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CFD Sample Report

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1. Executive Summary

- The proposed air distribution layout includes Price Linear Displacement Floor Grille (DFGL), Price Linear Floor Grille (LFG), and Price Double Deflection Supply Register (Model 520).

2. Recommendations

- Project specific recommendations are provided that cover:
 - Diffuser/return types
 - Diffuser/return layout
 - Airflow sizing
 - Supply air temperature
 - Contaminant removal/mitigation strategies (if applicable)
 - Cooling/heating load mitigation strategies

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3. Geometry

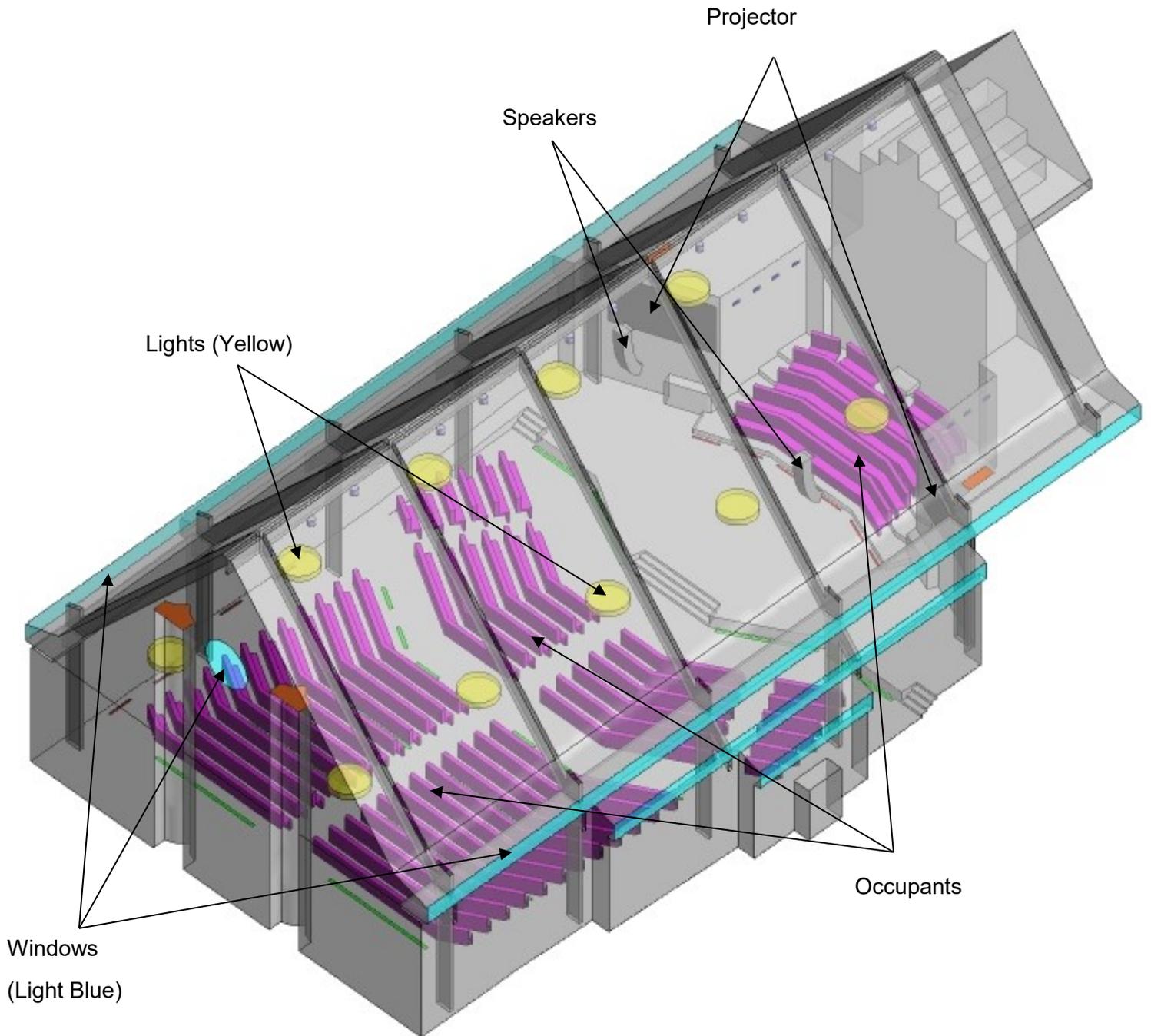


Figure 1: Geometry of the Space View

4. Definitions

The **predicted mean vote** (PMV) is an index that defines the average thermal sensation of a large group of people based on the ASHRAE seven point thermal sensation scale (ASHRAE standard 55-2010). It combines various environmental conditions such as temperature, humidity, air velocity and mean radiant temperature with human factors such clothing level and metabolic output to create a single comfort parameter. This index