# Development and Commercialization of an IDAES-Based Power Plant Performance Monitoring and Optimization System

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#### SBIR Project Overview

#### Introduction

- IDAES (Institute for the Design of Advanced Energy Systems)
- Open-source computational platform.
- Extensive modeling environment for power plant and process applications.
- Equation-oriented analytics
- Supports dynamic analysis and optimization.
- IDAES is ideally suited for the energy-system modeling challenges of the future

#### Problem Identification:

- Building IDAES models requires IDAES-specific expertise
- No user interface to support IDAES model building
- IDAES modeling is implemented via Python-language programs.
- Many process-system engineers are not familiar with Python.

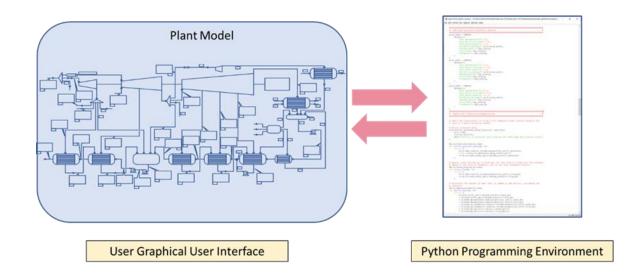
#### • Solution:

- Develop a desktop software application to support IDAES users.
- Implement a flowsheet-based, graphical-user-interface.
- Eliminate the need for user to write Python programs.
- Make IDAES easier to use.



### Software Concept

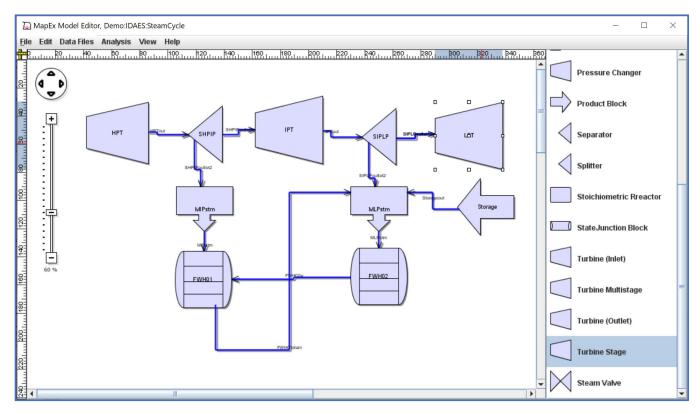
- User builds model using flowsheet GUI.
- Software creates the Python code needed to run the IDAES analysis.
- Software runs analysis and retrieves results for display on flowsheet.





#### User Experience

- User Interacts with the software via the flowsheet Graphical User Interface (GUI)
- Open an existing model or to create a new model
- Add/delete equipment icons (unit-models)
- Add/delete streams (arcs) connecting unit models
- Enter input data via dialogs assessed from flowsheet
- Run Analysis
  - Software generates IDAES Python code file
  - IDAES analysis runs and generates results
- Results are displayed on flowsheet
- Save model for future access





#### Model-Controller-View Software Design

#### The Model

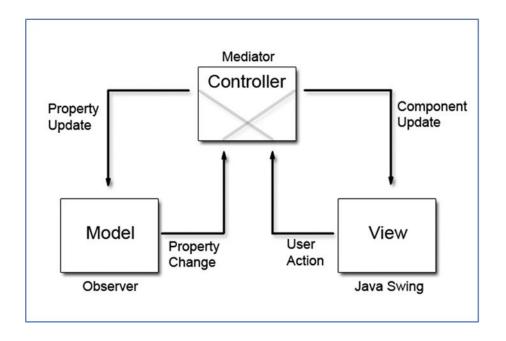
- Manages the data of the application
- Implements the IDAES analysis
- Receives user input from the Controller
- Model does not communicate directly with the View.

#### The View

- Renders a graphical (GUI) presentation of the model data.
- Handles interactions with the software user
- View is independent of the Model.
- The same View component is used for the hybrid analytics system being developed in DOE project DE-FE00031753.

