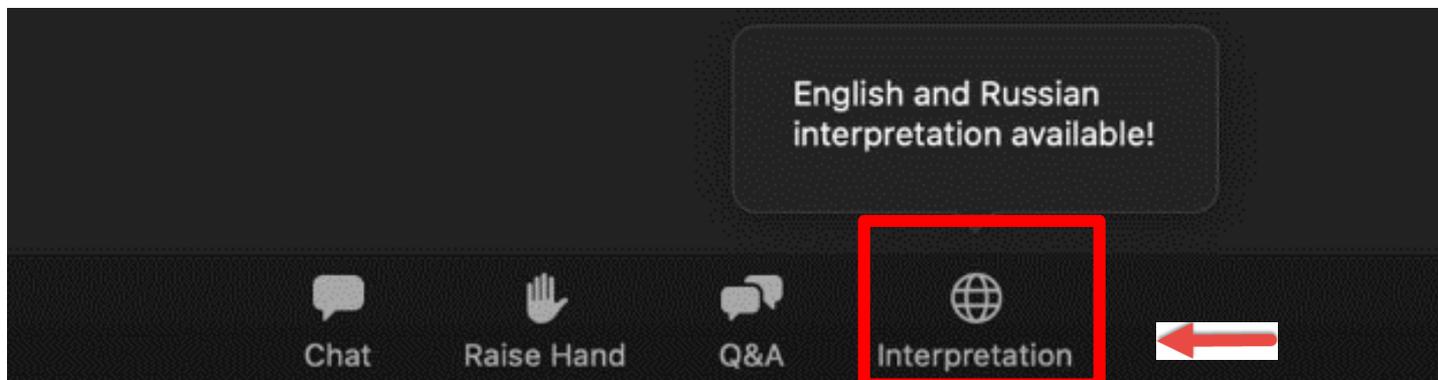
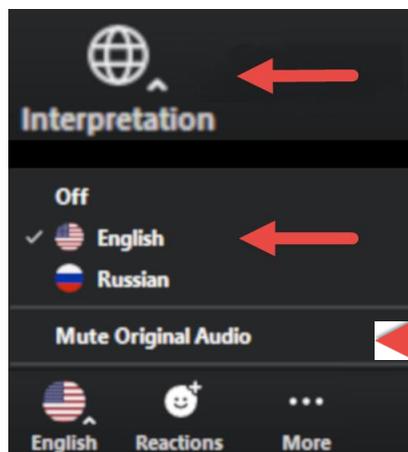


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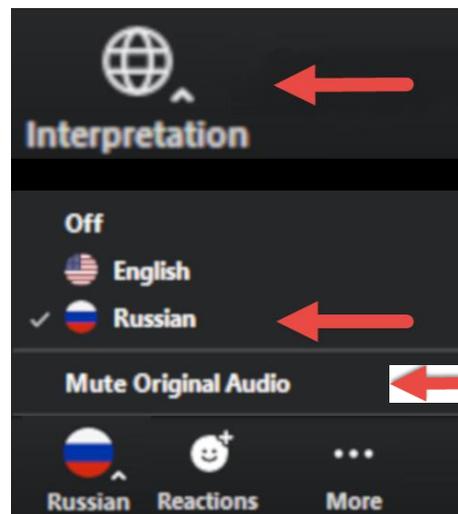


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# Virtual workshop on Biological Safety Cabinet (BSC) performance checking

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11 – 12 November 2020

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## Scope and objectives

Virtual BSC performance checking workshop with a focus on:

- practical demonstration and recommendations that would support laboratory workers and national engineers on BSC performance assessment and biosafety risk evaluation.
- Covid-19 containment principles, technologies, and practices that are implemented to prevent unintentional exposure to the SARS-CoV-2 virus or its accidental release.
- Good practices vs. bad practices using a BSC
- Practical aspects on the WHO Laboratory biosafety guidance related to coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

## Target audience

The virtual workshop is designed for any laboratory worker and/or engineer that works with BSCs/VWSs.

## Expected Outputs

- National capacity on BSC performance checking increased
- Laboratory workers and/or technicians without BSC maintenance equipment trained on necessary minimum assessment and testing of -
- BSCs to identify risks and apply necessary mitigation measures
- Implementation of the WHO COVID-19 laboratory biosafety guidance increased

# Virtual workshop on Biological Safety Cabinet (BSC) performance checking

## Provisional agenda

Time	Activity	Facilitator
10 min	Introduction Objectives and background	Dr Soudeh <u>Ehsani</u>
20 min	Type of BSCs and containment solutions incl. how to exhaust cabinets	Dr Grigory Volchenkov
20 min	Assessment of the environment of the BSC (i.e. location of windows, aircons, doors, lab ventilation system, split unit etc.) including practical video demonstrations	Dr Paul Jensen
30 min	Performance testing including smoke test and simple airflow measurements	Dr Grigory Volchenkov & Dr Paul Jensen
20 min	Trouble shooting (i.e. necessary correction and risk mitigation measures)	Dr Paul Jensen
20 min	Wrap-up and conclusions	Dr Paul Jensen, Dr Grigory Volchenkov, Dr Soudeh <u>Ehsani</u>

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## Provisional agenda

Time	Activity	Facilitator
5 min	Introduction	Dr Joanna <u>Zwetyenga</u> & Dr Soudeh <u>Ehsani</u>
45 min	Example videos of bad and good practices followed by discussion <u>f</u> critical points	Dr Grigory Volchenkov, Dr Paul Jensen
20	COVID-19 laboratory biosafety: elaborations on the latest WHO Laboratory biosafety guidance related to COVID-19	Dr Kazunobu Kojima
20 min	Q&A with poll questions	Dr Paul Jensen, Dr Grigory Volchenkov, Dr Kazunobu Kojima, Dr Soudeh <u>Ehsani</u> , Dr Joanna <u>Zwetyenga</u> ,

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Interim guidance

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### Overview

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# WHO Sub-Regional trainings on BSC maintenance

Training of MOH nominated engineers/technicians provided to 11 countries of the WHO European Region with 22+ trained staff based on international standards (EN12469, ANSI/NSF 49 etc.)



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Biosafety cabinets (BSCs) are a key protective piece of equipment in clinical diagnostic laboratories. However, their correct functioning as well as their maintenance are of crucial importance for health professionals to benefit from their protective equipment. Up to now, mostly in the eastern countries of the Region, there have not been enough qualified and trained engineers that could provide these maintenance services.

In order to build this capacity in tuberculosis (TB) laboratories at national and regional levels, the WHO Regional Office for Europe organized a subregional training of technicians and engineers from Armenia, Belarus and the Republic of Moldova. The training took place in Yerevan, Armenia on 26 September–5 October 2016 as part of the framework of the USAID–WHO Regional Platform project in six eastern European countries.

Participants were two representatives from each country, officially nominated by their ministries of health. During the training they learnt various theoretical aspects of TB laboratory biosafety cabinet maintenance according to international standards and recommendations. Subsequently they received a practical training by a specialized and certified engineer with extensive work experience within the Region. At the end of the training they had the opportunity to observe the engineer during the installation and maintenance of a biosafety cabinet at the National TB Centre in Armenia.

After the theoretical and practical parts of the training, participants had to prove their knowledge in a written exam. The average success rate was 84.3%. All participants received proof of training.

Participants were also tested on their practical knowledge during two separate practical exams. During these exams participants had to prove their knowledge of the TB biosafety aspects of BSC maintenance. The average success rate was 63.7%.

The participants who were successful in the theoretical and practical exams are expected to take responsibility in their



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Laboratory BSCs are intended to protect laboratory operators, products and the environment from harmful airborne agents. Their proper functioning and maintenance are key factors in attaining high safety levels and providing laboratory quality assurance. One of the major challenges that prevents the countries concerned from meeting this goal is a lack of qualified and trained technical personnel who can provide professional installation, field testing and maintenance of BSCs.

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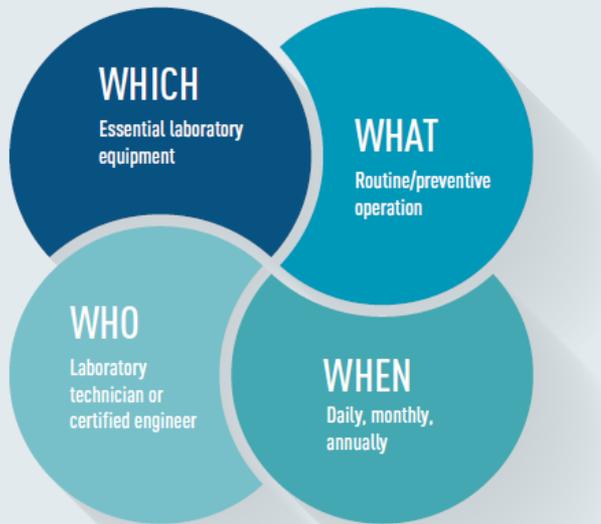
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# Tuberculosis Laboratory Maintenance Plan (LMP) for preventive and routine maintenance of laboratory equipment



- **Expert opinion of the European Tuberculosis Laboratory Initiative 2017**
- **This technical document was developed as a collaborative product by core group members of the European Laboratory Initiative (ELI)**
- **To provide practical guidance for planning and implementing equipment maintenance in tuberculosis laboratories in the WHO European Region.**
- **To ensure accurate and uninterrupted laboratory services, cost-efficient use and extended lifetime of equipment, and increased laboratory safety.**



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# Biological Safety Cabinets

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Vladimir, Russia

# BSC functions

BSC type	Operator protection	Product protection	Environment protection	
Ventilated Workstation (VWS)	+	-	+/-	Product contamination is possible. Ensure effective and safe exhaust!
BSC Class I	+	-	+	Product contamination is possible.
BSC Class II	+	+	+	Do not protect from gases, volatile substances and vapors.
BSC Class III	+	+	+	Totally enclosed. Complete isolation
Clean Box	-	+	-	is not BSC!

# Biological Safety Cabinets Classifications

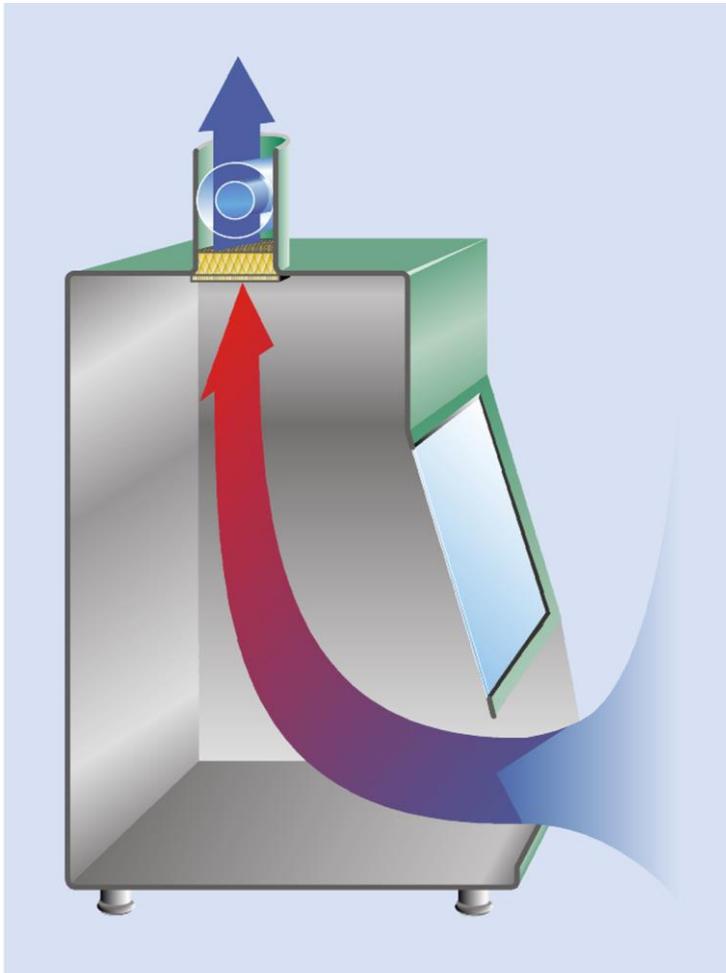
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Class I	
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	Class II C1
Class III	

# Ventilated Workstation



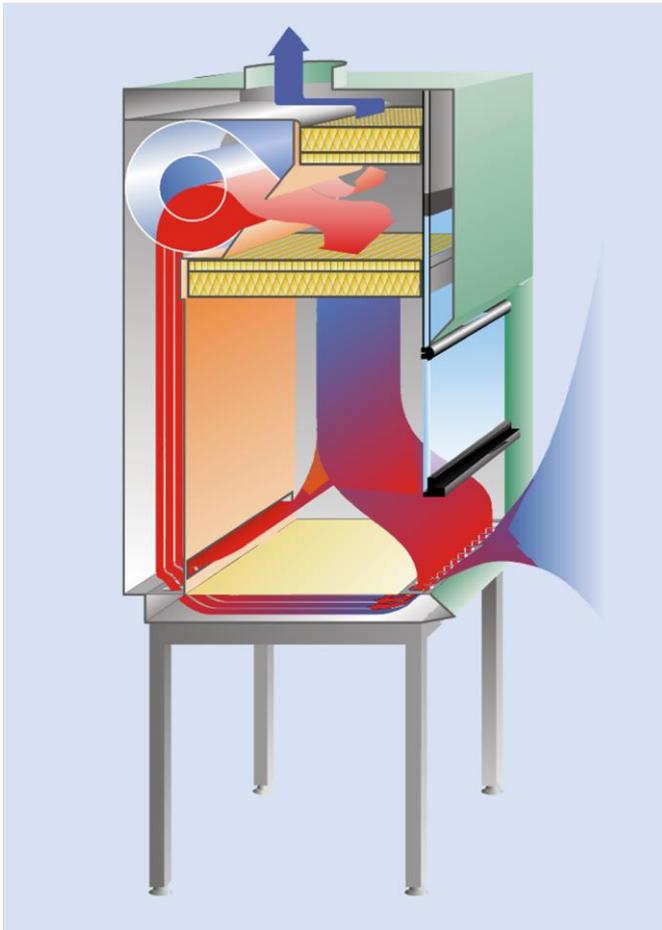
- No filters
- Exhaust fan
- Inflow velocity – 0,35 – 0,55 m/sec
- Can be used for aerosol generated procedures when product protection not required (Sputum smear preparation)
- Safe exhaust is important
- «Open» design

# BSC Class I



- HEPA filter
- Exhaust fan
- Designed to provide operator and environment protection

# BSC Class II (EN 12469:2000)



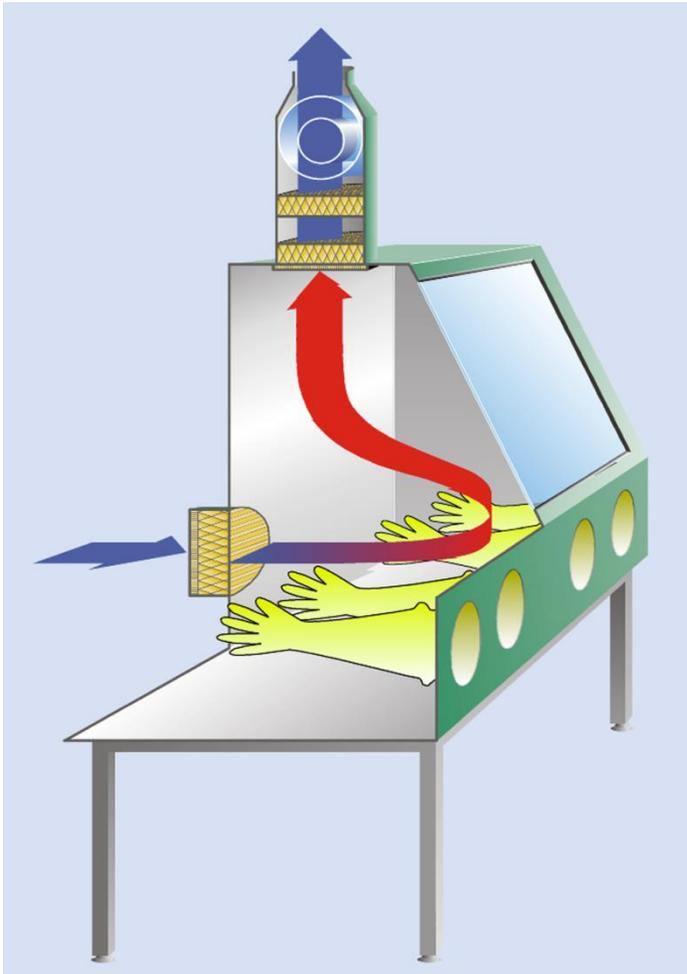
Most common BSC type, providing protection for

- Operator
- Product
- Environment

Prevents product cross-contamination

- About 70% of air – recirculated after filtration, about 30% - exhausted after filtration
- Minimum inflow velocity – 0,40 m/s
- Older BSC models (Class II Type A1) may have contaminated positive pressure plenum

# BSC Class III (glove box)



- Complete physical barrier
- Operator, product and environment protection
- Totally enclosed product

# BSC Connection (Ducting) to Mechanical Ventilation

Certified and well functioning BSCs of Class I and Class II can be used without ducting (connection to mechanical exhaust system)

BSC Class II Type B1 and B2 require hard ducting and balancing to mechanical exhaust system of the building. They are not recommended for most of microbiological procedures.

BSC Class II Type A2 can be thimble connected to mechanical exhaust

Exhaust flow rate of the thimble canopy should be at least 20 – 30% over BSC exhaust flow rate.



