COSINE	.855	.836	.784	.715	.652	.612	.599
5.66	SFILL	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
5.66	ATTEN	.903	.903	.903	.903	.903	.903	.903
5.66	SHADOW	.988	.991	.996	.997	.994	.991	.982
5.66	BLCK	.998	.997	.995	.995	.994	.991	.990
5.66	TOTAL	.653	.640	.602	.550	.500	.466	.452

6.27	COSINE	.852	.833	.780	.711	.648	.607	.594
6.27	SFILL	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
6.27	ATTEN	.895	.895	.895	.895	.895	.895	.895
6.27	SHADOW	.989	.992	.998	.998	.995	.991	.983
6.27	BLCK	.999	.998	.996	.996	.995	.993	.992
6.27	TOTAL	.646	.634	.595	.543	.493	.459	.445

6.89	COSINE	.849	.830	.777	.707	.644	.603	.589
6.89	SFILL	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
6.89	ATTEN	.887	.887	.887	.887	.887	.887	.887
6.89	SHADOW	.989	.993	.998	.999	.997	.992	.983
6.89	BLCK	1.000	.999	.997	.997	.997	.994	.994
6.89	TOTAL	.640	.627	.589	.536	.487	.453	.439

7.50	COSINE	.847	.828	.775	.704	.640	.599	.586
7.50	SFILL	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
7.50	ATTEN	.879	.879	.879	.879	.879	.879	.879
7.50	SHADOW	.990	.994	.999	1.000	.998	.993	.984
7.50	BLCK	1.000	1.000	.998	.998	.998	.996	.995
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----- OPTIMIZATION -----

DELSOL WILL DO A SMART SEARCH OVER THE OPTIMIZATION VARIABLES - NOT EVERY CASE WILL BE CALCULATED

NO OPTIMIZATION OF HELICSTAT DENSITIES

THERE ARE 6 VALUES OF THE TOWER HEIGHT  
MINIMUM VALUE = 100.000  
MAXIMUM VALUE = 200.000

EXTERNAL CYLINDRICAL RECEIVER

THERE ARE 6 VALUES OF THE CYLINDER DIAMETER  
MINIMUM VALUE = 8.000  
MAXIMUM VALUE = 18.000

THERE ARE 3 VALUES OF THE HEIGHT TO WIDTH RATIO  
MINIMUM VALUE = 1.000  
MAXIMUM VALUE = 2.000

THERE ARE 4 VALUES OF THE DESIGN POINT POWER LEVEL IN MEGAWATTS ELECTRIC  
MINIMUM VALUE = 75.000  
MAXIMUM VALUE = 150.000

CONSTRAINTS ON DESIGN (IF ANY)

THE FLUX AT THE 1 POINT ON THE RECEIVER MUST BE LESS THAN  $.850E+06$  W/M<sup>2</sup>  
THE ORIGIN OF THE FLUX SURFACE IS PROPORTIONAL TO THE RECEIVER DIAMETER  
THE ORIGIN COORDINATES EXPRESSED AS FRACTIONS OF THE REC. DIAMETER ARE, EAST= 0.000 NORTH= 0.000 UP= 0.000  
FLUX SURFACE IS THE OUTSIDE OF A CYLINDER WHOSE DIAMETER IS 1.000 TIMES THE RECEIVER DIAMETER  
THE FLUX POINTS HAVE A CONSTANT AZIMUTH AND A HEIGHT THAT SCALES WITH REC. HT. (EXT. REC.) OR REC. DIAM. (CIV. REC.)

ITERATING, THT= 100.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 8.000 SECCND = 8.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 63.09 ANY REC., THIS THT= 66.88, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00  
 MAXIMUM POSSIBLE POWER = 63.09 MWE THIS IS LESS THAN THE MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST = 75.00 MWE NO FIELD BUILDUP

ITERATING, THT= 120.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 8.000 SECCND = 8.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 87.78 ANY REC., THIS THT= 98.04, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00

NEXT ZONE WILL EXCEED THE FLUX AT THE 1 MAXIMUM FLUX POINT, DES. PWR= 8.31 LAST BREC= 0.00

ITERATING, THT= 120.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 8.000 SECCND = 12.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 91.69 ANY REC., THIS THT= 98.04, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00

NEXT ZONE WILL EXCEED THE FLUX AT THE 1 MAXIMUM FLUX POINT, DES. PWR= 11.84 LAST BREC= 0.00

ITERATING, THT= 120.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 8.000 SECCND = 16.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 90.96 ANY REC., THIS THT= 98.04, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00

NEXT ZONE WILL EXCEED THE FLUX AT THE 1 MAXIMUM FLUX POINT, DES. PWR= 33.40 LAST BREC= 0.00

ITERATING, THT= 120.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 10.000 SECCND = 10.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 93.22 ANY REC., THIS THT= 96.76, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00

NEXT ZONE WILL EXCEED THE FLUX AT THE 1 MAXIMUM FLUX POINT, DES. PWR= 11.32 LAST BREC= 0.00

ITERATING, THT= 120.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 10.000 SECCND = 15.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 93.14 ANY REC., THIS THT= 96.76, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00

NEXT ZONE WILL EXCEED THE FLUX AT THE 1 MAXIMUM FLUX POINT, DES. PWR= 29.31 LAST BREC= 0.00

ITERATING, THT= 120.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 10.000 SECCND = 20.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 91.24 ANY REC., THIS THT= 96.76, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00  
 OPTIMUM - POWER= 75.0MWE, EFF= .212 FLUX= .79 0.00 0.00 0.00MWT/M2, KWHP= .164E+09, CAPITAL= 64.00MS, BUSBAR= 113.16

ADDING MORE ZONES WILL NOT REACH NEXT POWER LEVEL - LAST POWER= 75.97

ITERATING, THT= 120.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 12.000 SECCND = 12.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 93.83 ANY REC., THIS THT= 95.07, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00

NEXT ZONE WILL EXCEED THE FLUX AT THE 1 MAXIMUM FLUX POINT, DES. PWR= 20.01 LAST BREC=113.16

ITERATING, THT= 120.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 12.000 SECCND = 18.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 91.57 ANY REC., THIS THT= 95.07, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00  
 - POWER= 75.0MWE, EFF= .211 FLUX= .79 0.00 0.00 0.00MWT/M2, KWHP= .163E+09, CAPITAL= 64.08MS, BUSBAR= 113.66

ADDING MORE ZONES WILL NOT REACH NEXT POWER LEVEL - LAST POWER= 75.98

ITERATING, THT= 120.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 12.000 SECCND = 24.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 88.72 ANY REC., THIS THT= 95.07, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00  
 - POWER= 75.0MWE, EFF= .202 FLUX= .50 0.00 0.00 0.00MWT/M2, KWHP= .163E+09, CAPITAL= 65.82MS, BUSBAR= 117.23

ADDING MORE ZONES WILL NOT REACH NEXT POWER LEVEL - LAST POWER= 75.12

ITERATING, THT= 140.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 8.000 SECCND = 8.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 113.07 ANY REC., THIS THT= 134.69, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00

NEXT ZONE WILL EXCEED THE FLUX AT THE 1 MAXIMUM FLUX POINT, DES. PWR= 7.53 LAST BREC=117.23

ITERATING, THT= 140.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 8.000 SECCND = 12.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 121.65 ANY REC., THIS THT= 134.69, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00

NEXT ZONE WILL EXCEED THE FLUX AT THE 1 MAXIMUM FLUX POINT, DES. PWR= 10.47 LAST BREC=117.23

ITERATING, THT= 140.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 8.000 SECCNO = 15.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 121.98 ANY REC., THIS THT= 134.69, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00  
 NEXT ZONE WILL EXCEED THE FLUX AT THE 1 MAXIMUM FLUX POINT,DES. PWR= 23.15 LAST PPEC=117.23

ITERATING, THT= 140.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 10.000 SECCNO = 10.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 124.75 ANY REC., THIS THT= 133.47, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00  
 NEXT ZONE WILL EXCEED THE FLUX AT THE 1 MAXIMUM FLUX POINT,DES. PWR= 19.38 LAST PPEC=117.23

ITERATING, THT= 140.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 10.000 SECCNO = 15.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 127.00 ANY REC., THIS THT= 133.47, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00  
 NEXT ZONE WILL EXCEED THE FLUX AT THE 1 MAXIMUM FLUX POINT,DES. PWR= 23.52 LAST PPEC=117.23

ITERATING, THT= 140.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 10.000 SECCNO = 20.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 125.38 ANY REC., THIS THT= 133.47, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00  
 NEXT ZONE WILL EXCEED THE FLUX AT THE 1 MAXIMUM FLUX POINT,DES. PWR= 57.67 LAST PPEC=117.23

ITERATING, THT= 140.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 12.000 SECCNO = 12.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 120.11 ANY REC., THIS THT= 131.83, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00  
 NEXT ZONE WILL EXCEED THE FLUX AT THE 1 MAXIMUM FLUX POINT,DES. PWR= 12.46 LAST PPEC=117.23

ITERATING, THT= 140.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 12.000 SECCNO = 10.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 127.15 ANY REC., THIS THT= 131.83, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00  
 NEXT ZONE WILL EXCEED THE FLUX AT THE 1 MAXIMUM FLUX POINT,DES. PWR= 50.55 LAST PPEC=117.23

ITERATING, THT= 140.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 12.000 SECCNO = 24.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 124.38 ANY REC., THIS THT= 131.83, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00  
 - POWER= 75.0MWE, EFF= .209 FLUX= .67 0.00 0.00 0.00MWT/M2, KWHP= .159E+09, CAPITAL= 64.72M\$, BUSBAR= 118.00  
 OPTIMUM - POWER= 100.0MWE, EFF= .210 FLUX= .72 0.00 0.00 0.00MWT/M2, KWHP= .218E+09, CAPITAL= 81.27M\$, BUSBAR= 102.13  
 ADDING MORE ZONES WILL NOT REACH NEXT POWER LEVEL - LAST POWER= 101.47

ITERATING, THT= 140.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 14.000 SECCNO = 14.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 128.28 ANY REC., THIS THT= 129.82, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00  
 NEXT ZONE WILL EXCEED THE FLUX AT THE 1 MAXIMUM FLUX POINT,DES. PWR= 28.48 LAST PPEC=108.13

ITERATING, THT= 140.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 14.000 SECCNO = 21.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 125.08 ANY REC., THIS THT= 129.82, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00  
 - POWER= 75.0MWE, EFF= .208 FLUX= .76 0.00 0.00 0.00MWT/M2, KWHP= .159E+09, CAPITAL= 64.72M\$, BUSBAR= 118.15  
 - POWER= 100.0MWE, EFF= .211 FLUX= .79 0.00 0.00 0.00MWT/M2, KWHP= .217E+09, CAPITAL= 81.09M\$, BUSBAR= 108.18  
 OPTIMUM - POWER= 125.0MWE, EFF= .206 FLUX= .79 0.00 0.00 0.00MWT/M2, KWHP= .280E+09, CAPITAL= 99.57M\$, BUSBAR= 103.12  
 ADDING MORE ZONES WILL NOT REACH NEXT POWER LEVEL - LAST POWER= 125.08

ITERATING, THT= 140.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 14.000 SECCNO = 28.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 121.21 ANY REC., THIS THT= 129.82, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00  
 - POWER= 75.0MWE, EFF= .196 FLUX= .47 0.00 0.00 0.00MWT/M2, KWHP= .157E+09, CAPITAL= 66.72M\$, BUSBAR= 123.11  
 - POWER= 100.0MWE, EFF= .200 FLUX= .48 0.00 0.00 0.00MWT/M2, KWHP= .216E+09, CAPITAL= 87.39M\$, BUSBAR= 111.75  
 ADDING MORE ZONES WILL NOT REACH NEXT POWER LEVEL - LAST POWER= 100.84

ITERATING, THT= 140.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 16.000 SECCNO = 16.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 126.71 ANY REC., THIS THT= 127.44, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00  
 NEXT ZONE WILL EXCEED THE FLUX AT THE 1 MAXIMUM FLUX POINT,DES. PWR= 41.83 LAST PPEC=111.75

ITERATING, THT= 140.0 FIRST RECEIVER VARIABLE= 16.000 SECCNO = 24.000  
 MAX. DESIGN PT. PWR - THIS REC.= 121.95 ANY REC., THIS THT= 127.44, MINIMUM POWER OF INTEREST= 75.00  
 - POWER= 75.0MWE, EFF= .198 FLUX= .55 0.00 0.00 0.00MWT/M2, KWHP= .157E+09, CAPITAL= 66.51M\$, BUSBAR= 122.71  
 OPTIMUM - POWER= 100.0MWE, EFF= .202 FLUX= .55 0.00 0.00 0.00MWT/M2, KWHP= .216E+09, CAPITAL= 87.13M\$, BUSBAR= 111.75

SYSTEM DESIGN

SAMPLE PROBLEM 1

DESIGN POWER RANGE = 75.00 TO 150.00 MWE

SOLAR MULTIPLE 1.00 FLUX LIMIT(S) = .85GF+C6 .10(E+09) .100E+09 .100E+02 W/M2

DESIGN PCINT, DAY= 81.000 HOURS PAST SOLAR NOON= 0.000 INSOLATION = .9500 KW/M2

DES. POWER (MWE)	BUSEBAR COST (MILLS/KWHR)	TOWER HT (M)	RECEIVER DIAM (M)	RECEIVER HT (M)	NO. HELIOSTATS	LAND AREA (KM2)
75.00	113.16	120.00	10.00	20.00	6990.	1.773
100.00	108.13	140.00	12.00	24.00	9397.	2.375
125.00	103.12	140.00	14.00	21.00	12285.	3.423
150.00	100.97	160.00	16.00	24.00	14471.	3.779

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE BREAKDOWN  
 CONSTANT - MIPRCP REFLECTIVITY = .890 RECEIVER ABSORPTIVITY = .965

DES. POWER (MWE)	COSINE	SHAD+BLOCK	ATM. TRANSMIT.	INTERCEPT	REC. RAD-CON	PIPING	TOTAL THERMAL	THERMAL- ELECTRIC	TOTAL
75.00	.779	.969	.947	.987	.883	.994	.532	.399	.212
100.00	.781	.968	.940	.989	.875	.994	.525	.399	.210
125.00	.746	.972	.935	.994	.898	.995	.516	.399	.208
150.00	.762	.971	.931	.994	.888	.994	.519	.399	.207

## FLUX ON RECEIVER AT POINTS TESTED FOR MAXIMUM FLUX

DES. POWER (MWE)	FLUX PT.	MAX. FLUX (W/M <sup>2</sup> )	FLUX PT.	MAX. FLUX (W/M <sup>2</sup> )	FLUX PT.	MAX. FLUX (W/M <sup>2</sup> )	FLUX PT.	MAX. FLUX (W/M <sup>2</sup> )
75.00	1	.795E+06						
100.00	1	.724E+06						
125.00	1	.788E+06						
150.00	1	.781E+06						

CAPITAL COST BREAKDOWN

DES. POWER (MWE)	DIRECT CAP. COST (M\$, CURRENT EST.)	LAND	PERCENT-		TOW	REC	PIPE	PUMP	STOR	FFGS	HTXCHG	FIXED
			WIRE	HEL								
75.00	64.00	3.60	1.56	40.24	3.56	2.44	4.41	.65	0.00	30.95	1.66	10.94
100.00	81.27	3.74	1.69	42.59	3.08	2.58	4.72	.67	0.00	30.68	1.65	8.61
125.00	99.57	4.47	1.86	45.45	2.54	2.14	4.33	.63	0.00	29.93	1.61	7.03
150.00	115.48	4.25	1.90	46.16	2.49	2.28	4.70	.68	0.00	29.86	1.60	6.06

