

WHY HAVEN'T WE STARTED FIXING SCHOOLS?

A SOLUTION TO MEET THE MOMENT

BARRY STEPHENS



WHY VENTILATE

BETTER VENTILATION MEANS BETTER HEALTH

- More is better?

California Study of 168 Classrooms¹

Increasing classroom VRs from the California average (8.5 cfm per person) to the State standard of 15 cfm would decrease Illness Absences by 3.4%

Texas Study of 120 Classrooms²

Median CO2 levels were 28% higher than ASHRAE limit

Washington & Idaho Study of 434 Classrooms³

A 1000 PPM increase in CO2 was associated with a 10% - 20% increase in student absence

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Harvard Study⁴

On average, a 400 ppm increase in CO₂ was associated with a 21% decrease in cognitive function scores

70-school Study in Southwestern US⁵

Students' mean mathematics scores were increased by 0.5% per 2 cfm/person increase in ventilation rate within the range of 2 – 15 cfm

54-school Study across USA⁶

Math and Reading scores were 14% higher when VRs were greater than 10 cfm/student compared to scores when VRs were less than 5 cfm/student

- More is better

(4) Allen, et al., Associations of Cognitive Function Scores with Carbon Dioxide, Ventilation, and Volatile Organic Compound Exposures..."

Why Ventilate? Lower Risk of Virus Spread

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Risk of indoor airborne infection transmission estimated from carbon dioxide concentration

Abstract The Wells–Riley equation, which is used to model the risk of indoor airborne transmission of infectious diseases such as tuberculosis, is sometimes problematic because it assumes steady-state conditions and requires measurement of outdoor air supply rates, which are frequently difficult to measure and often vary with time. We derive an alternative equation that avoids these problems by determining the fraction of inhaled air that has been exhaled previously by someone in the building (rebreathed fraction) using CO₂ concentration as a marker for exhaled-breath exposure. We also derive a non-steady-state version of the Wells–Riley equation which is especially useful in poorly ventilated environments when outdoor air supply rates can be assumed constant. Finally, we derive the relationship between the average number of secondary cases infected by each primary case in a building and exposure to exhaled breath and demonstrate that there is likely to be an achievable critical rebreathed fraction of indoor air below which airborne propagation of common respiratory infections and influenza will not occur.

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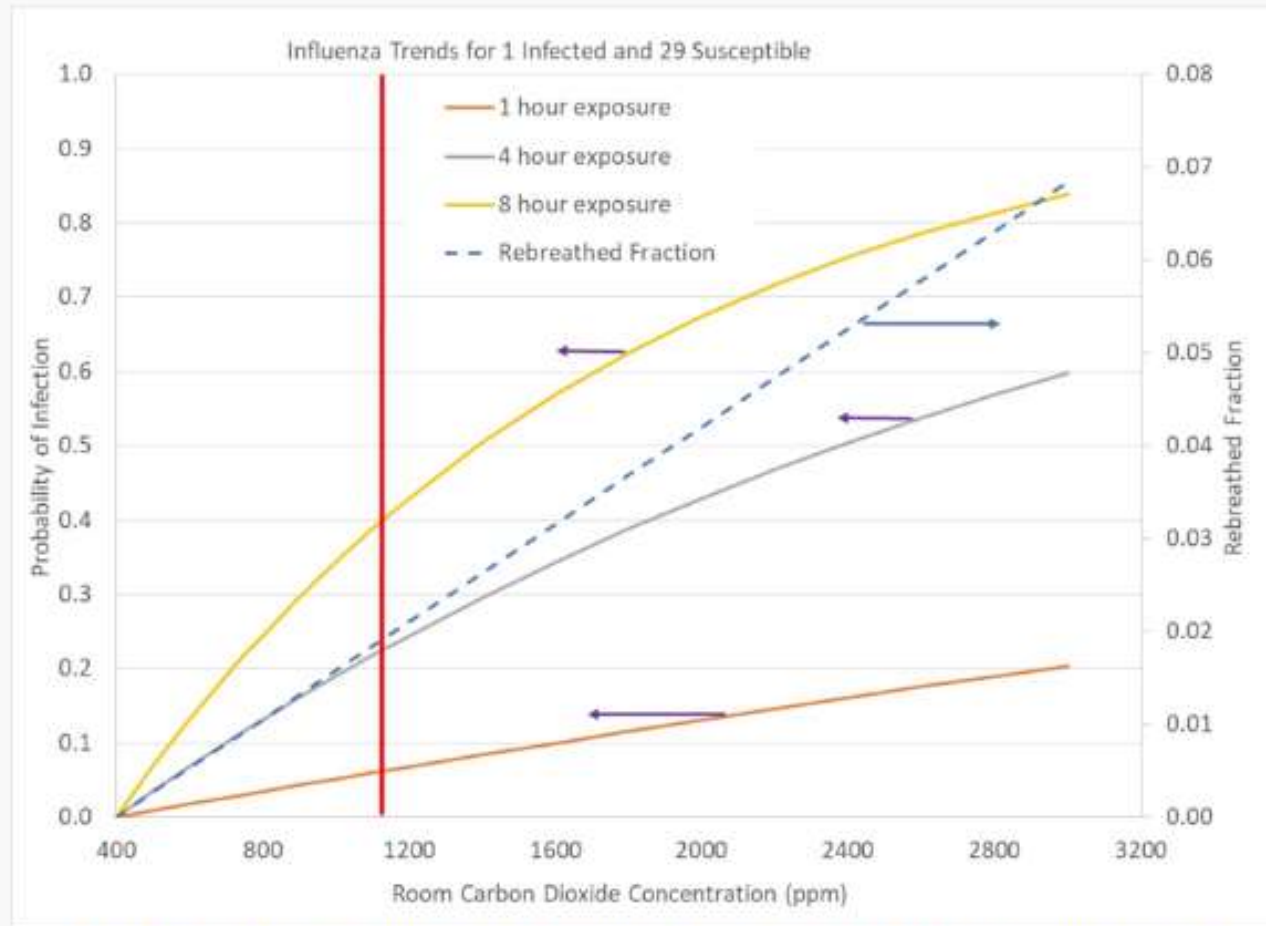


Figure 6 Probability of infection in a room with 1 infected person and 29 susceptible persons.

Schools!

It is widely known, after multiple studies across North America, Europe and beyond, that schools have poor IAQ and health.

Impacts include learning impairment, reduced cognitive function and increased illness and absence.

PPS says it will comply after state clarifies air quality recommendations

Aimee Green - The Oregonian/OregonLive

In a sweeping about-face, Oregon's largest school district on Friday said it will "strive" to increase a key measure of air quality to bare minimum levels long-trumpeted by a wide swath of experts nationwide.

Portland Public Schools' announcement comes after an investigation by The Oregonian/OregonLive in May found nearly 500 classrooms with subpar ventilation rates that experts said could increase the risk of airborne-disease transmission as well as lower the ability of students to learn in stuffy classrooms with stale air.

The district's announcement also comes on the heels of clarified guidance from the Oregon Health Authority, brought about by questions raised by The Oregonian/OregonLive this month. On Thursday, the health authority told school officials it "recommends a range of 3-6 air changes per hour" along with other efforts to improve indoor air quality.

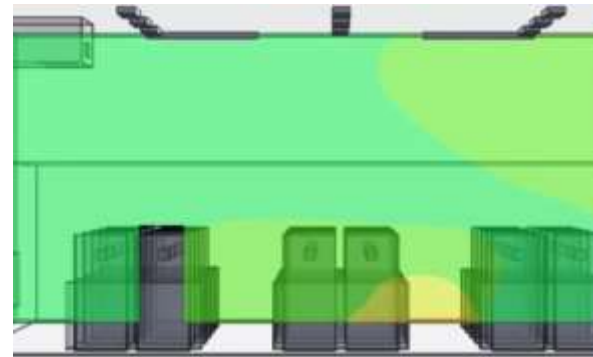
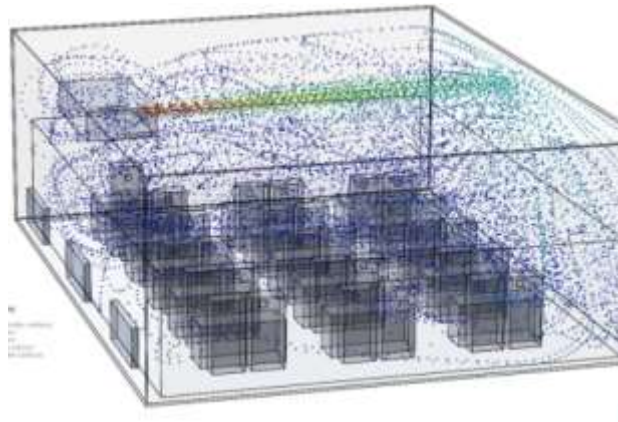
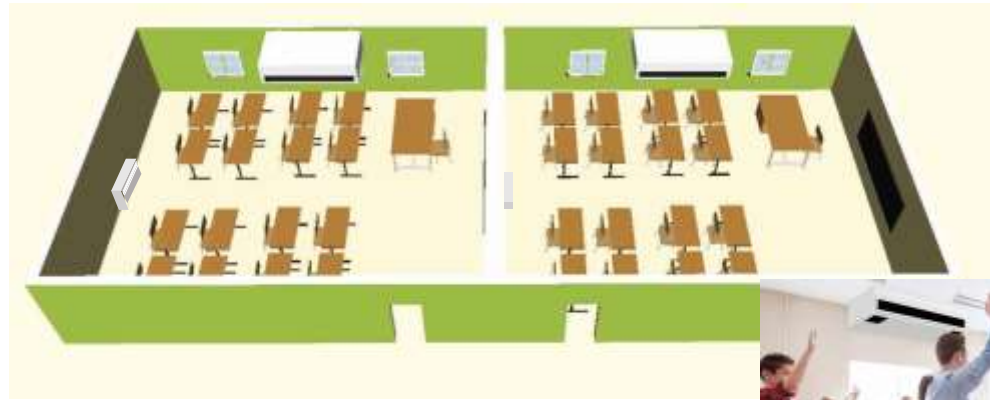
SQ SERIES – DECENTRALIZED VENTILATION



VS500SQ h (HRV) VS500SQ e (ERV)

- Simple ductless installation
- Below ceiling mount; optimized to create healthy, comfortable classroom
- No internal ductwork minimizes installation time and cost
- Exceptionally quiet operation:
 - Example $L_{pA}=10$ dB: A Pin Dropping
 - Example $L_{pA}=20$ dB: Leaves Rustling
 - SQ Series: $L_{pA}=23.6$ dB @3M, 50% flow
 - Example $L_{pA}=30$ dB: A Whisper / Library
 - SQ Series: $L_{pA}=31.5$ dB @1M, 50% flow
- Standard CO₂ sensor for DCV
- Easy filter access
- Post-conditioning option available
- Great for classrooms; libraries
- UL/CSA Listed

SO ADVANCED THAT ITS SIMPLE



- Simple ductless installation reduces cost and time of install
- Health:
 - DCV operation with standard CO₂ sensor maintains superior air quality for health and human performance
- Comfort:
 - Very low air velocity at student level
 - Comfortable fresh air temperature through high recovery effectiveness

NYCSCA PILOT TEST INSTALL



NYCSCA wanted to test efficacy of the model, did a temporary installation. Followed up with additional units installed.

HILLSBORO, OR INSTALLATION



Hillsboro, OR school pilot in conjunction with NEEA. Units are partially installed in the drop ceiling, reducing the profile.

HILLSBORO, OR INSTALLATION



These units are HRVs, requiring a condensate drain. ERVs typically do not need condensate drains or pumps.

HILLSBORO, OR INSTALLATION



View outdoors with supply and exhaust hoods.

WINDHAM, ME UNIT VENTILATOR UPGRADE



Existing Unit Ventilators, to be replaced with VS500 SQe units. We utilized the existing hydronic heating system for post-heating.

WINDHAM, ME UNIT VENTILATOR UPGRADE



Shown with a three damper setup. Supply and return dampers are closed, a re-circ damper is opened during heating season to do morning warmup before start of school. At start of school the re-circ damper is closed, supply and return dampers are opened for 100% Outside Air.

WINDHAM, ME UNIT VENTILATOR UPGRADE



We utilized existing penetrations for supply and return ducts, later the ducting is covered with A simple framing.

CFD – VS 500 SQ

Classroom – Fairbank school - Toronto

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- **The aim of the simulations is to show the air flow and the distribution of CO₂ concentration in a classroom ventilated by a decentralized recuperative ventilation unit VS500 SQ**





▪ Building's location

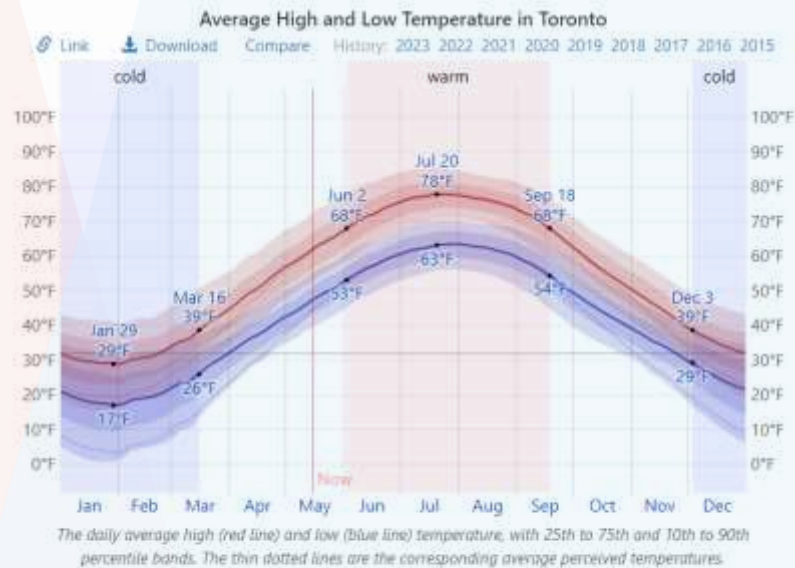
▪ Fairbank Memorial Community School

- Toronto, Ontario, Canada



source: <https://www.google.com/maps>

Weather in the area - average temperature



Average	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	30°F	31°F	39°F	51°F	63°F	72°F	77°F	70°F	68°F	56°F	45°F	35°F
Temp.	24°F	25°F	32°F	44°F	55°F	64°F	70°F	69°F	62°F	50°F	39°F	30°F
Low	18°F	19°F	27°F	38°F	48°F	57°F	63°F	62°F	55°F	44°F	34°F	25°F

<https://weatherspark.com/y/19863/Average-Weather-in-Toronto-Canada-Year-Round>

Outdoor CO₂ – concentration Canada

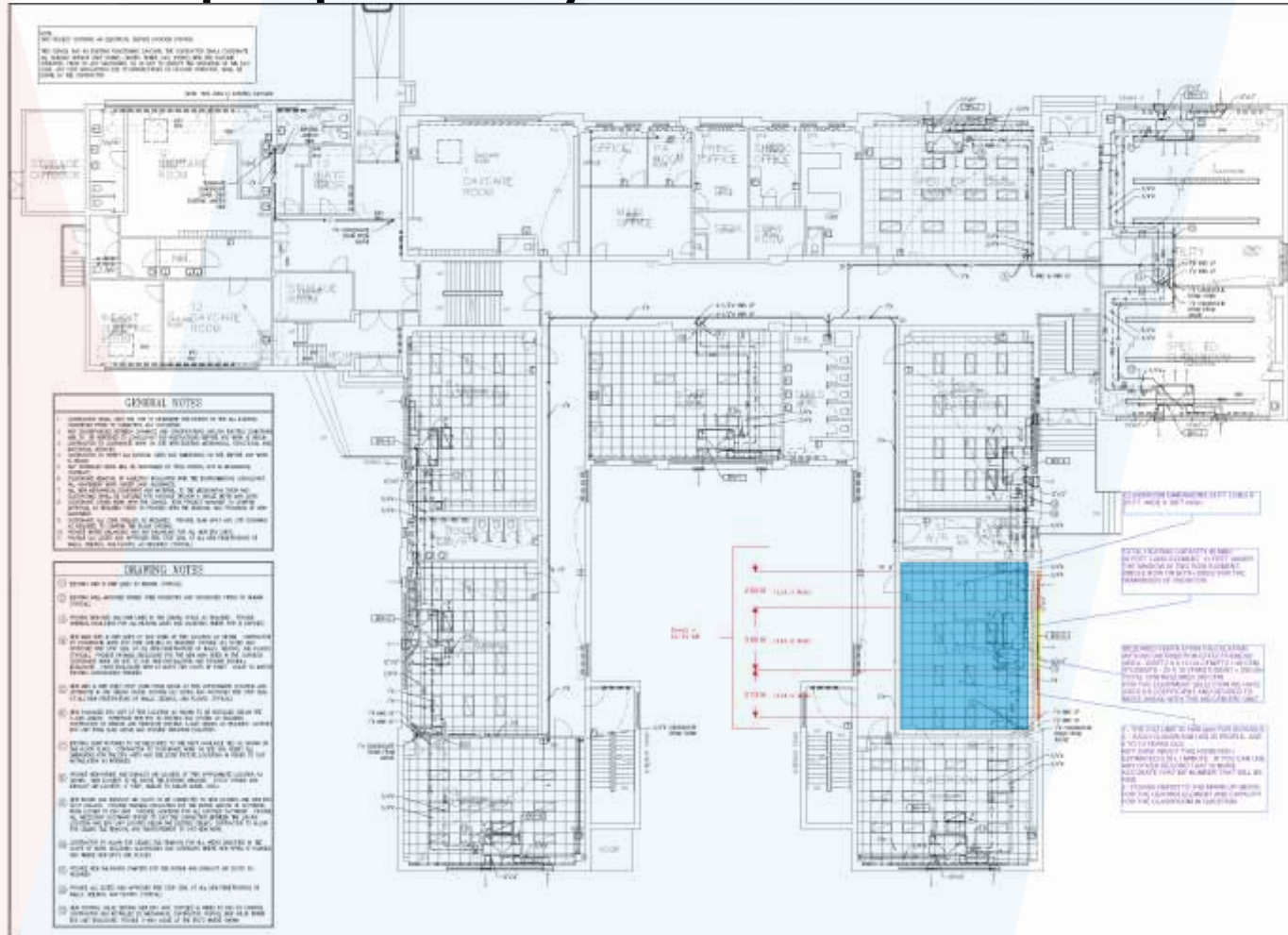
3.1 OUTDOOR CONCENTRATIONS

In a Health Canada study, the median and 95th percentiles of average hourly CO₂ concentrations measured outside of 4 schools located in Ottawa were 419 and 532 ppm, respectively (MacNeill et al. 2016) (see Table 2). In the published literature, normal ambient outdoor ground-level CO₂ concentrations in the range of 328 to 442 ppm have been reported in the United States, Europe, Australia, and Japan (Muscatiello et al. 2015; Haverinen-Shaughnessy, Moschandreas and Shaughnessy 2011; Simoni et al. 2010; Ziska et al. 2001).

