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NOTE: All dimensional measurements were taken in English units and were later converted to metric units. Any inconsistencies between the two units are due to rounding errors when the English units were converted to metric.

# Introduction

Four calorimetry tests were conducted to determine the fire growth rate and energy released from a stack of cardboard boxes and to examine the affect of the ignition scenario on fire development. Eighteen cardboard boxes containing shredded paper were configured in a 3x3x2 array, as shown in Figure 1. The fire was started either by using an open flame ignition source or heating a cartridge heater to simulate thermal runaway of a lithium-ion battery inside the array of boxes. Instrumentation was installed to measure the heat flux, fire plume temperature, smoke production, and heat release rate of the fire. Video and photos were taken to document the test series. The test series was conducted using the 4 MW calorimeter in the Medium Burn Room (MBR) of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearm, and Explosives (ATF) Fire Research Laboratory (FRL) in Beltsville, MD.



Figure 1. General layout of fuel load (6548\_200240.JPG)

# Test Set Up

## General

Eighteen 0.46 x 0.46 x 0.46 m (18 x 18 x 18 inch) cardboard boxes were stacked in a 3x3x2 array and placed on one layer of 13 mm (0.5 inch) thick Durock cement board in an open laboratory environment, as shown in Figure 1. The top and bottom of each box was closed by alternating the flaps. There was a 0.05 m (2 inch) separation between adjacent boxes on each layer but there was no separation between the top and bottom layer. Each box contained 1.13 kg (2.5 lbs) of shredded paper, shown in Figure 2, for a total of 20.4 kg (45 lbs) of paper. The width of the paper was 4 mm (0.16 inch).



Figure 2. Shredded paper in cardboard box (6548\_200255.JPG)

### Test 1 (Exp ID. 6548) and Test 2 (Exp ID. 6549)

In Test 1 and Test 2, modifications were made to the middle box on the bottom layer to facilitate airflow to the ignition device. Two 25 mm (1 inch) diameter vents were made on each side of the box at a distance of 50 mm (2 inch) from the top and bottom edge and 0.23 m (9 inch) from the sides, as shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3. Ignition box (6548\_212765.JPG)

#### Test 3 (Exp ID. 6557) and Test 4 (Exp ID. 6558)

In Test 3 and Test 4, a 0.22 x 0.20 x 0.06 m (8.5 x 8 x 2.5 inch) cardboard container filled with 100 rechargeable lithium-ion batteries (Manufacturer: LG Chem; Model: 18650) was added to the test configuration. The batteries were stacked vertically in a single layer, separated by cardboard inserts as shown in Figure 4. The batteries had a 3.7 Volt, 2600 mAmp-hour rating.

In Test 3, the battery container was located in the middle of the cardboard box configuration between the top and bottom layer, as shown in Figure 5. The battery container was mounted in a 0.48 m (19 inch) high metal stand to keep the batteries supported during the fire.

In Test 4, the battery container was placed on the metal stand within the middle box on the top layer, as shown in Figure 6, and then covered with the shredded paper, as shown in Figure 7. The metal stand was installed through the boxes to provide additional support during the fire. Vents identical to those in Test 1 and Test 2 were also made, as shown in Figure 6.



Figure 4. Configuration of batteries (6557\_200849.JPG)



Figure 5. Configuration of batteries in Test 3 (6557\_200843.JPG)



Figure 6. Configuration of batteries in Test 4 (6558\_200978.JPG)



Figure 7. Configuration of fuel load in ignition box in Test 4 (6558\_200977.JPG)

## **Experiment Details**

### **Ignition Scenario**

#### Test 1 (Exp ID. 6548) and Test 2 (Exp ID. 6549)

An open flame ignition source was used to ignite the shredded paper inside the middle box on the bottom layer. The ignition device consisted of fifteen large kitchen matches (Manufacturer: Diamond) wrapped around an electric igniter, as shown in Figure 8, and connected to a 6 VDC battery. The ignition device was placed vertically near the top surface of the shredded paper. A small fire starter packet was placed adjacent to the ignition device as shown in Figure 9.



