

Case Study Brochure

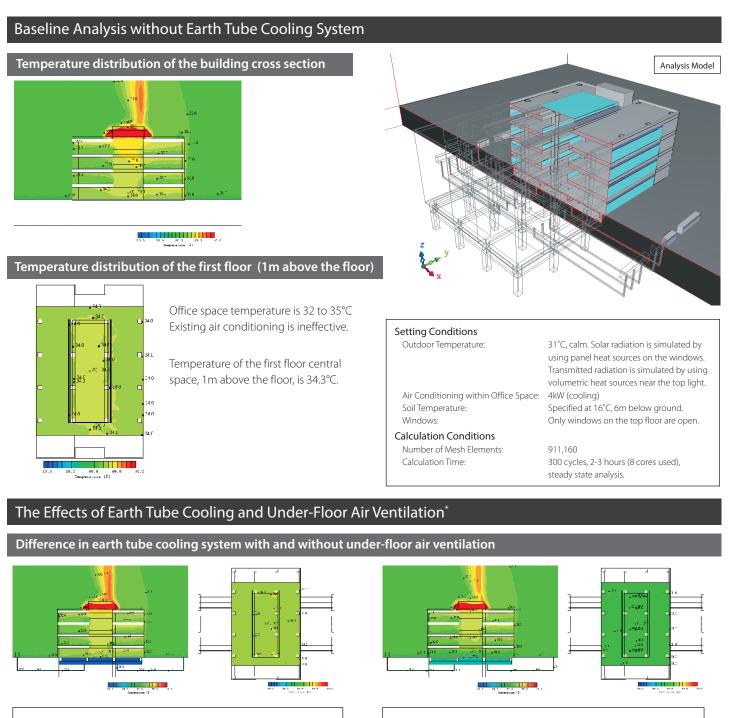
Cradle CFD

Building and Architecture



Ventilation Analysis of an Office Building Using an Earth Tube Cooling System

Effect of an earth tube cooling system on indoor temperature during the summer



Without fans (volume of under-floor air ventilation: 0.0 m³/h)
 Natural ventilation is not sufficient to circulate air; earth tube cooling by itself is largely ineffective

- Temperature of the first floor is 33.9°C

- With fans (volume of under-floor air ventilation: 100 m³/h) - Cool air is released from below ground
- Earth tube and under-floor ventilation produce temperature of the first floor of 29.7°C, a temperature drop of 4-5°C.

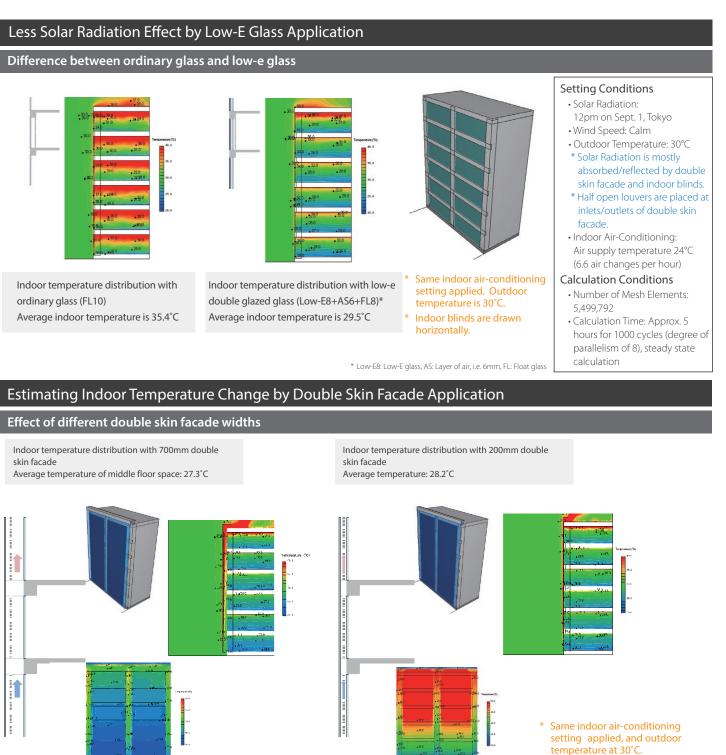
* Forced airflow through the earth tube

Notes

An earth tube cooling system, which uses underground pipes to supply cool air and under-floor ventilation fans, can effectively provide passive air conditioning for an office building. Maximizing system effectiveness requires controlling the volume of the air that has been cooled and heat exchange ability of the tubes. With scSTREAM, engineers can simulate real-world scenarios and improve the air conditioning system design.

