

TRNSYS MODEL CODE

A.1 TYPE71.F Code

The unglazed transpired collector subroutine is written to simulate the performance of UTC systems with TRNSYS. See Chapters 2 and 3 for a description of the UTC system theory and model. This subroutine is in the TRNSYS component library, TRNLIB, which is available from the Solar Energy Lab at the University of Wisconsin - Madison via anonymous ftp and the World Wide Web.

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      subroutine type71 (time, xin, out, t, dtdt, par, info, icntrl, *)
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* Unglazed transpired collector (UTC) subroutine.
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* Reference: Kutscher, C.F., "Heat Exchanger Effectiveness and
*           Pressure Drop for Air Flow Through Perforated Plates With and
*           Without Crosswind," J. Heat Transfer, vol 116, p 391, 1994.
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* Parameters:
*   1. Collector area (m2)
*   2. Collector height (m)
*   3. Collector hole diameter (m)
*   4. Collector hole pitch, distance between centers of holes (m)
*   5. Collector emissivity
*   6. Collector absorptivity
*   7. Plenum depth (m)
*   8. Emissivity of the wall behind the collector
*   9. R-value of the wall behind the collector (C-m2-hr/kJ)
*  10. Total UA-value of the building walls and roof (kJ/hr-C)
*  11. Room air temperature (C)
*  12. Ambient air temperature above which the summer bypass damper
*      is opened (C)
*  13. Maximum auxiliary heat rate available (kJ/hr)
*  14. Night bypass = 0 if bypass not automatically opened at night
*                  = 1 if bypass automatically opened at night
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a(1,1) = - effhx
a(1,2) = 1.0
a(2,1) = - emisc * sb * surfa
&      * (tcol**2 + tsur**2) * (tcol + tsur)
a(2,3) = 1.0
a(3,1) = sb * area * (tcol**2 + twall**2) * (tcol + twall)
&      / ( 1.0/emisw + 1.0/emisc - 1.0 )
a(3,4) = 1.0
a(3,5) = - sb * area * (tcol**2 + twall**2) * (tcol + twall)
&      / ( 1.0/emisw + 1.0/emisc - 1.0 )
a(4,2) = hvwall * area
a(4,5) = - hvwall * area
a(4,6) = 1.0
a(5,2) = - gamma * mflow1 * aircp
a(5,7) = 1.0
a(6,3) = 1.0
a(6,4) = - 1.0
a(6,7) = 1.0
a(7,4) = - 1.0
a(7,6) = - 1.0
a(7,8) = 1.0
a(8,5) = udwall * area
a(8,8) = 1.0

b(1) = tamb * ( 1.0 - effhx )
b(2) = - emisc * sb * surfa
&      * (tcol**2 + tsur**2) * (tcol + tsur) * tsur
b(5) = - gamma * mflow1 * aircp * tamb
b(6) = qabs
b(8) = udwall * area * troom

* start iterations

k = 0
110 continue
k = k + 1

* solve for unknowns using lapack matrix solver
* see http://www.netlib.org -> lapack -> lapack/double

call dgesv( neq, one, a, neq, ipiv, b, neq, ifail )

if ( ifail .ne. 0 ) then
write (luw,813) unit, type, ifail, nint(month), nint(hour)
813 format (//1x,'***** ERROR *****',/1x,'UNIT ',i3,
&      ' TYPE ',i3,' UNGLAZED TRANSPIRED COLLECTOR',/1x,
&      'MATRIX SOLVER ERROR, IFAIL = ',i3,/1x,
&      'MONTH = ',i2,' HOUR = ',i3)
stop
endif

do i = 1,neq
x(i) = b(i)
enddo
tcol = x(1)

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* Inputs:

- * 1. Month of year
- * 2. Hour of month
- * 3. Radiation incident on the collector (kJ/m²)
- * 4. Ambient temperature (C)
- * 5. Sky temperature (C)
- * 6. Atmospheric pressure (kPa)
- * 7. Internal gains due to people, equipment, etc. (kJ/hr)
- * 8. Supply air flow rate from collector air-handling units (m³/hr)
- * 9. Minimum outdoor air flow rate through collector/summer bypass damper (m³/hr)
- * 10. Supply air flow rate from no-collector air-handling units (m³/hr)
- * 11. Outdoor air flow rate through no collector (m³/hr)

* Outputs:

- * 1. Plenum air temperature (C)
 - * 2. Collector outlet air temperature (C)
 - * 3. Mixed air temperature (C)
 - * 4. Supply air temperature (C)
 - * 5. Collector surface temperature (C)
 - * 6. Energy savings rate (kJ/hr)
 - * 7. Convection from collector (kJ/hr)
 - * 8. Convection from wall (kJ/hr)
 - * 9. Radiation from collector (kJ/hr)
 - * 10. Radiation from wall (kJ/hr)
 - * 11. Conduction through wall (kJ/hr)
 - * 12. Reduced conduction through wall because of collector (kJ/hr)
 - * 13. Absorbed energy rate (kJ/hr)
 - * 14. Auxiliary heating rate (kJ/hr)
 - * 15. Outdoor air flow rate through collector/summer bypass damper (m³/hr)
 - * 16. Heat exchanger effectiveness of collector (C)
 - * 17. Solar efficiency of the collector
 - * 18. Pressure drop across collector plate (kPa)
 - * 19. Bypass damper position = 0.0 if open
= 1.0 if closed
 - * 20. Heat rate supplied by a traditional heating system (kJ/hr)
 - * 21. Additional fan power required (kJ/hr)
- * For this model to correctly calculate the performance of transpired collectors, the approach velocity (appvel) should be greater than 72 m/hr. Otherwise, there will be convection losses from the collector between the holes, and the collector's performance will be reduced. Also, the collector pressure drop (pcol) should be at least 0.025 Pa to ensure uniform flow through the collector. Otherwise, sections of the collector will become hotter than others, and radiation losses from the collector will increase. Again, this will reduce the collector's performance. To achieve a sufficient pressure drop, the porosity (por) should be about 0.005 to 0.01 for the given approach velocities. If these approach velocity and pressure drop conditions are not met, this subroutine will write a warning to a file. It is important to emphasize that a collector can be operated at approach velocities and pressure drops below these values, but this model will just over predict the performance.

