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### Abstract

Early detection in high buildings is a difficult task. The smoke movement at an early stage of the fire, i.e. when it is only smouldering, is controlled by the airflow pattern in the building before the fire. This airflow pattern is normally not known, it is determined by the ventilation system, other heat sources in the room, moving machines or forklifts, open gates etc. Obtaining data from all this and simulating the airflow is very time consuming. Furthermore, the smoke production and velocity and temperature profile from such small fires is usually not known.

Smoke production from smouldering fires for different packaging materials and electrical appliances were measured in this project. In addition, tests were conducted using some of these fires in the EN54 room. Detectors of different sensitivities and types were tested against these fires.

Full-scale experiments were conducted at two different industrial sites using two different smoke generators and some of the fires from which the smoke production had been measured. Normal production was maintained at the sites during the experiments. The industrial building used had different types of ventilation systems, i.e. one total mixing and one displacement system. Before the experiments, parametric studies were conducted by means of CFD simulations to study the influence from different temperature gradients and ventilation system on the smoke movement. In addition, the experiments were simulated and the results compared. The experiments showed that the smoke movement varied very much between identical tests, a feature that the simulations cannot capture. In addition, the simulations resulted in a more traditional smoke layer than the experiments. This is probably due to that the simulations only took account of the major disturbances such as the temperature gradient in one case and the air inlets in the other case, and not the local velocities etc.

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# Preface

This report deals with the findings from the Brandforsk projects 622-001 and 628-011.

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## Sammanfattning

Det är besvärligt att uppnå tidig detektion i lokaler med hög takhöjd. När branden är liten som i brandens tidiga skede samt vid glödbrand så styrs rökens väg till stor del av "mikroklimatet" i rummet. Detta mikroklimat består av temperaturgradienter och luftströmmar skapade av ventilationssystemet, maskiner, solinstrålning etc. Överslagsberäkningar ger att för att branden ska styra luftströmmarna i rummet krävs i en del fall bränder i storleksordningen 1 MW.

Vägen fram till detektion består av tre delar; brandkällan, rökspridning samt detektorn. Rökproduktion finns tillgänglig i litteraturen för en del flammande bränder medan data är mer ovanligt för glödbränder och framförallt för förpackningsmaterial och olika elmaterial. I projektet har rökproduktionen från en del sådana material mätts. Resultaten är i linje med de få rapporterade värden som finns på glödbränder. Försök gjordes även med några av de uppmätta bränderna gentemot ett antal detektorer av olika typ och känslighet i ett EN54 rum. Försöken visade att detektorerna reagerade i den ordning man kunde förvänta sig utifrån tillverkarens data.

Tyngdpunkten i projektet ligger på rökspridningen som är det steg i kedjan om vilket kunskapen är sämst. Möjliga mikroklimat i industribyggnader har studerats genom diskussioner med folk i ventilationsbranschen. Utifrån dessa diskussioner valdes sedan två olika industribyggnader för fullskaleförsök, en byggnad (Fläkt Woods i Enköping) där en temperaturgradient upprätthålls av ventilationssystemet samt en byggnad med en jämn temperaturprofil men där luftflödet lokalt från ventilationsdonen är högt (IKEAs lager i Jönköping). Före fullskaleförsöken gjordes parameterstudier med hjälp av CFD simuleringar. Vid fullskaleförsöken användes en del av de tidigare uppmätta bränderna och ett flertal detektorer av lite olika typ. Försöken gjordes under arbetstid dvs. det pågick normal aktivitet i lokalerna. Efter försöken simulerades en del av testen och jämförelser gjordes.

Försöken visade att rökspridningen varierade mycket mellan till synes identiska test, detta är en egenskap som simuleringar inte kan fånga. Vidare gav simuleringarna ett mer traditionellt rökgaslager än försöken. Detta kan bero på att simuleringarna inte inkluderade alla "störningar" såsom värmeproducerande maskiner, truckar som körde etc. utan endast temperaturgradienten i ena fallet och lufthastigheterna från ventilationsdonen i andra fallet.

Projektet visar att det är mycket svårt att hitta optimal placering av detektorer genom både försök och simuleringar. Detta beror på att det är ett så stort spann av bränder och mikroklimat som måste täckas. En större brand gör att röken räcker längre upp mot tak och en mindre brand att röken planar ut längre ner. Mikroklimatet beror av väder, vilka maskiner som är i drift, har personalen ändrat på ventilationen eftersom det drog etc. Att täcka in alla dessa fall med hjälp av simuleringar eller försök är mycket tidskrävande.

# Nomenclature

AG2000	Smoke generator
APS	Detector parameter set
ASD	Air sampling detection
CFD	Computational Fluid Dynamics
DLO	Optical beam smoke detector
DO	Optical smoke detector
DOT	Multisensor detector (smoke, heat)
DOTE	Multisensor detector (smoke, heat, CO)
EN54	European standard for fire detection and fire alarm systems
fv	Soot volume fraction
HeNe	Helium Neon, laser wavelength 633 nm
i	Ionization current with smoke
Ι	Intensity with smoke
i <sub>0</sub>	Ionization current without smoke
IO	Intensity without smoke
k	Extinction coefficient = $1/L*ln(I_0/I)$ , $1/m$
L	Path length, m
MIC	Measuring ionisation chamber
MIREX	Smoke measurement instrument using IR
ob	Obscura = dB/m
PE	Polyeten
SG3000	Smoke Generator
SICK	Smoke measurement instrument using IR
SPR	Smoke Production Rate,m <sup>2</sup> /s
TF2	Test Fire 2 according to EN54
у	Smoke signal from MIC $(=i_0/i-i/i_0)$

### **1** Introduction

Early detection in buildings with high ceilings is a difficult task. When a fire starts or if the fire is small then the air and smoke movement is controlled by the airflow pattern in the room before the fire started. The airflow pattern depends on the ventilation system, other heating sources, temperature gradients in the room etc. A rough estimate on how large the fire must be in order to take control of the airflow in different situations results in heat release rates up to an order of magnitude of MW<sup>1,2</sup>.

Many industries today rely heavily on the detection system to be fast enough and give such early warning that the rescue service arrives in time to extinguish the fire before the damage is severe. In some cases they also trust that the detection system gives such early warning that the smoke does not cause any damage like smell and corrosion on the goods stored. If the system fails to do so, the company will loose customers and good-will in these days of just in time production.

It is desirable to be able to determine whether the detection system will give early warning enough and to determine the best placement of the detectors. It is of course possible to test this in existing buildings by creating a fire of the same magnitude that one wants to be able to detect and see if one gets alarm. But this is not an option in a non-existing building e.g. during the design phase of a building. In addition it is difficult to determine beforehand what will happen if changes are made to geometry, ventilation system etc. Therefore computer simulations could be an alternative. However, in order to be able to detectors sensitivity to that smoke. The detector sensitivity will depend on the particle size of the smoke aerosol and its velocity, but such information is not easily available. On the other hand, the soot models in CFD codes still needs development and usually one does not know what fuel is involved in the fire. Therefore an approach by letting the smoke aerosol in as a conserved scalar with neutral density that follows the air or by using a prescribed soot source where the soot source is defined as a certain amount of soot (unit kg/s) can possibly be useful.

This report presents the results from two Brandforsk projects carried out 2001-2003. The projects included measuring the smoke production from different package materials and electrical material such as cables and lighters for fluorescent lamps since the smoke production from these materials is not reported in the literature. The sensitivity for different smoke detectors against these fires was investigated in an EN54 room. What ventilation systems that are used in today's industry were investigated by means of discussions with manufacturer of ventilation systems. CFD simulations were carried out for buildings with two different types of ventilation system, i.e. one displacement and one well-stirred system. In addition full-scale experiments were carried out in the same type of buildings. The first of the two projects has to some extent been published in a SP Technical Note previously<sup>3</sup> but this report covers both of the projects.

#### 2 Smoke Production

Fires in electrical equipment and packaging materials are relatively common in industries. The smoke production from these materials is usually not known, especially in the beginning of the fire during smouldering combustion. There is data available in the literature<sup>4</sup> on smoke production from mainly pure fuels and usually from flaming combustion.



#### Figure 1 The Cone calorimeter.

The smoke production from various "fires" of package materials and electrical equipment was measured in the cone calorimeter<sup>5</sup> using both the conventional cone calorimeter HeNe laser and the MIREX. The cone calorimeter is an instrument frequently used for measuring smoke production and heat released from a material when it is subject to a specified heat flux level. The cone calorimeter is shown in Figure 1. The MIREX is an instrument measuring the smoke obscuration using IR, which is used in detector testing according to EN54-7<sup>6</sup>. Materials tested included storage materials (a blue PE-box and corrugated cardboard) and electrical products (lighters for fluorescent lamps, extension cord with extra plug holes and cables). In addition the same measurements were performed for the fire denoted "TF2" in Table 1. TF2 is the TF2 fire in EN54-7<sup>6</sup>, i.e. wooden sticks on a cocking plate. In all 27 tests were conducted which are listed in Table 1. In the experiments, the material was mounted in the cone calorimeter sample holder, and the holder was placed in the cone calorimeter with the radiation shield, the measurements were started and after 30 s of pre-measuring time the radiation shield was removed.

File and test	Material	Heat Flux	Spark	Ignition	Comments
name		level	igniter on	15	C Shimento
nume		applied	igniter on		
Del	Plue PE boy	$20 kW/m^2$	No	No	Igniter on ofter 20
101	DIUC I L-00X	20 K W/III	INO	INO	minutes
Pe2	Blue PE-box	$20  kW/m^2$	No	No	minutes
Pe3	Blue PE-box	$20 \text{ kW/m}^2$	No	No	Material melted down
105	Dide I L-00X	20 K W/III	110	110	into the sample holder
Pe4	Blue PE-box	$20 \text{ kW/m}^2$	Ves	$187 \pm 30s$	Flashed a couple of
101	Dide i E con	20 R (()/III	105	10, 505	times before ignition
Paper1	Corrugated	$20 \text{ kW/m}^2$	No	93 + 30 s	No weight measure-
	cardboard				ment
Paper2	Corrugated	8.5 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	No	No	Wrong radiation level
1	cardboard				0
Paper3	Corrugated	12 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	No	No	Glowing without
-	cardboard				smoke at end of test
Paper4	Corrugated	12 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	No	No	1 minute pre-measuring
	cardboard				time
Paper5	Corrugated	$12 \text{ kW/m}^2$	No	No	
	cardboard				
Lighter1	2 Lighters for	20 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	No	No	
	florescent lamp				
Lighter2	2 Lighters for	20 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	No	No	Plastic harder than in
	florescent lamp				previous test
Lighter3	Lighter for	$20 \text{ kW/m}^2$	No	No	
	florescent				
	lamp, one a				
0.01	"safety lighter"	201111/2	λī	N	
Safel	2 Safety	$20 \text{ kW/m}^2$	No	No	
	fighters for				
	lamp				
Gran1	Multiple	$20 k W/m^2$	No	$1815 \pm 30$	Spark added after 1830
Gieni	extension cord	20 K W/III	110	1815 + 50 s	spark added arter 1850
Gren?	Multiple	$20  kW/m^2$	No	$\frac{3}{1238+30}$	Spark added after 1230
Grenz	extension cord	20 K W/III	110	1230 + 30 S	s spark added arter 1250
Gren3	Multiple	$20 \text{ kW/m}^2$	No	907 + 30	Spark added after 930 s
Greins	extension cord	20 K W/III	110	207 - 20	Spark added arter 950 5
Cable1	Ball of white	20 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	After 930 s	No	
	single wire				
Cable2	White single	20 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	No	No	
	wire mounted				
	according to				
	FIPEC				
	configuration				
Cable3	White single	$30 \text{ kW/m}^2$	No	50 + 30s	
	wire mounted				
	according to				
	FIPEC				
0.11.4	configuration	NT 11		11	1, 17, 17, 2
Cable4	White single	No radia-	No	No	Increased to 4.5 V after
	wire	tion, the			800 S
		cable was			
		by a to high			
		current			
		Level 4 4 V			

Table 1Cone calorimeter tests.

