



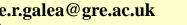


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Engineering Safety and Security through simulation

- PRM Evacuation
- Dynamic Signage
- High-Rise Construction sites

- Urban-Scale Evacuation
- Marauding Armed Terrorist
- COVID19











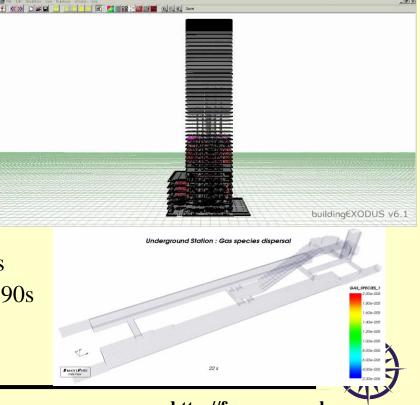




FSEG: Modelling safety and security

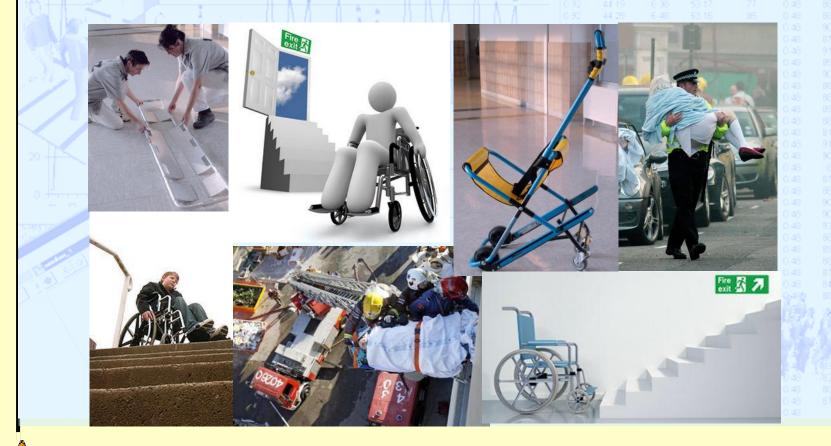
- FSEG was Founded in 1986 by Prof Galea in response to the Manchester Airport B737 fire.
- Today it consists of 20 researchers including:
 - fire engineers, CFD specialists, psychologists, mathematicians and software engineers.
- Research interests include the mathematical modelling and experimental analysis of:
 - evacuation dynamics in complex spaces,
 - pedestrian dynamics in complex spaces,
 - combustion and fire/smoke spread,
 - fire suppression,
 - security
- Application areas include:
 - aviation, buildings, maritime and rail.
- Developed EXODUS and SMARTFIRE tools
 - Both under continual development since 90s
 - Extensive validation history
 - Users in over 35 countries





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Movement Assist Devices





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Assist devices for PRM

- In a fire, PRM may be required to wait in a safe refuge within the building to be rescued.
- In severe situations it may be necessary for other to assist in the evacuation of PRM.
- Assist devices are essential to aid in evacuation of PRM. But:
 - How long does it take to evacuate non-ambulant person using these devices?
 - How many people are required to use the device?
 - What impact do these devices have on the flow of other people down the stairs?
- To answer these questions and quantify the performance capabilities of these devices a series of 32 trials in an 11 floor building using four commonly used aids was conducted.







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Assist devices for PRN



• Preparation time: females 31.2 s



• Horizontal speed: males 1.2 m/s Evac Chair minimum number Carry Chair Rescue Sheet Stretcher physically required Fixed Camera Preparation Time 68 secs 29 secs 35 secs 53 secs ŧŧ ŤŤ (63-74) (24-32) (32-40) (46-60) Individual Trial: 1 00. 1. **88** secs 36 secs 48 secs 78 secs ** ** (61-120) (30-42)(41-52) (67-86) Device: Stretcher Horizontal Speed 1.09 m/s 1.55 m/s 1.54 m/s 1.16 m/s (0.99-1.23) (1.51-1.65) (1.44 - 1.75)(1.08 - 1.23)Team: Male 0.99 m/s 1.39 m/s 1.46 m/s 0.72 m/s **** (0.91-1.09) (1.41-1.51) (1.34 - 1.44)(0.52-0.97) Stair Descent Speed duniversity of greenwich Ghent 2008 İİİİ 0.63 m/s 0.83 m/s 0.50 m/s 0.82 m/s (0.59-0.66) (0.78 - 0.88)(0.40-0.61) (0.78 - 0.85)0.44 m/s 0.66 m/s 0.52 m/s 0.82 m/s (0.79-0.85) (0.40-0.48 (0.58 - 0.74)(0.50 - 0.55)• Vertical speed: males 0.63 m/s Performance summary e.r.galea@gre.ac.uk http://fseg.gre.ac.uk

buildingEXODUS simulation using PRM performance data – Implicit modelling

•32 PRM

•7 day staff	2	Male	Teams	Female Teams					
•4 night sta		Day (hrs)	Night (prs)	Day (hrs)	Night (hrs)				
-	Evacuation Chair	0.5	0.9	0.6	11				
	Rescue Sheet	1.1	1.0	1.5	2.1				
	Carry Chair	1.6	3.1	3.2	3.5				
	Stretcher	3.3	3.8	3.9	4.7				



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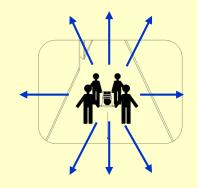
Explicit modelling of assist devices

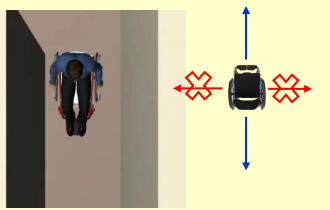
- Currently under development by FSEG
 PhD research student Michael Joyce
- When modelling a physical device, it is essential to represent its spatial and kinematic constraints e.g. turning radius.
 - Most software only consider speed while some also include spatial constraints e.g. size and shape.
- Kinematic constraints can be described by the device degrees of freedom (DOF).
- Kinematic constraints dictate how the device is able to manoeuvre through space.
 - Inability to negotiate tight restrictions potentially restricts some available routes.
 - Kinematic constraints that limit manoeuvrability are:
 - holonomicity and minimum turning radius.



