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Large Eddy Simulation of bluff-body stabilized flames using novel Flame Tracking method

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Outline

- **Flame tracking-particle method**
- **Validation results**
- **First LES calculations**
- **Flame stabilization with flame holder**
- **3D piloted premixed Bunsen burner**
- **Conclusions**

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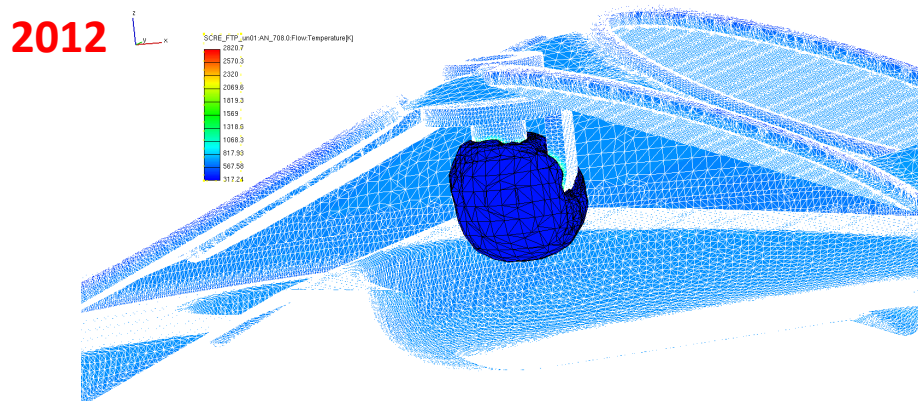
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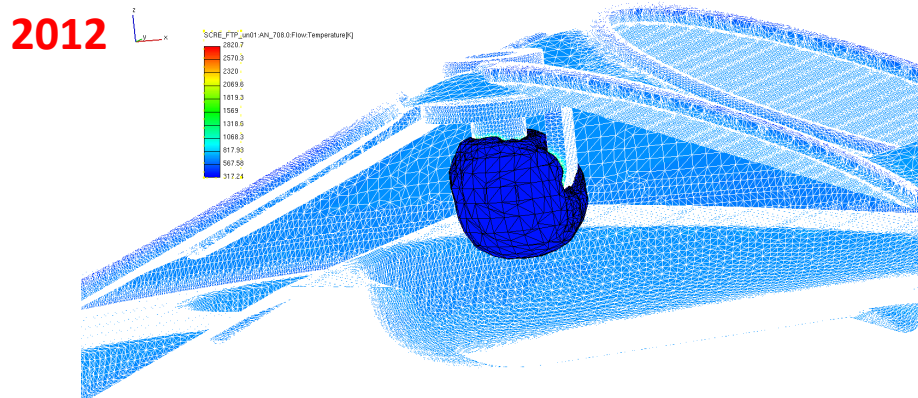
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→ LES modeling

Objective:

develop a coupled Large Eddy Simulation – Flame Tracking method for premixed combustion

RANS vs. LES

RANS

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \bar{u}) = 0, \\ \frac{\partial (\rho \bar{u})}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \bar{u} \bar{u}) = -\nabla p + \nabla \cdot (\boldsymbol{\tau}_m + \boldsymbol{\tau}_t), \\ \frac{\partial (\rho E)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \bar{u} H) = \nabla \cdot [\bar{u} \cdot (\boldsymbol{\tau}_m + \boldsymbol{\tau}_t) + (\bar{q}_m + \bar{q}_t)], \\ \rho = pm / (RT) \end{array} \right.$$

m – molecular
t - turbulent

$$\boldsymbol{\tau}_t = 2\mu_t \left(\mathbf{S} - \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{I} \nabla \cdot \bar{u} \right) + \frac{2}{3} k \mathbf{I}, \quad \bar{q}_t = -\lambda_t \nabla T$$

