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SUMMARY

The existing computer programs for the simulation of ventilation systems under normal ventilation conditions are reviewed and a suitable program for including the influence of mine fires is selected. New program parts are written for the consideration of methane productions in coal mines, heat and gas productions of mine fires, temperature and air composition changes in ventilation systems, and the ventilation forces resulting from the latter. Other program parts are provided for the detection of danger zones and reversed air currents and for the inclusion of recirculated air currents in the network analysis. Existing program and new program parts are combined.

The resulting new program can be used for a multitude of assignments. It is designed for the practical ventilation engineer and should be applicable to all types of ventilation emergency plans, in particular mine fire plans.

The organization of the program and its mathematical basis are described. A FORTRAN IV listing and several flow diagrams are included. Eight executed examples are discussed, input and output for these examples explained. Storage requirements and execution times are estimated.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Most of the major mine disasters have throughout the history of mining been caused by explosions and fires and both causes remain among the greatest potential hazards in mining. The greatest hazard of mine fires is the poisonous and sometimes explosive combustion products which are carried through the mines by their ventilation.

To combat this hazard, the paths which the combustion products take, must be known for the proper designation of escape routes and the safe and economical performance of fire fighting activities. To predict these paths is complicated by the fact that the fires themselves can cause considerable ventilation disturbances. The volume expansion of the air as it passes through the fire has a constriction or throttle effect. Density differences in non-horizontal communicating airways create buoyancy effects similar to chimney drafts. The intensity of the fires, on the other hand, depends on their oxygen supply, i.e. the airflow rates and oxygen concentration which are provided by the ventilation system.

The conventional analog computers and digital computer programs for ventilation network (airflow distribution) calculations are not capable of taking this mutual interaction between fires and ventilation systems into account. They cannot distinguish between air of different qualities (concentrations, temperatures) either. The preferred compromise has been until now to use these conventional analog computers or digital computer programs and to support them with manual calculations.

This approach can be satisfying when no recirculation of air occurs and the fire generated ventilation forces are relatively small. Concentration of methane and combustion products can in these cases be determined by a sequence of simple mixing processes in the network nodes once the airflow distribution is known. The fire generated ventilation forces, which depend on the air temperature downstream of the fire, can be calculated for an estimated airflow rate through the fire and then inserted in the network calculation. Unchanged temperatures and natural ventilation pressures are assumed for all other air currents. If the airflow rate through the fire, which is then obtained in the network calculation, is too far off the estimate, the process is repeated with a new, better estimate. The amount of manual work involved in this procedure may be cumbersome but is manageable, if, as in the preparation of emergency plans, sufficient time is available.

With recirculation, temperatures and concentration of several of the air currents, which enter network nodes, are not known and the calculation of the state of the mixture leaving the nodes is therefore not possible. To overcome this difficulty some method of describing the network configuration mathematically or of applying an iterative approximation method has to be used. Recirculation is common in hardrock mines and can be caused by the fire itself in coal mines even though it is not permitted under normal ventilation conditions. With large fire generated ventilation forces the ventilation disturbances become such that the assumption of unchanged temperatures and natural ventilation pressures in all airways except for those immediately downstream of the fire does no longer hold either. In such cases the amount of manual work becomes excessive, or so many simplifying assumptions have to be made that the results of the calculations have only a limited value.

Due to its great importance for escape and fire fighting plans, mining engineers have studied the interaction between ventilation systems and fires for several decades. The large amount of conducted theoretical and experimental work was recently reviewed (7), the still existing gap for coal mine fires is in the process of being closed (3,5). Ventilation network calculations with digital computers are becoming more and more common and with them the availability of reliable data on ventilation systems. In the same way as suitable computer programs for ventilation network calculations have led to considerable improvements in the ordinary ventilation planning work, it can be expected that suitable programs for fire emergencies will lead to improvements in this field also. This report describes such a program and demonstrates its application with a number of examples.

The here introduced program can fulfill the following functions: a) it starts with a conventional network calculation for the state of the mine before the emergency;

b) next, it simulates the production of heat and contaminants in designated locations;

- next, it calculates the resulting temperature and concentration distribution based on the airflow obtained in step a, if recirculation occurs it makes use of an iterative approximation method;
- d) next, it calculates the fire generated ventilation forces;
- e) next, it inserts these forces into the network and repeats the network calculation to determine the changed airflow distribution;
- f) next, it repeats steps b through e until an equilibrium is reached;
- g) finally, it analyzes the results for danger zones caused by instable airways, airflow reversals, high temperatures, high concentrations of methane or combustion products.

As this sequence indicates, it was attempted to determine an equilibrium under steady state conditions. The crucial heat exchange between rock and air is, however, calculated under non-steady state conditions, taking the changing rock temperature into account. If the change of the ventilation system with time shall be investigated, it is necessary to execute a series of calculations for different time intervals since the beginning of the emergency event.

The program has the options to execute network, temperature, and concentration calculations combined or separately. It has been made as flexible as possible to make it useful for a multitude of assignments. Methane concentrations are, however, always determined when a change in the airflow distribution takes place, since this is indispensable for coal mines. In its organization the program has been divided into two parts, labeled "network part" (for functions a and e) and "concentration part" (for all the other functions). The network part contains basically an earlier existing program for conventional network calculations. It was attempted to change this existing program and its input data as little as possible in order to make the use of the new program, for users of the conventional network program, as simple as possible.

It has been attempted to keep the amount of input data in the new program small and to extract as much information as possible from these data. Input data are furthermore analyzed for completeness and for such mistakes that occur most frequently. When possible, incomplete data are amended by average values and incorrect data are corrected.

The formulation of heat and combustion products as a function of the oxygen supply to the fire has intentionally been kept very simple. There is no difficulty in amending the program with fire characteristics of any desired properties. But to introduce these, in a form that they are applicable to all types of mines and fuels, would require so many additional explanations and input data that at this stage the introduction of the new program for practical emergency planning would be impeded.

On the whole, this program has been drafted with routine application by practical ventilation engineers in mind. It is, as far as the author knows, the first program of its kind and the necessity of some changes will certainly be felt after it has been exposed to some practical use.

2. REVIEW OF EXISTING PROGRAMS FOR VENTILATION NETWORK CALCULATIONS

Ventilation network calculations, whose goal is the determination of airflow and pressure distributions in mine ventilation systems, have been performed routinely and at a large scale with computers for approximately two and a half decades. Throughout the fifties and the first half of the sixties, analog computers were mainly used for this purpose. They were almost completely replaced by digital computers, after the latter became more and more available, larger, cheaper, and faster. Digital computers, being all purpose computers, can usually perform network calculations more economically than the single purpose analog computers. The first reported ventilation network calculations with digital computers were performed in 1958 and since 1960 they have become routine in West Germany, where large ventilation problems necessitated the wide use of analog computers before. From the mid-sixties on, digital computers were in all major mining countries, either routinely used for network calculations or their use was being investigated. To date such calculations have become a self-understanding part of all ventilation planning. A review of the history of ventilation network calculations with computers and the different programs in use has been given by the author in an earlier report (7).

Normal environmental factors, like concentrations of contaminants or temperatures, are heavily influenced by the airflow distribution. On the other hand, it is quite possible that the airflow distribution is influenced by these environmental factors. There exists an increasing number of attempts to combine ventilation network calculations in digital computer programs with the precalculation of environmental conditions (1,6,8,10,16,19). None of these efforts have, however, progressed far enough to be useful for the simulation of fire emergency situations.

All programs for ventilation network calculations which are presently used employ the CROSS iteration method of balancing pressures around loops. Its principles are described in a large number of earlier papers on network calculations (e.g. 6,20). Experience has shown that this method allows working with the most simple program and organization of the input data and does not pose any difficulties, time or storagewise, for average sized modern computers. Previous limitations in computer capacity, which led to other programs with lower storage requirements or higher execution speeds, do practically no longer exist. It was, therefore, decided to use for this contract the CROSS method of balancing pressures. It was furthermore decided to utilize and modify a program which already had a large number of users in the U.S. This would make the understanding of the new program, at least for some people, easier. It would, furthermore, allow them to use existing network calculation data for the new program.

There seem to be two different programs for ventilation network calculations in wide use in the U.S. (6); the so-called Pennsylvania State University program (6,20), and the so-called Michigan Technological University program (7). The last published version of the Penn State program (20) was written before 1970. It was described in great detail in 1972 (6). The Michigan Tech program originated in West Germany around 1965 as a new, more compact, version of older existing programs and is widely used by German ventilation engineers. It is very similar to the standard program of the British National Coal Board, which was issued in 1967, since both programs have the same source. Since this program was not a genuine novelty and a large number of copies together with manuals are in circulation, no detailed description of this program was published.

The Penn State and Michigan Tech programs are not very different. They use the same mathematical description of ventilation networks and use essentially the same solution method. Judgment of the quality of a computer program is to a large part based on how familiar one is with the program and the way in which input and output are organized. As long as programs give correct results with the same amount of computer and user effort, they must be considered as being equally useful.

The author, having participated in writing the Michigan Tech program and having carefully studied the Penn State program feels, however, that the former program is simpler to use and it seems to have a better convergence also. The reason is, perhaps, that it was written by practical ventilation engineers who had to perform large numbers of network calculations for their planning purposes. The features which the

author thinks should be changed in the Penn State program are the following:

Airways (branches) should obtain identification numbers, not just sequence numbers; if input cards are placed in a different sequence or if the network changes, these sequence numbers will change also, which is a great inconvenience.

The use of a junction marker array in the "tree building process" limits the junction numbers to a few places or causes a lot of storage waste.

The natural ventilation pressure has to be calculated and inserted manually.

The approximation of the fan characteristic requires 90 statements. The feared undulations of polynomials which led to this occurs, however, only at both ends of the fan characteristic curve.

To use only the airflow rates of fixed quantity airways and the highest flow rates from indicated fan characteristics, or to use for all airways of the first mesh a rate of 100,000 cfm for the calculation of the initial airflow distribution, gives a poor start.

The output comprises a lot of actually unneeded information.

Since the distribution of the Penn State and Michigan Tech programs seem to be of the same order of magnitude, it was decided to use the Michigan Tech network program for the new program.

3. MATHEMATICAL DESCRIPTION OF VENTILATION NETWORKS FOR AIRFLOW AND PRESSURE DISTRIBUTION CALCULATIONS

The mathematical description of ventilation networks is not uniform and considerable confusion exists among practical ventilation engineers in this respect. It seems, therefore, advantageous to explain the principles which have been used in this report.

The networks are considered to be in a steady state. The forces acting on the ventilation system do not change very rapidly so that inertia forces of the air can be neglected. The response of the ventilation system to changing forces is considered as a sequence of equilibrium states to which the steady state mathematical description of network applies.

The mathematical description of ventilation networks can be based on mass flow rates or volume flow rates of air. Ventilation engineers prefer to work with volume flow rates because these flow rates, being the product of cross sectional area and measured airflow speed, are easy to visualize. Moreover, energies (ft-lb) per unit volume (ft³) have the dimensions of pressures $(ft-lb/ft^3 = lb/ft^2)$ and can, like fan pressures or the pressure losses in airways, be directly read from manometers or barometers. Problems arise from the fact that due to density changes of the air the volume flow rates change also, even when the mass flow rates remain constant. This makes it, in ventilation surveys, difficult to detect genuine air leakage currents. In network calculations, suitable allowances have to be made for the fact that the volume flow rates entering airways are not necessarily equal to the volume flow rates leaving them. Energy balances are distorted by the fact that equal energy quantities (ft-lb/lb) can be expressed by different pressures (ft-lb/ft³), which in ventilation pressure surveys usually leads to an overestimate of natural ventilation pressures and requires, in network calculations, suitable adjustments.

The network calculations in this report will, therefore, be based on mass flow rates, but since these and the pertinent energy quantities per unit mass (ft-lb/lb = ft, heads) are unfamiliar to many ventilation engineers, they are with the help of reference densities d_r

converted into quantities with the dimensions of volume flow rates and pressures. The reference densities are nothing more than constant factors which are carried through the calculations with the sole aim of obtaining results in familiar units. For their magnitude a value close to the average density in that part of the mine, for which the results of the network calculation are most important, is chosen. They are stated at the beginning of the program together with a reference temperature which corresponds to this density.

This approach requires preparing the input data of the network calculation in the following way. The measured actual flow rates Q, having an average density of d, are converted to the reference volume flow rate Q_r according to

$$Q_r = Q \frac{d_r}{d}$$

The pressure loss H_L which has been obtained from an altimeter survey (15) or read from the manometer of a trailing hose (9) is converted to the reference pressure loss

$$H_{Lr} = H_{L} \frac{\frac{d}{r}}{\frac{d}{d}}$$

If pressure losses have been calculated from the formula

$$H_{L} = \frac{K \perp O}{5.2 A^{3}} \left(\frac{Q}{10^{5}}\right)^{2}$$
 where $K =$ friction factor
 $L =$ airway length
 $O =$ airway perimeter
 $A =$ airway cross sectional area

and if the Bureau of Mines schedule of friction factors has been used (11), the conversion is

$$H_{Lr} = H_{L} \frac{d_{r}}{0.075}$$

Measured fan pressure $H_{_{\rm T}}$ are converted to

$$H_{Fr} = H_{F} \frac{d_{r}}{d}$$

Fan pressures obtained from fan characteristics based on a density of 0.075 lb/ft^3 are converted to

$$H_{Fr} = H_{F} \frac{d_{r}}{0.075}$$

Natural ventilation heads h_N , which as heat energy converted into mechanical work are represented by the area enclosed in a pressure-volume (p-v) diagram $(h_N = -\oint v \, dp = -\oint dp/d)$, are expressed as natural ventilation pressure

$$H_{Nr} = -\frac{d_r}{5.2} \oint \frac{dp}{d}$$

If resistance factors R have been determined from measured pressure losses $\rm H_{r}$ and airflow rates Q according to

$$R = H_{L}^{10^{5}}$$

they have to be converted to

$$R_r = R \left(\frac{d_r}{d}\right)^3$$

in order to make the equation $H_{Lr} = R_r (Q_r/10^5)^2$ fit.

If they have been calculated from Bureau of Mines friction factors (11) with the help of the formula $R = K \perp O/(5.2 \text{ A}^3)$, they have for the same purpose to be converted to

$$R_r = R \frac{d_r^3}{0.075 d^2}$$

It is, in this report, from now on assumed that volume flow rates Q, pressures H and resistance factors R are based on a constant reference density and the subscripts r are, therefore, from now on omitted.

With this agreement and the assumption of steady state flow conditions, ventilation networks can be described by three different sets of equations: resistance equations or equivalents, junction equations, and mesh equations.

Every airway with a flow resistance obeys the resistance equation $H_L = R Q^2$. If the airway has no flow resistance but contains a pressure source H_F , an equation $H_F = f(Q)$ is substituted. If the resistance is made variable in order to keep the airflow rate Q constant (fixed quantity airway) an equation

Q = constant

takes the place of the resistance equation. The law of mass conservation applies to every junction.

 $\Sigma Q = 0$

The airflow rate entering a junction must be equal to the airflow rate leaving it. These are the junction equations of networks. The first law of thermodynamics applies to every mesh, which can be written as

$$\Sigma H_{L} - \Sigma H_{F} - H_{N} = 0$$

The sum of all pressure losses in the airways of a mesh is equal to the sum of all pressures generated by pressure sources plus the natural ventilation pressure in this mesh.

If the number of airways in a network is n_b , the number of junctions n_i , and the number of meshes is n_m , there are

n, resistance or equivalent equations,

 n_{i} - 1 junction equations, and

 $n_m = n_b - n_i + 1$ mesh equations.

4. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

4.1 NETWORK PART OF PROGRAM

4.1.1 Section "Read Input Data"

The input data for this program part comprise: one network control card; airway cards; junction cards; fan characteristic cards; and additional airway cards.

Junction and fan characteristic cards may be omitted if the information contained in them is not considered essential to the expected result of the calculation. The option of additional airway cards has been introduced to be capable of using already existing decks or files of airway cards from conventional ventilation network calculations, which do not contain all the information needed for the use of this program.

The network control card has to state:

NB	number of airways
NJ	number of junctions
NFNUM	number of fan characteristics to be read in
NADBC	number of additional airway cards
NVPN	marker; NVPN > 0 indicates that NJ junction cards shall be read
	in and that natural ventilation pressures shall be calculated
	from junction card data
NETW)	(values larger than 0 indicate that network, concentration,
NCONC)	marker (and temperature calculations shall be performed; these
NTEMP)	(can be executed independently of each other
MADJ	maximal number of times a network calculation shall be performed
	in one program run
ITN	maximal number of iterations permitted within network and con-
	centration parts of program
DR	reference density
TR	reference temperature

The two numbers MADJ and ITN are safety switches against endless computer runs with meaningless data.

NB airway cards are needed which can be arranged in any arbitrary sequence. There are three types of airway cards: regular airway cards, marked by NWTYP = 0; fixed quantity airway cards, marked by NWTYP = -1; fan cards, marked by NWTYP = 1.

All airway cards have to state:

- NO airway number
- JS junction number of airway beginning
- JF junction number of airway end

Regular airway cards have to state:

R resistance factor of airway when computer is not expected to calculate this figure

Fan cards have to state (in the R-column) the fan pressure. This will be the acting fan pressure, when no fan characteristics are given. Fixed quantity cards have to state:

Q desired constant airflow rate

In regular airway and fan cards the statement of an estimated Q is optional. When it is in the right order of magnitude it is helpful for obtaining a fast solution.

The airway properties:

- KF friction factor
- LA airway length
- A cross sectional area
- 0 perimeter

may be stated at this place in the airway cards. They may be stated later in the NADBC additional airway cards, or average properties, read into the computer at the beginning of the concentration part, may be used.

For NVPN > 0, NJ junction cards have to be provided. Each one has to state:

JNO junction number T temperature of junction Z elevation of junction

Since this information is used for the calculation of the natural ventilation pressure only, the data do not have to be very accurate. The statement of:

CH4C methane concentration in junction

is optional. It is used in the concentration part to estimate the methane evolution of airways if no better information has been given. It can be stated later with the input data of the concentration part, if so desired. The possibility to state it here was introduced because the junction cards provide ample space. NFNUM sets of fan characteristic cards have to be provided. Every set comprises one fan identity card, stating:

- NOF airway number of fan
- MPTS number of points which shall be used to define the fan characteristic

and as many curve point cards as are needed to state:

QF airflow rate at point of fan characteristic PF fan pressure at point of fan characteristic

for all of the MPTS points. Ten points contained in two cards will usually be sufficient.

4.1.2 Complete Input Data, Output of Input

In this section the NADBC additional network airway cards are read in. They contain:

NOX	airway number
KX	friction factor K
LX	airway length
AX	cross sectional area
OX	perimeter

A check is made to see if all the additional cards refer to airways which are part of the network. If not, their content is disregarded and a message printed. It is then checked to see if the resistance factor R for every regular airway has been stated. If not, it is checked to see if R can be calculated from the stated airway dimensions, but a stated R always overrides a calculated value. If R has not been stated and cannot be calculated, a network calculation is impossible. The computer shows where data are lacking, prints out the received input data together with the message that no network calculation has been performed and moves on to the concentration part of the program. It does the same if no network calculation is desired (NETW ≤ 0). As a preparation for the network calculation the counters MADJC and ITCT as well as the markers NSW, NSNVP, NNVP, and MARKN are set to zero.

