

NANDRAD Model Reference

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1. Overview

This document contains a description of the various implemented models and the parametrization in the NANDRAD project file. It is primarily an input reference.

The section [Project File Structure](#) contains an overview of the project file structure, with references to the individual documentation sections. This is a good start to get an overview of the NANDRAD project specification.

The [Tutorials](#) chapter contains various tutorials that illustrate manual creation of project files with simple examples.

2. NANDRAD Input and Project File Reference

2.1. Project File Structure

The NANDRAD project specification is stored in an XML-file with the extension `nandrad`. The principle structure of the file looks like:

Example 1. Definition of a NANDRAD Project File

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8" ?>
<NandradProject fileVersion="2.0">
  <!-- optional DirectoryPlaceholders section-->
  <DirectoryPlaceholders>...</DirectoryPlaceholders>

  <!-- the actual project specification -->
  <Project>
    <ProjectInfo>...</ProjectInfo>
    <Location>...</Location>
    <SimulationParameter>...</SimulationParameter>
    <SolverParameter>...</SolverParameter>
    <Zones>...</Zones>
    <ConstructionInstances>...</ConstructionInstances>
    <ConstructionTypes>...</ConstructionTypes>
    <Materials>...</Materials>
    <Models>...</Models>
    <Schedules>...</Schedules>
    <Outputs>...</Outputs>
    <ObjectLists>...</ObjectLists>
  </Project>
</NandradProject>
```

The optional `DirectoryPlaceholders` can be used to define relative path placeholders to be used for externally referenced files (see section [Path Placeholders](#)).

All project data is enclosed in the `<Project>` tag.

A project file may contain the following child tags (order is arbitrary):

Child tag	Description
<code>ProjectInfo</code>	General project meta information → Project Information

Child tag	Description
Location	Climatic data and location settings → Climatic loads
SimulationParameter	Simulation model parameters → Simulation Parameters
SolverParameter	Numerical solver settings and performance options → Solver Parameters
Zones	Zone specifications → Zones
ConstructionInstances	Building components and boundary conditions → Construction Instances
ConstructionTypes	Definition of multi-layered constructions → Construction Types
Materials	Material properties → Materials
Models	Model parameter blocks → Model Parametrization
Schedules	Definition of scheduled parameters → Schedules
Outputs	Output definitions → Outputs/Results
ObjectLists	Definition of object lists/object reference groups → Object Lists and Result References

2.2. Basic Data Types in NANDRAD Project File Specification

Within the various specification sections of the project file some basic data types / xml-tags are frequently used. The rules for specifying these parameters are defined below.

2.2.1. IBK:Parameter

An XML tag with name `IBK:Parameter` defines a floating point value parameter, identified by a name and physical unit (mandatory XML-attributes `name` and `unit`). The value of the xml tag is the actual parameter value.

Example 2. Parameters with Different Units

```
<IBK:Parameter name="Volume" unit="m3">30</IBK:Parameter>
<IBK:Parameter name="Temperature" unit="C">20</IBK:Parameter>
<IBK:Parameter name="Temperature" unit="K">293.15</IBK:Parameter>
<!-- unitless parameters take the --- unit -->
<IBK:Parameter name="RelTol" unit="---">0.7</IBK:Parameter>
```

The units must be selected from the global unit list, see section [Unit Definitions](#). Not defining a parameter will mark it as *missing*, which means that either a default value is used or - in case of mandatory user parameters - an error is raised.

2.2.2. IBK:IntPara

Used for whole number parameters. Mandatory attribute `name` identifies the parameter. XML tag value is the parameter value. Not defining a parameter will mark it as *missing*, which means that either a default value is used or - in case of mandatory user parameters - an error is raised.

Example 3. Whole Number (Integer) Parameter Definition

```
<IBK:IntPara name="DiscMaxElementsPerLayer">30</IBK:IntPara>
```

2.2.3. IBK:Flag

Used for flags. Mandatory attribute **name** identifies the flag. Not defining a flag will mark it as *missing*, which means that either a default value is used or - in case of mandatory user parameters - an error is raised.

Example 4. Flag Definition

```
<IBK:Flag name="EnableCyclicSchedules">true</IBK:Flag>
```

Recognized values for flag parameters are **true** and **1** or **false** and **0**.

2.2.4. IBK:LinearSpline

A linear spline is effectively a data table of x and y values, where x values are strictly monotonically increasing values. Mandatory attribute **name** identifies the linear spline. The child tags **X** and **Y** hold the actual values, always unitless. Number of x and y values must match.

Example 5. Linear Spline Definition

```
<IBK:LinearSpline name="ThermalLoad">
  <X unit="-">0 6 8 10 17 18 19 20</X>
  <Y unit="-">0 0.5 0.8 1.0 0.7 0.6 0.5 0</Y>
</IBK:LinearSpline>
```

2.2.5. LinearSplineParameter

A linear spline parameter is effectively an extended **IBK:LinearSpline** parameter with additional attributes.

Example 6. Linear Spline Parameter Definition

```
<LinearSplineParameter name="ThermalLoad" interpolationMethod="linear">
  <X unit="h">0 6 8 10 17 18 19 20</X>
  <Y unit="W">0 0.5 0.8 1.0 0.7 0.6 0.5 0</Y>
</LinearSplineParameter>
```

Table 1. Attributes

Attribute	Description	Format	Usage
<code>name</code>	Specific name that references to the space type the annual schedule will be set for	string	<i>required</i>
<code>interpolationMethod</code>	Specifies the interpolation method between the defined y values. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>constant</code> - constant interpolation (values constant during time step) • <code>linear</code> - linear interpolation (values linear interpolated between time steps) 	key	<i>required</i>
<code>WrapMethod</code>	Specifies what should be done if values are requested with x values outside the x-value range. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>continuous</code> - constant extrapolation (take first or last value, respectively) • <code>cyclic</code> - apply cyclic adjustment with the model-specific period length (for example, a year) 	key	<i>required</i>

The child tags `X` and `Y` each hold a mandatory attribute `unit` with the respective value unit (see [Unit Definitions](#)).

2.3. Path Placeholders

In some parts of the NANDRAD project file, external files are referenced (for example climate data files, see [Climate Data Files](#)). To simplify exchange of projects or reference data files in common database directories, it is possible to use path placeholders in file paths.

For example, you can define `${MyDatabase}` to be `/home/sim/climate_DB` and then in your project reference a climate data file via `${MyDatabase}/ClimateData.epw`.

These mapping of the placeholders is done early in the project file, so when exchanging project files between computers, you may easily modify the placeholder paths to the directories on the local machine without any further changes in the project file.

The individual path placeholders are defined in the `DirectoryPlaceholders`:

Example 7. Custom Directory Placeholders

```
<DirectoryPlaceholders>
  <Placeholder name="Climate DB">/home/sim/climate_DB</Placeholder>
  <Placeholder name="DataFiles">/home/sim/data</Placeholder>
</DirectoryPlaceholders>
```

There is one builtin-placeholder `${Project Directory}` that will be automatically defined with the path to the directory of the project file.

2.4. Project Information

This section contains change times/dates and a brief description of the project. The following child tags are supported.

Child tag	Description	Format
Comment	General comment on the project.	string
Created	Date/time this project was created.	string
LastEdited	Date/time this project was last modified.	string

The date/time strings for **Created** and **LastEdited** should stored the date and time in user-readable format, as they may be used to show lists of projects with change/creation date.

2.5. Embedded Databases

In order to model building components such as walls, ceilings and floors, etc. it is necessary to define some parameters for the materials and then define constructions composed of such materials. These parameters are stored in databases, which are actually lists of XML objects.

2.5.1. Materials

In the NANDRAD project file the materials database section starts with an XML tag named **Materials**.

Example 8. Materials with Parameters

```
<Materials>
  <Material id="1001" displayName="Brick">
    <IBK:Parameter name="Density" unit="kg/m3">2000</IBK:Parameter>
    <IBK:Parameter name="HeatCapacity" unit="J/kgK">1000</IBK:Parameter>
    <IBK:Parameter name="Conductivity" unit="W/mK">1.2</IBK:Parameter>
  </Material>
  <Material id="1004" displayName="Good Insulation">
    <IBK:Parameter name="Density" unit="kg/m3">50</IBK:Parameter>
    <IBK:Parameter name="HeatCapacity" unit="J/kgK">1000</IBK:Parameter>
    <IBK:Parameter name="Conductivity" unit="W/mK">0.02</IBK:Parameter>
  </Material>
</Materials>
```

In this tag each material property set starts with an XML tag named **Material** with two XML attributes **id** and **displayName**.

Table 2. Attributes

Attribute	Description	Format	Usage
id	Unique id of the material.	> 0	required
displayName	Name of material (used for informative/error messages).	string	optional

Concerning the material parameters such as density, heat capacity and thermal conductivity they need to be defined within the XML tag **IBK:Parameter** (see **IBK:Parameter**):

Name	Default Unit	Description	Value Range	Usage
Density	kg/m3	Dry density of the material.	> 0.01	required
HeatCapacity	J/kgK	Specific heat capacity of the material.	>= 100	required
Conductivity	W/mK	Thermal conductivity of the dry material.	>= 1e-5	required

2.5.2. Construction Types

Constructions are defined inside the section starting with an XML tag **ConstructionTypes**.

Example 9. Construction Types with References to Material Objects

```
<ConstructionTypes>
  <ConstructionType id="10005" displayName="Test Construction">
    <MaterialLayers>
      <MaterialLayer thickness="0.2" matId="1001" /> <!-- room side -->
      <MaterialLayer thickness="0.3" matId="1004" />
    </MaterialLayers>
  </ConstructionType>
</ConstructionTypes>
```

Inside this section each construction definition starts with the XML tag named **ConstructionType** with the XML attributes **id** and optional **displayName**:

Table 3. Attributes

Attribute	Description	Format	Usage
id	Unique id number.	positive integer (> 0)	required
displayName	Name of construction (used for informative/error messages).	string	optional

A construction consists of one or more material layers. These are defined within the child XML tag named **MaterialLayers**. Each material layer is defined with the XML tag **MaterialLayer** with the following XML attributes:

XML-Attribute	Description	Format	Usage
thickness	defines the thickness of the layer in m	> 0.0	required
matId	refers to a material by unique material id number (id as defined in a Material tag),	string	required

With the use of the **matId** attribute, layers of constructions reference the used materials:

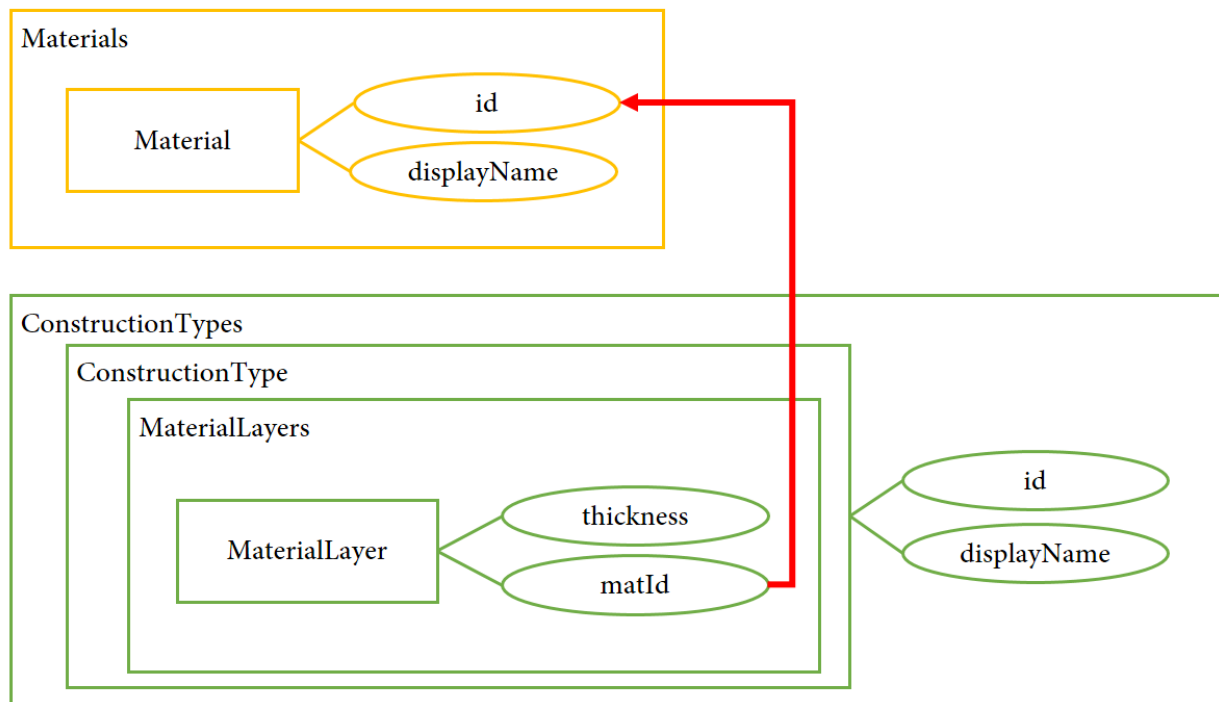


Figure 1. Collaboration Diagram for ConstructionType and Material Objects

The **MaterialLayer** does not have child tags since all needed data are defined as XML attributes as described above.

2.5.3. Glazing Systems

Glazing systems are defined in a list inside the XML tag **WindowGlazingSystems**.

Example 10. Parameter definition for a glazing system

