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From eq. (4.27), eq. (4.24) and eq. (4.25) we obtained that

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Then from eq. (4.2) $U_L = 7.84 \text{ W/m}^2$. °C

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Chapter four

Mathematical Calculation

4.1 Introduction:

In this chapter mathematical modeling and theoretical analysis of the novel solar collector will be described by considering the thermal factors affecting the system and the governing equations for the mechanics of the system considering the boundary conditions for the particular system and calculation the amount of solar radiation on the collector.

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4.2.1 Assumptions:

To model the situation, a number of simplifying assumptions can be made to lay the foundations without obscuring the basic physical situation.

These assumptions are:

- 1- There is no absorption of solar energy by the cover.
- 2- There is one- dimensional heat flow through the cover.
- 3- There is a negligible temperature drop through the cover.
- 4- There is one- dimensional heat flow through back-insulation.
- 5- Temperature gradients around tubes can be neglected.

- 6- Loss through front and back of the collector is to be at the same ambient temperature.
- 7- Effect of dust and dirt on the collector is negligible.

4.2.2 The collector:

The novel solar collector is considered as a flat plate collector. The heat transfer behavior of the collector is of transient type due to the variation of weather conditions and load distribution. With previous simplifying assumptions and steady approximation, the Hottel-Bliss-Whillier [1] theory can be applied to calculate the fluid out let temperature from the collector in which overall loss coefficient is dependent on water inlet temperature. Thus the following simple relation results:

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Figure (4.1) Schematic diagram of the collector.

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The useful heat gain by the collector per unit length is given by:

$$q_{u} = D[S - U_{L}(T_{p} - T_{A})]$$
(4.1)

The net solar energy absorbed is calculated by the formula:

 $S = HR(\overline{\tau\alpha})$

Where:

 $(\tau \alpha) = 1.01 \tau \alpha$

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$$U_{L} = U_{t} + U_{b} + U_{e} \tag{4.2}$$

The top loss coefficient is calculated by the formula Ref. [1]:

$$U_{t} = \left[\frac{N}{(344/T_{p})[(T_{p} - T_{A})/(N + F)]^{0.31}} + \frac{1}{h_{w}}\right]^{-1}$$

$$+ \left[\frac{\sigma(T_{p} + T_{A})(T_{p}^{2} + T_{A}^{2})}{[\varepsilon_{p} + 0.0425N(1 - \varepsilon_{p})]^{-1} + [(2N + f - 1)/\varepsilon_{g}] - N}\right]$$

$$(4.3)$$

Where:

$$h_{w} = 8.7 + 3.8V$$

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$$U_{e} = \frac{K*2(l+W_{e})\delta}{X_{e}A_{c}} \qquad \text{(Edge loss coefficient)} \qquad (4.4)$$

$$U_b = \frac{K}{X_b}$$
 (Back loss coefficient) (4.5)

Also the useful heat gain from eq. (4.1) must be transferred to the fluid. The resistance to heat flow to the fluid result from bond This is a watermark for the trial version, register to get the full one! expressed in term of the two resistance as: Benefits for registered users: 1.No watermark on the output documents.

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 $h_{fi} = 300 W / m^2 . C^2$ For laminar flow. Ref. [1]

$$C_{b} = \frac{k_{b}b}{\gamma_{b}}$$

Since there is no sheet associated with the tube, the term $\frac{1}{C_b}$ can be taken as zero. Sub. In eq. (4.6)

So that eq.(4.2) becomes
$$T_p = T_f + \frac{q_u}{h_{f,i}\pi D_i}$$
 (4.7)

By substitution eq. (4.7) in eq. (4.1)

$$q_{u} = D \left[S - U_{L} \left(T_{f} + \frac{q_{u}}{h_{f,i} \pi D_{i}} - T_{A} \right) \right]$$

$$(4.8)$$

$$q_{u} = \frac{1/U_{L}}{D\left(\frac{1}{DU_{L}} + \frac{1}{h_{f,i}\pi D_{i}}\right)} * D\left[S - U_{L}\left(T_{f} - T_{A}\right)\right]$$

Let the term $\frac{1/U_L}{D\left(\frac{1}{DU} + \frac{1}{h \pi D}\right)} = F'$ (4.9)

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Chapter four

Mathematical Calculation

4.1 Introduction:

In this chapter mathematical modeling and theoretical analysis of the novel solar collector will be described by considering the thermal factors affecting the system and the governing equations for the mechanics of the system considering the boundary conditions for the particular system and calculation the amount of solar radiation on the collector.

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4.2.1 Assumptions:

To model the situation, a number of simplifying assumptions can be made to lay the foundations without obscuring the basic physical situation.

These assumptions are:

- 1- There is no absorption of solar energy by the cover.
- 2- There is one- dimensional heat flow through the cover.
- 3- There is a negligible temperature drop through the cover.
- 4- There is one- dimensional heat flow through back-insulation.
- 5- Temperature gradients around tubes can be neglected.