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# Virtual Workshop on Biological Safety Cabinet (BSC) Performance Checking:

## Assessment of the Environment

**Paul A. Jensen, PhD, PE, CIH**



**23 July 2020**



# Understand Your Environment

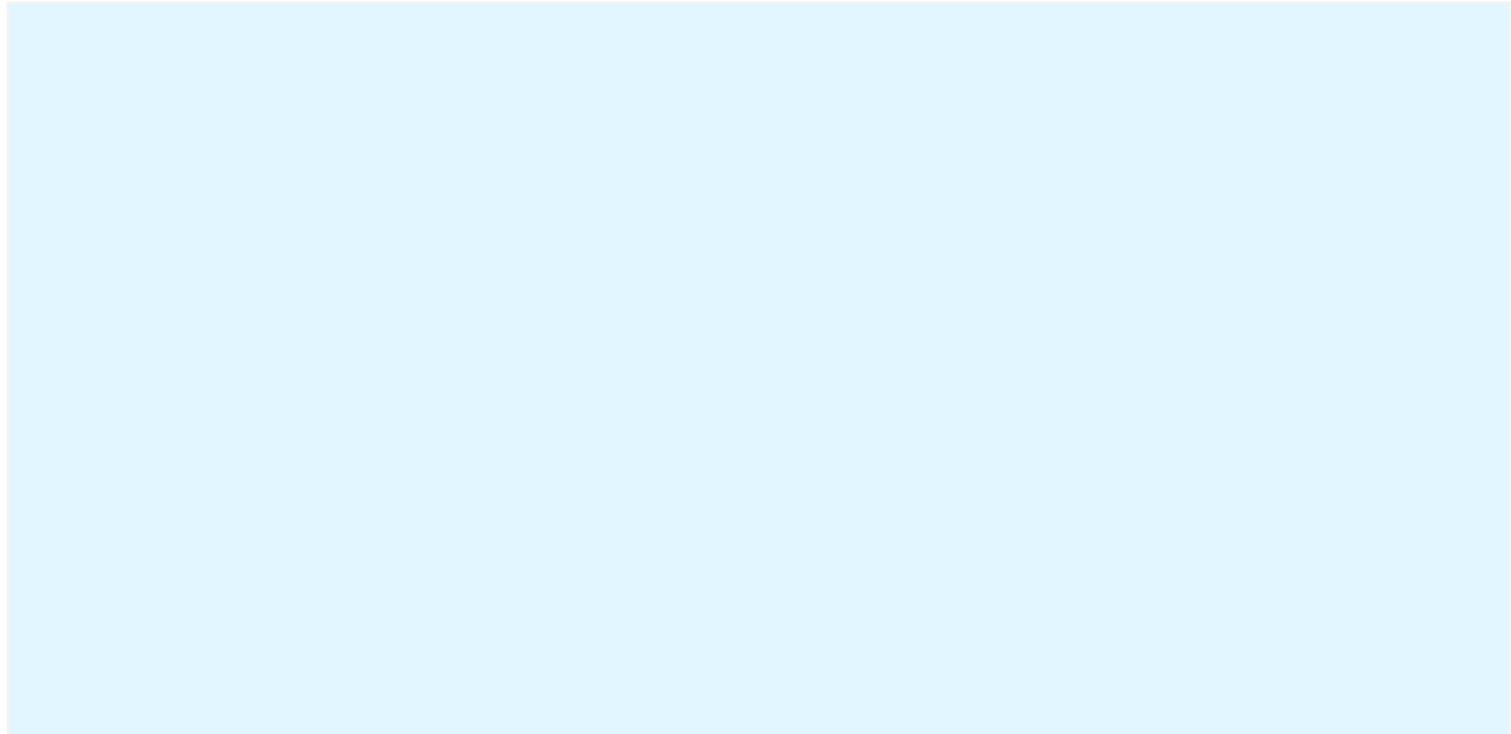
What BSC or VWS model/type do you have?

Where is it located?

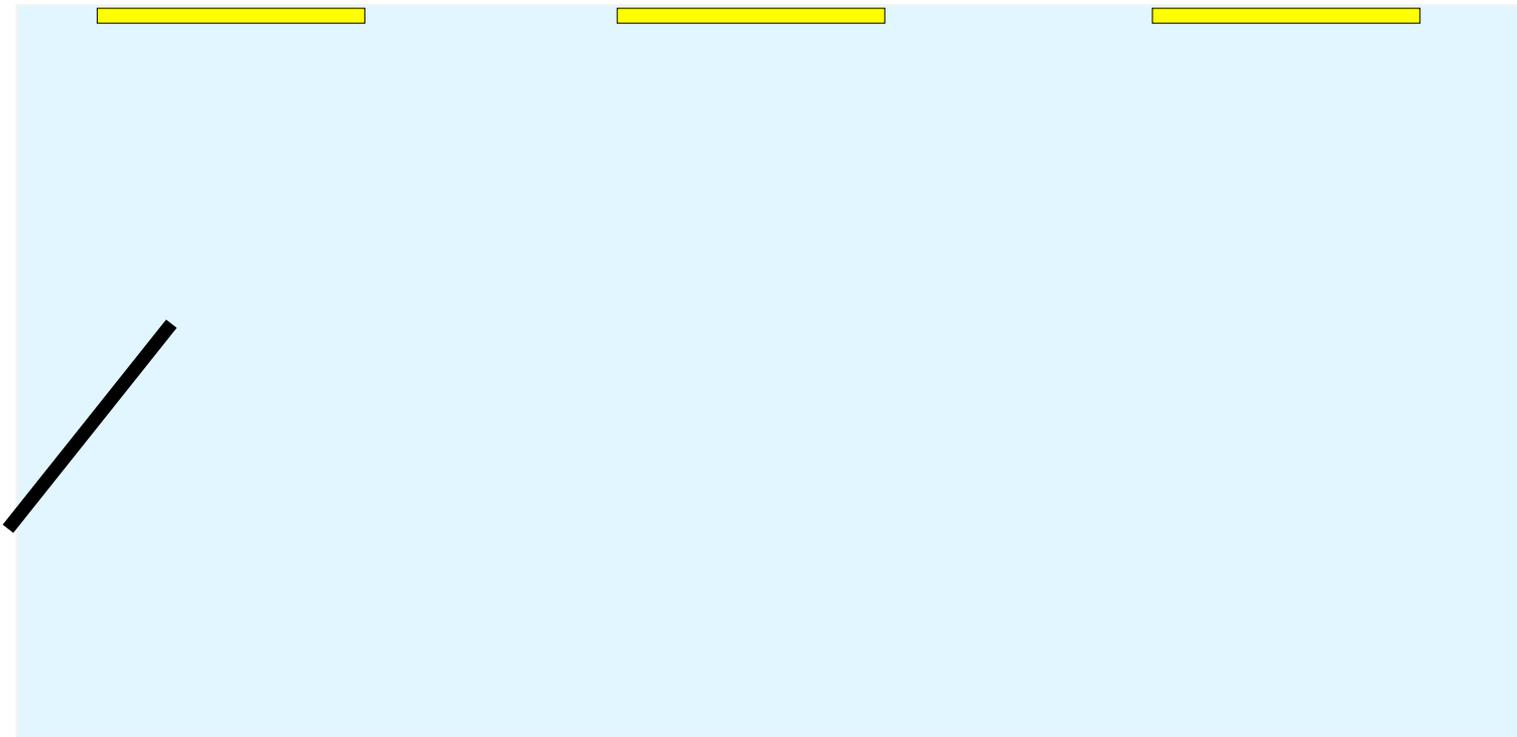
What might affect its performance?

