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# ABSTRACT

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There is a movement to introduce risk- and performance-based analyses into fire protection engineering practice, both domestically and worldwide. This movement exists in the general fire protection community, as well as the nuclear power plant (NPP) fire protection community.

In 2002, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) developed NFPA 805, *Performance-Based Standard for Fire Protection for Light-Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants, 2001 Edition*. In July 2004, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) amended its fire protection requirements in Title 10, Section 50.48, of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR 50.48) to permit existing reactor licensees to voluntarily adopt fire protection requirements contained in NFPA 805 as an alternative to the existing deterministic fire protection requirements. In addition, the nuclear fire protection community wants to use risk-informed, performance-based (RI/PB) approaches and insights to support fire protection decision-making in general.

One key tool needed to support RI/PB fire protection is the availability of verified and validated fire models that can reliably predict the consequences of fires. Section 2.4.1.2 of NFPA 805 requires that only fire models acceptable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) shall be used in fire modeling calculations. Further, Sections 2.4.1.2.2 and 2.4.1.2.3 of NFPA 805 state that fire models shall only be applied within the limitations of the given model, and shall be verified and validated.

This report is the first effort to document the verification and validation (V&V) of five fire models that are commonly used in NPP applications. The project was performed in accordance with the guidelines that the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) set forth in *Standard E1355-04, "Evaluating the Predictive Capability of Deterministic Fire Models."* The results of this V&V are reported in the form of ranges of accuracies for the fire model predictions.



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# REPORT SUMMARY

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This report documents the verification and validation (V&V) of five selected fire models commonly used in support of risk-informed and performance-based (RI/PB) fire protection at nuclear power plants (NPPs).

## Background

Over the past decade, there has been a considerable movement in the nuclear power industry to transition from prescriptive rules and practices towards the use of risk information to supplement decision-making. In the area of fire protection, this movement is evidenced by numerous initiatives by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the nuclear community worldwide. In 2001, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) completed the development of NFPA Standard 805, "Performance-Based Standard for Fire Protection for Light Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants 2001 Edition." Effective July, 16, 2004, the NRC amended its fire protection requirements in 10 CFR 50.48(c) to permit existing reactor licensees to voluntarily adopt fire protection requirements contained in NFPA 805 as an alternative to the existing deterministic fire protection requirements. RI/PB fire protection relies on fire modeling for determining the consequence of fires. NFPA 805 requires that the "fire models shall be verified and validated," and "only fire models that are acceptable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) shall be used in fire modeling calculations."

## Objectives

The objective of this project is to examine the predictive capabilities of selected fire models. *These models may be used to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of 10 CFR 50.48(c) and the referenced NFPA 805, or support other performance-based evaluations in NPP fire protection applications.* In addition to NFPA 805 requiring that only verified and validated fire models acceptable to the AHJ be used, the standard also requires that fire models only be applied within their limitations. The V&V of specific models is important in establishing acceptable uses and limitations of fire models. Specific objectives of this project are:

- Perform V&V study of selected fire models using a consistent methodology (ASTM E1355) and issue a report to be prepared by U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) and Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI).
- Investigate the specific fire modeling issues of interest to the NPP fire protection applications.
- Quantify fire model predictive capabilities to the extent that can be supported by comparison with selected and available experimental data.

The following fire models were selected for this evaluation: (i) NRC's NUREG-1805 Fire Dynamics Tools (FDTs), (ii) EPRI's Fire-Induced Vulnerability Evaluation Revision 1 (FIVE-Rev. 1), (iii) National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Consolidated Model of Fire Growth and Smoke Transport (CFAST), (iv) Electricite de France's (EdF) MAGIC, and (v) NIST's Fire Dynamics Simulator (FDS).

## **Approach**

This program is based on the guidelines of the ASTM E1355, "Evaluating the Predictive Capability of Deterministic Fire Models," for verification and validation of the selected fire models. The guide provides four areas of evaluation:

- Defining the model and scenarios for which the evaluation is to be conducted,
- Assessing the appropriateness of the theoretical basis and assumptions used in the model,
- Assessing the mathematical and numerical robustness of the model, and
- Validating a model by quantifying the accuracy of the model results in predicting the course of events for specific fire scenarios.

Traditionally, a V&V study reports the comparison of model results with experimental data, and therefore, the V&V of the fire model is for the specific fire scenarios of the test series. While V&V studies for the selected fire models exist, it is necessary to ensure that technical issues specific to the use of these fire models in NPP applications are investigated. The approach below was followed to fulfill this objective.

1. A set of fire scenarios were developed. These fire scenarios establish the "ranges of conditions" for which fire models will be applied in NPPs.
2. The next step summarizes the same attributes or "range of conditions" of the "fire scenarios" in test series available for fire model benchmarking and validation exercises.
3. Once the above two pieces of information were available, the validation test series, or tests within a series, that represent the "range of conditions" was mapped for the fire scenarios developed in Step 1. The range of uncertainties in the output variable of interest as predicted by the model for a specific "range of conditions" or "fire scenario" are calculated and reported.

The scope of this V&V study is limited to the capabilities of the selected fire models. There are potential fire scenarios in NPP fire modeling applications that do not fall within the capabilities of these fire models and therefore are not covered by this V&V study.

## **Results**

The results of this study are presented in the form of relative differences between fire model predictions and experimental data for fire modeling attributes important to NPP fire modeling applications, e.g., plume temperature. The relative differences sometimes show agreement, but may also show both under-prediction and over-prediction. These relative differences are affected by the capabilities of the models, the availability of accurate applicable experimental data, and the experimental uncertainty of this data. The relative differences were used, in combination with some engineering judgment as to the appropriateness of the model and the

agreement between model and experiment, to produce a graded characterization of the fire model's capability to predict attributes important to NPP fire modeling applications.

This report does not provide relative differences for all known fire scenarios in NPP applications. This incompleteness is due to a combination of model capability and lack of relevant experimental data. The first can be addressed by improving the fire models while the second needs more applicable fire experiments.

### **EPRI Perspective**

The use of fire models to support fire protection decision-making requires that their limitations and confidence in their predictive capability is well understood. While this report makes considerable progress towards that goal, it also points to ranges of accuracies in the predictive capability of these fire models that could limit their use in fire modeling applications. Use of these fire models present challenges that should be addressed if the fire protection community is to realize the full benefit of fire modeling and performance-based fire protection. This requires both short term and long term solutions. In the short term a methodology will be to educate the users on how the results of this work may affect known applications of fire modeling. This may be accomplished through pilot application of the findings of this report and documentation of the insights as they may influence decision-making. Note that the intent is not to describe how a decision is to be made, but rather to offer insights as to where and how these results may, or may not be used as the technical basis for a decision. In the long term, additional work on improving the models and performing additional experiments should be considered.

### **Keywords**

Fire	Fire Modeling	Verification and Validation (V&V)
Performance-based	Risk-informed regulation	Fire Hazard Analysis (FHA)
Fire safety	Fire protection	Nuclear Power Plant
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# **PREFACE**

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This report is presented in seven volumes. Volume 1, the Main Report, provides general background information, programmatic and technical overviews, and project insights and conclusions. Volumes 2 through 6 provide detailed discussions of the verification and validation (V&V) of the following five fire models:

Volume 2     Fire Dynamics Tools (FDT<sup>s</sup>)

Volume 3     Fire-Induced Vulnerability Evaluation, Revision 1 (FIVE-Rev1)

Volume 4     Consolidated Model of Fire Growth and Smoke Transport (CFAST)

Volume 5     MAGIC

Volume 6     Fire Dynamics Simulator (FDS)

Finally, Volume 7 quantifies the uncertainty of the experiments used in the V&V study of these five fire models.



# FOREWORD

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Fire modeling and fire dynamics calculations are used in a number of fire hazards analysis (FHA) studies and documents, including fire risk analysis (FRA) calculations; compliance with, and exemptions to the regulatory requirements for fire protection in 10 CFR Part 50; "Specific Exemptions"; the Significance Determination Process (SDP) used in the inspection program conducted by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC); and, most recently, the risk-informed performance-based (RI/PB) voluntary fire protection licensing basis established under 10 CFR 50.48(c). The RI/PB method is based on the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 805, "Performance-Based Standard for Fire Protection for Light-Water Reactor Generating Plants."

The seven volumes of this NUREG-series report provide technical documentation concerning the predictive capabilities of a specific set of fire dynamics calculation tools and fire models for the analysis of fire hazards in nuclear power plant (NPP) scenarios. Under a joint memorandum of understanding (MOU), the NRC Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) agreed to develop this technical document for NPP application of these fire modeling tools. The objectives of this agreement include creating a library of typical NPP fire scenarios and providing information on the ability of specific fire models to predict the consequences of those typical NPP fire scenarios. To meet these objectives, RES and EPRI initiated this collaborative project to provide an evaluation, in the form of verification and validation (V&V), for a set of five commonly available fire modeling tools.

The road map for this project was derived from NFPA 805 and the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard E1355-04, "Evaluating the Predictive Capability of Deterministic Fire Models." These industry standards form the methodology and process used to perform this study. Technical review of fire models is also necessary to ensure that those using the models can accurately assess the adequacy of the scientific and technical bases for the models, select models that are appropriate for a desired use, and understand the levels of confidence that can be attributed to the results predicted by the models. This work was performed using state-of-the-art fire dynamics calculation methods/models and the most applicable fire test data. Future improvements in the fire dynamics calculation methods/models and additional fire test data may impact the results presented in the seven volumes of this report.

*This document does not constitute regulatory requirements, and RES participation in this study neither constitutes nor implies regulatory approval of applications based on the analysis contained in this text.* The analyses documented in this report represent the combined efforts of individuals from RES and EPRI, both of which provided specialists in the use of fire models and other FHA tools. The results from this combined effort do not constitute either a regulatory position or regulatory guidance. Rather, these results are intended to provide technical analysis, and they may also help to identify areas where further research and analysis are needed.

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# LIST OF ACRONYMS

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AGA	American Gas Association
AHJ	Authority Having Jurisdiction
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
BE	Benchmark Exercise
BFRL	Building and Fire Research Laboratory
BRE	Building Research Establishment
CFAST	Consolidated Fire Growth and Smoke Transport Model
CFR	<i>Code of Federal Regulations</i>
EdF	Electricité de France
EPRI	Electric Power Research Institute
FDS	Fire Dynamics Simulator
FDT <sup>s</sup>	Fire Dynamics Tools (NUREG-1805)
FHA	Fire Hazard Analysis
FIVE-Rev1	Fire-Induced Vulnerability Evaluation, Revision 1
FM-SNL	Factory Mutual & Sandia National Laboratories
FPA	Foote, Pagni, and Alvares
FRA	Fire Risk Analysis
GRS	Gesellschaft fuer Anlagen-und Reaktorsicherheit (Germany)
HRR	Heat Release Rate
IAFSS	International Association of Fire Safety Science
iBMB	Institut für Baustoffe, Massivbau und Brandschutz
ICFMP	International Collaborative Fire Model Project
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
MCC	Motor Control Center

<b>MQH</b>	<b>McCaffrey, Quintiere, and Harkleroad</b>
<b>MOU</b>	<b>Memorandum of Understanding</b>
<b>NBS</b>	<b>National Bureau of Standards (now NIST)</b>
<b>NFPA</b>	<b>National Fire Protection Association</b>
<b>NIST</b>	<b>National Institute of Standards and Technology</b>
<b>NPP</b>	<b>Nuclear Power Plant</b>
<b>NRC</b>	<b>U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission</b>
<b>NRR</b>	<b>Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRC)</b>
<b>RES</b>	<b>Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (NRC)</b>
<b>RI/PB</b>	<b>Risk-Informed, Performance-Based</b>
<b>SDP</b>	<b>Significance Determination Process</b>
<b>SFPE</b>	<b>Society of Fire Protection Engineers</b>
<b>V&amp;V</b>	<b>Verification &amp; Validation</b>



# 1

## INTRODUCTION

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As the use of fire modeling tools increases in support of day-to-day nuclear power plant applications including fire risk studies, the importance of verification and validation (V&V) studies for these tools also increases. V&V studies afford fire modeling analysts confidence in applying analytical tools by quantifying and discussing the performance of the given model in predicting the fire conditions measured in a particular experiment. The underlying assumptions, capabilities, and limitations of the model are discussed and evaluated as part of the V&V study.

The main objective of this study is to document a V&V study for the MAGIC zone model, in accordance with ASTM E1355, *Standard Guide for Evaluating the Predictive Capability of Deterministic Fire Models* [Ref. 1]. MAGIC is a zone model developed and maintained by Electricité de France (EdF), which officially released the latest version of the model in 2005. The MAGIC software calculates fire-generated conditions single or multi-compartment geometries as a function of time [Refs. 2, 3, and 4].

The MAGIC software is a classical thermal model for fire simulations in zones able to process communicative multi-compartment problems. Each compartment is divided into two volumes, which are assumed to be homogeneous. The solution of the mass and energy balances accumulated on each zone, together with the ideal gas law and equation of heat conduction into the walls, results in the environmental conditions generated by the fire.

Consistent with ASTM E1355, this document is structured as follows:

- Chapter 2 provides qualitative background information about MAGIC and the V&V process.
- Chapter 3 presents a technical description of MAGIC, which includes the underlying physics and chemistry inherent in the model. The description includes assumptions and approximations, an assessment of whether the open literature provides sufficient scientific evidence to justify the approaches and assumptions used, and an assessment of empirical or reference data used for constant or default values in the context of the model. MAGIC's source code and technical description are EDF proprietary material; consequently, this report provides only a technical summary of this material.
- Chapter 4 documents the mathematical and numerical robustness of MAGIC, which involves verifying that the implementation of the model matches the stated documentation.
- Chapter 5 presents a sensitivity analysis, for which the researchers defined a base case scenario and varied selected input parameters in order to explore MAGIC's capabilities for modeling typical characteristics of NPP fire scenarios.

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- Chapter 6 presents the results of the validation study in the form of relative differences classified by fire modeling parameter. The following parameters were selected for validation purposes:
  - Hot gas layer temperature and height
  - Ceiling jet temperature
  - Plume temperature
  - Flame height
  - Oxygen concentration
  - Smoke concentration
  - Room pressure
  - Target surface temperature and incident radiant and total heat flux
  - Wall surface temperature and incident total heat flux
- Appendix A presents the technical details supporting the calculated relative differences discussed in Chapter 6 and provides graphical comparisons of experimental measurements and modeling results.
- Appendix B presents MAGIC input files.

# 2

## MODEL DEFINITION

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This chapter provides qualitative background information about MAGIC and the V&V process, as suggested by ASTM E1355.

### 2.1 Name and Version of the Model

This V&V study focused on the latest version (V4.1.1b) of the MAGIC zone model, which EdF released in November 2005.

### 2.2 Type of Model

MAGIC is a two-zone fire model that predicts the environmental conditions resulting from a fire prescribed by the user within a compartmented structure. Essentially, the space to be modeled is subdivided into two control volumes that represent upper and lower layers. The fundamental equations of conservation of energy and mass are solved in each control volume as the fire heat release rate develops over time. The thermal conditions of the control volumes are the boundary conditions for localized heat transfer problems solved at the surfaces and targets in the room.

### 2.3 Model Developers

MAGIC was developed and is maintained by Electricité de France (EdF).

### 2.4 Relevant Publications

MAGIC is supported by three EdF publications, including (1) the technical manual, which provides a mathematical description of the model [Ref. 2]; (2) the user's manual, which details how to use the graphical interface [Ref. 3]; and (3) the validation studies, which compare MAGIC's results with experimental measurements [Ref. 4]. These three proprietary publications are available through EPRI to EPRI members.

### 2.5 Governing Equations and Assumptions

MAGIC solves the conservation equations for mass and energy. The model does not explicitly solve the momentum equation, except for use of the Bernoulli equation for the flow velocity at room openings. These three equations and the ideal gas law are solved to obtain fire-generated conditions in the selected control volumes.

MAGIC assumes that the room is divided in two zones (upper and lower control volumes), in which the equations described above are solved. The upper control volume, referred to in this report as the hot gas layer, is assumed to have uniform density and, therefore, temperature. The same assumption applies to the lower control volume (also known as the lower layer).

Chapter 3 of this report and Ref. 2 provide a complete technical description of MAGIC algorithms and sub-models.

## **2.6 Input Data Required To Run the Model**

In general, the following data is necessary to develop the input file for MAGIC. The required inputs for each individual analysis may vary, and depend on the characteristics and objectives of the fire scenario under analysis.

(1) The following parameters describe the compartment geometry and ventilation conditions:

- Compartment geometry (length, width, and height): The compartment (or each compartment in a multi-room scenario) is assumed to have a rectangular floor base and flat ceiling.
- Floor, ceiling, and wall material properties (density, specific heat, and thermal conductivity): Depending on the selected material, this information may be available in the MAGIC database.
- Natural ventilation (height and width of doors; height, width, and elevation of windows; time to open/close doors and windows during a fire simulation; and leakage paths).
- Mechanical ventilation (injection and extraction rates, vent elevations, and time to start/stop the system).

(2) The following parameters describe the characteristics of the fire:

- Fuel type and fire heat release rate profile. The heat release rate profile is specified using the heat of combustion and the mass loss rate of the fuel.
- Fire location (elevation, near a wall, near a corner, or center of room).
- Footprint area of the fire: circular (e.g., pool fires specified by the diameter) or rectangular (e.g., bounded pool fires, electrical cabinets specified by length and width)
- Fuel mass, irradiated fraction, and stoichiometric fuel-oxygen ratio.

(3) Two sets of parameters (thermo-physical properties and location) describe targets. Thermo-physical properties include the density, specific heat, and thermal conductivity of the material. Location refers to where the target is with respect to the fire (expressed with three-dimensional coordinates).

(4) The inputs for sprinklers and detectors are the device's location with respect to the fire and its response characteristics, which include activation temperature and response time index.

The MAGIC user's guide [Ref. 3] provides a complete description of the input parameters required to run MAGIC.

## **2.7 Property Data**

Various equations associated with the MAGIC model require the following property data:

- For walls: density, thermal conductivity, and specific heat
- For targets: density, thermal conductivity, and specific heat
- For fuels: heat of combustion, mass loss rate, stoichiometric fuel-oxygen ratio, specific area, and radiated fraction

These properties may be available in fire protection engineering handbooks or the MAGIC database. However, depending on the application, properties for specific materials may not be readily available.

## **2.8 Model Results**

MAGIC has an extensive library of output values. Once a given simulation is completed, MAGIC generates an output file with all of the solution variables. Through a “post-processor” interface, the user selects the relevant output variables for the analysis. Typical outputs include (but are not limited to) the following examples:

- environmental conditions in the room (such as hot gas layer temperature, oxygen concentration, and smoke concentration)
- heat transfer-related outputs to wall and targets (such as incident, convective, radiated, and total heat fluxes)
- fire intensity and flame height
- flow velocities through vents and openings.



# 3

## THEORETICAL BASIS FOR MAGIC

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### 3.1 Introduction

This chapter provides a brief technical summary of the MAGIC zone model to address the ASTM E1355 requirement to “verify the appropriateness of the theoretical basis and assumptions used in the model.” However, given the proprietary nature of the software, readers should refer to Ref. 2 for a complete technical description.

MAGIC is a “standalone” computer program for simulating fire conditions inside a compartment. Technical details, as well as a user’s guide and validation studies of this computer program, can be found in Refs. 2, 3, and 4.

### 3.2 Theoretical Basis for MAGIC

MAGIC is a classical two-zone fire model. That is, a room is divided into upper and lower zones (or layers). The upper layer (also referred to as the hot gas or smoke layer) accumulates hot gases generated in the combustion zone and primarily transported by the fire plume. The lower layer primarily consists of fresh air and has its own energy and mass balance.

Perhaps the most important characteristic of the two-zone model formulation is that each zone is assumed to have homogeneous properties. The gas density (and, consequently, the temperature), oxygen concentration, and concentration of unburned gases are assumed to remain constant throughout each layer. These properties change only as a function of time.

Resulting fire conditions are obtained by solving equations for conservation of mass, species, and energy, together with the ideal gas law. The species equation yields the concentration of unburned fuel and oxygen in each layer. The compartment pressure, layer temperature, and layer heights are obtained from the mass and energy equation. Finally, the gas densities are calculated using the ideal gas law.

Specific sub-models are used to characterize the various physical processes:

- pyrolysis of the fuel(s) on fire
- combustion in gaseous phase, governed by the properties of emitted products and the air supply attributable to the plume flow
- smoke production and unburned products, for which the properties depend on the fuels
- the fire plume over each source in various configurations (circular or linear fire, at different heights, above the openings)
- heat exchange by convection and radiation between the flame, air, hot gas layer, walls, and environment

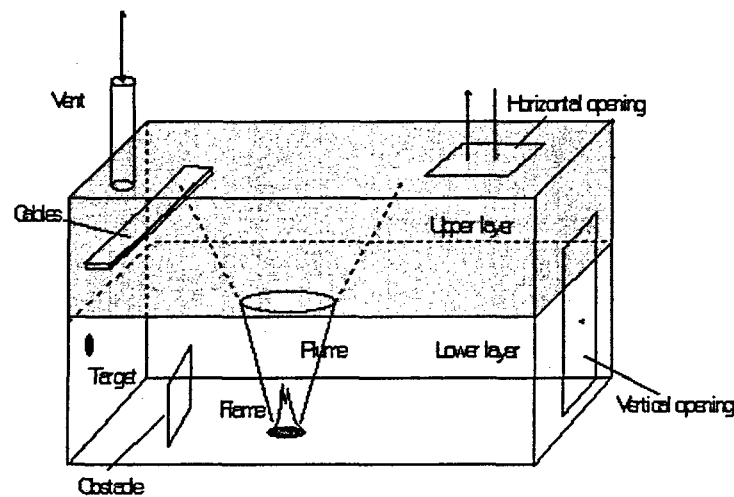
- natural flows through the openings (vertical and horizontal), which allow the compartments to communicate with each other and the outside
- forced or natural ventilation
- thermal behavior and reaction of critical elements to determine their malfunction or ignition
- thermal behavior and combustion of electric cables
- water spray from sprinklers

From a geometric point of view, MAGIC works on a set of rectangular rooms with flat ceilings, with their edges parallel to the reference axes. These rooms communicate with each other and the outside through horizontal or vertical openings.

MAGIC provides the following general results:

- temperatures of hot and cold zones
- concentrations of oxygen and unburned gases
- smoke migration into each room
- the mass flow rates of air and smoke through the openings and vents
- the pressures at the floor level of each room
- the temperatures at the surface of the walls
- the thermal fluxes (radiative and total) exchanged by the targets placed by the user

Figure 3-1 summarizes MAGIC's modeling features.



**Figure 3-1: Pictorial Representation of MAGIC's Features**



### **3.2.1 Combustion**

The standard combustion model in MAGIC assumes a perfect oxidation reaction; that is, the fire will burn at the specified heat release rate if oxygen is available. MAGIC tracks the amount of oxygen in the fuel (in the case of a pre-mixed fuel), oxygen entrained by the fire, unburned fuel in the environment, and the predefined fuel source in order to determine whether complete combustion will occur. The chemical aspects of combustion are not considered. If the input of oxygen quantity into the plume is at least equal to the quantity necessary to burn all of the gaseous fuels in the plume, combustion is considered to be complete and controlled by the fuel flow rate. If not, the combustion is incomplete and controlled by the available oxygen. The user can also specify a low oxygen limit (LOL).

### **3.2.2 Hot Gas Layer Temperature and Height**

Hot gas layer temperature and height result from balance equation of energy and mass for the defined control volume. Properties are assumed to be homogeneous in the volume except in the specific regions of the plume and ceiling-jet. Mass balance takes into account the fire plume flow from the lower layer, and air supplied or exhaust through vents or openings. Energy balance takes into consideration convection and radiation to the room surfaces (walls ceiling and floor) and to the lower layer. The radiation properties of the layer are obtained from its opacity (based on smoke concentration resulting from the mass balance). Oxygen and un-burnt gas concentrations also result from the mass and energy balances in the hot gas layer volume. Similar conservation equations are applied to the lower layer.

### **3.2.3 Walls, Ceiling and Floor**

Walls, ceiling and floor are represented using one-dimensional finite difference meshing of conduction. Two separate calculations are made: one for the section of wall in the upper layer and the ceiling and a similar one for the lower layer and the floor. Boundary conditions for wall inside a room use convection and a detailed radiation exchange. As a default, heat transfer coefficient and wall emissivity are fixed to  $15 \text{ W/m}^2/\text{K}$  and 0.9 respectively. The heat transfer coefficient can also be correlated to the temperature and the estimated velocity in the layer, as an option. This study is based on default values.

Each wall can be constructed with multiple successive layers of a homogenous material; however, the characteristics of each material are assumed to remain constant. The initial temperature condition at both sides of the wall is the ambient temperature. The boundary conditions are calculated as the simulation goes on and are based on heat exchange between surfaces and gas layers.

### **3.2.4 Flame Height, Fire Plume & Ceiling Jets**

The fire plume in MAGIC is modeled using McCaffrey's semi-empirical correlations for fire plume entrainment [Ref. 5] McCaffrey's correlation for temperature and velocity in the flame region, Heskestad's correlation [Ref. 7] for temperature and velocity in the plume region. The software incorporates the effects of the smoke layer on fire plume temperature [Ref. 6], and simulates ceiling jets using the model developed by Cooper [Ref. 6] to account for hot gas layer effects. As such, MAGIC models both confined and unconfined ceiling jets and considers the adiabatic ceiling jet correlation and exchanges to walls from the layers' properties. In addition,

MAGIC accounts for fires located along a wall or in corners, and it estimates flame height using Heskestad's correlation [Ref. 7].

### **3.2.5 Natural & Mechanical Ventilation**

The model for flows through horizontal openings is based on the formulation proposed by Cooper [Ref. 8]. This model addresses the issue of one- or two-way flow at the opening using experimental results. It is important to note that this model has been developed from experimental conditions in which the horizontal opening was not directly above the fire source. *The model does not apply to configurations in which the fire plume directly influences the flow.*

MAGIC uses the Bernoulli equation to model flows through vertical openings with a corresponding orifice flow coefficient. Flows are assumed to be perpendicular to the surface of the opening.

The ventilation model used in MAGIC is based on the KIRCHOFF equation, and is represented by a fan between ducts. In each duct, regular and singular pressure differences are considered. Upstream and downstream nozzles make the link between rooms and vent systems. In the case of no fan, the model calculates the mass flow through the ducts considering pressure differences.

### **3.2.6 Radiation**

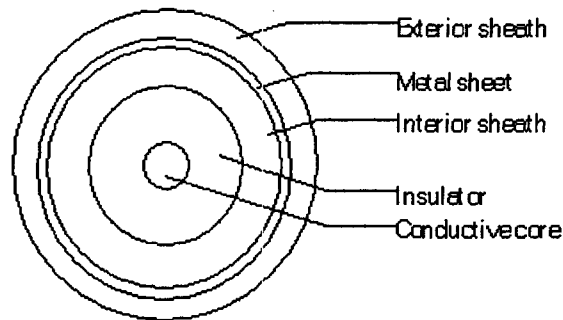
Radiation modeling is relatively complex in MAGIC. The gas layer is treated as a semi-transparent gas. Radiation exchanges between surfaces (walls and openings), flames, and gas layers are considered. One system is built for the upper layer and another for the lower layer. Those systems exchange through the layer interface. View factors are re-evaluated for every iteration due to the layer interface height variations.

### **3.2.7 Targets**

Two kinds of targets are implemented in MAGIC. The basic target is equivalent to a flux meter (with controlled surface temperature), and the thermal target is equivalent to a one-dimensional homogeneous material. Fire sources, gas layers, walls, and openings generate the incident heat fluxes. Convective and radiative fluxes are considered, and the heat exchange is calculated in detail. For example, MAGIC considers direct radiation flux from sources located in adjacent rooms, and correlates the convective exchange to local temperature and gas velocity. The target can be located in the plume or ceiling jet, and MAGIC calculates the target temperature using a one-dimensional finite difference conduction model.

### **3.2.8 Electrical Cables**

Electrical cables are numerous in NPPs, and they serve as both fuel and targets in NPP fire scenarios. Figure 3-2 summarizes the modeling of electrical cables in MAGIC.



**Figure 3-2: Simplified Inner Structure of an Armored Electrical Cable**

The cable is composed of successive layers of materials that are thermally described by the user. Each layer includes a certain amount of discretization points, limited to 40 per layer. The code automatically implements a node at the center of the cable, and the heat transfer inside the cable is considered to follow an axial symmetry.

In the calculation, an electrical cable is divided in 20-cm segments along its length. The total number of segments should not exceed 50. For each segment, MAGIC calculates the thermal exchanges with the outside and the thermal heating.

The maximum surface temperature encountered on all the segments is the criterion to start the cable ignition, from a piloted ignition threshold value or (if needed) a pyrolysis output (introduced by the user). After the ignition, the cable behaves as a classical fuel, and its thermal behavior is no longer modeled (that is, the surface temperature retains its last value).

An important consideration in this validation study is the treatment of multi-conductor cables. In MAGIC, multi conductor cables were modelled as single conductor as follows:

- The cross sectional area of the equivalent single conductor is  $\sum_{i=1}^n A_i$  where  $A_i$  is the area of each individual conductor and  $n$  is the total number of conductors in the cable.
- The thickness of the jacket remains the same
- The thickness of the insulation is given by (cable thickness – jacket thickness – equivalent conductor radius).

Figure 3.3 illustrates this process.

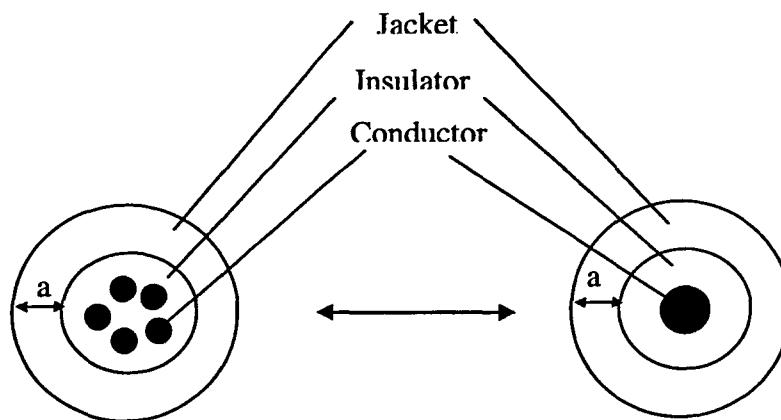


Figure 3-3: Modeling multi-conductor cables in MAGIC

### 3.2.9 Sprinkler Suppression

Modeling of sprinkler suppression is divided into three phases:

- (1) Sprinkler activation determines the instant when the device is activated. Specifically, the sprinkler is triggered when the temperature of the gas contained in the sprinkler bulb reaches its activation temperature, which generally varies from 70 to 150°C depending on the sprinkler. The model for sprinkler activation developed by Heskestad [Ref. 9] is implemented in MAGIC.
- (2) Cooling of the hot gas layer by the water spray is achieved through the interaction between water droplets and the hot gas layer, which results in several physical and thermal phenomena. The spray comprises a multitude of drops that have different speeds, diameters, and directions. The thermal exchanges between the hot gases and the drops increase the temperature of the drops and lead to partial or total evaporation and cooling of hot gases.
- (3) Fire extinction takes into account the interaction between water drops and the fire. Specifically, the power of the fire is stabilized when the spray is in contact with the fire. This modeling is conservative and has been adopted in MAGIC.

### 3.3 Concluding Remarks

This chapter provided an overview of the modeling features of MAGIC. A complete technical description is available in Reference 2.

MAGIC is based on a combination of macroscopic conservation equations and empirical correlations for specific phenomena. This combination between fundamental principles and experimental observations leads to a sound quantitative approach for its intended domain of application. In addition to the validity of semi-empirical sub-models that may be used independently, confidence in the predictive capabilities of the code is mainly obtained through validation exercises, where the sub-models work together in order to provide consistent results for the different relevant outputs in a specific scenario.

Although MAGIC can be used for general fire modeling applications, it has been intended since the beginning for nuclear power plant applications. For this reason its validation file and some of its sub-models, e.g., electrical cables, are specially adapted to this field.

It is necessary to stress the importance of the input parameters. Databases in MAGIC give consistent information to the user, who can also customize with preferential materials. MAGIC also provides some checks for the validity of the input values. However, typical fire modeling studies usually involve uncertain inputs. In those cases, the analyst's expertise and experience in the field is important for developing valid input files and obtaining consistent conclusions from the model results.



# 4

## MATHEMATICAL AND NUMERICAL ROBUSTNESS

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### 4.1 Introduction

This chapter documents the mathematical and numerical robustness of MAGIC, which involves verifying that the implementation of the model matches the stated documentation. Specifically, ASTM E1355 requires the following analyses to address the mathematical and numerical robustness of models:

- Analytical tests involve testing the correct functioning of the model. In other words, these tests use the code to solve a problem with a known mathematical solution. However, there are relatively few situations for which analytical solutions are known.
- Code checking refers to verifying the computer code on a structural basis. This verification can be achieved manually or by using a code-checking program to detect irregularities and inconsistencies within the computer code.
- Numerical tests investigate the magnitude of the residuals from the solution of a numerically solved system of equations (as an indicator of numerical accuracy) and the reduction in residuals (as an indicator of numerical convergence).

### 4.2 Mathematical and Numerical Robustness Analyses for MAGIC

MAGIC consists of a user interface and a mathematical source code models. This section covers only the second module in detail. Section 4.2.4 describes a classical quality assurance policy for the user interface.

#### 4.2.1 Comparison with Analytical Solutions

General analytical solutions do not exist for fire problems — even for the simplest cases. Nonetheless, it is possible to test specific aspects of the model in typical situations. Some studies have been performed to control the correct behavior of the following sub-models of MAGIC:

- conduction into the wall: comparison to other models and analytic solutions
- target and cable thermal behavior: consistency of the behavior in typical situations
- plumes model: comparison with the theoretical model
- vent and opening: comparison to other zone and field models
- room pressure: comparison with pressure estimated by the perfect gas law and simplified energy equation

#### **4.2.2 Code Checking and Code Quality**

In general, MAGIC is structured as shown in Figure 4-1. The code reads data in a case file (\*.cas, which can be accessed using any word processing software or the MAGIC interface itself), and initializes all of the variables for the problem. To solve the system of differential equations, the model divides time into successive intervals, and then solves the equations recursively from instant  $t_0$  (where the variables are known) and by using a recurrence formula linking instant  $t_n$  to  $t_{n+1}$ .

All the solution variables at instant  $t_n$  are obtained through Array Y (temperatures, pressure, concentrations, and gas characteristics). The 26 constituent equations related to a given room are numbered from Y(1) to Y(26).

A subroutine calculates all of the fluxes (Y') derived from the physical model implementation between  $t_n$  and  $t_{n+1}$ . This Array, Y', is transmitted to the solver for the calculation of  $t_{n+1}$ . The ordinary differential equation (ODE) solver is based on a trial-and-error process to estimate the solution variables at  $t_{n+1}$ .



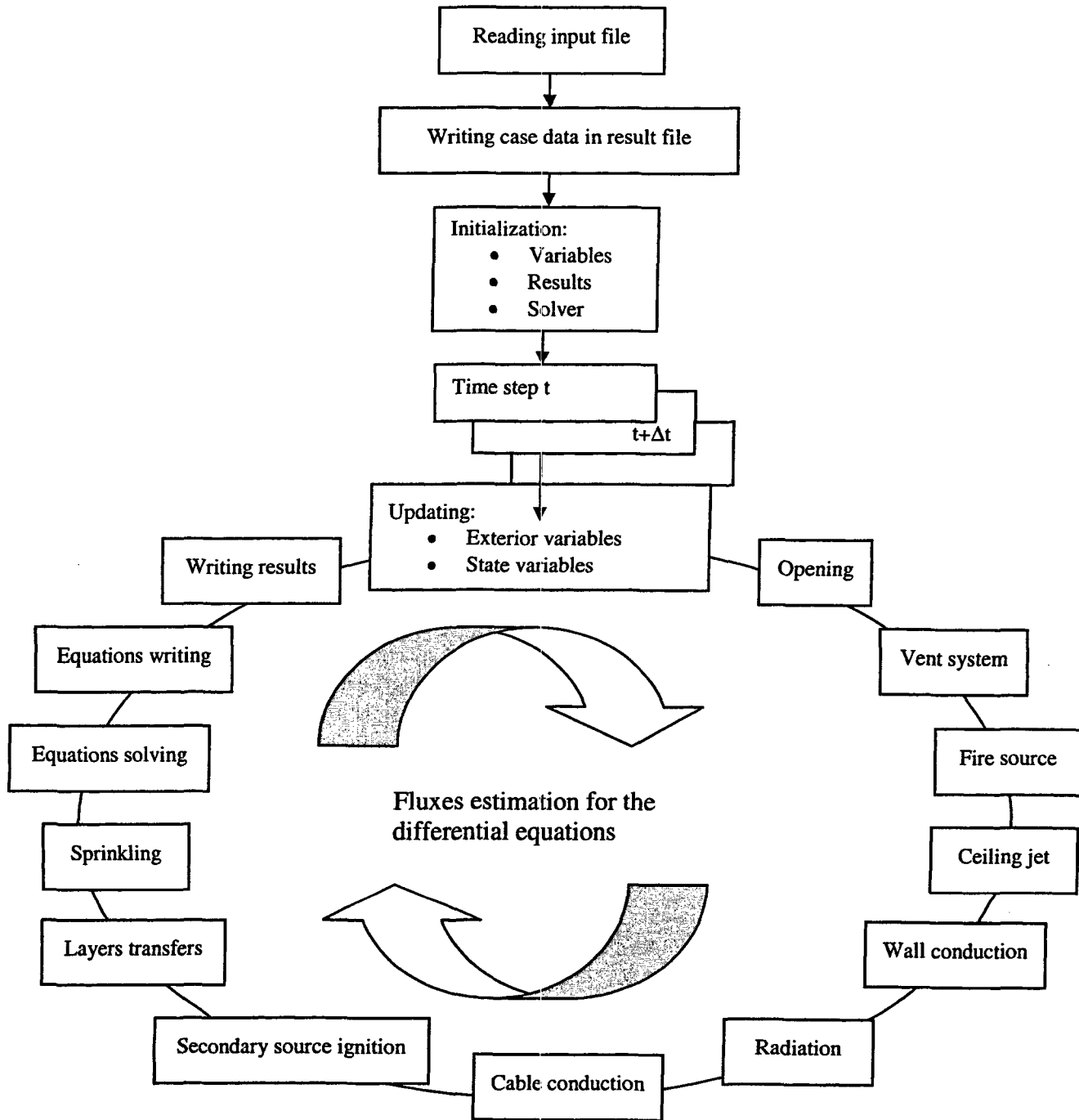


Figure 4-1: Simplified Functional Breakdown of the MAGIC Code

The equations of conduction inside the walls and cables, the sprinkler spray, and the equations of transport in the ventilation system are solved independently during the calculation cycle of transfers. All temperatures are updated at each calculation step.

The ODE system is solved using backward differential formulas (Gear method). The solver uses a specific algorithm based on the BROYDEN approach [Refs. 10 and 11]. This method is interesting because there are several distinct time scales in the resolution of the ODE. Indeed, the fire combustion is the fastest phenomenon encountered, and the transport time scale is much slower than the fire reaction. This is why a numerical resolution (such as Gear) with trial-and-error enables the model to dynamically adjust the resolution time step. If the problem presents dramatic physical changes in relatively short periods of time, the time step decreases; however, in the opposite case, the time step increases.

In addition, the BROYDEN approach is a quasi-Newton method to process the system of nonlinear algebraic equations. In this method, the Jacobean matrix is replaced by a series of “approached” matrices converging toward the exact matrix at the solution point. First, the “approached” matrix is decomposed in a product of two matrices — LU with L as the lower triangular matrix, and U as the upper triangular matrix with 1 on the diagonal (CROUT method).

The resolution makes a first iteration with the Newton method, and three iterations with the BROYDEN method. This solution enables the model to improve the convergence when the problem presents dramatic physical changes in relatively short periods of time. This method avoids recalculation of the Jacobean matrix at each iteration (thereby saving time).

The source code itself is tested with the following methods:

- First, to control robustness, the code may be compiled in several different platforms and software applications. The MAGIC code has been compiled under Microsoft Windows 2000 and Windows XP, with a variety of compilers, including Absoft Pro Fortran, Visual FORTRAN, and G77. In addition, a global update of the FORTRAN sources was performed in 2004 [Ref. 12], and aspects such as code documentation, variable glossary, and source cleanup were addressed.
- In terms of code quality, two tools have been used to control the language:
  - FOR\_STUDY from Cobalt Blue
  - PLUSFORT from Polyhedron Software

These tools confirm the consistency of variables and constants (undefined and incorrectly or redundantly declared) and use of good FORTRAN syntax.

The software quality assurance system provides a process to fix detected anomalies concerning the interface of the code. Maintenance of MAGIC is based on observation forms, which identify problems. Then, a modification form describes the problem analysis and proposed solutions. Finally, a correction form explains the chosen solution and implementation features. The project manager decides on the implementation of the correction in future versions.

### 4.2.3 Numerical Tests

For each new code version, a set of tests is used to ensure that the calculation is correct. These tests come from previous case studies. The convergence and speed of the calculation is the first step of control. Main results from the original study are then compared, and significant differences are analyzed.

Specific tests are performed in the maintenance process when new models are implemented into the code, or when existing models are corrected or improved. Those tests are not systematically conducted for new versions, but they are available in case problems arise with the model under study.

### 4.2.4 User Interface

The method used is a classical V-cycle development with tests, as illustrated in Figure 4-2.

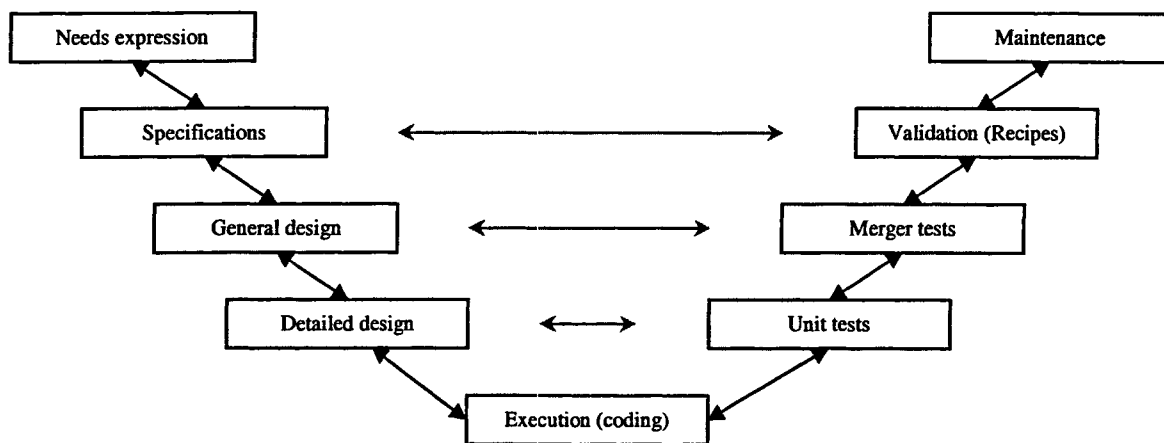


Figure 4-2: V-Cycle Representation

The code meets the corresponding specifications at each step of the cycle. The following reference documents are available:

- Conception documentation [Ref. 13] presents the general “architecture” and input/output files, and summarizes all of the class, function, and subroutine codes in the interface. The document includes a short description of objectives and parameters for each.
- Reception test framework [Ref. 14] validates all of the interface functions and enables the user to verify consistency between the specification and software.
- User reference guide [Ref. 15] presents the various interface menus and details their uses.
- Tutorials [Ref. 16] allow self-teaching through step-by-step exercises.

## 4.3 MAGIC Improvements as a Result of the V&V Process

Some improvements were made in MAGIC as a result of the V&V process. This highlights the importance of the verification and validation process including a rigorous comparison of code predictions with experimental observations. MAGIC version 4.1.1b includes the latest the

improvements resulting from the V&V. Specifically, the following MAGIC features were corrected during the V&V process:

- Improvement of the soot mass balance within the plume
- Improvement of the correlation for temperature in the flame region
- Correction of a problem in the flame length calculation when lower than the layer interface.

#### **4.4 Concluding remarks**

MAGIC has been developed to allow quick and robust calculations of typical fire conditions in single and multi-compartment building, on a standard PC platform. Calculations will be very quick (a few seconds) for simple scenarios, e.g., single room with opening and vents. Configurations with several communicating rooms (up to 24) can be managed by the code. Calculation times however are correlated to the complexity of the problem. The number of communicating rooms maybe the most influencing parameter. The use of the cable model can also have a significant "cost" on calculation time.

The development and maintenance of MAGIC is performed by EdF R&D. On average, a MAGIC revision is released once a year.

# 5

## MODEL SENSITIVITY

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This chapter discusses sensitivity analysis, which ASTM E1355 defines as a study of how changes in model parameters affect the results. In other words, sensitivity refers to the rate of change of the model output with respect to input variations. The purpose of this sensitivity analysis is twofold:

1. Test MAGIC predictive capabilities with a range of different inputs to check for consistency in the results, and
2. Compare different modeling strategies in MAGIC in support of the validation study described later in Chapter 6 and Appendix A. Specifically, two modeling strategies selected for validation includes:
  - a. The use of thermic-target (slab) sub-model in MAGIC for predicting cable surface temperature VS the use of the cable sub-model.
  - b. The use of thermic-target (slab) sub-model in MAGIC for predicting temperature and heat fluxes to room surfaces VS the use of the wall temperature sub-model.

### 5.1 Definition of Base Case Scenario for Sensitivity Analysis

Conducting a sensitivity analysis requires the definition of a base case scenario. Variations in the output of the model are measured with respect to the base case scenario.

The base case scenario for this study was analyzed in Benchmark Exercise #1 as part of an ongoing International Collaborative Fire Modeling Project (ICFMP) [Ref. 17]. This section summarizes the technical description of the scenario. (Note that only Part 1 of the benchmark exercise was selected as the base case.)

- Room
  - Length: 15.2 m (50 ft)
  - Width: 9.1 m (30 ft)
  - Height: 4.6 m (15 ft)
  - Walls: 0.15 m thick concrete (6 in)
  - Door: 2.4 m x 2.4 m (62 ft<sup>2</sup>)
  - Mechanical ventilation: 5 air changes per hour
  - Vent size: 0.5 m<sup>2</sup> (5.4 ft<sup>2</sup>)
  - Vent elevation: 2.4 m (7.9 ft)
- Target
  - Cable Tray A: 0.6 m wide, 0.08 m deep
  - Elevation (cable tray A): 2.3 m, 0.9 m off the right wall of the room

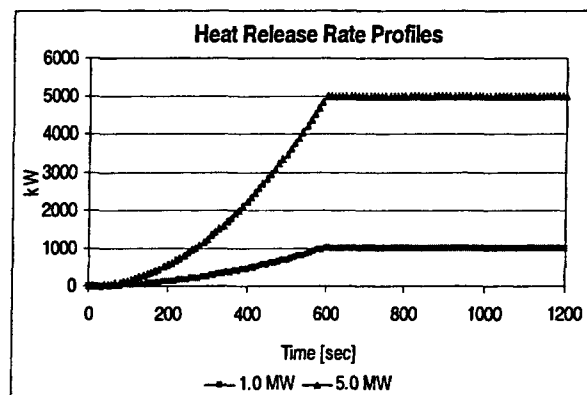
*Model Sensitivity*

- Cable Tray B: 0.6 m wide, 0.08 m deep
- Elevation (Cable Tray B): 2.3 m, along the left wall of the room
  
- Material properties for concrete
  - Specific heat: 1,000 J/kg-K
  - Thermal conductivity: 1.75 W/m-K
  - Density: 2200 kg/m<sup>3</sup>
  - Emissivity: 0.95
  
- Material properties for cables (targets): See Table 5-1.

**Table 5-1: Material Properties for Cables**

Material	Thermal cond [kW/mK]	Density [kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	Cp [kJ/Kg-k]
XPE	0.00021	1375	1.566
PVC	0.000147	1380	1.469

- Ambient conditions
  - Temperature: 27 C (81 F)
  - Relative humidity: 50%
  - Pressure: 101,300 Pa
  - Elevation: 0
  - Wind speed: 0
  
- Fire (heat release rate): The fire heat release rate was assumed to have a  $t^2$  growth profile. The fire reaches its peak intensity in 600 seconds. Two peak intensities (1.0 MW and 5.0 MW) were selected for this sensitivity analysis, in order to explore different MAGIC features and capabilities. For example, fire intensity capable of consuming all of the oxygen in the enclosure allows the sensitivity analysis to explore situations that exercise MAGIC's extinction model. Figure 5-1 illustrates the two heat release rate profiles.



**Figure 5-1: Selected Heat Release Rate Profiles**

## 5.2 Sensitivity Analysis

A total of 16 MAGIC simulations were conducted for this sensitivity analysis. A key input parameter was modified in each run in order to explore MAGIC's capabilities and sensitivities with respect to input parameters. Note, however, that MAGIC requires numerous input parameters, and this study did not analyze all of those input parameters and their combinations. Instead, the researchers selected key parameters relevant to typical commercial NPP fire scenarios. Table 5-2 summarizes the 16 MAGIC fire simulations selected for sensitivity analysis.

**Table 5-2: Summary of MAGIC Simulations Selected for Sensitivity Analysis**

Case	Heat Release Rate [kW]	Natural Ventilation [m <sup>2</sup> ]	Mech. Ventilation [m <sup>3</sup> /s]	Lower Oxygen Limit [%]	Fuel Type	Vertical Fire Position	Horizontal Fire Position
1	1000	0.015	0	0	Heptane	Floor	Center
2	1000	0.015	0.88	0	Heptane	Floor	Center
3	1000	0.015	0	10	Heptane	Floor	Center
4	1000	0.015	0.88	10	Heptane	Floor	Center
5	1000	5.76	0	0	Heptane	Floor	Center
6	1000	5.76	0	0	Toluene	Floor	Center
7	1000	5.76	0	0	Heptane	0.5H	Center
8	1000	5.76	0	0	Heptane	Floor	0.25W
9	5000	0.015	0	0	Heptane	Floor	Center
10	5000	0.015	0.88	0	Heptane	Floor	Center
11	5000	0.015	0	10	Heptane	Floor	Center
12	5000	0.015	0.88	10	Heptane	Floor	Center
13	5000	5.76	0	0	Heptane	Floor	Center
14	5000	5.76	0	0	Toluene	Floor	Center
15	5000	5.76	0	0	Heptane	0.5H	Center
16	5000	5.76	0	0	Heptane	Floor	0.25W

The first eight simulations were conducted with the assumption of a peak fire intensity of 1.0 MW. The researchers varied parameters affecting the size of the ventilation openings, the mechanical ventilation system, the fuel type, and the fire location, in order to explore their effects on selected results. Simulations 9–16 are identical to the first eight, but with a peak fire intensity of 5.0 MW. Targets of both PVC and XPL material were specified in the computational domain. Therefore, sensitivities to thermo-physical properties of targets can be explored in each of the analyzed cases. Figure 5-2 provides a pictorial representation of the fire scenario selected for sensitivity analysis, as defined in MAGIC.

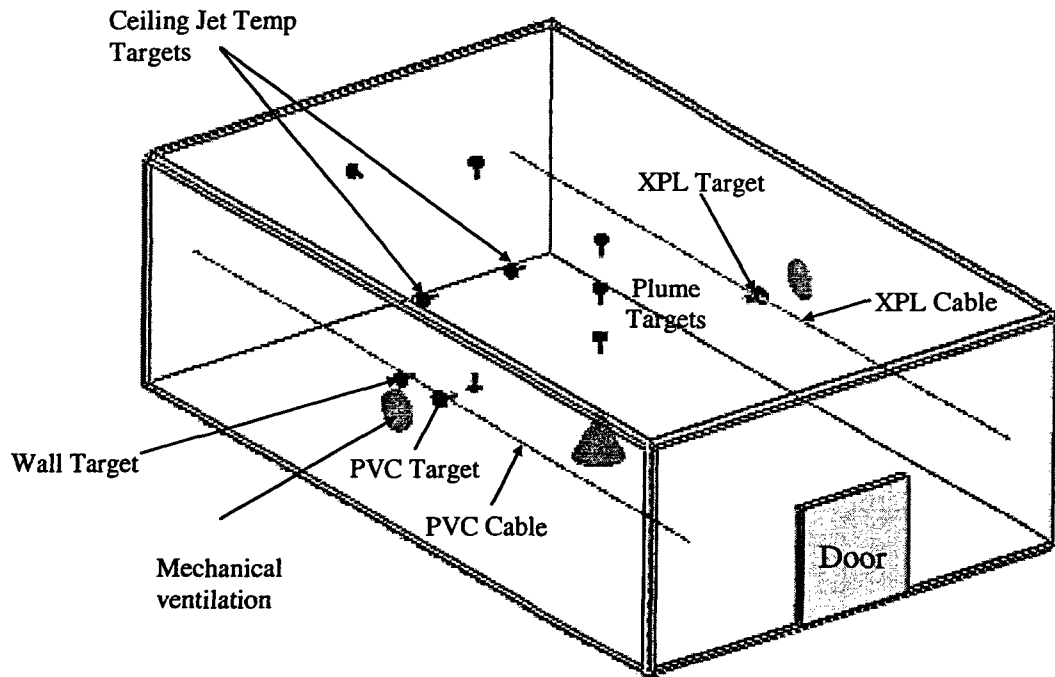


Figure 5-2: Problem Specification in MAGIC

The sensitivity analysis and its results are classified by relevant fire-modeling attributes selected for this V&V study, as presented in the following sections.

### 5.2.1 Hot Gas Layer Temperature and Height

The hot gas layer temperature is perhaps the single most important output of a zone model, since it is the direct result of the energy and mass balance in the upper control volume. In general, the hot gas layer temperature is affected by the fire intensity, natural and mechanical ventilation characteristics, and material properties of the room. This study analyzed the effect of the first three groups of inputs on the hot gas layer temperature. The properties of the wall were not evaluated, since most NPP fire scenarios involve concrete rooms.

Figure 5-3 summarizes the hot gas layer temperature profiles for selected cases in the sensitivity analysis. The first group of profiles (Cases 1, 2, and 5) was associated with a heat release rate of 1.0 MW, and the predicted hot gas layer temperature was just below 140 °C. Notice that the temperature profile is similar to the heat release rate. That is, once the fire reaches steady-state at 600 seconds, the temperature profile is almost steady.

The second group of profiles (Cases 9, 10 and 13) reached temperatures just below 350 °C. Notice that the profiles for Cases 9 and 10 show decay after 600 seconds, which is attributed to a reduction in the heat release rate as a result of low oxygen concentration. Recall that only air leakages were assumed in these two simulations. Notice that Case 13 was not affected by the amount of oxygen because the door was open and fresh air was constantly moving into the enclosure.



In summary, although it is generally obvious that the heat release rate affects the hot gas layer temperature, higher fire intensities consume additional oxygen, which may prevent the fire from burning at its specified heat release rate.

The hot gas layer height output is directly associated with the hot gas layer temperature, as it is also a direct output of the energy and mass balance in the upper control volume. This output result is also generally affected by the same input parameters as the hot gas layer temperature.

Figure 5-3 also illustrates a selected set of hot gas layer heights. Notice two distinctive sets of results. First, the profiles for Cases 1, 2, 9, and 10 reached the floor of the room. Those cases consist of fire simulations that assume a small leakage area below the door (closed door simulation). In Cases 5 and 13, the hot gas layer did not reach the floor, because the door was assumed to be open. As expected, the layer interface in Case 13 leveled lower than the one in Case 5, because of the higher heat release rate.

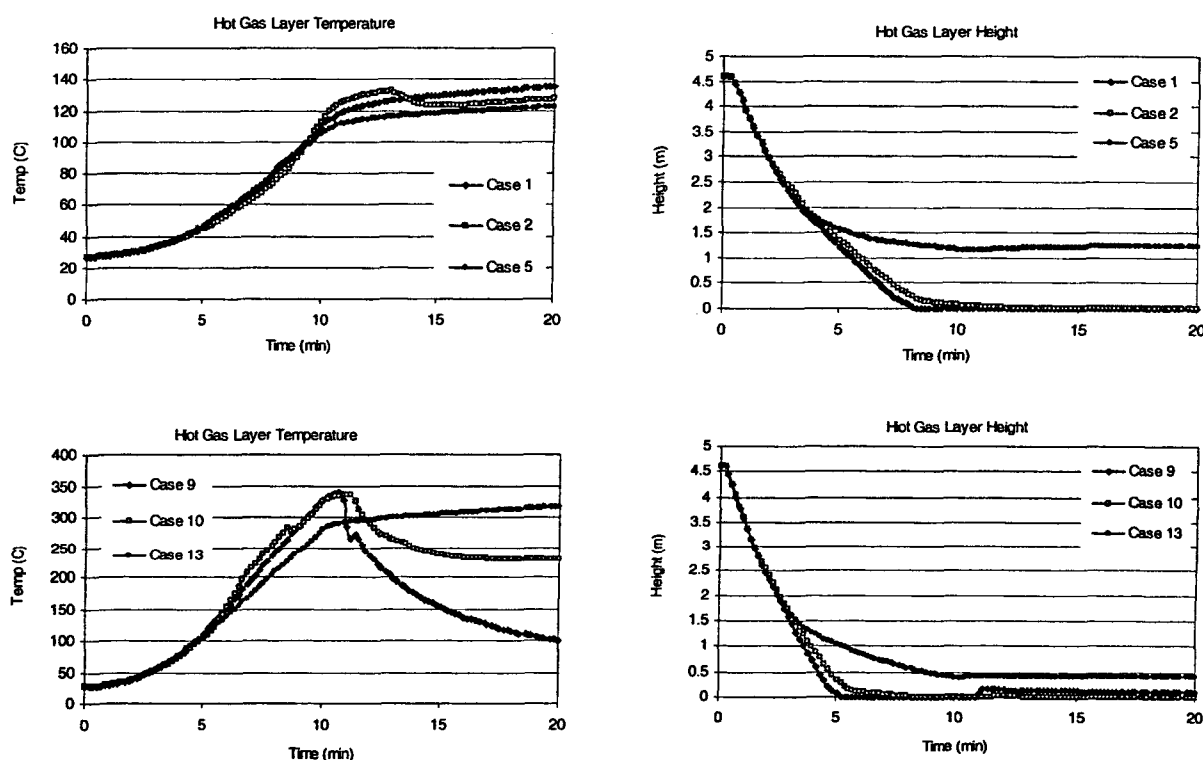


Figure 5-3: Hot Gas Layer Temperature Profiles

### 5.2.2 Ceiling Jet Temperature

Two sensors were specified in MAGIC's computational domain to record the gas temperature at the specified locations. Figure 5-4 illustrates selected ceiling jet temperature profiles.

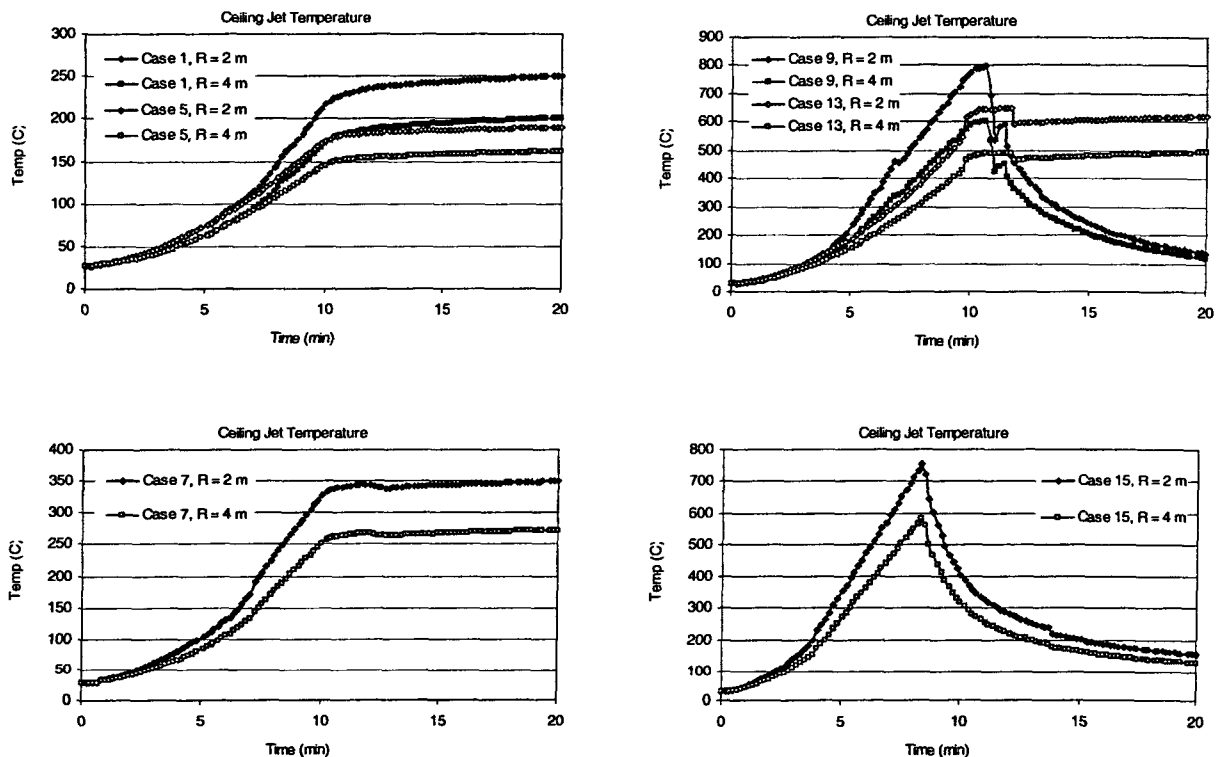


Figure 5-4: Ceiling Jet Temperature Profiles

MAGIC performed as expected. First, for each case, the temperature at a larger radial distance, R, was lower than at a shorter R. Second, the ceiling jet temperature was higher than the predicted hot gas layer temperatures for the respective cases. For example, at a relatively large radial distance from the fire, R = 4 m, the ceiling jet temperature was just above 150 °C in Case 5. Recall that the predicted hot gas layer temperature for Case 5 was below 150 °C. Another interesting observation is that the ceiling jet temperatures are higher in the closed room simulation (Case 1), compared to the open room simulation (Case 5). This behavior was also observed in the corresponding simulations with a 5-MW heat release rate. Consider, for example, the ceiling jet temperature profiles for Case 9. In this case, with an input heat release rate of 5.0 MW, the peak ceiling jet temperatures were above 600 °C. The decaying nature of the heat release rate profile (resulting from an oxygen-limited environment) is also reflected, similar to the one observed for hot gas layer temperature.

Finally, Cases 7 and 15 are also relevant to the ceiling jet temperature. In this case, the input parameter of interest is the fire elevation (as opposed to the horizontal radial distance and heat release rate). For a fire located 2.3 m above the floor, the ceiling jet temperatures were above 250 °C. Case 5, which had identical conditions but with a floor base fire, resulted in temperatures more than 50 °C lower. Figure 5-4 illustrates the temperature profiles for the ceiling jet in Cases 7 and 15.

### **5.2.3 Plume Temperature**

Three plume temperature sensors were specified in MAGIC's computational domain, as illustrated in Figure 5-3. The input parameters included in the sensitivity analysis were the elevation of the sensor above the fire and fire intensity. MAGIC again performed as expected. Specifically, plume temperatures were lower as the elevation above the fire increased, temperatures were higher for higher heat release rate profiles, and temperatures were higher than the corresponding hot gas layer temperatures for evaluated cases. Figures 5-5 illustrates the plume temperature profiles for Cases 1 and 9, respectively.

Two important observations can be made regarding Figure 5-5. First, the plume temperature for the lowest sensor ( $z = 2.5$  m) in Case 1 reached values above  $700$  °C. This is a clear indication that the sensor is just outside the steady flame region of the fire. In Case 9, however, where the fire intensity was  $5.0$  MW, all peak plume temperatures were above  $1,000$  °C. These values should be interpreted as sensors immersed in flames.

