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## Research Report from Germany

### Review of Some Research Issues Related to Ventilation of Dwellings in Germany

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#### Introduction

As a result of the oil crisis in 1973, a great number of investigations and research projects were established in Germany and new regulations set up to help reduce energy consumption in the building sector. It was soon recognised that ventilation losses in dwellings constitute a major part of the heating energy losses in buildings and amount to approximately 6% of Germany's national energy demand – not much less than the energy consumption of all private cars in this country.

Consequently, the investigation programme 'Ventilation in residential buildings' (Lüftung im Wohnungsbau) was begun in 1978. The programme was sponsored by the Federal Ministry for Research and Technology in conjunction with the Federal Ministry for Regional Planning, Building and Urban Development. Its main activities started in 1980.

Even though the basic aim of the programme was to identify possibilities for reducing ventilation heat loss, it was also considered necessary to deal with many other questions which were only indirectly concerned with energy savings. From the beginning therefore, studies of air hygiene, air requirements and emissions from fireplaces, as well as occupant behaviour were included in the programme which thus became an interdisciplinary venture. In the meantime, the focus of public attention has moved from energy

conservation to the question of indoor air quality. This move was caused not only by released tensions on the international oil market but also by a growing concern about pollution both inside and outside dwellings.

This article outlines the research programme and discusses selected topics in greater detail. Although all the projects refer to the results of studies in Germany, they should be of relevance to many other countries too.

#### General review of research programme

The programme is divided into three overlapping phases:

##### Phase I: Basic studies

- room air pollutants, minimum ventilation rates
- impact of operation of stoves on room air quality
- standard procedures for measurement of air-to-air heat exchangers
- comparison of different ventilation systems in uninhabited experimental houses

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## Phase II: Studies on inhabited houses

- investigations on five inhabited houses with and without ventilation systems and covering inhabitant behaviour, air change rates, air quality, energy consumption, noise level, operational experience.

## Phase III: Analysis and evaluation of results

- analysis of natural ventilation systems
- analysis of mechanical ventilation systems
- requirements of buildings, equipment and users if ventilation systems are to be effective.
- comprehensive summary of programme

Phase III is essentially complete with most projects now terminated and reports either published or in the finishing stage except for the comprehensive summary.

An important aspect of the programme is its connection with the International Energy Agency (IEA) within the programme 'Energy conservation in buildings and community systems'. The Federal Republic of Germany is a member of Annex VIII 'Inhabitant behaviour' and of the Air Infiltration Centre (Annex V) and is leading the work of Annex IX 'Minimum ventilation rates'. IEA activities will continue even after the termination of Phase III of the programme.

Some essential results of the programme are summarised within the following ten points.

1. The problem of ventilation in residential buildings is rather complex and involves various branches of technology and industry from building design through construction material production to heating and ventilation systems design. In addition, the co-operation of hygienists and physiologists (cause and effect of harmful substances) is required. Emphasis must be on integrated rather than individual effort.
2. It was discovered that the approach of residents to ventilation is only slightly characterised by objective requirements and is instead marked strongly by individual habits and by subjective feelings. Extremes at both ends of the spectrum (no ventilation or continuous ventilation) are by no means exceptions. Even in houses with a ventilation system fitted, the possible savings in energy are mostly negated by the attitude of the residents, who were generally not sufficiently informed and therefore also not motivated. Therefore, intelligent window ventilation habits cannot be expected of the average inhabitant.
3. Precise and generally valid figures cannot be given for the necessary air change rate since this depends on parameters such as emissions from building materials, air flow pattern and how frequently and in which way rooms are used. However, an average air change rate of 0.5 per hour (in relation to the total volume of the dwelling) should comply with all normal requirements, although zones requiring more intensive or less intensive ventilation may exist for a time during the course of the day (depending on the amount and kind of use). Total ventilation required still remains within the described order. Elimination of excessive pollutant emissions from building materials, cleaning agents, etc. should be considered a problem of the producer and not be transferred to ventilation.

4. With natural ventilation (window ventilation) control is extremely difficult and permanent attendance is required to maintain adequate room air quality whilst avoiding waste of energy. Depending on the effect of fluctuations in wind speed, wind direction and temperature, a variation range of 1 to 20 or more can be achieved easily with the same window position.
5. As a consequence of conservation measures, airtight buildings pose a major safety risk to dwellings with open fireplaces or stoves, if no separate provisions are made for supply air.
6. Considered from both the viewpoint of energy and hygiene, mechanical fan ventilation offers the best solution. If properly designed, it ensures freedom from the influence of wind and temperature, provides the necessary air change at all times and, with only a small amount of electricity needed, permits, with an airtight house, the reclamation of more than half the heat lost by ventilation.
7. Nearly all the ventilation systems investigated have shortcomings, some more serious than others. Typical problems include:
  - unacceptable noise level
  - severe draught effects
  - high auxiliary energy consumption
  - design flow rates not established
  - odour transmission from bath/kitchen to living rooms
  - deficient installation (no acceptance test performed)
  - no maintenance provisions
8. The importance of residents' acceptance of ventilation systems cannot be overemphasised. Systems must be designed for user comfort and ease of maintenance.
9. Present ventilation techniques for dwellings based on the principle of contamination dilution are rejected by many users because of inherent noise and draught. Instead, 'soft' displacement ventilation techniques which take advantage of natural buoyancy forces can be expected to provide major improvements in ventilation efficiency and user comfort in the future.
10. The design and construction of ventilation equipment currently in use and on the market offers plenty of opportunity for functional improvement and more cost effective production and installation, indeed this improvement must be considered a prerequisite for market penetration.

## Natural ventilation

In Germany, natural ventilation (through infiltration and windows but seldom airbricks) is still the dominant method of controlling indoor air quality in dwellings. The only ventilation device commonly encountered is the range hood above the kitchen stove which has no air change effect at all if it is only recirculating poorly filtered air, as is mostly the case. Only a small percentage of all dwellings have stack ventilation or exhaust ventilation, but only for windowless rooms. The number of central systems serving the whole dwelling is negligible. It was therefore considered necessary to evaluate the efficiency and controllability of windows and adjustable ventilation openings (using wind speed, wind direction, temperature difference ( $\Delta T$ ) and opening width as parameters).

A test room was used, about the size of a small living room, with provisions to fit the ventilation devices under test. Tracer gas was used to determine the air change rate (decay method). Wind speed, wind direction, inside/outside temperature and pressure differences were measured.

