A Universal Model for Hybrid HVAC Equipment in Building Energy Simulations

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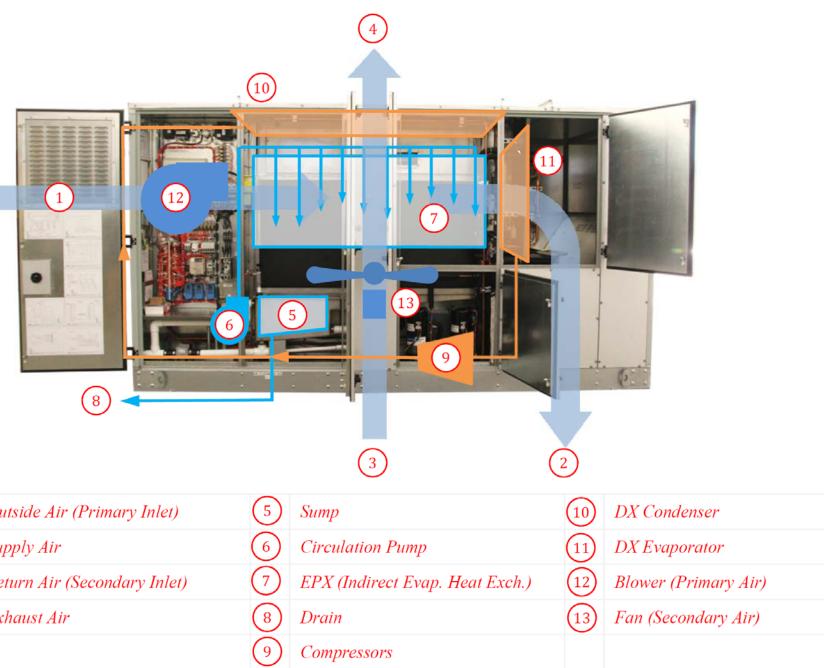
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Overview of Hybrid HVAC

- » Include multiple cooling strategies and switch between numerous operating modes to heat/cool/dehumidify more efficiently across a range of operating conditions
- Integrate component operations for mutualistic efficiency advantages
- » Some advanced technologies include
 - Variable speed fans and compressors
 - Heat recovery
 - Desiccant dehumidification
 - Indirect evaporative cooling (various types)
 - Evaporative condenser cooling
- Best strategy differs by climate and application >>
- » Can reduce peak demand by 40% or more
- » Can achieve 65% savings for annual cooling energy consumption

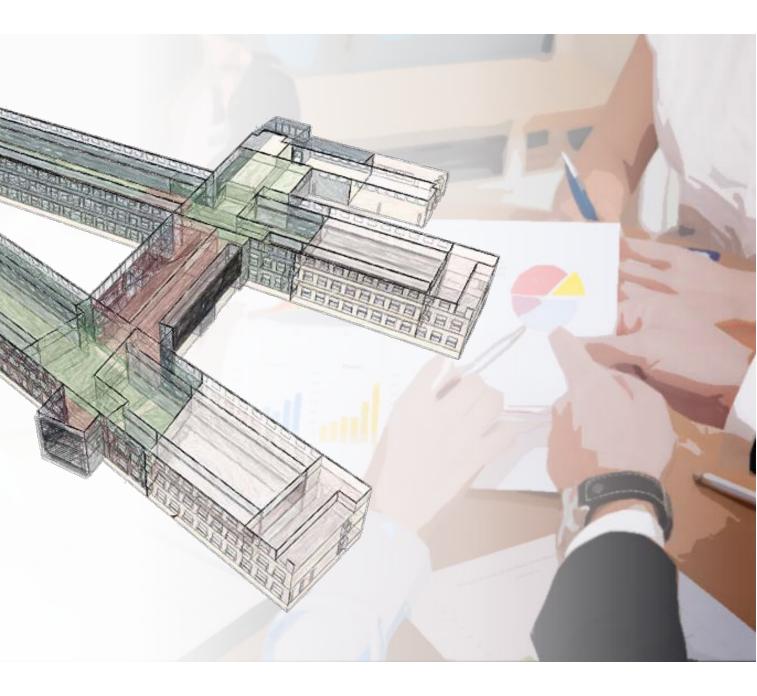


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| 2 | Supply Air |
| 3 | Return Air (Secondary |
| 4 | Exhaust Air |



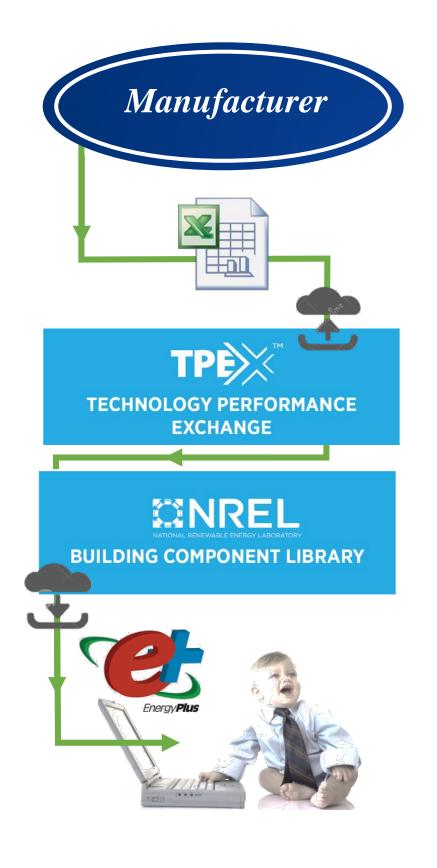
Why we need a standard model for hybrid unitary HVAC

