



**Prediction of smoke flow in tunnel fire
using machine learning**

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About me



Fire safety engineer

CFD & evacuation analyses, in situ hot smoke tests, general fire safety expertise

Research

Tunnel fires, wind & fire engineering, façade fires, fire safety aspects in sustainability

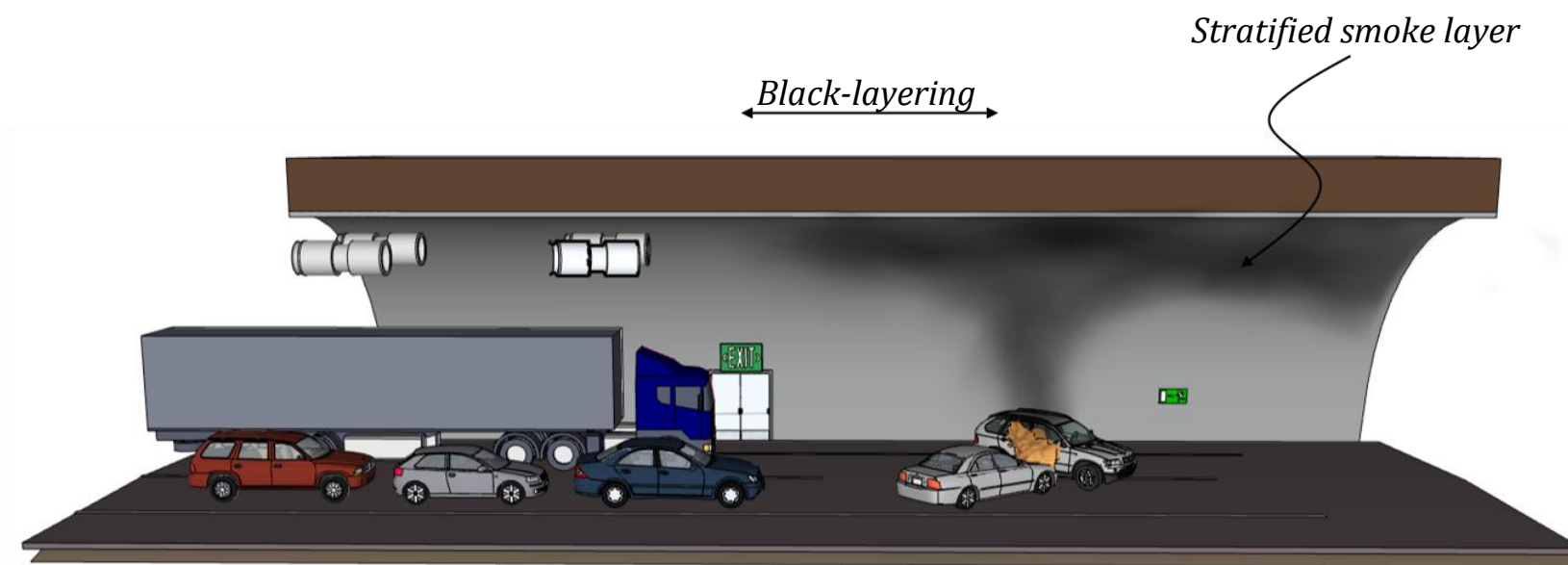
Experience

More than 80 hot smoke tests performed, Engaged in 12 tunnel projects (road, railway, metro)

PhD thesis

Transient evolution of smoke flow in tunnel fires

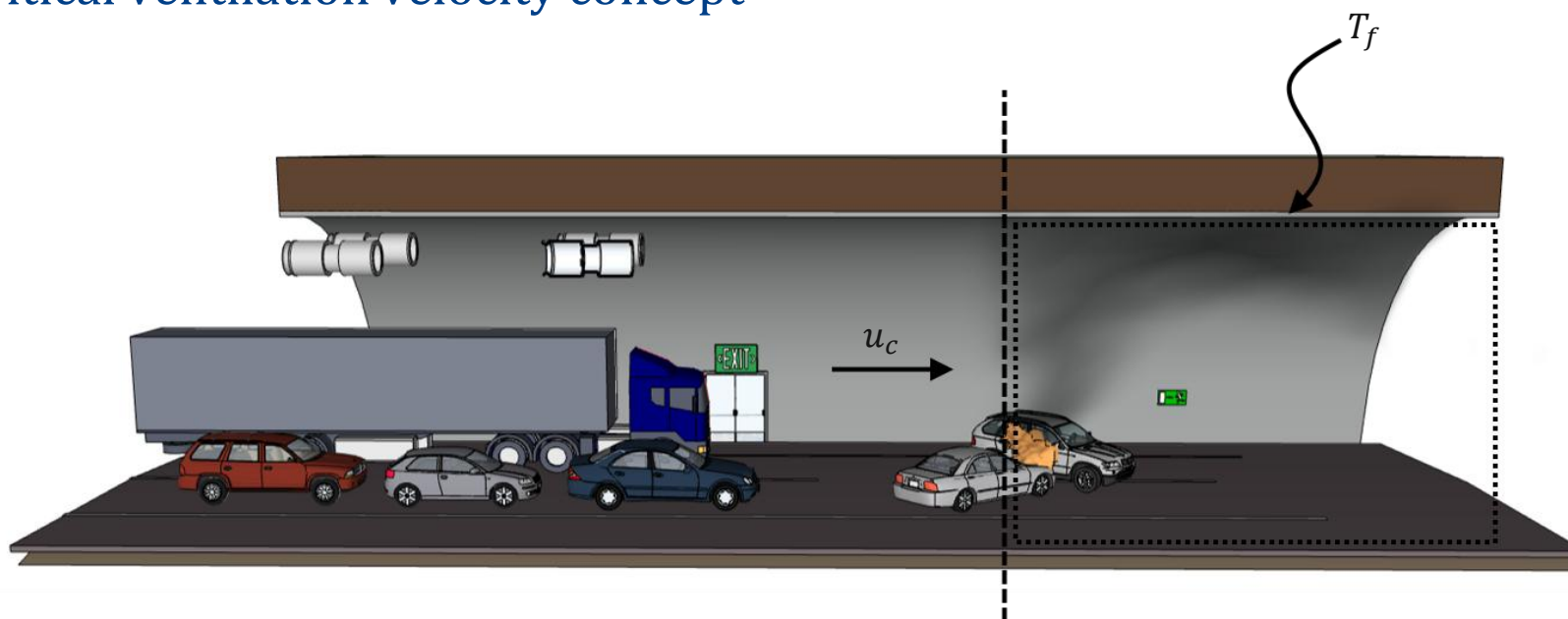
Brief intro in tunnel fires



$$L^* = \frac{L_b}{H} = 0,6 \left(\frac{2gH}{\rho_0 T_0 C_p u_0^3 A} - 5 \right)$$