- Staff
- Activities
- Doors
- Equipment
- Aircon
- Ventilation
- Windows

# Start by Sketching the Room



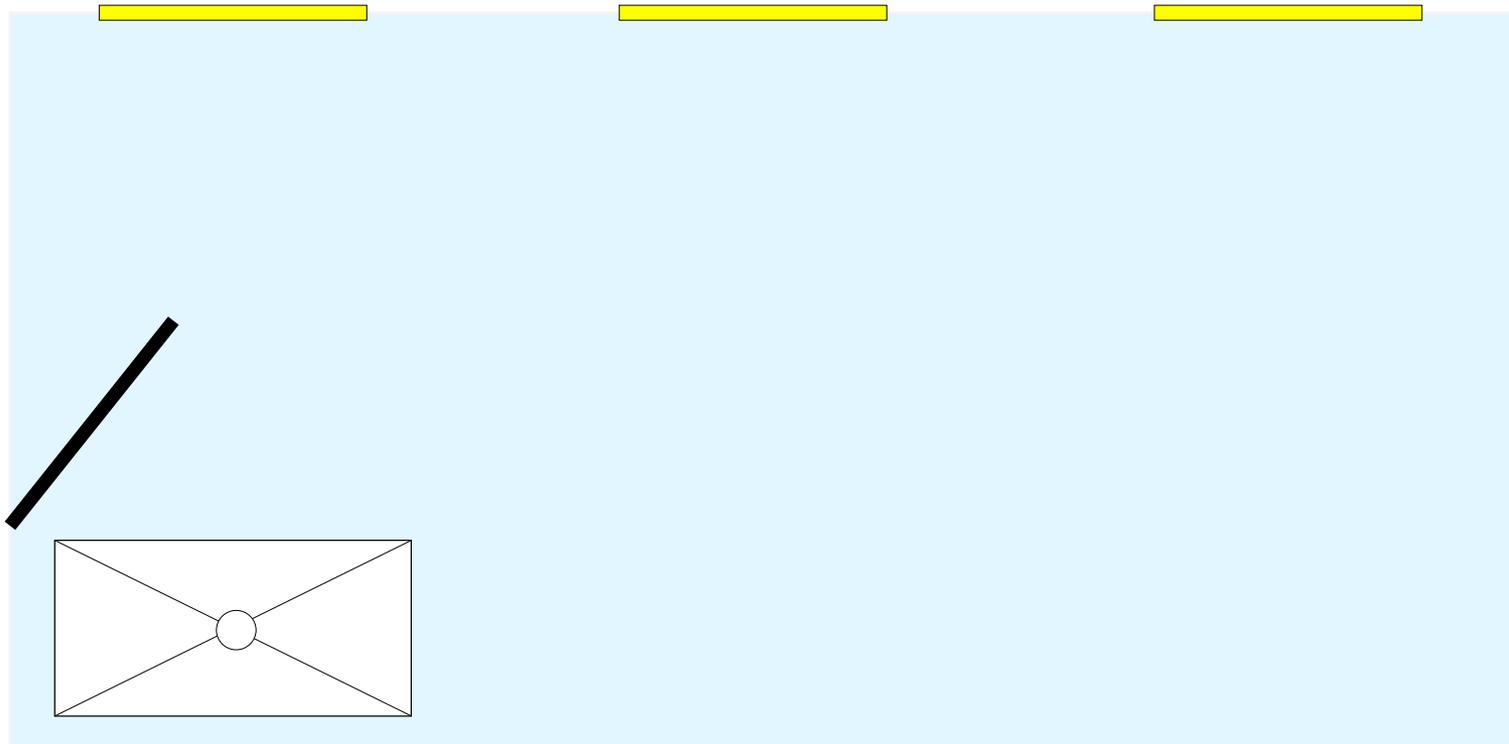
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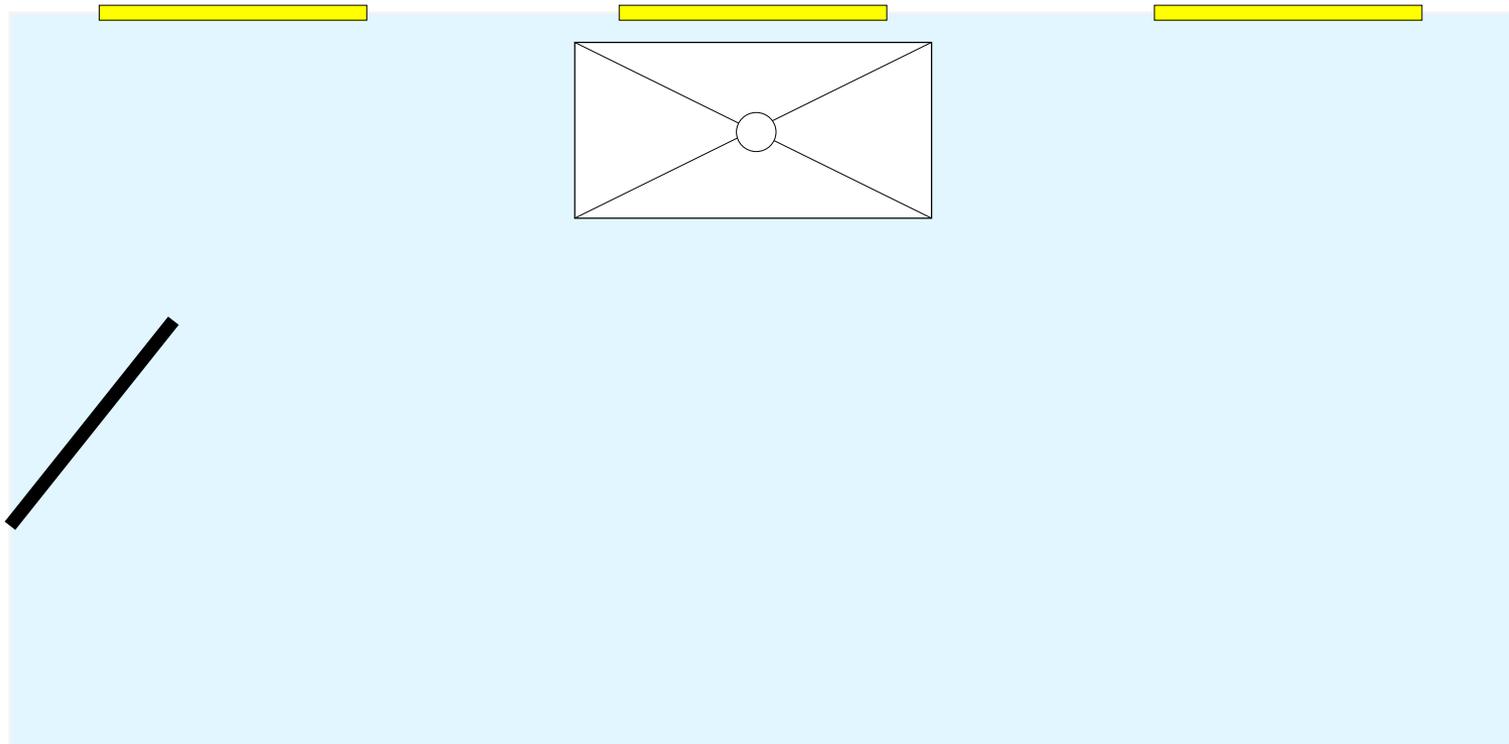
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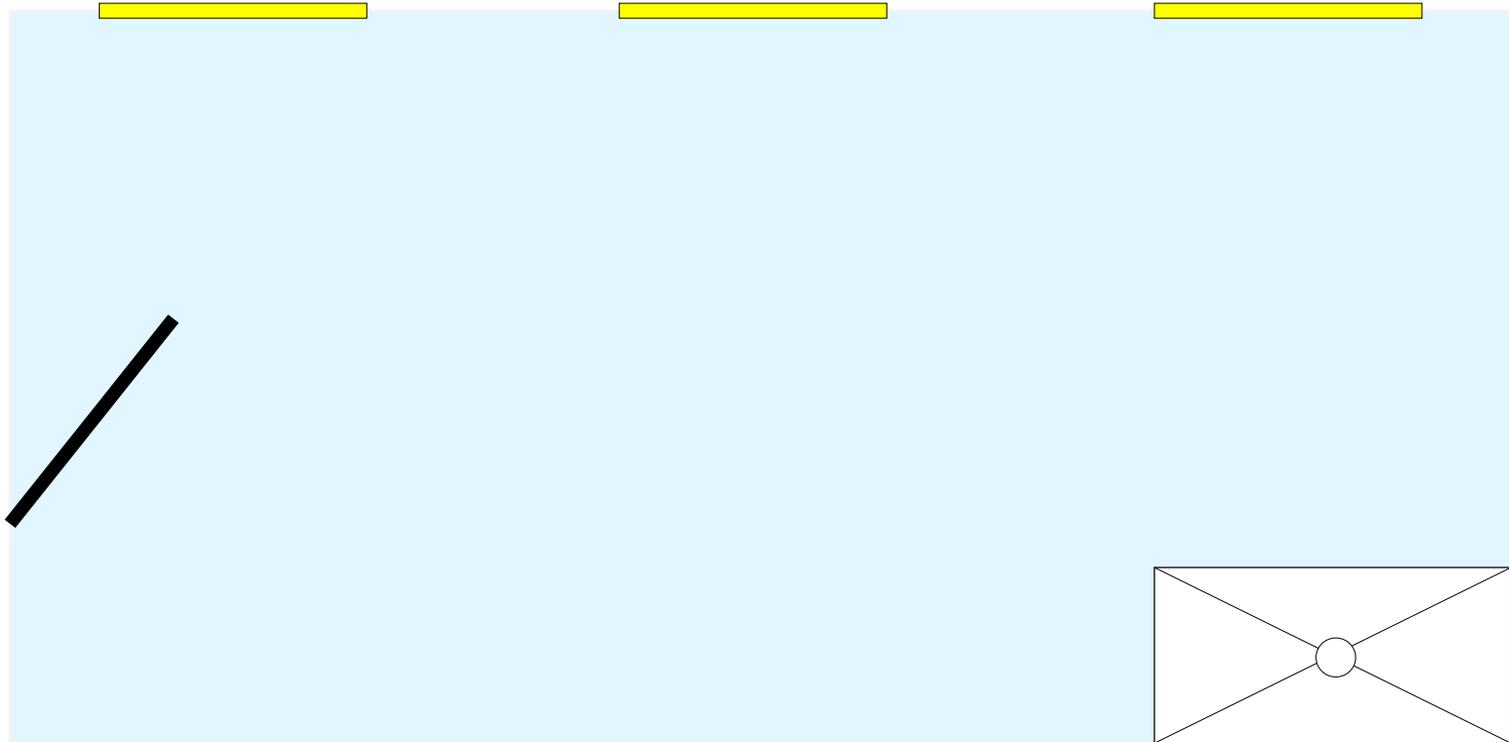
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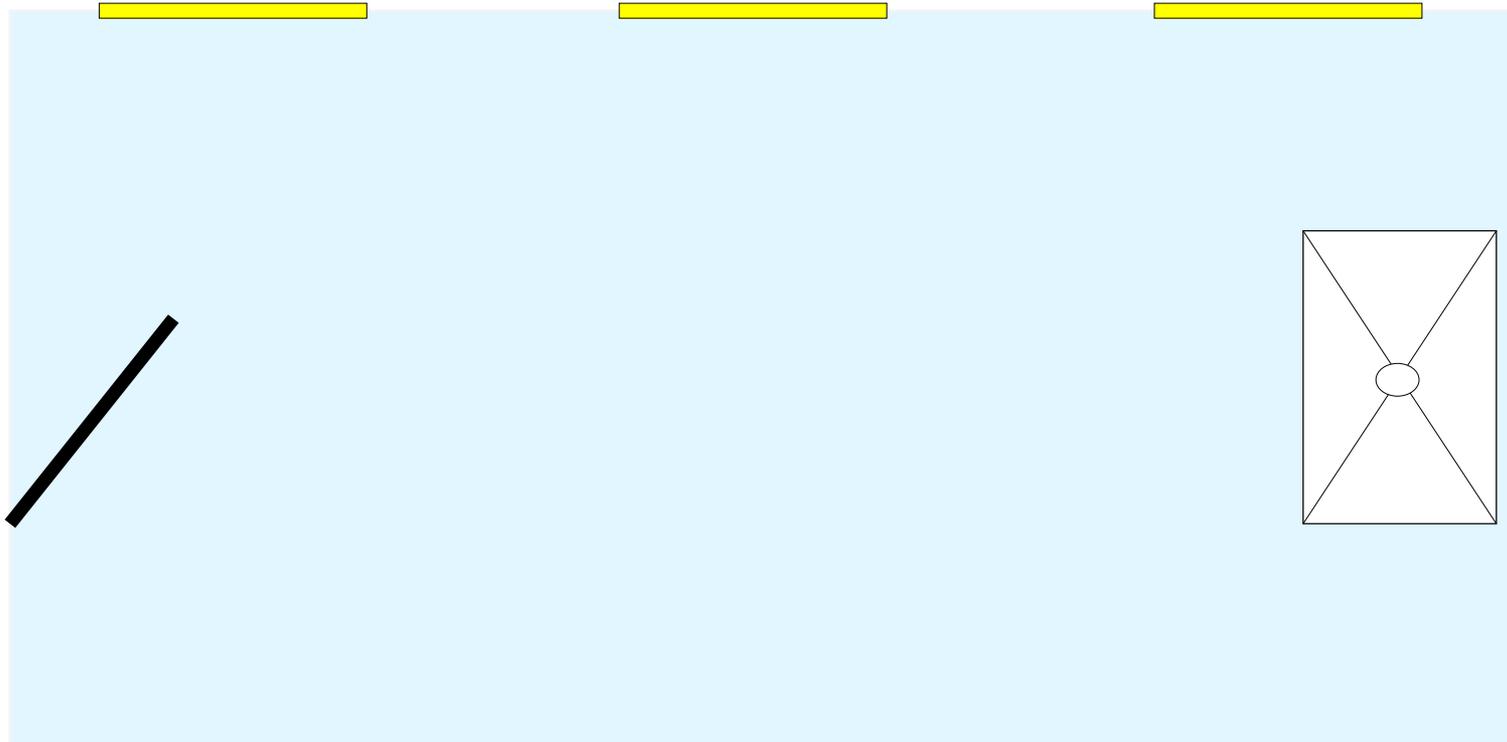
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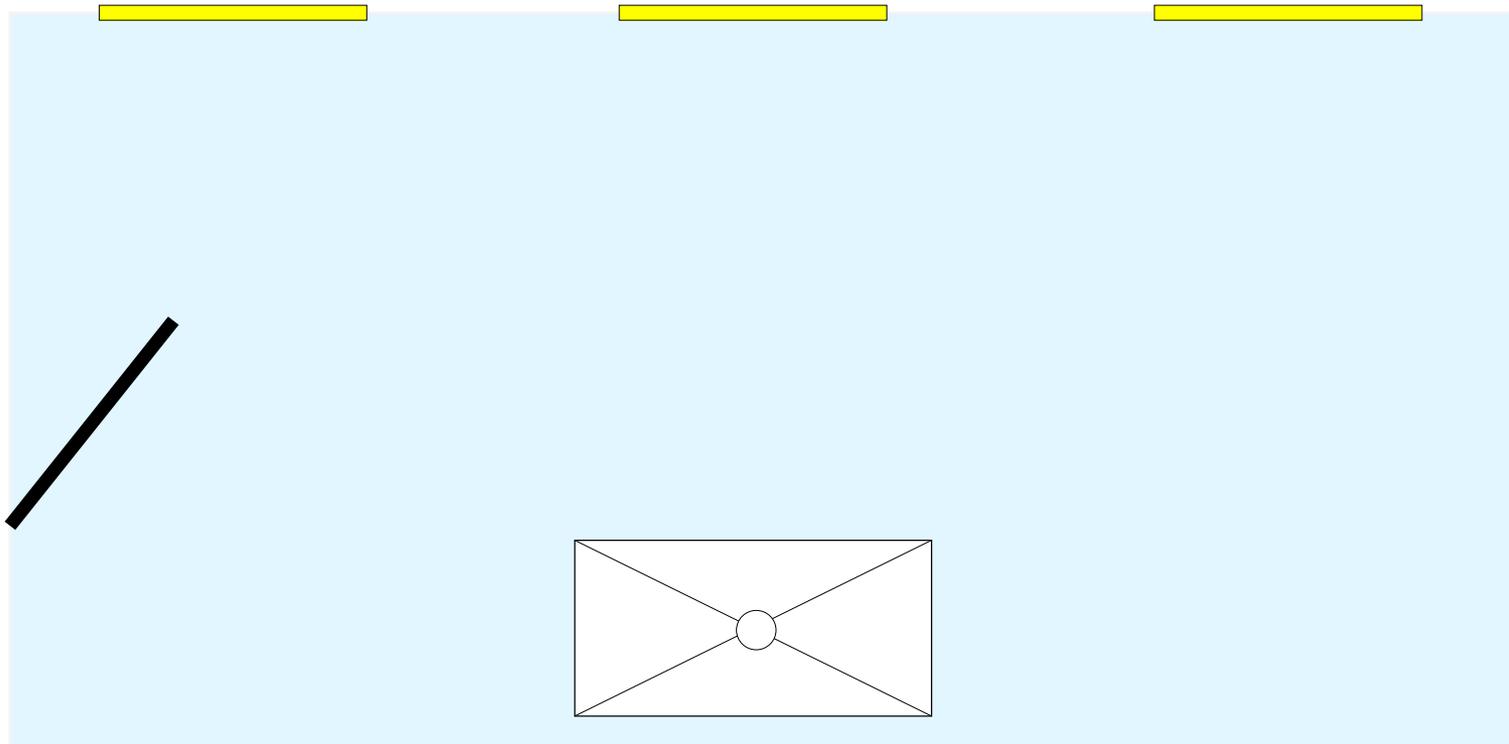
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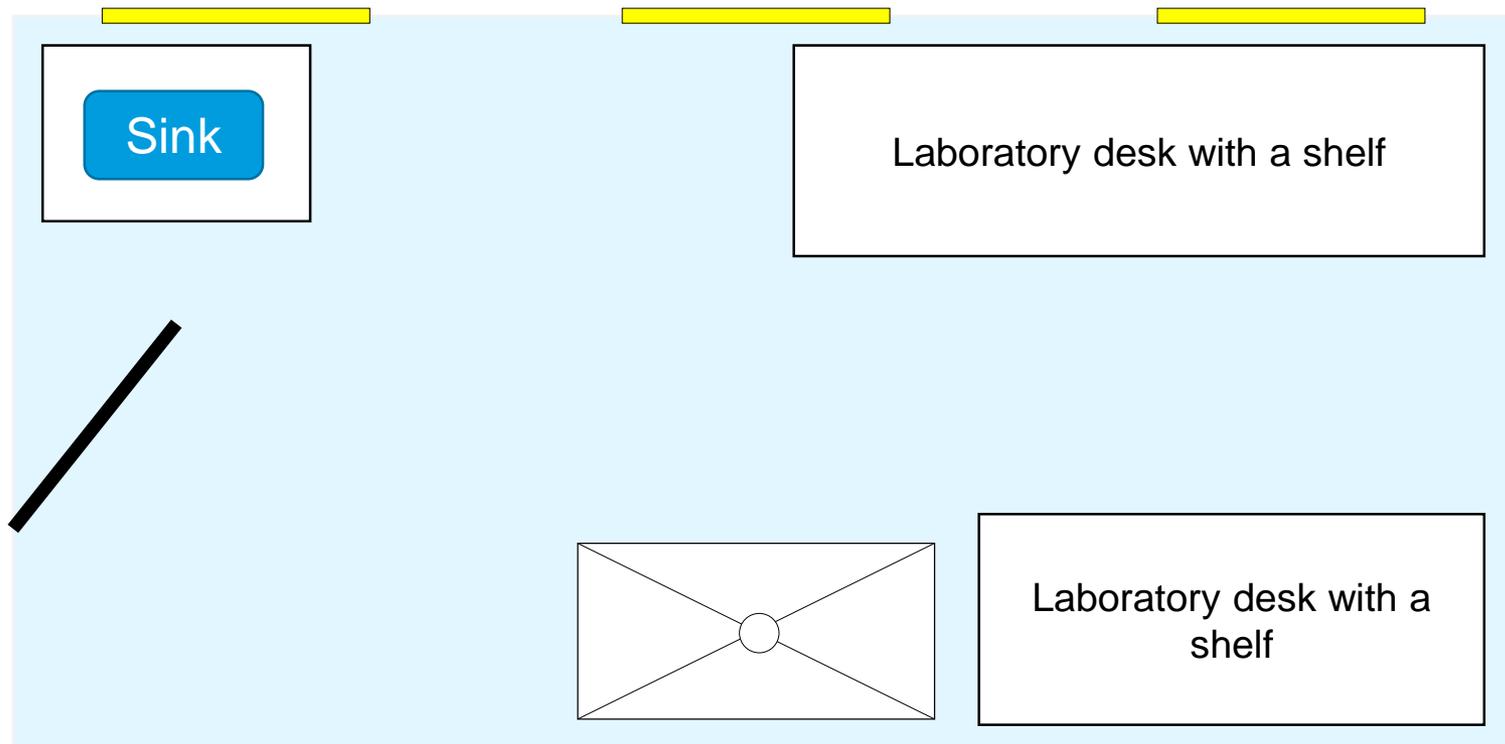
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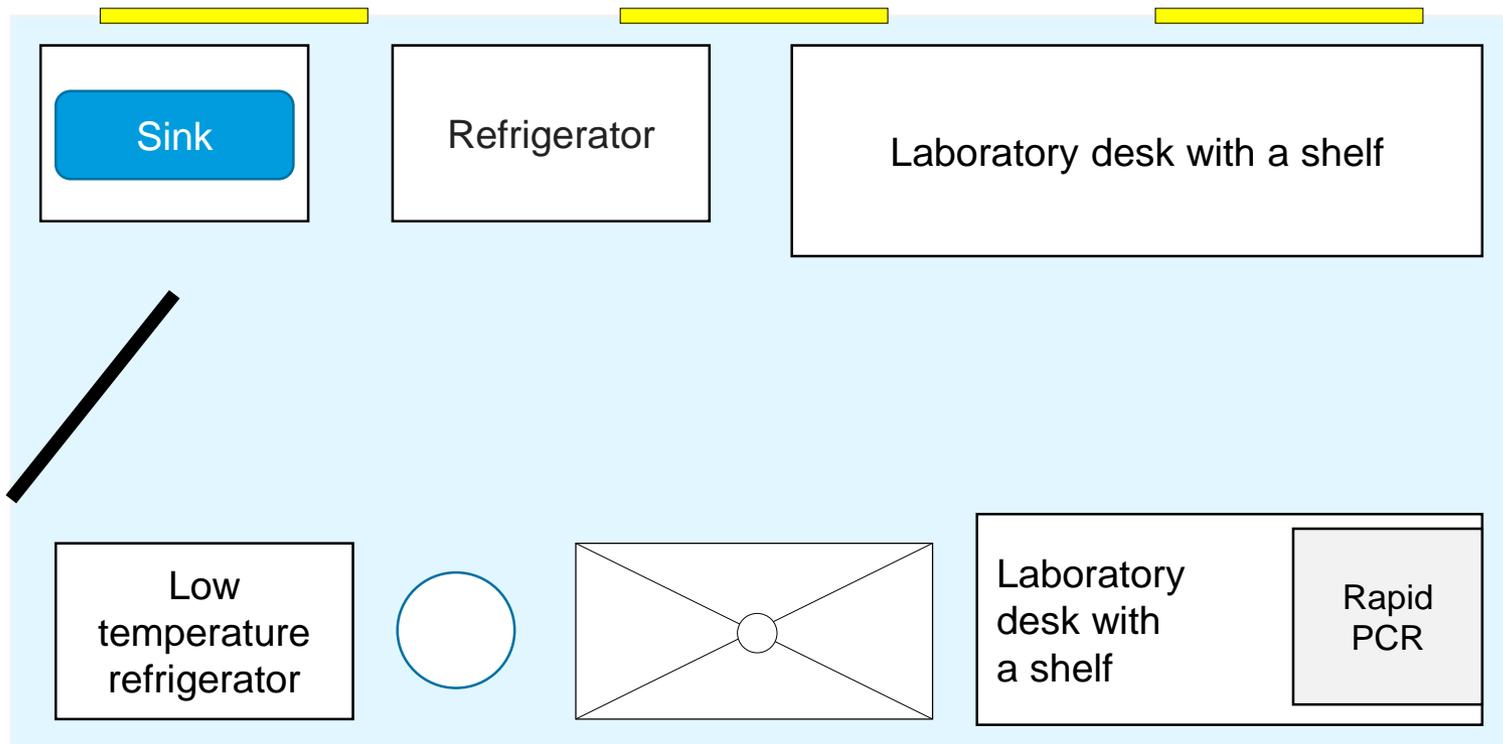
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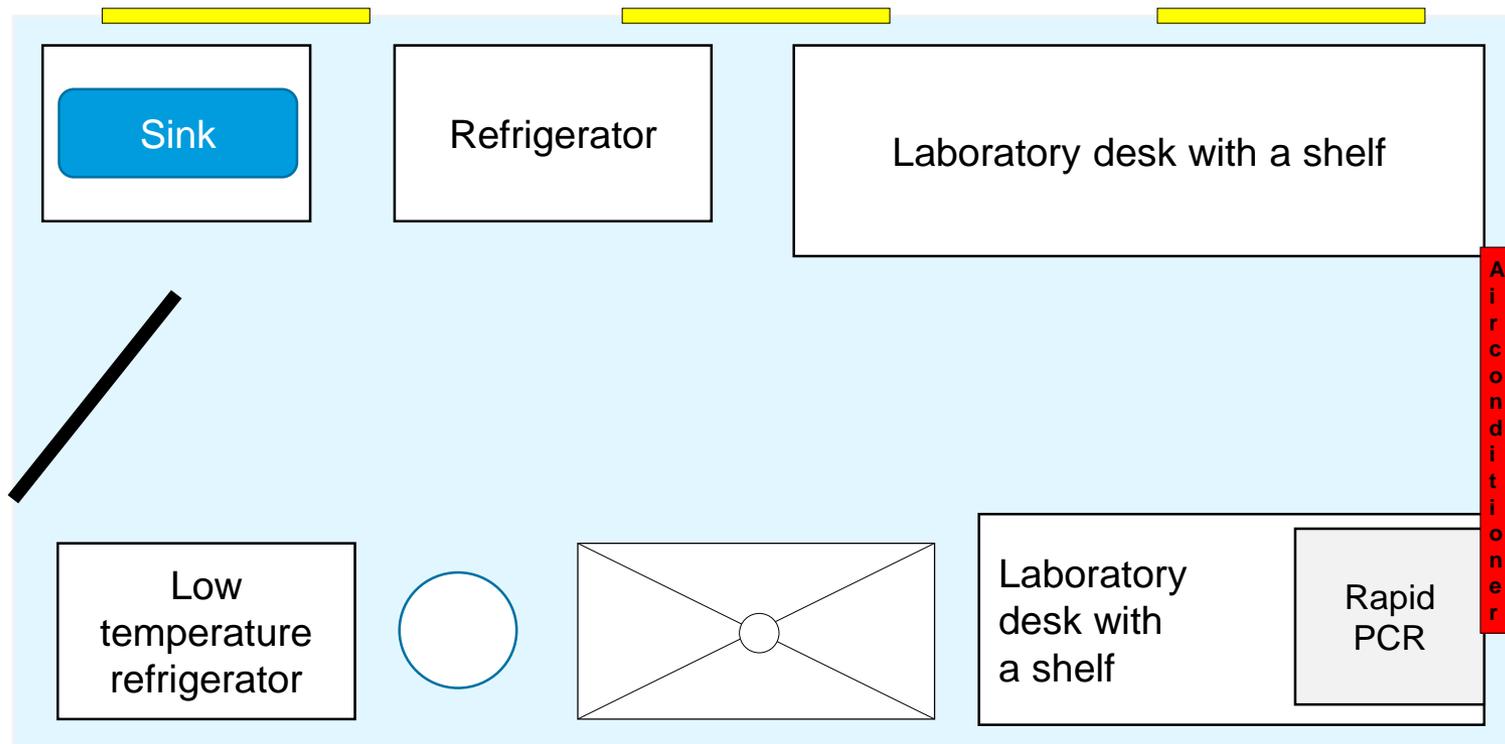
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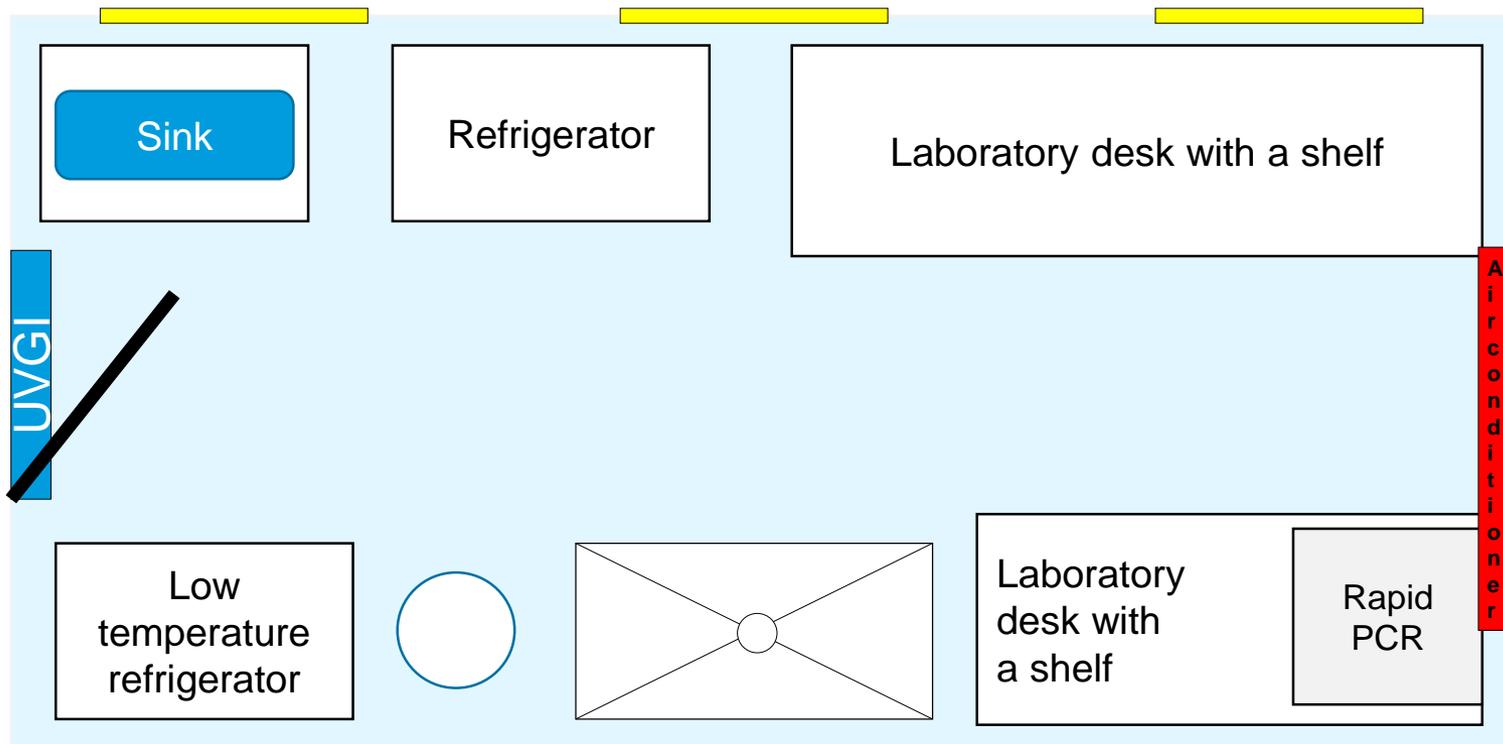
# Add Other Equipment



