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# Écoulement de fumée entre deux pièces ventilées mécaniquement et reliées par une trémie

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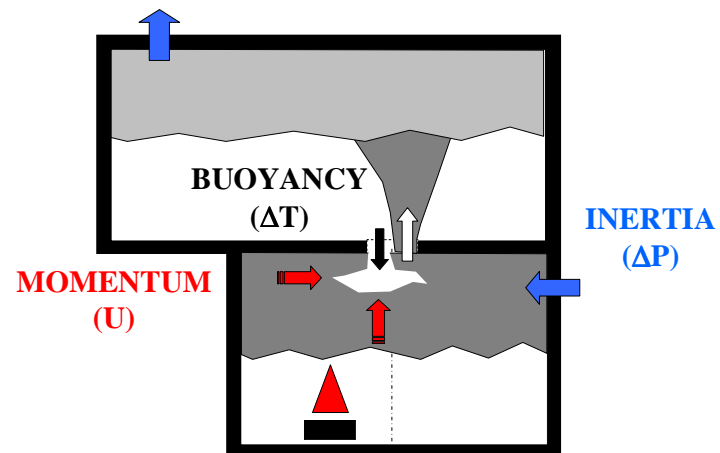
# Objective

## Effect of ventilation flow rate on the vent flow

Coupling effects of buoyancy, inertia and local momentum

## Compartment fire scenario

Closed rooms mechanically ventilated



# Fire test

## Fire source

Gas propane fire (97kW)

Off-centre

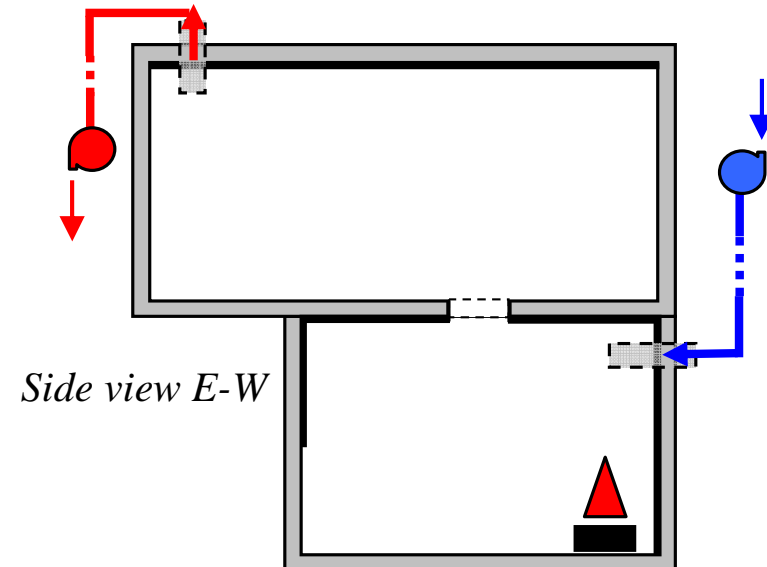
## Ventilation

One inlet in the fire room and one outlet in the upper room

Various ventilation rates  $q_v$

## Test matrix

Test	Q17	Q13	Q16	Q12
HRR (kW)	97	97	97	97
TR ( $h^{-1}$ )	2.3	4	6.2	8
$Q_v$ ( $m^3/h$ )	621	1080	1674	2160