Common design approach

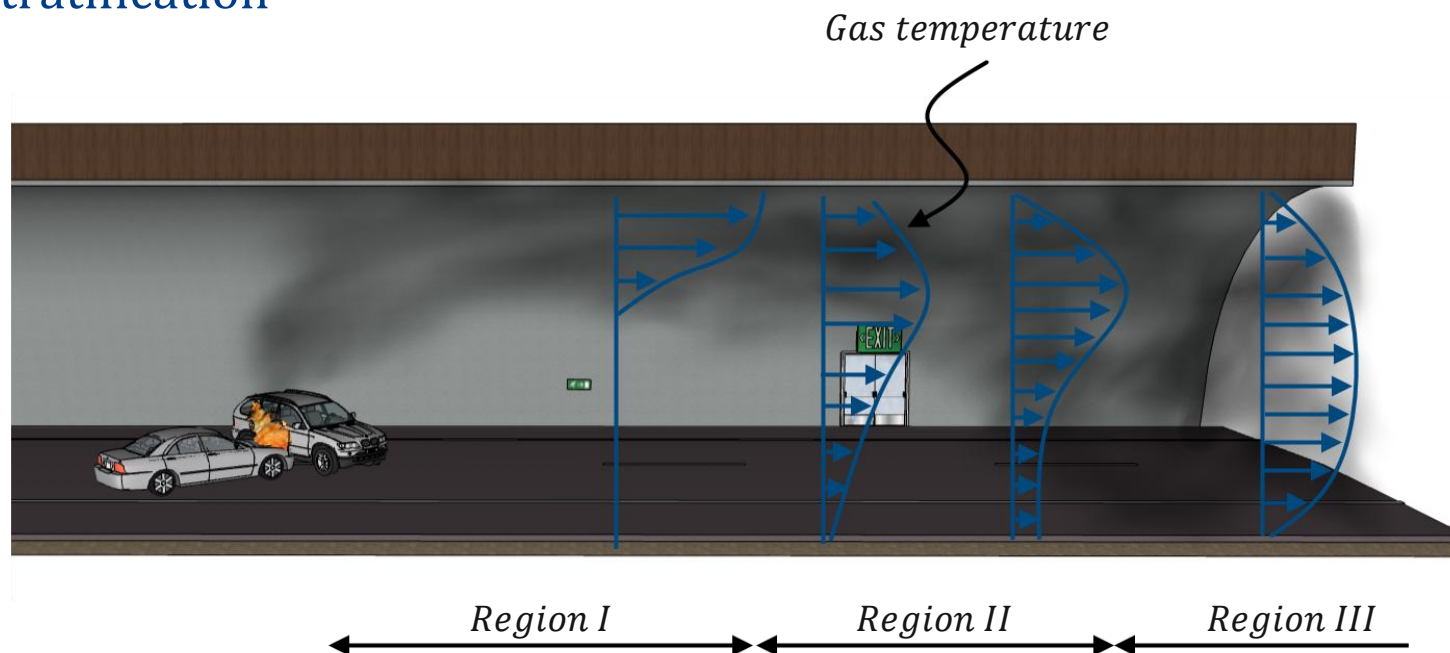
Critical ventilation velocity concept



$$u_c = \left(\frac{g \dot{Q}_c H}{\rho_0 c_p T_f A F r_c} \right)^{1/3} \quad T_f = \frac{\dot{Q}_c}{\rho_0 c_p A u_c} + T_0$$

Common design approach

Smoke stratification



$$Fr = \frac{u_{avg}^2}{\sqrt{gh\Delta T_{cf}/T_{avg}}}$$

$$\Delta T_{avg}(x, \tau) = \frac{2Q(\tau)}{3\dot{m}_o C_p} \cdot e^{\left(\frac{h_t W_p}{\dot{m}_o C_p} \cdot x\right)}$$

$$\Delta T_{cf} = 0,225 \frac{gH\Delta T_{avg}^2}{T_{avg} u_{avg}^2}$$

$$u_{avg}(x) = \frac{u_0}{T_0} T_{avg}(x)$$

Common design approach

Pressure equilibrium

$$\Delta p_{jf} \pm \Delta p_{wind} \pm \Delta p_{stack} = \Delta p_{in} + \Delta p_{exit} + \Delta p_{fr} + \Delta p_{HGV} + \Delta p_{ob}$$

$$\Delta p_{jf} = \eta \frac{I_{fan}}{A_t}$$

$$\Delta p_{in} = \xi_{in} \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 u_0^2 \quad \Delta p_{exit} = \xi_{exit} \frac{T_e}{T_0} \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 u_0^2$$

$$\Delta p_{wind} = C_d \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 u_i^2$$

$$\Delta p_{fr} = \frac{f}{D} \left[L + L_{ds} \left(\frac{T_m}{T_0} - 1 \right) \right] \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 u_0^2$$

$$\Delta p_{stack} = \left(1 - \frac{T_e}{T_m} \right) \rho_0 g \Delta h$$

$$\Delta p_{ob, HGV} = \xi_{ob, HGV} \frac{T_g}{T_0} \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 u_0^2$$

$$\Delta h = \theta \cdot \frac{L_{ds}}{100}$$

$$\xi_{ob, HGV} = 1,15 C_x \frac{\frac{A_{ob}}{A_p}}{\left(1 - \frac{\gamma A_{ob}}{A_p} \right)} \left(1 - \frac{2y}{D} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Common design approach

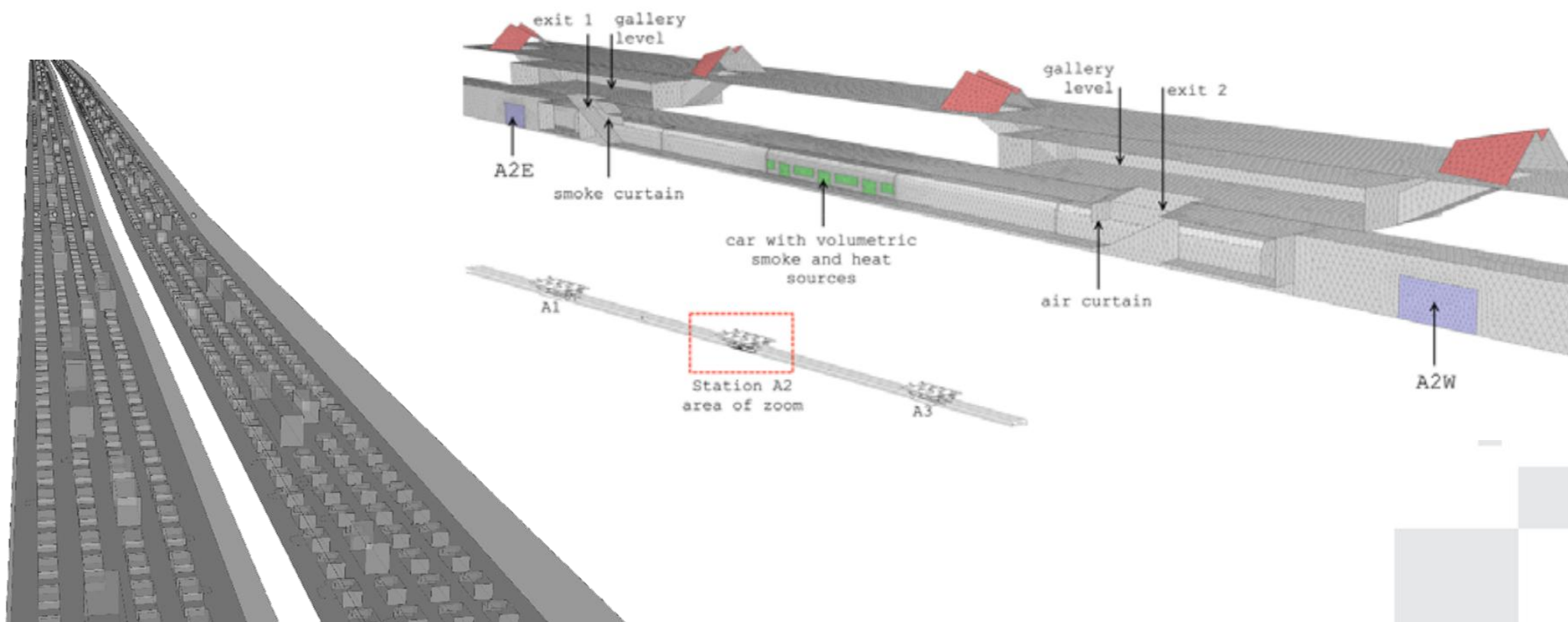
Average longitudinal velocity

$$u_0 = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\rho_0} \frac{\eta \frac{I_{fan}}{A_t} + \rho_0 g \Delta h \left(1 - \frac{T_e}{T_m}\right) + C_d \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 u_i^2}{\xi_{in} + \xi_{exit} + \frac{f}{D} \left[L + L_{ds} \left(\frac{T_m}{T_0} - 1 \right) \right] + \xi_{HGV} \frac{T_g}{T_0} + \xi_{ob} \frac{T_g}{T_0}}}$$

