

*D<sup>3</sup> design*

# Design of an atrium

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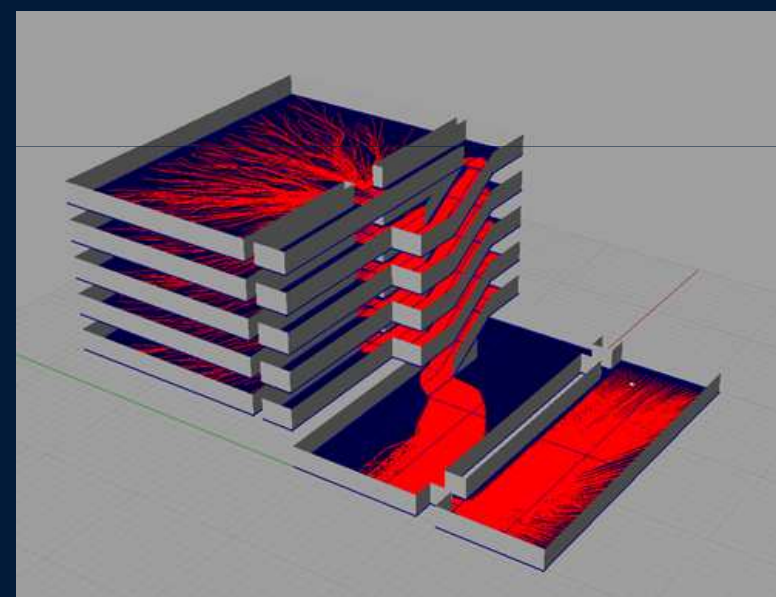
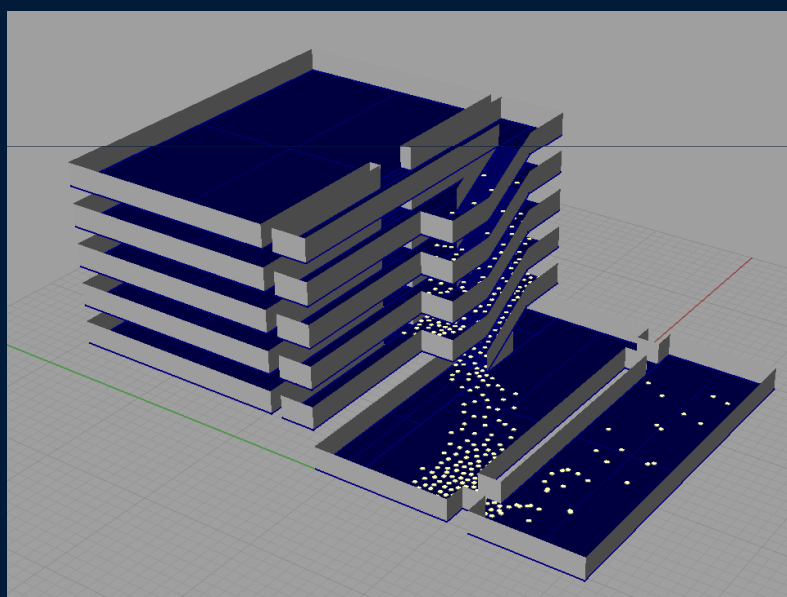


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# SMARTMOVE – egress simulations



Scenario B - 1 stair, 3m width at one end		
	Hand Calculations	SMARTMOVE
5 <sup>th</sup> Floor Evacuation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last person starts to exit – 200 seconds</li> <li>max distance from room exit – 25m</li> <li>20m from exit to start of stair</li> <li>45m/1.3m/s – 35 seconds</li> <li>235 secs top floor evacuation</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">3 mins 55 secs</p>	3 min 50 secs
4 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Length of stair - 7m (0.9m/s) – 8 seconds</li> <li>Stair to stair – 24.5m (1.3m/s) – 19 seconds</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">4 min 22 secs</p>	4 mins 14 secs



# Total evacuation

## Hand Calculations

### Flow calculations

#### Quickest

- First person leaving will leave at 1p/sec
- After 27 secs flow increase to 2ppl/sec
- After 54 secs flow is at 3ppl/sec
- After 81 secs flow is still at 3ppl/sec max flow at exit (2m wide, reduced to 1.5m for people to move, each person 0.5m wide)
  
- In 81 secs – 162 people leave
- If we assume that everyone else leaves at 3ppl/sec
- $1000 - 162 = 838$  ppl left
- $838 / 3 = 280$  secs
- $280 + 81 = 361$  secs
- Shortest time to start exiting (1st floor to exit) 40 secs
- Total 401 seconds