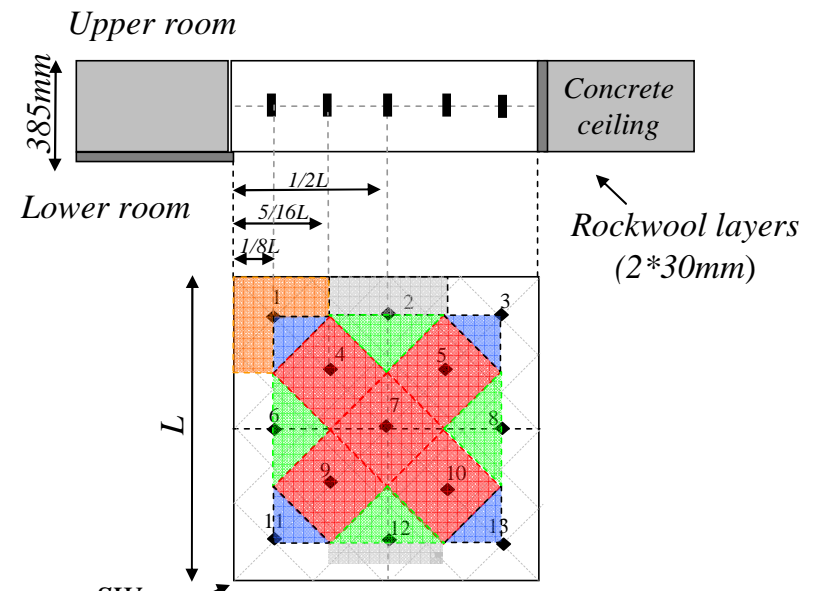


# Vent opening

## Dimension

Rectangular :  $1.03 * 1.03 = 1.06\text{m}^2$

Depth=0.39m



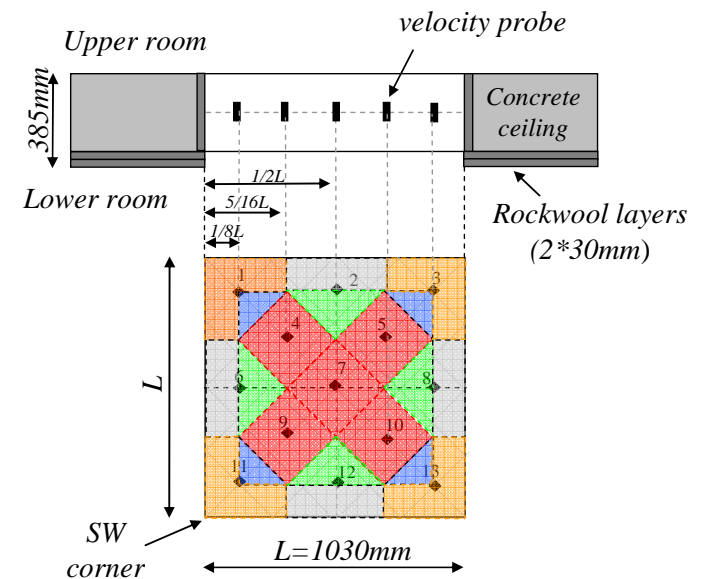
# Vent flow calculation

**Flow rate**  $\dot{m}_{\text{vent}} = \int_S U \rho(T) ds$

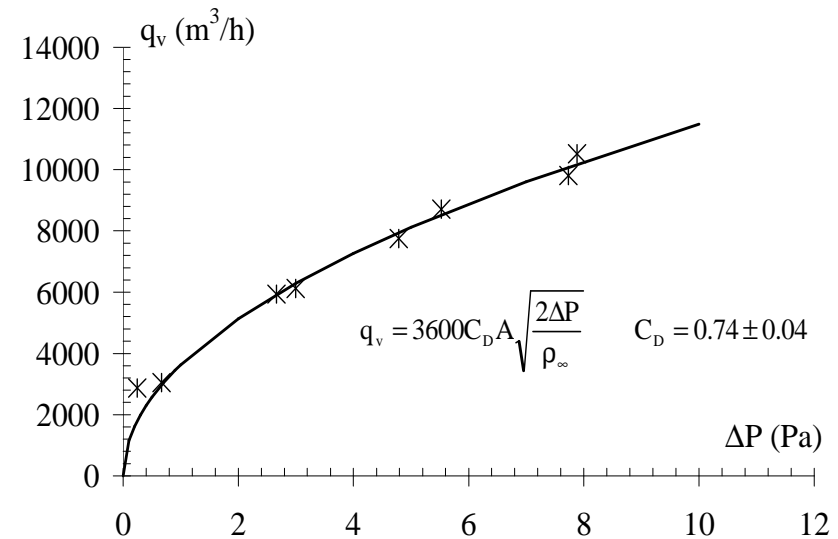
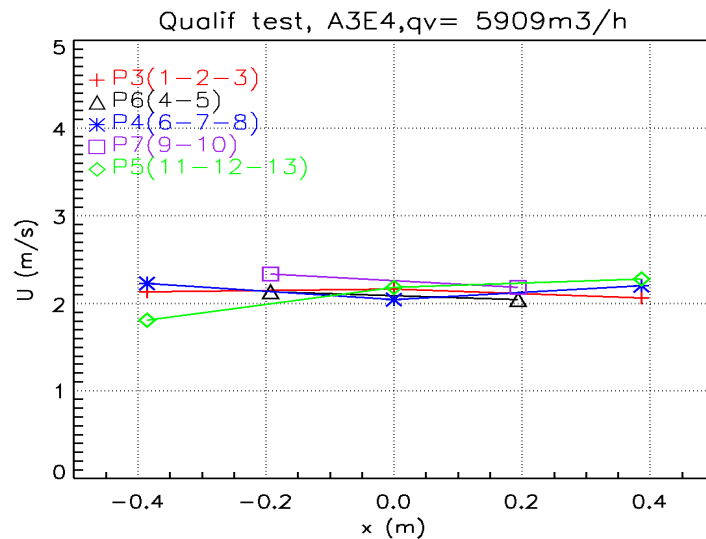
$$\int_S U \rho(T) ds = C \frac{PM}{R} \sum_S \left( \frac{U_i}{T_i} ds_i \right) = \sum_{i=4,5,7,9,10} \left( \frac{U_i}{T_i} ds_i \right) + \sum_{\substack{i=2,6,8,12 \\ 1,3,11,13}} \left( \frac{U_i}{T_i} ds_i^1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{U_i}{T_i} ds_i^2 \right)$$

$$\dot{m}_v^{\text{up}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_S U \rho(T) ds + \int_S |U| \rho(T) ds \right)$$

$$\dot{m}_v^{\text{down}} = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \int_S U \rho(T) ds - \int_S |U| \rho(T) ds \right)$$



# Vent flow at ambient conditions



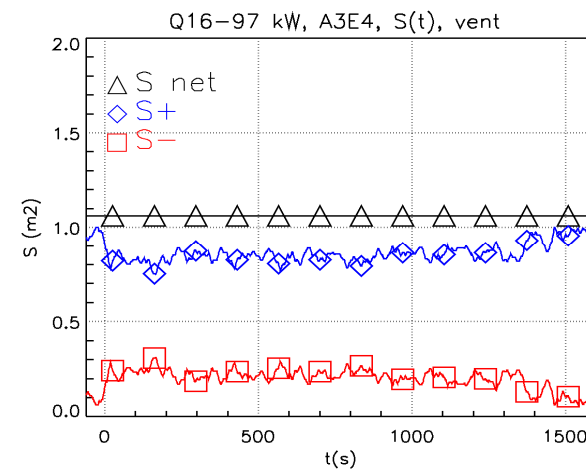
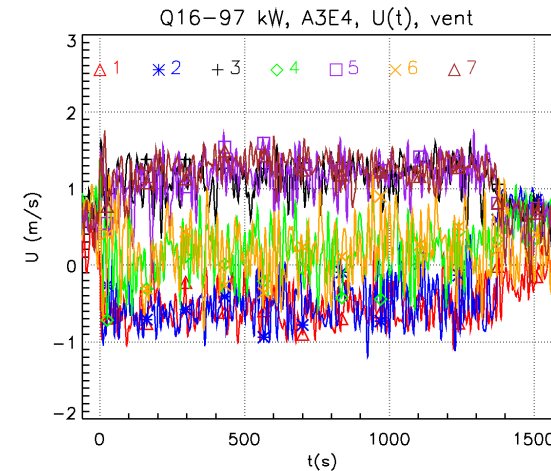
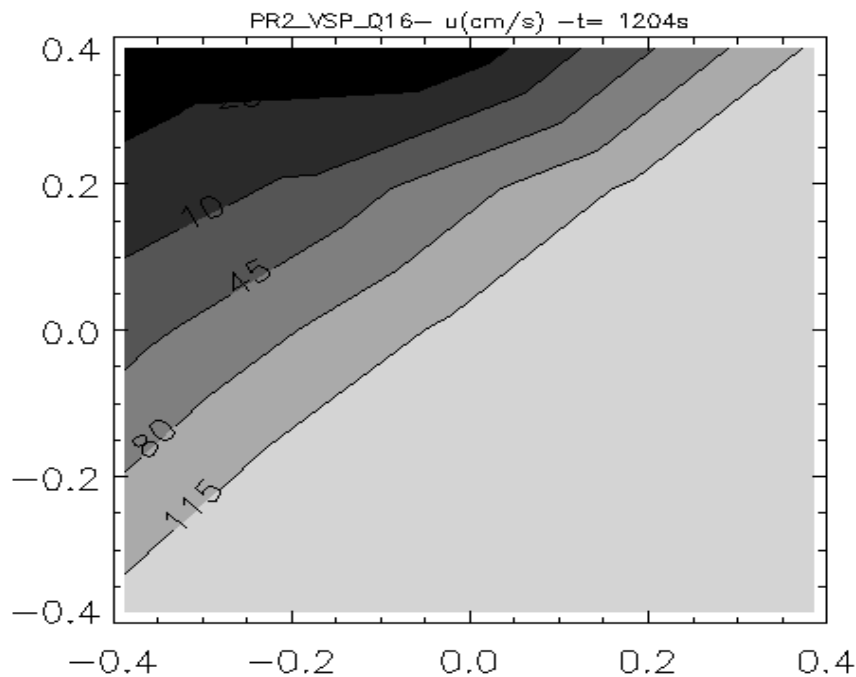
**Only forced convection**  
**Relationship  $q_v = f(\Delta P)$**   
**Discharge coefficient**