Location	Season	Average hourly concentration (ppm)							Reference	
		No. homes/schools/daycare centres	No. of samples	Mean	Minimum	Median	75 th percentile	95 th percentile		Maximum
OUTDOOR										
Ottawa, Ontario (outside of schools)	Fall	4	5313	522	294	419	453	532	504?	MacNeill et al (2016)

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/publications/healthy-living/residential-indoor-air-quality-guidelines-carbon-dioxide.html>

- Floor plan provided by the customer



- Simulated classroom is highlighted blue on the floor plan



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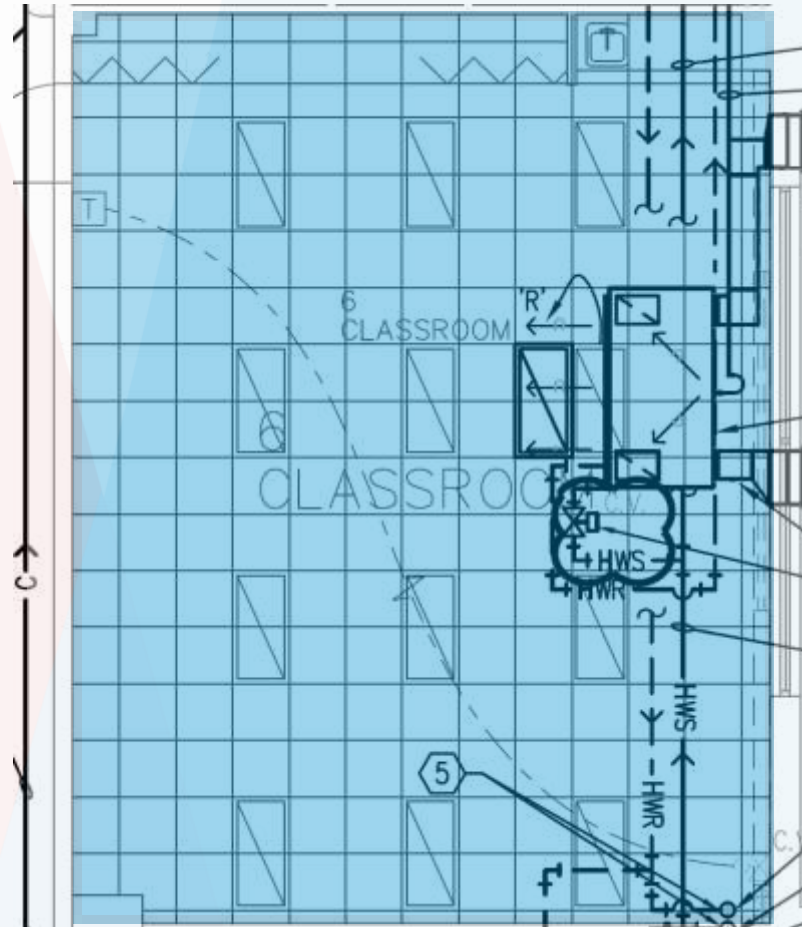
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 MECHANICAL PLAN - NEW

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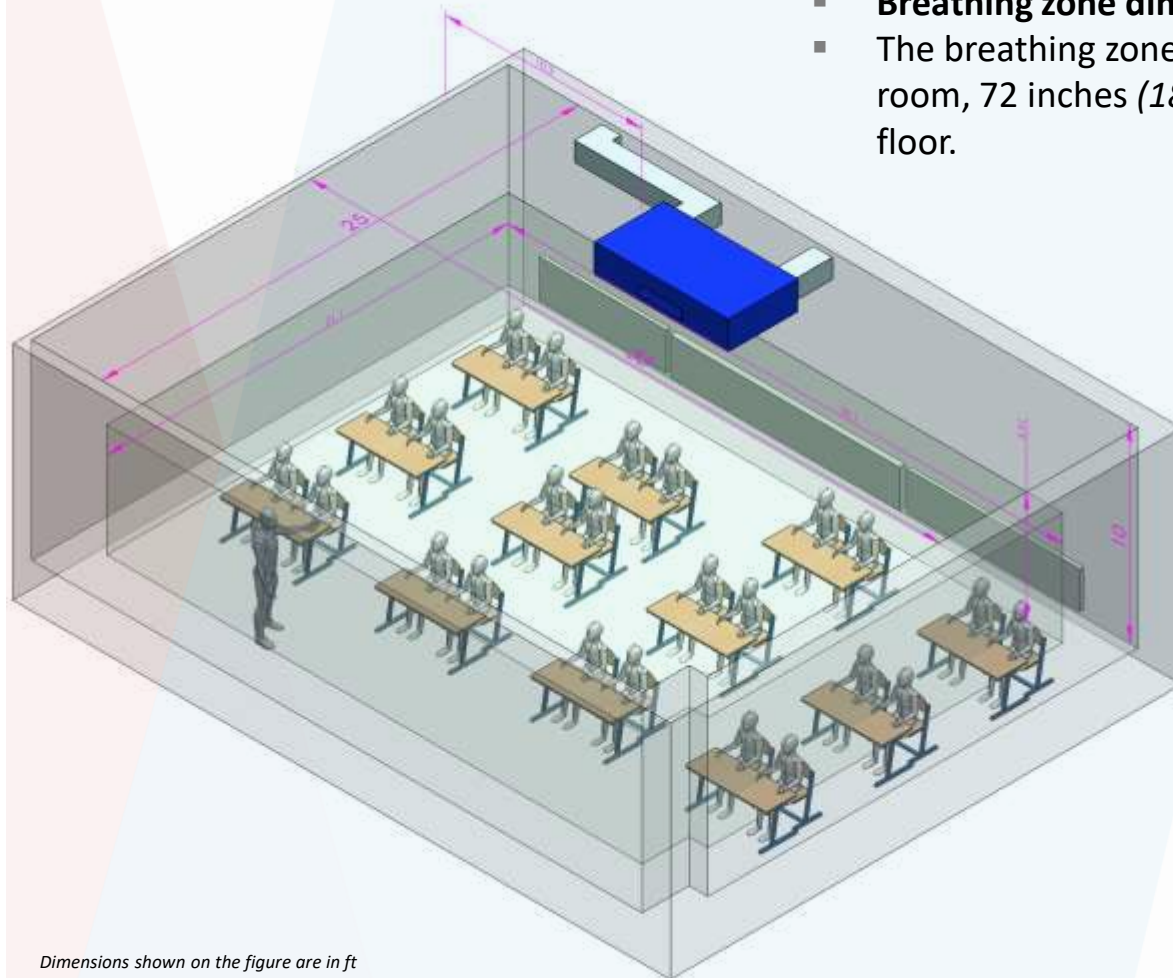
▪ **Floor plan provided by the customer – simulated classroom**



- **Classroom dimensions:**
 - 33 ft (10,06 m) long X 25 ft (7,62 m) wide and
 - ceiling height is 10 ft (3,05 m)
 - floor area is 825 ft² (76,65 m²)
 - room internal volume 8250 ft³ (233,6 m³)

wide and

▪ Simplified building - simulation model



- **Breathing zone dimensions (*highlighted in green*):**
- The breathing zone is at 2 ft (600 mm) from the perimeter walls of the room, 72 inches (1800 mm) in height and 3 inches (75 mm) from the floor.

- **Air handing unit position:**
- The heat recovery unit is located 10,3 ft (≈ 3140 mm) from the right shorter wall of the room (see picture), 2,14 ft (≈ 652 mm) from the rear wall of the room (*exterior wall*) and its upper side is adjacent to the ceiling of the room.
(The unit is connected by a square pipe 12"x12")

- **Internal equipment and people model:**
- The layout of the school benches corresponds to the floor plan supplied by the customer
- Children's model corresponds to 8-10 years old



1. Simulation variant

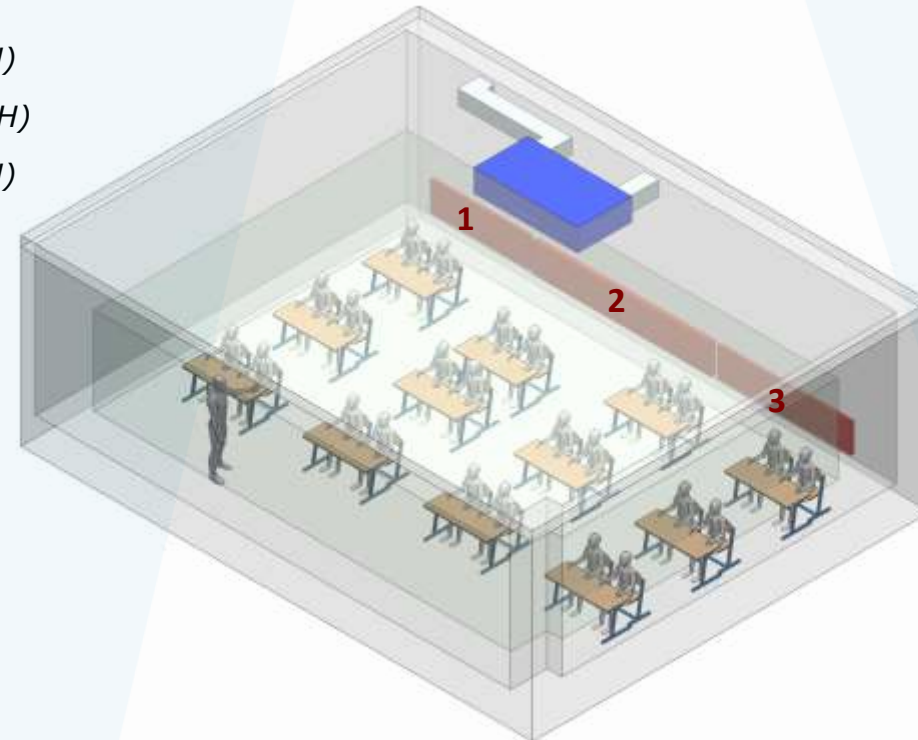
VS 500 SQ – Classroom – 1. Simulation variant - Isothermal

- **Used dimensions of internal space for simulation**
822,6 ft² floor space (76,4 m²)
(pillars in the corners of the room are considered in the model for simulations)
- **Internal space for simulation is 8226 ft³ (232,29 m³)**
- The classroom's ceiling high is 10 ft (3,05 m)
- **Outside air CO₂ concentration 450 ppm**
- Initial inside air CO₂ concentration 1000 ppm
- **Units' airflow 450 cfm (764,55 m³/h) @ 71,6°F (22 °C)**
- **24 students and 1 teacher inside the classroom** - CO₂ production 15 l/h per student and 17 l/h per teacher - **total CO₂ production is 377 l/h**
- People inside the classroom are considered only as a source of CO₂ in the simulation, heat energy emitted by people is not considered in the simulation
- Heat transfer by radiation is not considered in the simulation
- The surrounding (*inner walls of the building*) school classrooms are adiabatic - without heat transfer
- The heat source is not considered, we consider a balanced temperature of 22°C inside the classroom
- The goal is to show the distribution of air flow speeds and CO₂ concentrations in a ventilated school classroom



VS 500 SQ – Classroom – 2. Simulation variant – Non-Isothermal

- In order to show the effect of convective air flow due to the heat source in the school classroom (*heating elements*) on the air flow in the classroom, due to incomplete information about the material properties of the surrounding walls and the surrounding conditions and to simplify the calculation, the power of the heat sources was set to cover the temperature difference between the required classroom temperature and the supply air temperature of the @ 450 cfm (764,55 m³/h) ventilation unit that was set at 59°F (15°C). Heating power temp. the resource was relatively divided among the heating elements in the school classroom according to the maximum heating output.
- **Heat sources:**
 1. heating element (1.row – lenght 2,04 m) - 390 W (1330 MBH)
 2. heating element (2.rows – lenght 3,66 m) - 888 W (3032 MBH)
 3. heating element (1.row – lenght 2,74 m) - 524 W (1787 MBH)
- The position of the heating elements approximately according to the available documents provided by the client
- **Total heating power in the simulation 1802 W (6149 MBH)**
- **Units' airflow 450 cfm (764,55 m³/h) @ 59°F (15 °C)**
- The other boundary and initial conditions are the same as in the first variant (*isothermal variant*)





VS 500 SQ – Classroom

- **Evaluation of simulations:**

- **Goals:**

- Volume goals were monitored in the simulations - average air flow velocities, average air temperatures (*non-isothermal case*) and the concentration of average CO₂ concentrations in the school classroom and its breathing (*residence*) zone
- **The convergence criteria** (*according to computing time and our computing capabilities*) of the listed quantities were set as follows:
 - air flow velocity: 0,01 m/s (*≈ 0,0328 ft/s*)
 - temperature: 0,1 °C (*32,18 °F*)
 - CO₂ concentrations: 5 ppm

- **Graphical results:**

- **Cut plots of the school classroom were made for graphic representation:**

- At heights of 0,1 m (*≈0,34 ft*) (*ankle level*), 0,6 m (*≈0,18 ft*) (*waist level of a seated person*), 1,1 m (*≈0,34 ft*) (*waist level of a standing person - head level of a seated person*) and 1,7 m (*≈0,52 ft*) (*head level of a standing person*), and through the center of the ventilation unit
- These cut plots show the distribution of velocities, temperatures and CO₂ concentrations
- The results are also displayed using isosurfaces and streamlines



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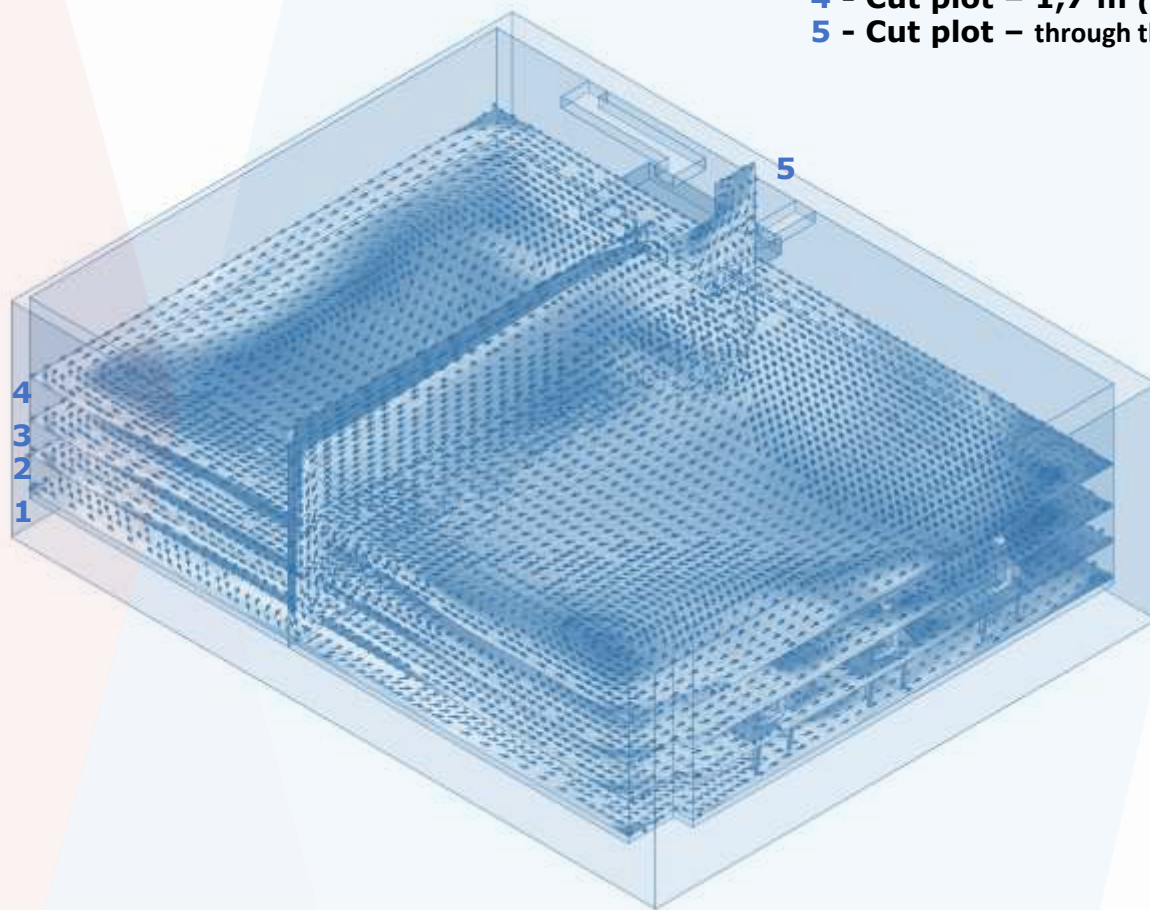


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▪ Cut plots scheme:

- 1 - Cut plot – 0,1 m ($\approx 0,03$ ft) above the floor
- 2 - Cut plot – 0,6 m ($\approx 0,18$ ft) above the floor
- 3 - Cut plot – 1,1 m ($\approx 0,34$ ft) above the floor
- 4 - Cut plot – 1,7 m ($\approx 0,52$ ft) above the floor
- 5 - Cut plot – through the center of the unit



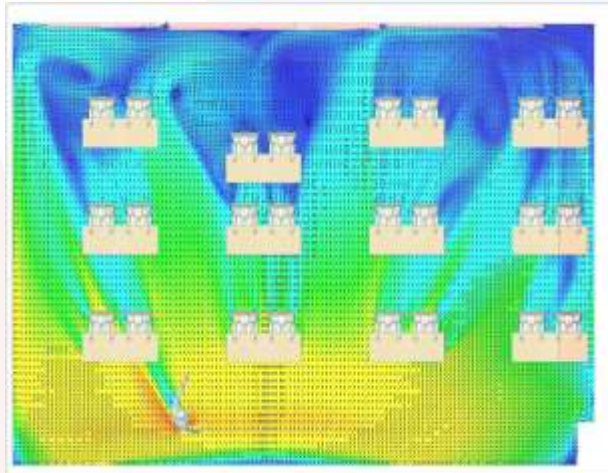
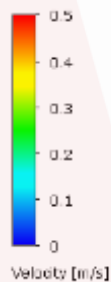


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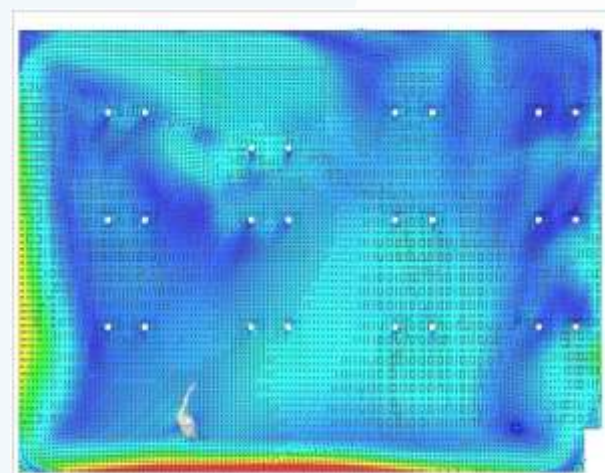
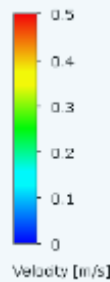
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▪ Cut plots – Air velocity

