

# Recent Developments in FDS

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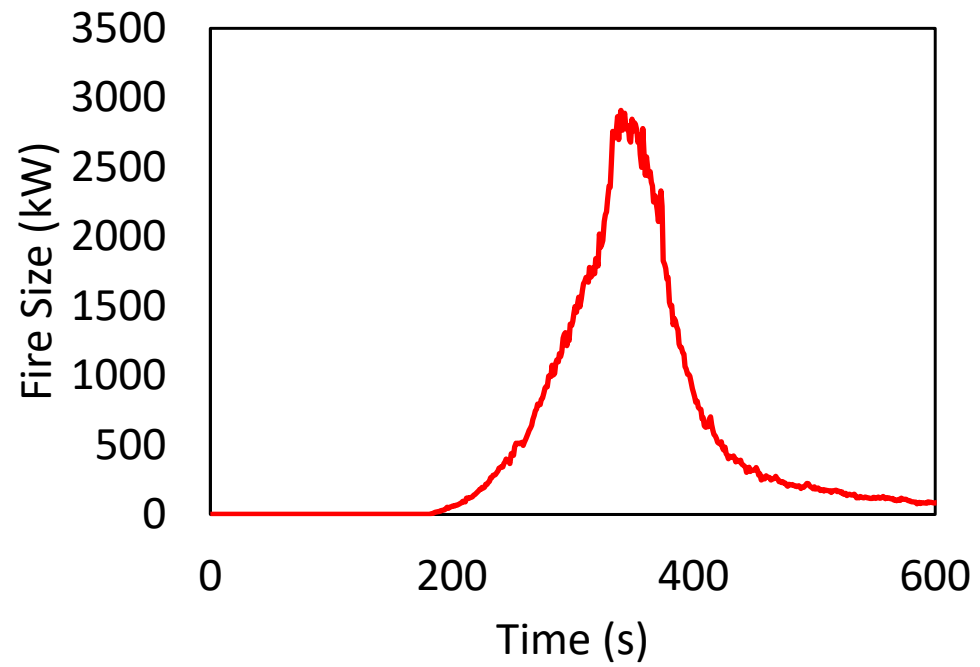
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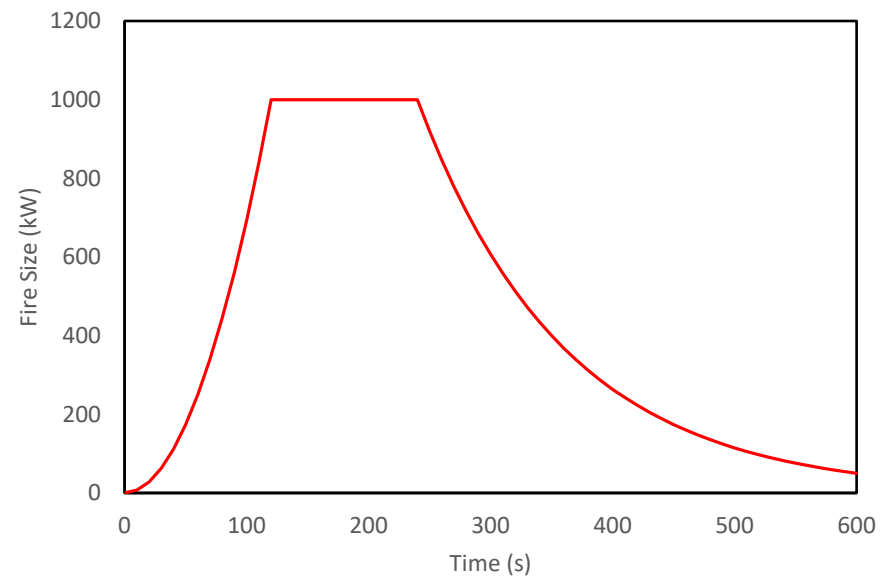
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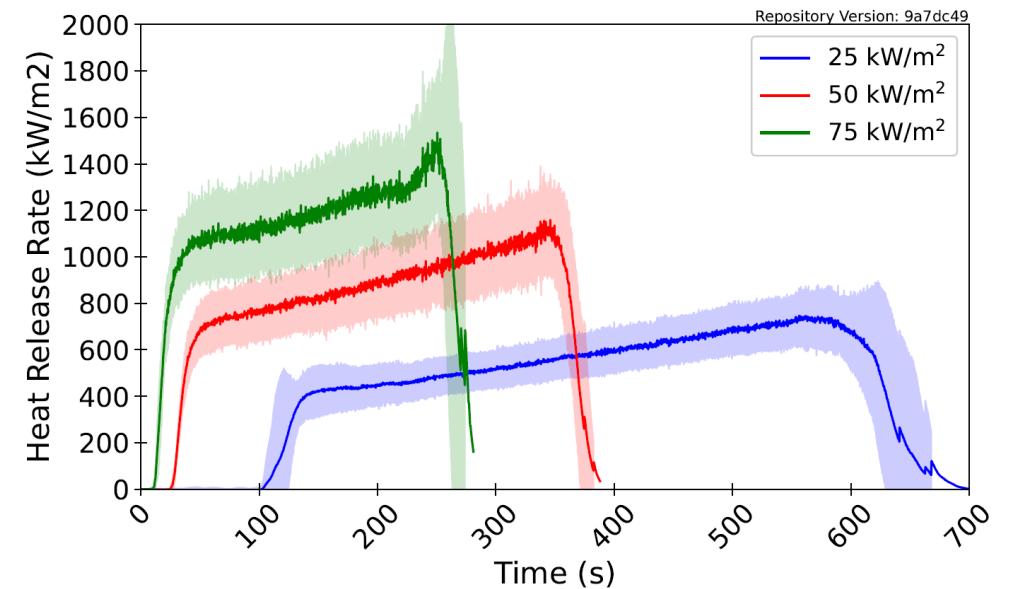
Actual HRR curve



