An Updated International Survey of Computer Models for Fire and Smoke

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ABSTRACT: In 1992, a comprehensive survey of computer models for fire and smoke was conducted at the request of the Forum for International Cooperation on Fire Research. This study serves as an update to that work. One hundred sixty eight computer modeling programs for fire and smoke from several countries were identified and categorized. The developers were contacted and given an opportunity to supply information about their particular model via an electronic survey. The results of the survey will be made available on the internet at www.firemodelsurvey. com. A discussion of the categories of computer fire models is included, followed by lists of the identified models.

KEY WORDS: modeling, computer fire models, model survey, model database, computational fluid dynamics, CFD.

INTRODUCTION

IN 1992, FRIEDMAN [1] conducted a survey of computer fire models for the Forum for International Cooperation on Fire Research. This survey was widely published and offered a source of information on many computer fire models. The original survey work identified 74 computer-modeling programs, and outlined their use in the fire engineering profession.

In the ten years since the original survey paper was published, computer modeling of fire and smoke transport has become a more accepted practice. Increased use of computer modeling is due to a greater database of fire knowledge that has become available in the last ten years from research and

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experimentation as well as from more-sophisticated computer resources allowing for improved and faster computation methods to be employed. This increased use of modeling is also attributable to the move towards performance-based building codes in the United States and other countries. Instead of using a prescriptive building code, engineers now can design for egress of building occupants in unique geometries under varying fire conditions.

Due to the growth in the use of computer modeling, most of the computer programs listed in the original survey have been updated in the last 10 years. Furthermore, numerous new models have been developed. Hence, an updated list of available computer models for fire and smoke transport is warranted. The goals of this project were to:

- (1) Update the survey information of the models identified in the original survey.
- (2) Identify and survey new models developed since the original survey.
- (3) Include supplementary information about the models including contact information, availability, price, and additional references in response to a letter to the editor suggestion [135].
- (4) Provide a logical categorization of computer modeling programs, and include a description of each category.
- (5) Post the full, categorized results of the model survey on the Internet, allowing access of these results to the entire engineering community.
- (6) Create a mechanism to update the survey periodically. This will allow ample time for model development, while not allowing the database to become outdated.

The categories chosen for computer fire models include zone models, field models, detector response, fire endurance, egress, and miscellaneous. The miscellaneous category includes models that have characteristics covering several of the categories, making it difficult to be placed in a single category, or models that have unique capabilities which do not allow them to be categorized anywhere else. These categories are similar to those in the original survey [1] and to those outlined by Hunt [2], who provides a general description of each category.

THE SURVEY

While the original survey was intended to provide basic information about each model, this new survey is intended to provide a comprehensive index of models, and reference information for the model descriptions and background. The survey is not intended to be the sole informational source for a particular model, but instead will provide enough information so that readers can decide if a model may meet their needs. Then, readers can review the references listed or contact the developer to obtain more detailed information.

The original survey of computer fire models [1] provided the following information:

- (a) Model name
- (b) Short description
- (c) Modelers, Organizations
- (d) References
- (e) Availability
- (f) Hardware
- (g) Language
- (h) Size
- (i) Detailed description

This information provided a logical presentation of capabilities and critical data on each computer model. The current survey is modeled after Friedman [1], with some changes and additions:

- (1) The version number of the model is to be given. The reader will then know to what version the survey refers and whether the reader is working with an older or more recent version of the model.
- (2) A classification is provided as part of the model survey (i.e., zone model, field model, etc.)
- (3) Three types of references are requested: user's guide, technical references, and validation references.
- (4) The cost of purchasing the model is to be given. While many models may be available, it is essential to know if the model is affordable, as well as if special prices are available for students or researchers.
- (5) Contact information for the developer, or person in charge of maintaining the model is requested. The contact information provides the user a point of contact for further information.

A survey form encompassing all of the original and new information elements was then developed. Appendix A is a sample completed survey form for the NIST zone model FAST/CFAST. Complete results from the survey are available only on the internet at www.firemodelsurvey.com. In a number of cases, no updated survey information was obtained. This introduced gaps of information on some models in the database. When possible, these gaps were filled by using the original survey data. It is the intent of the authors to maintain and update this database. Hence, as other model surveys are submitted, they will be included in future updates.