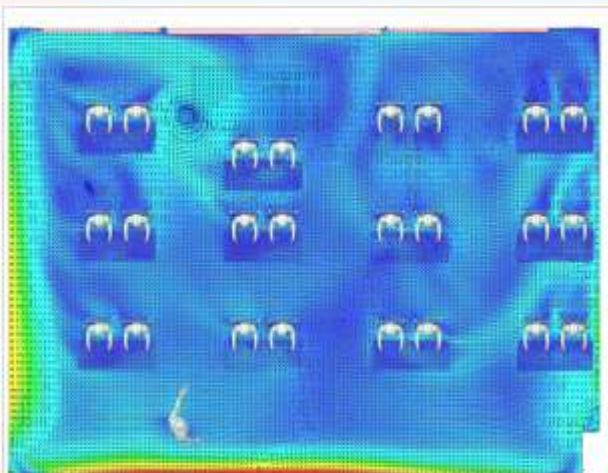
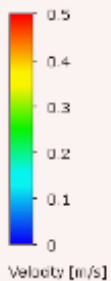
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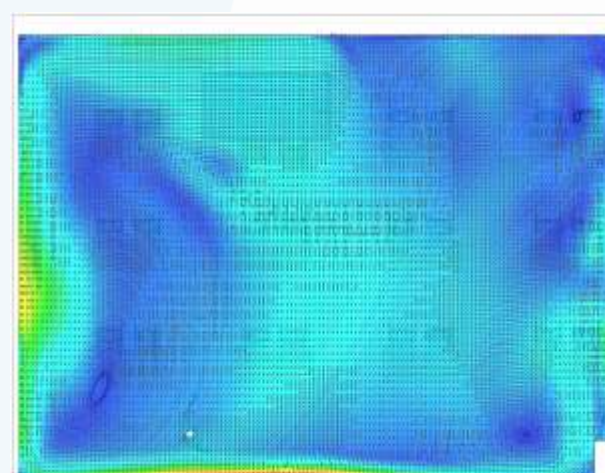
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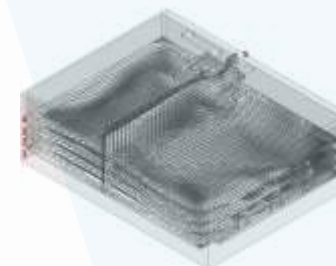
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2 - Cut plot – 0,6 m above the floor – air velocity



4 - Cut plot – 1,7 m above the floor – air velocity



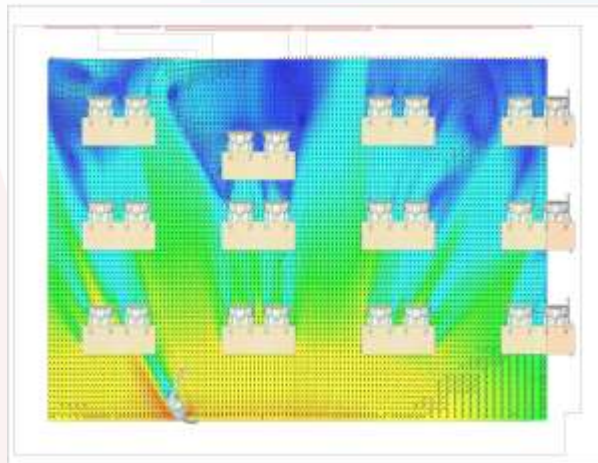
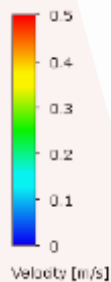


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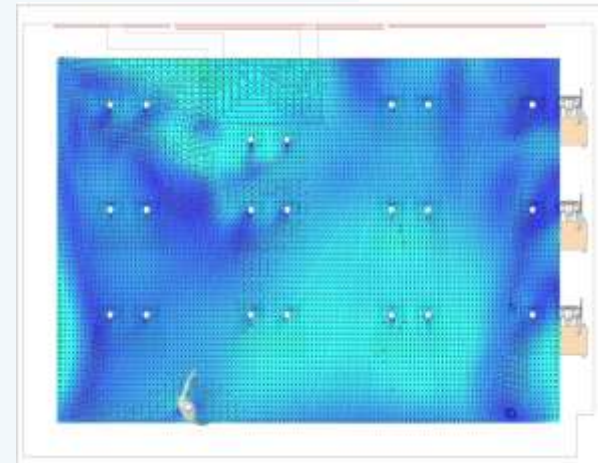
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▪ Cut plots – Air velocity – breathing zone

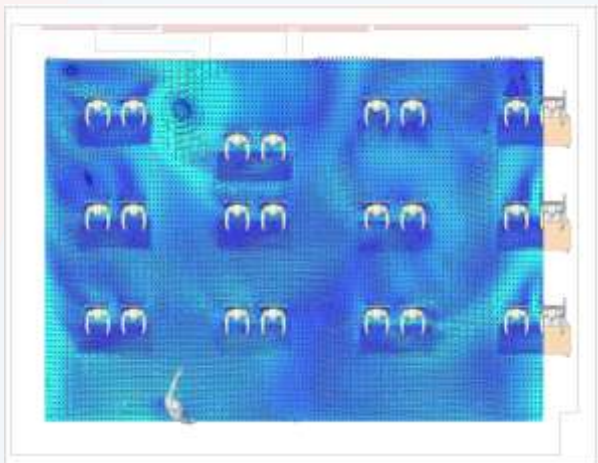
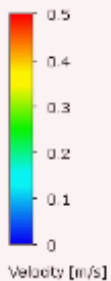
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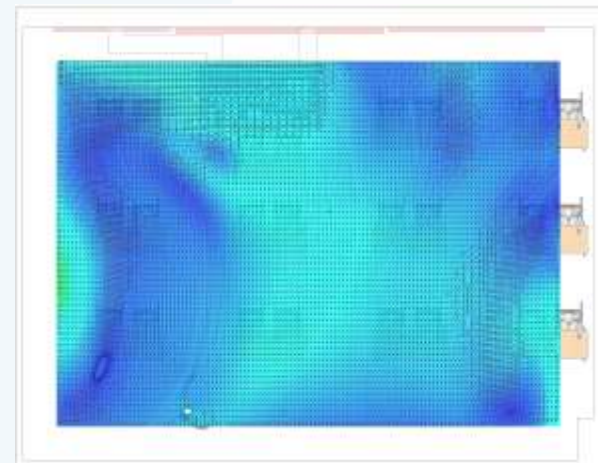
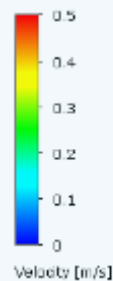
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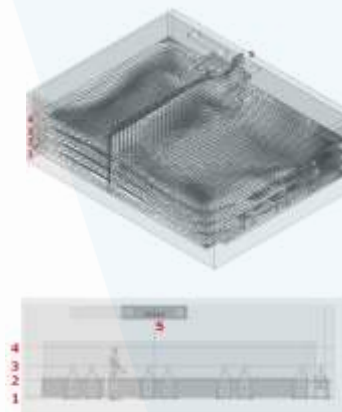
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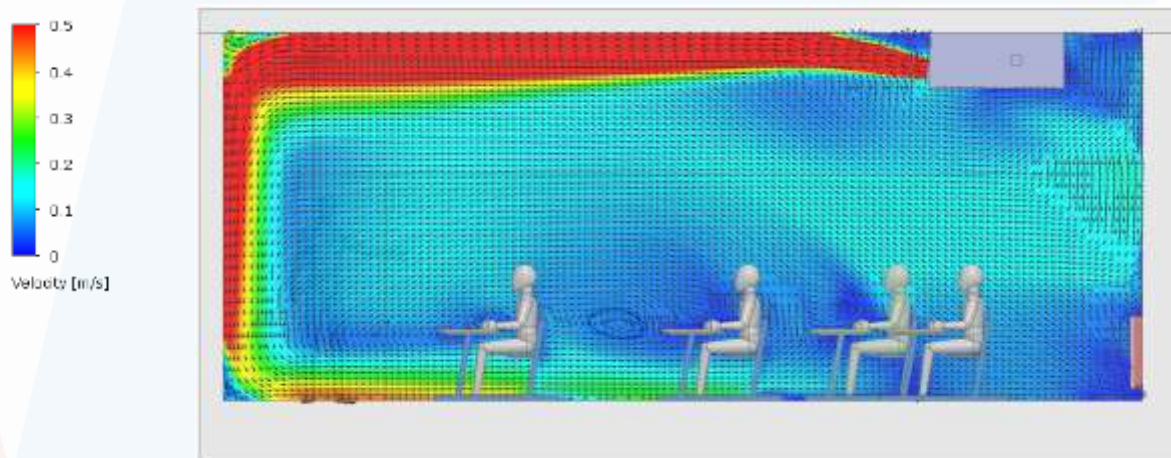


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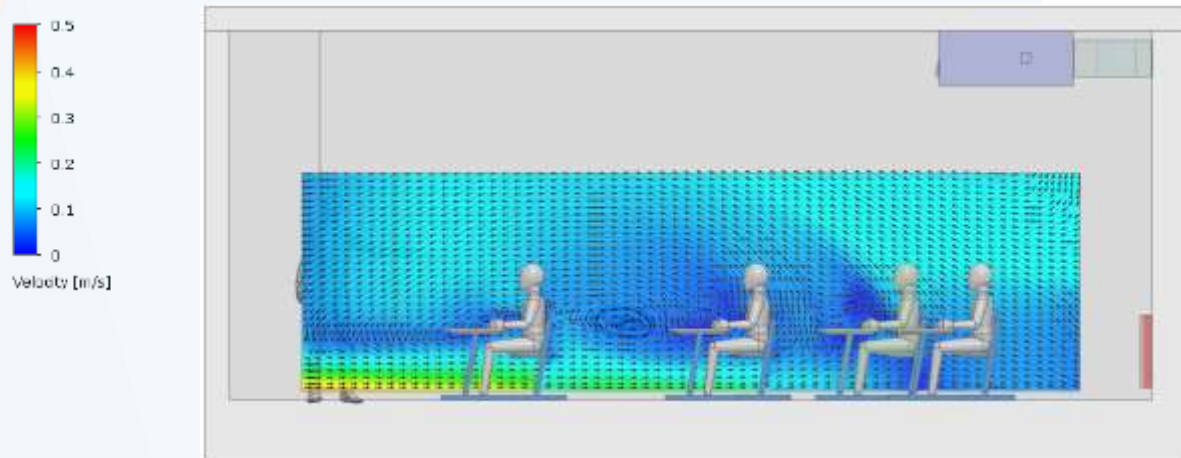
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- **Cut plots – Air velocity**

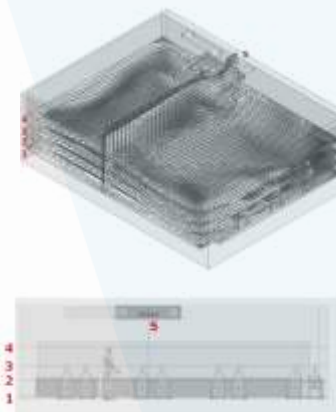
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5 - Cut plot – through the center of the unit – air velocity (displayed interval 0-0,5 m/s)



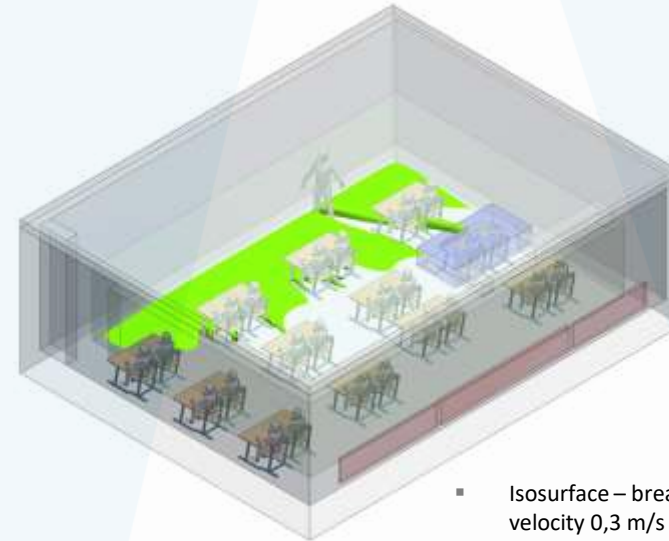
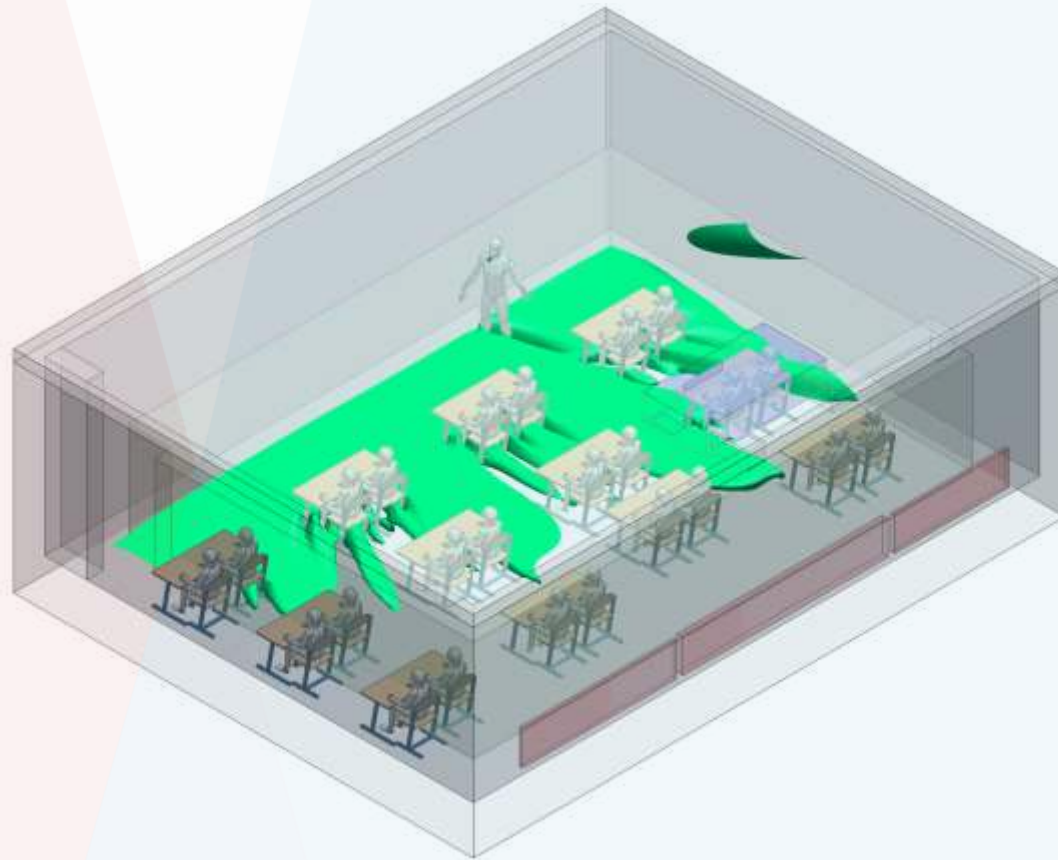
5 - Cut plot – through the center of the unit – air velocity – breathing zone - (displayed interval 0-0,5 m/s)



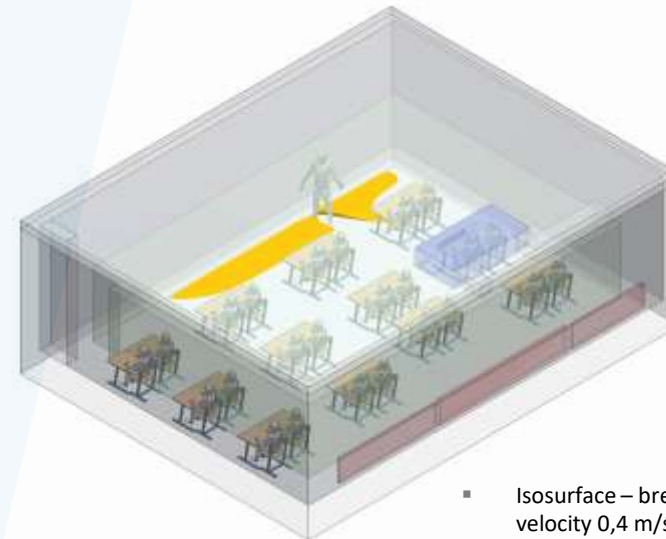
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- Isosurface – air velocity 0,2 m/s – breathing (*residential*) - zone



- Isosurface – breathing zone - air velocity 0,3 m/s



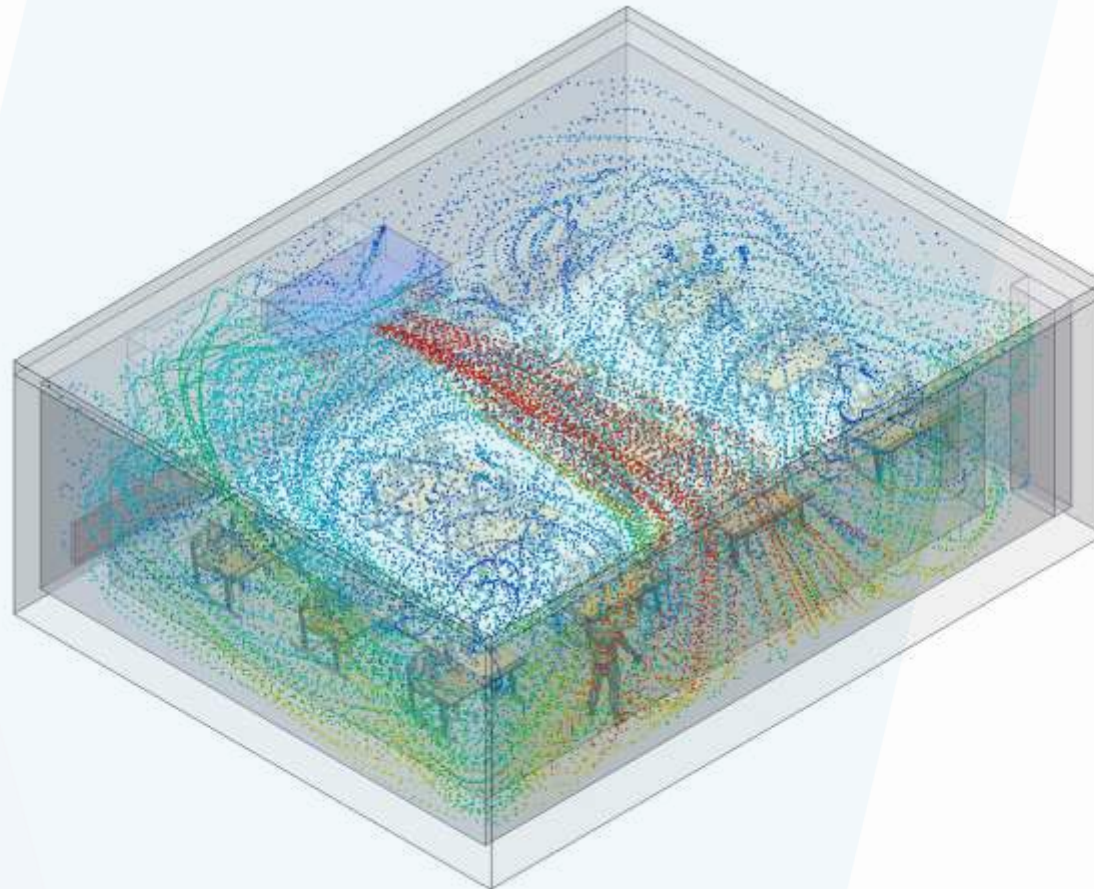
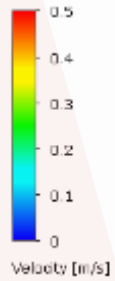
- Isosurface – breathing zone - air velocity 0,4 m/s



