

# Air-Water Systems



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# Chilled Ceilings and Beams

*Early 1980's*

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**Chilled Ceilings**

- Buildings well insulated for heating
- Advent of personal computers
- Need to remove heat from space
- Limited space available

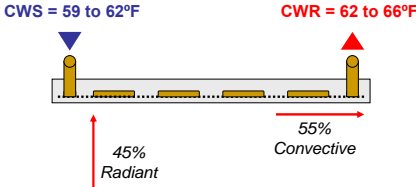



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# Principle of Operation

*Chilled Ceiling Panels*

**CWS = 59 to 62°F**

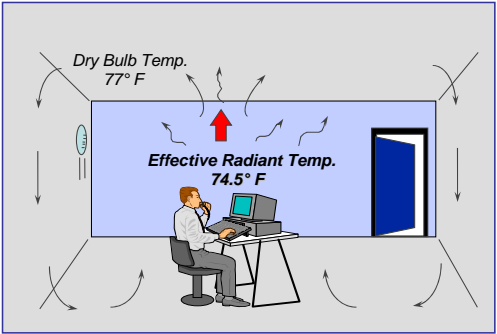




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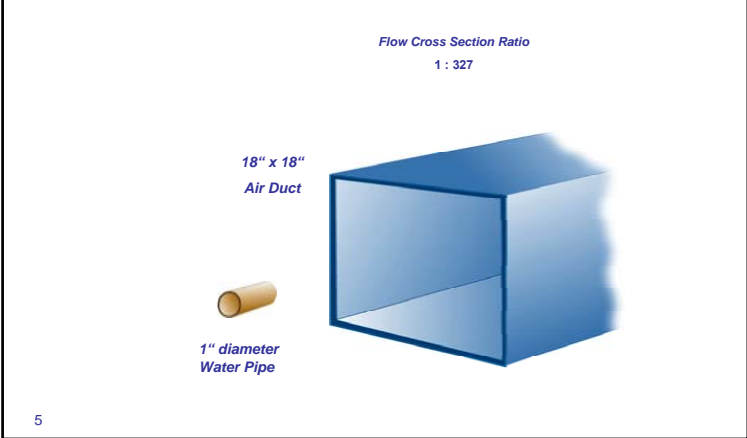
# Radiant Effect on Occupants

*Chilled Ceiling Panels*



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## Cooling Capacity Comparison