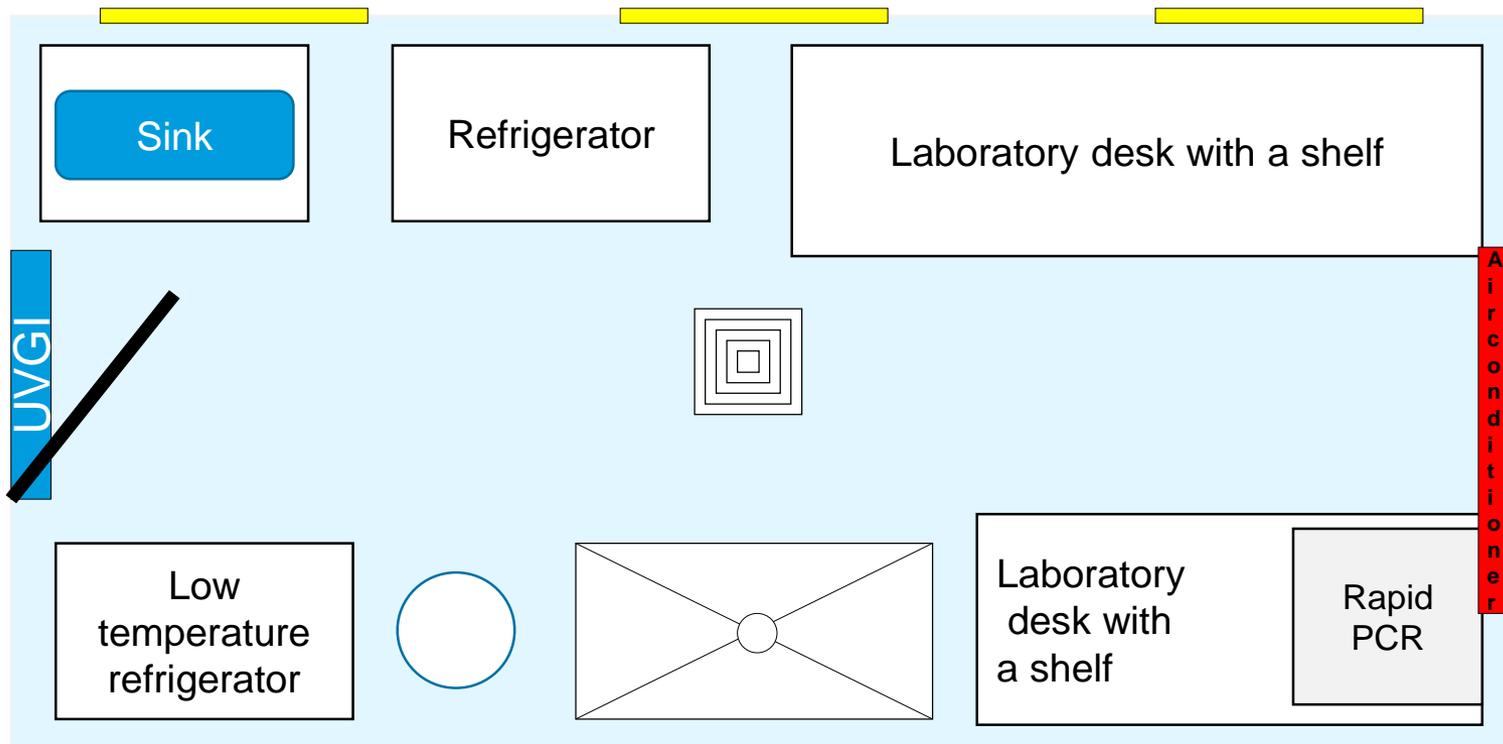
# Add Aircon & Fans



# Add UVGI



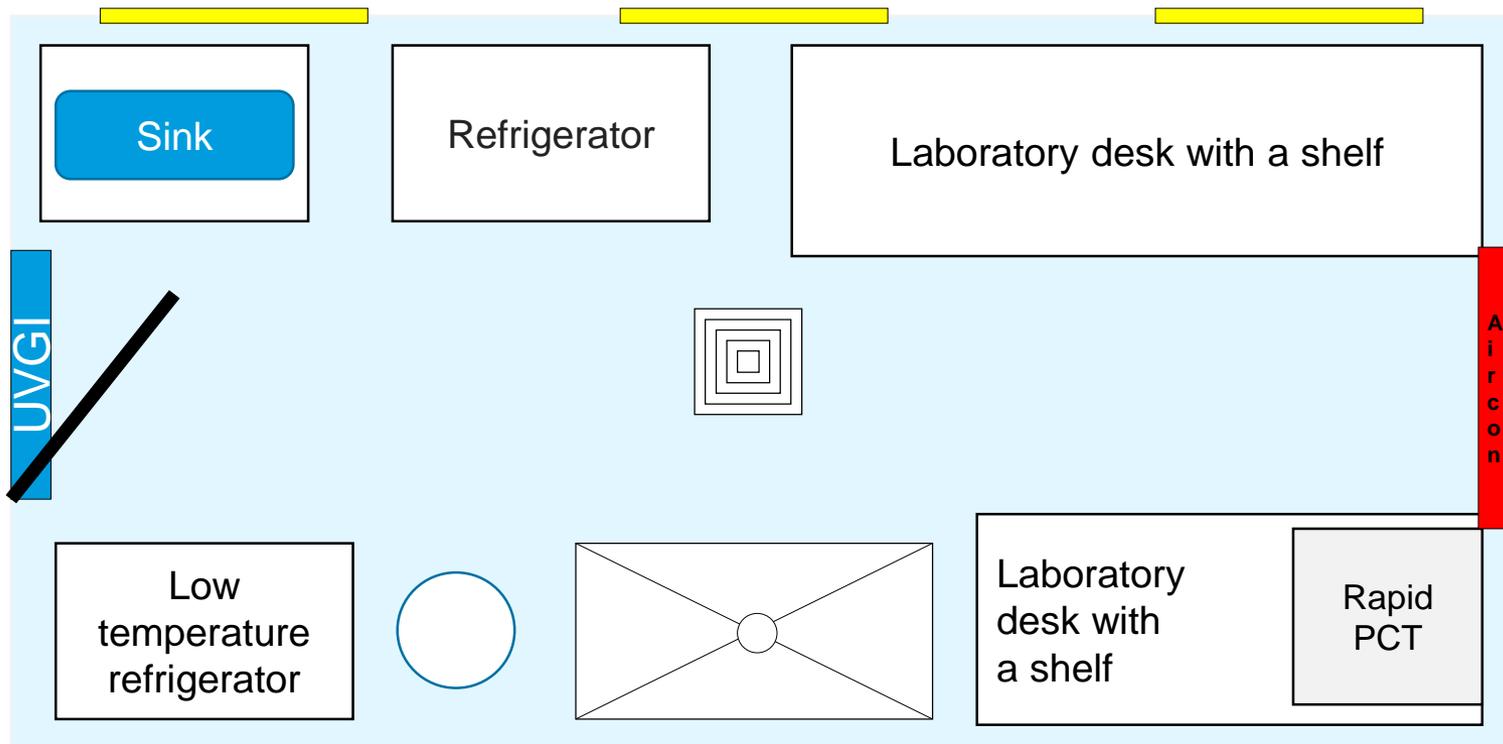
# Add Mechanical Ventilation



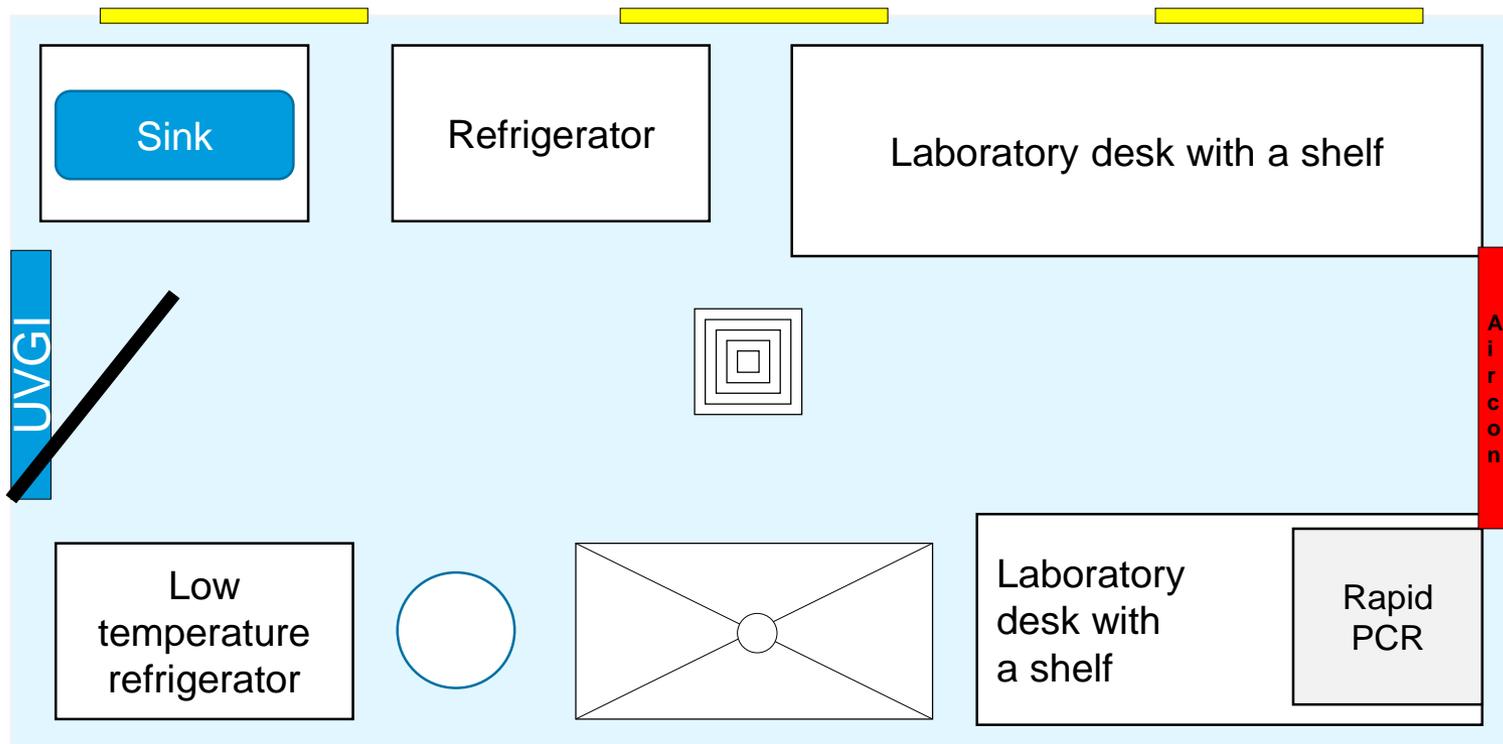
# What might affect performance?

Many, many things!

