



Welcome!
NREL Pyrheliometer Comparisons 2024
NPC-2024

23 September – 4 October



NPC-2023 participants

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The purpose of NPCs <https://aim.nrel.gov/npc.html> is to provide participants with current World Radiometric Reference (WRR) reduction factors for their absolute cavity radiometers and other reference pyrheliometers based on results from the 13th International Pyrheliometer Comparisons (IPC-XIII) conducted 27 September – 15 October 2021 at the Physikalisch-Meteorologisches Observatorium Davos/World Radiation Center (PMOD/WRC). Information about IPC-XIII is available from : <http://www.pmodwrc.ch>

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SRRL Location

Solar Radiation Research Laboratory (SRRL)

Latitude:	39.742 N
Longitude:	105.18 W
Elevation:	1828.8 m AMSL
Mean Station Pressure:	820 mBar
Time Zone:	(GMT – 7.0)
Phone:	303-384-6326
Emergency Phone:	1234 (on-site)

Telephone Numbers:

EMERGENCY = 303-384-6811
Or
1 2 3 4 (From **any** NREL Desk Phone)

SRRL = 303-384-6326

Safety

Emergency Phone: **RED BOX UNDER INSTRUMENT DECK**
OR Press 1 2 3 4 from any NREL extension

Evacuation Assembly Area: Northeast Corner of Parking Area

Security

Phone: 303-384-6811 or Press 6811 from any NREL extension

NREL *Visitor Badges* issued on first day of NPC at the Visitor Center. Please wear your badge at all times at SRRL.

Communications

Local (Long Distance): **9** – (1) Area Code – Number

Internet Access:

NREL_Wireless was replaced with **NREL-Guest**. The new system does not require a user ID and password for access. Users, including visitors and partners, *will only need to accept the terms* of the acceptable use policy to gain access. The acceptable use policy will be presented each time your mobile device has been away from NREL for several days.

Food & Beverages

Non-alcoholic Beverages and snacks provided.

Lunch will be provided every day at 11:30 MDT for the ***first week***.

Equipment Storage

Please use ***designated areas*** in SRRL staging areas.

Dinner on Tuesday (September 24th)

Please join us for the NPC Dinner!

Dinner will be at **Outback steakhouse**.

Boisterous Australian-themed chain serving steaks, seafood & other hearty steakhouse fare.

Located in: **Denver West Village**

Address: 14295 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO 80401

Menu: [places.singleplatform.com](https://places.singleplatform.com/outback-steakhouse-denver-west-village/)

We will meet for dinner around 6:00 PM.

NPC Schedule and Protocol Summary

1. Schedule

DAY # 1 September 23th

- a. Visitor check-in at NREL Site Entrance Building, 15013 Denver West Parkway, Golden, CO 80401.
Please plan to arrive at NREL between 07:00 and 08:00 MDT.
- b. Drive to SRRL – Call 303-384-6326 and stay on the phone till the gate opens remotely.
- c. 08:30 MDT - Equipment Installation & tests:
Dry Weather - See the **outdoor seating diagram** below for your workstation.
Wet Weather – Assemble and bench test your equipment inside SRRL.
Locate your equipment and review seating charts
- d. Review of NPC Protocol
- e. Review measurement protocol and procedures.
- f. 10:00 to Sunset - Practice and/or NPC measurements (weather permitting)

DAYS #2-12: 24 September through 04 October (Daily, including the weekend):

- a. Clear sky = Take Measurements!
 - Arrive at SRRL by 07:00 MDT
 - Equipment warm-up for at least 30-minutes
 - First Cavity Calibration at 07:55 MDT
 - Begin comparison "Runs" by 08:00 MDT (07:00 MST)
 - Continue measurements until sundown or the clouds interfere.
- b. Cloudy sky = No Measurements, but optionally...
 - Review of previous day's data analyses
 - Technical Briefings on Radiometry, Measurement Network Operations, etc.
 - Equipment Test
 - Office Time (wireless available)
- c. We will determine the need for continued measurements at the end of each day.

2. Time Keeping

- All time records will be Mountain Standard Time (MST)**
- Outdoor time display with automated loudspeaker announcements will be available.
- We need to keep all PC clocks in agreement to better than 1 second.
- Set your system clock at the daily start-up** or as often as needed to keep 1-second accuracy. Check personal computer clocks during the day.

3. Minimum Data Set

Our goal for a minimum data set for these comparisons is to measure irradiance during three different days (all day or portion). Historically, we have acquired more 2,000 data values for each participating cavity radiometer. At least 300 data values are needed to provide a valid transfer of the WRR to the participating radiometers.

