



# › RATIONALE BEHIND CURRENT VENTILATION AIRFLOW RATES

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## RATIONALE BEHIND CURRENT VENTILATION AIRFLOW RATES

- International there are large differences in required ventilation flow
- Strong need to reduce energy demand control/zones ventilation
- Buildings become more airtight
- When we reduce flows is CO<sub>2</sub> the correct parameter ?

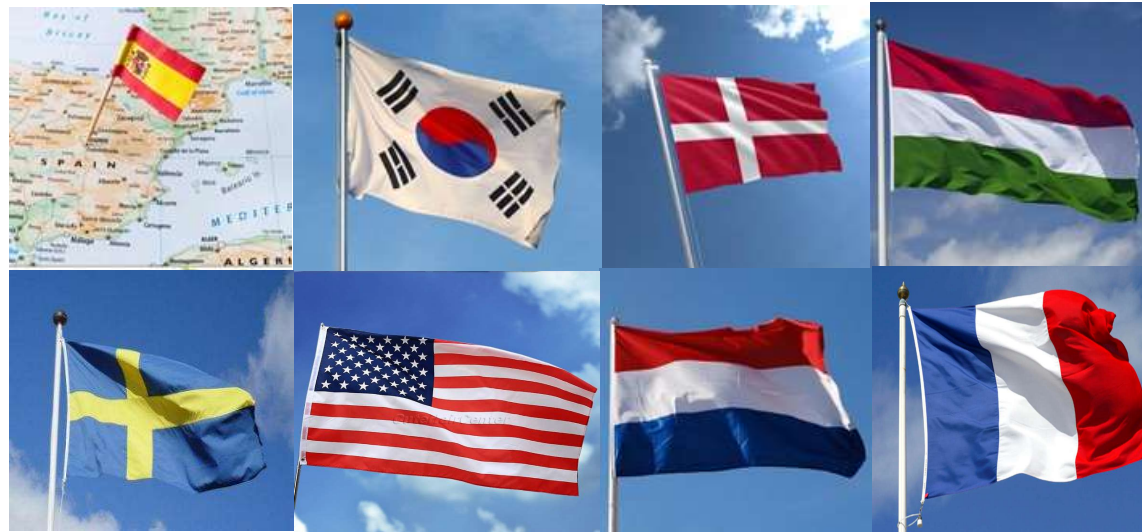
What were the reasons behind this ventilation levels ?

Which minimum level of flow is acceptable?



## AIVC PROJECT WITH PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES:

- Denmark
- Hungary
- Netherlands
- UK
- France
- Sweden
- US
- South Korea
- Spain, etc.



**More countries are welcome**

## PROCES

- Literature search
- Questionary: collection of data from different countries
- What are the differences, similarities
- Categorize the data, for instance climate conditions
- Recommendation based on latest research findings



## STRATEGIES BEHIND STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS

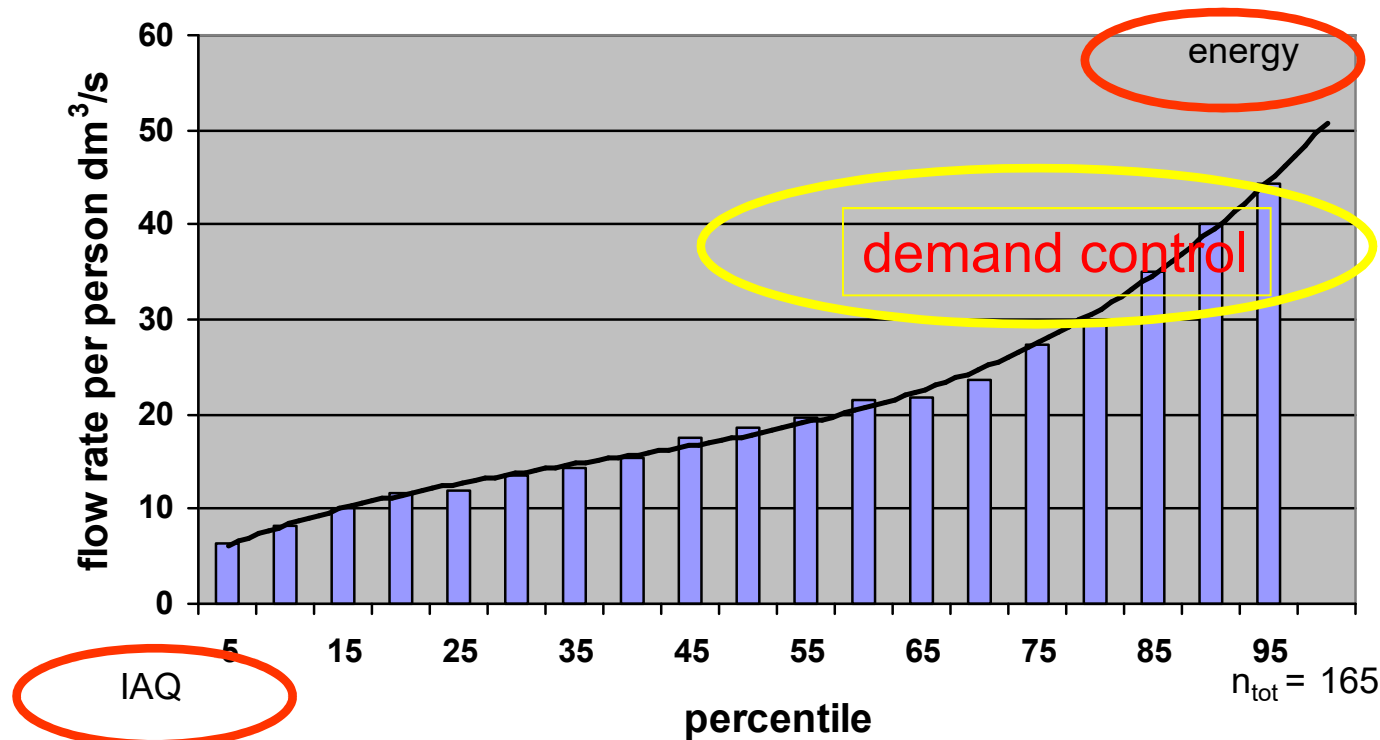
### Ventilate for :