4.1.3 Arrange Airways to Size and Magnitude R*Q

Numerical values of resistance factors are small and are traditionally stated as $R*10^{10}$. In order to make the resistance equation $H_L = R Q^2$ fit, Q is, in this formula, expressed in units of 10^5 cfm. This conversion is done in the first pass through this program part when NSW ≤ 0 .

Theoretical investigations have shown that the convergence of the CROSS iteration method is improved when airways with high resistance factors are made so-called "primary" airways, which occur in one mesh only (18). It has been shown by earlier experiences with digital computers that when meshes are formed in this way, an acceptable rate of convergence can be achieved altogether (7) and many existing programs follow this route. Additional practical experience has shown that an even better convergence can be reached when airways with high products R*Q appear in as few meshes as possible, i.e. are made primary airways. This makes the denominator of the CROSS correction formula small and the corrections consequently large.

In preparation for the selection of primary airways, an INU-list is formed. This contains, in its lowest places, the fans for which no fan characteristic has been given (constant pressure fans). The regular airways follow in the order of their increased magnitude R*Q. The list is completed with the fixed quantity airways and the fans, for which a fan characteristic has been given (variable pressure fans). The positions of these fans in the airway list is at this time put into a special NFREGlist in order to be able to locate them later on when fan pressures have to be determined.

The reason for this arrangement is that, in the next program section, primary airways are selected from the top of the INU-list. Fixed quantity airways can, according to their definition, have no airflow rate corrections. They should, therefore, occur in as few meshes as possible. Variable pressure fans have to adjust their pressures after every airflow rate correction. To make them primary airways, which are corrected only once in every iteration, keeps the computing effort low. It prevents, furthermore, oscillations of the system, which can occur when a large number of variable pressure fans are cooperating.

4.1.4 Set Up Base System

As with all computer sorting processes, the principles employed in this section are not complicated but are hard to explain. The best way to understand the procedures, if one desires, is to go through a numerical example. Since the procedures are not new or unique they shall not be discussed in detail here.

Starting out with the airway in the lowest place of the INU-list, the base system or a tree of N_j - 1 "secondary" airways is assembled in such a way that all junctions of the network are connected, but no meshes are formed. The number of remaining primary airways is $(N_b - N_j + 1 = N_m)$ equal to the number of meshes. Everyone of the remaining branches will, therefore, when added to the base system, close a mesh. All airways which become part of the base system are entered into a list of secondary airways, the KNO-list. The remaining primary airways are marked by giving their finishing junctions JF a negative sign.

In assembling the base system the airways are scrutinized in ascending order of their places in the INU-list. This means that the KNOlist of secondary airways contains the fixed pressure fans and the airways with the lowest possible products R*Q. If a fixed quantity airway has to be entered into the KNO-list, which usually means that all airways entering and leaving a junction are fixed quantity airways, a message is printed and this airway is treated like a regular airway. If an airway, like a dead-end working, is only connected to the network at one end, a message is printed out also.

4.1.5 Form Meshes

Every primary airway, which is either a fixed quantity airway, variable pressure fan, or a regular airway with a high product R*Q, will. form a mesh with secondary airways. As one can visualize from connecting two branches of a tree (secondary airways), there is only one possibility to form a mesh. The meshes are found by adding to both ends of a primary airway a sequence of secondary airways from the KNO-list until the ends meet. Two lists are used to describe the meshes. The MSL-list contains the whole sequence of primary and secondary airways which forms all the meshes in the network. The MEND-list contains the places of the secondary airways in the MSL-list, which closed a mesh when it was formed. Thus, if the first two meshes would comprise 6 and 10 airways, one would have: MEND(1) = 6, MEND(2) = 16. The primary airways in these meshes would have the places MSL(1) and MSL(6+1), the two meshes would occupy the places 1 through 6, and 7 through 16 in the MSL-list.

4.1.6 Satisfy Junction Equations

The CROSS approximation method does not interfere with the junction equations, but these have to be satisfied originally to make the method work. This can be done by placing the airflow rates of every primary airway into all the airways which belong to the mesh of this primary airway. With N_b airflow rates Q existing in the N_b airways and N_j - 1 junction equations, N_b - (N_j - 1) = N_m airflow rates can be arbitrarily chosen. N_m is equal to the number of primary airways.

This can be visualized in the following way. If we assume that in every mesh a certain airflow rate is circulated, the junction equations must be satisfied. Whatever flows into the junctions, through which this mesh passes, must flow out of them again. The primary airways, being part of one mesh only, carry this specific airflow rate. The secondary airways carry the airflow rates of all the meshes of which they are a part.

The program accomplishes this by setting the airflow rates of all secondary airways, found from the MSL and MEND-lists, initially to zero. It then takes the airflow rates, which have been indicated for the primary airways in the airway cards, and puts them into the airways of the pertinent meshes. The directions, in which the airflow rates circulating in the meshes pass through the airways, have to be noted. All airflow rates are then for every individual airway summed up, and the result is an airflow distribution which satisfies the junction equations.

4.1.7 Calculate Natural Ventilation Pressure

This section of the program is executed in the first network calculation (NSNVP ≤ 0) only where junction cards with temperature and elevation data were read in (NVPN > 0). If it has to be assumed that heat sources or changed surface temperatures have altered the temperature distribution in the mine, the pertinent natural ventilation pressures are calculated in a different way in another section of the program.

Natural ventilation pressures are caused by the conversion of heat into mechanical energy, which is then available to propel the air and to overcome friction losses. Under steady-state conditions cyclic processes which are provided by every mesh of the ventilation system are necessary for such a conversion. The amount of heat converted into work per unit weight of air h_N is indicated by the area enclosed by the mesh in a pressure (p) volume (v) diagram ($h_N = -\oint v dp$). Data on specific volumes and pressures are usually not available at mines and are tedious to determine. Data on temperatures and elevations can, however, be easily obtained. The author suggested, therefore, in the early sixties, determining the natural ventilation from:

$$h_{N} = \frac{1}{T_{m}} \oint T dZ \qquad \text{where: } T = \text{absolute temperature} \\ Z = \text{elevation} \\ T_{m} = \text{average absolute temperature} \\ \text{in the mesh under consideration}$$

and to let the computer calculate h_N and incorporate it in the network calculation from information on temperatures and elevations of the network junctions. The error which is caused by substituting $1/T_m \oint T dZ$ for $-\oint v dp$ has been investigated (7) and is comparatively small. This method of considering natural ventilation network calculations is a very convenient one, is part of the Michigan Tech program, and has found its way into many other programs also.

For lack of other information, a linear temperature change between junctions is assumed, which is accurate enough for the normal state of mines. The natural ventilation pressure H_{N} based on a reference density DR can then be calculated from:

$$H_{N} = \frac{DR}{5.2} \frac{n \sum (T_{s} * Z_{f} - T_{f} * Z_{s})}{\sum (T_{s} + T_{f})}$$
where: n = number of airways in mesh

$$T_{s}, Z_{s} = \text{temperatures and elevations of starting junctions}$$
of airways in mesh

$$T_{f}, Z_{f} = \text{temperatures and elevations of finishing junctions}$$
of airways in mesh

The computer performs this calculation and stores the natural ventilation pressure, which has been obtained for the meshes of the network in a FNVP-list.

4.1.8 Iteration

The CROSS correction, which is used in this program is:

$$Q = -\frac{\Sigma R_i |Q_i|Q_i - \Sigma H_{Fi} - H_N}{\Sigma (2 R_i |Q_i| - dH_{Fi}/dQ_i)}$$

where: R_i, Q_i = resistance and airflow rate of regular airways contained in the mesh H_{Fi} = pressure of fans contained in the mesh H_{R} = natural ventilation pressure of the mesh dH_{Fi}/dQ_i = gradient of the fan pressure characteristic at airflow rate Q

This correction is applied to every mesh in the network except for those which have a fixed quantity airway as primary airway, and this process is reiterated until either a specified number of iterations has been performed or a specified threshold is no longer exceeded.

For variable pressure fans, the estimated fan pressure contained in the airway card and a gradient RGRAD = dH_F/dQ = 0 is assumed in the first iteration. In the following iterations, values determined in the next program section are used. Calculated at first is the numerator of the CROSS correction DPSUM - FNVP, then the denominator RQSUM, then the correction DQ, then the corrected flow rates Q of the airways in the mesh, finally the sum of all corrections in one iteration DQSUM = Σ ABS(DQ).

4.1.9 Fan Characteristic

The fan characteristics were read into the computer with the fan characteristic cards, in which, for every fan with the airway number NOF for MPTS points, the airflow rates QF and fan pressures PF had been stated. Intermediate fan pressure values FANP, at the airflow rate FANQ, are determined with the help of LAGRANGE's interpolation formula:

$$FANP = PF_{1} \frac{(FANQ-QF_{2})(FANQ-QF_{3})\cdots(FANQ-QF_{n})}{(QF_{1}-QF_{2})(QF_{1}-QF_{3})\cdots(QF_{1}-QF_{n})}$$
$$+ PF_{2} \frac{(FANQ-QF_{1})(FANQ-QF_{3})\cdots(FANQ-QF_{n})}{(QF_{2}-QF_{1})(QF_{2}-QF_{3})\cdots(QF_{2}-QF_{n})} +$$

+
$$PF_n \xrightarrow{(FANQ-QF_1)(FANQ-QF_2)\dots(FANQ-QF_{n-1})}{(QF_n-QF_1)(QF_n-QF_2)\dots(QF_n-QF_{n-1})}$$

This formula permits very simple programming and gives a smooth fit of the fan curves. Exceptions are the boundary regions where undulations can occur. Beyond the last stated point of the characteristic one can have steep extensions. To avoid difficulties in the boundary region, into which the fan might enter during the iteration process, the fan pressure is, for the region to the left of the second point and to the right of the second last point, made equal to the pressures in these points. Fans, which in the last iteration before the output of a result are still in these regions, are entered into a NFCW-list which is later used for printing a warning.

For the gradient of the characteristic RGRAD = dH_f/dQ , the slope of a straight connection between the two stated points to the left and the right of the operating point FANQ, FANP is used. This approach is good enough since the justification of RGRAD in CROSS' correction formula is questioned anyway (14).

The calculated fan pressures FANP replace the estimated pressures in the R-list of the input data. The counter of iterations, which have been performed with a particular assembly of meshes (IT), and the counter of the total number of iterations performed in the network calculation (ITCT), are raised by one.

4.1.10 Continue in Appropriate Program Section

At least two iterations (IT = 2) have to be performed, otherwise the fan characteristics would remain unconsidered. After the second iteration, a check is made to see if the sum of all corrections DQSUM is smaller than $0.002*10^5$. If it is, and for NSNVP ≤ 0 , control passes to the next program section. NSNVP is a marker which indicates with NSNVP \leq 0, that this is the first network calculation of the program run, and that the sections "calculate natural ventilation pressure" and "calculate resistance of regulators" have to be executed. For DQSUM $\geq 0.002*10^5$, a check is made to see if ITCT does not exceed the limit ITN set in the control card. If it does in the last network calculation of the program run, the marker MARKN will cause the printing of a warning. For ITCT \leq ITN, a check is made to see if the number of iterations with the present mesh assembly approaches twenty. This indicates a poor convergence and a new mesh assembly is made by giving control to the section "arrange airways to size and magnitude R*Q". The marker NSW, which prevents a renewed division of Q by 10⁵, is made positive; the marker NSFLOW is set to zero. NSFLOW ≤ 0 indicates that a new mesh selection has been made in the network part of the program and that a new flow scheme in the concentration part of the program is therefore necessary.

If this was not the first network calculation of the computer run (NSNVP > 0), the next two program sections would be omitted. In preparation for the concentration part of the program, the airflow rates are multiplied by 10^5 . A check is made to determine if, during the last network calculation which the computer was assigned to make (MADJC \geq MADJ), an airflow reversal has taken place. If it has, it is an indication that an airway changes its airflow direction in every network calculation. This means that the airway is so unstable that the minute adjustments of temperature and airflow distribution, which are made in consecutive steps, did let the airflow in the airway oscillate. Since the magnitude of the adjustments is well below the perennial changes which occur in real mines, it seemed important to detect these airways rather than to suppress the oscillations by finer adjustment procedures.

4.1.11 Calculate Resistance of Regulators

The concept of fixed quantity airways is a valuable planning aid for the simulation of such airways through which, in the reality of a mine, a certain fixed quantity is allowed to flow irrespective of the state of the rest of the ventilation system. This concept is as old as the use of computers for network calculations and was already part of the first digital computer programs. The adjustment of regulators by mine personnel, with which the airflow rate is kept constant, will not happen in the case of an emergency. The fixed quantity airways have, therefore, to be converted into regular airways to obtain a realistic simulation of their behavior. This can cause problems with fixed quantity airways

which are used to simulate the outflow of compressed air. They should be put in series with a pressure source in the same way as, in reality, the compressed air lines are connected to a compressor.

Fixed quantity airways are, therefore, in this program only treated as fixed quantity airways in the first network calculation of the computer run. After its completion, their resistance is calculated and they are converted into regular airways. This section of the program is consequently executed only once (NSNVP = 0). If the changes in the ventilation system are such that new network calculations become necessary (NSNVP \neq 0), this section is omitted.

The determination of the resistance of fixed quantity airways proceeds in the way that meshes containing them are sorted out with the help of the MSL and MEND-lists. The pressures H_L , acting on the fixed quantity airways, are determined by summing up the pressures in all other airways of these meshes. The resistance is calculated from $R = H_L/Q^2$. Subsequently NWTYP of the fixed quantity airways is changed from -1 to 0, which means they are converted into regular airways.

4.1.12 Output of Results

This output contains the results of the first network calculation. If temperature and concentration calculations are subsequently desired (NCONC > 0, NTEMP > 0), the output will show on which initial network data they were based. If they are not desired (NCONC ≤ 0 , NTEMP ≤ 0), this will be the only output and the computer will print information to that effect. Printed are, for the regular and fixed quantity airways, the airway numbers NO, their junction numbers JS, JF, calculated airflow rates Q, and pressure losses P, resistance factors R, and the stated airway dimension lengths LA, cross sectional areas A, friction factors KF, and perimeters O. A separate table is provided for fans with numbers NO, junctions JS, JF, airflow rates Q, and fan pressures P. Since ventilation planning comprises, frequently, the selection of suitable fans, the characteristics, which were used in the network calculation, are indicated also. Finally, the number of airways and the number of junctions is printed because they may be needed in future plannings, and experience shows that, in their statement, errors occur frequently.

In preparation for the next network part, the markers NSFLOW and ITCT are set to zero.

4.2 CONCENTRATION PART OF PROGRAM

4.2.1 Read and Complete Input Data

The input data for this program part comprise: one concentration control card; one average value card; additional airway cards; additional junction cards; and contamination cards. All cards except for the control card are optional. The computer must, however, receive the input data, which it needs for the assigned calculations somehow, either as average data or as detailed airway data. The concentration control card has to state:

NDIM	additional number of concentration airway cards to follow				
NCH4C	additional number of concentration junction cards to follow				
NAV	marker for presence of average value card (> 0 yes)				
MAXJ	highest junction number used in network				
INFLOW	number of cards specifying contamination				
JSTART	number of junctions from which concentration calculations shall				
JSTARI	start; normally this will be the atmosphere				
TSTART	temperature in JSTART				
TIME	time which has elapsed since beginning of contamination; this is				
	necessary for the temperature calculation where non-steady				
	state conditions have to be assumed, only				
CRITSM	accuracy with which the results for smoke, methane, and tempera-				
CRITGS	ture are expected; when recirculation occurs, an iteration				
CRITHT	method has to be used and these are the threshold values at				
	which iterations stop				
WRNPR	pressure losses, smoke concentrations, methane concentrations,				
WRNSM	and temperatures which shall be considered to be critical, so				
WRNGS	special attention should be drawn to them in output				
WRNHT					
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	The average value gard contains average values for.				

The average value card contains average values for:

TAVR	rock temperature
HAAVR	rock diffusivity
HKAVR	rock thermal conductivity
KFAVR	friction factor of airways
LAAVR	airway length
AAVR	airway cross sectional area
OAVR	airway perimeter

This card is optional. It was introduced to keep the amount of input data as small as possible. Rock temperatures, diffusivities, conductivities,

and airway friction factors can in many cases be assumed to be the same for many airways of the mine. Many airways exist in hardrock mines, like raises between levels, which have, essentially, all the same dimensions. If detailed, accurate information is needed, it can always be entered with the airway cards and override the average values. Another reason for the introduction of average values was to prevent the termination of a computer run due to lack of, perhaps, rather insignificant airway properties.

If additional concentration airway cards are wanted, NDIM in the concentration control card has stated how many of them. They contain:

NOX	airway number				
CH4VX	methane volume production rate in airway				
CH4PAX	methane volume production rate per unit surface area in airway				
TROCKX	average rock temperature in airway				
HAX	thermal diffusivity of rock in airway				
HKX	thermal conductivity of rock in airway				
DZRDX	elevation change in airway				

Except for NOX, all of this information is optional. DZRDX must, however, be unequal to zero if it shall override elevation changes calculated from junction elevations, because the computer cannot decide if it is equal to zero or if it has been forgotten. If it is equal to zero, it should be given a small positive or negative value close to zero.

If additional concentration junction cards are wanted, NCH4C in the concentration control card has stated how many of them. They contain only:

JNOX junction number CH4CX methane concentration in junction

and are used if one wants to determine the methane evolution from concentrations in junctions and this was not entered into the junction cards in the network part of the program.

If contamination enters the ventilation system, INFLOW contamination cards have to be used. Besides the airway number they contain three sections: the first one with a specified contamination which can be anything; the second one applying to oxygen rich fires; the third one applying to fuel rich fires or any type of fire. As discussed in the introduction, this is a preliminary stage which can be improved once the necessity exists. The contamination cards contain: NCENT number of airways into which the contaminants enter

Section 1

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CONT volume flow rate of contaminated inflow
CONC concentration of contaminant in inflow
HEAT heat entering airway
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Section 2

02MIN oxygen concentration with which fumes leave fire zone

Section 3

SMPO2 smoke production per ft³ of oxygen delivery

HTPO2 heat production per ft³ of oxygen delivery

Section 2 overrides section 1, section 3 overrides section 1 and 2.

Control card, optional average value card, and optional additional airway cards are read in. Methane evolution rate per airway CH4VX and per unit area of airway CH4PAX, rock temperature TROCKX, thermal diffusivity HAX and conductivity HKX, and elevation change DZRDX, are placed in the airway files CH4V, CH4PA, TROCK, HA, HK, and DZRD. A check is made to see if the number of airway cards in the input was equal to the stated number of cards NDIM. If not, a message is printed and the calculation terminated.