- » There are many unique hybrid system architectures
- » Current building energy simulations tools are not capable of modeling most hybrid systems
- » It is infeasible for practitioners to model systems from first principals
- » Previous simulations are not comparable, and not transferable
- » Need a compliance pathway for Building Energy Efficiency Standards
- >> Utilities, energy service companies, and efficiency programs need accurate projections of energy savings and demand reductions
- » Engineers require parametric simulation of alternatives
- » Customers require cost justification





Overall information workflow for our model

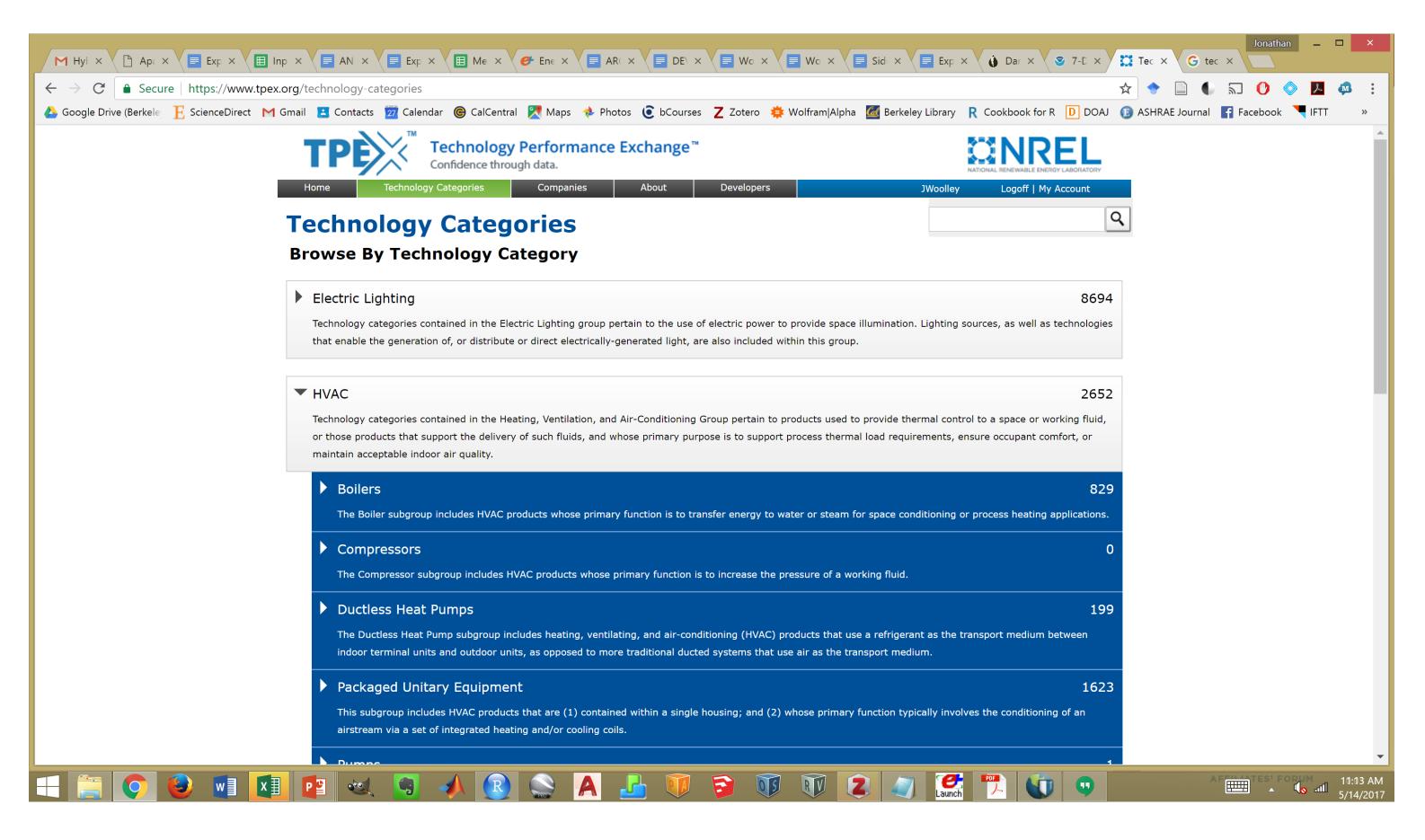


- » Manufacturers that publish data benefit from public modeling capabilities
- » Equipment performance data input to a standard format template
- » Manufacturers upload data to Technology Performance Exchange
- » Users download data from Building Component Library
- » EnergyPlus "Hybrid Unitary HVAC" is simple to use





