# ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL LIBRARY

Overview





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- Latest Release: 2021.1





# ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL LIBRARY

- A Modelica model library for aircraft environmental control systems analysis and design
- Designed to study energy consumption and thermal conditions that affect the level of comfort for passengers and crew
- Performance aspects driven by large variations in ambient conditions (humidity, temperature)
- ECL models account for important effects through first principles and fully support bidirectional flow.
- Developed internally at Modelon since a number of years together with a European airframe company
- ECL is a package hardened through industrial program deployment







#### **KEY BENEFITS**

- Flexible composition of user-defined system architectures for efficient model management
- Real-time capable high performance models, enabling Hardware-In-the-Loop (HIL) applications
- Full support for bidirectional flow for analysis of all modes of operation on ground and in flight
- Efficient representation of moist air, enabling robust and fast simulation of large-scale systems
- Online visualization of simulation results for intuitive understanding of the system behaviour
- Configurable model fidelity for faster simulation and right complexity level
- Easy integration with other libraries



#### **KEY CAPABILITES**

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- Air cycle refrigeration systems that can be modeled
  - Two wheel bootstrap system
  - Three wheel bootstrap system
  - Reversed bootstrap system
  - Ram powered reverse bootstrap
- Vapor cycle refrigeration systems
- Liquid cooled systems



C919, air cycle machine Source: Wikipedia



#### **KEY APPLICATIONS**

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- Offline simulation of complete ECL-system through complete flight envelope and all operating conditions
  - Large systems
  - Includes controls, sequential and feedback
- Real time simulation of the same system models
  - Some simplifications, but the same overall model (real time capability achieved through model configuration selection)
  - To be included in the special flight simulator hardware
- Cabin and ram air modeling



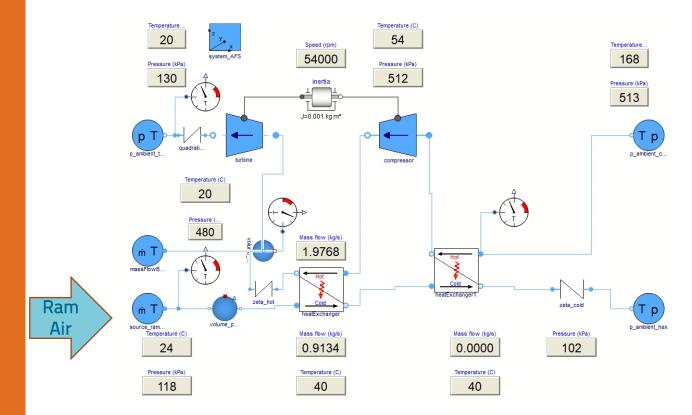
#### EXAMPLE: RAM AIR COOLING SYSTEM

Quasi-steady-state components:

- System
- Turbines
- Compressors
- Heat exchangers
- Flow resistances
- Sinks/sources

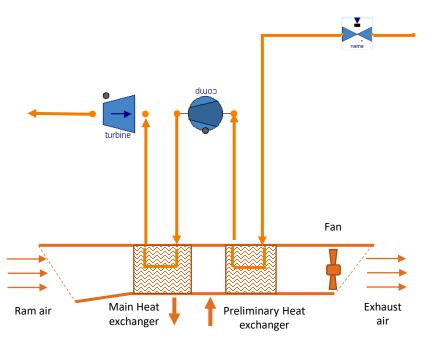
#### Mass and energy storage:

• Dynamic volumes (incl. E.g. moisture condensation)





#### A RAM AIR COOLING SYSTEM



• A system architecture like the above can be easily built using ECL

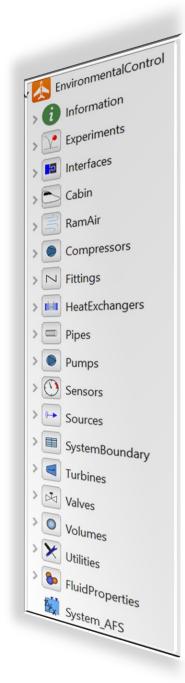


#### LIBRARY CONTENTS

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- An efficient and numerically robust framework suitable for largescale complex systems.
- The library includes:
  - Heat exchangers
  - Compressors
  - Turbines
  - Pumps
  - Volumes
  - Valves
  - Cabin
  - Ram air
  - Pipes
  - Fittings

