

Developing and Managing a Laboratory Ventilation Management Plan (LVMP)



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Agenda:

- What is Smart Lab?
- Ventilation Risk Assessments and Establishing ACR'S
- Demand for Ventilation
- Fume Hood Upgrades
- Labs are Dynamic - Managing Change and Staying Sustainable

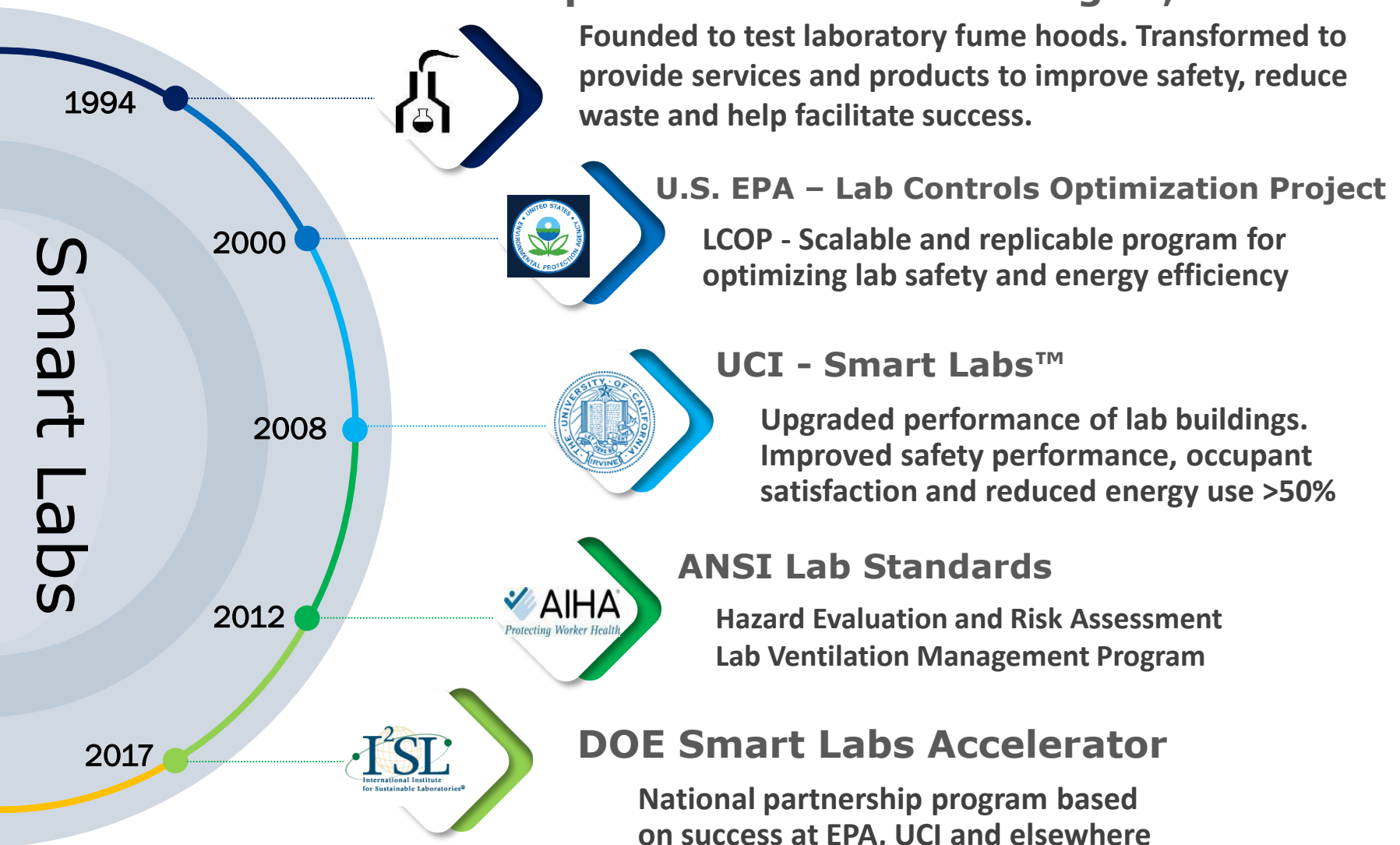




Improve Safety, Minimize Waste and Facilitate Success in Critical Workplace Environments



Smart Labs™ evolved over 25 years



Organizations can improve safety, reduce risk and operate more effectively.

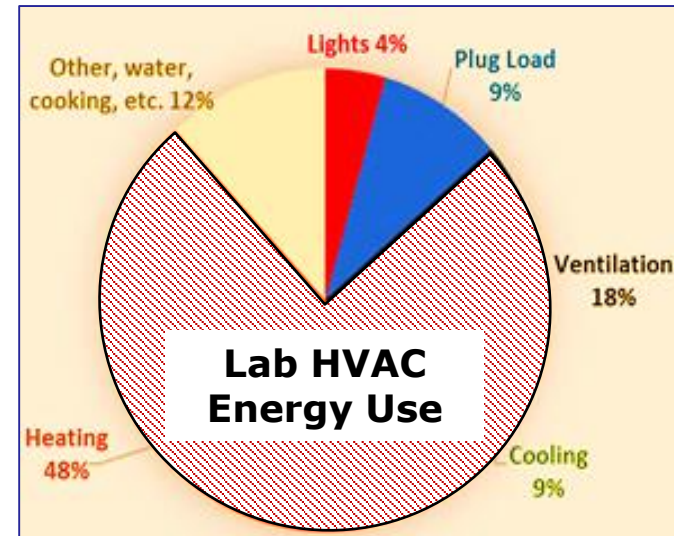
- **Attract & retain top talent**
- **Ensure safety**
- **Minimize waste**
- **Improve sustainability**
- **Maximize resilience**
- **Accommodate change**
- **Mitigate risk**
- **Enhance return on investment**



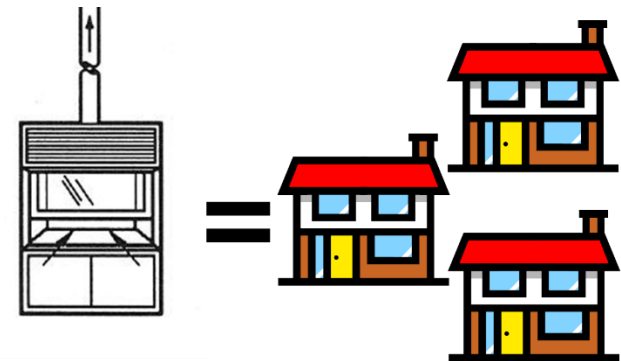
Laboratories are expensive and complicated

- Average Lab Size $\approx 100,000 \text{ ft}^2$
- Construction_(USA) $\approx \$45 \text{ Million to } \100 Million
- Energy Cost $\approx \$700,000/\text{year}$ (Avg. $\$7 \text{ per ft}^2$)

45% to 85% of the energy is consumed by Fume Hoods and the Lab HVAC Systems



- Lab HVAC and Fume Hoods $\approx 30\%$ of Construction Cost
- Fume Hood Installation $\approx \$25,000 - \$50,000$ each
- Fume Hood Annual Cost $\approx \$2,400 - \$5,000$ per year



As much as 50% of HVAC energy is wasted by excess airflow, inefficient fume hoods and improper modulation of flow

The goal is high performance Smart Labs

- **Effective**

- Support research and development
- Flexible to change

- **Safe**

- Protect people from exposure
- Compliance with standards

- **Efficient**

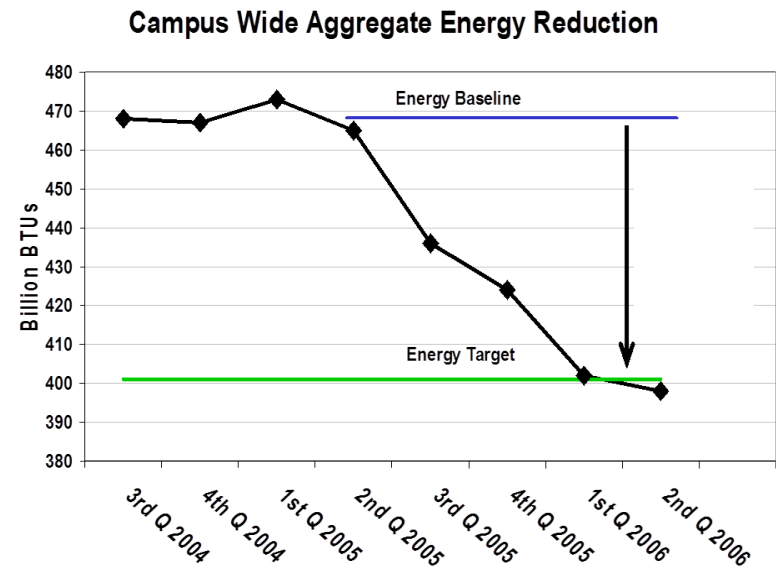
- Minimum energy consumption
- Minimum operating costs

- **Sustainable**

- Minimum carbon footprint
- Maintainable
- Demonstrable Return on Investment



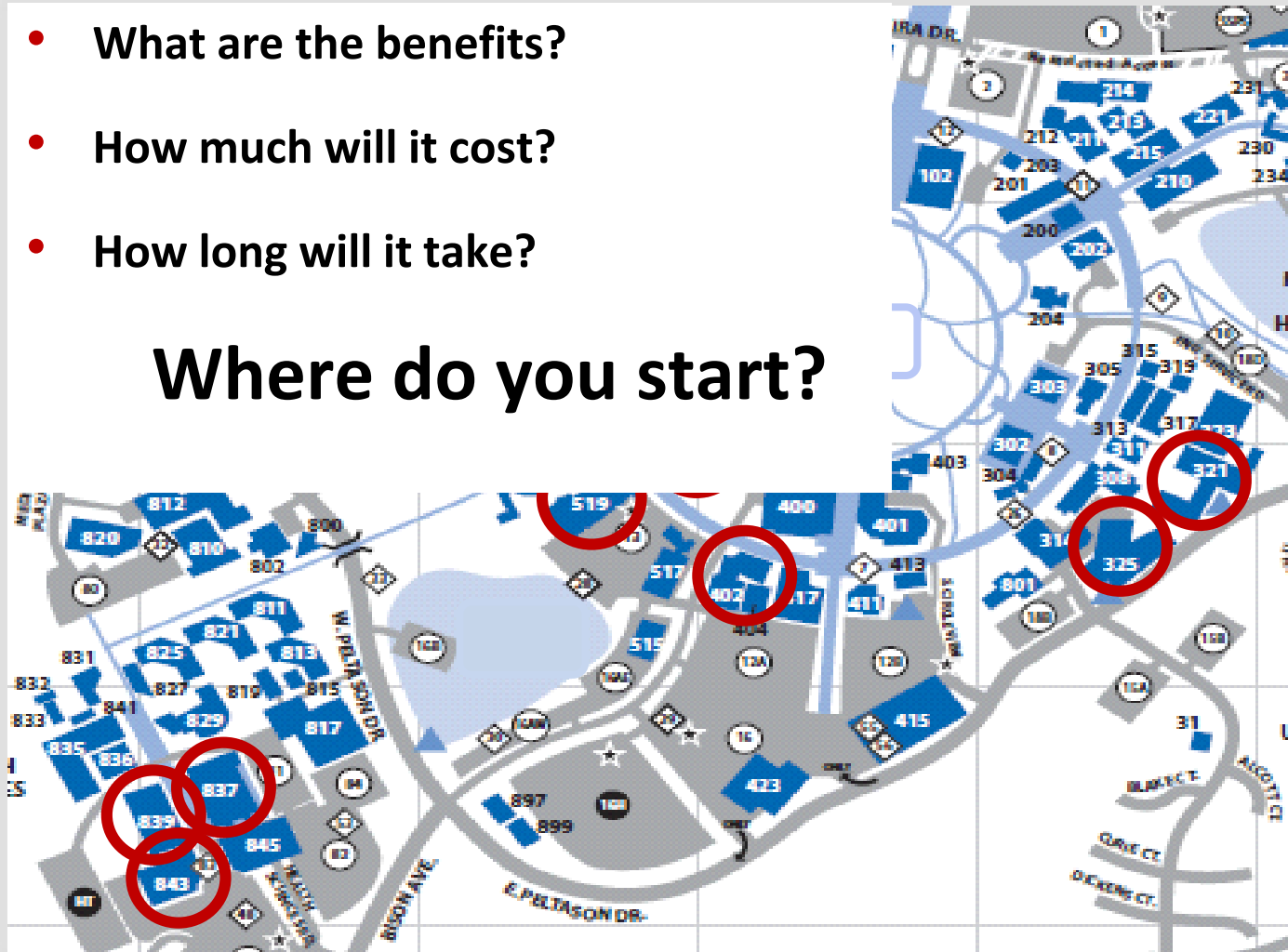
UCI Smart Lab



You may have many buildings, limited budgets and competing interests

- What are the benefits?
- How much will it cost?
- How long will it take?

Where do you start?



Success requires a combination of efforts

- Design and Mechanical Attributes

- High performance fume hoods
- Variable Air Volume Systems
- High efficiency mechanical systems
- Building information and control systems

- Management and Leadership

- Occupant Information and Floor Plans
- Ventilation Safety Demand Assessment
- System Diagrams and Airflow Specifications
- Airflow Management Program (AMP)
- LVMP Manager / Coordinator



Lab Ventilation Management Plan

Success of Smart Labs™ at UCI

Laboratory Building		Before “Smart Lab” Retrofit			After “Smart Lab” Retrofit		
Name	Type*	Estimated Avg. ACH	VAV or CV	Was more efficient than code?	kWh Savings	Therm Savings	Total Savings
Croul Hall	P	6.6	VAV	~ 20%	41%	60%	55%
McGaugh Hall	B	9.4	CV	no	40%	66%	47%
Reines Hall	P	11.3	CV	no	70%	76%	72%
Natural Sciences II	P, B	9.1	VAV	~ 20%	48%	62%	50%
Biological Sciences 3	B	9	VAV	~ 30%	45%	81%	60%
CALIT2	E	6	VAV	~ 20%	46%	78%	62%
Gillespie Neurosciences	M	6.8	CV	~ 20%	58%	81%	61%
Sprague Hall	M	7.2	VAV	~ 20%	58%	82%	71%
Hewitt Hall	M	8.7	VAV	~ 20%	58%	77%	69%
Engineering 3	E	8	VAV	~ 30%	59%	78%	61%
Averages	—	8.2	VAV	~ 20%	55%	76%	58%

Even the most well designed and well maintained buildings will degrade over time!