4. Measurements

- Do **NOT** apply any previous **WRR** correction factors to your measurements.
- Use **only** the **factory calibration factor** to adjust your data. As in the past, we will use the following terms:
 - "Calibrate" = Perform electrical calibration and wait for next measurement period to begin
 - "Read" = A measurement of direct irradiance within 1 sec of announcement at 30-sec intervals.
 - "Run" = Collection of 49 readings taken in sequence (also called a *Series*).

The *Timekeeper* will make the following announcements for each Run:

Next Run Begins at HH:MM (MST) [HH:MM (MDT)]
T minus 6 minutes. BEGIN CALIBRATION
T minus 3 minutes
T minus 2 minutes
T minus 1 minute
T minus 30 sec
T minus 10 sec
T minus 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 - READ!

Continued countdowns at 30 sec intervals until 49 readings have completed a "Run"

6. Data Transfer

The following standard data format will be used by each participant to be accepted by our new data processing software; Link: https://aim.nrel.gov/Calibrations/NPC/data_format.pdf

After the last daily RUN, and **before** equipment tear-down, email your data file to afshin.andreas@nrel.gov and ibrahim.reda@nrel.gov. Cavity calibration files are not needed.

7. Data Processing

- Described in each NPC published/distributed report.

8. Data Reporting

-Our goal is to provide each participant with results next day:

<https://aim.nrel.gov/npcprelim>

-A final report will be published by NREL within two months of the comparisons.

9. Equipment Storage

-Each participant will be given space to store systems at SRRL.

-Please let us know if you wish to have any electronics connected to AC power while in storage.

10. Courtesies

-Please get permission before touching someone else's equipment (turning off power strips, adjusting trackers, etc.) to prevent inadvertent data loss.

-Please return borrowed tools to owner.

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Outdoor Seating Diagram

Tracker Info
Organizational Name
Participant Names

Prede (participant provided)	EKO (participant provided)
Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA)	EKO Instruments
Nozomu Ohkawara	Akihito Akiyama
Shun Sasaki	Taiji Yamashita
	Wayne Burnett

Bench # 1: Breaker # 9

2AP (NREL provided)	SOLYS-GD (NREL provided)
UNAM (extra space for 2 ACR)	King Abdullah City for Atomic and Renewable Energy (K.A.CARE)
Adriana Gonzalez	Abdullah Al Adwani
	Abdullah Kalantan
	Abdulmajeed Al Babtin

Bench # 2: Breaker # 7

Brusag (ARM provided)	Tracker on pole ---->
DOE Atmospheric Radiation Measurement (ARM) Program	PMD/WRC Davos Instruments German Weather Service
James Martin	Christian Thomann
	Ricco Soder
	Markus Suter
	Stefan Wacker

Bench # 3: Breaker # 2

Brusag (ARM prov.)
PMD/WRC
Davos Inst. DWD

Eppley (participant provided)	Eppley (participant provided)
NOAA	Eppley Laboratory
Emiel Hall	Tom Kirk
Logan Soldo	Jim Wendell
Allen Jordan	Donald Nelson
Hagen Telg	
Mark Kutchenreiter	

Bench # 4: Breaker # 11

SOLYS2 (participant provided)	(participant provided)
OTT HydroMet	Empty Spot
Allard Partosoebroto	
Ilja Staupe	
Victor Cassella	

Bench # 5: Breaker # 3

EKO (participant provided)	Eppley (participant provided)
Campbell Scientific Inc. Campbell Scientific Africa	Analytical Mechanics Associates (AMA) / NASA Langley
William Beuttell	Frederick Denn
Tristan Worley	
Johan van Jaarsveldt	

Bench # 6: Breaker # 6

SOLYS2 (NREL provided)	EKO (participant provided)
University of Oregon (extra space for 1 ACR)	ISO-Cal North America
Josh Peterson	Erik Naranen

East Patio (on poles): Breaker # MLP2 - 33 & 35

EKO (NREL provided)
National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL)
Ibrahim Reda
Afshin Andreas
Shawn Jaker
Berkley Weyer

Breaker #1

(participant provided)	EKO (participant provided)	EKO (participant provided)
Empty Spot	Hukseflux Thermal Sensors B.V.	Atlas Material Testing Technology
	Michael Donkers	Major McGee
	Cornelis Jan van den Bos	Philip Alexander

Table Top Breaker # 5

EKO (participant provided)
Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) - Mobile Cart
Charles Robinson
Inside Outlet (Room 108)

SRRL Instrument Platform (Longwave or other)			
Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA)	PMD	German Weather Service	University of Oregon
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