

A method has been developed to estimate IR radiative losses using solar radiation and meteorological data without the need for pyrometer data. The modeled IR radiative losses are not as accurate as that obtained using pyrometer information, but 95% of the modeled IR radiative losses are within a few W/m² of the actual IR radiative losses. Currently this method is limited to having at least some period when pyrometers measurements are available. More testing and evaluations are needed at a number of locations to test the general applicability of the model developed.