#### Science of Nonimaging Optics: The Thermodynamic Connection Roland Winston

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#### The Stefan Boltzmann law $\sigma$ T<sup>4</sup>

#### is on page 1 of an optics book---Something interesting is going on !





What is the best efficiency possible? When we pose this question, we are stepping outside the bounds of a particular subject. Questions of this kind are more properly the province of thermodynamics which imposes limits on the possible, like energy conservation and the impossible, like transferring heat from a cold body to a warm body without doing work. And that is why the fusion of the science of light (optics) with the science of heat (thermodynamics), is where much of the excitement is today. During a seminar I gave some ten years ago at the Raman Institute in Bangalore, the distinguished astrophysicist Venkatraman Radhakrishnan famously asked "how come geometrical optics knows the second law of thermodynamics?" This provocative question from C. V. Raman's son serves to frame our discussion.



During a seminar at the Raman Institute (Bangalore) in 2000, Prof. V. Radhakrishnan asked me:

How does geometrical optics know the second law of thermodynamics?





A few observations suffice to establish the connection. As is well-known, the solar spectrum fits a black body at 5670 K (almost 10,000 degrees Fahrenheit) Now a black body absorbs radiation at all wavelengths, and it follows from thermodynamics that its spectrum (the Planck spectrum<sup>1</sup>) is uniquely specified by temperature. The well-known Stefan Boltzmann law which also follows from thermodynamics relates temperature to radiated flux so that the solar surface flux is  $\Phi s \sim 58.6$  W/mm<sup>2</sup> while the measured flux at top of the earth's atmosphere is <sup>1</sup>.35 mW/mm<sup>2</sup>. That the ratio, ~ 44,000, coincides with  $1/\sin^2 \Theta s$  where  $\Theta s$  is the angular subtense of the sun is *not* a coincidence but rather illustrates a deep connection between the two subjects (the sine law of concentration). Nonimaging Optics is the theory of thermodynamically efficient optics and as such, depends more on thermodynamics than on optics I often tell my students to learn efficient optical design, first study the theory of furnaces.

## **Invention of Entropy**

#### (The Second Law of Thermodynamics)

- Sadi Carnot had fought with Napoleon, but by 1824 was a student studying physics in Paris. In that year he wrote:
- Reflections on the Motive Power of Heat and on Machines fitted to Develop that Power.
- The conservation of energy (the first law of thermodynamics) had not yet been discovered, heat was considered a conserved fluid-"caloric"
- So ENTROPY (the second law of thermodynamics) was discovered first.
- A discovery way more significant than all of Napoleon's conquests!



Map representing the losses over time of French army troops during the Russian campaign, 1812-1813. Constructed by Charles Joseph Minard, Inspector General of Public Works retired. Paris, 20 November 1869

The number of men present at any given time is represented by the width of the grey line; one mm. indicates ten thousand men. Figures are also written besides the lines. Grey designates men moving into Russia ; black, for those leaving. Sources for the data are the works of messrs. Thiers, Segur, Fezensac, Chambray and the unpublished diary of Jacob. who became an Army Pharmacist on 28 October. In order to visualize the army's losses more clearly, I have drawn this as if the units under prince Jerome and Marshall Davoust (temporarily seperated from the main body to go to Minsk and Mikilow, which then joined up with the main army again), had stayed with the army throughout.



Editor's note: dates & temperatures are only referenced for the retreat from Moscow © 2001, ODT Inc. All rights reserved.

Figure 58. Minard s map of Napoleon s Russian campaign. This graphic has been translated from French to English and modified to most effectively display the temperature data.



