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focused approach to con	mputational modeling a	nd testing is need	ded to d	evelop a set of suggested
practices for the operation	onal integration of FFF	S and the EVS.	This doc	ument describes computer
modeling of the FFFS and	EVS. Included are valida	ation studies base	d on full-s	cale tests (Memorial Tunnel
and San Pedro de Anes	runnel tests) and param	eter studies for iol	ngitudinai	and transverse ventilation.
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ABBREVIATION	DETAIL
CFD	Computational Fluid Dynamics
DGV	Dangerous Goods Vehicle
DOE	Department of Energy
EVS	Emergency Ventilation System
FDS	Fire Dynamics Simulator
FFFS	Fixed Fire Fighting System(s)
FHRR	Fire Heat Release Rate
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
HGV	Heavy Goods Vehicle
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
PIARC	World Road Association
RH	Relative Humidity
SFPE	Society of Fire Protection Engineers
SOLIT	Safety of Life in Tunnels
U.S.	United States
1D	One-Dimensional

SUMMARY

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is researching the use of fixed fire fighting systems (FFFS) in road tunnels. The objective of this project is to identify and address the current industry's ability to adequately consider the operational integration of highway tunnel emergency ventilation systems (EVS) with the installed fixed fire fighting system (FFFS), and to then develop a set of suggested practices on the integration of FFFS and the EVS. The technical approach to this research project is divided into the following five distinct tasks:

- 1. Literature survey and synthesis [1] (FWHA-HIF-20-016)
- 2. Workplans and workshops: Industry workshop and report (including computer modeling and testing workplans) [2] (FHWA-HIF-20-060)
- 3. Computer modeling research
- 4. Physical testing
- 5. Research report and suggested practices

This report summarizes the computer modeling research.

- Chapter 2 provides a validation study using the Memorial Tunnel test data. The computational fluid dynamics (CFD) software Fire Dynamics Simulator (FDS) is used, and results are compared with test data. The purpose of this study was to validate the ability of FDS to predict the tunnel environment during a fire with longitudinal ventilation active. Comparison with test data was made with similar results achieved, although a sensitivity of backlayering length to model grid resolution is noted, which is likely due to the tunnel friction varying with grid resolution. These tests and models did not include an FFFS.
- Chapter 3 provides a validation study based on 2011 tests in the San Pedro de Anes Tunnel. with an FFFS operational. The CFD models were compared with test data with similar results for temperature prediction downstream of the fire when the FFFS is operated. Some discrepancy between model and test for the radiation heat flux downstream of the fire was identified, with the CFD model tending to predict a larger peak heat flux.
- Chapter 4 looks at longitudinal smoke management including the velocity needed to control smoke (critical or confinement velocity) without and with an FFFS. Results using CFD are compared with published equations and similar order of magnitude results arrived at. The impact of the FFFS is also investigated and it is found that the FFFS reduces the longitudinal velocity needed. The result is compared with published equations for the impact of the FFFS.
- Chapter 5 provides an investigation of the interaction between longitudinal ventilation and FFFS for a range of parameters, including tunnel cross section, water application rate and FFFS drop diameter. Results confirmed that a smaller droplet diameter and increased water application rate lead to less smoke backlayering and a reduced confinement velocity.

- Chapter 6 and Chapter 7 provide parameter studies related to transverse ventilation. Interaction of water spray and transverse exhaust systems was investigated, and it was found that a distributed transverse exhaust system (many small ventilation slots) did not entrain much water into the exhaust air stream, but a single point exhaust did tend to draw water into the exhaust, thus reducing the amount of water reaching the roadway. Chapter 7 looks at the interactions between a transverse ventilation system with FFFS operating to provide insight into the influences of the EVS. The results show that the FFFS improves the efficiency of the transverse system, with overall smoke spread extent being reduced when using FFFS. The FFFS did cause some reduction in tenability in the zone of FFFS operation due to the water spray mixing smoke downward. However, this was confined to an area near to the fire when the FFFS was operating, and additional exhaust is not suggested as a remedy.
- Chapter 8 summarizes the results and discusses next steps. The first research hypothesis was that FFFS and EVS can be integrated, and EVS capacity optimized due to FFFS cooling. The second research hypothesis was that CFD can be used to help integrate the FFFS and EVS for varying system designs. Both hypotheses are supported by the results presented in the report.

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1 INTRODUCTION

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is currently researching the use of fixed fire fighting systems (FFFS) in road tunnels. The objective of this project is to identify and address the current industry's ability to adequately consider the operational integration of highway tunnel emergency ventilation systems (EVS) with installed FFFS, and to then develop a set of suggested practices on the integration of FFFS and EVS. The technical approach to this research project is divided into the following five distinct tasks:

- 1. Literature survey and synthesis [1] (FWHA-HIF-20-016).
- 2. Workplans and workshops: Industry workshop and report (including computer modeling and testing workplans) [2] (FHWA-HIF-20-060).
- 3. Computer modeling research.
- 4. Physical testing.
- 5. Research report and suggested practices.

This document is the report summarizing the computer modeling research.

1.1 Terminology

In the industry, numerous terms are used to describe EVS and FFFS in tunnels. The following descriptions are used herein.

Although a water mist system is technically a deluge sprinkler system (per NFPA 13 – note that use of NFPA standards in highway tunnels is voluntary and not a Federal requirement), in the tunnel industry, the terms for deluge system and water mist system have a subtle difference between their meaning. Per the World Road Association (PIARC) publication on FFFS in highway tunnels [3], the following terms are used throughout this document:

- The term **deluge system** refers to lower pressure large water droplet deluge systems (typical water pressures in the order 1 bar to 1.5 bar, droplet diameter in the order 1000 µm or greater).
- The term **water mist system** is associated with a deluge system that employs a high water pressure and special nozzles to generate a very small droplet diameter (typical pressures 16 bar to 60 bar, droplet diameter in the order 400 µm to 200 µm).
- Systems that employ frangible bulbs in the nozzles are referred to as **automatic sprinkler systems**.

Regarding sprinkler systems that employ **foam additives**, where this document refers to FFFS it implicitly refers to a water-only FFFS.

In a longitudinal ventilation system fans are used to generate air flow through the tunnel. Air is blown through the tunnel bore, therefore having one portal act as an inlet and the other an outlet; refer to Figure 1-1. Ventilation is typically achieved by jet fans installed in the tunnel ceiling space.



Figure 1-1: Longitudinal ventilation.

Critical velocity is a key design parameter for a longitudinal EVS. The methods used for predicting critical velocity in tunnels typically include semi-empirical equations [4] [5] and, in recent years, computational fluid dynamics (CFD) modeling [6]. Critical velocity is a function of input parameters including fire heat release rate (FHRR), tunnel geometry and tunnel slope.

Per NFPA 502, the following terms are used herein for backlayering and critical velocity [7]:

- **Backlayering** Movement of smoke and hot gasses counter to the direction of ventilation airflow.
- **Critical velocity** The minimum steady-state velocity of the ventilation airflow moving toward the fire, within a tunnel or passageway that is necessary to prevent backlayering at the fire site.

In this document the term **confinement velocity** is used to describe the steady-state velocity of the ventilation airflow moving toward the fire that is of a magnitude large enough to stop smoke movement upstream of the fire but not to prevent backlayering.

1.2 Literature Survey and Synthesis

Relevant to the basic goal of this research, the following key areas are identified in the literature survey and synthesis [1] for further investigation as part of the computer modeling and testing (laboratory and full-scale) efforts:

- **Critical velocity** Critical velocity is of interest because the ability to predict critical velocity when FFFS are operated is a fundamental input to an integrated EVS design. Existing equations have limited validity at high FHRRs. The goal for further investigation is to develop a validated and verified method of modeling tunnel fires to determine critical velocity with FFFS, and to extend the range of validity of existing equations.
- **Transverse ventilation** Transverse ventilation is of interest because many existing tunnels in the U.S. use a transverse ventilation system. Of concern is how smoke management in a transverse scheme is affected by the FFFS, as well as whether liquid water droplets can become entrained (drawn into) in the exhaust airflow and lower the effectiveness of the FFFS.

Most new tunnels in the U.S. are using a longitudinal EVS via the action of jet fans. The literature survey and synthesis described a design approach where a one-dimensional calculation is used to compute the fan thrust. As part of that review several key parts of the calculation where the FFFS have an impact were identified and are listed below:

- Fire heat release rate (FHRR) The impact of FFFS on the FHRR is well-established from full-scale tests. Measurements of FHRR (laboratory and full-scale testing) can provide useful additional data to further confirm the efficacy of the FFFS for a given water application rate and nozzle layout/type.
- **FFFS cooling of the combustion products** The ability of the FFFS to cool combustion products is well-established. Critical velocity research, modeling, and testing (measurement of temperatures) may provide additional data to further the knowledge in this area.
- Pressure loss (airflow resistance) due to fire Equations have been developed for pressure loss due to fire. Measurements of static pressure (laboratory and full-scale) upstream and downstream of the fire may provide useful additional data to further confirm validity of the equations and to understand the FFFS impacts.
- Pressure loss (airflow resistance) due to the FFFS (droplets and humidity) Measurements of pressure loss and humidity in the full-scale and laboratory scale tests may provide useful data for validation of analytical calculations. Cold flow measurements may provide useful data related to droplet drag.
- Friction losses introduced by FFFS pipework Measurements of pressure drop in the tunnel in the full-scale and laboratory scale tests with ventilation operating may provide useful data for validation of friction due to FFS pipework.
- Water droplet deflection due to the EVS Cold flow (no fire) measurements may provide useful data related to droplet drift (visualization) due to ventilation. Computer modeling for droplet drift may provide useful data for validation of a model to investigate transverse ventilation and droplet entrainment into a transverse ventilation system exhaust.
- **Tenability for egress and fire fighting –** The literature survey noted that the impact of FFFS on generation of carbon monoxide is such that the yield of CO is increased due to incomplete combustion. Measurement of CO is likely to provide useful data to help further verify this result. Measurement of irritant gas concentrations, although not a primary focus of this work, might provide useful additional data for future computer model development.

The workplans arising from the workshop report [2] outline the principal research hypotheses, approach and suggested modeling and testing to research the above topics.

1.3 Workshop Report – Research Hypotheses

The computer modeling workplan [2] is comprised of two components based on EVS operations. The first component looks at critical velocity and the impact on this with FFFS, and the second component looks at transverse ventilation. Principal hypotheses being investigated with this workplan are described below.

The first hypothesis is that FFFS and EVS can be integrated and EVS capacity optimized as a result of the cooling effects of the FFFS water spray. This hypothesis can be verified via measurement of the critical velocity for smoke control, pressure loss due to the FFFS water spray and impact of the EVS on water delivery. If the hypothesis is true, then the critical velocity should decrease due to the cooling. Additional airflow resistance introduced by the FFFS spray should be negligible with respect to other airflow resistance in the tunnel from items such as vehicles, wall friction, buoyancy, fire, and external wind. Finally, the EVS should not cause excessive water droplet drift as to cause a negative effect on water droplet delivery to the fire zone.

The second hypothesis (to be verified by computer modeling) is that CFD can be used to predict FFFS and EVS interaction for design integration. Integration combinations of FFFS and EVS include:

- Small and large water droplet systems.
- Varying water application rates and FFFS zone configurations.
- Longitudinal ventilation.
- Transverse ventilation.
- Single point exhaust.
- Varying tunnel geometry (area, perimeter, height, grade).

1.4 Outline of Report

The computational fluid dynamics (CFD) software, Fire Dynamics Simulator (FDS) was selected for the modeling [8]. FDS encompasses all the essential physics for modeling fire in a tunnel and the cooling effects from the FFFS. The models are to be based on *a priori* specified heat release rate with no fire suppression modeled, only cooling of combustion products. CFD models were planned to be conducted for validation purposes as follows:

- Prediction of the tunnel environment during a fire:
 - Memorial Tunnel (West Virginia) tests (no FFFS) [9] [10].
 - San Pedro de Anes tunnel (Spain) tests (with FFFS) [11].
- Prediction of the critical velocity:
 - NFPA 502 equations from the editions published in 2014 [12], 2017 [7] and 2020 [13]. The 2020 edition equations have recently been retracted and are under revision, but comparison is still informative for this research.
 - Ko's correlation (with FFFS) [14].

Once the approach is validated, a series of scenarios are to be analyzed to investigate the interaction between the EVS and FFFS. Chapter 2 provides a validation study using the Memorial Tunnel test data, Chapter 3 provides a validation study with FFFS operational, Chapter 4 looks into the velocity to control smoke and the impact of the FFFS, Chapter 5 provides an investigation

of the interaction between longitudinal ventilation and FFFS for a range of parameters, Chapter 6 provides an investigation of the interactions between ventilation and FFFS droplets, Chapter 7 looks at transverse ventilation, and Chapter 8 summarizes the results and discusses next steps.

2 CFD MODEL VALIDATION – MEMORIAL TUNNEL TESTS

A series of 95 physical fire tests were conducted in the Memorial Tunnel (located in West Virginia) in the 1990s [9] [10]. This project was a joint effort between FHWA, Massachusetts Department of Transportation and industry partners. The tests conducted with a longitudinal ventilation velocity applied are considered herein. Previous validation of CFD has occurred as part of the Memorial Tunnel work in the phase IV report [10]. The CFD model developed for that work (SOLVENT) did not include the ability to model the FFFS, and as such, a different CFD model is used for this work. The goal in this chapter is to validate the CFD approach for predicting the environment in a tunnel during a fire, without an FFFS operating. Model results are compared with test data available, primarily velocity and temperature profiles within the tunnel. The intent of this validation step is to have a basis on which to build for models that include the FFFS.

2.1 Overview

2.1.1 Memorial Tunnel Experiments

In the Memorial Tunnel fire tests, a series of 95 full-scale fire tests were performed covering multiple ventilation regimes including longitudinal, transverse, and natural ventilation. For this validation exercise, Memorial Tunnel fire tests 606A (nominal FHRR of 10 MW) and tests 611/612B (nominal FHRR of 50 MW), associated with longitudinal ventilation, are considered. Measurement data included temperature and velocity profiles upstream and downstream of the fire, and smoke spread extent. Full details of the tunnel and tests are provided in the reports [9] [10].

Tunnel geometry includes the cross section, length, and grade. Refer to Figure 2-1 for the tunnel cross section. Tunnel grade runs downward from north to south (smoke is always ventilated downgrade in the longitudinal ventilation tests), grade is a constant of 3.2 percent. The tunnel was approximately 854 m (2801 ft.) long.



Figure 2-1: Tunnel cross section for CFD analysis (Memorial Tunnel) (ID A).

The fire used a pan of fuel oil (number 2 fuel oil) to generate a heat release rate (HRR) ranging from 10 MW to 100 MW. A surface area of 4.46 m² (48 ft²) was estimated to produce a 10 MW HRR. Fire pans were set approximately 0.46 m (30 inches) from the tunnel floor. Fire proofing was applied to the walls near the fire site [9]. The centerline of the fire was approximately 615.5 m (2019 ft.) from the north portal. At the fire site the unobstructed tunnel cross sectional tunnel area was approximately 60.4 m^2 (650 ft^2), and the instrumentation was estimated to take up an area of approximately 10.2 m^2 (110 ft^2), thus giving a reduced area and higher velocity in the region of the fire [9]. Pans were correlated to FHRR approximately as follows: 50 MW used a 6.1 m by 3.7 m (20 ft. by 12 ft.) pan, 20 MW used a 3.7 m by 2.4 m (12 ft. by 8 ft.) pan, 10 MW used a 3.7 m by 1.2 m (4 ft. by 12 ft.) pan, and 30 MW used a 3.7 m by 3.7 m (12 ft. by 12 ft.) pan

Results are compared herein on a pseudo-steady basis, where models were run with a constant FHRR and upstream velocity. It was necessary to time-average test data based on a period of time when the FHRR and velocity were approximately constant. For test 606A, data were time-averaged from the comprehensive test report data (obtained from the temperature and velocity profiles provided as spreadsheet data with the test report CD-ROM [9] [15]) between 989 seconds and 1110 seconds. For test 612B the test data were time averaged between 839 and 959 seconds. For test 611 data were time averaged between 887 seconds and 1007 seconds. Comparisons with test data are made in U.S. units since the data were reported in these units; however, note that the CFD software uses SI units and thus some switching between units occurs when reporting inputs or outputs. Generally, SI units are used herein with conversions provided in the report or per the table provided at the start of this report.

2.1.2 CFD Models

CFD models were developed for a (nominal) 10 MW fire (test 606A) and a (nominal) 50 MW fire (test 611/612B). The goal of the models was to validate the CFD approach for modeling longitudinal ventilation and to test sensitivity to certain model parameters. Base case models were initially developed and then model set up parameters varied to test influence on results. Model parameters considered included the following:

- Upstream velocity magnitude and FHRR These are the key parameters for longitudinal smoke control and there was some uncertainty in the precise values that were applied in a given test. Sensitivity to these parameters was considered.
- Wall heat transfer There was an insulated region around the fire and the wall heat transfer in this region might have had an impact on the outcomes.
- Wall friction The tunnel was a concrete lined tunnel and there were numerous obstructions present, such as measurement instruments. The impact on these obstructions to flow resistance was investigated.
- Tunnel obstructions The obstructions in the tunnel for measurement stations created a large blockage, equivalent to about 17 percent of the cross section [9]. Sensitivity of the smoke control to these blockages was looked at.

- Turbulence model Turbulence models in the CFD software used, Fire Dynamics Simulator (FDS), are generally based on large eddy simulation [8] and there are some different options available to test, such as a dynamic sub-grid scale model.
- Fire representation Models with a mixing-controlled approach and a volumetric heat source were considered. The mixing-controlled approach is the default in FDS. A volumetric heat source was used in previous CFD models of the Memorial Tunnel tests [10].
- Grid resolution Dependence of the solution on grid resolution was considered.

The FHRR modeled varies between cases and it is set to match the test data as closely as possible. The goal was to run a CFD model that was representative of portion of the test where the FHRR and upstream velocity were approximately constant with respect to time, a pseduo-steady state. For the 10 MW (nominal) cases Table 2-2 provides data for test 606A; the FHRR modeled for this test is 10.2 MW with an upstream velocity of1.7 m/s. The FHRR was chosen for the 10 MW tests based on the maximum measured value. This was not initially considered to have any major affect on results due to the small (less than 1 MW) changes in FHRR observed for this test. For the 50 MW (nominal) cases Table 2-4 and Table 2-5 provide data for tests 611 and 612B; the FHRR modeled for this test is 47.2 MW (approximate mid value between minimium and maximum FHRR reported) and the upstream velocity is 2.5 m/s (approximate mid value between minimium and maximum FHRR reported). FHRR variation was larger for the 50 MW tests and sensitivity cases are considered for this case.

For fire parameters, heat of combustion 42.6 MJ/kg, radiation fraction 0.3, air to fuel ratio 14.5, soot yield 0.042 kg soot/kg fuel, carbon monoxide yield 0.012 kg CO/kg fuel, molecular weight of combustion products 28 kg/kmol [10].

Fire Dynamics Simulator (FDS) is used for the CFD modeling [8]. FDS encompasses the main physics associated with modeling fire in a tunnel and the cooling effects from the FFFS. The CFD models use a fixed velocity from upstream of the fire. CFD model parameters are summarized in Table 2-1.

ITEM	VALUE
Grid	Nominal grid resolution = 0.2 m. Blockages are added upstream of the fire to capture the 17 percent blockages due to measurement equipment. The grid is stepped to model the arched section and the net CFD model area is 61.04 m ² . The domain length is approximately 160 m long with enough upstream length modeled to capture the backlayering, grade is -3.2 percent. Note that SI units are quoted as the FDS CFD software is in SI units. Some results are compared in U.S. units since that was the principal unit used in the test data.
Inlet boundary and outlet boundary	Inlet boundary condition = fixed velocity correpsonding to bulk velocity in the test (1.8 m/s for test 606A, 2.5 m/s for test 611/612B). Computed based on the quoted volume flow rate divided by the tunnel cross sectional area. Ambient temperature 12 °C (53.5 °F). Outlet boundary = open boundary per FDS User Guide [8].
FHRR	Varies between tests. For test 606A the FHRR is 10.2 MW and for tests 611/612B the FHRR is 47.2 MW.
FDS parameters	Simulation of long tunnels sometimes results in numerical instability in the FDS models. Remedies are noted in the FDS User Guide [8] and include setting the specific heat to be constant and adjusting pressure solver parameters. Adding micro vents along the tunnel length is also sometimes used to help with stability problems although this was not necessary in this case. The FDS version used was FDS6.7.5-578-gc15229f4f-nightly. The nominal version number was 6.7.5 and the nightly release from 30 November 2020 was used since the version addressed some issues with FFFS discovered during validation. Note that in the months after the models for this work were conducted, that updates to the FDS software were made to address stability issues with tunnel models. The impact of these updates was not considered in this report.
Fuel	The fuel is modeled in FDS to represent a typical polymer, with the chemical formula $CH_{1,8}N_{0.05}O_{0.3}$ and a soot yield of 0.131 and CO yield of 0.01. Heat of combustion for these fuel parameters in the CFD model is 23,468 kJ/kg. This is assumed to not have any major effect on backlayering or temperature and velocity prediction. A volumetric heat source is used in some models and discussion relevant to the model set up is provided in the specific section presenting those results.
Measurement loop locations relative to the fire centerline	Loop 307 at 61.9 m (203 ft.) upstream of the fire centerline, loop 305 at 11.2 m (37 ft.) upstream of the fire centerline, loop 302 at 66.2 m (217 ft.) downstream of the fire centerline, loop 304 at 12.2 m (40 ft.) downstream of the fire centerline. Other loops of interest included: loop 214 at 595.7 m (1954 ft.) upstream of the fire fire centerline, loop 209 at 294.5 m (966 ft.) upstream, loop 208 at 189.0 m (620 ft.) upstream, and loop 207 at 110.1 m (361 ft.) upstream.
Comparison based on linear correlation	Results are compared between test data and the CFD model using a Pearson correlation coefficient (r) to measure how well the data are agreeing based on a linear correlation. Strength of association between test data and CFD is taken to be poor (r value between 0.0 and 0.25), fair (r value between 0.25 and 0.5), good (r value between 0.5 and 0.75) or very good (r value between 0.75 and 1.0). Negative r values represent a situation where the linear correlation between variables trends toward the straight-line interpretations having opposite slopes.

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2.2 Memorial Tunnel Test 606A (10 MW)

2.2.1 Base Case Models

Bulk velocity and FHRR are key input parameters for the CFD model. For test 606A a sample of the FHRR and velocity was considered since both parameters vary slightly with time. The velocity was based on measurements at loops upstream of the fire and a free area of 60.4 m² (650 ft²). Table 2-2 provides the data from test measurements. In the table data are reported at measurement loops upstream of the fire, refer to Table 2-1 for measurement loop locations. The average FHRR was 9.9 MW, and the average upstream velocity was 1.8 m/s. As explained in Section 2.1 the models used an FHRR of 10.2 MW and upstream velocity of 1.7 m/s.

Velocity profiles at the tunnel centerline, upstream of the fire, are provided in Figure 2-2 and Figure 2-3, for distances 61.9 m (203 ft.) upstream and 11.2 m (37 ft.) upstream, respectively. Agreement between the test data and CFD is very good by the Pearson coefficient measure (r) (refer to Table 2-1 for further detail on the r value) at a distance 61.9 m (203 ft.) upstream of the fire, although some disagreement is observed near the ceiling due to the CFD model predicting additional backlayering. At a distance 11.2 m (37 ft.) upstream of the fire the Pearson coefficient measure is very good.

Velocity profiles downstream of the fire, at the tunnel centerline, are provided in Figure 2-4 and Figure 2-5, for distances 12.2 m (40 ft.) and 66.2 m (217 ft.) downstream, respectively. The Pearson coefficient comparison between test data and CFD is very good 40 ft. downstream of the fire and fair at a distance 217 ft downstream. At the 217 ft. location the agreement appears very good from a qualitative perspective and the lower Pearson coefficient is not of concern.

TIME (s)	FHRR (MW)	LOOP 214 (m/s)	LOOP 209 (m/s)	LOOP 208 (m/s)	LOOP 207 (m/s)	LOOP 307 (m/s)	AVG (m/s)	MAX (m/s)	MIN (m/s)
990	9.3	2.14	1.65	1.70	1.70	1.71	1.78	2.14	1.65
1019	10.1	2.09	1.70	1.69	1.71	1.71	1.78	2.09	1.69
1050	9.8	1.73	1.71	1.71	1.70	1.70	1.80	2.14	1.70
1081	10.2	2.16	1.73	1.72	1.73	1.73	1.81	2.16	1.72
1111	10.2	2.19	1.74	1.70	1.72	1.73	1.82	2.19	1.70

Table 2-2: Memorial Tunnel test 606A measured FHRR and bulk velocity [9].

Temperature profiles at the tunnel centerline are provided in Figure 2-6 and Figure 2-7, for distances 61.9 m (203 ft.) upstream and 11.2 m (37 ft.) upstream, respectively. Pearson coefficient (r) agreement between the test data and CFD is fair at a distance 61.9 m (203 ft.) upstream of the fire due to the CFD model predicting additional backlayering. At a distance 11.2 m (37 ft.) upstream of the fire the r-value agreement is very good.

Temperature profiles downstream of the fire, at the tunnel centerline, are provided in Figure 2-8 and Figure 2-9, for distances 12.2 m (40 ft.) and 66.2 m (217 ft.) downstream, respectively. Test data and CFD show good agreement (per the Pearson coefficient) at the first location, 12.2 m (40

ft.) downstream, although some differences between test data and CFD are apparent nearer to the tunnel ceiling. The reason for this is difficult to be certain of but it could be related to the close distance to the fire and some flame dynamics. The CFD model under-predicts temperature at this location; in the Memorial Tunnel work the CFD model developed as part of that work also showed an under-prediction of temperature at this location (see [10], Figure 7.6.3-2K). At a distance 66.2 m (217 ft.) downstream, the agreement per the Pearson coefficient is very good.

The results suggest that the CFD model can reliably predict the tunnel environment during a fire. The backlayering was overpredicted in the CFD model and while this is a conservative result for ventilation design, given the desire to integrate FFFS and EVS, and explore possible trade-offs, further investigation into the backlayering prediction was conducted. Reasons for differences in the backlayering could be due to the turbulence model, near-wall conditions, thermal conditions (wall heat transfer), wall friction, or uncertainty in the test data. The following sections explore the possible causes.



Figure 2-2: Memorial Tunnel (606A, 10 MW) versus CFD, velocity loop 307 (EVS-02-27).



Velocity, loop 305, 37 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-3: Memorial Tunnel (606A, 10 MW) versus CFD, velocity loop 305 (EVS-02-27).



Figure 2-4: Memorial Tunnel (606A, 10 MW) versus CFD, velocity loop 304 (EVS-02-27).



Velocity, loop 302, 217 ft south (downstream) of fire

Figure 2-5: Memorial Tunnel (606A, 10 MW) versus CFD, velocity loop 302 (EVS-02-27).



Figure 2-6: Memorial Tunnel (606A, 10 MW) versus CFD, temperature loop 307 (EVS-02-27).



Temperature, loop 305, 37 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-7: Memorial Tunnel (606A, 10 MW) versus CFD, temperature loop 305 (EVS-02-27).



Figure 2-8: Memorial Tunnel (606A, 10 MW) versus CFD, temperature loop 304 (EVS-02-27).



Temperature, loop 302, 217 ft south (downstream) of fire

Figure 2-9: Memorial Tunnel (606A, 10 MW) versus CFD, temperature loop 302 (EVS-02-27).

2.2.2 Wall Heat Transfer and Wall Roughness Influences

The test report noted that the tunnel had wall friction that was attributable to the wall roughness and obstructions in the tunnel. Blockages were present in the tunnel for the measuring stations and reported to cover about 17 percent of the tunnel area. The wall roughness height was noted to be 0.01 ft, equating to a friction factor (calculation per Figure 2-10) on the order of 0.015 to 0.020 (friction factor per Figure 2-11).

The overall friction losses through the tunnel the Memorial Tunnel accounting for inlet, exit, wall friction and obstructions amounted to a loss factor of 13.1 [10]. This was converted to an effective friction factor, per Figure 2-11, in the tunnel region around the fire. An effective friction factor (due to walls and obstructions) of 0.083 was determined.