Typical "t-squared" fire

## Alternative Approach:

- Perform cone or similar testing
  - Ignition temperature
  - Post ignition burning rate
  - At ignition apply the measured burning rate from the cone curve closest to the expected exposure
- Pros
  - Relatively simple to define
  - Cone testing is cheaper than full object testing
  - Fire spread
- Cons
  - Cone exposure  $\neq$  predicted exposure

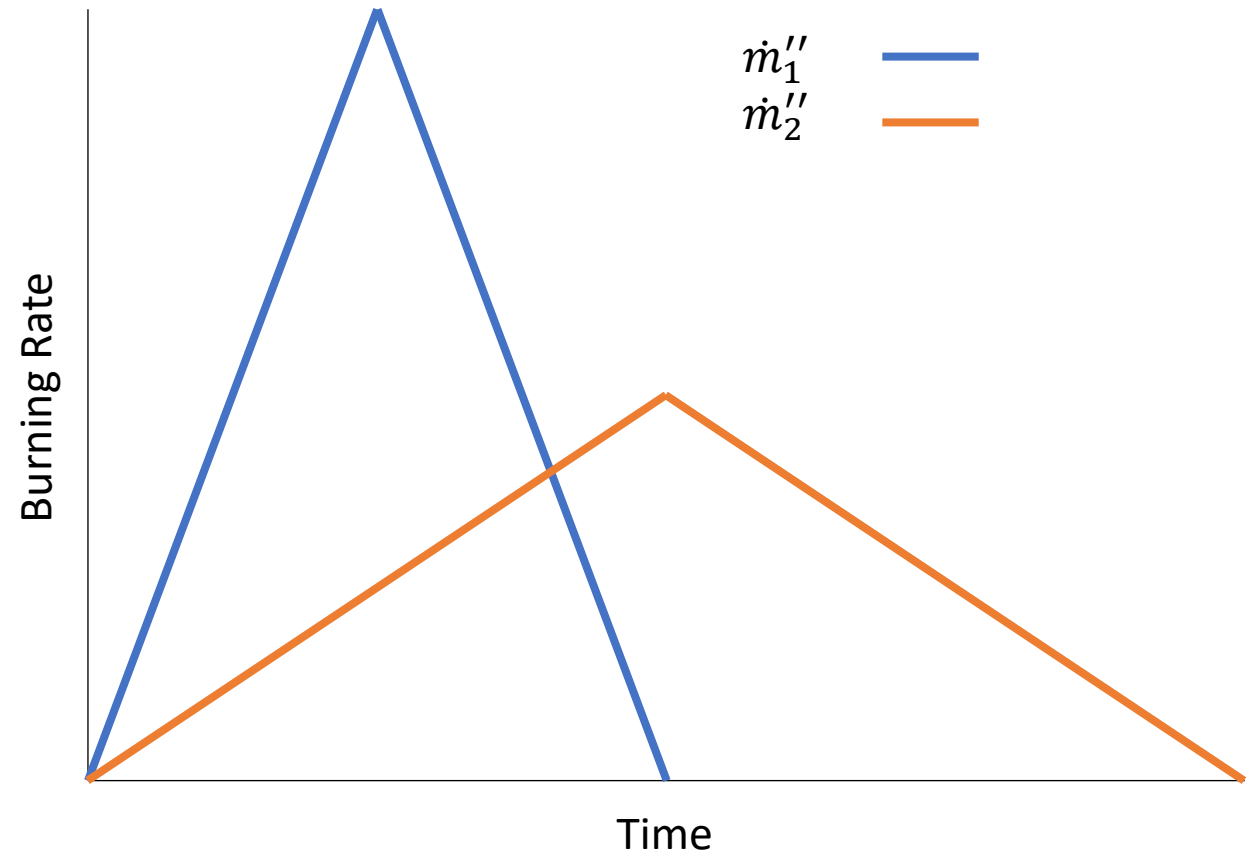


# Exposure Scaling

50 kW/m<sup>2</sup> exposure in cone (blue)

25 kW/m<sup>2</sup> exposure in cone (orange)

Which curve to use in FDS?

