

General Introduction

DOE/ORNL Heat Pump Design Model (HPDM)

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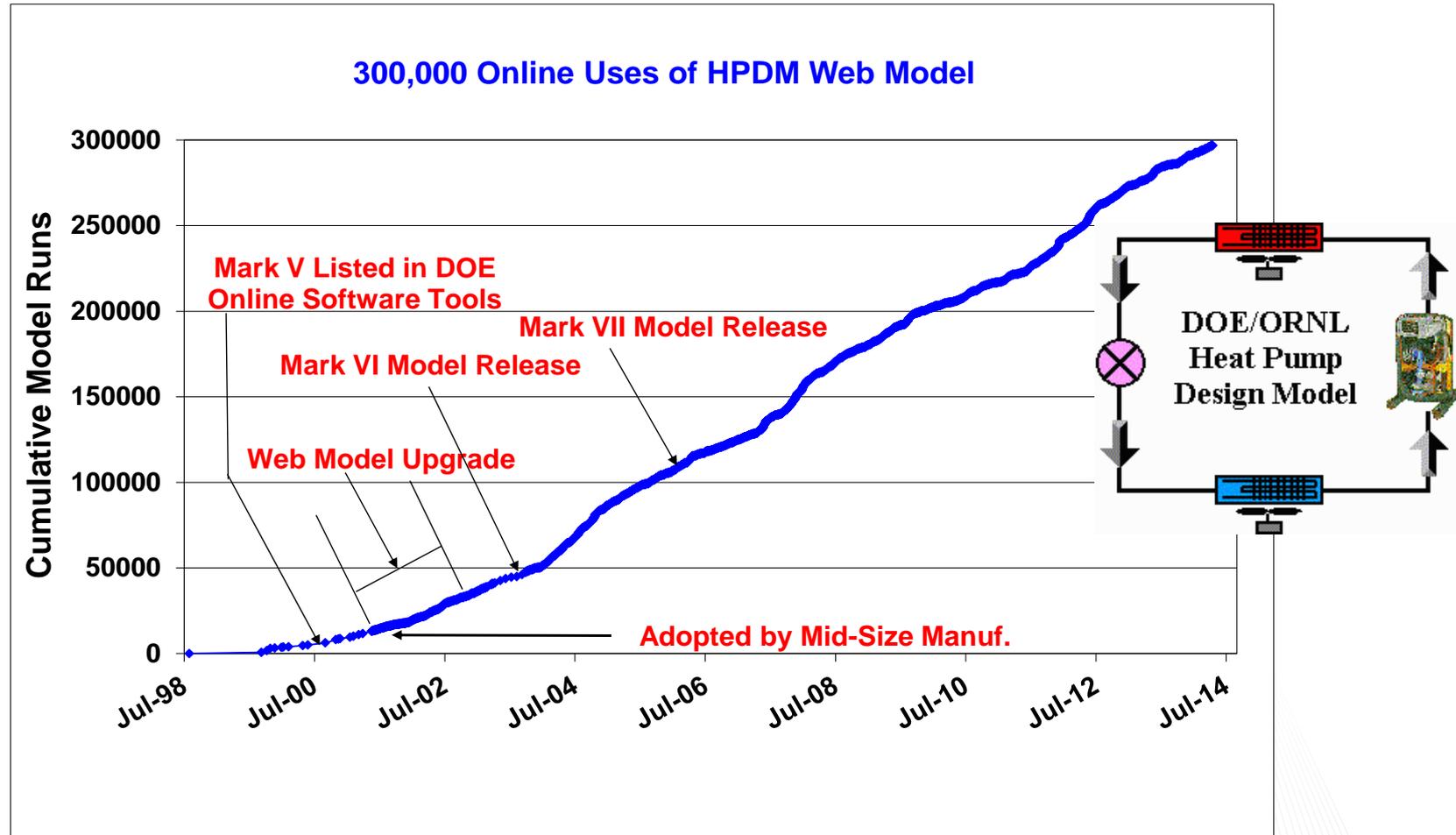
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2. Major compressor and heat exchanger modelling approaches
3. Old version – Mark VII, VI, V
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1.1 Well Regarded Web-Based HPDM

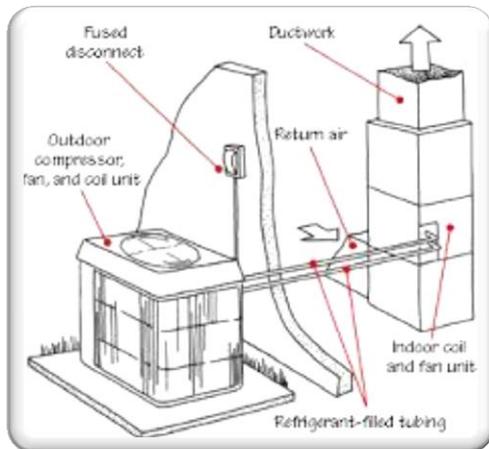


Widely-used building equipment design software, over 30 years of development by Building Equipment Research Group, ORNL.