Information was also stated in the test report that an insulating material was incorporated on the tunnel walls in the region of the fire. Both the insulation and friction losses could have influenced the extent of smoke movement upstream and thus sensitivity analyses were conducted.

Some blockages were included in the tunnel CFD model (applied to all models herein unless noted) to represent the measuring stations (for all cases unless noted otherwise), refer to Figure 2-12, and cold flow models (no fire present) were run to record pressure losses and enable computation of the effective friction factor in the CFD model. The wall roughness height in the FDS models was adjusted and results were compared with the Haaland equation for wall friction [16], see Figure 2-10.

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} = -1.8 \log_{10} \left(\left(\frac{\epsilon/D}{3.7} \right)^{1.11} + \frac{6.9}{Re} \right)$$

Figure 2-10: Equation. Haaland equation for friction factor.

In Figure 2-10 symbols are as follows. The symbol f is the dimensionless Darcy friction factor, epsilon is the roughness height in meters, D is the tunnel diameter in meters, and Re is the dimensionless Reynolds number. The Reynolds number is computed as the product of fluid density in kilograms per meter cubed times velocity in meters per second times diameter in meters, divided by the fluid viscosity in Newton seconds per meter squared. The Darcy friction factor is used to compute the pressure loss along a length of tunnel or duct according to Figure 2-11.

$$\Delta P = \frac{fL}{D} \frac{\rho u^2}{2}$$

Figure 2-11: Equation. Pressure loss equation.

In Figure 2-11, delta P is pressure change in Pascals, L is the length of duct or tunnel in meters, rho is the fluid density in kilograms per meter cubed, and u is the average velocity in meters per second.

Table 2-3 provides results of a series of cold flow models run on different grids, with differing roughness heights with and without obstructions present. Note that the roughness heights given here are not physical values but were varied to determine the effect on the overall pressure change along the length of the model. This pressure change was then used per a calculation using the equation in Figure 2-11 to compute the friction factor.



Figure 2-12: CFD model configuration and blockages near to the fire.
CASE ID	ROUGHNESS HEIGHT (m)	OBSTRUCTIONS	INLET VELOCITY (m/s)	HAALAND EQUATION FRICTION FACTOR	FDS FRICTION FACTOR
EVS-02-37	0.10	No	2.5	0.042	0.039
EVS-02-38	0.45	No	2.5	0.079	0.059
EVS-02-39	0.90	No	2.5	0.115	0.069
EVS-02-75 (0.4 m grid)	0.90	No	2.5	0.115	0.085
EVS-02-74 (0.1 m grid)	0.90	No	2.5	0.115	0.049
EVS-02-76	0.10	Yes	2.5	0.042	0.102
EVS-02-77	0.45	Yes	2.5	0.079	0.148
EVS-02-78	0.90	Yes	2.5	0.115	0.179
EVS-02-79 (0.4 m grid)	0.90	Yes	2.5	0.115	0.181
EVS-02-80 (0.1 m grid)	0.90	Yes	2.5	0.115	0.148

 Table 2-3: Cold flow results for tunnel friction calculation.

The base case models had a roughness height of 0.1 m (model EVS-02-37) and this model was observed to show more backlayering than the Memorial Tunnel tests (refer to Section 2.2.1). Sensitivity to (approximately 10 percent variations in) upstream velocity and FHRR were considered in development stages, but neither parameter had a major impact on the backlayering extent and thus models with differing effective friction factors were explored.

Models were run with a roughness height up to 0.9 m (model EVS-02-78 case), which gave an effective friction factor of 0.183, and as discussed below, these models gave better agreement for backlayering length. Note that the friction factor here is much greater (more than double) than measured in the Memorial Tunnel tests. Further study on near-wall models of turbulent flow is needed to refine this and make a better prediction; however, for this research the roughness height was used as a calibration factor. Grid resolution is also important here and this is discussed further in Section 2.3.9 and Section 2.3.13).

Thermal conditions around the fire zone were also considered and an insulated boundary was included for a distance 60 m (200 ft.) upstream and downstream of the fire. The insulation material properties were as follows: specific heat capacity (Cp) = 1100 J/kg-K, conductivity (k) = 0.21 W/m/K, density (ρ) = 900 kg/m³, emissivity(ϵ) = 0.5, thickness = 0.15 m [17].

Velocity profile results for the 10 MW fire are provided in Figure 2-13, Figure 2-14, Figure 2-15 and Figure 2-16 for cases with a 0.9 m roughness height and insulated region around the fire. There is an improvement in the result upstream of the fire. The increased wall friction has reduced the backlayering length and thus the velocity prediction is improved (later results in Section 2.3.3)

demonstrate that the outcomes are less sensitive to wall thermal properties). A similar result is seen for temperature upstream of the fire.

Downstream of the fire at loop 302, the velocity agreement is not as favorable (Figure 2-16). Figure 2-15 also shows comparison with test data as quoted in the phase IV report from the Memorial Tunnel project [10] (Fig 7.6.3-2M). In the phase IV report, CFD modeling was compared with test data. In some circumstances test data in the phase IV report were observed to be different to the data provided in the comprehensive test report [15]. Agreement between data from the phase IV report and CFD is improved relative to the comprehensive test report data. No reason for this could be determined after looking through the reports, however, the results herein suggest some sort of issue with the test data.

Temperature results are provided in Figure 2-17, Figure 2-18, Figure 2-19 and Figure 2-20. An improved result is seen at loop 307 upstream of the fire, Figure 2-17. Temperature downstream of the fire is mostly unchanged relative to the base case.

Overall, the adjustments to wall friction improve conditions in a key area upstream of the fire. Section 2.3.7 and Section 2.3.8 provide some additional sensitivity analyses considering impact of wall friction and tunnel obstructions; the analyses show a sensitivity to both factors. When the wall friction or tunnel blockages are removed, much more backlayering occurs. Given the improvement in prediction of upstream conditions and minor change in predictions downstream, it was decided to run models with a roughness height of 0.9 m and insulating material thermal properties in the region near the fire. Further research is suggested to improve the correlation between test data and model for the effective friction factor.



Figure 2-13: Memorial Tunnel (606A, 10 MW) versus CFD, wall conditions sensitivity, velocity loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-43).



Velocity, loop 305, 37 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-14: Memorial Tunnel (606A, 10 MW) versus CFD, wall conditions sensitivity, velocity loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-43).



Figure 2-15: Memorial Tunnel (606A, 10 MW) versus CFD, wall conditions sensitivity, velocity loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-43).



Velocity, loop 302, 217 ft south (downstream) of fire

Figure 2-16: Memorial Tunnel (606A, 10 MW) versus CFD, wall conditions sensitivity, velocity loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-43).



Figure 2-17: Memorial Tunnel (606A, 10 MW) versus CFD, wall conditions sensitivity, temperature loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-43).



Figure 2-18: Memorial Tunnel (606A, 10 MW) versus CFD, wall conditions sensitivity, temperature loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-43).



Figure 2-19: Memorial Tunnel (606A, 10 MW) versus CFD, wall conditions sensitivity, temperature loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-43).



Figure 2-20: Memorial Tunnel (606A, 10 MW) versus CFD, wall conditions sensitivity, temperature loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-43).



2.3 Memorial Tunnel Test 611/612B (50 MW)

2.3.1 Bulk Velocity and Fire Heat Release Rate

Bulk velocity and FHRR are the principal parameters for a longitudinal ventilation model for critical or confinement velocity. Consideration of the Memorial Tunnel test data measurements indicates that the upstream velocity and FHRR varied with time and thus when it comes to running a steady state analysis there is some uncertainty in exactly what boundary condition should be applied. Table 2-4 and Table 2-5 provide a sample of some data (measured) from tests 611 and 612B (nominal 50 MW FHRR) to show the typical variation. In the tables data are reported at measurement loops upstream of the fire, refer to Table 2-1 for measurement loop locations.

The tables show that there is variation in the measured data, with FHRR varying from 44.5 MW to 50.1 MW, and bulk velocity from 1.99 m/s to 3.18 m/s. Some of this variation can be attributed to the changing rate of fuel consumption in the tests. For purposes of comparison, data from each test were time averaged over the period shown here and upstream velocity and FHRR were varied to understand sensitivity of results. For test 611 the average upstream velocity was 2.18 m/s and the FHRR was 45.7 MW. For test 612B the average upstream velocity was 2.76 m/s and the FHRR was 47.9 MW.

In developing a CFD model, the variations in FHRR and upstream velocity were not modeled; a model with steady state boundary conditions was developed. The FHRR modeled for this test was 47.2 MW (approximate mid value between minimium and maximum FHRR reported in test data) and the upstream velocity was 2.5 m/s (approximate mid value between minimium and maximum FHRR reported in the test data).

TIME (s)	FHRR (MW)	LOOP 214 (m/s)	LOOP 209 (m/s)	LOOP 208 (m/s)	LOOP 207 (m/s)	LOOP 307 (m/s)	AVG (m/s)	MAX (m/s)	MIN (m/s)
887	45.7	2.11	2.34	2.14	2.38	2.15	2.22	2.38	2.11
917	46.0	1.99	2.30	2.06	2.38	2.12	2.17	2.37	1.99
947	46.2	2.07	2.24	2.04	2.51	2.11	2.19	2.51	2.04
977	46.1	2.02	2.24	2.02	2.26	2.13	2.13	2.26	2.02
1007	44.5	2.04	2.47	2.05	2.19	2.12	2.18	2.47	2.04

Table 2-4: Memorial Tunnel test 611 measured FHRR and bulk velocity [9].

Table 2-5: Memorial Tunnel test 612B measured FHRR and bulk velocity [9].

TIME (s)	FHRR (MW)	LOOP 214 (m/s)	LOOP 209 (m/s)	LOOP 208 (m/s)	LOOP 207 (m/s)	LOOP 307 (m/s)	AVG (m/s)	MAX (m/s)	MIN (m/s)
887	49.0	2.33	2.93	2.73	2.90	3.05	2.79	3.05	2.33
917	48.0	2.34	2.51	3.03	3.06	2.85	2.76	3.06	2.34
947	46.9	2.32	3.18	2.75	3.06	2.81	2.82	3.18	2.32
977	50.1	2.24	2.83	2.65	2.68	2.86	2.65	2.86	2.24
1007	45.6	2.41	3.14	2.69	2.75	2.81	2.76	3.14	2.41

2.3.2 Base Case Results

The base case analysis used an upstream velocity of 2.5 m/s with a FHRR 47.2 MW. Wall roughness (0.9 m) and an insulated region were used (refer Section 2.2.2). The centerline velocity profile is provided in Figure 2-21 and Figure 2-22 for locations upstream of the fire. Agreement is poor by the Pearson coefficient measure (r) (refer to Table 2-1) at loop 307 (203 ft. upstream), however, visual observation indicates that the situation is not too bad with generally good qualitative agreement. At loop 305 the velocity profile agreement is very good per the r value, but some of this is attributable to the interpolation routine used to compute the data. There is a point near the ceiling where test and CFD model vary, and this is not picked up in the r value due to the interpolation needed to compute correlations at the same coordinate. The result indicates that the CFD is predicting more backlayer than observed in the test data.

Figure 2-23 and Figure 2-24 provide velocity profiles downstream of the fire and the agreement is fair (per the Pearson coefficient) immediately downstream and poor further away from the fire (loop 302) with the CFD model giving a higher velocity than the test data. Like the results for the 10 MW fire, there is some discrepancy with test data as quoted in the phase IV report from the Memorial Tunnel project [10] (Fig 7.6.5-2B). In the phase IV report, CFD modeling was compared with test data. In some circumstances test data in the phase IV report were observed to be different to the data provided in the comprehensive test report [15]. Agreement between data from the phase IV report and CFD is improved relative to the comprehensive test report data. No reason for this could be determined after looking through the reports, but the results do suggest an irregularity in the test data.

Temperature results upstream of the fire are provided in Figure 2-25 and Figure 2-26. Like the velocity profiles, at loop 307 the agreement per the Pearson coefficient is good, but again, the results are qualitatively better than the r value suggests. Closer to the fire at loop 305 there is some more deviation, which is indicative of the CFD predicting more backlayer, and at this location the r value indicates a poor correlation.

Figure 2-27 and Figure 2-28 show temperature profiles downstream and trends in the profiles are similar, with very good (per Pearson r value measure) agreement between model and test data. The CFD model under-predicts the temperature field at a location 12.2 m (40 ft.) downstream of the fire. The reason for this is difficult to be certain of but it could be related to the close distance to the fire and some flame dynamics. The CFD model under-predicts temperature at this location; in the Memorial Tunnel work it was noted that the thermocouples at loop 304 may have been reading an increased temperature due to absorption of radiation direct from the fire flames (see [10], Section 7.6.4-c). At a distance 66.2 m (217 ft.) downstream, the Pearson measure agreement is very good. Overall, the 50 MW CFD model is able to provide a prediction of the tunnel environment that is seen to have close comparison with test data. The main notable issues observed were uncertainty in some test data and the CFD model predicting more backlayering.



Velocity, loop 307, 203 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-21: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, velocity loop 307 (EVS-02-51).



Figure 2-22: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, velocity loop 305 (EVS-02-51).



Figure 2-23: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, velocity loop 304 (EVS-02-51).



Figure 2-24: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, velocity loop 302 (EVS-02-51).



Temperature, loop 307, 203 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-25: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, temperature loop 307 (EVS-02-51).



Figure 2-26: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, temperature loop 305 (EVS-02-51).

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Figure 2-27: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, temperature loop 304 (EVS-02-51).



Figure 2-28: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, temperature loop 302 (EVS-02-51).

2.3.3 Thermal Boundary Conditions

As noted earlier, the region near the fire is insulated. An insulating material was modeled in the base case model. To test the sensitivity of the CFD result to this condition the runs were repeated with the insulated zone having an adiabatic boundary condition. Results are provided in Figure 2-29, Figure 2-30, Figure 2-31, Figure 2-32, Figure 2-33, Figure 2-34, Figure 2-35 and Figure 2-36. In general, the results do not appear much different to the base case results. There is a slight increase in the temperature downstream of the fire, refer to Figure 2-35 and Figure 2-36. The increase is small, and differences in other results negligible, that it is concluded that the thermal boundary conditions have a minor impact in this case. Backlayer length was 146 ft. for this case versus 111 ft. for the base case.



Figure 2-29: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, adiabatic region near to the fire, velocity loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-48).



Velocity, loop 305, 37 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-30: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, adiabatic region near to the fire, velocity loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-48).



Figure 2-31: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, adiabatic region near to the fire, velocity loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-48).



Velocity, loop 302, 217 ft south (downstream) of fire

Figure 2-32: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, adiabatic region near to the fire, velocity loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-48).



Figure 2-33: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, adiabatic region near to the fire, temperature loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-48).



Temperature, loop 305, 37 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-34: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, adiabatic region near to the fire, temperature loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-48).



Figure 2-35: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, adiabatic region near to the fire, temperature loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-48).



Temperature, loop 302, 217 ft south (downstream) of fire

Figure 2-36: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, adiabatic region near to the fire, temperature loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-48).

2.3.4 Turbulence Model Parameters

Sensitivity to the turbulence model was tested for two conditions. In one case, the dynamic Smagorinsky turbulence model was used, and in the other themodel closure coefficient was changed from the default value of 0.1 to 0.2. Further information on the turbulence models can be found in the FDS User's Guide [8].

For cases using the dynamic Smagorinsky model, results for the velocity profile on the centerline are provided in Figure 2-37, Figure 2-38, Figure 2-39 and Figure 2-40. The changes from the base case model are negligible. Temperature results are provided in Figure 2-41, Figure 2-42, Figure 2-43 and Figure 2-44. Improvement in the temperature prediction downstream of the fire at loop 304 is noted, although the overall differences are minor once away from this near-fire region. Backlayering length was only slightly affected.

For cases with a different closure coefficient (0.2 instead of 0.1), results for velocity are provided in Figure 2-45, Figure 2-46, Figure 2-47 and Figure 2-48. Sensitivity of the model results is negligible. Temperature results are provided in Figure 2-49, Figure 2-50, Figure 2-51 and Figure 2-52. Improvement in the temperature prediction downstream of the fire at loop 304 is noted, although the overall differences are minor. Backlayer length was 146 ft. for this case versus 111 ft. for the base case.



Velocity, loop 307, 203 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-37: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, dynamic Smagorinsky model, velocity loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-53).



Figure 2-38: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, dynamic Smagorinsky model, velocity loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-53).



Velocity, loop 304, 40 ft south (downstream) of fire

Figure 2-39: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, dynamic Smagorinsky model, velocity loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-53).



Figure 2-40: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, dynamic Smagorinsky model, velocity loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-53).



Figure 2-41: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, dynamic Smagorinsky model, temperature loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-53).



Figure 2-42: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, dynamic Smagorinsky model, temperature loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-53).



Figure 2-43: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, dynamic Smagorinsky model, temperature loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-53).



Figure 2-44: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 10 MW) versus CFD, dynamic Smagorinsky model, temperature loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-53).



Velocity, loop 307, 203 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-45: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, closure coefficient set to 0.2, velocity loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-54).



Figure 2-46: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, closure coefficient set to 0.2, velocity loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-54).



Figure 2-47: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, closure coefficient set to 0.2, velocity loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-54).



Figure 2-48: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, closure coefficient set to 0.2, velocity loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-54).



Figure 2-49: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, closure coefficient set to 0.2, temperature loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-54).



Figure 2-50: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, closure coefficient set to 0.2, temperature loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-54).



Temperature, loop 304, 40 ft south (downstream) of fire

Figure 2-51: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, closure coefficient set to 0.2, temperature loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-54).



Figure 2-52: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 10 MW) versus CFD, closure coefficient set to 0.2, temperature loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-54).

2.3.5 Upstream Velocity

Base case results had an upstream velocity of 2.5 m/s (492 fpm). As noted in Section 2.3.1 there is some variation in the upstream velocity between the different cases in the tests. For test 612B, the average velocity ranged from 2.7 m/s to 2.8 m/s (531 fpm to 551 fpm), with a minimum of 2.2 m/s (433 fpm) and maximum of 3.2 m/s (457 fpm). For test 611, the average velocity ranged from 2.1 m/s to 2.2 m/s (413 fpm to 433 fpm), with a minimum of 2.0 m/s (394 fpm) and maximum of 2.5 m/s (492 fpm). Consideration of velocity profiles in Figure 2-21 and Figure 2-22, suggest that the upstream velocity in the CFD models was slightly higher than tests. Comparison of base case results with test 611 data is made to provide further insight, where the upstream velocity in the CFD by a greater magnitude. The model is otherwise the same as the base case (EVS-02-51).

Velocity profile results are provided in Figure 2-53, Figure 2-54, Figure 2-55 and Figure 2-56. There is a slight improvement between CFD and test data just upstream of the fire, at loop 305, but otherwise, the changes between the cases are negligible. Temperature profile results are provided in Figure 2-57, Figure 2-58, Figure 2-59 and Figure 2-60. Changes between the test and CFD are minor.



Figure 2-53: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, comparison to test 611, velocity loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-47 compared to test 611).



Velocity, loop 305, 37 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-54: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, comparison to test 611, velocity loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-47 compared to test 611).



Figure 2-55: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, comparison to test 611, velocity loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-47 compared to test 611).



Figure 2-56: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, comparison to test 611, velocity loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-47 compared to test 611).



Figure 2-57: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, comparison to test 611, temperature loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-47 compared to test 611).

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Temperature, loop 305, 37 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-58: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, comparison to test 611, temperature loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-47 compared to test 611).



Figure 2-59: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, comparison to test 611, temperature loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-47 compared to test 611).



Temperature, loop 302, 217 ft south (downstream) of fire

Figure 2-60: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 10 MW) versus CFD, comparison to test 611, temperature loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-47 compared to test 611).

2.3.6 Fire Heat Release Rate

The FHRR was uncertain in the tests, by around 10 percent. A case was run with the FHRR reduced from 47.2 MW to 42.2 MW. The upstream velocity was 2.5 m/s, consistent with the base case scenarios. Results are provided in Figure 2-61, Figure 2-62, Figure 2-63 and Figure 2-64 for velocity, and Figure 2-65, Figure 2-66, Figure 2-67 and Figure 2-68 for temperature. Results vary to a very minor extent, principally, the temperature downstream of the fire is slightly lower with the reduced FHRR. Backlayering length predicted in the models was the same for both cases, at a distance of approximately 111 ft.



Velocity, loop 307, 203 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-61: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, FHRR variation, velocity loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-63).



Figure 2-62: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, FHRR variation, velocity loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-63).



Velocity, loop 304, 40 ft south (downstream) of fire

Figure 2-63: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, FHRR variation, velocity loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-63).



Figure 2-64: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, FHRR variation, velocity loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-63).



Figure 2-65: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, FHRR variation, temperature loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-63).



Figure 2-66: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, FHRR variation, temperature loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-63).



Figure 2-67: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, FHRR variation, temperature loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-63).



Figure 2-68: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, FHRR variation, temperature loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-63).

2.3.7 Wall Roughness

Wall roughness in base case models was set to 0.9 m. The sensitivity to this was tested by running a case with wall roughness set to 0 m (smooth walls). Consideration of the velocity profile upstream of the fire, refer Figure 2-69 and Figure 2-70, indicates a difference in the results. The CFD model is now showing a large degree of backlayering with smooth walls.

Backlayering versus time for the base case and the smooth wall case is shown in Figure 2-71. Backlayering was measured based on temperature at the tunnel ceiling. The degree of backlayering is greatly increased when smooth walls are used.



Velocity, loop 307, 203 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-69: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, smooth walls, velocity loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-50).



Velocity, loop 305, 37 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-70: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, smooth walls, velocity loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-50).



Figure 2-71: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) CFD, backlayering versus time with smooth walls and obstructions (both cases).
2.3.8 Tunnel Obstructions

The base case CFD models had tunnel obstructions modeled to represent the measurement trees, refer to Figure 2-12. The previous section highlighted a sensitivity to wall roughness, but the possibility that blockages were responsible for backlayering control was also explored.

A case was run with the blockages removed. That case showed substantially more backlayering than the base case. Refer to Figure 2-72. This indicated that the blockages also play a significant role in the degree of backlayering.



Figure 2-72: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) CFD, backlayering versus time with rough walls (roughness height 0.9 m) and no obstructions (EVS-02-62).

2.3.9 Grid Resolution

The base case models had a grid resolution of 0.2 m. Sensitivity to the grid was tested by running with a 0.1 m grid and a 0.4 m grid.

Comparison of velocity profiles is provided in Figure 2-73, Figure 2-74, Figure 2-75 and Figure 2-76. The variation between the 0.1 m grid and 0.2 m grid is minor except at the loop 203 feet upstream, Figure 2-73. At this location results are indicative of the finer grid case predicting more backlayering. The grid resolution of 0.4 m gives reasonable results relative to the 0.2 m grid, with only some small differences except as mentioned 203 feet upstream.

For temperature profiles, comparison is provided in Figure 2-77, Figure 2-78, Figure 2-79 and Figure 2-80. The results show almost identical solutions between the 0.1 m and 0.2 m grid, except at the upstream location where there is evidence of more backlayering, Figure 2-77. The coarse grid results (0.4 m) show greater temperature variation downstream of the fire, with a tendency to

show lower magnitudes of temperature. While the coarse grid case (EVS-02-64) still exhibits the same trends as the finer grids, the improved resolution of temperature downstream of the fire suggests the finer grid case should be utilized; at least for models using a mixing-controlled approach. It is noted that a coarse grid could give acceptable results for initial runs to help narrow down the key aspects of an investigation, provided sensitivity to engineering conclusions is checked.

Figure 2-81 shows the backlayering distance versus time for the three grid resolutions. The finer grid cases show the greatest amount of backlayering. Figure 2-82 shows a visualization of the backlayering distance for the 0.2 m and 0.1 m grids. The result shows a difference of 18 m (59 feet) in the backlayering distance. From the point of view of the CFD modeling method, it would be of interest to run a finer grid, at 0.05 m, to see if the backlayering distance converges. However, this would take a model with around 90 million cells and the run time would take months, thus making this a topic for future research.

In all cases the backlayering is not progressing more with time, the smoke layer remains in the ceiling region, and the fire is at the peak FHRR. From the smoke control point of view, for engineering design impact, these results do not show a difference that is likely to have an impact on life safety outcomes. Either grid resolution gives reasonable results. Care should be taken when interpreting backlayering distance as this parameter can be sensitive to the grid resolution; trends can be inferred on grids that are coarse (0.4 m) but sensitivity to a finer grid (0.2 m) should be considered, and if the backlayering distance needs to be determined with greater confidence, then a 0.1 m grid might be in order.

Cold flow results to determine tunnel friction factor, reported in Table 2-3, note an overall friction factor on the 0.2 m grid of 0.179, on the 0.4 m grid it is 0.181 and on the 0.1 m grid it is 0.148. The backlayering distance appears to correlate fairly well with the effective friction factor in the tunnel, with the finest grid giving the lowest effective friction factor and most backlayering.





Figure 2-73: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, grid resolution test, velocity loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-71).



Figure 2-74: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, grid resolution test, velocity loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-71).



Velocity, loop 304, 40 ft south (downstream) of fire

Figure 2-75: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, grid resolution test, velocity loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-71).



Figure 2-76: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, grid resolution test, velocity loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-71).



Figure 2-77: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, grid resolution test, temperature loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-71).



Figure 2-78: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, grid resolution test, temperature loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-71).



Figure 2-79: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, grid resolution test, temperature loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-71).



Figure 2-80: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, grid resolution test, temperature loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-71).



Figure 2-81: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) backlayer distance versus time for varying grid resolution.





2.3.10 Volumetric Heat Source

Volumetric heat source models were developed to examine whether this method of modeling the fire would produce reasonable results. Models used a relatively coarse grid for base cases at 0.4 m, and the base case models did not include the radiative heat (30 percent radiative heat fraction was used). The approach with radiative heat is consistent with other modeling methods

using a volumetric heat source, including the Memorial Tunnel work [10]. The size of the fire volume was chosen using the Memorial Tunnel work as a guide, with a FHRR per unit volume, with radiation heat excluded, on the order of 500 kW/m³. The numerical grid caused slight variations from this and in the models a volume size of 6 m (L) by 4 m (W) by 2.8 m (H) was used with a FHRR per unit volume of 520.833 kW/m³. This equates to a convective FHRR of 35 MW, which is a nominal 50 MW when the radiation component is considered.

Results comparing velocity profiles are provided in Figure 2-83, Figure 2-84, Figure 2-85 and Figure 2-86. General agreement between the mixing-controlled models and the volumetric heat source models is observed. Data from the Memorial Tunnel work Phase IV report (CFD models) were available at loop 302 and Figure 2-86 shows the results. The Memorial Tunnel Phase IV models gave similar results except for the dip in velocity magnitude, which is likely attributable to the jet fans modeled. Results at other loops as modeled herein were not published in the report.

Temperature profiles are compared in Figure 2-87, Figure 2-88, Figure 2-89, and Figure 2-90. Upstream of the fire the agreement (per the Pearson r-value measure in Table 2-1) for temperature profiles is very good, and downstream the only exception is the result 12.2 m (40 ft.) downstream of the fire. The volumetric heat source models do not predict the flaming region of the fire, and the poor agreement here is consistent with observations made in the Memorial Tunnel tests that the thermocouple measurements in the region near to the fire were affected by radiation direct from the fire (see [10], Section 7.6.4-c). Results in Figure 2-90 provide comparison of temperatures with the Memorial Tunnel phase IV report CFD models at loop 302; the previous CFD predicts a slightly higher temperature near the ceiling and slightly lower at the roadway, however, the overall behavior (shape and magnitude) of the profile is in agreement.

Additional results are included in Figure 2-91 and Figure 2-92 for locations 29.6 m (97 ft.) upstream and downstream of the fire, respectively. Through the r-value (Pearson coefficient) measure the results at the location upstream are in very good agreement with the test, suggesting the volumetric heat source approach predicts slightly less backlayering than the mixing-controlled method. Downstream of the fire results between the CFD models are in closer agreement with each other and the tests, supporting the hypothesis that the region 12.2 m (40 ft.) downstream of the fire is affected by proximity to the flaming region and the CFD model not always predicting the environment as accurately in this area.