The airway files are then completed. For every airway a check is made to see if data for thermal diffusivity HA and conductivity HK from the just received additional airway cards, and if data for the friction factor KF, the airway length LA, the cross sectional area A, and the perimeter 0 from the network part of the program exist. If they don't, average values from the average value card are substituted. If this card does not exist, a message is printed and the calculation terminated. The elevation change DZRD cannot be checked because it may in reality be equal to zero. Before an average value is substituted for the rock temperature TROCK, it is first checked to see if junction cards exist in the network part (NVPN > 0). If yes, the airway is marked by giving its airway number NO a different sign than the rest of the airways. Temperatures T and elevations Z of starting and finishing junctions of these airways are then retrieved from the junction files of the network part of the program. Rock temperatures are calculated from these in the following way. When the assumption is made that the increase of rock temperature with depth has, due to the

heat exchange between rock and air, become the same as the increase of rock temperature with depth, the air temperature change can, for steady state heat transfer, be described by (7):

If, for the convection coefficient, the approximation:

$$\alpha = 0.4 \text{ v}^{0.8}$$
(7) where: $\alpha = \text{convection coefficient (Btu/ft^2-hr-°F)}$

$$v = \text{air speed (ft/sec)}$$

is used, the exponent can be converted to:

$$X*LA = \alpha O LA/G CP = 0.014 O LA/(A^{0.8} Q^{0.2})$$

With DZRD = LA sin β and the definition of an average rock temperature

TROCK =
$$t_{r0} - \frac{g_a}{2} DZRD$$

one obtains for the rock temperature

$$TROCK = \frac{t_2 - t_1 * exp(-X*LA) + DZRD*g_a}{(1 - exp(-X*LA)} - \frac{g_a}{2} DZRD$$

Elevation changes DZRD are calculated as the difference between the two elevations if DZRD, in the files, is equal to zero. It is for this reason that DZRDX in the input data should not be made exactly equal to zero, even for a horizontal airway, which it usually isn't anyway in so-called level airways.

4.2.2 Set Up JNO List

If no junction number cards were, in the network part of the program, read into the computer, no junction number list (JNO-list) yet exists. It is set up in this program section together with a check, if the stated number of junctions is equal to the actual number, and, when necessary, with a correction. This is a frequent source of error when concentration calculations are performed only. The reason is that the number of junctions must be obtained by marking them in a check-list, whereas the number of airways can simply be obtained by counting the airway cards. It can be disputed whether junction cards and information on junctions serve a useful purpose. The calculation of the natural ventilation pressure in this way is, however, so widespread that in this program junction cards were retained. The occasionally made comment of storage waste is not true. Since the number of junctions is, with at least three airways entering or leaving a junction, equal to or smaller than 2/3 of the airway number, it takes, at the most, the same space to store temperature and elevation data junction-wise with a special junction number list than to do it airway-wise.

4.2.3 Calculate Methane Evolution

With a junction number list established, potential additional NCH4C junction cards can be read in. They contain, besides the junction number, only methane concentrations CH4C in junctions, which are placed into the pertinent list. A check is made again to see if all cards refer to junctions of the network. When not, a message is printed but no termination of calculations takes place since information on methane evolution is provided from several sides.

For all ventilation planning in coal mines, it is very important to assess the methane evolution since changes in the airflow distribution will cause changes in the methane concentration distribution also. Airflow reductions can lead to dangerous concentrations, the main concern in all fire fighting operations. It is justified to consider the rate of methane release from coal faces, ribs, and pillars as roughly constant over short time periods. Even the increased methane production caused by mining operations will, when the operations stop, only gradually taper off (2,12).

The rate of methane evolution per airway CH4V is introduced into this program in three different ways. It is in the additional airway cards

either stated directly (CH4VX) or stated per unit surface area (CH4PAX) and then multiplied by the surface area LA*O. If both statements have not been given, it is calculated from the methane concentrations in junctions by assuming that the concentration change between starting and finishing junction of an airway multiplied by its airflow rate is equal to its methane production.

This last approach is a convenient one since methane concentrations in junctions, like temperatures, are, by most ventilation engineers, known by heart for their mine. It is, however, a crude approach since it is accurate only when merging air currents have the same concentrations. If the printout of the input data for concentrations and temperature calculations shows that the methane production obtained in this way is unrealistic for some airways, it has to be stated directly. Methane evolutions CH4V obtained from direct statements CH4VX override all other values; those indirectly obtained from CH4PAX override the ones derived from junction concentrations.

At the end of this section, the contamination cards are read in.

4.2.4 Output of Input

To allow a critical assessment of the quality of results obtained with the help of this program, all important input data, which are not contained in the network output, are printed out. These data comprise a table with airway numbers NO, starting and finishing junctions JS, JF, elevation differences DZRD, rock temperatures TROCK, methane evolution CH4V, thermal conductivity HK, and thermal diffusivity HA. The time after the beginning of the contamination TIME, number JSTART and temperature TSTART of that junction, from which the calculation starts, are given also. Finally, the contamination with NCENT, CONT, CONC, HEAT, O2MIN, SMPO2, and HTPO2 is listed, or, if no contamination occurs, a relevant message is printed.

4.2.5 Flowscheme

All airways are checked for negative airflow rates. If any are detected, the flow is made positive by exchanging starting and finishing

junctions. This makes a new mesh selection necessary in following network calculations and the marker NSFLOW is, therefore, set equal to zero. With the exchange of junctions, the sign of the elevation change DZRD has to be changed also.

For the purpose of identifying airways with airflow reversals in the output, they are placed into a NREV file and their total number is counted by NRCT. Since the possibility exists that in the iteration process between the network and concentrations parts of the program, an airway experiences airflow reversal repeatedly, it is checked to see if this airway is not already in the NREV file. If it is, this means that an even number of reversals has taken place and that the airflow in this airway has its original direction again. It is therefore removed from the NREV file. After all airways have been checked, the NREV file is compacted and NRCT set to its proper value.

For the purpose of calculating temperatures and concentrations, one has to know which air currents go into the same junction and are mixed there and which air currents leave from the same junction and have consequently the same properties. Since the number of airways connected to a junction can change in wide limits, it is not advisable to compile this information in a multidimensional array in which many places could remain empty. Instead a series of one-dimensional arrays is used, which was, for the same reasons, the approach with the mesh-lists in the network part of the program also. The procedures chosen for assembling these arrays are similar to the ones used by GEIGER (6). The following 5 arrays are set up:

JNOL list of all junction numbers arranged according to magnitude of numbers
NGOUT list of all airways going away from junctions
LOUT list of last place occupied in NGOUT-list by a series of airways leaving a particular junction
NGIN list of all airways entering junctions
MIN list of last places occupied in NGIN-list by a series of airways entering a particular junction

The example given in Fig. 1 may make this procedure clearer. The first junction number considered is JNOL(1) = 3. LOUT(1) = 2 indicates that airways NGOUT(1) = 3 and NGOUT(2) = 5 leave this junction. MIN(1) = 1 indicates that airway NGIN(1) = 1 enters it. The second junction number

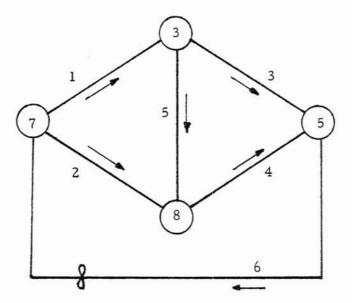


Fig. 1: Flowscheme of a simple network described with the help of onedimensional arrays

JNOL	NGOUT	LOUT	NGIN	MIN
3	3	2	1	1
5	5	3	3	- 3
7	6	5	4	4
8	1	6	6	6
	2		2	
	4		5	

JNOL	JNO	JLR
3	8	4
5	7	3
7	5	2
8	3	1

is JNOL(2) = 5. Airways leaving this junction occupy the places LOUT(1) + 1 = 3 through LOUT(2) = 3 in the NGOUT-list, consequently NGOUT(3) = 6 is the only airway leaving this junction. Airways entering this junction occupy the places MIN(1) + 1 = 2 through MIN(2) = 3 in the NGIN-list, consequently NGIN(2) = 3 and NGIN(3) = 4 are entering this junction. The procedures for all other junctions are the same.

4.2.6 Relate JNO- and JNOL-Lists

In the JNOL-list the junction numbers are arranged according to their magnitude. If a JNO-list has been created by (NVPN >0) reading junction cards in the network part of the program into the computer, the junction numbers in this list can be in any arbitrary sequence which is convenient for input and output. Both lists are correlated by the JLRlist which indicates in which place a junction from the JNOL-list is contained in the JNO-list. Fig. 1 shows, for instance, that the junction JNOL(1) = 3 can from JLR(1) = 4 be located as JNO(4) = 3.

In this section the contaminant concentrations in junctions PROP and PRCH4 are set equal to zero also.

4.2.7 Indices of Starting Junction (Atmosphere)

The indices of the junction at which one wants the temperature and concentration calculation to begin are determined. They are MSTART for the JNOL-list and ISTART for the JNO-list. The temperature of this junction is set to TSTART, which had been stated in the control card. The counter MRC and the marker MARKC are set to zero.

4.2.8 Conditions at Roadway Ends

4.2.8.1 General Remarks

Determined with the help of this program are: contaminant concentrations; methane concentrations; and temperatures.

Changes of concentrations and temperatures can occur in roadways due to contaminants, methane, and heat entering or leaving the air. They can occur in junctions due to mixing of air currents with different concentrations and temperatures. Since the processes in roadways and junctions are completely different, two different program sections have been provided.

Contaminant concentrations in roadways have received the name RDPROP, in junctions PROP, at roadway beginnings PROPJS. Methane concentrations have received the names RDCH4, PRCH4, and CH4JS. Temperatures have received the names TRD, T, and TJS.

Temperature calculations are performed only when demanded (NTEMP > 0). Concentration calculations are performed when demanded (NCONC > 0), but also when only temperature calculations were desired, since varying temperatures can cause varying airflow distributions and, therefore, varying methane concentrations.

The concentration calculations have, at this stage, been kept quite simple since the program requires that entering or leaving contaminants be specified. The temperature calculations have, however, become relatively comprehensive and complicated. On the one hand, the techniques for precalculating mine temperatures are more advanced than those for precalculating contaminant productions. On the other hand, the author attached more importance to these temperature precalculations since ventilation disturbances are mainly caused by thermal forces, not by concentration changes.

Roadway calculations start out with setting the properties PROPJS, CH4JS, TJS at the beginning of roadways, leaving a junction equal to the equivalent properties PROP, PRCH4, T in this junction when the properties are known. For the first calculations this junction will be the starting junction JSTART, later on every junction, for which the calculations of the program section "conditions in junctions", could be completed. The roadways coming out of the junctions are found from the LOUT- and NGOUTlists and identical calculations are performed for all of them. At the start of every calculation the counter ICFTM is set to zero.

4.2.8.2 Concentration Changes and Added Heat in Airways

A check is made to see if contaminants or heat enter the airway (NO = NCENT). If not, the volume flow rate of the pure (100% concentration) contaminant CONTAM, the volume flow rate of the gas current carrying

the contaminant CONTQ, and the heat addition HEATAD are set equal to zero. If a contaminant or heat enters the mine air, it can be specified in the contamination cards in several ways. In section 1 the volume flow rate of the gas current carrying the contaminant CONT, its concentration CONC (%), and the heat HEAT are specified. CONTAM, CONTQ and HEATAD are determined from:

> CONTAM = CONT*CONC/100 CONTQ = CONT HEATAD = HEAT

CONT and HEAT can have negative signs for gas absorptions and heat sinks. If the inflow CONT is so large that it influences the airflow distribution, which will very rarely be the case, a fixed quantity airway similar to compressed air discharges should be provided for it.

Section 2 of the contamination card applies to oxygen rich fires and states the oxygen concentration O2MIN with which the fumes leave the fire zone. The assumption is made that all consumed oxygen is converted into CO_2 . The oxygen concentration entering the fire zone is 0.21 -PROPJS, the oxygen consumption is 0.21 - PROPJS - O2MIN/100, the volume flow rate of CO_2 consequently:

CONTAM = (0.21 - PROPJS - 02MIN/100) * Q

No additional gas enters the mine:

CONTQ = 0

The rate of heat generation is, with 437 Btu/ft³ of consumed oxygen:

HEATAD = CONTAM * 437

Section 3 applies to fuel rich fires and contaminant and heat production, SMPO2 and HTPO2 per ft^3 of oxygen delivery, have to be stated. One obtains:

CONTAM = (0.21 - PROPJS) * Q*SMPO2HEATAD = (0.21 - PROPJS) * Q*HTPO2CONTO = 0 At this place, a suitable function relating contaminant and heat production with the oxygen supply can easily be introduced, if so desired and such a function is available.

Contamination and methane concentration at the end of the roadway can then be calculated from:

RDPROP = [PROPJS(Q-CONTQ) + CONTAM]/Q

RDCH4 = [CH4JS(Q-CH4V) + CH4V]/Q

If a temperature calculation is desired (NTEMP > 0), the heat addition HEATAD finds use; if it is not desired TRD is set equal to zero, JF made negative to mark the completed roadway calculation, and the rest of this program section is omitted.

4.2.8.3 Temperature Changes in Airways

The air temperature is increased by heat addition and subsequently reduced again by heat transfer to the airway walls. The temperature increase:

> $\Delta t = t - t_1 \text{ is}$ $\Delta t = \text{HEATAD}/(Q*DR*CP)$ where: t_1 = temperature before heat addition DR = reference density CP = specific heat of air

If for CP a temperature function CP = a + b*t is assumed, one obtains:

$$t = -(a/b - t_1)/2 + \sqrt{((a/b - t_1)/2)^2 + a*t_1/b + HEATAD/(Q*DR*b)}$$

and with a = $0.2376 \text{ Btu/lb}^{\circ}F$, b = $0.000024 \text{ Btu/lb}^{\circ}F^{\circ}F$,

$$t = -4950 - t_1/2 + \sqrt{(4950 - t_1/2)^2 + 9900 t_1 + HEATAD*10^6/(Q*24*DR)}$$

This equation is based on pure air. One might dispute if the assumption of temperature variable specific heats is necessary, since the influence of the air composition is neglected, but the introduction of variable specific heats causes no great difficulties. Heat transfer to the airway walls lets the air temperature drop from an initial value of t_1 to t, which for horizontal airways can be calculated from (7):

$$t = t_{r} + (t_{1} - t_{r}) \exp \left(-HK*LA*O*K(\alpha)/(Q*DR*CP*R_{0})\right)$$

where: t_{r} = rock temperature
 $R_{0} = 2 A/0$ = hydraulic radius

 $K(\alpha)$, the so-called "coefficient of age", is a dimensionless scale for the thickness of the insulating rock layer surrounding airways which increases with age. Its use allows treating non-steady state heat transfer like a steady state process and has, therefore, in mine ventilation become common practice.

In non-horizontal airways, the change of rock temperature with depth and the so-called "autocompression heat", the increase of air temperature with air pressure, have to be included. If one makes the justified assumption that the rock immediately surrounding an airway has, with some age of the airway, assumed the same temperature as the air ordinarily passing through it, geothermal and autocompression gradients become the same and the temperature can be calculated from (7):

If an average rock temperature TROCK = $t_{r0} - g_a * DZRD/2$ is defined, one obtains with DZRD = LA*sin β :

$$t = TROCK + (t_1 - TROCK) exp (-HK*LA*O*K(\alpha)/(Q*DR*CP*R_0)) - g_*DZRD/2 * (1 + exp(-HK*LA*O*K(\alpha)/(Q*DR*CP*R_0)))$$

The autocompression gradient g_a can be calculated from the mechanical heat equivalent 778.26 ft-lb/Btu and CP as:

$$g_a = 1/(778.26*CP)$$
 °F/ft

The coefficient of age $K(\alpha)$ is a function of the dimensionless Fourier (FO) and Biot (BI) numbers. They are defined as:

FO = TIME *
$$HA/R_0^2$$

BI = HC * R_0/HK

where HA and HK are the previously introduced thermal diffusivity and conductivity and HC is the convection coefficient.

 $K(\alpha)$ has been calculated by several researchers whose results are in good agreement (7). A solution for short periods of heat exchange has been provided by SCERBAN and Kremnev (17) which reads:

$$K(\alpha) = BI - BI^2 *f(x)/(0.375 + BI)$$

where $f(x) = [1 - \exp(x^2) * (1 - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{0}^{x} \exp(-x^2) dx)]$ and $x = (0.375 + BI) \sqrt{FO}$

For the calculation of the error function

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{0}^{\mathbf{x}} \exp(-\mathbf{x}^{2}) \, \mathrm{d}\mathbf{x}$$

in this computer program, the author introduced the power series:

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) \approx \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n} * \frac{\mathbf{x}^{2n+1}}{2n+1} \quad \text{for } \mathbf{x} \leq 2.5$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \left[1 - \phi(\mathbf{x})\right] \approx \frac{\exp(-\mathbf{x}^2)}{2\mathbf{x}} \left[1 - \frac{1}{2\mathbf{x}^2} + \frac{1*3}{(2\mathbf{x}^2)^2} - \frac{1*3*5}{(2\mathbf{x}^2)^3} + \cdots\right]$$

for x > 2.5

Development of the series is stopped when the terms in the brackets become smaller than 10^{-5} .

The convection coefficient HC is a function of air thermal conductivity HKA, Reynolds number RN, Prandtl number PR, and airway dimensions. A formula proposed by KREITH (13) for the turbulent flow in smooth ducts seems to be an average among the many suggestions found in the literature (7). It reads:

HC = 0.023
$$\frac{\text{HKA}}{2R_0}$$
 RN^{0.8} PR^{0.333}

With the Prandtl number being essentially independent of the air temperature, and having a value of 0.70 between 0 and $1600^{\circ}F$ and with $R_0 = 2A/0$, this becomes:

$$HC = 0.005 \frac{HKA*O}{A} RN^{0.8}$$

A correction for rough walls can be made by introducing the correction factor (7):

$$COR = \left(\frac{f}{f_0}\right)^{(100/RN)^{0.125}}$$

where: f = friction coefficient of rough wall
f_0 = friction coefficient of hydraulically smooth wall

The friction coefficient f is proportional to the friction factor KF. For a density of 0.075 lb/ft^3 the relationship is f = KF/809, for a reference density DR it is f = KF*0.075/(809*DR).

$$f_0$$
 (FRO in the program) can be obtained from:
 $f_0 = 0.032 + 0.221/RN^{0.237}$

The thermal conductivity of air can be approximated by:

HKA = 0.015
$$(T/492)^{0.81}$$
 Btu/ft h °F
where: T = absolute air temperature (°R)

The temperature dependence of air viscosity VISC and weight WT, both of which are needed for the Reynolds number, can be expressed by:

VISC =
$$10^{-4} \times 1.43 \left(\frac{T}{492}\right)^{1.75}$$
 ft²/sec
WT = DR * (TR + 460)/T
where: TR = reference temperature

and the Reynolds number:

RN = V D / Visc

where: D = hydraulic diameter = 4 A/O V = air velocity with V = Q*DR/(60*A*WT) RN = DR * O/(15*WT*O*VISC)

The program starts the temperature calculation by setting the temperature at the beginning of the airway TJS equal to the pertinent junction temperature T. If a heat addition takes place (HEATAD = 0), the temperature behind the heat source is determined and made equal to TJS. It is stored in the TFSI file also because it is needed in later program sections.

