

Modelica, Dymola and IDEAS Crash Course 2022

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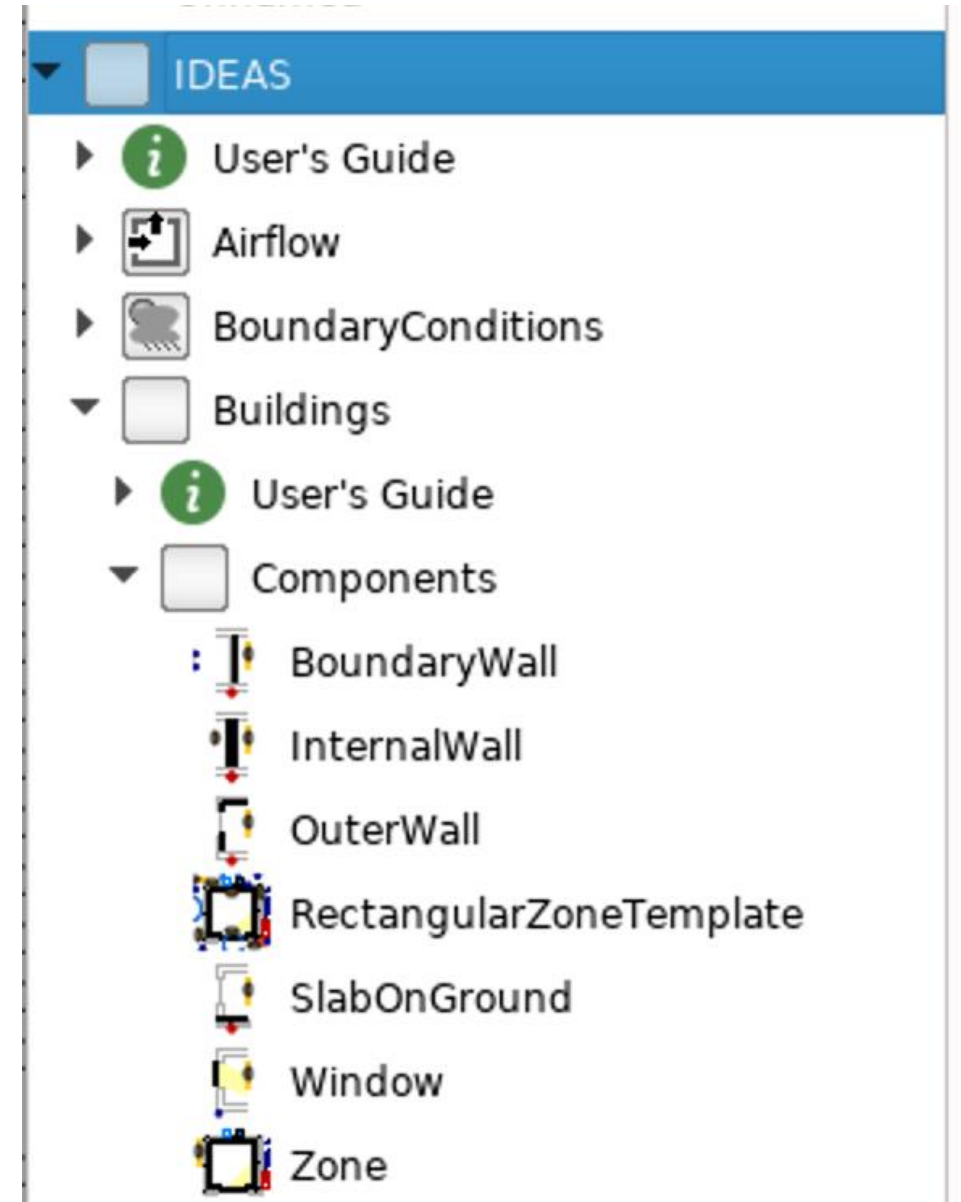
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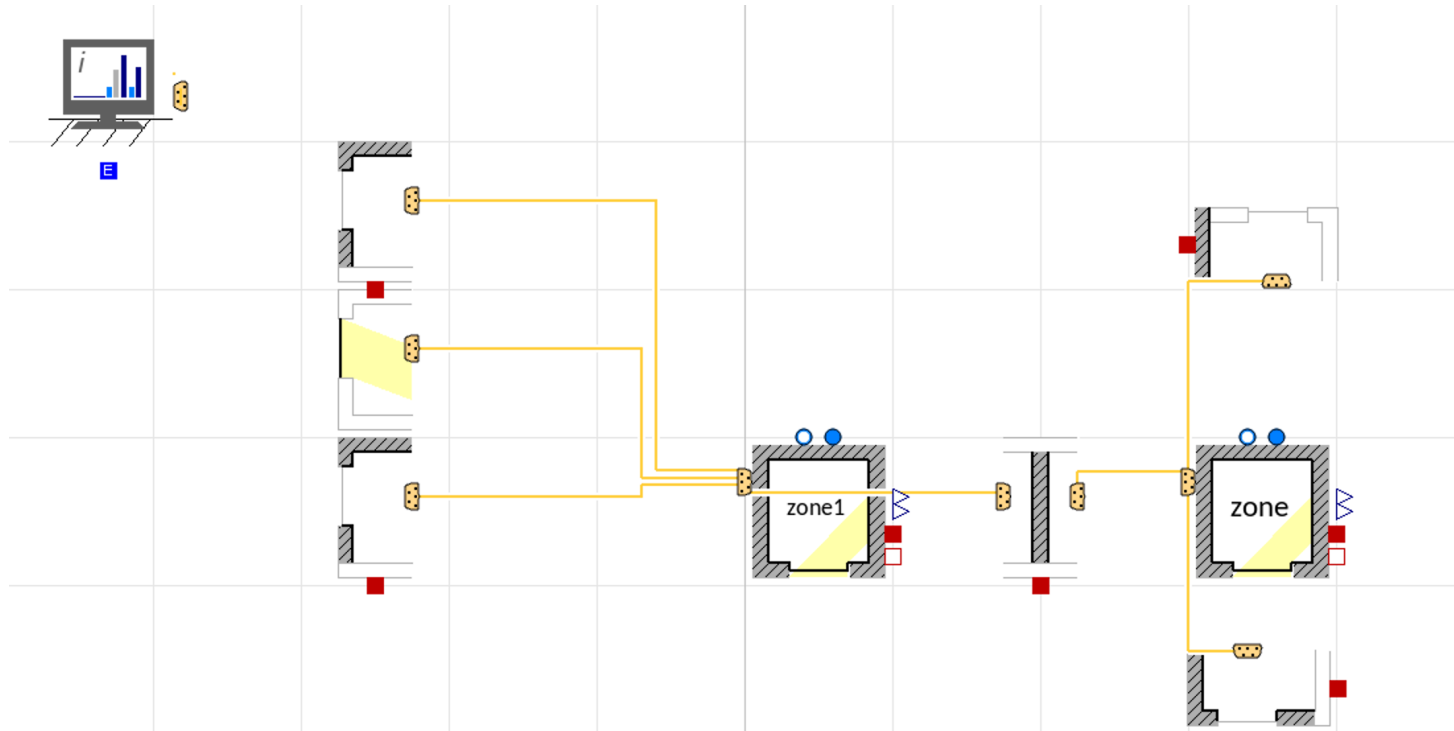
Part 3: IDEAS - principles

