

# *Lab Exhaust Design Guidelines*

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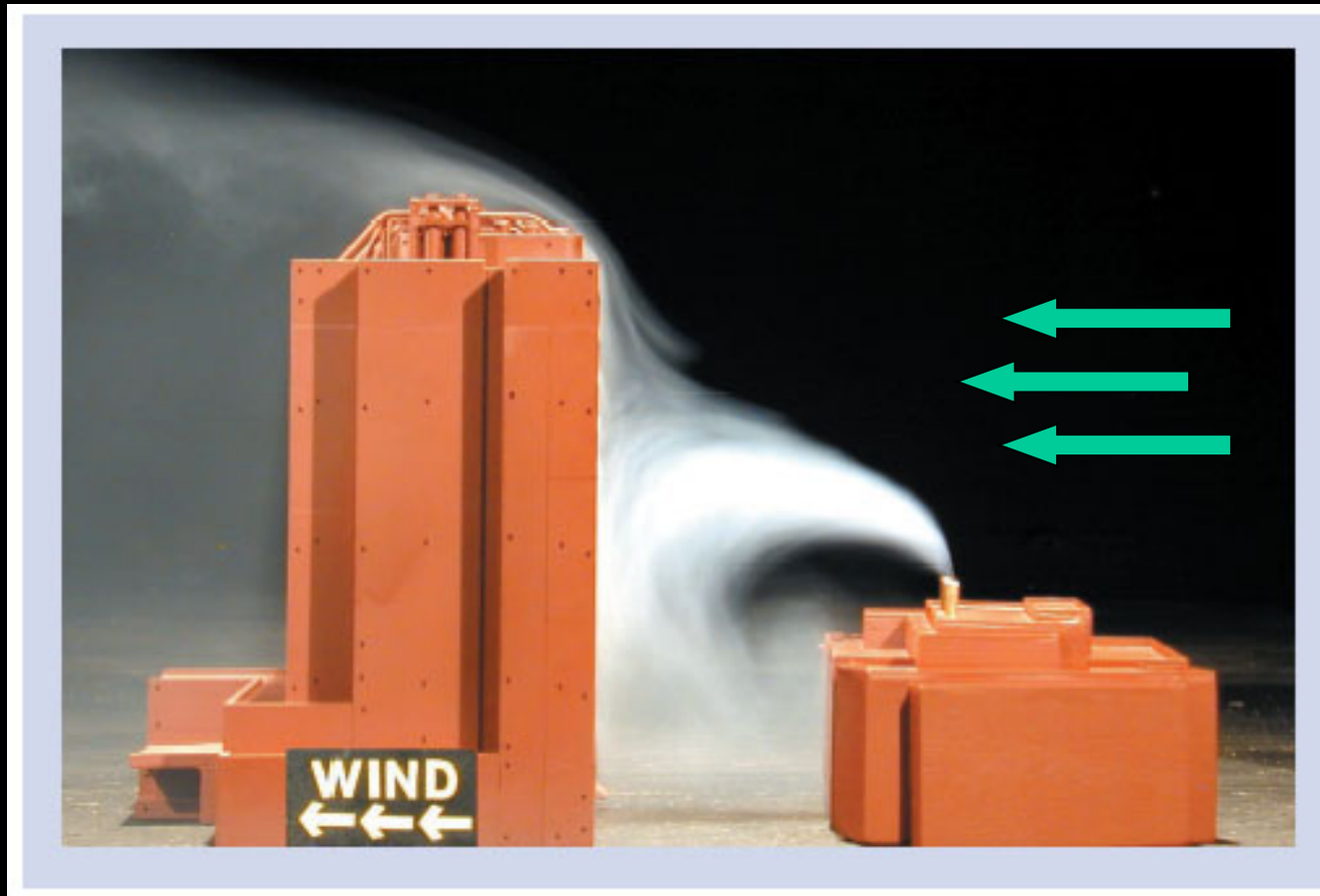


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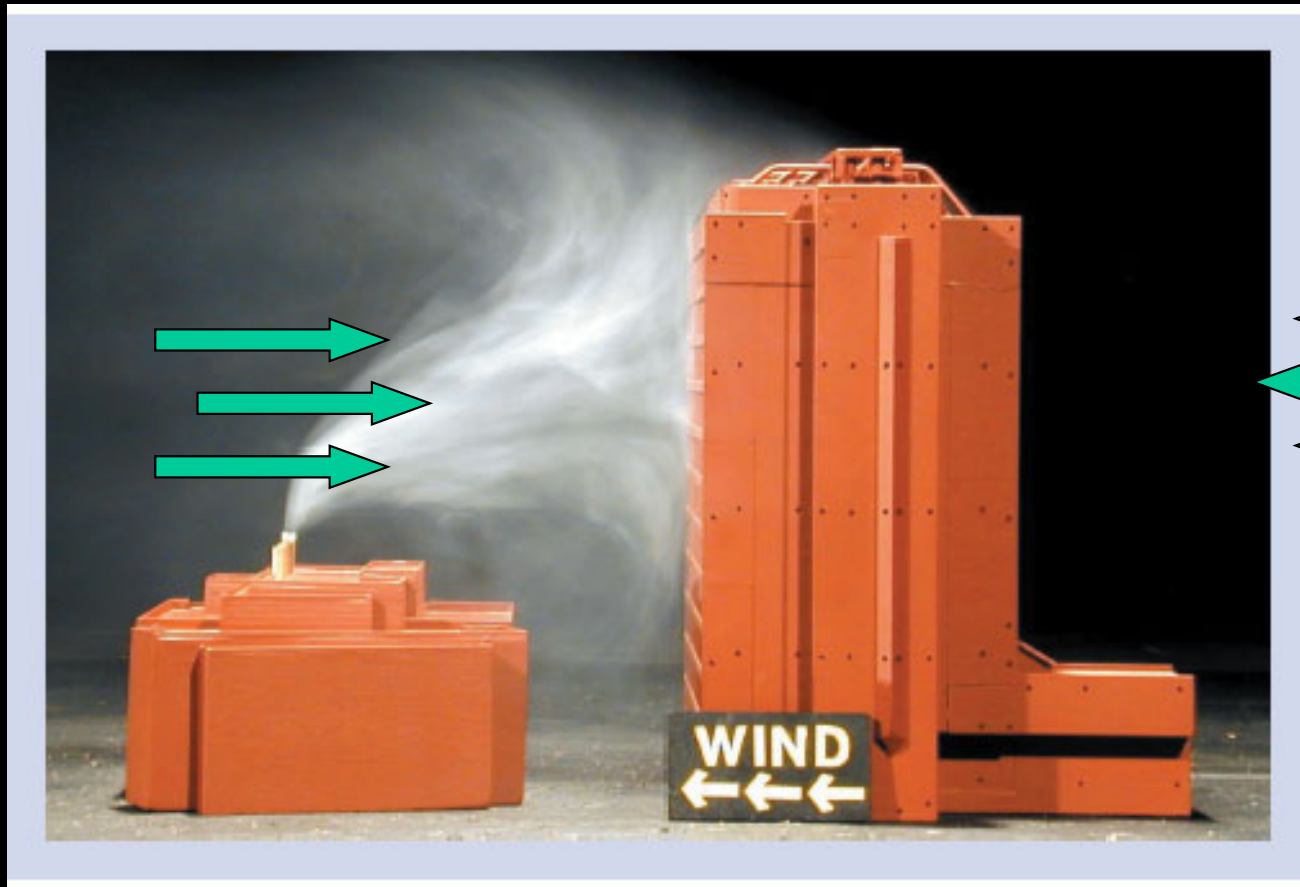


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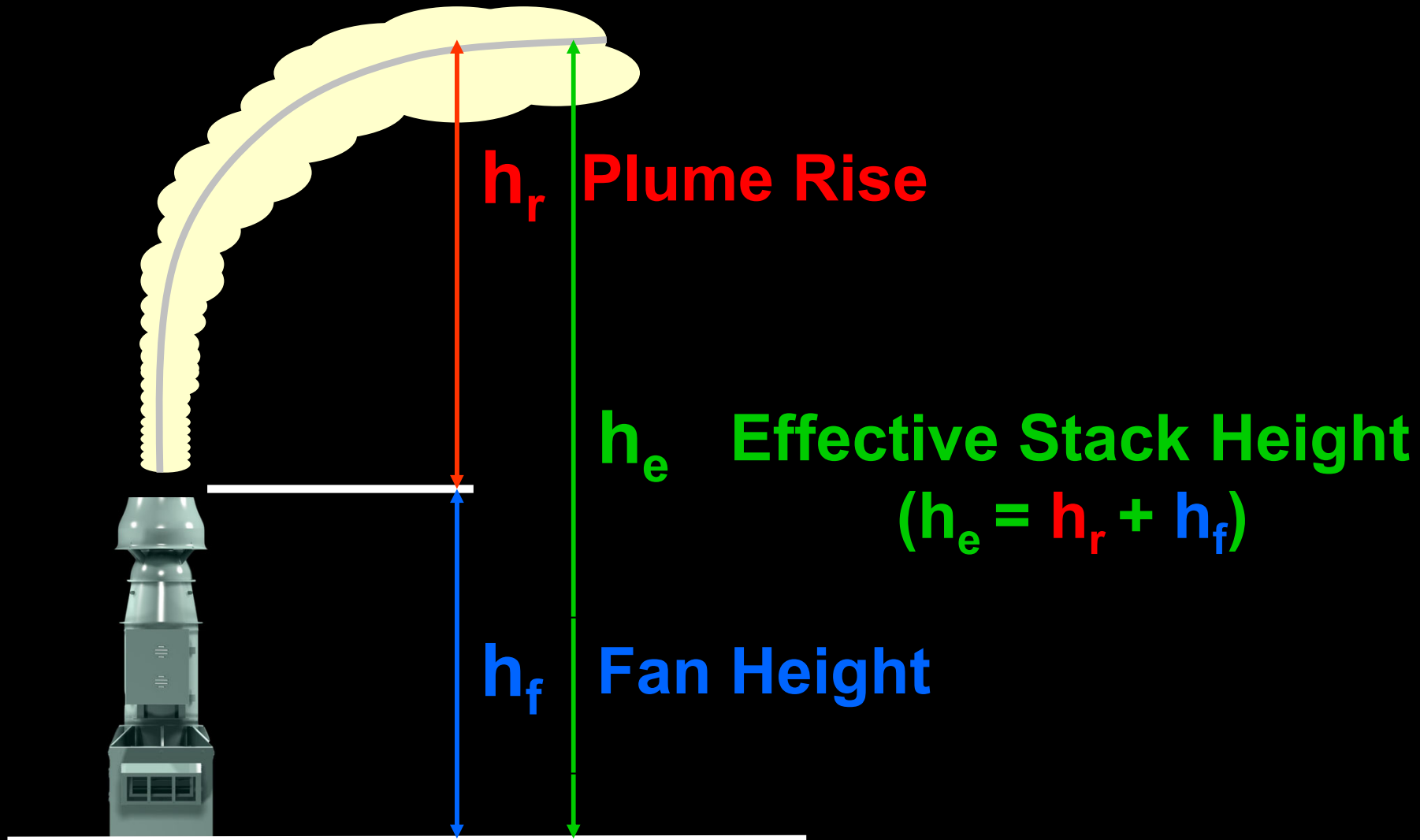
20 Foot Stack



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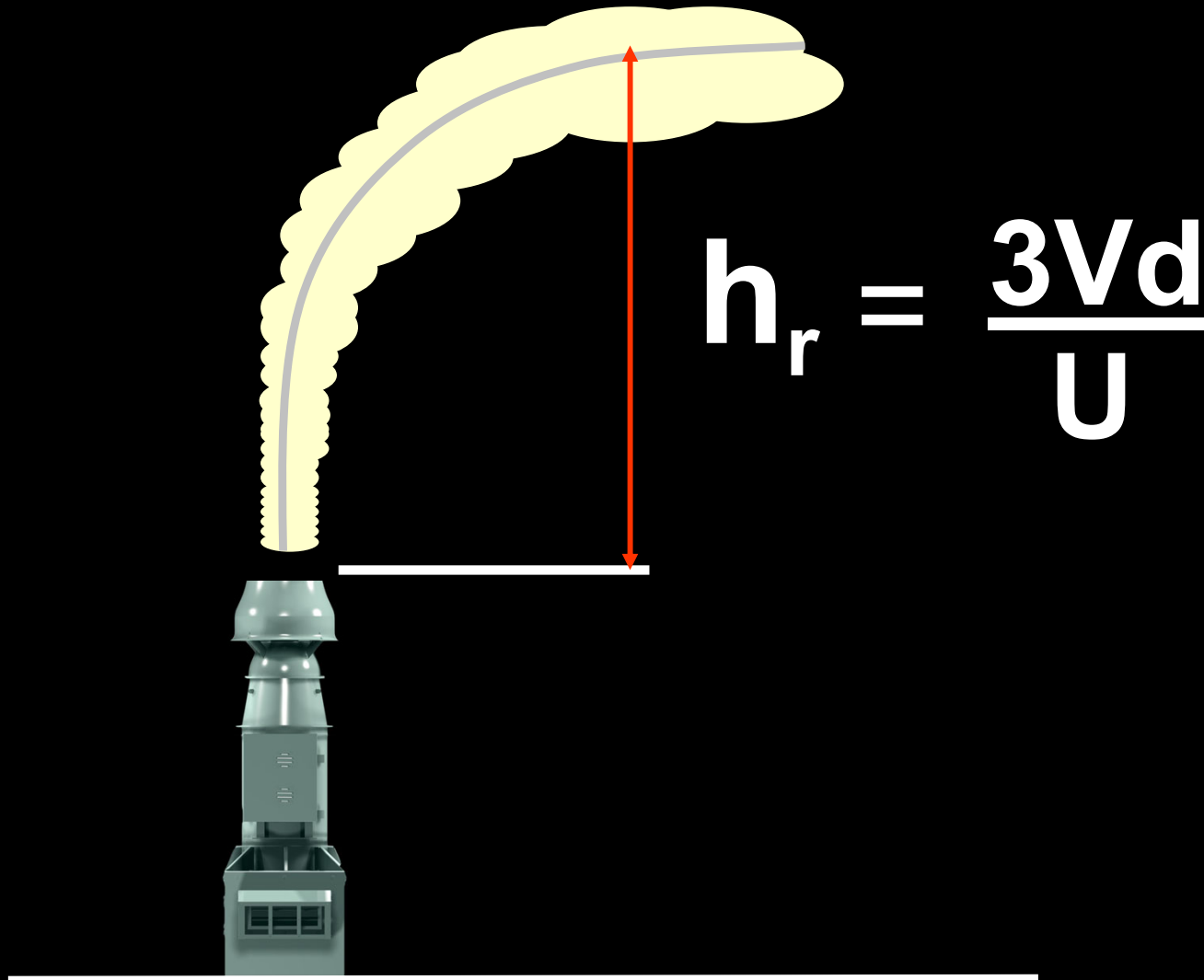
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## Effective Stack Height



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*(Briggs) Plume Rise ,  $h_r$  equation*



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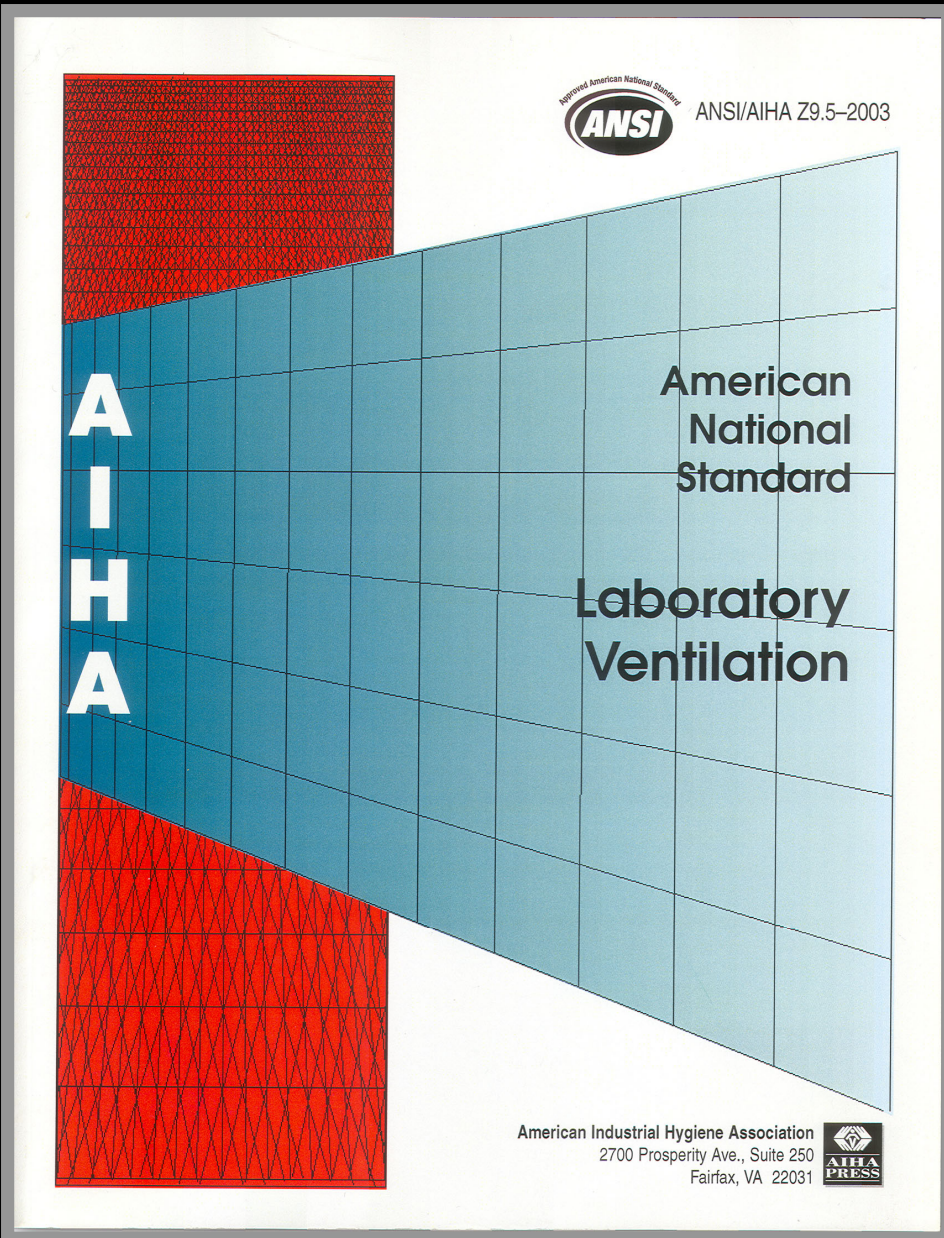
**$h_r$  = plume rise, feet**

**$V$  = discharge velocity, fpm**

**$d$  = nozzle diameter, feet**

**$U$  = wind speed, ft/min**

# Lab Exhaust Design Guidelines



***AIHA Z9.5-2003***

***Endorsed by ANSI***

***Covers:***

- ***Exhaust System Reliability***
- ***Exhaust Fan Location***
- ***Exhaust Stack Discharge***

In any event the discharge shall be a minimum of 10 ft (3 m) above adjacent roof lines and air intakes and in a vertical up direction.

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After initial installation, the exhaust stack is unchanged for the lifetime of the hood. It is uncertain that the lifetime hood design can be accurately predicted. In most cases, consistent discipline in safe food procedures cannot be assured. Accordingly, it is prudent to use conservative guidelines in the location and arrangement of the food discharge.

The basic challenge in locating the food discharge is to avoid an entrainment of effluent into any building air intake or opening and to minimize exposure of the public. The selection of stack height is dependent on the building geometry and airflow pattern around the building and is as variable as meteorological conditions.

An excellent resource is Chapter 43 of the ASHRAE 199 Handbook - HVAC Applications. Among the factors to consider in establishing stack configuration, design, and height are toxicity, corrosivity, and relative humidity of the exhaust, meteorological conditions, geometry of the building, type of stack head and cap design, adjacency of other discharged stacks and building intake, discharge velocity, and receptor population.