In the case of a fire elevated  $2.3$  m from the floor, MAGIC predicted plume temperatures on the order of thousands of degrees for the lowest two sensors. Peak flame temperatures are generally on the order of  $1,500$  °C.

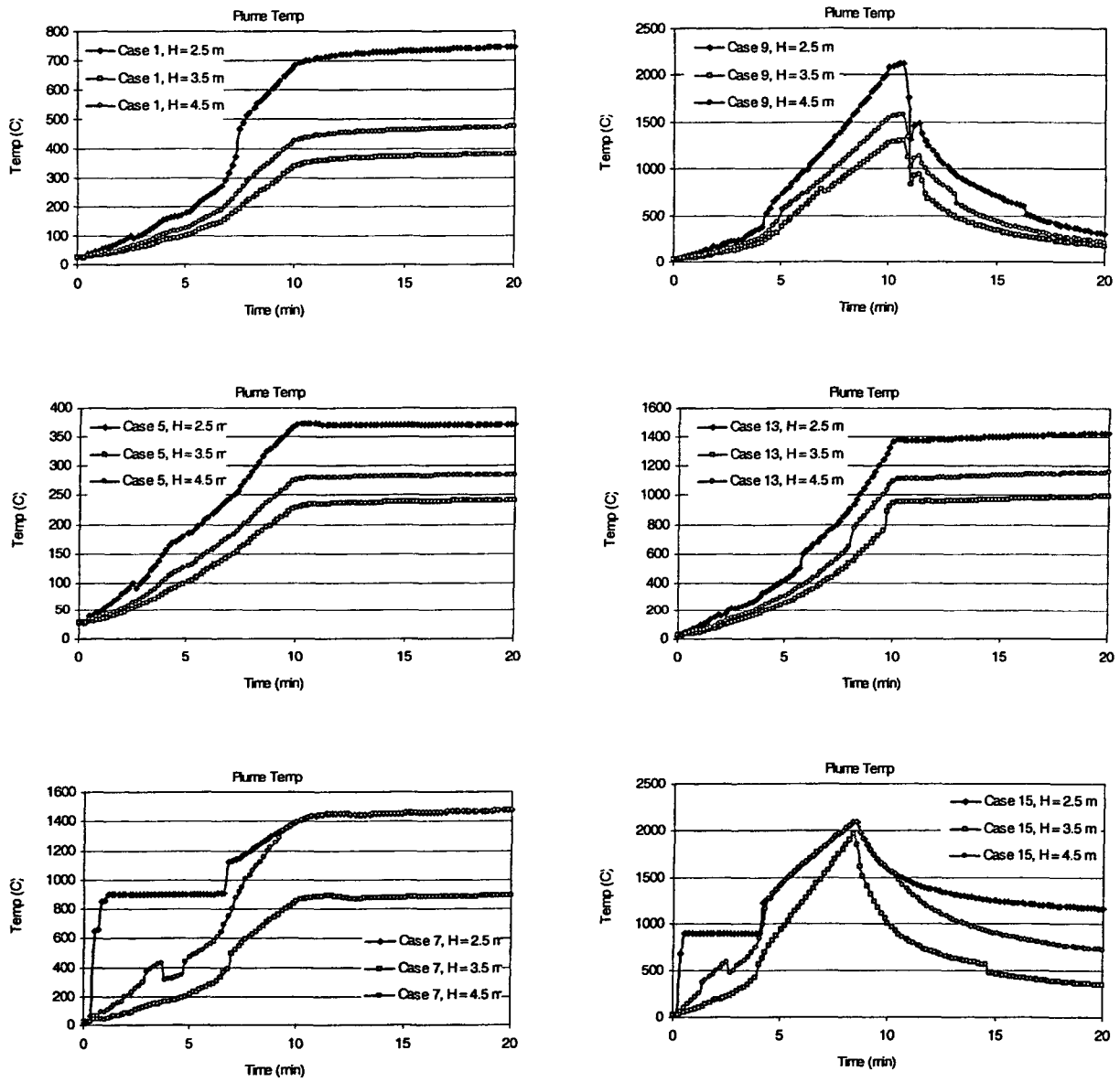


Figure 5-5: Plume Temperature Profiles

### 5.2.4 Flame Height

The flame height results illustrated in Figure 5-6 suggest two observations. First, the flame presents a linear growth during the  $t^2$  growth period of the fire. Flame height are constant during the steady burning period. Second, notice that MAGIC predicted flame heights above the ceiling height of 4.6 m in Cases 9 and 13.

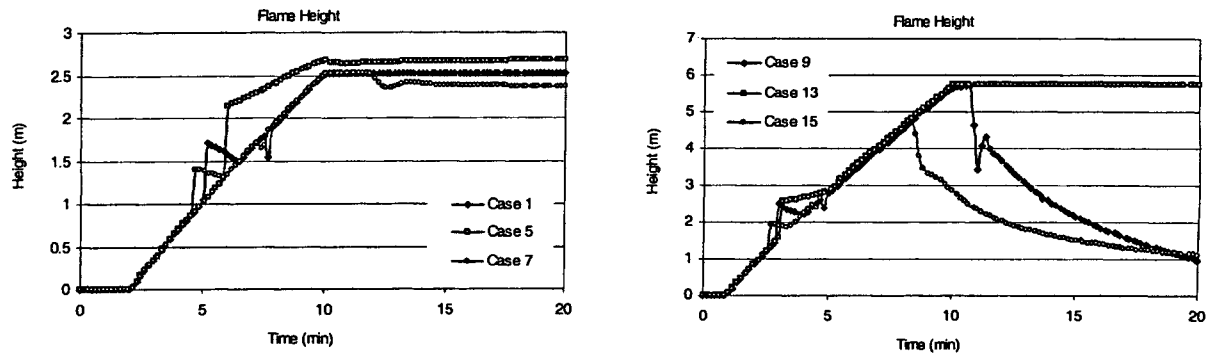


Figure 5-6: Flame Height Profiles

### 5.2.5 Oxygen Concentration

Two important aspects of modeling oxygen concentrations in commercial NPP scenarios are the amount of oxygen available for combustion in the room and the lower oxygen limit (LOL). These two aspects are, of course, closely related. In terms of the oxygen available for combustion, the fire consumes whatever oxygen is available. As long as there is oxygen above the LOL, the fire will burn at its specified heat release rate. The larger the heat release rate, the larger the amount of the consumed oxygen. Natural and mechanical ventilation conditions will affect the amount of oxygen available. The LOL is a user input, and the most conservative value is 0 percent. That is, the fire will burn with an intensity governed by the amount of oxygen or fuel until all the oxygen in the room has been consumed.

Figure 5-7 illustrates the oxygen concentration profile for Cases 5 and 13, which are simulations with one open door. Notice that the concentration was well above 10 percent. As expected, Case 13 showed a lower oxygen concentration because of the higher heat release rate.

The mechanical ventilation effects in oxygen concentration profiles can be observed in Figure 5-7. Notice that there is more oxygen in Cases 2 and 10, in which the mechanical ventilation system (both injection and extraction) was operating.

However, the effects of low oxygen concentration on the heat release rate can be observed in simulations with closed doors (specifically Cases 9 and 11). Figure 5-7 compiles the results. The heat release rate for these cases can be read in the right y-axis. Notice that in Case 9, where the LOL is 0 percent, the heat release rate begins to decay when the oxygen concentration is 0 percent. In Case 11, where the LOL is 10 percent, the heat release rate begins to decay

at 550 seconds, when the oxygen concentration is 10 percent. It is interesting to note that the two oxygen concentration profiles are identical up to 10 percent. At that point, the fire in Case 9 maintains its original intensity and, therefore, consumes more oxygen than the fire in Case 11.

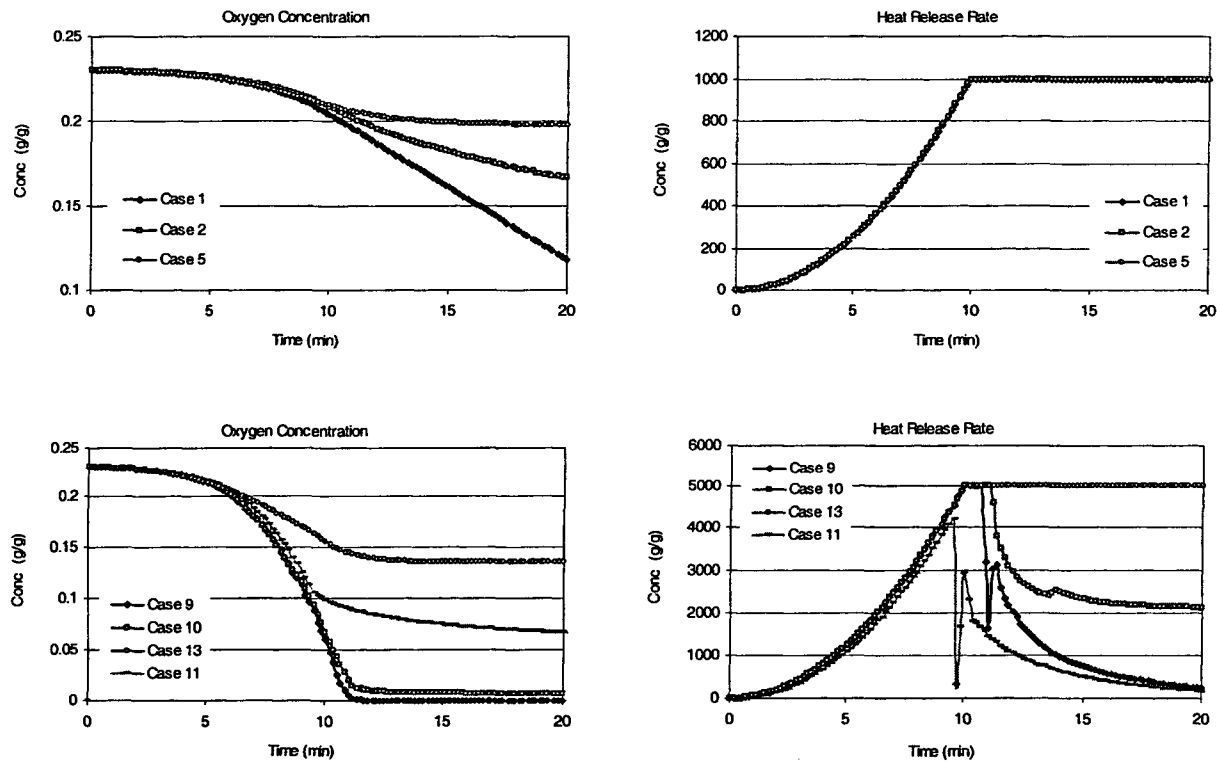


Figure 5-7: Oxygen Concentration Profiles

### 5.2.6 Smoke Concentration

The relevant output for smoke concentration in MAGIC is average extinction coefficient,  $k$ , with units of  $1/m$ . Average specific area is also available [Ref. 17], which can be also a way to input soot yield using a conversion factor of 7600 ( $y_s = k/0.0076$ ) [Ref.18]. The average extinction coefficient can be converted to concentration in units of  $mg/m^3$  or visibility in units of  $m$  with relatively simple algebraic manipulations. For the purpose of NPP applications, visibility would be the most relevant output. Recall from Ref. 1 that the average extinction coefficient correlates linearly with visibility, based on the equation  $S = 3/k$  for a light-reflecting object, or  $S = 8/k$  for a light-emitting object, where  $S$  is the visibility distance in  $m$ .

In this sensitivity analysis, Case studies 5, 6, 13 and 14 are relevant to visibility. In those cases, the fuel was varied from heptane to toluene in order to explore the effects on the average extinction coefficient. The MAGIC input governing the average extinction coefficient is the specific area,  $s$ , which has units of  $m^2/kg$ . The specific area for heptane is  $106.4 m^2/kg$ , while the value for toluene is  $1482 m^2/kg$ .

Figure 5-8 summarizes the average extinction coefficient results. Cases 5 and 6 are associated with a 1.0-MW fire, while Cases 13 and 14 are associated with a 5.0-MW fire. As expected, the highest extinction coefficient resulted from the toluene fuel burning at an intensity of 5.0 MW.

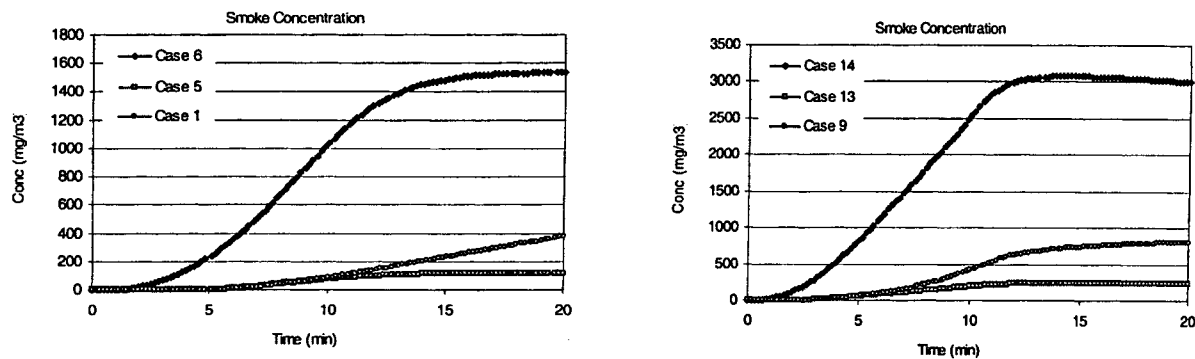


Figure 5-8: Smoke concentration profiles

### 5.2.7 Room Pressure

In addition to the variations in heat release rate, the room openings varied from a leakage path of  $0.015 \text{ m}^2$  to a  $5.76\text{-m}^2$  open door in order to explore the impact on room pressure. Figure 5-9 illustrates the pressure profiles for Cases 1, 5, 9, and 13, which were simulations with closed (only leakage paths) and open doors for the two heat release rates selected for the study. Given the differences in magnitude, profiles for Cases 5 and 13 should be read on the right y-axis.

In open door simulations (Cases 5 and 13) the pressure at the floor was negative, indicating that fresh air was moving into the enclosure. Recall that the hot gas layer in these simulations did not reach the floor. The region below this hot gas layer interface is associated with the negative pressure profiles in Figure 5-9. In terms of sensitivity to heat release rate, the 5.0-MW fire (Case 13) resulted in higher negative pressure, indicating that air would move into the room at higher velocities than in the case of the 1.0-MW fire. It is interesting to note that the pressurization levels are on the order of Pascals.

By contrast, for rooms with only leakage paths, the pressure profiles were positive (for the most part) and on the order of thousands of Pascals. This is an indication that flows are moving out of the room through the leakage paths. In addition, notice that Case 9 had a negative pressure spike after 600 seconds. As shown in Figure 5-9, this is the time when the heat release rate suddenly decays as a result of an oxygen-limited environment. This pressure spike is attributable to sudden change in heat release rate. At this point, the heat lost to the boundaries is greater than the heat generated by the fire. After this spike, air begins to move into the enclosure through the leakage paths, and the fire is able to burn with an intensity governed by the amount of air drawn into the room. This spike was not observed in Case 1 because the fire had enough oxygen to burn at its specified intensity.

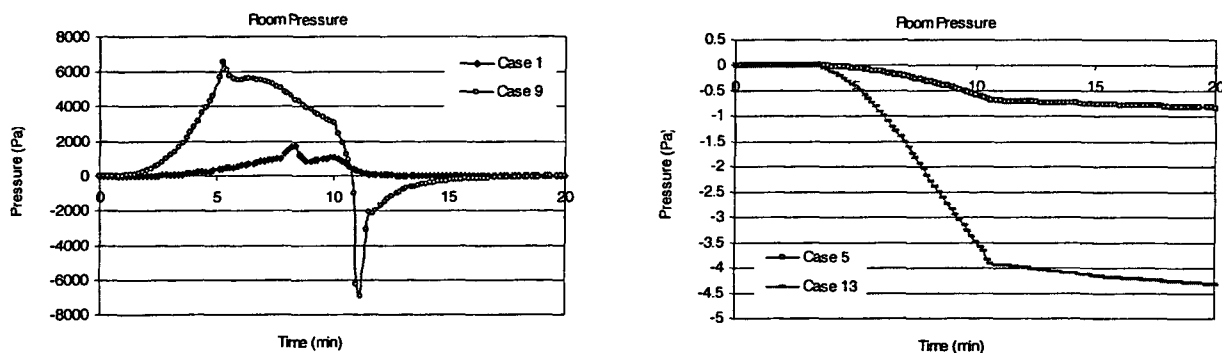


Figure 5-9: Room Pressure Profiles

### 5.2.8 Target Temperature and Heat Flux

Of primary interest in NPP applications are the effects of the cables' thermo-physical properties on the predicted surface temperature. As illustrated in Figure 5-2, this analysis included two types of cables (XPE and PVC). The two cables have different material properties. The effects of the material properties were explored by comparing surface temperature results for Cases 1 and 9. The only difference between these two cases was the fire heat release rate. As depicted in Figure 5-11, the selected material properties did not have a significant impact on the surface temperature profile. Notice that the profiles are almost identical for the XPE and PVC targets in both cases. However, the damage or ignition temperature was an important distinction.

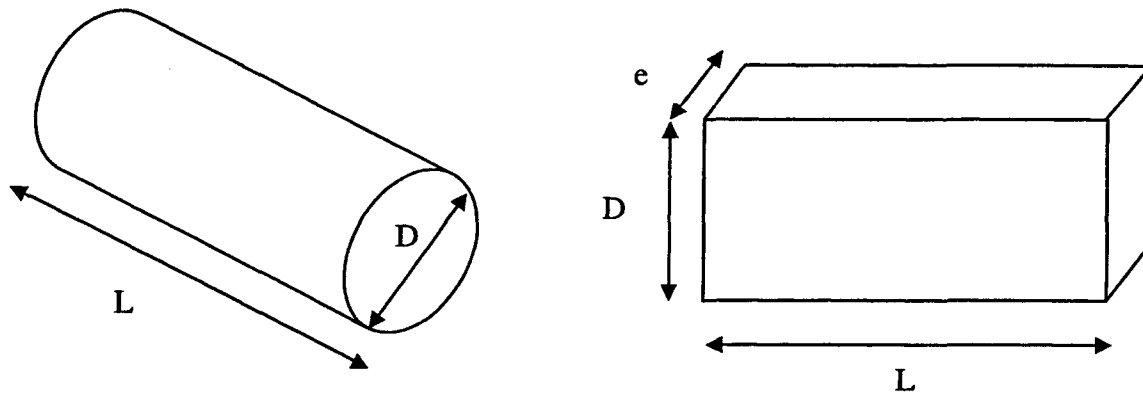
Another important aspect of evaluating target response in NPP fire scenarios is the difference between gas temperatures at the location of the target and the surface temperature of that target. MAGIC provides both results as part of its output library, and Figure 5-11 illustrates this comparison. In Case 9, the gas temperature was higher than the surface temperature for the first 800 seconds of the simulation, and the highest temperature difference was just above 100 °C. The temperatures then converged when the fire was well into its decay stage. By contrast, the gas temperature was always higher than the surface temperature throughout the simulation in Case 1 and the temperature difference was around 50 °C.

MAGIC offers two modeling alternatives for predicting cable temperature as a thermal target or a cable. This section compares the two alternatives. The fundamental difference between the two alternatives is that a cable is treated as a cylinder, while a thermal target is treated as a slab. This shape difference requires the following computational distinctions:

- numerical resolution one-dimensional plane for targets and one-dimensional cylinder for cables
- convective heat exchange coefficient on a plane or cylindrical surface
- configuration factors for the radiative flux calculation

In the following example, a cable is compared to a target. The target is considered similar because the thickness of the target (1) is equal to the radius of the cable, and (2) is calculated conserving the same surface-to-volume ratio. Figure 5-10 illustrates the cable and target.





	Cable	Target
Surface Area	$\pi DL$	$DL$
Volume	$\pi \frac{D^2}{4} L$	$DLe$

Figure 5-10: Equivalence between Cable and Targets

The surface-to-volume ratio gives a thickness target value of  $e = \frac{D}{4}$ . Figure 5-11 above also includes temperature profiles with targets with thicknesses  $D/4$  and  $D/2$ . Targets with thickness  $D/4$  resulted with the highest surface temperature.

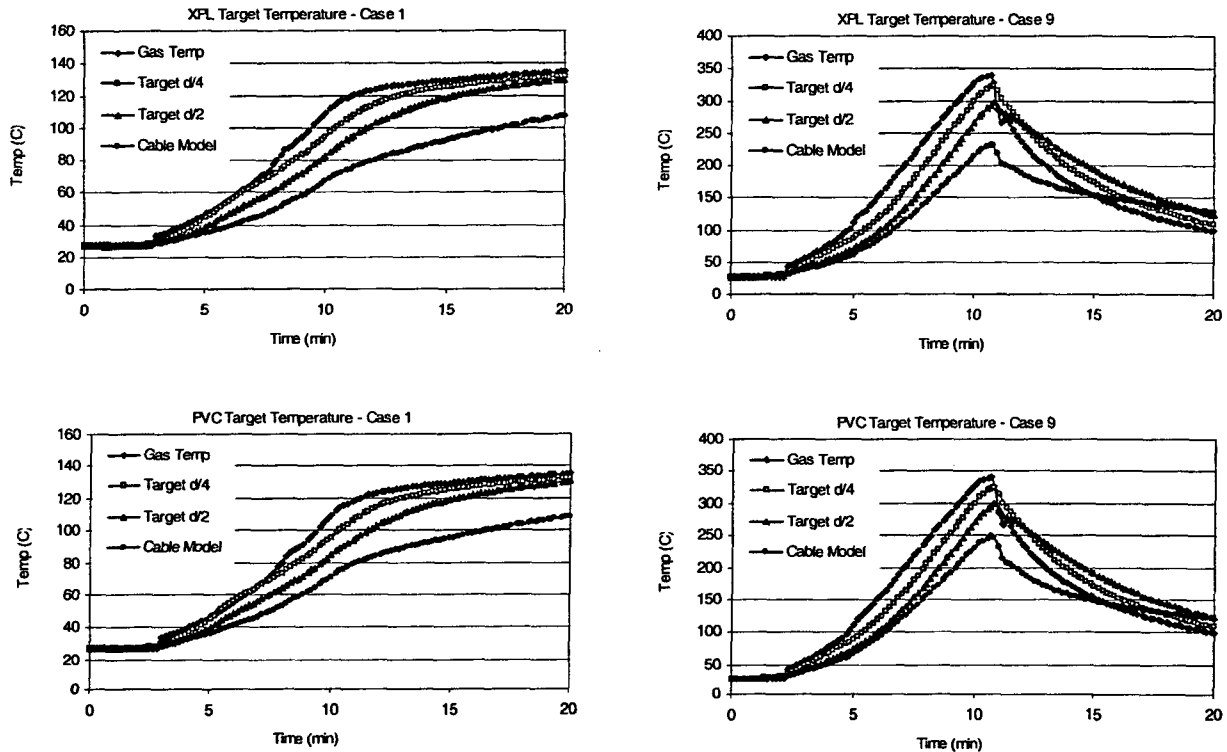


Figure 5-11: Target temperature profiles

In terms of heat flux, the MAGIC output options “Total heat flux” and “Incident heat flux” are relevant in this study. The former is the total radiative and convective heat flux contributions to the target. The later is total radiative heat flux received by the target. The thickness of the target does not affect these output options.

As illustrated in Figure 5-2, PVC and XPE targets were located 3.55 m away from the fire, and the elevation of both targets was 2.3 m. In MAGIC, these targets serve as sensors and record thermal conditions in their specified location. Each case study exhibited the identical predicted heat flux to each target type. That is, given the symmetrical arrangement of targets relative to the fire source, both XPE and PVC targets receive the same radiated heat flux in each case. As expected, the total heat flux is higher than the Incident heat flux due to the contribution of the convective heat transfer.

Finally, the fuel type appears to have some effect on thermal radiation levels. According to the results, the simulations conducted with heptane fires produced higher heat fluxes than the corresponding simulations conducted with toluene fires (Cases 6 & 14), although the magnitude differences were less than 1 kW/m<sup>2</sup>. Figures 5-12 and 5-13 compile the graphical results.

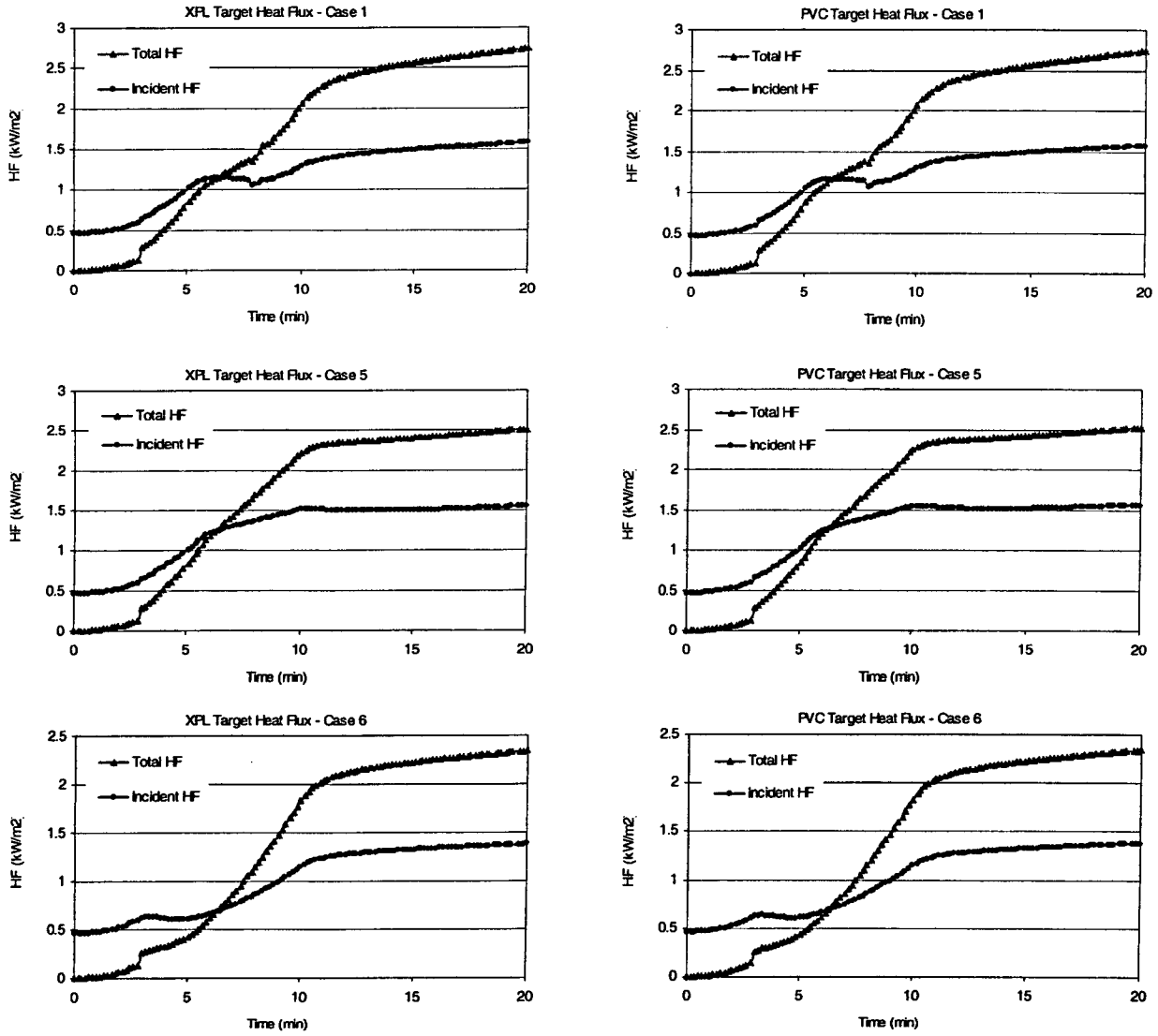


Figure 5-12: Target heat flux profiles, 1MW fire.

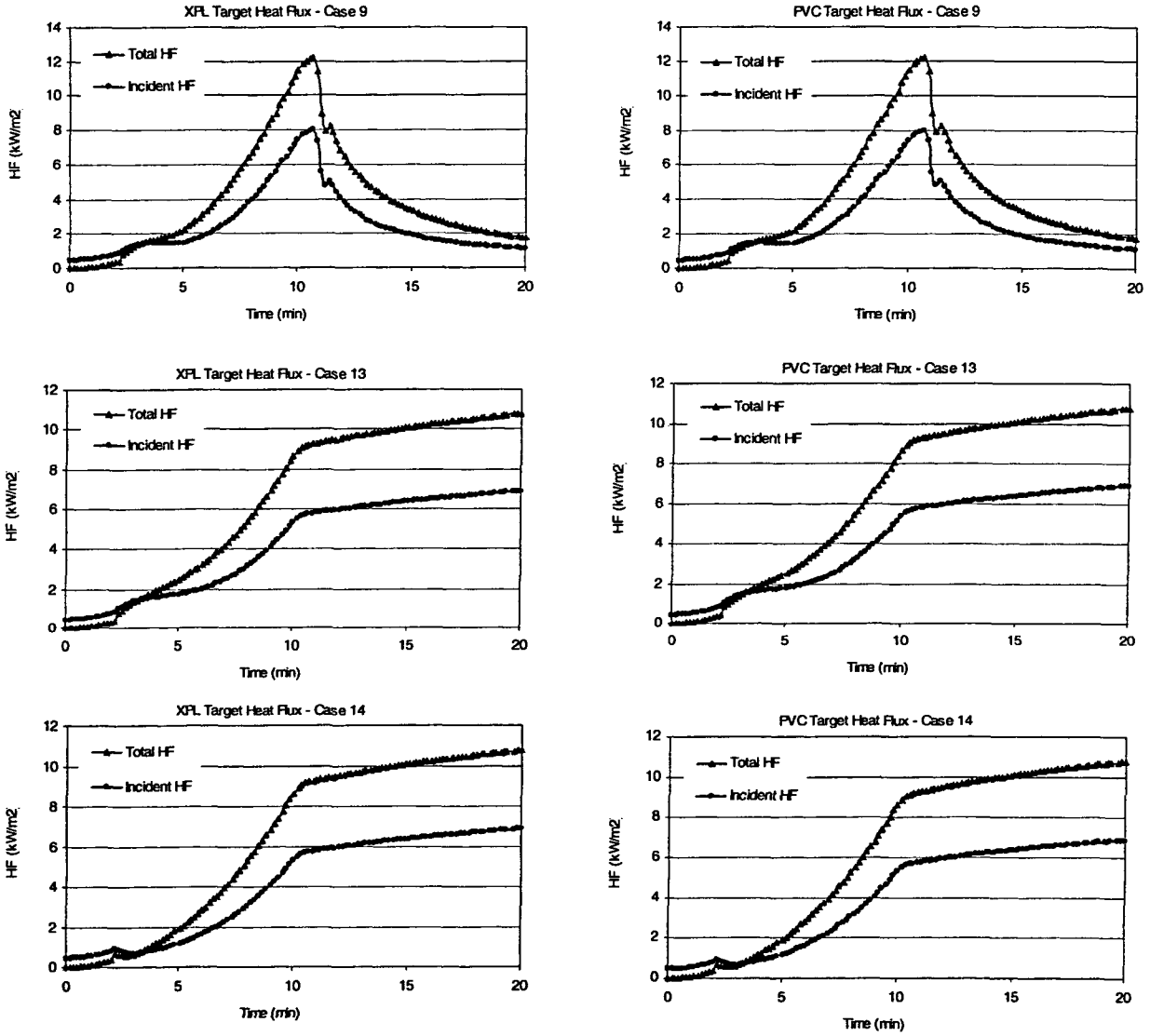


Figure 5-13: Target heat flux profiles, 5MW fire.

### **5.2.9 Wall Temperature**

Figures 5-14 and 5-15 summarize a comparison between the use on MAGIC output options “Wall Temperature”, and “Surface Temperature of the target”. The output “Wall temperature” results from a one dimensional finite difference conduction calculation in to the walls. The internal boundary condition is the thermal properties of the gas in contact with the particular wall surface (upper or lower gas layer). The “Surface temperature of the target” output option results from a conduction calculation into a slab of similar thickness as the wall.

This comparison is important because the validation study described in Chapter 6 for wall temperature was developed using the later option. That is, virtual sensors in MAGIC, e.g., targets, were specified in the same location as the wall thermocouples in the experimental series. The targets were specified with the same thermo-physical properties and thickness as the walls. The only difference in the specification is the emissivity. The targets had an emmissivity of 0.95 and MAGIC does not require emissivity as a wall property input.

Results suggests that the use of the “Target” feature in MAGIC to predict wall surface temperature can produce higher temperatures with the exception of the floor surface in open door tests. In the cases ran with a 1 MW fire, the temperature difference between both modeling strategies is approximately 10 °C. In cases ran with a 5 MW fire, the temperature difference is between 40 °C and 60 °C.

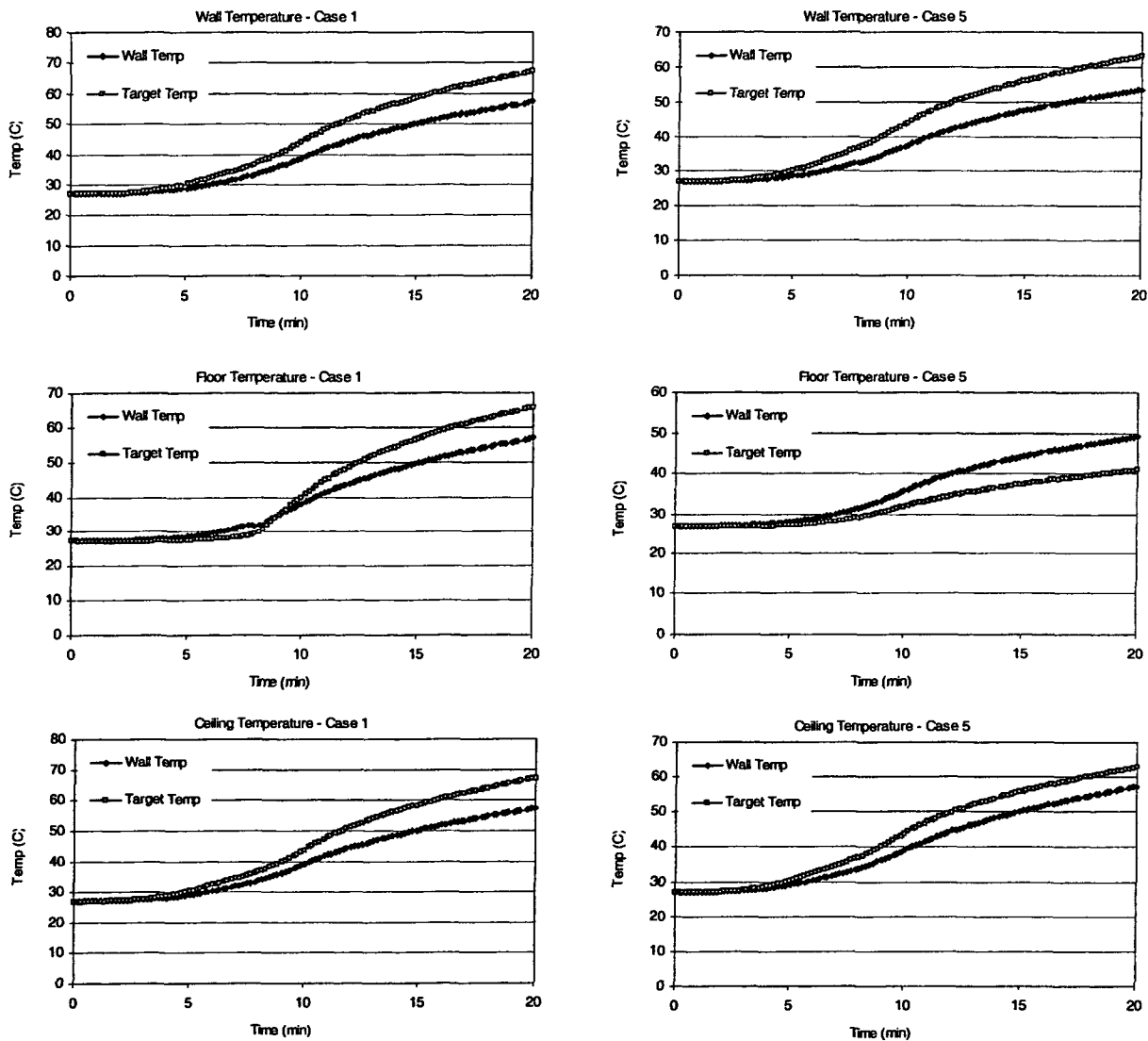


Figure 5-14: Target temperature vs. wall temperature, 1 MW fire

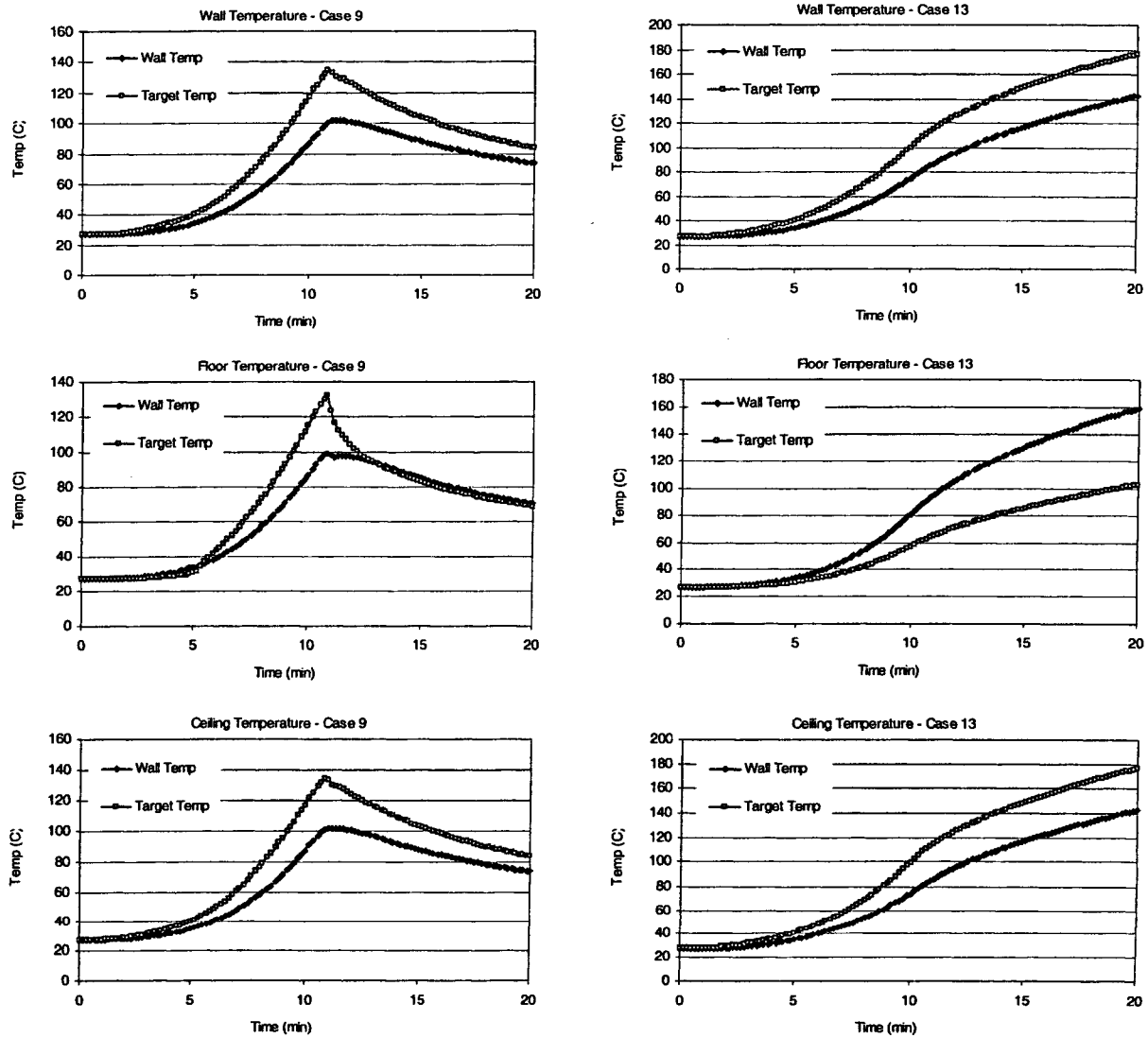


Figure 5-15: Target temperature vs. wall temperature, 5MW fire

### **5.3 Concluding Remarks**

This chapter illustrates the effect of the most important parameters in fire modeling with the code MAGIC. The set of models included in MAGIC are intended to translate the impact of those parameters on the fire-generated conditions in a compartment. It is therefore important to understand the effects the input parameters have in the predicted fire conditions considering that the simulation results are simplifications and idealizations of real fire induced temperatures and flows.

It is difficult to generalize which input parameters are more important than others since it depends on specific applications, and most (if not all) of the parameters are mathematically related. As illustrated in the chapter, different parameters are important for different sub-models. In most applications, the fire modeling analyst will need to determine which outputs are relevant for the scenario under evaluation, which parameters will affect those outputs, and how variations in those parameters will impact the conclusions made from the simulation results.



# 6

## MODEL VALIDATION

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This chapter summarizes the results of a validation study conducted for the zone model MAGIC, in which its predictions are compared with measurements collected from six sets of large-scale fire experiments. A brief description of each set of experiments is given here. Further details can be found in Volume 7 and in the individual test reports.

ICFMP BE #2: Benchmark Exercise #2 consists of 8 experiments, representing 3 sets of conditions, to study the movement of smoke in a large hall with a sloped ceiling. The results of the experiments were contributed to the International Collaborative Fire Model Project (ICFMP) for use in evaluating model predictions of fires in larger volumes representative of turbine halls in NPPs. The tests were conducted inside the VTT Fire Test Hall, which has dimensions of 19 m high by 27 m long by 14 m wide (62 ft x 88.5 ft x 46 ft). Each case involved a single heptane pool fire, ranging from 2 MW to 4 MW.

ICFMP BE #3: Benchmark Exercise #3, conducted as part of the International Collaborative Fire Model Project (ICFMP) and sponsored by the US NRC, consists of 15 large-scale tests performed at NIST in June, 2003. The fire sizes range from 350 kW to 2.2 MW in a compartment with dimensions 21.7 m x 7.1 m x 3.8 m (71 ft x 23 ft x 12.5 ft), designed to represent a variety of spaces in a NPP containing power and control cables. The walls and ceiling are covered with two layers of 25 mm thick marine boards, while the floor is covered with two layers of 25 mm thick gypsum boards. The room has one 2 m x 2 m (6.6 ft x 6.6 ft) door and a mechanical air injection and extraction system. Ventilation conditions and fire size and location are varied, and the numerous experimental measurements include gas and surface temperatures, heat fluxes, and gas velocities.

ICFMP BE #4: Benchmark Exercise #4 consists of kerosene pool fire experiments conducted at the Institut für Baustoffe, Massivbau und Brandschutz (iBMB) of the Braunschweig University of Technology in Germany. The results of two experiments were contributed to the International Collaborative Fire Model Project (ICFMP). These fire experiments involve relatively large fires in a relatively small (3.6 m x 3.6 m x 5.7 m high, 11.8 ft x 11.8 ft x 18.7 ft) concrete enclosure. Only one of the two experiments was selected for the present V&V study (Test 1).

ICFMP BE #5: Benchmark Exercise #5 consists of fire experiments conducted with realistically routed cable trays in the same test compartment as BE #4. Only one test (Test 4) was selected for the present evaluation, and only the first 20 min during which time an ethanol pool fire preheats the compartment.

FM/SNL Series: The Factory Mutual & Sandia National Laboratories (FM/SNL) Test Series is a series of 25 fire tests conducted for the NRC by Factory Mutual Research Corporation (FMRC), under the direction of Sandia National Laboratories (SNL). The primary purpose of these tests was to provide data with which to validate computer models for various types of NPP compartments. The experiments were conducted in an enclosure measuring 60 ft long x 40 ft wide x 20 ft high (18 m x 12 m x 6 m), constructed at the FMRC fire test facility in Rhode

Island. All of the tests involved forced ventilation to simulate typical NPP installation practices. The fires consist of a simple gas burner, a heptane pool, a methanol pool, or a polymethyl-methacrylate (PMMA) solid fire. Four of these tests were conducted with a full-scale control room mockup in place. Parameters varied during testing are the heat release rate, enclosure ventilation rate, and fire location. Only three of these tests have been used in the present evaluation (Tests 4, 5 and 21). Test 21 involves the full-scale mock-up. All are gas burner fires.

**NBS Multi-Room Series:** The National Bureau of Standards (NBS, now the National Institute of Standards and Technology, NIST) Multi-Compartment Test Series consists of 45 fire tests representing 9 different sets of conditions, with multiple replicates of each set, which were conducted in a three-room suite. The suite consists of two relatively small rooms, connected via a relatively long corridor. The fire source, a gas burner, is located against the rear wall of one of the small compartments. Fire tests of 100, 300 and 500 kW were conducted, but for the current V&V study, only three 100 kW fire experiments have been used (Test 100A, 100O, and 100Z).

Technical details of the calculations, including output of the model and comparison with experimental data are provided in Appendix A. The results are organized by quantity as follows:

- Section 6.1: Hot gas layer temperature and height
- Section 6.2: Ceiling jet temperature
- Section 6.3: Plume temperature
- Section 6.4: Flame height
- Section 6.5: Oxygen concentration
- Section 6.6: Smoke concentration
- Section 6.7: Room pressure
- Section 6.8: Target temperature and heat fluxes
- Section 6.9: Wall temperature and heat fluxes

The model predictions are compared to the experimental measurements in terms of the relative difference between the maximum (or where appropriate, minimum) values of each time history:

$$\epsilon = \frac{\Delta M - \Delta E}{\Delta E} = \frac{(M_p - M_o) - (E_p - E_o)}{(E_p - E_o)}$$

$\Delta M$  is the difference between the peak value of the model prediction,  $M_p$ , and its original value,  $M_o$ .  $\Delta E$  is the difference between the experimental measurement,  $E_p$ , and its original value,  $E_o$ .

A positive value of the relative difference indicates that the model has over-predicted the severity of the fire; for example, a higher temperature, lower oxygen concentration, higher smoke concentration, *etc.*

Each section in this chapter contains a scatter plot that summarizes the relative difference results for all of the predictions and measurements of the quantity under consideration. The details of the calculations, the input assumptions, and the time histories of the predicted and measured output are included in Appendix A. Only a brief discussion of the results is included in this chapter. At the end of each section, a color rating is assigned to each of the output category, indicating, in a very broad sense, how well the model treats that particular quantity. Colors are assigned based on the following criteria. Once the user determines the validation results reported here are applicable (see Volume 1), the user must determine the predictive capability of the fire models. The following two criteria are used to characterize the predictive capability of the model:

**Criterion 1 - *Are the physics of the model appropriate for the calculation being made?*** This criterion reflects an evaluation of the underlying physics described by the model and the physics of the fire scenario. Generally the scope of this study is limited to the fire scenarios that are within the stated capability of the selected fire models, e.g., this study does not address the fire scenarios that involve flame spread within single and multiple cable trays.

**Criterion 2 - *Are there calculated relative differences outside the experimental uncertainty?*** This criterion is used as an indication of the accuracy of the model prediction. Since fire experiments are used as a way of establishing confidence in model prediction, the confidence can only be as good as our experiments. Therefore, if model predictions fall within the ranges of experimental uncertainties, the predictions are determined to be accurate. However, one should recognize that the experimental uncertainties vary with the experiment and the attribute being measured (see volume 7 of this report). These ranges could be as much as  $\pm 50\%$  for the experiments and attributes we used in this validation study. This leads to some judgment about the relative difference proximity relative to the range of uncertainty, as the uncertainty ranges are not necessarily all-inclusive or definitive.

The predictive capability of the model is characterized as follows based on the above criteria.

**GREEN:** If both criteria are satisfied, i.e., the model physics are appropriate for the calculation being made and the calculated relative differences are within or very near experimental uncertainty, then the V&V team concluded that the fire model prediction is accurate for the ranges of experiments in this study, and as described in tables 2-4 and 2-5. A grade of GREEN indicates the model can be used with confidence to calculate the specific attribute. The user should recognize, however, that the accuracy of the model prediction is still somewhat uncertain and for some attributes, such as smoke concentration and room pressure, these uncertainties may be rather large.

**YELLOW $\pm$ :** If the first criterion is satisfied and the calculated relative differences are outside the experimental uncertainty but indicate a consistent pattern of model over-prediction or under-prediction, then the model predictive capability is characterized as YELLOW+ for over-prediction, and YELLOW- for under-prediction. The model prediction for the specific attribute may be useful within the ranges of experiments in this study, and as described in tables 2-4 and 2-5, but the users should take care and use caution when interpreting the results of the model. A complete understanding of model assumptions and scenario applicability to these V&V results is necessary. Generally, the model may be used if the grade is YELLOW+ when the user ensures that model over-prediction reflects conservatism. The user must exercise caution when using models with capabilities described as YELLOW $\pm$ .

**YELLOW**: If the first criterion is satisfied and the calculated relative differences are outside experimental uncertainty with no clear pattern of over- or under-prediction, then the model predictive capability is characterized as **YELLOW**. Caution should be exercised when using a fire model for predicting these attributes. In this case, the user is referred to the details related to the experimental conditions and validation results documented in volumes 2 through 6. The user is advised to review and understand the model assumptions and inputs, as well as the conditions and results to determine and justify the appropriateness of the model prediction to the fire scenario for which it is being used.

: If the first criterion is not met, then the particular fire model capability should not be used.

**No color**: This V&V study did not investigate this capability. This may be due to one or more reasons that include unavailability of appropriate data or lack of model, sub-model, or output.

As suggested in the criteria above, there is a level of engineering judgment in the classification of fire model predictive capabilities. Specifically, engineering judgment is exercised in the following two areas:

1. Evaluation of the modeling capabilities of the particular tool if the model physics are appropriate.
2. Evaluation of the magnitude of relative differences when compared to the experimental uncertainty. Judgment in this area impacts the determination of Green versus Yellow colors.

In general, a Green or Yellow classification suggests that the V&V team determined that the model physics are appropriate for the calculation been made, within assumptions. The difference between the colors is due to the magnitude of the calculated relative differences. Judgment considerations include general experimental conditions, experimental data quality, and the characterization of the experimental uncertainty.

## 6.1 Hot Gas Layer Temperature and Height

The single most important prediction a fire model can make is the temperature of the hot gas layer. After all, the impact of the fire is often assessed not only a function of the heat release rate, but also as a function of the compartment temperature. A good prediction of the height of the hot gas layer is largely a consequence of a good prediction of its temperature because smoke and heat are largely transported together and most numerical models describe the transport of both with the same type of algorithm. Following is a summary of the accuracy assessment for the hot gas layer predictions of the six test series:

**ICFMP BE #2**: MAGIC under-predicts the hot gas layer temperature by less than 10 % for all three cases. This falls within the range of experimental uncertainty. In addition, MAGIC under-predicts also by less than 10 % the hot gas layer height in all three cases. That is, the MAGIC height prediction is above the measured one. A graphical comparison of the MAGIC predictions and the experimental observations for these three cases is presented in Figure A-2. The scatter plot in Figure 6-1 illustrates the relative differences between the measured and predicted peak hot gas layer temperatures and heights.

**ICFMP BE #3**: MAGIC predicts the hot gas layer temperature and height to within experimental uncertainty for all 15 tests. It should be noted that the discrepancies in the hot gas

layer height depicted in Figures A-4, and A-5 (which refers to closed door tests) is due to the data reduction method used to determine the experimental layer interface. This method is not applicable for tests in which a single gas layer develops. Notice that MAGIC predicts that the hot gas layer eventually reaches the floor generating a single gas layer in the room. That prediction is consistent with visual observations during the experiments. Due to the inconsistency between model results and the reduced experimental data, no relative differences were calculated for closed-door tests.

The collection of graphical comparisons between MAGIC predictions for hot gas layer temperatures and heights for ICFMP BE #3 is presented in Figures A-4 to A-7. The relative differences calculated for peak values are summarized in Table A-2 and Figure 6-1.

**ICFMP BE #4:** MAGIC predicts the hot gas layer temperature within experimental uncertainty for the single test (Test 1). However, there is some discrepancy in the shapes of the curves for the hot gas layer height (see Figure A-11). This discrepancy is associated with a relative difference of 25%, which is outside the range of experimental uncertainty. A possible explanation for the discrepancy in the layer height is the fact that the room was almost engulfed in flames, which may not be consistent with the fundamental assumption in MAGIC of two distinct gas layers. The relative differences for layer temperature and height are plotted also in Figure 6-1.

**ICFMP BE #5:** MAGIC predicts the hot gas layer temperature and height to within experimental uncertainty for the single test (Test 4). The graphical comparison between experimental measurements and model predictions, illustrated in Figure A-11 suggests very good agreement between the profiles. The calculated relative differences for peak hot gas layer temperature and height are listed in Table A-4.

**FM/SNL:** MAGIC predicts the hot gas layer temperature to within experimental uncertainty for Tests 4, 5 and 21. In the case of the hot gas layer height, there are inconsistencies in the comparison of hot experimental measurements and model predictions. As discussed earlier for the case of closed door tests in ICFMP BE#3, the data reduction method for determining hot gas layer height is not applicable for closed door tests. Consequently, the graphical comparisons presented in Figure A-13 do not show good agreement between model predictions and experimental measurements. For that same reason, no relative differences were calculated for hot gas layer height in this test series.

**NBS Multi-Room:** MAGIC predictions in this test series are for the most part outside the experimental uncertainty for both the fire room and adjacent compartments. The largest relative differences are associated with adjacent compartments to the fire room. As depicted in Figures A-15 to A-17, and in Figure 6-1, MAGIC over predicted the hot gas layer temperature in all cases. The hot gas layer height shows under-predictions of up to around 50% in some of the rooms.

#### **Summary: Hot Gas Layer Temperature and Height**

- The research team considers the MAGIC model for calculating hot gas layer temperatures to be appropriate for its intended applications.

- The MAGIC predictions of the hot gas layer temperature and height are, with the exception of the selected tests from the NBS test series, within experimental uncertainty of 15%.
- The scatterplot in Figure 6-1 summarizes the relative differences calculated for hot gas layer temperatures and height. As explained earlier, no relative differences were calculated for close door tests.
- Validation results suggest that MAGIC is certainly suited for prediction hot gas layer temperatures and heights in scenarios where this study is applicable. Because most of the validation results are within experimental uncertainty, and MAGIC is over predicting hot gas layer temperatures in the selected tests from the NBS test series, a color assignment of green is assigned for the room of fire origin and a yellow + for adjacent rooms. In the case of hot gas layer height, a green classification is assigned for the room of fire origin and a yellow for adjacent rooms.

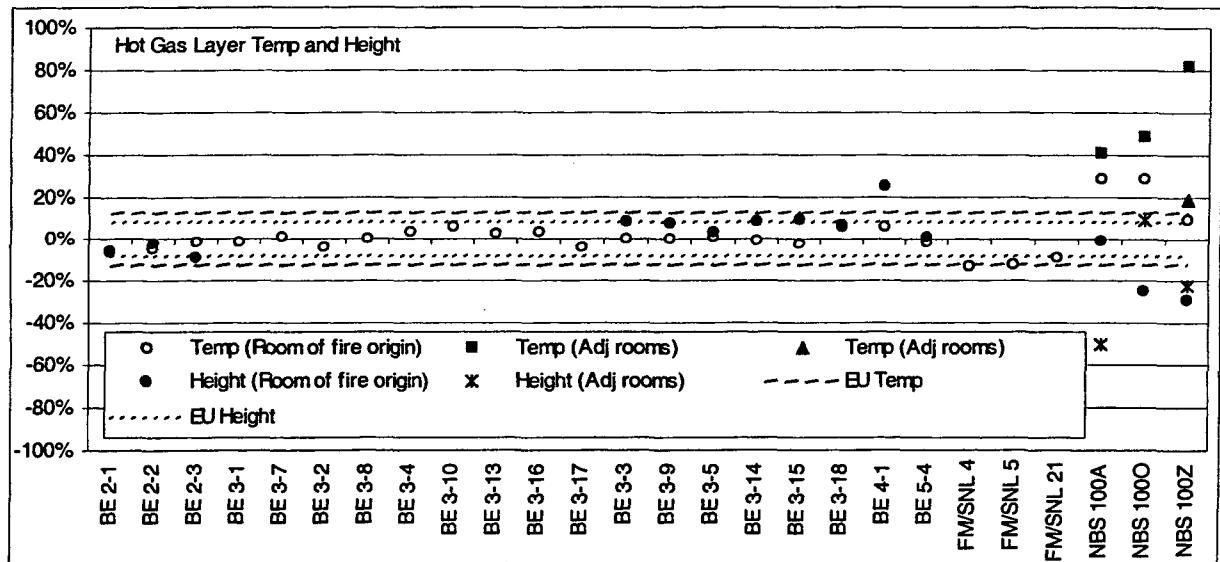


Figure 6-1: Scatter plot of relative differences for hot gas layer temperature and height in ICFMP BE #2, 3, 4, 5, and the selected FM/SNL and NBS Tests. Experimental uncertainties are 13% (HGL temp) and 9% (HGL height).

## 6.2 Ceiling Jet Temperature

The ceiling jet algorithm in MAGIC consists primarily in the model proposed by Cooper [Ref 6-6]. It is recommended that analysts review MAGIC’s technical reference (Ref 6-2) for specific details about the implementation of the ceiling jet algorithm. Typical of ceiling jet correlations, it applies only to the flow of hot gases under a flat ceiling. Only two of the six test series (ICFMP BE #3 and FM/SNL) involved a ceiling jet formed over a relatively wide, flat ceiling.

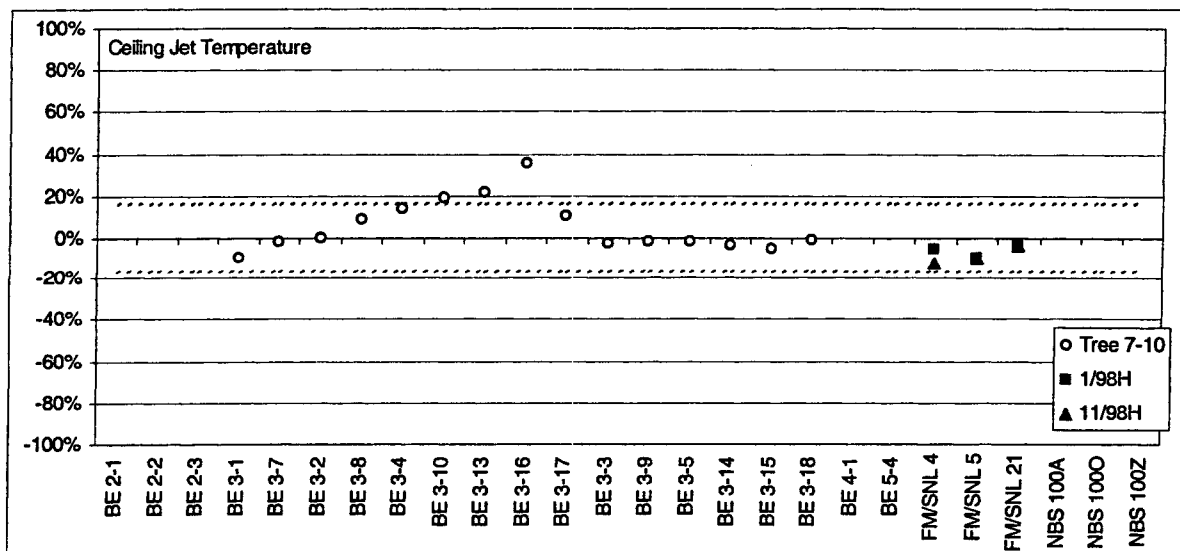
**ICFMP BE #3:** MAGIC predicts the ceiling jet temperature to within experimental uncertainty with the exception of three tests, Test 10, 13, & 16 as illustrated in Figure 6-2. Interestingly, Test 10 is a replicate of Test 4, which was predicted to within experimental uncertainty. The ventilation system was on during these two tests, and the inconsistent results may be attributed to it. It is difficult to draw conclusions about over predictions in Test 15 and 16. Figure 6-2 also suggests that the relative differences for opened door tests are smaller (near 0%) than those in closed door tests. Furthermore, only two under-predictions, -7% in Test 1 and -1% in Test 14 were calculated.

The graphical comparisons between experimental measurements and MAGIC predictions for ceiling jet temperature are grouped in Figures A-18 and A-19. Table A-9 lists the calculated relative differences.

**FM/SNL:** MAGIC predicts the ceiling jet temperature at two locations in Test 4, 5 and 21 to within experimental uncertainty. The graphical comparisons are provided in Figure A-20. The calculated relative differences are listed in Table A-10, and plotted in Figure 6-2.

**Summary: Ceiling Jet Temperature**

- With three exceptions, corresponding to closed-door tests in ICFMP BE#3, MAGIC ceiling jet predictions are within experimental uncertainty. .
- The MAGIC ceiling jet sub-model is well suited for the range of scenarios validated in this study. In general, this validation applies to ceiling jet flows under flat unobstructed ceilings and a  $r/H$  up to 1.7 ( $r$  is the horizontal radial distance and  $H$  is the distance between the fire source and the ceiling). Notice that the MAGIC technical manual (Ref 6-2) suggest that “the model is valid up to  $r/H = 3$ . In MAGIC they are applied up to  $r/H = 10$ , to avoid a discontinuity in gas temperature. In cases where the ceiling-jet exceeds  $r/H = 10$ , it is assumed that the gas temperature beyond  $r/H = 10$  equals the temperature at  $r/H = 10$ . These hypotheses are conservative even if they have not been explored experimentally”.
- Based on the model robustness and the fact that most relative differences are within experimental uncertainty of 15% and no outliers were observed, a green classification assigned.



**Figure 6-2: Scatter plot of relative differences for ceiling jet temperatures in ICFMP BE #3, and the selected FM/SNL Tests. Experimental uncertainty is 16%.**

### 6.3 Plume Temperature

As with the ceiling jet, MAGIC has a specific plume sub-model. This validation refers primarily to the implementation of the McCaffrey plume temperature correlation and the correction for plume flows above the hot gas layer interface. The line plume model in MAGIC was not evaluated in this study. Data from ICFMP BE #2 and the FM/SNL test series have been used to assess the accuracy of plume temperature predictions.

**ICFMP BE #2:** MAGIC predictions of plume temperature are within the experimental uncertainty of 15%. Figure A-22 provides the graphical comparisons between model predictions and experimental measurements. The calculated relative differences are listed in Table A-11 and plotted in Figure 6-3.

**FM/SNL:** MAGIC predicts the plume temperatures in Test 4 and 5 to within experimental uncertainty. See Figure A-23 and Table A-12 for the graphical comparisons and the calculated relative differences.

#### Summary: Plume Temperature

- The axisymmetric plume temperature model in MAGIC is well suited for applications similar to the ones evaluated in this study.
- Since all the relative differences are within experimental uncertainty and the experimental and predicted temperature profiles show good agreement, a classification of green is assigned for the axisymmetric plume model in MAGIC.