Figure 8. Ignition device (6548\_212774.JPG)



Figure 9. Fire starter packet (6548\_200253.JPG)

### Test 3 (Exp ID. 6557) and Test 4 (Exp ID. 6558)

A cartridge heater, shown in Figure 10, was used as the primary ignition device to simulate thermal runaway of a rechargeable lithium-ion battery. The cartridge heater was positioned in the box of batteries as shown in Figure 11.

At the start of the test, power was supplied to the cartridge heater, using a variable transformer connected to a 115 VAC power supply.



Figure 10. Cartridge heater (6557\_200845.JPG)



Figure 11. Cartridge heater location in battery array (6557\_200855.JPG)

## Instrumentation

The test series was conducted under FRL's 4 MW calorimeter. The calorimeter used in this test series was equipped with instrumentation to measure the following fire properties: total heat release rate, convective heat release rate, and combustion gas production rates.

Other instrumentation included one thermocouple tree and four heat flux gauges. The thermocouple tree was used to measure a vertical temperature profile along the plume centerline. The tree consisted of five thermocouples starting at the center of the top surface of the array of boxes and extending 1.22m (48 inch) above the boxes at 0.30 m (12 inch) intervals. An additional thermocouple was placed at each of the heat flux gage locations.

The heat flux gauges were used to measure the total energy transfer per unit area. The gauges were centered parallel to each side of the box array at a distance of 1.52m (60 inch) at a height of 0.46 m (18 inch) for Test 1 and a height of 0.91 m (36 inch) for Test 2 through Test 4.

Elevation distances described in the body of this report are relative to the z-axis defined in Figure 12.



Figure 12. Instrumentation setup (6557\_200823.JPG)

### Laboratory Conditions

The ambient laboratory temperature, barometric pressure, and relative humidity were measured during the experiment(s). The laboratory conditions were measured using an industrial probe and microserver. The probe measures the ambient conditions using capacitive digital sensors. The sensor probe has surface mounted circuitry which responds to changes in the environment and outputs a digital signal. The Laboratory Conditions were measured in accordance with the method defined in FRL Laboratory Instruction "LI017 Laboratory Conditions" [1].

The following table provides a description of the instrumentation used to collect the ambient laboratory conditions measurements during the experiments.

Description	Manufacturer	Model
MBR_01	OMEGA	IBTHX-D

#### **Table 1. Lab Conditions Description**

### Thermocouples

Thermocouples are temperature measurement sensors that consist of two dissimilar metals joined at one end (a junction) that produces a small thermo-electrical voltage when the wire is heated. The change in voltage is interpreted as a change in temperature [2]. There are many configurations of thermocouples which affect the temperature range, ruggedness, and response time. The information required to identify these factors for the thermocouples that were used during the experiment(s) conducted for this test series is provided in the "Thermocouple Measurement Description" table. Thermocouples used during this test series were used in accordance with the method defined in FRL laboratory instruction "LI001 Thermocouple" [3].

The following table provides a description of the instrumentation used to collect the temperature measurements during the experiments. The "Description" column describes the location of the temperature measurement. The "Z" location is the height of the thermocouple above the floor. The "Thermocouple Type" describes the characteristics of the thermocouple used.