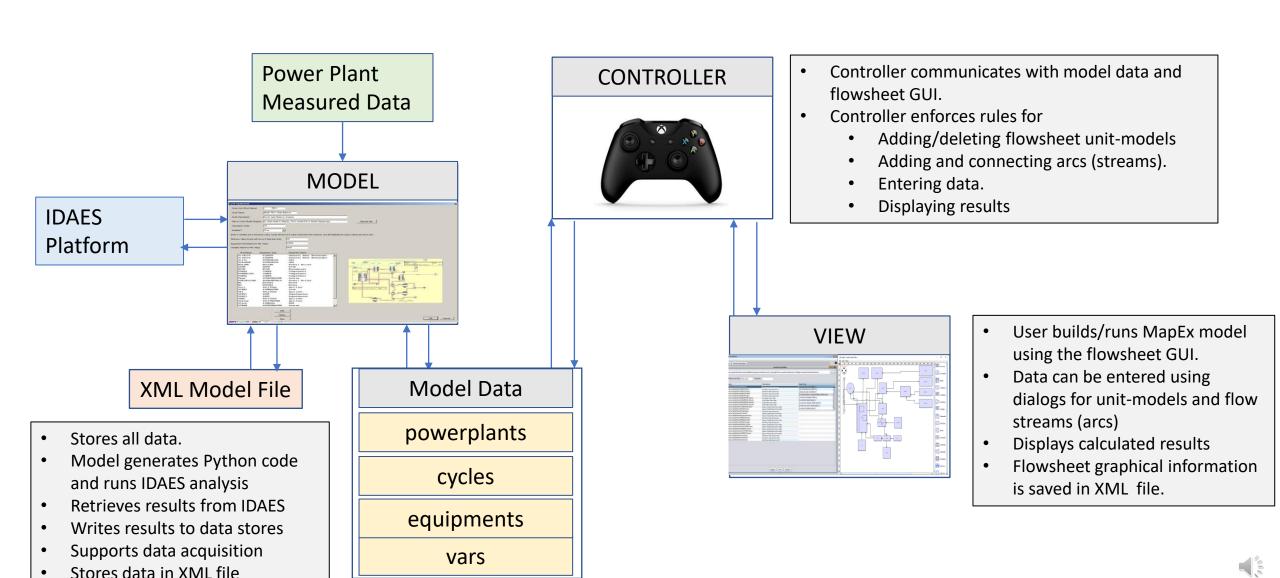
#### The Controller

- Responds to the user input from the View and performs interactions on the data model objects
- The Controller receives the input, optionally validates it, and then passes the input to the Model





#### Model-View-Controller Implementation



#### Build and Run an IDAES Model

#### 1. Construct flowsheet representation of the model

- a) Add equipment icons to flowsheet
  - 1. Drag selected equipment icon onto flowsheet
  - 2. Give the equipment a name
- b) Add flow streams between equipment icons
  - 1. Drag cursor from source equipment to target equipment
  - 2. Specify the source port and target port
  - 3. Give the stream a name

#### 2. Enter/Edit Input Data

- a) Double-click on equipment to view its input/output variables
- b) Edit data for each variable by right-clicking "edit"

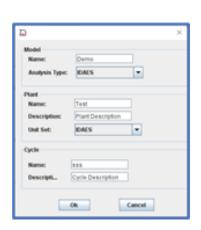
#### 3. Click: Run Analysis

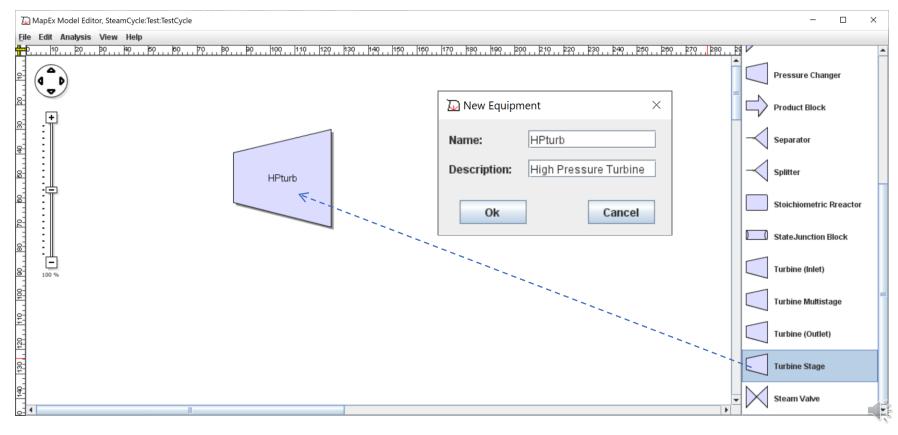
- a) Software generates Python code file representing the model and its data
- b) Open and run the file in your Python development environment (Idle or Spyder)
- c) Running and retrieving results will be automated in Phase II



