Module Interface Specification for Solar Water Heating Systems Incorporating Phase Change Material

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1 Introduction

The following document details the Module Interface Specifications for the implemented modules in a program simulating a Solar Water Heating System with Phase Change Material. It is intended to ease navigation through the program for design and maintenance purposes.
Complementary documents include the System Requirement Specifications and Module Guide.

2 Notation

The following table summarizes the primitive data types used by SWHS.

Data Type	Notation	Description
character	char	a single symbol or digit
integer	$\mathbb{Z}$	a number without a fractional component in (-∞, ∞)
natural number	$\mathbb{N}$	a number without a fractional component in [1, ∞)
real	$\mathbb{R}$	any number in (-∞, ∞)

SWHS also uses some derived data types: arrays, strings, and structures. Arrays are lists filled with elements of the same data type. Strings are arrays of characters. Structures contain pairs of keys and values, where keys are unique variable names used to identify their corresponding value, and values can be of any data type. SWHS also uses functions, which are defined by the data types of their inputs and outputs. Functions are described by showing their input data types separated by multiplication symbols on the left side of an arrow, and their output data type on the right side.

3 Module Decomposition

The following table is taken directly from the Module Guide document for this project.

Level 1	Level 2
Hardware-Hiding Module	
Behaviour-Hiding Module	Input Format Module Input Parameters Module Input Verification Module Output Format Module Output Verification Module Temperature ODEs Module Energy Equations Module Control Module
Software Decision Module	Sequence Data Structure Module ODE Solver Module Plotting Module

Table 1: Module Hierarchy

4 MIS of Control Module

4.1 Module

main

4.2 Uses

parameters (5), load_params (6), verify_params (7), temperature (8), ODE Solvers Module (9), energy (10), verify_output (11), plot (12), output (13)

4.3 Syntax

4.3.1 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
main	string	-	-

4.4 Semantics

4.4.1 State Variables

time: array of reals
tempW: array of reals
tempP: array of reals
latHeat: array of reals

eW: array of reals
eP: array of reals
$eTot$: array of reals

4.4.2 Environment Variables

win: 2D array of pixels displayed on the screen

4.4.3 Access Routine Semantics

main(s):	transition:	$time$, $tempW$, $tempP$, $latHeat$ eW, eP, $eTot$, win := $results[0]$, $results[1]$, $results[2]$, $results[3]$, $eW1 \| eW2 \| eW3$, $eP1 \| eP2 \| eP3$, $(\forall i \in [0..\|post(eW)\| - 1])$ $(post(eW[i]) + post(eP[i]))$, Prints information about the melting of PCM.
	exception:	none

5 MIS of Input Parameters Module

5.1 Module

parameters

5.2 Uses

N/A

5.3 Syntax

5.3.1 Exported Data Types

parameters := structure

5.3.2 Exported Access Programs

N/A

5.4 Semantics

5.4.1 State Variables

$params.L$: real
$params.diam$: real
$params.Vp$: real
$params.Ap$: real
$params.rho\_p$: real

$params.Tmelt$: real
$params.C\_ps$: real
$params.C\_pl$: real
$params.Hf$: real
$params.Ac$: real
$params.Tc$: real
$params.rho\_w$: real
$params.C\_w$: real
$params.hc$: real
$params.hp$: real
$params.Tinit$: real
$params.tstep$: real
$params.tfinal$: real
$params.AbsTol$: real
$params.RelTol$: real
$params.ConsTol$: real
$params.Vt$: real
$params.Mw$: real
$params.tau\_w$: real
$params.eta$: real
$params.Mp$: real
$params.tau\_ps$: real
$params.tau\_pl$: real
$params.Epmelt\_init$: real
$params.Ep\_melt3$: real
$params.Mw\_noPCM$: real
$params.tau\_w\_no\_PCM$: real

5.4.2 Access Routine Semantics

N/A

6 MIS of Input Format Module

6.1 Module

load_params

6.2 Uses

parameters (5)

6.3 Syntax

6.4 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
load_params	string	parameters	-

6.5 Semantics

6.5.1 State Variables

params: parameters
param: array of reals

6.5.2 Assumptions

The input string corresponds to an existing filename in the current directory. The input file is formatted correctly.