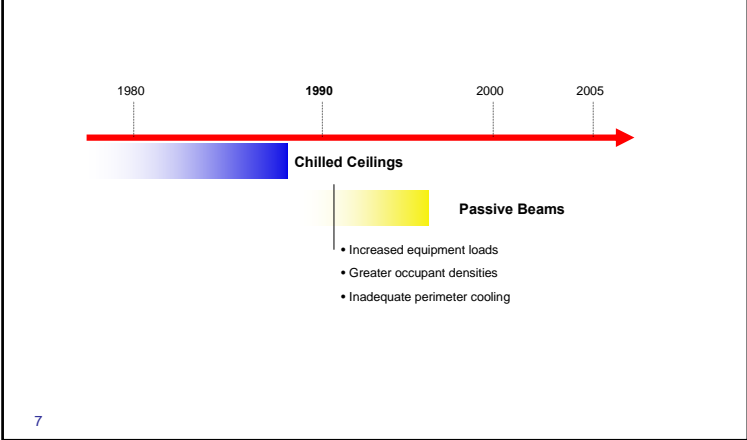


## Chilled Ceiling Systems

- Improved thermal comfort
  - Minimal space requirements
  - Low energy cooling solution
  - **Limited Cooling Capacity**
    - 25 BTUH/FT<sup>2</sup> of active panel
    - 18 BTUH/FT<sup>2</sup> of floor area (based on 70% active ceiling)
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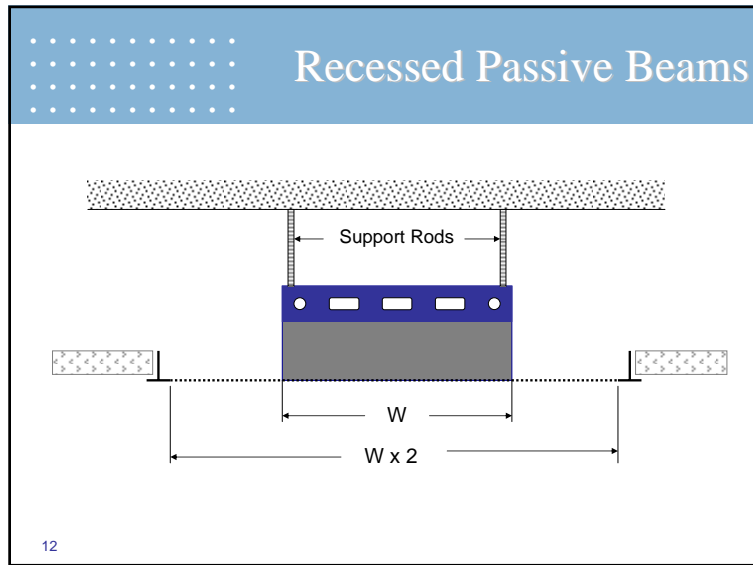
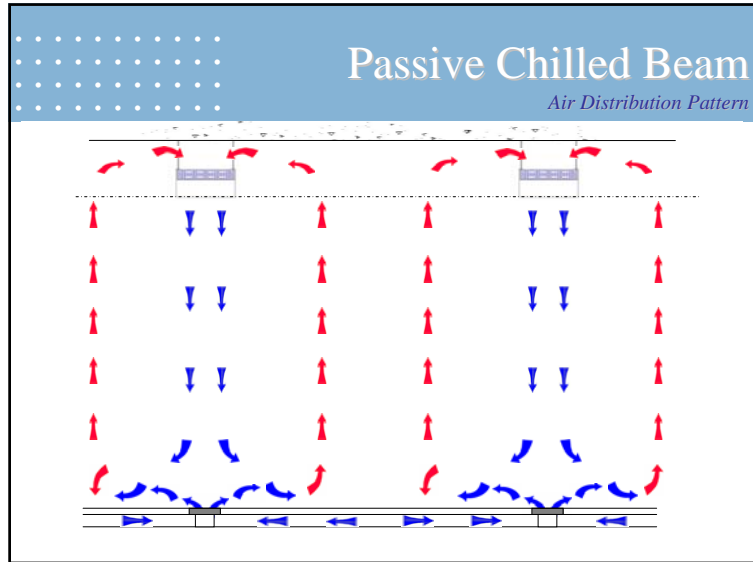
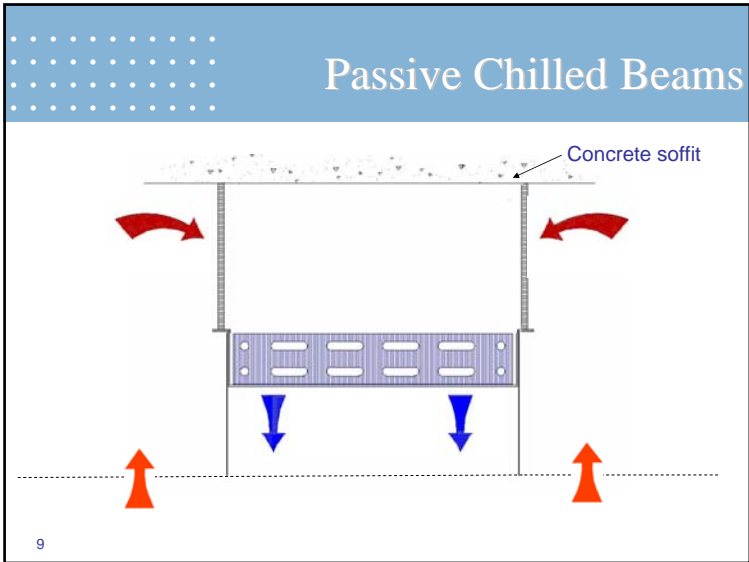
## Chilled Ceilings and Beams

Early 1990's



## Passive Chilled Beams

- Ceiling manufacturers begin to sell high free area perforation panels competitively
  - Convective coils replace ceiling panels
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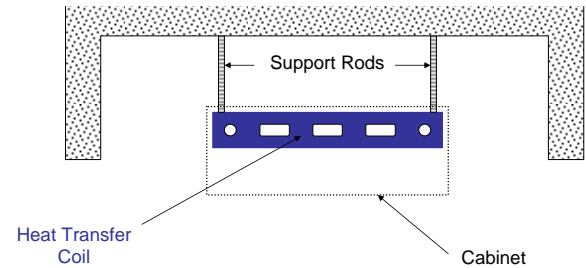