$$q_v = C_D A \sqrt{\frac{2\Delta P}{\rho(T)}}$$

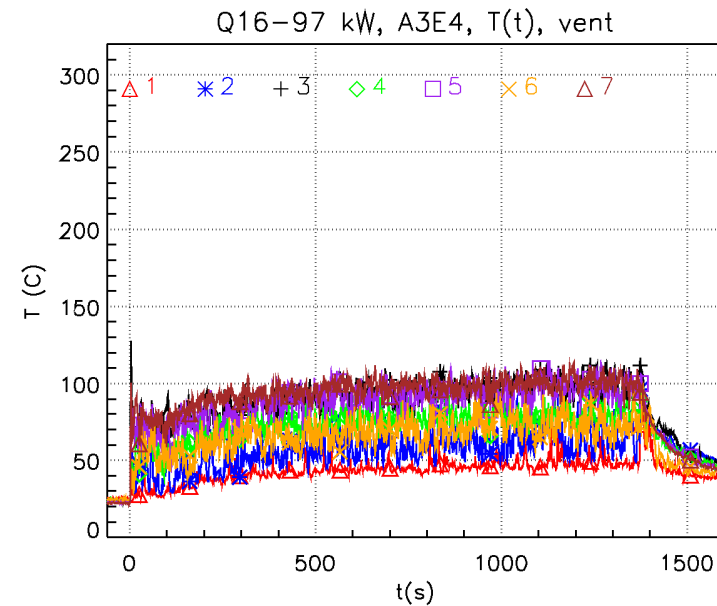
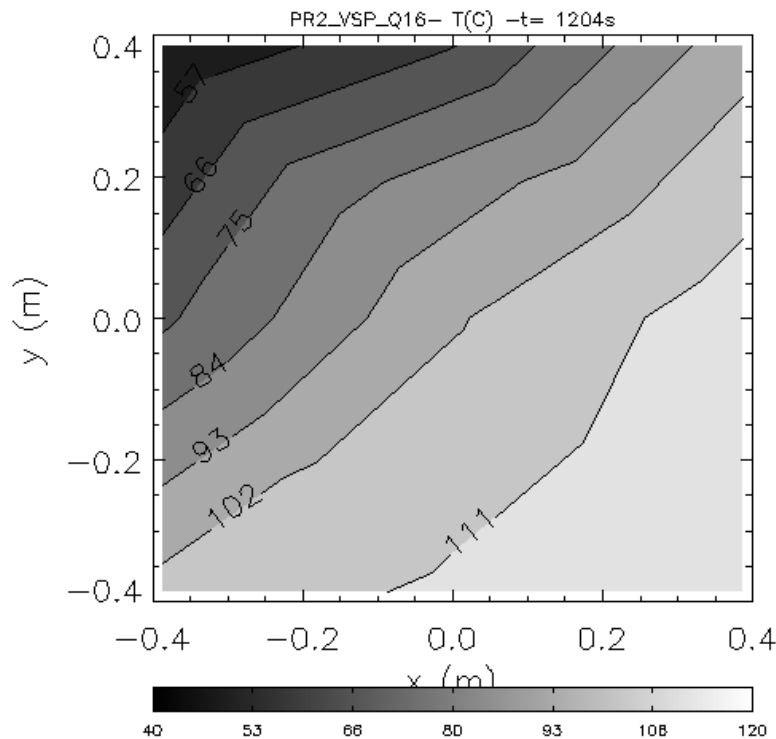
# Typical velocity field at the vent