- › humans only
  - › activities of humans
  - › emissions
  - › heat removal
  - › moisture
- the most dominant pollutant
  - all combinations:
    - humans
    - human activities
    - other emissions
  - varying over time and place

# FLOWRATE DISTRIBUTION (NL, 80 DWELLINGS)

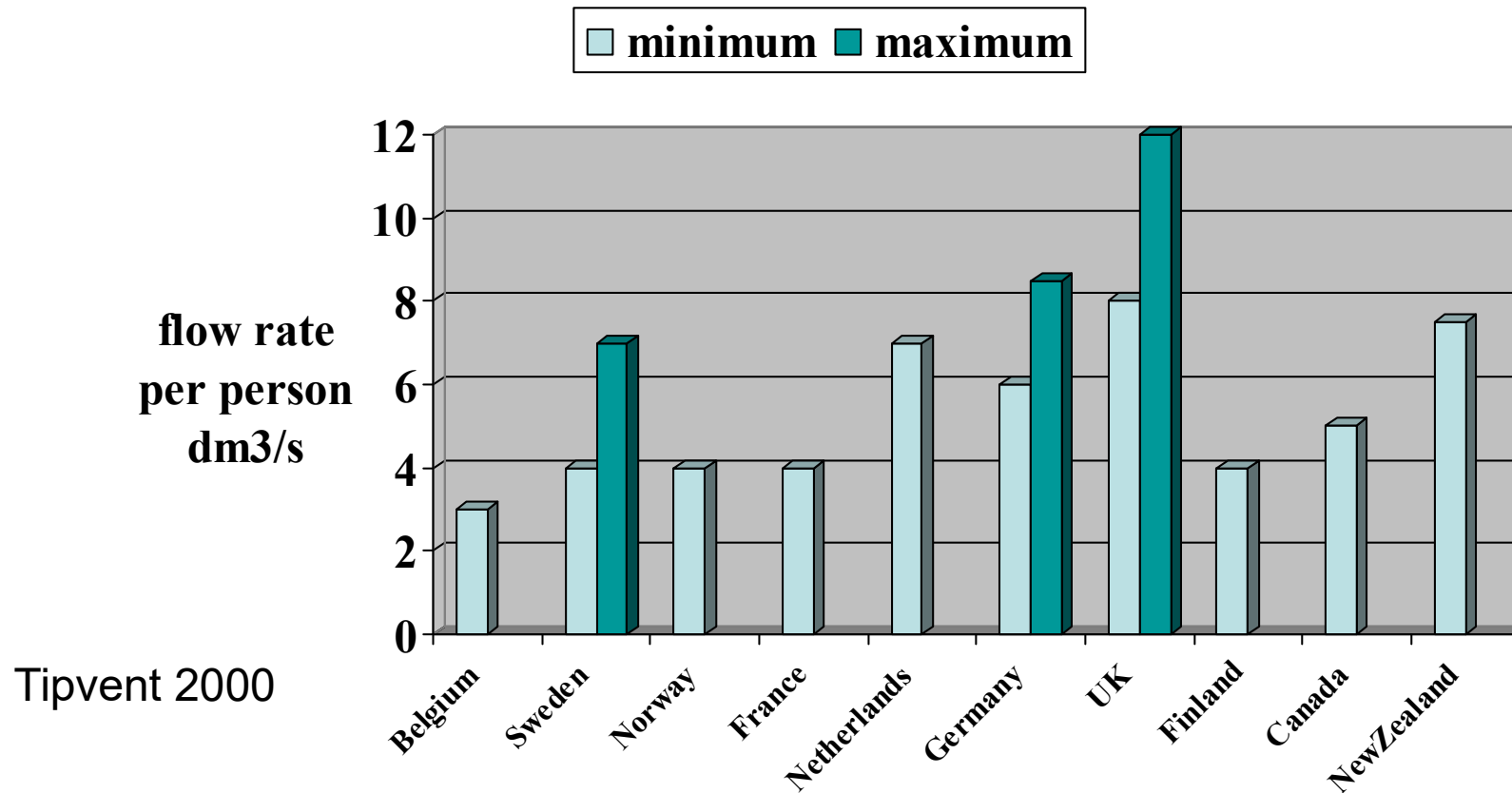
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90% have a mean air flow rate over the heating season more than 8 dm<sup>3</sup>/s p.p.

