

The drawbacks of breathing: Nighttime carbon dioxide (CO₂) levels in bedrooms in 22 Vermont homes

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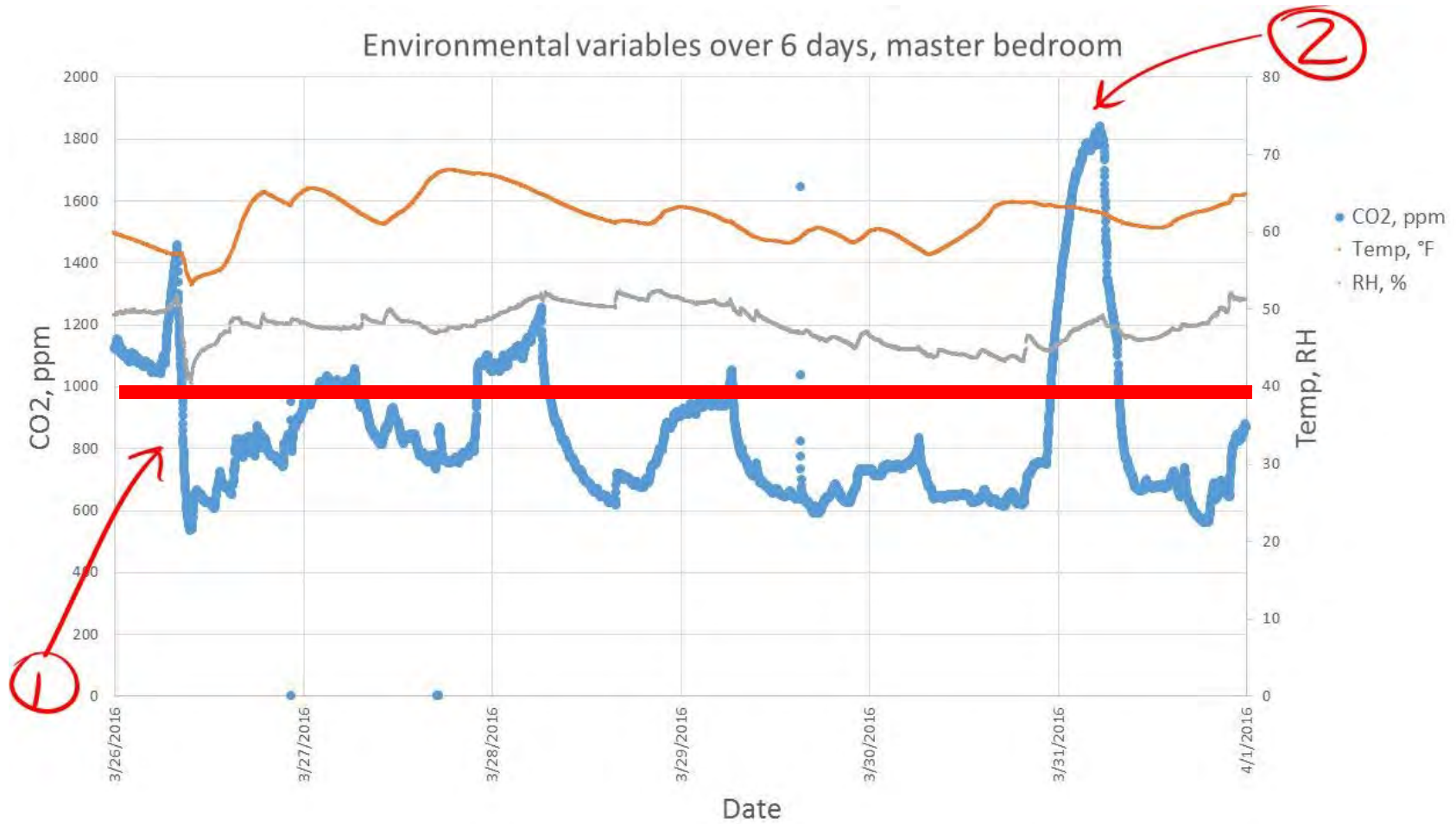


Learning objectives

- Understand why proper attention to carbon dioxide and other pollutant levels is important to avoid negative health impacts
- Learn which home characteristics had the largest impact on carbon dioxide levels in a 2016-17 New England study and how this relates to your next project
- Compare ventilation system types and understand the ability of each to impact a home's pollutant levels and indoor air quality
- Identify a concise list of best practices for getting design and commissioning of ventilation system done right

Introduction

Why I asked



Why measure CO2?

- Other stuff is probably far worse...
 - VOCs (e.g. formaldehyde)
 - Particulates
 - Radon
 - The rest: CO, moisture, smells, etc.
- But CO2 is:
 - Easy and cheap to measure in real time
 - Reliably created in every (occupied) home
 - Probably a decent proxy for a lot of the other stuff

How much CO2 is too much?

- Codes target 1,000 ppm
- OSHA limit 5,000 ppm exposure limit (8-hr)*
- At 40,000 ppm, immediately dangerous to life or health concentrations (IDLH)*

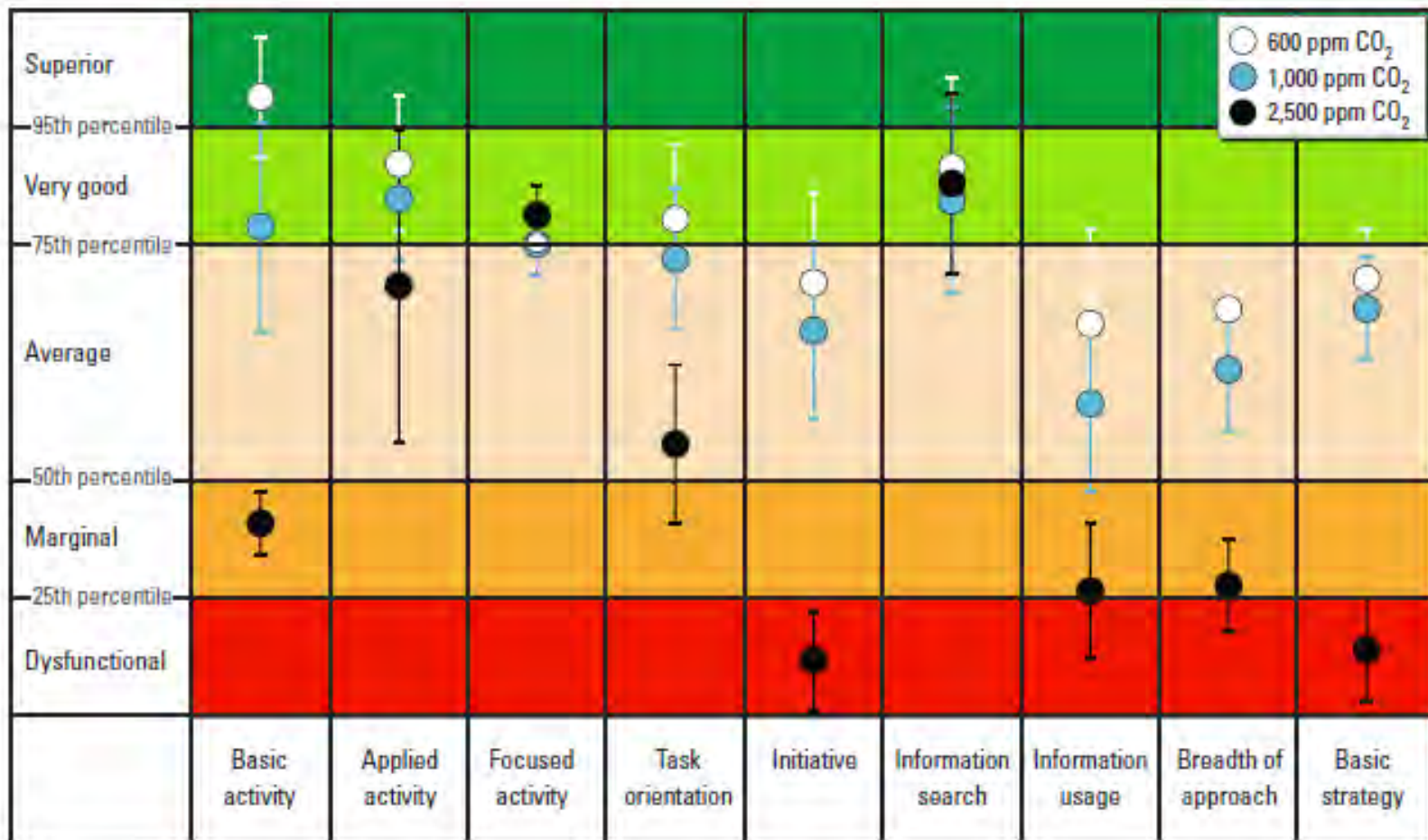
*<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/idlh/124389.html>

Impacts of “low-level” CO2 exposure: 1

- 2016 Joe Allen / Harvard study*
 - 24 office workers, 6 days
 - Variables: CO2 (600-1,400ppm), VOCs, outdoor air
 - Cognitive testing at 3pm each day
- Cognitive scores
 - 61% higher on “Green” days
 - 101% higher on “Green+” days
 - VOCs and CO2 mattered independently, especially in higher level functions

*Allen JG, MacNaughton P, Satish U, Santanam S, Vallarino J, Spengler JD. 2016. Associations of cognitive function scores with carbon dioxide, ventilation, and volatile organic compound exposures in office workers: a controlled exposure study of green and conventional office environments. Environ Health Perspect 124:805–812. DOI: 10.1289/ehp.1510037

Impacts of “low-level” CO2 exposure: 2



*Satish U, Mendell MJ, Shekhar K, Hotchi T, Sullivan D, Streufert S, Fisk WJ. 2012. Is CO2 an Indoor Pollutant? Direct Effects of Low-to-Moderate CO2 Concentrations on Human Decision-Making Performance. Environ Health Perspect 120:1671–1677; DOI: 10.1289/ehp.1104789

Impacts of “low-level” CO2 exposure: 3

- 2015 Denmark survey*
 - 16 students in dormitories
 - CO2: 835ppm vs. 2,395ppm (avg)
- Results (with enhanced ventilation)
 - Higher perceived air quality
 - Sleep “efficiency” improved
 - Next-day sleepiness reduced
 - Grammatical reasoning improved

*Strøm-Tejse, P., Zukowska, D., Wargocki, P., Wyon, D. P. 2015. The effects of bedroom air quality on sleep and next-day performance. *Indoor Air* Vol 26:5, 679-686. DOI: 10.1111/ina.12254

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Protocol

Two phases

- Phase I: Home inspection
 - Screening
 - Building age
 - Building sketch, including master bedroom volume
 - Air tightness test (blower door)
 - Ventilation system type and flow test
- Phase II: CO2 testing
 - 4 nights (door open/closed/open/closed)
 - Log to verify instructions and record irregular events

Testing setup

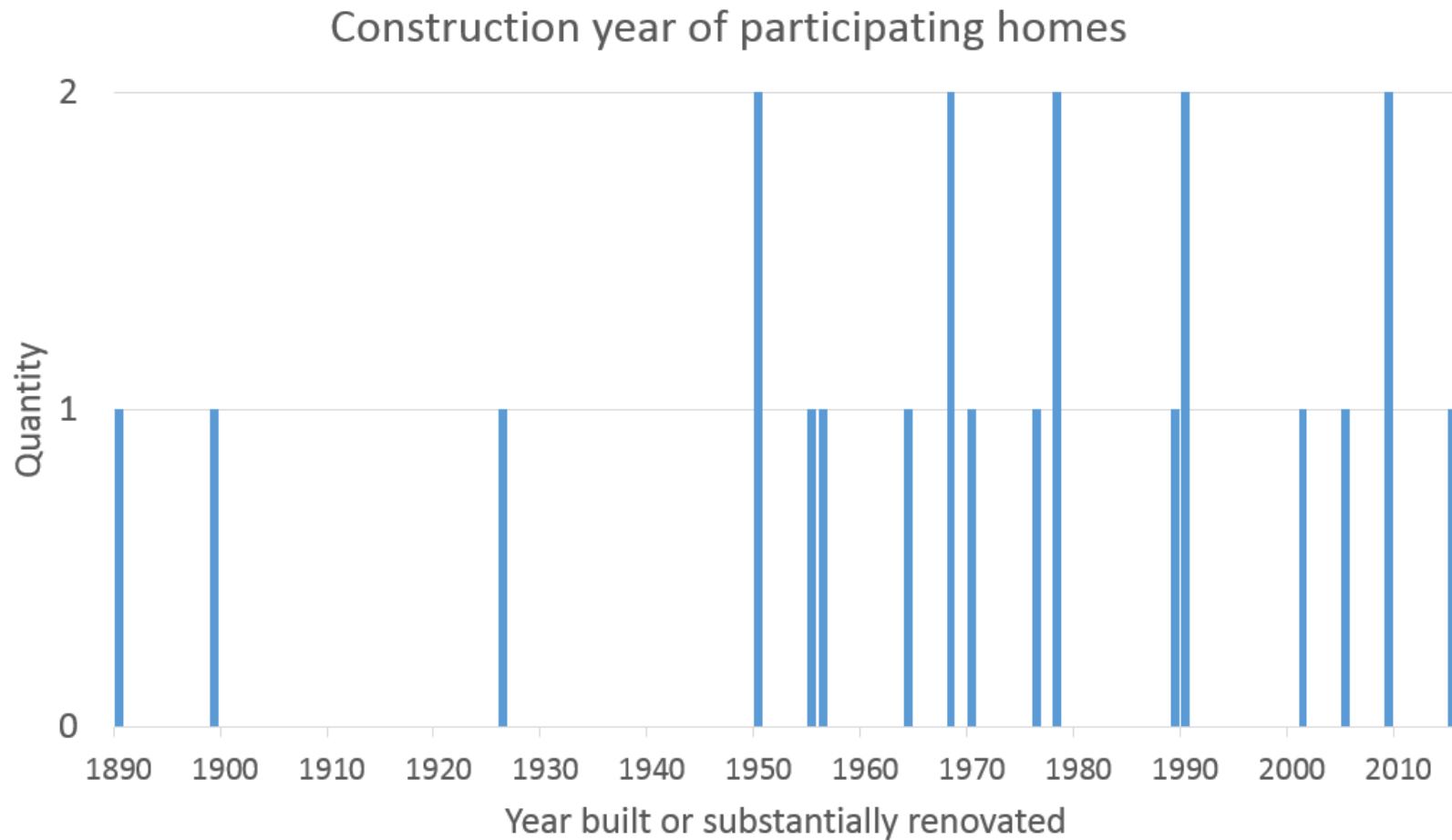
- No restrictions on building age, building type, air tightness, size, ventilation system type
- Heating season (windows closed)
- CO2 probe in primary occupied bedroom
 - Draft free location, approx. 3' above floor
 - Min. 3' from nearest sleeping being
 - Min. 1' free space between probe and nearest vertical surface

Testing equipment

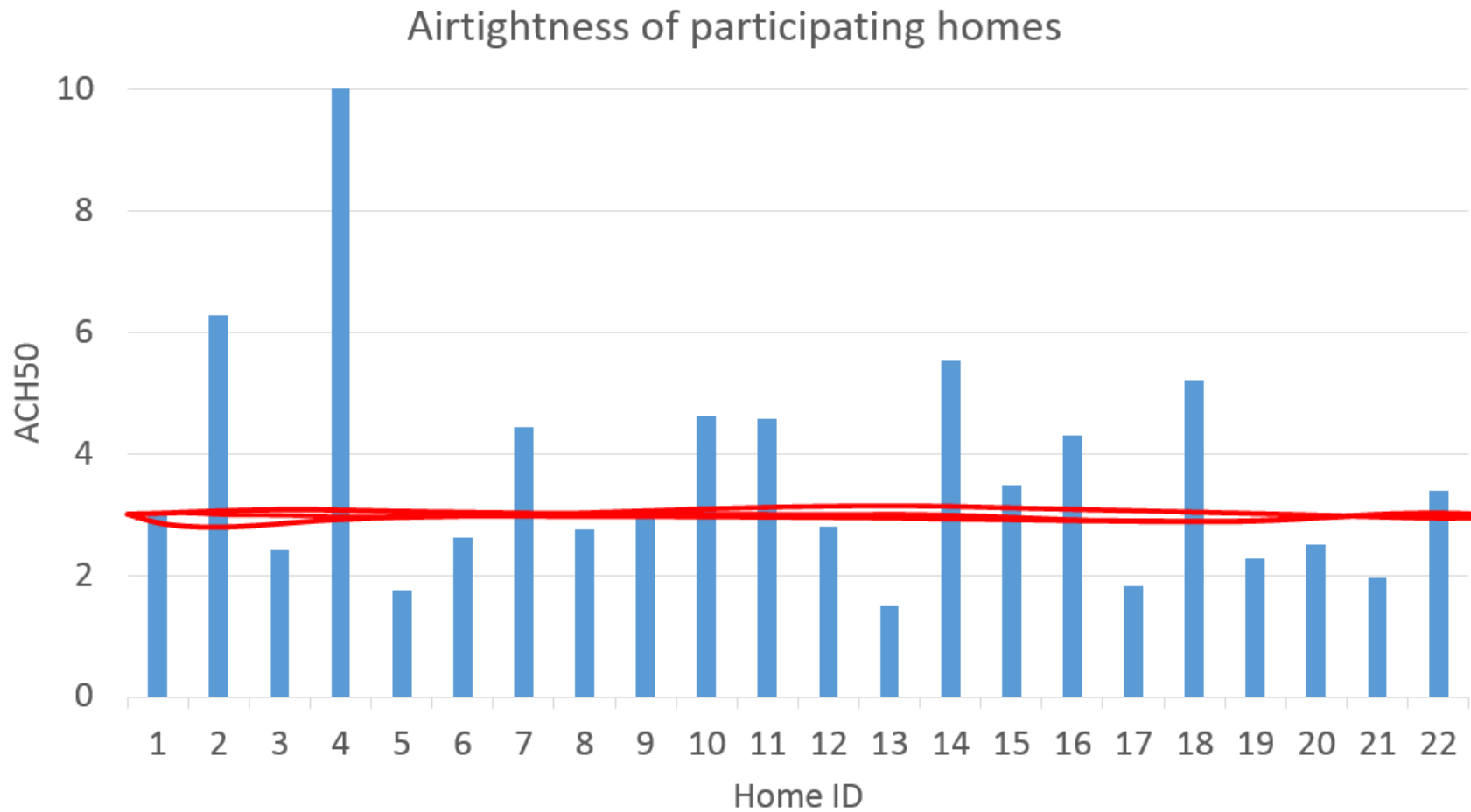
- TSI VelociCalc 9565-P meter with TSI 986 probe
 - CO2 range: 0-5,000 ppm
 - CO2 accuracy: $\pm 3\%$ of reading or 50 ppm, whichever greater
- Frequency: 1/min



Home age



Home airtightness



Other factors

- Occupancy

- Min. 1 person

- Max. 3 people

- Dogs, infants, and toddlers = 0.5

- Don't read into this

Occupants / 1,000 ft³

Min. 0.81

Max. 2.48

Avg. 1.53

- Bedroom volume

- Min. 882 ft³ (e.g. 10'x11' w/8' ceiling)

- Max. 2464 ft³ (e.g. 15'x21' w/8' ceiling)

Other factors, cont.