$$u_0 > u_c$$

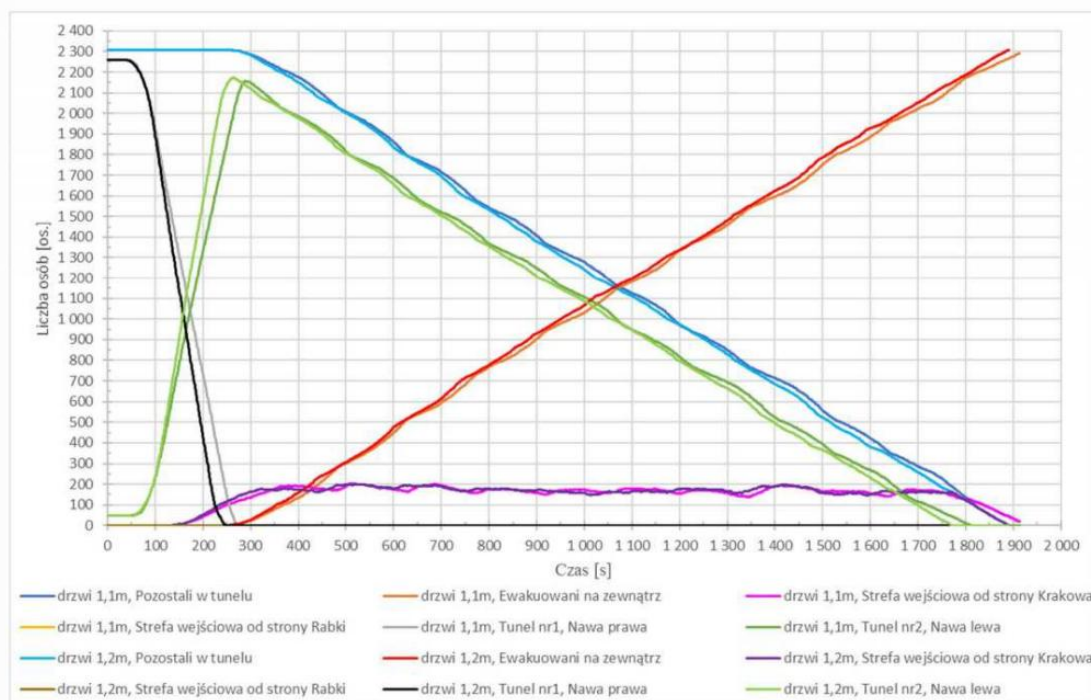
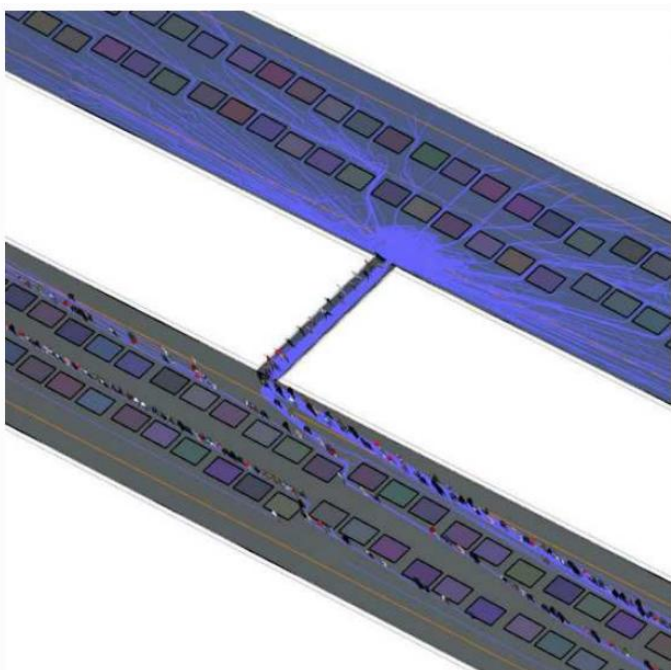
Common design approach

CFD analyses



Common design approach

Evacuation modelling



Fire in an actual tunnel

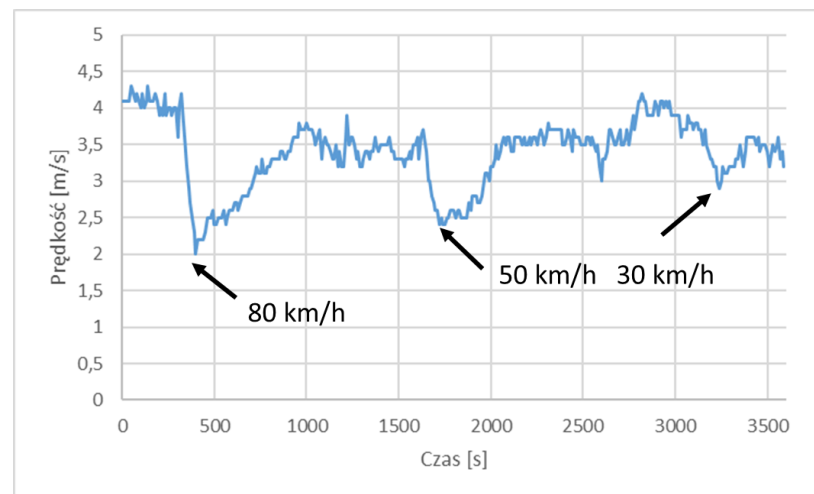
traffic direction



Proposed solution

$$\Delta p_{piston} + \Delta p_{jf} \pm \Delta p_{wind} \pm \Delta p_{stack} - \Delta p_{in} - \Delta p_{out} - \Delta p_{fr} - \Delta p_{HGV} - \Delta p_{throt} = p_{dyn}$$

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$$\Delta p_{veh} = \frac{1}{2} n A_v c_x \rho (u_v - u_0)^2 \Delta t$$

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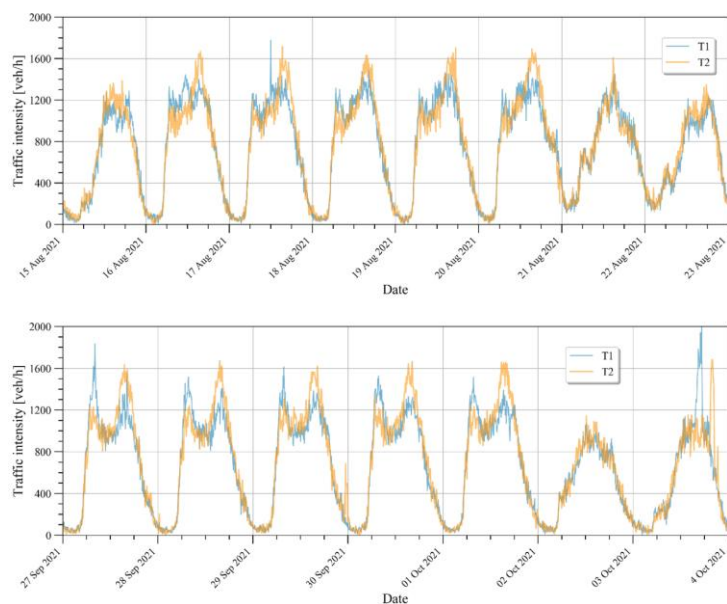
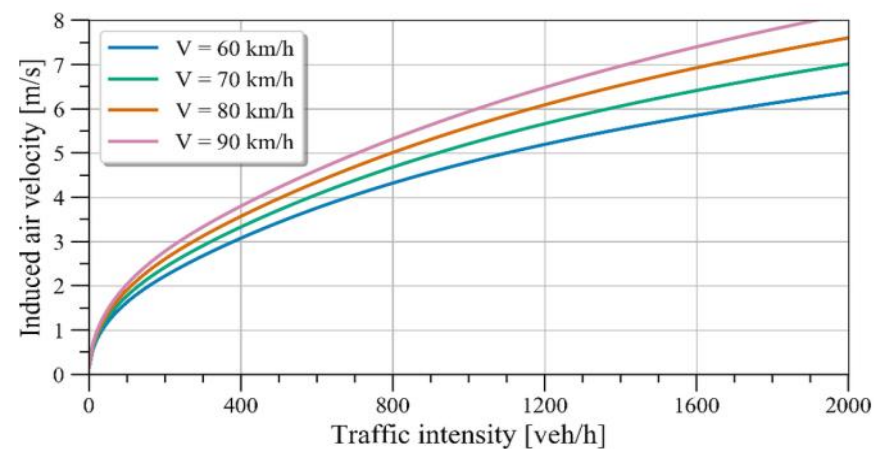


Fig. 13. Traffic intensity for both periods.

