

# Design vs. Facility Maintenance

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# Objectives

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- Understand the downstream operational impacts of code minimum design
- Develop an understanding of some facility operational issues
- Improve design practices from lessons learned

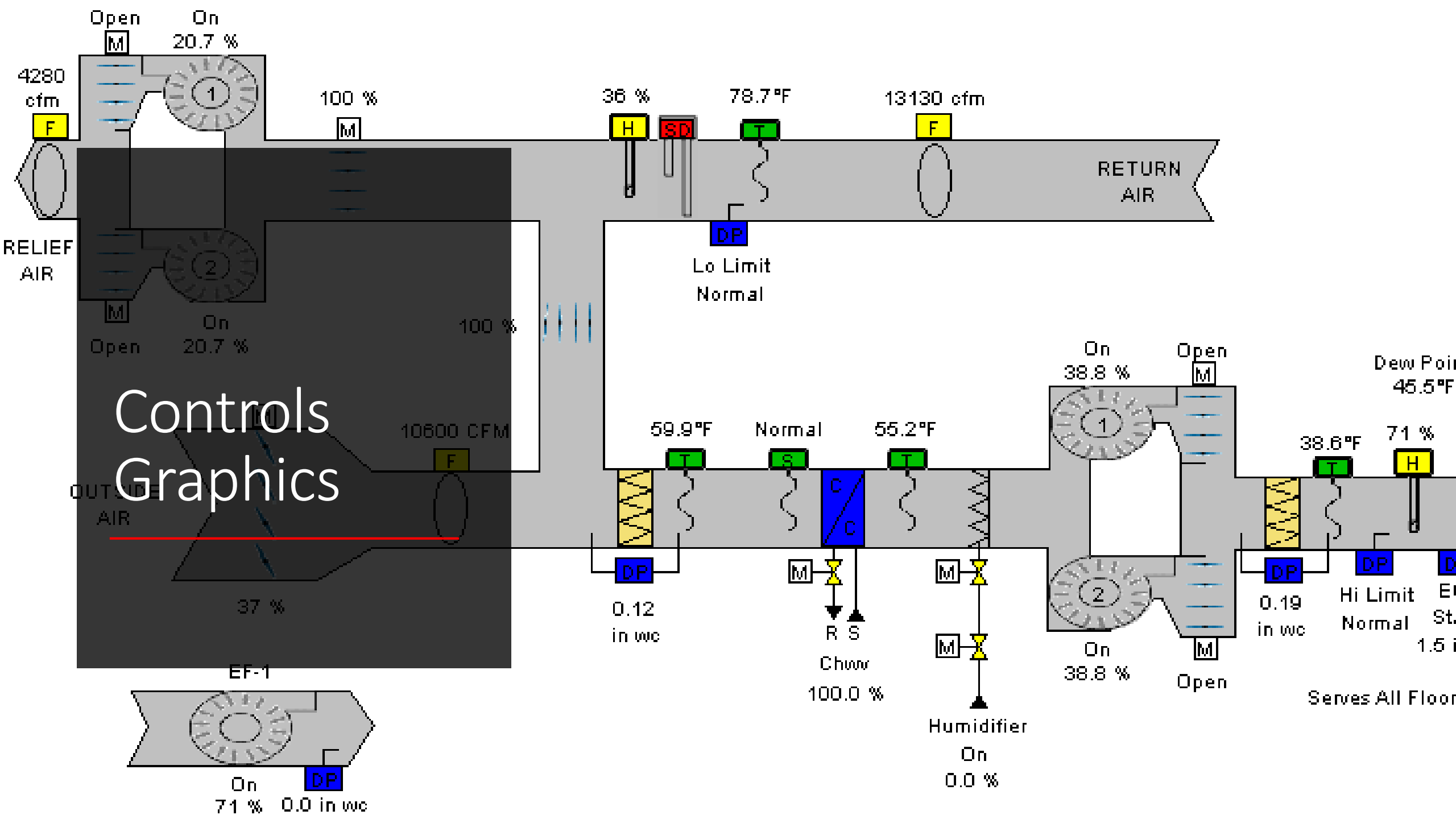


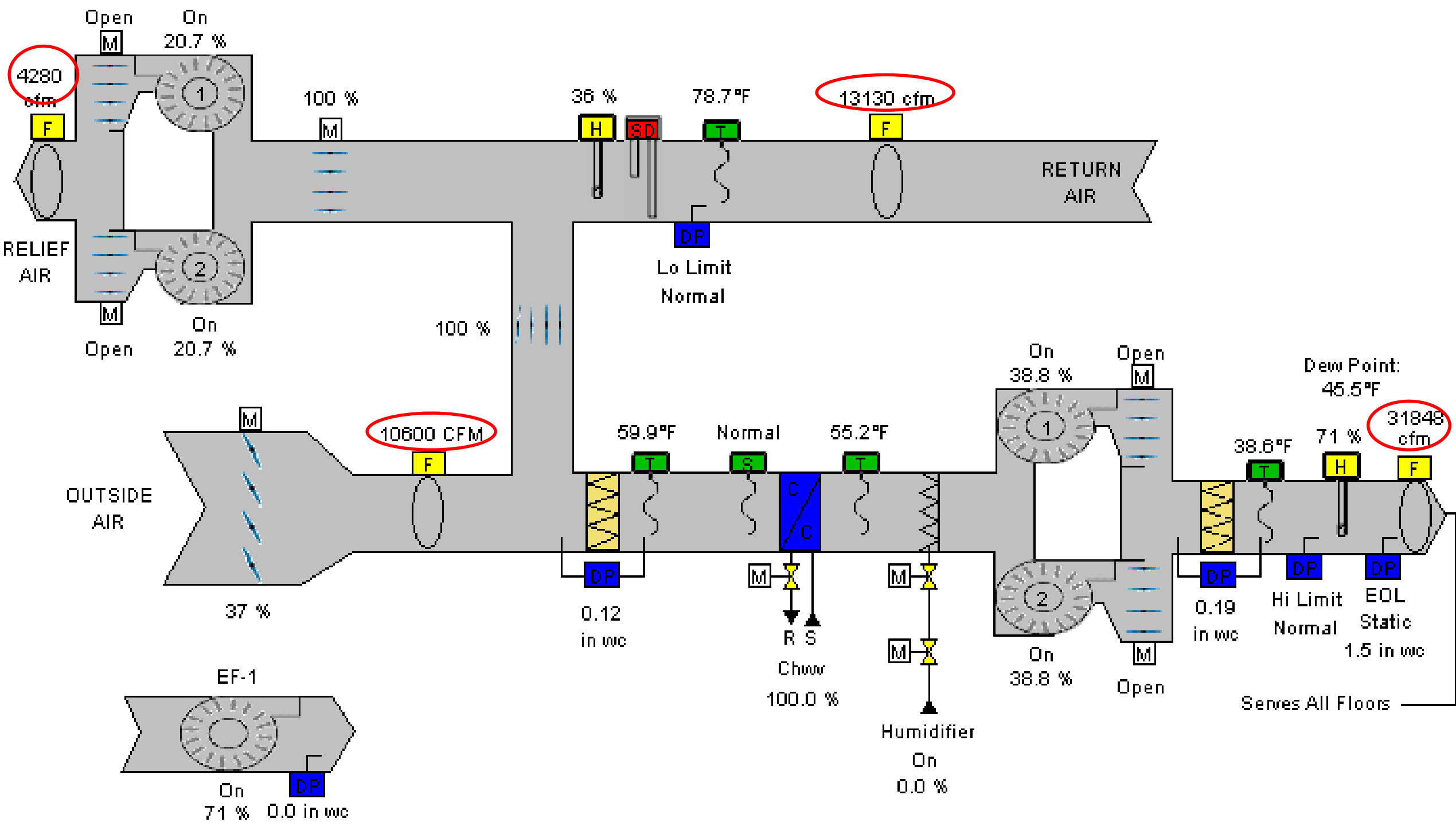
# Facility Maintenance

# Continuous Commissioning

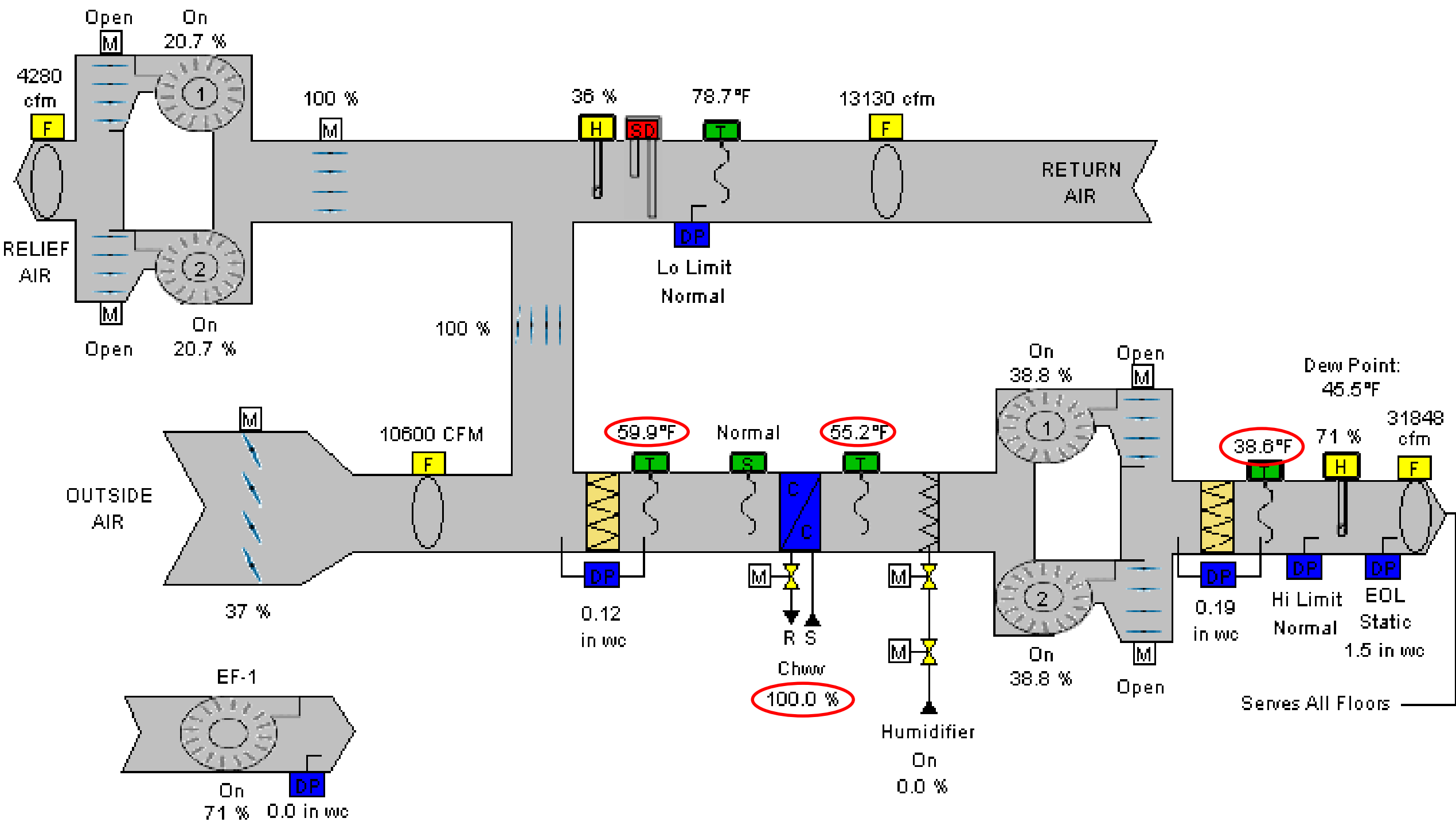
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- Verify correct location of sensors
- Calibrate sensors
- Verify correct operation of all devices
- Optimize sequences – performance, energy, emergency
- Optimize PID feedback loops
- Track trends
- Verify graphics
- Dashboard
- ID improvements









# Reliability Vs. Risk

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## RISK

- Loss of pressurization
- Loss of temperature
- Loss of humidity control
- Loss of power – normal/emergency
- Loss of security control

## INFLUENCES

- Reliability  $\propto 1 / \text{complexity}$
- Maintenance  $\propto \text{complexity}$
- Complexity  $\propto \# \text{ of parts}$
- Complexity  $\propto \text{lines of code}$
- Complexity  $\propto \text{unintended consequences}$

# Increasing Reliability

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- Design for redundancy
- Quality components
- Reduce parts inventory
- Parts & skilled service locally available
- Good & tested emergency operations procedures
- Regular tune-ups (Retro-commissioning)

# Preventive Maintenance

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- Failures most likely in extreme weather
- Preventive maintenance cheaper than replacement
- Schedule work and downtimes
- Increase reliability
- Extend life of equipment
- Reliability  $\propto$  Preventive Maintenance