As noted, the volumetric heat source used was on the order 500 kW/m³. Sensitivity to this parameter has not been conducted in this research since the boundary conditions were comparable to previous CFD conducted for the Memorial Tunnel [10]. Further research is suggested to check the impact of this parameter, and also when conducting a CFD study using this approach the temperature predictions should be checked against typical fire plume temperatures. If the volume is too small excessive fire temperatures could result, but if too large the temperatures might be too small.



Velocity, loop 307, 203 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-83: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source versus mixing-controlled model, velocity loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-66).



Figure 2-84: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source versus mixing-controlled model, velocity loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-66).



Velocity, loop 304, 40 ft south (downstream) of fire

Figure 2-85: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source versus mixing-controlled model, velocity loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-66).



Figure 2-86: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source versus mixing-controlled model, velocity loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-66).



Temperature, loop 307, 203 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-87: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source versus mixing-controlled model, temperature loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-66).



Figure 2-88: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source versus mixing-controlled model, temperature loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-66).

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Figure 2-89: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source versus mixing-controlled model, temperature loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-66).



Figure 2-90: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source versus mixing-controlled model, temperature loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-66).



Temperature, loop 306, 96 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-91: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source versus mixing-controlled model, temperature loop 306 (r value for EVS-02-66).



Figure 2-92: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source versus mixing-controlled model, temperature loop 303 (r value for EVS-02-66).

2.3.11 Volumetric Heat Source Radiation Included

Models were conducted using the volumetric heat source with radiation included. The radiation model used in FDS is based on a finite volume method using angular discretization, where the volumes are associated with the solid angle for radiation transmission [18]. Aspects surrounding radiation model validation are discussed at length in the FDS validation guide [19]. Note that the Memorial Tunnel phase IV CFD models used a six flux radiation model [10].

Refer to Figure 2-93, Figure 2-94, Figure 2-95 and Figure 2-96 for velocity profile results. Some minor differences are observed downstream of the fire, with the models including radiation giving slightly higher velocity, which is attributable to some of the radiant heat increasing the overall temperature. Figure 2-97, Figure 2-98, Figure 2-99 and Figure 2-100 show temperature profiles. As expected, temperatures with radiation included are slightly higher relative to the base case. At the location 12.2 m (40 ft.) downstream of the fire, Figure 2-99, there is very little change in results with the CFD model still under estimating temperature relative to the test at this location. Although radiation is included in the model it doesn't necessarily capture the physics of the flame near to the fire which means that peak temperatures, attributable to radiation from flame impingement in the tests, would not necessarily be accurately captured in this case where no flame front is resolved.



Figure 2-93: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and radiation, velocity loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-67).



Velocity, loop 305, 37 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-94: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and radiation, velocity loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-67).



Figure 2-95: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and radiation, velocity loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-67).



Velocity, loop 302, 217 ft south (downstream) of fire

Figure 2-96: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and radiation, velocity loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-67).



Figure 2-97: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and radiation, temperature loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-67).



Figure 2-98: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and radiation, temperature loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-67).



Figure 2-99: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and radiation, temperature loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-67).



Temperature, loop 302, 217 ft south (downstream) of fire

Figure 2-100: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and radiation, temperature loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-67).

2.3.12 Volumetric Heat Source with Dynamic Smagorinsky Model

Models were conducted using the volumetric heat source with the dynamic Smagorinsky model for turbulence. Refer to Figure 2-101, Figure 2-102, Figure 2-103 and Figure 2-104 for velocity profile results. No appreciable differences in the results are observed. Figure 2-105, Figure 2-106, Figure 2-107 and Figure 2-108 show temperature profiles. No appreciable differences in the results are observed.



Velocity, loop 307, 203 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-101: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and dynamic Smagorinsky model, velocity loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-68).



Figure 2-102: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and dynamic Smagorinsky model, velocity loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-68).



Velocity, loop 304, 40 ft south (downstream) of fire

Figure 2-103: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and dynamic Smagorinsky model, velocity loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-68).



Figure 2-104: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and dynamic Smagorinsky model, velocity loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-68).



Temperature, loop 307, 203 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-105: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and dynamic Smagorinsky model, temperature loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-68).



Figure 2-106: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and dynamic Smagorinsky model, temperature loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-68).



Temperature, loop 304, 40 ft south (downstream) of fire

Figure 2-107: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and dynamic Smagorinsky model, temperature loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-68).



Figure 2-108: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and dynamic Smagorinsky model, temperature loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-68).

2.3.13 Volumetric Heat Source with Refined Grid

The base case volumetric heat source models were conducted on cases with a nominal grid resolution of 0.4 m. The base case was rerun with a grid resolution of 0.2 m and 0.1 m to test the sensitivity of results. Velocity profiles are provided in Figure 2-109, Figure 2-110, Figure 2-111 and Figure 2-112. Overall agreement shows similar results between the different grids, but the finest grid (0.1 m) is showing results indicative of the finer grid predicting more backlayering, which is similar to observations made previously on the mixing-controlled models (refer Section 2.3.9).

Temperature results show are compared in Figure 2-113, Figure 2-114 for locations upstream of the fire. The results here are indicative of the finest grid predicting more backlayering. Figure 2-115 and Figure 2-116 provide results 40 ft. and 217 ft. downstream of the fire. At the 40 ft. location the finest grid gives an increased magnitude of temperature and a closer match to the test data (though still an under-prediction like observed in other models herein). At the 217 ft. location the difference is less pronounced although the trend is similar with the finest grid giving an increased magnitude.

The three grid resolutions give results that exhibit the general trends seen in the test data and seen previously on mixing-controlled models of the same case (refer Section 2.3.9). As noted in Section 2.3.9 care should be taken when interpreting backlayering distance as this parameter can be sensitive to the grid resolution; trends can be inferred on grids that are coarse (0.4 m) but sensitivity to 0.2 m should be considered, and if the backlayering distance needs to be determined with greater confidence, then a 0.1 m grid might be in order.



Figure 2-109: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and refined grid, velocity loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-73).



Velocity, loop 305, 37 ft north (upstream) of fire

Figure 2-110: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and refined grid, velocity loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-73).



Figure 2-111: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and refined grid, velocity loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-73).



Figure 2-112: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and refined grid, velocity loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-73).



Figure 2-113: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and refined grid, temperature loop 307 (r value for EVS-02-73).



Figure 2-114: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and refined grid, temperature loop 305 (r value for EVS-02-73).



Figure 2-115: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and refined grid, temperature loop 304 (r value for EVS-02-73).



Temperature, loop 302, 217 ft south (downstream) of fire

Figure 2-116: Memorial Tunnel (612B, 50 MW) versus CFD, volumetric heat source and refined grid, temperature loop 302 (r value for EVS-02-73)

2.4 Research Findings and Suggested Practices Based on Findings

In this chapter FDS has been used to model the Memorial Tunnel tests with longitudinal ventilation for fires with nominal FHRRs of 10 MW and 50 MW. Larger fires (100 MW) have been considered in other studies also [20]. The main findings and suggested practices are summarized below.

2.4.1 Upstream Velocity Magnitude and FHRR

Upstream velocity and FHRR are important parameters for longitudinal smoke control since they are boundary conditions for determining the smoke control effectiveness via backlayering control. The FHRR is a difficult parameter to measure precisely during a fire test as it can vary with time due to the inherent unsteady nature of fire. The upstream velocity can also vary in a full-scale tunnel fire test as a result of the varying FHRR. Variations of 10 percent were noted in the test data and sensitivity to changes on the order of 10 percent was tested (refer to Section 2.3.5 and Section 2.3.6). The overall impact on results when compared with test data was minor.

The suggested practice for CFD models of longitudinal velocity is to consider the sensitivity of results to changes in upstream velocity and FHRR by a magnitude of around 10 percent.

2.4.2 Wall Heat Transfer

There was an insulated region around the fire and the wall heat transfer in this region might have had an impact on the outcomes. Sensitivity was tested and changes were minor (refer to Section 2.3.3). Since the wall heat transfer parameters are relatively simple to determine and model, the suggested practice for CFD modeling is to implement wall heat transfer material properties that match the physical implementation as closely as practical.

2.4.3 Wall Friction and Tunnel Obstructions

Wall friction and tunnel blockages were shown to have a significant effect on backlayering (refer to Section 2.2.2, Section 2.3.7 and Section 2.3.8). If a tunnel is likely to have vehicles upstream of the fire, or there are significant near-wall obstructions (e.g., lighting and FFFS piping), then the backlayering might be reduced in a situation that includes the effect of these features. It is important to note, however, that while an increased wall friction factor and tunnel blockage might decrease the extent of backlayering, that a greater demand is placed on the ventilation system. For instance, if using jet fans for longitudinal ventilation, this increase could amount to more fans needed to overcome the friction and achieve the target velocity.

Caution is suggested when relying on blockages to achieve a certain degree of smoke control. More blockages tend to improve smoke control and reduce the free stream velocity needed to contain smoke, however, assumptions on the degree of blockage likely and sensitivity to not achieving the assumptions should be tested. Wall friction can have a significant impact on smoke control, and it is suggested to keep the modeled wall friction factor low, on the order of 0.02 to 0.03 (roughness heights 0.1 m or less). This is typical for a concrete lined tunnel and it generates a conservative outcome for smoke management (a higher velocity magnitude) with respect to cases modeled with much higher friction factors.

2.4.4 Turbulence Model

The dynamic Smagorinsky model performs slightly better on cases using mixing-controlled combustion. However, the improvements overall are minor and there's little net advantage to using a model different to the default turbulence models in FDS. When running with a volumetric heat source, the differences due to turbulence model are negligible. The suggested practice is to run models using default settings in FDS.

2.4.5 Fire Representation

Mixing-controlled models and volumetric heat source models both gave a reasonable prediction of the tunnel environment during a fire with longitudinal ventilation. The mixing-controlled model is based on a more detailed representation of fire as it models a combustion process [1]. However, both models could produce a similar prediction of the tunnel environment with respect to test data, except that the volumetric heat source model did not perform as well in the region just downstream of the fire for temperature prediction on both coarse and fine grids (refer to Section 2.3.10 and Section 2.3.13).

Volumetric heat source models gave results in qualitative agreement to the test data on cases with a coarse grid (0.4 m) and no radiation included, which is consistent with previous CFD modeling conclusions [10]. This has an advantage for engineering work at early stages of a project as these models can run much faster. Sensitivity needs to be checked, but for the purposes of screening initial concepts and identifying trends, it is advantageous to have a model that can run in a less than a day, versus a week or more. Caution should be exercised if using volumetric heat source models since this method does not predict temperature of the flame (peak temperature output is a function of FHRR, volume size and upstream velocity).

In terms of suggested practices, a volumetric heat source or mixing-controlled approach can be used. Coarse grid (0.4 m) volumetric heat source models can be used to quickly test initial concepts but sensitivity to grid resolution and mixing-controlled approaches should be checked for key cases used to develop a design basis. A FHRR per unit volume on the order of 500 kW/m³ was used for cases herein, which is consistent with previous studies [10]. Volumetric heat source models are not suggested for use when models need to resolve the flame temperature, such as models to predict structure temperatures due to fire.

2.4.6 Grid Resolution

Dependence of the solution on grid resolution was considered and cases with 0.4 m, 0.2 m and 0.1 m grids were tested. For the mixing-controlled models there was a sensitivity to grid resolution in going from 0.4 m to 0.2 m (refer to Section 2.3.9) although this was only observed at the location just downstream of the fire (40 ft. downstream, refer to Figure 2-79). For the volumetric heat source models, a similar result was observed; changes to results based on grid resolution were observed at a location 40 ft. downstream between grids 0.2 m and 0.1, refer to Figure 2-115).

Backlayering was sensitive to grid resolution and this is attributable to the changes in wall friction, with finer grids giving less wall friction (refer to Section 2.2.2 and Section 2.3.9).

For initial screening models a grid resolution of 0.4 m is suggested. Sensitivity to this grid resolution should be checked, with a resolution down to at least 0.2 m (for either fire model approach). A grid resolution of 0.1 m is generally not suggested unless a more precise prediction of backlayering distance is needed. It is also suggested that models be run with effective wall friction factor on the order of 0.02 and that this be checked with a cold flow model to verify the friction factor for the grid under consideration (refer to Section 2.2.2). Although models herein were run with much larger friction factors (on the order 0.1), this was done because of calibration with respect to available test data, which is not typically available when approaching a new design. In terms of a conservative result for smoke control (higher upstream velocity), a case with lower wall friction is thus suggested.

2.5 Suggested Areas for Further Research

Based on the findings herein and items that could not be fully resolved within the scope of this research project, potential areas for further research include the following:

- Grid resolution A sensitivity of backlayering length to grid resolution was identified, with finer grids tending to predict more backlayering. Wall models in FDS are discussed in the technical reference guide and user guide [18] [19]. Near-wall turbulent flow and heat transfer are complex issues in CFD modeling and are a possible cause of the backlayering distance changes, since results in Section 2.2.2 showed a sensitivity of model friction factor to grid resolution.
- Memorial Tunnel test data In some instances discrepancies were identified between the Memorial Tunnel Report test data [9] and the data reported in the phase IV CFD model validation [10]. While the differences were mostly minor, future research efforts to resolve these items could be beneficial.

3 CFD MODEL VALIDATION – FIXED FIRE FIGHTING SYSTEM

The Singapore Land Transport Authority (LTA) conducted fire tests in 2012 in the San Pedro de Anes Tunnel with a fire load representative of a heavy goods vehicle with FFFS operating [11] (referred to herein as the "LTA" tests). These tests were used as part of the CFD model validation process. The purpose was to validate the ability of the CFD model to predict the thermal environment in the tunnel with the FFFS operating.

3.1 Overview

3.1.1 LTA Tests

Tests were conducted with fire loads that were mock-ups of a heavy goods vehicle. The fire load consisted of wood pallets and a total of seven fire tests were run. Six of the tests included operation of the FFFS and one of the tests was a free burn. The tunnel was ventilated longitudinally. Test 4 was considered for the validation exercise herein. This test included FFFS operating at 12 mm/min (0.3 gpm/ft²) using a standard (pendant) nozzle with activation at 400 seconds after the start of the fire. The FHRR and temperature downstream of the fire were measured in the tests. Figure 3-1 shows the FHRR measured.

The tunnel was 23.9 ft. (7.3 m) wide, 17.1 ft. (5.2 m) high, and 1968 ft. (600 m) long. The cross section was rectangular at the test section. In the tests, longitudinal ventilation was at 2.8 m/s to 3 m/s (550 fpm to 590 fpm). The full-scale FFFS tests considered scenarios with a standard spray (pendant) sprinkler head, and a directional nozzle.

For the FFFS configuration a total of 46 nozzles were used in the tests over a zone length of 50 m (164 ft.). Nozzles were arranged in three evenly spaced rows across the tunnel width and evenly spaced longitudinally within the zone of operation. The fire was (longitudinally) positioned in the center of the FFFS zone and on the tunnel centerline. Each nozzle covered an area of 9 m² (96.8 ft²) with an operating pressure limited to 5 bar. At the water application rate quoted, this equates to a nozzle flow rate of 108 L/min (28.5 gpm) and a K factor of 48 L/min/bar^{1/2}.

Key measurements from the tests that were reported in the literature and are used for comparison here included the temperature downstream of the fire and heat flux. Refer to Figure 3-2 and Figure 3-3.



Figure 3-1: Fire heat release rate profile with FFFS operating (LTA test 4) [11].



Figure 3-2: Test data, gas temperature 5 m to 10 m downstream of the fire with FFFS (LTA test 4) [11].

LTA test 4, heat flux, 5 m downstream of fire



Figure 3-3: Test data, heat flux downstream of the fire with FFFS (LTA test 4) [11].

3.1.2 CFD Models

A CFD model was developed to represent test 4 from the LTA tests. Details of the models are summarized in Table 3-1. Key CFD model parameters considered included the following:

- Model boundary conditions Variation of the FHRR with time was considered as this was found to be a potential source of variation between CFD model and test data.
- Nozzle parameters Models were developed determine parameters such as spray angles and droplet velocity for the FDS representation. Sensitivity to droplet size was considered.
- Fire representation Models with a mixing-controlled approach and a volumetric heat source were considered. The mixing-controlled approach is the default in FDS. A volumetric heat source was used in the previous section and cases using were considered herein with FFFS included.
- Grid resolution Dependence of the solution on grid resolution was considered.

ITEM	VALUE
Grid	For the CFD models a grid resolution was used as follows: 0.2 m in the longitudinal direction, 0.2 m in the width and vertical directions. Rectangular tunnel geometry per the test geometry. Tunnel dimensions were rounded to the nearest 0.2 m to fit the grid resolution used (the model was made 7.2 m wide). A CFD model approximately 125 m long was used for analysis herein. This is shorter than the domain used for the Memorial Tunnel models because backlayering was not reported in the tests and thus was not expected to be observed in models. The fire was placed approximately 70 m from the inlet of the CFD domain.
Fire and FHRR	For the CFD models, the FHRR was set to vary with time based on the profile used in the original work. Figure 3-1 provides the FHRR profile. The fire load in the original test was comprised of wood pallets. The geometry of a pallet is such that it has features which are smaller than can be resolved with the grid. Given that detailed combustion processes are not being modeled it was not considered necessary to model the pallet geometry in detail. Thus, pallets were represented as blocks, each having an area of $3.52 \text{ m}^2 (37.9 \text{ ft}^2)$, with a total of 30 pallets (three layers, two rows of five pallets per row). The pallets were assumed to all burn simultaneously in the model and the peak FHRR per unit area was 276.47 kW/m ² . A target (used in the tests to assess fire spread) of wood pallets was included downstream of the main fire load for the testing and in the CFD model, but in the tests with FFFS this target did not ignite and thus no FHRR was specified for this downstream target in the models. Figure 3-4 shows a typical fire geometry from the CFD model.
Inlet boundary and outlet boundary	Inlet boundary condition was a fixed upstream velocity of 3 m/s (590 fpm) which is consistent with the tests. Outlet boundary was an open boundary per FDS User Guide [8].
Wall boundary condition	The walls were modeled as smooth walls (roughness height of 0 m). The thermal properties of the walls were based on concrete with a specific heat of 880 J/kg/K, density of 2000 kg/m ³ , conductivity of 1.3 W/m/K and emissivity of 0.9 [21]. The walls had an insulated back with a thickness of 1.0 m.
FDS parameters	Simulation of long tunnels sometimes results in numerical instability in the FDS models. Remedies are noted in the FDS User Guide [8] and include setting the specific heat to be constant and adjusting pressure solver parameters. Adding micro vents along the tunnel length is also sometimes used to help with stability problems although this was not necessary in this case. The FDS version used was FDS6.7.5-578-gc15229f4f-nightly. The nominal version number was 6.7.5 and the nightly release from 30 November 2020 was used since the version addressed some issues with FFFS discovered during validation. Note that in the time after the models for this work were conducted, that updates to the FDS software have been made to address stability issues with tunnel models [22]. The impact of these updates was not considered in this report.

Table 3-1: LTA test CFD model parameters.

ITEM	VALUE
Fuel	The fuel is modeled in FDS to represent a typical polymer, with the chemical formula $CH_{1.8}N_{0.05}O_{0.3}$ and a soot yield of 0.131 and CO yield of 0.01. Heat of combustion for these fuel parameters in the CFD model is 23,468 kJ/kg. This is assumed to not have any major effect on backlayering or temperature and velocity prediction. A volumetric heat source is used in some models and discussion relevant to the model set up is provided in the specific section presenting those results.
Measurement loop locations relative to the fire centerline	Measurement locations were situated on the tunnel centerline 5 m or 10 m downstream of the fire. There was some uncertainty as to the exact location of the measurements so data were recorded 5 m and 10 m downstream.
Comparison based on linear correlation	Results are compared between test data and the CFD model using a Pearson correlation coefficient (r) to measure how well the data are agreeing based on a linear correlation. Strength of association between test data and CFD is taken to be poor (r value between 0.0 and 0.25), fair (r value between 0.25 and 0.5), good (r value between 0.5 and 0.75) or very good (r value between 0.75 and 1.0). Negative r values represent a situation where the linear correlation between variables trends toward the straight-line interpretations having opposite slopes.



Figure 3-4: Fire geometry for the LTA CFD model.

3.2 Representation of FFFS Nozzles

Nozzle parameters (droplet size, spray pattern, model, and manufacturer) were not published in the LTA test publication. The nozzle was known to be a standard spray pendant type with a flow rate of 108 L/min at a pressure up to 5 bar, giving a K factor of approximately 48 L/min/bar^{1/2}. Manufacturer data and research publications were consulted to establish the approximate nozzle droplet diameter and spray patterns as follows:

Based on tests of similar nozzles (standard spray pendant) at similar pressures, a droplet diameter (median volumetric diameter, D_{v,0.5}) in the range of 0.5 mm to 1.2 mm was assumed [23]. Sensitivity to the median droplet diameter was tested.

A typical nozzle spray pattern is illustrated in Figure 3-5. Based on the nozzle being a standard spray pendant type, manufacturer data were consulted to establish a spray pattern as informed by a nozzle with a similar K factor and flow rate. A spray pattern was available for a standard coverage pendant nozzle with a K factor of 57 L/min/bar^{1/2} [24] and this was considered as a basis.

The FDS model for water droplets takes the following inputs in addition to nozzle flow rate and droplet diameter: PARTICLE VELOCITY, SPRAY ANGLE, PARTICLES_PER_SECOND, OFFSET and AGE [8]. An iterative process was developed using a genetic algorithm, where the parameters listed here, as well as droplet diameter, were varied within credible ranges to match a typical nozzle spray pattern per manufacturer data for a selected similar nozzle. The algorithm varied the input parameters with a goal of matching the manufacturer spray pattern based on water delivery at a given distance from the nozzle. Refer to Figure 3-6. The spray pattern was matched by comparing the CFD model water delivery for a given location offset and distance below the nozzle with published data. The models were run with a grid resolution of 0.4 m in the horizontal directions and 0.2 m in the vertical (sensitivity to 0.2 m throughout was checked found to have minimal impact on results).



Figure 3-5: Example nozzle spray pattern.

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Figure 3-6: Genetic algorithm concept.

Two iterations of the genetic algorithm were run, with slight differences in the range of parameters used to check the sensitivity to inputs. Table 3-2 displays the range of values used and optimal values arrived at per the genetic algorithm results. Spray pattern results are provided in Figure 3-7 and Figure 3-8.

 Table 3-2: Nozzle parameter development, genetic algorithm input ranges and optimal

 values, trial A and trial B.

PARAMETER	TRIAL A RANGE	TRIAL A RESULTS	TRIAL B RANGE	TRIAL B RESULTS
Particle velocity (m/s)	1 to 25	18.5	1 to 25	8.1
Spray angle (inner angle, degrees)	0 to 30	30.0	0 to 30	19.6
Spray angle (outer angle, degrees)	31 to 90	74.5	31 to 90	81.5
Particle diameter Dv,0.5 (µm)	650 to 1050	650.0	900 to 1300	1080.7
Droplet offset (mm)	30	30	30	30
Nozzle flow rate (LPM)	82	82	82	82
Particles per second	5000	5000	5000	5000
Age (s)	30	30	30	30
Reference	EVS-10-18	EVS-10-18	EVS-10-20	EVS-10-20
Spray visualization, cumulative mass, trial 17



Figure 3-8: Results from genetic algorithm trial B (EVS-10-20).

Sensitivity analysis included considering the number of particles injected per second (value of 10,000 tested) and the nozzle offset (value of 50 mm tested). Neither setting had any appreciable impact on the results. Different nozzle flow rates were tested. Results of the genetic algorithm at these different flow rates are provided in Table 3-3. Results from trial A1 and A2 (40 LPM and

50 LPM, respectively) were used to run a case with a nozzle flow rate of 82 LPM. Spray visualization of the results is provided in Figure 3-9 and Figure 3-10, for comparison with Figure 3-7. There is no discernable difference in the results, suggesting that the outcomes in terms of delivered spray density are not sensitive to flow rate. That is, a data fit at one flow rate could be extrapolated to different flow rates. Going forward, nozzle parameters from Table 3-2 were used in the analysis.

PARAMETER	TRAIL A RANGES	TRIAL A RESULTS	TRIAL A1 RESULTS	TRIAL A2 RESULTS
Particle velocity (m/s)	1 to 25	18.5	13.0	15.6
Spray angle (inner angle, degrees)	0 to 30	30.0	24.2	21.7
Spray angle (outer angle, degrees)	31 to 90	74.5	78.2	78.7
Particle diameter $D_{v,0.5}$ (µm)	650 to 1050	650.0	781.5	721.5
Droplet offset (mm)	30	30	30	30
Nozzle flow rate (LPM)	Varies	82	40	58
Particles per second	5000	5000	5000	5000
Age (s)	30	30	30	30
Reference	Varies	EVS-10-18	EVS-10-16	EVS-10-17

Table 3-3: Summary of sensitivity results for varying nozzle flow rates.



Figure 3-9: Spray results for 82 LPM flow rate, based on results from a genetic algorithm fit at 40 LPM, trial A1 (EVS-10-19).

Spray visualization, cumulative mass, trial 2



Figure 3-10: Spray results for 82 LPM flow rate, based on results from a genetic algorithm fit at 58 LPM, trial A2 (EVS-10-19).

3.3 Base Case CFD Models and FHRR Profile

Base case analysis was conducted and temperature downstream of the fire was monitored. Initial test cases showed that the temperature prediction was not achieving the peak observed from tests at around 400 seconds, refer to Figure 3-11 and Figure 3-12. The r values indicated good agreement between test data and CFD model, but the offset in peak temperature times was a concern. Consideration was made for a free burn test, to check the model performance, and this showed agreement between the measured and simulated temperature profiles. This result led to focusing on the FFFS as the source of the variation.

Consideration of the data showed that the peak FHRR was occurring at around 480 seconds, yet the reference literature noted that the FFFS was activated at 400 seconds. Further, consideration of fire temperatures showed that the peak temperature near the fire occurred at around 400 seconds. In the tests, the FHRR was measured by oxygen consumption techniques based on a measuring station 170 m (558 ft.) downstream of the fire [11]. At a nominal longitudinal velocity of 3 m/s, the air from upstream would take on the order of 60 seconds to reach the downstream measuring station. Furthermore, the activation time of the FFFS was noted to be 400 seconds, but it is plausible that some delay may have occurred after the FFFS valve was opened and water was discharged from nozzles at full flow rate. Experience suggests this could have been 20 to 30 seconds.



Temperature, 5 m downstream of fire, middle

Figure 3-11: Base case result for LTA tests, 5 m downstream of the fire, no change to the input FHRR profile (EVS-09-31).



Figure 3-12: Base case result for LTA tests, 10 m downstream of the fire, no change to the input FHRR profile (EVS-09-31).

Based on the above considerations a case was tested where the FHRR profile was shifted back in time by 80 seconds (first 80 seconds was neglected), so that the peak FHRR occurred at 400 s (to correspond to the peak from temperature data); refer Figure 3-13. The results were considered

at locations 5 m and 10 m downstream of the fire since there was some uncertainty as to exactly where the measurement location applied. Refer to Figure 3-14 and Figure 3-15. The CFD results show slightly better agreement 10 m downstream. Overall, the agreement (per the r-value) between the test and the CFD can be classed as very good when the HRR profile is shifted.

Heat flux data are provided in Figure 3-16. Agreement with CFD data is classified as good based on the r value, however, the CFD model is showing an over-prediction of the peak heat flux magnitudes. Several attempts were made to determine the cause of the higher heat flux prediction with the CFD model, including consideration of whether the FDS output parameter (incident heat flux in these cases) was the appropriate representation. A definite cause for the difference was not able to be ascertained but it was most likely some sort of discrepancy between the model output parameters and what the instrument used in the test was actually measuring. Given the very good r-value correlation for temperature profiles, and improved prediction of heat flux at times except for when the peak occurred), it was decided that the model was performing well enough and that improvement of the heat flux correlation could be investigated as part of future research.





Temperature, 5 m downstream of fire, middle

Figure 3-14: Temperature results 5 meters downstream of the fire with FFFS operating (EVS-09-34).



Figure 3-15: Temperature results 10 meters downstream of the fire with FFFS operating (EVS-09-34).



Heat flux, 10 m downstream of fire, incident

Figure 3-16: Incident heat flux data downstream of the fire (EVS-09-34).