THE MODELS

Before the model survey was created, the fire engineering community was polled to identify computer models for fire and smoke. The models identified by the fire engineering community were combined with those listed in the original survey, as well as others found in assorted fire modeling literature to develop a complete list of known fire models. These models were then categorized, and a survey form was sent to developers or known points of contact to collect more information about each model.

Availability of a model was found to be an important area of interest in the engineering community. It was decided that all models should be included in the database even if the model is unavailable, outdated, or not maintained. The reason for inclusion of these models was that while newer, more sophisticated and better maintained models may be available, previous research work may involve older, now outdated and no longer maintained, and possibly unavailable models. The database with the inclusion of these models will provide researchers with a source that describes the characteristics of these older, no longer maintained, or unavailable models.

A description of the overall model identification and categorization is provided below:

Zone Models

A zone model is a computer program that predicts the effects of the development of a fire inside a relatively enclosed volume. In most applications, the volume is not totally enclosed as doors, windows, and vents are usually included in the calculation. Zone models for compartments have been developed for both single-room and multiroom configurations.

The 'zonal' approach theory to modeling plume and layer development in confined spaces was applied to fires by several groups in the 1970s, e.g. Zukoski [3]. The 'zonal' approach divides the area of interest into a number of uniform zones, that when combined, describe the area of interest as a whole [4]. Within each of these zones, the pertinent conservation laws (i.e. mass and energy), in the form of mathematical equations describing the conditions of interest, are solved [4]. The 'zonal' approach for an enclosure fire usually divides an enclosure into two distinct zones: the hot upper smoke layer and the lower layer of cooler air. The plume acts as an enthalpy pump between the lower layer and the hot upper smoke layer. In reality, depending on the room size and heat release rate of the fire, there is no perfectly defined 'interface' between the hot upper smoke layer and lower layer and the hot upper smoke layer is not an uniform temperature (as higher temperatures are observed closer to the fire and plume); however, the

use of two uniform zones allows for reasonable approximations of the development of a fire in an enclosure under many conditions.

Since the original survey [1], only a few new zone models (approximately 20) have been identified. While many of the models identified in the original survey have been improved, the basic zonal approach has been studied thoroughly and, therefore, the opportunities to develop a novel zone model are limited.

Table 1 lists the zone models which have been identified for the model survey.

Field Models

Field models, like zone models, are used to model fire development inside a compartment or a series of compartments. While a zone model divides the compartment into two zones, and solves the conservation equations (i.e., mass, energy, and momentum) within these zones, a field model divides the compartment into a large number (on the order of thousands) of control volumes and solves the conservation equations inside each control volume. This allows for a more detailed solution compared to zone models. Because there are more than two uniform zones, a field model can be appropriate for more complex geometries where two zones do not accurately describe the fire phenomenon. They can also be used for fires outside of compartments, such as large outdoor fuel tank fires [136].

While field models provide very detailed solutions, they require detailed input information, and usually require more computing resources in order to model the fire. This can create a costly time delay in obtaining a solution while zone models usually provide a solution more quickly.

In this study, nearly twice as many field models were identified than that in the original survey. This trend of increasingly growing numbers of field models stems from improved computer hardware which allows for faster, more complex computational techniques.

Table 2 lists the field models which have been identified for the model survey.

Detector Response Models

Detector response models predict primarily the time to activation of an initiating device. While most of these models predict the response of a thermal detector, sprinkler, or fusible link to a fire-induced flow, a few calculate the response of a smoke detector.

Typically, these models utilize the zonal approach to calculate smoke and heat transport, but utilize submodels to determine the response of the

Table 1. Identified zone models for compartments.