# Passive Beam Installations



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# Exposed Passive Beam



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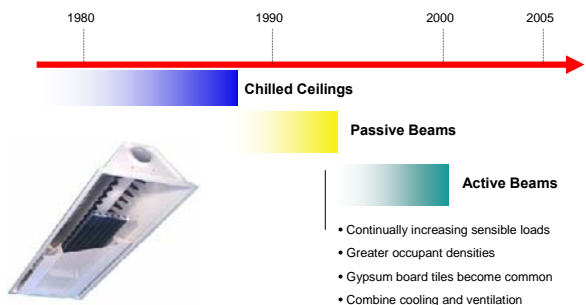
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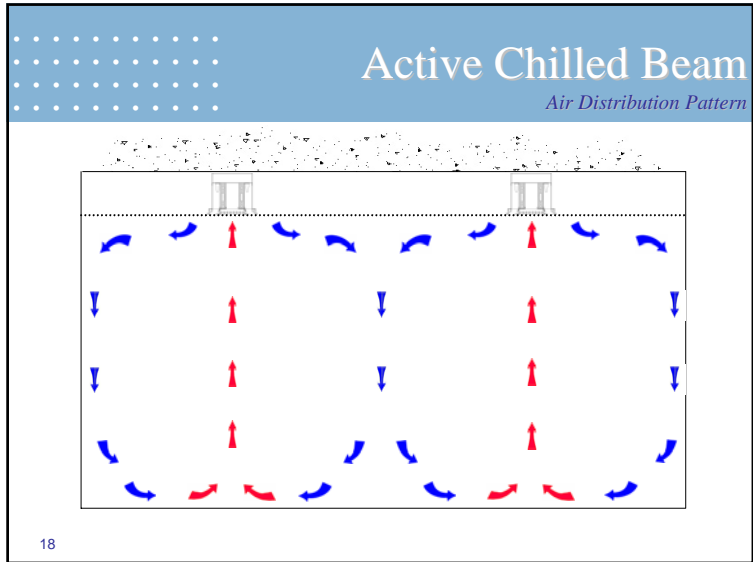
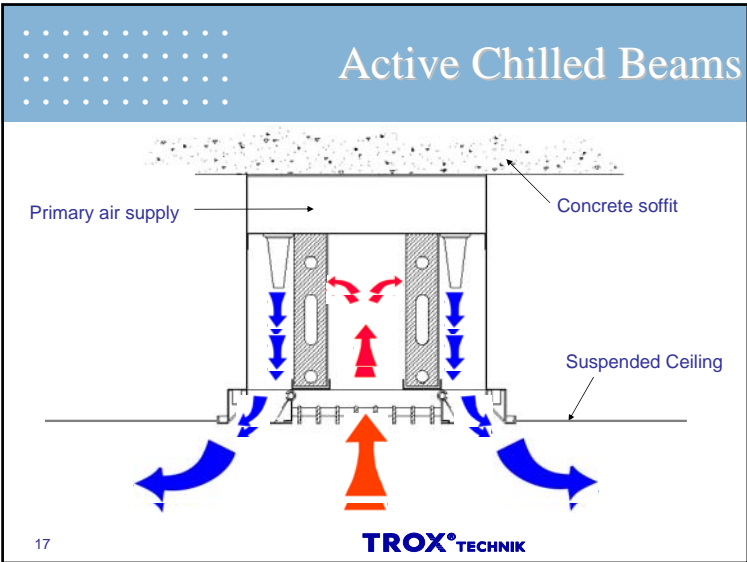
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# Chilled Ceilings and Beams