- Heating system
 - 10 mechanically-moved air (furnace, minisplits, etc.)
 - 12 not (primarily boilers)
- Ventilation system
 - 13 exhaust only, no controls
 - 7 exhaust only, automated controls
 - 2 heat recovery ventilation
- Home type
 - 19 single family detached
 - 3 single family attached

Results

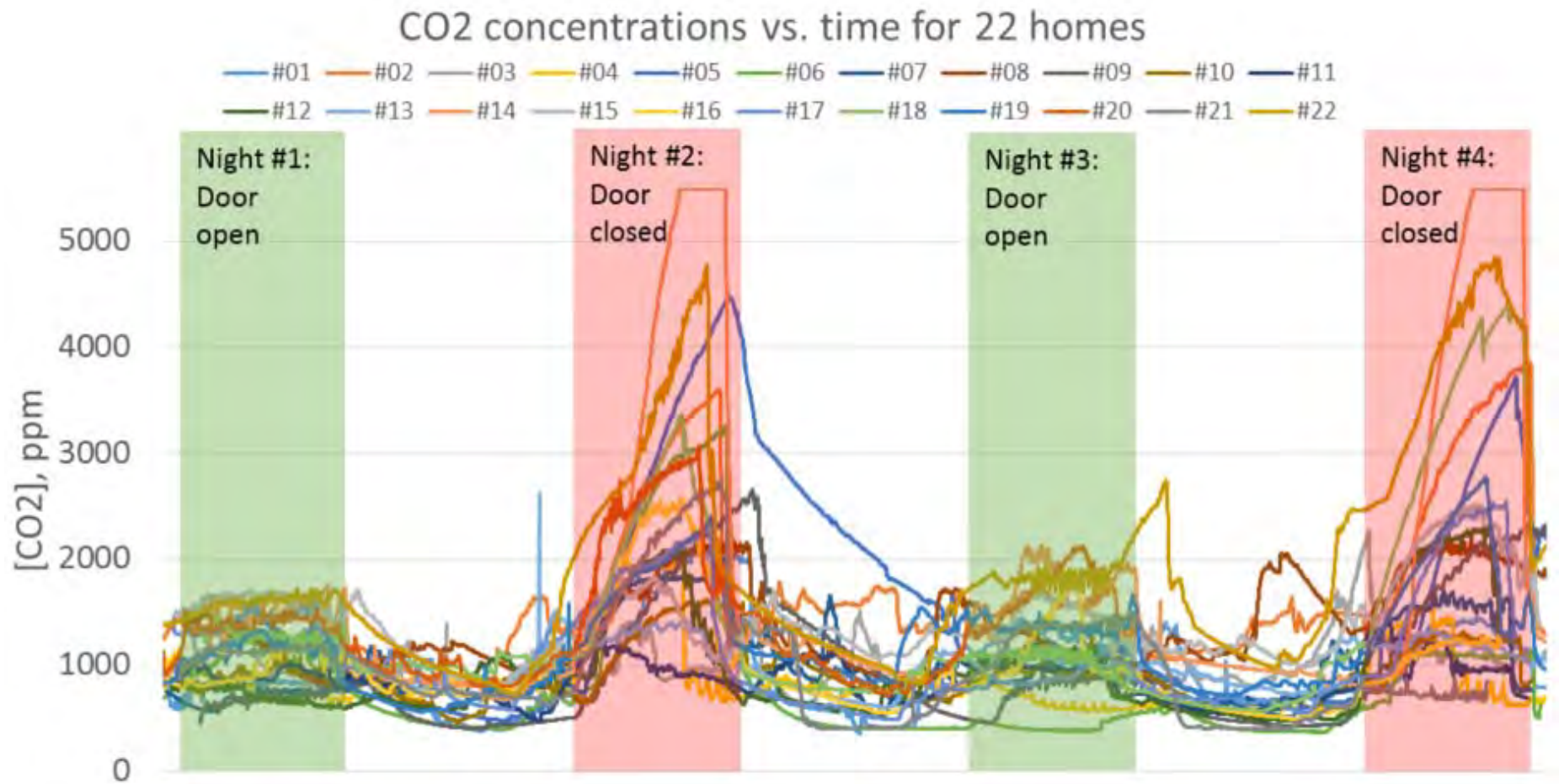
A glance at one home...



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Data (all of it)



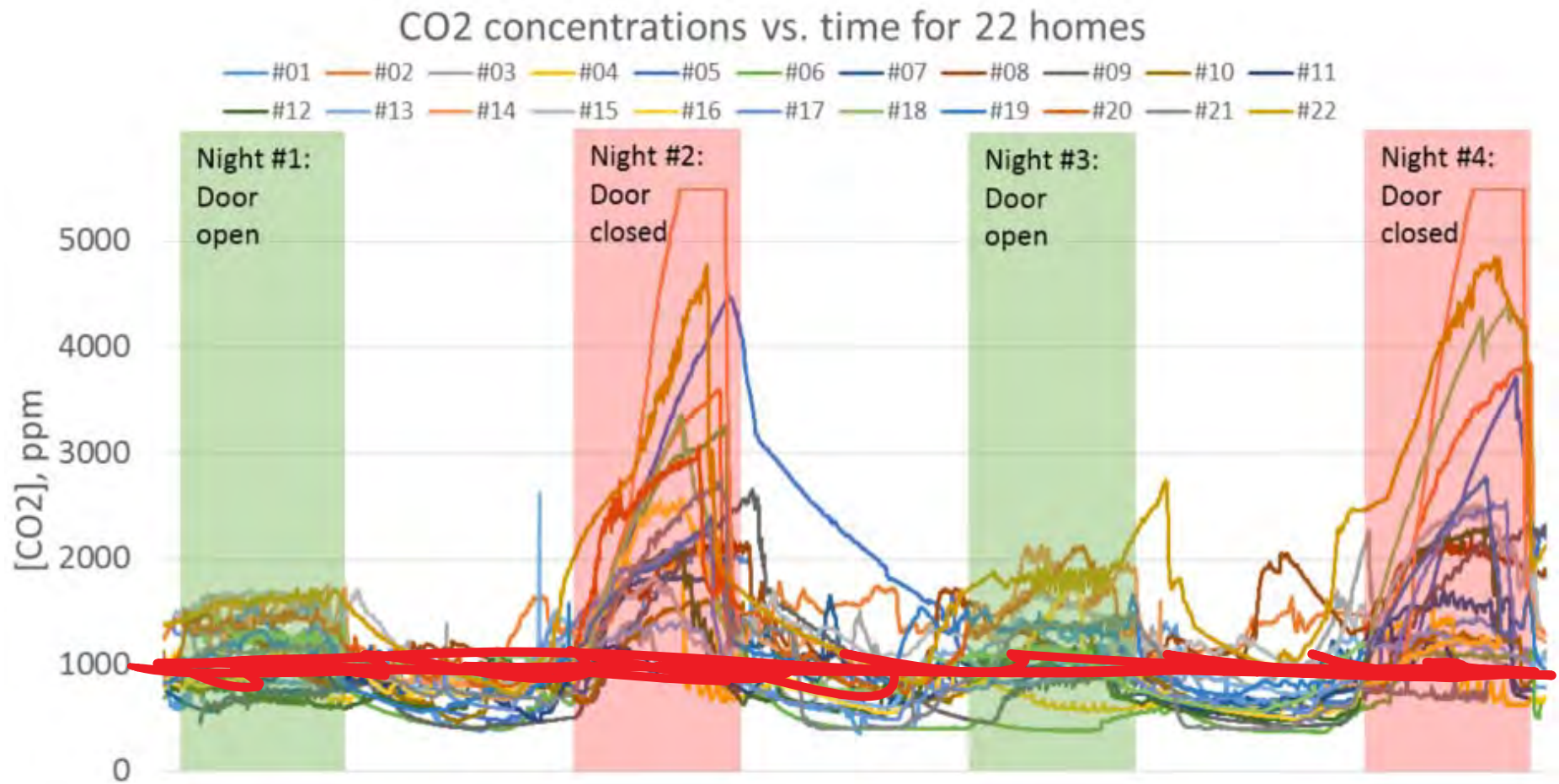
Data highlights (or lowlights?)

- 86% of homes (19) exceeded 2000 ppm*
- 32% of homes (7) exceeded 3000 ppm**
- (Only) 1 home stayed below 1000 ppm on both open-door nights (#9)

* All but #10, 11, 13

** #2, 5, 6, 14, 18, 20, 22

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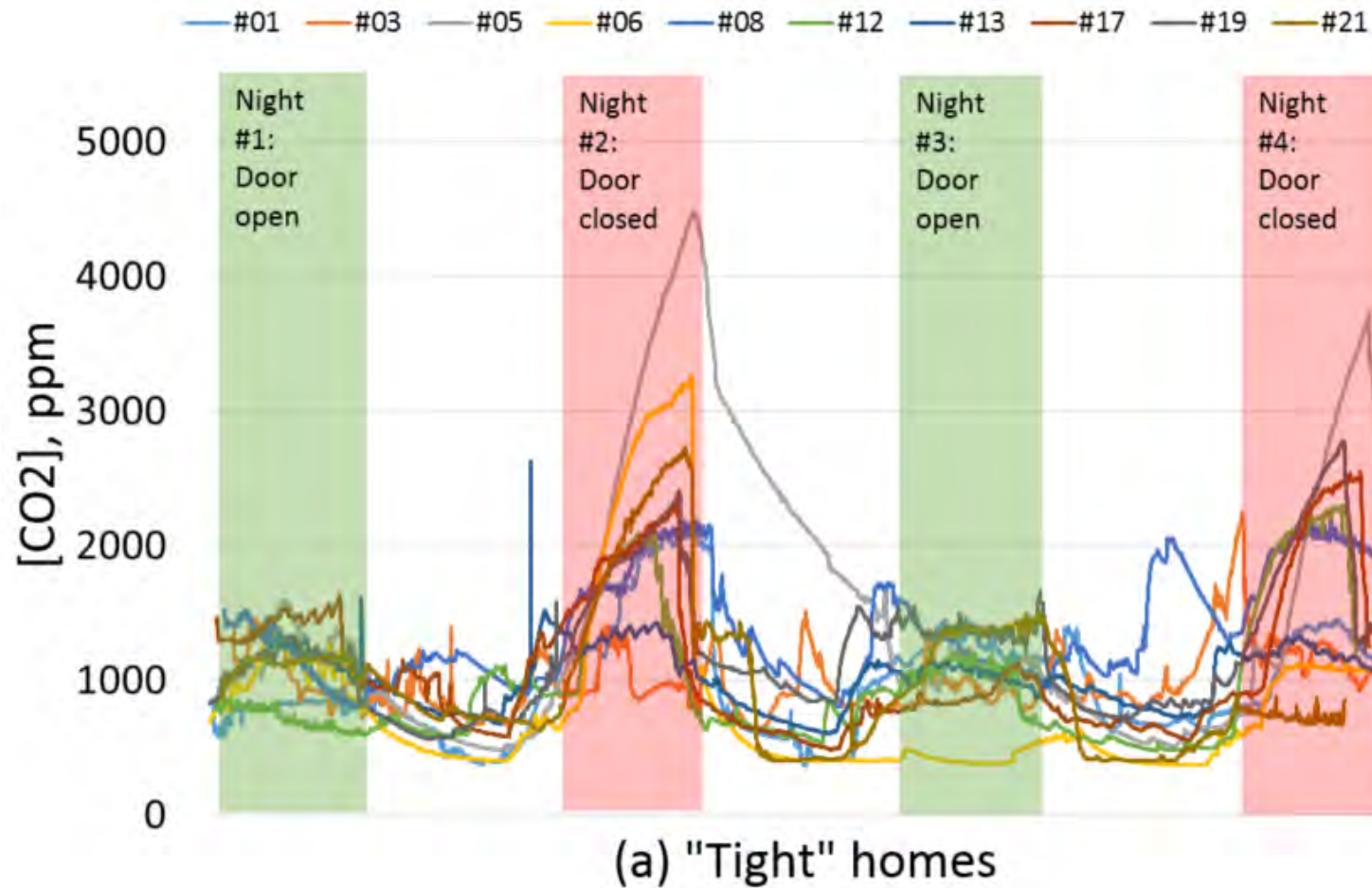


Why?

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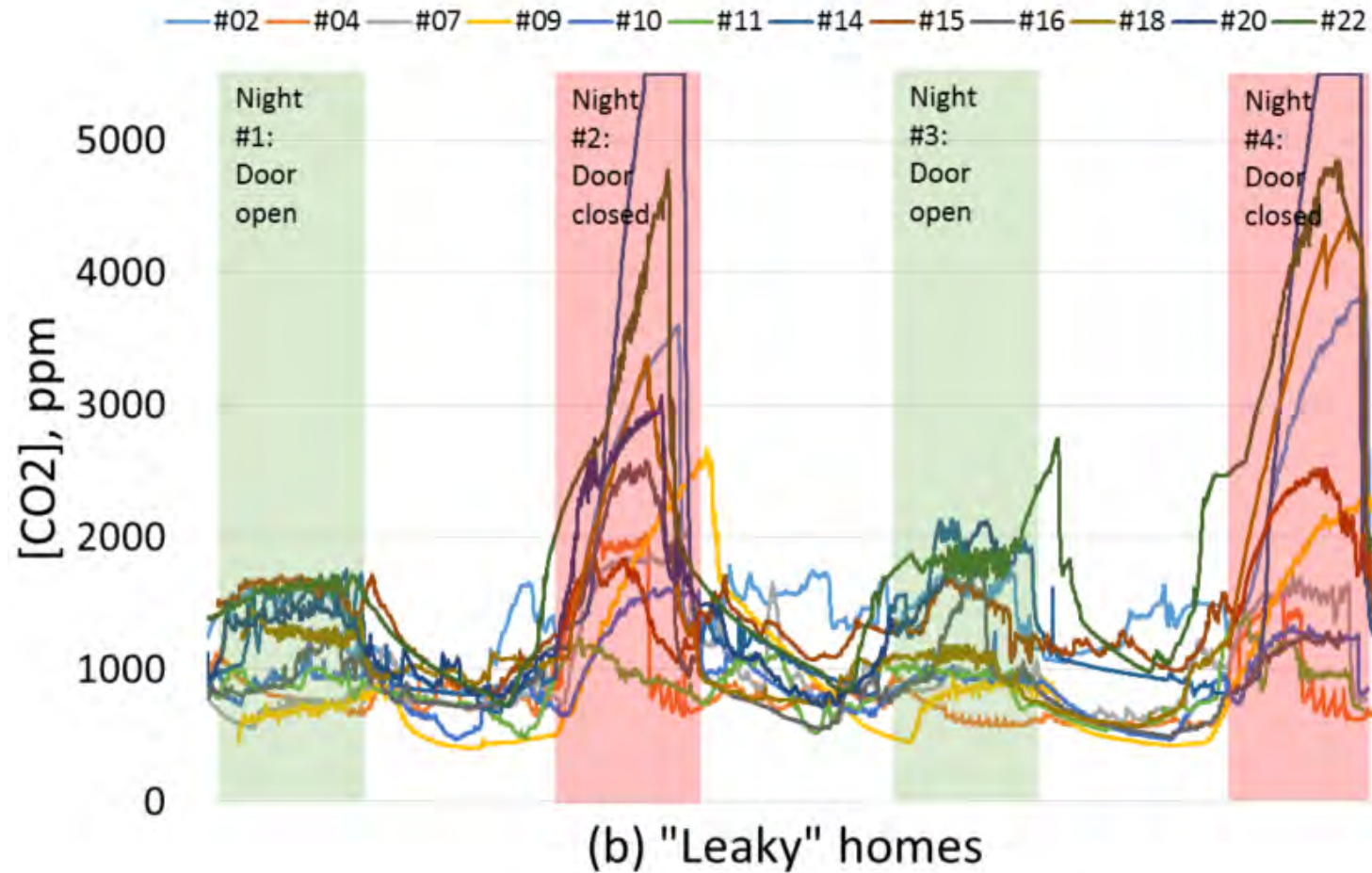
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Theory #1: Tight homes (10)



* ACH50 < 3.0

Theory #1: Leaky homes (12)



* ACH50 \geq 3.0

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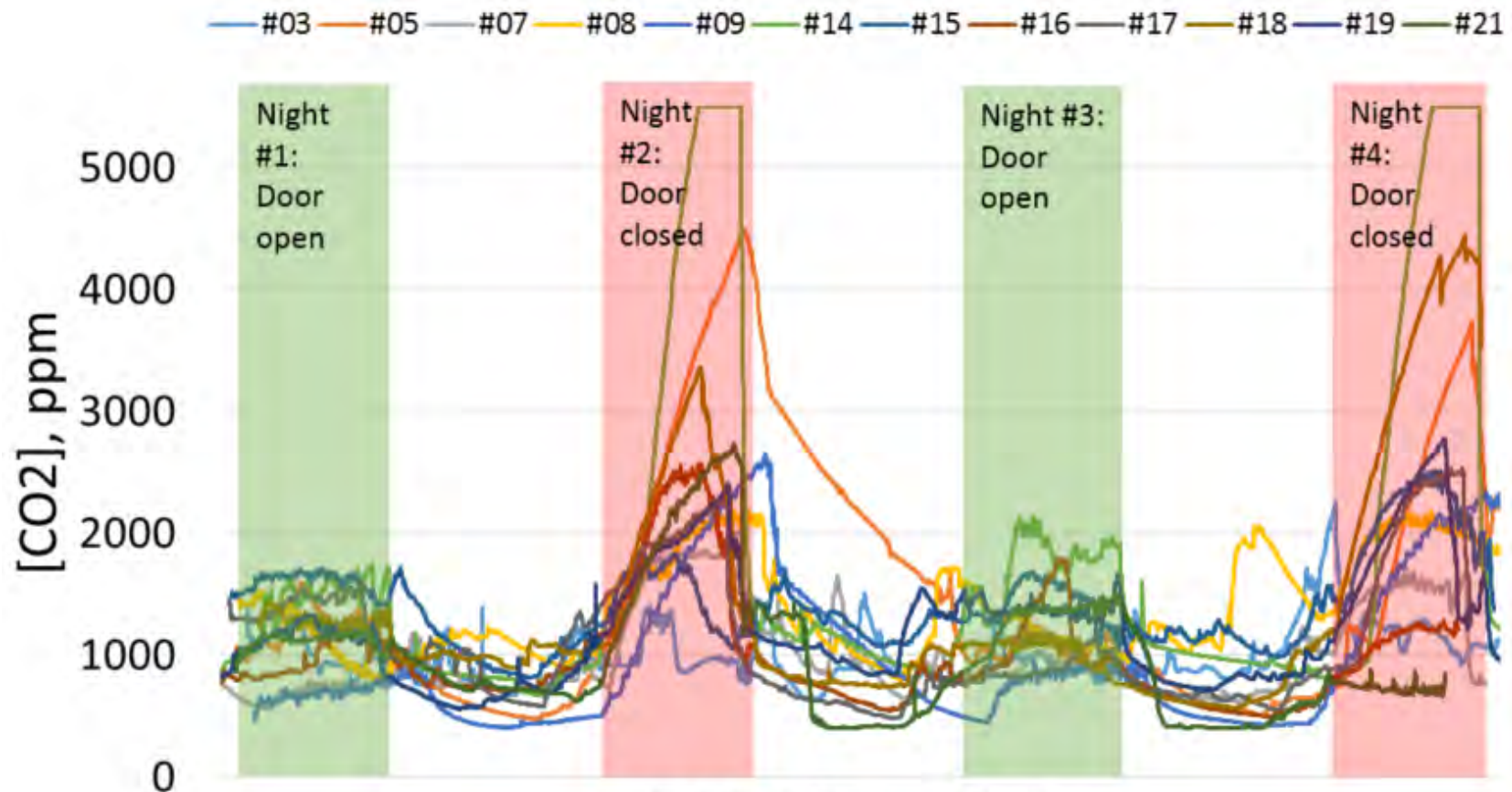
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Not necessarily...

