

Illustrating System Entity Structure For Building Simulation

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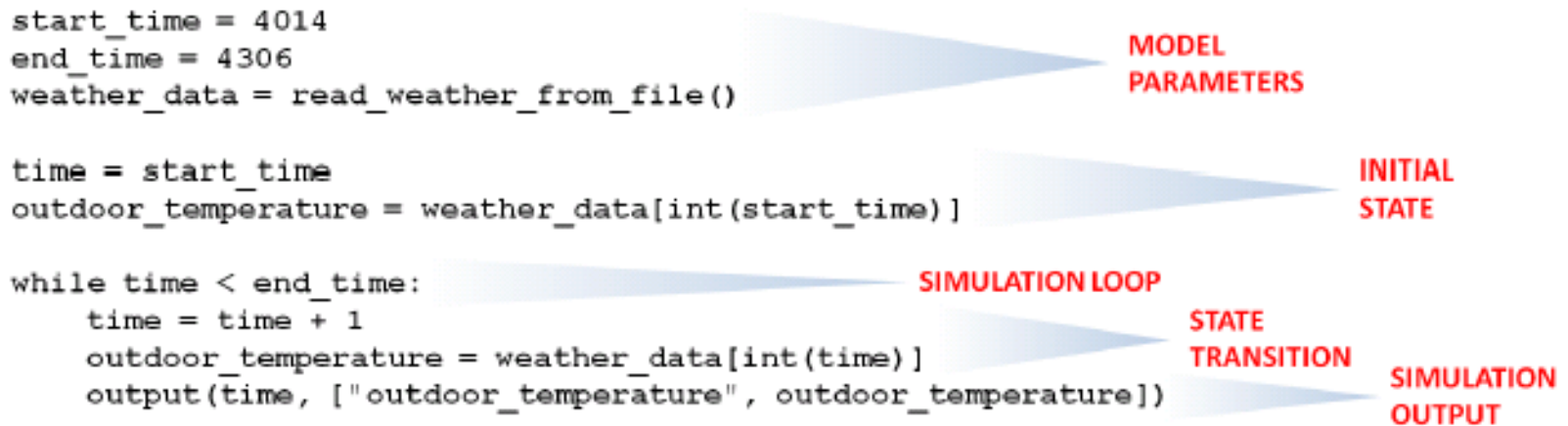
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Traditional Simulation Development (From Goldstein DEVS Tutorial)



The code consists of five parts: the model parameters, which are normally supplied by the user; the initialization of a set of changing variables known as the state; a simulation loop; the state transition, which occurs repeatedly within the loop; and the simulation output, which in this case also occurs within the loop.

Traditional Simulation Development (From Goldstein DEVS Tutorial)

```
start_time = 4014
end_time = 4306
weather_data = read_weather_from_file()
wall_rate = 0.1
```

MODEL
PARAMETERS

```
time = start_time
outdoor_temperature = weather_data[int(start_time)]
indoor_temperature = weather_data[int(start_time)]
lower_transition_temperature = indoor_temperature - 1.0
upper_transition_temperature = indoor_temperature + 1.0
```

INITIAL
STATE

```
while time < end_time:
```

SIMULATION LOOP

```
    outdoor_transition_time = int(time) + 1
```

```
    rate = wall_rate
    target_temperature = outdoor_temperature
    dT = target_temperature - indoor_temperature
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```
    if dT < 0:
        transition_dT = lower_transition_temperature - indoor_temperature
    else:
        transition_dT = upper_transition_temperature - indoor_temperature
    if abs(dT) <= abs(transition_dT):
        indoor_transition_time = inf
    else:
        indoor_transition_time = time + (1.0/rate)*log(abs(dT)/(abs(dT) - abs(transition_dT)))
```

```
    if indoor_transition_time < outdoor_transition_time:
        if dT < 0:
            indoor_temperature = lower_transition_temperature
        else:
            indoor_temperature = upper_transition_temperature
        lower_transition_temperature = indoor_temperature - 1.0
        upper_transition_temperature = indoor_temperature + 1.0
        time = indoor_transition_time
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```
    else:
        dt = outdoor_transition_time - time
        indoor_temperature = target_temperature - dT*exp(-rate*dt)
        time = outdoor_transition_time
        outdoor_temperature = weather_data[int(time)]
        output(time, ["outdoor_temperature", outdoor_temperature])
        output(time, ["indoor_temperature", indoor_temperature])
```

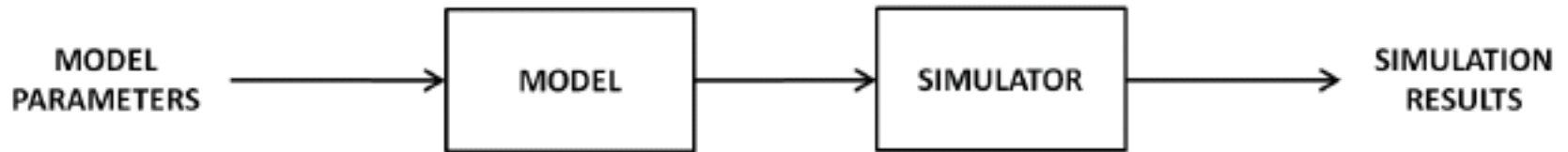
STATE
TRANSITION

SIMULATION
OUTPUT

the basic structure of the program remains.

The thing to note is that the added code, shown in green, is scattered throughout the program.

DEVS Simulation Development (From Goldstein DEVS Tutorial)



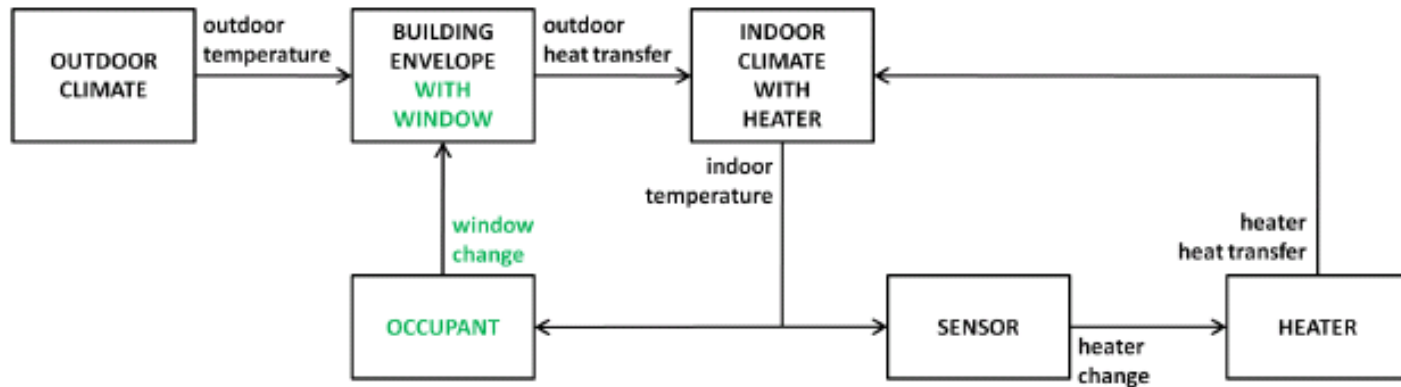
Using DEVS, simulation software is divided into a model and a simulator.