- Overview of components IDEAS.Buildings



Part 3: IDEAS - principles

- Philosophy
 - Direct mapping between physical objects and components
 - Exception: SimInfoManager
 - Wysiwyg – there is no magic

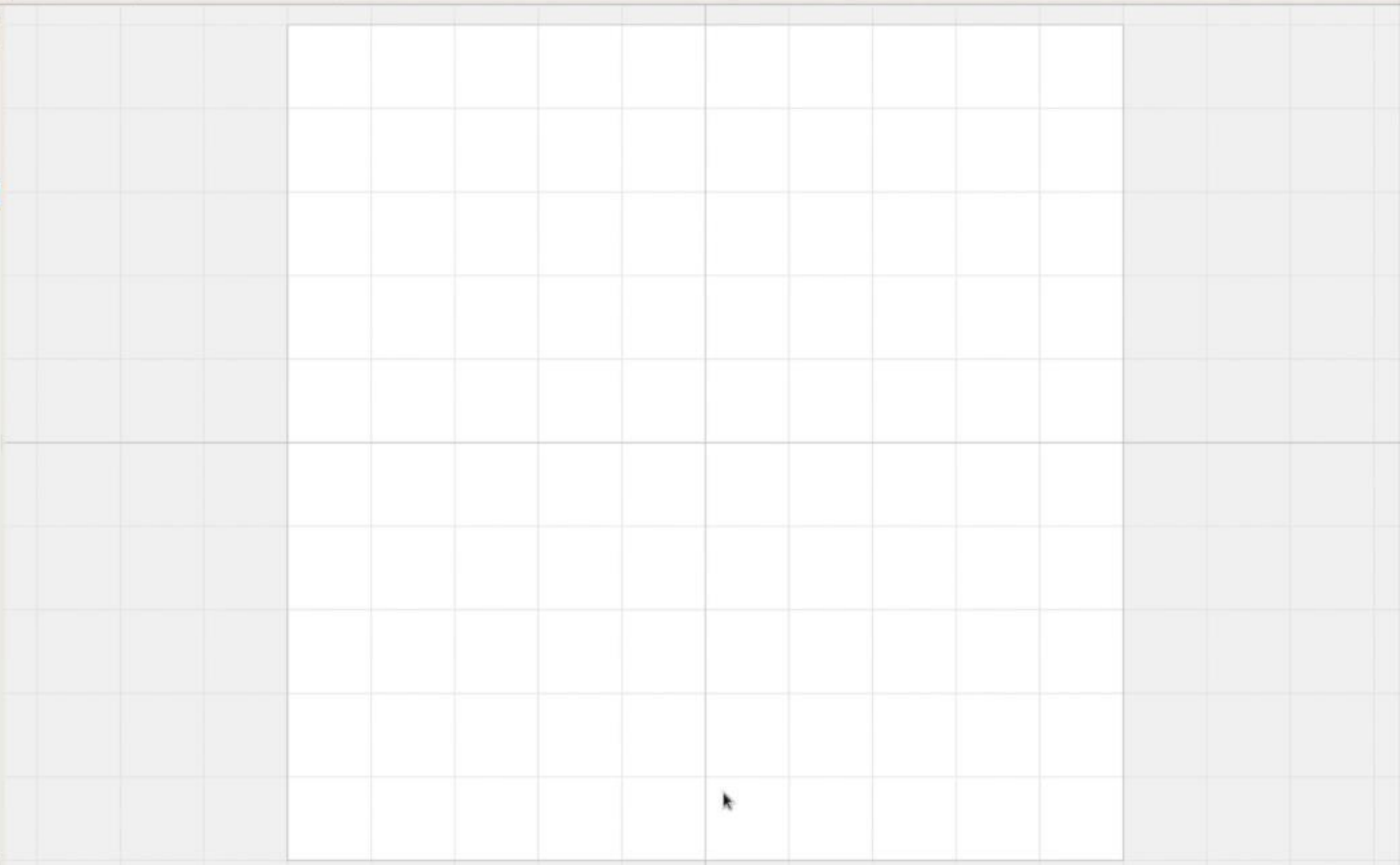




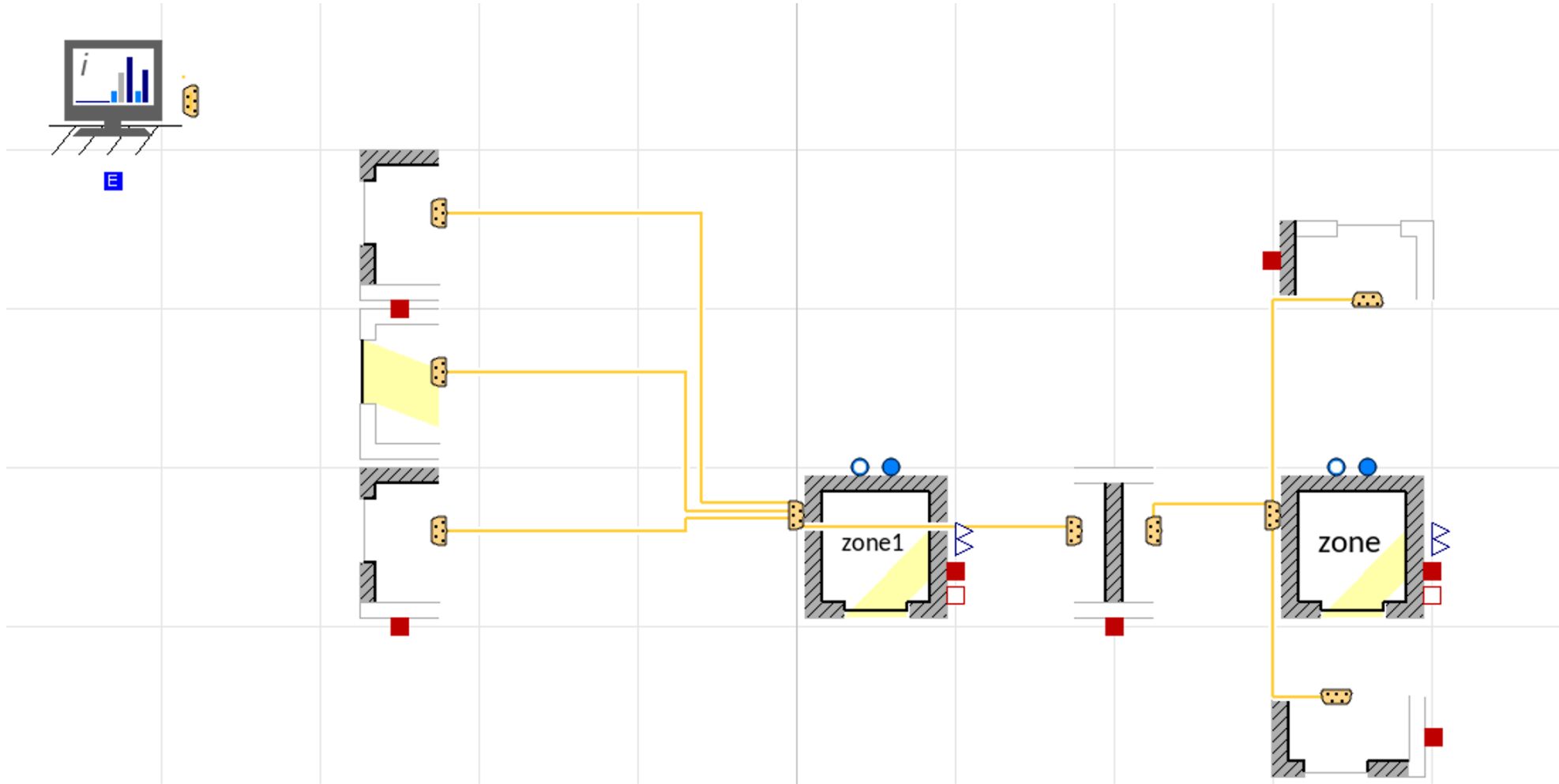
Package Browser

Model name...

- ☐ Dymola Commands
- ☐ Favorites
- ☒ Modelica Reference
- ☒ Modelica
 - Unnamed
- ▾ ☒ IDEAS
 - ☒ User's Guide
 - ☒ Airflow
 - ☒ BoundaryConditions
 - ☒ Buildings
 - ☒ Controls
 - ☒ Fluid
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 - ☒ Media
 - ☒ Templates
 - ☒ ThermalZones
 - ☒ Utilities
 - ☒ Types
 - ☒ Examples
 - ☒ Experimental



Part 3: IDEAS - Multizone



