

## Ground Cooling Background/Problem

- The maximum TKR temperature is currently maintained below predicted orbit operating temperature (30C) with Grid Hex at 19C and without a light shield. The fairly tight fitting light shield causes a hot air region to be trapped at the +Z end of the TKR which results in the 30C limit to be exceeded.
- Planned light shield for 8 16 towers should not increase tracker temperatures above 30C since shield is vented which allows previously trapped hot air to escape.
- ACD does not allow trapped hot air to escape.





## **Actions and Potential Solutions**

- Monitor thermocouples and thermistors already installed on +Z surface of Grid
- Install and monitor fly-away thermocouples on top of TKR towers.
- Lower Grid/Hex temperature below 19C; issues with humidity.
  - No issue if T(Hex) > 15C
  - If T(Hex) < 15C, room temperature and humidity must be changed
- Raise tracker maximum operating temperature (Acceptance Temperature is 42C < T < 45C).</li>
- Purge gap between ACD and top of trackers with dry air or N2 to flush out hot air layer.