1.2 Extensive applications and complex system configurations in HVAC&R



Refrigerator



Heat pump



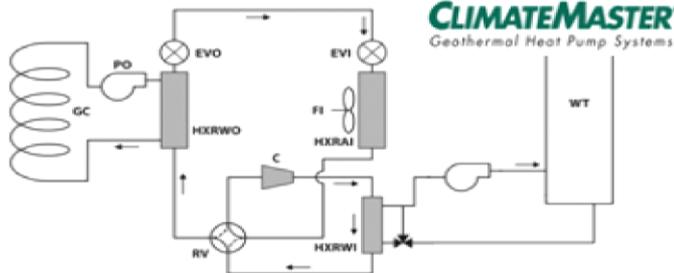
Water heating



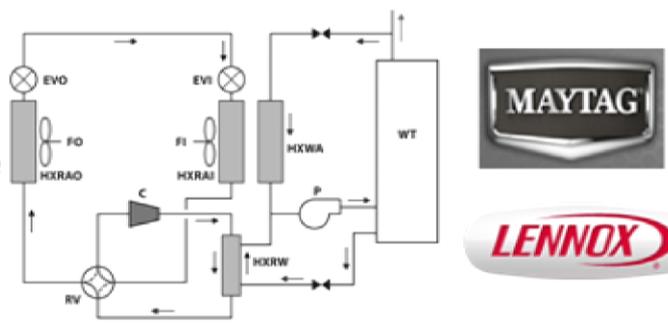
Rooftop Air conditioner

Integrated Heat Pump

V-speed ground-source



V-speed air-source

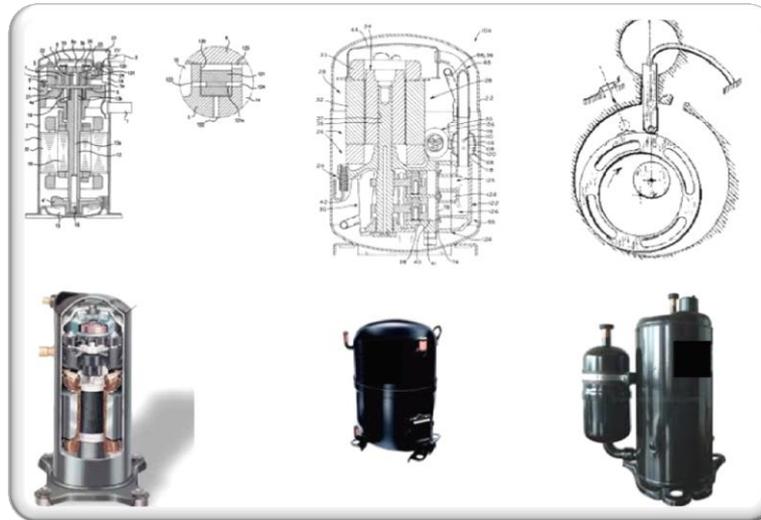


Complex System Configurations

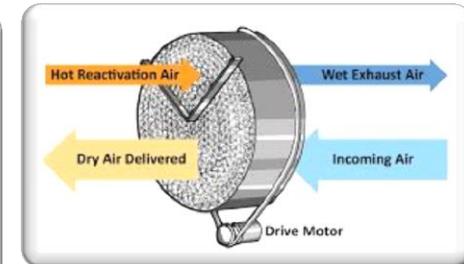
1.3 Numerous types of components



Flow mover: fan or pump



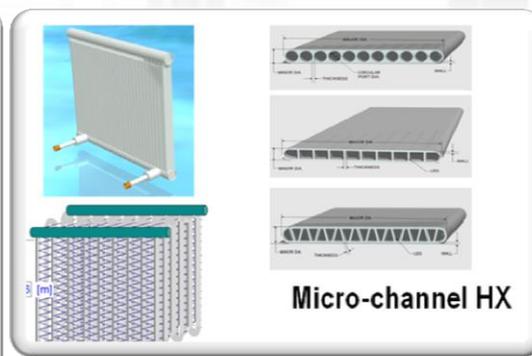
Compressors



Desiccant



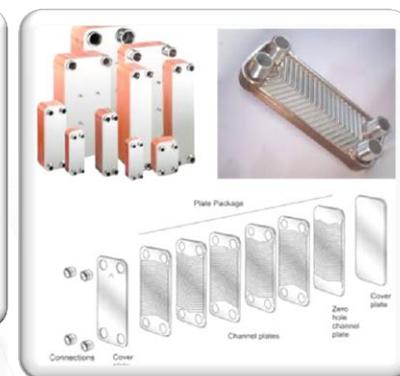
Heat exchangers



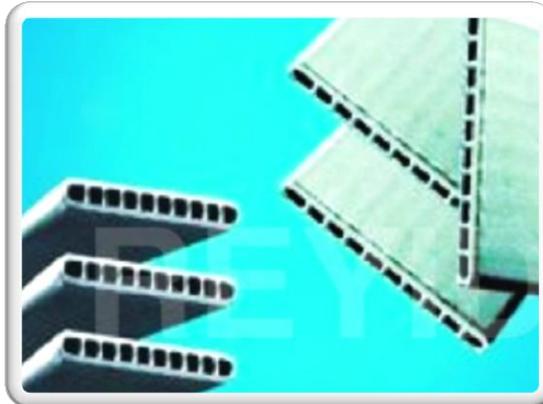
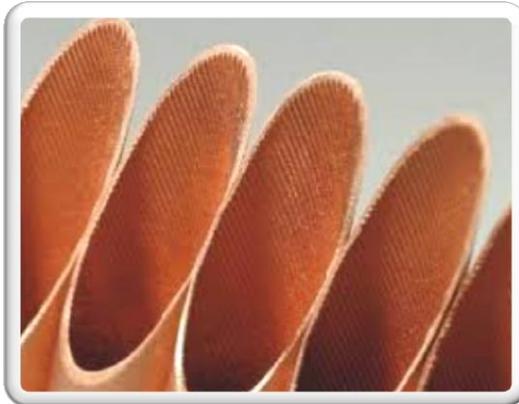
Micro-channel HX



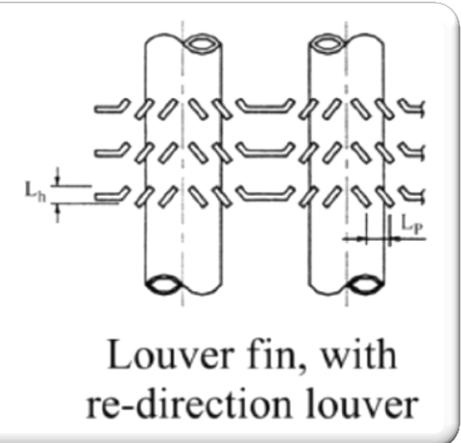
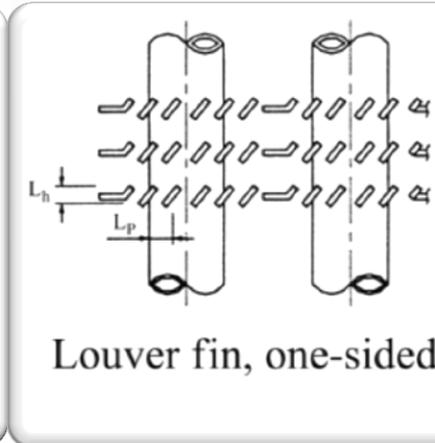
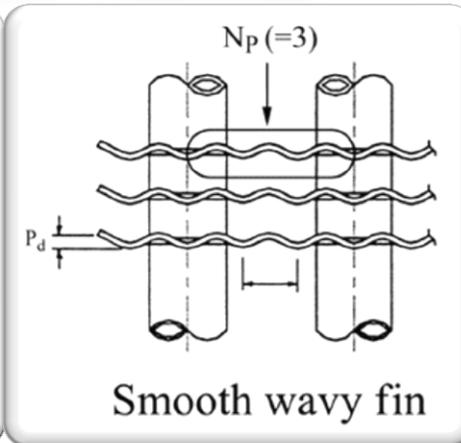
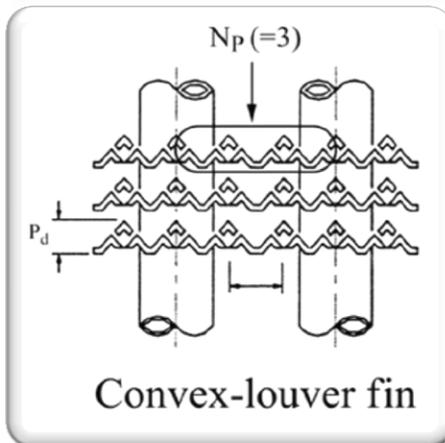
Tube-in-Tube HX