ANNUAL ENERGY BREAKDOWN

PLANT FACTOR	WEATHER FACTOR	DES.PT.PAR.LOAD	AVG.PAR.LOAD	
1.000	.830	.065	.065	
DES.POWER (MWE)	OVERALL EFFICIENCY	MRS.STORAGE	TOT.KWHR PER YEAR	CAPACITY FACTOR
75.00	.212	0.00	.1640E+09	.250
100.00	.210	0.00	.2180E+09	.249
125.00	.206	0.00	.2840E+09	.256
150.00	.207	0.00	.3317E+09	.252



BBEC CALCULATION BREAKDOWN

CONTINGENCY	SPARE PARTS (PCT CAP.COSTS)	INDIRECT	CAP.ESCALATION (PCT/YR)	INFLATION (PCT/YR)	NO.YRS TC CONS.	INT.CUPIG CONS(PCT)	FIXED CHG RATE(PCT/YR)	LEV.HEL.C-M(PCT HEL.CAP.COST)	LEV.BAL.C-M(PCT OTHER CAP.COST)
12.00	1.00	16.00	8.00	8.00	0	15.00	15.90	3.64	3.64
DES.POWER (MWF)	TOT.CAP.COST EST.(M\$) INDIR.,ETC.,INCLUDED	TOT.INVESTMENT(M\$) BY 1ST YR OPERATION	TOT.INVESTMENT(M\$) CURRENT \$	\$/KWE CURRENT \$	BBEC(MILLS/KWHR) 1ST YR OPERATION	BBEC(MILLS/KWHR) CURRENT \$			
75.00	82.57	94.95	94.95	1266.71	113.16	113.16			
100.00	104.84	120.57	120.57	1205.71	108.13	108.13			
125.00	128.45	147.72	147.72	1181.75	103.12	103.12			
150.00	148.97	171.32	171.32	1142.14	100.97	100.97			



3.82	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000
4.43	DENSITY	.187	.187	.187	.187	.187	.187	.187
4.43	MISS. H	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955
4.43	RAD SEP	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510
4.43	AZM SEP	1.061	1.061	1.061	1.061	1.061	1.061	1.061
4.43	HSTATS	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	0.0	0.0
4.43	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000
5.05	DENSITY	.164	.164	.164	.164	.164	.164	.164
5.05	MISS. H	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955
5.05	RAD SEP	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128
5.05	AZM SEP	1.067	1.067	1.067	1.067	1.067	1.067	1.067
5.05	HSTATS	74.4	74.4	74.4	74.4	74.4	0.0	0.0
5.05	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000
5.66	DENSITY	.145	.145	.145	.145	.145	.145	.145
5.66	MISS. H	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955
5.66	RAD SEP	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760
5.66	AZM SEP	1.076	1.076	1.076	1.076	1.076	1.076	1.076
5.66	HSTATS	73.7	73.7	73.7	73.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
5.66	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
6.27	DENSITY	.129	.129	.129	.129	.129	.129	.129
6.27	MISS. H	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955
6.27	RAD SEP	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401
6.27	AZM SEP	1.088	1.088	1.088	1.088	1.088	1.088	1.088
6.27	HSTATS	72.6	72.6	72.6	72.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
6.27	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
6.89	DENSITY	.115	.115	.115	.115	.115	.115	.115
6.89	MISS. H	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955
6.89	RAD SEP	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050
6.89	AZM SEP	1.103	1.103	1.103	1.103	1.103	1.103	1.103
6.89	HSTATS	71.5	71.5	71.5	23.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
6.89	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	.331	0.000	0.000	0.000
7.50	DENSITY	.104	.104	.104	.104	.104	.104	.104
7.50	MISS. H	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955
7.50	RAD SEP	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705
7.50	AZM SEP	1.120	1.120	1.120	1.120	1.120	1.120	1.120
7.50	HSTATS	34.3	34.3	34.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
7.50	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

DESIGN POWER(MWE)= .110E+03  
 AZIMUTHAL ANGLE 0.0 30.0 60.0 90.0 120.0 150.0 180.0  
 MIN. RADIAL ZONE NO. 1 1 1 1 1 1 1  
 MAX. RADIAL ZONE NO. 12 12 12 10 8 6 5

FIELD DESCRIPTION - LAND AREA(M2)= .234E+07 MIRROR AREA = .462E+06 NO. OF HSTATS= 9397. AVERAGE DENSITY = .198

RADIUS AZIMUTHAL ANGLE OF HELIOSTAT, NORTH=0, EAST=90  
 0. 30. 60. 90. 120. 150. 180.

75 DENSITY .175 .175 .175 .175 .175 .175 .175



5.66	AZM SEP	1.071	1.071	1.071	1.071	1.071	1.071	1.071
5.66	HSTATS	101.3	101.3	101.3	101.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
5.66	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

6.27	DENSITY	.129	.129	.129	.129	.129	.129	.129
6.27	MISS. H	.960	.960	.960	.960	.960	.960	.960
6.27	RAD SEP	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401
6.27	AZM SEP	1.083	1.083	1.083	1.083	1.083	1.083	1.083
6.27	HSTATS	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
6.27	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

6.89	DENSITY	.116	.116	.116	.116	.116	.116	.116
6.89	MISS. H	.960	.960	.960	.960	.960	.960	.960
6.89	RAD SEP	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050
6.89	AZM SEP	1.098	1.098	1.098	1.098	1.098	1.098	1.098
6.89	HSTATS	98.3	98.3	98.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
6.89	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

7.50	DENSITY	.104	.104	.104	.104	.104	.104	.104
7.50	MISS. H	.960	.960	.960	.960	.960	.960	.960
7.50	RAD SEP	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705
7.50	AZM SEP	1.115	1.115	1.115	1.115	1.115	1.115	1.115
7.50	HSTATS	47.2	47.2	47.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
7.50	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

DESIGN POWER(MWE)= .125E+03  
 AZIMUTHAL ANGLE 0.0 30.0 60.0 90.0 120.0 150.0 180.0  
 MIN. RADIAL ZONE NO. 1 1 1 1 1 1 1  
 MAX. RADIAL ZONE NO. 12 12 12 12 12 12 12

FIELD DESCRIPTION - LAND AREA(M2)= .342E+07 MIRROR AREA = .603E+06 NO. OF HSTATS= 12285. AVERAGE DENSITY = .176

RADIUS	AZIMUTHAL ANGLE OF HELIOSTAT, NORTH=0, EAST=90							
	0.	30.	60.	90.	120.	150.	180.	
.75	DENSITY	.435	.435	.435	.435	.435	.435	.435
.75	MISS. H	.928	.928	.928	.928	.928	.928	.928
.75	RAD SEP	1.634	1.634	1.634	1.634	1.634	1.634	1.634
.75	AZM SEP	1.263	1.263	1.263	1.263	1.263	1.263	1.263
.75	HSTATS	23.4	23.4	23.4	23.4	23.4	23.4	23.4
.75	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000

1.36	DENSITY	.403	.403	.403	.403	.403	.403	.403
1.36	MISS. H	.948	.948	.948	.948	.948	.948	.948
1.36	RAD SEP	1.942	1.942	1.942	1.942	1.942	1.942	1.942
1.36	AZM SEP	1.147	1.147	1.147	1.147	1.147	1.147	1.147
1.36	HSTATS	66.7	66.7	66.7	66.7	66.7	66.7	66.7
1.36	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000

1.98	DENSITY	.352	.352	.352	.352	.352	.352	.352
1.98	MISS. H	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955	.955
1.98	RAD SEP	2.329	2.329	2.329	2.329	2.329	2.329	2.329
1.98	AZM SEP	1.095	1.095	1.095	1.095	1.095	1.095	1.095
1.98	HSTATS	85.2	85.2	85.2	85.2	85.2	85.2	85.2
1.98	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000



7.50	MISS. H	.960	.960	.960	.960	.960	.960	.960
7.50	RAD SEP	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705
7.50	AZM SEP	1.115	1.115	1.115	1.115	1.115	1.115	1.115
7.50	HSTATS	47.2	47.2	47.2	47.2	47.2	47.2	35.5
7.50	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	.751

DESIGN POWER(MWE)= .150E+03  
 AZIMUTHAL ANGLE 0.0 30.0 60.0 90.0 120.0 150.0 180.0  
 MIN. FACIAL ZONE NO. 1 1 1 1 1 1 1  
 MAX. FACIAL ZONE NO. 12 12 12 12 11 8 7

FIELD DESCRIPTION - LAND AREA(M2)= .378E+07 MIRROR AREA = .711E+06 NO. OF HSTATS= 14471. AVERAGE DENSITY = .188

RADIUS		AZIMUTHAL ANGLE OF HELIOSTAT, NORTH=0, EAST=90						
		0.	30.	60.	90.	120.	150.	180.
.75	DENSITY	.438	.438	.438	.438	.438	.438	.438
.75	MISS. H	.935	.935	.935	.935	.935	.935	.935
.75	RAD SEP	1.634	1.634	1.634	1.634	1.634	1.634	1.634
.75	AZM SEP	1.254	1.254	1.254	1.254	1.254	1.254	1.254
.75	HSTATS	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0	31.0
.75	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
1.36	DENSITY	.405	.405	.405	.405	.405	.405	.405
1.36	MISS. H	.953	.953	.953	.953	.953	.953	.953
1.36	RAD SEP	1.942	1.942	1.942	1.942	1.942	1.942	1.942
1.36	AZM SEP	1.142	1.142	1.142	1.142	1.142	1.142	1.142
1.36	HSTATS	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1	88.1
1.36	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
1.98	DENSITY	.353	.353	.353	.353	.353	.353	.353
1.98	MISS. H	.960	.960	.960	.960	.960	.960	.960
1.98	RAD SEP	2.329	2.329	2.329	2.329	2.329	2.329	2.329
1.98	AZM SEP	1.090	1.090	1.090	1.090	1.090	1.090	1.090
1.98	HSTATS	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3	112.3
1.98	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
2.59	DENSITY	.300	.300	.300	.300	.300	.300	.300
2.59	MISS. H	.963	.963	.963	.963	.963	.963	.963
2.59	RAD SEP	2.803	2.803	2.803	2.803	2.803	2.803	2.803
2.59	AZM SEP	1.065	1.065	1.065	1.065	1.065	1.065	1.065
2.59	HSTATS	125.5	125.5	125.5	125.5	125.5	125.5	125.5
2.59	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
3.20	DENSITY	.255	.255	.255	.255	.255	.255	.255
3.20	MISS. H	.964	.964	.964	.964	.964	.964	.964
3.20	RAD SEP	3.337	3.337	3.337	3.337	3.337	3.337	3.337
3.20	AZM SEP	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054
3.20	HSTATS	131.9	131.9	131.9	131.9	131.9	131.9	131.9
3.20	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
3.82	DENSITY	.218	.218	.218	.218	.218	.218	.218
3.82	MISS. H	.964	.964	.964	.964	.964	.964	.964
3.82	RAD SEP	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910
3.82	AZM SEP	1.051	1.051	1.051	1.051	1.051	1.051	1.051
3.82	HSTATS	174.6	174.6	174.6	174.6	174.6	174.6	174.6

3.82	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
4.43	DENSITY	.189	.189	.189	.189	.189	.189	.189
4.43	MISS. H	.965	.965	.965	.965	.965	.965	.965
4.43	RAD SEP	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510
4.43	AZM SEP	1.053	1.053	1.053	1.053	1.053	1.053	1.053
4.43	HSTATS	135.3	135.3	135.3	135.3	135.3	135.3	135.3
4.43	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
5.05	DENSITY	.165	.165	.165	.165	.165	.165	.165
5.05	MISS. H	.965	.965	.965	.965	.965	.965	.965
5.05	RAD SEP	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128
5.05	AZM SEP	1.059	1.059	1.059	1.059	1.059	1.059	1.059
5.05	HSTATS	134.7	134.7	134.7	134.7	134.7	134.7	0.0
5.05	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000
5.66	DENSITY	.146	.146	.146	.146	.146	.146	.146
5.66	MISS. H	.965	.965	.965	.965	.965	.965	.965
5.66	RAD SEP	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760
5.66	AZM SEP	1.068	1.068	1.068	1.068	1.068	1.068	1.068
5.66	HSTATS	133.3	133.3	133.3	133.3	133.3	0.0	0.0
5.66	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000
6.27	DENSITY	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130
6.27	MISS. H	.965	.965	.965	.965	.965	.965	.965
6.27	RAD SEP	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401
6.27	AZM SEP	1.079	1.079	1.079	1.079	1.079	1.079	1.079
6.27	HSTATS	131.5	131.5	131.5	131.5	131.5	0.0	0.0
6.27	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000
6.89	DENSITY	.116	.116	.116	.116	.116	.116	.116
6.89	MISS. H	.964	.964	.964	.964	.964	.964	.964
6.89	RAD SEP	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050
6.89	AZM SEP	1.094	1.094	1.094	1.094	1.094	1.094	1.094
6.89	HSTATS	129.4	129.4	129.4	129.4	81.1	0.0	0.0
6.89	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	.627	0.000	0.000
7.50	DENSITY	.105	.105	.105	.105	.105	.105	.105
7.50	MISS. H	.964	.964	.964	.964	.964	.964	.964
7.50	RAD SEP	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705
7.50	AZM SEP	1.111	1.111	1.111	1.111	1.111	1.111	1.111
7.50	HSTATS	62.2	62.2	62.2	62.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
7.50	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000



CAPITAL COST OF THERMAL ENERGY NEAR THE BASE OF THE TOWER

COSTS INCLUDE FIELD, RECEIVER, TOWER, PIPING AND PUMPS

DES.ELEC.POWER (MWE)	THERMAL POWER (MWH)	CAP.COST (\$/KWH)
75.00	190.98	189.202
100.00	254.64	188.515
125.00	318.31	192.168
150.00	381.97	188.882

## Sample Problem 2 - Optimization of a Multi-Aperture Cavity and Storage Subsystem Size

### Problem Statement

Both the receiver and storage size are to be optimized for a 125 MWe molten salt system with a solar multiple of 1.5. The receiver is a cavity design configured so that the north aperture is the largest, the south the smallest, and the east and west of intermediate size. The depth of each cavity varies in a similar fashion. A flux limit of  $0.6 \text{ MW/m}^2$  is specified. A flux map of the optimum north cavity surface is required for subsequent detailed design studies. The optimized field layout should be printed and optimization data saved.

A reminder: As discussed in section V.A-3(c), optimum cavity receiver design should be carried out in two steps. First, the optimum depth of each cavity should be calculated, and in a second run, the optimum aperture size. These sequential runs are discussed in turn below.