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implicit none

* type71 variables

* parameters

real*8 area, ht, diam, pitch, emisc, absor, depth, emisw, rwall
 real*8 ua, troom, tbypass, qmax, nitebp

* inputs

real*8 month, hour, rad, tamb, tsky, patm, gain, flow1, minout1
 real*8 flow2, out2

* values calculated directly from parameters and inputs

real*8 por, surfa, udwall, qabs, tgnd, tsur, qbldg
 real*8 aircp, aircond, airvisc, airden, a0, a1, a2
 real*8 mflow1, mflow2, mflow, gmin, beta, qtrad

* outputs and other variables

real*8 gamma, tout, tcol, tplen, twall, qvcol, qrcol, qwwall
 real*8 qrwall, qdwall, red, effhx, appvel
 real*8 tmix, tsup, qaux1, lowg, hig, oldg, dif, diflim, small, g
 real*8 zeta, pcol, plenden, f, dh, plenvel, pfric, pbuoy, pacc
 real*8 delp, fanpw
 real*8 qaux2, qaux, film, tsolair, qpote, qred, qu, qsave, soleff
 integer istr, i, j, jmax
 real warn
 character*10 warnfile

* TRNSYS variables

character*3 ycheck, ocheck
 real time, t, dt, par, s, time0, tfinal, delt
 double precision xin, out
 integer*4 info, unit, type
 integer np, ni, no, icntrl, iwarn, nstore, iav, iunit
 integer lur, luw, iform, luk

parameter (np=14, ni=11, no=21)
 dimension par(np), xin(ni), out(no), info(15)
 dimension ycheck(ni), ocheck(no)

* UTC common block (used in utcsolve subroutine)

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common /utc/ area, ht, diam, pitch, emisc, depth, emisw, troom,
&          flow1, mflow1, por, surfa, udwall, tamb, qabs, tsur,
&          aircp, aircond, airvisc, airden, unit, type,
&          month, hour, g
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* TRNSYS common blocks

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common /sim/ time0, tfinal, delt, iwarn
common /store/ nstore, iav, s(5000)
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common /lunits/ lur, luw, iform, luk

data iunit/0/

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diflim   = 1.0e-4
small    = 1.0e-4
jmax     = 100
warnfile = 'WARN.UTC'
g        = 9.8 * 3600**2    ! acceleration of gravity, m/hr2

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* first call of simulation

if ( info(7) .gt. -1 ) go to 10
info(10) = 1

* check parameters

info(6) = no
call typeck( 1, info, ni, np, 0 )

* setup for warnings

unit = info(1)
type = info(2)
istr = info(10)
s(istr) = -1.0
open( unit = 71, file = warnfile, status = 'unknown' )
write (71,800) type
800 format ('Type',i3,' warnings:')

* set variable types

data ycheck/'MN1','TD1','IR1','TE1','TE1','PR2','PW1','VF1','VF1',
&          'VF1','VF1'/
data ocheck/'TE1','TE1','TE1','TE1','TE1','PW1','PW1','PW1','PW1',
&          'PW1','PW1','PW1','PW1','PW1','VF1','DM1','DM1','PR2',
&          'DM1','PW1','PW1'/
call rcheck( info, ycheck, ocheck )

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* if its a different unit, set parameters

10 continue
if ( info(1) .eq. iunit ) go to 20

iunit   = info(1)
area    = par(1)
ht      = par(2)
diam    = par(3)
pitch   = par(4)
emisc   = par(5)
absor   = par(6)
depth   = par(7)

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emisw  = par(8)
rwall  = par(9)
ua     = par(10)
troom  = par(11)
tbypass = par(12)
qmax   = par(13)
nitebp = par(14)

por    = 0.907 * ( diam / pitch )**2
surfa  = ( 1 - por ) * area
udwall = 1.0 / rwall

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* set inputs

20 continue

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month  = xin(1)
hour   = xin(2)
rad    = xin(3)
tamb   = xin(4)
tsky   = xin(5)
patm   = xin(6)
gain   = xin(7)
flow1  = xin(8)
minout1 = xin(9)
flow2  = xin(10)
out2   = xin(11)

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qabs = rad * surfa * absor
tgnd = tamb
tsur = ( 0.5 * ((tsky+273.15)**4 + (tgnd+273.15)**4) )**0.25
&      - 273.15

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* calculate building loss, assuming no reduced wall loss

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qbldg = ua * (troom - tamb) - gain
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* calculate ambient air properties (curve-fits from EES)

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aircp  = 1.0062 + 3.6028e-5*tamb
&      - 1.0885e-6*tamb*tamb + 1.3791e-8*tamb**3
aircond = 0.08659 + 2.6993e-4*tamb
airvisc = 0.06201 + 1.7428e-4*tamb

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a0 = -5.1936e-5 + 1.2758e-2*patm
a1 = -5.7037e-7 - 4.6865e-5*patm
a2 = -5.6746e-9 + 1.5511e-7*patm
airden = a0 + a1*tamb + a2*tamb*tamb

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mflow1 = flow1 * airden
mflow2 = flow2 * airden
mflow  = mflow1 + mflow2

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qtrad = (minout1 + out2) * airden * aircp * (troom - tamb)
&      + qbldg
if ( qtrad .lt. small ) qtrad = 0.0

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* check if summer bypass damper is open

  if ( tamb .gt. tbypass ) then
    do i = 1,no
      out(i) = 0.0
    enddo
    out(2) = tamb           ! tout = tamb
    out(3) = tamb           ! tmix = tamb
    out(4) = tamb           ! tsup = tamb
    out(15) = flow1         ! 100% fresh air
    return 1
  endif