Technology Performance Exchange – <u>https://www.tpex.org</u>



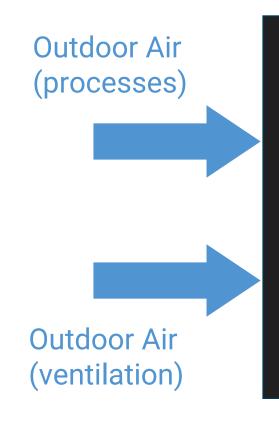
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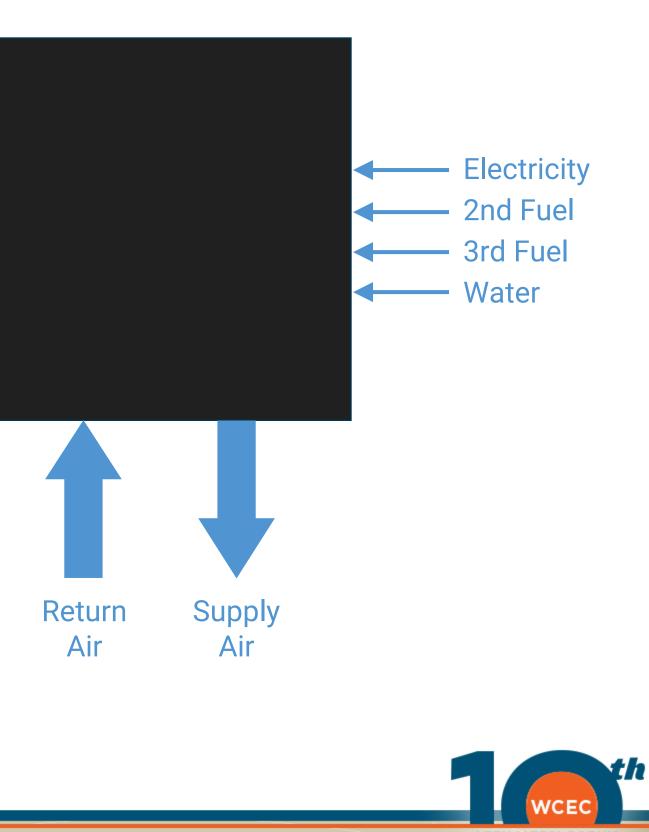
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Basic formulation for our model

- » A new ZoneHVAC object class in EnergyPlus
- » Accommodates any unitary HVAC system
- » May have return air, outdoor air, and supply air streams
- » May consume electricity, water, and two other fuels
- » An empirical model, does not require definition of internal elements
- » Allows many operating modes
- » Responds to need for heating, cooling, dehumidification, and ventilation

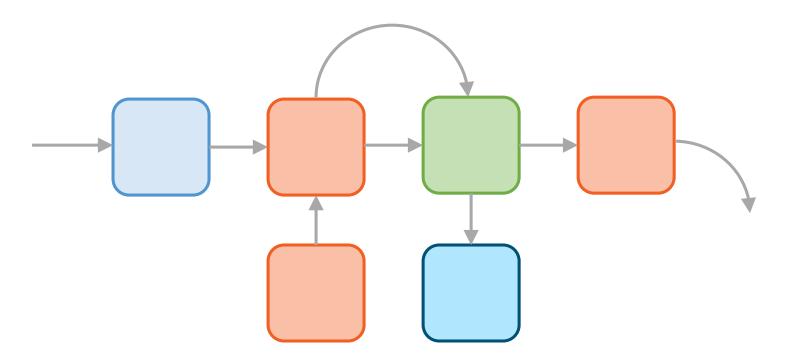




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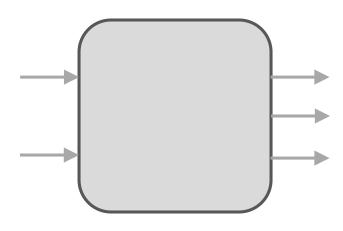
Why we chose an empirical (black box) model

- » It is infeasible to expect practitioners to model hybrid systems from first principals
- » A sub-component based model approach is useful, but limited, and slow to evolve
 - Must have a standard model for every sub component
 - Models must be flexible enough to accommodate many architectures
 - New component innovations cannot be immediately represented
- » An empirical model minimizes confusion for practitioners
- » 1 product = 1 empirical data set
- » More reliable and flexible for compliance
- » Protects trade secrets





A sub-component based model approach



A black box model approach



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| - No | one - Model or Product Nun | ber |
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| Energy Efficiency Ratio ((BTU/h)/Watt) | | |
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| Cooling Mode: Number of Discrete Fan Speeds | s ? | |
| - No | one - | |
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| - No | one - | |
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Performance Map Template (Screenshot)

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Each operating mode is a distinct combination of system subcomponent functions

| Mode | Primary Blower | Secondary Fan | Compressor 1 | |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|--|
| Indirect Evaporative Cooling | ON | ON | OFF | |
| Indirect Evaporative & DX1 | ON | ON | ON | |
| Indirect Evaporative & DX2 | ON | ON | ON | |
| Ventilation Only | ON | ON | OFF | |
| Heating | ON | ON | OFF | |

| Compressor 2 | Circulation Pump | Heat |
|--------------|------------------|------|
| OFF | ON | OFF |
| OFF | ON | OFF |
| ON | ON | OFF |
| OFF | OFF | OFF |
| OFF | OFF | ON |



| Step 1: Product Information | | | | | | |
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| Brand Owner | | | | | | |
| Brand | | | | | | |
| Product Line/Family Name | | | | | | |
| Model Number | | | | | | |

| Step 2: Mode Characteristics | |
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| Name of operating mode | |
| Does performance in this mode depend on outside air temperature? | - |
| Does performance in this mode depend on outside air humidity? | - |
| Does performance in this mode depend on return air temperature? | - |
| Does performance in this mode depend on return air humidity? | - |
| Does supply air mass flow rate change within this mode? | - |
| Does outside air fraction change within this mode? | - |
| Does the equipment consume electricity in this mode? | - |
| Does the equipment consume water in this mode? | - |
| Does the equipment consume a second fuel in this mode? What type? | - |
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| Step 1: Product Information | |
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| Brand Owner | Munters Corp |
| Brand | Munters |
| Product Line/Family Name | HCUc |
| Model Number | 6030 |