can be considered more complete than the draft risk (DR) since it takes a person's heat output and skin temperature into account. The acceptability limits defined by ASHRAE for this index are $-0.5 < PMV < 0.5$ and ASHRAE's seven point sensation scale is shown below.

Hot	Warm	Slightly Warm	Neutral	Slightly Cool	Cool	Cold
3	2	1	0	-1	-2	-3

The **ventilation effectiveness** E_z used in this study is calculated based on the local **Age of Air**.

$$E_z = \frac{AoA_{Return}}{AoA_l}$$

Calculation of the ventilation effectiveness in this manner is accurate provided that contaminant transport is dominated by the diffusion and convection of momentum (rather than the contaminant species) which implies that the oldest air can be assumed to have the highest contaminant concentrations. Typically, a good mixing ventilation system has a E_z of 1.0 (ceiling supply of cool air) while a good displacement ventilation system has a E_z of 1.2 (floor supply of cool air & ceiling return).

5. Simulation Results

Table 1: Area Averages for Variables

Average at:	T [°F]	PMV	Relative Humidity [%]	E_z
4" AFF	71.2	-0.46	48	2.28
24" AFF	74.9	-0.04	50	1.35
42" AFF	76.1	0.23	50	1.19
66" AFF	77.2	0.32	51	1.11

