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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 9488:1999), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- update of definitions;
- addition of several new terms, according to the development of new standards for solar thermal technology in the past two decades.

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# Solar energy — Vocabulary

## 1 Scope

This document defines basic terms relating to the work of ISO/TC 180. The committee covers standardization in the field of the measurement of solar radiation and solar energy utilization in space and water heating, cooling, industrial process heating and air conditioning. Consequently, the vocabulary within this document is focussed on definitions relating to those measurement and utilisation technologies.

Since the 1999 version of this document there has been considerable development in solar photovoltaic technologies and high temperature solar thermal technologies that use heat to produce electricity or to provide high temperatures for processes that require elevated temperatures. This standard has some definitions that are useful also for those technologies; however, there are other documents that cover vocabulary for these technologies in more detail.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1 Terms for solar geometry

#### 3.1.1

##### **aphelion**

<of Earth> point in the Earth's orbit at which it is furthest from the Sun

Note 1 to entry: At the aphelion, the Earth is approximately  $152 \times 10^6$  km from the Sun.

#### 3.1.2

##### **perihelion**

<of Earth> point in the Earth's orbit at which it is closest to the Sun

Note 1 to entry: At the perihelion, the Earth is approximately  $147 \times 10^6$  km from the Sun.

#### 3.1.3

##### **solar declination**

$\delta$

angle subtended between the Earth-sun line and the plane of the equator (north positive)

Note 1 to entry: The solar declination is zero on equinox dates, varying between  $+23,45^\circ$  (June 22) and  $-23,45^\circ$  (December 22).

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## 3.1.4

**solar azimuth angle****solar azimuth**

$\gamma_s$   
angular displacement from the chosen reference direction of the projection of a straight line from the apparent position of the sun to the point of observation, onto the horizontal plane

Note 1 to entry: To avoid errors, the same definition (reference direction and measuring direction) must be used for both solar azimuth and inclined surface azimuth.

Note 2 to entry: The reference direction can be either North or South and the azimuth angular displacement from the reference direction can range from  $0^\circ$  to  $360^\circ$  or  $-180^\circ$  to  $+180^\circ$ .

Note 3 to entry: The geographic azimuth is measured clockwise from due north  $0^\circ$  to  $360^\circ$ .

Note 4 to entry: The two most common definitions in use for solar energy applications are:

- 1) Solar azimuth is  $0^\circ$  for a northern hemisphere location (north of the tropics at latitude angles  $> +23,45^\circ$ ) at *solar noon* (3.1.9). Angular displacements east are negative and west are positive, i.e.  $-180^\circ \leq \gamma_s \leq +180^\circ$ . This definition results in a simple set of equations; however, it leads to counter intuitive values for southern hemisphere locations (outside of the tropics at latitude angles  $< -23,45^\circ$ ), the solar azimuth angle being  $180^\circ$  for a north facing inclined *solar collector* (3.6.1) in the southern hemisphere (see Reference [3]).
- 2) Solar azimuth angle is  $0^\circ$  at *solar noon* (3.1.9) for both Northern & Southern hemispheres (outside the tropics). Angular displacements east are negative and west are positive, i.e.  $-180^\circ \leq \gamma_s \leq +180^\circ$ . For this definition, the solar azimuth angle of a *solar collector* (3.6.1) tilted towards the equator at *solar noon* (3.1.9) in both north and south hemispheres is  $0^\circ$  (outside the tropics).

## 3.1.5

**zenith**

point vertically above the observer

## 3.1.6

**solar zenith angle**

$\theta_z$

angular distance of the sun from the vertical

## 3.1.7

**solar altitude angle****solar elevation angle**

$h$

complement of the *solar zenith angle* (3.1.6)

$$h = 90^\circ - \theta_z$$

## 3.1.8

**solar hour angle**

$\omega$

angle between the sun projection on the equatorial plane at a given time and the sun projection on the same plane at *solar noon* (3.1.9)

Note 1 to entry: The solar hour angle changes by approximately  $360^\circ$  within 24 h (approximately  $15^\circ$  within 1 h). This angle is negative for morning hours and positive for afternoon hours, i.e.  $\omega$  (in degrees)  $\approx 15 (t_{\text{Hr}} - 12)$  where  $t_{\text{Hr}}$  is the *solar time* (3.1.10) in hours.

## 3.1.9

**solar noon**

local time of day at which the sun crosses the observer's meridian

### 3.1.10 solar time

$t_{\text{sol}}$

hour of the day as determined by the apparent angular motion of the sun across the sky, with *solar noon* (3.1.9) as the reference point for 12:00 h

Note 1 to entry:  $t_{\text{sol}} = t_{\text{st}} + 4 (L_{\text{st}} - L_{\text{loc}}) + E$ , where  $t_{\text{st}}$  is the standard time,  $L_{\text{st}}$  is the longitude of the standard meridian for the local time zone and  $L_{\text{loc}}$  is the longitude of the location in question with both longitudes specified in degrees west ( $0^\circ \leq L^\circ \leq 360^\circ$ ).  $E$  is the equation of time, which takes into account the perturbations in the Earth's rate of rotation around the sun that affect the time at which the sun crosses the observer's meridian.

Note 2 to entry: The correction  $4 (L_{\text{st}} - L_{\text{loc}}) + E$  is expressed in minutes. An additional correction is needed if the standard time is a daylight saving time.

### 3.1.11 angle of incidence incidence angle

$\theta$

angle between the line joining the centre of the solar disc to a point on an irradiated surface and the outward normal to the irradiated surface

### 3.1.12 solar tracker sun tracker

power-driven or manually operated movable support which may be employed to keep a device oriented toward a given direction with respect to the sun.

### 3.1.13 equatorial tracker

sun-following device having an axis of rotation parallel to the Earth's axis

Note 1 to entry: The parameters of motion are the hour angle and the declination of the sun.

### 3.1.14 altazimuth tracker

sun-following device which uses the *solar elevation angle* (3.1.7) and the *azimuth angle* (3.1.4) of the sun as coordinates of movement

### 3.1.15 sun-path diagram

graphic representation of *solar altitude* (3.1.7) versus *solar azimuth* (3.1.4), showing the position of the Sun as a function of time for various dates of the year

Note 1 to entry: If *solar time* (3.1.10) is used, the diagram is valid for all locations of the same latitude.

### 3.1.16 heliodon

solar-angle simulator for conducting shading assessments on buildings or collector arrays, usually having a model table which tilts for the latitude and rotates for the hour of day, and a lamp to represent the sun, mounted at some distance away on a vertical rail, allowing adjustment for declination

### 3.1.17 solarscope

device similar to a *heliodon* (3.1.16), but having a fixed horizontal model table and a light source movable to any solar altitude and azimuth