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 structure of the MIS for modules comes from Hoffman and Strooper (1995), with the addition that template modules have been adapted from Ghezzi et al. (2003). The mathematical notation comes from Chapter 3 of Hoffman and Strooper (1995). For instance, the symbol := is used for a multiple assignment statement and conditional rules follow the form $(c_1 \Rightarrow r_1|c_2 \Rightarrow r_2|...|c_n \Rightarrow r_n)$.

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 $(-\infty, \infty)$
natural number	\mathbb{N}	a number without a fractional component in $[1, \infty)$
real	\mathbb{R}	any number in $(-\infty, \infty)$

The specification of SWHS uses some derived data types: sequences, strings, and tuples. Sequences are lists filled with elements of the same data type. Strings are sequences of characters. Tuples contain a list of values, potentially of different types. In addition, SWHS 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 (Section 5), load_params (Section 6), verify_params (Section 7), temperature (Section 8), ODE Solvers Module (Section 9), energy (Section 10), verify_output (Section 11), plot (Section 12), output (Section 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 \mathbb{R} tempW: array of \mathbb{R} tempP: array of \mathbb{R} latHeat: array of \mathbb{R} eW: array of \mathbb{R} eP: array of \mathbb{R} eTot: array of \mathbb{R}

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],

 $results[1], \ results[2], \ results[3], \ eW1 \\ \|eW2 \\ \|eW3, \ eP1 \\ \|eP2 \\ \|eP3, \ eP4 \\ \|eP4 \\ \|$

 $(\forall i \in [0..|post(eW)|-1]) (post(eW[i]) + post(eP[i]))$, Prints infor-

mation about the melting of PCM.

exception: none

5 MIS of Input Parameters Module

5.1 Module

Param

5.2 Uses

N/A

5.3 Syntax

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
load_params	string	-	-
L	-	\mathbb{R}	

5.4 Semantics

5.4.1 Environment Variables

f: sequence of string #f[i] is the ith string in the text file f

5.4.2 Assumptions

Parameters will not be used before it has been initialized. That is, init will be called before any other access programs.

5.5 Semantics

5.5.1 State Variables

L: \mathbb{R}

diam: \mathbb{R}

 $Vp: \mathbb{R}$

Ap: \mathbb{R}

rho₋p: ℝ

T
melt: \mathbb{R}

C_ps: \mathbb{R}

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C_pl: \mathbb{R}
Hf: \mathbb{R}
Ac \colon\thinspace \mathbb{R}
\mathrm{Tc}\colon\,\mathbb{R}
rho\_w\colon\thinspace \mathbb{R}
C_{-w}: \mathbb{R}
hc: \mathbb{R}
hp: \mathbb{R}
Tinit: \mathbb{R}
tstep: \mathbb{R}
tfinal: \mathbb{R}
AbsTol: \mathbb{R}
RelTol: \mathbb{R}
ConsTol: \mathbb{R}
Vt: \mathbb{R}
Mw: \mathbb{R}
tau_w: \mathbb{R}
eta: \mathbb{R}
Mp: \mathbb{R}
tau_ps: \mathbb{R}
tau_pl: \mathbb{R}
Epmelt_init: \mathbb{R}
Ep_melt3: \mathbb{R}
Mw_noPCM: \mathbb{R}
tau_w_no_PCM: \mathbb{R}
5.5.2
               Access Routine Semantics
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init():

- transition: L, diam, Vp, Ap, ..., tau_w_no_PCM := 0, 0, 0, 0, ..., 0
- output: out := self
- exception: none

getL():

 \bullet output: out := L

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• exception: none
get_diam():
   • output: out := diam
   • exception: none
getVp():
   \bullet output: out := Vp
   • exception: none
getAp():
   \bullet output: out := Ap
   • exception: none
get_tau_w_no_PCM():
   \bullet output: out := tau_w_no_PCM
   • exception: none
setL(x):
   • transition: L := x
   • exception: none
set_diam(x):
   \bullet transition: diam := x
   • exception: none
setVp(x):
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• transition: Vp := x

• exception: none

setAp(x):

• transition: Ap := x

• exception: none

...

 $set_tau_w_no_PCM(x)$:

• transition: $tau_w_no_PCM := x$

• exception: none

5.6 Considerations

As implied above, there is a getter and a setter for each state variable. All state variables are initially initialized to zero. Some programming language implementations will likely use the dot notation to access the fields of this template module, rather than actually write out all of the getters and setters.