1. Simulation variant

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- Flow trajectories colored by air velocity (*displayed interval 0-0,5 m/s*)



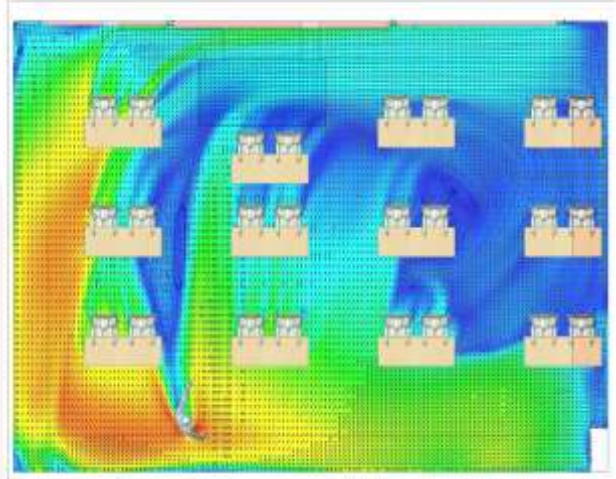
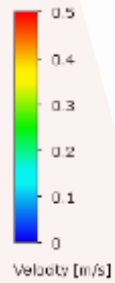


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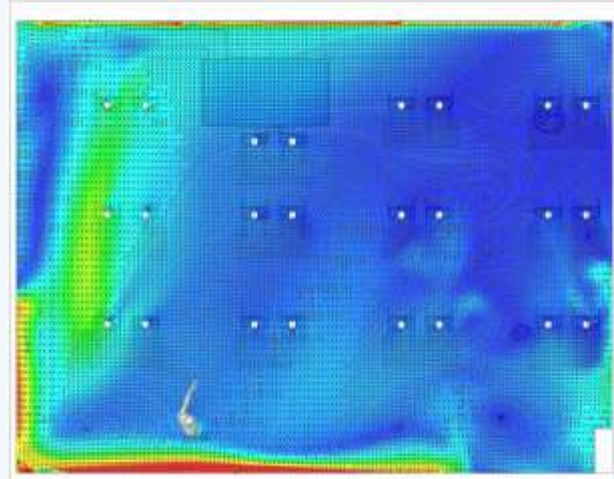
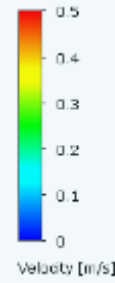
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▪ Cut plots – Air velocity

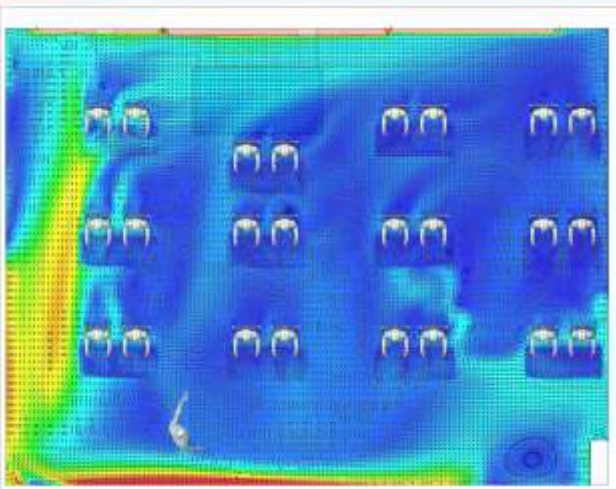
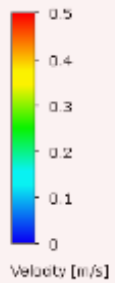
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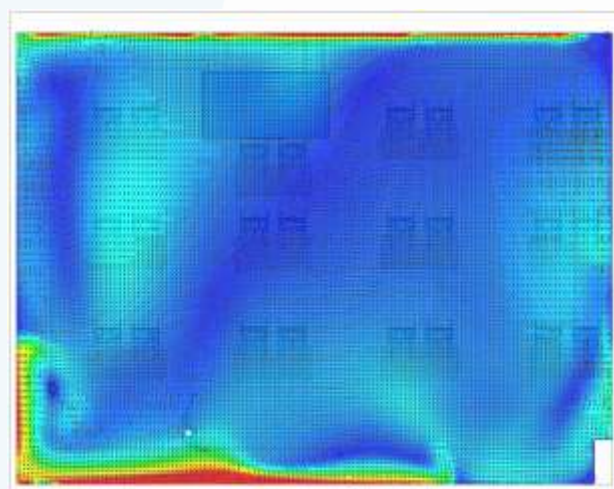
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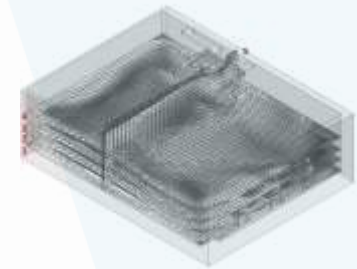
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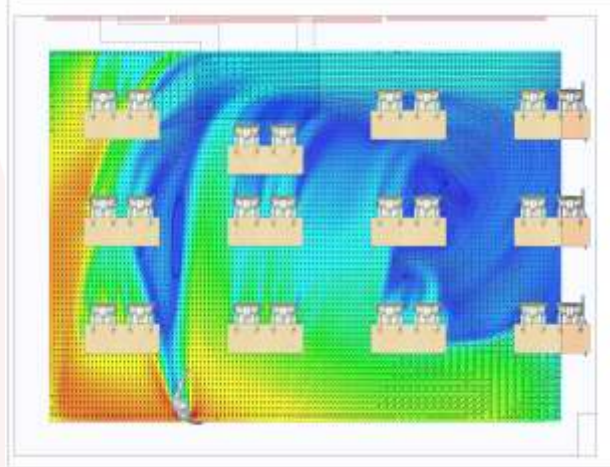
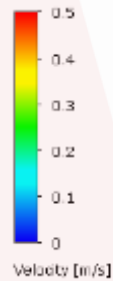
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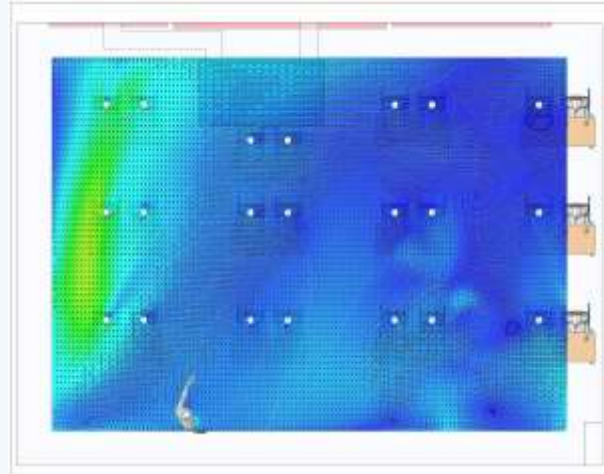
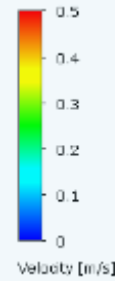
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▪ Cut plots – Air velocity – breathing zone

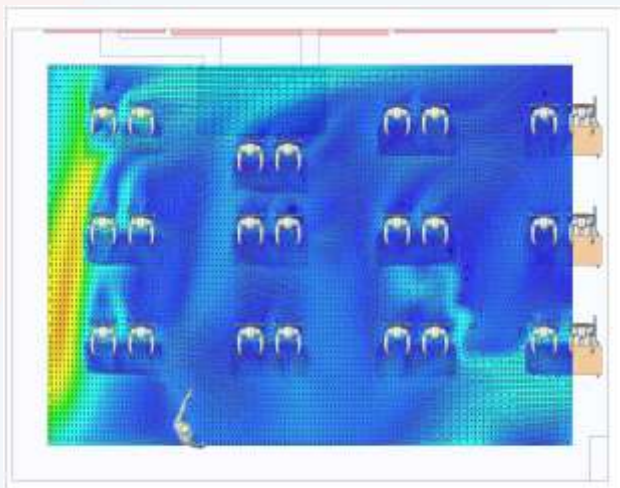
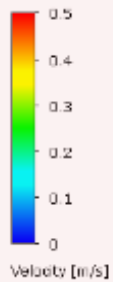
Cut plots – 0,1 m, 1,1 m, 0,6 m, 1,7 m – air velocity (displayed interval 0-0,5 m/s)



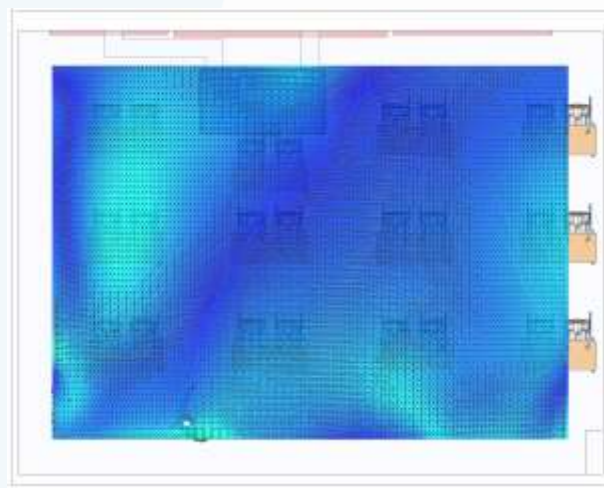
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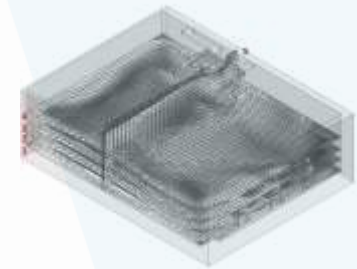
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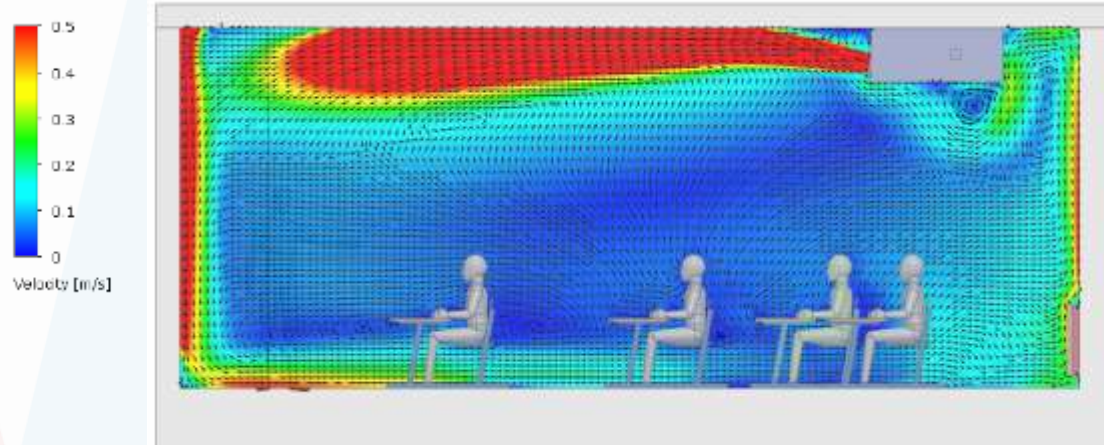


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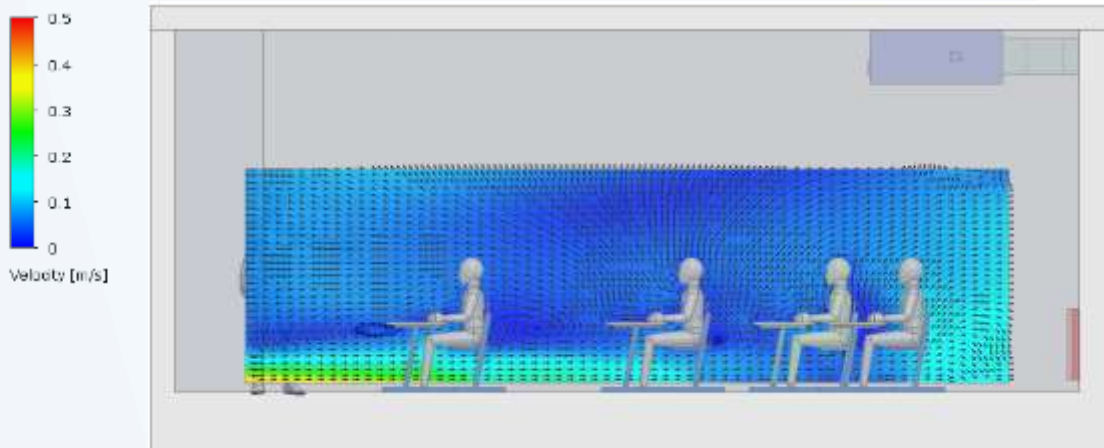
VS 500 SQ – Classroom

- **Cut plots – Air velocity**

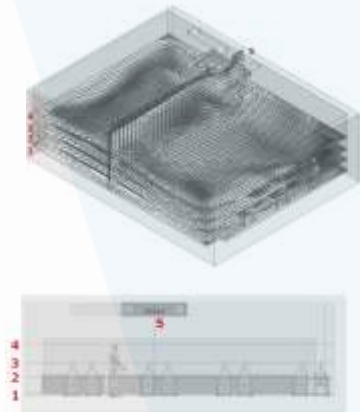
Cut plot – through the center of the unit – air velocity (displayed interval 0-0,5 m/s)



5 - Cut plot – through the center of the unit – air velocity (displayed interval 0-0,5 m/s)



5 - Cut plot – through the center of the unit – air velocity – breathing zone - (displayed interval 0-0,5 m/s)



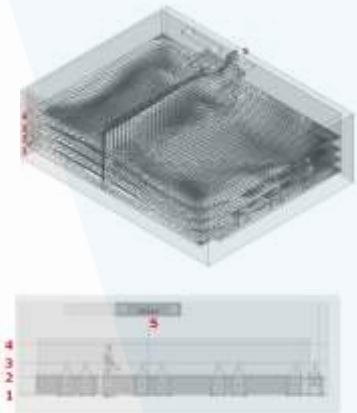
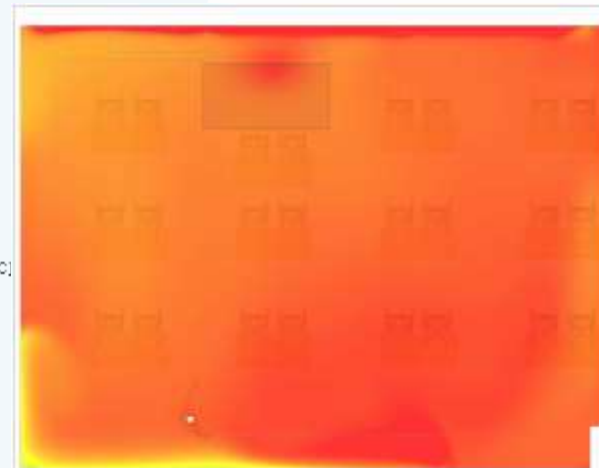
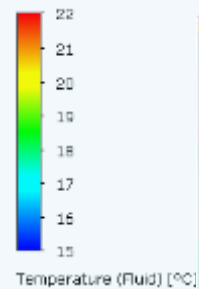
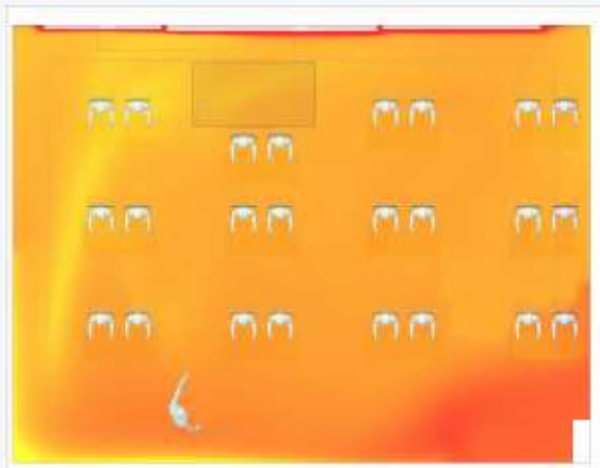
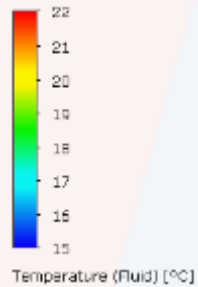
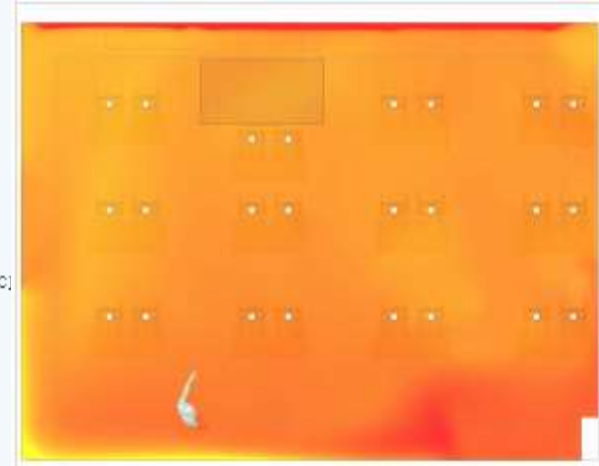
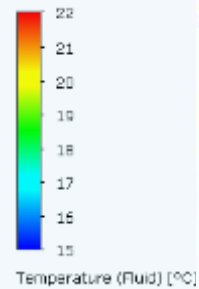
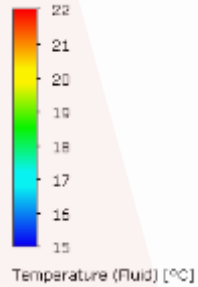


