



Data Center CFD Simulations For Optimal Design ?

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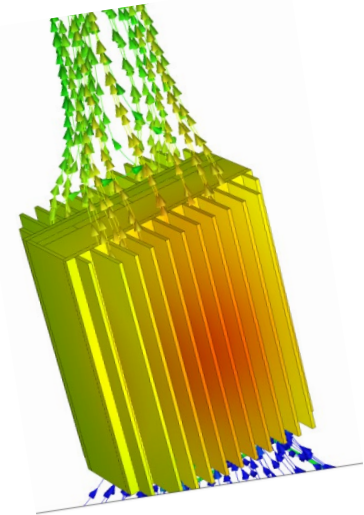
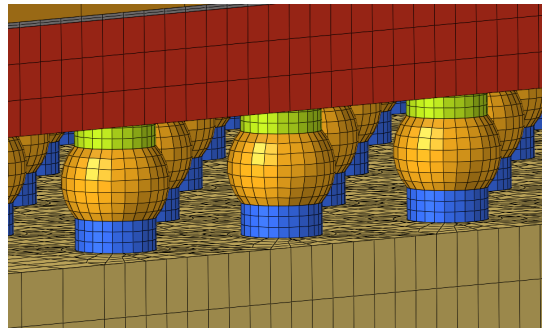
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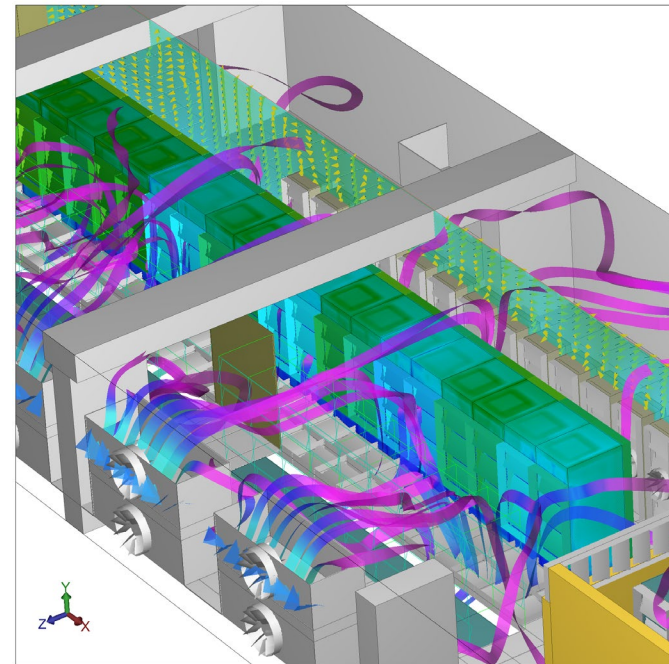
Who We Are

- *Innovative CA service provider in the field of mechanical, thermal, dynamical and CFD systems.*
- *Established in 1995, Today we are 12 workers.*
- *Specialization in providing a complete range of engineering consulting, starting from the first conceptual design, and up to the final testing stages, using cutting edge computerized tools such as, FE (Finite Elements) and CFD (Computerized Fluid Dynamic) software.*
- *Engineering Consulting, Conceptual Design and Simulation:*
 - *Mechanical*
 - *Dynamical and rigid body*
 - *CFD design aspects*
 - *Optimization*
 - *Thermal*
 - *Full system modeling*
 - *Multi discipliner*
- *Environmental and Verification Testing*
- *Marketing & Supporting – Simulation and CAD Software*



Introduction

- *The AI booming, increases dramatically the need for computing and storage needs, due to it the Demand for Data Centers.*
- *Data center today face new challenges:*
 - *Large hot spot/ power need to be cooled*
 - *Due to the large amount of needed cooling energy, the cooling must be more efficient.*
- ***It is not sufficient anymore to cool out the total heat, the designer must take in to account the hot spot, as well !***
- *The traditional data centers includes racks with 3-6 KW, the new racks can dissipate up to 30 KW per rack and more.*



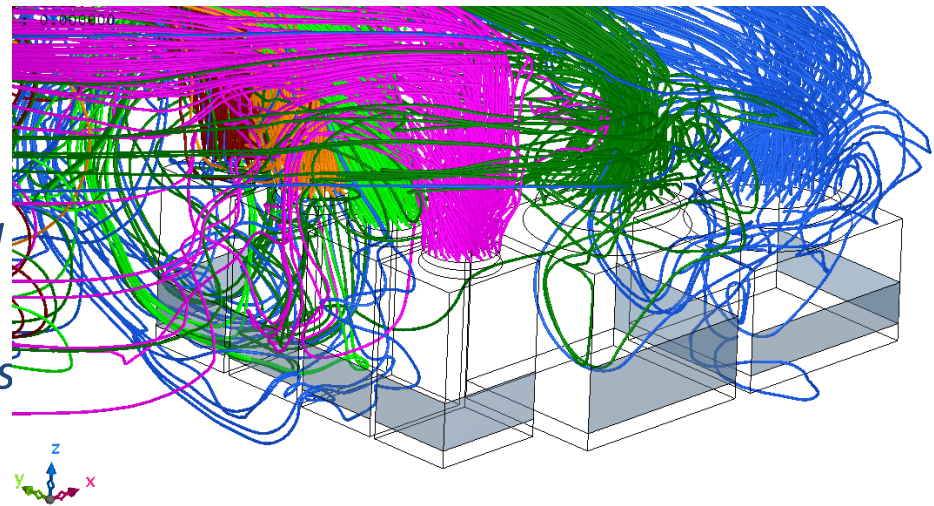
In the US, which the report said is home to 33 percent of the world's data centers, consumption is expected to rise from 200TWh in 2022 to 260TWh in 2026, some **six percent** of all power use across the country.

in Ireland, by 2026, data centers could account for **32 percent** of all power consumption due to a high number of new builds planned. This compares to **17 percent** in 2022. As reported by DCD, calls to limit the number of new data center projects in Ireland because of their energy use were **rejected** by the Irish government last year.

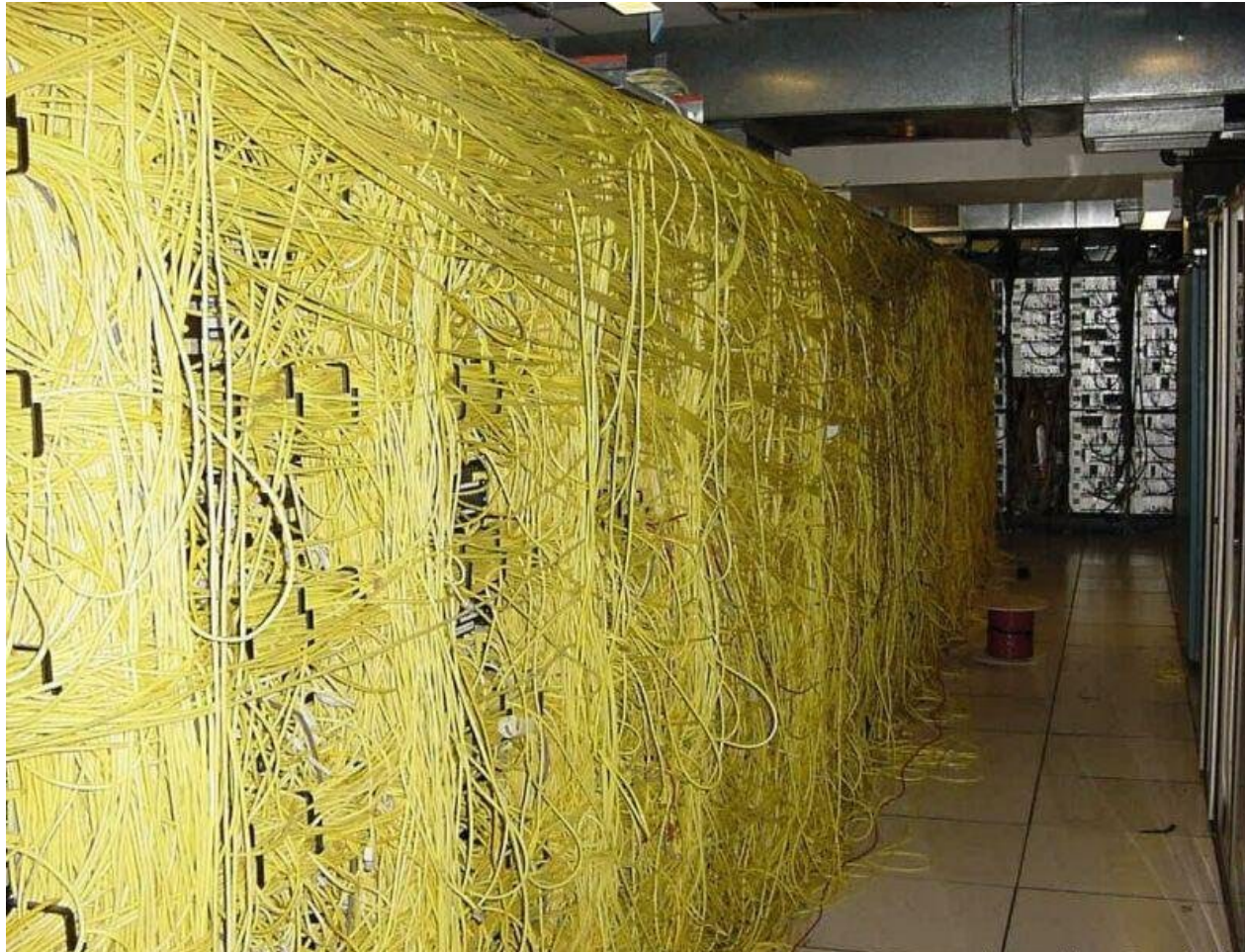
Way CFD ?

By CFD we constructs a computer model of the System structure and area and uses the technique of Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) to calculate the airflow pattern and pressure/temperature distributions.

- *Designing efficient cooling*
- *Examining "what if" scenarios*
- *Examining failure scenarios*
- *Evaluating options for positioning new equipment*
- *Making cost-effective investments in cooling-related hardware*



Practical Data Center Solutions ?