Model	Country	Identifying Reference	Description
ARGOS ASET	DENMARK US	[8] [9]	Multicompartment zone model One room zone model with no
ASET-B BRANZFIRE	US NEW ZEALAND	[10] [11]	ventilation ASET in Basic instead of Fortran Multiroom zone model, including flame spread, multiple fires, and
BRI-2	JAPAN/US	[12]	mechanical ventilation Two-layer zone model for multistory, multicompartment smoke transport
CALTECH CCFM.VENTS	US	[117] [13]	Preflashover zone model Multi-room zone model with ventilation
CFAST/FAST	US	[14]	Zone model with a suite of correlation programs-CFAST is the solver, FAST is a front-end
CFIRE-X	GERMANY	[15]	Zone model for compartment fires, particularly liquid hydrocarbon pool fires
CiFi COMPBRN-III COMF2	FRANCE US US	[16] [17] [18]	Multiroom zone model Compartment zone model Single room postflashover
DACFIR-3 DSLAYV FASTlite FFM FIGARO-II	US SWEDEN US US GERMANY	[44] [19] [20] [116] [21]	compartment model Zone model for an aircraft cabin Single compartment zone model Feature limited version of CFAST Preflashover zone model Zone model for determining
FIRAC	US	[22]	untenability Uses FIRIN, includes complex vent systems
FireMD FIREWIND	US AUSTRALIA	[121] [23]	One room, two zone model Multiroom zone model with several smaller submodels (update of FIRECALC)
FIRIN	US	[24]	Multiroom zone model with ducts, fans, and filters
FIRM FIRST	US US	[118] [25]	Two zone, single compartment model One room zone model, includes ventilation
FMD HarvardMarkVI HEMFAST HYSLAV	US US US SWEDEN	[26] [27] [28] [113]	Zone fire model for atria Earlier version of FIRST Furniture fire in a room Preflashover zone model

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Table 1. Continued.

Model	Country	Identifying Reference	Description
IMFE	POLAND	[29]	Single compartment zone model with vents
MAGIC	FRANCE	[30]	Two-zone model for nuclear power stations
MRFC	GERMANY	[31]	Multiroom zone model for calculation of smoke movement and temperature load on structures
NAT	FRANCE	[32]	Single compartment zone model with attention to response of structures
NBS	US	[112]	Preflashover zone model
NRCC1	CANADA	[33]	Single compartment zone model
NRCC2	CANADA	[34]	Large office space zone model
OSU	US	[35]	Single compartment zone model
Ozone	BELGIUM	[36]	Zone model with attention to response of structures
POGAR	RUSSIA	[37]	Single compartment zone model
RADISM	UK	[38]	Zone model incorporating an immersed ceiling jet within the buoyant layer, sprinklers, and vents
RFIRES	US	[115]	Preflashover zone model
R-VENT	NORWAY	[39]	Single room smoke ventilation zone model
SFIRE-4	SWEDEN	[40]	Postflashover zone model
SICOM	FRANCE	[41]	Single compartment zone model
SMKFLW	JAPAN	[42]	One-layer zone model for smoke transport in buildings
SmokePro	AUSTRALIA	[122]	Single compartment smoke layer interface position zone model
SP	UK	[114]	Preflashover zone model
WPI-2	US	[43]	Single compartment zone model
WPIFIRE	US	[124]	Mufti-room zone model
ZMFE	POLAND	[29]	Single compartment zone model

These models have been identified by the authors, but no references or survey information was provided: CISNV (Russia), Firepro (UK), FLAMES (France).

thermal elements in the detectors to the heat and flow field. The inputs to the submodels are usually the characteristics of the thermal element (such as RTI and activation temperature), location of the thermal element, and the heat release rate of the fire. For some of the more sophisticated detection zone models, details such as compartment geometry and building material characteristics are required.

The model then uses simplified modeling of the fire and calculates the heat transfer at the thermal element to determine the time to activation.

Table 2. Identified field models.

