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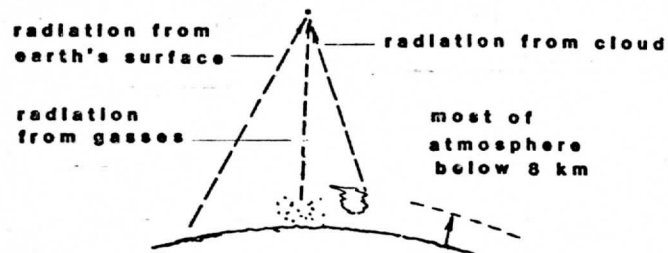
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## INTRODUCTION

### a. Idealized Problem

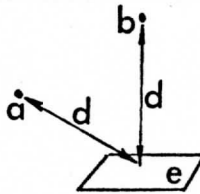
The objective is to compute the thermal radiation input to a body at high altitudes above the earth. For technical reasons the method developed can be validly applied when the altitudes are much greater than eight kilometers. For an object at such altitudes essentially all thermal radiation due to the atmosphere (including both clouds and radiating gasses such as water vapor and carbon dioxide) comes from below. Certainly for altitudes, as considered here, that exceed 80 km it is a very good approximation to imagine that all the thermal radiative input originates from a surface below the object. Thus, a single surface incorporates the radiative properties of both the atmosphere and the earth's surface.



To obtain the total input the earth below is divided into many small patches, the strength of the radiation emanating from each determined (per unit area of the patch). The product of the radiating strength and area of each of these patches (or area elements) is then added--if it can be seen from the test object or

body. In this summation weight is also given to the distance from the emitter and test body according to the "inverse square law".

Account must also be taken of the relative look angles between the test body and the area element ("cosine law") since a flat emitter viewed edgewise transfers less energy to a second object than the same emitter viewed straight on from the same distance. That is, a receives less than b from e.



In order to divide the surface below into the small patches an image from GOES is used.\* That is, the pixels as defined by the GOES 10.5 micron IR channel (or multiples of them) are the elements of area we have used. The digital count value of each pixel is transformed to a brightness temperature (at 10.5 $\mu$ m), and the brightness temperature used with an empirical model developed by Smith et al. to obtain the strength of the radiation across the entire spectrum.\*\*

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\* See the GOES/SMS User's Guide, Corbell, R. P., C. J. Callahan, W. J. Kotch, eds. Published jointly by NOAA (NESS) and NASA, 1976.

\*\* Smith, W. L., L. D. Herman, T. Schreiner, H. B. Howell and P. Menzel, Radiation Budget Characteristics of the Onset of the Summer Monsoon, in International Conference, on Early Results of FGGE and Large Scale Aspects of Its Monsoon Experiments. WMO, Geneva 1981.

b. Results

We have presented below in Table 1 the results which were obtained using the method discussed in more detail below. In a later section these results are also shown in graphical form.

Note that for  $t > 1359$  the results are given at 10 second intervals.

Table 1  
Results for Trajectory Provided

Time (s) <sup>1</sup>	Flux ( $\text{Wm}^{-2}$ )	Time (s)	Flux ( $\text{Wm}^{-2}$ )	Time (s)	Flux ( $\text{Wm}^{-2}$ )
1159	207.0	1309	216.5	1399	211.0
1169	207.7	1319	217.8	1409	208.6
1179	208.6	1329	218.7	1419	205.8
1189	209.5	1339	218.0	1429	202.2
1199	210.5	1349	216.7	1439	197.8
1209	211.3	1359	217.4	1449	193.1
1229	213.0	1369	215.4	1459	188.6
1259	214.5	1379	214.3	1469	185.6
1279	216.3	1389	213.9	1479	185.3

<sup>1</sup> 0.3660 should be added to every time entry

The word flux is used for power per unit area rather than a more precise, but cumbersome, term such as flux density.

Mathematical Description

In this section we define the geometrical quantities and derive the expressions required to program the algorithm outlined in the previous section. Matters pertaining to radiative

quantities (e.g. emissivity, Plank function, etc.) are referred to the books of Liou and Fleagle and Businger.\* Following this is a listing of the computing program. Parts of the program are not easy to understand, because much use is made of the McIDAS system subroutines and related terminology. Documentation for these is unpublished material obtainable from the University of Wisconsin Space Science and Engineering Center program librarian.

Figure 1 describes the transformation from latitude, longitude and altitude coordinates to a cartesian system (X, Y, Z). Figure 2 is intended to illustrate the general relationship of the test body (located at the "observation point") to a patch (or pixel) of area dA.

Let  $\vec{r}_p$  be the vector OP. The earth centered cartesian coordinates are given by  $\vec{r}_p = (X_p, Y_p, Z_p)$  where,

$$X_p = (a + \zeta) (\cos\theta_p \cos\phi_p)$$

$$Y_p = (a + \zeta) (\cos\theta_p \sin\phi_p)$$

$$Z_p = (a + \zeta) \sin\theta_p$$

The energy which crosses dA in time dt and which is confined to the solid angle dΩ (see Fig. 3) is:

$$dE = I_\lambda \cos\theta dA d\Omega dt d\lambda \quad (1)$$

where  $I_\lambda$  is the intensity. If A emits isotropically, we may take

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\* Liou, K-N, An Introduction to Atmospheric Radiation, Academic Press, New York, 1980.