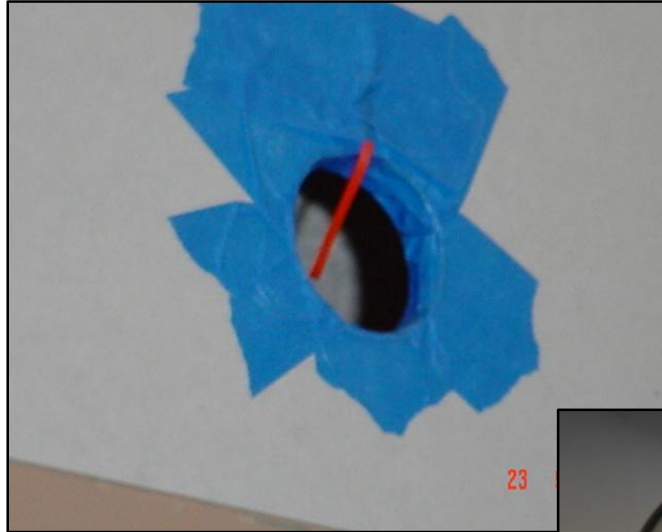
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# Controlling Noise

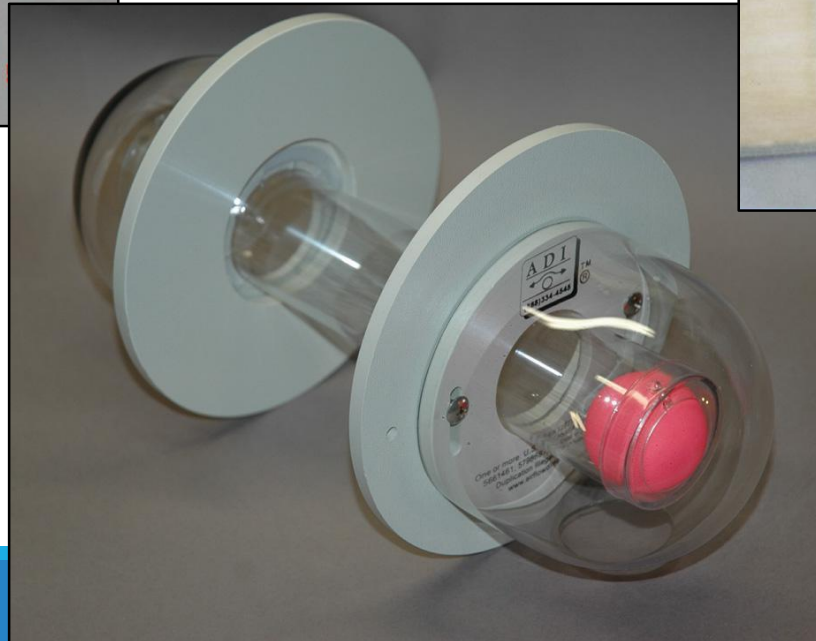
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- Flex run outs with one or two 90° bends on RA too
- Low duct velocity
- Smooth transitions
- Distance to equipment
- Sound attenuators; last resort – cost, space and energy
- White HVAC noise, may help patients
- Walls to deck
- No plenum return
- Oversize return grilles

# Means and Methods



**“Keep It Simple”**



# Optimize Humidification

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Boiler steam OK with FDA-approved chemicals

- “Clean steam” not required – cost, space, maintenance, heat

Locate humidifier after cooling coil in AHU

Keep RH sensors in calibration

Use accurate instruments to test (sling)

Large RH display but no control by user

# Terminal Humidifier Concerns

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Possible carryover or misting in operating room

Noise

Large RH swings

Pipe, duct and valve leaks

More humidifiers = more maintenance

Avoid clean steam systems:

- Have all the issues listed above
- Requires electricity, water and sewer
- Hot, wastes energy
- Very large, causing coordination conflicts



# Additional Considerations

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# Fresh Air Intakes Concerns

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Cooling towers

Trash compactors

Loading docks

Roads

Diesel generators

Heliports

Plumbing vents (25-30 ft)