#### Invention of the Second Law of Thermodynamics by Sadi Carnot





## TdS = dE + PdV

is arguably the most important equation in Science If we were asked to predict what currently accepted principle would be valid 1,000 years from now, The Second Law would be a good bet (Sean Carroll) From this we can derive entropic forces  $\mathbf{F} = T \mathbf{grad} \mathbf{S}$ The S-B radiation law (const. T^4) Information theory (Shannon, Gabor) Accelerated expansion of the Universe **Even Gravity!** And much more modestly----The design of thermodynamically efficient optics



The second law of Thermodynamics:

The invention of ENTROPY at the time of Carnot (1824), folks considered heat as a well-defined function Q(T, V) for example and called it "Caloric" which was conserved but it's not. dQ is an example of a non-perfect differential, Take dQ = AdT + BdV which is not a perfect differential. If it were, then  $\frac{\partial^2 Q}{\partial T \partial V} = \frac{\partial A}{\partial V} = \frac{\partial B}{\partial T}$  but this needs not be true. This can be extended to more than two variables.

Let's generalize dQ = Xdx + Ydy + Zdz where X, Y, Z are functions of x, y, z and x, y, z can be temperature, volume etc.

Notice, if dQ were a perfect differential, say  $d\sigma$ , then  $X = \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x}$ ,  $Y = \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial y}$ ,  $Z = \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial z}$  and  $\frac{\partial Y}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial Z}{\partial y}$ ,  $\frac{\partial Z}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial X}{\partial z}$  need not be true(these are called integrability conditions). But sometimes, there exists an integrating factor, say  $\tau(x, y, z)$  so  $\frac{dQ}{\tau} = d\sigma = \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial z} dz$ . The point is, for Q, there is such a factor and it's called temperature. Due to Carrathodory 100 years ago! Math.Ann.67, 355(1909) and  $\frac{dQ}{T} = dS$ ,S is the entropy or TdS = dQ.



The proof is based on the impossibility of certain conditions, for example heat flows from a cold body to a warm body(free cooling) dQ is 0 but I cool while you warm up. Other impossible conditions are converting heat to work with 100% efficiency and so on. (dQ = 0 is called adiabatic).

The proof goes like this: we know dQ is not a perfect differential. The adiabatic equation: dQ = 0 = Xdx + Ydy + Zdz, the points near (x, y, z) cannot fill a volume, if they did, all neighboring points are accessible, they don't just lie on a curve because Xdx + Ydy + Zdz = 0 is a tangent plane, so connecting the tangent plane that is a surface  $\sigma(x, y, z)$  such the  $\sigma = const$ , passes through point (x, y, z). Then since dQ = 0 confines points to the surface  $d\sigma(x, y, z) = 0$ 

 $dQ = \tau(x, y, z) d\sigma(x, y, z)$ 

And  $\tau$  is called *integrating factor*.

For thermodynamics  $\tau$  is the temperature T and  $\sigma$  is the entropy S

$$dQ = T(x, y, z)dS$$

make them

$$T = \tau \frac{d\sigma}{dx} = \frac{X}{\frac{\partial S}{\partial x}} = \frac{Y}{\frac{\partial S}{\partial y}} = \frac{Z}{\frac{\partial S}{\partial z}}$$

The differential of the heat, dQ for an infinitesimal quasi-static change when divided by the absolute *T* is a perfect differential dS of the entropy function.



Example, connect them to information by Shannon's theorem

$$S = -k_B \sum_n P_n \log P_n$$

Example, consider a string of bit 0, 1 such a string can carry information, say 1,0,0,0,1,1 etc. can represent all the letters of any alphabet hence any book content etc. Suppose we know what each bit is, the  $P_n = 1$ ,  $\log P_n = 0$  and S = 0. Perfect knowledge

Suppose we are clueless- Like tossing a coin,  $P_n = 1/2$  all n and

$$S = -k_B \sum_{n} \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1}{2} = k_B \frac{\log 2}{2} \quad N = k_B 0.346N$$

