ASHRAE 205 Development and Maintenance



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Project Summary

Objective and outcome

ASHRAE Standard 205 "Performance Data for HVAC&R Equipment" improves the accuracy of HVAC performance data used in BEM, allowing HVAC equipment to be properly evaluated and sized. This is especially important for newer equipment that has multiple operating modes and complex performance characteristics.

Team and Partners

- Argonne National Laboratory
 - Big Ladder Software, Thermal Energy System Specialists
- Oak Ridge National Laboratory



<u>Stats</u>

Performance Period: 10/2022 – 9/2025 DOE budget: \$850k, Cost Share: \$0k Milestone 1: First Stakeholder Meeting Milestone 2: Publication of 205-2023 Milestone 3: Publication of First 205 Addenda

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Problem: Performance Curves are not Standardized

- Different Software = different performance curves = different predictions of energy use
- Systems of multiple components are not always accurately modeled using multiple curves



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Problem: No Standard Way to Communicate Performance Data

 Multiple Vendors & Software all with Different Data Formats = LOTS of Data Translation with Reduced Productivity and more Potential for Modeling Errors



Solution: ASHRAE 205

The Solution is ASHRAE Standard 205 **Representation of Performance Data for HVAC&R** and Other Facility Equipment

- Standard file format for storing and exchanging performance data
- Defines the equipment specific data, both ulletrequired and optional, to be included in the file
- 205 is NOT a new rating or method of test.



ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 205-2023

Representation of Performance Data for HVAC&R and Other **Facility Equipment**

Approved by ASHRAE and the American National Standards Institute on December 30, 2022.

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- ASHRAE 205 allows a manufacturer to tell a modeler/user how their equipment *really* operates over its full operating range
- ASHRAE 205 allows a manufacturer to tell a modeler how a built-up system of components operates as a whole (including component interactions and internal controls)



ASHRAE 205 Representation Specification (RS)

- 205 is a data file (called a representation) that includes descriptive information and one or more "performance maps"
 - The detailed set of data for a specific piece of equipment is called a *Representation* Specification (RS)
- Base data file format is CBOR, a binary version of JSON
 - CBOR is smaller, faster to read/write than JSON, and has encryption capabilities as part of the standard format
 - CBOR can be translated to/from JSON, YAML, and even XLSX as needed
- Three main parts in a RS
 - Metadata: This identifies the RS, versioning, and how the 205 file was generated
 - Description: Manufacturer Description (model numbers etc.)
 - Performance Map(s)

ASHRAE 205 Performance Map

The Performance Map is the Key Element of ASHRAE 205. It maps inputs of the system to outputs at various input states and can disaggregate power outputs

- Grid Variables : System Inputs
- Lookup Variables: System Outputs

This is essentially an *N*-dimensional lookup table

 NOTE: By using performance maps, simulation can be <u>orders of magnitude faster</u> than full detailed component simulation (e.g. HPDM or VapCyc) for advanced multicomponent systems



Example 205 Data File for a simple DX system

```
"metadata": {
        "schema version": "0.2.0",
        "data_model": "ASHRAE_205",
        "schema": "RS0004",
        "description": "DX System with Constant Efficiency",
        "id": "123e4567-e89b-12d3-a456-426614174000",
        "data timestamp": "2020-05-07T00:00Z",
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    },
    "description": {
        "product information": {
            "outdoor_unit_manufacturer": "ABC HVAC",
            "outdoor_unit_model_number": "DX AB12",
            "indoor unit manufacturer": "ABC HVAC",
            "indoor_unit_model_number": "DX AB12",
            "refrigerant": "R-410A",
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Example 205 Data File for a simple DX system

