

OPTIMIZATION IN A SIMPLE MODEL OF THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE

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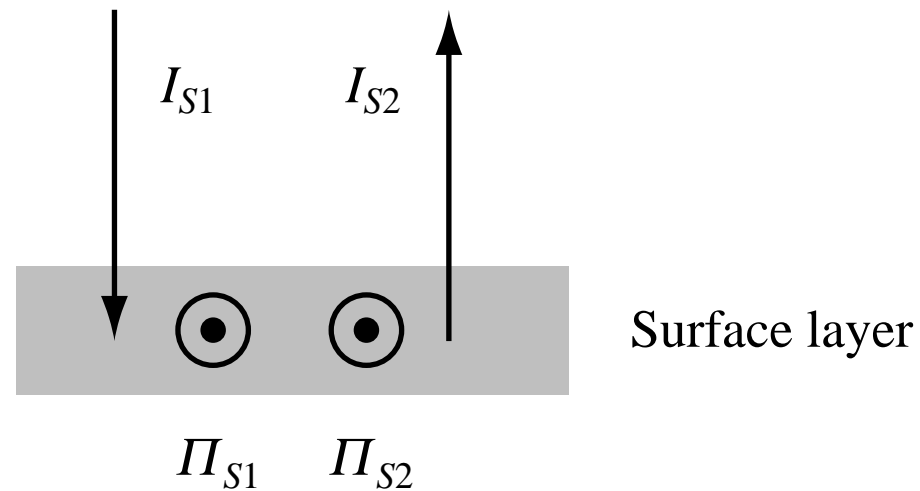
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1 TEMPERATURES OF GROUND AND ATMOSPHERE