# What if . . . Staff enter/depart lab?

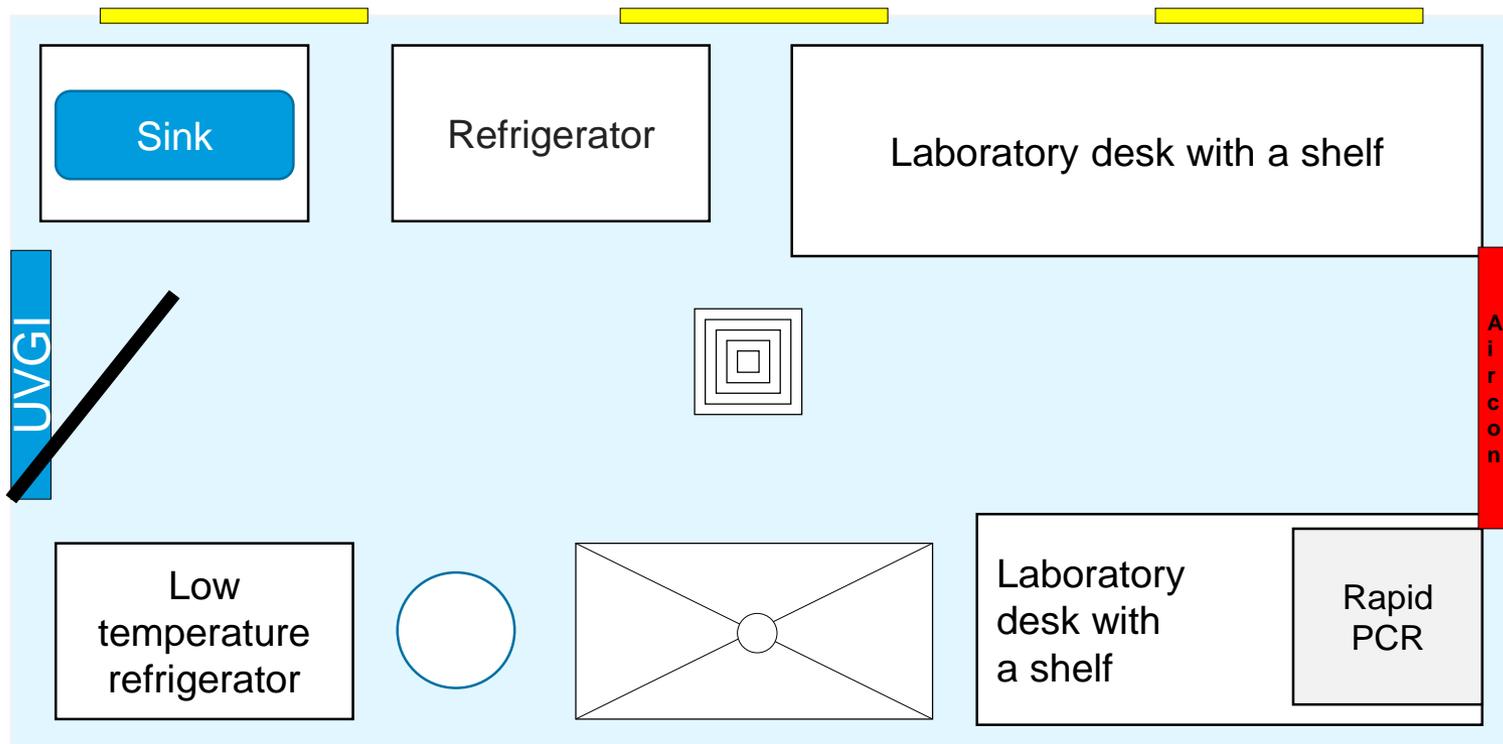


# What if . . . Staff work in the lab?

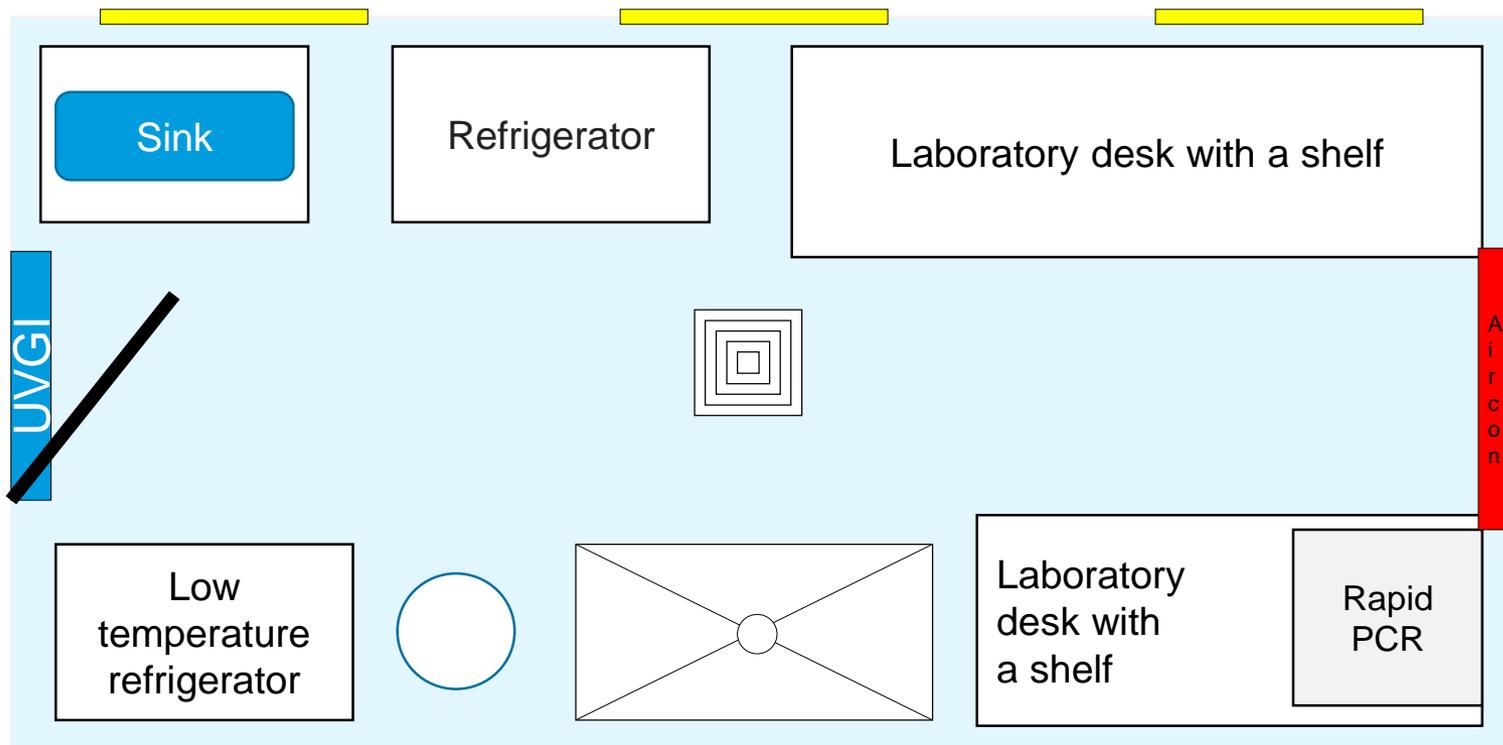


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# What if . . . Windows are open?