Fleagle, R. G. and J. A. Businger, An Introduction to Atmospheric Physics, (2nd ed.) Academic Press, New York, 1980.

\*\* McIDAS stands for Man-Computer Interactive Data Access System.

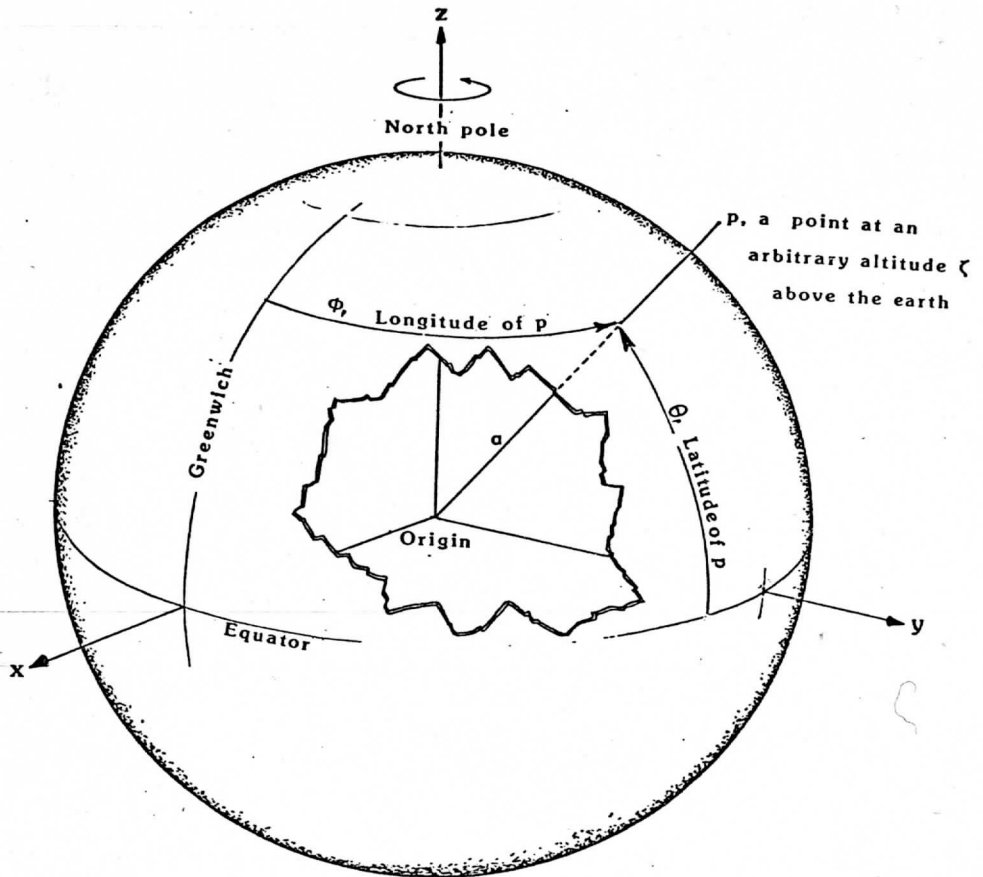


Figure 1. Earth centered cartesian coordinate system. An arbitrary point,  $p$ , is shown at an altitude  $\zeta$  above the earth of radius  $a$ .