```
<WindowGlazingSystems>
  <WindowGlazingSystem id="123" modelType="Standard">
    <IBK:Parameter name="ThermalTransmittance" unit="W/m2K">0.4</IBK:Parameter>
    <LinearSplineParameter name="SHGC" interpolationMethod="linear" wrapMethod="cyclic">
      <!-- X incidence angle - 90 deg = sun is perpendicular/normal to surface -->
      <X unit="Deg">0 90 </X>
      <!-- Note: no constant parameter - if constant SHGC, define as below -->
      <Y unit="---">0.6 0.6 </Y>
    </LinearSplineParameter>
  </WindowGlazingSystem>
</WindowGlazingSystems>
```

Inside this section each glazing system definition starts with the XML tag named **WindowGlazingSystem** with the XML attributes **id**, **modelType** and optional **displayName**:

Table 4. Attributes

Attribute	Description	Format	Usage
id	Unique id number.	positive integer (> 0)	<i>required</i>
displayName	Name of glazing system (used for informative/error messages).	string	<i>optional</i>

Attribute	Description	Format	Usage
modelType	Identifies the model complexity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard - Standard glazing model, with a U-value (thermal transmittance) and incidence-angle dependent SHGC value 	string	<i>optional</i>

Scalar parameters are defined within an XML tag **IBK:Parameter** (see [IBK:Parameter](#)):

Name	Default Unit	Description	Value Range	Usage
ThermalTransmittance	W/m2K	Thermal transmittance of glazing	> 0	<i>required for model type Simple</i>

Parameters, that depend on the incidence angle, are defined within an XML tag **LinearSplineParameter** (see [LinearSplineParameter](#)):

Name	Default Unit	Description	Value Range	Usage
SHGC	---	Solar heat gain coefficient	> 0	<i>required for model type Simple</i>

2.6. Zones

In order to model buildings, it is necessary to define the individual rooms with the relevant parameters. A zone defines a well-mixed thermal zone/room with a single/uniform air temperature.

Objects of type **Zone** store all properties needed to compute zone temperature from energy density (the conserved quantity).

Example 11. Zone Definition

```
<Zones>
  <Zone id="1" displayName="Var01" type="Active">
    <IBK:Parameter name="Area" unit="m2">10</IBK:Parameter>
    <IBK:Parameter name="Volume" unit="m3">30</IBK:Parameter>
  </Zone>
</Zones>
```

Inside the XML tag named **Zones** each zone starts with the XML tag **Zone**. The following XML attributes need to be defined:

```
<Zone id="1" displayName="Var01" type="Active">
```

Table 5. Attributes

Attribute	Description	Format	Usage
id	Identifier of the Zone	(> 0)	<i>required</i>
displayName	Display name of the zone. Is needed to find the zone in the data model and in outputs more easily.	string	<i>optional</i>
type	Defines whether zone is balanced and included in equation system. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constant as zone with constant/predefined temperatures. (schedule) • Active as zone described by a temperature node in space • Ground as ground zone (calculates temperature based on standard) 	key	<i>required</i>

For *constant* zones, the temperature is assumed to be fixed/predefined whereas in *Active* zones the temperature is computed (i.e. included in the model's unknowns). A *Constant* zone only needs the temperature parameter.

Parameters (see section [IBK:Parameter](#) for a description of the **IBK:Parameter** tag):

Name	Unit	Description	Value Range	Usage
Volume	m3	Zone air volume	> 0.0	<i>required</i>
Area	m2	Net usage area of the ground floor (for area-related outputs and loads)	> 0.0	<i>optional</i>
HeatCapacity	J/K	Additional heat capacity (furniture, etc.)	>= 0.0	<i>optional</i>
Temperature	C	Temperature of the zone only used if Constant	-70...120	<i>(required)</i>
RelativeHumidity	%	Relative humidity of the zone only used if Constant	0...100	<i>(required)</i>
CO2Concentration	g/m3	CO2 concentration of the zone only used if Constant	> 0.0	<i>(required)</i>



The parameters **RelativeHumidity** and **CO2Concentration** only need to be defined for *constant* zones, when the respective balance equation is enabled.

2.7. Construction Instances

Construction instances represent actually built one-dimensional parts of the building envelope, e.g. walls, floors, ceilings, roofs. The construction instance definition contains construction-specific parameters required by several models.

Example 12. Definition of an Outside Wall with only Heat Conduction Boundary Condition

```
<ConstructionInstances>
  <!-- Surface Var 01 -->
  <ConstructionInstance id="1" displayName="All Surfaces Var01">
    <ConstructionTypeId>10005</ConstructionTypeId>
    <IBK:Parameter name="Area" unit="m2">62</IBK:Parameter>
    <InterfaceA id="10" zoneId="1">
      <!--Interface to 'Room'-->
      <InterfaceHeatConduction modelType="Constant">
        <IBK:Parameter name="HeatTransferCoefficient" unit="W/m2K">2.5</IBK:Parameter>
      </InterfaceHeatConduction>
    </InterfaceA>
    <InterfaceB id="11" zoneId="0">
      <!--Interface to outside-->
      <InterfaceHeatConduction modelType="Constant">
        <IBK:Parameter name="HeatTransferCoefficient" unit="W/m2K">8</IBK:Parameter>
      </InterfaceHeatConduction>
    </InterfaceB>
  </ConstructionInstance>
</ConstructionInstances>
```

The construction instances are defined inside the XML tag `ConstructionInstances`. Inside the section each construction definition starts with the XML tag named `ConstructionInstance` with attributes `id` and `displayName`.

Table 6. Attributes

Attribute	Description	Format	Usage
<code>id</code>	Identifier of the construction instance	> 0	<i>required</i>
<code>displayName</code>	Display name of the construction instance. Is needed to find the construction instance in the data model and in outputs more easily.	string	<i>optional</i>

The construction instance has the following *required* child tag:

Table 7. Construction Instance Child Tags

Tag	Description
<code>ConstructionTypeId</code>	Reference to <code>ConstructionTypeId</code>
<code>IBK:Parameter</code>	Different <code>IBK:Parameter</code> for constructions instance
<code>InterfaceA</code>	Interface for constructions instance side A
<code>InterfaceB</code>	Interface for constructions instance side B

- `constructionTypeId` - unique Id that defines the construction type of the construction instance

For the construction instance parameters the following XML tags named `IBK:Parameters` with the XML attributes `name` and `unit` with the following entries can be defined:

Name	Unit	Description	Value Range	Usage
Orientation	Deg	Orientation of the wall if one interface has solar (short wave) radiation boundary condition it is <i>required</i>	0...360	<i>required / optional</i>
Inclination	Deg	Inclination of the wall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 Deg - roof • 90 Deg - vertical wall • 180 Deg - facing downwards if one interface has short and/or long wave radiation boundary condition it is <i>required</i>	0...180	<i>required / optional</i>
Area	m2	Gross area of the wall (including potentially existing windows, holes etc.)	> 0	<i>required</i>

Inside that it is necessary to specify the interfaces with the XML tag named **InterfaceA** and **InterfaceB**. Finally the Interfaces with the XML tag **InterfaceA** and **InterfaceB** need to be defined with the XML attributes **id** and **zoneId**. In the following it is described in detail.

2.7.1. Spatial Discretization (Finite Volume Method)

During calculation, each of the constructions is spatially discretized using a grid generation algorithm. This algorithm uses three influential parameters, defined in the [Solver Parameters](#) section:

- **DiscMinDx**
- **DiscStretchFactor**
- **DiscMaxElementsPerLayer**

[Figure 2](#) illustrates the effect of different stretch factors.

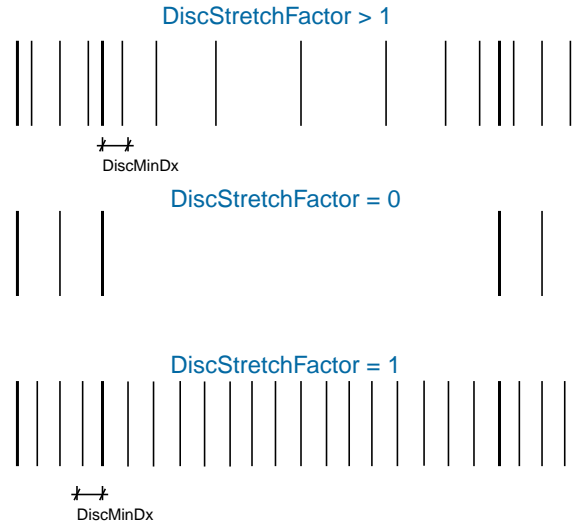


Figure 2. Different Discretization Variants depending on DiscStretchFactor Parameter

Basically three different grid generation operations are supported:

- **minimal grid:** when `DiscStretchFactor = 0` the algorithm creates one Finite Volume per material layer, except for the boundary elements, which are always split into two (needed for surface value extrapolation). So, for example, a 4-layered construction will result in 6 Finite Volumes.
- **equidistant:** when `DiscStretchFactor = 1` the algorithm generates equally spaced grid elements in each layer, whose thickness is close to, but always less than the `DiscMinDx` parameter. Since material layers may have different widths, a uniform grid element thickness may not be possible throughout the construction. Choose a `DiscMinDx` parameter where all material layer widths are whole-number multiples of this grid element thickness (e.g. 1 mm)
- **regular grid:** for any `DiscStretchFactor > 1` a regular, variably-spaced grid is generated.

Regular Grid Generation Algorithm

A regular stretching grid is generated using a double-sided *tanh*-stretching function. The factor `DiscStretchFactor` hereby determines roughly the ratio of first two grid element widths. Naturally, this growth factor varies and goes down to zero in the center of a material layer, but it nicely determines the overall grid detail. A factor of 4 is a good default value.

The parameter `DiscMinDx` defines the maximum width of the outermost grid elements in each layer. Hence, it is indirectly also used to determine the number of grid elements per material layer. With increasing number of grid elements per layer, the outermost grid elements will become smaller. This way, the algorithm determines the number of grid cells (for a given `DiscStretchFactor`), until the generated width of the outermost grid elements is equal or less than the `DiscMinDx` parameter. A minimum element thickness of 2 mm is a good default value for very accurate calculations, but a value of 5 mm may suffice in many situations (this reducing the number of unknowns and eventually simulation time significantly).

Finally, there is the parameter `DiscMaxElementsPerLayer` that can be used to limit the number of grid elements to be generated in a material layer. This is particularly useful when very thick material layers are present and a large number of grid cells are generated. Often, this accuracy is not needed (for very thick material layers anyways), so

limiting the number may be meaningful to speed up calculation. As long as the number of generated grid cells per material layer exceeds `DiscMaxElementsPerLayer` the algorithm will gradually increase the `DiscStretchFactor` until the criterion is fulfilled. The solver will emit a warning message for each construction layer that this adjustment is applied to.



As with all numerical solvers employing calculation grids, there is always a compromise between speed and accuracy. A grid sensitivity study may be helpful, for example by starting with `DiscMinDx = 5 mm` and `DiscStretchFactor = 8` and then gradually reducing the values until the solution does no longer change. For small buildings/models, where performance is not an issue, you may want to use the default values `DiscMinDx = 2 mm` and `DiscStretchFactor = 4`.

2.8. Interfaces (construction boundary conditions)

Interfaces are defining boundary conditions and parameters for the one or two surfaces `InterfaceA` and `InterfaceB` of a construction's instance. If the construction instance defines an adiabatic wall only one interface is needed. All other cases require two interfaces. The `InterfaceA` links the first material layer from the construction type with the assigned zone via the `zoneId`. The `InterfaceB` links the last material layer from the construction type with the `zoneId` of `InterfaceB`.

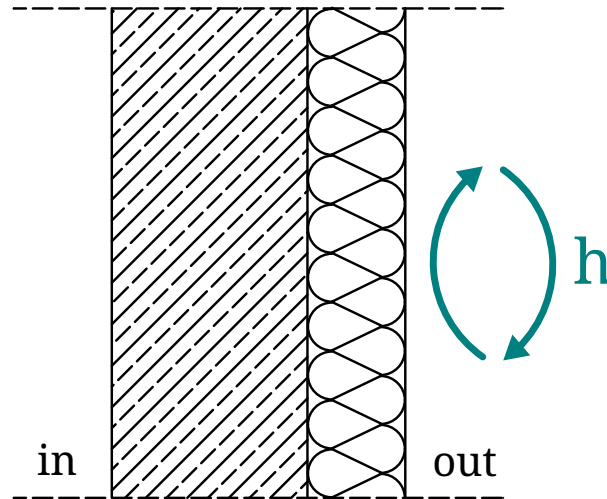
Example 13. Interface Definitions for a Construction with Interfaces for either Side

```
<ConstructionInstance id="1" displayName="All Surfaces Var01">
  ...
  <InterfaceA id="10" zoneId="1">
    <InterfaceHeatConduction modelType="Constant">
      <IBK:Parameter name="HeatTransferCoefficient" unit="W/m2K">2.5</IBK:Parameter>
    </InterfaceHeatConduction>
  </InterfaceA>
  <InterfaceB id="11" zoneId="0">
    <InterfaceHeatConduction modelType="Constant">
      <IBK:Parameter name="HeatTransferCoefficient" unit="W/m2K">8</IBK:Parameter>
    </InterfaceHeatConduction>
    <InterfaceSolarAbsorption model="Constant">
      <IBK:Parameter name="AbsorptionCoefficient" unit="---">0.6</IBK:Parameter>
    </InterfaceSolarAbsorption>
    <InterfaceLongWaveEmission model="Constant">
      <IBK:Parameter name="Emissivity" unit="---">0.9</IBK:Parameter>
    </InterfaceLongWaveEmission>
  </InterfaceB>
</ConstructionInstance>
```

`InterfaceA` and `InterfaceB` may have one or more child tags.

2.8.1. Heat Conduction

The convective heat conduction over the interface is described by the XML tag `InterfaceHeatConduction`.



Example 14. Parameter Definition for Heat Conduction Boundary Condition