Device Kinematic Constraints

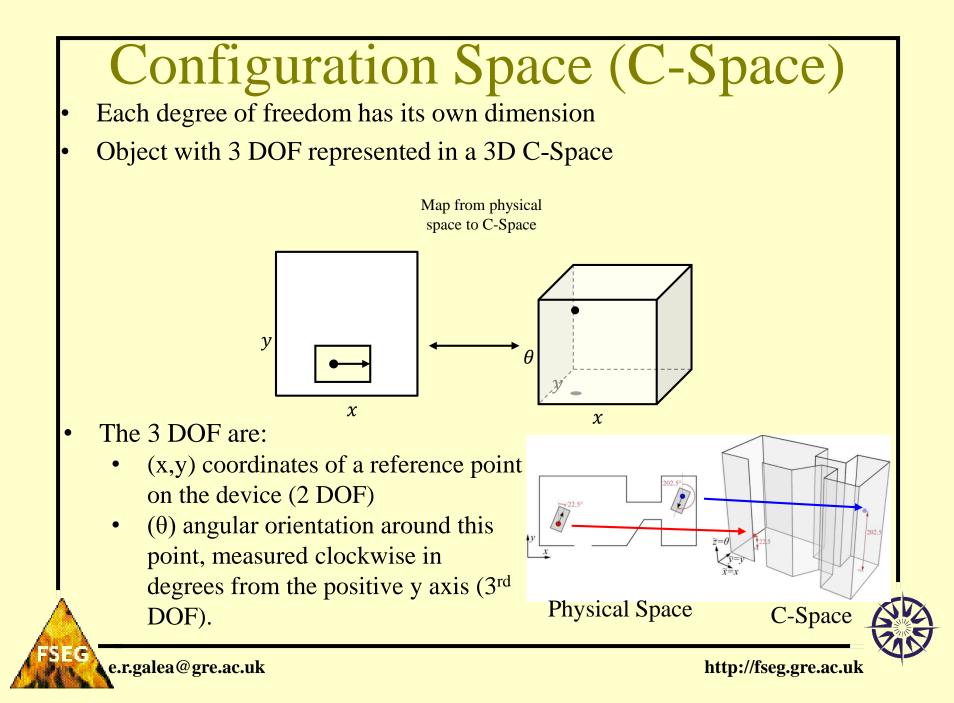
- A Holonomic device can move in any direction without first rotating.
 - Stretcher is a Holonomic device
 - It can move in any direction without the need to rotate,
 - Wheelchair is a non-Holonomic device
 - It must rotate to change direction (other than reversing).
- Non-holonomic devices may not be able to traverse a 90-degree corner even if it's length and width suggest it can – dependent on turning circle.



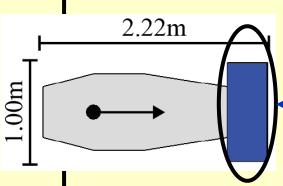


• Evacuation models that ignore Kinematic Constraints may predict unrealistic routes for non-holonomic devices.



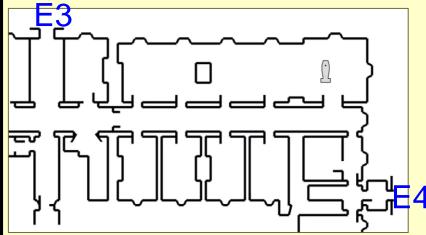


Device Movement through complex space

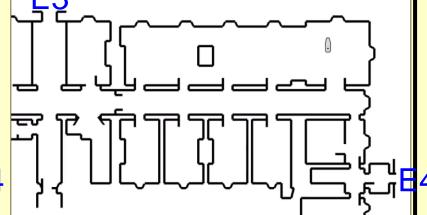




- For each device must identify:
 - Location and # of handlers
 - Dimensions of device+handlers
 - Lateral and angular movement capabilities of device
 - Ability of handlers to adjust location



- **Drag sheet** cannot negotiate path to nearest exit E4
 - Must take longer route to E3



• Evac-Chair can take the shortest exit path and so exits through E4



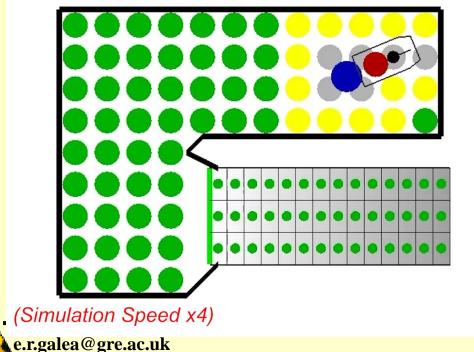
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Stair Behaviour