Description	Location Z (m)	Thermocouple type
Center_48	1.22	Type K, Glass Ins., 24 AWG wire
Center_60	1.52	Type K, Glass Ins., 24 AWG wire
Center_72	1.83	Type K, Glass Ins., 24 AWG wire
Center_84	2.13	Type K, Glass Ins., 24 AWG wire
Center_Top of box	0.91	Type K, Glass Ins., 24 AWG wire
East	0.46	Type K, Glass Ins., 24 AWG wire
Near igniter	0.46	Type K, Glass Ins., 24 AWG wire
North	0.46	Type K, Glass Ins., 24 AWG wire
South	0.46	Type K, Glass Ins., 24 AWG wire
West	0.46	Type K, Glass Ins., 24 AWG wire

 Table 2. Thermocouple Measurement Description

### Heat Flux Transducers

A heat flux transducer is a device that measures the rate of absorbed incident energy, and expresses it on a per unit area basis. The operating principle of the Schmidt-Boelter heat flux transducer(s) used during this test series is based on one-dimensional heat conduction through a solid. Temperature sensors are placed on a thin, thermally conductive sensor element, and applying heat establishes a temperature gradient across the element. The heat flux is proportional to the temperature difference across the element according to Fourier's Law [4].

There are many configurations of heat flux transducers which affect range, size, mode and sensitivity. The information required to identify these factors for the heat flux transducer(s) that were used during the experiment(s) conducted for this test series is provided in the "Heat Flux Measurement Description" table. Heat flux transducers were used in accordance with the method defined in FRL laboratory instruction "LI002 Heat Flux Transducer" [5].

The following table provides a description of the transducer used to collect heat flux measurements during the experiment(s). The "Description" column typically describes the location of the heat flux transducer. Heat flux mode indicates whether the total heat flux was measured or just the radiation fraction. Heat flux over range is the maximum measured value reported for this transducer.

Description	Heat Flux Mode	Heat Flux Max Range (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )
East	Total	75.00
North	Total	75.00
South	Total	75.00
West	Total	75.00

**Table 3. Heat Flux Measurement Description** 

### Fire Product Collectors

Fire product collectors, also called heat release calorimeters, are used in fire experiments to measure several characteristics of fires based upon the measured properties of the fire plume. Fire Product collectors consist of a collection hood connected to an exhaust duct placed over a fire as shown in Figure 13. Instrumentation in the exhaust duct measures the properties of the effluent. The fire characteristics that are often calculated from fire products collectors are total heat release rate (HRR), convective heat release rate (CHRR), smoke production rate (SPR), and yield rates of gas species such as carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide.



Figure 13. Typical products collector hood

### Photographs

Digital Cameras are used within the FRL to record digital still photographs during experiments. Digital Cameras used during this test series were used in accordance with the method defined in FRL Laboratory Instruction "LI003 Digital Cameras" [6].

## **Results for Test 1 (Exp. ID 6548)**

The following table provides a summary of the ambient laboratory temperature during the experiment.

Description	Initial Value (C)	Minimum (C)	Maximum (C)	Average (C)	Final Value (C)
MBR_01	27.5	27.4	27.6	27.5	27.6

#### Table 4. Ambient Laboratory Temperature Summary

The following table provides a summary of the ambient laboratory pressure during the experiment.

Table 5. Ar	nbient Lab	oratory Pre	essure Summary
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Description	Initial Value (kPa)	Minimum (kPa)	Maximum (kPa)	Average (kPa)	Final Value (kPa)
MBR_01	99.81	99.78	99.82	99.80	99.79

The following table provides a summary of the ambient laboratory relative humidity during the experiment.

#### Table 6. Ambient Laboratory Relative Humidity Summary

Description	Initial Value (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Average (%)	Final Value (%)
MBR_01	60.8	60.3	61.0	60.6	60.4

The following table provides a summary of the temperature results. The "Initial Temperature" column provides the measured temperature at the beginning of the test. The maximum temperature recorded during the test is provided in the "Maximum" column. The remaining columns provide the calculated maximum average temperatures.

Description	Initial (C)	Maximum (C)	30 second maximum average (C)	60 second maximum average (C)	300 second maximum average (C)	600 second maximum average (C)
Center_48	27	976	911	833	515	282
Center_60	27	971	921	871	495	273
Center_72	27	925	890	845	461	257
Center_84	28	846	810	751	424	238
Center_To						
p of box	28	851	781	686	502	273

#### **Table 7. Temperature Value Result Summary**

The following table shows which thermocouple(s) were taken out of service during the experiment.