1.4 Plenty of tube and fin types



Various tube types

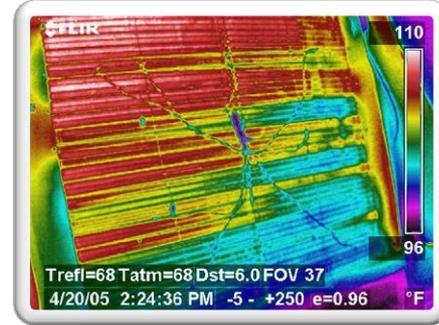


Various fin geometries

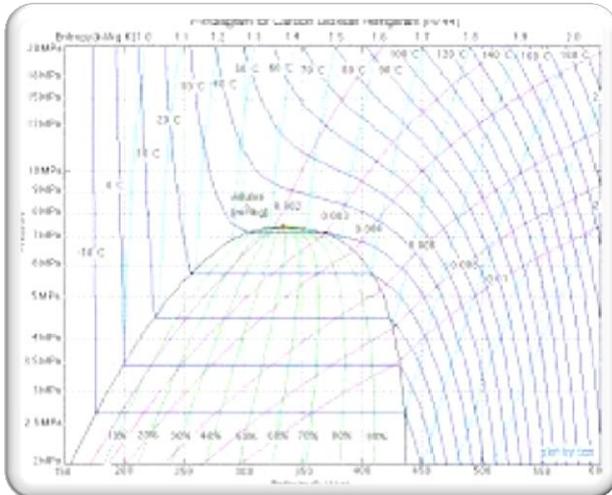
1.5 Solutions to Complex Science Challenges



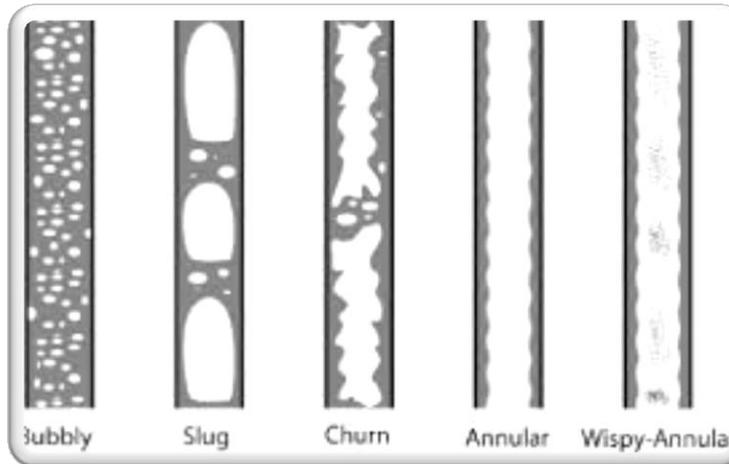
Water condensation



Non-uniform air flow distribution



Refrigerant property

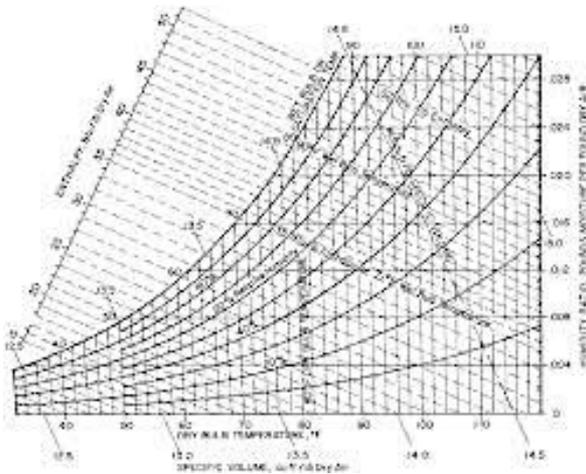


Two-phase flow patterns

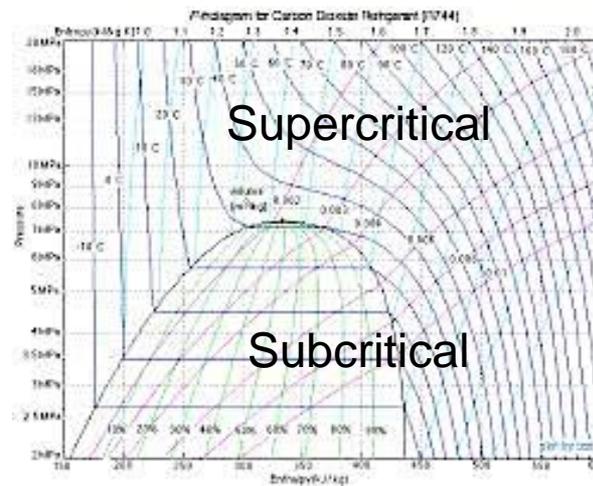
1.6 Universal working fluid property management

-Hundreds of working substances in HVAC&R industry: air, water, glycol, CO2, HFC, HCFC, CFC, HFO, natural substances

