



International Centre for Indoor Environment and Energy

**Indoor environmental Quality related to
comfort, health and productivity**

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COMFORT-PRODUCTIVITY

Building costs

People	100
Maintenance	10
Financing	10
Energy	1

Achieving Excellence in Indoor Environmental Quality

- **Physical factors**
 - Thermal Comfort
 - Air quality (ventilation)
 - Noise-Acoustic
 - Illumination
- **Personal factors**
 - Activity
 - Clothing
 - Adaptation
 - Expectation
 - Exposure time

INTAKE FOR A PERSON PER DAY

- 1 kg FOOD
- 2 kg LIQUID
- 15 kg AIR

Global impact on people

- In developing regions
5000 persons die per day
due to poor IAQ

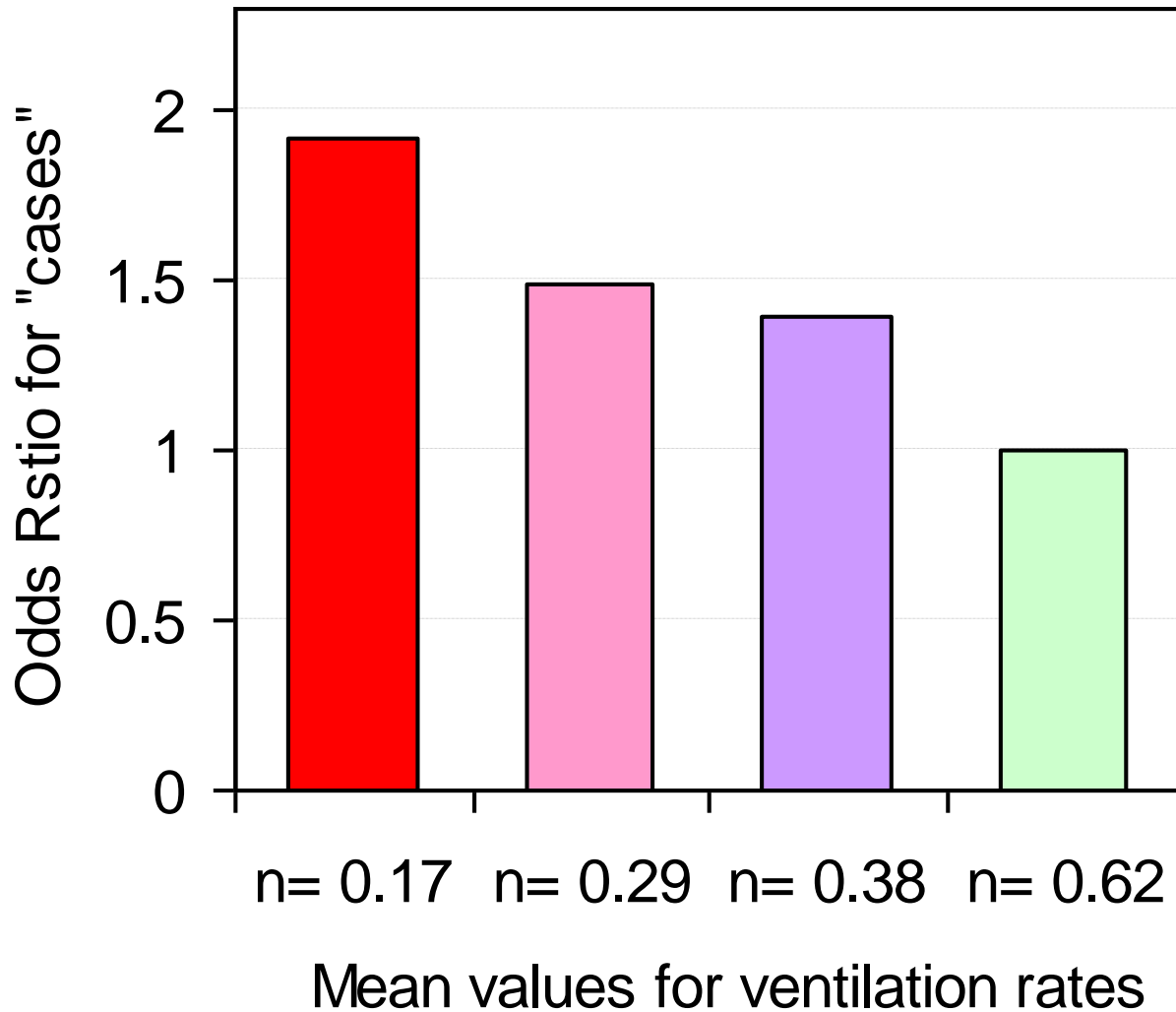




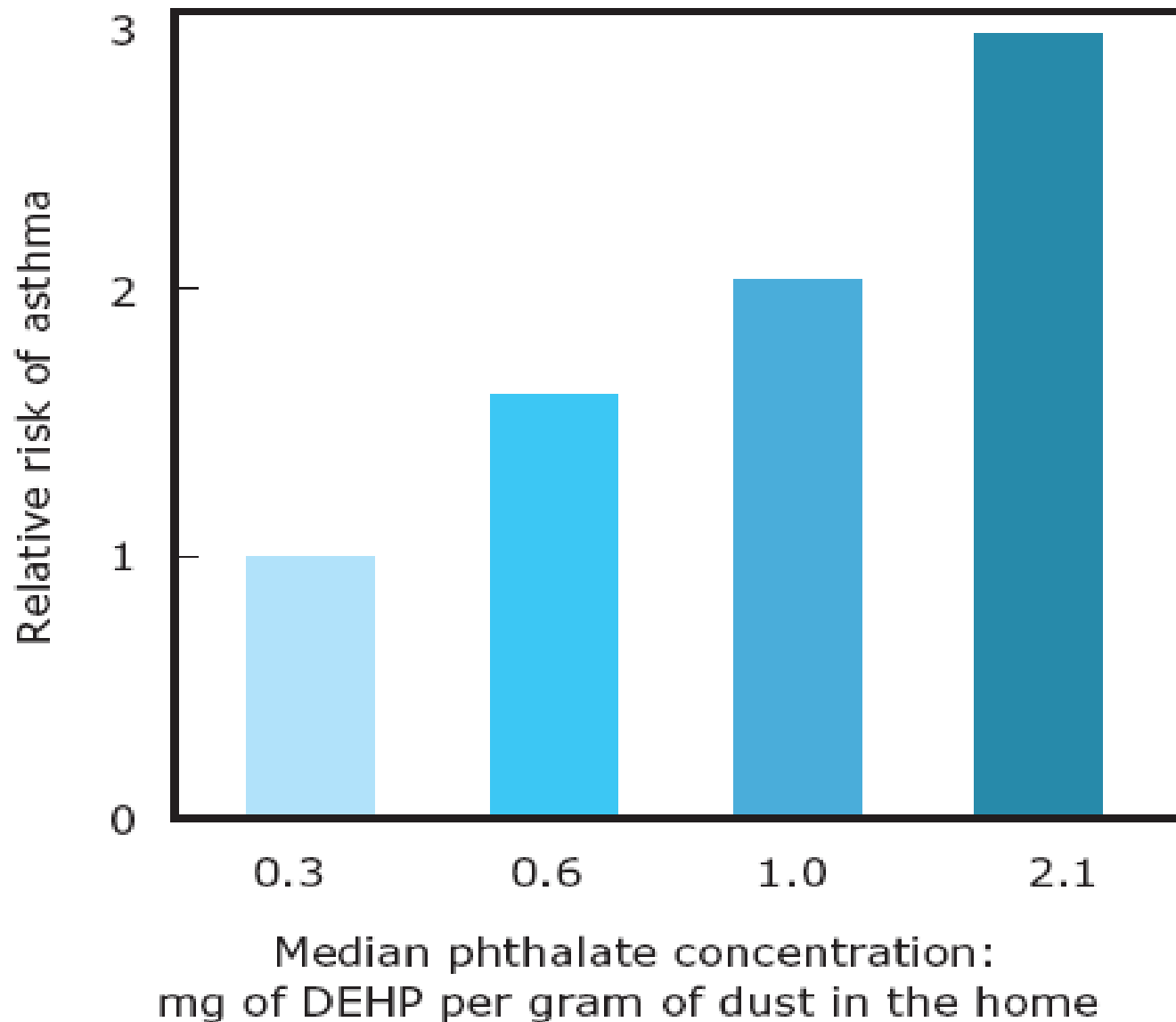
Hans Christian Andersen: The Princess on the Pea

Asthma and Allergy

In several industrial countries 50% of school children is suffering from Asthma or Allergy. This number has doubled within the last 20 years



Odds ratio for being a “case”, i.e. children with at least two symptoms of possible three (wheezing, rhinitis, eczema) as a function of ventilation rates, in single family houses. (Bornehag et al., 2003).



Plasticizers from polyvinyl chloride in dwellings increase the risk of asthma among children.

Each column represents about 90 dwellings.

DEHP: di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate.

PVC=Modern "Western" Lifestyle



Furnitures



Food package



Cosmetics



Cleaning products



Floor and walls



Toys



Cables



Paintings

STANDARDS

- **ISO EN 7730-2005**
 - Ergonomics of the thermal environment – Analytical determination and interpretation of thermal comfort using calculation of the PMV and PPD indices and local thermal comfort effects.
- **ASHRAE 55-2004**
 - Thermal environment conditions for human occupancy
- **ASHRAE 62.1 and 62.2 -2004**
 - Ventilation and indoor air quality
- **CR 1752**
 - Ventilation of buildings-Design criteria for the indoor environment
- **EN 13779**
 - Ventilation for non-residential buildings - performance requirements for ventilation and room-conditioning systems