*Mid 1990's*



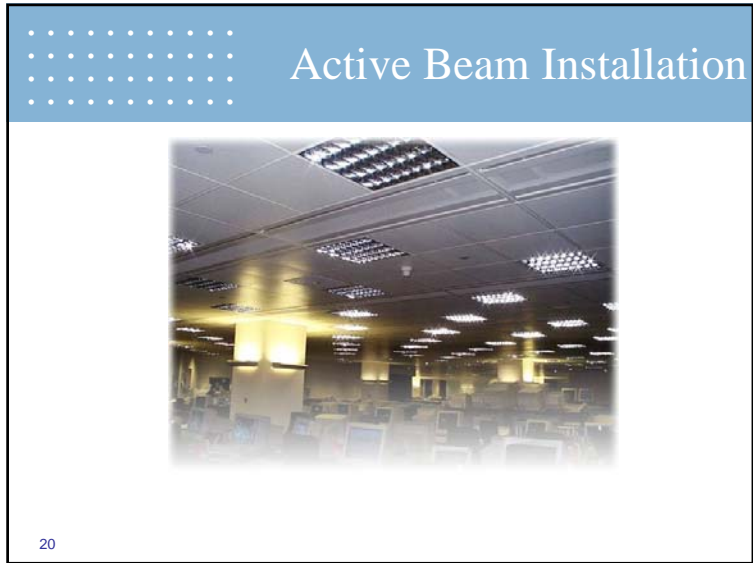
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## Active Chilled Beams

- Sensible loads up to 100 BTUH/FT<sup>2</sup>
- Primary air delivered at conventional (50 to 55°F) temperatures at or near minimum ventilation flow rate
- Can be used with fiberglass ceiling tiles or without any ceiling

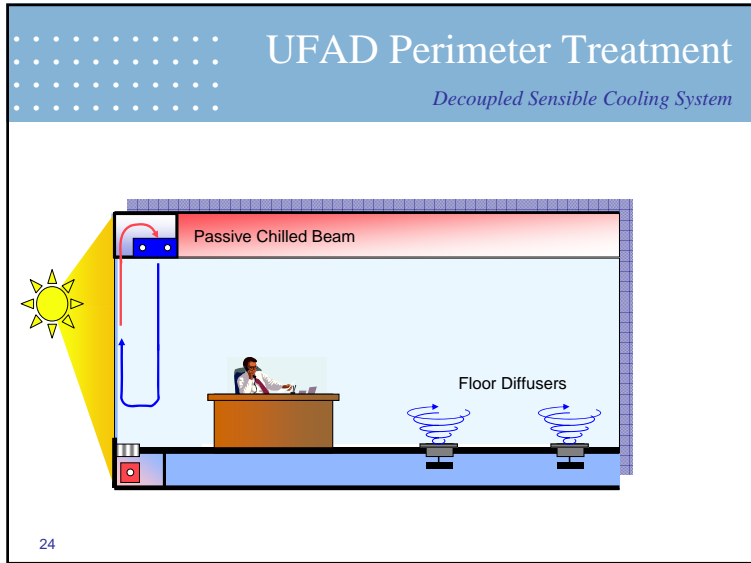
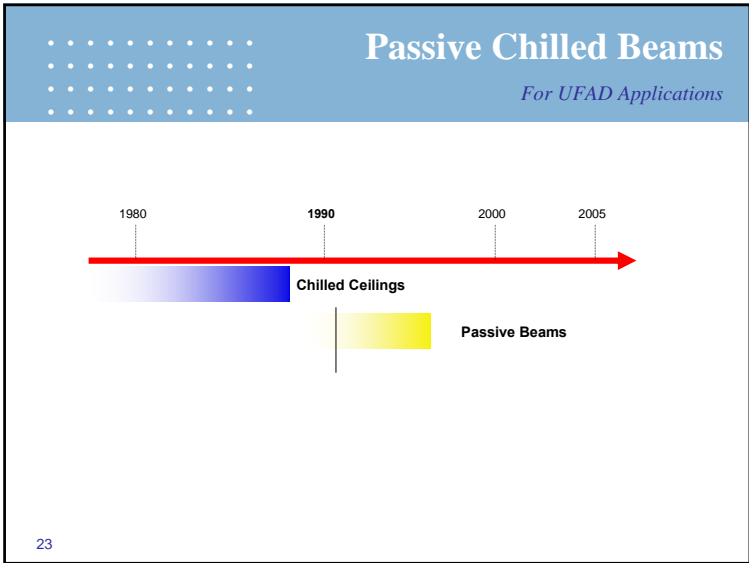
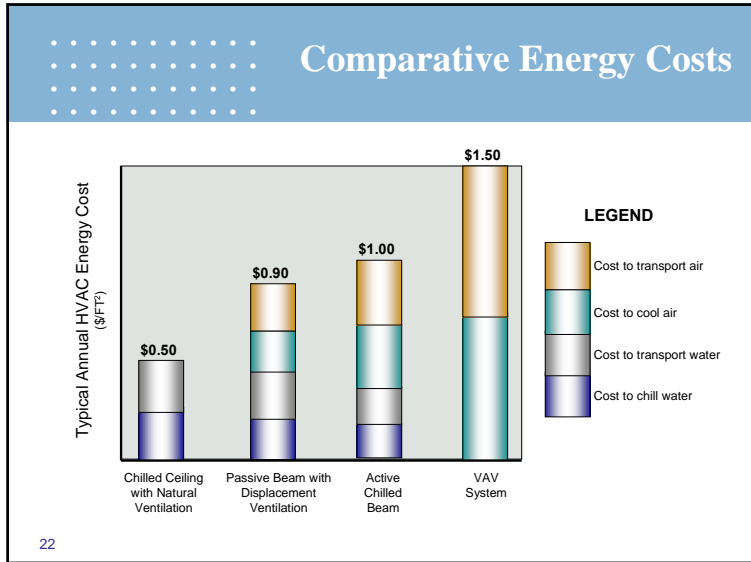
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## Typical Output

