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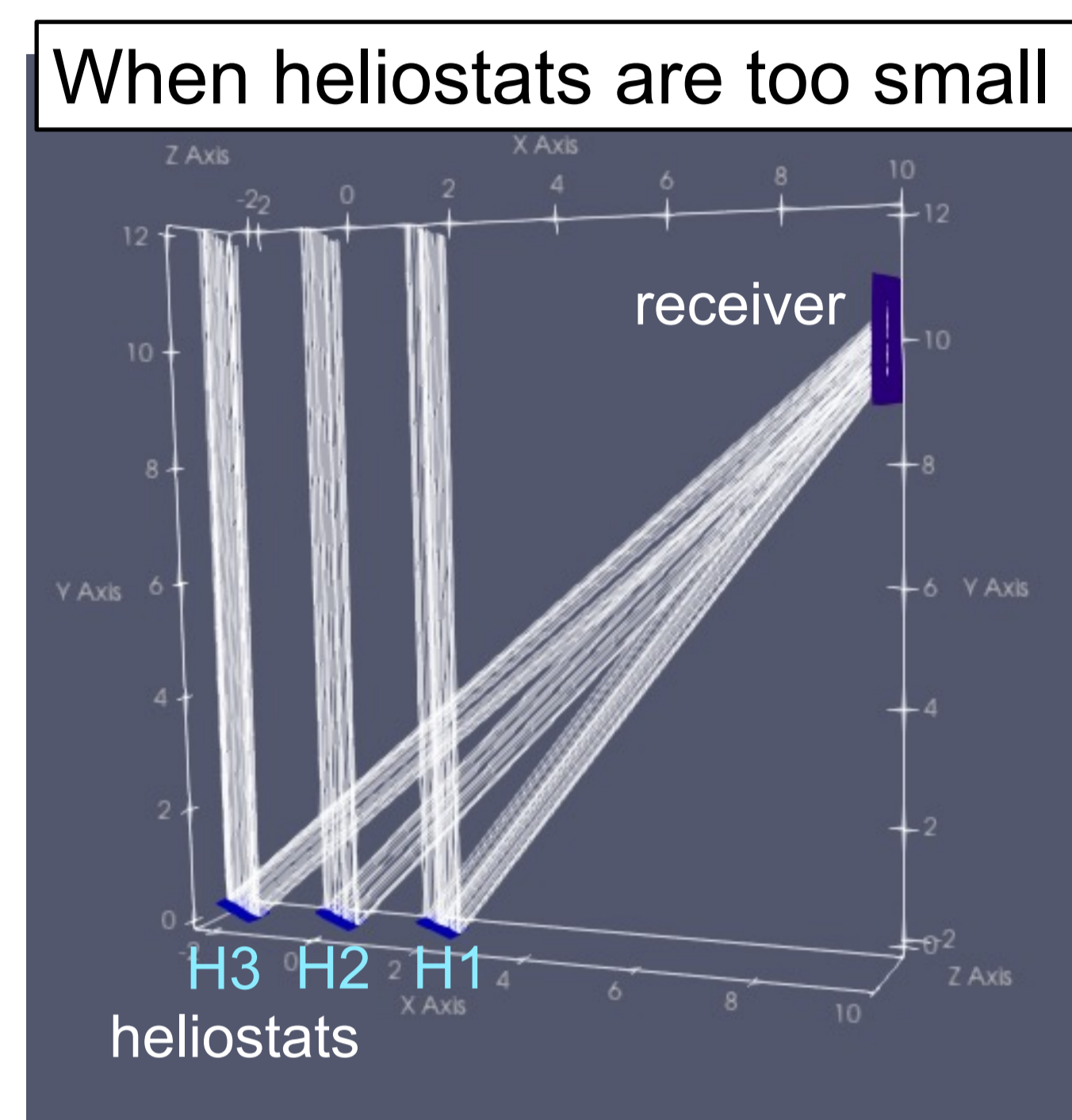
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