- 6- Loss through front and back of the collector is to be at the same ambient temperature.
- 7- Effect of dust and dirt on the collector is negligible.

4.2.2 The collector:

The novel solar collector is considered as a flat plate collector. The heat transfer behavior of the collector is of transient type due to the variation of weather conditions and load distribution. With previous simplifying assumptions and steady approximation, the Hottel-Bliss-Whillier [1] theory can be applied to calculate the fluid out let temperature from the collector in which overall loss coefficient is dependent on water inlet temperature. Thus the following simple relation results:

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Figure (4.1) Schematic diagram of the collector.

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The useful heat gain by the collector per unit length is given by:

$$q_{u} = D[S - U_{L}(T_{p} - T_{A})]$$
(4.1)

The net solar energy absorbed is calculated by the formula:

 $S = HR(\overline{\tau \alpha})$

Where:

 $(\tau \alpha) = 1.01 \tau \alpha$

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And Benefits for registered users: 1.No watermark on the output documents. 2.Can operate scanned PDF files via OCR. 3.No page quantity limitations for converted PDF files. The cerall loss coefficient of the collector is given as:

$$U_{L} = U_{t} + U_{b} + U_{e} \tag{4.2}$$

The top loss coefficient is calculated by the formula Ref. [1]:

$$U_{t} = \left[\frac{N}{(344/T_{p})[(T_{p} - T_{A})/(N + F)]^{0.31}} + \frac{1}{h_{w}}\right]^{-1}$$

$$+ \left[\frac{\sigma(T_{p} + T_{A})(T_{p}^{2} + T_{A}^{2})}{[\varepsilon_{p} + 0.0425N(1 - \varepsilon_{p})]^{-1} + [(2N + f - 1)/\varepsilon_{g}] - N}\right]$$

$$(4.3)$$

Where:

$$h_{w} = 8.7 + 3.8V$$

$$f = (1.0 - 0.04 h_{w}^{2} + (5 * 10^{-4} h_{w}^{2})) * (1 + 0.058N)$$

$$U_{e} = \frac{K * 2(l + W_{e})\delta}{X_{e}A_{c}} \qquad \text{(Edge loss coefficient)} \qquad (4.4)$$

$$U_{e} = \frac{K}{2} \text{(Deck loss coefficient)} \qquad (4.5)$$

$$U_{b} = \frac{K}{X_{b}} \qquad \text{(Back loss coefficient)} \tag{4.5}$$

Also the useful heat gain from eq. (4.1) must be transferred to the fluid. The resistance to heat flow to the fluid result from bond This is a watermark for the trial version, register to get the full one! expressed in term of the two resistance as: Benefits for registered users: 1.No watermark on the output documents. 2.Can operate scanned PDF files via OCR.

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 $h_{fi} = 300 W / m^2 . C^2$ For laminar flow. Ref. [1]

$$C_{b} = \frac{k_{b}b}{\gamma_{b}}$$

Since there is no sheet associated with the tube, the term $\frac{1}{C_b}$ can be taken as zero. Sub. In eq. (4.6)

So that eq.(4.2) becomes
$$T_p = T_f + \frac{q_u}{h_{f,i}\pi D_i}$$
 (4.7)

By substitution eq. (4.7) in eq. (4.1)

$$q_{u} = D \left[S - U_{L} \left(T_{f} + \frac{q_{u}}{h_{f,i} \pi D_{i}} - T_{A} \right) \right]$$

$$(4.8)$$

$$q_{u} = \frac{1/U_{L}}{D\left(\frac{1}{DU_{L}} + \frac{1}{h_{f,i}\pi D_{i}}\right)} * D\left[S - U_{L}\left(T_{f} - T_{A}\right)\right]$$

Let the term $\frac{1/U_L}{D\left(\frac{1}{DU} + \frac{1}{h_{\mu}\pi D}\right)} = F'$ (4.9)

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In this chapter the properties of the novel solar collector components will be described with apparatus used in this investigation.



The components of the system are given below and are shown in Figure (3-1).

3.1.1. Absorber/storage tank:

It is constructed entirely from six copper tubes with 8 cm outside diameter, 7.8 cm inside diameter, 150 cm long each and 12cm center-tocenter distance. The copper tubes are welded to inter-connection pipes to form a series flow pattern. The tube is coated with ordinary black paint with absorbability of 0.98 Ref. [4] to increase the solar energy absorption rate.

3.1.2. Connecting pipes:

Inlet, outlet tubes and connections between tubes are made of copper pipes with 15 mm outside diameter and 13 mm inside diameter. This allows for fast, leak free sweat filling plumbing connections.

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The bottom of the frame supported by aluminum plate 2 mm thicknesses.

3.1.5. Glazing:

The collector is single glazed with (4 mm) glass thickness. The space between glazing and tubes is 3 cm.

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Figure (3-2) The novel collector system photograph.