Exhaust stacks

TB Isolation rooms

Bathroom exhausts

Biological safety cabinet exhausts

Ethylene oxide sterilizers

Boilers & water heaters

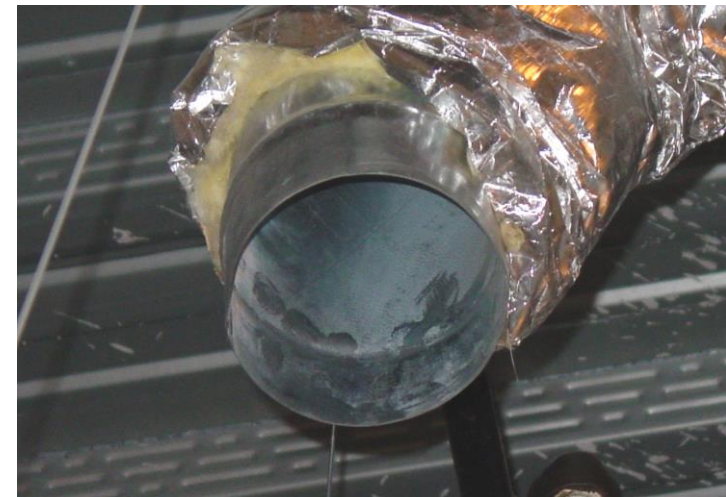
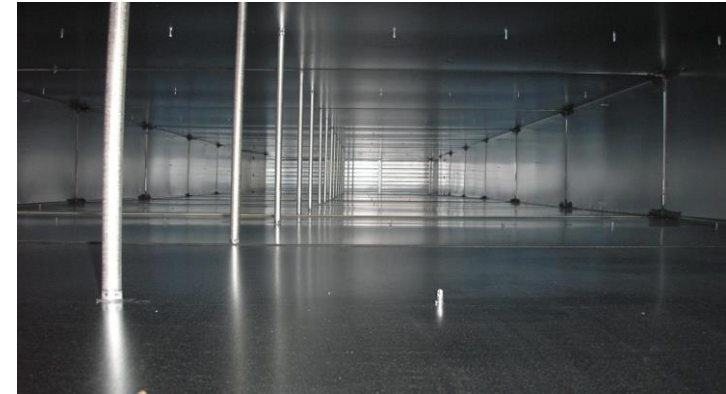
3 ft above roof

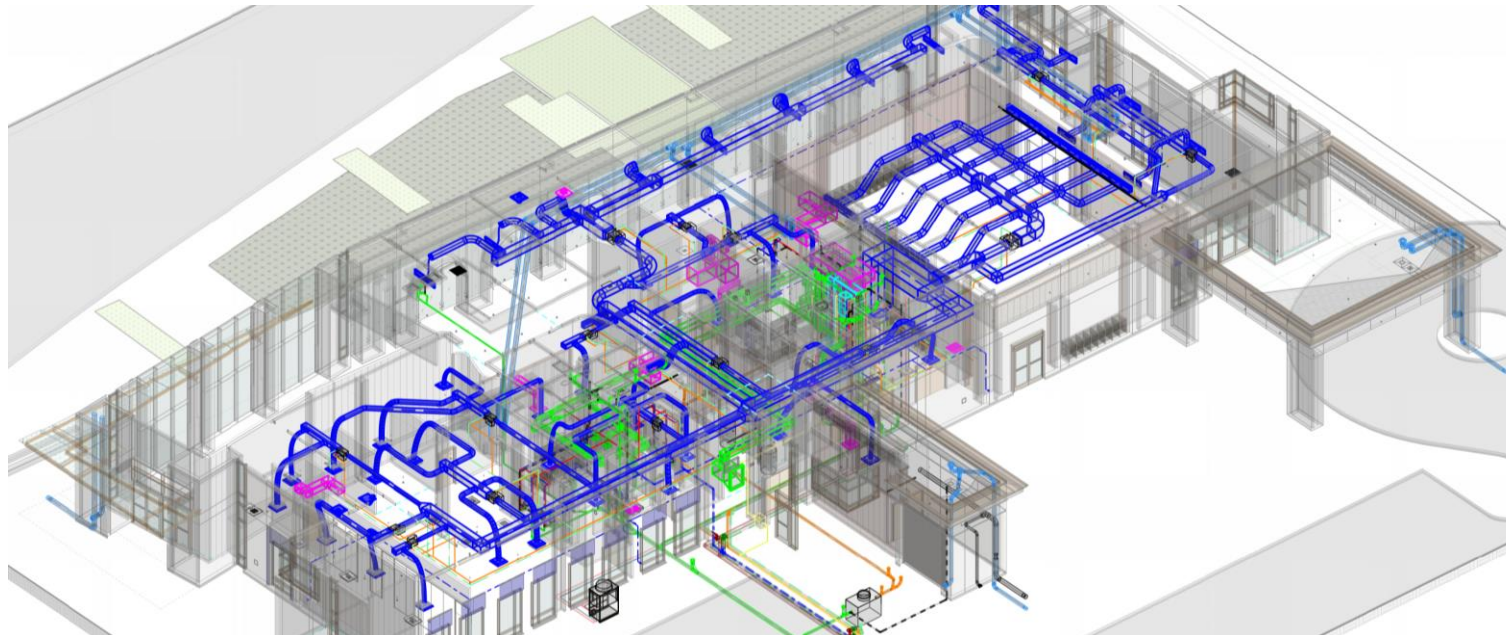
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# Renovations