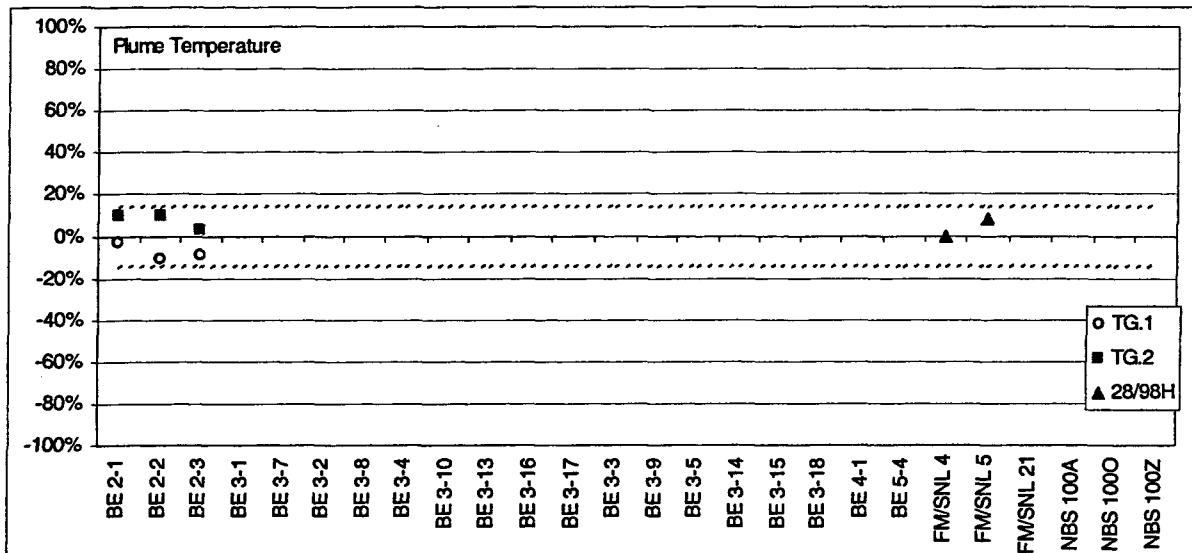


Figure 6-3: Scatter plot of relative differences for plume temperatures in ICFMP BE #2, and the selected FM/SNL Tests. Experimental uncertainty is 14%.



## 6.4 Flame Height

Flame height is recorded by visual observations, photographs or video footage. Videos from the ICFMP BE # 3 test series and photographs from BE #2 are available. It is difficult to precisely measure the flame height, but the photos and videos allow one to make estimates accurate to within a pan diameter.

The MAGIC model for flame height consists in the Heskestad's flame height correlation. See reference 6-2 for technical details.

**ICFMP BE #2:** The height of the visible flame in the photographs of BE #2 has been estimated to be between 2.4 and 3 pan diameters (3.8 m to 4.8 m). From Figure A-24, which reports MAGIC flame height predictions, flame heights are between 3 and 7 m.

**ICFMP BE #3:** MAGIC appears to predict the flame height correctly in this test series, at least to the accuracy of visual observations and a few photographs taken before the hot gas layer obscures the upper part of the fire. The experiments were not designed to measure the flame height other than through visual observation. Flame height pictures and MAGIC predictions can be found in Figures A-26 to A-28. Notice for example that Figure A-26 suggests flames with heights similar to the height of the door (2 m). MAGIC predictions peak above 2 m in all cases.

### Summary: Flame Height

- MAGIC appears to provide flame height predictions consistent with the ones observed in available photographs for BE#2. MAGIC flame height predictions for BE#3 are also consistent with observations made from available photographs.
- This evaluation does not suggest that MAGIC is under-predicting flame height. Therefore, based on the consistency with visual evidence, a green classification is assigned.

## 6.5 Oxygen Concentration

The oxygen concentration in MAGIC results directly from the conservation of mass equation in both the upper and lower layer. The evaluation results are based on oxygen concentrations calculated in the upper layer. It should be stressed that this study is limited to well-ventilated fires.

**ICFMP BE #3:** The relative differences associated with MAGIC predictions of upper layer oxygen concentration range from approximately  $-30\%$  to  $25\%$ . Some of these relative differences are outside the range of experimental uncertainty of  $9\%$ . As suggested in Figure 6-4, there appears to be a pattern of negative relative differences associated with open door tests not observed in the close door tests. In all these cases, the measured oxygen concentration was above  $15\%$ . In terms of the close door tests, all the relative differences are within experimental uncertainty with the exception of tests 4 and 10, which consisted of mechanically ventilated room. Recall that negative relative differences indicate that MAGIC predicted higher oxygen concentrations than those measured in the experiments. Figures A-29 and A-30 illustrate the experimental and model oxygen concentration profiles.

**ICFMP BE #5:** MAGIC prediction of the upper layer oxygen concentration in Test 4 of this test series is above the experimental uncertainty of  $9\%$ .

### Summary: Oxygen Concentration

- The MAGIC model is capable of making oxygen concentration predictions, assuming that the basic stoichiometry of the combustion reaction is known. Recall that this study is limited to well-ventilated compartment fires only.
- Relative differences in BE # 3 are comparable to experimental uncertainty in the case of close room tests. In the case of open door tests, they are below experimental uncertainty range in BE#3. The relative difference associated with the single comparison in BE#5 is also outside the range of experimental uncertainty.
- Based on the above discussion, a classification of yellow is assigned for the oxygen concentration predictions in MAGIC.

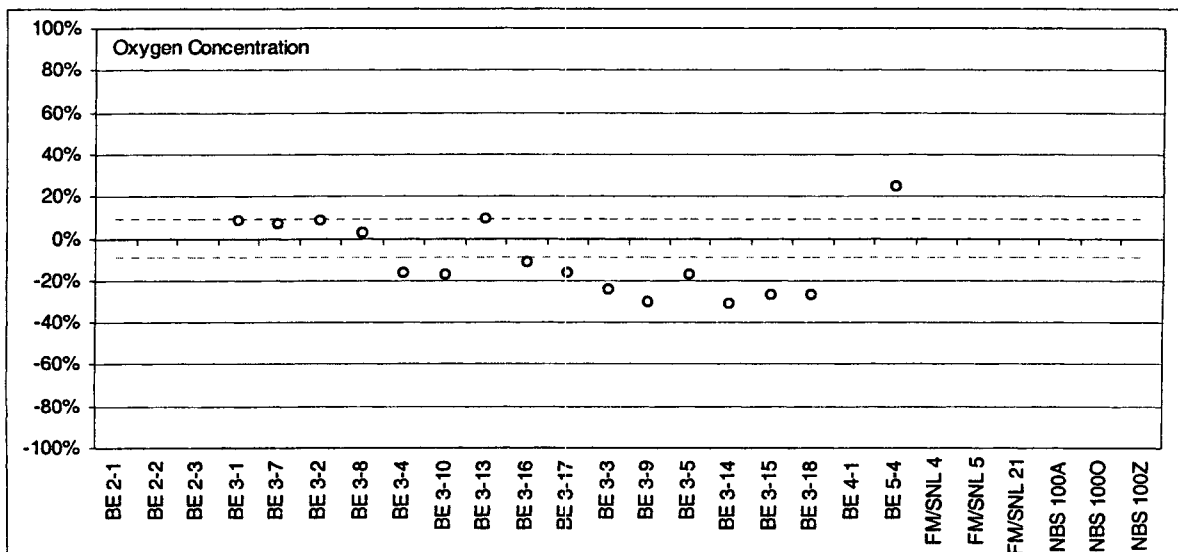


Figure 6-4: Scatter plot of relative differences for oxygen concentration in ICFMP BE#3 and BE#5. Experimental uncertainty is 16%.

### 6.6 Smoke Concentration

Only ICFMP BE #3 has been used to assess predictions of smoke concentration. For these tests, the smoke yield was specified as one of the test parameters. MAGIC consistently over predicted smoke concentrations from approximately 30% to 500% in the closed door tests. For open door tests, MAGIC predictions are within the experimental uncertainty of 33%.

The graphical comparisons for smoke concentration are summarized in Figures A-32 and A-33. The relative differences are listed in Table A-15 and plotted in Figure 6-5.

#### Summary: Smoke Concentration

- MAGIC is capable of transporting smoke throughout a compartment, assuming that the production rate is known and that its transport properties are comparable to gaseous exhaust products.
- MAGIC over predicts the smoke concentration in close door tests. The predictions for open door tests are within experimental uncertainty.
- No firm conclusions can be drawn explaining why the drastic differences in predictions between open and close door tests. Therefore, a yellow classification is assigned since there is no clear indication that MAGIC would always result in conservative estimates.

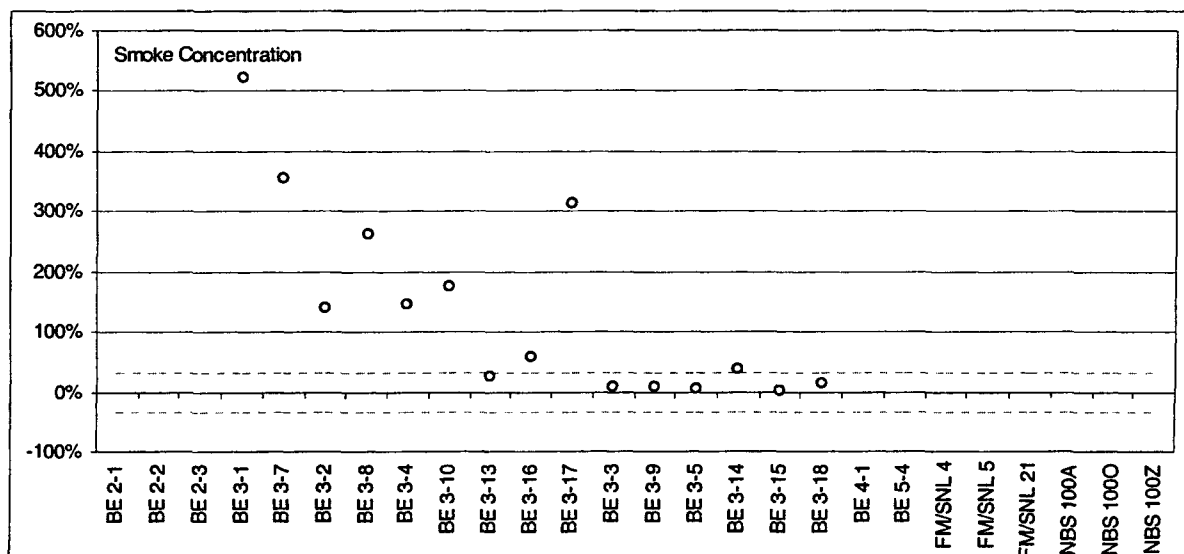


Figure 6-5: Scatter plot of relative differences for smoke concentration in ICFMP BE#3. Experimental uncertainty is 33%.

## 6.7 Compartment Pressure

Comparisons between measurement and prediction of compartment pressure for BE #3 are shown in Figure A-34 and A-35. For those tests in which the door to the compartment is open, the over-pressures are only a few Pascals, whereas when the door is closed, the over-pressures are several hundred Pascals.

The relative differences were calculated as follows:

- For closed-door rooms, the relative difference refers to the positive peak at the early stages of the fire. Positive relative differences indicate that MAGIC over-predicted the measured peak.
- For opened door rooms, the relative difference refers to the negative magnitudes of the pressure, typically at the late stages of the test. Positive relative differences suggest that MAGIC calculated a more negative difference than the experimental measurement.

Relative differences are listed in Table A-16.

Visual examination of experimental data and model results plots (see Figure A-34) strongly suggest that tests with open doors, where leakages are not critical because of the large door opening, MAGIC captures both the magnitude and the profile of the pressure. These figures describe a negative pressure profile at the floor of the room, indicating that fresh air is moving into the enclosure.

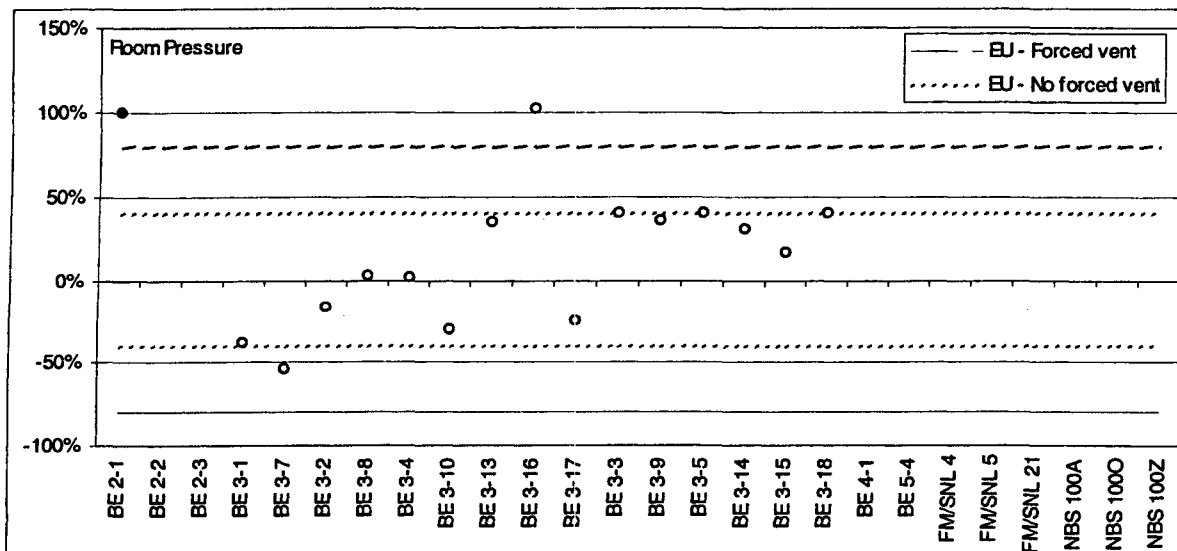
In close door tests, MAGIC is able to capture the both peaks and pressure profiles (see Figure A-35). It is important to mention that fan tests were conducted before some of the tests resulting in relatively well known leakage areas. Furthermore, notice that MAGIC captures the positive and negative pressure peaks. These peaks are an indication of a positively pressurize room in the early stages of the test, and a negatively pressurize room when the fuel supply is discontinued and heat losses to the boundaries are higher than the fire heat release rate.

In general, the predicted pressures are of comparable magnitude to the measured pressures, and in most cases differences can be explained using the reported uncertainties in the leakage area and the fact that the leakage area changed from test to test because of the thermal stress on the compartment walls. The one notable exception is Test 16. This experiment was performed with the door closed and the ventilation on, and there is considerable uncertainty in the magnitude of both the supply and exhaust flow rates.

The relative differences are plotted in Figure 6-6. Notice that only the relative difference associated with Test 16 is outside the experimental uncertainty ranges of 50% and 75% for tests with ventilation system off or on respectively.

**Summary: Compartment Pressure**

- The basic mass and energy conservation equations solved by MAGIC ensure reliable predictions of compartment pressure. It should be stressed that compartment pressure predictions are extremely sensitive to the leakage area and forced ventilation. In the MAGIC runs, leakage area listed in the experimental descriptions was divided by the orifice flow coefficient, 0.68, so that it is reflected in the model as the actual opening area.
- The MAGIC pressure predictions for BE #3 are within experimental uncertainty, with an exception that may be related to the behavior of a ventilation fan.
- A green classification is assigned for compartment pressure predictions in MAGIC assuming that room leakages are known in closed-door scenarios.



**Figure 6-6: Scatter plot of relative differences for room pressure in ICFMP BE#3. Experimental uncertainties are 40% (no forced vent) and 80% (forced vent).**

## 6.8 Radiation, Total Heat Flux and Target Temperature

Target temperature and heat flux data are available from ICFMP BE #3, #4 and #5. In BE #3, the targets are various types of cables in various configurations – horizontal, vertical, in trays or free-hanging. In BE #4, the targets are three rectangular slabs of different materials instrumented with heat flux gauges and thermocouples. In BE #5, the targets are again cables, in this case bundled power and control cables in a vertical ladder.

**ICFMP BE #3:** There are nearly 200 comparisons of heat flux and surface temperature on four different cables that are graphed in the Section A.8.1. Consequently, it is difficult to make sweeping generalizations about the accuracy of MAGIC. The section is classified by target. For each target, the graphical comparison of experimental measurements and MAGIC predictions are presented for Target temperature, Cable temperature, radiation and total heat flux. At best, one can scan the figures and the associated tables to get a sense of the overall performance. The experimental uncertainty is about 20 % and 14% for heat flux and surface temperature respectively. The following important aspects of this evaluation should be considered:

- MAGIC provides the capability of modeling cable temperature as Targets, where the material is simulated as a slab, or a cable itself, where the material is simulated as a cylinder with concentric layers of conductor, insulation and jacket. This evaluation includes both alternatives. When cables are modeled as targets (slab), the thickness of the target was selected as  $d/4$  where  $d$  is the diameter of the cable (see discussion on cable modeling and sensitivity analysis in Chapters 3 & 5).
- The measured radiative heat flux is compared with MAGIC output “Incident heat flux” which is the sum of all radiated heat fluxes to a target. The total heat flux measurements is compared with MAGIC output “Total heat flux, flux meter”, which simulates a typical water-cooled heat flux meter.

Figures 6-7 to 6-10 show the relative differences for target and cable temperature as well as radiative and total heat fluxes for targets B-TS-14, D-TS-12, F-TS-20, and G-TS-33. The following observations are relevant:

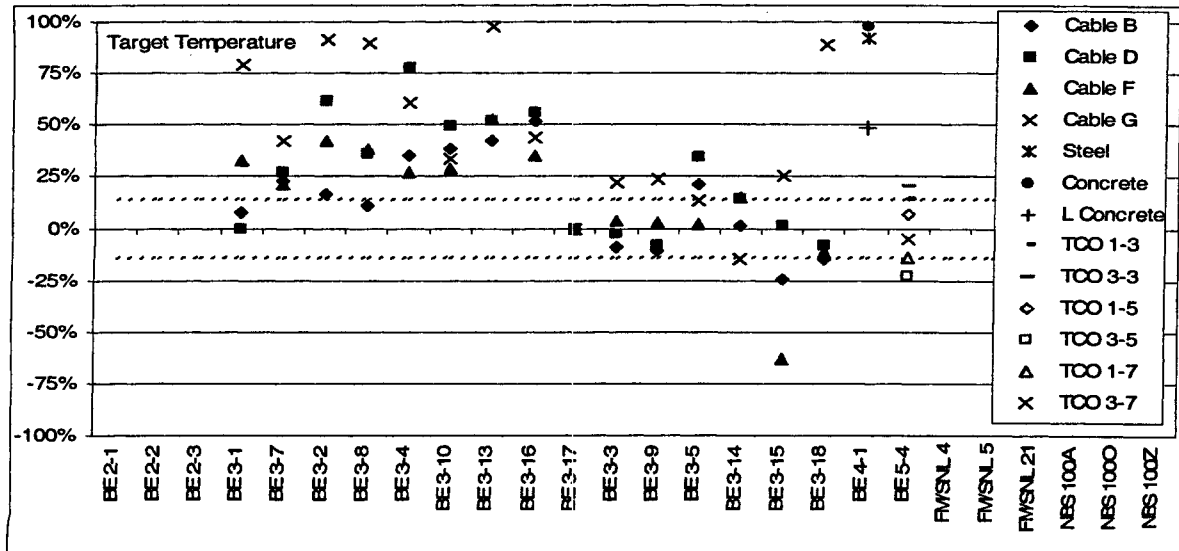
- It can be concluded that the majority of the comparisons resulted within experimental uncertainty or over predictions for surface temperature.
- There is in general more scatter in heat flux predictions than in surface temperature predictions.
- In the case of temperature, there is almost no difference in modeling cables as targets or cables provided that thermo-physical properties are the same and the thickness of the target is a quarter of the diameter of the cable.
- Relative differences for heat flux suggest under and over predictions.
- Specific conclusions can be made on a case-by-case basis. For example, temperatures for G-TS-33 are for the most part over-predicted.

**ICFMP BE #4:** MAGIC over-predicts both the heat flux and surface temperature of three “slab” targets located about 1 m from the fire. The trend is consistent, but it cannot be explained solely in terms of experimental uncertainty. The technical details supporting relative differences are included in Figure A-68 and Table A-21.

**ICFMP BE #5:** MAGIC predicts both temperature and total heat flux to targets in BE#5 test 4 approximately to within experimental uncertainty. The technical details supporting relative differences are included in Figure A-69 and Table A-22.

**Summary: Target Heat Flux and Surface Temperature**

- MAGIC is capable of predicting the radiative and total heat flux to targets, assuming know thermo-physical properties. MAGIC is also capable of predicting the surface temperature of a target.
- Based on the scatter plots of relative differences, the following classification is assigned:
  - Yellow for surface temperature of the target
  - Yellow for total heat flux, and
  - Yellow for radiated heat flux



**Figure 6-7: Scatter plot of relative differences for target temperature in ICFMP BE#3. Experimental uncertainty is 14%.**

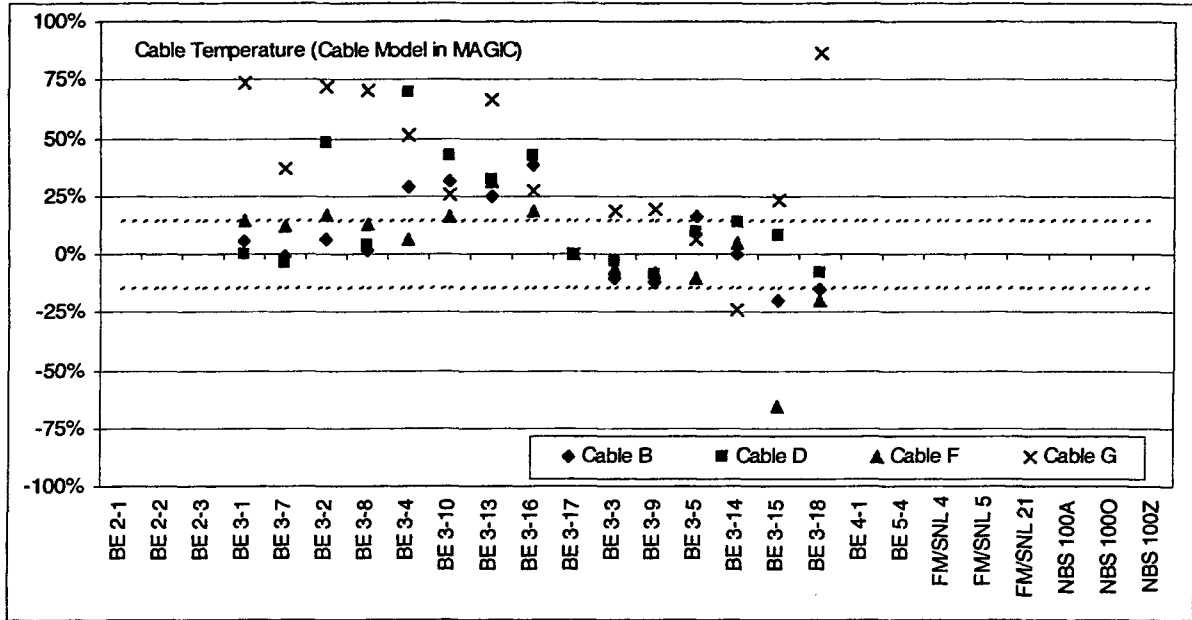


Figure 6-8: Scatter plot of relative differences for target temperature in ICFMP BE#3. Experimental uncertainty is 14%.

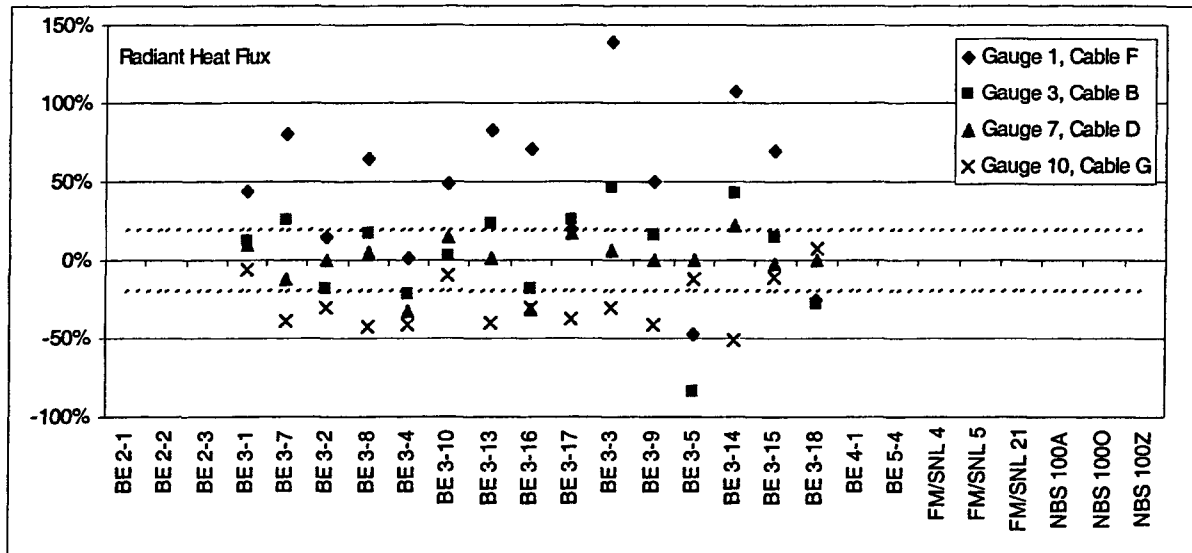
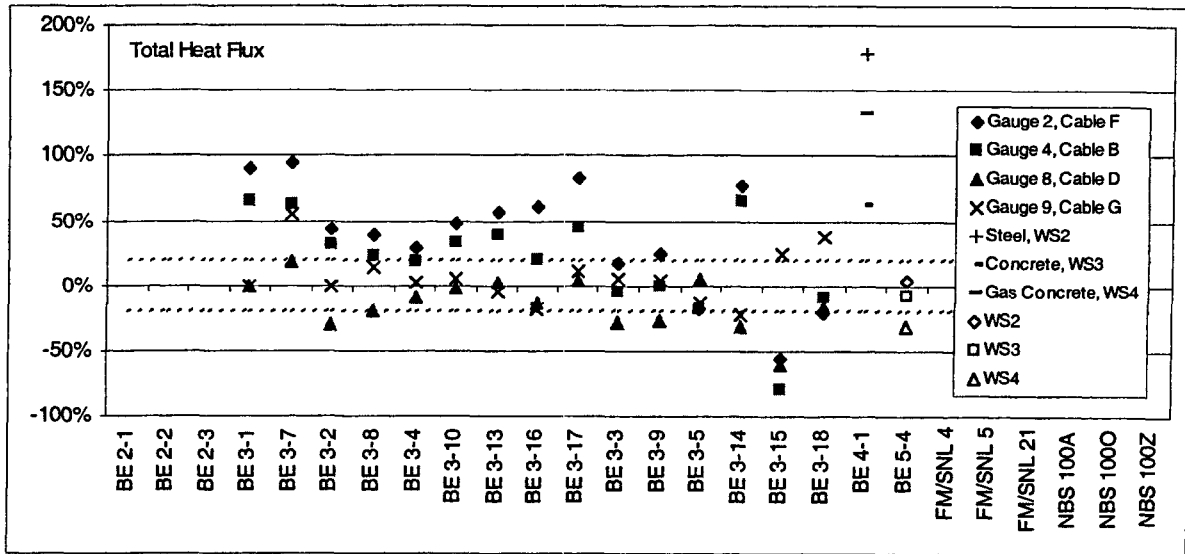


Figure 6-9: Scatter plot of relative differences for radiant heat flux in ICFMP BE#3. Experimental uncertainty is 20%.





**Figure 6-10: Scatter plot of relative differences for total heat flux in ICFMP BE#3. Experimental uncertainty is 20%.**

## 6.9 Wall Heat Flux and Surface Temperature

Heat flux and wall surface temperature measurements are available from ICFMP BE #3, plus wall surface temperature measurements are available from BE #4 and BE #5. As with target heat flux and surface temperature above, there are numerous comparisons.

It should be noted that the wall temperatures and heat fluxes in MAGIC were calculated locating targets in the walls. The targets are characterized by the thermo-physical properties and thickness of the wall. The targets were located in the same model location as the experimental instruments in the test room. Consequently, this evaluation does not include the MAGIC output option “Wall Temperature”, or “Wall heat flux” available in the Wall output category. Experimental measurements were compared with MAGIC’s output option “Total absorbed heat flux”.

**ICFMP BE #3:** It cannot be generalized that MAGIC predicts wall temperatures and heat fluxes within the experimental uncertainty of 14% and 20 % respectively. For the most part, walls are over predicted and ceiling and floor are under predicted. As noted by the corresponding markers in Figures 6-11 and 6-12, most of the relative differences for the ceiling and floor temperature and heat flux are negative. The over predictions for the wall and floor can be up to approximately 100% with very few exceptions.

The graphical comparison of experimental and predicted temperature and heat flux profiles is presented in Figures A-70 to A-85 and Tables A-24 to A-27.

**ICFMP BE #4:** MAGIC predicted two wall surface temperatures to within the experimental uncertainty of 20%. The two points are presumably very close to the fire because the temperatures are 600 °C to 700 °C (see Figure A-86) above ambient. The relative differences are -11% and 10% as listed in Table A-28.

**ICFMP BE #5:** MAGIC predictions of wall temperature are comparable to experimental uncertainty with a significant outlier of more than 800%. At this point, there is no explanation for such an outlier.

### **Summary: Wall Heat Flux and Surface Temperature**

- MAGIC has the capability of predicting the radiative and total heat flux to walls. MAGIC is also capable of predicting the surface temperature of a wall, assuming that its composition is fairly uniform and its thermal properties are well-characterized.
- MAGIC predictions of heat flux and surface temperature are generally over predictions for walls with few comparisons below the lower limit of experimental uncertainty. Ceiling and floor were consistently under predicted. Based on these results, a yellow classification is assigned.

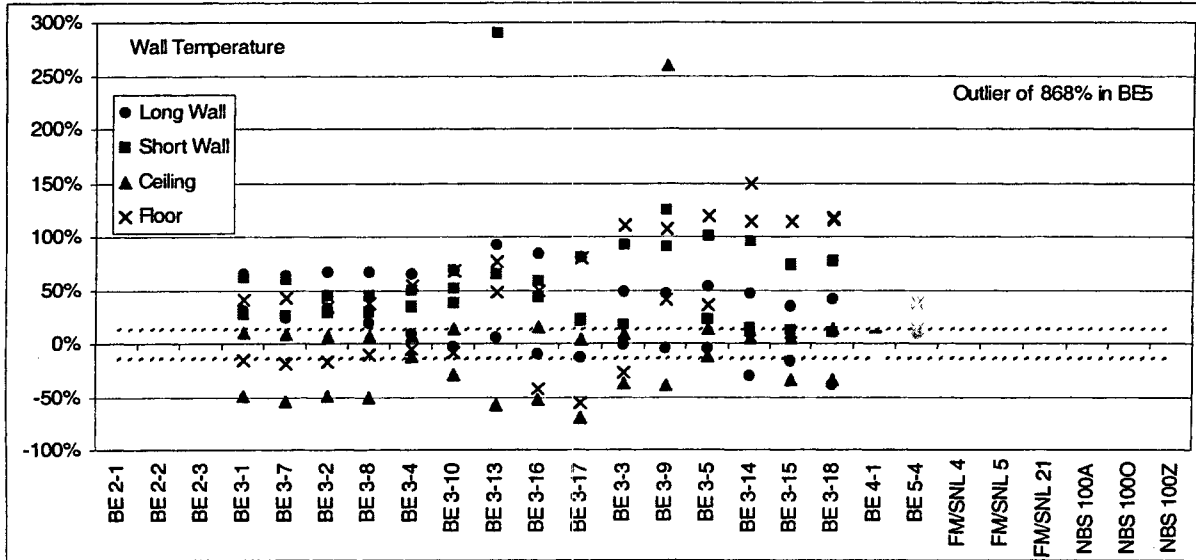


Figure 6-11: Scatter plot of relative differences for target temperature in ICFMP BE#3, 4, and 5. Experimental uncertainty is 14%.

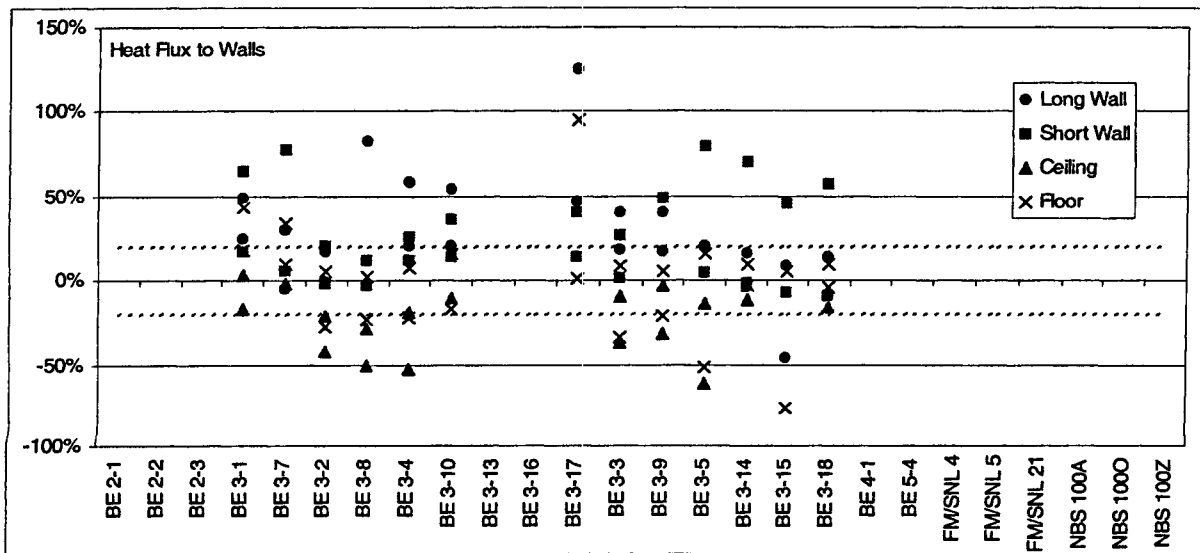


Figure 6-12: Scatter plot of relative differences for heat flux in ICFMP BE# 3, 4 and 5. Experimental uncertainty is 20%

## 6.10 Summary

This chapter presents a summary of numerous comparisons of the MAGIC model with a range of experimental results conducted as part of this V&V effort. Thirteen quantities were selected for comparison and a color rating assigned to each of the output categories, indicating, in a very broad sense, how well the model treats that particular quantity:

- Hot Gas Layer (HGL) Temperature and Height: Green
- Ceiling Jet Temperature: Green
- Plume Temperature: Green
- Flame Height: Green
- Oxygen: Yellow
- Smoke Concentration: Yellow
- Compartment Pressure: Green
- Radiation Heat Flux, Total Heat Flux, and Target Temperature: Yellow
- Wall Heat Flux and Surface Temperature: Yellow

Five of the quantities were assigned a green rating indicating that the research team concluded the physics of the model accurately represent the experimental conditions and the calculated relative differences comparing the model and the experimental are consistent with the combined experimental and input uncertainty. A few notes on the comparisons are appropriate:

- The MAGIC predictions of the HGL temperature and height are, with a few exceptions, within or close to experimental uncertainty.
- MAGIC predictions for ceiling jet and plume temperatures are comparable to experimental uncertainty. In the case of the ceiling jet, results suggest a higher scatter among relative difference in BE #3 closed-door tests than in BE #3 opened-door tests. At this point, no specific explanation for this behavior is available. In the case of plume temperature, all relative differences were within experimental uncertainty.
- MAGIC predicts the flame height consistent with visual observations of flame height for the experiments. This is not surprising since MAGIC simply uses a well-characterized experimental correlation to calculate flame height.
- Compartment pressure: MAGIC predicted compartment pressure to within experimental uncertainty.

Four of the quantities were assigned a yellow rating indicating the user should exercise caution when using the model to evaluate that quantity. This typically indicates limitations in the use of the model. A few notes on the comparisons are appropriate:

- Predictions of smoke concentration by MAGIC are typically over-predicted. Predicted concentrations for open-door tests are within experimental uncertainties, but those for closed-door tests are far higher.

- Most cable surface temperatures are predicted within or above experimental uncertainties. Very few under predictions were observed. However, this is not the case for total and radiant heat fluxes. Relative differences are both under and over predicted. Total heat flux to targets is typically predicted to within about 30 %, and often under-predicted. Care should be taken in the prediction of localized conditions such as target temperature and heat flux due to inherent limitations in all zone fire models.
- Oxygen concentrations were consistently under predicted at about 30% for opened door tests in BE#3. However, these under predictions resulted from oxygen concentration comparisons above 15%, which are above concentrations suggesting fire extinction. In the case of close door tests, MAGIC results are comparable to experimental uncertainty.
- Predictions of compartment surface temperature and heat flux are for the most part over predicted for walls. Consistent under predictions are observed for the ceiling temperature and heat flux. Finally, the floor surface presents both over and under predictions.

Differences between the model and the experiments were evident in these studies. Some of the differences can be explained by limitations of the model as well as of the experiments. Like all predictive models, the best predictions come with a clear understanding of the limitations of the model and of the inputs provided to do the calculations.



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# A

## TECHNICAL DETAILS FOR THE MAGIC VALIDATION STUDY

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Appendix A provides comparisons of FDS predictions and experimental measurements for the six series of fire experiments under consideration. Each section to follow contains an assessment of the model predictions for the following quantities:

- A.1 Hot Gas Layer Temperature and Height
- A.2 Ceiling Jet Temperature
- A.3 Plume Temperature
- A.4 Flame Height
- A.5 Oxygen Concentration
- A.6 Smoke Concentration
- A.7 Compartment Pressure
- A.8 Target Heat Flux and Surface Temperature
- A.9 Wall Heat Flux and Surface Temperature

The model predictions are compared to the experimental measurements in terms of the relative difference between the maximum (or where appropriate, minimum) values of each time history:

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\Delta M - \Delta E}{\Delta E} = \frac{(M_p - M_o) - (E_p - E_o)}{(E_p - E_o)}$$

$\Delta M$  is the difference between the peak value of the model prediction,  $M_p$ , and its original value,  $M_o$ .  $\Delta E$  is the difference between the experimental measurement,  $E_p$ , and its original value,  $E_o$ . A positive value of the relative difference indicates that the model has over-predicted the severity of the fire; for example, a higher temperature, lower oxygen concentration, higher smoke concentration, *etc.*

Finally, all of the calculations performed in the evaluation were *open*; that is, the heat release rate of the fire was a *specified* model input, and the results of the experiments were provided to the analysts.

## A.1 Hot Gas Layer Temperature and Height

Relative differences for hot gas layer temperature were calculated using experimental data from ICFMP benchmark exercises 2, 3, 4, and 5, the FM/SNL test series, and the NBS multi-compartment fire test series. In the case of hot gas layer temperature, positive relative differences are an indication that the MAGIC predictions are higher than the experimental observations. In contrast, in the case of hot gas layer height, positive relative differences suggest that the MAGIC prediction is below the measured layer height.

### A.1.1 ICFMP BE #2

The HGL temperature and depth were calculated from the averaged gas temperatures from three vertical thermocouple arrays using the standard reduction method. There were 10 thermocouples in each vertical array, spaced 2 m (6.6 ft) apart in the lower two-thirds of the hall, and 1 m (3.3 ft) apart near the ceiling. Figure A-1 presents a snapshot from one of the simulations.

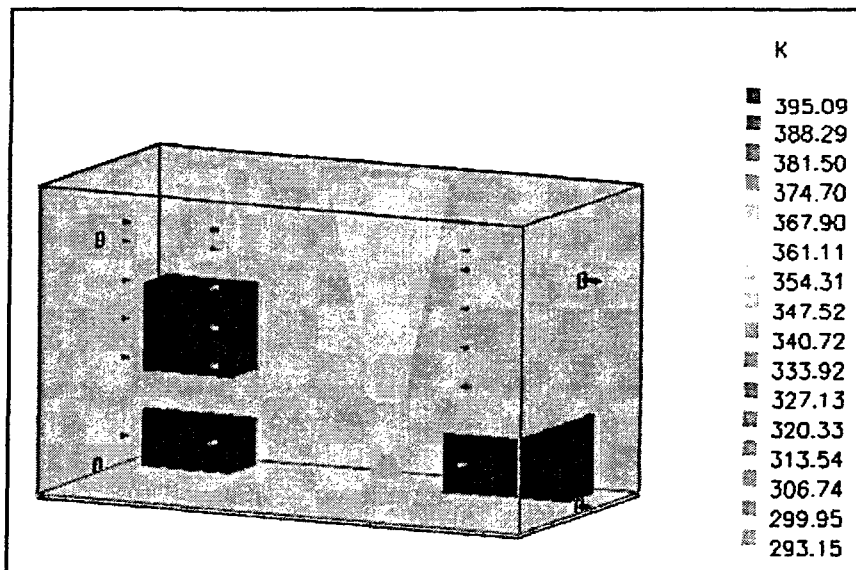


Figure A-1: Cut-away view of the MAGIC simulation of ICFMP BE #2, Case 2.

The comparison between measured hot gas layer temperatures and heights for ICFMP BE #2 Cases 1, 3 and 3 are presented in Figure A-2.

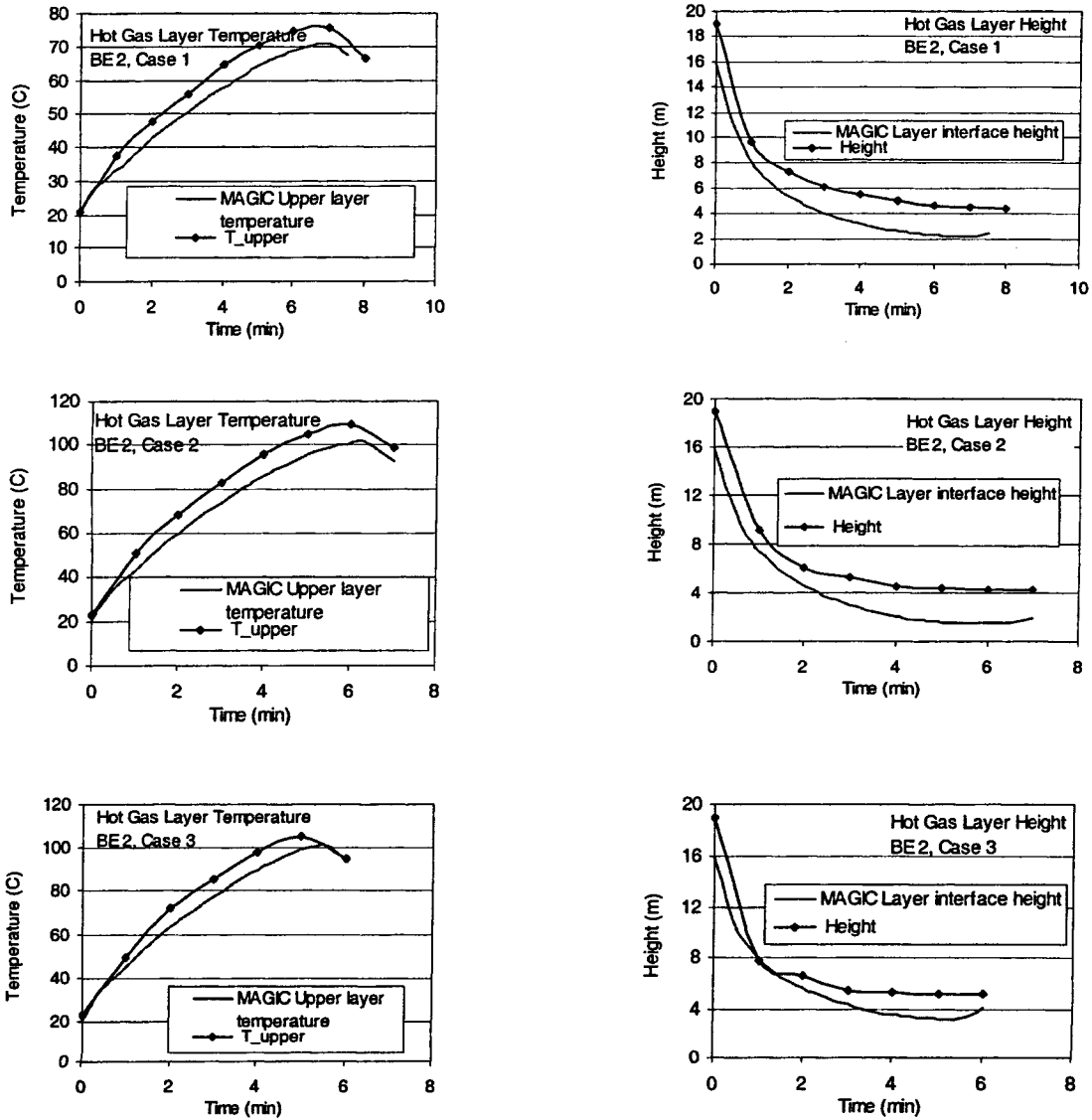


Figure A-2: Hot Gas Layer (HGL) Temperature and Height, ICFMP BE #2.

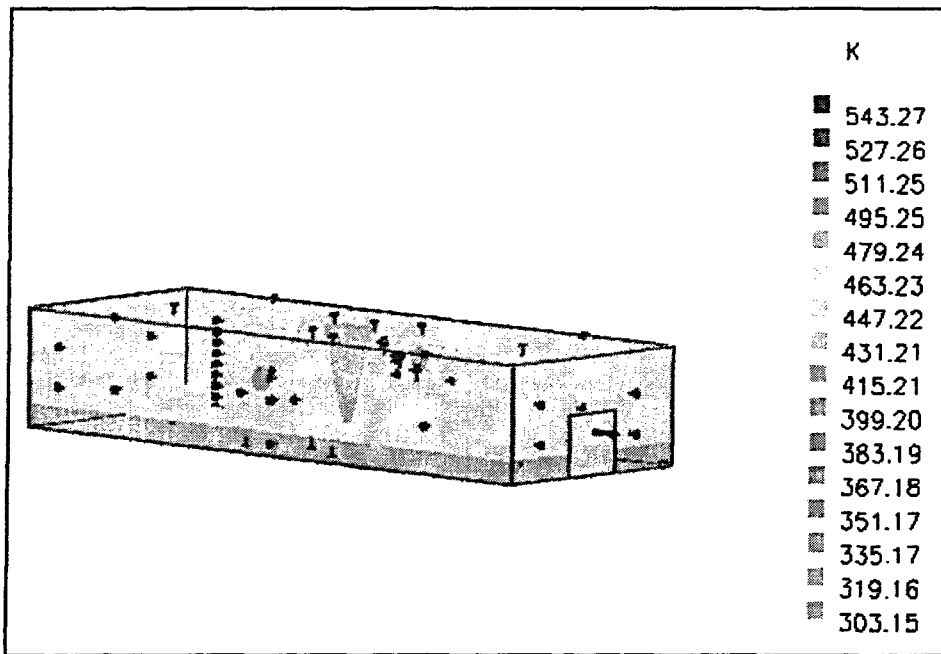
Table A-1 summarizes the relative differences calculated for the hot gas layer temperature and height. MAGIC slightly under predicts the temperature. At the same time, measured hot gas layer heights are consistently higher than the MAGIC prediction by a relatively small margin.

**Table A-1: Relative differences of hot gas layer temperature and height in ICFMP BE# 2**

Test	Hot Gas Layer Temperature			Hot Gas Layer Height		
	$\Delta E$ (°C)	$\Delta M$ (°C)	Relative Difference	$\Delta E$ (m)	$\Delta M$ (m)	Relative Difference
ICFMP 2-1	54.8	50.8	-7%	-14.57	-13.66	-6%
ICFMP 2-2	86.3	81.6	-5%	-14.77	-14.35	-3%
ICFMP 2-3	82.6	81.3	-2%	-13.86	-12.55	-9%

**A.1.2 ICFMP BE # 3**

BE #3 consists of 15 liquid spray fire tests with different heat release rate, pan locations, and ventilation conditions. The basic geometry as modeled in MAGIC is shown in **Error! Reference source not found.** Gas temperatures were measured using seven floor-to-ceiling thermocouple arrays (or “trees”) distributed throughout the compartment. The average hot gas layer temperature and height were calculated using thermocouple Trees 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7. Tree 4 was not used because one of its thermocouples (4-9) malfunctioned during most of the experiments.



**Figure A-3: Snapshot of the MAGIC simulation of ICFMP BE #3, Test 3.**

In the closed-door tests, the HGL layer descended all the way to the floor. However, the reduction method, used on both the measured and predicted temperatures, does not account for the formation of a single layer, and therefore does not indicate that the layer dropped all the way to the floor. Notice that in the MAGIC simulations, the hot gas layer is predicted to reach the floor.

It is important to indicate also that the HGL reduction method produces spurious results in the first few minutes of each test because no clear layer has yet formed.

The comparison between MAGIC simulations and measured hot gas layer temperatures and heights are compiled in **Error! Reference source not found.** to Figure A-7.

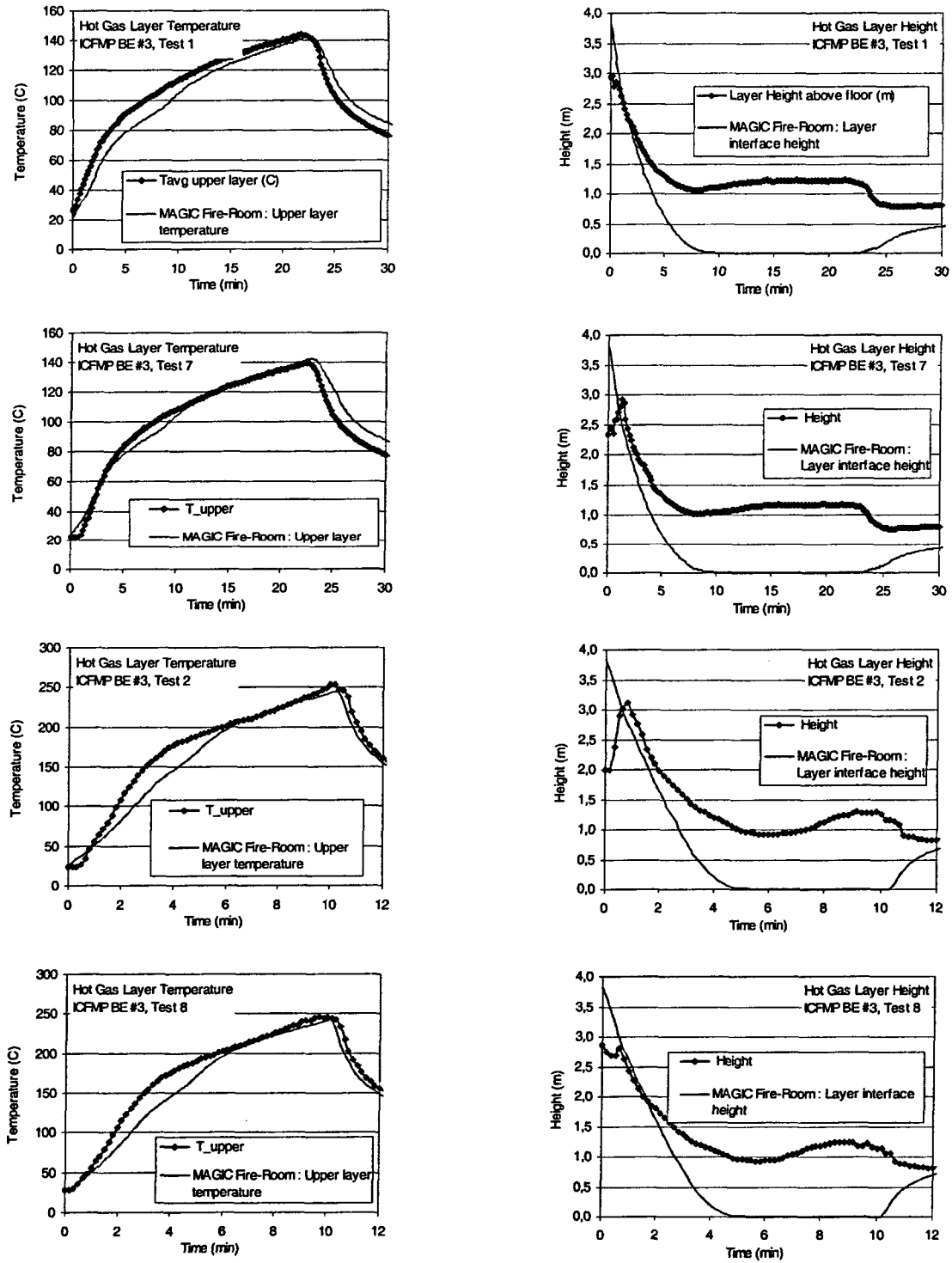


Figure A-4. Hot Gas Layer (HGL) Temperature and Height, ICFMP BE #3, closed door tests.

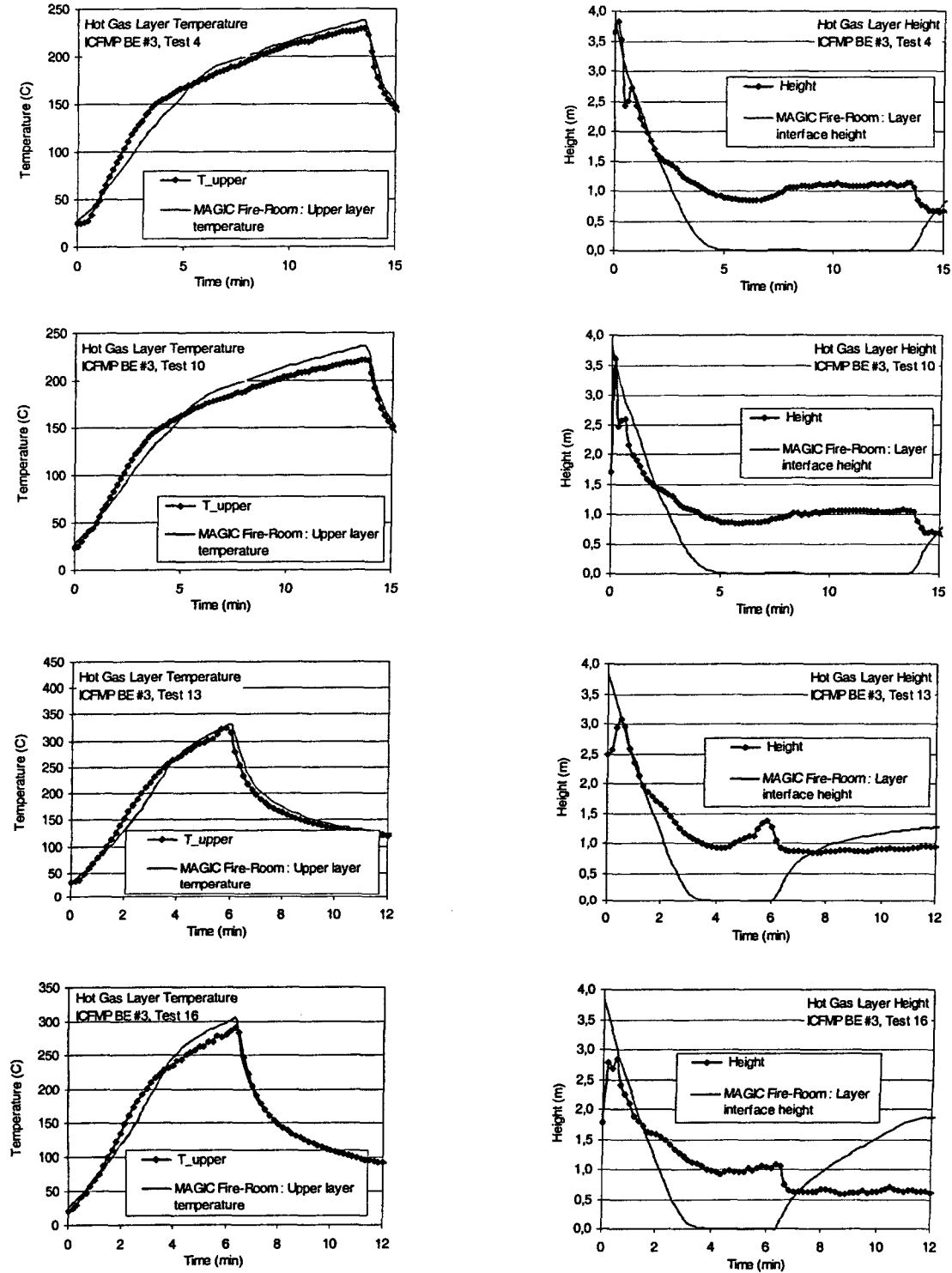
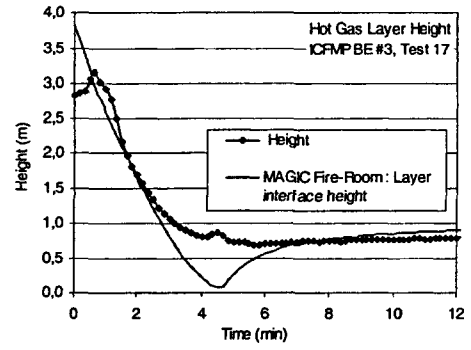
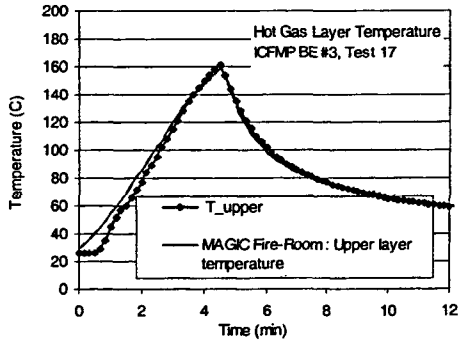


Figure A-5. Hot Gas Layer (HGL) Temperature and Height, ICFMP BE #3, closed door tests.



Open Door Tests

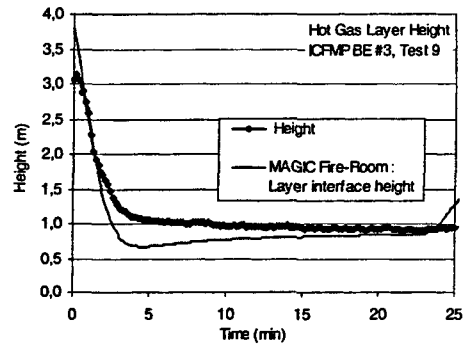
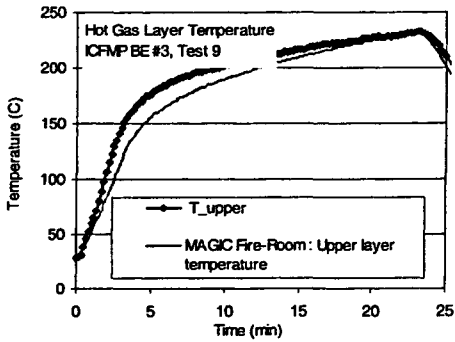
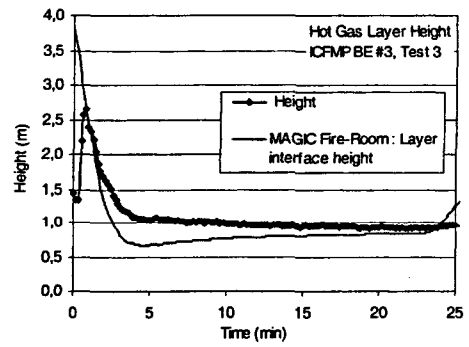
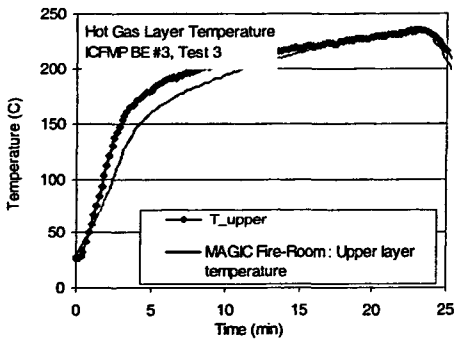


Figure A-6. Hot Gas Layer (HGL) Temperature and Height, ICFMP BE #3, open door tests.



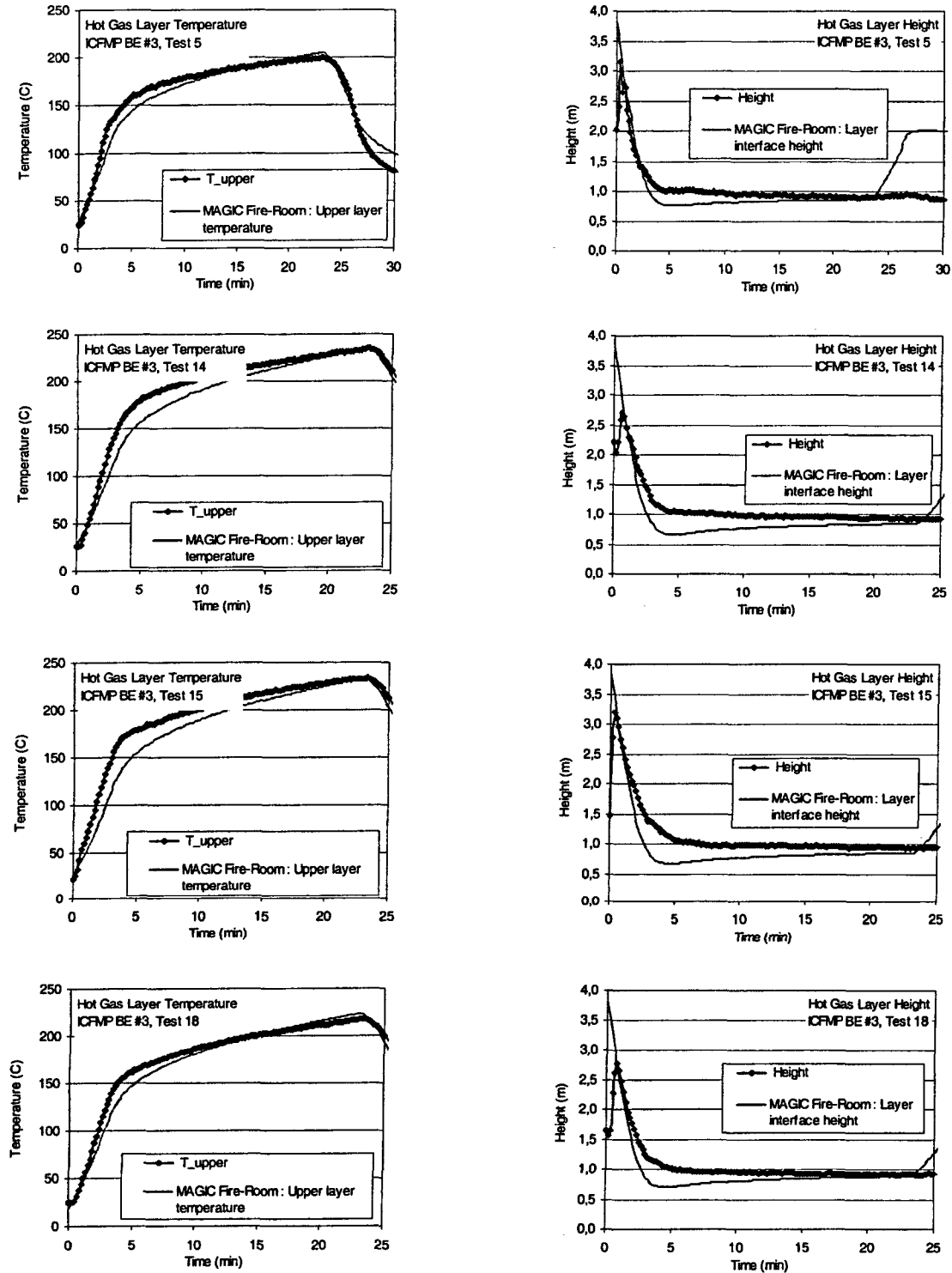


Figure A-7: Hot Gas Layer (HGL) Temperature and Height, ICFMP BE #3, open door tests.

**Table A-2: Relative differences of hot gas layer temperature and height in ICFMP BE# 3**

Test	Hot Gas Layer Temperature			Hot Gas Layer Height		
	$\Delta E$ (°C)	$\Delta M$ (°C)	Relative Difference	$\Delta E$ (m)	$\Delta M$ (m)	Relative Difference
ICFMP 3-1	122.9	120.3	-2%			N/A <sup>1</sup>
ICFMP 3-7	116.8	117.3	0%			N/A <sup>1</sup>
ICFMP 3-2	229.2	219.2	-4%			N/A <sup>1</sup>
ICFMP 3-8	217.7	218.3	0%			N/A <sup>1</sup>
ICFMP 3-4	204.3	210.8	3%			N/A <sup>1</sup>
ICFMP 3-10	197.8	209.4	6%			N/A <sup>1</sup>
ICFMP 3-13	290.5	298.9	3%			N/A <sup>1</sup>
ICFMP 3-16	268.4	278.6	4%			N/A <sup>1</sup>
ICFMP 3-17	135.3	129.2	-5%			N/A <sup>1</sup>
ICFMP 3-3	207.3	207.1	0%	-3.26	-3.82	17%
ICFMP 3-9	204.0	204.5	0%	-3.23	-3.82	18%
ICFMP 3-5	175.5	176.5	1%	-2.98	-3.82	28%
ICFMP 3-14	208.2	205.8	-1%	-3.29	-3.82	16%
ICFMP 3-15	210.6	205.3	-3%	-3.13	-3.75	20%
ICFMP 3-18	193.4	204.6	6%	-3.26	-3.82	17%

1. Relative difference not applicable for closed door compartment fire experiments since the data reduction method does not account for the formation of a single layer, which is the case when the hot gas layer reaches the floor.