A. The Planet Without an Atmosphere



Law of balance

$$0 = I_{S1} + I_{S2} + \Pi_{S1} + \Pi_{S2}$$

Entropy currents

$$I_{S1} = \frac{1}{4} A \frac{4}{3} \frac{G_{sc}}{T_s}$$

$$I_{S2} = -A\sigma \frac{4}{3} T_E^3$$

Entropy production rates

$$\Pi_{S1} = \left(\frac{3}{4} \frac{T_s}{T_E} - 1 \right) I_{S1}$$

$$\Pi_{S2} = -\frac{1}{4} I_{S2}$$

Minimal total entropy production rate

$$T_E = \left(\frac{G_{sc}}{4\sigma} \right)^{0.25}$$

Model Using Second Law

Parameters

$$\sigma = 5.67e-8$$

$$T_s = 5777$$

$$R_s = 7.0e8$$

$$d = 1.5e11$$

$$\text{albedo} = 0.3$$

$$a_g = 1$$

Entropy fluxes

$$I_s = 1/4 * (1 - \text{albedo}) * 4/3 * \sigma * T_s^3 * (R_s/d)^2$$

$$I_{s_out} = a_g * 4/3 * \sigma * T_g^3$$

Rate of entropy production

$$P_{i_s} = 1/4 * I_{s_out} + (3/4 * T_s/T_g - 1) * I_s$$

Law of balance of entropy

$$I_{s_out} = I_s + P_{i_s}$$

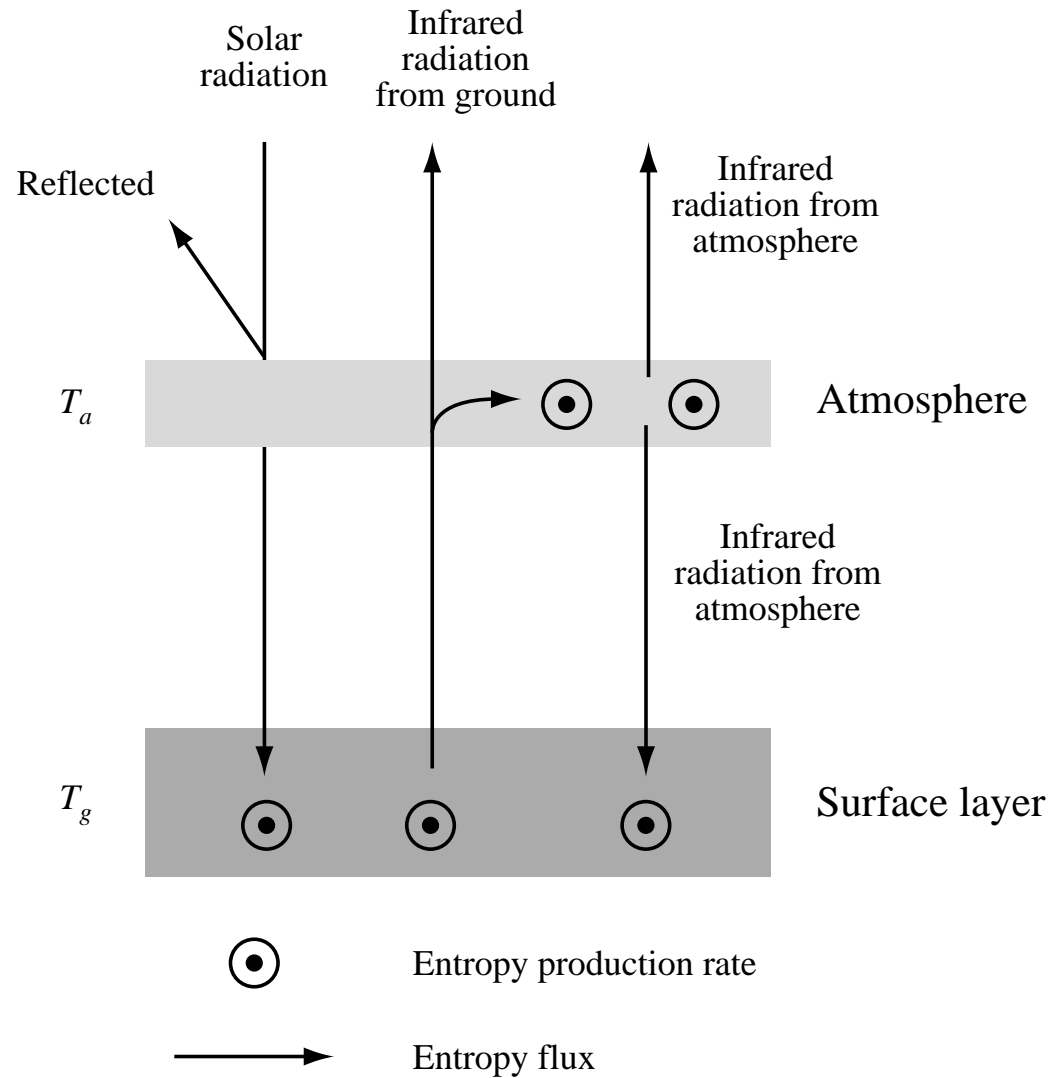
SOLUTION

$$I_{s_out} = 1.257$$

$$P_{i_s} = 1.202$$

$$T_g = 255.2$$

B. The Planet With a Single Layer of an Atmosphere



Model Using Second Law

Parameters

$$\sigma = 5.67e-8$$

$$a_a = 0.87$$

$$a_g = 1$$

$$T_s = 5777$$

$$R_s = 7.0e8$$

$$d = 1.5e11$$

$$\text{albedo} = 0.30$$

Constitutive laws for ground

Rate of absorption

of entropy from sun:

$$A_{sgs} = 1/4 * (1 - \text{albedo}) * 4/3 * \sigma * T_s^3 * (R_s/d)^2$$

Emittance:

$$E_{sg} = 4/3 * a_g * \sigma * T_g^3$$

Radiosity:

$$B_{sg} = E_{sg} + (1 - a_g) * B_{sa}$$

Entropy production rate:

$$Pi_{sg} = 1/4 * E_{sg} + (3/4 * T_a/T_g - 1) * a_g * B_{sa} + (3/4 * T_s/T_g - 1) * A_{sgs}$$