| Step 2: Mode Characteristics | |
|---|-----------|
| Name of operating mode | Cool DCBA |
| Does performance in this mode depend on outside air temperature? | Yes |
| Does performance in this mode depend on outside air humidity? | Yes |
| Does performance in this mode depend on return air temperature? | No |
| Does performance in this mode depend on return air humidity? | No |
| Does supply air mass flow rate change within this mode? | Yes |
| Does outside air fraction change within this mode? | No |
| Does the equipment consume electricity in this mode? | Yes |
| Does the equipment consume water in this mode? | No |
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| Step 3: Extents of Data Table | | | | | | |
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| | minimum | maximum | | | | |
| Outside Air Temperature (°C) | | | | | | |
| Outside Air Relative Humidity (0-100%) | | | | | | |
| Outside Air Humidity Ratio (g/g) | | | | | | |
| Return Air Temperature (°C) | | | | | | |
| Return Air Relative Humidity (0-100%) | | | | | | |
| Return Air Humidity Ratio (g/g) | | | | | | |
| Supply Air Mass Flow Rate (kg/s) | | | | | | |
| Outside Air Fraction (0-1) | | | | | | |

| Step 4: Limits for Extrapolation Beyond Data Table | | | | | | |
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| | minimum | maximum | | | | |
| Outside Air Temperature (°C) | 35.0 | 49.0 | | | | |
| Outside Air Relative Humidity (0-100%) | 0 | 100 | | | | |
| Outside Air Humidity Ratio (g/g) | 0.006857143 | 0.016 | | | | |
| Return Air Temperature (°C) | | | | | | |
| Return Air Relative Humidity (0-100%) | | | | | | |
| Return Air Humidity Ratio (g/g) | | | | | | |
| Supply Air Mass Flow Rate (kg/s) | 2.62 | 3.58 | | | | |
| Outside Air Fraction (0-1) | 1.00 | 1.00 | | | | |

| Step 4: Limits for Extrapolation Beyond Data Table | | | | | | |
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| | Step 5: Performance Data Table | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | | External | | | Total | | | | |
| | Outside Air | Outside Air | Return Air | Return Air | Supply Air | | Static | Supply Air | Supply Air | Electric | Supply Fan | | | |
| | Temperature | Humidity | Temperature | Humidity | Mass Flow | Outside Air | Pressure | Temperature | | Power | Electric | | | |
| Test Number | (°C) | Ratio (g/g) | (°C) | Ratio (g/g) | (kg/s) | Fraction | (Pa) | (°C) | Ratio (g/g) | (kW) | Power (kW) | - | - | |
| 1 | 26.67 | 0.0187 | - | - | 2.611 | 1 | 114 | 20 | 0.0051 | 29.24 | 2.4 | | | |
| 2 | 26.67 | 0.0187 | - | - | 2.925 | 1 | 143 | 20.56 | 0.0061 | 30.14 | 3 | | | |
| 3 | 26.67 | 0.0187 | - | - | 3.239 | 1 | 175 | 21.11 | 0.007 | 31.34 | 3.7 | | | |
| 4 | 26.67 | 0.0222 | - | - | 2.603 | 1 | 11 | 21.11 | 0.0069 | 30.04 | 2.4 | | | |
| 5 | 26.67 | 0.0222 | - | - | 2.917 | 1 | 142 | 21.67 | 0.0079 | 31.04 | 3 | | | |
| 6 | 26.67 | 0.0222 | - | - | 3.227 | 1 | 173 | 22.78 | 0.0087 | 32.04 | 3.8 | | | |
| 7 | 26.67 | 0.0222 | - | - | 2.603 | 1 | 113 | 21.11 | 0.0069 | 30.04 | 2.4 | | | |
| 8 | 26.67 | 0.0222 | - | - | 2.917 | 1 | 142 | 21.67 | 0.0079 | 31.04 | 3 | | | |
| 9 | 26.67 | 0.0222 | - | - | 3.227 | 1 | 174 | 22.78 | 0.0087 | 32.04 | 3.8 | | | |
| 10 | 36.39 | 0.0187 | - | - | 2.590 | 1 | 112 | 24.44 | 0.0066 | 36.04 | 2.4 | | | |
| 11 | 36.39 | 0.0187 | - | - | 2.901 | 1 | 141 | 25.56 | 0.0074 | 36.94 | 3 | | | |
| 12 | 36.39 | 0.0187 | - | - | 3.212 | 1 | 172 | 26.67 | 0.0081 | 37.94 | 3.8 | | | |
| 13 | 36.39 | 0.0244 | - | - | 2.578 | 1 | 111 | 27.22 | 0.0093 | 36.94 | 2.4 | | | |

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Industry collaboration

- » Partnered with three manufacturers to develop initial performance maps and to test new EnergyPlus features
- » 2015-2016 focused on developing performance maps with each manufacturer
- » Working with NREL to expand Technology Performance Exchange
- » Working with LBNL to integrate model into EnergyPlus
- » Currently pilot testing new features and continuing development
- » Targeting public release in Fall 2017