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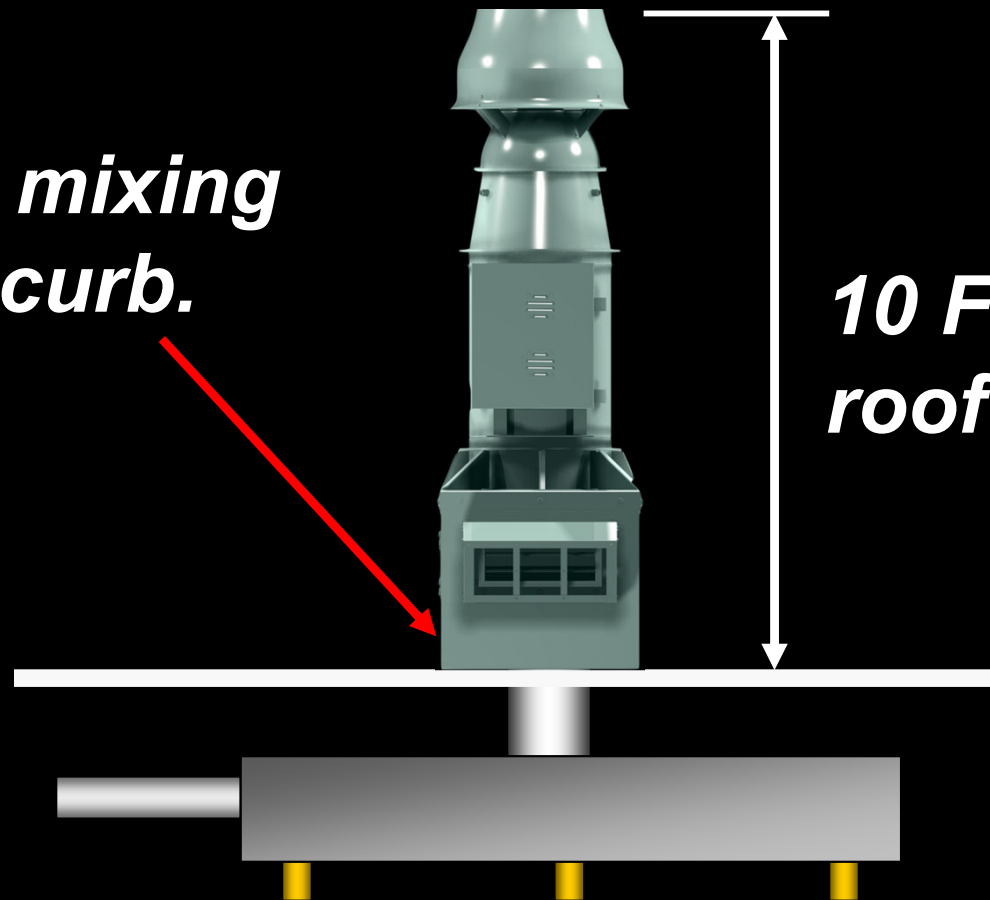
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*Includes mixing box and curb.*

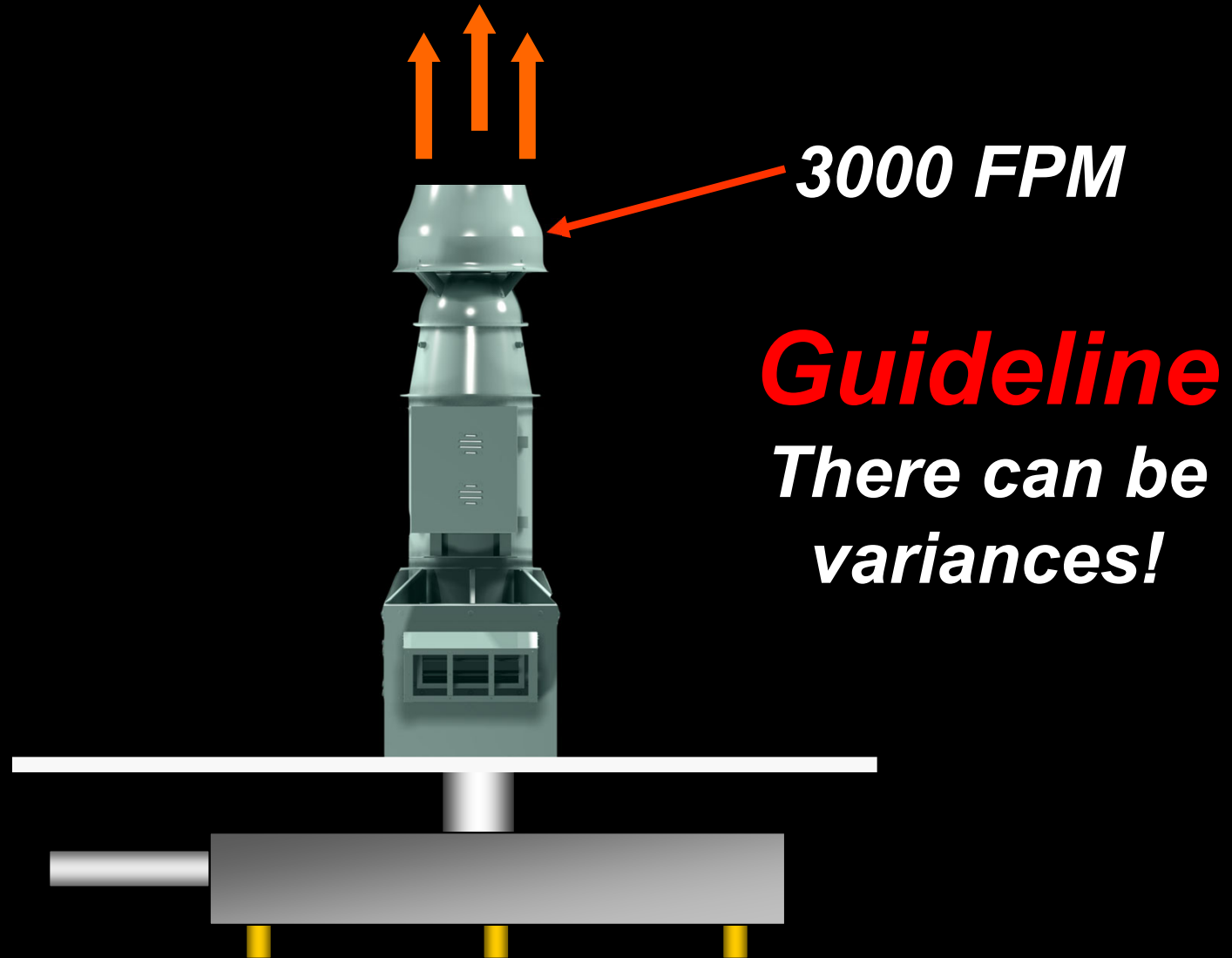


*10 Feet above roof line.*

*Stack height shall not be less than 10 feet above roof line.*

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**3000 FPM**

**Guideline**  
*There can be  
variances!*

***Minimum stack discharge velocity = 3000 FPM.***

# ***“High Plume” Lab Fans***

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***Most commonly used on lower exhaust hazards...***

***Middle / High Schools, Community Colleges, Research Facilities without high hazard exhaust...***

***Primarily used to eject adverse smells and mild chemical irritants...***

# ***“High Plume” Lab Fans***

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***These style units only eject the volume of air which flows through the fan...***

***There is no “entrainment” of additional volume of air at the discharge...***

***These style units are also subject to more wind effects and less dilution of hazardous exhaust per CFM per horsepower than with a High Plume / Dilution unit...***

# *“High Plume” Lab Fans*

## *Small Laboratory*



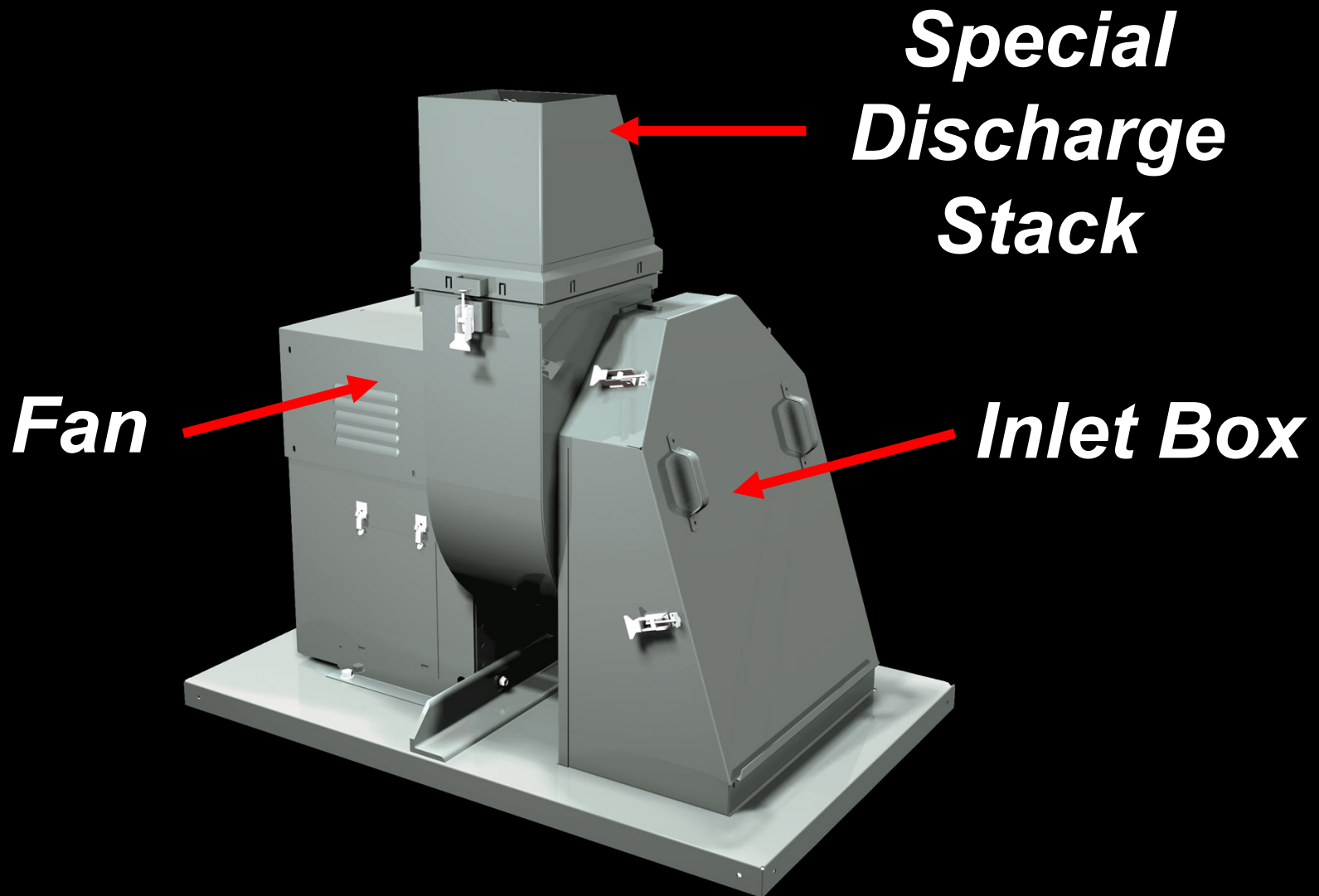
# *Stack and Inlet Box*

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# *Utility Set*

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# ***High Plume / Dilution Lab Fans***

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***This style unit is used with chemical irritants and high hazard exhausts...***

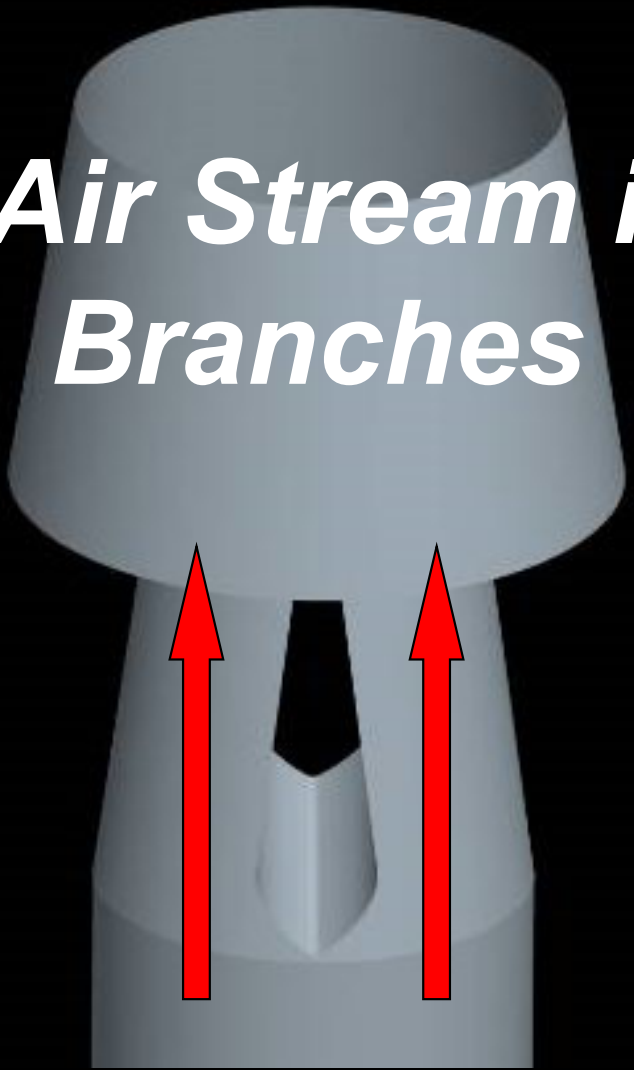
***Codes, Guidelines, OSHA and fear of lawsuits normally dictate their use...***

*Large Research Laboratory*





***Dividing the Air Stream into Two Branches***



***Bifurcated***

# *Bifurcated Nozzle Study*

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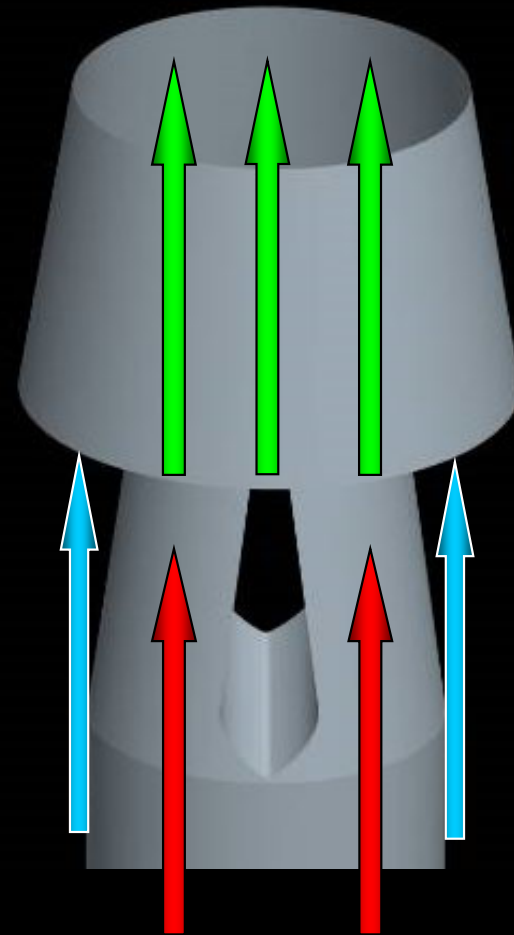
*Primary Air*



