

**DEMAND-CONTROLLED  
VENTILATION  
DCV**

**- Limitations and definitions**

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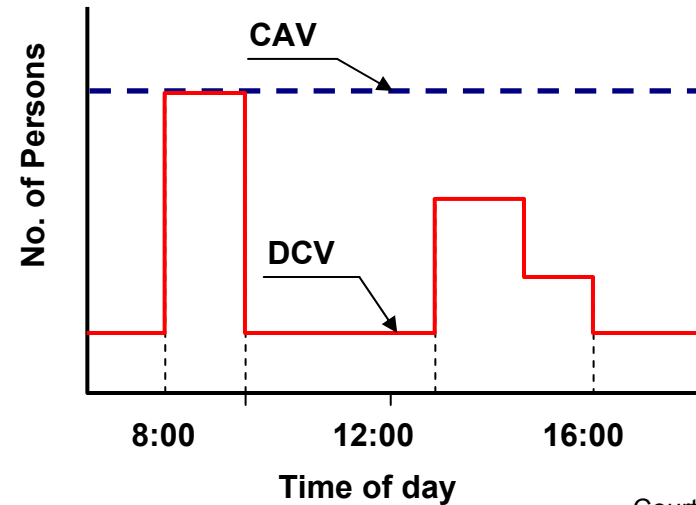
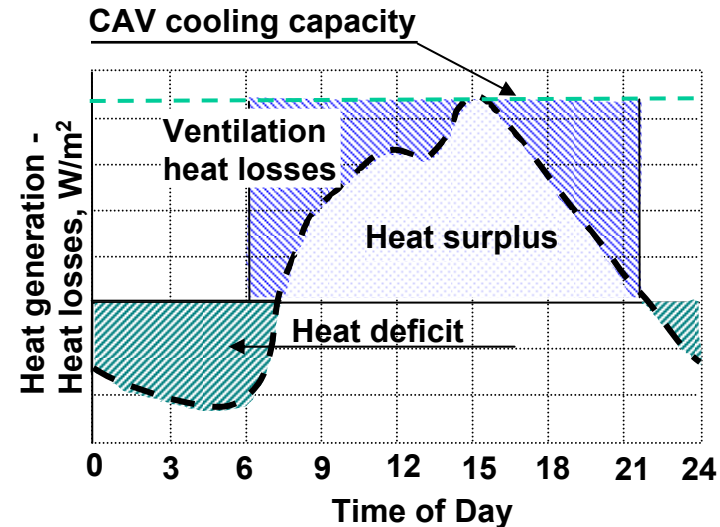
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## LIMITATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

- Alternative definitions are of course possible
- Our starting point is the V in HVAC
- Ventilation (ASHRAE): “Process of supplying or removing air by natural or mechanical means to or from a space”
- Control-on-demand *ventilation rate*  
→ DCV
- Control-on-demand air enthalpy or air composition  
→ DCAC

