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A Comparison of conventional sprinkler and water mist, reproducibility vs. representativeness within OH1 approval tests

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- OH1 Test Method
- Test Setup "Office"
- Test Procedure
- Test Results Sprinkler Reference
- Discussion
- Reproducibility vs. Representativeness



OH1 Test Method

- comparison of water mist system directly with "classical" sprinkler
- same test setup
- same procedure
- counting of damages

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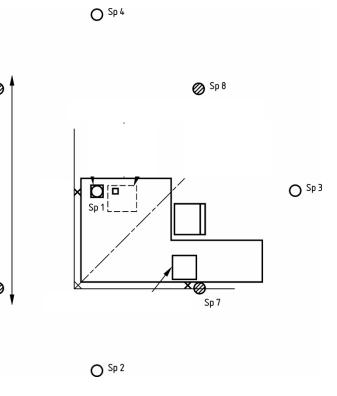
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OH1 Test Method

- sprinkler reference
 - test setup "under one nozzle"
 - test setup "between four nozzles"
 - repetition of the testwith <u>worse</u> result
 - two references with
 the best results



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- WM comparison
 - test setup "under one nozzle"
 - test setup "between four nozzles"
 - repetition of the testwith <u>better</u> result
 - all three tests have to be better than the reference







- walls, plywood panels
- two table tops
- one upholstered chair
- drawers under the table
- files w. paper piles, plastic files, books, news papers, monitor, keyboard
- ignition source
 - pool
 - wood crib
 - gas burner
- 54 items













- ignition of the gas burner
- removal of gas burner after 5 min
- water application for 30min after first nozzle activated
- manual extinguishment
- determination of the fire damage







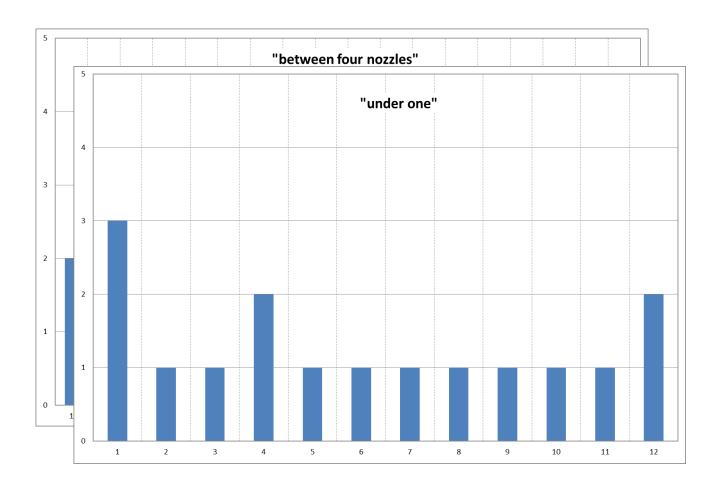


- 30 sprinkler tests partly used as references
- 18 "between four"
- 12 "under one"



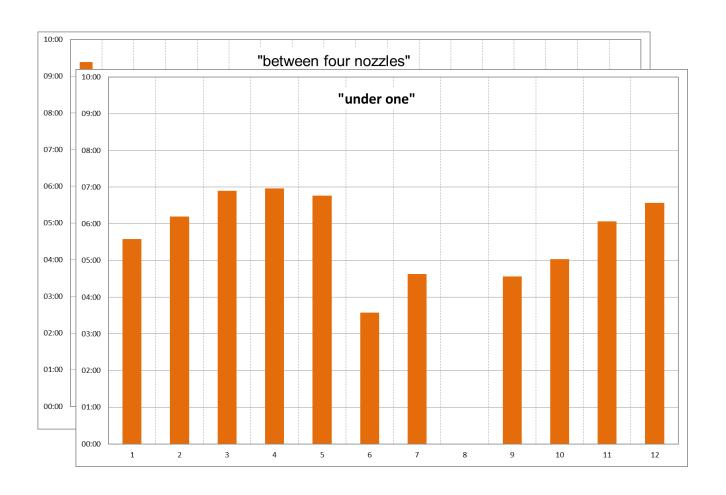


number of released nozzles





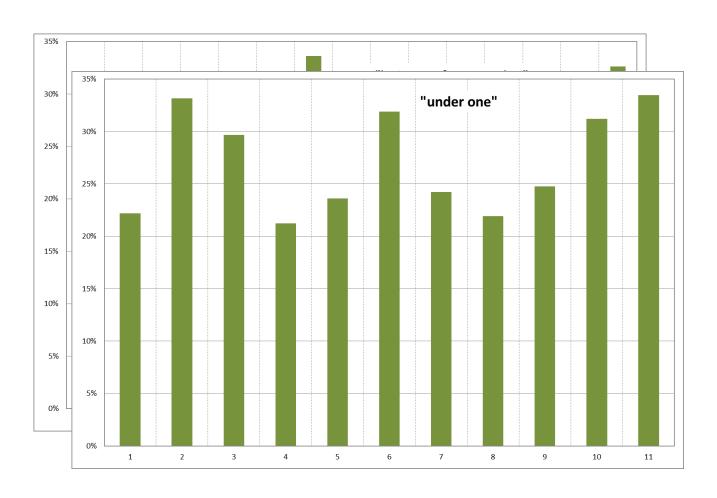
activation times







damages





- broad variety of reference results (sprinkler) make difficult to pass
- maybe it can be easier

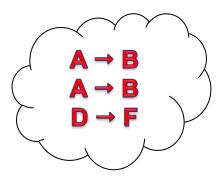
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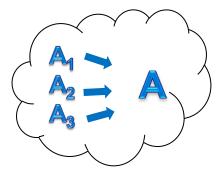


Reproducibility vs. Representativeness?

• Reproducibility: identical cause → same effect



 Representativeness: one represents a group of several, typical events







Fire tests objectives in general?

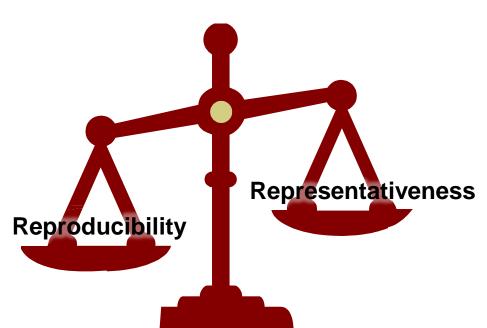
- investigation of fire processes
- proof of the effectiveness of a fire safety measure
- training of emergency cases in a saver and a failure-tolerant way
- creation of data for a validation of simulation models
- etc.





Priorisation?

- burning processes are highly complex and chaotic
- small modifications on the initial conditions lead to huge modifications of the processes and results
- reduction or increase of complexity, depending on fire test objectives
- both can't be distinctive with same strength
- decision, which feature is aimed for







Test Method: Comparison!

- reproducible or representative?
- reproducibility is required
- complexity must be limited
- reduction of the coincidence
- equal opportunities for providers
- make safety levels of approved systems comparable