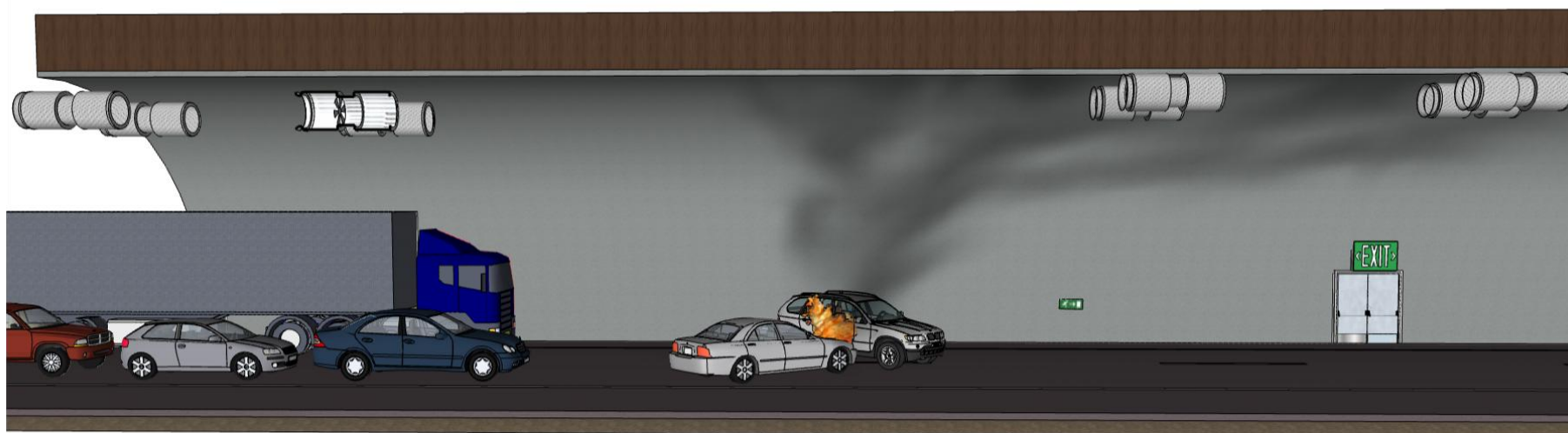


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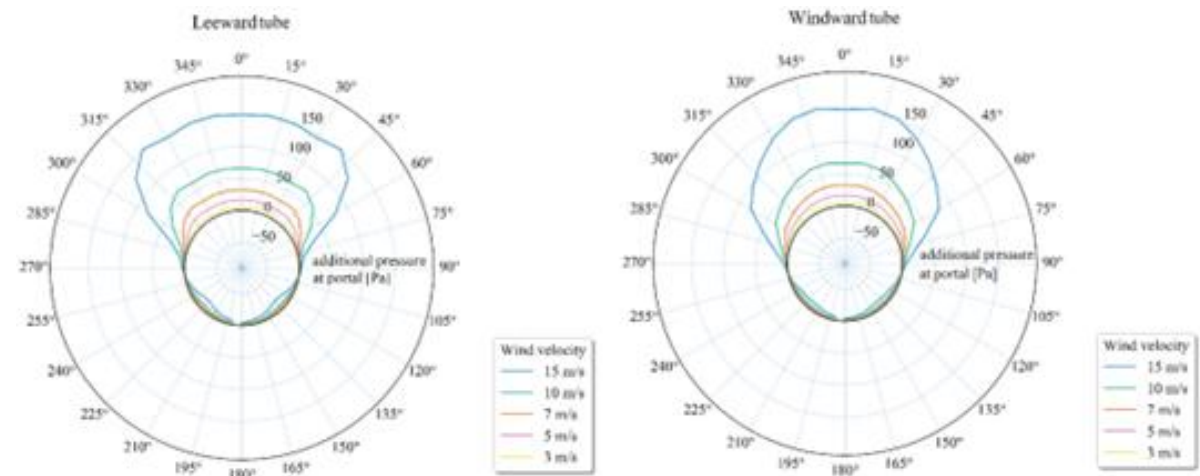
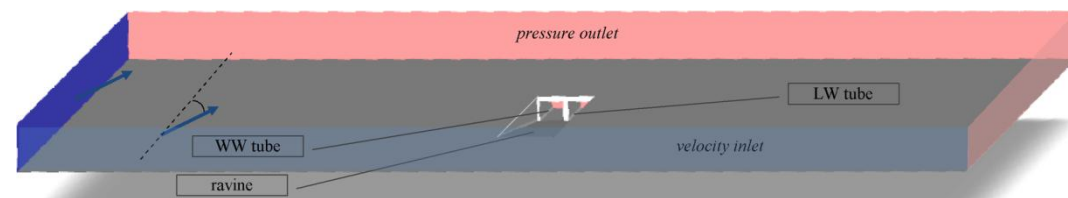
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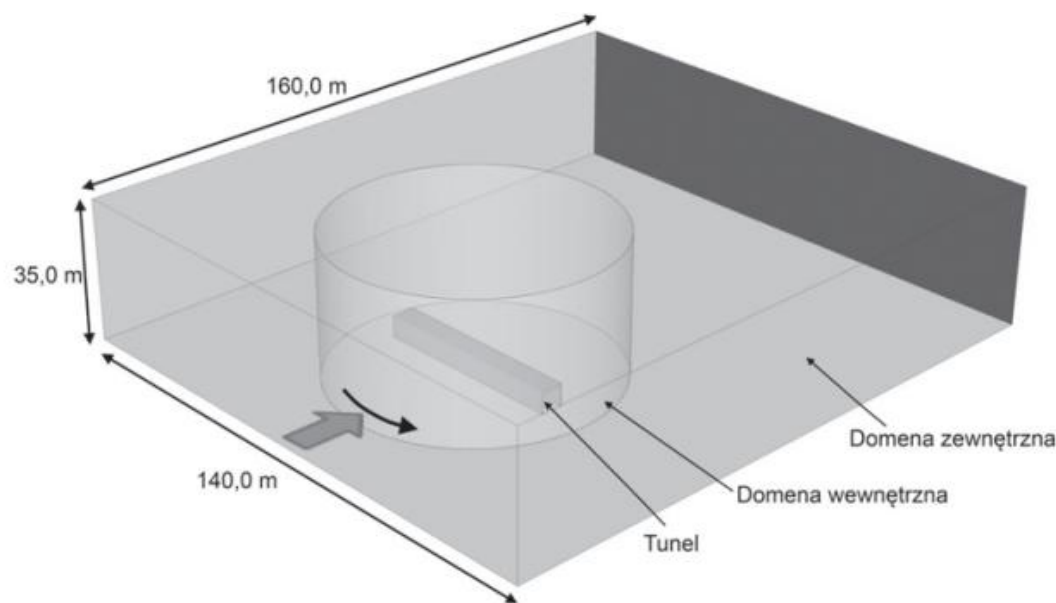
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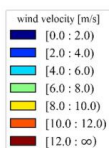
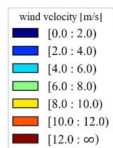
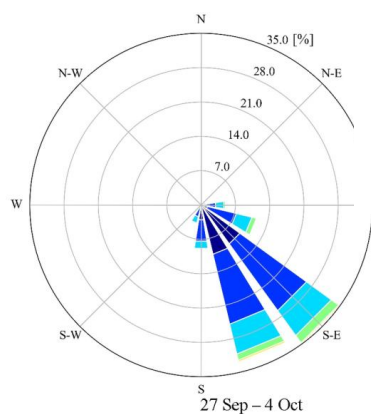
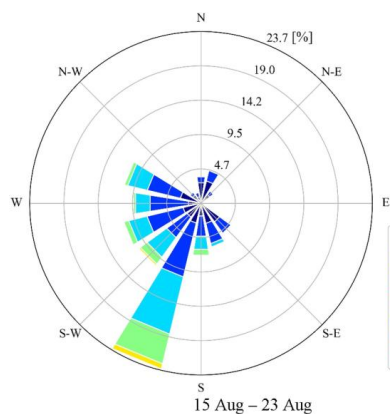
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$p(\alpha, u_{ref,local})$