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Smagorinsky model

$$\nu_{SGS} = (C_S \Delta)^2 S$$

Smagorinsky constant

cell size

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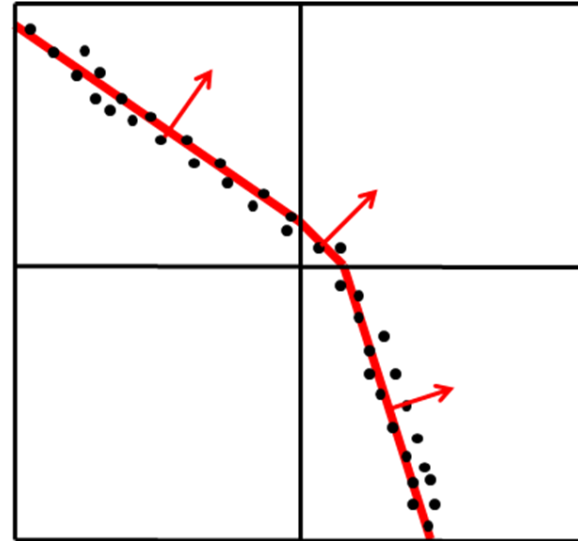
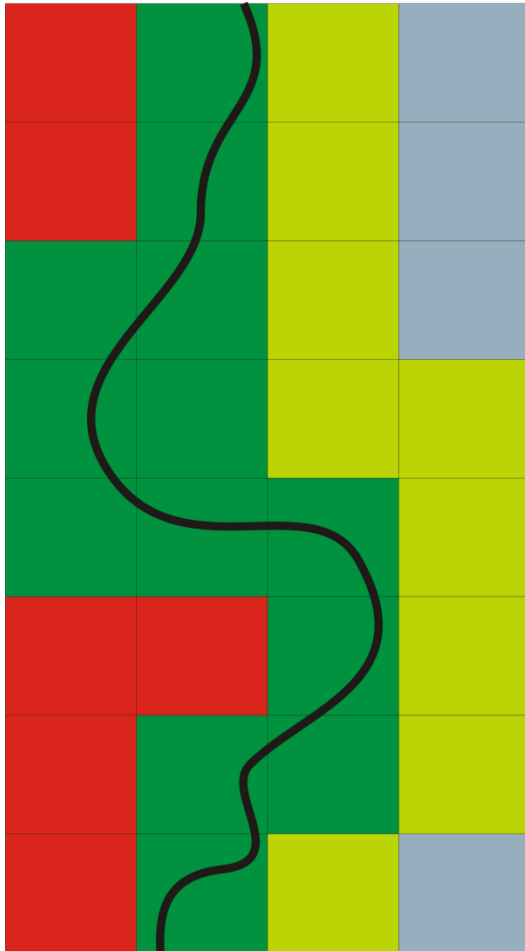
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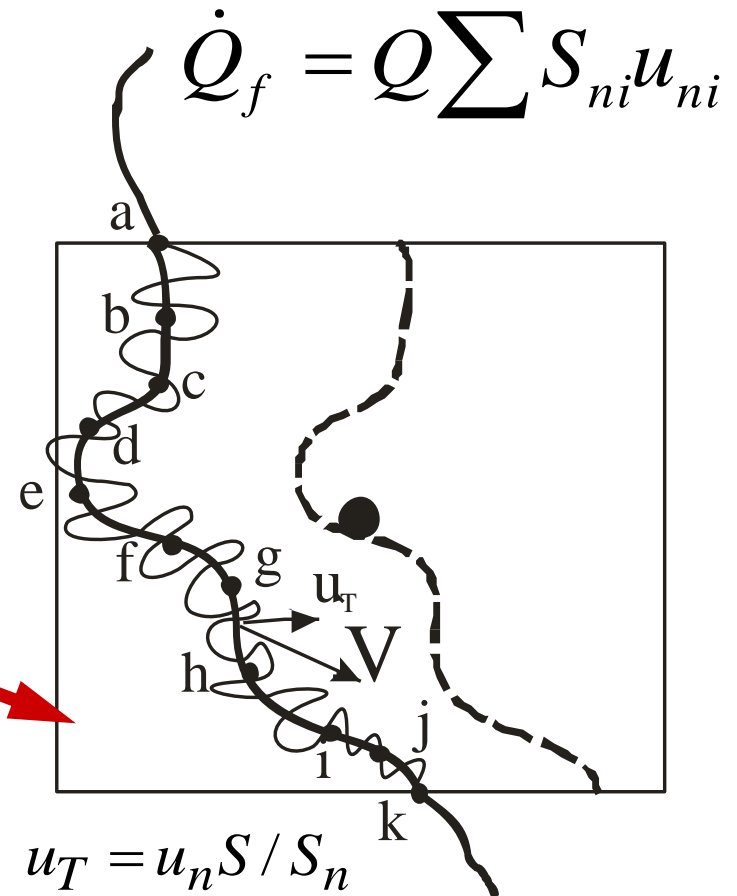
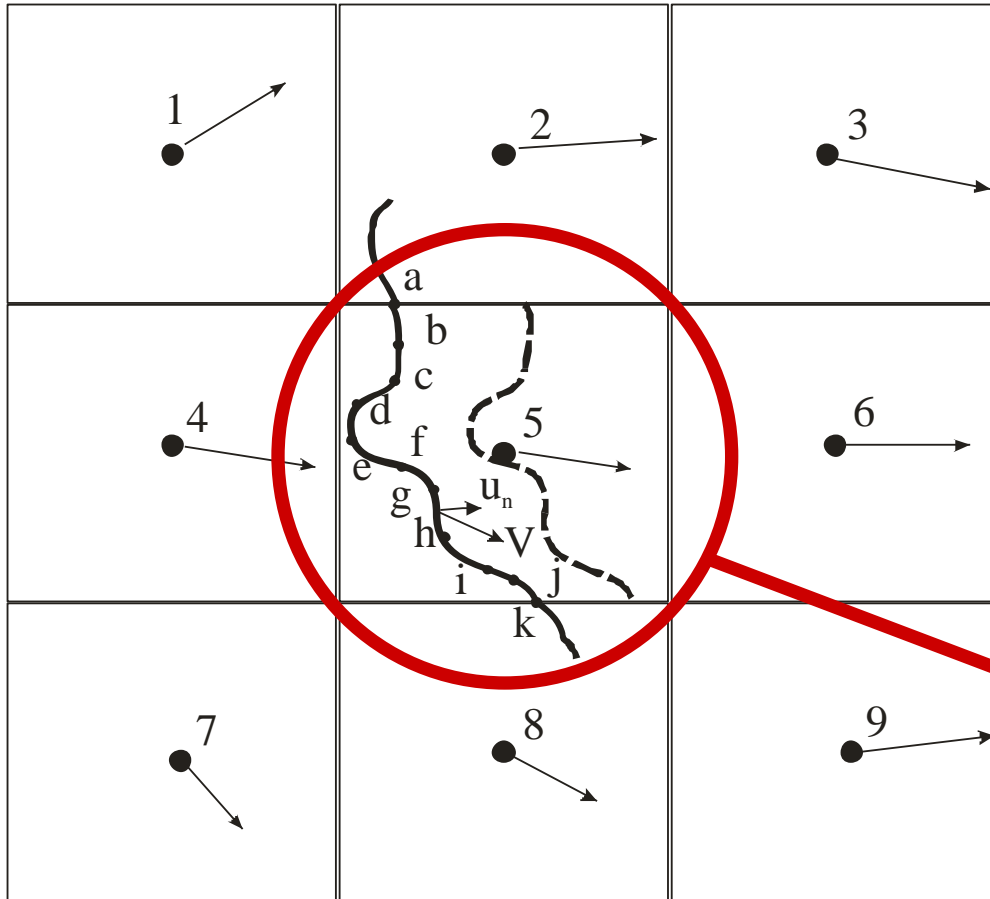
cell size