For the calculation of WT, VISC, CP, and HKA, the average temperature in the roadway is needed. It is tentatively (ICFTM = 0) assumed to be the arithmetic mean between starting and rock temperature (TM = (TJS + TROCK)/2). If after the completion of the temperature calculation the result shows that the temperature at the end of the roadway TRD is more than 50° F different from TROCK, a new TM is assumed (ICFTM = 1). Since the temperature along an airway follows an exponential curve of the type:

TRD = TROCK + (TJS - TROCK) exp(-X*LA)

the factor X can be calculated from the last calculated TRD value as:

$$X = \frac{1}{LA} \left[\ln (TJS - TROCK) / (TRD - TROCK) \right]$$

and TM can be determined as the integral mean $1/LA \int TRD*dLA$ as:

$$TM = TROCK + \frac{(TJS - TROCK)}{LA*X} (1 - exp(-X*LA))$$

This procedure of assuming a new TM is repeated until the calculated values for TRD vary less than 50°F. Since TM is, at this place, only needed to take the changes of the air properties WT, VISC, CP, and HKA with temperature into account, this threshold of 50°F seems to be stringent enough. After these properties have been determined, Reynolds number RN, convection coefficient HC, Fourier number FO, Biot number BI, and coefficient of COAGE are calculated. The exponent in the temperature formula:

HK*LA*O*COAGE/(Q*DR*CP*R_)

becomes with $R_0 = 2 \text{ A/O}$ and the factor 60 min/hr, when HK is, as customary, expressed per hour but Q is stated per minute:

XNEW = HK*LA*0²*COAGE/(120*DR*Q*CP*A)

and TRD can be calculated. XNEW is placed in a file for future use. After the calculation has been completed, the roadway is marked by making its finishing junction JF negative.

4.2.9 Conditions in Junctions

Junctions, for which the junction calculations have been completed, receive a negative number JNO. They are disregarded in this program section. For the other junctions with a positive JNO, the airways going into a junction are located from the MIN- and NGIN-lists. In order to be able to perform a junction calculation the roadway calculations for these airways must have been completed, which means that they must all have negative finishing junctions. If they don't, the junction is disregarded. For the rest, the air quantities Q flowing into the junction (SUMAIR), the contaminant quantities RDPROP * Q (SUMPR), the methane quantities RDCH4 * Q, and the enthalpies TRD * Q * CP (SUMHT) are all summed up. Contaminant and methane concentrations in the junction are calculated from:

PROP = SUMPR/SUMAIR

PRCH4 = SUMCH4/SUMAIR

the temperatures from:

T = SUMHT/(SUMAIR*CP)

which with CP = 0.2376 + 0.000024 * T results in:

 $T = -4950 + \sqrt{4950^2} + SUMHT/(SUMAIR*0.000024)$

The program returns to the section "conditions at roadway ends" where the number JNO of the junctions, with completed junction calculations, is made negative.

4.2.10 Recirculation, First Approximation

If, in the previous section, no junctions with a positive JNO can be found for which all entering airways have negative finishing junctions JF, recirculation occurs in the network. The alternating roadway and junction calculations cannot be continued since concentrations and temperature of recirculated air entering a junction are not known. This difficulty is overcome by introducing estimated concentrations and temperatures for all recirculated airflows, with which the junction and roadway calculations are completed. The results obtained for the recirculated airflows are then taken as new, better estimates and the concentration and temperature calculations for the network are repeated. This process is continued until the differences between results and estimates are smaller than the thresholds CRITSM, CRITGS, CRITHT stated in the control card.

A variety of methods was tried to overcome the recirculation problem. With the complexity of most ventilation networks, only iteration methods seem to be practical. The herein described procedure, which is similar to the adjustment of trigonometric height measurements, showed the best convergence.

The program section starts by setting NREC = 1. NREC helps in searching for junctions where the ratio of recirculated air QREC to not recirculated air QIN is QREC/QIN \leq NREC/2. If no such junction can be found, NREC is stepwise increased.

All junction numbers JNO are then checked for their signs. Negative junction numbers are counted by L and then disregarded because the junction calculations have been completed for them. Positive junction numbers JNO are one after the other compared with the finishing junctions JF of airways. Junctions JNO, for which no negative JF can be found (JNO + JF \ddagger 0, N $\stackrel{\leftarrow}{=}$ 0), are disregarded because no airway with a complete roadway calculation exists for them. The remaining junctions JNO are the ones where recirculated air enters the intake air.

To find reasonable first estimates for the recirculated air, concentrations RDPROP, RDCH4, and temperatures TRD for the airways with completed roadway calculations (JNO + JF = 0) as well as their airflow rates Q are summed up (SRPR, SRCH4, STRD, QIN) and average values AVRPR, AVRCH4, AVTRD are calculated. The airways with recirculated air are entered into a temporary file (MEMREC) first and their airflow rates are summed up also (QREC). If a comparison shows that the recirculated airflow

rate QREC for an airway is smaller than one half of the not recirculated air QIN (QREC*2/QIN - NREC ≤ 0), the airway and the first estimates for its concentrations and temperature are entered into the permanent recirculation files. If QREC is larger than 1/2 QIN, the next positive junction JNO is tried. If no junction with QREC $\leq 1/2$ QIN could be found, NREC is increased by 1 which changes the criterion to QREC ≤ 2 QIN. If again no junction can be found, NREC is increased to 3 and so on.

The recirculation files have been introduced to avoid the repetition of this search procedure in every step of the iteration process, in which concentrations and temperatures of recirculated airflows are determined. Airways with recirculation are counted with MRC, their place in the airway list is transcribed from the temporary file MEMREC into NOREC, and the first estimates for their concentrations and temperatures are entered into ESTPR, ESTCH4, ESTTR. After this, they receive these estimated values as their roadway end properties RDPROP, RDCH4, TRD, and their finishing junctions are made negative as if the roadway calculation had been completed. The place of the pertinent junction in the JNOL-list is located and the junction calculation for this junction completed. The program statements for doing this are essentially the same as in the program section "conditions in junctions". The program returns to the section "conditions at roadway ends".

4.2.11 Recirculation, Preparation for Iteration

If in the previous program section it has been found that all junction numbers JNO are negative $(L \ge NJ)$, the calculation of concentrations and temperatures is complete. All finishing junctions JF and junction numbers JNO are made positive again. If the counter MRC for the recirculation files indicates that no recirculation exists (MRC = 0), the rest of this program section is omitted. For MRC > 0 the differences DIFPR, DIFCH4, DIFTRD between last estimated values ESTPR, ESTCH4, ESTTR and last calculated results RDPROP, RDCH4, TRD are determined for every airway with recirculation. If these differences are larger than the thresholds CRITSM, CRITGS, CRITHT, a marker L is made > 0. The last calculated properties RDPROP, RDCH4, TRD are made the new estimates ESTPR, ESTCH4, ESTTR, and the finishing junctions JF are made negative. If this

was the last iteration, these junctions will be the only negative ones in the JF-list and can be used to identify recirculation paths. The iteration counter ITCT is raised by one. If a positive marker L indicates that more iterations are necessary, it is checked to see if the maximum number ITN, which had been stated in the control card, is not exceeded. If not, the computer goes back to the beginning of the section "conditions at roadway ends" to start another iteration. If ITN would be exceeded, the marker MARKC is made positive for an appropriate message. If temperature and network calculations were demanded, the next program section is entered, if not, this section is omitted and a message printed.

4.2.12 Calculation of Natural Ventilation Pressure

This section determines the thermal forces which are caused by changed temperature distributions and introduces them into the ventilation system.

The energy per unit mass, which is required to overcome the flow resistance of an airway, is proportional to the velocity of the air in the airway. The same applies to the pressure loss when the latter is based on a constant reference density. If the density of the air changes, energy or pressure losses will change inversely proportional to the square of the density ratios. If the density change is caused by temperature changes, energy or pressure losses will change proportional to the square of the absolute temperature ratios. This change can, in a mass flow rate based network calculation, be accounted for by multiplying the resistance factor R by a factor $(T_2/T_1)^2$, where the subscripts 1 and 2 denote the old and new temperatures.

Since temperatures along the length LA of an airway vary, it is necessary to use a mean square temperature Tm^2 , which for accurate calculations should be:

$$T_m^2 = \frac{1}{LA} \int T^2 dLA$$

With the previously quoted formula (section "conditions at roadway ends"):

$$t = t_r + (t_1 - t_r) \exp(-X*LA) - \frac{g_a DZRD}{2} (1 + \exp(-X*LA))$$

one obtains with the abbreviations:

$$E = g_a^{*}DZRD/2, B = (t_1 - t_{rock}), XNEW = X^{*}LA$$

$$T_m^2 = (T_{rock} - E)^2 + \frac{(E - B)^2}{2^{*}XNEW} (1 - exp(-2^{*}XNEW))$$

$$+ \frac{2}{XNEW} (T_{rock} - E)^{*}(B - E)^{*}(1 - exp(-XNEW))$$

The natural ventilation pressure can be calculated from:

$$H_{N} = \frac{DR}{5.2} * \frac{1}{T_{m}} \oint T dZ$$

 \oint T dZ can be replaced by Σ t *DZRD when one assumes airways with constant slopes. This requires knowing the mean temperature t = 1/LA \int t dLA in the airways. It can be calculated from the above formula for t as:

$$t_{m} = t_{rock} + \frac{B}{XNEW} (1 - exp(-XNEW)) - E(1 + (1 - exp(-XNEW))/XNEW)$$

The program starts this section by setting the temperature at the beginnings of airways Tl equal to the temperature T of the starting junction JS. If contamination in an airway occurs (NCENT = NO), Tl is set equal to the calculated temperature TFSI behind the contamination source. The mean temperature TMRD (i.e. t_m) and mean square absolute temperature TMSQR (i.e. T_m^2) are calculated next for every airway. To account for the pressure loss changes with temperature, the resistance factor R is set to new adjusted values which are the product of RSTD and the ratio TMSQR/(TR + 460)². RSTD is the resistance factor of the airways based on the reference temperature TR.

If the marker NSFLOW ≤ 0 indicates that an airflow reversal has taken place, a new mesh selection is necessary before the natural ventilation pressure can be calculated. The rest of this program section is, therefore, omitted. With NSFLOW > 0, the natural ventilation pressures are calculated for all meshes of the network.

Since it is the thermal forces (i.e. the changed flow resistances and natural ventilation pressures and among these mainly the latter) which can alter the temperature distribution and with it the thermal forces again, the changes of natural ventilation pressures from one iteration to the next one are made the threshold for the decision whether more iterations should be performed. The natural ventilation pressure FNVP of the last iteration is therefore preserved as ONVP before a new value FNVP is calculated. $\oint T dZ = \Sigma t_m^*DZRD$ is calculated by summing up in HSU the products FRNVP = TMRD*DZRD for all airways of a mesh. The direction in which the computer progressed in forming the mesh is accounted for by FACT (+1 for direction JS to JF, -1 for direction JF to JS). The average temperature in the mesh is calculated as the weighed arithmetic mean by summing up in TSU all absolute values of FRNVP and dividing them by two times the total elevation change in the mesh.

Errors in the statement of DZRD can make the sum of all elevation changes around a mesh unequal to zero. This means that the temperatureelevation plot of the mesh is not closed which can, even for small errors in DZRD, cause very large errors for the natural ventilation pressure. The sum of all positive elevation changes ZUP and all negative changes ZDOWN in traversing around the mesh is, therefore, determined. For ZUP \neq ZDOWN the mesh is closed by substituting the reference temperature for the gap.

The differences between old and new natural ventilation pressures are calculated and their absolute values summed up in DNVP.

4.2.13 Reroute to Appropriate Program Section

Calculations of the natural ventilation pressure are necessary at two places in the program: within the network calculation; at the completion of the temperature calculation in order to find out if such significant changes have taken place that a new network calculation is required.

If the former is the case and the natural ventilation pressures are wanted for a network calculation, this is indicated by the marker NNVP > 0 and the program returns to the section "iteration" of the network part. The marker NNVP and the counter ITCT are set to zero. If the latter is the case, it is checked to see if the average change in the natural ventilation pressure between the last two iterations was larger than 0.001 inches watergage per mesh. If it was smaller, the calculation is considered to be completed and the section "output of results" is entered. If it was larger, it is checked to see if the maximum number of

iterations MADJ between network and concentration part, which had been stated in the control card, has been reached (MADJC - MADJ ≥ 0). In this case a message is printed before the output section is entered also. For (MADJC - MADJ < 0, the counter MADJC is raised by one, the counter ITCT and the marker MARKN are reset to zero, the marker NSNVP is set to one, all finishing junctions JF are made positive and the airflow rates Q are divided by 10⁵ again. If NSFLOW ≤ 0 indicates that a new mesh selection is necessary, NSW is made equal to one and the section "arrange airways to size and magnitude R*Q" is entered. For NSFLOW > 0, the calculation is continued in the section "iteration".

4.2.14 Output of Results

The pressure losses for the regular airways are calculated and the fan pressure extracted from the R-file. If the stated maximum number of iterations ITN was exceeded in the network part (MARKN > 0) or in the concentration part (MARKC > 0), warnings are printed.

A table with the results of the calculations for the states of the airway ends comes next. It lists airway numbers NO, junctions JS and JF, calculated airflow rates Q, temperatures TRD, smoke concentrations RDPROP, methane concentrations RDCH4, and pressure losses P. The term "smoke" stands for "contaminant" because it is shorter and this program will mainly be used for fire emergency plans. Airflow rates and pressures are based on reference densities.

Another table with the results of the calculations for the junctions follows. It contains junction numbers JNO, temperatures T, smoke concentrations PROP, and methane concentrations PRCH4. The number of iterations MADJC between network and concentration parts of the program is printed next.

The list of all finishing junctions JF is then scrutinized for negative values which indicate recirculation. The pertinent airways and their junctions are printed out together with an explanation that a recirculation path is closed at this place.

Next, it is checked to see if any threshold limits for critical states (WRNPR, WRNGS, WRNSM, WRNHT) were specified. If not, a message is

printed. If yes, all airways are checked for critical states and if any are detected they are placed in a printed list of airways together with the critical conditions. The same is done for junctions.

With the help of the counter NRCT and the NREV-list, which were both established at the beginning of the section "flowscheme", airways with airflow reversal are finally printed out. To make the airways in the printed list appear in the same sequence as in all other airway lists, they have to be extracted in this sequence from the NREV-list. With this last list, the output is complete.

4.3 COOPERATION OF PROGRAM SECTIONS

The cooperation of the different program sections is shown in Figs. 2a - 2e. The computer nomenclature, which has been used in these figures, is listed in Table 1.

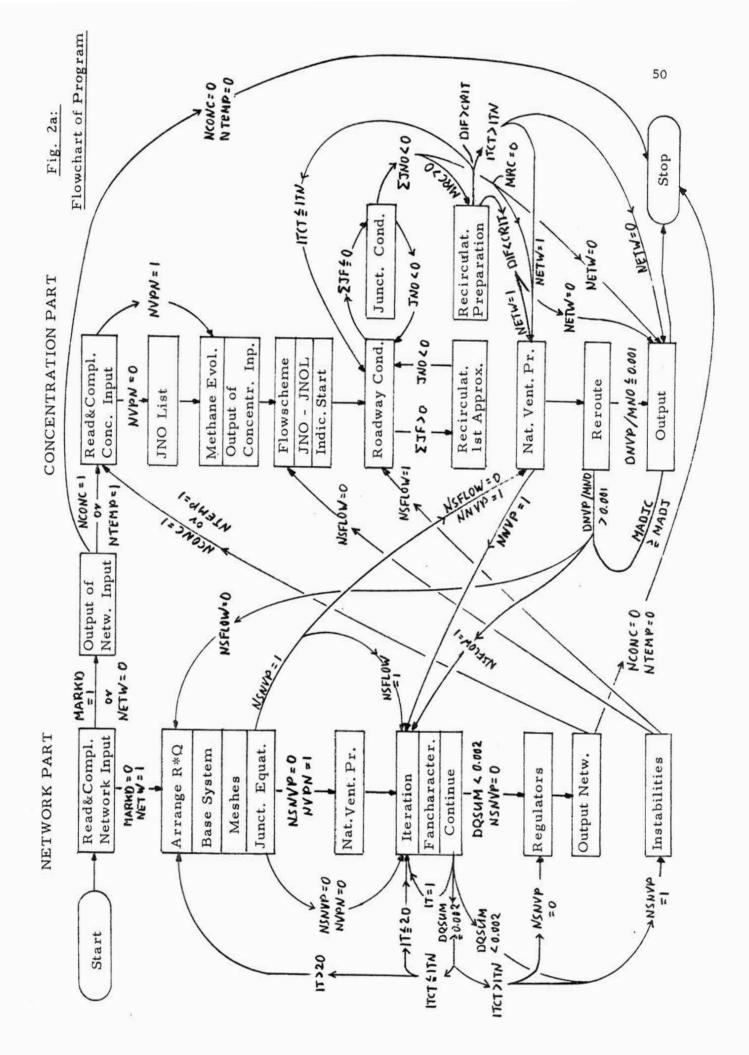
Fig. 2a shows all existing major connections between program sections. Fig. 2b indicates which connections are used when only a network calculation is desired. Fig. 2c does the same for a concentration or temperature calculation without a network calculation. Fig. 2d refers to a combined network, concentration, and temperature calculation (NETW=1, NCONC=1, NTEMP=1), where the stated number of iterations is sufficient (ITCT < ITN, MADJC < MADJ), where no airflow reversals occur in the iteration process (which would make new mesh selections necessary), and where no recirculation occurs. Fig. 2e shows the same for the case of airflow reversals during the iteration process.

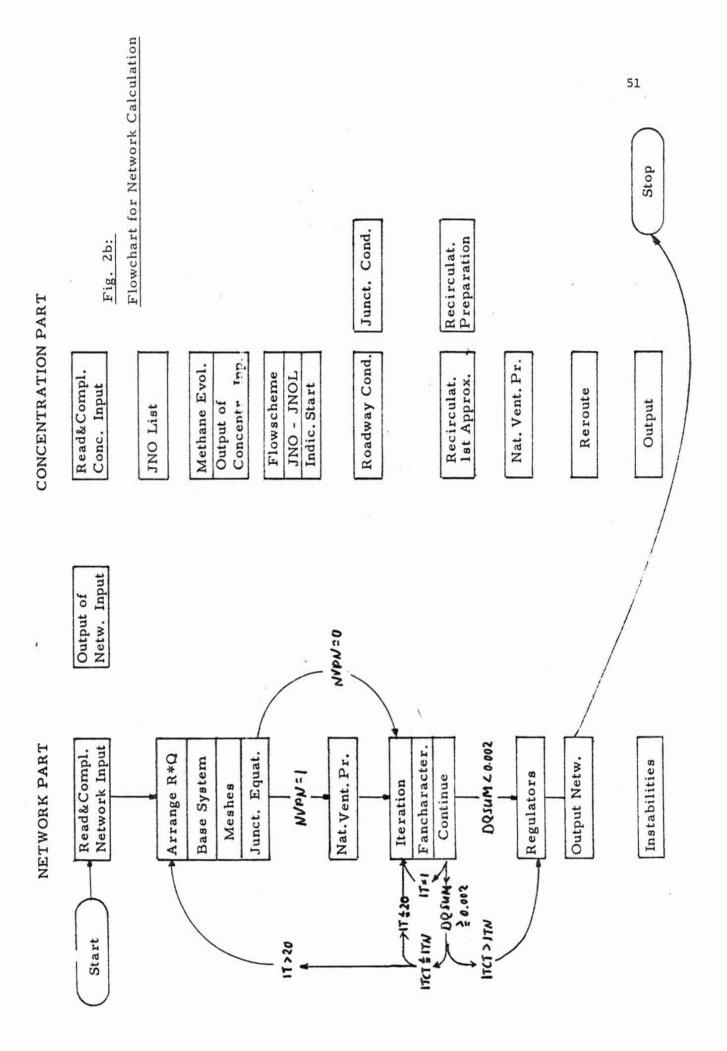
Figs. 2d and 2e are simplifications. Normally airflow reversals will happen at some stages of the iteration process and not happen at others. The reversals, in turn, can cause or remove recirculation. An insufficient number of iterations will be the rule at the start of the calculations also. The usual flowchart will, therefore, resemble Fig. 2a more than Figs. 2d or 2e.