2. Simulation variant

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▪ Cut plots – Air temperature

Cut plots – 0,1 m, 1,1 m, 0,6 m, 1,7 m – air temperature (displayed interval 15-22°C)



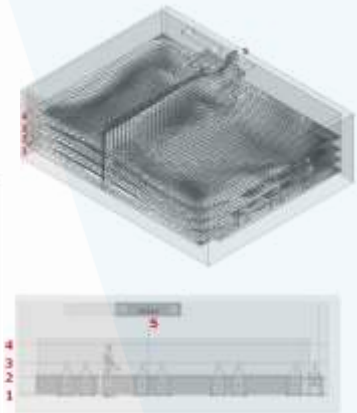
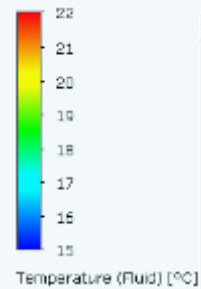
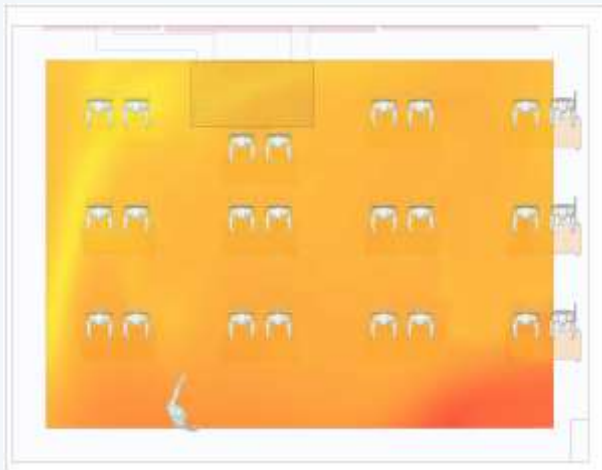
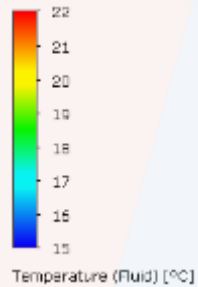
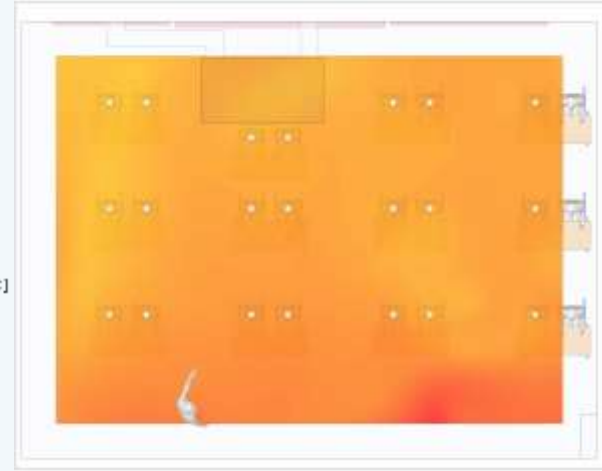
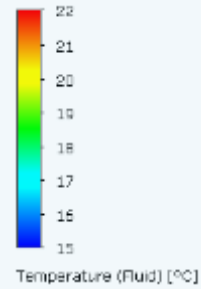
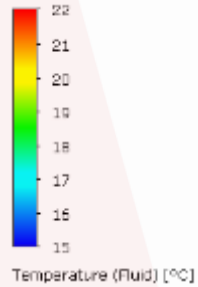


2. Simulation variant

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▪ **Cut plots – Air temperature – breathing zone**

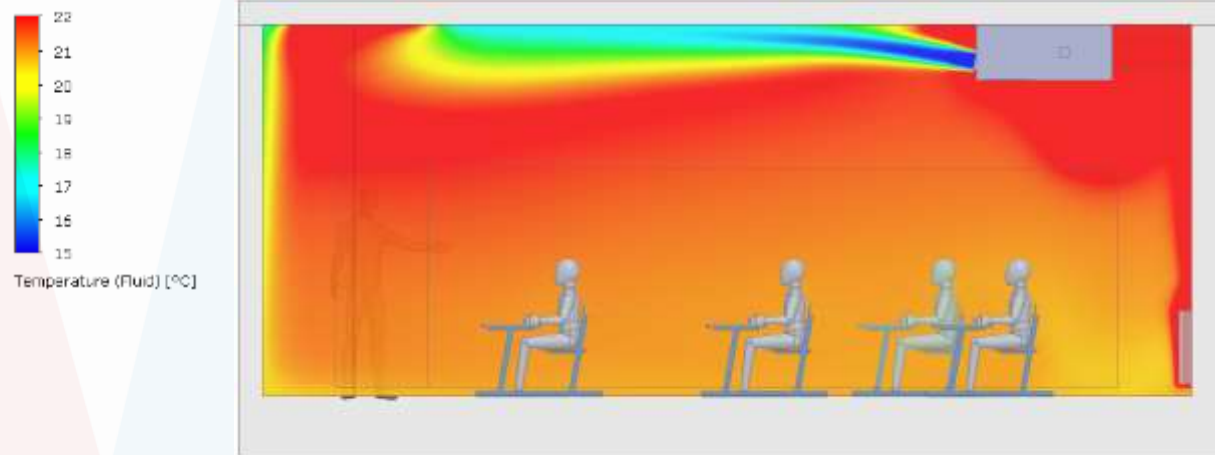
Cut plots – 0,1 m, 1,1 m, 0,6 m, 1,7 m – air temperature (displayed interval 15-22°C)



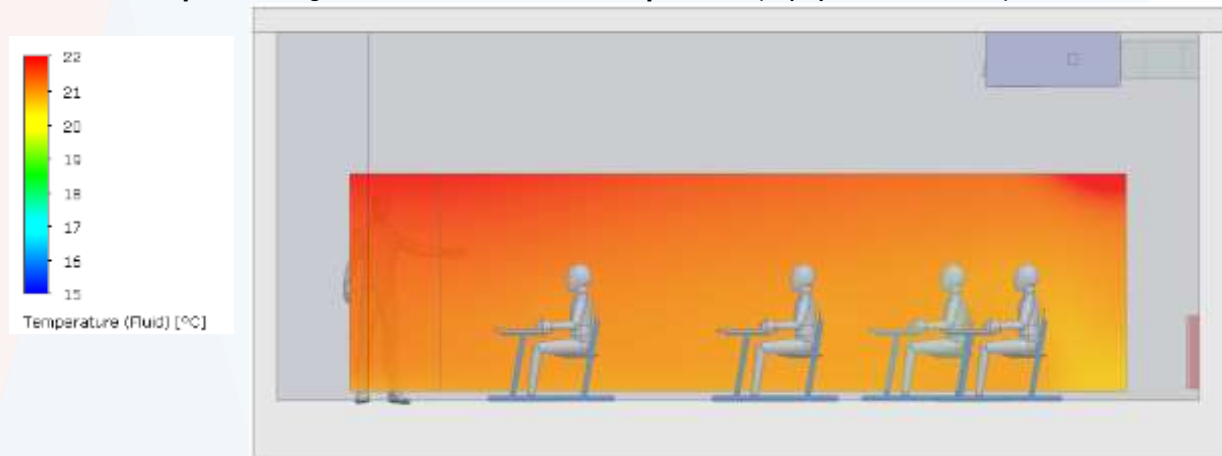
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- **Cut plots – Air temperature**

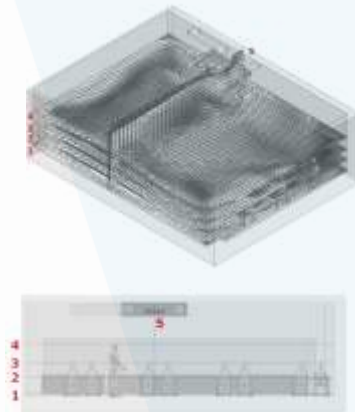
Cut plot – through the center of the unit – air temperature (*displayed interval 15-22°C*)



5 - Cut plot – through the center of the unit – air temperature (*displayed interval 15-22°C*)



5 - Cut plot – through the center of the unit – air temperature – breathing zone - (*displayed interval 15-22°C*)

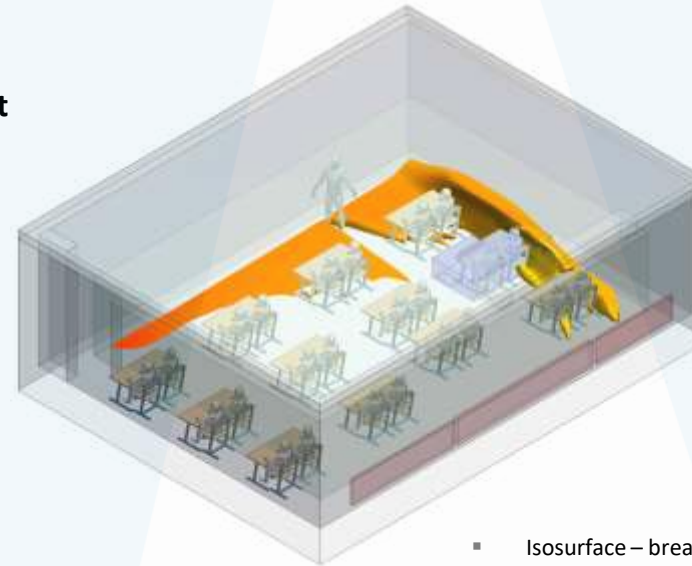
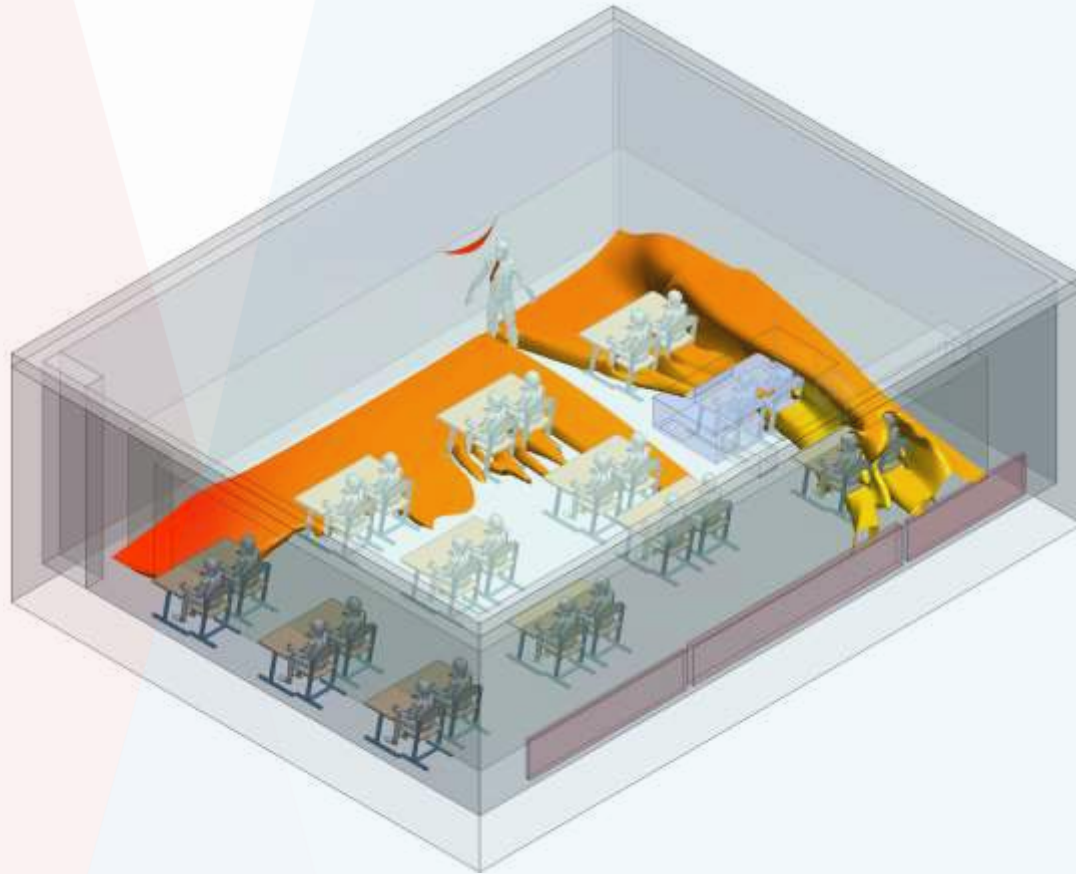


- The resulting average temperature in the classroom is 21,5 °C (70,7 °F).

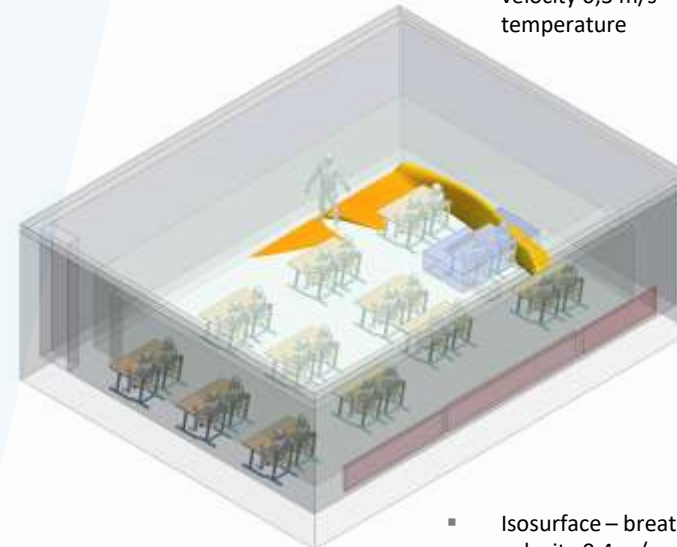
CFD 2. Simulation variant

VS 500 SQ – Classroom

- Isosurface – air velocity 0,2 m/s – colored by air temperature– breat (residential) - zone



- Isosurface – breathing zone - air velocity 0,3 m/s – colored by air temperature



- Isosurface – breathing zone - air velocity 0,4 m/s – colored by air temperature

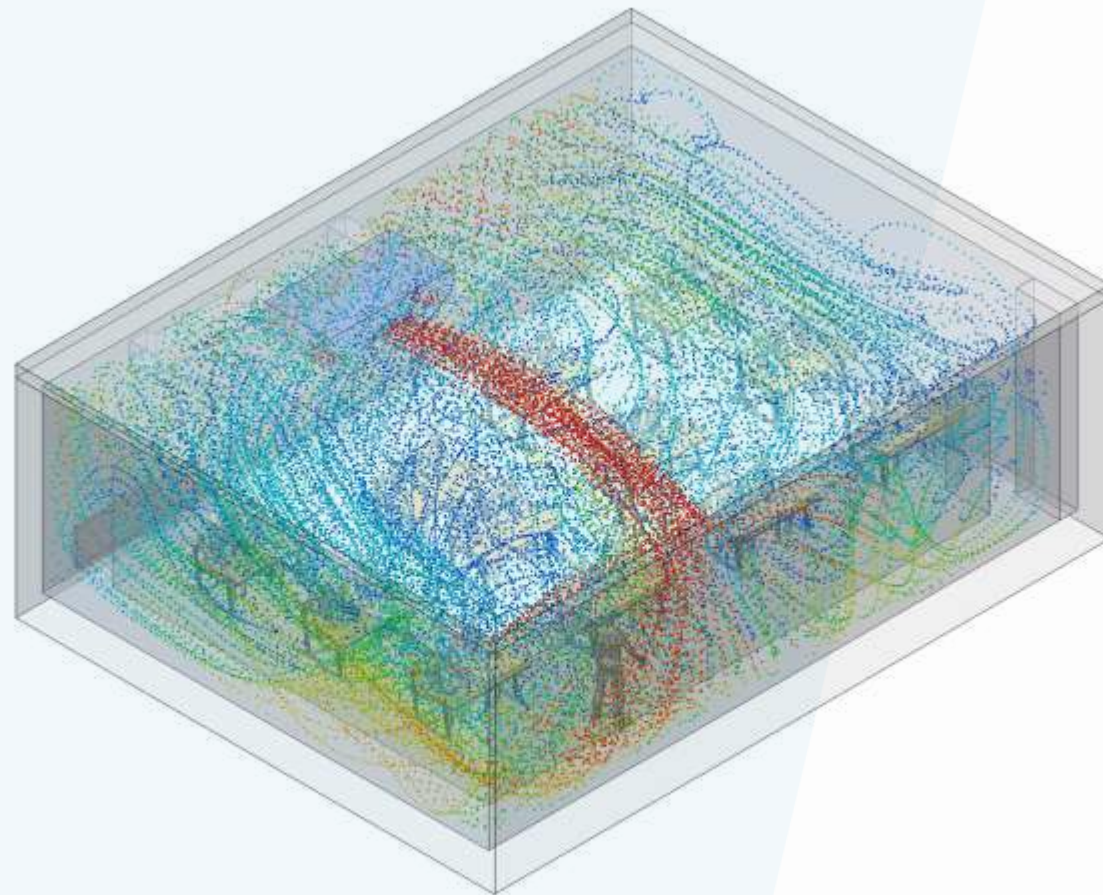
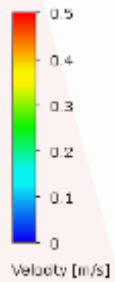




2. Simulation variant

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- Flow trajectories colored by air velocity (*displayed interval 0-0,5 m/s*)