Just like the traditional approach, DEVS-based simulation development is an iterative process. The difference is that, because a DEVS simulator can be reused for a variety of different models, the developer modifies only the model at each iteration.

Aside from enforcing a distinction between the model and the simulator, DEVS allows complex models to be composed of simpler component models.

Coupled DEVS Model

(From Goldstein DEVS Tutorial)

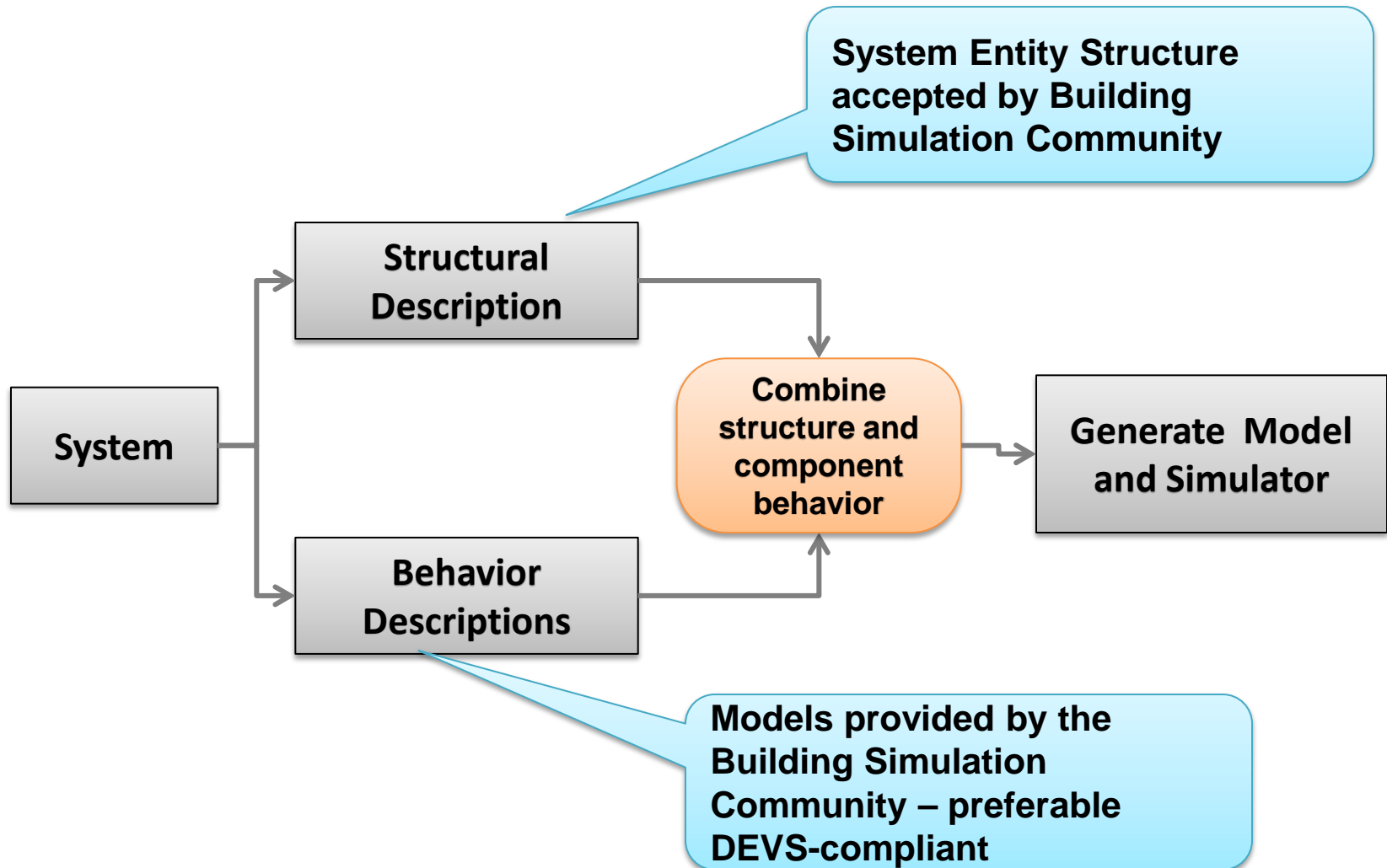


A DEVS model generally deals with model parameters, the initial state, state transitions, and simulation output, but the simulation loop itself is part of the simulator.

DEVS models are either atomic or coupled, and coupled models include various interconnected component models.

Using DEVS, each enhancement requires modifications to only certain component models; this encourages collaboration.

DEVS-Based Modeling & Simulation



Introducing the System Entity Structure (SES)

- The SES takes collaborative DEVS model development a major step further
- The SES enables the description of families of hierarchical models such as a range of architectures for building simulations
- The SES supports the development of model repositories where components developed by developers and vendors can be stored for reuse
- A building architect/designer can prune the SES for a particular architecture and by transforming, evaluate it for various objectives such as energy consumption
- DEVS/SOA goes an additional step to support discovery and model composition using resources of the web

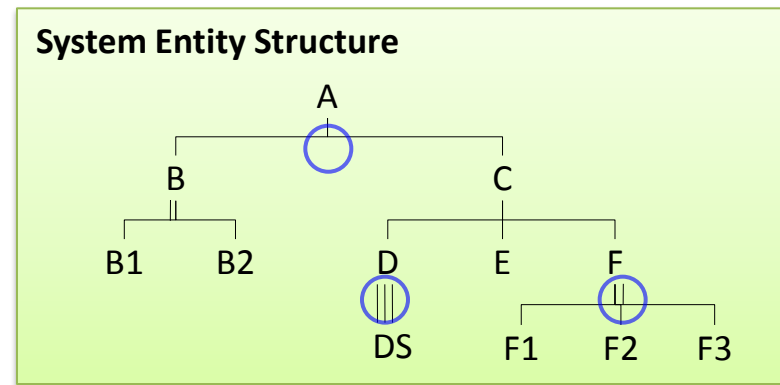
SES Formal Framework

The System Entity Structure (represents a design space via the elements of a system and their relationships in hierarchical and axiomatic manner

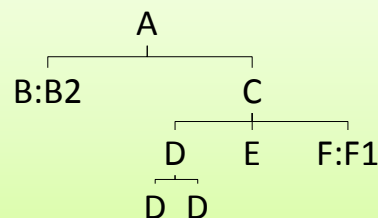
Aspect : labeled decomposition relation between the parent and the children

Specialization :labeled relation that expresses alternative substitutions for a component

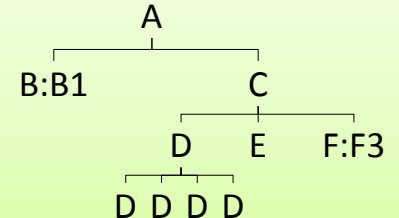
Multi-aspects: aspect for which the components are all of the same kind.