### A.1.3 ICFMP BE #4

ICFMP BE # 4 consisted of two experiments, of which one was chosen for validation, Test 1. Compared to the other experiments, this fire was relatively large in a relatively small compartment. Thus, its HGL temperature is considerably higher than the other fire tests under study. As shown in Figure A-8, the compartment geometry is fairly simple, consisting of a rectangular shape room.

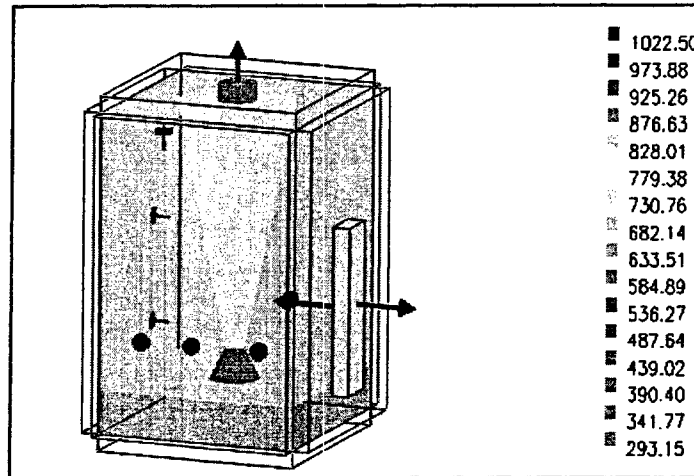


Figure A-8: Snapshot of the MAGIC simulation of ICFMP BE #4, Test 1.

Figure A-9 includes the comparison between experimental and predicted hot gas layer temperature and height. The relative differences calculated for this experiment are listed in Table A-3.

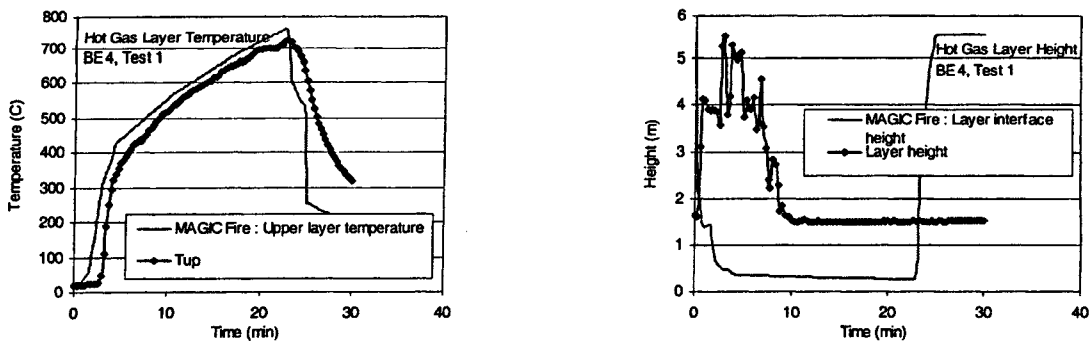


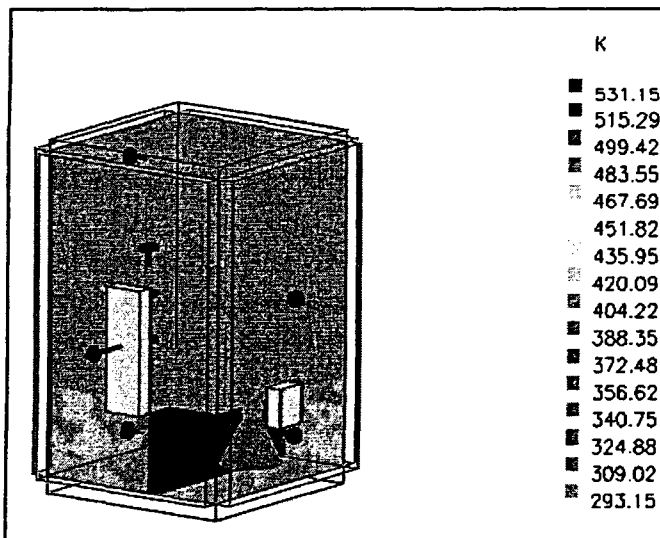
Figure A-9: Hot Gas Layer (HGL) Temperature and Height, ICFMP BE #4, Test 1.

**Table A-3: Relative differences of hot gas layer temperature and height in ICFMP BE# 4**

Test	Hot Gas Layer Temperature			Hot Gas Layer Height		
	$\Delta E$ (°C)	$\Delta M$ (°C)	Relative Difference	$\Delta E$ (m)	$\Delta M$ (m)	Relative Difference
ICFMP 4-1	700.1	741.4	6%	-4.20	-5.27	25%

**A.1.4: ICFMP BE #5**

BE #5 was performed in the same fire test facility as BE #4. Figure A-10 displays the overall geometry of the compartment, as idealized by MAGIC. Only one of the experiments from this test series was used in the evaluation, Test 4, and only the first 20 min of the test, during the “pre-heating” stage when only the ethanol pool fire was active. The burner was lit after that point, and the cables began to burn.



**Figure A-10: Snapshot of the MAGIC simulation of ICFMP BE #5, Test 4.**

Figure A-11 summarizes the comparison between the experimental and predicted hot gas layer and height during the first 20 minutes of simulation. The corresponding relative differences are listed in Table A-4.

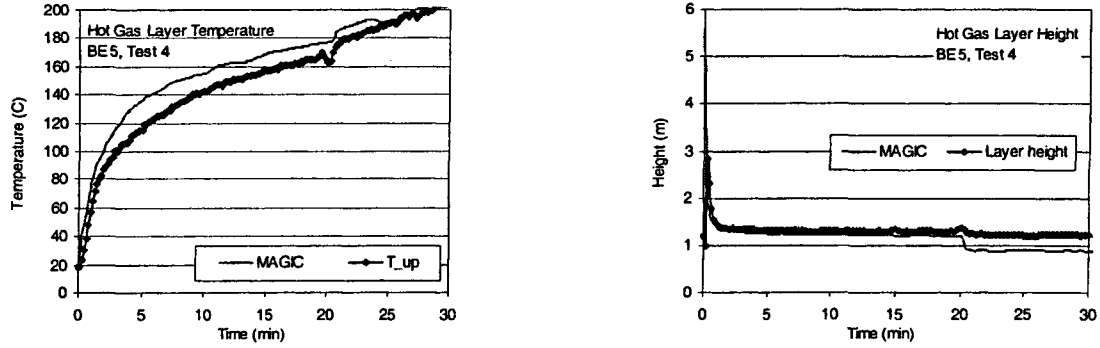


Figure A-11: Hot Gas Layer (HGL) Temperature and Height, ICFMP BE #5, Test 4.

Table A-4: Relative differences of hot gas layer temperature and height in ICFMP BE# 5

Test	Hot Gas Layer Temperature			Hot Gas Layer Height		
	$\Delta E$ (°C)	$\Delta M$ (°C)	Relative Difference	$\Delta E$ (m)	$\Delta M$ (m)	Relative Difference
ICFMP 5-4	185.7	182.8	-2%	-4.70	-4.72	1%

### A.1.5 FM/SNL Test Series

Tests 4, 5, and 21 from the FM-SNL test series were selected for comparison.

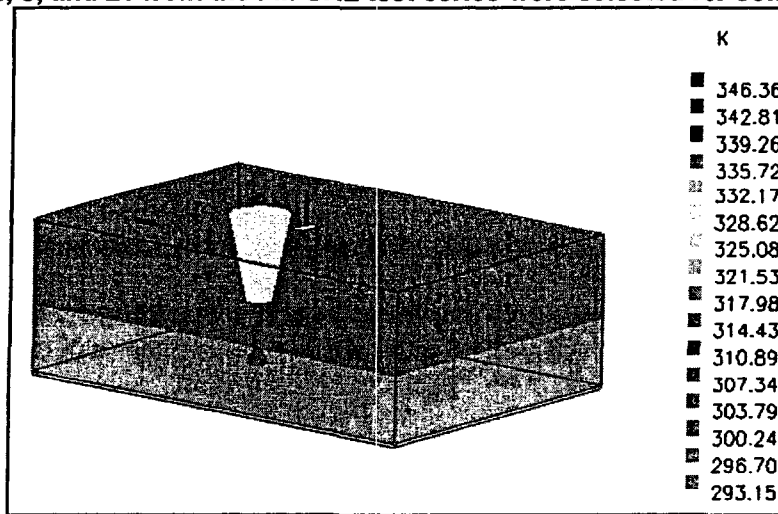


Figure A-12 provides a pictorial representation of the experimental geometry as idealized in MAGIC. The experimental hot gas layer temperature and height were calculated using the standard method. The thermocouple arrays that are referred to as Sectors 1, 2 and 3 were averaged (with an equal weighting for each) for Tests 4 and 5. For Test 21, only Sectors 1 and 3 were used, as Sector 2 fell within the smoke plume.

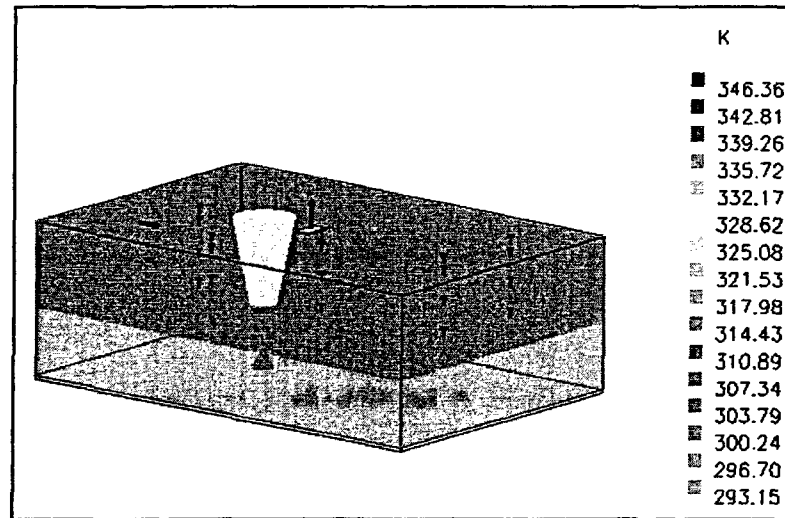


Figure A-12: Snapshot from the MAGIC simulation of FM/SNL Test 5.

Figure A-13 summarizes the graphical comparison of hot gas layer temperatures and heights for tests 4, 5, and 21. The relative differences are included in Table A-5.

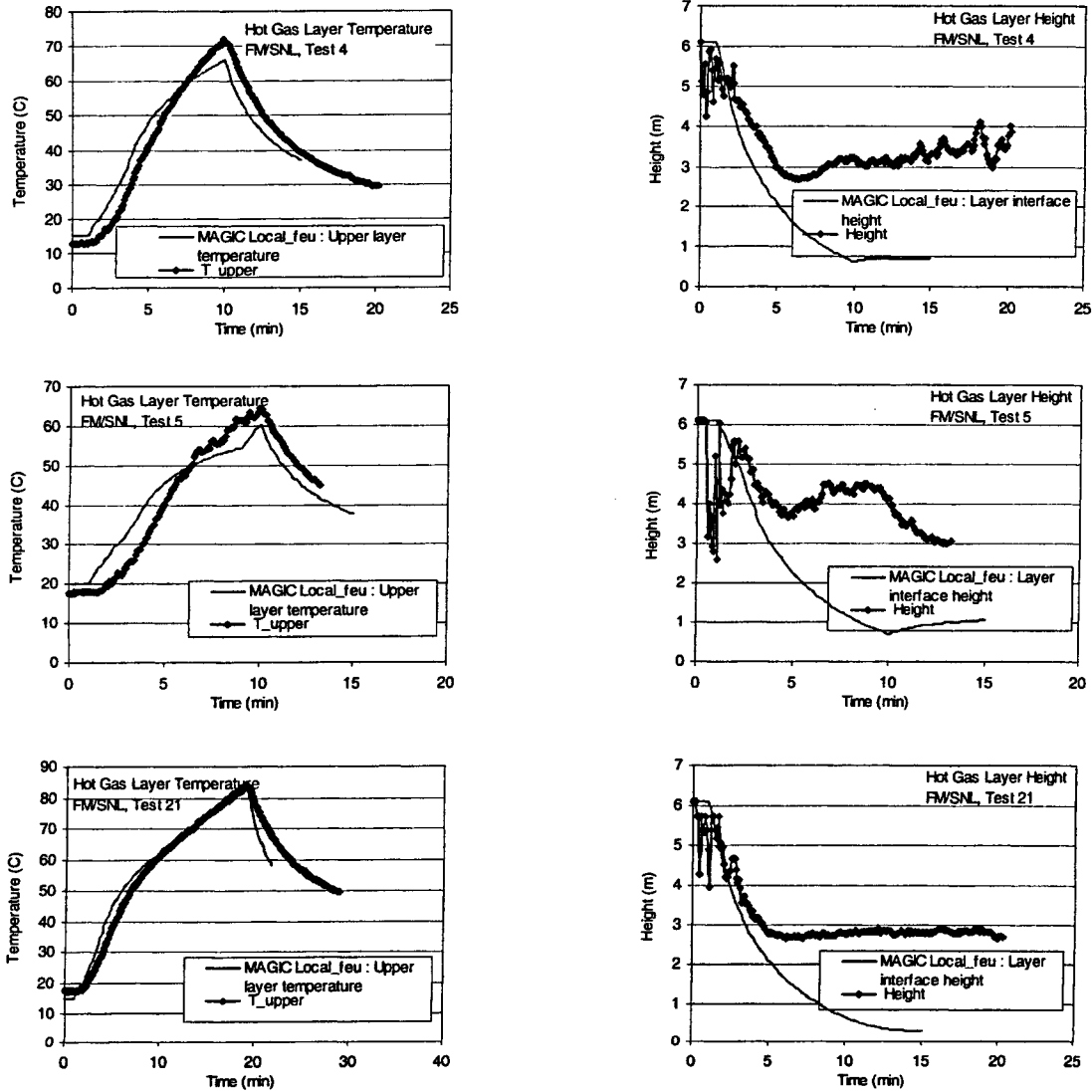


Figure A-13: Hot Gas Layer (HGL) Temperature and Height, FM/SNL Series.

Table A-5: Relative differences of hot gas layer temperature and height in FM/SNL

Test	Hot Gas Layer Temperature			Hot Gas Layer Height		
	$\Delta E$ (°C)	$\Delta M$ (°C)	Relative Difference	$\Delta E$ (m)	$\Delta M$ (m)	Relative Difference
FM/SNL 4	59.2	51.0	-14%	-3.40	-5.50	N/A
FM/SNL 5	46.6	40.4	-13%	-3.23	-5.41	N/A
FM/SNL 21	66.0	59.6	-10%	-3.43	-5.79	N/A

### A.1.6 The NBS Multi-Room Test Series

This series of experiments consisted of two relatively small rooms connected by a long corridor. The fire was located in one of the rooms. Eight vertical arrays of thermocouples were positioned throughout the test space: one in the burn room, one near the door of the burn room, three in the corridor, one in the exit to the outside at the far end of the corridor, one near the door of the other or "target" room, and one inside the target room. Four of the eight arrays were selected for comparison with model prediction: the array in the burn room, the array in the middle of the corridor, the array at the far end of the corridor, and the array in the target room. In Tests 100A and 100O, the target room was closed, in which case the array in the exit doorway was used.

The standard reduction method was not used to compute the experimental HGL temperature or height for this test series. Rather, the test director reduced the layer information individually for the eight thermocouple arrays using an alternative method (Peacock 1991).

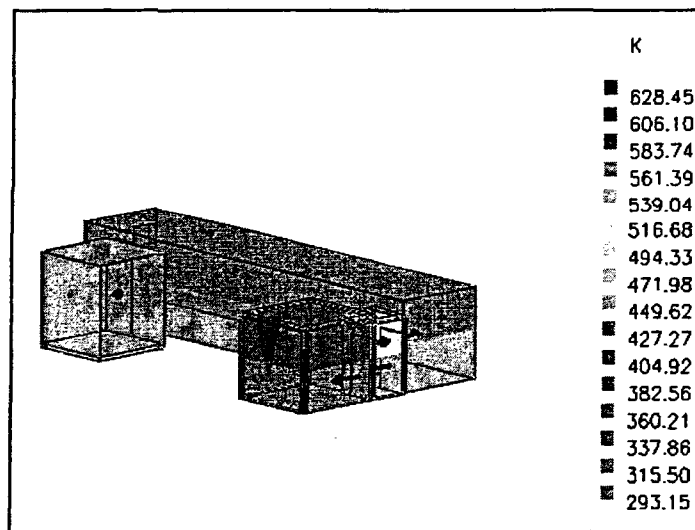


Figure A-14: Snapshot from the MAGIC simulation of NBS Multi-Room Test 100Z

The following three figures (Figure A-15 to Figure A-17) compiled the graphical comparison between experimental measurements and modeling results for hot gas layer temperature and height for the three selected experiments. Recall that the target room was closed in the first two experiments (A and O). Consequently, no relative difference was calculated for the target room in those two experiments. The relative differences are listed in Table A-6 to Table A-8.



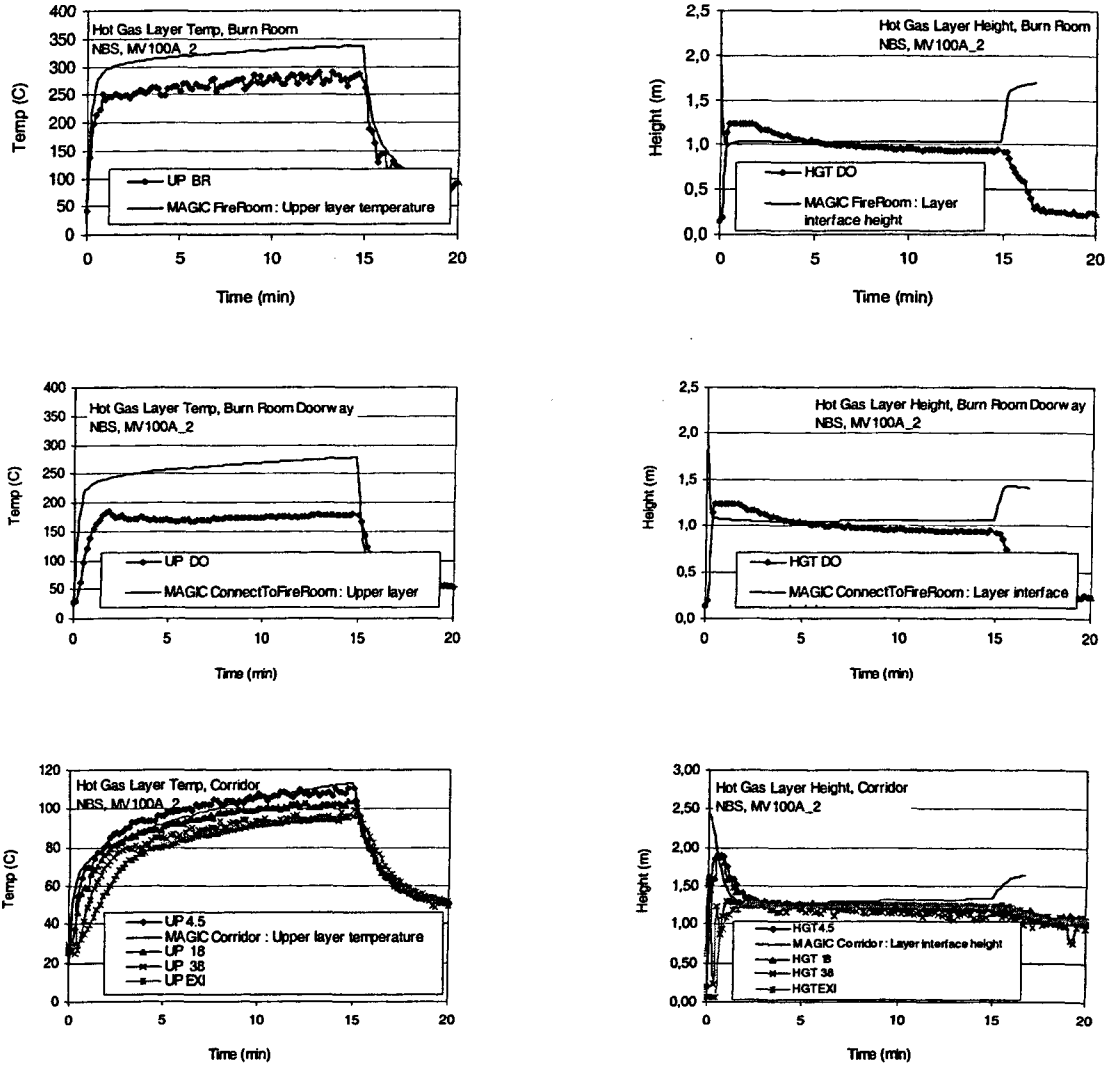


Figure A-15: Hot Gas Layer (HGL) Temperature and Height, NBS Multiroom, Test 100A.

**Table A-6: Relative differences of hot gas layer temperature and height in NBS Tests**

		Hot Gas Layer Temperature			Hot Gas Layer Height		
		$\Delta E$ (°C)	$\Delta M$ (°C)	Relative Difference	$\Delta E$ (m)	$\Delta M$ (m)	Relative Difference
NBS A	Burn Room	247.8	318.4	29%	-1.18	-1.17	-1%
NBS A	Corridor 4.5	85.9	93.5	9%	-2.24	-1.18	-47%
NBS A	Corridor 18	77.5	93.5	21%	-1.27	-1.18	-7%
NBS A	Corridor 38	71.1	93.5	31%	-2.22	-1.18	-47%
NBS A	Corridor EXI	66.4	93.5	41%	-2.37	-1.18	-50%
NBS A	Target Room	Target room closed					

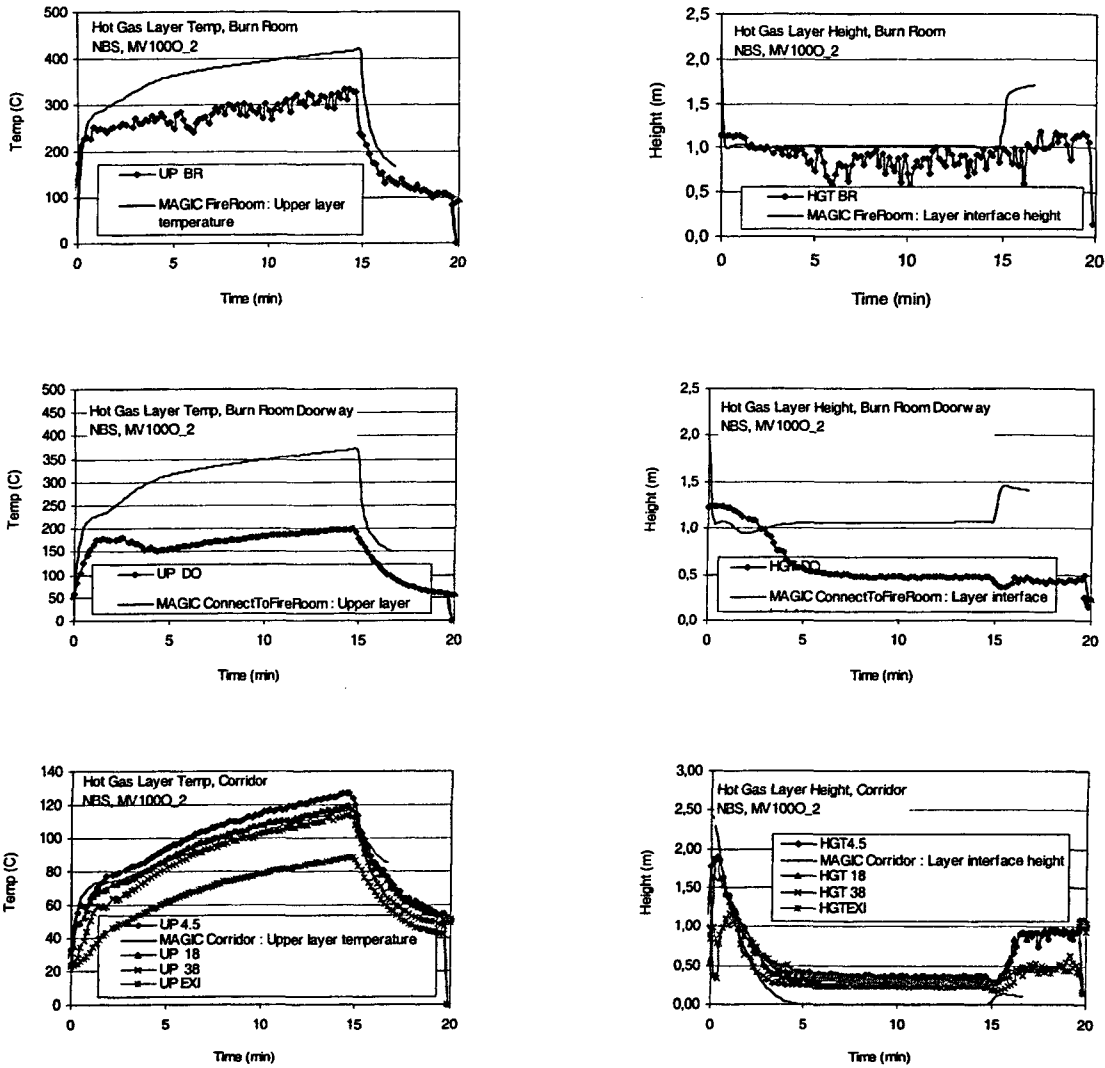
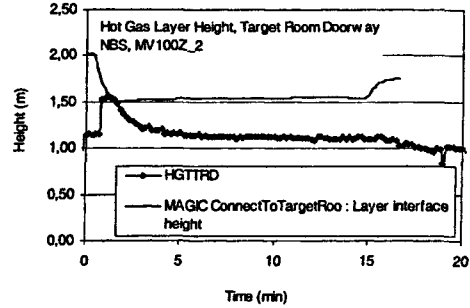
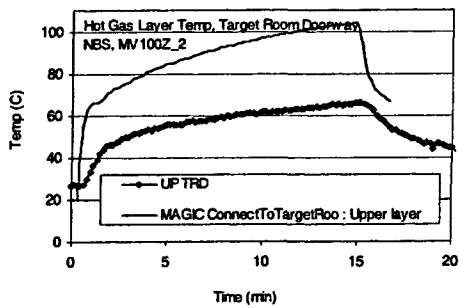
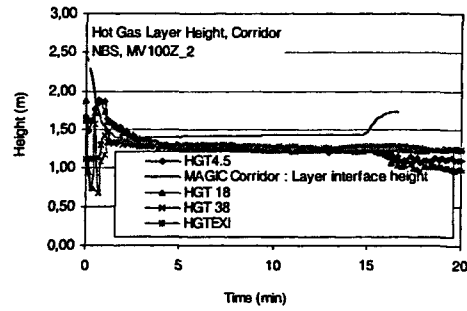
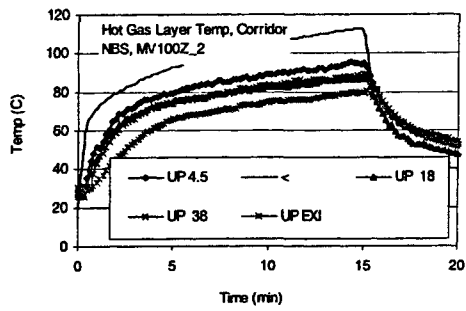
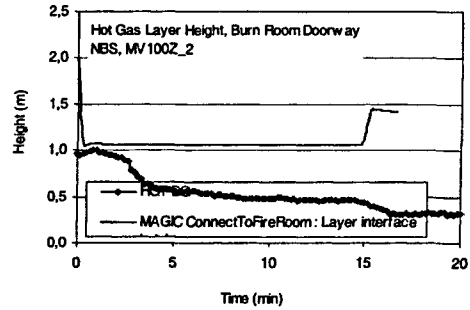
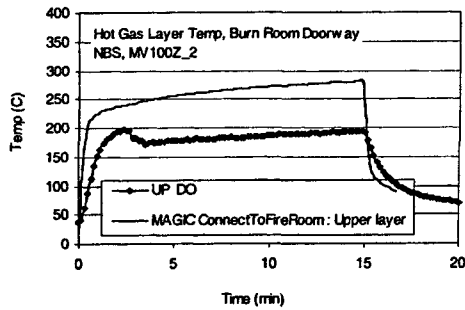
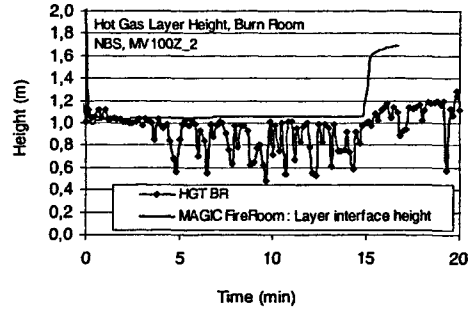
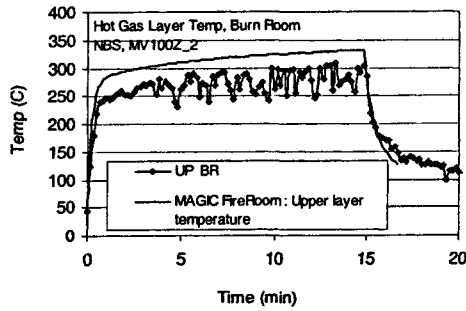


Figure A-16: Hot Gas Layer (HGL) Temperature and Height, NBS Multiroom, Test 1000.

**Table A-7: Relative differences of hot gas layer temperature and height in NBS Tests**

		Hot Gas Layer Temperature			Hot Gas Layer Height		
		$\Delta E$ ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	$\Delta M$ ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Relative Difference	$\Delta E$ (m)	$\Delta M$ (m)	Relative Difference
NBS O	Burn Room	310.3	399.3	29%	-1.59	-1.19	-25%
NBS O	Corridor 4.5	94.5	97.3	3%	-1.55	-1.06	-32%
NBS O	Corridor 18	94.7	97.3	3%	-2.12	-2.44	15%
NBS O	Corridor 38	89.8	97.3	8%	-2.14	-2.44	14%
NBS O	Corridor EXI	65.5	97.3	48%	-2.23	-2.44	10%
NBS O	Target Room	Target room closed					



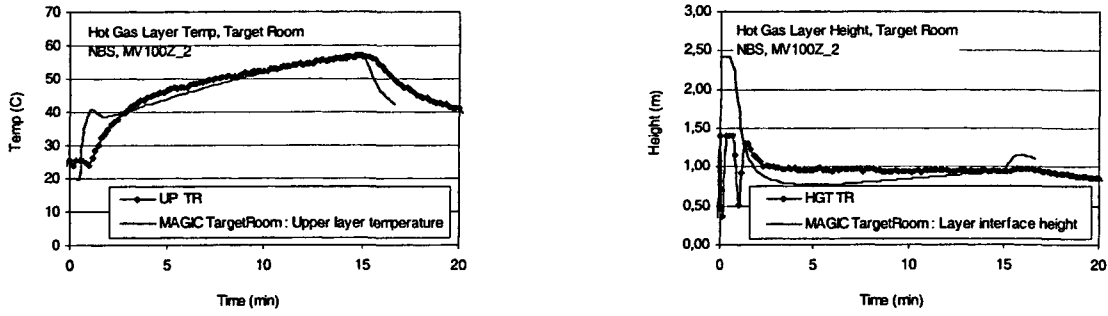


Figure A-17. Hot Gas Layer (HGL) Temperature and Height, NBS Multiroom, Test 100Z.

Table A-8: Relative differences of hot gas layer temperature and height in NBS Tests

		Hot Gas Layer Temperature			Hot Gas Layer Height		
		$\Delta E$ (°C)	$\Delta M$ (°C)	Relative Difference	$\Delta E$ (m)	$\Delta M$ (m)	Relative Difference
NBS Z	Burn Room	283.9	311.9	10%	-1.67	-1.17	-30%
NBS Z	Corridor 4.5	68.7	92.9	35%	-1.24	-1.05	-15%
NBS Z	Corridor 18	61.1	92.9	52%	-1.70	-1.05	-38%
NBS Z	Corridor 38	58.2	92.9	60%	-1.76	-1.05	-40%
NBS Z	Corridor EXI	51.2	92.9	82%	-1.36	-1.05	-23%
NBS Z	Target Room	31.7	37.8	19%	-2.06	-1.66	114%

## **A.2 Ceiling Jet Temperature**

MAGIC has an explicit ceiling jet temperature model based on the model developed by Cooper [Ref. 6]. The model also accounts for the hot gas layer effects using Cooper's method. In general, a target is specified in the computational domain. If the target is exposed to ceiling jet, the "Target/Gas Temperature" output option provides the ceiling jet temperature.

Experimental measurements for this category are available from ICFMP BE #3 and the FM/SNL series only.

Positive relative differences are an indication that the MAGIC prediction is higher than the experimental observation.

### **A.2.1 ICFMP BE # 3**

The thermocouple nearest the ceiling in Tree 7, located towards the back of the compartment, was chosen as a surrogate for the ceiling jet temperature. The 15 graphical comparisons of experimental measurements and model results are grouped in Figure A-18 and Figure A-19. The relative differences are listed in Table A-9.

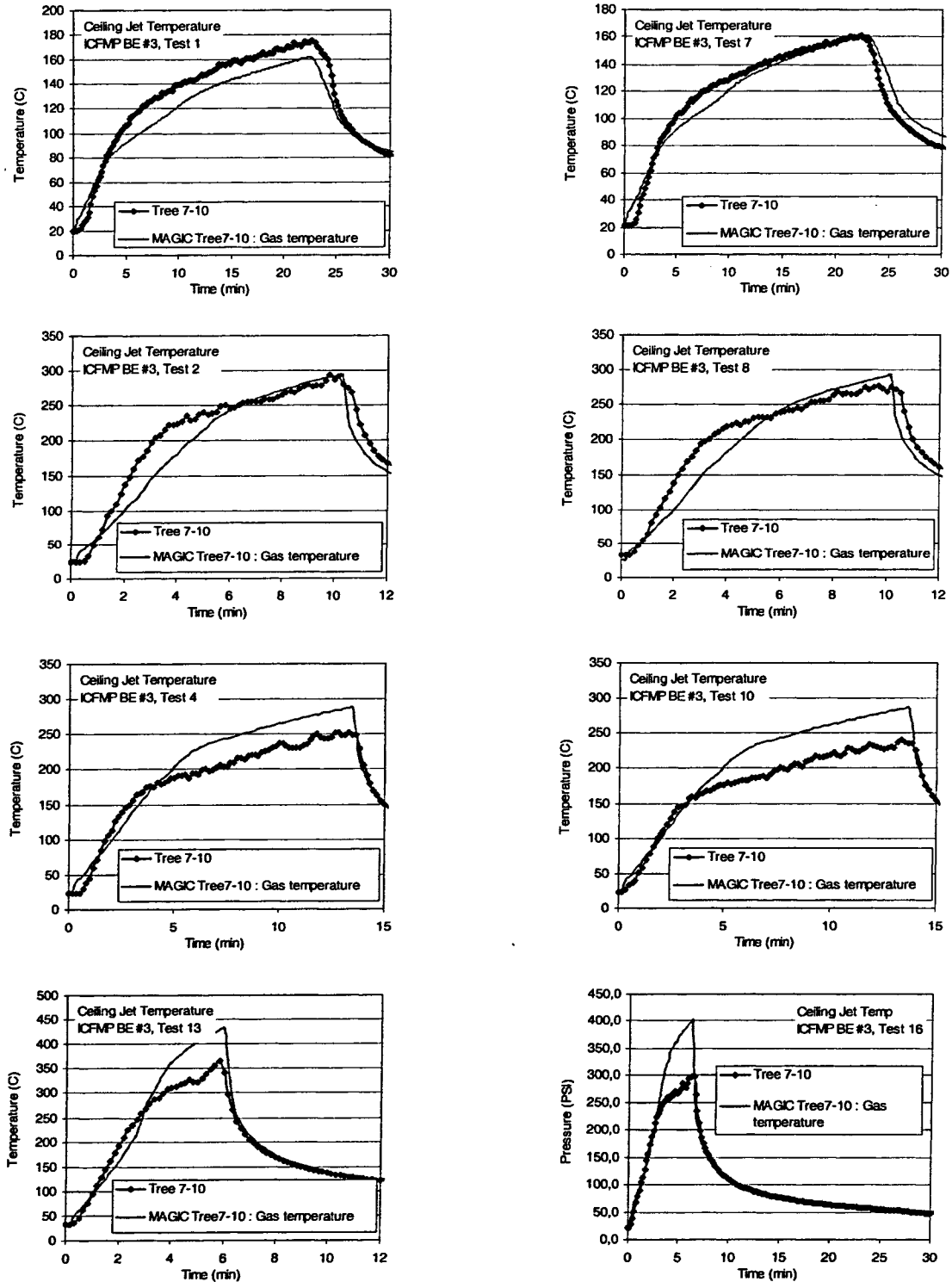


Figure A-18: Near-ceiling gas (ceiling jet) temperatures, ICFMP BE #3, closed door tests.



Open Door Tests

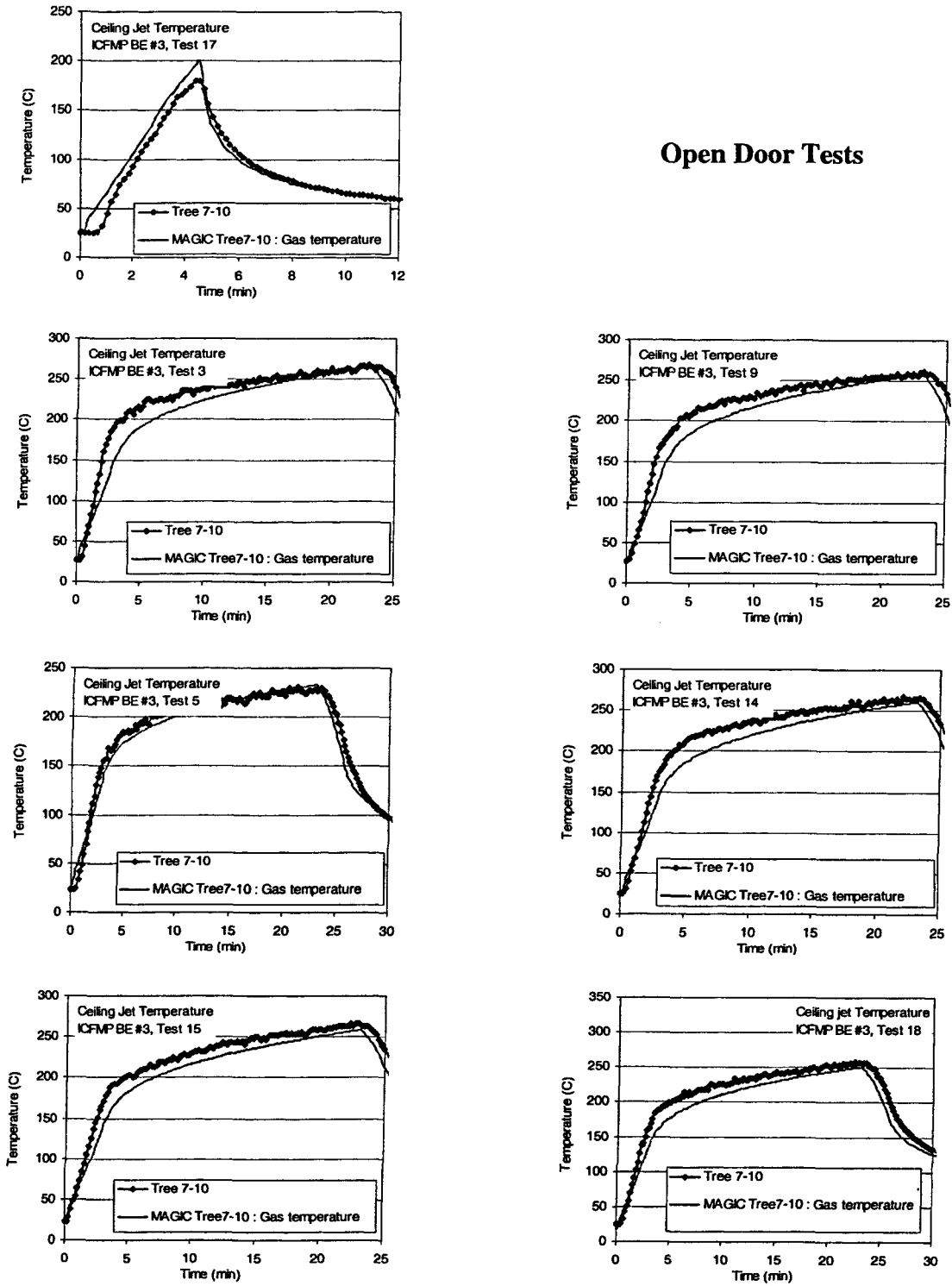


Figure A-19: Near-ceiling gas (ceiling jet) temperatures, ICFMP BE #3, open door tests

Table A-9: Relative differences for ceiling jet temperature in ICFMP BE #3

	Instrument	$\Delta E$ (°C)	$\Delta M$ (°C)	Relative Difference
ICFMP 3-1	Tree 7-10	154.9	140.1	-10%
ICFMP 3-7	Tree 7-10	139.3	136.8	-2%
ICFMP 3-2	Tree 7-10	270.6	269.4	0%
ICFMP 3-8	Tree 7-10	246.9	268.3	9%
ICFMP 3-4	Tree 7-10	228.9	261.0	14%
ICFMP 3-10	Tree 7-10	217.5	259.1	19%
ICFMP 3-13	Tree 7-10	330.5	400.9	21%
ICFMP 3-16	Tree 7-10	277.7	376.6	36%
ICFMP 3-17	Tree 7-10	155.9	172.3	11%
ICFMP 3-3	Tree 7-10	240.7	234.6	-3%
ICFMP 3-9	Tree 7-10	234.6	231.4	-1%
ICFMP 3-5	Tree 7-10	207.7	204.7	-1%
ICFMP 3-14	Tree 7-10	240.8	232.5	-3%
ICFMP 3-15	Tree 7-10	243.7	231.4	-5%
ICFMP 3-18	Tree 7-10	235.1	233.2	-1%

### A.2.2 The FM/SNL Test Series

The near-ceiling thermocouples in Sectors 1 and 3 were chosen as surrogates for the ceiling jet temperature. Figure A-20 compiles the graphical comparisons between experimental measurements for ceiling jet temperature and the MAGIC predictions. The corresponding relative differences are listed in Table A-10.

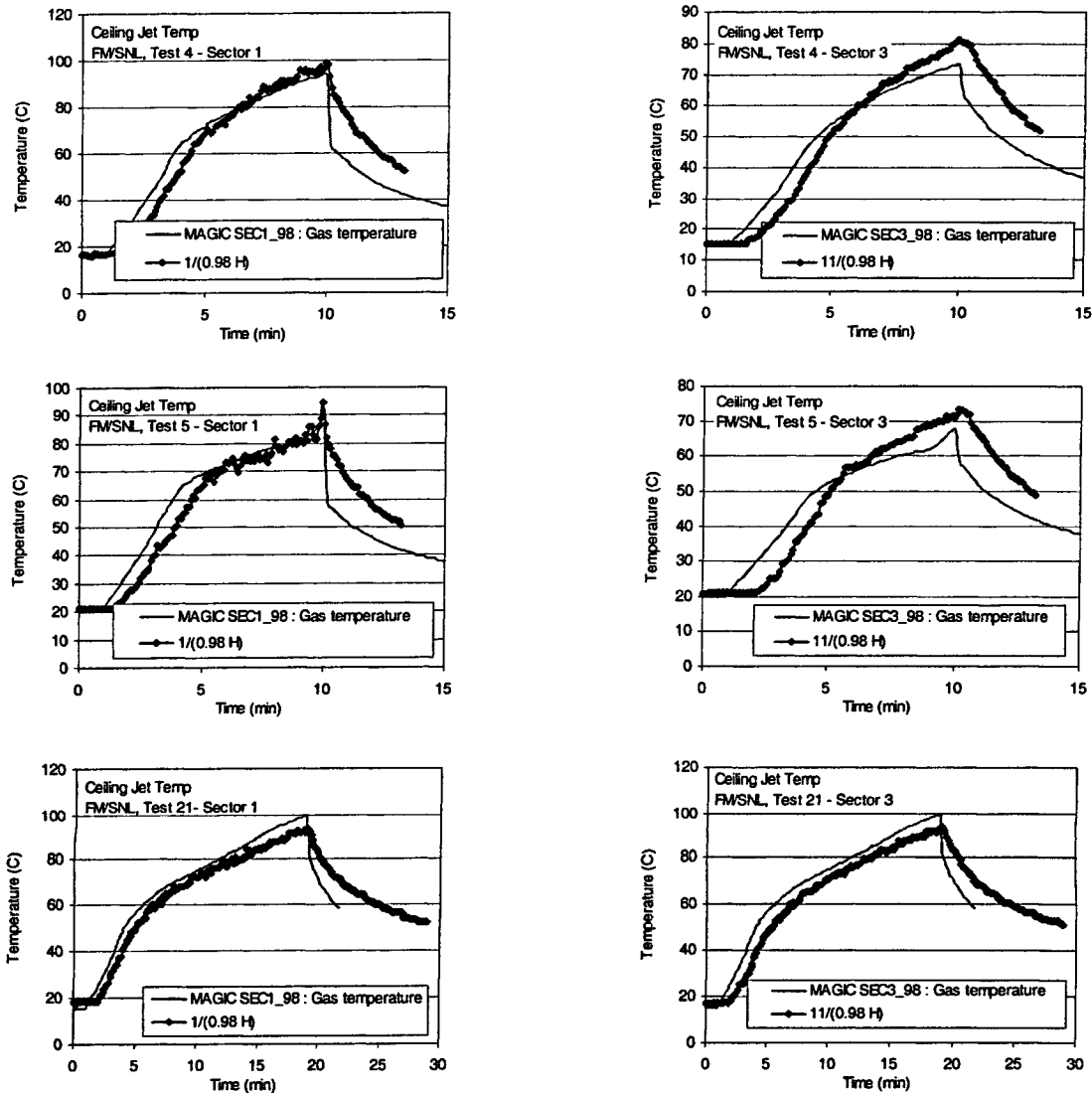


Figure A-20: Near-ceiling gas (ceiling jet) temperatures, FM/SNL Series, Sectors 1 and 3.

**Table A-10: Relative differences for ceiling jet temperatures in FM/SNL Tests**

	Instrument	$\Delta E$ ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	$\Delta M$ ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	Relative Difference
FM/SNL 4	1/98H	82.8	78.8	-5%
	11/98H	66.1	58.1	-12%
FM/SNL 5	1/98H	73.7	66.8	-9%
	11/98H	52.6	47.5	-10%
FM/SNL 21	1/98H	75.9	74.2	-2%
	11/98H	77.2	74.2	-4%

### A.3 Plume Temperature

Plume temperature measurements are available from ICFMP BE #2 and the FM/SNL series. For all the other series of experiments, the temperature was not measured above the fire (BE#3), the fire plume leaned because of the flow pattern within the compartment (BE#4), or the fire was set up against a wall (NBS). Only for BE #2 and the FM/SNL series were the plumes relatively free from perturbations.

Once a target is specified in the calculation domain, MAGIC identifies if it is located within the fire plume region. Plume temperature results are captured in the "Target/Gas Temperature" output option. The output would include hot gas layer effects in the plume temperature if the target is located inside the fire plume and above the hot gas layer interface. Positive accuracies are an indication that MAGIC predictions are higher than the experimental observations.

#### A.3.1 ICFMP BE # 2

BE #2 consisted of liquid fuel pan fires conducted in the middle of a large fire test hall. Plume temperatures were measured at two heights above the fire, 6 m (19.7 ft) and 12 m (39.4 ft). The flames extended to about 4 m (13.12 ft) above the fire pan. (Figure A-21). The suspended rectangle contains an array of thermocouples designed to locate the plume centerline. Notice that the smoke plume does not always rise straight up because of air currents within the large test hall.

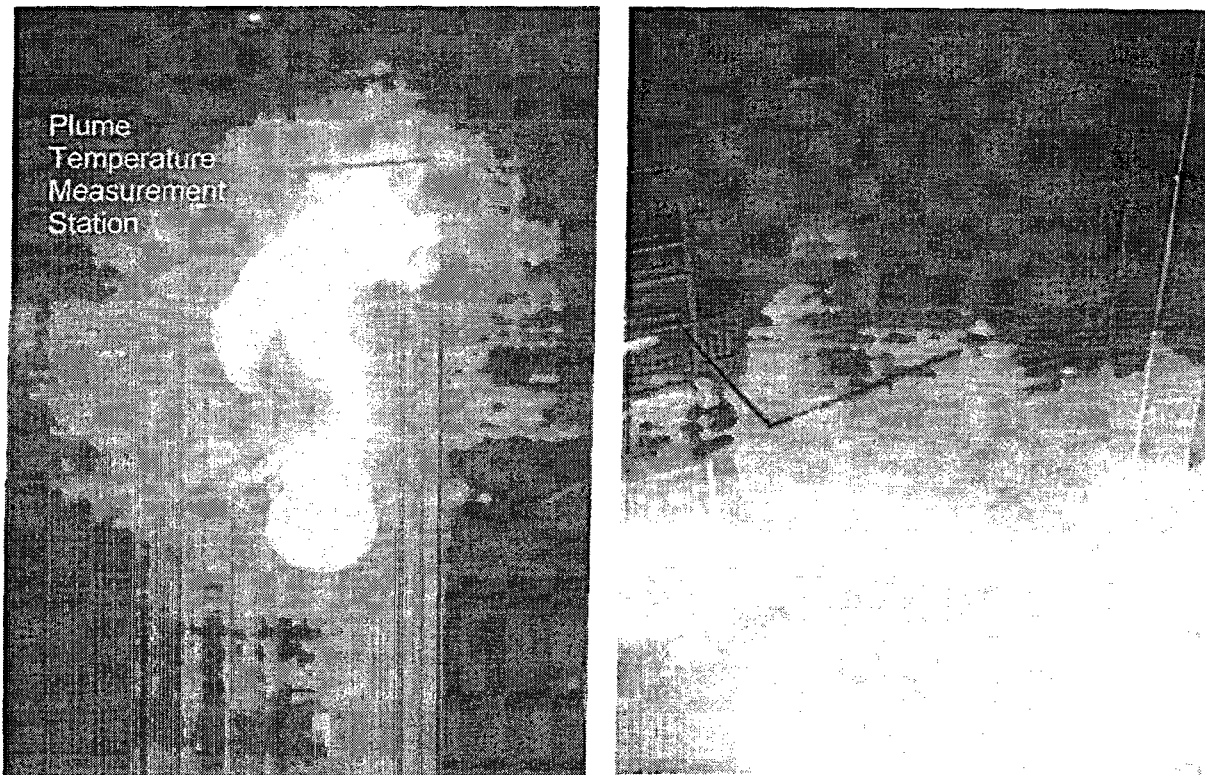


Figure A-21: Fire plumes in ICFMP BE #2. Courtesy Simo Hostikka, VTT Building and Transport, Espoo, Finland.

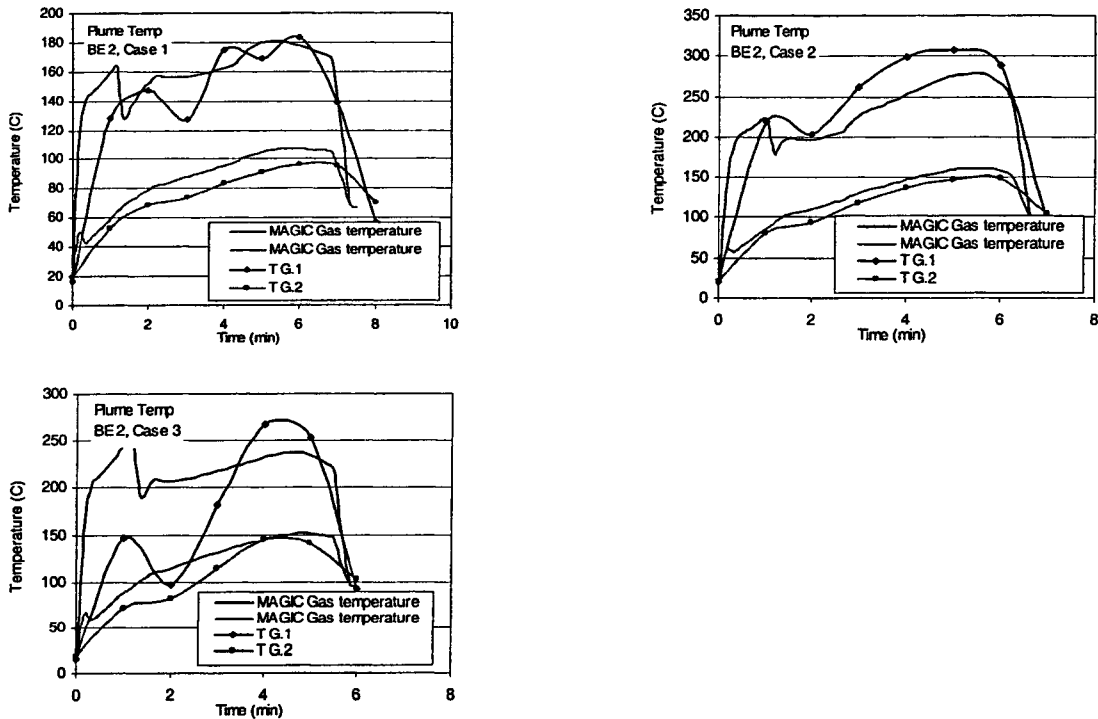


Figure A-22: Near-ceiling gas temperatures, FM/SNL Series, Sectors 1 and 3.

Figure A-22 above illustrates the graphical comparison between experimental plume temperatures and MAGIC prediction for the three cases in ICFMP BE #2. The corresponding relative differences are listed in Table A-11.

Table A-11: Relative differences for plume temperature in ICFMP BE #2

	Instrument	$\Delta E$ (°C)	$\Delta M$ (°C)	Relative Difference
ICFMP 2-1	TG.1	166	161	-3%
	TG.2	79	87	10%
ICFMP 2-2	TG.1	288	258	-11%
	TG.2	128	141	10%
ICFMP 2-3	TG.1	252	229	-9%
	TG.2	128	132	3%

### A.3.2 The FM/SNL Test Series

In Tests 4 and 5, thermocouples were positioned near the ceiling directly (5.9 m, 19.4 ft) over the fire pan. In Test 21, the fire pan was inside a cabinet. For that reason, no plume temperature comparison has been made. Figure A-23 presents the graphical comparisons and Table A-12 lists the corresponding relative differences.

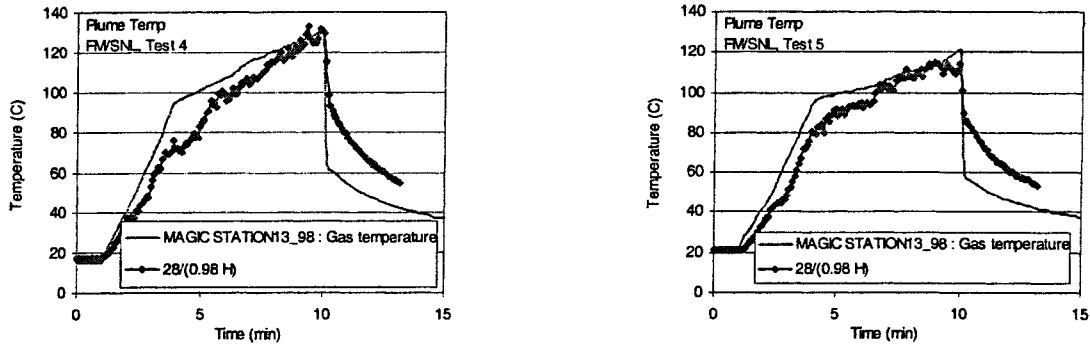


Figure A-23: Near-plume temperatures, FM/SNL Series, Sectors 13.

Table A-12: Relative differences of plume temperature in FM/SNL tests

	Instrument	$\Delta E$ (°C)	$\Delta M$ (°C)	Relative Difference
FM/SNL 4	28/98H	116	115	0%
FM/SNL 5	28/98H	94	101	8%

## A.4 Flame Height

Flame height is recorded by visual observations, photographs or video footage. Videos from the ICFMP BE # 3 test series and photographs from BE #2 are available. It is difficult to precisely measure the flame height, but the photos and videos allow one to make estimates accurate to within a pan diameter.

### A.4.1 ICFMP BE #2

Shown in Figure A-24 are MAGIC predictions for flame height. Figure A-25 contains photographs of the actual fire. The height of the visible flame in the photographs has been estimated to be between 2.4 and 3 pan diameters (3.8 m to 4.8 m, 12.5 to 15.7 ft). The height of the simulated fire fluctuates from 5 m (16.4 ft) to 6 m (19.7 ft) during the peak heat release rate phase.

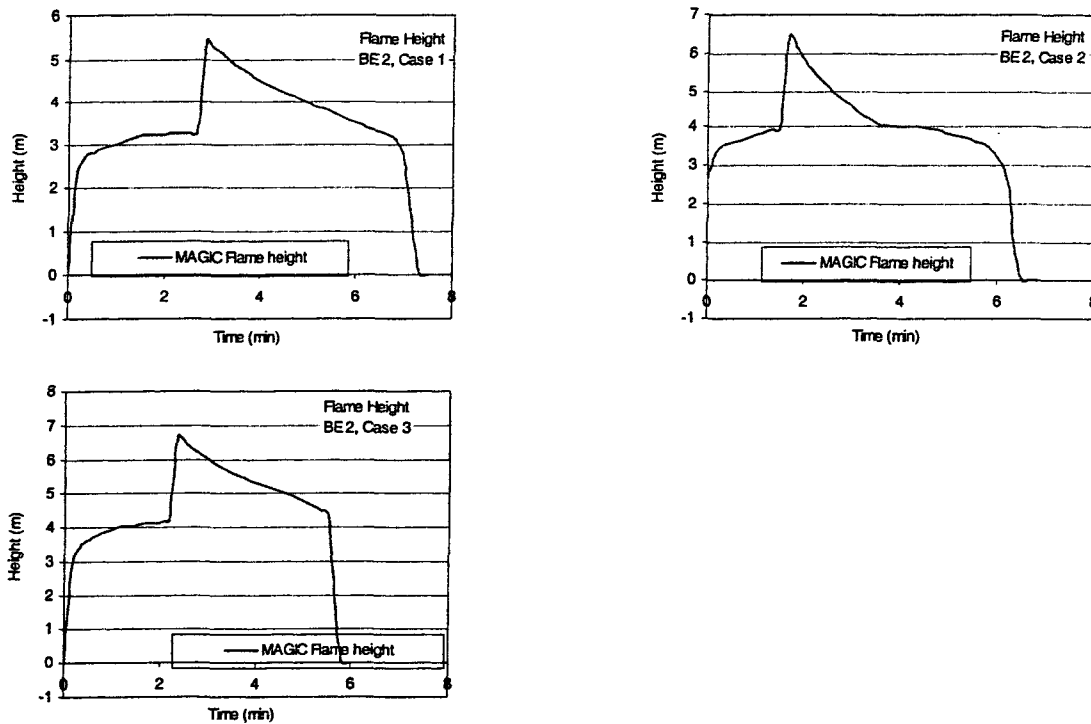
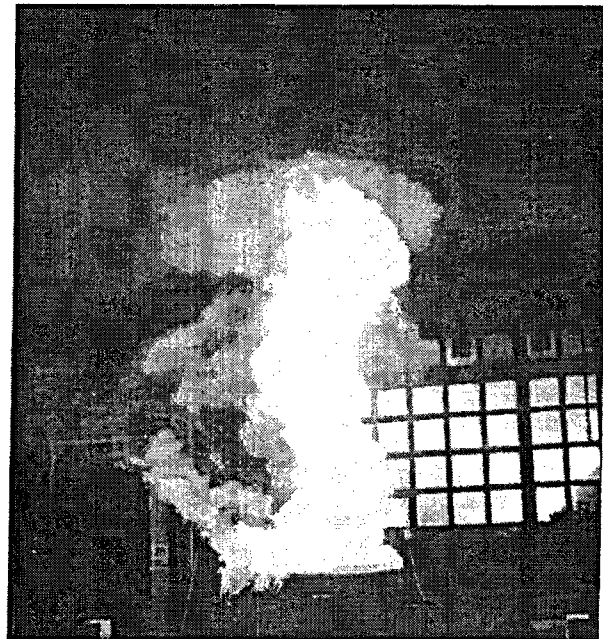
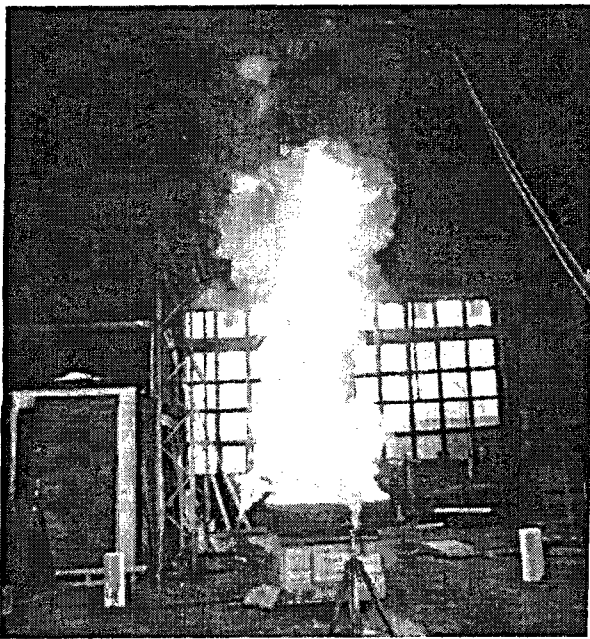
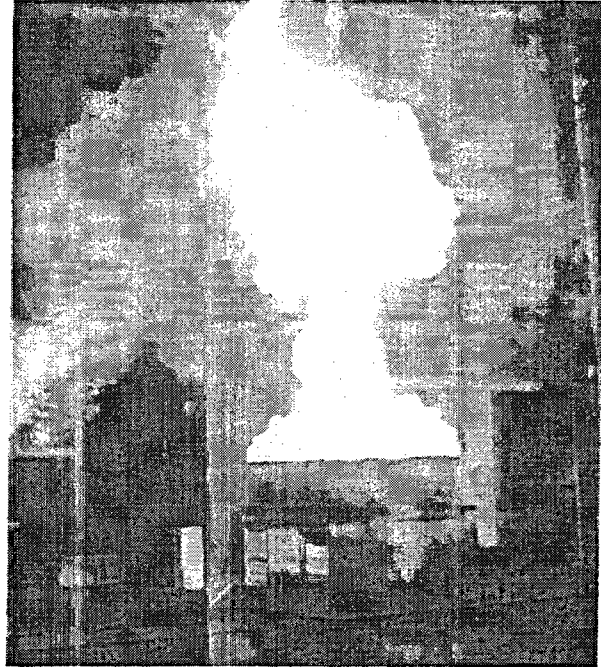
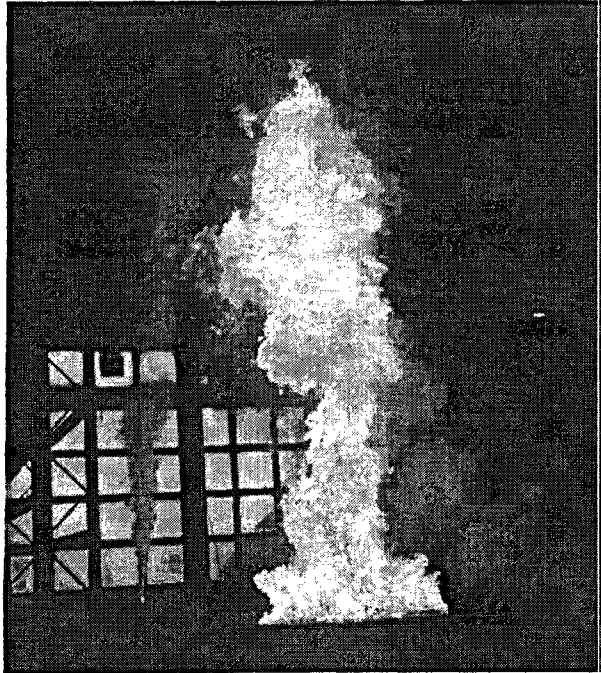


Figure A-24: Flame heights for ICFMP BE # 2

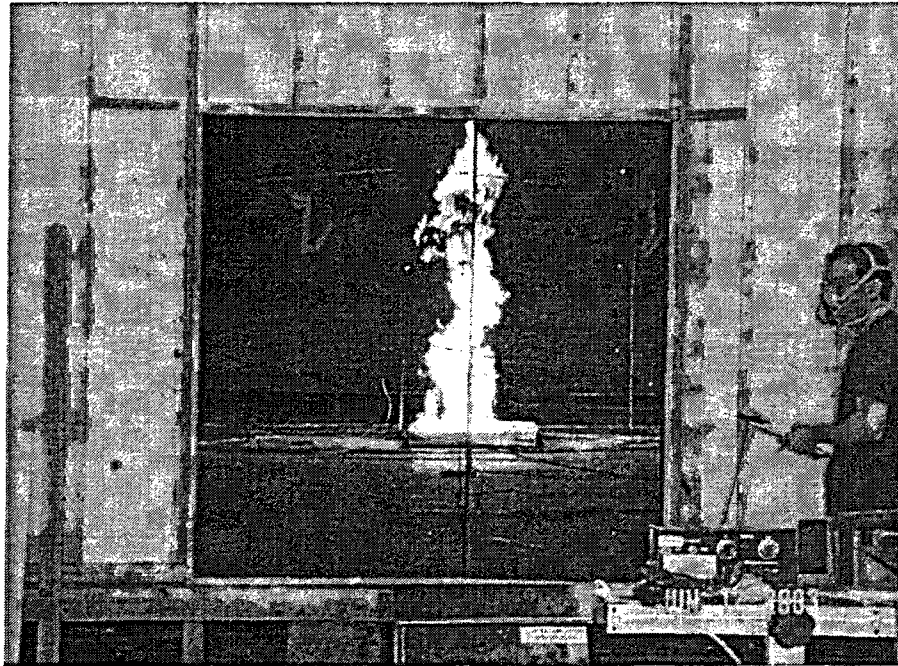




**Figure A-25: Photographs of heptane pan fires, ICFMP BE #2, Case 2. Courtesy, Simo Hostikka, VTT Building and Transport, Espoo, Finland.**

### **A.4.2 ICFMP BE #3**

No measurements were made of the flame height during BE #3, but numerous photographs were taken. Figure A-26 is one of these photographs. These photographs provide at least a qualitative assessment of the MAGIC flame height prediction. Recall that the size of the door is 2.0 m (6.6 ft) high. Inspection of the picture suggests that the flame height, at least in some of its oscillations, can be more than 2.0 m (6.6 ft) high. MAGIC however appears to be over-predicting flame heights, as most of the predictions are over 3 m high.