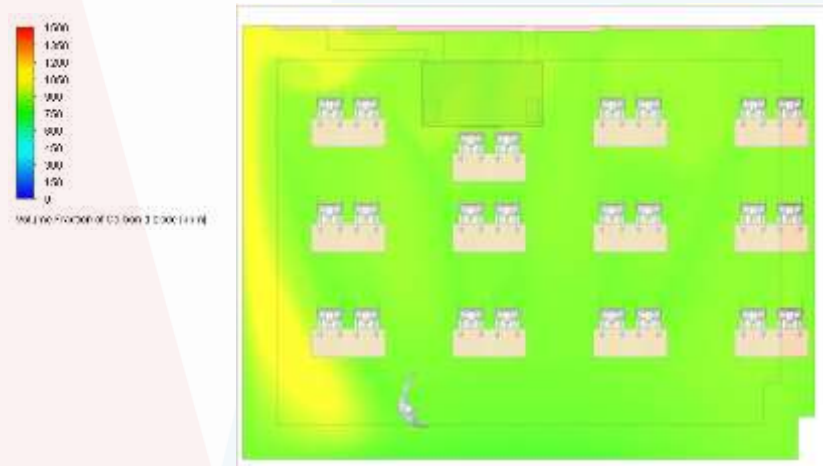


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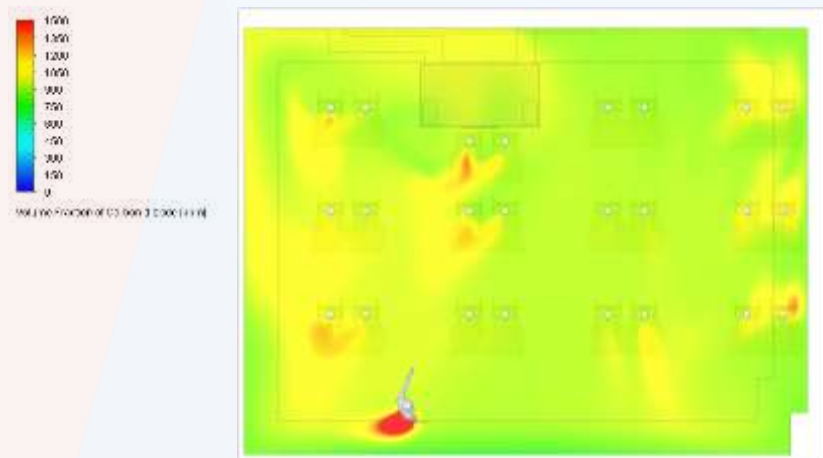
VS 500 SQ – Classroom

▪ Cut plots – CO₂ concentration

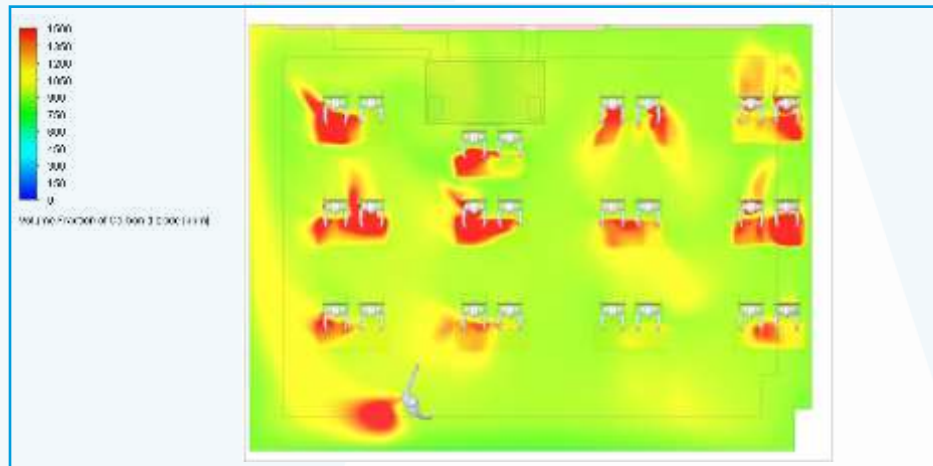
Cut plots – 0,1 m, 1,1 m, 0,6 m, 1,7 m – CO₂ concentration (displayed interval 0-1500 ppm)



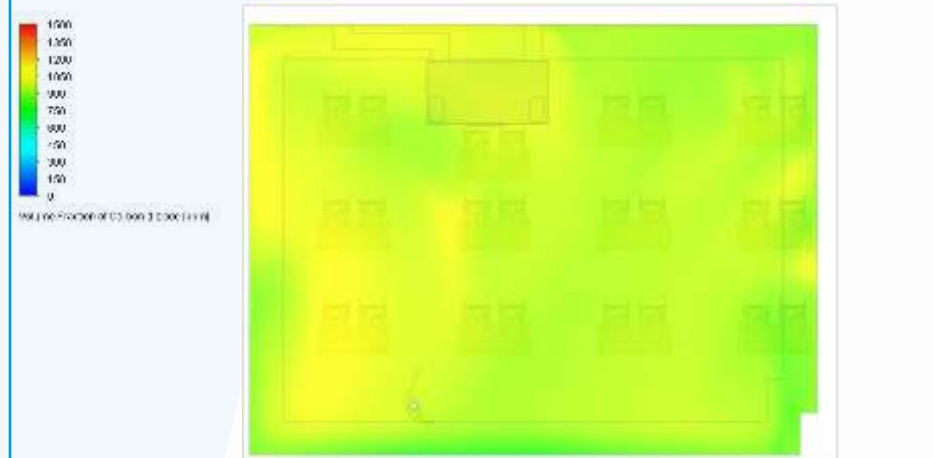
1 - Cut plot – 0,1 m above the floor – CO₂ concentration



3 - Cut plot – 0,6 m above the floor – CO₂ concentration



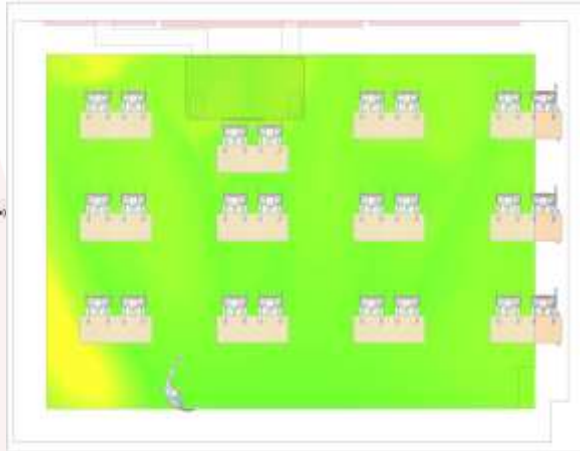
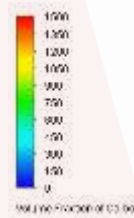
2 - Cut plot – 1,1 m above the floor – CO₂ concentration



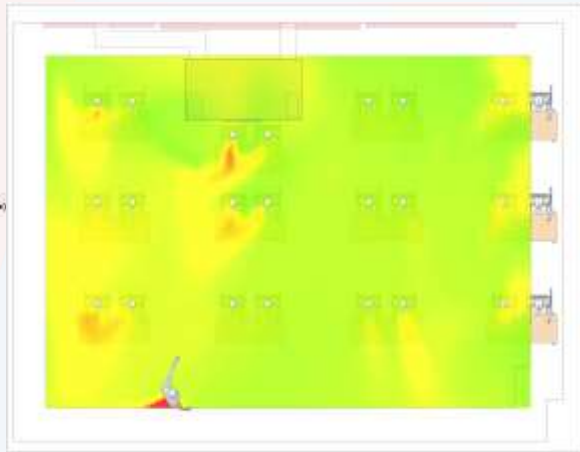
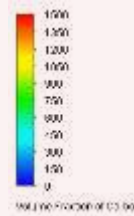
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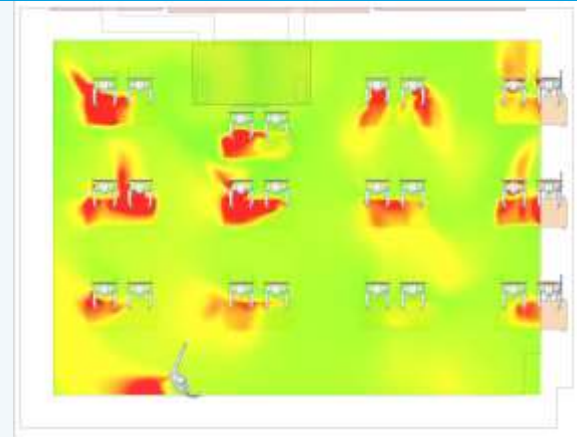
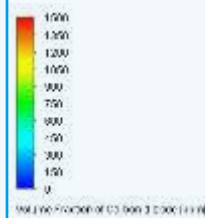
- **Cut plots – breathing zone - CO₂ concentration**
 Cut plots – 0,1 m, 1,1 m, 0,6 m, 1,7 m – CO₂ concentration (displayed interval 0-1500 ppm)



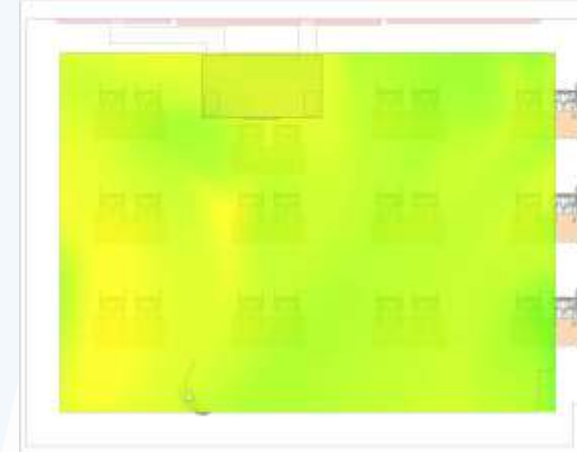
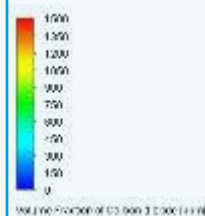
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2 - Cut plot – 1,1 m above the floor – CO₂ concentration

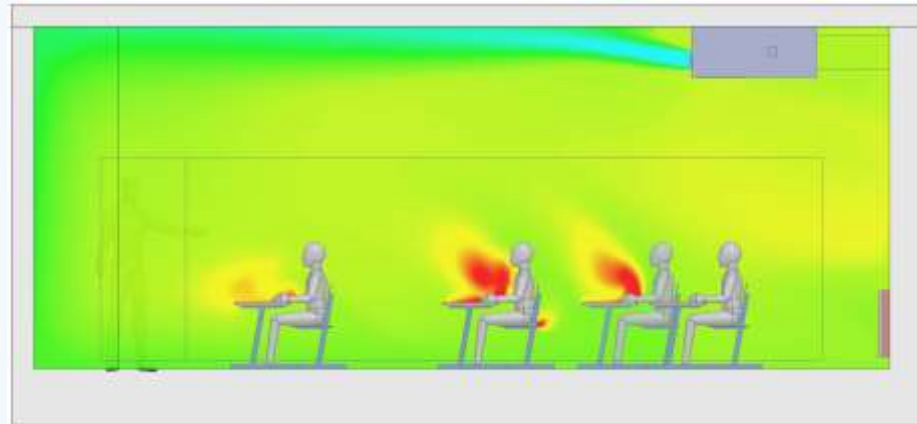
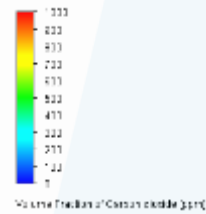


4 - Cut plot – 1,7 m above the floor – CO₂ concentration

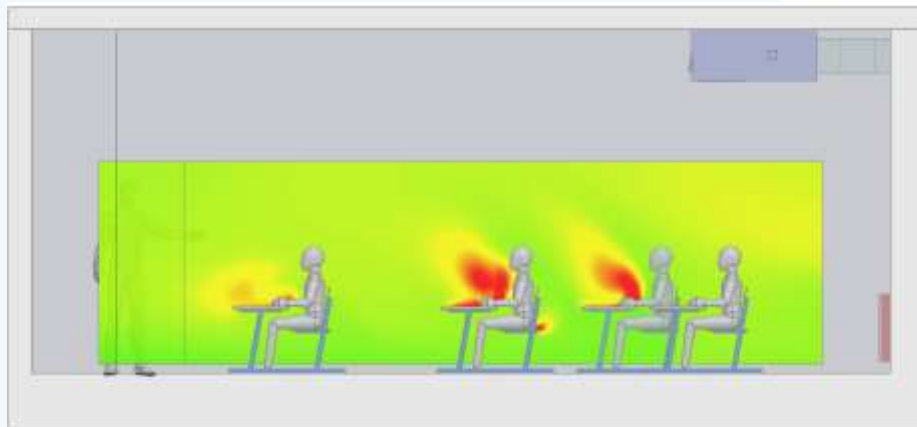
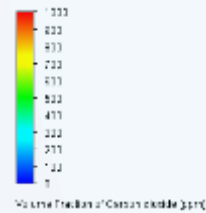
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- **Cut plots – CO₂ concentration**

Cut plot – through the center of the unit – CO₂ concentration (*displayed interval 0-1500 ppm*)



- 5 - **Cut plot** – through the center of the unit – CO₂ concentration (*displayed interval 0-1500 ppm*)

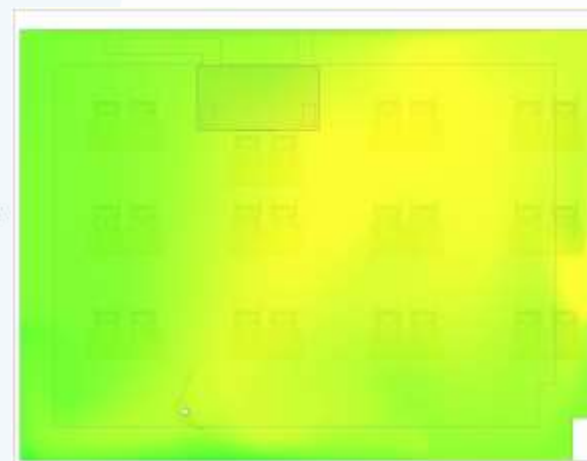
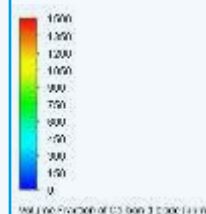
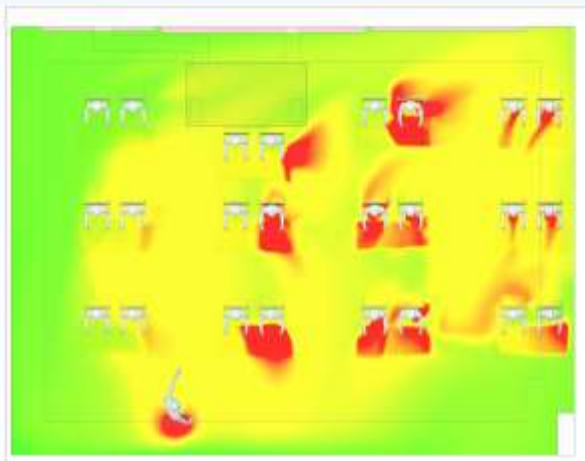
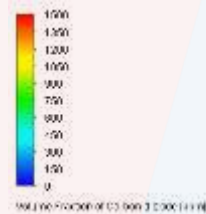
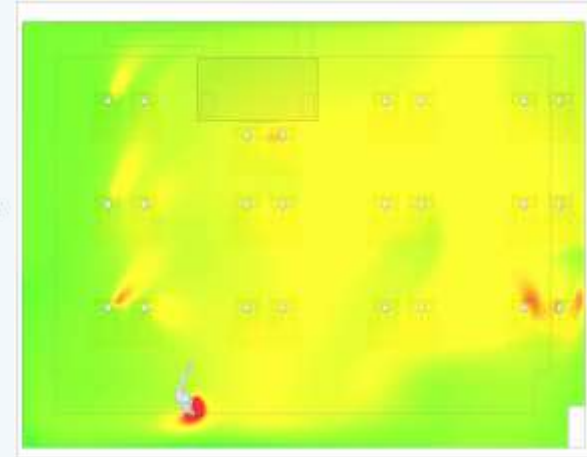
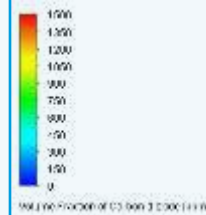
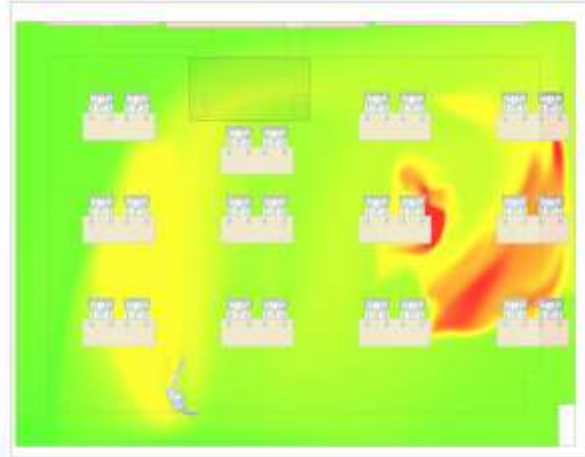
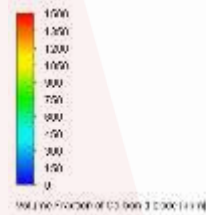


- 5 - **Cut plot** – through the center of the unit – air velocity – breathing zone – CO₂ concentration (*displayed interval 0-1500 ppm*)

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- **Cut plots – CO₂ concentration**

Cut plots – 0,1 m, 1,1 m, 0,6 m, 1,7 m – CO₂ concentration (displayed interval 0-1500 ppm)

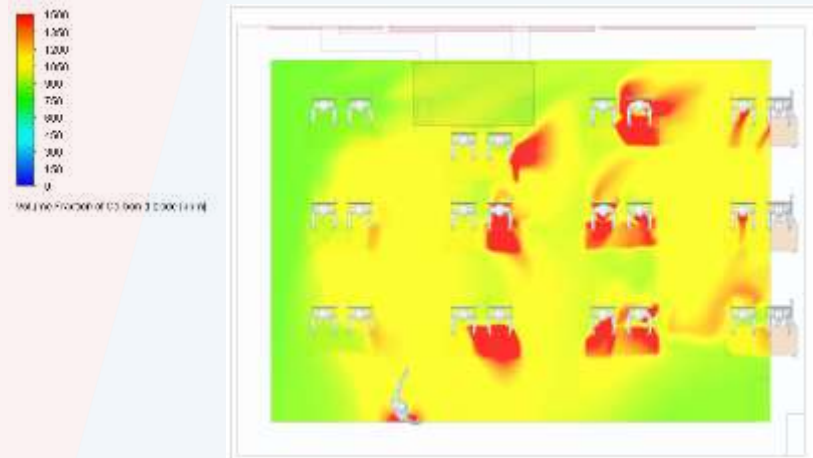


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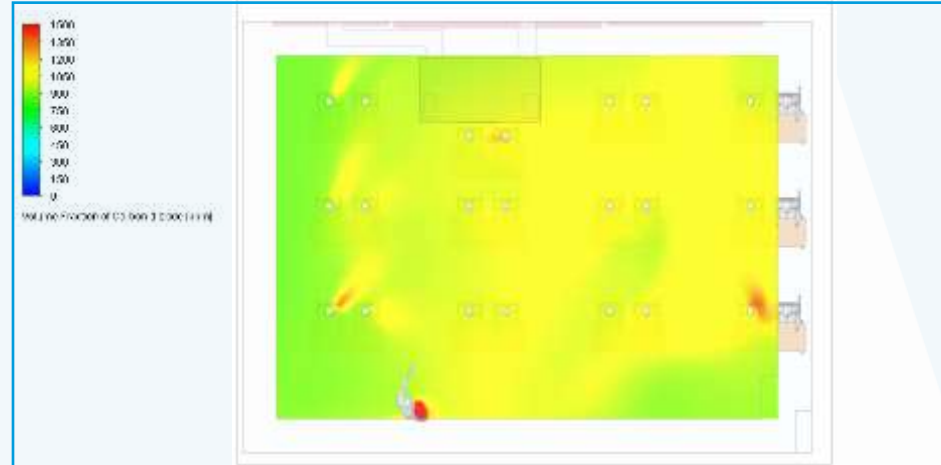
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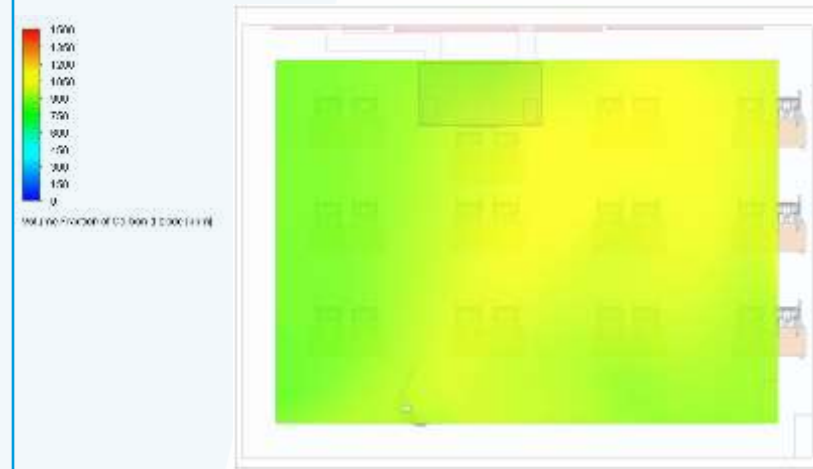
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2 - Cut plot – 1,1 m above the floor – CO₂ concentration