6 MIS of Input Format Module

6.1 Module

Load_params

6.2 Uses

Param (Section 5)

6.3 Syntax

6.4 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
load_params	string	-	-

6.5 Semantics

6.5.1 Environment Variables

f: sequence of string #f[i] is the ith string in the text file f

6.5.2 Assumptions

The input string corresponds to an existing filename. The name will be relative to the current directory. The input file is assumed to be formatted correctly. The file contains the string equivalents of the numeric values for each input parameter in order, each on a new line. The order is the same as in the table in R1 of the SRS. Any comments in the input file should be denoted with a '#' symbol.

6.5.3 Access Routine Semantics

 $load_params(s)$:

- transition: The filename s is first associated with the file f. File f is then used to modify the state of Param (Section 5) as follows:
 - 1. Param.init()

- 2. Read data sequentially from f to populate the state variables of Param from L to ConsTol.
- 3. Calculate the derived quantities in Param as follows:
 - Param.setVt(calcVt(Param.getL(), Param.get_diam()))
 - Param.setMw(calcMw(Param.getVp(), Param.get_rho_w(), Param.getVt()))
 - Param.set_tau_w(calcTauw(Param.getMw(), Param.getC_w(), Param.get_hc(), Param.getAc()))
 - Param.set_eta(calcEta(Param.get_hp(), Param.getAp(), Param.get_hc(), Param.getAc()))
 - Param.setMp(calcMp(Param.get_rho_p(), Param.getVp()))
 - Param.set_tau_ps(calcTaups(Param.getMp(), Param.getC_ps(), Param.get_hp(), Param.getAp()))
 - Param.set_taul_pl(calcTaupl(Param.getMp(), Param.getC_pl(), Param.get_hp(), Param.getAp()))
 - Param.setEpmelt_init(calcEpmeltinit(Param.getC_ps(), Param.getMp(), Param.getTmelt(), Param.getTinit()))
 - Param.setEp_melt3(calcEpmelt3(Param.getHf(), Param.getMp()))
 - Param.setMw_noPCM(calcMwno(Param.get_rho_w, Param.getVt()))
 - Param.set_tau_no_PCM(calcTauwnoPCM(Param.getMw_noPCM(), Param.getC_w(), Param.get_hc(), Param.getAc()))
- exception: none

6.5.4 Local Functions

calcVt:
$$\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$$

calcVt $(L, d) \equiv \pi \times L \times (\frac{d}{2})^2$
calcMw: $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$
calcMw $(V_p, \rho_w, V_t) \equiv \rho_w(V_t - V_p)$
calcTauw: $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$
calcTauw $(m_w, C_w, h_c, A_c) \equiv \frac{m_w C_w}{A_c h_c}$
calcEta: $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$
calcEta: $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$
calcEta: $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$

calcMp: $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ calcMp(ρ_p, V_p) $\equiv \rho_p V_p$

calcTaups: $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ calcTaups $(M_p, C_{ps}, h_p, A_p) \equiv \frac{M_p C_{ps}}{h_p A_p}$

calcTaupl: $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ calcTaupl $(M_p, C_{pl}, h_p, A_p) \equiv \frac{M_p C_{pl}}{h_p A_p}$

calcEpmeltinit: $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ calcEpmeltinit($C_{ps}, M_p, T_{\text{melt}}, T_{\text{init}}$) $\equiv C_{ps}M_p(T_{\text{melt}} - T_{\text{init}})$

calcEpmelt3: $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ calcEpmelt3 $(H_f, M_p) \equiv H_f M_p$

calcMwnoPCM: $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ calcMwnoPCM(ρ_w, V_t) $\equiv \rho_w V_t$

calcTauwnoPCM: $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ calcTauwnoPCM $(M_{w_{\text{noPCM}}}, C_w, h_c, A_c) \equiv \frac{M_{w_{\text{noPCM}}}C_w}{h_c A_c}$

7 MIS of Input Verification Module

7.1 Module

 $verify_params$

7.2 Uses

Param (Section 5)

7.3 Syntax

7.3.1 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions					
verify_valid	-	-	badLength, badDiam, badPCMVolume, bad-					
			PCMAndTankVol, badPCMArea, badPCMDen-					
			sity, badMeltTemp, badCoilAndInitTemp, bad-					
			CoilTemp, badPCMHeatCapSolid, badPCMHeat-					
			CapLiquid, badHeatFusion, badCoilArea, badWa-					
			terDensity, badWaterHeatCap, badCoilCoeff, bad-					
			PCMCoeff, badInitTemp, badFinalTime, badIni-					
			${ m tAndMeltTemp}$					
verify_recommen	d -	-	-					

7.4 Semantics

7.4.1 Assumptions

All of the fields Param have been assigned values before any of the access routines for this module are called.