**Figure A-26: Photograph and simulation of ICFMP BE #3, Test 3, as seen through the 2 m by 2 m doorway. Photo courtesy of Francisco Joglar, SAIC.**

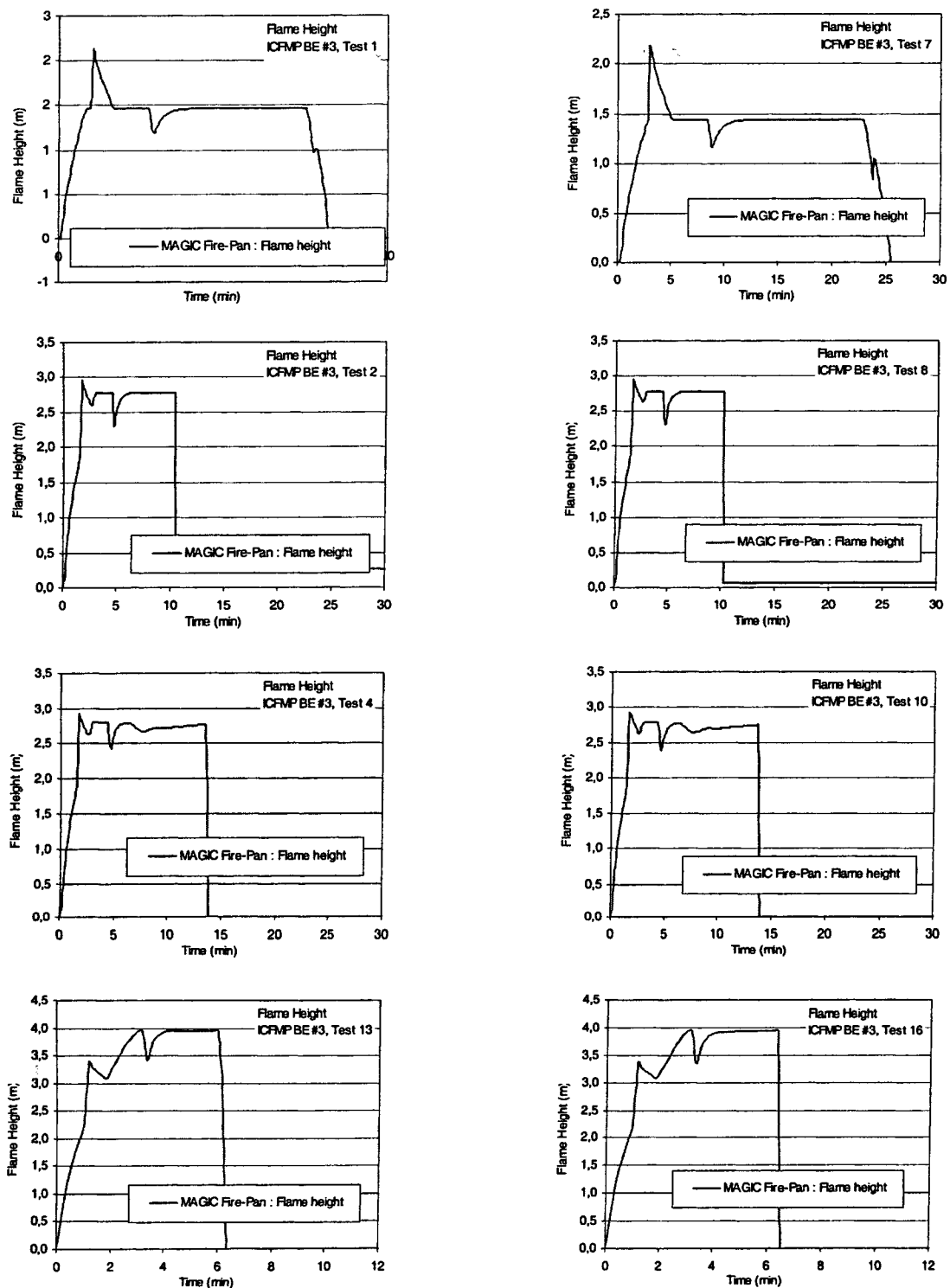


Figure A-27: Near-ceiling gas temperatures, ICFMP BE #3, closed door tests.

Open Door Tests

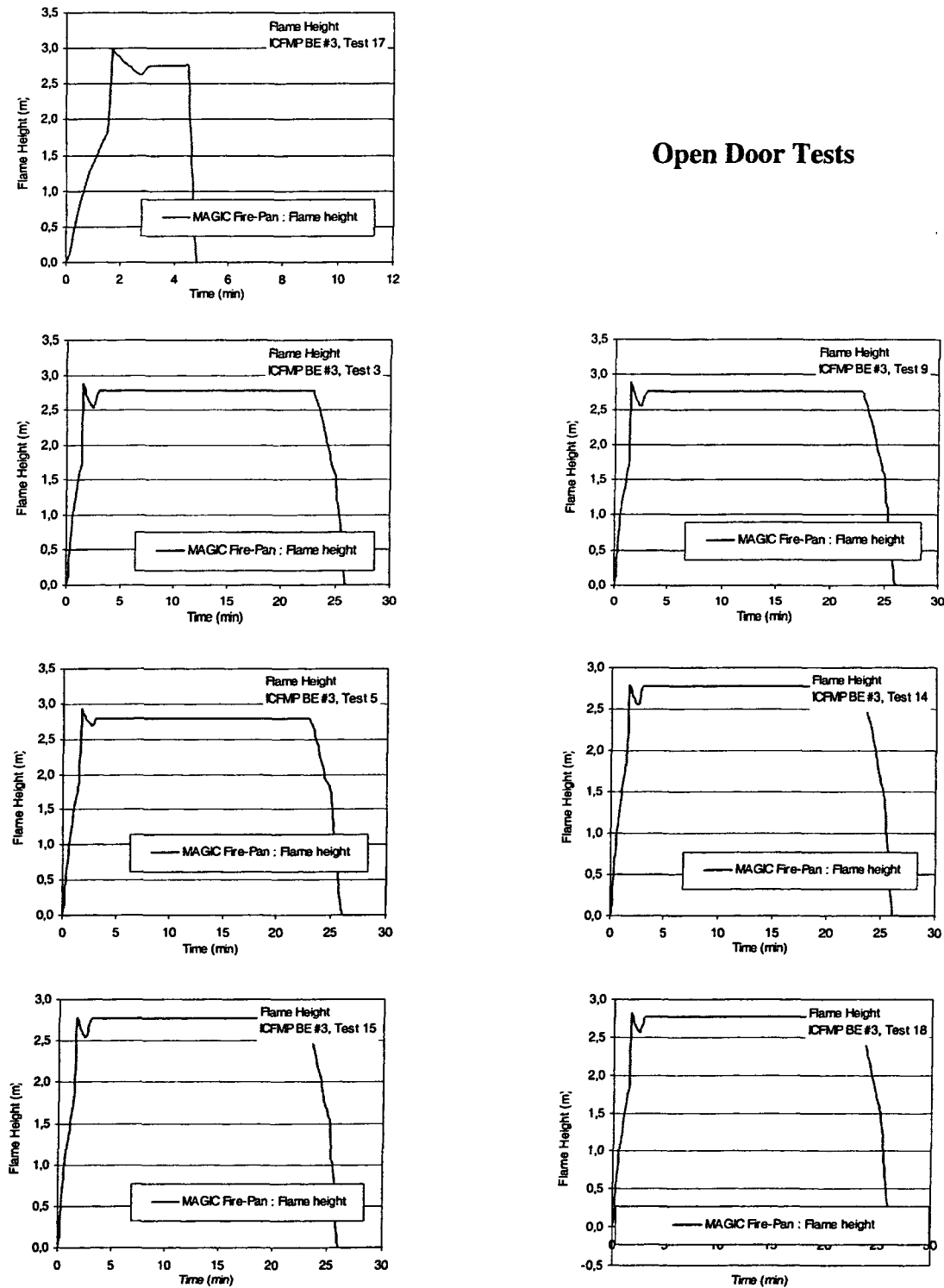


Figure A-28: Flame heights, ICFMP BE #3, open door tests

## **A.5 Oxygen Concentration**

Oxygen concentration data is available for accuracy calculations in ICFMP benchmark exercises number 3, and 5. For the calculations, measured values in the experiments are compared with the *upper layer oxygen concentration*, which is an output available in MAGIC. Relative differences are calculated comparing the lowest concentration measured in the experiments with the lowest concentration predicted by MAGIC. Positive relative differences indicate that MAGIC is predicting a lower concentration than the one measured in the experiments.

### **A.5.1 ICFMP BE #3**

In experiments with close room doors in the ICFMP BE # 3 test series, the fuel supply was discontinued when the oxygen concentration was measured around 12 to 15 %. In these tests, relative differences are measured at the lowest concentration before the experiment was terminated.

The graphical comparisons for closed and open door tests and relative differences are provided in Figure A-29, Figure A-30, and Table A-13 respectively.

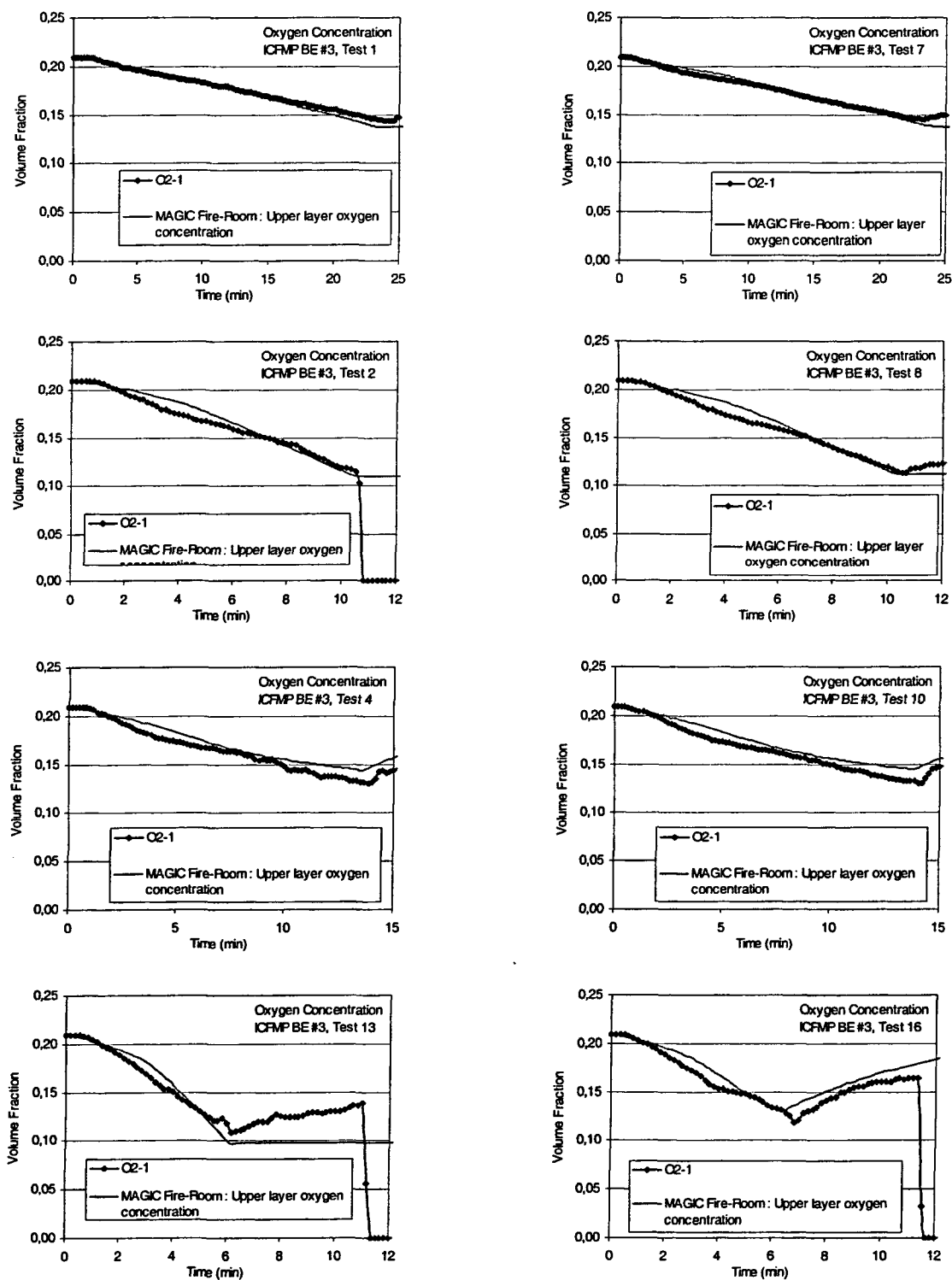


Figure A-29: O<sub>2</sub> concentration, ICFMP BE #3, closed door tests.

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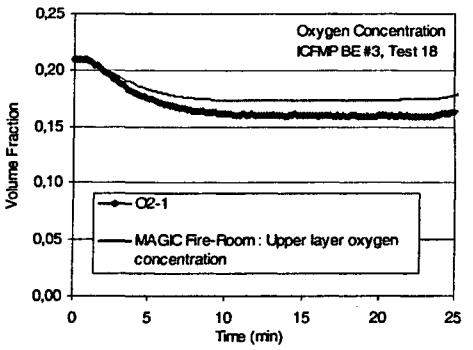
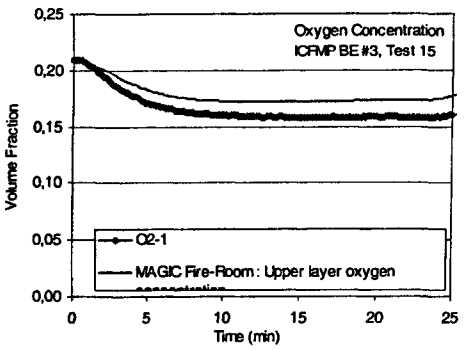
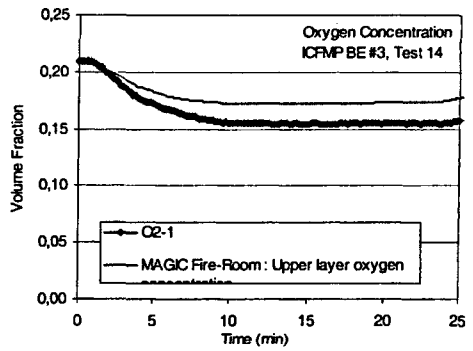
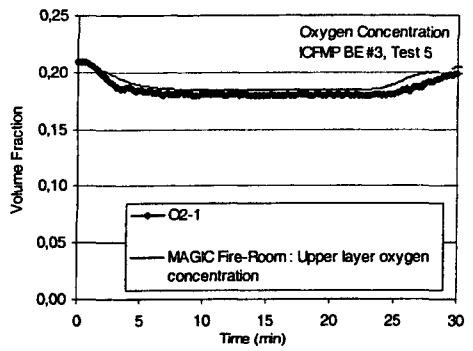
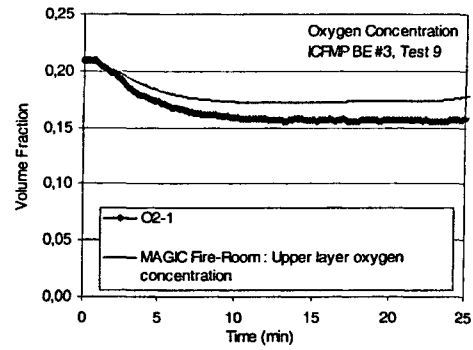
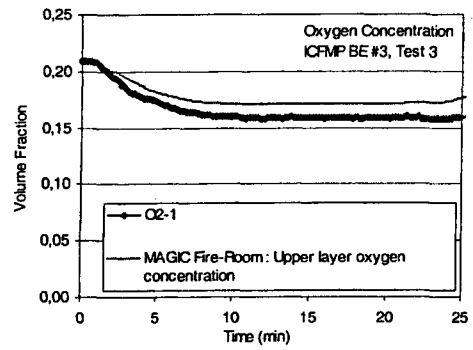
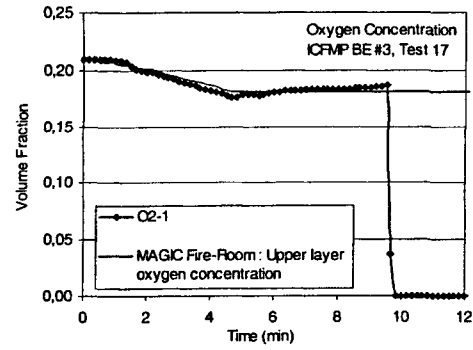


Figure A-30: O<sub>2</sub>, ICFMP BE #3, open door tests.

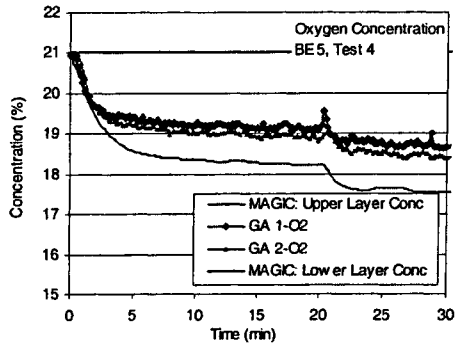
**Table A-13: Relative differences of oxygen concentration in ICFMP BE #3 tests**

	$\Delta E$	$\Delta M$	Relative Difference
ICFMP 3-1	-0.065	-0.070	8%
ICFMP 3-7	-0.064	-0.068	6%
ICFMP 3-2	-0.092	-0.100	8%
ICFMP 3-8	-0.096	-0.098	2%
ICFMP 3-4	-0.079	-0.065	-17%
ICFMP 3-10	-0.079	-0.065	-18%
ICFMP 3-13	-0.101	-0.110	9%
ICFMP 3-16	-0.091	-0.081	-11%
ICFMP 3-17	-0.033	-0.028	-16%
ICFMP 3-3	-0.052	-0.039	-24%
ICFMP 3-9	-0.054	-0.038	-30%
ICFMP 3-5	-0.030	-0.025	-17%
ICFMP 3-14	-0.055	-0.038	-31%
ICFMP 3-15	-0.052	-0.038	-27%
ICFMP 3-18	-0.051	-0.037	-27%



**A.5.1 ICFMP BE #5**

Figure A-31 and Table A-14 present the graphical comparison and relative difference for oxygen concentration in ICFMP BE#5 Test 4.



**Figure A-31: O<sub>2</sub>, ICFMP BE #5, Test 1**

**Table A-14: Relative differences of oxygen concentration in ICFMP BE #3 tests**

	$\Delta E$	$\Delta M$	Relative Difference
ICFMP 5-4	-0.028	-0.035	24%

## A.6 Smoke Concentration

Data for smoke concentration is only available in ICFMP BE # 3. Positive accuracies are an indication of MAGIC prediction higher smoke concentrations than the ones measured in the experiments. Depending on the application, this may not mean a conservative result.

The units used for accuracy calculations are  $\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$ . Notice that MAGIC output is average extinction coefficient,  $k$ , with units of  $1/\text{m}$ . As a result, the direct output from the model was converted to  $\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$  using the following equation:

$$v = k/k_m$$

where  $v$  is the concentration in  $\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$ , and  $k_m$  is a constant with value  $0.0076 \text{ m}^2/\text{mg}$  (Ref. 18).

### A.6.1 ICFMP BE #3

Figure A-32 and Figure A-33 contain comparisons of measured and predicted smoke concentration at one measuring station in the upper layer for closed and open door tests. MAGIC consistently under predicts the smoke concentration with the exception of Test 17, which consisted of a Toluene fuel. This trend is reflected in the relative differences listed in Table A-15.

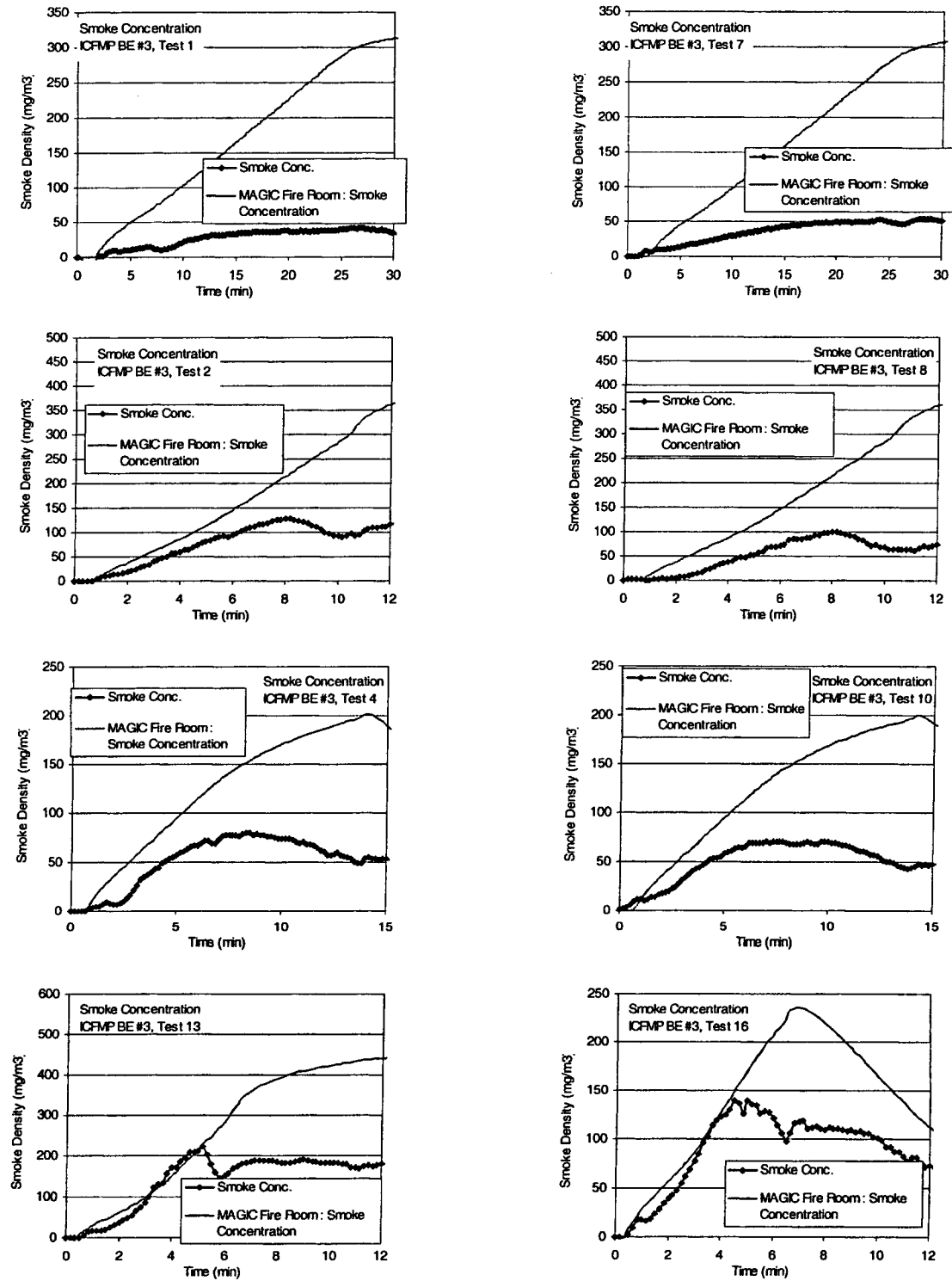
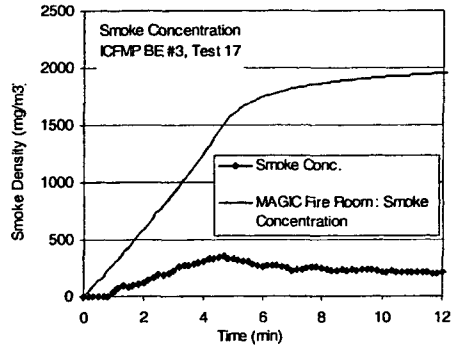


Figure A-32: Smoke concentration in ICFMP BE #3, closed door tests.



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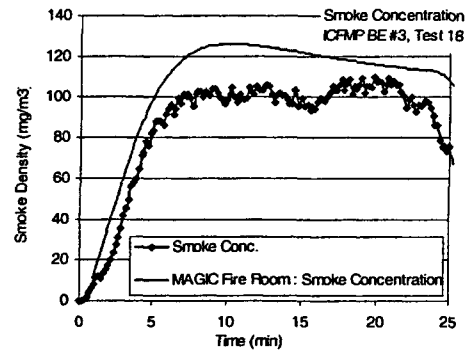
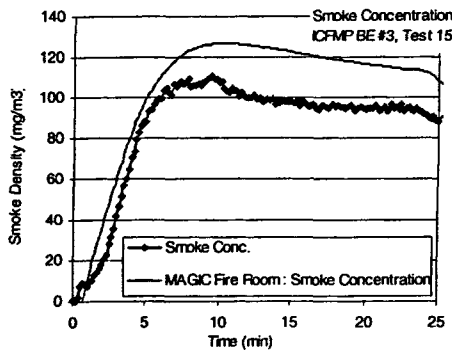
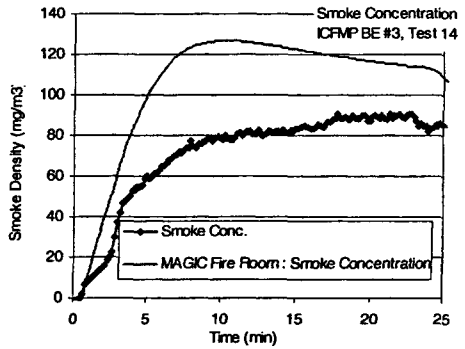
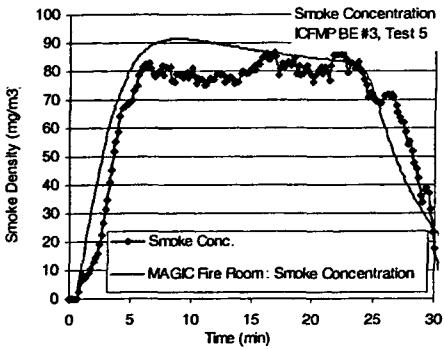
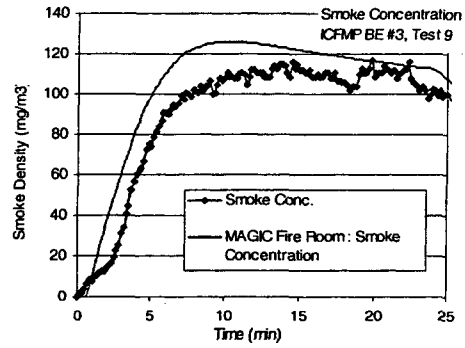
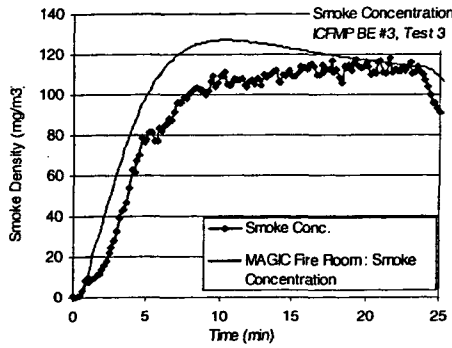


Figure A-33: Smoke concentration in ICFMP BE #3, open door tests.

Table A-15: Relative differences of smoke concentration in ICFMP BE #3 tests

	$\Delta E$ (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	$\Delta M$ (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Relative Difference
ICFMP 3-1	41.50	258.62	523%
ICFMP 3-7	55.05	250.39	355%
ICFMP 3-2	128.00	305.08	138%
ICFMP 3-8	99.53	359.64	261%
ICFMP 3-4	79.90	196.32	146%
ICFMP 3-10	70.75	194.81	175%
ICFMP 3-13	223.51	282.84	27%
ICFMP 3-16	139.07	219.10	58%
ICFMP 3-17	353.09	1453.17	312%
ICFMP 3-3	118.03	127.06	8%
ICFMP 3-9	117.00	126.03	8%
ICFMP 3-5	87.34	91.36	5%
ICFMP 3-14	91.30	126.62	39%
ICFMP 3-15	123.71	126.65	2%
ICFMP 3-18	110.18	126.08	14%

## A.7 Room Pressure

Experimental measurements for room pressure are available from the ICFMP BE #3 test series only. The pressure within the compartment was measured at a single point, near the floor. In the simulations of the closed door tests, the compartment is assumed to leak via a small opening near the ceiling. In order to reflect the actual leakage area in the model, the measured area was divided by 0.68, which is the orifice flow coefficient used in MAGIC for all flows through vertical openings.

### A.7.1 ICFMP BE #3

Visual examination of experimental data and model results plots strongly suggest that tests with open doors, where leakages are not critical because of the large door opening, MAGIC captures both the magnitude and the profile of the pressure. These figures describe a negative pressure profile at the floor of the room, indicating that fresh air is moving into the enclosure.

Similarly, in close door tests, MAGIC is able to capture the both peaks and pressure profiles. It is important to mention that fan tests were conducted before some of the tests resulting in relatively well known leakage areas. Furthermore, notice that MAGIC captures the positive and negative pressure peaks. These peaks are an indication of a positively pressurize room in the early stages of the test, and a negatively pressurize room when the fuel supply is discontinued and heat losses to the boundaries are higher than the fire heat release rate.

Comparisons between measurement and prediction are shown in Figure A-34 and Figure A-35. For tests in which the door to the compartment is open, the over-pressures are only a few Pascals at the early stages of the fire, whereas when the door is closed, the over-pressures can be up to several hundred Pascals. The calculated relative differences are listed in Table A-16.

The relative differences were calculated as follows:

- For closed-door rooms, the relative difference refers to the positive peak at the early stages of the fire. Positive relative differences indicate that MAGIC over-predicted the measured peak.
- For opened door rooms, the relative difference refers to the negative magnitudes of the pressure, typically at the late stages of the test. Positive relative differences suggest that MAGIC calculated a more negative difference than the experimental measurement.

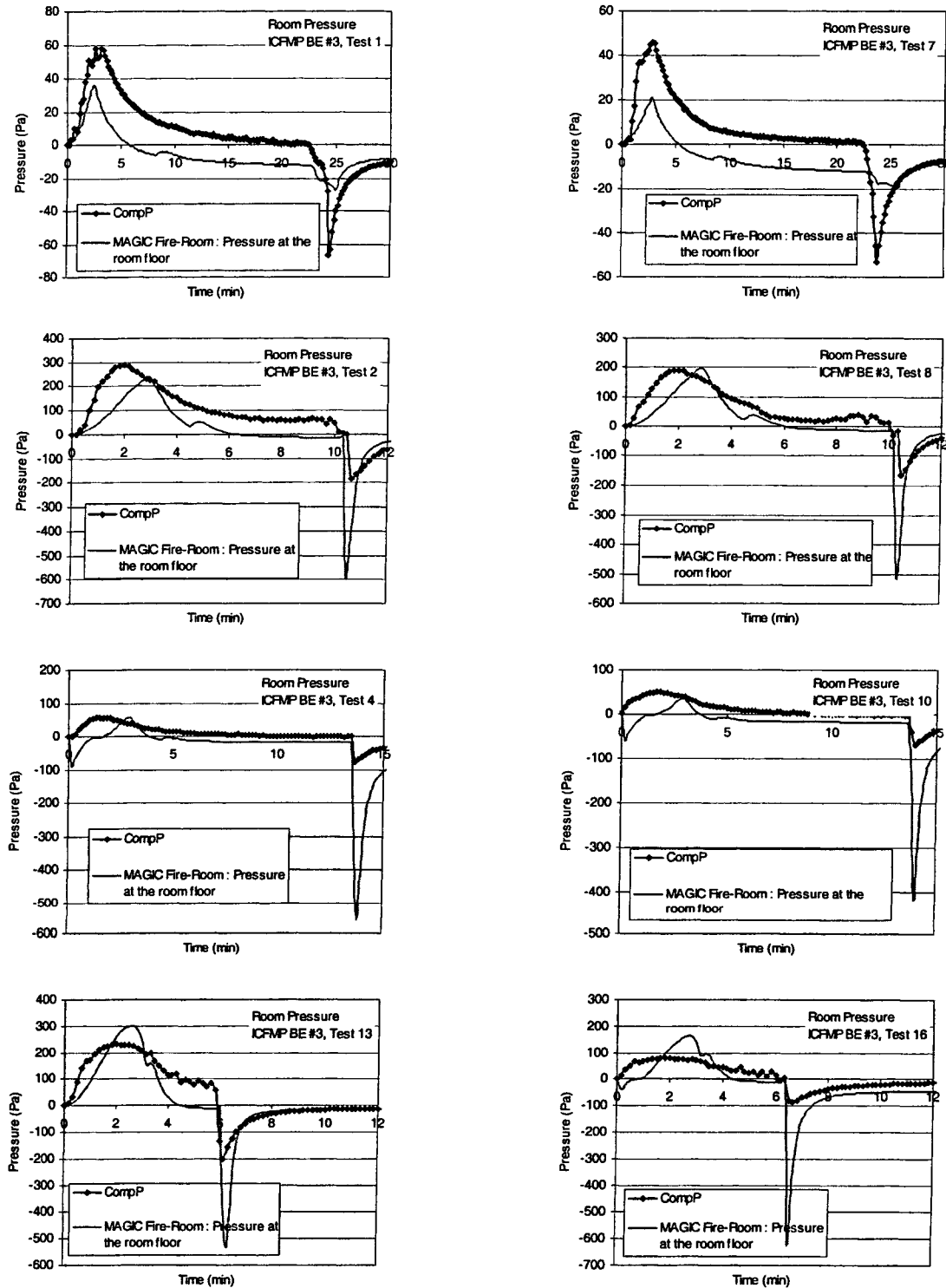
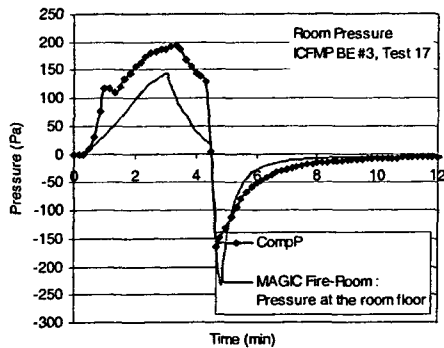


Figure A-34: Compartment pressure in ICFMP BE #3, closed door tests.



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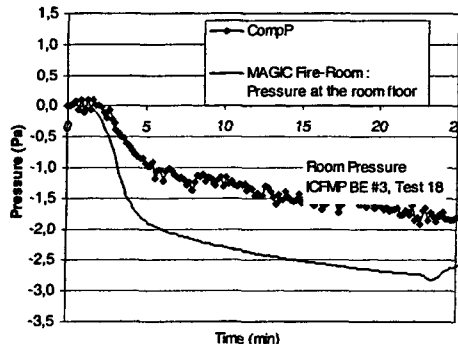
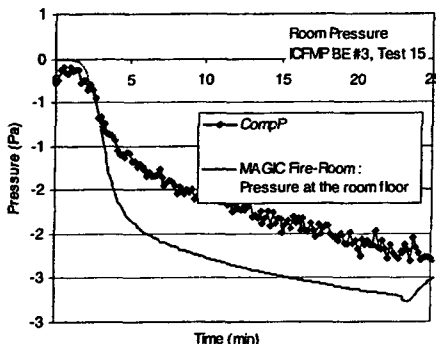
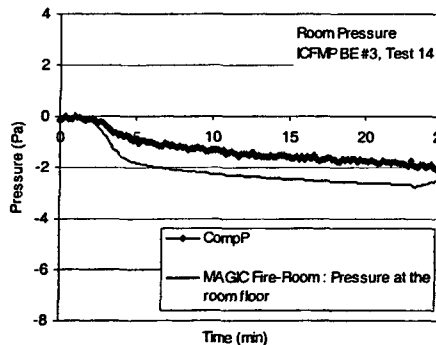
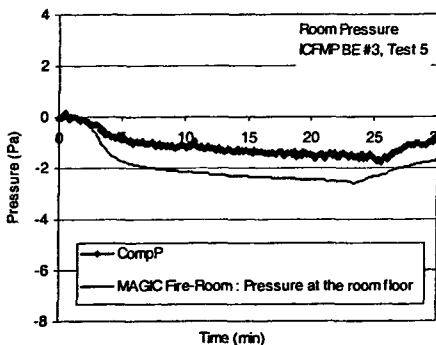
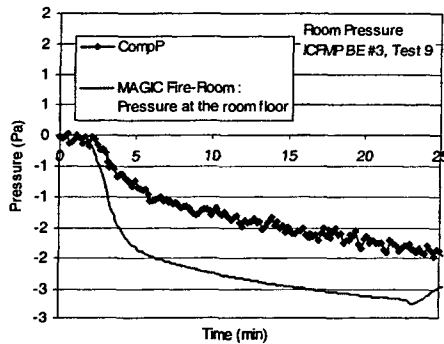
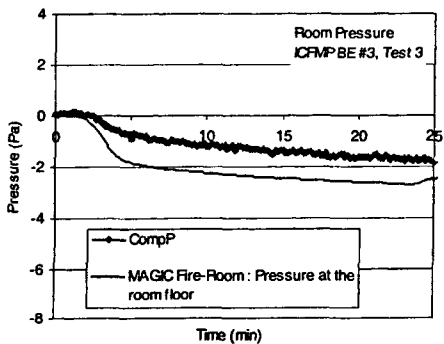


Figure A-35: Compartment pressure in ICFMP BE #3, open door tests.



Table A-16: Relative differences for compartment pressure in ICFMP BE #3 tests

	$\Delta E$ (Pa)	$\Delta M$ (Pa)	Relative Difference
ICFMP 3-1	57.6	35.7	-38%
ICFMP 3-7	45.9	21.0	-54%
ICFMP 3-2	290.0	241.2	-17%
ICFMP 3-8	189.3	195.7	3%
ICFMP 3-4	56.6	57.6	2%
ICFMP 3-10	49.3	34.3	-30%
ICFMP 3-13	231.5	313.6	35%
ICFMP 3-16	80.6	162.5	102%
ICFMP 3-17	194.9	144.8	-26%
ICFMP 3-3	-1.9	-2.7	41%
ICFMP 3-9	-2.0	-2.7	36%
ICFMP 3-5	-1.8	-2.5	40%
ICFMP 3-14	-2.1	-2.7	31%
ICFMP 3-15	-2.4	-2.8	17%
ICFMP 3-18	-2.0	-2.8	41%

## A.8 Target Temperature and Heat Flux

Target temperature and heat flux data are available from ICFMP BE #3, #4 and #5. In BE #3, the targets are various types of cables in various configurations – horizontal, vertical, in trays or free-hanging. In BE #4, the targets are three rectangular slabs of different materials instrumented with heat flux gauges and thermocouples. In BE #5, the targets are again cables, in this case bundled power and control cables in a vertical ladder.

Cable targets in MAGIC can be represented as Cables or as Thermal Targets. This section provides graphical comparisons and relative differences for both options. Targets are virtual sensors in the computational domain characterized by a thickness and thermo-physical properties. On the other hand, cables are specified as cylinders of some length, with multiple concentric layers of different materials to account for jacket, insulation and conductor.

For radiated heat flux, the Target/Heat Flux/Incident heat flux output option in MAGIC was selected for comparison with experimental results. This is the sum of all external radiative heat fluxes impacting the target. In the case of total heat flux, the Target/Heat Flux/ Total heat flux “fluxmeter” output option in MAGIC was selected for comparison.

The total flux gauges used in the experiment corresponds to the total heat flux with a target calibrated using 75°C (167 °F) cooling water. In MAGIC, the target measuring total heat flux is based on ambient temperature (~20 °C, 68 °F).

### **A.8.1 ICFMP BE #3**

For each of the four cable targets considered, measurements of the local gas temperature, surface temperature, radiative heat flux, and total heat flux are available. The following pages display comparisons of these quantities for Control Cable B, Horizontal Cable Tray D, Power Cable F and Vertical Cable Tray G.

The superposition of gas temperature, heat flux and surface temperature in the Figures on the following pages provides information about how cables heat up in fires. In MAGIC, cables can be modeled using the Targets option or the Source/Cable option. This study evaluates both. The target option is listed in the graphical comparisons as "Surface Temperature of the Target". The Cable/Source option is listed as "Maximum Surface Temperature".

Favorable or unfavorable predictions of cable surface temperatures can usually be explained in terms of comparable errors in the prediction of the thermal environment in the vicinity of the cable. Regardless of the complexity of the target, the model must be able to predict the thermal insult to it.

The following Figures and Tables provide the graphical comparisons and calculated relative differences. Results are classified by cable. That is, for a selected cable, the surface and gas temperature and the total and radiated heat fluxes for the 15 tests are grouped together. The tables for relative differences for those 15 tests follow each group of graphical comparisons. Relative differences were calculated for surface temperature, radiative heat flux and total heat flux.

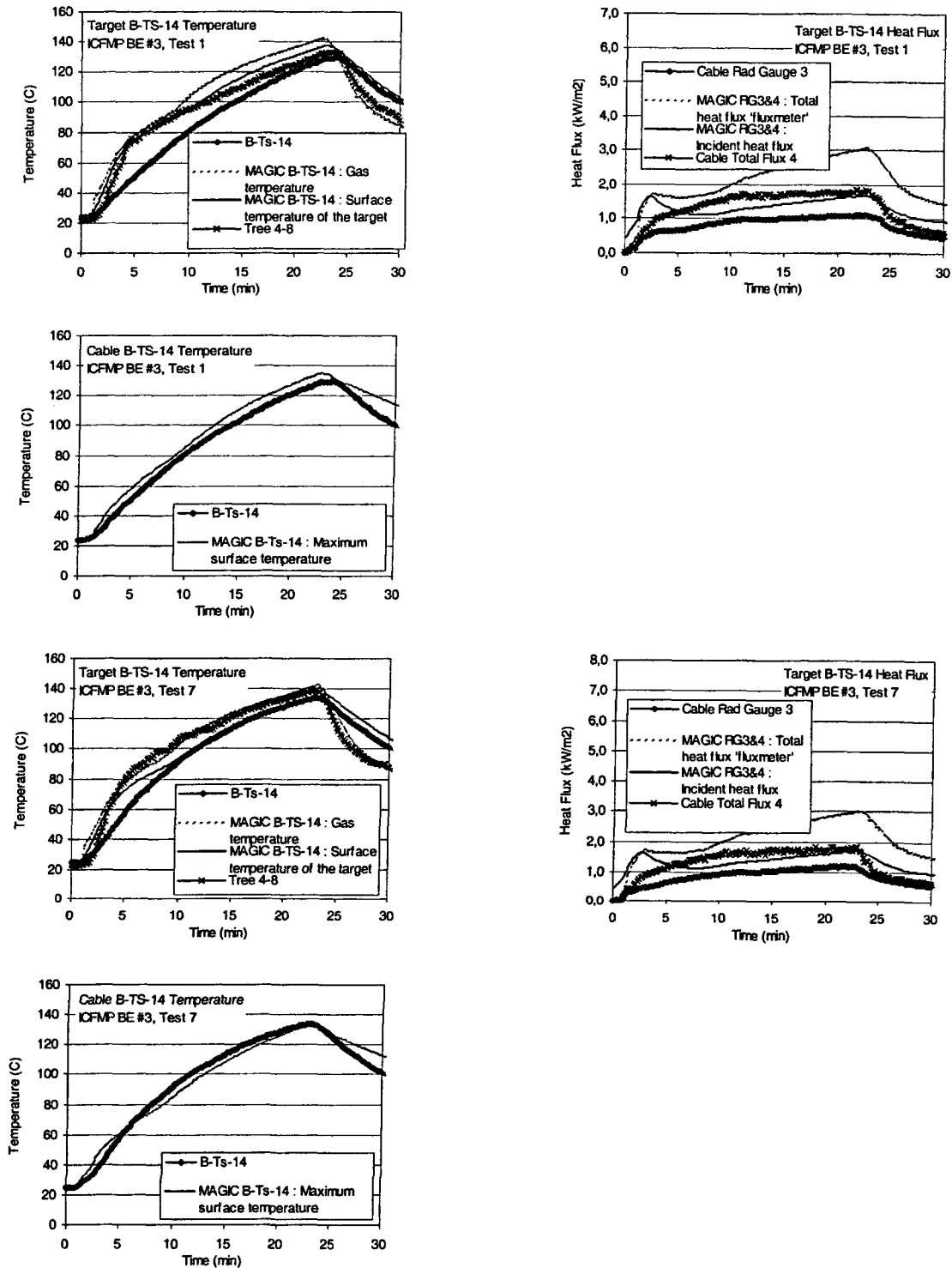


Figure A-36: Thermal environment near Cable B, ICFMP BE #3, Tests 1 and 7.

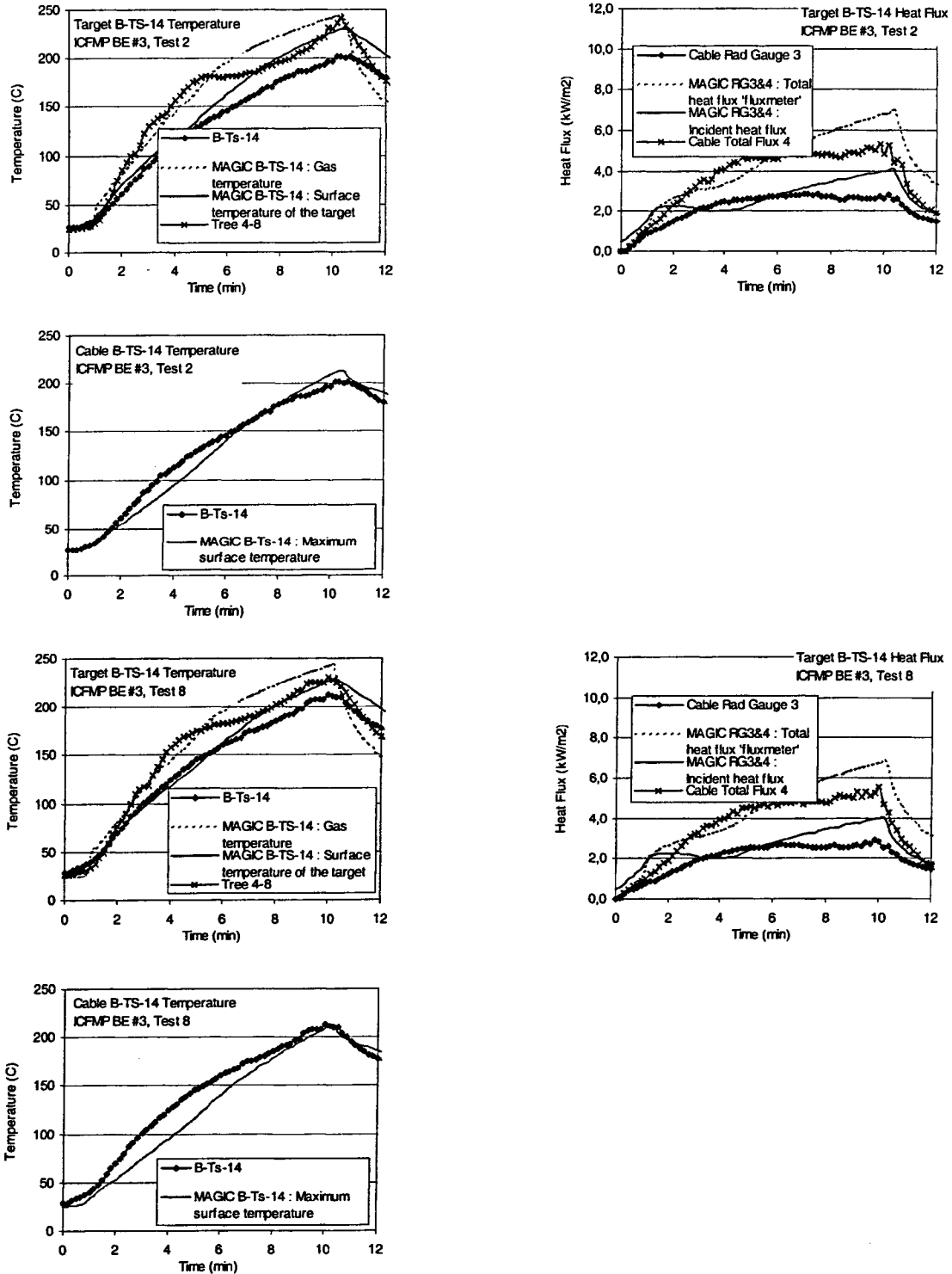


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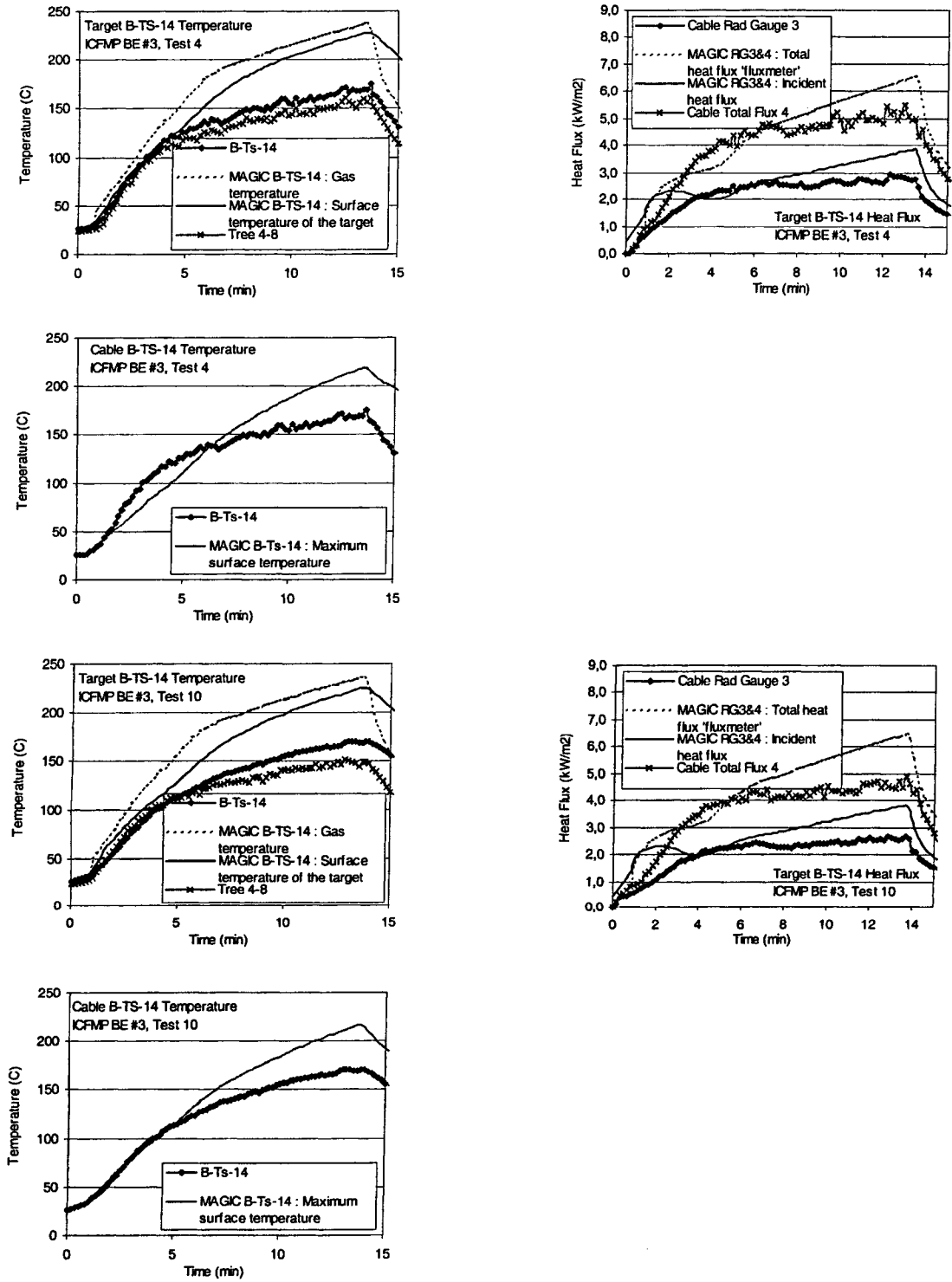


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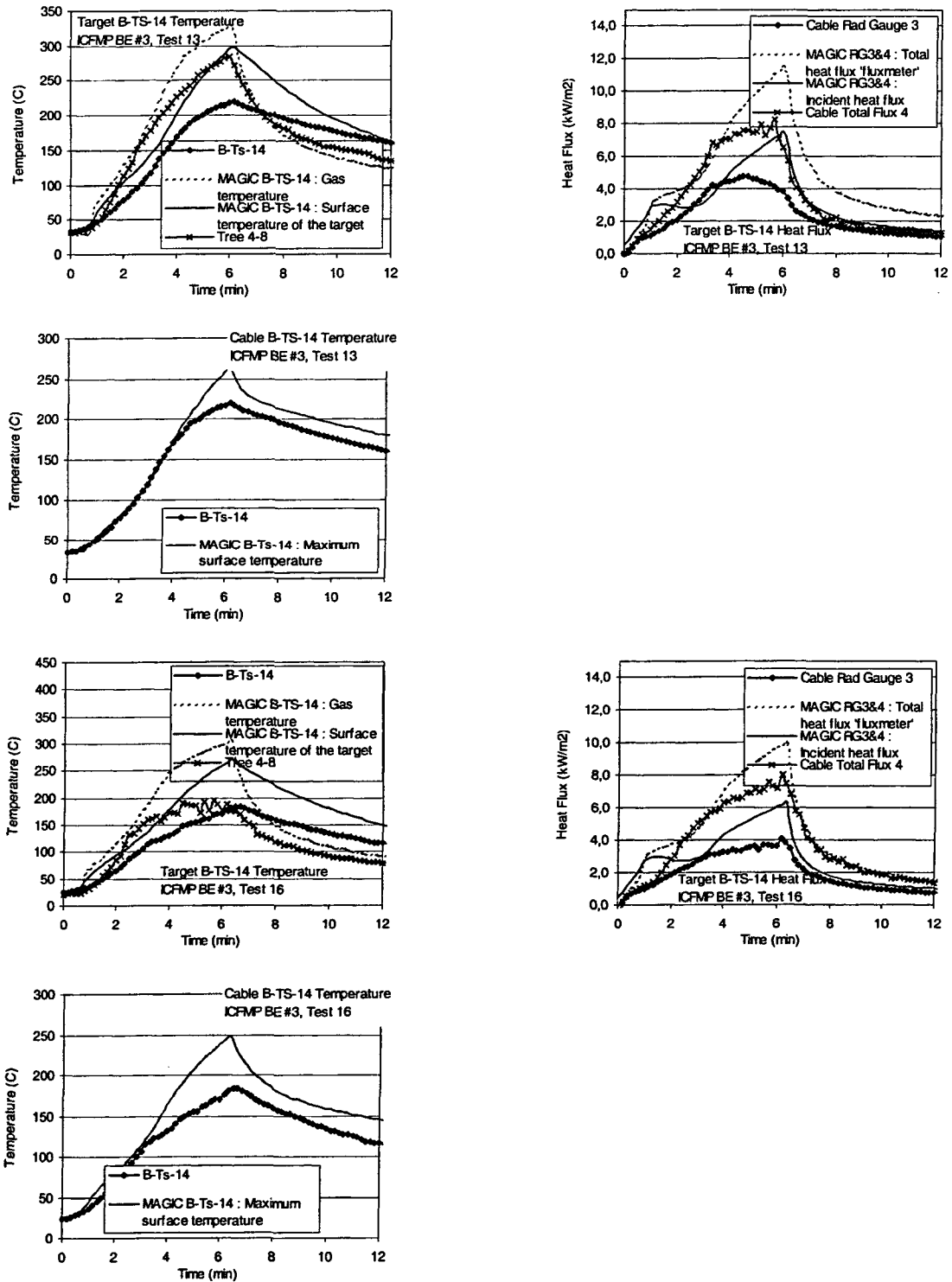


Figure A-39: Thermal environment near Cable B, ICFMP BE #3, Tests 13 and 16

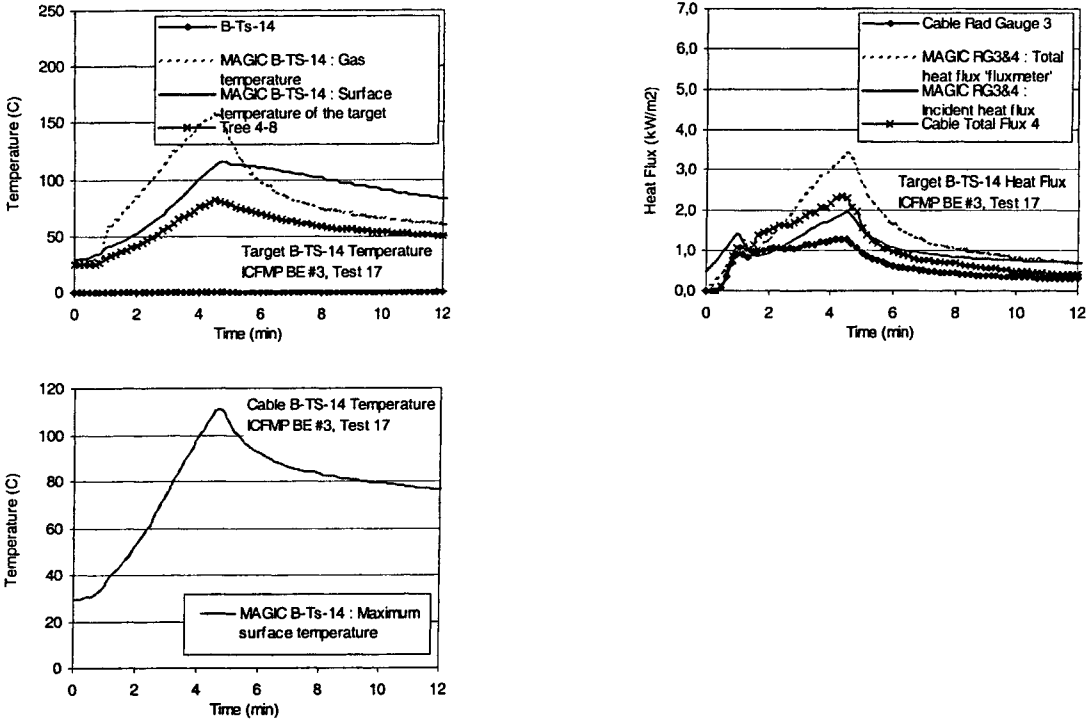


Figure A-40: Thermal environment near Cable B, ICFMP BE #3, Test 17.