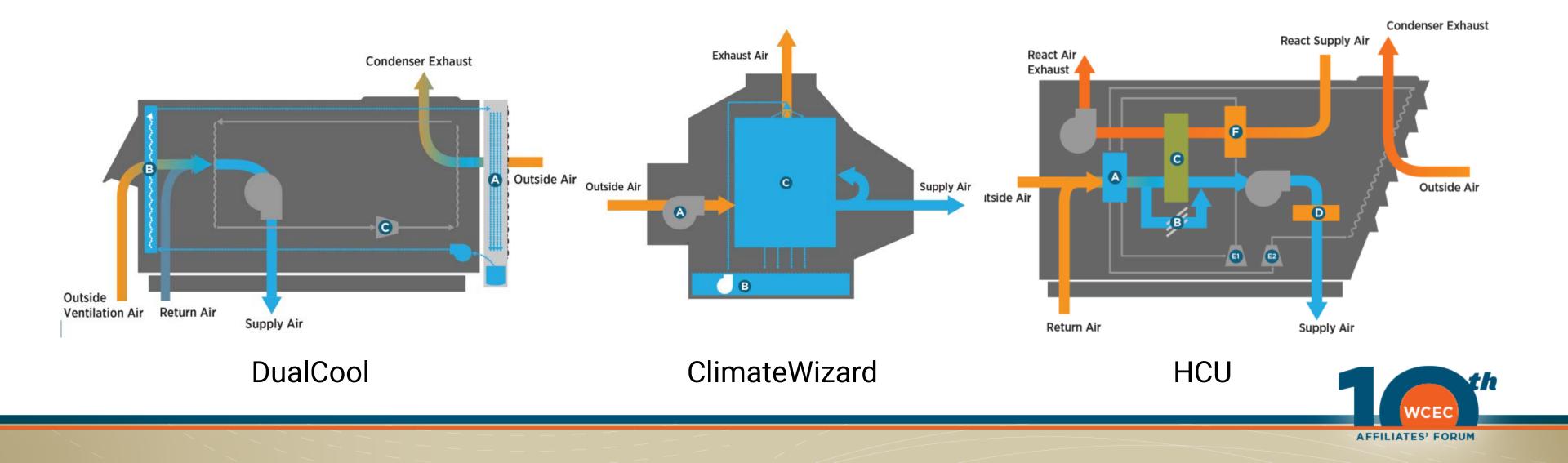


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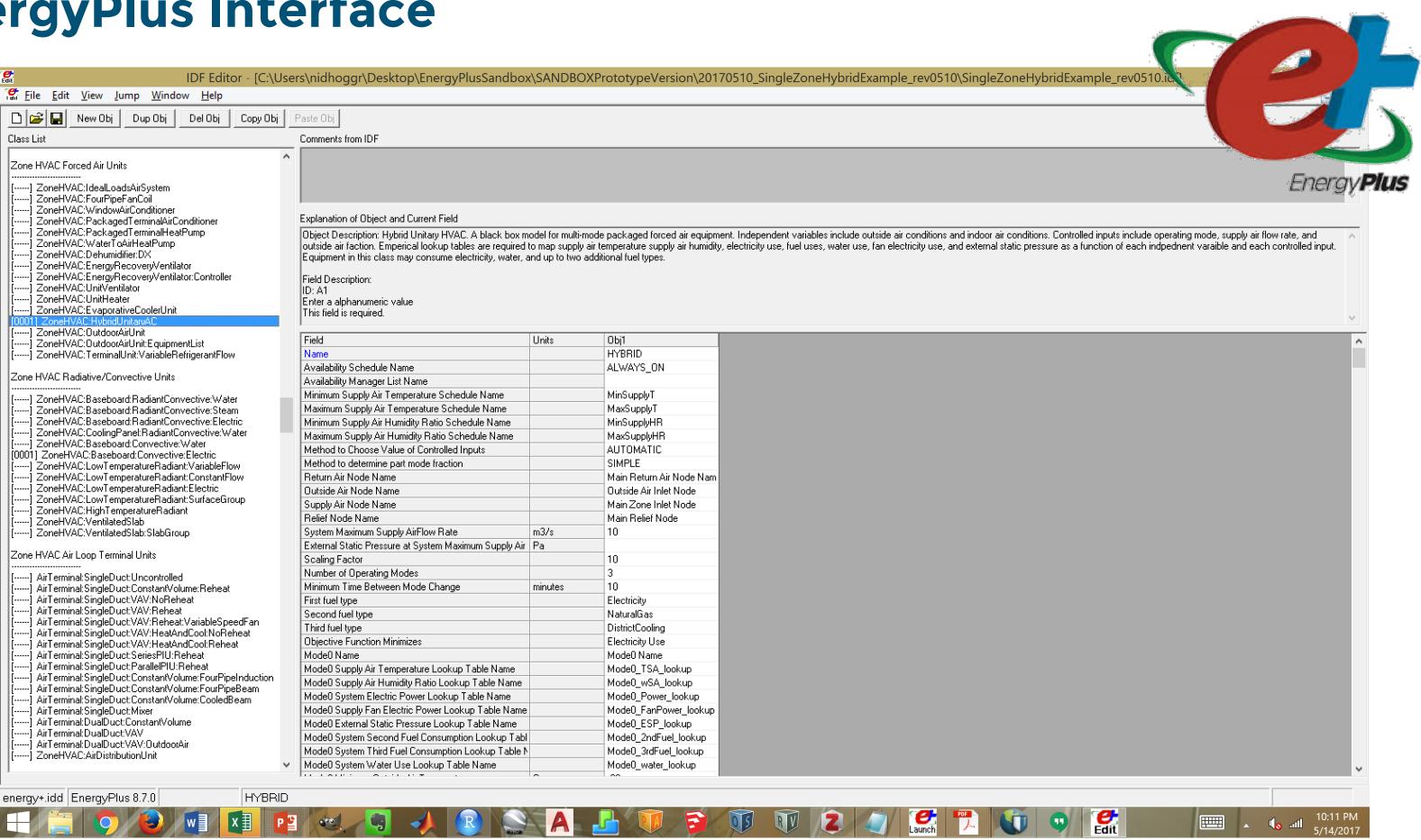