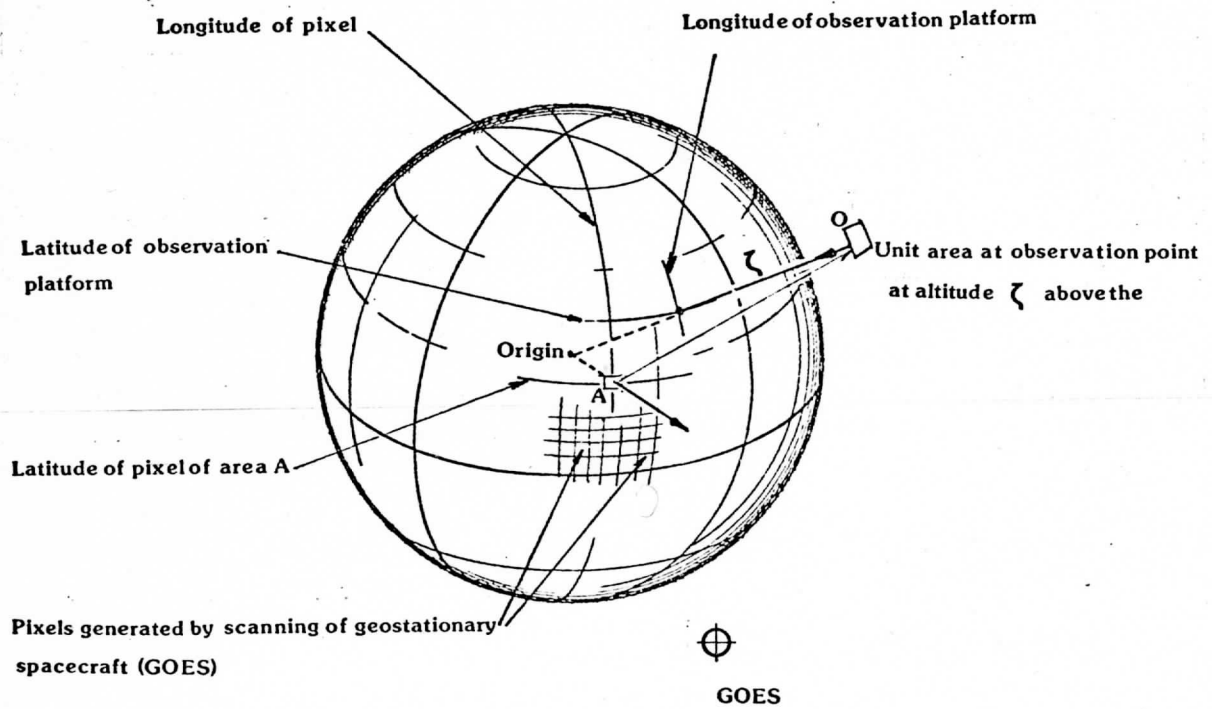


Figure 2. General relationships of GOES, observation point (O) and a patch on the surface ( $dA$ ).



$$I_{\lambda} = \epsilon_{\lambda} B_{\lambda}(T) \quad (2)$$

Where  $\epsilon$  is the emissivity and  $B$  is the radiant intensity, or Planck, function of a black body. Thus, if  $\epsilon B = \int \epsilon_{\lambda} B_{\lambda}(\lambda) d\lambda$  (1) becomes,

$$dE = \epsilon B \cos\theta \, dA \, d\Omega \, dt \quad (3)$$

In this equation  $E$  is an 'effective' or mean emissivity.

The energy incident on  $dA_0$  from  $dA$  is the intensity emitted by  $dA$  within the solid angle  $d\Omega_0$  times  $dA_0$  and  $dt$  as well as  $d\Omega$  itself. See Figure 4.

$$dE = \epsilon B \cos\theta \, dA \, dt \, d\Omega_0 \quad (3^1)$$

However, in this case,  $d\Omega_0$  can also be represented as,

$$d\Omega_0 = dA_0 \cos\theta_0 / r_{Ao}^2$$

where  $r_{Ao}$  is the distance from  $dA$  to  $dA_0$ . Consequently

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{dA \cos\theta \, dA_0 \cos\theta_0 \, \epsilon B}{r_{Ao}^2} \quad (4)$$

Actually, it is best to recast this equation in a vector notation.

Let  $\vec{r}_A$  be the position vector of the element  $dA$  and  $\vec{r}_O$  that of  $dA_0$

Also, let  $\vec{r}_{Ao}$  be a vector from  $dA$  to  $dA_o$ , and  $\vec{r}_{oA} = -\vec{r}_{ao}$  a vector from  $dA_o$  to  $dA$ . We may therefore write (4) as,

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{dA(\hat{n} \cdot \vec{r}_{Ao}) dAo(\hat{n}_o \cdot \vec{r}_{oA}) \epsilon B}{(r_{Ao})^4} \quad (5)$$

or,

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{dA(\hat{n}_A \cdot \vec{r}_{Ao}) dAo(\hat{n}_o \cdot \vec{r}_{oA}) \epsilon B}{(r_{Ao})^2} \quad (5')$$

As can be seen in Figures 3 and 4,  $n_A$  is the unit normal to  $dA$  and the unit normal to  $dA_o$ ,  $\hat{r}_{Ao}$  is  $\vec{r}_{Ao}/|\vec{r}_{Ao}|$  and  $\hat{r}_{oA} = \vec{r}_{oA}/|\vec{r}_{oA}|$ .

In the program at hand  $dA$  is a unit area, i.e.  $dA = 1$ ,  $dA_o$  is the variable AREA,  $(XO, YO, ZO) = \vec{r}_o$ ,  $(XA, YA, ZA) = \vec{r}_A$ ,  $\vec{r}_{Ao} = (XA, YAO, ZAO)$ ,  $\hat{r}_{Ao} = (XUAO, YUAO, ZUAO)$ ,  $\hat{r}_{oA} = (XUOA, YUOA, ZUOA)$

In this particular application, both  $dA_o$  and  $dA$  are considered horizontal hence,  $\hat{n}_o = -\hat{r}_o = -\vec{r}_o/|\vec{r}_o|$  and  $\hat{n}_A = \hat{r}_A = \vec{r}_A/|\vec{r}_A|$

Finally, the quantity  $\epsilon B$ , which is to be deduced from the GOES IR image is rendered by the equivalent expression in terms of flux density ( $F$ , (in Watt  $m^{-2}$ ),

$$F/\pi = \epsilon B \quad (6)$$

According to the empirical study of Smith et al cited above.

$$F = 0.543 T_{GOES}^4 + 44.538 \quad (7)$$

$T_{GOES}$  is the GOES window IR temperature and the Stephan Boltzman constant =  $5.66 \cdot 10^{-8} W/M^2 \text{ deg}^{-4}$ .