Device Capacity	Chilled Ceiling	Cooling Effect (BTUH/FT <sup>2</sup> )
25 BTUH/FT <sup>2</sup>		18 BTUH/FT <sup>2</sup>
400 BTUH/LF		40 BTUH/FT <sup>2</sup>
800 BTUH/LF		100 BTUH/FT <sup>2</sup>

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## Supply Airflow Requirements

*Fan Terminals vs. Chilled Beams*

For a floor plate that is 60% interior space



### Fan Powered Perimeter Solution:

Interior: 0.6 CFM/ft<sup>2</sup>  
 Perimeter (design): 3.0 CFM/ft<sup>2</sup>  
 Perimeter Diversity: 70%  
 Overall : 1.2 CFM/ft<sup>2</sup>

### Chilled Beam Perimeter Solution:

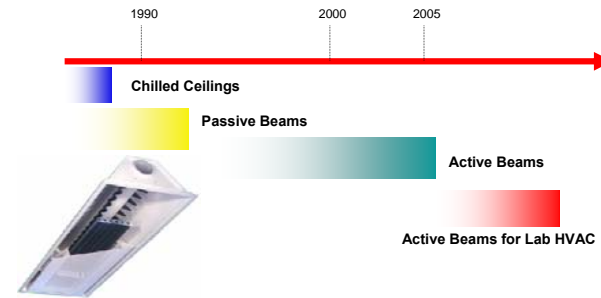
Interior: 0.6 CFM/ft<sup>2</sup>  
 Perimeter: 0.6 CFM/ft<sup>2</sup>  
 Overall : 0.6 CFM/ft<sup>2</sup>

50% reduction in supply airflow

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## Active Chilled Beams

*For Laboratory HVAC Applications*



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## Laboratory Design Issues

- Space sensible heat gains of 60 to 75 BTUH/FT<sup>2</sup>
- Ventilation requirements of 6 to 8 ACH<sup>-1</sup>
- Laboratories where chemicals and gases are present require 100% OA
- All air systems require 16 to 20 ACH<sup>-1</sup> to satisfy sensible load
- Active beams remove over 60% of sensible heat via chilled water circuit
- Require only 40% the primary airflow rate (6-8 ACH<sup>-1</sup>) of all-air system

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## Case Study

### Laboratory Design for Pharmaceutical Company

- Location: St. Louis, MO
- Outdoor Design Conditions: 94DB/75WB
- Laboratory Space: 54,000 FT<sup>2</sup>
- Minimum Ventilation Rate: 8 ACH<sup>-1</sup>
- Space Sensible Heat Gain: 72 BTUH/FT<sup>2</sup>

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## Equipment Requirements

Equipment	Conventional VAV	Active Chilled Beam
Air Handling Units	180,000 CFM	72,000 CFM
Cooling	1,477 Tons	587 Tons
Heating	21,617 lbs/hr	8,588 lbs/hr
Duct Distribution	285,493 lbs.	214,120 lbs.
Control Points	800	800
Chilled Beams		1,056
Piping Distribution		4,200 LF
Sensible Cooling Chiller System		200 Tons

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## Energy Comparisons

Case Study, 94/75F Outdoor Design

### Active Chilled Beam (Parallel Sensible Cooling)

- Reduced fan power – 32 % from Base VAV
- Reduced cooling energy – 46 % from Base VAV
- Reduced ductwork sizes – 18-20 ACPH to 6-8 ACH<sup>1</sup>
- Higher Pumping energy – 15% - Offset by other savings
- Higher cooling system efficiencies