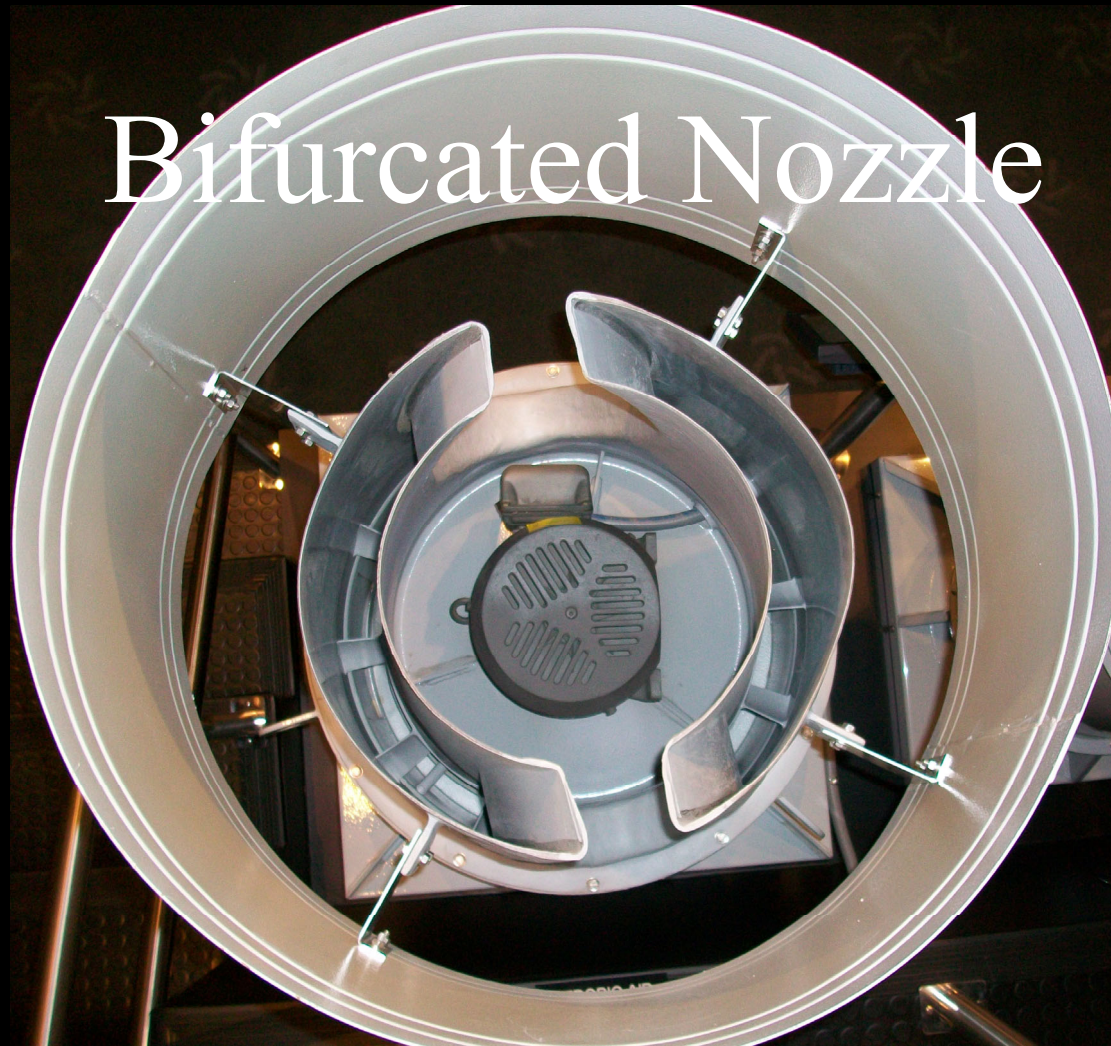
*Induced Air*



*Diluted Air*



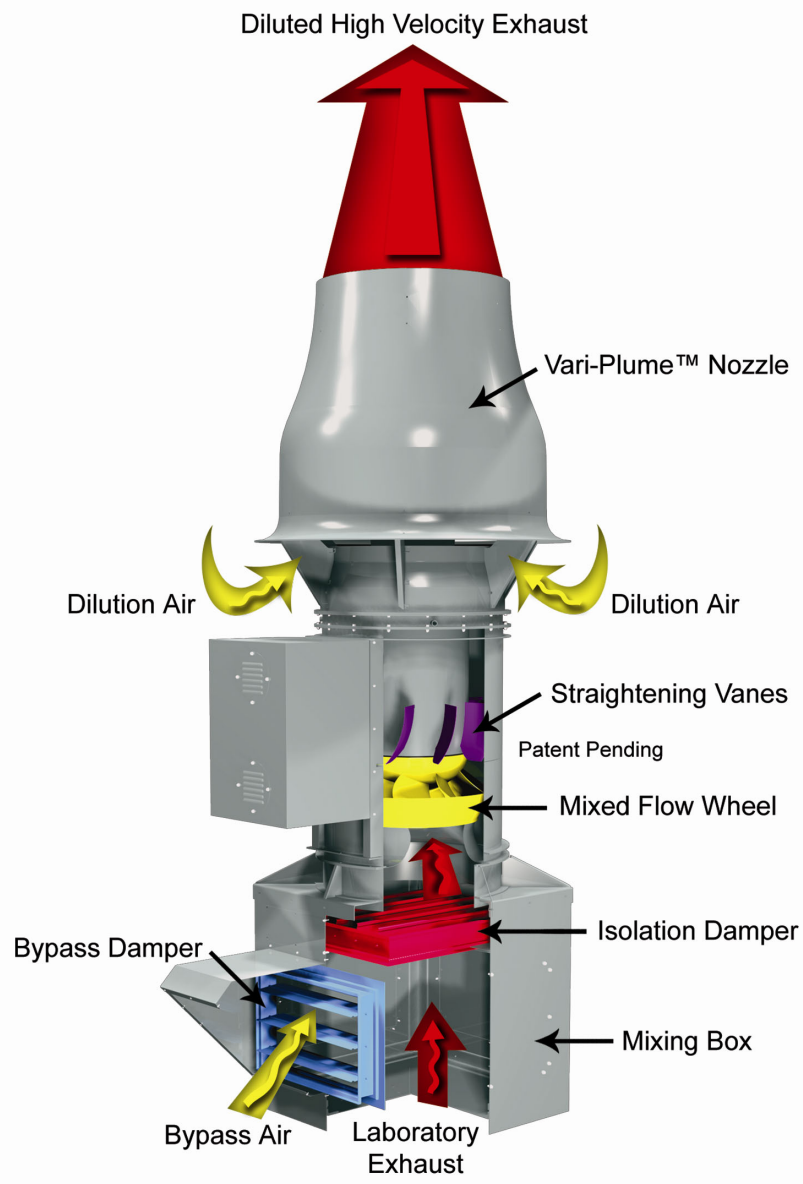
# Bifurcated Nozzle

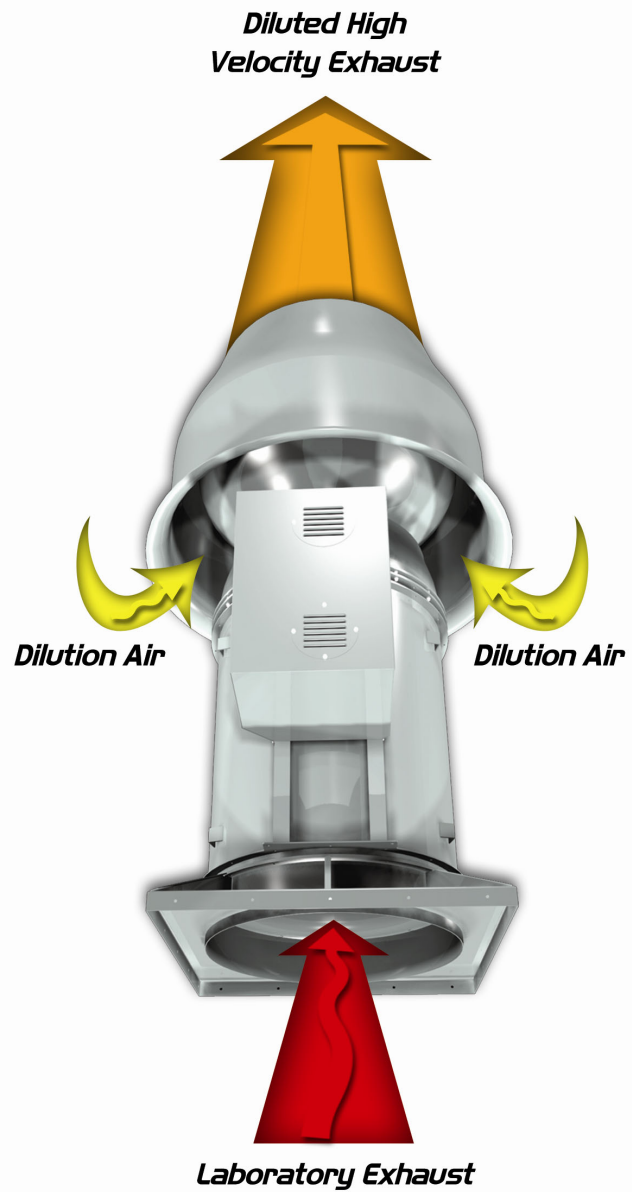


# Concentric Nozzle

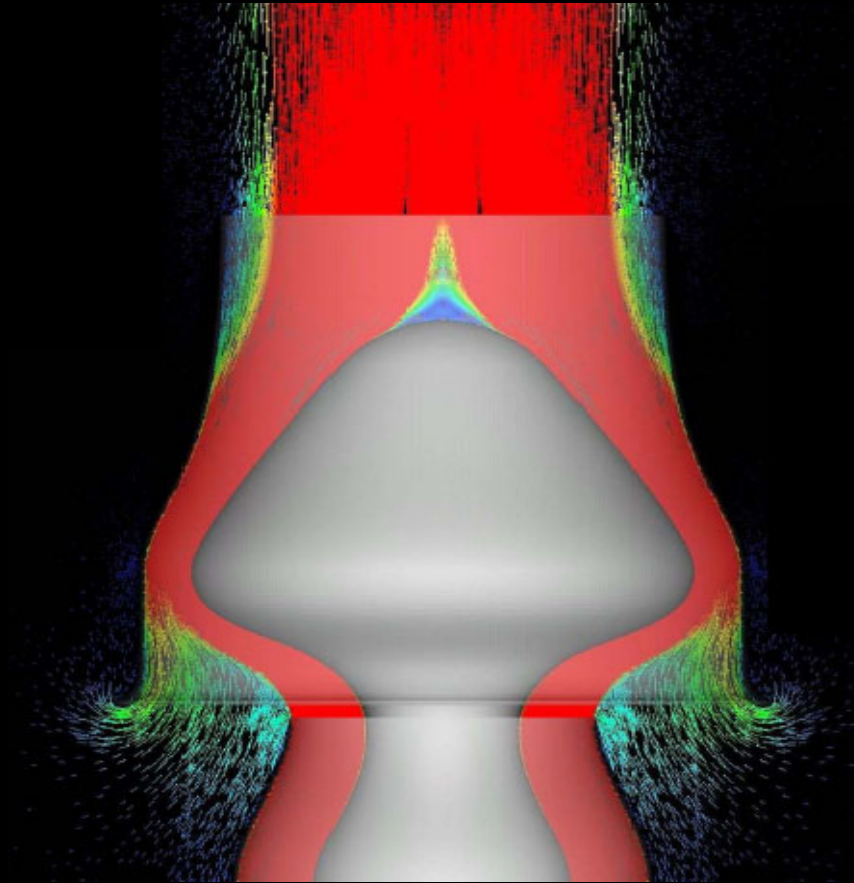
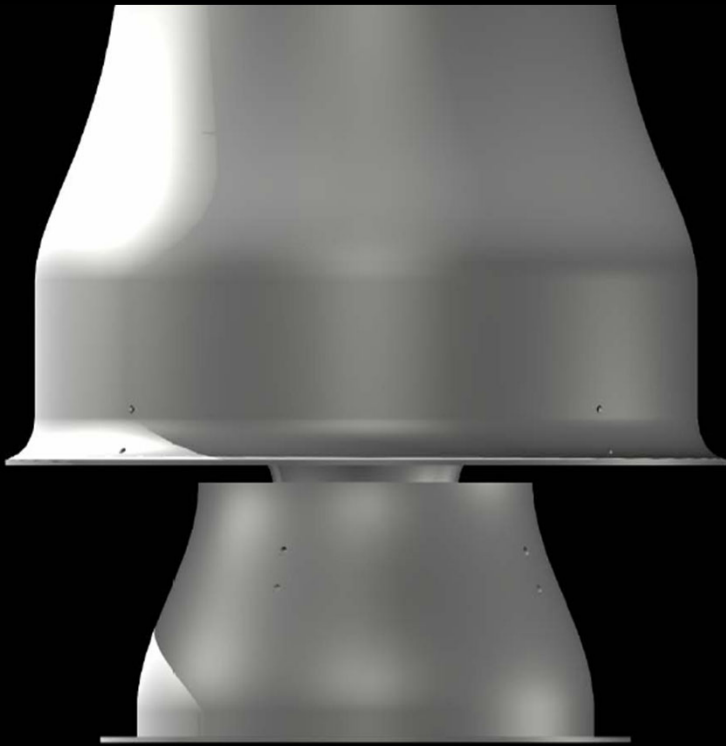


**Lab Fan Discharge**





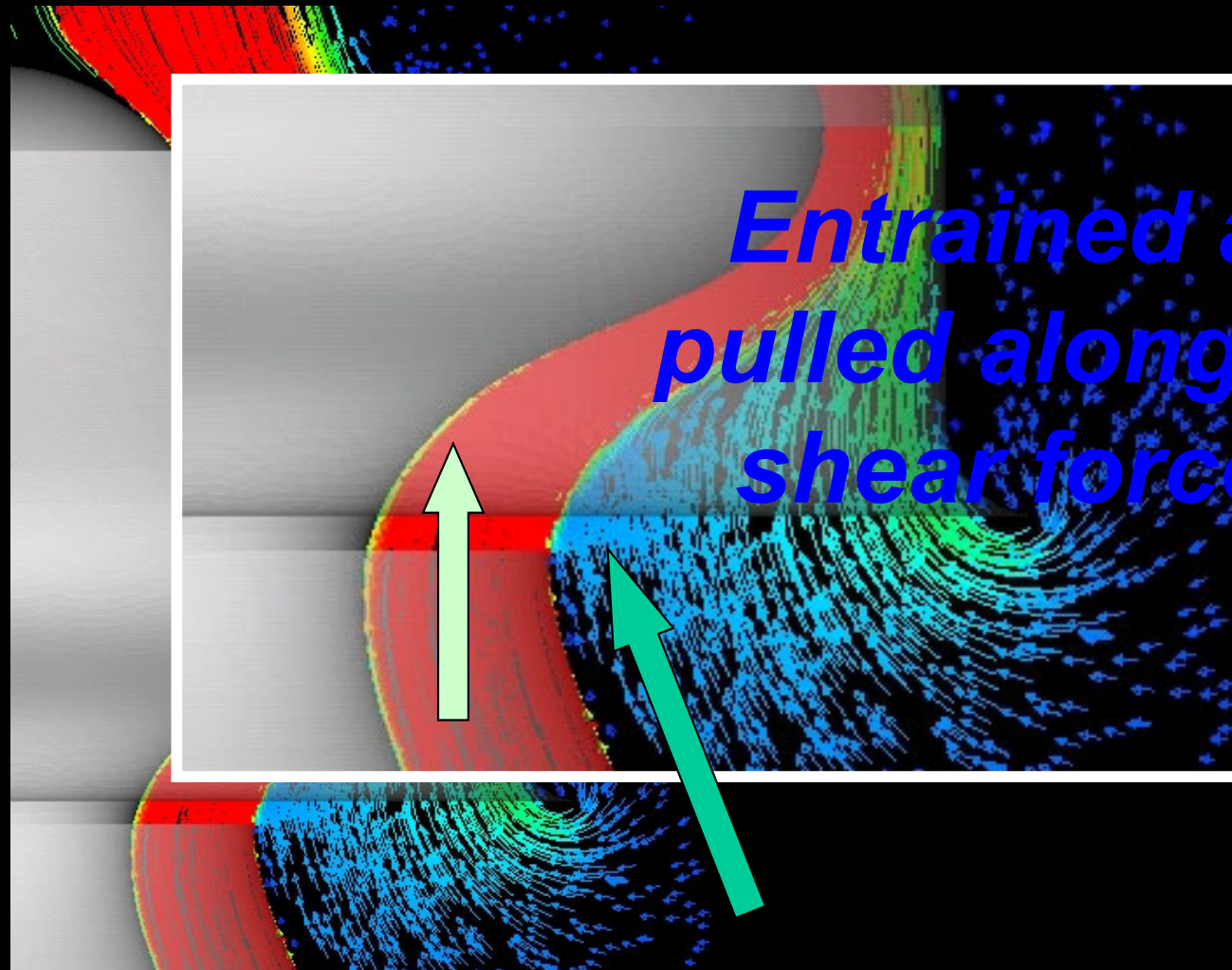
# ***Entrainment Characteristics***



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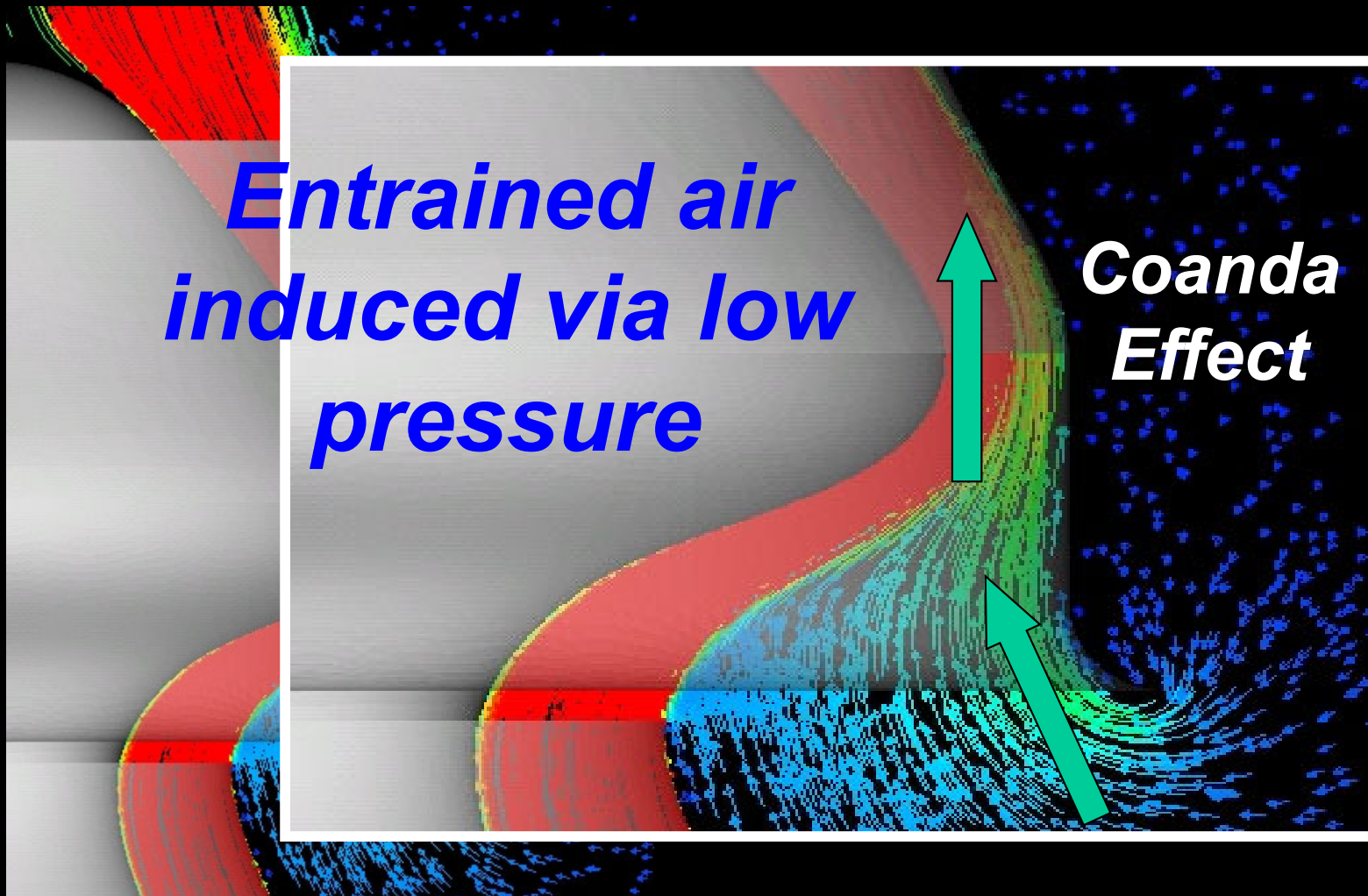
# *Entrainment Characteristics*

*Primary  
Air*



*Entrained air  
pulled along via  
shear forces*

# *Entrainment Characteristics*







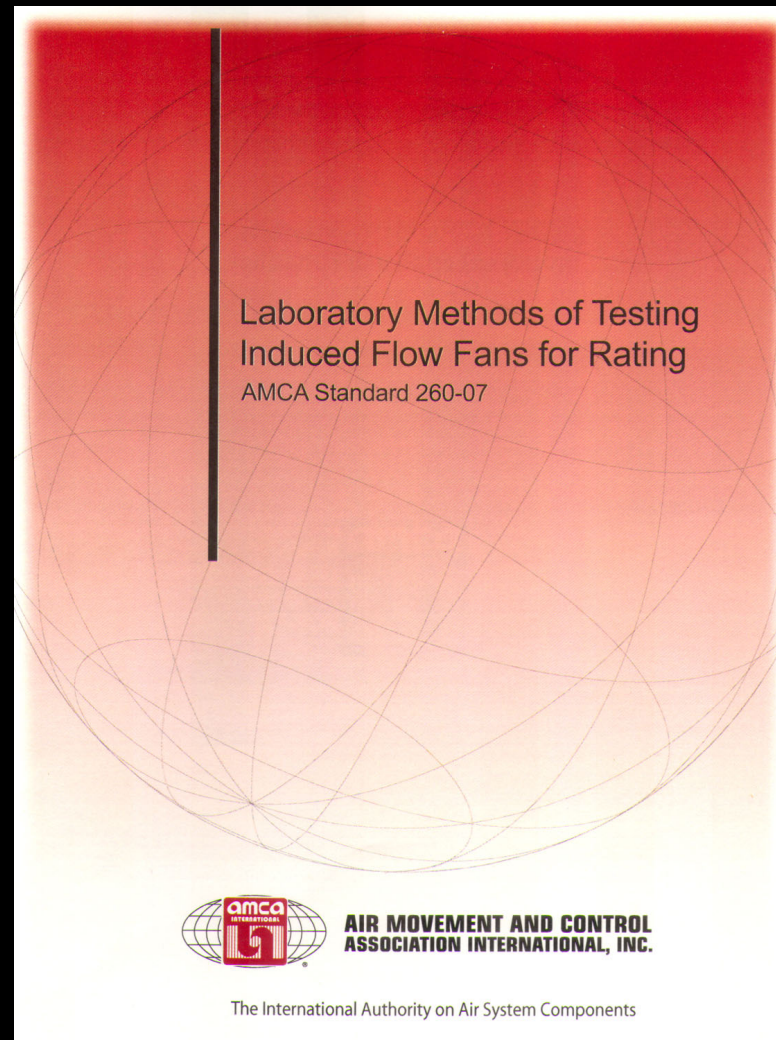
Multiple Lab Fans on common plenum



# *Induced Flow Certification*

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## *AMCA Certified Ratings Program*



# *Induced Flow Certification*

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## *AMCA Standard 260*

### *Setup #1*

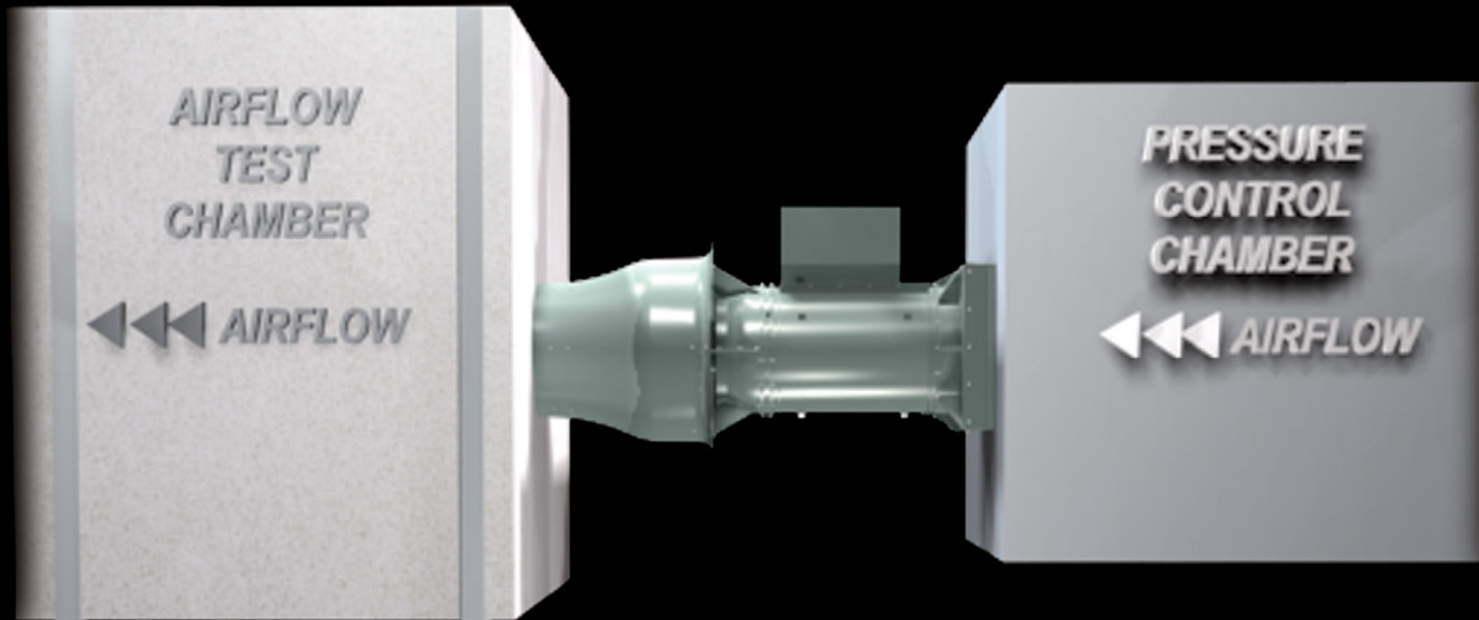


*This test determines inlet airflow (CFM), inlet SP, RPM and HP.*

# *Induced Flow Certification*

## *AMCA Standard 260*

### **Setup #2**



*This test determines the outlet airflow (CFM).  
Tested at the inlet SP conditions measured in test Setup #1.*



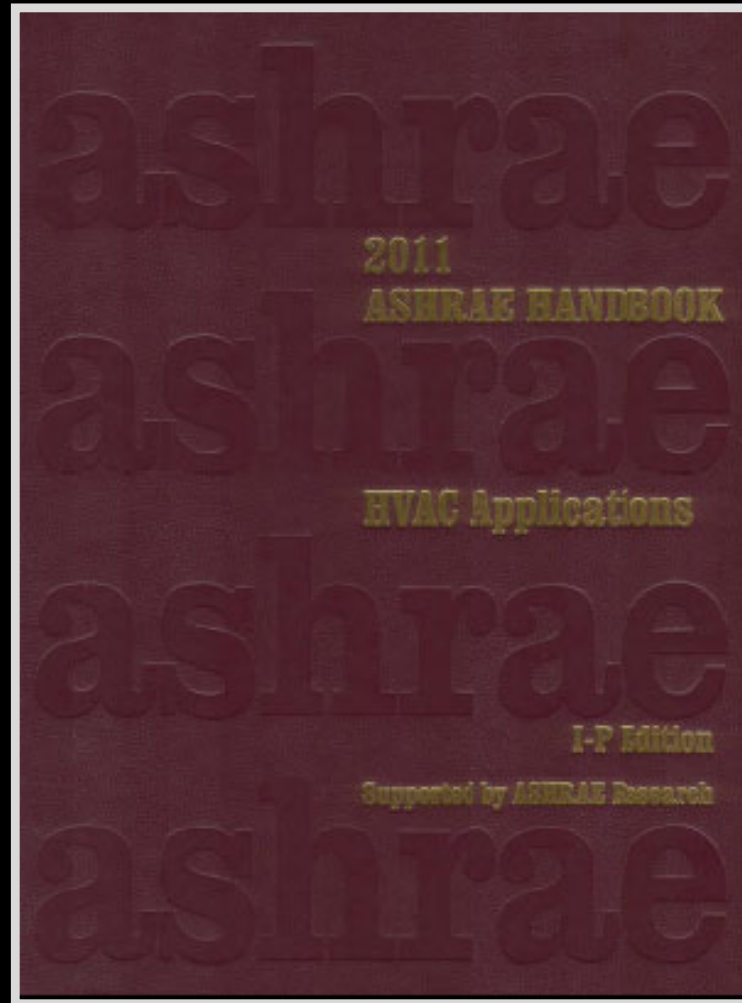
**Fan with tapered discharge**



**Fan with Entrainment Discharge**

# ***ASHRAE 2019 Guideline***

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***ASHRAE 2019 Chapter 45***