```
<InterfaceHeatConduction modelType="Constant">
  <IBK:Parameter name="HeatTransferCoefficient" unit="W/m2K">2.5</IBK:Parameter>
</InterfaceHeatConduction>
```

The `InterfaceHeatConduction` needs to be defined with the following XML attribute `modelType`.

Table 8. Attributes

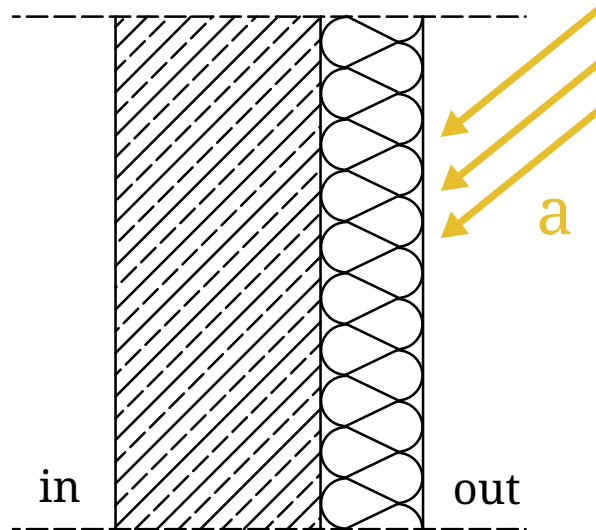
Attribute	Description	Format	Usage
<code>modelType</code>	Sets the type of the heat conduction model <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <code>Constant</code> - Constant model used (currently the only option) 	key	<i>required</i>

Floating point parameters (see section `IBK:Parameter` for a description of the `IBK:Parameter` tag):

Name	Default Unit	Description	Value Range	Usage
<code>HeatTransferCoefficient</code>	W/m2K	Constant convective heat transfer coefficient	> 0.0	<i>required</i>

2.8.2. Solar Absorption

The solar absorption over the interface is described by the XML tag `InterfaceSolarAbsorption`. This coefficient describes the solar short wave radiation that is absorbed by the interface.



Example 15. Parameter Definition for Solar Absorption Boundary Condition

```
<InterfaceSolarAbsorption modelType="Constant">
  <IBK:Parameter name="AbsorptionCoefficient" unit="---">0.6</IBK:Parameter>
</InterfaceHeatConduction>
```

The `InterfaceSolarAbsorption` needs to be defined with the following XML attribute `modelType`.

Table 9. Attributes

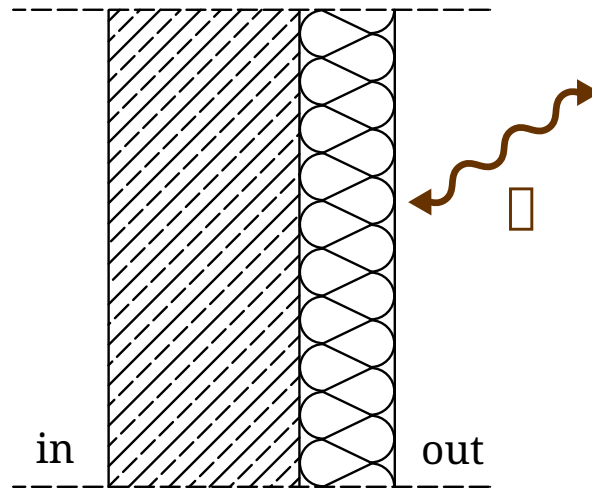
Attribute	Description	Format	Usage
<code>modelType</code>	Sets the type of the heat conduction model <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <code>Constant</code> - constant model used (currently the only option) 	key	<i>required</i>

The XML tags named `IBK:Parameters` with the XML attributes `name` and `unit` with the following entries can be defined:

Name	Unit	Description	Value Range	Usage
<code>AbsorptionCoefficient</code>	---	Constant absorption coefficient	0...1	<i>required</i>

2.8.3. Long Wave Emission

The long wave emission over the interface is described by the XML tag `InterfaceLongWaveEmission`. This coefficient describes the long wave absorption and emission by the interface.



Example 16. Parameter Definition for Long Wave Emission

```
<InterfaceLongWaveEmission modelType="Constant">
  <IBK:Parameter name="Emissivity" unit="---">0.9</IBK:Parameter>
</InterfaceLongWaveEmission>
```

The `InterfaceLongWaveEmission` needs to be defined with the following XML attribute `modelType`.

Table 10. Attributes

Attribute	Description	Format	Usage
<code>modelType</code>	Sets the type of the heat conduction model <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <code>Constant</code> - constant model used (currently the only option) 	key	<i>required</i>

The XML tags named `IBK:Parameters` with the XML attributes `name` and `unit` with the following entries can be defined:

Name	Unit	Description	Value Range	Usage
<code>Emissivity</code>	---	Constant absorption coefficient	0...1	<i>required</i>

2.8.4. Vapour Diffusion



TO BE DEFINED LATER.

The vapour diffusion over the interface is described by the XML tag `InterfaceVaporDiffusion`.

Example 17. Parameter Definition for Vapor Diffusion

```
<InterfaceVaporDiffusion modelType="Constant">
  <IBK:Parameter name="VaporTransferCoefficient" unit="s/m">1</IBK:Parameter>
</InterfaceVaporDiffusion>
```

The `InterfaceVaporDiffusion` needs to be defined with the following XML attribute `modelType`.

Table 11. Parameters for the `InterfaceVaporDiffusion`-Tag

Attribute	Description	Format	Usage
<code>modelType</code>	Sets the type of the heat conduction model <ul style="list-style-type: none"><code>Constant</code> - constant model used (currently the only option)	key	<i>required</i>

The XML tags named `IBK:Parameters` with the XML attributes `name` and `unit` with the following entries can be defined:

Name	Unit	Description	Value Range	Usage
<code>VaporTransferCoefficient</code>	s/m	Vapor Transfer Coefficient	> 0.0	<i>required</i>

2.8.5. Air Flow



TO BE DEFINED LATER.

The air flow over the interface is calculate with a pressure coefficient. It is described inside the XML tag `InterfaceAirFlow`.

Example 18. Parameter Definition for Air Flow

```
<InterfaceAirFlow modelType="Constant">
  <IBK:Parameter name="PressureCoefficient" unit="---">0.6</IBK:Parameter>
</InterfaceAirFlow>
```

The `InterfaceAirFlow` needs to be defined with the following XML attribute `modelType`.

Table 12. Attriubutes

Attribute	Description	Format	Usage
<code>modelType</code>	Sets the type of the air flow <ul style="list-style-type: none"><code>Constant</code> - constant model used (currently the only option)	key	<i>required</i>

The XML tags named `IBK:Parameters` with the XML attributes `name` and `unit` with the following entries can be

defined:

Name	Unit	Description	Value Range	Usage
PressureCoefficient	---	Pressure Coefficient	0...1	required

2.9. Embedded objects (windows, doors, openings...)

There can be several embedded object definitions.

Example 19. Definition of a window inside a construction instance

```
<ConstructionInstance id="1">
  <IBK:Parameter name="Area" unit="m2">12</IBK:Parameter>
  ...
  <EmbeddedObjects>
    <EmbeddedObject id="2000" displayName="A window">
      <!-- Area parameter is required. -->
      <IBK:Parameter name="Area" unit="m2">8</IBK:Parameter>
      ...
    </EmbeddedObject>
  </EmbeddedObjects>
</ConstructionInstance>
```

Embedded objects must have at least an **Area** parameter defined. This area must not exceed the gross surface area of the construction instance.

An embedded object is further qualified by embedded data objects.

2.9.1. Windows

A window is composed of a glazing and optionally frame and dividers. Without frame and dividers, the definition for such a window looks like:

Example 20. Parameter definition for basic window without frame

```
<EmbeddedObject id="2000" displayName="A window">
  <IBK:Parameter name="Area" unit="m2">8</IBK:Parameter>
  <Window glazingSystemID="123"/>
</EmbeddedObject>
```

Only the glazing system is referenced by ID. Glazing systems are defined in the glazing systems database list, see [Glazing Systems](#).

The window may have a frame and/or dividers. These are separate entities because frame and divider material (and hence thermal conductivity across these materials) may be different. These are defined in XML-tags **Frame** and **Divider**:

Example 21. Parameter definition for basic window with frame and divider

```
<EmbeddedObject id="2000" displayName="A window">
  <IBK:Parameter name="Area" unit="m2">8</IBK:Parameter>
  <Window glazingSystemID="123">
    <Frame materialID="1001">
      <IBK:Parameter name="Area" unit="m2">3</IBK:Parameter>
    </Frame>
    <Divider materialID="1002">
      <IBK:Parameter name="Area" unit="m2">2</IBK:Parameter>
    </Divider>
  </Window>
</EmbeddedObject>
```

The material properties (currently only thermal conductivity) of frame and divider elements are taken from the material referenced via ID.

The actual geometry of frame and divider elements is not important, but their total cross section area must be given as **Area** parameter.



The cross section occupied by frame and divider must not exceed the gross area of the embedded window object. The actual translucent glazing area is computed as difference between embedded object area and frame and divider areas.



When the window (or embedded object) is resized, the sizes of frame and divider must be adjusted accordingly. While it would have been possible to define frame and divider cross sections also as relative percentage, still this percentage needs to be updated when the window is resized.

Window shading

It is possible to apply pre-computed shading to both opaque and translucent facade elements. Pre-computed shading is generally defined as global property in the **Location** tag (see [Pre-computed shading](#)).

When pre-computed shading is defined, for **each** opaque and translucent surface a factor will be provided.



As described in section [Pre-computed shading](#), the association between provided data columns and object ID is done via identification string, composed from object type and ID number. For example, an embedded object with ID 14 would get the column header/caption *embObj.14* and a construction instance (opaque surface) with ID 29 would get *conInst.29*.

Alternatively or additionally to pre-computed shading it is possible to define controlled shading for the window.

Example 22. Parameter definition for controlled shading

```
<Window glazingSystemID="123">
  ...
  <Shading modelType="Standard">
    <ControlModelID>555</ControlModelID>
    <IBK:Parameter name="ReductionFactor" unit="---">0.7</IBK:Parameter>
  </Shading>
</Window>
```

The **Shading** needs to be defined with the following XML attributes:

Table 13. Attributes

Attribute	Description	Format	Usage
modelType	Sets the type of the shading model <ul style="list-style-type: none">Standard - Standard model using only a single reduction factor and a separate control model.	key	<i>required</i>

Table 14. Child tags

Element	Description	Format	Usage
ControlModelID	Reference to a ShadingControlModel definition.	> 0	<i>required for Standard model</i>

The XML tags named **IBK:Parameters** with the XML attributes **name** and **unit** with the following entries can be defined:

Name	Unit	Description	Value Range	Usage
ReductionFactor	---	Percentage of remaining solar gains when shading is closed	0...1	<i>required for Standard model</i>

Example 23. Calculation of the shading factor based on control signal

```
ReductionFactor = 80%

Fz depending on control signal:

1   = full shaded:      Fz = 1 - (1 - 80%) * 1   = 0.8
0   = unshaded shaded: Fz = 1 - (1 - 80%) * 0   = 1
0.5 = partially shaded: Fz = 1 - (1 - 80%) * 0.5 = 0.9
```

2.10. Climatic loads

2.10.1. Overview

Climatic loads in NANDRAD are provided by means of climate data files. For solar radiation calculation it needs information on the building location (usually provided in the climate file), and also the orientation and inclination of the various construction surfaces (defined for outside surfaces, see [Geometry/Constructions](#)).

2.10.2. Specification

Information about location and climate data is stored in the **Location** section of the project file:

Example 24. Definition of Location

```
<Location>
  <IBK:Parameter name="Latitude" unit="Deg">51</IBK:Parameter>
  <IBK:Parameter name="Longitude" unit="Deg">13</IBK:Parameter>
  <IBK:Parameter name="Albedo" unit="---">0.2</IBK:Parameter>
  <IBK:Parameter name="Altitude" unit="m">100</IBK:Parameter>
  <IBK:Flag name="PerezDiffuseRadiationModel">false</IBK:Flag>
  <ClimateFileName>${Project Directory}/climate/GER_Potsdam_2017.c6b</ClimateFileName>
</Location>
```

Parameters (see section [IBK:Parameter](#) for a description of the **IBK:Parameter** tag):

Name	Unit	Description	Value Range	Usage
Albedo	---	Used for diffuse solar radiation calculation (see Solar Radiation Calculation)	0...1	<i>required</i>
Altitude	m	later needed for specific altitude-related parameters (TODO)	>0	<i>optional</i>
Longitude	Deg	If specified, overrides the location parameter Longitude of the climate data file (see Building/Station location).	-180...180	<i>optional</i>
Latitude	Deg	If specified, they override the location parameter Latitude of the climate data file (see Building/Station location).	-90...90	<i>optional</i>

Flags and options (see section [IBK:Flag](#) for a description of the **IBK:Flag** tag):

Name	Description	Default	Usage
PerezDiffuseRadiationModel	Defines whether to use the Perez-Model for diffuse solar radiation calculation	<i>false</i>	<i>optional</i>

Lastly, the **<ClimateFileName>** tag defines the path to the climate data file.

Climate Data Files

Currently, **c6b**, **wac** and **epw** files are supported (see also help for the [CCM-Editor](#) tool).

You need to specify the path to the climate data file in the `<ClimateFileName>` tag. Hereby, you can specify an absolute or relative path.

If a relative path is provided, it will be resolved using the current working directory as reference. For example, if you have specified

```
<ClimateFileName>GER_Potsdam_2017.c6b</ClimateFileName>
```

and the solver is run from the directory `/home/user/sim/Project1`, the climate data file will be searched in `/home/user/sim/Project1/GER_Potsdam_2017.c6b`. If the solver is run from a different directory, the referenced climate data file won't be found and an error message is raised.

To avoid this problem, you may specify directory placeholders to locate the climate data file *relative* to the project file's location. The builtin path placeholder `${Project Directory}` will be replaced by the directory the project file is located in. Use the placeholder just as a regular directory part, for example:

```
<ClimateFileName>${Project Directory}/climate/GER_Potsdam_2017.c6b</ClimateFileName>
```

It is possible to define custom placeholders in the project for all externally referenced files, see [Path Placeholders](#).

Building/Station location

Climate data files contain information on latitude and longitude of the weather station, which is also taken to be the location of the building. This ensures that simulated time and position of the sun matches.

It is also possible to define latitude/longitude in the project file. If these parameters are specified in the project file, always **both** parameters must be given (and be valid) and then these parameters from the project file are used instead of the climate data file location parameters.



By specifying latitude different from the climatic station, the computed sun position may no longer correspond to the sun position at the weather station, thus yielding probably wrong solar radiation loads.

Valid value range for **Latitude** is [-90,90] degrees (positive values are northern hemisphere), for **Longitude** it is [-180,180] degrees (positive values are east of Greenwich).

Cyclic (annual) and continuous (multi-year) climate data

The climate data file can either contain 8760 hourly values for an entire year. Anything else is considered as arbitrary range of time values indicating a specific time interval, possibly also with varying time intervals between data points. The latter climate data files cannot be used for annual/cyclic calculation, but require a specific (matching) simulation time interval (see also section [Simulation time interval](#)).

Cyclic annual climate

Climate data is provided in hourly values. The interpretation of these values depends on the type of quantity. NANDRAD distinguishes between state quantities and flux/load quantities.

State quantities are:

- temperatures
- relative humidities
- air pressures
- wind direction
- wind velocity

Flux/load quantities are:

- direct solar radiation intensity (in sun's normal direction)
- diffuse solar radiation intensity (on horizontal plane)
- rain load
- long wave sky emission

State quantities are expected to be monitored as *instantaneous values* at the *end of each hour*. Sub-hourly values are obtained through linear interpolation, as shown in [Figure 3](#).

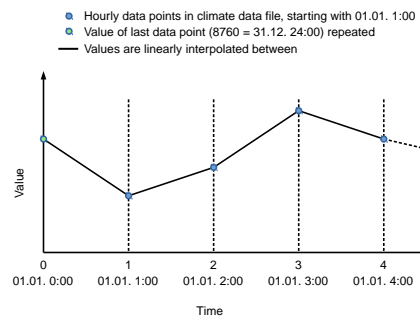


Figure 3. Using Linear Interpolation to reconstruct sub-hourly Values from Hourly Data Points

Flux/load quantities are expected as *mean/average values* over the *last hour*. Sub-hourly values are obtained through linear interpolation between the average values placed in the middle of each hour, as shown in [Figure 4](#).

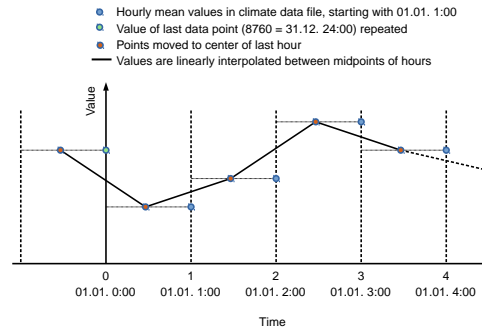


Figure 4. Using Linear Interpolation to reconstruct sub-hourly Values from Hourly Mean Values

Continuous data

The climate data file contains data points (at least 2), which also mark the earliest start and latest end point of the simulation.



If you continue the simulation past the available climate data, the last values in the climate data set will be kept constant, thus eventually leading to meaningless results (unless this is intended in artificial test cases).

Since the user can choose arbitrary time steps in the climate data files, even down to minutely values, the accuracy of the input data depends on the user input. Between time points, the solver will linearly interpolate **all quantities** in the climate data file, and not distinguish between states and loads, as with hourly data.



To achieve the same result as with annual hourly data, simply provide climatic data in 30 min intervals and compute interpolated values at end and middle of each hour, yourself.

Additional radiation sensors

It is possible to specify additional planes (sensors) to generate solar radiation load outputs. This is done by specifying a **Sensor** definition.

Example 25. Definition of a Sensor in the Location

```
<Location>
...
<Sensors>
<!-- Flat roof -->
<Sensor id="1">
  <IBK:Parameter name="Orientation" unit="Deg">0</IBK:Parameter>
  <IBK:Parameter name="Inclination" unit="Deg">0</IBK:Parameter>
</Sensor>
<!-- North Wall 90 -->
<Sensor id="2">
  <IBK:Parameter name="Orientation" unit="Deg">0</IBK:Parameter>
  <IBK:Parameter name="Inclination" unit="Deg">90</IBK:Parameter>
</Sensor>
...
</Sensors>
</Location>
```

Table 15. Attributes

Attribute	Description	Format	Usage
id	Identifier of the sensor	> 0	required

Parameters (see section [IBK:Parameter](#) for a description of the [IBK:Parameter](#) tag):

Name	Unit	Description	Value Range	Usage
Orientation	Deg	Orientation of the sensor	0...360	required
Inclination	Deg	Inclination of the sensor <ul style="list-style-type: none">0 Deg - facing upwards90 Deg - e.g. like a vertical wall180 Deg - facing downwards	0...180	required

A sensor must be given a unique ID number and the mandatory parameters [Orientation](#) and [Inclination](#) (see section [Construction Instances](#) for details on their definition).

For each sensor 4 output quantities are generated:

- [DirectSWRadOnPlane\[<sensor id>\]](#) - direct solar radiation intensity on plane in [W/m2]
- [DiffuseSWRadOnPlane\[<sensor id>\]](#) - diffuse solar radiation intensity on plane in [W/m2]
- [GlobalSWRadOnPlane\[<sensor id>\]](#) - global radiation intensity on plane in [W/m2] (the sum of the former two)
- [IncidenceAngleOnPlane\[<sensor id>\]](#) - the incidence angle onto the plane in [Deg] (0° when sun ray is perpendicular to the plane, 90° when ray is parallel to the plane or when sun is below horizon)

Example for a sensor output (see also output description in section [Outputs/Results](#)).

```

<OutputDefinitions>
  ...
  <!-- direct radiation intensive from sensor with id=2 -->
  <OutputDefinition>
    <Quantity>DirectSWRadOnPlane[2]</Quantity>
    <ObjectListName>Location</ObjectListName>
    <GridName>minutely</GridName>
  </OutputDefinition>
  <!-- incidence angle from sensor with id=42 -->
  <OutputDefinition>
    <Quantity>IncidenceAngleOnPlane[42]</Quantity>
    <ObjectListName>Location</ObjectListName>
    <GridName>minutely</GridName>
  </OutputDefinition>
  ...
</OutputDefinitions>

```

2.10.3. Solar Radiation Calculation

Solar radiation calculation follows the equations listed in the *Physical Model Reference*. The **Albedo** parameter is used in the diffuse radiation load calculation.

2.10.4. Pre-computed shading

A pre-processing software may calculate the percentage of surface area with sun exposure for each surface element of the building. For example, in [Figure 5](#), a facade is partially shaded.

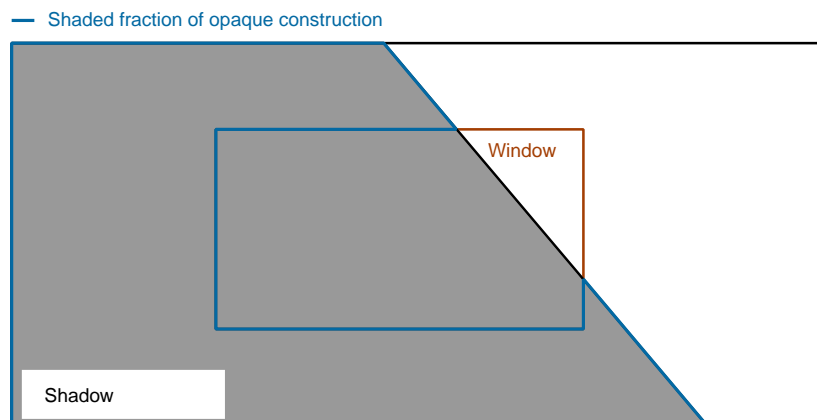


Figure 5. Illustration of a partially shaded facade with a window.

The software can now compute the percentage of shaded area for both the opaque facade element and for the embedded window object separately. The window is approximately 80% shaded, and about 20% of the surface is still exposed to the sun. The factor stored for this time and the window surface will be 0.2.

The factor stored for a construction always includes potentially embedded objects. [Figure 6](#) shows a similar picture, yet easier to calculate.

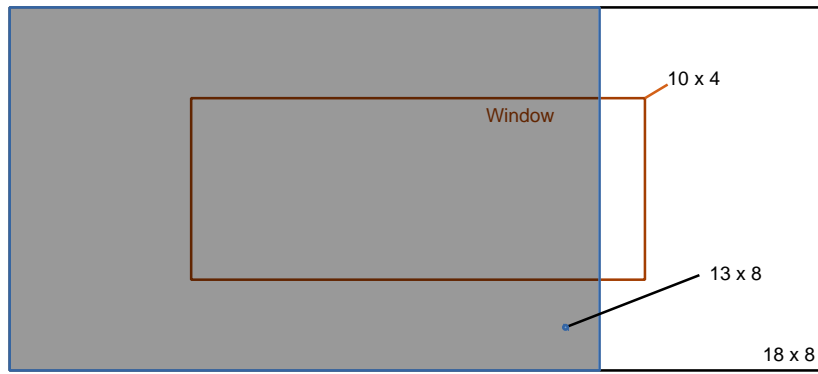


Figure 6. Calculation example for a partially shaded facade with a window.

The construction has a surface area of $18 \times 8 = 144 \text{ m}^2$. The window has a surface area of $10 \times 4 = 40 \text{ m}^2$. The shadow on the construction occupies $13 \times 8 = 104 \text{ m}^2$, thus the shaded fraction (factor) for the construction is: $104/144 = 72.2\%$.

The shadow onto the window alone occupies $(13 - (18 - 10)/2) \times 4 = 9 \times 4 = 36 \text{ m}^2$. Thus, the shaded surface factor for the window alone will be 90%.

The values **72.2%** and **90%** will be stored in the shaded fractions data file.

The shaded area on the opaque surface alone is $104 - 36 = 68 \text{ m}^2$. The opaque construction alone has a surface area of $144 - 40 = 104 \text{ m}^2$. Thus, the reduction factor to be used in the solar radiation load equation will be $68/104 = 65.4\%$. This calculation will be done internally by the solar radiation model.



Remember to compute the percentage of the shaded surface area for constructions **always including any embedded objects**.

Pre-computed shaded fractions file format

The file containing pre-computed shading factors is referenced in the XML tag **Location**, as child tag **ShadingFactorFileName**. The path given here can be an absolute path, or a relative path following the **\${Project Directory}** placeholder (see [Path Placeholders](#)).

The file follows the **tsv** file format rules (see *PostProc 2* documentation) and has a single header line. The first column is the time column, with either absolute time stamps or time offsets relative to midnight January 1st of the start year.

All other columns contain the compute shaded fraction values, where each column header identifies the respective surface with an ID-string.

The ID-string follows the pattern: **<objID>.<ID-number>**. Object-IDs are either **conInst** or **embObj**.

During the calculation, the values in the data table are linearly interpolated.

2.11. Object Lists and Result References

Whenever it is necessary to reference a calculation result (of a model object), this is done via *ObjectLists*.

In NANDRAD, physical equations are organized in terms of model objects, for example zones or constructions. These model objects can be uniquely identified by a model type and ID number. For example, all quantities computed for a room/zone are identified by model type *Zone* and id number of the respective zone. [Table 16](#) lists the available reference type keywords.

Table 16. Model Reference Types

Keyword	Description
Zone	Variables related to room (thermal zones)
ConstructionInstance	Variables related to constructions
Schedule	Scheduled parameters
Location	Variables from climate calculation model, including radiation sensor values
Model	Model-specific variables/results

[Example 26](#) shows several examples of object list definitions.

Example 26. Definition of Several Object Lists

```
<ObjectLists>
  <ObjectList name="All zones">
    <FilterID>*</FilterID>
    <ReferenceType>Zone</ReferenceType>
  </ObjectList>
  <ObjectList name="Zone Var01">
    <FilterID>1</FilterID>
    <ReferenceType>Zone</ReferenceType>
  </ObjectList>
  <ObjectList name="Wall_1_and_2">
    <FilterID>1,2</FilterID>
    <ReferenceType>ConstructionInstance</ReferenceType>
  </ObjectList>
  <ObjectList name="InfiltrationModel">
    <FilterID>501</FilterID>
    <ReferenceType>Model</ReferenceType>
  </ObjectList>
  ...
</ObjectLists>
```

2.11.1. Object List Definitions

All object lists are defined within the parent tag **ObjectLists**. Each object list definition begins with the XML-tag **ObjectList** with the mandatory attribute **name**, which uniquely identifies the object list.

XML-tag **ObjectList** has the following child tags.

Table 17. Model Reference Types

Keyword	Description
FilterID	ID filter pattern (see description below)
ReferenceType	Model object reference type (see Table 16)

2.11.2. ID-Filter Patterns

Objects (with same reference type) are uniquely identified by their ID number.



ID numbers must only be unique for objects with the same reference type. Hence, it is possible to define Zone #1 and ConstructionInstance #1 at the same time.

A filter pattern can be composed of several parts, separated by , (comma), for example: **1,4,13-20**. Each part can be of the following format:

- a single ID number, e.g. **12**
- a range of ID numbers, e.g. **1-100**
- ***** (selects all IDs)

If you specify IDs several times, for example in **3, 1-10**, the resulting ID set will contain each ID only once.

2.12. Schedules

2.12.1. Overview

Schedules provide purely time-dependent quantities, similar to climatic loads. Different to other results-producing models, schedules generate variables for sets of dependent models. As such, a schedule is formulated for an object list, which selects a set of objects taking the values provided by the schedule. For example they are used in the following objects or list of objects:

- **Occupancy rates, heat loads, clothing factors** in the person load model.
- **Heating/cooling set point temperatures** for thermostat controls
- **Mass flow rates** or **temperature set points** for plant components
- **electrical power rates** for lighting and electrical devices

For example, a schedule defines heating set points **HeatingSetPoint** for specific zones like living rooms. These are selected by an object list named "Living room", which selects objects with the type **Zone** and a certain ID range. Later you will find more about this in more detail.

Within the project file there are two possible ways to describe a schedule:

- **ScheduleGroups**
- **AnnualSchedules**.

The two options are discussed in detail in [Daily scheme based schedules](#) and [Annual schedules](#).

Furthermore **Schedules** consist of two different types of data handling:

- **Cyclic** data
- **Non-cyclic** data

Cyclic data means that schedule values will be repeated after the end of the schedule period. This means for example that an annual schedule will be run twice if the simulation time will be set to two years. **Cyclic-data** can be defined by * **ScheduleGroups** and **AnnualSchedules**.

Whereas **non-cyclic** data will always be used only once. This is useful if monitored data will be used to set up schedules. Then the simulation needs to be set only for the time span the monitored data is existing. **Non-cyclic** data can only be defined by **AnnualSchedules**

Example 27. Schedules Definition