Approach



- 1 – cells with fresh mixture
- 2 – nearest to flame cells with fresh mixture
- 3 – mixed cells with flame front
- 4 – nearest to flame cells with products

Flame Tracking method for RANS



Any combustion model:

Damkoehler
 Shelkin
 Zimont
 Gulder

Bradley
 Liu, Ziegler, Lenze
 Peters

Transition from RANS to LES

$$\frac{u_T}{u_n} = F(u', l, \delta, \dots)$$

Damkoehler $F = 1 + \frac{u'}{u_n}$

Shelkin $F = \left(1 + \frac{u'^2}{u_n^2}\right)^{1/2}$

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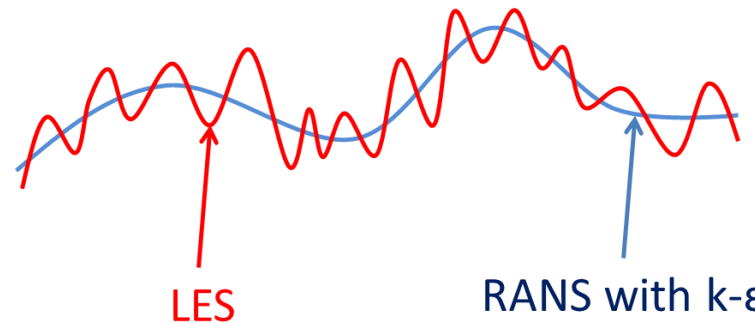
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$$\rightarrow u' \rightarrow u'_{SGS}$$

$$u_T \rightarrow u_{TSGS}$$



Database: laminar flame

- Hydrogen
- Methane
- Propane
- n-Heptane
- n-Octane
- Decane
- Tetradecane
- PRF95
- Ethanol