Effectively Reducing Thermal Load on External Walls

scSTREAM estimates the effect of low-e glass and double skin facade application



Temperature distribution in central section of double skin facade

Blinds inside the double skin facade are drawn horizontally. Ordinary glass (FL10) is used for both outdoor/indoor double skin facade.

Notes

Studying heat resistance in window and door openings is one of the most important factors when evaluating thermal load on buildings. scSTREAM provides detailed prediction of indoor-outdoor temperature difference and spatial distribution. This helps determine if further adjustments are necessary, for example when the window side still remains hot even though the indoor temperature is average, or when the heat balancing effect appears to be less functional towards upper floors.

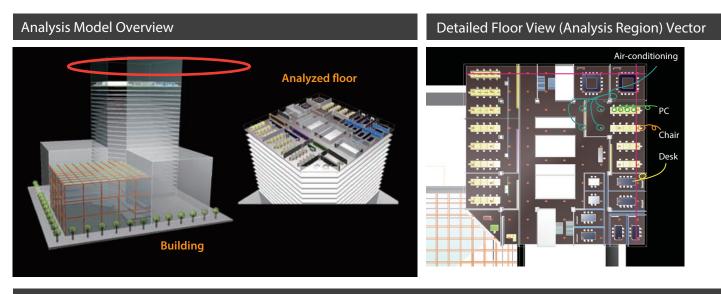
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Simulation of Thermal Environment in an Office

Case Study of scSTREAM

Simulation of one floor in a building with scSTREAM

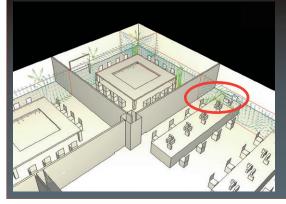


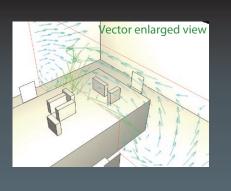
Analysis Results

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Advantage of CFD

CFD (Computational Fluid Dynamics) helps decrease modification of layouts before construction and accomplish designing facilities effectively in a short period.





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It is a general request to maintain comfort in indoor environment to keep warm in winter and cool in summer. To obtain such comfort, innovative construction structure or appropriate temperature control by air-conditioning is necessary. On the other hand, energy saving and ecological approaches are being key factors for designing a floor layout in a building. CFD simulation helps improve comfort in the floor as well as energy efficiency and environmental friendliness by calculating and predicting the performance of various design ideas ahead of time.

SC/Tetra

Research and Development of Personal Air-Conditioning System with Radiant Cooling

Case Study for Takenaka Corporation and Waseda University

Predict the thermal environment of an office using thermoregulation model (JOS) of SC/Tetra

Main Purpose

In recent years, tenants are increasingly demanding a higher-quality office working environment. Use of personal diffuser unit to control their thermal environment improves environmental quality or thermal conditions in the office. And this localized air-conditioning system could improve worker's satisfaction with thermal environment.

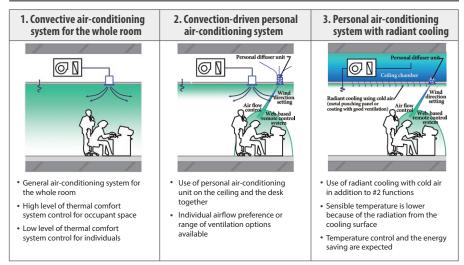
In the process of developing air-conditioning

system, thermal environment of an office and cooling effect on a human body are analyzed using thermoregulation model of SC/Tetra.