Description	Time out of service (s)	Out of service reason
Center_48	618	TC Damage
Center_60	618	TC Damage
Center_72	618	TC Damage
Center_84	618	TC Damage
Center_Top of box	618	TC Damage

**Table 8. Out of Service Times** 

The following chart(s) present a time-dependent representation of the instantaneous temperatures measured during the experiment.





The following table provides a summary of the heat flux results. The "Description" column typically describes the location of the heat flux transducer. The time at which the heat flux first changes by a pre-determined amount is provided in the "Time of Initial Change" column. The maximum heat flux recorded during the test is provided in the "Maximum" column. The "Maximum Average" columns are calculated over four pre-determined time spans.

Description	Time of Initial Change (s)	Maximum (kW/m²)	30 second maximum average (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	60 second maximum average (kW/m²)	300 second maximum average (kW/m²)	600 second maximum average (kW/m²)
East	1	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.5	1.7
North	1	3.6	3.5	3.5	2.8	1.8
South	1	4.6	4.3	4.1	2.9	1.7
West	1	3.5	3.0	2.9	2.4	1.6

 Table 9. Heat Flux Result Summary

The following chart shows a time dependent representation of the instantaneous heat flux measured during the experiment.



**Figure 15. Heat Flux** 

The following chart provides a time history of the concentration of carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide measured in the exhaust duct during the fire.



Figure 16. Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide concentrations

The following chart provides a time history of the concentration of oxygen measured in the exhaust duct during the fire.



**Figure 17. Oxygen Concentration** 

The following table provides a summary of the heat release rate (HRR) test results. The maximum HRR recorded during the test is provided in the "Maximum" column. The "maximum average" values are calculated from average values of heat release rate over specified time periods. The maximum average values provide a means to compare the severity of different fires over these time spans. The "Total heat released" is calculated from the area under the curve for the duration of the test.

Maximum (kW)	30 second maximum average (kW)	1 minute maximum average (kW)	5 minute maximum average (kW)	10 minute maximum average (kW)	Total Heat Release (kJ)
1428	1307	1264	1307	474	286542

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The following chart provides a time history of the heat release rate from the fire.



Figure 18. Heat Release Rate

The following table provides a summary of the convective heat release rate (CHRR) test results.

Maximum	30 second maximum	Peak 60 sec avg	5 minute maximum	Peak 600 sec avg
(kW)	average (kW)	(kW)	average (kW)	(kW)
914	787	740	491	295

 Table 11. Convective Heat Release Rate Result Summary

The following chart provides a time history of the convective heat release rate from the fire.



**Figure 19. Convective Heat Release Rate** 



The following chart displays the production rates of CO and CO2.



The following table provides a description of the video(s) taken during this experiment.

Description	Start Time	Duration (s)	Filename
1	13:58:32	932	6548_20110808_135832_1.mp4
2	13:58:33	932	6548_20110808_135833_2.mp4
3	13:58:35	932	6548_20110808_135835_3.mp4

Table 12. Video Log

The following figures show all of the still photographs uploaded into the FireTOSS system. The caption below each figure provides the picture's filename as well as any description and elapsed test time associated with the picture.



Figure 37. Pre test 26 minutes, 6548\_200240.jpg

Figure 38. Pre test 26 minutes, 6548\_200239.jpg Figure 39. Pre test 26 minutes, 6548\_200238.jpg

Figure 40. Pre test 26 minutes, 6548\_200237.jpg



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Figure 113. 850 seconds, 6548\_200164.jpg

Figure 114. 853 seconds, 6548\_200163.jpg

Figure 115. Post test 0 minutes, 6548\_200162.jpg Figure 116. Post test 0 minutes, 6548\_200161.jpg



Figure 121. Post test 0 minutes, 6548\_200156.jpg Figure 122. Post test 0 minutes, 6548\_200155.jpg

Figure 123. 6548\_212774.jpg

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## **Results for Test 2 (Exp. ID 6549)**

The following table provides a summary of the ambient laboratory temperature during the experiment.