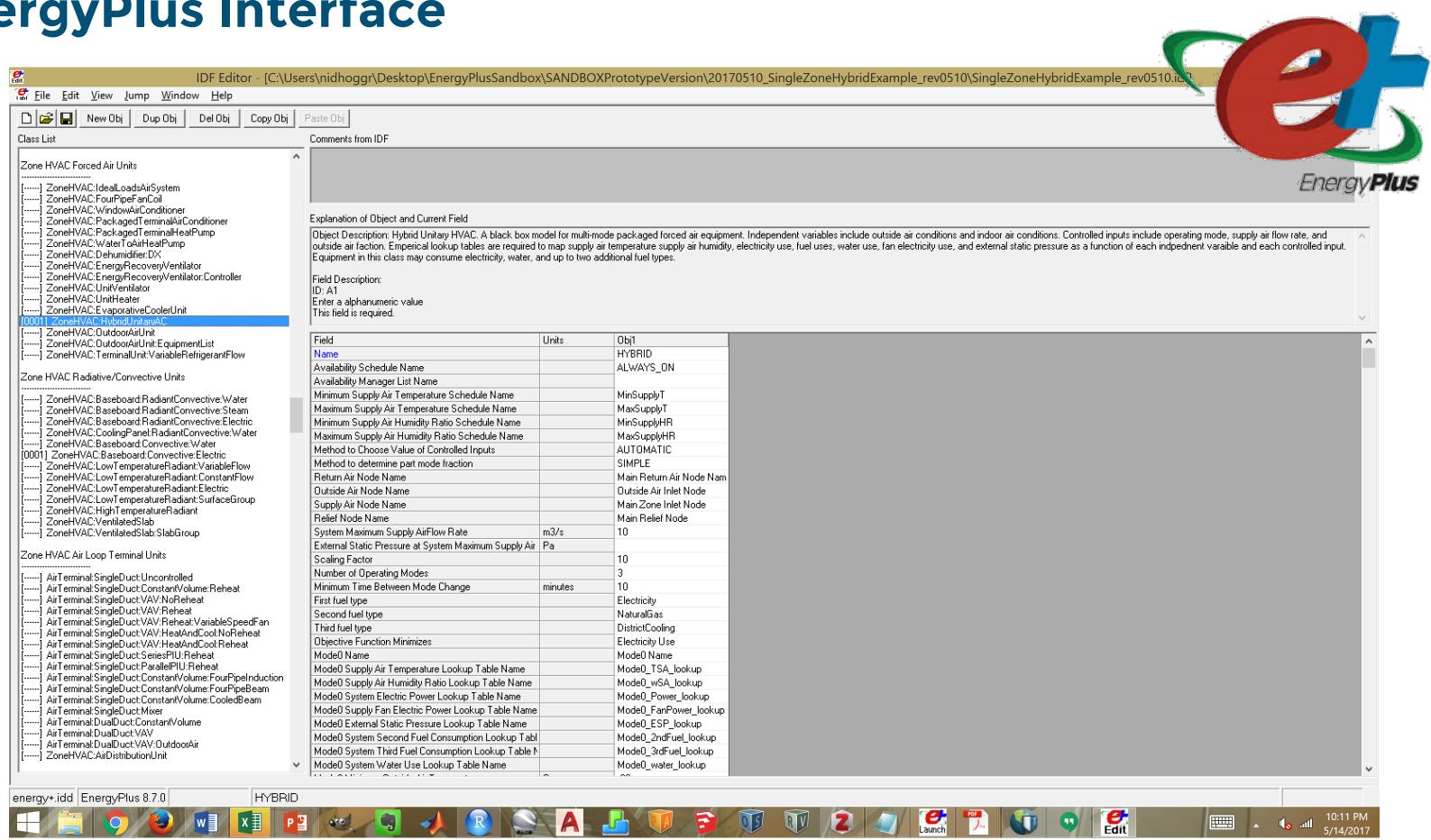
Manufacturer partners will submit initial performance maps