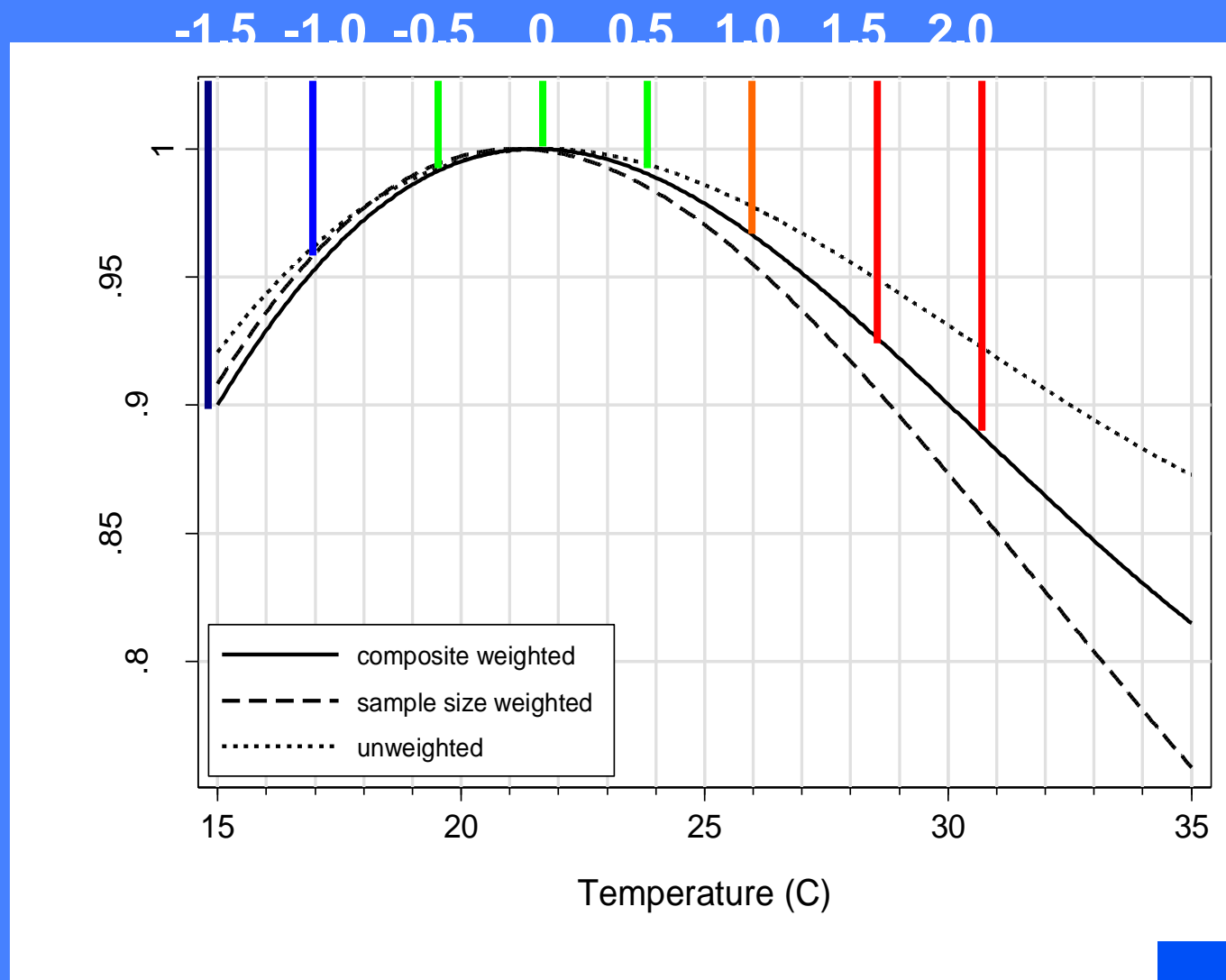
EN15251

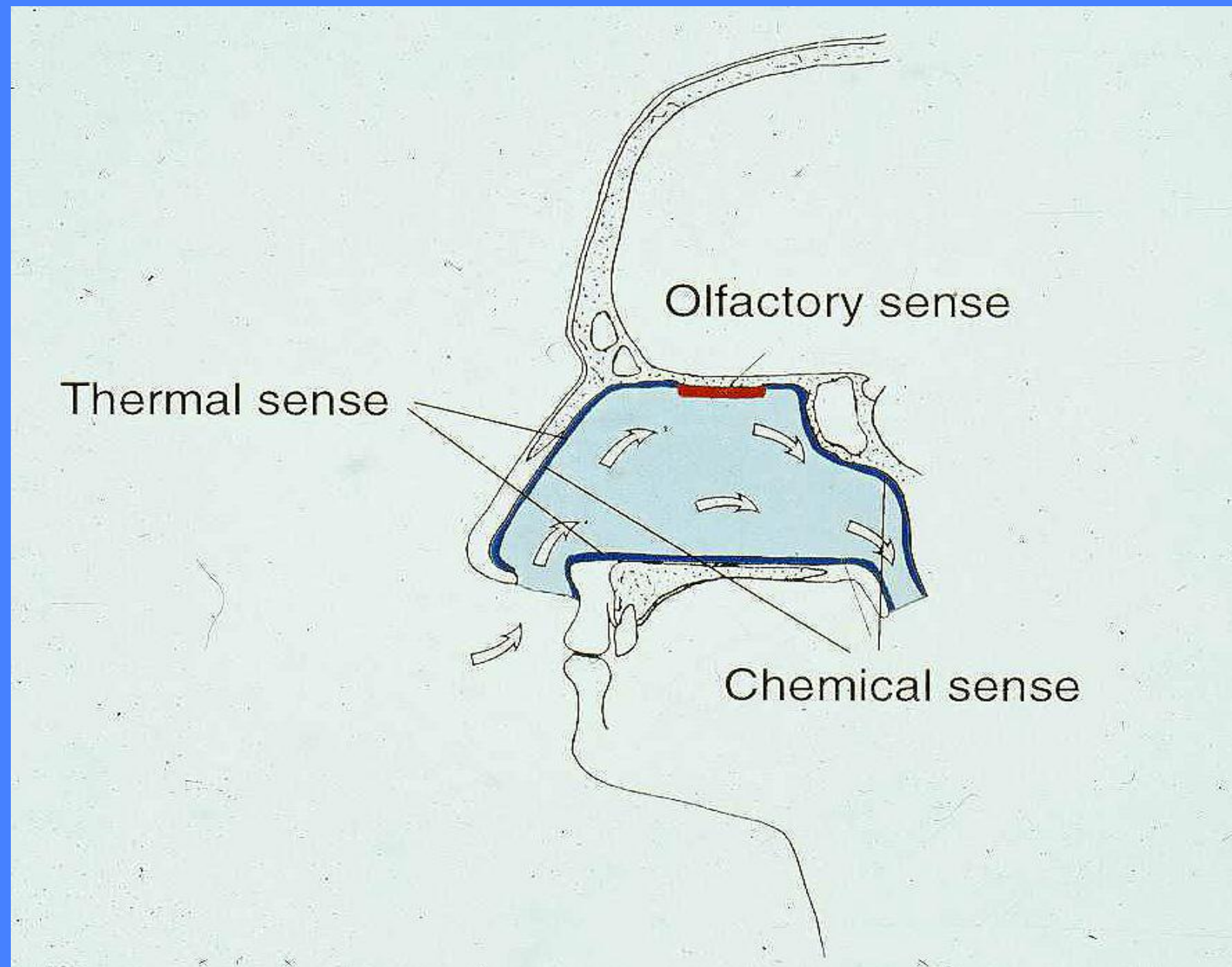
***Indoor environmental input parameters
for design and assessment of energy
performance of buildings- addressing
indoor air quality, thermal environment,
lighting and acoustics***

