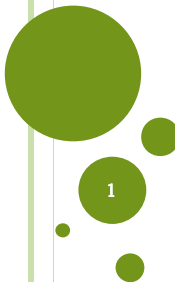



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OF NIGHT-TIME VENTILATION**

*QUASI-STEADY STATE CALCULATION METHOD  
EN ISO 13790*

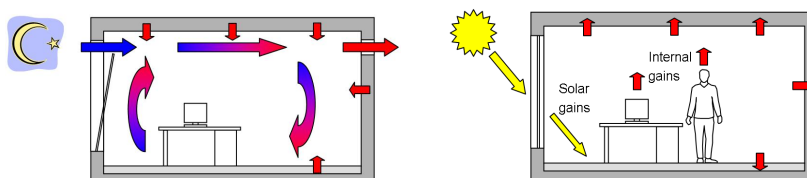
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## NIGHT-TIME VENTILATION IN THE MONTHLY CALCULATION METHOD

- What is the goal of night-time ventilation?
  - Achieve thermal comfort during the transition/summer season
  - Avoid the use of mechanical cooling system
- Principle: making use of the exposed thermal mass
  - The building structure is cooled down overnight with relatively cold outdoor air
  - Heat sink available during the occupied period of the next day



- Scope: only mechanical night-time ventilation

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### Problem:

How to take into consideration the dynamic effects of night-time ventilation in the monthly calculation method?

### Plan:

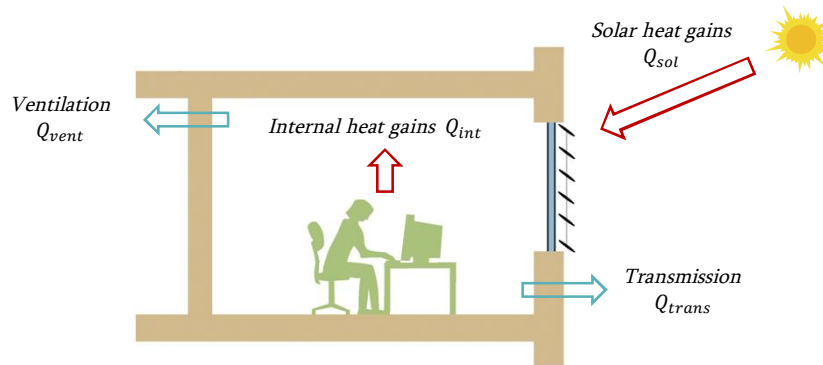
- Principle of the calculation method
  - Cooling need in EN ISO 13790
  - Methods tested for modelling night-time ventilation
  
- Development of the correction coefficients
  - Presentation of the simulation cases
  - Results
  
- Selection & Validation of the correction factors  
*(not included in the paper)*

## NIGHT-TIME VENTILATION IN THE MONTHLY CALCULATION METHOD

### PRINCIPLE OF THE CALCULATION METHOD

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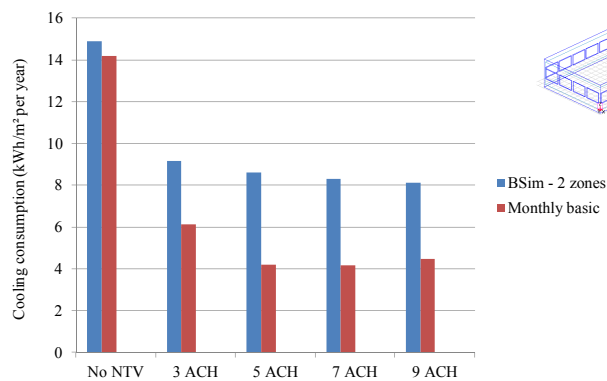
- How is calculated the cooling need in EN ISO 13790?



Monthly heat balance  $Q_{C,nd} = (Q_{sol} + Q_{int}) - \eta (Q_{trans} + Q_{vent})$   
 $\eta \in [0; 1]$

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- Why do we need correction coefficients?



- ⇒ Overestimation of the capacity of NTV without correction coefficients
  - limited heat storage capacity (function of the thermal mass)
  - limited temperature variation in the building (from 20°C to 26°C)

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- Methods tested for modelling night-time ventilation

$$Q_{c,nd} = (Q_{sol} + Q_{int}) - \eta (Q_{trans} + Q_{vent})$$



$$Q_{vent} = \rho_{air} C_{air} (f_{vent,t} q_{vent} + C_{NTV} f_{NTV,t} q_{NTV}) (\theta_{int,SP} - \theta_{ext}) t$$

$$\eta = \frac{1 - (C_{\gamma} \gamma_c)^{-ac}}{1 - (C_{\gamma} \gamma_c)^{-(ac+1)}}$$

Method 2

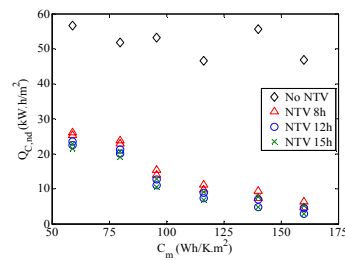
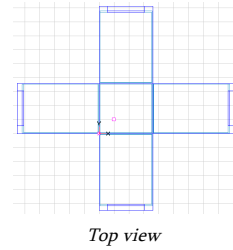
Method 1  
(proposed in EN ISO 13790)