Personal diffuser unit

Air-conditioning system with radiant cooling



Comparative analysis using SC/Tetra

Analysis model / conditions: An office is simulated in a hot climate, and it is ventilated by an air-conditioning system. Heat source conditions are applied to lighting, equipment, and human bodies to account for heat generation in the office. He flow rate and supply air temperature is set to bring the indoor average temperature to the desired temperature. In the following system 3, a material with good aeration property is used for the ceiling to provide fresh air into the room.

| 1. Convective air-conditioning system for the whole room | 2. Convection-driven personal air-conditioning system | 3. Personal air-conditioning system with radiant cooling |
|--|--|---|
| Temperature: 25 °C Man in business suits | Temp. Temperature: 20.4 °C Man in light-duty garment | Temperature: 28 °C Man in light-duty garment |
| Anemostat air outlet Outlet air temperature: 17.4 [°C] Anemostat outlet air flow rate: 370 [m ³ /h] | Anemostat and personal air outlet Outlet air temperature: 20.4 [°C] Anemostat outlet air flow rate: 310 [m ³ /h] Personal air-conditioning system Outlet air flow rate: 30 [m ³ /(h-unit)] | Personal air outlet Outlet air temperature: 20.4 [°C] Personal air-conditioning system Outlet air flow rate: 30 [m³/(h•unit)] [Ceiling used for radiant cooling] Outlet air temperature: 22.8 [°C] Outlet air flow rate: 310 [m³/h] Surface temperature: 23.5 [°C] |
| Air velocity around a man is slow The temperature of entire room is low | Because air is blowing from personal diffuser unit to a man's chest, the air velocity around the man's chest is fast | In addition to the cooling effects of radiant cooling on the ceiling, air temperature near the ceiling is lower Human body can be efficiently cooled because the temperature of flow, which reaches to a body, is lower than #2 |

Experiment and conclusions

As a result of measuring the amount of sensible heat loss using thermal mannequin, cooling effect on the human body is greater in the system 3, and the air from personal diffuser unit tends to be cooler, which is consistent with the simulation using SC/Tetra.



Experiment using thermal mannequin

[Reference]

"Task Ambient KOOL System with Ceiling Radiation Membrane (Part1-5)", Summaries of Technical Papers of Annual Meeting of Architectural Institute of Japan, Hokuriku, Sept.2010 (in Japanese)

Customer Comments

In the conduct of our research and development of the radiant cooling or the personal air-conditioning system, a key question is how to cool a human body efficiently with certain amount of energy. Since SC/Tetra enables the users to simulate an office with air-conditioning system by coupling with thermoregulation model (JOS), effective analysis can be performed on what part of body gets cool by radiant cooling or on which air-conditioning system has a higher sensible heat loss on human body. Personal air-conditioning system will remain one of the important topics, and SC/Tetra is powerful and indispensable simulation software for its development.

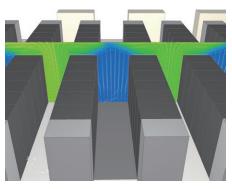
Management of Airflow and Temperature of a Data Center

Case Study of scSTREAM

scSTREAM simulates the control of cold aisle & under-floor airflow and the temperature variation during recovery after power outage

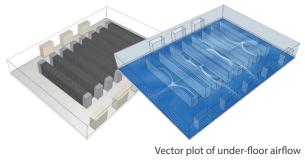
Thermal Management in the Data Center

Thermal management of the data center is important for operations. Designers of the data center examine many different cases of thermal management in the design phase.



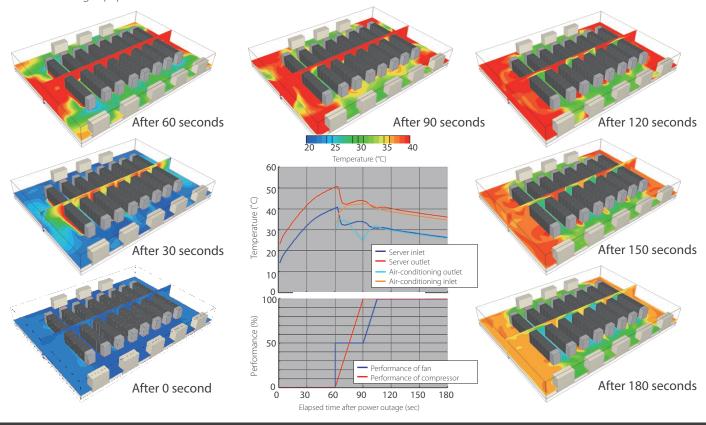
Management of under-floor airflow

The under-floor airflow is studied to prevent stagnations of airflow and unevenness of flow volumes going into cold aisles.