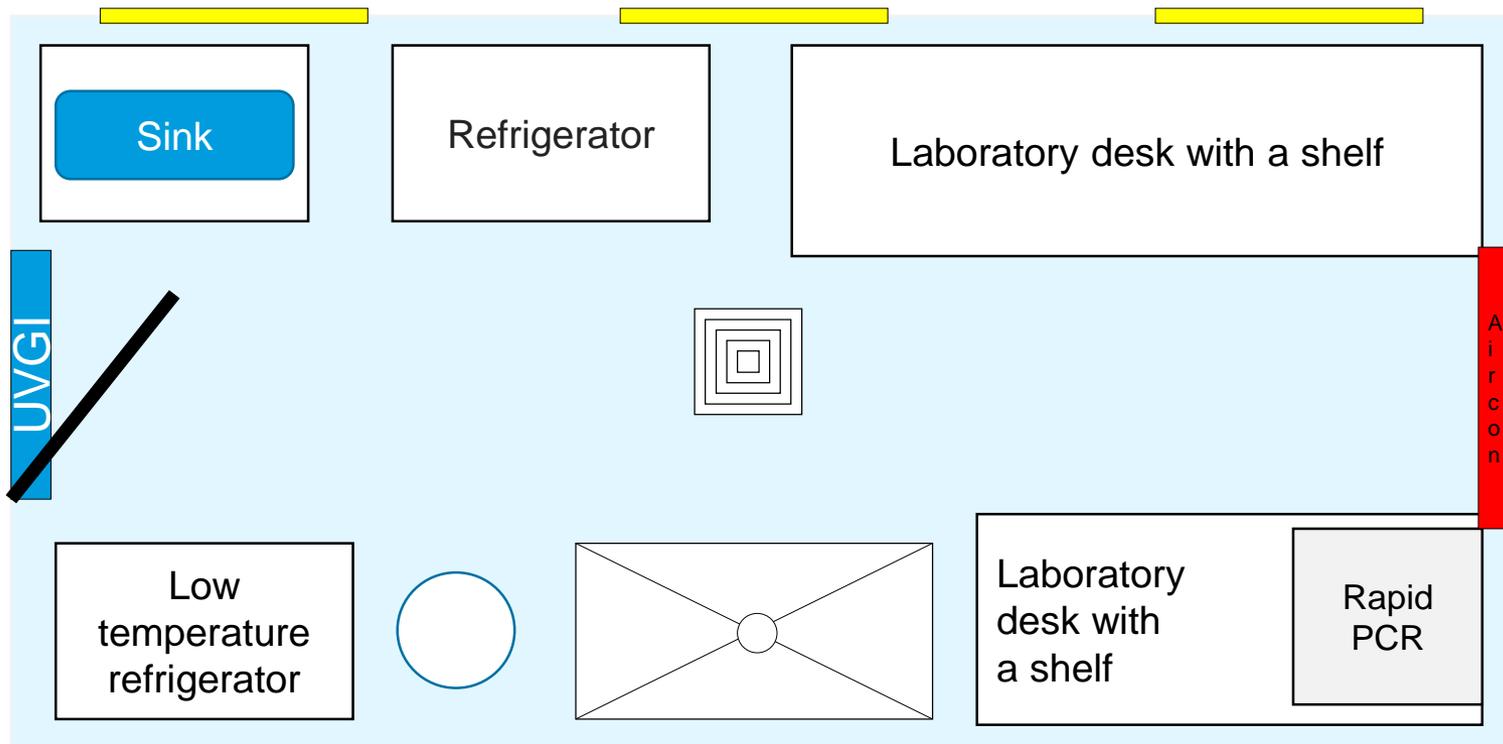


# What if . . . Aircon is on?

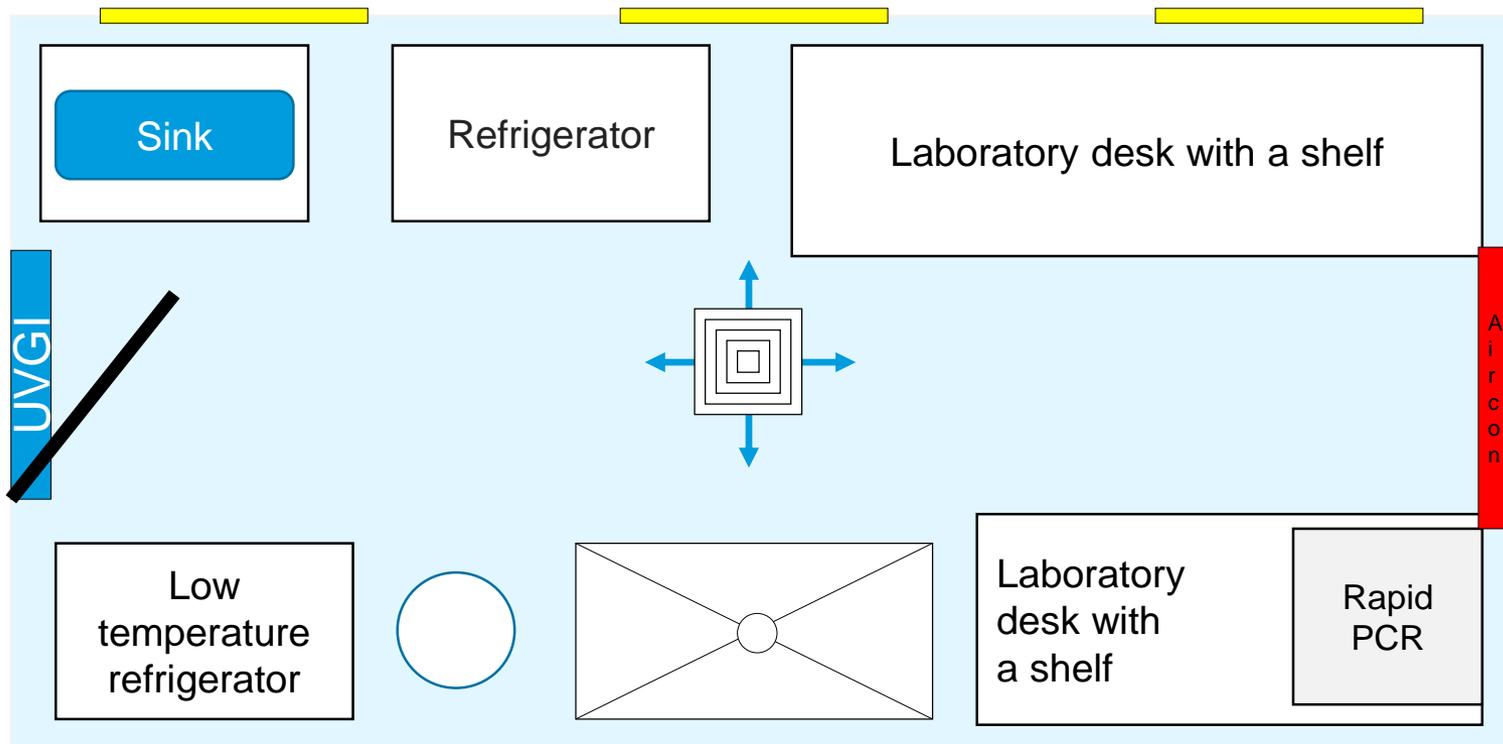


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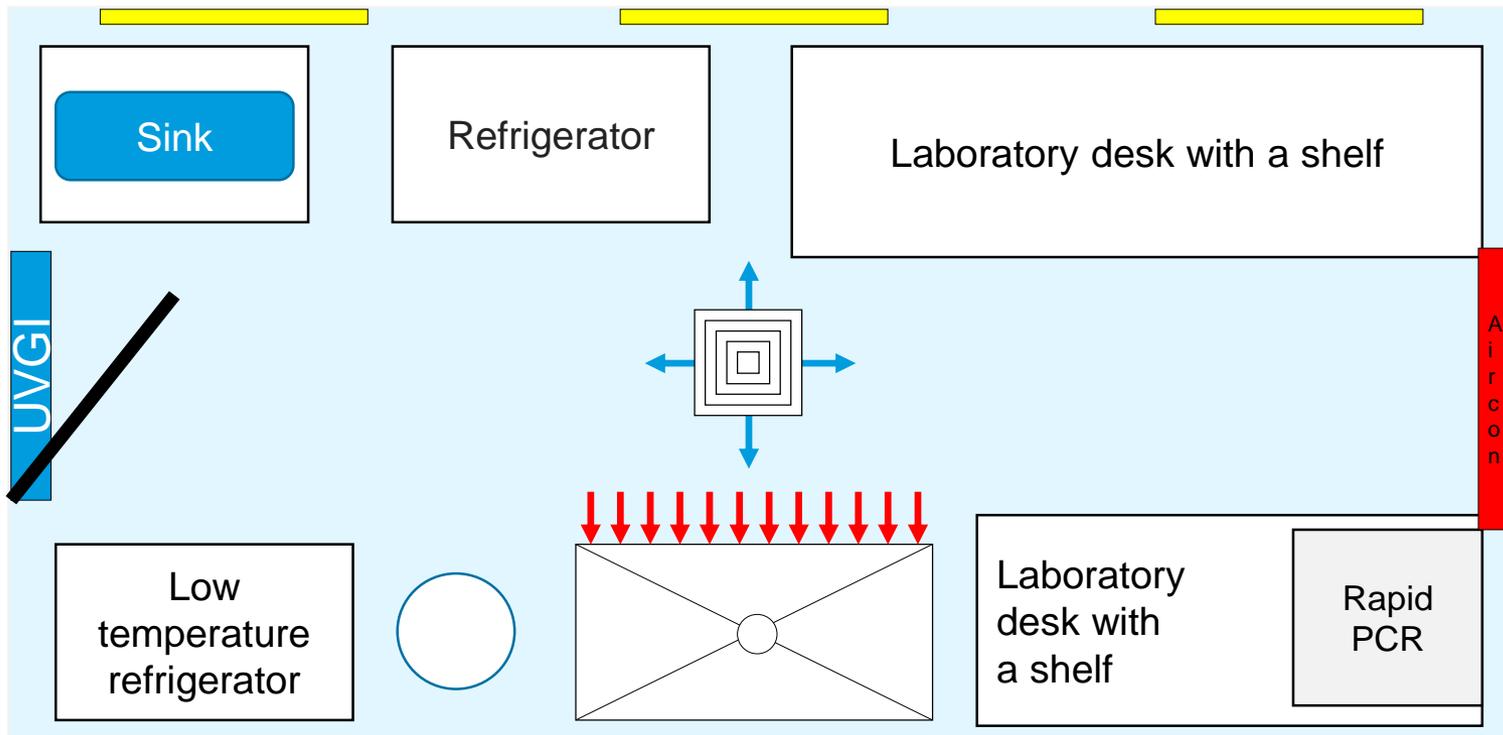
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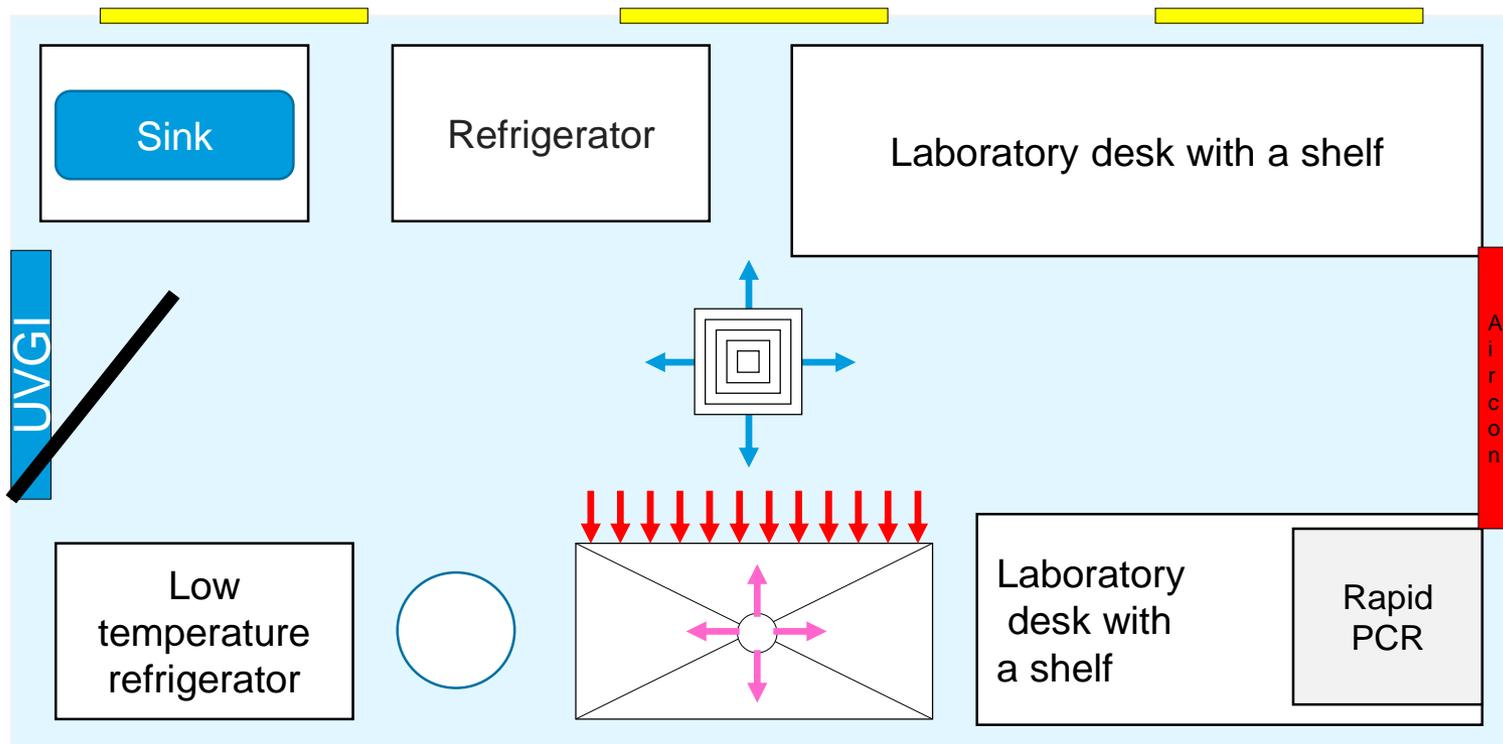
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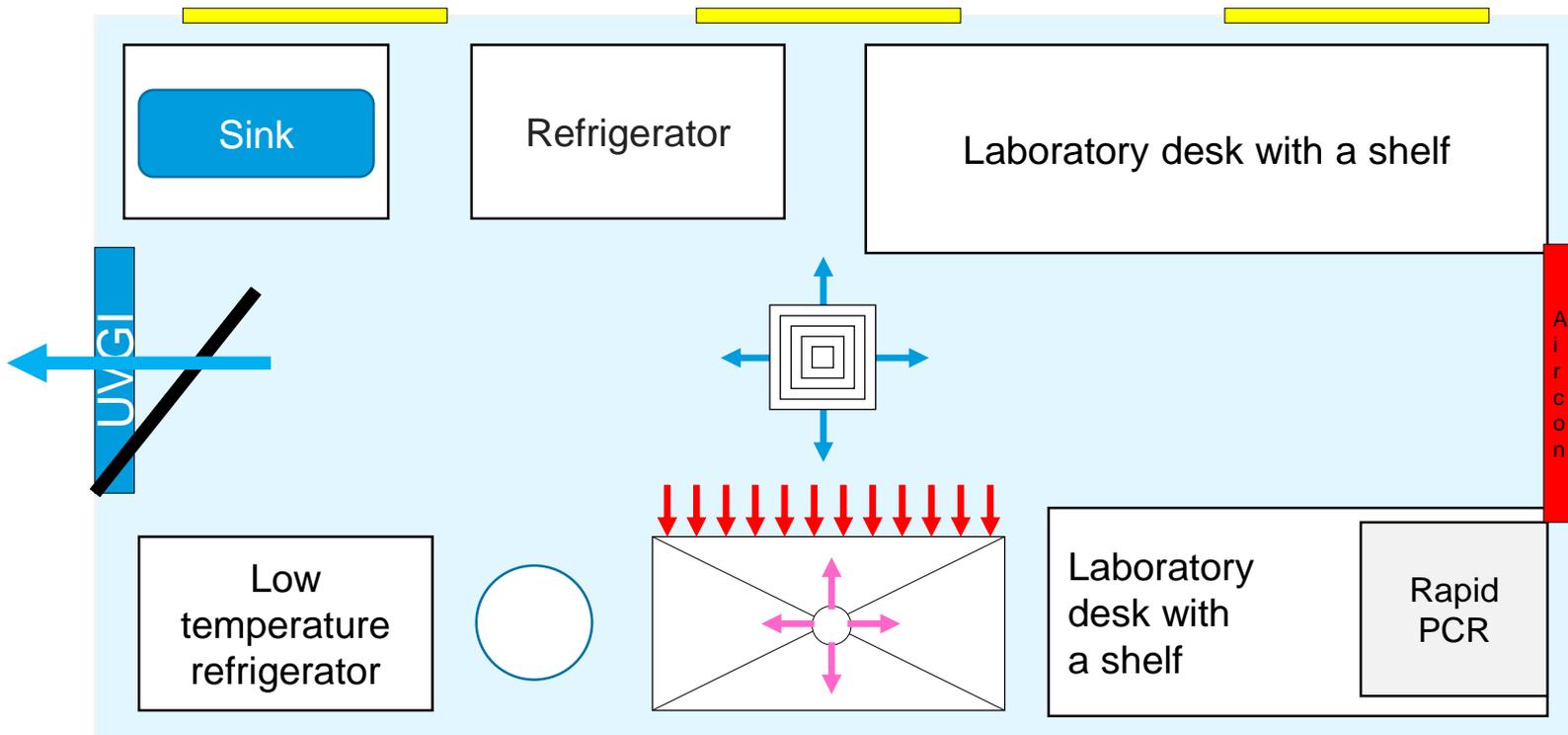
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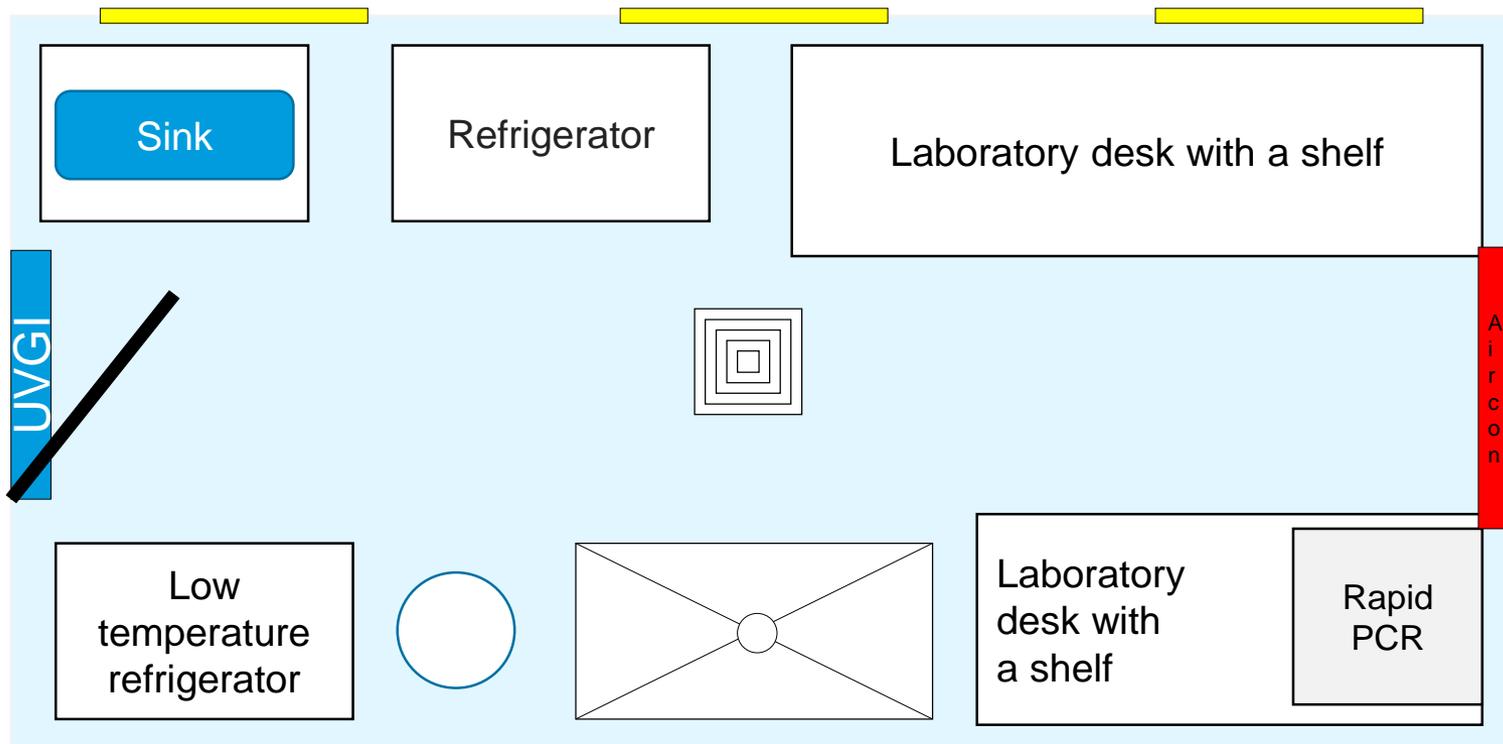
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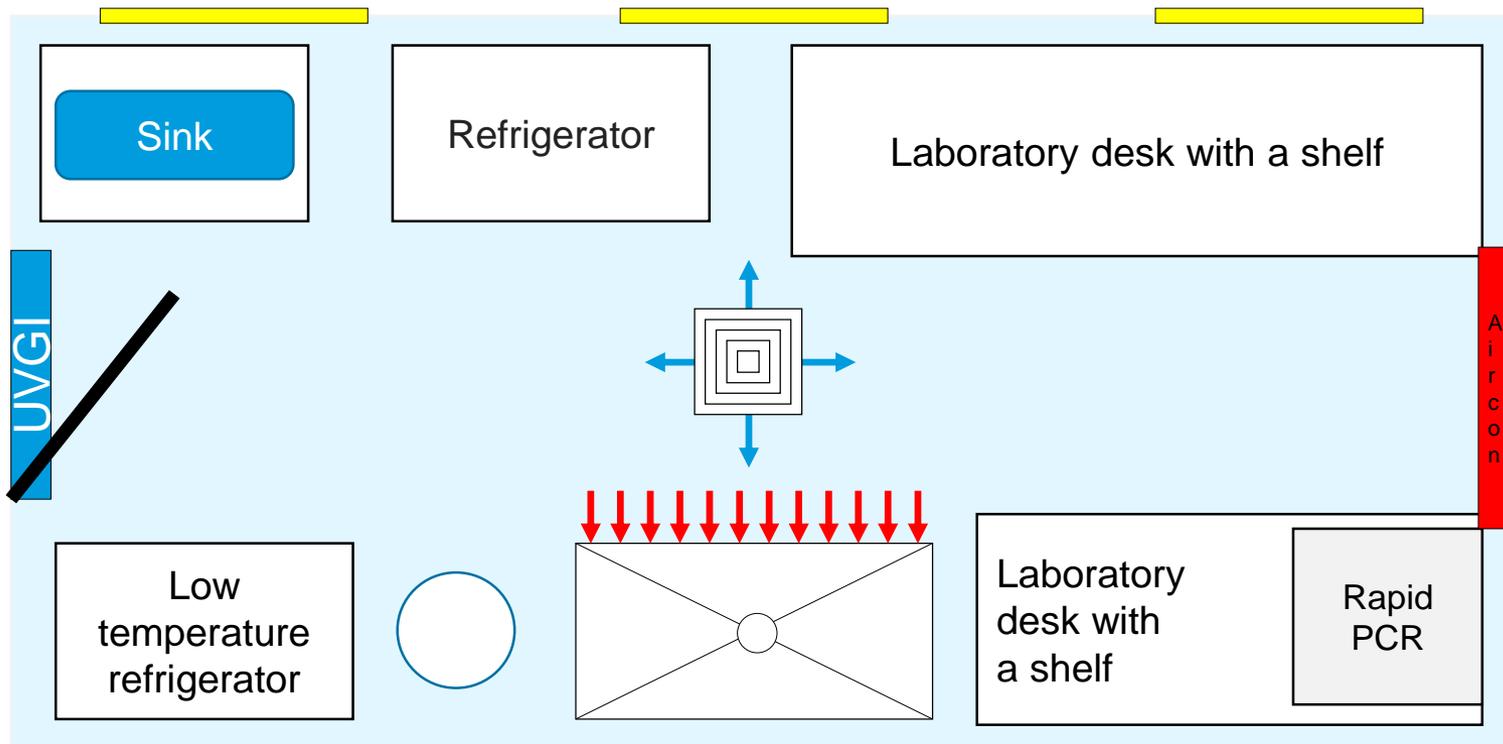
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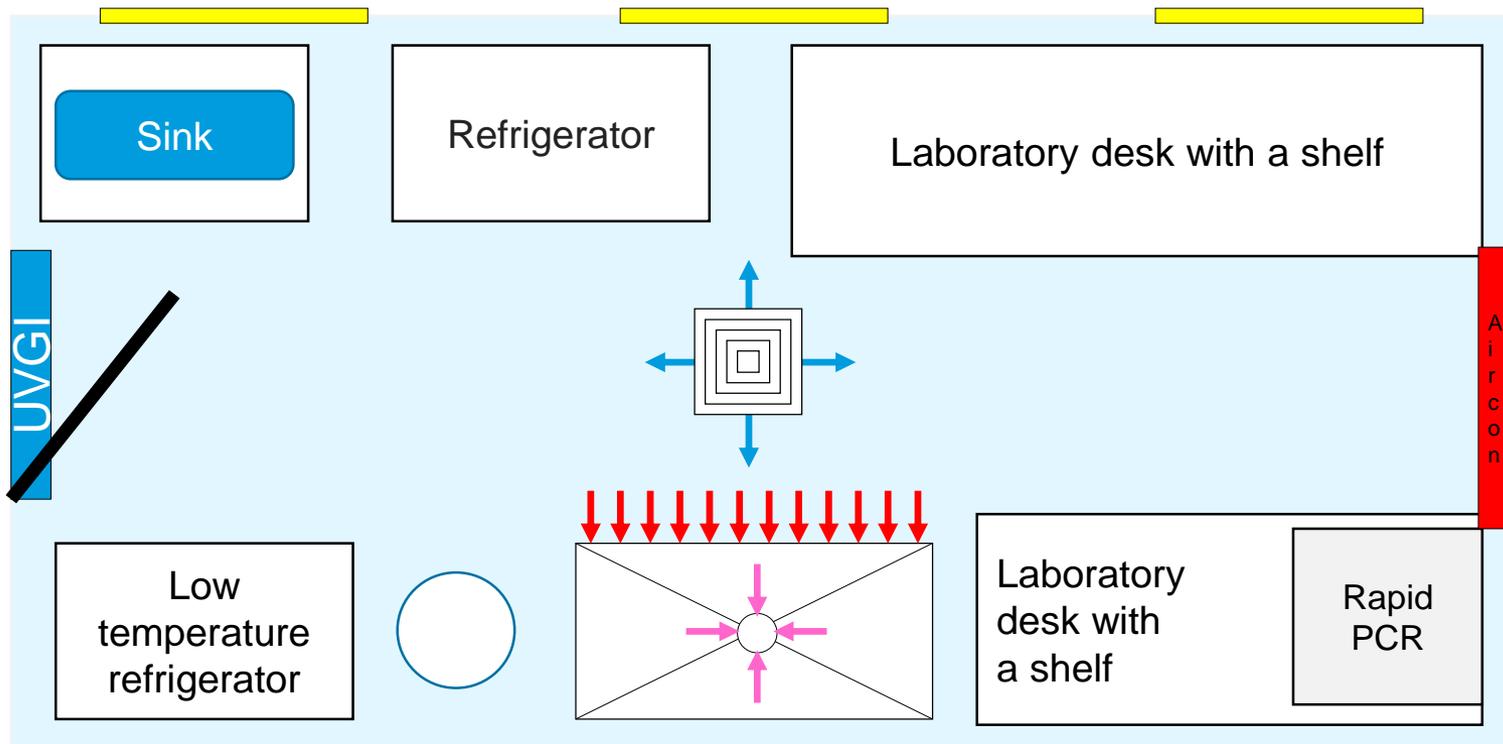
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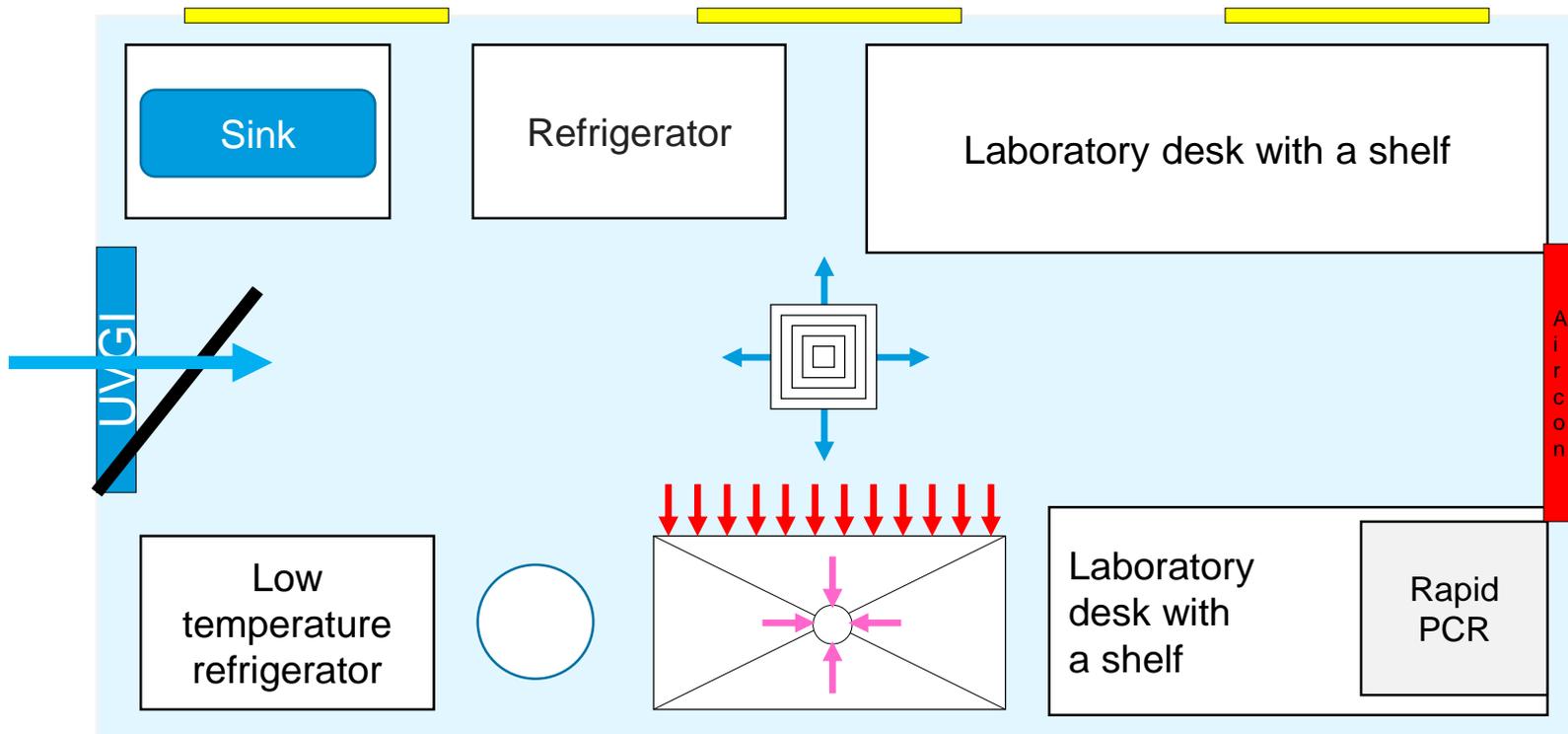
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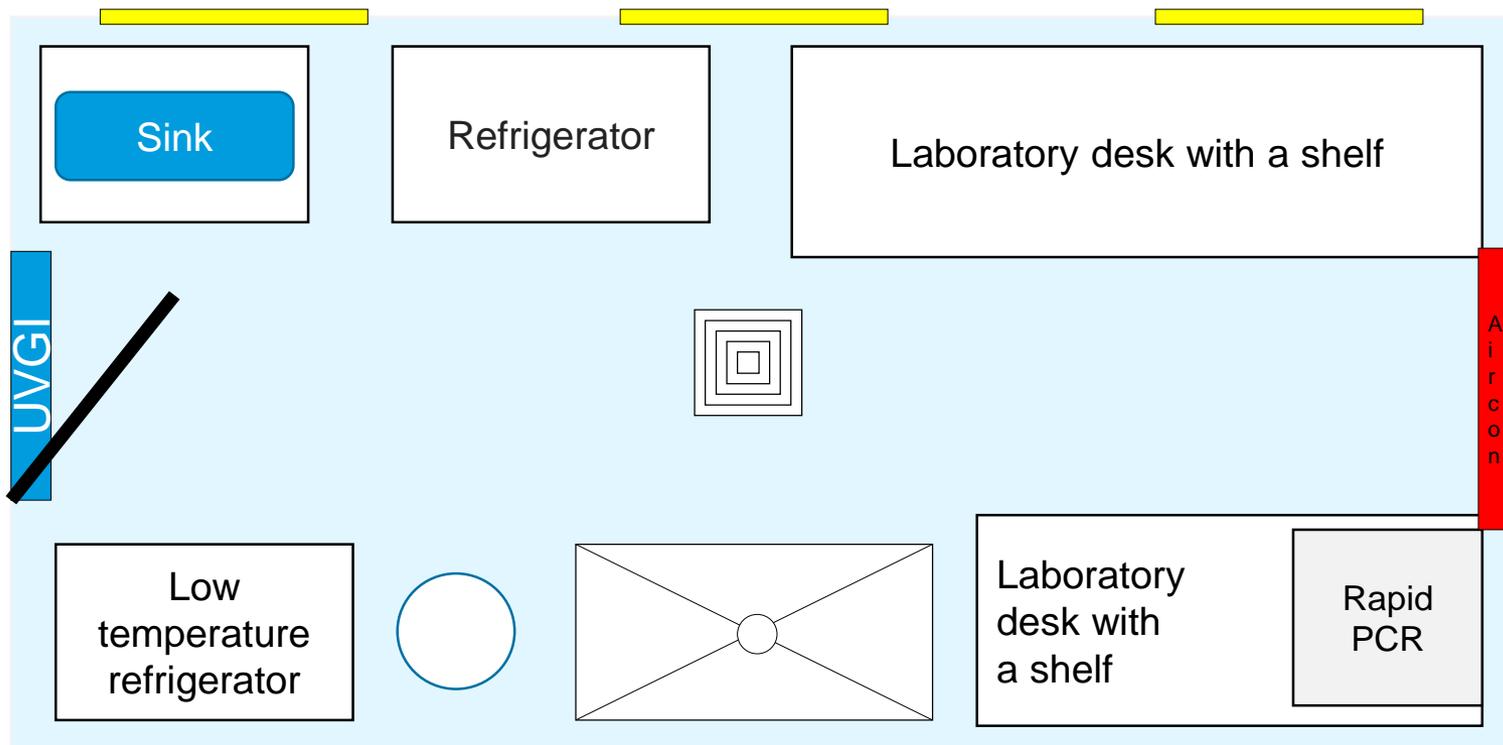