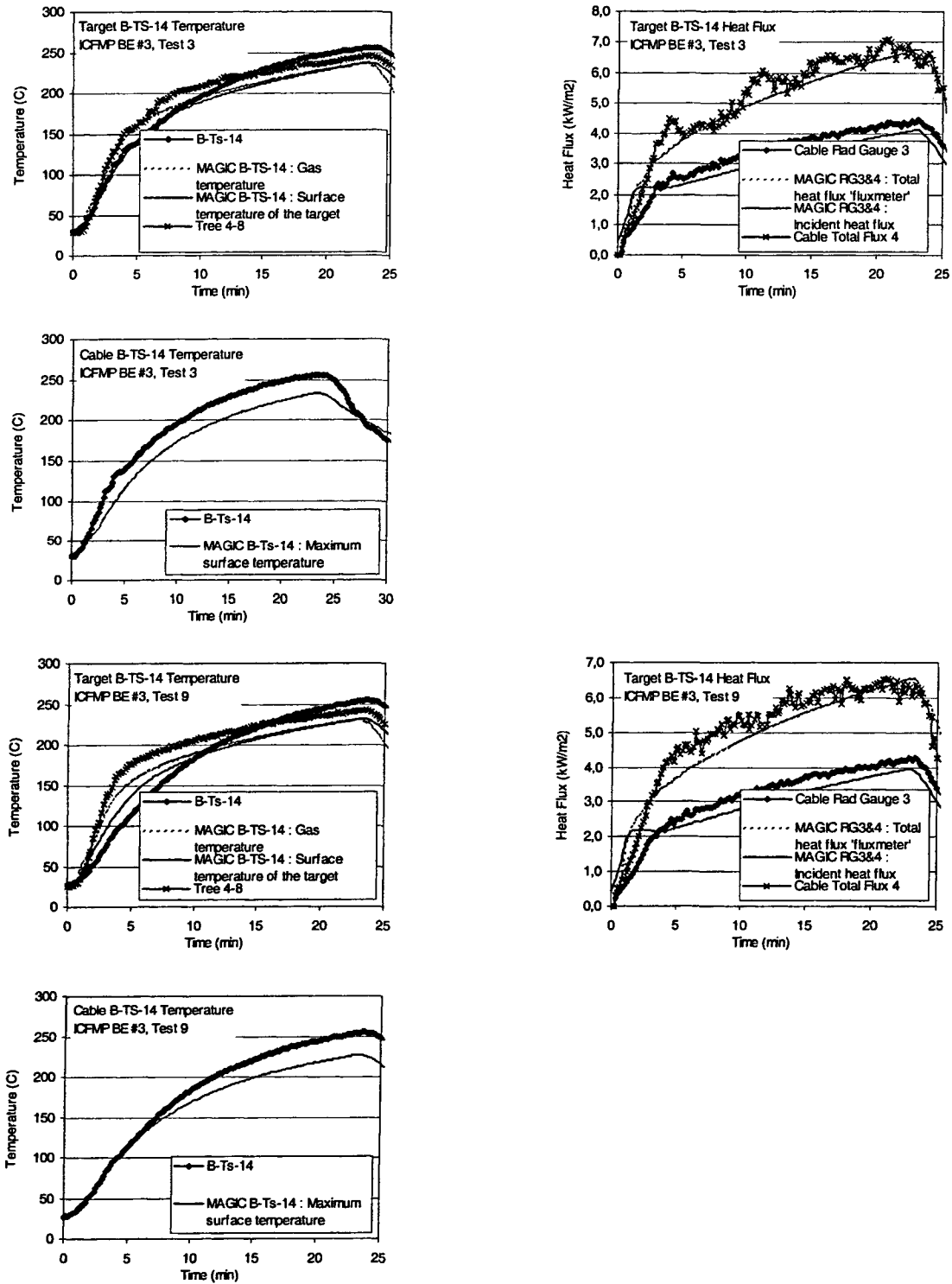


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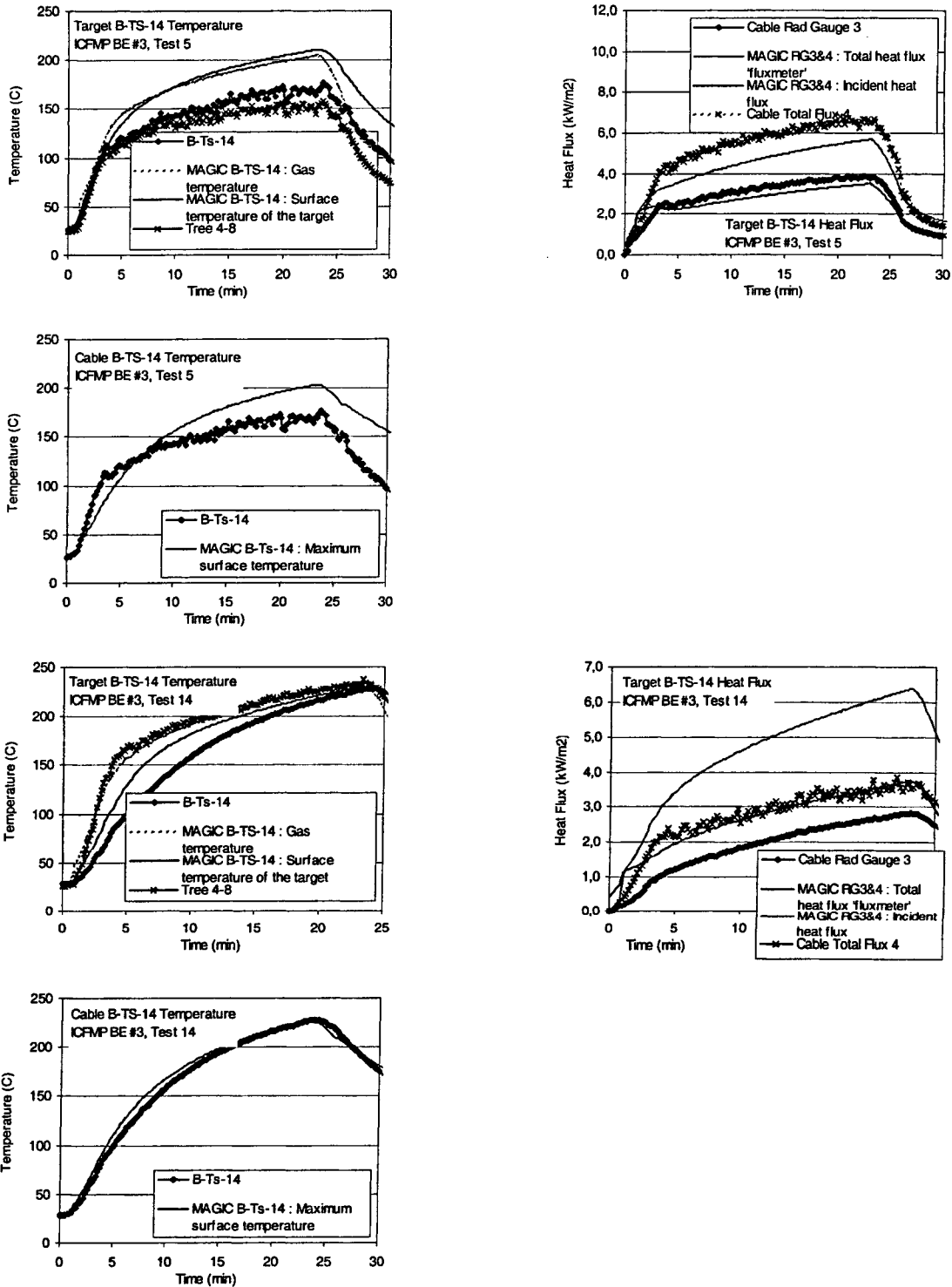


Figure A-42: Thermal environment near Cable B, ICFMP BE #3, Tests 5 and 14.

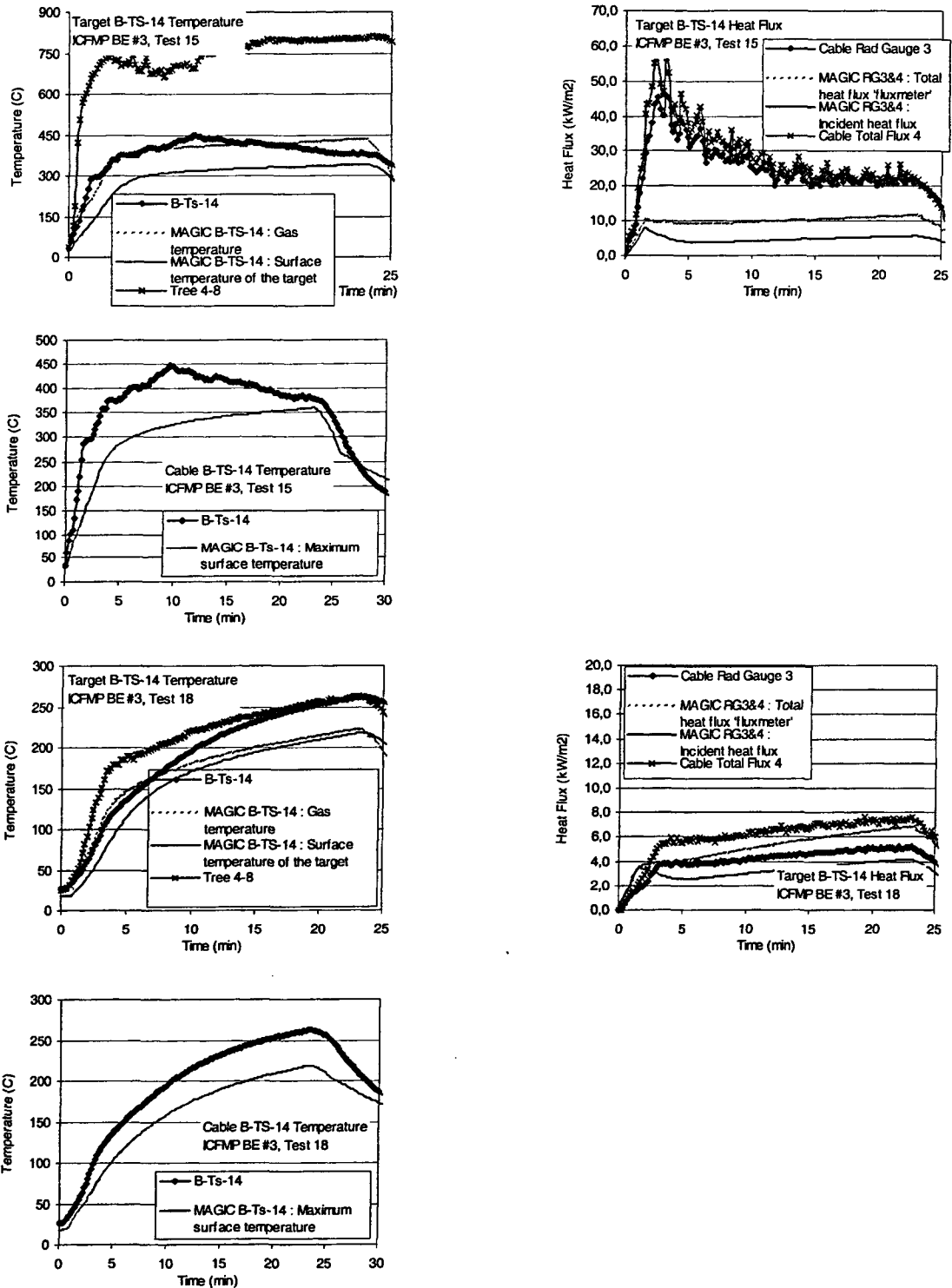


Figure A-43: Thermal environment near Cable B, ICFMP BE #3, Tests 15 and 18.

**Table A-17: Relative differences for surface temperature to cable B**

Control Cable	Target Surface Temp, B-TS-14			Cable Surface Temp, B-TS-14		
	$\Delta E$ ( $^{\circ}C$ )	$\Delta M$ ( $^{\circ}C$ )	Relative Diff	$\Delta E$ ( $^{\circ}C$ )	$\Delta M$ ( $^{\circ}C$ )	Relative Diff
Test 1	106	115	8%	106	112	5%
Test 7	90	111	23%	87	108	-1%
Test 2	176	204	16%	176	187	6%
Test 8	183	203	11%	183	186	1%
Test 4	149	201	35%	149	192	29%
Test 10	144	198	38%	144	189	31%
Test 13	186	264	42%	186	228	25%
Test 16	160	244	52%	160	222	38%
Test 17		83			80	
Test 3	226	206	-9%	226	202	-11%
Test 9	228	204	-10%	228	199	-12%
Test 5	150	182	21%	150	175	16%
Test 14	199	201	1%	199	199	0%
Test 15	416	315	-24%	416	333	-20%
Test 18	236	200	-15%	236	200	-15%

**Table A-18: Relative differences for radiative and total heat flux to cable B**

Control Cable	Radiant Heat Flux Gauge 3			Total Heat Flux, Gauge 4		
	$\Delta E$ ( $kW/m^2$ )	$\Delta M$ ( $kW/m^2$ )	Relative Diff	$\Delta E$ ( $kW/m^2$ )	$\Delta M$ ( $kW/m^2$ )	Relative Diff
Test 1	1.1	1.3	12%	1.85	3.06	65%
Test 7	2.9	3.6	26%	1.84	2.99	62%
Test 2	4.4	3.6	-18%	5.26	6.92	31%
Test 8	2.9	3.4	17%	5.58	6.85	23%
Test 4	3.9	3.0	-22%	5.52	6.57	19%
Test 10	1.2	1.2	2%	4.91	6.51	33%
Test 13	2.9	3.6	23%	8.26	11.48	39%
Test 16	4.3	3.5	-19%	8.37	10.03	20%
Test 17	2.7	3.4	25%	2.36	3.43	45%
Test 3	4.8	7.0	47%	7.10	6.74	-5%
Test 9	2.8	3.3	15%	6.58	6.56	0%
Test 5	46.5	7.4	-84%	6.86	5.67	-17%
Test 14	4.1	5.9	42%	3.82	6.37	65%
Test 15	1.3	1.5	15%	57.72	11.72	-80%
Test 18	5.2	3.8	-28%	7.61	6.86	-10%

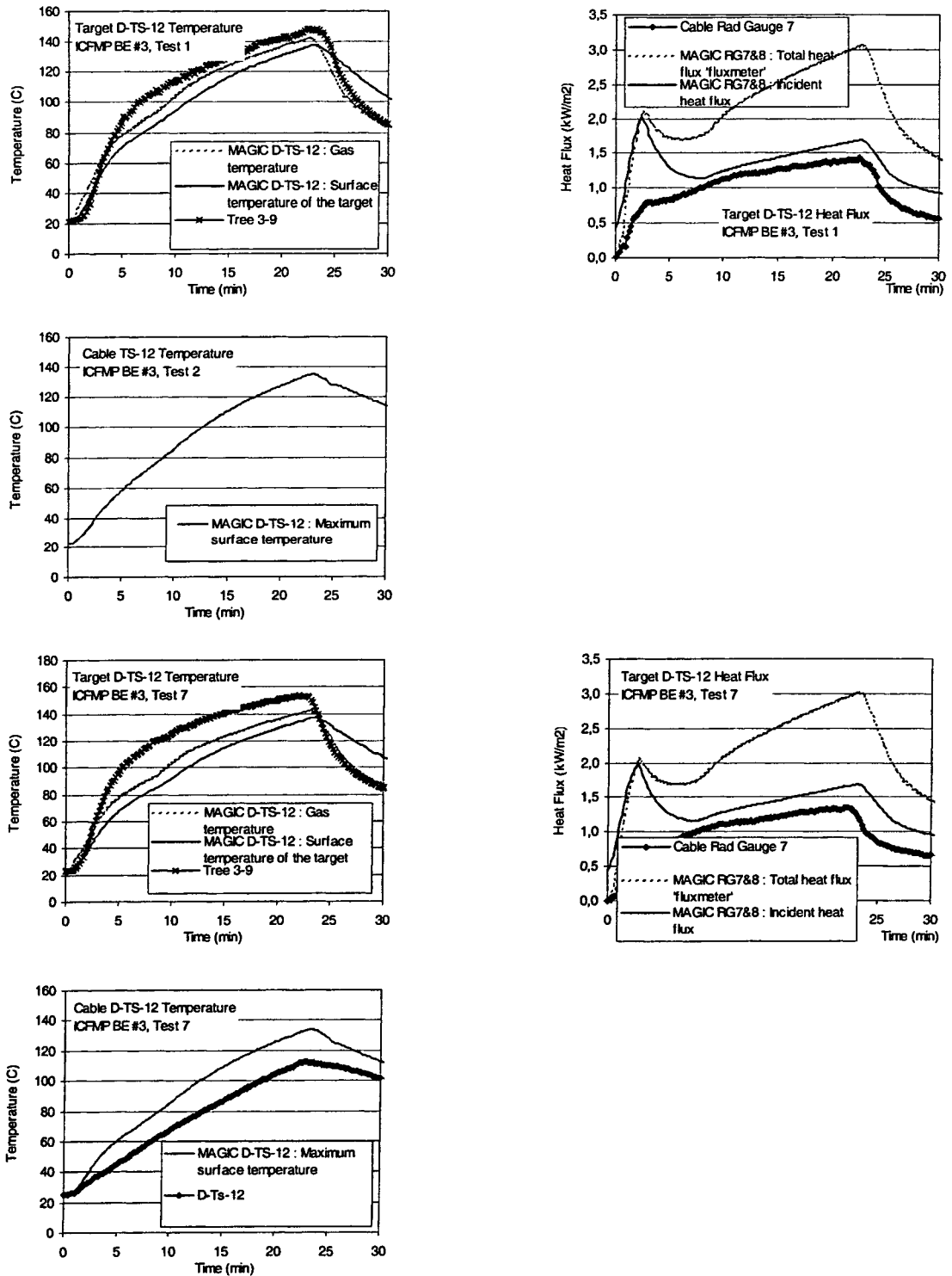


Figure A-44: Thermal environment near Cable D, ICFMP BE #3, Tests 1 and 7.

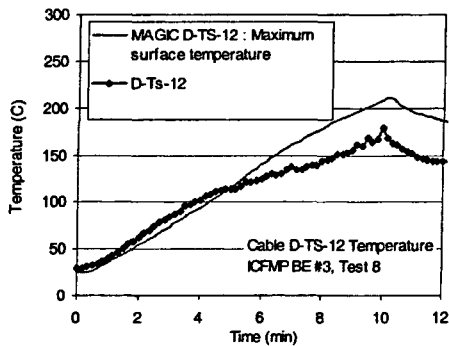
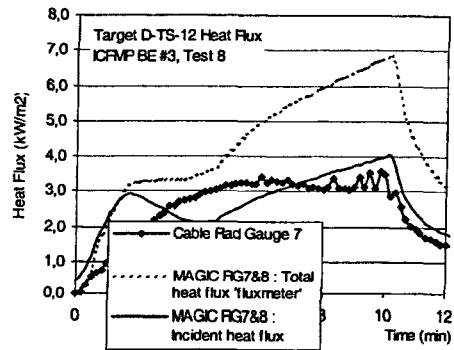
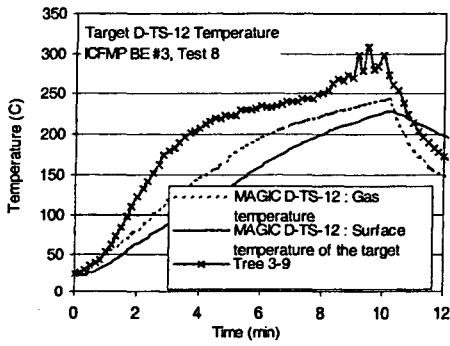
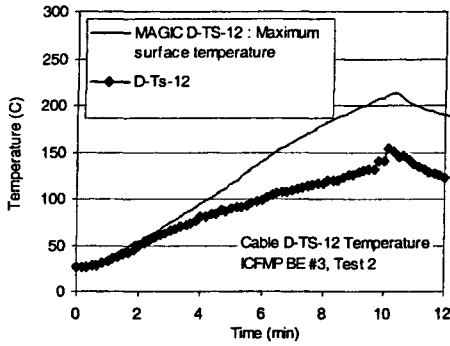
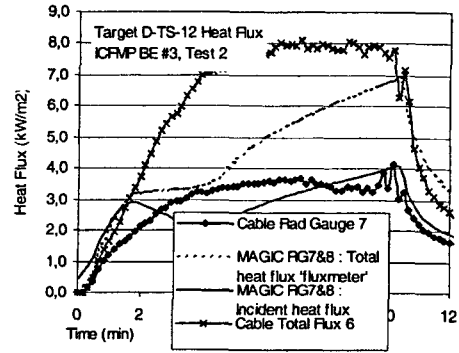
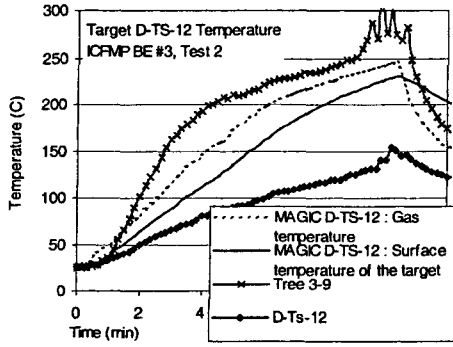


Figure A-45: Thermal environment near Cable D, ICFMP BE #3, Tests 2 and 8.

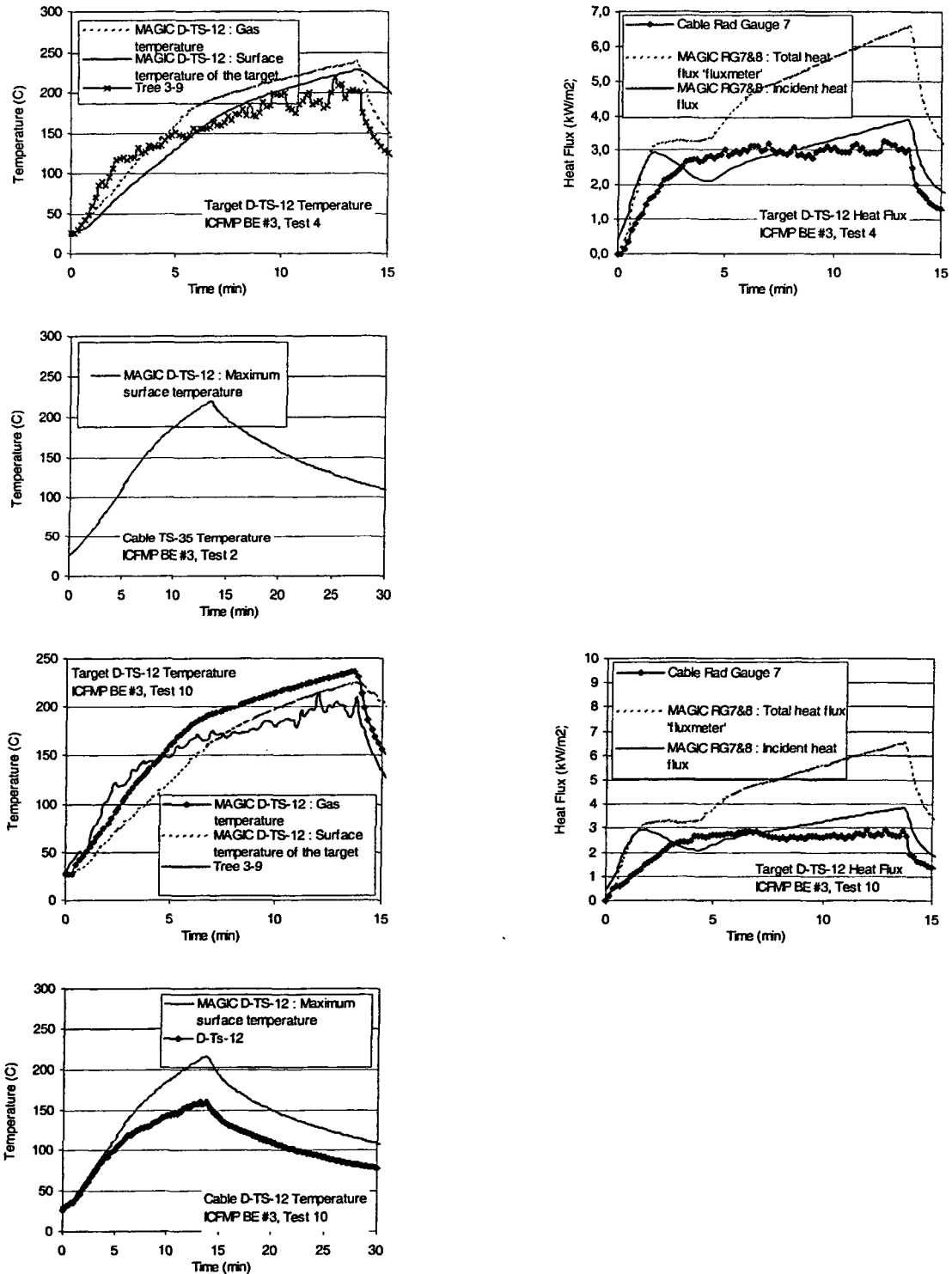


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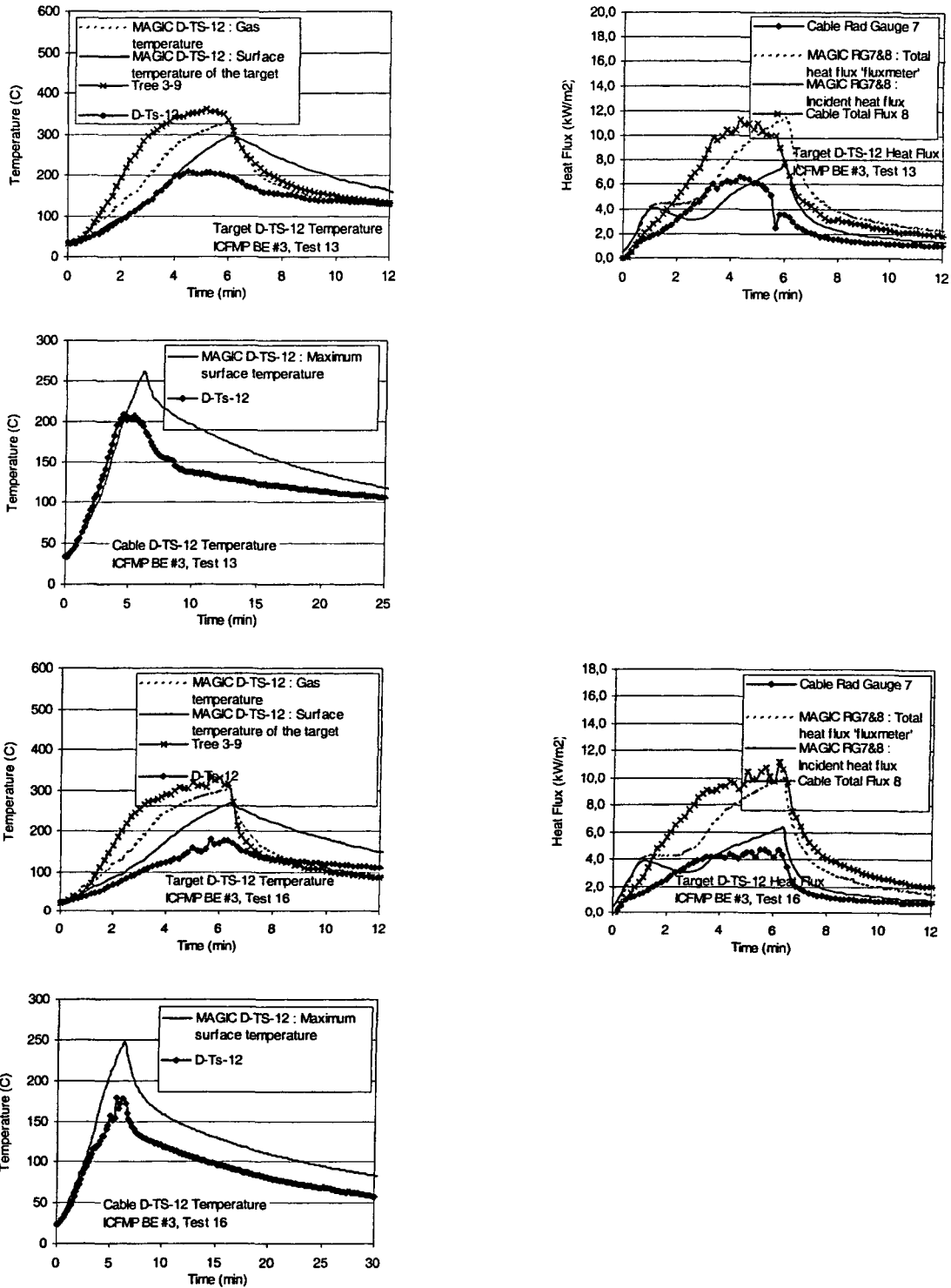


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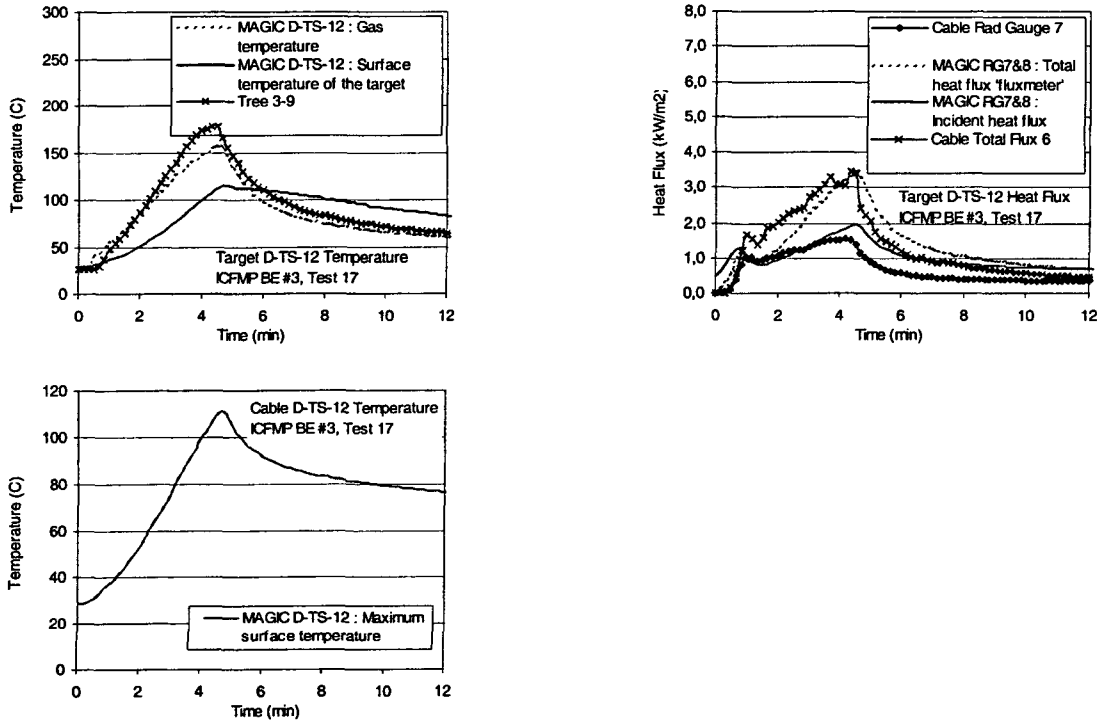


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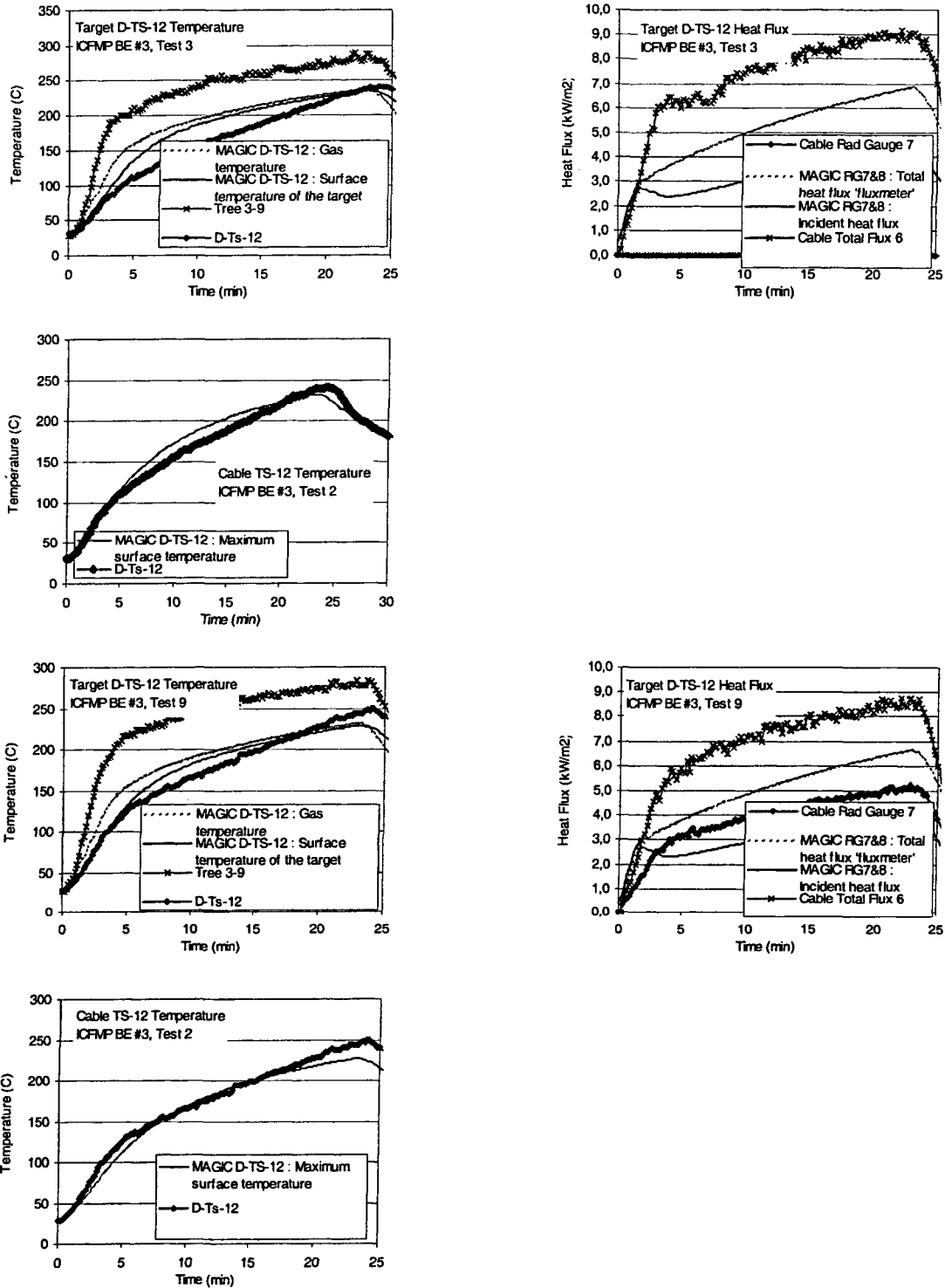


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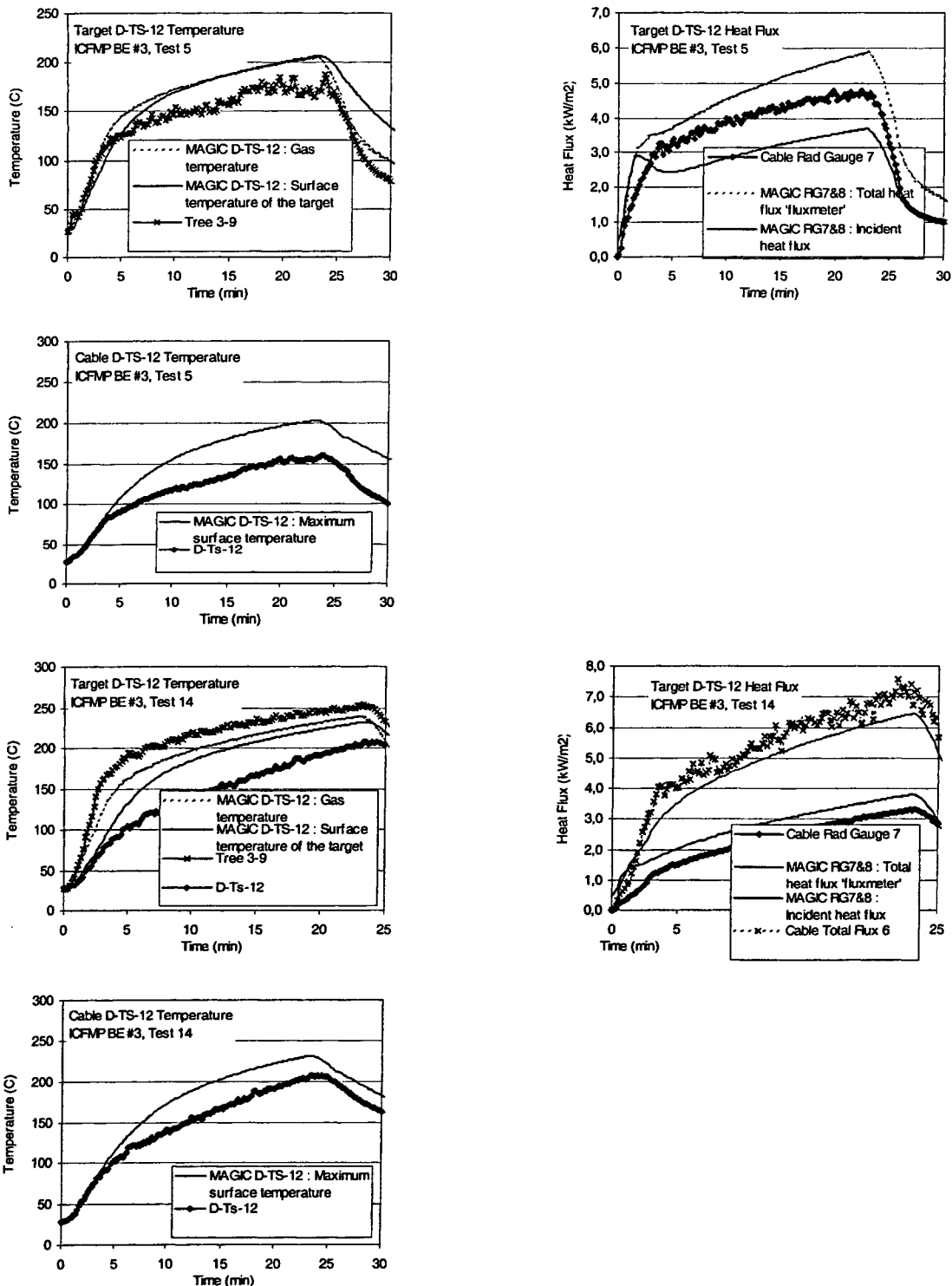


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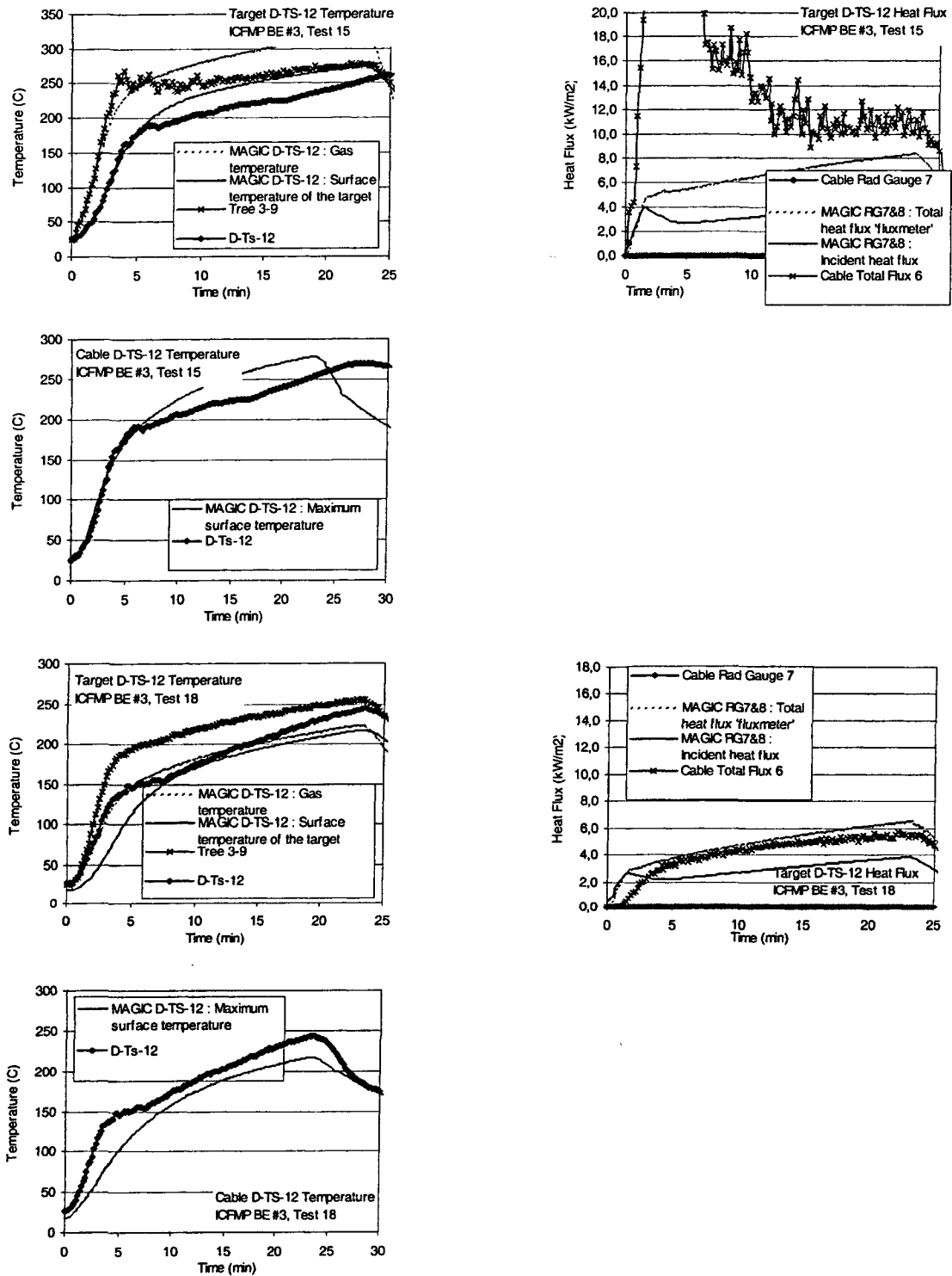


Figure A-51: Thermal environment near Cable D, ICFMP BE #3, Tests 15 and 18.

**Table A-19: Relative differences for surface temperature to cable D**

Control Cable	Target Surface Temp, D-TS-12			Cable Surface Temp, D-TS-12		
	$\Delta E$ ( $^{\circ}C$ )	$\Delta M$ ( $^{\circ}C$ )	Relative Diff	$\Delta E$ ( $^{\circ}C$ )	$\Delta M$ ( $^{\circ}C$ )	Relative Diff
Test 1		115			112	
Test 7	87	111	27%	87	108	-4%
Test 2	126	204	62%	126	187	48%
Test 8	150	203	36%	150	186	4%
Test 4	113	201	77%	113	192	70%
Test 10	132	198	50%	132	189	43%
Test 13	173	263	52%	173	229	32%
Test 16	156	243	56%	156	222	42%
Test 17						
Test 3	210	204	-3%	210	201	-4%
Test 9	220	201	-9%	220	199	-8%
Test 5	132	178	34%	132	174	9%
Test 14	178	203	14%	178	202	14%
Test 15	243	247	1%	243	251	8%
Test 18	217	199	-8%	217	199	-8%

**Table A-20: Relative differences for radiative and total heat flux to cable D**

Control Cable	Radiant Heat Flux Gauge 7			Total Heat Flux, Gauge 8		
	$\Delta E$ ( $kW/m^2$ )	$\Delta M$ ( $kW/m^2$ )	Relative Diff	$\Delta E$ ( $kW/m^2$ )	$\Delta M$ ( $kW/m^2$ )	Relative Diff
Test 1	1.44	1.59	10%		3.07	
Test 7	4.16	3.64	-12%	2.52	2.99	19%
Test 2		3.75		9.83	6.93	-29%
Test 8	3.26	3.43	5%	8.51	6.86	-19%
Test 4	4.78	3.22	-33%	7.23	6.60	-9%
Test 10	1.35	1.54	14%	6.71	6.54	-3%
Test 13	3.55	3.59	1%	11.22	11.50	3%
Test 16	5.26	3.61	-31%	11.67	10.08	-14%
Test 17	2.91	3.39	16%	3.29	3.43	4%
Test 3	6.58	7.02	7%	9.45	6.85	-28%
Test 9	3.32	3.33	0%	9.06	6.68	-26%
Test 14		3.95		6.07	6.45	6%
Test 5	4.83	5.90	22%	8.52	5.87	-31%
Test 15	1.52	1.49	-2%	20.87	8.39	-60%
Test 18		3.43		7.83	6.50	-17%

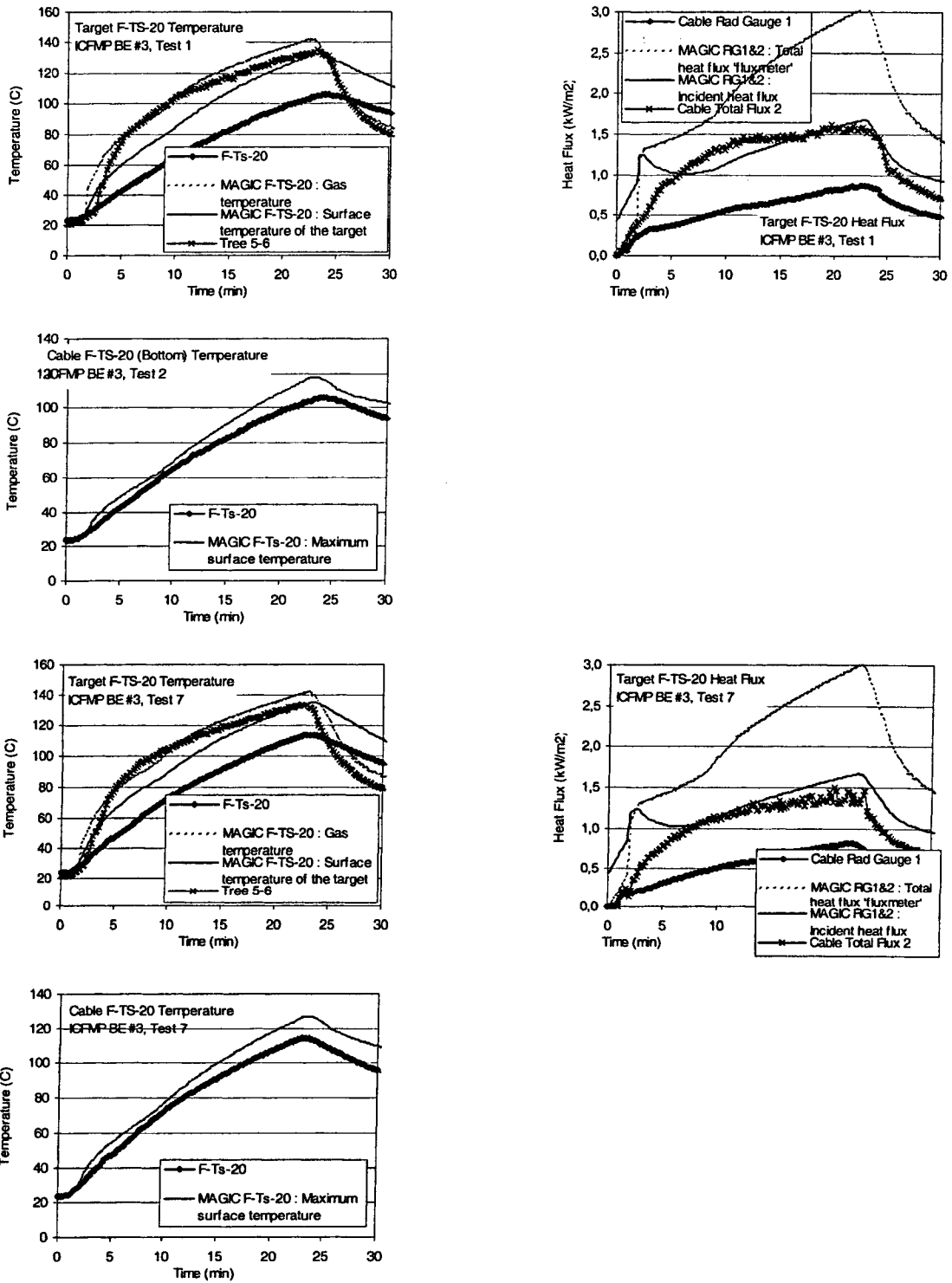


Figure A-52: Thermal environment near Cable F, ICFMP BE #3, Tests 1 and 7.

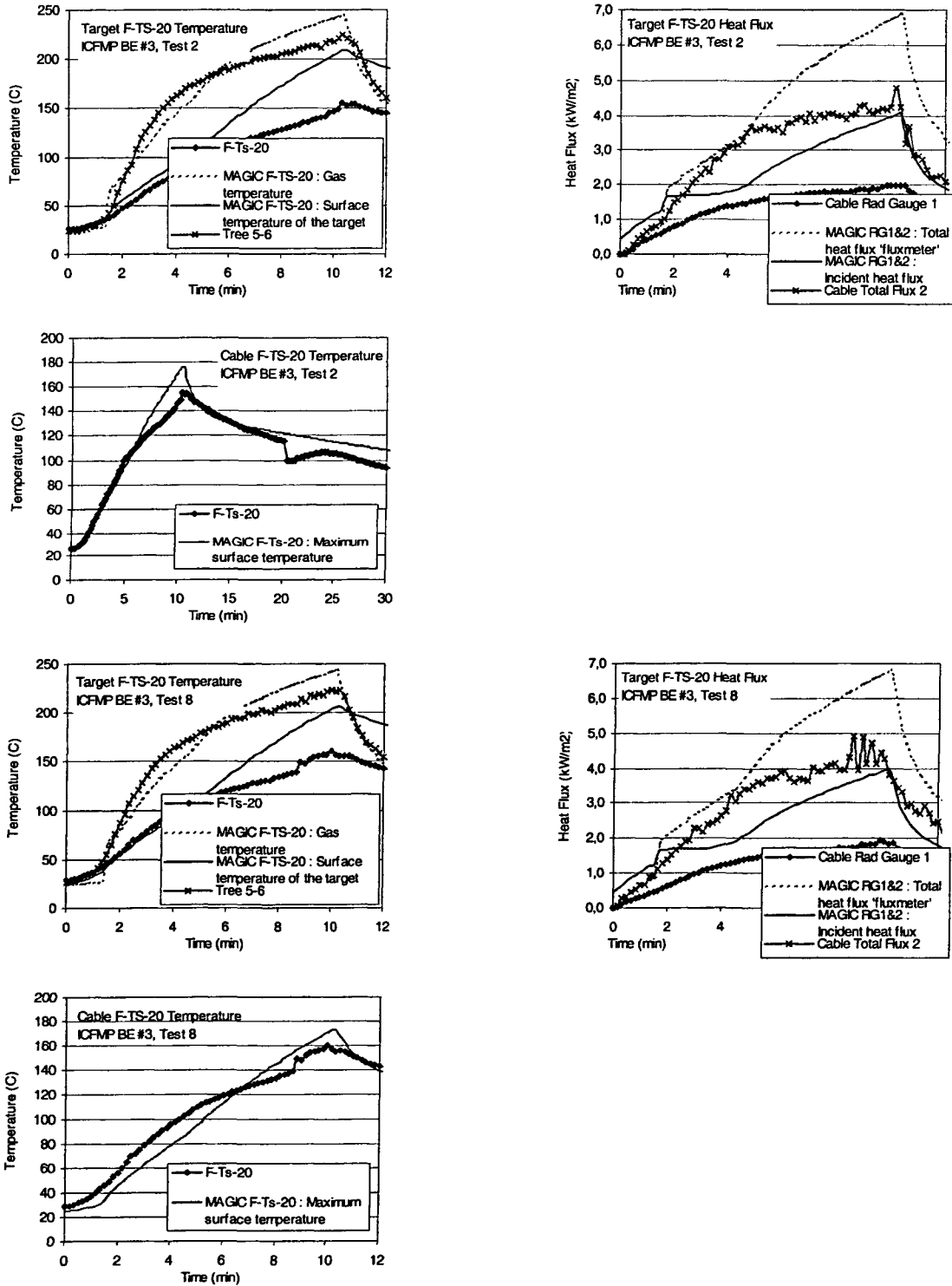


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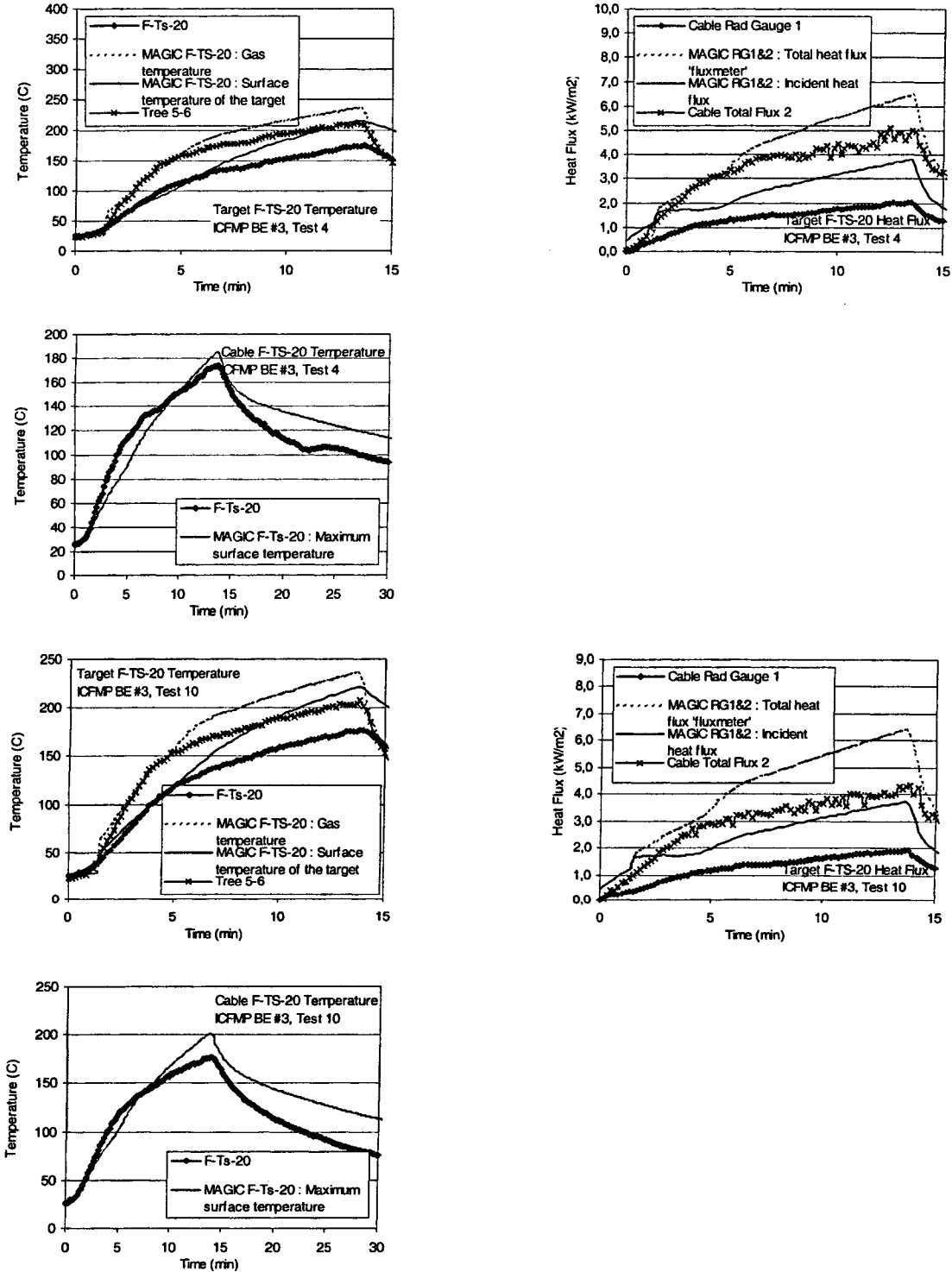


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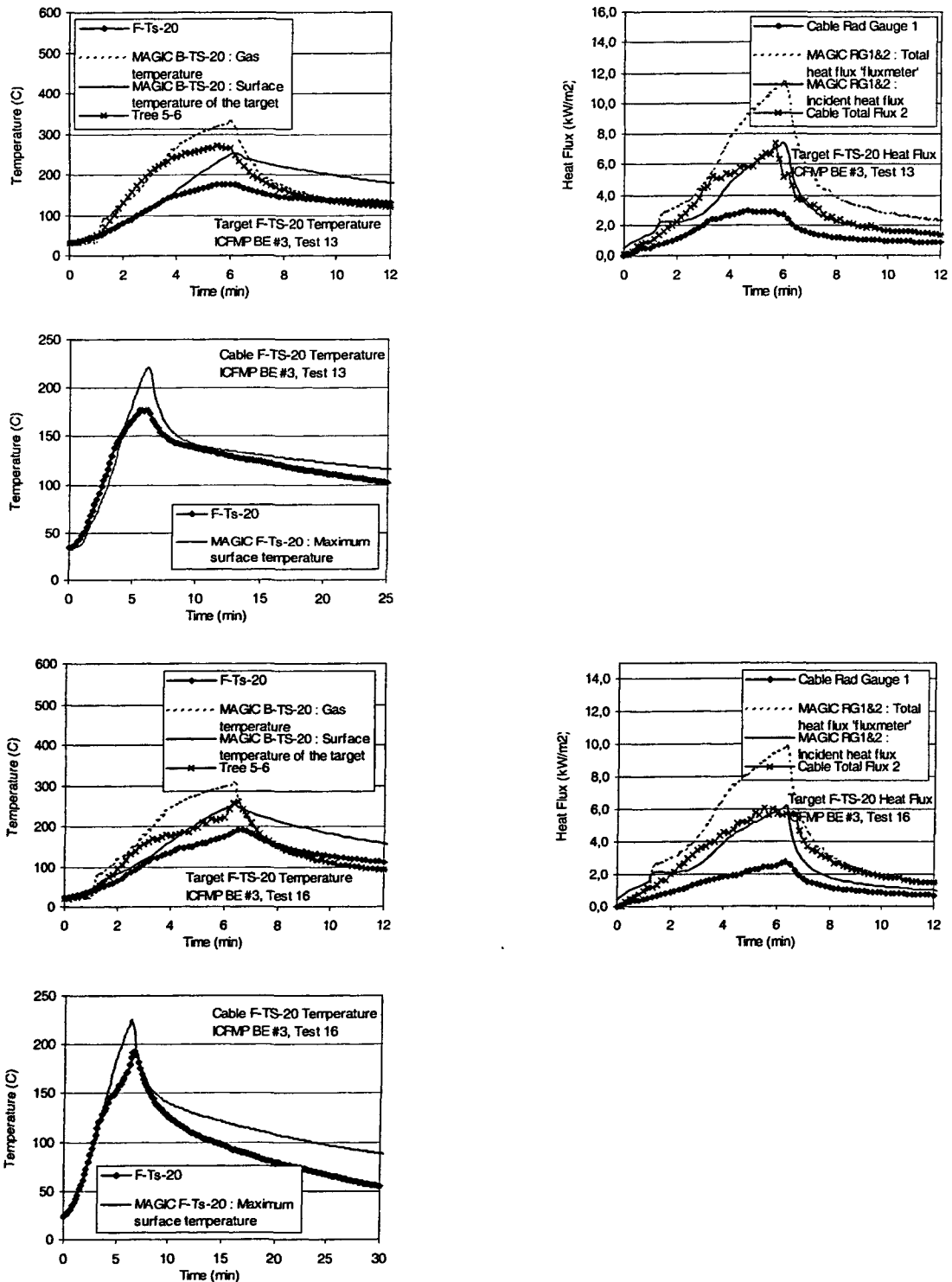


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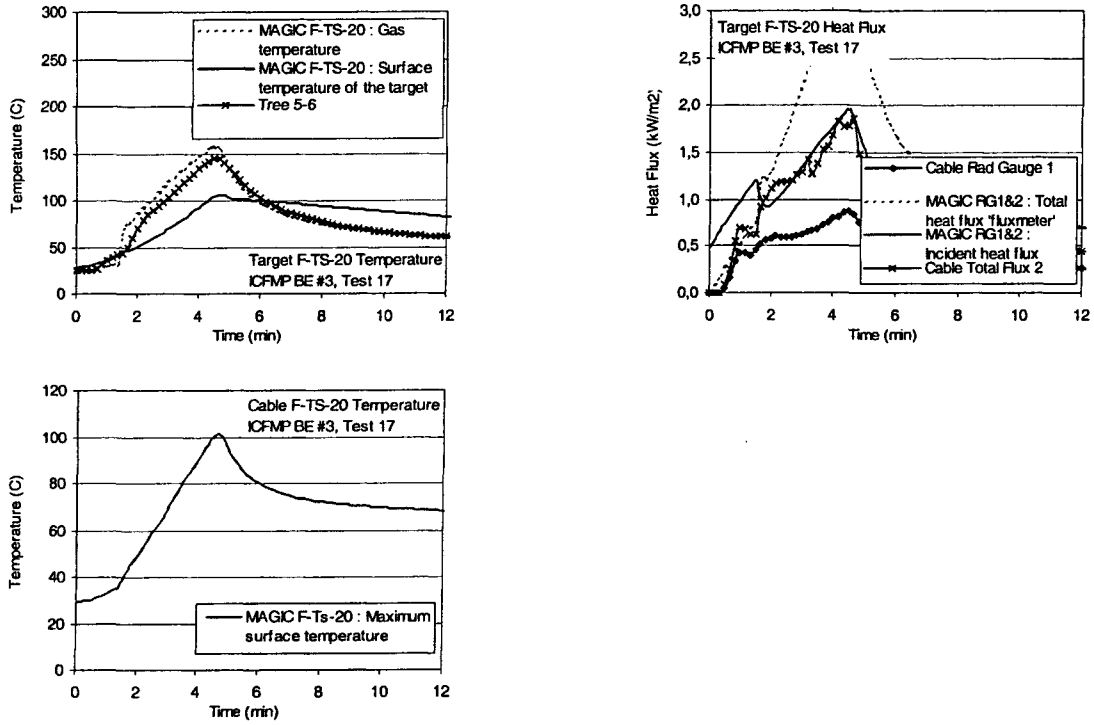


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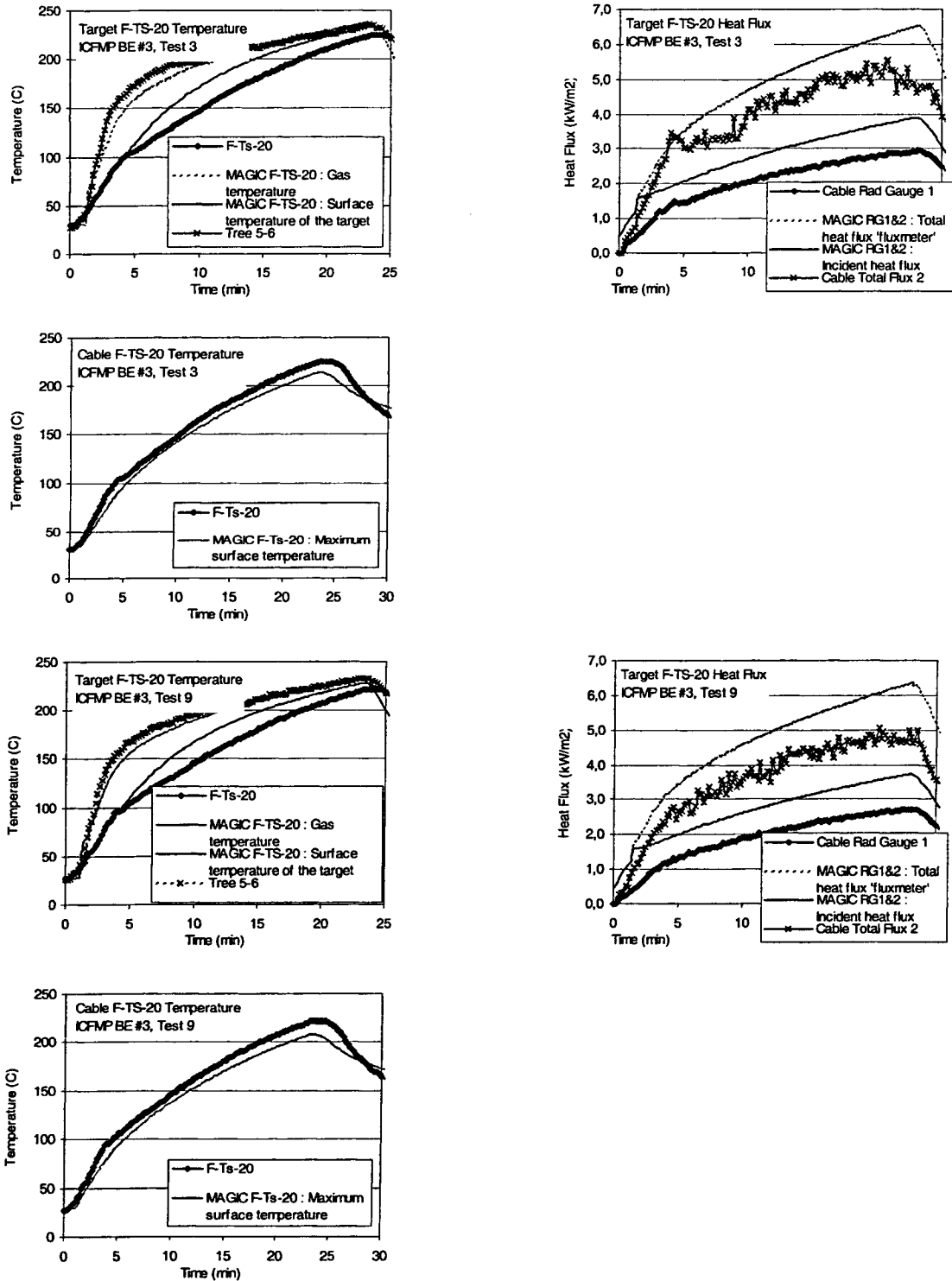


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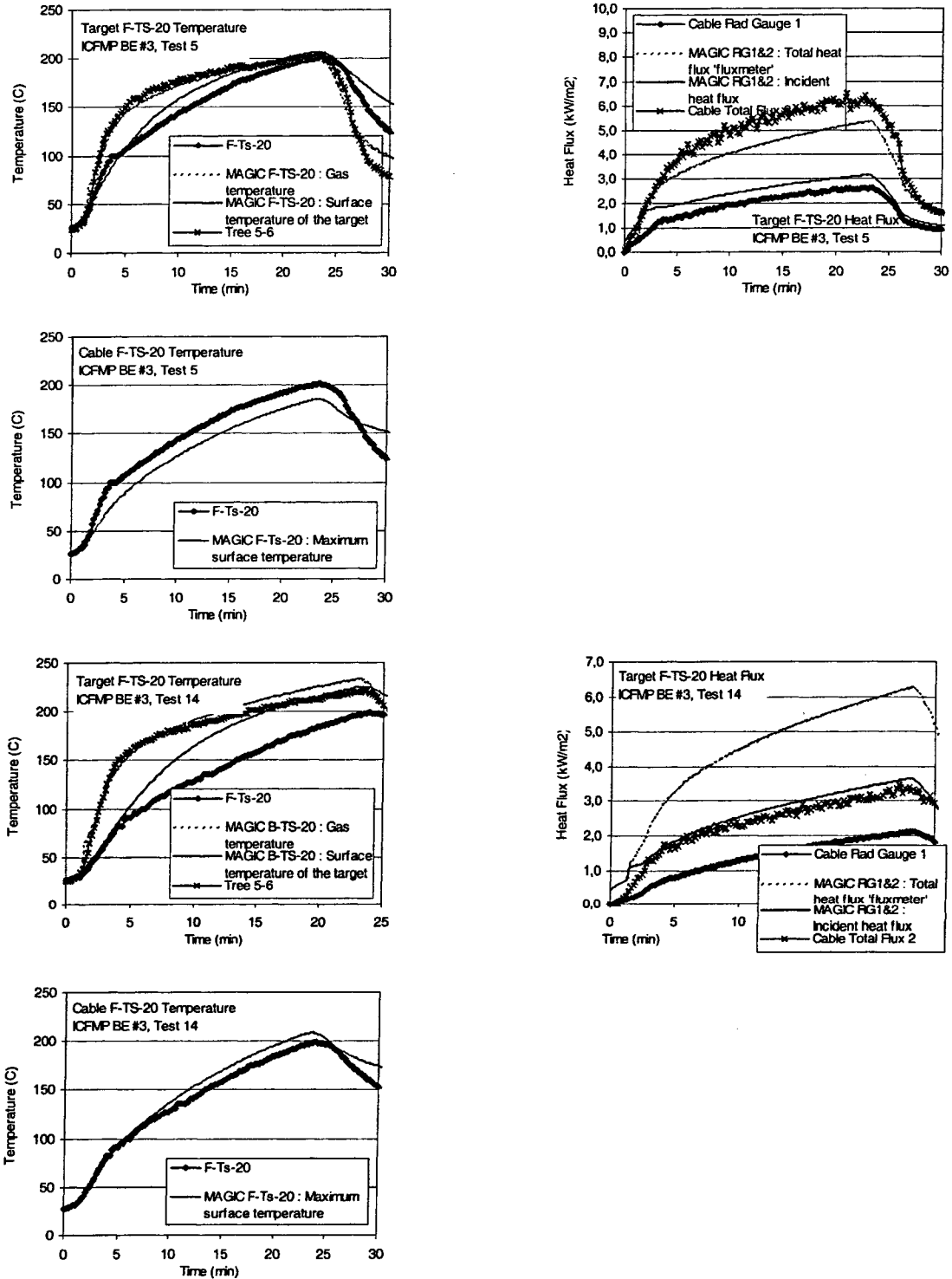


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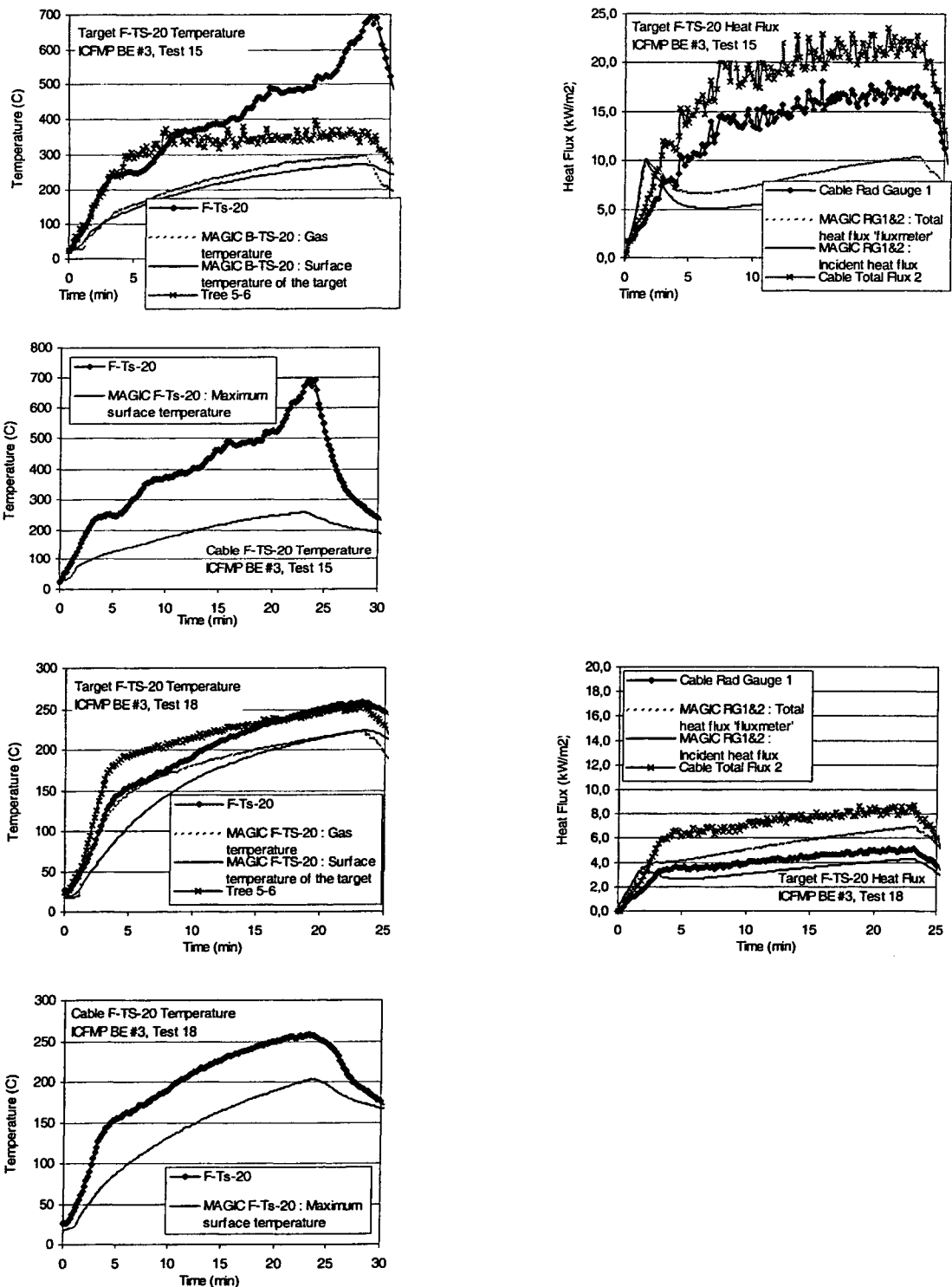


Figure A-59: Thermal environment near Cable F, ICFMP BE #3, Tests 15 and 18.