Temperature ranges for hourly calculation of cooling and heating energy in three categories of indoor environment

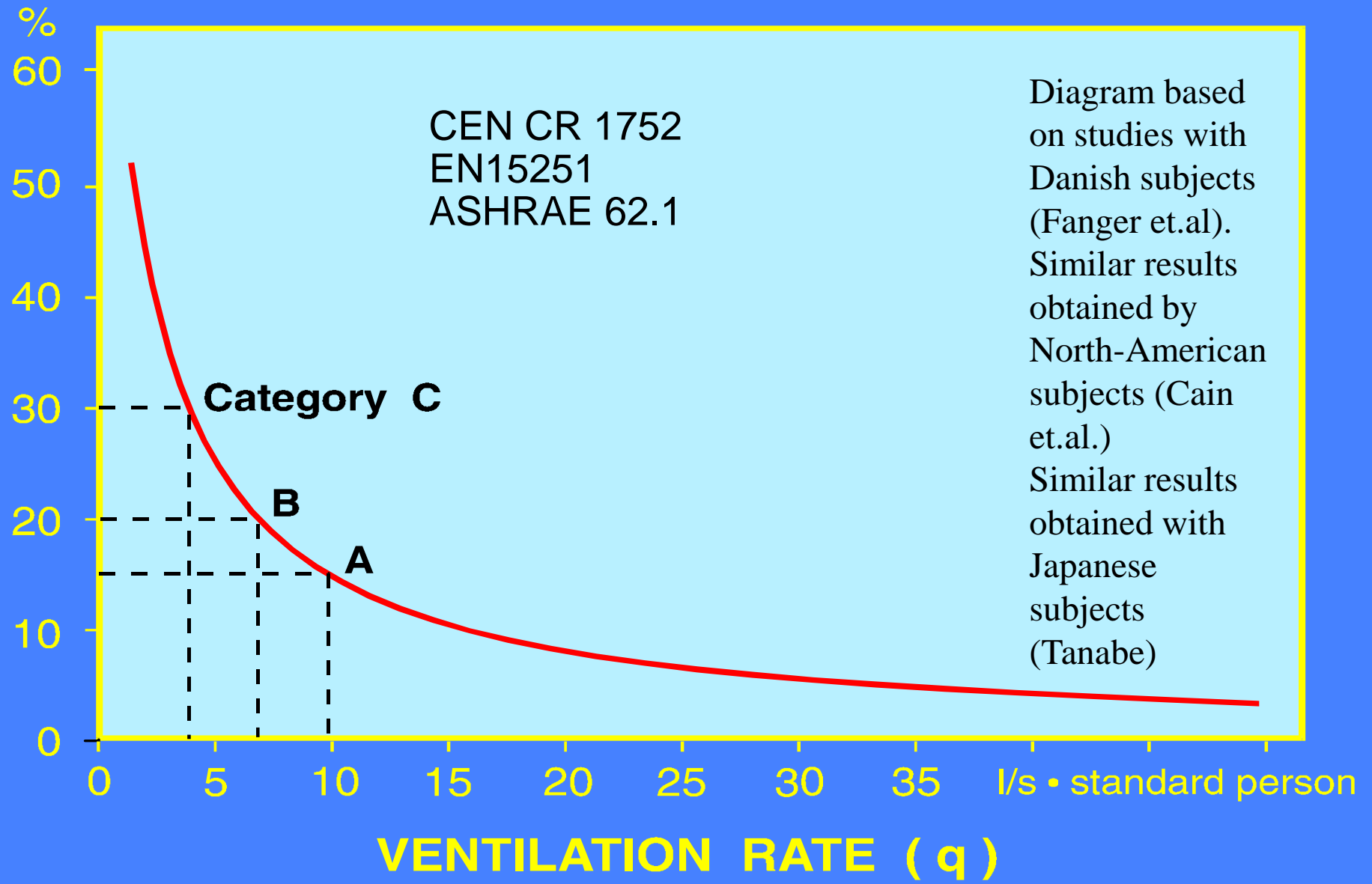
Type of building/ space	Category	Operative Temperature for Energy Calculations °C	
		Heating (winter season), ~ 1,0 clo	Cooling (summer season), ~ 0,5 clo
Offices and spaces with similar activity (single offices, open plan offices, conference rooms, auditorium, cafeteria, restaurants, class rooms, Sedentary activity ~1,2 met	I	21,0 – 23,0	23,5 - 25,5
	II	20,0 – 24,0	23,0 - 26,0
	III	19,0 – 25,0	22,0 - 27,0