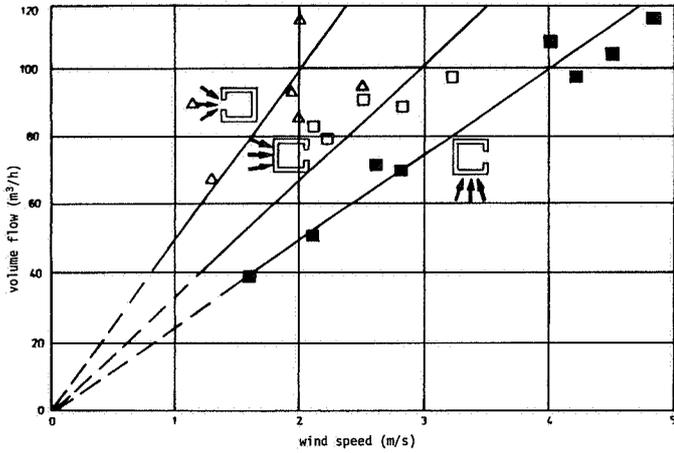


Figure 1: Volume flow through tilted window as function of wind speed and wind direction

Congruent with theory, it was found that (most commonly during the heating season) the volume flow through a tilted single window in an airtight house was linearly dependent on the width of the gap and on wind speed (see Figure 1). Wind direction provides an additional variation range of about 1:2. Cross ventilation with two windows increases the wind induced volume flow by a factor of 5 to 10. By contrast, dependence of volume flow on inside/outside temperature difference (with no wind) follows a square root law (see Figure 2).

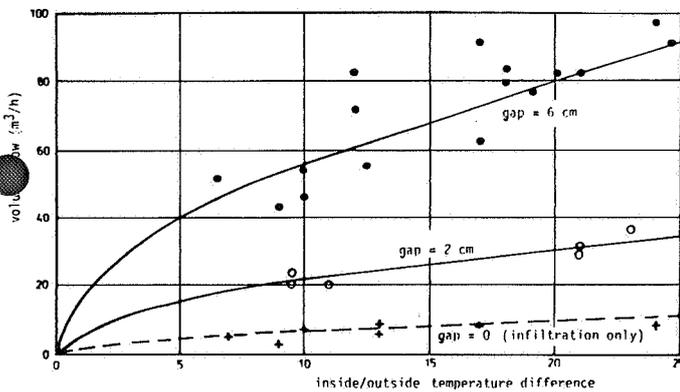


Figure 2: Volume flow through tilted windows as function of  $\Delta T$

If both temperature difference and wind are taken into consideration, as is generally the case, no linear superposition is allowed. In some cases even a reduction of the flow volume may result. As a rule of thumb it may be assumed that, for a single open window, wind effects are dominant for wind speeds above 2 m/s, while for wind speeds below 2 m/s and  $\Delta T$  above 10K, temperature effects play the major part. Figure 3 shows the range of flow volume for a tilted and for a hinged window in three opening positions and with parameter variations as follows:

$V = 0 \text{ to } 6 \text{ m/s}$

$\Delta T = 0 \text{ to } 30 \text{ K}$

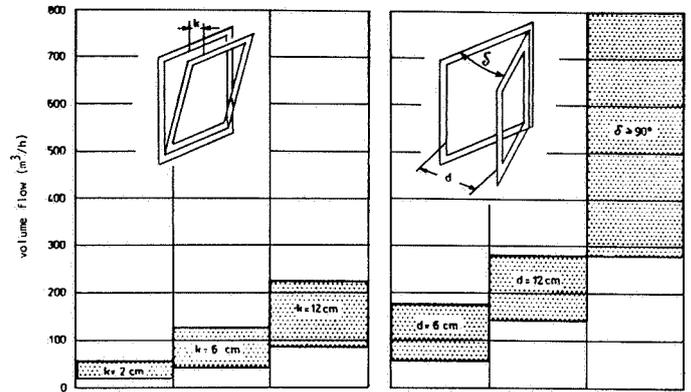


Figure 3: Volume flow range of open windows ( $v = 0 - 6 \text{ m/s}$ ,  $\Delta T = 0 - 30 \text{ K}$ )

For controllable ventilation openings, basically the same characteristics apply with regard to wind and temperature influence as for windows. To obtain any perceptible ventilation effect without wind in tight buildings, complementary openings must be fitted as far apart vertically as possible (ideally at floor and ceiling level) to utilize thermal buoyancy effects as driving forces. Figure 4 shows some types of ventilation openings controllable by sliding elements. Most ventilation openings are integrated into windows and some are equipped with acoustic dampers.

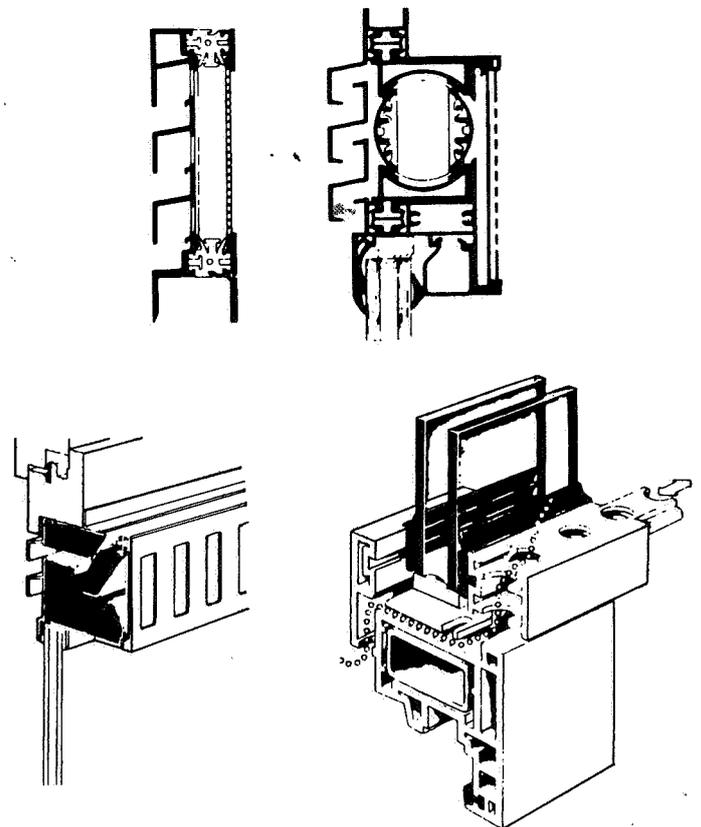


Figure 4: Some types of controllable ventilation devices

One of the shortcomings of typical natural ventilation devices is poor control characteristics (see Figure 5). Whilst a slightly progressive characteristic would be most desirable (case 3), most devices were found to be degressive (case 2). The effective area of the air vents investigated was found to be too small to provide sufficient ventilation. Typical air flow rate of a single device ( $A = 104 \text{ cm}^2$ ) without wind was negligible, with two vents at 1.3 m vertical distance and  $\Delta T = 10 \text{ K}$  it was about  $15 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$ .