3.4 Droplet Diameter Sensitivity

Additional runs were conducted with varying droplet sizes. Per the trials described in Section 3.2 a larger droplet size was tested. Results using the trial B results from Table 3-2 are provided in Figure 3-17. The result shows slightly less cooling downstream of the fire, which is attributable to the larger drop size. A larger water drop has less surface area relative to the volume of water flow. The rate of cooling by a water spray depends on the rate of evaporation, which in turn depends on the rate of heat transfer to the water. A larger water drop surface area increases the efficiency (cooling rate per unit volume). With larger water drops there is less total surface area of water, thus meaning that larger water drops provide less cooling.

An additional genetic algorithm trial was run where the droplet size was constrained to a smaller range. trial C in Table 3-4 provides the parameters and results. Figure 3-18 provides the results with the trial C droplets; agreement between test and CFD is similar to the trial A result. Additional cooling is observed, via the lower temperatures after 400 seconds, which is expected given the smaller droplet size.



Temperature, 10 m downstream of fire, middle

Figure 3-17: Temperature downstream of the fire using larger droplet diameter (EVS-09-35).

Table 3-4: Nozzle parameter developmen	t, genetic algorithm input ranges and optimal
values, tria	al A and trial C.

PARAMETER	TRIAL A	TRIAL A	TRIAL C	TRIAL C
	RANGE	RESULTS	RANGE	RESULTS
Particle velocity (m/s)	1 to 25	18.5	1 to 25	16.5
Spray angle (inner angle, degrees)	0 to 30	30.0	0 to 44	30.0
Spray angle (outer angle, degrees)	31 to 90	74.5	45 to 90	79.9
Particle diameter D _{v,0.5} (µm)	650 to	650.0	200 to 650	550.0
	1050			
Droplet offset (mm)	30	30	30	30
Nozzle flow rate (LPM)	82	82	82	82
Particles per second	5000	5000	5000	5000
Age (s)	30	30	30	30
Reference	EVS-10-18	EVS-10-18	EVS-10-24	EVS-10-24



Temperature, 10 m downstream of fire, middle

Figure 3-18: Temperature downstream of the fire using smaller droplet diameter (EVS-09-36).

3.5 Grid Resolution

Models reported in Section 3.3 were revisited using a grid resolution of 0.4 m (coarser grid, case EVS-09-34 was rerun) to test sensitivity to the grid resolution. Temperature downstream of the fire is shown in Figure 3-19 and Figure 3-20 for distances 5 m and 10 m downstream. The two results from the different grid resolution cases closely match. Figure 3-21 shows the incident heat flux downstream and results between the two grids closely match. The results here support a 0.4 m grid resolution, at least for initial investigations, which is a conclusion similar to that reached in the previous chapter for the Memorial Tunnel CFD models.



Temperature, 5 m downstream of fire, middle

Figure 3-19: Temperature results 5 meters downstream of the fire with FFFS operating, coarse grid 0.4 m sensitivity (r value for case EVS-09-44).



Figure 3-20: Temperature results 10 meters downstream of the fire with FFFS operating, coarse grid 0.4 m sensitivity (r value for case EVS-09-44).



Heat flux, 10 m downstream of fire, incident

Figure 3-21: Incident heat flux data downstream of the fire, coarse grid 0.4 m sensitivity (r value for case EVS-09-44).

3.6 Volumetric Heat Source

Given the agreement for the Memorial Tunnel tests using a CFD model with a volumetric heat source, the models for the FFFS herein were revisited to also consider the volumetric heat source. Cases were conducted on a coarse grid (0.4 m) and results for temperature downstream are provided in Figure 3-22 and Figure 3-23. Correlation between the model and the test data is very good per the Pearson coefficient measure, and comparable to the results observed with the mixing-controlled models.

A sensitivity was tested where the radiation was modeled; results are given in Figure 3-24 and Figure 3-25 and changes in the results are minor. This suggests that when the FHRR is prescribed (not determined by the model) that it might not be critical to include radiation when considering interaction between the FFFS and the EVS. An additional sensitivity test using a finer grid of 0.2 m was conducted, refer to Figure 3-26 and Figure 3-27. The agreement in these cases is still very good (per the Pearson coefficient) and slightly more consistent with the previously conducted mixing-controlled models where agreement is better 10 m downstream of the fire.



Temperature, 5 m downstream of fire, middle

Figure 3-22: Temperature results 5 meters downstream of the fire with FFFS operating, coarse grid 0.4 m, volumetric heat source (r value for case EVS-09-39).



Figure 3-23: Temperature results 10 meters downstream of the fire with FFFS operating, coarse grid 0.4 m, volumetric heat source (r value for case EVS-09-39).



Figure 3-24: Temperature results 5 meters downstream of the fire with FFFS operating, coarse grid 0.4 m and radiation on, volumetric heat source (r value for case EVS-09-41).



Figure 3-25: Temperature results 10 meters downstream of the fire with FFFS operating, coarse grid 0.4 m and radiation on, volumetric heat source (r value for case EVS-09-41).



Temperature, 5 m downstream of fire, middle

Figure 3-26: Temperature results 5 meters downstream of the fire with FFFS operating, finer grid 0.2 m, volumetric heat source (r value for case EVS-09-40).



Figure 3-27: Temperature results 10 meters downstream of the fire with FFFS operating, finer grid 0.2 m, volumetric heat source (r value for case EVS-09-40).

3.7 Research Findings and Suggested Practices Based on Findings

The results in this chapter demonstrate that FDS can predict the temperature field downstream of the fire when the FHRR is set as a boundary condition and the FFFS is included. Results show correlation to test data with either the mixing-controlled approach or the volumetric heat source approach. Reasonable results were achieved on a coarse grid (0.4 m) resolution for a volumetric heat source approach.

Sensitivity to the nozzle parameters was tested and some differences were observed dependent on the droplet size. The input HRR profile was also noted to be important. Exact details of the nozzles were not available (drop size, manufacturer, and spray pattern), but using what was thought to be a similar nozzle the results were in reasonable agreement if the HRR profile was adjusted per observations noted for timing. The possibility that the nozzle parameters in the test might have been different and the HRR profile not being the source of different temperatures downstream cannot be completely ruled out, however, the evidence presented herein gives a reasonable degree of confidence in the ability of FDS to predict the environment in the tunnel when an FFFS is operated. This conclusion agrees with other studies [25].

The model did not predict heat flux very well with respect to test data. Exact reasons for this are not certain, but it could be a function of the devices used in the test to measure heat flux and differences relative to what was measured in the FDS model. The only way to address these two uncertainties is via future testing where more certainty in conditions is attained. Going forward, the results are considered acceptable, given agreement here and in previous studies, for developing analysis of the interaction of the FFFS and EVS, with the caveat that the methodology would be checked with future stages of research looking at new test data compared with CFD.

The suggested practices based on results herein are to consider using a volumetric heat source model on a coarse grid (0.4 m), with no radiation modeled, for initial runs. Results in this section suggest that this approach can give a reasonable prediction of the temperature field. Sensitivity to a finer grid (0.2 m) should be considered once initial runs have been completed. It is also suggested that nozzle parameters be matched where possible by comparing spray patterns between the computational model and available test data.

3.8 Suggested Areas for Further Research

An area for further potential research could be the radiative heat flux correlation; models herein were predicting a larger magnitude of heat flux downstream of the fire. The differences could be due to the model, but they could also be due to the measurement technique since radiative heat flux is very sensitive to temperature.

4 CRITICAL AND CONFINEMENT VELOCITY

Models were developed to examine the ability of the FDS model to predict longitudinal smoke control. Results from the models were compared with equations for longitudinal smoke control as published in NFPA 502 in the 2014, 2017 and 2020 editions. The impact of the FFFS on smoke management is computed as well and results are compared with the equations developed by Ko and Hadjisophocleous [14]. The goal of this chapter is to test the ability of the CFD models to predict the longitudinal velocity needed to control smoke, and to determine the impact of the FFFS on the smoke control.

When this document was being drafted, the NFPA 502 2020 edition equation had been retracted from the standard as part of a tentative interim amendment [26]. Comparison with results from the equation is still made herein since the equation is based on scale testing and Froude scaling, and similar equations have been reported in the literature [4] [5]. The NFPA 502 2020 edition equation is used as it has provision to account for tunnel aspect ratio and backlayering length. For these reasons, even though the equation was retracted, comparison of results to the NFPA 502 2020 edition equation was considered to be beneficial for furthering the current research.

4.1 Overview

4.1.1 Critical Versus Confinement Velocity

Critical velocity is the steady state velocity needed, in a longitudinal ventilation system, to direct smoke downstream of a fire and prevent backlayering.

In this document the term **confinement velocity** is used to describe the steady-state velocity of the ventilation airflow moving toward the fire that is of a magnitude large enough to stop smoke movement upstream of the fire but not to prevent backlayering.

The term confinement velocity is introduced here because many of the models achieved confinement velocity, but the models reported in this section and Section 5 did not strictly achieve critical velocity. The variability of models with slightly different inputs was typically on the order of 10 to 15 percent (backlayering length and velocity needed to achieve a given backlayer length), and given this point, as well as uncertainty in what the magnitude of critical velocity actually is (that is, different equations predict different values of critical velocity), it was decided that no additional insight could be gained principal to the goal of looking at FFFS-EVS interaction by pushing models to achieve zero backlayering if a result had shown achievement of a confinement velocity.

4.1.2 Critical Velocity Equations

The NFPA 502 critical velocity equations from the 2014 edition and 2017 edition are provided in Figure 4-1, and from the 2020 edition in Figure 4-2.

The critical velocity equation from NFPA 502 2014 edition was initially validated as part of the Memorial Tunnel test work [9] [10]. In that work, it was noted that a smoke-controlled situation was deemed to have occurred generally when the backlayering was 40 feet or less. Thus, per the

terminology noted for critical and confinement velocity, it is possible that this equation for critical velocity (no backlayering) was validated using a result that was technically confinement velocity (some backlayering but no ongoing upstream smoke spread). Since the equation in NFPA 502 2014 edition represents the critical velocity, any velocity computed using this equation is referred to as such. The same is done for the 2017 edition equation. Distinction between critical and confinement velocity is made for the 2020 edition equation since that allows input of backlayering length into the computation.



Figure 4-1: Equation. Critical velocity, NFPA 502 2014 [12] and 2017 edition [7].

In Figure 4-1 symbols are as follows. *A* is the area perpendicular to the flow (m²), C_{ρ} is the specific heat of air (kJ/kg/K), *g* is the acceleration due to gravity (m/s²), *G* is the absolute value of tunnel grade as a percent, *H* is the height of duct or tunnel at the fire site (m) (measured from base of fire of the fire site to tunnel ceiling herein), K_1 is 0.606 (for the 2014 equation), which is the Froude number factor raised to the negative one third power, K_g is the grade factor which is 1 for 0 percent or uphill grade, and calculated per the provided equation for downhill grade (equation for *Kg* is based on Figure D.1 in NFPA 502 2014), ρ is the average density of the approach (upstream) air (kg/m³), *Q* is the heat the fire adds directly to air at the fire site gases (K), and V_c is the critical velocity (m/s). For the 2017 equation, K₁ varies with FHRR and if *Q* is greater than 100 MW, K_1 is 0.606, for *Q* of 90 MW, K_1 is 0.620; for 70 MW is 0.640; for 50 MW is 0.680; for 30 MW is 0.740; and for *Q* less than 10 MW, K_1 is 0.870.

$$\frac{u}{\sqrt{gH}} = \begin{cases} 0.81 \left(\frac{Q}{\rho_a C_p T_a g^{\frac{1}{2}} H^{\frac{5}{2}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left(\frac{H}{W}\right)^{\frac{1}{12}} e^{\left(\frac{-L_b}{18.5H}\right)}, & \frac{Q}{\rho_a C_p T_a g^{\frac{1}{2}} H^{\frac{5}{2}}} \le 0.15 \left(\frac{H}{W}\right)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \\ 0.43 e^{\left(\frac{-L_b}{18.5H}\right)}, & \frac{Q}{\rho_a C_p T_a g^{\frac{1}{2}} H^{\frac{5}{2}}} > 0.15 \left(\frac{H}{W}\right)^{-\frac{1}{4}} \end{cases}$$

Figure 4-2: Equation. Critical velocity, NFPA 502 2020 edition [13].

In Figure 4-2 symbols are as follows: C_p is the specific heat of air (kJ/kg/K), g is the acceleration due to gravity (m/s²), H is the height of duct or tunnel measured from base of fire at the fire site (m), W is the tunnel width (m), L_b is the backlayering length (m), ρ_a is the average density of the approach (upstream) air (kg/m³), Q is the total fire heat release rate at the fire site (kW), T_a is the temperature of the approach air (K), and u is the critical velocity (m/s), if L_b is 0 and if L_b is not 0 then u is the confinement velocity. The tunnel grade is accounted for by multiplying by the grade factor, which is the same as used in Figure 4-1.

Critical velocity and confinement velocity were computed for comparison with CFD with a FHRR of 46.7 MW, based on an ambient temperature of 20 °C, 0 percent gradient, tunnel width of 7.2 m, tunnel height of 5.2 m, heat capacity of 1005 J/kg/K, and a radiative heat fraction of 30 percent. This gave values of critical velocity of 2.40 m/s (2014), 2.97 m/s (2017) and 3.07 m/s (2020) (calculation reference EVS-01-18). For a backlayering length of 6 m, the confinement velocity was 2.88 m/s (2020 edition).

4.1.3 CFD Models

Analysis was conducted for a tunnel with a cross section 7.2 m wide and 5.2 m high, corresponding to the LTA tunnel analyzed in Section 3. CFD analysis was conducted using similar methods as presented in Section 2 but with some minor changes as summarized in Table 4-1. Models were conducted using a mixing-controlled approach for fire, a volumetric heat source, with and without radiation heat transfer, various turbulence models, and grid resolution. For comparison, the velocity needed for longitudinal smoke control was computed using the NFPA 502 equations from the 2014, 2017 editions and 2020 editions. The FHRR was 46.7 MW unless noted otherwise.

ITEM	VALUE	SOURCE
Cross section and length	Tunnel cross section 7.2 m wide by 5.2 m high, 0 percent grade, model was 150 m long.	Corresponds to the LTA tunnel cross section
Fire parameters	FHRR = 46.7 MW, fire geometry is positioned on the tunnel floor and is 6 m long and 4 m wide, and where a volumetric heat source is used it is 2.8 m high and the radiative fraction is set to 30 percent (in these cases radiation was not modeled unless stated).	Based on Memorial Tunnel tests (pan sizes) and previous CFD analysis where a volumetric heat source is used [10]
Wall boundary conditions	Concrete boundary condition with a smooth (0 roughness height) wall having a thickness of 1.0 m (typical tunnel wall thickness) and an insulted backing. Materials properties as follows: Density = 2,000 kg/m3 Heat capacity = 0.88 kJ/kg/K Conductivity = 1.3 W/m/K Emissivity = 0.9	[21]
CFD model parameters	CFD models had a nominal grid resolution of 0.4 m and FDS defaults were used as per those applied in models discussed in Section 2. The inlet velocity was set as a constant value. Models had small openings (open boundary condition) 0.4 m by 0.4 m placed along the tunnel to help with numerical stability [8]. The openings were spaced at 12 m and were on alternating sides of the tunnel. Variations from these parameters are noted.	
Critical velocity	Critical velocity was computed by temperature to identify the extent of any backlayering. Sensors were placed at the tunnel ceiling on the centerline and a temperature of 25 °C was used to demarcate the backlayering region. This temperature was 5 °C above ambient and, given the large temperatures likely in a fire, assumed to be enough to detect the onset of backlayering.	
Other	Sensitivity to grid resolution, turbulence models, wall models, radiation heat transfer, and boundary conditions (inlet velocity and heat transfer conditions) are tested.	

Table 4-1: CFD parameters for critical velocity validation.

4.2 Mixing Controlled Combustion Models

Key results for mixing-controlled combustion models are summarized in Table 4-2. As noted in Section 4.1.2 the critical velocity calculated using equations per NFPA 502 was 2.40 m/s (2014 edition), 2.97 m/s (2017 edition) and 3.07 m/s (2020 edition). For a backlayering length of 6 m, the confinement velocity was 2.88 m/s (2020 edition).

Results show that FDS does a reasonable job of predicting velocity for smoke control with the base case showing results that over-predict relative to the equation in the NFPA 502 2014 edition, and under-predict relative to the equations provided in the 2017 and 2020 editions.

Note that the velocity calculated with the CFD model does not result in the absence of backlayering (0 m). Results from models conducted show that the backlayering length tends to be an unsteady quantity and it typically fluctuates back and forth in the model. No attempt was made to produce 0 m of backlayering (critical velocity). The aim was to demonstrate, using CFD, a controlled smoke condition (confinement velocity), and the order of magnitude upstream velocity used. Based on accuracy of the CFD models, a velocity increment range of 0.25 m/s (about 10 percent) was used, and for backlayering length, increments on the order of 10 m were used. Based on results seen in earlier sections, attempting to control smoke to any more precise degree would be working in a range where modeling errors could easily affect the results and thus confidence in trends would be lower.

Key results include:

- Sensitivity to upstream velocity (EVS-19-1 versus EVS-19-10): A change of upstream velocity (decrease) of 0.25 m/s resulted in an increase in backlayer length on the order of 10 m.
- Sensitivity to openings along the tunnel length (EVS-19-24 versus EVS-19-10, EVS-19-11 versus EVS-19-18): Closing the openings caused the backlayering length to decrease.
- Sensitivity to wall turbulence model (EVS-19-24 versus EVS-19-19): No change in backlayering length.
- Sensitivity to grid resolution (EVS-19-10 versus EVS-19-3): Sensitivity to grid resolution was tested by running cases with an upstream velocity less than critical. This was done because cases with some backlayering are more likely to be sensitive to grid changes. The results show that grid resolution had a minor impact with the finer grid predicting slightly more backlayering.
- Sensitivity to near-wall grid resolution (EVS-19-3 versus EVS-19-20): The case with a finer grid near the wall predicted more backlayering relative to the base case (14 to 16 m versus 28 m). The result with a finer near-wall grid took such a very long time to run (several weeks). In both cases the smoke movement upstream was controlled, so the engineering outcomes would be unchanged due to this sensitivity. Finer grid cases were observed to give more backlayering, refer also to Section 2.3.9.

Static pressure profiles were measured along the tunnel using points placed on the centerline at a height of 2.4 m above the roadway (roughly halfway between roadway and tunnel ceiling), refer to Figure 4-3 for a profile plot. One of the profiles is provided for a case with small openings distributed along the tunnel, and the other for the same scenario with the openings closed off. The pressure profile appears to be affected by the backlayering. Further discussion on the magnitude of the pressure change is provided in later subsections.

ID	V (M/S)	BL (M)	REMARKS
EVS-19-1	2.73	6	Base case model (model halt 380 s). Variation from NFPA 502: critical velocity 2014 (+13 percent), 2017 (-8 percent), 2020 (-12 percent) and confinement velocity 2020 (-6 percent). Upstream velocity based on a temperature sensor placed 2 m upstream of the fire reaching 25 °C.
EVS-19-10	2.50	20	Reduced upstream velocity (model halt 1200 s).
EVS-19-24	2.50	8	Closed the small openings that are distributed along the tunnel sidewalls (model halt 1200 s).
EVS-19-3	2.50	14 to 16	Refined the grid, 0.2 m resolution, and closed the small openings that are distributed along the tunnel sidewalls (model halt 1200 s).
EVS-19-19	2.50	9	Wall adapting large eddy simulation (WALE) turbulence model near the walls (model halt 1200 s). Closed the small openings that are distributed along the tunnel sidewalls.
EVS-19-20	2.50	28 to 30	Closed the small openings that are distributed along the tunnel sidewalls, refined grid, 0.1 m near the walls, 0.2 m otherwise (model halt 900 s $-$ model took several weeks of computer time to reach this point).
EVS-19-11	2.25	42	Reduced upstream velocity (model halt 1200 s).
EVS-19-18	2.25	32	Closed the small openings that are distributed along the tunnel sidewalls (model halt 1200 s).

Table 4-2: Longitudinal smoke control results – mixing-controlled combustion models(FDS default).



Figure 4-3: Static pressure profile along the tunnel for mixing-controlled models.

4.3 Volumetric Heat Source Models

Results are summarized in Table 4-3 for models using a volumetric heat source. The volumetric heat source results show a trend toward slightly lower confinement velocity relative to the models from the previous section, however, results are still within about 10 percent of each other. Some observations are as follows:

- Base case model (EVS-19-21) gave slightly less backlayering relative to a similar mixingcontrolled model from the previous section (see EVS-19-10 in Table 4-2). Refined grid case (EVS-19-22 at 0.2 m) give similar results.
- Including a passive scalar to represent soot had no impact on results (EVS-19-23) and including radiation in the model had no impact on results (EVS-19-32).
- A reduced upstream velocity (2.25 m/s, EVS-19-13) gave only a small increase in backlayering relative to the initial velocity used (2.50 m/s). Relative to the mixing-controlled models the backlayering was less (see case see EVS-19-11 in Table 4-2).
- Turbulence model closure coefficient (EVS-19-13 versus EVS-19-15): Minor change in results, slightly better control of smoke when the closure coefficient is increased though this is well within the margin of accuracy.
- Closing off the small openings along the tunnel (EVS-19-13 versus EVS-19-17): Slightly reduced backlayering length, however, the difference is within model accuracy levels.
- Reynolds-averaged Navier-Stokes (RANS) k-epsilon turbulence model approach in FLUENT versus using large eddy simulation (EVS-19-12 versus EVS-19-17): Differences in the results are minor in terms of backlayering length (within range of model accuracy). The RANS model predicts slightly less backlayering, but to fully conclude this a dedicated parameter study to compare models would be needed.
- Refined grid (EVS-19-17 versus EVS-19-16): Backlayering increases with the grid refined, which is consistent with what was seen in mixing-controlled models. The reason for this could be related to the increased peak temperatures near the walls because of the finer grid. The difference is not enough to impact conclusions.
- Adiabatic boundary conditions on the walls mean no heat can transfer into the walls, and all heat therefore is controlled with ventilation. The result of this is a substantial increase in backlayering distance (EVS-19-36). This issue is not significant in most fire scenarios, since a perfectly adiabatic wall does not exist, and even a protective fire board can absorb some heat. However, this result does show that critical velocity depends on energy balance between the air stream and the tunnel walls and other heat absorbing elements (such as an FFFS).

In summary, the results show that closing small openings along the tunnel length improved smoke management slightly. A refined grid case (EVS-19-16) suggested the finer grid would predict an increased critical velocity. When the openings were closed off and the upstream velocity increased to 2.5 m/s, there was minimal difference in the smoke control behavior between 0.2 m grid or 0.4 m grid in this case.

The backlayering length can fluctuate, and small changes in backlayering length can be observed, especially when backlayering is less than 10 m. In general, once backlayering is at around 10 m with a coarse grid (0.4 m), these results show that the range for critical velocity is usually within about 10 percent of the velocity used. For example, case EVS-19-17 gave a backlayering length 6 m to 8 m at 2.25 m/s (0.4 m grid); sensitivity with a refined grid showed more backlayering, but an increase of the velocity by 0.25 m/s showed a convergence of the backlayering control outcome, for all sensitivities.

A suggested method follows:

- Avoid using small openings along the tunnel unless necessary for numerical stability. It is noted that some tests on a transverse ventilated tunnel were unstable for a mixing-controlled combustion model unless openings were included but were stable with a volumetric heat source model.
- A grid resolution of 0.4 m can give reasonable results. The magnitude of smoke control velocity might be 10 percent more than arrived at with this result, but if backlayering is contained to 10 m to 20 m, no material differences in smoke management outcomes are likely.
- The coarse grid can be used for initial runs with sensitivity on a finer grid (0.2 m) once a smoke control velocity is determined on a coarse grid. The final smoke control velocity is not expected to be more than 10 percent of the value initially arrived at on the coarse grid.

Static pressure profiles for cases with openings included are shown in Figure 4-4 for mixingcontrolled combustion versus a volumetric heat source. There is an appreciable difference in the pressure profile in the region just upstream of the fire, which is attributable to the different backlayering degree between the two models. A result looking at the impact of the openings using a volumetric heat source is provided in Figure 4-5. The result shows no major difference in results when the difference in backlayering is considered.

Results for the coarse and refined grid at an increased upstream velocity can be seen in Figure 4-6. There is virtually no difference in the results, with the net pressure drop magnitude (difference between upstream entry and downstream exit) being around 9.5 Pa.

ID	V (m/s)	BL (m)	REMARKS
EVS-19-21	2.50	2 to 4	Closed the small openings that are distributed along the tunnel sidewalls (model halt 1200 s). Variation from NFPA 502: critical velocity 2014 (+4 percent), 2017 (-17 percent), 2020 (-20 percent) and confinement velocity 2020 (-16 percent).
EVS-19-22	2.50	0 to 5	Closed off small openings spread along the tunnel, refined grid to 0.2 m (model halt 1200 s).
EVS-19-23	2.50	2 to 4	Added a passive scalar to represent soot, otherwise as per EVS-19-21 (model halt 1200 s). No change in results.
EVS-19-32	2.50	3	Added a passive scalar to represent soot, otherwise as per EVS-19-21 (model halt 1200 s) and included radiation. No change in results.
EVS-19-13	2.25	8 to 12	Nominal grid resolution 0.4 m (model halt 1200 s).
EVS-19-15	2.25	10 to 12	Turbulence model closure coefficient from 0.1 to 0.2, unsteady backlayering (pulsing) (model halt 1200 s).
EVS-19-17	2.25	6 to 8	Closed the small openings that are distributed along the tunnel sidewalls, unsteady backlayering (model halt 1200 s).
EVS-19-12	2.25	4	Ran with a steady state Reynolds Averaged Navier- Stokes turbulence model (RNG k-epsilon) (ANSYS Fluent used since FDS cannot model turbulence this way) with a grid resolution nominally 0.3 m. Volumetric heat source 6 m long, 4 m wide and 3 m high, and 30 percent of the heat was radiation (removed from the computation, not directly modeled). Variation from NFPA 502: critical velocity 2014 (-6 percent), 2017 (-28 percent), 2020 (-31 percent) and confinement velocity 2020 (-27 percent).
EVS-19-9	2.15	18	Similar model to EVS-19-12, but with a reduced upstream velocity.
EVS-19-16	2.25	16 to 18	Closed the small openings that are distributed along the tunnel sidewalls, refined grid to 0.2 m. Backlayering observed to increase toward the end of the simulation (model result reported at 1200 s, backlayering slowly increases up to 1500 s to around 26 m).
EVS-19-36	2.25	66	Closed the small openings that are distributed along the tunnel sidewalls, refined grid to 0.2 m (model halt 1200 s). Walls are adiabatic.
EVS-19-37	2.00	20 to 28	Closed the small openings that are distributed along the tunnel sidewalls, unsteady backlayering (model halt 1200 s).

Table 4-3: Longitudinal	smoke control results -	volumetric heat source re	esults.
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Figure 4-4: Static pressure profile for mixing-controlled and volumetric heat source combustion with small openings distributed along the tunnel.



Figure 4-5: Static pressure profile for a volumetric heat source comparing cases with and without small openings distributed along the tunnel.





Figure 4-6: Static pressure profile for a volumetric heat source with refined grid.

Equations are presented in the literature for the purposes of computation of a pressure loss due to fire. The first equation considered is taken from the governing equations of the SVS (Subway Ventilation Simulation, previously known as SES for Subway Environment Simulation) software [27]. SVS is a one-dimensional flow solver, aimed for use in rail tunnels, but is applicable to road tunnels as well. Its calculation of the fire pressure loss is based on Figure 4-7. Note that the pressure change given by Figure 4-7 represents only one loss term and in a tunnel ventilation design, several other terms (wall friction, vehicle friction, buoyancy, wind) are important for the overall pressure losses and need to be factored into a ventilation design calculation (see [1], Section 5.3).

$$\Delta P_{fire} = \frac{\rho_0 v_{in}^2}{2} \left(\frac{2T_{fire}}{T_0} - 2 \right)$$
$$T_{fire} = \frac{Q_{conv}}{C_p \dot{m}} + T_0$$

Figure 4-7: Equation. SVS pressure drop equation due to fire.