## PRINCIPLE APPLICATIONS OF DCV

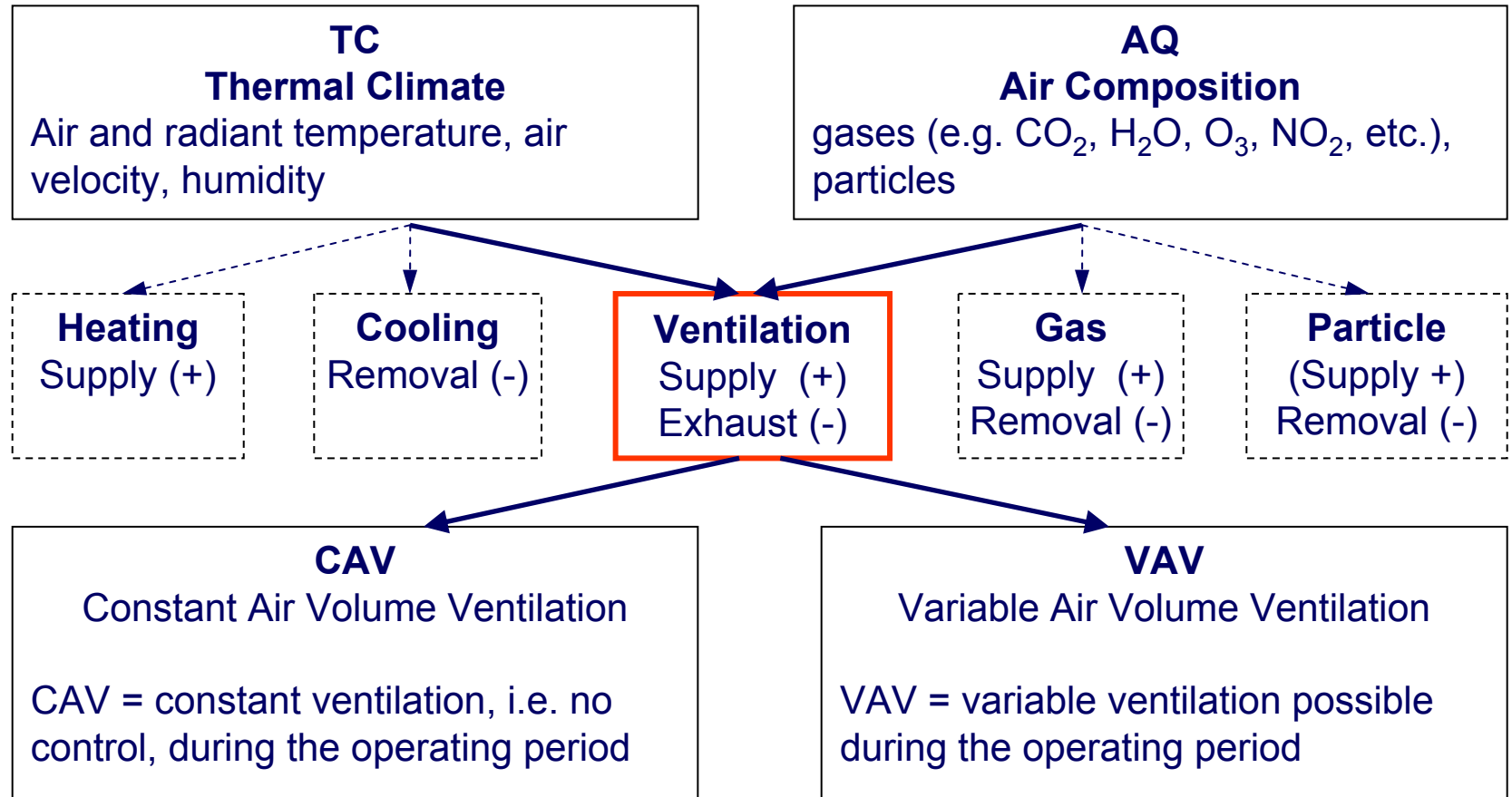
- **DCV for thermal comfort control**  
(removal of heat)
- **DCV for indoor air quality control**  
(removal of pollutants)



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# HVAC SYSTEMS

**Demand:** Specification of thermal climate, air composition (to meet a desired perceived air quality) or some other demand factor (e.g. safety requirements)



# VENTILATION



## CAV

- **Constant Air Volume Ventilation** (1 or 2 steps, e.g. on/off, max/min)
- CAV = constant ventilation, i.e. no control, during the operating period

### *Examples of CAV:*

- manual operation (e.g. on/off)
- time control (e.g. day/night)
- supply-air temperature control (temperature COD)
- outdoor-air/recirculation-air control (enthalpy COD)

## VAV

- **Variable Air Volume Ventilation** (> 2 steps or continuous variation)
- VAV = variable ventilation possible during the operating period