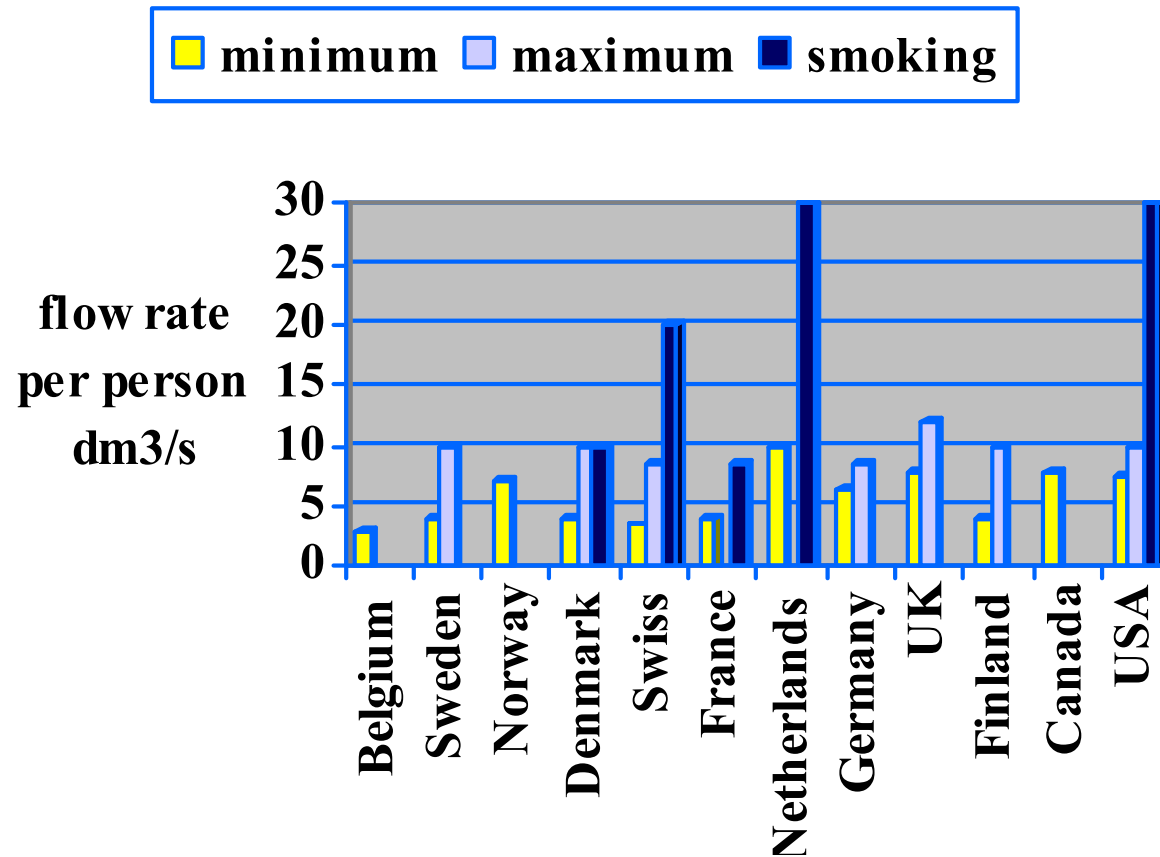


No person has a mean air flow rate over the heating season lower than 4.9 dm<sup>3</sup>/s

