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## Study on the application of a realtime simulator to the development of a controller for a space thermal environment chamber

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### Abstract

A thermal vacuum chamber is mainly used to simulate thermal environments of a test satellite in satellite orbits in which daily temperature variations range from 80K to above 400K depending on solar radiation under the vacuum below  $10^{-4}$  torr. The test facility is quite complex and consists of expensive parts. So any modification of control software is discouraged in fear of unexpected system failure. The purpose of this study is to develop a realtime dynamics model of the thermal vacuum chamber in view of controller design and simulate its electrical inputs and outputs for interface with a PLC (programmable logic controller). A PLC program that was used in the thermal vacuum chamber is applied to the realtime simulator. The realized simulator dynamics is found to be quite similar to that of the thermal vacuum chamber and serve to an appropriate plant to verify the control performance of a programmed PLC.

$\dot{W}_{BL}$	:	Blower	[W]	$\tau$	:	
$\eta_{blower}$	:	Blower	[%]	$\dot{Q}_{HTST}$	:	[W]
$\dot{m}$	:		[kg/s]			1.
$h$	:		[J/kg]			
$C_p$	:		[J/kg-k]			
$T$	:	[ ]				

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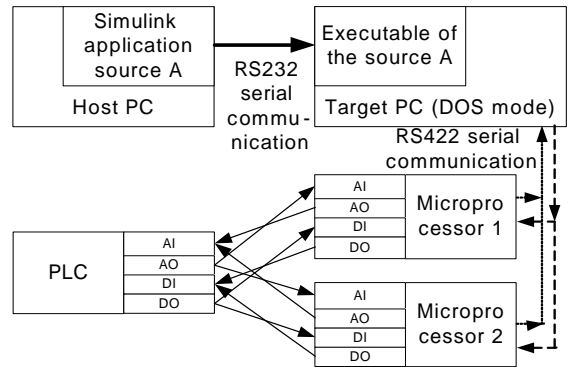


Fig. 1 Schematic of the realtime simulator

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 XPC Target (full duplex)  
 RS422 bus I/O  
 HILS

(TCP/IP) Ethernet  
 Ethernet 가  
 PC  
 Fig. 1  
 Host PC  
 SIMULINK XPC compiler  
 Target PC 가  
 16MB  
 Host PC  
 Target XPC가 가  
 RS422 bus  
 RS422

2. XPC Target

latency kernel  
 DOS  
 OS (operating system)가  
 Target PC DOS  
 Simulink 가  
 Tool MATLAB XPC Target Fig. 1  
 XPC Target  
 XPC Target Host PC Target PC  
 Serial Ethernet

50 ms 가  
 115,000 bps 가  
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 Fig. 1 Target PC  
 Atmel AVR 가  
 Mega 128 가  
 8 10 (AI), 4  
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3.1 GN2

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 history GN2 LN2(-196 ) GN2  
 vessel GN2 mixing  
 blower GN2  
 GN2

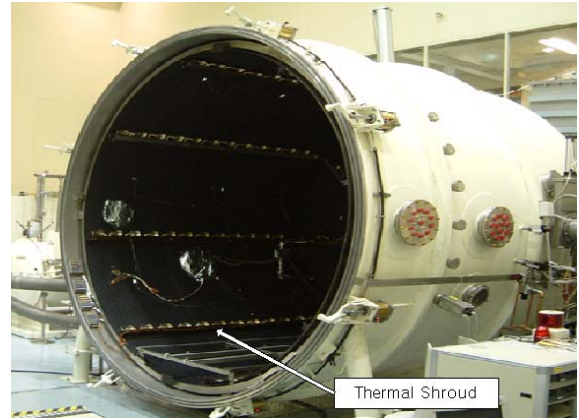


Fig. 2 Inside of the thermal vacuum chamber

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Fig. 2

3.2 GN2

Fig. 3 GN2

10<sup>-4</sup> torr  
 GN2  
 - Blower BL53 GN2  
 - Heater Heat57 ON/OFF

CV61 PT1  
 PID  
 - GN2 CV45 Shroud 1  
 GN2 PID  
 - GN2 CV48 GN2  
 PID GN2  
 - Shroud: 5  
 Shroud 1