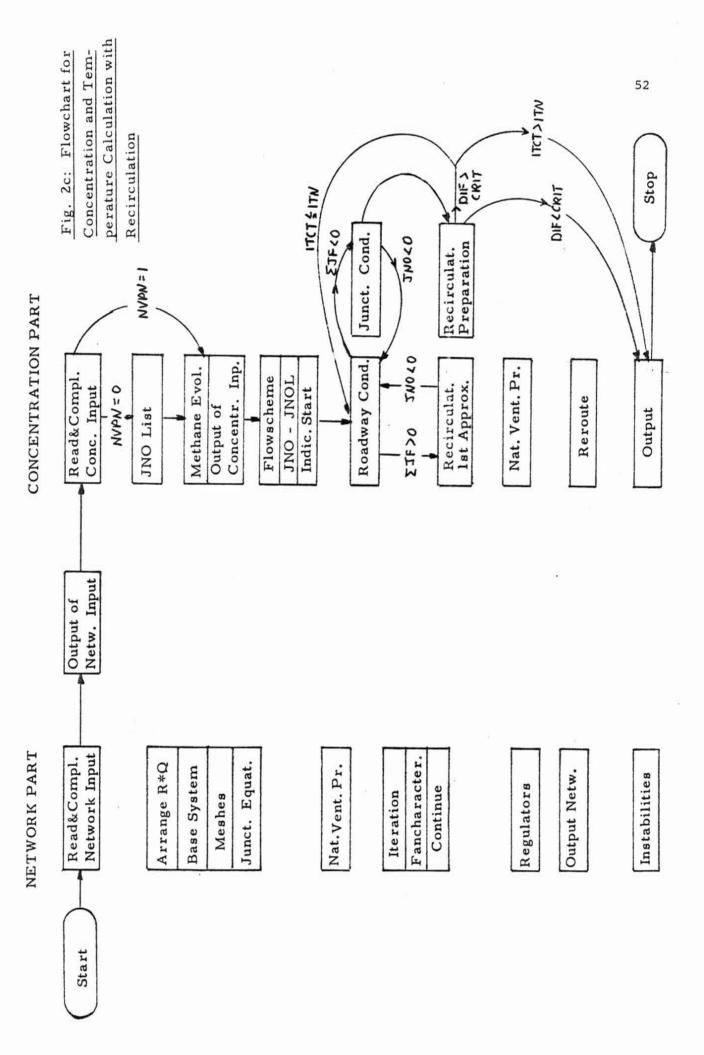
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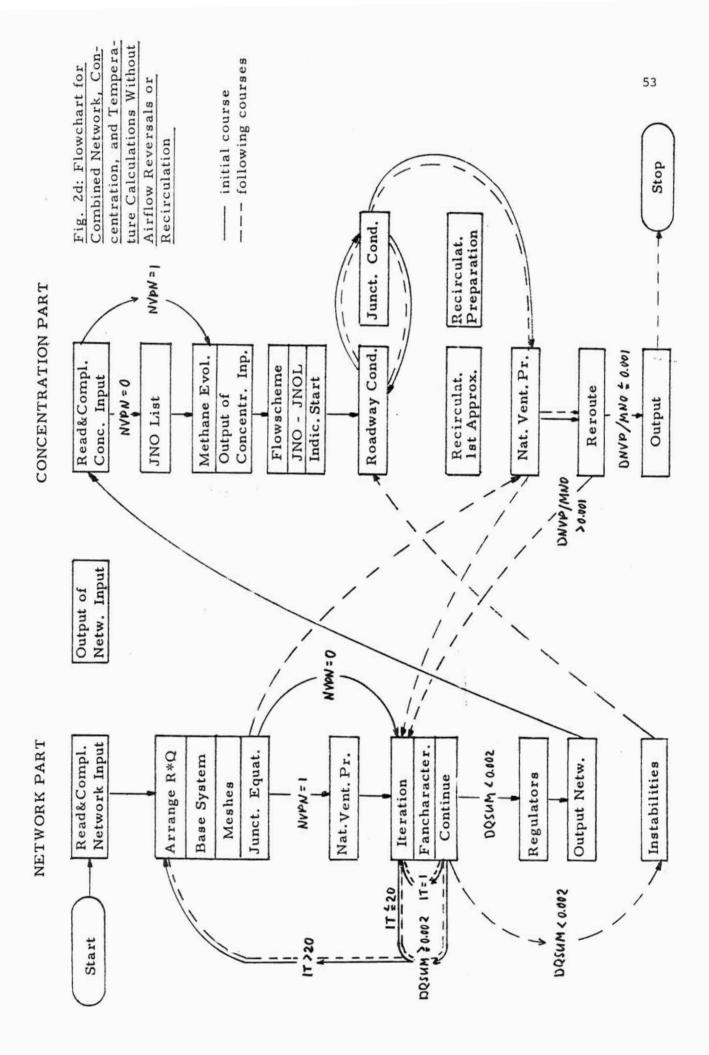
4.4.1 General Remarks

The program has been designed in such a way that it can be used for all mine ventilation systems, coal mines and hardrock mines alike. It









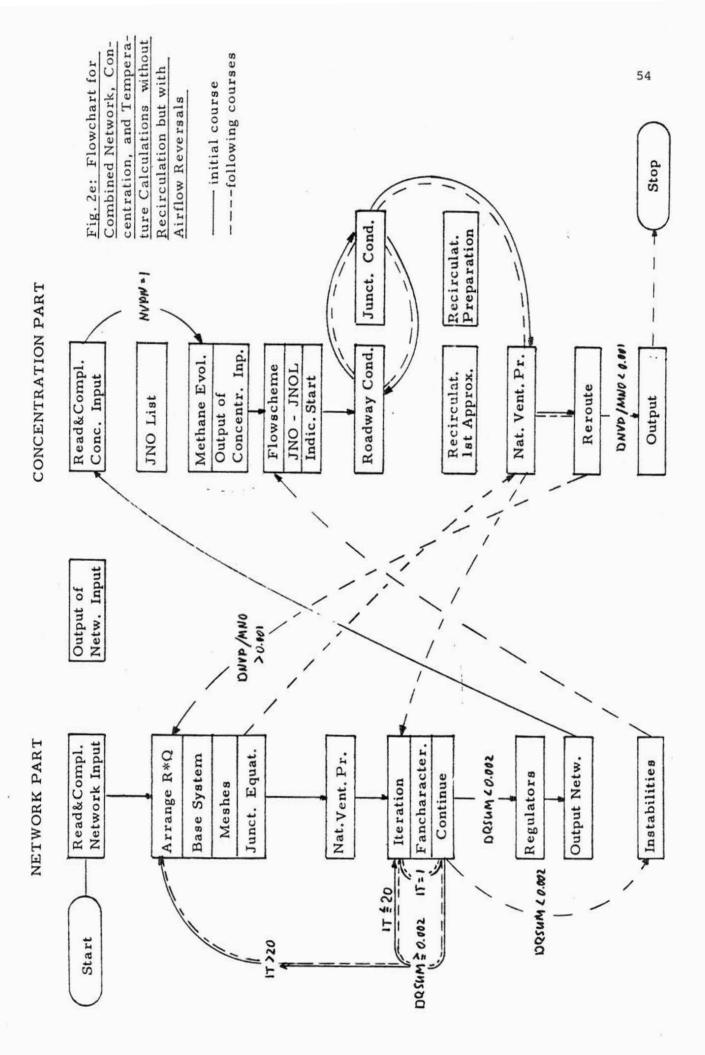


Table 1: Computer Nomenclature for Cooperation of Program Sections

CRITGS CRITHT CRITSM	thresholds for corrections in iterations of concentration part of program
DIFCH4 DIFPR DIFTRD	change in properties between last two iterations of concentra- tion part of program
DNVP/MNO	average change of natural ventilation pressure per mesh
0.001	threshold for adjustment of natural ventilation pressure to changed temperature distribution (0.001 inches watergage)
CQSUM	sum of all corrections in one network iteration
0.002	threshold for corrections in network iterations (200 cfm)
IT	counter of iterations in network part for every given mesh assmebly
ITCT	counter of iterations in network and concentration parts of program
ITN	maximal allowed number of iterations
JF	finishing junction of airway; a negative sign of JF is used as marker for completed roadway calculations
ΣJF<0	roadway calculations for all airways going into one particular junction have been completed
JNO	junction number; a negative sign of JNO is used as marker for completed junction calculations
ΣJNO<0	all junction calculations have been completed
MADJ	maximal allowed number of exchanges between network and concen- tration parts of program
MADJC	counter of exchanges between network and concentration parts
MARKD>0	no resistance nor dimensions were stated for an airway
MRC	counter of airways closing recirculation paths
NCONC>0	a concentration calculation shall be performed

Table 1 (continued)

NETW>0 a network calculation shall be performed

- NNVP>0 this is a natural ventilation pressure calculation within the network part of the program
- NVPN>0 junction cards were used and read into the computer
- NTEMP>0 a temperature calculation shall be performed

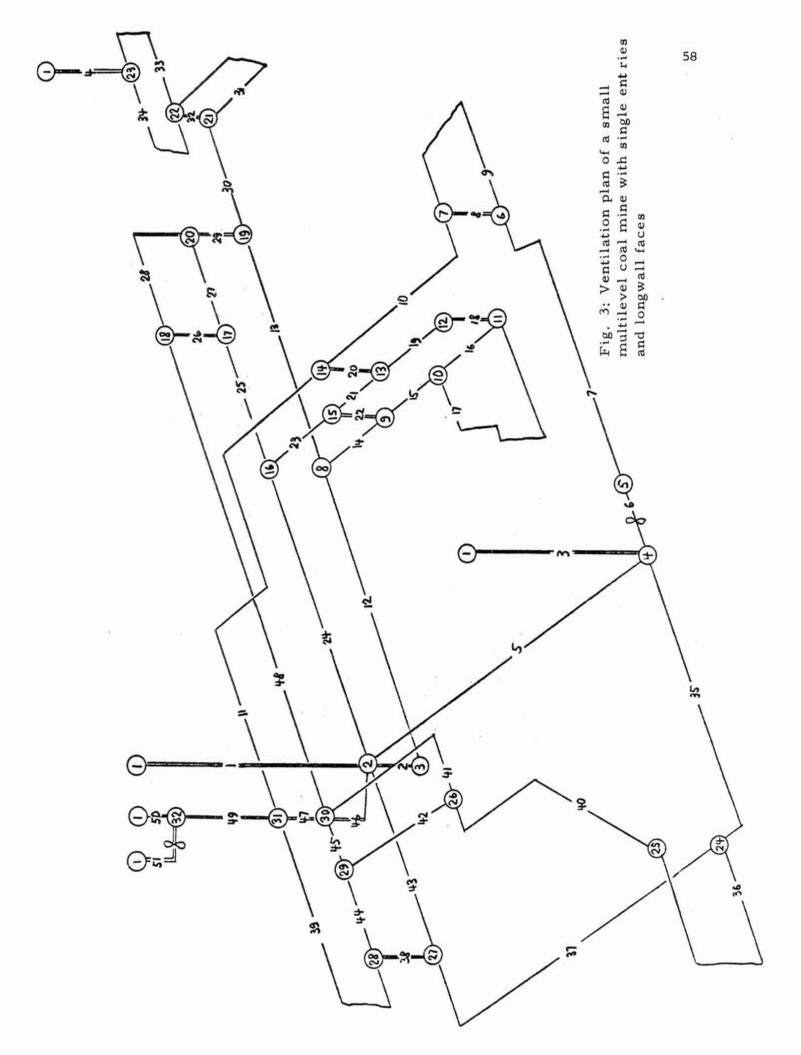
can perform network (flow distribution), concentration, and temperature calculations separately as well as combined. Concentration calculations can be performed for methane and other contaminants, separately or combined. The quantities of contaminants entering the ventilation system can be stated directly as flow rates and concentrations or, as for fires, as a function of the oxygen supply.

Rather than demonstrating all possible combinations, a number of examples shall be given which are all different from each other but still relatively close to mine ventilation realities. The examples have been selected for an easy understanding of how to use the program rather than for a demonstration of the program capabilities. All examples are based on the same comparatively small ventilation network to make the understanding simple and not to burden this report with too much input and output information. The program has been used so far for mines with up to 180 airways.

The selected ventilation system is that of a small multilevel coal mine with single entries and longwall faces. This type of mine was chosen because it represents something like a blend of hardrock and coal ventilation systems. Sufficient nonhorizontal airways, like in many hardrock mines, exist for the development of large thermal drafts and at the same time methane evolution is taking place. Fig. 3 shows the ventilation plan of this system. Those input data, which were used in all examples, are compiled in Tables 2 through 6.

The data from Tables 2 through 4 are read into the computer in the network part of the program. Table 2 lists the contents of the airway and additional airway cards, table 3 the contents of the junction cards. Information on temperatures and elevations of junctions is required only when a network calculation with natural ventilation pressures, based on actually observed temperatures, is desired. If not, elevation differences can be stated and temperatures can be calculated in the concentration part of the program and can be entered here or later via additional junction cards. Table 4 lists the points of the fan characteristic which are entered with the fan characteristic cards. Fig. 4 shows a plot of these fan characteristics.

The input, which during the concentration part of the program is read into the computer has been kept to a minimum. Table 5 lists methane



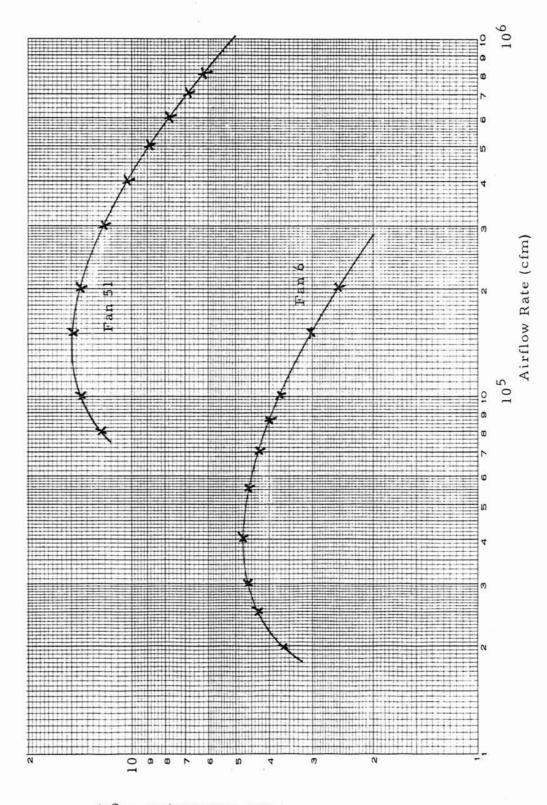


Fig. 4: Fancharacteristics

Fan Pressure (in. w.g.)

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5	64.5	-2462	0.12	21	82.8	-2786	0.85
6	69.8	-2462	0.20	22	73.2	-2473	0.70
7	75.6	-1938	0.80	23	65.2	-2466	-
8	72.5	-2787	0.12	24	69.9	-2462	0.15
9	75.6	-2785	0.25	25	80.6	-2245	0.90
10	77.0	-2785	0.30	26	86.5	-2247	0.95
11	78.8	-2287	0.90	27	70.5	-2465	-
12	79.3	-2468	0.95	28	68.5	-2235	-
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Table 3: List of Junction Cards Containing Junction Numbers JNO, Temperatures T, elevations Z, and methane concentrations CH4C

Table 4: Fan Characteristics

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Table 5: List of Additional Airway Cards in Concentration Part of Program

Methane Production	320.0 120.0 20.0	
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Table 6: List of Additional Junction Cards in Concentration Part of Program

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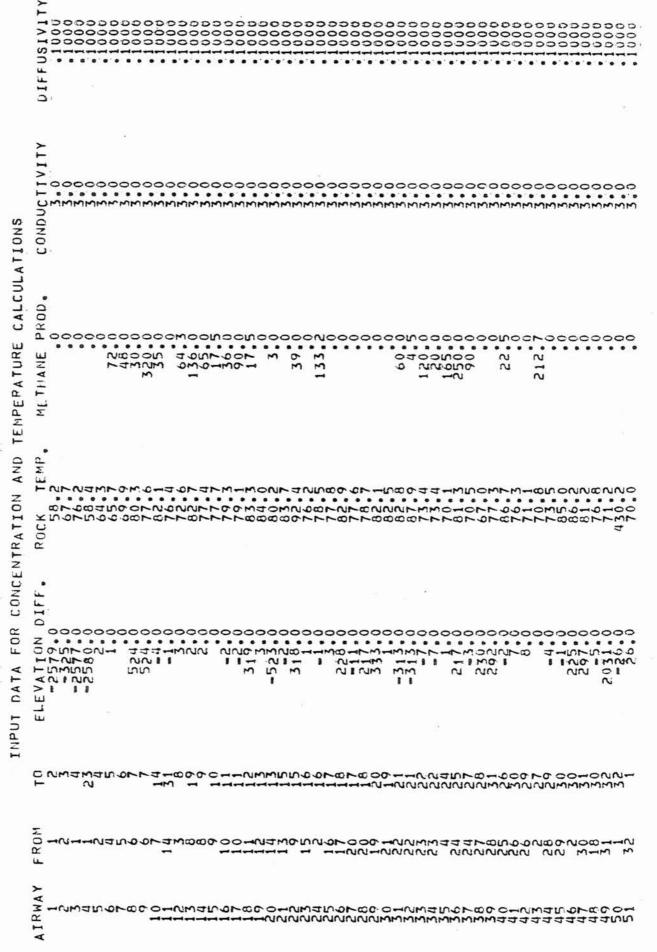


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productions for the active longwall faces, Table 6 some additional methane concentrations in junctions. Methane productions in other airways, elevation differences, and rock temperatures have not been stated. They are calculated from methane concentrations, elevations, and temperatures in junctions, which are contained in the junction cards. Thermal conductivities and diffusivities have not been stated for individual airways either, instead average values from the average value card are used. Table 7 gives a summary of the input which was used in this way for the concentration part of the program.

The output has, in all examples, been organized in the same way. It starts (Table -a) with the results of a conventional network calculation executed with the Michigan Tech program. This network calculation is always performed as a check if the input data for the network description are correct and complete. In many cases these data will already exist from previous network calculations. A list of fan operating points in the network calculations comes next (Table -b). Additionally used input is listed in Table -c. The results of the concentration and temperature calculations and of the new network calculation, which takes the thermal forces developed by the new temperature distribution into account, are shown in Tables -d and -e. Table -d list temperatures, smoke (contaminant) concentrations, methane concentrations, air flow rates and pressure losses for airway ends. The two last quantities are based on reference densities. Pressure losses in airways were added because their magnitude is a criterion for the stability of airways. Table -e contains temperatures, smoke and methane concentrations for junctions. Table -f lists airways and junctions with critical conditions and airways with airflow reversals to draw the attention of the program user to these. The number of iterative adjustments between network and concentration parts of the program is stated in Table -e. If this number has been too small for completion of the calculation, a message is printed out in Table -b.