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- Exhaust construction zones outside
- HEPA filter from construction zone to hospital not recommended
- Remove all lined ducts & boxes
- Replace electric reheat
- Remove all abandoned equipment
- Maintain clean ductwork throughout construction, verify!
- Clean walk-off mats





Design



# Considerations

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- Pressurization
- Occupant Temperature Demands
- High Density Heat Loads
- Hot Humid Environments



# Room Pressurization

## ANSI/ASHRAE/ASHE Standard 170-2017 Ventilation of Health Care Facilities

Includes ANSI/ASHRAE/ASHE addenda listed in Appendix C

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INPATIENT NURSING							
All Anteroom (u)	(e)	NR	10	Yes	No	NR	NR
All room (u)	Negative	2	12	Yes	No	Max 60	70–75/21–24

e. See Section 7.2 and its subsections for pressure relationship requirements.

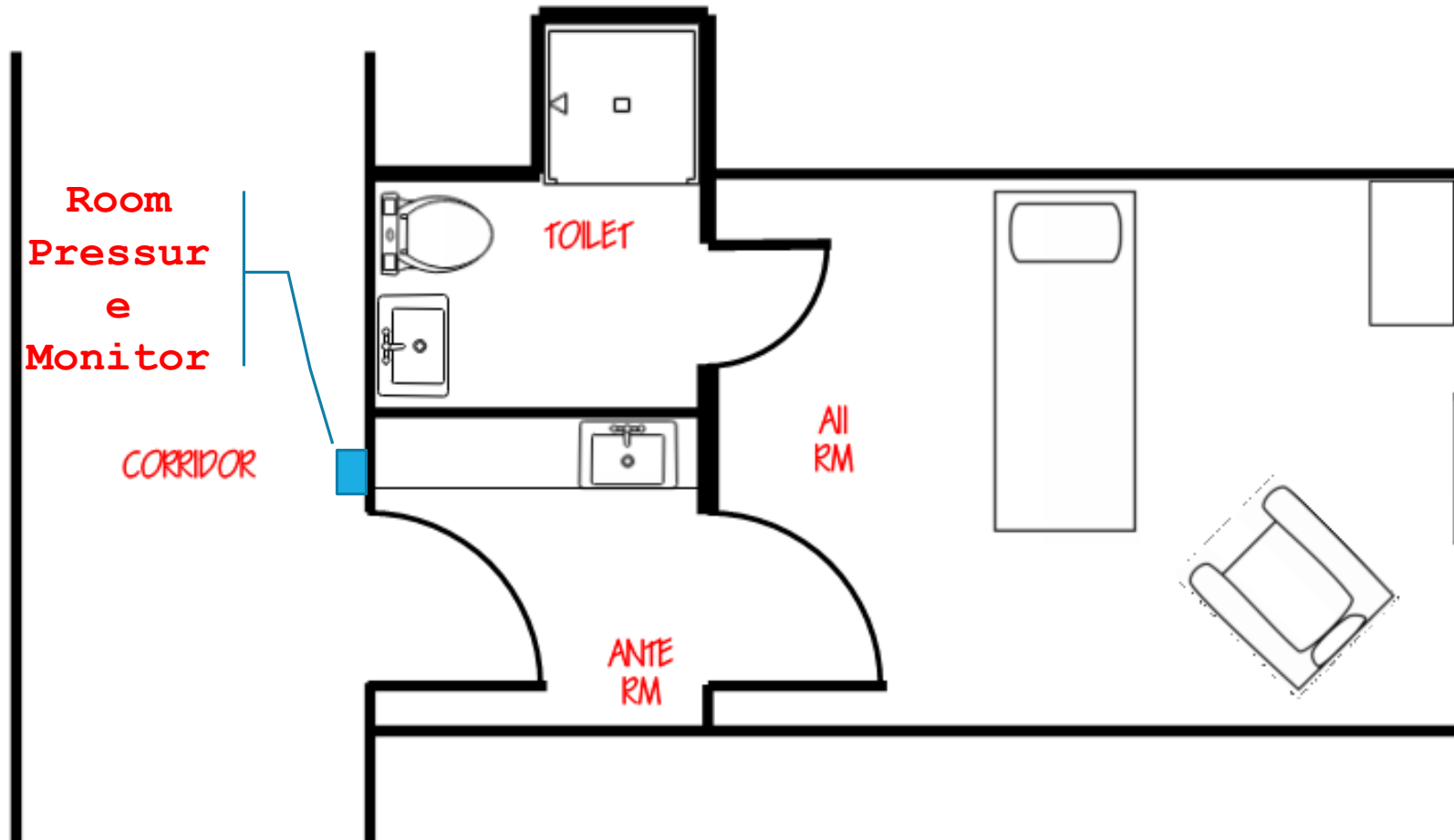
# Room Pressurization

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- Airborne Infection Isolation (All) rooms shall have a **permanently installed device** and/or mechanism to constantly monitor the differential air pressure between the room and the corridor, whether or not there is an anteroom. A local visual means shall be provided to indicate whenever negative differential pressure is not maintained.
- The room envelope shall be sealed to provide a **minimum differential pressure of 0.01 in. of water** (2.5 Pa) across the envelope.
- Differential pressure between All rooms and adjacent spaces that are not All rooms shall be a **minimum of –0.01 in. of water** (–2.5 Pa). Spaces such as the toilet room and the anteroom (if present) that are directly associated with the All room and open directly into the All room are not required to be designed with a minimum pressure difference from the All room but are still required to maintain the pressure relationships to adjacent areas specified in Table 7.1.

# Room Pressurization

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# Occupant Temperature Demands

