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Building Integration of Solar Thermal Systems – TU1205 – BISTS

Modelling of buildings and solar systems with EnergyPlus

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- AA EnergyPlus (15 min)
- BB How to model Buildings by E+ (30 min)
- CC How to model Solar systems by E+ (30 min)



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BB MODEL BUILDINGS BY E+



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BB BUILDING MODELBY E+

- 1. Description
- 2. SIMULATION control
- 3. Location and climate
- 4. Schedule
- 5.Surface construction
- 6. Building geometry
- 7. HVAC
- 8. Output



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1 DESCRIPTION OF BUILDING

- Rectangular single story building – 15.24mx15.24mx4.57m
- 1 Zone, No windows,
- Lightweight construction
- Surfaces made of concrete 0.1m thick.
- **Internal Load:** no.
- **Space Conditioning:** Heating set-point 20C, Cooling set-point 24C, no setback
- **Environment:** Location: Denver, Colorado, USA
- **Simulation for Design Days** (in summer and winter) and for year.



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2.1 SIMULATION PARAMETERS -VERSION

Version, 8.1; !- Version Identifier

- "The Version object allows you to enter the proper version that your IDF was created for. This is checked against the current version of EnergyPlus and a severe error issued (nonterminating) if it does not match the current version string."



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2.2 SIMULATION PARAMETERS SIMULATION CONTROL

SimulationControl,

No,	!- Do Zone Sizing Calculation
No,	!- Do System Sizing Calculation
No,	!- Do Plant Sizing Calculation
Yes,	!- Run Simulation for Sizing Periods
Yes;	!- Run Simulation for Weather File Run Periods



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2.3 SIMULATION PARAMETERS - Building

Building,

Simple One Zone (Wireframe DXF),	!- Name
0,	!- North Axis {deg}
Suburbs,	!- Terrain
0.04,	!- Loads Convergence Tolerance Value
0.004,	!- Temperature Convergence Tolerance Value {deltaC}
MinimalShadowing,	!- Solar Distribution
30;	!- Maximum Number of Warmup Days
6;	!- Minimum Number of Warmup Days



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2.3 *Field: North Axis*

- The Building North Axis is specified **relative to true North. Buildings frequently do not line up** with true north. For convenience, one may enter surfaces in a “regular” coordinate system
- and then shift them via the use of the North Axis. The value is specified in degrees from “true north” (clockwise is positive).



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2.3 *Field: Solar distribution*

- **MinimalShadowing**
- **FullExterior**
- **FullInteriorAndExterior,**
- **FullExteriorWithReflections**
- **FullInteriorAndExteriorWithReflections**



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2.4 SIMULATION PARAMETERS-Algorithms

SURFACECONVECTIONALGORITHM:INSIDE

SurfaceConvectionAlgorithm:Inside,TARP;

SurfaceConvectionAlgorithm:Outside,
DOE-2; !- Algorithm

HeatBalanceAlgorithm,
ConductionTransferFunction; !- Algorithm

Inside: Simple, TARP, CeilingDiffuser, and AdaptiveConvectionAlgorithm

Outside: SimpleCombined, TARP, MoWITT, DOE-2.

HeatBalanceAlgorithm: AdaptiveConvectionAlgorithm,Conduction Transfer
Function; MoisturePenetrationDepthConductionTransferFunction;
ConductionFiniteDifference; CombinedHeatAndMoistureFiniteElement



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2.5. SIMULATION PARAMETERS - Timestep

Timestep,

4;

!- Number of Timesteps per Hour

The allowable choices are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12,
15, 20, 30, and 60.