File and test name	Material	Heat Flux level applied	Spark igniter on	Ignition	Comments
Cable 5	Red single wire	No radia- tion, the cable was self-heated by a to high current. Level 6.3 V	No	No	Increased to 7.7 V after 4 minutes
Cable 6	Cable with three conductors	No radia- tion, the cable was self-heated by a to high current. Level 5.5 V	No	No	Voltage switched off after 290 s
Cable7	Cable with three conduc- tors, mounted according to FIPEC con- figuration	25 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	No	755 + 30 s	Increased to 35 kW after 730 s
Foam1	Mattress	20 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	No		Spark added at 182 + 30 s. Radiation increased to 35 kW at 330 s.
Wood1	Particle board	35 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	No	74 + 30	
TF2a	TF2	No radia- tion, TF2 fire	No	730	No weight measurement
TF2b	TF2	No radia- tion, TF2 fire	No	735	No weight measurement

In Figure 2 the maximum extinction coefficient obtained with the HeNe laser for each of the experiments is presented together with the maximum extinction coefficient divided by the mass loss. The extinction coefficient k is calculated as  $1/L*\ln(I_0/I)$  where L is the path length,  $I_0$  is the intensity without smoke and I intensity with smoke. Due to the low mass loss rate there is a large uncertainty in the extinction coefficient per mass lost. Still one can identify that the smoke production is larger per gram consumed under non-flaming conditions. This is particularly clear when studying the PE-box test where the PE box was ignited in test PE4 but not in the other three cases.



# Figure 2 Maximum extinction coefficient times 10, maximum extinction coefficient divided by mass loss rate (g/s) and SPR divided by mass loss rate recalculated to ob/m<sup>3</sup> for the experiments conducted.

Data on smoke production from smouldering fires is scarce. Tewardson<sup>4</sup> Mulholland<sup>7</sup> and Drysdale<sup>8</sup> have collected some data. Tewardson<sup>4</sup> reports that the smoke production, going from flaming to non-flaming combustion, increases a factor of 10 for Red Oak while the difference for Polyurethane is only a factor of 1.7. The ratio obtained here in this work is 4.5 for the PE-box and 0.8 for the white single conductor used in test Cable2 and Cable3. Tewardson reports a Mass Optical density of smoke for Non flaming combustion of Red Oak of 0.3 m<sup>2</sup>/g (= 3 obm<sup>3</sup>/g) while Drysdale reports a smoke potential of about 1.8 obm<sup>3</sup>/g (=0.18 m<sup>2</sup>/g) for Non Flaming Fibre Insulation Board, Birch plywood, Chipboard and Hardboard. The values obtained here are 4.2 obm<sup>3</sup>/g for the TF2 fires and 0.4 obm<sup>3</sup>/g for the particleboard; the particleboard was, however, ignited. Drysdale reports a smoke potential of 1.8 obm<sup>3</sup>/g for PVC while Mulholland reports 1.2-6.4 depending on the PVC. One can expect that the "Extra plug hole" and some of the cables tested in this project were made of PVC; this gives possible values in the range 0.4 - 8.7 obm<sup>3</sup>/g for PVC in this project.

Due to the large diameter of the MIREX beam (i.e. 4 cm) it was not possible to mount the MIREX close to the smoke measurement position in the cone calorimeter. Instead the MIREX was mounted in a larger duct after the main cone calorimeter duct. Therefore one cannot compare the extinction coefficient obtained by the MIREX and the HeNe laser directly. Instead one has to compare the Smoke Production Rate, SPR. SPR is calculated as the extinction coefficient k times the volumetric flow. A comparison is made between

the two different measurements in Figure 3 and Figure 4. As seen, the ratio varies between the two different measurement methods for different material and also to some extent during the experiment. The rest of the results are provided in Appendix A.



Figure 3 Comparison of SPR (Smoke Production Rate) obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test PE1.



Figure 4 Comparison of SPR (Smoke Production Rate) obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Paper3.

Some researchers have studied the smoke density or production measured using different wavelengths, however none of these provide an answer to how the smoke density varies relative to the measuring wavelength. The results from Coppa and La Malfa<sup>9</sup> are difficult to interpret since the measurements with the different wavelengths were not performed at the same time. Tewarson<sup>4</sup> has reported single values for smoke production measured at three different wavelengths, however the results from Andersson<sup>1</sup> indicate that the ratio between the smoke density measured at the different wavelengths varies during the fire scenario.

In this investigation, the SPR measured with the MIREX was higher than the SPR measured with the HeNe laser. According to theory<sup>10</sup> and other investigators<sup>1,4,9</sup> it should be the other way around. Therefore an additional measurement was performed using a 670 nm diode laser at the MIREX measuring point. This extra measurement indicated that the SPR measured at the MIREX measuring point was higher than at the HeNe-laser measuring point. The uncertainty of this measurement was however high and therefore this measurement is not reported here. Recently the smoke was analysed at the same two measuring points by an impactor, i.e. an instrument that sort out particles by weight in a cyclone. This measurement did not give any indication on that the smoke had aged between the points. The amount of particles found in the MIREX position was less, but the particle size distribution was the same, so the discrepancy between the measurements is still not resolved.

#### **3** Smoke Detector sensitivity

Smoke detectors are usually tested against the EN54 standard<sup>6</sup>. According to the standard the detector is tested in 4 different test fires. Data on detectors performance against other fires is, however, not publicly available.

In this project different types of detectors were tested in an EN54 room (10 m long, 6 m wide and 4 m high) against some of the fires tested in the cone calorimeter and against a SG3000 smoke generator. The detectors tested were supplied and mounted by Siemens Fire Safety in the ceiling according to the EN54 standard. The detectors were mounted in the ceiling along a circle with the centre above the fire. The MIC and the detectors were placed on a 3 m radius from the fire. The distance between each detector was 20 cm and the distance between the MIC and detector 1 and 2 was 30 cm. The SICK was placed 3.35 m from the centre. The beam detector was placed 2.5 m from the centre of the room with 8 m between detector and reflector. The placement of the detectors is indicated in Figure 5. The detectors and sensitivity settings used are listed in Table 2. In all 17 tests were performed as listed in Table 3. The sensitivities and types of the detectors were chosen to represent typical sensitive detectors used in industries today.



Figure 5 Placement of detectors in the EN54 room at Delta Electronics.

Position (in Figure 5)	Detector and setting	Nominal aerosol density at alarm (EN54-7 smoke tunnel test)	Meets EN54-7	Comments
1	DOT1151A, APS007	m = 3 %/m	Yes	Multisensor detector, optical smoke and heat.
2	DOT1151A, APS006	m = 6 %/m	Yes	Multisensor detector, optical smoke and heat.
3	DO1151A, APS006	m = 3 %/m	Yes	Optical smoke detector

Table 2Detectors used for the tests.

Position (in Figure 5)	Detector and setting	Nominal aerosol density at alarm (EN54-7 smoke tunnel test)	Meets EN54-7	Comments
4	DO1151A, APS005	m = 3 %/m	Yes	Optical smoke detector (slower signal evalua- tion than APS006)
5	DO1151A, APS007	m = 1.5 %/m	Yes	Optical smoke detector
6	F910, Sens 1 (-), small smoke entry, short integration)	y = 1.3	Yes	Ionisation smoke detector
7	DO1153A, APS072SH	m = 0.5 %/m		Optical detector, normal use in air sampling systems
8	F910, Sens 2, big smoke entry, short integration	y = 0.9	Yes	Ionisation smoke detector
Beam	DLO1191, alarm at 50% obscuration			Optical beam detector operated at a medium sensitivity
Sampling	DO1161A (in a Titanus 3000, setting for full scale 0.25%/m and normal mode operation)	m = 0.25 %/m (at full scale)		The three different alarm levels are at 33, 66 and 100% of full scale.

#### Table 3Tests performed in the EN54 room

Filename	Fire	Comments
SG30001	Smoke generator SG3000	
SG30002	Smoke generator SG3000	
SG30003	Smoke generator SG3000	Detector6 and 8 were not reset before start of test
SG30004	Smoke generator SG3000	
Paper1	Corrugated cardboard in portable cone, $12 \text{ kW/m}^2$	Flashed at end
Paper2	Corrugated cardboard in portable cone, 12 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	No CO/CO <sub>2</sub> measurement
Paper3	2 pieces of corrugated cardboard, 12 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	
Gren1	Extra plug hole in cone, 20 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	
Gren2	Extra plug hole in cone, 20 kW/m <sup>2</sup> , but distance between material and cone changed so therefore the radiation is higher	Radiation start 20 s after measurement start
Cotton	TF3	
Paper4	Corrugated cardboard in portable cone, 20 kW/m <sup>2</sup> , two pieces of paper	Exposure started 14 s after measuring started. Did not ignite. Probably problem with $CO/CO_2$ measurement
PE1	Blue PE-box 20 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	Exposure started 21 s after measurement started, some measurements were started after the radiation
PE2	Blue PE-box 20 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	Exposure started 17 s after measurement started. Probably problem with $CO/CO_2$ measurement. Steady burning after 2 min.
PE3	Blue PE-box 20 kW/m <sup>2</sup>	Exposure started 18 s after measurement started. Probably problem with $CO/CO_2$ measurement

Filename	Fire	Comments
Paper5	Corrugated Cardboard, 3 pieces. 20 kW/m <sup>2</sup> plus match	Fire started 30 s after measuring started.
TF2a	TF2	No CO/CO <sub>2</sub> measurement
TF2b	TF2	Probably problem with CO/CO <sub>2</sub>
		measurement

The time to alarm is presented in Table 4. Empty places means that no alarm was registered during the experiment. For the sampling detector level 3 was used for alarm. Time to alarm is also presented in Figure 6.

If one puts an order number in each experiment where the detector that first gave alarm gets number one and sum up all the order number except for test SG3003, since the ionisation detectors were not reset before that test, we get an ordering like; sampling, detector7, beam, detector5, detector3, detector1, detector8, detector2, detector4 and detector6. The result is in agreement with the sensitivity results obtained by the EN54-7 test provided in Table 2. Table 4 also indicates that the ionisation detectors are better in detecting the SG3000, the flaming and the paper fires compared to the other fires.