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SURGERY AND CRITICAL CARE							
Delivery room (Caesarean) (m), (o)	Positive	4	20	NR	No	20-60	68-75/20-24
Operating room (m), (o)	Positive	4	20	NR	No	20-60	68-75/20-24
Operating/surgical cystoscopic rooms (m), (o)	Positive	4	20	NR	No	20-60	68-75/20-24
Procedure room (o), (d)	Positive	3	15	NR	No	20-60	70-75/21-24
Recovery room	NR	2	6	NR	No	20-60	70-75/21-24
Substerile service area	NR	2	6	NR	No	NR	NR



# Occupant Temperature Demands

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- Temp monitoring & control w/display
- Humidity monitoring w/display
- CHW: newer chillers can provide 39° - 40°F (3.8° - 4.4°C) CHWS.
  - AHU coils - design for low approach
- DX: Can reach 32°F (0°C) glycol systems
  - lose efficiency and capacity.
  - Environmental and code concerns
- Desiccant dehumidification
  - Excellent humidity control
  - Reduce CHW coil load
  - Large Equipment

# High Density Heat Loads

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- Imaging Control/Computer Rooms
- Robotic Surgery
- Data centers
- Refrigerators / Freezers
- Nourishment Alcoves with Ice Makers
- Typically air cooled, try water
- Water cooled saves energy and space



# High Density Heat Loads

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- Is separate chiller required or may central chilled water be used?
- Need  $\sim 60^{\circ}\text{F}$  ( $15.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ ), so CHWR works well
- If central CHW used, exchanger, pump and mixing valve are required. Can serve multiple systems
- Need CHW in winter.
- Need CHW on EPS.
- Applies to process cooling loads, i.e. Linear Accelerators

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STERILE PROCESSING DEPARTMENT z								
	Clean workroom	Positive	2	4	NR	No	Max 60	68–73/20–23
	Decontamination room	Negative	2	6	Yes	No	NR	60–73/16–23
	Sterile storage room	Positive	2	4	NR	NR	Max 60	75/24
z. See AAMI Standard ST79 11 for additional information for these spaces.								