```
<Schedules>
  <Holidays>5,10</Holidays>
  <WeekEndDays>Fri,Sat</WeekEndDays>
  <FirstDayOfYear>Fri</FirstDayOfYear>
  <IBK:Flag name="EnableCyclicSchedules">true</IBK:Flag>

  <ScheduleGroups>
    ...
  </ScheduleGroups>
  <AnnualSchedules>
    ...
  </AnnualSchedules>
</Schedules>
```

Inside the object **Schedules** the following XML tags can also be specified

- **FirstDayOfYear**
- **Holidays**
- **WeekEndDays**
- **Schedule**
- **IBK:Flag** with the name **EnableCyclicSchedules**

Table 18. XML tags that can be defined

XML tags	Description	Format	Usage
FirstDayOfYear	The day type of January 1st (offset of day of the week of the start year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mon - Monday (<i>default</i>) • Tue - Tuesday • Wed - Wednesday • Thu - Thursday • Fri - Friday • Sat - Saturday • Sun - Sunday 	String	<i>optional</i>
Holidays	List of holiday days, stored in "day of the year", not including leap days.	string	<i>optional</i>
WeekEndDays	Weekend days.	string	<i>optional</i>

XML tags	Description	Format	Usage
IBK:Flag EnableCyclicSchedules	Check schedules to determine minimum distances between steps and adjust MaxTimeStep. (true by default)	true / false	optional

2.12.2. Daily scheme based schedules

Regular schedules are defined upon a daily cycle based scheme. Some Parameters need to be defined inside the hereafter specified XML tags.

Example 28. ScheduleGroup Definition

```
<ScheduleGroups>
  <ScheduleGroup objectList="Zone">
    <!-- AllDays constant -->
    <Schedule type="AllDays">
      ...
    </Schedule>
    <Schedule type="WeekDays">
      ...
    </Schedule>
  </ScheduleGroup>
</ScheduleGroups>
```

Example 29. ObjectList with an Zone linked

```
<ObjectLists>
  <ObjectList name="Zone">
    <FilterID>*</FilterID>
    <ReferenceType>Zone</ReferenceType>
  </ObjectList>
</ObjectLists>
```

Regular schedules are defined within the XML tag **ScheduleGroup** with an XML attribute named **objectList** that references an **ObjectList** with the specified name (see [Table 19](#)).

Table 19. Attribute for the ScheduleGroup

Name	Description	Format	Usage
objectList	References to an object list with the specifed name	string	required

Daily Cycles

Inside the **ScheduleGroup** several Objects called **Schedule** can be defined. The **Schedule** objects need an XML attribute called **type** with different names for specific day types (see [Description of the schedule type attribute](#)). There shall be no two objects with the same **type** inside a **ScheduleGroup**. Upon those **Schedule** objects with different **types** it is possible to define a schedule for a whole year. Therefore a certain rule exists to build schedules as described bellow.

At first priority the type **AllDays** will set specified daily schedule values (e.g. Heating Setpoint Temperatures) to all days of the whole year (Priority 0). After this the **type** named **WeekEnd** and **WeekDay** will overwrite the already defined schedule values for only all week days or weekend days (Priority 1). Furthermore the weekdays named **Monday**, **Tuesday**, ... define for which days the schedule values will be overwritten again (Priority 2). This continues with the **type Holiday** (Priority 3) for the specified holidays inside the **Holidays** object. So that in the end a final schedule for the whole year can be defined. This can be done for several periods.

Example 30. ObjectList with an Zone linked

```
<ScheduleGroup objectList="Zone01">
  <!-- AllDays constant -->
  <Schedule type="AllDays">
    <DailyCycles>
      <DailyCycle interpolation="Constant">
        <TimePoints>0</TimePoints>
        <Values>InfiltrationRateSchedule [1/h]:0</Values>
      </DailyCycle>
    </DailyCycles>
  </Schedule>
</ScheduleGroup>
```

As shown, a priority list exists that defines on how to define a yearly schedule based on a daily cycle.

Table 20. Description of the schedule type attribute

type	Priority	Description
AllDays	0	Values will be set to all days of the period
WeekEnd	1	Values will be set to all weekend days of the period
WeekDay	1	Values will be set to all week days of the period
Monday	2	Values will be set to all Mondays of the period
Tuesday	2	Values will be set to all Tuesdays of the period
Wednesday	2	Values will be set to all Wednesdays of the period
Thursday	2	Values will be set to all Thursdays of the period
Friday	2	Values will be set to all Fridays of the period
Saturday	2	Values will be set to all Saturdays of the period
Sunday	2	Values will be set to all Sundays of the period
Holiday	3	Values will be set to all holidays of the period that are specified inside the holidays tag

Flags and options (see section **IBK:Flag** for a description of the **IBK:Flag** tag):

Time Shift

Inside the

Automatic Time Shift in Daily Cycles to improve simulation speed

#image::ScheduleShift-print.svg[width=80%, scalewidth=12cm]

Example

#image::alldays-print.svg[width=100%]	#image::mondays-print.svg[width=100%]
#image::weekdays-print.svg[width=100%]	#image::week-print.svg[width=100%]
#image::year-print.svg[width=100%]	

2.12.3. Annual schedules

Annual schedules are basically data tables with monotonically increasing X and Y-Values. Annual schedules can be defined as any linear/constant interpolated data tables. For example, hourly values of temperatures or control variables measured during the year can be specified.


Inside the XML tag `AnnualSchedules` the sub tag `SpaceTypeGroup` with an XML attribute `spaceTypeName` needs to be defined. This defined attribute needs to match to an defined `SpaceType` with the same name.

Example 31. Definition of an Annual Schedule

```
<AnnualSchedules>
...
<SpaceTypeGroup spaceTypeName="Zone">
  <IBK:LinearSpline name="HeatingSetPointTemperature" interpolation="linear">
    <X unit="h"> 0 2183 2184 6576 6577 8760 </X>
    <Y unit="C"> 20 30 20 30 20 30 </Y>
  </IBK:LinearSpline>
  <IBK:LinearSpline name="TotalEnergyProductionPerPerson" interpolation="linear">
    <X unit="h"> 0 2183 2184 6576 6577 8760 </X>
    <Y unit="W/Person"> 70 110 70 110 70 110 </Y>
  </IBK:LinearSpline>
  <IBK:LinearSpline name="EquipmentUtilizationRatio" interpolation="linear">
    <X unit="h"> 0 2183 2184 6576 6577 8760 </X>
    <Y unit="W/Person"> 10 20 10 20 10 20 </Y>
  </IBK:LinearSpline>
</SpaceTypeGroup>
...
</AnnualSchedules>
```

Table 21. Parameters that can be set for the `IBK:LinearSpline`

Attribute	Description	Format	Usage
<code>name</code>	Specific name that references to the space type the annual schedule will be set for	string	<i>required</i>
<code>InterpolationMethod</code>	Specifies the interpolation method between the defined y values. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><code>constant</code> - constant interpolation (values constant during time step)<code>linear</code> - linear interpolation (values linear interpolated between time steps)	key	<i>required</i>

Attribute		Description	Format	Usage
	Wrap Method	Specifies how to treat the values in multi-year simulations	key	required
	not implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cyclic - Annual cyclic data • continuous - Continuous data without repetition 		

2.12.4. Variable list

The variable list describes all names and the units that can be used inside the schedules.

Table 22. Variable List

Name	Unit	Description
HeatingSetPointTemperature	C	Setpoint temperature for heating.
CoolingSetPointTemperature	C	Setpoint temperature for cooling.
AirConditionSetPointTemperature	C	Setpoint temperature for air conditioning.
AirConditionSetPointRelativeHumidity	%	Setpoint relative humidity for air conditioning.
AirConditionSetPointMassFlux	kg/s	Setpoint mass flux for air conditioning.
HeatingLoad	W	Heating load.
ThermalLoad	W	Thermal load (positive or negative).
MoistureLoad	g/h	Moisture load.
CoolingPower	W	Cooling power.
LightingPower	W	Lighting power.
DomesticWaterSetpointTemperature	C	Setpoint temperature for domestic water.
DomesticWaterMassFlow	kg/s	Domestic water demand mass flow for the complete zone (hot water and equipment).
ThermalEnergyLossPerPerson	W/Person	Energy of a single persons activities that is not available as thermal heat.

Name	Unit	Description
TotalEnergyProductionPerPerson	W/Person	Total energy production of a single persons body at a certain activity.
MoistureReleasePerPerson	kg/s	Moisture release of a single persons body at a certain activity.
CO2EmissionPerPerson	kg/s	CO2 emission mass flux of a single person at a certain activity.
MassFluxRate	---	Fraction of real mass flux to maximum mass flux for different day times.
PressureHead	Pa	Supply pressure head of a pump.
OccupancyRate	---	Fraction of real occupancy to maximum occupancy for different day times.
EquipmentUtilizationRatio	---	Ratio of usage for existing electric equipment.
LightingUtilizationRatio	---	Ratio of usage for lighting.
MaximumSolarRadiationIntensity	W/m2	Maximum solar radiation intensity before shading is activated.
UserVentilationAirChangeRate	1/h	Exchange rate for natural ventilation.
UserVentilationComfortAirChangeRate	1/h	Maximum air change rate = offset for user comfort.
UserVentilationMinimumRoomTemperature	C	Temperature limit over which comfort ventilation is activated.
UserVentilationMaximumRoomTemperature	C	Temperature limit below which comfort ventilation is activated.
InfiltrationAirChangeRate	1/h	Exchange rate for infiltration.
ShadingFactor	---	Shading factor [0...1].

2.13. Outputs/Results

In NANDRAD it is possible to retrieve output data for any computed and published quantity, see [Quantity References](#) for a complete list. Of course, not all quantities are available in all projects - much depends on what kind of models and geometry has been defined.

In order to define an output, the following information is needed:

- an output grid, that defines *when* outputs are to be written
- the variable/quantity name
- an object list, that selects the object or objects to retrieve data from
- (optional) time handling information, i.e. whether to average values in time or perform time integration
- (optional) target filename

In addition to manually defined outputs, NANDRAD also generate a number log and data files, automatically (see section [Solver log files](#)).

Outputs are stored in the XML-tag **Outputs**, with the following general structure:

Example 32. Parameter Definition for Outputs

```
<Outputs>
... <!-- global output parameters -->

<Grids>
... <!-- Definition of output grids -->
</Grids>

<Definitions>
... <!-- Actual output definitions -->
</Definitions>
</Outputs>
```

2.13.1. Global output parameters

The following parameters influence the output file generation:

- **TimeUnit** - the value of this XML-tag holds the time unit to be used in the output files
- **IBK:Flag** - name **BinaryFormat**: if true, files will be written in binary format (see [Binary Format](#)).

Example 33. Global output parameters

```
<Outputs>
  <TimeUnit>d</TimeUnit>
  <IBK:Flag name="BinaryFormat">false</IBK:Flag>
  ....
</Outputs>
```

2.13.2. Output grids

Output grids define *when* outputs are written. An output grid contains a list of intervals, with an output step size defined for each interval. For example, if you want to have hourly output steps from start to end, you need to define a grid with one interval and a step size parameter of one hour:

Example 34. Output grid for entire simulation with hourly steps

```
<Grids>
  <OutputGrid name="hourly">
    <Intervals>
      <Interval>
        <IBK:Parameter name="StepSize" unit="h">1</IBK:Parameter>
      </Interval>
    </Intervals>
  </OutputGrid>
</Grids>
```

An output grid is uniquely identified by its name (mandatory XML-attribute **name**). It contains a single child tag

Intervals which holds one or more intervals. The intervals (XML-tag **Interval**) are expected to follow temporally in consecutive order, optionally with a gap in-between.

Name	Unit	Description	Value Range	Usage
Start	h	the start time of the interval (see explanation below) of the wall	≥ 0.0	<i>optional</i>
End	h	the end time of the interval (see explanation below)	≥ 0.0	<i>optional</i>
StepSize	h	the distance between outputs within the interval	> 0.0	<i>required</i>

The parameters are stored in XML-tags of type **IBK:Parameter**, see **IBK:Parameter**.

Time points in **Start** and **End** parameters are defined with respect to Midnight January 1st of the year in which the simulation starts.

Rules

- the **Start** parameter is optional under the following conditions:
 - in the first interval, a missing **Start** parameter is automatically set to 0 (start of the year)
 - in all other intervals, the **End** time of the preceeding interval is taken (see next rule below)
- the end time of an interval is defined, either:
 - by defining the **End** parameter,
 - through definition of the **Start** parameter in next interval
 - through simulation end time (only in last interval)

Basically, it must be clear for the solver when an interval starts and ends, and how long the step size is.

During simulation, an output is written exactly under the following condition:

- t must be within an interval defined by the grid
- the offset t from the start of the interval must be an exact multiple of the step size

Example 35. Output Grid Evaluation

Suppose an output interval is defined to start at 12.5 h, with a step size of 2 h. The simulation time shall be $t=16.5$ h. Then $16.5 - 12.5 = 4$ h, which is an exact multiple of 2 h. Hence, the output grid is "active" at this simulation time and all outputs associated with this output grid will be written.

There may be gaps between intervals, in which no outputs are written:

Example 36. Output grid for daily values in first year and hourly values in third year (beginning at time "2 a")

