## Condenser Fouling

### Description

def description

return "Condenser fouling occurs when litter, dirt, or dust accumulates on or between the fins of a condenser of an air conditioner located in the outdoor environment. The blockage reduces the airflow across the condenser and increases the condensing temperature in the refrigerant circuit. The elevated temperature increases the pressure difference across the compressor and reduces the equipment efficiency. This measure simulates condenser fouling by modifying the Coil:Cooling:DX:SingleSpeed object in EnergyPlus assigned to the heating and cooling system. The fault intensity (F) for this fault is defined as the ratio of reduction in condenser coil airflow at full load."

end

### Modeler Description

def modeler\_description

return "Twelve user inputs, - DX coil where the fault occurs - Percentage reduction of condenser airflow - rated cooling capacity - rated sensible heat ratio - rated volumetric flow rate - minimum/maximum evaporator air inlet wet-bulb temperature - minimum/maximum condenser air inlet temperature - minimum/maximum rated COP - percentage change of UA with increase of fault level can be defined or remained with default values. Based on user inputs, the cooling capacity (Q ̇\_cool) and EIR in the DX cooling coil model is recalculated to reflect the faulted operation."

end

### Measure Type

EnergyPlus Measure

**Taxonomy**

HVAC.Cooling

### Arguments

def arguments(workspace)

args = OpenStudio::Ruleset::OSArgumentVector.new

list = OpenStudio::StringVector.new

list << $all\_coil\_selection

singlespds = workspace.getObjectsByType("Coil:Cooling:DX:SingleSpeed".to\_IddObjectType)

singlespds.each do |singlespd|

list << singlespd.name.to\_s

end

twostages = workspace.getObjectsByType("Coil:Cooling:DX:TwoStageWithHumidityControlMode".to\_IddObjectType)

twostages.each do |twostage|

list << twostage.name.to\_s

end

#make choice arguments for Coil:Cooling:DX:SingleSpeed

coil\_choice = OpenStudio::Ruleset::OSArgument::makeChoiceArgument("coil\_choice", list, true)

coil\_choice.setDisplayName("Enter the name of the faulted Coil:Cooling:DX:SingleSpeed object. If you want to impose the fault on all coils, select #{$all\_coil\_selection}")

coil\_choice.setDefaultValue($all\_coil\_selection)

args << coil\_choice

# make a double argument for the fault level

fault\_lvl = OpenStudio::Ruleset::OSArgument.makeDoubleArgument('fault\_lvl', false)

fault\_lvl.setDisplayName('Percentage reduction of condenser airflow [-]')

fault\_lvl.setDefaultValue(0.1) # defaulted at 10%

args << fault\_lvl

# rated cooling capacity

q\_rat = OpenStudio::Ruleset::OSArgument.makeDoubleArgument('q\_rat', true)

q\_rat.setDisplayName('Rated cooling capacity of the cooling coil for bypass factor model adjustment. If your system is autosized or you do not know what this is, please run the OS Measure Auto Size to Hard Size before this Measure. If your system is hard sized, leave this value at -1.0. (W)')

q\_rat.setDefaultValue(-1.0)

args << q\_rat

# rated sensible heat ratio

shr\_rat = OpenStudio::Ruleset::OSArgument.makeDoubleArgument('shr\_rat', true)

shr\_rat.setDisplayName('Rated sensible heat ratio of the cooling coil for bypass factor model adjustment. If your system is autosized or you do not know what this is, please run the OS Measure Auto Size to Hard Size before this Measure. If your system is hard sized, leave this value at -1.0.')