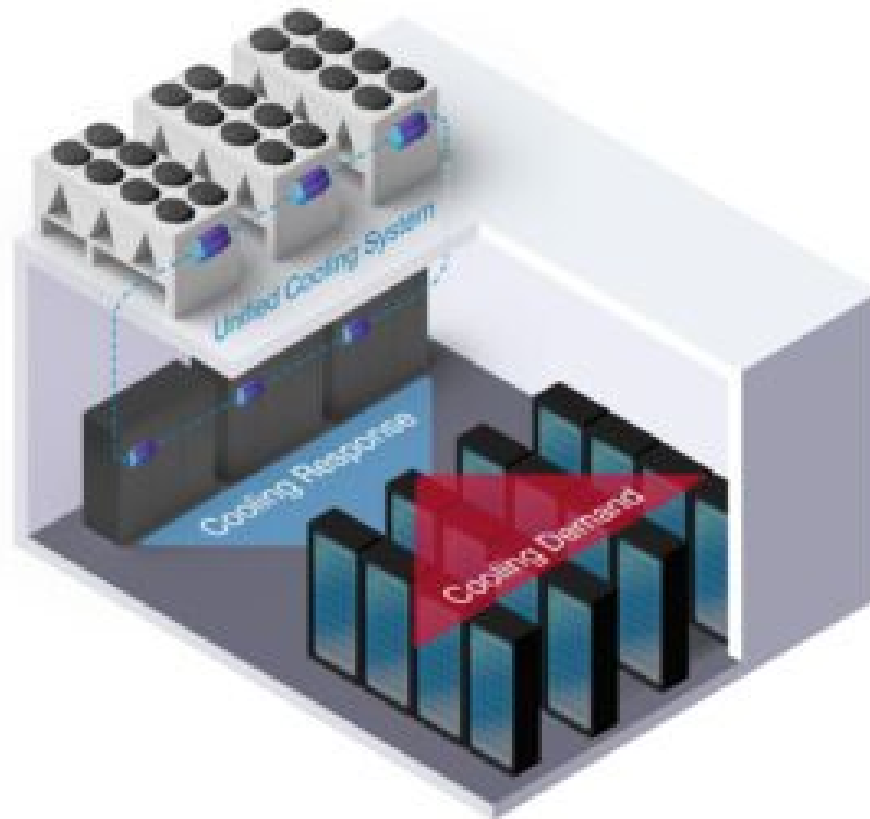


General Full Data Center System Chillier/Cooling Tower – CRAC - Racks

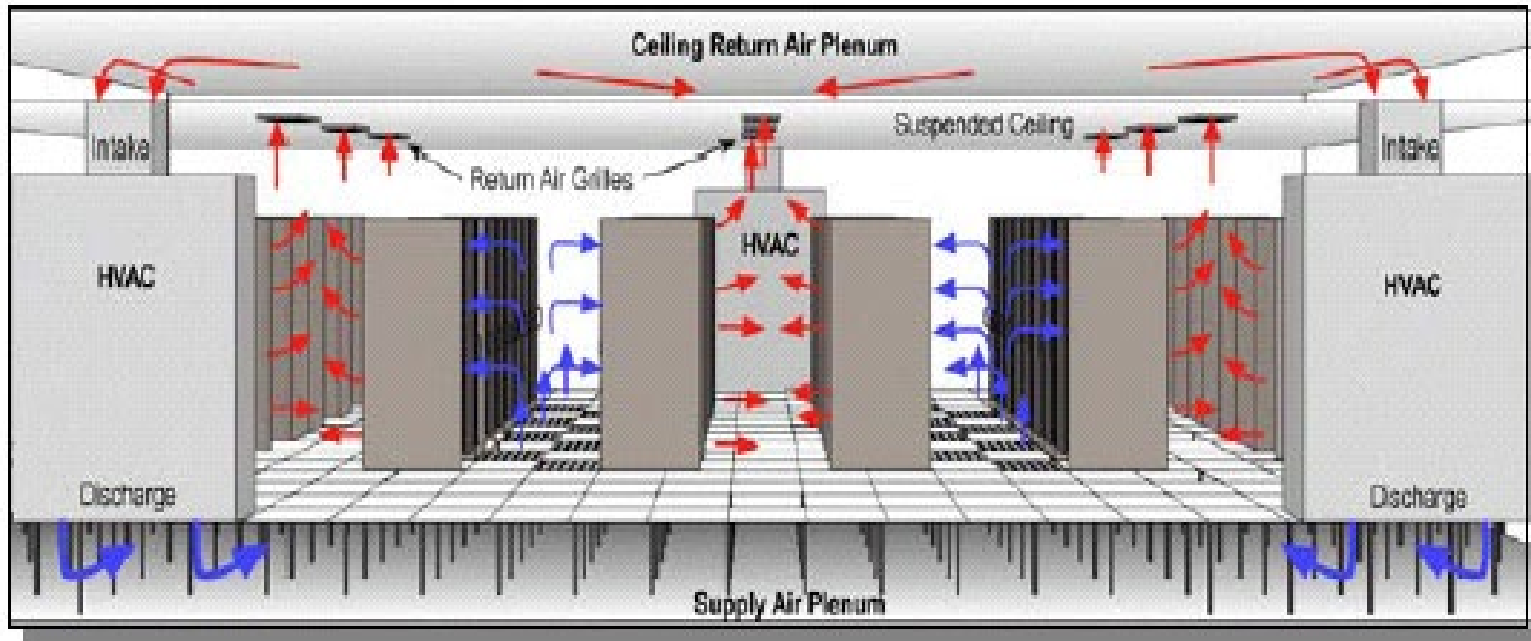
**Chillier/Cooling Tower
(Generators/ chiller)**

CRAC

Racks



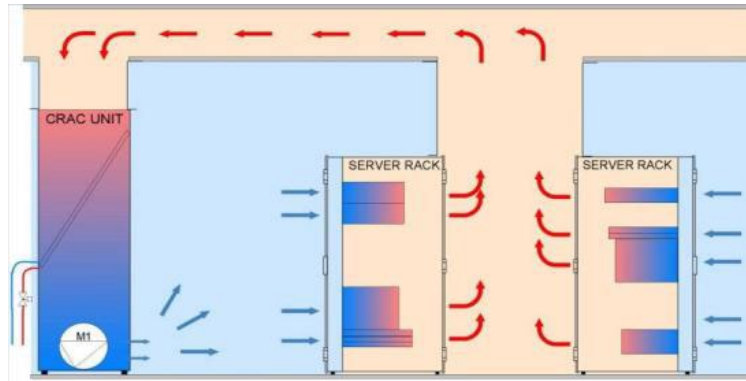
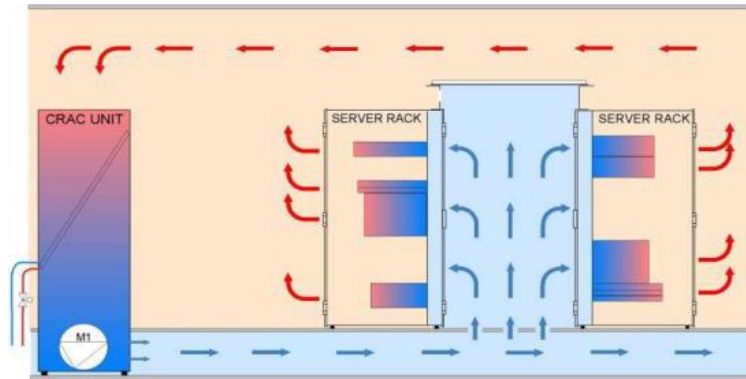
Common Rack Airflow Distribution



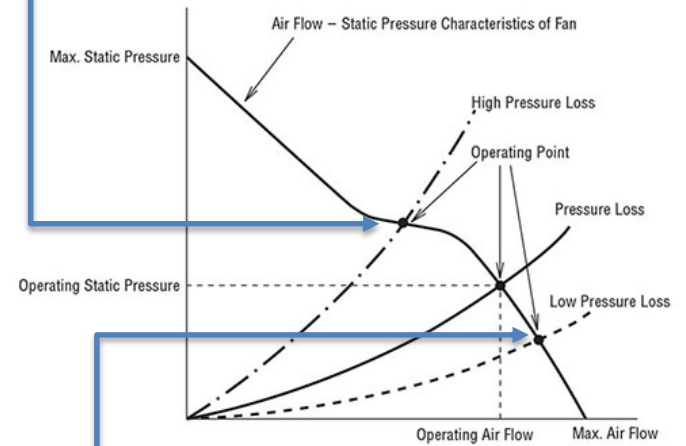
[HP]

- *Limit to LD system due to tile limits and raised floor limits*

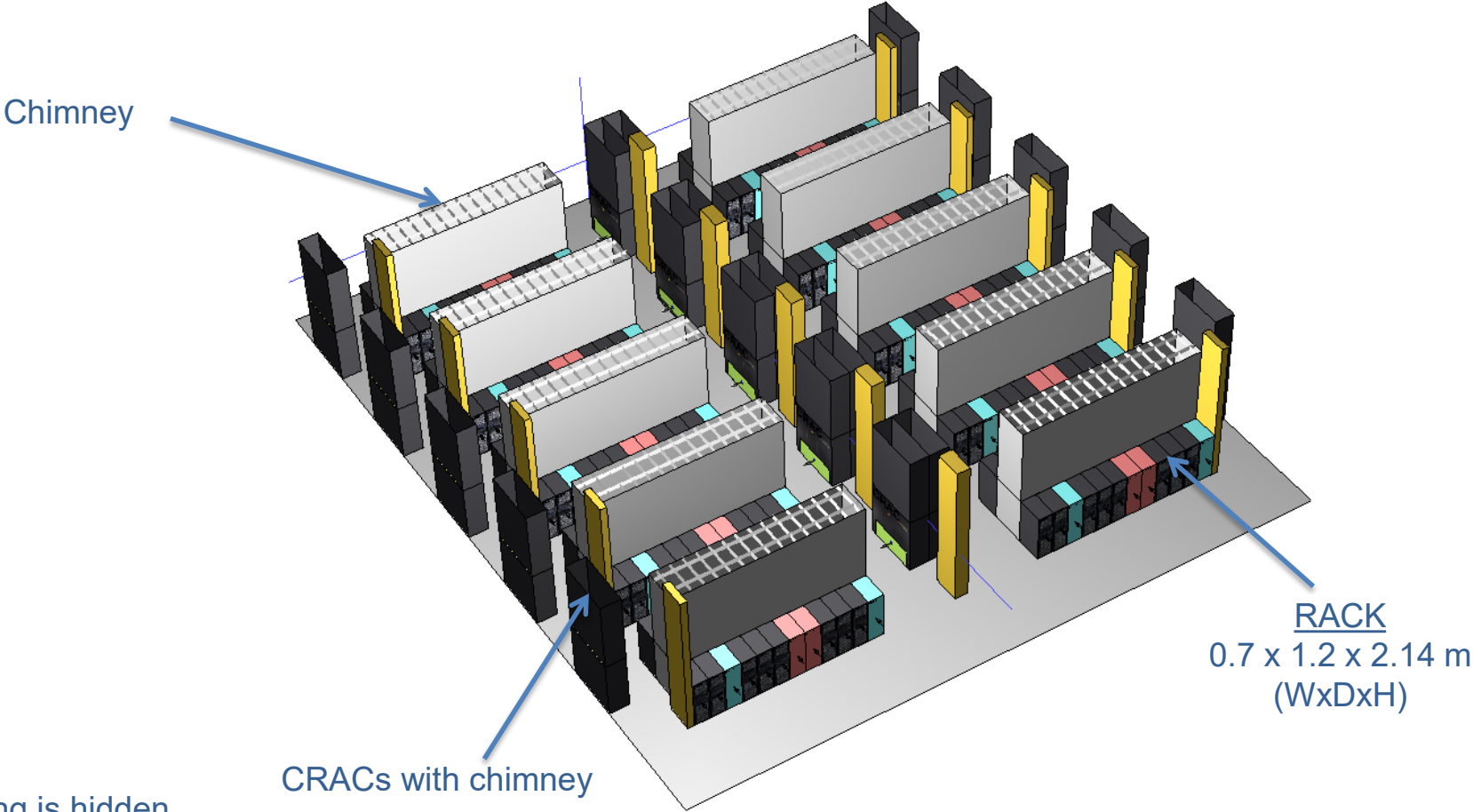
Hot/Cold Aisle Containment System Concept