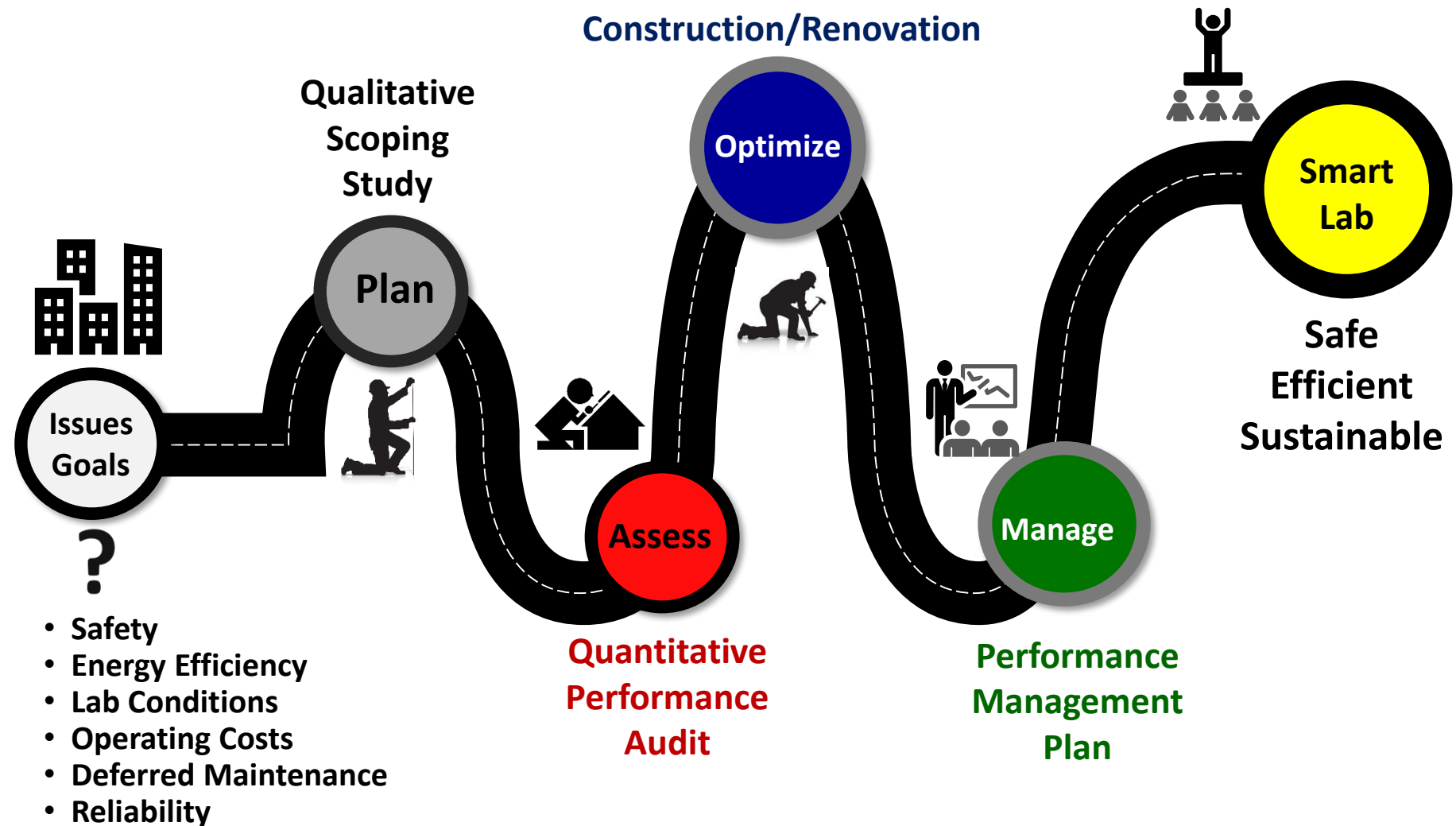
The Roadmap to High Performance Labs and Critical Control Environments

Achieving high performance labs and critical control environments requires a process



- I. Strategic Planning**
- II. Team Responsibilities and Training**
- III. Systems Theory**
- IV. Implementation**
 - A. Phase 1A - Plan**
 - B. Phase 1B - Assess**
 - C. Phase 2 – Optimize**
 - D. Phase 3 - Manage**
- V. Management Plan**

Smart Labs™ provides a roadmap to success



Coordination of stakeholders is the key to achieving sustainable, high performance, Smart Labs

Leadership, Coordination and Collaboration

Management



Research



**Environmental
Health & Safety**



Engineering



Maintenance



Space Planning



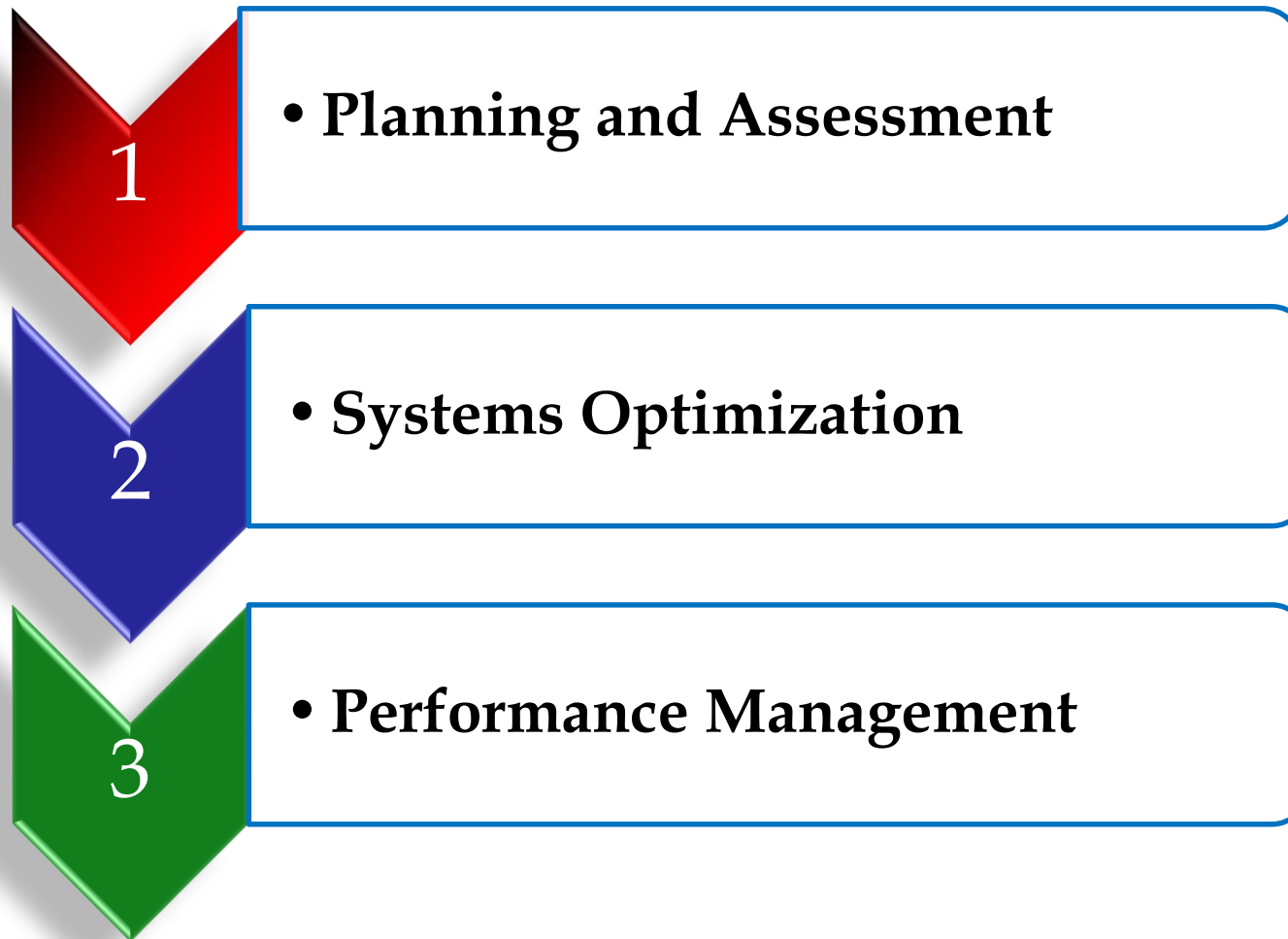
Purchasing



- **Common Objectives**
- **Realistic Goals**
- **Teamwork**

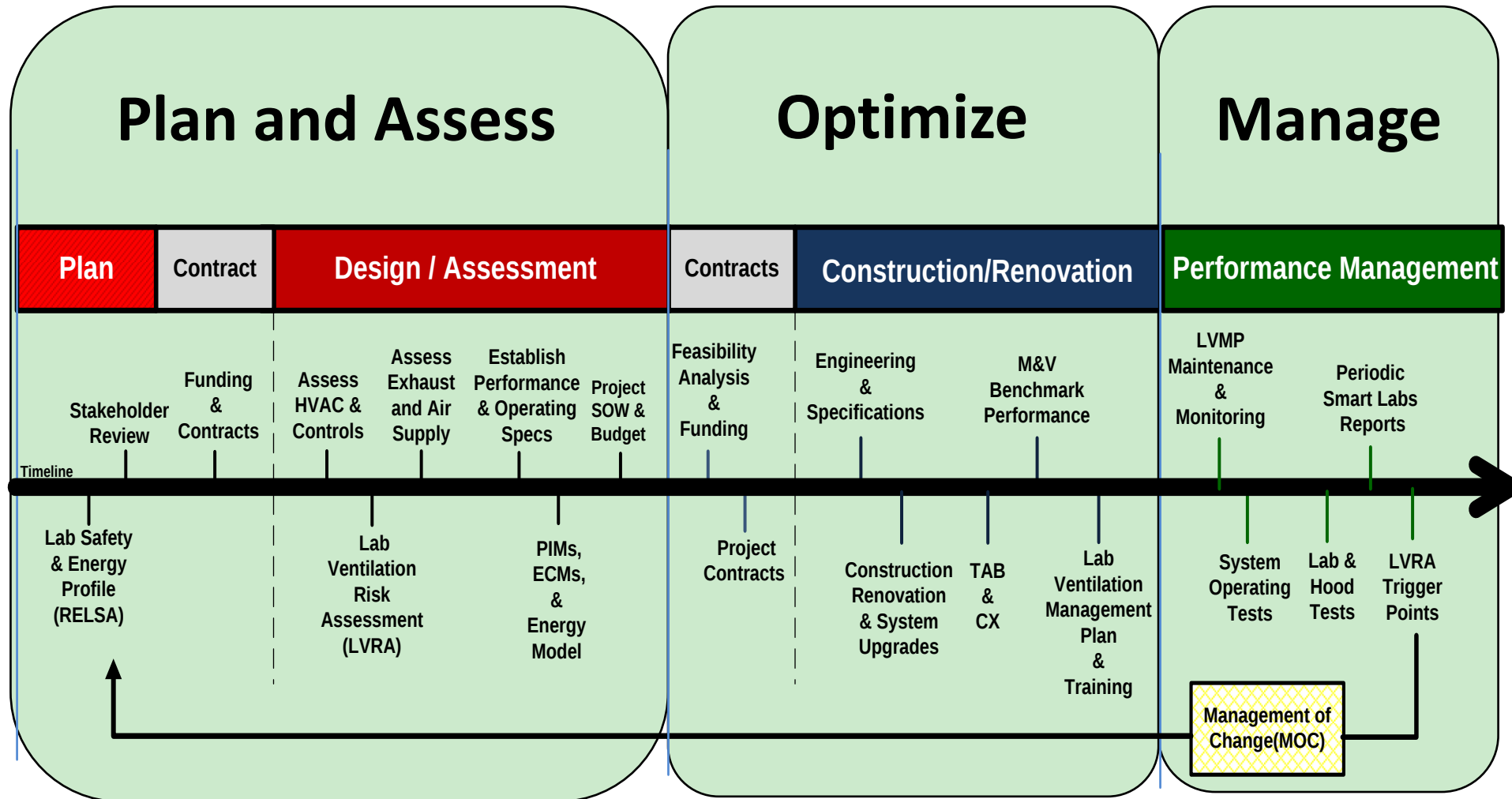
Smart Labs™ Optimization Process

A replicable and scalable process that combines services and products to achieve safe, energy efficient and sustainable laboratories.