PMV-values





PERCEIVED AIR QUALITY
% DISSATISFIED (PD)



Concept for calculation of design ventilation rate

People Component

Building Component

Breathing Zone
Outdoor Airflow



$$V_{bz} = R_p P_z + \cancel{R_s S_d} + R_a A_z$$

Diagram illustrating the components of the design ventilation rate calculation:

- People Component:** $R_p P_z$
 - R_p : Minimum l/s/Person
 - P_z : Number of People
- Smokers Component (Crossed out):** $\cancel{R_s S_d}$
 - R_s : Ventilation per Smoker
 - S_d : Number of Smokers
- Building Component:** $R_a A_z$
 - R_a : Building Area
 - A_z : Minimum l/s/m²

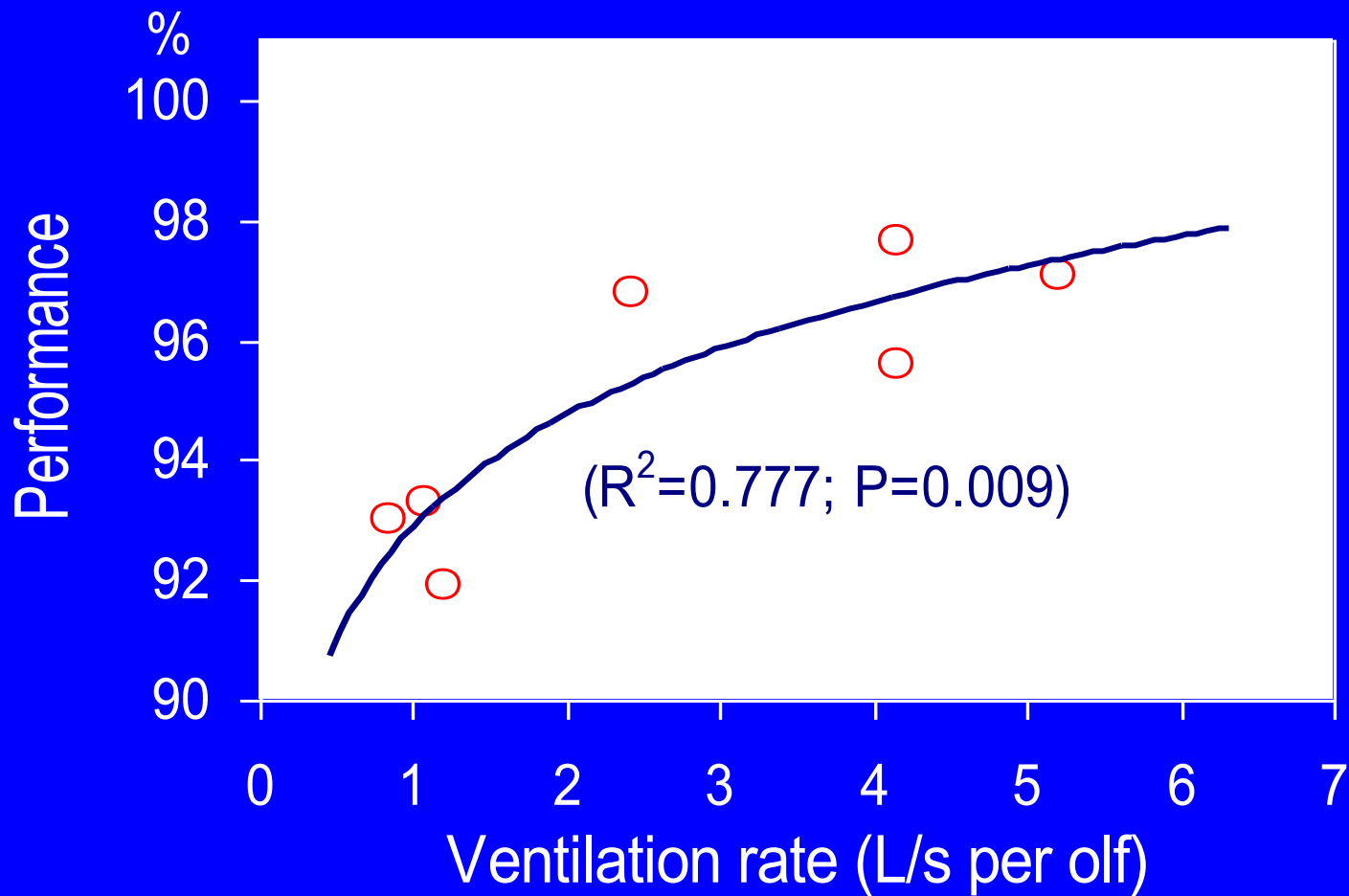
Recommended ventilation rates for non-residential buildings for three categories (EN15251)

