Shortwave solar radiation

Calculating equation coefficients





The Sun





 \Box Core temperature $8x10^6$ to $40x10^6$ K.

□ Effective black body temperature of 6000 K.

- Solar constant: extraterrestrial flux from the sun received on a unit area perpendicular to the direction of propagation – mean Sun/Earth distance value is 1353 W/m².
- □ Actual extraterrestial radiation varies with time of year as earth-sun distance varies.



Energy from the sun Incoming Longwave Reflected shortwave solar energy radiation to space radiation 175.10¹⁵ W $122.5 \cdot 10^{15} \text{ W}$ 52.5.10¹⁵ W Atmospheric boundary Convection currents (wind and ocean waves) 368 . 10¹² W Tidal energy $3 \cdot 10^{12} \,\mathrm{W}$ Evaporation of water, heating of water & ice Geothermal $40.10^{15} \,\mathrm{W}$ energy $32 \cdot 10^{12} \,\mathrm{W}$ Photosynthesis on land and sea 98.10¹² W Earth's surface Direct conversion to heat $82 \cdot 10^{15} \,\mathrm{W}$ Formation of fossil fuels 13.10⁶ W

Atmospheric interactions

- The greater the distance that the radiation passes through the atmosphere, the greater is the frequency dependent scattering.
 Spectra at ground level are often referred to particular 'air masses'.
- Air Mass 1 is the thickness of the atmosphere vertically above sea level.
- Air Mass 2 is double this thickness (equivalent to direct solar radiation at an altitude of 30 degrees).



Direct and diffuse radiation

- Solar radiation reaches the Earth directly from the Sun) and diffusely after scattering in the atmosphere and reflected from surrounding objects.
- Only direct radiation can be focussed.
- The total radiation reaching a surface is the summation of the direct, sky diffuse and reflected components.



On clear days around 90% of the total solar radiation is direct.



On heavily overcast days 100% of the solar radiation is diffuse.

Spectral distribution of short-wave solar radiation



NASA/ASTM Standard Spectral Irradiance

	W	/avelength (μm)	
	0 - 0.38	0.38 – 0.78 (visible range)	> 0.78
Fraction in range	0.07	0.47	0.46
Energy in range (W/m ²)	95	640	618

Short-wave radiation impacts













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Location coordinates

- □ latitude angle N or S above or below equator.
- longitude angle E or W from prime meridian (Greenwich).
- Longitude difference angle from location to local time zone reference meridian (west –ve).



Solar declination



Solar time

$$t_s - t_m = \pm L_{diff} / 15 + (e_t / 60) + d_s$$

where,

 $t_{s} = \text{solar time}$ $t_{m} = \text{local time}$ $L_{diff} = \text{longitude difference}$ $e_{t} = \text{equation of time}$ $d_{s} = \text{daylight saving time}$







Solar geometry

Declination
 d = 23.45 sin (280.1 + 0.9863 Y)
 where Y = year day number (January 1 =1, December 31 = 365)

□ Altitude $\beta_s = \sin^{-1} [\cos L \cos d \cos \theta_h + \sin L \sin d]$ where L is site latitude, θ_h is hour angle = 15 (12 - t_s)

 $\Box Azimuth$ $\alpha_s = sin^{-1} [\cos d \sin \theta_h / \cos \beta_s]$



□ Incidence angle $i_{\beta} = \cos^{-1}[\sin \beta_{s} \cos (90\beta_{f}) + \cos \beta_{s} \cos \omega \sin (90\beta_{f})]$ where $\omega = azimuth$ angle between sun and surface normal, $\beta_{f} = surface$ inclination angle