Bi-directional flow

Negative velocity in one corner



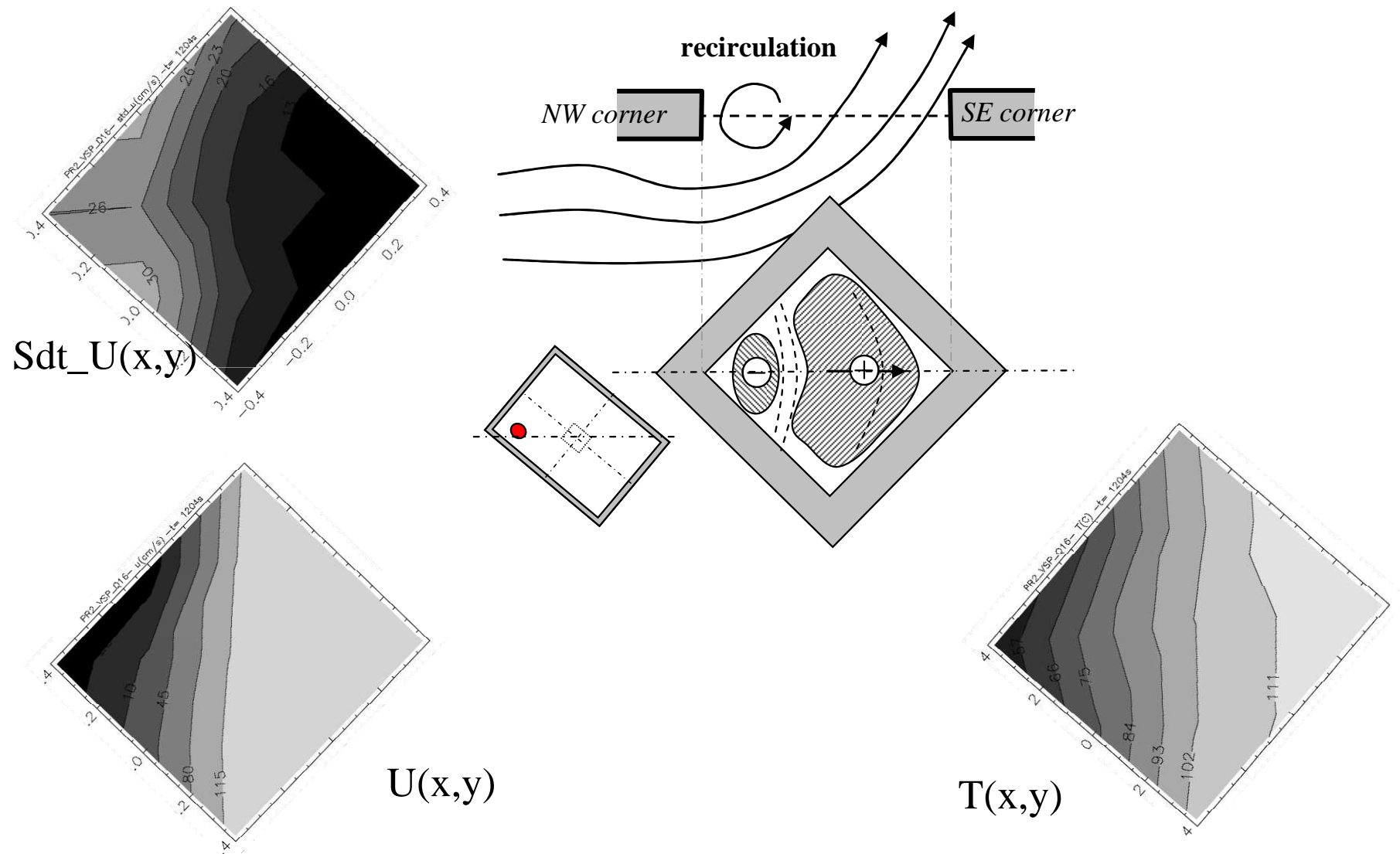
# Typical Temperature field at the vent



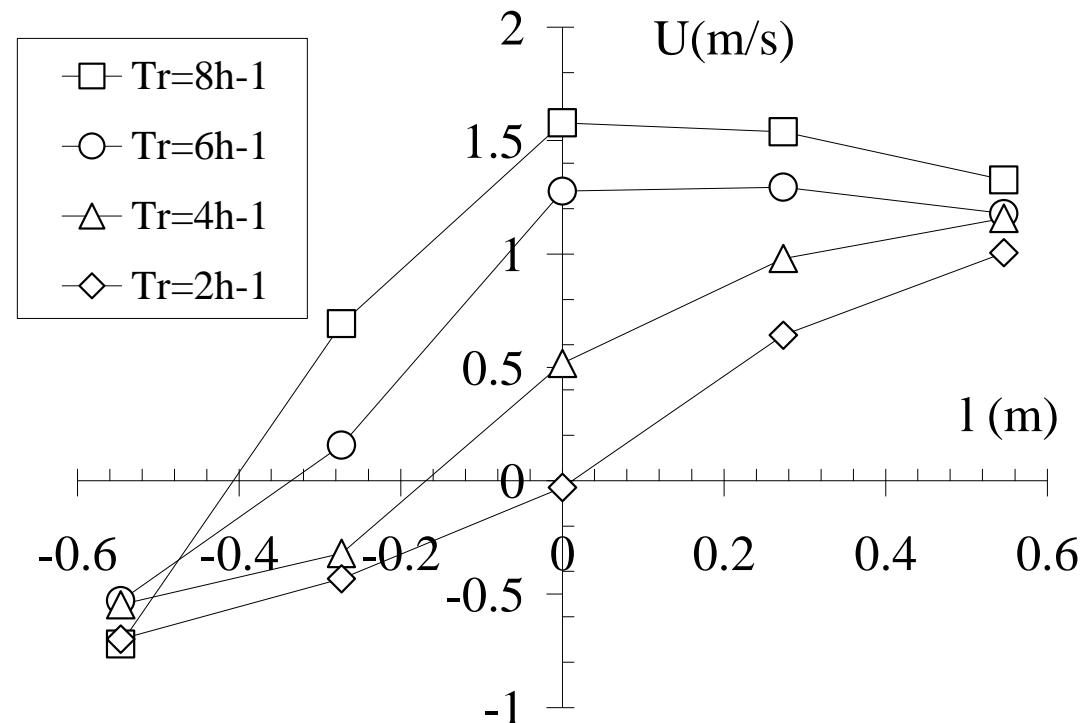
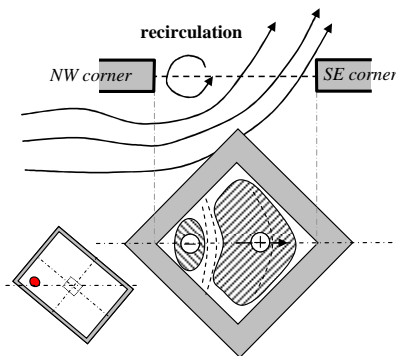
**Highest temperature level  
in the corner of highest  
velocity level**