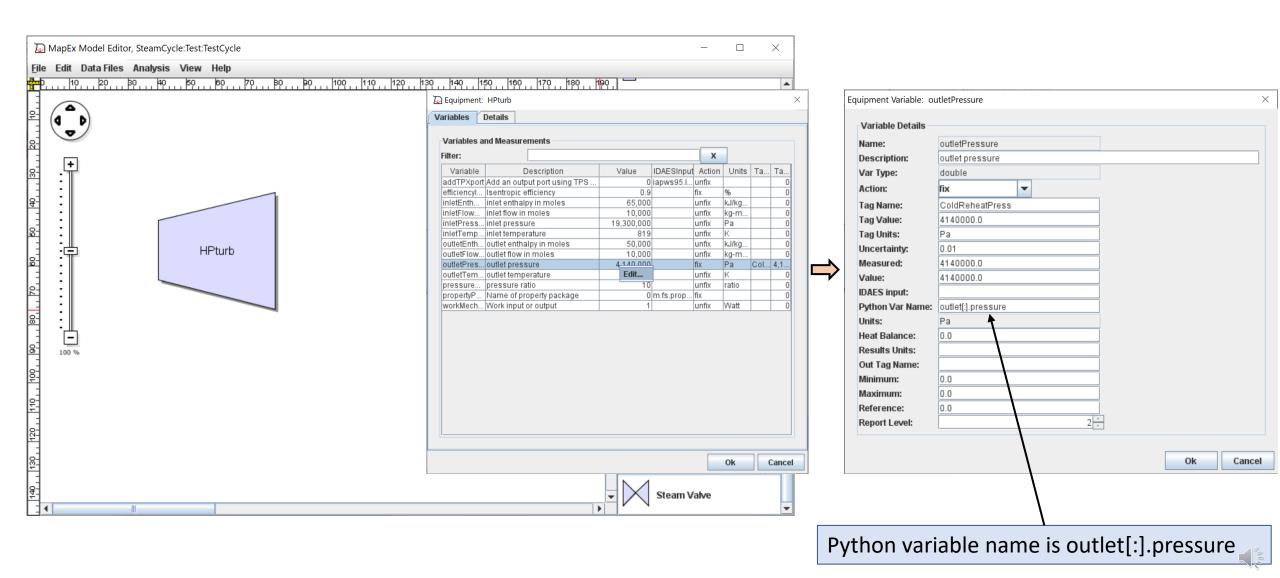
# Build Flowsheet Model of a Power Plant Cycle

- Create a new IDAES (cycle) model
  - Input names of Model, Plant and Cycle
- Add unit models
  - Drag Icons onto Flowsheet

