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Development of an Online Expert Rule based Automated Fault Detection and Diagnostic (AFDD) tool for Air Handling Units: Beta Test Results

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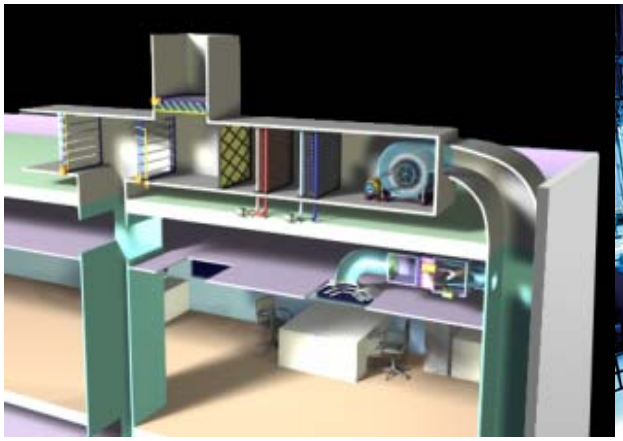

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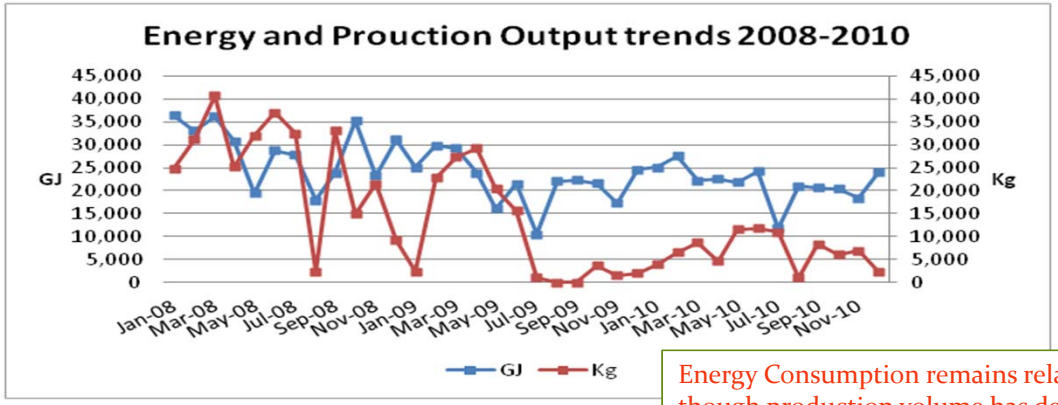
Agenda

- Why does industry need this work?
- Why HVAC?
- An automated solution…..
- AFDD techniques
- Early Results

Why does industry need this research work?

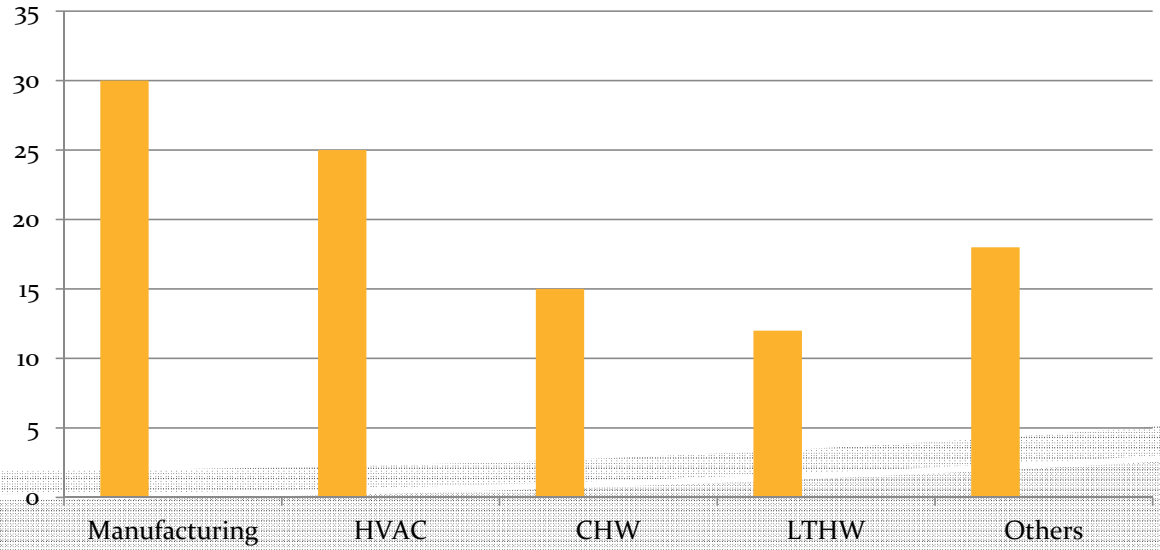


Energy Consumption remains relatively constant though production volume has decreased significantly

- Focus on production output in lieu of efficiency
- Difficult to track efficiency due to islands of information
- Competition from lower cost economies for investment

Why Focus on HVAC Systems?

- Typically greater than 20% of an industrial site's energy consumption
- HVAC systems get less efficient over time
- 20-30% energy savings are achievable by re-commissioning HVAC



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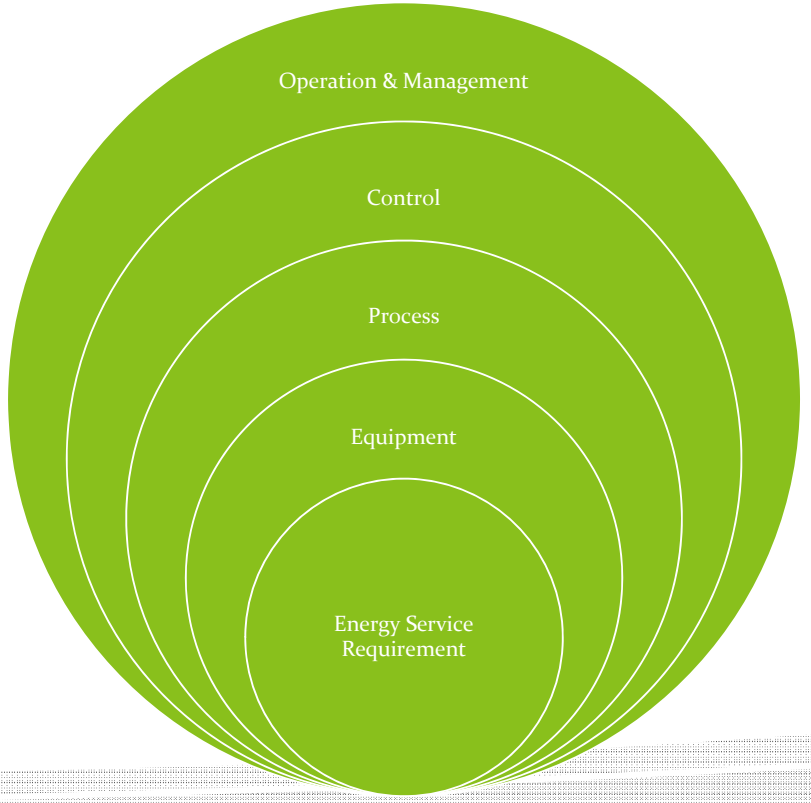