# Typical flow field at the vent

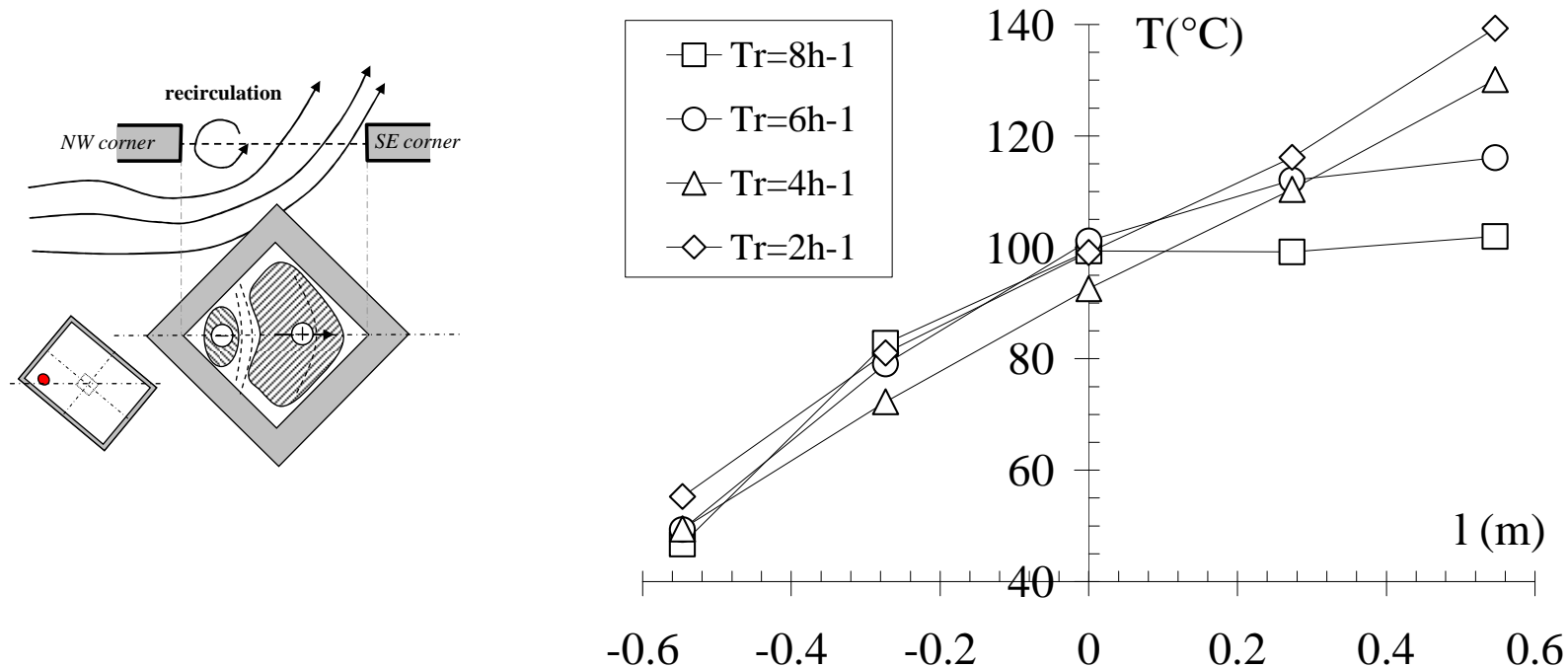


# Effect of the ventilation flow rate (1)



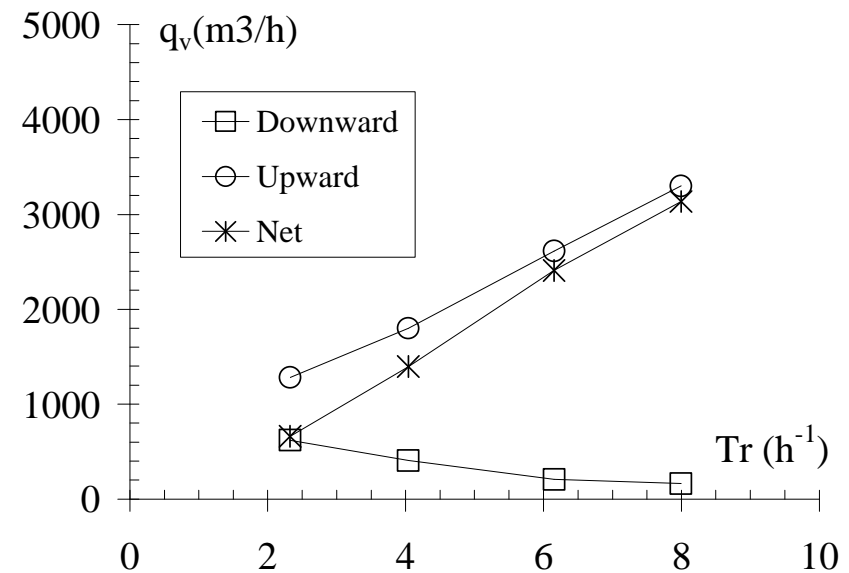
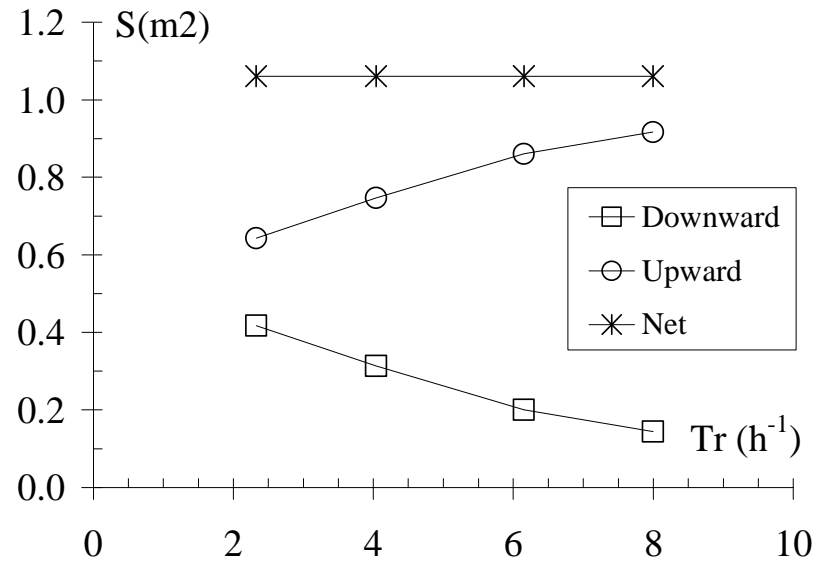
**The increase of the ventilation flow rate**  
 Increases the velocity at the centre of the vent  
 Reduces the area relative to the downward flow

## Effect of the ventilation flow rate (2)



**The increase of the ventilation flow rate**  
 Reduces the temperature of the upward flow  
 Has nearly no impact on the downward flow