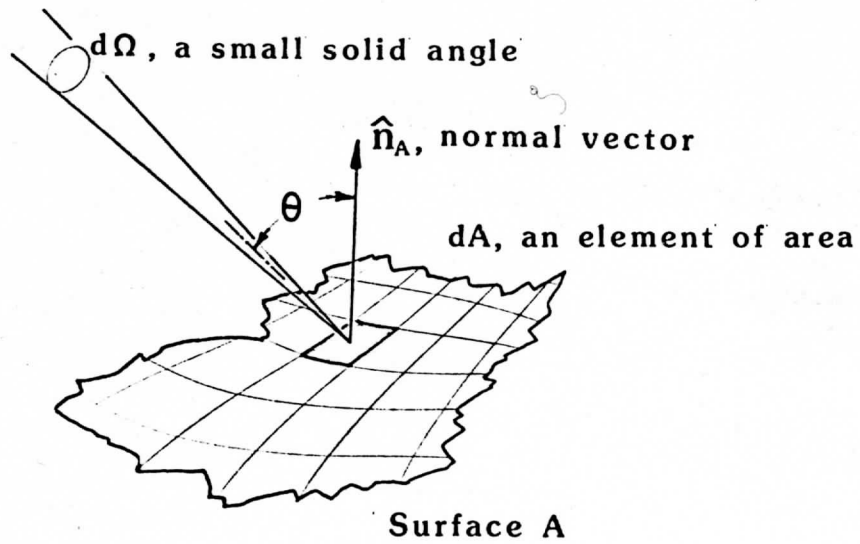


Figure 3. Terms relating to an emitting surface A.

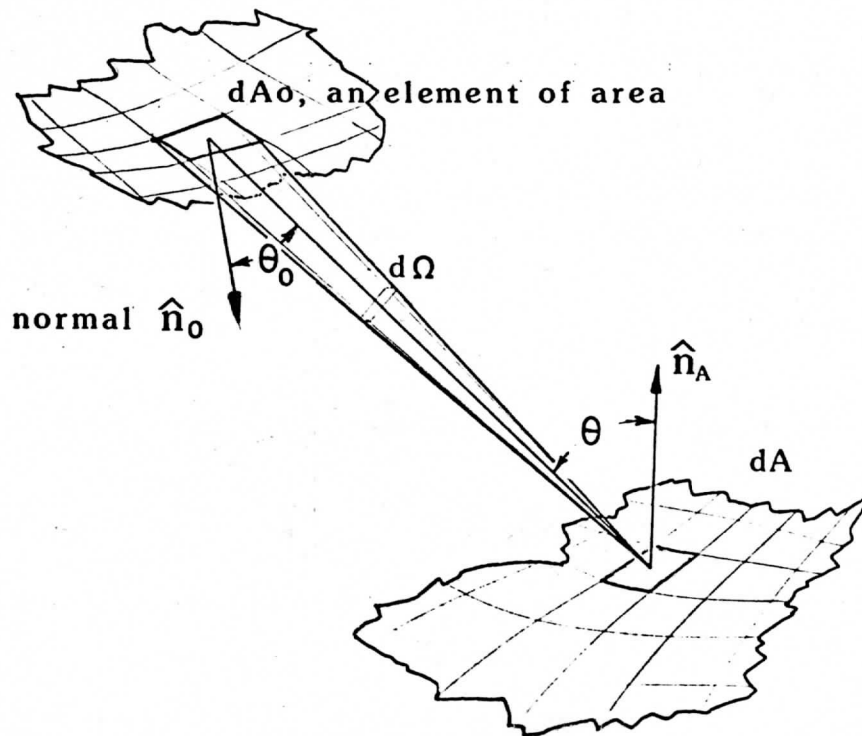


Figure 4. Radiant energy flux incident on an area  $dA_0$ .

If CT is a GOES digital count value  $T_{\text{GOES}}$  is given by (8),

$$T = \begin{cases} 330 - CT/2, & CT < 176 \\ 418 - CT, & CT > 176 \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

To obtain the total power incident on  $dA_o$ , one must sum over all the  $dA$  which can be seen. The  $dA$  are taken to be IR pixels in the GOES image. In order to be seen the pixel locations must satisfy the two conditions below.

$$\text{Cond. 1: } \hat{n}_o \cdot \hat{r}_{oA} > 0 \quad (9)$$

If this condition is satisfied the look direction is downward, as shown in Figure 5.

$$\text{Cond. 2: } \hat{n}_A \cdot \hat{r}_{AO} > 0 \quad (10)$$

If this condition is not satisfied, it means that the radiation intercepts the earth as shown in Figure 6.

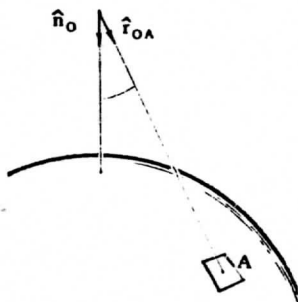


Figure 5. Illustration for condition 1.

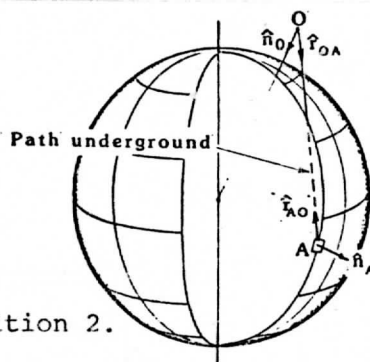


Figure 6.

Illustration for condition 2.