Theory #2

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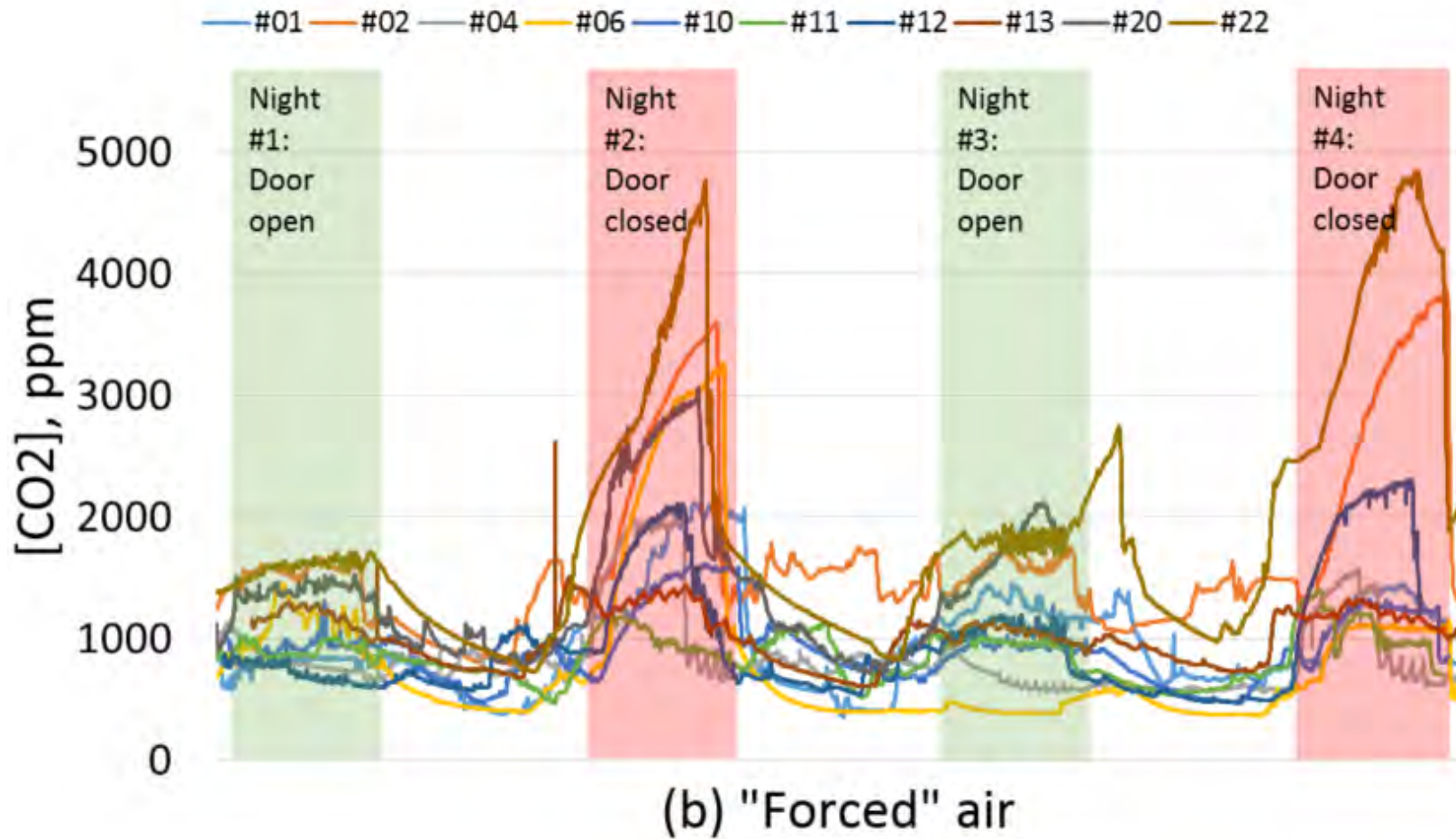
Theory #2: Unforced air (12)



(a) "Unforced" air

* No mechanically moved air heat

Theory #2: Forced air (10)



* With mechanically moved air heat

Theory #2

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Not necessarily...

Theory #3

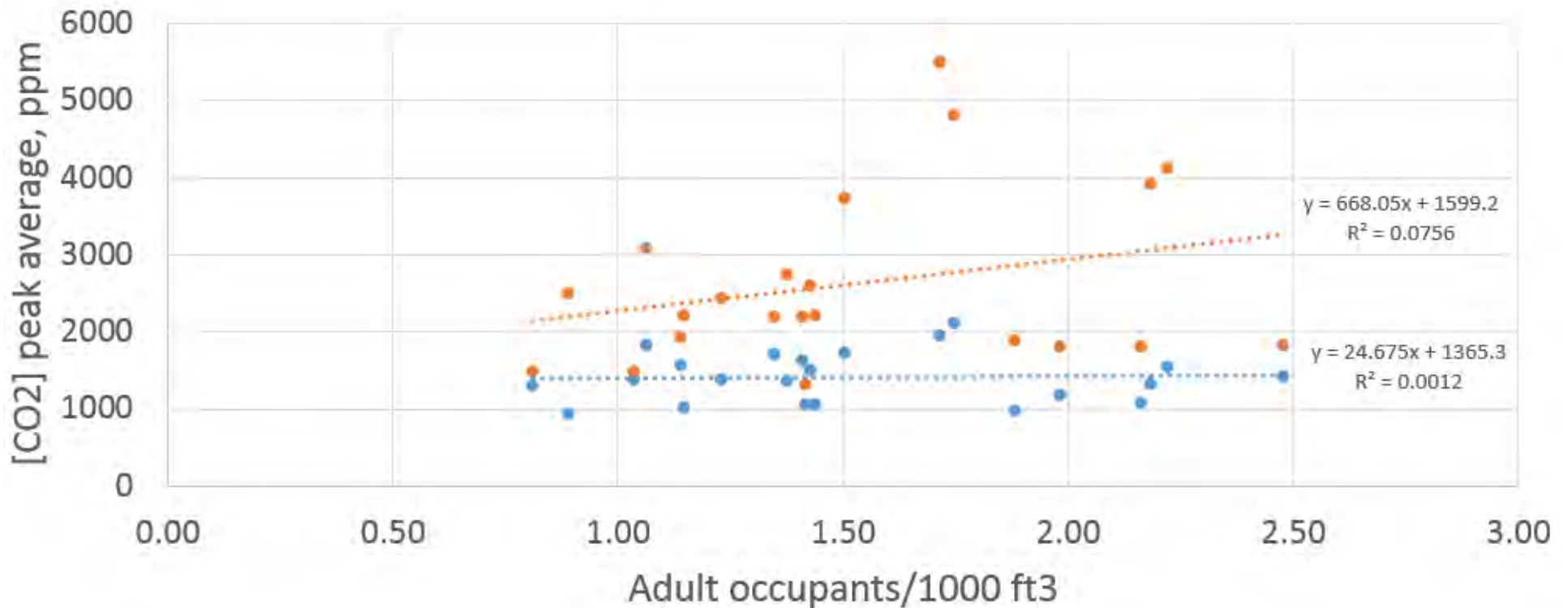
Peak CO2 levels is linked to number of occupants and bedroom volume

I.e. the more people/pets and the smaller the bedroom, the worse things will look

Theory #3: Occupancy/volume

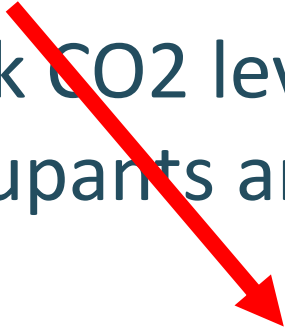
CO2 peaks compared to occupancy/bedroom volume, door state

● Open ● Closed



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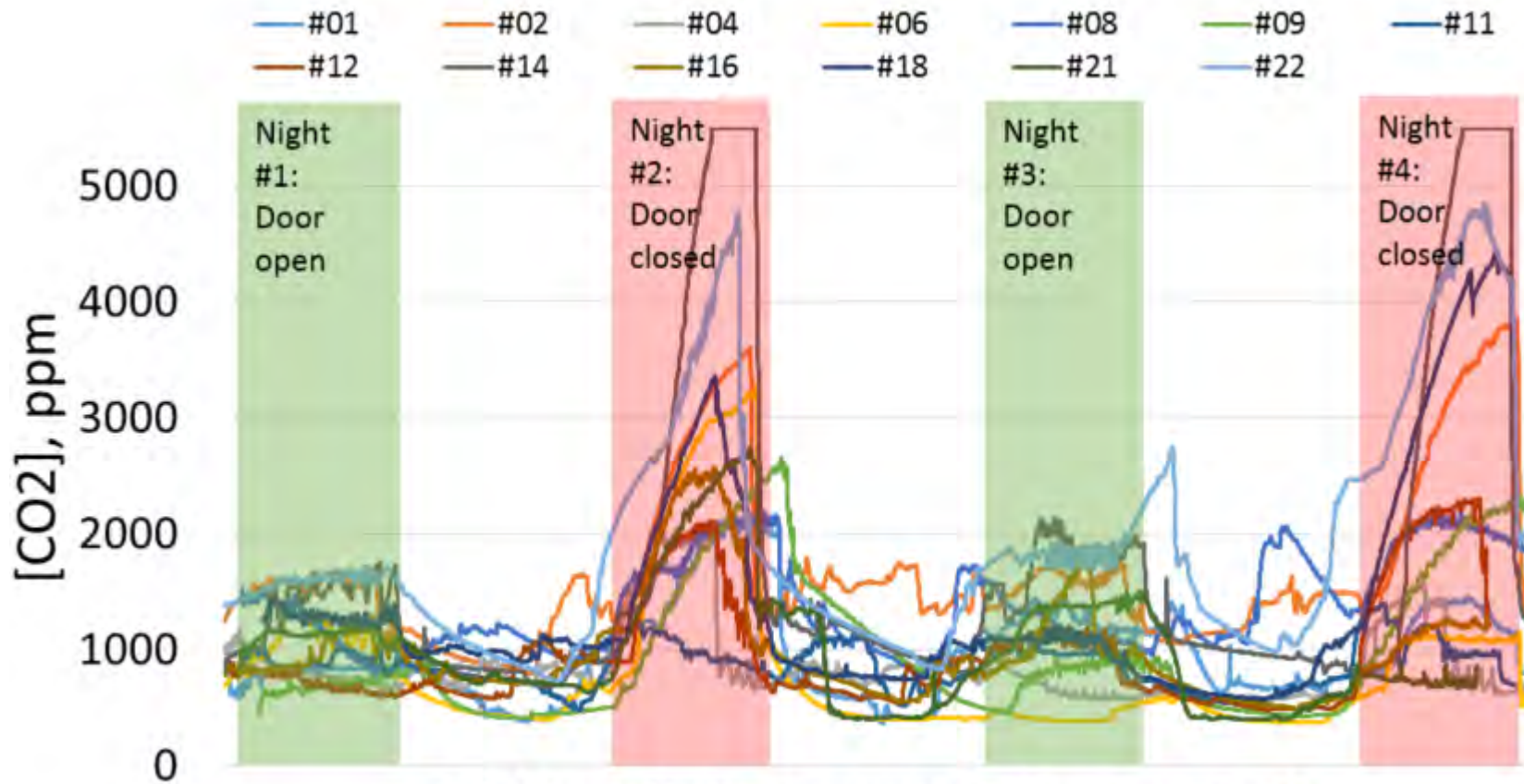
Yes, but:

- a) Not as clearly as you may expect
- b) What do you do with that?

Theory #4

Intentional balanced ventilation helps
(or at least exhaust ventilation with controls)

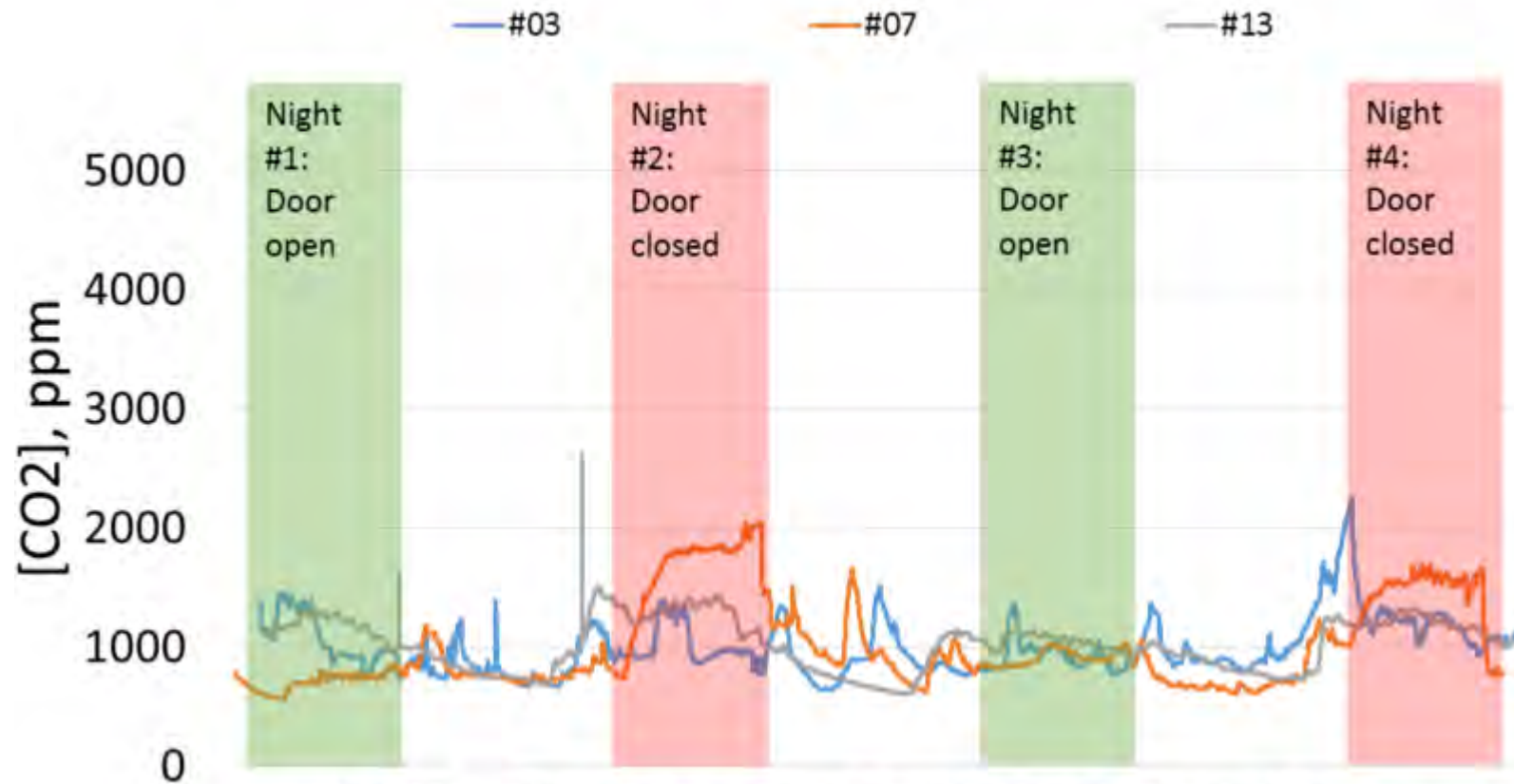
Theory #4: Homes with no automatic ventilation controls (13)



(a) No automatic ventilation controls

* No ventilation or ventilation only on manual switches

Theory #4: Homes with “better” installation and controls (3)



(b) Ventilation controls, "better" installation

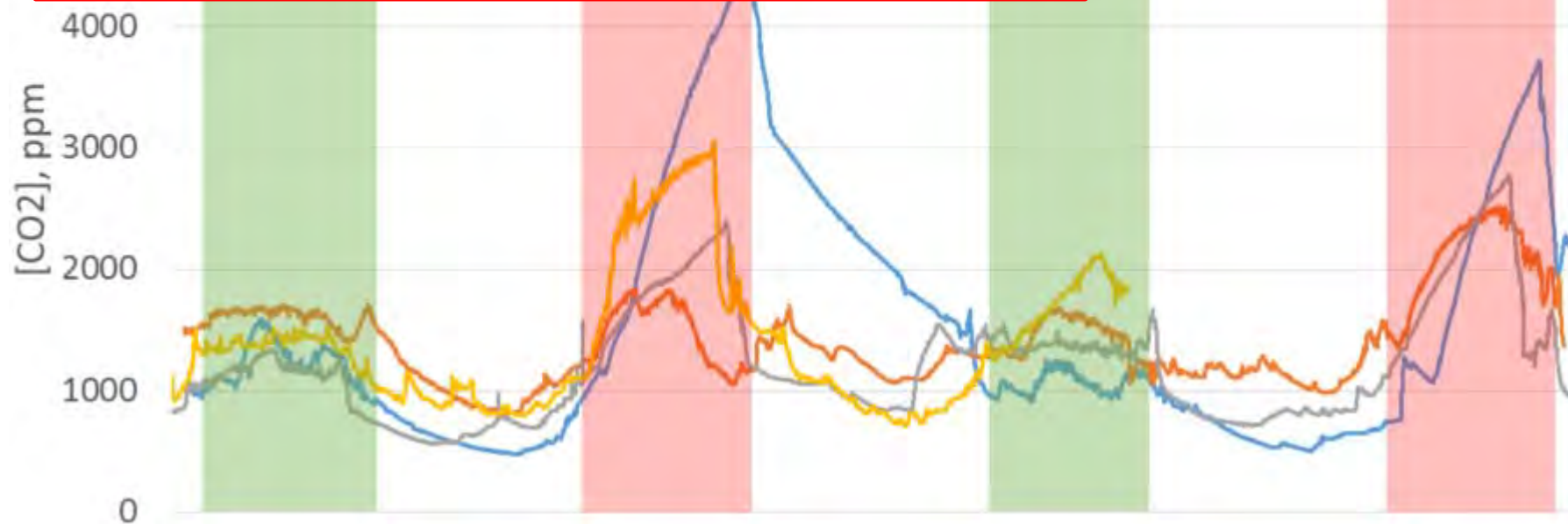
* Automatic controls and ventilation within 50% of ASHRAE 62.2-2013 whole-house flow rate

Theory #4: Homes with controls or balanced system but sub-par install (4)

CO2 concentrations vs. time, homes with ventilation controls (4 worst)

— #05 — #15 — #19 — #20

- #05: Balanced system, 24h, >100cfm, no delivery to bedroom
- #15: 1 exhaust fan (58cfm) on 10m/h
- #19: 1 exhaust fan (42cfm) 9h/day [9p-1a, 3-5a, 7-8a, 9-10a, 1-2p]
- #20: 1 exhaust fan (42cfm) 8h/day, 630a-230p



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Probably, yes

Especially when using best practices

A word on Vermont code compliance

Vermont energy code

Need to do both:

1. **Spot ventilation:** All bathrooms with a shower or tub need an exhaust fan that pulls 50 cfm (intermittent) or 20 cfm (24 hr/day)
2. **Whole-house system** that
 - a. Meets flow (cfm) requirement for home size
 - b. Has **automatic control** (runs without someone needing to turn it on)
 - c. ENERGY STAR or equivalent equipment

How many would pass?