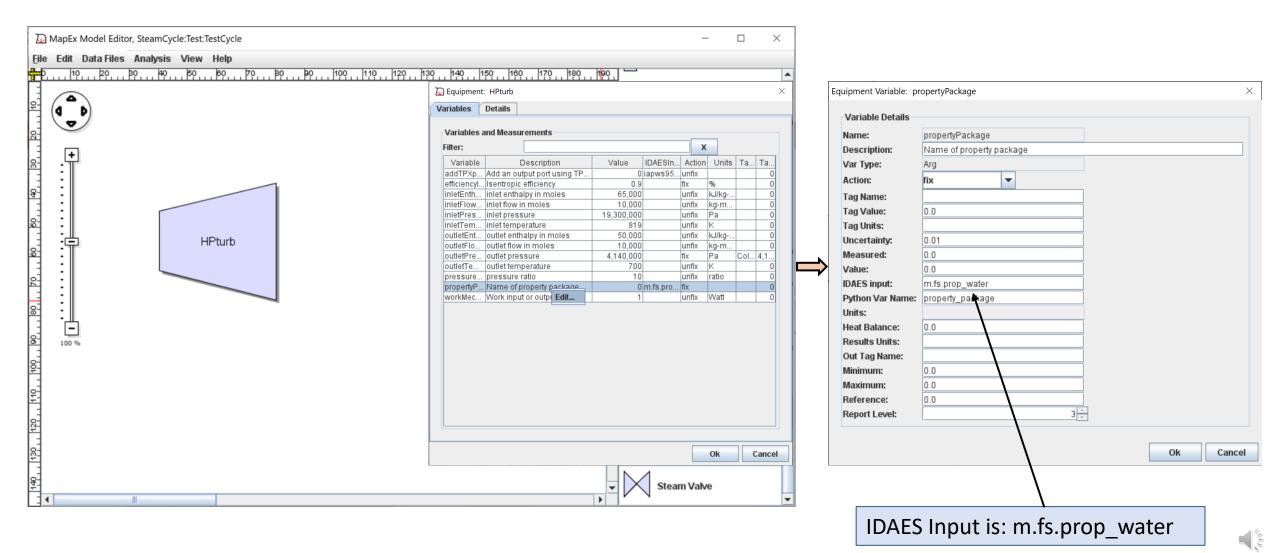




# Edit Input Data (Outlet Pressure) for Turbine Stage

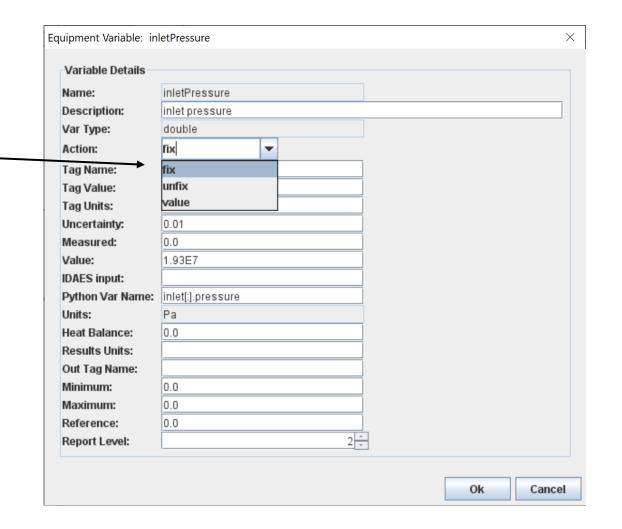


# Some Inputs (property\_package) are strings



# Fix/Unfix Variable Values

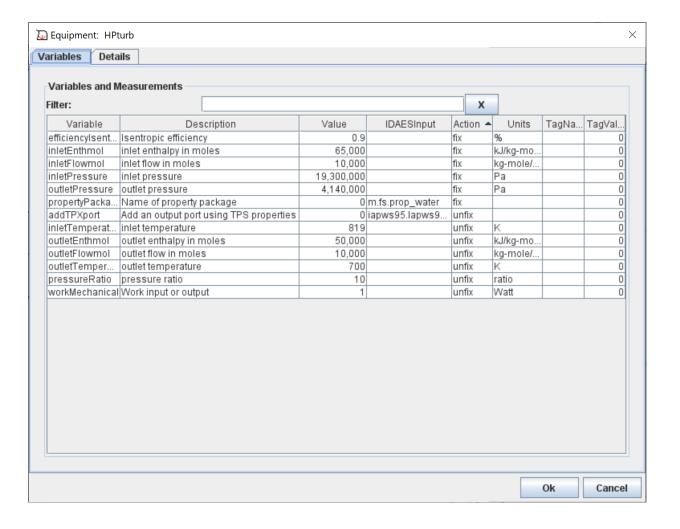
- The user can choose to how the input Value is used.
  - fix set the input value of the variable to the Value
  - unfix leave the value of the variable unspecified, free to be determined by the analysis
  - value input an initial value





### Fix Multiple Inputs for HPturb

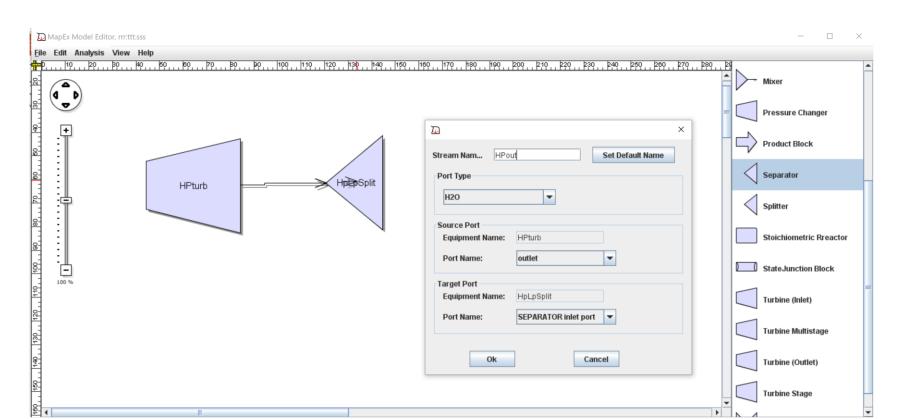
- Set input values for a sufficient number of input variables to enable prediction of HPturb power and outlet enthalpy.
- Fix values of
  - efficiency
  - inlet enthalpy
  - Inlet flow
  - Inlet pressure
  - outlet pressure
- At this point the analysis is ready to run!





# Add Splitter to the Cycle

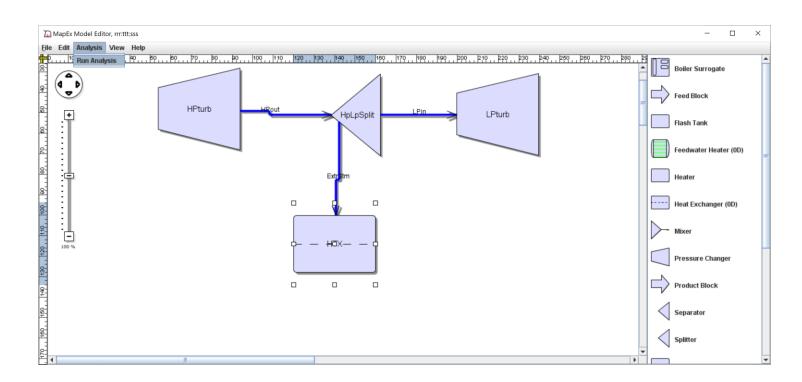
- Add a Separator equipment icon to cycle and name it HPIPSplit
- Click on HPturb, then drag stream to HpLpSplit
- Choose ports at stream inlet and outlet
- Give the stream a name