- Yellow nodes "halo" nodes:
 - Used to identify to other agents presence of a device to enable them to navigate around the device.
 - Also used to alert the device as to whether it is blocking a corridor and so may need to change its behaviour.
- Objects can prefer the middle, inside, outside, left or right of stairways and landings.
 - In the case depicted, preference not set, so device follows the quickest route

"ObjectController.exe" Demo - Evacuation Chair using Stairway

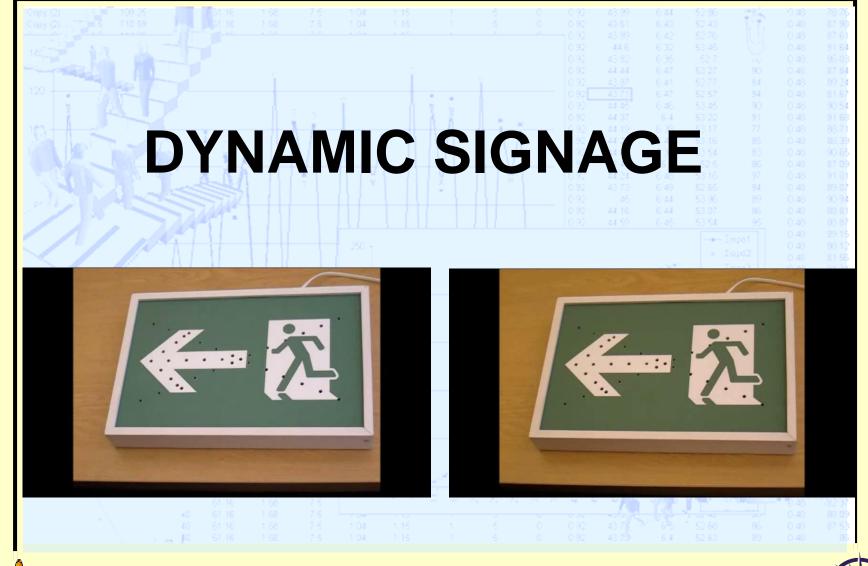
Demonstration of objects using stairways (in development)



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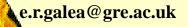
Active Dynamic Signage System (ADSS) Conventional emergency exit signs suffer from:

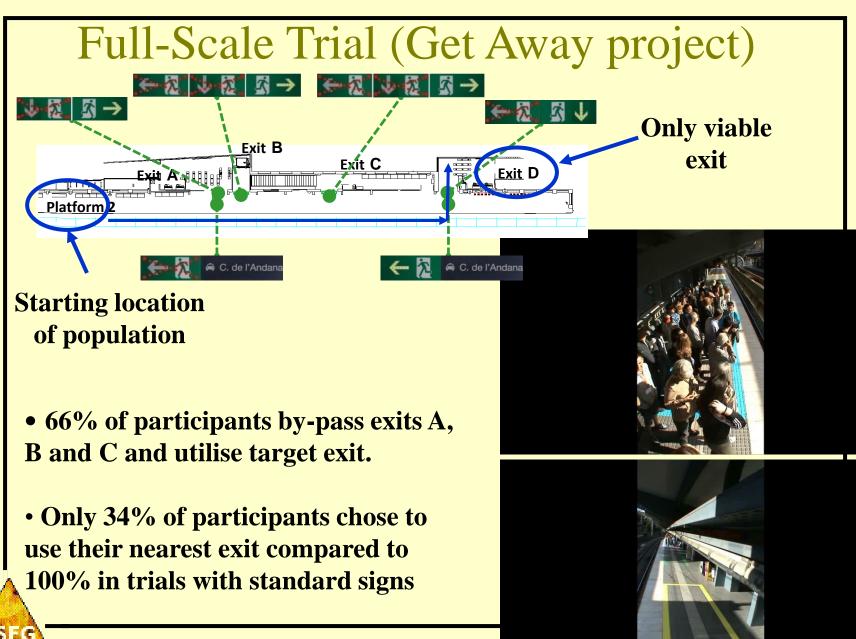
- Poor detectability (low affordance)
- Inability to adapt to an evolving hazard environment.
- In an emergency, every second counts!
- To address both issues the ADSS concept was developed
 - Through a series of experiments and surveys ADSS was shown to:

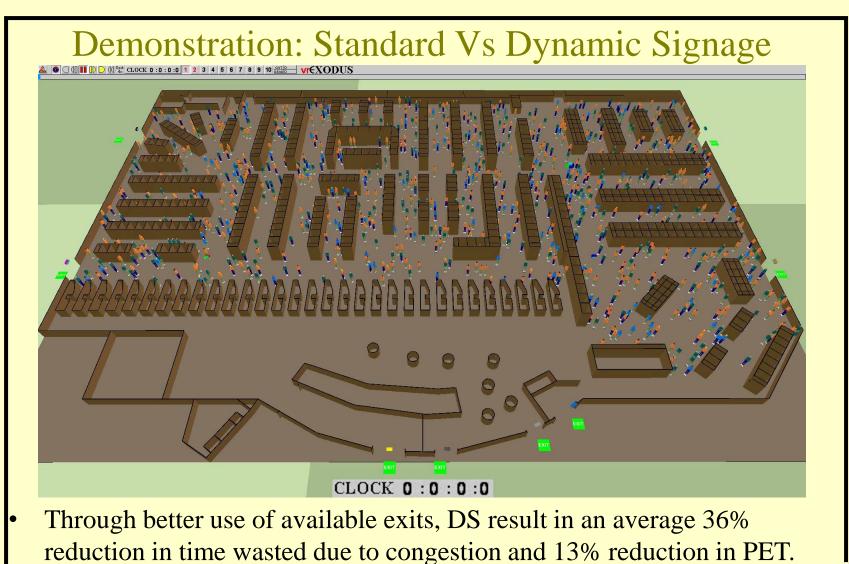


- Significantly improve detectability:
 - 39% "see" standard sign (SS).
 - 77% 'see' dynamic sign (DS)
- Significantly reduce average route decision time:
 - **5.6s don't see SS**, 2.6s 'see' SS, **1.8s 'see' DS**
 - 92% correctly interpret meaning of DS
 - 0.5% critical confusion rate