Roadmap to Smart Labs™

High Performance Ventilation Systems



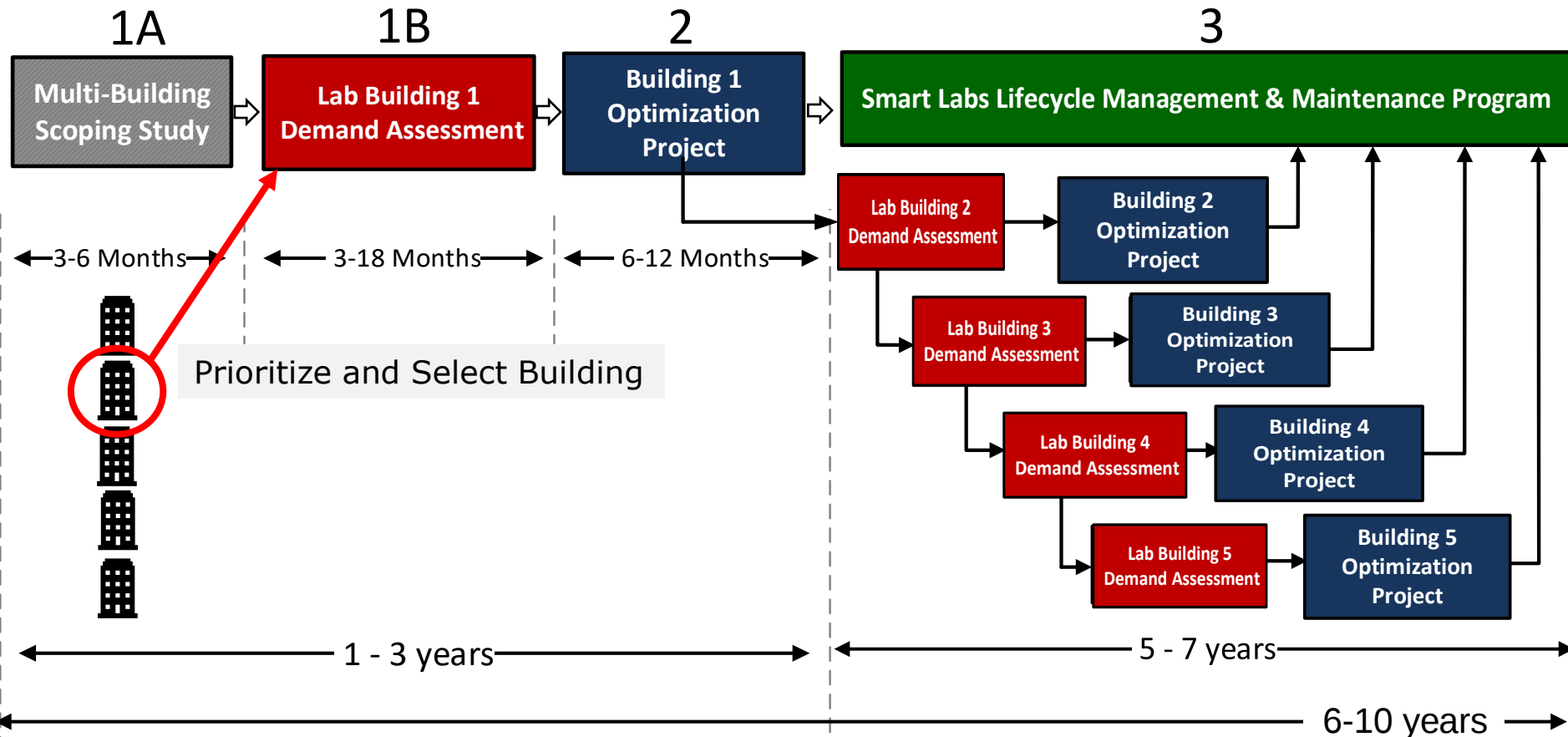
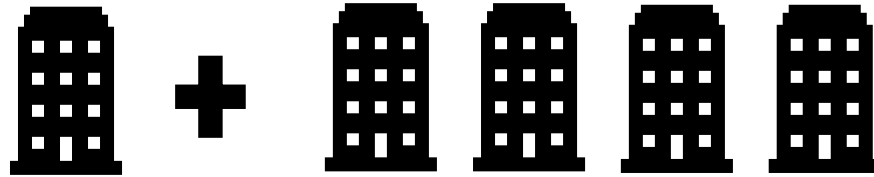
Smart Labs™ - Phased Implementation

1A - Plan

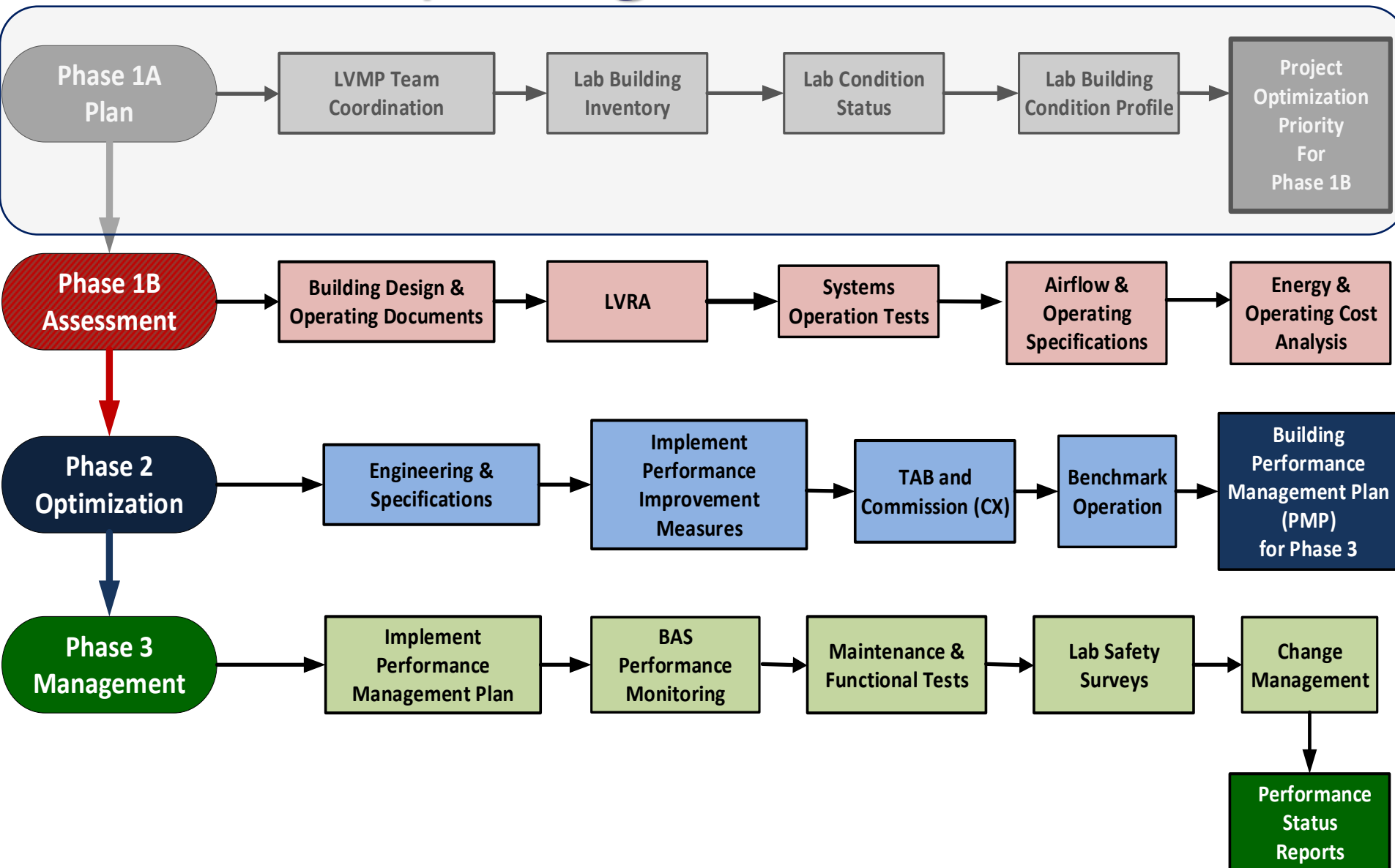
1B - Assess

2 - Optimize

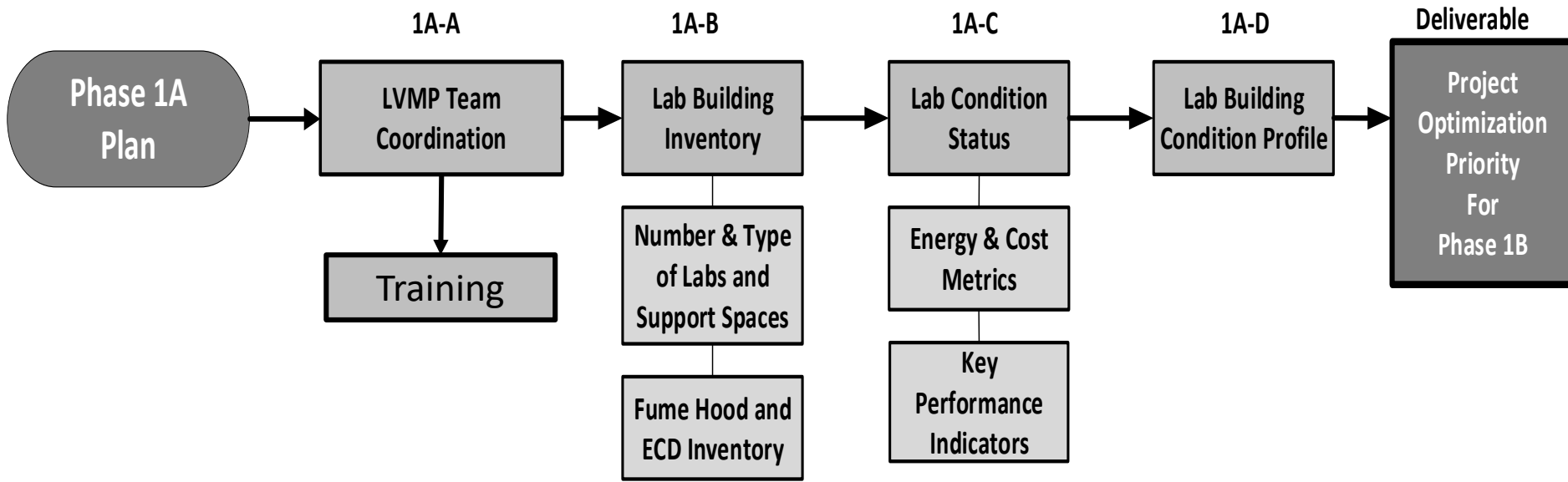
3 - Manage



Roadmap to High Performance Labs



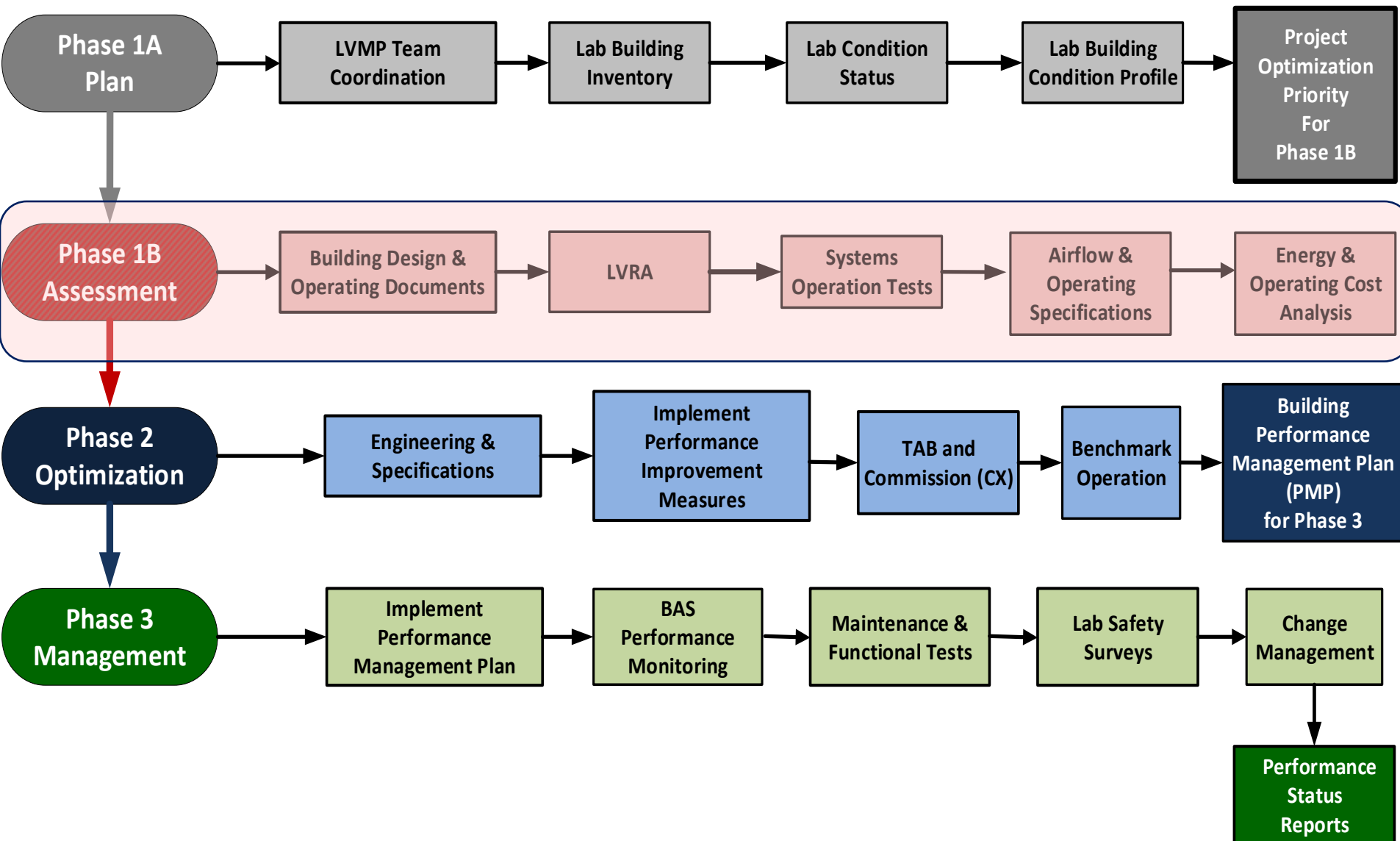
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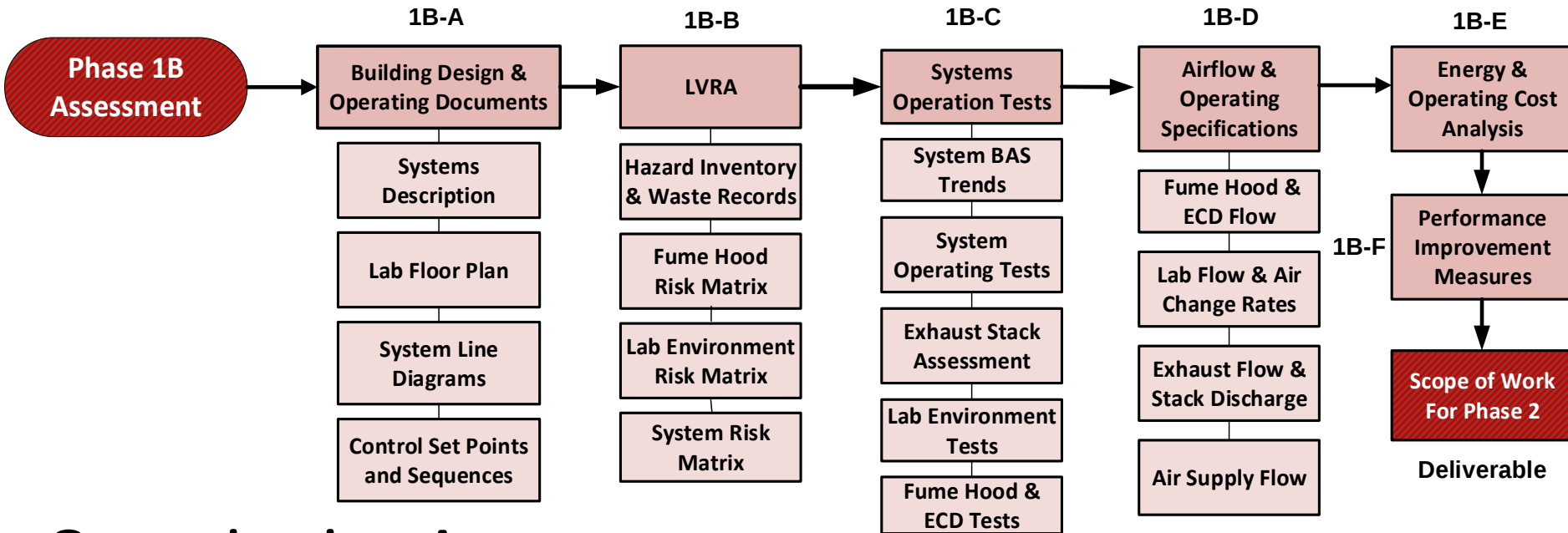
Qualitative Scoping Study