		Identifying	
Model	Country	Reference	Description
ALOFT-FT	US	[45]	Smoke movement from large outdoor fires
CFX	UK	[46]	General purpose CFD software, applicable to fire and explosions
FDS	US	[47]	Low Mach number CFD code specific to fire-related flows
FIRE	AUSTRALIA	[48]	CFD model with water sprays and coupled to solid/liquid phase fuel to predict burning rate and extinguishment
FLUENT	US	[133]	General purpose CFD software
JASMINE	UK	[49]	Field model for predicting consequences of fire to evaluate design issues (based on PHOENICS)
KAMELEON FireEx	NORWAY	[50]	CFD model for fire linked to a finite element code for thermal response of structures
KOBRA-3D	GERMANY	[51]	CFD for smoke spread and heat transfer in complex geometries
MEFE	PORTUGAL	[52]	CFD model for one or two compartments, includes time-response of thermocouples
PHOENICS	UK	[53]	Multipurpose CFD code
RMFIRE	CANADA	[54]	Two-dimensional field model for the transient calculation of smoke movement in room fires
SMARTFIRE	UK	[55]	Fire field model
SOFIE	UK/SWEDEN	[56]	Fire field model
SOLVENT	US	[125]	CFD model for smoke and heat transport in a tunnel
SPLASH	UK	[57]	Field model describing interaction of sprinkler sprays with fire gases
STAR-CD	UK	[58]	General purpose CFD software
UNDSAFE	US/JAPAN	[59]	Fire field model for use in open spaces, or in enclosures

These models have been identified by the authors, but no references or survey information was provided: FLOTRAN (US), STREAM (Japan), VESTA (France).

Care should be taken in selecting the proper model as some are valid only for flat ceilings, while others are valid only for unconfined ceilings. These factors limit the applicability of each model.

Since the original survey [1], a few new detection models have been developed. There also have not been many improvements in the detection models

Model	Country	Identifying Reference	Description
DETACT-QS	US	[78]	Calculates thermal detector activation time under unconfined ceilings, arbitrary fire
DETACT-T2	US	[79]	Calculates thermal detector activation time under unconfined ceilings, t^2 fire
G-JET	NORWAY	[80]	Smoke detection model
JET	US	[81]	Zone model with particular attention to fusible links of sprinklers and vents
LAVENT	US	[82]	Zone model with particular attention to fusible links of sprinklers and vents
PALDET	FINLAND	[83]	Response of sprinklers and fire detectors under an unconfined ceiling
SPRINK	US	[123]	Sprinkler response for high-rack storage fires
TDISX	US	[84]	Warehouse sprinkler response

Table 3. Identified detector response models.

These models have been identified by the authors, but no references or survey information was provided: HAD (US).

identified in the original survey. This trend is due to the fact that detector response, particularly thermal detector response, is a well-known phenomenon that is already modeled fairly accurately by the current models. A growing number of field models also allow for smoke and thermal detection.

Table 3 lists the detector response models identified for the survey.

Egress Models

Egress models predict the time for occupants of a structure to evacuate. A number of egress models are linked to zone models, which will determine the time to the onset of untenable conditions in a building, but there are also stand-alone versions available. Egress models are often used in performance-based design analyses for alternative design code compliance and for determining where congestion areas will develop during egress.

Many of these models are quite sophisticated, offering unique computational methods, as well as interesting features including the psychological effects of fire on occupants due to the effect of smoke toxicity and decreasing visibility [5,6]. Many of these models also have useful graphical features so the movement of people in a building can be visualized during a simulation.

Approximately four times as many egress models have been identified in this work than were identified in the original survey [1]. This trend is again due to the fact that improved computer resources allow egress models to be created for more complex geometries involving the movement of larger groups of people. This trend is also due to the move that has been made or is being made towards performance-based design of buildings and therefore the evacuation of occupants through unique geometries and varying fire scenarios must be considered.

Table 4 lists the egress models which have been identified for the model survey.

Table 4. Identified egress models.