Constitutive laws for atmosphere

Emittance:

$$E_{sa} = 4/3 * a_a * \sigma * T_a^3$$

Radiosity:

$$B_{sa} = E_{sa}$$

Entropy production rate:

$$Pi_{sa} = 2 * 1/4 * E_{sa} + (3/4 * T_g/T_a - 1) * a_a * B_{sg}$$

Laws of balance

Ground:

$$A_{sgs} + a_g \cdot B_{sa} + Pi_{sg} = E_{sg}$$

Atmosphere:

$$a_a \cdot B_{sg} + Pi_{sa} = 2 \cdot E_{sa}$$

SOLUTION

$$A_{sgs} = 0.05555$$

$$B_{sa} = 0.998$$

$$B_{sg} = 1.929$$

$$E_{sa} = 0.998$$

$$E_{sg} = 1.929$$

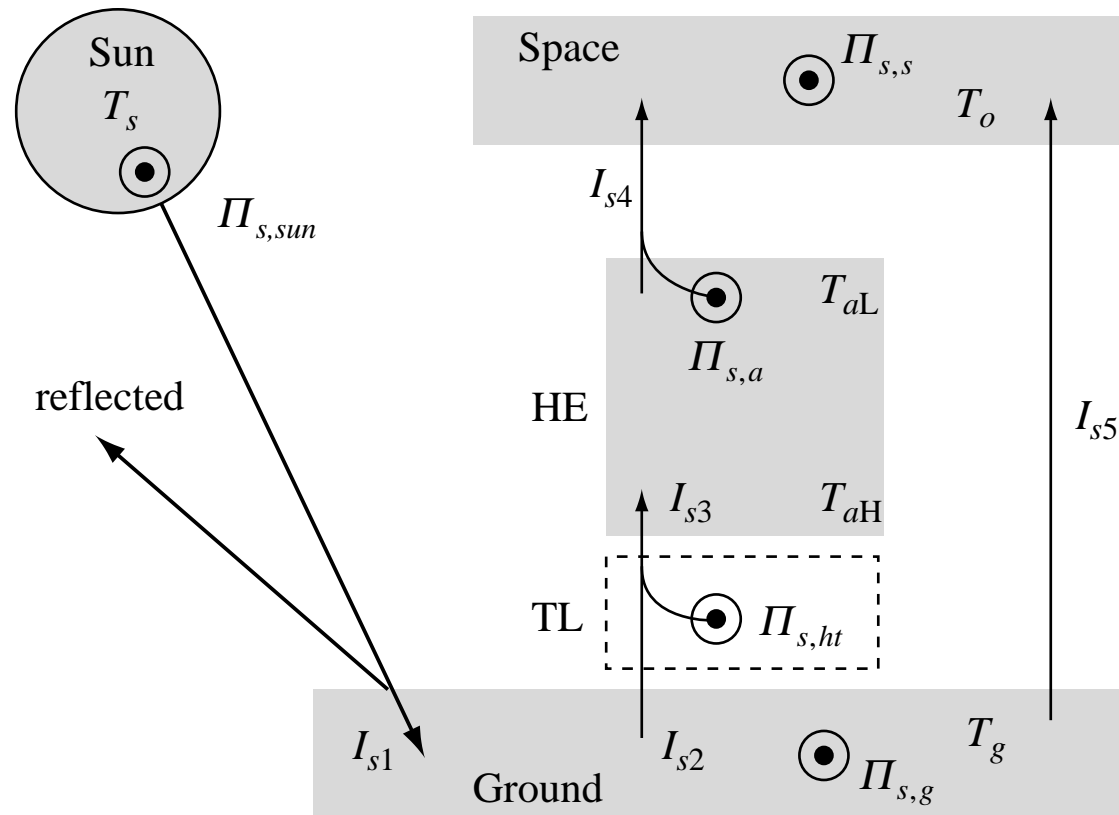
$$Pi_{sa} = 0.318$$

$$Pi_{sg} = 8.76e-1$$

$$T_a = 247.6$$

$$T_g = 294.4$$

2 THE WINDS AS THE RESULT OF A SOLAR THERMAL ENGINE



Laws of balance

$$I_{S1} + \Pi_{S,g} = I_{S2} + I_{S5}$$

$$I_{S2} + \Pi_{S,ht} = I_{S3}$$

$$I_{S3} + \Pi_{S,a} = I_{S4}$$

Entropy currents

$$I_{S1} = 0.25(1 - albedo) \left(\frac{R_s}{d} \right)^2 \frac{4}{3} \sigma T_s^3$$