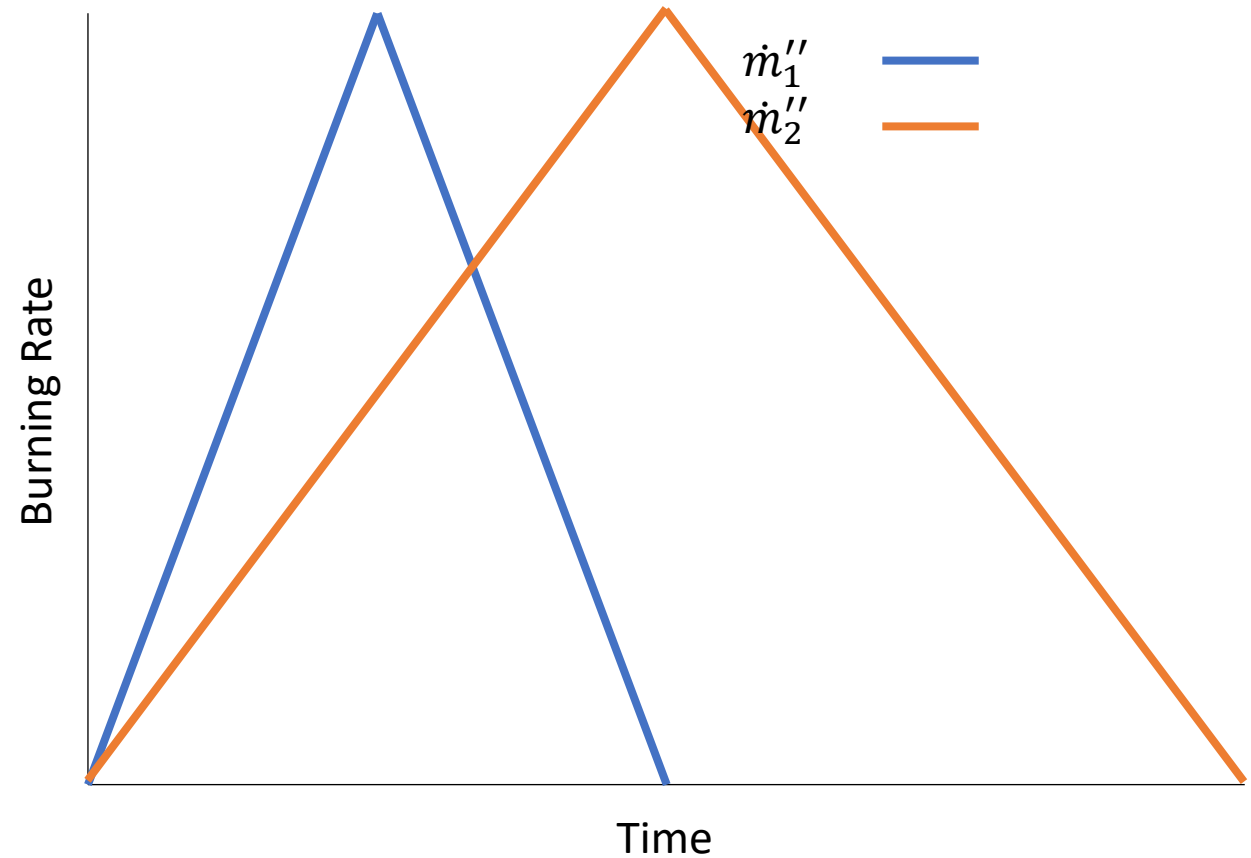


# Thickness Scaling

Thin sample (blue)

Thick sample (orange)

Using the orange curve would mean twice the burning duration with the peak HRR delayed.



# Inputs on the SURF line

IGNITION\_TEMPERATURE at which the wall cell starts burning

THICKNESS of solid being modeled

RAMP\_Q ( : ) HRRPUA ramp for each cone data set

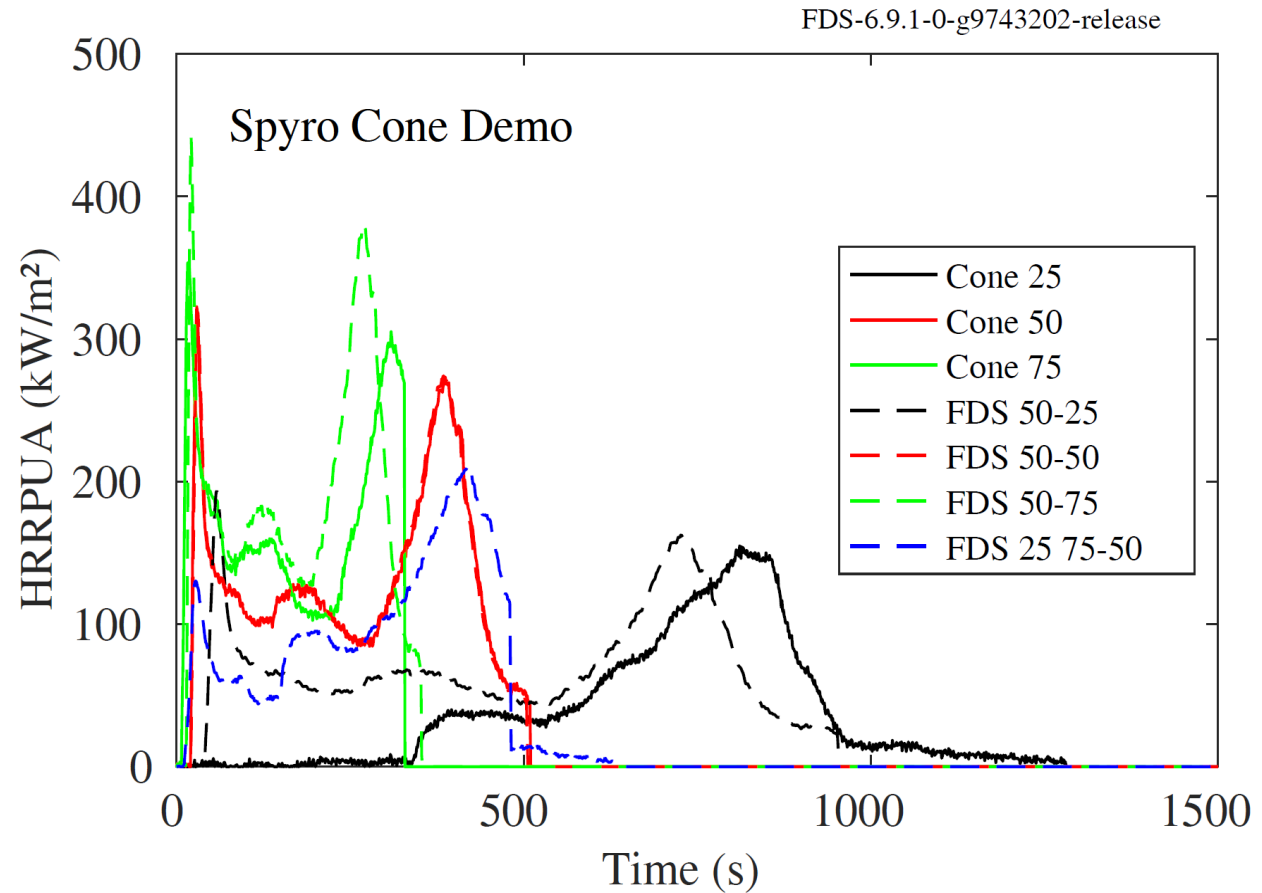
REFERENCE\_THICKNESS ( : ) for each cone data set

REFERENCE\_HEAT\_FLUX ( : ) Heat flux for each cone data set

INERT\_Q\_REF is true if the cone test performed without oxygen

# Verification

- Solid lines data (25, 50, 75 kW/m<sup>2</sup>)
- Dashed sample color predictions using 50 kW/m<sup>2</sup> data
- Dashed blue predicts 50 using 25 and 75 kW/m<sup>2</sup> data.