Description	Initial Value (C)	Minimum (C)	Maximum (C)	Average (C)	Final Value (C)
MBR_01	27.7	27.7	27.7	27.7	27.7

#### Table 13. Ambient Laboratory Temperature Summary

The following table provides a summary of the ambient laboratory pressure during the experiment.

Description	Initial Value (kPa)	Minimum (kPa)	Maximum (kPa)	Average (kPa)	Final Value (kPa)
MBR_01	99.75	99.73	99.77	99.75	99.73

The following table provides a summary of the ambient laboratory relative humidity during the experiment.

#### Table 15. Ambient Laboratory Relative Humidity Summary

Description	Initial Value (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Average (%)	Final Value (%)
MBR_01	59.4	59.0	59.5	59.3	59.1

The following table provides a summary of the temperature results. The "Initial Temperature" column provides the measured temperature at the beginning of the test. The maximum temperature recorded during the test is provided in the "Maximum" column. The remaining columns provide the calculated maximum average temperatures.

Description	Initial (C)	Maximum (C)	30 second maximum average (C)	60 second maximum average (C)	300 second maximum average (C)	600 second maximum average (C)
Center_48	28	893	833	735	551	344
Center_60	28	963	839	721	515	328
Center_72	28	956	882	752	534	348
Center_84	28	915	810	685	496	326
Center_Top of box	28	932	856	761	497	303

#### Table 16. Temperature Value Result Summary

The following chart(s) present a time-dependent representation of the instantaneous temperatures measured during the experiment.



Figure 124. Temperature

The following table provides a summary of the heat flux results. The "Description" column typically describes the location of the heat flux transducer. The time at which the heat flux first changes by a pre-determined amount is provided in the "Time of Initial Change" column. The maximum heat flux recorded during the test is provided in the "Maximum" column. The "Maximum Average" columns are calculated over four pre-determined time spans.

Description	Time of Initial Change (s)	Maximum (kW/m²)	30 second maximum average (kW/m²)	60 second maximum average (kW/m²)	300 second maximum average (kW/m²)	600 second maximum average (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )
East	1	5.3	4.8	4.4	3.4	1.9
North	1	6.2	5.7	5.5	3.7	2.0
South	1	4.9	4.5	4.4	3.2	1.8
West	1	6.9	6.5	6.3	3.9	2.1

Table 17. Heat Flux Result Summary

The following chart shows a time dependent representation of the instantaneous heat flux measured during the experiment.



**Figure 125. Heat Flux** 

The following chart provides a time history of the concentration of carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide measured in the exhaust duct during the fire.



Figure 126. Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide concentrations

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The following chart provides a time history of the concentration of oxygen measured in the exhaust duct during the fire.





The following table provides a summary of the heat release rate (HRR) test results. The maximum HRR recorded during the test is provided in the "Maximum" column. The "maximum average" values are calculated from average values of heat release rate over specified time periods. The maximum average values provide a means to compare the severity of different fires over these time spans. The "Total heat released" is calculated from the area under the curve for the duration of the test.

Maximum (kW)	30 second maximum average (kW)	1 minute maximum average (kW)	5 minute maximum average (kW)	10 minute maximum average (kW)	Total Heat Release (kJ)
1783	1660	1544	1660	483	289335

Table 18. Heat Release Rate Result Summary



The following chart provides a time history of the heat release rate from the fire.

Figure 128. Heat Release Rate

The following table provides a summary of the convective heat release rate (CHRR) test results.

Maximum	30 second maximum	Peak 60 sec avg	5 minute maximum	Peak 600 sec avg
(kW)	average (kW)	(kW)	average (kW)	(kW)
993	887	877	515	271

Table 19. Convective Heat Release Rate Result Summary

The following chart provides a time history of the convective heat release rate from the fire.