6.5.3 Access Routine Semantics

load_params(s): transition: $params.L$, $params.diam$, $params.Vp$, $params.Ap$, $params.rho\_p$, $params.Tmelt$, $params.C\_ps$, $params.C\_pl$, $params.Hf$, $params.Ac$, $params.Tc$, $params.rho\_w$, $params.C\_w$, $params.hc$, $params.hp$, $params.Tinit$, $params.tstep$, $params.tfinal$, $params.AbsTol$, $params.RelTol$, $params.ConsTol$, $params.Vt$, $params.Mw$, $params.tau\_w$, $params.eta$, $params.Mp$, $params.tau\_ps$, $params.tau\_pl$, $params.Epmelt\_init$, $params.Ep\_melt3$, $params.Mw\_noPCM$, $params.tau\_w\_noPCM$:= $param[0]$, $param[1]$, $param[2]$, $param[3]$, $param[4]$, $param[5]$, $param[6]$, $param[7]$, $param[8]$, $param[9]$, $param[10]$, $param[11]$, $param[12]$, $param[13]$, $param[14]$, $param[15]$, $param[16]$, $param[17]$, $param[18]$, $param[19]$, $param[20]$, $param[21]$, $param[22]$, $param[23]$, $param[24]$, $param[25]$, $param[26]$, $param[27]$, $param[28]$, $param[29]$, $param[30]$, $param[31]$, where $param$ is the array of parameters obtained from the input file s
exception: none

7 MIS of Input Verification Module

7.1 Module

verify_params

7.2 Uses

parameters (5)

7.3 Syntax

7.3.1 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
verify_valid	parameters	-	badLength, badDiam, badPCMVolume, badPCMAndTankVol, badPCMArea, badPCMDensity, badMeltTemp, badCoilAndInitTemp, badCoilTemp, badPCMHeatCapSolid, badPCMHeatCapLiquid, badHeatFusion, badCoilArea, badWaterDensity, badWaterHeatCap, badCoilCoeff, badPCMCoeff, badInitTemp, badFinalTime, badInitAndMeltTemp
verify_recommended	parameters	-	-

7.4 Semantics

7.4.1 Environment Variables

win: 2D array of pixels displayed on the screen.

7.4.2 Assumptions

All of the fields of the input parameters structure have been assigned a value.

7.4.3 Access Routine Semantics

verify_valid(*params*):	transition:	*win*: (error is thrown ⇒ Prints error message)
	exceptions:	$exc := (params.L \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ badLength $\mid params.diam \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ badDiam $\mid params.Vp \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ badPCMVolume $\mid params.Vp \geq params.Vt \Rightarrow$ badPCMAndTankVol $\mid params.Ap \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ badPCMArea $\mid params.rho\_p \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ badPCMDensity $\mid params.Tmelt \leq 0 \vee params.Tmelt \geq params.Tc \Rightarrow$ badMeltTemp $\mid params.Tc \leq params.Tinit \Rightarrow$ badCoilAndInitTemp $\mid params.Tc \geq 100 \vee params.Tc \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ badCoilTemp $\mid params.C\_ps \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ badPCMHeatCapSolid $\mid params.C\_pl \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ badPCMHeatCapLiquid $\mid params.Hf \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ badHeatFusion $\mid params.Ac \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ badCoilArea $\mid params.rho\_w \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ badWaterDensity $\mid params.C\_w \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ badWaterHeatCap $\mid params.hc \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ badCoilCoeff $\mid params.hp \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ badPCMCoeff $\mid params.Tinit \leq 0 \vee params.Tinit \geq 100 \Rightarrow$ badInitTemp $\mid params.tfinal \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ badFinalTime $\mid params.Tinit \geq params.Tmelt \Rightarrow$ badInitAndMeltTemp) See Appendix (14) for the complete list of exceptions and associated error messages.
verify_recommended(*params*):	transition:	*win*: (Warning is thrown ⇒ Prints warning message)
	exception:	none