### A. Optimize Cavity Depth

#### Input Cards

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SAMPLE PRØBLEM 2A
$BASIC ITAPE=2$
$REC IREC=2, RRECL=0.98, W=20., IAUTØP=2, NUMCAV=4,
  RWCAV=1.0,0.75,0.5,0.75$
$ØPT NUMTHT=4, THTST=160., THTEND=220., NUMREC=5, WST=14., WEND=22.,
  IØPTUM=2, NUMHTW=7, HTWST=30., HTWEND=45.0, RYTRX=1.0, RX2TRX=0.8,
  RX3TRX=0.6, RX4TRX=0.8, NUMØPT=1, PØPTMN=125.E+06, PØPTMX=125.E+06,
  IPLFL=1$
$NLFLUX IFLX=1, NXFLX=5, FAZMIN=135., FAZMAX=225., NYFLX=4, FZMIN=0.,
  FZMAX=13.3, NFLXMX=4, NMXFLX=3,8,13,18, FLXLIM=4*0.6E+06$
$NLEFF REFRC=0.937, AREF=881.$
$NLCØST CREC1=4.735E+06, ARECRF=1749.$
$NLECØN$
$REC W=-1.$
```

#### Analysis of Input

Since the problem statement is somewhat general, some choices must be made by the user. To begin with, no initial performance calculation is required since the data file created in Sample Problem 1 is suitable for this problem. For this option the user specifies ITAPE=2 in \$BASIC\$ (in addition to attaching the permanent file created in Problem 1 with the control statement(s) appropriate to his system). No other cards in the performance group are read. The \$REC\$ card is the first of the optimization group and defines a cavity with 4 rectangular apertures (IREC=2, NUMCAV=4) and automatic 2-d aiming (IAUTØP=2). RRECL defines the receiver reflectivity appropriate for this cavity (ref. 34). Relative cavity depths are specified by RWCAV. (Note that the choice of RWCAV has been left up to the user. Values indicated here are reasonable ones, but could be varied according to the user's previous experience, added information about his problem and/or his curiosity concerning the sensitivity of the design to such factors). The value of W is chosen as a

convenient basis for setting up the flux map in \$NLFLUX\$ to test for flux limits on the back wall of the cavity. The selection of the default values for RAZM sets the north facing cavity as the first one.

For optimizing cavity depth, the IØPTUM=2 option is specified. NUMREC, WST, and WEND then refer to the width of the first (north) aperture. NUMHTW, HTWST, and HTWEND define the width of the receiver and therefore the depth of the cavities. The aperture dimensions are varied by the ratios RYTRX, RX2TRX, RX3TRX, and RX4TRX. Other input variables in \$ØPT\$ are analogous to those in Sample Problem 1.

Testing for flux limits on a cavity wall requires some care with the input data. The maximum angle active for the north cavity sets the width of the flux surface (FAZMIN,FAZMAX), and an estimate of the height of the cavity wall above the plane of the aperture center (FZMAX) is made based on RADMIN. A 20 point grid is set up with the 4 points (NFLXMX) along the centerline checked (NMXFLX=3,8,13,18) for a flux limit of 0.6 MW/m<sup>2</sup>. As mentioned the flux map is referenced to the values of THT, W, RY and RELV in \$RECS\$ for scaling and is subsequently varied in the optimization search as THT, W, and RY vary.

Parameters for the reference receiver efficiency (REFRC and AREF in \$NLEFF\$) and cost (CREC1 and ARECRF in \$NLCØST\$) are provided since the default values refer to an external receiver design (ref. 34).

#### Comments on Output

\$BASIC\$ is printed followed by the code generated list \$FMTP\$ from TAPE20 (pp. B-48 to B-52). The heliostat design is summarized (p. B-53) as in the previous example, but no initial performance data is given. The optimization namelists are printed (not included here, similar to previous example), a summary of the optimization parameters given (p. B-54), and the limited summary of the search printed (also not included here).

The design summary tables are similar to those of the previous example but modified now for the appropriate output cavity dimensions, and including a summary of the cavity design(pp. B-55 to B-64). As mentioned in Section V.A-3(C), the user may want to rerun the problem for a larger RADMIN to test the effect on cavity depth and height. The 4 flux points tested indicate a rather sharp rise in the flux at the third point tested (point 13 on the grid of flux points, roughly 1/3 of the way up the cavity). Again the user may want to rerun the problem with a finer grid in this region in order to locate more accurately the peak flux point. The appropriate output from 2A will now be used as input for 2B.

## BASIS

IPPOB = 0,  
 NYEAR = 5,  
 HROEL = .1E+01,  
 UDAY = .81E+02,  
 UTIME = 0.0,  
 NUAZ = 7,  
 NUEL = 6,  
 UAZ = 0.0, .3E+02, .6E+02, .75E+02, .9E+02, .11E+03, .13E+03, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0,  
 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0,  
 UEL = .5E+00, .25E+02, .45E+02, .65E+02, .75E+02, .85E+02, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0,  
 DHOPT = .2E+00,  
 IPPRINT = 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,  
 ITAPE = 2,  
 TDESP = .1E+03,  
 PLAT = .35E+02,  
 ALT = .65E+00,  
 INSOL = 0,  
 SOLCON = .95E+00,  
 IWEATH = 0,  
 WEATH = .83E+00,  
 DWEATH = .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00,  
 H2O = .2E+02,  
 DH2O = .2E+02, .2E+02, .2E+02, .2E+02, .2E+02, .2E+02, .2E+02, .2E+02, .2E+02,  
 PRES = .1E+01,  
 OPPRES = .1E+01, .1E+01, .1E+01, .1E+01, .1E+01, .1E+01, .1E+01, .1E+01, .1E+01, .1E+01,  
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 NSUNPT = 0,  
 SUNI = 0.0,  
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 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0,  
 SUNR = 0.0,  
 0.0,  
 0.0,

REPTIM = 0.0.

REFSOL = .95E+00.

ASTART = .75E+02.

IATM = 0.

ATM1 = .6789E-02.

ATM2 = .1046E+00.

ATM3 = -.17E-01.

ATM4 = .2845E-02.

REND

RFMTP

THT = .175E+03,  
 WM = .42285714285714E-01,  
 HM = .42285714285714E-01,  
 IPOUND = 0,  
 NCANTX = 2,  
 NCANTY = 6,  
 ROUND = .1E+01,  
 NRAC = 12,  
 NAZM = 12,  
 RMIRL = .89E+00,  
 DENSMR = .897E+00,

DENSIT = .43987439231372E+00, .40573969863598E+00, .35409061477939E+00,  
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XFOCUS = .1E+01,  
 YFOCUS = .1E+01,  
 SIGAZ = .75E-03,  
 SIGEL = .75E-03,

SIGSX = .1E-02.  
SIGSY = .1E-02.  
SIGTX = 0.0.  
SIGTY = 0.0.  
HEAD = -.16E32166457741E+67, .23043579520479E-04, -.71738305547276E+58, -.71738305547276E+58.  
IFOCUS = 1.  
XFOCAL = .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01.  
YFOCAL = .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01.  
HRCEL = .1E+01.  
NYEAR = 5.  
HCANT = 0.0.  
DCANT = .81E+02.  
RADMIN = .75E+00.  
RAGMAX = .75E+01.  
RCANT = .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01.  
WEATH = .8299999999999999E+00.  
DWEATH = .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00, .83E+00.  
IWEATH = 0.  
ILAY = 0.  
IATM = 0.  
ATM1 = .6789E+00.  
ATM2 = .104EE+02.  
ATM3 = -.17E+01.  
ATM4 = .4978749999999999E+02.  
HCANT = 0.0.  
OCANT = .81E+02.  
RCANT = .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01, .715E+01.  
INCC = 0.  
IROTFL = 0.  
INSOL = 0.  
NSUN = 1.





HELIOSTAT

RECTANGULAR HELIOSTAT - WIDTH = 7.40 M, HEIGHT = 7.40M  
OVERALL AREA/HSTAT= 54.760 M<sup>2</sup>; REFLECTIVE AREA/HSTAT= 49.120 RATIO (REFLECTIVE/TOTAL)= .897

THE SHADOWING AND BLOCKING ARE ASSUMED NOT TO OVERLAP

THE HELIOSTAT PERFORMANCE ERRORS HAVE NORMAL DISTRIBUTIONS WITH STANDARD DEVIATIONS OF

NAME	VARIABLE EFFECTED	STD. DEV (RAD)
SIGAZ	- AZIMUTH ANGLE	.00075
SIGEL	- ELEVATION ANGLE	.00075
SIGSX	- HSTAT SURFACE, HORIZ.	.00100
SIGSY	- HSTAT SURFACE, VERT.	.00100
SIGTX	- REFLECTED RAY, HORIZ.	0.00000
SIGTY	- REFLECTED RAY, VERT.	0.00000

THE 12 MIRROR PANELS ARE CANTED ON-AXIS WITH THE FOLLOWING FOCAL LENGTHS - RADIAL ZONE FOCAL LENGTH(M)

1	1251.3
2	1251.3
3	1251.3
4	1251.3
5	1251.3
6	1251.3
7	1251.3
8	1251.3
9	1251.3
10	1251.3
11	1251.3
12	1251.3

NO. OF PANELS IN HORIZ. DIRECTION= 2 VERT. DIRECTION = 6

MIRROR PANELS FOCUSED IN TWO DIMENSIONS  
FOCAL LENGTHS DEFINED BY USER

DELSOL DEFAULT LIMB DARKENED SUNSHAPE

DELSOL WILL DO A SMART SEARCH OVER THE OPTIMIZATION VARIABLES - NOT EVERY CASE WILL BE CALCULATED

NO OPTIMIZATION OF HELICSTAT DENSITIES

THERE ARE 4 VALUES OF THE TOWER HEIGHT

MINIMUM VALUE = 160.000

MAXIMUM VALUE = 220.000

CAVITY RECEIVER WITH 4 RECTANGULAR APERTURES

THERE ARE 5 VALUES OF THE HORIZONTAL DIMENSION, RX(1)

MINIMUM VALUE = 14.000

MAXIMUM VALUE = 22.000

THERE ARE 7 VALUES OF THE RECEIVER DIAMETER

THE CAVITY OF THE 1 APERTURE HAS A DEPTH THAT IS 1.000 TIMES THE RECEIVER DIAMETER

THE CAVITY OF THE 2 APERTURE HAS A DEPTH THAT IS .750 TIMES THE RECEIVER DIAMETER

THE CAVITY OF THE 3 APERTURE HAS A DEPTH THAT IS .500 TIMES THE RECEIVER DIAMETER

THE CAVITY OF THE 4 APERTURE HAS A DEPTH THAT IS .750 TIMES THE RECEIVER DIAMETER

MINIMUM VALUE = 30.000

MAXIMUM VALUE = 65.000

THERE ARE 1 VALUES OF THE DESIGN POINT POWER LEVEL IN MEGAWATTS ELECTRIC

MINIMUM VALUE = 125.000

CONSTRAINTS ON DESIGN (IF ANY)

THE FLUX AT THE 1 POINT ON THE RECEIVER MUST BE LESS THAN .600E+06 W/M2

THE FLUX AT THE 2 POINT ON THE RECEIVER MUST BE LESS THAN .600E+06 W/M2

THE FLUX AT THE 3 POINT ON THE RECEIVER MUST BE LESS THAN .600E+06 W/M2

THE FLUX AT THE 4 POINT ON THE RECEIVER MUST BE LESS THAN .600E+06 W/M2

THE ORIGIN OF THE FLUX SURFACE IS PROPORTIONAL TO THE RECEIVER DIAMETER

THE ORIGIN COORDINATES EXPRESSED AS FRACTIONS OF THE REC. DIAMETER ARE, EAST= .000 NORTH= .500 UP= 0.000

THE FLUX SURFACE IS THE INSIDE OF A CYLINDER WHOSE DIAMETER IS 1.000 TIMES THE RECEIVER DIAMETER

THE FLUX POINTS HAVE A CONSTANT AZIMUTH AND A HEIGHT THAT SCALES WITH REC. HT. (EXT. REC.) OR REC. DIAM. (CAV. REC.)

SYSTEM DESIGN

SAMPLE PROBLEM 2A

DESIGN POWER RANGE = 125.00 TO 125.00 MWE

SOLAR MULTIPLE 1.50 FLUX LIMIT(S) = .600E+06 .60(E+06) .E00E+06 .600E+06 W/M2

DESIGN POINT, DAY= 81.000 HOURS PAST SOLAR NOON= 0.000 INSOLATION = .9500 KW/M2

DES. POWER (MWE)	BUSBAR COST (MILLS/KWHR)	TOWER HT (M)	APERTURE WIDTH (M)	RECVR WIDTH (M)	NO. HELIOSTATS	LAND AREA (KM2)
125.00	105.36	200.00	16.00	35.00	17293.	3.906

## CAVITY CONFIGURATION

DESIGN POWER (MWE)	CAVITY	RAZM (DEG)	RELV (DEG)	PX (M)	PY (M)	CAVITY DEPTH (M)	HEAT ABSORBING SURFACE			CAVITY ANGLES		
							TOP (M)	BOTTOM (M)	HEIGHT (M)	MIN (DEG)	MAX (DEG)	TOTAL (DEG)
125.00	1	180.00	90.00	16.00	16.00	17.50	35.47	-5.73	41.21	19.45	160.55	141.11
	2	270.00	90.00	12.80	12.80	13.13	26.85	-4.12	30.96	19.48	161.52	143.04
	3	360.00	90.00	9.60	9.60	8.75	18.32	-2.06	20.38	16.37	163.63	147.27
	4	450.00	90.00	12.80	12.80	13.13	26.85	-4.12	30.96	19.48	161.52	143.04

----- TOP, BOTTOM OF HEAT ABSORBING SURFACE RELATIVE TO TOP OF TOWER (CENTER OF APERTURE).

----- MIN, MAX CAVITY ANGLES MEASURED COUNTERCLOCKWISE FROM PLANE OF APERTURE (ORIGIN AT CENTER OF APERTURE).

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE BREAKDOWN

CONSTANT - MIRROR REFLECTIVITY = .890 RECEIVER ABSORPTIVITY = .980

DES. POWER (MWE)	COSINE	SHAD+BLOCK	ATM. TRANSMIT.	INTERCEPT	REC. PAD-COR	PIPING	TOTAL THERMAL	THERMAL- ELECTRIC	TOTAL
125.00	.787	.966	.925	.949	.952	.993	.551	.399	.220

## FLUX ON RECEIVER AT POINTS TESTED FOR MAXIMUM FLUX

DES. POWER (MWE)	FLUX PT.	MAX. FLUX (W/M <sup>2</sup> )	FLUX PT.	MAX. FLUX (W/M <sup>2</sup> )	FLUX PT.	MAX. FLUX (W/M <sup>2</sup> )	FLUX PT.	MAX. FLUX (W/M <sup>2</sup> )
125.00	1	.737E+04	2	.493E+05	3	.556E+06	4	.156E+06

CAPITAL COST BREAKDOWN

DES. POWER (MWE)	DIRECT CAP. COST (MS. CURRENT EST.)	LAND	PERCENT- WIRE	HEL	TOW	REC	PIPE	PUMP	STOR	ERGS	HTXCHG	FIXED
125.00	153.89	3.30	1.71	41.40	2.66	12.43	4.97	.52	8.05	19.37	1.04	4.55

ANNUAL ENERGY BREAKDOWN

PLANT FACTOR WEATHER FACTOR DES.PT.PAR.LOAD AVG.PAR.LOAD  
1.000 .830 .065 .059

DES.POWER OVERALL EFFICIENCY HRS.STORAGE TOT.KWHR PER YEAR CAPACITY FACTOR  
(MWE)

125.00 .220 3.25 .4235E+09 .387



BBEC CALCULATION BREAKDOWN

CONTINGENCY	SPARE PARTS (PCT CAP.COSTS)	INDIRECT	CAP. ESCALATION (PCT/YR)	INFLATION (PCT/YR)	NO. YRS TO CONS.	INT. DURING CONS (PCT)	FIXED CHG RATE (PCT/YR)	LEV. HEL. C-M (PCT) HEL. CAP. COST	LEV. PAL. C-M (PCT) OTHER CAP. COST
12.30	1.00	16.00	8.00	8.00	0	15.00	15.90	3.64	3.64
DES. POWER (MWE)	TOT. CAP. COST EST. (M\$) INDIR., ETC., INCLUDED	TOT. INVESTMENT (M\$) BY 1ST YR OPERATION	TOT. INVESTMENT (M\$) CURRENT \$	\$/KWE CURRENT \$	PBEC (MILLS/KWHR) 1ST YR OPERATION	BBEC (MILLS/KWHR) CURRENT \$			
125.00	198.51	228.29	228.29	1826.32	105.36	105.36			



3.82	LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000
4.43	DENSITY	.190	.190	.190	.190	.190	.190	.190
4.43	MISS. H	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971
4.43	RAD SEP	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510
4.43	AZM SEP	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048
4.43	HSTATS	213.7	213.7	213.7	213.7	213.7	0.0	0.0
4.43	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000
5.05	DENSITY	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166
5.05	MISS. H	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971
5.05	RAD SEP	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128
5.05	AZM SEP	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054
5.05	HSTATS	212.8	212.8	212.8	212.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
5.05	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
5.66	DENSITY	.147	.147	.147	.147	.147	.147	.147
5.66	MISS. H	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971
5.66	RAD SEP	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760
5.66	AZM SEP	1.063	1.063	1.063	1.063	1.063	1.063	1.063
5.66	HSTATS	210.7	210.7	210.7	149.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
5.66	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	.692	0.000	0.000	0.000
6.27	DENSITY	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130
6.27	MISS. H	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971
6.27	RAD SEP	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401
6.27	AZM SEP	1.074	1.074	1.074	1.074	1.074	1.074	1.074
6.27	HSTATS	207.8	207.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
6.27	F LAND	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
6.89	DENSITY	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117
6.89	MISS. H	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971
6.89	RAD SEP	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050
6.89	AZM SEP	1.089	1.089	1.089	1.089	1.089	1.089	1.089
6.89	HSTATS	204.4	204.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
6.89	F LAND	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
7.50	DENSITY	.105	.105	.105	.105	.105	.105	.105
7.50	MISS. H	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971
7.50	RAD SEP	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705
7.50	AZM SEP	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105
7.50	HSTATS	98.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
7.50	F LAND	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

CAPITAL COST OF THERMAL ENERGY NEAR THE BASE OF THE TOWER  
COSTS INCLUDE FIELD, RECEIVER, TOWER, PIPING AND PUMPS

DES.ELEC.POWER (MKE)	THERMAL POWER (MWH)	CAP.COST (\$/KWH)
125.00	477.46	215.881

## B. Optimize Aperture Size

### Input Cards

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SAMPLE PRØBLEM 2B
$BASIC ITAPE=2$
$REC IREC=2, RRECL=0.98, THT=200., W=35., IAUTØP=2, NUMCAV=4,
  RX=16.,12.8,9.6,12.8, RY=16.,12.8,9.6,12.8, RWCAV=1.,0.75,0.5, 0.75$
$ØPT NUMTHT=4, THTST=160., THTEND=220., NUMREC=5, WST=14., WEND=22.,
  NUMHTW=4, HTWST=0.75, HTWEND=1.5,
  NUMØPT=1, PØPTMN=125.E+06, PØPTMX=125.E+06, IPLFL=1, IØTAPE=1,
  IRERUN=1, ISTR=1, NSTR=11$
$NLFLUX IFLX=1, NXFLX=5, FAZMIN=135., FAXMAX=225., NYFLX=5, FZMIN=-5.,
  FZMAX=20., NFLXMX=4, NMFLX=8,13,18,23, FLXLIM=4*0.6E+06$
$NLEFF REFR=0.937, AREF=881.$
$NLCØST CREC1=4.735E+06, ARECRF=1749.$
$NLECØNS$
PERFØRMANCE RERUN.
$BASIC ITAPE=3, TDESP=125.$
$FIELD$
$HSTAT$
$REC$
$NLFLUX IFLX=1, IFXØUT(3,1)=1$
$NLEFF$
$REC W=-1.$
```

