Computer Models For Fire and Smoke

Model Name: CIFI

Version: 10.1

Classification: Zone model (multiroom)

Very Short Description: A model to predict the flow of smoke and fire gases into a

compartmented structure and hazards to people.

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User's Guide: -----

Technical References: Main description in: "Voyage au centre de CIFI",

Xavier Bodart, CSTB report, 1990.

Validation References: Several CSTB reports, by Xavier Bodart

Availability: no

Price: used only at CSTB

Necessary Hardware: Work station HP Risc

Computer Language: Fortran + Ratfive

Size: ~ 1MB (+ links to math. and graphic Libraries)

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Detailed Description:

- In each room or volume: lower and upper gas layers, flame and plume zones
- Differential equations derived from conservation of mass, energy and species
- Prediction of gas zones temperatures, interface heights, mass fluxes through openings, heat fluxes, temperature profiles in the walls ...
- Ventilation: Natural (vertical and/or horizontal openings, building leakages) and /or mechanical (fans and ducts)
- Combustion in upper layer can be considered
- Retained chemical species : unburnt fuel, O₂, CO₂. Concentration of CO is predicted if the source term is given a production law.
- Options exist concerning entrainment laws and conductive thermal transfer.
- Gas entrainment through openings.
- Tenability criteria for people exposed to heat and toxic gas
- Graph outputs