*Overall 35% Reduction in Energy Costs*

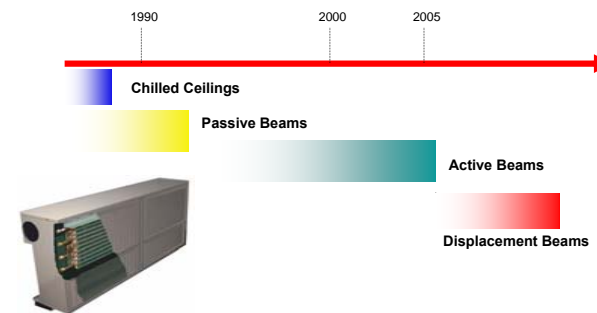
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## Equipment Requirements

Equipment	Conventional VAV	Active Chilled Beams
Air Handling Units	\$2,264,335	\$899,610
Cooling	\$1,627,799	\$646,717
Heating	\$244,267	\$97,046
Duct Distribution	\$1,481,709	\$1,111,282
Control Points	\$1,200,000	\$1,140,000
Chilled Beams		\$1,652,984
Piping Distribution		\$266,444
Sensible Cooling Chiller System		\$265,373
Totals	\$6,818,109	\$6,079,456

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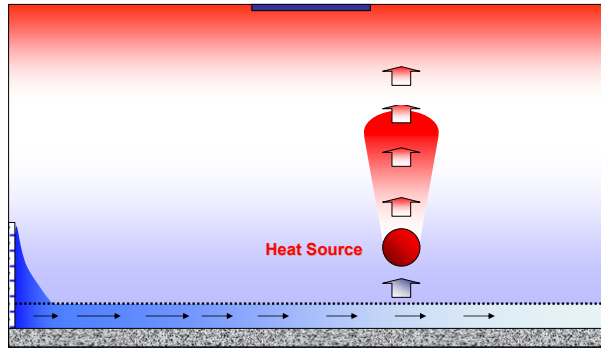
## Displacement Beams



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## Displacement Conditioning



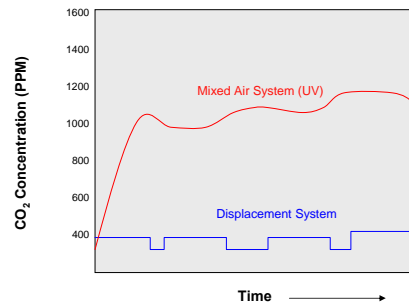
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## Displacement Conditioning Advantages