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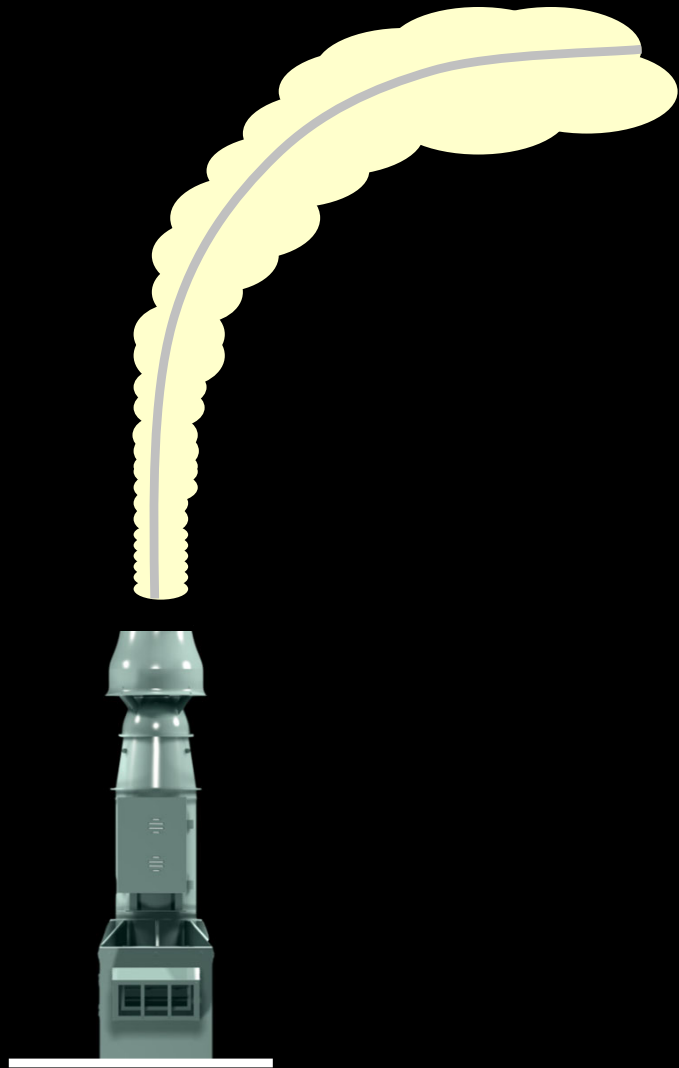
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## ***New Focus: Terrain Category***

### **Terrain Category**

<b>1 Flat, Water, Desert</b>	<b>0.03</b>
<b>2 Flat, Airport, Grassland</b>	<b>0.16</b>
<b>3 Suburban</b>	<b>2.10</b>
<b>4 Urban</b>	<b>6.00</b>

# ASHRAE 2019 Guideline



## Terrain Category 1: Flat, Water, Desert

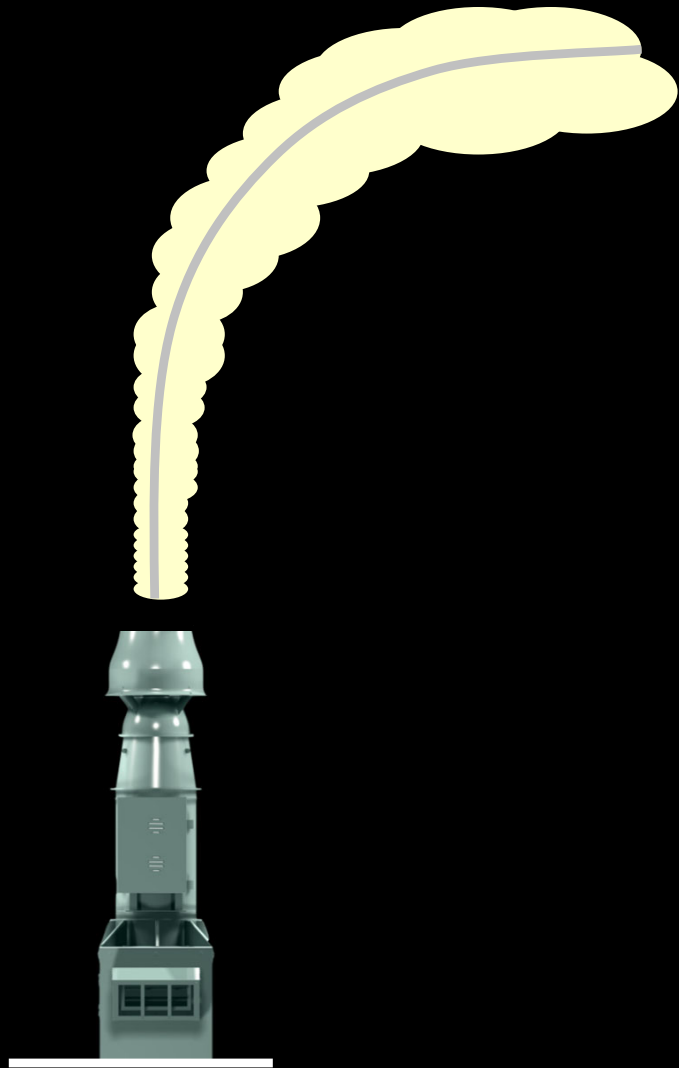
Wind band Outlet Airflow (CFM)	15,000	
Wind band Outlet Velocity (FPM)	3,000	(ANSI Z9.5)
Wind speed (MPH)	10	
Building Height (FT)	20	
Terrain Category	<b>1</b>	(ASHRAE 2019)

### Plume Rise (Does Not Include Building Height)

**2019** **24.90 FT**

**2007** **25.80 FT**

# ASHRAE 2019 Guideline



## Terrain Category 2: Flat, Airport, Grassland

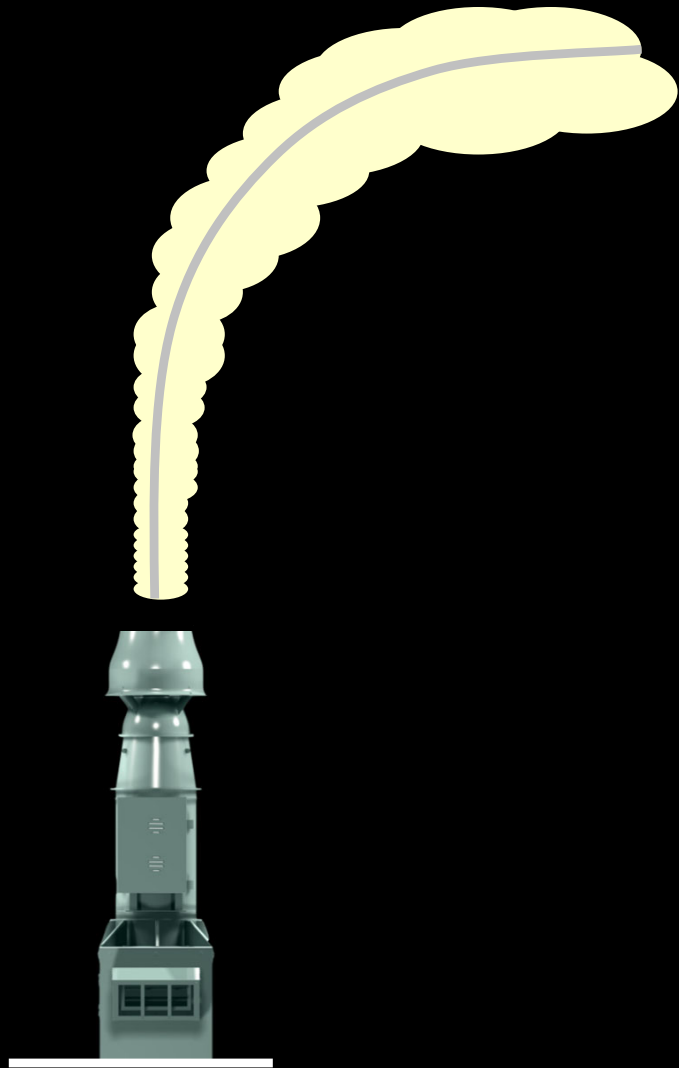
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Wind band Outlet Velocity (FPM)	3,000	(ANSI Z9.5)
Wind speed (MPH)	10	
Building Height (FT)	20	
Terrain Category	<b>2</b>	(ASHRAE 2019)

### Plume Rise (Does Not Include Building Height)

**2019** **21.46 FT**

**2007** **25.80 FT**

# ASHRAE 2019 Guideline



## Terrain Category 3: Suburban

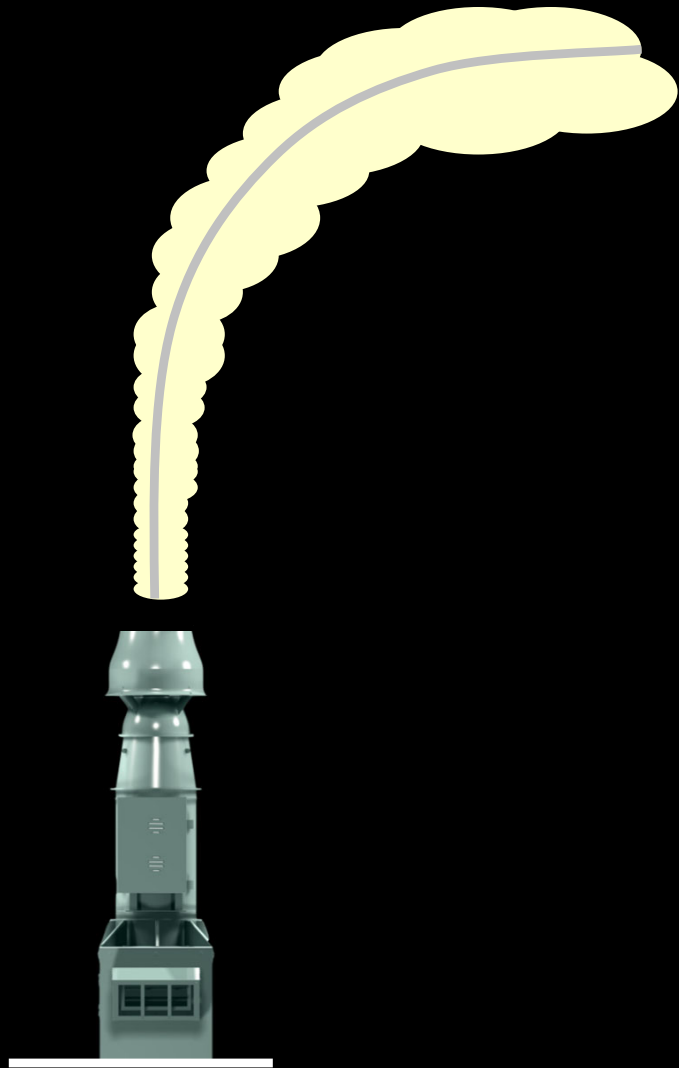
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Wind speed (MPH)	10	
Building Height (FT)	20	
Terrain Category	<b>3</b>	(ASHRAE 2019)

### Plume Rise (Does Not Include Building Height)

**2019** **14.66 FT**

**2007** **25.80 FT**

# ASHRAE 2019 Guideline



## Terrain Category 4: Urban

Wind band Outlet Airflow (CFM)	15,000	
Wind band Outlet Velocity (FPM)	3,000	(ANSI Z9.5)
Wind speed (MPH)	10	
Building Height (FT)	20	
Terrain Category	<b>4</b>	(ASHRAE 2019)

### Plume Rise (Does Not Include Building Height)

<b>2019</b>	<b>10.72 FT</b>
<b>2007</b>	<b>25.80 FT</b>

# *Lab Exhaust Fans*

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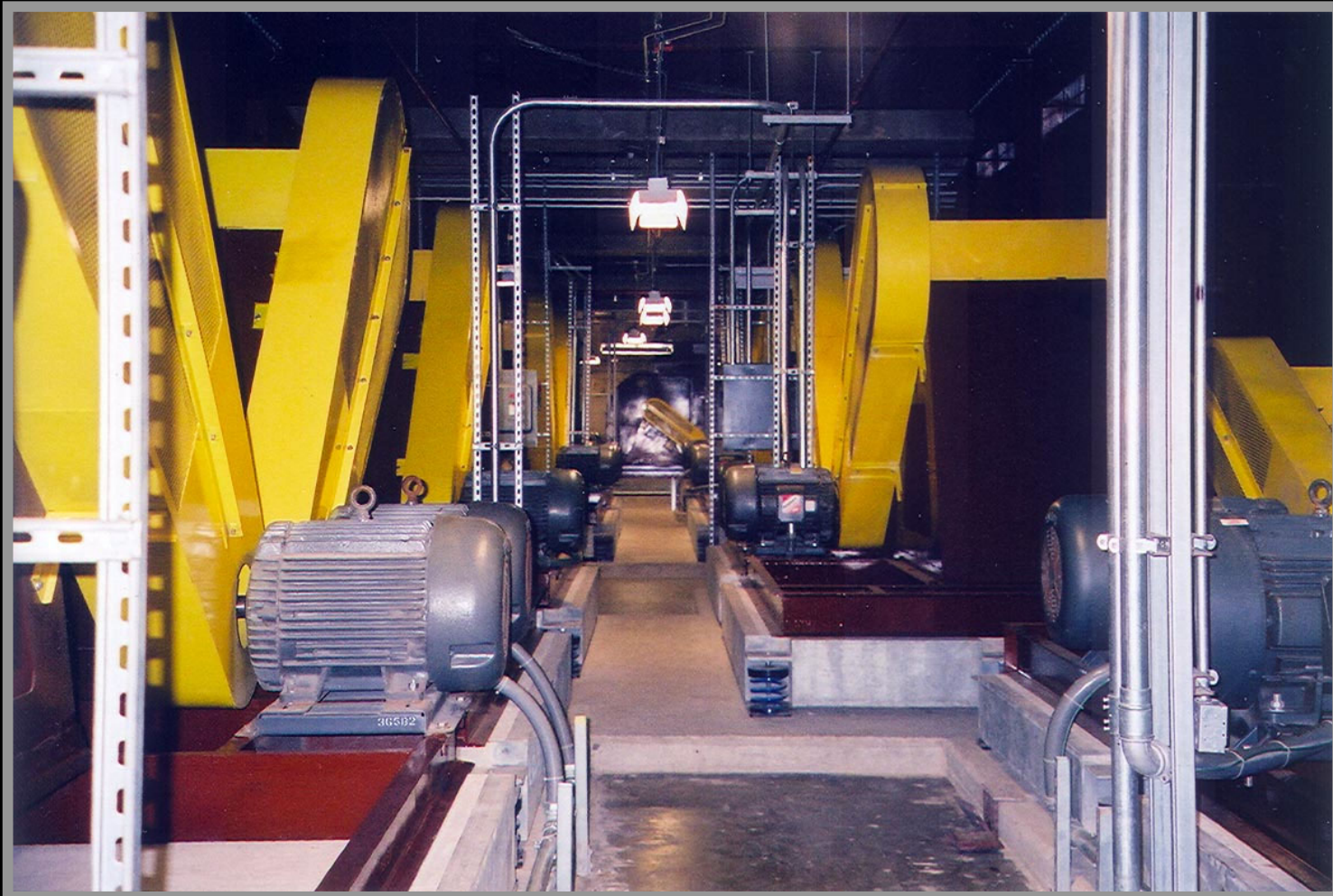


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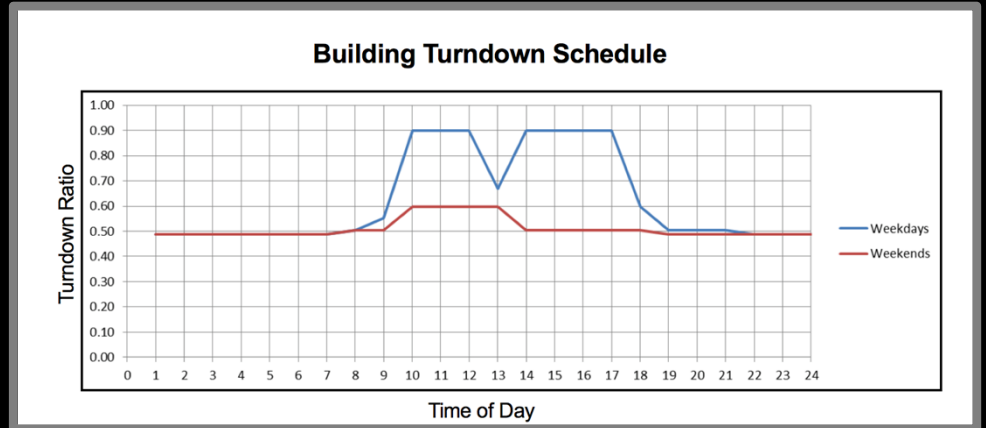
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## *CA-SWSI*

- *Isolation Base*
- *Inertia Base*
- *OSHA Belt Guard*
- *Indoor Installation*
- *Phenolic Epoxy*

# Requirements:

- **Specified Plume**  
(ASHRAE 2011 Calculations)
- **Dilution Requirement**
- **Lab Turn Down Schedule**



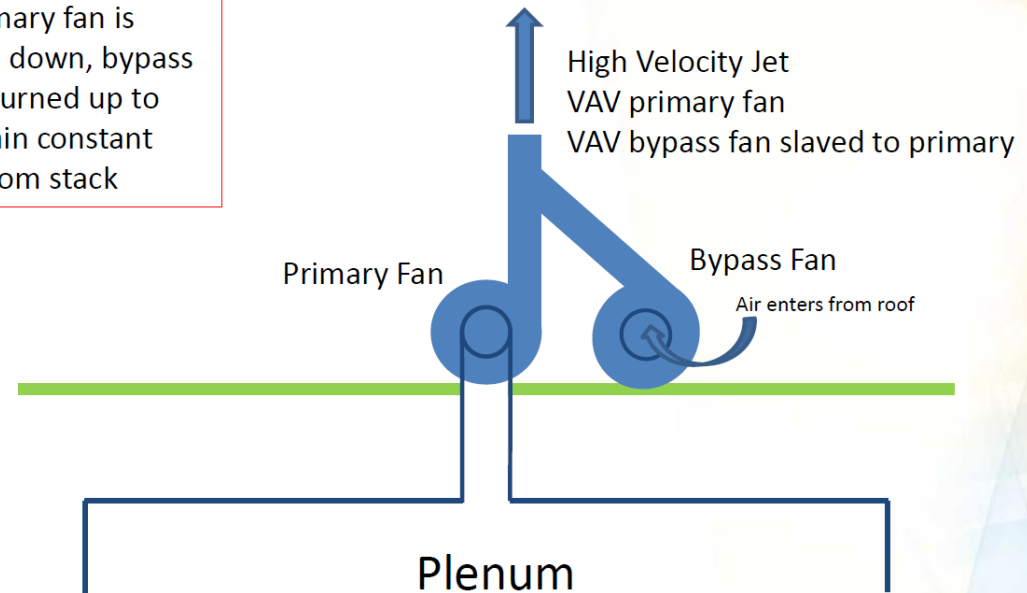
**“Powered Induction for Energy Savings”**



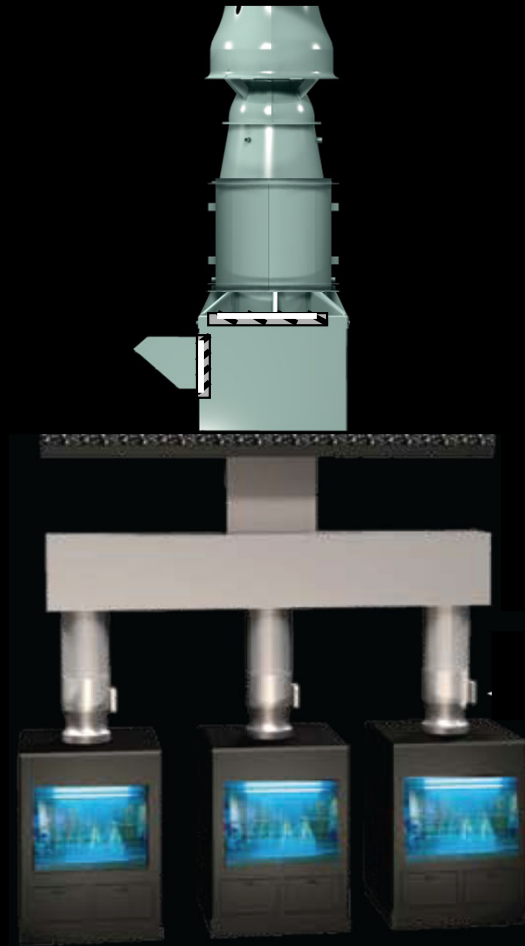
**Energy Efficient  
Power Plume**

## Powered Plenum Bypass

As primary fan is turned down, bypass fan is turned up to maintain constant flow from stack