The smoke obscuration m, dB/m measured with both SICK and a HeNe laser and the parameter y at the time for alarm are presented in Table 5 - Table 7. The parameter y is calculated as

$$y = \frac{i_0}{i} - \frac{i}{i_0}$$

where  $i_0$  is the ionisation current without smoke and i the ionisation current with smoke. Studying Table 5 - Table 7 do not, however, make it possible to make any further conclusions.

	sampling	beam	detector7	detector5	detector1	detector3	detector6	detector2	detector4	detector8
grenl	123	250	154	198	272	264		288	292	296
gren2	221	602	412	542	622	594	1005	700	620	592
PE1	161	300	226	296	336	330		360	382	477
PE2	201		234							244
PE3	216	314	270	326	334	336		388	380	488
TF2a	195	200	242	244	248	252	359	272	314	315
TF2b	187	180	222	222	224	232	354	234	272	273
Paper1	157		174	214		230				
Paper2	165		224							
Paper3	224	272	242	268	288	282			356	342
Paper4	101		96	108	120	114		126	164	118
Cotton	92	94	134	146	140	130	167	168	224	144
SG3001	55	54	56	60	58	52	73	94	· 108	59
SG3002	64	54	62	66	64	60	69	68	112	52
							Not in			Not in
SG3003	65	18	54	52	56	54	operation	68	100	operation
SG3004	62	76	58	60	68	66	83	84	108	39

Table 4Time to alarm (s) from start of fire.



Figure 6 Time to alarm for the different tests and detectors. For the sampling system level three was used as time to alarm. When no alarm was registered no bar is shown for that case.

			detector							
	sampling	beam	7	detector5	detector1	detector3	detector6	detector2	detector4	detector8
gren1	0.14	0.5	0.21	0.33	0.64	0.64		0.67	0.67	0.69
gren2	0.1	0.76	0.37	0.67	0.88	0.7	1	0.79	0.88	0.7
PE1	0.15	0.28	0.26	.28	.37	.42		.5	.52	.73
PE2	0.4		0.58							0.67
PE3	0.17	0.28	0.19	0.35	0.37	0.4		0.42	0.42	0.67
TF2a	0.02	0.02	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.15	1.5	0.69	1.1	1.1
TF2b	0.06	0.06	0.23	0.23	0.26	0.35	1.6	0.42	0.7	0.7
Paper1	0.06		0.06	0.28		0.33				
Paper2	0.05		0.19							
Paper3	0.02	0.3	0.02	0.2	0.26	0.23			0.67	0.67
Paper4	0.5		0.37	0.79	0.82	0.96		0.64	0.82	0.88
Cotton	1.1	1.1	1.5	2	1.9	1.2	2	2.1	1.8	2
SG3001	1.1	1.1	1	1	1	1.2	1.6	2.7	2.3	1
SG3002	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	2.4	1
					1		Not in			Not in
SG3003	1.9	0	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.6	operation	1.9	2.1	operation
SG3004	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.8	2.1	1

Table 5Ionisation current y at time of alarm.

	sampling	beam	detector7	detector5	detector1	detector3	detector6	detector2	detector4	detector8
gren1	0.05	0.225	0.05	0.1	0.425	0.375		0.525	0.5	0.625
gren2	0.025	0.2	0.05	0.125	0.25	0.2	1.225	0.35	0.25	0.2
PE1	0	0.15	0.05	0.15	0.4	0.35		0.525	0.75	1.05
PE2	0.075		0.15							0.15
PE3	0.05	0.125	0.05	0.2	0.3	0.275		0.45	0.5	1
TF2a	0.225	0.25	0.575	0.625	0.675	0.775	2.07	1.27	1.77	1.8
TF2b	0.2	0.2	0.72	0.72	0.75	0.8	2.1	0.8	1.4	1.4
Paper1	0.02		0.06	0.15		0.1				
Paper2	0.025		0.075							
Paper3	0.025	0.15	0.05	0.175	0.2	0.175			0.125	0.2
Paper4	0.15		0.15	0.175	0.175	0.225		0.175	0.1	0.225
Cotton	0.175	0.175	0.275	0.3	0.3	0.225	0.5	0.5	0.475	0.3
SG3001	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.15	0.2	0.2	0.175	0.325	0.325	0.15
SG3002	0.225	0.2	0.25	0.2	0.225	0.275	0.25	0.225	0.325	0.2
SG3003	0.25	0.025	0.2	0.125	0.225	0.2	Not in operation	0.225	0.5	Not in operation
SG3004	0.25	0.25	0.2	0.275	0.25	0.25	0.3	0.3	0.35	0.15

 Table 6
 Smoke obscuration m (dB/m) at time of alarm measured with SICK.

 Table 7
 Smoke obscuration m (dB/m) measured with HeNe laser at time of alarm.

	sampling	line	detector7	detector5	detector1	detector3	detector6	detector2	detector4	detector8
gren1	0.019	0.28	0.04	0.12	0.4	0.39		0.59	0.53	0.57
gren2	.0004	0.24	0.039	0.13	0.31	0.18	1.53	0.51	0.31	0.18
PE1	0.016	0.41	0.076	0.44	0.5	0.54		0.77	0.89	1.07
PE2	0.08		0.18							0.23
PE3	0.05	0.18	0.077	0.3	0.24	0.27		0.71	0.56	1.04
TF2a	0.22	0.31	0.65	0.6	0.91	1.1	3.1	1.38	2.3	2.3
TF2b	0.25	0.26	1	1	1.1	1.1	2.7	1.4	2.1	2
Paper1	0.026		0.076	0.17		0.176				
Paper2	0.013		0.087							
Paper3	0.05	0.37	0.076	0.49	0.36	0.36			0.21	0.32
Paper4	0.2		0.16	0.31	0.36	0.31		0.32	0.151	0.36
Cotton	0.36	0.38	0.81	0.66	0.59	0.85	1.01	0.96	1.02	0.67
SG3001	0.35	0.35	0.49	0.37	0.45	0.28	0.7	0.61	0.39	0.39
SG3002	0.45	0.4	0.48	0.41	0.45	0.5	0.36	0.38	0.36	0.36
							Not in			Not in
SG3003	0.43	0	0.42	0.51	0.49	0.42	operation	0.5	0.83	operation
SG3004	0.36	0.39	0.52	0.41	0.53	0.5	0.66	0.63	0.61	0.2

The smoke density was measured during the test using a diode laser with a wavelength of 670 nm and the SICK which uses an IR wavelength (the same as MIREX), a comparison between the two different measuring methods is presented in Figure 7 - Figure 8. In addition the CO and CO<sub>2</sub> concentration was measured during the test together with the temperature. However, no significant CO concentration was detected during the tests, this was probably mainly due to problems with the CO/CO<sub>2</sub> analyser.



Figure 7 Smoke obscuration measured using a diode laser and the SICK for test SG3001.



Figure 8 Smoke obscuration measured using a diode laser and the SICK for test PE1.

As seen in Figure 7 and Figure 8, the laser obscuration is higher than the SICK obscuration, which complies better with theory. It is also clearly seen that the ratio between the two measurements differs for different fuels. The rest of the results are provided in Appendix A.

#### 4 Ventilation systems

The ventilation systems used in industries can be divided into two main different types, i.e. mixing systems, which is a "well stirred reactor" type of system where the temperature is the same in the whole room, and displacement systems, where a temperature gradient is maintained in the room with high temperatures close to the ceiling, i.e. cold air is supplied at floor level and warm air is extracted higher up. The velocities close to the air supplies can be substantial in the former case while the temperature gradient causes problem in the latter case. It is also common with mixtures of the two different types of ventilation in a room. In many cases there is also a dead volume close to the ceiling that does not take part in the ventilation flow. For ventilation purposes it is the climate rather close to the floor where people are present that is interesting. Ventilation designers do not care about what happens closer to the ceiling. This makes it difficult to get data on the temperature etc. close to the ceiling without measuring at the site.

### **5 Pre-experimental CFD simulations**

Some CFD simulations were made before the full-scale experiments, these are discussed below.

#### 5.1 The EN54 room

A first attempt was made to simulate the results from the EN54 room tests with the PEbox<sup>3</sup>. This was made mainly to familiarise with the conserved scalar technique and not much effort was spent on modelling correctly the fire source. The work continued, however, in the second project with more thorough simulations presented below.

In order to be able to simulate the smoke source as accurate as possible the velocity and temperature above the source was measured<sup>11</sup>. These results were then compared with the results from different ways of representing the smoke source. These comparisons are provided in Figure 9 and Figure 10.

It was decided to use case g since this seemed to be the closest to the experimental values. The legend refers to: the area of the source ( $8 \text{cm} \times 8 \text{cm}$ ), the inlet velocity of the smoke and hot air (0.25 m/s), the simulation was made over the entire room since an interpolation error occurred on the mirror boundaries if only one quarter of the room was simulated (in the whole room) and the Prandtl number for the enthalpy was increased by 10% (Prandtl number +10% for enthalpy).



Figure 9 Temperature profile above the smoke source.



Figure 10 Velocity profile above the smoke source

The smoke source was used together with a 0.5 respectively 1 °C/m temperature gradient in the EN54 room. The result for the 1 °C/m case after 1 minute is presented in Figure 11. As seen the smoke reaches the ceiling despite the temperature gradient.



Figure 11 Smoke profile in the 1°C/m case after 1 minute.

#### 5.2 Temperature gradient in a large room

The same smoke source was used in a large room 10 m high with a temperature gradient of 0.5 respectively 1 °C/m. The results from the simulations at time 10 minutes are presented in Figure 12 and Figure 13. From these figures we see that the smoke stops at a certain height, in the 0.5°C/m case at about 5 m and in the 1°C/m at about 4 m above the floor.



Figure 12 Smoke profile after 10 minutes in the 0.5 °C/m case.



Figure 13 Smoke profile after 10 minutes in the 1 °C/m case.

After discussions with Phil Rubini who has written most of the CFD code SOFIE (used for the simulations) it was decided to run the scenario again with the smoke source represented as a volumetric source. The results for the 0.5 °C/m and 1 °C/m case are presented in Figure 14 and Figure 15. As seen the smoke levels stop at about the same height but the profile is not as thick as in the previous case.



Figure 14 Smoke field for the volumetric source case after 5 minutes. Temperature gradient of 0.5°C/m, results in that the smoke levels out at 5 m.



Figure 15 Smoke field after 5 minutes for the volumetric source and a temperature gradient of 1°C/m. The smoke levels out at 3.9 m. This should be compared with the 3.75 m in Figure 13.

When using the volumetric source a volumetric enthalpy source has to be specified in order to create the buoyancy. This enthalpy source was determined by trial and error, i.e. a source was specified and then the velocity and temperature profiles above the source were compared with the experimentally measured profiles. In the end it turned out that a enthalpy source of 290 W reflected best the experimentally measured profiles. 290 W is a small fire, a light bulb is normally 60 W, and a cooking plate on a household stove produces normally 1000 - 1500 W.

#### 5.3 Ventilation system

In addition a 12 m high room 165x 200m was simulated. Air was let in with 178 litres/s into the room through 68 air inlets with a diameter of 25 cm placed 10.3 m above the floor<sup>11</sup>. The air outflow of 12 500 litres/s was in one corner of the building. In order to run the simulation in a reasonable time only one quarter of the room was simulated with only a fourth of the air outflow velocity but the same outflow area. The circular inflows were approximated as 22 cm wide squares. Two different scenarios were simulated, one with the smoke source placed between the inflows and one with the smoke source just under an air inlet. The simulated room geometries are presented in Figure 16 and Figure 17.



Figure 16 Schematic of the ventilation system room in the first case with the smoke source in between the air inlets.



Figure 17 Schematic of the ventilation system room for the second case where the smoke source is placed right under an air inlet.