# Simulations of 165 Materials

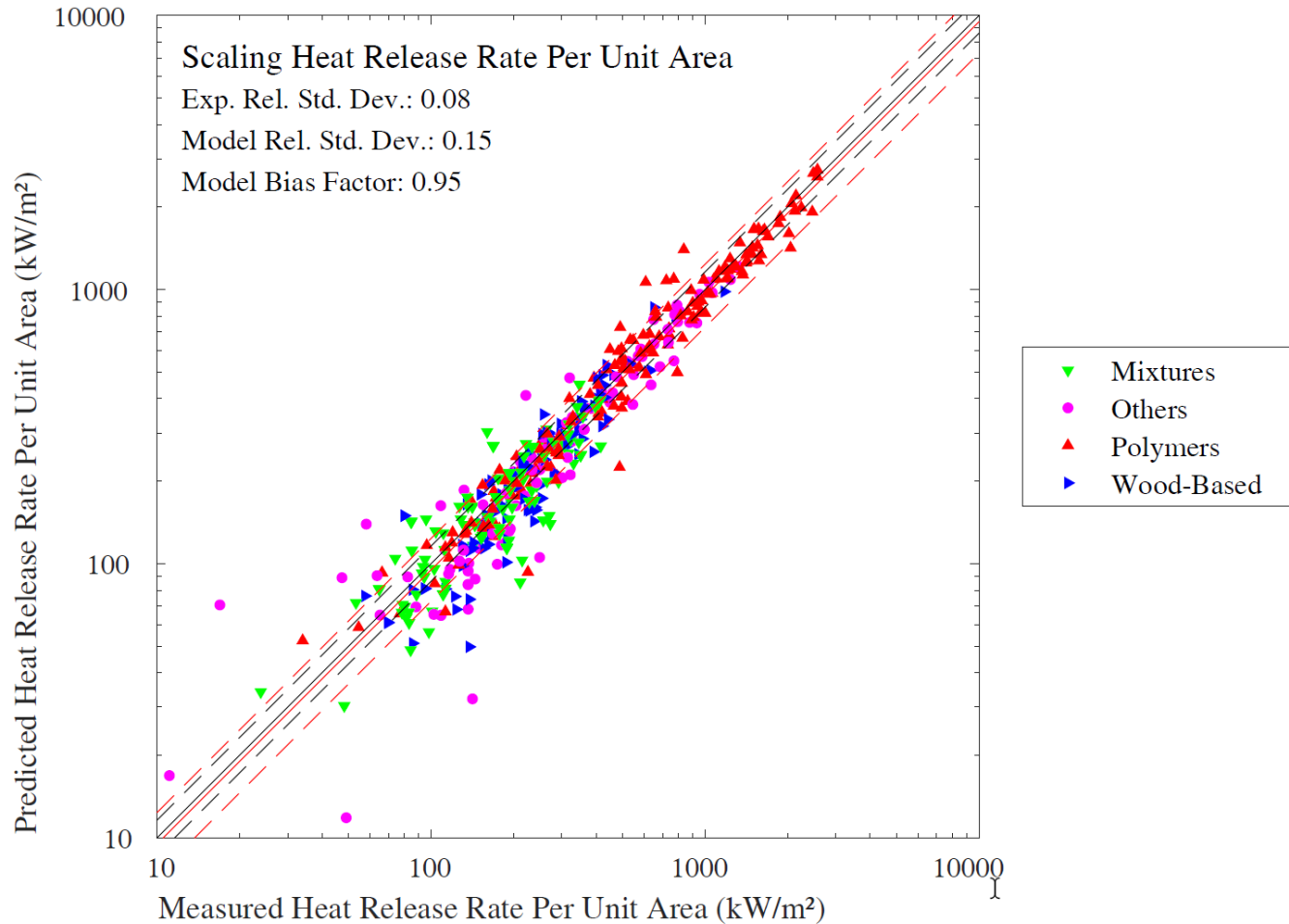


Table 3.34: Summary of Materials

Dataset	Mixtures	Others	Polymers	Wood-Based	Total
Aalto Woods	0	0	0	2	2
FAA Polymers	0	0	8	0	8
FPL Materials	0	0	0	8	8
FSRI Materials	0	26	30	15	71
JH Materials	5	1	4	5	15
RISE Materials	37	3	16	5	61
Total	42	30	58	35	165

- Performed modeling for each tested flux without that flux
  - Test at 25, 50, and 75 kW/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Model 25 using 50 and 75
  - Model 50 using 25 and 75
  - Model 75 using 25 and 50