8 MIS of Temperature ODEs Module

8.1 Module

temperature

8.2 Uses

parameters (5)

8.3 Syntax

8.3.1 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
temperature1	array of reals, array of reals, array of reals, parameters	array of functions	-
temperature2	array of reals, array of reals, array of reals, array of reals, parameters	array of functions	-
temperature3	array of reals, array of reals, array of reals, parameters	array of functions	-
event1	array of reals, array of reals, array of reals, parameters	function	-
event2	array of reals, array of reals, array of reals, array of reals, parameters	function	-

8.4 Semantics

8.4.1 State Variables

t: array of reals
$Tw1$: array of reals
$Tw2$: array of reals
$Tw3$: array of reals
$Tp1$: array of reals
$Tp2$: array of reals
$Tp3$: array of reals
$Qp2$: array of reals

8.4.2 Assumptions

All of the fields of the input parameters structure have been assigned a value. The values have been properly constrained.

8.4.3 Access Routine Semantics

temperature1(t, $Tw1$, $Tp1$, $params$):	output:	$out := \{dTw : real \times real \times real \rightarrow real, dTp : real \times real \times real \rightarrow real\}$
	exception:	none
temperature2(t, $Tw2$, $Tp2$, $Qp2$, $params$):	output:	$out := \{dTw : real \times real \times real \times real \rightarrow real, dTp : real \times real \times real \times real \rightarrow real, dQp : real \times real \times real \times real \rightarrow real\}$
	exception:	none
temperature3(t, $Tw3$, $Tp3$, $params$):	output:	$out := \{dTw : real \times real \times real \rightarrow real, dTp : real \times real \times real \rightarrow real\}$
	exception:	none
event1(t, $Tw1$, $Tp1$, $params$):	output:	$out := Ev : real \times real \times real \rightarrow real$
	exception:	none
event2(t, $Tw2$, $T2p$, $Qp2$, $params$):	output:	$out := Ev : real \times real \times real \times real \rightarrow real$
	exception:	none

9 MIS of ODE Solver Module

9.1 Module

ODE Solver Module

9.2 Uses

N/A

9.3 Syntax

9.3.1 Exported Constants

$MaxStep$: natural number N: natural number

9.3.2 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
solve	function, array of reals, array of reals, function, real, real	array of reals (N of them)	ODE_BAD_INPUT, ODE_MAXSTEP

9.4 Semantics

9.4.1 State Variables

results: array of reals (N of them)

9.4.2 Access Routine Semantics

solve(f, *domain*, *ics*, *events*, *abstol*, *reltol*)

output: *out* := *results*, where *results* holds the solution to the ODE system generated by the solver.

exceptions: *exc* := (Invalid input parameters ⇒ ODE_BAD_INPUT | $MaxStep$ steps taken and no solution found ⇒ ODE_MAXSTEP)

10 MIS of Energy Module

10.1 Module

energy

10.2 Uses

parameters (5)

10.3 Syntax

10.3.1 External Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
energy1Wat	array of reals, parameters	array of reals	-
energy1PCM	array of reals, parameters	array of reals	-
energy2Wat	array of reals, parameters	array of reals	-
energy2PCM	array of reals, parameters	array of reals	-
energy3Wat	array of reals, parameters	array of reals	-
energy3PCM	array of reals, parameters	array of reals	-

10.4 Semantics

10.4.1 State Variables

$eW1$: array of reals
$eP1$: array of reals
$eW2$: array of reals
$eP2$: array of reals
$eW3$: array of reals
$eP3$: array of reals

10.4.2 Assumptions

All of the fields of the input parameters structure have been assigned a value. The values have been properly constrained.