Pruned Entity Structure 1

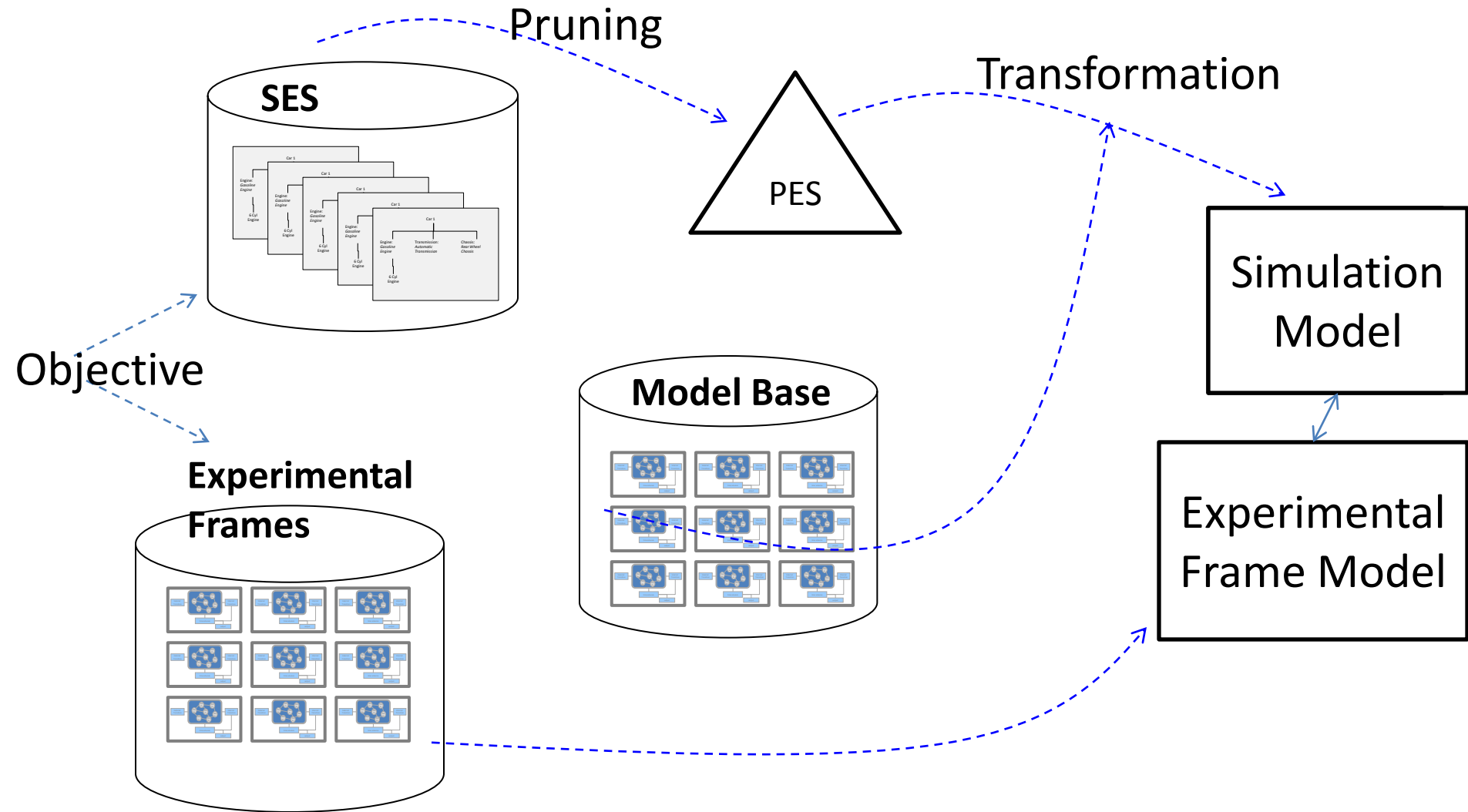


Pruned Entity Structure 2

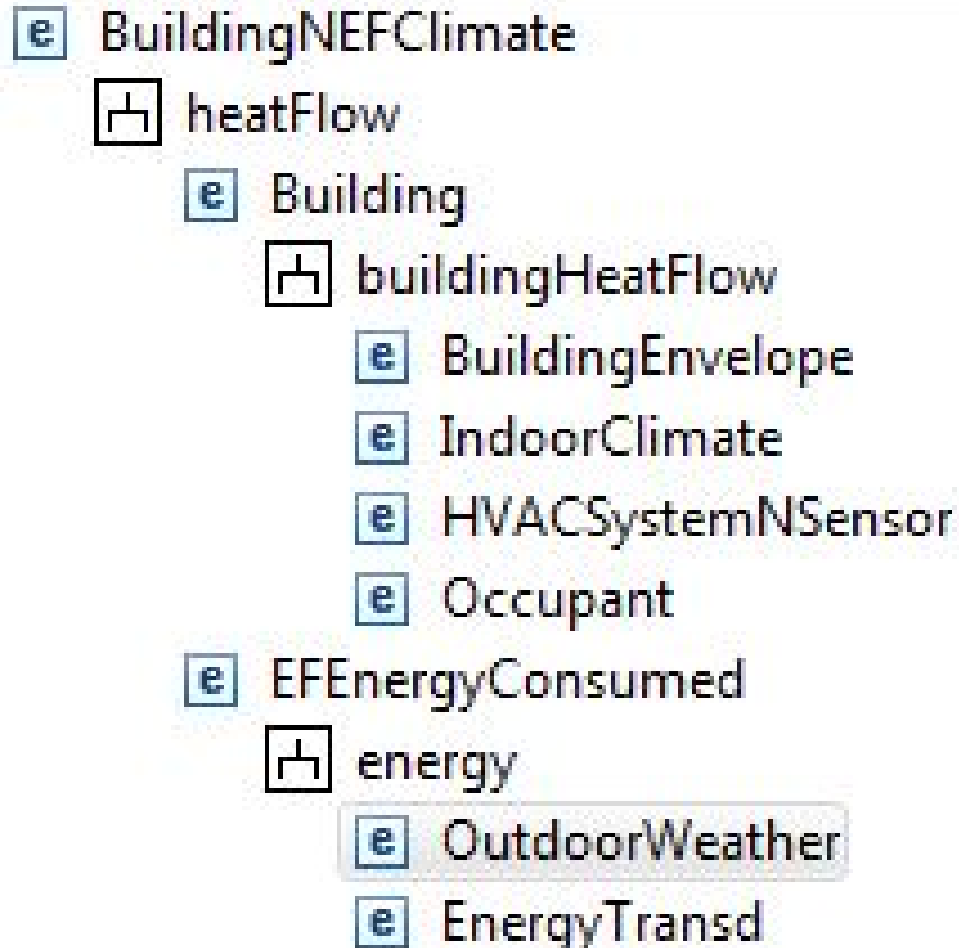


Pruning: cuts off structure in a SES that is not needed to meet particular objectives
Selects from a family of possible architectures

Basic Infrastructure



System Entity Structure for Building and Experimental Frame



NL Specification of System Entity Structure for Building and Experimental Frame

From the heatFlow perspective, BuildingNEFClimate is made of Building and EFClimate !