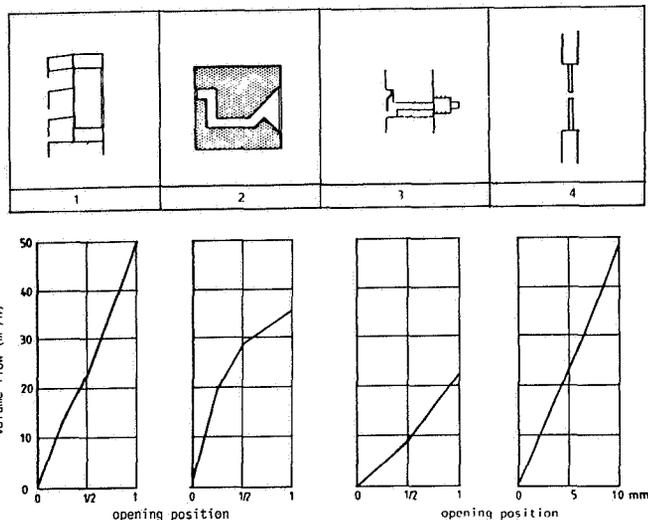


Figure 5: Control characteristics of various ventilation devices

Though it can be concluded that natural ventilation is extremely difficult to control, there are some options for improving the efficiency and handling of such systems, e.g:

- window fittings should allow locking of windows in progressively adjustable narrow-gap positions
- cross section of ventilation openings should be increased considerably
- control characteristics of air vents should be improved
- air vents should be used only in pairs and vertically spaced.

### Fireplaces and stoves in airtight buildings

Airtight building envelopes pose a major indoor air quality risk for dwellings equipped with open fireplaces or stoves. To evaluate the general situation in Germany, a project within the Ventilation Programme was designed to assess:

- average and minimum expected infiltration rates in the existing building stock in Germany
- contamination of room air (because stoves depend on indoor air for combustion) as a function of reduced air flow rates

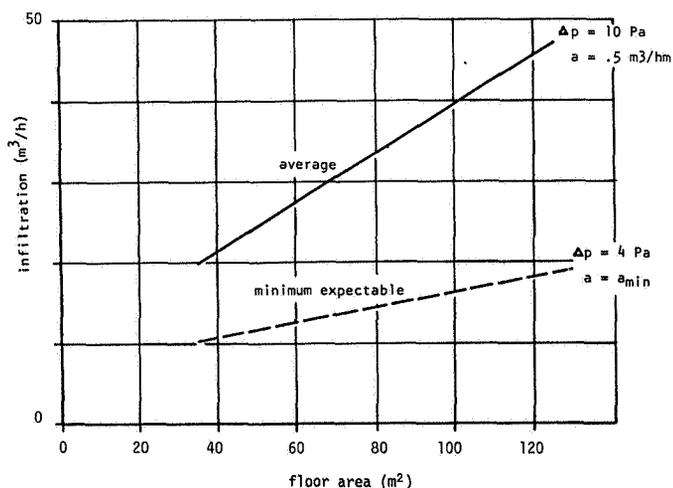


Figure 6: Infiltration rate of dwellings constructed between 1950 and 1980

Since the aim of the project was a risk analysis, emphasis is on the minimum acceptable infiltration. It was found that this minimum is determined by window joints, roller blinds, main door and building element joints. Infiltration through walls or ceilings of brickwork or concrete was found to be negligible and, contrary to general opinion, ageing effects of window sealing strips had no significance. Figure 6 shows infiltration rates for buildings constructed between 1950 and 1980, the dotted curve giving minimum acceptable rates (low leakage coefficients, low outside/inside pressure difference) and the continuous line the average rates. In Figure 7 hourly air changes are shown for the same cases. It can be seen that excessively low rates below 0.1 air changes per hour or 15 m<sup>3</sup>/h can be expected if no window ventilation is used. This is a health risk even without stoves in operation.

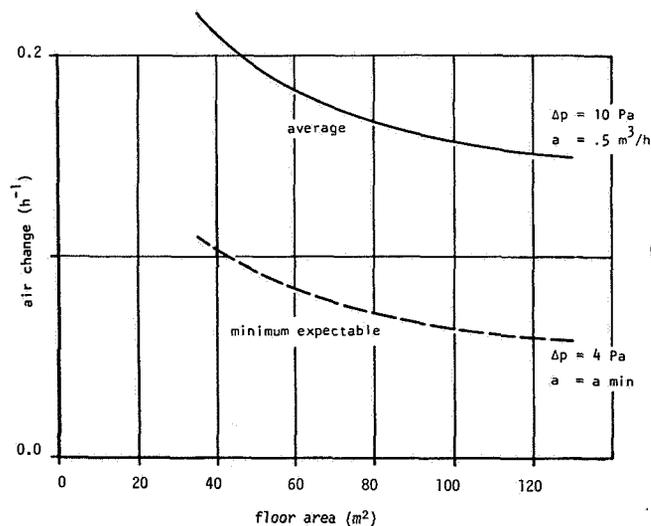


Figure 7: Air change rates of dwellings constructed between 1950 and 1980 (infiltration only)

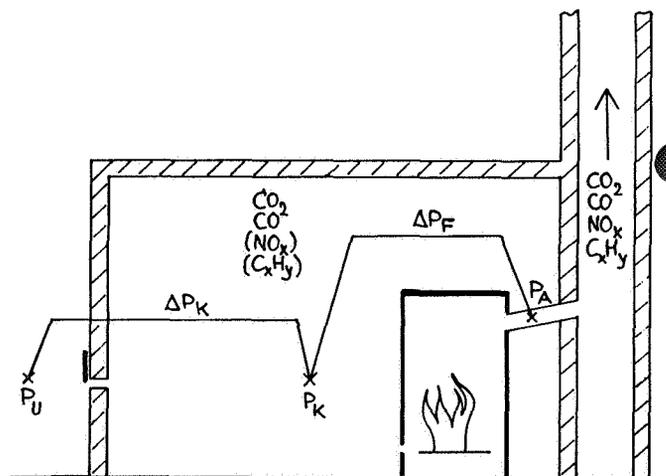


Figure 8: Pressure distribution in test room

To evaluate the operation of stoves under variable conditions, an airtight test room was established with provision for the control of the air flow rate from the exterior into the room and to control pressure  $P_A$  in the flue pipe, thus influencing  $\Delta P_F$  (see Figure 8). Composition of the flue gas was measured, as well as contamination of the room air by flue gas leakages under varying operating conditions. Decisive for the safe operation of stoves is the differential head between room interior and flue pipe ( $\Delta P_F$ ). Various stoves, e.g. solid fuel (wood, coal), liquid fuel (oil) and gaseous fuel (natural gas) have been investigated.

