Use of Case Study Data to Validate MassMotion for Egress Purposes

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Introduction

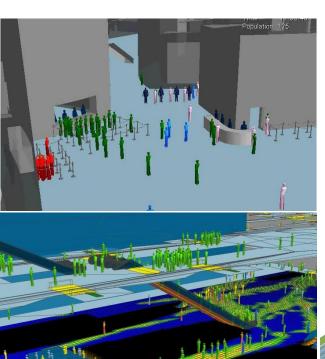
Arup Pedestrian Planning

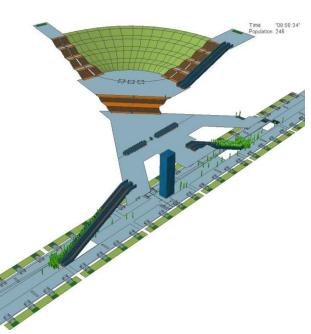
- Rail stations
- Airports
- Building lobbies
- Screening processes
- Urban areas

Modeling Tools

- Micro-Simulation (Legion, MassMotion, STEPS)
- Discrete Event (ARENA)
- Hybrid (PaxSim/TAAM)
- Deterministic (Excel)

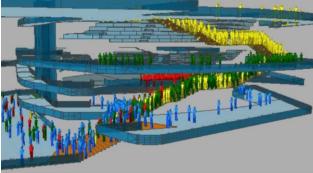
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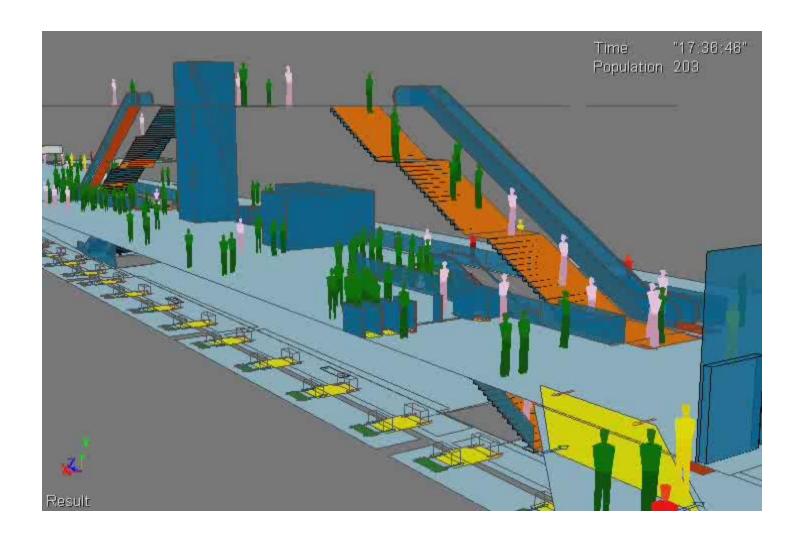