 $N = number \ of \ bits, k_B = Boltzmann's \ constant \approx 1.38 \times 10^{-23} (MKS \ units)$ 



$$d^{2}s = d^{2}x + d^{2}y + d^{2}z$$

$$d^{2}s = (d^{2}\dot{x} + d^{2}\dot{y} + 1)d^{2}z$$
Define  $\dot{x} = dx/dz, \dot{y} = dy/dz$ 
According to Fermat Principle  $\delta \int n \, ds = 0$ 

$$\delta \int_{P_{1}}^{P_{2}} n\sqrt{(d^{2}\dot{x} + d^{2}\dot{y} + 1)} dz = 0$$
Define Lagrangian  $L = n(x, y, z)\sqrt{(d^{2}\dot{x} + d^{2}\dot{y} + 1)}$ 
Then  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} = \frac{n\dot{x}}{\sqrt{(d^{2}\dot{x} + d^{2}\dot{y} + 1)}} = p_{x}$ 
Then  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}} = \frac{n\dot{y}}{\sqrt{(d^{2}\dot{x} + d^{2}\dot{y} + 1)}} = p_{y}$ 
For every second sec

For a system that conserves its Hamiltonian, similar to Lagrangian equation:

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = 0,$$
$$\dot{p}_x = \frac{\partial L}{\partial x}$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} = p_x, \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}} = p_y, \dot{p_x} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial x}, \dot{p_y} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial y}$$



The Hamiltonian of the system is:

$$H = p_x \dot{x} + p_y \dot{y} - L(x, y, \dot{x}, \dot{y})$$
  

$$dH = p_x d\dot{x} + dp_x \dot{x} + p_y d\dot{y} + dp_y \dot{y} - \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} dx + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} d\dot{x} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial y} dy + \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{y}} d\dot{y}\right)$$
  

$$= -\dot{p}_x dx + \dot{x} dp_x - \dot{p}_y dy + \dot{y} dp_y$$
  

$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = -\dot{p}_x, \frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = -\dot{p}_y, \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_x} = \dot{x}, \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_y} = \dot{y}$$
  

$$\frac{\partial \dot{p}_x}{\partial p_x} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_x} \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial x}\right) = \frac{\partial H}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_x}\right) = \frac{\partial \dot{x}}{\partial x}$$

Define a four vector field  $W = (\dot{x}, \dot{p}_x, \dot{y}, \dot{p}_y)$ then the 4 dimensional divergence of W is 0. If we use W on a closed surface  $\sigma(x, P_x, y, P_y)$  of a four space  $v(x, P_x, y, P_y)$ , then the incremental volume along dzcovered by such a surface is  $dV = \int_{\sigma} W dz d\sigma$ According to Gauss's theorem,  $\int_{\sigma} W d\sigma =$  $\int_{v} Div W dv = 0$ , therefore the enclosed volume  $dV = 0.\int_{\sigma} dx dy dp_x dp_y = constant$ 



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## Limits to Concentration

• from  $\lambda$  max sun ~ 0.5  $\mu$ 

we measure T<sub>sun</sub> ~ 6000° (5670°)

Without actually going to the Sun!

- Then from  $\sigma$  T^4 solar surface flux~ 58.6 W/mm²
  - The solar constant ~ 1.35 mW/mm<sup>2</sup>
  - The second law of thermodynamics
  - C max ~ 44,000
  - Coincidentally, C max =  $1/\sin^2\theta$
  - This is evidence of a deep connection to optics



## Imaging Devices and Their Limitations

• If one were to ask the proverbial "man on the street" for a suggestion of how one might attain the highest possible level of concentration of, say solar flux a plausible response would be to use a good astronomical telescope, perhaps the 200 inch telescope on Mt. Palomar, or whatever one's favorite telescope might be.

\* Of course such an experiment had better remain in the realm of imagination only, since beginning astronomers are admonished never to point their telescope at the sun or risk catastrophic consequences to the instrument.

• But ...