None! Of the 22 homes,

- 10 failed the spot ventilation test
- 21 failed the whole house system test (on flow rate or controls)
- None passed both

Code = the worst you
can legally build to

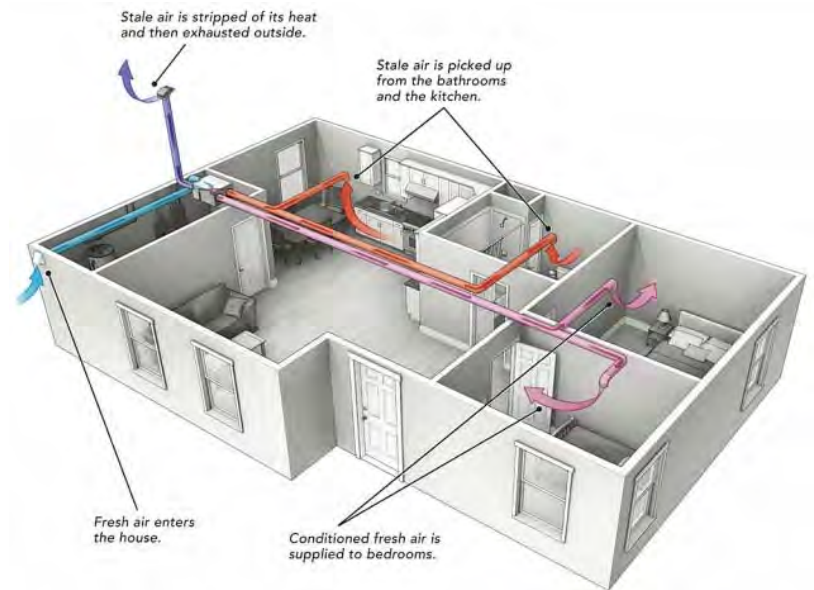
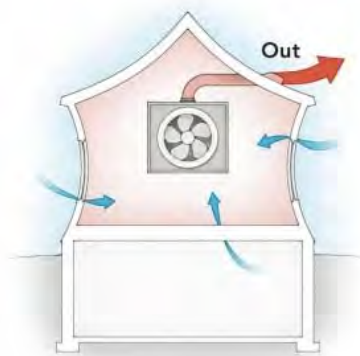
Impacts and solutions

CO2 levels > 1000 ppm

- Possible/probable impacts on cognitive function
- Sensitive individuals may experience symptoms like headaches, poor sleep quality, a general feeling of “stuffiness,” etc.
- Higher likelihood that one or more other (likely worse) pollutants in the home are elevated
 - Moisture – mold, building durability, exacerbates impacts of VOCs
 - Radon – lung cancer*
 - Particulates – asthma; allergies; coronary and respiratory problems; eye, nose, and throat irritation*
 - VOCs – headaches; damage to liver, kidney, and central nervous system; eye, nose, and throat irritation; cancers*

*Source: <https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/introduction-indoor-air-quality>

Exhaust-only vs. balanced



Think about bedrooms:

- Where does fresh air come from?
- Does the bath fan ensure fresh air gets to where you want it?

Solutions

- Option 1: **Best***
 - Install whole-home balanced ventilation system with heat/energy recovery
- Option 2: **Okay(?)***
 - Install room-specific / through-wall balanced ventilation system with heat/energy recovery
 - Retrofit controls onto existing bath fans (which may require fan replacements) such that you have 24/7 or at least hourly circulation
- (Probably) **Bad***
 - Do nothing

*Brian's opinion, not objective fact (n.b. objective fact may be elusive)

Whole-house categories

- **Traditional**
 - High efficiency versions of H/ERVs from Venmar/Broan, Lifebreath, RenewAire, etc. with metal ducting
- **Traditional-plus**
 - With proprietary homerun ducting and integrated design/commissioning; e.g. Zehnder
- **Non-distributed**
 - E.g. Lunos
- **Demand-controlled** with heat pump
 - Build Equinox CERV (Minotair has capability, too)
 - 4 modes, linked to CO₂ and VOC levels
 - Small heat pump brings up delivered air temperature

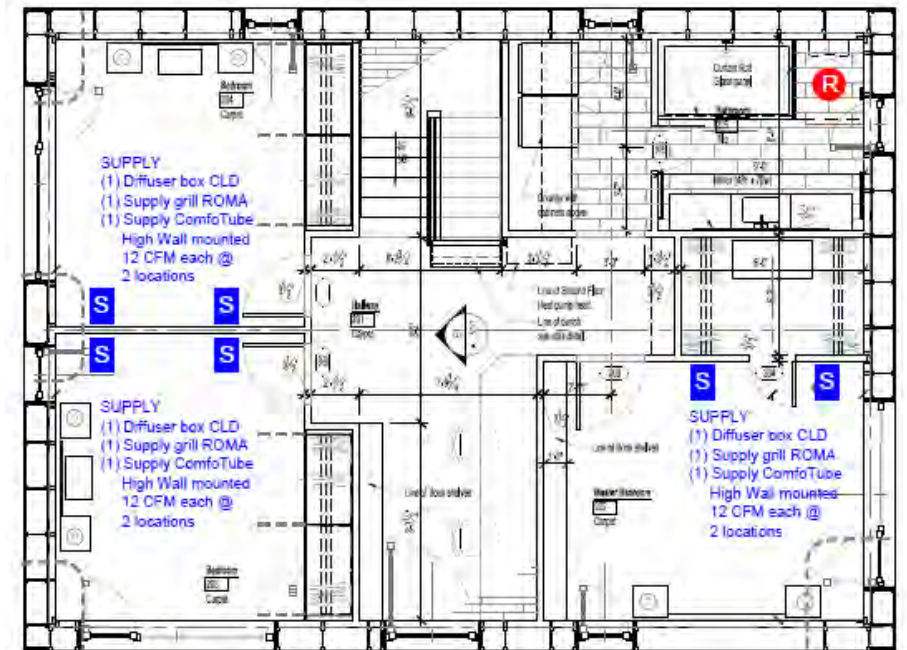
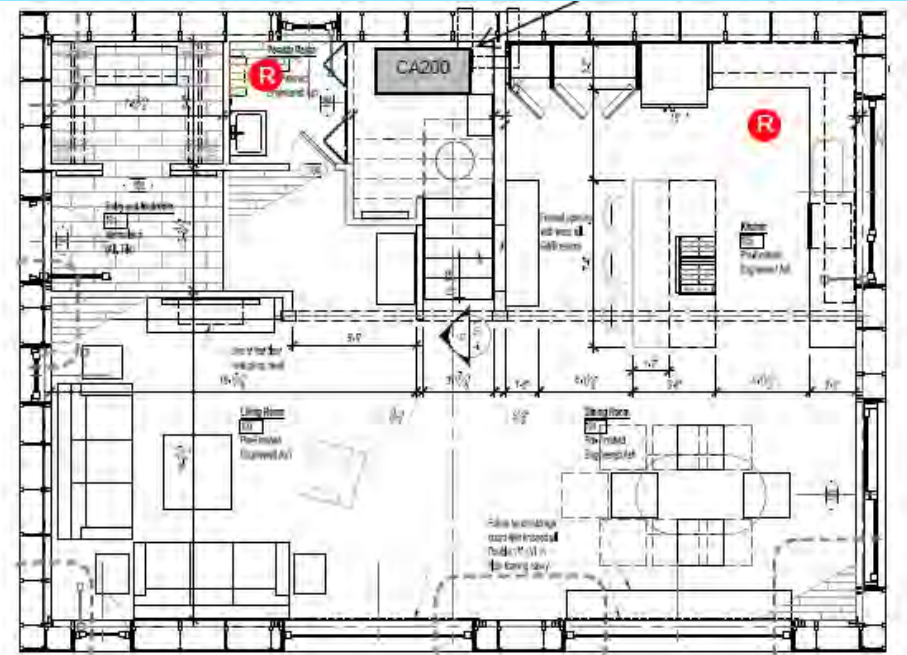
} Passive

A year onwards:

Time for the ERVs and HRVs...

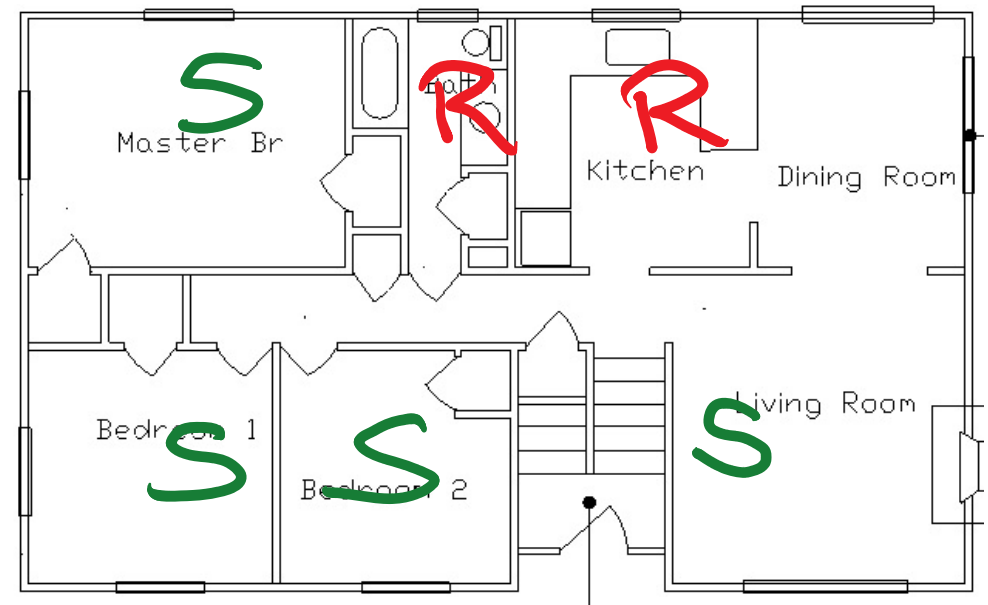
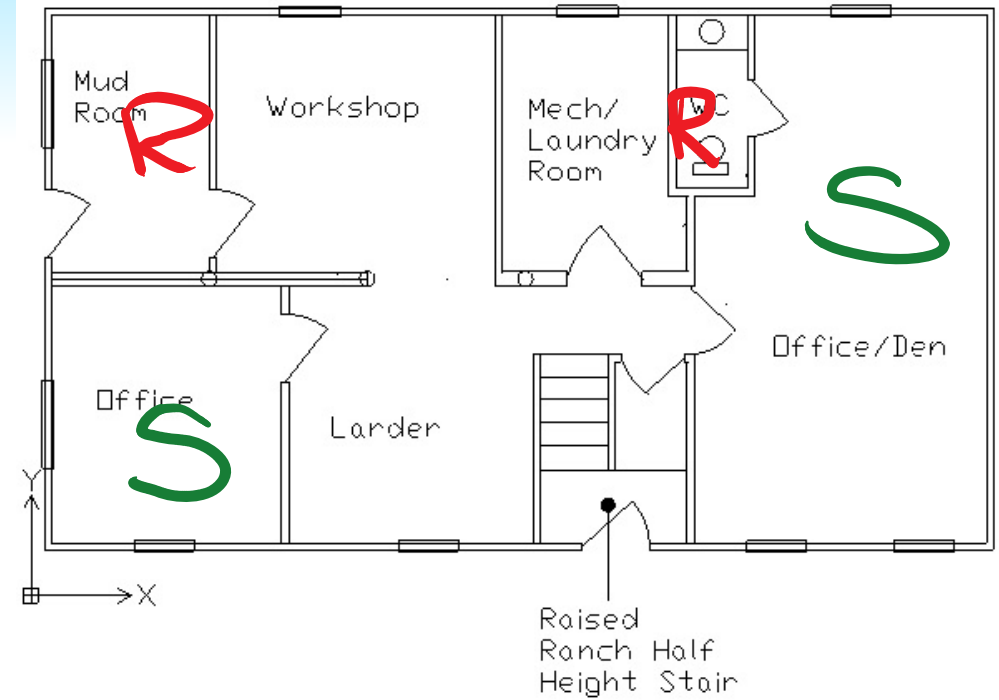
Home A

- New construction
- Zehnder CA200



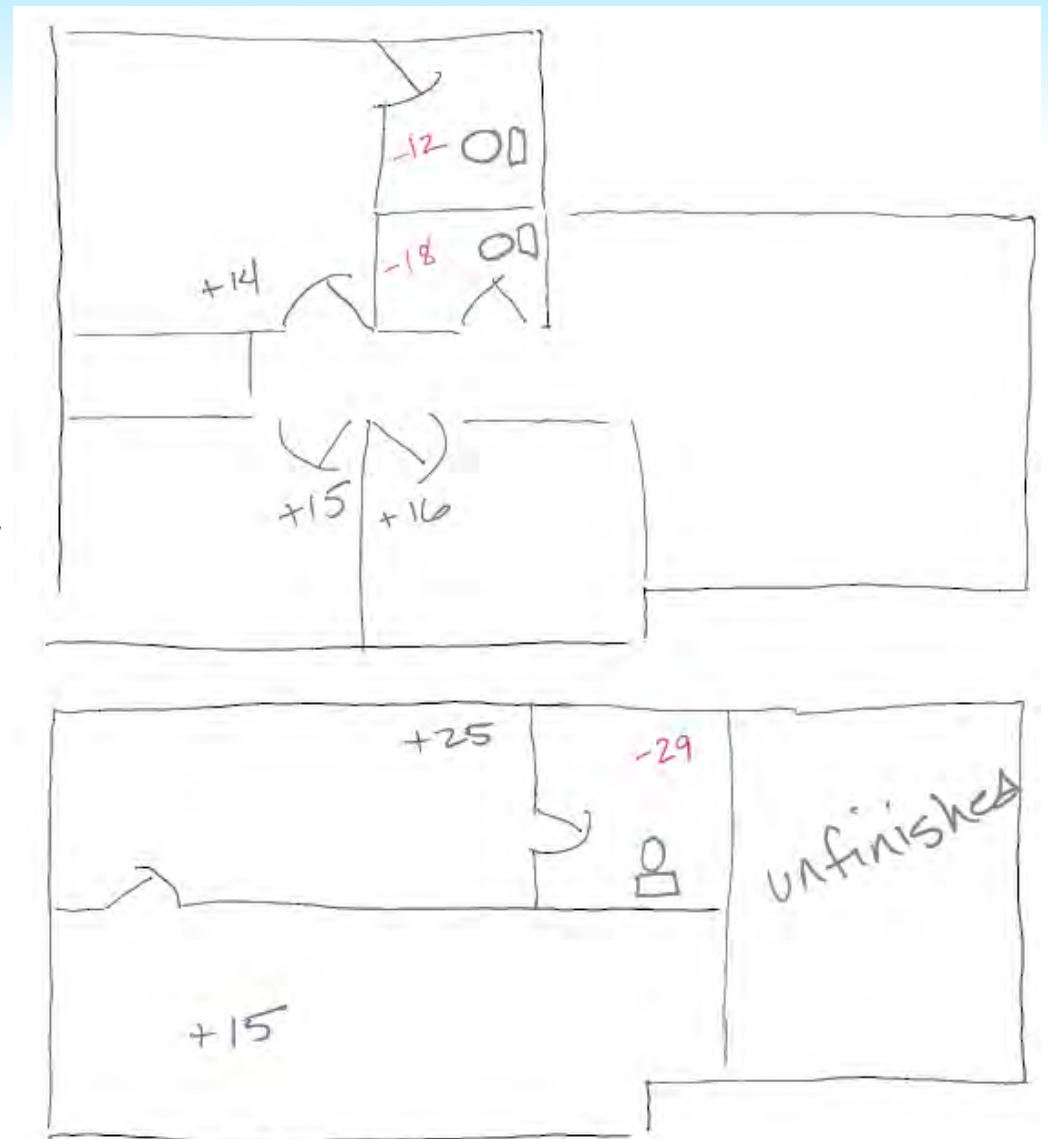
Home B

- Retrofit
 - 1976 raised ranch
- Zehnder CA350

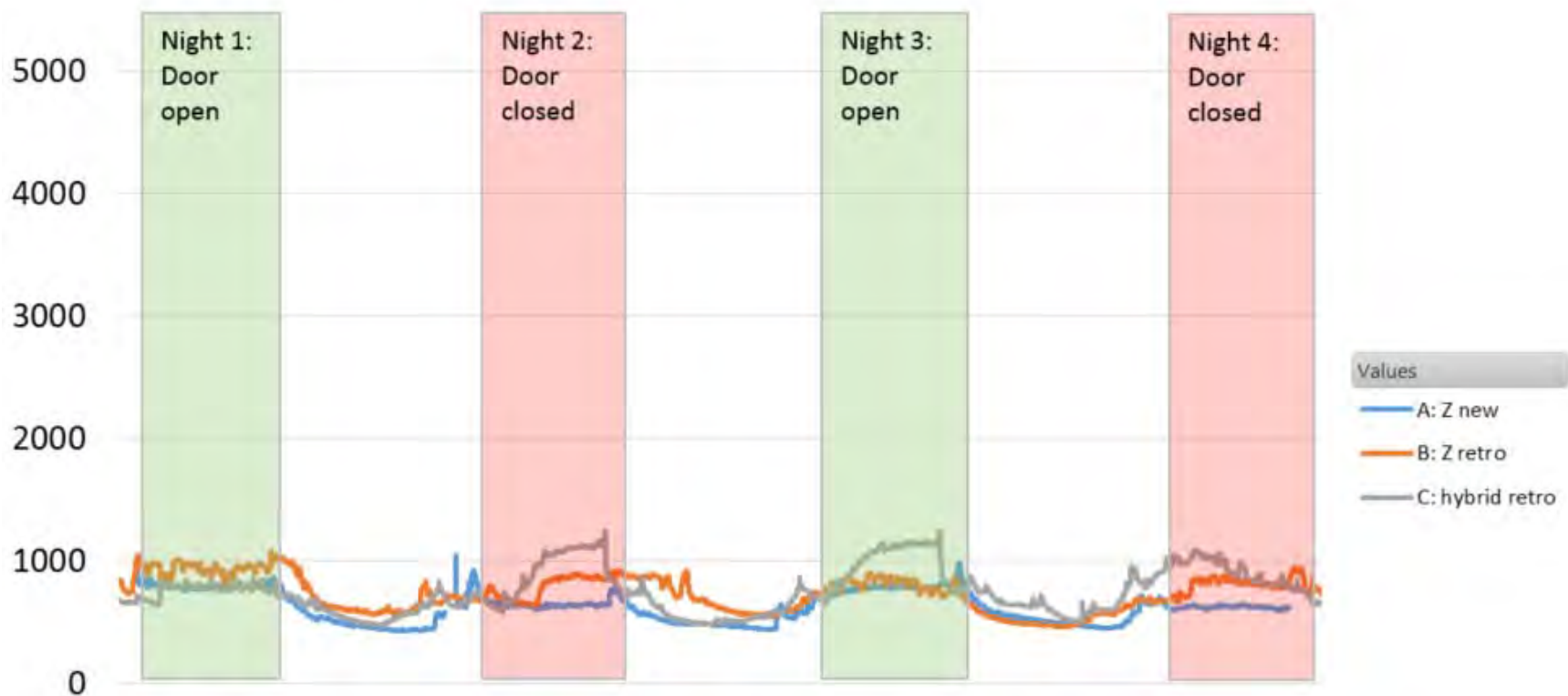


Home C

- Retrofit
 - 1956 ranch
- Home #20 in study
- Broan ERV200TE (Venmar X30) with Zehnder tubing