Figure 129. Convective Heat Release Rate

The following chart displays the production rates of CO and CO2.



Figure 130. CO and CO2 production rates

The following table provides a description of the video(s) taken during this experiment.

Description	Start Time	Duration (s)	Filename
1	15:13:59	672	6549_20110808_151359_1.mp4
2	15:14:00	672	6549_20110808_151400_2.mp4
3	15:14:09	664	6549_20110808_151409_3.mp4

Table 20. Video Log

The following figures show all of the still photographs uploaded into the FireTOSS system. The caption below each figure provides the picture's filename as well as any description and elapsed test time associated with the picture.







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Figure 219. Post test 1 minutes, 6549\_200276.jpg Figure 220. Post test 1 minutes, 6549\_200275.jpg Figure 221. Post test 1 minutes, 6549\_200274.jpg

## **Results for Test 3 (Exp. ID 6557)**

The following table provides a summary of the ambient laboratory temperature during the experiment.

Description	Initial Value (C)	Minimum (C)	Maximum (C)	Average (C)	Final Value (C)
MBR_01	27.7	27.7	27.8	27.7	27.8

#### Table 21. Ambient Laboratory Temperature Summary

The following table provides a summary of the ambient laboratory pressure during the experiment.

Table 22. A	Ambient	Laboratory	Pressure	Summary
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Description	Initial Value (kPa)	Minimum (kPa)	Maximum (kPa)	Average (kPa)	Final Value (kPa)
MBR_01	99.42	99.35	99.43	99.40	99.37

The following table provides a summary of the ambient laboratory relative humidity during the experiment.

#### Table 23. Ambient Laboratory Relative Humidity Summary

Description	Initial Value (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Average (%)	Final Value (%)
MBR_01	62.7	62.1	63.2	62.9	62.3

The following table provides a summary of the temperature results. The "Initial Temperature" column provides the measured temperature at the beginning of the test. The maximum temperature recorded during the test is provided in the "Maximum" column. The remaining columns provide the calculated maximum average temperatures.

Description	Initial (C)	Maximum (C)	30 second maximum average (C)	60 second maximum average (C)	300 second maximum average (C)	600 second maximum average (C)
Center_48	27	995	958	924	817	585
Center_60	27	1009	915	899	801	574
Center_72	27	928	883	865	805	599
Center_84	28	924	886	865	793	591
Center_Top						
of box	28	1005	946	932	804	557
Near igniter	29	850	813	792	696	632

#### Table 24. Temperature Value Result Summary

The following table shows which thermocouple(s) were taken out of service during the experiment.

Description	Time out of service (s)	Out of service reason
Center_48	2524	TC damage
Center_60	2524	TC damage
Center_72	2524	TC damage
Center_84	2524	TC damage
Center_Top of box	2524	TC damage
Near igniter	2524	TC damage

**Table 25. Out of Service Times** 

The following chart(s) present a time-dependent representation of the instantaneous temperatures measured during the experiment.





The following table provides a summary of the heat flux results. The "Description" column typically describes the location of the heat flux transducer. The time at which the heat flux first changes by a pre-determined amount is provided in the "Time of Initial Change" column. The maximum heat flux recorded during the test is provided in the "Maximum" column. The "Maximum Average" columns are calculated over four pre-determined time spans.

Description	Time of Initial Change (s)	Maximum (kW/m²)	30 second maximum average (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	60 second maximum average (kW/m²)	300 second maximum average (kW/m <sup>2</sup> )	600 second maximum average (kW/m²)
East	1	5.6	5.2	4.7	3.6	2.2
North	1	6.6	6.1	5.5	3.9	2.4
South	1	5.9	5.5	5.0	3.6	2.3
West	1	7.6	7.0	6.5	4.6	2.9

**Table 26. Heat Flux Result Summary** 

The following chart shows a time dependent representation of the instantaneous heat flux measured during the experiment.