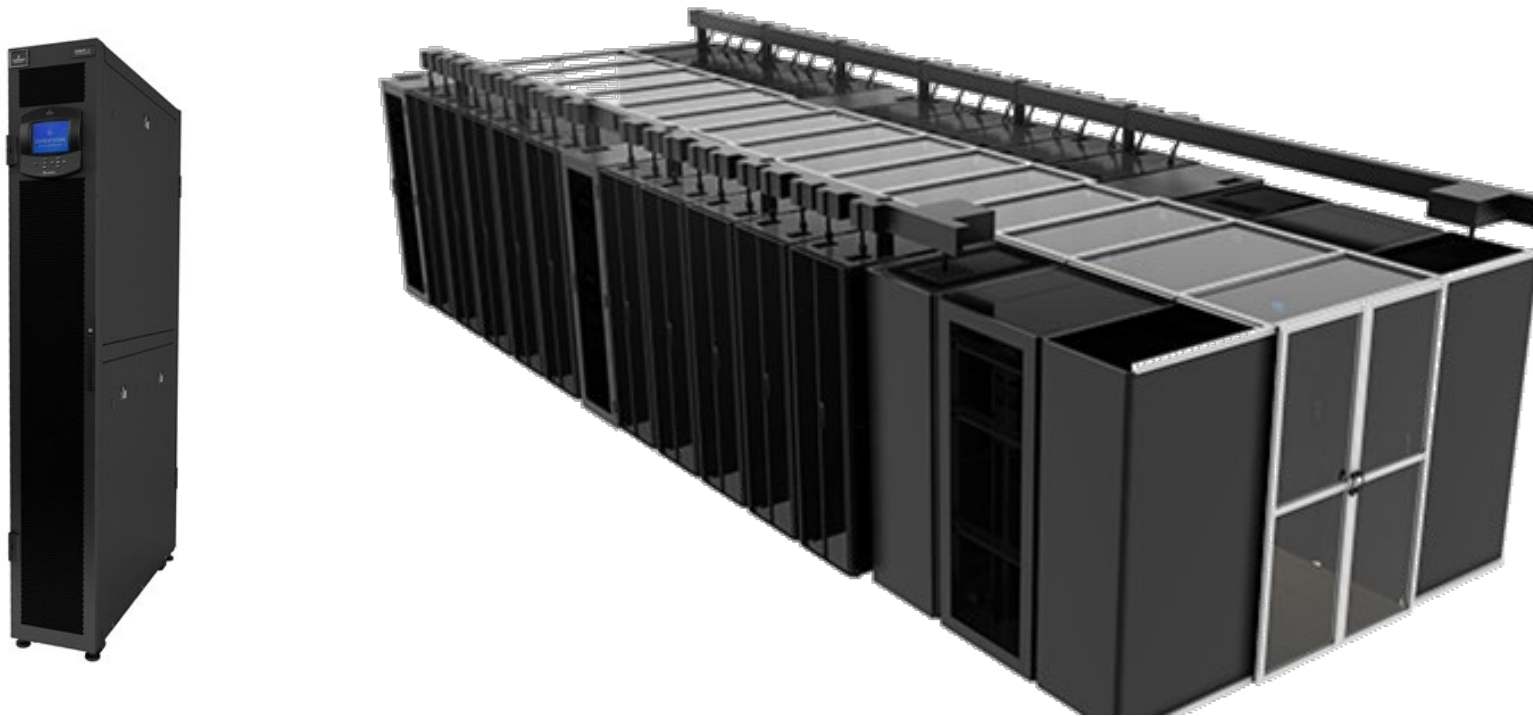
Tile Perforations



CRAC Cooling System With Chimney

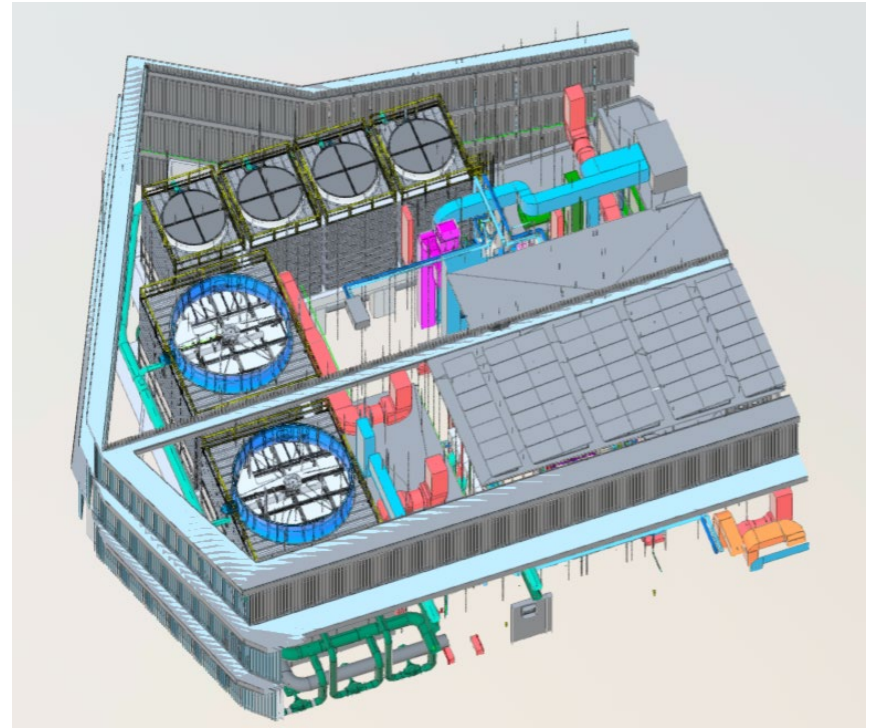
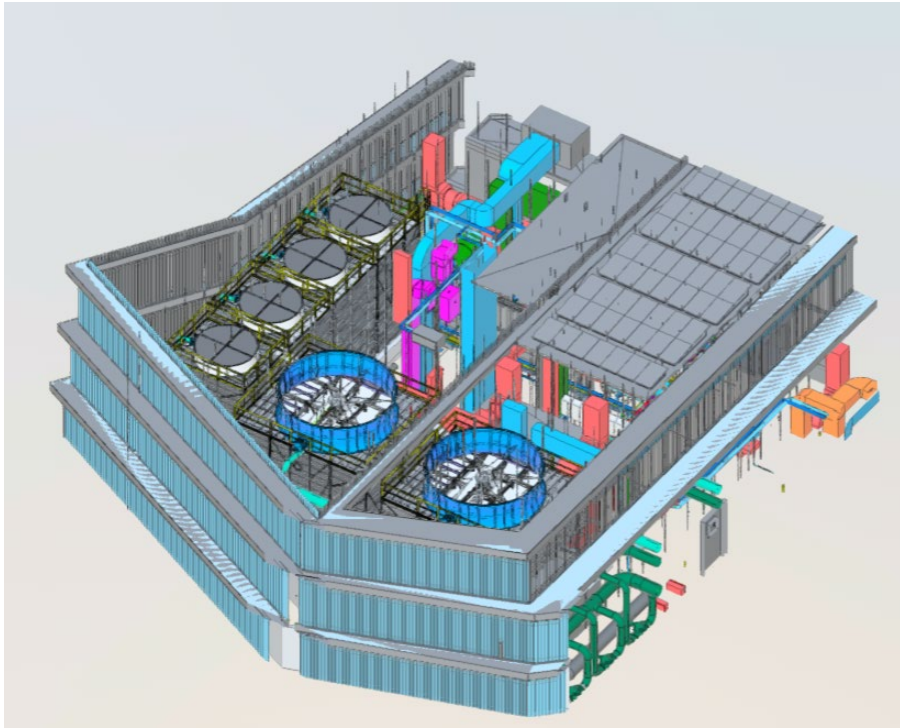