# OVERVIEW OF VENTILATION REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES FOR DWELLINGS

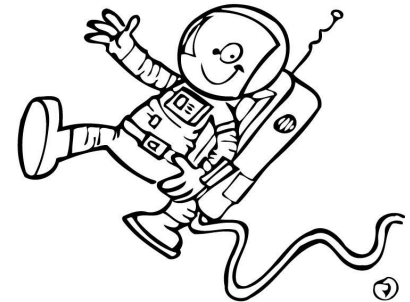
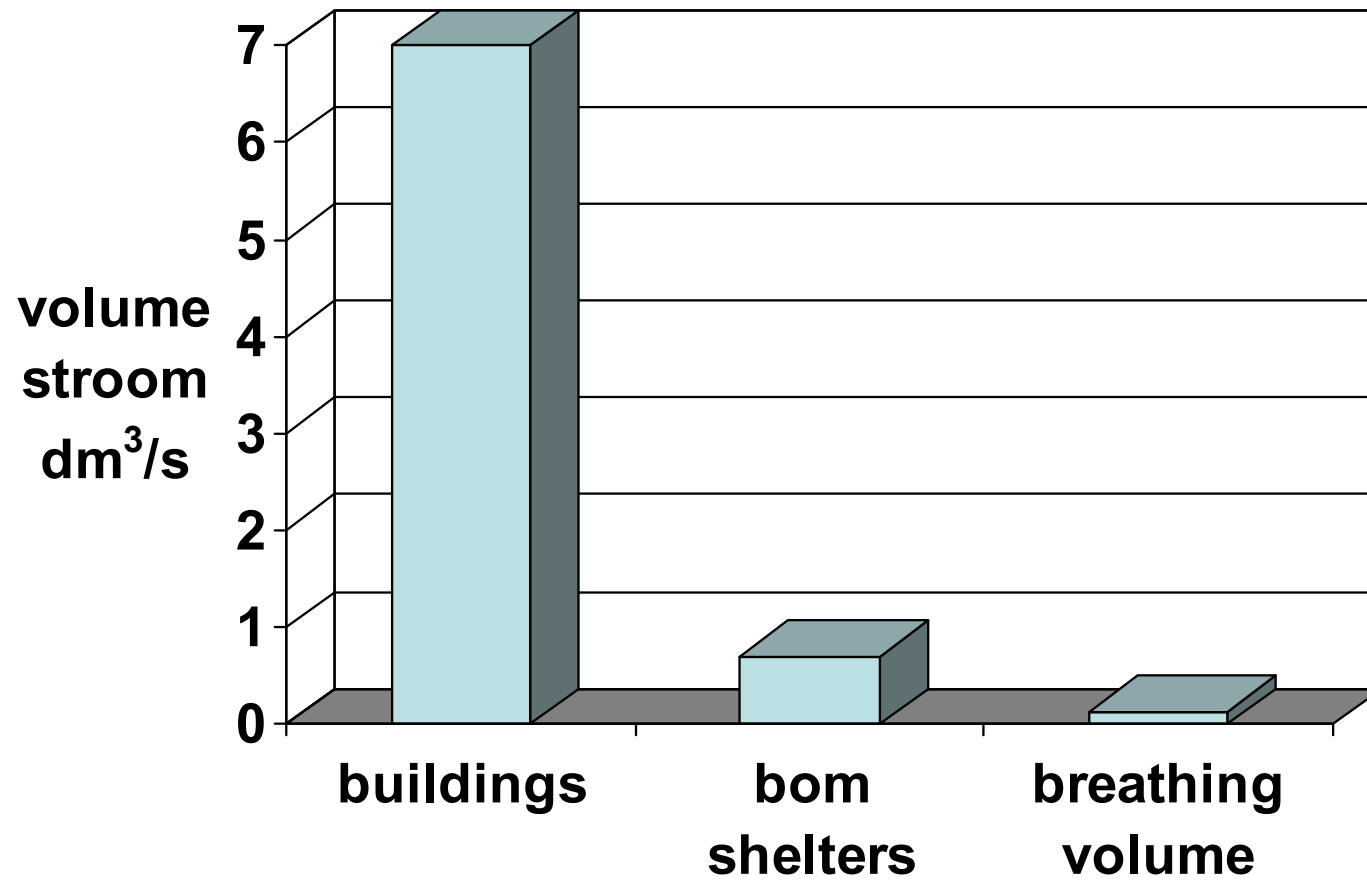