Air psychrometric chart

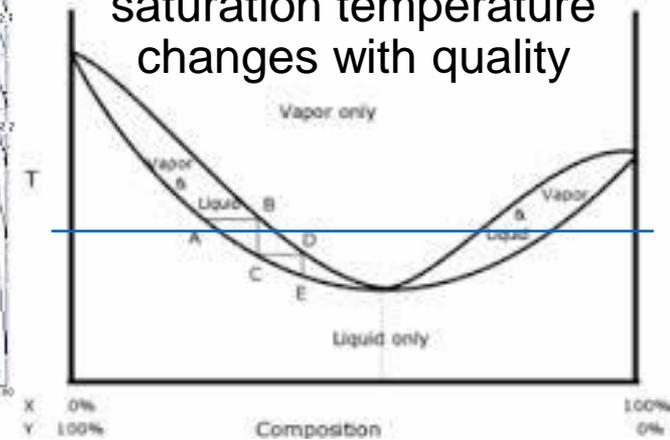


Refrigerant property



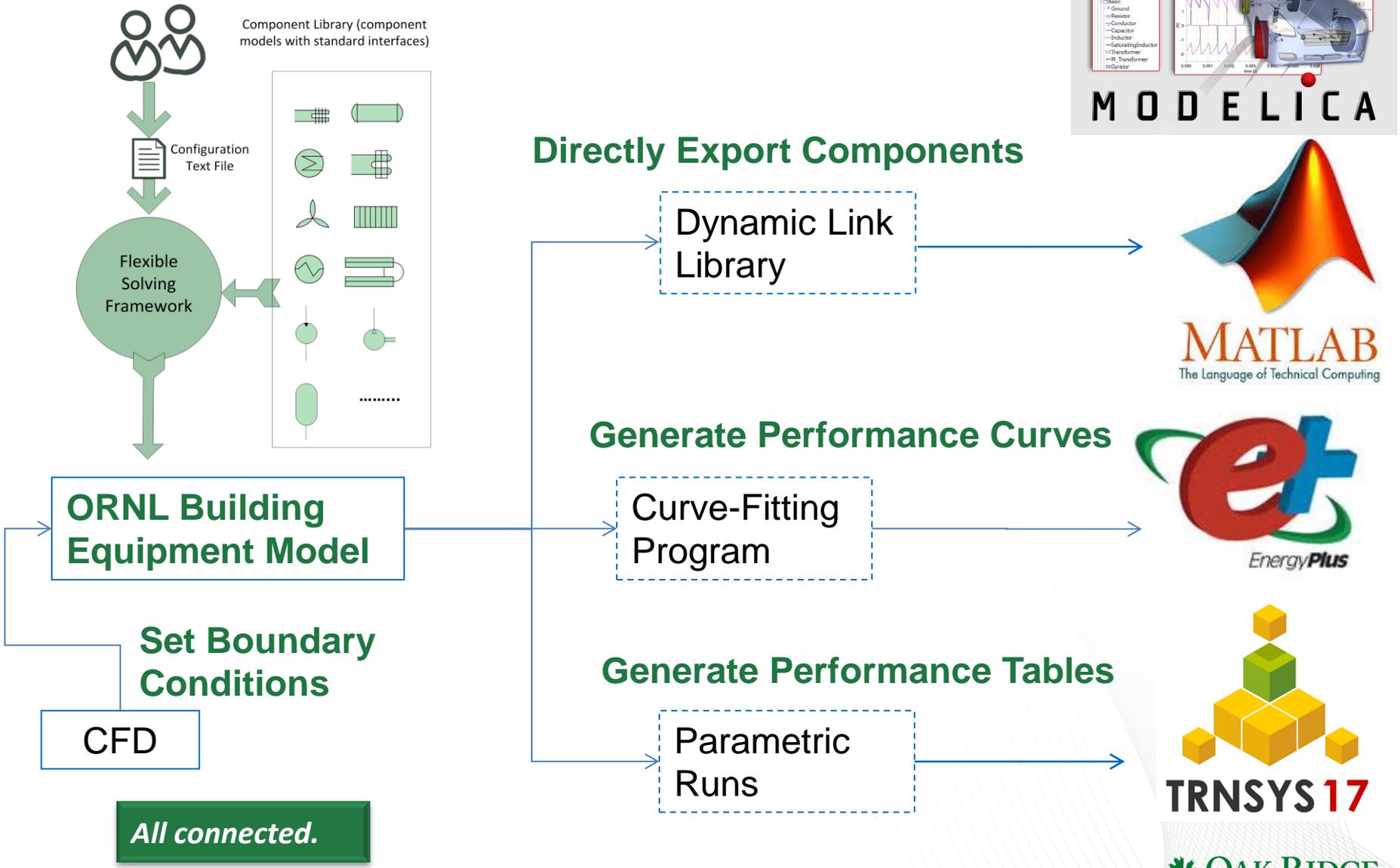
Refrigerant mixture

Temperature glide – saturation temperature changes with quality

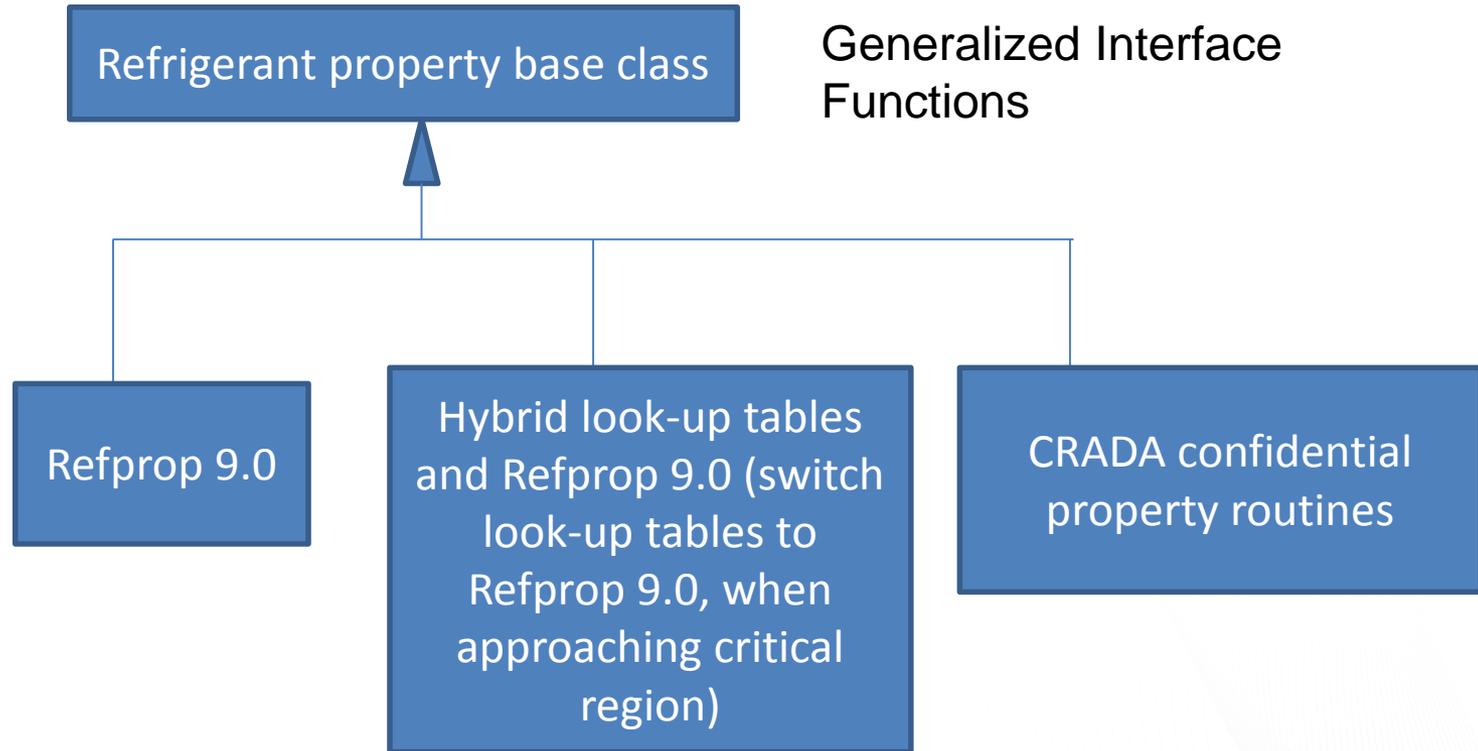


Next Generation Refrigerants (low global warming - GWP, zero ozone depletion) – detailed system modeling with new refrigerant property, to assess long-term impact using life cycle analysis, provide design guidance based on fundamental study.

1.7 Engineering Analysis Flow – From Concept Design to Life Cycle Analysis



1.8 Refrigerant property routines

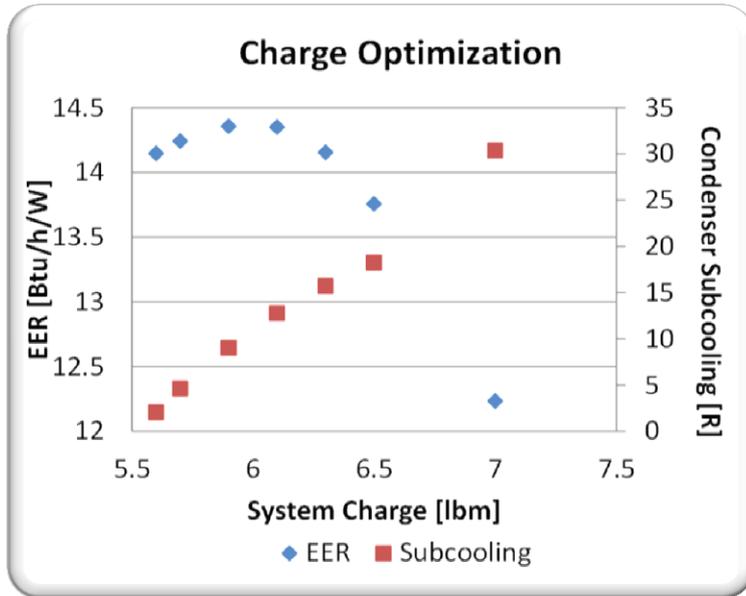


Refprop wrapper codes:

<http://www.boulder.nist.gov/div838/theory/refprop/LINKING/Linking.htm>

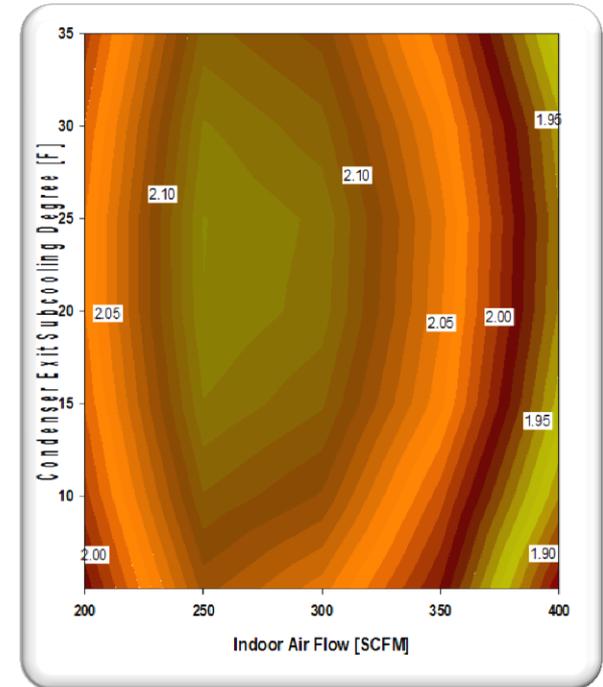