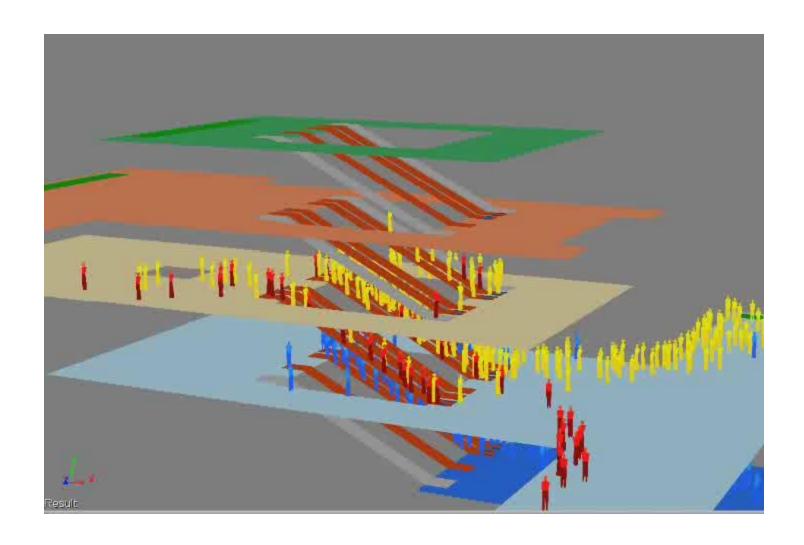


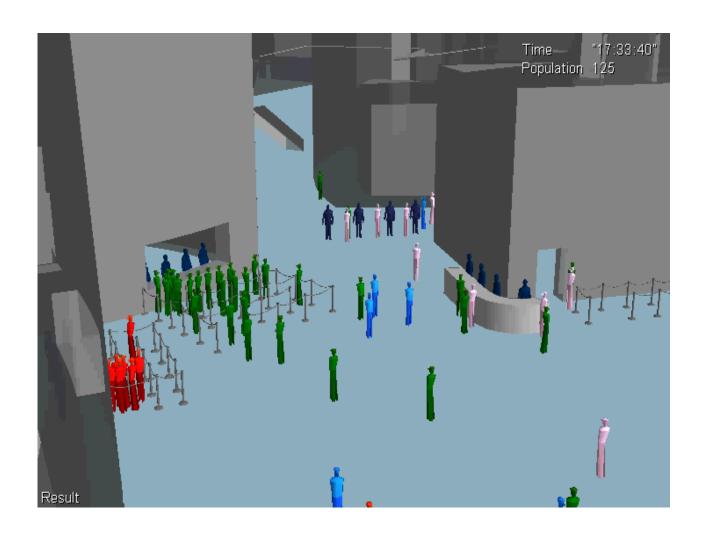


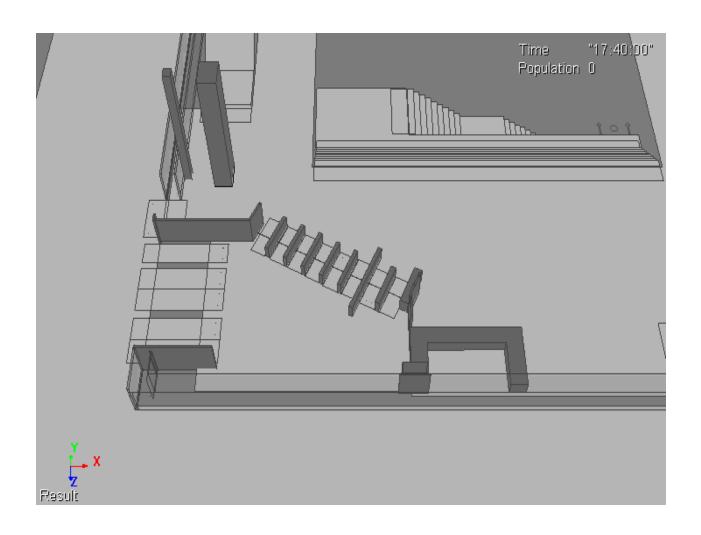
Current uses

- Rail stations
- Airports
- Building lobbies
- Venues
- Stadia
- Screening processes
- Urban areas









Environment

- Individual agents with vision
- 3D

Agent Locomotion

- Route choice function, for global movements and decision making
- Social forces algorithm, for agent interactions
- Speed profiles, for preferred speed
- Density and grade functions, for modified speeds

