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# Integration of Transport Modeling with Test and Evaluation in CBR Building Protection Programs

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# Introduction

- CBR Building Protection Overview
- Role of M&S and T&E in the building protection process
- Types of models and experimentation
- Interactions between nodal modeling and contaminant transport experiments
- Example of modeling and experimental interactions and conformance analysis process
- Summary



# **CBR Building Protection Overview**

# Why are buildings vulnerable to CB attack?

- Containment of CB agents within a confined space allows concentrations to rapidly reach and sustain lethal levels
- CB agents are effectively transported throughout a building by mechanical systems
- Population densities are high in buildings
- Potential to deliver agent covertly
- Numerous adsorbing surfaces that make building restoration difficult





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# **Range of Protection Solutions**



#### **Protection System Development Process**



- External Threat Modeling
- Baseline Transport Modeling
   Characterization Testing
- Potential Solution Development
- Modeling Analysis of Alternatives
- Modeling Inputs to Test Plan
- Model Updates from Test Data



# **Types of Models**

#### **Ambient Dispersion Modeling**

- Used to characterize external threats
- Tools include HPAC, VLSTrack, Aloha ...

HPAC & Aloha

Difficult to validate

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#### **Nodal Modeling**

- Used to characterize internal transport and evaluate protection system performance
- Tools include CONTAMW and COMIS
- Allows conducting numerous model runs quickly
- Validate using dosage measurements throughout building

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#### **CFD Modeling**

- Used to Integrate outdoor and indoor models and to characterize flow dynamics within rooms
- Time-consuming to configure and run
- Validation requires distributed concentration vs. time measurements

# **CONTAMW Nodal Modeling**

- Designed for characterization of contaminant transport though ventilated buildings
  - Utilities to simulate building HVAC systems and components
  - Libraries with representative building leakage data
  - Model output of zone concentration profiles and flow-path airflows
  - GUI for simple model construction.

Limitations	Solutions	
• Well-mixed assumption inaccurate for larger building volumes.	• Break large volumes into subzones and/or correlate test data (parameterizations) with model.	
• Inaccurate contaminant transport time scales.	• Correlate test data with model and/or apply CFD modeling to large volumes.	
• Cannot model external releases.	<ul> <li>Characterize external cloud using ambient dispersion models.</li> <li>Utilize CFD or parameterizations to correct for plume/building wake interaction.</li> </ul>	
• CB agent properties not fully represented.	• Post process model results with corrections derived from test data for deposition rates, release efficiencies, removal mechanisms, etc.	



### Modeling and Experimentation Requirements

- Nodal Modeling
  - Knowledge of threat agent characteristics
  - Knowledge of building environment
  - Understanding of limitations and solutions to limitations
  - Automated post-processing
  - Experience in interpreting model results
  - Methods for modeling personnel movement
- Experimentation
  - Simulant to agent correlations
  - Controllable release mechanisms for repeatable releases
  - Sampling instrumentation, sample handling and analysis methods
  - Data analysis methods (including uncertainty analysis)









# **Modeling / Experimentation Process**



# Modeling / Experimentation Process Example

#### **Example Building**

- Former military barracks, 30,000 ft<sup>2</sup>
- Three stories with a quarter basement
- Four HVAC zones







**CONTAM Model Schematic** 

#### **Test Parameter Selection – Sampling Locations**

- Selection of sampling locations
  - Release room and adjacent rooms
  - HVAC system returns, supplies and fresh air intakes
  - At primary transport pathways
  - In sets of representative rooms



#### **Test Parameter Selection – Release Mass**

- Determination of mass of simulant to be released
  - Release mass chosen to achieve detection but not saturate real-time detectors (release room may be an exception)
  - Release mass chosen to maximize measurable dosages throughout building.

Real-time Detector Location	Max Release Mass to Saturate Detector, g	Min Release Mass to Achieve Detection, g
Release Room	3	0.01
Room 2	85	0.21
Room 3	66	0.17
Room 4	64	0.16



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#### **Test Parameter Selection – Sampling Time**

- Determination of sampling time
  - Duration of experiment set so that additional sampling time will not significantly affect measured dosages



#### Modeling & Experimentation Conformance Analysis Process



### **Modeling & Experimentation Conformance**

Conformance Analysis Example Model to Test Data Comparison



Comparison of data shows deviations between model and test data

# **Modeling & Experimentation Conformance**

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• Fresh air flow-rate model adjustment brings model into better agreement with experimental data.

• Subsequent analysis of all experiments in set indicate adjustment improves or maintains conformance.

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#### **Conclusions and Lessons Learned**

- Integration of modeling and experimentation efforts is necessary to deal with the shortcomings of each.
  - Instantaneous, well-mixed assumption of nodal models
  - High cost of experimentation
- Using modeling to support planning of experiments improves efficiency in conduct of experiments.
- Conformance analysis provides an effective means of comparing modeled data to experimental data and identifying model improvements to enhance fidelity of model predictions.
  - Conformance analysis must be applied to all components and all test cases.

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