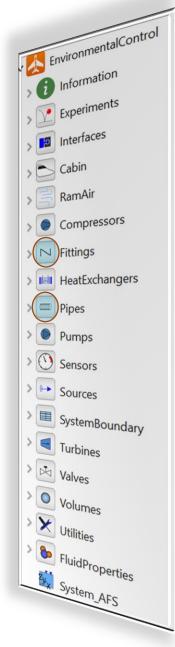




# **PIPES AND FITTINGS**

- Pipe model that lets you choose between purely static mass and energy balances and one with (optional) dynamic volume included
- Heat transfer: external only exposes volume temperature to port, internal resistance defined by constant coefficient
- Fittings contain flow resistance models based on flow characteristic functions that can determine flow from either pressure drop or mass flow rate.

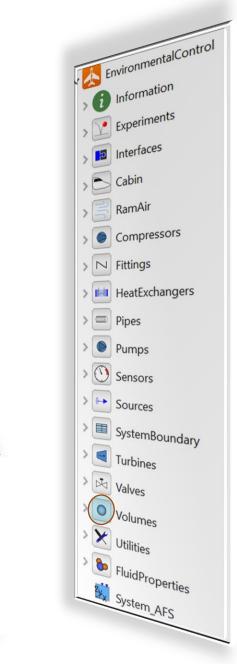






## VOLUMES

- Dynamic energy and mass balances
- Volume without hydraulic resistance
- Spray volume with additional water spray inlet
- Static water separator model



Volumes

Information

MultiportVolume

TwoportVolume

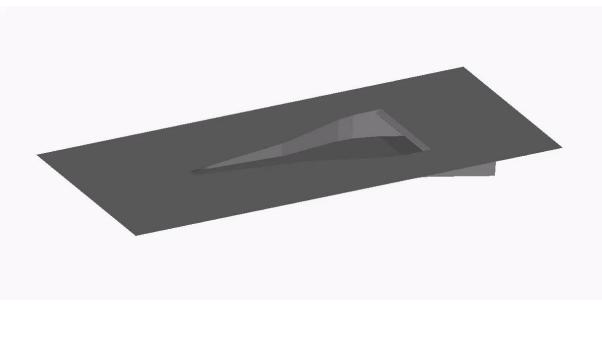
- WaterSeparator

SprayVolume



# **CABIN AND RAM AIR**

- Models for aircraft cabins with lumped pressure and temperature.
- Models for ram air channel components.

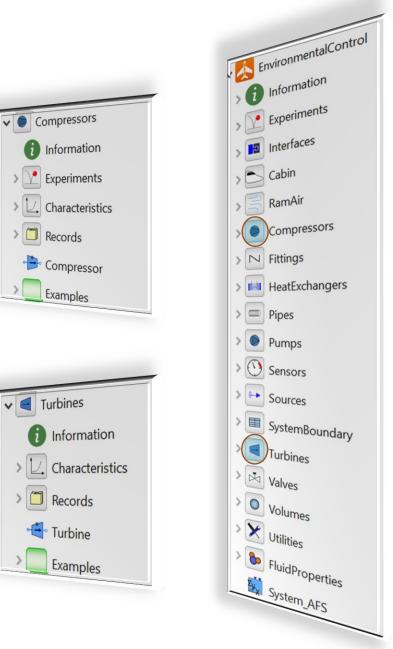






# **TURBINE AND COMPRESSOR**

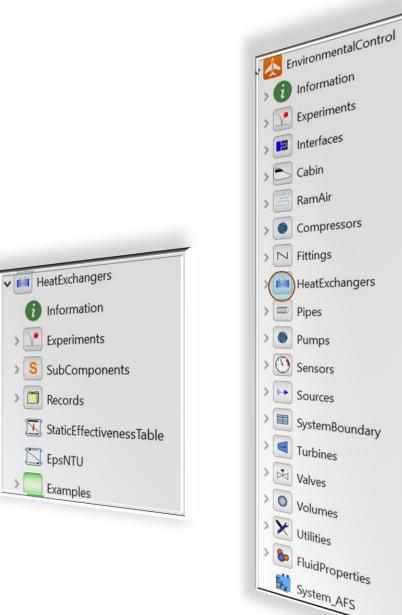
- Table based components
- Characteristic maps to be provided as tables
- Draft physical components based on Hans' ideas.