# Effect of the ventilation flow rate (3)



**The increase of the ventilation flow rate  
Reduces the downward flow**

# Correlative approach of the vent flow (Cooper)

## Two contributions

*Standard (inertia)*

*Exchange (buoyancy)*

$$\dot{V}^U = \dot{V}_{st}^U + |\dot{V}_{ex}|$$

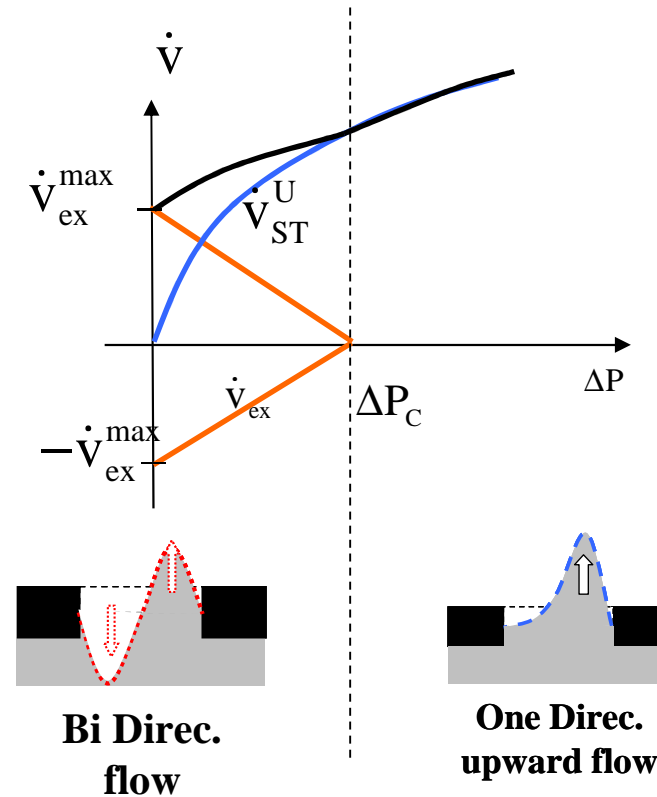
$$\dot{V}^D = \dot{V}_{st}^D + |\dot{V}_{ex}|$$

## Standard term

$$\dot{V}_{st} = C_d A \sqrt{\frac{2\Delta P}{\rho}}$$

## Exchange term

$$\dot{V}_{ex} = \dot{V}_{ex}^{max} f(\Delta P / \Delta P_c)$$



# Cooper's correlation (V89)

## Standard term

$$\dot{v}_{st}^U = C_d A \sqrt{\frac{2\Delta P}{\rho_B}} \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{v}_{st}^D = 0 \quad \text{for } \Delta P > 0$$

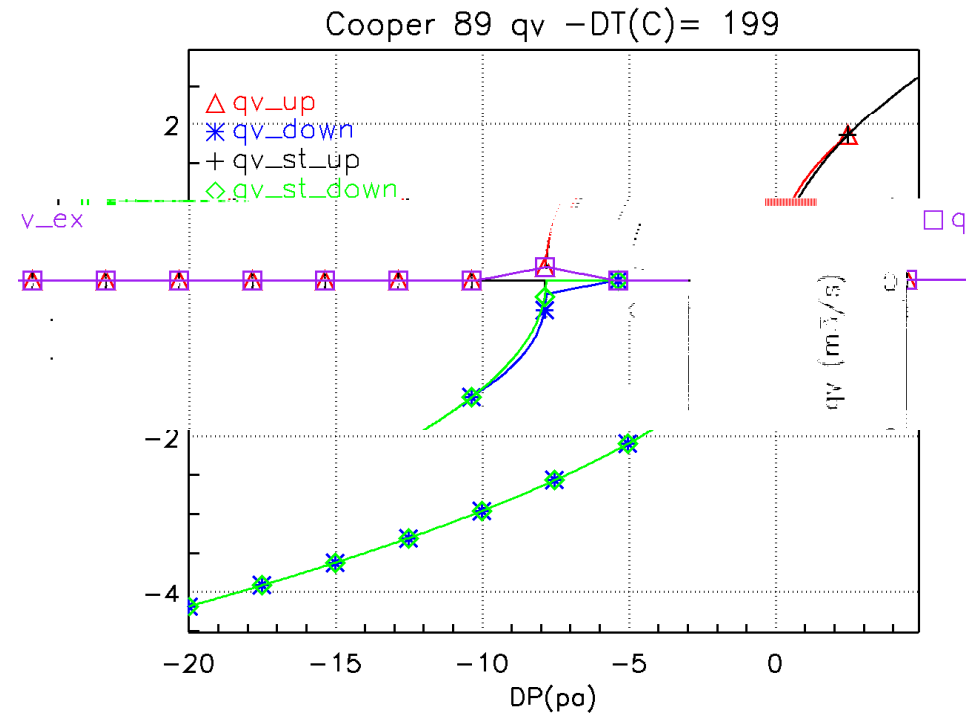
$$\dot{v}_{st}^U = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{v}_{st}^D = C_d A \sqrt{\frac{2\Delta P}{\rho_U}} \quad \text{for } \Delta P < 0$$

## Exchange term

$$\dot{v}_{ex} = \dot{v}_{ex}^{\max} \left(1 - |\Delta P^*|\right)$$

$$\dot{v}_{ex}^{\max} = 0.055 D^2 \sqrt{\frac{\Delta \rho g D}{(\rho_L + \rho_U)/2}}$$

$$\Delta P_c = \left( C^2 \frac{D^4}{8A^2} \right) 4\Delta \rho g D = \left( C^2 \frac{8}{\pi^2} \right) \Delta \rho g D$$



# Cooper's correlation (V94)

## Standard term

$$\dot{v}_{st}^U = C_D(\Delta P^*) A \sqrt{\frac{2\Delta\rho g D}{(\rho_L + \rho_U)/2}} Fr \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{v}_{st}^D = 0 \quad \text{for } \Delta P > 0$$

$$\dot{v}_{st}^U = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{v}_{st}^D = C_D(\Delta P^*) A \sqrt{\frac{2\Delta\rho g D}{(\rho_L + \rho_U)/2}} Fr \quad \text{for } \Delta P < 0$$

$$C_D(\Delta P^*) = 1 - C_2^2 + \sqrt{C_2^4 + C_1^2(\Delta P^* - 1)} \quad \text{for } \Delta P^* > 1$$

$$= \frac{C - \sqrt{1 + (C^2 - 1)(1 - \Delta P^*)}}{C - 1} \quad \text{for } \Delta P^* < 1$$