	Identifying				
Model	Country	Reference	Description		
Allsafe ASERI	NORWAY GERMANY	[101] [102]	Egress model including human factors Movement of people in complex		
buildingEXODUS	UK	[6]	geometries, including behavioral response to smoke and fire spread Evacuation model that includes interactions for thousands of people in large geometries		
EESCAPE	AUSTRALIA	[103]	Evacuation of multistory buildings via staircases		
EGRESS	UK	[104]	Cellular automata evacuation of multiple people through complex geometries. Includes visualization		
EgressPro	AUSTRALIA	[122]	Egress program that includes coping times and sprinkler–detector activations		
ELVAC	US	[105]	Egress program for use of elevators for evacuation		
EVACNET 4	US	[106]	Determines optimal building evacuation plan		
EVACS	JAPAN	[107]	Evacuation model for determining optimal design		
EXIT89 EXITT	US US	[108] [5]	Evacuation from a high-rise building Node and arc type egress model with people behavior included		
PATHFINDER SEVE-P	US FRANCE	[129] [109]	Egress model Egress model with graphical output		
Simulex	UK	[110]	that includes obstructions Coordinate-based egress model which models evacuation in multistory buildings		
STEPS WAYOUT	UK AUSTRALIA	[130] [111]	Egress model Egress part of the FireWind suite of programs		

These models have been identified by the authors, but no references or survey information was provided: BFIRE II, BGRAF, ERM, ESCAPE, Magnetic Simulation, PEDROUTE, Takahashi's Fluid Model, VEGAS (UK).

Fire Endurance Models

Fire endurance models simulate the response of building structural elements to fire exposure. Some of these models are stand-alone, while others are incorporated into zone or field models. The concept of fire endurance models is the same as that of the field models. The structural object is divided into smaller volumes, and the equations for thermal heat transfer and mechanical behavior for solids are solved to determine when the structure will fail. Typically, the material properties are required input for the model as well as the boundary conditions (i.e., the fire exposure) for the structural element.

These models can be very useful for determining when a beam or column will deform or fail, and for solving for a temperature versus time curve at a certain depth inside the structural element. Since many structural elements are constructed differently, have different features, and have different practical applications, care must be used in selecting a model that properly characterizes the structural element.

The number of fire endurance models identified in this survey has increased by a factor of two as compared to the earlier survey [1]. This trend is again due to improved computer resources, allowing more complete and complex finite element calculations to be conducted on structural elements. Also, the trend towards performance-based design has led to more model creation for structural elements.

Table 5 lists the fire endurance models identified for the model survey.

Miscellaneous Models

The models which are not appropriate for one of the previous categories or have features which fulfill more than one of the other categories have been termed miscellaneous. Many of these models are computer programs which contain many submodels and therefore can be used for several of the categories listed above. These are suites of programs which have several separate models which each address an individual aspect of fire and are contained in one computer package. Others are programs which model unique aspects of fires such as radiation or risk.

The number of these types of fire modeling programs has also increased substantially since the earlier survey was compiled. The models in this category can address such a wide variety of fire engineering subjects that their growth possibility is endless.

Table 6 lists the models termed miscellaneous identified for the model survey.

Table 5. Identified fire endurance models.

Model	Country	Identifying Reference	Description
CEFICOSS	BELGIUM	[132]	Fire resistance model
CIRCON	CANADA	[85]	Fire resistance of loaded, reinforced concrete columns with a circular cross section
CMPST	FRANCE	[127]	Mechanical resistance of sections at elevated temperatures
COFIL	CANADA	[86]	Fire resistance of loaded circular hollow steel columns filled with plain concrete
COMPSL	CANADA	[87]	Temperatures of multilayer slabs during exposure to fire
FIRES-T3	US	[88]	Finite element heat transfer for 1-, 2-, or 3-D conduction
HSLAB	SWEDEN	[89]	Transient temperature development in a heated slab composed of one or several materials
INSTAI	CANADA	[90]	Fire resistance of insulated, circular hollow steel columns
INSTCO	CANADA	[90]	Fire resistance of insulated, circular concrete-filled tubular steel columns
LENAS	FRANCE	[127]	Mechanical behavior of steel structures exposed to fire
RCCON	CANADA	[91]	Fire resistance of loaded reinforced concrete columns with rectangular cross sections
RECTST	CANADA	[92]	Fire resistance of insulated rectangular steel columns
SAFIR	BELGIUM	[93]	Transient and mechanical analysis of structures exposed to fire
SAWTEF	US	[94]	Structural analysis of metal-plate connected wood trusses exposed to fire
SISMEF	FRANCE	[127]	Mechanical behavior of steel and concrete composite structures exposed to fire
SQCON	CANADA	[95]	Fire resistance of square reinforced concrete columns
STA	UK	[126]	Transient conduction in heated solid objects
TASEF	SWEDEN	[96]	Finite element method for temperature analysis of structures exposed to fire
TCSLBM	CANADA	[97]	Two dimensional temperature distributions for fire-exposed concrete slab/beam assemblies
THELMA	UK	[98]	Finite-element code for thermal analysis of building components in fire

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Table 5. Continued.