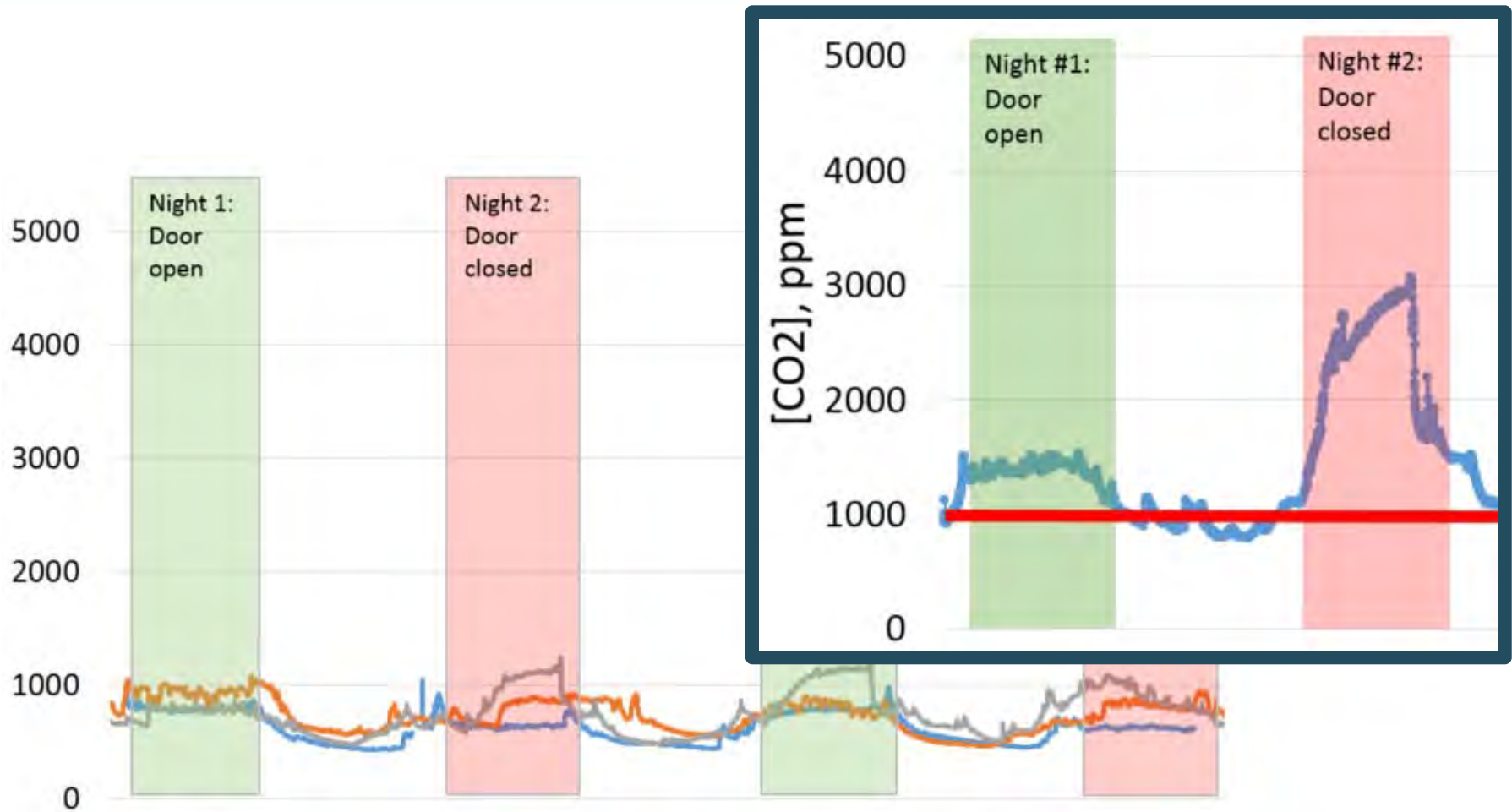


Homes A-C



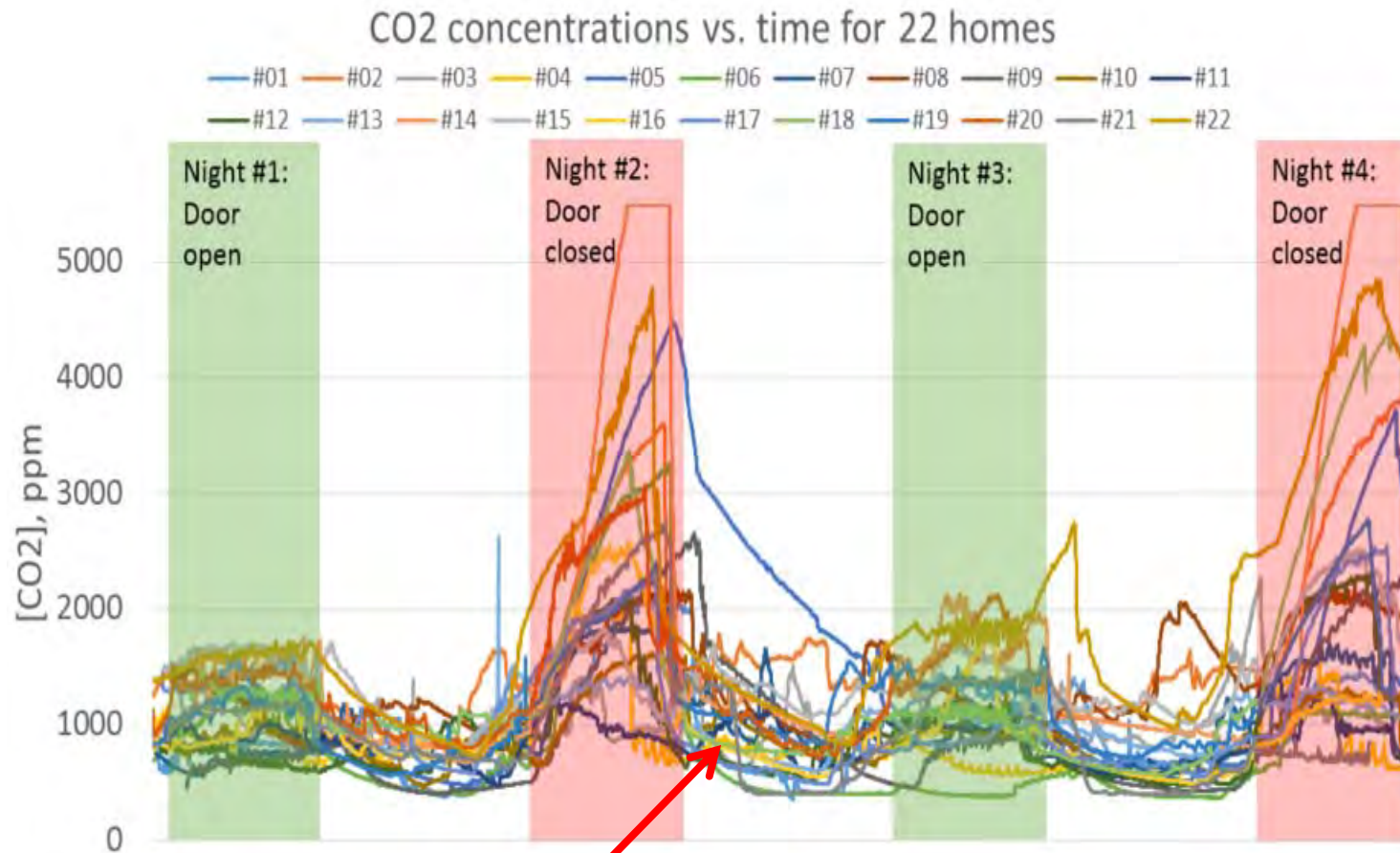
*House C had door closed on night 3, open on night 4

Homes C before retrofit



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The other 22 homes (repeat)



Many of these homes aren't getting below 800-900 ppm, even after being unoccupied for 12+ hrs

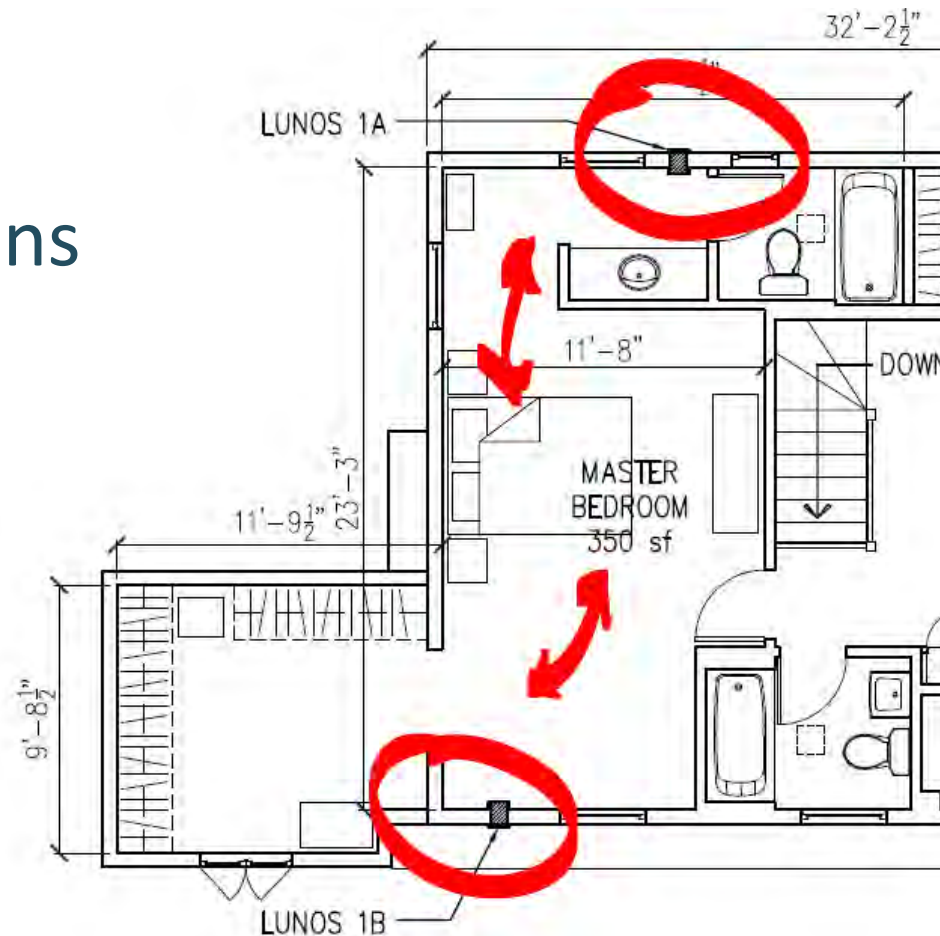
At what cost?

1.5 yrs of data for a CA350
(we have more examples
that look about the same)



Home D, part 1 (Lunos)

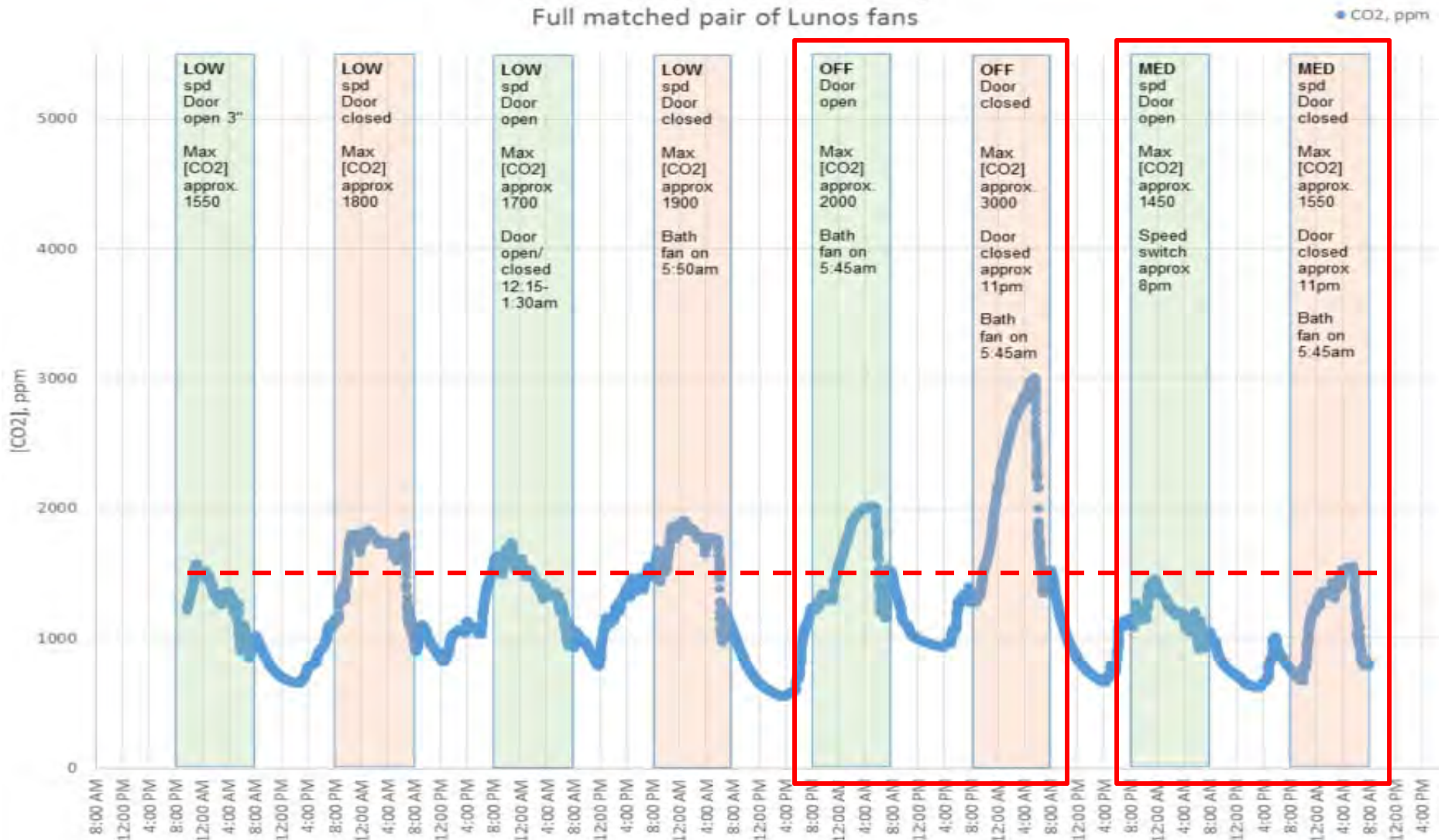
- Retrofit
- Full set (2) Lunos fans in master bedroom



For another example, see also: <https://foursevenfive.com/healthy-iaq-at-melpet-apartments-with-lunos-e2-co2-monitoring-shows-heat-recovery-ventilation-works/>

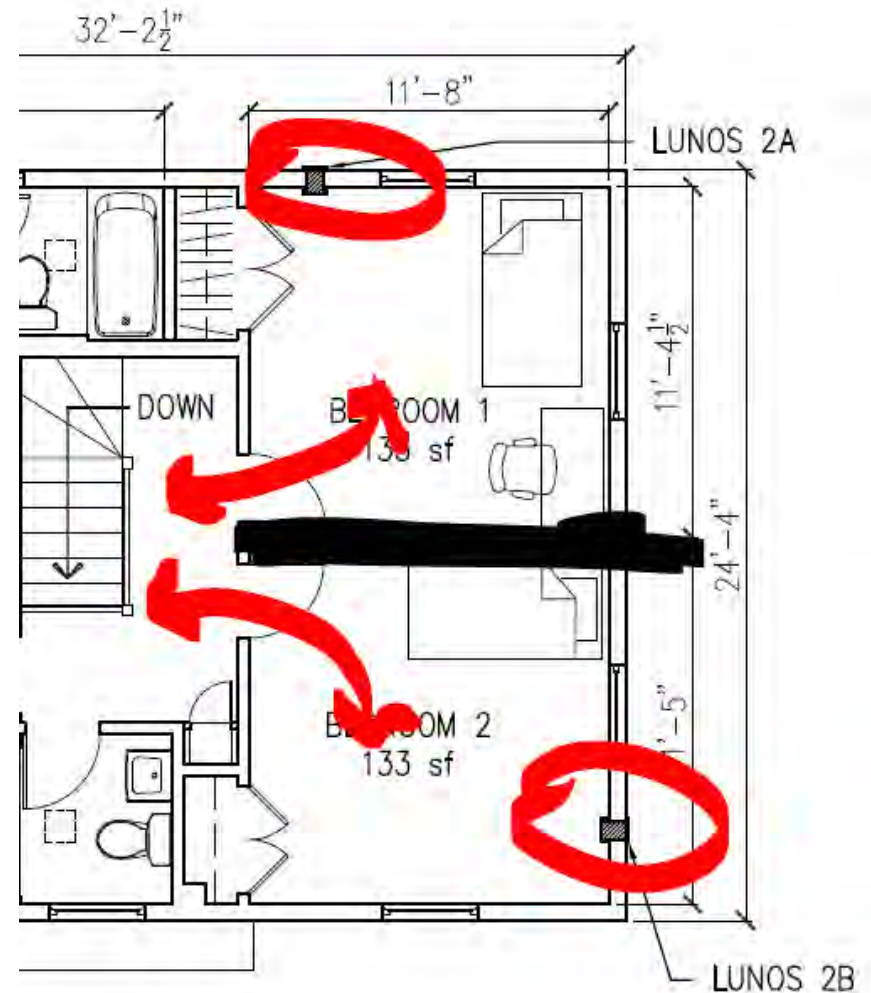
Home D, part 1 (master bedroom)