The results from the simulations are presented in Figure 18 and Figure 19. Figure 18 shows the smoke field after 10 minutes in the case when the smoke source is placed in between the air inlets (as described in Figure 16). Figure 19 shows the results after 15 minutes when the smoke source is placed under an air inlet. As seen the smoke will reach the ceiling in both cases, but in the case where the smoke source is placed right under the air inlet the smoke will be delayed and diluted.



Figure 18 The smoke field after 10 minutes when the smoke source is placed in between the air inlets.



# Figure 19 The smoke field after 15 minutes when the smoke source is placed just under an air inlet. The smoke source is placed on the right hand side in the figure where the smoke emerges from the floor level.

The ventilation system was also simulated using the other approach with a volumetric smoke source. The smoke field after 10 minutes when the smoke source is placed in between the air inlets is displayed in Figure 20. Comparing with Figure 18 shows that the field looks very similar.



Figure 20 Smoke field after 10 minutes same scenario as in Figure 18 but this time using the volumetric source.

# **6** Full scale experiments

Full-scale experiments were conducted in two different industrial buildings. One series was conducted at Fläkt woods in Enköping and one at IKEA in Jönköping. In both cases the experiments were performed during normal operation of the facility i.e. normal working activities were going on. It means that the experiments were not controlled, for instance gates were opened and closed, machines started and switched off, forklifts were driving around etc.

### 6.1 Displacement system – Fläkt Woods

Fläkt Woods has a displacement ventilation system i.e. a temperature gradient is maintained in the building. The temperature gradient was measured during the experiments. An example of the outcome of these measurements is provided in Figure 22. The air velocity in the room was measured to be between 0.1 and 0.2 m/s, however close to the air inlets the velocity was somewhat higher. The room is 171 x 90 m with a room height of 7.25 m. During the tests the smoke concentration was measured at three different places with laser diodes with a wavelength of 670 nm. 13 optical point detectors (APS006) and one sampling system (ASD using a DO1153 with parameter set APS071, alarm at 0.25%/m) were mounted as well. Two computers registered the output from these. The results are presented in appendix B. Three different smoke generators were used; these were the TF2 fire according to EN54-7, the SG3000 and one called AG2000 that is under development by Siemens Fire Safety. The tests performed are listed in Table 9. A schematic of the equipment placement is given in Figure 21.

	Det5, Det6	Det11, Det12	
ASD	ASD, laser2	ASD, laser3	ASD
Det3, Det4	Det1, Det2, Fire, Laser1, thermocouples	Det7, Det8, Det14	Det9, Det10
origin	Ĩ		

#### Figure 21 Schematic of Equipment placement.

A more precise equipment placement is given in Table 8 using a coordinate system with an origin of coordinates placed at the nearest beam outside all the test equipment at floor level close to the wall.

Detector/instrument	Coordinates	Comments
Detector 1	(6.2, 6, 7.1)	
Detector 2	(6.2, 6, 6.2)	
Laser 1	(7.4, 5.7, 4.8)	Midpoint of measuring
		beam
Thermocouples	(6.7, 5.35, 2.2-7.2)	One thermocouple every
		half meter
Detector 3	(2.25, 6, 7.1)	
Detector 4	(2.25, 6, 6.2)	
Detector 5	(6.2, 12.4, 7.1)	
Detector 6	(6.2, 12.4, 6.2)	
Laser 2	(6.3, 10.7, 6.25)	Midpoint of measuring
		beam
Detector 7	(11.25, 6, 7.1)	
Detector 8	(11.25, 6, 6.2)	
Detector14	(11.25, 6, 4.7)	
Detector 9	(15.75, 6, 7.1)	
Detector 10	(15.75, 6, 6.2)	
Detector 11	(11.25, 12.4, 7.1)	
Detector 12	(11.25, 12.4, 6.2)	
Laser 3	(10.8, 10.7, 6.25)	Midpoint of measuring
		beam
ASD	(2.25-11.25, 10.7, 6.4)	One sampling point close to
		each detector pair in the x-
		direction

Table 8Detector placement in the Fläkt Woods tests.

Test	Fire	Coordinate	Comments
1	SG3000	(7,6,0)	Problems with detector signals 1-6
2	SG3000	(7,6,0)	
3	AG2000 Disco Fluid 2.2 kW	(7,6,0)	
4	TF2 20 old type wooden	(7,6,0)	Interrupted due to loss of power
	sticks		
5	TF2 20 old type wooden	(7,6,0)	Interrupted due to loss of power
	sticks		
6	TF2 20 old type wooden	(7,6,0)	Interrupted when starts to flame
	sticks		
7	SG3000	(7,6,0)	
8	AG2000 Paraffin oil	(7,6,0)	Very little smoke was produced
9	AG2000 Disco Fluid	(7,6,0)	Interrupted ignition of paraffin oil
10	AG2000 Disco Fluid 4.6 kW	(7,6,0)	3-4 drops per second, the liquid lasted
			6 min 15 s
11	AG2000 70 g PE box 2.2 kW	(7,6,0)	Increased to 4.6 kW at 18 minutes
12	AG2000 24 TF2 sticks 2.2	(7,6,0)	
	kW		
13	TF2 24 old type wooden	(8,6,0)	Interrupted when flaming
	sticks		



Figure 22 The temperature gradient at the Enköping tests.

Studying the results in Appendix B the following observations can be made:

- The smoke concentration measured with the lasers and detectors are in reasonable agreement with each other.
- The sampling system gave alarm first followed by the detectors close to the fire i.e. detector 1 and 2.
- Detectors 9, 10, 11 and 12 gave usually alarm after detector 1 and 2. This is a bit strange since the air movement in the building, according to the ventilation staff at the site, ought to be more towards detector 3 and 4. On the other hand, this was a question that caused a lot of discussion and after discussion with other ventilation consultants they concluded that the air should not drift in any direction.
- There was a slight tendency that the lower detectors i.e. detectors with even numbers gave alarm and warning before the detectors close to the ceiling i.e. detectors with odd numbers. However, for time to pre-alarm it was the other way around.
- The TF2 fire was difficult to detect. In test 6 only warnings were achieved. In test 13 the fire was moved about 1 m towards detector 7 and 8. In this test the smoke took another route compared to the other tests, i.e. in this test the smoke took the route that was first predicted by the ventilation staff. The smoke kept hanging in the air and moved downwards to the people working in the building.
- Comparing test 3 (AG2000 2.2 kW) and test 10 (AG2000 4.6 kW) shows that a higher heat results in better possibility to detect the fire. This is partly due to that the smoke production increases with the applied heat in the AG2000 but still there is a tendency for the smoke to reach higher if the heat applied increases.
- There was a problem that the smoke from the disco fluid used for the AG2000 did not have long lifetime enough in such a big building. Using the wooden sticks and especially the PE box worked better.

The fact that the smoke took a different route in test 13 is probably not so much due to that the fire was moved 1 meter to the side in this case. The smoke took a slightly different route also in test 1. This is probably caused by changes in the airflow pattern due to gates being opened etc. Before the test series started all air inlets were reset to the airflow they were planned to have according to the ventilation staff. Walking around the

second day showed however that the production staff had changed the ventilation by means of e.g. corrugated cardboard to eliminate draught at their workplaces.

#### 6.2 Mixing system – IKEA

The experiments were conducted in a room 165 x 200 m. The ceiling height was 11.8 m. The building has a total mixing ventilation system. The temperature gradient in the room was measured during the tests together with the air velocity below one of the inlets. The smoke concentration was measured at three different places with laser diodes with a wavelength of 670 nm. 12 optical point detectors (DO1151/APS006), four CO/optical detectors (DOTE/APS216), four beam detectors, a video and one sampling system (ASD) were mounted as well. APS006 means that the detector gives alarm at 3 %/m provided that the 60s pre-history shows a not negligible smoke signal that is mainly increasing. Danger level 1 and 2 is reached at 1 respectively 2 %/m. The APS216 means that the detectors. When the detector is exposed to a rising CO-concentration (in single digit ppm range) then the smoke sensitivity is increased to 1.5 %/m.

Detector/instrument	Coordinates	comments
Detector 1	(5.35, 0, 11.3)	DO1, optical detector
Detector 2	(5.35, 0, 9.75)	-
Detector 3	(5.35, 6.1, 11.3)	
Detector 4	(5.35, 6.1, 9.75)	
Detector 5	(5.35, 12.2, 11.3)	
Detector 6	(5.35, 12.2, 9.75)	
Detector 7	(17.5, 12.2, 11.3)	
Detector 8	(17.5, 12.2, 9.75)	
Detector 9	(17.5, 6.1, 11.3)	
Detector 10	(17.5, 6.2, 9.75)	
Detector 11	(17.5, 0, 11.3)	
Detector 12	(17.5, 0, 9.75)	
DOTE 1	(5.35, 6.1, 11.3)	Combination of Optical and
		CO detector
DOTE2	(5.35, 6.1, 9.75)	
DOTE3	(17.5, 6.1, 11.3)	
DOTE4	(17.5, 6.2, 9.75)	
DLO1	(0, 2.0, 5.6)	Line of sight 2 x 24.9m
DLO2	(0, 2.0, 9.4)	Line of sight 2 x 29.8m
DLO3	(0, 6.5, 9.4)	Line of sight 2 x 29.8m
DLO4	(0, 6.5, 5.6)	Line of sight 2 x 24.9m
Laser1	(5.35, -3, 11.3)	
Laser2	(17.9, 1.0, 11.3)	
Laser 3	(7.4, 6.1, 9.75)	
ASD	(0-25, 6.1, 9.75)	6 Holes 4 m between the
		holes
Velocity	(5.35, -4, 9.45-5.45)	

 Table 10
 Detectors and measuring instruments placement

The point detectors were mounted in pairs, odd numbers close to the ceiling and even numbers 1.5 meter below that. Computers registered the output from all detectors. Three different smoke generators were used, these were the TF2 fire according to EN54, the SG3000 and one called AG-2000 that is under development by Siemens Fire Safety. The fires were placed at different locations. A schematic drawing is given in Figure 23 and the coordinates in Table 10. The coordinates are from a origin placed in the upper left corner of the schematic with the x direction down along the paper, y in the right direction of the paper and z out of the paper. All test results are reported in Appendix C.



Figure 23 Schematic of detector and fire placement.

Test	Fire	Coordinates	Comments
1	SG3000	(9.6, 5.5, 0)	
2	SG3000	(17.6, 5.9, 0)	
3	SG3000	(17.7, -2.6, 0)	
4	SG3000	(11.0, -2.4, 0)	Corrupt data file from laser
5	TF2 new type of wooden sticks	(9.0, 5.5, 0)	
6	AG2000 new type wood, 2.2 kW	(9.0, 5.5, 0)	
7	AG2000 old type wood, 2.2 kW	(12.6, 5.3, 0)	
8	AG2000 old type wood, 4.6 kW	(12.6, 5.3, 0)	
9	AG2000 70g PE-box, 4.6 kW	(12.6, 5.3, 0)	
10	SG3000	(5.35, -4, 4)	At roof to measurement room
			close to an air inlet.

Table 11Fire tests conducted.