Prediction of temperature change during power recovery

scSTREAM can predict the temperature variation of the data center with the consideration of power recovery process of air-conditioning equipment.



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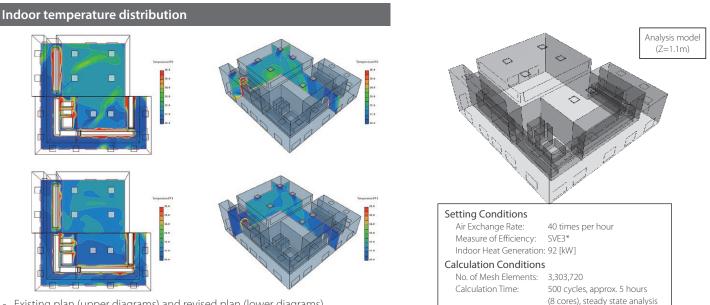
The performance of air-conditioning equipment is decided based on the rate of heating of servers to design the air-conditioning of the data center. The examination of 3D distributions of airflow in the data center is essential to achieve an efficient air supply to servers, and 3D CFD analysis using scSTREAM enables the user to execute the study easily and effectively. scSTREAM can also predict temperature change over time such as the simulation during the power recovery process.

Airflow Control in a Cleanroom

Improving ventilation effectiveness and temperature control in a room containing heat generating equipment

Temperature Control in Operational Area

The airflow is improved by adjusting the opening ratio of the ventilation orifice on the lower part of the wall.



Existing plan (upper diagrams) and revised plan (lower diagrams)
The airflow is adjusted to minimize turbulent interactions with other air supply jets within operational area

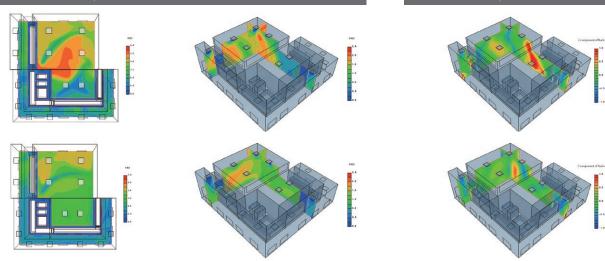
SVE 3 is the index of the age of air is represented by a ratio of concentration of diffusive species to that of contaminants which are diffused instantaneously and uniformly over the entire room.

Vertical velocity of indoor airflow

Enhancement of Cleanliness by Applying Airflow Control

The degree of cleanliness can be assessed using ventilation efficiency index in scSTREAM.

Ventilation efficiency distribution



Existing plan (upper diagrams) and revised plan (lower diagrams)
 Removing eddies from the airflow improved ventilation efficiency

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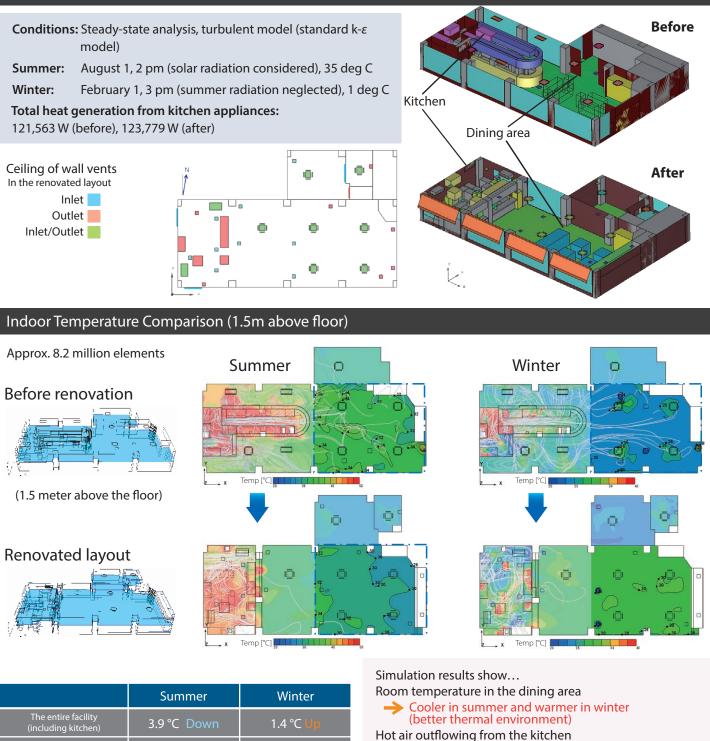
A cleanroom can contain physical objects and temperature generating equipment that challenge achievement of a well-ventilated, air space. Using scSTREAM to predict the complex airflow patterns inside the cleanroom and assess solutions early in the design process can simplify installation set-up and ensure robust operation during production.