- 1A-A Assemble Team of Stakeholders and Provide Training
- 1A-B Inventory and Survey Lab Buildings
- 1A-C Assess Condition of Labs and Determine Key Performance Indicators
- 1A-D Appraise and Profile Lab Buildings
- Deliverable: Select lab buildings and prioritize projects

Roadmap to High Performance Labs



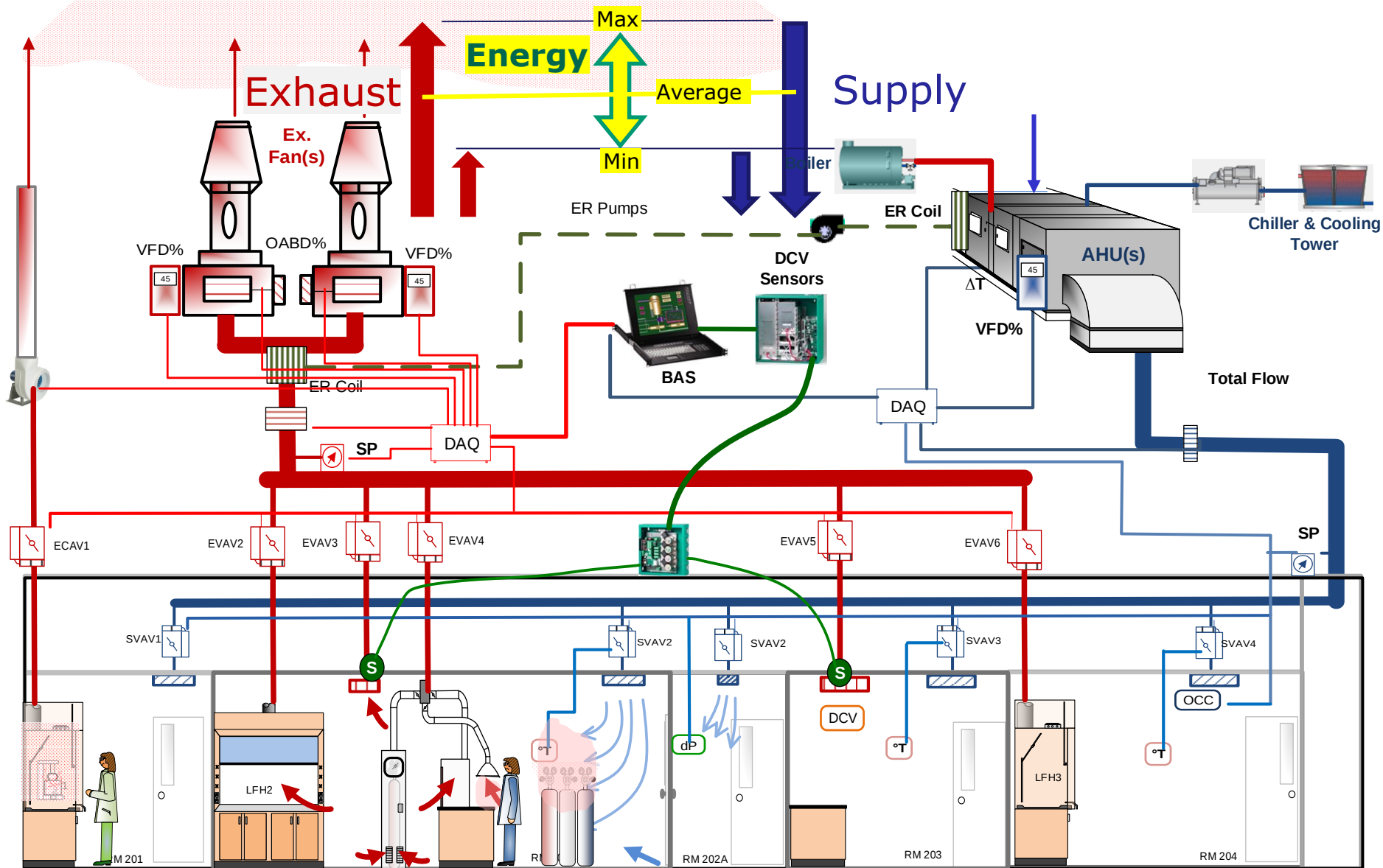
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Quantitative Assessment

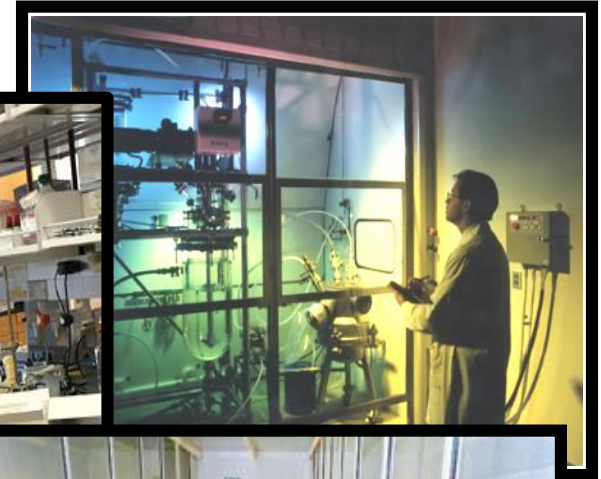
- 1B-A Assemble building design and operating documents
- 1B-B Conduct Lab Ventilation Risk Assessment
- 1B-C Conduct System Operating Tests to evaluate current operation
- 1B-D Develop airflow specifications for each system
- 1B-E Energy Model and Analysis
- 1B-F Determine Performance Improvement Measures
- Deliverable: Scope of Work for Phase 2 Optimization

Ventilation drives both safety and energy use



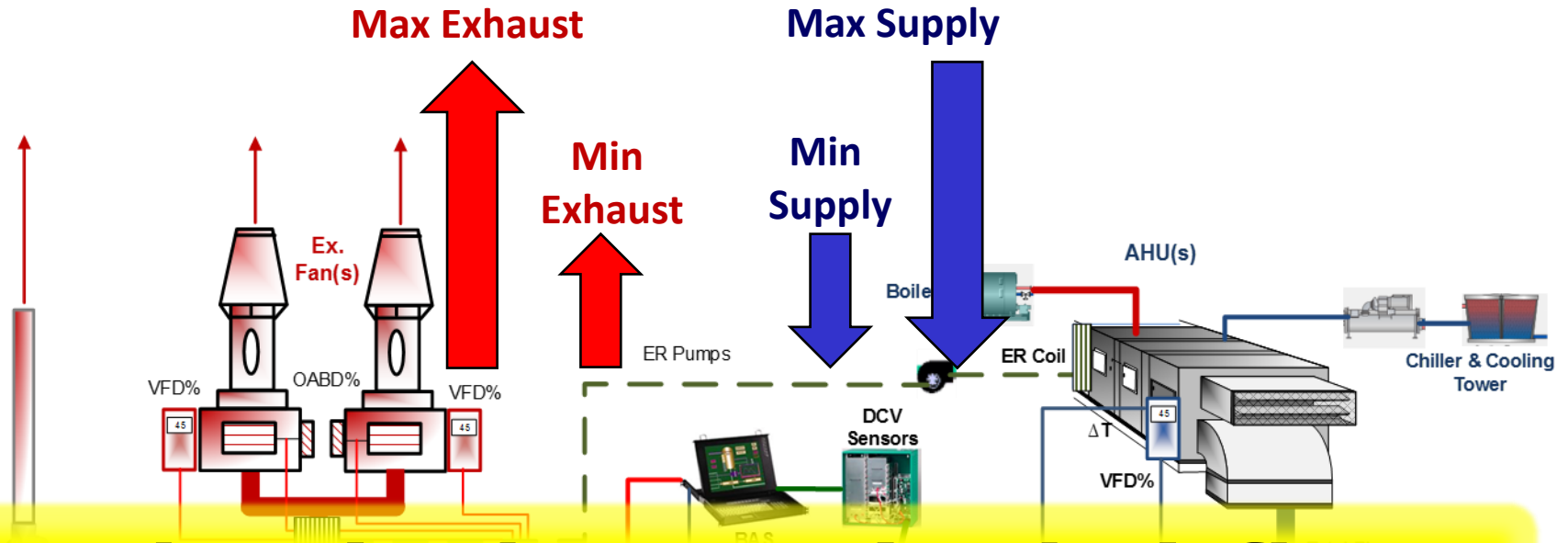
Different types of labs have different design and operating requirements

- Chemical Labs
- Biology Labs (BSL 2-4)
- Radiological Labs
- Nanotechnology Labs
- Clean Rooms
- Equipment Labs

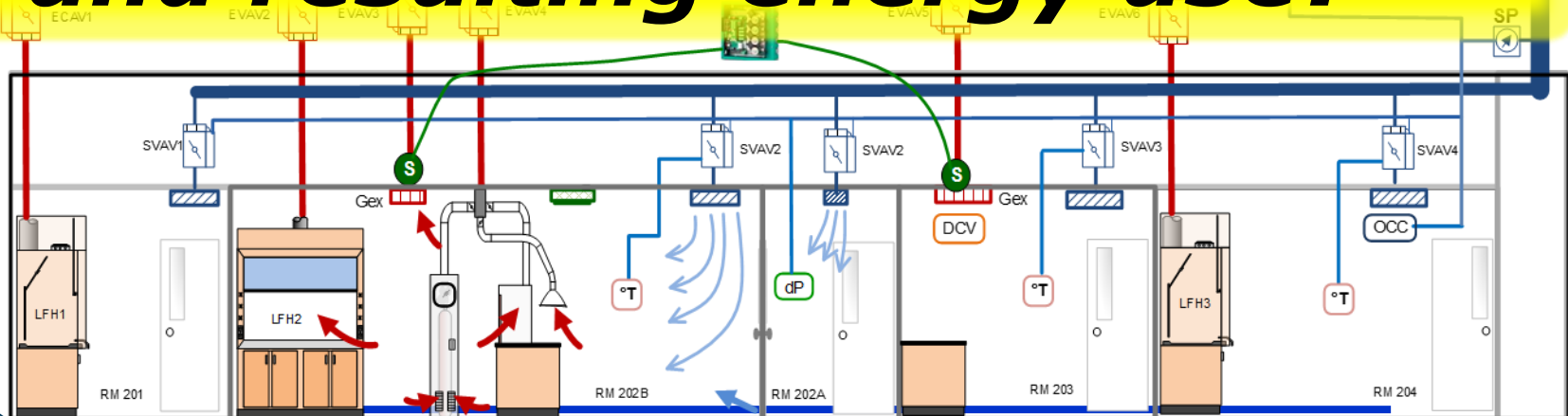


Risk + Functional Requirements = Demand for Ventilation

Optimize Airflow Control and Energy Consumption



What is the required airflow and resulting energy use?



The Demand for Ventilation establishes the design and operating requirements

- **Safety (Risk)**
 - Fume Hood Flow
 - Contaminant Removal (ACH)
 - Isolation (Lab Pressurization)
- **Comfort & Productivity**
 - Temperature
 - Humidity
- **Occupancy & Utilization**



Minimum flow and range of modulation required to meet the functional requirements of the occupants

Achieving proper distribution or airflow requires establishing proper airflow specifications.

How Much Flow is Required?