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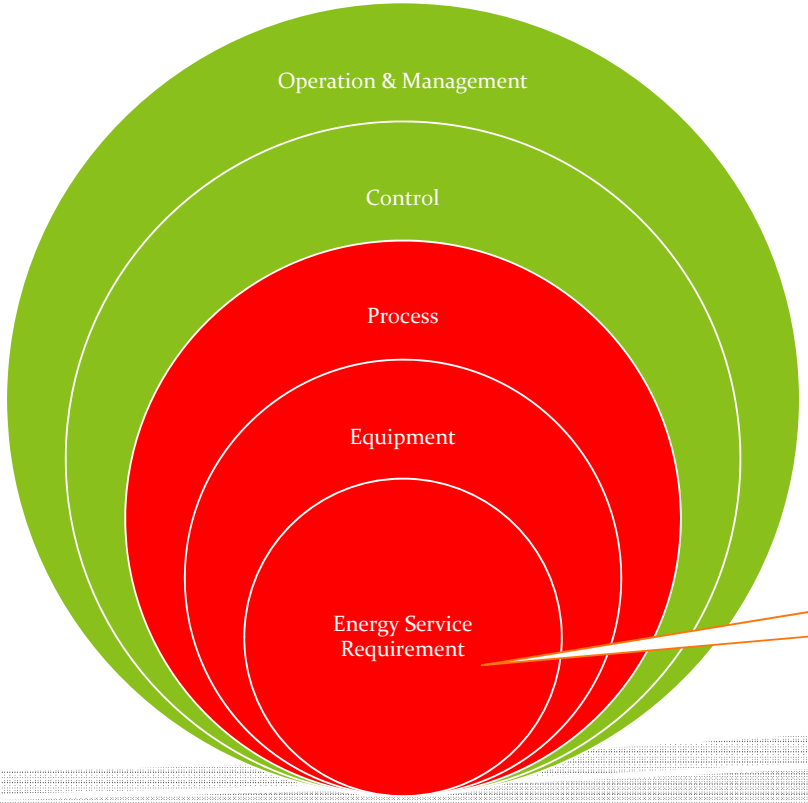
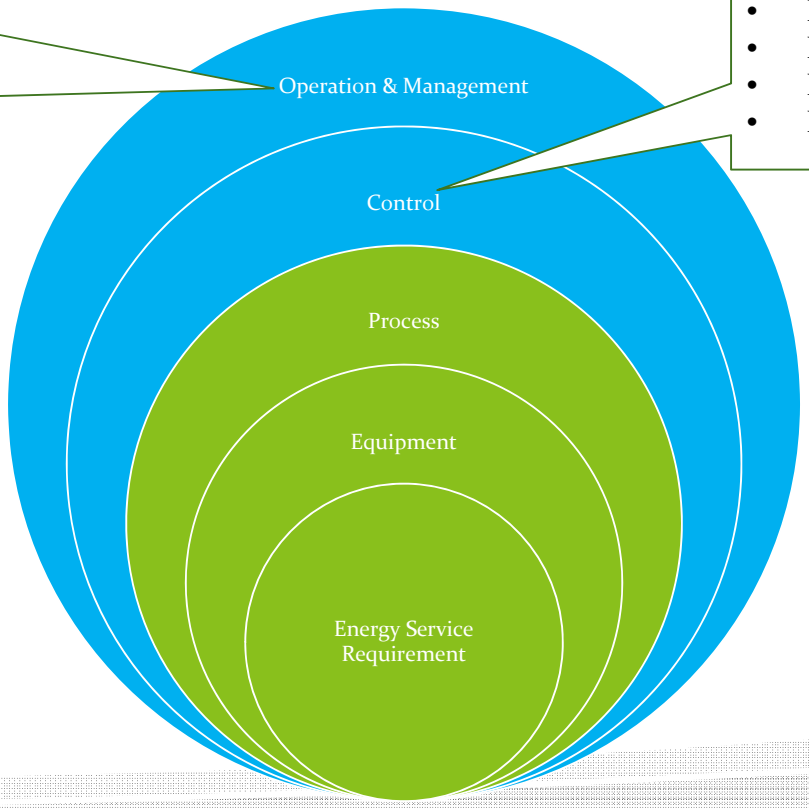


How can AFDD help save HVAC Energy?