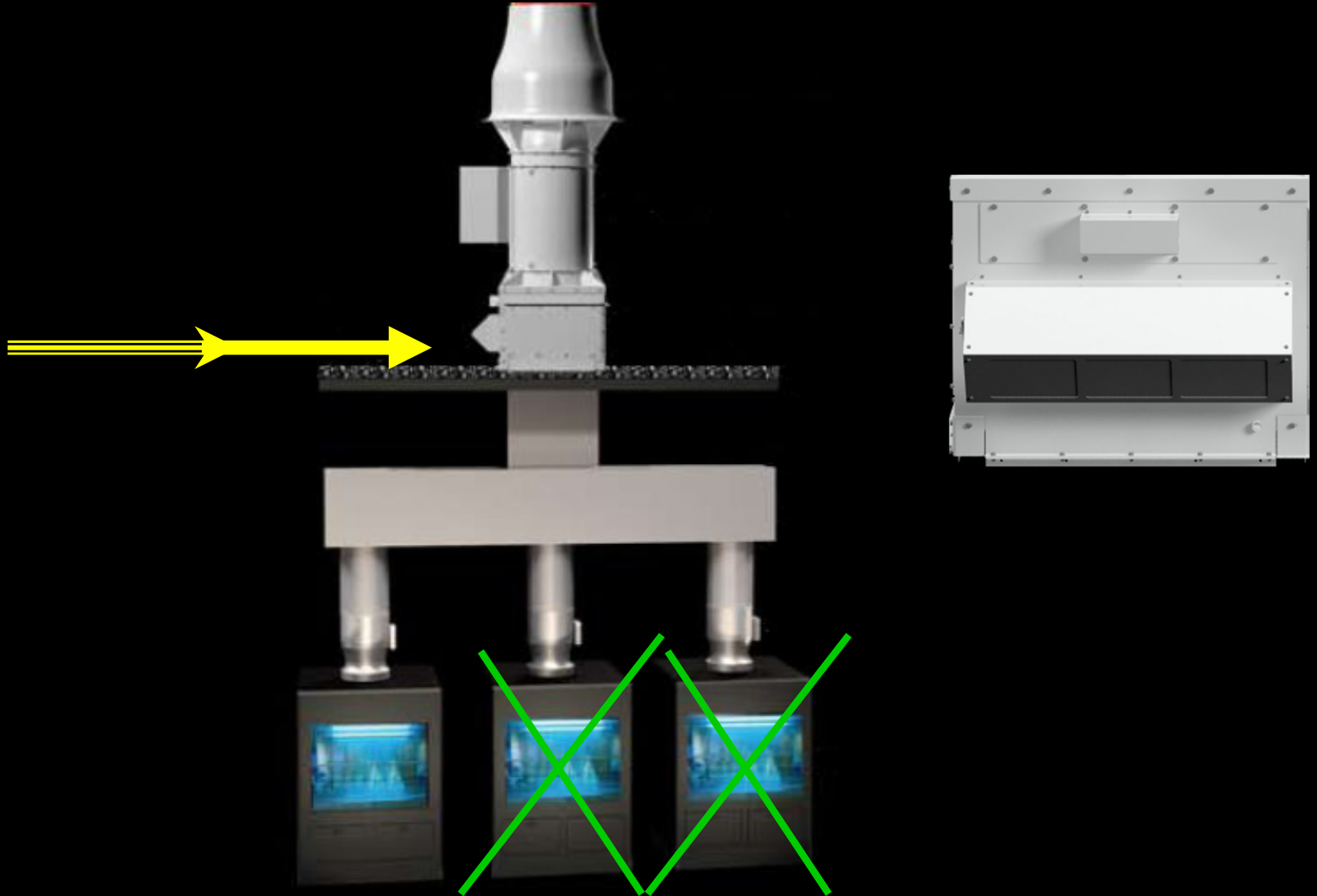
***Energy savings with a two fan  
lab system.....***

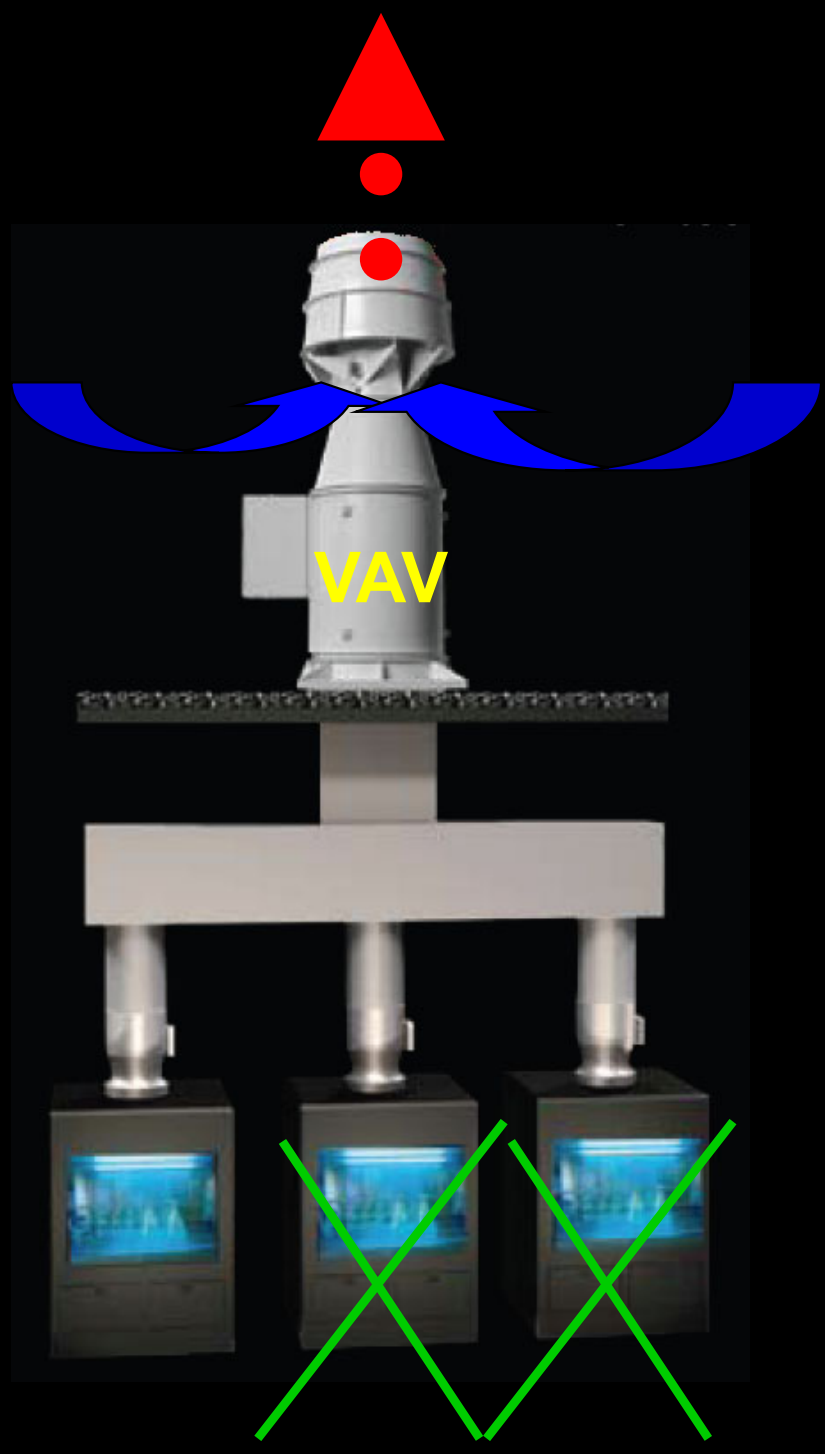


- ***Energy Efficient Alternative to Induced Flow Lab Systems***

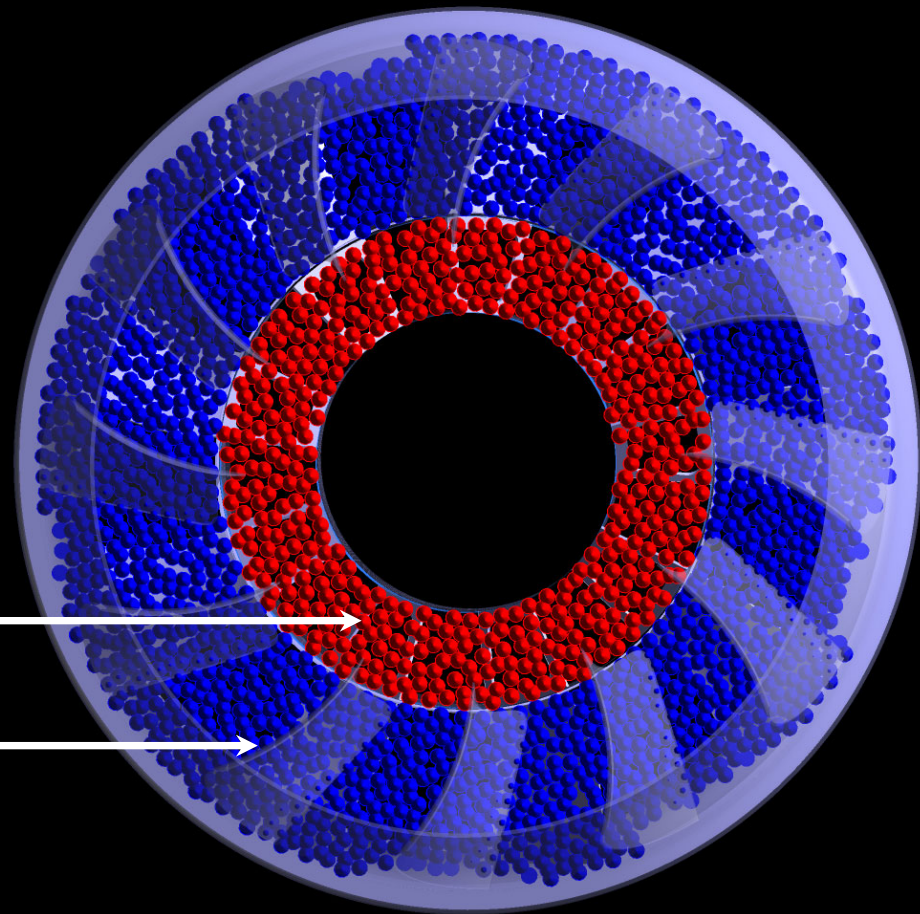
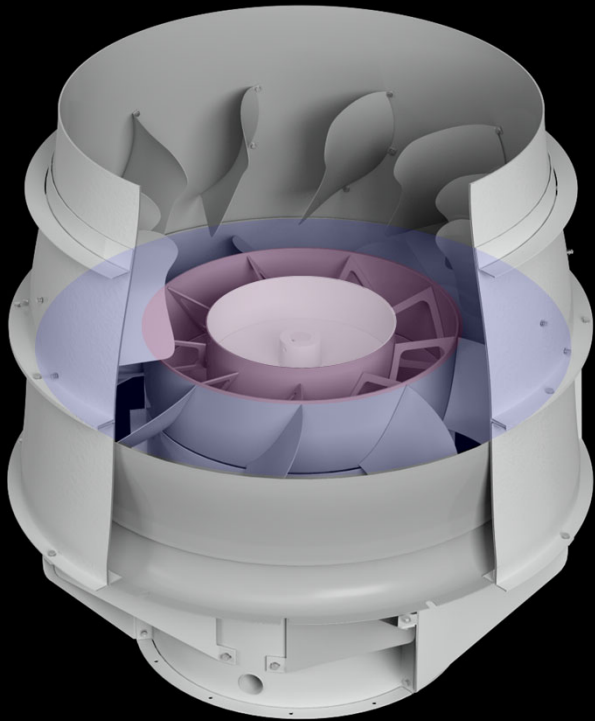
# *Typical Induced Flow*

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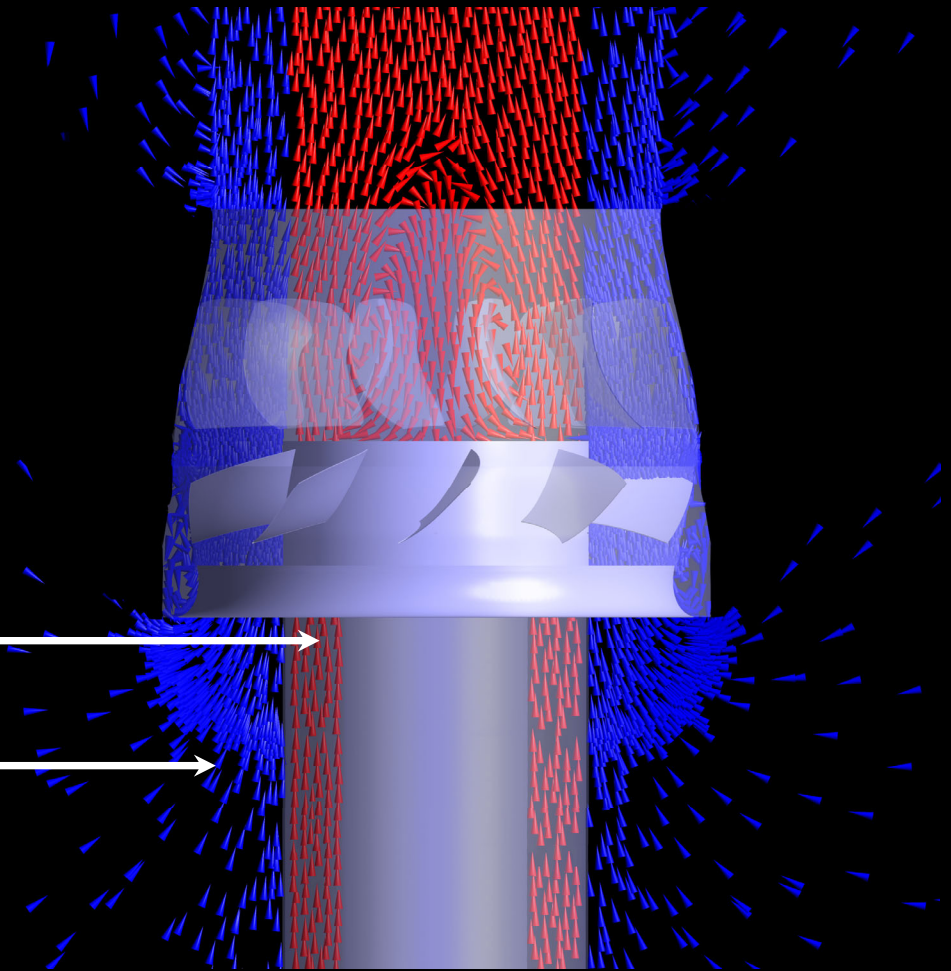
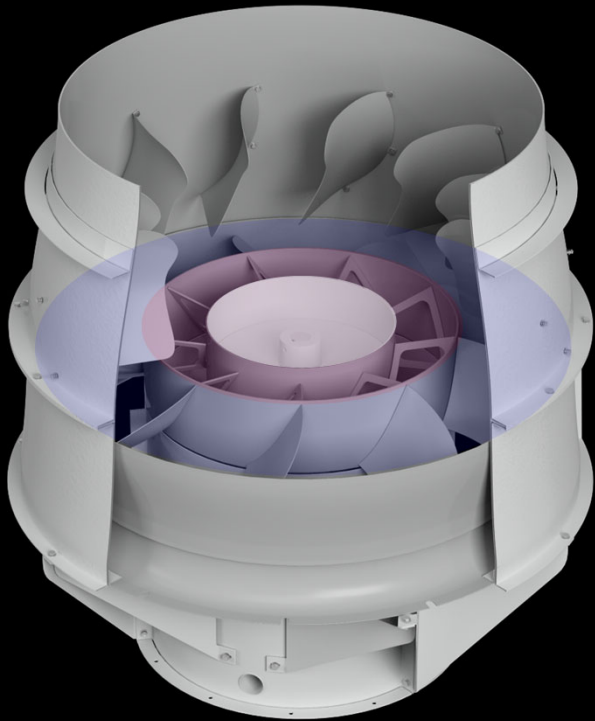
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*Lab Exhaust Air* →

*Dilution Air* →

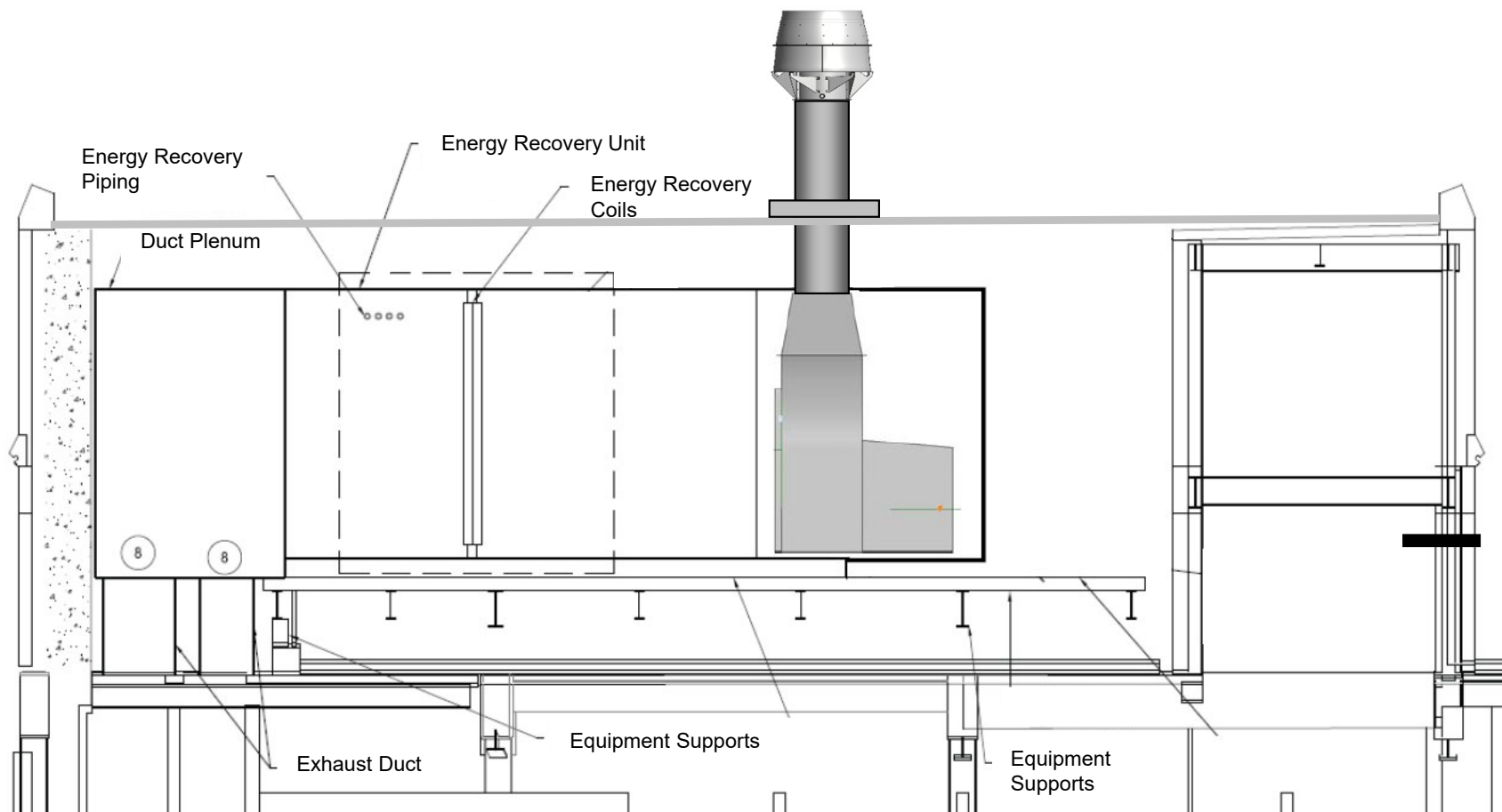
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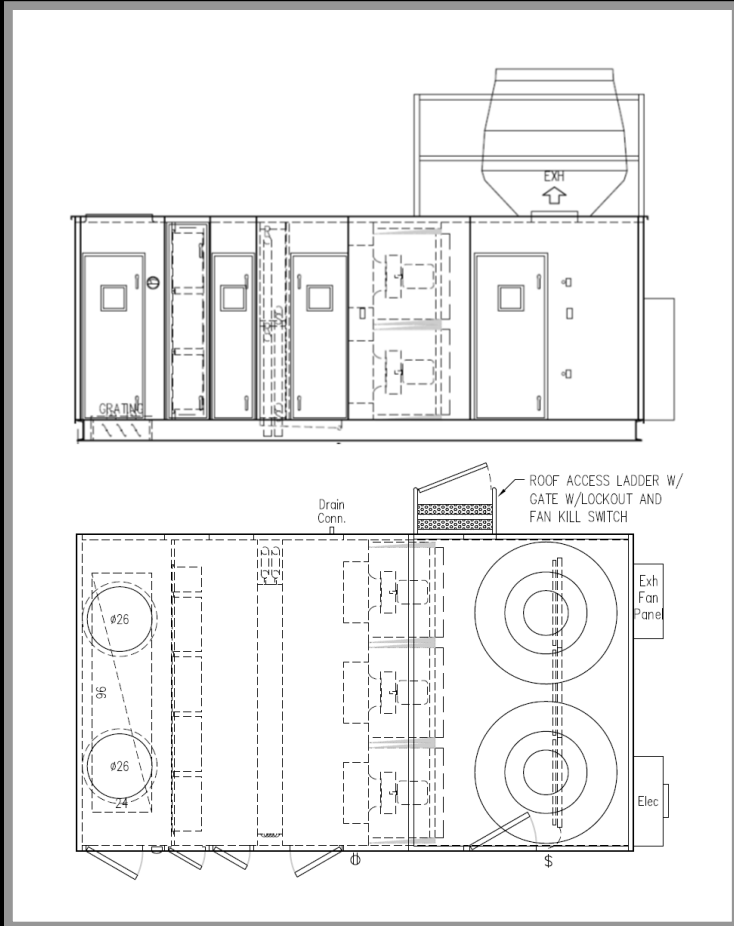
*Dilution Air* →