Ventilation Prediction of the Rest Area Facility

Case Study for a Client

scSTREAM verifies the improvement of energy-efficient ventilation

A Simulation Model and Conditions



Customer Comments

For energy conservation, replacement and rearrangement of ventilation equipment area planned for the facility renovation. Thermal fluid simulation by scSTREAM is conducted to compare ventilation efficiency before and after the renovation. The result indicates that the enhancement in thermal comfort can be expected as the ventilation efficiency is improved.

Less spreads to the dining area

3.8 °C

2.9 °C Down

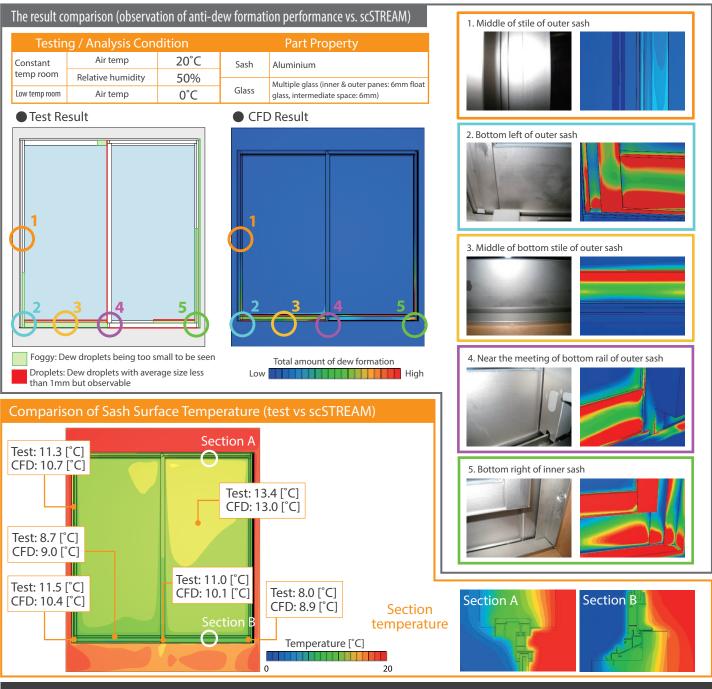
Simulation on Dew Condensation on Sash

Case Study for a Sash Maker

Predict the dew formation by using humidity & dew condensation of scSTREAM

The Importance of Dew Condensation Prevention

Condensation can cause undesirable corrosion of building materials. An important part of the product development is to control and to prevent the dew formation by grasping the generation status of moisture. Analysis using Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) is performed using the same analysis conditions as the performance test (JIS A 1514) of condensation prevention with the use of a full-sized sash, and the results are compared to see the dew formation.



Customer Comments

In a comparison of dew formation between CFD result of scSTREAM and observation, a lot of condensation occured on the rail of outer sash in both cases, showing high fidelity of scSTREAM. scSTREAM also predicted the surface temperature with very small difference, therefore, it should receive high commendation for it. I am well convinced that scSTREAM can contribute to predict the dew formation even where it is difficult to be observed since it provided an unprecedented degree of prediction in dew formation.