Studying the results in Appendix C the following observations can be made:

- The measured smoke concentrations were rather low in all tests.
- The results include straight lines that mean that there was a data error in the transmission from the detector to the computers.
- The sampling system gave alarm/warning first.
- The detectors closest to the fire gave alarm/warning earlier than the detectors more far away
- There was also a tendency in these tests that the detectors placed 1.5 m below the ceiling gave higher smoke signals then those placed close to the ceiling.
- Looking at test 1 the DOTE signals it seems like DOTE-1 gives signal for CO but not so much for obscuration and then for DOTE 2 it is the other way around.
- In test 7 one sees that the DOTE detectors receive CO but no smoke.
- In test 3 the detectors 11 and 12 give less smoke obscuration than the laser 2.
- There is also a tendency for CO but no smoke in test 3.
- Comparison of the time to warning, pre alarm and alarm for the tests between DO3 and 4 with DOTE 1 and 2 and DO 9 and 10 with DOTE 3 and 4 indicates that time to warning and pre-alarm is longer for the DOTEs while time to alarm is slightly shorter for the DOTEs. The results from test 8 and 9 are however a bit strange. In this case DOTE 1 gave signal but nothing on DO 3 and 4.
- The beam detectors 1.5 m below the ceiling gave alarm in most tests.
- The DLO1 did not give any alarm or warning in any test.
- The agreement between the sampling system and the beam detector DLO3 is very good except for test 7 and 10 where the sampling system shows less obscuration and test 1 where the beam detector signals show a bit less obscuration.

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# CFD simulations of the Full scale experiments

The experiments were simulated using the CFD code Sofie. The simulations were based on the simulations in section 5.2 and 5.3 but the dimensions of the rooms and the temperature gradient were changed to the dimensions at the site and the temperature gradient measured during the tests. In addition, the smoke source was changed to the SG3000. Temperature and velocity comparisons between the PE-cone calorimeter and the SG3000 are given in Figure 24 and Figure 25. Figure 26 shows the measured smoke obscuration above the SG3000.



Figure 24 Temperature profile for the SG3000 and the PE box from the cone calorimeter.



Figure 25 Velocity profile for the SG3000 and the PE box from the cone calorimeter.



Figure 26 Smoke obscuration measured at different heights above the SG3000. The cyclic behaviour of the SG3000 is clearly seen. No difference between different heights can be observed, which means that the measuring laser covers the entire plume at the different heights.

#### 7.1 Simulation of the test at Fläkt Woods

The tests using the SG3000 were simulated, i.e. test 1, test 2 and test 7. These were simulated in a 20 m wide and 15 m deep room. The room height is 7.3 m. The simulation was run using 311 000 cells, the largest cell size was  $0.3 \times 0.3 \times 0.2 \text{ m}^3$ . The smoke was let in as a conserved scalar through a hole 0.2 m squared with a velocity of 1.5 m/s and a temperature of 340 K in two cases; one case using the normal k- $\varepsilon$  model and one case using the modified k- $\varepsilon$  suggested by Bill and Nam<sup>12</sup>. The smoke source was set to 10 dB/m up to time 10 seconds. At time 10 seconds it was assumed to increase linearly with a factor of 7/350 starting at 0.1. In addition, a third simulation where the SG3000 was modelled as a volumetric source was run. In this case the source was 0.2 by 0.2 m in area and 0.1 m high. The enthalpy source was set to 10 g/s for the first 10 seconds and then increasing linearly from 0.1 g/s up with a factor of 7/350 g/s. The results for all three simulations are presented in Figure 27 - Figure 41.


Figure 27 The iso-curve for 1%/m seen from the staircase looking into the building after 6 minutes using the normal k-ε model. The smoke is slowed down by the beam but reaches the ceiling.



Figure 28The 1%/m isocurve seen from the reception after 6 minutes using the normal k-<br/>ε model. The smoke is slowed down by the beam but reaches the ceiling.



Figure 29 The 2%/m isocurve seen from the reception.



Figure 30 The 2%/m isocurve seen from the staircase.



Figure 31 The 3%/m iso curve seen from the reception at time 6 minutes.



Figure 32 The 3%/m iso curve seen from the staircase at 6 minutes.



Figure 33 The iso-curve for 1%/m seen from the staircase looking into the building after 6 minutes using the Bill and Nam k- $\varepsilon$  model. The smoke is slowed down by the beam but reaches the ceiling even if the plume is wider in this case.



Figure 34 2%/m seen from the staircase after 6 minutes. The simulation was made using the Bill and Nam turbulence coefficients; the source had a velocity of 1.5 m/s and a temperature of 340 K.



Figure 35 3%/m seen from the staircase after 6 minutes. The simulation was made using the Bill and Nam turbulence coefficients; the source had a velocity of 1.5 m/s and a temperature of 340 K.



Figure 36 1 %/m for the volumetric source seen from the staircase after 6 minutes.



Figure 37 2 %/m for the volumetric source simulation after 6 minutes seen from the staircase.



Figure 38 3 %/m for the volumetric source simulation after 6 minutes seen from the staircase.



Figure 39 1%/m seen from the reception for the volumetric source after 6 minutes.



Figure 40 2%/m seen from the reception for the volumetric source after 6 minutes.



Figure 41 3%/m seen from the reception for the volumetric source after 6 minutes.

Determining the source parameters, i.e. area, height and enthalpy source, is a very tedious process for the volumetric source. One has to run the simulation until it has stabilised in order to find out what velocity and temperature profile that results from the source. In

addition, the measured smoke obscuration has to be transformed into a soot mass source. The soot mass source rate  $\dot{m}_s$  (kg/s) can be calculated from

$$\dot{m}_s = \frac{\dot{V}_T \cdot D}{19000 \cdot L}$$

where  $V_T$  is the volumetric flow rate in the plume, D is the optical density (ob) and L is the path length (m) over which the optical density is measured. The constant 19000 is the Particulate optical density for smouldering combustion, 19000 ob m<sup>3</sup>/kg. The simulated soot volume fraction  $f_v$  is transformed to %/m from

$$1.9 \cdot 10^4 \cdot 1800 \cdot f_v = 10 \cdot \log \left(\frac{1}{1 - \frac{6}{3} / m / 100}\right)$$

where  $1800 \text{ kg/m}^3$  is the soot density.

A comparison between the different simulations and the experiments is made in Table 12.

Detector/laser	Simulation	Simulation Nam and Bill	Volumetric source	Test1	Test2	Test7
Detector1	6.7	5.8	1.8		6	0
Detector2	5.6	5.2	1.4		3.6	0
Detector 3	4.0	3.4	0.9		0.2	0
Detector4	1.6	1.4	0.5		0.2	0
Detector5	2.8	2.4	0.7		0.7	0
Detector 6	1.0	1.2	0.3		0.5	0
Detector7	4.2	3.6	0.8	0.4	2	0.2
Detector8	1.6	1.7	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.1
Detector 9	3.0	2.1	0.7	1.9	2	1.4
Detector10	1.8	1.4	0.6	3	3	2.8
Detector11	2.7	2.3	0.7	4.2	4.6	0.5
Detector 12	1.4	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	1.5
Detector 14	2.7	2.3	0.7			11.4
Laser1	14.3	11.7	2.8	57	56	58
Laser2	1.0	1.3	0.3	4.3	3.2	0.14
Laser3	1.4	1.4	0.3	8.2	1.4	0.088

Table 12Comparing the simulated and measured obscuration, %/m.

Studying the table and comparing the three experiments it is obvious that these are very stochastic experiments, a feature that CFD simulations cannot capture. Comparing the laser signals with the simulation is somewhat doubtful since the laser measures over one meter while the simulation values are in a single point taken at the middle of the laser measuring beam.

The order of magnitude is about the same in the experiments and simulations except for laser 1 and the volumetric source. The simulations do not, however, capture the variation in smoke levels between the different detector locations. For instance the smoke level at detector 7 and 8 differs significantly from the level at detector 3 and 4 in one of the experiments while it does not in the simulation.

The ratio between different detector locations is about the same in all three simulations. The different magnitude in smoke obscuration in the volumetric source calculation can to some extent be due to inaccuracy in transforming the smoke obscuration to a soot mass source rate due to uncertainties in the volumetric flow rate estimation in the plume.

The results from test 2 are in better agreement with the simulations than the other tests.

The simulation shows a more "traditional" smoke layer than the experiments, this is partially due to that the simulation does not take into account air movements from the ventilation system, the only disturbance included is the beam and the temperature gradient. It is not possible to include all "disturbances" such as local velocities and temperature distribution on walls etc., it is too time consuming and it can also be very difficult to get input data for it. In addition the velocity in the volumetric source case was found to be too high as compared with the experiments.

### 7.2 Simulation of the test at IKEA

The room geometry and ventilation system at IKEA in Jönköping is very similar to the geometry and ventilation system used in the simulations in Chapter 5.3. Two experiments are chosen for simulation, test 1 and test 10. The smoke source is placed in between air inlets in test 1 while it was placed under an inlet in test 10. The result for the test 10 case is presented in Figure 42, Figure 43 and Table 13. The smoke source is modelled as an inlet through an area 0.2 m in square with a velocity of 1.5 m/s and a temperature of 340 K. The source first let out a puff and then increases linearly up to time 360 s and then there is no more smoke released.



Figure 42 0.1%/m for the test 10 case where the smoke generator is placed on the roof to the measuring room. The smoke source is placed below the coloured area in the closest left hand corner.



Figure 43 0.2%/m for the test 10 case where the smoke generator is placed on the roof to the measuring room. The smoke source is placed below the coloured area in the closest left hand corner.

Detector/laser	Simulation	Simulation Test10 36		Test10 600s
	360 s	600 s		
Detector1	1.1	0.15	0.05	0
Detector2	0.15	0.06	0.02	0.7
Detector 3	0.9	0.2	0.02	0
Detector4	0.002	0.1	0.05	0.3
Detector5	0.6	0.3	0	0
Detector 6	0.004	0.15	0.02	0.02
Detector7	0.5	0.3	0	0
Detector8	0.004	0.1	0.02	0.02
Detector 9	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.02
Detector10	0.002	0.04	0.04	0.1
Detector11	0.007	0.3	0.1	0.04
Detector 12	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.04
DOTE1	0.9	0.2	0	0.05
DOTE2	0.002	0.1	0.02	0.2
DOTE3	0.7	0.3	0.02	0.04
DOTE4	0.002	0.4	0.06	0.06
DLO1	0.00008	0.009	0.007	0.01
DLO2	0.003	0.04	0.15	0.35
DLO3	0.0005	0.04	0.2	0.4
DLO4	0.00008	0.007	0.02	0.02
Laser1	21	0.20	0.4	0.5
Laser2	6.5	3.4	0.07	0.07
Laser3	0.002	0.08	0.6	0.9
ASD	0.001	0.06	0.02	0.2

Table 13Simulation and test result for the case Test10, %/m.

The results for the test1 case is presented in Figure 44, Figure 45 and Table 14. The smoke source is modelled as an inlet through an area 0.2 m in square with a velocity of 1.5 m/s and a temperature of 340 K. The source first lets out a puff and then increases linearly up to time 360 s.



Figure 44 0.1 %/m for the test1 case seen from the measuring room towards the workshop.



# Figure 45 0.2 %/m for the test1 case seen from the measuring room towards the workshop.

Comparing the simulated values with the values from the beam detectors and the sampling system is difficult. The value reported for the simulations in Table 13 is the value at the mid point of the beam or sampling system while the experimental values are average values over the entire measuring area for each detector.

The experiments show more smoke a bit below the ceiling (i.e. detectors with even numbers) than close to the ceiling. This is, however, not observed in the simulations. Apart from this it is difficult to draw any conclusions except that the simulations do not reflect the experiment reasonably. The geometry used in the simulations was simplified in comparison with the reality, for instance the measuring room and the workshop are not included.