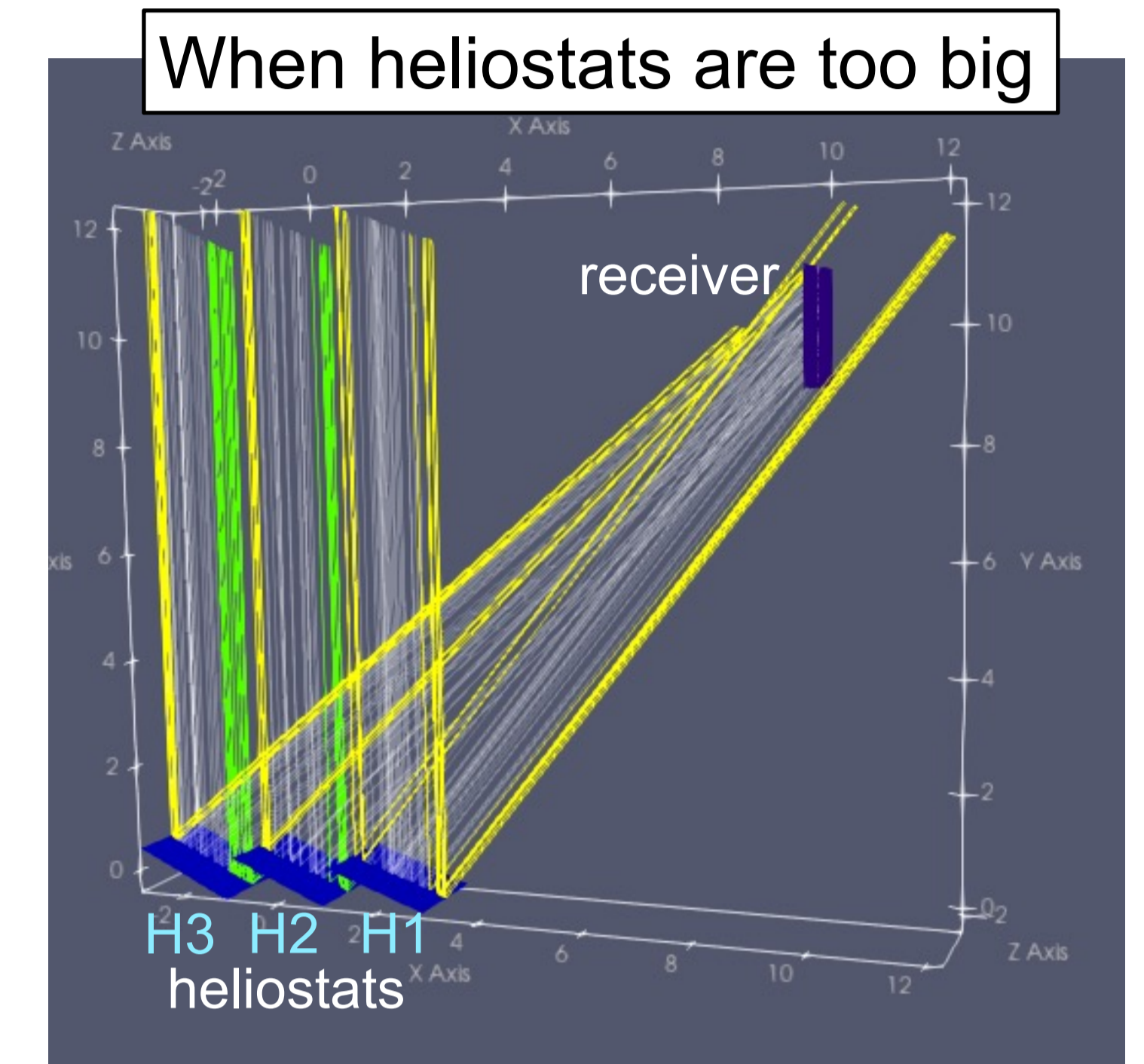
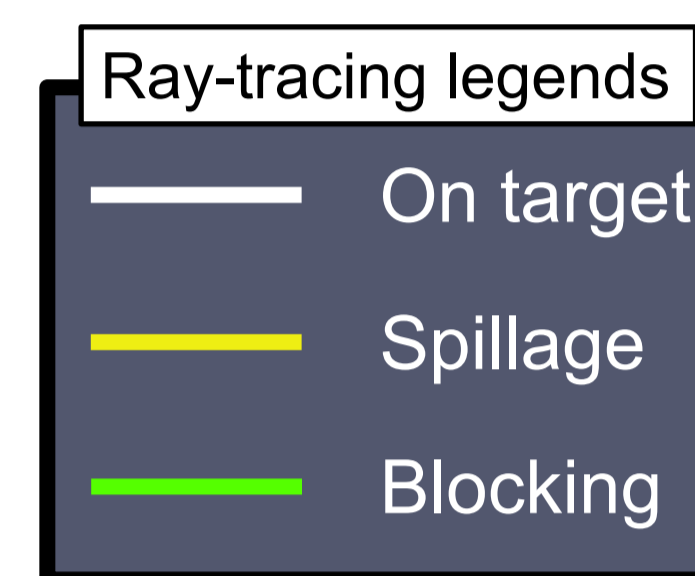
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## Aims:

- Optimize the size of heliostats in a CSP system for a maximum received power



What is the best size for these heliostats?

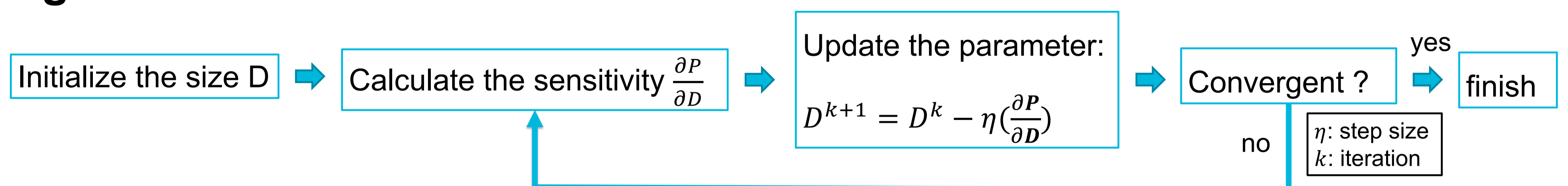


## Methods:

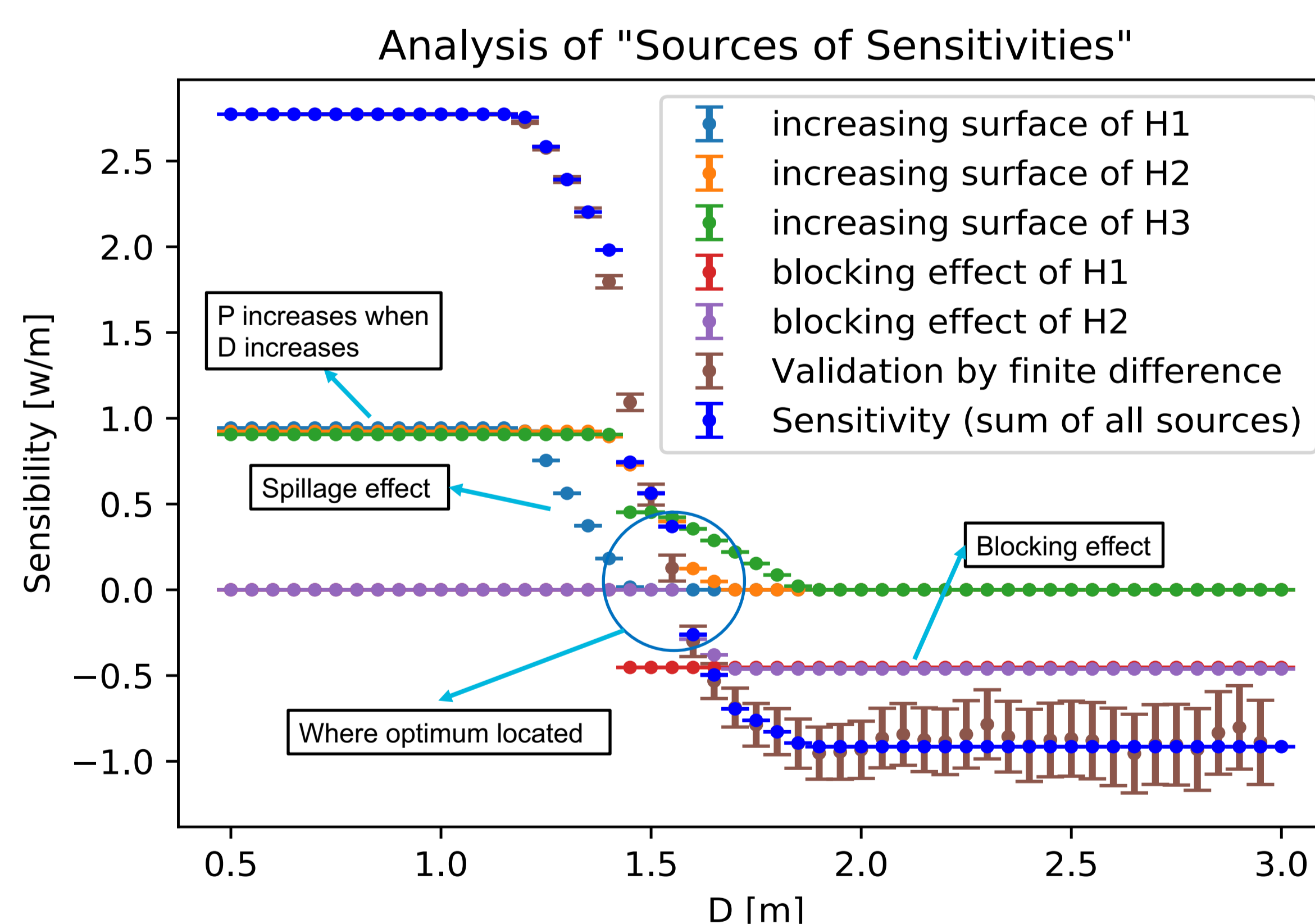
- Take the new approach (Sensitivity Transport Models for Domain Deformation [1]) to calculate the sensitivity  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial D}$  by Monte-Carlo method [2]
- Optimize size of heliostats by gradient descent method