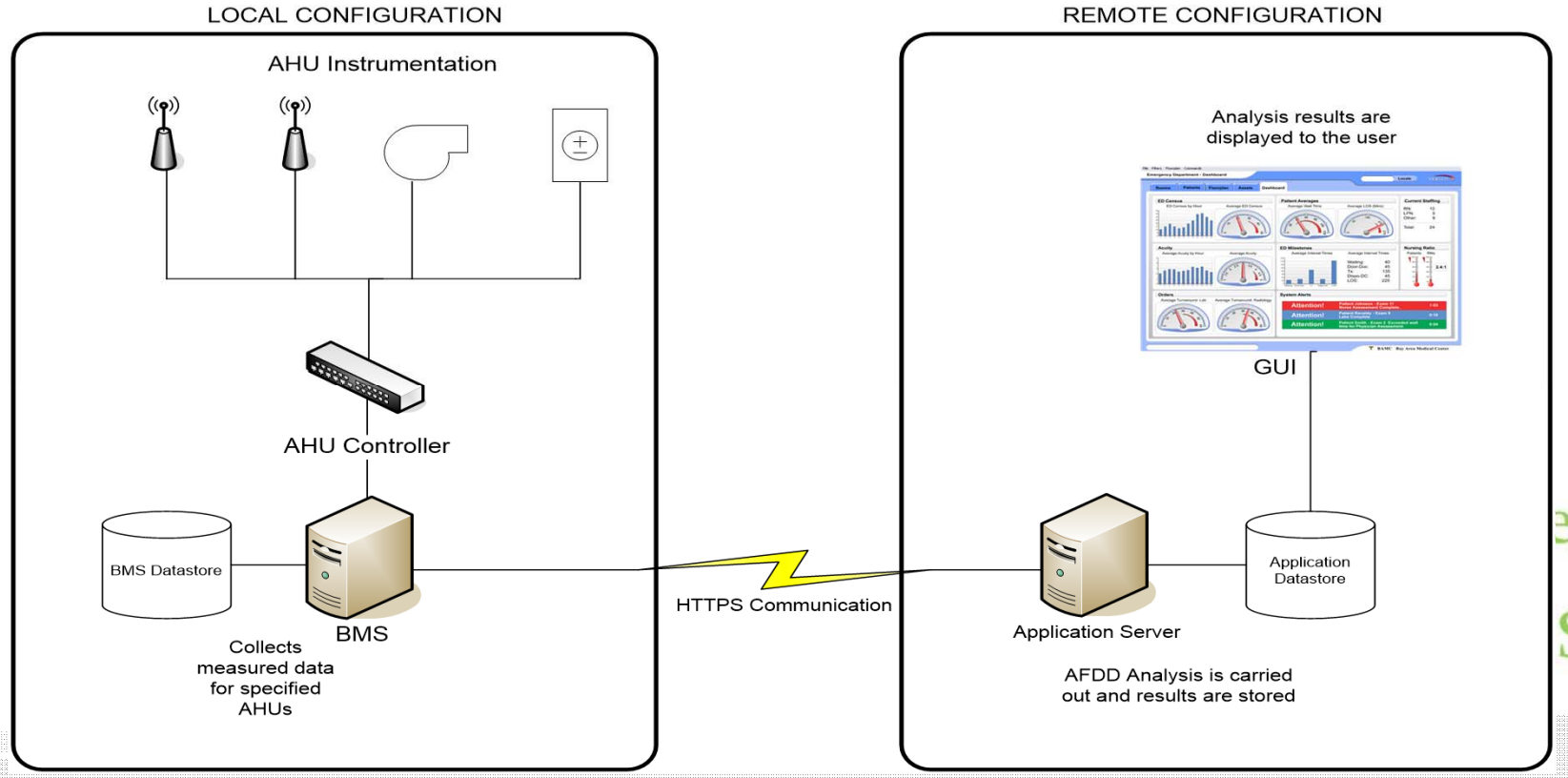
- Simultaneous heating & cooling
- Set point adjustments
- Manual operation
- Sub optimal performance of equipment



- Inefficient control strategies
- Poor loop tuning
- Free cooling
- Incorporation of Deadbands

Why an automated tool?

AFDD tool requirements



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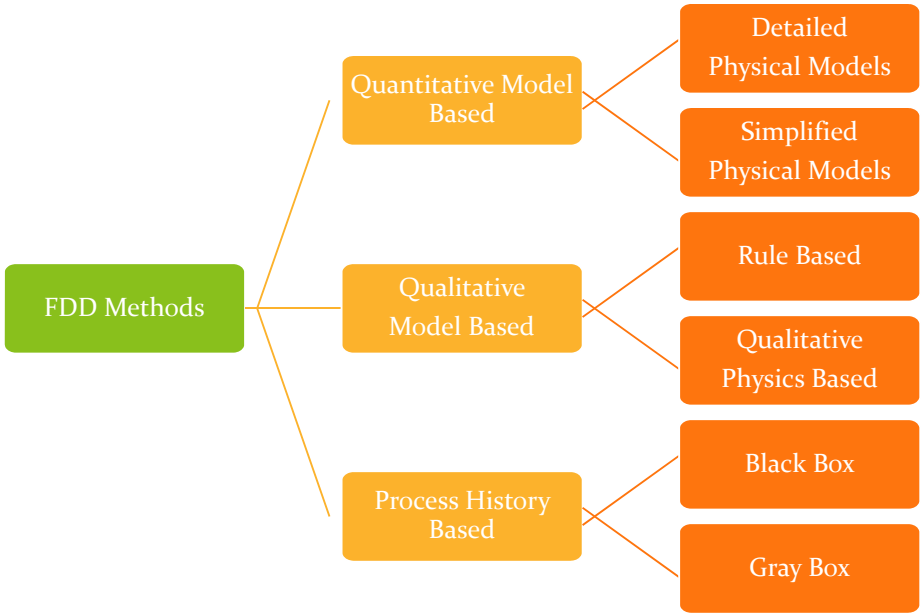
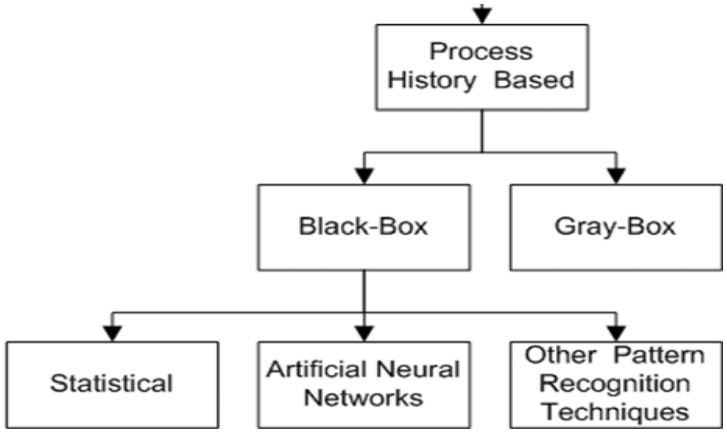
FDD Techniques