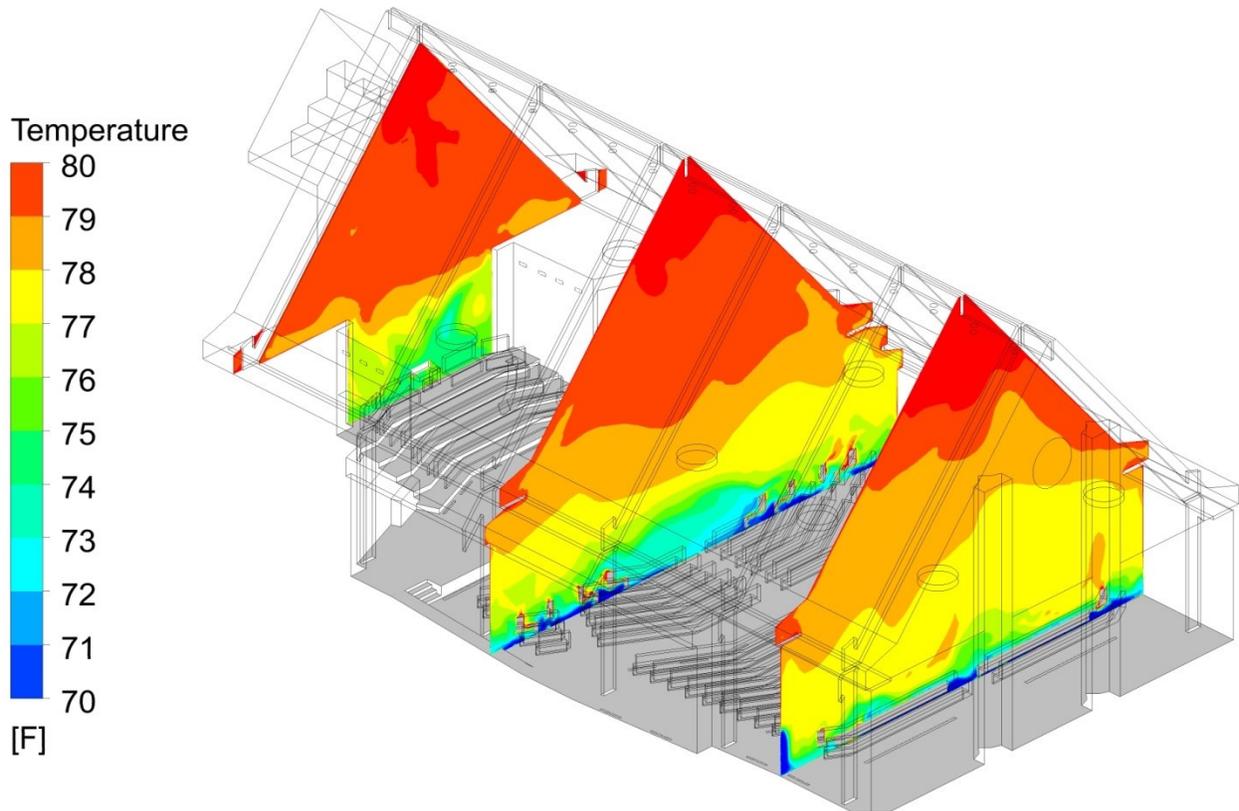


Figure 2: Temperature Contour

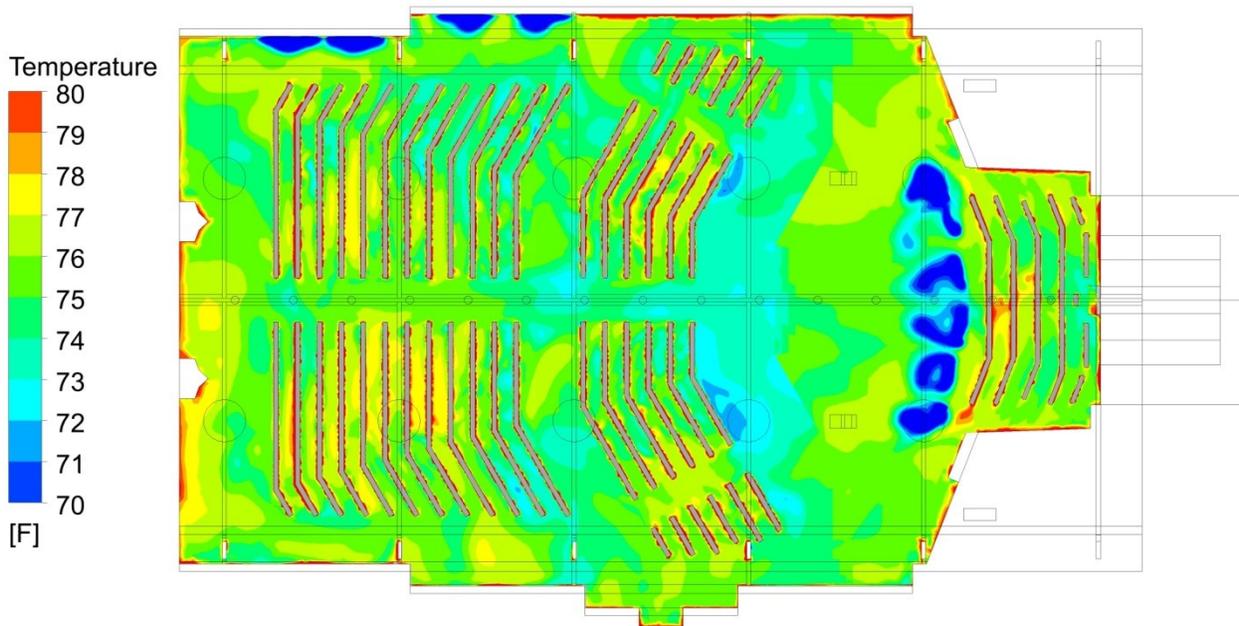