### Analysis of Input

As in Problem 2A, the performance data tape created in Problem 1 will suffice for initial performance input (ITAPE=2 in \$BASIC\$). For optimizing aperture size, the optimum cavity depth for the first aperture from Problem 2A becomes the input value for W in \$REC\$ in Problem 2B. The tower height and aperture dimensions from the optimized design of Problem 2A are used so that the flux map can be referenced to the calculated values for the heat absorbing surface given in the cavity configuration summary. In \$ØPT\$ the tower height and aperture width ranges are kept the same as 2A although a narrower range around the optimum values of 2A would probably suffice in this problem. The aperture size variation is specified by selecting NUMHTW values of the first aperture height to width ratio (i.e., RYTRX is now varied by the code) from HTWST to HTWEND, and by using the default value for IØPTUM. The other three apertures will be sized by the same ratio and by the relative size with respect to the first aperture given by RX2TRX, RX3TRX, and RX4TRX, or defined by the RX's and RY's in \$REC\$, as done in this example. These are kept the same as in 2A. To save the optimization results on tape, the IØTAPE=1 option is set (and the appropriate catalog instructions are included in the control cards). For storage optimization, a detailed performance calculation is required (IRERUN=1), and the storage optimization is specified with ISTR=1 and NSTR=11 (i.e., the maximum storage size will be decreased in increments of 0.1). The flux map is redefined in \$NLFLUX\$ to span most of the height of the back wall determined in 2A; the bottom 4 points along the centerline are tested. Other inputs for the optimization group are the same as in 2A.

For a detailed performance calculation of the optimized system, the input set of Table A.A-2 is included. ITAPE=3 specifies that a user defined system

is to be read from TAPE30, and TDESP indicates the power level in MW of the system to be analyzed. Since a flux map is desired, the flux calculation must be turned on (IFLX=1) and the time at which the calculation is to be carried out set (IFXOUT(3,1)=1 => flux map at the design point).

#### Comments on Output

Only the summary design tables and performance rerun output are shown here since the initial output is quite similar to Problems 1 and 2A. Note that the code chose the same system design as in Problem 2A. As mentioned in 2A, the user will probably want to rerun this problem with a finer grid of flux test points in the vicinity of the peak indicated here.

The detailed performance output for the optimized system follows the optimization summary tables. The redefined variables written on TAPE30 are printed in the \$FMTP list and the input namelists for a performance run are listed (not shown here). Tables summarizing the heliostat (p. B-77), receiver (p. B-78), flux map (p. B-79), zoning (pp. B-80 to B-82), insolation and sun position (pp. B-83 and B-84), yearly average performance (pp. B-85 and B-86) and performance at each time step (p. B-87) follow. Design point power (p. B-88), annual power production at the optimum storage size (pp. B-89 to B-92), and the yearly average energy production are detailed in the next set of tables (p. B-93). Finally the flux calculation for the map specified is given (p. B-94).

SYSTEM DESIGN

SAMPLE PROBLEM 2B

DESIGN POWER RANGE = 125.00 TO 125.00 MWE

SOLAR MULTIPLE 1.50 FLUX LIMIT(S) = .690E+06 .69(F+CF) .690E+06 .690E+06 W/M2

DESIGN POINT, DAY= 81.000 HOURS PAST SOLAR NOON= 0.003 INSOLATION = .9500 KW/M2

DES.POWER (MWE)	BUSBAR COST (MILLS/KWHR)	TOWER HT (M)	APERTURE WIDTH (M)	APERTURE HT (M)	NO.HELIOSTATS	LAND AREA (KM2)
125.00	105.36	200.00	16.00	16.00	17293.	3.906

## CAVITY CONFIGURATION

DESIGN POWER (MWE)	CAVITY	PAZM (DEG)	RELV (DEG)	RX (M)	RY (M)	CAVITY DEPTH (M)	HEAT ABSORBING SURFACE			CAVITY ANGLES		
							TOP (M)	BOTTOM (M)	HEIGHT (M)	MIN (DEG)	MAX (DEG)	TOTAL (DEG)
125.00	1	180.00	90.00	16.00	16.00	17.50	35.47	-5.73	41.21	19.45	160.55	141.11
	2	270.00	90.00	12.80	12.80	13.13	26.85	-4.12	30.96	13.48	161.52	143.04
	3	360.00	90.00	9.60	9.60	8.75	19.32	-2.06	20.39	15.37	163.63	147.27
	4	450.00	90.00	12.80	12.80	13.13	26.85	-4.12	30.96	13.48	161.52	143.04

----- TOP, BOTTOM OF HEAT ABSORBING SURFACE RELATIVE TO TOP OF TOWER (CENTER OF APERTURE).

----- MIN, MAX CAVITY ANGLES MEASURED COUNTERCLOCKWISE FROM PLANE OF APERTURE (ORIGIN AT CENTER OF APERTURE).



ANNUAL PERFORMANCE BREAKDOWN

CONSTANT - MIRROR REFLECTIVITY= .890 RECEIVER ABSORPTIVITY= .990

DES.POWER (MWE)	COSINE	SHAD+BLOCK	ATM.TRANSMIT.	INTERCEPT	REC.PAC-CCN	PIPING	TOTAL THERMAL	THERMAL- ELECTRIC	TOTAL
125.00	.787	.966	.925	.949	.952	.993	.551	.399	.220

## FLUX ON RECEIVER AT PONTS TESTED FOR MAXIMUM FLUX

DES. POWER (MWE)	FLUX PT.	MAX. FLUX (W/M <sup>2</sup> )	FLUX PT.	MAX. FLUX (W/M <sup>2</sup> )	FLUX PT.	MAX. FLUX (W/M <sup>2</sup> )	FLUX PT.	MAX. FLUX (W/M <sup>2</sup> )
125.00	1	.889E+05	2	.536E+06	3	.444E+06	4	.340E+05

CAPITAL COST BREAKDOWN

DES. POWER (MW)	DIRECT CAP. COST (M\$ CURRENT EST.)	LAND	PERCENT - WIRE HEL	TOW	RFC	PIPE	PUMP	STOR	EPGS	HTXCHG	FIXED
125.00	153.89	3.30	1.71 41.40	2.66	12.43	4.97	.52	8.06	19.37	1.04	4.55

## ANNUAL ENERGY BREAKDOWN

PLANT FACTOR	WEATHER FACTOR	DES. PT. PAR. LOAD	AVG. PAR. LOAD		
1.000	.830	.255	.059		
DES. POWER (MWE)	OVERALL EFFICIENCY	HRS. STORAGE	TOT. KWHR PER YEAR	CAPACITY FACTOR	
125.00	.220	3.25	.4235E+09	.587	

BBEC CALCULATION BREAKDOWN

CONTINGENCY	SPARE PARTS (PCT CAP.COSTS)	INDIRECT	CAP. ESCALATION (PCT/YR)	INFLATION (PCT/YR)	NO. YRS TO CONS.	INT. DURING CONS.(PCT)	FIXED CHG RATE (PCT/YR)	LEV.HEL.C-M (PCT HEL.CAP.COST)	LEV.BAL.C-M (PCT OTHER CAP.COST)
12.10	1.00	16.90	8.00	8.00	0	15.00	15.90	3.64	3.64
DES. POWER (MWE)	TOT. CAP. COST EST. (M\$) INCIR., ETC., INCLUDED	TOT. INVESTMENT (M\$) BY 1ST YR OPERATION	TOT. INVESTMENT (M\$) CURRENT \$	\$/KWE CURRENT \$	BBEC (MILLS/KWHR) 1ST YR OPERATION	BBEC (MILLS/KWHR) CURRENT \$			
125.00	198.51	228.29	228.29	1826.32	105.36	105.36			



3.82	LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.	0.000
4.43	DENSITY	.190	.190	.190	.190	.190	.190	.190
4.43	MISS. H	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971
4.43	RAD SEP	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510
4.43	AZM SEP	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048
4.43	HSTATS	213.7	213.7	213.7	213.7	213.7	0.0	0.0
4.43	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000
5.05	DENSITY	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166
5.05	MISS. H	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971
5.05	RAD SEP	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128
5.05	AZM SEP	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054
5.05	HSTATS	212.8	212.8	212.8	212.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
5.05	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
5.66	DENSITY	.147	.147	.147	.147	.147	.147	.147
5.66	MISS. H	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971
5.66	RAD SEP	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760
5.66	AZM SEP	1.063	1.063	1.063	1.063	1.063	1.063	1.063
5.66	HSTATS	210.7	210.7	210.7	145.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
5.66	F LAND	1.000	1.000	1.000	.692	0.000	0.000	0.000
6.27	DENSITY	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130
6.27	MISS. H	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971
6.27	RAD SEP	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401
6.27	AZM SEP	1.074	1.074	1.074	1.074	1.074	1.074	1.074
6.27	HSTATS	207.8	207.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
6.27	F LAND	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
6.89	DENSITY	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117
6.89	MISS. H	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971
6.89	RAD SEP	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050
6.89	AZM SEP	1.089	1.089	1.089	1.089	1.089	1.089	1.089
6.89	HSTATS	204.4	204.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
6.89	F LAND	1.000	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
7.50	DENSITY	.105	.105	.105	.105	.105	.105	.105
7.50	MISS. H	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971
7.50	RAD SEP	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705	7.705
7.50	AZM SEP	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105	1.105
7.50	HSTATS	98.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
7.50	F LAND	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

----- OUTPUT WRITTEN ON LOCAL FILE TAPE30 - USER SHOULD STORE THIS DATA -----

## CAPITAL COST OF THERMAL ENERGY NEAR THE BASE OF THE TOWER

COSTS INCLUDE FIELD, RECEIVER, TOWER, PIPING AND PUMPS

DES.ELEC.POWER (MWE)	THERMAL POWER (MWTM)	CAP.COST (\$/KWTH)
125.00	477.46	215.881



HELIOSTAT

RECTANGULAR HELIOSTAT - WIDTH = 7.40 M, HEIGHT = 7.40M  
OVERALL AREA/HSTAT= 54.760 M2, REFLECTIVE AREA/HSTAT= 49.120 RATIO (REFLECTIVE/TOTAL)= .897

THE SHADOWING AND BLOCKING ARE ASSUMED NOT TO OVERLAP

THE HELIOSTAT PERFORMANCE ERRORS HAVE NORMAL DISTRIBUTIONS WITH STANDARD DEVIATIONS OF

NAME	VARIABLE EFFECTED	STD. DEV (RAD)
SIGAZ	- AZIMUTH ANGLE	.00075
SIGEL	- ELEVATION ANGLE	.00075
SIGSX	- HSTAT SURFACE, HORIZ.	.00100
SIGSY	- HSTAT SURFACE, VERT.	.00100
SIGTX	- REFLECTED RAY, HORIZ.	0.00000
SIGTY	- REFLECTED RAY, VERT.	0.00000

THE 12 MIRROR PANELS ARE CANTED ON-AXIS WITH THE FOLLOWING FOCAL LENGTHS - RADIAL ZONE FOCAL LENGTH(M)

1	1430.0
2	1430.0
3	1430.0
4	1430.0
5	1430.0
6	1430.0
7	1430.0
8	1430.0
9	1430.0
10	1430.0
11	1430.0
12	1430.0