$$I_{S2} = \frac{h}{T_g} (T_g - T_{a1})$$

$$I_{S4} = \frac{4}{3} \sigma T_{a2}^3$$

$$I_{S5} = \frac{4}{3} \sigma T_g^3$$

Entropy production rates

$$\Pi_{S,g} = \left(\frac{3}{4} \frac{T_s}{T_g} - 1 \right) I_{S1} + \frac{1}{4} I_{S5}$$

$$\Pi_{S,ht} = \frac{1}{T_{a1}} (T_g - T_{a1}) I_{S2}$$

$$\Pi_{S,a} = \frac{1}{4} I_{S4}$$

$$\Pi_{S,s} = \left(\frac{3}{4} \frac{T_{a2}}{T_o} - 1 \right) I_{S4} + \left(\frac{3}{4} \frac{T_g}{T_o} - 1 \right) I_{S5}$$

Power of the ideal thermal engine

$$\mathcal{P}_{HE} = (T_{a1} - T_{a2}) I_{S3}$$

Model Using Second Law

Parameters

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$$T_o = 3$$

$$h = 20$$

$$a_{ua} = 1$$

Entropy fluxes

$$A_{sgs} = 1/4 * (1 - \text{albedo}) * 4/3 * \sigma * T_s^3 * (R_s/d)^2$$

$$I_{s2} = 1/T_g * h * (T_g - T_{aH})$$

$$I_{s4} = 4/3 * a_{ua} * \sigma * T_{aL}^3$$

$$I_{s5} = 4/3 * a_g * \sigma * T_g^3$$

Entropy production rates

Transfer layer:

$$Pi_{sht} = (T_g - T_{aH}) * I_{s2} / T_{aH}$$

Ground:

$$Pi_{sg} = (3/4 * T_s / T_g - 1) * A_{sgs} + 1/4 * I_{s5}$$

Atmosphere:

$$Pi_{satm} = 1/4 * I_{s4}$$

Space:

$$Pi_{sspace} = (3/4 * T_{aL} / T_o - 1) * I_{s4} + (3/4 * T_g / T_o - 1) * I_{s5}$$

Sun:

$$Pi_{ssun} = 1/4 * 4/3 * \sigma * T_s^3 * (R_s/d)^2$$

Law of balance of entropy

Ground:

$$A_{sgs} + Pi_{sg} = I_{s2} + I_{s5}$$

Transfer layer:

$$I_{s3} = I_{s2} + Pi_{sht}$$

Atmosphere:

$$I_{s4} = I_{s3} + Pi_{satm}$$

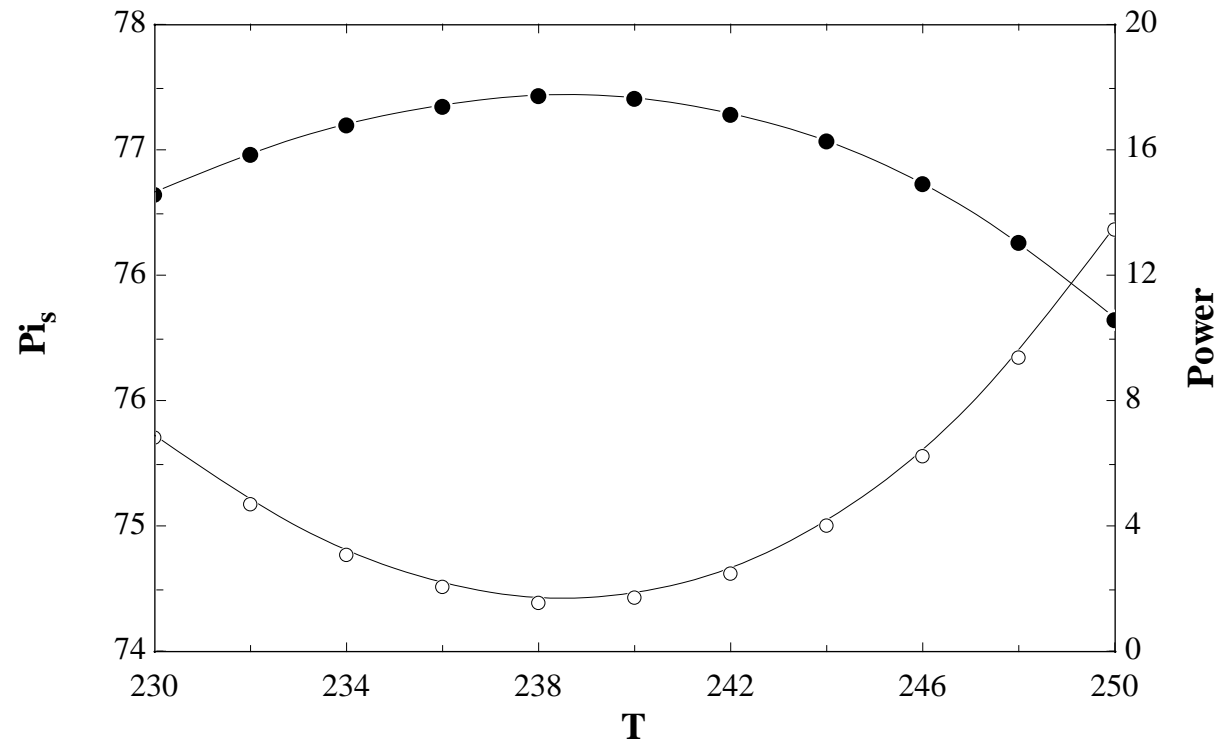
Total entropy production rate

$$Pi_s = Pi_{sht} + Pi_{sg} + Pi_{satm} + Pi_{sspace} + Pi_{ssun}$$

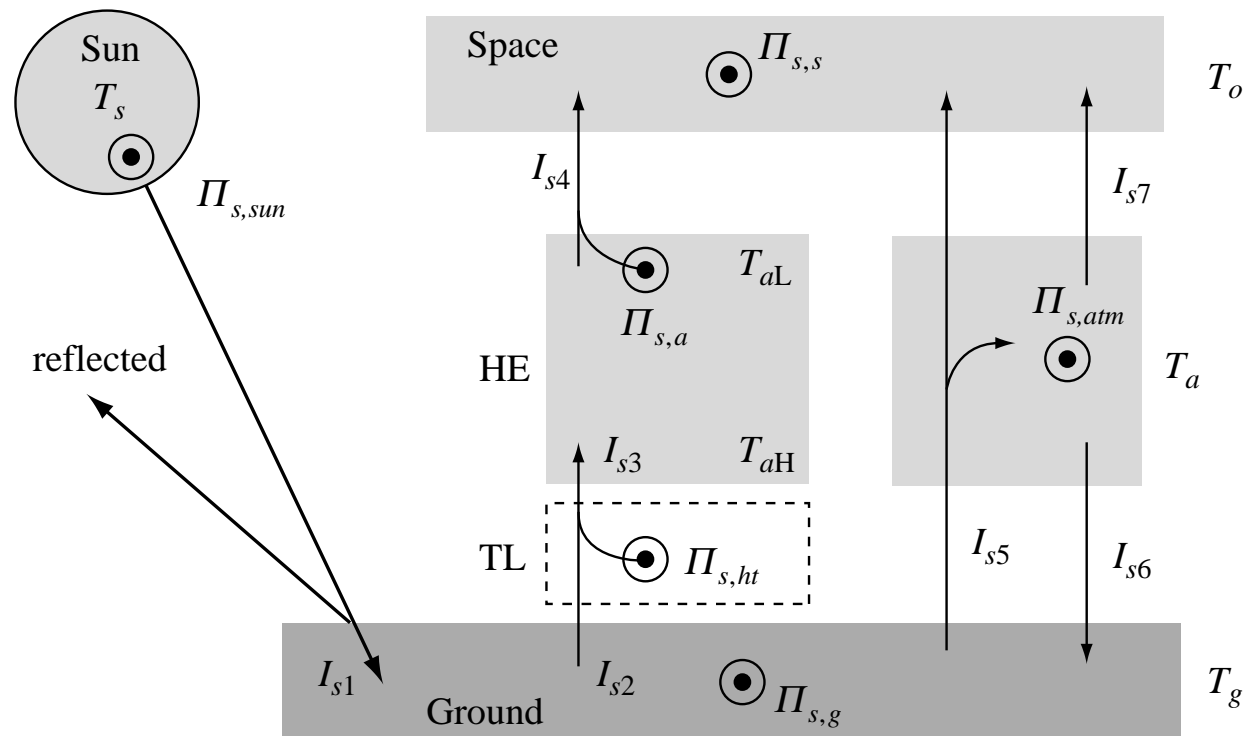
Power of winds

$$Power = (T_{aH} - T_{aL}) * I_{s3}$$

SOLUTION



3 A MODEL OF THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT AND THE WIND ENGINE COMBINED



Model Using Second Law

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$$a_a = 0.87$$

$$a_g = 1$$

$$T_s = 5777$$

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Constitutive laws for ground

Rate of absorption

of entropy from sun

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Emittance:

$$E_{sg} = 4/3 * a_g * \sigma * T_g^3$$

Radiosity:

$$B_{sg} = E_{sg} + (1 - a_g) * B_{sa}$$

Flux to engine:

$$I_{s2} = 1/T_g * h * (T_g - T_{aH})$$