• Concentration limit

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- $\sin^2 2\phi/4\sin^2 \theta$
- $\phi$ : rim angle of the telescope
- Best concentration achieved  $1/4\sin^2\theta$  when  $\phi = 45^\circ$
- Falls short of the fundamental limit by a factor 4!
  - Now factors of 4 are significant in technology (and many other forms of human endeavor)





# Concentration Limit in 2-D Cases

- Entirely similar considerations can be applied to 2-D or trough concentrators.
- A straightforward generalization to a strip absorber rather than a disk absorber gives a limit for say, a parabolic trough of  $\sin 2\phi/2\sin \theta$
- Upper limit:  $1/(2\sin\theta)$ , for rim angle  $\phi = 45^{\circ}$ .
  - This would be a useful configuration for a photo-voltaic concentrator, with the strip consisting of solar cells.



•A more useful geometry for a parabolic trough thermal concentrator is a tubular receiver.





## Nonimaging Concentrators

 It was the desire to bridge the gap between the levels of concentration achieved by common imaging devices, and the *sine law of concentration limit* that motivated the invention of nonimaging optics.



## Failure of conventional optics FAB << FBA where FAB is the probability of radiation starting at A reaching B--- etc







#### First and Second Law of Thermodynamics

Nonimaging Optics is the theory of maximal efficiency **radiative transfer** It is axiomatic and algorithmic based

As such, the subject depends much more on thermodynamics than on optics

To learn efficient optical design, first study the **theory of furnaces**.

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# Radiative transfer between walls in an enclosure HOTTEL STRINGS

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## **Strings 3-walls**



P12 = (A1 + A2 - A3)/(2A1)

P13 = (A1 + A3 - A2)/(2A1)

$$P23 = (A2 + A3 - A1)/(2A2)$$

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qij = AiPij	P12 + P13 = 1	
	P21 + P23 = 1	3 Eqs
Pii = 0	P31 + P32 = 1	
	Ai Pij = Aj Pji	3 Eqs





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P12 + P13 + P14 = 1P21 + P23 + P24 = 1

P14 = [(A5 + A6) - (A2 + A3)]/(2A1)P23 = [(A5 + A6) - (A1 + A4)]/(2A2)

## Limit to Concentration



P23 = [(A5 + A6) - (A1 + A4)]/(2A2)S

P23= sin( $\theta$ ) as A3 goes to infinity

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• This rotates for symmetric systems to sin  $^{2}(\theta)$ 



#### Fermat's Principle for Rays and Strings



Nonimaging Optics:



• What are strings?



## String Method

- We explain what strings are by way of example.
- We will proceed to solve the problem of attaining the sine law limit of concentration for the simplest case, that of a flat absorber.



- We loop one end of a "string" to a "rod" tilted at angle θ to the aperture AA' and tie the other end to the edge of the exit aperture B'.
- Holding the length fixed, we trace out a reflector profile as the string moves from C to A'.





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### String Method Example: CPC







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B'A + AC = B'B + BA'

B'A = BA'

 $BB'=AC=AA'\sin\vartheta$ 

 $\Rightarrow AA' \sin \theta = BB'$ 

$$C = \frac{AA'}{BB'} = \frac{1}{\sin \vartheta}$$
$$C(\text{cone}) = \left(\frac{AA'}{BB'}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \vartheta}$$

sine law of concentration limit!



## String Method Example: CPC

- The 2-D CPC is an ideal concentrator, i.e., it works perfectly for all rays within the acceptance angle θ,
- Rotating the profile about the axis of symmetry gives the 3-D CPC
- The 3-D CPC is very close to ideal.



# String Method Example: CPC

- Notice that we have kept the *optical length* of the string fixed.
- For media with varying index of refraction (*n*), the physical length is multiplied by *n*.

• The string construction is very versatile and can be applied to *any* convex (or at least non-concave) absorber...



#### I am frequently asked- Can this possibly work?





#### String Method Example: Tubular Absorber



String method:  $\int_{w}^{D} ndl = Constant$ AC+AB'+B'D=A'B+BD+2 $\pi a$ AA' sin $\theta$ =2 $\pi a$ 

$$C = \frac{AA'}{2\pi a} = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$$

• String construction for a tubular absorber as would be appropriate for a solar thermal concentrator.