#### **HEAT EXCHANGERS**

- Table based component with water condensation
- Basic EpsNTU-version (dry conditions only)



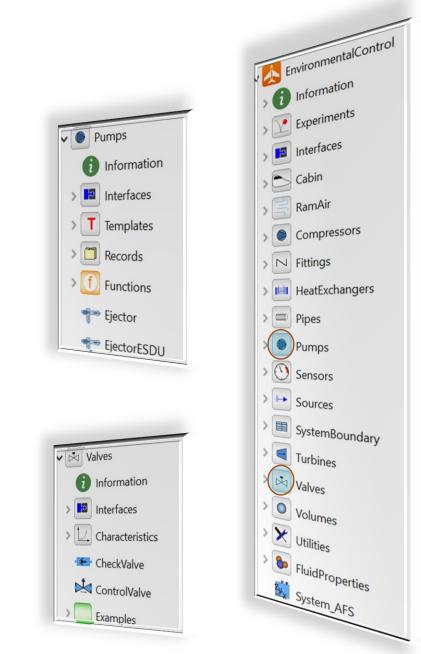




## **PUMPS AND VALVES**

- Ejector with three ports
  - Motive flow inlet port
  - Suction port
  - Discharge port
- Ejector ESDU

- Check valve
- Control valve (Kv-value parameterization)

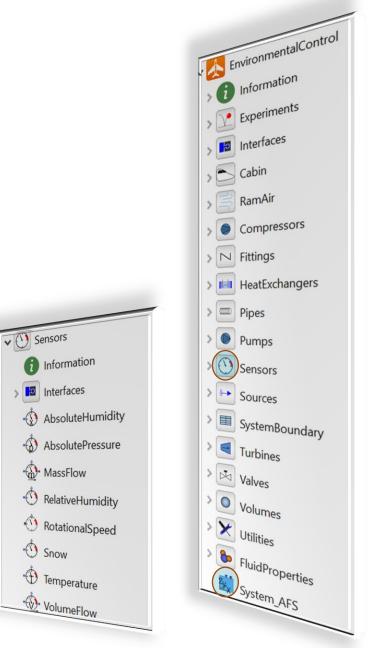




# SENSORS AND FLUIDS

- Single port sensors: p, T
- Two port flow sensors: m\_flow, V\_flow

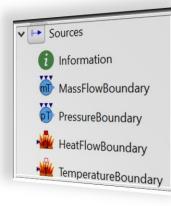
- System settings and boundary conditions
  - System settings (altitude, Mach number, etc.)

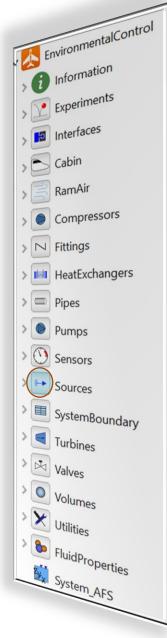




# **BOUNDARY CONDITIONS**

- Pressure source/sink,
- Mass flow source/sink
- Options: set parameters, signal inputs, use atmosphere information from system component







#### **MODELON COMPATIBILITY**

#### **RECOMMENDED MODELON LIBRARY COMPATIBILITY**

- Air cycle refrigeration systems
  - Turbofan system
  - Bootstrap system
  - Reversed bootstrap system
  - Ram powered reverse bootstrap

• Vapor cycle refrigeration systems

Liquid cooled systems

 Environmental Control Library

**Fuel System Library** 

positioning in 3D space
air/fuel mixed and unmixed

Vapor Cycle Library

Liquid Cooling Library

Heat Exchanger Library

acceleration forces

- moist air
- turbines
- fans
- compressors
- ejector

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#### LATEST RELEASE



# **RELEASE: 2021.2**

# **New Features**

• The pressureRecovery parameter is now a replaceable model in RecoveryFactor. This allows the possibility to redeclare a custom model to compute the pressure recovery factor

# Enhancements

- Removed not in use parameters from system\_AFS component
- Some icon rendering issues have been fixed