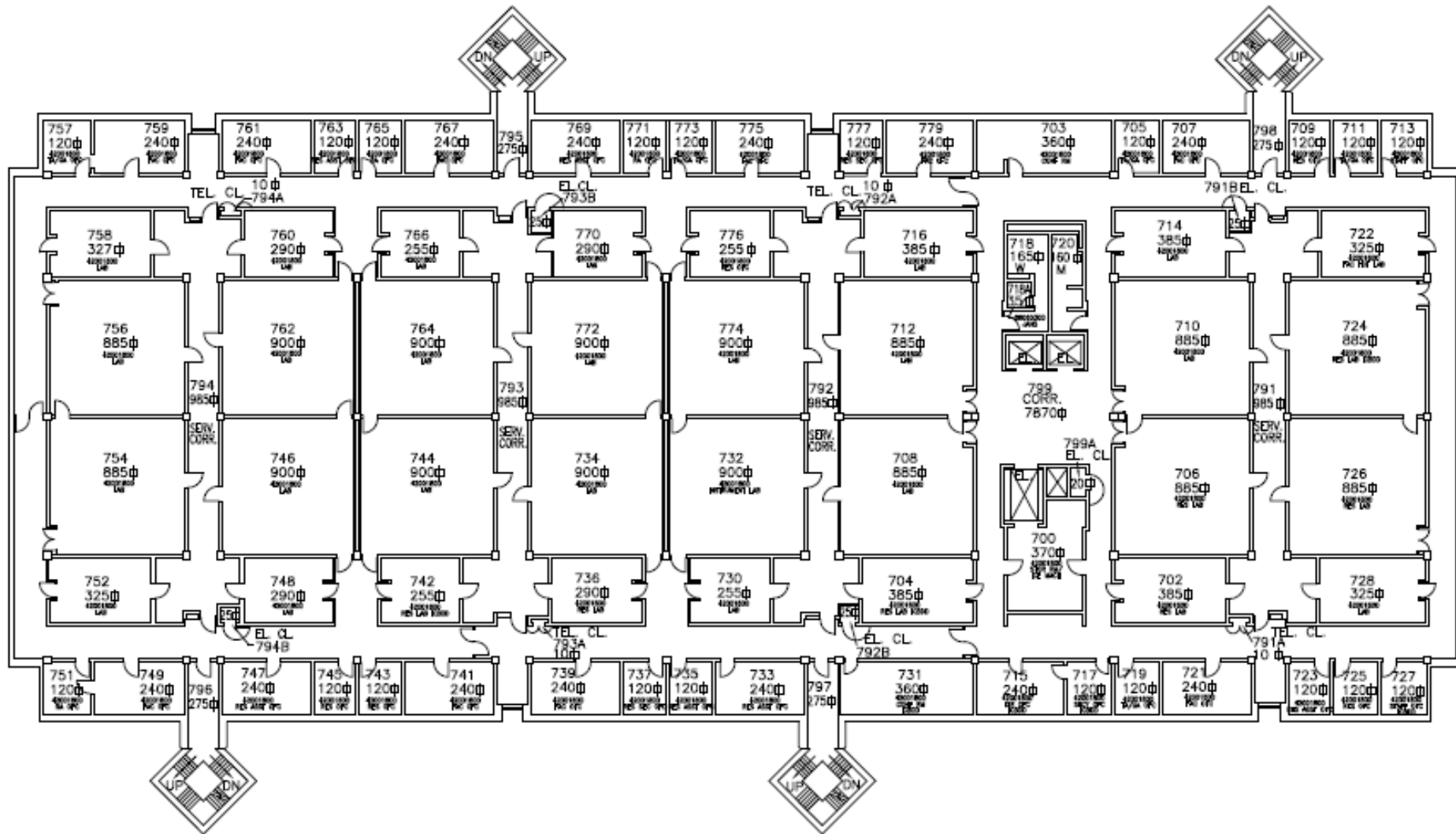
Where is the Flow Required?

When is the Flow Required?



Laboratory Ventilation Risk Assessment (LVRA)

Where's the risk? What flow is required?



The LVRA categorizes risk using control bands based on Hazard Emission Scenarios



Risk Control Band	Description
0	Negligible
1	Low
2	Moderate
3	High
4	Very High
5	Extreme

Hazard Emission Scenario

- Exposure Limit (concentration)
- Quantity
- Generation Rate
- Concentration Profile

Rating of risk factors enables RCB assignment

Total Score	Control Band	Description
< 16	0	Negligible
16-40	1	Low
41-64	2	Moderate
65-88	3	High
89-120	4	Very High
121-160	5	Extreme

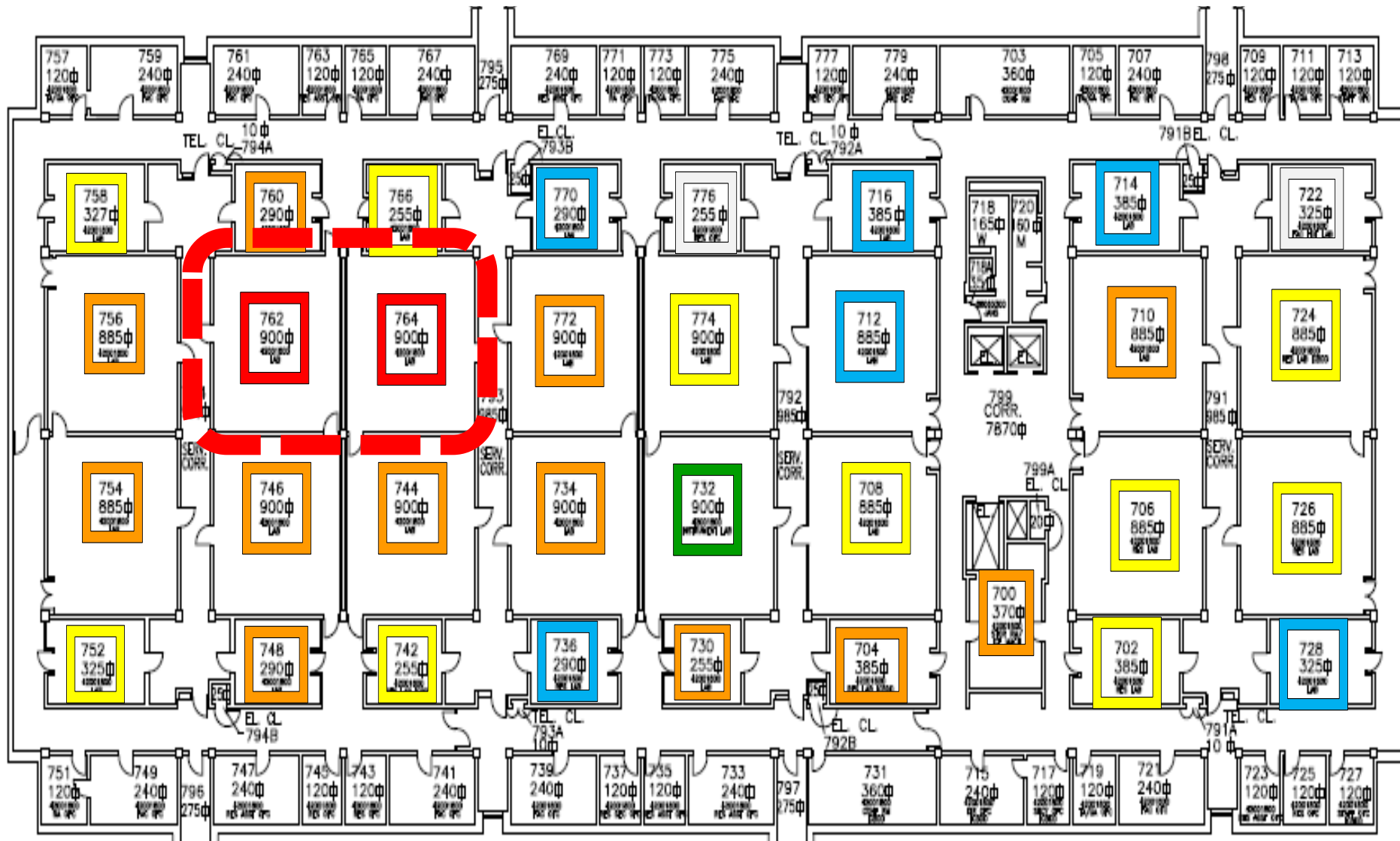


Negligible



Extreme

Risk Factors and RCBs differentiate labs and identify areas of concern



Airflow specifications are recommended according to the RCB and validated prior to use

Laboratory Environment Specifications	Risk Control Band					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
Minimum Effective Occupied ACH (1)	N/A	2	4	6	8	10
Minimum Effective Unoccupied ACH (2)	N/A	1	2	3	4	N/A
Recirculation of Lab Air	Yes	Yes	Filtered	Internal	Internal	No
Lab Pressure "w.g.	Neutral	Neutral	< -0.005	< -0.01	< -0.05	= > -0.05
Room Monitor	N/A	N/A	N/A	Review	Yes	Yes
Airlock/Vestibule	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Yes
Enthalpy Wheels	Yes	Yes	Review	No	No	No
Emergency Purge	No	No	No	No	Review	Yes
Ventilation Effectiveness (VEFF) (3)	<= 2	< =1.5	<= 1	< 1	< 1	< <1

Risk Control Bands

Alleviating Risk Through Optimization

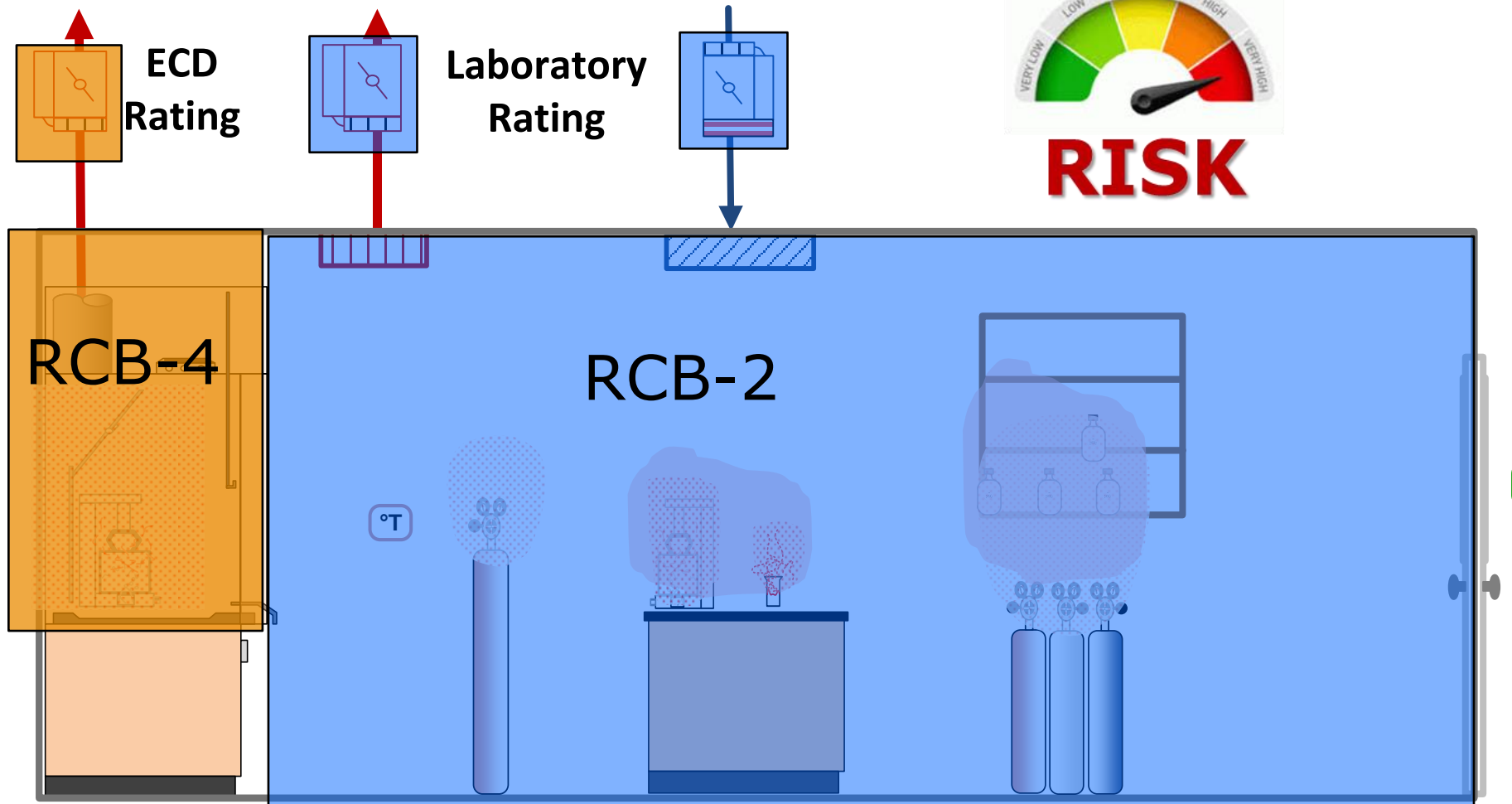
Lab Environment - Control Band Parameters

Lab	Hazard Rating	Material Quantity	Generation Potential	Generation (M, E, I, C)	Generation Locations	ECD Availability	Appropriate ECDs	Dynamic	Housekeeping	Air Change Effectiveness	Control Band	Min. ACH
	7	2	12	1	2	1	1	2	1	3		
503	3	3	3	4	4	1	1	1	2	2	3	8
504	5	5	2	5	5	1	1	2	4	4	4	10
505	4	3	2	4	5	1	1	1	3	4	4	10
506	2	2	3	4	4	1	1	2	2	4	3	8