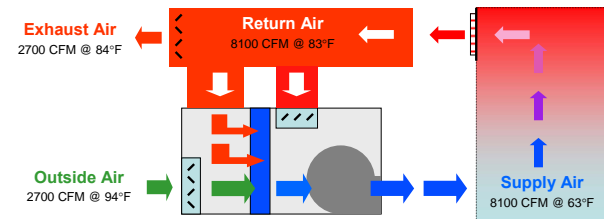
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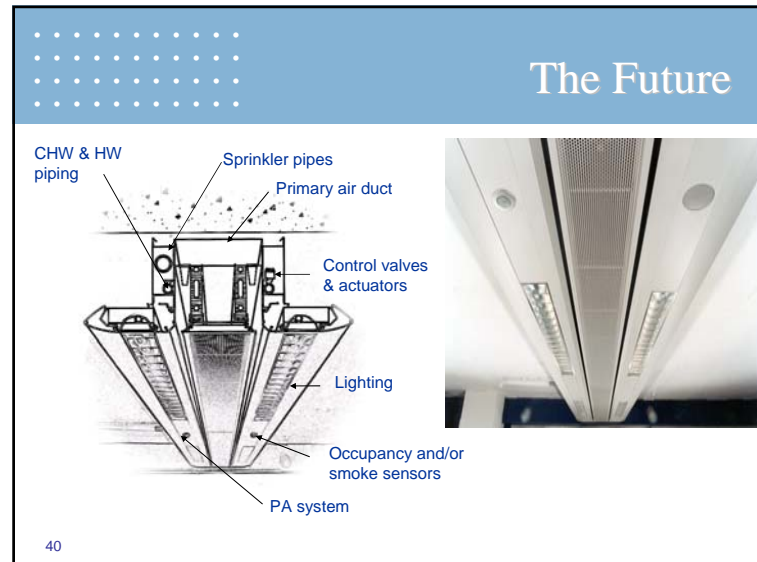
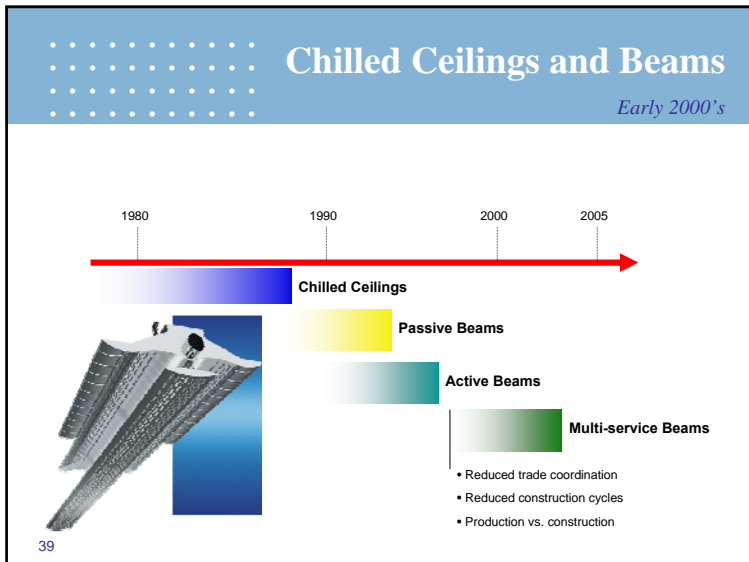
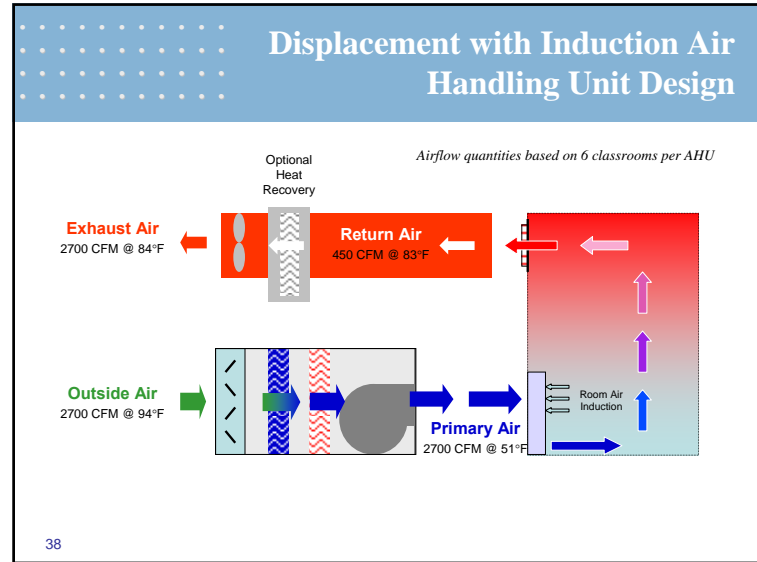
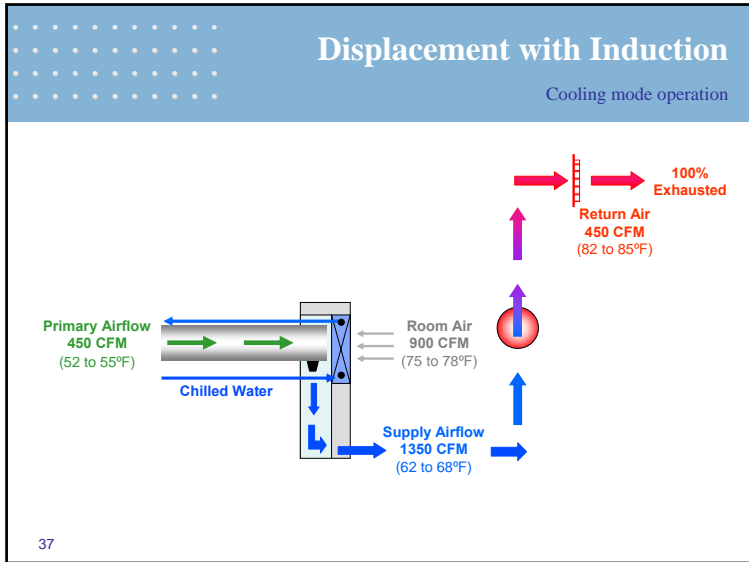
- Identical classrooms
- Tests conducted over two week period
- CO<sub>2</sub> concentration at six foot level monitored
  - Mixed system: 1200 PPM
  - DV System: 400 PPM