Fairly simple to vary refrigerant type, even the data source and calculation method in all the component and system models

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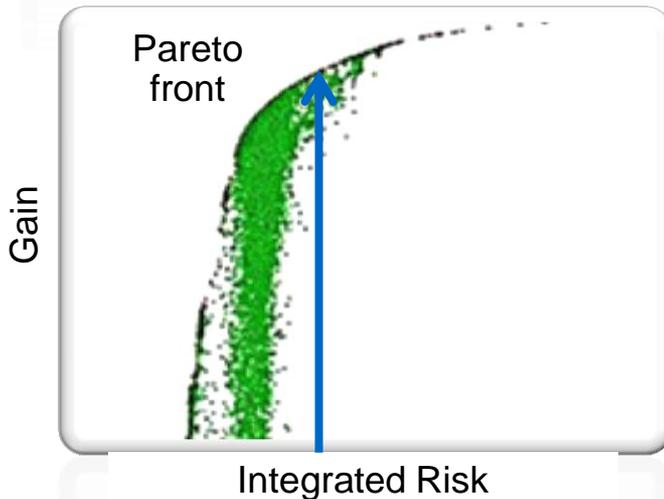


Single-variable optimization

Two-variable optimization energy factor



Multi-variable optimization – Pareto chart



- *Simulation driven, optimized design → optimum performance with minimum cost.*

2.1 Variable-Speed Compressor Modeling

$$Y = C_1 + C_2 T_e + C_3 T_c + C_4 T_e^2 + C_5 T_e T_c + C_6 T_c^2 + C_7 T_e^3 + C_8 T_c T_e^2 + C_9 T_e T_c^2 + C_{10} T_c^3$$

→ 10-coefficient AHRI compressor map at rated inlet superheat; Y can be the compressor mass flow rate and power consumption.

→ Linear interpolation between speed levels.