*-----
* check air flow rates

  if ( minout1 .gt. flow1 .or. out2 .gt. flow2 ) then
    write (luw,810) unit, type
810    format (//1x,'***** ERROR *****',/1x,'UNIT ',i3,
&          ' TYPE ',i3,' UNGLAZED TRANSPIRED COLLECTOR',/1x,
&          'CHECK AIR FLOW RATES IN DECK')
    stop
  endif

  if ( flow2 .gt. small ) then
    beta = out2 / flow2
  else
    beta = 0.0
  endif

  if ( flow1 .gt. small ) then
    gmin = minout1 / flow1
  else
    qaux = qtrad
    do i = 1,no
      out(i) = 0.0
    enddo
    out(2) = tamb           ! tout = tamb
    out(3) = tamb           ! tmix = tamb
    out(4) = tamb           ! tsup = tamb
    out(14) = qaux
    out(20) = qtrad
    return 1
  endif

*-----
* at night, open bypass damper if nitebp = 1

  if ( qabs .lt. small .and. nitebp .gt. 0.5 ) then
    gamma = gmin
    tout = tamb
    tmix = gamma*tout + (1.0 - gamma)*troom
    tsup = troom + qbldg / (mflow * aircp)
    qaux = qtrad

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do i = 1,no
  out(i) = 0.0
enddo
out(2) = tout
out(3) = tmix
out(4) = tsup
out(14) = qaux
out(15) = minout1
out(20) = qtrad
return 1
endif

*-----
* find gamma such that qaux1 is minimized.  in the winter, this will
* usually be when gamma = gmin.  if the air is too hot for this
* condition, then no auxiliary heat is needed (i.e. qaux1 = 0) and
* gamma > gmin.  if gamma is between gmin and 1.0, then use the
* bisection method to determine gamma.
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* calculate necessary supply air temperature to meet load

  tsup = troom + qbldg / (mflow * aircp)

* solve equations for gamma = gmin

  gamma = gmin
  call utcsolve( gamma, tout, tcol, tplen, twall,
&                qvcol, qrcol, qwwall, qrwall, qdwall,
&                red, effhx, appvel )
  tmix = gamma*tout + (1.0 - gamma)*troom

  if ( tmix .lt. tsup ) then
*   calculate auxiliary heat
    qaux1 = mflow1 * aircp * ( tsup - tmix )
  else
*   solve equations for gamma = 1
    qaux1 = 0.0
    gamma = 1.0
    call utcsolve( gamma, tout, tcol, tplen, twall,
&                qvcol, qrcol, qwwall, qrwall, qdwall,
&                red, effhx, appvel )
    tmix = tout
    if ( tmix .lt. tsup ) then
*      use bisection method to find gamma
      j = 0
      lowg = gmin
      hig = 1.0
      gamma = (lowg + hig) / 2.0
100    continue
      j = j + 1
      call utcsolve( gamma, tout, tcol, tplen, twall,
&                  qvcol, qrcol, qwwall, qrwall, qdwall,
&                  red, effhx, appvel )
      tmix = gamma*tout + (1.0 - gamma)*troom

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        if ( tmix .lt. tsup ) then
            hig = gamma
        else
            lowg = gamma
        endif
        oldg = gamma
        gamma = (lowg + hig) / 2.0
        dif = abs( gamma - oldg )

109      if ( dif .gt. diflim .and. j .lt. jmax ) go to 100
        if ( j .ge. jmax ) then
            write (luw,811) unit, type, dif, nint(month), nint(hour)
811      format (//1x,'***** ERROR *****',/1x,'UNIT ',i3,
&          ' TYPE ',i3,' UNGLAZED TRANSPIRED COLLECTOR',/1x,
&          'NO CONVERGENCE IN J LOOP, DIF = ',e7.2,/1x,
&          'MONTH = ',i2,' HOUR = ',i3)
            stop
        endif
    endif
endif

*-----
* calculate additional fan power

* calculate pressure drop across collector

    zeta = 6.82 * ( (1-por)/por )**2 * ( red )**(-0.236 )
    pcol = 0.5 * airden * appvel * appvel * zeta * 7.71605e-11
            ! factor of 7.7e-11 to convert units

* calculate air density in plenum

    plenden = a0 + a1*tplen + a2*tplen*tplen

* calculate friction pressure drop through plenum

    f = 0.05      ! estimate
    dh = 4.0 * ( depth * area/ht ) / ( 2.0 * ( area/ht + depth ) )
    plenvel = 0.5 * appvel * ht / depth
    pfric = f * (ht / dh) * plenden * plenvel**2 / 2.0
* convert units to kPa
    pfric = pfric / ( 3600.0**2 * 1000.0 )

* calculate buoyancy pressure term

    pbuoy = (airden - plenden) * g * ht
* convert units to kPa
    pbuoy = pbuoy / ( 3600.0**2 * 1000.0 )

* calculate acceleration pressure drop

    pacc = plenden * (2.0*plenvel)**2 / 2.0
* convert units to kPa
    pacc = pacc / ( 3600.0**2 * 1000.0 )

* calculate total pressure drop and fan power

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delp = pcol + pfriic - pbuoy + pacc
fanpw = gamma * flow1 * delp
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* calculate reduced conduction through wall

film = 54.0          ! (kJ/hr-m2-C) film coefficient for air
                   !
                   ! against original wall
tsolair = tamb + (emisw * rad / film)  ! sol-air temp for
                                       ! absor = emis

qpot = udwall * area * (troom - tsolair) ! potential conduction
qred = qpot - qdwall                    ! reduced conduction

* calculate total auxiliary heat required, subtracting reduced wall
* loss since it was assumed to be zero when qbldg was calculated

gaux2 = mflow2 * aircp * ( tsup - beta*tamb - (1.0-beta)*troom )
gaux = gaux1 + gaux2 - qred
if ( gaux .lt. small ) gaux = 0.0

* calculate energy savings

qu      = qvcol + qvwall          ! useful energy gained by air
qsave = qtrad - gaux            ! energy saved

* calculate solar efficiency

if ( rad .gt. small ) then
  soleff = qvcol / ( rad * area )
  if ( soleff .gt. 1.0 ) soleff = 1.0
  if ( soleff .lt. 0.0 ) soleff = 0.0
else
  soleff = 0.0
endif