The connection between entropy and information is well known.<sup>17,18</sup> The entropy of a system measures one's uncertainty or lack of information about the actual internal configuration of the system. Suppose that all that is known about the internal configuration of a system is that it may be found in any of a number of states with probability  $p_n$  for the *n*th state. Then the entropy associated with the system is given by Shannon's formula<sup>17,18</sup>

$$S = -\sum_{n} p_n \ln p_n \quad . \tag{10}$$



The conventional unit of information is the "bit" which may be defined as the information available when the answer to a yes-or-no question is precisely known (zero entropy). According to the scheme (11) a bit is also numerically equal to the maximum entropy that can be associated with a yes-or-no question, i.e., the entropy when no information whatsoever is available about the answer. One easily finds that the entropy function (10) is maximized when  $p_{ves} = p_{no} = \frac{1}{2}$ . Thus, in our units, one bit is equal to ln2 of information.

$$S = k (\frac{1}{2} \log 2) N$$



### The general concentrator problem



### Concentration C is defined as A2/A3

What is the "best" design?



Let Source be maintained at  $T_1$  (sun) Then  $T_3$  will reach  $T_1 \leftrightarrow P_{31} = 1$ Proof:  $q_{13}=\sigma T_1^4 A_1 P_{13} = \sigma T_1^4 A_3 P_{31}$ But  $q_{3total}=\sigma T_3^4 A_3 \ge q_{13}$  at steady state  $T_3 \le T_1$  (second law) $\rightarrow P_{31}=1 \leftrightarrow T_3=T_1$ 

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1<sup>st</sup> law efficiency: energy conservation

 $q_{12} = q_{13} \Rightarrow P_{12} = P_{13}$ 2<sup>nd</sup> law efficiency:

 $A_1P_{12} = A_1P_{13}$ , but  $A_1P_{13} = A_3P_{31}$ The concentration ratio C:

$$C = \frac{A_2}{A_3} \\ A_3 = \frac{A_1 P_{12}}{P_{31}}$$

The maximum concentration ratio  $C_{max}$  corresponds to minimum  $A_3$ C is maximum IFF  $P_{31} = 1$ Recall that for maximum thermodynamics efficiency

$$A_1 P_{12} = A_1 P_{13} = A_3$$
  
Then  $A_2 P_{21} = A_3$   
 $C_{max} = 1/P_{21}$ 





#### Hospital in Gurgaon, India DEC 2011



Roland, I hope Shanghai went well Hit 200C yesterday with just 330W DNI. Gary D. Conley~Ancora Imparo www.b2uSolar.com







So that  $C_{max} = 1/sin\theta$ , Notice  $\theta$  is the maximum angle of radiation incident on  $A_2$ Generalize to 3-dimensional, rotational symmetry.

$$P_{21} = \left(\frac{long \ string - short \ string}{L_2}\right)^2 = (sin\theta)^2$$
$$C_{max} = \left(\frac{1}{sin\theta}\right)^2$$

An alternative way to get the sine law is to consider the angular momentum with respect to the axis of symmetry.

$$\vec{J} = \vec{r} \times \vec{P}$$
$$\vec{P} = n(L, M, N)$$

 $J_z$  is conserved



Designing the thermodynamically efficient concentrator We have used "strings" to find the limit of concentration, if we can use the strings to design the optical system, we have a chance of meeting the limit.  $\theta_1/\theta_2$  angle transformer

Etendue conservation  $L_1 a = L_2 b$ ,  $L_1 = \sin \theta_1$ ,  $L_2 = \sin \theta_2$ ,  $a \sin \theta_1 = b \sin \theta_2$ 









• 1. Choose source

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• 2.Choose aperture

- 3. Draw strings
- 4. Work out  $P_{12}A_1$



5.  $P_{12}A_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum long \ strings - \sum short \ strings \right] = A_3 = 0.55A_1 = 0.12A_1$ 6. Fit  $A_3$  between extends strings => 2 degrees of freedom, Note that  $A_3 = cc' = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (ab' + a'b - (ab + a'b')) \right]$ 

7. Connect the strings.

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#### Index of Refraction (n)

Recall  $C_{max} = n / \sin \theta$ , so if  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , we should be able to concentration by *n* (or  $n^2$  in three dimension). How? Consider the air/dielectric interface.