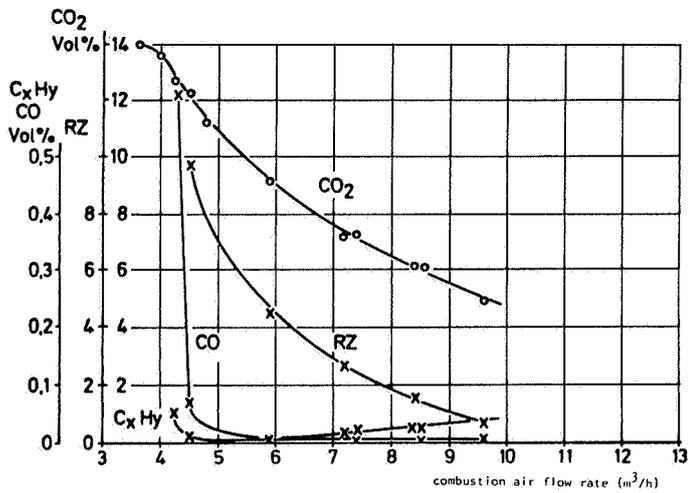


Figure 9: Flue gas composition as function of air flow rate with oil stove under partial load

As an example, Figure 9 shows combustion product concentrations in the flue gas for an oil stove under partial load condition. By contrast, Figure 10 displays room air contamination with CO through a coal stove operating with various differential heads.

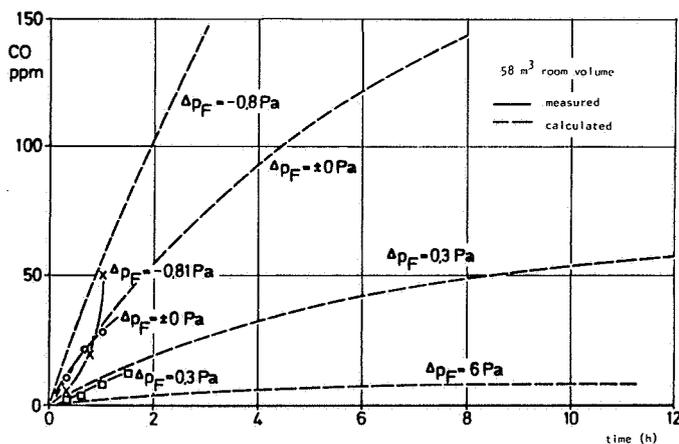


Figure 10: Room air congestion through coal stove for various differential heads

Stoves for solid fuel were found to be self-regulating, i.e. their heating power was governed to a certain degree by varying air flow rates and differential heads. Thus room air contamination under unfavourable conditions was less severe than with oil or gas stoves. It also appeared that emission of flue gases into the room would be reduced by improved/modified construction of most stoves.

Oil stoves have been found to be sensitive to wind influences (with windows or air vents open) as well as to air deficiency (everything closed). This effect was also true of gas stoves, but to a lesser degree, and makes it difficult for them to work properly under all practical conditions.

The only solution to overcome the safety problem for fireplaces and stoves seems to be to provide separate combustion air feeding channels for every unit.

### Inhabitants' ventilation behaviour

It was observed that inhabitants' control of ventilation was inadequate. Even in buildings with fitted ventilation systems, no significant changes in attitude have been observed. Figure 11 displays graphically the average ventilation habits

of a sample of 230 dwellings during the daytime. Whilst unoccupied bedrooms are ventilated throughout most of the day, kitchens and living rooms in constant use are rather poorly ventilated.

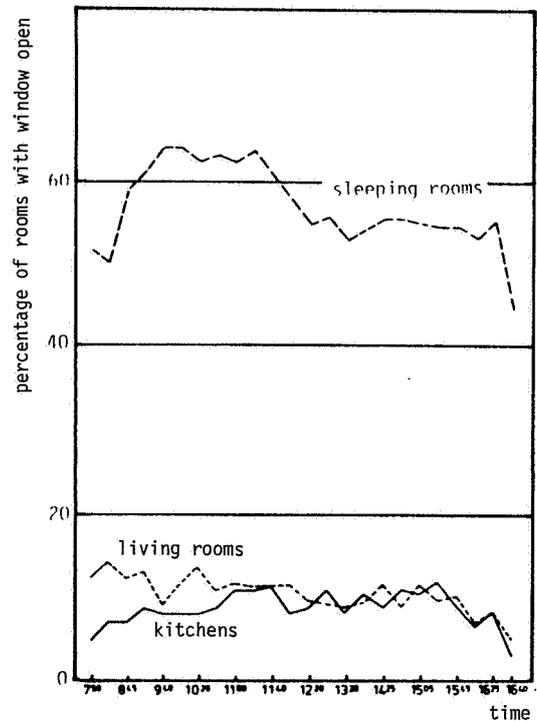


Figure 11: Window ventilation habits

Another more general problem was encountered during the course of these investigations, i.e. the response of inhabitants to inquiries regarding their ventilation habits was definitely unreliable. Figure 12 shows the discrepancy between the estimates of inhabitants and the results of observations. It is therefore highly probable that answers relating to issues other than ventilation are not much more reliable. One must conclude that questions requiring quantitative estimates should be avoided with future inquiries.

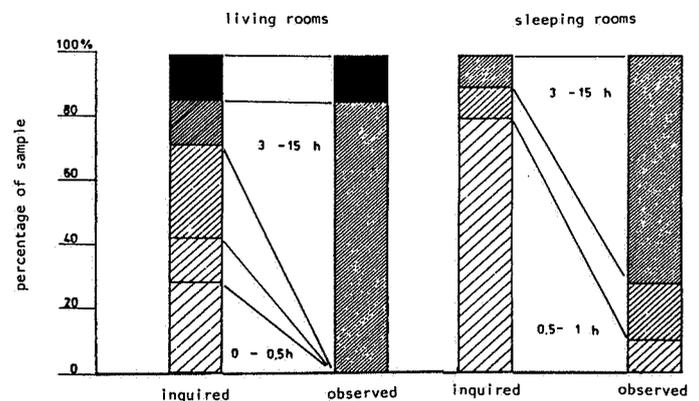


Figure 12: Reliability of inhabitant inquiries regarding duration of window opening

Inhabitants' attitude towards ventilation systems was found to be very conservative to say the least. Causes were not only deficiencies in information and motivation, but must be attributed to a large extent to functional deficiencies of the system itself. Before changes occur in inhabitants' acceptance, considerable improvements in system design and construction must take place.