In Figure 4-7 ΔP_{fire} is the pressure loss due to the fire (Pa), ρ_0 is the density of air (kg/m³), v_{in} is the magnitude of the upstream velocity (m/s), T_{fire} is the temperature at the fire (K), T_0 is the ambient temperature (K), Q_{conv} is the convective portion of the fire heat release rate (W), C_{ρ} is the specific heat of air (J/kg/K), and \dot{m} is the mass flow rate of air (kg/s).

Additionally, a recent paper by Carlotti and Salizzoni [28] uses dimensional analysis of multiple empirical formulae and compares the results with small-scale experimental data to derive a new equation for the pressure drop, shown below in Figure 4-8.

$$\Delta P_{fire} = \frac{3Q_{conv}v}{C_p T_0 D_h^2}$$

Figure 4-8: Equation. Pressure drop equation recommended for EVS design [28].

In Figure 4-8 ΔP_{fire} is the pressure loss due to the fire (Pa), Q_{conv} is the convective portion of the fire heat release rate (W), *v* is the magnitude of the upstream velocity (m/s), C_p is the specific heat of air (J/kg/K), T_0 is the ambient temperature (K), and D_h is the hydraulic diameter of the tunnel (m).

Using Figure 4-7 for the parameters of this tunnel geometry, a value of 6.3 Pa is arrived at (velocity of 2.25 m/s). Using Figure 4-8 to compute the pressure loss for this geometry, a value of 10.3 Pa is arrived at (calculation reference EVS-01-16). Both values are comparable to the CFD result of 9.5 Pa (\pm 1Pa). From experience, the equation in Figure 4-7 tends to predict a lower pressure loss due to fire.

Pressure loss due to fire is noted to be an area of active research with FDS, and some authors have reported difficulty in being able to generate a reliable computation of the pressure field near to a fire in a long computational domain [29]. A detailed investigation of this aspect has not been developed in this report.

4.4 Scaled Tunnel Critical Velocity

For testing purposes, it is desirable to use a scaled tunnel model since tests can be run faster and for less cost compared with a full-scale tunnel. A scaled tunnel can be derived using the Froude scaling equations in Figure 4-9.

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ight)^{5/2}$$

Figure 4-9: Equation. Scaling relationships [30] [31].

In Figure 4-9 symbols are as follows: *Fr* is the Froude number, *g* is the acceleration due to gravity (m/s^2) , *I* is length (m), *Q* is the heat release rate (kW), *V* is the ventilation velocity (m/s), and \dot{V} is the volumetric flow rate in (m^3/s) . The subscript *F* is for the full-scale facility parameter; the subscript *M* is for the model parameter.

A scaled CFD model was conducted to examine whether the principal characteristics (critical velocity, backlayering length) would follow the scaling equations. Results are provided in Table 4-4. The geometry is scaled by a factor of 4, and per the equations, the velocity should scale down by a factor of 2. The results show that the backlayering length in the scaled model decreases by a factor of 4, which is consistent with the scaling. Note that scaling the geometry is a very complex issue and not every physical characteristic (such as radiation heat transfer) can be scaled easily. The results here show a trend toward similar behavior for smoke control, but much more in-depth work would be needed, beyond the scope of this research, to fully quantify the efficacy of this scaling technique.

Figure 4-10 shows the pressure profile results (pressure scales according to the length scale [30]) with and without a scalar representing soot being introduced. There are differences in the absolute value of the pressure but the magnitude of relative change along the length is minimal. Figure 4-11 shows results for the small-scale (scaled up by a factor of four to achieve full-scale equivalency) and full-scale models. The profiles are quite similar when considering there is a factor of four difference in the geometry.

Table 4-4: Critical velocity results – volumetric heat source results for scaled geometry.

ID	V (m/s)	BL (m)	REMARKS
EVS-19-21	2.50	2 to 4	Closed the small openings that are distributed along the tunnel sidewalls (mode) halt 1200 s). Variation from NFPA 502: critical velocity 2014 (+4 percent), 2017 (-17 percent), 2020 (-20 percent) and confinement velocity 2020 (-16 percent).
EVS-19-32	2.50	3	Added a passive scalar to represent soot, otherwise as per EVS-19-21 (model halt 1200 s) and included radiation. No change in results.
EVS-19-33	1.25		Scaled version of EVS-19-32 (1:4 for length, 1:2 for velocity).



Figure 4-10: Static pressure profile results for models with and without a passive scalar.



Figure 4-11: Static pressure profile results for full-scale and one quarter scaled models, with results plotted as full-scale equivalent.

4.5 Critical Velocity with FFFS

The final part of the analysis in this chapter involves checking the ability of the CFD model to predict backlayering management when an FFFS is operated. The equations developed by Ko and Hadjisophocleous [14] are used for comparison with CFD; refer to Figure 4-12. Note that the nozzles used in the experiments [14] generated large droplets, with a K factor of 161.3 L/min/bar^{1/2} and water application rates ranged from 3 to 9 mm/min. The CFD model herein is based on the full-scale configuration described in Section 4.1.3 but now an FFFS is also modeled. Model parameters are provided in Table 4-5.

ITEM	VALUE	SOURCE
Fire and velocity scenario	FHRR of 18.7 MW, upstream velocity is varied, ambient temperature 20°C	_
FFFS arrangement	Water application rate is 0.12 gpm/ft ² (5 mm/min), droplet parameters are as per trial A in Table 3-4. The geometry of the nozzles comprises two rows of nozzles running along the tunnel length from 33 m upstream of the fire to 27 m downstream of the fire with 4 m between nozzles. Each row of nozzles is placed 2.4 m from the tunnel side walls. Total zone length is 64 m, width of 7.2 m, with 32 nozzles at a flow rate of 72.0 L/min/nozzle (5.0 mm/min).	Typical design values
CFD model parameters	Refer to Table 4-1. A volumetric heat source model is used. The FFFS had no impact on the FHRR in the models; it only acted to cool the tunnel environment and products of combustion.	
Critical velocity	Typically, computed by using upstream temperature near the ceiling is used to indicate whether backlayering occurs	[5]

Table 4-5: Model parameters for critical velocity and FFFS operating.



Figure 4-12: Equation. Critical velocity with an FFFS operating [14].

In Figure 4-12 C_{ρ} is the specific heat of air (kJ/kg/K), *g* is the acceleration due to gravity (m/s²), *D* is the hydraulic diameter of the tunnel (m), ρ_{o} is the average density of the approach (upstream) air (kg/m³), *Q* is the total fire heat release rate (kW), *Q*" is the dimensionless heat release based

on the tunnel hydraulic diameter, V" is the dimensionless critical velocity without FFFS, T_o is the ambient temperature (K), V is the critical velocity without FFFS (m/s), V_{FFFS} is the critical velocity accounting for FFFS (m/s), and ω is the water spray density (mm/min). The equation is valid up to a FHRR of approximately 40 MW.

Model results are provided in Table 4-6. The method of controlling or setting the upstream velocity varies between models and it is noted in the table which method is used. Key conclusions as follows:

- The model makes a reasonable prediction of velocity for longitudinal smoke control at the FHRR used with no FFFS operational (EVS-19-25).
- The effect of the FFFS can be seen in models run with a very low upstream velocity (EVS-19-26 and EVS-19-34). In these models there is substantial backlayering until the FFFS is operated and after that the smoke control improves. Radiation heat transfer, when included, slightly reduces the efficacy of the water spray cooling. Critical velocity primarily depends on convective heat management and if radiation is included then some of the water spray cooling capacity goes into radiation absorption meaning less convective fire energy can be absorbed by the water. Radiation heat transfer has less effect when the temperature sensor is located less than one tunnel height upstream of the fire (EVS-19-35 versus EVS-19-30).
- Location of the temperature sensor used to trigger critical velocity determination: Models show
 a clear decrease in the upstream velocity when the FFFS is used (temperature sensor
 approximately two tunnel height distances upstream, EVS-19-27 versus EVS-19-28, and
 temperature sensor located approximately one tunnel height distance upstream EVS-19-29
 versus EVS-19-30). Note that when the FFFS is not used and the temperature sensor is
 placed further upstream of the fire (two tunnel heights), the smoke control with no FFFS
 operating is significantly worse, as evidenced by the much great backlayering distance
 (compare EVS-19-28 and EVS-19-29).
- Per [14] the critical velocity with 5 mm/min water application should be 3.02 m/s for the 18.7 MW FHRR with no FFFS, and 2.66 m/s with the FFFS operating at 5 mm/min (NFPA 502 2014 edition equation gives 1.95 m/s, 2017 edition gives 2.79 m/s and 2020 edition gives 3.07 m/s). If the equation per [14] is used just to predict longitudinal velocity change from a CFD case with no FFFS operating the following result is found: 1) Based on case with no FFFS operating a velocity of 2.23 m/s is found to achieve the smoke control objective (EVS-19-29, 2 to 4 m of backlayering); 2) Starting then with a velocity of 2.23 m/s, and using the equation in Figure 4-12 with a 5 mm/min water application rate and a convective heat fraction of 70% of 18.7 MW, the velocity for smoke control with FFFS is predicted to be 1.80 m/s; 3) The CFD model (like EVS-19-29 but with FFFS at 5 mm/min, case EVS-19-30) has a smoke control velocity of 1.77 m/s (with 2 m to 4 m of backlayering). The result suggests that the equation in Figure 4-12 can be used to make an estimate the change in velocity that might arise when an FFFS is applied. The result is interesting for further work, but it is noted that this was not the intended use of the equation and further investigation is needed since the agreement between equation and CFD may have been affected by the coarse grid

ID	V	BL (m)	FFFS	REMARKS
EVS-19-25	(m/s) 2.30	2 to 6	N	Upstream velocity set to 2.30 m/s. Variation from NFPA 502: critical velocity 2014 (+16 percent), 2017 (-19 percent), 2020 (-29 percent), per [14] (-27 percent) and confinement velocity 2020 (-23 percent).
EVS-19-26	1.00	33	Y	Upstream velocity 1.0 m/s. Prior to FFFS operation the backlayering length is greater, back to the inlet of the computation domain (70 m), and the extent would likely be more if the domain were longer. When the FFFS is operated the backlayering length decreases.
EVS-19-34	1.00	40m (+/-5)	Y	Upstream velocity 1.0 m/s. Included radiation heat transfer and 30 percent radiative fraction. This model is the same as EVS-19-26 except for inclusion of radiation heat transfer. The results show backlayering is not reduced as much when radiation is included, meaning that the balance between radiative energy and convective energy absorbed by the FFFS is important. If radiation is not modeled, then the model might predict a slightly greater benefit of the FFFS than likely.
EVS-19-27	1.43	13	Y	Velocity is decreased until a temperature sensor at the tunnel ceiling 12 m upstream of the fire registers 25 °C.
EVS-19-28	1.80	>50	Z	Velocity is decreased until a temperature sensor at the tunnel ceiling 12 m upstream of the fire registers 25 °C.
EVS-19-29	2.23	2 to 4	N	Velocity is decreased until a temperature sensor at the tunnel ceiling 4 m upstream of the fire registers 25 °C.
EVS-19-30	1.77	2 to 4	Y	Velocity is decreased until a temperature sensor at the tunnel ceiling 4 m upstream of the fire registers 25 °C.
EVS-19-35	1.84	4	Y	Same model as EVS-19-30 but included the radiation heat transfer component. Per [14] the critical velocity is predicted to be 2.16 m/s.
EVS-19-38	2.30	0	Y	Same model as EVS-19-25 but includes FFFS. Per [14] the critical velocity is predicted to be 2.66 m/s.

Table 4-6: Critical velocity results – volumetric heat source results with FFFS.

Pressure profiles are provided in Figure 4-13 for cases with the FFFS operating and without. In this case it is noted there is very little difference in the overall relative pressure change (note the case EVS-19-25 was shifted down by 1.5 Pa to have the same entry pressure), thus suggesting that the water droplets have a small impact (relative to other losses such as pressure loss due to the fire) in terms of introducing additional pressure losses that the ventilation system would need

to overcome. The pressure loss due to the FFFS, comparing cases EVS-19-25 and EVS-19-38 is on the order of 1 Pa; which is small relative to the much greater pressure loss due to fire, and potentially negligible depending on the design being progressed. Another study has reported that the injection of water spray causes additional pressure losses along the tunnel, due to acceleration of the droplets, and that this pressure drop is large enough (on the order 5 to 10 Pa) to warrant inclusion in the ventilation design [32]. As noted earlier in this section, FDS is noted to not always reliably predict pressure profiles in long tunnels [29]; further research on this subject is suggested, including computational research and testing.



Figure 4-13: Static pressure profiles for cases with an FFFS.

4.6 Research Findings and Suggested Practices Based on Findings

The results herein have demonstrated the ability of FDS to make a reasonable prediction of the velocity needed for longitudinal smoke control. This conclusion is based on observations of the results relative to the published critical velocity equations in NFPA 502. Figure 4-14 provides a graph showing some selected results for longitudinal velocity for smoke control compared to the equations. The FHRR and velocity have been made non-dimensional per methods given in Figure 4-2. Note that the NFPA 502 2020 edition equation was undergoing revision [26], [33]. No single equation gives a perfect prediction of the velocity needed to control smoke, but the results here do show the ability of the CFD model to make a reasonable prediction of the velocity needed for smoke control.

Note that in conducting this analysis a result with 0 m backlayering was not sought out. The goal was instead to control the smoke to a distance one or two tunnel heights upstream of the fire. Given the accuracy with which FHRR can be measured in a test, and the accuracy with which upstream velocity can be controlled, both in a test and in a model (for instance, grid resolution sensitivity as demonstrated in Section 2.3.9), it was decided this was an approach that would yield more meaningful trends in results with respect to engineering levels of accuracy. Technically, the velocity arrived at in many simulations was the confinement velocity. Comparison is made with the NFPA 502 2020 edition equation with 0 m backlayer (critical velocity) and 15 m backlayer (confinement velocity). The 2020 edition equation results are noted to be closer to the other editions of NFPA 502 when backlayering is included.



Figure 4-14: Summary plot of CFD results versus NFPA 502 equations, no FFFS.

Results with the FFFS operating are compared to equation of Ko and Hadjisophocleous [14] in Figure 4-15. Dimensionless terms are as shown in Figure 4-12. Note that the FHRR used in the computation of dimensionless FHRR for the CFD models is important. If the convective term is used to compute dimensionless FHRR the agreement with equations is improved relative to a computation if the total FHRR is used. Note that the CFD models only included convective FHRR. This difference between the results and predictions is noted to also be exacerbated by the large variation in dimensionless critical velocity with dimensionless FHRR; a small change in dimensionless FHRR shows quite a large change in the dimensionless critical velocity in Figure 4-15. However, further research is suggested to attempt to achieve a better correlation between CFD results and the equation of Ko and Hadjisophocleous [14] given in Figure 4-12. The

CFD results have a lower velocity for smoke control, but this might have been due to grid resolution too.

Results in Table 4-6 suggested radiation heat transfer has a minor impact on results, with cases including radiation showing slightly more backlayer when considering the impacts of the FFFS. The reason for this is that when radiation is included some of the energy absorbing capability of the water goes into radiation absorption. If radiation is included then some of the water spray cooling ability goes into radiation absorption, meaning less convective fire energy is absorbed by the water. Comparison of results with equations of Ko and Hadjisophocleous [14] also suggest consideration of whether the FHRR is radiative or convective is important. More research is suggested to better quantify the impact of radiative heat transfer.



Figure 4-15: Summary plot of CFD results versus equations by Ko and Hadjisophocleous [14], FFFS operating.

In terms of suggested practices, the volumetric heat source approach with no radiation heat transfer active, and on a coarse grid (0.4 m) has been found to give reasonable results, at least to understand trends in the interaction between FFFS and EVS. The mixing-controlled model also gives reasonable predictions of longitudinal velocity for smoke control.

The volumetric heat source approach was found to be more stable numerically. While this method has potential shortcomings as it may not predict flame temperatures accurately, it has been found to give reasonable predictions of the temperature and velocity field remote from the immediate fire. In the mixing-controlled approach one practice used sometimes with FDS is to include small openings along the tunnel length to help with stability; this approach gave slightly more

backlayering. Given this point, and apart from the questionable physics of including small openings, it is desirable to not use small openings unless necessary. Going forward, a volumetric heat source approach is used for this research in most cases.

4.7 Suggested Areas for Further Research

Areas for further potential research include work to better understand the reasons for mixingcontrolled models giving unstable results. This is an active area of research and improvement with FDS [34], [22]. The instability potentially ties into problems that have been reported in the past in using FDS to compute the pressure profile (and pressure losses due to fire) in long tunnels [29] and further investigation of this is a worthwhile topic for future research. This research could also look at the losses caused by the FFFS, and it is noted that empirical data (planned to be measured as part of the laboratory scale testing) could be of value.

Further research on model scale versus full-scale fire tests and the influence on critical velocity could be of value.

Finally, further research is suggested to develop a better understanding of the role of radiation heat transfer in the FFFS-EVS interactions. Results herein suggested the effect is probably minor, perhaps influencing backlayering length. However, earlier sections herein (Section 2) have shown that grid resolution also affects backlayering length, and a more in-depth study could help determine the reasons for the differences in results.


5 LONGITUDINAL VENTILATION

The previous section demonstrated the prediction of longitudinal smoke control and the influence of the FFFS. A reduction in the upstream velocity necessary to control the smoke was seen and results arrived at that were of comparable magnitude to that predicted with the NFPA 502 equations from the 2014 and 2017 editions. The NFPA 502 2020 edition equation includes an expression for backlayering distance, and this was tested in cases where backlayering occurred. The CFD model tended to predict a lower confinement velocity that the NFPA 502 2020 edition equation.

In this chapter the influence of FFFS and EVS parameters on the confinement velocity, including FHRR, water application rate, droplet size and tunnel geometry, is investigated.

5.1 Overview

5.1.1 Parameter Study and CFD Model Setup

The analysis considers the impact of the FFFS on confinement velocity over a range of different tunnel, fire and FFFS configurations as outlined in Table 5-1. The purpose is to demonstrate the potential for integrated FFFS and EVS design through a parameter study. Confinement velocity was determined by the temperature near the tunnel ceiling at a position located upstream of the fire. Reasons for investigating confinement velocity versus critical velocity are discussed in Chapter 4.

PARAMETER	VALUE	NOTES / REFERENCE
Tunnel geometry configuration	A = Memorial Tunnel B = 8 m by 8 m (not used) C = 30 m (wide) by 6 m high (like an overbuild of a highway, 5 or 6 lanes) D = San Pedro de Anes (7.2 m wide and 5.2 m high)	Cross sections were selected to represent a spectrum of tunnels encountered in practice, refer to Figure 5-1, Figure 5-2, Figure 5-3 and Figure 5-4.
FFFS – median droplet size	155 μm, 650 μm, 1200 μm	Typical droplet diameters in FFFS applications ranging from water mist sizes to conventional large drop sizes. The droplet parameters for the 650 µm and 1200 µm droplets were set per the trial A parameters in Table 3-2, and the 155 µm per the "mist 1" parameters in Table 6-1.

Table 5-1: Confinement velocity parameter study.

PARAMETER	VALUE	NOTES / REFERENCE
FFFS – nozzle layout	Total length 40 m, representing one zone around the fire and one upstream of the fire location. Nozzles arranged on a grid on the order of 4.0 m spacing in the longitudinal direction and between 2.4 m to 3.2 m in the tunnel width direction depending on tunnel geometry. Nozzle water flow rate is adjusted for specific cases to achieve desired water application rate to the zone.	Typical design parameters
Water application rate	0, 2.5, 5, 10 mm/min	Typical water application rates used in tunnel designs. The impact of these different parameters was tested on the tunnel type D only.
FHRR	5 MW, 20 MW, 100 MW	Range of design FHRR values typically encountered in tunnel design. The impact of these different parameters was tested on tunnel type D only. Tunnel types A and C to consider the 20 MW result to verify that the behavior is similar.
Temperature sensor location for backlayering indication and control	Base models used a sensor upstream a distance 2H (two tunnel height distance from the fire) on the tunnel centerline. Sensitivity analysis used sensors at a distance 1H upstream.	Temperature sensors were used to trigger confinement velocity determination. The velocity was started at a large magnitude and ramped down until the temperature sensor upstream of the fire registered a temperature 5 °C greater than ambient.
Fire geometry	The volumetric heat source approach, as outlined in Section 4.3, was used with no radiation heat transfer active. The heat source was placed on the floor of the tunnel. For the 5 MW fire with no radiation modeled, the heat release rate per unit volume was 390.625 kW/m ³ , for 20 MW it was 446.429 kW/m ³ , and for 100 MW it was 446.429 kW/m ³ . When radiation was included the heat release rate per unit volume was increased based on the no radiation models including 70 percent of the FHRR as convective heat.	

PARAMETER	VALUE	NOTES / REFERENCE
Fire parameters	Heat of combustion = 20 MJ/kg Soot yield = 0.1 g/g fuel CO yield = 0.05 g/g fuel Radiative fraction = 0.3	Typical values seen in practice
Walls	Smooth walls were modeled.	—
CFD set up	Volumetric heat source, grid resolution 0.4 m.	See also Chapter 4.



Figure 5-1: Tunnel cross section for CFD analysis (Memorial Tunnel) (ID A).



Figure 5-2: Square cross section for CFD analysis (ID B).

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Figure 5-3: Rectangular cross section for CFD analysis (ID C).

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Figure 5-4: Rectangular cross section for CFD analysis representing San Pedro de Anes tunnel at the fire site (7.2 m width used in models) (ID D).

5.1.2 List of Models and Results

Three different tunnel cross sections were studied (A, C and D as described in the previous section). In summary, modeling for longitudinal ventilation included the following:

- San Pedro de Anes tunnel (cross section D): Prediction of the tunnel environment during a fire with longitudinal ventilation and FFFS operating. This corresponds to Case 21 models herein (denoted as EVS-21) and is the main geometry studied. Other variations of geometry were made as sensitivity analysis without the same comprehensive variation of parameters.
- Tests for prediction of critical velocity with an FFFS operating: Results found in the CFD study were compared to values shown by the equation developed by Ko and Hadjisophocleous [14].
- Extra wide cross section (cross section C): Prediction of the tunnel environment in a fire with longitudinal ventilation and FFFS operating. This corresponds to Case 13 (denoted as EVS-13), which is mainly used to verify that impact of FFFS is like results shown for cross section D.
- Memorial tunnel (cross section A): Prediction of the tunnel environment in a fire with longitudinal ventilation and FFFS operating. This corresponds to Case 14 (denoted EVS-14), which is mainly used to verify that the impact of FFFS is like results shown in cross section D.

Model output focuses on smoke control and confinement velocity. Additional output parameters are presented for some selected cases to illustrate the general trends in results with or without the FFFS.

5.2 Results for San Pedro de Anes Tunnel – Cross Section D

Model results for the San Pedro de Anes tunnel configuration are provided in Table 5-2 and Figure 5-5 (5 MW fires), Table 5-3 and Figure 5-6 (20 MW fires), and Table 5-4 and Figure 5-7 (100 MW fires). Pressure change results are quoted in the tables as well; as noted in the previous chapter, these should be interpreted with caution as determination of pressure change in tunnels with FDS is an area of active development. The pressure change was computed based on pressure at the inlet minus pressure at the exit.



ID	REMARKS	FHRR (MW)	FFFS DROP SIZE (mm)	WATER APP'N RATE (mm/min)	VEL (m/s)	BACK- LAYER LENGTH (m)	TOTAL P DELTA (Pa)
EVS-21-1	Backlayer length was constrained by CFD model extents (70 m upstream)	5	N/A	0	1.29	69	N/A – due to back layer to inlet
EVS-21-2	—	5	0.65	2.5	1.03	34	2.2
EVS-21-3		5	0.65	5	0.77	17	1.7
EVS-21-4	Water mist droplet size	5	0.155	5	0.72	11	1.6
EVS-21-5	—	5	0.65	10	0.60	13	2.1
EVS-21-19	Temp sensor moved closer to fire (1H instead of 2H)	5	N/A	0	1.39	53	1.8
EVS-21-21	Constant velocity upstream	5	0.65	2.5	1.29	8	1.8
EVS-21-30	Constant velocity upstream	5	N/A	0	1.60	2	2.0
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Table 5-2: Longitudinal ventilation – 5 MW fires.

ID	REMARKS	FHRR (MW)	FFFS DROP SIZE (mm)	WATER APP'N RATE (mm/min)	VEL (m/s)	BACK- LAYER LENGTH (m)	TOTAL P DELTA (Pa)
EVS-21-6	Backlayer length was constrained by CFD model extents (70 m upstream)	20	N/A	0	1.72	64	N/A – due to back layer to inlet
EVS-21-7	—	20	0.65	2.5	1.56	25	4.6
EVS-21-8	—	20	0.65	5	1.42	14	4.5
EVS-21-9	Water mist droplet size	20	0.155	10	1.01	10	3.6
EVS-21-20	Temp sensor moved closer to fire (1H instead of 2H)	20	N/A	0	1.87	28	4.9
EVS-21-22	Constant velocity upstream	20	0.65	2.5	1.72	13	4.7
EVS-21-31	Constant upstream velocity	20	N/A	0	2.00	4	5.4
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Table 5-3: Longitudinal ventilation – 20 MW.

ID	REMARKS	FHRR (MW)	FFFS DROP SIZE (mm)	WATER APP'N RATE (mm/min)	VEL (m/s)	BACK- LAYER LENGTH (m)	TOTAL P DELTA (Pa)
EVS-21-11	Backlayer length was constrained by CFD model extents (70 m upstream)	100	N/A	0	1.76	65	N/A – due to back layer to inlet
EVS-21-12	—	100	0.65	2.5	1.57	28	12.4
EVS-21-13	Water mist droplet size	100	0.155	2.5	1.31	16	19.4
EVS-21-14	—	100	0.65	5	1.46	16	11.9
EVS-21-15	Water mist droplet size	100	0.155	5	1.17	13	15.9
EVS-21-16	—	100	0.65	10	1.20	14	18.0
EVS-21-17	Water mist droplet size	100	0.155	10	1.00	16	12.8
EVS-21-18	—	100	1.20	10	1.50	17	13.4
EVS-21-23	Constant velocity upstream	100	0.65	2.5	1.76	13	13.7
EVS-21-32	Constant upstream velocity	100	N/A	0	2.25	1	18.1

Table 5-4: Longitudinal ventilation – 100 MW.



Figure 5-5: Backlayering and upstream velocity for 5 MW fires.



Figure 5-6: Backlayering and upstream velocity for 20 MW fires.

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Figure 5-7: Backlayering and upstream velocity for 100 MW fires.

Key conclusions are as follows:

- Backlayering is not controlled when the FFFS is not operating since case EVS-21-1 (5 MW), EVS-21-6 (20 MW) and EVS-21-11 (100 MW) are all showing backlayering length greater than 60 m, meaning that backlayering had extended to the inlet of the computation domain and may have increased even more if a greater upstream distance had been included.
- Backlayering and upstream velocity is reduced for all models with FFFS compared to models without FFFS. The impact of FFFS on backlayering length is most obvious when comparing cases with the same upstream velocity. EVS-21-1 versus EVS-21-21 (5 MW), and EVS-21-6 versus EVS-21-22 (20 MW). For both comparisons, backlayering is reduced to a distance less than 50 m when FFFS is operating.
- Temperature sensor used to trigger critical velocity: Sensor located closer to fire source (one tunnel height) reduces the backlayering length when FFFS is not used (EVS-21-1 versus EVS-21-19 (5 MW), and EVS-21-6 versus EVS-21-20 (20 MW)).
- Droplet size: Smaller droplet size leads to less backlayering and lower upstream velocity (EVS-21-3 versus EVS-21-4 (5 MW), and EVS-21-14 versus EVS-21-15 (100 MW)). Smaller droplets have a larger overall surface area, meaning they are more efficient at absorbing heat.
- Water application: Increased water application leads to less backlayering and lower upstream velocity (EVS-21-2 versus EVS-21-3 (5 MW), EVS-21-7 versus EVS-21-8 (20 MW), and EVS-21-12 versus EVS-21-14 (100 MW)).
- At the 100 MW FHRR, cases EVS-21-32 notes a velocity of 2.25 m/s being enough to control the smoke. This result should be treated with caution as it might be a low velocity due to the relatively coarse grid used. Given the same grid is used throughout, the results herein should still be sufficient for examining trends with different model parameters. The FFFS is seen to reduce the confinement velocity.