Type of building or space	Category	Per person l/s, person	Per floor area l/s, m ²	Per person l/s, person	Per floor area l/s, m ²	Per person l/s, person	Per floor area l/s, m ²
		Very low polluted building, revision		Low polluted building, revision		Non-low polluted building, revision	
Single office	I	5,0	1,5	10,0	2,0	20,0	3,0
	II	3,0	1,0	7,0	1,4	14,0	2,1
	III	2,0	0,6	4,0	0,8	8,0	1,2
Landscaped office	I	7,5	1,5	15,0	1,7	30,0	2,7
	II	4,5	1,0	10,5	1,2	21,0	1,9
	III	3,0	0,6	6,0	0,7	12,0	1,1
Conference room	I	1,0	1,5	2,0	6,0	4,0	7,0
	II	0,6	1,0	1,4	4,2	2,8	4,9
	III	0,4	0,6	0,8	2,4	1,6	2,8

Residential buildings

Category	Air change rate ¹⁾		Living room and bedrooms, mainly outdoor air flow		Exhaust air flow, l/s		
	l/s,m ² (1)	ach	l/s, pers ²⁾ (2)	l/s/m ² (3)	Kitchen (4a)	Bathrooms (4b)	Toilets (4)
I	0,49	0,7	10	1,4	28	20	14
II	0,42	0,6	7	1,0	20	15	10
III	0,35	0,5	4	0,6	14	10	7