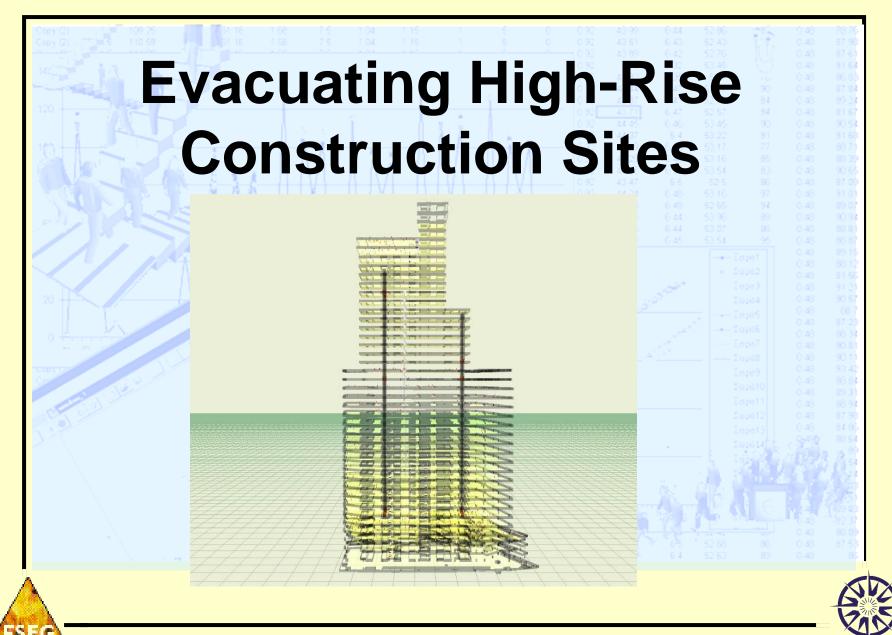




Added benefit during COVID19 pandemic as it reduces exit congestion, time spent in close proximity to others and time spent evacuating.



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Construction Site Evacuation - Challenges Does not have fire engineered evacuation solution

- Not governed by evacuation regulations.
- Physical layout constantly changing making wayfinding difficult and requiring evacuation routes to be constantly updated
- Floor surfaces can be physically challenging hindering rapid movement.
- Some activities must be made safe prior to evacuation.
- Noise on site and working at height.



- 2 High-rise Construction sites
 - **4** Evacuation Trials
 - 5 Walking speed trials

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Selected data from trials

Response Time Main Building



- Lognormal
- Mean: 1.2 min, Max: 5.7 min
- 32% disengage > 60 sec





Speed on Temporary StairsParallel Scaffold StairsDescendingAscending74% of79% ofstair averagestair average

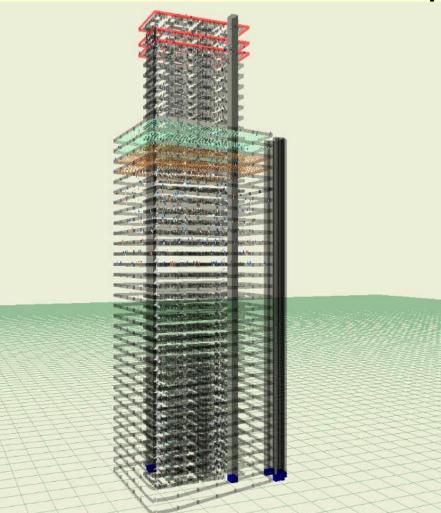
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Use of Hoists for General Evacuation

- Two building heights considered, BM1 and BM2.
- Two hoist speeds considered, (1.5 m/s and 0.7 m/s)
- Two hoist capacities considered (40 and 30 occupants).
- Single dispatch scenario considered
 - 2 hoists serve FW
 - 6 hoists serve MB
- Two cases considered, 100% hoist usage and 50:50 hoist:stair usage





Use of Hoists for General Evacuation

• Findings are dependent on the nature of the dispatch strategy applied.

43 Levels

- Presented results apply only to the specific dispatch strategy used in study
- Fast hoists high capacity
 - Significant benefits
 - Regardless of height
 - Even partial use of hoists advantageous
- Slow hoists high capacity
 - Marginal benefit
 - Particularly for lower buildings
- Slow hoists low capacity
 - Do not use hoists
 - Especially for higher buildings

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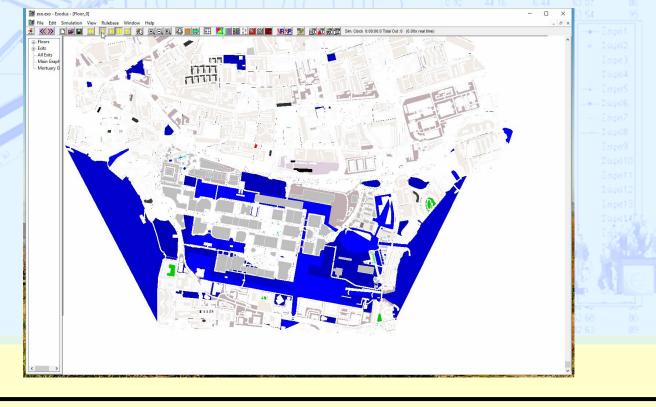
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Urban Scale Evacuation and Crowd Dynamics





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Large Scale Resilience Planning and Management urbanEXODUS has been developed for applications involving large-scale urban disasters, such as wildfires, floods, earthquakes, chemical spills, etc. .