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2.6 SIMULATION PARAMETERS - Run Period

RunPeriod,

1,	!- Begin Month
1,	!- Begin Day of Month
12,	!- End Month
31,	!- End Day of Month
Tuesday,	!- Day of Week for Start Day
Yes,	!- Use Weather File Holidays and Special Days
Yes,	!- Use Weather File Daylight Saving Period
No,	!- Apply Weekend Holiday Rule
Yes,	!- Use Weather File Rain Indicators
Yes;	!- Use Weather File Snow Indicators



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3.1 LOCATION

Site:Location,

DENVER_STAPLETON_CO_USA_WMO_724690,	!- Name
39.77,	!- Latitude {deg}
-104.87,	!- Longitude {deg}
-7.00,	!- Time Zone {hr}
1611.00;	!- Elevation {m}



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3.2 CLIMATE- Winter design day

```
SizingPeriod:DesignDay,  
DENVER_STAPLETON Ann Htg 99% Condns DB, !- Name  
-16,      !- Maximum Dry-Bulb Temperature {C}  
0.0,      !- Daily Temperature Range {deltaC}  
-16,      !- Humidity Indicating Conditions at Maximum Dry-Bulb  
83411.,   !- Barometric Pressure {Pa}  
2.3,      !- Wind Speed {m/s}  
180,      !- Wind Direction {deg}  
0.00,     !- Sky Clearness  
0,        !- Rain Indicator  
0,        !- Snow Indicator  
21,       !- Day of Month  
12,       !- Month  
WinterDesignDay,    !- Day Type  
0,         !- Daylight Saving Time Indicator  
WetBulb;        !- Humidity Indicating Type
```



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3.3 CLIMATE-Summer design day

```
SizingPeriod:DesignDay,  
DENVER_STAPLETON Ann Clg 1% Condns DB=>MWB, !- Name  
32.6,     !- Maximum Dry-Bulb Temperature {C}  
15.2,     !- Daily Temperature Range {deltaC}  
15.5,     !- Humidity Indicating Conditions at Maximum Dry-Bulb  
83411.,   !- Barometric Pressure {Pa}  
4,        !- Wind Speed {m/s}  
120,      !- Wind Direction {deg}  
1.00,     !- Sky Clearness  
0,        !- Rain Indicator  
0,        !- Snow Indicator  
21,       !- Day of Month  
7,        !- Month  
SummerDesignDay,    !- Day Type  
0,         !- Daylight Saving Time Indicator  
WetBulb;        !- Humidity Indicating Type
```



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4.1 SCHEDULE: Compact

```
Schedule:Compact,  
  ALWAYS 20,      !- Name  
  Any number,     !- Schedule Type Limits Name  
  Through:12/31,  !- Field 1  
  For: AllDays,   !- Field 2  
  Until:24:00,   !- Field 3  
  20;            !- Field 4  
  
Schedule:Compact,  
  ALWAYS 24,      !- Name  
  Any number,     !- Schedule Type Limits Name  
  Through:12/31,  !- Field 1  
  For: AllDays,   !- Field 2  
  Until:24:00,   !- Field 3  
  24;            !- Field 4
```



4.1 SCHEDULE

- **Field: Name.** a unique name.
- **Field: ScheduleType** See a list of ScheduleTypes.
- **Field-Set (Through, For, Interpolate, Until, Value)**
Each compact schedule must contain the elements
Through (date), For (days), Interpolate (optional),
Until (time of day) and Value.
- See Schedules.idf in Datasets





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5.1 SURFACE CONSTRUCTION ELEMENTS - MATERIAL

```
Material,  
CONCRETE, !- Name  
MediumRough,      !- Roughness  
0.1014984,        !- Thickness {m}  
1.729577,         !- Conductivity {W/m-K}  
2242.585,         !- Density {kg/m3}  
836.8000,         !- Specific Heat {J/kg-K}  
0.9000000,        !- Thermal Absorptance  
0.6500000,        !- Solar Absorptance  
0.6500000;        !- Visible Absorptance
```

See ASHRAE_2005_HOF_Materials.idf in Datasets



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5.2 CONSTRUCTION

```
Construction,  
R13WALL,          !- Name  
CONCRETE;         !- Outside Layer  
  
Construction,  
FLOOR,           !- Name  
CONCRETE;         !- Outside Layer  
  
Construction,  
ROOF31,          !- Name  
CONCRETE;         !- Outside Layer
```