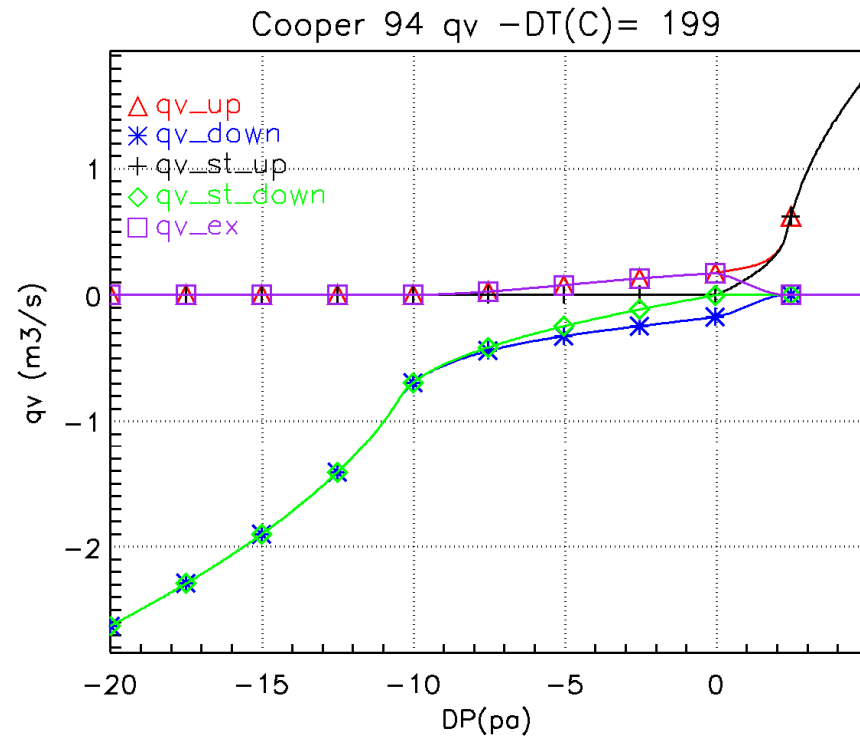
## Exchange term

$$\dot{v}_{ex} = \dot{v}_{ex}^{\max} H(\Delta P^*)$$

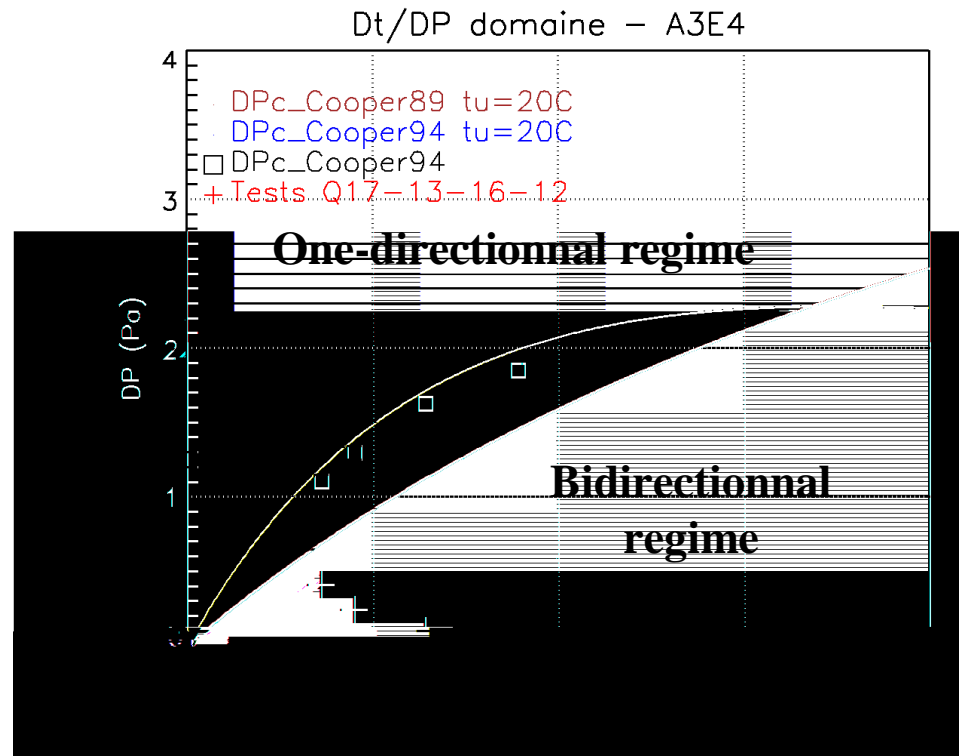
$$\dot{v}_{ex}^{\max} = 0.055 \frac{4}{\pi} A \sqrt{\frac{\Delta\rho g D}{(\rho_L + \rho_U)/2}}$$

$$H(\Delta P^*) = \left[ (1 + C_3/2)(1 - \Delta P^*)^2 - (2 + C_3/2)(1 - \Delta P^*) \right]^2$$

$$\Delta P_c = \left( 0.2427 \left( 1 \pm \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right) \exp[1.1072(\pm\varepsilon)] \right) 4\Delta\rho g D$$