# Generate IDAES Python Code

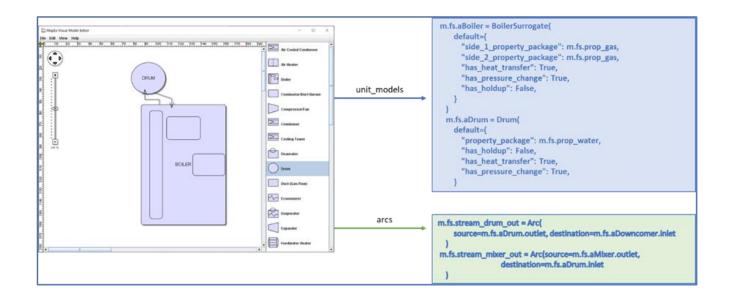
- Add LPturb and HTX equipment icons to cycle and draw flow streams
- Click "Run Analysis"
- Python code file representing the current flowsheet model is generated
  - Default name is: CycleName\_PythonCode.py
- Analysis does not yet run automatically
  - Load file into Spyder (or your chosen Python development environment) to run manually





#### Python Code File

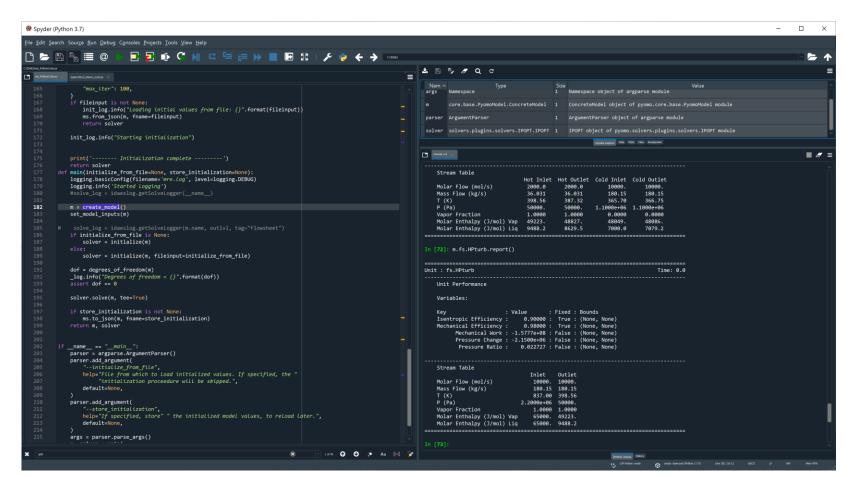
- Software creates a file containing Python code to run the flowsheet cycle.
- Diagram below shows Python code to:
  - Add Boiler and Drum unit-model and specify optional inputs
  - Add connecting Arcs (flow streams) between Boiler and Drum





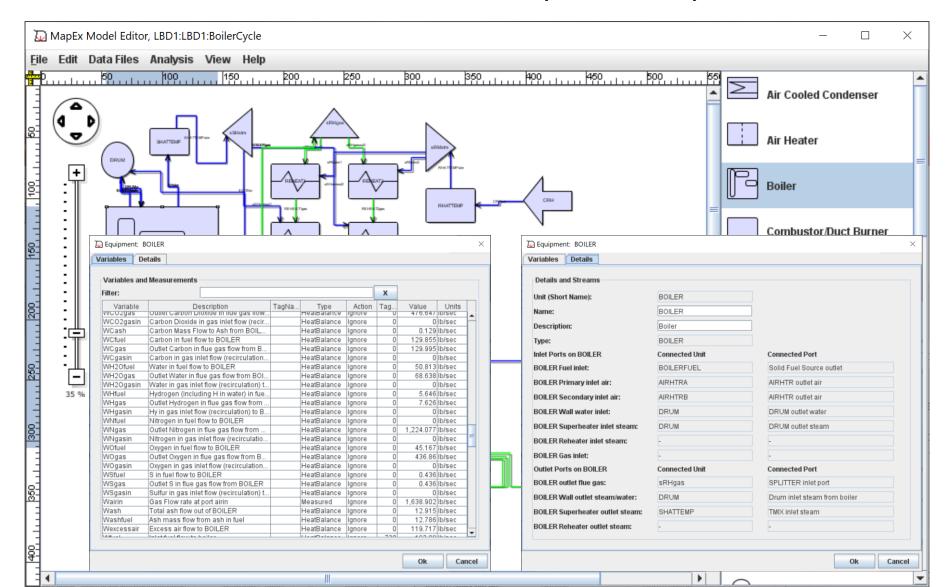
### Manually Open and Run Python File

- Use Spyder to open the file: C:\IDAES\CycleName\_PythonCode.py
- Click "Run"
- Screen below shows the model and calculated results in Spyder