EFClimate can be OutdoorTempSeries or OutdoorTempGenr in meansOfGeneration !

From the heatFlow perspective, EFClimate sends OutdoorTemp to Building !

From the buildingHeatFlow perspective, Building is made of BuildingEnvelope, IndoorClimate, HVACSystemNSensor, and Occupant !

From the buildingHeatFlow perspective, Building sends OutdoorTemp to BuildingEnvelope!

From the buildingHeatFlow perspective, BuildingEnvelope sends OutdoorHeatTransfer to IndoorClimate!

From the buildingHeatFlow perspective, HVACSystemNSensor sends HVACHeatTransfer to IndoorClimate!

From the buildingHeatFlow perspective, IndoorClimate sends IndoorTemp to Occupant !

From the buildingHeatFlow perspective, IndoorClimate sends IndoorTemp to HVACSystemNSensor!

From the buildingHeatFlow perspective, Occupant sends WindowChange to BuildingEnvelope!

BuildingEnvelope can be WithWindow or WithoutWindow in opening !

From the control perspective, HVACSystemNSensor is made of HeatCoolSystem, Ventilator, and TempSensor !

From the control perspective, HVACSystemNSensor sends IndoorTemp to TempSensor !

From the control perspective, TempSensor sends SensorChange to HeatCoolSystem!

From the control perspective, HeatCoolSystem sends HVACHeatTransfer to HVACSystemNSensor !

HeatCoolSystem can be HeaterNCooler or HeatPump in operation !

From the onOff perspective, HeaterNCooler is made of Heater and Cooler !

From the onOff perspective, HeaterNCooler sends SensorChange to Heater !

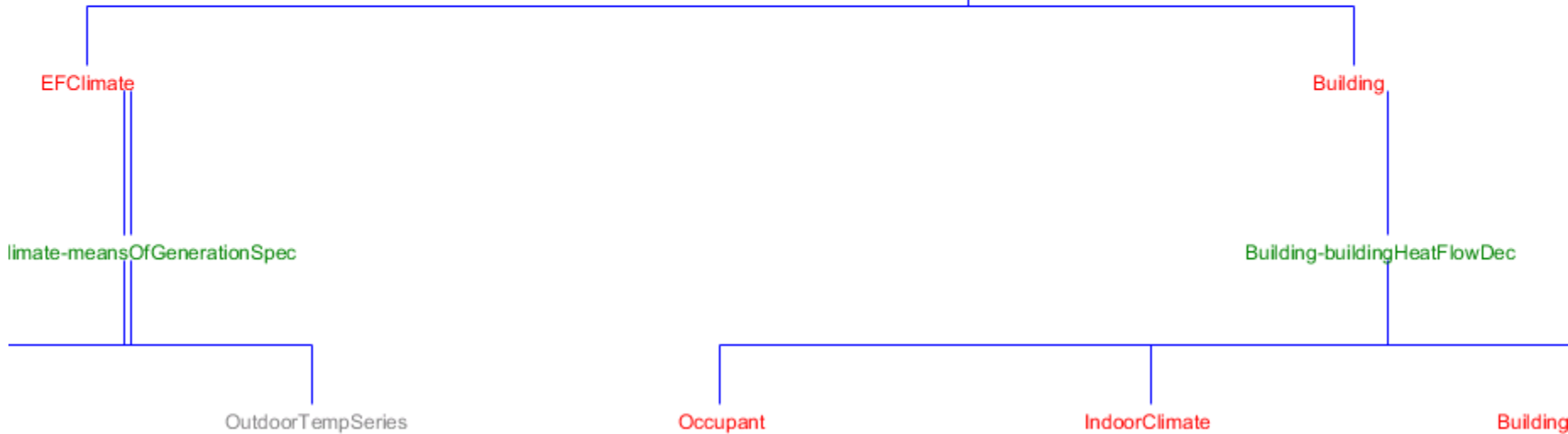
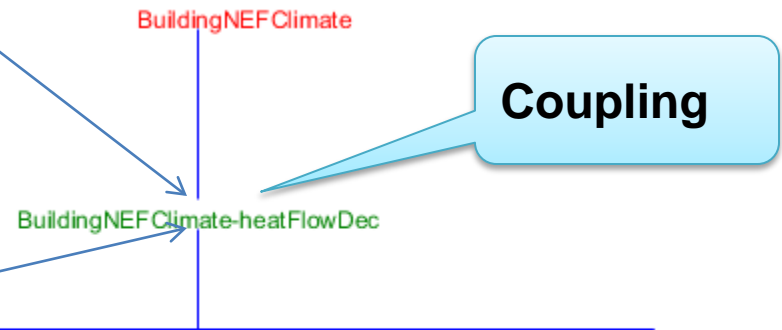
From the onOff perspective, HeaterNCooler sends SensorChange to Cooler !

From the onOff perspective, Heater sends HVACHeatTransfer to HeaterNCooler !

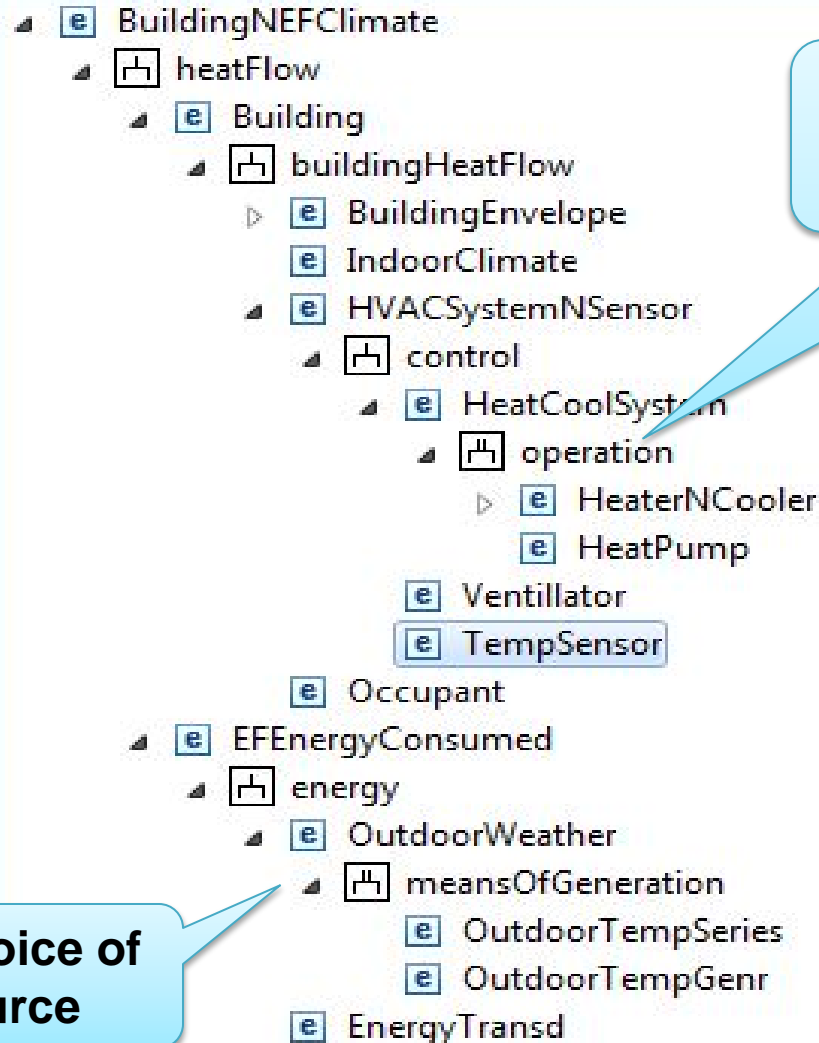
From the onOff perspective, Cooler sends HVACHeatTransfer to HeaterNCooler !