4.4.2 Executed Examples

4.4.2.1 Example 1: Simulation of a Normal Ventilation State

This example brings a simulation of the normal ventilation system without any contamination. The results are contained in Tables 8 a - f.

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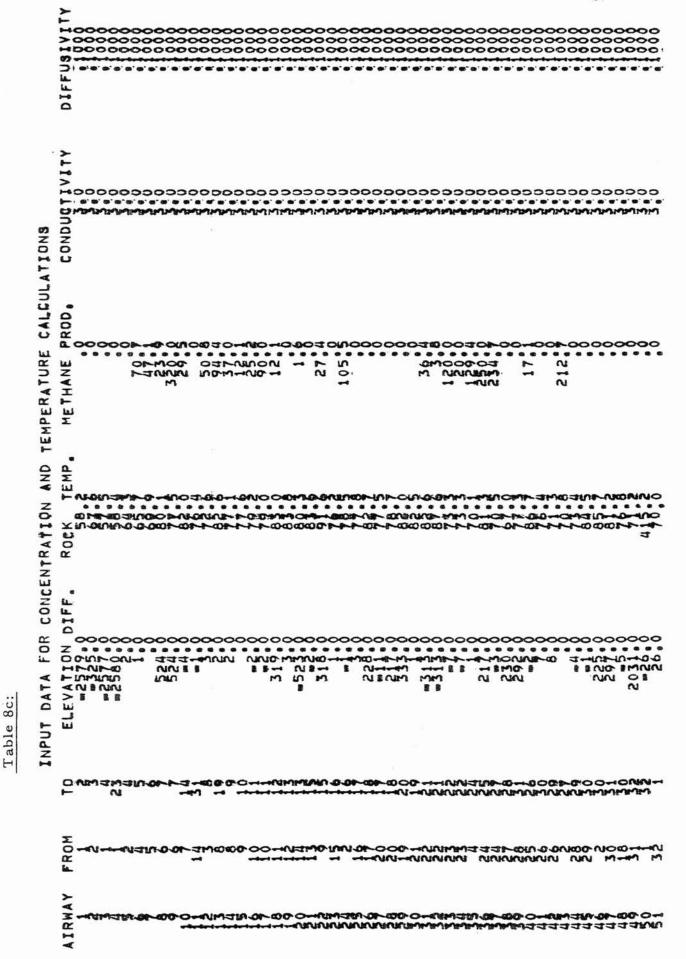
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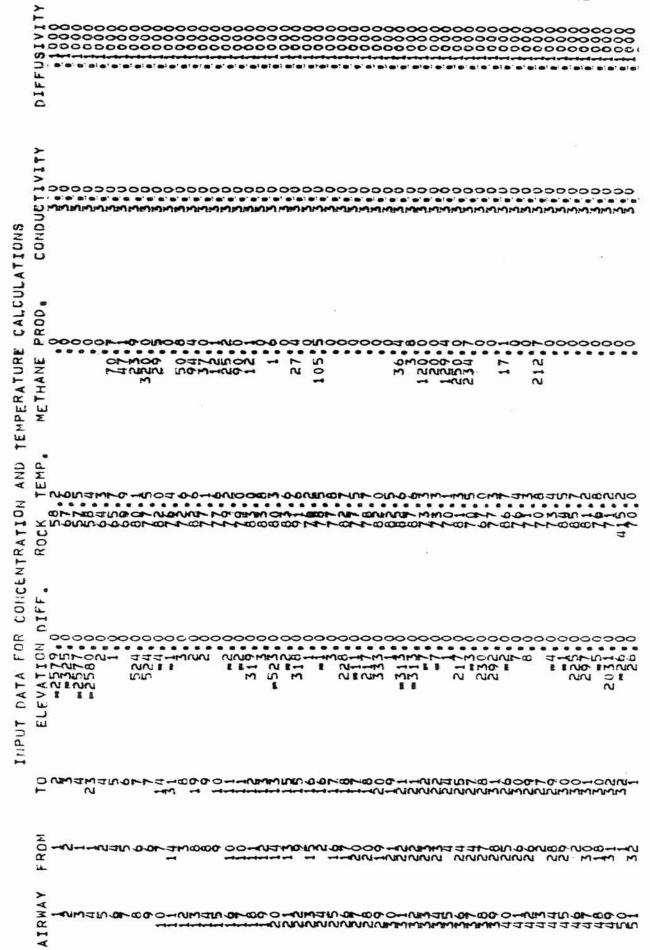


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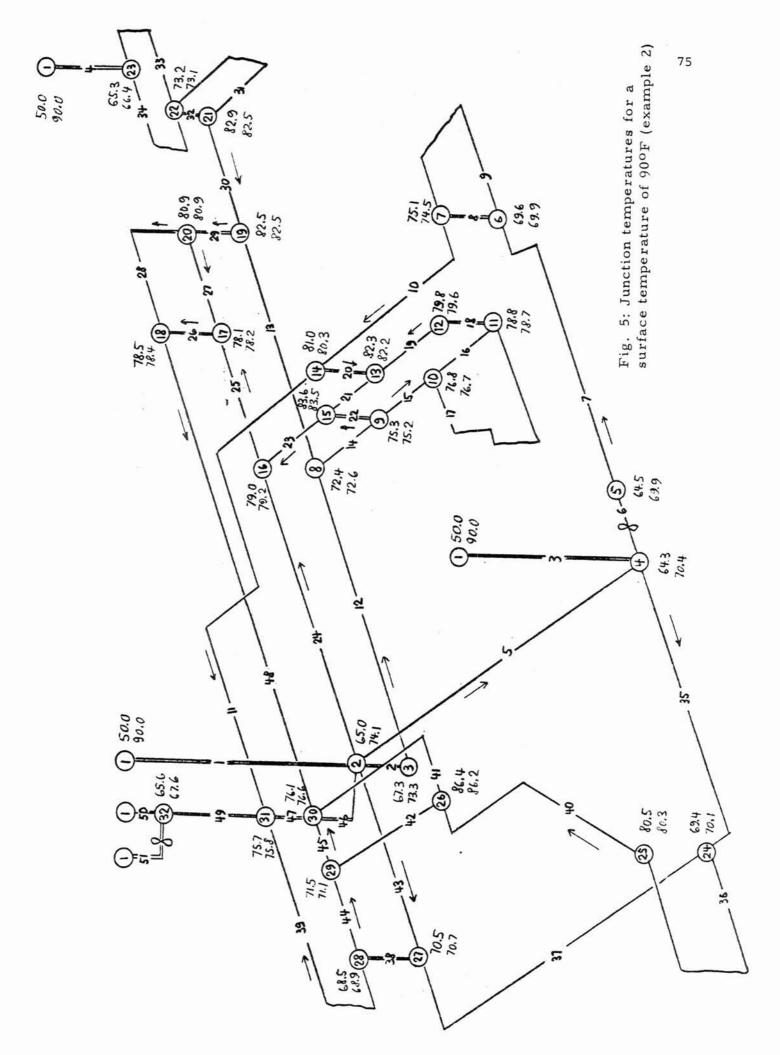
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A comparison of the junction temperatures and junction methane concentrations from Table 8e with the input data from Table 3 shows good agreement. A comparison between airflow rates in Table 8a and Table 8d shows an acceptable but not complete agreement. The reason is that the Michigan Tech program assumes, for the temperatures on which the calculation of natural ventilation pressures are based, linear changes along the airways whereas the change in reality is exponential.

4.4.2.2 Example 2: Changed Surface Temperature

This example investigates how a change in the surface temperature from $50^{\circ}F$ to $90^{\circ}F$ has after 6 hours effected the airflow distribution. The results are contained in Tables 9 a - f. A comparison of calculated temperatures with those from example 1 shows that the temperatures increase mainly in the intake airways whereas in the return airways they remain virtually unchanged. This reduces the natural ventilation in the meshes going through the intake shafts and subsequently the airflow entering the mine. The result is a slight increase in methane concentrations which at several places rise to above 1%.

Junction temperatures based on $50^{\circ}F$ and $90^{\circ}F$ (lower placed figures) from Tables 8 and 9 have been plotted into Fig. 5. In some places the calculated temperatures for $90^{\circ}F$ surface temperature are lower than those for $50^{\circ}F$. The explanation is that for the $90^{\circ}F$ an elapsed time period of 6 hrs instead of 2 hrs was assumed. This allows the buildup of a thicker layer of insulating rock around the airways.

For airway 50 (the leakage from the surface into the fan drift), a temperature of 107° F has been calculated. The reason is that the rock temperature for this airway was determined from the temperature difference between junctions 1 and 32. The genuine temperature rise in airway 50, which has no practical importance, would have been obtained by stating the genuine rock temperature of this airway in the input data.

4.4.2.3 Example 3: Main Fan Failure

It is assumed that the surface fan fails (airway 51) but that the underground booster fan continues to work. The surface temperature is 50° F, the time after the event 15 minutes.

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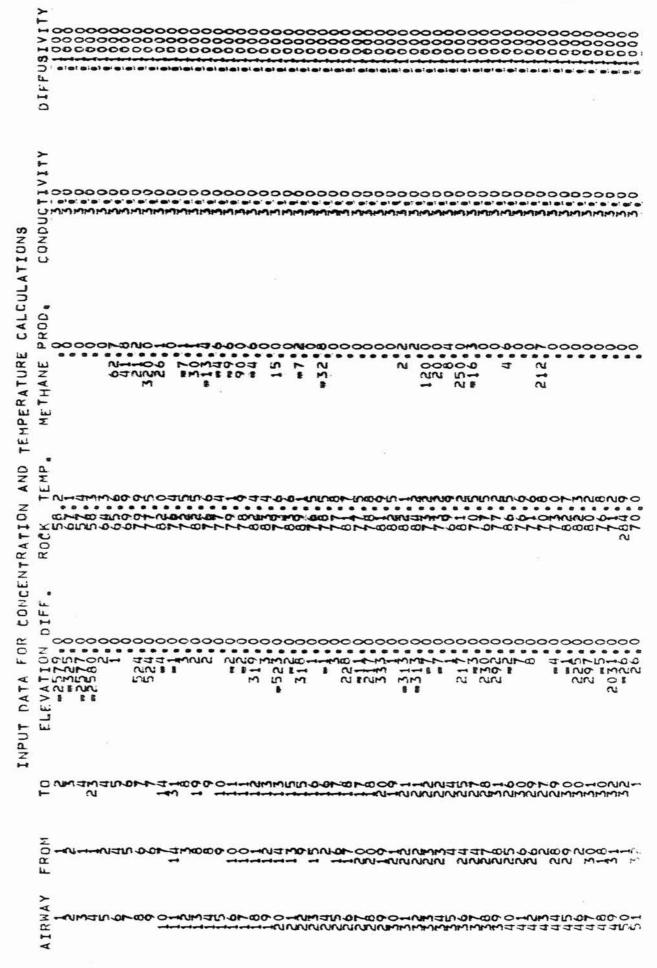
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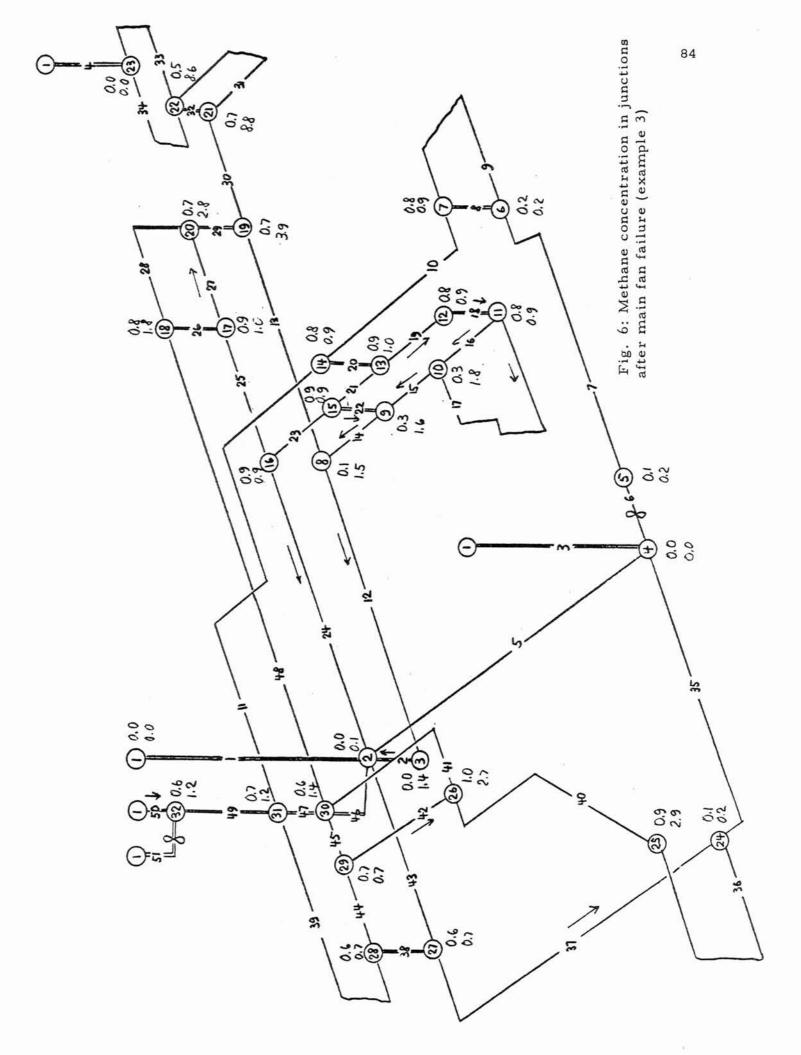
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In this program, every time that an airflow reversal takes place in a computer run, a new flowscheme and mesh assembly has to be set up, followed by a new network calculation with the help of the CROSS method. The result can be a continuous oscillation of airflow directions in the unstable airways. The obvious remedy, to make the tolerances smaller, offers little advantage. One does no longer get convergence problems, but the results are no more convincing.

A better way for problems of this type is to assume that the temperature distribution remains constant and to perform only one network calculation followed by a concentration calculation but not by a temperature calculation. Tables 10 a - f show the results. In judging these, one should keep in mind that the airways with low pressure losses must be considered unstable. The output draws special attention to recirculation and the airways with airflow reversals also. Fig. 6 shows the methane concentration of junctions before (Table 8) and after (lower placed figures) (Table 10) the main fan failure. Arrows mark airways with airflow reversal.

4.4.2.4 Example 4: Fire In a Horizontal Airway

A fire is assumed at the beginning of airway 5 (NCENT). It is estimated that 30,000 cfm of air (CONT) travels through the fire zone, leaves a smoke (carbon dioxide) concentration of 1.00% (CONC), and produces a heat of $15*10^4$ Btu/min (HEAT). The results of the calculations are shown in Tables 11 a - f. One sees that the fumes coming from the fire have cooled down to almost normal temperatures before they leave