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506	2	2	3	4	4	1	1	2	2	4	3	8
507	2	3	2	5	4	1	1	1	2	4	3	8
508	3	3	1	5	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	6
508A	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	2	4	2	6
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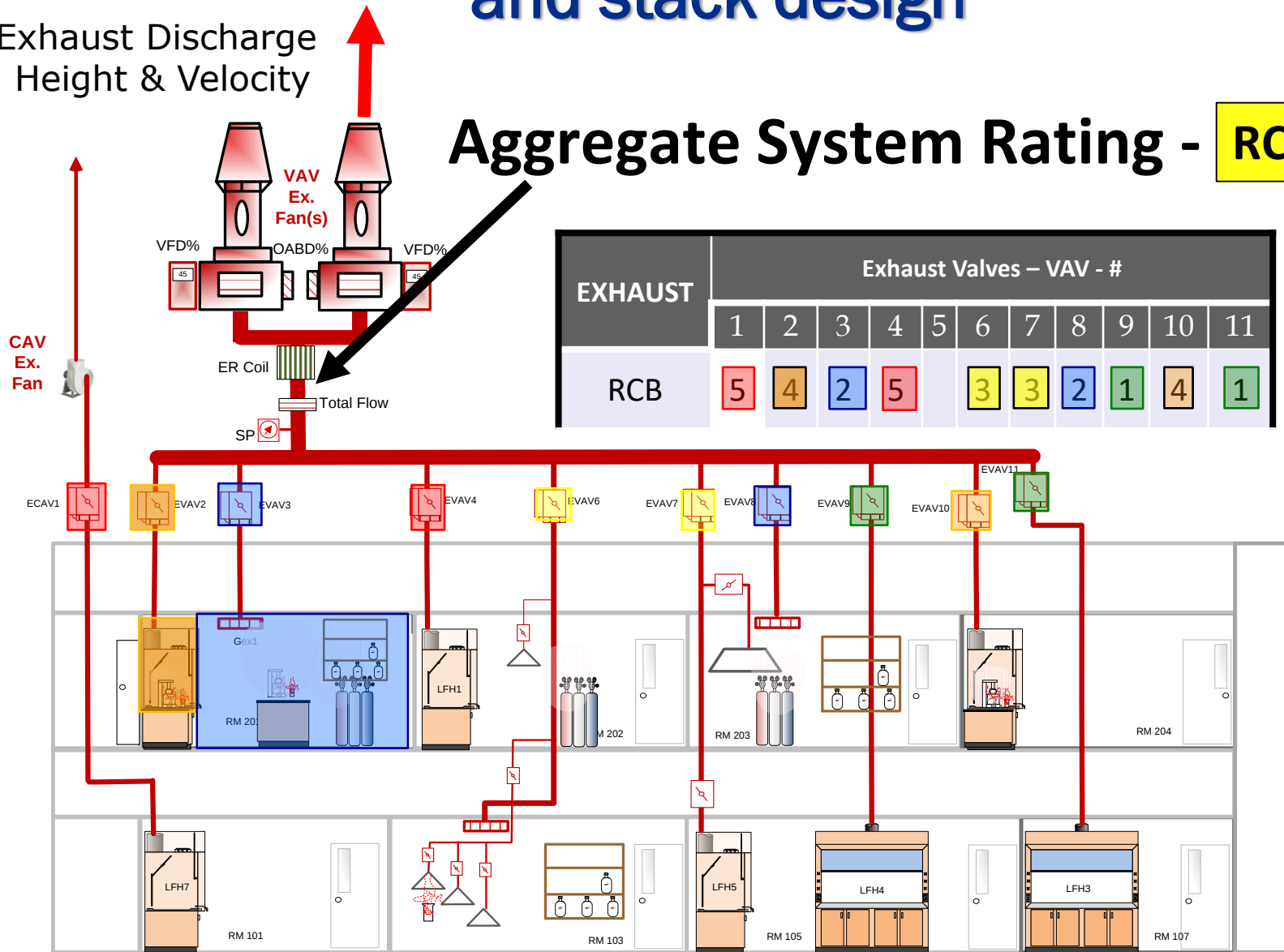
The LVRA applied to ECDs and Labs can be used to optimize performance of the airflow systems



Risk ratings can be used to optimize exhaust fan and stack design

Exhaust Discharge
Height & Velocity

Aggregate System Rating - RCB-3



Demand determines the airflow specifications

Room Information								Supply		Transfer Flow	Exhaust						Resultant ACH	
Room #	Room Name	Area (ft ²)	Height (ft)	Volume (ft ³)	Room Type	Heat Load Label	Control Band #				Hood ID	Open Area - ft2	Qex for Exhaust Devices		Room Exhaust Flows			
								Qex at FV	Sash Closed - Unoccupied	Max/Min based on Exh Devices, dP, Cond., or ACH			Room Max Flow (cfm)	Room Min Flow (cfm)	Max ACH	Min ACH		
728	Research Lab	325	9.0	2925	Stg	N	2	193	193	100	FH - CAV	7.9	792	146	293	293	6	6
730	Research Lab	385	8.8	3369	Lab	N	4	1433	1433	150	FH - CAV	7.9	792	792	1583	1583	28	28
732	NMR	900	14.5	13050							FH - CAV	7.9	792	792	4222	4222	19	19
734	Research Lab										FH - CAV	7.9	792	792				
736	Research Lab										FH - CAV	7.9	792	792				
742	Research Lab										FH - CAV	7.9	792	792				
744	Research Lab										FH - CAV	18.5	1847	1847				
746	Research Lab	900	14.5	13050	Lab	N	4	5231	5231	575	FH - CAV	7.9	792	792	5806	5806	27	27

Risk Control Band

Airflow Specs

Design Flow or Theoretical Flow Requirements

Min and Max Supply Flow

Min and Max Exhaust Flow

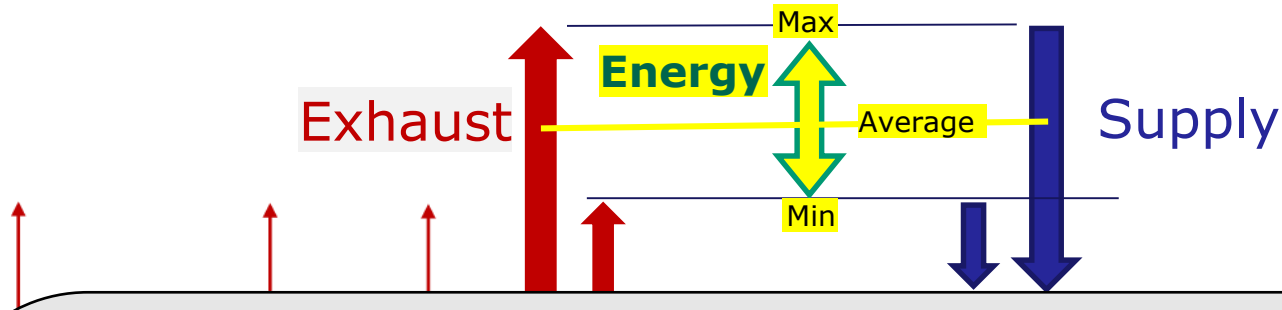
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Optimize Airflow Control and Energy Consumption



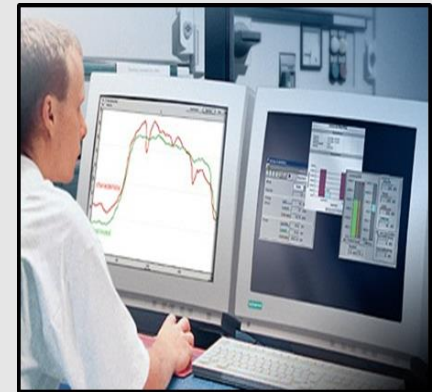
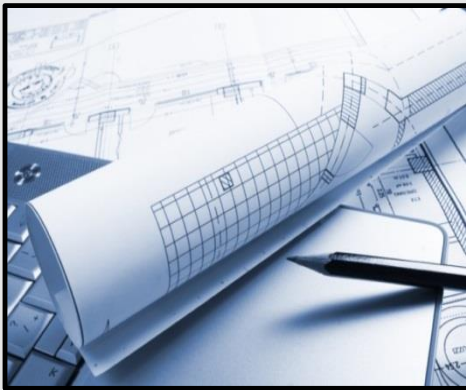
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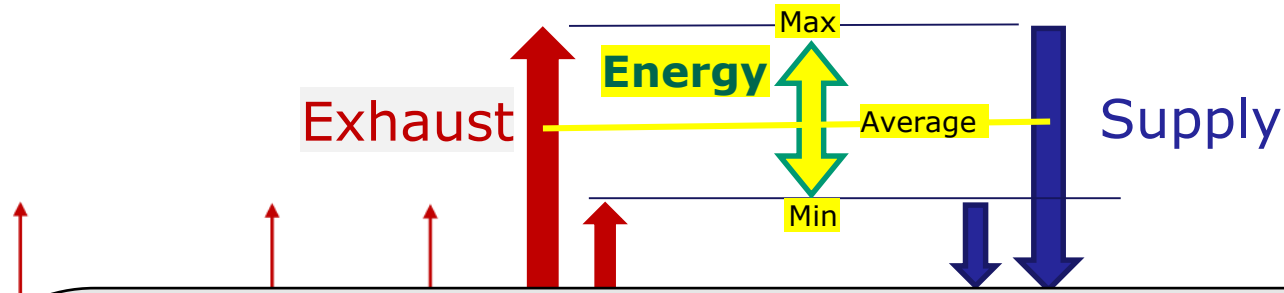
Actual
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Optimize Airflow Control and Energy Consumption



Energy

$\$/\text{ft}^2$



Airflow

cfm/ft^2

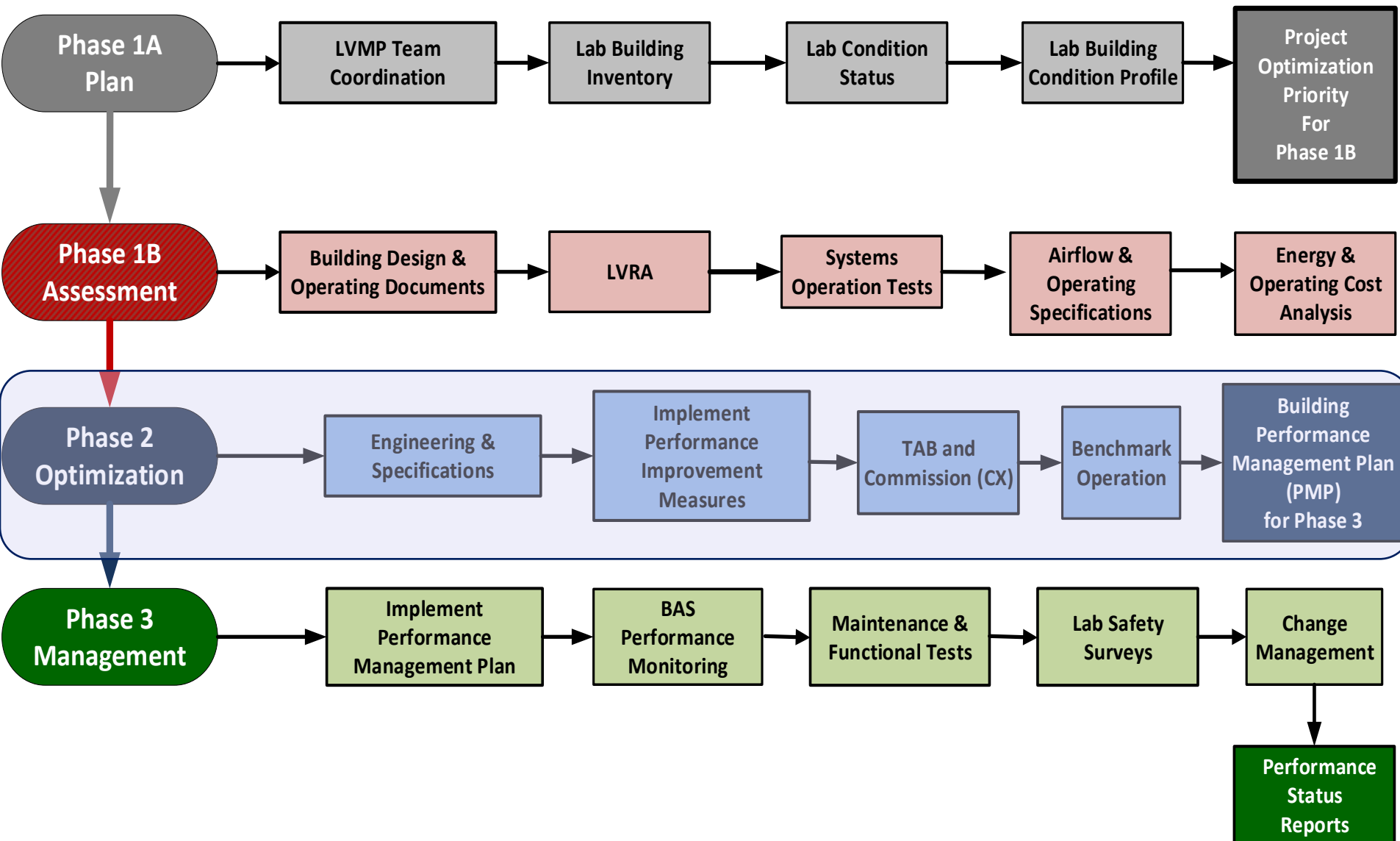


Efficiency

$\$/\text{cfm}$

**Maximum savings are achieved by
reducing total airflow and
improving system efficiency**

Roadmap to High Performance Labs



Identify measures to improve performance (PIMs) and conserve energy (ECMs)

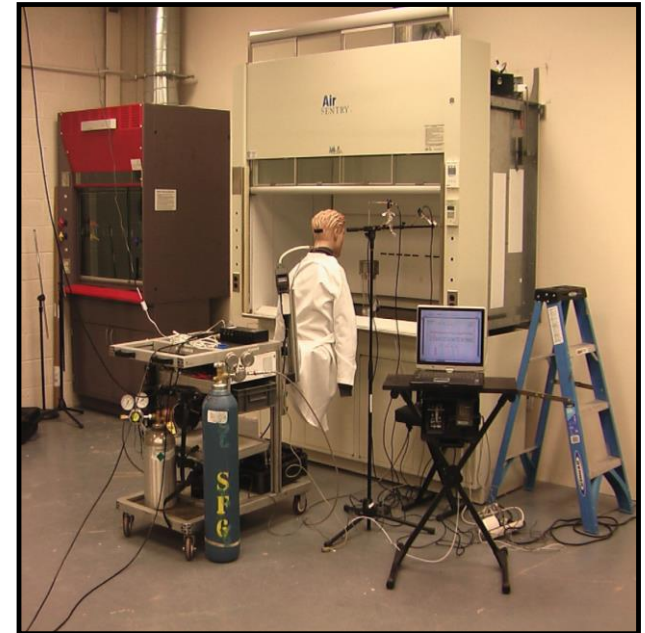
- Remove or Hibernate Unnecessary Hoods
- Modify Inefficient Hoods
- Replace & Retrofit Traditional Fume Hoods
- Upgrade CAV & VAV Controls
- Optimize Temperature & Humidity Controls
- Install Demand Control Ventilation
- Reduce / Reset System Static Pressure
- Optimize Exhaust Fan and AHU Operation
- Implement Energy Recovery



Upgrading Fume Hood Performance

Evaluation of Fume Hood Performance at 3Flow

- **Manufacturer Prototype Tests**
- **Factory Acceptance Tests (As Manufactured)**
 - EPA, NIH, GSK, Merck, Pfizer, UNC, Duke, etc.
- **Extensive Field Tests**
 - EPA Research Triangle Park Fume Hood Optimization
 - UCI Low Flow Hood Study
 - State of Wisconsin High Performance Hood Study