- planning urban-scale evacuation
- enhancing local resilience through simulation aided training
- real-time emergency management systems.
- **urbanEXODUS** can read street geometries from open source resources such as:
 - Googlemaps, Open Street Maps (OSM)
- **urbanEXODUS** also links to:
 - disaster management systems to provide situational awareness information for the COP
 - accepts terrain information from and DEM OS Terrain 50
 - Wildfire models such as *PHOENIX, FARSITE, PROMETHEUS, SPARKS AND WILDFIRE ANALYST*
 - *SUMO* traffic model

First evacuation model to link pedestrian-vehicle-wildfire models



Agent

location

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FW VEHICLE MODEL

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Vehicle

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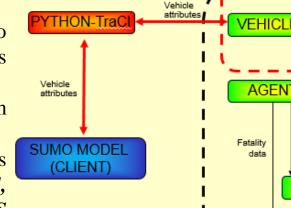
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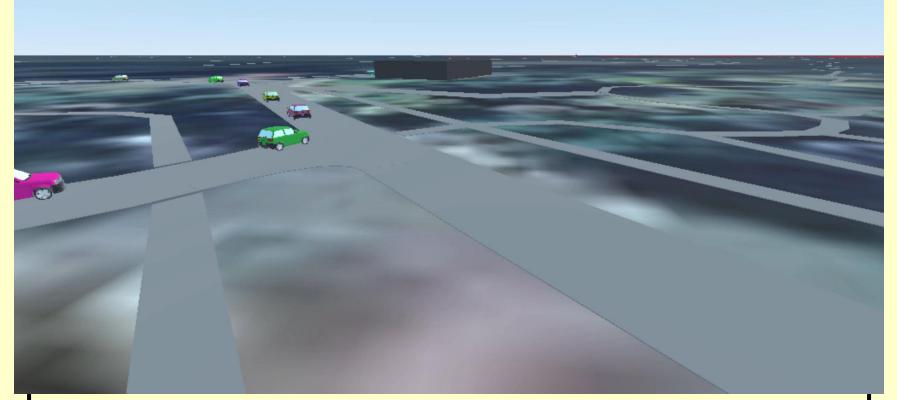
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urbanEXODUS vehicle-pedestrian interaction



- Traffic flow controlled by SUMO.
- Pedestrians react to vehicles, do not cross in front of vehicles
 - EXODUS applies brakes to vehicles when necessary to avoid collision with pedestrians.



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urbanEXODUS: linked pedestrian-vehicle-wildfire simulation demonstration

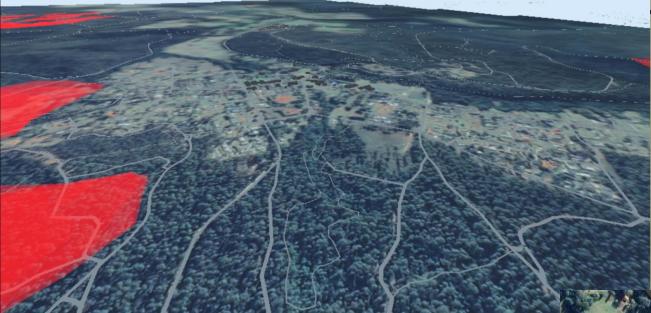
- Demo loosely based on the Black Saturday (7 Feb 2009) **Murrindundi** fire that devastated Marysville, a town of approximately 500 people.
- There were 34 fatalities and almost 400 buildings destroyed (14 remained).
- Map, weather, terrain and fuel conditions and fire start location accurate.
- Fire simulations performed by Dr Thomas Duff of Melb Uni using PHOENIX
- Demonstration scenario involves:
 - 3633 people, 1035 vehicles, 397 people evacuate on foot and 3236 in vehicles.
 - Notification times explored: 1.75hr to 3.5hr after fire ignition.
 - RTs of agents 1 to 1.5hr after notification
 - Pedestrians attempt to shelter at the oval (large cleared patch of land)
 - Vehicles travel North on C508



• When C508 compromised by approaching wildfire at 05:04 (smoke or fire front), vehicles divert to oval. Road to oval compromised by 06:00.



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- 1hr 56 min for survivors to reach 'safety'
- 1461 fatalities (40%): 1350 (42%) in cars, 111 (28%) pedestrians
- 437 cars (42%) lost, 211 (20%) redirected
- Waiting 3.5hrs to start evacuation TOO LATE!
- If notification time 1hr45min: fatalities 0, 2hr15 min for population to reach safety.
 If notification time 2hr: fatalities 21 (in cars)
 - 7.4 cars lost, 2hr15min to reach safety.