**Table A-21: Relative differences for surface temperature to cable F**

Power Cable	Target Surface Temp, F-TS-20			Cable Surface Temp, F-TS-20		
	$\Delta E$ (°C)	$\Delta M$ (°C)	Relative Diff	$\Delta E$ (°C)	$\Delta M$ (°C)	Relative Diff
Test 1	83	109	32%	83	95	15%
Test 7	90	109	21%	87	101	12%
Test 2	129	183	42%	129	150	16%
Test 8	131	181	38%	131	148	13%
Test 4	149	189	27%	149	158	6%
Test 10	150	194	29%	150	174	16%
Test 13	143	219	52%	143	188	31%
Test 16	168	227	35%	168	199	19%
Test 17						
Test 3	195	202	3%	195	182	-7%
Test 9	195	200	3%	195	180	-8%
Test 5	175	178	2%	175	157	-10%
Test 14	171	197	15%	171	179	5%
Test 15	669	245	-63%	669	231	-66%
Test 18	232	205	-11%	232	184	-20%

**Table A-22: Relative differences for radiative and total heat flux to cable F**

Power Cable	Radiant Heat Flux Gauge 1			Total Heat Flux, Gauge 2		
	$\Delta E$ (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	$\Delta M$ (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	Relative Diff	$\Delta E$ (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	$\Delta M$ (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	Relative Diff
Test 1	0.87	1.24	44%	1.60	3.05	90%
Test 7	1.99	3.60	81%	1.51	2.98	95%
Test 2	2.95	3.40	15%	4.77	6.89	44%
Test 8	2.02	3.33	65%	4.93	6.82	38%
Test 4	2.65	2.69	2%	5.02	6.49	29%
Test 10	0.82	1.22	48%	4.36	6.43	48%
Test 13	1.93	3.54	83%	7.28	11.40	56%
Test 16	1.93	3.29	71%	6.13	9.90	61%
Test 17	2.73	3.26	20%	1.85	3.43	83%
Test 3	2.90	6.91	139%	5.55	6.51	17%
Test 9	2.12	3.17	50%	5.08	6.33	25%
Test 5	18.29	9.59	-48%	6.45	5.34	-18%
Test 14	2.76	5.73	108%	3.46	6.26	77%
Test 15	0.88	1.49	69%	23.94	10.44	-56%
Test 18	5.18	3.87	-25%	8.74	6.94	-21%

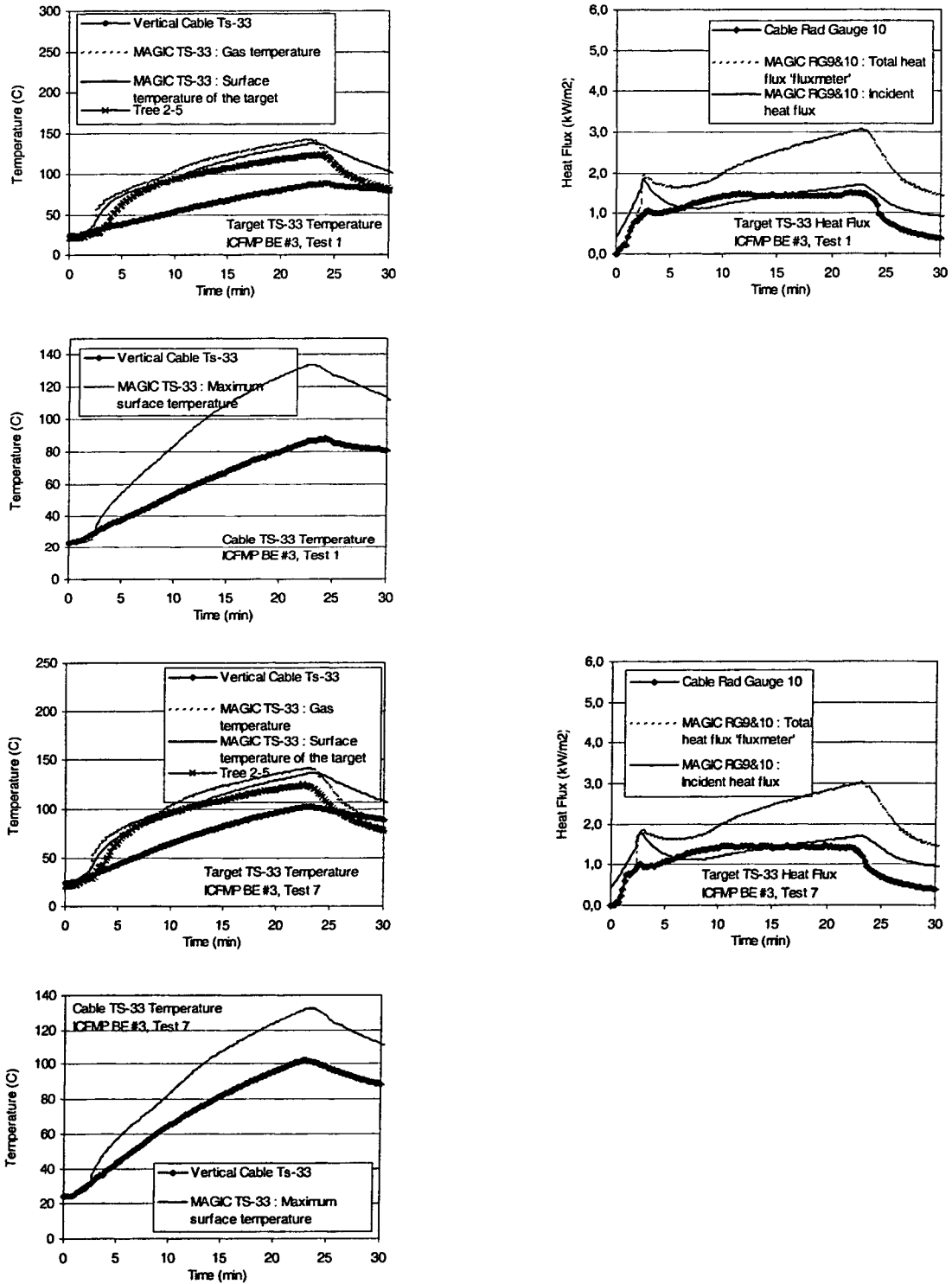


Figure A-60: Thermal environment near Cable G, ICFMP BE #3, Tests 1 and 7.

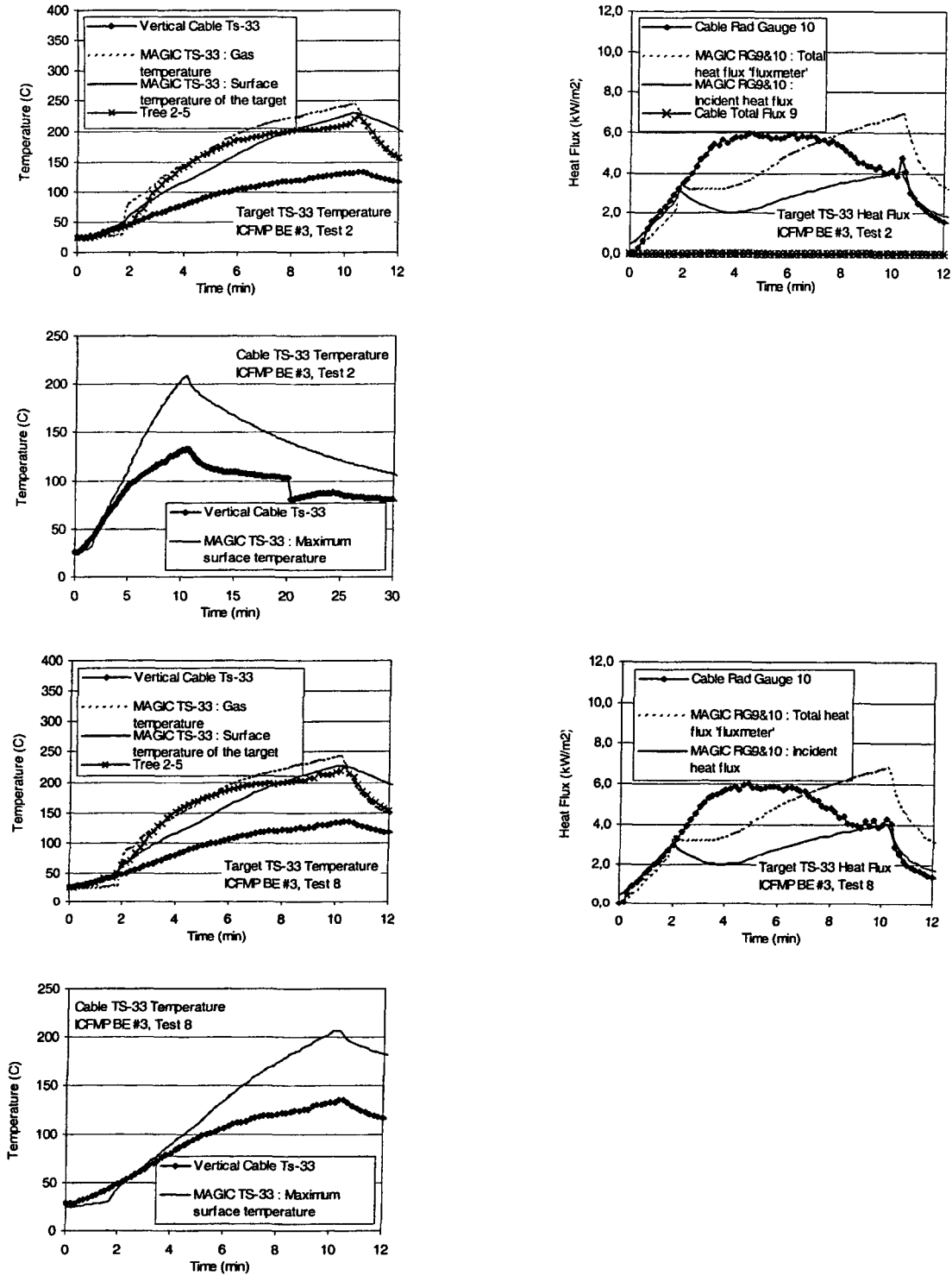


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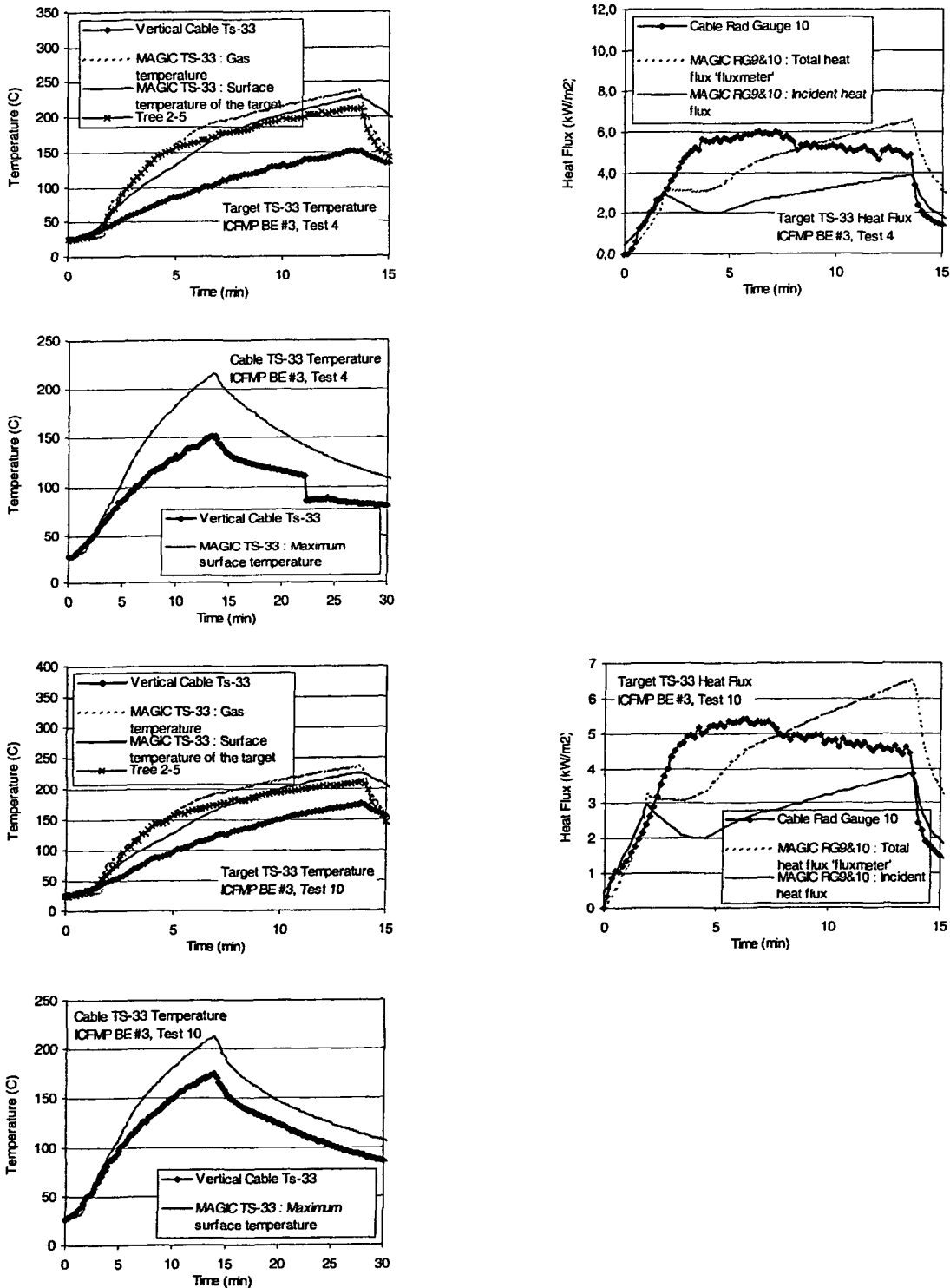


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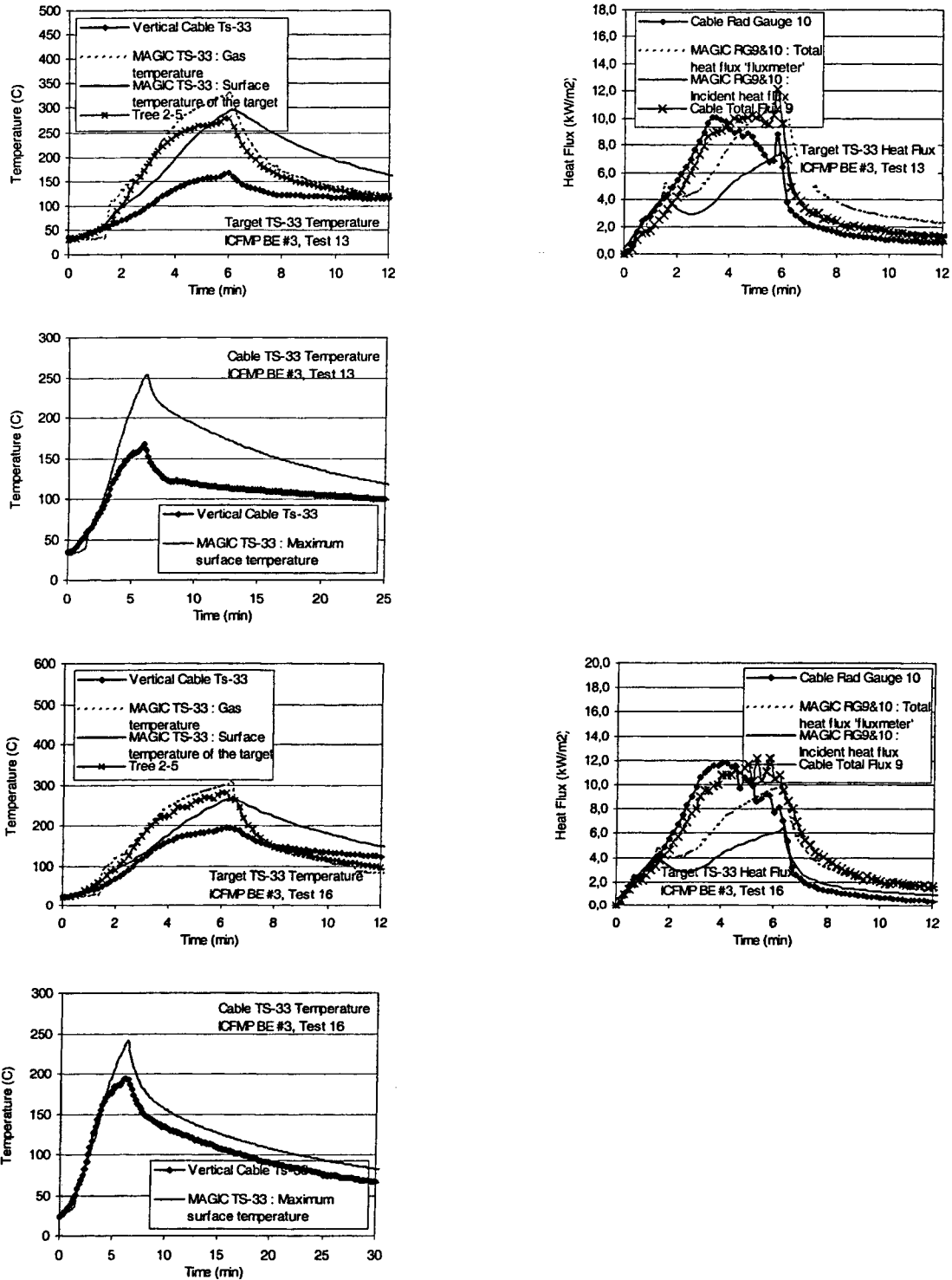


Figure A-63: Thermal environment near Cable G, ICFMP BE #3, Tests 13 and 16

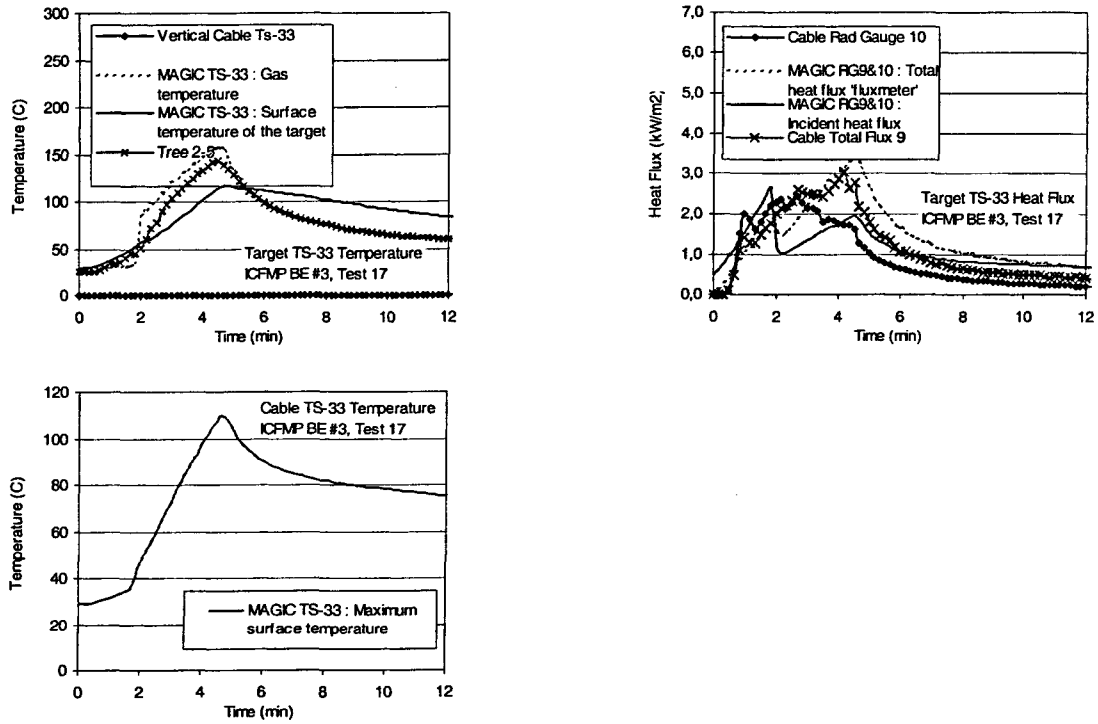


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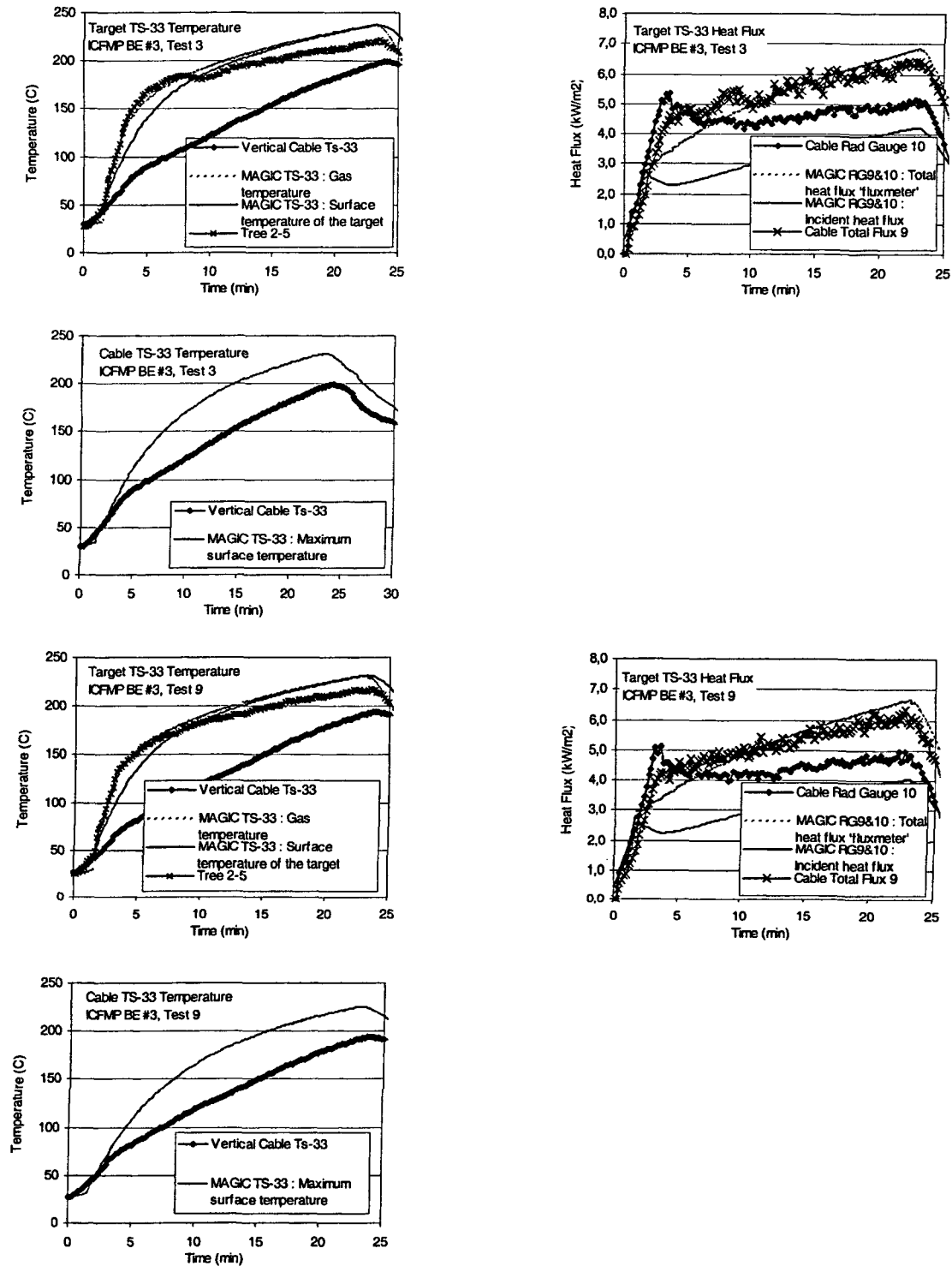


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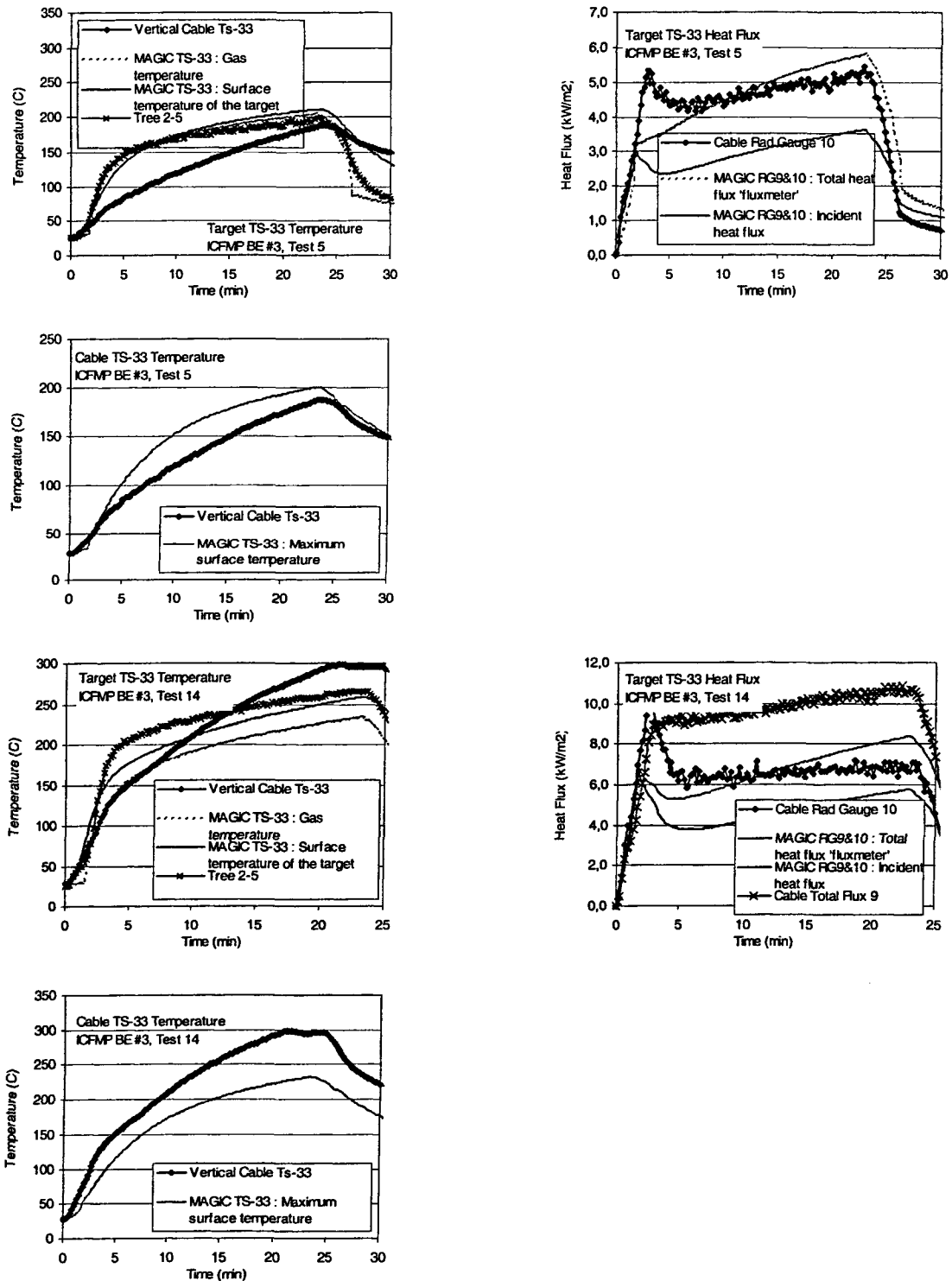


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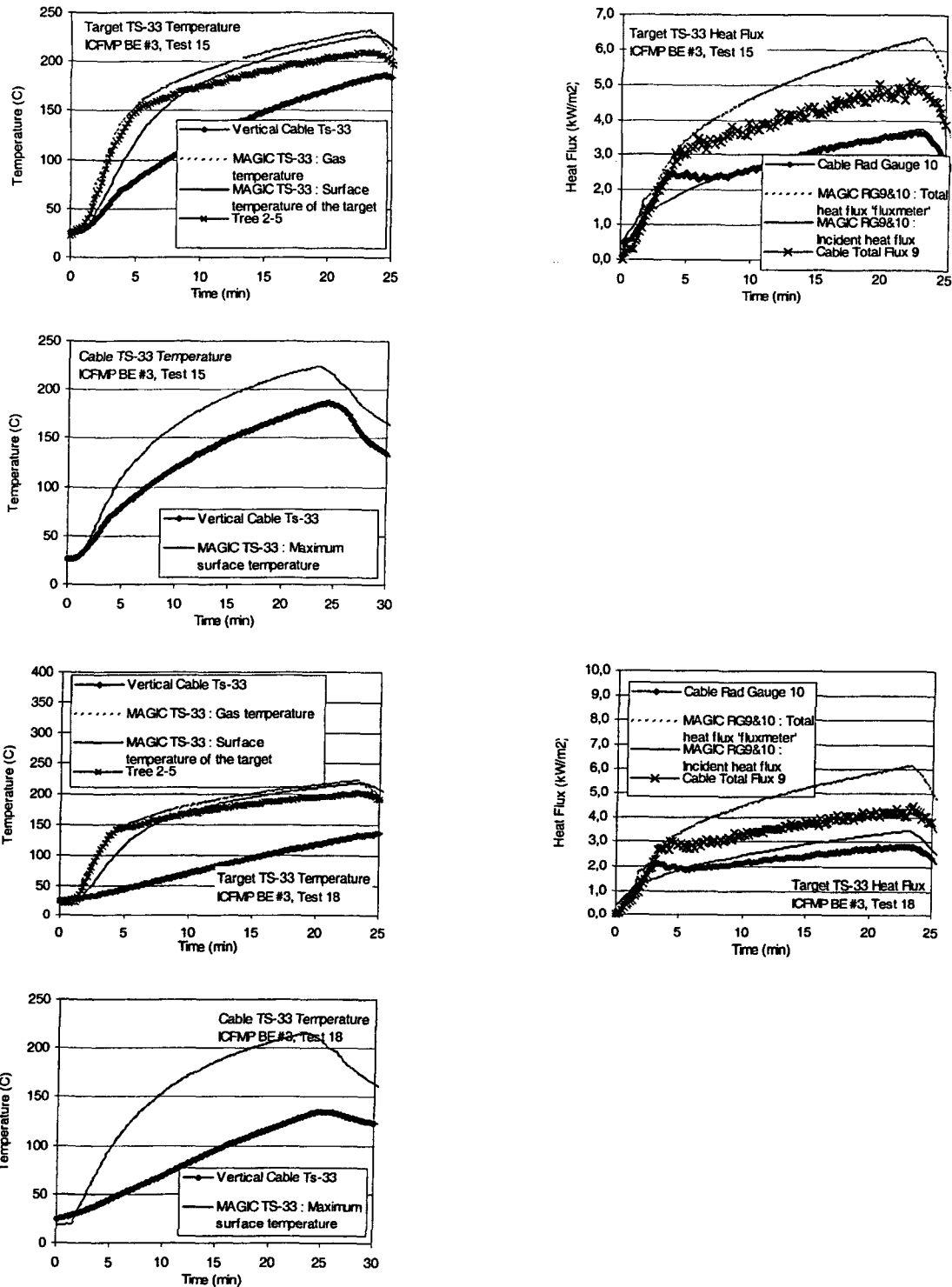


Figure A-67: Thermal environment near Cable G, ICFMP BE #3, Tests 15 and 18.

**Table A-23: Relative differences for surface temperature to cable G**

Control Cable	Target Surface Temp, G-TS-33			Cable Surface Temp, G-TS-33		
	$\Delta E$ ( $^{\circ}C$ )	$\Delta M$ ( $^{\circ}C$ )	Relative Diff	$\Delta E$ ( $^{\circ}C$ )	$\Delta M$ ( $^{\circ}C$ )	Relative Diff
Test 1	64	114	79%	64	111	74%
Test 7	78	111	42%	90	107	37%
Test 2	107	204	91%	107	184	72%
Test 8	107	203	90%	107	182	70%
Test 4	125	201	61%	125	189	51%
Test 10	148	198	34%	148	186	25%
Test 13	133	264	98%	133	222	66%
Test 16	169	243	44%	169	216	27%
Test 17						
Test 3	169	206	22%	169	200	19%
Test 9	165	204	23%	165	198	19%
Test 5	161	183	14%	161	172	7%
Test 14	270	230	-15%	270	204	-24%
Test 15	160	200	25%	160	197	23%
Test 18	106	200	89%	106	197	87%

**Table A-24: Relative differences for radiative and total heat flux to cable G**

Control Cable	Radiant Heat Flux Gauge 10			Total Heat Flux, Gauge 9		
	$\Delta E$ ( $kW/m^2$ )	$\Delta M$ ( $kW/m^2$ )	Relative Diff	$\Delta E$ ( $kW/m^2$ )	$\Delta M$ ( $kW/m^2$ )	Relative Diff
Test 1	1.51	1.41	-6%			
Test 7	5.97	3.64	-39%	1.89	2.99	56%
Test 2	5.36	3.71	-31%			
Test 8	6.00	3.41	-43%	5.98	6.86	15%
Test 4	5.45	3.16	-42%	6.42	6.58	2%
Test 10	1.47	1.33	-10%	6.20	6.51	5%
Test 13	6.03	3.59	-40%	12.18	11.50	-6%
Test 16	5.15	3.58	-31%	12.23	10.05	-18%
Test 17	5.42	3.37	-38%	3.07	3.43	11%
Test 3	10.06	7.01	-30%	6.45	6.82	6%
Test 9	10.50	6.12	-42%	6.37	6.65	4%
Test 5	3.73	3.28	-12%	6.69	5.80	-13%
Test 14	11.96	5.87	-51%	10.90	8.39	-23%
Test 15	2.42	2.15	-11%	5.12	6.36	24%
Test 18	2.85	3.06	8%	4.45	6.13	38%

### **A.8.2 ICFMP BE #4**

Targets in BE #4, Test 1 were three material probes made of concrete, aerated concrete and steel. Sensor M29 represents the aerated concrete material while Sensors M33 and M34 represent the concrete and steel materials respectively.

MAGIC appears to over predict both total heat flux and surface temperature to the targets. The graphical comparisons for heat flux and surface temperature and the resulting relative differences are presented in Figure A-68 and Table A-17 respectively.

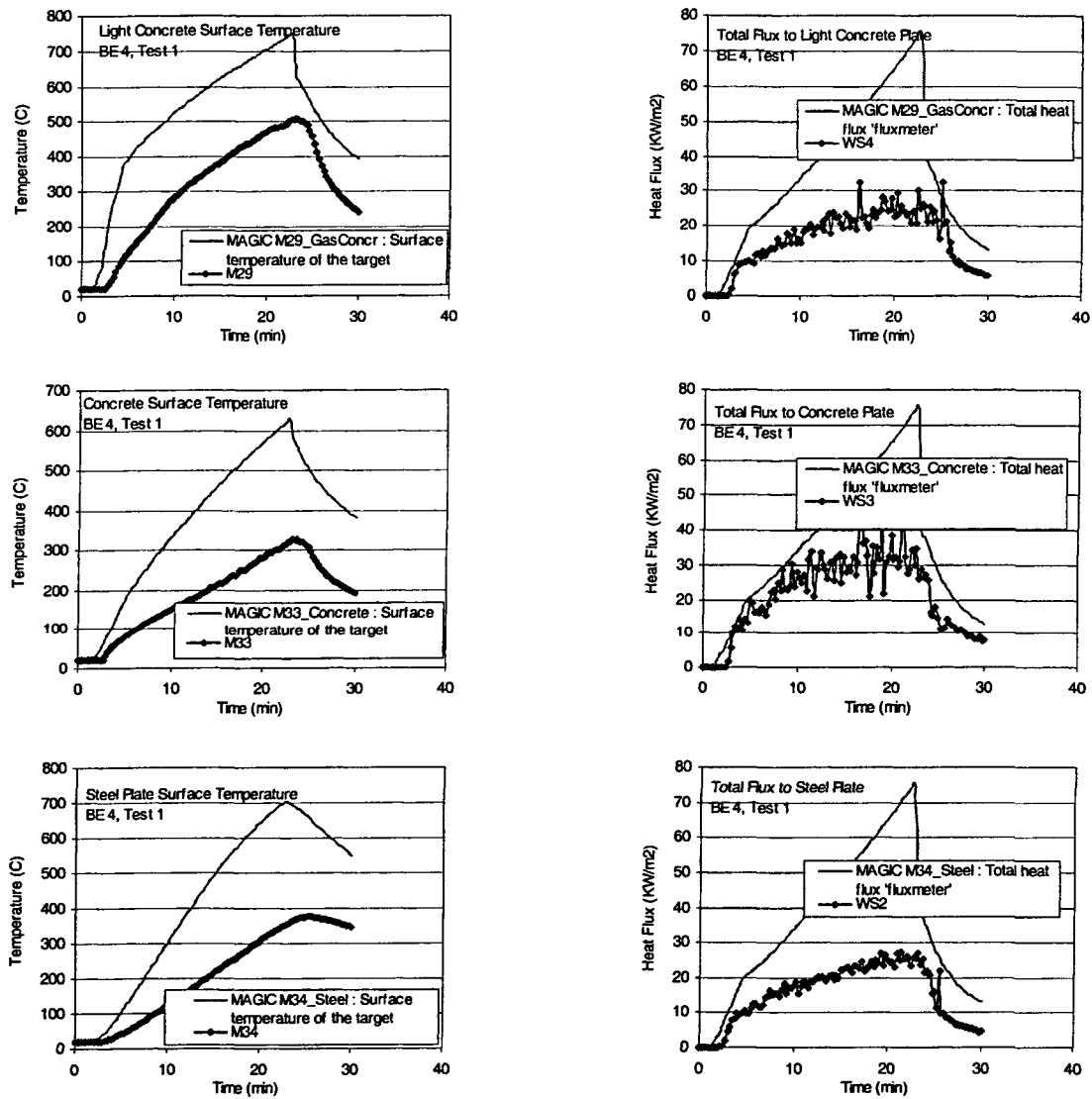


Figure A-68: Heat Flux and Surface Temperatures of Target Slabs, ICFMP BE #4, Test 1.

Table A-25: Relative differences for surface temperature, and total heat flux to targets

		$\Delta E$ (°C)	$\Delta M$ (°C)	Relative Diff	$\Delta E$ (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	$\Delta M$ (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	Relative Diff
ICFMP 4-1	Steel, M34	356	684	92%	27.18	75.65	178%
	Concrete, M33	308	608	97%	46.56	75.65	63%
	Gas Concrete, M29	489	728	49%	32.41	75.65	133%



### **A.8.3 ICFMP BE # 5**

A vertical cable tray was positioned near a wall opposite the fire. Heat flux gauges were inserted in between two bundles of cables, one containing power cables, the other, control. On the following pages are plots of the gas temperature, heat flux and cable surface temperatures at three vertical locations along the tray.

Figure A-69 compiles the graphical comparisons for total heat flux and surface temperature. Table A-26 and Table A-27 list the corresponding relative differences.

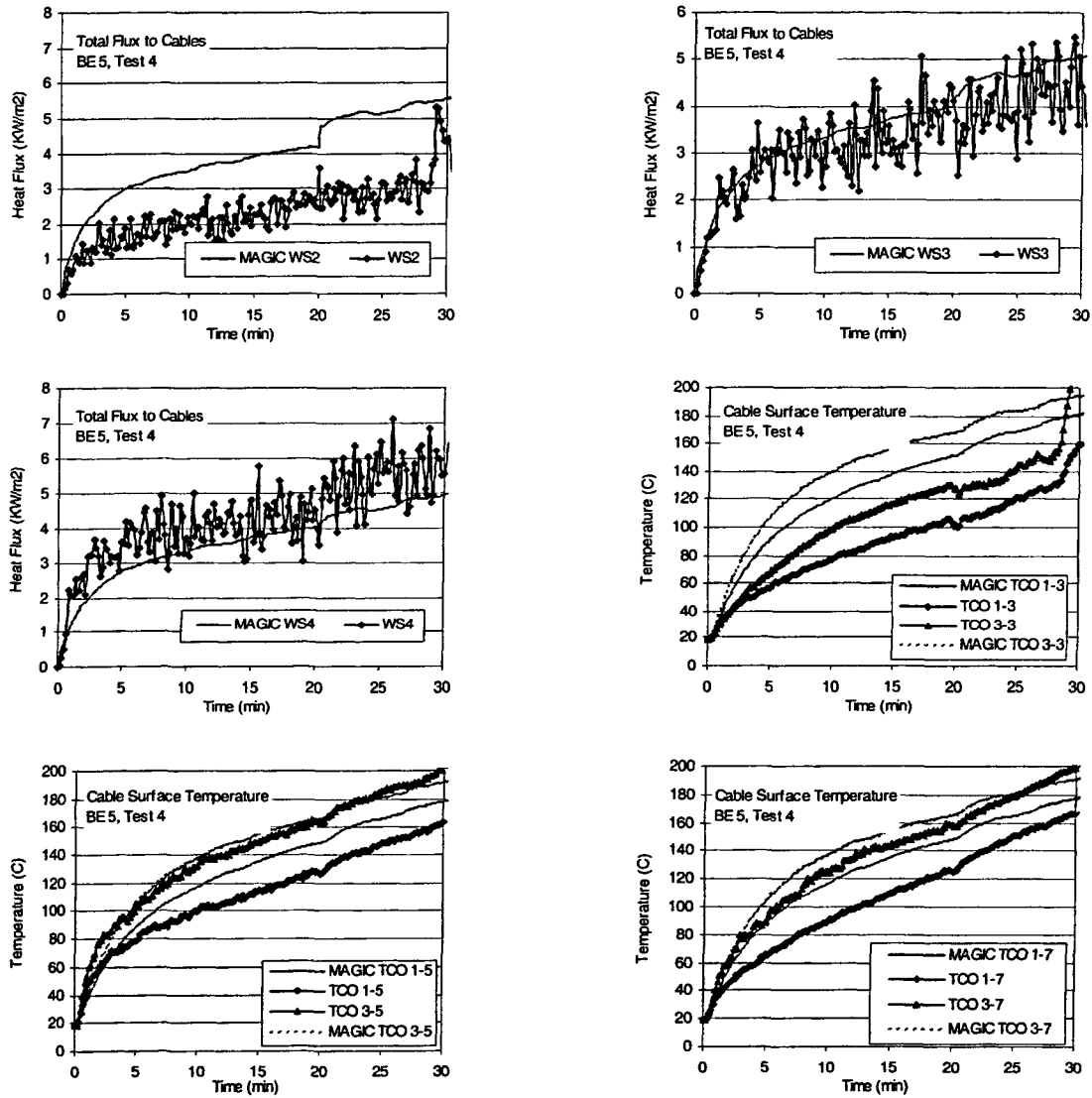


Figure A-69: Thermal environment near Vertical Cable Tray, ICFMP BE #5, Test 4.

Table A-26: Relative differences for surface temperature

Surface Temperature Instrument	$\Delta E$ (°C)	$\Delta M$ (°C)	Relative Difference	
ICFMP 5-4	TCO 1-3	141.1	165.1	17%
	TCO 3-3	144.3	165.2	14%
	TCO 1-5	147.8	159.2	8%
	TCO 3-5	222.5	159.3	-28%
	TCO 1-7	182.6	157.6	-14%
	TCO 3-7	180.2	157.7	-13%

Table A-27: Relative differences for total heat flux

Total Heat Flux	Instrument	$\Delta E$ (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	$\Delta M$ (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	Relative Diff
ICFMP 5-4	WS2	141	161	14%
	WS3	144	174	21%
	WS4	148	158	7%

## **A.9 Compartment Wall Temperature and Heat Flux**

Heat fluxes and surfaces temperatures at compartment walls, floor and ceiling are available from ICFMP BE #3 and #5. This category is similar to that of the previous section, Heat Flux and Surface Temperature of Targets, only here the focus is on compartment walls, ceiling and floors.

MAGIC offers two alternatives for wall temperature and heat flux results. The first alternative results from a heat balance at the surface of the wall in both the upper and lower layer. The second option is to locate a target characterized by the wall properties. The second option is preferred for validation purposes since the target can be placed in the same location as the experimental sensors.

### **A.9.1 ICFMP BE #3**

Thirty-six heat flux gauges were positioned at various locations on all four walls of the compartment, plus the ceiling and floor. Comparisons between measured and predicted heat fluxes and surface temperatures are shown on the following pages for a selected number of locations. Over half of the measurement points were in roughly the same relative location to the fire and hence the measurements and predictions were similar. For this reason, data for the east and north walls are shown because the data from the south and west walls are comparable. Data from the south wall is used in cases where the corresponding instrument on the north wall failed, or in cases where the fire was positioned close to the south wall.

The heat flux gauges used on the compartment walls measured the *net*, not total, heat flux. In MAGIC, this measured heat flux is compared with the Target/Heat Flux/ Total Absorbed Heat Flux output option.

The following graphical comparisons are grouped per room surface (long wall, short wall, ceiling or floor). The term long wall refers to either the north or south wall. The term short wall refers to either the east or west wall. Two sensors have been selected for comparison for each surface. Comparisons include both surface temperature and heat flux. The corresponding relative differences are provided after the graphical comparison for each room surface.

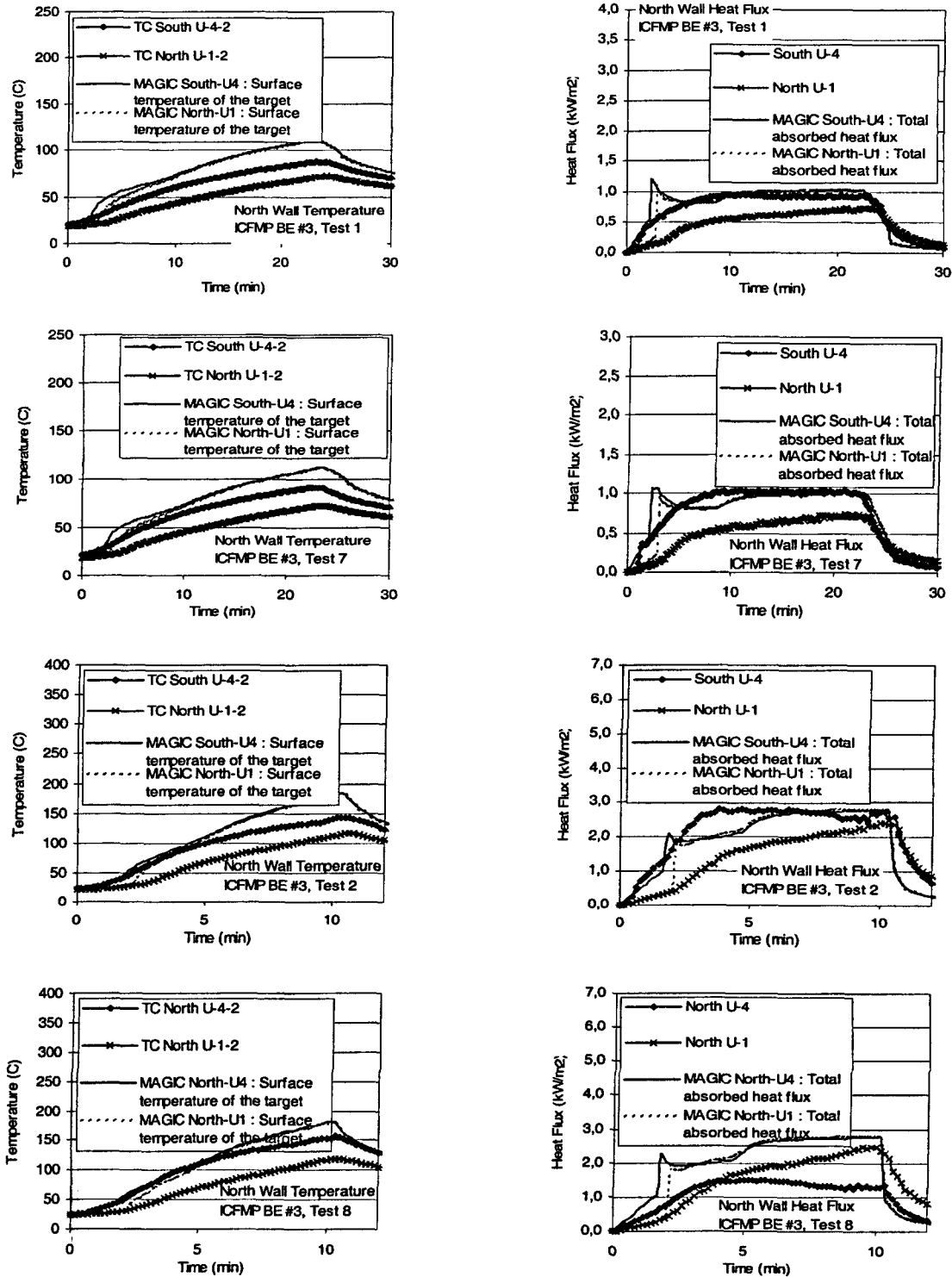


Figure A-70: Long wall heat flux and surface temperature, ICFMP BE #3, closed door tests.

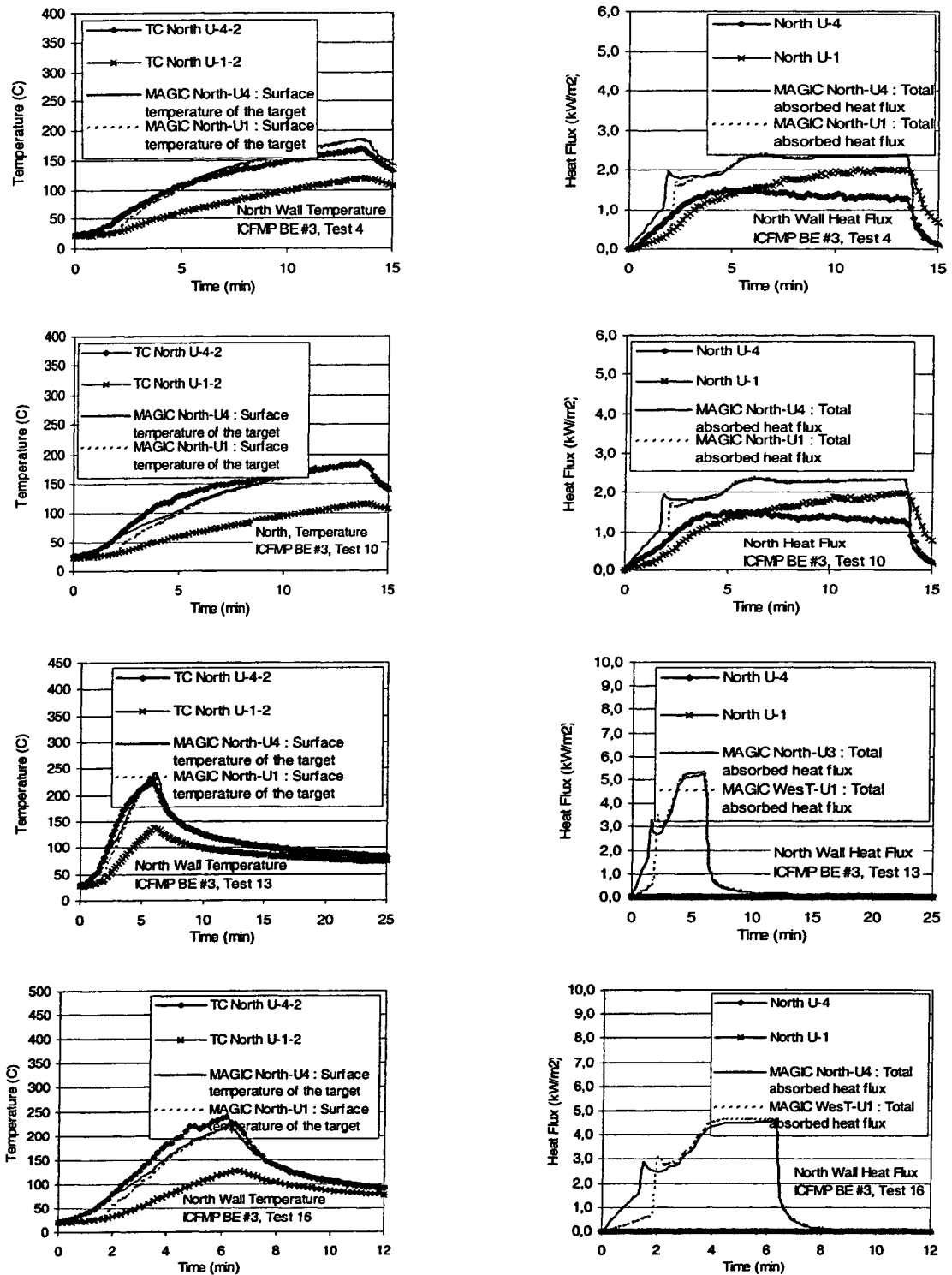
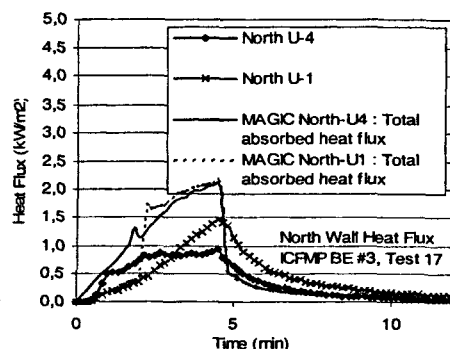
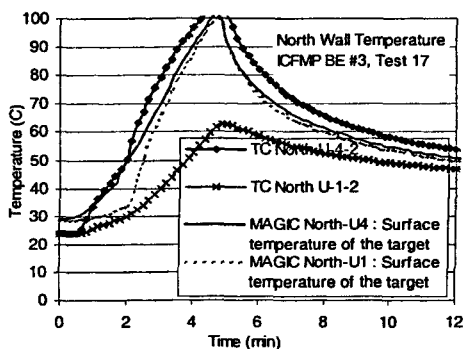


Figure A-71: Long wall heat flux and surface temperature, ICFM BE #3, closed door tests.



### Open Door Tests

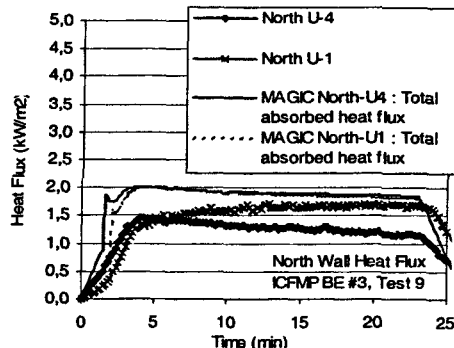
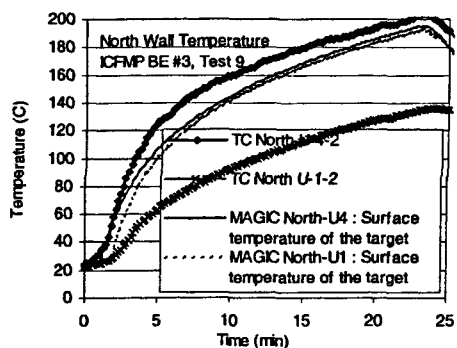
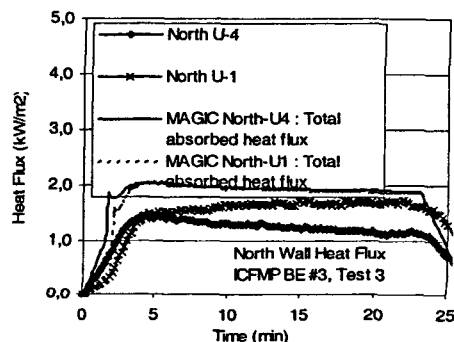
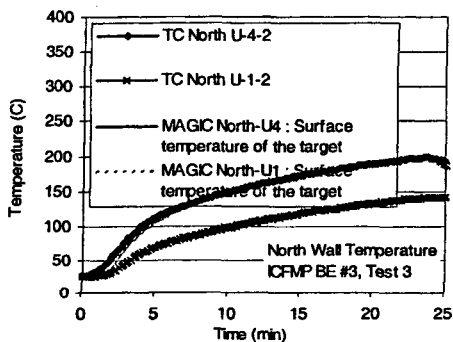


Figure A-72: Long wall heat flux and surface temperature, ICFMP BE #3, closed door tests.