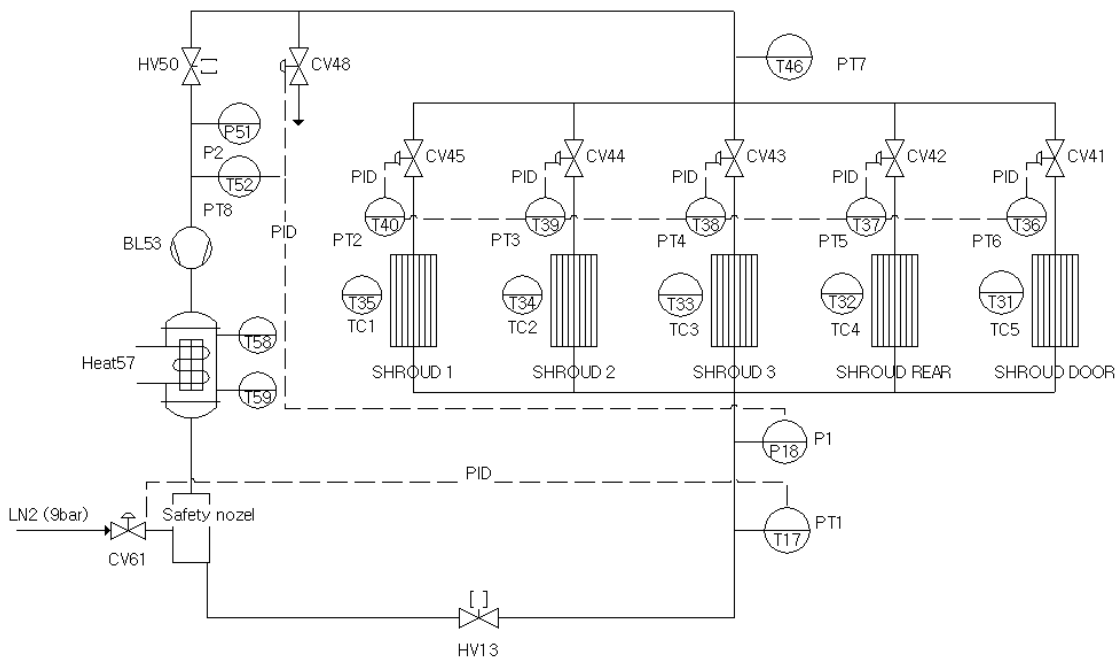


Fig. 3 Schematic of GN2 mode control process

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Fig. 4 GN2

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4.1 Blower

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$$\begin{aligned} \dot{W}_{BL} \times \eta_{blower} &= \dot{m}_2 (h_{T58} - h_{T52}) \\ &= \dot{m}_2 C_p (T_{T58} - T_{T52}) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Blower

가 Blower

thermal capacity

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d(T_{T58} - T_{T52})(s)}{d\dot{W}_{BL}(s)} \\ = \frac{\eta_{blower}}{\dot{m}_2 C_p} \times \frac{1}{\tau_{blower}s + 1} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

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$$\dot{m}_2 h_{T58} + \dot{Q}_{HT57} = \dot{m}_2 h_{T59} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q}_{HT57} &= \dot{m}_2 (h_{T59} - h_{T58}) \\ &= \dot{m}_2 C_p (T_{T59} - T_{T58}) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d(T_{T59} - T_{T58})(s)}{d\dot{Q}_{HT57}(s)} \\ = \frac{1}{\dot{m}_2 C_p} \times \frac{1}{\tau_{heater}s + 1} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

4.3 LN2 mixing vessel

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LN2 mixing vessel

$$\dot{m}_2 h_{T59} + \dot{m}_{LN2} h_{LN2} = \dot{m}_1 h_{T17} \quad (6)$$

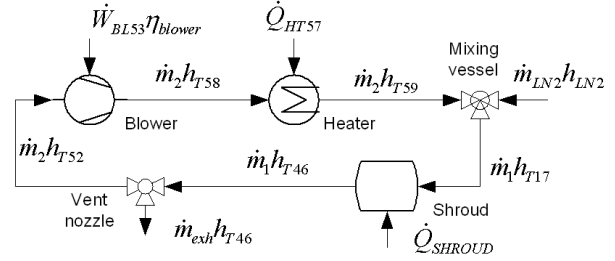


Fig. 4 Thermodynamics model of the system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{m}_2 C_p T_{T59} + \dot{m}_{LN2} (T_{LN2} C_p - h_{fg}) \\ = \dot{m}_1 C_p T_{T17} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

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$T_{T17}$

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blower

4.4 (thermal shroud)

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$$\dot{m}_1 h_{T17} + \dot{Q}_{SHROUD} = \dot{m}_1 h_{T46} \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d(T_{T46} - T_{T17})(s)}{d\dot{Q}_{SHROUD}(s)} \\ = \frac{1}{\dot{m}_1 C_p} \times \frac{1}{\tau_{shroud}s + 1} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