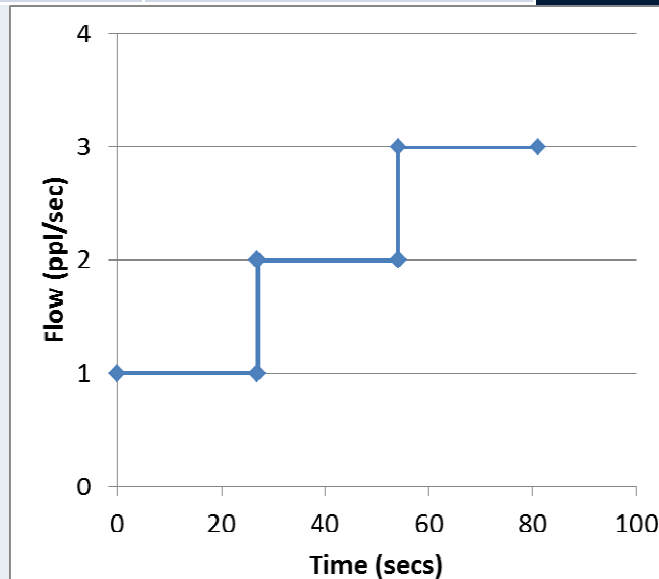
6 mins 41 secs

#### Slowest

- Assume that end flow is same as initial flow
- 81 secs 162 people leave at start and end of flow
- $1000 - 162 - 162 = 676$  ppl left
- $676 / 3 = 226$  secs
- $226 + 81 + 81 = 388$  seconds
- Longest time to start exiting 60 seconds (room corner 1st floor to exit)
- Total 448 seconds

7 mins 28 secs

## SMARTMOVE



7 mins 02 secs



# FDS – smoke simulations

- Scenario B
  - 2MW fire, Under balcony, Natural ventilation
    - 6no. 1.5m x 1m openings in roof (2 rows of three openings)
      - 9m<sup>2</sup> of ventilation
    - 1 opening in wall (2mx2m door on ground floor)
- Results
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Floor visibility >70% after 3 mins 15 secs - Less than evacuation calculations
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Floor visibility >70% after 3 mins 41 secs - Less than evacuation calculations
  - Max gas temps of slice in middle of room 83°C
    - Not enough bouyancy to drive gases through natural ventilation systems
  - Beam detectors – time=180 s – 300 persons can evacuate the building;
    - Considering slice files for the visibility –situation may not be that critical –
    - In general the observed visibility is equal or greater than 25 min.

## Issues not considered:

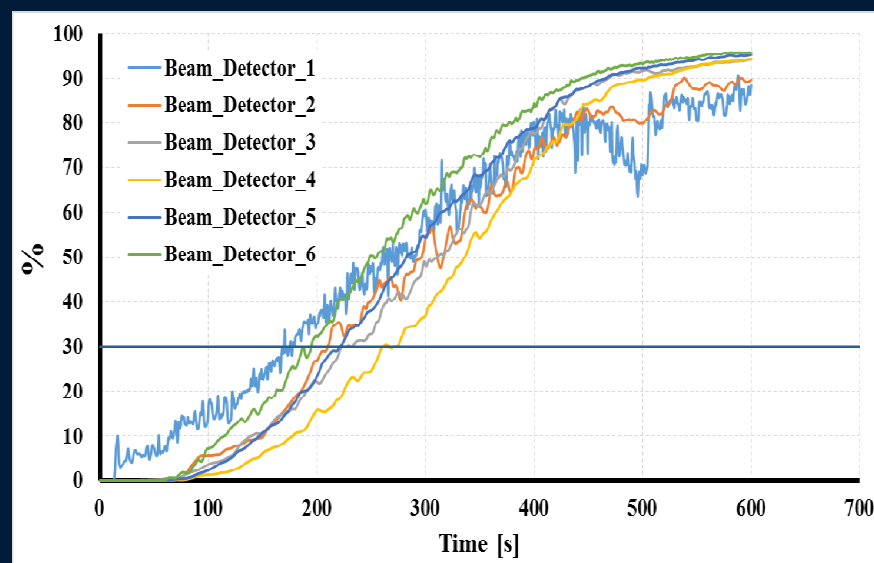
No toxic gas analysis

Don't know height of smoke on each balcony

## Recommendations:

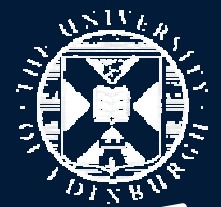
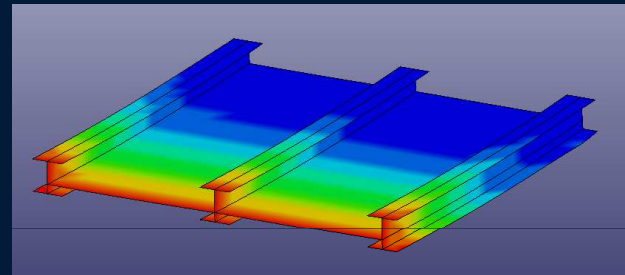
Mechanical smoke control (maybe in walls rather than ceilings as building is high)

Increase the exit width of the building to match the stair width of 3m



# LS-DYNA – structural modelling

- Scenario B
  - ISO fire
  - Hot bottom only
  - 100% load
  - Minimum of 30 mins for fire fighters
- Results
  - First model didn't work
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> analysis crashed at 4am
  - 196 secs of time assessed
  - Balcony goes UP 10 cm after 3 minutes due curvature and axial elongation of hot bottom flange?
  - NOT CORRECT!
- Recommendations
  - Protect steel with intumescent?
  - Increase size of steel members?
  - **Redo the analysis**







# Thank you for your attention

## Any questions?

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