# OVERVIEW OF VENTILATION REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES FOR OFFICES (TIPVENT 2000)



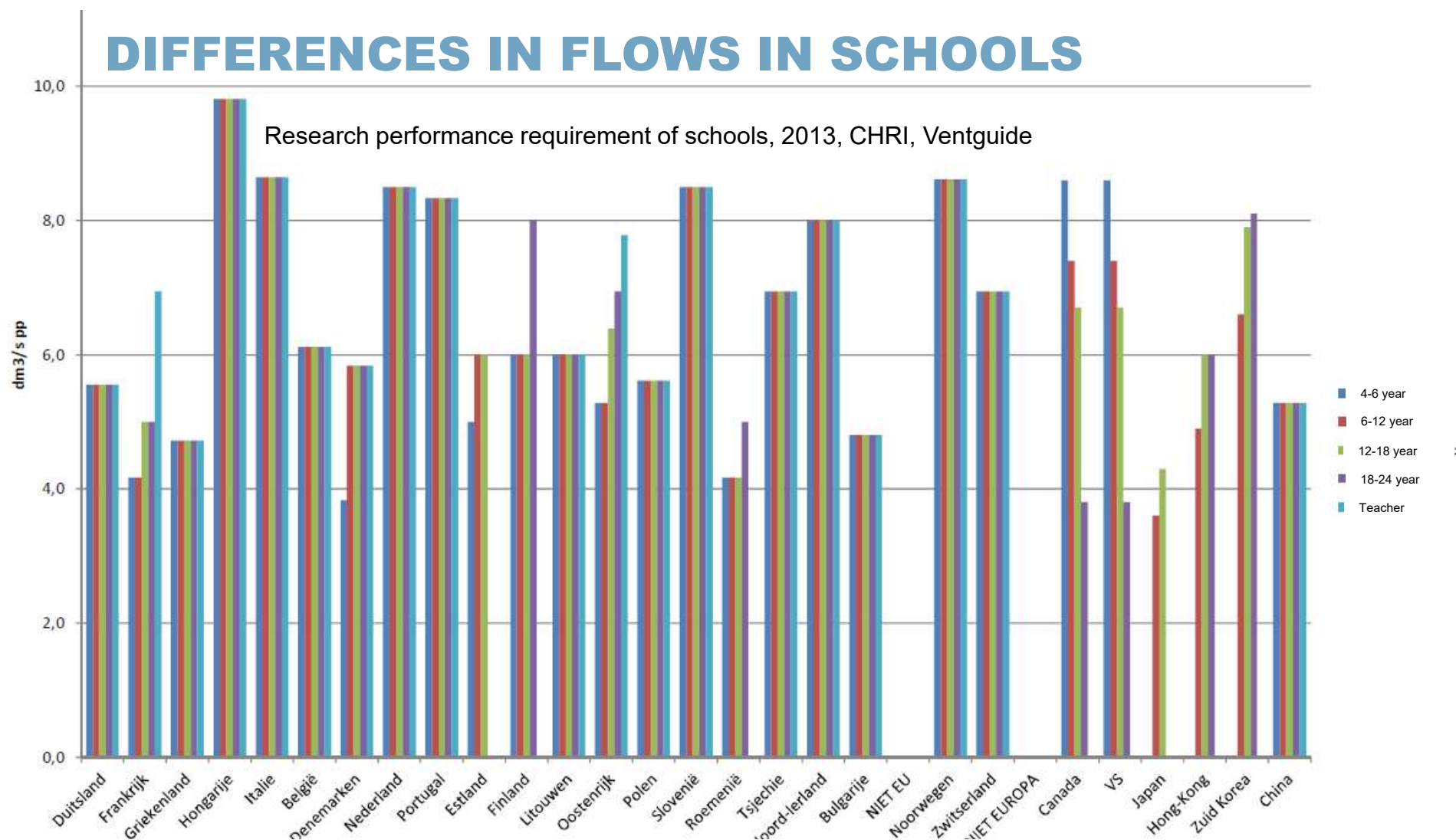


## VENTILATION MINIMUM FOR PERSONS

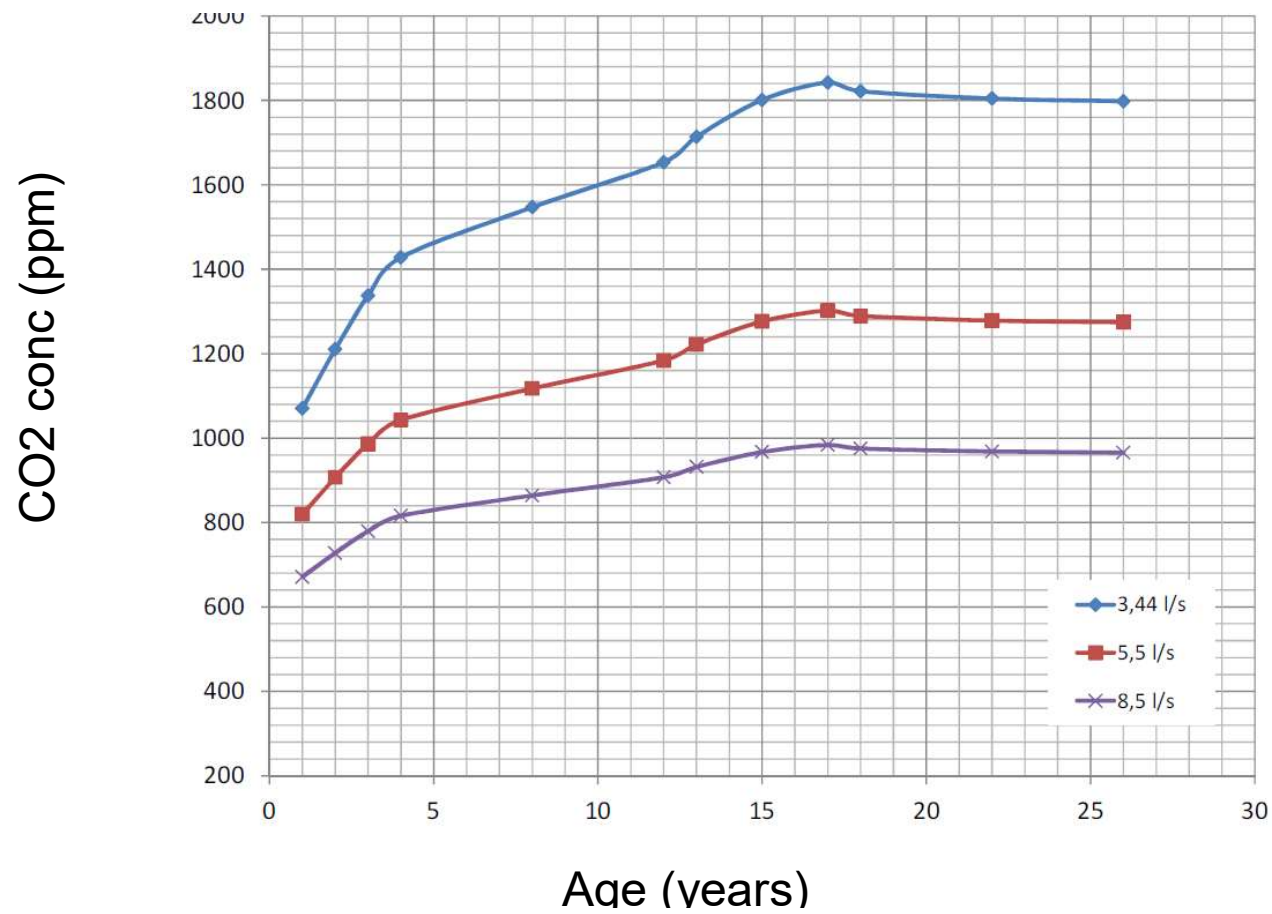


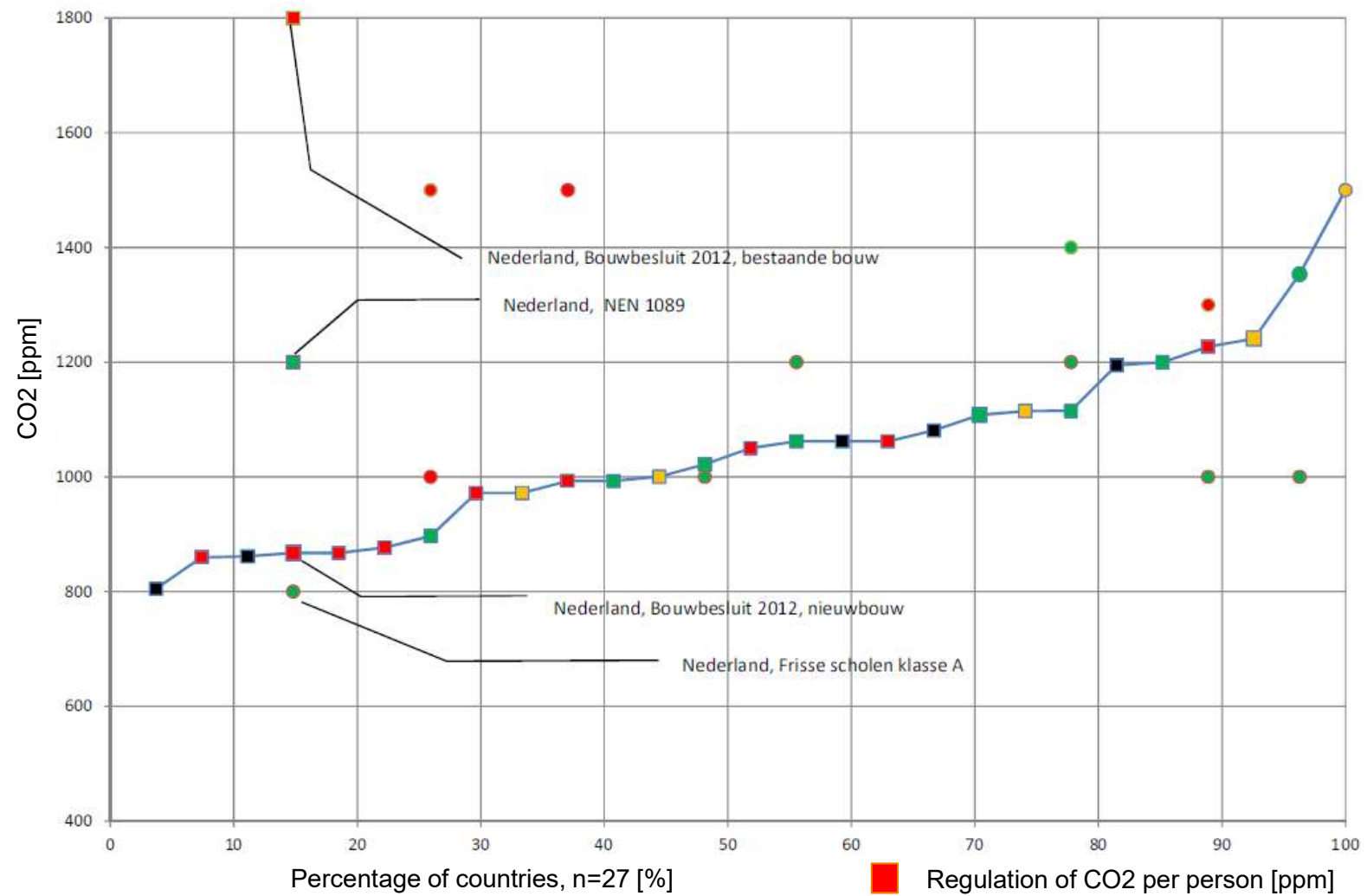
# DIFFERENCES IN FLOWS IN SCHOOLS

Research performance requirement of schools, 2013, CHRI, Ventguide



## CALCULATED CO2 CONC. AT DIFFERENT AGES





## EFFECTS OF MOISTURE

- Comfort
  - Relative humidity
- Micro-organism
  - Health
- Material damage
  - Degradation
  - Decouling