Solar radiation prediction (all W/m²)

$$\begin{split} I_{dn} &- \text{direct normal or "beam" (pyrheliometer)} \\ I_{dh} &- \text{direct horizontal } I_{dh} = I_{dn} \sin\beta_s \\ I_{fh} &- \text{diffuse horizontal (pyranometer with shadow band)} \\ I_{gh} &- \text{global horizontal (pyranometer or solarimeter)} \\ r_g &- \text{ground reflectivity} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} I_{d\beta} &- \text{direct radiation on a surface of inclination } \beta_f \\ I_{s\beta} &- \text{sky diffuse radiation incident on a surface of inclination } \beta_f \\ I_{r\beta} &- \text{ground reflected radiation incident on a surface of inclination } \beta_f \end{split}$$

unknown

known



$$I_{gh} = I_{dh} + I_{fh}$$
$$= I_{dn} \sin \beta_s + I_{fh}$$

Solar data for simulation:

either: I_{gh} and I_{fh} or I_{dn} and I_{fh}

Solar radiation measurement

Pyranometer measures the total solar irradiance on a planar surface.

Pyrheliometer measures direct beam solar radiation by tracking the sun's position throughout the day.





Solar radiation measurement

- Shaded pyranometer measures diffuse solar irradiance on a (usually horizontal) surface.
- The shade blocks direct radiation and some diffuse radiation (so need to adjust readings).
- Integrated pyranometer measures both total and diffuse radiation on a (usually horizontal) surface.
- Diffuse is calculated based on shading patterns from internal shades





Short-wave flow-paths







- A reflected shortwave flux
- B flux emission by convection and longwave radiation
- C shortwave flux transmission to cause opaque surface insolation
- D shortwave transmission to cause transparent surface insolation
- E shortwave transmission to adjacent zone
- F enclosure reflections
- G shortwave loss
- H solar energy penetration by transient conduction
- I solar energy absorption prior to retransmission by the processes of B.

Short-wave radiation calculation

Intensity of direct radiation on surface of inclination β : $I_{d\beta} = I_{dh} \cos i_{\beta} / \sin \beta_s$

Intensity of diffuse radiation on same surface ground reflected: $I_{r\beta} = 0.5 [1 - \cos (90 - \beta_f)] (I_{dh} + I_{fh}) r_g$ where r_g is the ground reflectance sky component: $I_{s\beta} = 0.5 [1 + \cos (90 - \beta_f)] I_{fh}$ assuming an isotropic diffuse sky

- i_{β} angle between the incident beam and the surface normal vector
- ω surface-solar azimuth (= $|\alpha_s - \alpha_f|$)
- α_{f}, β_{f} surface azimuth and inclination respectively
- α_s , β_s solar azimuth and elevation respectively

In practice the sky is not isotropic and so empirically-based models that correct for circumsolar and horizon brightening are employed:

sky component

$$I_{s\beta} = I_{fh} \left(\frac{1 + \cos(90 - \beta_{f})}{2} \right) \times \left(1 + \left[1 - \left(\frac{I_{fh}^{2}}{I_{gh}^{2}} \right) \right] \sin^{-3} \left(\frac{\beta_{f}}{2} \right) \right] \times \left(1 + \left[1 - \left(\frac{I^{2}_{fh}}{I_{gh}^{2}} \right) \right] \cos^{-2} (i_{\beta}) \sin^{-3} (90 - \beta_{s}) \right)$$

Angle of incidence: $i_{\beta} = \cos^{-1} \left(\sin \beta_s \cos(90 - \beta_f) + \cos \beta_s \cos \omega \sin(90 - \beta_f) \right)$



Numerical approach using 145 sky vault patches.

Surface-solar angles



Solar angle tables (altitude & azimuth)

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<u>Solar tables (I_{dv} & I_{dh})</u>

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Table A2.35 (m) Basic direct solar irradiances on vertical, low, and horizontal, low, surfaces and basic

PV power output

A simple model:

$$P_{mp} = P_{STC} \frac{J_{tot}}{1000} (1 - \beta [T - 25]) \times p$$

Example 1

Calculate the power output from a PV panel at 60°C with 840 W/m² incident solar radiation if the same panel produces 150 W at STC (1000W/m² & 25°C). β is measured at 0.003 W/K

Example 1

For the same situation calculate the power output if the temperature was 30° C. β is again measured at 0.003 W/K

$$P = P_{STC} \frac{J_{tot}}{1000} [1 - \beta(T - 25)]$$
$$P = 150 \times \frac{840}{1000} [1 - 0.003(60 - 25)]$$
$$= 112.8 W$$

$$P = P_{STC} \frac{J_{tot}}{1000} [1 - \beta(T - 25)]$$
$$P = 150 \times \frac{840}{1000} [1 - 0.003(30 - 25)]$$
$$= 124.1 W$$

Longwave Radiation Exchange

Calculating equation coefficients

Internal long-wave radiation – calculation

Figure 7.18: Four grey surfaces bounding an enclosure.