Passive Solar Wooden House Tailored to Local Climate and Environment

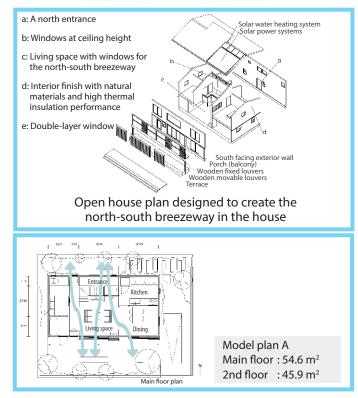
Case Study for Kobe Design University

A passive solar house design to best take advantage of Kobe climate using scSTREAM can provide functionality, usability, and safety



Analysis model

Taking advantage of natural energy Elements of passive solar design

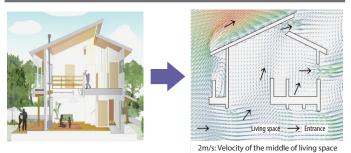


Purpose

Kobe area is sandwiched by Mt. Rokko in north and Osaka Bay in south. There is sea breeze from south in the morning, and land breeze from northeast in the evening. When they are weak or absent, north wind blows.

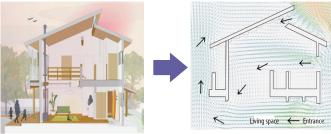
Passive solar design for Kobe housing is about the orientation of a building and the placement of windows to maximize the function of breezeway. It helps make alternative design patterns of house plan for seasons and local life scenes.

Analysis result



-Living space with breeze-

Well positioned windows at floor and ceiling height maximize the flow of natural breezes to further enhance the passive design used in a house. It will provide a living space that feels like an outdoor porch, yet it is inside.



2m/s: Velocity of the middle of living space

-House design to achieve summer comfort through natural breeze-

After sunset, entrance and windows capture cool land breezes from north and provide a cool living space. Shading is effective in reducing the amount of heat transfer to the house through windows, walls, and slabs during the hottest times of the day.

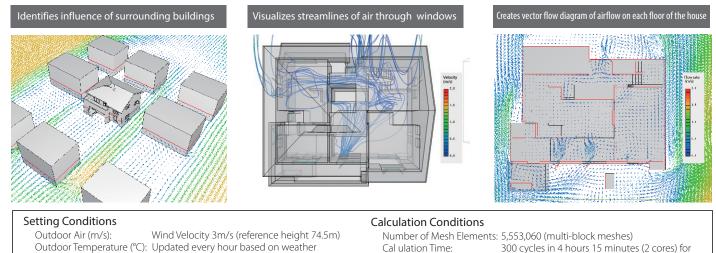
Customer Comments

"Natural passive house tailored to local climate" is an innovative architectural design based on the traditional techniques suited to the local climate. It is the true environmentally-friendly house in that it provides comfort from natural winds and lights. It is built of natural materials and offer superior comfort. scSTREAM enables the designer to examine the ventilation design on passive house for Kobe climate.

Evaluating Ventilation Effect on a House

Evaluating how natural ventilation inside a house can lower energy use scSTREAM is used to examine the energy savings potential of a natural home ventilation

3D Analysis of Natural Ventilation Effect



Internal Heat Generation:

statistics Based on the volumetric heat generation

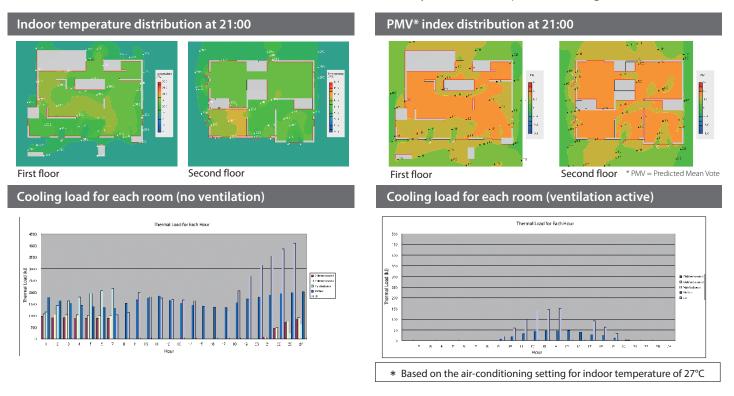
model from he Architectural Institute of Japan

Cal ulation Time:

300 cycles in 4 hours 15 minutes (2 cores) for steady-state analysis (fluid flow and heat)5040 cycles in 9 hours 30 mins (2 cores) for transient analysis (heat only)

Estimate of Internal Heat Generation and Ventilation Effects over 24 Hour Period

Evaluation of the contribution of natural ventilation to the reduction in hourly thermal load is performed using scSTREAM.