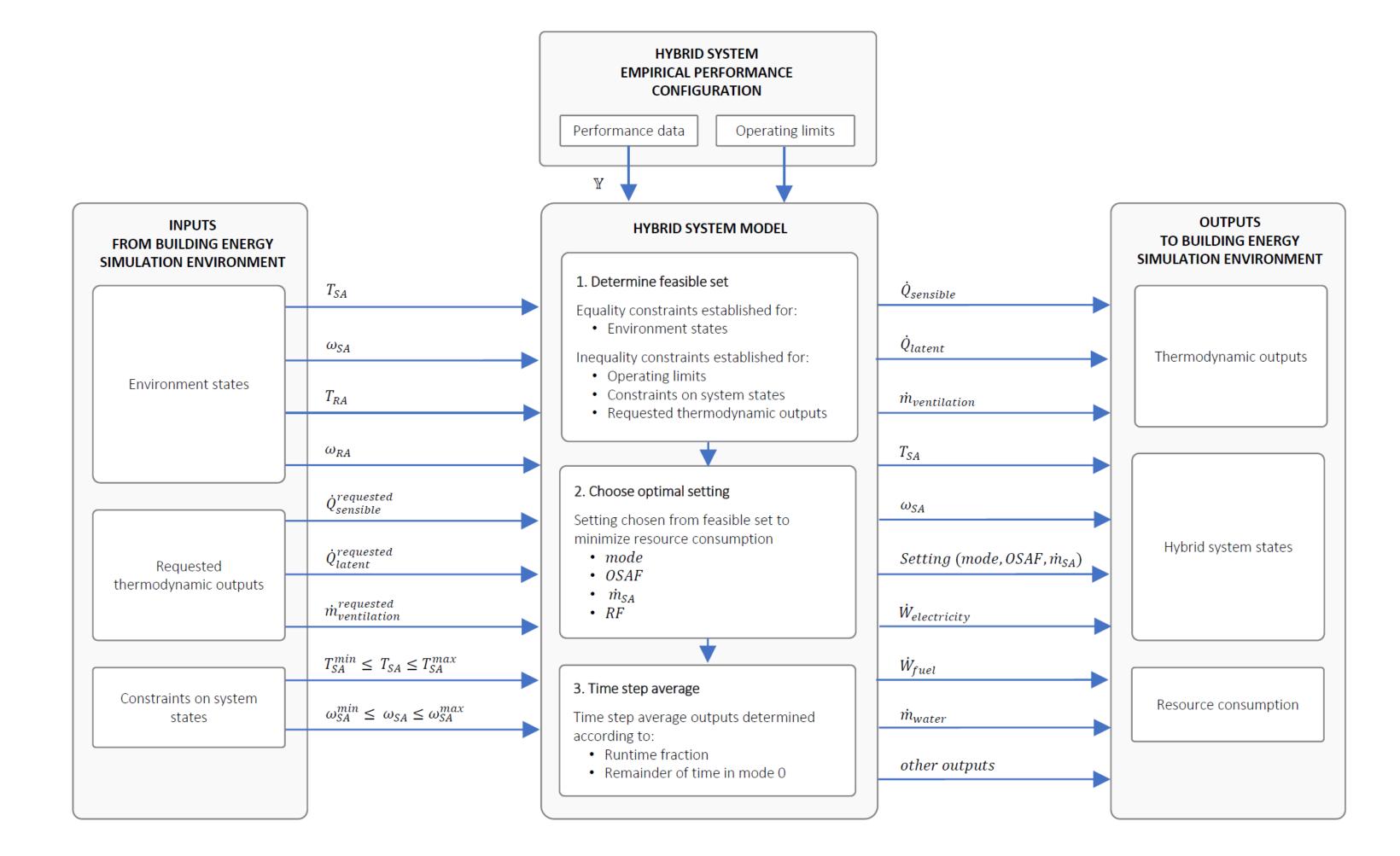
- » IntegratedComfort DualCool 8 modes
- » Seeley ClimateWizard 3 modes
- » Mutners Humidity Control Unit 15 modes



EnergyPlus Interface





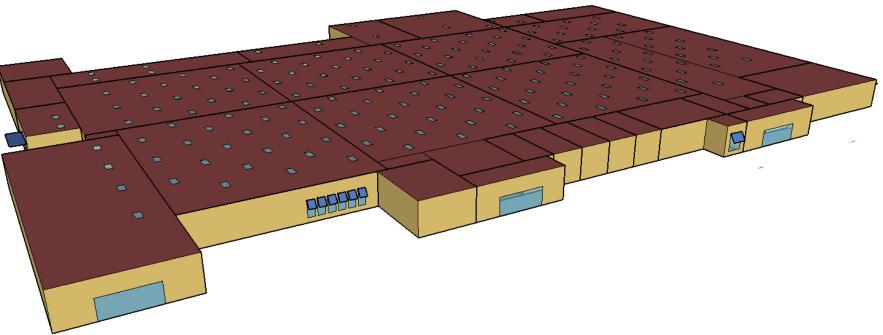


EnergyPlus Building Models for Pilot Testing

- » DOE sponsored undergraduate research program
- » Students collaborating with manufacturer partners
- » Manufacturers hosted students for internships
- » Each industry partner pilot testing model
 - Munters: Retail with transfer air between zones
 - Integrated Comfort: Large retail with multiple hybrid rooftop units
 - Seeley:

Conditioned warehouse and office space

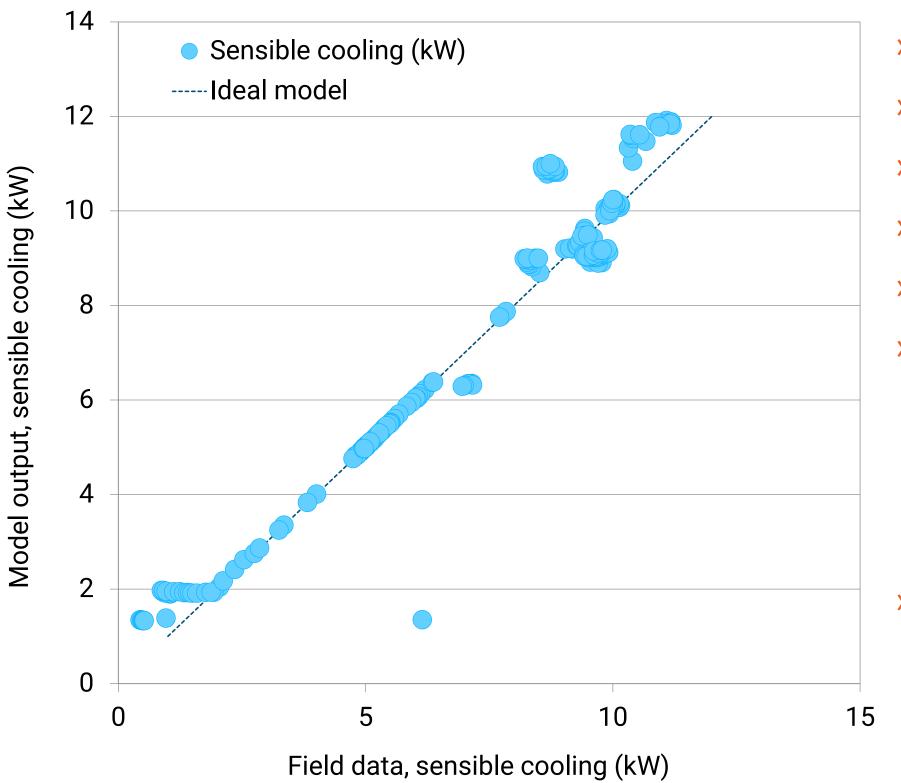








Model validation and next steps



- » Developing code tests
- Developing example simulations **>>**
- » Developing documentation
- » Model validation in process
- » Developing final modeling structure
 - Lookup tables with polynomial interpolation
 - Partial runtime fraction
 - Custom control option
- Pilot testing model to estimate energy savings **>>** for DualCool in multiple climate zones