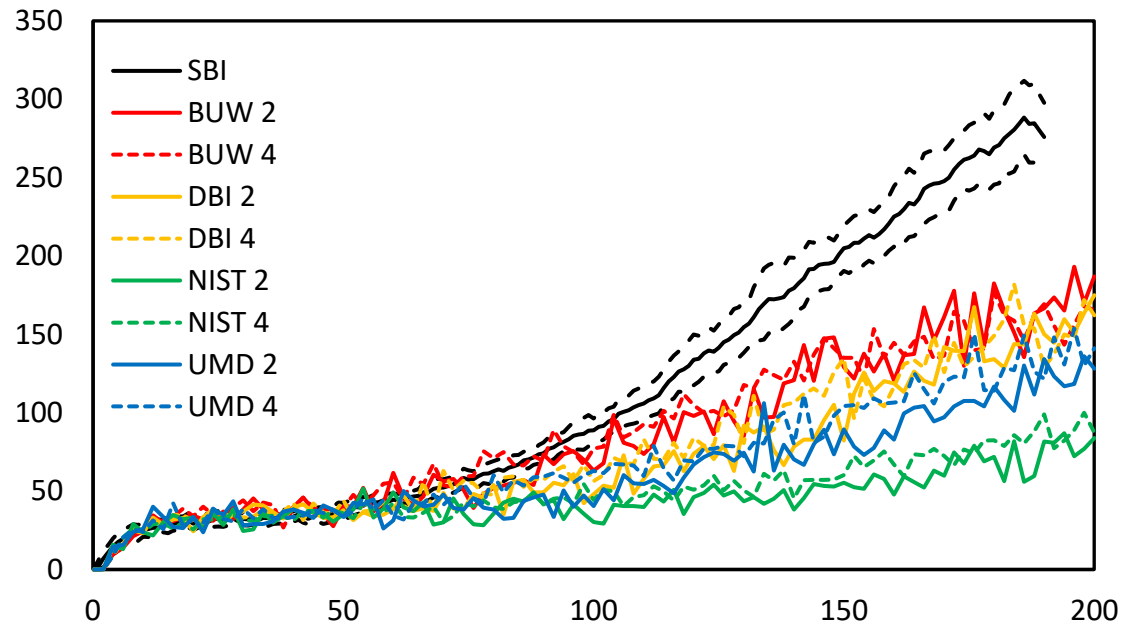




# SBI Results, 6 mm PMMA, 2 or 4 cm Grid

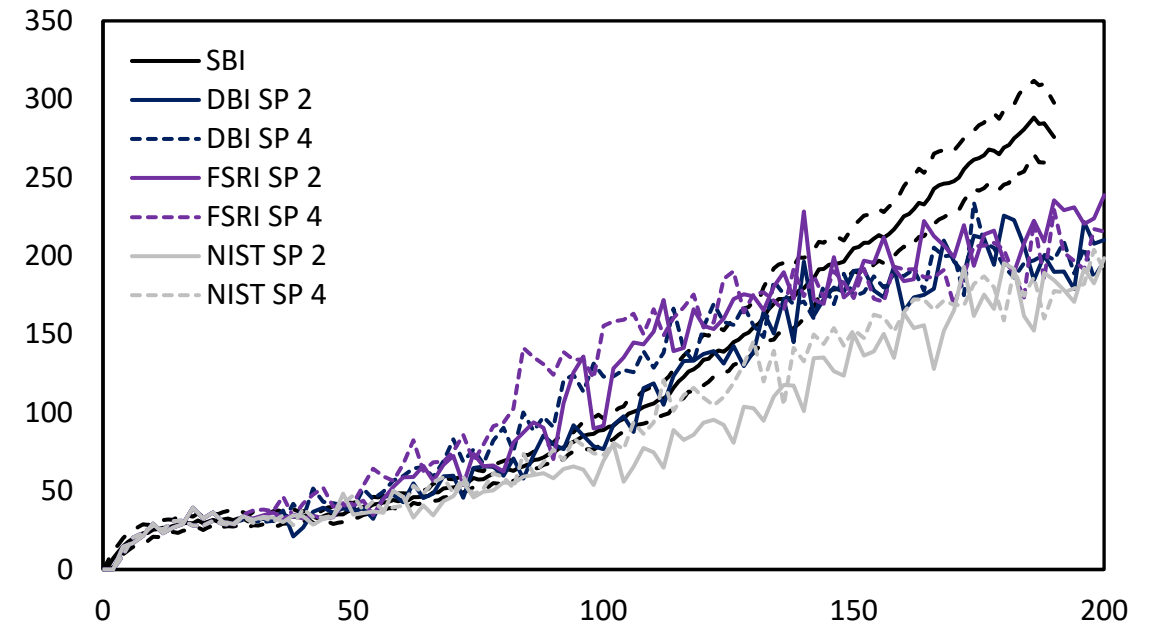
Detailed Kinetics

UMD SBI Kinetics

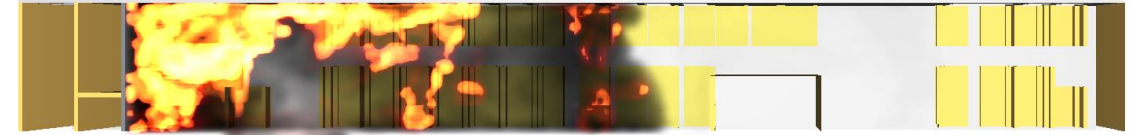
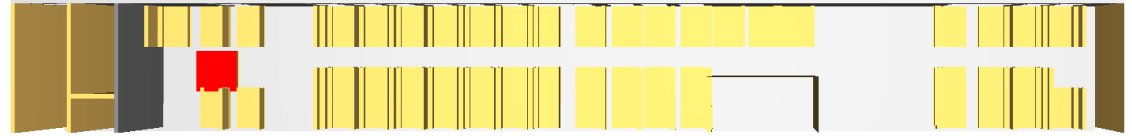
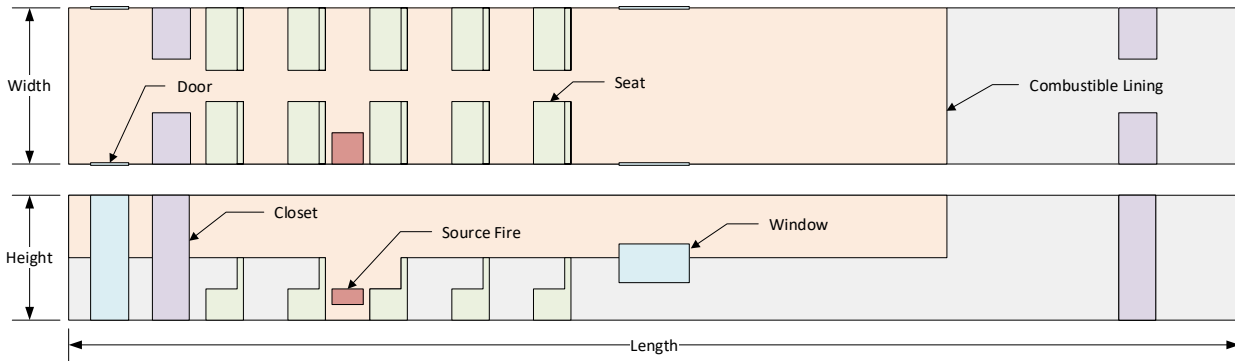