Speed
Thickness
NO
Soot
CO
O2
Lewis number
Viscosity

Pressure: 1-100 atm

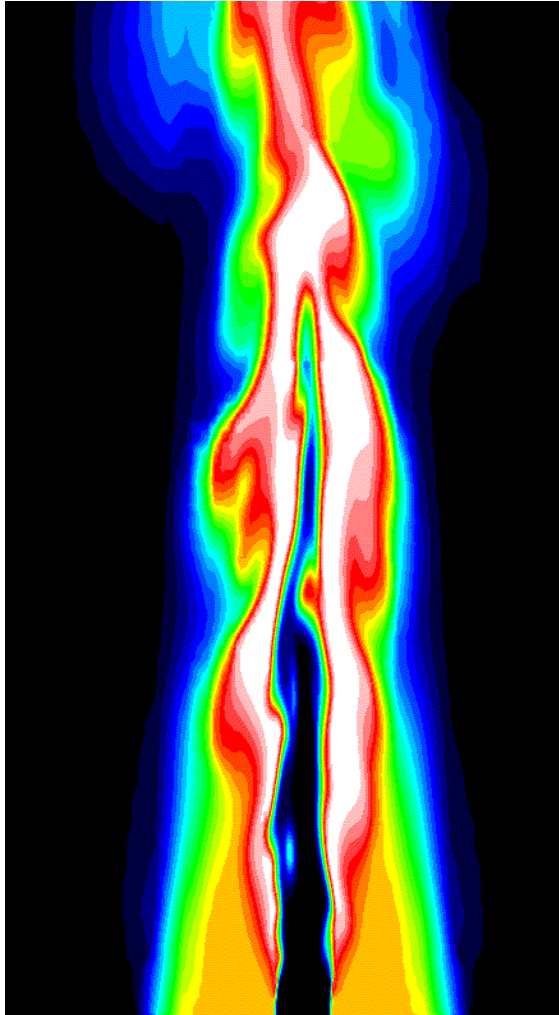
Temperature: 300-900 K

All range of eq. ratios

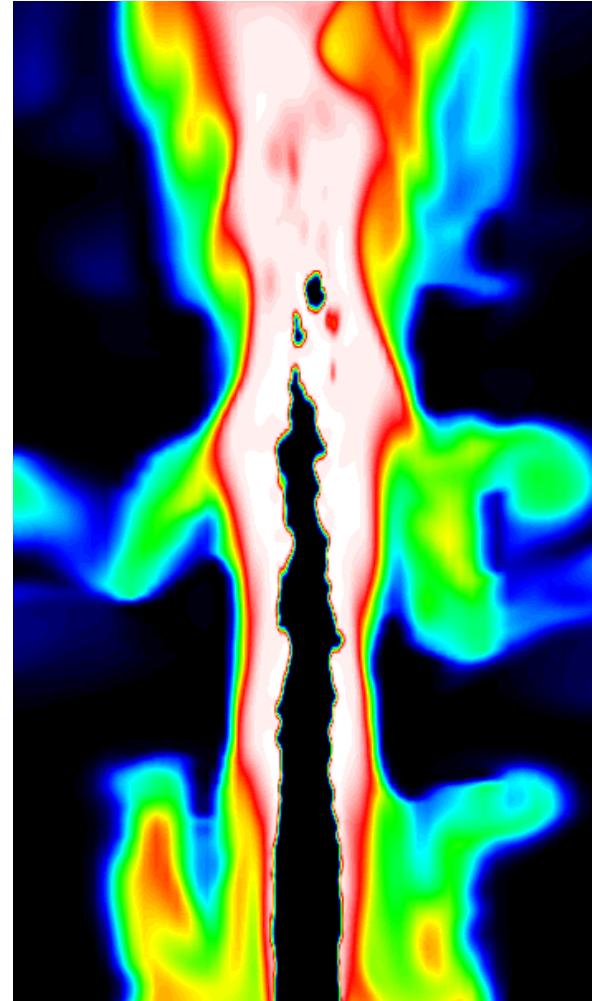
EGR: 0-60%

Advantages of the FTPM

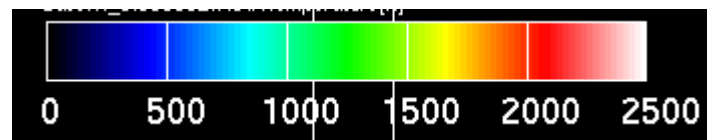
Standard combustion model (CFM)