Entropy production rate:

$$Pi_{sg} = 1/4 * E_{sg} + (3/4 * T_a/T_g - 1) * a_g * B_{sa} + (3/4 * T_s/T_g - 1) * A_{sgs}$$

Constitutive laws for atmosphere

Emittance: $E_{sa} = 4/3 * a_a * \sigma * T_a^3$

Radiosity: $B_{sa} = E_{sa}$

Entropy production rate: $Pi_{sa} = 2 * 1/4 * E_{sa} + (3/4 * T_g / T_a - 1) * a_a * B_{sg}$

Constitutive laws for transfer layer

Entropy production rate: $Pi_{sht} = (T_g - T_{aH}) * I_{s2} / T_{aH}$

Constitutive laws for sun

Entropy production rate: $Pi_{ssun} = 1/4 * 4/3 * \sigma * T_s^3 * (R_s/d)^2$

Constitutive laws for engine

Flux to space: $I_{s4} = 4/3 * a_{ua} * \sigma * T_{aL}^3$

Entropy production rate: $Pi_{seng} = 1/4 * I_{s4}$

Constitutive laws for space

Entropy production rate: $Pi_{sspace} = (3/4 * T_{aL} / T_o - 1) * I_{s4} + (3/4 * T_g / T_o - 1) * (1 - a_a) * E_{sg} + (3/4 * T_a / T_o - 1) * B_{sa}$