4 - Cut plot – 1,7 m above the floor – CO₂ concentration

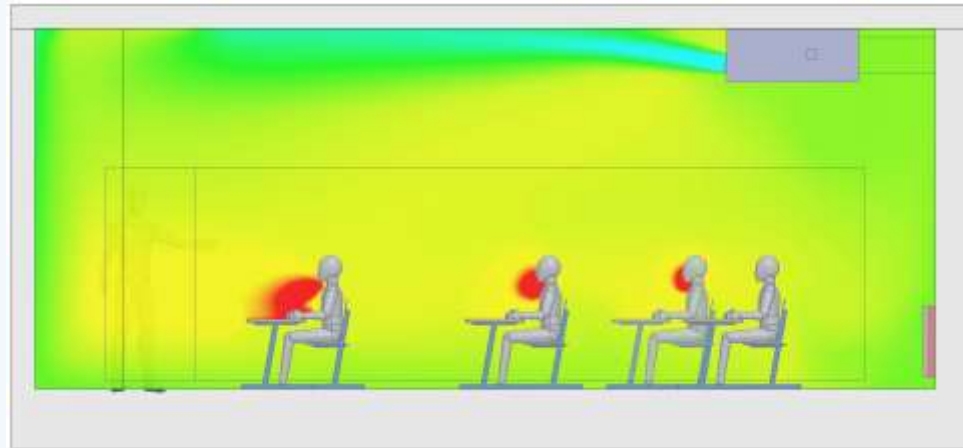
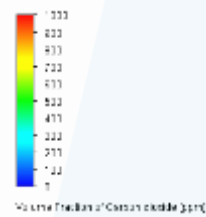


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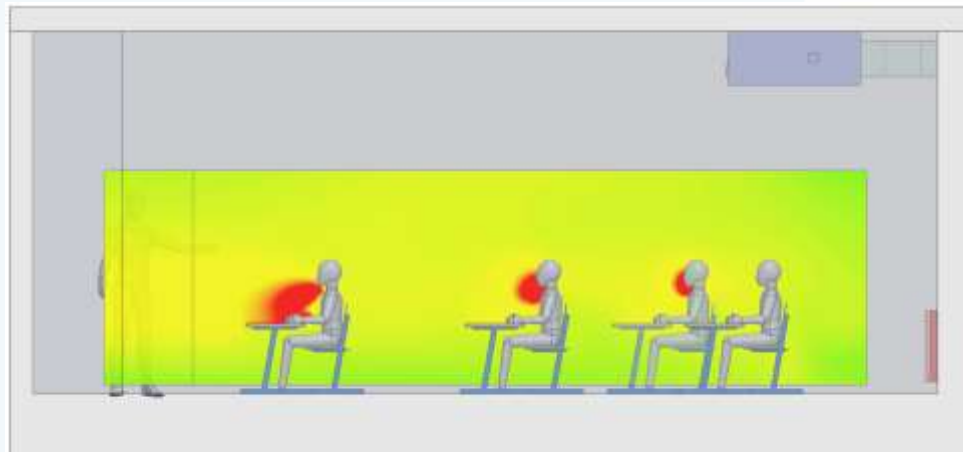
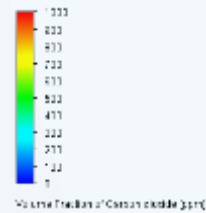
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▪ Cut plots – CO₂ concentration

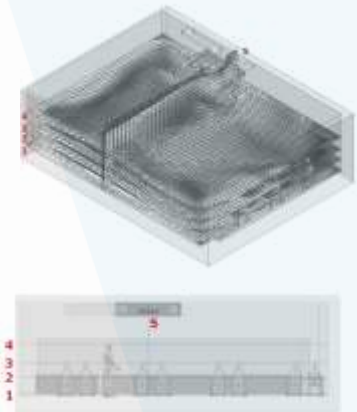
Cut plot – through the center of the unit – CO₂ concentration (*displayed interval 0-1500 ppm*)



5 - Cut plot – through the center of the unit – CO₂ concentration (*displayed interval 0-1500 ppm*)



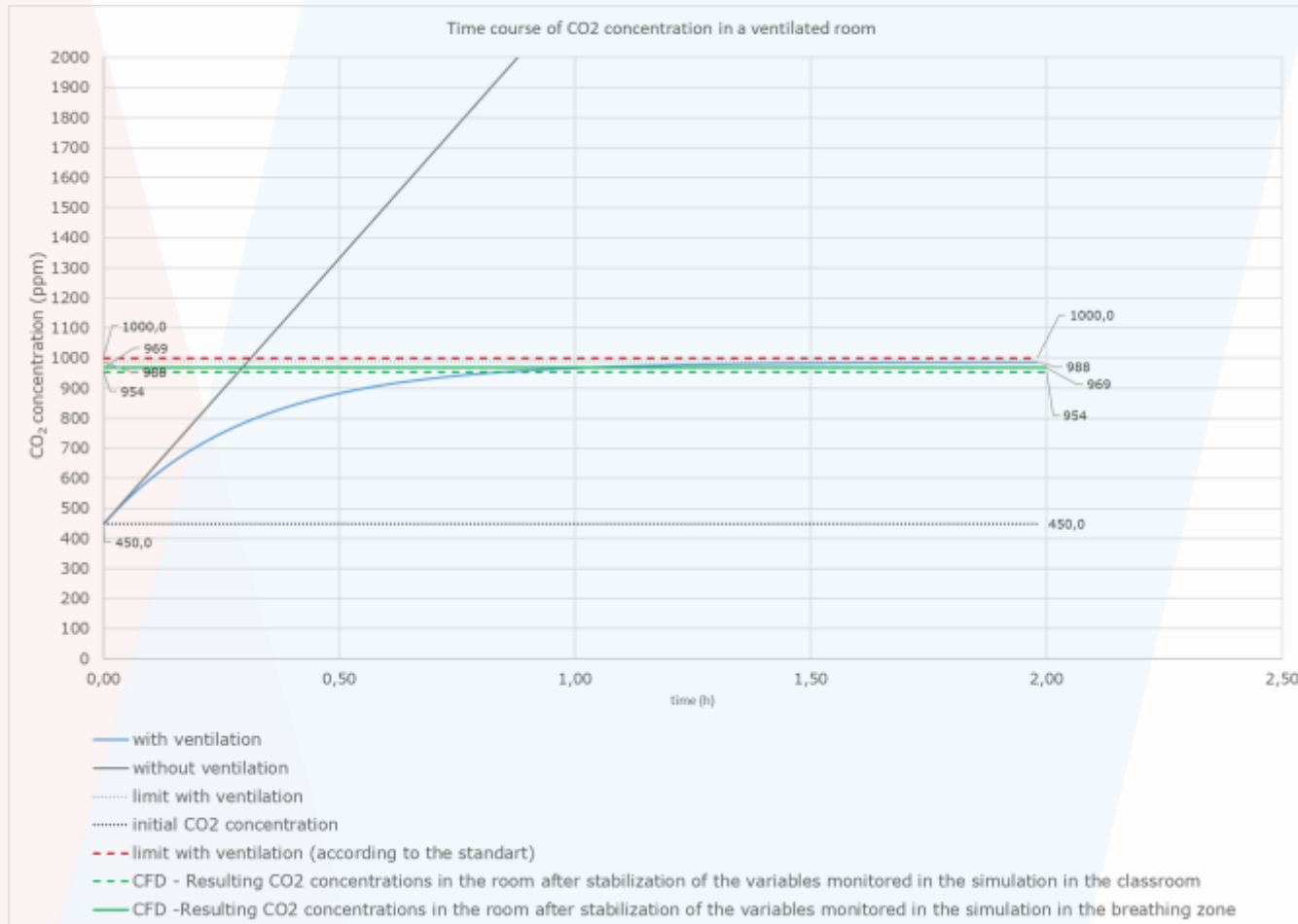
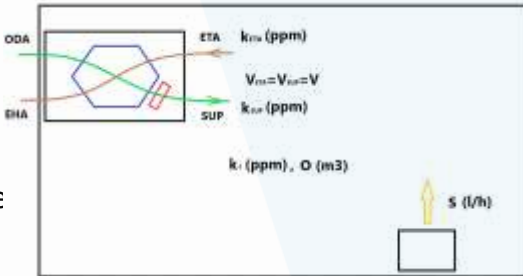
5 - Cut plot – through the center of the unit – air velocity – breathing zone – CO₂ concentration (*displayed interval 0-1500 ppm*)



Conclusion - balance sheet

CFD - VS 500 SQ – Classroom - Isothermal

- Comparison CFD with a theoretical computational model based on mass balance of CO₂.
- This model assumes perfect air mixing in the room, which means good ventilation in the classroom.

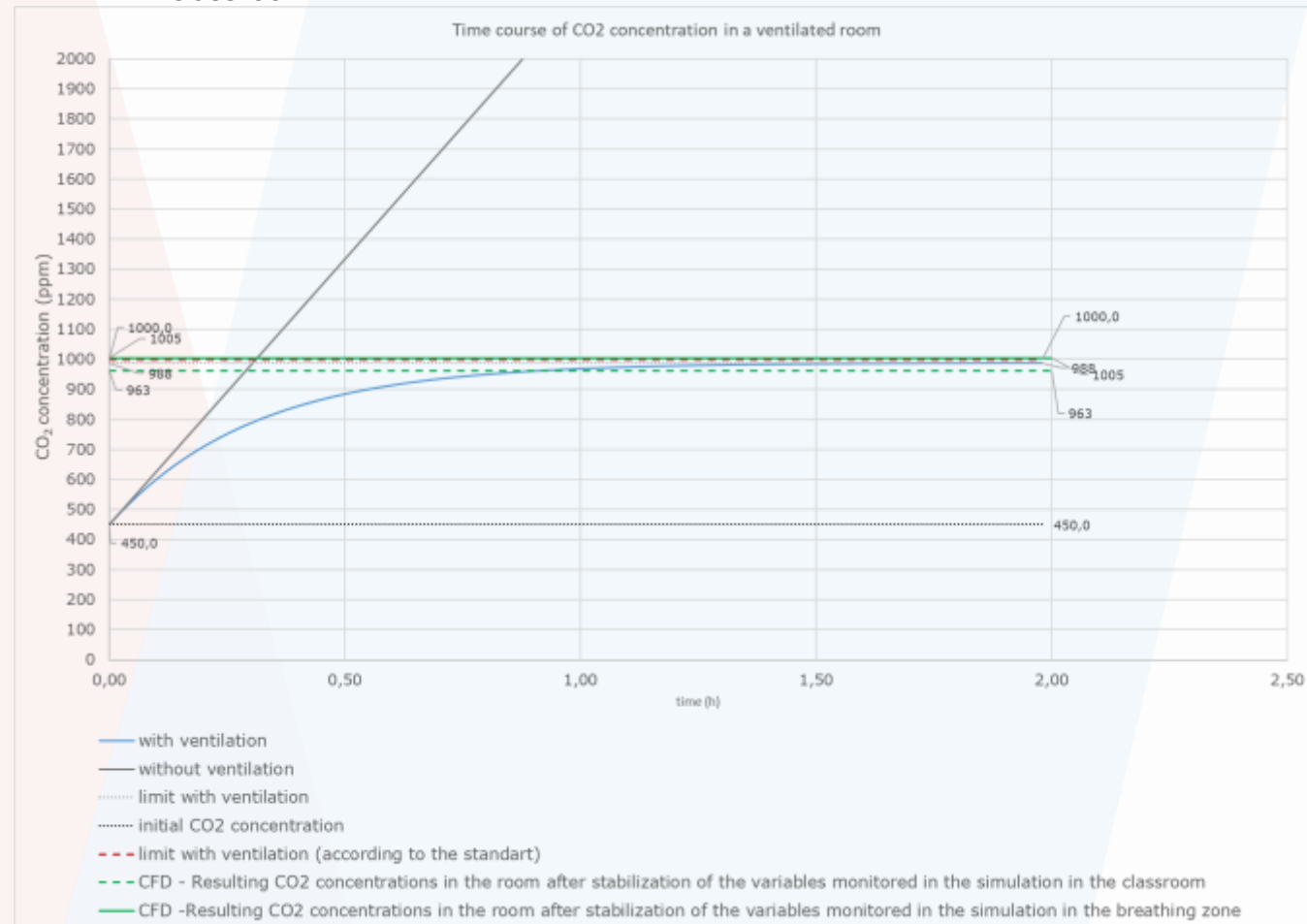
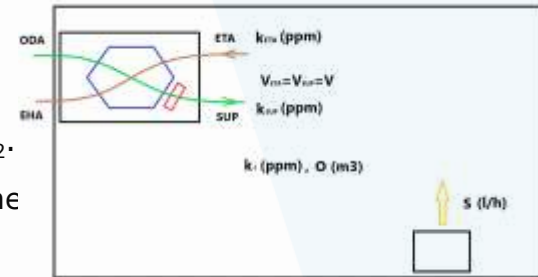


- By comparing the results of the theoretical calculation model and the results of the CFD simulations, it follows that the simulation shows (after stabilization of the monitored physical quantities according to the set convergence criteria) a similar average concentration of CO₂ in the monitored area of the classroom (theoretical model CO₂ concentration 988 ppm and CFD 954 ppm), which is around the upper limit of the limit 1000 ppm. **The average concentration of CO₂ in the CFD (after stabilization of the monitored physical quantities according to the set convergence criteria) simulation in the breathing zone is 969 ppm.**

Conclusion - balance sheet

CFD - VS 500 SQ – Classroom – Non-Isothermal

- Comparison CFD with a theoretical computational model based on mass balance of CO₂.
- This model assumes perfect air mixing in the room, which means good ventilation in the classroom.



- By comparing the results of the theoretical calculation model and the results of the CFD simulations, it follows that the simulation shows (after stabilization of the monitored physical quantities according to the set convergence criteria) a similar average concentration of CO₂ in the monitored area of the classroom (theoretical model CO₂ concentration 988 ppm and CFD 963 ppm), which is around the upper limit of the limit 1000 ppm.
- By comparing the results of the first simulation (isothermal) variant with the non-isothermal variant of the simulation, **the average concentration of CO₂ in the breathing zone is higher - 1005 ppm - over the limit 1000 ppm (isothermal variant 969 ppm).**

Conclusion - balance sheet

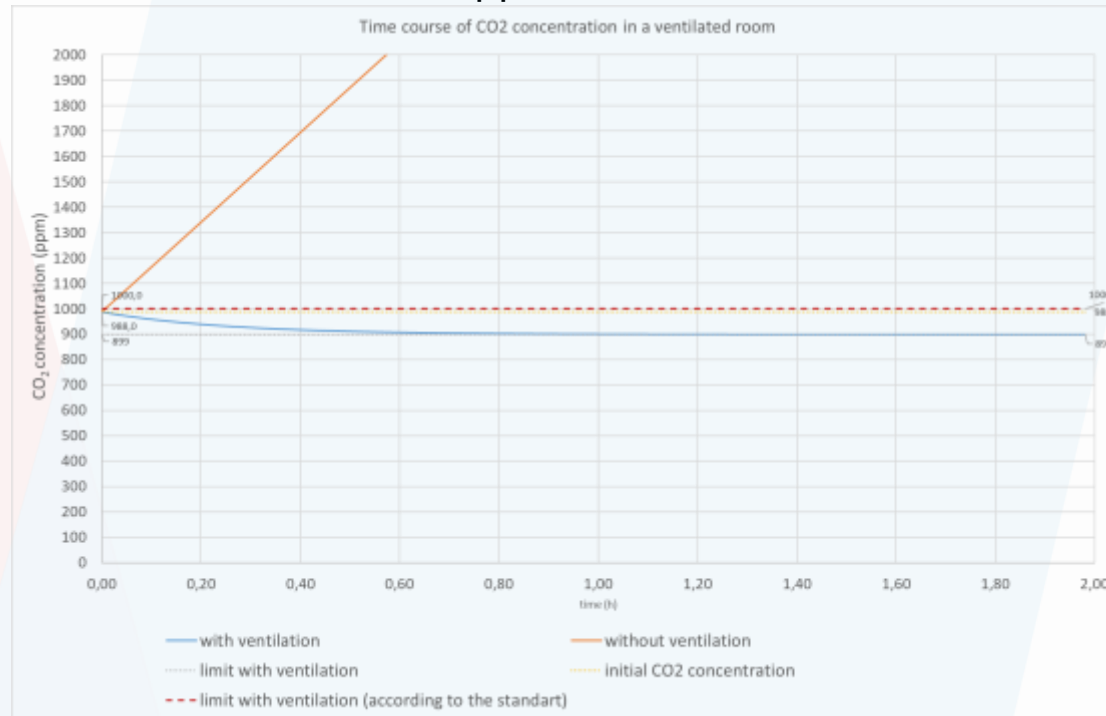
CFD - VS 500 SQ - Classroom

- The simulations show the use of the heat recovery ventilation unit VS 500 SQ under the given initial and boundary conditions.
- The non-isothermal simulation shows the effect of heating on the distribution of air flow velocity in the classroom.
- The theoretical calculation and the performed simulations show that when using the ventilation unit VS 500 SQ, with an air flow of 450 cfm ($764.55 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$), we are on the limit for a CO₂ concentration 1000 ppm set by Canadian legislation.
- The resulting concentration of CO₂ depends on the CO₂ production of people (*activity and age of people in the classroom*) and on the concentration of CO₂ in the supplied outdoor air - any deterioration of the mentioned parameters will lead to a deterioration to exceeding the CO₂ limit.