```
"performance": {
    "compressor speed control type": "DISCRETE",
    "cycling_degradation_coefficient": 0.25,
    "performance map cooling": {
        "grid variables": {
            "outdoor coil entering dry bulb temperature": [283.15, 323.15],
            "indoor coil entering relative humidity": [0, 1],
            "indoor coil entering dry bulb temperature": [283.15, 313.15],
            "indoor coil air mass_flow_rate": [5.4,26.8],
            "compressor sequence number": [1, 2],
            "ambient_absolute_air_pressure": [81.273, 101.325]},
        "lookup variables": {
            "gross total capacity": [42191.636, 42191.636, 56877.119999999995, ...]
            "gross_sensible_capacity": [25314.9816, 25314.9816, 34126.272, ... ]
            "gross power": [13610.20516,13610.20516, 18347.458064516126, ...]
    "performance map standby": {
        "grid variables": {
            "outdoor_coil_environment_dry_bulb_temperature": [283.15, 323.15],
```

Example Performance Map in a Table



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ASHRAE 205 can transform how the HVAC&R manufacturers provide equipment data to the rest of the HVAC industry:



Standardized performance map data reduces variations in modeling system performance between software



Standardized and <u>complete</u> performance maps ensure that equipment performance is accurately modeled by BEM software



Standardized data format allows designers to compare more equipment, in more tools, with less effort, and less chance for data entry errors



Consensus standard format ensures that smaller manufacturers have influence and larger industry players are not able to force their data format on others because of their sheer size More accurate HVAC modeling

- More properly selected and sized HVAC equipment
- Better HVAC control strategies
- Greater adoption of highperformance equipment
- Expanded utility programs
- Stricter Energy/Carbon Codes

- Decreased Bldg Energy and Carbon Footprint
- Reduced HVAC costs (especially important for DACs)
- Improved occupant comfort

Risks and Mitigation Strategy

Risk	Mitigation Strategy					
Generation of performance maps too burdensome for some manufacturers	 Develop toolsets to streamline generation including automation scripting and Heat Pump Design Model (HPDM) prototypes 					
Manufacturers concerned about data privacy issues and performance map data leaking to competitors	 CBOR file format has a standard method of encryption. 205 files could be encrypted by manufacturers who then control decryption authority 					
Software vendors slow to undate	 Develop example code in Python and C, (and develop Fortran linking headers) 					
software to read 205 files	 Generate 205 files for 90.1 reference equipment and work with 90.1 and other codes to encourage use of 205 files 					

Approach

Lead Development of New Specs

- Lead the development of core new equipment Representation Specifications to expand ASHRAE 205 Coverage
- Develop "how-to" guides to help industry lead their own RS development
- Coordinate and assist industry led working groups to create reference specifications for new equipment

Develop Software Tools for Industry

- Update ORNL Heat Pump Design Model (HPDM) to let OEMs who use HPDM directly generate 205 format files
- Develop tools for equipment manufacturers to generate and validate 205 equipment files
- Develop tools and example implementation code for modeling software to read and use 205 data files in BEM and load calc software

Approach

ASHRAE 205 Stakeholder Meetings

- Host open meetings with manufacturers to understand their tool needs and help guide development of representations for new equipment categories
- Host open meetings with software developers to understand their tool needs and guide development of example code for simulation engines

Support SSPC ASHRAE 205

- Continue to provide guidance and organization for SSPC ASHRAE 205 activities
- Develop roadmap for guiding and prioritizing future standard and reference specification development
- Work with codes and standards to reference 205

Approach: Commercialization and Market Transformation

Software Toolkit Released as OSS with Berkeley 3 license

- Industry is free to use code in their own commercial tools/software to speed development of reading and using 205 files
- Already being integrated into EnergyPlus, TRNSYS, and CSE

Team Working with Small and Large OEMs to Help Them Develop Workflows for Creating 205 files

- Streamlining the process of generating 205 format files to speed adoption of 205 as a common way of providing data to designers and engineers
- ORNL adapting HPDM to output 205 files directly

Progress: Without DOE Support 205 Development was SLOW!!



After 9 years SPC205 had only advanced to one public review of 205

Progress: ASHRAE 205 Published in 2023



With DOE support, development progress is now more than 5x faster

Progress: Software Development

- Developed an open-source software toolkit including file generation, validation, and visualization tools
 - Tools for converting between spreadsheets, JSON, YAML, and CBOR to accommodate conversion of existing equipment performance maps in many formats to 205 files and helping automated generation of performance maps
 - Tools for validating 205 files as being schema compliant