S-PYRO using various cone data sets

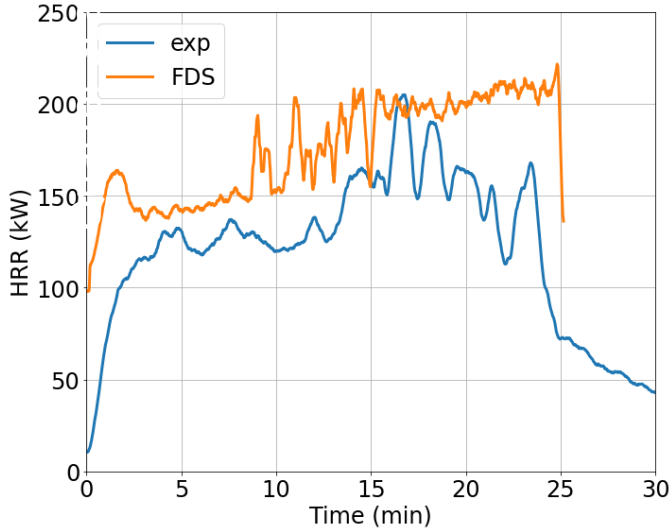
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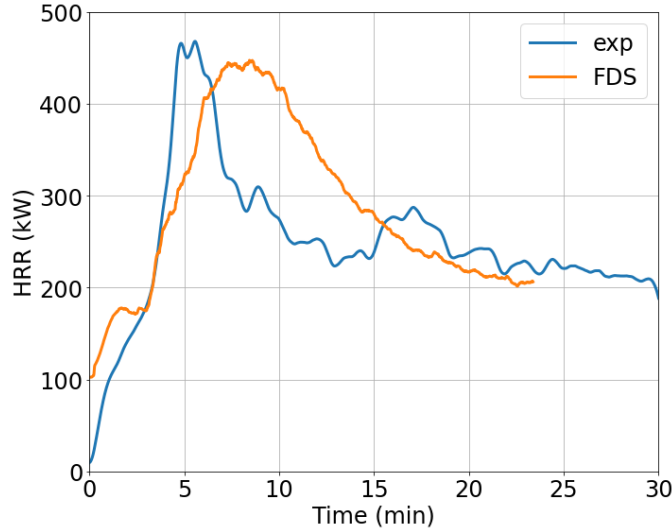
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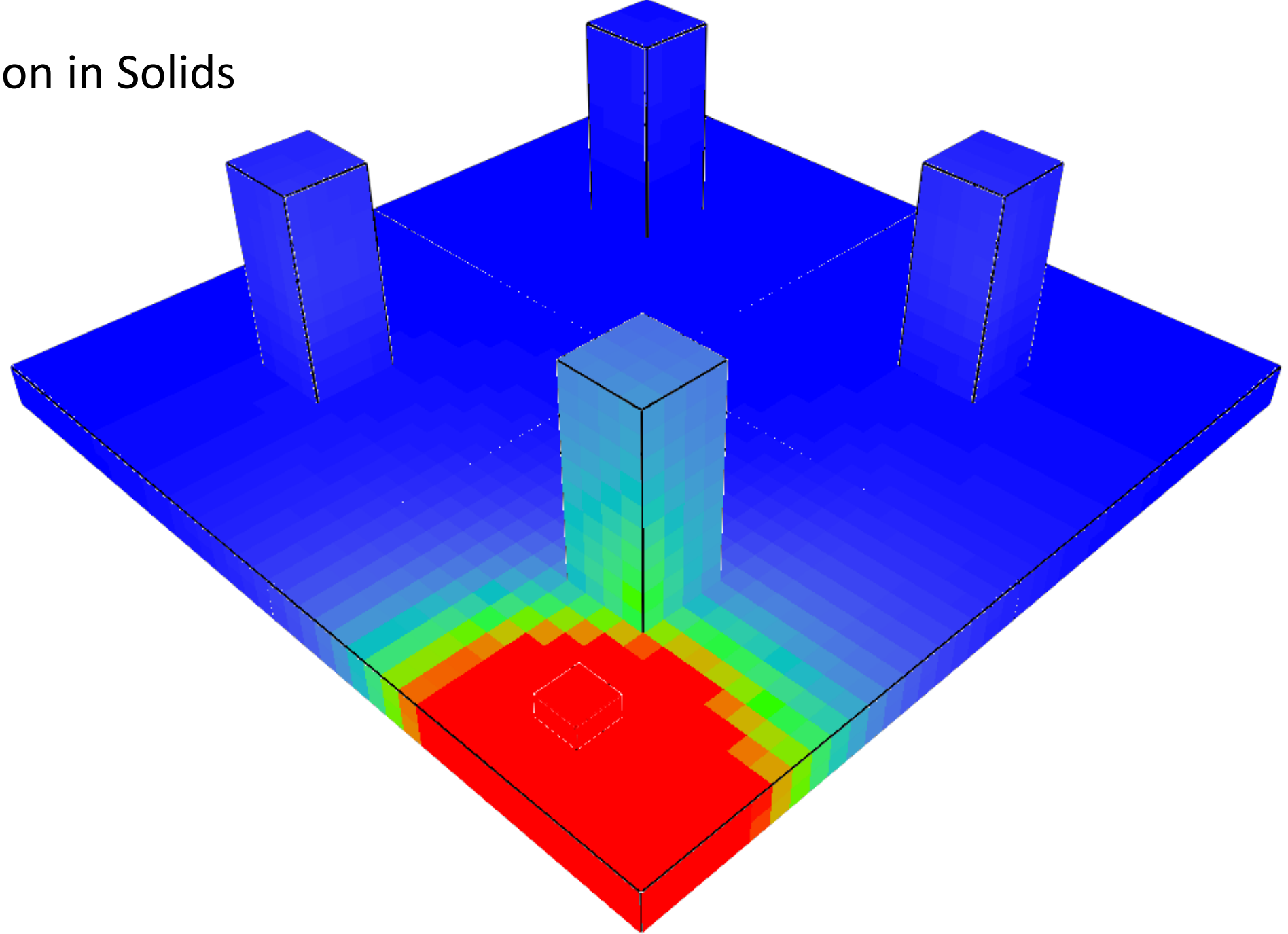