NO. OF PANELS IN HORIZ. DIRECTION= 2 VERT. DIRECTION = 6

MIRROR PANELS FOCUSED IN TWO DIMENSIONS  
FOCAL LENGTHS DEFINED BY USER

DELSOL DEFAULT LIMB DARKENED SUNSHAPE

## RECEIVER

TOWER HEIGHT=200.00 M ABOVE PLANE OF HELICSTAT PIVOTS

THE TOWER SHADOW IS CALCULATED USING A CYLINDER OF HEIGHT= 200.0 M AND DIAMETER = 11.4 M

## CAVITY RECEIVER

THERE ARE 4 APERTURES OR FLAT PLATES WITH RECTANGULAR SHAPES

NUMBER 1 AZIMUTH=180.0 ELEVATION= 90.0 HORIZONTAL SIDE= 16.00 OTHER SIDE= 16.00  
 NUMBER 2 AZIMUTH=270.0 ELEVATION= 90.0 HORIZONTAL SIDE= 12.80 OTHER SIDE= 12.80  
 NUMBER 3 AZIMUTH=360.0 ELEVATION= 90.0 HORIZONTAL SIDE= 9.60 OTHER SIDE= 9.60  
 NUMBER 4 AZIMUTH=450.0 ELEVATION= 90.0 HORIZONTAL SIDE= 12.80 OTHER SIDE= 12.80

THE 1 AZIMUTAL ZONES ANGLE= 0.0 ARE AIMED AT 1 APERTURES - NO.= 1 WT= 1.00, NO.=  
 THE 2 AZIMUTAL ZONES ANGLE= 30.0 ARE AIMED AT 1 APERTURES - NO.= 1 WT= 1.00, NO.=  
 THE 3 AZIMUTAL ZONES ANGLE= 60.0 ARE AIMED AT 1 APERTURES - NO.= 2 WT= 1.00, NO.=  
 THE 4 AZIMUTAL ZONES ANGLE= 90.0 ARE AIMED AT 1 APERTURES - NO.= 2 WT= 1.00, NO.=  
 THE 5 AZIMUTAL ZONES ANGLE= 120.0 ARE AIMED AT 1 APERTURES - NO.= 2 WT= 1.00, NO.=  
 THE 6 AZIMUTAL ZONES ANGLE= 150.0 ARE AIMED AT 1 APERTURES - NO.= 3 WT= 1.00, NO.=  
 THE 7 AZIMUTAL ZONES ANGLE= 180.0 ARE AIMED AT 1 APERTURES - NO.= 3 WT= 1.00, NO.=  
 THE 8 AZIMUTAL ZONES ANGLE= 210.0 ARE AIMED AT 1 APERTURES - NO.= 3 WT= 1.00, NO.=  
 THE 9 AZIMUTAL ZONES ANGLE= 240.0 ARE AIMED AT 1 APERTURES - NO.= 4 WT= 1.00, NO.=  
 THE10 AZIMUTAL ZONES ANGLE= 270.0 ARE AIMED AT 1 APERTURES - NO.= 4 WT= 1.00, NO.=  
 THE11 AZIMUTAL ZONES ANGLE= 300.0 ARE AIMED AT 1 APERTURES - NO.= 4 WT= 1.00, NO.=  
 THE12 AZIMUTAL ZONES ANGLE= 330.0 ARE AIMED AT 1 APERTURES - NO.= 1 WT= 1.00, NO.=

THE CODE WILL AUTOMATICALLY CALCULATE A 2 DIMENSIONAL SMART AIMING FOR EACH ZONE AT EACH TIME STEP

FLUX CALCULATION

FLUX POINTS ON INSIDE OF CYLINDER OF RADIUS 17.50 M CENTERED AT X= .00 Y=17.50 Z= 0.00

SEVERAL HELICSTATS AT DIFFERENT POSITIONS WITHIN EACH ZONE ARE USED IN GENERATING FLUXES

HT (M)	AZIMUTH OF NORMAL (180 = NORTH FACING)				
	135.000	157.500	180.000	202.500	225.000
20.000	1	2	3	4	5
13.750	6	7	8	9	10
7.500	11	12	13	14	15
1.250	16	17	18	19	20
-5.000	21	22	23	24	25

COORDINATES OF FLUX POINTS AND ANGLES OF SURFACE NORMALS

NUMBER	COORDINATES IN METERS			POLAR ANGLE	AZIMUTHAL ANGLE
	EAST	NORTH	UP		
1	12.37	5.13	20.00	90.00	135.00
2	6.70	1.33	20.00	90.00	157.50
3	.00	0.00	20.00	90.00	180.00
4	-6.70	1.33	20.00	90.00	202.50
5	-12.37	5.13	20.00	90.00	225.00
6	12.37	5.13	13.75	90.00	135.00
7	6.70	1.33	13.75	90.00	157.50
8	.00	0.00	13.75	90.00	180.00
9	-6.70	1.33	13.75	90.00	202.50
10	-12.37	5.13	13.75	90.00	225.00
11	12.37	5.13	7.50	90.00	135.00
12	6.70	1.33	7.50	90.00	157.50
13	.00	0.00	7.50	90.00	180.00
14	-6.70	1.33	7.50	90.00	202.50
15	-12.37	5.13	7.50	90.00	225.00
16	12.37	5.13	1.25	90.00	135.00
17	6.70	1.33	1.25	90.00	157.50
18	.00	0.00	1.25	90.00	180.00
19	-6.70	1.33	1.25	90.00	202.50
20	-12.37	5.13	1.25	90.00	225.00
21	12.37	5.13	-5.00	90.00	135.00
22	6.70	1.33	-5.00	90.00	157.50
23	.00	0.00	-5.00	90.00	180.00
24	-6.70	1.33	-5.00	90.00	202.50
25	-12.37	5.13	-5.00	90.00	225.00



2.59	AZM SEP	1.060	1.060	1.060	1.060	1.060	1.060	1.060	1.060	1.060	1.060	1.060
2.59	FR LANC	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
2.59	FIELDWT	.011	.011	.011	.011	.011	.011	.011	.011	.011	.011	.011
2.59	HSTATS	198.4	198.4	198.4	198.4	198.4	198.4	198.4	198.4	198.4	198.4	198.4
3.20	DENSITY	.256	.256	.256	.256	.256	.256	.256	.256	.256	.256	.256
3.20	MISS. H	.970	.970	.970	.970	.970	.970	.970	.970	.970	.970	.970
3.20	RAD SEP	3.337	3.337	3.337	3.337	3.337	3.337	3.337	3.337	3.337	3.337	3.337
3.20	AZM SEP	1.049	1.049	1.049	1.049	1.049	1.049	1.049	1.049	1.049	1.049	1.049
3.20	FR LANC	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
3.20	FIELDWT	.012	.012	.012	.012	.012	.012	.012	.012	.012	.012	.012
3.20	HSTATS	208.5	208.5	208.5	208.5	208.5	208.5	208.5	208.5	208.5	208.5	208.5
3.82	DENSITY	.219	.219	.219	.219	.219	.219	.219	.219	.219	.219	.219
3.82	MISS. H	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971
3.82	RAD SEP	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910	3.910
3.82	AZM SEP	1.046	1.046	1.046	1.046	1.046	1.046	1.046	1.046	1.046	1.046	1.046
3.82	FR LANC	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
3.82	FIELDWT	.012	.012	.012	.012	.012	0.000	0.000	0.000	.012	.012	.012
3.82	HSTATS	212.8	212.8	212.8	212.8	212.8	.0	.0	.0	212.8	212.8	212.8
4.43	DENSITY	.190	.190	.190	.190	.190	.190	.190	.190	.190	.190	.190
4.43	MISS. H	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971
4.43	RAD SEP	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510	4.510
4.43	AZM SEP	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048	1.048
4.43	FR LANC	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
4.43	FIELDWT	.012	.012	.012	.012	.012	0.000	0.000	0.000	.012	.012	.012
4.43	HSTATS	213.7	213.7	213.7	213.7	213.7	.0	.0	.0	213.7	213.7	213.7
5.05	DENSITY	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166	.166
5.05	MISS. H	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971
5.05	RAD SEP	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128	5.128
5.05	AZM SEP	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054	1.054
5.05	FR LANC	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
5.05	FIELDWT	.012	.012	.012	.012	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	.012	.012	.012
5.05	HSTATS	212.8	212.8	212.8	212.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	212.8	212.8	212.8
5.66	DENSITY	.147	.147	.147	.147	.147	.147	.147	.147	.147	.147	.147
5.66	MISS. H	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971
5.66	RAD SEP	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760	5.760
5.66	AZM SEP	1.063	1.063	1.063	1.063	1.063	1.063	1.063	1.063	1.063	1.063	1.063
5.66	FR LANC	1.000	1.000	1.000	.692	.700	.900	.900	.000	.000	.692	1.000
5.66	FIELDWT	.012	.012	.012	.008	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	.008	.012
5.66	HSTATS	210.7	210.7	210.7	145.9	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	145.9	210.7
6.27	DENSITY	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130	.130
6.27	MISS. H	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971
6.27	RAD SEP	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401	6.401
6.27	AZM SEP	1.074	1.074	1.074	1.074	1.074	1.074	1.074	1.074	1.074	1.074	1.074
6.27	FR LANC	1.000	1.000	1.000	.600	.600	.900	.900	.000	.000	.000	1.000
6.27	FIELDWT	.012	.012	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	.012
6.27	HSTATS	207.8	207.8	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	.0	207.8
6.89	DENSITY	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117	.117
6.89	MISS. H	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971	.971
6.89	RAD SEP	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050	7.050
6.89	AZM SEP	1.089	1.089	1.089	1.089	1.089	1.089	1.089	1.089	1.089	1.089	1.089
6.89	FR LANC	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
6.89	FIELDWT	.012	.012	.012	.012	.012	.012	.012	.012	.012	.012	.012
6.89	HSTATS	207.8	207.8	207.8	207.8	207.8	207.8	207.8	207.8	207.8	207.8	207.8



INSOLATION AND SUN POSITION

INSOLATION CALCULATED USING MEINEL MODEL

DAY OF THE YEAR = 354.750 DECLINATION OF SUN (DEG) = -23.44 DAILY CLEAR SKY INSOLATION (KWH/M2) = 5.25  
 THE AVERAGE CORRECTION TO CLEAR SKY INSOLATION TO ACCOUNT FOR CLOUDINESS = .830  
 MM OF WATER = 20.00 ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE/SEA LEVEL = 1.000

TIME = 0.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .858	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 58.44	OBSERVED ZENITH = 58.41	SUN AZIMUTH = 0.00
TIME = 1.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .844	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 60.15	OBSERVED ZENITH = 60.12	SUN AZIMUTH = 15.89
TIME = 2.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .797	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 64.99	OBSERVED ZENITH = 64.96	SUN AZIMUTH = 30.41
TIME = 3.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .697	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 72.35	OBSERVED ZENITH = 72.29	SUN AZIMUTH = 42.91
TIME = 3.3	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .648	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 75.00	OBSERVED ZENITH = 74.94	SUN AZIMUTH = 46.34

DAY OF THE YEAR = 35.375 DECLINATION OF SUN (DEG) = -16.09 DAILY CLEAR SKY INSOLATION (KWH/M2) = 6.36  
 THE AVERAGE CORRECTION TO CLEAR SKY INSOLATION TO ACCOUNT FOR CLOUDINESS = .830  
 MM OF WATER = 20.00 ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE/SEA LEVEL = 1.000

TIME = 0.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .898	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 51.09	OBSERVED ZENITH = 51.07	SUN AZIMUTH = 0.00
TIME = 1.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .887	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 53.04	OBSERVED ZENITH = 53.02	SUN AZIMUTH = 18.13
TIME = 2.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .849	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 58.49	OBSERVED ZENITH = 58.46	SUN AZIMUTH = 34.30
TIME = 3.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .772	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 66.57	OBSERVED ZENITH = 66.53	SUN AZIMUTH = 47.77
TIME = 3.9	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .642	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 75.00	OBSERVED ZENITH = 74.94	SUN AZIMUTH = 57.46

DAY OF THE YEAR = 81.000 DECLINATION OF SUN (DEG) = .65 DAILY CLEAR SKY INSOLATION (KWH/M2) = 8.24  
 THE AVERAGE CORRECTION TO CLEAR SKY INSOLATION TO ACCOUNT FOR CLOUDINESS = .830  
 MM OF WATER = 20.00 ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE/SEA LEVEL = 1.000

TIME = 0.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .942	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 34.35	OBSERVED ZENITH = 34.34	SUN AZIMUTH = 0.00
TIME = 1.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .934	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 37.09	OBSERVED ZENITH = 37.07	SUN AZIMUTH = 25.42
TIME = 2.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .909	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 44.28	OBSERVED ZENITH = 44.27	SUN AZIMUTH = 45.73
TIME = 3.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .860	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 54.15	OBSERVED ZENITH = 54.12	SUN AZIMUTH = 60.74
TIME = 4.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .767	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 65.41	OBSERVED ZENITH = 65.38	SUN AZIMUTH = 72.24
TIME = 4.8	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .627	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 75.00	OBSERVED ZENITH = 74.94	SUN AZIMUTH = 80.03

DAY OF THE YEAR = 126.625 DECLINATION OF SUN (DEG) = 16.72 DAILY CLEAR SKY INSOLATION (KWH/M2) = 9.55  
 THE AVERAGE CORRECTION TO CLEAR SKY INSOLATION TO ACCOUNT FOR CLOUDINESS = .830  
 MM OF WATER = 20.00 ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE/SEA LEVEL = 1.000

TIME = 0.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .950	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 18.28	OBSERVED ZENITH = 18.27	SUN AZIMUTH = 0.00
TIME = 1.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .944	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 22.66	OBSERVED ZENITH = 22.65	SUN AZIMUTH = 40.05
TIME = 2.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .925	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 32.39	OBSERVED ZENITH = 32.38	SUN AZIMUTH = 63.38
TIME = 3.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .889	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 43.96	OBSERVED ZENITH = 43.95	SUN AZIMUTH = 77.29
TIME = 4.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .827	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 56.13	OBSERVED ZENITH = 56.11	SUN AZIMUTH = 87.31
TIME = 5.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .715	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 68.40	OBSERVED ZENITH = 68.36	SUN AZIMUTH = 95.78
TIME = 5.5	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .612	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 75.00	OBSERVED ZENITH = 74.94	SUN AZIMUTH = 100.14

DAY OF THE YEAR = 172.250 DECLINATION OF SUN (DEG) = 23.44 DAILY CLEAR SKY INSOLATION (KWH/M2) = 10.02  
 THE AVERAGE CORRECTION TO CLEAR SKY INSOLATION TO ACCOUNT FOR CLOUDINESS = .830  
 MM OF WATER = 20.00 ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE/SEA LEVEL = 1.000

TIME = 0.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .947	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 11.56	OBSERVED ZENITH = 11.55	SUN AZIMUTH = 0.00
TIME = 1.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .941	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 17.42	OBSERVED ZENITH = 17.42	SUN AZIMUTH = 52.47
TIME = 2.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .924	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 28.47	OBSERVED ZENITH = 28.47	SUN AZIMUTH = 74.19
TIME = 3.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .892	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 40.57	OBSERVED ZENITH = 40.56	SUN AZIMUTH = 85.92
TIME = 4.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .838	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 52.85	OBSERVED ZENITH = 52.83	SUN AZIMUTH = 94.52
TIME = 5.0	INSOLATION(KW/M2) = .746	TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 65.00	OBSERVED ZENITH = 64.96	SUN AZIMUTH = 100.00