7.4.2 Access Routine Semantics

 $\operatorname{verify_valid}()$:

• transition: none

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• exceptions: exc := (
  Param.getL() \le 0 \Rightarrow badLength
  Param.get_diam() \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{badDiam}
  Params.get_Vp() \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{badPCMVolume}
  Params.getVp() \ge Params.Vt \Rightarrow badPCMAndTankVol |
  Params.getAp() \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{badPCMArea}
  Params.get_rho_p() \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{badPCMDensity}
  Params.getTmelt() \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{badMeltTemp}
  Params.getTmelt() > Params.getTc() \Rightarrow badMeltTemp
  Params.getTc() \leq Params.getTinit() \Rightarrow badCoilAndInitTemp
  Params.getTc() > 100 \lor Params.getTc() < 0 \Rightarrow badCoilTemp
  Params.getC_ps() \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{badPCMHeatCapSolid}
  Params.getC_pl() \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{badPCMHeatCapLiquid}
  Params.getHf() \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{badHeatFusion} \mid
  Params.getAc() \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{badCoilArea}
  Params.get_rho()_w \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{badWaterDensity} \mid
  Params.getC_w() \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{badWaterHeatCap}
  Params.get_hc() \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{badCoilCoeff}
  Params.get_hp() \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{badPCMCoeff}
  Params.getTinit() < 0 \lor Params.getTinit() > 100 \Rightarrow badInitTemp
  Params.get_tfinal() \leq 0 \Rightarrow \text{badFinalTime}
  Params.getTinit() \ge Params.getTmelt() \Rightarrow badInitAndMeltTemp)
verify_recommend():
• transition: none
\bullet exceptions: exc := (
  Params.getL() < 0.1 \lor Params.getL() > 50 \Rightarrow warnLength
  Params.getdiam() / Params.getL() < 0.002 \times Params.getdiam() / Params.getL()
  > 200 \Rightarrow \text{warnDiam}
  Params.getVp() < Params.getVt() \times 10^{-}6 \Rightarrow warnPCMVol |
  Params.getVp() > Params.getAp() \vee Params.getAp > (2/0.001) \times Params.getVp()
  ⇒ warnVolArea |
  (Params.get\_rho\_p() < 500) \lor (Params.get\_rho\_p() > 20000) \Rightarrow warn-
  PCMDensity | ... )
  # Need to continue for the rest of the example - tabular form? # Should
  add a module (Configuration Module) to store symbolic constants
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7.5 Considerations

See Appendix (Section 14) for the complete list of exceptions and associated error messages.

8 MIS of Temperature ODEs Module

8.1 Module

temperature

8.2 Uses

Param (Section 5)

8.3 Syntax

8.3.1 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
temperature1	$\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}$	sequence[2] of \mathbb{R}	-
temperature2	$\mathbb{R},\mathbb{R},\mathbb{R}$	sequence[3] of \mathbb{R}	-
temperature3	$\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{R}$	sequence[2] of \mathbb{R}	-
event1	array of \mathbb{R} , array of \mathbb{R} , array	function	-
	of \mathbb{R} , parameters		
event2	array of \mathbb{R} , array of \mathbb{R} , array	function	-
	of \mathbb{R} , array of \mathbb{R} , parameters		

8.4 Semantics

8.4.1 State Variables

none

8.4.2 Assumptions

none

8.4.3 Access Routine Semantics

temperature 1(Tw1, Tp1, t,):

• output: $out := dTdt(1) = (1/Params.get_tau_w())*((Params.getTc() - Tw1) + Params.getEta()*(Tp1 - Tw1));$

• 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 \mathbb{R} ,	array of \mathbb{R} (N of them)	ODE_BAD_INPUT,
	array of \mathbb{R} , function,		ODE_MAXSTEP,
	\mathbb{R},\mathbb{R}		ODE_ACCURACY

9.4 Semantics

9.4.1 State Variables

results: array of \mathbb{R} (N of them)

9.4.2 Access Routine Semantics

 $\operatorname{solve}(f,\, domain,\, ics,\, events,\, abstol,\, reltol) \quad \operatorname{out} \quad := \quad results, \quad \operatorname{where}$

results holds the solution to the ODE system generated

by the solver.

exceptions: exc := (Invalid in-

put parameters \Rightarrow ODE_BAD_INPUT | MaxStep steps taken and no solution found \Rightarrow ODE_MAXSTEP | reltol and abstol not satisfied for a step \Rightarrow ODE_ACCURACY)