Figure 3: Temperature 42" above Floor

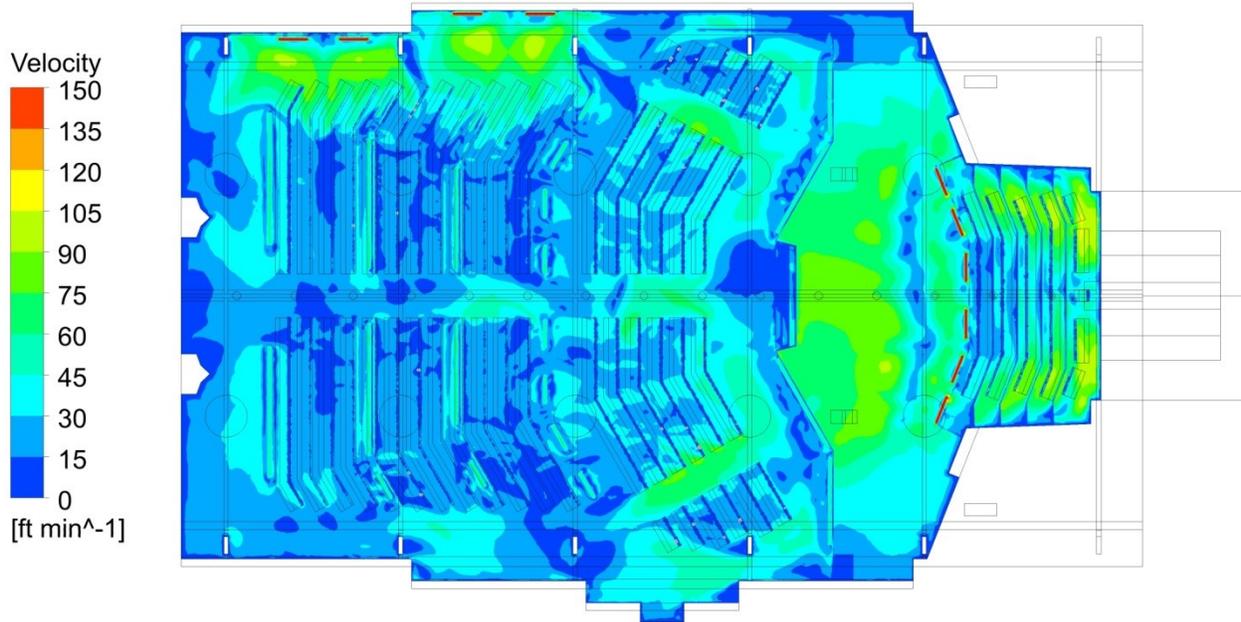