By momentum conservation,

$$\cos \alpha = n \cos \beta$$

then

$$\sin \theta_1 = \sin \theta_2$$
  
$$(\theta_1 = \frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha, \theta_2 = \frac{\pi}{2} - \beta)$$
  
So if  $\theta_1 = \pi/2, \theta_2 = \arcsin(1/n)$  the critical angle.

Solution: design an angle transformer with  $\theta_1 = \theta_c, \theta_2 = \pi/2$ 





How to design TIR concentrators

 $\sin \theta_1 = n \sin \theta_1'$  (inside the medium)

TIR condition  $\theta'_1 + \theta_2 + 2\theta_c = \pi, \theta_2 = \pi - 2\theta_c - \theta_1'$  (or less)





Lens-mirror





Some examples: n=1.5,  $\theta_c = 42^{\circ}$ 

$$\theta_2 = \pi/2(90^\circ), \theta_1' \le 6^\circ, \theta_1 < 9^\circ$$

 $\theta_1 = 30^\circ, \theta_1' = 19.5^\circ, \theta_2 = 96^\circ - 19.5^\circ = 76.5^\circ$ 

$$C = \frac{\sin \theta_2}{\sin \theta_1} = 0.97 \left(\frac{1}{\sin \theta_1'}\right) = 0.97 \frac{n}{\sin \theta_1} = 0.97 C_{max} = 2.9$$

So an f/1 lens + TIR secondary =  $f # = \frac{0.5}{1.5*.97} = 0.34$  That's really fast.



#### Examples





### Analogy of Fluid Dynamics and Optics

fluid dynamics	optics	
phase space (twice the dimensions of ordinary space )	general etendue	
positions	positions	
momenta	directions of light rays multiplied by the index of refraction of the medium	$\begin{array}{c} x \\ L = \cos \alpha \\ (\text{directional cosine}) \\ \alpha \\ Z \end{array}$
incompressible fluid	volume in "phase space" is conserved	

# Imaging in Phase Space



- Example: points on a line.
  - An imaging system is required to map those points on another line, called the image, without scrambling the points.
  - In phase space
    - Each point becomes a vertical line and the system is required to faithfully map line onto line.





- Consider only the boundary or edge of all the rays.
- All we require is that the boundary is transported from the source to the target.
  - The interior rays will come along . They cannot "leak out" because were they to cross the boundary they would first become the boundary, and it is the boundary that is being transported.



- It is very much like transporting a container of an incompressible fluid, say water.
- The volume of container of rays is unchanged in the process.

- conservation of phase space volume.

• The fact that elements inside the container mix or the container itself is deformed is of no consequence.



- To carry the analogy a bit further, suppose one were faced with the task of transporting a vessel (the volume in phase-space) filled with alphabet blocks spelling out a message. Then one would have to take care not to shake the container and thereby scramble the blocks.
- But if one merely needs to transport the blocks without regard to the message, the task is much easier.



# **Non-Imaging Optics**





- This is the key idea of nonimaging optics
- This leads to one of the most useful algorithms of nonimaging Optics.
- We shall see that transporting the edges only, without regards to interior order allows attainment of the *sine law of concentration limit*.

### **Flowline Method**


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Then  $\int \vec{J} \cdot d\vec{A}$  is conserved =>  $Div \vec{J} = 0$ Design principle: placing the reflector along the lines of  $\vec{J}$  does not disturb the flow.

This proposal, originally a conjecture is true for 2-D designs and for some 3-D designs of sufficient symmetry, as usual we teach by example: we start with Lambertian (black body) source, find the flow lines, examine the resulting designs and their applications.

Sphere: flow line are radial, design works in 2D and 3D.