Part 3: IDEAS

- Parameterization

zone in IDEAS.Examples.Tutorial.Example1

General Advanced Initialization Add modifiers Attributes

Component

Name zone

Comment Zone model

Model

Path IDEAS.Buildings.Components.Zone

Comment Building zone model

Icon

Parameters

Medium Medium Medium in the component

nSurf 5 Number of surfaces adjacent to and heat exchanging with the zone

energyDynamicsAir Modelica.Fluid.Types.Dynamics.FixedInit Type of energy balance for air model: dynamic (3 initialization options) or steady state

Building physics

V 4*4*2.7 m³ Total zone air volume

hZone 2.8 m Zone height: distance between floor and ceiling

A V/hZone m² Total conditioned floor area

n50 0.4 n50 value cfr airtightness, i.e. the ACH at a pressure diffence of 50 Pa

Occupants (optional)

occNum redeclare IDEAS.Buildings.Components.Occ Number of occupants that are present

occTyp redeclare parameter IDEAS.Buildings.Comp Occupancy type, only used for evaluating occupancy model and comfort model

comfort redeclare IDEAS.Buildings.Components.Cor Comfort model

Lighting (optional)

rooTyp redeclare parameter IDEAS.Buildings.Compe Room type or function, currently only determines the desired lighting intensity

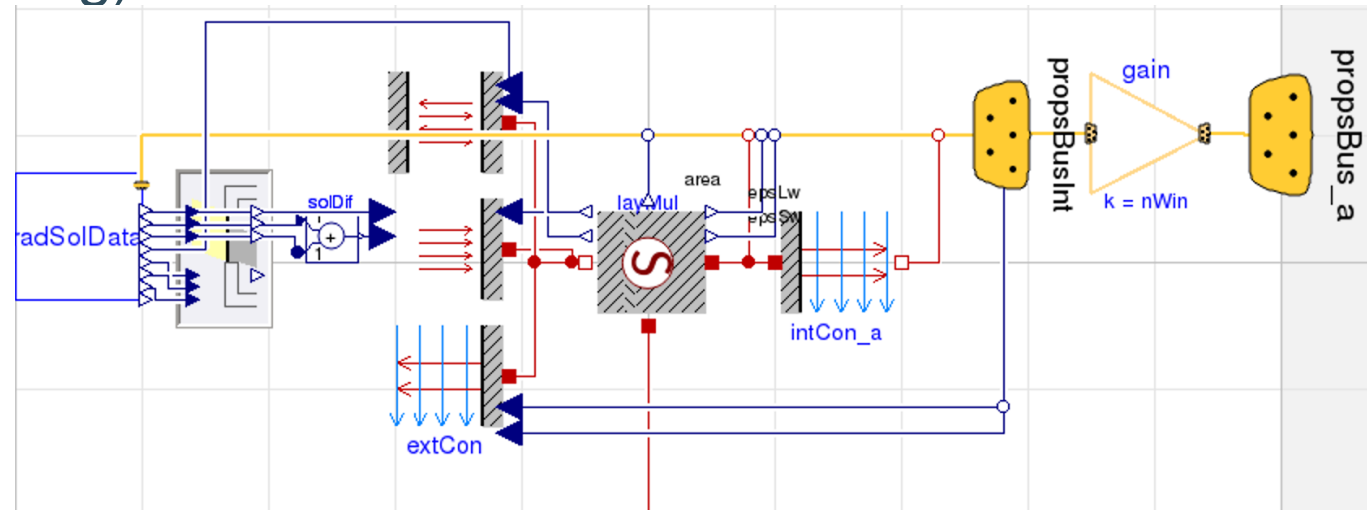
ligTyp redeclare parameter IDEAS.Buildings.Compe Lighting type, determines the lighting efficacy/efficiency