$q_1 = \epsilon$ $q_3 = \epsilon$	ε ₁ σA ₁ θ ⁴ q ε ₃ σA ₃ θ ⁴ q	$e_{2} = \varepsilon_{2}\sigma A_{2}\theta_{2}^{4}$ $e_{4} = \varepsilon_{4}\sigma A_{4}\theta_{4}^{4}$		
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$\dot{r_i} = \dot{a_i}$	$(1-\varepsilon_i)/\varepsilon_i$; i	= 1, 2, 3, 4		
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$r_1'' = (a_1'')$ $r_3'' = (a_3'')$	$(-a_1)(1-\varepsilon_1)(1-\varepsilon_3)(1-\varepsilon_3)(1-\varepsilon_3)$	$ \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 & \mathbf{r}_2' = (\mathbf{a}_2' + \mathbf{a}_3') \\ \varepsilon_3 & \mathbf{r}_4' = (\mathbf{a}_4' + \mathbf{a}_4') \\ \end{cases} $	$- \dot{a_2}(1 - \varepsilon_2)/\varepsilon$ $- \dot{a_4}(1 - \varepsilon_4)/\varepsilon$	22 24
$a_i^n = a_i^{n-1}$ $r_i^n = (a_i^n + 1)$	$\mathbf{r}^{-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{N} \mathbf{r}_{j}^{n-1} \mathbf{f}_{j \to i} \varepsilon_{i}$ $- \mathbf{a}_{i}^{n-1} (1 - \varepsilon_{i}) / \varepsilon_{i}$	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1\leq n\leq\infty\\ a_{i}^{0}=0\\ r_{i}^{0}=q_{i}\\ f_{i\rightarrow i}=0 \end{array} \right. \label{eq:intermediate}$		

Internal long-wave radition

$$Q_e = \varepsilon \sigma A \theta^4$$
 $Q_{1 \rightarrow 2} = h_r A \Delta \theta$

Table 7.14: Application of the recursive techniques to low emissivity surfaces.

Internal long-wave radiation – numerical method

- Surfaces divided into finite elements and a unit hemisphere superimposed on each element.
- Unit hemisphere's surface divided into patches representing the radiosity field of the associated finite element.
- 'Energy rays' are formed by connecting the centre point of the finite element and all surface patches.
- □ Each ray is projected to determine an intersection with another surface.
- At this intersection a surface response model is invoked to determine the energy absorption and the number and intensity of exit rays – these are continually added to the stack of rays queued for processing.
- Ray processing is discontinued when the inherent energy level falls below a threshold.
- □ The energy absorptions for each finite element are then summated as appropriate to give the final net longwave radiation exchanges for the enclosure.

External long-wave radiation

$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{s}} \varepsilon \sigma (\theta_{\mathbf{e}}^{4} - \theta_{\mathbf{s}}^{4})$$

$$\theta_{e}^{4} = f_{s}\theta_{sky}^{4} + f_{g}\theta_{grd}^{4} + f_{u}\theta_{sur}^{4}$$

Table 7.15: Representative values of sky, ground and obstructions view factors.

Location	fs	fg	fu
City centre: surrounding buildings at same height, vertical surface	0.36	0.36	0.28
City centre: surrounding buildings higher, vertical surface	0.15	0.33	0.52
Urban site: vertical surface	0.41	0.41	0.18
Rural site: vertical surface	0.45	0.45	0.10
City centre: sloping roof	0.50	0.20	0.30
Urban site: sloping roof	0.50	0.30	0.20
Rural site: isolated	0.50	0.50	0.00