Phase Space Invariants





#### **Flowline Method**





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Let  $\hat{n} = (L, M, N)$  unit vector, then, recall the Jacobean  $dL dM = Nd\Omega, d\Omega =$ dA on a unit sphere,  $d\vec{A}_z = NdA = dLdM$ So in general  $\vec{J} = \int n^2 \hat{n} d\Omega$ , for the time being, keep n = 1. So we can think of the flow line as the average direction of  $\vec{J}$ , works for a sphere. Try for a disc (line).









#### Flow line designs



It is a property of the hyperbola that the angle to the forci (A,B) are equal, Consider



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## How to turn a slow lens to a fast lens - flow line



Fermat BC + BF = B'F = BF'Hyperbola B'F - BF = AF - A'F = AA'BC = AA' but  $BC = BB'sin\theta$  $AA' = BB'sin\theta$ 



## Highlight Project—Solar Thermal

- UC Merced has developed the External Compound Parabolic Concentrator (XCPC)
- XCPC features include:
  - Non-tracking design
  - 50% thermal efficiency at 200°C
  - Installation flexibility



- Performs well in hazy conditions
- Displaces natural gas consumption and reduces emissions
- Targets commercial applications such as double-effect absorption cooling, boiler preheating, dehydration, sterilization, desalination and steam extraction



#### UC Merced 250°C Thermal Test Loop









#### Testing

- Efficiency (80 to 200 °C)
- Optical Efficiency (Ambient temperature)
- Acceptance Angle
- Time Constant
- Stagnation Test





#### Acceptance Angle

North-South Counterflow Alanod: IAM





• Solar Cooling

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- Using energy from the sun to provide space cooling / refrigeration
- Well matched supply/load (i.e. High cooling demand on sunny days)
- If roof deployed, energy that would heat up building is diverted for cooling
- Barriers
  - Efficient cooling machines (double effect absorption chillers) require high temperatures around 180 C
  - Tracking collectors are problematic
  - Absorption chillers do not respond well to natural variability of solar insolation
- Solution
  - Gas/Solar hybrid absorption chillers
  - Development of new high temperature, fixed solar collector at UC Merced







#### XCPC

- Non-imaging optics:
  - External Compound
    Parabolic Concentrator
    (XCPC)
  - Non-tracking
  - Thermodynamically efficient
  - Collects diffuse sunlight
  - East-West and
    North-South designs







#### **Performance Comparison**

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### Solar Cooling at UC Merced

- Collectors
  - 160 North/South XCPCs
  - Concentration ratio ~ 1.18
  - 50 m2 inlet aperture area
- Chiller (BROAD Manufacturing)
  - 6 ton (23 kW) Lithium Bromide Absorption Chiller
  - Double effect (COP  $\sim$  1.1)
  - Hybrid solar / natural gas powered



#### XCPC Array at UC Merced

















# Power Output of Solar Cooling 2011

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#### Power Output of Solar Cooling 2012





#### In Summary

- XCPC
  - Fixed, high temperature solar thermal collector
  - High thermodynamic efficiency
  - Collects diffuse light
  - Flexible installation
- UC Merced Solar Cooling Project
  - 160 North/South XCPCs (~50 m2)
  - 6 ton (23 kW) Li-Br Double Effect Absorption chiller
  - Natural gas-powered chiller during system warm-up
  - Direct solar powered cooling for about 6 hours
  - Extended solar cooling for about 2 hours
  - Average Daily Solar COP of about 0.38









#### **XCPC** Applications

<u>Absorption Chillers</u>

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- Adsorption Chillers
- Desiccant Cooling
- Heat Driven Electrical
  Power Generation
- Steam Cycle Based Products
- Stirling Cycle Based Products
- Heat Driven Water Treatment Technology

- Membrane Distillation
- Heat Driven Industrial Process
- Technology feasibility
- Economic
  Competitiveness
- Market Potential
- Time to commercialization

## The Best Use of our Sun



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#### **Demonstrated** Performance





Conceptual Testing SolFocus & UC Merced

#### 10kW Array Gas Technology Institute