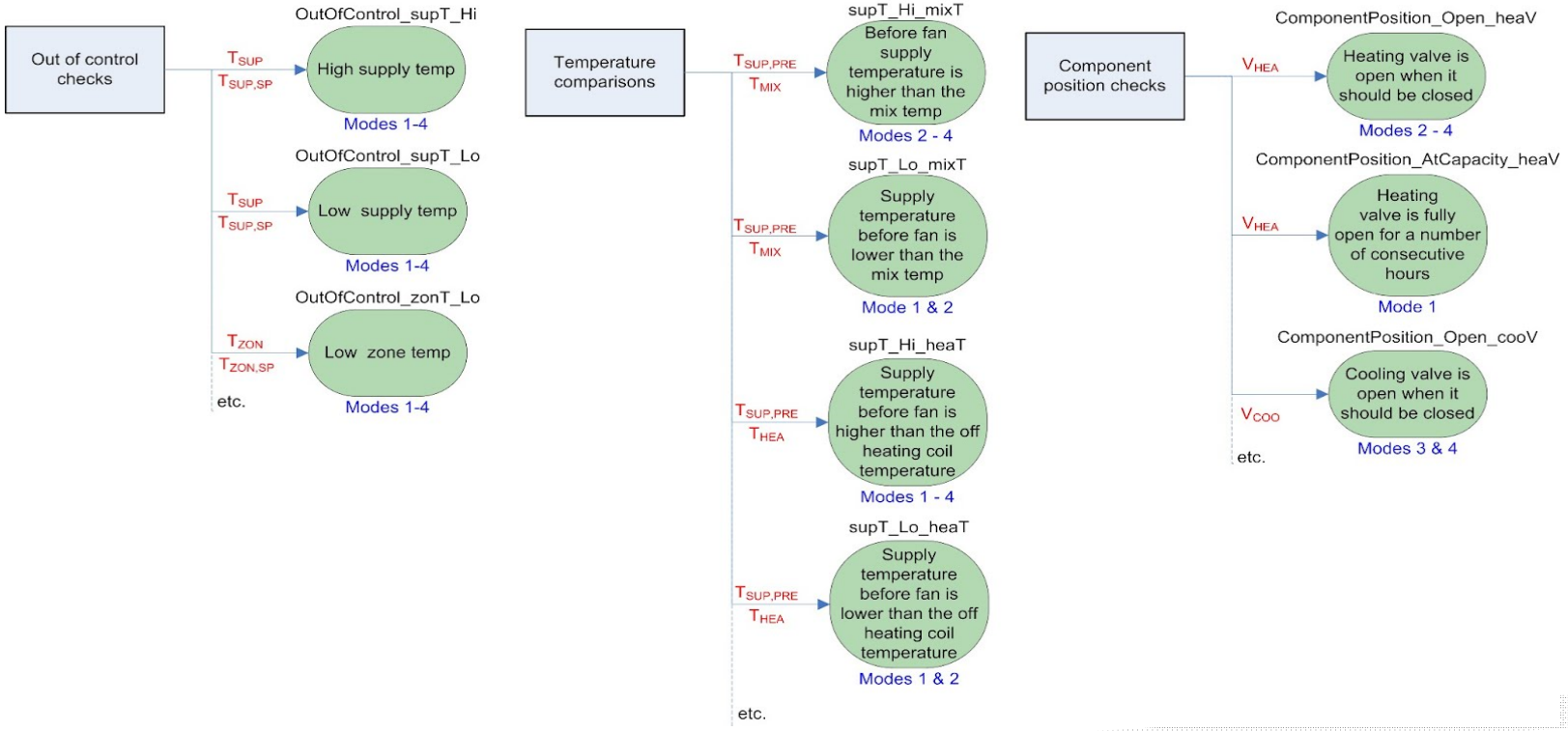
- FDD automates the process of detecting and diagnosing faults





- A rule based FDD tool can be developed and implemented in industry relatively quickly utilising existing equipment

