IEA SHC Task 48 7th expert meeting



Quality assurance and support measures for Solar Cooling



Feedback on tests of the B4 PISTACHE Tool

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- PISTACHE : Presizing tool for solar cooling & heating systems
 - Quick and easy to use from feasibility study to the operation phase to check the performance of a realized installation

General information and input file upload:

- site localization
- hourly data of meteorological information and building demands
- energy and water costs





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Simulation information and scheme definition:

- automatically made through 12 standardized hydraulic scheme
- based on installation configuration (use of solar installation, hot and/or cold backups...)









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Component characteristic and sizing:

- define each components
- with/without help (pre-sizing functions, default values, database of components, ...)





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Results:

- monthly and annual energy balances
- main performance indicators and their target values,
- automatic short interpretation of the result, automatic warning for oversizing ...





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- Validation of PISTACHE tool
- Sensibility analysis on 37 parameters (temperatures, thermal losses coefficients, maximum cooling capacity and nominal COP of chillers, ...) using FAST method (Fourier Amplitude Sensitivity Test)

Results:

- Identification of most influential parameters
- Reliability of the tool by carrying out a large number of runs
- Overall coherence validation of calculation method









- Validation of PISTACHE tool
- 1. Sensibility analysis on 37 parameters
- 2. Comparison with numerical results using detailed and validated simulation model

Results:

- Errors lower than 20% (for 96% of points)
- Results are coherent with the validated simulation tool results









- Validation of PISTACHE tool
- 1. Sensibility analysis on 37 parameters
- 2. Comparison with numerical results
- 3. Comparison with monitoring data from real installations
 - 1. Parameters identification on 1st year of monitoring data
 - 2. Validation on 2nd year of monitoring data

Error [%]	Solar energy	Cooling	Heating
Solar cooling	5,8	10,8	
Solar cooling & heating	4,1	5,8	0,5



Results:

- Relative errors lower than 10% between experimental and numerical results
- Acceptable global error for a pre-sizing tool





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Figure 44 - Validation with PISTACHE

TRSNSYS / PISTACHE Comparison : % error between -10 and +10%





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Thanks for your attention !

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