MassMotion Validation

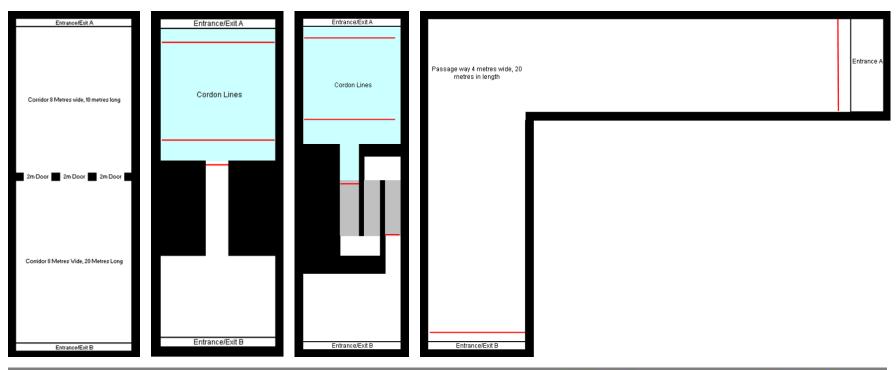
Opportunities with egress modeling

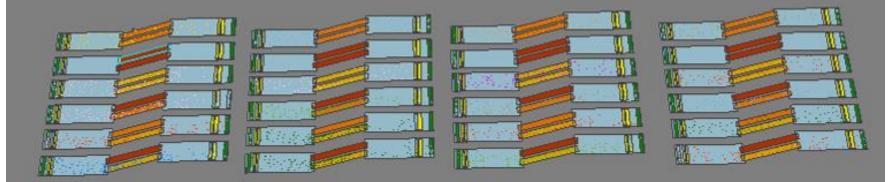
- Create a better built environment
- Encourage collaboration and integration across disciplines
- Increase efficiencies and reduce costs

Research Purpose

- Validate MassMotion for use in egress modeling

Validation – Normal Movement Scenario





Validation – Egress Scenario

Guidelines

- National Cooperative Highway Research Program
 - Testing model on empirical data not used to calibrate the model
- London Underground Limited
 - Journey times +/- 10%

Measured emergent behaviors

- Total evacuation time
- Individual journey times
- Achieved flows
- Individual movement behaviors

MassMotion Validation Phase 1

Arup New York

155 Avenue of the Americas



Egress Drill

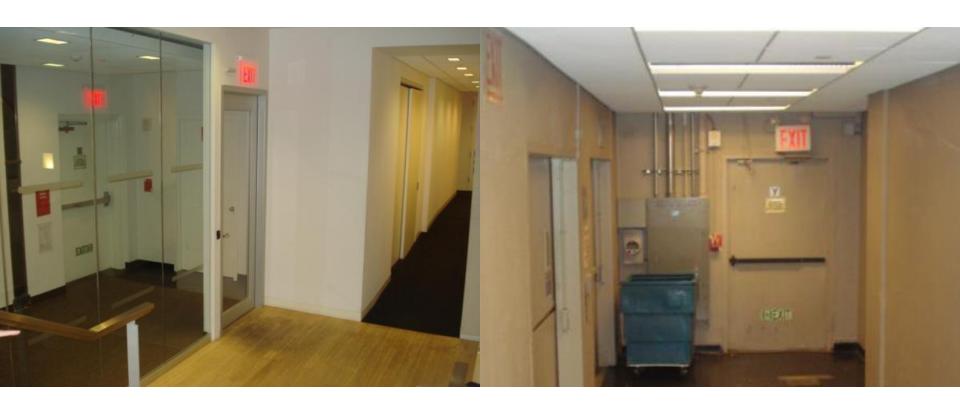
- Planned egress drill
- Floors 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
- 232 evacuees
- ~70% of Arup population
- 7:24 total egress time



Egress Drill

Egress floor door counts

- Counts for calibration of population and stair choice
- Achieved flows for validation