Detector/laser	Simulation (%/m) 360 s	Test1 360 s
Detector1	8.6	0.014
Detector2	0.3	1.1
Detector 3	9.0	0.69
Detector4	0.22	0.73
Detector5	8.6	0.038
Detector 6	0.097	0.042
Detector7	8.0	0
Detector8	0.0081	1.38
Detector 9	7.1	0.19
Detector10	0.0046	1.14
Detector11	7.1	0.035
Detector 12	0.015	0.018
DOTE1	9	0.21
DOTE2	0.22	0.53
DOTE3	7.1	0.094
DOTE4	0.0046	0.094
DLO1	0.00048	0.00021
DLO2	0.0014	0.0045
DLO3	0.00044	0.003
DLO4	0.00011	0.00007
Laser1	7.7	0.50
Laser2	7.1	0.39
Laser3	0.055	0.76
ASD	0.00025	0.44

 Table 14
 Comparison between simulated and experimental values for test1 at IKEA.

### 7.3 Discussion

It is clear that the simulations did not reflect the experiments satisfactorily. There are a number of possible reasons for this.

<u>The grid used in the simulations was too coarse</u>. The parametric study indicates, however, that the solutions were grid independent. The grid used for simulating the experiments were similar to the grid used in the parametric study.

<u>The time step was too large</u>. The time step used was 1 s in all simulations. The simulation time varied between 2 and 14 days for the different simulations. Decreasing the time step with a factor of 10 would increase the total simulation time a factor of 10. A simulation time longer than several months is hard to justify for such a simplified problem.

<u>The scenarios were simplified</u>. In the Fläkt Woods case all machines, air inlets etc. were not put into the simulation as obstructions or heat and air flow producers. The only disturbance included was the temperature gradient. For the IKEA case it was only the air inlet and outlets that were modelled. The workshop and measuring room were not included. On the other hand, it seems unlikely that the inclusion of the workshop and measuring room would change the results considerably. Of course there can be other sources that produce air currents that we did not identify before and during the experiments.

<u>The smoke source was not modelled correctly</u>. The velocity and temperature profile in the centre above the smoke source was measured experimentally and then the smoke source was tuned in to fit these values. This turned, however, out to be very time consuming and difficult. After a couple of weeks it was decided to use the best fit found so far. This process could, maybe, have been improved by measuring the velocity and temperature profile in more points over the smoke source and then representing the smoke source as several small sources with different temperature and velocity. Or, preferably, if there was a function available that automatically determined the best representation of a source with a certain temperature and velocity profile in the plume.

<u>The turbulence model used was not appropriate</u>. The k- $\varepsilon$  model was used for all simulations. In some cases the factors used were those recommended by Nam and Bill<sup>12</sup>. This did improve the air entrainment in the plume to some extent.

<u>Sofie is not useful for such a small fire</u>. The only CFD code used in this project was Sofie. Sofie is developed for use on larger fires than those studied in this project. Perhaps another code more intended to simulate indoor climate or air currents would have been more successful.

<u>The problem is not suitable to be solved with CFD</u>. If all other reasons have been investigated without any improvement of the result then the only explanation can be that the problem is not suitable to be solved with CFD simulations.

It has not been possible to determine what reason(s) is the main explanation for the poor result of the simulations within this project.

### 8 Conclusion

The smoke production data presented in this project is consistent with the limited data available on Non-Flaming Combustion in the literature.

The experiments performed in the EN54 room showed that the detectors were activated in the order one would expect from the supplier data. The experiments showed also that the ratio between smoke production measured with a laser and the SICK varies between different fuels and burning/vaporisation rate.

There are two main different types of ventilation systems used in industries, one is maintaining a temperature gradient in the room, the other uses a total mixing concept. All kinds of mixtures between the two exist as well. Ventilation system manufacturers do not bother about the temperature etc. close to the ceiling, their concern is the climate close to people working and material produced or stored. Therefore "a dead volume", where no air enters, can exist close to the ceiling. It is rather difficult to get data and estimates on airflow patterns etc. for a facility that is in use and have been in use for a while. The systems are changed and new equipment is installed that was originally not planned. In addition, personnel working at the site put up screens etc. in order to prevent themselves from draught etc.

The simulations of the full-scale experiments were not very successful. The simulations showed a more traditional smoke layer than the experiments. This is partly due to that the geometry of the room and disturbances was simplified. In the Fläkt Wood case only the temperature gradient and the beam above the fire was modelled while in the IKEA case only the inflows and outflow in the room was modelled. Other geometrical obstructions and airflow patterns within the room were not taken into account. In addition, the turbulence model used is known to give to narrow a plume i.e. the air entrainment is under predicted. Adjusting the model by using the constants suggested for fire plumes by Bill and Nam<sup>12</sup> did improve the simulations to a limited extent. Furthermore, the difficulties with the simulations can to some extent be due to that the SG3000 differs from a fire and Sofie is mainly intended for simulation of fires. The SG3000 has a higher velocity but lower temperature profile than fires normally have. In addition, one could suspect that the density of the smoke will increase due to coagulation and thus cannot be modelled as a conserved scalar.

The parametric study indicates that the temperature gradient required to prevent the smoke from reaching the ceiling in a room 7 m high is substantial. The study was performed using a source of 300 W; the SG3000 has a convective heat flow about 5 times that. This implies that other forces than the temperature gradient dilutes the smoke plume as well. These sources include the local air flow pattern due to other heat sources, fork lifts driving by, opening gates, ventilation system etc. especially the beam above the "fire" slowed down the smoke as could be seen in the simulations as well.

The full-scale experiments showed that what way the smoke takes differs from each test. Even when all parameters are the same the differences in the smoke field are substantial between each test. This behaviour can never be captured with a CFD simulation.

The experiments showed a slight tendency for more smoke at the detectors placed a bit below the ceiling, which indicates that it can be useful to place detector about 10 % from the ceiling (or just below ceiling beams) together with detectors placed in the ceiling.

For the IKEA case the experiment showed that the smoke concentration close to the ceiling was lower than the concentration 1.5 m below the ceiling especially after end of

smoke from the SG3000. This effect was not seen in the simulations. The reason for this discrepancy could be that the temperature of the ceiling differed from the temperature indoors, but the temperature measurements in the experiments did not indicate such differences, the only test with a temperature difference was test 10, and the difference was only 1°. The fact that the effect was more pronounced after a while could indicate ageing of the smoke.

The CFD simulations can be used for studying trends, but for the temperature gradient this can be accomplished by using empirical plume formulas. In order to make true simulations of a facility a huge amount of input data is required and several simulations are required to reflect the different situations that are present during the use of the facility. This makes it probably more efficient to conduct experiments at the site instead.

Since CFD simulations visualizes the problem better than empirical formulas for people not so involved in fire problems they can be useful in the construction phase of the building or when planning the detection system at a building not yet built or where it is impossible to conduct full scale experiments.

It is very difficult and time consuming to choose the parameters of the smoke inlet so that the velocity and temperature profiles are similar to the experimental profiles. A tool where one could give the profile as input and get the smoke source as output would be useful.

SG3000 is useful as a smoke generator since it does not smell and can be used also in sensitive areas. The question is, however, how well the SG3000 reflects a possible small fire. The temperature and velocity profile is not known for small fires, is it more like the profile from the cone or from the SG3000?

Another problem is how small fire must be detected. Little work has been done on small fires, probably because it is a difficult problem. Whether a smouldering fire continues to grow or is self extinguished is difficult to predict. Will the fire continue to glow for a long time and then suddenly start to increase or will it start to increase immediately. The glowing fire maybe already has caused severe damage in a sensitive environment when it starts to grow.

Finding the optimal placement of detectors is an almost endless project both using simulations or experiments since so many different airflow patterns and fires must be covered. The smoke from a larger fire reaches higher than the smoke from a smaller fire. The airflow pattern depends on the time of the year and day, the activity going on in the building, which machines are in operation, what doors are opened etc. A possible solution is placing sensitive detection at several heights. If point type smoke detectors are used they may have to be so sensitive that they are outside the normal sensitivity range allowed within EN54-7. Using such sensitive detectors requires an intelligent system to minimize false alarms.

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# **Appendix A Smoke production results**

### **1** Cone calorimeter tests

The result from the smoke measurements are provided in figure 1- figure 27 below.



Figure 1 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test PE1.



Figure 2 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test PE2.



Figure 3 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test PE3.



Figure 4 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test PE4.



Figure 5 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Paper1.



Figure 6 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Paper2.



Figure 7 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Paper3.



Figure 8 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Paper4.



Figure 9 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Paper5.



Figure 10 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Lighter1.



Figure 11 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Lighter2.



Figure 12 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Safe1.



Figure 13 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Lighter3.



Figure 14 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Gren1.



Figure 15 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Gren2.



Figure 16 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Gren3.



Figure 17 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Cable1.



Figure 18 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Cable2.



Figure 19 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Cable3.



Figure 20 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Foam1.



Figure 21 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Wood1.



Figure 22 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Cable4.



Figure 23 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Cable5.



Figure 24 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Cable6.



Figure 25 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test Cable7.



Figure 26 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test TF2a.



Figure 27 Comparison of SPR obtained by the MIREX and the cone calorimeter for test TF2b.

## 2 Smoke Detector sensitivity

The smoke density was measured during the tests in the EN54 room using a diode laser with a wavelength of 670nm and the SICK which uses an IR wavelength (the same as MIREX), a comparison between the two different measuring methods is presented in figures 28-44 below.



Figure 28 Smoke obscuration measured using a diode laser and the SICK for test SG3001.



Figure 29 Smoke obscuration measured using a diode laser and the SICK for test SG3002.



Figure 30 Smoke obscuration measured using a diode laser and the SICK for test SG3003.



Figure 31 Smoke obscuration measured using a diode laser and the SICK for test SG3004.



Figure 32 Smoke obscuration measured using a diode laser and the SICK for test Paper1.



Figure 33 Smoke obscuration measured using a diode laser and the SICK for test Paper2.



Figure 34 Smoke obscuration measured using a diode laser and the SICK for test Paper3.



Figure 35 Smoke obscuration measured using a diode laser and the SICK for test Paper4.



Figure 36 Smoke obscuration measured using a diode laser and the SICK for test Gren1.



Figure 37 Smoke obscuration measured using a diode laser and the SICK for test Gren2.



Figure 38 Smoke obscuration measured using a diode laser and the SICK for test Cotton1.



Figure 39 Smoke obscuration measured using a diode laser and the SICK for test PE1.



Figure 40 Smoke obscuration measured using a diode laser and the SICK for test PE2.



Figure 41 Smoke obscuration measured using a diode laser and the SICK for test PE3.


Figure 42 Smoke obscuration measured using a diode laser and the SICK for test TF2a.



Figure 43 Smoke obscuration measured using a diode laser and the SICK for test TF2b.

# **Appendix B - Test report from the experiments at Fläkt Woods in Enköping 020514-020515**

The experiments were conducted in a room 171 x 90 m. The ceiling height was 7.25 m. The building has a displacement ventilation system. The temperature gradient in the room was measured before and during the tests. The air velocity was in the order of 0.1 up to 0.2 m/s. The smoke concentration was measured at three different places with laser diodes with a wavelength of 670 nm. 13 optical point detectors (APS006) and one sampling system (ASD) were mounted as well. Two computers registered the outputs from these. Three different smoke generators were used, these were the TF2 fire according to EN54, the SG3000 and one called AG-2000 that is under development by Siemens Fire Safety.