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53 C
54     DIST = FLOAT(IALTI) * XKM2ME
55     IEND = ISTART + NUMOFA - 1
56 C
57 C +-----+
58 C ! IN FUTURE, IF MORE THAN ONE AREA IS USED THEN THIS LOOP MAY !
59 C ! BE USED. SLIGHT MODIFICATION WILL BE IN ORDER. LIKE SATELITE !
60 C ! POSITIONS WOULD BE READ OFF A FILE INSTEAD OF BEING KEYED IN. !
61 C +-----+
62 C
63     DO 500 IA = ISTART,IEND
64 C
65 C +-----+
66 C ! TRANSFORM SATELITE POSITION. !
67 C +-----+
68 C
69     CALL CARTES(LAT,LON,DIST+A,XD,YD,ZD)
70 C
71 C +-----+
72 C ! ININITIALIZE AREA AND NAVIGATION SPECIFICTIONS. !
73 C +-----+
74 C
75     CALL INIT(IA)
76     INDX = 0
77     SUMFLX = 0.0
78     LINE = 1
79     IEL = 1
80     IF (CRTRCE) CALL TQMES('NL=$',NL)
81     IF (CRTRCE) CALL TQMES('NEW=$',NEW)
82     NSR = NSECL(NE)
83 C
84 C +-----+
85 C ! POSITION AT BEGINING OF LINE AND READ "NEW" NUMBER OF BRI- !
86 C ! GTNESS VALUES INTO INBUF. THEN UNPACK IT AND PUT IT IN OUT- !
87 C ! BUF. !
88 C +-----+
89 C
90 356 ISEC = (LINE-1) * NSR
91     CALL READA(IA,ISEC,NEW/3,INBUF)
92     CALL CRACK(NEW,INBUF,IOUTBF)
93 C
94 C +-----+
95 C ! FOR EACH PIXEL IN THE LINE, COMPUTE EARTH AND VECTOR COORDI- !
96 C ! NATES. NEXT COMPUTE THE AREA AND FLUX. AND FINALLY, INTEGRATE !
97 C ! THE FLUX. !
98 C +-----+
99 C
100 357 INDX = INDX + 1
101     FSLIN = FLOAT(LINE*LINRES+ILIN-1)
102     FSELE = FLOAT(IEI*IELRES+IELE-1)
103     CALL SATEAR(PTIME,FSLIN,FSELE,FLAT,FLON,ITYPE,INAV
104     *,BETAIN,BETDOT,ATFRAC)

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105     IF ((FLAT.EQ.100.0).AND.(FLON.EQ.200.0)) GOTO 300
106     ICOUNT = IOUTBF(IEL)
107 C
108     LAT = ILALO(FLAT)
109     LON = ILALO(FLON)
110     CALL CARTES(LAT,LON,A,XA,YA,ZA)
111     AREA=GTAREA(FLAT,FLON)*(FLOAT(LINRES))*(FLOAT(IELRES))
112     IF (AREA .EQ. 0.0) GOTO 300
113 C
114     F = WEIGH(ICOUNT)
115     SUMFLX = SUMFLX + FLUX(AREA,F)
116 300   IEL = IEL + IEOFST
117     IF (IEL.LE.NEW) GOTO 357
118     IEL = 1
119 C
120     IF((LINE/25)*25.EQ.LINE) CALL TQMES('PROCESSED LINE$',LINE)
121     LINE = LINE + LNOFST
122     IF (LINE.LE.NL) GOTO 356
123 500   CONTINUE
124 C
125     IF (TRACE) PRINT 198
126 198   FORMAT(1X,'-->RESULT(S):')
127     IF (TRACE) PRINT 199,SUMFLX
128 199   FORMAT(' NET FLUX =',E14.7)
129     ENCODE(72,99,NOUT) SUMFLX
130 99    FORMAT('NET FLUX = ',E14.7)
131     CALL TQ(NOUT)
132     CALL TQMES('INDX=#',INDX)
133 C
134     RETURN
135     END

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136     FUNCTION WEIGH(ICOUNT)

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137 C
138 C +-----+
139 C ! THIS FUNCTION COMPUTES THE WEIGHED RADIATIVE FLUX PER UNIT !
140 C ! AREA WHEN GIVEN THE BRIGHTNESS VALUE FOR THE PIXEL. !
141 C +-----+
142 C
143     TSUBG = 330.0 - (FLOAT(ICOUNT)/2.0)
144     IF (ICOUNT.GT.176) TSUBG = FLOAT(418 - ICOUNT)
145     WEIGH = 0.543*5.66E-08*TSUBG*TSUBG*TSUBG*TSUBG+44.54
146     RETURN
147     END

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148     SUBROUTINE INIT(IA)

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149 C

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150 C +-----+

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151 C ! THIS ROUTINE SETS AREA AND NAVIGATION SPECIFICATIONS. IT CALLS  
 152 C ! COAREA, HOWBIG, GETNAV AND GETGAM.