Top 3 Levels of Building and EF SES

Source	Output	Destination	Input
HVACSystemNSensor	outHVACHeatTransfer	IndoorClimate	inHVACHeatTransfer
HVACSystemNSensor	outHVACHeatTransfer	Building	outHVACHeatTransfer
IndoorClimate	outIndoorTemp	Occupant	inIndoorTemp
Building	inOutdoorTemp	BuildingEnvelope	inOutdoorTemp
BuildingEnvelope	outOutdoorHeatTransfer	IndoorClimate	inOutdoorHeatTransfer
IndoorClimate	outIndoorTemp	HVACSystemNSensor	inIndoorTemp
Occupant	outWindowChange	BuildingEnvelope	inWindowChange



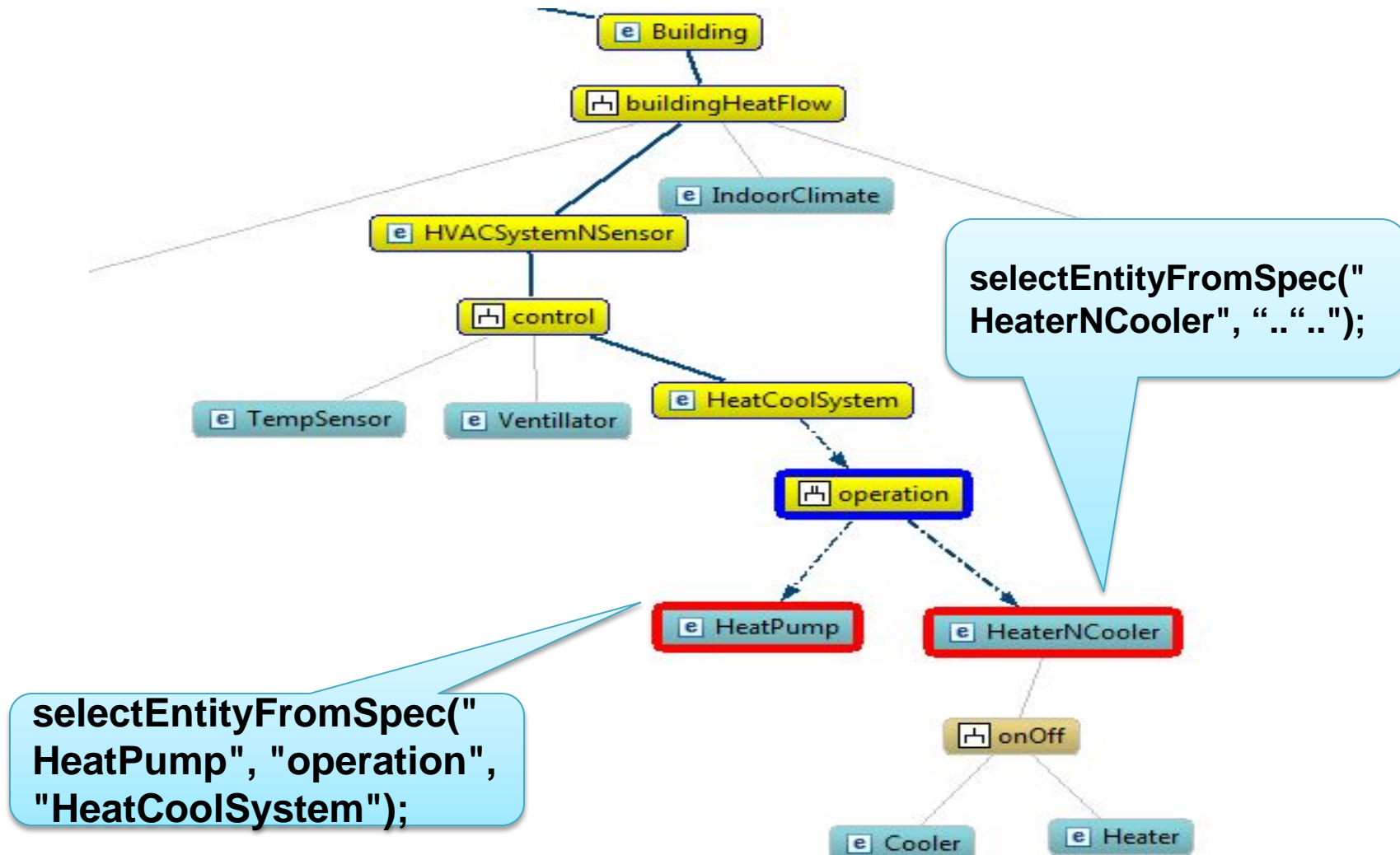
SES Showing Specializations



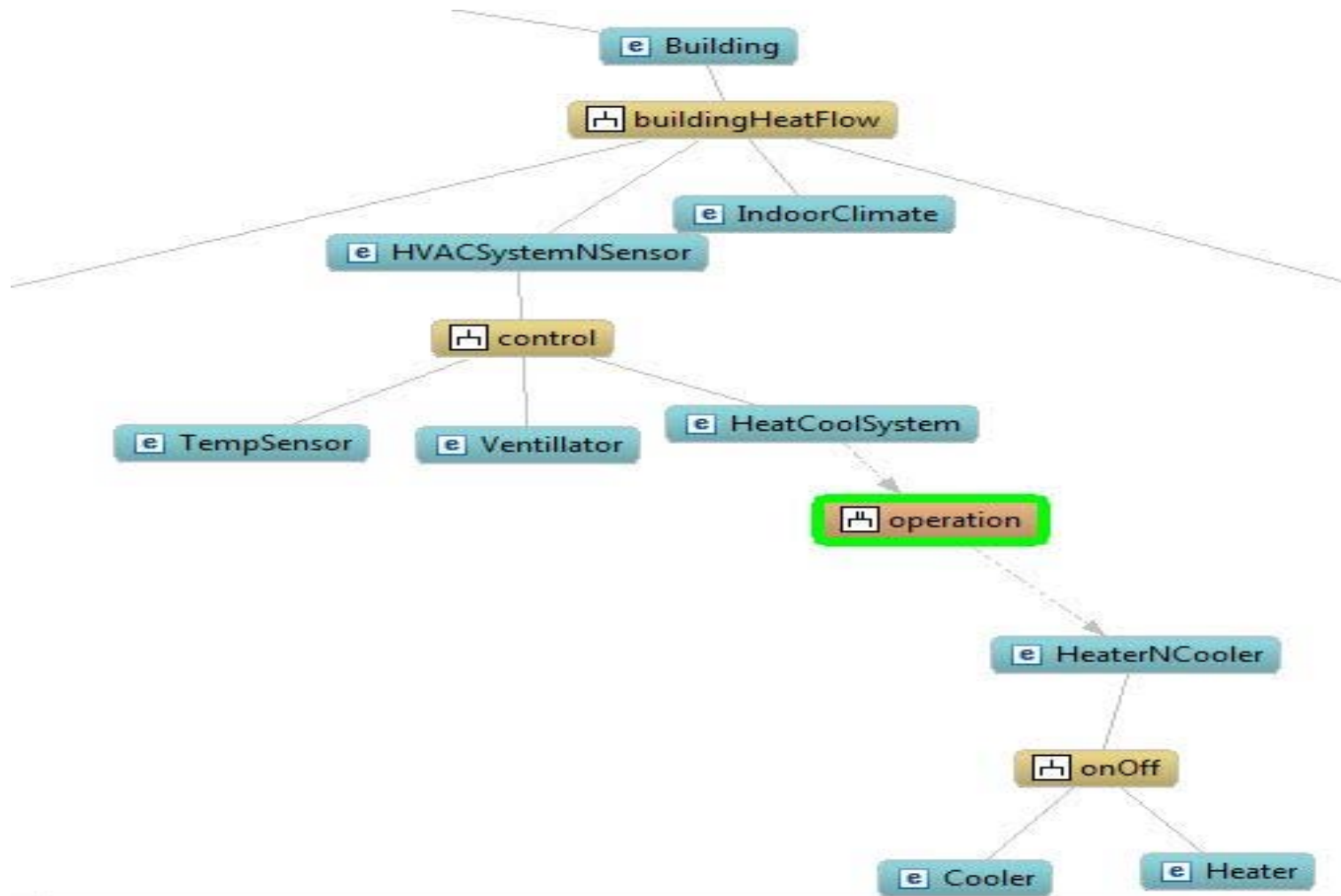
Specialization for choice of HeatNCool System