# *Energy Recovery*

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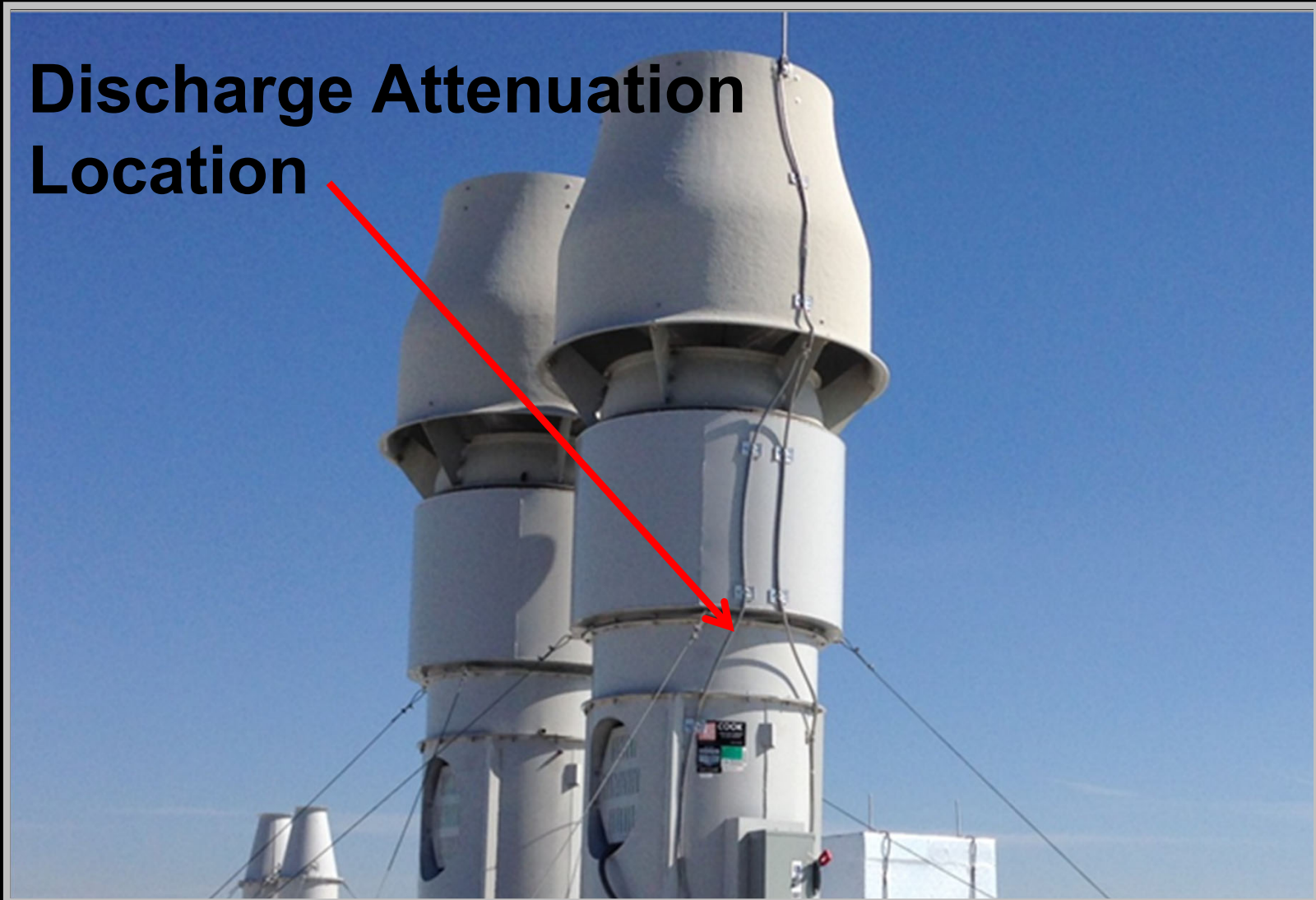
# *Sound Attenuation*



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## *Discharge Attenuation:*

**Discharge Attenuation  
Location**



# *Sound Attenuation*

## *Bypass Attenuation:*

**Bypass Attenuation  
Location**



# TESTING THE APPLICABILITY OF BRIGGS EQUATIONS TO LAB EXHAUST FANS

## PART 1: FIELD MEASUREMENTS OF PLUME RISE FROM VARIOUS LABORATORY EXHAUST SYSTEMS

I2SL Annual Conference  
September 2016

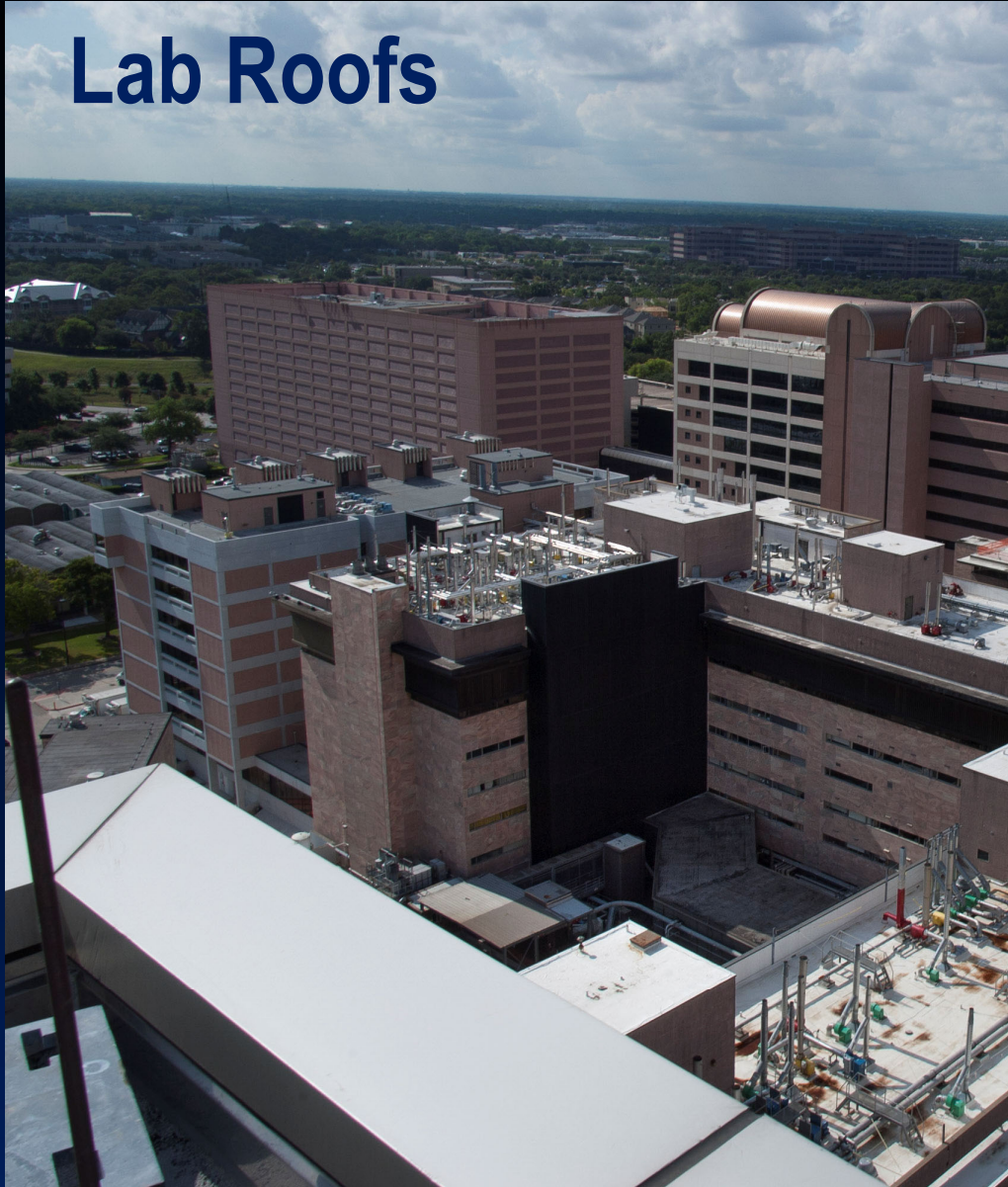
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Jim Meats

**Briggs**

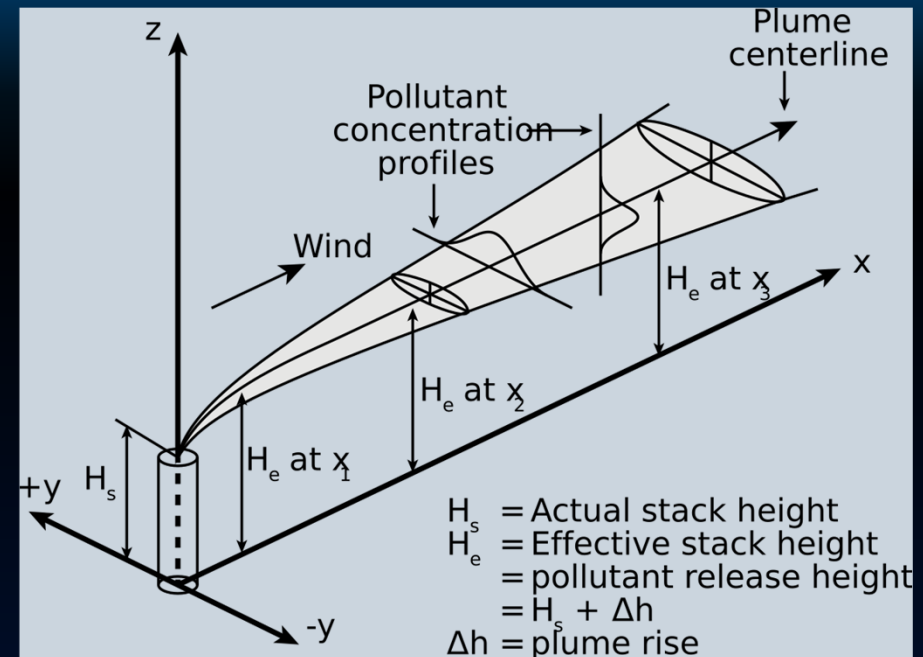


**Lab Roofs**



# BRIGGS

- Atmospheric Dispersion Modeling – 1960's
- Observation of flue gas emissions of stacks from fossil-fuel fired devices such as steam boilers
- Stack velocities – 1200 to 6000 fpm
- Gas temperatures – 250 to 500 F
- Equations have been broadly applied to include predicting plume rise of laboratory exhaust fans



$$h_r = \frac{3Vd}{U}$$

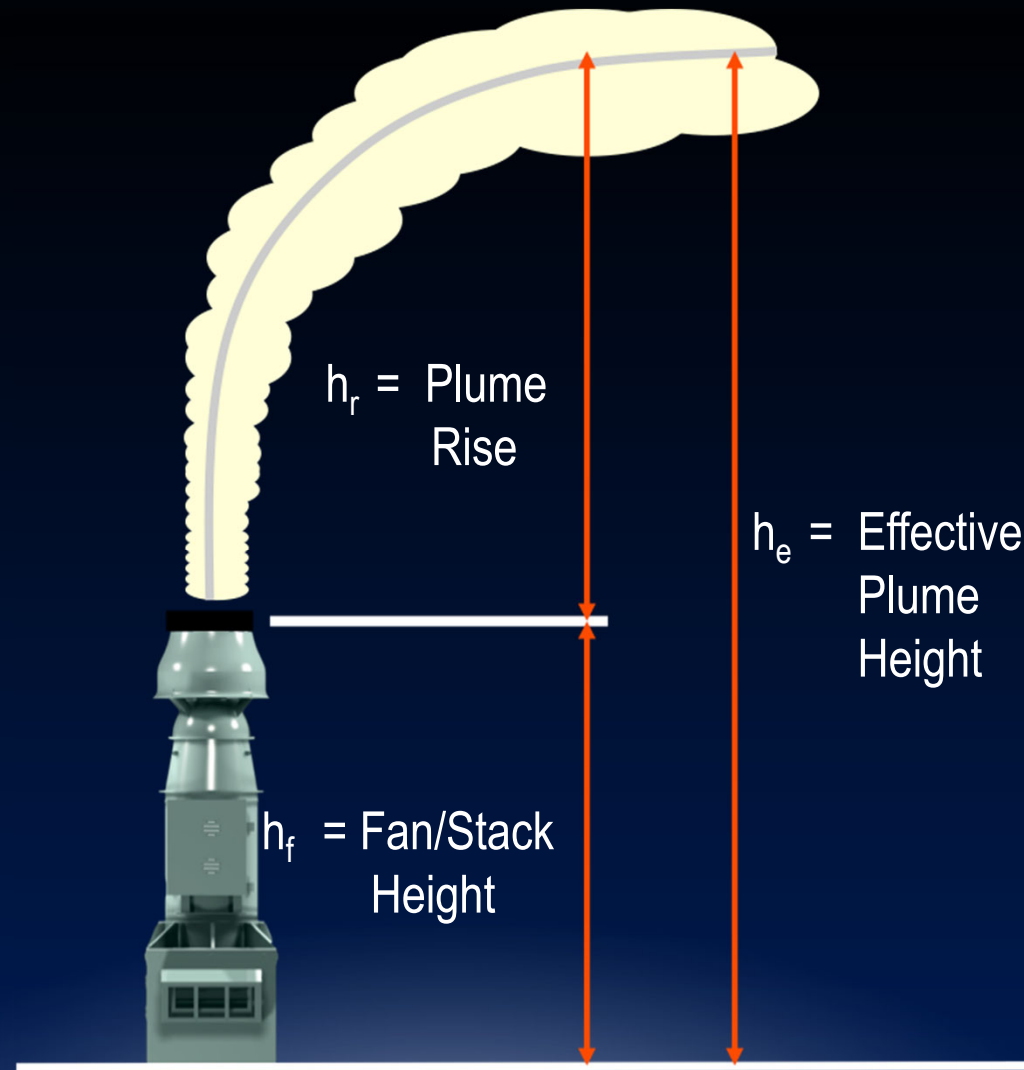
$h_r$  = plume rise (ft)

$V$  = discharge velocity (fpm)

$D$  = nozzle diameter (ft)

$U$  = wind speed (fpm)

# EFFECTIVE PLUME HEIGHT

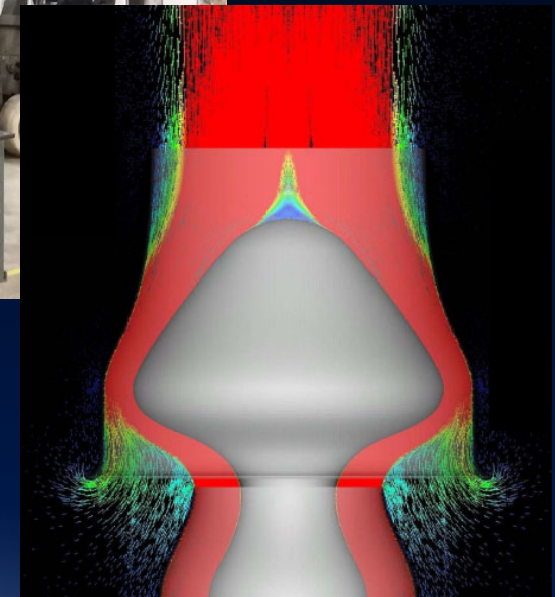
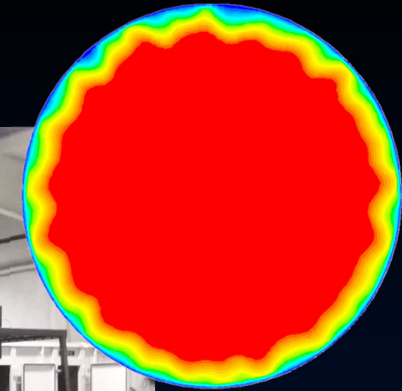


# STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

- Lab Vent Systems – ANSI/AIHA Z9.5-2003
- Non-Induced Flow Fan Testing – AMCA 210
- Induced Flow Fan Testing– AMCA 260
  - Characterizing plume was discussed but rejected when originally drafted 2005
- 2015 ASHRAE 'HVAC Applications' – Chapter 45

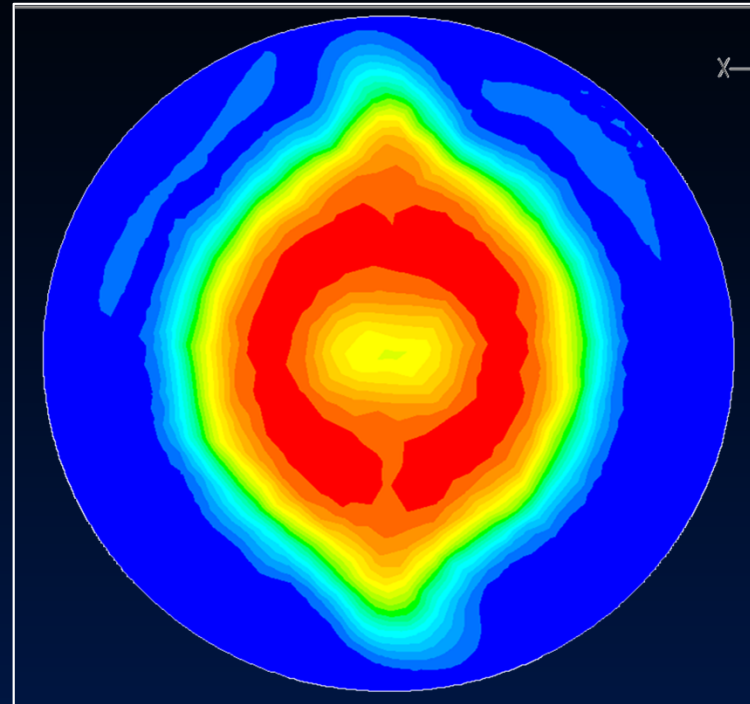
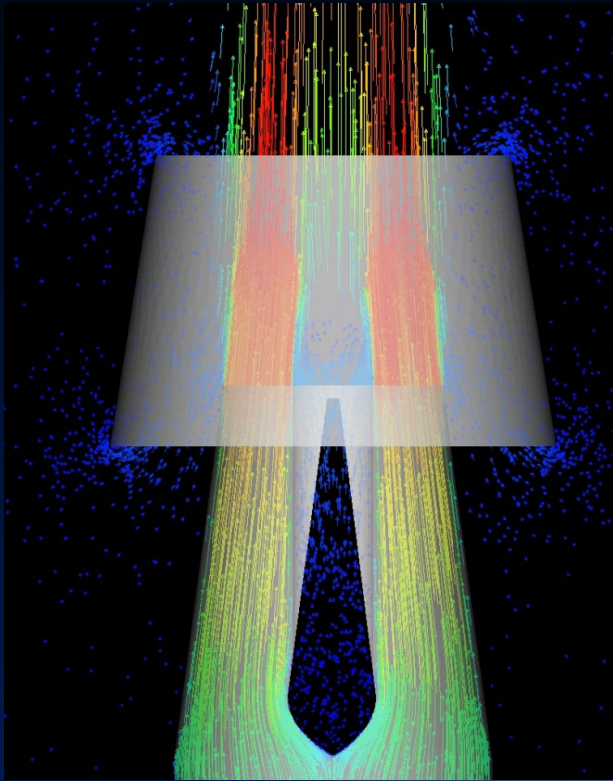
# ANALYSIS TOOLS

- CFD Modeling
- Smoke Testing
- Velocity Probe Array



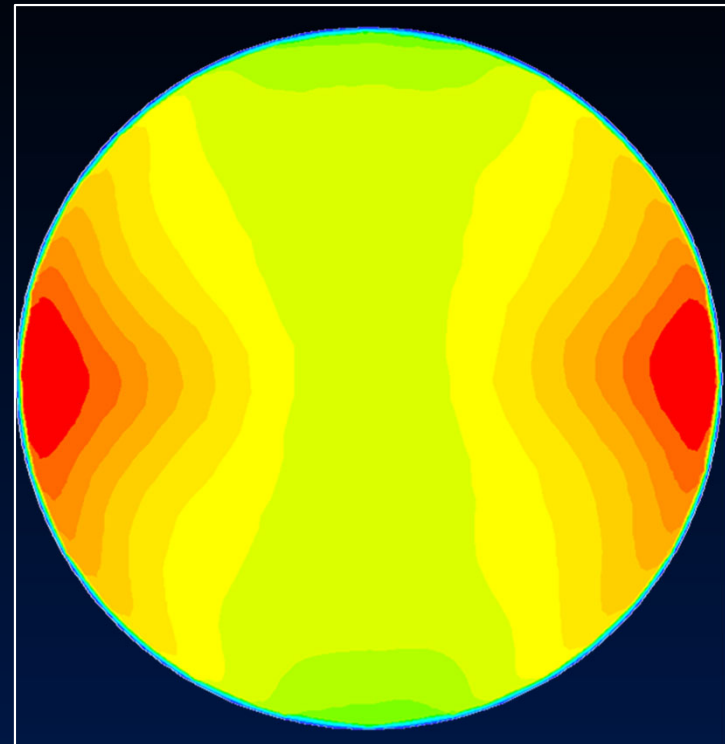
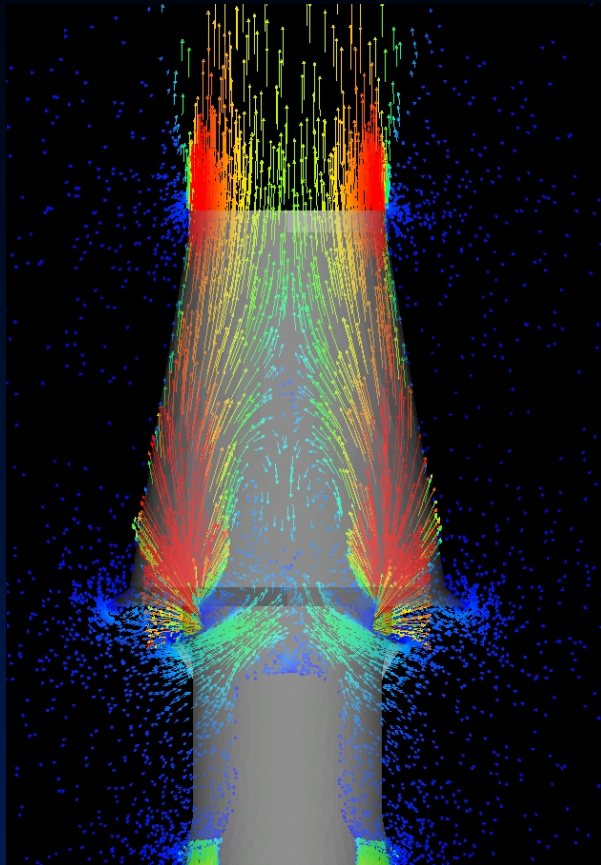
# DISCHARGE PROFILE – BIFURCATED NOZZLE