	Det5, Det6	Det11, Det12	
ASD	AD, laser2	AD, laser3	AD
Det3, Det4	Det1, Det2,	Det7, Det8, Det14	Det9, Det10
	Fire, Laser1,		
	thermocouples		
origin			

The equipment was basically placed like:

Using a coordinate system with origin of coordinates placed at the nearest beam outside all the test equipment at floor level close to the wall the detectors and measuring equipment were placed according to Table 1.

Detector/instrument	Coordinates	Comments
Detector 1	(6.2, 6, 7.1)	
Detector 2	(6.2, 6, 6.2)	
Laser 1	(7.4, 5.7, 4.8)	Midpoint of measuring beam
Thermocouples	(6.7, 5.35, 2.2-7.2)	One thermocouple every half
		meter
Detector 3	(2.25, 6, 7.1)	
Detector 4	(2.25, 6, 6.2)	
Detector 5	(6.2, 12.4, 7.1)	
Detector 6	(6.2, 12.4, 6.2)	
Laser 2	(6.3, 10.7, 6.25)	Midpoint of measuring beam
Detector 7	(11.25, 6, 7.1)	
Detector 8	(11.25, 6, 6.2)	
Detector14	(11.25, 6, 4.7)	
Detector 9	(15.75, 6, 7.1)	
Detector 10	(15.75, 6, 6.2)	
Detector 11	(11.25, 12.4, 7.1)	
Detector 12	(11.25, 12.4, 6.2)	
Laser 3	(10.8, 10.7, 6.25)	Midpoint of measuring beam
AD1	(2.25-11.25, 10.7,	One sampling point close to
	6.4)	each detector pair in the x-
		direction

Table 1Detector and instrument placement

Each test is described shortly and the readings from the detectors and lasers are presented in diagrams. Time to warning, pre-alarm and alarm is presented in tables. All times are from onset of the computers.

# Test1

Test fire SG3000. The smoke generator was turned on after 30 s pre-measuring time. There was some problem with one of the computers for registering the detector signals (i.e. detector 1-6 and ASD).



Figure 1 Smoke signal from detector 7-12 test1.



Figure 2 Smoke signal from lasers test1.

Table 2Time to warning, pre-alarm and alarm test1.

Detector	Time to warning, s	Time to pre-alarm, s	Time to alarm, s
Detector 1			
Detector 2			
Detector 3			
Detector 4			
Detector 5			
Detector 6			
ASD			

Detector	Time to warning, s	Time to pre-alarm, s	Time to alarm, s
Detector 7	406	424	439
Detector 8	537		
Detector 9	305	372	457
Detector 10	208	253	417
Detector 11	232	335	372
Detector 12	499	517	

Same as test1, i.e. SG3000, pre-measuring time 30s, the smoke did however turn in another direction this time, more towards the reception.



Figure 3 Smoke signals from detector 1-6 and ASD, test 2.



Figure 4 Smoke signals from detector 7-12 test2.



Figure 5 Smoke signals from lasers, test2.

Detector	Time to warning, s	Time to pre-alarm, s	Time to alarm, s
Detector 1	301	326	377
Detector 2	108	296	311
Detector 3			
Detector 4			
Detector 5	331		
Detector 6	332		
ASD	157	164	233
Detector 7	262	332	408
Detector 8	421	492	
Detector 9	282	343	416
Detector 10	248	318	340
Detector 11	185	206	297
Detector 12	118	516	

Table 3Time to warning, pre-alarm and alarm test2.

Test fire was AG2000 at same place as SG3000 in test 1 and 2; The "Disco fluid" (50ml) with about 2.2 kW. Three and a half minutes pre-measuring time. The video-time started at the same time as the smoke generator was started.



Figure 6 Smoke signals from Detector 1-5 and ASD test3.



Figure 7 Smoke signals from detector 7-12 test 3.



Figure 8 Smoke signal from lasers test3.

Detector	Time to warning, s	Time to pre-alarm, s	Time to alarm, s
Detector 1	161	177	192
Detector 2	147	162	181
Detector 3			
Detector 4			
Detector 5			
Detector 6			
ASD	242	263	274
Detector 7			
Detector 8	341		
Detector 9			
Detector 10	318		
Detector 11	283	313	
Detector 12			

Table 4Time to warning, pre-alarm and alarm test3.

TF2 fire with 20 wooden sticks. The heating plate was turned on at the same time as the measuring and video time started. The experiment was interrupted due to loss of power to the heating plate due to a thermo-fuse in the extension cord.



Figure 9 Smoke signals from lasers, test4.

Detector	Time to warning, s	Time to pre-alarm, s	Time to alarm, s
Detector 1			
Detector 2			
Detector 3			
Detector 4			
Detector 5			
Detector 6			
ASD	507		
Detector 7			
Detector 8	639		
Detector 9	614		

Table 5Time to warning, pre-alarm and alarm test4.

Detector	Time to warning, s	Time to pre-alarm, s	Time to alarm, s
Detector 10			
Detector 11			
Detector 12			

TF2 fire with 20 wooden sticks. The heating plate was turned on at the same time as the measuring and video time started. The experiment was interrupted due to loss of power to the heating plate due to a thermo-fuse in the extension cord.



Figure 10 Smoke signals from detector 1-6 and ASD, test 5.



Figure 11 Smoke signals from detector 7-12, test5.



Figure 12 Smoke signals from lasers, test 5.

Detector	Time to warning, s	Time to pre-alarm, s	Time to alarm, s
Detector 1			
Detector 2			
Detector 3			
Detector 4			
Detector 5			
Detector 6			
ASD	451	617	
Detector 7			
Detector 8			
Detector 9			
Detector 10			
Detector 11			
Detector 12			

Table 6Time to warning, pre-alarm and alarm, test6.

TF2 with 24 wooden sticks. Computers, video time and heating plate started at same time. The experiment was interrupted after the wooden sticks started to flame.



Figure 13 Smoke signals from detector 1-6 and ASD, test 6.



Figure 14 Smoke signals from detector 7-14, test 6.



Figure 15 Smoke signals from lasers, test 6.

Detector	Time to warning, s	Time to pre-alarm, s	Time to alarm, s
Detector 1			
Detector 2			
Detector 3			
Detector 4			
Detector 5			
Detector 6			
ASD			
Detector 7			
Detector 8			
Detector 9			
Detector 10			
Detector 11			
Detector 12			
Detector 14	604		

Table 7Time to warning, pre-alarm and alarm, test6.

SG3000. 30 s pre-measuring time. Video started at same time as smoke generator.



Figure 16 Smoke signals from detector 1-6 and ASD, test7



Figure 17 Smoke signals from detector 7-14, test7.



Figure 18 Smoke signals from lasers, test7.

Detector	Time to warning, s	Time to pre-alarm, s	Time to alarm, s
Detector 1			
Detector 2			
Detector 3			
Detector 4			
Detector 5			
Detector 6			
ASD	182	270	286
Detector 7	420	435	
Detector 8			
Detector 9	341	411	
Detector 10	252	350	410
Detector 11	423		
Detector 12	201		
Detector 14	111	126	154

Table 8Time to warning pre-alarm and alarm, test 7.

AG2000 with the paraffin oil from SG3000. This did not work very well, very little smoke was produced.

### Test 9

AG2000 with disco fluid. Interrupted due to ignition off leftovers from the paraffin oil.

AG2000 with 50 ml of disco fluid, about 3-4 drops per second, 4.6 kW heating power. 30 s of pre-measuring time. The liquid lasted for 6 min and 15 s.



Figure 19 Smoke signals from detector 1-6 and ASD, test 10.



Figure 20 Smoke signals detector 7-14, test 10.



Figure 21 Smoke signals from lasers, test 10.

Detector	Time to warning, s	Time to pre-alarm, s	Time to alarm, s
Detector 1	91	152	167
Detector 2	81	203	227
Detector 3			
Detector 4			
Detector 5			
Detector 6			
ASD	119	171	183
Detector 7	356	414	
Detector 8	353		
Detector 9	354	393	
Detector 10	249	264	391
Detector 11	374		
Detector 12	367		
Detector 14	351		

Table 9Time to warning, pre-alarm and alarm, test 10.

AG2000 with 70 g of small pieces of PE-box. Heating power 2.2 kW. Pre-measuring time 31 s, the video time started at the same time as computers. The heating power was increased to 4.6 at time 18 minutes.



Figure 22 Smoke signals from detectors 1-6 and ASD, test 11.



Figure 23 Smoke signals from detectors 7-14, test 11.



Figure 24 Smoke signals from lasers, test11.

Table 10	Time to warning, pre-alarm and alarm, test 11.
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Detector	Time to warning, s	Time to pre-alarm, s	Time to alarm, s
Detector 1	734	749	768
Detector 2	736	758	773
Detector 3			
Detector 4			
Detector 5			
Detector 6			
ASD	799	811	826
Detector 7	912		
Detector 8	931		
Detector 9	937		
Detector 10	902	917	956
Detector 11	805	887	908
Detector 12	805	820	893
Detector 14	794	821	855

AG2000 with 24 TF2 wooden sticks, heating power 2.2 kW. Pre-measuring time 31 s. The video time was started at the same time as the computers. Parts of the video are missing due to change of batteries in the video.



Figure 25 Smoke signals from detector 1-6 and ASD, test 12.



Figure 26 Smoke signals from detector 7-14, test 12.



Figure 27 Smoke signals from lasers, test 12.

Detector	Time to warning, s	Time to pre-alarm, s	Time to alarm, s
Detector 1	525	540	789
Detector 2	439	633	700
Detector 3			
Detector 4			
Detector 5			
Detector 6			
ASD	474	602	620
Detector 7	866		
Detector 8			
Detector 9	799		
Detector 10	791		
Detector 11	672		
Detector 12	621		
Detector 14	568	732	

Table 11Time to warning, pre-alarm and alarm, test 12.

TF2 plate with 24 wooden sticks. The fire was moved about 1 meter to the right compared to the other tests. Pre-measuring time 30 s, video start at same time as heat was turned on. Wooden sticks ignited at time 10.45 i.e. 10.15 after heat of plate was turned on. The smoke took another route this time, more to the left.



Figure 28 Smoke signals from detector 1-6 and ASD, test 13.



Figure 29 Smoke signals from detector 7-14, test 13.



Figure 30 Laser smoke signals, test 13.

Table 12Time to warning, pre-alarm and alarm, test 13.

Detector	Time to warning, s	Time to pre-alarm, s	Time to alarm, s
Detector 1			
Detector 2			
Detector 3	543		
Detector 4	609		
Detector 5			
Detector 6			
ASD	476	501	598
Detector 7			
Detector 8			
Detector 9			
Detector 10			
Detector 11			
Detector 12			
Detector 14	648		

# **Appendix C - Test report from the experiments at IKEA in Jönköping 020702-020703**

The experiments were conducted in a room 165 x 200 m. The ceiling height was 11.8 m. The building has a total mixing ventilation system. The temperature gradient in the room was measured during the tests together with the air velocity below one of the inlets. The smoke concentration was measured at three different places with laser diodes with a wavelength of 670 nm. 14 optical point detectors (APS006), two beam detectors, a video and one sampling system (ASD) was mounted as well. The outputs from these were registered by computers. Three different smoke generators were used, these were the TF2 fire according to EN54, the SG3000 and one called AG-2000 that is a smoke generator that is under development by Siemens Fire Safety. The fires were placed at different locations. A schematic drawing is given in figure 1 and the coordinates in table 1. The coordinates are from an origin placed in the upper left corner of the schematic with the x direction down along the paper, y in the right direction of the paper and z out of the paper.