Model	Country	Identifying Reference	Description
TR8	NEW ZEALAND	[99]	Fire resistance of concrete slabs and floor systems
WSHAPS	CANADA	[100]	Fire resistance of loaded, protected W-shape steel columns

These models have been identified by the authors, but no references or survey information was provided: ABAQUS (US), ALGOR (US), ANSYS (US), COSMOS/M (US), FASBUS, LUSAS (UK), NASTRAN (US), TAS (US), VULCAN (UK), WALL2D (Canada).

Table 6. Identified miscellaneous models.

Model	Country	Identifying Reference	Description
ALARM	US	[60]	Economic optimization of code compliance measures
ASCOS	US	[61]	Network air flow analysis
ASKFRS	UK	[134]	Suite of models including a zone model
ASMET	US	[62]	Package of engineering tools for analysis of atria smoke management
BREAK1	US	[119]	Window response to fire (glass breakage)
Brilliant	NORWAY	[128]	CFD model combined with analytical models
CONTAMW	US	[63]	Airflow model
CRISP	UK	[64]	Fire zone model with egress and risk assessment
FIERAsystem	CANADA	[65]	Risk assessment model that includes a suite of correlations
FireCad	US	[129]	Front end for CFAST
FIRECAM	CANADA	[66]	Risk damage assessment
FIRESYS	NEW ZEALAND	[131]	Suite of programs for designers working under performance-based fire codes
FireWalk	US	[67]	Uses CFAST zone model with improved visualization
FIREX	GERMANY	[68]	Simple zone models mixed with empirical correlations
FIVE	US	[120]	Fire induced vulnerability evaluation
FPETOOL	US	[69]	Suite of models and correlations including the zone model fire simulator
FRAME	BELGIUM	[70]	Fire risk assessment model
FriskMD	US	[121]	Risk-based version of zone model FireMD

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Model

MFIRE

RadPro

RiskPro

SMACS

SPREAD

UFSG

WALLEX

RISK-COST

SMOKEVIEW

HAZARD I

Computes the expected risk to life and the fire cost expectation

Smoke movement through air-conditioning systems

Visualization program for FDS

Predicts burning rate and spread rate of a fire ignited on a wall using data from bench-scale tests

Predicts upward flame spread and growth on non-charring and

Calculation of heat transfer from window fire plume to wall

Risk ranking model

charring materials

above window

Country	Identifying Reference	Description
US	[5]	Zone model with extensive egress capabilities
US ALISTRALIA	[71] [122]	Mine ventilation systems Fire radiation intensity model
US AUSTRALIA	[71] [122]	capabilities Mine ventilation systems Fire radiation intensity model

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CANADA

AUSTRALIA

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These models have been identified by the authors, but no references or survey information was provided: COFRA (US), DOW Indices (US), FREM (Australia), Risiko (Switzerland).

CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

The number of models identified by the fire engineering community has increased substantially over the last ten years. Of particular interest is the increase in available field and miscellaneous models. The field models are increasing in numbers and complexity due to increases in available computer resources, research, and practical knowledge. The miscellaneous models are increasing in numbers due to a greater, more accessible database of fire data. Therefore, computer fire modeling is moving in a trend to provide predictions that are more accurate, as well as predictions about fire phenomenon that previously no computer fire model addressed.

The database of survey results will be made available on the internet for free, at www.firemodelsurvey.com and will likely supplement another model survey being conducted currently by the International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB) which is surveying models on building performance, including fire performance [7]. It is the hope of the authors that the developers will continue to utilize the survey as a means of providing information about their model to the fire engineering community.