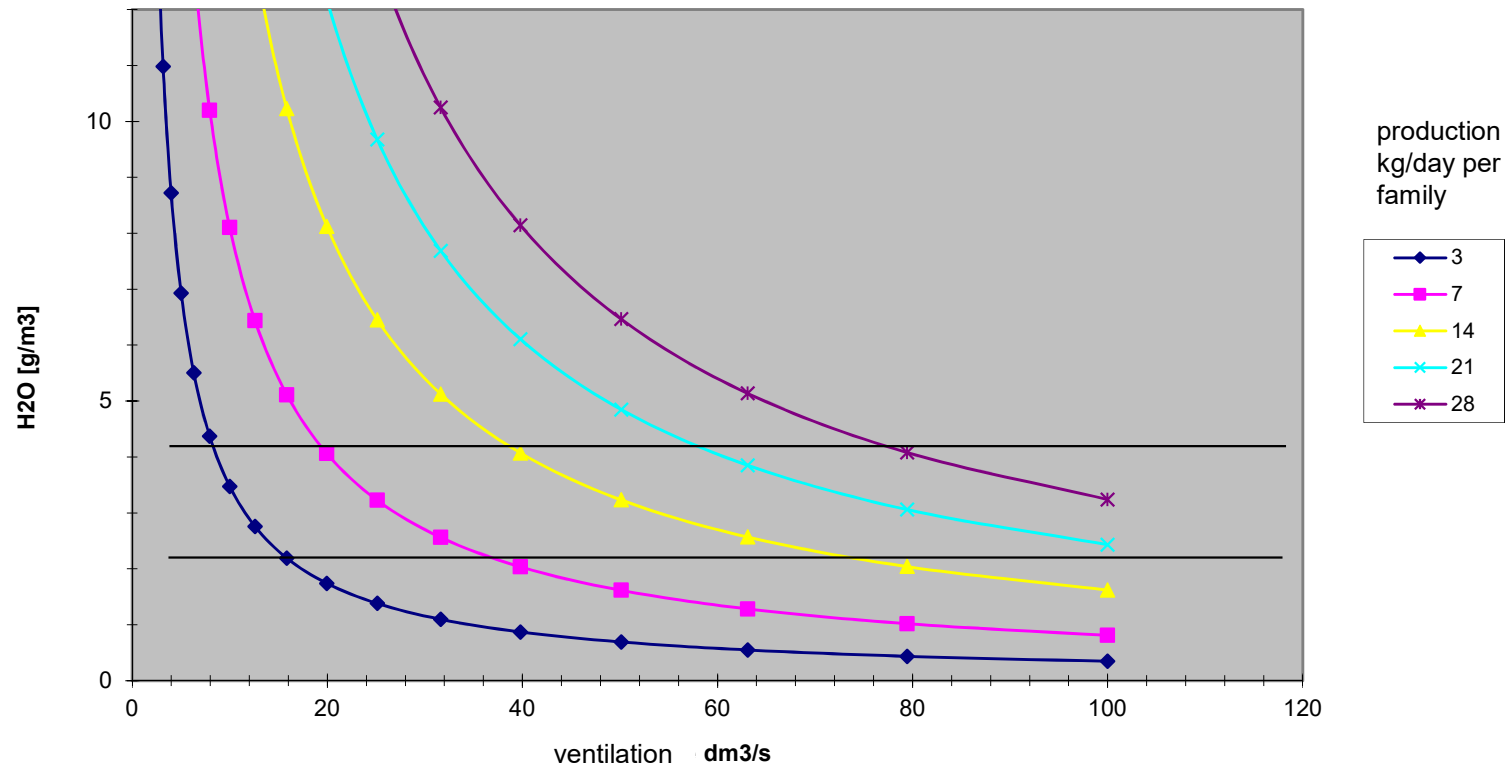


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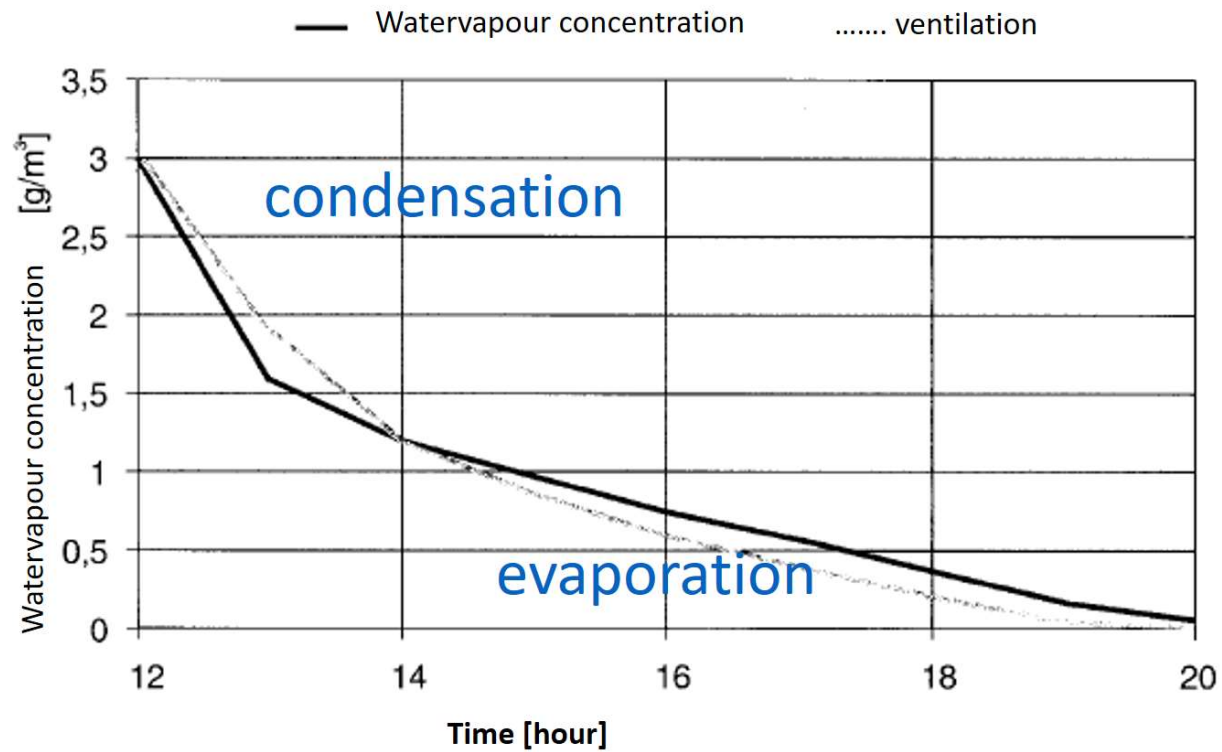
# MOISTURE PRODUCTION