shr\_rat.setDefaultValue(-1.0)

args << shr\_rat

# rated volumetric flow rate

vol\_rat = OpenStudio::Ruleset::OSArgument.makeDoubleArgument('vol\_rat', true)

vol\_rat.setDisplayName('Rated air flow rate of the cooling coil for bypass factor model adjustment. If your system is autosized or you do not know what this is, please run the OS Measure Auto Size to Hard Size before this Measure. If your system is hard sized, leave this value at -1.0. (m3/s)')

vol\_rat.setDefaultValue(-1.0)

args << vol\_rat

# fault level limits

min\_fl = OpenStudio::Ruleset::OSArgument.makeDoubleArgument('min\_fl', true)

min\_fl.setDisplayName('Maximum value of fault level [-]')

min\_fl.setDefaultValue(0.5)

args << min\_fl

# coefficients of models should be inputs.

# the model simulates the ratio of the cooling capacity and EIR of the faulted system to the ones of the non-faulted case

# the form of the model is

# RATIO = 1 + FaultLevel\*(a1+a2\*Tdb,i+a3\*Twb,i+a4\*Tc,i+a5\*FaultLevel+a6\*FaultLevel\*FaultLevel+a7\*(Rated COP))

# undercharging model

args = enter\_coefficients(args, $q\_para\_num, "Q\_#{$faultnow}", [-2.216200, 5.631500, -3.119900, 0.224920, -0.762450, -0.072843], '')

args = enter\_coefficients(args, $eir\_para\_num, "EIR\_#{$faultnow}", [-5.980600, 0.947900, 4.381600, -1.066700, 2.914200, 0.090476], '')

min\_wb\_tmp\_uc = OpenStudio::Ruleset::OSArgument.makeDoubleArgument('min\_wb\_tmp\_uc', true)

min\_wb\_tmp\_uc.setDisplayName('Minimum value of evaporator air inlet wet-bulb temperature [C]')

min\_wb\_tmp\_uc.setDefaultValue(12.8) # the first number is observed from the training data, and the second number is an adjustment for range

args << min\_wb\_tmp\_uc

max\_wb\_tmp\_uc = OpenStudio::Ruleset::OSArgument.makeDoubleArgument('max\_wb\_tmp\_uc', true)

max\_wb\_tmp\_uc.setDisplayName('Maximum value of evaporator air inlet wet-bulb temperature [C]')

max\_wb\_tmp\_uc.setDefaultValue(23.9)

args << max\_wb\_tmp\_uc

min\_cond\_tmp\_uc = OpenStudio::Ruleset::OSArgument.makeDoubleArgument('min\_cond\_tmp\_uc', true)

min\_cond\_tmp\_uc.setDisplayName('Minimum value of condenser air inlet temperature [C]')

min\_cond\_tmp\_uc.setDefaultValue(18.3)

args << min\_cond\_tmp\_uc

max\_cond\_tmp\_uc = OpenStudio::Ruleset::OSArgument.makeDoubleArgument('max\_cond\_tmp\_uc', true)

max\_cond\_tmp\_uc.setDisplayName('Maximum value of condenser air inlet temperature [C]')

max\_cond\_tmp\_uc.setDefaultValue(46.1)

args << max\_cond\_tmp\_uc

min\_cop\_uc = OpenStudio::Ruleset::OSArgument.makeDoubleArgument('min\_cop\_uc', true)

min\_cop\_uc.setDisplayName('Minimum value of rated COP')

min\_cop\_uc.setDefaultValue(3.74)

args << min\_cop\_uc

max\_cop\_uc = OpenStudio::Ruleset::OSArgument.makeDoubleArgument('max\_cop\_uc', true)

max\_cop\_uc.setDisplayName('Maximum value of rated COP')

max\_cop\_uc.setDefaultValue(4.69)

args << max\_cop\_uc

# model for BF offset

bf\_para = OpenStudio::Ruleset::OSArgument.makeDoubleArgument('bf\_para', false)

bf\_para.setDisplayName('Percentage change of UA with increase of fault level level (% of UA/% of fault level)')

bf\_para.setDefaultValue(0.00) # default change of bypass factor level with fault level in %

args << bf\_para

return args

end

### Initial Condition

#Select DX unit object that is being faulted.

runner.registerInitialCondition("Imposing performance degradation on #{coil\_choice}.")

### Final Condition

#Impose performance degradation due to fault on the DX unit object.

runner.registerFinalCondition("Imposed performance degradation on #{coil\_choice}.")