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DEVELOPMENT OF THE CORRECTION COEFFICIENTS

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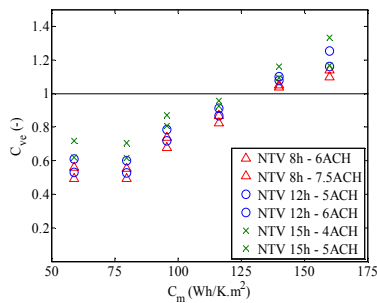
- Development of the models
  - Danish climate
  - single office room (5×3.50×2.55 m)
  - 55 % of the façade glazed, no solar shading
- 288 simulations
  - 6 levels of thermal mass (60 – 140 Wh/K.m<sup>2</sup>)
  - 4 orientations
  - 2 levels of internal heat loads
  - NTV: - maximum time of operation (from 8h to 15h)
  - 4 up to 7.5 ACH
- Effect of night-time ventilation (South facing room)



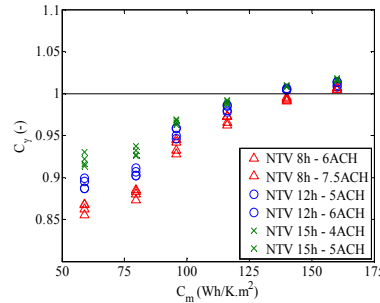
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- Parameters influencing C<sub>ve</sub> and C<sub>γ</sub>
  - Major influence of the thermal mass
  - Minor influence of the maximum time of operation

Method 1



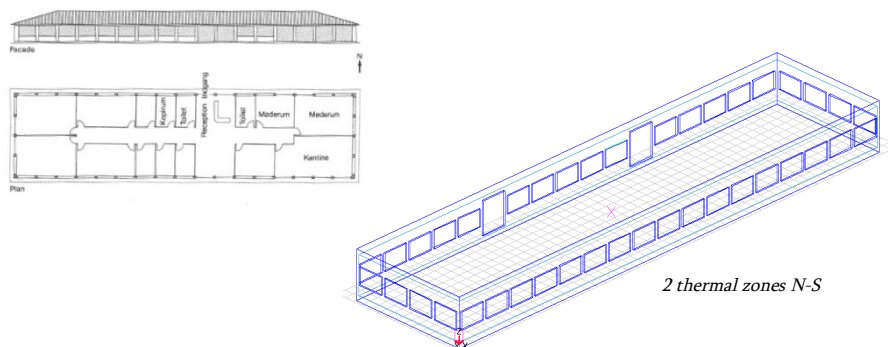
Method 2



## SELECTION & VALIDATION OF THE MODEL

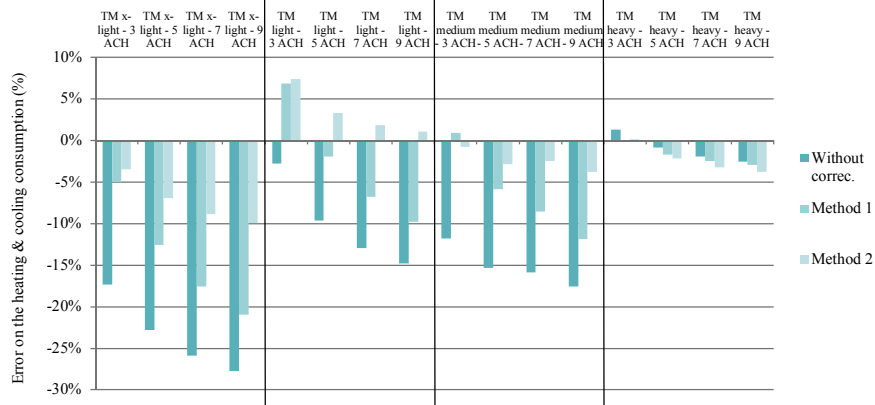
- Model used for validation (Danish BR)
  - Different shape
  - Different window-to-floor-area ratio

Test with 4 different levels of thermal mass and different air change rates.



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Validation results



Accuracy of Method 2 ⇒ ± 5%

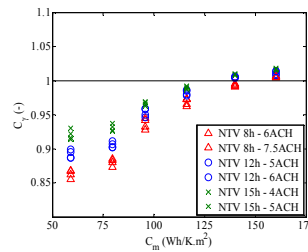
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CONCLUSION

- 2 methods have been developed ( $C_{ve}$  and  $C_\gamma$ ) from 288 simulations
- Only one method has been selected (after the validation case):  $C_\gamma$ 
  - Accuracy of ± 5 % (on the total energy consumption)
  - Accurate even in mono-zone modelling (robustness)
  - BUT not tested with other climates

$$\eta_{c,ls} = \frac{1 - (C_\gamma \gamma_c)^{-ac}}{1 - (C_\gamma \gamma_c)^{-(ac+1)}}$$

$$C_\gamma = \min \left( \frac{0.7666 + 0.0013 C_m + 0.0044 \max hrs_{NTV}}{1} \right)$$



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Thank you for your attention!

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