Master bedroom - 2 adults, 1 dog
Full matched pair of Lunos fans



Home D, part 2

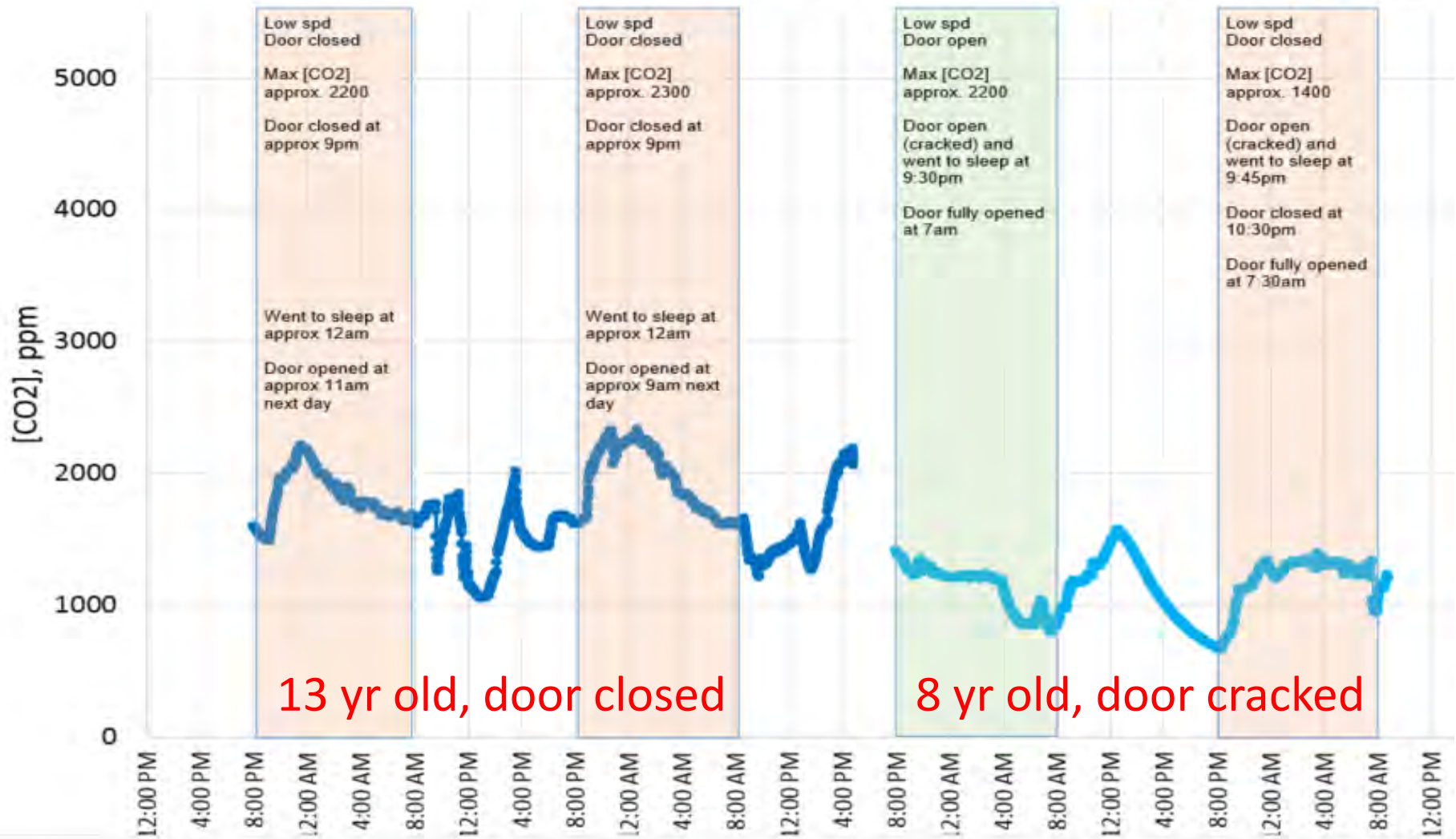
- Retrofit
- Half set (1) Lunos fan in the two kids' bedrooms



Home D, part 2 (kids' bedrooms)

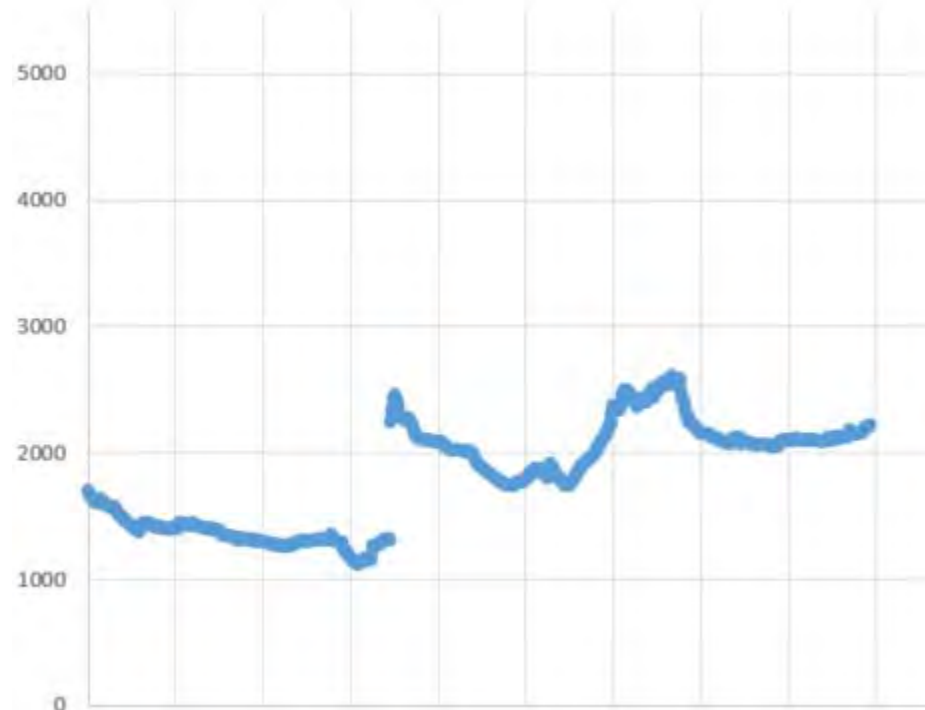
Kids bedrooms:
Each with half pair of Lunos (1 fan)

— Bed1 - 13yo — Bed 2 - 8yo



Home __ (incomplete)

- Retrofit
- Through-wall, single-room system
- 2 obvious peaks occur in 10:00-11:30pm range



Homes E, F, G, etc.



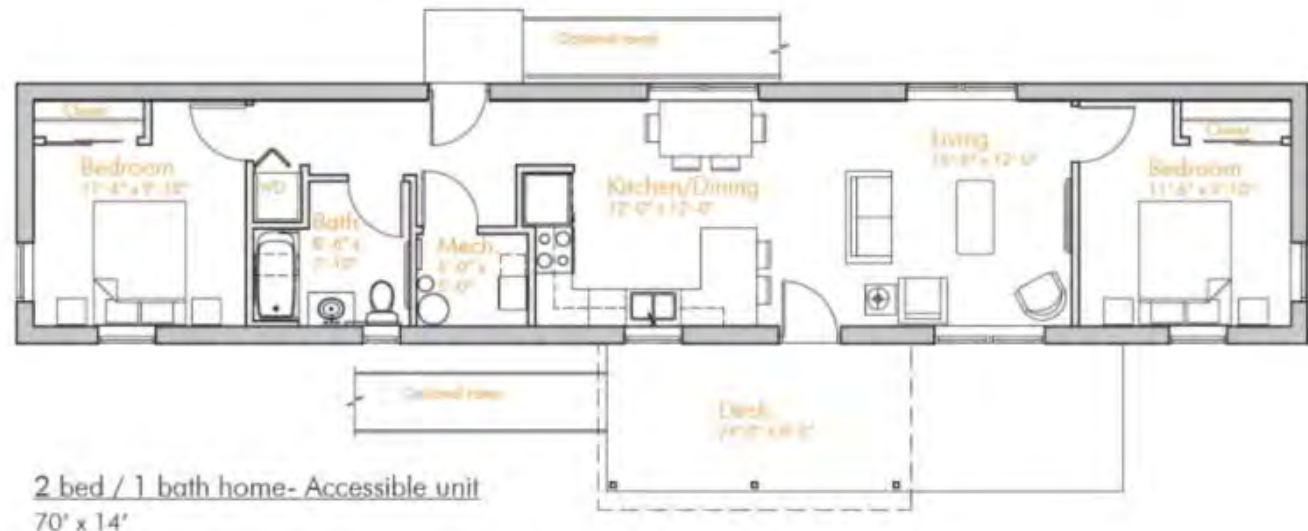
- Build Equinox CERV
- Demand-controlled “ERV” with CO2 and VOC closed-loop feedback
- Integral heat pump, 4 modes of operation

Mode	Fresh air?	Heat pump on?
RH = Recirc heat	No	Yes
VH = Vent heat	Yes	Yes
Vent setpoint	Yes	No
Off	No	No

Homes E, F, G, etc. (cont.)

- Access to 66 homes with CERV systems
 - 81 of the 82 Zero Energy Modular (ZEM) homes in Vermont use this ventilation system
 - Plus a handful of other new/existing homes
- Sample ZEM layout:

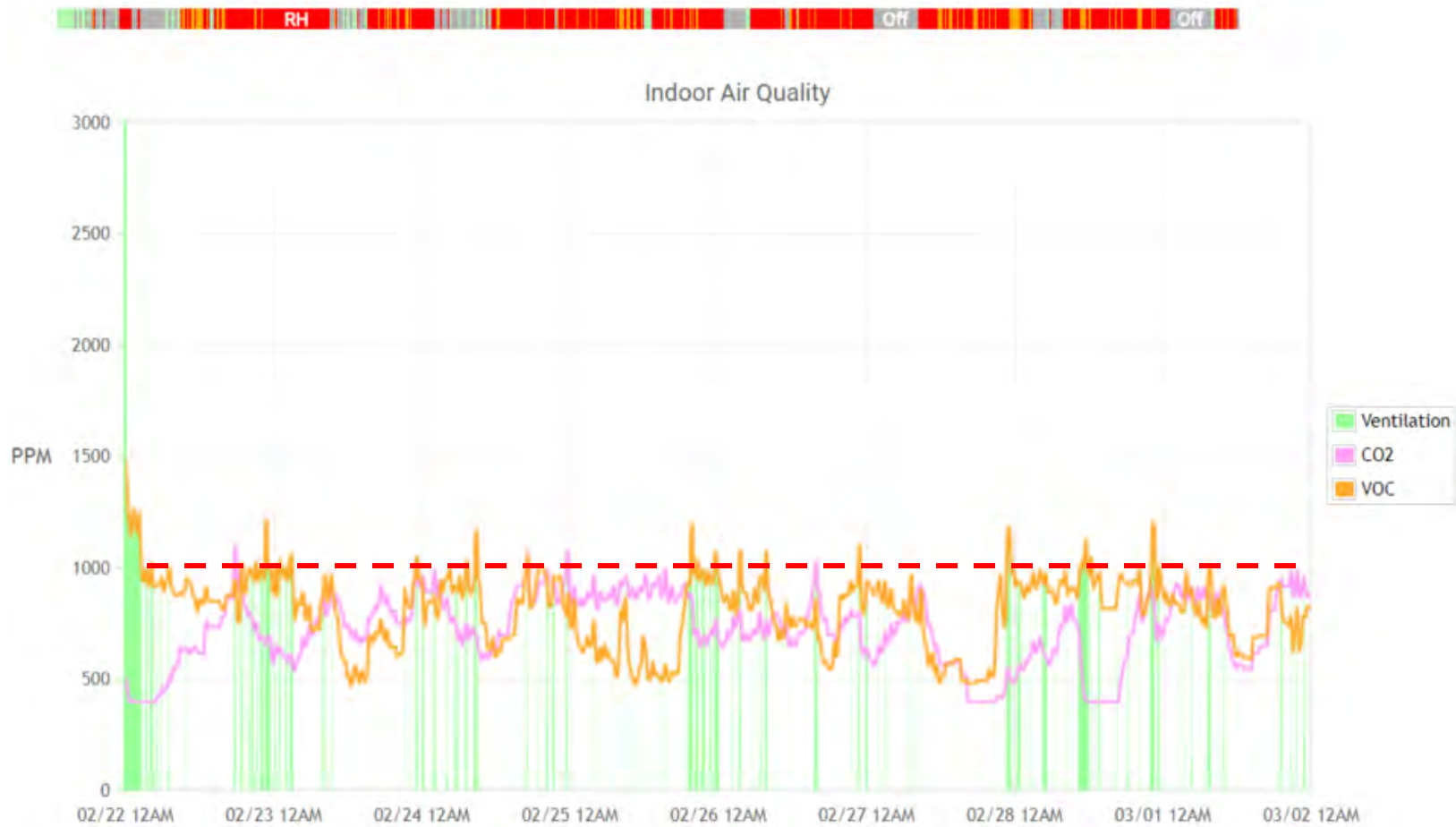
Plans courtesy of Pill-Maharam Architects.



Home E, last week



Home F, last week



Home G, last week

Alternate slide titles:
"Why you shouldn't vape"
"Why demand control is good"



Quick notes on equipment

All systems ≠ good

Consider equipment with:

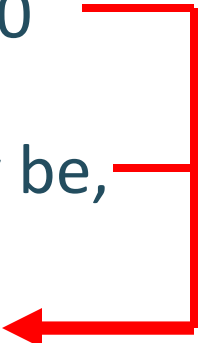
- Coordinated, adequate distribution*
- High efficiency (higher delivered temperature)
- Nice to have: Swappable ERV/HRV core
- Nice to have: Ability for MERV 13 or HEPA filter upgrade (allergies, etc.)
- Easy accessibility** and simple controls



*Centralized systems?

Wrap-up

Takeaways

1. Recent evidence shows that CO2 levels above 1000 ppm aren't desirable
 2. High CO2 is an indicator that other pollutants may be, too (VOCs, particulates, unwanted moisture, etc.)
 3. #1 and #2 can mean significant health impacts
 4. Residential ventilation leaves much to be desired – exactly in the places where you likely spend the most time
 5. Most of us have ~~a problem~~ **sub-optimal ventilation** (me, too)
 6. Solutions vary widely in price, complexity, and effectiveness
 7. **No-brainer for new construction***
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* My opinion

A note on quick fixes

The version published in BuildingEnergy ends:

In situations where installing an HRV or ERV is not feasible, data from this study suggests that retrofitting exhaust fans with automatic controls and ensuring flow rates in accordance with energy codes and ventilation standards is a backup strategy worth considering.

And if nothing is done? At least open that bedroom door at night.

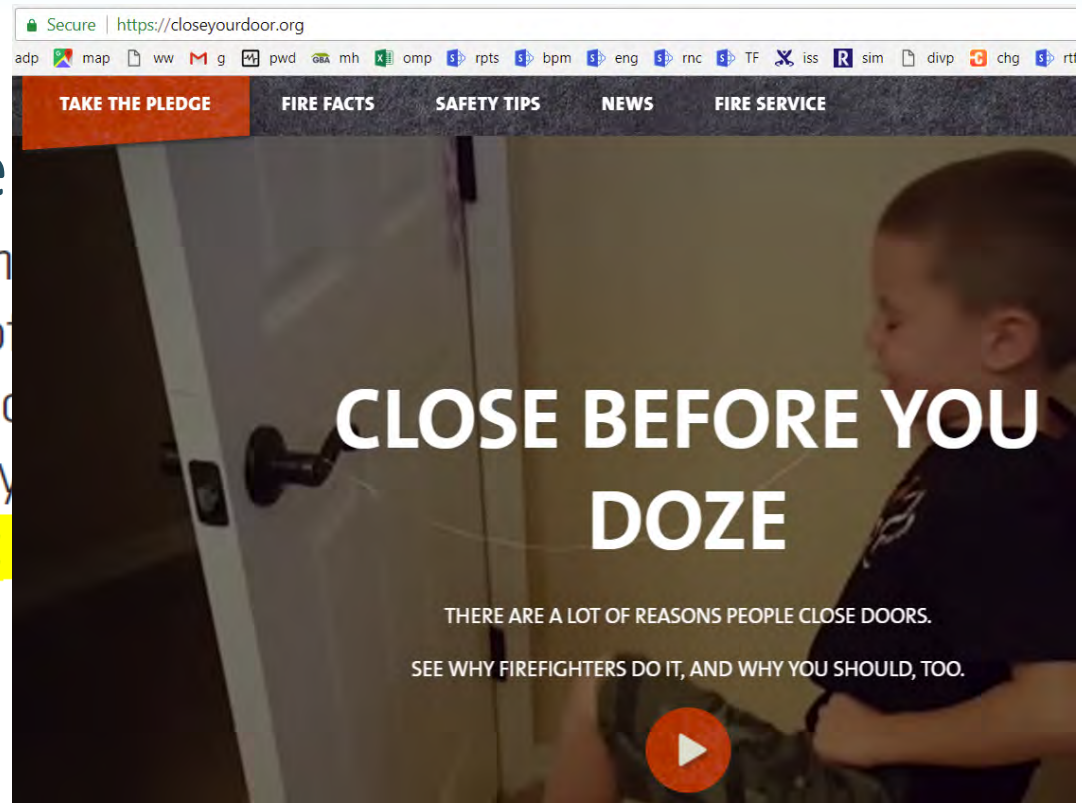


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The version published

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...yet a “Fire and Egress Door Assembly Professional” shared that bedrooms doors should remain closed at night

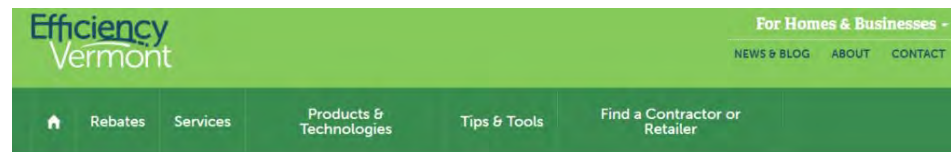
More info...

- Article in Fall 2017 BuildingEnergy magazine

<http://www.nxtbook.com/naylor/ENEB/ENEB0217/index.php#/32>

- Full report

<https://www.encyvermont.com/news-blog/whitepapers/breathe-well-sleep-well-improving-ventilation-in-cold-climate-homes>



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Breathe Well, Sleep Well: Improving Ventilation in Cold- Climate Homes

Indoor air quality in homes affects human health in profound ways. When that quality is compromised, building occupants can experience health effects that range from immediate to long term. Both airborne pollutants and carbon dioxide contribute to those effects. Although the science is still uncertain about the effects of various levels of exposure to these substances, there is general agreement that improving indoor air quality is an important objective for home improvements.

