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Abstract

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Solar chemical reactors for highly concentrated solar systems usually feature the use of a cavity-receiver type configuration, i.e. a well-insulated enclosure with a small opening, the aperture, to let in concentrated solar radiation. Because of multiple internal reflections, the fraction of the incoming energy absorbed by the cavity often greatly exceeds the surface absorptance of the inner walls. The larger the ratio of the cavity's characteristic length to the aperture diameter, the closer the cavityreceiver approaches a blackbody absorber. Smaller apertures reduce re-radiation losses, but they intercept a reduced fraction of the sunlight reflected from the concentrators. Consequently, the optimum aperture size is a compromise between maximizing radiation capture and minimizing radiation losses.

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