# Comparison : critical pressure

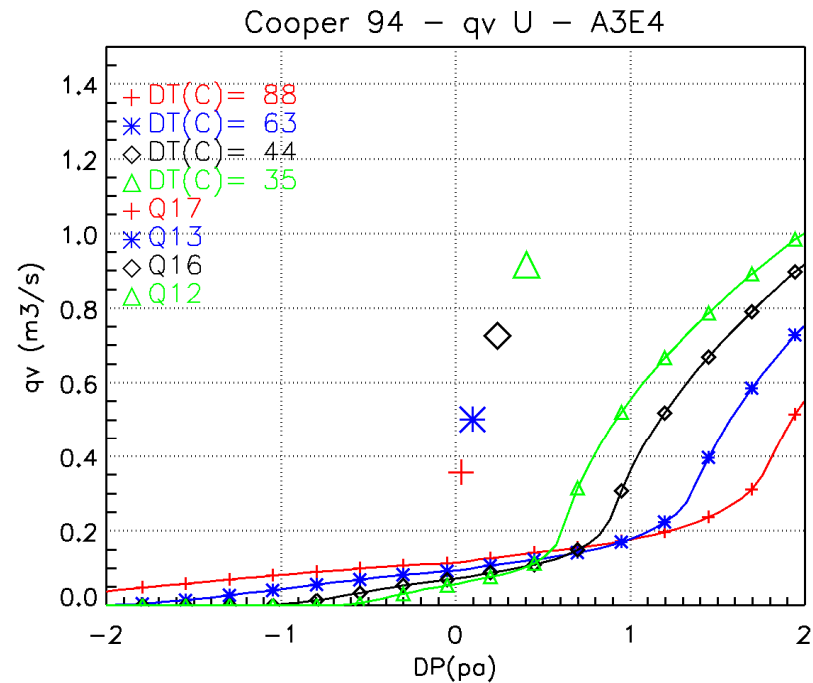
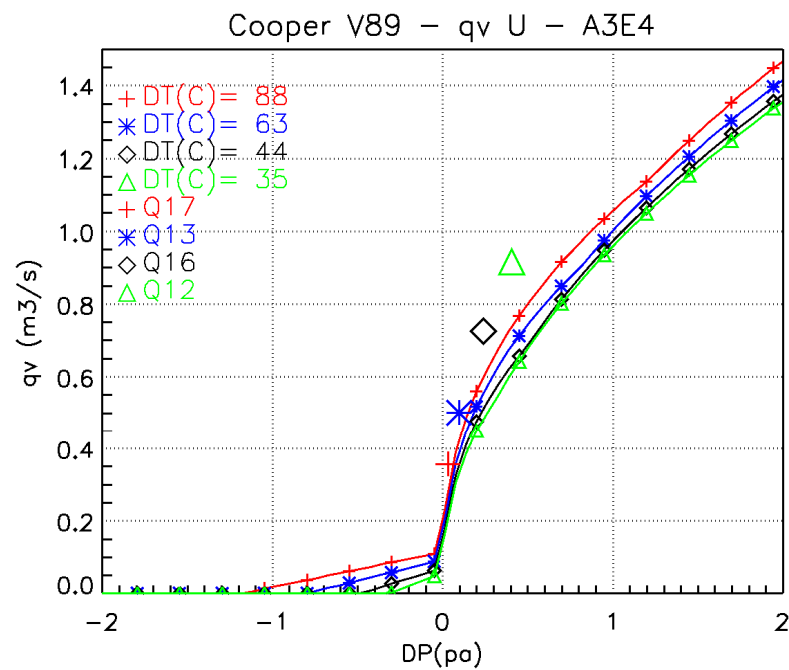


Agreement in the determination of the regime

Fire test = bi-directionnal regime

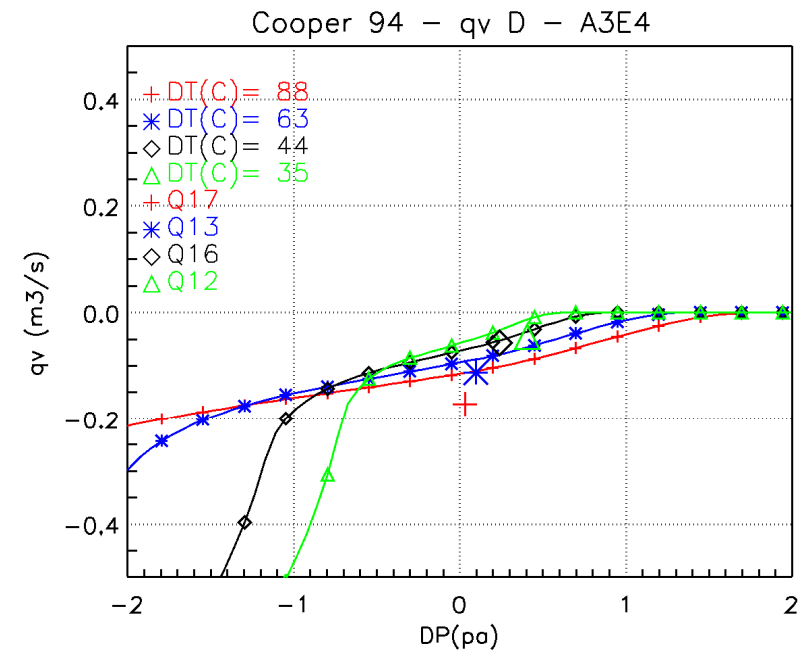
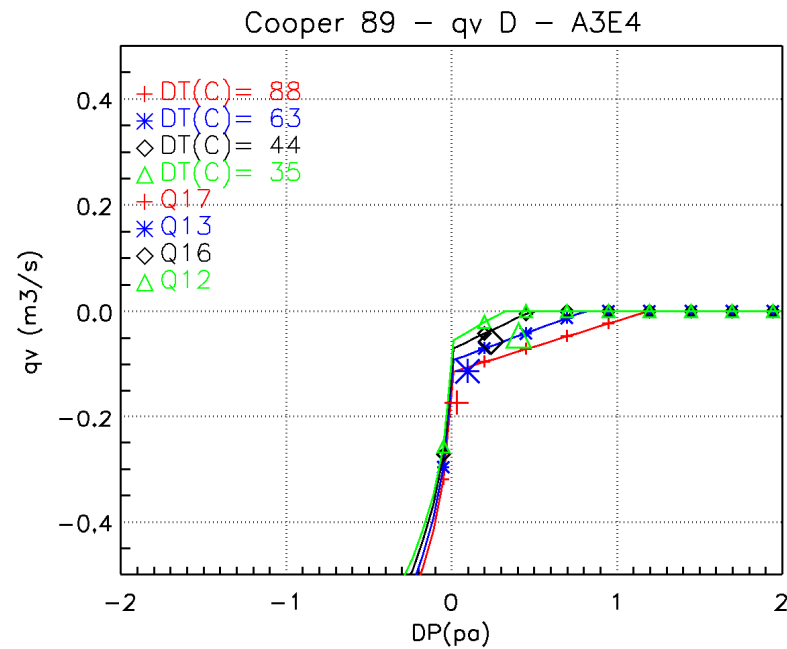


# Comparison : upward flow



Good agreement with version 1

# Comparison : downward flow



Good agreement with the two versions

# Conclusions

**Bi-directionnal flow at the vent**

**Significant influence of the location of the fire**

**Effect of the ventilation flow rate**

Reduction of the downward flow

Critical pressure never obtained with  $Tr=8h^{-1}$

**Tentative of comparison with Cooper correlation**

Two versions

Good agreement with one approach

Large difference between the two approaches

Need of going further in the validation of the correlations