The Business Layer

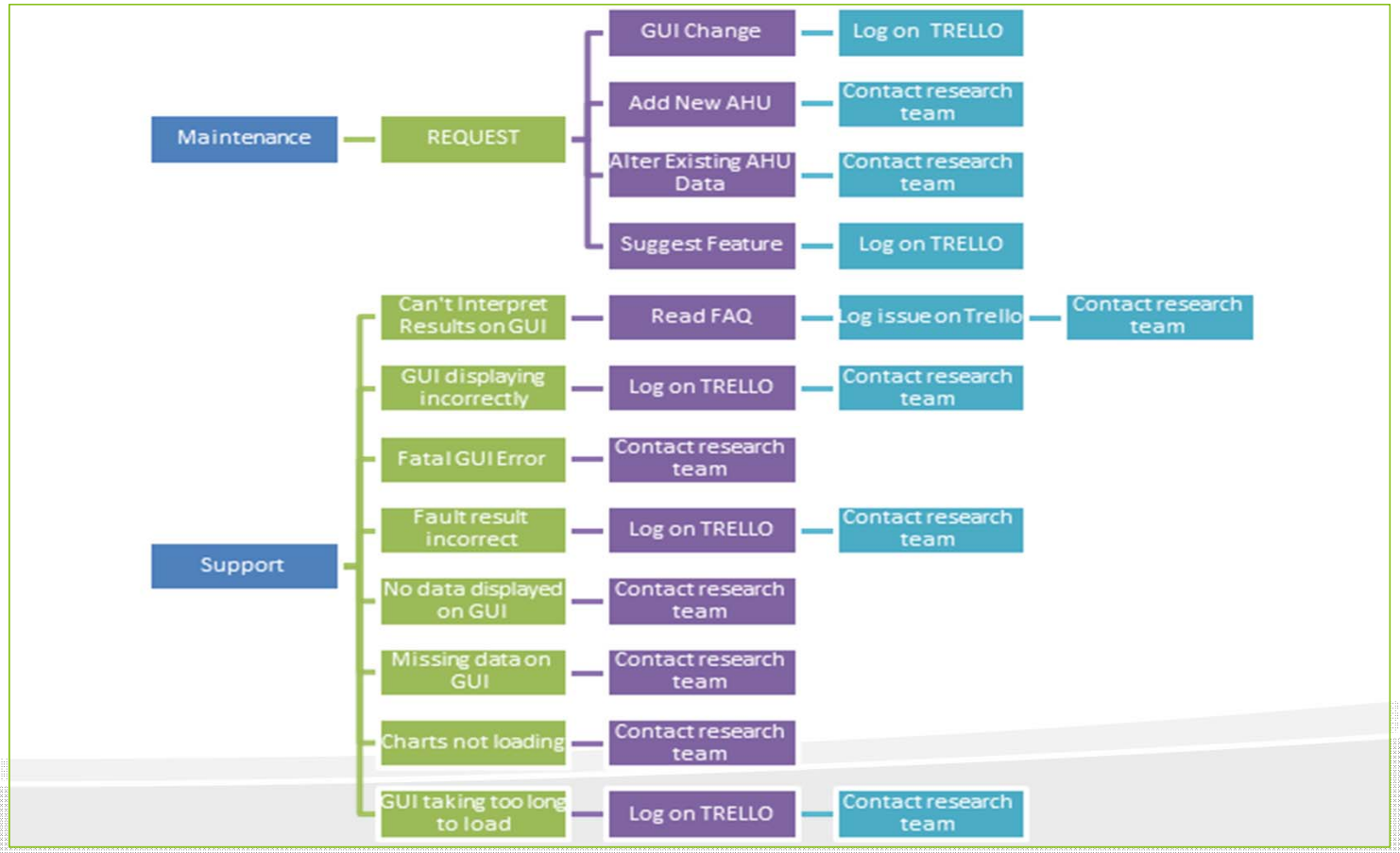


Design of Test Study – AHU Selection

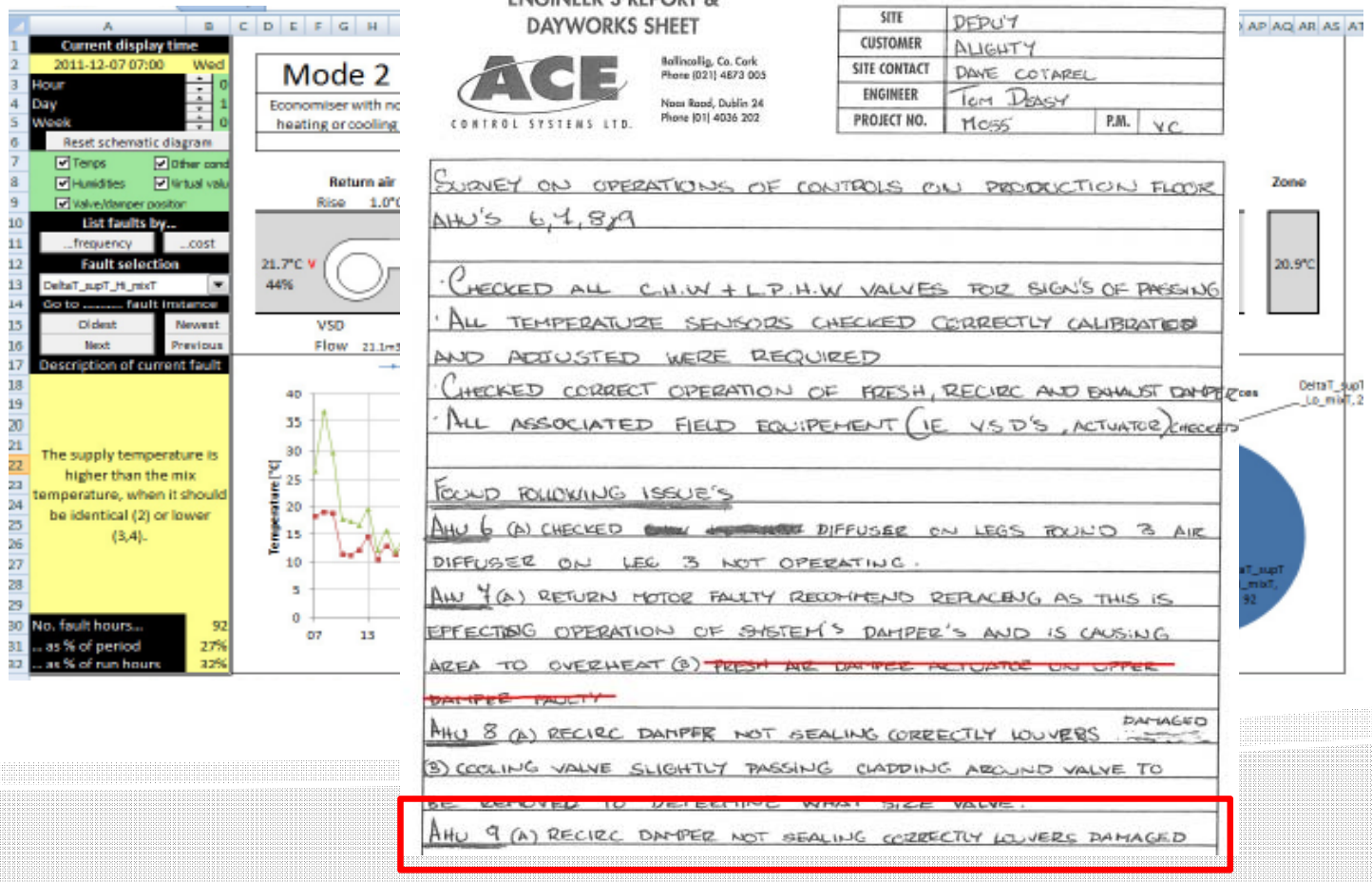
- > 200 AHU's available on 7 industrial and commercial sites
- AHU's were selected with
  - Different component and sensor layouts
  - Varying levels of instrumentation

Site	No. AHUs in pilot	Type	Type of zone(s) supplied	Operating hours per annum	BMS/Data logging Platform	Frequency of logged data
1	2	Constant volume	Office & canteen	8760	Trend	15 minutes
2	4	Constant volume	Manufacturing Floor	8760	Tridium	15 minutes
3	9	Variable Volume	Manufacturing Floor	6240	Cylon	15 minutes
4	4	Constant Volume	Commercial office space	6240	Cylon	7.5 minutes
5	3	Variable Volume	Commercial office space	6240	Schneider	15 minutes
6	2	Constant Volume	Manufacturing Floor	8760	Qlikview	15 minutes