***“POD” – Hot and Cold Aisle System – For HD Rack
With “in row”***



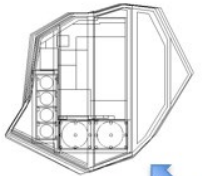
Example 1 - Roof With Cooling Towers

Roof Model Drawing Description

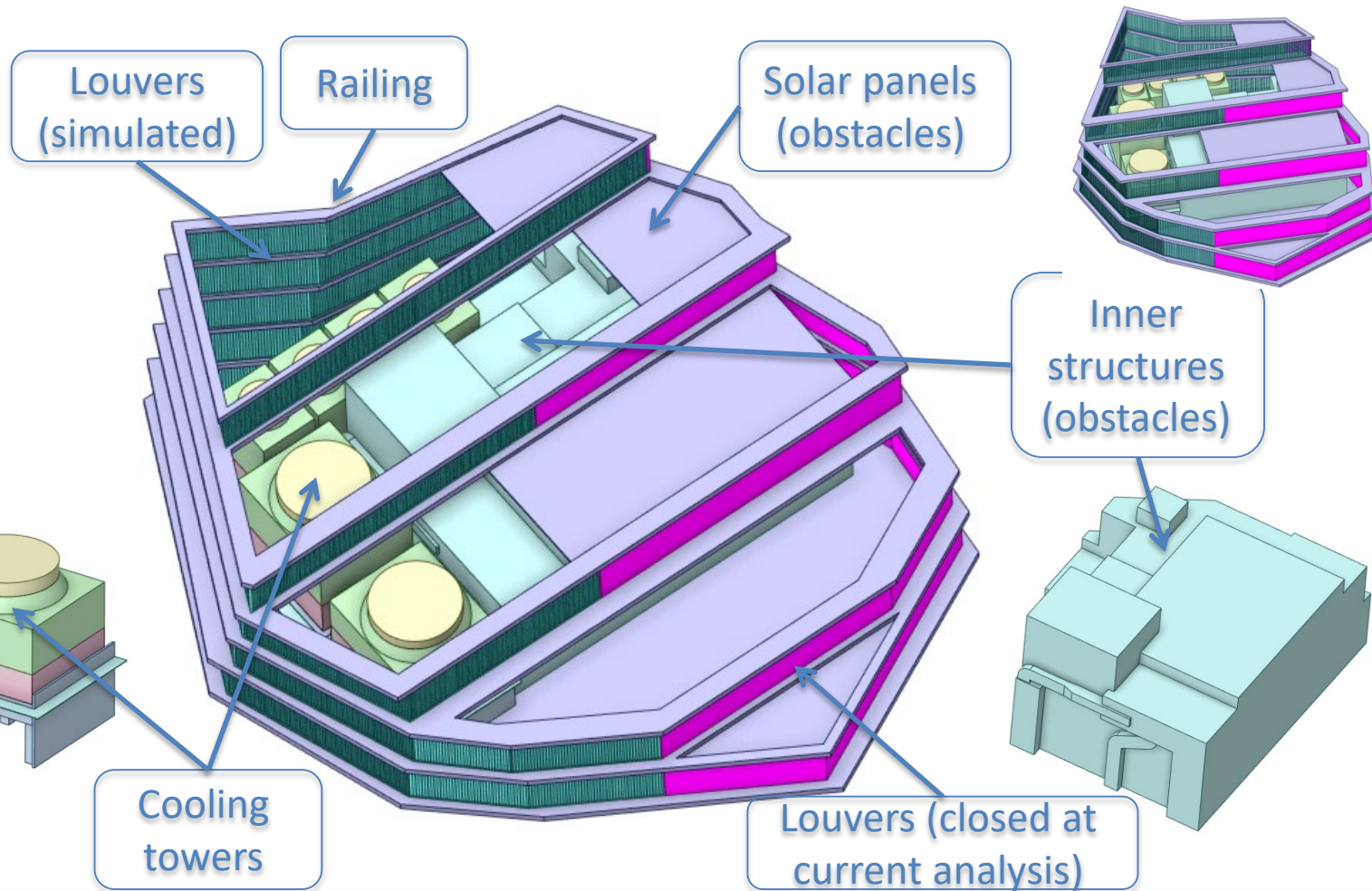


Example 1 – Roof CFD Model

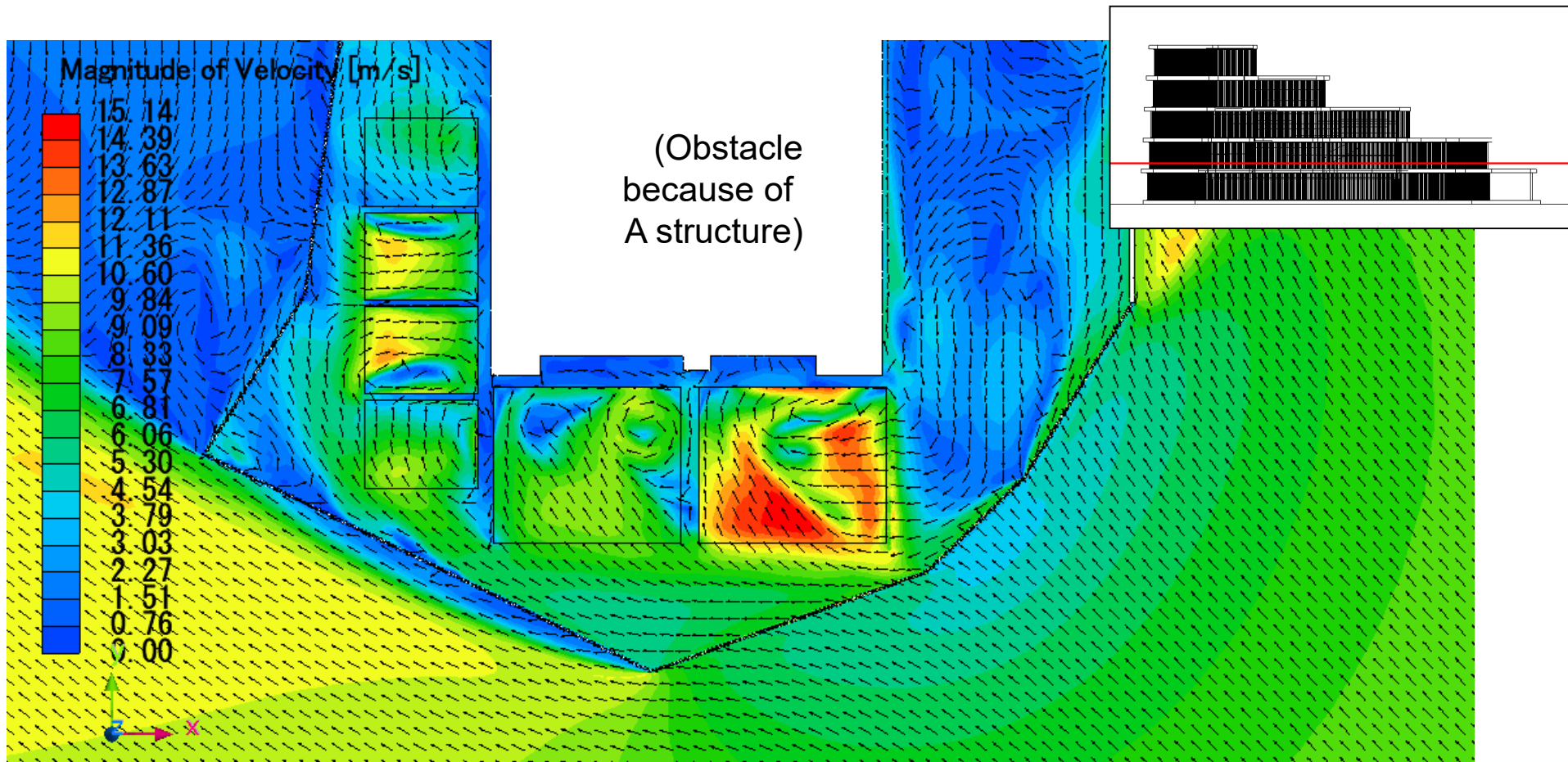
Wind Direction



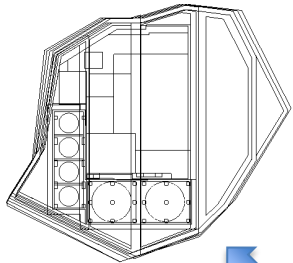
$V=10\text{m/s}$
from $[+x, -y]$



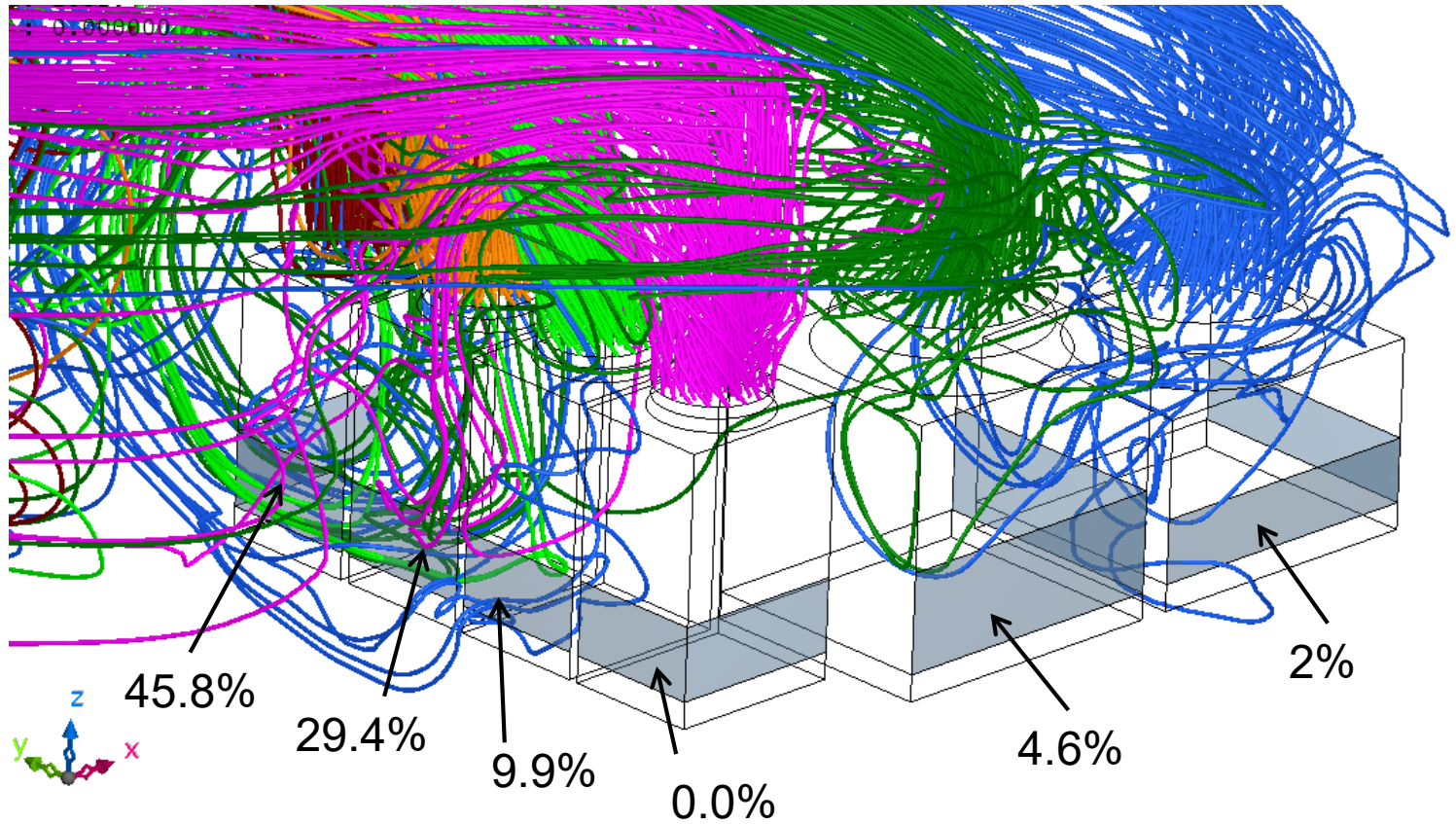
Example 1 – Simulation Results - Velocity Distribution Horizontal Cross Section Through Center of Towers



Example 1 – Simulation Results - Air Flow At Outlets Of Tower – Back Flow Percentage