The equations per [14] and presented in Figure 4-12 are used to estimate the change in confinement velocity for scenarios with the FFFS operating. That is, the confinement velocity for a scenario with no FFFS is computed, and the equation is then used to predict the change in confinement velocity when FFFS is used. Figure 5-8 presents the equation used. In this figure Q'' is the dimensionless heat release (see Figure 4-12), *V* is the critical/confinement velocity without FFFS (m/s) (e.g., this could be the velocity derived from a CFD model), *V*_{FFFS} is the critical velocity accounting for FFFS (m/s), and ω is the water spray density (mm/min).

$V_{FFFS}^2 \ge 9 \frac{\sqrt{Q''}V^2}{\omega}$

Figure 5-8: Equation. Critical velocity with an FFFS operating [14].

From the 20 MW CFD model (EVS-21-31), a velocity of 2.0 m/s (V in Figure 5-8) can control the smoke with no FFFS operating. Based on the velocity without FFFS being 2.0 m/s, the velocity with 5 mm/min water application is predicted (using equations in Figure 5-8) to be 1.64 m/s (assuming 30% radiation). The value is comparable to the CFD result including FFFS (1.42 m/s, EVS-21-8). It is especially comparable since case EVS-21-8 is showing a backlayering length of 14 m and if the case was run with a slightly higher velocity the backlayer length would decrease.

Table 5-5 shows confinement velocities given by Ko and Hadjisophocleous [14] compared to the CFD results for 5 MW and 20 MW fires. In the use of the equation, radiation was removed from the FHRR since the CFD models being compared to have no radiation modeled. The CFD results represent confinement velocity, and the equation represents critical velocity, so caution is needed in making comparisons. The CFD, in these examples, thus tends to predict a lower value of confinement velocity. The difference between results with and without FFFS is of interest:

- At 5 MW FHRR, the equation per [14] predicts a change in critical velocity of 0.72 m/s (1.72-1.00), and the CFD model reflects a change of 0.83 m/s.
- At 20 MW FHRR, the equation per [14] predicts a change in critical velocity of 0.49 m/s (2.73-2.25), and the CFD model reflects a change of 0.58 m/s.

It appears from these results that the equation for FFFS impact might serve well to estimate the likely change in velocity needed for longitudinal smoke control. Caution is needed as there may be a FHRR limit on this as the equation was originally only valid to 40 MW.

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CASE ID	FHRR (MW)	FFFS	V IN CFD (m/s)	BACKLAYER IN CFD (m)	VC (m/s) PER [14] AND FIGURE 4-12, 30 PERCENT RADIATION REMOVED (AND PERCENT DIFFERENCE TO CFD)
EVS-21-30	5	N/A	1.60	2 to 4	1.72 (+7.5 percent)
EVS-21-3	5	Drop size – 0.65 mm, water application – 5 mm/min	0.77	16	1.00 (+26 percent)
EVS-21-31	20	N/A	2.00	4	2.74 (+31 percent)
EVS-21-8	20	Drop size – 0.65 mm, water application – 5 mm/min	1.42	14	2.25 (+45 percent)

Table 5-5: Confinement velocity and backlayering with FFFS.

5.3 Results for Extra Wide Cross Section – Cross Section C

The models conducted with the extra wide cross section (tunnel type C), aimed to clarify if smoke control is in line with results shown in San Pedro de Anes tunnel geometry (tunnel type D). Two scenarios were studied. Model results for the wide cross section tunnel configuration are provided in Table 5-6. The effect of the FFFS on smoke control is clear. Backlayering and upstream velocity is reduced with FFFS compared to models without FFFS. Hence, results are in line with results shown in Section 5.2.

ID	REMARKS	FHRR (MW)	FFFS DROP SIZE (mm)	WATER APPLICATION RATE (mm/min)	UPSTREAM VELOCITY (m/s)	BACKLAYER LENGTH (m) – INCREMENTS OF 1 M
EVS-13-1	Cross section C	20	N/A	0	2.14	16
EVS-13-2	Cross section C	20	0.65	5	1.84	4
EVS-21-31	Cross section C	20	N/A	0	2.00	4
EVS-21-8	Cross section C	20	0.65	5	1.42	14

Table 5-6: Longitudinal ventilation, extra wide cross section – 20 MW.

5.4 Results for Memorial Tunnel – Cross Section A

The models conducted with the Memorial Tunnel geometry (A), aimed to clarify if smoke control is in line with results shown in San Pedro de Anes tunnel geometry (D). Two models were studied. Results for the Memorial tunnel configuration are provided in Table 5-7. The effect of the FFFS on smoke control is clear. Backlayering and upstream velocity is reduced with FFFS compared to models without FFFS. Hence, results are in line with results shown in Section 5.2 in terms of trends in the change for smoke management when FFFS is included.

ID	REMARKS	FHRR (MW)	FFFS DROP SIZE (mm)	WATER APPLICATION RATE (mm/min)	UPSTREAM VELOCITY (m/s)	BACKLAYER LENGTH (m) – INCREMENTS OF 1 M
EVS-14-1	Memorial Tunnel cross section	20	N/A	0	2.65	19
EVS-14-2	Memorial Tunnel cross section	20	0.65	5	1.99	8
EVS-21-31	7.4 m by 5.2 m cross section	20	N/A	0	2.00	4
EVS-21-8	7.4 m by 5.2 m cross section	20	0.65	5	1.42	14

Table 5-7: Longitudinal ventilation.	. Memorial tunnel – 20 MW.

5.5 Additional Results (Tenability)

In the following section more results are shown for specific cases. The figures aim to highlight the differences for tenability between cases with and without FFFS operating. Tenability limits were sourced from NFPA 502 2020 edition, annex B [13]. For the 5 MW fires, case EVS-21-21 (drop size 0.65 mm, water application 2.5 mm/min) is compared to case EVS-21-1 (no FFFS). Upstream velocity in both cases is 1.29 m/s. For the 20 MW fires, case EVS-21-22 (drop size 0.65 mm, water application 2.5 mm/min) is compared to case EVS-21-6 (no FFFS). Upstream velocity in both cases is 1.72 m/s. For the 100 MW fires, case EVS-21-23 (drop size 0.65 mm, water application 2.5 mm/min) is compared to case EVS-21-23 (drop size 0.65 mm, water application 2.5 mm/min) is compared to case EVS-21-10 (no FFFS). Upstream velocity in both cases is 1.72 m/s. For the 100 MW fires, case EVS-21-23 (drop size 0.65 mm, water application 2.5 mm/min) is compared to case EVS-21-123 (drop size 0.65 mm, water application 2.5 mm/min) is compared to case EVS-21-10 (no FFFS). Upstream velocity in both cases is 1.72 m/s. For the 100 MW fires, case EVS-21-23 (drop size 0.65 mm, water application 2.5 mm/min) is compared to case EVS-21-11 (no FFFS). Upstream velocity in both cases is 1.76 m/s. The plots are showing the following:

- CO concentration along the tunnel 2.4 m above roadway level. Carbon monoxide results are
 provided in Figure 5-9, Figure 5-13 and Figure 5-17 (5 MW, 20 MW and 100 MW). The FFFS
 lowers the CO concentration slightly for the 20 MW and 100 MW cases and increases it
 slightly for the 5 MW. However, in relation to tenability the impact is negligible. Note that the
 models do not include the impact of incomplete combustion on CO levels, which has been
 seen in testing to cause increased levels of CO downstream of the fire in FFFS testing [11].
- Relative humidity downstream of fire at different heights above the roadway. Results are provided in Figure 5-10, Figure 5-14 and Figure 5-18 (5 MW, 20 MW and 100 MW). An increase in the relative humidity is seen downstream of the fire when the FFFS is operated, although in all cases conditions are below the saturation limit.
- Temperature along the tunnel 2.4 m above roadway level. Results are provided in Figure 5-11, Figure 5-15 and Figure 5-19 (5 MW, 20 MW and 100 MW). Temperature is reduced due to the FFFS, however, not to a degree that has a major impact on tenability outcomes.
- Visibility along the tunnel 2.4 m above roadway level. Results are provided in Figure 5-12, Figure 5-16 and Figure 5-20 (5 MW, 20 MW and 100 MW). Visibility is improved upstream of the fire due to the improved degree of smoke control. At the fire, and downstream, there is

little change with or without FFFS. This is most likely because visibility downstream is dominated by the mixing effect from longitudinal ventilation and there is no stratification for the FFFS to interfere with.



Figure 5-9: CO concentration along tunnel for 5 MW fires with and without FFFS.



Figure 5-10: Relative humidity downstream of fire for 5 MW fires with and without FFFS.



Temperature 2.4 m above roadway, time averaged

Figure 5-11: Temperature along tunnel for 5 MW fires with and without FFFS.



Visibility 2.4 m above roadway, time averaged

Figure 5-12: Visibility along tunnel for 5 MW fires with and without FFFS.



CO 2.4 m above roadway, time averaged

Figure 5-13: CO concentration along tunnel for 20 MW fires with and without FFFS.



Figure 5-14: Relative humidity downstream of fire for 20 MW fires with and without FFFS.



Temperature 2.4 m above roadway, time averaged

Figure 5-15: Temperature along tunnel for 20 MW fires with and without FFFS.



Visibility 2.4 m above roadway, time averaged

Figure 5-16: Visibility along tunnel for 20 MW fires with and without FFFS.



Figure 5-17: CO concentration along tunnel for 100 MW fires with and without FFFS.



Figure 5-18: Relative humidity downstream of fire for 100 MW fires with and without FFFS.



Temperature 2.4 m above roadway, time averaged

Figure 5-19: Temperature along tunnel for 100 MW fires with and without FFFS.



Figure 5-20: Visibility along tunnel for 100 MW fires with and without FFFS.

5.6 Structural Temperatures

Structural temperatures have been studied for cases with a mixing-controlled combustion fire model. The mixing-controlled approach can provide a more accurate prediction of flame temperatures nearer to the fire. The literature survey gives more discussion about CFD methods

for modeling fires [1]. The following figures show the wall temperature at the ceiling along with adiabatic surface temperature at the ceiling. The adiabatic surface temperature is a measure of the heat flux incident to the structure. The FFFS lowers the temperature both in the proximity of the fire and downstream of fire. However, taking a nominal concrete temperature limit of 380 °C to 400 °C [13] (applied to wall temperature), it is apparent that the FFFS does not completely mitigate the structural vulnerability, although the extent of damage is potentially reduced based on consideration of temperatures alone. Note that in Section 3 CFD models were found to overpredict heat flux relative to test data and this might also be reflected in the peak adiabatic surface temperature reported here (larger values predicted). Further research would be needed to fully resolve this.

Refer to Figure 5-21 and Figure 5-22 for 20 MW, and Figure 5-23 and Figure 5-24 for 100 MW. For the 20 MW fires, case EVS-12-7 (drop size 0.65 mm, water application 2.5 mm/min) and case EVS-12-8 (drop size 0.65, water application 5.0 mm/min) are compared to case EVS-12-6 (no FFFS). For the 100 MW fires, case EVS-12-13 (drop size 0.65 mm, water application 2.5 mm/min) and EVS-12-15 (drop size 0.155, water application rate 2.5 mm/min) and case EVS-12-15 (drop size 0.155, water application rate 5.0 mm/min) are compared to case EVS-12-11 (no FFFS). The 20 MW case shows temperatures that are in the range of being acceptable, while at 100 MW the concrete temperature limits are exceeded near to the fire. The temperatures tend to be reduced with increased water application rate. Note that per Figure 5-23 and Figure 5-24; there is not a noteworthy sensitivity to water droplet size for the structural temperatures.



Figure 5-21: Ceiling surface temperature for 20 MW fires with and without FFFS.



Tunnel ceiling adiabatic surface temperature, time averaged

Figure 5-22: Ceiling adiabatic surface temperature for 20 MW fires with and without FFFS.



Figure 5-23: Ceiling surface temperature for 100 MW fires with and without FFFS.



Tunnel ceiling adiabatic surface temperature, time averaged

Figure 5-24: Ceiling adiabatic surface temperature for 100 MW fires with and without FFFS.

5.7 Research Findings

In this chapter a parameter investigation of the impact on FFFS on longitudinal smoke control has been conducted. The aim was to test the impact of FFFS on EVS over a range of different settings. The results showed the following:

- The results show that use of FFFS can reduce backlayering and confinement velocity over a range of different EVS and FFFS conditions.
- The results also confirm that a smaller droplet size and an increased water application rate leads to less backlayering and lower confinement velocity.
- The equation shown in Ko and Hadjisophocleous [14] may predict the likely change in critical
 or confinement velocity for cases with FFFS operating, relative to a case without FFFS. CFD
 models tend to predict a lower critical or confinement velocity, which might be caused by grid
 resolution (per findings summarized in Chapter 2).
- Impact on tenability due to FFFS was relatively minor, however, it is noted that the models herein did not compute the impact of FFFS on the FHRR. Thus, temperature reductions when FFFS reduces FHRR could be greater, and per published test findings [11], the CO levels might be higher downstream.
- Models were run using mixing-controlled combustion to look at the impact of FFFS on wall temperatures. The FFFS tended to reduce temperatures, although for large FHRRs (100 MW) the temperatures were still in the range (local to the fire) where the concrete could be

vulnerable to spalling. Increased water application rate caused a small reduction in temperature, while water drop size had a minor impact.

5.8 Suggested Areas for Further Research

Areas for further potential research include:

- Development of an equation for quantitative prediction of FFFS impact on the EVS. The equation shown in Ko and Hadjisophocleous [14] is suggested as a starting point and more CFD analysis on finer grids may show better agreement with this equation than achieved herein.
- Further studies on refined grids. Results herein were developed on relatively coarse grids, and all cases used the same settings to allow comparison between impact of different parameters. To improve the accuracy of future equation development, a refined grid is recommended (0.2 m or finer per findings summarized in Chapter 2).
- Investigation of the ability of the FFFS to mitigate concrete spalling during a fire.

6 TRANSVERSE VENTILATION AND WATER SPRAY INTERACTIONS

6.1 Overview

CFD models were conducted to investigate the interaction of the ventilation system and water droplets. Of interest was the question of whether the droplets would be entrained into an overhead exhaust duct, as illustrated in Figure 6-1. Water spray parameters tested are provided in Table 6-1 and these parameters are consistent with those used in Section 3 (Table 3-2).



Figure 6-1: Interaction of water droplet and exhaust.

PARAMETER	TRIAL A	TRIAL B	MIST 1	MIST 2
Particle velocity (m/s)	18.5	8.1	12.0	12.0
Spray angle (inner angle, degrees)	30.0	19.6	1.0	1.0
Spray angle (outer angle, degrees)	74.5	81.5	60.0	60.0
Particle diameter $D_{v,0.5}(\mu m)$	650.0	1080.7	155	390
Droplet offset (mm)	30	30	100	100
Nozzle flow rate (LPM)	82	80	Varies, typically 39.6	Varies, typically 39.6
Particles per second	5000	5000	5000	5000
Age (s)	30	30	30	30
Reference	EVS-10-18	EVS-10-20	[35]	[35]

Table 6-1: Droplet parameters tested.

Models had a nominal grid resolution of 0.2 m. The ventilation rates used were comparable to a typical transverse ventilation system. The general model set up is shown in Figure 6-2. Note that the exhaust duct was not directly modeled in most cases, rather, a ventilation boundary condition was applied. Particles had to have a velocity of 0.01 m/s or greater to be extracted, otherwise they would not be entrained and would fall back to the roadway. This was specified in the FDS input files via the PARTICLE_EXTRACTION_VELOCITY parameter [8]. Results are presented as a percentage of the overall inflow of water into the domain. Based on mass balance sums, the result was typically accurate to within 1 percent or 2 percent of the overall water flow. The reason for some imbalance could be due to the particle extraction velocity, droplets falling back to the roadway, and effectively being counted twice, or numerical errors.

6.2 Transverse Exhaust Slots

The key question being investigated here was whether the water spray was entrained into the exhaust duct in a transverse ventilation system. Several models were conducted to investigate the interaction between the transverse ventilation and droplet parameters. Key cases and model set up are summarized in detail in Table 6-2, and detailed observations are as follows:

- Base case case EVS-11-16 shows that droplets (type trial A in Table 6-1) are not entrained into the exhaust duct. Some of the water hits the tunnel sidewalls rather than the roadway.
- Droplet size sensitivity case EVS-11-17 looks at smaller drops and less water reaches the tunnel roadway, with significantly more water drift downstream.
- Droplet size sensitivity case EVS-11-22 looks at a larger drop size (per trial B in Table 6-1) and results show most water reaching the roadway, some water on tunnel sidewalls and some entrainment into the duct, although at 1.3 percent of the overall water application rate it is negligible and inside the typical amount of imbalance error observed in models. The larger droplets had a lower injection speed (8.1 m/s for trial B versus 18.5 m/s for trial A) and this could explain why some water was entrained into the duct. There is some imbalance for the larger droplet size, but it is within 1 percent to 2 percent of the overall water injected. A sensitivity case was conducted (EVS-11-40) where the duct was modeled (see Figure 6-3) rather than just a ventilation boundary condition to represent the slot; no appreciable change in water delivery was observed although the amount of water entrained into the duct was decreased (suggesting that not modeling the duct at least gives a conservative result with respect to amount of water delivered to the tunnel space).
- Water application rate sensitivity, less water but keeping with trial A droplet parameters case EVS-11-18 looks at a reduced water application rate. Results do not change by any appreciable amount from the base case (EVS-11-16) in terms of the water distribution.
- Droplet size and water application rate sensitivity case EVS-11-19 looks at a larger drop size (per trial B in Table 6-1) and increased water application rate. A similar distribution of water to the roadway and sidewalls is observed.
- Upstream velocity case EVS-11-20 tested a scenario with no upstream velocity applied. The results did not change in terms of water distribution relative to the base case, and still there was only a negligible amount of water entrained into the duct.

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Figure 6-2: Transverse ventilation set up.



Figure 6-3: Sensitivity scenario schematic showing full duct model. Table 6-2: Transverse ventilation and water spray interactions.

CASE ID	GEOMETRY AND VENTILATION	FFFS PARAMETERS	FINDINGS
650 μm water drop, 5 mm/min (EVS-11-16)	Tunnel section 8.8 m wide, 4.4 m high. Two exhaust ports in the ceiling, 0.2 m by 1.0 m each, exhaust rate of 0.8 m ³ /s per port. Upstream ventilation velocity 2.5 m/s.	One nozzle positioned at the geometric center of each exhaust port, offset 0.1 m below each exhaust port, nozzle flow rate of 82 L/min, all other parameters otherwise as per trial A, Table 6-1.	87.4 percent water on roadway, 12.7 percent water on sidewall, 0.1 percent water out of downstream portal. Water did not get entrained into the exhaust slot.
155 μm water drop, 2.5 mm/min (EVS-11-17)	Tunnel section 8.8 m wide, 4.4 m high. Two exhaust ports in the ceiling, 0.2 m by 1.0 m each, exhaust rate of 0.8 m ³ /s per port. Upstream ventilation velocity 2.5 m/s.	One nozzle positioned at the geometric center of each exhaust port, offset 0.1 m below each exhaust port, nozzle flow rate of 39.6 L/min, all other parameters otherwise as per Mist 1, Table 6-1.	47.1 percent water on roadway, 0 percent water on sidewall, 53.9 percent water out of downstream portal. Droplets were blown downstream of the target zone but were not entrained into the duct.

CASE ID	GEOMETRY AND VENTILATION	FFFS PARAMETERS	FINDINGS
1081 µm water drop, 5 mm/min (EVS-11-22)	Tunnel section 8.8 m wide, 4.4 m high. Two exhaust ports in the ceiling, 0.2 m by 1.0 m each, exhaust rate of 0.8 m ³ /s per port. Upstream ventilation velocity 2.5 m/s.	One nozzle positioned at the geometric center of each exhaust port, offset 0.1 m below each exhaust port, nozzle flow rate of 82 L/min, all other parameters otherwise as per trial B, Table 6-1.	89.3 percent water on roadway, 11.4 percent water on sidewall, 0.1 percent water out of downstream portal, 1.3 percent water through exhaust ports.
1081 µm water drop, 5 mm/min (EVS-11-40)	Tunnel section 8.8 m wide, 4.4 m high. Two exhaust ports in the ceiling, 0.2 m by 1.0 m each, exhaust rate of 0.8 m ³ /s per port. Upstream ventilation velocity 2.5 m/s. Duct modeled above roadway.	One nozzle positioned at the geometric center of each exhaust port, offset 0.1 m below each exhaust port, nozzle flow rate of 82 L/min, all other parameters otherwise as per trial B, Table 6-1.	88.4 percent water on roadway, 13.2 percent water on sidewall, 0.1 percent water out of downstream portal, negligible water through exhaust ports.
650 μm water drop, 2.5 mm/min (EVS-11-18)	Tunnel section 8.8 m wide, 4.4 m high. Two exhaust ports in the ceiling, 0.2 m by 1.0 m each, exhaust rate of 0.8 m ³ /s per port. Upstream ventilation velocity 2.5 m/s.	One nozzle positioned at the geometric center of each exhaust port, offset 0.1 m below each exhaust port, nozzle flow rate of 41 L/min, all other parameters otherwise as per trial A, Table 6-1.	88.6 percent water on roadway, 11.5 percent water on sidewall, 0.6 percent water out of downstream portal, <0.1 percent water through exhaust ports. Droplets did not get entrained into the exhaust slot.
1081 µm water drop, 10 mm/min (EVS-11-19)	Tunnel section 8.8 m wide, 4.4 m high. Two exhaust ports in the ceiling, 0.2 m by 1.0 m each, exhaust rate of 0.8 m ³ /s per port. Upstream ventilation velocity 2.5 m/s.	One nozzle positioned at the geometric center of each exhaust port, offset 0.1 m below each exhaust port, nozzle flow rate of 164 L/min, all other parameters otherwise as per trial B, Table 6-1.	88.4 percent water on roadway, 12.1 percent water on sidewall, <0.1 percent water out of downstream portal, 1.7 percent water through exhaust ports. Droplets did not get entrained into the exhaust slot.
650 μm water drop, 5 mm/min (EVS-11-20)	Tunnel section 8.8 m wide, 4.4 m high. Two exhaust ports in the ceiling, 0.2 m by 1.0 m each, exhaust rate of 0.8 m ³ /s per port. Open boundaries at ends (no longitudinal ventilation).	One nozzle positioned at the geometric center of each exhaust port, offset 0.1 m below each exhaust port, nozzle flow rate of 82 L/min, all other parameters otherwise as per trial A, Table 6-1.	86.6 percent water on roadway, 13.9 percent water on sidewall, <0.1 percent water out of downstream portal, <0.1 percent water through exhaust ports. Droplets did not get entrained into the exhaust slot.

The longitudinal drift of the water drops is visualized via a contour plot of water accumulation at the tunnel roadway. Figure 6-4 provides a contour for 650 μ m water drops at 5 mm/min water application (case EVS-11-16), and Figure 6-5 for 155 μ m water drops at 2.5 mm/min water application (case EVS-11-17). The water spray profile on the roadway is very different between the two cases. The smaller water drop diameter with less water flow, shows much more droplet drift downstream, as would be expected. The smaller water drops also do not show as much lateral distribution of the water spray. The result demonstrates how the CFD model can be used to examine the water spray interaction with ventilation for delivery of water to the intended target. The result also shows that lower water application rates and smaller drop sizes are potentially more susceptible to ventilation conditions.



Figure 6-4: Contour view of tunnel roadway and water accumulation for 5 mm/min water application rate and 650 µm drop size.



Figure 6-5: Contour view of tunnel roadway and water accumulation for 2.5 mm/min water application rate and 155 µm drop size.

6.3 Single Point Exhaust

Additional cases were conducted to look at the effect of single point exhaust ventilation systems. Cases with an overhead exhaust and a sidewall point exhaust were considered, refer to Figure 6-6 and Figure 6-7 respectively. Results are presented in Table 6-3 and summarized as follows:

- Single point exhaust (tunnel ceiling) case EVS-11-31 shows that more than half of the water (58 percent) from the nozzles is entrained into the exhaust duct. The result is based on nozzles positioned at the center of each exhaust point, which is arguably not a very practical approach, but it is representative of the worst-case scenario in terms of minimal water going to where it is desired (tunnel roadway). A sensitivity scenario was conducted (EVS-11-35) where the duct above was modeled. In this case slightly less water was entrained into the duct (46 percent), although the qualitative behavior is the same. It is hypothesized that less water is entrained into the duct in the model where the duct is resolved because some droplets fall back through the opening, and when the duct is resolved, the airflow across the exhaust port is less uniform compared with a case where a velocity boundary condition is used to represent the exhaust. The result does support an approach where the duct is not resolved as being conservative since less water gets to the tunnel roadway.
- Single point exhaust with upstream tunnel air velocity case EVS-11-23 considers a scenario where a single point exhaust system is modeled but with the tunnel air moving at 2.5 m/s. In this case a large percentage of water is still entrained into the duct (55.3 percent as opposed to 58 percent). The differences between the two scenarios are minor since the droplets represent a typical nozzle (trial A) and not a fine drop nozzle like a mist system.
- Sidewall exhaust case EVS-11-21 represents a case where the exhaust point is in the tunnel wall. In this case water is still entrained into the duct though a lesser amount since the nozzles are not positioned right at the exhaust point (24.4 percent entrained as opposed to 58 percent).

The results with single point exhaust show that more water is entrained into the duct compared with a typical transverse system. This result is expected since the single point arrangement has a larger concentrated exhaust whereas the transverse system has a much lower, distributed rate of exhaust. Even accounting for additional exhaust slots in a transverse system, the magnitude of exhaust through a single point system is still many orders of magnitude more than in a transverse system. There is a more urgent need to consider the potential for water entrainment with single point exhaust systems, and the possible reduction in water delivery to the tunnel roadway, compared with transverse systems.

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Figure 6-7: Sidewall exhaust configuration.

CASE ID	GEOMETRY AND VENTILATION	FFFS PARAMETERS	FINDINGS
650 μm water drop, 5 mm/min (EVS-11-31)	Tunnel section 8.8 m wide, 4.4 m high. Two exhaust ports in the ceiling, 2 m by 2 m each, exhaust rate of 40 m ³ /s per port. Upstream ventilation velocity 0 m/s. Duct not modeled, extract velocity 0.01 m/s.	One nozzle positioned at the geometric center of each exhaust port, offset 0.1 m below each exhaust port, nozzle flow rate of 82 L/min, all other parameters otherwise as per trial A, Table 6-1.	38 percent water on roadway, 5 percent water on sidewall, 58 percent through the exhausts.
650 μm water drop, 5 mm/min (EVS-11-35)	Tunnel section 8.8 m wide, 4.4 m high. Two exhaust ports in the ceiling, 2 m by 2 m each, exhaust rate of 40 m ³ /s per port. Upstream ventilation velocity 0 m/s. Duct above modeled, exhaust point sealed shut once FFFS stops.	One nozzle positioned at the geometric center of each exhaust port, offset 0.1 m below each exhaust port, nozzle flow rate of 82 L/min, all other parameters otherwise as per trial A, Table 6-1.	47 percent water on roadway, 7 percent water on sidewall, 46 percent through the exhausts.
650 μm water drop, 5 mm/min (EVS-11-23)	Tunnel section 8.8 m wide, 4.4 m high. Two exhaust ports in the ceiling, 2 m by 2 m each, exhaust rate of 40 m ³ /s per port. Upstream ventilation velocity 2.5 m/s. Duct not modeled, extract velocity 0.01 m/s.	One nozzle positioned at the geometric center of each exhaust port, offset 0.1 m below each exhaust port, nozzle flow rate of 82 L/min, all other parameters otherwise as per trial A, Table 6-1.	40.3 percent water on roadway, 5.4 percent water on sidewall, <0.1 percent water out of downstream portal, 55.3 percent through exhaust port.
650 μm water drop, 5 mm/min (EVS-11-21)	Tunnel section 8.8 m wide, 4.4 m high. Two exhaust ports in the sidewall, 4 m long by 2 m high, exhaust rate of 80 m ³ /s. Upstream ventilation velocity 2.5 m/s. Duct not modeled, extract velocity 0.01 m/s.	Two nozzles positioned at the tunnel ceiling, symmetric with respect to the tunnel sidewalls, offset 0.1 m below the ceiling, nozzle flow rate of 82 L/min, all other parameters otherwise as per trial A, Table 6-1.	64 percent water on roadway, 11 percent water on sidewall, <0.1 percent water out of downstream portal, 24.4 percent through exhaust port.