Ventilation vs performance

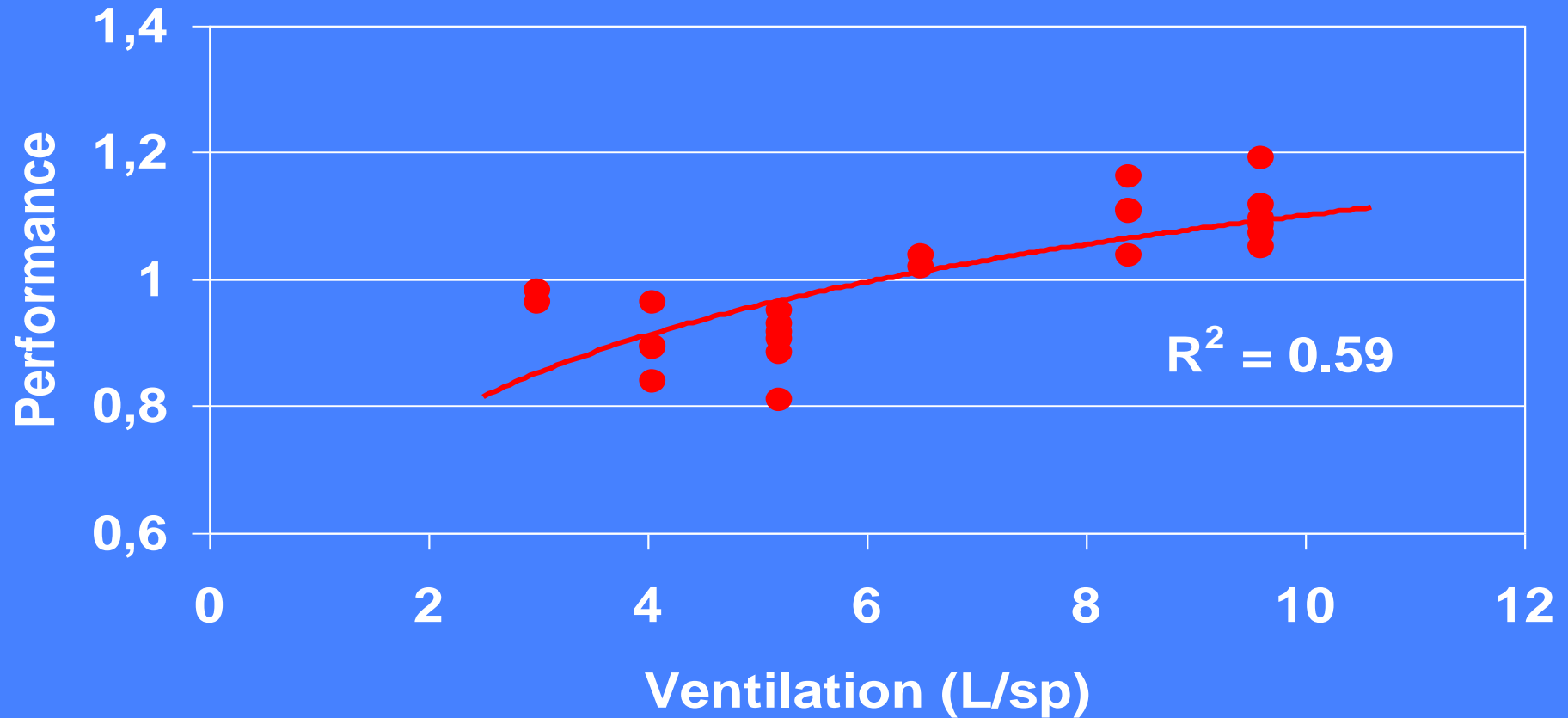




The effect of the indoor environment on student performance



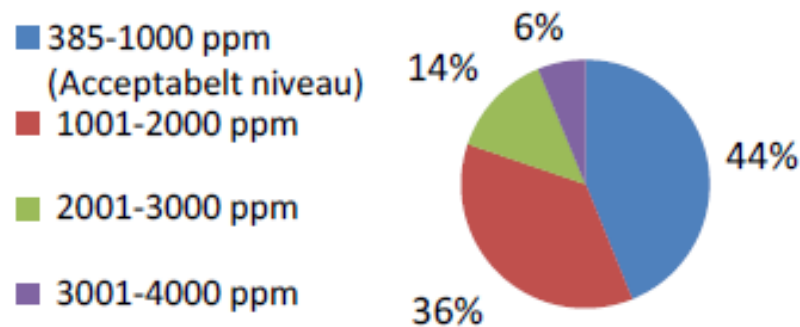
Performance of schoolwork as a function of classroom ventilation



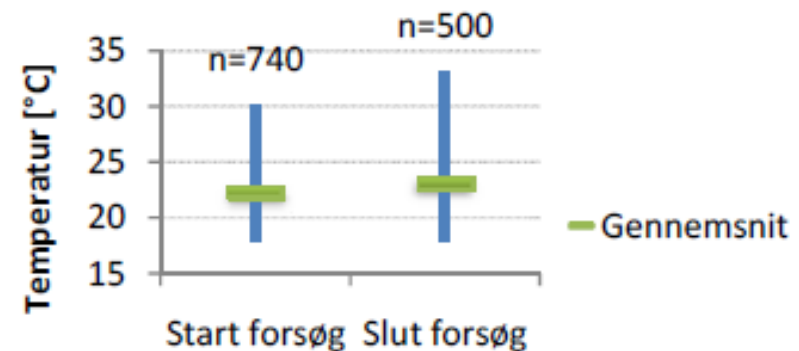
Doubling ventilation rate ~14.5% higher performance

Indoor Environment in Schools

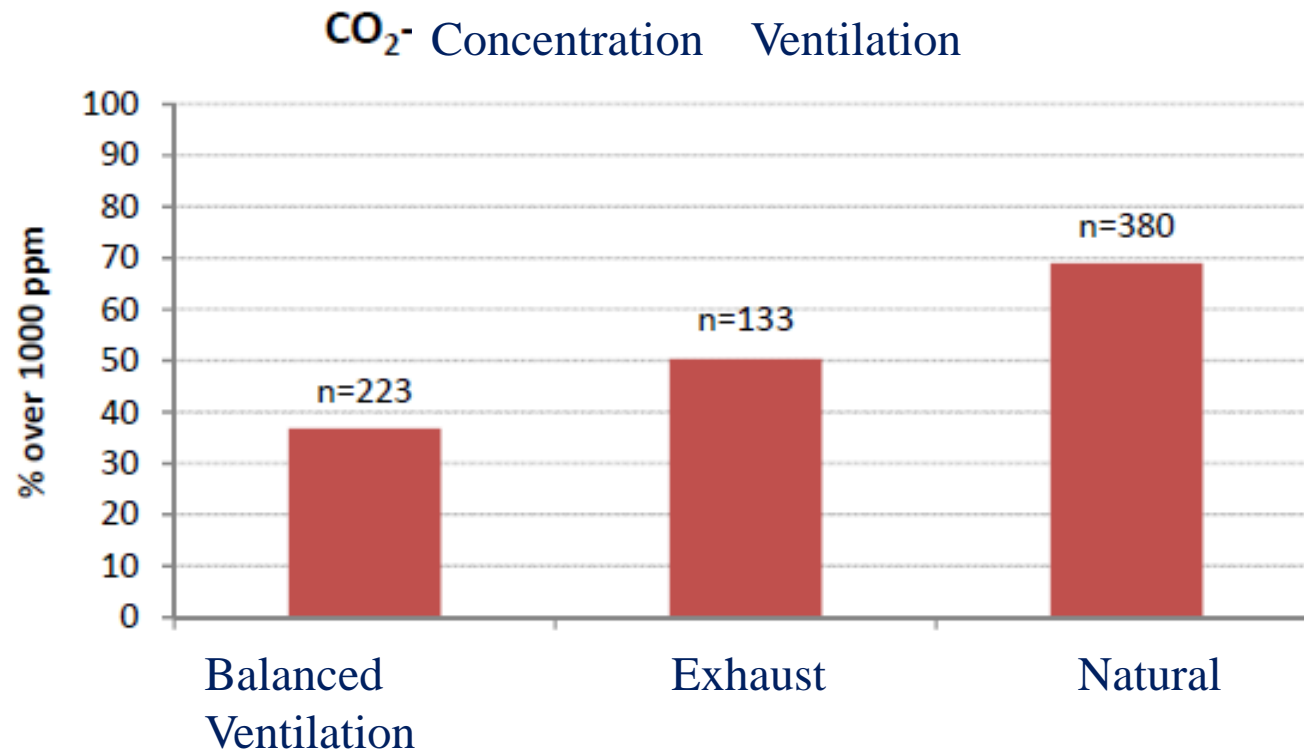
CO₂-koncentrationer for hele landet (743 klasser, 320 skoler)