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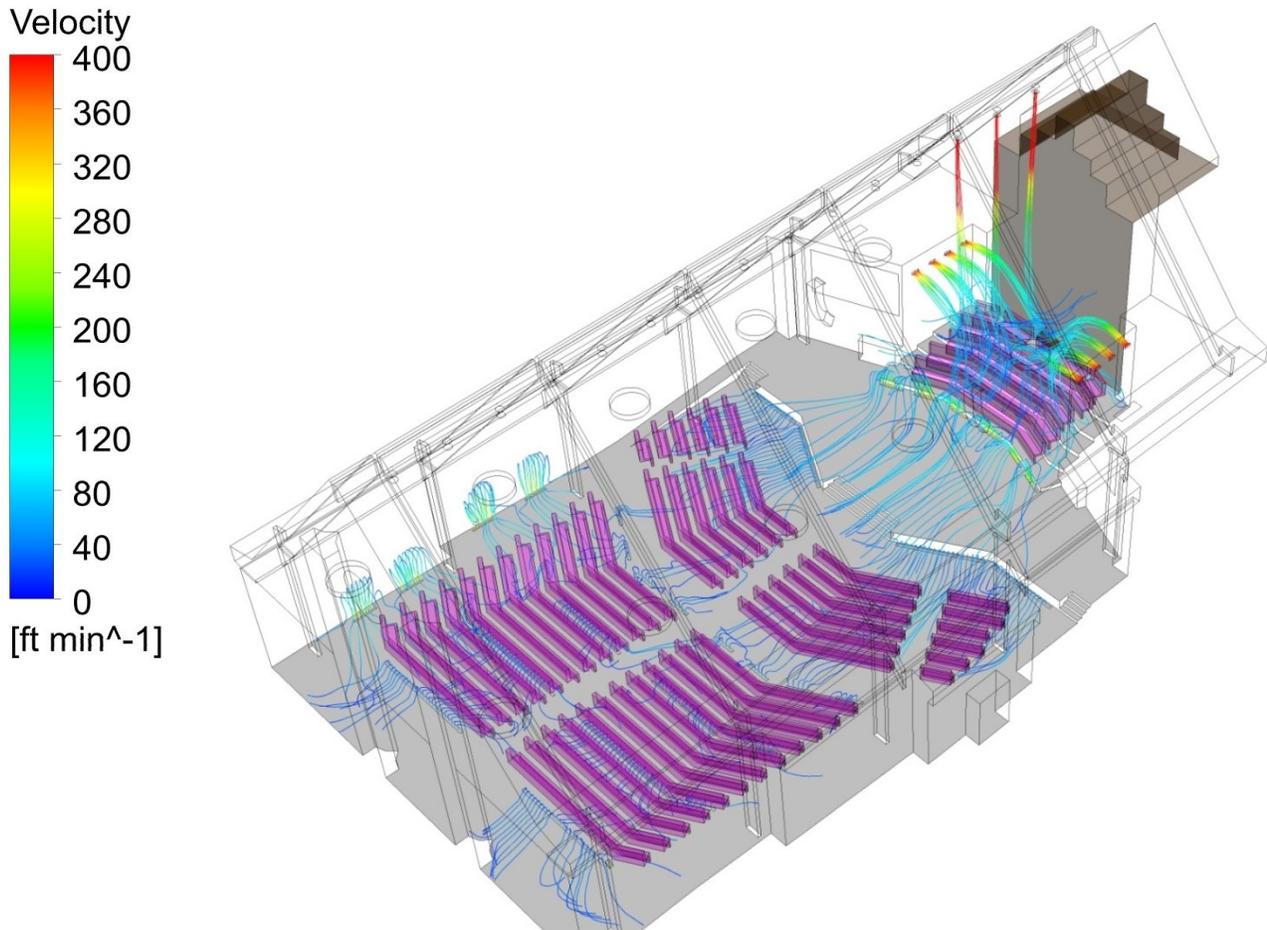