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- High efficiency HRV/ERV list

<https://contractors.efficiencyvermont.com/Media/Default/docs/programs/new-construction/efficiency-vermont-hrv-erv-qpl.pdf>

- 1-page guide (homeowner focused)

<https://contractors.efficiencyvermont.com/Media/Default/docs/programs/new-construction/efficiency-vermont-balanced-ventilation.pdf>

- Efficiency Vermont program requirements

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Qualifying Heat Recovery Ventilators (HRVs) and Energy Recovery Ventilators (ERVs)
 Units meet minimum specifications: (a) SRE of $\geq 75\%$ at 32°F ($\geq 65\%$ for a ECM), and (c) are cold weather tested. Also include products and equipment that differs from a "typical" HRV/ERV box, but

Qualifying Heat Recovery Ventilators (HRVs)

Manufacturer	Model	SRE	Filter – Standard	Filter
Broan	HRV160TE ^a	75	MERV 9	n/a
Broan	HRV200TE ^b	81	MERV 6	HEPA
Broan	HRV250TE ^c	75	MERV 6	HEPA
Lifebreath	195ECM	75	Not specified	n/a
Lifebreath	RNC5-HEX-TPD	75	Not specified	n/a
Lifebreath	RNC5-HEX-TPF	76	Not specified	n/a
Paul	Novus 450 HRV	89	MERV 7/8	MERV 13
Zehnder	ComfoAir 160 HRV	88	MERV 7/8	MERV 13
Zehnder	ComfoAir 200 HRV	92	MERV 7/8	MERV 13
Zehnder	ComfoAir 250 HRV	84	MERV 7/8	MERV 13

Balanced Ventilation
 Improve air quality and health



Why balanced ventilation matters

Exhaust-only ventilation systems (the "bath fan" strategy) only extract air from a home—they don't bring in fresh air. This depressurizes the house and "sucks" air enters the home through open windows, leaks in the building envelope, etc. How does fresh air get where you want it, such as bedrooms and other living spaces? It might not—you have no control.

Balanced ventilation systems deliver fresh outdoor air directly to the spaces where you want it and remove air from bathrooms, kitchens, and other places in the home that are laden with moisture, odors, and pollutants.

Balanced ventilation that incorporates heat recovery helps avoid dumping air outdoors that homeowners have already spent money to heat (in winter). Running exhaust air through a highly-efficient heat exchanger to preheat fresh air from outside avoids wasting energy and money.



Increase comfort

Residential New Construction Ventilation Reference



Requirements

A heat recovery ventilator (HRV) or energy recovery ventilator (ERV) is a system, not a "plug-and-play" appliance. In addition to choosing the unit carefully to maximize comfort and efficiency, distribution should be designed and installed correctly, to help prevent callbacks due to problems that can't be fixed after installation.

The following requirements must be met in order for projects to qualify for Efficiency Vermont Residential New Construction certification and incentives:

HRV/ERV unit meets the following requirements (see qualified products list):

Item	Why?
SRE of 75% or higher at 32°F (65% or higher for an ERV) at HVI-rated flow rate	Maximizes temperature of air delivered to room for better comfort (SRE = sensible recovery efficiency)
EC (electronically communicated) motor (ECM)	Efficient motor operation at all speeds, avoids overventilation by enabling low speed operation
Cold climate-tested	Designed to operate during Vermont winters

Help:

This is for every home

(not just for “high performance”
or that boundary-pushing client)

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Extras

Home 1

Location: Ferrisburgh, VT
Dates: 17-21 Nov 2016
Type: Single family detached

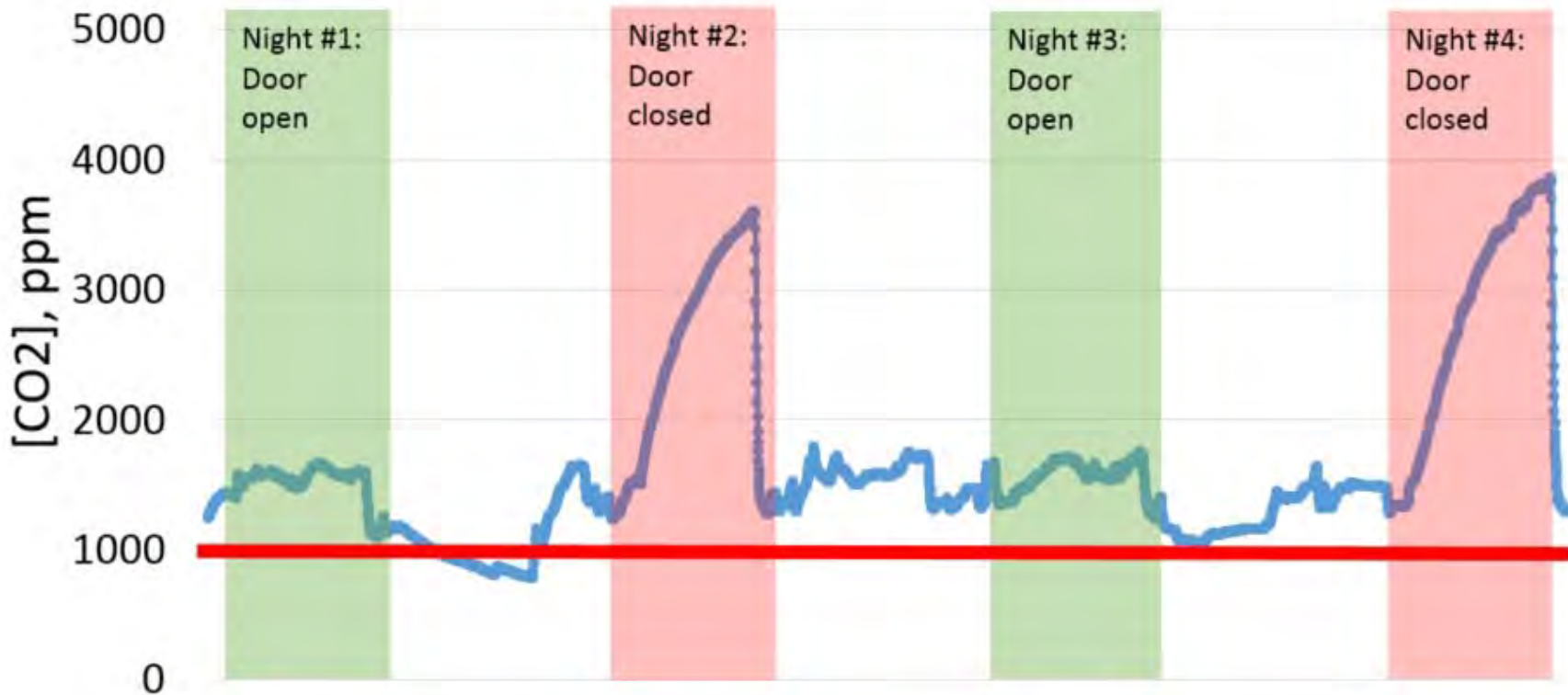
ACH50	3.00
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>without</u> automatic controls
Occupants (avg)	1.5
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	882
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	Yes, CCHP
Year built/substantial reno	1978
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	1465
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	2162



Home 2

Location: Colchester, VT
Dates: 22-26 Nov 2016
Type: Single family detached

ACH50	6.29
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>without</u> automatic controls
Occupants (avg)	1.5
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	998
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	Yes, furnace
Year built/substantial reno	1950
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	1758
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	3860



Home 3

Location: Burlington, VT
Dates: 28 Nov - 2 Dec 2016
Type: Single family detached

ACH50	2.41
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>with</u> automatic controls*
Occupants (avg)	2.5
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	1008
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	No
Year built/substantial reno	1926
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	1456
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	2260

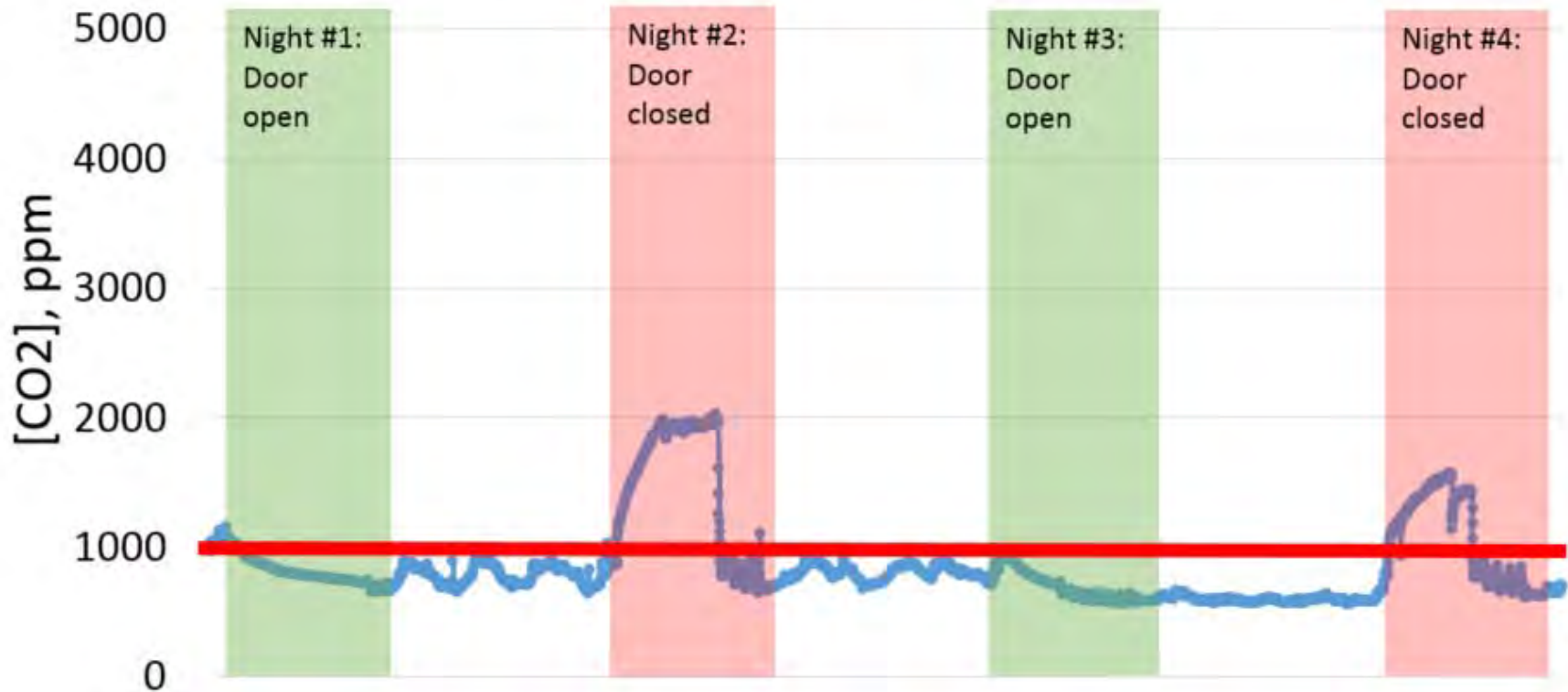


*(1) Exhaust only fan, continuous

Home 4

Location: Burlington, VT
Dates: 2-6 Dec 2016
Type: Single family detached

ACH50	10.07
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>without</u> automatic controls
Occupants (avg)	2
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	1040
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	Yes, furnace
Year built/substantial reno	1955
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	1160
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	2028



Home 5

Location: Shelburne, VT
Dates: 6-10 Dec 2016
Type: Single family detached

ACH50	1.75
Ventilation strategy	HRV*
Occupants (avg)	2
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	900
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	No
Year built/substantial reno	1968
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	1596
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	4486



*Continuous, but no supply to tested bedroom

Home 6

Location: Burlington, VT
Dates: 12-16 Dec 2016
Type: Single family attached

ACH50	2.61
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>without</u> automatic controls
Occupants (avg)	1.5
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	1308
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	Yes, CCHP + fireplace
Year built/substantial reno	1899
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	1449
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	3268



Home 7

Location: Burlington, VT
Dates: 16-20 Dec 2016
Type: Single family detached

ACH50	4.45
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>with</u> automatic controls*
Occupants (avg)	2
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	1196
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	No
Year built/substantial reno	1950
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	1065
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	2045

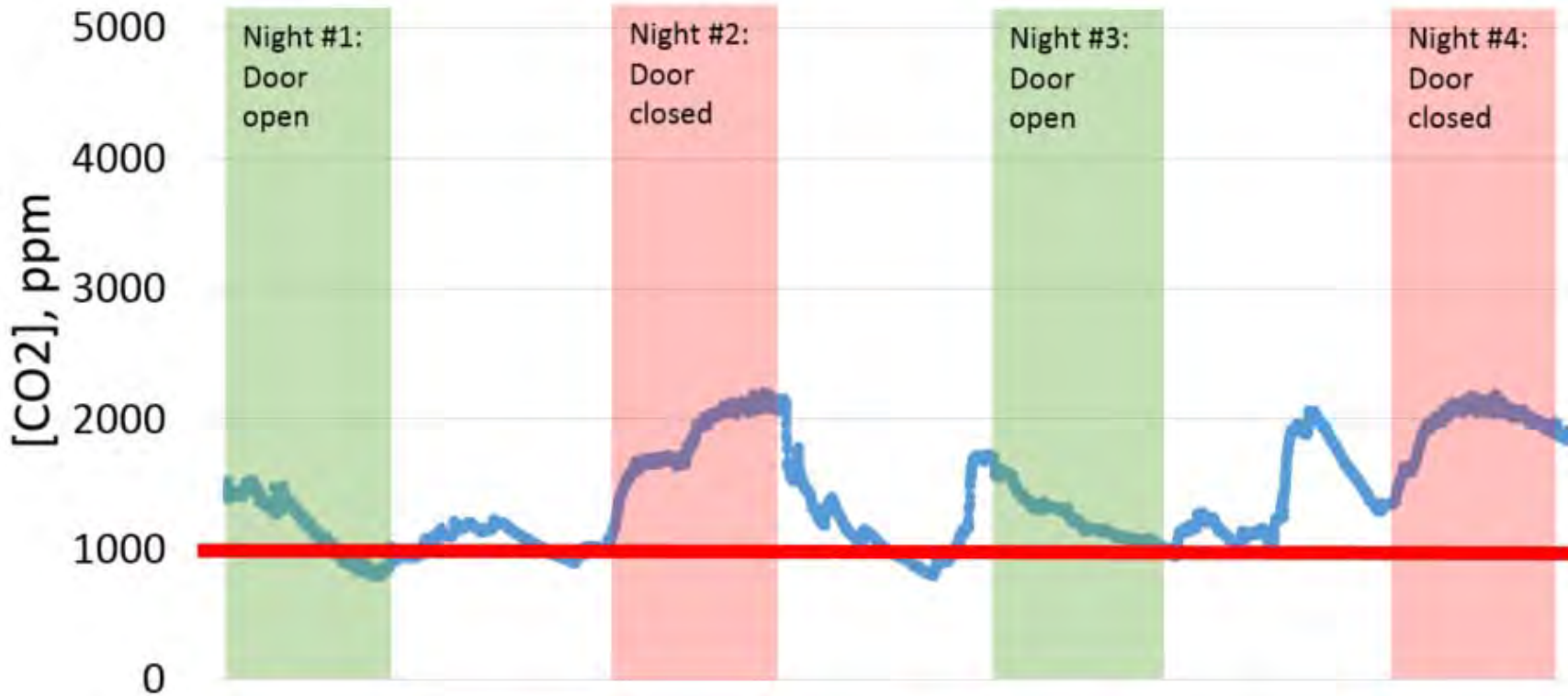


*1 bath on manual switch (master bath), 1 bath runs continuous

Home 8

Location: Jericho, VT
Dates: 21-25 Dec 2016
Type: Single family detached

ACH50	2.76
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>without</u> automatic controls
Occupants (avg)	2
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	1416
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	No*
Year built/substantial reno	1990
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	1721
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	2192



*Boiler plus CCHP and gas fireplace

Home 9

Location: Shelburne, VT
Dates: 26-30 Dec 2016
Type: Single family detached

ACH50	3.03
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>without</u> automatic controls
Occupants (avg)	2
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	2240
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	No
Year built/substantial reno	2009
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	966
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	2662



Home 10

Location: Burlington, VT
Dates: 27-31 Jan 2017
Type: Single family attached

ACH50	4.63
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>with</u> automatic controls*
Occupants (avg)	1
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	1230
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	Yes, CCHP
Year built/substantial reno	1890
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	1310
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	1614



*4h/day (12:30-4:30pm)

Home 11

Location: South Burlington, VT
Dates: 6-10 Feb 2017
Type: Single family detached

ACH50	4.58
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>without</u> automatic controls
Occupants (avg)	1.5
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	1058
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	Yes, furnace
Year built/substantial reno	1964
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	1068
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	1401



Home 12

Location: Milton, VT
Dates: 10-14 Feb 2017
Type: Single family detached

ACH50	2.81
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>without</u> automatic controls
Occupants (avg)	2.5
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	1736
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	Yes, furnace
Year built/substantial reno	2005
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	1199
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	2305



Home 13

Location: Burlington, VT
Dates: 14-18 Feb 2017
Type: Single family detached

ACH50	1.51
Ventilation strategy	HRV*
Occupants (avg)	2
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	1932
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	Yes, furnace
Year built/substantial reno	2015
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	1615
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	1473