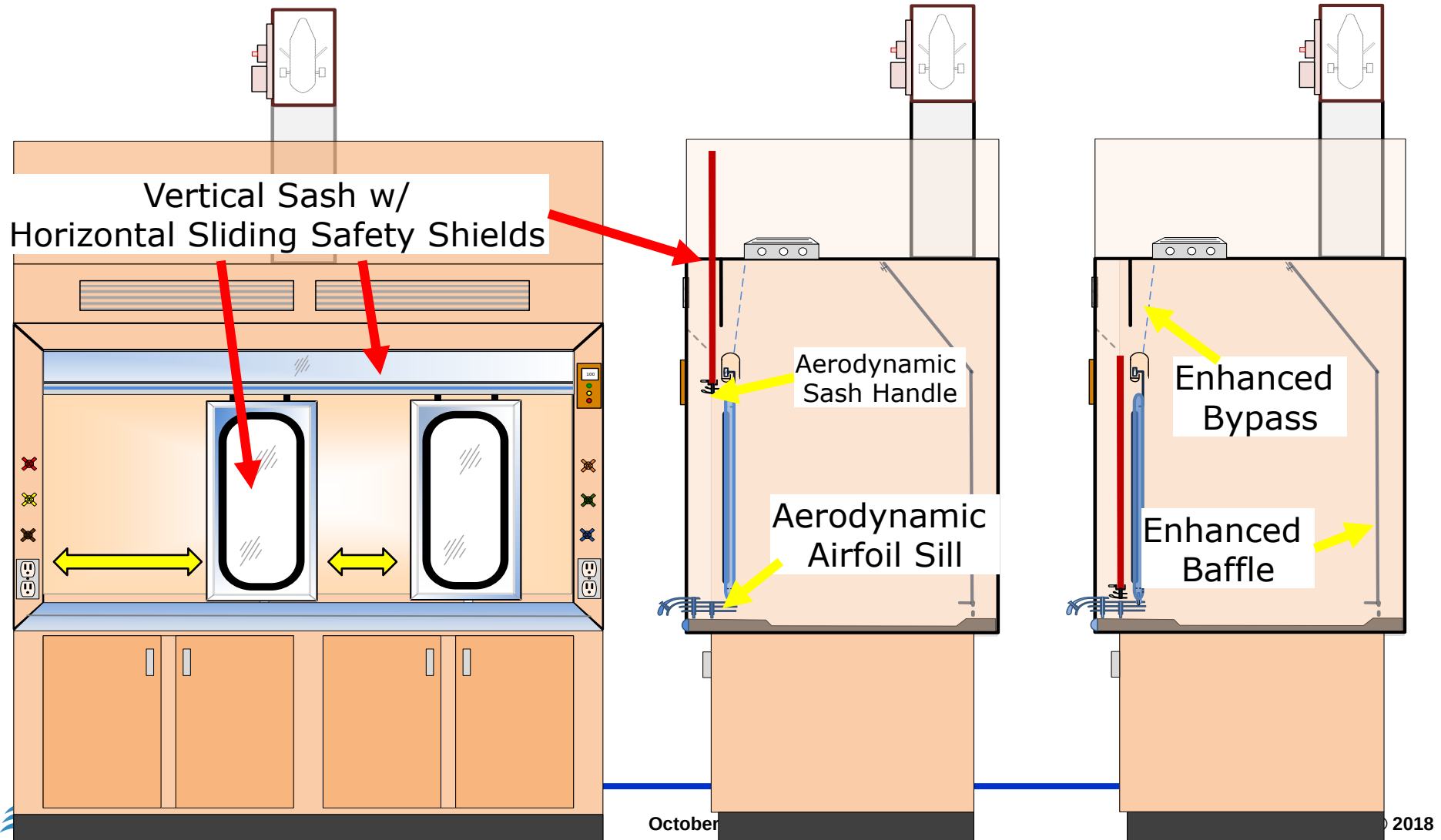
Traditional vs. High Performance Fume Hoods

Critical
Components

- Airfoil Sill
- Sash Handle
- Baffle and Slots
- Bypass



Fume hoods can be upgraded to improve performance, reduce flow and conserve energy



Upgrading Performance of Fume Hoods

How It Works?

Advanced Aerodynamic Design

1. Vortex Displacement Sash Handle

Displaces & dilutes vortex behind sash

2. Aerodynamic Airfoil Sill

Improves flow over work surface

3. Ergonomic Safety Shields

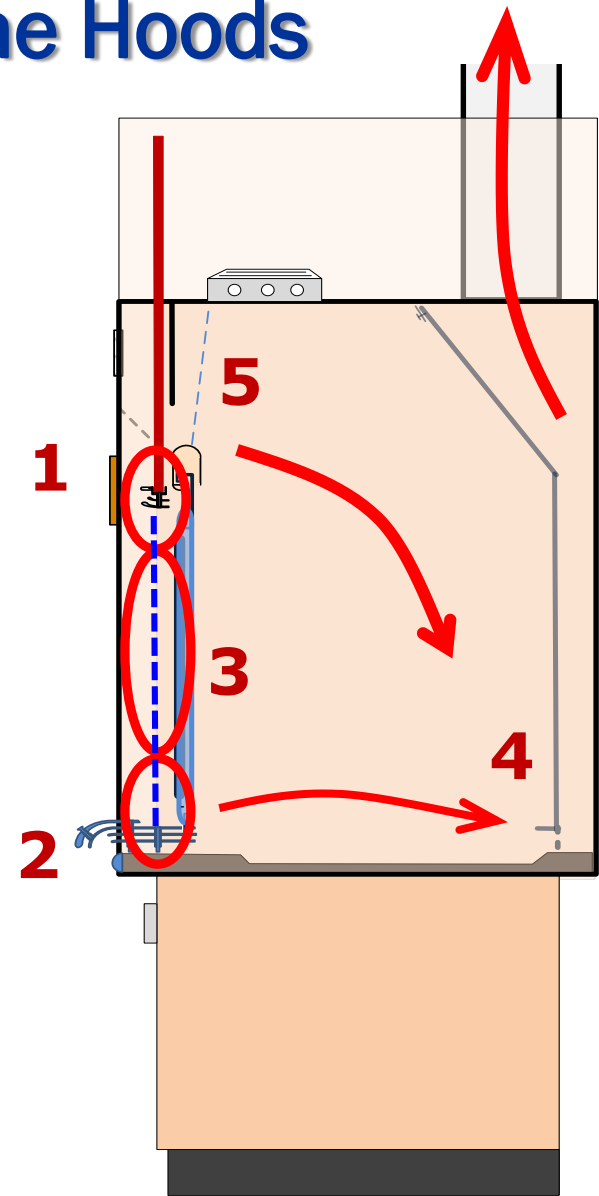
Provides moveable barrier for Users

4. Contaminant Capture Baffle

Directs airflow through the hood

5. Bypass Distribution Panel

Helps sweep contaminants from hood interior



Containment, Dilution, Capture & Removal

Examples of Upgraded Fume Hoods



Understanding risk has enabled development of new technologies for safer and more efficient labs

Fume Hood upgrades:

- Better containment
- Lower flow

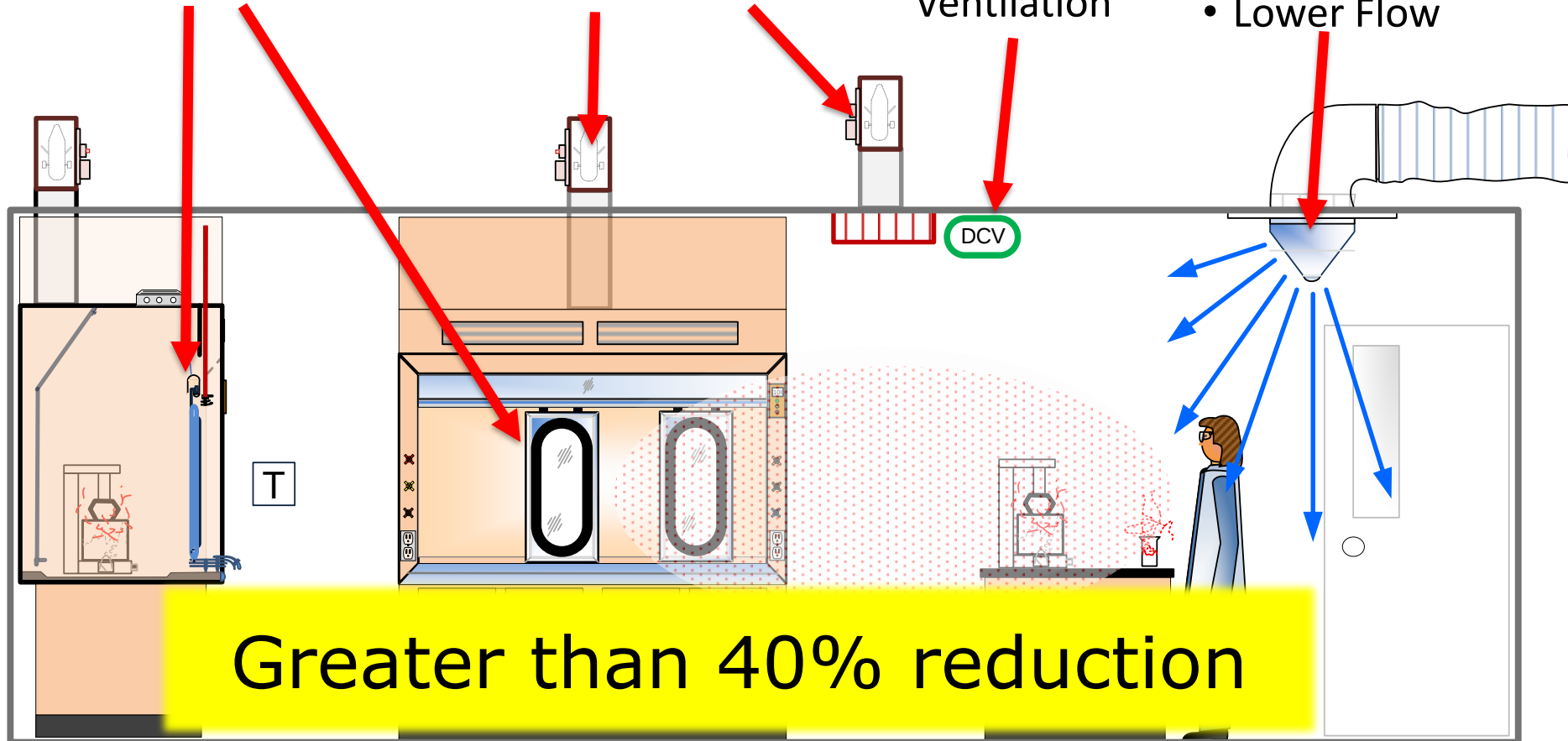
VAV Valves:

- More Accurate
- Better Control

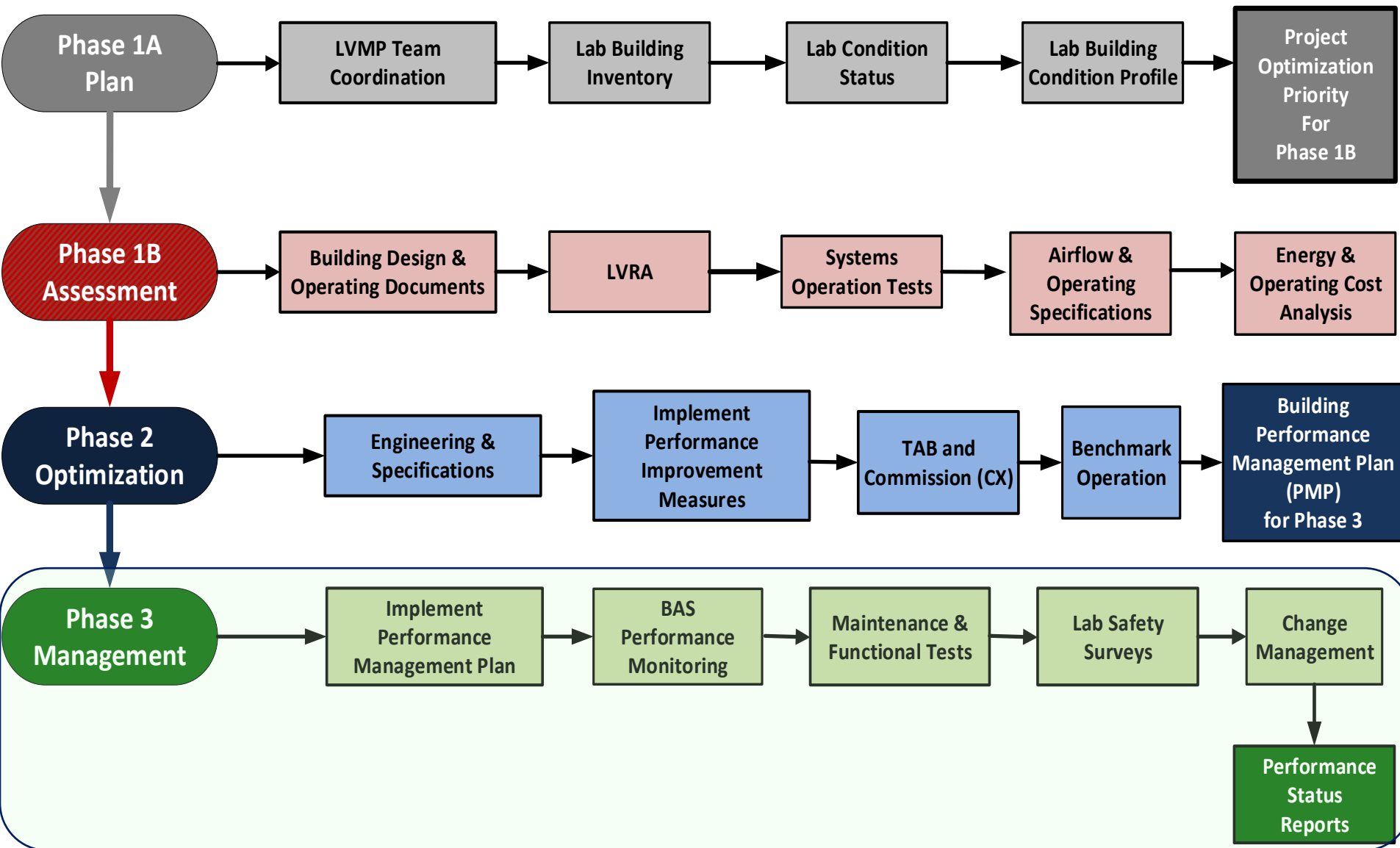
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High VEFF Diffusers