 - Tools for visualizing 205 files that can directly integrated into web servers
- Developed example code for reading 205 files into BEM software
 - Code already being integrated into EnergyPlus, CSE, and TRNSYS to read and utilize 205 files for modeling

Progress: Representation Specification (RS) Development

Already In 205

- Liquid Cooled Chillers
- Unitary AC
- Fan Assembly
- Air-to-Air DX Coils
- Motors
- Electronic Motor Drive
- Mechanical Drive

Under Development

- Air-to-Air Heat Pumps
- Air Cooled Chillers
- Fan Coil Units
- Water Pumps
- ERV
- Fan Coils
- Fenestration

On the Horizon

- VRF
- Cooling Towers
- Boilers
- Furnaces
- Water Heaters

ORNL HPDM Progress

HPDM: A Public Domain System Design Tool

- The web-based tools have been used more than 360,000 times.
- Important analytical tool for CFC to HFC and ongoing lower GWP refrigerant transitions.
- Adopted by multiple U.S. OEMs including Emerson, Nortek, and Rheem.
- Performance simulation engine behind Emerson's System Design Simulator (compressor selection tool), distributed to more than > 80 OEMs.

✓ Web Interface



Desktop Excel Add-In to Exploit All Capabilities



Excel Add-in Interface enables parametric study, constructing the system, GenOpt optimization, SEER/HSPF calculations, etc.







HPDM: a component-based flexible modeling platform



□ Plenty of tube and fin types

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How HPDM Supports 205 and Market Transformation

- ASHRAE 205 is the new common data language!!!!
- HPDM industry-standard, comprehensive design software is being used to validate STD205 and processes
 - Using HPDM to generate example performance maps for testing 205 tools and give industry examples for various equipment
- Next step: Develop wrapper and configuration tools for middle/small HVAC OEMs to use HPDM as one option to generate their 205 compliant performance tables.



HPDM-STD205 Support

Developing Python Tools to Automate 205 Performance Map Production Process



HPDM 205 Python API

An OSS Python Library Package with :

- A "Dictionary" Translating HPDM Data to STD205 Data
- Unit Conversion to SI Units \bullet



 Example 	s for all "RS"		RS0001: LIQUID-COOLED CHILLER
X			RS0002: UNITARY COOLING AIR-CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT RS0003: FAN ASSEMBLY RS0004: AIR-TO-AIR DIRECT EXPANSION REFRIGERANT SYS RS0005: MOTOR
HPDM out (.xls)	HPDM-STD205 API	STD205 file	RS0006: ELECTRONIC MOTOR DRIVE
OEM inputs			RS0007: MECHANICAL DRIVE

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ASHRAE 205: Eye Toward the Future

Continue Development of New Specifications and Software Toolkit



- Get Other Standards Citing 205 and using 205 files
 - ASHRAE 90.1 Reference Equipment, CA Title 24
- More Stakeholder Meetings
 - Manufacturers (especially OEM who use HPDM)
 - BEM and Loads Software Developers
- Continued HPDM Tool Integration Development
 - Make Process Even More Automated and Include More Realistic Equipment in 205 Example Files
 - $_{\odot}\,$ Work with OEMs to Help Them Integrate 205 into Their Custom Tools

Thank You

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Project Execution

		FY2022			FY2023				FY2024			
Planned budget												
Spent budget												
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Past Work												
Q1 Milestone: All PPR3 Public Comments Resolved												
Q2 Milestone: Stakeholders Meeting												
Q3 Milestone: Publish PPR4												
Q4 Milestone: All PPR 4 Public Comments Resolved												
Q1 Milestone: ASHRAE 205-2023 Published												
Current/Future Work												
Q3 Milestone: Release Updated Software Toolkit												
Q4 Milestone: Stakeholder Meeting												
Q4 Milestone: Release HPDM Generation Library												

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EERE/BTO goals

The nation's ambitious climate mitigation goals



Greenhouse gas emissions reductions 50-52% reduction by 2030 vs. 2005 levels Net-zero emissions economy by 2050



Power system decarbonization 100% carbon pollutionfree electricity by 2035



Energy justice

40% of benefits from federal climate and clean energy investments flow to disadvantaged communities

EERE/BTO's vision for a net-zero U.S. building sector by 2050



Support rapid decarbonization of the U.S. building stock in line with economyide net-zero emissions by 2050 while centering equity and benefits to communities

Increase building energy efficiency

Reduce onsite energy use intensity in buildings 30% by 2035 and 45% by 2050, compared to 2005

Accelerate building electrification

Reduce onsite fossil -based CO, emissions in

buildings 25% by 2035 and 75% by 2050,

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compared to 2005 Transform the grid edge at buildings

Increase building demand flexibility potential 3X by 2050, compared to 2020, to enable a net-zero grid, reduce grid edge infrastructure costs, and improve resilience.



Prioritize equity, affordability, and resilience

Ensure that 40% of the benefits of federal building decarbonization investments flow to disadvantaged communities

Reduce the cost of decarbonizing key building segments 50% by 2035 while also reducing consumer energy burdens



Increase the ability of communities to withstand stress from climate change, extreme weather, and grid disruptions