-----
* write warnings to file

if ( info(7) .lt. 0 ) go to 30
warn = -1.0

if ( appvel .lt. 72.0 ) then
  write (71,801) month, hour
801   format (/, 'month = ', f3.0, ' hour = ', f5.1)
  write (71,802) appvel
802   format ('* approach velocity = ', f5.2, ' m/hr', /, ' For appvel',
&         ' < 72 m/hr, model overpredicts performance')
  warn = 1.0
endif

if ( pcol .lt. 0.025 ) then
  if ( warn .lt. 0.0 ) then
    write (71,801) month, hour
  endif
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      write (71,803) pcol
803   format ('* pressure drop = ',f6.4,' kPa',/, ' For pcol',
&       ' < 0.025 kPa, model overpredicts performance')
      warn = 1.0
    endif

    if ( qaux .gt. qmax ) then
      if ( warn .lt. 0.0 ) then
        write (71,801) month, hour
      endif
      write (71,804) qaux, qmax
804   format ('* qaux = ',e8.2,' kJ/hr; qmax = ',e8.2,' kJ/hr',/,
&       ' auxiliary heater(s) too small to meet load')
      warn = 1.0
    endif

    if ( tmix .gt. tsup ) then
      if ( warn .lt. 0.0 ) then
        write (71,801) month, hour
      endif
      write (71,805) tmix, tsup
805   format ('* actual tsup = ',f5.1,' C; desired tsup = ',f5.1,
&       ' C',/, ' tsup is too hot, summer bypass damper should',
&       ' have been opened')
      tsup = tmix
      warn = 1.0
    endif

    if ( warn .gt. 0.0 ) then
      istr = info(10)
      if ( s(istr) .lt. 0.0 ) then
        write (luw,812) unit, type, warnfile
812   format (//2x,'***** WARNING ***** UNIT',i3,' TYPE',i3/4x,
&       'CHECK ', a10,
&       ' FOR UNGLAZED TRANSPIRED COLLECTOR WARNINGS')
        s(istr) = 1.0
        iwarn = iwarn + 1
      endif
    endif

30   continue

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* set outputs

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out(1) = tplen
out(2) = tout
out(3) = tmix
out(4) = tsup
out(5) = tcol
out(6) = qsave
out(7) = qvcol
out(8) = qwwall
out(9) = qrcol
out(10) = qrwall
out(11) = qdwall

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out(12) = qred
out(13) = qabs
out(14) = qaux
out(15) = gamma * flow1
out(16) = effhx
out(17) = soleff
out(18) = pcol
out(19) = 1.0
out(20) = qtrad
out(21) = fanpw

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return 1
end

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subroutine utcsolve( gamma, tout, tcol, tplen, twall,
&                  qvcol, qrcol, qwwall, qrwall, qdwall,
&                  red, effhx, appvel )

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* This subroutine solves the energy balances on the collector, air, and
* outside wall surface. The temperatures and heat flows are output.

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* The temperatures are:

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* tout = air at the outlet from the collector
* tcol = collector surface
* tplen = air in the plenum
* twall = outside wall surface
* troom = air in the room
* tamb = ambient air
* tsur = surroundings (sky & ground) for radiation calculation

* All temperatures in this subroutine are converted from Celsius to
* Kelvin at the beginning, and then they are converted back to Celsius
* at the end for the main UTC subroutine.

* The heat flows are labelled 'qXsource', where X = (r, v, d) for
* radiation, convection, conduction. The source of the heat flow is
* defined for the usual direction of heat flow for winter operation,
* from the inside of the building to the outside. So, qwwall is the
* convection from the wall to the plenum (not wall to the room).
* Similarly, qrcol is the radiation from the collector to the
* surroundings (not collector to wall). The only exceptions are qabs,
* the absorbed solar energy, and qdwall, the conduction through the
* wall. The heat transfer coefficients are labelled the same way.

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implicit none

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* TRNSYS variables

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integer lur, luw, iform, luk

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* utcsolve variables

* arguments

```
real*8 gamma, tout, tcol, tplen, twall, qvcol, qrcol, qvwall
real*8 qrwall, qdwall, red, effhx, appvel
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* UTC common block variables

```
real*8 area, ht, diam, pitch, emisc, depth, emisw, troom
real*8 flow1, mflow1, por, surfa, udwall, tamb, qabs, tsur
real*8 aircp, aircond, airvisc, airden, month, hour, g
integer*4 unit, type
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* subroutine internal variables

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real*8 pi, sb, diflim, small
real*8 holevel, plenvel, nud, hvcol, pr, reht, nuht, hvwall
double precision a, b
real*8 x, res, dif
integer i, j, k, kmax, neq, one, ipiv, ifail
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parameter ( neq = 8 )
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dimension a(neq,neq), b(neq), x(neq), ipiv(neq), res(neq)
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* TRNSYS common block