TIME = 5.8 INSLATION(KW/M2)= .516 TPOF ZENITH ANGLE = 75.00 OBSERVED ZENITH= 74.94 SUN AZIMUTH = 139.17

YEARLY INSLATION (KWATT-HOUR/M2) - CLEAR SKY = 2902.1 TIMES WEATHER FACTOR OF .83 GIVES NET OF 2408.7

HRS OPERATION PER YEAR = .2847E+04

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YEARLY AVERAGE PERFORMANCE

PERFORMANCE FOR 125 MWE SYSTEM

TOTAL PERFORMANCE INCLUDES REFLECTIVITIES BUT NOT RADIATION AND CONVECTION LOSSES

RADIUS		AZIMUTHAL ANGLE OF HELIOSTAT, NORTH=0, EAST=90						
		0.	30.	60.	90.	120.	150.	180.
.75	COSINE	.930	.919	.901	.868	.835	.819	.811
.75	SPILL	.990	.968	.917	.950	.921	.797	.860
.75	ATTEN	.969	.969	.969	.969	.969	.969	.969
.75	SHADOW	.912	.896	.911	.914	.949	.942	.950
.75	BLOCK	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
.75	TOTAL	.710	.673	.636	.642	.611	.519	.566
1.36	COSINE	.915	.900	.869	.821	.774	.747	.737
1.36	SPILL	.997	.995	.992	.996	.992	.946	.974
1.36	ATTEN	.961	.961	.961	.961	.961	.961	.961
1.36	SHADOW	.920	.917	.924	.930	.944	.953	.958
1.36	BLOCK	.997	.998	.998	.998	.997	.998	1.000
1.36	TOTAL	.702	.686	.666	.636	.606	.564	.576
1.98	COSINE	.898	.881	.843	.786	.723	.701	.689
1.98	SPILL	.995	.994	.992	.994	.992	.952	.977
1.98	ATTEN	.951	.951	.951	.951	.951	.951	.951
1.98	SHADOW	.930	.949	.941	.947	.956	.965	.977
1.98	BLOCK	.992	.994	.994	.994	.993	.992	.993
1.98	TOTAL	.685	.685	.649	.611	.573	.531	.543
2.59	COSINE	.885	.867	.825	.763	.706	.672	.659
2.59	SPILL	.994	.993	.987	.992	.989	.932	.963
2.59	ATTEN	.941	.941	.941	.941	.941	.941	.941
2.59	SHADOW	.951	.969	.959	.966	.971	.976	.983
2.59	BLOCK	.991	.992	.992	.991	.990	.988	.988
2.59	TOTAL	.681	.679	.636	.596	.551	.496	.506
3.20	COSINE	.876	.857	.812	.748	.688	.652	.639
3.20	SPILL	.993	.992	.976	.987	.979	.894	.934
3.20	ATTEN	.931	.931	.931	.931	.931	.931	.931
3.20	SHADOW	.972	.978	.975	.976	.979	.983	.983
3.20	BLOCK	.991	.991	.991	.991	.989	.986	.986
3.20	TOTAL	.680	.669	.621	.580	.530	.459	.470
3.82	COSINE	.868	.849	.802	.736	.675	0.000	0.000
3.82	SPILL	.992	.988	.952	.974	.959	0.000	0.000
3.82	ATTEN	.921	.921	.921	.921	.921	.921	.921
3.82	SHADOW	.982	.982	.985	.986	.984	0.000	0.000
3.82	BLOCK	.993	.992	.992	.991	.990	0.000	0.000
3.82	TOTAL	.675	.657	.599	.563	.507	0.000	0.000



PERFORMANCE SUMMARY FROM USER DEFINED FIELD

OPTICAL EFFICIENCY

TOTAL EFFICIENCY INCLUDES REFLECTIVITIES, HELICSTAT = .890 RECEIVER = .980

DAY	HOUR	COSINE	SHADOW	BLOCK	ATM. TRANS.	SPILLAGE	TOTAL
354.75	0.00	.810	.979	.999	.924	.949	.606
354.75	1.00	.805	.972	.999	.924	.948	.597
354.75	2.00	.790	.979	.999	.923	.947	.565
354.75	3.00	.764	.856	.997	.922	.943	.495
354.75	3.31	.755	.809	.996	.922	.942	.461
354.75	AVERAGE	.792	.938	.998	.923	.947	.566
35.38	0.00	.820	.994	.996	.925	.950	.622
35.38	1.00	.814	.992	.997	.925	.950	.617
35.38	2.00	.798	.980	.999	.925	.949	.598
35.38	3.00	.772	.928	.998	.924	.946	.545
35.38	3.86	.742	.793	.997	.922	.941	.444
35.38	AVERAGE	.795	.959	.997	.924	.948	.581
81.00	0.00	.832	1.000	.988	.926	.952	.632
81.00	1.00	.826	1.000	.998	.926	.952	.629
81.00	2.00	.810	.999	.993	.926	.951	.617
81.00	3.00	.782	.991	.997	.926	.949	.593
81.00	4.00	.746	.942	.998	.925	.946	.535
81.00	4.80	.711	.799	.997	.924	.943	.438
81.00	AVERAGE	.794	.978	.994	.926	.950	.591
126.63	0.00	.832	1.000	.988	.927	.954	.633
126.63	1.00	.826	1.000	.986	.927	.953	.628
126.63	2.00	.810	1.000	.988	.927	.952	.616
126.63	3.00	.784	.999	.993	.927	.951	.598
126.63	4.00	.749	.985	.998	.927	.949	.565
126.63	5.00	.707	.892	.998	.926	.946	.481
126.63	5.54	.682	.802	.997	.925	.944	.415
126.63	AVERAGE	.784	.980	.991	.927	.951	.585
172.25	0.00	.828	1.000	.992	.927	.954	.634
172.25	1.00	.823	1.000	.988	.927	.954	.627
172.25	2.00	.807	1.000	.986	.927	.953	.613
172.25	3.00	.782	.999	.991	.927	.951	.596
172.25	4.00	.749	.992	.997	.927	.950	.569
172.25	5.00	.709	.941	.998	.926	.947	.510
172.25	5.84	.671	.803	.996	.925	.945	.409
172.25	AVERAGE	.777	.983	.992	.927	.951	.583
YEARLY AVERAGE		.788	.972	.994	.926	.950	.584

## ----- DESIGN POINT -----

DAY= 81.00 TIME= 0.00 INSULATION = .950 K4/M2

GROSS POWER ONTO RECEIVER	520.768 MW-TH
REFLECTIVITY LOSS	10.415 MW-TH
RADIATION/CONVECTION LOSS	20.153 MW-TH
PIPING LOSSES	2.649 MW-TH
THERMAL POWER TOWER BASE	487.550 MW-TH
POWER TO STORAGE	162.517 MW-TH
POWER TO TURBINE	325.033 MW-TH
THERM. TO ELEC. EFF.	.420
GROSS ELECTRIC POWER	136.514 MW-EL
ELECTRICAL PARASITICS	8.873 MW-EL
NET ELECTRIC POWER	127.641 MW-EL

ANNUAL POWER PRODUCTION FROM USER DEFINED FIELD

THE DISPATCH STRATEGY FOR STORAGE IS TO RUN THE TURBINE AT ITS DESIGN POINT POWER WHENEVER POSSIBLE

ALL POWERS ARE IN MEGAWATT-THERMAL OR MEGAWATT ELECTRIC  
INSOLATION UNITS ARE KILOWATTS/SQ.METER

THE STORAGE POWER HAS A NEGATIVE SIGN WHEN CHARGING AND A POSITIVE SIGN WHEN DISCHARGING

THE OPTIMUM STORAGE CAPACITY IS APPROXIMATELY 1.00 TIMES THE MAXIMUM SIZE

TOTAL CAPITAL COST = 228.29(M\$, 1ST YR OPERATION)  
LEVELIZED ENERGY COST = 101.52 MILLS/KWHR

TOTAL CAPITAL COST = 228.29(M\$, CURRENT \$)  
LEVELIZED ENERGY COST = 101.52 MILLS/KWHR (CURRENT \$)

DAY	HOUR	INSOL.	REC. PWR.	TWR. PWR.	STP. PWR.	HR. STR.	TURB. PWR.	GROSS EL.	EL. PAB.	NET EL.
354.75	-3.250	.657	260.882	238.079	0.000	0.000	238.079	94.994	15.475	79.519
354.75	-3.000	.697	293.125	270.322	0.000	0.000	270.322	107.859	17.571	90.288
354.75	-2.750	.722	314.372	291.569	0.000	0.000	291.569	115.336	18.952	97.384
354.75	-2.500	.747	336.362	313.560	0.000	0.000	313.560	125.110	20.381	104.729
354.75	-2.250	.772	359.096	336.293	11.260	.002	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
354.75	-2.000	.797	382.573	359.770	34.737	.020	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
354.75	-1.750	.809	393.777	370.975	45.941	.051	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
354.75	-1.500	.821	405.143	382.341	57.307	.091	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
354.75	-1.250	.832	416.671	393.868	68.835	.139	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
354.75	-1.000	.844	428.360	405.558	80.524	.197	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
354.75	-.750	.847	431.694	408.891	83.858	.260	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
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354.75	-.250	.854	438.400	415.598	90.564	.394	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
354.75	0.000	.858	441.773	418.970	93.937	.465	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
354.75	.250	.854	438.400	415.598	90.564	.536	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
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354.75	1.000	.844	428.360	405.558	80.524	.733	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
354.75	1.250	.832	416.671	393.868	68.835	.791	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
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354.75	1.750	.809	393.777	370.975	45.941	.879	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
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35.38	-3.750	.659	255.850	233.047	0.000	0.000	233.047	92.936	15.148	77.838
35.38	-3.500	.697	287.799	264.996	0.000	0.000	264.996	105.734	17.225	88.509
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35.38	-2.750	.791	375.125	352.322	27.289	.015	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
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35.38	2.500	.811	393.363	370.561	45.927	1.606	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
35.38	2.750	.791	375.125	352.322	27.289	1.634	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
35.38	3.000	.772	357.319	334.517	9.463	1.648	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
35.38	3.250	.734	321.622	298.819	-26.214	1.638	325.033	136.514	35.071	101.443
35.38	3.500	.697	287.799	264.996	-61.937	1.605	325.033	136.514	35.071	101.443
35.38	3.750	.659	255.850	233.047	-91.986	1.547	325.033	136.514	35.071	101.443
35.38	3.863	.642	242.068	219.266	-105.768	1.512	325.033	136.514	35.071	101.443
35.38	5.340	0.000	0.000	0.000	325.033	0.000	325.033	133.362	5.721	127.641

81.00	-4.750	.636	236.343	213.541	0.000	0.000	213.541	85.203	13.880	71.323
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81.00	-3.750	.790	368.984	346.181	21.148	.009	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
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126.63	-5.500	.620	221.306	198.503	0.000	0.000	198.503	79.203	12.903	63.300
126.63	-5.250	.667	255.355	232.553	0.000	0.000	232.553	92.789	15.116	77.673
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126.63	-4.750	.743	316.509	293.706	0.000	0.000	293.706	117.189	19.091	101.443
126.63	-4.500	.771	342.176	319.374	0.000	0.000	319.374	127.130	20.756	109.671

126.63	-4.250	.799	368.842	346.040	21.006	.006	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
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172.25	-5.750	.621	222.028	199.226	0.000	0.000	199.226	79.491	12.950	66.541
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172.25	3.750	.852	416.289	328.486	68.453	3.087	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
172.25	4.000	.838	404.791	311.988	56.955	3.135	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
172.25	4.250	.815	383.438	295.635	35.602	3.171	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
172.25	4.500	.792	362.663	279.860	0.000	3.187	325.033	136.514	21.127	115.387
172.25	4.750	.769	342.466	264.663	-15.370	3.185	325.033	136.514	35.071	101.443
172.25	5.000	.746	322.847	250.044	-24.989	3.173	325.033	136.514	35.071	101.443
172.25	5.250	.704	287.151	264.349	-60.685	3.140	325.033	136.514	35.071	101.443
172.25	5.500	.663	253.545	230.743	-94.291	3.080	325.033	136.514	35.071	101.443
172.25	5.750	.621	222.028	199.226	-125.898	2.996	325.033	136.514	35.071	101.443
172.25	5.844	.606	210.689	187.887	-137.147	2.958	325.033	136.514	35.071	101.443
172.25	8.734	0.000	0.000	0.000	325.033	0.000	325.033	133.362	5.721	127.661



YEARLY AVERAGE PERFORMANCE

YEARLY INSOLATION	2408.725	KW-HR/M2
GROSS ENERGY ONTO RECEIVER	1217590.738	MW-TH HR
REFLECTIVITY LOSS	24351.815	MW-TH HR
RADIATION/CONVECTION LOSS	57370.652	MW-TH HR
PIPING LOSSES	7542.033	MW-TH HR
THERMAL ENERGY AT TOWER BASE	1128326.239	MW-TH HR
ENERGY TO STORAGE	235555.059	MW-TH HR
PCUND TRIP EFF.	1.000	
ENERGY DISCARDED	181.011	MW-TH HR
ENERGY TO TURBINE FROM RECEIVER	892771.180	MW-TH HR
ENERGY TO TURBINE FROM STOPAGE	235374.048	MW-TH HR
THERM. TO ELEC. EFF.	.399	
GROSS ELECTRIC ENERGY	450129.946	MW-EL HR
ELECTRICAL PARASITICS	30429.116	MW-EL HR
NET ELECTRICAL PRODUCTION	439540.626	MW-EL HR

FLUX CALCULATION

UNITS OF FLUX ARE KILOWATT/SG. METER

THE FLUX IS CALCULATED FOR DAY= 81.00 HOUR= 0.00 INSOLATION= .950 KW/M2

HT(M)	AZIMUTH OF NORMAL(180 = NORTH FACING)				
	135.000	157.500	180.000	202.500	225.000
20.000	.235E+02	.267E+02	.298E+02	.267E+02	.235E+02
13.750	.658E+02	.868E+02	.898E+02	.868E+02	.648E+02
7.500	.322E+03	.525E+03	.531E+03	.525E+03	.322E+03
1.250	.237E+03	.415E+03	.430E+03	.415E+03	.237E+03
-5.000	.200E+02	.274E+02	.347E+02	.274E+02	.200E+02

## Sample Problem 3 - User Defined Field with Individual Heliostat Coordinates

### Problem Statement

The example of the CESA-1 system discussed in Chapter VII and Reference 33 is used here to illustrate the input and output of the IUSERF=3 option in \$FIELD\$. The performance and in particular, a flux map on winter solstice at 10 a.m. are desired. The insolation is  $0.7 \text{ kw/m}^2$ , and a square wave sun is assumed. Other information comes from reference 33.

### Input Cards

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SAMPLE PROBLEM 3
$BASIC IPRØB=2, UDAY=355., UTIME=-2., IPRINT=2,
      PLAT=37.099, INSØL=2, SØLCØN=0.7, NSUN=2,
      IATM=2, ATM1=0.679, ATM2=11.76, ATM3=-1.97,
      ATM4=0.$
$FIELD IUSERF=3$
$HSTAT WM=6.25, HM=8.3, ICANPL=1, WPANL=2.9 HPANL=1.25,
      HXCANT=5*-1.675, 5*1.675, HYCANT=2.525, 1.263,
      0., -1.263, -2.525, 2.525, 1.263, 0. -1.263, -2.525,
      DENSMR=0.92063, RMIRL=0.85, SIGAZ=0., SIGEL=0.,
      SIGSX=0., SIGSY=0., SIGTX=0.0033, SIGTY=0.0033,
      ICANT=3, NCANTY=5, ISB=1$
$REC THT=56.345, TØWL=67.345, TØWD=11., IREC=4,
      W=10.8, RX=3.4, RY=3.4, IAUTØP=0, RELV=111.8$
$NLFLUX IFLX=1, IFXØUT(1,1)=1, IFLAUT=4, NXFLX=11,
      FAZMIN=-1.7, FAZMAX=1.7, NYFLX=11, FZMIM=-1.7,
      FZMAX=1.7$
$NLEFF$
SPANISH FIELD
      282          16
      1           7
      0.0000      45.0000
      10.0000     45.0000
      20.0000     45.0000
      30.0000     45.0000
      -30.0000    45.0000
      -20.0000    45.0000
      -10.0000    45.0000
      2           10
      5.0000      57.0000
      etc.
$REC W=-1.$
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### Analysis of Input

The detailed input describing the site location, sunshape, atmospheric attenuation (\$BASIC\$), the heliostat (\$HSTAT\$), and tower and receiver (\$REC\$) are consistent with the system definition of reference 33. To calculate the performance and flux at a particular time, IPRØB=2, UDAY, and UTIME are specified in \$BASIC\$. IPRINT is set to 2 in order to get the single time results printed. IUSERF=3 in \$FIELD\$ sets up the code to do a run on a field with the individual heliostat coordinates defined. The values defined in

\$NLFLUX\$ are chosen for a fine gridded flux map. After \$NLEFF\$ comes the individual heliostat input in the format described in the \$FIELD\$ section of Appendix A. Only the first few values are shown here.