Cyan circle indicates vehicle exit point.
Orange circle indicates the Oval.
Results are average from 100 simulations
Notification time:
3.5hr after fire ignition.



matEXODUS - Marauding Armed Terrorist Functionality









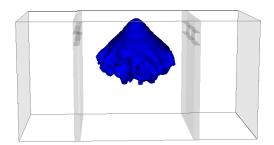


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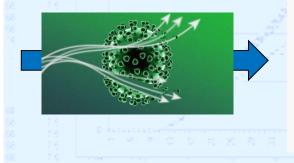
- matEXODUS: Simulates impact of Marauding Armed Terrorist in crowded places – currently under development with support from DSTL.
- Agents can respond to 'MAT' agent and attempt to flee or take cover.
- 'MAT' agent assigned a mission goal (e.g. maximise fatalities), follows a set itinerary, with a given weapon type, ammunition supply and proficiency
 - 'MAT' agent may go off pre-set itinerary to 'hunt' for targets of opportunity if too few available on set path.
 - Each round fired can hit or miss target, defined using a probabilistic approach.
 - If a target is hit, there are a range of outcomes which are defined probabilistically.

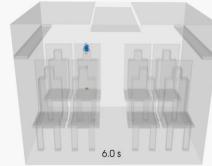
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Using Agent Based Models and CFD Fire Simulation Models to address COVID-19 APPLICATIONS



SMARTFIRE water mist fire suppression simulation





SMARTFIRE respiratory aerosol dispersion simulation



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THREE ROUTES TO SARS-CoV-2 INFECTION

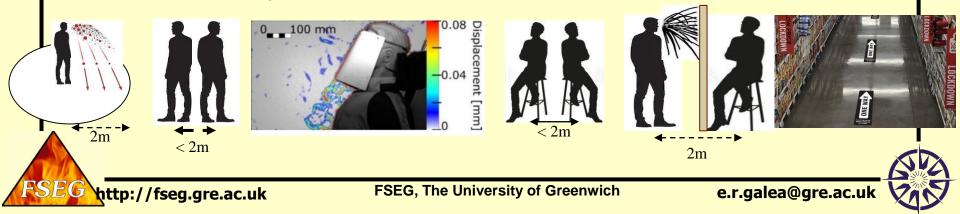
(1) Fomite infection: Associated with large droplets that fall onto surfaces contaminating them. Touching the surface and then your face, mouth or eyes causes infection.

- Hence recommended: hand hygiene.
- However, CDC now claim only 0.001% IP



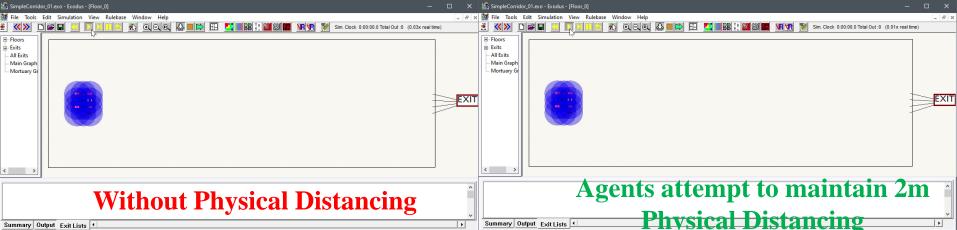
(2) Large Droplets: large respiratory droplets (> 100 μ m) follow 'cannon ball' projectile trajectories and fall to the ground within ~ 2m in a few seconds – susceptibles within ~ 2m can inhale large falling droplets or they can impact eyes.

• Hence recommended: 2m physical distance, avoid directly facing someone in queues or seating in offices, face shields, partial screens and one way flows.



Simulating imposed physical distancing within EXODUS (ABM)
EXODUS ABM has been modified to take into consideration agents efforts to maintain physical distancing, which is not always successful - circle radius = 1m.

- Results in less crowding at exit point, time to empty space increased by 19%.
- Can be used to assess impact on capacity, flow and level of service.



(3) Airborne infection: small respiratory droplets ($< 100 \mu m$). These aerosols can be dispersed throughout the space, carried by thermal currents, ventilation AND wake flows Aerosols can remain suspended in the air for hours even after source has left.

Summary Output Exit Lists

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2m

Ventilation flow

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Hence recommended: face coverings and high ACH.

• ABMs, on a building scale, ignore aerosol dispersion, the impact of air-conditioning systems and the impact of agent generated wake flows – questionable value for assessing **P** and mitigation strategies.

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Summary Output Exit Lists

Aerosol dispersion using CFD - SMARTFIRE

- Rapid prototype development of new modelling capabilities for aerosol dispersal based on core SMARTFIRE CFD fire simulation software;
 - RANS, with k-eps turbulence model, with Lagrange water mist model including particle/air momentum coupling, particle drag and evaporation.
- Enhancements include capability to:
 - Represent aerosol dispersion as evaporating particles or passive scalar.
 - Simulate recirculating HVAC with filtration and wake flows due to dynamic movement, through RNG K-eps and Immersed Boundary Method.
 - Couple CFD with Wells-Riley equation to determine infection probability (IP) based on CFD predicted aerosol dispersion, $p = 1 - e^{-Iqvt/Q}$
- Validate model using analysis of infection risk on Chinese long distance trains (G Train, M Hu et al., 2020) and explore mitigation strategies for trains.
 - Maogui Hu, et al, "The risk of COVID-19 transmission in train passengers: an epidemiological and modelling study," *Clinical Infectious Diseases*, no. https://doi.org/10.1093/cid/ciaa1057, 2020.