Notes

scSTREAM enables engineers to perform complex home thermal load calculations over extended periods of time and visualize the invisible airflow that is difficult to observe in actual tests. The simulation accounts for changes in environmental conditions, internal heat generation, and natural ventilation.

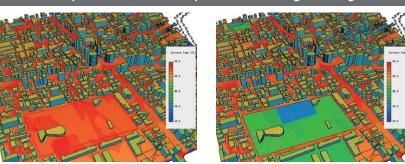
Evaluation of Urban Heat Island Phenomena

Using scSTREAM to determine the effect of building and ground surface

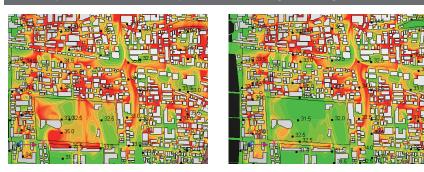
How Different Ground Surfaces Influence Surface and Air Temperatures

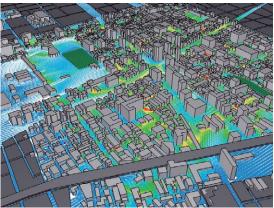
Transforming an asphalt/concrete parking lot into a public park with green lawns and trees can lower the ground surface temperature by 20°C in the sun, and 30°C in the tree shaded areas. The lower surface temperature and transpiration effect will also lower the air temperature.

Surface temperature (left: with asphalt/concrete, right: with green)



Air temperature (left: with asphalt/concrete, right: with green) at 1.5m





Setting Conditions

- Solar Radiation: 1 pm on July 23, 2013, Tokyo, Japan
- Wind Speed and Direction: 5.3m/s (reference height 6m), south wind
- Outdoor Temperature: 31°C
- Soil Temperature: 15°C at 10m below ground
- Latent heat of evaporation by trees is considered for total solar absorptance of trees

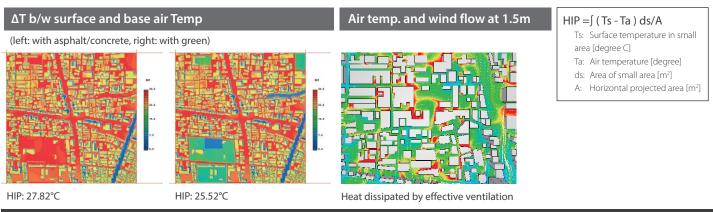
Calculation Conditions

- Number of Mesh Elements: 50,590,242
- Calculation Time: 250 cycles, approx. 14 hours (12 cores), steady state analysis

Effect on Air Temperature and Heat Island Potential index (HIP)

What is the Heat Island Potential index (HIP)?

HIP was developed to help quantify the effect of urban heat island phenomena on buildings and ground surface. It is a percentage of the sensible heat generated by all the surfaces (including buildings and ground) over the district area.



Notes

Controlling heat island phenomena is a key to successful urban city development and environmental maintenance. This phenomena can be analytically simulated to assess the effects of ground surfaces, tree coverage, and airflow. When the air does not flow smoothly, heat is not sufficiently dissipated. This leads to the rise in temperature. scSTREAM enables engineers to visualize airflow and heat flow over a very wide area. The engineers can assess the impact of the urban heat island phenomena on the local temperature.

Analysis of a Fan inside a Clean Room OHS (Overhead Shuttle)

Case Study for Murata Machinery, Ltd.

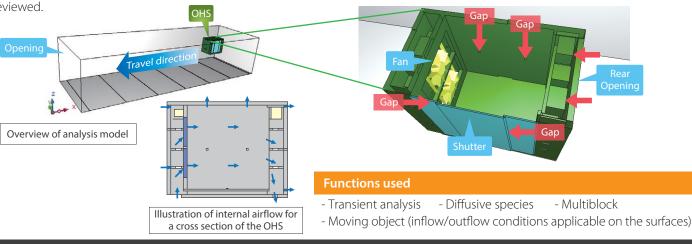
Simulating the use of a fan to prevent external air incursion into a moving clean room OHS

Analysis Objectives

As the OHS transiently travels through the clean room (including starts and stops), dust contaminated external air can enter the OHS through the OHS openings. In this model, the effectiveness of a clean room countermeasure using a fan at the front of the OHS to increase the pressure inside the OHS was assessed. The effect of fan flow rate is reviewed.