Specialization for choice of outdoor weather source

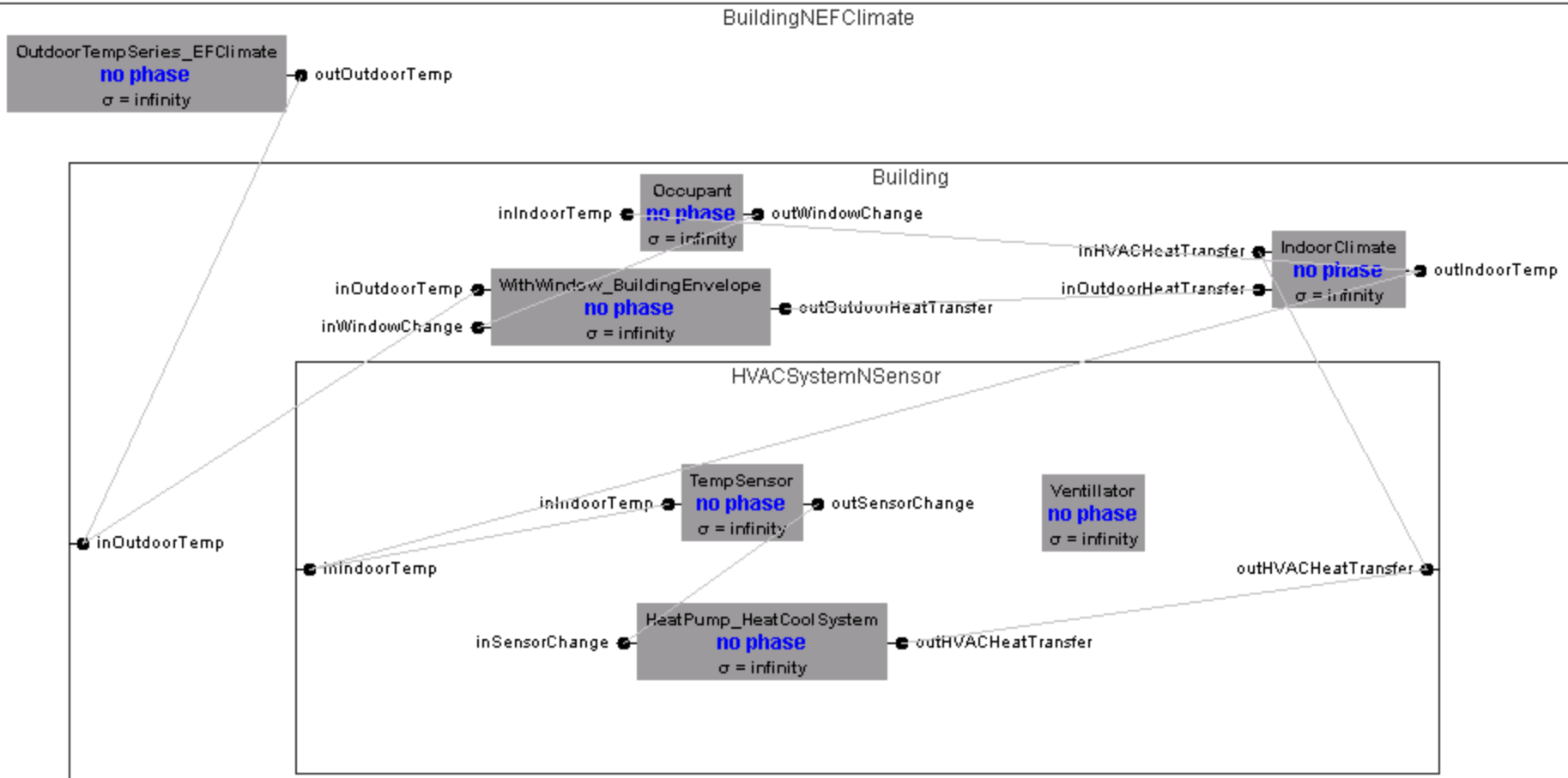
Pruning Entities From Specializations



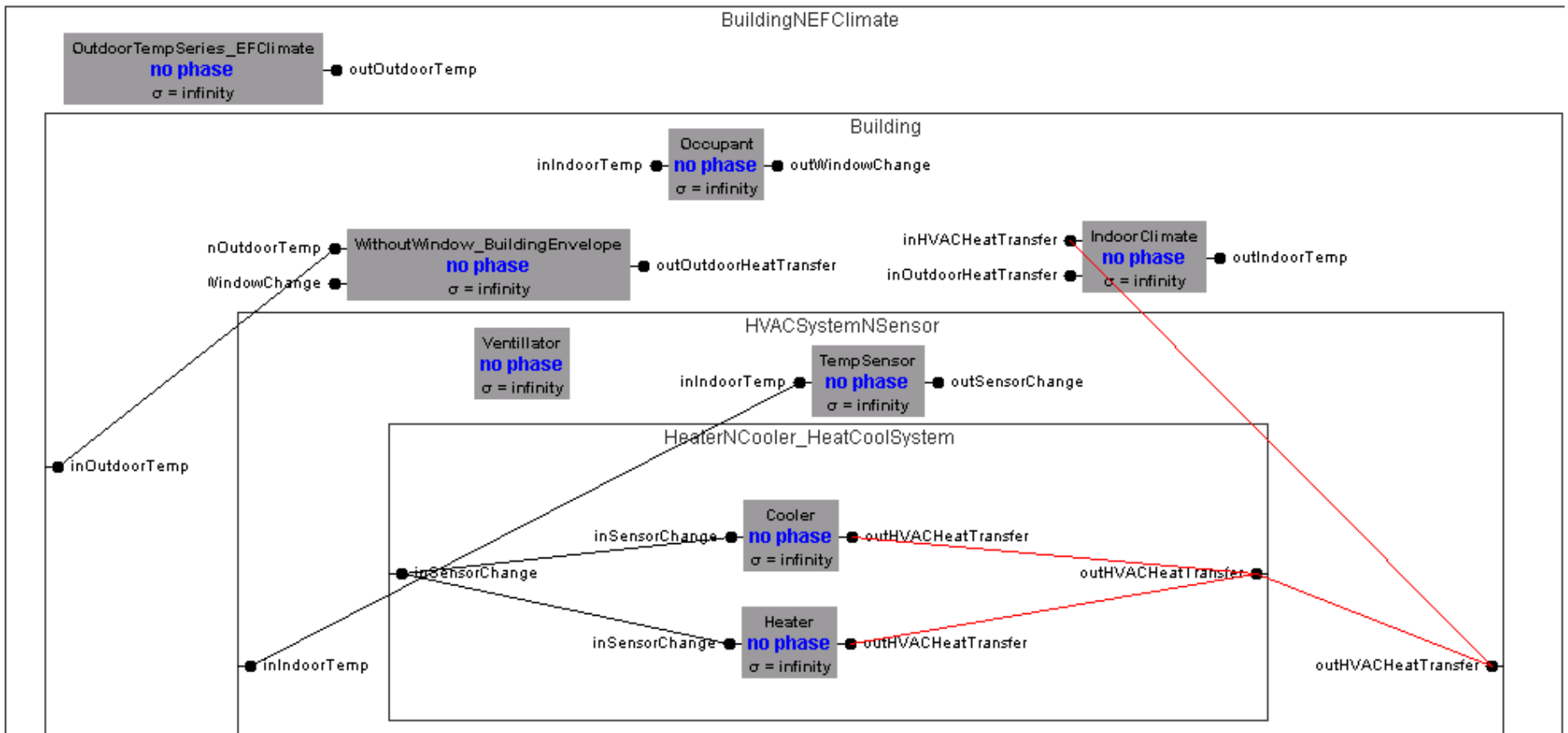
Pruning of SES where Separate Heater and Cooler are Selected



Transformation of SES where Heat Pump Selected



Transformation of SES where Separate Heater and Cooler Selected



Refinement of Experimental Frame to include Energy Consumption Transducer