## Requirements for properly designed ventilation systems in dwellings

Complaints about almost every ventilation system have previously been outlined under item 7 in the first section, the most common being draught effects and noise levels. Other shortcomings investigated were comparatively less important. However, these should of course be considered with new systems.

It seems as if conventional (dilution) ventilation systems cannot solve the problem of ventilation requirements. The degree of removal of the polluted air set against the air change rate is low, energy demand and noise level are high

and draught effects inherent. The only advantage of dilution ventilation seems to be that it is less susceptible to variations in the ambient conditions of the room interior (due to its forced air circulation pattern) and thus works together with nearly every heating system and tolerates rather wide variations in planning parameters.

More effective 'soft' displacement ventilation systems with much less noise and draught generation are already being used in larger rooms, e.g. conference rooms, theatres, etc. Such systems might be considered a hybrid between natural (buoyancy) ventilation and forced ventilation systems. Displacement ventilation seems to offer a variety of advantages for residential buildings too, where it has not been employed so far.

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## AIRBASE – the Air Infiltration Centre's Bibliographic Database

**Yvette Parfitt, the AIC librarian, describes the Centre's activities in the field of information dissemination and encourages further participation in a valuable international library service.**

### Introduction

The aims of the Air Infiltration Centre include the cataloguing and transfer of information and full dissemination of current worldwide research in the field of air infiltration. To further these aims, the Centre has established a library of literature, the contents of which are recorded on *AIRBASE*, a computerized bibliographic database. Many of the initial references were drawn from the extensive resources of the library of the Building Services Research and Information Association. Since then it has been continuously updated as new articles are received by the AIC's library. There are presently more than 1,700 references in the database and it is growing at the rate of some 20–30 articles per month. Sources include periodical articles, conference papers, unpublished research papers, books and so on, mainly from the participating countries of the AIC but also from organisations and researchers in other countries active in the field of air infiltration. *AIRBASE* contains articles in over 15 different languages. When an article is considered of particular importance, a translation into English is made and these translations also figure in the AIC database.

### Subject Coverage of *AIRBASE*

The main focus of the database is, of course, air infiltration. As such it covers all aspects of the uncontrolled flow of air through cracks and openings in the building envelope, particularly its prediction, measurement and methods for reducing it. Also included are selected papers from the related fields of indoor air quality, occupant behaviour, thermal comfort, ventilation efficiency, natural and mechanical ventilation, wind pressure and its influence on infiltration, and energy saving measures. The principal subjects to be found in the database are:

- tracer gases
- tracer gas measurement by type of building
- tracer gas methods
- pressure tests of leakage of building components
- pressure tests of leakage of buildings
- surface pressures on buildings
- theoretical models of air infiltration and air flow, including comparison of calculated and measured results



- mathematical models
- empirical models
- reduction of heat losses
- energy and buildings
- pollution, air quality and indoor climate
- moisture and humidity
- occupancy effects
- instrumentation and measurement techniques
- the use of heat exchangers
- effects of turbulence

## Arrangement of the data in the database

The structure of each database entry follows a common format beginning with a unique *AIRBASE* abstract number, followed by the title of the article. For non-English articles, the title is given in both the original language and in English. The remaining headings are AUTHOR, BIBINF, ABSTRACT and KEYWORDS (see Figure 1).

#NO 1570 Multi-chamber air renewal survey using constant concentration tracer-gas technique.  
Mesures du taux de renouvellement d'air a l'aide d'un dispositif compact a concentration constante.

AUTHOR  
Scartezzini J-L., Roecker C., Quevit D.

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Groupe de Recherche en Energie Solaire, Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne, 1984. 13pp, 7 figs, 11 refs. #DATE 00:00:1984 in French  
#AIC 973

ABSTRACT  
An accurate determination of air renewal rate and connective exchanges between units was needed for study of the solar units of the experimental building LESO, in both an occupied and empty state. The CESAR compact equipment for tracer gas (nitrous oxide) measurement was developed. This unit uses a microcomputer to perform a simultaneous and periodical gas analysis in 10 locations. Three tracer gas methods can be used: decay, constant concentration, and continuous flow. The device and regulating program work well with low rates of concentration (100ppm of nitrous oxide). The measurements by decay and constant concentration give similar results and with the simultaneous survey of the 10 rooms, a comparison between air movement and infiltration is possible. Occupancy effects can also be evaluated.

KEYWORDS  
air infiltration, tracer gas, nitrous oxide, decay rate, constant concentration, constant emission, air movement, occupancy effects, measurement technique, automatic equipment

Figure 1: Typical *AIRBASE* abstract

BIBINF furnishes a complete bibliographic description of the item including the name of the publisher or publication from which the document is taken, the date of publication and its language. It also gives other useful information such as the number of graphs, diagrams, tables and references included in the work. The final data given in the BIBINF section is the accession number of the document in the AIC library system. This facilitates location of the original document in response to a request. The ABSTRACT section contains an informative summary in English for every article, no matter what its language of origin, focusing on the relevant aspects of the article from the point of view of air infiltration research.

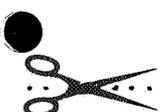
KEYWORDS are taken from a fixed thesaurus of terms which describe the articles in *AIRBASE*. They are used to enhance the description of the document so that it conforms to a set terminology. The abstract reflects the original wording of the document. For example, an abstract mentioning 'climate chambers' in the text would be given the keyword 'environmental chamber', enabling a search under either term to retrieve this document. Occasionally an article does not actually mention the subject by name at all in which case it will only appear in the keyword list, but usually the subject will appear in both places, allowing a search to be done either on the complete article or, for greater speed, just on the KEYWORDS section.

## Dissemination of the information contained in *AIRBASE*

*AIRBASE* exists as a repository of information that can be interrogated on any subject in the field, as the need arises. However this is essentially a passive dissemination of knowledge by user demand. In order to promote use of *AIRBASE* and to actively transfer the information it contains, several printed publications have been introduced which are generally available free-of-charge to researchers and organisations in participating countries.