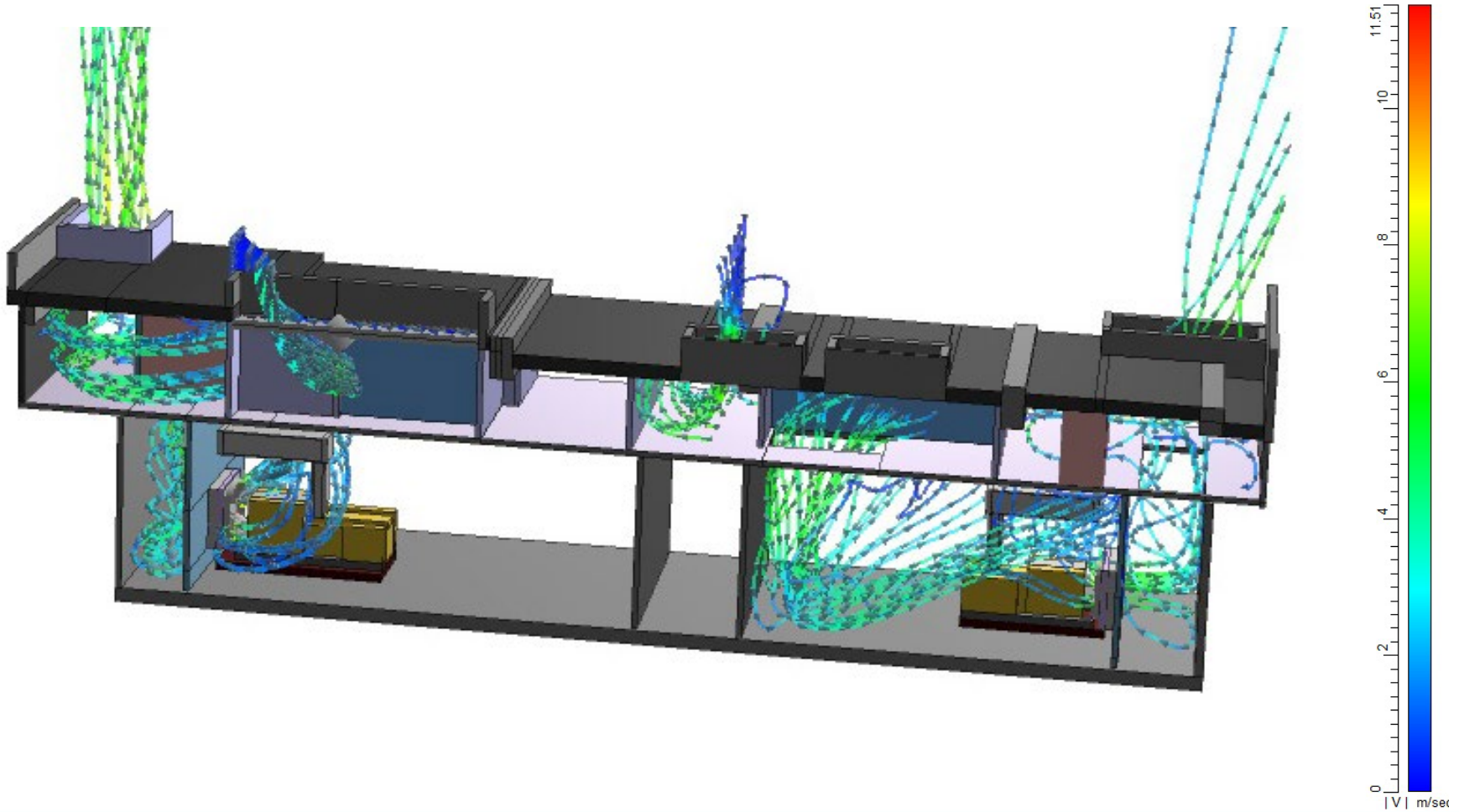


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In each tower the percent of returning air from the total flow that enters the tower is given in black

Generators /Chiller Level



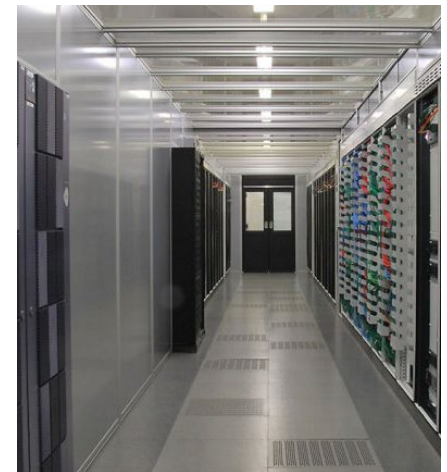
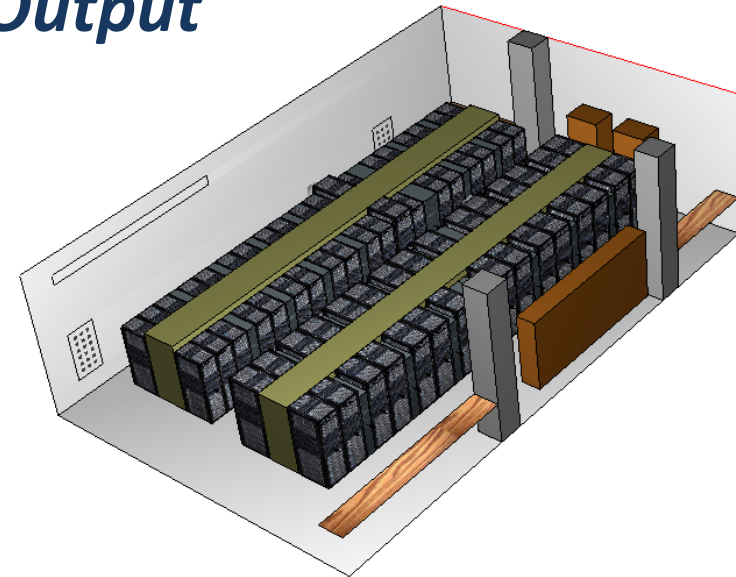
Simulations Input/Output

- **Input**

- Geometrical model (structure, rise floor/roof)
- Tile opening
- Rack/CRAC performances
- Powers

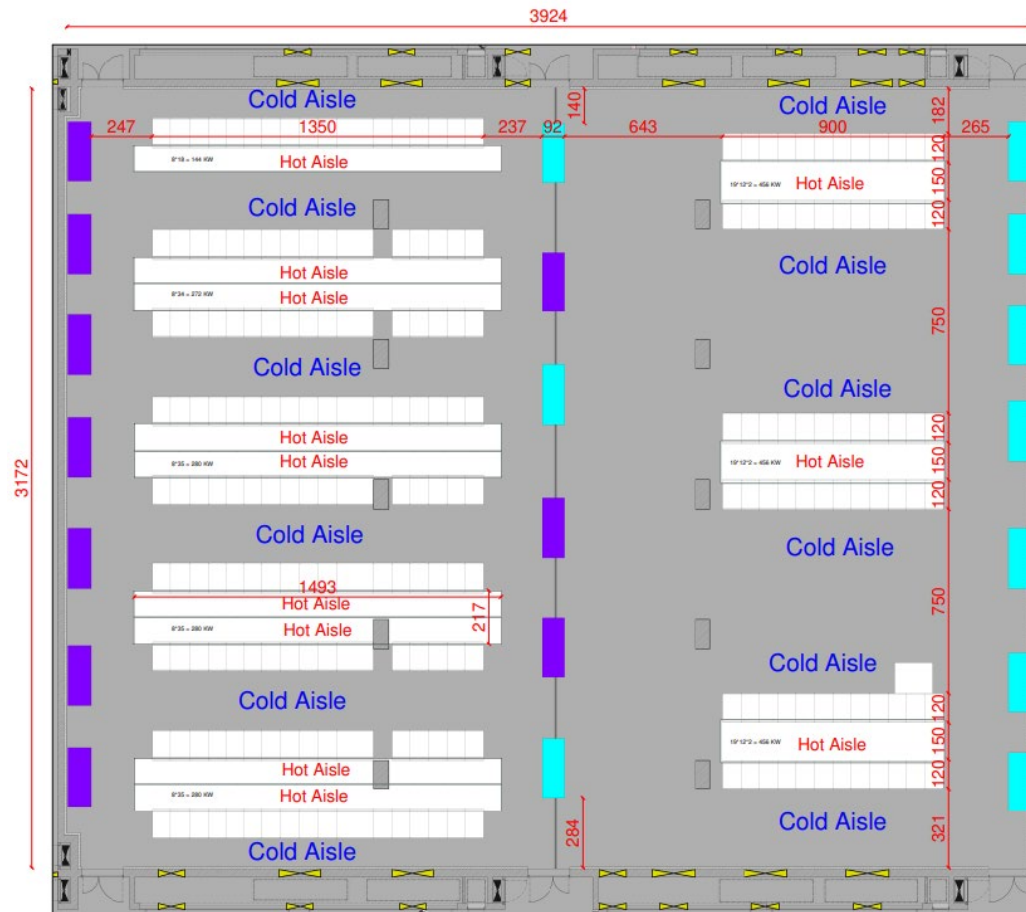
- **Output**

- Temperature distribution
- Air velocity distribution
- Pressure distribution
- Tile - air flow/pressure droop
- Rack Characteristics
 - Air flow
 - Pressure drop
 - Temperature differences
- CRAC/Inrow Characteristics
 - Air flow
 - Pressure drop
 - Temperature differences