ligCtr redeclare IDEAS.Buildings.Components.Ligh Lighting control type

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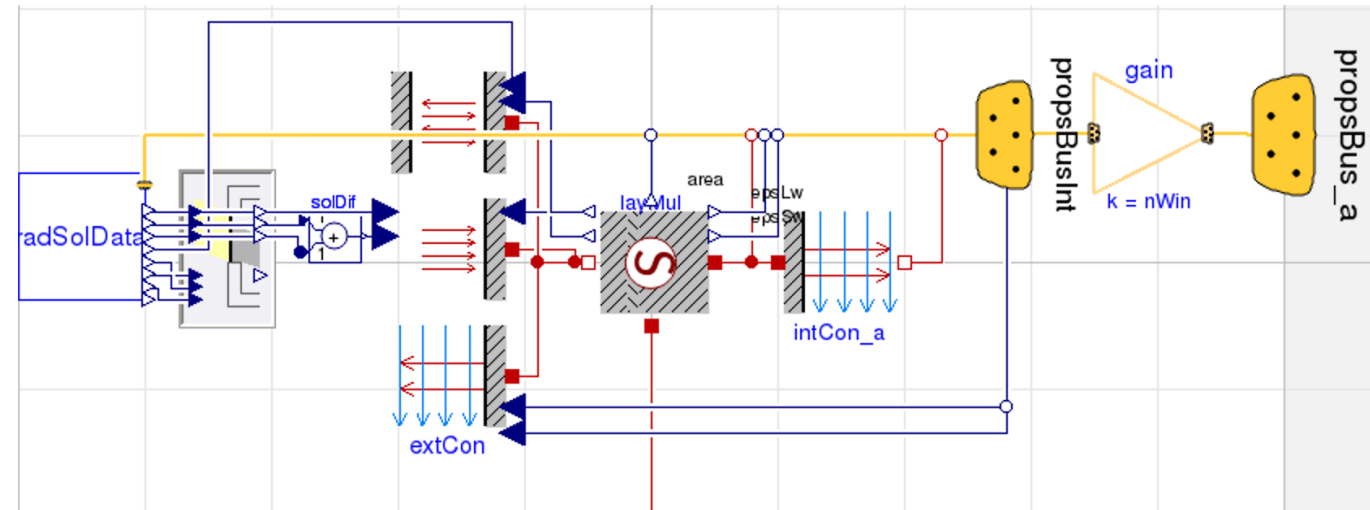
Part 3: IDEAS - physics

- Main building physics:
 - Conduction, thermal mass
 - Convective heat transfer
 - Radiative heat transfer
 - Shortwave heat gains (incl. shading)
 - Internal heat gains:
occupants, lighting



Part 3: IDEAS - physics

- Demo



Part 3: IDEAS – advanced Modelica concepts

- ‘Extending’ models:
 - Imports all equations from the extended model
 - Allows modifications/extensions on top of that model

Valve 1 `model TwoWayLinear "Two way valve with linear flow characteristics"`
 `extends BaseClasses.PartialTwoWayValveKv(phi=1 + y_actual*(1 - 1));`

Valve 2 `model TwoWayPolynomial "Two way valve with polynomial characteristic"`
 `extends IDEAS.Fluid.Actuators.BaseClasses.PartialTwoWayValveKv(`
 `phi=1 + pol_y*(1 - 1));`