The first of these is **Recent Additions to *AIRBASE***. This is a quarterly bulletin of abstracts added to *AIRBASE*. It provides an effective means of keeping up-to-date with published material on air infiltration and associated subjects. To ensure the wide dissemination of literature, recent additions will in future be forwarded to all recipients of Air Infiltration Review in participating countries. Copies of the papers abstracted in **Recent Additions to *AIRBASE*** can usually be obtained from the AIC library by completing the literature request form in the back of each issue. Such items are provided subject to the usual copyright restrictions. Longer documents are available on loan for a one month period.

When enquiries on a particular topic are frequently requested from *AIRBASE*, a **Literature List** is printed on that topic. Lists produced to date are included in the publications list at the end of this newsletter. These contain all abstracts from *AIRBASE* on the given subject, and most have between 10 and 30 abstracts. The complete *AIRBASE* entry for each article is also given.



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### *AIRBASE* – REQUEST FORM

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Date (I am not interested in papers published before . . . ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Finally, an in-depth analysis of the complete database by subject is prepared approximately every two years. The most recent issue is **AIC-TN-15-84 Thompson C. A subject analysis of the AIC's bibliographic database - AIRBASE, 3rd edition.** This covers all entries in the database up to #No. 1,276. It is divided into three sections. Section 1 of the report contains the analysis itself, in which articles are listed by reference number under one or more of 14 major subject headings. Each heading is further subdivided to give a total of 175 subject areas. Section 2 contains a listing of author, title and bibliographic details in reference number order, so that the relevant articles on any particular subject can be found. An index of principal authors is given in an appendix.

The contents of *AIRBASE* also form the basis of several **Technical Notes** produced by the Air Infiltration Centre.

## Searching *AIRBASE*

*AIRBASE* is a free language, online bibliographic database available for use by any organisation in the participating countries of the Air Infiltration Centre. It can be accessed on your behalf by the AIC librarian simply by providing her with details of the subject of interest, together with any restriction on the date of publication or language of the articles to be retrieved. Copies of the original documents can then be obtained from the AIC by citing the *AIRBASE* numbers of the articles required. Yvette can be contacted by letter, by telephone on +44 344 53123 (telephone answering machine outside office hours), by telex on 848288 (BSRIAC G) or by using the enquiry form printed above. Every effort will be made to ensure that enquiries receive prompt attention and that replies are despatched as soon as possible.

Some non-UK users may find it more convenient to interrogate the *AIRBASE* database directly online, and they are asked to contact their Steering Group representative for details of the procedures to be followed to access *AIRBASE* using the international telephone system and a modem. Copies of the original documents whose abstracts have been retrieved can then be ordered from the AIC, as above, by citing the *AIRBASE* numbers of the articles required.

## Use of *AIRBASE*

*AIRBASE* was created to aid the transfer and dissemination of research on air infiltration in the member countries of the Air Infiltration Centre. Its use is available completely free-of-charge and it is used by researchers from all the participating countries. In 1984 approximately 2,300 copies of articles and 700 literature lists were sent out in response to requests. In addition several online subject searches were also performed.

*AIRBASE* provides an efficient means of bringing research to the attention of other people working in the same area and for this reason many of the leading experts in the field regularly send the results of their research to the Air Infiltration Centre for inclusion in *AIRBASE*. It is this direct contact with its users that makes *AIRBASE* so much more effective than other bibliographic databases which simply rely on scanning the published literature. Hopefully, this user involvement will endure as *AIRBASE* continues to expand.

## Future Plans

The 4th edition of the subject analysis of *AIRBASE* should be published in early 1986. An extension of the subject coverage is planned, to include more works on ventilation aspects of indoor air quality. The increasing concern related to air infiltration and ventilation stems not only from its energy implications but also from increasing attention to the quality of indoor air.

Within the vast scope of the subject, it will be necessary to restrict the involvement of the AIC to those aspects which are directly related to infiltration and ventilation. This includes criteria for the specification of acceptable indoor air quality, rates of emission of pollutants from commonly used materials, instrumentation for the measurement of pollutant concentration levels, methods of controlling rates of ventilation to maintain acceptable indoor air quality, and statutory regulations concerning air quality. No attempt will be made to cover the chemical, physiological or pathological aspects of the subject. It is a subject that will undoubtedly gain in importance as the industry becomes increasingly sensitive to matters concerning the quality of the environment in buildings.

Ventilation requirements are another subject related to both indoor air quality and air infiltration that is becoming more significant as the emphasis in research broadens from simple energy saving to encompass the implications for human comfort. Recent concern about the overtightening of both naturally and mechanically ventilated buildings is leading to new appraisals of the ventilation rates necessary for modern buildings, taking into account occupancy, air quality and infiltration factors.

## Summary

The *AIRBASE* bibliographic database on air infiltration and related subjects has grown from its inception five years ago to become a major source of information on research in the field. Its planned expansion touching on air infiltration research should make it relevant to a greater number of researchers, as well as to people in the industry, without too great a dilution of subject interest.

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# 'Air Infiltration' at ASHRAE Winter Meeting

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The ASHRAE winter meeting was held 27-30 January 1985 at the Palmer House in Chicago. Several sessions were held that would interest readers of AIR.

The committee revising ASHRAE Standard 62-181 met on Sunday morning, 27 January, to continue its deliberations. Substantial progress was made and it is hoped that a draft version of the revised Standard will be available for public comment by 1 July. Major changes that are likely to emerge in the draft revision include increases in ventilation rate guidelines in the Ventilation Rate Procedure and a softening of the list of target concentrations in the alternate, i.e. the Indoor Air Quality Procedure.

A Symposium 'Residential Air-to-Air Heat Exchangers' was also held on Sunday morning. Papers presented (which are available as reprints from ASHRAE) included:

1. 'Outset of Freezing in Residential Air-to-Air Heat Exchangers', R.E. Chant *et al.*, University of Manitoba.
2. 'Performance of Residential Air-to-Air Heat Exchangers during Operation with Freezing and Periodic Defrosts', W.J. Fisk *et al.*, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory.
3. 'Formaldehyde and Tracer Gas Transfer Between Airstreams in Enthalpy-Type Air-to-Air Exchangers', B.S. Pedersen *et al.*, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory.

When requesting papers from ASHRAE, please specify symposium CH-85-3.