153 C +-----+  
 154 C

155       DIMENSION ISCRA(1200)  
 156       LOGICAL TRACE  
 157       COMMON /NAVNUM/ PTIME,BETAIN,BETDOT,ATFRAC,ITYPE,INAV  
 158       COMMON /MAINIT/ NL,NE,ILIN,IELE,IDAY,JTIME,LINE,IEL  
 159       COMMON /IRESOL/ LINRES,IELRES  
 160       DATA TRACE /.TRUE./  
 161       CALL COAREA(IA,IREEL,IDAY,JTIME,ILIN,IELE,LINRES,IELRES,IGE)  
 162       CALL HOWBIG(IA,NL,NE)

163 C

164       IF (TRACE) PRINT 92  
 165 92     FORMAT(1X,'-->AREA SPECIFICATIONS:')  
 166       IF (TRACE) PRINT 93,IA,IDAY,JTIME,ILIN,IELE,LINRES,IELRES,NL  
 167 93     FORMAT(1X,'IA=',I1,' IDAY=',I7,' JTIME=',I6,' ILIN=',I4,  
 168     \*' IELE=',I4,' LINRES=',I3,' IELRES=',I3,' NL=',I3)

169 C

170       PTIME = FTIME(JTIME)  
 171       INAV = 1  
 172       ITYPE = 1  
 173       ATFRAC = 0.0  
 174       CALL GETNAV(IDAY,IEXIST)  
 175       CALL GETGAM(IDAY,JTIME,BETAIN,BETDOT)  
 176       RETURN  
 177       END

178       SUBROUTINE CARTES(LAT,LON,DIST,X,Y,Z)

179 C

180 C +-----+  
 181 C ! THIS FUNCTION TRANSFORMS A POINT TO ITS VECTOR COMPONENTS. !  
 182 C +-----+  
 183 C

184       DATA DTR /0.0174532/  
 185       XLAT = FLALO(LAT) \* DTR  
 186       XLON = FLALO(LON) \* DTR  
 187       X = DIST \* COS(XLAT) \* COS(XLON)  
 188       Y = DIST \* COS(XLAT) \* SIN(XLON)  
 189       Z = DIST \* SIN(XLAT)  
 190       RETURN  
 191       END

192       FUNCTION DOT(XL,YL,ZL,XM,YM,ZM)

193 C

194 C +-----+  
 195 C ! THIS FUNCTION TAKES THE SCALAR DOT PRODUCT OF THE TWO VECTORS. !  
 196 C +-----+



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197 C
198     DOT = (XL*XM) + (YL*YM) + (ZL*ZM)
199     RETURN
200     END

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201     SUBROUTINE UNITVC(XM,YM,ZM,XU,YU,ZU)

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202 C
203 C +-----+
204 C ! THIS SUBROUTINE COMPUTES THE UNIT VECTOR FOR THE GIVEN VECTOR !
205 C +-----+
206 C
207     COMMON /MAINIT/ NL,NE,ILIN,IELE,IDAY,JTIME,LINE,IEL
208     DIVISR = SQRT((XM*XM) + (YM*YM) + (ZM*ZM))
209     IF (DIVISR .EQ. 0.0) CALL TQMES('O DIVIDE.,LINE =$',LINE)
210     IF (DIVISR .EQ. 0.0) CALL TQMES('O DIVIDE.,IEL =$',IEL)
211     XU = XM/DIVISR
212     YU = YM/DIVISR
213     ZU = ZM/DIVISR
214     RETURN
215     END

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216     FUNCTION FLUX(AREA,F)

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217 C
218 C +-----+
219 C ! THIS FUNCTION COMPUTES THE FLUX FOR A PIXEL GIVEN ITS AREA AND
220 C ! RADIATIVE FLUX PER UNIT AREA.
221 C +-----+
222 C
223     LOGICAL TRACE
224     COMMON /COMP/ XO,YO,ZO,XA,YA,ZA
225     DATA TRACE /.FALSE./
226     DATA INDX2 /0/
227     INDX2 = INDX2 + 1
228     XAO = XA - XO
229     YAO = YA - YO
230     ZAO = ZA - ZO
231 C
232     IF (TRACE.AND.
233     *(MOD(INDX2,250).EQ.0)) PRINT 222,XO,YO,ZO,XA,YA,ZA,XAO,YAO,ZAO
234 222  FORMAT(9(1X,E14.7))
235 C
236     CALL UNITVC(-XO,-YO,-ZO,XNO,YNO,ZNO)
237 C
238     IF (TRACE.AND.
239     *(MOD(INDX2,250).EQ.0)) PRINT 88,XNO,YNO,ZNO
240 88  FORMAT(3(1X,E14.7))
241 C
242     CALL UNITVC(XA,YA,ZA,XUA,YUA,ZUA)

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243 C
244     IF (TRACE.AND.
245     *(MOD(INDX2,250).EQ.0)) PRINT 77,XUA,YUA,ZUA
246 77  FORMAT(3(1X,E14.7))
247 C
248     CALL UNITVC(XAO,YAO,ZAO,XUAO,YUAO,ZUAO)
249 C
250     IF (TRACE.AND.
251     *(MOD(INDX2,250).EQ.0)) PRINT 777, XUAO,YUAO,ZUAO
252 777  FORMAT(3(1X,E14.7))
253 C
254     XUOA = -XUAO
255     YUOA = -YUAO
256     ZUOA = -ZUAO
257 C
258     IF (TRACE.AND.
259     *(MOD(INDX2,250).EQ.0)) PRINT 66,XUOA,YUOA,ZUOA
260 66  FORMAT(3(1X,E14.7))
261 C
262     PROD = DOT(XUA,YUA,ZUA,XUOA,YUOA,ZUOA)
263 C
264     IF (TRACE.AND.(MOD(INDX2,250).EQ.0)) PRINT 55,PROD
265 55  FORMAT(1X,E14.7)
266 C
267     PROD = PROD * DOT(XNO,YNO,ZNO,XUAO,YUAO,ZUAO)
268 C
269     IF (TRACE.AND.
270     *(MOD(INDX2,250).EQ.0)) PRINT 44, PROD
271 44  FORMAT(1X,E14.7)
272 C
273     PROD = ((PROD*AREA*F)/3.1419526)/(DOT(XAO,YAO,ZAO,XAO,YAO,ZAO))
274 C
275     IF (TRACE.AND.
276     *(MOD(INDX2,250).EQ.0)) PRINT 33, PROD,AREA,XAO,YAO,ZAO
277 33  FORMAT(5(1X,E14.7))
278 C
279     FLUX = PROD
280     IF ((DOT(XNO,YNO,ZNO,XUOA,YUOA,ZUOA)).GT.0.0)
281     *FLUX = 0.0
282     IF ((DOT(XUA,YUA,ZUA,XUAO,YUAO,ZUAO)).GT.0.0)
283     *FLUX = 0.0
284     RETURN
285     END