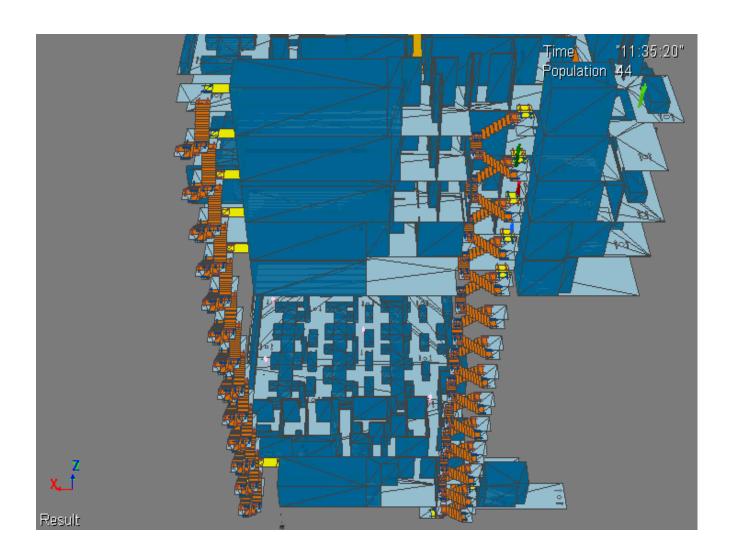
Egress Drill

Video on 11th and Ground floors

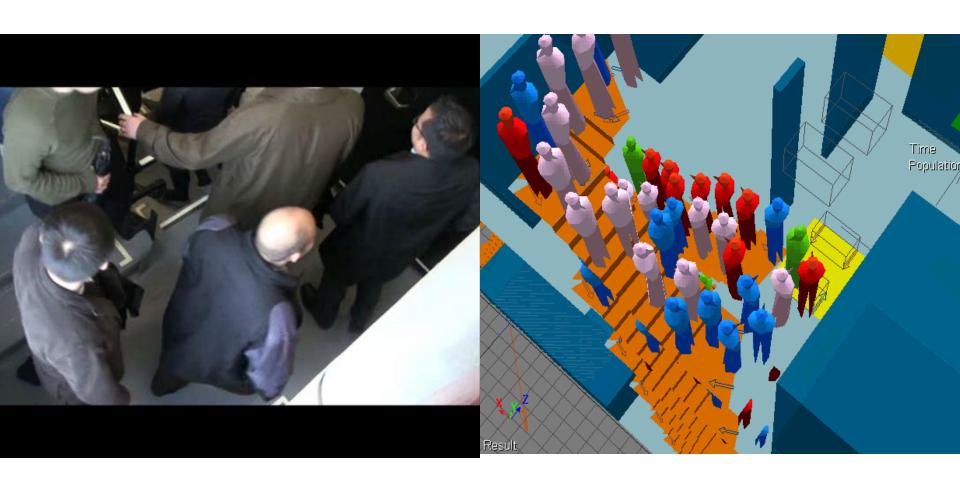
- Stairwell movement behaviors
- Individual journey times



MassMotion Model



Stairwell Movement Behaviors



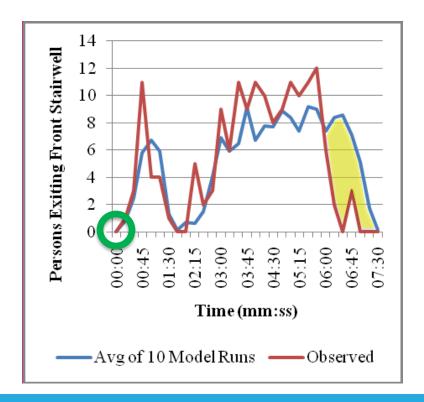
Individual journey time

- Average of samples from egress drill
- Average of all agents in model

Scenario	11X to Exit (mm:ss)	11Y to Exit (mm:ss)
Observed Average of Samples	2:59	2:16
Modeled Average of All Agents	3:39	3:04
Difference from Observed	+22.4%	+35.1%