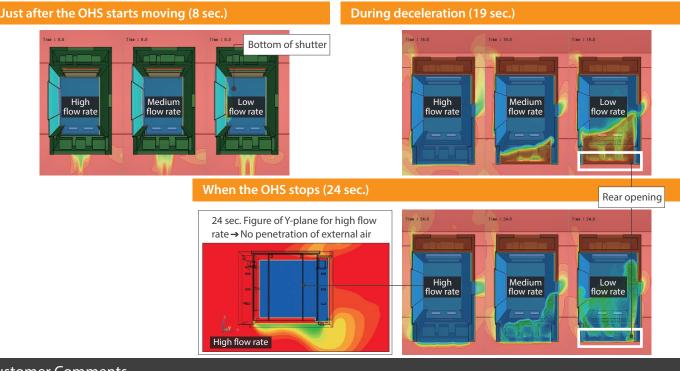
Penetration Conditions at the Moving Object Surfaces

High, medium, and low fan flow rates were simulated and compared for the presence, or absence, of external air inside the OHS. Different concentrations of diffusive species were specified inside and outside of the OHS, and the distribution of the concentrations was calculated as the OHS moved through the room.



Simulation Results

When the flow rate of the fan is low, some penetration of external air through the shutter was observed at start-up and through the rear opening near the top of the OHS during deceleration and stop. Virtually no penetration of external air into the OHS occurs when the fan flow rate is high.



Customer Comments

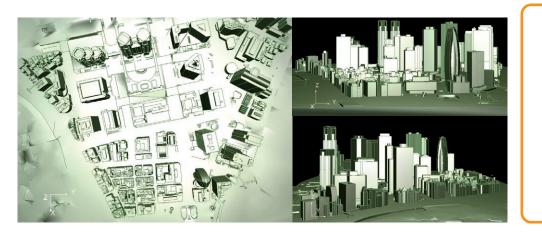
Being able to simulate inflow/outflow conditions on the surfaces of a moving object enabled the modeling of the fan inside the OHS. The simulations were used to evaluate the effectiveness of clean room countermeasures to prevent penetration of dust contaminated external air into the OHS.

Simulation of Wind Environment

Case Study of scSTREAM

Simulation of wind environment in urban area by scSTREAM

Overall View



Analysis data

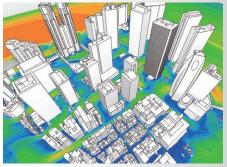
Urban area: Tokyo, Japan

Size of domain: 900m x 1100m

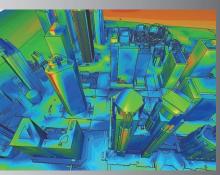
Geometry data provided by Sora Technology Corporation

Analysis Results

Velocity Contour

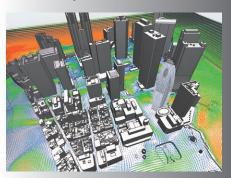


Visualizes wind velocity by color



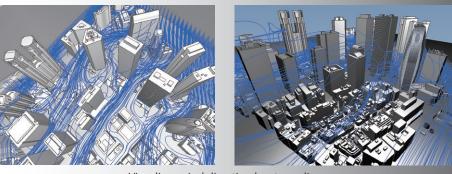
Velocity contour near building

Velocity Vector



Visualizes wind direction and velocity by arrowhead and color

Streamline



Visualizes wind direction by streamline

Advantages of CFD

CFD simulation helps predict and assess the wind environment in a short term ahead of construction, while actual measurements require a long-term investigation.

It also saves cost and time for wind-tunnel experiments.

Notes

- CFD simulation helps predict and assess the wind environment around a newly designed building ahead of construction and inform neighborhood residents of the environmental effects of the building.
- Visualizing three-dimensional flow helps investigate possible wind hazards and prevent them by planting windbreak trees, i.e. green space, ahead of time.









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