$$\bar{U}(z) = \frac{u_*}{\kappa} \ln \left(\frac{z + z_0}{z_0} \right) \quad k = \frac{u_*^2}{\sqrt{C_\mu}}$$

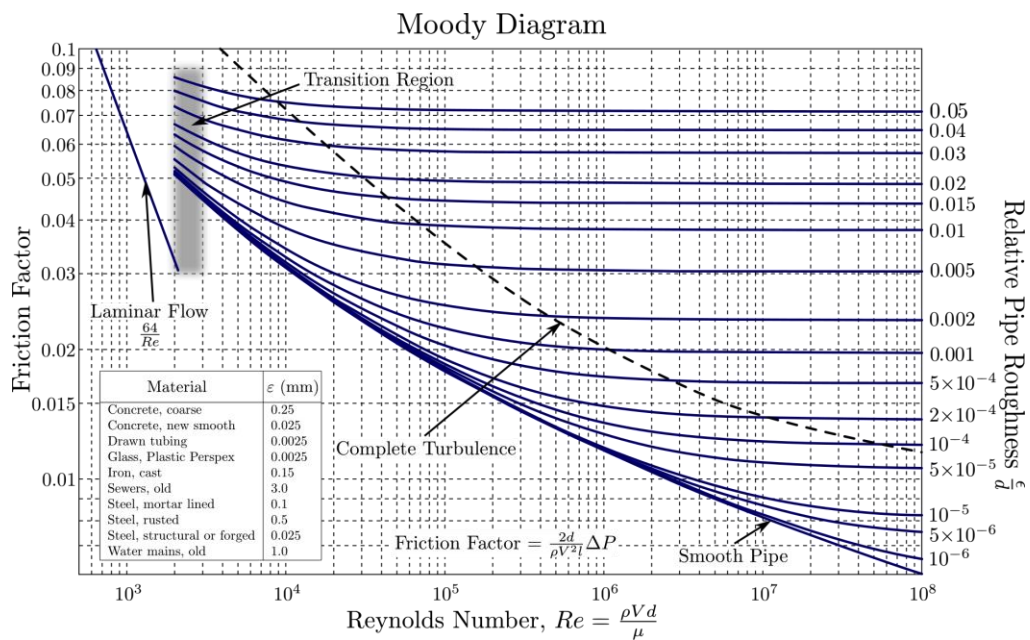
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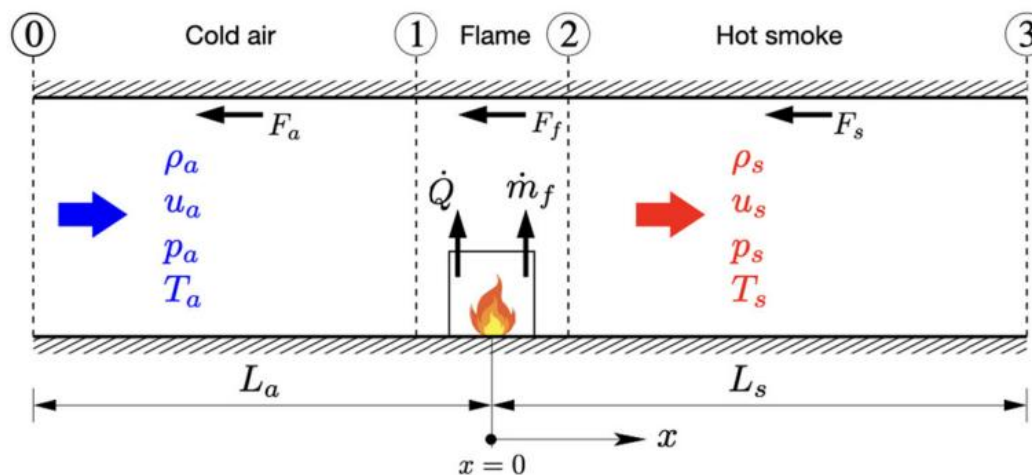
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$$\Delta p_{throt} = \frac{Q_c}{D_h^2 u_0} \cdot C_1$$

$$\Delta p_{throt} = \frac{Q^{0,8} u_0^{1,5}}{D_h^{1,5}} \cdot C_1$$

$$\Delta p_{throt} = \frac{Q_c u_0}{C_p A_t T_0}$$

$$\Delta p_{throt} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q_c u_0}{C_p A_t T_0} + \frac{1}{2} \zeta_{fire} \rho u_0^2$$



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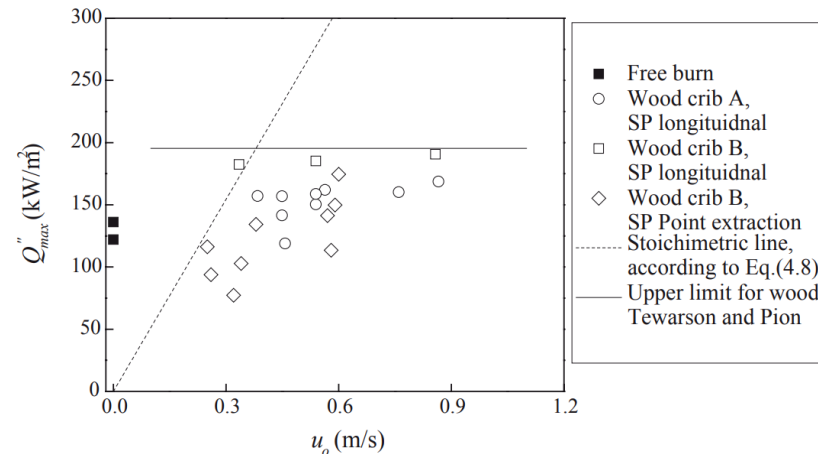
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$$\Delta p_{dyn} = \frac{1}{2} \rho_0 (x, t) u_0^2(x, t)$$