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APPENDIX A

Sample Survey Form

Model Name: FAST/CFAST

Version: 3.1.6

Classification: Zone Model

Very Short Description: A zone model to predict the environment in a

compartmented structure.

Modeler(s), Walter W. Jones, National Institute of

Organization(s): Standards and Technology.

User's Guide: A User's Guide for FAST: Engineering Tools for

Estimating Fire Growth and Smoke Transport, NIST Special Publication 921, 2000 Edition.

Technical References: A Technical Reference for CFAST: An Engi-

neering Tools for Estimating Fire Growth and Smoke Transport, NIST Technical Note 1431.

Validation References: (all of the following papers cite experimental

comparisons with the model):

A Comparison of CFAST Predictions to USCG Real-Scale Fire Tests, Journal of Fire Protection Engineering (in press).

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(2000).

Quantifying fire model evaluation using functional analysis, Fire Safety Journal 33 (1999),

167-184.

Availability:

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Fire Hazard Assessment Methodology,

NISTIR 5836 (1996).

Progress Report on Fire Modeling and Validation, NISTIR 5835 (1996).

Comparison of CFAST Predictions to Real Scale Fire Tests, Institut de Securite, Fire Safety Conference on Performance Based Concepts (1996).

Calculating Flame Spread on Horizontal and Vertical Surfaces, NISTIR 5392 (1994).

Modeling Smoke Movement Through Compartmented Structures, Journal of Fire Sciences, 11, 172 (1993).

Improvement in Predicting Smoke Movement in Compartmented Structures, Fire Safety Journal, 21, 269 (1993).

Verification of a Model of Fire and Smoke Transport, Fire Safety Journal 21, 89 (1993).

Available from http://fast.nist.gov/ or the

National Fire Protection Association (http://

www.nfpa.org).

Price: There is no cost from NIST for the download

or having the CD; NFPA distributes the CD together with printed documentation for

\$25.

Necessary Hardware: Intel architecture, running DOS 6.0 or later.

Runs under Windows 3.1, 95, 98 and 2000, but not NT. Versions are available for the Silicon

Graphics systems.

Computer Language: FORTRAN/C

Size: Approximately 10 MB of disk space, and 4MB

of RAM required.

Contact Information: Walter W. Jones, 301-975-6887, wwj@nist.gov

Detailed Description:

CFAST is the Consolidated Model of Fire Growth and Smoke Transport. It is the kernel of the zone fire models that are supported by BFRL. FAST and FASTLite are data editors and reporting tools which are "front" and "back" ends for the model CFAST. For additional details on the naming convention, please visit the web site http://fast.nist.gov/versionhistory.htm. There are a several data editors which have been developed elsewhere: FireCAD from the RJA Group and FireWalk through the University of California, Berkeley.

CFAST is a zone model and is used to calculate the evolving distribution of smoke, fire gases and heat throughout a constructed facility during a fire. In CFAST, each compartment is divided into two layers, and many zones for detailed interactions. The modeling equations used in CFAST take the mathematical form of an initial value problem for a system of ordinary differential equations (ODE). These equations are derived using the conservation of mass, the conservation of energy, the ideal gas law and relations for density and internal energy. These equations predict as functions of time quantities such as pressure, layer heights and temperatures given the accumulation of mass and enthalpy in the two layers. The CFAST model then solves of a set of ODEs to compute the environment in each compartment and a collection of algorithms to compute the mass and enthalpy source terms. The model incorporates the evolution of the species, such as carbon monoxide, which are important to the safety of individuals subjected to a fire environment.

Version 3.1.6 models up to 30 compartments, a fan and duct system for each compartment, 31 individual fires, up to one flame-spread object, multiple plumes and fires, multiple sprinklers and detectors, and the ten species considered most important in toxicity of fires including the effective fatal dose. The geometry includes variable area—height relations, ignition of multiple objects such as furniture, thermophysical and pyrolysis databases, multilayered walls, ignition through barriers and vents, wind, the stack effect, building leakage, and flow through holes in floor—ceiling connections. The distribution includes graphic and text report generators, a plotting package and a system for comparing many runs done for parameters

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