5. PLC

PLC

Fig. 5

Blower  
Blower

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Blower GN2

On 가

PID

Blower

Blower

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ON/OFF

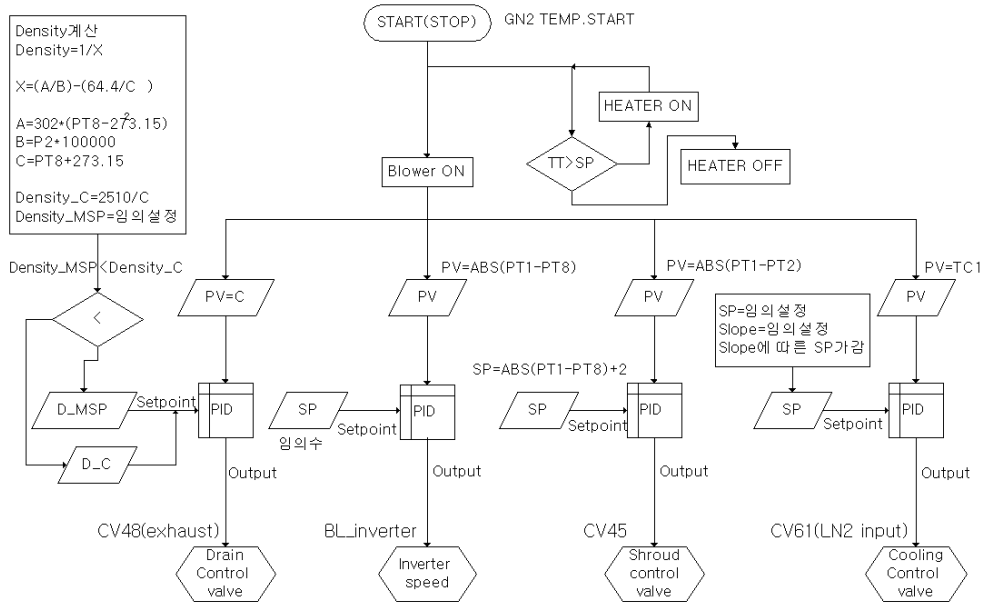


Fig. 5 Flowchart of the PLC control algorithm

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6.1 PLC

Table 1

Channel	I/O label	Contents
AO0	T35	shroud temperature
AO1	T17	shroud Inlet temperature
AO2	T40	shroud Outlet temperature
AO3	T46	shroud exhaust temperature
AO4	T52	blower Inlet temperature
AO5	T58	blower Outlet temperature
AO6	T59	heater Outlet temperature
AO7	P2	blower Inlet pressure
AI0	CV45	shroud Outlet GN2control
AI1	CV48	exhaust GN2control
AI2	CV61	Insert GN2 control,
AI3	BL_Inverter	Invert Blower
DI0	Heat57	on/off
DI1	BL53	Blower on/off
DI2	HV13	Blower protection valve outlet
DI3	HV50	Blower protection valve inlet
DI4	BCWV	Blower cooling water valve
DI5	BWDV	Blower water drain valve
DI6	gn2start	GN2start on/off
DO0	ALARM1	M12.0 safty check
DO1	ALARM2	M12.4 START GN2

Table 1 Specifications of I/O channels

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HMI (human-machine

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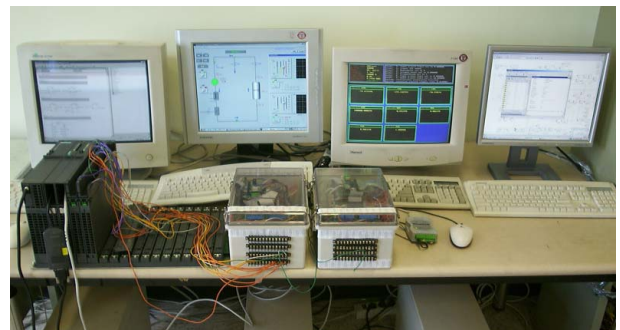


Fig. 6 Picture of the integrated system

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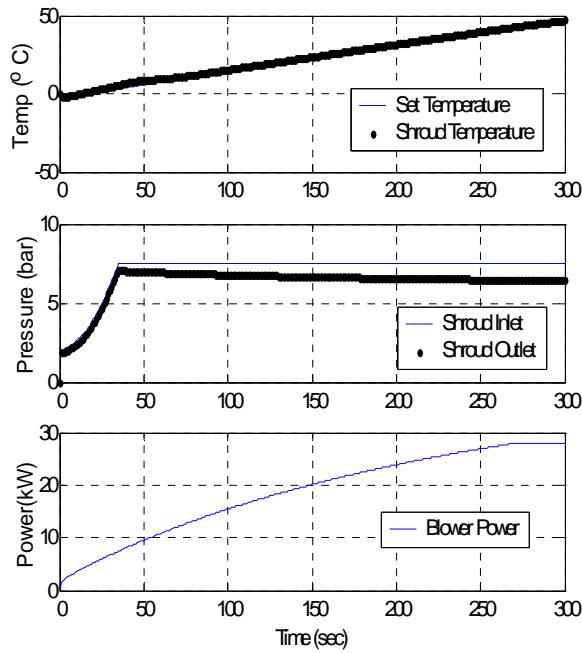


Fig. 7 Control performance of the GN2 system

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Fig. 7 PLC  
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