From the heatFlow perspective, BuildingNEFClimat is made of Building and EFCEnergyConsumed !

From the heatFlow perspective, EFCEnergyConsumed sends OutdoorTemp to Building !
From the heatFlow perspective, Building sends HVACHeatTransfer to EFCEnergyConsumed !

From the energy perspective, EFCEnergyConsumed is made of OutdoorWeather and EnergyTransd !

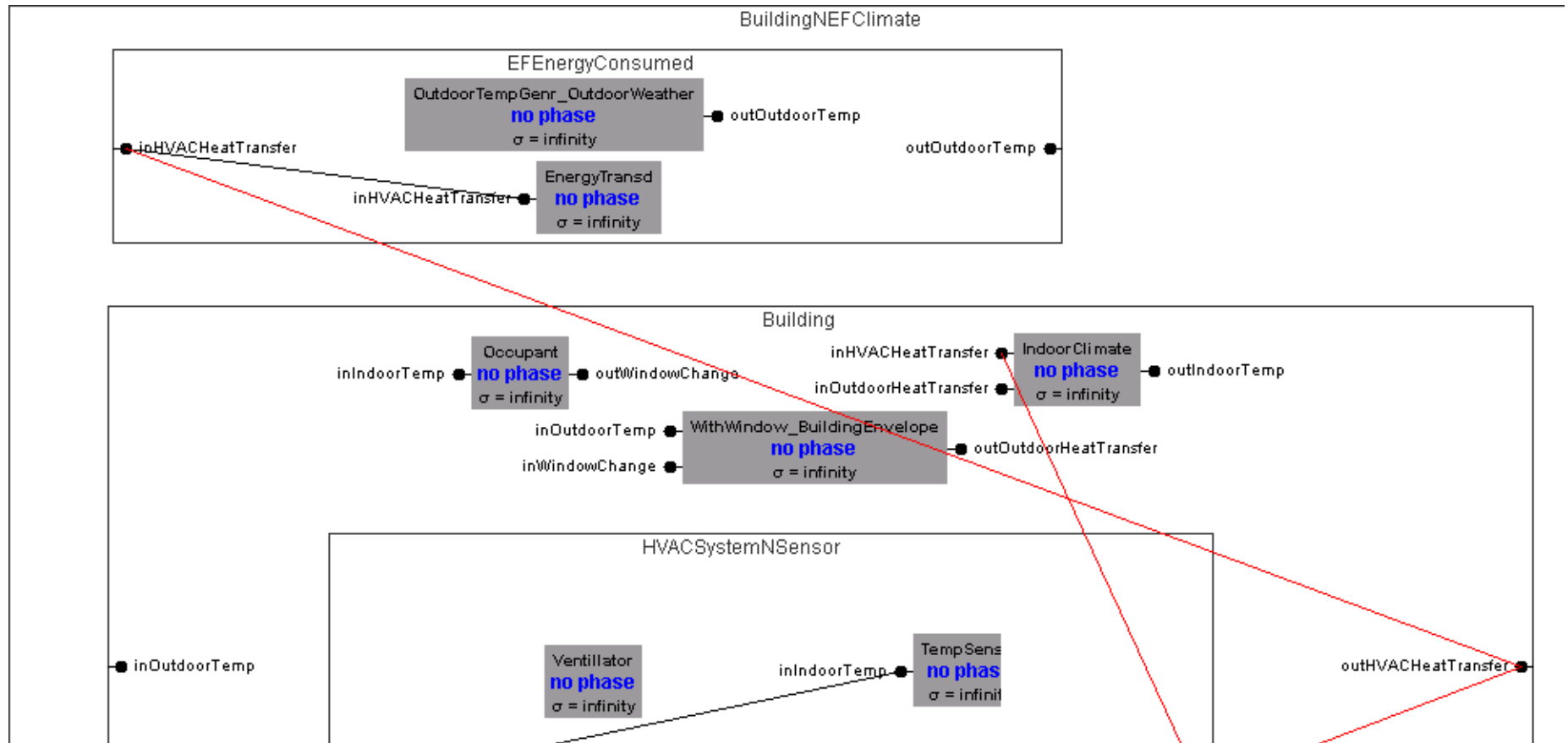
OutdoorWeather can be OutdoorTempSeries or OutdoorTempGenr in meansOfGeneration !