10 MIS of Energy Module

10.1 Module

energy

10.2 Uses

Param (Section 5)

10.3 Syntax

10.3.1 External Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
energy1Wat	array of \mathbb{R} , parameters	array of \mathbb{R}	-
energy1PCM	array of \mathbb{R} , parameters	array of \mathbb{R}	-
energy2Wat	array of \mathbb{R} , parameters	array of \mathbb{R}	-
energy2PCM	array of \mathbb{R} , parameters	array of \mathbb{R}	-
energy3Wat	array of \mathbb{R} , parameters	array of \mathbb{R}	-
energy3PCM	array of \mathbb{R} , parameters	array of \mathbb{R}	-

10.4 Semantics

10.4.1 State Variables

eW1: array of \mathbb{R} eP1: array of \mathbb{R} eW2: array of \mathbb{R} eP2: array of \mathbb{R} eW3: array of \mathbb{R} eP3: array of \mathbb{R}

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: $(\forall i \in [0..|Tw1| - 1]) (eW1[i] := 1)$

watEnergy(Tw1[i], params))

output: out := eW1

exception: none

energy1PCM(Tp1, params): transition: $(\forall i \in [0..|Tp1| - 1]) (eP1[i] := 1)$

pcmEnergy1(Tp1[i], params))

output: out := eP1

exception: none

energy2Wat(Tw2, params): transition: $(\forall i \in [0..|Tw2|-1]) (eW2[i] :=$

watEnergy(Tw2[i], params))

output: out := eW2

exception: none

energy2PCM(Qp2, params): transition: $(\forall i \in [0..|Qp2|-1]) (eP2[i] :=$

pcmEnergy2(Qp2[i], params))

output: out := eP2

exception: none

energy3Wat(Tw3, params): transition: $(\forall i \in [0..|Tw3| - 1]) (eW3[i] :=$

watEnergy(Tw3[i], params))

output: out := eW3

exception: none

energy3PCM(Tp3, params): transition: $(\forall i \in [0..|Tp3| - 1]) (eP3[i] :=$

pcmEnergy3(Tp3[i], params))

output: out := eP3

exception: none

10.4.4 Local Functions

wat Energy: $\mathbb{R} \times \text{parameters} \to \mathbb{R}$

 $\text{watEnergy}(Tw, params) \equiv params. C_w \times params. Mw \times (Tw-params. Tinit)$