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286     FUNCTION ARETRI(A1,A2,A3,B1,B2,B3)

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287 C

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288 C

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289 C +-----

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290 C ! THIS FUNCTION RETURNS THE AREA OF HALF THE PARALLELOGRAM ENCLOSED

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291 C ! BETWEEN THE TWO GIVEN VECTORS.

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292 C +-----+
293 C
294     QI = (A2*B3) - (A3*B2)
295     QJ = (A3*B1) - (A1*B3)
296     QK = (A1*B2) - (A2*B1)
297     ARETRI = (SQRT((QI*QI)+(QJ*QJ)+(QK*QK)))/2.0
298     RETURN
299     END

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300     FUNCTION GTAREA(XLAT1,XLON1)

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301 C

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302 C +-----+
303 C ! THIS FUNCTION IS MODIFIED SATSPO. THE AREA OF A PIXEL WHOSE !
304 C ! TOP LEFT CORNER IS GIVEN, IS DETERMINED IN SQUARE METERS. !
305 C +-----+
306 C

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307     COMMON /NAVNUM/ PTIME,BETAIN,BETDOT,ATFRAC,ITYPE,INAV
308     DATA RADIUS /6372.10E03/
309     CALL SATEAR(PTIME,XLIN,XELE,XLAT1,XLON1,2,INAV,BETAIN,BETDOT,0,
310     *0)
311     ILIN1=IROUND(XLIN)
312     IELE1=IROUND(XELE)
313     IF(ILIN1.EQ.0)GO TO 1
314     ILIN2=ILIN1+1
315     IELE2=IELE1
316     ILIN3=ILIN1
317     IELE3=IELE1+1
318     ILIN4=ILIN2
319     IELE4=IELE1+1
320     XLIN1=ILIN1
321     XELE1=IELE1
322     XLIN2=ILIN2
323     XELE2=IELE2
324     XLIN3=ILIN3
325     XELE3=IELE3
326     XLIN4=ILIN4
327     XELE4=IELE4
328     CALL SATEAR(PTIME,XLIN1,XELE1,XLAT1,XLON1,1,INAV,BETAIN,BETDOT,0,
329     *0)
330     CALL SATEAR(PTIME,XLIN2,XELE2,XLAT2,XLON2,1,INAV,BETAIN,BETDOT,0,
331     *0)
332     CALL SATEAR(PTIME,XLIN3,XELE3,XLAT3,XLON3,1,INAV,BETAIN,BETDOT,0,
333     *0)
334     CALL SATEAR(PTIME,XLIN4,XELE4,XLAT4,XLON4,1,INAV,BETAIN,BETDOT,0,
335     *0)
336     IF(ABS(XLAT2).GT.90.0.OR.ABS(XLAT3).GT.90.0
337     *.OR.ABS(XLAT4).GT.90.0) GOTO 1
338     LAT1 = ILALO(XLAT1)
339     LON1 = ILALO(XLON1)
340     LAT2 = ILALO(XLAT2)

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341 LON2 = ILALO(XLON2)
342 LAT3 = ILALO(XLAT3)
343 LON3 = ILALO(XLON3)
344 LAT4 = ILALO(XLAT4)
345 LON4 = ILALO(XLON4)
346 CALL CARTES(LAT1,LON1,RADIUS,RX1,RY1,RZ1)
347 CALL CARTES(LAT2,LON2,RADIUS,RX2,RY2,RZ2)
348 CALL CARTES(LAT3,LON3,RADIUS,RX3,RY3,RZ3)
349 CALL CARTES(LAT4,LON4,RADIUS,RX4,RY4,RZ4)
350 X13 = RX3 - RX1
351 Y13 = RY3 - RY1
352 Z13 = RZ3 - RZ1
353 X12 = RX2 - RX1
354 Y12 = RY2 - RY1
355 Z12 = RZ2 - RZ1
356 X42 = RX2 - RX4
357 Y42 = RY2 - RY4
358 Z42 = RZ2 - RZ4
359 X43 = RX3 - RX4
360 Y43 = RY3 - RY4
361 Z43=RZ3-RZ4
362 GTAREA = ARETRI(X12,Y12,Z12,X13,Y13,Z13)
363 *+ ARETRI(X43,Y43,Z43,X42,Y42,Z42)
364 RETURN
365 1 GTAREA = 0
366 RETURN
367 END$
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368 $FILEMA
369 DELETE GTFLUX,GORP
370 $CATALOG
371 NAME=GTFLUX,,R,W,D
372 TYPE=FG
373 LIB=NAVLIB,LL
374 BEGIN
375 $EOJ
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Program Verification

Consider  $\Omega$ , the solid angle which can be seen at an altitude  $h$  km above the earth as shown in Figure 7. This solid angle is formed by a cone of half angle  $\psi$  with apex at the observing point  $O$ .