Design of Test Study - Feedback

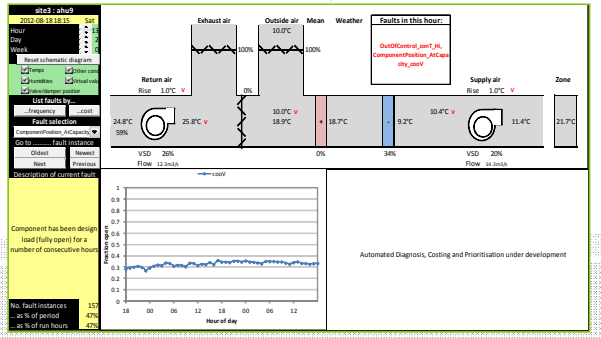


AFDD tool in Alpha testing



Alpha to Beta Testing

- Secure HTTPS communication
- Development of web based configuration tool
- Browser based GUI



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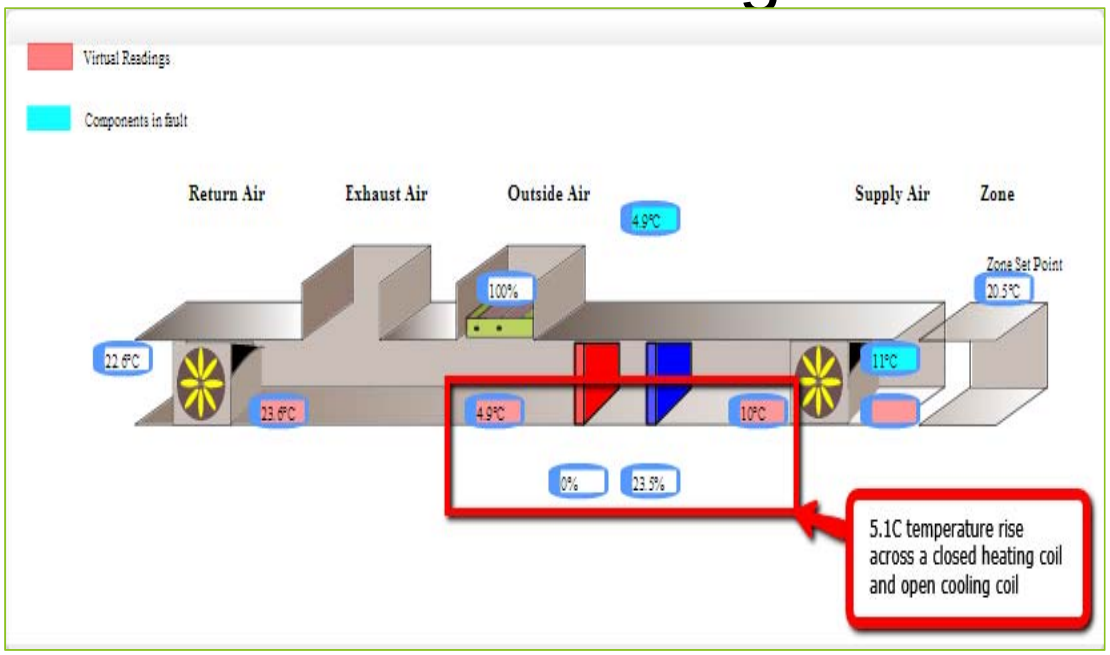

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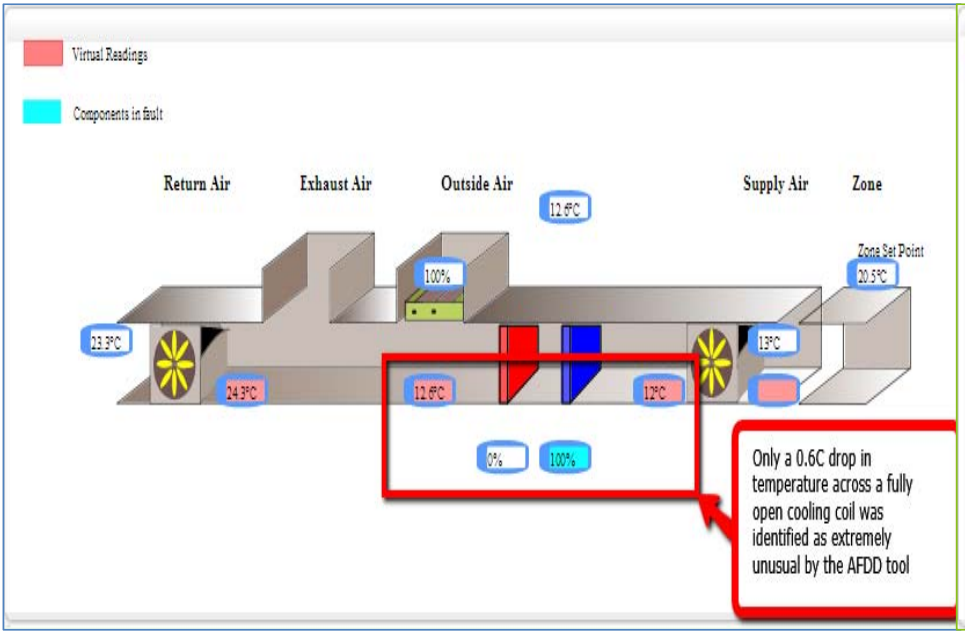