Validation Case: Actual COVID 19 Transmissions on G - Train
Study by M Hu et al, 2020, involving 2,334 index patients and 72,093 close contacts (seated within three rows of index) with co-travel times of 0–8 hours from 19 Dec 2019 to 6 Mar 2020;

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- The IP within 3 rows of index patient varied from 0 to 10.3%;
- Two vent configurations: 44 ACH Inlet: ceiling, Outlet: floor-level sidewalls. 24 ACH - Inlet: side-walls under racks, Outlet: seat bottoms.
- Mass ratio of recirculated to dumped air in Scenario 1 / 2 is 0.66 / 0.59
- Ventilation filtration efficiency: 20%;

Note: ventilation rates for UK trains are much lower, 8-10 ACH.



G-train CFD Aerosol Dispersion Model Methodology: Coupled CFD + Wells-Riley Model

- Respired aerosol droplets modelled using a *scalar gas release*;
- Predicted CFD scalar concentrations are converted to quanta concentrations, *c* ;
- Individual IP derived using modified WR model and simulated local quanta concentrations;

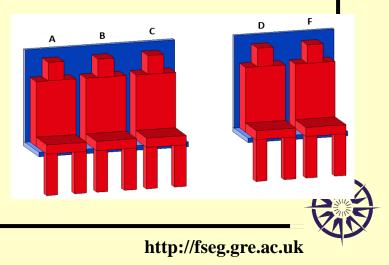
Modified Wells-Riley to take into consideration masks

$$p = 1 - (1 - x)^2 e^{-cvt} - x(1 - x) \left(e^{-(1 - a)cvt} + e^{-c(1 - b)vt} \right) - x^2 e^{-(1 - a)c(1 - b)vt}$$

• *Mask use, x*=40%; Index FE, a=50% and Susceptible FE, b=30%

CFD Simulations

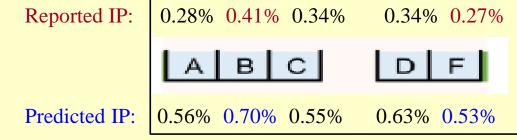
- Seats/Paxs: represented as obstacles, paxs have 50 W/m² surface heat release rate;
- Quanta generation rate: 14 quanta/h. Representative of resting infectious individuals (Wang et al 2021)



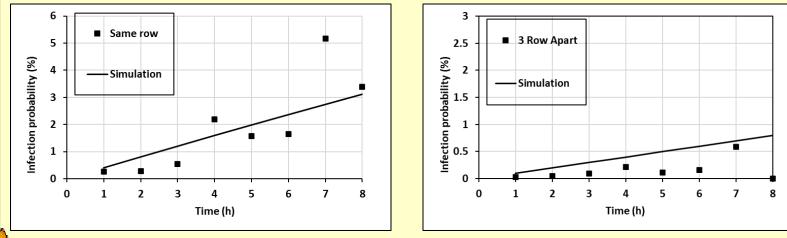
G-train validation study, estimation of COVID19 IP Maximum infection probability

- 10.3% at seat locations adjacent to index patient as reported by M Hu, 2020;
- 14.7% predicted by simulations (average for 10 index cases in the two ventilation scenarios)

Highest/lowest infection probability (average travel time 2.1 hours)

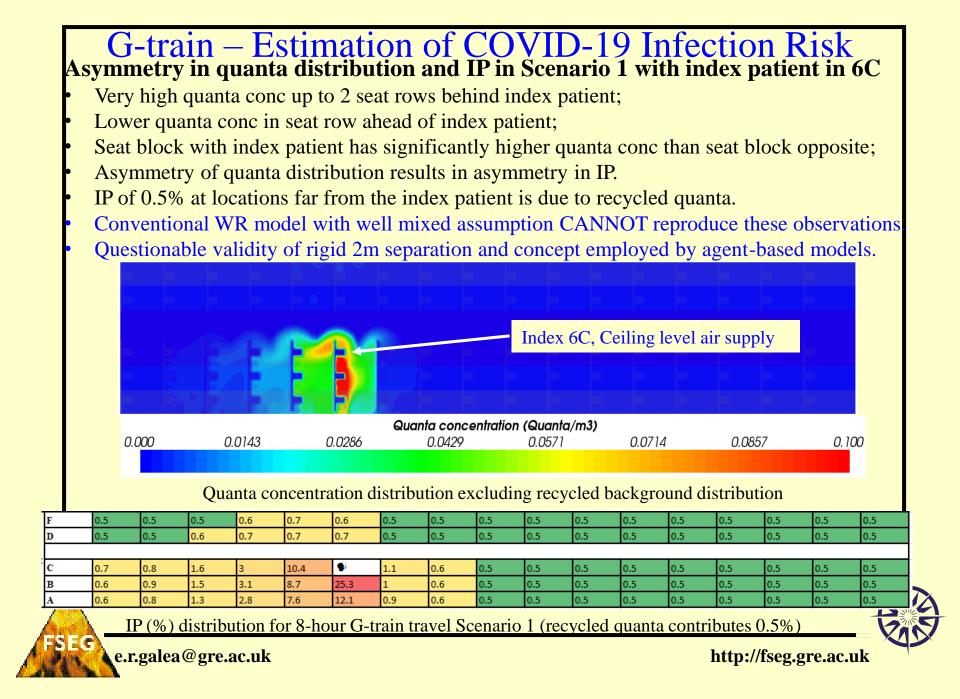


• Infection probability as function of distance to index patient and exposure time.