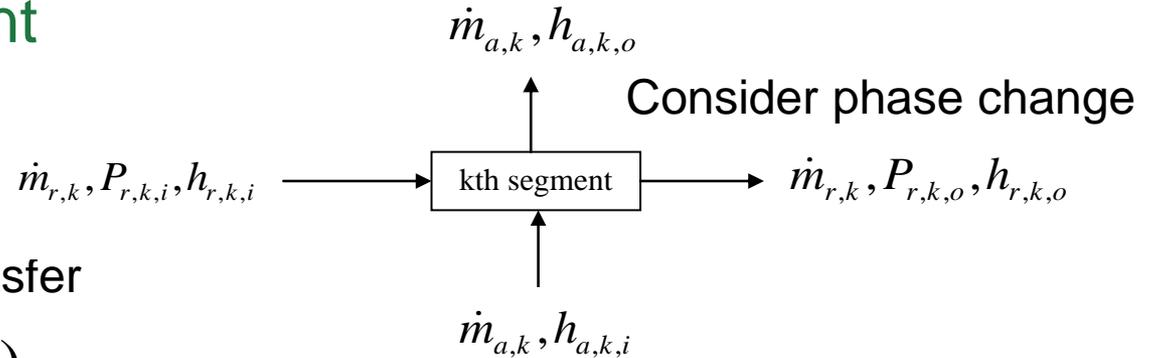
→ Mass flow rate adjustment for actual inlet superheat levels.

$$\dot{m}_{ref,actual} = \left[1 + F_{mass} \left(\frac{v_{ARI-map}}{v_{act}} - 1 \right) \right] \dot{m}_{ref,ARI-map}$$

$$F_{mass} = 0.75$$

2.2 Advanced Heat Exchanger Modeling

- Segment-to-segment modeling approach



Dry Coil Analysis Heat Transfer

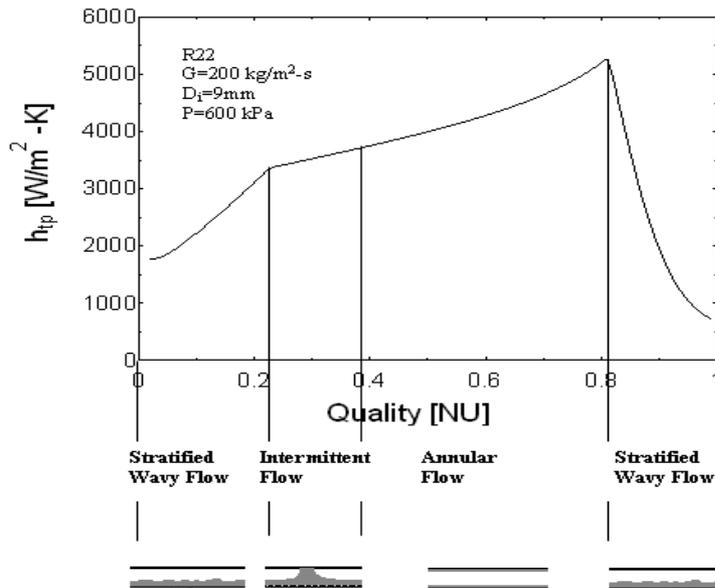
$$\dot{Q}_{\max} = C_{\min} (T_{h,i} - T_{c,i})$$

$$\varepsilon = 1 - \exp(-NTU)$$

Wet Coil Analysis Heat & Mass Transfer

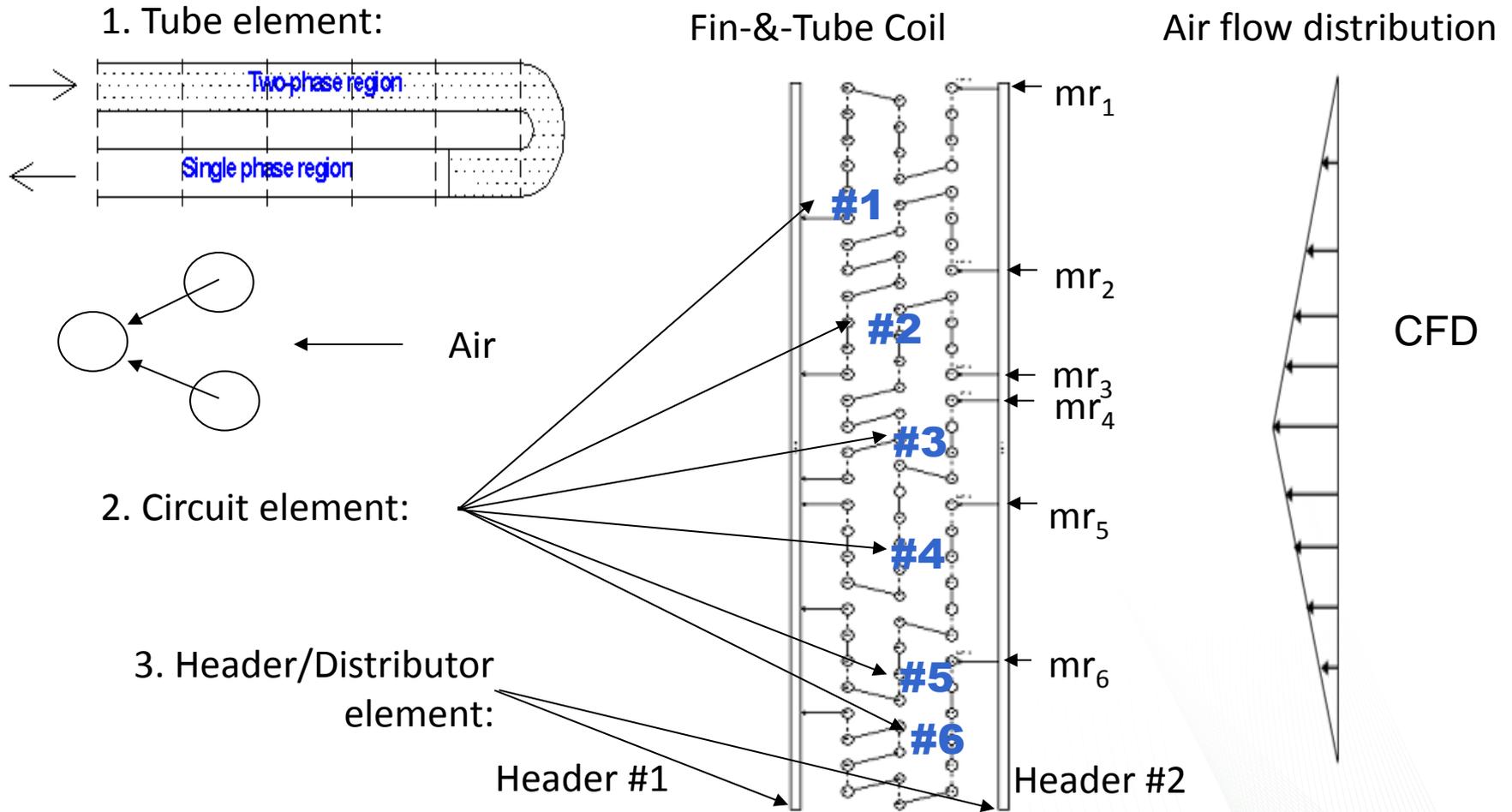
$$\dot{Q}_{\max} = \dot{m}_a (h_{a,i} - h_{s, \text{evap}})$$

$$\varepsilon^* = 1 - \exp(-NTU^*)$$



Refrigerant side local flow-pattern-specific heat transfer and pressure drop calculation