Figure 223. Heat Flux

The following chart provides a time history of the concentration of carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide measured in the exhaust duct during the fire.



Figure 224. Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide concentrations

The following chart provides a time history of the concentration of oxygen measured in the exhaust duct during the fire.



Figure 225. Oxygen Concentration

The following table provides a summary of the heat release rate (HRR) test results. The maximum HRR recorded during the test is provided in the "Maximum" column. The "maximum average" values are calculated from average values of heat release rate over specified time periods. The maximum average values provide a means to compare the severity of different fires over these time spans. The "Total heat released" is calculated from the area under the curve for the duration of the test.

Maximum (kW)	30 second maximum average (kW)	1 minute maximum average (kW)	5 minute maximum average (kW)	10 minute maximum average (kW)	Total Heat Release (kJ)
1906	1765	1521	1765	509	305725

Table 27. Heat Release Rate Result Summary

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The following chart provides a time history of the heat release rate from the fire.



Figure 226.	Heat Rel	lease Rate
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The following table provides a summary of the convective heat release rate (CHRR) test results.

Maximum	30 second maximum	Peak 60 sec avg	5 minute maximum	Peak 600 sec avg
(kW)	average (kW)	(kW)	average (kW)	(kW)
1024	924	860	536	318

The following chart provides a time history of the convective heat release rate from the fire.



Figure 227. Convective Heat Release Rate

The following chart displays the production rates of CO and CO2.



Figure 228. CO and CO2 production rates

The following table provides a description of the video(s) taken during this experiment.

Description	Start Time	Duration (s)	Filename
1	13:54:15	2795	6557_20110809_135415_1.mp4
2	13:54:16	2795	6557_20110809_135416_2.mp4
3	13:54:18	2794	6557_20110809_135418_3.mp4

Table 29. Video Log

The following figures show all of the still photographs uploaded into the FireTOSS system. The caption below each figure provides the picture's filename as well as any description and elapsed test time associated with the picture.



Figure 241. Pre test 15 minutes, 6557\_200844.jpg Figure 242. Pre test 15 minutes, 6557\_200843.jpg Figure 243. Pre test 15 minutes, 6557\_200842.jpg

Figure 244. Pre test 15 minutes, 6557\_200841.jpg

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Figure 341. 2536 seconds, 6557\_200744.jpg

Figure 342. 2622 seconds, 6557\_2007<u>43.jpg</u>\_\_\_\_

Figure 343. 2719 seconds, 6557\_200742.jpg

Figure 344. Post test 0 minutes, 6557\_200741.jpg



Figure 345. Post test 2 minutes, 6557\_200740.jpg Figure 346. Post test 3 minutes, 6557\_200739.jpg Figure 347. Post test 3 minutes, 6557\_200738.jpg Figure 348. Post test 3 minutes, 6557\_200737.jpg



Figure 349. Post test 3 minutes, 6557\_200736.jpg

## **Results for Test 4 (Exp. ID 6558)**

The following table provides a summary of the ambient laboratory temperature during the experiment.

Description	Initial Value (C)	Minimum (C)	Maximum (C)	Average (C)	Final Value (C)
MBR_01	27.3	27.3	27.5	27.3	27.4

#### Table 30. Ambient Laboratory Temperature Summary

The following table provides a summary of the ambient laboratory pressure during the experiment.

Table 31	Ambient	Laboratory	Pressure	Summary
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Description	Initial Value (kPa)	Minimum (kPa)	Maximum (kPa)	Average (kPa)	Final Value (kPa)
MBR_01	99.88	99.85	99.90	99.88	99.86

The following table provides a summary of the ambient laboratory relative humidity during the experiment.