P [w]: arriving power on receiver  
D [m]: size of heliostats

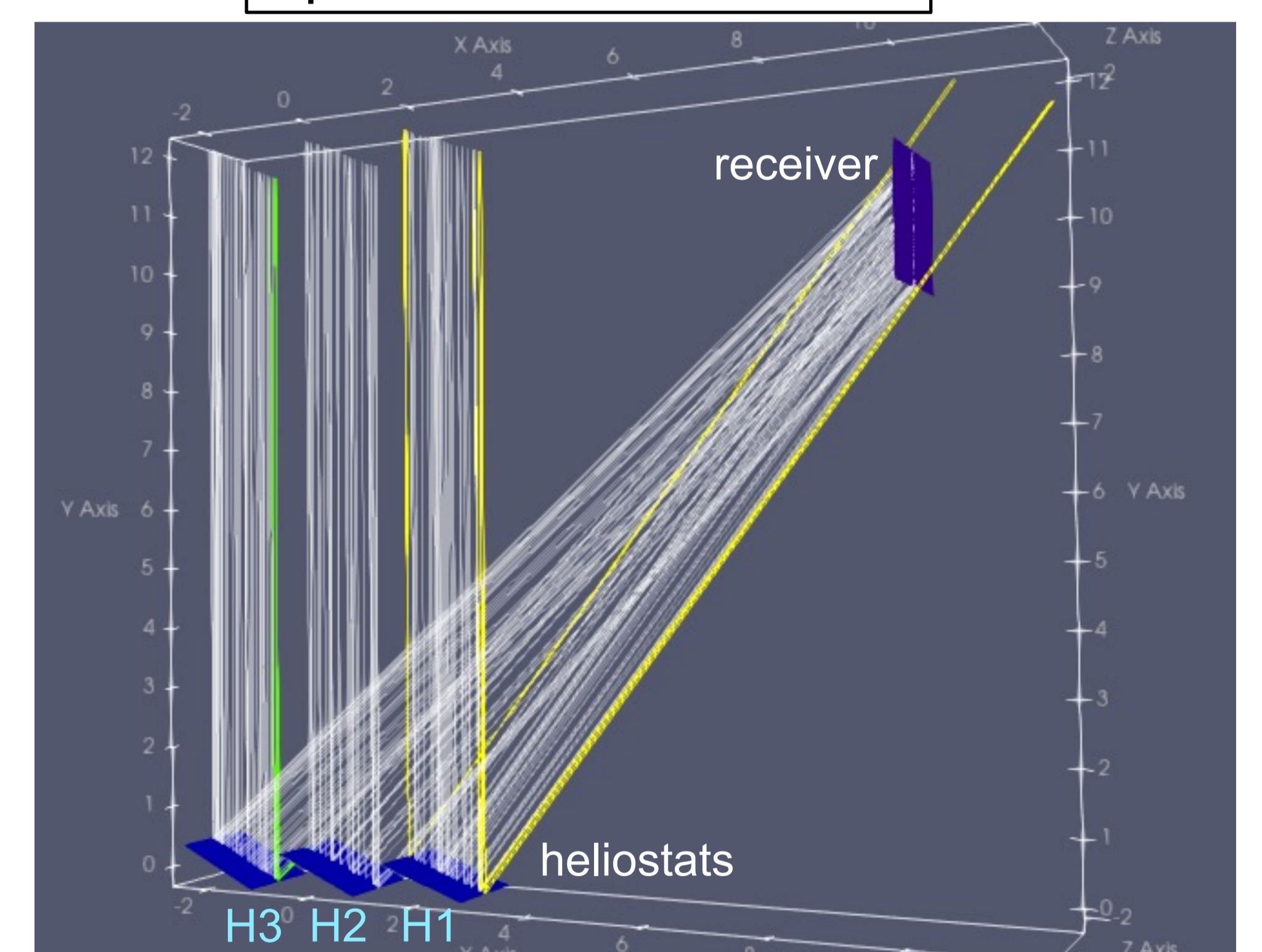
## Algorithm:



## Results:



## Optimized heliostats size



## Conclusion:

- The new approach of calculating geometrical sensitivity<sup>[1][2]</sup> by Monte-Carlo method allows detailed analysis of blocking, spillage and shadowing effect in 2D with 3 heliostats
- Such approach is coupled with a method of gradient descent to optimize the sizes of heliostats for a maximum received power

## Perspectives:

- Generalize the method for 3D configurations and for higher numbers of heliostats
- Optimize the position, pointing strategy and heliostat deformation in a CSP system

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