Table 6-3: Transverse ventilation, single point exhaust and water spray interactions.

6.4 Research Findings

CFD analysis has been conducted to look at some cases where water droplets are potentially entrained into the exhaust duct in a transversely ventilated tunnel. A small subset of scenarios has been considered herein to demonstrate a few concepts:

- For a transverse system with many distributed slots, there is relatively little water entrainment into the duct. This does not mean no water would be observed being entrained into a duct in practice since the water could be entrained at several exhaust points along the tunnel. However, in that scenario there would be additional nozzles too, which would cancel out much of the effect of causing deficiency of water delivery to the roadway.
- For a single point exhaust system, most if not all the exhaust rate is concentrated at one location. The volume of air at the exhaust point is orders of magnitude more than a transverse system based on distributed slots. Thus, in the analysis herein, a significant amount of water was entrained into the duct. This shows that the potential for water entrainment into the duct is likely to be more significant with a single point system. The degree of entrainment would likely be a function of exhaust rate, droplet parameters such as speed and diameter, spray angles and droplet residence time.
- Different droplet parameters were considered and for relatively large droplets (650 µm and greater) the impact of the ventilation in the tunnel (upstream air speed) is minor. For smaller droplets (155 µm) the tunnel air speed has a significant effect on droplet drift. When considering a fully transverse system the smaller droplet size cases did not show any more tendency for water to be entrained into the duct.
- For longitudinal ventilation, droplet drift downstream increases when the droplet size decreases. The zoning of the FFFS can help to mitigate this and direct water to where it is needed. When droplet drift is a concern, a suggested practice is to activate multiple FFFS zones including one over the fire and one zone upstream. CFD analysis similar to that presented herein could be considered to check the FFFS zone arrangement, ventilation configuration and droplet drift.

In summary, the integration between the FFFS and EVS should consider the droplet parameters based on the nozzles provided, the ventilation conditions, and placement of the nozzles. CFD models have shown that there is potential for water application to be affected and, in lieu of running a full-scale test, CFD models could give an indication of optimal combinations and nozzle layouts in a design development exercise.

6.5 Suggested Areas for Further Research

Additional parameter studies on water droplet size, spray patterns, longitudinal ventilation configuration, and extent of droplet drift could be of interest for further potential research. Development of an empirical correlation could be useful as well.

7 TRANSVERSE VENTILATION

7.1 Overview

Transverse ventilation systems utilize exhaust and supply ducts to control airflow in a tunnel. Many existing tunnels in the United States use a transverse ventilation system. Specific validation of CFD modeling for the transverse ventilation approach has not been conducted because the validation for the critical velocity cases includes all the major physics: turbulent flow, heat transfer, FFFS modeling, and cooling due to the FFFS. This investigation is intended to demonstrate the approach to assessing different FFFS and EVS configurations. The principal hypotheses investigated are the same as those presented in previous sections:

- That FFFS and EVS can be integrated and EVS capacity optimized as a result of the cooling effects of the FFFS water spray.
- That CFD can be used to predict FFFS and EVS interaction for design integration. Integration combinations of FFFS and EVS include water drop size, water application rate, ventilation type and rate, and tunnel geometry.

Relative to the above hypotheses, there are three aspects that arise for further investigation when a transverse ventilation system is used with FFFS:

- 1. Smoke management performance due to cooling of the combustion products.
- 2. Interaction between ventilation exhaust and the FFFS spray.
- 3. Pressure loss due to any pipework located in exhaust duct.

Pressure loss (item 3) is to be determined as part of the testing program; and this is a relatively easily measured quantity in a test and CFD methods are also well established for this purpose. Interaction between the water spray and exhaust is investigated in Chapter 6. Smoke management (item 1) is considered herein using CFD. Note that the CFD models do not include fire suppression; only cooling of the products of combustion is included.

7.2 Transverse Ventilation – Distributed Exhaust

A typical transverse ventilation system is shown in Figure 7-1, Figure 7-2, and Figure 7-3. The basic concept is to operate a combination of supply and exhaust fans to either: 1) Achieve a longitudinal velocity in the direction of vehicle travel when in unidirectional traffic mode; or 2) Minimize longitudinal velocity and exhaust smoke to achieve minimal smoke spread when in bidirectional traffic mode. The most challenging configuration for smoke management is operation to minimize smoke spread when the fire is placed near the exhaust duct bulkhead; in this mode of operation the longitudinal velocity is minimal and there exists the greatest potential for smoke spread. Figure 7-4 illustrates the concept. CFD models were developed for this ventilation regime.



EXHAUST RATE AT 100 CFM / LF

OVERHEAD EXHAUST



FIRE

MINIMUM VELOCITY ACHIEVED AT FIRE LOCATION = MOST SMOKE SPREAD

Figure 7-4: Transverse ventilation system in exhaust near to the bulkhead.

One of the aims of the CFD models was to investigate the performance of a transverse ventilation system with an FFFS operating. In addition, the impact of different droplet sizes and water application rates were investigated. The main parameters investigated from the models were the smoke spread along the tunnel ceiling and visibility 2.4 m above the roadway. The tunnel cross section configuration (tunnel type D) was used in the analysis. Case 15 (EVS-15-XX) models follow the ventilation system schematic shown in Figure 7-3 with small, evenly distributed, exhaust/supply openings along the tunnel and supply flues located at roadway level. These models only include active exhaust from ceiling, where all exhaust ports are exhausting air/smoke. The tunnel studied with this ventilation configuration is 1020 m long with the fire located in the middle of tunnel (510 m) at the same location as the bulkhead in the exhaust duct. A summary of the models is provided in Table 7-1.

Due to the large model size (1020 m long), the CFD models were developed on a coarse grid at 0.4 m. As noted in Section 2.3.9, results can be sensitive at coarse grids, but the general trends can be seen, which meets the aims herein. The fire was modeled via a volumetric heat source. Radiation was not directly modeled, and a 30 percent radiation fraction was used (i.e., it was deducted from the modeled FHRR). Results were tested with a mixing-controlled approach as well, but these were unstable. Models were run to 900 s, which gave a steady result in terms of smoke spread extent. Averaging was performed between 800 s and 900 s.

The results in terms of smoke spread along the ceiling, throughout the tunnel. Key conclusions are as follows, with detailed plots and discussion following:

 FFFS: The effect of the FFFS on smoke control is clear for 20 MW and 100 MW cases. When FFFS is operating the smoke spread along the ceiling is reduced. However, the reduced smoke spread due to FFFS operating does not cover for a reduced ventilation exhaust rate (at 30 percent reduction).

- Droplet size: Finer droplets leads to better smoke control (case EVS-15-10 versus EVS-15-12).
- Water application: Increased water application from 2.5 mm/min to 10.0 mm/min leads to better smoke control (EVS-15-10 versus EVS-15-11). However, when only increasing the water application from 2.5 mm/min to 5.0 mm/min for models with 0.155 mm droplet size (EVS-15-12 versus EVS-15-9), the increase in smoke control effectiveness is limited.
- Tenability: The momentum of the FFFS droplets causes smoke to mix downwards toward the tunnel roadway. Thus, in several cases, at a height 2.4 m above the roadway the low visibility region near the fire covers a longer distance compared with the case with no FFFS. However, at large FHRR (100 MW), the cooling effect of the FFFS improves exhaust efficiency enough to also reduce the length of the untenable zone. Tenability in the active FFFS zone is discussed further below.

ID	VENTILATION CONFIGURATION	FHRR (MW)	FFFS DROP SIZE (mm)	WATER APPLICATION RATE (mm/min)
EVS-15-4	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed	5	N/A	0
EVS-15-5	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed	20	N/A	0
EVS-15-6	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed	100	N/A	0
EVS-15-7	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed	5	0.65	5.0
EVS-15-8	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed	20	0.65	5.0
EVS-15-9	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed	20	0.155	5.0
EVS-15-10	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed	20	0.65	2.5
EVS-15-11	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed	20	0.65	10.0
EVS-15-12	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed	20	0.155	2.5
EVS-15-13	70 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed	20	0.65	5.0
EVS-15-14	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed	100	0.65	5.0
EVS-15-15	70 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed	100	0.65	0

Table 7-1: Transverse ventilation.
Figure 7-5 shows visibility along tunnel ceiling for the two 5 MW models and impact of FFFS on smoke spread along the tunnel is low. At roadway level, as seen in Figure 7-6, the FFFS scenario shows lower visibility due to the FFFS mixing smoke downward for a region approximately 30 m on each side of the fire. Temperature and carbon monoxide at 2.4 m above the roadway is also affected, with the FFFS mixing heat and gas down from ceiling level, as shown in Figure 7-7 and Figure 7-8. Quantities were spatially averaged across the tunnel width from 2.1 m above the roadway to 2.4 m. Thus, some peak values of temperature or CO might be less than expected.





Visibility 2.4 m above roadway, time averaged

Figure 7-6: Visibility 2.4 m above the roadway for 5 MW fires (EVS-15-4 and EVS-15-7).



Temperature 2.1 m to 2.4 m above roadway

Figure 7-7: Temperature 2.4 m above the roadway for 5 MW fires (EVS-15-4 and EVS-15-7).



CO 2.1 m to 2.4 m above roadway

Figure 7-8: Carbon monoxide 2.4 m above the roadway for 5 MW fires (EVS-15-4 and EVS-15-7).

Figure 7-9 shows visibility along ceiling for three of the 20 MW cases. The base case model without FFFS (EVS-15-5) is compared to FFFS model (EVS-15-8, drop size 0.65 mm, water application rate 5.0 mm/min) and FFFS in conjunction with 30 percent reduced exhaust rate (EVS-15-13). The FFFS reduces the smoke spread along the ceiling approximately 20 m to 30 m both upstream and downstream of the fire location. However, the reduced smoke spread due to the FFFS does not compensate the 30 percent reduction in exhaust rate since smoke spread along the tunnel is greater (model EVS-15-13 compared to EVS-15-5). Like the 5 MW cases, decreased visibility is seen at a height 2.4 m above the roadway, refer to Figure 7-10. Some visibility is recovered beyond the active FFFS zones (zones exist about 20 m each side of the fire).

Visual representation of the smoke spread for the different scenarios is provided in Figure 7-11, Figure 7-12 and Figure 7-13. The contours show the extent of smoke spread and mixing downward. The results help to understand that the down-mixing of smoke is not too severe relative to a case with no FFFS. The smoke is not cooled to such an extent that it mixes down to road level beyond the FFFS zone. There is actually some recovery of smoke stratification, which is likely part due to exhaust and part due to the FFFS not removing all the heat from combustion products. Similar behavior (smoke stratifying beyond the active FFFS zone) has been observed in tests [36].



Visibility near tunnel ceiling, time averaged

Figure 7-9: Visibility along ceiling for 20 MW fires (EVS-15-5, EVS-15-8 and EVS-15-13).



Figure 7-10: Visibility 2.4 m above the roadway for 20 MW fires (EVS-15-5, EVS-15-8 and EVS-15-13).



Figure 7-11: Visualization of smoke spread (cropped at 10 m or less visibility), no FFFS.



Figure 7-12: Visualization of smoke spread (cropped at 10 m or less visibility), FFFS.



Figure 7-13: Visualization of smoke spread (cropped at 10 m or less visibility), FFFS, reduced exhaust rate.

Figure 7-14 and Figure 7-15 show temperature and carbon monoxide along the tunnel and there is a noticeable increase in both quantities in the active FFFS zone. This is attributable to the FFFS mixing products of combustion down from the ceiling. There is a gradual recovery once remote from the FFFS zone. Note that the peak temperature in Figure 7-14 is less than observed in Figure 7-7, and the same is noted for carbon monoxide in Figure 7-8 and Figure 7-15. The reason for the different results is not obvious since the larger fire case would have been expected to have the larger peaks. It may be due to the interaction between the volume heat source and turbulent flow. Inspection of the results does show, as expected, that the larger fire cases have a much longer domain affected by heat and carbon monoxide.

Visualization of the temperature field is provided in Figure 7-16, Figure 7-17 and Figure 7-18 for the 20 MW scenarios with no FFFS, FFFS and FFFS with reduced exhaust rate. The results show that the FFFS results in a reduced extent of high temperatures. Thus, while the FFFS might mix some hot gas downward in the zone of operation, overall, there is cooling.



Temperature 2.1 m to 2.4 m above roadway

Figure 7-14: Temperature 2.4 m above the roadway for 20 MW fires (EVS-15-5 and EVS-15-8 and EVS-15-13).



Figure 7-15: Carbon monoxide 2.4 m above the roadway for 20 MW fires (EVS-15-5 and EVS-15-8 and EVS-15-13).



Figure 7-16: Visualization of temperature (cropped below 60 °C), no FFFS.



Figure 7-17: Visualization of temperature (cropped below 60 °C), FFFS.



Figure 7-18: Visualization of temperature (cropped below 60 °C), FFFS, reduced exhaust rate.

The results presented to in this section confirm expected behavior, which is that the FFFS mixes products of combustion down toward roadway level in the region of the tunnel where the FFFS operates. Figure 7-19 and Figure 7-20 show some additional visualization where the temperature field shows values 28 °C and higher. This clearly shows the additional heat being mixed down in the region of the FFFS and recovery beyond the FFFS zone as combustion products are exhausted and residual heat causes smoke to restratify, which has been observed in field tests [36].

More ventilation capacity is not suggested to try and recover tenability of conditions in the zone where the FFFS is active since the reduction in tenability is caused by the downward mixing induced by the water spray. The FFFS helps the EVS to operate more efficiently, as can be seen through the reduction in smoke spread extent and the small amount of additional smoke spread when the exhaust rate is reduced by 30 percent. Increasing the exhaust rate might render the FFFS less effective since it potentially could draw more water up into the exhaust duct and make it harder to deliver water the fire site. It is also noted that the models herein do not model fire

suppression and if that was considered, then it is likely that the smoke spread extent would reduce even more. Lastly, a typical FFFS zone length is 20 to 30 m in length (80 ft. to 100 ft.) and this is comparable to the fire perimeter length (applies both sides of the fire) noted in the annex of NFPA 502, where the text states that application of tenability criteria within the fire perimeter is impractical.



Figure 7-19: Visualization of temperature (black is 28 °C and higher), no FFFS.



Figure 7-20: Visualization of temperature (black is 28 °C and higher), FFFS.

The impact of varying FHRR and FFFS parameters is now considered. Figure 7-21 shows visibility for models with different FFFS input parameters. It is evident that decreasing the droplet size or increasing the water application rate leads to less smoke spread along the ceiling. Figure 7-22 provides visibility results 2.4 m above the roadway, with less pronounced direct effects; likely a result of the complex interaction between the amount of smoke being exhausted and the down mixing of smoke by the FFFS.

Figure 7-23 shows visibility along ceiling for the 100 MW cases. The base case model without FFFS (EVS-15-6) is compared to a model with FFFS (EVS-15-14, drop size 0.65 mm, water application rate 5 mm/min) and FFFS in conjunction with a 30 percent reduced exhaust rate (EVS-15-15). For this larger fire size, the impact of FFFS is greater. The FFFS reduces the smoke spread along the ceiling approximately 50 m both upstream and downstream of the fire location. However, like the 20 MW fires, the reduced smoke spread due to the FFFS does not cover the 30 percent reduction in exhaust rate since smoke spread along the tunnel ceiling is greater (model EVS-15-15 compared to EVS-15-6). Figure 7-24 shows results for the 100 MW fires at 2.4 m above the roadway and the trends are like the smoke spread at the tunnel ceiling.

The FFFS mixing smoke downward for the 100 MW fire cases is not a factor because the volume of smoke is so large that the untenable zone extends well beyond the fire perimeter, typically 100 m to 200 m on both sides of the fire (see Figure 7-24). The FFFS improves conditions in this case because the cooling effect improves exhaust efficiency (with respect to distance the smoke spreads). Similar trends are seen for carbon monoxide, as shown in Figure 7-25.



Figure 7-21: Visibility along ceiling for 20 MW fires (EVS-15-9, EVS-15-10, EVS-15-11 and EVS-15-12). Droplet size and water application impact.



Figure 7-22: Visibility 2.4 m above the roadway for 20 MW fires (EVS-15-9, EVS-15-10, EVS-15-11 and EVS-15-12). Droplet size and water application impact.



Visibility near tunnel ceiling, time averaged

Figure 7-23: Visibility along ceiling for 100 MW fires (EVS-15-6, EVS-15-14 and EVS-15-15).





Distance from fire (m) (fire at 0 m to 10 m)

Figure 7-24: Visibility 2.4 m above the roadway for 100 MW fires (EVS-15-6, EVS-15-14 and EVS-15-15).



CO 2.1 m to 2.4 m above roadway

Figure 7-25: Carbon monoxide 2.4 m above the roadway for 100 MW fires (EVS-15-6, EVS-15-14 and EVS-15-15).

7.3 Transverse Ventilation – Point Exhaust

The second ventilation configuration studied is a point exhaust system (cases EVS-16-XX). For this configuration, two larger exhaust points spanning the tunnel width are located at five different locations within the tunnel, as shown in Figure 7-26. Depending on the scenario, the exhaust points can be either on the ceiling (refer Figure 6-6) or sidewall (refer Figure 6-7). For most of the models, only four of the total ten exhaust points are operating (two pairs). Exhaust points are spaced 30 m apart with a dimension 2 m by 2 m for each point. The tunnel studied with this ventilation configuration is 200 m long with the fire located 70 m from portal (length units are expressed in plots relative to the fire set at 0 m). The upstream velocity was held constant in these models. Models with point exhaust are listed and described in Table 7-2. The CFD methodology is the same as described in the previous section.



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ID	VENTILATION CONFIGURATION (SEE FIGURE 7-26 FOR LOCATION OF EXTRACT POINTS)	FHRR (MW)	FFFS DROP SIZE (mm)	WATER APPLICATION RATE (mm/min)
EVS-16-1	Extract points downstream (C, E) at ceiling. Total exhaust rate 150 m ³ /s. Upstream velocity 3 m/s.	20	N/A	0
EVS-16-2	As per EVS-16-1	20	0.65	5
EVS-16-19	Extract points downstream (C, E) at ceiling. Total exhaust rate 150 m ³ /s. Upstream velocity 2 m/s.	20	N/A	0
EVS-16-20	As per EVS-16-19	20	0.65	5
EVS-16-3	Extract points downstream (C, E) sidewall. Total exhaust rate 150 m³/s. Upstream velocity 3 m/s.	20	N/A	0
EVS-16-4	As per EVS-16-3	20	0.65	5
EVS-16-21	Extract points downstream (C, E) sidewall. Total exhaust rate 150 m ³ /s. Upstream velocity 2 m/s.	N/A	0	
EVS-16-22	As per EVS-16-21	20	0.65	5
EVS-16-5	Extract points downstream (C, E) at ceiling. Total exhaust rate 150 m³/s. Upstream velocity 3 m/s.	nts downstream (C, E) at 100 N/A al exhaust rate 150 m ³ /s. velocity 3 m/s.		
EVS-16-6	As per EVS-16-5	100	0.65	5
EVS-16-7	Extract points downstream (C, E) sidewall. Total exhaust rate 150 m³/s. Upstream velocity 3 m/s.	100	N/A	0
EVS-16-8	As per EVS-16-7	100	0.65	5
EVS-16-9	Extract points downstream (C, E) at ceiling. Total exhaust rate 150 m ³ /s. Upstream velocity 3 m/s.	100	1.20	10
EVS-16-10	As per EVS-16-9	100	0.155	2.5
EVS-16-11	Extract points each side of fire (A, C) at ceiling. Total exhaust rate 150 m ³ /s. Upstream velocity 2 m/s.	20	N/A	0
EVS-16-12	As per EVS-16-11	20	0.65	5
EVS-16-13	Extract points each side of fire (A, C) at sidewall. Total exhaust rate 150 m ³ /s. Upstream velocity 2 m/s.	20	N/A	0
EVS-16-14	As per EVS-16-13	20	0.65	5
EVS-16-15	Extract points each side of fire (A, C) at ceiling. Total exhaust rate 100 m ³ /s. Upstream velocity 1.3 m/s.	20	N/A	0
EVS-16-16	As per EVS-16-15	20	0.65	5

Table 7-2: Transverse ventilation – point exhaus	t.
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ID	VENTILATION CONFIGURATION (SEE FIGURE 7-26 FOR LOCATION OF EXTRACT POINTS)	FHRR (MW)	FFFS DROP SIZE (mm)	WATER APPLICATION RATE (mm/min)
EVS-16-17	All extract points operating (A, B, C, D, E). Total exhaust rate 100 m3/s. Upstream velocity 1.0 m/s.	20	N/A	0
EVS-16-18	As per EVS-16-17	20	0.65	5

Key conclusions are as follows:

- FFFS and exhaust points downstream: The results are showing that the effect of FFFS is limited when only exhausting downstream of fire (models EVS-16-1 to EVS-16-8). For these cases, the FFFS is only able to clearly decrease smoke spread for 20 MW fires when exhaust is at ceiling level, refer to Figure 7-27. With the fire size of 100 MW or with exhaust along at wall level, the smoke spread is similar and independent of operation of FFFS (compare Figure 7-33 with Figure 7-34).
- FFFS and exhaust points downstream, tenability effects: The effects of FFFS on tenability (examined here with visibility only since this quantity tends to be the first tenability criterion not met and carbon monoxide and temperature behave similar) at roadway level are minor, as seen in Figure 7-28 and Figure 7-30. The single point exhaust models have a much larger exhaust rate and longitudinal velocity in the region of fire and FFFS zone, thus meaning that the mixing of combustion products is dominated by turbulent flow with the FFFS mixing having only a minor additional impact.
- FFFS and exhaust points downstream, adjusted upstream velocity: A lower upstream velocity results in slight smoke spread upstream of the fire location when FFFS is not applied (EVS-16-19 and EVS-16-21). When FFFS is applied (EVS-16-20 and EVS-16-22) the smoke spread upstream is limited, refer to Figure 7-29 and Figure 7-32. A lower upstream velocity also leads to less smoke spread downstream of the fire (compare Figure 7-27 with Figure 7-29, and Figure 7-31 and Figure 7-32).
- FFFS and exhaust points either side of the fire: For models with exhaust both upstream and downstream of the fire, smoke spread is clearly reduced when FFFS is operating. Dependent on ventilation configuration (exhaust at ceiling or wall level), the smoke spread is reduced either upstream, downstream or both upstream and downstream of the fire, refer to Figure 7-36 to Figure 7-41. When smoke spread is reduced, it is reduced to exhaust points closer to the fire. Figure 7-36 shows that smoke spread reduction downstream of fire of approximately 30 m since this is the distance between the exhaust locations (A and C in Figure 7-26).
- FFFS and exhaust points either side of the fire, tenability effects: For exhaust either side of the fire at ceiling level, the smoke management is more like the transverse system considered in the previous section. Figure 7-37 shows visibility. Velocity local to the fire is reduced somewhat and smoke stratification is observed. When the FFFS is operated in this case there is some mixing of the smoke downwards and a reduction in visibility as a result. When the

exhaust is on the sidewall, see Figure 7-39, the velocity due to the sidewall exhaust tends to mix smoke down and the exhaust is not as effective. In this scenario the FFFS cooling helps to improve smoke capture slightly.

 Droplet size and water application: Results in Figure 7-35 indicate that small droplets in conjunction with a lower water application rate (EVS-16-10) can be more effective in terms of smoke control compared to a model with large droplet size and a high water application rate (EVS-16-9).



Figure 7-27: Visibility along ceiling EVS-16-1 and EVS-16-2 (20 MW, extract points C and E at ceiling level, total exhaust rate 150 m³/s).



Visibility 2.1 m to 2.4 m above roadway





Distance from fire (m) (fire at 0 m to 10 m)

Figure 7-29: Visibility along ceiling EVS-16-19 and EVS-16-20 (20 MW, extract points C and E at ceiling level, total exhaust rate 150 m³/s, decreased upstream velocity).



Visibility 2.1 m to 2.4 m above roadway

Figure 7-30: Visibility 2.4 m above roadway, EVS-16-19 and EVS-16-20 (20 MW, extract points C and E at ceiling level, total exhaust rate 150 m³/s, decreased upstream velocity).



Distance from fire (m) (fire at 0 m to 10 m)

Figure 7-31: Visibility along ceiling EVS-16-3 and EVS-16-4 (20 MW, extract points C and E at sidewall, total exhaust rate 150 m^3/s).



Figure 7-32: Visibility along ceiling EVS-16-21 and EVS-16-22 (20 MW, extract points C and E at sidewall, total exhaust rate 150 m³/s, decreased upstream velocity).



Distance from fire (m) (fire at 0 m to 10 m)

Figure 7-33: Visibility along ceiling EVS-16-5 and EVS-16-6 (100 MW, extract points C and E at ceiling level, total exhaust rate 150 m³/s).



Figure 7-34: Visibility along ceiling EVS-16-7 and EVS-16-8 (100 MW, extract points C and E at sidewall, total exhaust rate 150 m³/s).

Visibility near tunnel ceiling, time averaged



Distance from fire (m) (fire at 0 m to 10 m)

Figure 7-35: Visibility along ceiling EVS-16-9 and EVS-16-10 (100 MW, extract points C and E at ceiling level, total exhaust rate 150 m³/s), FFFS parameters sensitivity.



Visibility near tunnel ceiling, time averaged





Distance from fire (m) (fire at 0 m to 10 m)

Figure 7-37: Visibility 2.4 m above roadway, EVS-16-11 and EVS-16-12 (20 MW, extract points A and C at ceiling level, total exhaust rate 150 m³/s).



Figure 7-38: Visibility along ceiling EVS-16-13 and EVS-16-14 (20 MW, extract points A and C at sidewall, total exhaust rate 150 m³/s).



Figure 7-39: Visibility 2.4 m above roadway EVS-16-13 and EVS-16-14 (20 MW, extract points A and C at sidewall, total exhaust rate 150 m³/s).



Figure 7-40: Visibility along ceiling EVS-16-15 and EVS-16-16 (20 MW, extract points A and C at ceiling level, total exhaust rate 100 m³/s).



Figure 7-41: Visibility along ceiling EVS-16-17 and EVS-16-18 (all extract points A, B, C, D, and E at ceiling level, total exhaust rate 100 m³/s).

7.4 Research Findings

The transverse ventilation results show that FFFSs can be effective for improving smoke control. The smoke spread along the tunnel ceiling was reduced for 20 MW and 100 MW fires when FFFS was modeled. It can therefore be argued that a FFFS can be used to decrease the ventilation capacity needed within a tunnel; with either a distributed transverse system or a single point transverse system.

The FFFS can cause combustion products to be mixed downward toward the roadway, possibly causing a reduction in tenability in the region local to the fire and active FFFS zone. The tenability tends to be regained once remote from the immediate fire perimeter. It is suggested that local loss of tenability needs to be balanced against the benefits, which can include improved smoke exhaust effectiveness (less smoke spread remote from the fire) and a possible reduction in FHRR. More exhaust is unlikely to improve conditions and may have a counter effect, since increased exhaust could potentially draw more water up into the exhaust duct, thereby decreasing FFFS effectiveness. Management in operation is suggested as the better way to handle any potential loss in visibility, with policy on when to operate the FFFS being informed by CFD models of the integrated FFFS and EVS operation. Some examples of FFFS operational practice suggest a preference to operate the FFFS early in an incident to reduce the chances that the fire grows to a large magnitude [37].

7.5 Suggested Areas for Further Research

Further parameter studies are one area for potential further research. The analysis did not aim to answer to what extent the ventilation rate can be decreased as that result would vary from project to project dependent on the different system parameters. The results also indicate that a small droplet size in conjunction with a low water application rate can be more effective in terms of smoke control compared to larger droplet sizes in conjunction with a greater water application rate.

Future research could consider sensitivity of outcomes to grid resolution.

8 CONCLUSION

8.1 Research Hypotheses and Discussion

The hypotheses for this work were looking at the integration of the FFFS and EVS, and modeling the systems using CFD. Principal hypotheses being investigated are described below.