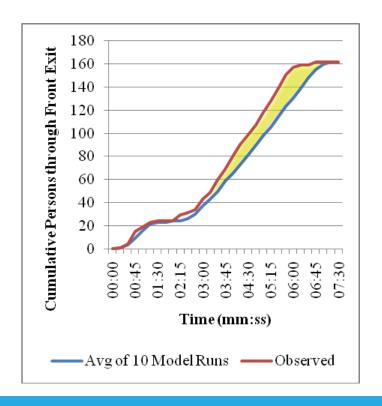
Comparison of ground floor exits

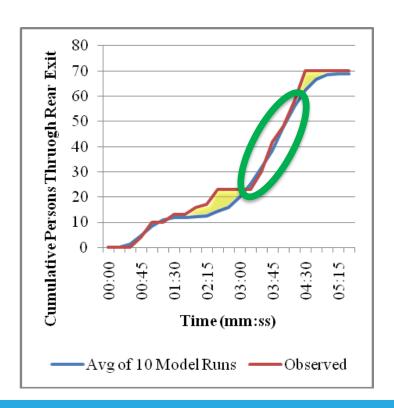
- Pattern correlation
- Attempt to eliminate pre-movement time
- Actual faster than modeled



Comparison of cumulative stairwell exits

- Some slope correlation in rear stairwell Y
- Actual faster than modeled





Comparison of overall evacuation time

Scenario	Time (mm:ss)
Observed Evacuation Time	7:24
Modeled Evacuation Time	7:49
% Difference	+5.6%

Comparison of stair flows

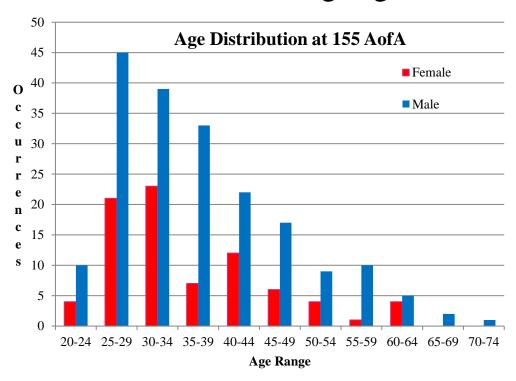
Stairwell X	Persons/15-seconds
Observed	14
Modeled	15

Differences: Population or MassMotion?

- Young, fit, and/or homogenous

- Female: 32.9 median, 35.9 average age

- Male: 34.8 median, 37.3 average age



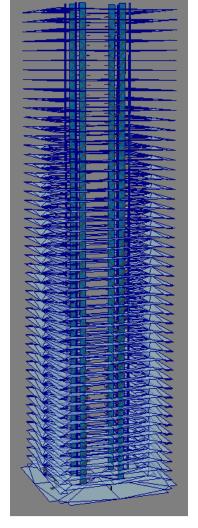
MassMotion Validation Phase 2

Three More Towers



Three More Egress Models

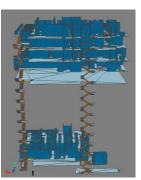
Canary Wharf



Floors: 50

Evacuees: 5,469 (53% on stairs)

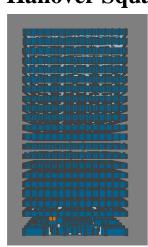
155 Avenue of the Americas



Floors: 15 (6 modeled)