#### Comments on Output

The output is similar to that of other runs up to the zoning summary (p. B-97), which is now simply a flag that the individual coordinate option is employed. The performance summary of the heliostats in the 1st, 2nd, and 16th rows (pp. B-99 and B-100) are included here for illustration. Total field performance (p. B-101), the waterfall trace at the specified time (p. B-102), and the flux map (p. B-103) follow.

ZCNING

INDIVIDUAL HELICSTAT COORDINATES ARE SUPPLIED BY THE USER

THE LABEL OF THE FIELD = SPANISH FIELD  
THE 202 HELIOSTATS ARE GROUPED INTO 16 ROWS

## INSCLATION AND SUN POSITION

USER DEFINED SINGLE CALCULATION - DAY= 355.00 HOUR=-2.00  
INSCLATION CALCULATED USING CONSTANT MODEL

TIME = -2.0 INSCLATION(KW/M2)= .700 TRUE ZENITH ANGLE = 66.81 OBSERVED ZENITH= 66.77 SUN AZIMUTH = -29.94

----- OPTICAL PERFORMANCE -----

THE 1 ROW CONTAINS 7 HELICSTATS

IND. HSTAT NO.=	1 ROW =	1 EAST =	0.00	NORTH =	45.00	RADIUS=	.70	THT, RANGE =	1.22	TPT, PEC. AZM =	-.00	ELV=	35.10
DAY	HOUR	AZ ANG	EL ANG	COSINE	SHADOW	BLOCK	ATM	TRANS SPILLAGE	TOTAL NO. X	AIM NO. Y	AIM 1ST X	AIM 1ST Y	AIM
355.00	-2.00	-18.5	50.0	.944	1.000	1.000	.985	1.000	.763	1	1	0.00	0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.=	2 ROW =	1 EAST =	10.00	NORTH =	45.00	RADIUS=	.72	THT, RANGE =	1.24	TPT, PEC. AZM =	14.17	ELV=	35.94
DAY	HOUR	AZ ANG	EL ANG	COSINE	SHADOW	BLOCK	ATM	TRANS SPILLAGE	TOTAL NO. X	AIM NO. Y	AIM 1ST X	AIM 1ST Y	AIM
355.00	-2.00	-27.2	49.3	.924	1.000	1.000	.985	1.000	.746	1	1	0.00	0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.=	3 ROW =	1 EAST =	20.00	NORTH =	45.00	RADIUS=	.79	THT, RANGE =	1.27	TPT, PEC. AZM =	26.80	ELV=	38.22
DAY	HOUR	AZ ANG	EL ANG	COSINE	SHADOW	BLOCK	ATM	TRANS SPILLAGE	TOTAL NO. X	AIM NO. Y	AIM 1ST X	AIM 1ST Y	AIM
355.00	-2.00	-34.4	49.1	.901	1.000	1.000	.985	1.000	.727	1	1	0.00	0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.=	4 ROW =	1 EAST =	30.00	NORTH =	45.00	RADIUS=	.88	THT, RANGE =	1.33	TPT, PEC. AZM =	37.15	ELV=	41.40
DAY	HOUR	AZ ANG	EL ANG	COSINE	SHADOW	BLOCK	ATM	TRANS SPILLAGE	TOTAL NO. X	AIM NO. Y	AIM 1ST X	AIM 1ST Y	AIM
355.00	-2.00	-39.7	49.2	.875	1.000	1.000	.984	1.000	.707	1	1	0.00	0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.=	5 ROW =	1 EAST =	-30.00	NORTH =	45.00	RADIUS=	.88	THT, RANGE =	1.33	TPT, PEC. AZM =	-37.15	ELV=	41.40
DAY	HOUR	AZ ANG	EL ANG	COSINE	SHADOW	BLOCK	ATM	TRANS SPILLAGE	TOTAL NO. X	AIM NO. Y	AIM 1ST X	AIM 1ST Y	AIM
355.00	-2.00	4.2	54.0	.974	.207	1.000	.984	1.000	.163	1	1	0.00	0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.=	6 ROW =	1 EAST =	-20.00	NORTH =	45.00	RADIUS=	.79	THT, RANGE =	1.27	TPT, PEC. AZM =	-26.80	ELV=	38.22
DAY	HOUR	AZ ANG	EL ANG	COSINE	SHADOW	BLOCK	ATM	TRANS SPILLAGE	TOTAL NO. X	AIM NO. Y	AIM 1ST X	AIM 1ST Y	AIM
355.00	-2.00	-1.9	52.5	.969	.458	1.000	.985	1.000	.358	1	1	0.00	0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.=	7 ROW =	1 EAST =	-10.00	NORTH =	45.00	RADIUS=	.72	THT, RANGE =	1.24	TPT, PEC. AZM =	-14.17	ELV=	35.94
DAY	HOUR	AZ ANG	EL ANG	COSINE	SHADOW	BLOCK	ATM	TRANS SPILLAGE	TOTAL NO. X	AIM NO. Y	AIM 1ST X	AIM 1ST Y	AIM
355.00	-2.00	-9.6	51.1	.959	1.000	1.000	.985	1.000	.775	1	1	0.00	0.00

THE 2 ROW CONTAINS 10 HELIOSTATS

IND. HSTAT NO.=	8 ROW =	2 EAST =	5.00	NORTH =	57.00	RADIUS=	.92	THT, RANGE =	1.36	TPT, PEC. AZM =	5.53	ELV=	42.62
DAY	HOUR	AZ ANG	EL ANG	COSINE	SHADOW	BLOCK	ATM	TRANS SPILLAGE	TOTAL NO. X	AIM NO. Y	AIM 1ST X	AIM 1ST Y	AIM
355.00	-2.00	-20.5	53.4	.948	.871	1.000	.984	1.000	.667	1	1	0.00	0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.=	9 ROW =	2 EAST =	15.00	NORTH =	57.00	RADIUS=	.95	THT, RANGE =	1.38	TPT, PEC. AZM =	16.21	ELV=	43.64
DAY	HOUR	AZ ANG	EL ANG	COSINE	SHADOW	BLOCK	ATM	TRANS SPILLAGE	TOTAL NO. X	AIM NO. Y	AIM 1ST X	AIM 1ST Y	AIM
355.00	-2.00	-26.5	53.0	.929	.870	1.000	.984	1.000	.652	1	1	0.00	0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.=	10 ROW =	2 EAST =	25.00	NORTH =	57.00	RADIUS=	1.02	THT, RANGE =	1.43	TPT, PEC. AZM =	26.85	ELV=	45.50
DAY	HOUR	AZ ANG	EL ANG	COSINE	SHADOW	BLOCK	ATM	TRANS SPILLAGE	TOTAL NO. X	AIM NO. Y	AIM 1ST X	AIM 1ST Y	AIM
355.00	-2.00	-31.7	52.9	.907	.867	1.000	.984	1.000	.635	1	1	0.00	0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.=	11 ROW =	2 EAST =	35.00	NORTH =	57.00	RADIUS=	1.11	THT, RANGE =	1.49	TPT, PEC. AZM =	34.15	ELV=	47.90
DAY	HOUR	AZ ANG	EL ANG	COSINE	SHADOW	BLOCK	ATM	TRANS SPILLAGE	TOTAL NO. X	AIM NO. Y	AIM 1ST X	AIM 1ST Y	AIM
355.00	-2.00	-35.9	53.0	.884	1.000	1.000	.983	1.000	.713	1	1	0.00	0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.=	12 ROW =	2 EAST =	45.00	NORTH =	57.00	RADIUS=	1.22	THT, RANGE =	1.57	TPT, PEC. AZM =	41.09	ELV=	50.55
DAY	HOUR	AZ ANG	EL ANG	COSINE	SHADOW	BLOCK	ATM	TRANS SPILLAGE	TOTAL NO. X	AIM NO. Y	AIM 1ST X	AIM 1ST Y	AIM
355.00	-2.00	-39.1	53.3	.861	1.000	1.000	.983	.999	.693	1	1	0.00	0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.=	13 ROW =	2 EAST =	-45.00	NORTH =	57.00	RADIUS=	1.22	THT, RANGE =	1.57	TPT, PEC. AZM =	-41.09	ELV=	50.55
DAY	HOUR	AZ ANG	EL ANG	COSINE	SHADOW	BLOCK	ATM	TRANS SPILLAGE	TOTAL NO. X	AIM NO. Y	AIM 1ST X	AIM 1ST Y	AIM
355.00	-2.00	6.1	58.5	.987	1.000	1.000	.983	.999	.795	1	1	0.00	0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.=	14 ROW =	2 EAST =	-35.00	NORTH =	57.00	RADIUS=	1.11	THT, RANGE =	1.49	TPT, PEC. AZM =	-34.15	ELV=	47.90
DAY	HOUR	AZ ANG	EL ANG	COSINE	SHADOW	BLOCK	ATM	TRANS SPILLAGE	TOTAL NO. X	AIM NO. Y	AIM 1ST X	AIM 1ST Y	AIM
355.00	-2.00	2.3	57.3	.986	.000	1.000	.983	1.000	.000	1	1	0.00	0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.=	15 ROW =	2 EAST =	-25.00	NORTH =	57.00	RADIUS=	1.02	THT, RANGE =	1.43	TPT, PEC. AZM =	-26.85	ELV=	45.50
DAY	HOUR	AZ ANG	EL ANG	COSINE	SHADOW	BLOCK	ATM	TRANS SPILLAGE	TOTAL NO. X	AIM NO. Y	AIM 1ST X	AIM 1ST Y	AIM
355.00	-2.00	-2.3	56.1	.983	.579	1.000	.984	1.000	.459	1	1	0.00	0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.=	16 ROW =	2 EAST =	-15.00	NORTH =	57.00	RADIUS=	.95	THT, RANGE =	1.38	TPT, PEC. AZM =	-16.21	ELV=	43.64
DAY	HOUR	AZ ANG	EL ANG	COSINE	SHADOW	BLOCK	ATM	TRANS SPILLAGE	TOTAL NO. X	AIM NO. Y	AIM 1ST X	AIM 1ST Y	AIM
355.00	-2.00	-7.8	55.0	.975	.870	1.000	.984	1.000	.685	1	1	0.00	0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.=	17 ROW =	2 EAST =	-5.00	NORTH =	57.00	RADIUS=	.92	THT, RANGE =	1.36	TPT, PEC. AZM =	-5.53	ELV=	42.62
DAY	HOUR	AZ ANG	EL ANG	COSINE	SHADOW	BLOCK	ATM	TRANS SPILLAGE	TOTAL NO. X	AIM NO. Y	AIM 1ST X	AIM 1ST Y	AIM
355.00	-2.00	-14.1	54.1	.964	.871	1.000	.984	1.000	.678	1	1	0.00	0.00

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INC. HSTAT NO.= 265 ROW =	15 EAST = 84.73 NORTH = 244.00 RADIUS= 4.49THT, RANGE = 4.60 THT, PEC. AZM = 19.95 ELV= 77.40
DAY HOUR AZ ANG	EL ANG COSINE SHADOW BLOCK ATM TRANS SPILLAGE TOTAL NO. X AIM NO. Y AIM 1ST X AIM 1ST Y AIM
355.00 -2.00 -23.9	70.4 .913 .989 1.000 .954 .761 .543 1 1 0.00 0.00
INC. HSTAT NO.= 266 ROW =	15 EAST = 102.58 NORTH = 244.00 RADIUS= 4.61THT, RANGE = 4.72 THT, PEC. AZM = 23.26 ELV= 77.76
DAY HOUR AZ ANG	EL ANG COSINE SHADOW BLOCK ATM TRANS SPILLAGE TOTAL NO. X AIM NO. Y AIM 1ST X AIM 1ST Y AIM
355.00 -2.00 -25.7	70.3 .901 .994 1.000 .963 .733 .518 1 1 0.00 0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.= 267 ROW =	15 EAST = -102.58 NORTH = 244.00 RADIUS= 4.61THT, RANGE = 4.72 THT, PEC. AZM = -23.26 ELV= 77.76
DAY HOUR AZ ANG	EL ANG COSINE SHADOW BLOCK ATM TRANS SPILLAGE TOTAL NO. Y AIM NO. Y AIM 1ST X AIM 1ST Y AIM
355.00 -2.00 -3.2	72.2 .994 1.000 1.000 .963 .747 .586 1 1 0.00 0.00
INC. HSTAT NO.= 268 ROW =	15 EAST = -84.73 NORTH = 244.00 RADIUS= 4.49THT, RANGE = 4.60 THT, PEC. AZM = -19.95 ELV= 77.45
DAY HOUR AZ ANG	EL ANG COSINE SHADOW BLOCK ATM TRANS SPILLAGE TOTAL NO. Y AIM NO. Y AIM 1ST X AIM 1ST Y AIM
355.00 -2.00 -5.0	72.0 .992 1.000 1.000 .964 .772 .606 1 1 0.00 0.00
INC. HSTAT NO.= 269 ROW =	15 EAST = -67.31 NORTH = 244.00 RADIUS= 4.40THT, RANGE = 4.51 THT, PEC. AZM = -15.75 ELV= 77.20
DAY HOUR AZ ANG	EL ANG COSINE SHADOW BLOCK ATM TRANS SPILLAGE TOTAL NO. Y AIM NO. Y AIM 1ST X AIM 1ST Y AIM
355.00 -2.00 -6.9	71.9 .989 1.000 1.000 .965 .793 .620 1 1 0.00 0.00
INC. HSTAT NO.= 270 ROW =	15 EAST = -50.19 NORTH = 244.00 RADIUS= 4.33THT, RANGE = 4.44 THT, PEC. AZM = -11.88 ELV= 76.99
DAY HOUR AZ ANG	EL ANG COSINE SHADOW BLOCK ATM TRANS SPILLAGE TOTAL NO. Y AIM NO. Y AIM 1ST X AIM 1ST Y AIM
355.00 -2.00 -8.8	71.7 .985 1.000 1.000 .965 .808 .630 1 1 0.00 0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.= 271 ROW =	15 EAST = -33.33 NORTH = 244.00 RADIUS= 4.28THT, RANGE = 4.39 THT, PEC. AZM = -7.95 ELV= 76.84
DAY HOUR AZ ANG	EL ANG COSINE SHADOW BLOCK ATM TRANS SPILLAGE TOTAL NO. X AIM NO. Y AIM 1ST X AIM 1ST Y AIM
355.00 -2.00 -10.7	71.5 .980 1.000 1.000 .965 .818 .635 1 1 0.00 0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.= 272 ROW =	15 EAST = -16.63 NORTH = 244.00 RADIUS= 4.24THT, RANGE = 4.36 THT, PEC. AZM = -3.99 ELV= 76.74
DAY HOUR AZ ANG	EL ANG COSINE SHADOW BLOCK ATM TRANS SPILLAGE TOTAL NO. X AIM NO. Y AIM 1ST X AIM 1ST Y AIM
355.00 -2.00 -12.6	71.3 .973 1.000 1.000 .966 .824 .635 1 1 0.00 0.00