CompositeWallConstructions.idf

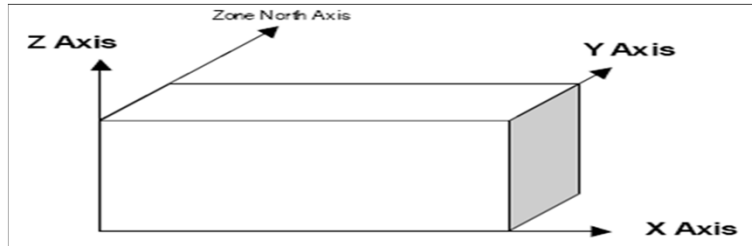


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6.1 GLOBAL GEOMETRY RULES



```
GlobalGeometryRules,
UpperLeftCorner,      !- Starting Vertex Position
CounterClockWise,    !- Vertex Entry Direction
WorldCoordinateSystem; !- Coordinate System
```

6.2 ZONE

```
Zone,
ZONE ONE,      !- Name
0,             !- Direction of Relative North {deg}
0,             !- X Origin {m}
0,             !- Y Origin {m}
0,             !- Z Origin {m}
1,             !- Type
1,             !- Multiplier
autocalculate, !- Ceiling Height {m}
autocalculate; !- Volume {m3}
```



6.3 BUILDING SURFACE: DETAILED

```
BuildingSurface:Detailed,  
Zn001:Wall001,      !- Name  
Wall,                !- Surface Type  
R13WALL,             !- Construction Name  
ZONE ONE,            !- Zone Name  
Outdoors,            !- Outside Boundary Condition  
,                   !- Outside Boundary Condition Object  
SunExposed,          !- Sun Exposure  
WindExposed,         !- Wind Exposure  
0.500000,            !- View Factor to Ground  
4,                   !- Number of Vertices  
0,                   !- Vertex 1 X-coordinate {m}  
0,                   !- Vertex 1 Y-coordinate {m}  
4.572000,            !- Vertex 1 Z-coordinate {m}  
0,                   !- Vertex 2 X-coordinate {m}  
0,                   !- Vertex 2 Y-coordinate {m}  
0,                   !- Vertex 2 Z-coordinate {m}  
15.24000,            !- Vertex 3 X-coordinate {m}  
0,                   !- Vertex 3 Y-coordinate {m}  
0,                   !- Vertex 3 Z-coordinate {m}  
15.24000,            !- Vertex 4 X-coordinate {m}  
0,                   !- Vertex 4 Y-coordinate {m}  
4.572000;            !- Vertex 4 Z-coordinate {m}
```



7.1 Zone HVAC: Ideal Loads Air System

```
ZoneHVAC: IdealLoadsAirSystem,  
Zone Air,            !- Name  
Zone Supply Inlet,   !- Zone Supply Air Node Name  
50,                  !- Heating Supply Air Temperature {C}  
13,                  !- Cooling Supply Air Temperature {C}  
0.015,               !- Heating Supply Air Humidity Ratio {kg-H2O/kg-air}  
0.01,               !- Cooling Supply Air Humidity Ratio {kg-H2O/kg-air}  
NoLimit,             !- Heating Limit  
autosize,            !- Maximum Heating Air Flow Rate {m3/s}  
NoLimit,             !- Cooling Limit  
autosize,            !- Maximum Cooling Air Flow Rate {m3/s}  
NoOutdoorAir,        !- Outdoor Air  
autosize;            !- Outdoor Air Flow Rate {m3/s}
```





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7.2 Zone HVAC: Equipment List

ZoneHVAC:EquipmentList,

Zone Equipment, !- Name

ZoneHVAC:IdealLoadsAirSystem, !- Zone Equipment 1 Object Type

Zone Air, !- Zone Equipment 1 Name

1, !- Zone Equipment 1 Cooling Priority

1; !- Zone Equipment 1 Heating Priority



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7.3 ZONE HVAC: EQUIPMENT CONNECTIONS