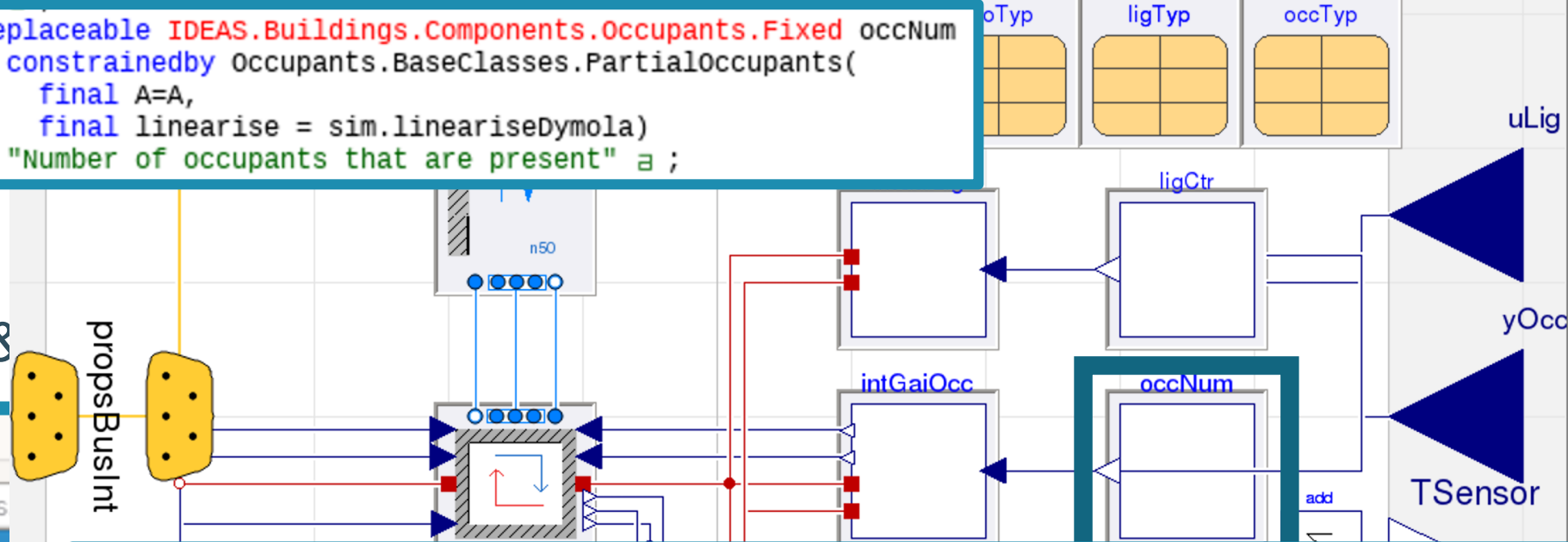
 `parameter Real[:] c`
 `"Polynomial coefficients, starting with fixed offset";`

 `protected`
 `constant Integer nP = 100`
 `"Number of points for initial algorithm test";`
 `Real pol_y = sum(c.*{y_actual^i for i in 0:size(c,1)-1})`
 `"Polynomial of valve control signal";`

Part 3: IDEAS

- Redeclare models &

```
replaceable IDEAS.Buildings.Components.Occupants.Fixed occNum
constrainedby Occupants.BaseClasses.PartialOccupants(
  final A=A,
  final linearise = sim.lineariseDymola)
"Number of occupants that are present" a ;
```



Occupants (optional)

occNum
occTyp
comfort

redeclare IDEAS.Buildings

Number of occupants
Occupancy defined by
Fixed number of occu
Number of occupants
Number of occupants

Lighting (optional)

rooTyp
ligTyp
ligCtr

redeclare parameter IDEAS

redeclare parameter IDEAS

redeclare IDEAS.Buildings

Occupants (optional)