10.4.3 Access Routine Semantics

energy1Wat($Tw1$, $params$):	transition:	$(\forall i \in [0..\lvert Tw1\rvert - 1])$ $(eW1[i] :=$ watEnergy($Tw1[i]$, $params$))
	output:	$out := eW1$
	exception:	none
energy1PCM($Tp1$, $params$):	transition:	$(\forall i \in [0..\lvert Tp1\rvert - 1])$ $(eP1[i] :=$ pcmEnergy1($Tp1[i]$, $params$))
	output:	$out := eP1$
	exception:	none
energy2Wat($Tw2$, $params$):	transition:	$(\forall i \in [0..\lvert Tw2\rvert - 1])$ $(eW2[i] :=$ watEnergy($Tw2[i]$, $params$))
	output:	$out := eW2$
	exception:	none
energy2PCM($Qp2$, $params$):	transition:	$(\forall i \in [0..\lvert Qp2\rvert - 1])$ $(eP2[i] :=$ pcmEnergy2($Qp2[i]$, $params$))
	output:	$out := eP2$
	exception:	none
energy3Wat($Tw3$, $params$):	transition:	$(\forall i \in [0..\lvert Tw3\rvert - 1])$ $(eW3[i] :=$ watEnergy($Tw3[i]$, $params$))
	output:	$out := eW3$
	exception:	none
energy3PCM($Tp3$, $params$):	transition:	$(\forall i \in [0..\lvert Tp3\rvert - 1])$ $(eP3[i] :=$ pcmEnergy3($Tp3[i]$, $params$))
	output:	$out := eP3$
	exception:	none

10.4.4 Local Functions

watEnergy: real $\times$ parameters $\rightarrow$ real
watEnergy(Tw, $params$) $\equiv params.C\_w \times params.Mw \times (Tw - params.Tinit)$

pcmEnergy1: real $\times$ parameters $\rightarrow$ real
pcmEnergy1(Tp, $params$) $\equiv params.C\_ps \times params.Mp \times (Tp - params.Tinit)$

pcmEnergy2: real $\times$ parameters $\rightarrow$ real
pcmEnergy2(Qp, $params$) $\equiv params.Epmelt\_init + Qp$

pcmEnergy3: real $\times$ parameters $\rightarrow$ real

pcmEnergy3(Tp, $params$) $\equiv$ $params.Epmelt\_init + params.Ep\_melt3 + params.C\_pl \times params.Mp \times (Tp - params.Tmelt)$

11 MIS of Output Verification Module

11.1 Module

verify_output

11.2 Uses

parameters (5)

11.3 Syntax

11.3.1 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
verify_output	array of reals, array of reals, array of reals, array of reals, array of reals, parameters	-	-

11.4 Semantics

11.4.1 State Variables

$expEPCM$: array of reals
$expEWat$: array of reals
$errorWater$: real
$errorPCM$: real

11.4.2 Environment Variables

win: 2D array of pixels displayed on the screen

11.4.3 Local Variables

11.4.4 Assumptions

All of the fields of the input parameters structure have been assigned a value. The values have been properly constrained. The input arrays are not empty.

11.4.5 Access Routine Semantics

verify_output(t, Tw, Tp, Ew, Ep, $params$):	transition:	$expEPCM$, $expEWat$, $errorWater$, $errorPCM$, $win := (\forall i \in [1..\|t\| - 1])$ (expectedEp(traprule(delta($t[i-1]$, $t[i]$), $Tw[i]$, $Tp[i]$, $Tw[i-1]$, $Tp[i-1]$), $params$)), $(\forall i \in [1..\|t\| - 1])$ (expectedEw (expectedEc(traprule(delta($t[i-1]$, $t[i]$), $params.Tc$, $Tw[i]$, $params.Tc$, $Tw[i-1]$), $params$), post($expEPCM$))), error(sum(post($expEWat$)), $Ew[\|Ew\| - 1]$), error(sum(post($expEPCM$)), $Ep[\|Ep\| - 1]$), $(errorWater > ConsTol \vee errorPCM > ConsTol \Rightarrow$ Prints warning message(s))
	exception:	none