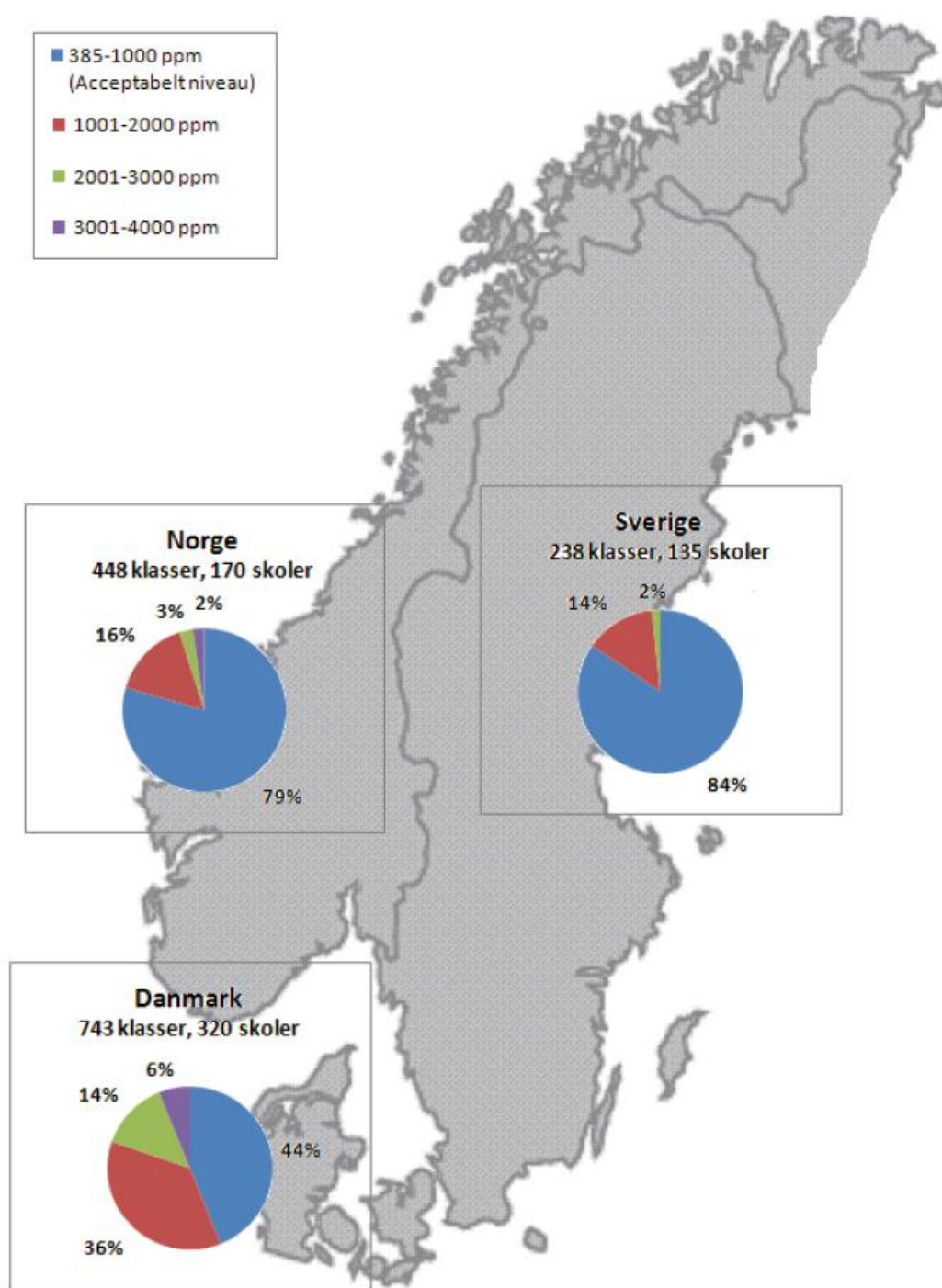
Temperaturer for hele landet



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Indoor Air Quality and Thermal Comfort in near Zero Energy Buildings

- **Thermal Comfort**
 - More uniform conditions (radiant asymmetry, vertical air temperature differences)
 - Less draught risk (reduced heat supply, no cold surfaces)
 - Less difference between air and operative temperature
 - Is individual room control important?
 - » Comfort
 - » Energy
- **Indoor Air Quality**
 - Tighter buildings
 - Cannot rely on infiltration
 - Can you heat with the ventilation system?
 - » Air distribution
 - » Ventilation effectiveness
 - » Individual room control



Indoor Air Quality and Thermal Comfort in near Zero Energy Buildings

If an energy efficient measure also improve the indoor environment it will

- Lower Health Risk
- Increase Comfort
- Increase Productivity
- Always be cost efficient.