### Not Applicable

#When the fault level is defined as less than 0.001,

runner.registerAsNotApplicable("CondenserFouling is not running for #{coil\_choice}. Skipping......")

### Warning

n/a

### Error

#When fault intensity constant value is defined but the range is outside the limit (0-1),

runner.registerError("Fault level #{fault\_lvl} for #{coil\_choice} is outside the range from 0 to 1. Exiting......")

#When Condenser Type option of DX unit is not defined as AirCooled

runner.registerError("#{coil\_choice} is not air cooled. Impossible to continue in CondenserFouling. Exiting......")

#When DX unit performance curve is not defined,

runner.registerError("No Temperature Adjustment Curve for #{coil\_choice} #{curve\_name} model. Exiting......")

#When the DX unit cannot be found,

runner.registerError("Measure CondenserFouling cannot find #{coil\_choice}. Exiting......")

### Information

* Measures below share the same resource codes.
  + Condenser Fouling
  + Liquid-line Restriction
  + Nonstandard Charging
  + Presence of Noncondensable
* Works with,
  + Coil:Cooling:DX:SingleSpeed
  + Coil:Cooling:DX:TwoStageWithHumidityControlMode.
* Future refinement items are,
  + Capability to work with other DX models.
  + Capability of generic autosizing to hardsizing.

### Code Outline

* Define arguments.
  + DX unit where the fault occurs.
  + Fault intensity in constant value.
  + DX unit rated cooling capcity.
  + DX unit rated sensible heat ratio.
  + DX unit rated volumetric flow rate.
  + Minimum value of fault level
  + Minimum value of evaporator air inlet wet-bulb temperature
  + Maximum value of evaporator air inlet wet-bulb temperature
  + Minimum value of condenser air inlet temperature
  + Maximum value of condenser air inlet temperature
  + Minimum value of rated COP
  + Maximum value of rated COP
  + Percentage change of UA with increase of fault level level
* Find the DX unit where fault occurs.
* Check whether fault intensity value is valid between 0-1.
* Check rated SHR in the selected DX unit and replace with degraded value... shr\_modification
* Create string object in idf (with EMS) for fault implementation.
  + Create fractional schedule object for fault level implementation... \_create\_schedules\_and\_typelimits
    - Create schedule object according to fault level... \_create\_schedule\_objects\_create\_schedule\_objects
      * Returns workspace object in certain category... get\_workspace\_objects
      * Trim name without space and symbols... name\_cut
    - Create schedule object with zero and one... no\_fault\_schedules
  + Append EMS code for altering cooling capacity and EIR due to fault... \_write\_ems\_curves
    - Write EMS code to generate capacity and EIR performance curve... \_write\_q\_and\_eir\_curves
      * Write EMS code to alter performance curve... \_write\_curves
        + Get parameters from biquadratic function... para\_biquadratic\_limit
        + Write EMS main program to alter temperature curve... main\_program\_entry
    - Write EMS code to alter capacity and EIR performance... \_write\_q\_and\_eir\_adj\_routine
      * Returns parameters for capacity and EIR calculation... \_get\_parameters
        + Returns list of parameters min & max temperature & COP... \_get\_ext\_from\_argumets
        + Returns an array of coefficients... runner\_pass\_coefficients
      * Write EMS code to calculate fault impact ratio... general\_adjust\_function
      * Write dummy EMS code in case of fault is not modeled... dummy\_fault\_sub\_add
  + Append EMS code including fault level schedule... fault\_level\_sensor\_sch\_insert
  + Append EMS code for defining EMS sensor object... \_write\_ems\_sensors
    - Create EMS sensor object... ems\_sensor\_str
    - Check whether the same object already exists... check\_exist\_workspace\_objects
  + Append EMS code for defining EMS output object.

### Tests

* Test invalid user argument values to make sure measure fails gracefully
* Test different levels of fault intensity
* Test different sets of rated conditions
* Test different sets of coefficients for regression model