ZoneHVAC:EquipmentConnections,

ZONE ONE, !- Zone Name

ZONE Equipment, !- Zone Conditioning Equipment List Name

ZONE Supply Inlet, !- Zone Air Inlet Node or NodeList Name

, !- Zone Air Exhaust Node or NodeList Name

ZONE ONE Air Node, !- Zone Air Node Name

ZONE ONE Return; !- Zone Return Air Node Name



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7.4 ZONE CONTROL: THERMOSTAT

```
ZoneControl:Thermostat,  
  ZONE ONE Thermostat,    !- Name  
  ZONE ONE,                !- Zone Name  
  Always 4,                !- Control Type Schedule Name  
  ThermostatSetpoint:DualSetpoint, !- Control 1 Object Type  
  Office thermostat;       !- Control 1 Name
```



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7.5 THERMOSTAT SET POINT: DUALSETPOINT

```
ThermostatSetpoint:DualSetpoint,  
  Office Thermostat,    !- Name  
  ALWAYS 20,            !- Heating Setpoint Temperature Schedule Name  
  ALWAYS 24;            !- Cooling Setpoint Temperature Schedule Name
```



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8.1 OUTPUT: Style

Output:VariableDictionary,
IDF; !- Key Field

Output:Surfaces:Drawing,
dxs; !- Report Type

Output:Constructions,
Constructions; !- Details Type 1

Output:Table:SummaryReports,
AllSummary; !- Report 1 Name

OutputControl:Table:Style,
ALL; !- Column Separator



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8.2 OUTPUT:METER:METERFILEONLY

Output:Meter:MeterFileOnly,
ExteriorLights:Electricity, !- Name
hourly; !- Reporting Frequency

Output:Meter:MeterFileOnly,
EnergyTransfer:Building, !- Name
hourly; !- Reporting Frequency

Output:Meter:MeterFileOnly,
EnergyTransfer:Facility, !- Name
hourly; !- Reporting Frequency



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8.3 OUTPUT:VARIABLE

<p><u>Output:Variable</u>, * outdoor dry bulb, !- Variable Name hourly; !- Reporting Frequency</p> <p><u>Output:Variable</u>, * Daylight Saving Time Indicator, !- VN daily; !- Reporting Frequency</p> <p><u>Output:Variable</u>, * DayType Index, !- Variable Name daily; !- Reporting Frequency</p> <p><u>Output:Variable</u>, * Zone Mean Air Temperature, !- Variable N hourly; !- Reporting Frequency</p> <p><u>Output:Variable</u>, * Zone Total Internal Latent Gain, !- VN hourly; !- Reporting Frequency</p> <p><u>Output:Variable</u>, * Zone Mean Radiant Temperature, !- VN hourly; !- Reporting Frequency</p>	<p><u>Output:Variable</u>, * Zone Air Balance Surface Convec Rate, !- VN hourly; !- Reporting Frequency</p> <p><u>Output:Variable</u>, * Zone Air Balance Air Energy Storage Rate, !- VN hourly; !- Reporting Frequency</p> <p><u>Output:Variable</u>, * Surface Inside Temperature, !- Variable N daily; !- Reporting Frequency</p> <p><u>Output:Variable</u>, * Surface Outside Temperature, !- Variable N daily; !- Reporting Frequency</p> <p><u>Output:Variable</u>, * Surface Int Convection Coeff, !- Variable N daily; !- Reporting Frequency</p> <p><u>Output:Variable</u>, * Surface Ext Convection Coeff, !- Variable N daily; !- Reporting Frequency</p>
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9.1 Text output files