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## Displacement System Air Handling Unit Design



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## Multi Service Beams



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## Indirect Lighting



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## Passive Multi-Service Beam



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## Production vs Construction

- /// Reduce on site fixed costs
- /// Reduce trade coordination
- /// Improved quality control
- /// Reduce design coordination
  
- /// Reduce construction schedule
  
- /// Deliver building earlier



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## MSCB Economics




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## Cost Calculations



- Class A Office Building
- Location: Chicago, Illinois
- 250,000 NSF, 200,000 RSF
- 10 Floors, 25,000 ft<sup>2</sup> per floor
- Construction Cost: \$150 per ft<sup>2</sup>
- Fixed Site Costs: 12%
- Construction Time: 24 months
- Net Lease Rate: \$25 per ft<sup>2</sup>

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## Capital Costs

• Building Construction Cost:	$250,000 \text{ ft}^2 \times \$150/\text{ft}^2 = \$37,500,000$	
• Fixed Site Costs:	$12\% \text{ of } \$37,500,000 = \$4,500,000$	<b>\$43,000 per week</b>
• Construction Loan Interest:	$5\% \text{ of } 18,750,000 = \$938,000^*$	<b>\$18,000 per week</b>
• Accelerated Revenue:	$200,000 \text{ ft}^2 \times \$25/\text{ft}^2 = \$5,000,000$	<b>\$96,000 per week</b>
		<b>\$157,000 per week</b>

\* Annual interest cost

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## First Cost Comparison

<b>Conventional VAV System</b>			
• HVAC Run out Costs:	$250,000 \text{ ft}^2 \times \$8/\text{ft}^2$	$= \$2,000,000$	
• Air Handling Units:	$300,000 \text{ CFM} \times \$2.25/\text{CFM}$	$= \$675,000$	
		<b>\$2,675,000</b>	<b>\$10.70/ft<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Multi-service Beams</b>			
• MSCB's:	$7600 \text{ lf} \times \$550/\text{lf}$	$= \$4,180,000$	
• Air Handling Units	$120,000 \text{ CFM} \times \$2.25/\text{CFM}$	$= \$270,000$	
• Air Cooled Chillers	$240 \text{ Tons} \times \$1000/\text{Ton}$	$= \$240,000$	
		<b>\$4,690,000</b>	<b>\$18.76/ft<sup>2</sup></b>
	Less: Lighting Installation Costs (\$1 per ft <sup>2</sup> ):	<b>\$250,000</b>	
	Less: Suspended Ceiling (\$4 per ft <sup>2</sup> ):	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	
		<b>\$3,440,000</b>	<b>\$13.76/ft<sup>2</sup></b>
	<b>Premium for MSCB over VAV:</b>	<b>\$765,000</b>	<b>\$3.06/ft<sup>2</sup></b>

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## Capital Costs

**Actual Scenario (worst case):**

- Owner is able to rent 25% of space immediately
- MSCB reduce construction time by 10% (10 weeks)

• Building Construction Cost: 250,000 ft <sup>2</sup> x \$150/ft <sup>2</sup> = \$37,500,000	
• Fixed Site Costs: 12% of \$37,500,000 = \$4,500,000	\$43,000 per week
• Construction Loan Interest: 5% of 18,750,000 = \$938,000*	\$18,000 per week
• Accelerated Revenue: 25% x 200,000 ft <sup>2</sup> x \$25/ft <sup>2</sup> = \$1,250,000	\$24,000 per week
	\$85,000 per week
	x 10 weeks
<b>Net cash result</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>

\* Annual interest cost

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## Payback Analysis

Worst Case Scenario

- Initial Cost Premium: = \$765,000\*
- Early Delivery Worst Case Cash Flow Effect: = \$850,000

Immediate Payback!

HVAC Energy Savings (\$0.50/ft<sup>2</sup>)  
 ≈ \$125,000 annually

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