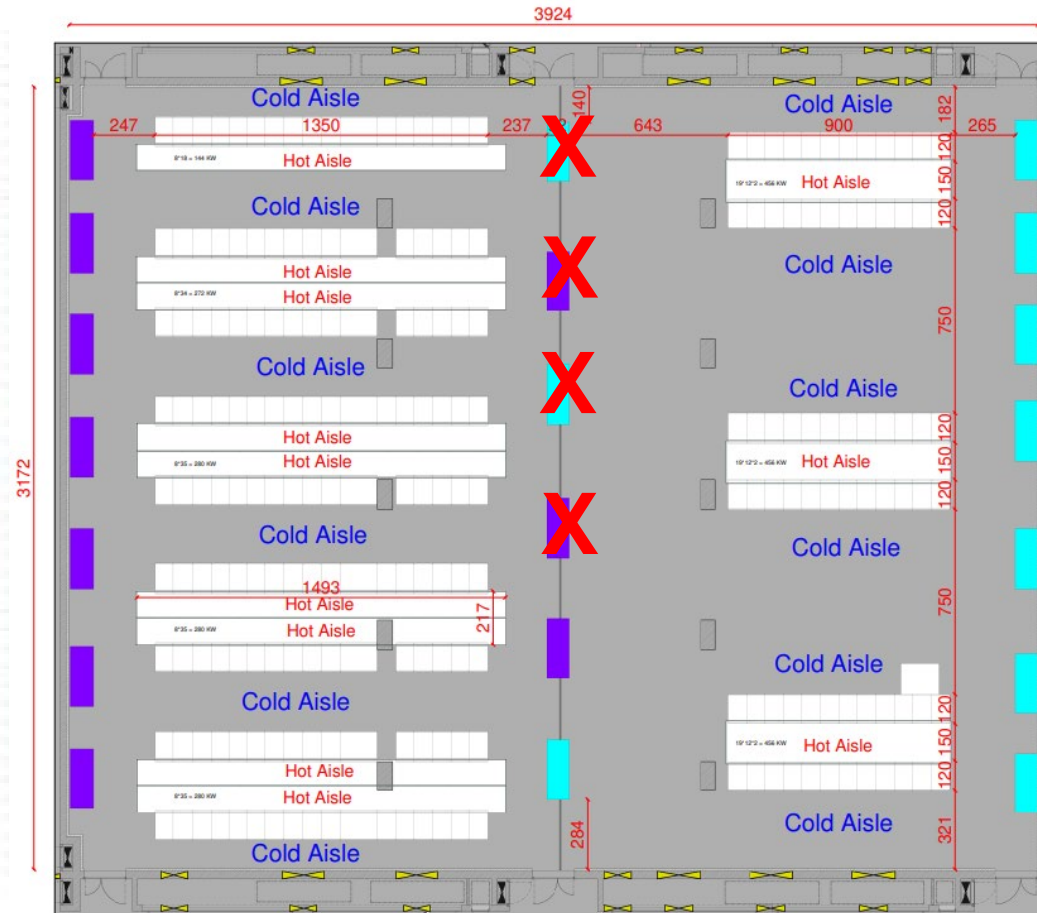


Example 2 - Data Center

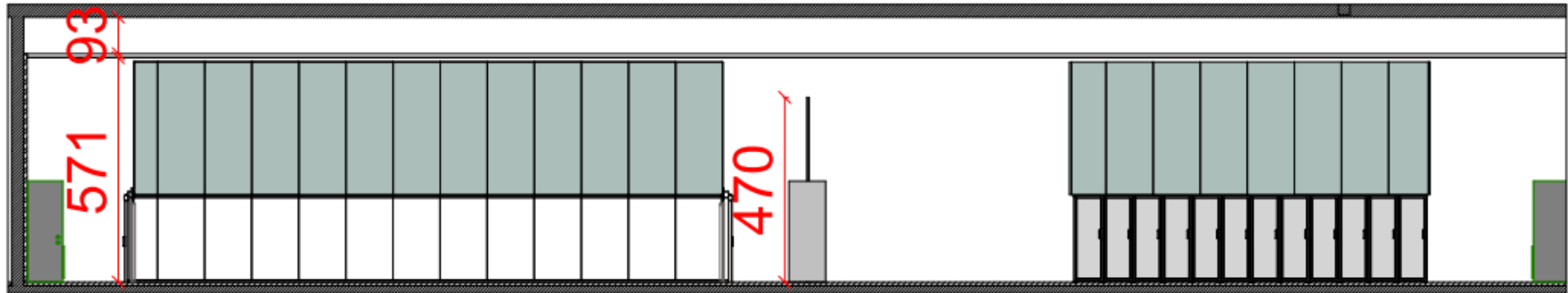
Room Layout - 229 Racks With Powers 8/19KW- Total =2624 KW



Example 2 - Data Center Case With CRAC Failure



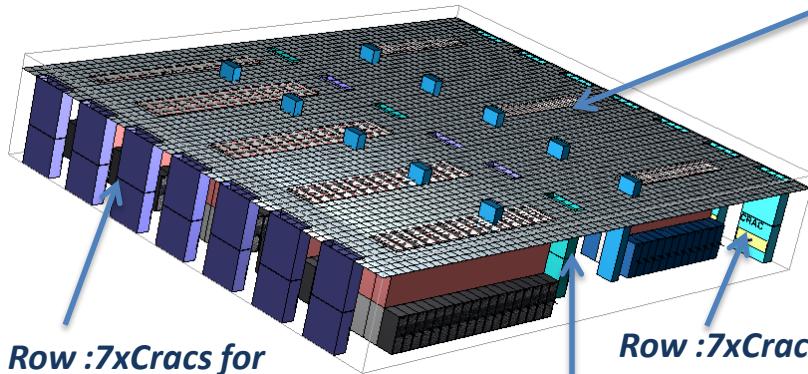
Example 2 - Data Center Room Side Cross Section View



Example 2 - Data Center Thermal Model General Isometric View

Row :20xCRACs
Return air are from the
top to front (supply air)

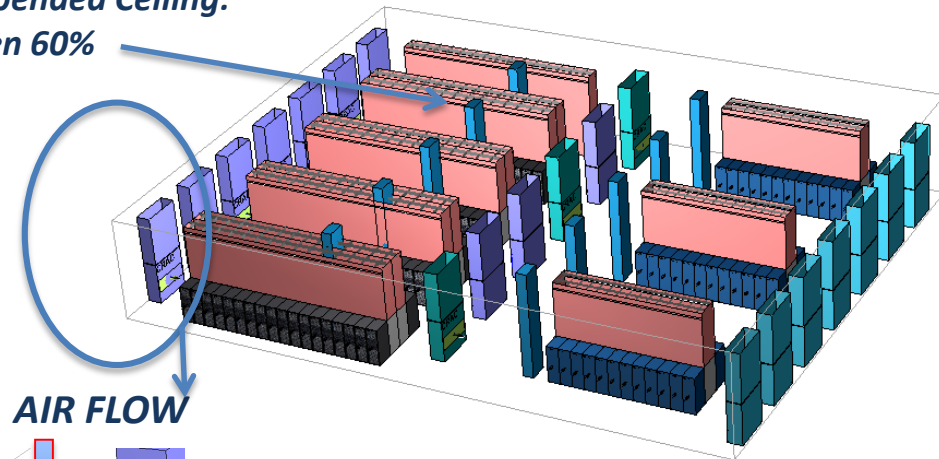
Suspended Ceiling:
Open 60%



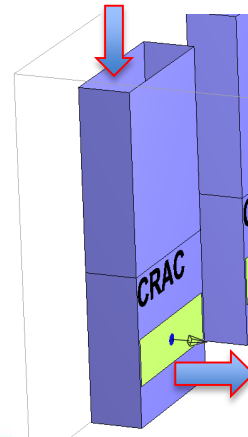
Row :7xCracs for
Racks 8watt

Row :7xCracs for
Racks 19watt

Row :3xCracs for
Racks 8watt
3xCracs for
Racks 19watt



AIR FLOW



CRAC
Dimensions:255x257x89cm(WxDxH)

Example 2 - Data Center Racks – Thermal Model Description



Rack

General | Flow Configuration | Air Flow and Heat Load

Turned off / Failed

Name:

Nameplate:

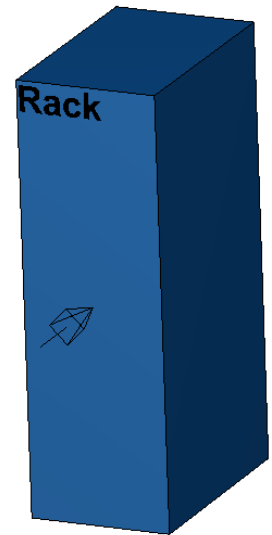
Color:

Dimensions

Width (cm):

Height (cm):

Depth (cm):



General | Flow Configuration | Air Flow and Heat Load

Servers (from bottom to top)

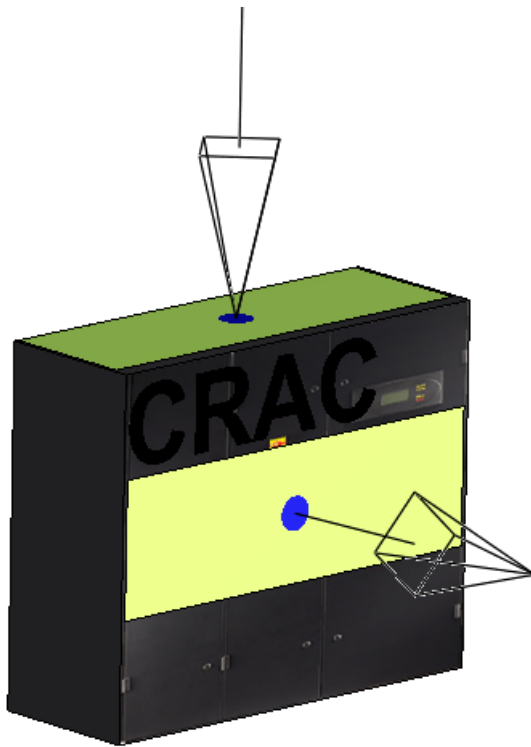
Type	Height (cm)	Heat Load (kW)	T Rise (°C)	Flow Rate (ft ³ /min)
Whole Rack	198.12	8	11.7	1198.95

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Example 2 - Data Center CRAC – Thermal Model Description



CRAC

General Air Flow Thermal Model Inlets and Outlets

Turned off / Failed

Name

Nameplate

Color

Width (cm)

Height (cm)

Depth (cm)

Duct

Height (cm) Auto

General Air Flow Thermal Model Inlets and Outlets

Flow Rate (ft³/min)

Alpha (deg)

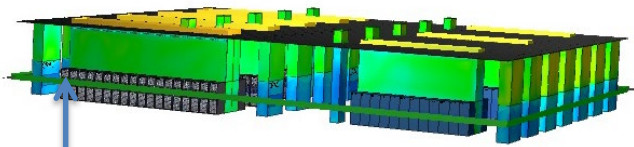
General Air Flow Thermal Model Inlets and Outlets

Constant Supply Temperature

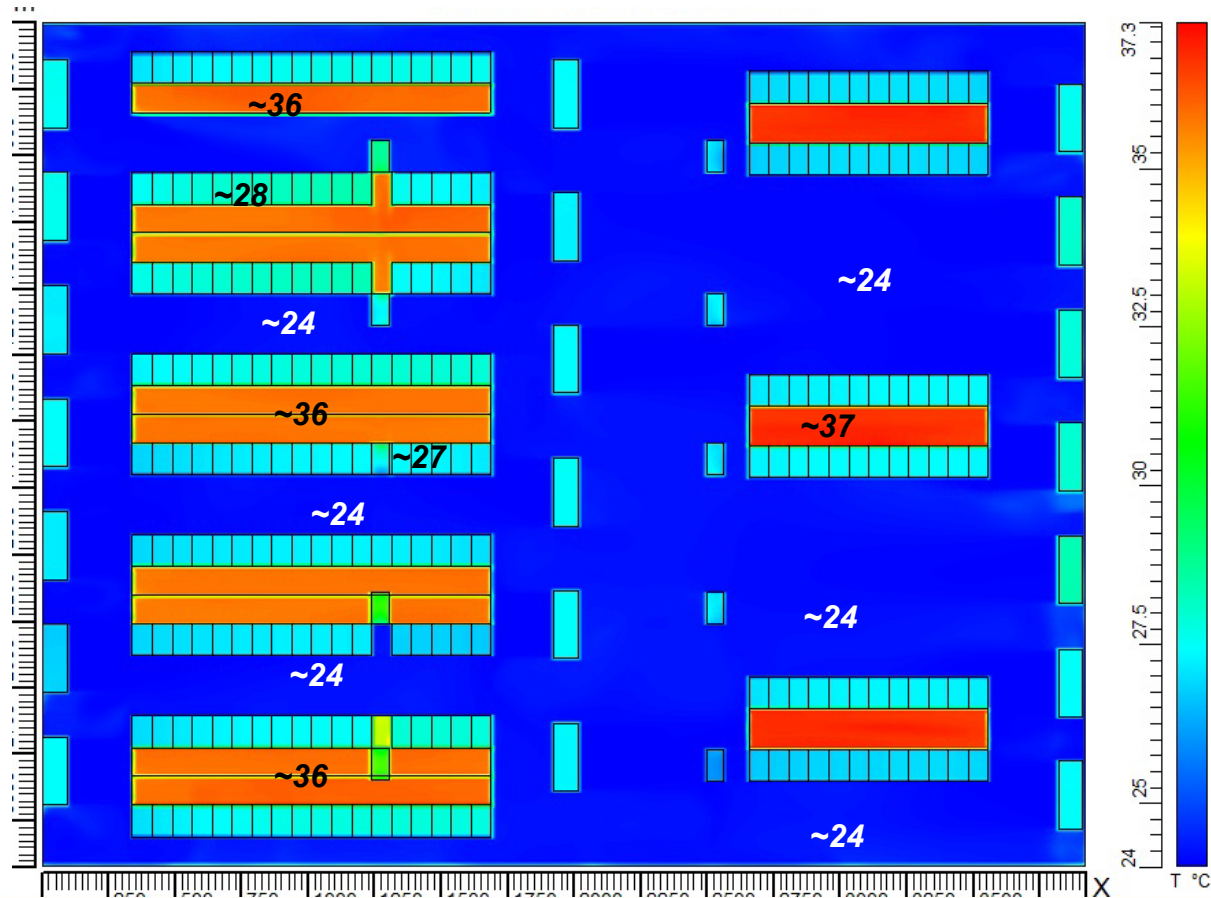
Tsupply (°C)