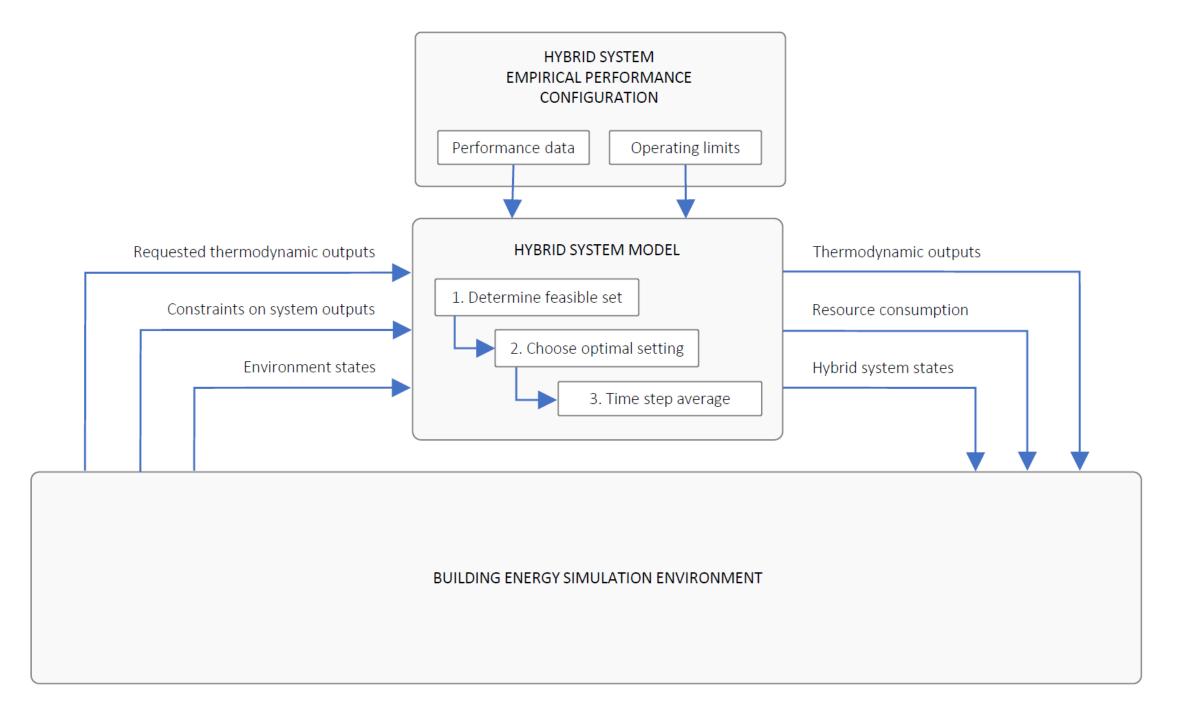
» Proposing for EnergyPlus public release





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EnergyPlus inputs for "ZoneHVAC:HybridUnitaryHVAC"

| Name | |
|---|---------|
| Availability Schedule Name | |
| Availability Manager List Name | |
| Minimum Supply Air Humidity Ratio Schedule Name | |
| Maximum Supply Air Humidity Ratio Schedule Name | |
| Method to Choose Value of Controlled Inputs | |
| Method to determine part mode fraction | |
| Return Air Node Name | |
| Return air node for the hybrid unit | |
| Outside Air Node Name | |
| Supply Air Node Name | |
| Relief Node Name | |
| System Maximum Supply AirFlow Rate | m3/s |
| External Static Pressure at System Max SA Flow | Pa |
| Scaling Factor | |
| Number of Operating Modes | |
| Minimum Time Between Mode Change | Minutes |
| First fuel type | |
| Second fuel type | |
| Third fuel type | |
| Objective Function Minimizes | |

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EnergyPlus inputs for each operating mode

| Mode X Name | | |
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| Mode X Supply Air Temperature Lookup Table Name | | |
| Mode X Supply Air Humidity Ratio Lookup Table Name | | |
| Mode X System Electric Power Lookup Table Name | | |
| Mode X Supply Fan Electric Power Lookup Table Name | | |
| Mode X External Static Pressure Lookup Table Name | | |
| Mode X System Second Fuel Consumption Lookup Table Name | | |
| Mode X System Third Fuel Consumption Lookup Table Name | | |
| Mode X System Water Use Lookup Table Name | | |
| Mode X Minimum Outside Air Temperature | С | |
| Mode X Maximum Outside Air Temperature | С | |
| Mode X Minimum Outside Air Humidity Ratio | kgWater/kgDryAir | |
| Mode X Maximum Outside Air Humidity Ratio | kgWater/kgDryAir | |
| Mode X Minimum Outside Air Relative Humidity | % | |
| Mode X Maximum Outside Air Relative Humidity | % | |
| Mode X Minimum Return Air Temperature | С | |
| Mode X Maximum Return Air Temperature | С | |
| Mode X Minimum Return Air Humidity Ratio | kgWater/kgDryAir | |
| Mode X Maximum Return Air Humidity Ratio | kgWater/kgDryAir | |
| Mode X Minimum Return Air Relative Humidity | % | |
| Mode X Maximum Return Air Relative Humidity | % | |