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common /lunits/ lur, luw, iform, luk
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* UTC common block

```
common /utc/ area, ht, diam, pitch, emisc, depth, emisw, troom,
& flow1, mflow1, por, surfa, udwall, tamb, qabs, tsur,
& aircp, aircond, airvisc, airden, unit, type,
& month, hour, g
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pi      = 3.14159265359
sb      = 2.0412e-7      ! Stefan-Boltzmann, kJ/hr-m2-K4
diflim  = 1.0e-4
small   = 1.0e-4
kmax    = 100
one     = 1
ifail   = 0
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* check for no flow through collector

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if ( gamma .lt. small ) then
  tout  = tamb
  tcol  = tamb
  tplen = tamb
  twall = tamb
  qvcol = 0.0
  qrcol = 0.0
  qvwall = 0.0
  qrwall = 0.0
  qdwall = udwall * area * ( troom - tplen )
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    red    = 0.0
    effhx  = 0.0
    appvel = 0.0
    return
endif

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* convert celsius to kelvin
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troom = troom + 273.15
tamb  = tamb  + 273.15
tsur  = tsur  + 273.15

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* calculate approach, hole, and plenum velocities
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appvel = gamma * flow1 / area
holevel = gamma * flow1 / ( area * por )
plenvel = 0.5 * appvel * ht / depth

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* calculate heat exchanger effectiveness for collector
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red = airden * holevel * diam / airvisc
nud = 2.75 * ( pitch/diam )**(-1.2) * ( red )**0.43
hvcol = nud * aircond / diam
effhx = 1 - exp( - hvcol * surfa / (gamma * mflow1 * aircp) )

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* calculate heat transfer coefficient for wall to air convection
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pr = 0.71
reht = airden * plenvel * ht / airvisc
if ( reht .gt. 500000 ) then
*   turbulent
    nuht = (0.037*reht**0.8 - 871.0) * pr**(1.0/3.0)
else
*   laminar
    nuht = 0.664 * reht**0.5 * pr**(1.0/3.0)
endif
hvwall = nuht * aircond / ht

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*-----
* solve simultaneous equations for unknown temperatures and heat flows
* [a][x] = [b]
*-----

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* initial guesses for collector and wall temperatures
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tcol = tamb
twall = tamb

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* calculate [a] matrix and [b] array
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do i = 1,neq
  do j = 1,neq
    a(i,j) = 0.0
  enddo
  b(i) = 0.0
enddo

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twall = x(5)

* calculate [a] matrix and [b] array

do i = 1,neq
  do j = 1,neq
    a(i,j) = 0.0
  enddo
  b(i) = 0.0
enddo

a(1,1) = - effhx
a(1,2) = 1.0
a(2,1) = - emisc * sb * surfa
&      * (tcol**2 + tsur**2) * (tcol + tsur)
a(2,3) = 1.0
a(3,1) = sb * area * (tcol**2 + twall**2) * (tcol + twall)
&      / ( 1.0/emisw + 1.0/emisc - 1.0 )
a(3,4) = 1.0
a(3,5) = - sb * area * (tcol**2 + twall**2) * (tcol + twall)
&      / ( 1.0/emisw + 1.0/emisc - 1.0 )
a(4,2) = hvwall * area
a(4,5) = - hvwall * area
a(4,6) = 1.0
a(5,2) = - gamma * mflow1 * aircp
a(5,7) = 1.0
a(6,3) = 1.0
a(6,4) = - 1.0
a(6,7) = 1.0
a(7,4) = - 1.0
a(7,6) = - 1.0
a(7,8) = 1.0
a(8,5) = udwall * area
a(8,8) = 1.0

b(1) = tamb * ( 1.0 - effhx )
b(2) = - emisc * sb * surfa
&      * (tcol**2 + tsur**2) * (tcol + tsur) * tsur
b(5) = - gamma * mflow1 * aircp * tamb
b(6) = qabs
b(8) = udwall * area * troom

* calculate residuals