Evacuees: 232

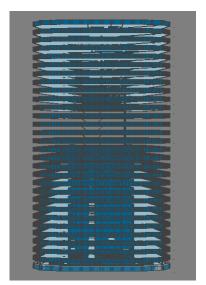
10 Hanover Square



Floors: 22

Evacuees: 1,130

85 Broad Street



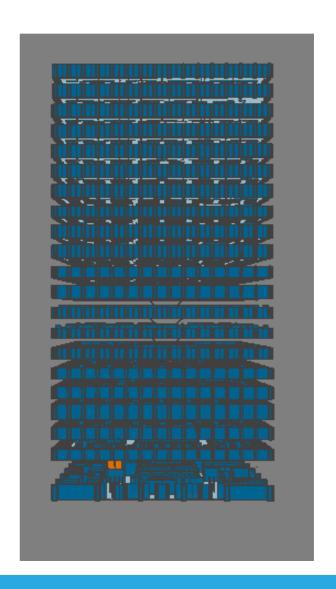
Floors: 30

Evacuees: 1,385

10 Hanover Square, Lower Manhattan

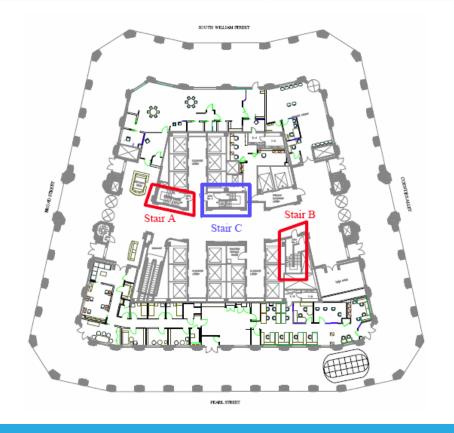
Scenario	Time (minutes)
Observed Evacuation Time	13:00
Modeled Evacuation Time	13:14

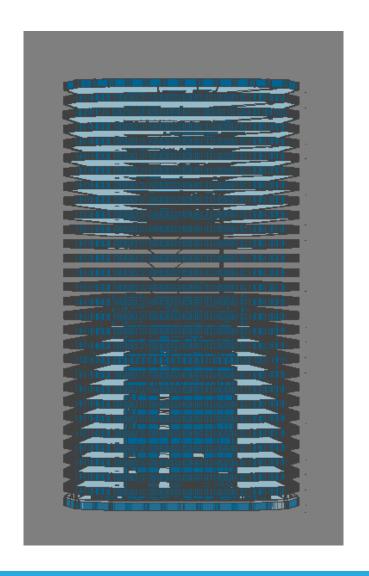




85 Broad Street, Lower Manhattan

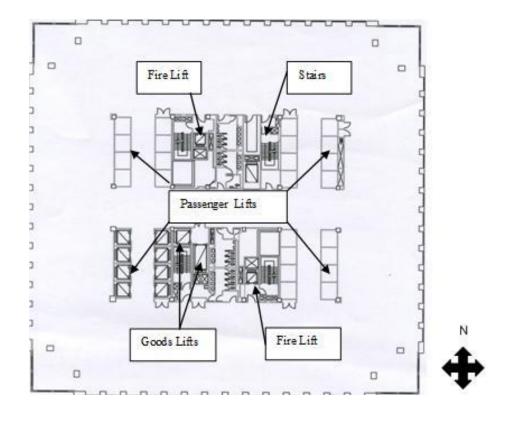
Scenario	Time (minutes)
Observed Evacuation Time	18:00
Modeled Evacuation Time	16:41

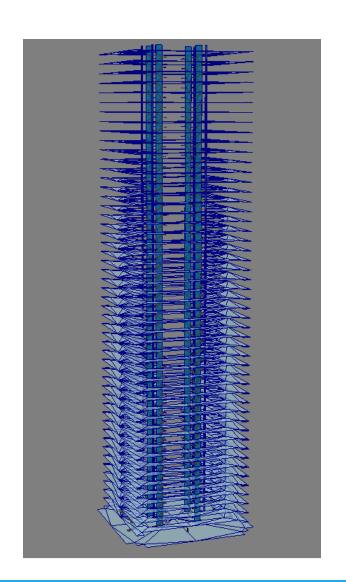




1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf

Scenario	Time (minutes)
Observed Evacuation Time	20:00
Modeled Evacuation Time	21:53





Results

Building	Scenario	Total Evacuation Time (mm:ss)
155 Avenue of the Americas	Observed	7:24
	Modeled	7:49
	% Difference	+5.6%
10 Hanover Square	Observed	13:00
	Modeled	13:14
	% Difference	+1.4%
85 Broad Street	Observed	18:00
	Modeled	16:41
	% Difference	-7.3%
One Canada Square	Observed	20:00
	Modeled	21:53
	% Difference	+9.5%

Conclusions and Next Steps

- < 10% difference across 4 case studies of varying sizes and population
- Suitable for building egress models
- Desire to test more data sets

Thank you