occNum
occTyp

rede

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General

Add modifiers

Attributes

Component

Name zone.occNum

Comment

Model

Path IDEAS.Buildings.Components.Occupants.Fixed

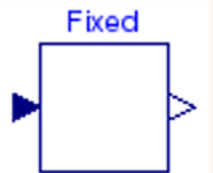
Comment Fixed number of occupants

Parameters

nOccFix 0

Fixed number of occupants

Icon

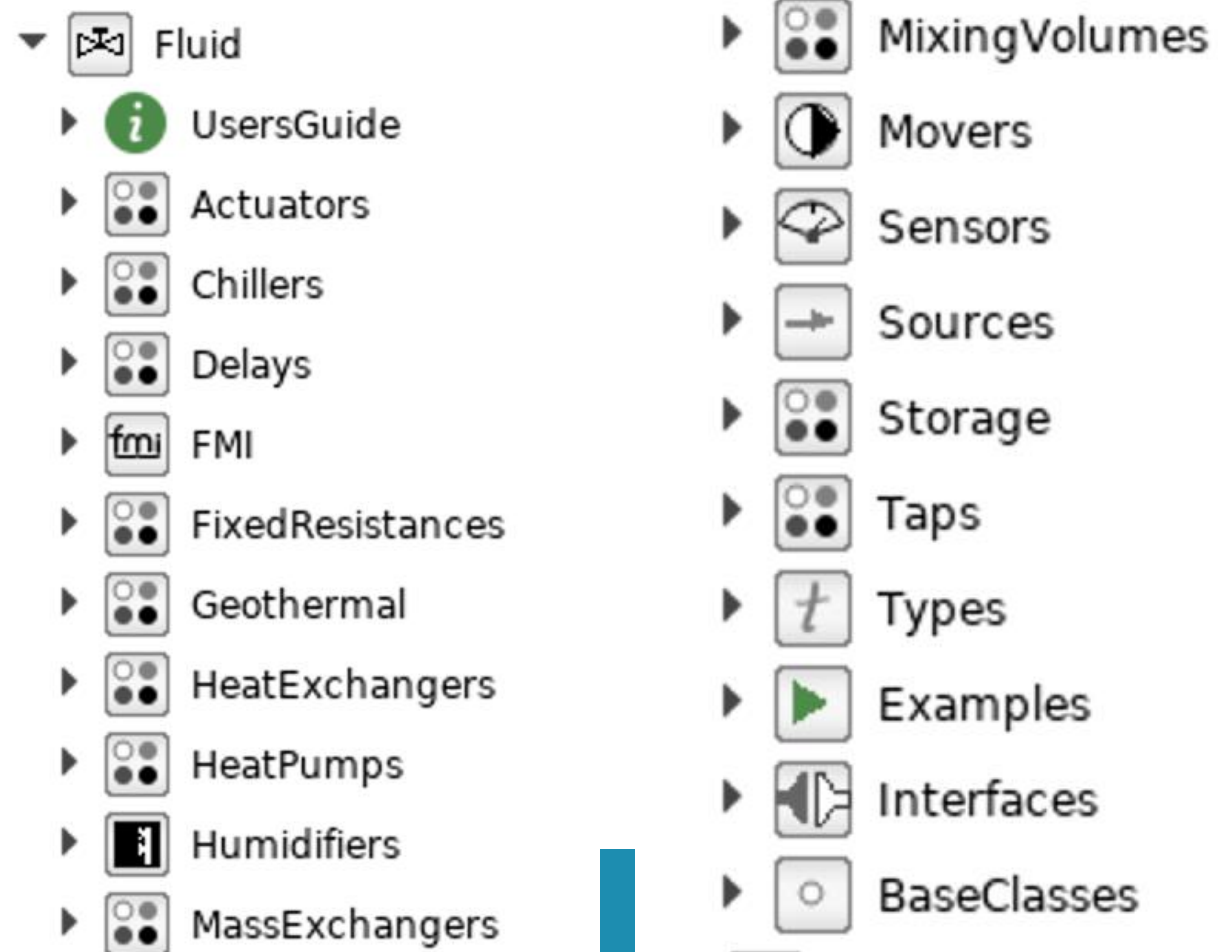


Part 3: IDEAS – envelope exercise

- Exercise (simulate at each step – compare result between steps):
 1. Create a single-room house
 1. 8 m by 4 m
 2. Double glazing 3*1.4 window
 3. Brick walls (BESTEST heavy wall), concrete floor (BESTEST heavy floor)
 2. Extend: add closed screens
 3. Extend: add a single occupant and LED lighting
 4. Create and redeclare realistic occupant schedule
 5. Split the zone in two zones using the RectangularZoneTemplate
 1. Zone 1: north facing window
 2. Zone 2: south facing window





Part 4: IDEAS – HVAC & utilities overview

- IDEAS.Fluid, IDEAS.Media, IDEAS.Utilities



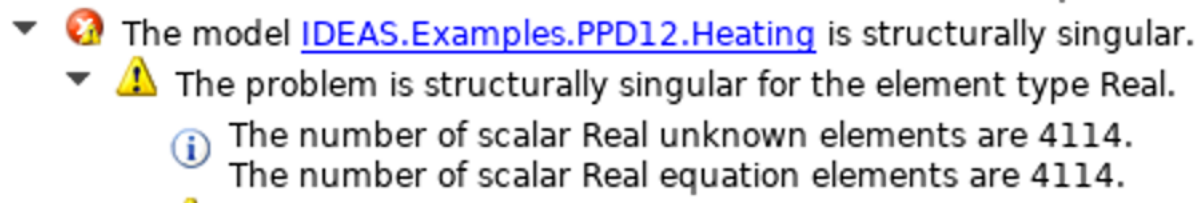
Part 4: some Modelica fundamentals

- Modelica is a generic modelling language
 - I.e. not tailored to buildings
- Important language requirements:
 - # equations = # variables
 - Equations should not contradict each other (e.g. adding both $x = 1$ and $x = 0$)
 - Solution to equations should exist (e.g. don't try $x^2 = -1$)
- These requirements are abstract and are hidden from the user by library developers. However, they pop up sometimes, leading to unclear errors like:

- ▼  The model [IDEAS.Examples.PPD12.Heating](#) is structurally singular.
- ▼  The problem is structurally singular for the element type Real.
 -  The number of scalar Real unknown elements are 4114.
 -  The number of scalar Real equation elements are 4114.