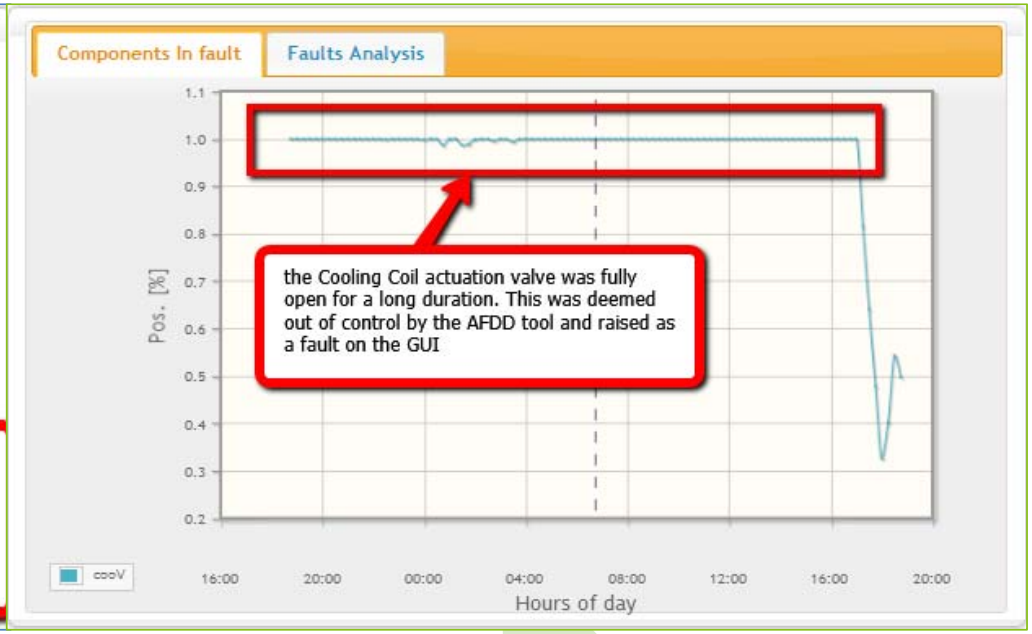

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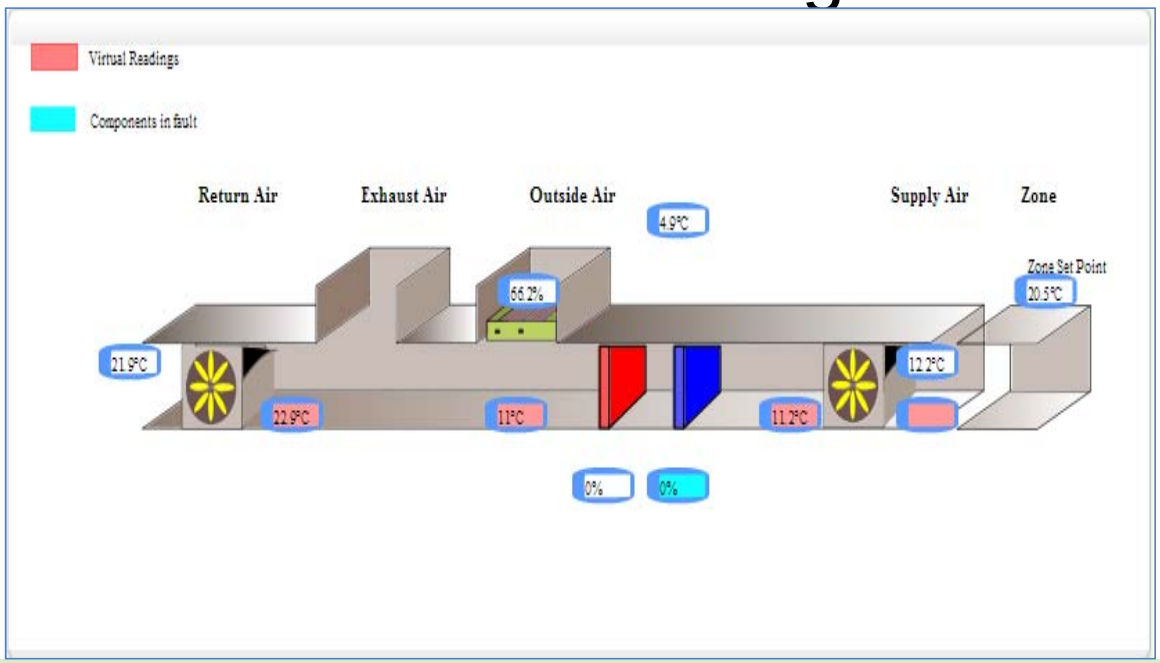