do i = 1,neq
  res(i) = 0.0
  do j = 1,neq
    res(i) = res(i) + a(i,j) * x(j)
  enddo
  res(i) = res(i) - b(i)
enddo

* check for convergence

dif = 0.0
do i = 1,neq

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        dif = sqrt( dif**2 + res(i)**2 )
    enddo

119  if ( dif .gt. diflim .and. k .lt. kmax ) go to 110
    if ( k .ge. kmax ) then
        write (luw,815) unit, type, dif, nint(month), nint(hour)
815  format (/1x,'***** ERROR *****',/1x,'UNIT ',i3,
&         ' TYPE ',i3,' UNGLAZED TRANSPIRED COLLECTOR',/1x,
&         'NO CONVERGENCE IN K LOOP, DIF = ',e7.2,/1x,
&         'MONTH = ',i2,' HOUR = ',i3)
        stop
    endif

*-----
* solution has been found

    tcol = x(1)
    tplen = x(2)
    qrcol = x(3)
    qrwall = x(4)
    twall = x(5)
    qvwall = x(6)
    qvcol = x(7)
    qdwall = x(8)

* calculate tout from energy balance

    tout = tplen + qvwall / ( gamma * mflow1 * aircp )

* convert kelvin to celsius

    tout = tout - 273.15
    tcol = tcol - 273.15
    tplen = tplen - 273.15
    twall = twall - 273.15
    troom = troom - 273.15
    tamb = tamb - 273.15
    tsur = tsur - 273.15

*-----

    return
end

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A.2 TRNSYS Manual Page

TYPE 71: UNGLAZED TRANSPIRED COLLECTOR SYSTEM

General Description

Unglazed transpired collectors (UTCs) consist of a perforated, solar-absorbing plate mounted on a large south-facing wall. Air is drawn through the holes in the plate, into the plenum, and finally into the building, as shown in Figure 1.

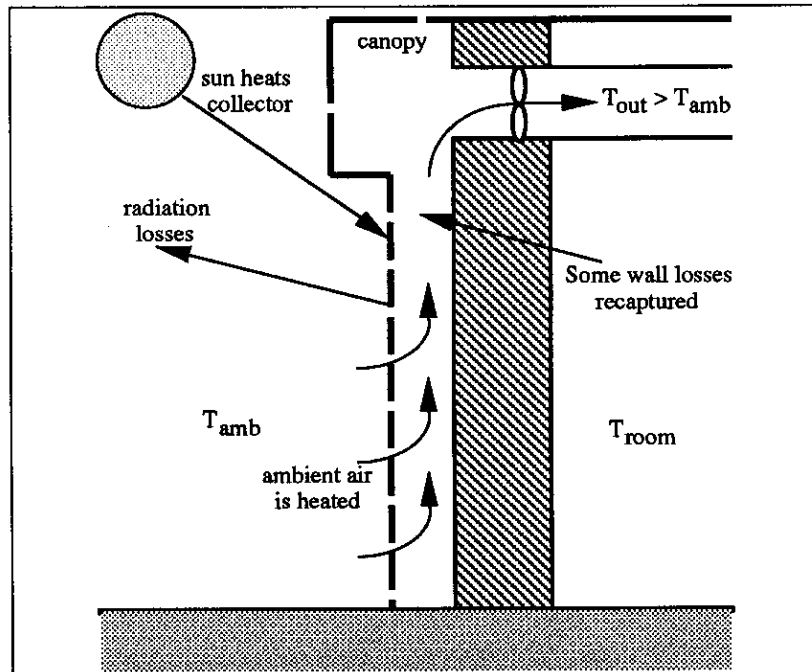


Figure 1: Schematic diagram of an unglazed transpired collector system.

This component models a UTC system, shown in Figure 2. The entire system includes the UTC plate and the building on which it is mounted. The basic energy balances are solved and the energy savings is calculated every time step for which the UTC system is operating (i.e. the bypass damper is closed). The bypass damper is opened when the ambient temperature is above the summer bypass set temperature. The bypass damper is also opened at night when the automatic night bypass is on (parameter 14).

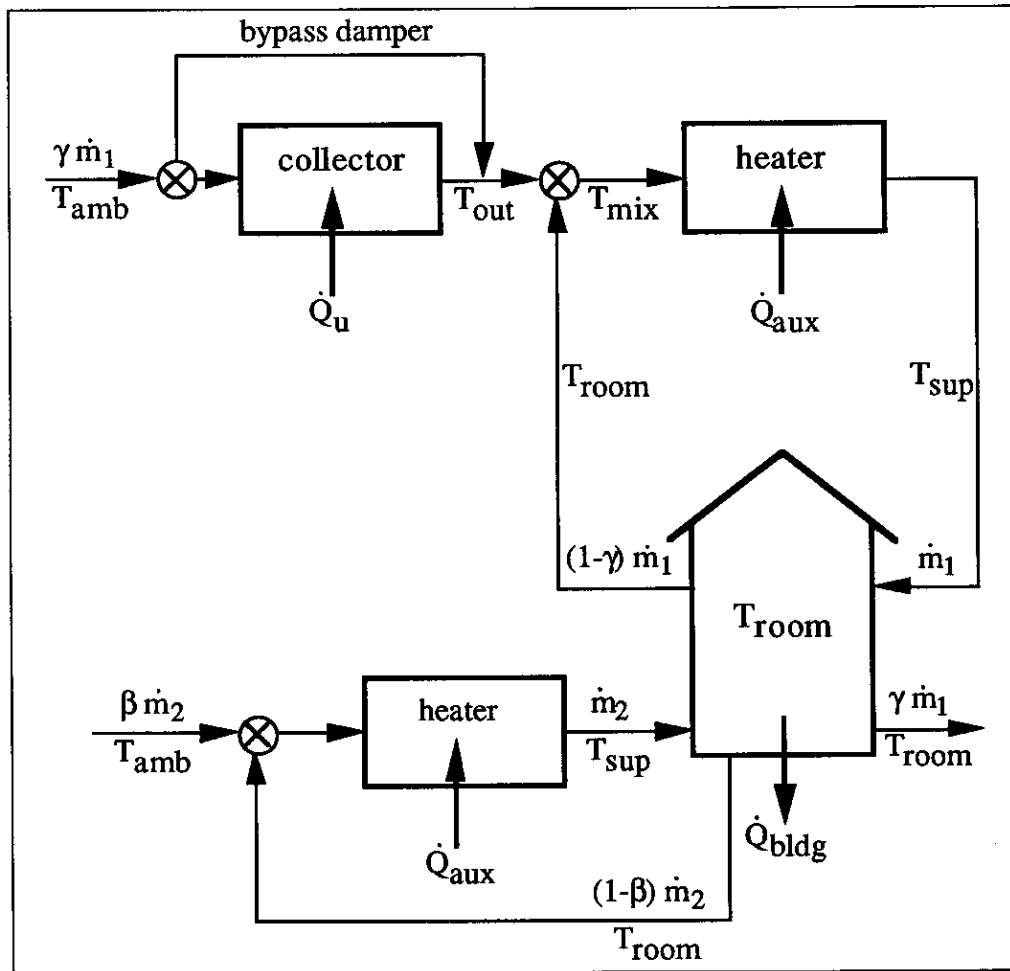


Figure 2: Complete overview of the UTC system model.

Nomenclature

- A - total collector area (m^2)
- A_s - collector surface area (m^2) = $(1-\sigma) A$
- c_p - specific heat ($kJ/kg-C$)
- D - hole diameter (m)
- $h_{cond,wall}$ - coefficient for conduction through the wall ($kJ/hr-m^2-C$)
- $h_{conv,col-air}$ - coefficient for convection from the collector to the air ($kJ/hr-m^2-C$)
- $h_{conv,wall-air}$ - coefficient for convection from the outside wall surface to the air ($kJ/hr-m^2-C$)
- I_T - incident solar radiation on the collector surface ($kJ/hr-m^2$)
- \dot{m}_{out} - outdoor air mass flow rate through UTC (kg/hr) = $\gamma \dot{m}_1$
- \dot{m}_1 - mass flow rate of air supply from UTC system (kg/hr)
- \dot{m}_2 - mass flow rate of air supply from conventional system (kg/hr)

Nu_D	-	Nusselt number where hole diameter is the characteristic length
P	-	hole pitch (m)
\dot{Q}_{abs}	-	absorbed solar heat rate (kJ/hr)
\dot{Q}_{aux}	-	auxiliary heat rate (kJ/hr)
\dot{Q}_{bldg}	-	building heat loss rate (kJ/hr)
$\dot{Q}_{cond,wall}$	-	conduction rate through the wall (kJ/hr)
$\dot{Q}_{conv,col-air}$	-	convection rate from the collector to the air (kJ/hr)
$\dot{Q}_{conv,wall-air}$	-	convection rate from the outside wall surface to the air (kJ/hr)
$\dot{Q}_{rad,col-sur}$	-	radiation rate from the collector to the surroundings (kJ/hr)
$\dot{Q}_{rad,wall-col}$	-	radiation rate from the outside wall surface to the back of the collector (kJ/hr)
\dot{Q}_{save}	-	saved energy rate (kJ/hr)