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The following instrumentation have been used in this system

3.2.1. Temperature measurements:

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| Ср | Specific Heat | J/kg. °C |
| C _b | Bond conductance | W/m. °C |
| С | Atmospheric extinction coefficient | _ |

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Earth decentralization coefficient

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| Н | Total solar Radiation on Horizontal Surface | W/m ² |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| H_{T} | Total solar Radiation on Tilted Surface | W/m^2 |
| \mathbf{h}_{fi} | Inside Heat Transfer Coefficient in tube | W/m ² . °C |
| $h_{\rm w}$ | Wind Heat Transfer Coefficient | W/m^2 . °C |
| k | Thermal Conductivity | W/m. °C |
| L | Total length of tubes | m |
| 1 | Length of the side insulation | m |
| ° <i>т</i> с | Collector Mass flow rate | kg/s |

Weather correction coefficient

| Ν | Number of Collector Covers | - |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------|
| n | Number of tubes | - |
| $q_{\rm u}$ | Useful heat gain of the collector | W/m |
| $Q_{\scriptscriptstyle useful}$ | Total useful energy gain of the collector | W |
| R | Ratio of Total Radiation on Tilted plan to that on horizontal plan of measurement | - |
| R _{p-f} | Heat transfer resistance between plate and fluid | °C/W |
| S | Net solar energy absorbed | W/m ² |
| Т | Temperature | °C |
| UL | Overall heat loss coefficient | W/m^2 . °C |

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| W | Center to center distance between tubes | m |
|----------------|---|---|
| W _e | Width of the side insulation | m |
| Х | Thickness of insulation | m |

2-Greek Symbols:

| Symbol | Definition | Units |
|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| θ | Slop of Collector | Degree |
| ϕ | Latitude angle | Degree |
| γ | Declination angle | Degree |
| ω | Hour angle | Degree |
| λ | Sun solar altitude angle | Degree |
| δ | Thickness of the pipe | m |
| | Emissivity | _ |

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3-Subscripts:

| Symbol | Definition |
|--------|--------------|
| А | Ambient |
| av | Average |
| b | Back |
| с | Collector |
| e | Edge |
| Exp | Experimental |
| | Fluid |

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| Ср | Specific Heat | J/kg. °C |
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| С | Atmospheric extinction coefficient | _ |

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| Н | Total solar Radiation on Horizontal Surface | W/m ² |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| H_{T} | Total solar Radiation on Tilted Surface | W/m ² |
| \mathbf{h}_{fi} | Inside Heat Transfer Coefficient in tube | W/m ² . °C |
| $h_{\rm w}$ | Wind Heat Transfer Coefficient | W/m^2 . °C |
| k | Thermal Conductivity | W/m. °C |
| L | Total length of tubes | m |
| 1 | Length of the side insulation | m |
| ° <i>т</i> с | Collector Mass flow rate | kg/s |

| N | Number of Collector Covers | - |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------|
| n | Number of tubes | - |
| q_{u} | Useful heat gain of the collector | W/m |
| $Q_{\scriptscriptstyle useful}$ | Total useful energy gain of the collector | W |
| R | Ratio of Total Radiation on Tilted plan to that on horizontal plan of measurement | - |
| R _{p-f} | Heat transfer resistance between plate and fluid | °C/W |
| S | Net solar energy absorbed | W/m ² |
| Т | Temperature | °C |
| U | Overall heat loss coefficient | W/m^2 °C |

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| W | Center to center distance between tubes | m |
|----|---|---|
| We | Width of the side insulation | m |
| Х | Thickness of insulation | m |

2-Greek Symbols:

| Symbol | Definition | Units |
|--------|--------------------------|--------|
| θ | Slop of Collector | Degree |
| φ | Latitude angle | Degree |
| γ | Declination angle | Degree |
| ω | Hour angle | Degree |
| λ | Sun solar altitude angle | Degree |
| δ | Thickness of the pipe | m |
| | Emissivity | _ |

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3-Subscripts:

| Symbol | Definition |
|--------|--------------|
| А | Ambient |
| av | Average |
| b | Back |
| с | Collector |
| e | Edge |
| Exp | Experimental |
| | Fluid |

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| Out | Outlet from the collector |
|-----|---------------------------|
| р | Plate |





Figure (5-5b) Variation of total radiation on the collector surface with time





Figure (5-5d) Volume flow rate variation with time





Figure (5-5b) Variation of total radiation on the collector surface with time





Figure (5-5d) Volume flow rate variation with time



Figure (5-6a) Ambient temperature variation with time





Figure (5-6b) Variation of total radiation on the collector surface with time



Figure (5-6c) Variation of Mean plate temperature and temperature difference across the collector with time





Figure (5-6d) Volume flow rate variation with time



Figure (5-6a) Ambient temperature variation with time





Figure (5-6b) Variation of total radiation on the collector surface with time



Figure (5-6c) Variation of Mean plate temperature and temperature difference across the collector with time



Figure (5-6d) Volume flow rate variation with time

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