Laws of balance

Ground: $A_{sgs} + a_g * B_{sa} + Pi_{sg} = E_{sg} + I_{s2}$

Atmosphere: $a_a * B_{sg} + Pi_{sa} = 2 * E_{sa}$

Transfer layer: $I_{s3} = I_{s2} + Pi_{sht}$

Engine: $I_{s4} = I_{s3} + Pi_{seng}$

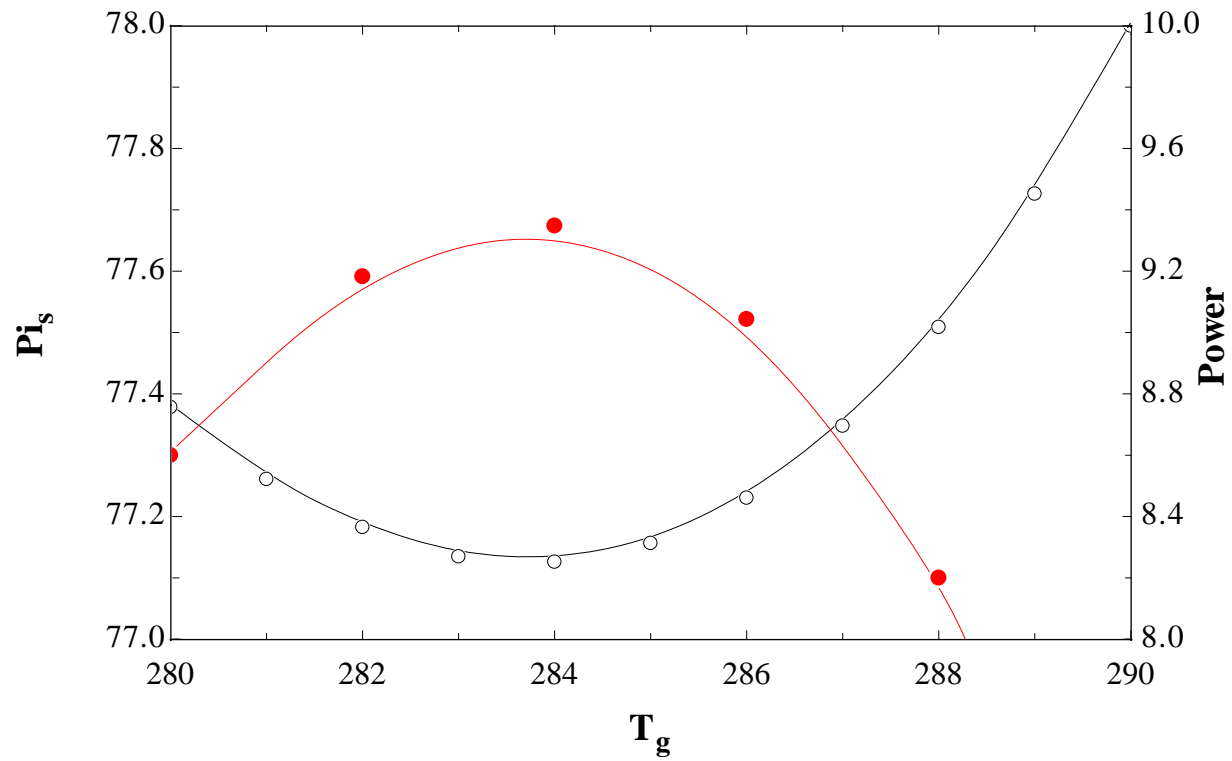
Total entropy production rate