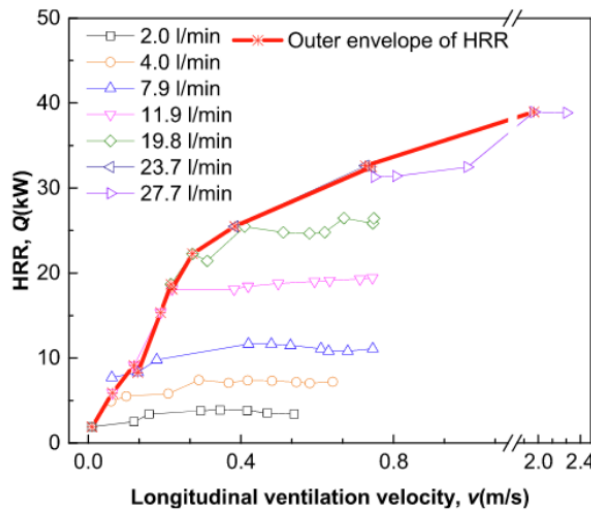


HRR dependencies

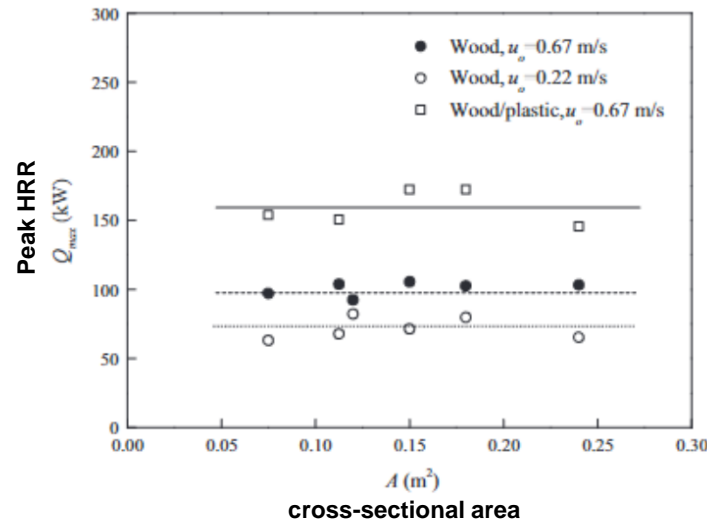
$$Q_{stoi} = \frac{\dot{Q}}{A_s} = 3600 \frac{A}{A_s} u_0$$



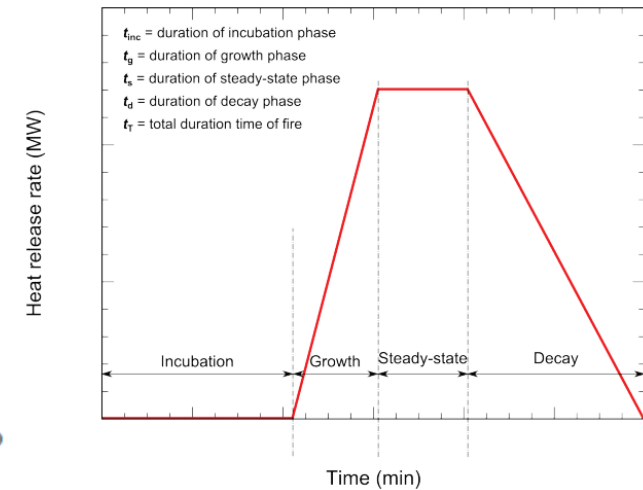
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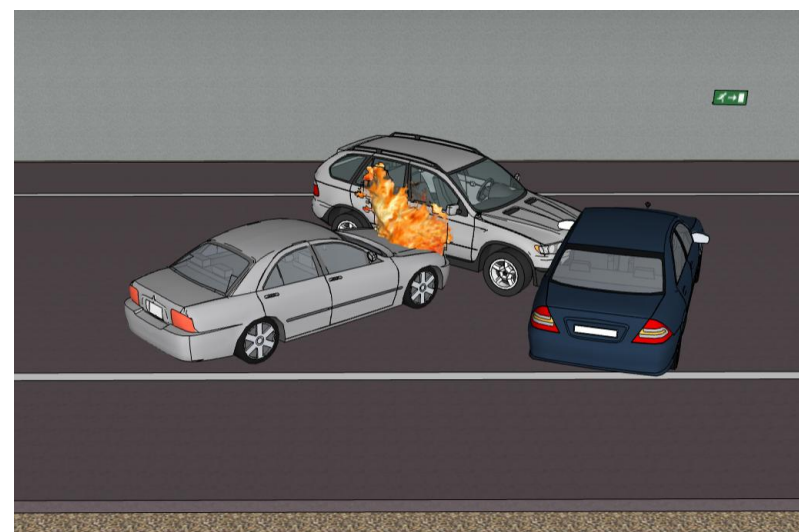
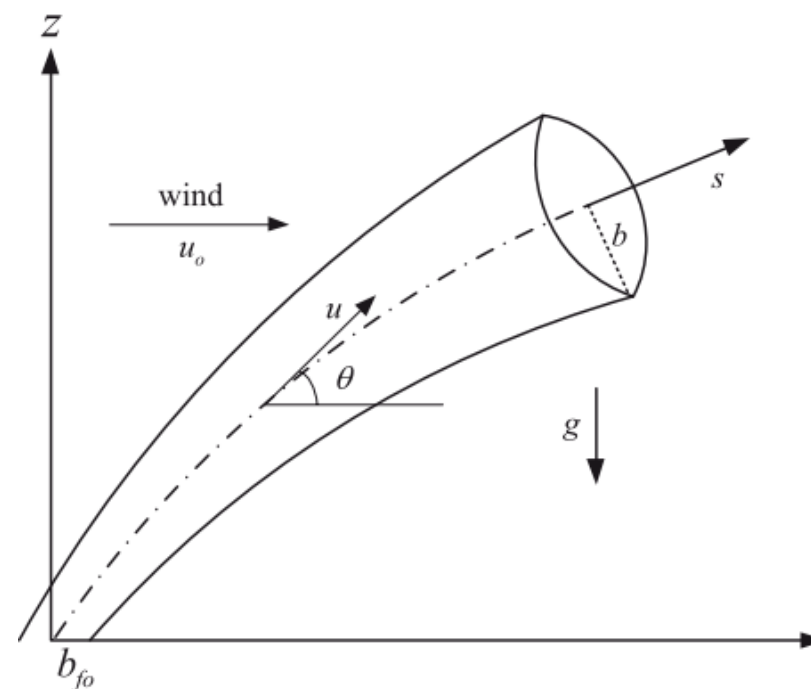
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Flame angle

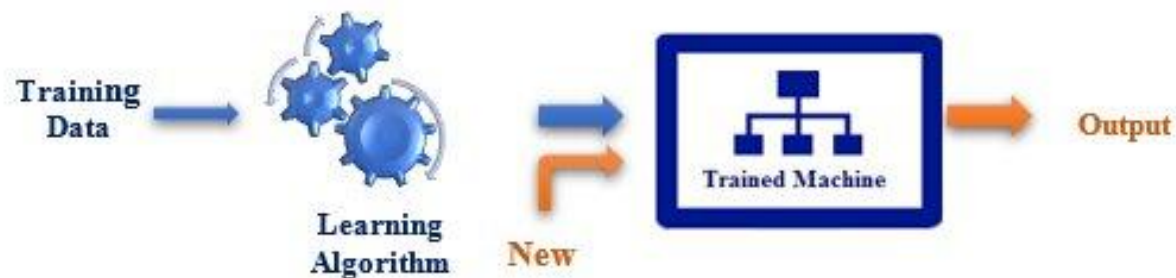
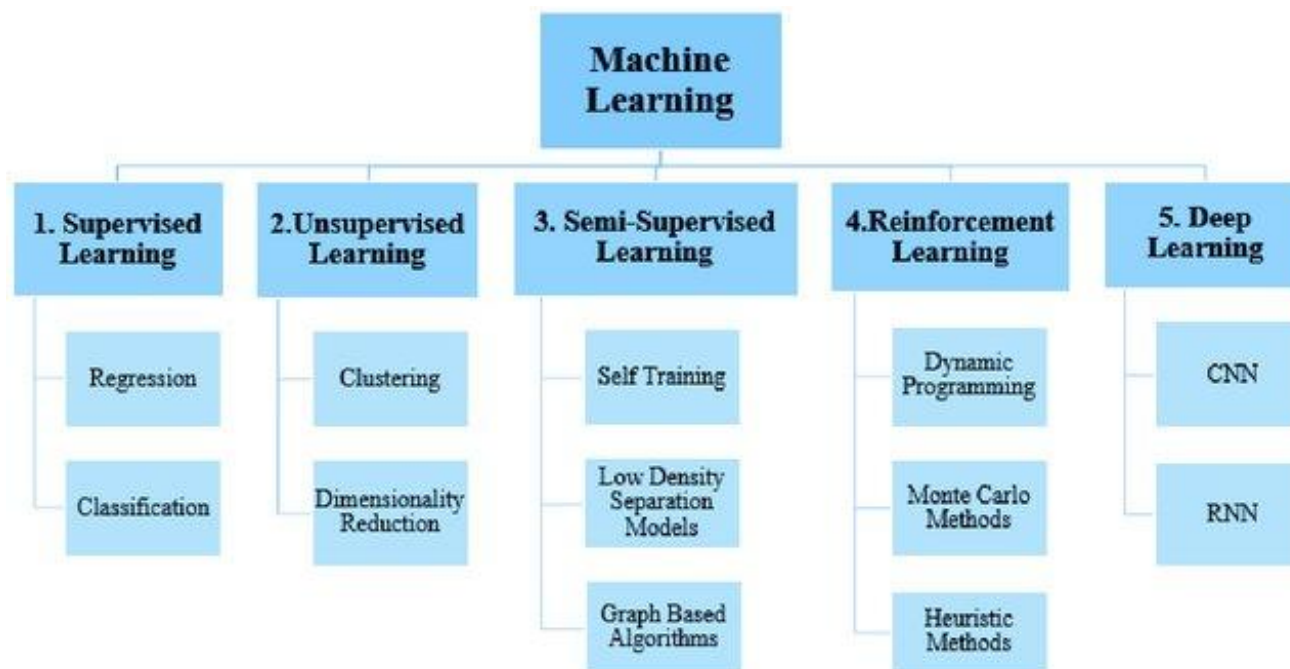
$$V' = \frac{u_0}{w^*}$$