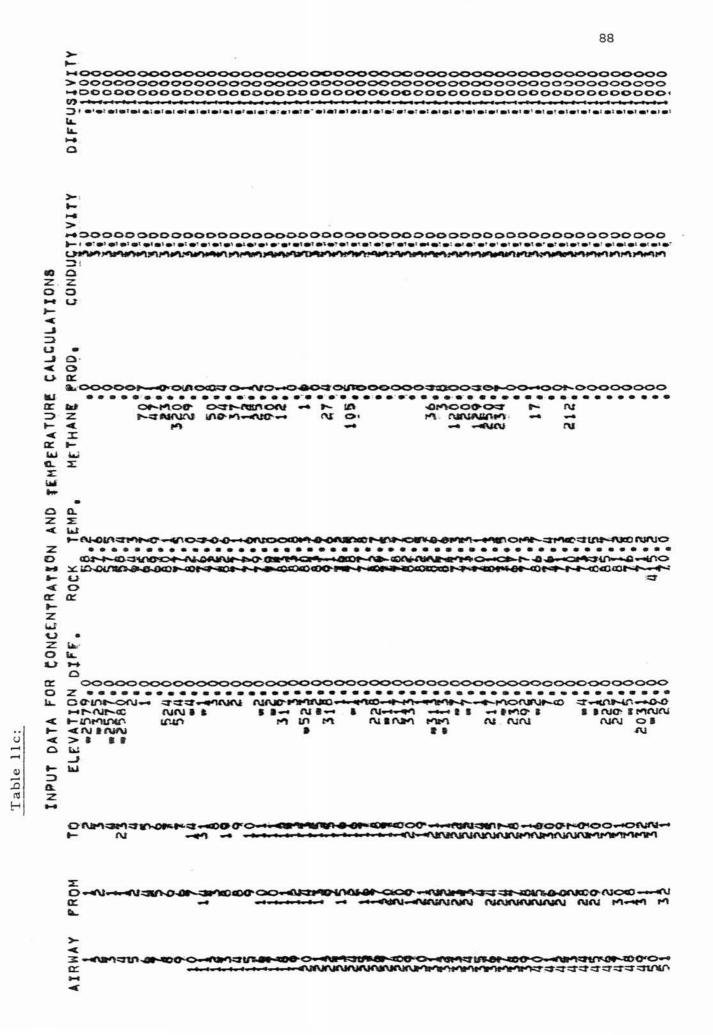
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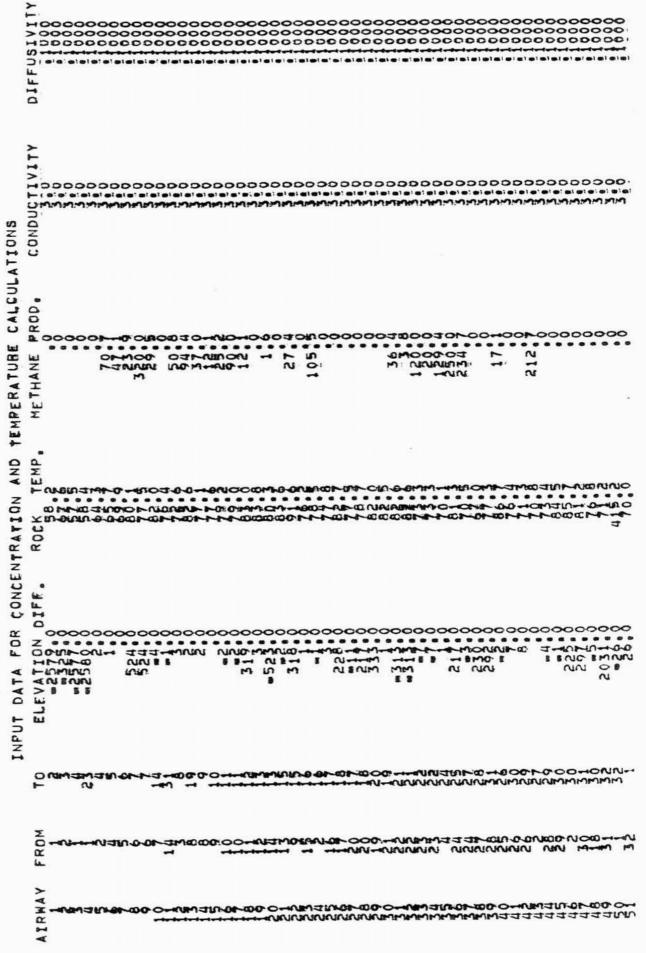
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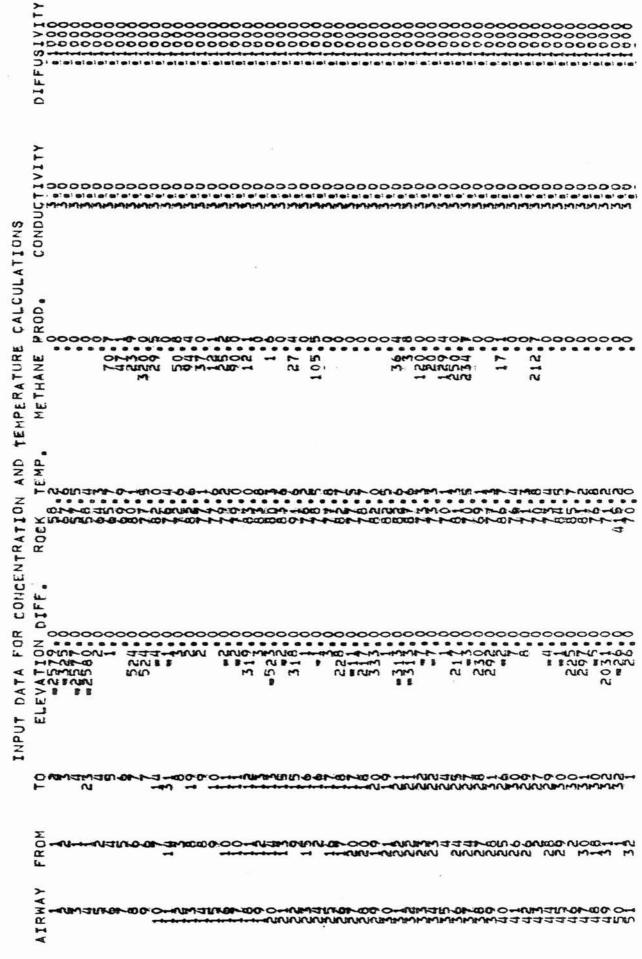
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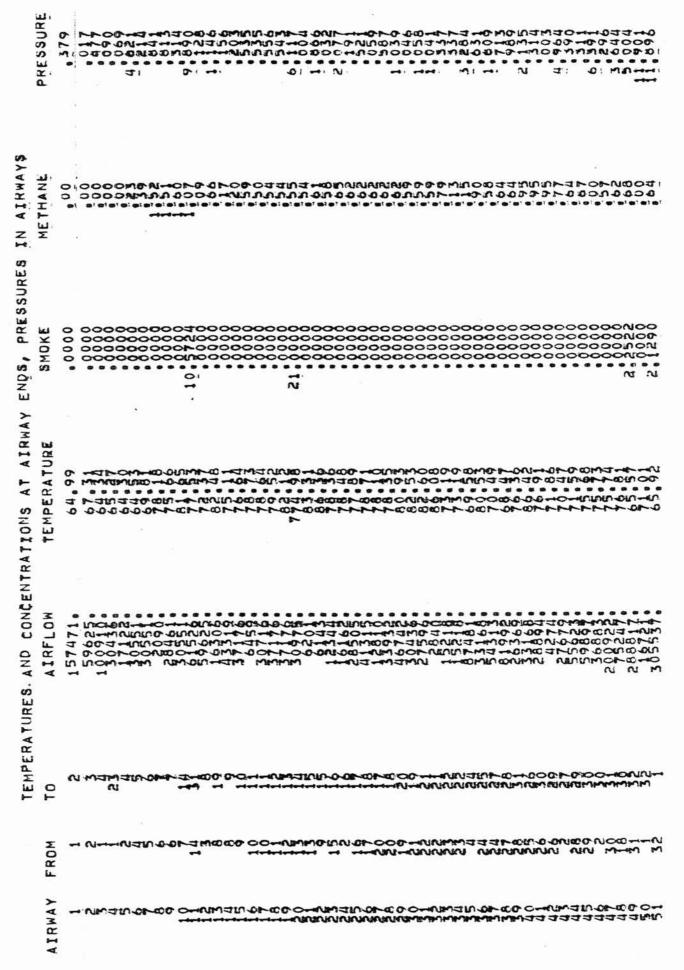
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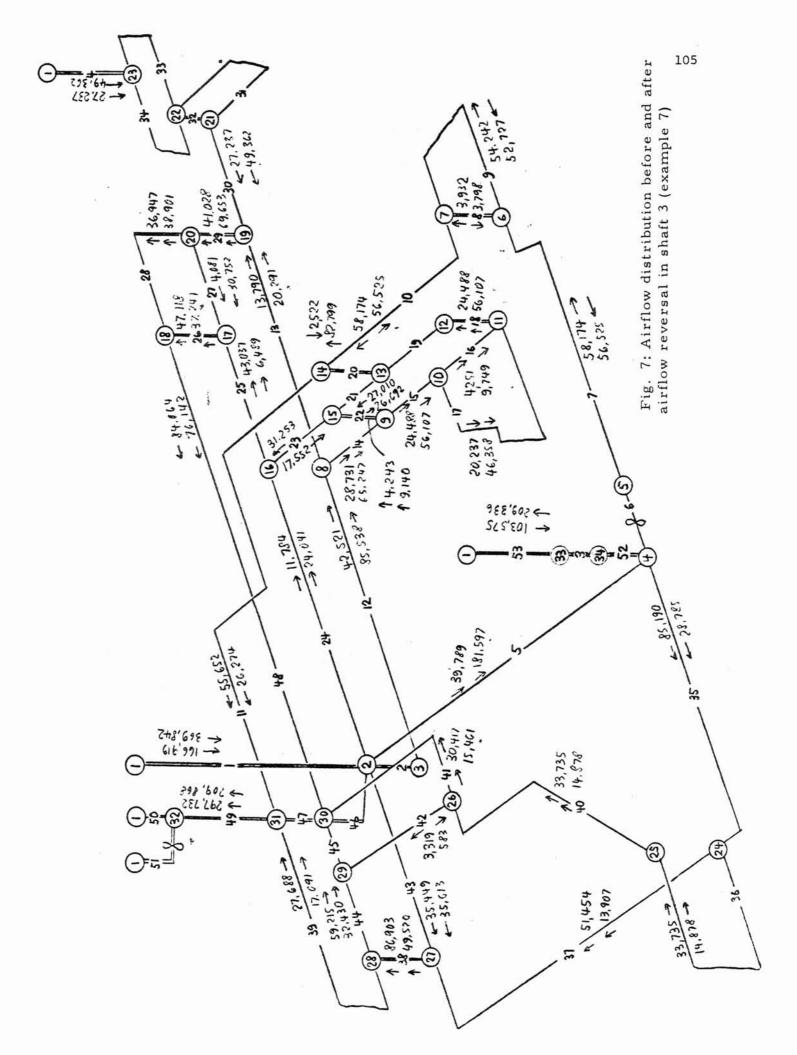
4.4.2.5 Example 5: Oxygen Rich Fire at Bottom of Timbered Raise

A fully developed fire burns at the bottom of raise airway 18. This raise is timbered and it is assumed that the fumes leave the fire zone with an oxygen concentration of 16% (O2MIN). The results of the calculation are shown in Tables 12 a - f. The natural ventilation of the fire will increase the air flow in airway 18 from approximately 24,000 cfm to 40,000 cfm (based on the reference density). Raise 20, which is an unstable descensionally ventilated airway, will experience a stable air flow reversal and transport approximately 10,000 cfm of fumes up to the next higher level, where an additional contamination of airway 11 takes place.

4.4.2.6 Example 6: Fuel Rich Fire in a Descensionally Ventilated Raise

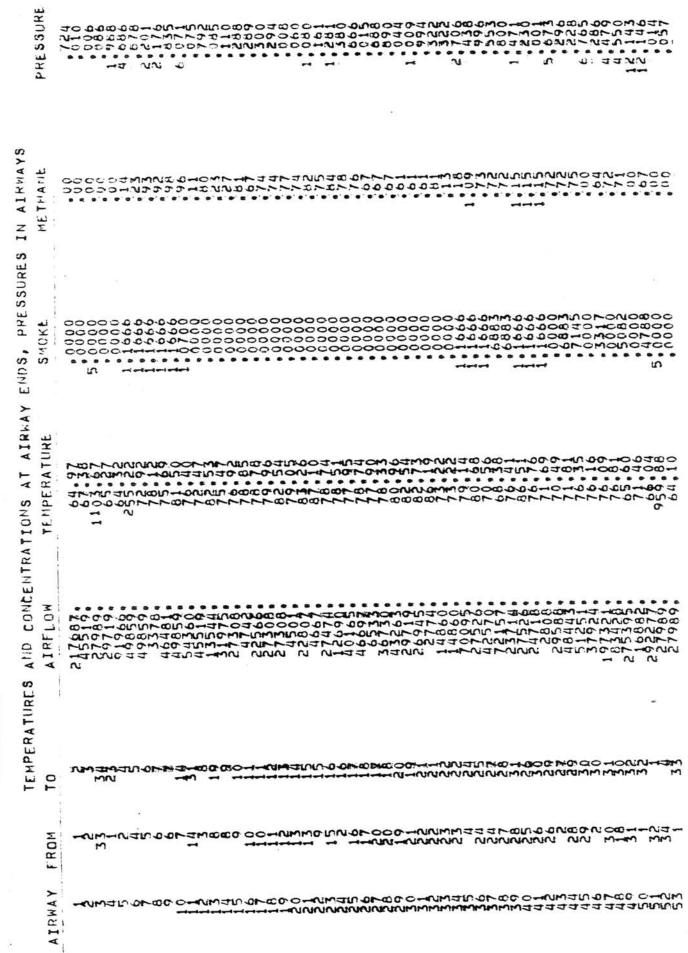
A smoldering fire is assumed in raise airway 20. Since the raise is poorly ventilated, the possibility of considerable preheating shall be considered, leading to a fuel rich fire. In this, all of the oxygen in the air supply is consumed. The smoke production (SMPO2) per ft^3 of oxygen is estimated to be 1 ft^3 , the heat production (HTPO2) 300 Btu. The results are shown in Tables 13 a - f. Raise 20 develops a very powerful natural draft, transporting approximately 31,000 cfm of smoke up into airway 11. Since 11 is the return for airways 8, 9, and 10, these airways will experience air flow reduction and methane concentration increases to above 1%.

In the design of the program it has been assumed that the location of a fire is at the beginning of the airway in which the fire occurs. If an air flow reversal in an airway with fire occurs, the program will move the fire zone from one end of the airway to the other end. This feature had been introduced to assume, for the detection of instabilities, the worst possible conditions. If this approach becomes unrealistic, one has to consider the fire zone as a separate airway whose location is fixed. This shall be demonstrated with the next example.



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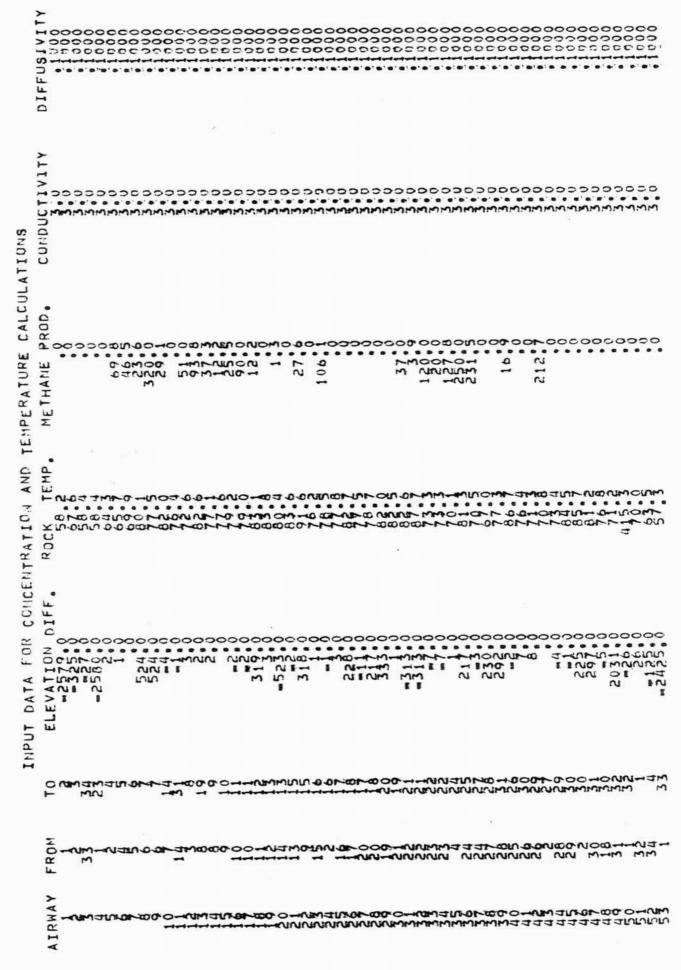
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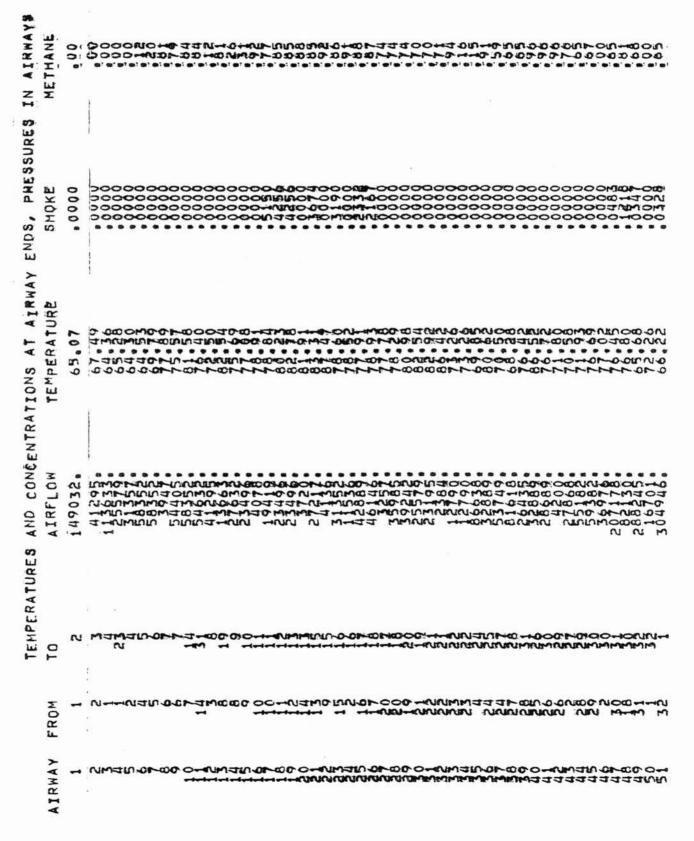


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4.4.2.7 Example 7: Oxygen Rich Fire in an Intake Shaft

It shall be investigated if a fire in the timbered shaft airway 3 is capable of reversing the air flow in this shaft. For this purpose the shaft simulation is divided into three parts: an upper section airway 53; a lower section airway 52; and the fire zone airway 3. A length of 27 ft is assumed for the fire zone, the remaining shaft length is 2550 ft (Fig. 7). Tentatively different locations are selected for the fire zone until an air flow reversal occurs. With the section below the fire zone being 50, 75, or 100 ft long, not sufficient natural ventilation pressure is developed for a reversal, although the air flow rate through the shaft drops from approximately 103,000 cfm normal to 40,000, 27,000, and 17,000 cfm (Table 14 a - c). With the section below the fire zone being 125 ft long, the reversal in the shaft has taken place (Tables 15 a f) and a large air flow rate of 207,000 cfm is exhausting. This in turn causes reversals and high methane concentrations in a number of other airways. Fig. 7 shows a plot of original air flow rates (Table 15a) and final air flow rates (Table 15d) with the lower placed figures indicating the latter state.

Should the fire start at the top of the shaft, one will have a somehow different phenomenon. Air flow reversal will occur fast but will be maintained only when the fire zone is more than 100 ft below the surface. Otherwise the natural ventilation pressure will, after the reversal, be too weak to maintain this flow direction and a very unstable state with fluctuations of the air flow will develop.

4.4.2.8 Example 8: Layout of Fire Warning System

It shall be investigated if a fire warning system installed at the upcast shaft airway 49 can detect spontaneous combustion in the gob area of longwall face airway 17. For this purpose one releases 100 cfm of contaminant (CONT) with a concentration (CONC) of 100.00% into airway 17. Table 16 shows that this results in a concentration of 0.0347% in upcast shaft 49 and of 0.1218% in return airway 48. If a detection of 5 ppm CO can be accomplished, the spontaneous combustion source must release at least 100*5/347 = 1.44 cfm of CO for an instrument installation at the surface and 100*5/1218 = 0.41 cfm for an installation in airway 48.

4.5 ORGANIZATION OF INPUT

4.5.1 Common Input Cards

The sequence of input data is: 1 network control card; NB airway cards; NJ junction cards (optional); NFNUM sets of fan characteristic cards (optional), each set comprising 1 fan identity card, 1 or more curve point cards; NADBC additional network airway cards (optional).

If a concentration or temperature calculation is desired, these cards are followed by: 1 concentration control card; 1 average value card (optional); NDIM additional concentration airway cards; NCH4C additional concentration junction cards (optional); INFLOW contamination cards (optional).

The term "optional" does not mean that all of the optional cards can be omitted. There must be sufficient input information for the given assignment. Otherwise a message will state what is lacking and the calculation will be terminated.

The network control card contains: NB NJ NFNUM NADBC NVPN NETW NCONC NTEMP MADJ ITN DR TR FORMAT (1015,2F10.5) These symbols have been explained in the program description. In example 1 this control card reads: 51 32 2 3 1 1 1 1 10 30 .075 70.0 The NB airway cards contain: NO JS JF NWTYP R Q KF LA A O FORMAT (415, F10.3, F10.0, 2110, 2F10.1) For instance, airway card 1, which remained unchanged in all examples, reads: 1 2 0 0.156 200000 250 2597 200.0 50.0 1 The NJ junction cards contain: JNO T Z CH4C (optional) FORMAT (15, T11, F5.1, T20, F6.0, F5.2) For instance, junction card 1 read in all described examples: 1 50.0 114 The NFNUM sets of fan characteristic cards contain the fan identity card with:

NOF MPTS

FORMAT (215)

and the curve point cards with:

QF PF QF PF QF PF QF PF

FORMAT (5(F8.0, F6.2))

For instance, the set for fan No. 6, which was used throughout all examples, reads:

6 10

20000 3.60 25000 4.30 30000 4.60 40000 4.78 55000 4.58 70000 4.19 85000 3.96 100000 3.70 150000 3.00 200000 2.52

The NADBC additional airway cards contain:

NOX KX LX AX OX

FORMAT (15, T41, 2110, 2F10.1)

For instance, card 45 reads in all described examples:

45 100 300 80.0 35.0

The concentration control card contains: NDIM NCH4C NAV MAXJ INFLOW JSTART TSTART TIME CRITSM CRITGS CITHT WRNPR WRNSM WRNGS WRNHT FORMAT (615,F5.1,F8.2,F7.5,F5.3,F6.3,F4.2,F6.4,F4.1,F5.0) In example 1 this control card reads: 5 2 1 32 0 1 50.0 2.0 0.005 0.10 0.20 0.01 0.05 1.0 95.0

The magnitude of the iteration thresholds CRITSM, CRITGS, CRITHT is a matter of personal preference. Low values will require more iterations but give more accurate results and vice versa. The selection of the warning thresholds depends on what one considers to be a state requiring special attention.