- CFD Prediction



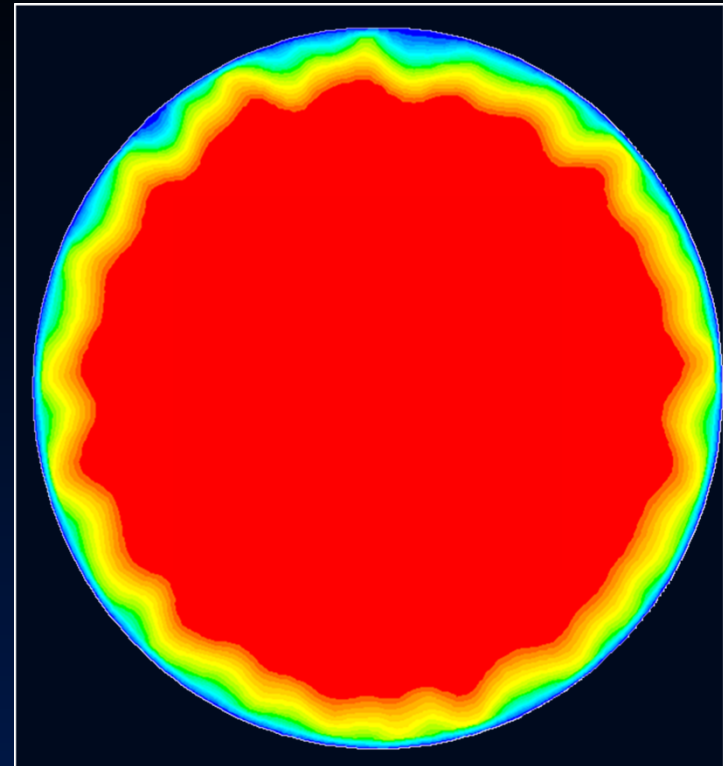
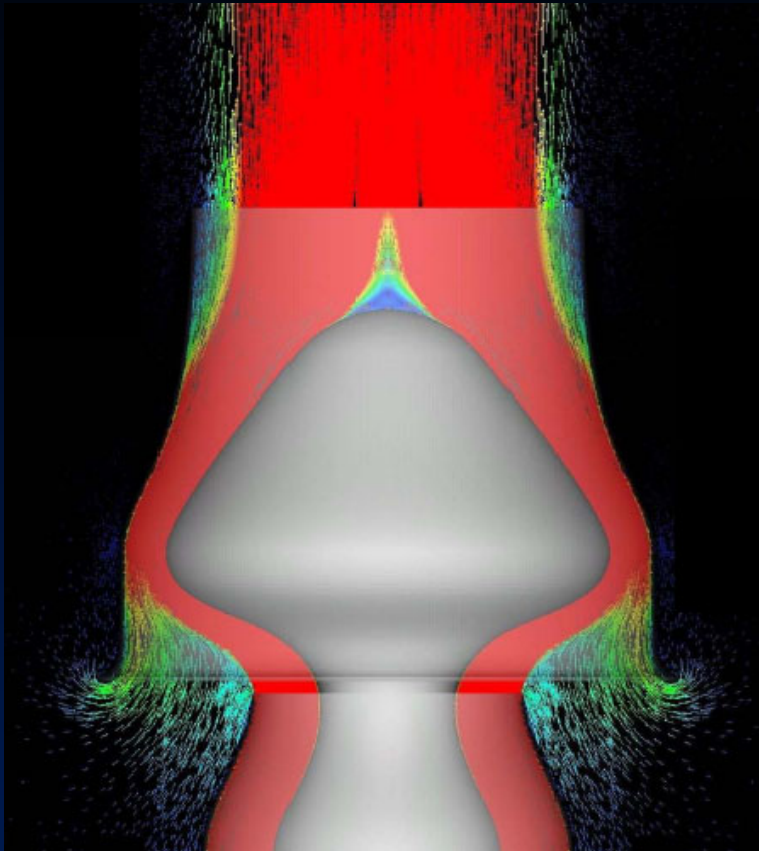
# DISCHARGE PROFILE – BIFURCATED HOUSING

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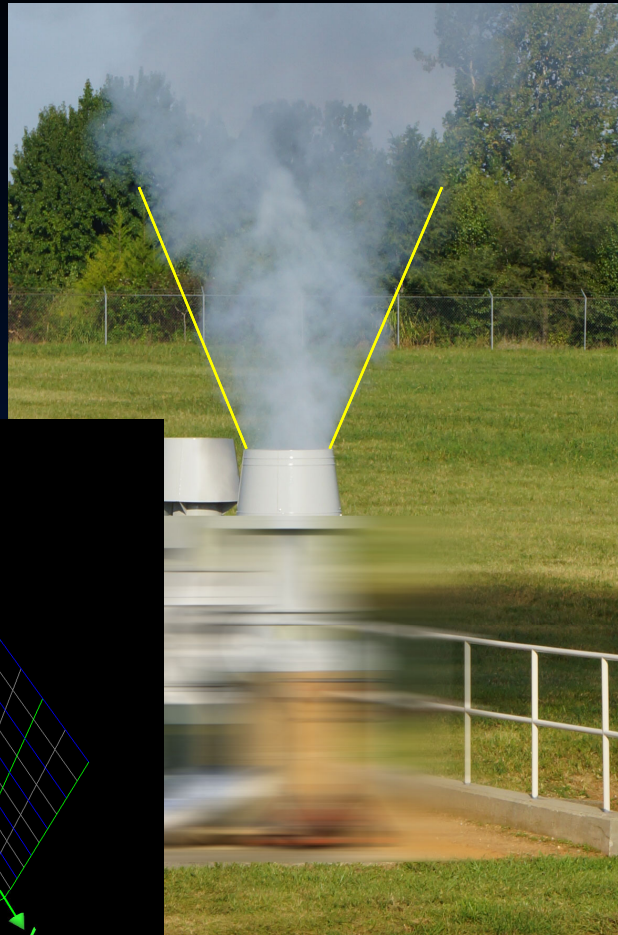


# DISCHARGE PROFILE – CONCENTRIC NOZZLE

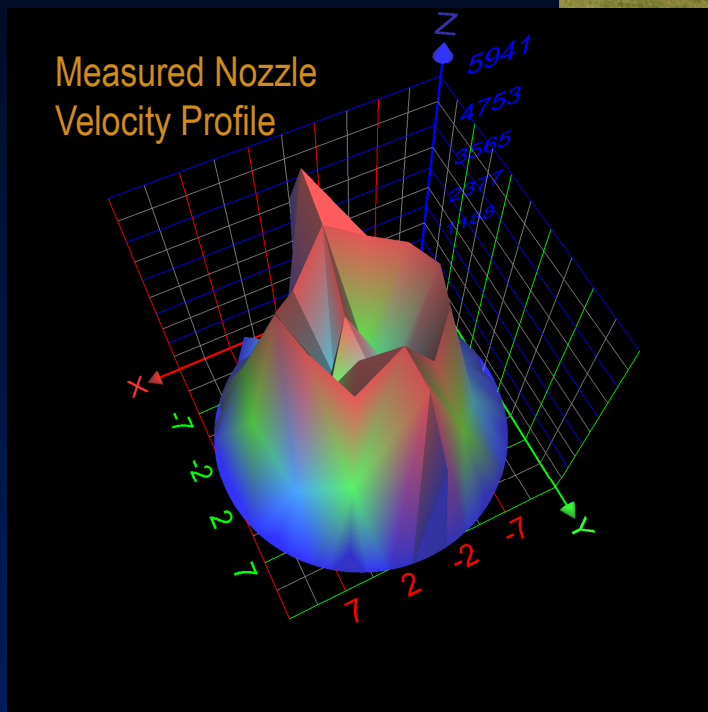
- CFD Prediction



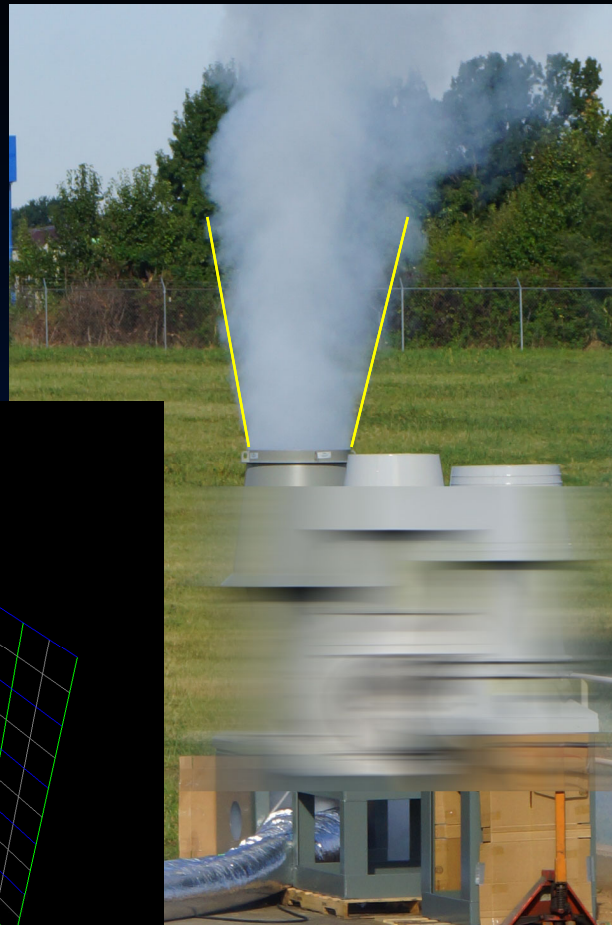
# PLUME COHERENCE – BIFURCATED NOZZLE



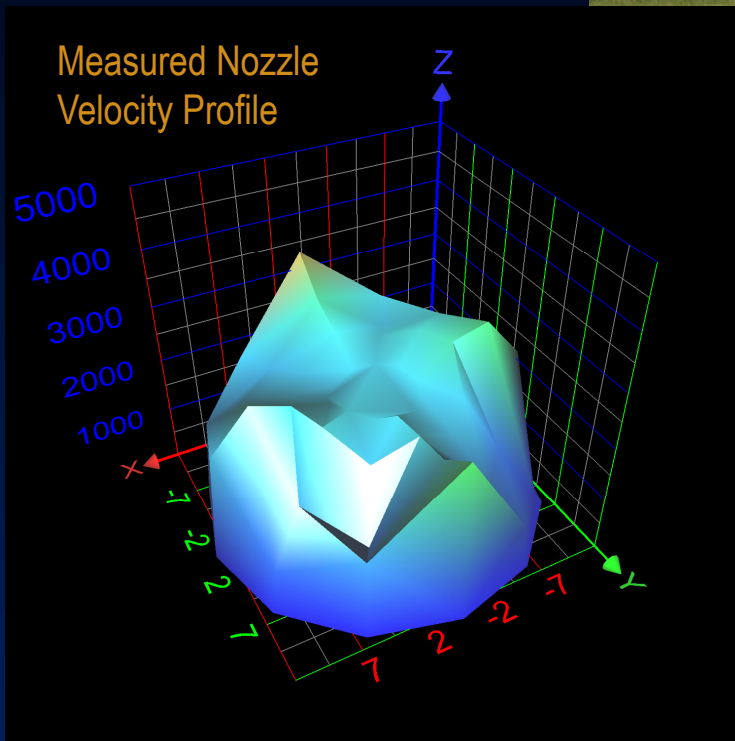
- Widely varying velocity profile across discharge
- High turbulence within plume
- Plume has a wide divergence angle and rapidly loses plume cohesiveness



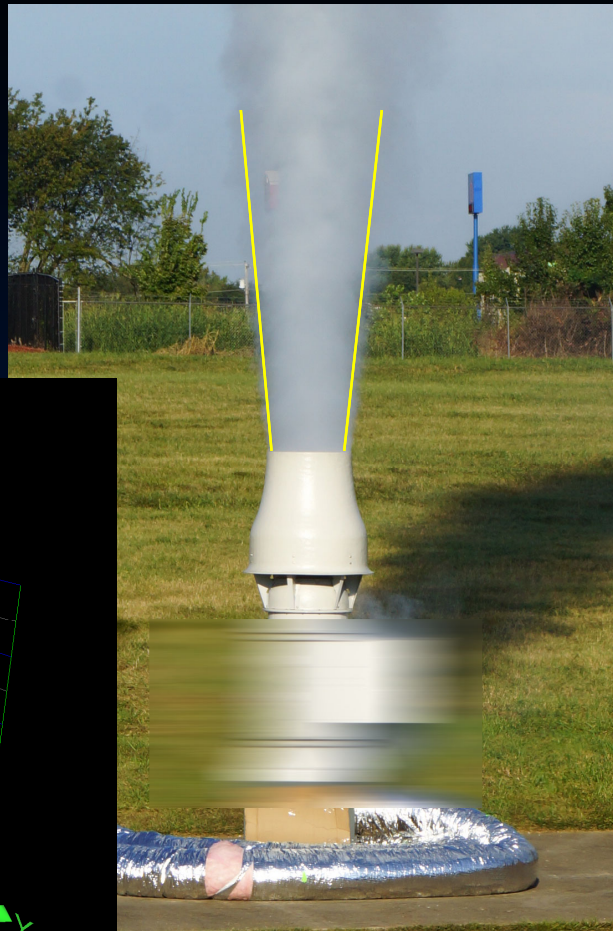
# PLUME COHERENCE – BIFURCATED HOUSING



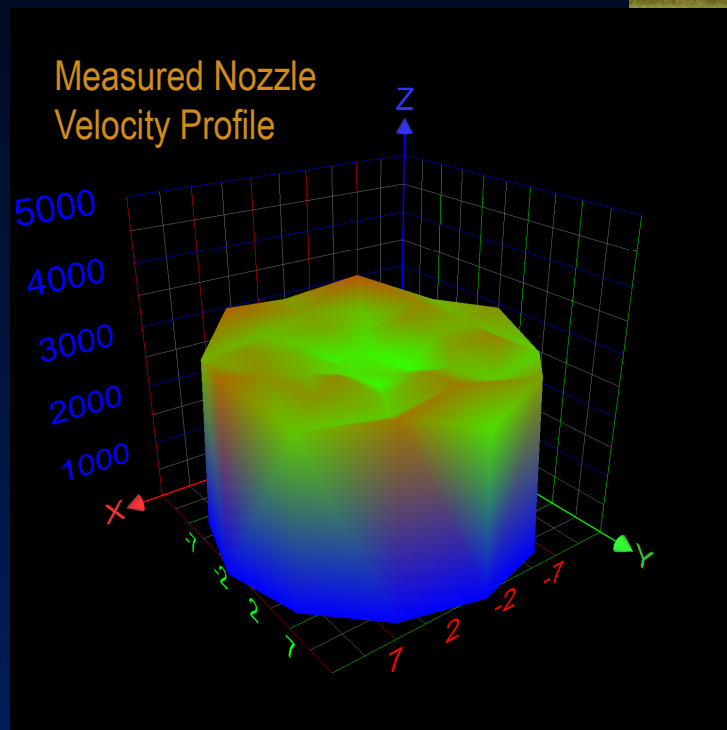
- Somewhat varying velocity profile across discharge
- Medium turbulence within plume
- Plume has an average divergence angle. Turbulence shows in momentum loss



# PLUME COHERENCE – CONCENTRIC NOZZLE



- Uniform velocity profile across discharge
- Low turbulence within plume
- Plume has a minimal divergence angle and maintains cohesiveness



# GOING FORWARD



- Evidence suggests that plume performance is affected by discharge characteristics
- Capturing this information as part of product performance should improve selections
- Understanding this relationship is important to selection, proper prediction, and modeling of lab exhaust products and systems

# *Electronically Commutated Motors and Controls*



*Efficiency  
Controllability  
Flexibility*



## STANDARD EC



- ▶ Provides basic functions and features along with outstanding performance and efficiency
- ▶ On-board potentiometer provides simple adjustment with a flat head screwdriver
- ▶ Internal/external control is triggered by 24V control signal

## PROGRAMMABLE EC



- ▶ Programmed from the factory to meet fan and application needs
- ▶ User interface with LED display shows RPM and percent of full load for precise speed adjustment
- ▶ User interface can be mounted up to 16" from fan
- ▶ Simple two-wire connection for external control

## PROGRAMMABLE PM



- ▶ Offers the most functions and features of any of the Vari-Flow motors
- ▶ Comes equipped with a compatible and easy to use motor controller
- ▶ All PM packages come pre-programmed and pre-wired for easy start-up





Permanent Magnet Motor

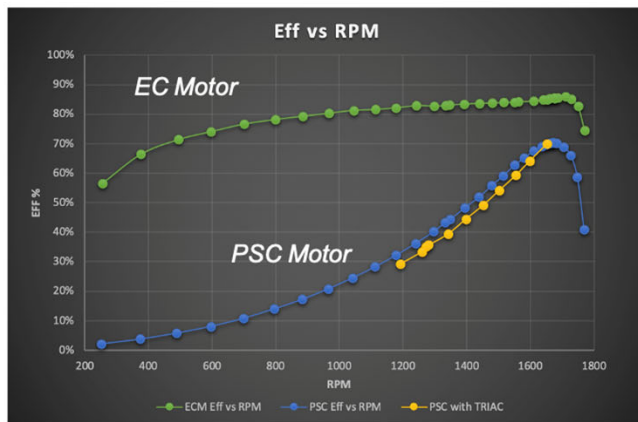


Motor Controller



EC Motor

Built-in Controller



Speed vs. Efficiency

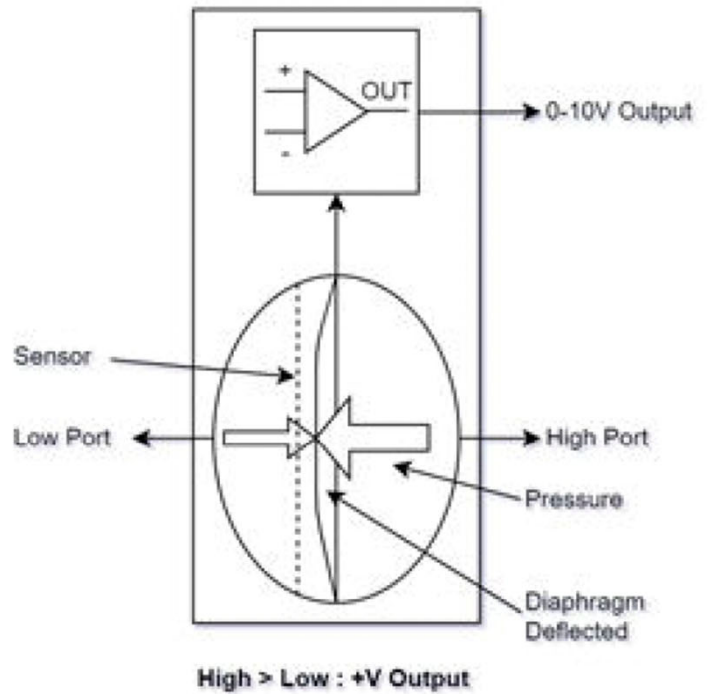
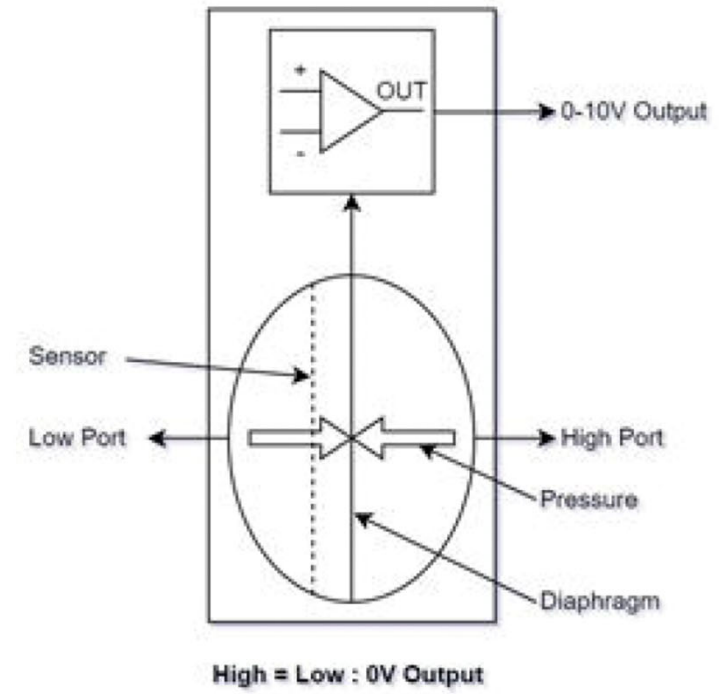
## Are Vari-Flow EC motors more efficient than a traditional AC induction motors? If so, why?

- EC (and PM) motors use permanent magnets to replace the squirrel cage in the rotor.
- Motor rotors in AC induction motors incur losses due to phenomena known as hysteresis, eddy currents, and ohmic losses.
- By using magnets in the rotor, up to 20% of motor losses are eliminated. These losses increase significantly at part load due to increased motor slip. EC motors are 'no-slip' motors, so losses are relatively flat over the speed range.

# PRESSURE CONTROL BASICS

On the right is a schematic diagram of a pressure controller. Two of its primary components are a pressure transducer (shown on the bottom) and a signal output device (shown at the top).

Let's take a look at the pressure transducer. Similar to our u-tube manometer, we have two ports. Instead of water in a tube, we have a diaphragm that moves with a difference in pressure and a sensor that measures the amount of diaphragm movement

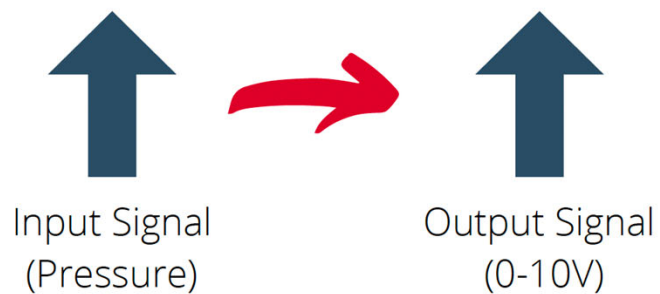


In this transducer, the diaphragm only moves to the left. In order to properly measure the difference in pressure between the ports, the higher pressure must always applied to the HIGH port and the lower pressure to the LOW port

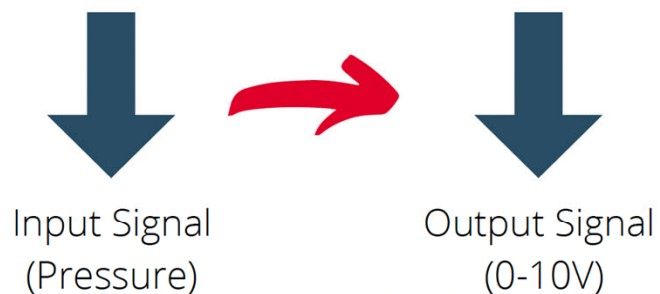
If the transducer is connected incorrectly (pressures reversed), the diaphragm will not move and the sensor will not sense a difference in pressure.