Flame tracking-particle method

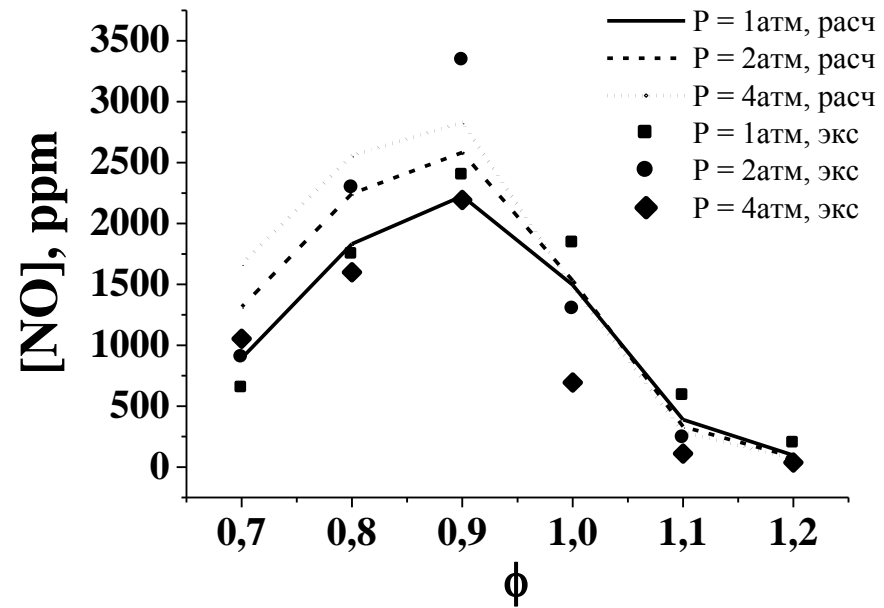
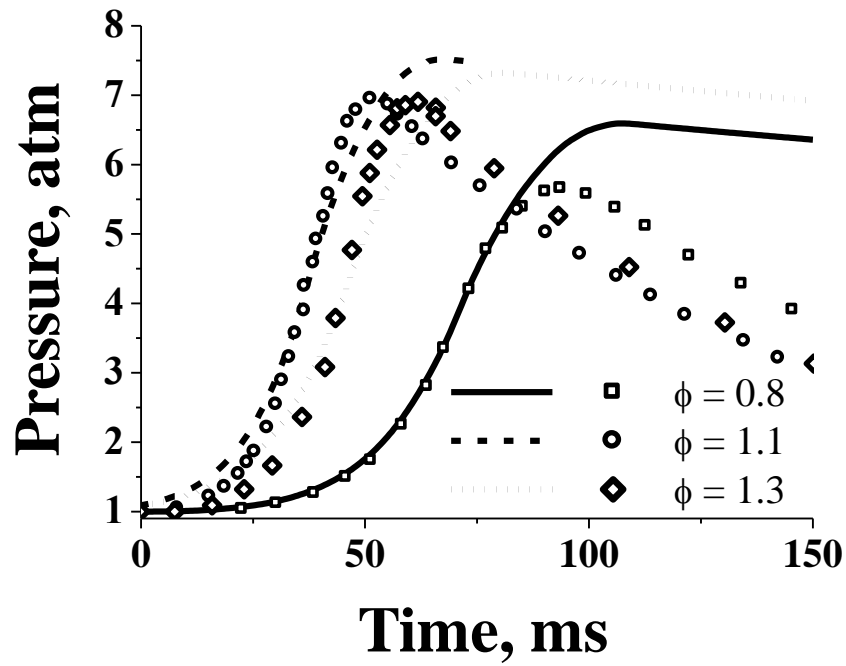
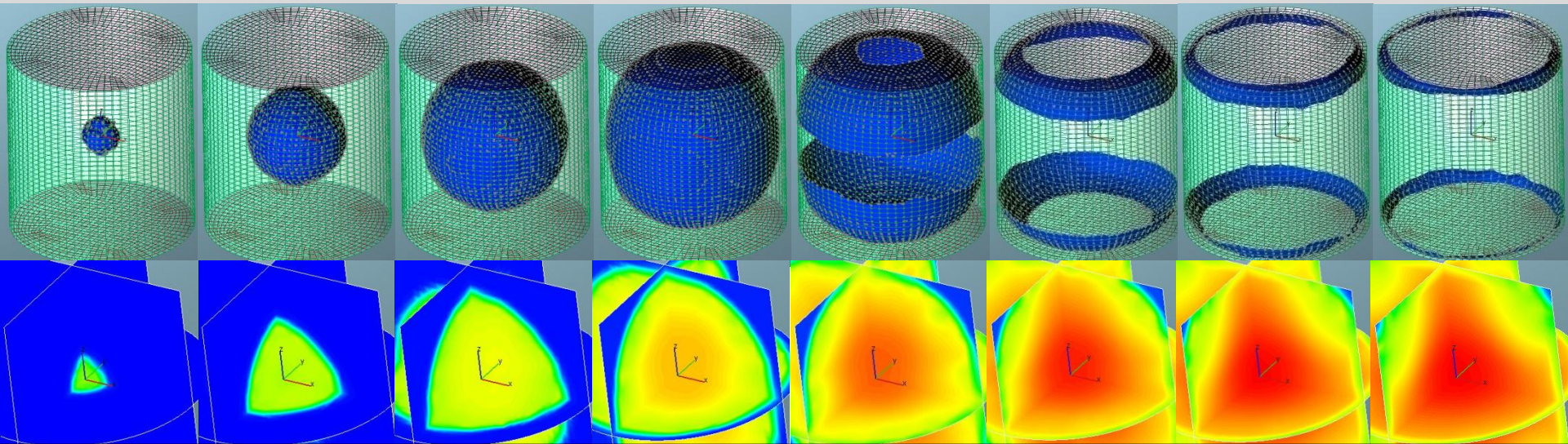


Temperature



Validation:
Combustion in enclosures (RANS)