Detector/instrument	Coordinates	Comments
Detector 1	(5.35, 0, 11.3)	DO1, optical detector
Detector 2	(5.35, 0, 9.75)	
Detector 3	(5.35, 6.1, 11.3)	
Detector 4	(5.35, 6.1, 9.75)	
Detector 5	(5.35, 12.2, 11.3)	
Detector 6	(5.35, 12.2, 9.75)	
Detector 7	(17.5, 12.2, 11.3)	
Detector 8	(17.5, 12.2, 9.75)	
Detector 9	(17.5, 6.1, 11.3)	
Detector 10	(17.5, 6.2, 9.75)	
Detector 11	(17.5, 0, 11.3)	
Detector 12	(17.5, 0, 9.75)	
DOTE 1	(5.35, 6.1, 11.3)	Combination of Optical and CO detector
DOTE2	(5.35, 6.1, 9.75)	
DOTE3	(17.5, 6.1, 11.3)	
DOTE4	(17.5, 6.2, 9.75)	
DLO1	(0, 2.0, 5.6)	Line of sight 2 x 24.9m
DLO2	(0, 2.0, 9.4)	Line of sight 2 x 29.8m
DLO3	(0, 6.5, 9.4)	Line of sight 2 x 29.8m
DLO4	(0, 6.5, 5.6)	Line of sight 2 x 24.9m
Laser1	(5.35, -3, 9.75)	
Laser2	(17.9, 1.0, 9.75)	
Laser 3	(7.4, 6.1, 9.75)	
ASD	(0-25, 6.1, 9.75)	6 Holes 4 m between the holes
Velocity	(5.35, -4, 9.45-5.45)	

Table 1Detectors and measuring instruments placement.



Figure 1 Schematic of detector and fire placement.

## Smoke and CO output from detectors and lasers

In all 10 experiments were conducted. Below is each experiment described and curves presented. For each experiment are the laser signals presented together with the signals from the 12 DOs and the sampling system, the smoke and CO from the DOTE and the light extinction from the beam detectors.

**Test1**. SG3000 placed at (9.6, 5.5, 0). Pre-measuring time 30 s, measurements ended after 14 minutes.



Figure 1 Smoke signals from detector 1-7, test 1



Figure 2 Smoke signals from detector 8-12 and ASD, test1.



Figure 3 Smoke signals from lasers, test1.



Figure 4 Smoke signals from the DOTEs, test 1.



Figure 5 CO signals from the DOTEs, test1.



Figure 6 Smoke signals from the beam detectors, test1.



Figure 7 Comparison between sampling system and the beam detector in the vicinity, test1.

**Test2.** SG3000 placed at (17.6, 5.9, 0). Pre-measuring for 30 s, measurements ended after 12 minutes.



Figure 8 Smoke signals from detector 1-7, test 2.



Figure 9 Smoke signals from detector 7-12 and ASD, test 2.







Figure 11 Smoke signals from DOTEs, test2.



Figure 12 CO signals from DOTEs, test2.



Figure 13 Smoke signals from beam detectors, test 2.



Figure 14 Comparison between ASD and the beam detector in the vicinity, test2.

**Test 3.** SG3000 placed at (17.7, -2.6, 0) i.e. in the corridor with to the thermocouple tree in the vicinity of one of the air outlets. Pre-measuring time 30 s. Measurements ended after 10 and a half minutes. The smoke plume turned away from the air outlet.



Figure 15 Smoke signals from detectors 1-7, test3.



Figure 16 Smoke signals from detectors 8-12 ans ASD, test3.



Figure 17 Smoke signals from lasers, test3.



Figure 18 Smoke signals from DOTEs test3.



Figure 19 CO signal from DOTEs test3.



Figure 20 Smoke signal from beam detectors, test3.



Figure 21 Comparison between the sampling system and the beam detector in the vicinty.

**Test 4.** SG3000 placed at (11.0, -2.4, 0) i.e. in the corridor close to the equipment room. Pre-measuring time was about 30 s, measurement ended around 13 minutes. The plume rises straight up. Unfortunately the data-file from the laser measurements was corrupt.



Figure 22 Smoke signals from detector 1-7, test4.



Figure 23 Smoke signals from detector 8-12 and ASD, test.



Figure 24 Smoke signals from DOTEs, test4.







Figure 26 Smoke signals from beam detectors, test4.



Figure 27 Comparison between sampling system and the beam detector in the vicinity.

**Test 5.** TF2 with the new type of wooden sticks placed at (9.0, 5.5, 0). The heating plate was started after 40 s of pre-measuring time. Smoke started to emerge at 3 minutes and 40 s. A power failure to the heating plate occurred at 10 minutes and 50 s. Power came back at time 12 minutes and 20 seconds. The wooden sticks self ignited at time 16 minutes and 20 s. Measurements ended at 18 minutes and 30 s. More alarms occurred in this test than in the previous ones.



Figure 28 Smoke signals from detector 1-7 test5.



Figure 29 Smoke signals from detectors 8-12 and ASD, test 5.



Figure 30 Smoke signals from lasers, test5.



Figure 31 Smoke signals from DOTEs, test5.



Figure 32 CO signals from DOTEs test5.



Figure 33 Smoke signals from beam detectors, test5.



Figure 34 Comparison between ASD and the beam detector in the vicinity.

**Test 6.** AG2000 with 10 wooden sticks of the new type at 2.2 kW placed at (9.0, 5.5, 0). Pre-measuring time 30 s. The power was increased to 4.6 kW at 18 minutes. Measurements ended at 20 minutes.



Figure 35 Smoke signals from detector 1-7, test6.



Figure 36 Smoke signals from detector 8-12 and ASD, test6.



Figure 37 Smoke signals lasers, test6.



Figure 38 Smoke signals from DOTEs test6.



Figure 39 CO signals from DOTEs, test6.



Figure 40 Smoke signals from beam detector, test6.



Figure 41 Comparison between sampling system and the beam detector in the vicinity.

**Test 7.** AG2000 with 24 small wooden sticks, 2.2 kW, at (12.6, 5.3, 0). Pre-measuring time 30 s.



Figure 42 Smoke signals from detector 1-7, test 7.



Figure 43 Smoke signals from detector 8-12 and ASD, test7.



Figure 44 Laser smoke signals test 7.



Figure 45 Smoke signals from DOTEs, test7.






Figure 47 Smoke signals from beam detectors, test7.



Figure 48 Comparison between sampling system and the beam detector nearby.

**Test 8**. AG2000 with 24 small wooden sticks at 4.6 kW placed at (12.6, 5.3, 0). Premeasuring time was 30 s. IKEAs own detectors gave alarm at 8 minutes and 40 s and at 13 minutes and 40 s. The AG2000 was turned off at 12 minutes and 30 s. The measurements ended at 13 minutes and 30 s.



Figure 49 Smoke signals from detectors 1-7, test8.



Figure 50 Smoke signals from detectors 8-12, test8.



Figure 51 Smoke signals from lasers, test8.







Figure 53 CO signals, test 8.



Figure 54 Smoke signals from beam detectors, test8.



Figure 55 Comparison between sampling system and the beam detector nearby, test8.





Figure 56 Smoke signals from detectors 1-7, test9.



Figure 57 Smoke signals from detectors 8-12 and ASD, test9.





Figure 58 Smoke signals from lasers, test9.

Figure 59 Smoke signals from DOTEs, test9.



Figure 60 CO signals, test9.



Figure 61 Smoke signals from beam detector, test9.



Figure 62 Comparison between sampling system and the beam detector nearby.

**Test 10.** SG3000 at the roof of the equipment room below an air outlet at (5.35, -4, 4). Pre-measuring time 30 s. Measurements ended after almost 14 minutes.



Figure 63 Smoke signals from detector 1-7, test 10.











Figure 66 Smoke signals from DOTEs, test 10.



Figure 67 CO signals test 10.



Figure 68 Smoke signals from the beam detectors, test 10.



Figure 69 Comparison between the sampling system and the nearby beam detector, test 10.

## Time to warning, pre-alarm and alarm

Time to warning (=DL1)m time to pre-alarm (=DL2) and time to alarm for each test is given in table 2. The time reported is from onset of fire.

<b>DO</b> /	Test 1			Test 2			Test 3			Test 4			Test 5		
APS	DL1	DL2	DL3												
1/006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	653	668	990
2/006	402	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	649	664	-
3/006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	577	602	617
4/006	435	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	581	597	702
5/006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6/006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7/006	-	-	-	154	242	381	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8/006	429	450	-	460	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/006	-	-	-	81	136	242	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10/006	441	-	-	148	175	242	-	-	-	485	533	-	948	-	-
11/006	-	-	-	217	-	-	161	-	-	251	275	366	-	-	-
12/006	-	-	-	-	-	-	64	-	-	538	-	-	-	-	-
DOTE1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	610	622	-
DOTE2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	599	610	696
DOTE3	-	-	-	116	229	238	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOTE4	-	-	-	180	226	235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DLO1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DLO2	289	301	383	225	246	298	241	374	-	182	252	319	-	-	-
DLO3	196	205	264	237	313	-	-	-	-	411	420	-	445	463	502
DLO4	-	-	-	269	325	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	447	447	490
ASD	43	55	67	63	90	120	206	392	422	242	318	330	406	421	448

Table 2Time to warning (DL1), time to pre-alarm (DL2) and time to alarm (DL3)<br/>for the tests, time is from onset of fire

DO /		Test 6		Test 7			Test 8			Test 9			Test 10		
APS	DL1	DL2	DL3	DL1	DL2	DL3	DL1	DL2	DL3	DL1	DL2	DL3	DL1	DL2	DL3
1/006	633	649	667	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2/006	720	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3/006	597	615	633	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4/006	595	613	628	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5/006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6/006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7/006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8/006	-	-	-	-	-	-	571	-	-	498	-	-	-	-	-
9/006	-	-	-	-	-	-	450	478	-	672	-	-	-	-	-
10/006	-	-	-	-	-	-	600	-	-	475	534	-	-	-	-
11/006	-	-	-	-	-	-	740	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12/006	-	-	-	-	-	-	528	-	-	682	-	-	-	-	-
DOTE1	607	619	631	-	-	-	596	641	-	685	-	-	-	-	-
DOTE2	621	631	640	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOTE3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DOTE4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DLO1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DLO2	628	644	650	705	737	-	411	414	426	428	455	485	458	-	-
DLO3	592	592	626	581	611	690	348	369	393	369	374	395	541	-	-
DLO4	592	607	-	662	668	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ASD	593	611	624	498	571	647	278	305	342	343	361	373	443	525	

## Temperature and velocity

The temperature distribution and velocity below the air inlet did not vary much between tests as expected, the curves from test 1, 5 and 10 are presented in below. The straight line for velocity 1, closest to the inlet is due to that the velocity is higher then the measurement range for the meter, i.e. 2.6 m/s.



Figure 70 Temperature distribution test1.



Figure 71 Velocity below an air inlet test1.



Figure 72 Temperature distribution test5.



Figure 73 Velocity below an air inlet test5.



Figure 74 Temperature distribution test 10.



Figure 75 Velocity below an air inlet, test10.

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