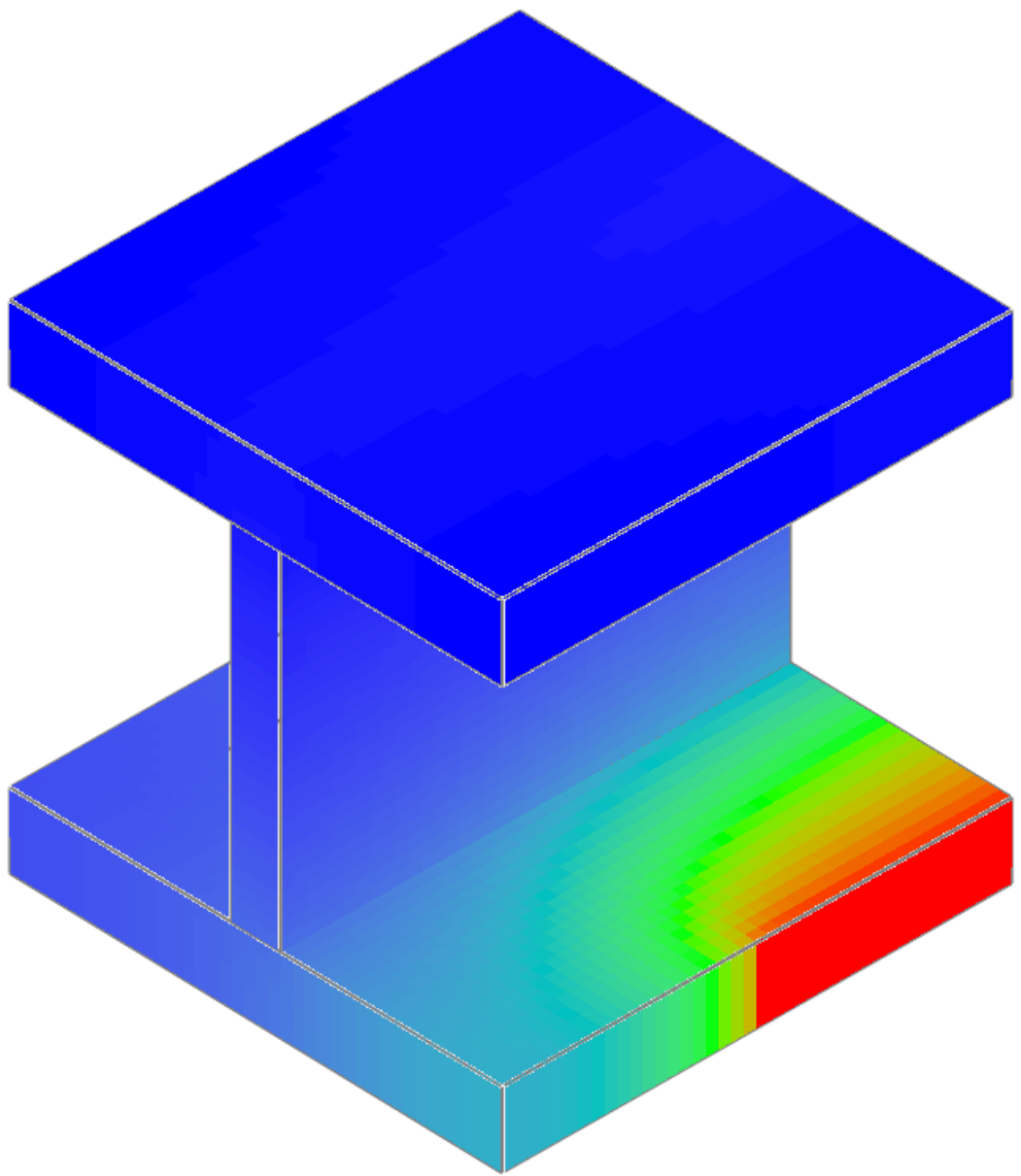
2 doors, 0 windows



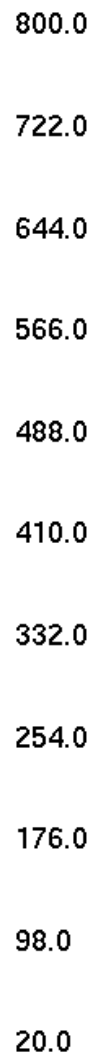
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# 3D Heat Conduction in Solids