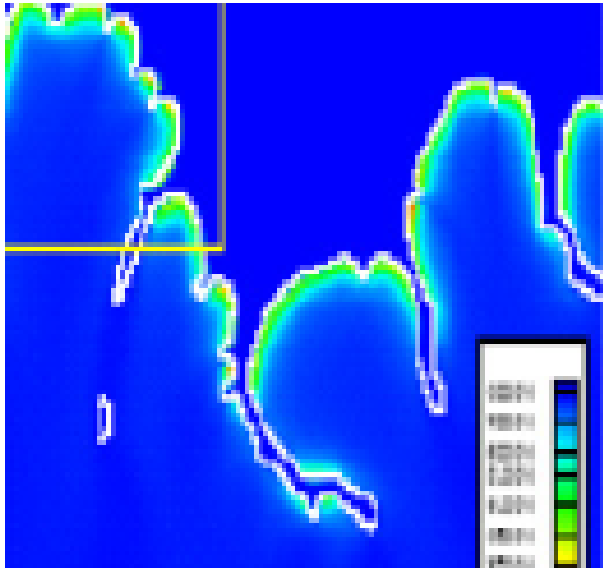
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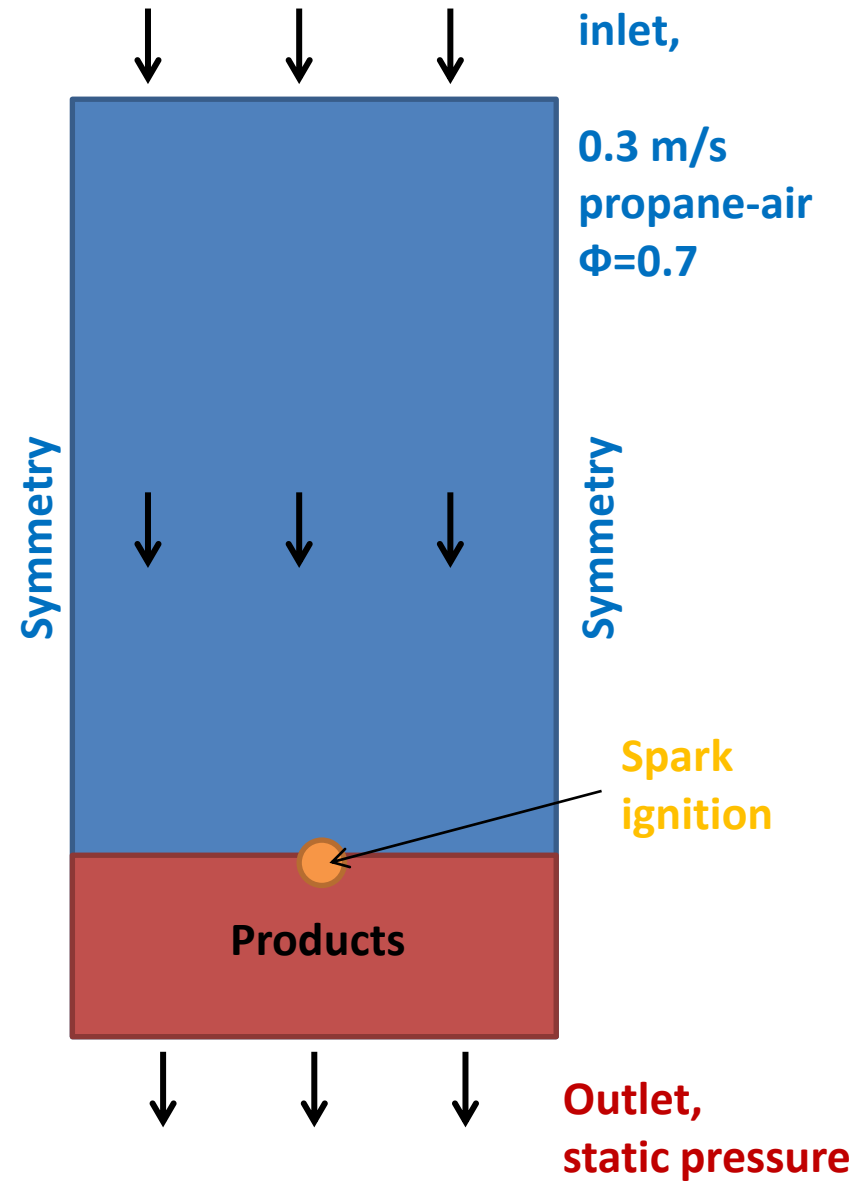
Validation:
Test calculations for LES combustion