The average value card contains: TAVR HAAVR HKAVR KFAVR LAAVR AAVR OAVR FORMAT (3F10.5,2I10,2F10.2) It reads in the calculations of this report: 70.0 0.10 3.0 100 1000 100.0 100.0 Only HAAVR and HKAVR were used in the calculations.

The NDIM additional concentration cards contain: NOX CH4VX CH4PAX TROCKX HAX HKX DZRDX FORMAT (I5,F10.2,4F10.5,F10.1) In the described examples, 5 such cards were used stating the methane production CH4VX of the longwall faces only. Card 1 reads, for instance:

9 320.0

The NCH4C additional concentration junction cards contain: JNOX CH4CX

FORMAT (15, T26, F5.2)

These calculations used two such cards for the input of two additional junction concentrations. The first of the cards reads, for instance: 27 0.60

The INFLOW contamination cards contain: NCENT CONT CONC HEAT 02MIN SMP02 HTP02 FORMAT (I5,F10.0,F10.5,F10.2,3F10.5) Patterns for these cards will be given later.

In all of the described examples all input cards, except for the network and concentration control cards, and the contamination cards, did not change, since the network did not change either. Two new airway and two new junction cards were added, only in example 7.

4.5.2 Control and Contamination Cards

In <u>example 1</u> a simulation of the normal ventilation system without any contamination was demanded. This requires a network, concentration, and temperature calculation. It was assumed that the surface temperature is 50.0° F. The time after the ventilation change (which in this case did not take place) was arbitrarily set to 2 hrs.

The network control card states in this case: 1 1 1 10 30 0.075 70.0 51 32 2 3 1 and the concentration control card states: 2.0 0.005 0.10 0.20 2 1 32 0 1 50.0 0.01 0.05 5 1.0 95

There are no contamination cards since INFLOW = 0.

In example 2 the normal ventilation system, without contamination but with a surface temperature of $90.0^{\circ}F$ 6 hrs after the temperature change, was simulated. This requires a network, concentration, and temperature calculation. The network control card remains the same as in example 1, the concentration control card changes to:

5 2 1 32 0 1 90.0 6.0 0.005 0.10 0.20 0.01 0.05 1.0 95

No contamination cards are needed.

In <u>example 3</u> a failure of the surface fan 51 was assumed. The surface temperature is 50° F, the time after the fan failure 0.25 hrs. Only a network and concentration calculation, but no temperature calculation, was performed. To indicate the fan failure the network airway card 51 has to be changed from NWTYP = 1 to NWTYP = 0. Into the R column, which for the airway cards of NWTYP = 1 states the fan pressure, the flow resistance of the idling fan has to be inserted. The set of fan characteristic cards for fan 51 has to be removed.

The network control card reads consequently: 30 0.075 51 32 1 3 1 1 1 0 10 70.0 the concentration control card reads: 5 2 1 32 0 1 50.0 0.25 0.005 0.10 0.20 0.01 0.05 1.0 95

No contamination cards are needed.

In example 4 a fire was assumed at the beginning of airway 5, producing 30,000 cfm of contaminated air (CONT) with a smoke concentration of 1.0% (CONC) and $15*10^4$ Btu/min heat production (HEAT). Of interest is a time period 1 hour after the event. The network control card remains the same as in examples 1 and 2, the concentration control card reads: 5 2 1 32 1 1 50.0 1.0 0.005 0.10 0.20 0.01 0.05 1.0 95

The contamination card reads:

5 30000. 1.0 150000.00 0. 0. 0.

In <u>example 5</u> an oxygen rich timber fire was assumed at the bottom of raise 18 which reduces the oxygen concentration of the air traveling through the fire zone to 16.0% (O2MIN). Network and concentration control cards remain the same as in example 4, but the contamination card changes to:

18 0. 0. 0. 16.0 0. 0.

In <u>example 6</u> a fuel rich fire in raise 20 is assumed which produces 1 cfm of smoke with 100% concentration and 300 Btu of heat per cfm of oxygen. The network and concentration control cards remain the same as in the previous example, the contamination card changes to: 20 0. 0. 0. 0. 1.00 300.00

In example 7, 0_2 -rich timber fires are assumed at different locations in shaft 3. Two new airways, 52, 53, and two new junctions, 33, 34, are introduced. Their network airway and junction cards have to be added. The number of airways NB, and the number of junctions NJ, and the highest junction number MAXJ, change. The network control card reads, therefore: 53 34 2 3 1 1 1 1 10 30 0.075 70.0

the concentration control card reads:

5 2 1 34 1 1 50.0 0.5 0.005 0.10 0.20 0.01 0.05 1.0 95

and the contamination card reads:

3 0. 0. 0. 16.0 0. 0.

In example 8 a contaminant volume of 100.00 cfm (CONT) with a concentration of 100.0% (CONC) is released into airway 17. No heat is added. The network control card reads: 51 32 2 3 1 1 1 1 10 30 0.075 70.0 the concentration control card reads: 5 2 1 32 1 1 50.0 0.1 0.005 0.10 0.20 0.01 0.05

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and the contamination card reads:

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4.6 STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

The storage requirements for the execution of this program are not small, but not excessive either. NB (number of airways) places are needed for the arrays:

NO, JS, JF, Q, NGOUT, NGIN, RDPROP, TRD, LA, A, O, KF, CH4V, CH4PA, TROCK, HA, HK, DZRD, RDCH4, XNEW, R, RST, FRNVP, NWTYP, P, RQ, INU, KJS, KJF, KNO. These are 30 arrays which, with the EQUIVALENCE (P,RQ), (CH4PA, RDCH4), (NGOUT, INU), (NGIN, KJF), (MIN, KNO), can be reduced to 26. NJ (number of junctions) places are needed for the arrays: LOUT, MIN, JNOL, JNO, JLR, PROP, CH4C, T, Z, PRCH4 These are 10 arrays which with EQUIVALENCE (CH4C, PRCH4), (Z, PROP), (LOUT, KJS) can be reduced to 6.

NFNUM (number of fans) places are needed for the arrays: NOF, MPTS, NFREG, NFCW, RGRA

MPTS (number of curve points) * NFNUM places are needed for the arrays:

QF, PF

NB - NJ + 1 places are needed for the arrays: FNVP, MEND

How large the array MSL has to be is hard to predict, since the number of airways in meshes depends very much on the network configuration. A figure of 5 to 10 times the number of airways NB will usually be sufficient.

As many places as recirculation paths exist, are needed for the arrays:

MEMREC, NOREC, ESTPR, ESTCH4, ESTTR

A number of 1/5*NB should be sufficient even for bad cases.

As many places as airways with inflow of contaminants exist are needed for the arrays:

HEAT, NCENT, CONT, CONC, O2MIN, SMPO2, HTPO2, TFSI

How many places the array NREV requires depends on the type of calculations. This array registers the airways with airflow reversal. In the worst case this can be all NB airways, but normally a smaller number of 1/3*NB should be sufficient.

With the assumption of NJ = 2/3*NB, NFNUM = 1/30*NB and MPTS = 10 this adds up to approximately 40*NB. Few network calculations use more than NB = 200 airway simulations.

4.7 EXECUTION TIME

This depends on the number of iterations, which have to be performed. In the described examples it never exceeded 10 seconds with a UNIVAC 1110. As a safeguard against excessive time consumptions, which can happen in unstable networks with oscillating air currents, the thresholds ITN and MADJ are stated in the network control card.

Text Symbol	Computer Symbol	Text Page	Dimension	Definition
A	A	12	ft ²	airway cross sectional area
σ	НС	29	$\frac{Btu}{ft^2 hr o_F}$	convection coefficient
β		29		slope angle
BI	BI	39		Biot Number
COR	COR	40		correction of convection coefficient for rough walls
CP	CP	29	Btu/lb °F	specific heat of air
Ъ		40	ft	hydraulic diameter of airway
g,		12	1b/ft ³	actual average air density in airway
đ	DR	12	lb/ft^3	reference air density
FO	FO	39		Fourier Number
f		40		friction coefficient for rough walls
f	FRO	40		friction coefficient for hydraulically smooth wall
° ບ		29	lb/hr	weight flow rate of air
d _a		29	^o F/ft	auto compression gradient
н _р		12	in. wg.	actual fan pressure
H _F r	FANP	12	in. wg.	reference fan pressure
Ξ. Έ		12	in. wg.	actual pressure loss
H.r.	Ъ	12	in. wg.	reference pressure loss
h _n		13	ft	natural ventilation head
HN		14	in. wg.	natural ventilation pressure

5. TABLE OF TEXT NOMENCLATURE

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Text Symbol	Computer Symbol	Text Page	Dimension	Definition
HNr	FNVP	13	in. wg.	reference natural ventilation pressure
К	KF	12	$10^{10} \frac{10^{*}\text{min}^2}{\text{ft}^4}$	friction factor
Κ(α)	COAGE	38		coefficient of age
Г	I.A	12	ft	airway length
ď	NB	14		number of airways in network
а. ц	ĹN	14		number of junctions in network
		14		number of meshes in network
• 0	0	12	ft	airway perimeter
p		13	$1b/ft^2$	static air pressure
ð		12	ft ³ /min	actual volume flow rate
Qr	δ	12	ft ³ /min	reference volume flow rate
R	R	13		resistance factor
R	RSTD	13	(ft ³ /min) ²	reference resistance factor
' ²⁰		38	ft	hydraulic radius
6		15	°R	absolute air temperature
t	TRD	37	οF	temperature of air in airway
MT	MT	41	οF	estimated average air temperature in airway
e,	MT	21	ο _R	average absolute air temperature in airway
ц ^т е	TMRD	46	۰F	mean air temperature in airway
T ^T 2	TMSQR	45	(°R) ²	mean square absolute air temperature in airway
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TR	TR	40	oF	reference temperature
t,	TJS	29	оF	air temperature at beginning of airway
t t	TRS	29	oF	rock temperature at beginning of airway
Ts'Tf	то,т1	21	oR	absolute temperatures of starting and finishing junctions of airway
Λ		13	ft ³ /lb	specific volume of air
Λ		29	ft/sec	air velocity
VISC	VISC	40	ft ² /sec	kinematic viscosity of air
TW	ΤW	40	lb/ft ³	specific weight of air
Х	х	29	ft ⁻¹	quantity $\alpha O/(G*CP)$
х	х	39		. quantity (0.375 + BI) VFO
XNEW	XNEW	42		exponent in formula for air temperature in airways
Z	22	21	ft	elevation
z_s, z_f	Z0,Z1	21	ft	elevations of starting and finishing junctions of airways

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		8. LIST OF COMPUTER SYMBOLS WHICH ARE EXPLAINED IN TEXT
Computer Symbol	Text Page	. Definition
A	16	airway cross sectional area
AAVR	26	average airway cross sectional area
AVRCH4	43	average methane concentration of unrecirculated air currents entering junction
AVRPR	43	average contaminant concentration of unrecirculated air currents entering junction
AVTRD	43	average temperature of unrecirculated air currents entering junction
AX	17	airway cross sectional area
CH4C	16	methane concentration in junction
CH4CX	27	methane concentration in junction
CH4JS	35	methane concentration at roadway beginning
CH4PA	28	methane volume production rate per ft ² of surface area in airway
CH4PAX	27	methane production rate per ft ² surface area in airway
CH4V	28	methane volume production rate in airway
CH4VX	27	methane production rate in airway
COAGE	41	coefficient of age
CONC	28	concentration of contaminant in gas inflow
CONT	28	volume flow rate of contaminated gas inflow
CONTAM	35	volume flow rate of contaminant
CONTQ	35	volume flow rate of gas inflow carrying the contaminant
COR	40	correction of HC for rough walls
CRITGS	26	accuracy of methane concentration calculation when recirculation occurs
CRITHT	26	accuracy of temperature calculation when recirculation occurs
CRITSM	26	accuracy of contamination calculation when recirculation occurs

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	HKA	39	thermal conductivity of air

List of Computer Symbols Whi	mputer 5	ymbols Which Are Explained in Text (continued)
Computer Symbol	Text Page	Definition
HKAVR	26	average rock thermal conductivity
НКХ	27	thermal conductivity of rock in airway
USH	47	sum of quantities FRNVP
HTP02	28	heat production per ft ³ of oxygen delivery
ICFTM	41	marker
INFLOW	26	number of contamination cards
UNI	18	auxiliary list for forming base system
ISTART	34	index of JSTART in JNO-list
IT	22	iteration counter
ITCT	47	iteration counter
ITN	15	maximal number of iterations in network and concentration calculations
JF	16	junction number of airway end
JLR	34	list relating JNO- and JNOL-lists
JS	16	junction number of airway beginning
JSTART	26	number of junction from where concentration calculation shall start
ONC	16	junction number
JONL	32	list of junction numbers in increasing order
XONC	27	junction number
KF	16	friction factor
KFAVR	26	average friction number
KNO	19	list of airways in base system
KX	17	friction factor

List of Computer Symbols Which Are Explained in Text (continued)

List of Cor	nputer S	List of Computer Symbols Which Are Explained in Text (continued)
Computer Symbol	Text Page	Definition
LA	16	airway length
LAAVR	26	average airway length
LOUT	32	list of last airway per junction in NGOUT-list
LX	17	airway length
MADJ	15	maximal number of network calculations in one program run
MADJC	17	iteration counter
MARKC	34	marker
MARKN	17	marker
MAXJ	26	highest junction number
MEMREC	43	temporary list of airways carrying recirculated air
MEND	19	list of mesh ends in MSL-list
MIN	32	list of last airway per junction in NGIN-list
MPTS	17	number of points used to define fan characteristics
MSL	19	list of all independent meshes
MSTART	34	index of JSTART in JNOL-list
NADBC	15	number of additional airway cards
NAV	26	marker for presence of average value card
NB	15	number of airways in network
NCENT	28	number of airways into which contaminants enter
NCH4C	26	additional number of concentration junction cards
NCONC	15	marker for desired concentration calculation
MIGN	26	additional number of concentration airway cards
NETW	15	marker for desired network calculation

List of Co	nputer S	List of Computer Symbols Which Are Explained in Text (continued)
Computer Symbol	Text Page	Definition
NENUM	15	number of fan characteristics to be read into computer
NFREG	18	list of fans with characteristic
NIDN	32	list of airways entering junction
NGOUT	32	list of airways leaving junction
LN	15	number of junctions in network
NO	16	airway number
NOF	17	airway number of fan
NOREC	44	permanent list of airways carrying recirculated air
NOX	17	airway number
XON	27	airway number
AVNN	17	marker
NRCT	32	number of airways with airflow reversal
NREC	43	marker
NREV	32	list of airways with airflow reversal
NSFLOW	24	marker
NSNVP	17	marker
MSN	17	marker
NTEMP	15	marker for desired temperature calculation
NVPN	15	marker for presence of junction cards
NWTYP	15	airway type
0	16	airway perimeter
OAVR	26	average airway perimeter
ONVP	47	natural ventilation pressure in last iteration

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Computer Symbol	Text Page	Definition
02MIN	28	oxygen concentration of fumes leaving fire zone
XO	17	airway perimeter
Р	25	calculated pressure losses and fan pressures
PF	17	fan pressure at given point of fan characteristic
PR	39	Prandtl number
PRCH4	35	methane concentration in junction
PROP	35	contaminant concentration in junction
PROPJS	35	contaminant concentration at roadway beginning
δ	16	airflow rate
QF	17	airflow rate at given point of fan characteristic
QIN	43	sum of unrecirculated airflow rates entering junction
QREC	43	recirculated air entering junction
R	16	resistance factor of airway
RDCH4	35	methane concentration at roadway ends
RDPROP	35	contaminant concentration at roadway ends
RGRAD	22	slope of fan characteristic
RN	39	Reynolds number
RSTD	46	resistance factor based on reference temperature TR
SMP02	28	contaminant production per ft ³ of oxygen delivery
SRCH4	43	sum of methane concentrations of unrecirculated airflows entering junction
SRPR	43	sum of unrecirculated contaminant flow rates entering junction
STRD	43	sum of temperatures of unrecirculated airflows entering junction
SUMAIR	42	total airflow rate entering junction

List of Con	nputer S	List of Computer Symbols Which Are Explained in Text (continued)
Computer Symbol	Text Page	Definition
SUMCH4	42	total methane flow rate entering junction
SUMHT	42	total enthalpy/reference density entering junction
SUMPR	42	total contaminant flow rate entering junction
Г	16	temperature of air in junction
TFSI	46	air temperature behind heat source
TIME	26	time since beginning of contamination
TJS	35	temperature at roadway beginning
TM	41	estimated average air temperature
TMRD	46	mean temperature of air in airway
TMSQR	46	mean square absolute temperature
Тl	46	air temperature at beginning of airway
TR	15	reference temperature
TRD	35	temperature at roadway end
TROCK	28	average rock temperature in airway
TROCKX	27	average rock temperature in airway
TSTART	26	temperature in JSTART
TSU	47	sum of absolute quantities FRNVP (in concentration part of program)
WRNGS	26	threshold value for critical methane concentration
WRNHT	26	threshold value for critical temperature
WRNPR	26	threshold value for critical pressure loss
WRNSM	26	threshold value for critical contamination
XNEW	42	exponent in formula for calculation of temperatures in roadways

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	ZUP	47	sum of all positive elevation changes in mesh

 LIST OF ADDITIONAL COMPUTER SYMBOLS NOT QUOTED IN TEXT (This list does not contain some temporary used indices and counters whose meaning and function, when reading the program, can be easily recognized) 	Computer Symbol Definition	DDT intermediate quantity for calculation of COAGE	I Biot number	CH4S,CH4F methane concentrations in starting and finishing junctions of airway	P specific heat of air	DIFCH4 difference in last two iterations for methane concentration	DIFTRD difference in last two iterations for air temperatures	S,EF elevations of starting and finishing junctions of airway	O Fourier number	RO coefficient of friction for hydraulically smooth walls	X intermediate quantity for calculation of COAGE	JF temporary list for assembling base system	JS temporary list for assembling base system	ARKD marker	BEGW first airway in mesh	ENDW last airway in mesh	ESC mesh counter	NO number of meshes in network	BL counter
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List of Additional	List of Additional Computer Symbols Not Quoted in Text (continued)
Computer Symbol	Definition
NBU	counter
NFCW	list of fans whose characteristic is exceeded
NRETU	marker
POT	exponent for COR
OLADDT	intermediate quantity for calculation of COAGE
QBL	lowest airflow rate used of fan characteristic
QBR	highest airflow rate used of fan characteristic
RQ	product R*Q
RQSUM	sum of all products 2*R*Q
SUMT	intermediate quantity for calculation of COAGE
то,т1	absolute temperatures of starting and finishing junctions of airway (in network part of program)
TOLD	last calculated temperature at airway end
TRS, TRF	temperatures of starting and finishing junctions of airways
TSU	sum of absolute temperatures of all junctions in mesh (used in network part of program)
VART	content of square root for calculating temperature behind a heat source
VISC	kinematic viscosity of air
ΜT	specific weight of air
Х	quantity $\alpha 0/(G*CP)$

List of Additional Computer Symbols Not Quoted in Text (continued)

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Computer Symbols	Definition
Х	quantity (0.375 + BI) VFO
Z0,Z1	elevations of starting and finishing junctions of airway