2.3 Reality Representation: Arbitrary HX Circuitry - Segmented Fin-&-Tube Coil Modeling

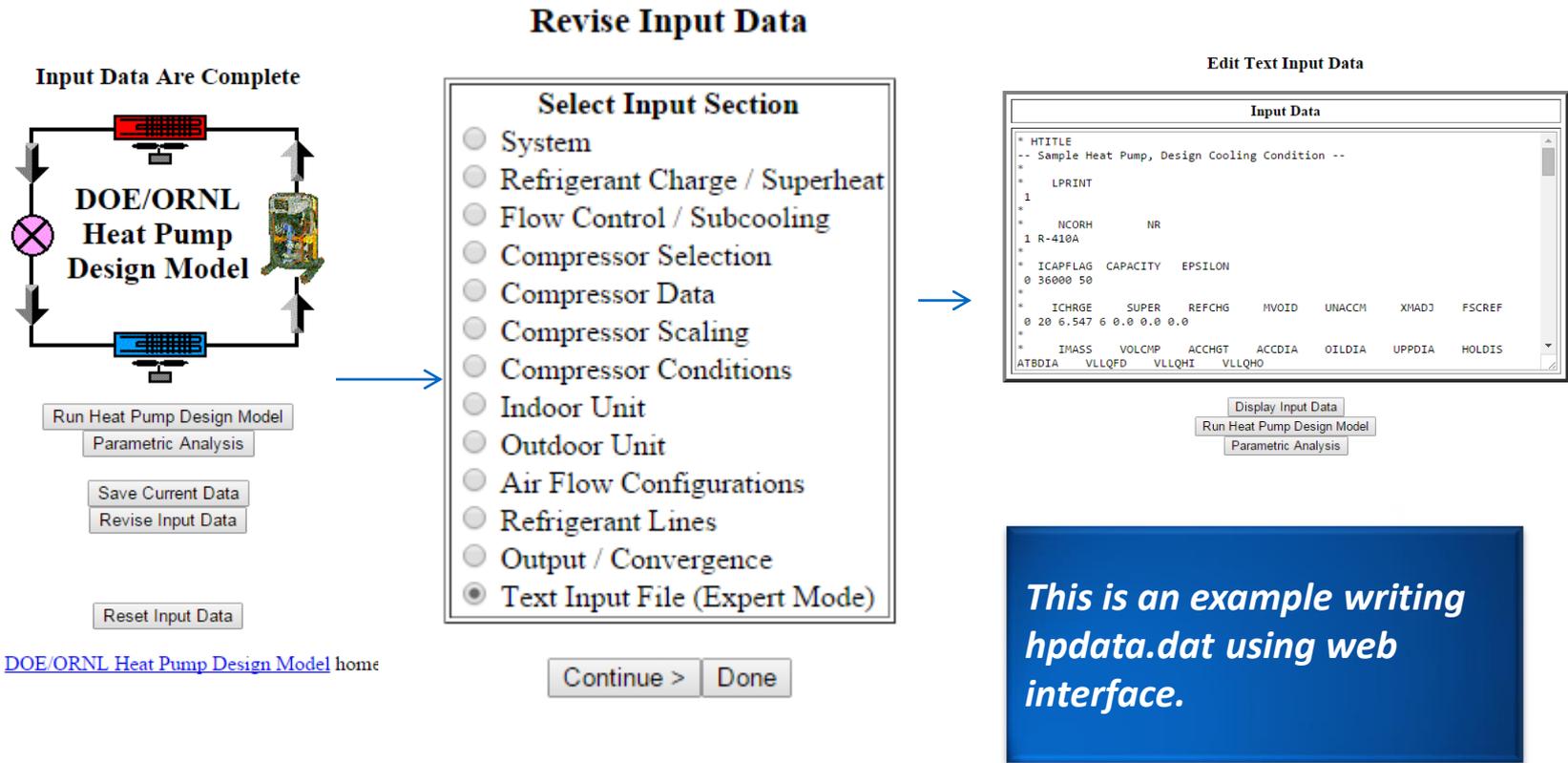


2-D air side distribution; Independent circuit refrigerant entering conditions; Arbitrary circuitry, provides more accurate real-world heat exchanger performance predictions

3.1 Old version

- How we usually run Mark7 – single-point simulations
- Web version:
<http://web.ornl.gov/~wlj/hpdm/MarkVII.shtml>.
- Emerson's SDS
- Desktop version: Excel templates, free from ORNL.

3.2 Web interface of Old Version



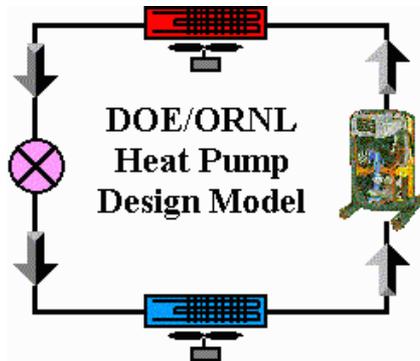
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4.1 New Web Interface

<http://hpdmflex.ornl.gov>

Previous: Single System Configuration



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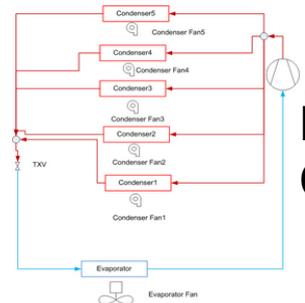
Welcome to the new and improved HPDM on the web

The DOE/ORNL Heat Pump Design Model is a research tool for use in the steady-state design analysis of air-to-air-heat pumps and air conditioners. The WEB version has an HTML-based input interface which generates the required input text file, executes the FORTRAN application, and summarizes the results on your Web browser.

As this is a hardware-based model, the user can specify the heat exchangers and air flows and select a compressor. The flow control devices may be specified or sized by the program based on desired conditions leaving the heat exchangers. The program analyzes steady-state performance for indoor and outdoor air conditions provided by the user. An example case is provided.