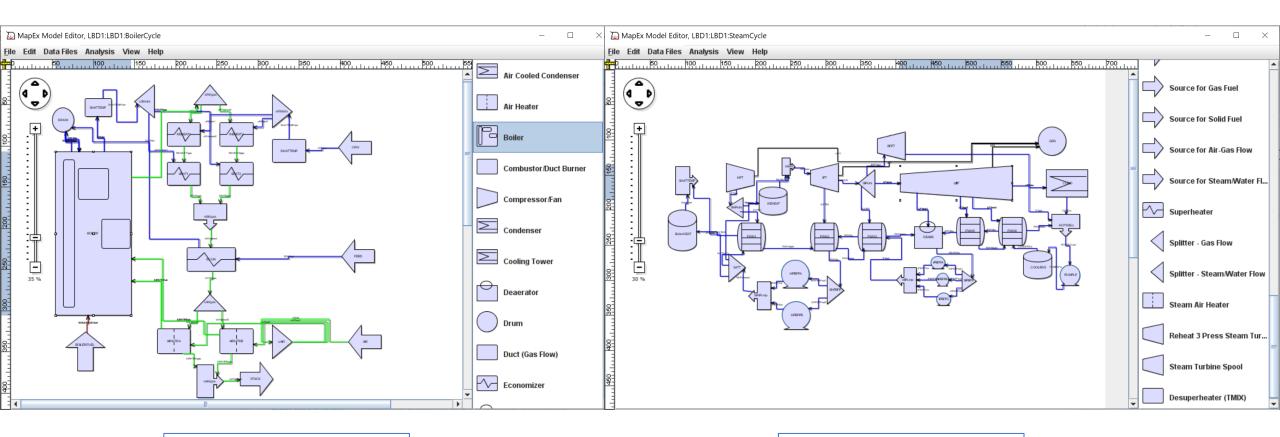


#### Review Calculated Results (Boiler)





### Example: Model of a Coal-Fired-Power-Plant



**Boiler Cycle** 

Steam Cycle



#### Model Data

Model data is Hierarchical

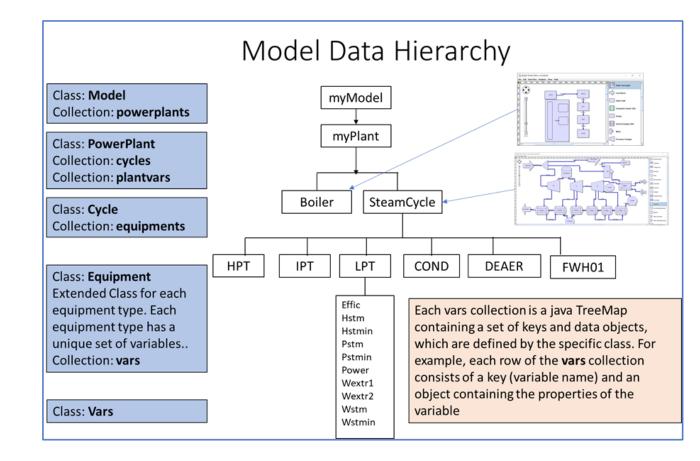
Model Data

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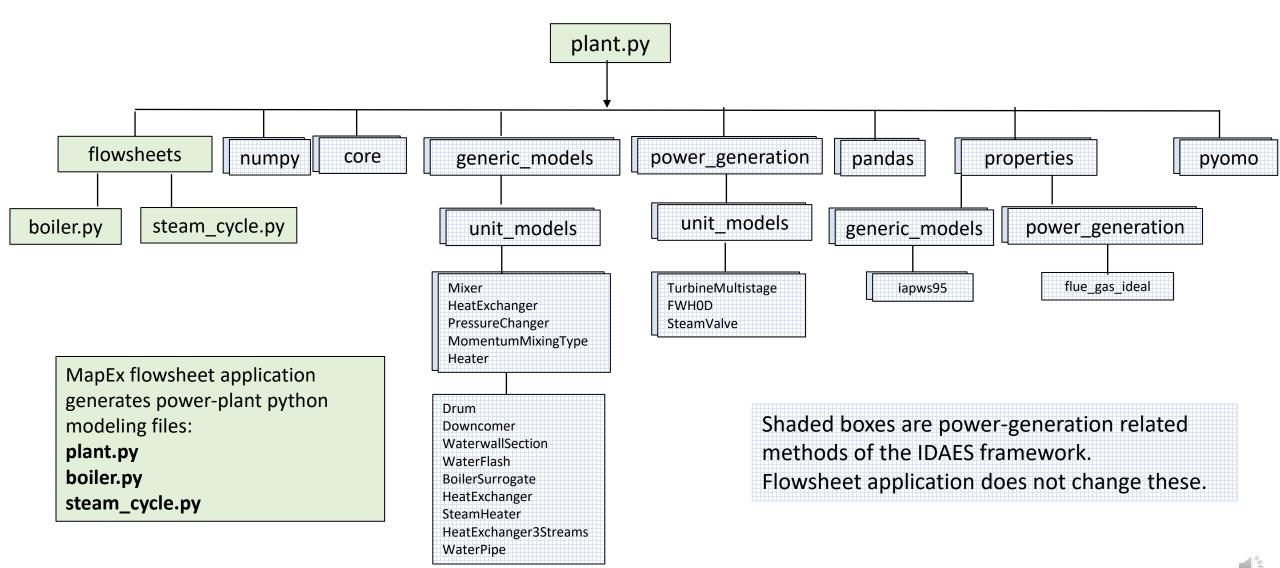
### Python Code File