THE 16 ROW CONTAINS 10 HELIOSTATS

INC. HSTAT NO.= 273 ROW =	16 EAST = 8.83 NORTH = 259.00 RADIUS= 4.50THT, RANGE = 4.61 THT, PEC. AZM = 1.99 ELV= 77.48
DAY HOUR AZ ANG	EL ANG COSINE SHADOW BLOCK ATM TRANS SPILLAGE TOTAL NO. X AIM NO. Y AIM 1ST X AIM 1ST Y AIM
355.00 -2.00 -15.5	71.5 .961 1.000 1.000 .964 .787 .598 1 1 0.00 0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.= 274 ROW =	16 EAST = 26.56 NORTH = 259.00 RADIUS= 4.53THT, RANGE = 4.63 THT, PEC. AZM = 5.98 ELV= 77.54
DAY HOUR AZ ANG	EL ANG COSINE SHADOW BLOCK ATM TRANS SPILLAGE TOTAL NO. X AIM NO. Y AIM 1ST X AIM 1ST Y AIM
355.00 -2.00 -17.4	71.3 .952 1.000 1.000 .964 .781 .587 1 1 0.00 0.00
INC. HSTAT NO.= 275 ROW =	16 EAST = 44.38 NORTH = 259.00 RADIUS= 4.57THT, RANGE = 4.68 THT, PEC. AZM = 9.93 ELV= 77.66
DAY HOUR AZ ANG	EL ANG COSINE SHADOW BLOCK ATM TRANS SPILLAGE TOTAL NO. X AIM NO. Y AIM 1ST X AIM 1ST Y AIM
355.00 -2.00 -19.3	71.2 .942 1.000 1.000 .964 .770 .573 1 1 0.00 0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.= 276 ROW =	16 EAST = 62.44 NORTH = 259.00 RADIUS= 4.64THT, RANGE = 4.74 THT, PEC. AZM = 13.83 ELV= 77.83
DAY HOUR AZ ANG	EL ANG COSINE SHADOW BLOCK ATM TRANS SPILLAGE TOTAL NO. Y AIM NO. Y AIM 1ST X AIM 1ST Y AIM
355.00 -2.00 -21.2	71.0 .931 1.000 1.000 .963 .753 .554 1 1 0.00 0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.= 277 ROW =	16 EAST = 80.82 NORTH = 259.00 RADIUS= 4.72THT, RANGE = 4.83 THT, PEC. AZM = 17.68 ELV= 78.05
DAY HOUR AZ ANG	EL ANG COSINE SHADOW BLOCK ATM TRANS SPILLAGE TOTAL NO. X AIM NO. Y AIM 1ST X AIM 1ST Y AIM
355.00 -2.00 -23.0	70.9 .919 1.000 1.000 .963 .732 .531 1 1 0.00 0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.= 278 ROW =	16 EAST = -80.82 NORTH = 259.00 RADIUS= 4.72THT, RANGE = 4.83 THT, PEC. AZM = -17.68 ELV= 78.05
DAY HOUR AZ ANG	EL ANG COSINE SHADOW BLOCK ATM TRANS SPILLAGE TOTAL NO. Y AIM NO. Y AIM 1ST X AIM 1ST Y AIM
355.00 -2.00 -5.9	72.3 .990 1.000 1.000 .963 .742 .580 1 1 0.00 0.00
INC. HSTAT NO.= 279 ROW =	16 EAST = -62.44 NORTH = 259.00 RADIUS= 4.64THT, RANGE = 4.74 THT, PEC. AZM = -13.83 ELV= 77.83
DAY HOUR AZ ANG	EL ANG COSINE SHADOW BLOCK ATM TRANS SPILLAGE TOTAL NO. X AIM NO. Y AIM 1ST X AIM 1ST Y AIM
355.00 -2.00 -7.8	72.1 .987 1.000 1.000 .963 .761 .593 1 1 0.00 0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.= 280 ROW =	16 EAST = -44.38 NORTH = 259.00 RADIUS= 4.57THT, RANGE = 4.68 THT, PEC. AZM = -9.93 ELV= 77.66
DAY HOUR AZ ANG	EL ANG COSINE SHADOW BLOCK ATM TRANS SPILLAGE TOTAL NO. X AIM NO. Y AIM 1ST X AIM 1ST Y AIM
355.00 -2.00 -9.7	72.0 .982 1.000 1.000 .964 .775 .602 1 1 0.00 0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.= 281 ROW =	16 EAST = -26.56 NORTH = 259.00 RADIUS= 4.53THT, RANGE = 4.63 THT, PEC. AZM = -5.98 ELV= 77.54
DAY HOUR AZ ANG	EL ANG COSINE SHADOW BLOCK ATM TRANS SPILLAGE TOTAL NO. Y AIM NO. Y AIM 1ST X AIM 1ST Y AIM
355.00 -2.00 -11.6	71.8 .976 1.000 1.000 .964 .784 .605 1 1 0.00 0.00
IND. HSTAT NO.= 282 ROW =	16 EAST = -8.83 NORTH = 259.00 RADIUS= 4.50THT, RANGE = 4.61 THT, PEC. AZM = -1.99 ELV= 77.48
DAY HOUR AZ ANG	EL ANG COSINE SHADOW BLOCK ATM TRANS SPILLAGE TOTAL NO. X AIM NO. Y AIM 1ST X AIM 1ST Y AIM
355.00 -2.00 -13.5	71.6 .969 1.000 1.000 .964 .788 .604 1 1 0.00 0.00



PERFORMANCE SUMMARY FROM USER DEFINED FIELD

OPTICAL EFFICIENCY

TOTAL EFFICIENCY INCLUDES REFLECTIVITIES, HELIOSTAT = .850 RECEIVER = .965

DAY	HOOR	COSINE	SHADOW	BLOCK	ATM.TRANS.	SPILLAGE	TOTAL
355.00	-2.00	.949	.927	.993	.973	.917	.639

## ----- DESIGN POINT -----

DAY= 355.00 TIME= -2.00 INSCLATCN = .700 KW/M2

GROSS POWER ONTO RECEIVER	4.741 MW-TH
REFLECTIVITY LOSS	.168 MW-TH
RADIATION/CONVECTION LOSS	.379 MW-TH
PIPING LOSSES	.064 MW-TH
THERMAL POWER TOWER BASE	4.132 MW-TH
POWER TO STORAGE	1.377 MW-TH
POWER TO TURBINE	2.755 MW-TH
THERM. TO ELEC. EFF.	1.000
GROSS ELECTRIC POWER	2.755 MW-EL
ELECTRICAL PARASITICS	.179 MW-EL
NET ELECTRIC POWER	2.576 MW-EL

FLUX CALCULATION

UNITS OF FLUX ARE KILCHATT/SG. METER

THE FLUX IS CALCULATED FOR DAY= 355.00 HOUR= -2.00 INSOLATION= .700 KW/M2

HT(M) HORIZONTAL DISPLACEMENT IN FLUX PLANE(M)

	-1.700	-1.360	-1.020	-.680	-.340	.000	.340	.680	1.020	1.360	1.700
1.700	.183E+02	.326E+02	.518E+02	.727E+02	.900E+02	.966E+02	.901E+02	.729E+02	.516E+02	.327E+02	.182E+02
1.360	.368E+02	.657E+02	.106E+03	.154E+03	.195E+03	.212E+03	.196E+03	.155E+03	.107E+03	.659E+02	.367E+02
1.020	.643E+02	.118E+03	.199E+03	.304E+03	.407E+03	.450E+03	.406E+03	.305E+03	.199E+03	.118E+03	.642E+02
.680	.977E+02	.186E+03	.331E+03	.549E+03	.791E+03	.900E+03	.779E+03	.542E+03	.330E+03	.185E+03	.973E+02
.340	.126E+03	.248E+03	.465E+03	.828E+03	.128E+04	.150E+04	.126E+04	.815E+03	.462E+03	.247E+03	.125E+03
0.000	.138E+03	.274E+03	.523E+03	.954E+03	.152E+04	.182E+04	.152E+04	.954E+03	.523E+03	.274E+03	.138E+03
-.340	.126E+03	.247E+03	.462E+03	.815E+03	.126E+04	.150E+04	.128E+04	.828E+03	.465E+03	.248E+03	.125E+03
-.680	.973E+02	.185E+03	.330E+03	.542E+03	.779E+03	.900E+03	.791E+03	.549E+03	.331E+03	.186E+03	.977E+02
-1.020	.642E+02	.118E+03	.199E+03	.305E+03	.406E+03	.450E+03	.407E+03	.304E+03	.199E+03	.118E+03	.643E+02
-1.360	.367E+02	.659E+02	.107E+03	.155E+03	.196E+03	.212E+03	.195E+03	.154E+03	.106E+03	.657E+02	.368E+02
-1.700	.182E+02	.327E+02	.516E+02	.729E+02	.901E+02	.966E+02	.900E+02	.727E+02	.518E+02	.326E+02	.183E+02

App. Co. - Additional  
Sample Input

## APPENDIX C--ADDITIONAL SAMPLE INPUT DECKS

### Flux Map on a Cavity Wall and Aperture

Examine the flux distribution on the east facing cavity of the 125 MW<sub>e</sub> system from Sample Problem 2 of Appendix B. Obtain flux maps on both the heat absorbing surface and aperture.

#### A. Flux on the Heat Absorbing Surface

##### Input:

```
FLUX MAP ON WALL
$BASIC ITAPE=3, TDESP=125.$
$FIELDS
$HSTAT$
$REC RX=12.8,9.6,12.8,16.0, RY=12.8,9.6,12.8,16.0,
      RAZM=270.,0.,90.,180., RWCAV=0.75,0.5,0.75,1.0$
$NLFLUX IFLX=1, IFXOUT(3,1)=1, NXFLX=9, FAZMIN=225., FAZMAX=315.,
      NYFLX=8, FZMIN=-4.0, FZMAX=26.0$
$NLEFF$
$REC W=-1.$
```

##### Analysis of Input

System data is read from the optimization data tape created in Sample Problem 2B (ITAPE=3, TDESP=125., plus the appropriate control card for attaching the file). In order to make calculations on the east cavity, the \$REC\$ variables must be specified so that the east facing cavity is the first one. The optimized values for the aperture size (RX,RY) are used. IREC and IAUTØP are read from TAPE30.

For calculating the flux map, the design point has been selected, and the default value of IFLAUT signals that calculations will be made on the heat absorbing surface of the specified receiver. FZMIN,FZMAX are specified in keeping with values determined in the optimization run.

## B. Flux on the Aperture

### Input:

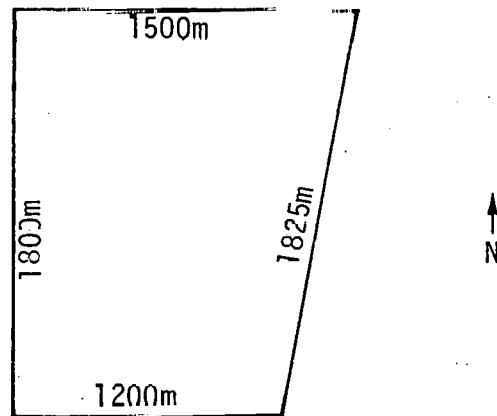
```
FLUX MAP ON APERTURE
$BASIC ITAPE=3, TDESP=125.$
$FIELD$
$HSTAT$
$REC RX =12.8,9.6,12.8,16.0, RY=12.8,9.6,12.8,16.0,
      RAZM=270.,0.,90.,180., RWCAV=0.75,0.5,0.75,1.0$
$NLFLUX IFLX=1, IFXOUT(3,1)=1, IFLAUT=3, XFC=16.25, YFC=0., ZFC=0.,
      AZMF=270., NXFLX=9,FAZMIN=-6.4, FAZMAX=6.4, NYFLX=9,
      FZMIN=-6.4, FZMAX=6.4$
```

### Analysis of Input

The input is similar to the calculation in the preceding example except for the definition of the aperture instead of the heat absorbing surface for the flux calculation. IFLAUT=3 is specified and appropriate values of XFC, YFC, ZFC, FZMIN, FZMAX are defined.

### Land Constrained System Design

The following piece of land is available for a central receiver plant:



Determine the appropriate plant size for the area and optimal tower location.

### Input:

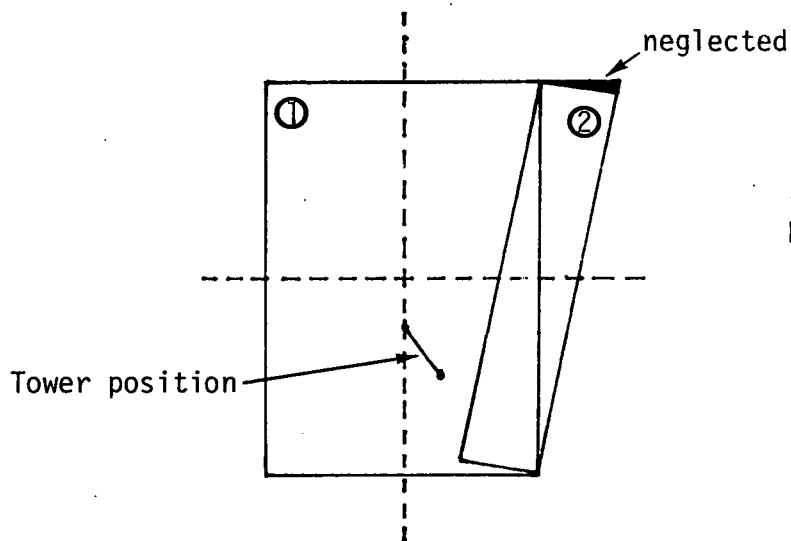
```
LAND CONSTRAINT
$BASIC ITAPE=2$
$RECS$
$OPT NUMTHT=5, THTST=120., THTEND=200., NUMREC=5, WST=10., WEND=18.,
      NUMOPT=5, POPTMN=250.E+06, POPTMX=350.E+06, NUMPOS=4,
      XTPST=0., XTPEND=150., YTPST=-200., YTPEND=-400., NLAND=2, CLE=0.,
      600., CLN=0.,0., ALP=0.,9.5, SLNS=1800.,1775., SLEW=1200.,297.,
      IPLFL=4*1, SMULT=1.0$
$NLFLUX$
$NLEFF IPH=1$
$NLCOST$
```

\$NLECO\$  
\$REC W=-1.\$

### Analysis of Input

The vague problem statement requires a number of decisions to be made. First, a general idea of the plant size is made by comparing the available land area of  $\sim 2.4 \text{ km}^2$  with previously calculated unconstrained designs. The result is  $\sim 250 \text{ MW}_{\text{th}}$  delivered at the base of the tower (see output for Problem 1, Appendix B), and this then becomes a nominal value for determining the power levels searched. Tower height and receiver size ranges are chosen consistent with the power level range considered here. Furthermore, in this initial run, the problem is simplified to deal only with thermal power at the tower basis (IPH=1, SMULT=1.0) and non-flux limited external receiver designs.

The land constraint is handled by dividing the land into the two rectangles shown below and neglecting the small triangular area in the upper right hand corner:



Tower position is varied along the line indicated. The input parameters in \$OPT\$ define values based on the original dimensions of the land area. Subsequent iterations may be required to optimize tower position and receiver configuration.

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