$$w^* = \left(\frac{g \dot{Q}_c}{b_{fo} \rho_0 C_p T_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\sin \theta = \begin{cases} 1, & V' \leq 0,19 \\ (5,26V')^{-1/2}, & V' > 0,19 \end{cases}$$

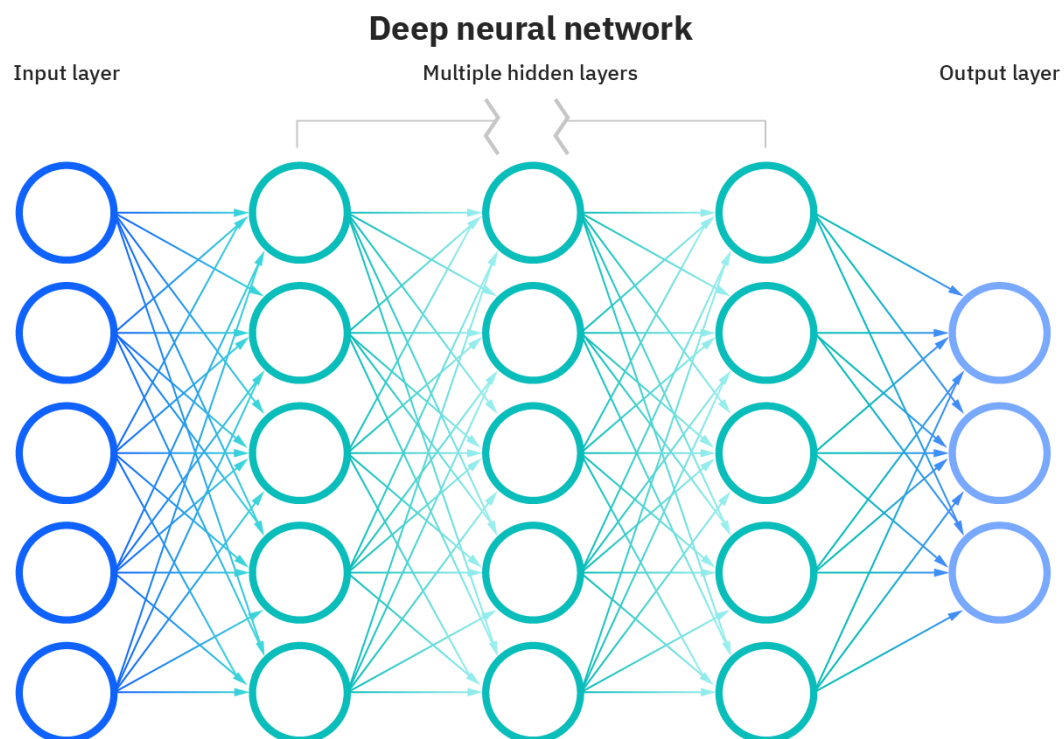


Machine learning



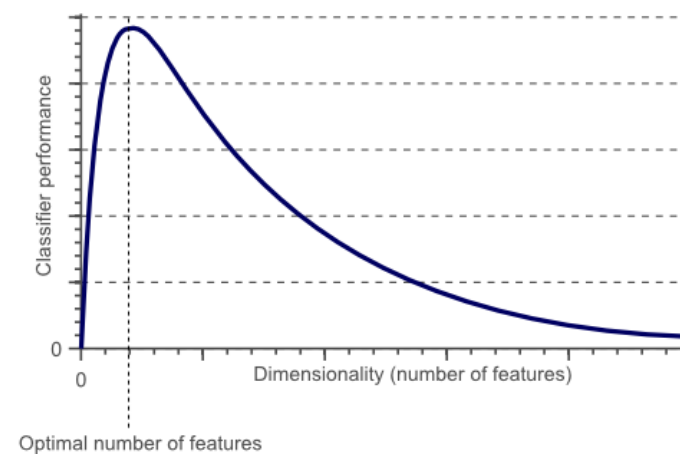
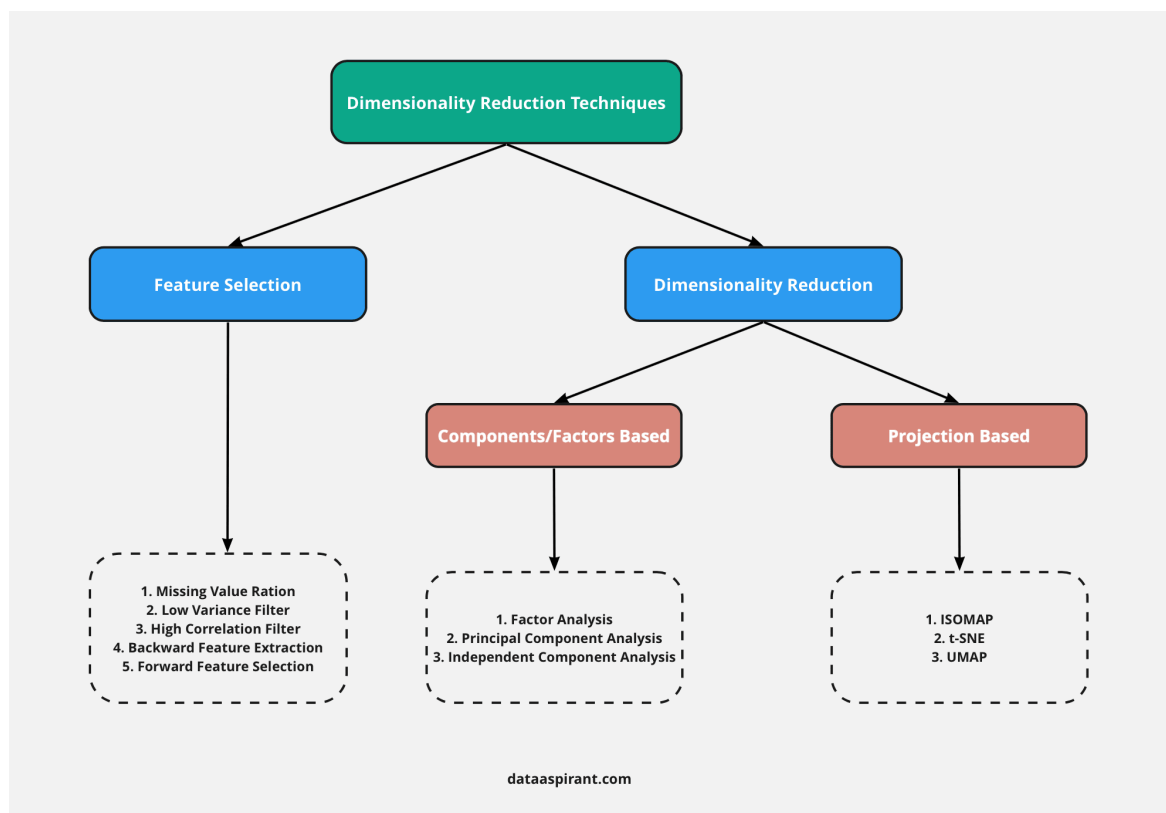
Why machine learning?