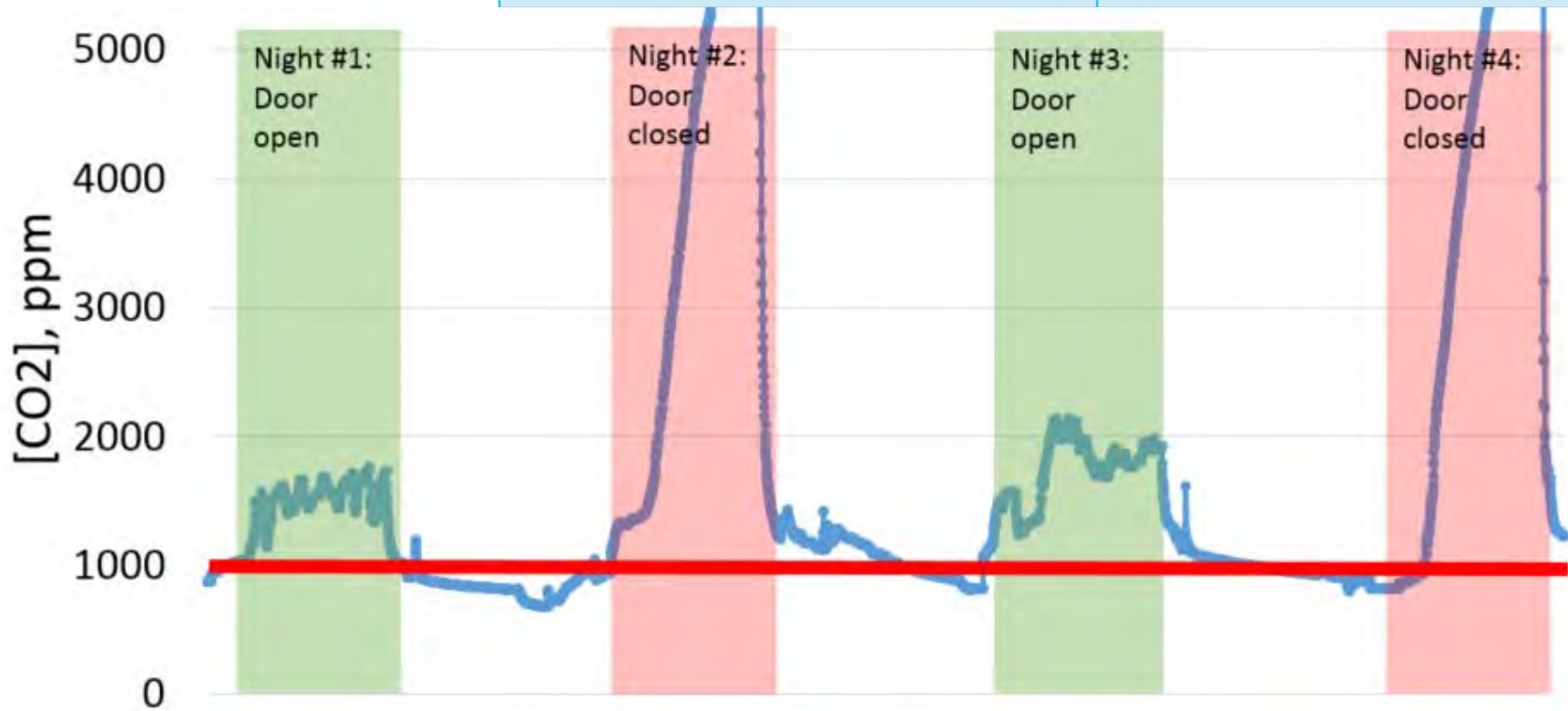


*Continuous

Home 14

Location: Burlington, VT
Dates: 20-24 Feb 2017
Type: Single family detached

ACH50	5.54
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>without</u> automatic controls
Occupants (avg)	2.5
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	1456
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	No
Year built/substantial reno	1970
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	2133
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	5500



Home 15

Location: Colchester, VT
Dates: 28 Feb - 4 Mar 2017
Type: Single family attached

ACH50	3.49
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>with</u> automatic controls*
Occupants (avg)	2
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	1482
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	No
Year built/substantial reno	1990
Max [CO2], door open nights (ppm)	1719
Max [CO2], door closed nights (ppm)	2517

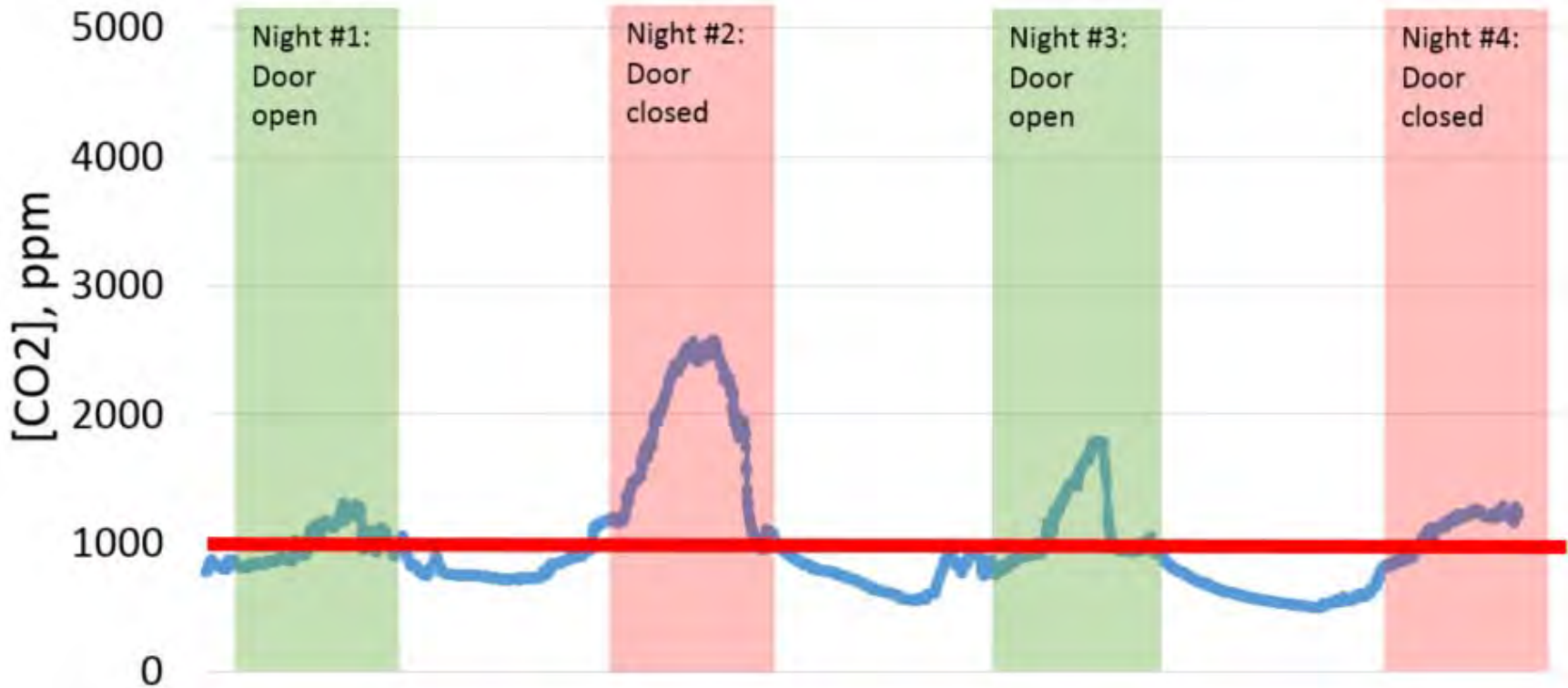


*5 minutes every hour

Home 16

Location: Essex, VT
Dates: 6-10 Mar 2017
Type: Single family detached

ACH50	4.30
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>without</u> automatic controls*
Occupants (avg)	2
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	1755
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	No
Year built/substantial reno	1978
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	1790
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	2571



*Loosely speaking: occupancy/humidity sensor with 10-minute timer

Home 17

Location: Waitsfield, VT
Dates: 20-24 Mar 2017
Type: Single family detached

ACH50	1.82
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>with</u> automatic controls*
Occupants (avg)	2
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	1623
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	No
Year built/substantial reno	1976
Max [CO2], door open nights (ppm)	1631
Max [CO2], door closed nights (ppm)	2542

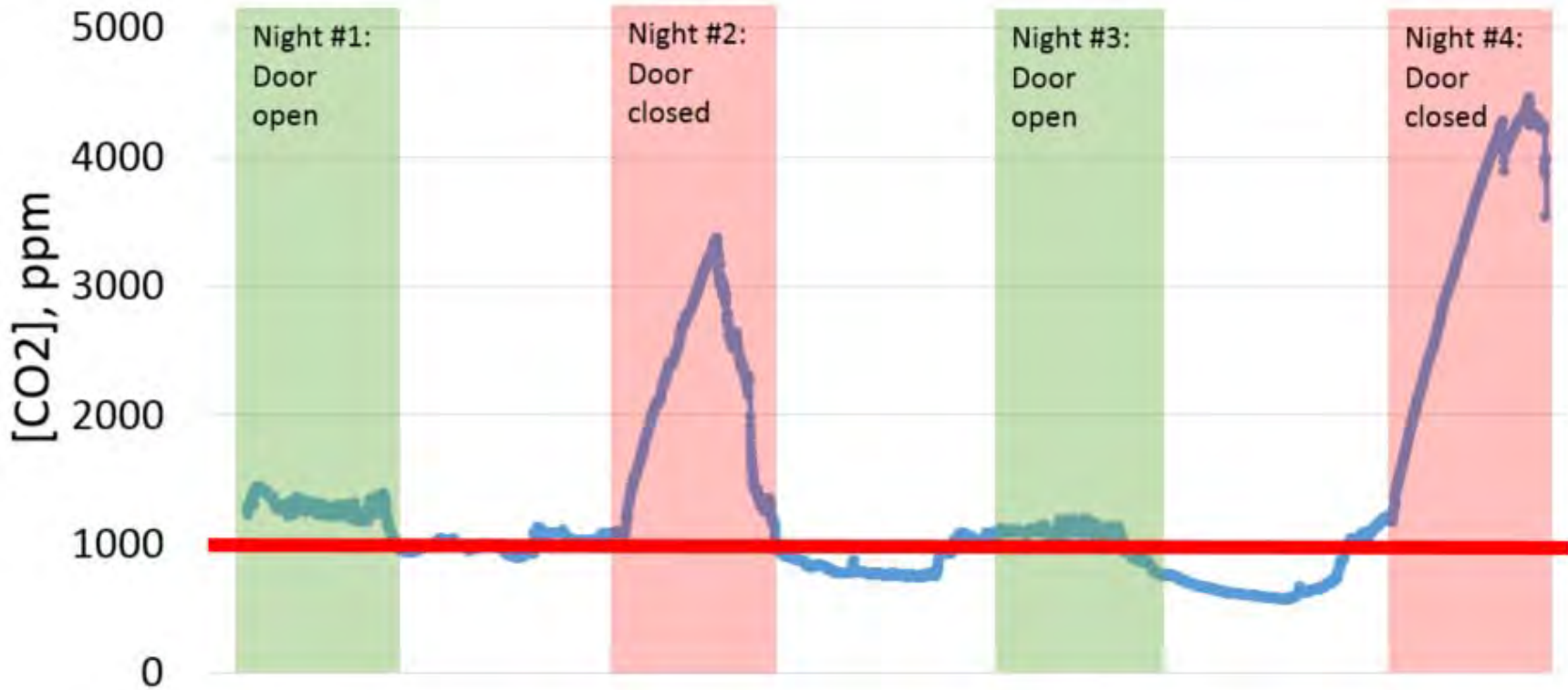


*(2) EOV fans run 5min/hr

Home 18

Location: South Burlington, VT
Dates: 24-28 Mar 2017
Type: Single family detached

ACH50	5.22
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>without</u> automatic controls*
Occupants (avg)	2.5
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	1144
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	No
Year built/substantial reno	1968
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	1451
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	4450



*Occupancy sensors only

Home 19

Location: Georgia, VT
Dates: 3-7 Apr 2017
Type: Single family detached

ACH50	2.28
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>with</u> automatic controls*
Occupants (avg)	2.5
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	1750
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	No
Year built/substantial reno	2001
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	1667
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	2778



*Pin timer, 3-5am, 7-8am, 9-10am, 1-2pm, 9pm-1am (1 of 3 baths only, others manual)

Home 20

Location: Burlington, VT
Dates: 7-11 Apr 2017
Type: Single family detached

ACH50	5.64
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>with</u> automatic controls*
Occupants (avg)	2.5
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	2464
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	Yes, CCHP
Year built/substantial reno	1956
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	2123
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	3069

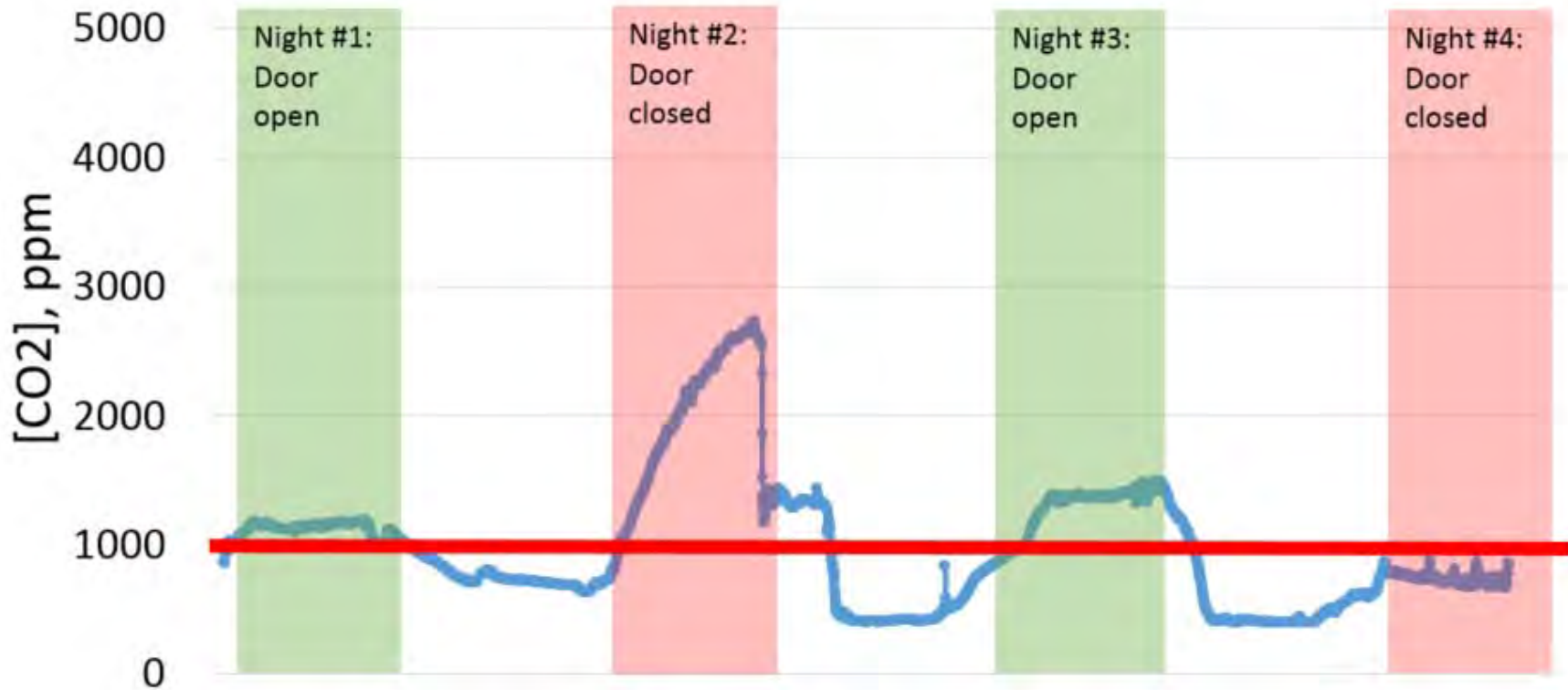


*Runs 6:30am-2:30pm

Home 21

Location: Shelburne, VT
Dates: 13-17 Apr 2017
Type: Single family detached

ACH50	1.95
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>without</u> automatic controls
Occupants (avg)	2
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	1452
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	No*
Year built/substantial reno	1989
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	1496
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	2734

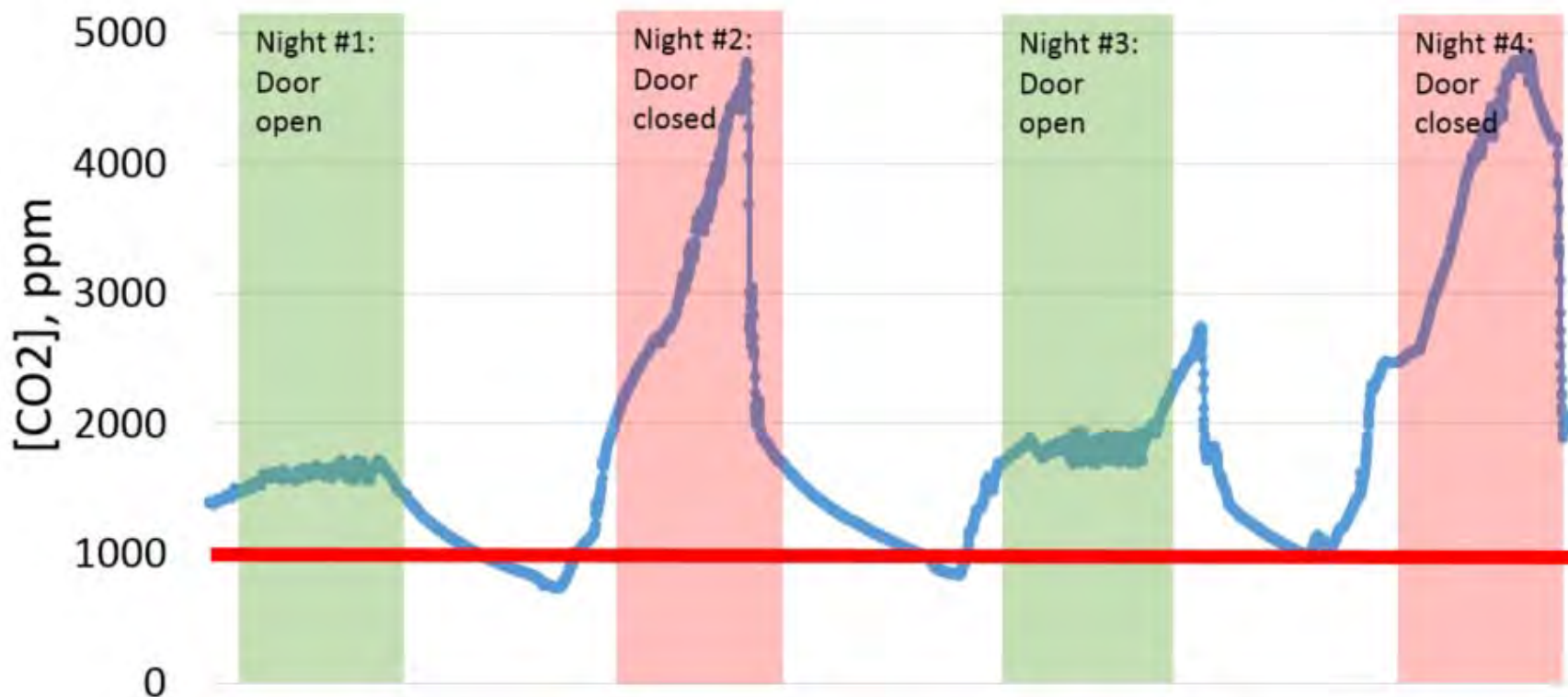


*Forced air furnace, but rarely used (home heated with wood stove)

Home 22

Location: Cambridge, VT
Dates: 19-23 Apr 2017
Type: Single family detached

ACH50	3.40
Ventilation strategy	EOV, <u>without</u> automatic controls
Occupants (avg)	2.5
Bedroom volume (ft ³)	1432
Mechanically moved air (heat)?	Yes*
Year built/substantial reno	2009
Max [CO ₂], door open nights (ppm)	2477
Max [CO ₂], door closed nights (ppm)	4844



*Pellet stove with distribution via (non-ducted) floor vents