# Where does the air go!?



## Video 3

# What if . . . UVGI is on?



# Summary

Limit access to the lab while working in the BSC/VWS.

Minimize other activities in the lab.

Locate the BSC/VWS so that the environmental controls will have no adverse affect on the inlet/opening.



Thank you!

Рақмет сізге!

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# Class 2 Biological Safety Cabinet (BSC) Performance Checking

Smoke tests

# NSF/ANSI 49 - 2009

## Biosafety Cabinetry: Design, Construction, Performance, and Field Certification

### **6.11 Airflow smoke patterns**

Smoke patterns shall be determined with the cabinet operating at the nominal set point velocities.

**6.11.1** Airflow within the work area of the cabinet shall be downward, with no dead spots, reflux, or escape from the cabinet.

**6.11.2** Airflow along the entire perimeter of the work access opening shall be inward, with no reflux out of the cabinet or smoke penetration over or onto the work surface.

**6.11.3** Airflow within the work area of cabinets shall be downward (no reflux), with no escape to the outside of the cabinet at the sides and top of the window.

# Downflow



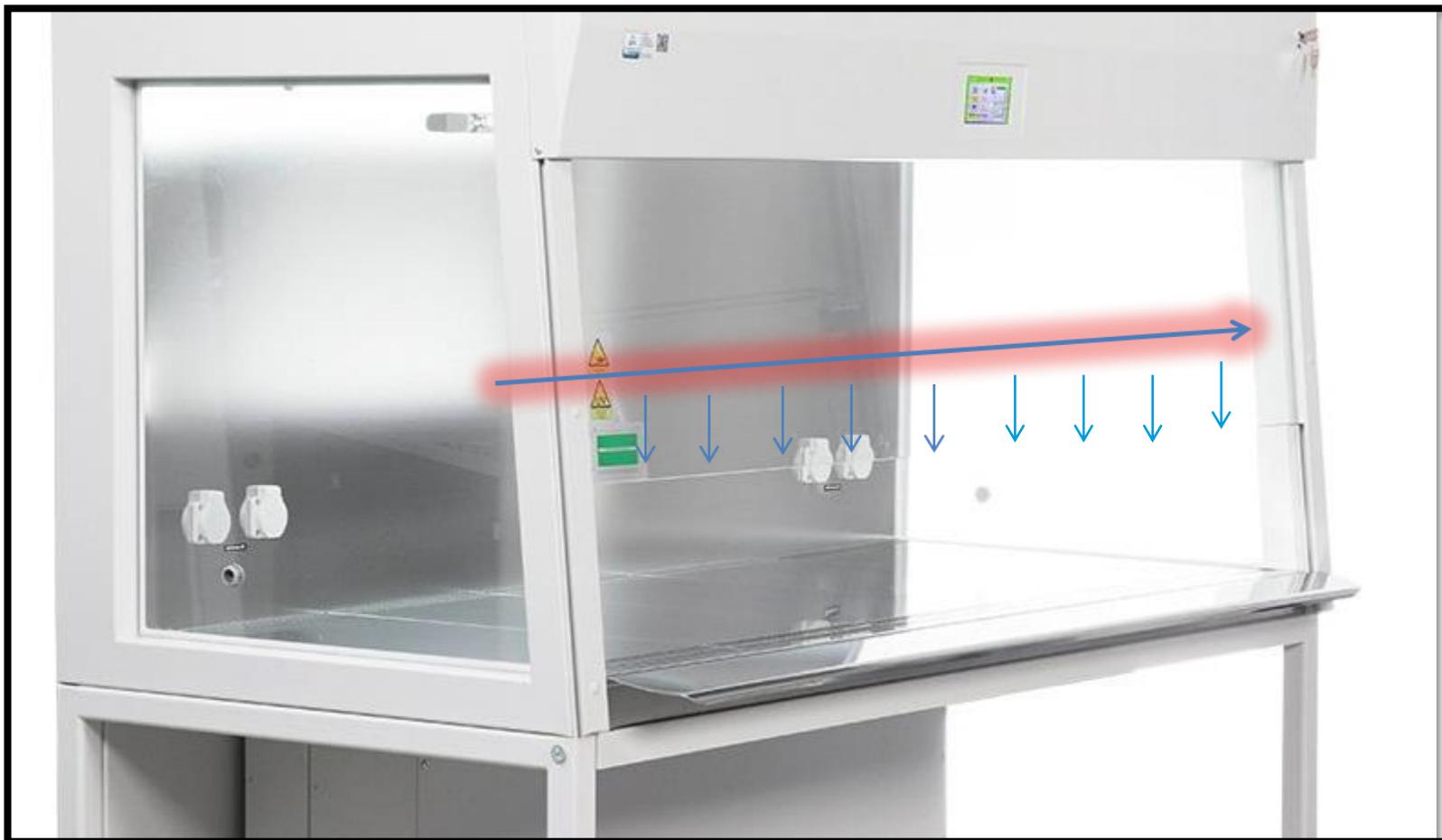
***Smoke shall be passed from one end of the cabinet to the other, along the centerline of the work surface, at a height of 4 in (10 cm) above the top of the access opening.***

Check for flow direction and laminar pattern. The smoke shall show smooth downward flow . There should not be signs of turbulence, reflux, stagnation and dead spots.

# Downflow smoke test



# View screen retention test



***Smoke shall be passed from one end of the cabinet to the other, 1 in (2.5 cm) behind the view screen, at a height 6.0 in (15 cm) above the top of the access opening.***

The smoke shall show smooth downward flow with no dead spots or reflux. No smoke shall escape from the cabinet.

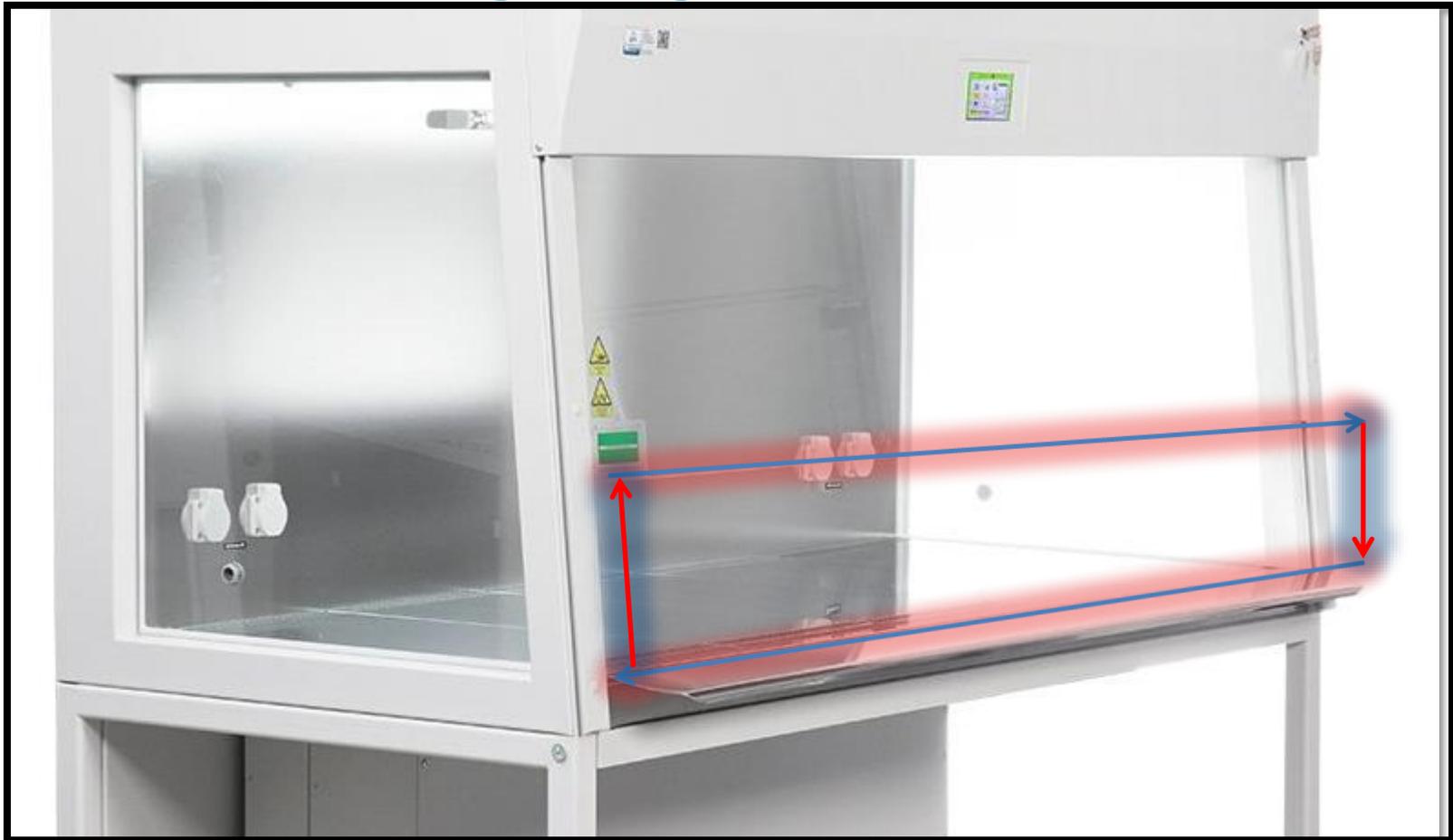
# View screen retention test



# View screen retention test



# Work opening edge retention test



***Smoke shall be passed along the entire perimeter of the work opening edges, approximately 1.5 in (3.8 cm) outside the cabinet. Particular attention should be paid to corners and vertical edges.***

No smoke shall be refluxed out of the cabinet once drawn in, nor shall smoke billow over the work surface or penetrate onto it.

# Work opening edge retention test



## Poll Question #4

# Sash/window seal test



***Smoke shall be passed up the inside of the window 2 in (5 cm) from the sides and along the top of the work area.***

There shall be no escape of smoke from the cabinet.

# Sash/window seal test



## Poll Question #5

# Assessment of room ventilation and other external factors influence on BSC performance

Smoke shall be passed in front of entire work opening area

Inspect air flow direction, velocity and pattern caused by mechanical/natural ventilation, air conditioner, fan, open window(s), door(s) etc.

No smoke should:

- pass into and over the working area:

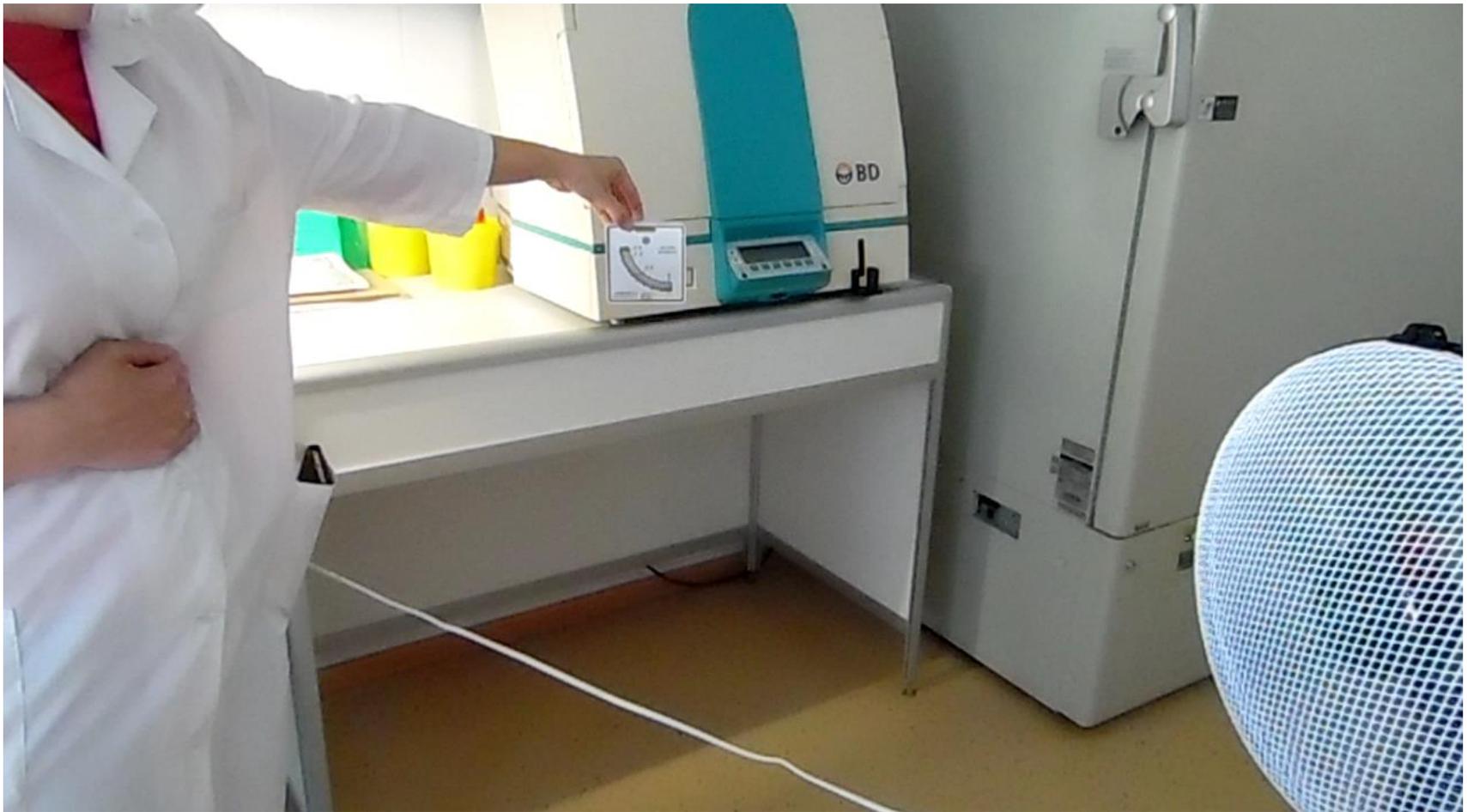
- escape into the room from the working area