Artificial neural network (ANN)



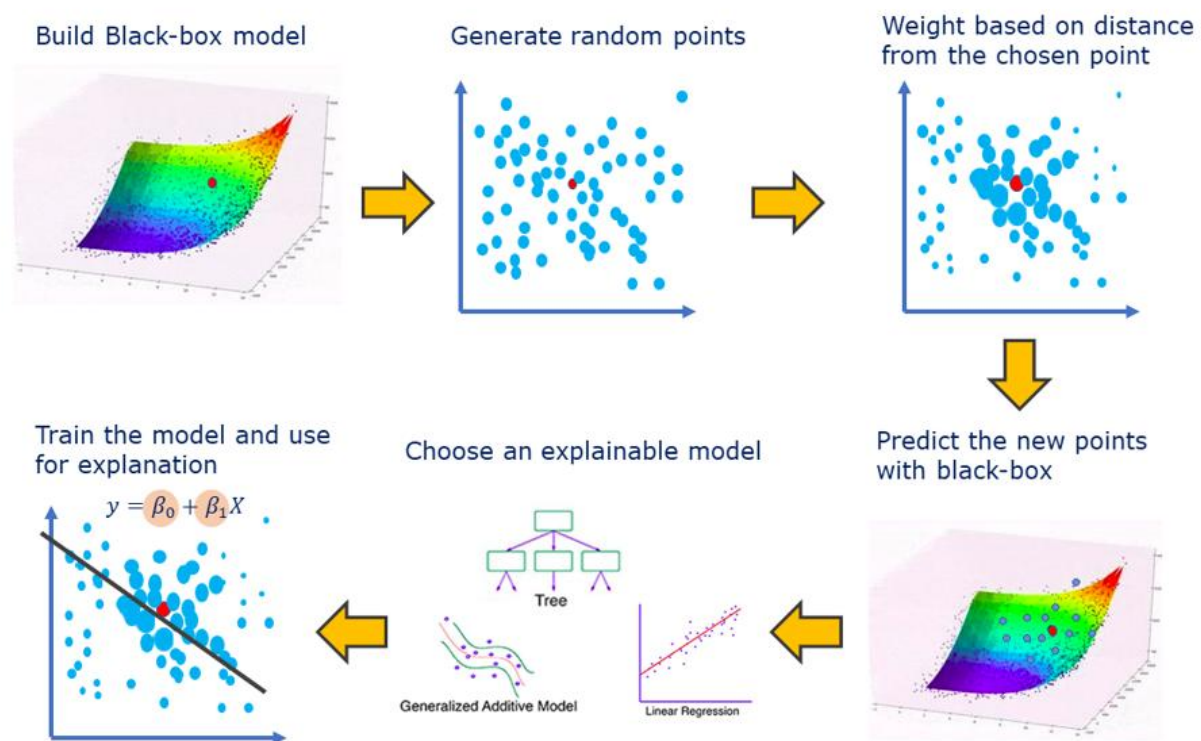
Why machine learning?

Dimensionality reduction



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Prediction



Data collection



Small scale tests

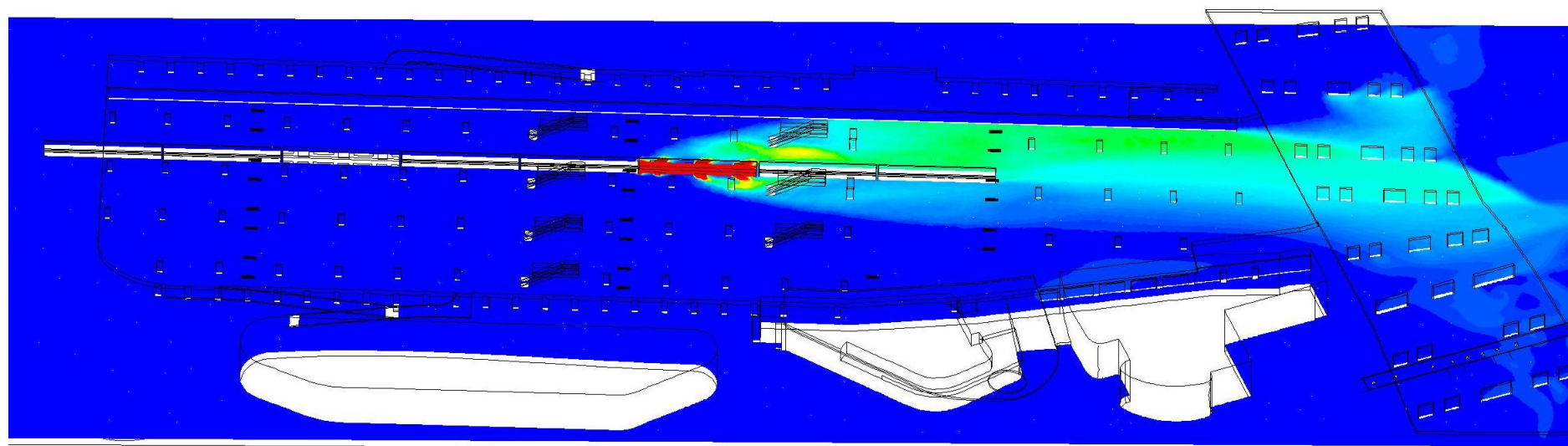
Data collection



Medium scale tests



Data collection



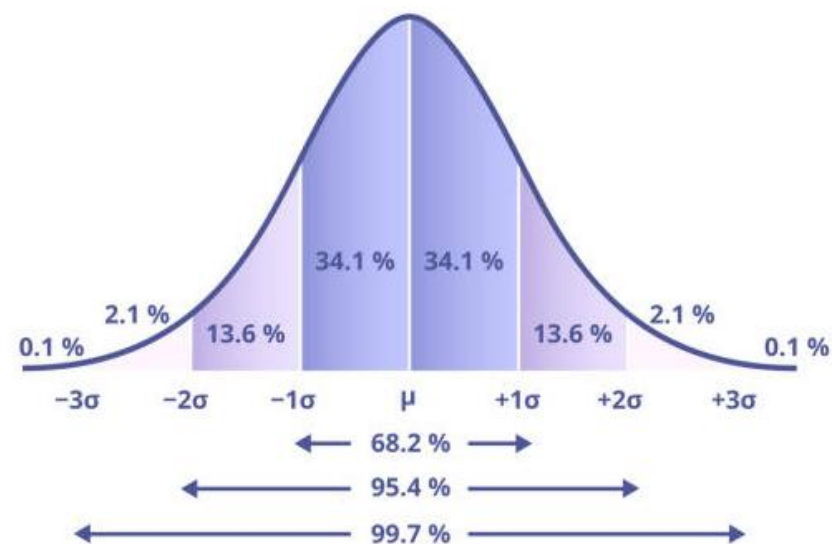
CFD analyses

Final outcome

Trained ML algorithm

Optimisation at the design stage

Dynamic changing smoke control system





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