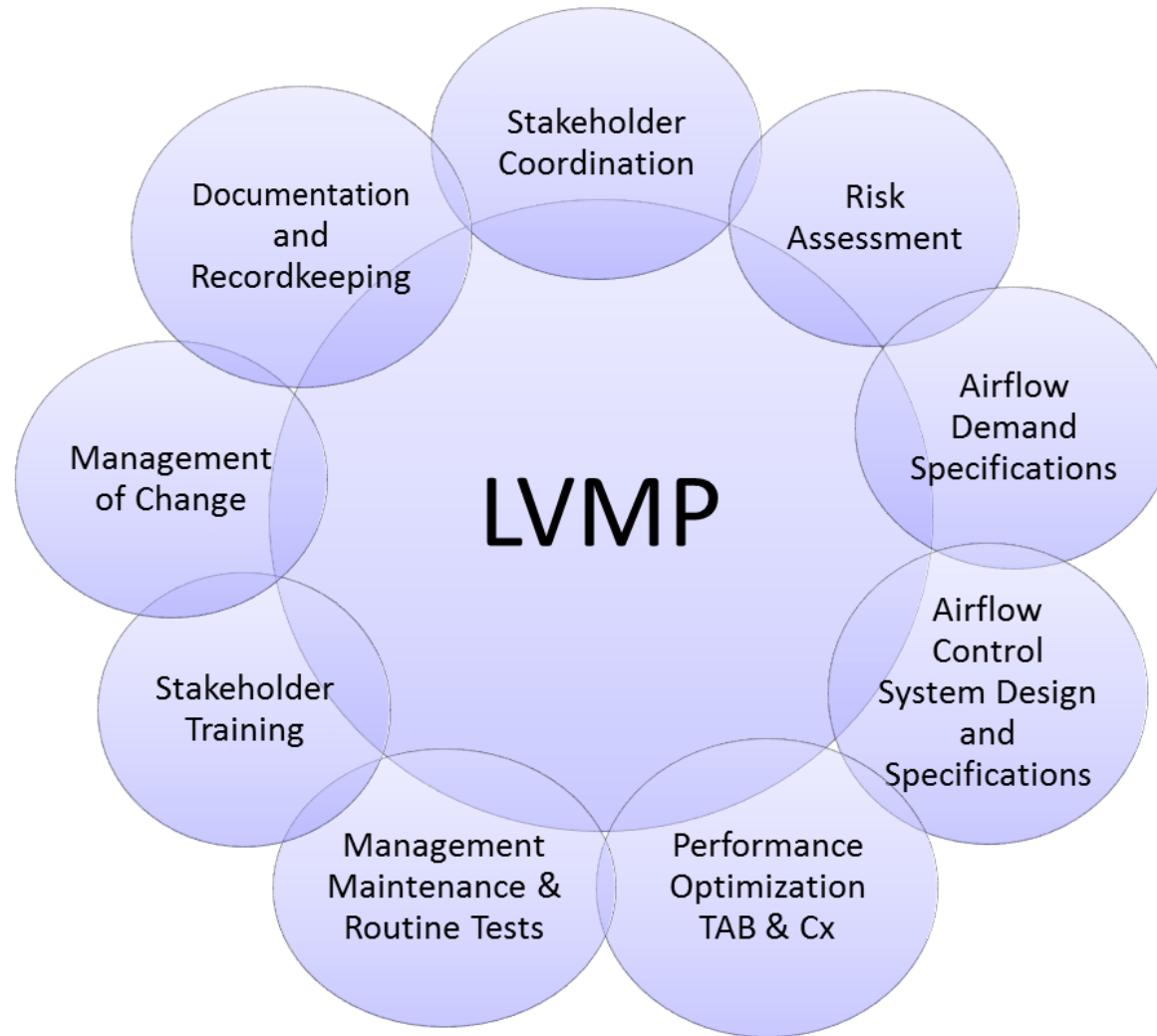
- Better Distribution
- Lower Flow



Roadmap to High Performance Labs



Airflow Management Program for Labs is comprised of multiple elements



Operating Manual for Building Systems

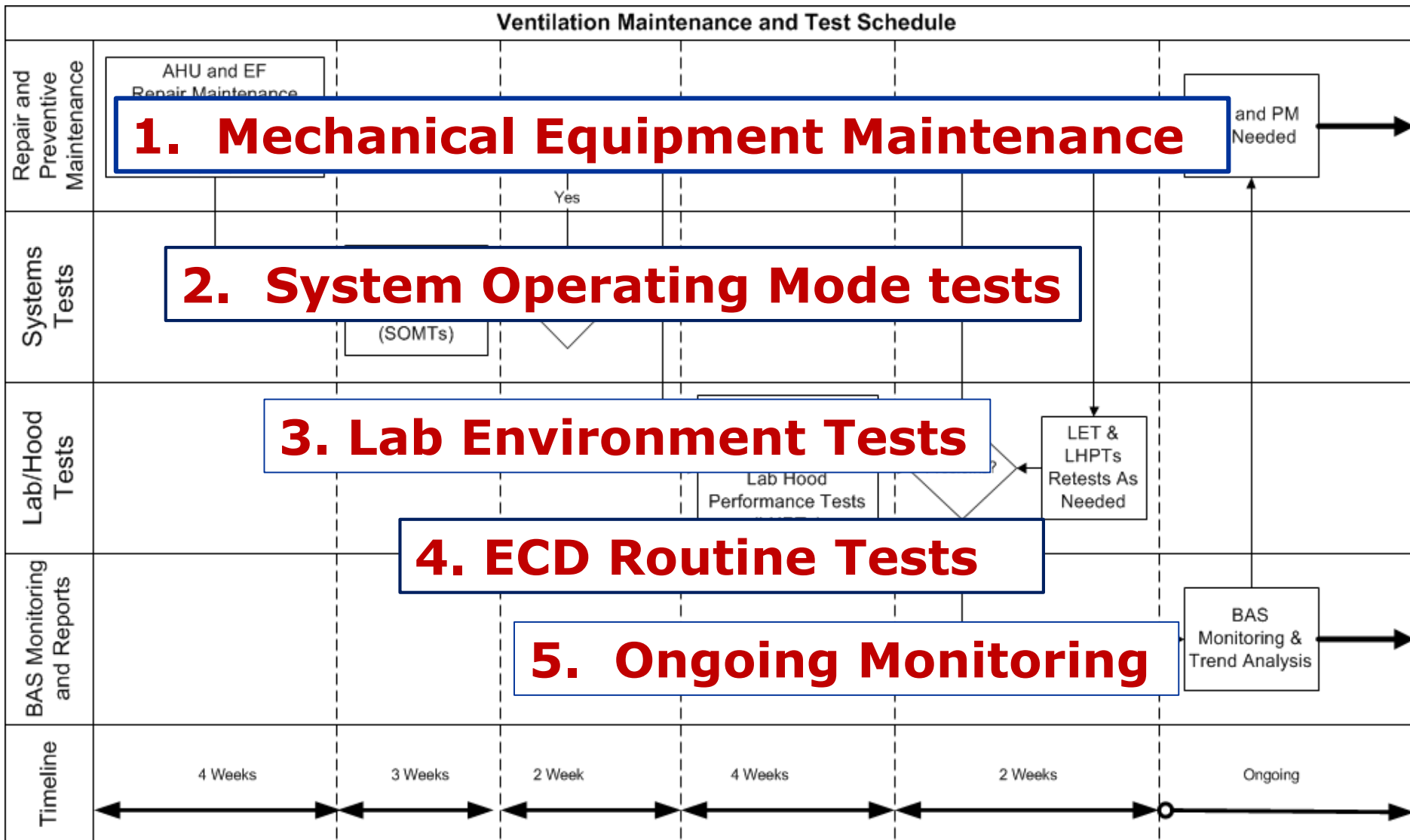
Performance Management Plan

- Accurate Drawings / Diagrams
- Up to Date Equipment Inventories
- Lab Ventilation Risk Matrix
- Appropriate Flow Specifications
- Control Sequences and Parameters
- Key Performance Indicators and Metrics
 - Operational Boundary Conditions
- Standard Operating Procedures
 - Routine Tests & Maintenance Tasks
 - Schedules and Management of Change
- Adequate Training for Stakeholders and Staff

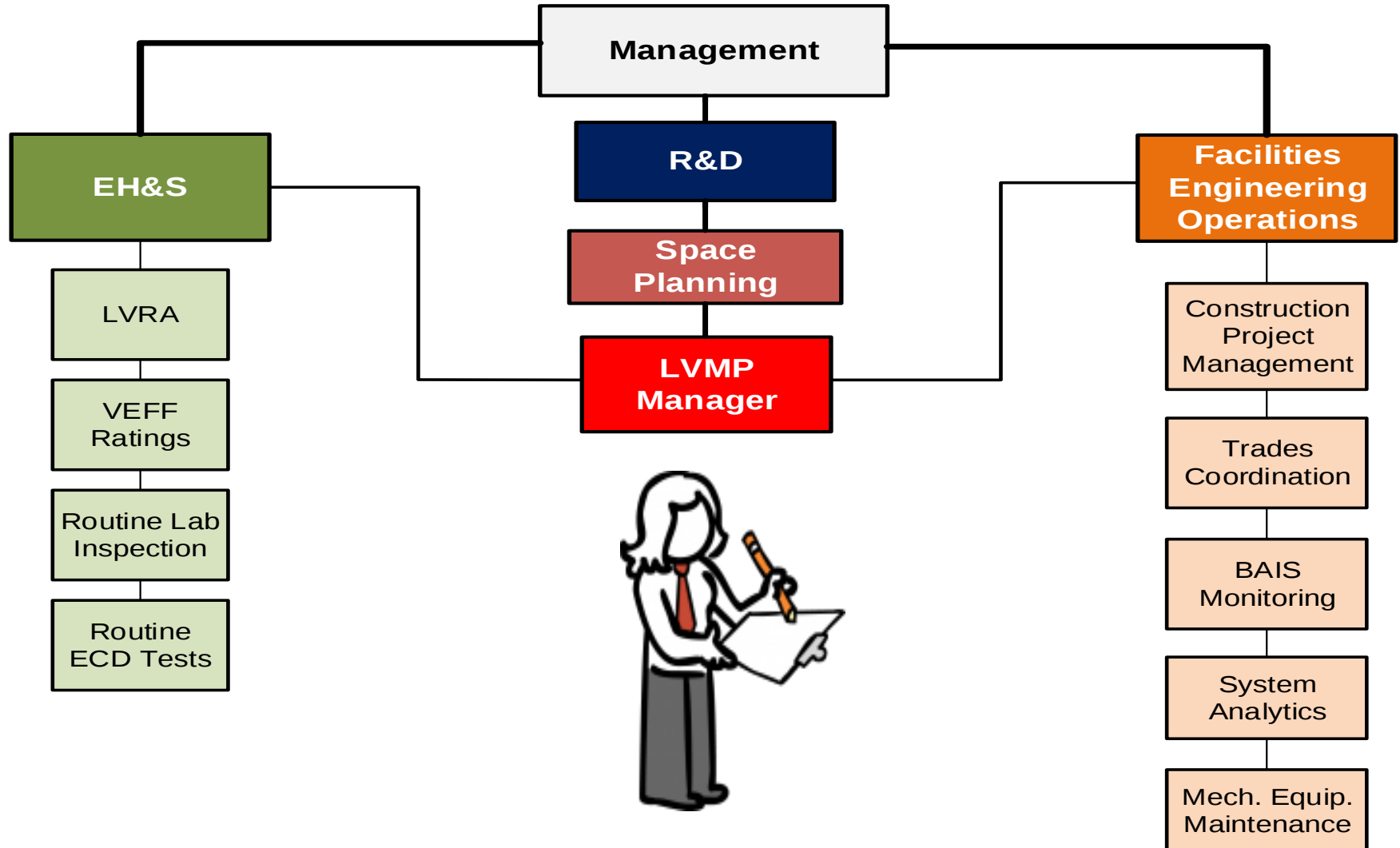


Protect Return On Investment

ECD & Ventilation Maintenance / Test Schedule



The LVMP Manager helps integrate and coordinates the efforts of key stakeholders



Smart Labs starts with training of stakeholders and the assignment of a LVMP Manager

- Program Managers & Supervisors
 - Facilities Engineering
 - Operations and Maintenance
 - EH&S & Lab Management

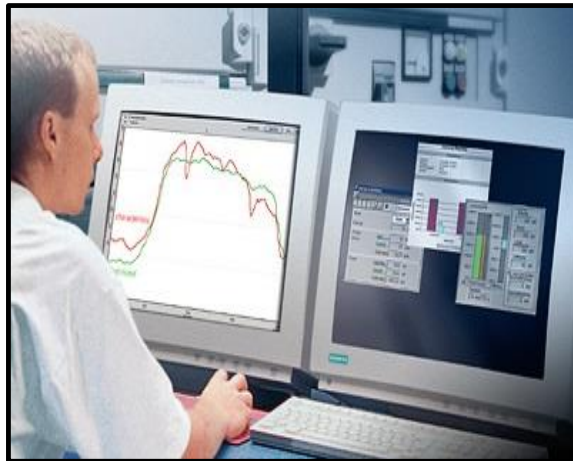


LVMP Manager

- Maintenance



- Building Operators



- Lab Personnel



New methods, technologies and training deliver benefits of safer and more energy efficient labs

- Government
- Universities
- Chemical
- Biotechnology
- Pharmaceutical
- Industry



Indiana University Health

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**The right flow in the right place at
the right time!**



Thank You!

Questions

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