## DIRECT ACTING PRESSURE CONTROL

When an **INCREASE** in input signal (pressure) requires an **INCREASE** in output signal (0-10V) to reduce the difference between the setpoint and the actual pressure to '0'. For our purposes, we will refer to the difference between setpoint and actual pressure as the 'error'.

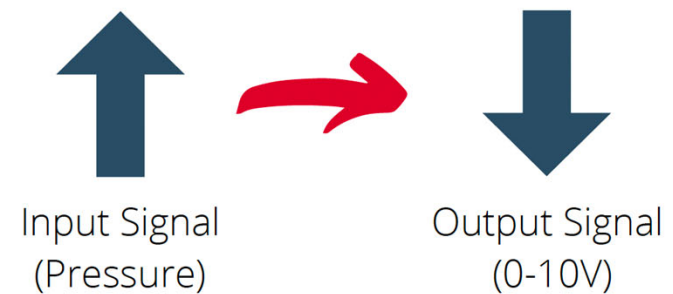


Inversely, when a **DECREASE** in input signal (pressure) requires a **DECREASE** in output signal (0-10V) to correct the 'error'.

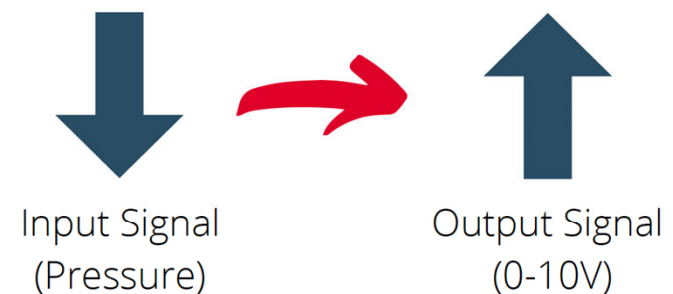


## REVERSE ACTING PRESSURE CONTROL

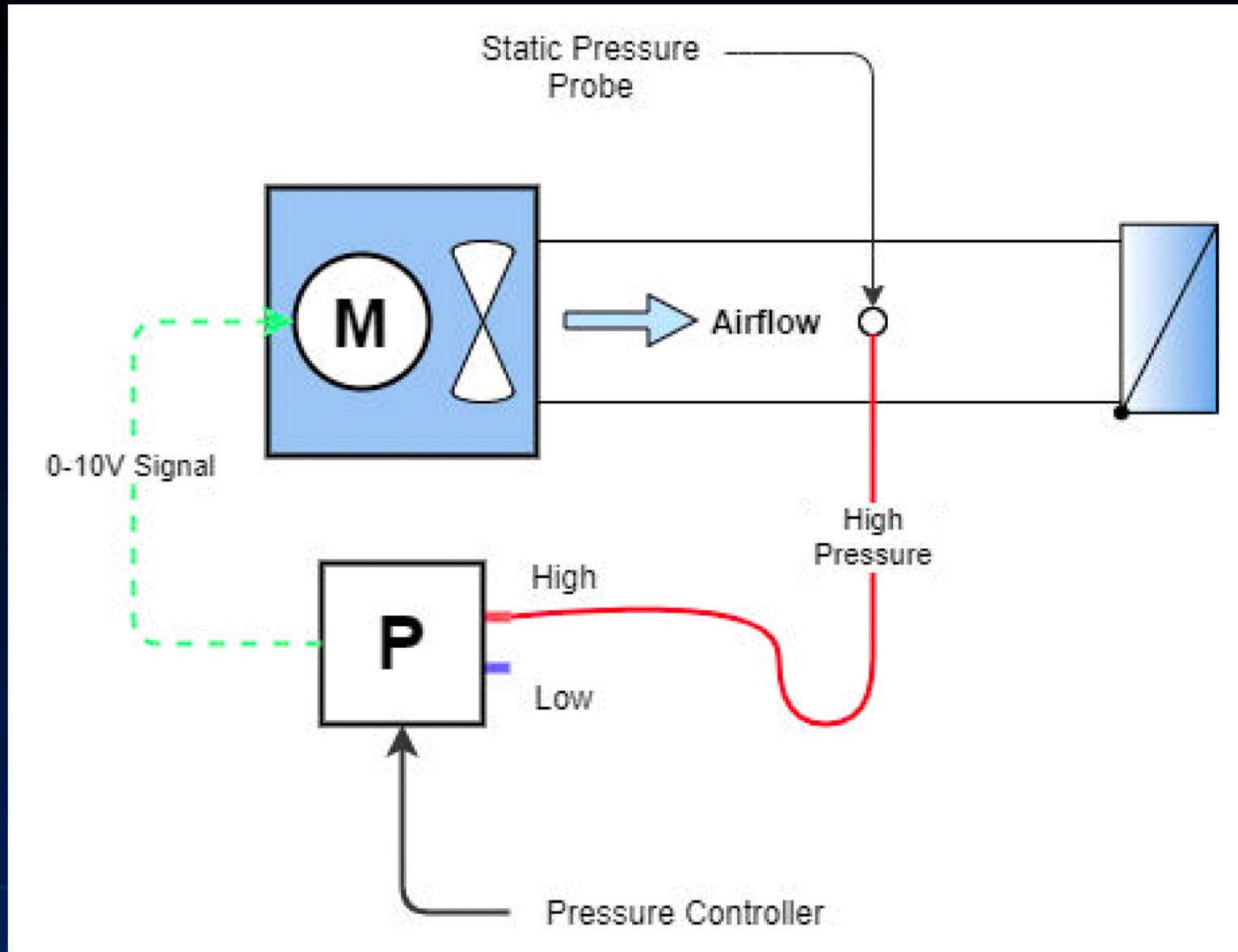
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# DUCT STATIC PRESSURE CONTROL



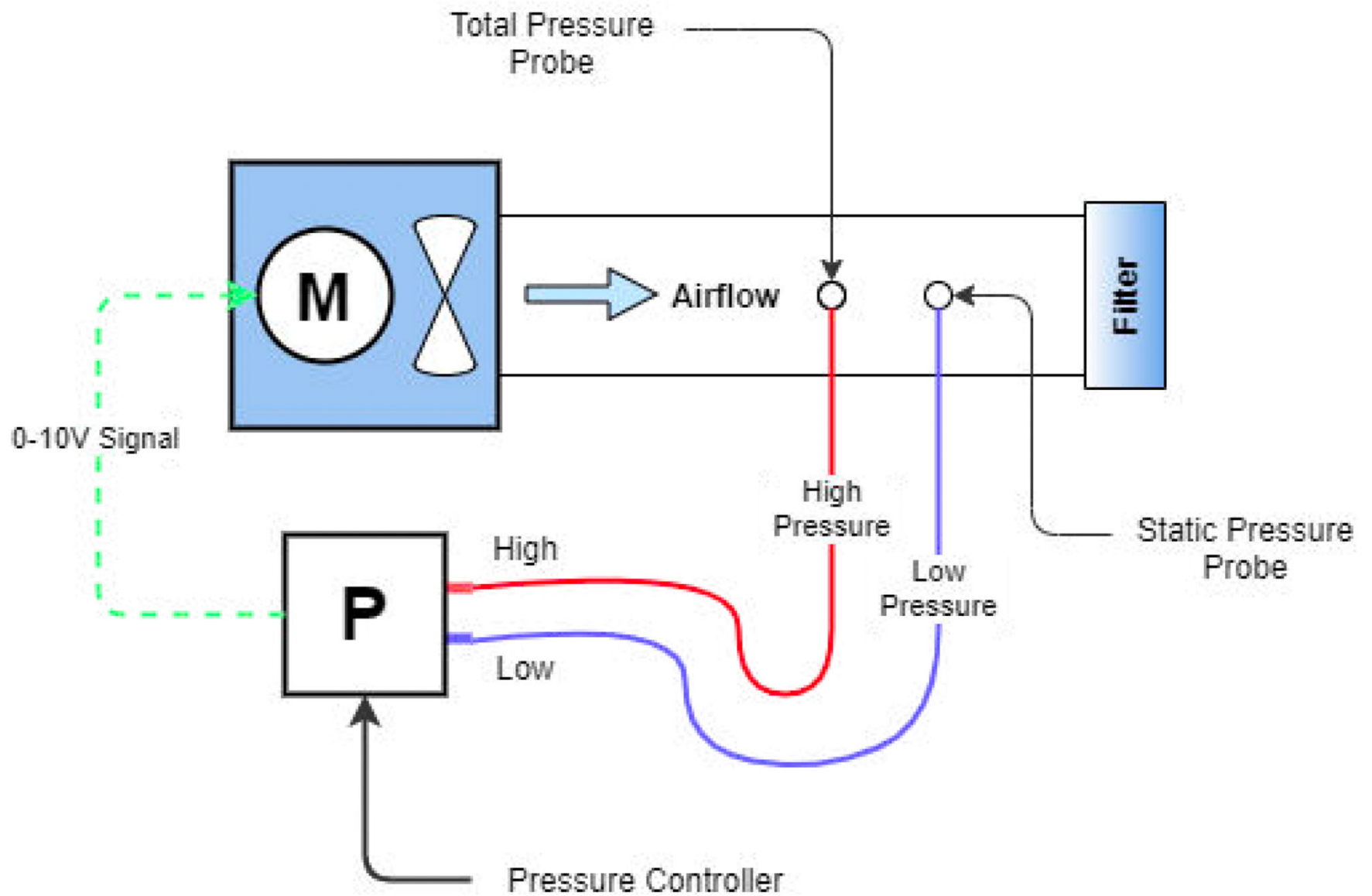
# CONSTANT VELOCITY OR AIRFLOW CONTROL

First, we look at the relationship between air velocity and velocity pressure:

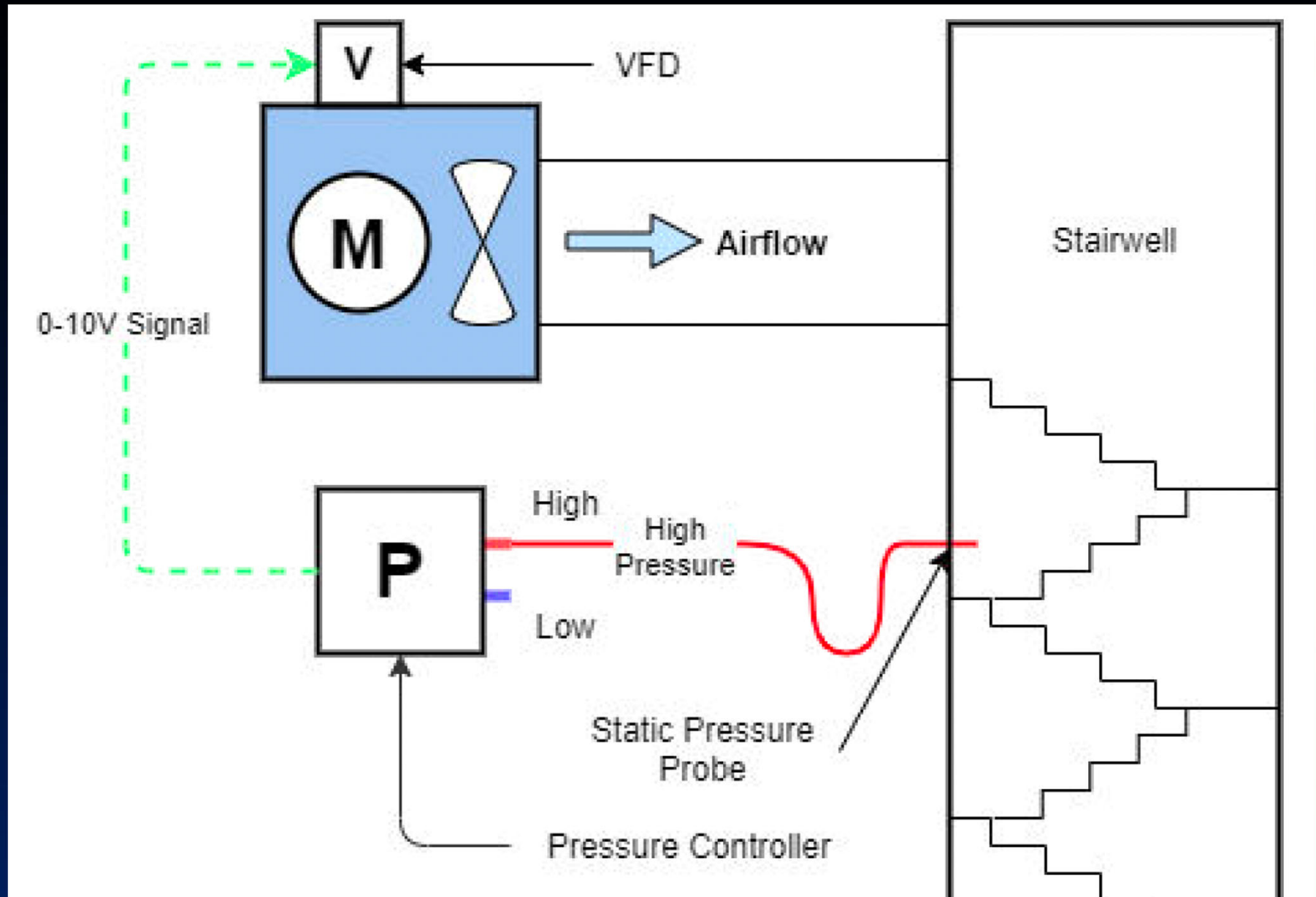
$$\mathbf{Velocity\ Pressure = (Velocity \div 4005)^2}$$

We also will need to know the relationship between the airflow and the duct velocity:

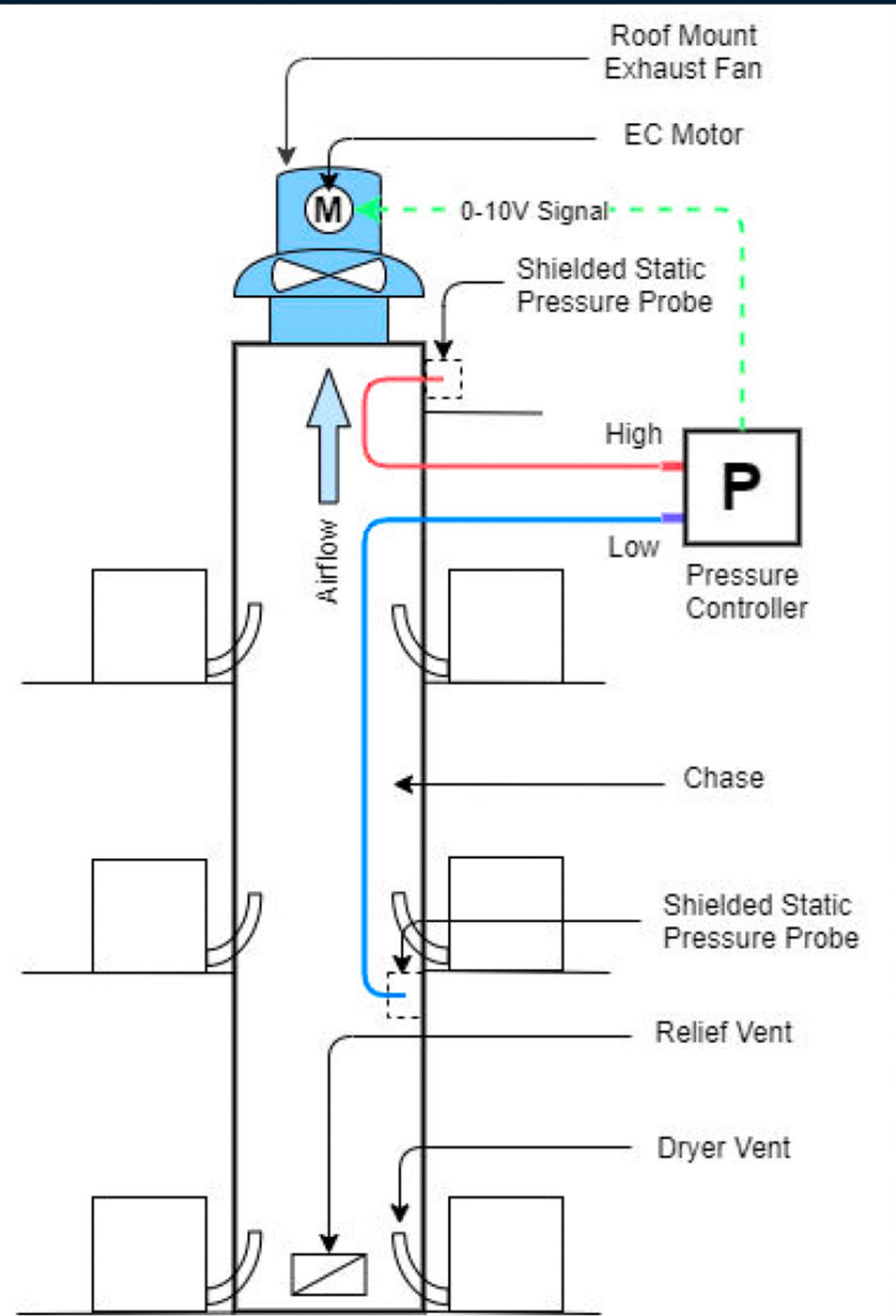
$$\mathbf{CFM \div Area = Velocity}$$



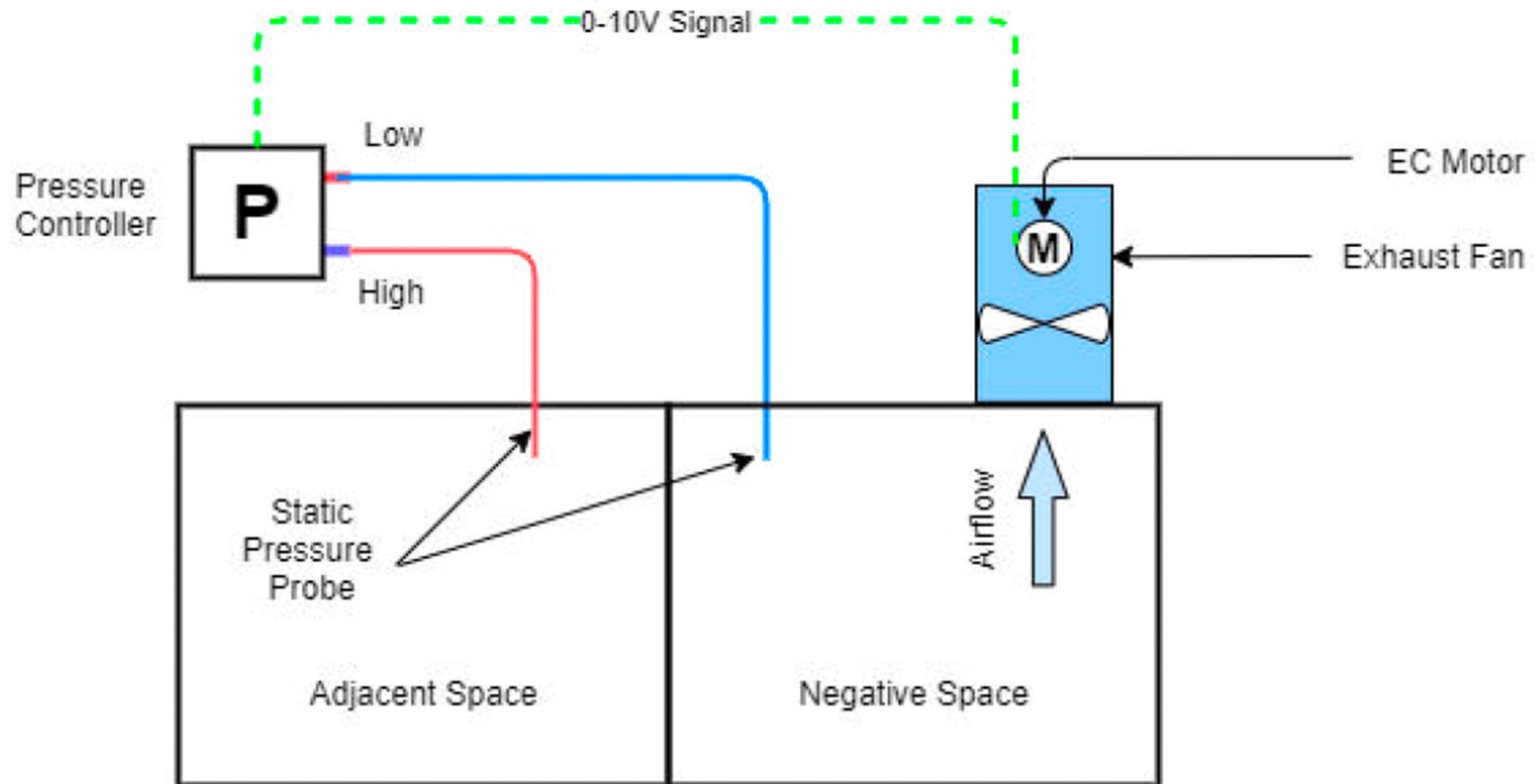
# STAIRWELL PRESSURIZATION



# DRYER EXHAUST



# NEGATIVE PRESSURE CONTROL | EXHAUST FAN



# Positive Pressure Control | Exhaust Fan