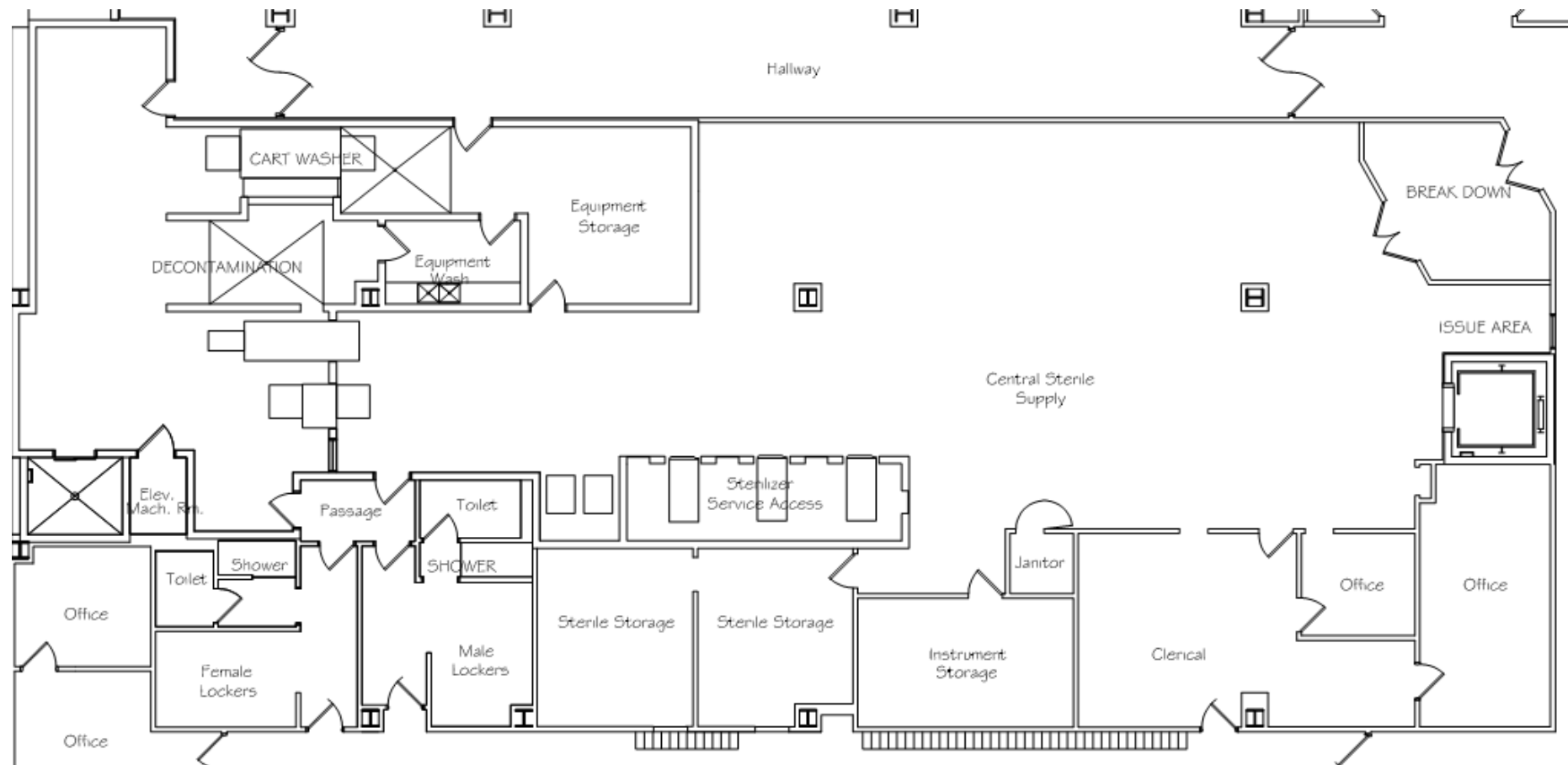
# Hot Humid Environments

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## Sterile Processing Department (SPD)

- Clean Instruments from Surgery and Procedures
- Flow of materials from Dirty to Clean
- Flow of air from Clean to Dirty, maintain  $\Delta P$  at all times
- Decontamination – dirty, wet work area, hot, humid
- Sterilizers draw steam into decontamination room - Need local Exhaust
- Clean Processing / Supply needs low temp & humidity
- ANSI, AAMI guidelines on Temp, RH & Monitoring; verify w/ Owner. May require supplemental DX to dehumidify

# Sterile Processing Department (SPD)



# Additional Design Considerations

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- Initial Cx including functional tests (all scenarios)
- Document setpoints and final sequences
- Periodic tune-ups
- Coil cleaning including reheat
- Operator training
- Set alarms as value approaches red line (yellow caution)
- Trends
- Dashboards



# Questions

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# Thank you Triangle Chapter!

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