On Monday morning John Janssen of Honeywell chaired a forum entitled, 'Air diffuser performance index vs. ventilation efficiency: are they compatible or not?' A forum is the least formal format for a session at an ASHRAE meeting. It begins with a prepared statement from the session chair, and the floor is then open for general discussion. The Air Diffuser Performance Index, or ADPI, is used by ventilation engineers to characterize uniformity of thermal comfort in a room conditioned using air diffusers. The forum provided an opportunity for those who developed and use ADPI to discuss similarities and differences of the ADPI and the concept of ventilation efficiency. Ventilation efficiency, a measure of a ventilation system's ability to remove pollution from a space, is also an index of mixing within the volume. It became clear that those who use either index tended to be unfamiliar with the measurement procedures and results associated with the other. After extended discussion, several of those who attended agreed to pursue the ideas further by assembling a work statement for a research project that ASHRAE would sponsor to extend the ideas and make them more accessible for the practicing engineer.

A final session of note at this Conference was the seminar on Wednesday 30 January, 'Tracer gas measurements of ventilation rates in mechanically ventilated buildings'. Seminars differ from sessions of technical papers or symposia because no formal, written papers are published. Seminars are intended to allow a speaker to discuss current work in progress in particular research areas.

This seminar was organized to survey progress in translating tracer gas techniques that had previously been used for residential ventilation measurements to larger commercial buildings containing mechanical ventilation systems. Tracer measurements in this group of buildings have several goals.

These include determination of total ventilation rates, the infiltration component of these rates, and the distribution of ventilation air. A parallel goal of this effort is the development of simple, inexpensive measurement techniques so that the procedures can be used widely once perfected.

Four papers were presented at this session. We note that many of these topics will be discussed in a symposium (written papers) devoted to multicell infiltration problems at the Honolulu meeting of ASHRAE that will be held in June. The four papers were:

1. 'Application of the Tracer Gas Method to Evaluate Building Air Exchange Rates', D.T. Harrje, Princeton University.
2. 'Commercial and Institutional Building Ventilation Measurements', B.H. Turk, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory.
3. 'Application of Perfluorocarbon Tracers to Multizone Airflow Measurements in Mechanically and Naturally Ventilated Buildings', R.N. Dietz, Brookhaven National Laboratory.
4. 'Air Infiltration and Ventilation in Office Buildings', A.K. Persily, National Bureau of Standards.

Mr Harrje reviewed various measurement procedures employing tracer gases that had been used in residences. The extension of the container method was discussed in relation to large office buildings having several air handling systems. Measurement results from this example showed ventilation rates three times larger than expected for the buildings.

Mr Turk described measurement results giving total ventilation rates and concentrations of several selected indoor air pollutants in 28 commercial buildings in the Pacific Northwest. Entire buildings were seeded with tracer gas (SF<sub>6</sub>); tracer decays were measured in many separate locations. Ventilation values reported were considerably higher than those recommended in Standard 62-81. The dominant pollutant observed in the buildings at this stage of the study has been respirable suspended particles associated with smoking.

Mr Dietz described the use of a constant injection passive sampling system that uses one or several perfluorocarbons as tracers. The application and use of multiple tracers to determine air flow between zones of a simple building and between regions served by different air handlers in a complex structure was discussed.

Mr Persily showed the results of a long-term series of SF<sub>6</sub> tracer decay measurements in nine office buildings located in different regions of the United States. Extended measurement times in each building permitted differences in ventilation rates with changes in weather to be monitored. The conditions of minimum outside air during the coldest and warmest times of the year are observed clearly when measured values were plotted as a function of inside-outside temperature differences. These regions were separated by much larger ventilation rates during times of milder weather conditions. Some of the buildings were operated at times at ventilation rates lower than recommended in Standard 62-18.

## Book Review

### Occupant behaviour with respect to ventilation – final report 1984

**N. Lorimy and C. Vezin**  
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This publication is a complementary study to IEA Annex VIII on inhabitant behaviour with respect to ventilation, undertaken at the Institut de Recherche en Matière de Bâtiment, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale, Zurich. It is presented in two volumes, with the second volume comprising a comprehensive bibliography on occupant behaviour.

The authors begin by suggesting that occupant behaviour at any particular time is conditioned by a variety of differing needs which the occupant seeks to satisfy by modifying his personal environment by any means at his disposal. Looked at from this perspective, occupant behaviour can be analysed by a study of his requirements and of the means available to satisfy these needs in a given environment.

To reduce ventilation heat loss, it is necessary to understand as precisely as possible the reason for occupant ventilating behaviour so that future recommendations will correspond to the occupant's needs and are therefore more likely to be adopted.

The study itself comprises:

- a review of the research on occupant ventilating behaviour
- recommendations for concrete solutions and energy-saving measures in buildings, underlining their advantages and disadvantages
- a survey of the lacuna in our knowledge of occupant needs and of the needs/means interface, with propositions for improving coverage of these areas
- recommendations for more experimental or empirical study of certain outstanding questions
- an annotated bibliography.

The limits within which ventilation heat loss can be reduced are defined by:

- human health and comfort
- maintenance of the condition of the building fabric
- occupant behaviour.

While the first two categories are amenable to various technical solutions (heat recovery, pre-heating of incoming air), it is suggested that occupant behaviour cannot – and should not – be treated in the same fashion.

The difficulties in influencing occupant behaviour stem from the contradictions of modern society: can a consumer society be economic in energy use? The cheap energy era has indelibly changed the material conditions of life. Energy economy has to arise from the choice of a system of values rather than from any technical advances. People are certainly not very conscious of their own energy consumption, let alone of any hidden energy costs. Politicians prefer short-term solutions, the media want spectacular results, but most energy-saving measures require long time-scales. New construction techniques have only limited impact due to the slow turnover of housing stock, so energy-saving measures must be applied to the existing housing stock, with its great variety of thermal characteristics.

The authors conclude that policy for reduction of ventilation heat loss is affected in the following ways by the influence of occupant behaviour:

- it must be part of a global energy economy package
- precipitous measures must be avoided which would increase resistance to later measures
- the contradictions of the consumer society must be overcome
- an increased energy consciousness is needed
- longer-term actions should be encouraged
- a greater participation of energy-users in decision making is necessary
- measures should be envisaged which can be applied to an existing, durable housing stock.

#### COMPORTEMENT ENERGETIQUE DES USAGERS EN MATIERE D'AERATION

(Complément d'étude à la proposition de structuration du projet  
AIE "Inhabitant behaviour with respect to ventilation")

#### Rapport final

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# 6th AIC Conference

## 'Ventilation strategies and measurement techniques'

Het Meerdal, Netherlands  
16-19 September 1985

The programme for this conference has now been finalised. A total of 34 papers will be presented by authors from 12 countries focussing attention on the factors affecting the performance of ventilation systems in a range of building types and with information for selecting the most appropriate ventilation strategies to suit specific applications. The Conference will also provide an opportunity to learn of progress in the development of techniques and instrumentation for the measurement of infiltration and ventilation.