Same seat row as the index patient (symbol: reported data) Three seat row away from the index patient





Exploring non-pharmaceutical mitigations

- Assuming 20% Filtration Efficiency with 63% recycled air, and 8 hr exposure.
- **Impact of Mask Wearing (MW) average results for Scenario 1 and 2:**
 - With 40% passengers wearing surgical masks, average IP = 1.21% resulting in Secondary Infections (SI) = 1.02.
 - Increasing MW to 90% reduces average IP and average SI.
 - Average IP = 0.7% and SI = 0.6.
 - With 90% MW high efficiency masks (90% effective), average IP and SI drop significantly. Average IP = 0.06% and Average SI = 0.05.

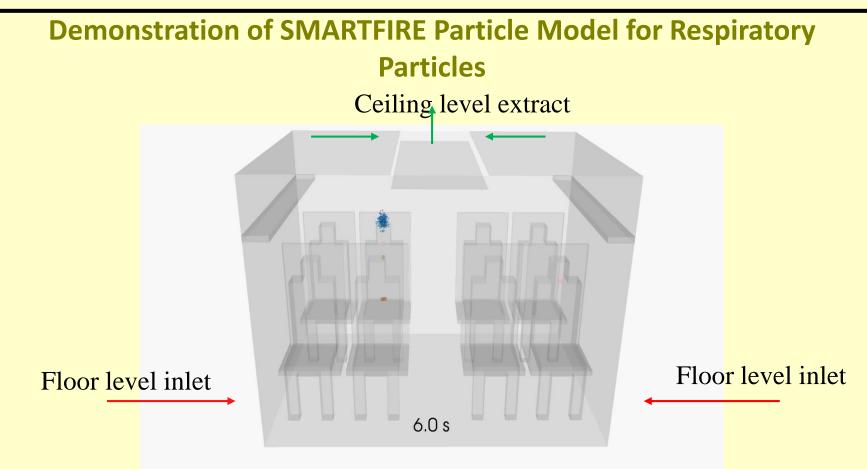
Seat Blocking Strategies for Scenario 1: (assuming 1 Index per 85 paxs)

- 3 seat blocking strategies explored, reducing paxs from 85 to 51, 45 and 27.
- Note: IP dependent on location of index patient.
- Most effective involves only occupying A, C and F seats in odd rows
- Reduces number of passengers per car from 85 to 27
- Reduces average IP from **1.22%** to **1.05%** and SI from **1.03** to **0.27**.
- However, must run 3.15x as many saloons.

• Most effective strategy is to ensure 90% of passengers correctly wear high efficiency masks.

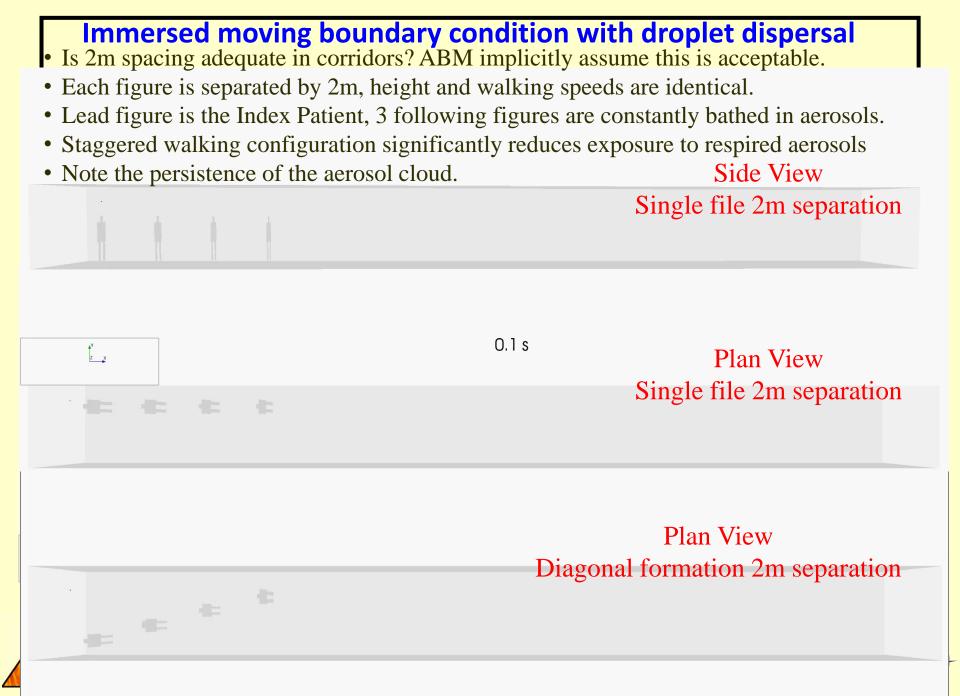


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- 10 ACH, approximately 67% of air-conditioned air is recycled
- Train filtration system generally low quality i.e. not HEPA filters 20% filtration efficiency
- Return air contains respiratory aerosols uniformly seeding the environment.
- The droplet/aerosol source is represented by a sinusoidal breathing model (Gupta et al, 2010)
- The respiratory droplets/aerosols follow the "BLO" size distribution of Johnson et al. (2011)





CONCLUDING COMMENTS

Safety and safe evacuation is challenging and requires careful planning, it doesn't just happen.

- Use of *reliable modelling* tools in conjunction with *good data* enable fewer arbitrary assumptions to be imposed, allowing conditions to be modelled rather than assumed.
- Advanced simulation tools such as EXODUS and SMARTFIRE can be used to assist in planning to ensure:
 - efficient throughput,
 - comfort,
 - safety
 - security and
 - Infection control.



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