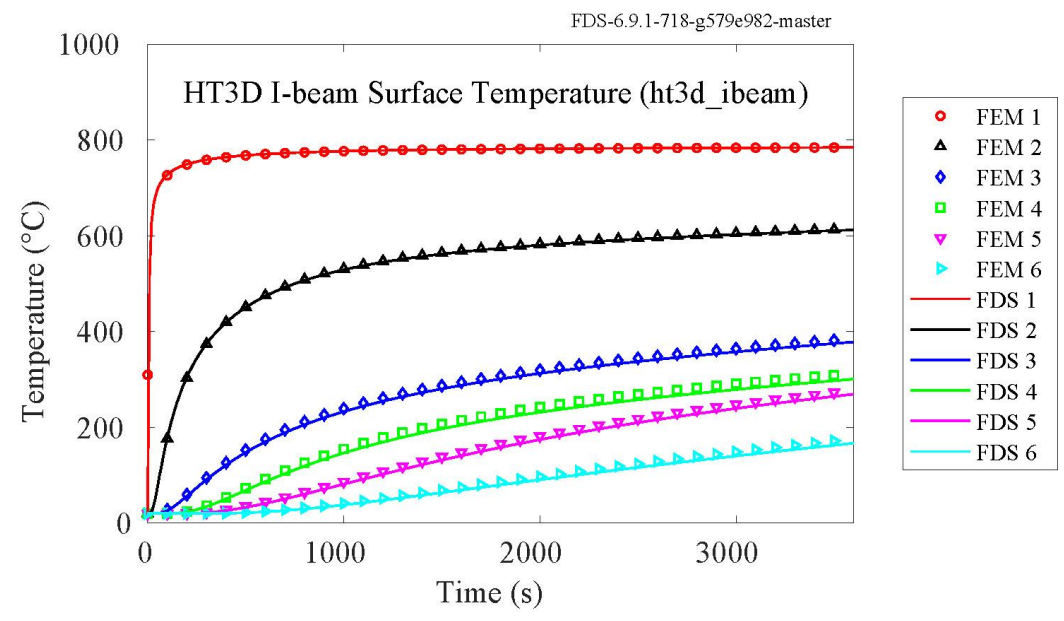




Bndry temp C



Time: 3600.



- FEM 1
- ▲ FEM 2
- ◆ FEM 3
- FEM 4
- ▼ FEM 5
- ▶ FEM 6
- FDS 1
- FDS 2
- FDS 3
- FDS 4
- FDS 5
- FDS 6



# Validation fire tests on using the adiabatic surface temperature for predicting heat transfer

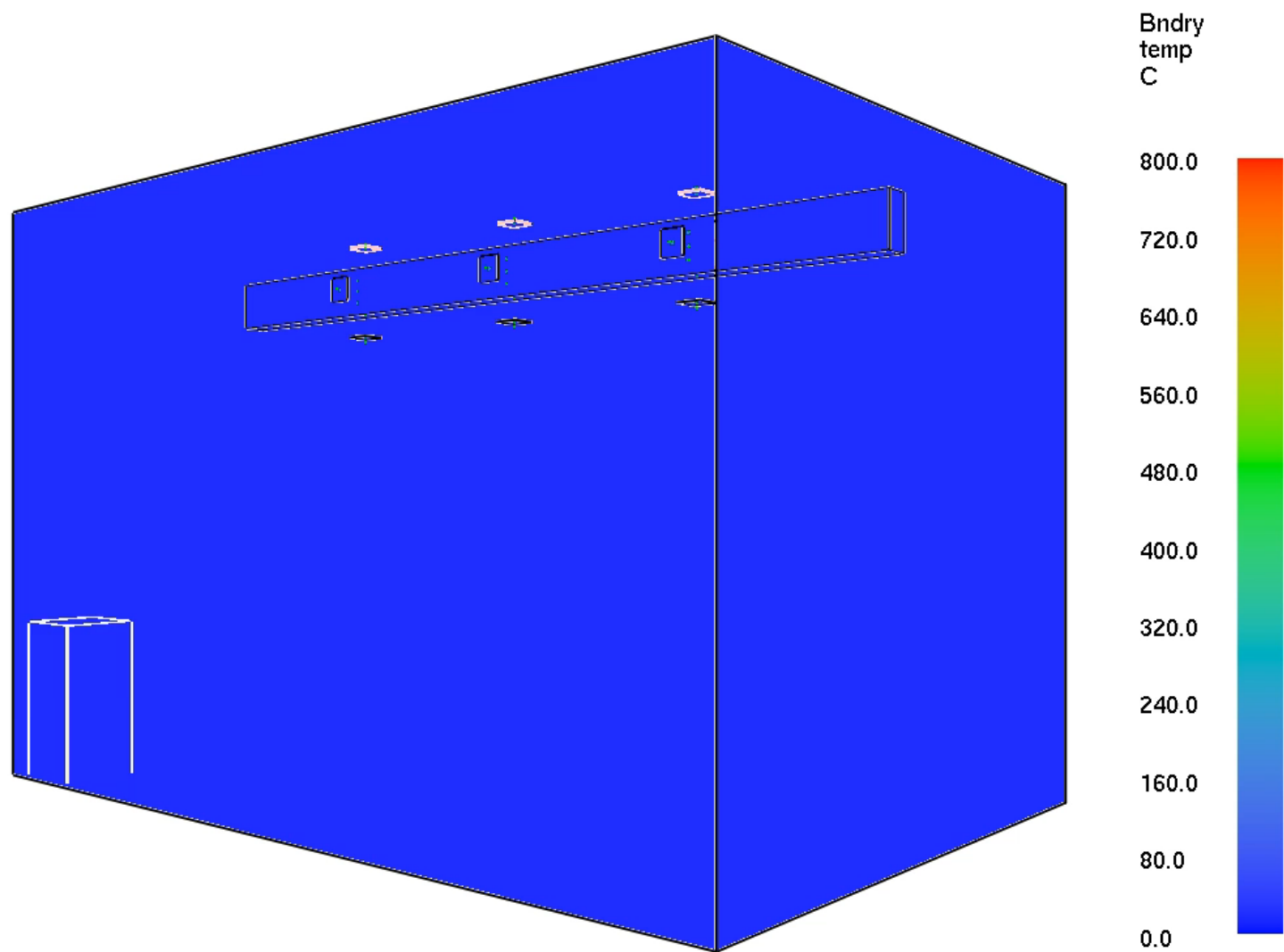
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