\dot{Q}_{trad}	-	traditional heating system heat rate (kJ/hr)
\dot{Q}_u	-	useful energy rate (kJ/hr)
Re_D	-	Reynolds number where hole diameter is the characteristic length
T_{amb}	-	ambient air temperature (C)
T_{col}	-	collector plate temperature (C)
T_{mix}	-	mixed air temperature (C)
T_{out}	-	collector outlet air temperature (C)
T_{plen}	-	plenum air temperature (C)
T_{room}	-	room air temperature (C)
T_{sup}	-	supply air temperature (C)
T_{sur}	-	radiative surroundings temperature (C)
T_{wall}	-	outside wall surface temperature (C)
α_{col}	-	collector plate absorptivity
β	-	fraction of conventional system supply air that is outdoor air
ϵ_{col}	-	collector plate emissivity
ϵ_{HX}	-	heat exchanger effectiveness of collector
ϵ_{wall}	-	outside wall surface emissivity
γ	-	fraction of UTC system supply air that is outdoor air
σ	-	collector porosity
σ_{sb}	-	Stefan-Boltzmann constant (kJ/hr-m ² -K ⁴)

Mathematical Description

The first step in predicting the thermal performance of the UTC system is to calculate the outlet air temperature from the collector, T_{out} . There are four fundamental energy balance equations that are solved to find T_{out} .

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{m}_{out} c_p (T_{plen} - T_{amb}) &= \dot{Q}_{conv,col-air} \\ \dot{m}_{out} c_p (T_{out} - T_{plen}) &= \dot{Q}_{conv,wall-air} \\ \dot{Q}_{cond,wall} &= \dot{Q}_{conv,wall-air} + \dot{Q}_{rad,wall-col} \\ \dot{Q}_{abs} + \dot{Q}_{rad,wall-col} &= \dot{Q}_{conv,col-air} + \dot{Q}_{rad,col-sur}\end{aligned}$$

The labelling convention that is used for heat flows is $\dot{Q}_{mode,from-to}$. So $\dot{Q}_{conv,col-air}$ is convection from the collector to the air. The useful energy from the UTC system is the sum of the convection to the air from the collector and from the outside wall.

$$\dot{Q}_u = \dot{Q}_{conv,col-air} + \dot{Q}_{conv,wall-air}$$

The rate equations for the energy flows are necessary to solve the energy balance equations. For convection from the collector to the air, an empirical heat transfer correlation is used [Kutscher, 1992].

$$Nu_D = 2.75 (P/D)^{-1.2} Re_D^{0.43}$$

This correlation determines the Nusselt number based on hole diameter that is used to find $h_{conv,col-air}$. The heat exchanger effectiveness of the collector is calculated.

$$\epsilon_{HX} = 1 - \exp((h_{conv,col-air} A_s) / (\dot{m}_{out} c_p))$$

This effectiveness is used in the relation between the plenum air temperature and the collector temperature.

$$\epsilon_{HX} = (T_{plen} - T_{amb}) / (T_{col} - T_{amb})$$

This equation is effectively a rate equation for $\dot{Q}_{conv,col-air}$. The following rate equations are also used with the energy balances.

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{Q}_{conv,wall-air} &= h_{conv,wall-air} A (T_{wall} - T_{plen}) \\ \dot{Q}_{cond,wall} &= h_{cond,wall} A (T_{room} - T_{wall}) \\ \dot{Q}_{rad,wall-col} &= \sigma_{sb} A (T_{wall}^4 - T_{col}^4) / (1/\epsilon_{wall} + 1/\epsilon_{col} - 1) \\ \dot{Q}_{abs} &= \alpha_{col} I_T A_s \\ \dot{Q}_{rad,col-sur} &= \epsilon_{col} \sigma_{sb} A_s (T_{col}^4 - T_{sur}^4)\end{aligned}$$

The outlet air from the collector is mixed with recirculated air from the building.

$$T_{mix} = \gamma T_{out} + (1-\gamma) T_{room}$$

The mixed air is heated to the necessary supply temperature to meet the heating load.

$$\dot{Q}_{aux} = \dot{m}_1 c_p (T_{sup} - T_{mix})$$

The recirculation damper varies γ , the fraction of the supply air that is drawn from the outside through the collector, such that the auxiliary energy is minimized.

There are three energy savings mechanisms for a UTC system: active solar gain, recaptured wall loss, and reduced wall loss. However, the energy savings of the UTC system is not simply the sum of these three components. Fundamentally, the energy