The first hypothesis is that FFFS and EVS can be integrated and EVS capacity optimized as a result of the cooling effects of the FFFS water spray. The following points are made:

- This hypothesis can be verified via measurement of the critical (or confinement) velocity for smoke control, pressure loss due to the FFFS water spray and impact of the EVS on water delivery. If the hypothesis is true, then the critical (or confinement) velocity should decrease due to the cooling. Refer to Section 4.2 and Section 4.3 for an investigation of confinement velocity with no FFFS operating, and Section 4.5 for scenarios with the FFFS operating. The results show a reduction in the longitudinal velocity needed to control the smoke spread upstream as a result of the cooling of combustion products. Similar trends are seen in the results from Section 5.
- For optimization of the EVS when FFFS is used, the additional airflow resistance introduced by the FFFS spray should be small with respect to other airflow resistance in the tunnel from items such as vehicles, wall friction, buoyancy, fire and external wind. Refer to Figure 4-13 in Section 4.5 for a result showing the pressure profile along the tunnel and the impact of the FFFS. The result shows slightly more additional pressure changes due to the FFFS. The magnitude of the difference suggests that the FFFS resistance should be considered in the EVS design but (for the parameters investigated herein) it is unlikely to be of a magnitude that dominates airflow resistance in the tunnel (this is subject to the FFFS parameters). Note that prediction of pressure profiles in a tunnel with FDS is an area of active research [29] [32] and caution is suggested when using FDS to predict pressure change due to the FFFS. Validated CFD modeling is noted to be a viable tool for predicting this airflow resistance.
- Finally, the EVS should not cause excessive water droplet drift as to cause a negative effect on water droplet delivery to the fire zone. Refer to Chapter 6, which looks at interaction between the water spray and ventilation, Figure 6-4 and Figure 6-5. This result shows that droplet drift downstream becomes more significant for smaller water drop sizes. Typical deluge system drop sizes are not affected too much. Operation of multiple FFFS zones might overcome issues with water droplet drift (activate a zone upstream of the fire for longitudinal ventilation), subject to CFD analysis to demonstrate the efficacy.

The second hypothesis is that CFD can be used to predict FFFS and EVS interaction for design integration. Integration combinations of FFFS and EVS include:

- Small and large water droplet systems.
- Varying water application rates and FFFS zone configurations.
- Longitudinal ventilation.

- Transverse ventilation.
- Single point exhaust.
- Varying tunnel geometry (area, perimeter, height, grade).

The following points are made about this hypothesis:

- This hypothesis has been verified via computer modeling herein. The modelling shows
 validation results with correlation to test data for a range of scenarios; refer to Chapter 2 for
 validation of a tunnel fire scenario based on the Memorial Tunnel tests (longitudinal ventilation
 without FFFS), and Chapter 3 for validation of a full-scale test with FFFS.
- In Chapters 4 and 5 it is shown via CFD that the FFFS can have an enhancing effect on ventilation performance under longitudinal ventilation. The confinement velocity needed for longitudinal smoke control can be reduced with the use of the FFFS.
- Chapter 7 shows a similar result with transverse ventilation with regard to the extent of smoke spread. When the FFFS is operated and exhaust rate held constant, the distance the smoke spreads along the tunnel is reduced.
- In a transverse ventilation system where exhaust is used the smoke tends to rise to the tunnel ceiling and a tenable zone sometimes forms under the hot smoke layer (see Figure 7-11). Operation of the FFFS under this ventilation regime can cause the smoke to be mixed down, causing a reduction in tenability. Results in Section 7.2 confirmed this behavior. Increasing exhaust rate to counter this effect and improve tenability is not suggested since the FFFS helps the EVS operate more effectively (reduction in overall smoke spread length), and increasing the exhaust rate might render the FFFS less effective since it potentially could draw more water up into the exhaust duct and make it harder to deliver water the fire site. Lastly, a typical FFFS zone length is 20 m to 30 m in length (80 to 100 ft.) and this is comparable to the fire perimeter length (applies both sides of the fire) noted in the annex of NFPA 502, where the text states that application of tenability criteria within the fire perimeter is impractical.

8.2 Suggested Practices Based on Research Findings

Suggested practices are discussed in detail at the conclusion of each chapter. The following points are noted:

- Per Chapter 2 and Chapter 3, grid resolution in the range 0.2 m to 0.4 m gives reasonable results for predicting the tunnel environment under longitudinal ventilation; generally these models showed reasonable agreement between test data and CFD model results. A finer grid than 0.2 m is unlikely to be of much extra benefit to accuracy as results tended to be similar between 0.1 m and 0.2 m. Sensitivity analysis and caution with conclusions are suggested if seeking an accurate prediction of smoke backlayering length as this can be affected by the grid resolution.
- A volumetric heat source approach can be more stable with the version of the FDS software used, and it was shown to give reasonable results. Use of this method is suggested if stability

problems are encountered, however, it is also suggested to consider newer versions of FDS as the stability problems may have been addressed [34].

- A volumetric heat source scenario can be conducted without modeling radiation heat transfer, and the models tend to show reasonable results on a coarse grid. Thus, a volumetric heat source approach is a credible way to run initial models to capture the general performance and integrated behavior of an FFFS-EVS system. Sensitivity to the model set up parameters (grid, fire geometry, blockages), could be conducted and this analysis could also consider, where possible, sensitivity to using a mixing-controlled combustion model.
- The FFFS parameters are important; where possible, the droplet diameter, spray angles, and droplet speed, should be determined by matching a CFD model result to empirical data such as water spray distribution.
- For longitudinal ventilation, equations for critical and confinement velocity as provided in NFPA 502 are suggested to give reasonable estimates for the velocity needed for smoke control. For impact of the FFFS, the equation by Ko and Hadjisophocleous [14] is suggested to give a reasonable estimate of the change in longitudinal velocity when operation of an FFFS is introduced (compared to the same scenario with no FFFS). It is noted that further investigation is needed before any specific equation can be suggested for use.
- The approach in this report has focused on the region near to the fire. For purposes of ventilation design, the regions of tunnel beyond the fire also need consideration factoring in how the FFFS affects critical velocity, temperatures downstream of the fire and pressure loss due to the fire and FFFS (see [1], Section 5.3).

8.3 Suggested Topics for Future Research

The suggested next steps in the research program include physical testing (task 4) and development of the final research report (task 5). The testing could help to reconfirm the model validation conducted herein, especially with the FFFS operational. The test program is also suggesting to include detailed measurement of nozzle spray parameters, which is expected to be valuable information as these parameters are not usually published or detailed in test reports. CFD models of the tests would be conducted also, to reconfirm the validation performed herein. Finally, once the testing is complete and the CFD modeling method has been reconfirmed via models of the testing, a research report would be developed to summarize the results and provide suggested practices for the integration of the FFFS and EVS.

Suggested further research included the following:

- Chapter 2 (CFD modeling): Sensitivity of CFD prediction of smoke backlayering to the grid resolution and treatment of near-wall turbulent flow.
- Chapter 3 (CFD modeling): Improvement of the prediction of the radiative heat flux with the CFD model versus measurements.
- Chapter 4 (CFD modeling for critical and confinement velocity): Improvement of the CFD method to better understand the reasons for mixing-controlled models giving numerically

unstable results. Investigation to understand the role of radiation heat transfer in FFFS-EVS interactions.

- Chapter 5 (longitudinal ventilation): Development of an equation for quantitative prediction of FFFS impact on the EVS. Further studies on refined grid resolution models. Experimental investigation of the ability of the FFFS to mitigate spalling in the event of a fire.
- Chapter 6 (transverse ventilation and water spray interaction): Further parameter studies on water drop size, longitudinal ventilation and extent of droplet drift to help develop an equation for the amount of water drift expected.
- Chapter 7 (transverse ventilation): Further parameter studies to understand more how the EVS and FFFS parameters impact the overall ventilation performance. Further studies to check sensitivity to grid resolution.

Other possible future investigations include:

- Fire dynamics model of fire spread: The HRR for the primary fire would be based on a free burn tunnel test (such as in [38]). A target would be placed downstream of the primary fire and the target would represent a pile of wooden pallets. The primary fire would be unaffected by the FFFS, but fire spread to the target downstream would be impacted. These models would enable verification of the ability of a given FFFS to prevent fire spread, with the influence of ventilation rate included. Reduced water application rates could be modeled relative to the test, with no reduction in FHRR of the primary fire to identify the lowest water application rate needed to prevent fire spread. Previous studies have used a specified FHRR per unit area for the primary fire load [39] but not modeled a target downstream which can ignite if it reaches a given criterion, such as ignition temperature.
- Liquid fuels: This is an area of interest for further investigation in the industry [1], especially as it relates to hazardous vehicle fires, and specific analyses are not considered in this current investigation.
- Alternative energy vehicles: Impact of the FFFS on fires in these vehicles could be of interest.

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APPENDIX A: TABLE OF CFD RUNS REPORTED

CHAPTER	ID	CASE	FHRR (MW)	VELOCITY (m/s)	DESCRIPTION
2	EVS-02-37	Memorial Tunnel, cold flow model	N/A	2.5	Roughness height 0.10 m, no obstructions, 0.2 m grid
	EVS-02-38	Memorial Tunnel, cold flow model	N/A	2.5	Roughness height 0.45 m, no obstructions, 0.2 m grid
	EVS-02-39	Memorial Tunnel, cold flow model	N/A	2.5	Roughness height 0.90 m, no obstructions, 0.2 m grid
	EVS-02-75	Memorial Tunnel, cold flow model	N/A	2.5	Roughness height 0.90 m, no obstructions, 0.4 m grid
	EVS-02-74	Memorial Tunnel, cold flow model	N/A	2.5	Roughness height 0.90 m, no obstructions, 0.1 m grid
	EVS-02-76	Memorial Tunnel, cold flow model	N/A	2.5	Roughness height 0.10 m, obstructions, 0.2 m grid
	EVS-02-77	Memorial Tunnel, cold flow model	N/A	2.5	Roughness height 0.45 m, obstructions, 0.2 m grid
	EVS-02-78	Memorial Tunnel, cold flow model	N/A	2.5	Roughness height 0.90 m, obstructions, 0.2 m grid
	EVS-02-79	Memorial Tunnel, cold flow model	N/A	2.5	Roughness height 0.90 m, obstructions, 0.4 m grid
	EVS-02-80	Memorial Tunnel, cold flow model	N/A	2.5	Roughness height 0.90 m, obstructions, 0.1 m grid
	EVS-02-27	Memorial Tunnel, test 606A, longitudinal vent, 10 MW	9.9	1.8	Base case model, 0.2 m grid, mixing-controlled fire model
	EVS-02-43	Memorial Tunnel, test 606A, longitudinal vent, 10 MW	9.9	1.8	Roughness height 0.90 m, insulating material near fire
	EVS-02-51	Memorial Tunnel, test 612, longitudinal vent, 50 MW	47.2	2.5	Base case model, roughness height 0.90 m, 0.2 m grid, mixing- controlled fire model
	EVS-02-48	Memorial Tunnel, test 612, longitudinal vent, 50 MW	47.2	2.5	Adiabatic boundary near fire zone
	EVS-02-53	Memorial Tunnel, test 612, longitudinal vent, 50 MW	47.2	2.5	Dynamic Smagorinsky model for turbulence
	EVS-02-54	Memorial Tunnel, test 612, longitudinal vent, 50 MW	47.2	2.5	Changed turbulence closure coefficient from 0.1 to 0.2
	EVS-02-47	Memorial Tunnel, test 612, longitudinal vent, 50 MW	47.2	2.5	Compared with test 611 data
	EVS-02-63	Memorial Tunnel, test 612, longitudinal vent, 50 MW	42.2	2.5	Fire heat release rate reduction

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	EVS-02-50	Memorial Tunnel, test 612, longitudinal vent, 50 MW	47.2	2.5	Smooth wall model
	EVS-02-62	Memorial Tunnel, test 612, longitudinal vent, 50 MW	47.2	2.5	No obstructions
	EVS-02-64	Memorial Tunnel, test 612, longitudinal vent, 50 MW	47.2	2.5	As per EVS-02-51, coarse grid, 0.4 m instead of 0.2 m
	EVS-02-71	Memorial Tunnel, test 612, longitudinal vent, 50 MW	47.2	2.5	As per EVS-02-51, grid refined to 0.1 m
	EVS-02-66	Memorial Tunnel, test 612, longitudinal vent, 50 MW	47.2	2.5	Volumetric heat source, no radiation, 0.4 m grid
	EVS-02-67	Memorial Tunnel, test 612, longitudinal vent, 50 MW	47.2	2.5	Volumetric heat source, with radiation
	EVS-02-68	Memorial Tunnel, test 612, longitudinal vent, 50 MW	47.2	2.5	Volumetric heat source, no radiation, dynamic Smagorinsky turbulence model
	EVS-02-69	Memorial Tunnel, test 612, longitudinal vent, 50 MW	47.2	2.5	Volumetric heat source, no radiation, 0.2 m grid
	EVS-02-73	Memorial Tunnel, test 612, longitudinal vent, 50 MW	47.2	2.5	As per EVS-02-69, grid refined to 0.1 m
3	EVS-10-16	Calibration for nozzle at 40 LPM	N/A	N/A	N/A
	EVS-10-17	Calibration for nozzle at 58 LPM	N/A	N/A	N/A
	EVS-10-18	Calibration for nozzle at 82 LPM	N/A	N/A	N/A
	EVS-10-19	Calibration for nozzle at 82 LPM based on trial A1	N/A	N/A	N/A
	EVS-10-20	Calibration for nozzle at 82 LPM, larger droplets (1 mm)	N/A	N/A	N/A
	EVS-10-24	Calibration for nozzle at 82 LPM, smaller droplets (0.55 mm)	N/A	N/A	N/A
	EVS-09-31	LTA tests, base case, mixing-controlled model for fire	Varies	3	FHRR varies per Test 4 in reference
	EVS-09-34	LTA tests, shifted FHRR	Varies	3	FHRR varies per Test 4 in reference
	EVS-09-35	LTA tests, shifted FHRR, larger drops	Varies	3	FHRR varies per Test 4 in reference

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	EVS-09-36	LTA tests, shifted FHRR, smaller drops	Varies	3	FHRR varies per Test 4 in reference
	EVS-09-44	LTA tests, 0.4 m grid	Varies	3	FHRR varies per Test 4 in reference
	EVS-09-39	LTA tests, shifted FHRR, volumetric heat source, volumetric heat source, 0.4 m grid	Varies	3	FHRR varies per Test 4 in reference
	EVS-09-40	LTA tests, shifted FHRR, volumetric heat source, finer grid 0.2 m	Varies	3	FHRR varies per Test 4 in reference
	EVS-09-41	LTA tests, shifted FHRR, volumetric heat source, radiation applied	Varies	3	FHRR varies per Test 4 in reference
4	EVS-19-1	Small openings included, 0.4 m grid, mixing-controlled fire model	46.7	2.73	Ramp down velocity (based on ceiling temperature 25 deg C at 2 m upstream)
	EVS-19-10	Small openings included, 0.4 m grid, mixing-controlled fire model	46.7	2.5	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-24	Close the small openings, 0.4 m grid, mixing-controlled fire model	46.7	2.5	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-3	Close the small openings, 0.2 m grid, mixing-controlled fire model	46.7	2.5	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-19	WALE at walls, 0.4 m grid, mixing-controlled fire model	46.7	2.5	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-20	WALE at walls, refined grid at 0.2 m nominal and 0.1 m near walls, mixing-controlled fire model	46.7	2.5	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-11	Small openings included, 0.4 m grid, mixing-controlled fire model	46.7	2.25	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-18	Close the small openings, 0.2 m grid, mixing-controlled fire model	46.7	2.25	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-21	Closed openings, 0.4 m grid, volumetric heat source fire	46.7	2.5	Constant upstream velocity

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	EVS-19-22	Closed openings, 0.2 m grid, volumetric heat source fire	46.7	2.5	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-23	Closed openings, 0.4 m grid, added a passive scalar (soot) via particles, volumetric heat source fire	46.7	2.5	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-32	closed openings + passive scalar (soot) + radiation, volumetric heat source fire	46.7	2.5	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-13	Grid 0.4 m, volumetric heat source fire	46.7	2.25	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-15	Change closure coefficient Cs=0.2, grid 0.4 m, volumetric heat source fire	46.7	2.25	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-17	Closed openings, 0.4 m grid, volumetric heat source fire	46.7	2.25	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-12	Reynolds averaged Navier-Stokes turbulent model case (using ANSYS Fluent), nominal grid resolution 0.3 m	46.7	2 25	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-9	Similar to EVS-19-12 but with a reduced upstream velocity	46.7	2.15	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-16	Closed openings, 0.2 m grid, volumetric heat source fire	46.7	2.25	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-36	Closed openings, 0.2 m grid, adiabatic walls, volumetric heat source fire	46.7	2.25	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-37	Closed openings, 0.4 m grid, 2.0 m/s, volumetric heat source fire	46.7	2	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-33	Scaled version of EVS- 19-32, by a factor of 4, volumetric heat source fire	1.46	1.25	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-25	No FFFS, 0.4 m grid, no openings, volumetric heat source fire	18.7	2.3	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-26	FFFS starts part way through, 5 mm/min, volumetric heat source fire	18.7	1	Constant upstream velocity

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	EVS-19-34	FFFS starts part way through, 5 mm/min all cases), included radiation, volumetric heat source fire	18.7	1	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-19-27	FFFS starts part way through, 5 mm/min, volumetric heat source fire	18.7	1.43	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor at 12 m (T=25 C)
	EVS-19-28	No FFFS, sensor at 12 m, volumetric heat source fire	18.7	1.8	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor at 12 m (T=25 C)
	EVS-19-29	No FFFS, sensor at 4 m, volumetric heat source fire	18.7	2.23	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor at 4 m (T=25 C)
	EVS-19-30	FFFS starts part way through, 5 mm/min all cases), sensor at 4 m, volumetric heat source fire	18.7	1.77	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor at 4 m (T=25 C)
	EVS-19-35	FFFS starts part way through, 5 mm/min, sensor at 4 m, included radiation, volumetric heat source fire	18.7	1.84	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor at 4 m (T=25 C)
	EVS-19-38	FFFS starts part way through, 5 mm/min, 0.4 m grid, no openings, volumetric heat source fire	18.7	2.3	Constant upstream velocity
5	EVS-21-1	No sprinklers, all Chapter 5 models used a volumetric heat source fire unless otherwise noted, cross section 7.4 m wide and 5.2 m high unless noted	5	1.29	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 2 H (T=25 C)
	EVS-21-2	0.65 mm, 2.5 mm/min (droplet size, water application rate)	5	1.03	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 2 H (T=25 C)
	EVS-21-3	0.65 mm, 5 mm/min	5	0.77	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 2 H (T=25 C)
	EVS-21-4	0.155 mm, 5 mm/min	5	0.72	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 2 H (T=25 C)

CHAPTER	ID	CASE	FHRR (MW)	VELOCITY (m/s)	DESCRIPTION
	EVS-21-5	0.65 mm, 10 mm/min	5	0.60	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 2 H (T=25 C)
	EVS-21-19	No sprinklers	5	1.39	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 1 H (T=25 C)
	EVS-21-21	0.65 mm, 2.5 mm/min	5	1.29	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-21-30	No sprinklers	5	1.60	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-21-6	No sprinklers	20	1.72	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 2 H (T=25 C)
	EVS-21-7	0.65 mm, 2.5 mm/min	20	1.56	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 2 H (T=25 C)
	EVS-21-8	0.65 mm, 5 mm/min	20	1.42	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 2 H (T=25 C)
	EVS-21-9	0.155 mm, 10 mm/min	20	1.01	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 2 H (T=25 C)
	EVS-21-20	No sprinklers	20	1.87	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 1 H (T=25 C)
	EVS-21-22	0.65 mm, 2.5 mm/min	20	1.72	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-21-31	No sprinklers	20	2	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-21-11	No sprinklers	100	1.76	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 2 H (T=25 C)
	EVS-21-12	0.65 mm, 2.5 mm/min	100	1.57	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 2 H (T=25 C)
	EVS-21-13	0.155 mm, 2.5 mm/min	100	1.31	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 2 H (T=25 C)

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	EVS-21-14	0.65 mm, 5 mm/min	100	1.46	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 2 H (T=25 C)
	EVS-21-15	0.155 mm, 5 mm/min	100	1.17	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 2 H (T=25 C)
	EVS-21-16	0.65 mm, 10 mm/min	100	1.2	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 2 H (T=25 C)
	EVS-21-17	0.155 mm, 10 mm/min	100	1	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 2 H (T=25 C)
	EVS-21-18	1.2 mm, 10 mm/min	100	1.5	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 2 H (T=25 C)
	EVS-21-23	0.65 mm, 2.5 mm/min	100	1.76	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-21-32	No FFFS	100	2.25	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-13-1	No FFFS, extra wide cross section (30 m) by 5.2 m high	20	2.14	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 4 m (T=25 C)
	EVS-13-2	FFFS (0.65 mm, 5 mm/min), extra wide cross section (30 m) by 5.2 m high	20	1.84	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 4 m (T=25 C)
	EVS-14-1	No FFFS, Memorial Tunnel cross section	20	2.65	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 4 m (T=25 C)
	EVS-14-2	FFFS (0.65 mm, 5 mm/min), Memorial Tunnel cross section	20	1.99	Ramp down velocity to find confinement velocity, sensor upstream at ceiling at distance 4 m (T=25 C)
	EVS-12-6	No FFFS, mixing- controlled fire model	20	2.5	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-12-7	FFFS, 0.65 mm, 2.5 mm/min, mixing- controlled fire model	20	2.5	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-12-8	FFFS, 0.65 mm, 5 mm/min, mixing- controlled fire model	20	2.5	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-12-11	No FFFS, mixing- controlled fire model	100	2.9	Constant upstream velocity
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	EVS-12-13	FFFS, 0.155 mm, 2.5 mm/min, mixing- controlled fire model	100	2.7	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-12-14	FFFS, 0.155 mm, 5 mm/min, mixing- controlled fire model	100	2.8	Constant upstream velocity
	EVS-12-15	FFFS, 0.65 mm, 5 mm/min, mixing- controlled fire model	100	2.7	Constant upstream velocity
6	EVS-11-16	Exhaust openings 1.0 x 0.2 m (width x length). Exhaust rate 0.8 m ³ /s per port.	-	2.5	No duct, trial A, 82 L/min/noz, 5 mm/min (approximately)
	EVS-11-17	Exhaust openings 1.0 x 0.2 m (width x length). Exhaust rate 0.8 m ³ /s per port.	-	2.5	No duct, mist 1, 39.6 L/min/noz, 2.5 mm/min (approximately)
	EVS-11-22	Exhaust openings 1.0 x 0.2 m (width x length). Exhaust rate 0.8 m ³ /s per port.	-	2.5	No duct, trial B, 82 L/min/noz, 5 mm/min (approximately)
	EVS-11-40	Exhaust openings 1.0 x 0.2 m (width x length). Exhaust rate 0.8 m ³ /s per port.	-	2.5	Duct modeled above, trial B, 82 L/min/noz, 5 mm/min (approximately)
	EVS-11-18	Exhaust openings 1.0 x 0.2 m (width x length). Exhaust rate 0.8 m ³ /s per port.	-	2.5	No duct, trial A, 41 L/min/noz, 2.5 mm/min (approximately)
	EVS-11-19	Exhaust openings 1.0 x 0.2 m (width x length). Exhaust rate 0.8 m ³ /s per port.	-	2.5	No duct, trial B, 164 L/min/noz, 10 mm/min (approximately)
	EVS-11-20	Exhaust openings 1.0 x 0.2 m (width x length). Exhaust rate 0.8 m ³ /s per port.	-	0	No duct, trial A, 82 L/min/noz, 5 mm/min (approximately)
	EVS-11-31	Exhaust openings 2.0 x 0.2 m (width x length). Exhaust rate 40 m ³ /s per port.	-	0	No duct, trial A, 82 L/min/noz, 5 mm/min (approximately)
	EVS-11-35	Exhaust openings 2.0 x 0.2 m (width x length). Exhaust rate 40 m ³ /s per port.	-	0	Duct modeled above, trial A, 82 L/min/noz, 5 mm/min (approximately)
	EVS-11-23	Exhaust openings 2.0 x 0.2 m (width x length). Exhaust rate 40 m ³ /s per port.	-	2.5	No duct, trial A, 82 L/min/noz, 5 mm/min (approximately)

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			(MW)	(m/s)	
	EVS-11-21	Exhaust openings 2.0 x 4.0 m (width x length). Exhaust rate 40 m ³ /s per port.	-	2.5	No duct, trial A, 82 L/min/noz, 5 mm/min (approximately)
7	EVS-15-4	No FFFS	5	N/A	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed
	EVS-15-5	No FFFS	20	N/A	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed
	EVS-15-6	No FFFS	100	N/A	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed
	EVS-15-7	0.65 mm, 5 mm/min (droplet size, water application rate)	5	N/A	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed
	EVS-15-8	0.65 mm, 5 mm/min	20	N/A	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed
	EVS-15-9	0.155 mm, 5 mm/min	20	N/A	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed
	EVS-15-10	0.65 mm, 2.5 mm/min	20	N/A	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed
	EVS-15-11	0.65 mm, 10 mm/min	20	N/A	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed
	EVS-15-12	0.155 mm, 2.5 mm/min	20	N/A	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed
	EVS-15-13	0.65 mm, 5 mm/min	20	N/A	70 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed
	EVS-15-14	0.65 mm, 5 mm/min	100	N/A	100 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed
	EVS-15-15	No FFFS	100	N/A	70 cfm/lane foot exhaust rate, evenly distributed
	EVS-16-1	No FFFS	20	N/A	Extract points downstream (C, E) at ceiling. Total exhaust rate 150 m ³ /s. Upstream velocity 3 m/s.
	EVS-16-2	0.65 mm, 5 mm/min (droplet size, water application rate)	20	N/A	As per EVS-16-1
	EVS-16-19	No FFFS	20	N/A	Extract points downstream (C, E) at ceiling. Total exhaust rate 150 m ³ /s. Upstream velocity 2 m/s.
	EVS-16-20	0.65 mm, 5 mm/min	20	N/A	As per EVS-16-19
	EVS-16-3	No FFFS	20	N/A	Extract points downstream (C, E) sidewall. Total exhaust rate 150 m ³ /s. Upstream velocity 3 m/s.
	EVS-16-4	0.65 mm, 5 mm/min	20	N/A	As per EVS-16-3

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	EVS-16-21	No FFFS	20	N/A	Extract points downstream (C, E) sidewall. Total exhaust rate 150 m ³ /s. Upstream velocity 2 m/s.
	EVS-16-22	0.65 mm, 5 mm/min	20	N/A	As per EVS-16-21
	EVS-16-5	No FFFS	100	N/A	Extract points downstream (C, E) at ceiling. Total exhaust rate 150 m ³ /s. Upstream velocity 3 m/s.
	EVS-16-6	0.65 mm, 5 mm/min	100	N/A	As per EVS-16-5
	EVS-16-7	No FFFS	100	N/A	Extract points downstream (C, E) sidewall. Total exhaust rate 150 m ³ /s. Upstream velocity 3 m/s.
	EVS-16-8	0.65 mm, 5 mm/min	100	N/A	As per EVS-16-7
	EVS-16-9	1.2 mm, 10 mm/min	100	N/A	Extract points downstream (C, E) at ceiling. Total exhaust rate 150 m ³ /s. Upstream velocity 3 m/s.
	EVS-16-10	0.155 mm, 2.5 mm/min	100	N/A	As per EVS-16-9
	EVS-16-11	No FFFS	20	N/A	Extract points each side of fire (A, C) at ceiling. Total exhaust rate 150 m ³ /s. Upstream velocity 2 m/s.
	EVS-16-12	0.65 mm, 5 mm/min	20	N/A	As per EVS-16-11
	EVS-16-13	No FFFS	20	N/A	Extract points each side of fire (A, C) at sidewall. Total exhaust rate 150 m ³ /s. Upstream velocity 2 m/s.
	EVS-16-14	0.65 mm, 5 mm/min	20	N/A	As per EVS-16-13
	EVS-16-15	NO FFFS	20	N/A	Extract points each side of fire (A, C) at ceiling. Total exhaust rate 100 m ³ /s. Upstream velocity 1.3 m/s.
	EVS-16-16	0.65 mm, 5 mm/min	20	N/A	As per EVS-16-15
	EVS-16-17	No FFFS	20	N/A	All extract points operating (A, B, C, D, E). Total exhaust rate 100 m ³ /s. Upstream velocity 1.0 m/s.
	EVS-16-18	0.65 mm, 5 mm/min	20	N/A	As per EVS-16-17