



# **ISFI 2024**

## **PAPER INSTRUCTIONS**

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# **Paper Formatting Instructions**

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# FORMAT INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAPERS TO BE PRESENTED AT ISFI 2024

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**Table 1 – “t-squared” Fire Growth Rates**

<b>Classification of Growth Rate</b>	<b>Time to Reach 1050 kW (1000 Btu/sec) (Seconds)</b>
Ultra Fast	75

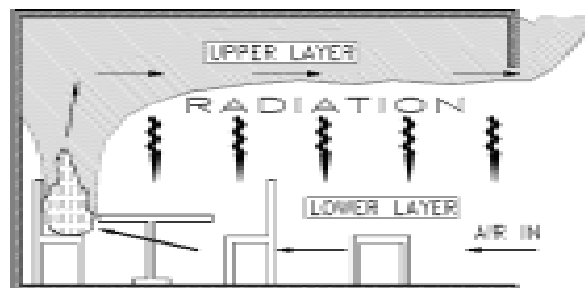
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$$Q_{fo} = (750 A_{vent}) (H_{vent})^{1/2}$$

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**Figure 1 – Room Fire Dynamics**

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## ENDNOTES *[example]*

<sup>1</sup> Kennedy, John, Fire and Arson Investigation, Investigations Institute, Chicago, (1961).

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