#### Table 32. Ambient Laboratory Relative Humidity Summary

Description	Initial Value (%)	Minimum (%)	Maximum (%)	Average (%)	Final Value (%)
MBR_01	55.4	54.6	55.9	55.2	54.7

The following table provides a summary of the temperature results. The "Initial Temperature" column provides the measured temperature at the beginning of the test. The maximum temperature recorded during the test is provided in the "Maximum" column. The remaining columns provide the calculated maximum average temperatures.

Description	Initial (C)	Maximum (C)	30 second maximum average (C)	60 second maximum average (C)	300 second maximum average (C)	600 second maximum average (C)
Center_48	27	1017	960	888	769	760
Center_60	27	920	830	795	775	773
Center_72	27	818	810	808	783	777
Center_84	27	865	825	809	715	537
Center_Top						
of box	27	1052	945	905	773	755
East	27	47	46	45	42	38
Near igniter	27	954	872	843	763	679
North	27	43	42	41	40	37
South	27	48	47	46	41	37
West	26	43	41	39	37	33

#### Table 33. Temperature Value Result Summary

The following chart(s) present a time-dependent representation of the instantaneous temperatures measured during the experiment.



Figure 350. Temperature

The following table provides a summary of the heat flux results. The "Description" column typically describes the location of the heat flux transducer. The time at which the heat flux first changes by a pre-determined amount is provided in the "Time of Initial Change" column. The maximum heat flux recorded during the test is provided in the "Maximum" column. The "Maximum Average" columns are calculated over four pre-determined time spans.

Description	Time of Initial Change (s)	Maximum (kW/m²)	30 second maximum average (kW/m²)	60 second maximum average (kW/m²)	300 second maximum average (kW/m²)	600 second maximum average (kW/m²)
East	1	6.3	5.5	5.0	3.6	2.2
North	1	5.6	5.0	4.5	3.2	2.1
South	1	5.7	5.2	4.7	3.5	2.1
West	1	5.5	5.0	4.5	3.4	2.1

Table 34. Heat Flux Result Summary

The following chart shows a time dependent representation of the instantaneous heat flux measured during the experiment.



Figure 351. Heat Flux

The following chart provides a time history of the concentration of carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide measured in the exhaust duct during the fire.



Figure 352. Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide concentrations

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The following chart provides a time history of the concentration of oxygen measured in the exhaust duct during the fire.



Figure 353. Oxygen Concentration

The following table provides a summary of the heat release rate (HRR) test results. The maximum HRR recorded during the test is provided in the "Maximum" column. The "maximum average" values are calculated from average values of heat release rate over specified time periods. The maximum average values provide a means to compare the severity of different fires over these time spans. The "Total heat released" is calculated from the area under the curve for the duration of the test.

Maximum (kW)	30 second maximum average (kW)	1 minute maximum average (kW)	5 minute maximum average (kW)	10 minute maximum average (kW)	Total Heat Release (kJ)
1508	1329	1207	1329	461	290126

Table 35. Heat Release Rate Result Summary



The following chart provides a time history of the heat release rate from the fire.

Figure 354. Heat Release Rate

The following table provides a summary of the convective heat release rate (CHRR) test results.

Table 36. Convective Heat	<b>Release Rate</b>	<b>Result Summary</b>
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Maximum	30 second maximum	Peak 60 sec avg	5 minute maximum	Peak 600 sec avg
(kW)	average (kW)	(kW)	average (kW)	(kW)
874	734	659	461	280

The following chart provides a time history of the convective heat release rate from the fire.



Figure 355. Convective Heat Release Rate





Figure 356. CO and CO2 production rates

The following table provides a description of the video(s) taken during this experiment.

Description	Start Time	Duration (s)	Filename
1	09:05:31	1479	6558_20110810_090531_1.mp4
2	09:05:33	1478	6558_20110810_090533_2.mp4
3	09:05:35	1477	6558_20110810_090535_3.mp4

Table 37. Video Log

The following figures show all of the still photographs uploaded into the FireTOSS system. The caption below each figure provides the picture's filename as well as any description and elapsed test time associated with the picture.





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