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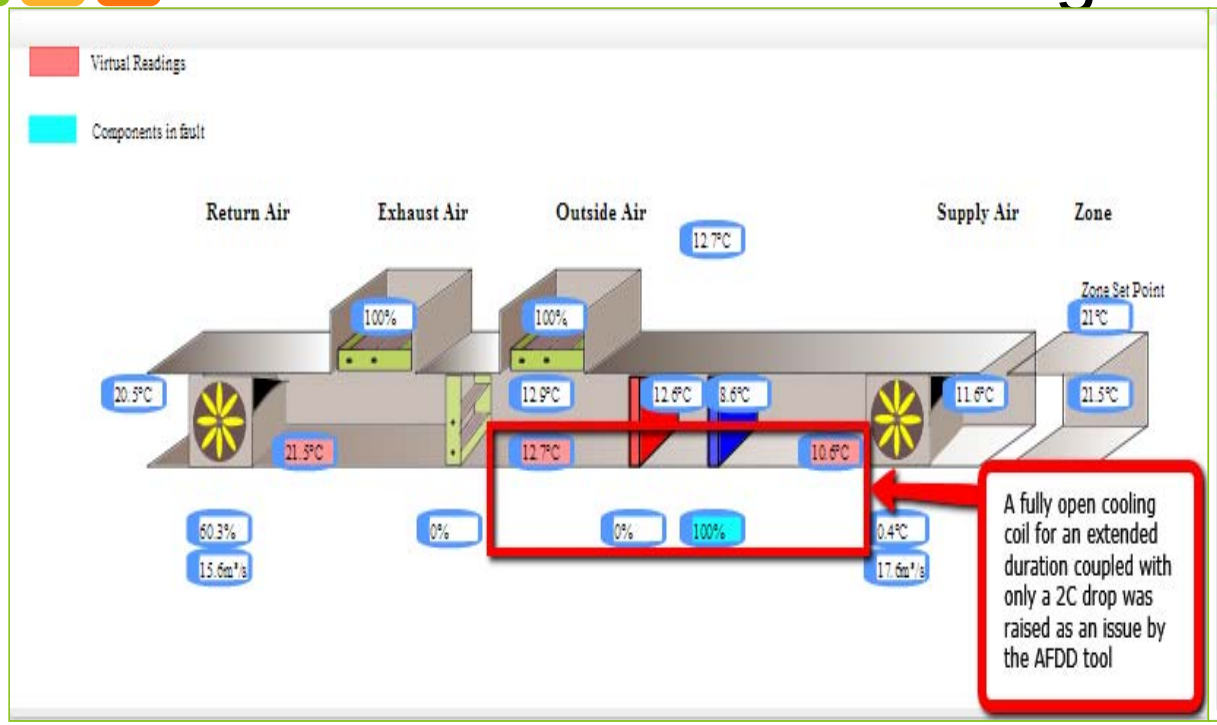
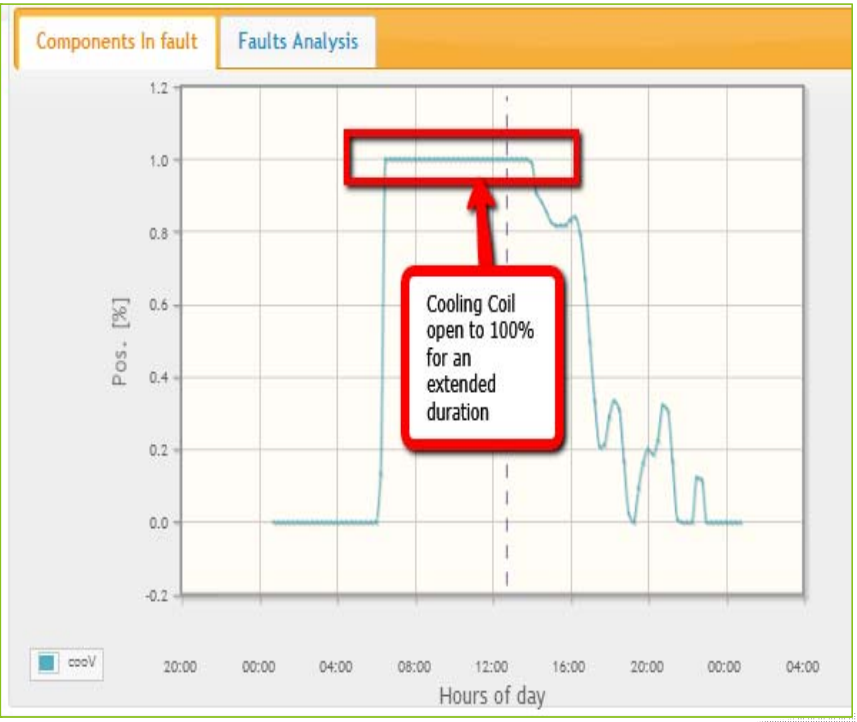
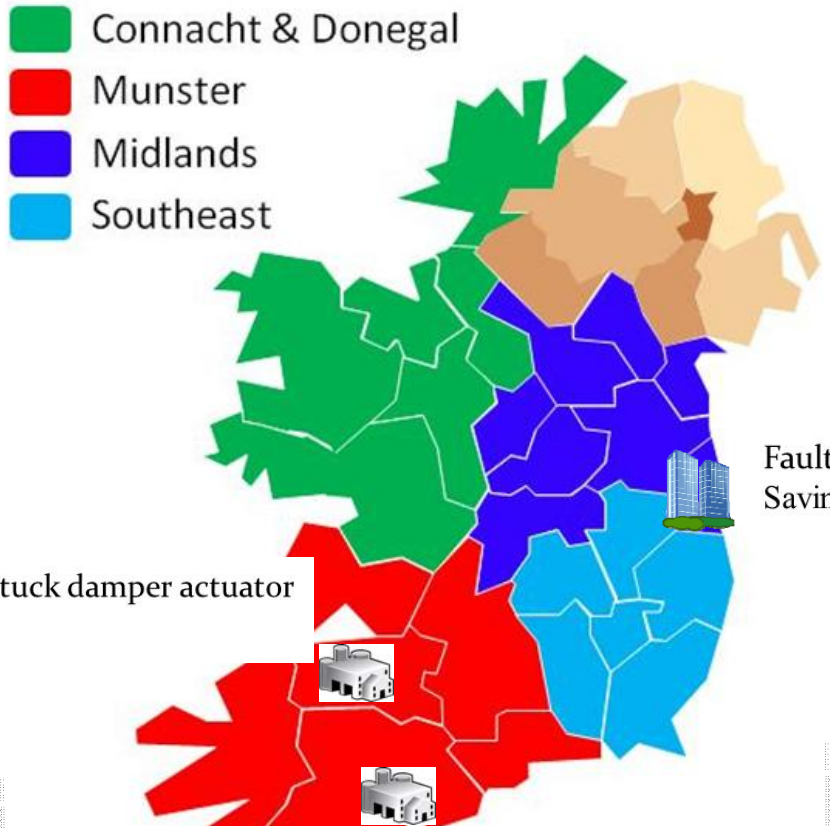




Requirements Versus Developments

Rationale	Requirement(s)	Framework/Tool Developed
Data Access Layer Flexibility	Compatibility with any BMS type or age	A generic data access tool was developed
Business Layer Flexibility	Compatible with various combinations of sensors and components	Calculation of virtual values coupled with "rule libraries"
Reliability	Low number of false positives/negatives	A error threshold applied to each rule based on rule makeup
Usability	User friendly graphical user interface (GUI)	A browser based GUI was developed
Fault Priority	Quantification and prioritisation of the diagnosed faults	Each fault is prioritised in terms of cost and frequency of occurrence
Scalability	Rapid setup time per AHU	A web based site configuration tool was developed
Low Cost	Ability to use existing measurements	First principal techniques and engineering computation utilised to calculate readings where none are present

Results



Faults: Passing coils, design issues
Savings: €26,000

Faults: Passing heating coil, stuck damper actuator
Savings: €74,000

Faults: Damaged dampers, high supply temperature, passing cooling coil
Savings: €53,000

Next Steps

- Develop OPC functionality to expand data capture capabilty
- Expand the business layer to incorporate humidity control AFDD
- Further develop the fault costing & prioritisation methodology
- Improve diagnostic and future prognostic capabilities
- Automate the link to planned maintenance systems

If we knew what it was we were doing, it would not be called research, would it?

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