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- IDEAS.Buildings is fairly robust as long as each zone propsBus connector is connected to exactly one surface propsBus connector.
- IDEAS.Fluid pressure drop circuits can require some experience:
 - Set absolute pressure in flow circuits
 - Don't oversimplify pressure drops

Part 4: some Modelica fundamentals

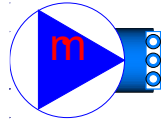
- Modelica.Fluid.Interfaces.FluidPort
 - Potential variable: pressure
 - Flow variable: mass flow rate

```
connector FluidPort
  "Interface for quasi one-dimensional fluid flow in a piping network (incompressible or com

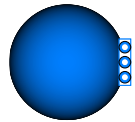
  replaceable package Medium = Modelica.Media.Interfaces.PartialMedium
    "Medium model" a ;

  flow Medium.MassFlowRate m_flow
    "Mass flow rate from the connection point into the component";
  Medium.AbsolutePressure p "Thermodynamic pressure in the connection point";
  stream Medium.SpecificEnthalpy h_outflow
    "Specific thermodynamic enthalpy close to the connection point if m_flow < 0";
  stream Medium.MassFraction Xi_outflow[Medium.nXi]
    "Independent mixture mass fractions m_i/m close to the connection point if m_flow < 0";
  stream Medium.ExtraProperty C_outflow[Medium.nC]
    "Properties c_i/m close to the connection point if m_flow < 0";
end FluidPort;
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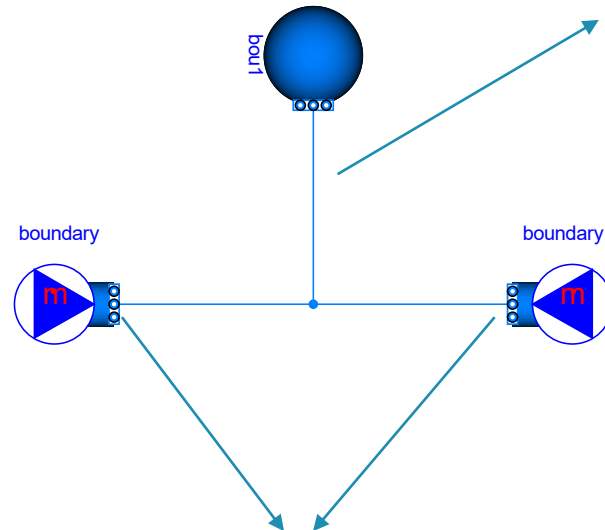

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Sets m_flow = some input



Sets dp = some input

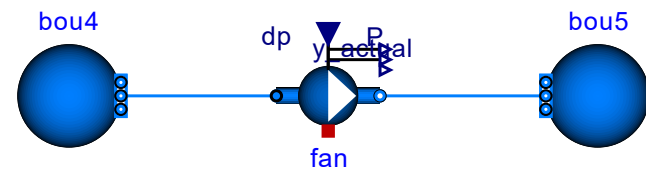
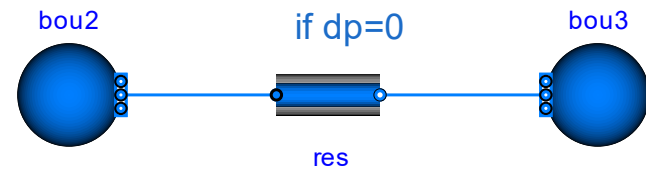
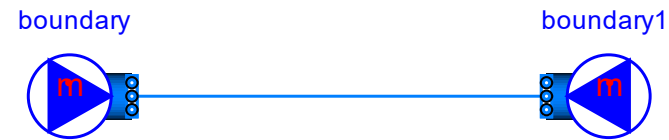
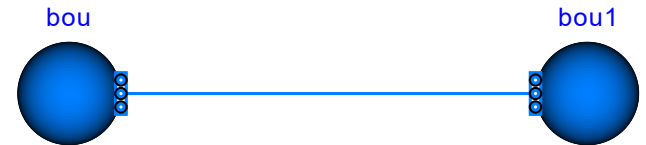


Flow rate equals sum of flow rates set by boundary and boundary1

Pressure equals pressure set by bou1

Part 4: some Modelica fundamentals

- Some illegal circuits:



Further reading

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Part 4: IDEAS – HVAC exercise

- Using building envelope of step 5 (see IDEAS.Examples.Tutorial):
 1. Add geothermal heat pump heating system
 2. Add a heat pump controller
 3. Compute energy use and export it in a json file
 4. Add a CO₂-controlled ventilation system