```
<Grids>
  <OutputGrid name="first_and_last">
    <Intervals>
      <Interval>
        <IBK:Parameter name="StepSize" unit="d">1</IBK:Parameter>
        <IBK:Parameter name="End" unit="a">1</IBK:Parameter>
      </Interval>
      <Interval>
        <IBK:Parameter name="Start" unit="a">2</IBK:Parameter>
        <IBK:Parameter name="StepSize" unit="h">1</IBK:Parameter>
      </Interval>
    </Intervals>
  </OutputGrid>
</Grids>
```

2.13.3. Output definitions

Below is an example of an output definition:

Example 37. Output of air temperature from all zones in object list All zones and using output grid hourly

```
<Definitions>
  <OutputDefinition>
    <Quantity>AirTemperature</Quantity>
    <ObjectListName>All zones</ObjectListName>
    <GridName>hourly</GridName>
  </OutputDefinition>
  ... <!-- other definitions -->
</Definitions>
```

The example shows the mandatory child tags of XML-tag **OutputDefinition**. Below is a list of all supported child tags:

XML-tag	Description	Usage
Quantity	Unique ID name of the results quantity, see also Quantity References	<i>required</i>
ObjectListName	Reference to an object list that identifies the objects to take results from	<i>required</i>
GridName	Reference to an output grid (output time definitions)	<i>required</i>
FileName	Target file name	<i>optional</i>
TimeType	Time averaging/integration method	<i>optional</i>

The ID name of the quantity is the name of the result of a model object, or a schedule or anything else generated by the solver. The corresponding object or objects are selected by an [object list](#). The grid name is the ID name of an [output grid](#).

The **FileName** tag is optional. It can be used to specifically select the name of an output file. Normally, output file names are generated automatically, depending on the type of output requested.

Lastly, the tag **TimeType** can be used to specify time averaging or time integration of variables, see section [Time types](#).

Variable names and variable lookup rules

Quantities in output definitions define the ID names of the output quantities, optionally including an index notation when a single element of a vectorial quantity is requested. Hereby the following notations are allowed:

- **HeatSource[1]** - index argument is interpreted as defined by the providing models, so when the model provides a vector-valued quantity with model ID indexing, then the argument is interpreted as object ID (otherwise as positional index)
- **HeatSource[index=1]** - index argument is explicitly interpreted as position index (will raise an error when model provides quantity with model ID indexing)
- **HeatSource[id=1]** - index argument is explicitly interpreted as object ID (will raise an error when model provides quantity with positional indexing)

Output file names

The following sections describe the rules which determine the output file names.

When no filename is given

Target file name(s) are automatically defined.

All outputs are grouped depending on the quantity into:

- states
- fluxes
- loads
- misc

If **Integral** is selected as **TimeType**:

- for quantity of type *fluxes* the group *flux_integrals* is used instead,
- for quantity of type *loads* the group *load_integrals* is used instead

The outputs are further grouped by output grid name. The final output file name is obtained for each grid and group name:

- states → **states_<gridname>.tsv**
- loads → **loads_<gridname>.tsv**
- loads (integrated) → **load_integrals_<gridname>.tsv**
- fluxes → **fluxes_<gridname>.tsv**
- fluxes (integrated) → **flux_integrals_<gridname>.tsv**



There is one special rule: when only one grid is used, the suffix **_<gridname>** is omitted.

When a filename is given

The quantity is written to the specified file. If there are several output definitions with the same file name, then all quantities are written into the same file, regardless of type.



All output definitions using the same file name must use the **same** grid (same time points for all columns are required!)

Time types

The tag **TimeType** takes the following values:

- **None** - write outputs as computed at output time
- **Mean** - write value averaged over last output interval
- **Integral** - write integral value

By default (when the tag **TimeType** is not explicitly specified) the values are written as they are computed at the output time (corresponds to **None**). Figure [Illustration of the various TimeType options](#) illustrates the various options.

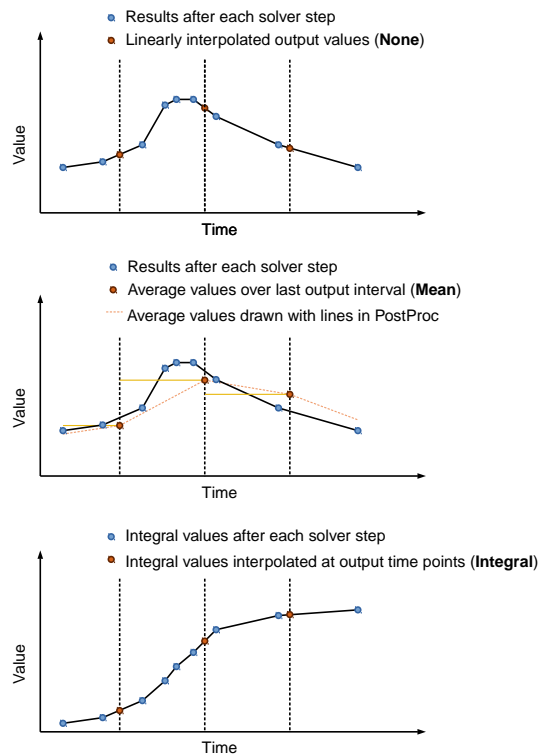


Figure 7. Illustration of the various **TimeType** options



It is important to note that average values are always averages of the values in the *last output interval*. So, if you have hourly outputs defined yet the unit is **kW/d**, you will not get average values over a day, but over the last hour. The unit is only needed to convert the final value, but does not influence the way it is calculated.

Examples

Example 38. Requesting construction surface temperatures

```
<Outputs>
...
  <Definitions>
    <OutputDefinition>
      <Quantity>SurfaceTemperatureA</Quantity>
      <ObjectListName>Walls</ObjectListName>
      <GridName>hourly</GridName>
    </OutputDefinition>
    <OutputDefinition>
      <Quantity>SurfaceTemperatureB</Quantity>
      <ObjectListName>Walls</ObjectListName>
      <GridName>hourly</GridName>
    </OutputDefinition>
    ... <!-- other definitions -->
  </Definitions>
</Outputs>
<ObjectLists>
  <ObjectList name="Walls">
    <FilterID>*</FilterID>
    <!-- object list must reference construction instances -->
    <ReferenceType>ConstructionInstance</ReferenceType>
  </ObjectList>
  ... <!-- other object lists -->
</ObjectLists>
```

Example 39. Requesting energy supplied to layer in a construction (floor heating)

```
<Outputs>
...
  <Definitions>
    <OutputDefinition>
      <!-- index 1 = heat source in layer #1, counting from side A -->
      <Quantity>HeatSource[1]</Quantity>
      <ObjectListName>FloorHeating1</ObjectListName>
      <GridName>hourly</GridName>
    </OutputDefinition>
    ... <!-- other definitions -->
  </Definitions>
</Outputs>
<ObjectLists>
  <ObjectList name="FloorHeating1">
    <FilterID>15</FilterID>
    <!-- object list must reference construction instances -->
    <ReferenceType>ConstructionInstance</ReferenceType>
  </ObjectList>
  ... <!-- other object lists -->
</ObjectLists>
```

2.13.4. Binary Format

The binary variant of TSV files is very similar.

Header record:

- 64bit integer = n (number of columns)
- n times binary strings

Data section, each record:

First record: unsigned int - n (number of columns)

Next n records: binary strings, leading size (unsigned int) and termination character (sanity checking)

Next ?? records: unsigned int - n (for checking) and afterwards n doubles

2.13.5. Solver log files

Within the project's result directory, the following files are automatically generated:

```
|— log
|   |— integrator_ccode_stats.tsv
|   |— LES_direct_stats.tsv
|   |— progress.tsv
|   |— screenlog.txt
|   |— summary.txt
|— results
|   |— ... (output files)
|— var
|   |— output_reference_list.txt
|   |— restart.bin
```

File	Description
<code>integrator_ccode_stats.tsv</code>	Statistics of the time integrator, written at end of simulation
<code>LES_direct_stats.tsv</code>	Statistics of the linear equation system (LES) solver, written at end of simulation
<code>progress.tsv</code>	Minimalistic runtime progress data, continuously written, can be used to follow simulation progress from GUI tools
<code>screenlog.txt</code>	Log file for solver output messages (same as console window outputs), continuously written
<code>summary.txt</code>	Statistics and timings of the simulation run, written at end of simulation
<code>output_reference_list.txt</code>	List of quantities generated in this project (see Quantity References)
<code>restart.bin</code>	Binary restart data (to continue integration)



If you chose a different integrator or linear equation system solver (see section [Solver Parameters](#)), the files `integrator_ccode_stats.tsv` and `LES_direct_stats.tsv` are named accordingly.

2.14. Global parameters

The global simulation options control:

- how the model operates

- the calculation accuracy (impacts performance)
- the calculation performance

The individual settings are split into *simulation parameters* and *solver parameters*, the latter being centered on the numerical solution method.

2.14.1. Simulation Parameters

Hereafter all simulation parameters are described, see [Example 40](#). All parameters are set as `IBK:Parameter`, `IBK:Flag` or `IBK:IntPara`.

Example 40. Simulation Parameters

```
<SimulationParameter>
  <IBK:Parameter name="InitialTemperature" unit="C">5</IBK:Parameter>
  <IBK:IntPara name="DiscMaxElementsPerLayer">30</IBK:IntPara>
  <Interval>
    <IBK:Parameter name="Start" unit="d">0</IBK:Parameter>
    <IBK:Parameter name="End" unit="d">730</IBK:Parameter>
  </Interval>
</SimulationParameter>
```

The `SimulationParameter` tag holds the following child tags:

XML-tag	Description	Usage
<code>IBK:Parameter</code>	Floating point value parameters	multiple
<code>IBK:IntPara</code>	Whole number parameters	multiple
<code>IBK:Flag</code>	Flags	multiple
<code>Interval</code>	Defines simulation interval	none/once

Floating point parameters (see section [IBK:Parameter](#) for a description of the `IBK:Parameter` tag):

Name	Default Unit	Description	Value Range	Usage
<code>InitialTemperature</code>	C	Global initial temperature for all objects (<i>zones</i> , <i>constructionInstances</i> , etc)	positive double (> 0.0 K)	<i>optional</i>
<code>(*)InitialRelativeHumidity</code>	%	Global initial relative humidity for all objects, that can have a humidity value set (<i>zones</i> , air flows in <i>models</i> , etc)	0 ... 100%	<i>optional</i>
<code>(*)RadiationLoadFraction</code>	---	Percentage of solar radiation gains attributed directly to the room 0..1.	0...1	<i>optional</i>
<code>(*)UserThermalRadiationFraction</code>	---	Percentage of heat that is emitted by long wave radiation from persons.	0...1	<i>optional</i>
<code>(*)EquipmentThermalLossFraction</code>	---	Percentage of energy from equipment load that is not available as thermal heat.	0 ... 1	<i>optional</i>

Name	Default Unit	Description	Value Range	Usage
(*) EquipmentThermalRadiationFraction	---	Percentage of heat that is emitted by long wave radiation from equipment.	0...1	<i>optional</i>
(*) LightingVisibleRadiationFraction	---	Percentage of energy from lighting that is transformed into visible short wave radiation.	0...1	<i>optional</i>
(*) LightingThermalRadiationFraction	---	Percentage of heat that is emitted by long wave radiation from lighting.	0...1	<i>optional</i>
(*) DomesticWaterSensitiveHeatGainFraction	---	Percentage of sensitive heat from domestic water distributed towards the room.	0...1	<i>optional</i>
(*) AirExchangeRateN50	1/h	Air exchange rate resulting from a pressure difference of 50 Pa between inside and outside.	positive double (> 0.0)	<i>optional</i>
(*) ShieldingCoefficient	---	Shielding coefficient for a given location and envelope type.	0 ... 1	<i>optional</i>
(*) HeatingDesignAmbientTemperature	C	Ambient temperature for a design day. Parameter that is needed for FMU export.	positive double (> 0.0)	<i>optional</i>

(*) - not yet used

Whole number parameters (see section [IBK:IntPara](#) for a description of the **IBK:IntPara** tag):

Name	Description	Default	Usage
StartYear	Start year of the simulation	2001	<i>optional</i>

Flags and options (see section [IBK:Flag](#) for a description of the **IBK:Flag** tag):

Name	Description	Default	Usage
(*) EnableMoistureBalance	Flag activating moisture balance calculation if enabled	<i>false</i>	<i>optional</i>
(*) EnableCO2Balance	Flag activating CO2 balance calculation if enabled	<i>false</i>	<i>optional</i>
(*) EnableJointVentilation	Flag activating ventilation through joints and openings.	<i>false</i>	<i>optional</i>
(*) ExportClimateDataFMU	Flag activating FMU export of climate data.	<i>false</i>	<i>optional</i>

(*) - not yet used

Simulation time interval

The tag **SimulationParameters** also contains the start and end of the simulation. By default, the simulation time interval is set to span a full year, starting at midnight January 1st. It is, however, possible to define a different time interval, thus also defining a simulation that runs longer than a year.

This is done in the child tag **Interval**:

Example 41. Simulation interval starting on February 1st (just after the first 31 days of January are through), and running for 60 days