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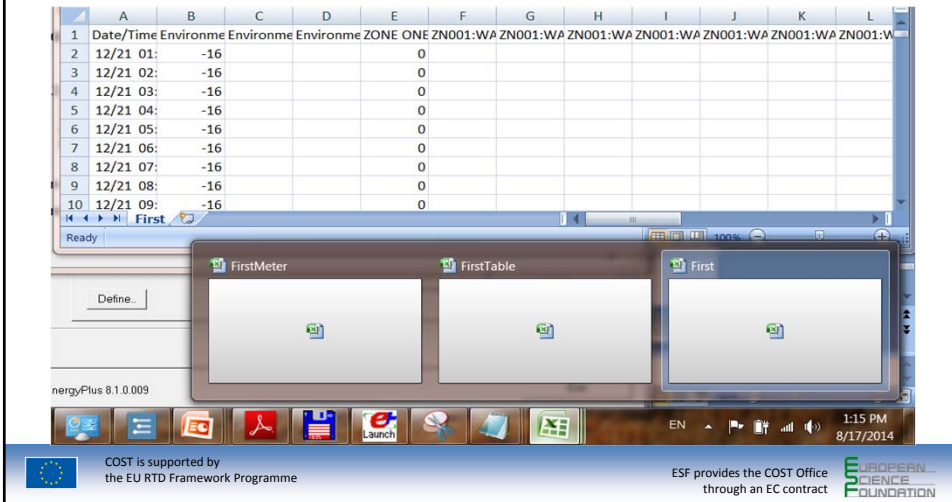


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9.2 Spreadsheets

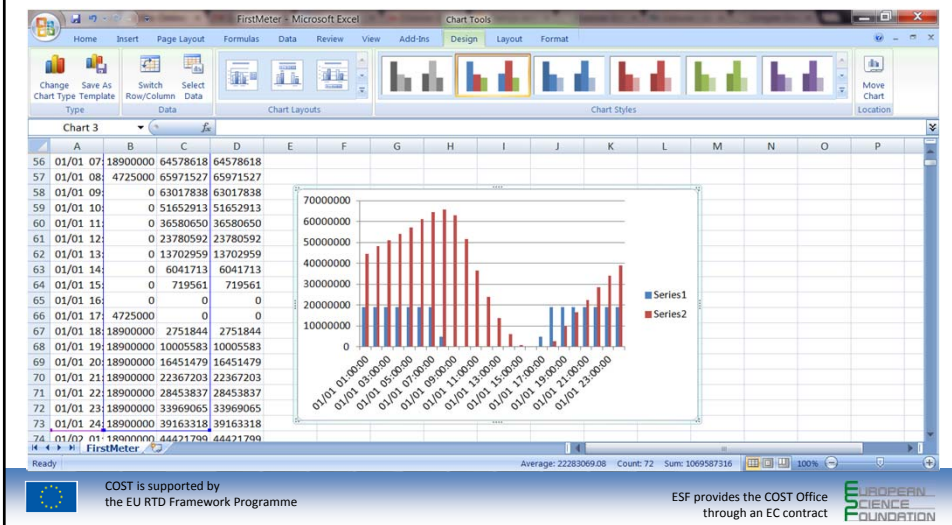



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9.2 Spreadsheets and charts





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9.3 HTLM output content

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9.3 HTLM output **Annual Building Utility Performance Summary**

Program Version: EnergyPlus-Windows-64 8.1.0.009, YMD=2014.08.17 12:52

Tabular Output Report in Format: HTML

Building: Simple One Zone (Wireframe DXF)

Environment: San Francisco Intl Ap CA USA TMY3 WMO#724940

Simulation Timestamp: 2014-08-17 12:52:12

Report: Annual Building Utility Performance Summary


For: Entire Facility

Timestamp: 2014-08-17 12:52:12

Values gathered over 8760.00 hours

Site and Source Energy

	Total Energy [GJ]	Energy Per Total Building Area [MJ/m2]	Energy Per Conditioned Building Area [MJ/m2]
Total Site Energy	258.96	1114.98	1114.98
Net Site Energy	258.96	1114.98	1114.98
Total Source Energy	846.32	3643.87	3643.87
Net Source Energy	846.32	3643.87	3643.87



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