Example 2 - Data Center – Simulation Results

Temperature Distribution – Horizontal Cross Section

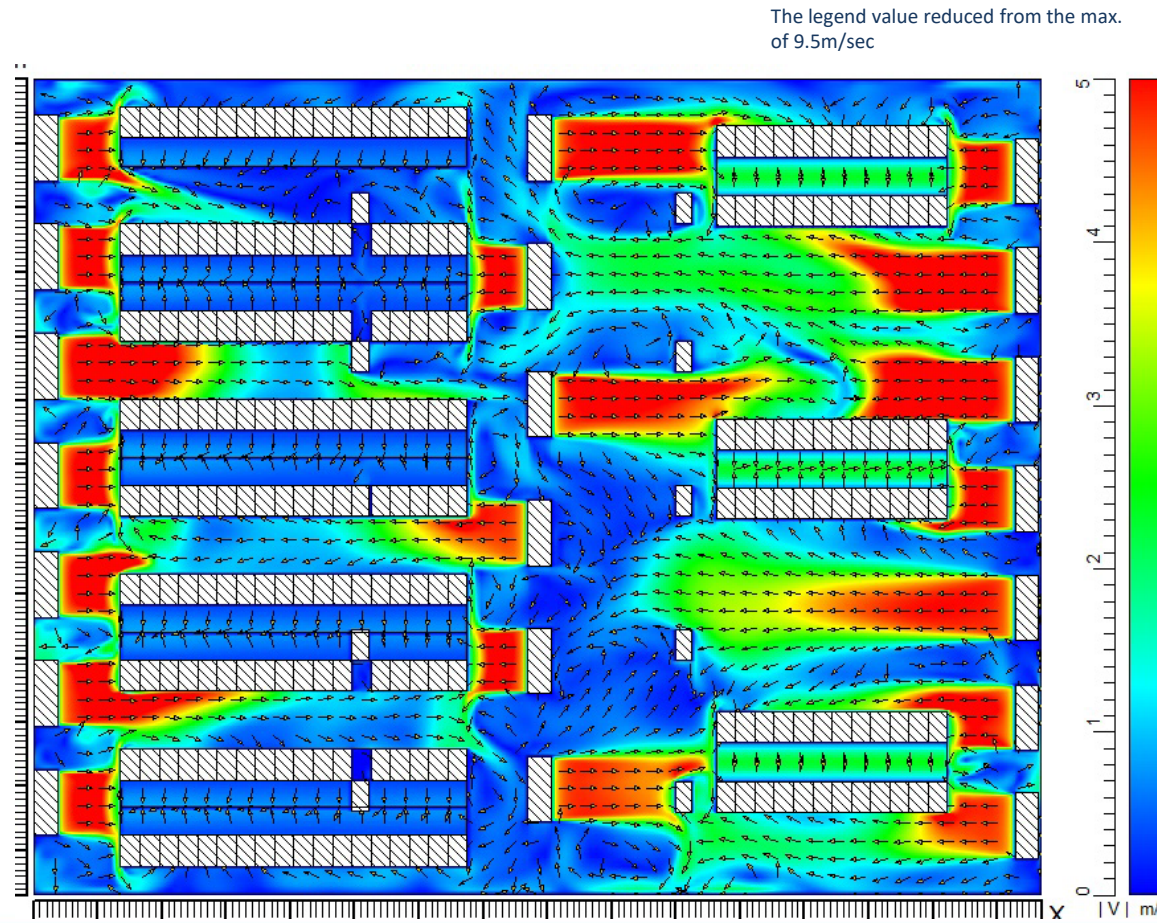
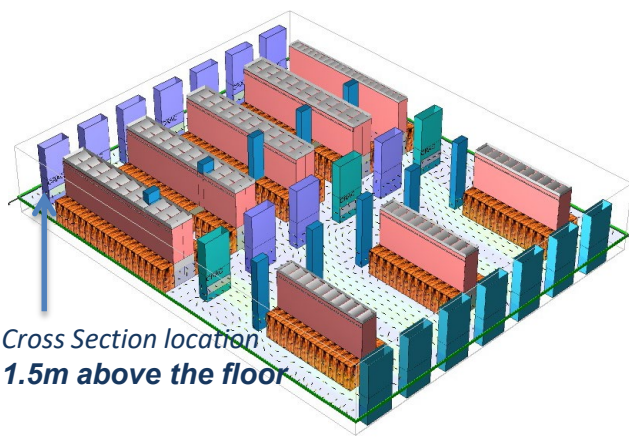


Cross Section
location
1.5m above
the floor



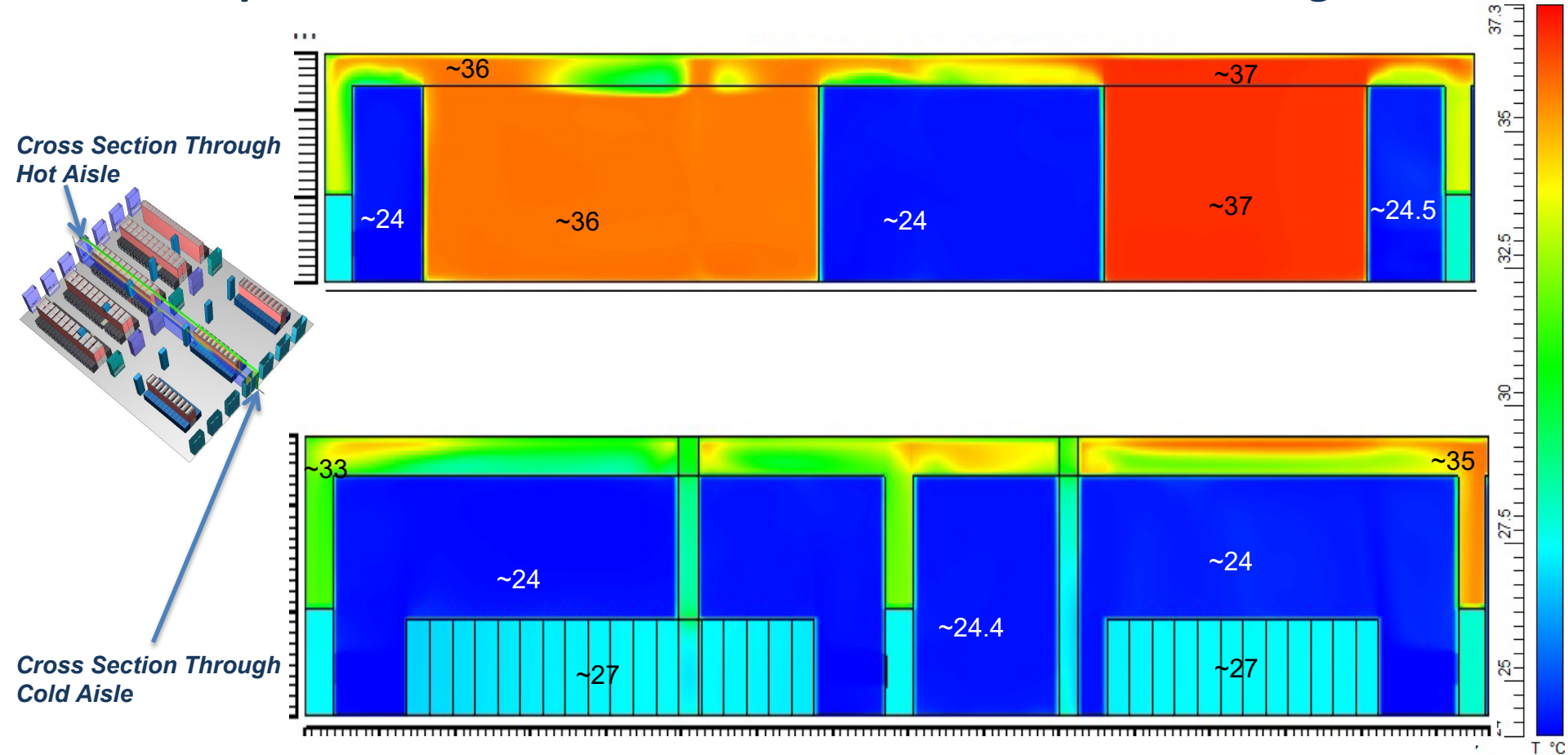
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Air Flow Distribution Horizontal Cross Section