```
<Interval>
  <IBK:Parameter name="Start" unit="d">31</IBK:Parameter>
  <IBK:Parameter name="End" unit="d">91</IBK:Parameter>
</Interval>
```

The start and end of a simulation are always defined in *simulation time*, explained in the next section.

Simulation time and absolute time reference

NANDRAD uses two time measures:

- **simulation time**, which always begins at 0 when the simulation starts, and
- **absolute time**, which is the time converted to a real date/time and is based on the actual simulation start time point.

Simulation time basically describes a time offset relative to the starting point of the simulation, and is typically expressed just as time delta, e.g. "20 d" or "15.5 h".

Absolute time is a specific time/date, like *20.09.2020 14:30*, which is obtained by adding the *simulation time* offset to a starting time point.

In NANDRAD this simulation start time points is given in two parameters:

- the **StartYear** and
- the offset of time since begin (midnight January 1st) of this year as **Start** interval parameter.

A **Start** offset of **1 d** lets the simulation start on *January 2nd, 0:00*. If, for example, the simulation shall start on *January 15th 2003, 6:00*, you need to specify

```
StartYear = 2003
Start = 14*24 + 6 = 342 h
```

And for the last day of the year, start the simulation at **Start = 364 d**.



There are not leap years in NANDRAD. Even if you specify 2004 as start year, there won't be a February 29th! If you run a multi-year simulation every year has 365 days.

2.14.2. Solver Parameters

Hereafter all parameters that are required for the solver are described.

Example 42. Solver Parameters

```
<SolverParameter>
  <IBK:Parameter name="MaxTimeStep" unit="min">30</IBK:Parameter>
  <IBK:Parameter name="MinTimeStep" unit="s">1e-4</IBK:Parameter>
  <IBK:Parameter name="RelTol" unit="---">1e-005</IBK:Parameter>
  <IBK:Parameter name="AbsTol" unit="---">1e-006</IBK:Parameter>
  <IBK:Parameter name="NonlinSolverConvCoeff" unit="---">1e-05</IBK:Parameter>
  <IBK:IntPara name="MaxKrylovDim">30</IBK:IntPara>
  <IBK:Parameter name="DiscMinDx" unit="mm">2</IBK:Parameter>
  <IBK:Parameter name="DiscStretchFactor" unit="---">4</IBK:Parameter>
  <IBK:Flag name="DetectMaxTimeStep">true</IBK:Flag>
  <Integrator>CVODE</Integrator>
  <LesSolver>Dense</LesSolver>
</SolverParameter>
```

The `SolverParameter` tag holds the following child tags:

XML-tag	Description	Usage
<code>IBK:Parameter</code>	Floating point value parameters	multiple
<code>IBK:IntPara</code>	Whole number parameters	multiple
<code>IBK:Flag</code>	Flags	multiple
<code>Integrator</code>	Defines time integrator	none/once
<code>LesSolver</code>	Defines linear equation system (LES) solver	none/once
<code>Preconditioner</code>	Defines preconditioner (iterative LES solver only)	none/once

Floating point parameters (see section `IBK:Parameter` for a description of the `IBK:Parameter` tag):

Name	Default Unit	Description	Value Range	Def ault	Usage
<code>RelTol</code>	---	Relative tolerance for solver error check.	0...0.1	1E-04	<i>optional</i>
<code>AbsTol</code>	---	Absolute tolerance for solver error check.	0...1	1E-10	<i>optional</i>
<code>MaxTimeStep</code>	h	Maximum permitted time step for integration.	positive double (> 0.0)	1	<i>optional</i>
<code>MinTimeStep</code>	s	Minimum accepted time step, before solver aborts with error.	positive double (> 0.0)	1E-12	<i>optional</i>
<code>InitialTimeStep</code>	s	Initial time step size (or constant step size for ExplicitEuler integrator).	positive double (> 0.0)	0.1	<i>optional</i>
<code>NonlinSolverConvCoeff</code>	---	Coefficient reducing nonlinear equation solver convergence limit. Not supported by Implicit Euler.	0...1	0.1	<i>optional</i>

Name	Default Unit	Description	Value Range	Default	Usage
IterativeSolverConvCoeff	---	Coefficient reducing iterative equation solver convergence limit.	0...1	0.05	<i>optional</i>
DiscMinDx	mm	Minimum element width for wall discretization.	positive double (> 0.0)	2	<i>optional</i>
DiscStretchFactor	---	Stretch factor for variable wall discretizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 - no discretization • 1 - equidistant • > 1 - variable see spatial discretization algorithm for details.	positive integer (>= 0)	50	<i>optional</i>
(*)ViewfactorTileWidth	m	Maximum dimension of a tile for calculation of view factors.	positive double (> 0.0)	50	<i>optional</i>
(*)SurfaceDiscretizationDensity	---	Number of surface discretization elements of a wall in each direction.	0...1	2	<i>optional</i>
(*)ControlTemperatureTolerance	K	Temperature tolerance for ideal heating or cooling.	positive double (> 0.0)	1E-05	<i>optional</i>
(*)KinsolRelTol	---	Relative tolerance for Kinsol solver.	0...1	-	<i>optional</i>
(*)KinsolAbsTol	---	Absolute tolerance for Kinsol solver.	0...1	-	<i>optional</i>

(*) - not yet used

Whole number parameters (see section [IBK:IntPara](#) for a description of the **IBK:IntPara** tag):

Name	Description	Default	Usage
PreILUWidth	Number of non-zeros in ILU	---	<i>optional</i>
MaxKrylovDim	Max. size of Krylov-Dimension/max. number of linear iterations (iterative LES only)	50	<i>optional</i>
MaxNonlinIter	Max. number of non-linear/Newton iterations	3	<i>optional</i>
MaxOrder	Max. method order	5	<i>optional</i>
DiscMaxElementsPerLayer	Max. number of discretization elements per material layer	20	<i>optional</i>
(*)KinsolMaxNonlinIter	Max. iterations of Kinsol solver	<i>auto</i>	<i>optional</i>

(*) - not yet used

Flags and options (see section [IBK:Flag](#) for a description of the **IBK:Flag** tag):

Name	Description	Default	Usage
(*) DetectMaxTimeStep	Check schedules to determine minimum distances between steps and adjust MaxTimeStep.	<i>false</i>	<i>optional</i>
(*) KinsolDisableLineSearch	Disable line search for steady state cycles.	<i>false</i>	<i>optional</i>
(*) KinsolStrictNewton	Enable strict Newton for steady state cycles.	<i>false</i>	<i>optional</i>

(*) - not yet used



The options and parameters listed above partially depend on selected time integration algorithms, LES solvers and pre-conditioners, see table in section [Solver Capabilities](#) below.

Integrator

The XML-tag **Integrator** contains a string to select a specific integrator (**CVODE** is used by default, when tag is missing).

Table 23. Available Integrators

Name	Description
CVODE	Selects the CVODE integrator from the Sundials library: implicit multi-step method with error test based time step adjustment and modified Newton-Raphson for non-linear equation systems
ExplicitEuler	Explicit Euler integrator (only for debugging, InitialTimeStep parameter determines the fixed step-size)
ImplicitEuler	Implicit Euler integrator, single-step solver with error test based time step adjustment and modified Newton-Raphson for non-linear equations (only for debugging and specific tests)

See [Solver Capabilities](#) for valid combinations.

Linear equation system (LES) solver

The XML-tag **LesSolver** contains a string to select a specific solver for the linear equation systems (**KLU** is used by default, when tag is missing).

Table 24. Available LES solvers

Name	Description
Dense	Direct dense solver (for debugging only)
KLU	Direct sparse solver
GMRES	Generalized Minimal Residual Method (iterative solver)
BiCGStab	Biconjugate Stabilized Gradient Method (iterative solver)

See [Solver Capabilities](#) for valid combinations.

Preconditioner

The XML-tag **Preconditioner** contains a string to select a specific preconditioner, to be used for iterative LES solvers (ILU is used by default, when tag is missing).

Table 25. Available Preconditioners

Name	Description
ILU	Incomplete LU factorization (when PreILUWidth is given, ILU-T is used)

Currently, two variants of the ILU preconditioner are implemented. One without threshold, where the factorization is stored only in the original Jacobi matrix pattern. If the user specified **PreILUWidth**, the routine will compute the factorization and keep in each row the highest n-values (where n is defined by **PreILUWidth**). This method is known as *ILU with threshold* (ILU-T).



An ILU-T method will only be effective for **PreILUWidth** > 3. The minimum number of non-zeroes in each matrix row is 3, since the Finite Volume discretization of the wall constructions will generate already a 3-diagonal pattern.

Solver Capabilities

Not all integrators and LES solvers support all options mentioned above. Also, not all LES solvers can be combined with all integrators. The table below gives an overview of the supported combinations and options.

Table 26. Capabilities and Supported Flags/Parameters for the provided Integrators

Integrator	LES solvers	Supported integrator parameters/flags
CVODE	Dense, KLU, GMRES, BiCGStab	RelTol, AbsTol, MaxTimeStep, MinTimeStep, InitialTimeStep, MaxOrder, NonlinSolverConvCoeff, MaxNonlinIter
ImplicitEuler	Dense	RelTol, AbsTol, MaxTimeStep, InitialTimeStep, NonlinSolverConvCoeff, MaxNonlinIter
ExplicitEuler	---	InitialTimeStep

Table 27. Capabilities and Supported Flags/Parameters for the provided LES solvers

LES solver	Preconditioners	Supported integrator parameters/flags
DENSE	---	---
KLU	---	---
GMRES	ILU	PreILUWidth, MaxKrylovDim, IterativeSolverConvCoeff
BiCGStab	ILU	PreILUWidth, MaxKrylovDim, IterativeSolverConvCoeff

2.15. Model Parametrization

This section describes the various model parametrization blocks.

2.15.1. Natural Ventilation Model (Infiltration)

TODO :

2.15.2. Shading Control Model

A shading control model is a special type of control model, returning a signal value between 0 (no shading) and 1 (fully shaded). The actual amount of shading, or reduction of solar gains, is determined by the shading parameter block. Thus, you can use the same control model for different types of shadings.

Example 43. Parameter definition for shading control model