Acitivity	Average moisture production
Breathing/transpiration	Light activiy 30-60 g/h/person Average activity 120-200 g/h/person Heavy activiy 200-300 g/h/pers
Pet	10-15 g/h
Cooking (depending on hood- efficiency)	600-1500 g/h
Washing dishes	500-1000 g/h
Showering	2500-3000 g/h
Bathing	750 g/h
Wash drying (4,5 kg) tumble dryer	50-200 g/h
Wash drying (4,5 kg) wet	100-500 g/h
Plants	5-20 g/h
Kitchen Geyser kitchen use	25 g/h
Kitchen for showering	100g/h
Acquarium	4-15 g/h
Average family (cooking, plants, showering, etc)	7- 8 kg/day

# ABSOLUTE HUMIDITY VERSUS VENTILATION



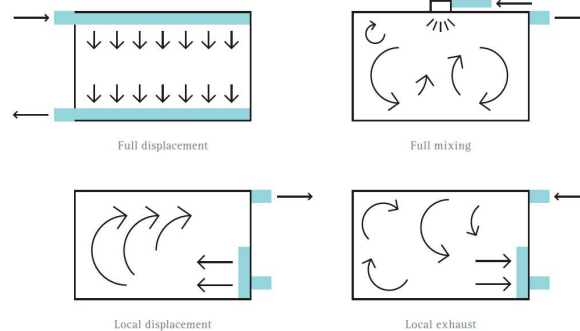
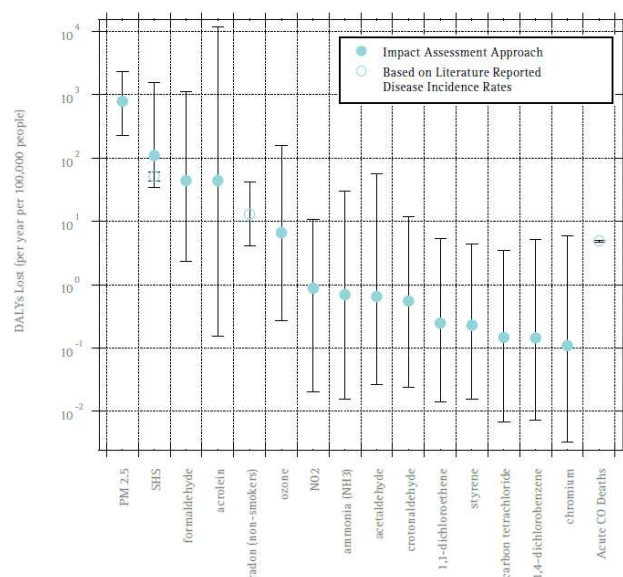
## EXPERIMENT MOISTURE PRODUCTION



Production was 1 kg/h  
stopped at 12  
Flow rate: 14 dm<sup>3</sup>/s

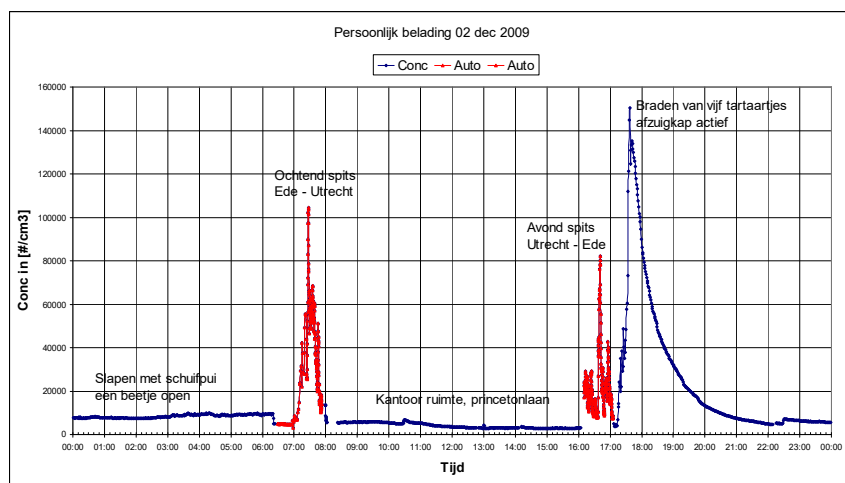


# RESEARCH IN PROGRESS: TECHNOTE 68



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## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS: PM<sub>2,5</sub> EXPOSURE



new publication coming soon

## CONCLUSIONS

- › The difference in ventilation requirements in different countries is remarkable
- › A factor 4 difference is found between countries
- › Almost all requirements are based on odour nuisance of bio-effluents, while CO<sub>2</sub> is used as marker or is based on humidity
  
- › Challenge:
  - › Understanding of the background of current standards and regulations,
  - › Which exposure is acceptable for each of the relevant contaminants?
  - › Reduction of generation of pollutants, source control of pollutants.



› **THANKS FOR ATTENTION**

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