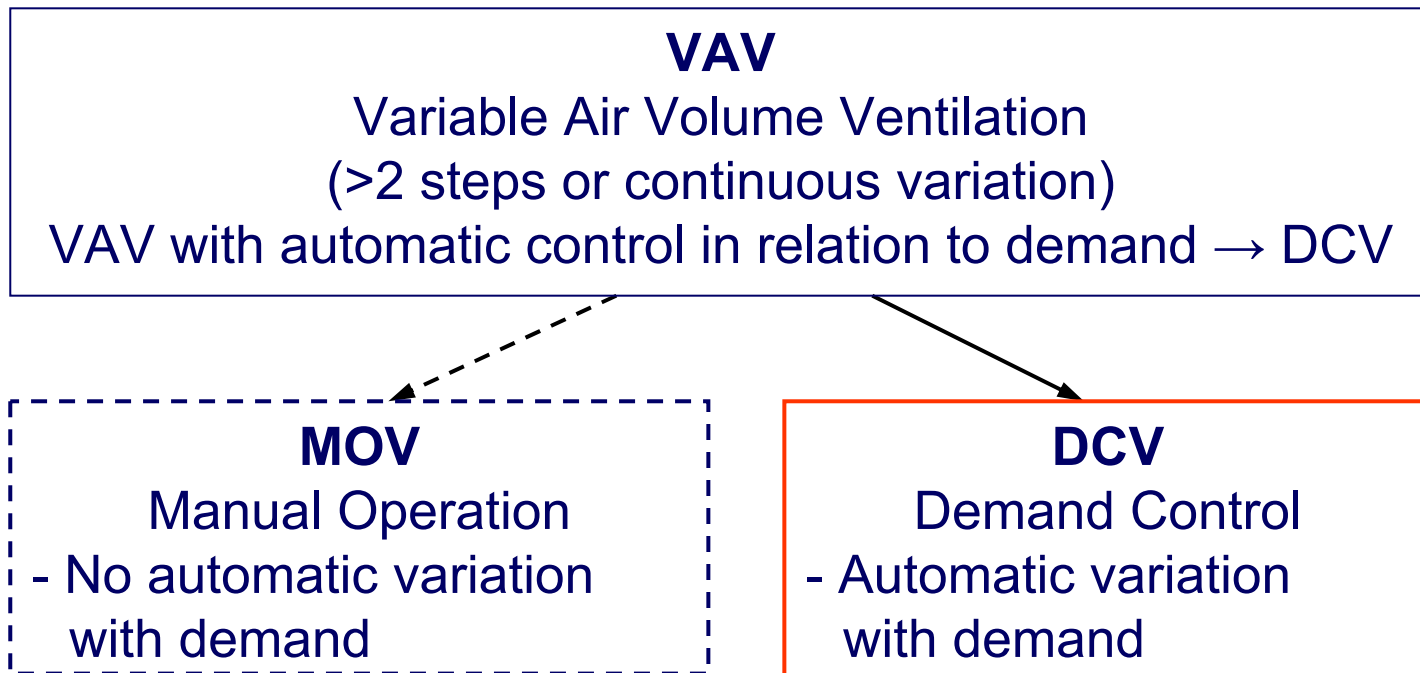
### *Examples of VAV:*

- Manual Operation (MOV)
- Open-loop Control (OCV)
- Closed-loop Control (CCV)

**VAV with automatic control-on-demand → DCV**

## VAV AND DCV

- **DCV is a subgroup of VAV**
- VAV with automatic control-on-demand → DCV



## DEMAND CONTROLLED VENTILATION

- **Specify the demand:** Thermal climate, air composition, safety etc.
- **Specify the control:** Must be related to the demand parameter by measurement or by prediction.

### DCV system solutions

#### OCV

##### *Open-loop Control*

Feed-forward signal from *sensors*,  
e.g. in the outdoor air,  
or by *prediction*<sup>1)</sup>

- temperature (e.g. room),
- humidity,
- CO<sub>2</sub> or other gas sensors,
- particle concentration,
- occupancy .....

#### CCV

##### *Closed-loop Control*

Feedback signal from sensors  
e.g. in the room air

- temperature,
- humidity,
- CO<sub>2</sub> or other gas sensors,
- particle concentration,
- occupancy
- .....

<sup>1)</sup> Prediction may be by weather forecast, past occupancy records etc.