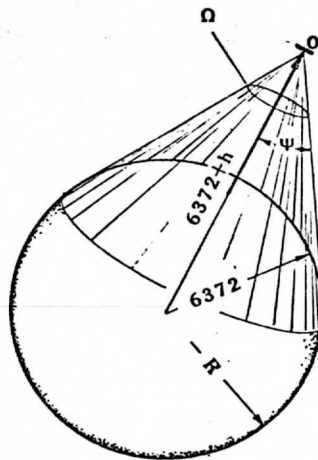


Figure 7. Visible solid angle

As suggested by a reviewer of a preliminary version of this paper, it is easy to show that the flux onto a flat plate of unit area at  $O$  is given by,

$$F = \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{\psi} \epsilon B \sin\theta \cos\theta \, d\theta \, d\phi \approx \overline{\epsilon B} \pi \sin^2 \psi \quad (11)$$

A derivation is also given in the solved problems at the end of Chapter 5 in Fleagle and Businger's book cited above. The above expression, (11), assumes a uniform temperature over the earth. We have used this solution to check the computing program, including the vectors and area computations as well as the completeness of the radiance map. This was done by transforming the GOES data to a uniform count value of 120 using an enhancement program which leaves the data otherwise unchanged. This count value corresponds to 270K. Thus for the point at altitude 746km the value  $166.58 \text{ watts m}^{-2}$  would be expected. The value obtained was  $167.08 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$  (0.3% high). For the point at 161 km (11) gives  $197.75 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$  while we computed 196.67 (about 0.5% low).

Use of this test enabled us to find a coding error in the earlier version of this work which resulted in a substantial error. In the present version this error has been corrected by the insertion of line 361, what had been erroneously omitted. We are grateful to the reviewer who suggested this test.

It is concluded that the values obtained in this calculation are reasonable.

### Results

Results in tabular form were already presented in the introduction. They are also shown in Figure 8. The first part of the flight is over relatively cloud-free ocean. Thus, the equivalent radiating surface has a relatively high temperature resulting in about  $210 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$  input. From  $t = 1350$  onward this drops rapidly as the flight encounters high (cold) clouds to about  $185 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ .

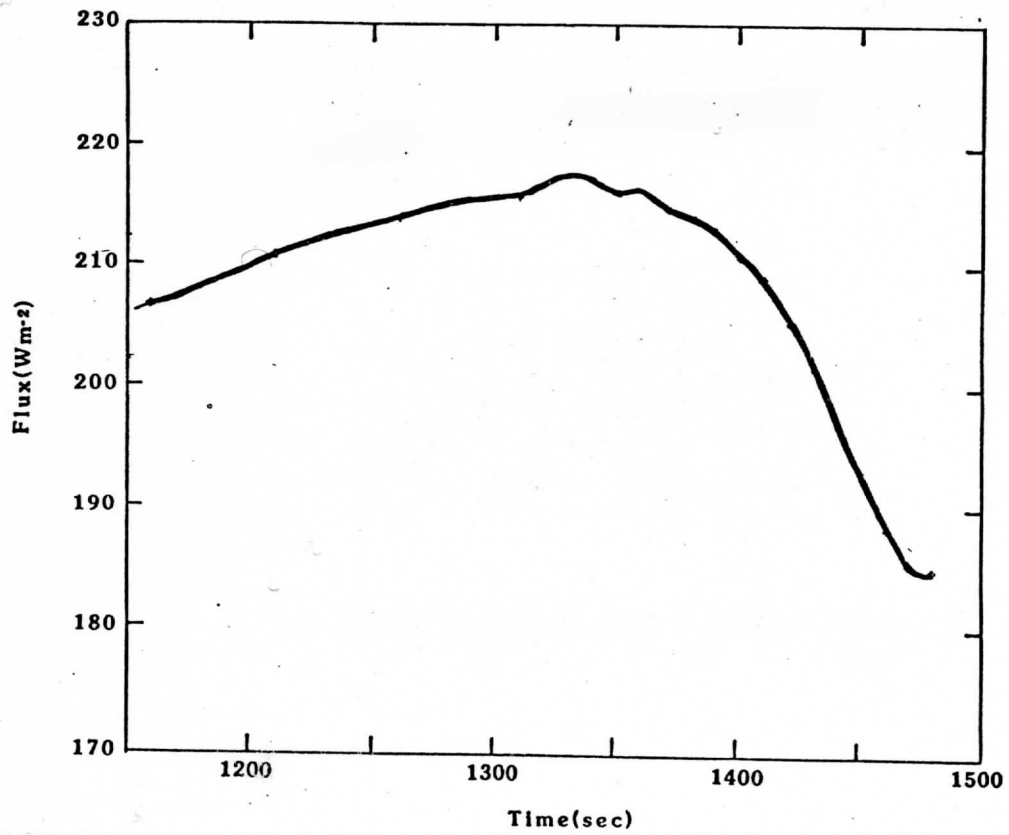


Figure 8. Flux as a function of time