pcmEnergy1: $\mathbb{R} \times \text{parameters} \to \mathbb{R}$

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\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{pcmEnergy1}(Tp, params) \equiv params. C\_ps \times params. Mp \times (Tp-params. Tinit) \\ & \operatorname{pcmEnergy2}: \ \mathbb{R} \times \operatorname{parameters} \to \mathbb{R} \\ & \operatorname{pcmEnergy2}(Qp, params) \equiv params. Epmelt\_init + Qp \\ & \operatorname{pcmEnergy3}: \ \mathbb{R} \times \operatorname{parameters} \to \mathbb{R} \\ & \operatorname{pcmEnergy3}(Tp, params) \equiv params. Epmelt\_init + params. Ep\_melt3 + params. C\_pl \times params. Mp \times (Tp-params. Tmelt) \end{aligned}
```

11 MIS of Output Verification Module

11.1 Module

verify_output

11.2 Uses

Param (Section 5)

11.3 Syntax

11.3.1 Exported Access Programs

Name	In	Out	Exceptions
verify_output	array of \mathbb{R} , array of \mathbb{R} , array of \mathbb{R} , array	-	_
	of \mathbb{R} , array of \mathbb{R} , parameters		

11.4 Semantics

11.4.1 State Variables

expEPCM: array of \mathbb{R} expEWat: array of \mathbb{R}

 $errorWater: \mathbb{R}$ $errorPCM: \mathbb{R}$

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, experiment errorWater.

expEWat, errorPCM, errorWater, $win := (\forall i)$ \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],Tw[i]params.Tc, 1]),post(expEPCM))),params), $\operatorname{error}(\operatorname{sum}(\operatorname{post}(expEWat)),$ Ew[|Ew|]1]), $\operatorname{error}(\operatorname{sum}(\operatorname{post}(expEPCM)),$ Ep[|Ep|-1]), (errorWater $ConsTol \lor errorPCM$ \Rightarrow Prints warning ConsTolmessage(s)

exception:

 $(errorWater > ConsTol \Rightarrow warnWaterError | errorPCM > ConsTol \Rightarrow warnPCMError)$ These exceptions do not terminate the program.

11.4.6 Local Functions

delta: $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ delta $(t1, t2) \equiv t2 - t1$

traprule: $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ traprule $(t, A1, B1, A2, B2) \equiv t \times (A1 - B1 + A2 - B2)/2$

expectedEc: $\mathbb{R} \times \text{parameters} \to \mathbb{R}$ expectedEc(c, params) $\equiv params.hc \times params.Ac \times c$

expectedEp: $\mathbb{R} \times \text{parameters} \to \mathbb{R}$

 $\texttt{expectedEp}(p, \, params) \equiv params.hp \times params.Ap \times p$

expected Ew: $\mathbb{R}\times\mathbb{R}\to\mathbb{R}$

 $expectedEw(Ec, Ep) \equiv Ec - Ep$

sum: array of $\mathbb{R}s \to \mathbb{R}$ $\operatorname{sum}(a) \equiv \sum_{i=0}^{|a|-1} a[i]$

error: $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ 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 \mathbb{R} , array of \mathbb{R} , array of \mathbb{R} , array of	-	-
	\mathbb{R} , array of \mathbb{R} , 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 re-

sults.

exception: none

13 MIS of Output Module

13.1 Module

output

13.2 Uses

Param (Section 5)

13.3 Syntax

13.3.1 Exported Constants

 max_width : integer

13.3.2 Exported Access Program

In	\mathbf{Out}	Exceptions
		-
		string, array of \mathbb{R} ,

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

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14 Appendix

Table 2: Possible Exceptions

Message ID	Error Message
badLength	Error: Tank length must be > 0
badDiam	Error: Tank diameter must be > 0
${\it badPCMVolume}$	Error: PCM volume must be > 0
bad PCM And Tank Vol	Error: PCM volume must be < tank volume
badPCMArea	Error: PCM area must be > 0
badPCMDensity	Error: rho_p must be > 0
${\bf badMeltTemp}$	Error: Tmelt must be > 0 and $< Tc$
bad Coil And In it Temp	Error: Tc must be > Tinit
badCoilTemp	Error: Tc must be > 0 and < 100
${\it badPCMHeatCapSolid}$	Error: C _{-ps} must be > 0
${\it badPCMHeatCapLiquid}$	Error: C _{-pl} must be > 0
${\bf badHeatFusion}$	Error: Hf must be > 0
badCoilArea	Error: Ac must be > 0
badWaterDensity	Error: rho_w must be > 0
${\bf badWaterHeatCap}$	Error: C_w must be > 0
badCoilCoeff	Error: hc must be > 0
badPCMCoeff	Error: hp must be > 0
${\bf badInitTemp}$	Error: Tinit must be > 0 and < 100
${\bf badFinalTime}$	Error: tfinal must be > 0
badInit And Melt Temp	Error: Tinit must be < Tmelt
ODE_ACCURACY	reltol and abstol were not satisfied by the ODE solver for a given solution step.
ODE_BAD_INPUT	Invalid input to ODE solver
$ODE_MAXSTEP$	ODE solver took $MaxStep$ steps and did not find solution
warnLength	Warning: It is recommended that $0.1 \le L \le 50$
warnDiam	Warning: It is recommended that $0.002 \le D/L \le 200$

warnPCMVol	Warning: It is recommended that Vp be $>= 0.0001\%$ of Vt
warnVolArea	Warning: It is recommended that Vp \leq Ap \leq (2/0.001) * Vp
warnPCMDensity	Warning: It is recommended that $500 < \text{rho_p} < 20000$
warn PCM Heat Cap Solid	Warning: It is recommended that $100 < C_ps < 4000$
warn PCM Heat Cap Liquid	Warning: It is recommended that $100 < C_pl < 5000$
warnCoilArea	Warning: It is recommended that Ac <= pi * (D/2) \wedge 2
warnWaterDensity	Warning: It is recommended that $950 < \text{rho_w} <= 1000$
warn Water Heat Cap	Warning: It is recommended that $4170 < C_w < 4210$
warnCoilCoeff	Warning: It is recommended that $10 < hc < 10000$
warnPCMCoeff	Warning: It is recommended that $10 < hp < 10000$
warn Final Time	Warning: It is recommended that $0 < \text{tfinal} < 86400$
warnWaterError	Warning: There is greater than $x\%$ relative error between the energy in the water output and the expected output based on the law of conservation of energy. (Where x is the value of $ConsTol$)
warnPCMError	Warning: There is greater than $x\%$ relative error between the energy in the PCM output and the expected output based on the law of conservation of energy. (Where x is the value of $ConsTol$)