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# Heat and Moisture Sources Simulation of Ventilation

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#### Introduction

# Is there really a generation of heat or moisture in terms of a source inside the component?



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Why do we have and use Sources/Sinks in WUFI®?

Answer: To apply different effects of a 3-dim. reality in einer 1-dim. simulation.

- Heat supply due to radiation (partial transparent cladding's)
- Heat supply due to floor or wall heating/cooling systems
- Moisture penetration due to driving rain
- Moisture and Heat Exchange due to Ventilation



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#### **Transport Equations in WUFI® Ver. 4.1**

# **Heat Transport**



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# **Moisture Transport**



[kg/sm<sup>3</sup>]

external Moisture Source



#### **Transport Equations in WUFI® Ver. 4.1**

# **Coupled Transport Equations**

Strong coupling of Heat and Moisture Transport due to

- Vapor Saturation Pressure has an exponentiell dependency of the temperature
- Heat Conductivity depends on Water Content
- Enthalpy Flux due to Vapor Diffusion
- Additional Coupling due to Heat Sources/Sinks (Ver. 4.1)



Parallel Solution of both equations is a must.



#### **Transport Equations in WUFI® Ver. 4.1**

#### Effect of Sources and Sinks to the Balances

Time Integral of fluxes

Heat Flux, left side [MJ/m²]	-102,03
Heat Flux, right side [MJ/m²]	-105,12
Heat Sources [MJ/m²]	-5,78
Moisture Fluxes, left side [kg/m²]	10,49
Moisture Fluxes, right side [kg/m²]	0,08
Moisture Sources [kg/m <sup>2</sup> ]	-5,31

Status of Calculation

Calculation: Time and Date	06.07.2007 11:24:53
Computing Time	0 min,27 sek
No. of Convergence Failures	2
No. of Rain Absorption Failures	2

#### Check for numerical quality

Integral of fluxes, left side (kl,dl) [kg/m <sup>2</sup> ]	27,19 -16,72 <b>Σ=10,47</b>
Integral of fluxes, right side (kr,dr) [kg/m²]	0,0 0,08 <b>Σ=0,08</b>
Balance 1 [kg/m <sup>2</sup> ]	5,07
Balance 2 [kg/m²]	5,08 = (2) - (3) + (1)



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Heat and Moisture Sources can be defined from the user in the following different ways:

- Transient (time-dependent) from an external file
- Coupled to the exterior boundary condition (Solar Radiation; Driving Rain)
- Transient Air Change Rate with the exterior Air (Heat and Moisture Source or Sinks)

These Sources can be aplied to a single element or to more (side by side) Elements.



#### **Types of Heat and Moisture Sources**

# **Heat Sources**





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# Air Change in Ventilated Cavities



But: Generally accepted models do not exist at the time!!!



**Types of Heat and Moisture Sources** 

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# Heat and Moisture Source due to Ventilation

Wind Pressure Difference und Thermal Buoyancy result in an Air Change between Cavity and the exterior Air. This can be described with the Air Change Rate [1/h].

$$ACH = \frac{Q}{V}$$

ACH [1/h] Air Change Rate Q [m<sup>3</sup>/h] Volume Flow Rate in the ventilated Layer  $[m^3]$ Volume of ventilated Layer

$$ACH = \frac{v \cdot 3600 \frac{s}{h}}{H}$$

[m/s] Wind Speed in the ventilated Layer Height of the ventilated Layer [m]





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## **Calculation of the Source Term due to Ventilation**

**Heat Source:** 
$$S_{h} = \rho_{out} \cdot \frac{ACH}{3600} \cdot d_{Vent} \cdot C_{p,Air} \cdot (T_{Out} - T_{Vent})$$
  
 $S_{h}$ : Heat Source [W/m<sup>2</sup>]  
 $\rho_{out}$ : Density of the exterior Air [kg/m<sup>3</sup>]  
ACH: Air Change Rate in the ventilated Layer [1/h]  
 $d_{Vent}$ : Thickness of the ventilated Layer [m]  
 $C_{p,Air}$ : Spec. Heat Capacity of Air [J/kg K]  
 $T_{out}$ : Temperature; Outdoor [K]  
 $T_{Vent}$ : Temperature in the ventilated Layer [K] (mean value of all Elements)  
**Moisture Source:**  $S_{w} = \frac{ACH}{3600} \cdot d_{Vent} (c_{Out} - c_{Vent})$ 

- S<sub>w</sub>: Moisture Source [kg/m<sup>2</sup>s]
- c<sub>out</sub>: Water Vapor Concentration in the Air; Outdoor [kg/m<sup>3</sup>]
- c<sub>Vent</sub>: Water Vapor Concentration in ventilated Layer [kg/m<sup>3</sup>] (mean value of all Elements)





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# Validation / Examples

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# Validation / Examples Test Building in Seattle

- Wooden Construction with ventilated plaster cladding
- Measurements of Outdoor/Indoor Climate for about 1 year
- > Measurements of the climate conditions in the Cavity





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#### **Problems**

# Sources/Sinks are additional requirements for the numerical solution

- Additional Coupling of the Heat and Moisture Equation
- High Amounts of Moisture can not be absorped
- Sources due to Air Change Rate yields implcit Source Terms (means they must be recalculated at every iteration step)

#### **Consequence:**

- Count of Convergence Error can increase
- The both Equations can diverge
- Numerical Crashes (Zero Division; Floating-Point Overflow)



#### **Problems/Solution**

# ATSC: Adaptive Time Step Control





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