savings is the reduction in the heat required from a traditional system, which translates into a reduction of the heating bill. The heat required from an auxiliary unit of a UTC system is less than the heat required from a traditional heating system.

$$\dot{Q}_{\text{save}} = \dot{Q}_{\text{trad}} - \dot{Q}_{\text{aux}}$$

The energy savings never exceeds the heating requirements of the building with a traditional system.

TRNSYS Component Configuration

<u>PARAMETER NO.</u>		<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	A	- collector area (m ²)
2	ht	- collector height (m)
3	D	- collector hole diameter (m)
4	P	- collector hole pitch (m)
5	ϵ_{col}	- collector emissivity
6	α_{col}	- collector absorptivity
7	depth	- plenum depth (m)
8	ϵ_{wall}	- emissivity of wall behind collector
9	R_{wall}	- R-value of the wall behind the collector (°C-m-hr/kJ)
10	UA	- total UA-value of the building walls and roof (kJ/hr-°C)
11	T_{room}	- room air temperature (°C)
12	T_{bypass}	- ambient air temperature above which the summer bypass damper is opened (°C)
13	$Q_{\text{aux,max}}$	- maximum auxiliary heat rate available (kJ/hr)
14	Night bypass mode:	0 - bypass not automatically opened at night 1 - bypass automatically opened at night

<u>INPUT NUMBER</u>		<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	month	- month of the year
2	hour	- hour of the month

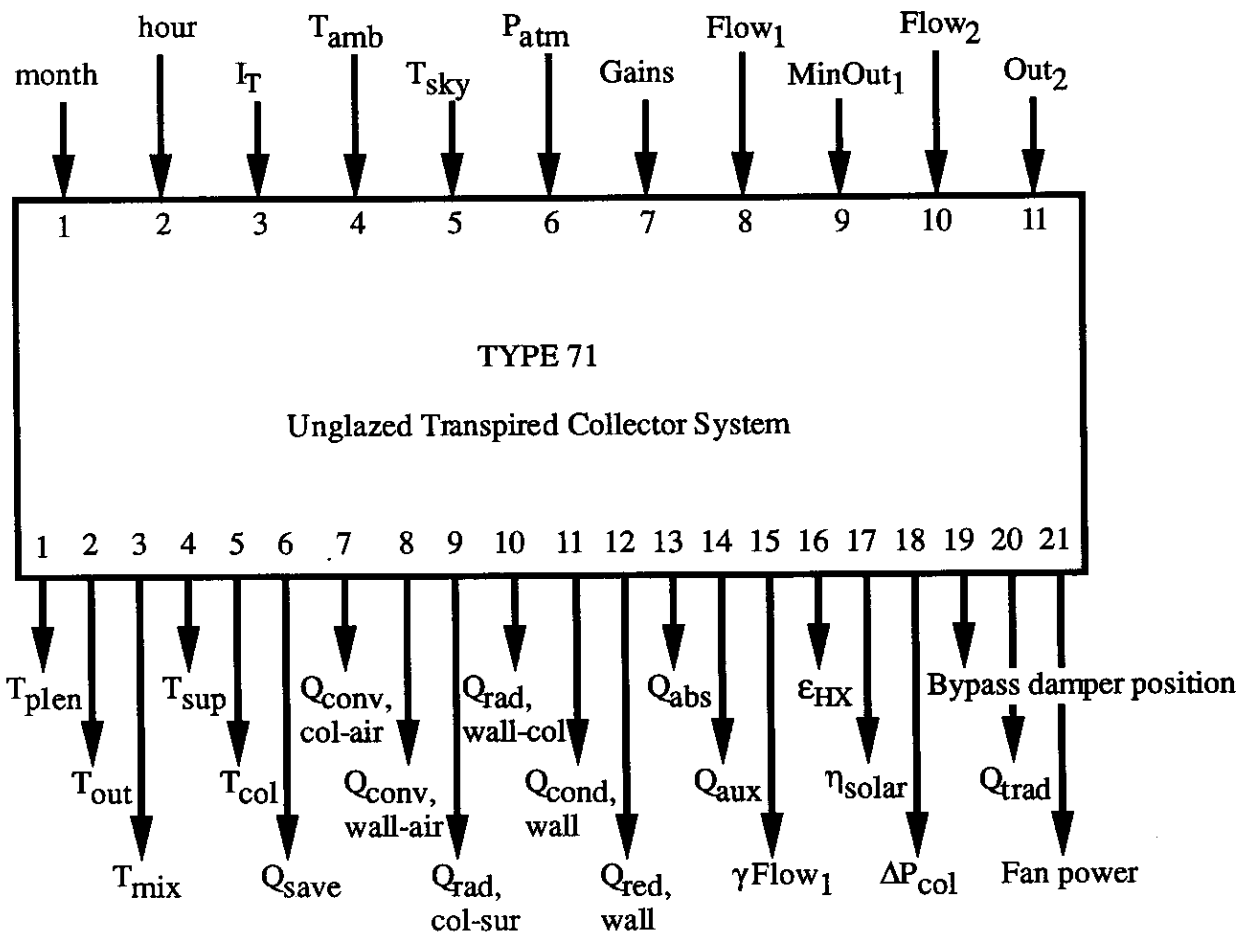
3	I_T	- solar radiation incident on the collector (kJ/hr-m ²)
4	T_{amb}	- ambient air temperature (°C)
5	T_{sky}	- radiative sky temperature (°C)
6	P_{atm}	- atmospheric pressure (kPa)
7	Gain	- internal building gains (kJ/hr)
8	Flow ₁	- supply air flow rate from collector air-handling units (m ³ /hr)
9	MinOut ₁	- minimum outdoor air flow rate through collector / summer bypass damper (m ³ /hr)
10	Flow ₂	- supply air flow rate from no-collector air-handling units (m ³ /hr)
11	Out ₂	- outdoor air flow rate through no collector (m ³ /hr)

OUTPUT NUMBERDESCRIPTION

1	T_{plen}	- plenum air temperature (°C)
2	T_{out}	- collector outlet air temperature (°C)
3	T_{mix}	- mixed air temperature (°C)
4	T_{sup}	- supply air temperature (°C)
5	T_{col}	- collector surface temperature (°C)
6	\dot{Q}_{save}	- energy savings rate (kJ/hr)
7	$\dot{Q}_{conv,col-air}$	- convection from collector to air (kJ/hr)
8	$\dot{Q}_{conv,wall-air}$	- convection from wall to air (kJ/hr)
9	$\dot{Q}_{rad,col-sur}$	- radiation from collector to surroundings (kJ/hr)
10	$\dot{Q}_{rad,wall-col}$	- radiation from wall to collector (kJ/hr)
11	$\dot{Q}_{cond,wall}$	- conduction through wall (kJ/hr)
12	$\dot{Q}_{red,wall}$	- reduced conduction through wall because of collector (kJ/hr)
13	\dot{Q}_{abs}	- absorbed energy rate (kJ/hr)
14	\dot{Q}_{aux}	- auxiliary energy rate (kJ/hr)
15	$\gamma Flow_1$	- outdoor air flow rate through collector / summer bypass damper (m ³ /hr)
16	ϵ_{HX}	- heat exchanger effectiveness of collector
17	η_{solar}	- solar efficiency of collector
18	ΔP_{col}	- pressure drop across collector plate (kPa)

- 19 Bypass damper position:
 - 0 - bypass damper is open
 - 1 - bypass damper is closed
- 20 \dot{Q}_{trad} - heat rate supplied by a traditional heating system (kJ/hr)
- 21 Fan power - additional fan power required (kJ/hr)

Information Flow Diagram



Parameters:

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|-------|-----------------------------|
| 1. A | 8. ϵ_{wall} |
| 2. ht | 9. R_{wall} |

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 3. D | 10. UA |
| 4. P | 11. T _{room} |
| 5. ϵ_{col} | 12. T _{bypass} |
| 6. α_{col} | 13. Q _{aux,max} |
| 7. depth | 14. Night bypass mode |
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