11.4.6 Local Functions

delta: real × real → real
delta($t1$, $t2$) ≡ $t2 - t1$

traprule: real × real × real × real × real → real
traprule(t, $A1$, $B1$, $A2$, $B2$) ≡ $t \times (A1 - B1 + A2 - B2)/2$

expectedEc: real × parameters → real
expectedEc(c, $params$) ≡ $params.hc \times params.Ac \times c$

expectedEp: real × parameters → real
expectedEp(p, $params$) ≡ $params.hp \times params.Ap \times p$

expectedEw: real × real → real
expectedEw(Ec, Ep) ≡ $Ec - Ep$

sum: array of reals → real
sum(a) ≡ $\sum_{i=0}^{|a|-1} a[i]$

error: real × real → real

$\text{error}(exp,\ act) \equiv \frac{|exp-act|}{act} \times 100$

12 MIS of Plotting Module

12.1 Module

plot

12.2 Uses

N/A

12.3 Syntax

12.3.1 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
plot	array of reals, array of reals, array of reals, array of reals, array of reals, string	-	-

12.4 Semantics

12.4.1 State Variables

plotFilename: string

12.4.2 Environment Variables

directory: The current directory of files from which the program is run.

12.4.3 Assumptions

The input arrays are all of the same size.

12.4.4 Access Routine Semantics

plot(t, Tw, Tp, Ew, Ep, $filename$):

transition: *directory*: writes a .png file named *plotFilename* containing the graphs of the simulation results.

exception: none

13 MIS of Output Module

13.1 Module

output

13.2 Uses

parameters (5)

13.3 Syntax

13.3.1 Exported Constants

max_width: integer

13.3.2 Exported Access Program

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
output	string, array of reals, array of reals, array of reals, array of reals, array of reals, array of reals, parameters	-	-

13.4 Semantics

13.4.1 State Variables

$outFilename$: string

13.4.2 Environment Variables

directory: The current directory of files from which the program is run.

13.4.3 Access Routine Semantics

output($params$, t, Tw, Tp, Ew, Ep, $ETot$, $filename$): transition: *directory*: writes a .txt file named $outFilename$ containing the input parameters, calculated parameters, and results of the simulation.
exception: none

14 Appendix

Table 2: Possible Exceptions

Message ID	**Error Message**
badLength	Error: Tank length must be > 0
badDiam	Error: Tank diameter must be > 0
badPCMVolume	Error: PCM volume must be > 0
badPCMAndTankVol	Error: PCM volume must be $<$ tank volume
badPCMArea	Error: PCM area must be > 0
badPCMDensity	Error: rho_p must be > 0
badMeltTemp	Error: Tmelt must be > 0 and $< Tc$
badCoilAndInitTemp	Error: Tc must be $>$ Tinit
badCoilTemp	Error: Tc must be > 0 and < 100
badPCMHeatCapSolid	Error: C_ps must be > 0
badPCMHeatCapLiquid	Error: C_pl must be > 0
badHeatFusion	Error: Hf must be > 0
badCoilArea	Error: Ac must be > 0
badWaterDensity	Error: rho_w must be > 0
badWaterHeatCap	Error: C_w must be > 0
badCoilCoeff	Error: hc must be > 0
badPCMCoeff	Error: hp must be > 0
badInitTemp	Error: Tinit must be > 0 and < 100
badFinalTime	Error: tfinal must be > 0
badInitAndMeltTemp	Error: Tinit must be $<$ Tmelt
ODE_BAD_INPUT	Invalid input to ODE solver
ODE_MAXSTEP	ODE solver took $MaxStep$ steps and did not find solution