**DUE TO EXTERNAL FACTORS**

# ventilation and other external factors influence on BSC performance



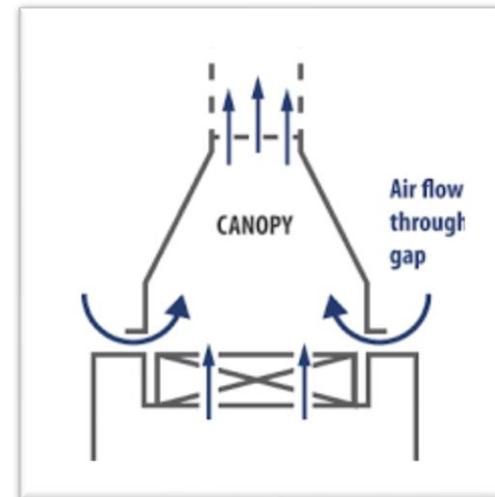
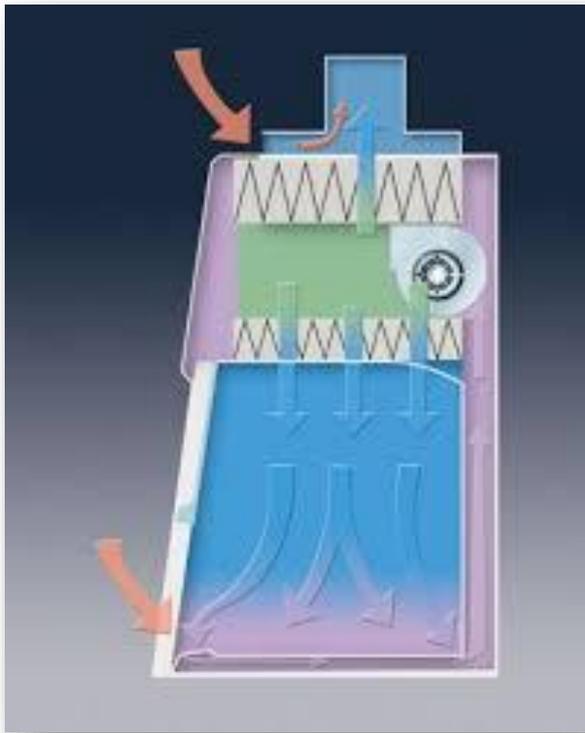
# Assessment of room ventilation and other external factors influence on BSC performance (2)



# Механической вентиляции и других факторов работу БББ (3)



# BSC exhaust thimble assessment



# BSC exhaust thimble assessment (1)

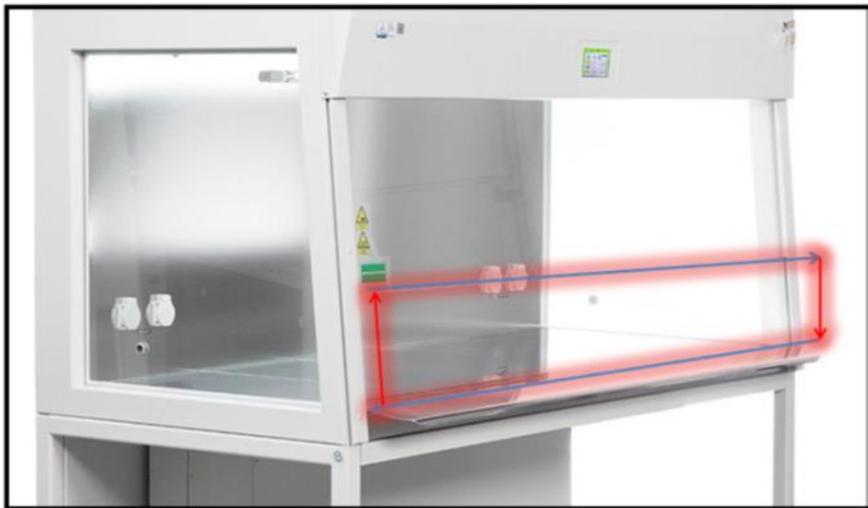


## BSC exhaust thimble assessment (2)



# BSC Class I performance assessment

## Work opening edge retention test



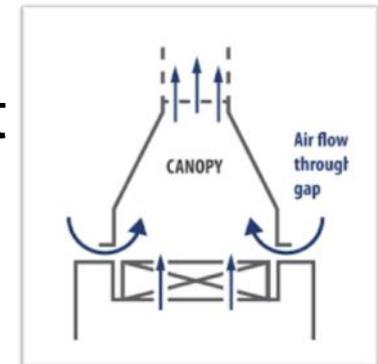
***Smoke shall be passed along the entire perimeter of the work opening edges, approximately 1.5 in (3.8 cm) outside the cabinet. Particular attention should be paid to corners and vertical edges.***

No smoke shall be refluxed out of the cabinet once drawn in.

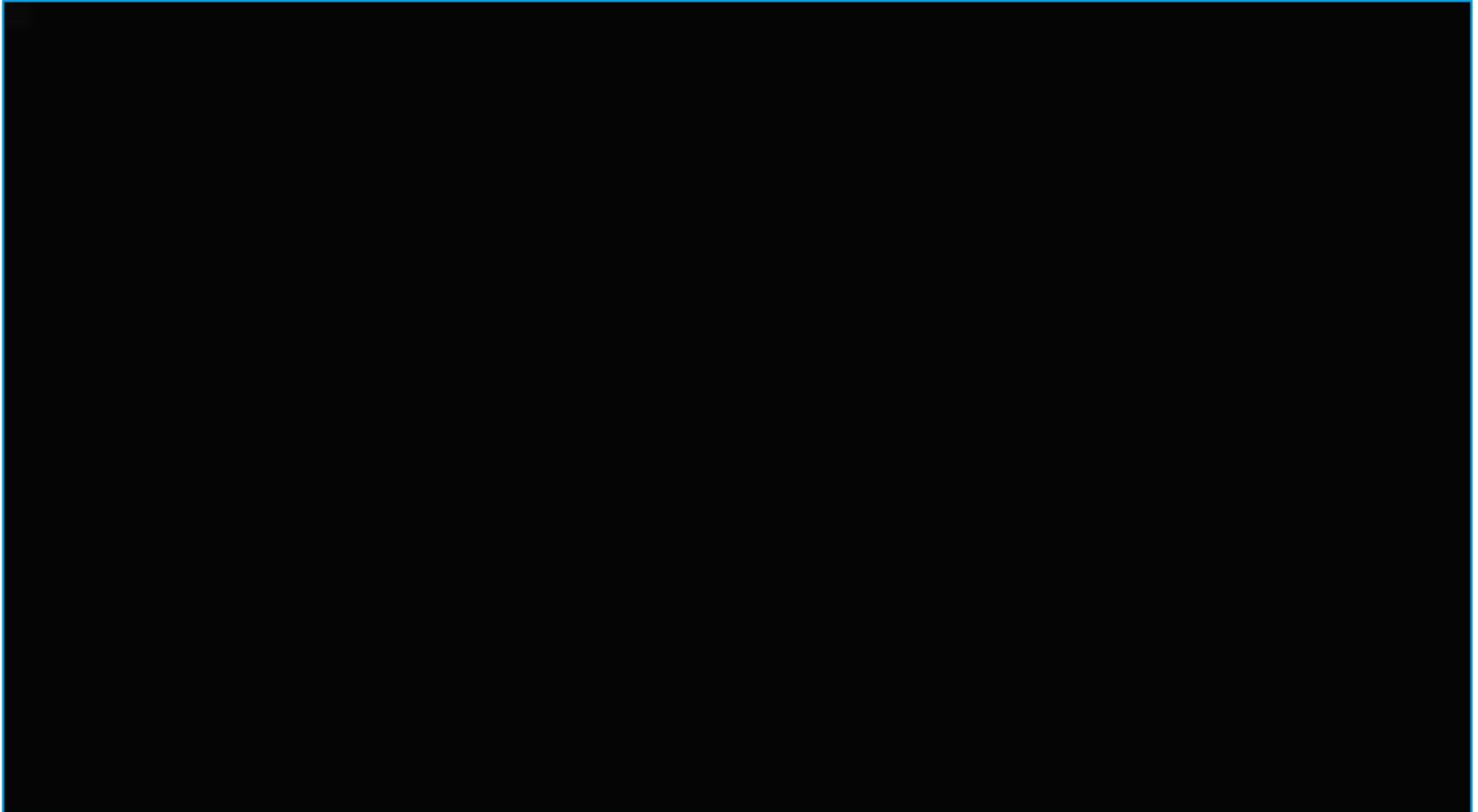
Note! In BSC Class I smoke passes across the work surface. Air turbulence and reflux are not signs of BSC malfunction!

## Assessment of thimble connection exhaust

Make sure if ventilation exhaust is safe.



# BSC Class I performance assessment(2)



## Poll Question #6

# Thank you for your attention



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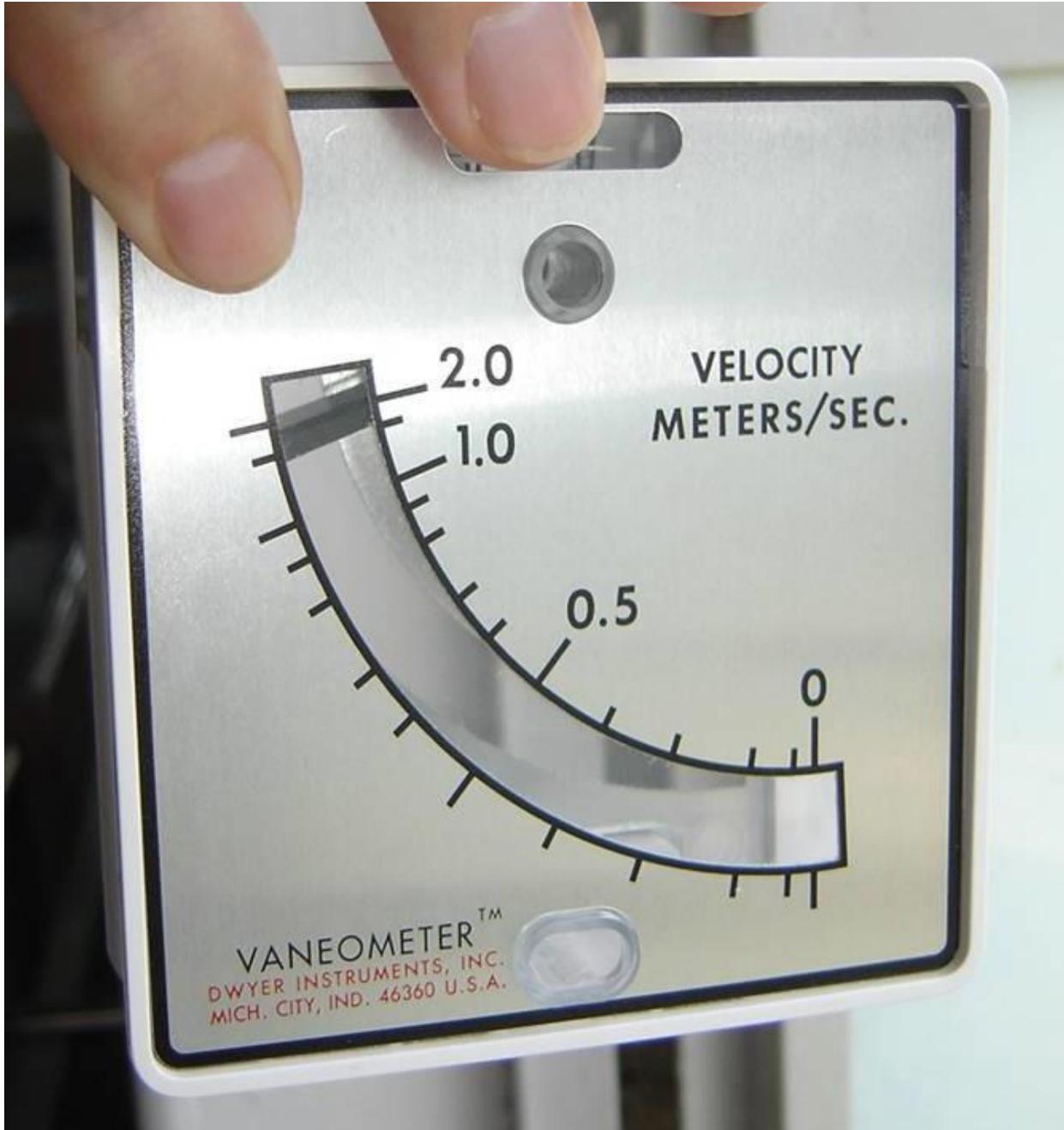
## Performance Testing with Vaneometer™

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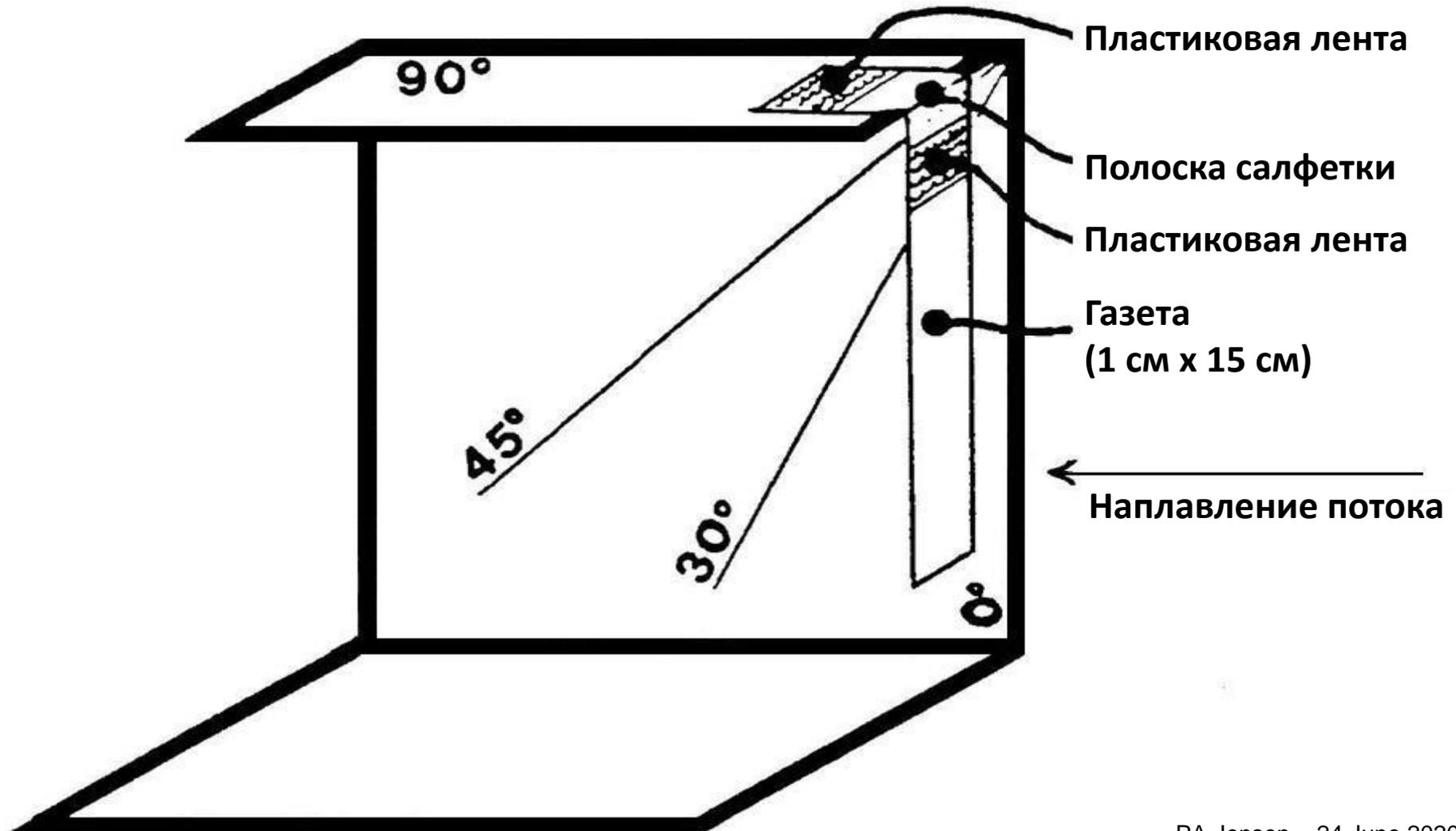


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# Скорость и направление потока воздуха (Проверка потока)



# Daily

Check inflow direction, stability, and velocity at the BSC/VWS opening using a Vaneometer™ or similar device.

Check the inflow direction and stability of the BSC thimble/canopy fitting.

Record results.

## Video 13

## Video 14

## Video 15

**Don't forget to do your daily  
Vaneometer™ checks!**



Thank you!

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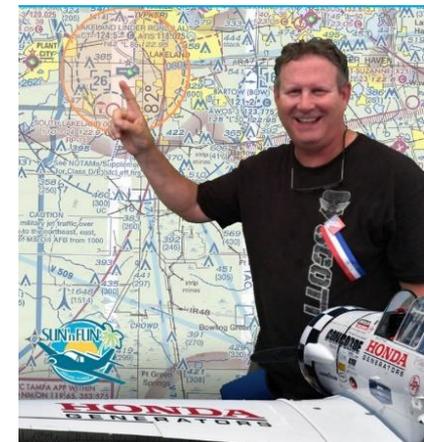


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- Daily checks with pass/fail criteria
- Monthly checks with pass/fail criteria
- Action steps if there is a failure
  - Who to contact
    - Within lab facility
    - Outside lab facility
- Permissible activities

# Failures of Daily Checks

- Unsteady inward velocity
- Low inward velocity
  - Look at smoke test results
- High inward velocity
  - Look at smoke test results

# Failures of Monthly Checks

- Smoke tests
  - Downflow test
  - View screen retention test
  - Working opening edge retention test
  - Sash seal test
  - Thimble/Canopy test
- Need SOPs!!!

# Failures of Monthly Checks

- Does the failure affect:
  - Personnel safety?
  - Specimen contamination / Diagnostic result?
  - Local environment?
- Need SOPs!!!



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