From the energy perspective, OutdoorWeather sends OutdoorTemp to EFCEnergyConsumed !

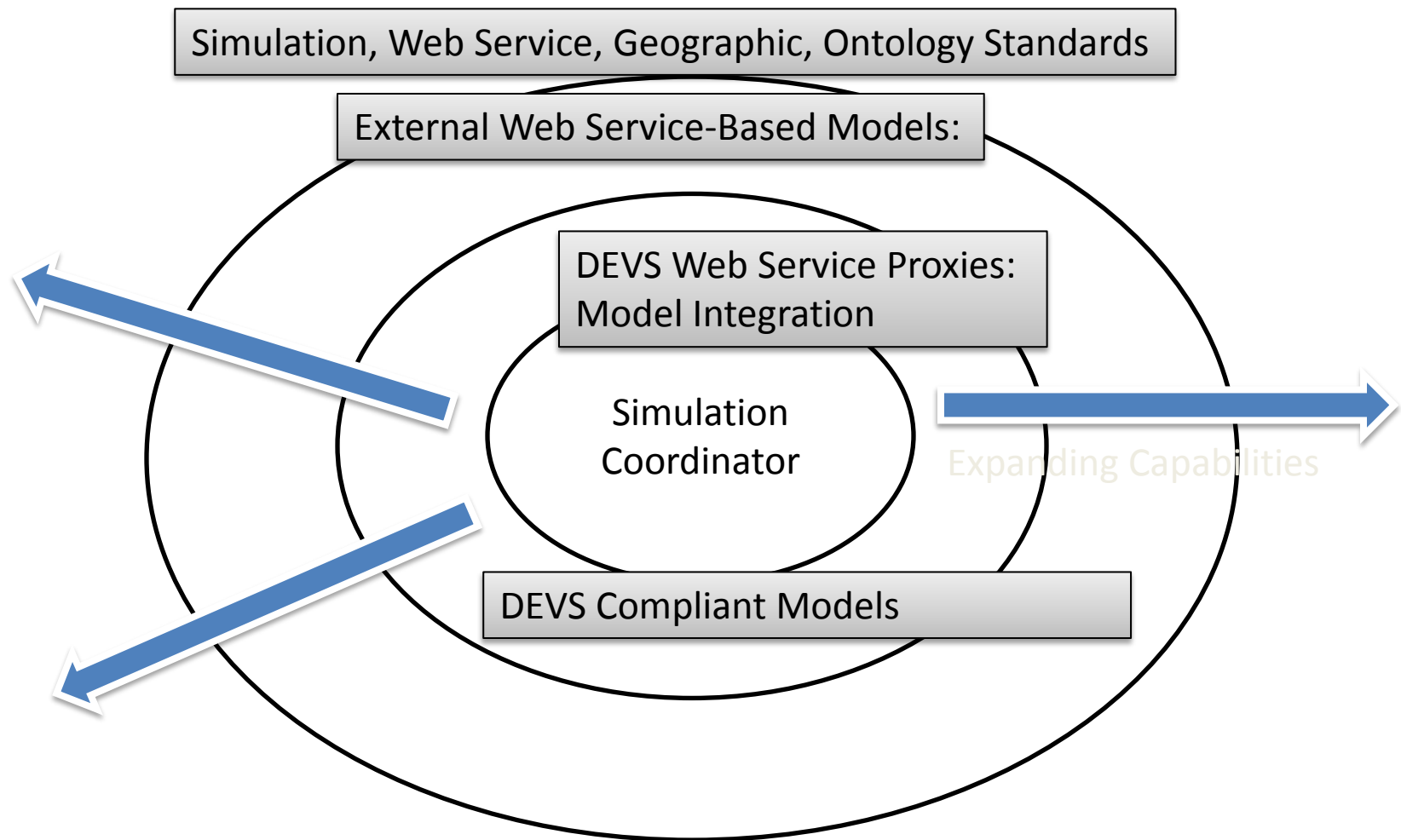
From the energy perspective, EFCEnergyConsumed sends HVACHeatTransfer to EnergyTransd !

//rest of SES is same as before

Pruned SES showing Refined EF for Consumption



DEVS/SOA combines DEVS with SOA

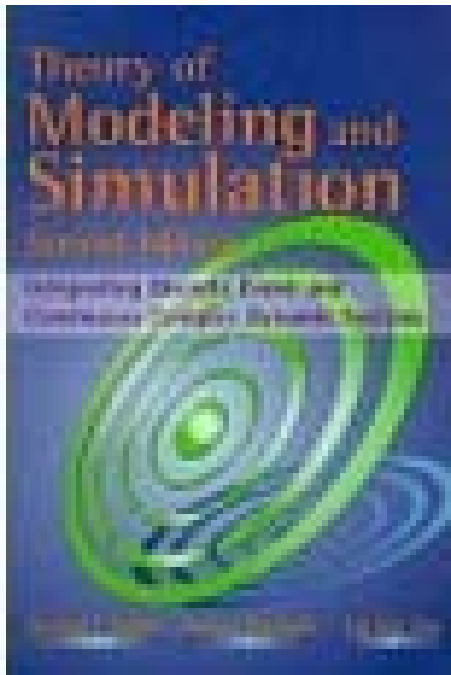


DEVS/SOA is an open architecture with expanding capabilities to exploit simulation resources on the Web

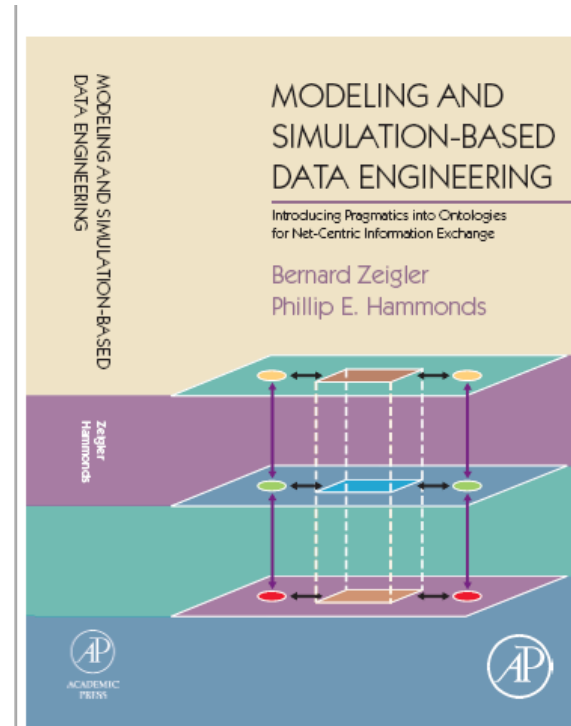
The Creative Generative World of Pruning

- Constraints may apply to aspects (compositions) and selections (specializations)
- Constraint propagation – a selection in one place may constrain the choices in another place – can be rule based
- Context dependence – selections from the same specialization can be different in different contexts (under different entities)
- MultiAspects open up new contexts for pruning

Books and Web Links



www.acims.arizona.edu



Rtsync.com

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DEVS>