Conclusion - balance sheet

CFD - VS 500 SQ - Classroom

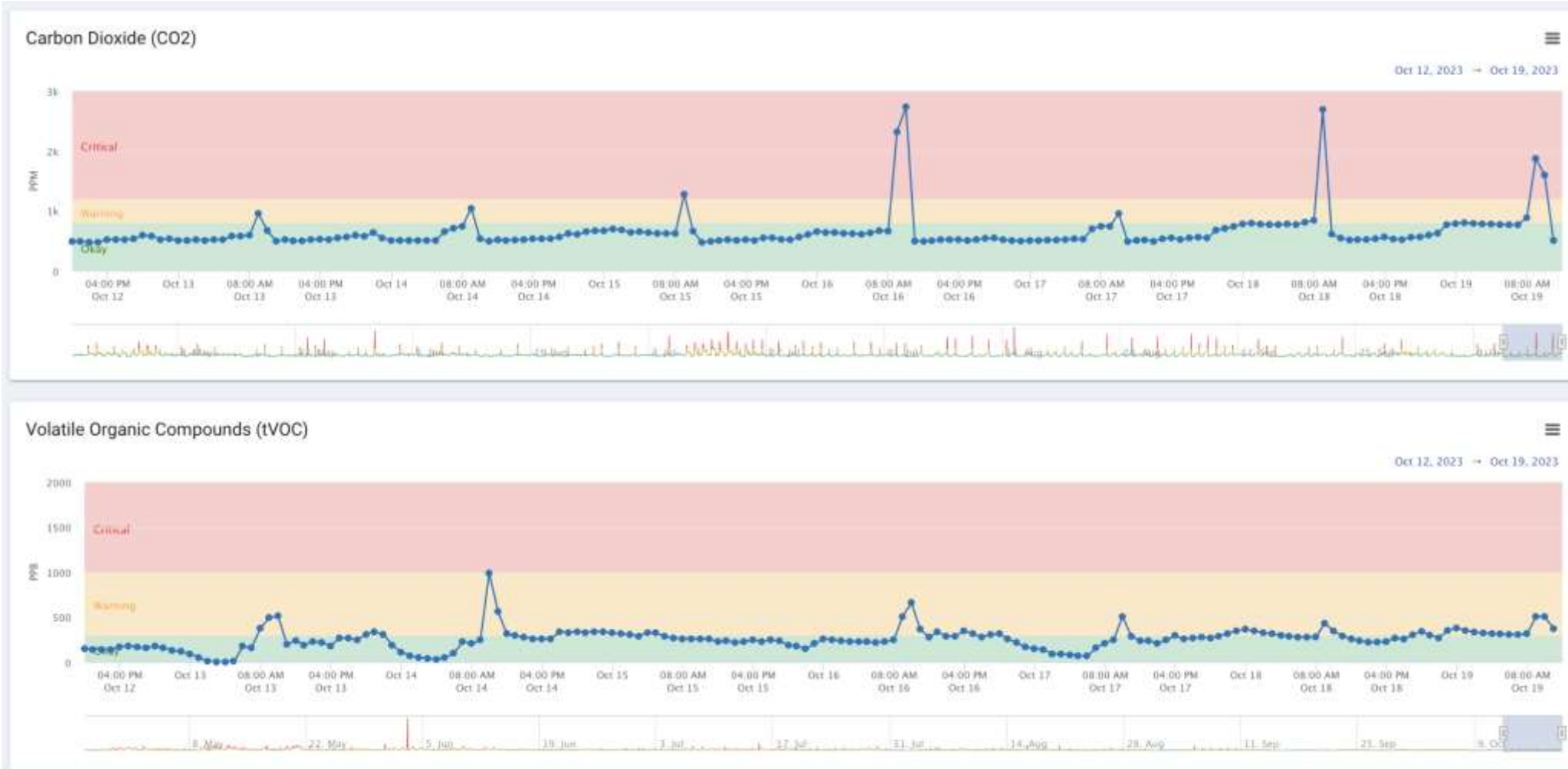
- Increased ventilation 539 cfm ($915,77 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$ - boost) during breaks can theoretically reduce classroom CO_2 concentrations by up to 90 ppm (around 900 ppm) in 45 minutes. During the lesson, the CO_2 concentration (under the given conditions) in the classroom will return to the 1000 ppm limit.



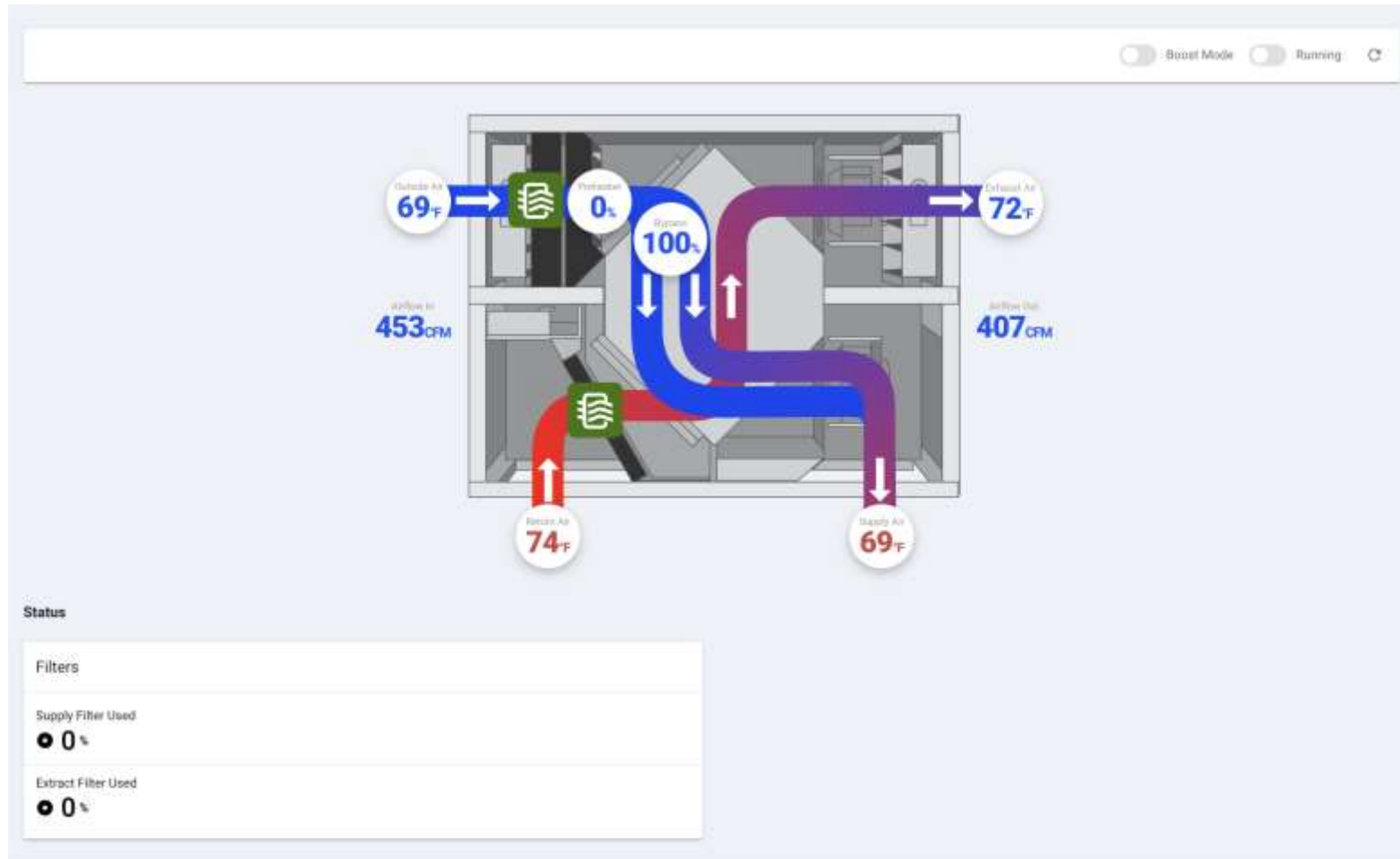
San Francisco High School

TMHS - SFUSD Readings		Class			Lunch	6800 cu. ft At 430 cfm = 3.8 air changes per hour					
VS500 in Room 218		No class			Mtgs.						
Demand Controlled Ventilation											
Date	Time	216 Telaire		218 Telaire		218					
Mode	CFM	of Day	Room T	CO2	Room T	CO2	CO2	Outside Air	Return Air	Supply Air	Bypass
Wed	160	7:00 AM	70	465	69	417	440	55	68	66	0
5.8.19	171	8:00 AM	70	487	69	421	440	55	68	66	0
DCV	170	8:30 AM	72	715	69	423	440	56	68	66	0
	158	9:00 AM	73	927	69	417	440	57	68	66	0
Mostly	158	9:20 AM	74	1052	69	424	420	58	68	66	0
Cloudy	169	9:50 AM	73	1532	69	437	440	59	68	65	46
in AM		9:55 AM	73	1627							
	169	10:00 AM	74	1669	69	433	460	59	68	65	52
		10:08 AM	74	1727							
	168	10:15 AM	74	1821	69	426	440	59	68	64	60
		10:25 AM		1900							
	203	10:30 AM	74	1958	69	441	460	60	68	63	82
		10:35 AM	74	2001							
	215	10:55 AM	74	2001	70	450	460	61	68	63	100
	221	11:25 AM	75	1291	70	457	480	62	68	64	100
	204	Noon	73	1023	70	461	480	63	68	65	100
	169	12:55 PM	73	824	70	424	440	64	69	65	100
	445	1:30 PM	75	1147	73	635	720	63	72	66	100
	445	1:40 PM	75	1287	73	663	760	63	73	66	100
	445	1:50 PM	76	1349	73	657	740	64	73	66	100
	446	2:00 PM	76	1423	74	659	740	64	73	67	100
	446	2:30 PM	77	1370	75	661	760	64	74	67	100
	222	3:15 PM	75	612	74	461	500	63	73	66	100
	158	4:00 PM	75	549	74	425	440	64	73	67	100

Demand Control Utilizing IAQ Monitoring



Controls With Notifications Key to IAQ Management



Notifications For:

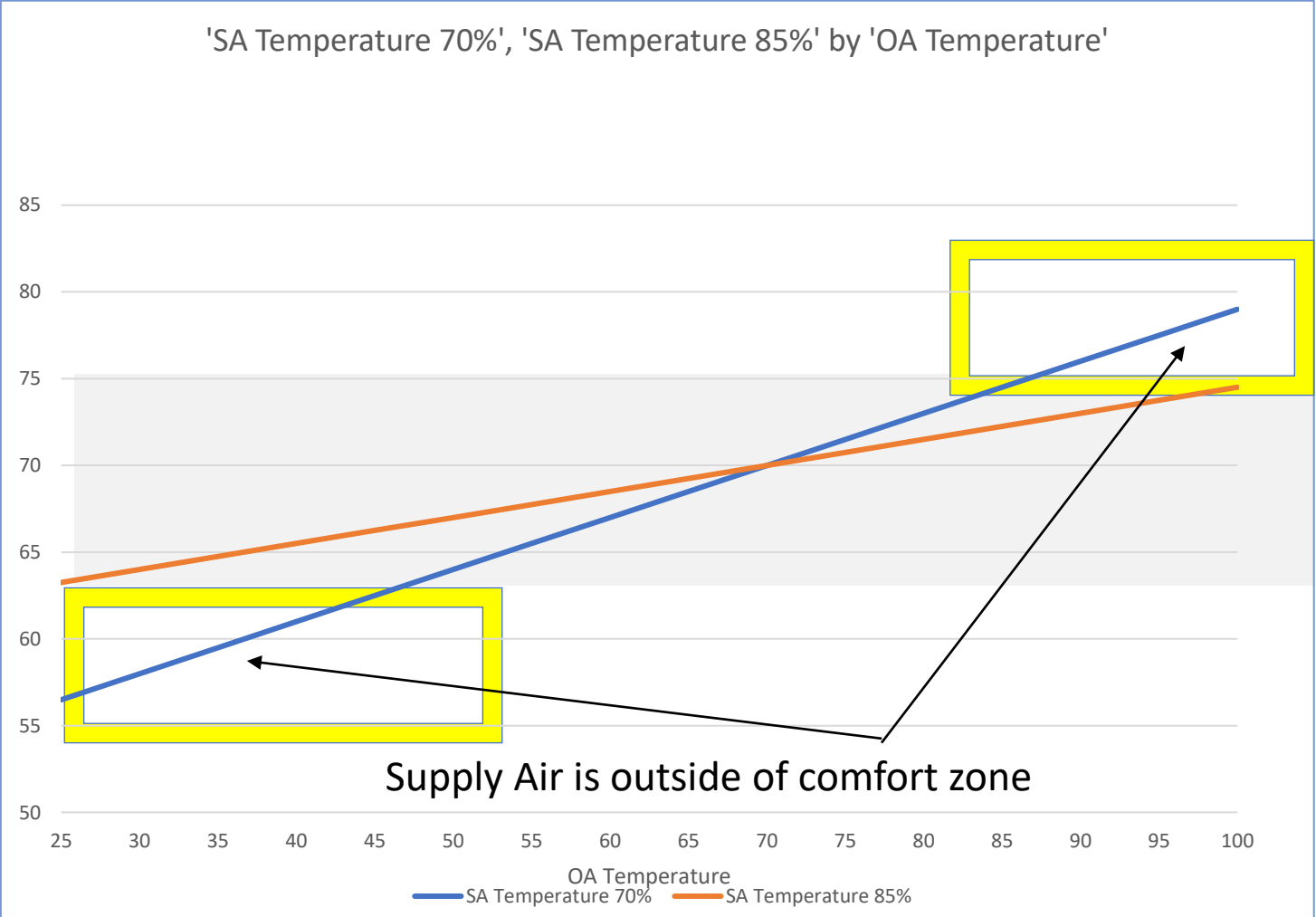
- Filters
- Efficiency
- Economizing

SIGNIFICANT ROI

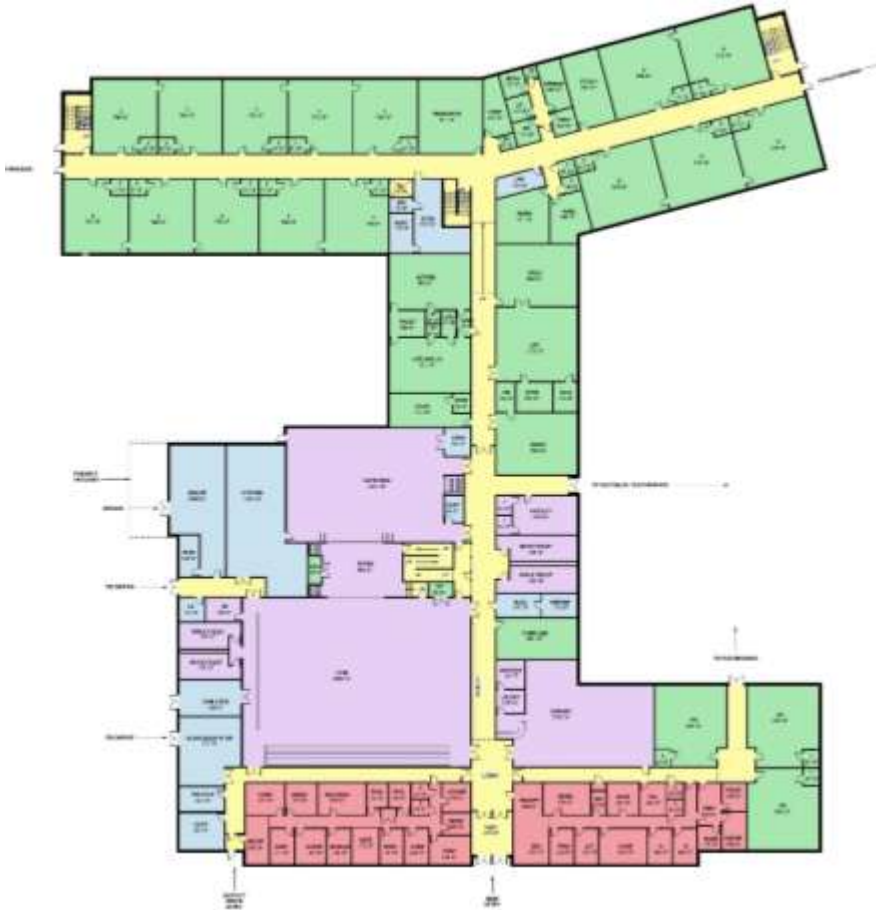
Ventacity Comparison: North Beach Elementary			
ERV-1 @ 3000CFM, 1"W.C.			
Assumption	Parameter	Competitor	Ventacity
	Fan Power (W)	6114	3421
	Delivered (SA) Temperature Deg F	53.4	57.8
	Heat Recovered (W)	30785	34956
	Heat Recovered (BTU/h)	104976	119200
*	Hours per day	10	10
*	Days per month	25	25
*	Months per year	9	9
	Heat Recovered per month (kW.h)	7696	8739
	Heat Recovered per year (kW.h)	69266	78651
	HRV/ERV CoP	5.0	10.2
	Heat Load from fresh HRV/ERV air (W)	15772	11613
	Heat Load from fresh HRV/ERV air (BTU/h)	53784	39600
*	heat Pump CoP (heating)	1	1
	Heat pump power to heat HRV/ERV SA (W)	15772	11613
	Power: Heat Pump Plus fan (W)	21886	15034
*	Electrical rate \$/kWh	0.15	0.15
	Monthly electric bill HRV/ERV Power plus		
	Power to heat fresh air. \$	\$ 821	\$ 564
	Annual electric bill to heat fresh air \$	\$ 7,387	\$ 5,074
	Savings Per Unit	\$ 2,313	
	Savings for 6 Units	\$ 13,876.37	
	Savings for 6 Units over 10 Years	\$ 138,763.75	

- BIGGER VOLUMES EQUALS BIGGER SAVINGS
- SCHOOL USED TEN YEAR BOND – SAVINGS MORE THAN COVERED INCREASED COST OF PROJECT OVER LIFE OF LOAN
- COP IS DOUBLE THAT OF CONVENTIONAL ERVS

Design for OFF



Application: Schools



- **Classroom Strategies:**

- **Individual Classroom ERVs**

- CO₂ Demand control potential
- Minimize ductwork

- **Central Systems**

- Can use demand control with zone dampers
- Possibility for reduced equipment sizing with diversity if not all spaces used simultaneously
- Heat Recovery VRF or Hybrid VRF
ideal for balancing heating/cooling as students move through the building

- **Quiet equipment operation critical**

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