$$Pi_s = Pi_{sht} + Pi_{sg} + Pi_{seng} + Pi_{sa} + Pi_{sspace} + Pi_{ssun}$$

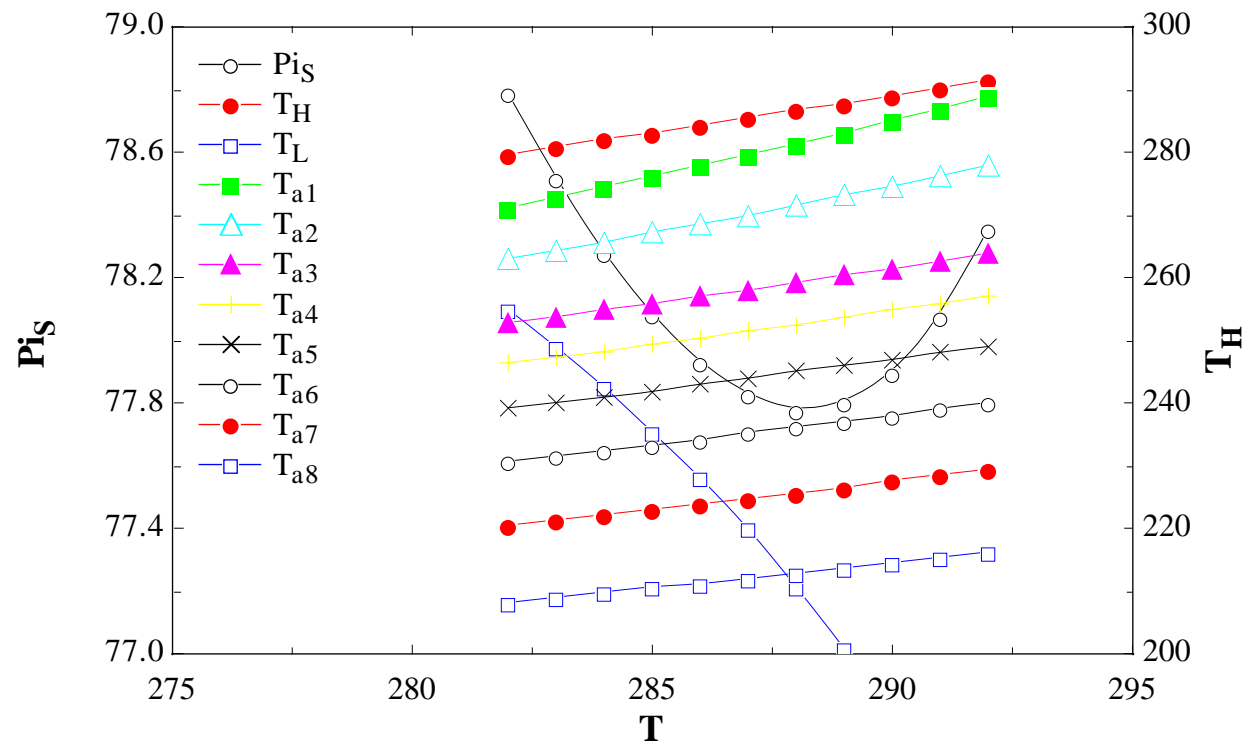
Power of winds

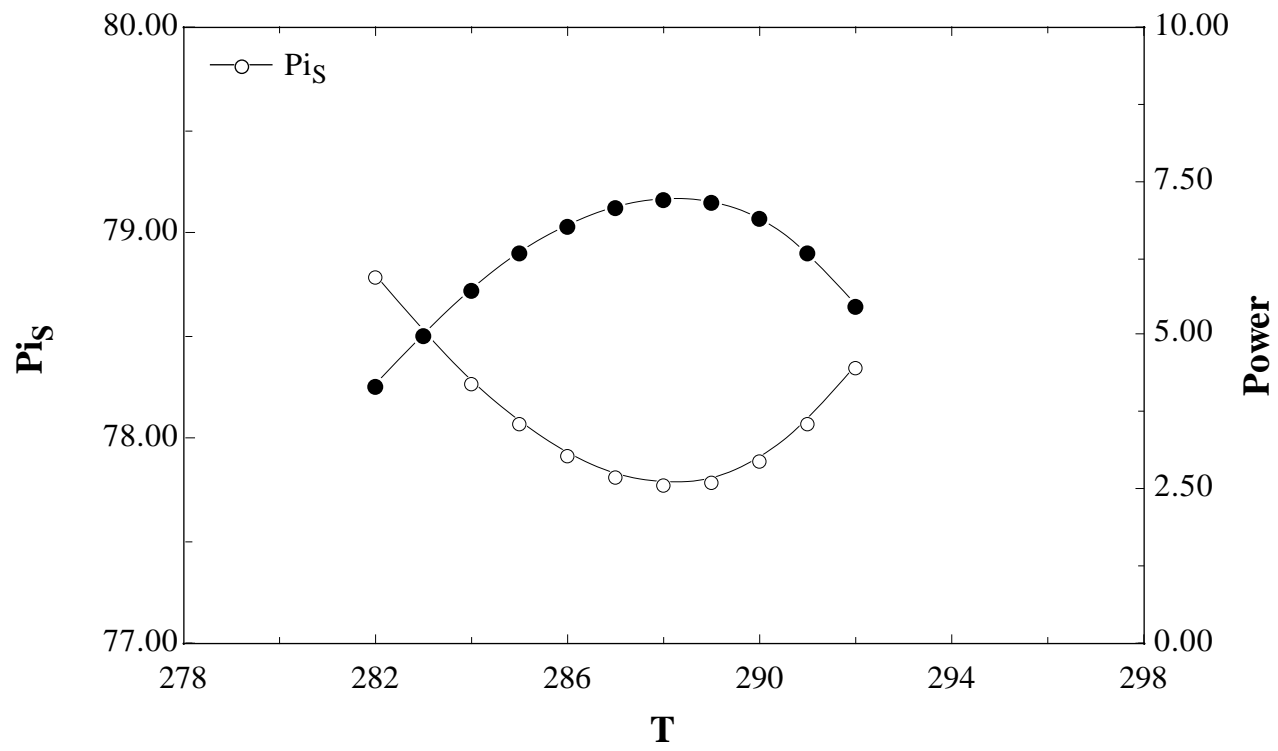
$$Power = (T_{aH} - T_{aL}) * I_{s3}$$

SOLUTION



4 A LAYERED ATMOSPHERE





5 BACKGROUND: THE DYNAMICS OF HEAT