```
<Models>
  <!-- ShadingControlModel returns a value between 0 and 1
    0 = no reduction (shading open)
    1 = full reduction (shading closed)
  -->
  <ShadingControlModel id="555" displayName="Roof sensor" modelType="SingleIntensityControlled">
    <!-- Retrieves global radiation on given sensor. -->
    <SensorID>21</SensorID>
    <IBK:Parameter name="MaxIntensity" unit="W/m2">200</IBK:Parameter>
    <IBK:Parameter name="MinIntensity" unit="W/m2">100</IBK:Parameter>
    <!-- Shading control model returns 1 for values below Min, and 0 for values above Max.
      Switching is only allowed if Max/Min has been passed (hysteretic control).
    -->
  </ShadingControlModel>
</Models>
```

2.16. Reference

2.16.1. Unit Definitions

Throughout the NANDROID solver, units are *only* used for input/output purposes. Within the calculation functions, *always* the base SI units are used, hereby avoiding problems from unit conversions.

The unit system in NANDROID uses the convention, that at maximum one / (slash) may be part of the unit name. All units following the slash are in the denominator of the unit. Exponents are just following the unit, for example **m2**. Dots in exponents are omitted, for example **h05** for square root of the hour. Multiple units are just concatenated without . or * character, for example **kWh** or **kg/m2s**.



Units are case-sensitive! For example, **Deg** is correct whereas **deg** will not be recognized as correct unit.

Base SI unit	Convertible units
-	
---	%, 1
---/d	%/d
1/K	
1/logcm	

Base SI unit	Convertible units
1/m	1/cm
1/Pa	
1/s	1/min, 1/h
J	kJ, MJ, MWh, kWh, Wh
J/K	kJ/K
J/kg	kJ/kg
J/kgK	kJ/kgK, Ws/kgK, J/gK, Ws/gK
J/m ²	kJ/m ² , MJ/m ² , GJ/m ² , J/dm ² , J/cm ² , kWh/m ²
J/m ² s	W/m ² , kW/m ² , MW/m ² , W/dm ² , W/cm ²
J/m ³	Ws/m ³ , kJ/m ³ , MJ/m ³ , GJ/m ³ , J/dm ³ , J/cm ³ , kWh/m ³
J/m ³ K	kJ/m ³ K
J/m ³ s	kJ/m ³ s, MJ/m ³ s, J/dm ³ s, J/cm ³ s, J/m ³ h, W/m ³ , kW/m ³ , MW/m ³ , W/dm ³ , W/cm ³ , W/mm ³
J/mol	kJ/mol
J/s	J/h, J/d, kJ/d, W, kW, MW, Nm/s
K	C
K/m	
K/Pa	
kg	g, mg
kg/kg	g/kg, mg/kg
kg/m	g/m, g/mm, kg/mm
kg/m ²	kg/dm ² , g/dm ² , g/cm ² , mg/m ²
kg/m ² s	g/m ² s, g/m ² h, g/m ² d, kg/m ² h, mg/m ² s, µg/m ² s, mg/m ² h, µg/m ² h
kg/m ² s ^{0.5}	kg/m ² h ^{0.5}
kg/m ³	kg/dm ³ , g/dm ³ , g/cm ³ , g/m ³ , mg/m ³ , µg/m ³ , log(kg/m ³), log(g/m ³), log(mg/m ³), log(µg/m ³)
kg/m ³ s	g/m ³ s, g/m ³ h, kg/m ³ h, mg/m ³ s, µg/m ³ s, mg/m ³ h, µg/m ³ h
kg/m ³ sK	g/m ³ sK, g/m ³ hK, kg/m ³ hK, mg/m ³ sK, µg/m ³ sK, mg/m ³ hK, µg/m ³ hK
kg/mol	g/mol
kg/ms	
kg/s	kg/h, kg/d, g/d, g/a, mg/s, µg/s
kWh/a	
kWh/m ² a	
l/m ² s	l/m ² h, l/m ² d, mm/d, mm/h
l/m ³ s	l/m ³ h
logcm	
logm	

Base SI unit	Convertible units
logPa	
Lux	kLux
m	mm, cm, dm
m/s	cm/s, cm/h, cm/d
m/s ²	
m ²	mm ² , cm ² , dm ²
m ² /kg	
m ² /m ³	
m ² /s	cm ² /s, m ² /h, cm ² /h
m ² K/W	
m ² s/kg	
m ³	mm ³ , cm ³ , dm ³
m ³ /m ² s	m ³ /m ² h, dm ³ /m ² s, dm ³ /m ² h
m ³ /m ² sPa	m ³ /m ² hPa
m ³ /m ³	Vol%
m ³ /m ³ d	Vol%/d
m ³ /s	m ³ /h, dm ³ /s, dm ³ /h
m ³ m/m ³ m	m ³ mm/m ³ m
mm/m	
mol	mmol
mol/kg	mol/g
mol/m ³	mol/ltr, mol/dm ³ , mol/cm ³
Pa	hPa, kPa, Bar, PSI, Torr
Pa/m	kPa/m
Person/m ²	
Rad	Deg
s	min, h, d, a, sqrt(s), sqrt(h), ms
s/m	kg/m ² sPa
s/s	min/s, h/s, d/s, a/s
s ² /m ²	
W/K	
W/m ² K	
W/m ² K ²	
W/m ² s	W/m ² h, kW/m ² s, MW/m ² s, W/dm ² s, W/cm ² s
W/mK	kW/mK

Base SI unit	Convertible units
W/mK2	
W/Person	kW/Person
<i>undefined</i>	



The unit **undefined** means *not initialized* (internally) and must not be used in input files.

2.16.2. Quantity References

The following list of quantities is an overview of all available results that can be requested as outputs. Which outputs are actually available depends on the project and will be printed into the file `var/output_reference_list.txt` (see discussion in section [Outputs/Results](#)).

Some of the quantities are vector-valued quantities, marked with a suffix (*id,xxx*) or (*index,xxx*). To access these values, you need to specify the id/index in your output definition (see explanation and examples in section [Outputs/Results](#)).

Reference/object type	Quantity	Unit	Description
ConstructionInstance	FluxHeatConductionA	W	Heat conduction flux across interface A (into construction).
ConstructionInstance	FluxHeatConductionB	W	Heat conduction flux across interface B (into construction).
ConstructionInstance	LayerTemperature(index,xxx)	C	Mean layer temperature for requested quantities.
ConstructionInstance	SurfaceTemperatureA	C	Surface temperature at interface A.
ConstructionInstance	SurfaceTemperatureB	C	Surface temperature at interface B.
Location	AirPressure	Pa	Air pressure.
Location	Albedo	---	Albedo value of the surrounding [0..1].
Location	AzimuthAngle	Deg	Solar azimuth (0 - north).
Location	CO2Concentration	---	Ambient CO2 concentration.
Location	CO2Density	kg/m ³	Ambient CO2 density.
Location	DeclinationAngle	Deg	Solar declination (0 - north).
Location	ElevationAngle	Deg	Solar elevation (0 - at horizon, 90 - directly above).
Location	LWSkyRadiation	W/m ²	Long wave sky radiation.
Location	Latitude	Deg	Latitude.
Location	Longitude	Deg	Longitude.

Reference/object type	Quantity	Unit	Description
Location	MoistureDensity	kg/m ³	Ambient moisture density.
Location	RelativeHumidity	%	Relative humidity.
Location	SWRadDiffuseHorizontal	W/m ²	Diffuse short-wave radiation flux density on horizontal surface.
Location	SWRadDirectNormal	W/m ²	Direct short-wave radiation flux density in normal direction.
Location	Temperature	C	Outside temperature.
Location	VaporPressure	Pa	Ambient vapor pressure.
Location	WindDirection	Deg	Wind direction (0 - north).
Location	WindVelocity	m/s	Wind velocity.
Model	InfiltrationHeatFlux(id,xxx)	W	Infiltration/natural ventilation heat flux
Model	InfiltrationRate(id,xxx)	1/h	Natural ventilation/infiltration air change rate
Zone	AirTemperature	C	Room air temperature.
Zone	CompleteThermalLoad	W	Sum of all thermal fluxes into the room and energy sources.
Zone	ConstructionHeatConductionLoad	W	Sum of heat conduction fluxes from construction surfaces into the room.
Zone	InfiltrationHeatLoad	W	Infiltration/natural ventilation heat flux into the room.

3. Tutorials

This section contains several tutorials for different use cases in NANDRAD2. It will start with a simple tutorial for a single room.

3.1. Tutorial 1 - Simple Single Room

3.1.1. Introduction

In this example a single thermal zone modelling is described. The main focus is put on the geometry, material and construction parametrization. The temperature of the freely oscillating room is given as the result output. The dimensions of the room are $l = 2.0 \text{ m}$ length, $w = 5.0 \text{ m}$ width and $h = 3.0 \text{ m}$ height. This leads to an air volume of $V = 30.0 \text{ m}^3$. All further characteristic values are specified in the following.

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3.1.2. Workflow

First all materials inside **Materials** and the used constructions inside **ConstructionTypes** are defined, which are

needed for the test zone. Afterwards all enveloping surfaces inside **ConstructionInstances** are parametrized and the output parameters inside **Outputs** are set. Finally, the climate is specified inside **Location** and further simulation settings inside **SimulationParameter**.

3.1.3. Materials and Constructions

The building consists of a floor, a wall and a roof construction. The constructions are shown in the following table.

name	id	thickness [m]	λ [W/mK]	ρ [kg/m ³]	ce [J/kgK]
floor	103				
concrete	1001	0.20	2.3	2000	1000
insulation	1004	0.05	0.04	50	1500
roof	102				
insulation	1004	0.20	0.04	50	1500
Wood	1002	0.05	0.17	500	2100
wall	101				
concrete	1001	0.20	2.3	2000	1000
insulation	1004	0.10	0.04	50	1500

Materials

For the materials the thermal parameters such as **thermal conductivity** λ , **density** ρ and **heat capacity** ce are required. Furthermore a unique Id **id** and name **displayName** is needed. Exemplary the description for concrete and insulation is given below. The detailed documentation is described in [Materials](#).

Example:

```
<Materials>
  <Material id="1001" displayName="Concrete">
    <IBK:Parameter name="Density" unit="kg/m3">2000</IBK:Parameter>
    <IBK:Parameter name="HeatCapacity" unit="J/kgK">1000</IBK:Parameter>
    <IBK:Parameter name="Conductivity" unit="W/mK">2.3</IBK:Parameter>
  </Material>
  <Material id="1004" displayName="Insulation">
    <IBK:Parameter name="Density" unit="kg/m3">50</IBK:Parameter>
    <IBK:Parameter name="HeatCapacity" unit="J/kgK">1500</IBK:Parameter>
    <IBK:Parameter name="Conductivity" unit="W/mK">0.04</IBK:Parameter>
  </Material>
</Materials>
```



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Constructions

Afterwards the **Constructions** in **ConstructionTypes** are assembled from the **Materials** via the **Id** matching the **Id** in the **materials** and also the layer thickness **d**. As with the materials, a construction is always assigned a unique identifier **id** and optionally a name **displayName**. Transfer and other parameters are not part of the construction and

are defined inside the [Constructions](#) that represent an enveloping surface. For the later usage inside the [ConstructionInstance](#) the first material layer [MaterialLayer](#) inside the [MaterialLayers](#) List is linked to the [InterfaceA](#) and the last material layer to the [InterfaceB](#). Thus, the inside or outside of the construction can be defined individually inside the [Constructions](#).

The wall construction is exemplarily shown below.

Example:

```
<ConstructionTypes>
  <ConstructionType id="101" displayName="Wall Construction">
    <MaterialLayers>
      <MaterialLayer thickness="0.2" matId="1001" /> <!-- Linked to InterfaceA -->
      <MaterialLayer thickness="0.1" matId="1004" /> <!-- Linked to InterfaceB -->
    </MaterialLayers>
  </ConstructionType>
</ConstructionTypes>
```

Zone

In this section the Zone and its parameters are defined. Geometrically, the zone represents the volume of air inside the room. All further geometrical properties are defined inside the tag named [ConstructionInstances](#). Besides the [Volume](#) an [Area](#) is specified, which is needed for the conversion of area specific loads to room loads. These space loads are not described in this tutorial. The uniqueness of the zone is guaranteed by an identifier [id](#). Optionally a name [displayName](#) can be assigned again. The [type](#) of the zone sets the calculation mode for the zone. Three types are distinguished:

- [Active](#) The zone is calculated by the solver via the energy balance equations and the room air temperature results from the gains and losses of all energy flows.
- [Constant](#) The zone is defined by a given temperature. It can be defined by a schedule, which does not have to be constant.
- [Ground](#) The floor temperatures from the default climate file are used for the room air temperature. The zone thus represents the adjacent soil.

The volume and the area are defined via so-called [IBK:Parameter](#). The zone volume is defined in the example room with $V = 30 \text{ m}^3$. The base area is described with $A = 10 \text{ m}^2$.

Example:

```
<Zones>
  <Zone id="1" displayName="Single room model" type="Active">
    <IBK:Parameter name="Area" unit="m2">10</IBK:Parameter>
    <IBK:Parameter name="Volume" unit="m3">30</IBK:Parameter>
  </Zone>
</Zones>
```

Further setting options can be found in the detailed [zone](#) documentation.

Enclosing Surfaces

The Enclosing Surfaces are described in the [ConstructionInstances](#). Each Enclosing Surfaces named

ConstructionInstance is represented by an Id **id**, optionally a name **displayName**, a surface, a construction and the transition conditions represented by different models. The surface is described by an **IBC:Parameter** with the attribute **Area**. The construction is linked to the construction from **ConstructionTypes** via the **ConstructionTypeId**. The boundary conditions are defined via the interfaces **InterfaceA** and **InterfaceB**. As boundary conditions transfer coefficients and solar as well as thermal absorption coefficients are defined. These are each described by a separate model.

In the example the wall Enclosing Surfaces is shown. The selected wall is defined by an area $A = 15 \text{ m}^2$, a wall construction with the **id** = 101 and an inside and outside boundary condition. The outside boundary condition is described with a constant transition coefficient of $h = 15 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)}$, a solar absorptance of $a = 0.6$ and a long-wave absorption/emission of $\epsilon = 0.9$. On the inside, only a transition coefficient $h = 10 \text{ W/(m}^2\text{K)}$ is described.

Further setting options can be found in the detailed [Construction Instances](#) documentation.

Example:

```
<ConstructionInstances>
  <ConstructionInstance id="1" displayName="West Wall">
    <ConstructionTypeId>101</ConstructionTypeId>
    <IBC:Parameter name="Area" unit="m2">15</IBC:Parameter>
    <InterfaceA id="10" zoneId="1">
      <!--Interface to zone 'Single room model' -->
      <InterfaceHeatConduction modelType="Constant">
        <IBC:Parameter name="HeatTransferCoefficient" unit="W/m2K">10</IBC:Parameter>
      </InterfaceHeatConduction>
    </InterfaceA>
    <InterfaceB id="11" zoneId="0">
      <!--Interface to outside-->
      <InterfaceHeatConduction modelType="Constant">
        <IBC:Parameter name="HeatTransferCoefficient" unit="W/m2K">15</IBC:Parameter>
      </InterfaceHeatConduction>
      <InterfaceSolarAbsorption modelType="Constant">
        <IBC:Parameter name="AbsorptionCoefficient" unit="---">0.6</IBC:Parameter>
      </InterfaceHeatConduction>
      <InterfaceLongWaveEmission modelType="Constant">
        <IBC:Parameter name="Emissivity" unit="---">0.9</IBC:Parameter>
      </InterfaceHeatConduction>
    </InterfaceB>
  </ConstructionInstance>
</ConstructionInstances>
```

Output

The requested outputs must be defined, otherwise a simulation will be started without obtaining output result variables. The **Outputs** are divided into **Definitions** and **Grids**. Inside **Grids** the interval step sizes and optionally the time points for the outputs are defined. The **Definitions** consist of individual outputs named **OutputDefinition** each with an object list name **ObjectListName**, an output grid name **GridName** and a result quantity **Quantity**. Additionally, the interval handling **TimeType** and the output file name **FileName** can be specified. In the interval handling either momentary values at the end of the interval, average or integral values of the interval are output (see section [Time types](#) for a discussion).

The object list groups all IDs of objects, which are used to access the objects like zones, models, etc. themselves. The object list **objectlist** consists of a **FilterId**, a **ReferenceType** and a name **name**. With a ***** all existing Ids of a reference type can be addressed. The example below shows how the output of the models is referenced via the object list.

Example:

```

<ObjectLists>
  <ObjectList name="Zone">
    <FilterID>*</FilterID>
    <ReferenceType>Zone</ReferenceType>
  </ObjectList>
</ObjectLists>

```

In the following example the air temperature is queried and written to the standard output file (see section [Output file names](#)). An hourly time grid was selected as interval. The output takes place over the entire [simulation duration](#).

Example:

```

<Outputs>
  <OutputDefinitions>
    <OutputDefinition>
      <Quantity>AirTemperatures</Quantity>
      <ObjectListName>Zone</ObjectListName>
      <GridName>hourly</GridName>
    </OutputDefinition>
  </OutputDefinitions>
  <Grids>
    <OutputGrid name="hourly">
      <Intervals>
        <Interval>
          <IBK:Parameter name="StepSize" unit="h">1</IBK:Parameter>
        </Interval>
      </Intervals>
    </OutputGrid>
  </Grids>
</Outputs>

```

Location

The location and climate are described in the tag **Location**. Mandatory parameters are the albedo as [IBK:Parameter](#) and either a climate file **ClimateFileName** or a location description with the [IBK:Parameter](#) northern latitude **Latitude**, eastern longitude **Longitude** and the height above sea level **Elevation**.



TODO describe what to do if the climate file is missing.

Simulation parameters