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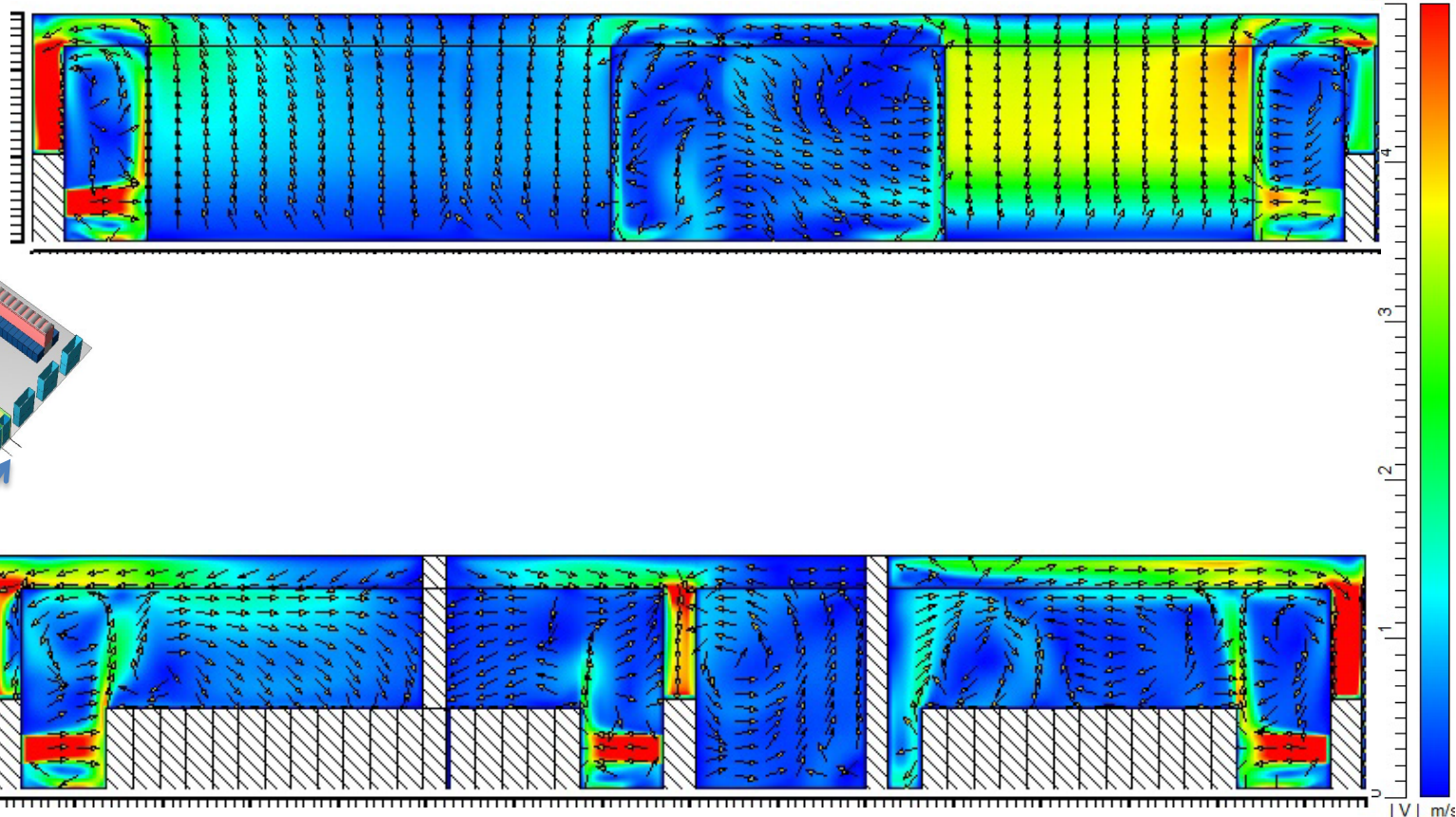
Temperature Distribution Vertical Cross Section Through CRAC



Example 2 - Data Center – Simulation Results

Air Flow Velocity Distribution Cross Section Through CRAC & HOT and Cold Aisle

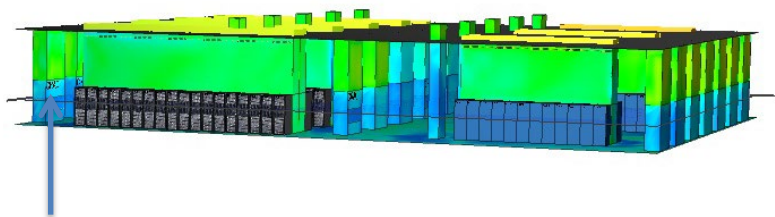
Cross Section Through HOT Aisle



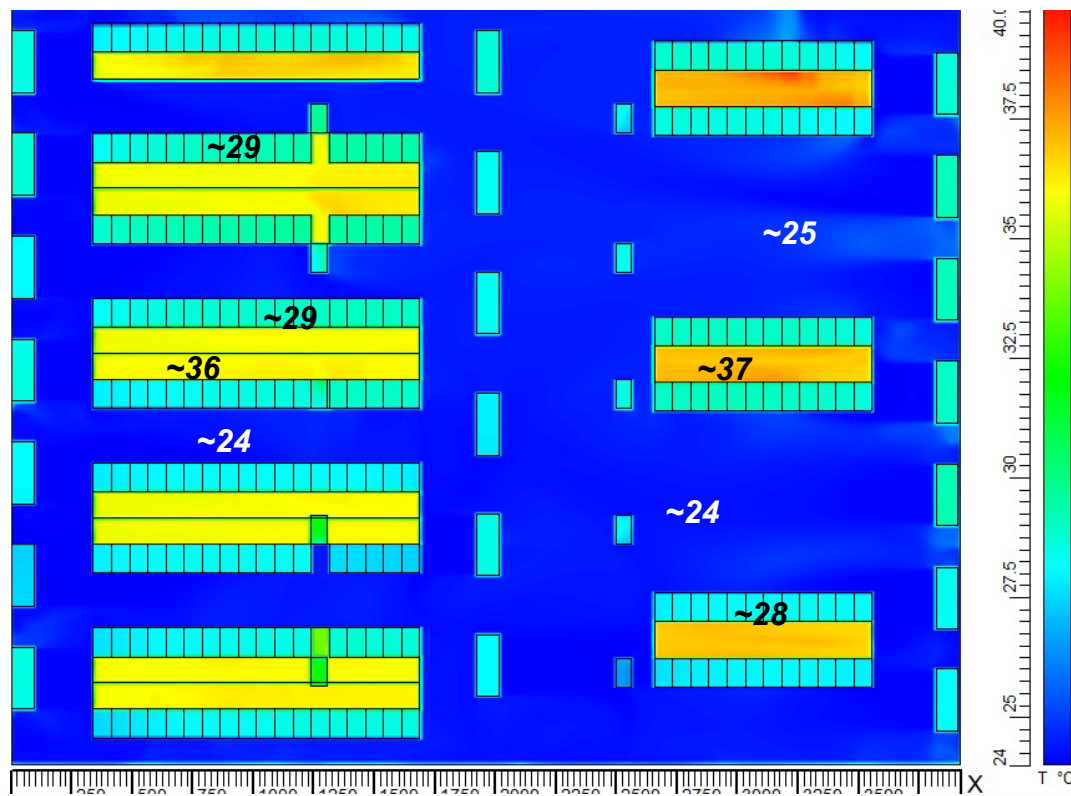
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Temperature Distribution – Case With CRAC Failure

Horizontal Cross Section



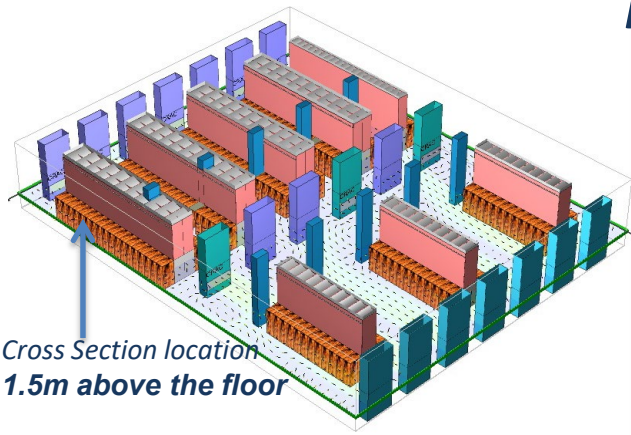
Cross Section location
1.5m above the floor



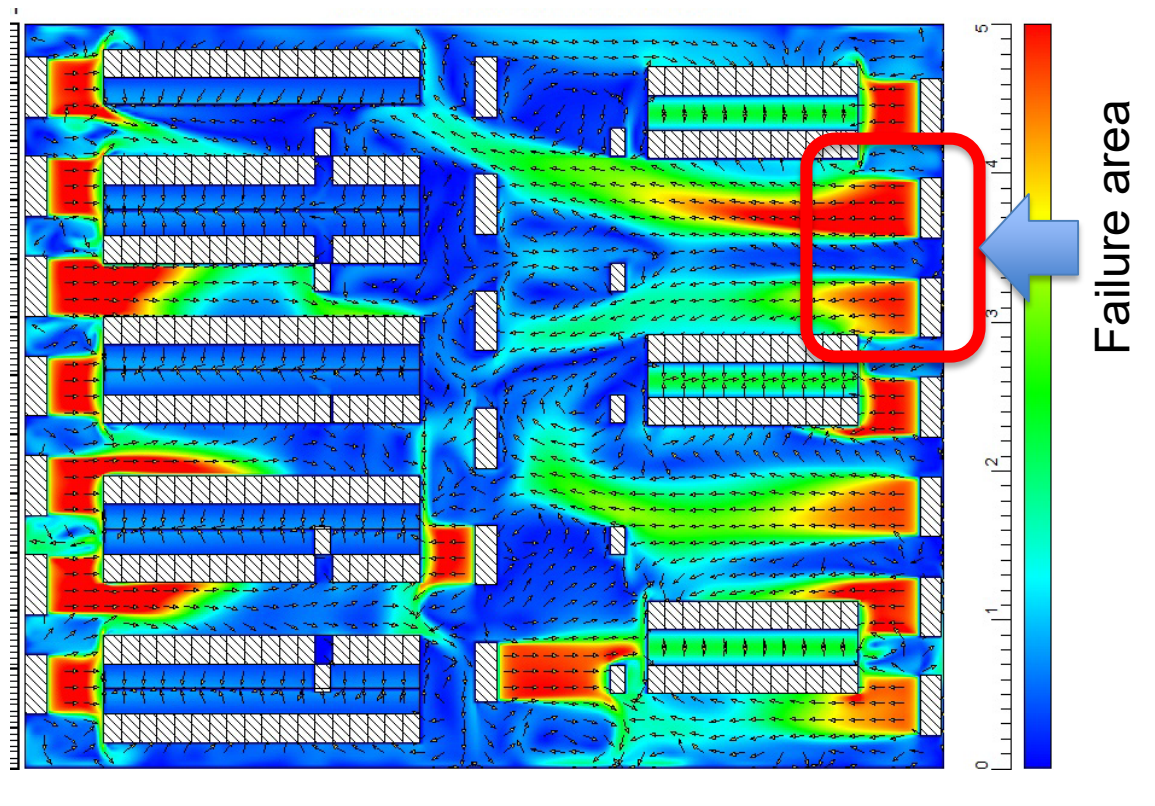
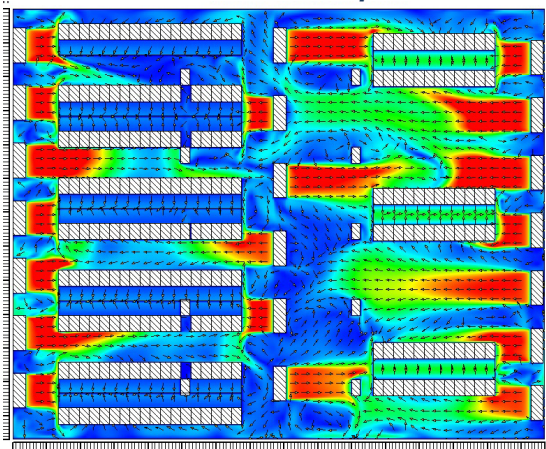
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Air flow Distribution – Case With CRAC Failure

Horizontal Cross Section



Basic Case for comparison



Thanks
Questions ?