#### The IDAES Python code file includes up to ten blocks of coding:

- 1. Import Python-IDAES-Pyomo Environment
- Create Flowsheet and Pyomo Model
- 3. Add Unit Models
- 4. Add Arcs Connecting Unit Models
- 5. Set Model Parameters, Fix Variables and Initial Guesses
- 6. Add Custom User Variables/Constraints/Expressions
- 7. Initialize Unit Models
- 8. Solve Pyomo Model
- 9. Define Outputs
- 10. Write Results

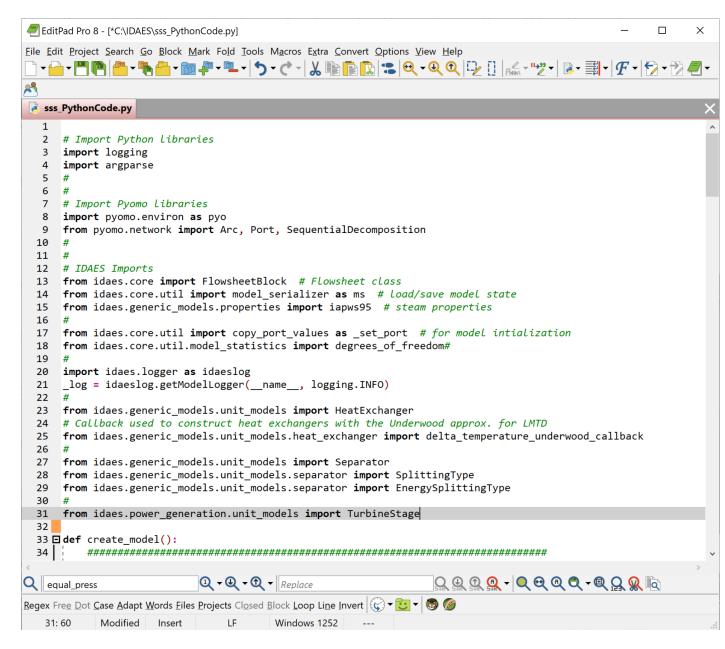


# IDAES Environment: Escalante Power Plant Model



# 1. Import Python-IDAES Environment

- Python import statements are required for IDAES classes
- Locations of IDAES files may change over time
  - IDAES models from previous releases of IDAES may not run with the current release
  - Backward compatibility will be desired in the future





#### 2. Create Pyomo Model and Flowsheet

- Application creates a pyomo concrete model: m
- Then Inserts a flowsheet: fs
- Steam/water properties: iapws95

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          m = pvo.ConcreteModel(name="sss")
          m.fs = FlowsheetBlock(default={"dynamic": False}) # Add steady state flowsheet
  39
  40
          # A physical property parameter block for IAPWS-95 with pressure and enthalpy
          # (PH) state variables. Usually pressure and enthalpy state variables are
  41
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          # more robust especially when the phases are unknown.
          m.fs.prop water = iapws95.Iapws95ParameterBlock(
              default={"phase presentation": iapws95.PhaseType.LG}
  46
          # A physical property parameter block with temperature, pressure and vapor
          # fraction (TPx) state variables. There are a few instances where the vapor
  49
          # fraction is known and the temperature and pressure state variables are
  50
          # preferable.
          m.fs.prop water tpx = iapws95.Iapws95ParameterBlock(
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              default={
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                  "phase_presentation": iapws95.PhaseType.LG,
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                  "state_vars": iapws95.StateVars.TPX,
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#### 3. Add Unit Models to Flowsheet

- Unit Models:
  - TurbineStage
  - Separator
  - HeatExchanger
- Default options are supported

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         #TurbineStage HPturb Equations
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         m.fs.HPturb = TurbineStage(
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              default= {
 62
                  "property package": m.fs.prop water,
 63
 64
 65
         #HeatExchanger HTX Equations
         m.fs.HTX = HeatExchanger(
 68 Ë
              default= {
 69
                  "shell": {"property_package": m.fs.prop_water},
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                  "tube": {"property package": m.fs.prop water},
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         #Separator HpLpSplit Equations
         m.fs.HpLpSplit = Separator(
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              default= {
                  "energy_split_basis": EnergySplittingType.equal_temperature,
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                  "outlet list": ["outlet 1", "outlet 2", "outlet 3"],
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                  "property_package": m.fs.prop_water,
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                  "split basis": SplittingType.totalFlow,
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         #TurbineStage LPturb Equations
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#### 4. Add Arcs to Flowsheet

- User-specified arc names are used
- Application generates arcs using IDEAS port names