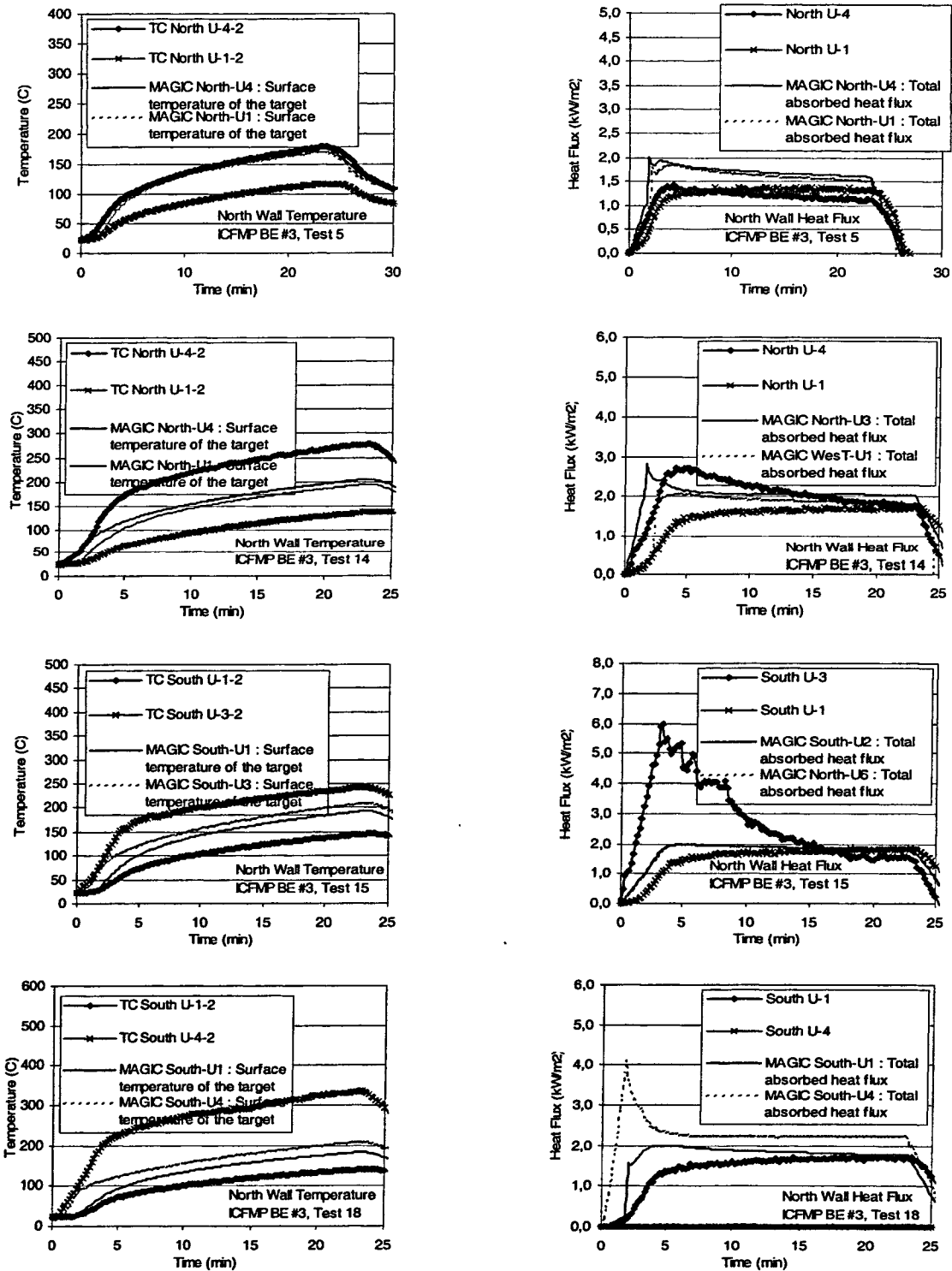


Figure A-73: Long wall heat flux and surface temperature, ICFMP BE #3, open door tests.



Table A-28: Relative differences for temperature and total heat flux corresponding to the long wall

Long Wall	Instrument	Wall Temperature			Wall Total Heat Flux		
		$\Delta E$ (°C)	$\Delta M$ (°C)	Relative Diff	$\Delta E$ (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	$\Delta M$ (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	Relative Diff
Test 1	N1	54	89	65%	0.7	1.1	49%
	S4	68	89	31%	1.0	1.2	25%
Test 7	N1	53	87	63%	0.8	1.0	29%
	S4	70	87	23%	1.1	1.1	-5%
Test 2	N1	96	158	65%	2.4	2.8	17%
	S4	120	158	32%	2.8	2.8	-1%
Test 8	N1	95	157	66%	2.5	2.8	12%
	N4	120	157	19%	1.5	2.8	83%
Test 4	N1	97	159	64%	2.0	2.4	20%
	N4	124	159	9%	1.5	2.3	59%
Test 10	N1	94	158	68%	2.0	2.4	20%
	N4	124	158	-3%	1.5	2.3	53%
Test 13	N1	110	209	91%			
	N4	151	210	5%			
Test 16	N1	107	195	83%			
	N4	150	196	-10%			
Test 17	N1	39	70	79%	1.5	2.1	47%
	N4	54	71	-13%	0.9	2.1	125%
Test 3	N1	114	168	47%	1.7	2.0	18%
	N4	169	170	-1%	1.4	2.0	40%
Test 9	N1	113	165	47%	1.7	2.0	17%
	N4	167	168	-6%	1.4	2.0	40%
Test 5	N1	94	143	52%	1.5	1.8	20%
	N4	150	147	-5%	1.7	2.0	20%
Test 14	N1	114	167	46%	1.8	2.0	16%
	N4	146	176	-31%	2.7	2.6	-4%
Test 15	S1	115	167	34%	1.9	2.0	9%
	S3	308	182	-17%	5.9	3.1	-46%
Test 18	S1	109	166	41%	1.8	2.0	14%
	S4	312	191	-39%			

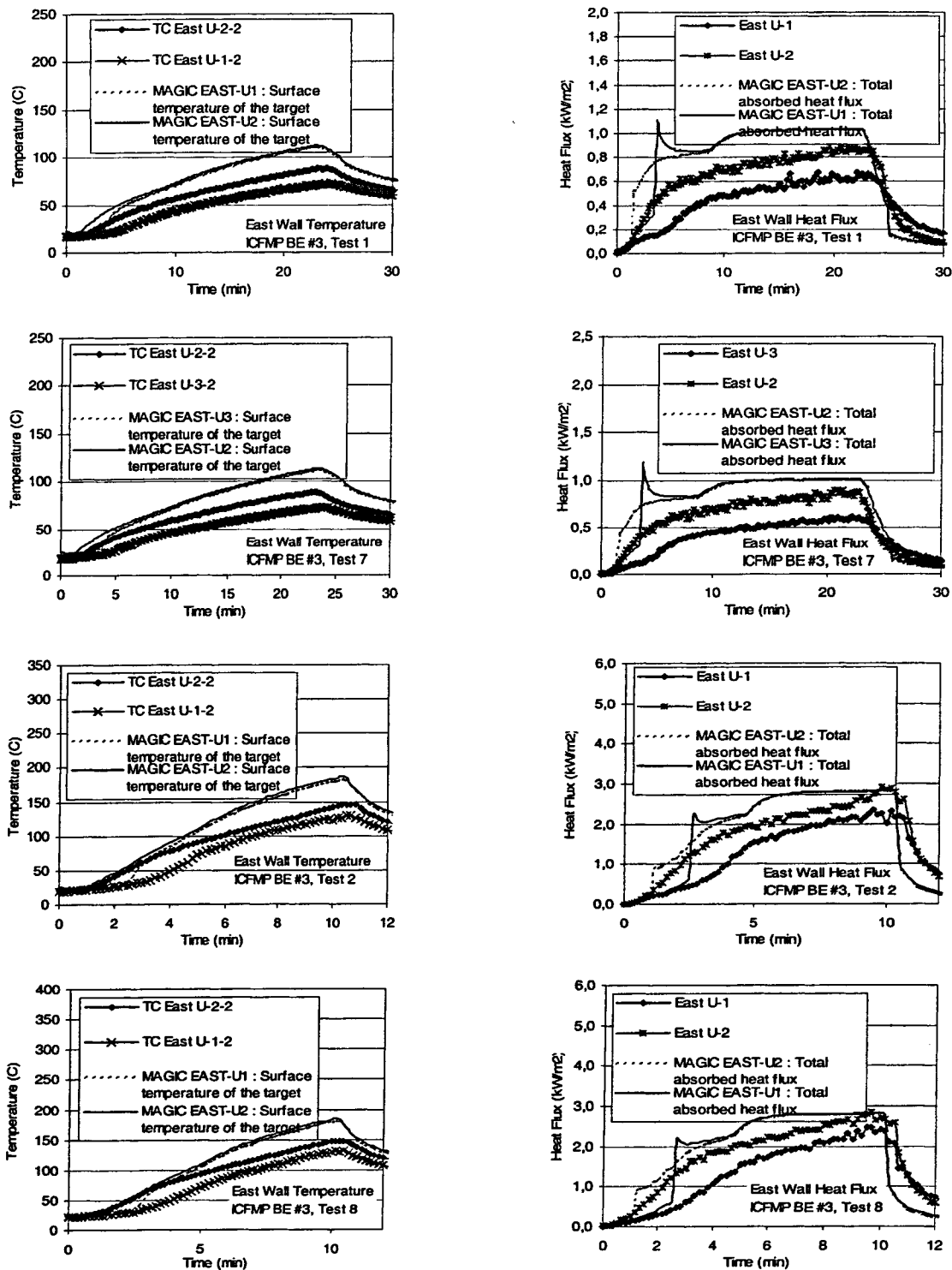


Figure A-74: Short wall heat flux and surface temperature, ICFMP BE #3, closed door tests.

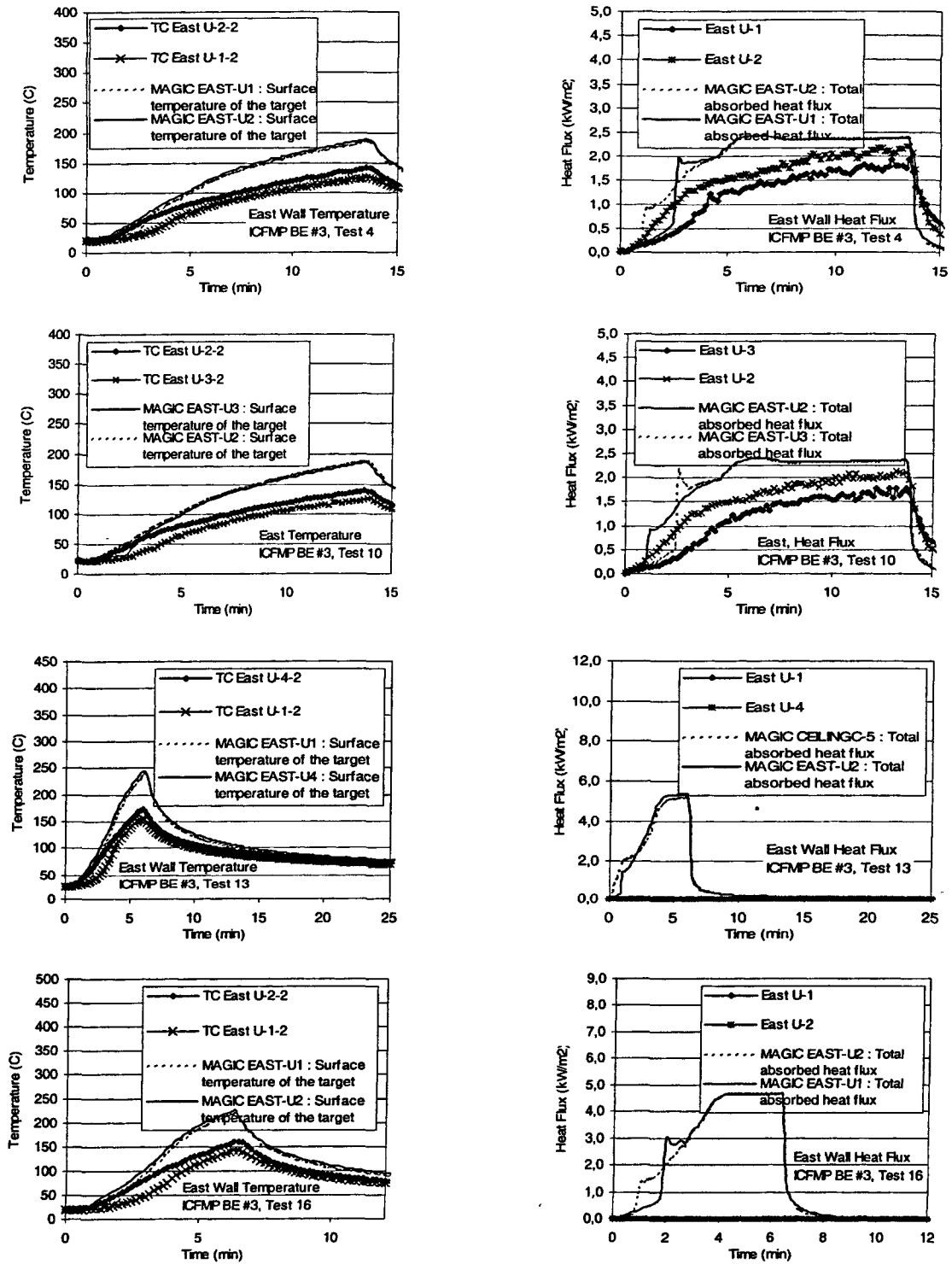
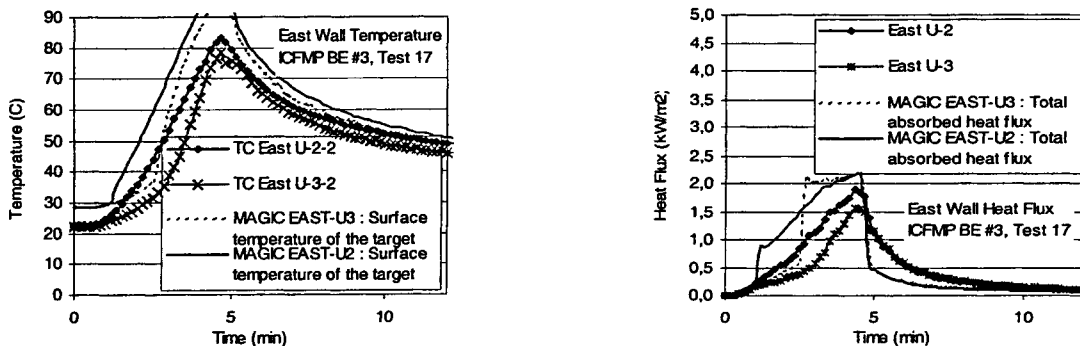


Figure A-75: Short wall heat flux and surface temperature, ICFMP BE #3, closed door tests.



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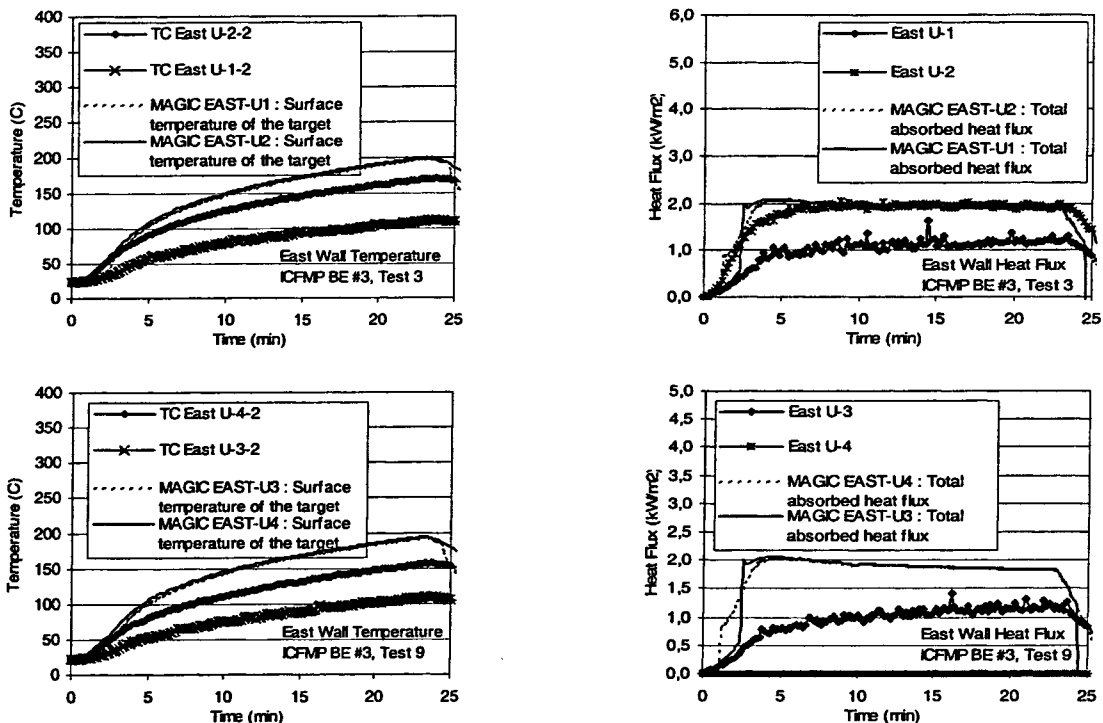


Figure A-76: Short wall heat flux and surface temperature, ICFMP BE #3, closed door tests.

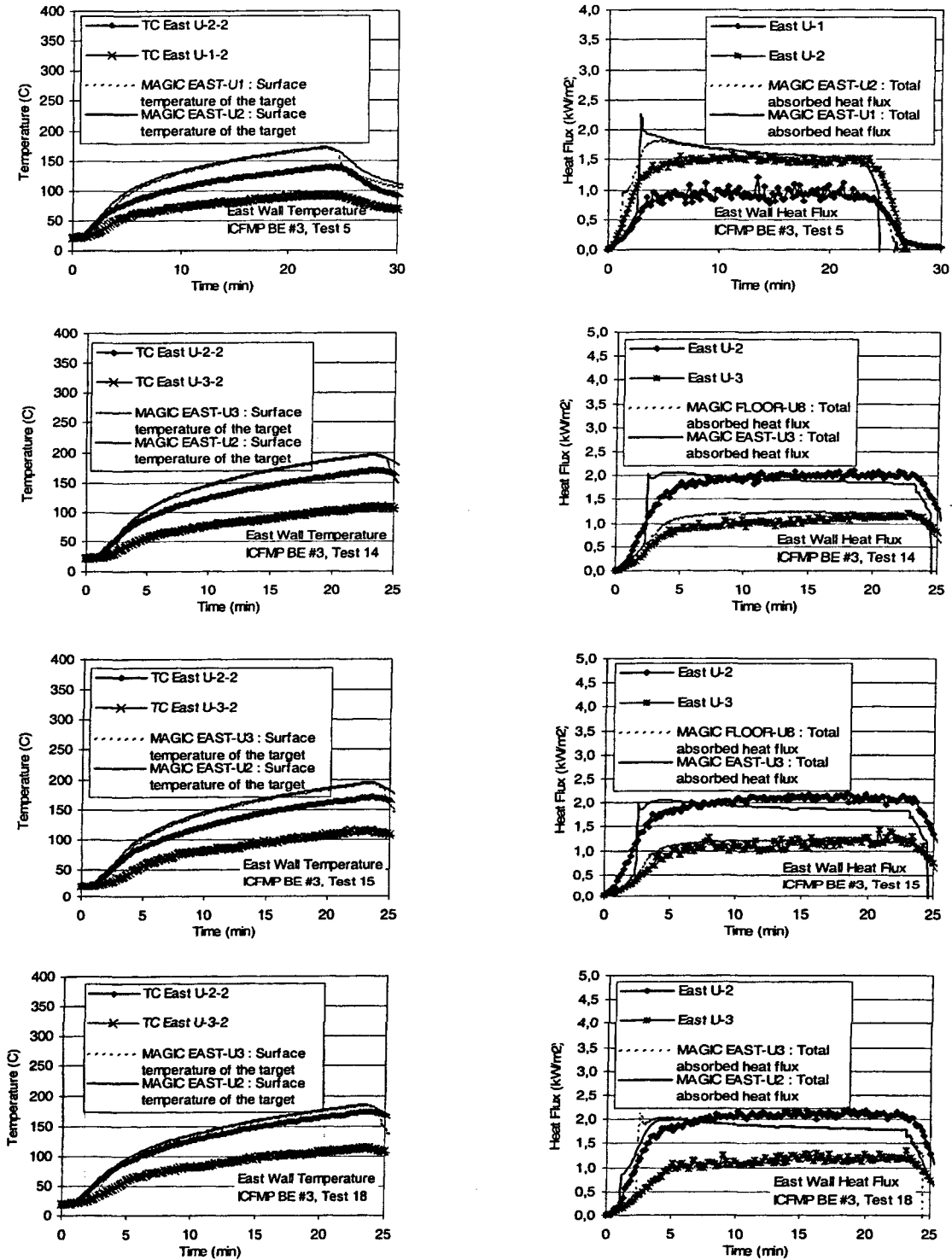


Figure A-77: Short wall heat flux and surface temperature, ICFMP BE #3, open door tests.

**Table A-29: Relative differences for temperature and total heat flux corresponding to the short wall**

Short Wall	Instrument	Wall Temperature			Wall Total Heat Flux		
		$\Delta E$ ( $^{\circ}C$ )	$\Delta M$ ( $^{\circ}C$ )	Relative Diff	$\Delta E$ ( $kW/m^2$ )	$\Delta M$ ( $kW/m^2$ )	Relative Diff
Test 1	E1	55	89	61%	0.7	1.1	64%
	E2	71	91	28%	0.9	1.0	17%
Test 7	E3	53	87	59%	0.7	1.2	77%
	E2	70	88	26%	1.0	1.0	6%
Test 2	E1	110	158	44%	2.3	2.8	20%
	E2	125	162	29%	2.9	2.8	-2%
Test 8	E1	109	157	44%	2.5	2.8	12%
	E2	125	160	29%	2.9	2.8	-3%
Test 4	E1	106	159	50%	1.9	2.4	26%
	E2	121	162	34%	2.2	2.4	12%
Test 10	E3	102	158	51%	1.8	2.4	36%
	E2	117	161	38%	2.1	2.4	14%
Test 13	E1	127	208	65%			
	E4	55	214	290%			
Test 16	E1	123	195	58%			
	E2	141	201	42%			
Test 17	E3	52	69	22%	1.6	2.2	40%
	E2	61	74	21%	1.9	2.2	14%
Test 3	E1	87	168	92%	1.6	2.1	27%
	E2	146	170	16%	2.0	2.1	1%
Test 9	E3	83	165	90%	1.4	2.1	49%
	E4	75	167	124%			
Test 5	E1	71	142	99%	1.2	2.2	80%
	E2	118	144	23%	1.7	1.8	4%
Test 14	E3	90	167	94%	1.2	2.1	70%
	E2	148	169	14%	2.1	2.0	-2%
Test 15	E3	84	167	73%	1.4	2.1	46%
	E2	151	168	11%	2.2	2.0	-7%
Test 18	E3	87	166	76%	1.3	2.1	58%
	E2	153	167	9%	2.2	2.0	-9%

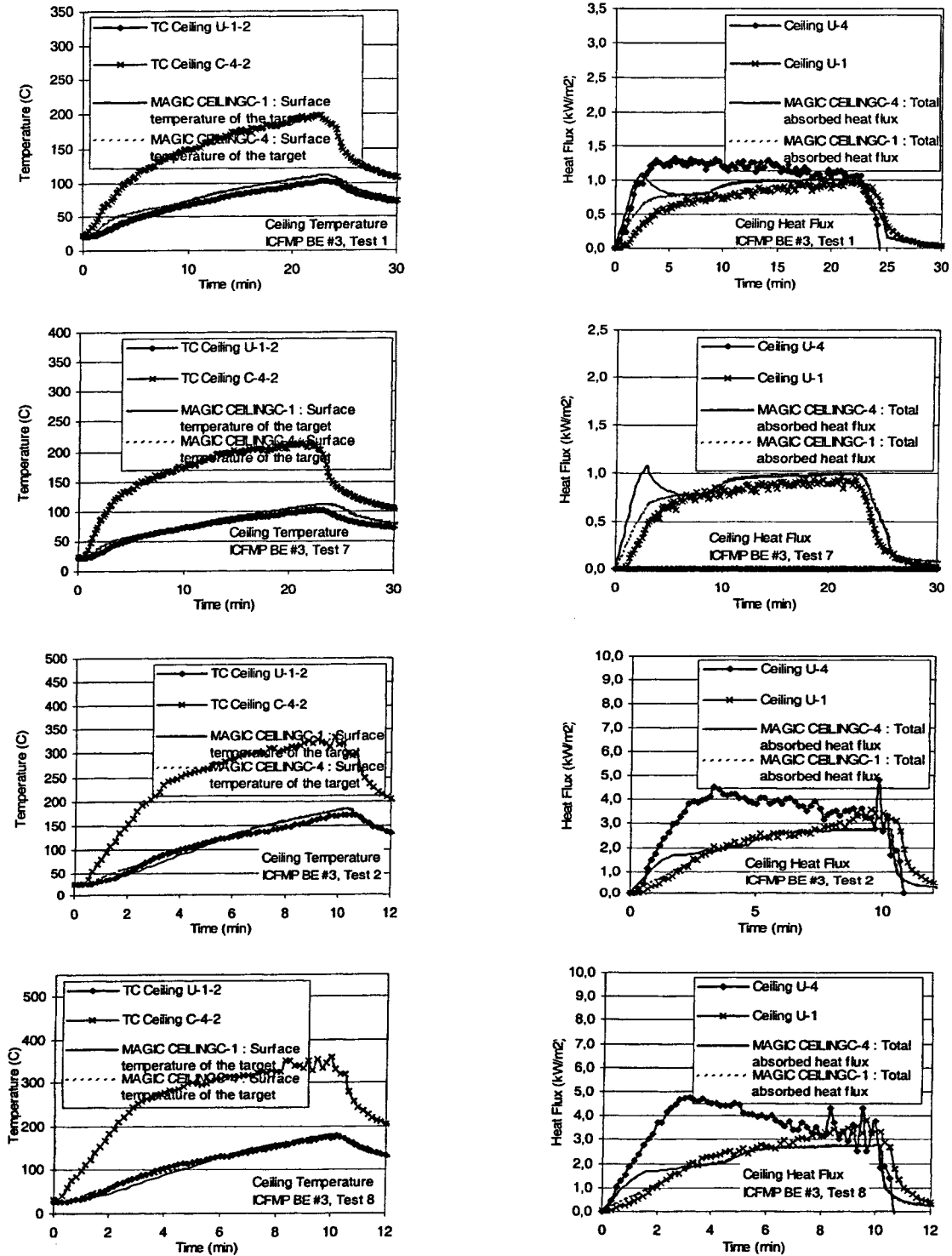


Figure A-78: Ceiling heat flux and surface temperature, ICFMP BE #3, closed door tests.

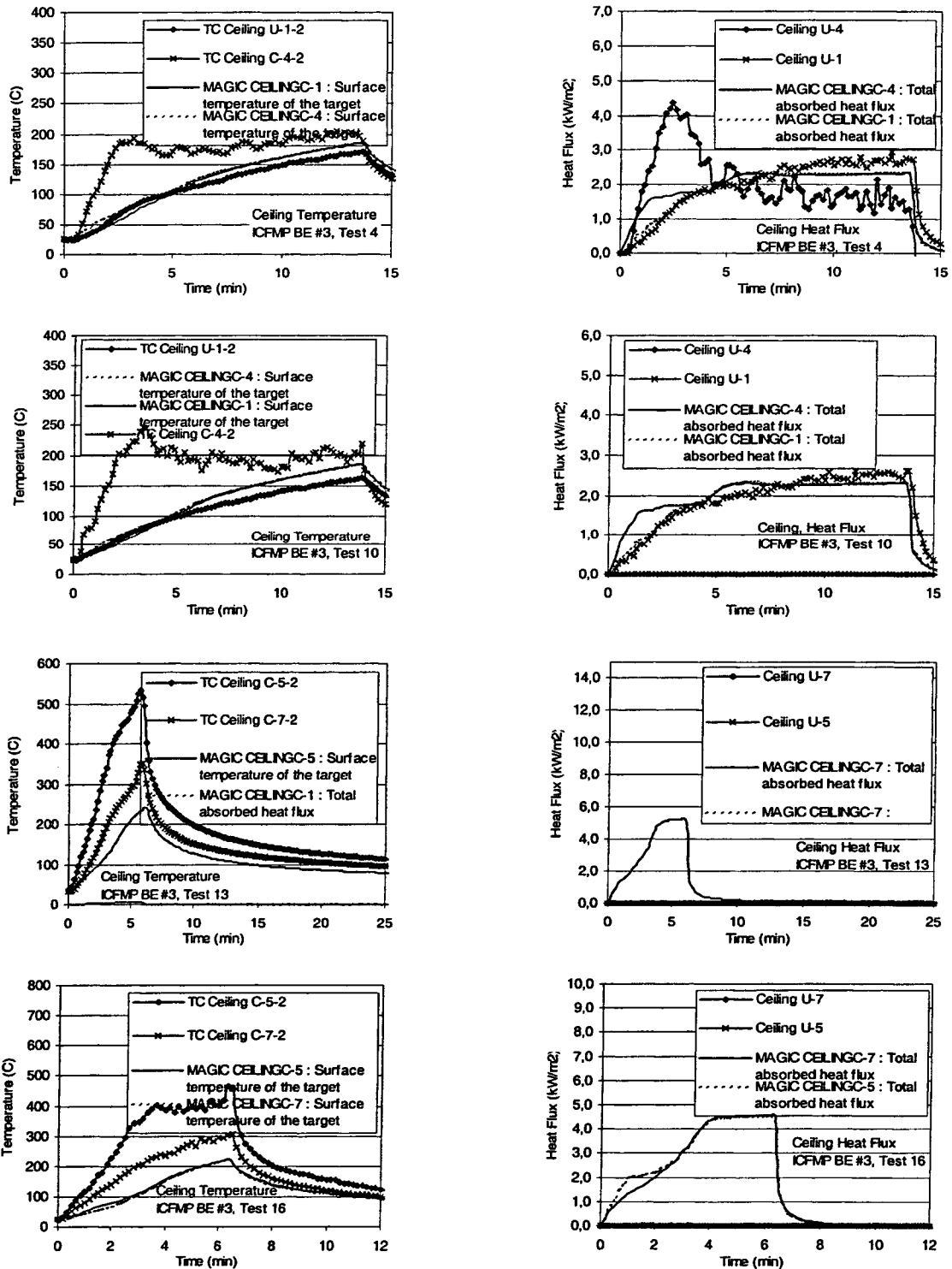
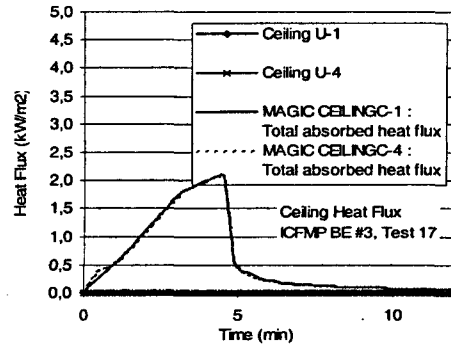
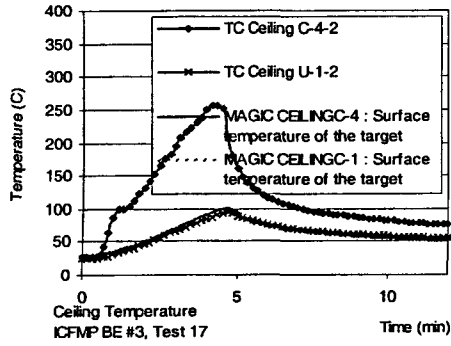


Figure A-79: Ceiling heat flux and surface temperature, ICFMP BE #3, closed door tests.





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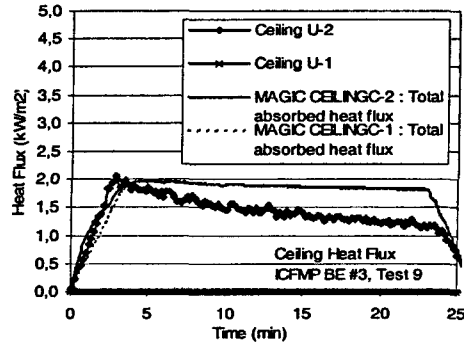
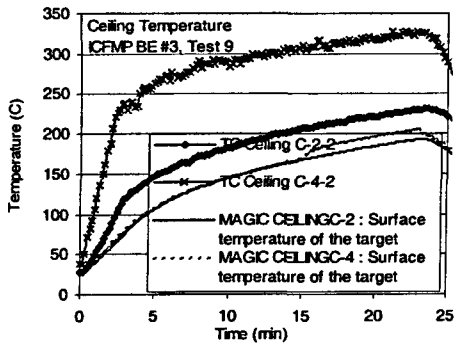
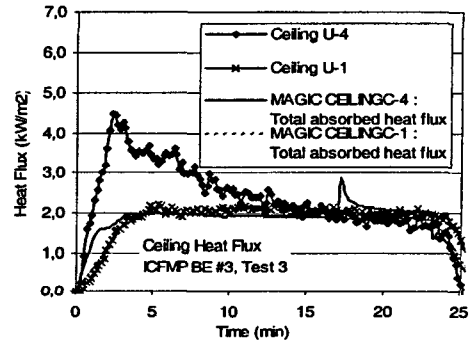
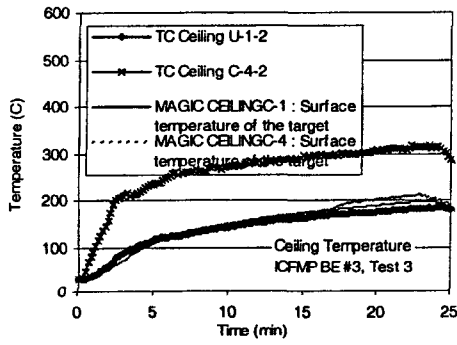


Figure A-80: Ceiling heat flux and surface temperature, ICFMP BE #3, open door tests.

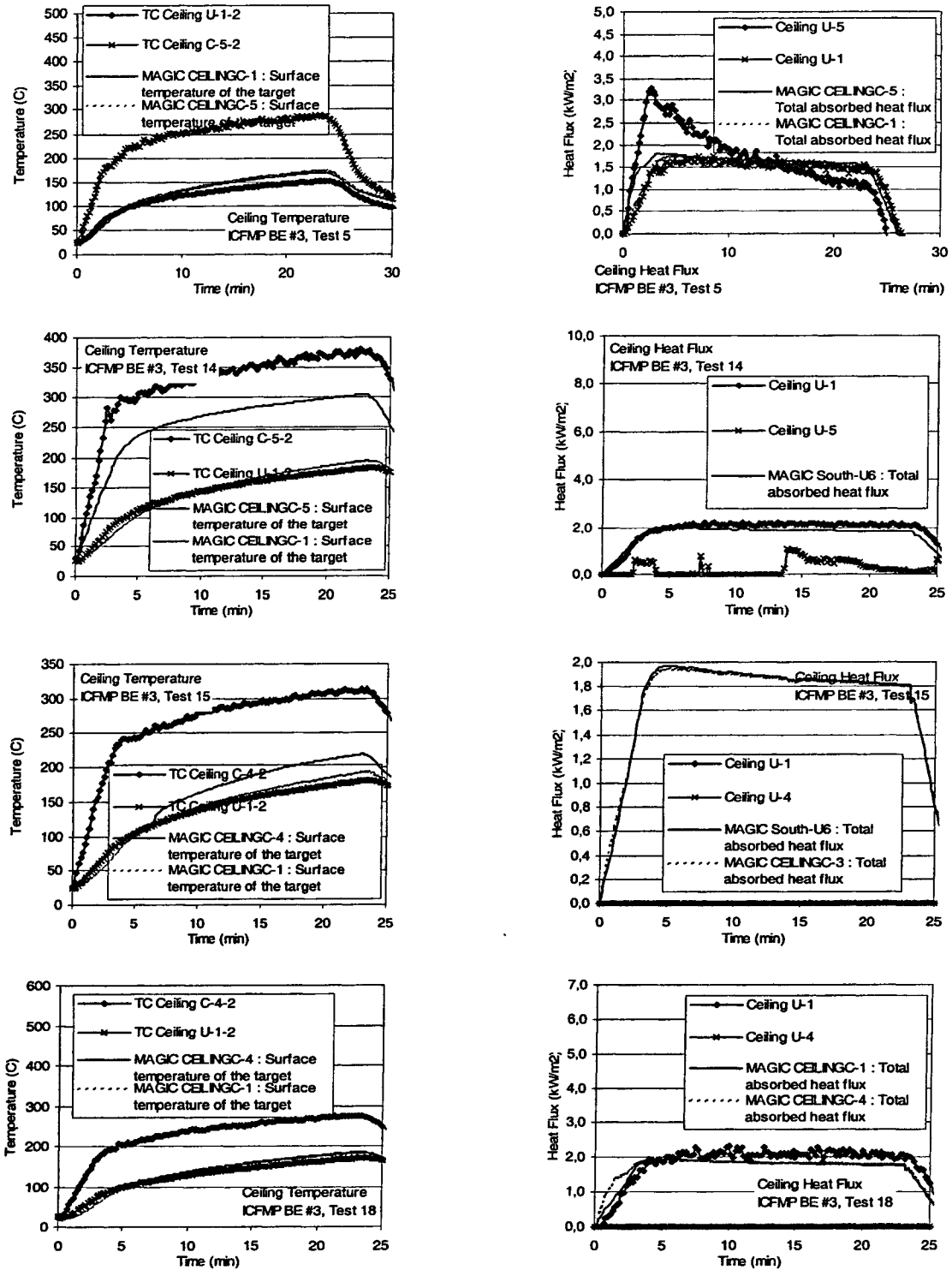


Figure A-81: Ceiling heat flux and surface temperature, ICFMP BE #3, open door tests.

**Table A-30: Relative differences for temperature and total heat flux corresponding to the ceiling**

Ceiling	Instrument	Ceiling Temperature			Ceiling Total Heat Flux		
		$\Delta E$ ( $^{\circ}C$ )	$\Delta M$ ( $^{\circ}C$ )	Relative Diff	$\Delta E$ ( $kW/m^2$ )	$\Delta M$ ( $kW/m^2$ )	Relative Diff
Test 1	C1	81	89	10%	1.0	1.0	3%
	C4	176	89	-49%	1.3	1.1	-17%
Test 7	C1	80	86	8%	1.0	1.0	-1%
	C4	191	87	-55%			
Test 2	C1	148	158	7%	3.5	2.8	-21%
	C4	308	159	-49%	4.8	2.8	-42%
Test 8	C1	148	157	6%	3.9	2.8	-28%
	C4	325	157	-52%	5.5	2.7	-50%
Test 4	C1	147	158	8%	2.9	2.4	-19%
	C4	180	159	-12%	4.9	2.3	-52%
Test 10	C1	138	158	14%	2.6	2.3	-10%
	C4	221	158	-29%			
Test 13	C7	35	209	501%			
	C5	500	210	-58%			
Test 16	C7	171	196	15%			
	C5	419	197	-53%			
Test 17	C1	69	71	4%			
	C4	230	71	-69%			
Test 3	C1	155	167	8%	2.2	2.0	-9%
	C4	287	181	-37%	4.5	2.8	-36%
Test 9	C2	46	166	260%	2.0	2.0	-2%
	C4	290	179	-38%	4.1	2.8	-32%
Test 5	C1	125	142	13%	2.0	1.8	-13%
	C5	166	146	-12%	4.7	1.8	-61%
Test 14	C1	158	166	5%	2.2	2.0	-11%
	C5	248	277	12%			
Test 15	C1	157	166	6%			
	C4	287	192	-33%			
Test 18	C1	145	165	14%	2.3	2.0	-16%
	C4	250	167	-33%			

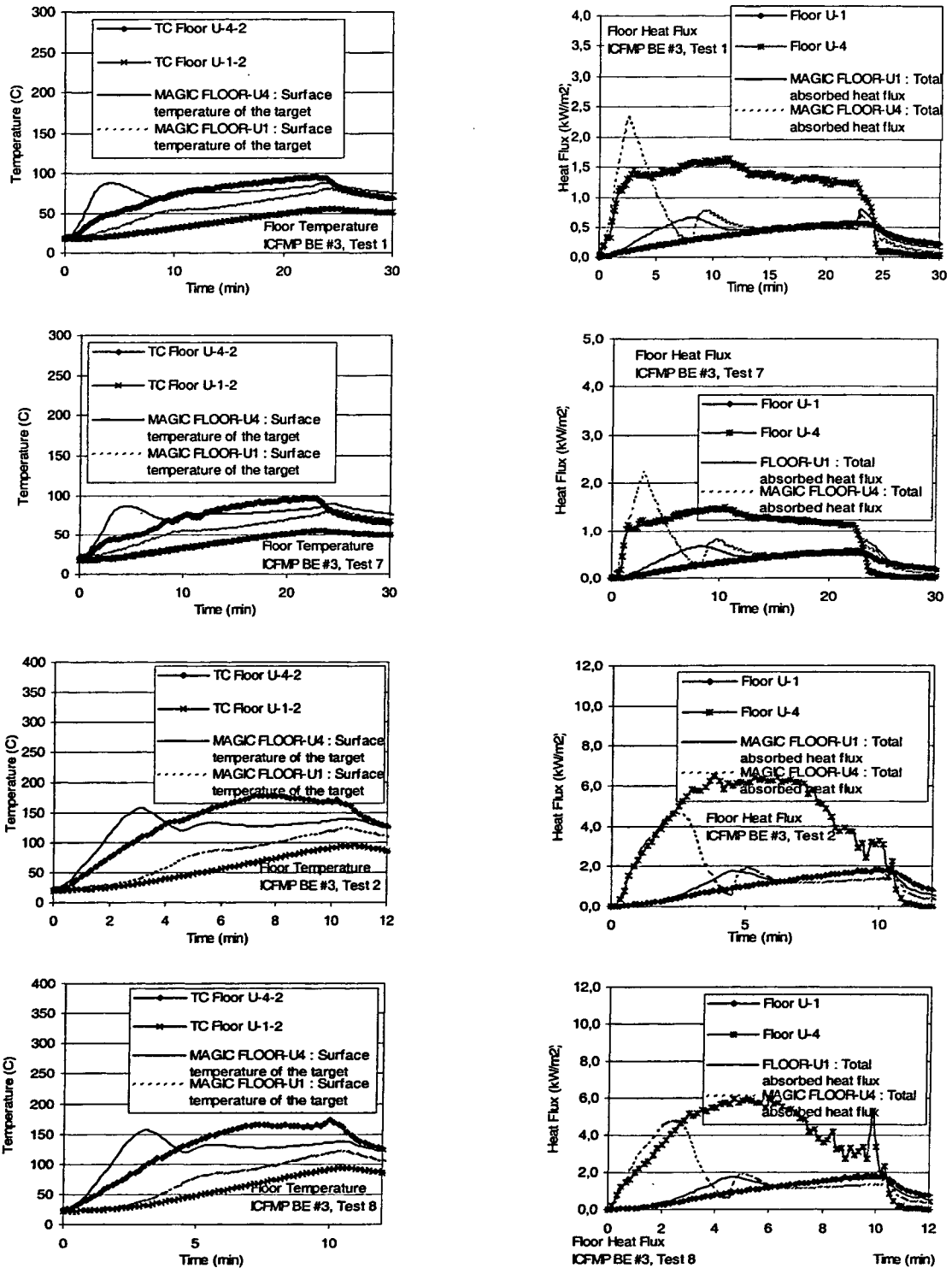


Figure A-82: Floor heat flux and surface temperature, ICFMP BE #3, closed door tests.

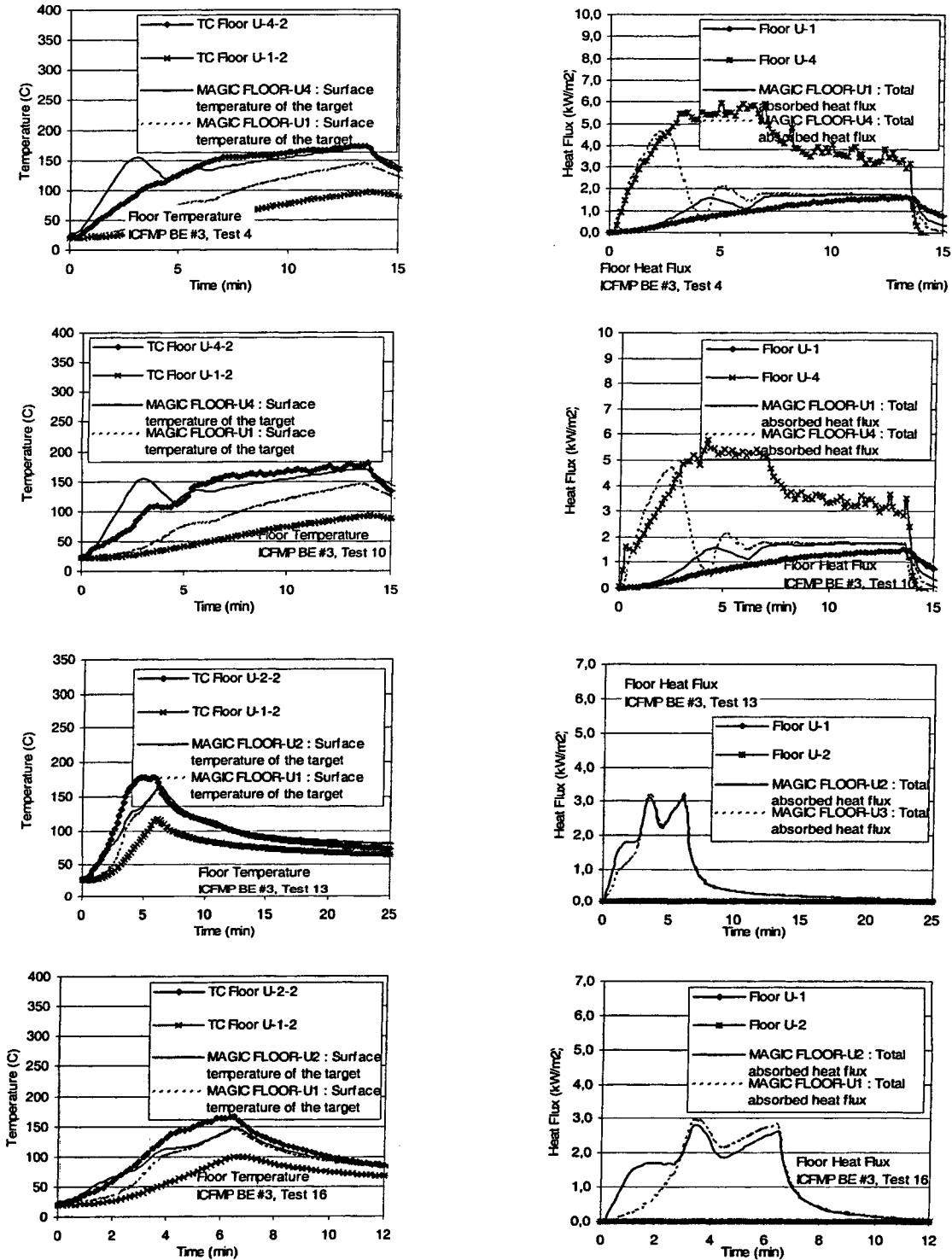
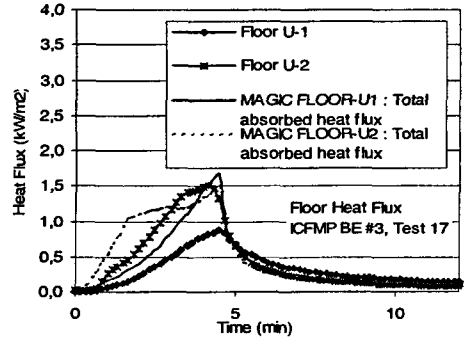
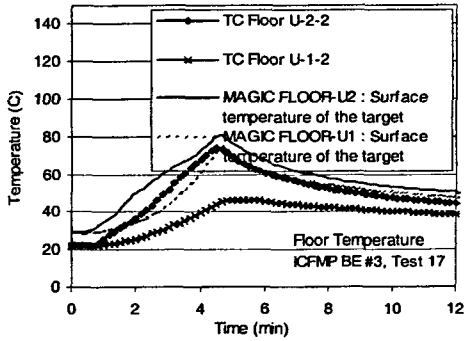


Figure A-83: Floor heat flux and surface temperature, ICFMP BE #3, closed door tests.



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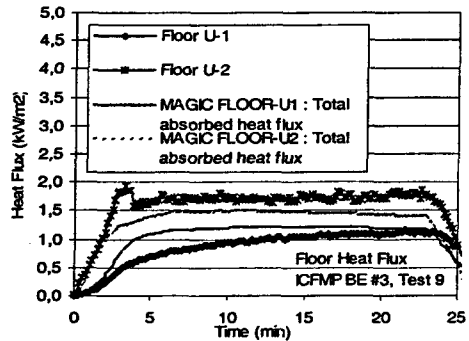
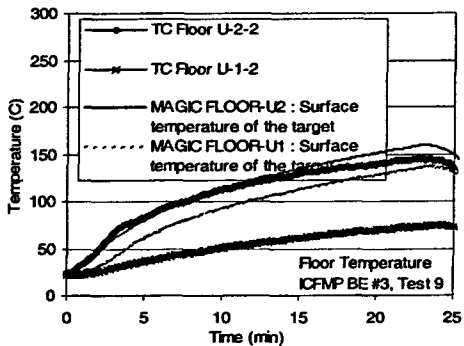
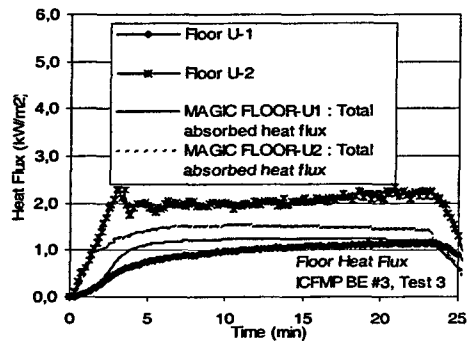
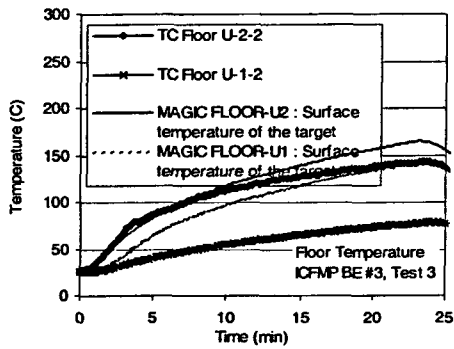


Figure A-84: Floor heat flux and surface temperature, ICFMP BE #3, open door tests.

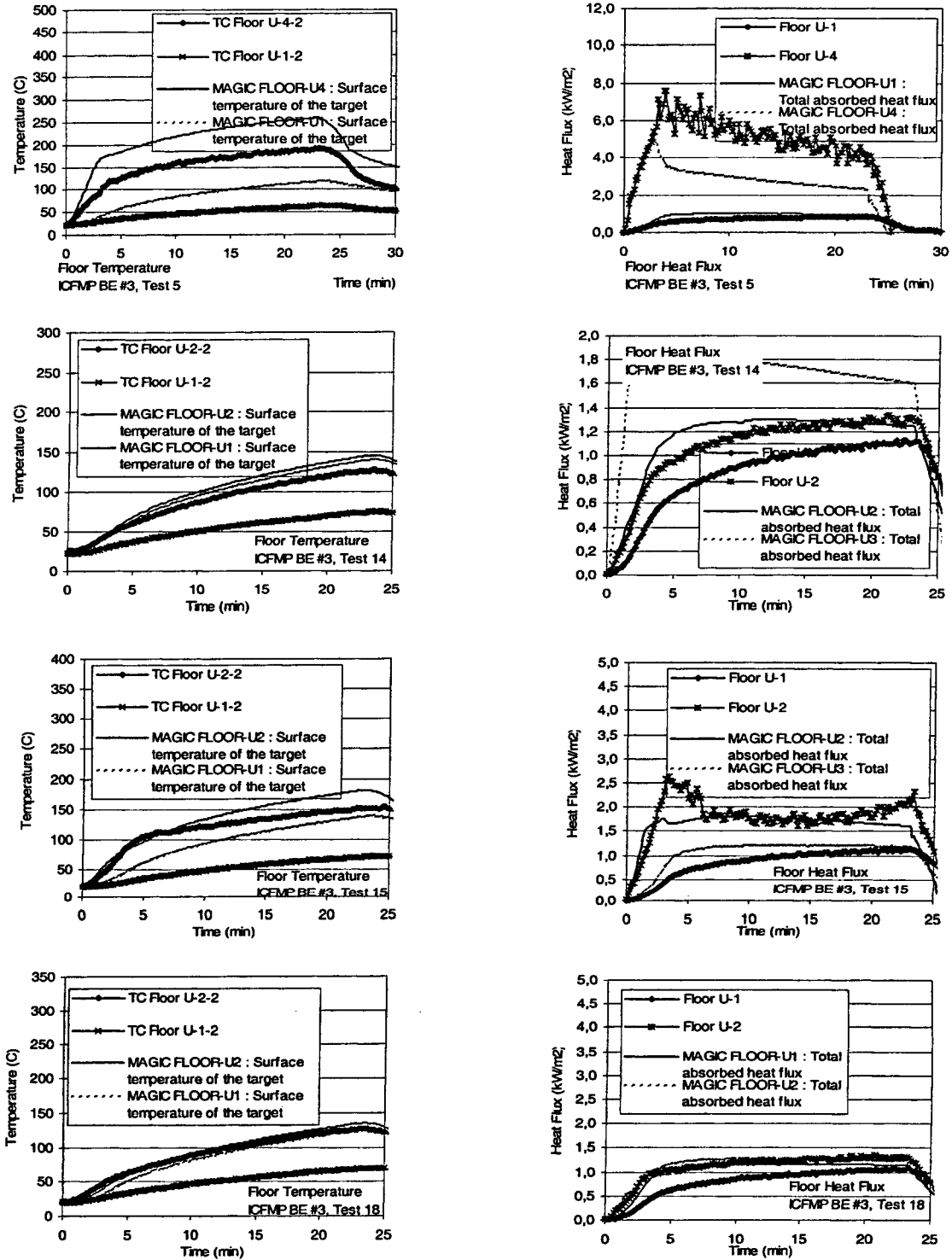


Figure A-85: Floor heat flux and surface temperature, ICFMP BE #3, open door tests.

**Table A-31: Relative differences for temperature and total heat flux corresponding to the floor**

Floor	Instrument	Floor Temperature			Floor Total Heat Flux		
		$\Delta E$ (°C)	$\Delta M$ (°C)	Relative Diff	$\Delta E$ (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	$\Delta M$ (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	Relative Diff
Test 1	F1	38	53	40%	0.6	0.7	18%
	F4	77	66	-15%	1.6	2.3	43%
Test 7	F1	36	52	43%	0.6	0.6	9%
	F4	78	63	-19%	1.7	2.3	34%
Test 2	F1	74	99	34%	1.8	1.9	6%
	F4	156	131	-16%	6.4	4.7	-27%
Test 8	F1	71	98	37%	1.9	1.9	2%
	F4	148	132	-11%	6.2	4.8	-23%
Test 4	F1	76	118	55%	1.6	1.7	7%
	F4	152	144	-5%	5.9	4.7	-22%
Test 10	F1	71	120	68%	1.5	1.7	17%
	F4	158	145	-8%	5.7	4.7	-17%
Test 13	F1	89	132	48%			
	F2	73	130	77%			
Test 16	F1	80	119	49%			
	F2	206	118	-43%			
Test 17	F1	24	44	80%	0.9	1.7	96%
	F2	117	51	-56%	1.5	1.5	1%
Test 3	F1	54	112	110%	1.2	1.2	8%
	F2	186	135	-27%	2.3	1.5	-34%
Test 9	F1	53	110	106%	1.2	1.2	5%
	F2	94	132	41%	1.9	1.5	-21%
Test 5	F1	42	91	118%	0.9	1.0	16%
	F4	171	232	36%	10.0	4.9	-52%
Test 14	F1	52	111	113%	1.1	1.2	9%
	F2	47	117	149%	1.3	1.3	-3%
Test 15	F1	52	112	113%	1.2	1.2	6%
	F2	140	155	10%	7.5	1.8	-76%
Test 18	F1	50	108	118%	1.1	1.2	10%
	F2	55	117	115%	1.3	1.3	-4%



### A.9.2 ICFMP BE #4

Three thermocouples were mounted on the back wall of the compartment. Because the fire leaned towards the back wall, the temperatures measured by the thermocouples are considerably hotter than most of the other wall surface points considered in this report.

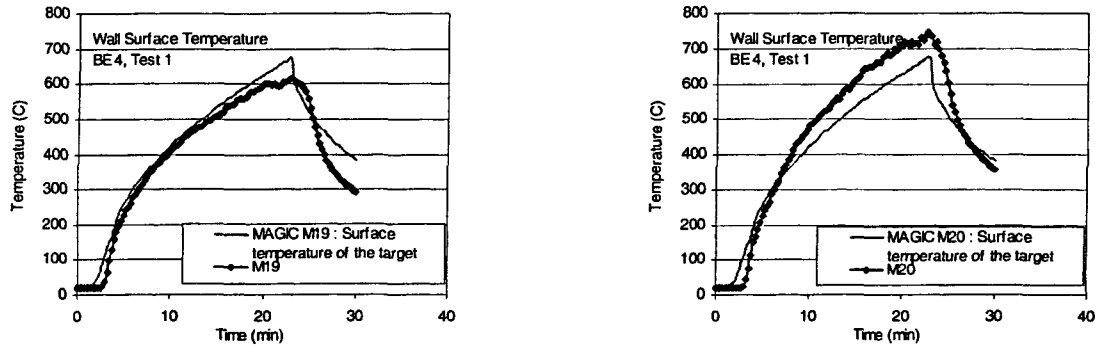


Figure A-86: Back wall surface temperatures, ICFMP BE #4,

Table A-32: Relative differences for wall temperature

	Instrument	$\Delta E$ (°C)	$\Delta M$ (°C)	Relative Diff
ICFMP 4-1	M19	596	656	10%
	M20	724	656	-9%

### A.9.3 ICFMP BE #5

Wall surface temperatures were measured in two locations during the BE #5 test series. The thermocouples labeled TW 1-x (Wall Chain 1) were against the back wall; those labeled TW 2-x (Wall Chain 2) were behind the vertical cable tray. Seven thermocouples were in each chain, spaced 80 cm apart. In Figure A-87, the lowest (1), middle (4), and highest (7) locations are used for comparison.

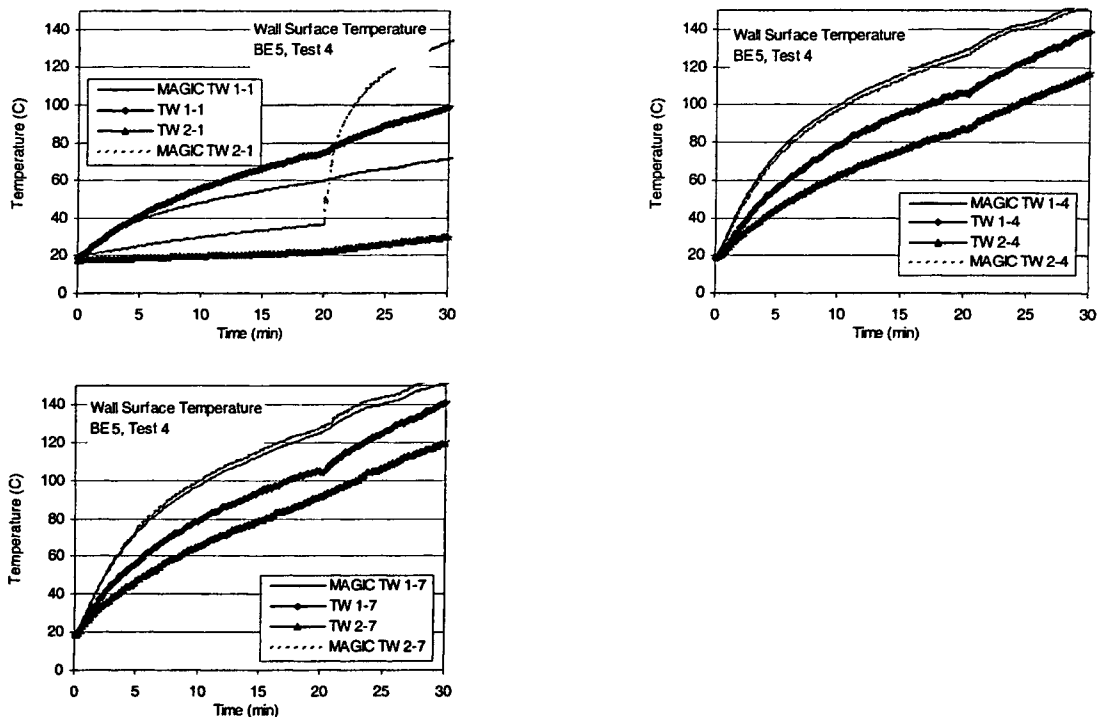


Figure A-87: Back and side wall surface temperatures, ICFMP BE #5, Test 4.

Table A-33: Relative differences for wall temperature

	Instrument	$\Delta E$ (°C)	$\Delta M$ (°C)	Relative Diff
ICFMP 5-4	TW 1-1	79	51	-35%
	TW 2-1	12	113	868%
	TW 1-4	118	134	13%
	TW 2-4	96	132	38%
	TW 1-7	121	131	9%
	TW 2-7	100	135	36%

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## **MAGIC INPUT FILES**

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Appendix B includes the MAGIC input files used for the simulations in this V&V study. These files will only be available electronically due to their size and formatting.



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There is a movement to introduce risk- and performance-based analyses into fire protection engineering practice, both domestically and worldwide. This movement exists in the general fire protection community, as well as the nuclear power plant (NPP) fire protection community.

In 2002, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) developed NFPA 805, Performance-Based Standard for Fire Protection for Light-Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants, 2001 Edition. In July 2004, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) amended its fire protection requirements in Title 10, Section 50.48, of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 50.48) to permit existing reactor licensees to voluntarily adopt fire protection requirements contained in NFPA 805 as an alternative to the existing deterministic fire protection requirements. In addition, the nuclear fire protection community wants to use risk-informed, performance-based (RI/PB) approaches and insights to support fire protection decision-making in general. One key tool needed to support RI/PB fire protection is the availability of verified and validated fire models that can reliably predict the consequences of fires. Section 2.4.1.2 of NFPA 805 requires that only fire models acceptable to the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) shall be used in fire modeling calculations. Further, Sections 2.4.1.2.2 and 2.4.1.2.3 of NFPA 805 state that fire models shall only be applied within the limitations of the given model, and shall be verified and validated. This report is the first effort to document the verification and validation (V&V) of five fire models that are commonly used in NPP applications. The project was performed in accordance with the guidelines that the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) set forth in Standard E1355-04, "Evaluating the Predictive Capability of Deterministic Fire Models." The results of this V&V are reported in the form of ranges of accuracies for the fire model predictions.

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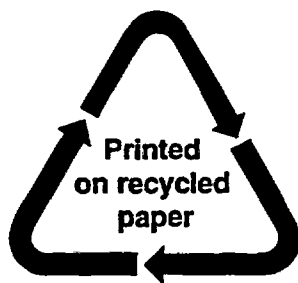
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