Figure 5: Velocity Streamline

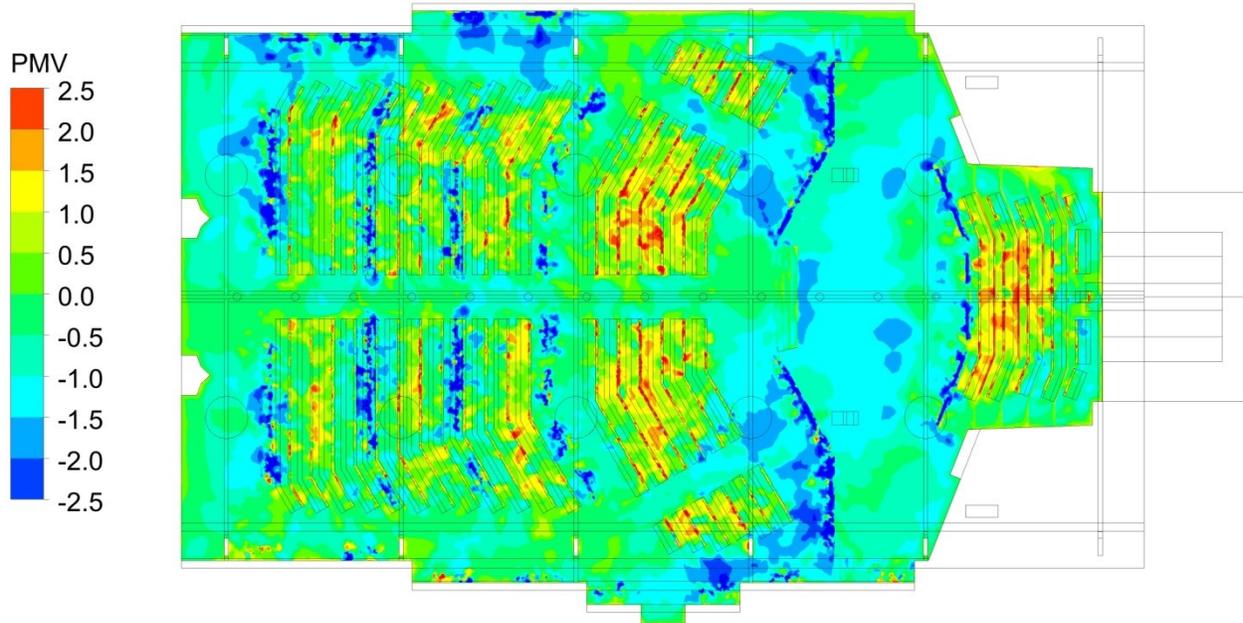


Figure 6: PMV 4" above Floor

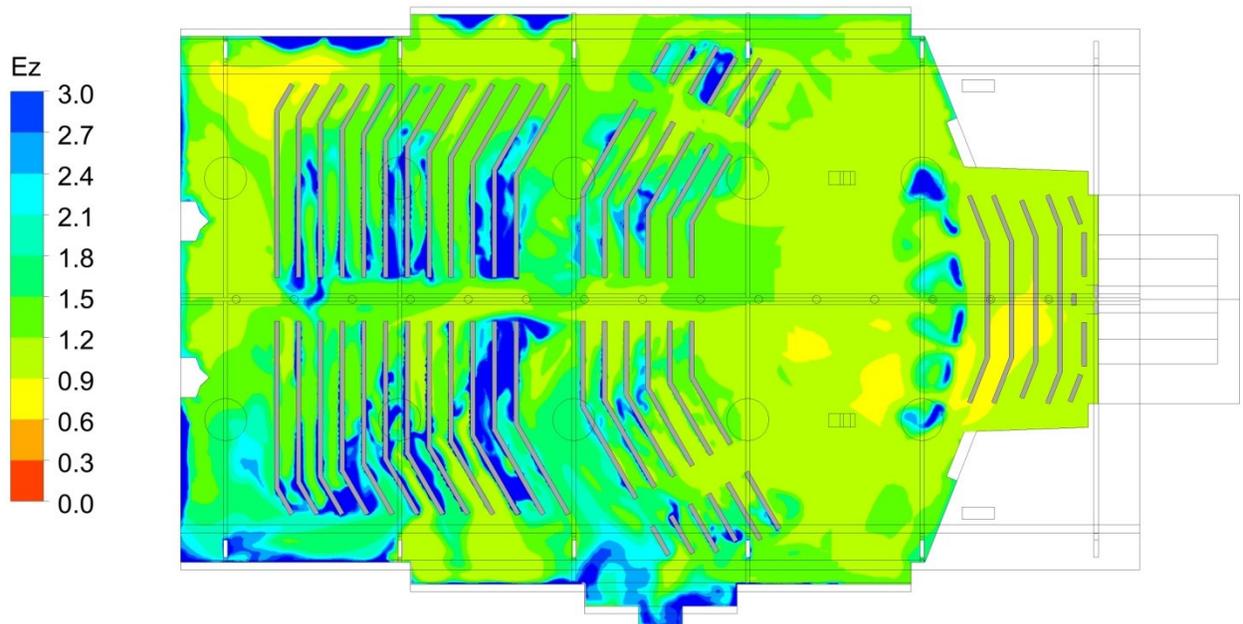


Figure 7: Ventilation Effectiveness (E_z) 42" above Floor

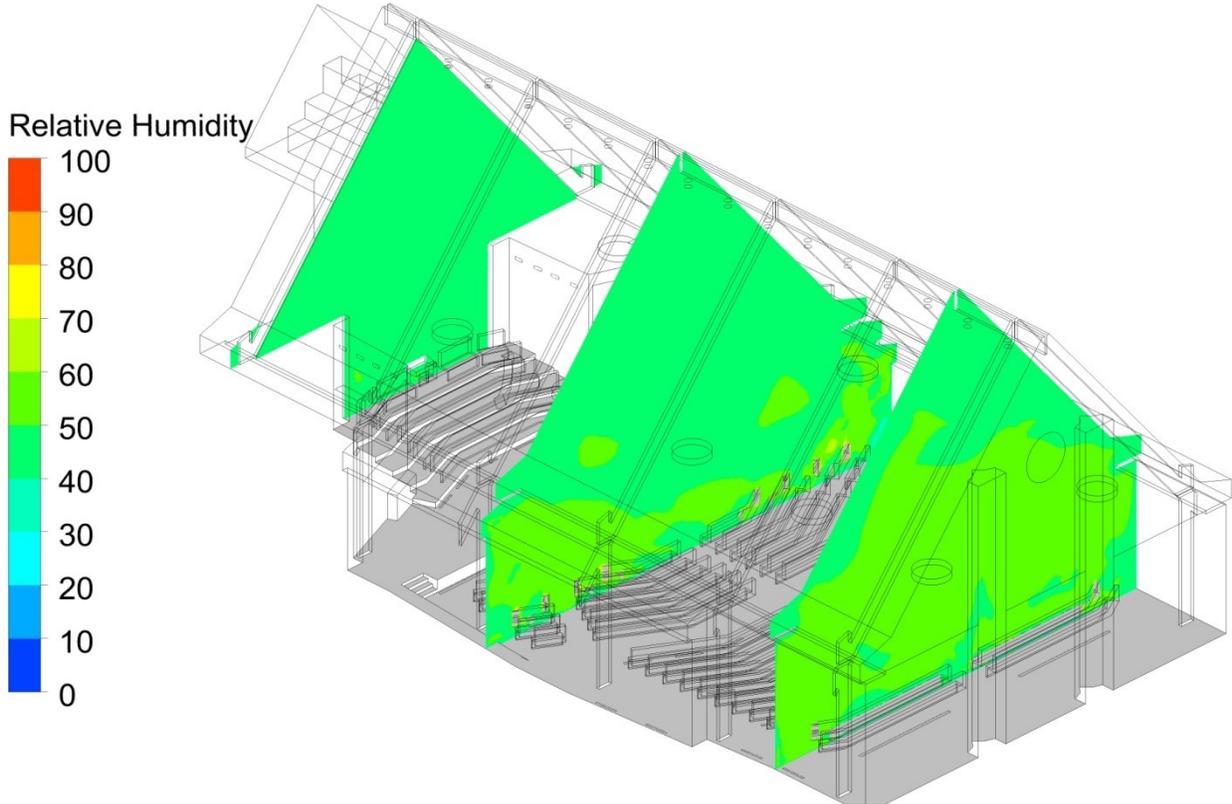


Figure 8: Relative Humidity Contour

6. Simulation Inputs

Table 2: Inlet Boundary Inputs¹

DFGL Diffusers		LFG Diffusers		Supply Registers		Fans
Total Air Vol. [cfm]	Air Temp. (Dry)[°F]	Total Air Vol. [cfm]	Air Temp. (Dry)[°F]	Total Air Vol. [cfm]	Air Temp. (Dry)[°F]	Air Vol. [cfm]
6,000	62	3,600	62	2,112	56	1,218

Table 3: Outlet Boundary Inputs

Storage 1 Return	Storage 2 Return	High Level Returns
Total Air Vol. [cfm]	Static Pressure [Pa]	
1,056	0	0

Table 4: Wall Boundary Inputs

Total Heat Load [BTU/hr]				
Occupants	Fans	Equipment ²	Lights	Solar
195,500	113	1,024	29,276	1,521

Table 5: Thermal Properties

Wall Boundary	U-value [BTU/hr-ft ² -°F]
Exterior Walls	0.1
Roof	0.05
Glass Windows	0.4

¹ See Figure 1 for diffuser and return locations.

² Equipment includes speakers and projector screens

Assumptions:

- (1) Steady-state conditions
- (2) Exterior air temperature is 90 °F (Dry Bulb).
- (3) Moisture content in supply air is 4.43×10^{-4} lb/ft³ (Case 2 & 3).

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