The wizard will guide you through the generation of your heat-pump design model input file.

Below, you can either select an existing configuration and customize, or upload your existing configuration to begin.



New: Extensive System Configurations

Category / Configuration	Description
▶ SC_VRF	
▶ SCWH_VRF	
▶ SH_VRF	
▶ Components	

Customize Configuration

Upload Configuration

This program was developed by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Building Technologies Research and Integration Center (BTRIC) under sponsorship of the Department of Energy (DOE) Program of Building Technologies.

4.2 Web interface of new version

<http://hpdmflex.ornl.gov>

Quick prototype

1. Extensive HVAC applications, system configurations, and numerous categories, combinations of component models.
2. Hardware-based component models: edit component-by-component.
3. Graphical input and output
4. Informational wizard
5. Fast solving
6. The user controls the product data, by using download and upload buttons (web interface is only a processor).
7. Flexible solving, i.e. parameters, variables with attributes

- *The Web interface is an extensive collection of examples, which you can download and start with your inputs.*

4.3 Extensive configs + Flexible solving

- Flexible solving enabled by changing the variable attribute:

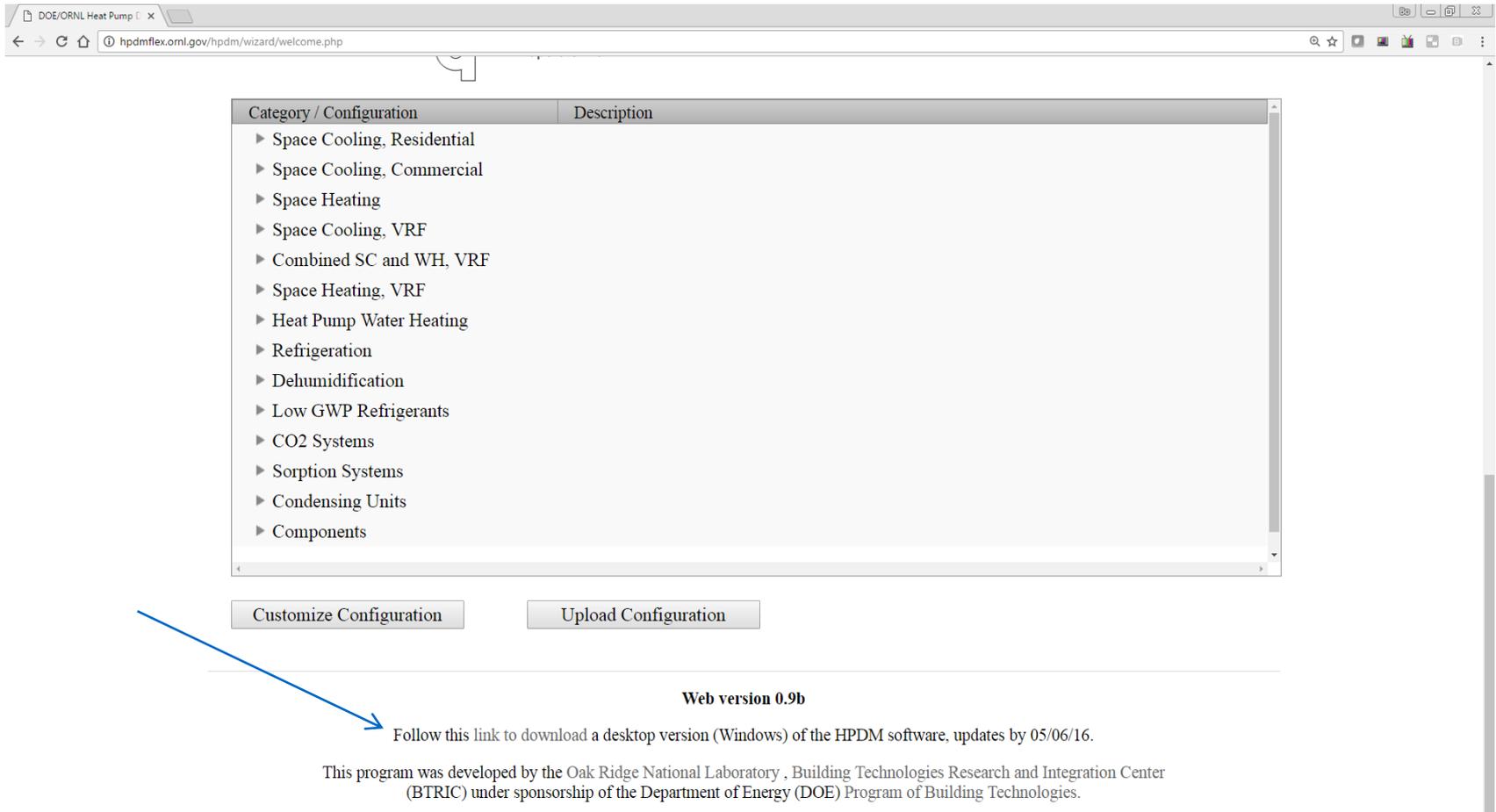
Required variables (values must be given and checked by the user):

- **i** – input, i.e. constant in a solving process
- **g** – guess, i.e. guess value must be provided

Optional variables (values can be empty, and users don't need to address them):

- **o** – output, i.e. only used for reporting result after each solving process; the attribute can't be changed.
- **r** – regular, i.e. regular solving variable, the attribute can be changed to **g** or **i** with a given value.
- **t** – transfer, i.e. transfer values successively between two NR solving processes.

4.4 Download the desktop version from the web interface (link at the bottom)



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL `hpdmflex.ornl.gov/hpdm/wizard/welcome.php`. The main content area features a table with two columns: "Category / Configuration" and "Description". The "Category / Configuration" column contains a list of expandable items, each preceded by a right-pointing triangle:

- ▶ Space Cooling, Residential
- ▶ Space Cooling, Commercial
- ▶ Space Heating
- ▶ Space Cooling, VRF
- ▶ Combined SC and WH, VRF
- ▶ Space Heating, VRF
- ▶ Heat Pump Water Heating
- ▶ Refrigeration
- ▶ Dehumidification
- ▶ Low GWP Refrigerants
- ▶ CO2 Systems
- ▶ Sorption Systems
- ▶ Condensing Units
- ▶ Components

Below the table are two buttons: "Customize Configuration" and "Upload Configuration". A blue arrow points from the "Customize Configuration" button to the text below.

Web version 0.9b

Follow this link to download a desktop version (Windows) of the HPDM software, updates by 05/06/16.

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