Registration forms and complete programme details are available from your Steering Group representative (see back cover of newsletter) or direct from the Air Infiltration Centre.

Registration fee, including up to four nights inclusive accommodation and technical visit, is £214,00 sterling. Final date for receipt of registration forms is 10 August 1985.

For those unable to attend, full conference proceedings will be available directly following the conference.

## Programme Conference Programme

### Monday 16 September 1985

11.00	Departure of coach from Schiphol Airport
11.45	Tour of laboratory at TNO (Part 1)
12.45	Lunch
14.15	Tour of laboratory at TNO (Part 2)
15.15	Departure from TNO for Conference venue
17.00	Registration
18.00	Reception
20.00	Dinner

### Tuesday 17 September 1985

08.30	Keynote address The infiltration component of ventilation in New Zealand houses Ventilation research and characterization in three types of residences The performance of ventilation in an untight house	M. Bassett (New Zealand) D. Zerba et al (USA) R. Gale et al (UK)
10.15	Coffee	
10.45	Ventilation in dwelling houses A passive ventilation system under trial in UK homes Indoor air quality and air exchange in bedrooms Effect of unvented combustion appliances on air exchange among indoor spaces	V. Nikolic et al (Germany) K. Johnson et al (UK) G. Lundqvist (Denmark) N. Nagda et al (USA)
12.30	Lunch	
14.00	Influence of open windows on the interzone air movement within a semi-detached dwelling Air exchange rates based upon individual room and single cell measurements A study of air movements in a house using a multi-tracer measurement technique - the influence of a mechanical ventilation system and also of internal openings Multiple cell air movement measurements	E. Perera et al (UK) D. Harrie et al (USA) R. Walker et al (UK) C. Irwin et al (UK)
15.45	Coffee	
16.15	Continuous air renewal measurements in different inhabited buildings The reduction of air infiltration in an industrial laboratory Ventilation of factories	J-L Scartezzini et al (Switzerland) J.P. Lilly et al (UK) P.E. O'Sullivan et al (UK)
19.30	Conference Dinner	

### Wednesday 18 September 1985

08.30	Advanced energy efficient ventilation Design for ventilation Air quality and energy conservation by different ventilation strategies Exploration of ventilation strategies in domestic housing - theory and experimental results experimental results	J. Railio (Finland) M. Holmes (UK) L. Trepte (Germany) M. Sandberg et al (Sweden)
10.15	Coffee	
10.45	Mechanical ventilation system requirements and measured results for homes constructed under the R-2000 super energy efficient home program Indoor formaldehyde levels in houses with different ventilation strategies Development of a simplified multi-zone infiltration model Multi-cell modelling techniques	M. Riley (Canada) D. Figley (Canada) H. Feustel (USA) M. Sherman (USA)
12.30	Lunch	
14.00	Free afternoon	
17.30	Buffet dinner	
19.00	Inhabitants' behaviour with regard to ventilation - a report of the work of Annex VIII Window use in 80 apartments during a winter season Basic material for the instruction of inhabitants of dwellings. How, when and where to use your windows	B. Meunier and O. Van Houtte (Belgium) J. Phaff (Netherlands) W. de Gids (Netherlands)
20.15	Coffee	
20.45	Monitoring of ventilation and humidity in crawl-spaces of dwellings Ventilation strategies for crawl-spaces, attics, etc.	J. Oldengarm (Netherlands) J. Kronvall (Sweden)

### Thursday 19 September 1985

08.30	Use of a single tracer gas for measurement of ventilation rates in a large enclosure A multi-tracer system for measuring ventilation rates and ventilation efficiencies in large mechanically ventilated buildings The accuracy of constant concentration measurements Ventilation system performance evaluation using tracer gas techniques	J. Dewsbury et al (UK) W. Fisk et al (USA) D. Bohac et al (USA) A. Persily et al (USA)
10.15	Coffee	
10.45	Ventilation efficiency measurements in occupied mechanically ventilated buildings Air exchange efficiency. Infiltration, air exchange and ventilation effectiveness	D. Dickson (UK) E. Skaret (Norway)
11.45	Summing-up	
12.30	Lunch	
14.15	Transport back to Schiphol Airport	

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1. Symposium on Multi-cell Infiltration  
ASHRAE Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii  
June 1985

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2. Building Energy Simulation Conference '85  
Seattle, Washington, USA  
21 and 22 August 1985

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Bella Center, Copenhagen, Denmark  
25–30 August 1985

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4. 6th AIC Conference  
Ventilation strategies and measurement techniques  
Het Meerdal Park, Southern Netherlands  
16–19 September 1985

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Toronto, Canada  
1–3 October 1985

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6. Thermal Performance of the Exterior Envelopes of Buildings III  
ASHRAE/DOE/BTECC Conference  
Clearwater Beach, Florida, USA  
2–5 December 1985

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7. International Symposium on 'Energy and Building Envelope'  
Thessaloniki, Greece  
22–25 April 1986

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8. CIBS/ASHRAE 1986 Conference  
Dublin, Republic of Ireland  
14–17 September 1986

Topics:

- Building design construction and management
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9. Advanced Building Technology  
10th CIB Congress  
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21–26 September 1986

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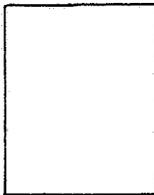
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- No. 11 Occupancy effects on air infiltration (15 references).
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## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- No. 1 'Instrumentation and measuring techniques'.  
1st AIC Conference, 6–8 October 1980, Windsor, Berkshire, UK, 372pps, £35.00 sterling.
- No. 2 'Building design for minimum air infiltration'.  
2nd AIC Conference, 21–23 September 1981, Stockholm, Sweden, 216pps, £15.00 sterling.
- No. 3 'Energy efficient domestic ventilation systems for achieving acceptable indoor air quality'.  
3rd AIC Conference, 20–23 September 1982, London, UK, 432pps and Supplement 160pps. Total cost £23.50 sterling.
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4th AIC Conference, 26–28 September 1983, Elm, Switzerland, 342pps and Supplement 52pps. Total cost £16.00 sterling.
- No. 5 'The implementation and effectiveness of air infiltration standards in buildings'.  
5th AIC Conference, 1–4 October 1984, Reno, Nevada, USA. 376pps and Supplement. Total cost £16.00 sterling.

## HANDBOOK – Elmroth, A., Levin, P.

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