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          #Outlet Flow ARCs for Unit: HPturb EquipType = TurbineStage;
  94
          m.fs.HPout = Arc(
  95
              source=m.fs.HPturb.outlet, destination=m.fs.HpLpSplit.inlet
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  97
          #Outlet Flow ARCs for Unit: HTX EquipType = HeatExchanger;
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          #Outlet Flow ARCs for Unit: HpLpSplit EquipType = Separator;
  99
          m.fs.LPin = Arc(
              source=m.fs.HpLpSplit.outlet_1, destination=m.fs.LPturb.inlet
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 102
          m.fs.ExtrStm = Arc(
 103
              source=m.fs.HpLpSplit.outlet_2, destination=m.fs.HTX.inlet_1
 104
 105
          #Outlet Flow ARCs for Unit: LPturb EquipType = TurbineStage;
 106
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 108
          # Turn the Arcs into constraints and return the model
 109
 110
          pyo.TransformationFactory("network.expand_arcs").apply_to(m.fs)
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          return m
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     def set model inputs(m):
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### 5. Fix Values of IDAES Inputs

 All values fixed by the user are fixed via Python code statements

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          pyo.TransformationFactory("network.expand_arcs").apply_to(m.fs)
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      def set_model_inputs(m):
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 117
          m.fs.HPturb.efficiency isentropic.fix(0.9)
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          m.fs.HPturb.inlet[:].enth_mol.fix(65000.0)
 119
          m.fs.HPturb.inlet[:].flow mol.fix(10000.0)
          m.fs.HPturb.inlet[:].pressure.fix(2200000.0)
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 121
          m.fs.HPturb.outlet[:].pressure.fix(50000.0)
 122
 123
          m.fs.HTX.area.fix(100.0)
 124
          m.fs.HTX.inlet_2.enth_mol.fix(7000.0)
 125
          m.fs.HTX.inlet 2.flow mol.fix(10000.0)
 126
          m.fs.HTX.inlet_2.pressure.fix(1100000.0)
 127
          m.fs.HTX.overall_heat_transfer_coefficient.fix(300.0)
 128
 129
          m.fs.HpLpSplit.split_fraction[0, 'outlet_1'].fix(0.8)
 130
          m.fs.HpLpSplit.split fraction[0,'outlet 3'].fix(0.0)
 131
 132
          m.fs.LPturb.efficiency_isentropic.fix(0.9)
 133
          m.fs.LPturb.outlet[:].pressure.fix(5000.0)
          no return from this def
 135 ☐ def initialize(m, fileinput=None, outlvl=idaeslog.NOTSET):
          dof = degrees of freedom(m)
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          print("Degrees of freedom = {}".format(dof))
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# 6. Define New Pyomo Variables and Constraints

Add Variable TTD to Feedwater heater

```
# add a variable for FWH1 TTD
    m.fs.fwh1.ttd = pyo.Var(
        m.fs.time,
        initialize=10,
        doc="TTD for FWH (condensing T - BFW exit T). (C)",
    )

# Add a constraint for FWH1 TTD
    @m.fs.fwh1.Constraint(m.fs.time)
    def set_ttd(b, t):
        return (
            b.condense.tube.properties_out[t].temperature
            == b.condense.shell.properties_in[t].temperature_sat - b.ttd[t]
    )

#Fix the value of TTD in the IDAES model
# fwh1 inputs
m.fs.fwh1.ttd.fix(10)
```

#### 7. Initialization

- Three possible methods
  - Serial Decomposition
  - Data from file
  - Custom path from icon to icon
- Current software uses Sequential Decomposition
- Other methods will be added soon

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           m.fs.LPturb.outlet[:].pressure.fix(5000.0)
 134 #
 135 ☐ def initialize(m, fileinput=None, outlvl=idaeslog.NOTSET):
           dof = degrees_of_freedom(m)
 137
           print("Degrees of freedom = {}".format(dof))
 138
 139
           seq = SequentialDecomposition()
 140
           seq.options.select_tear_method = "heuristic"
 141
           seq.options.tear method = "Wegstein"
 142
           seq.options.iterLim = 5
 143
 144
           # Using the SD tool
 145
           G = seq.create graph(m)
 146
           heuristic_tear_set = seq.tear_set_arcs(G, method="heuristic")
 147
           order = seq.calculation order(G)
 148
 149
           for o in order:
 150
               print(o[0].name)
 151
 152
           def function(unit):
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               unit.initialize(outlvl=1)
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#### Summary

- Flowsheet based GUI is functional
  - Desktop software provides flowsheet-based user interface for building IDAES models
  - Flowsheet is graphical representation of the model (picture is worth a thousand words)
  - Building IDAES models is easier and faster
  - User is freed from writing Python code
- Some Desired Features Not Yet Implemented
  - Application does not yet automatically run Python code or retrieve results
  - Initialization needs to be improved
  - User defined variables/constraints/expressions not yet implemented
- Various Modes of analysis will be implemented in Phase II
  - Data Reconciliation
  - Parameter Estimation
  - Optimization
  - Dynamic Predictive Analysis and Optimization



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