Simple test case

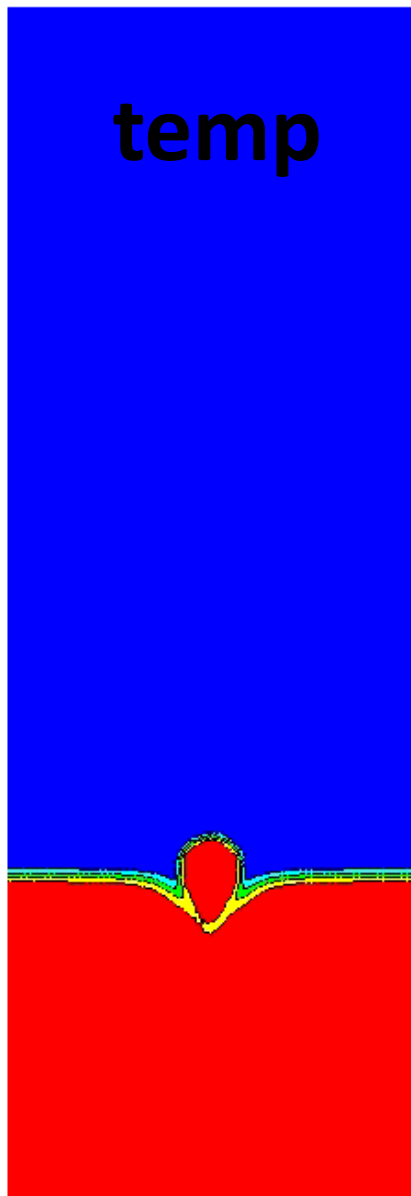
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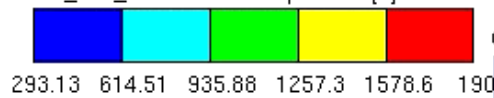
Bell et al.



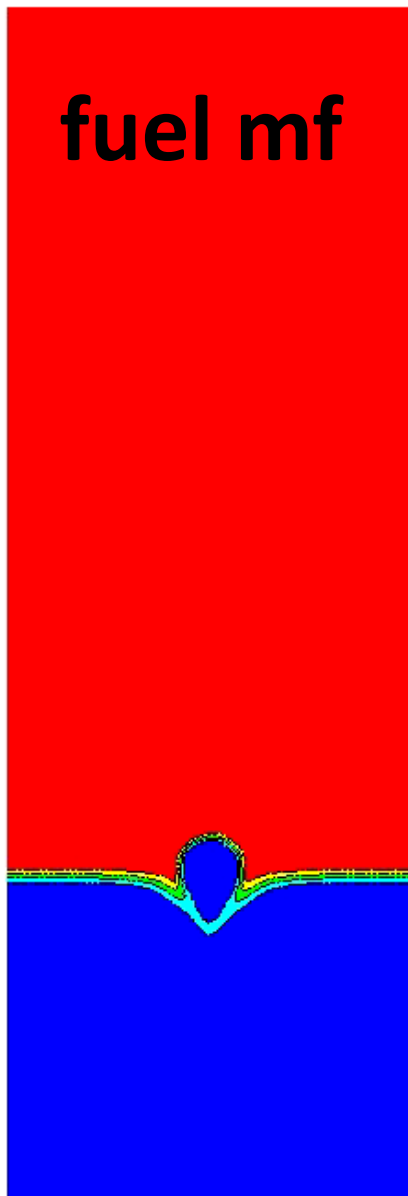
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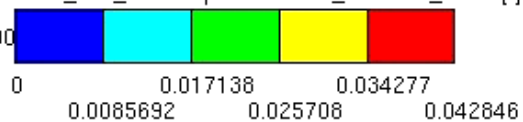
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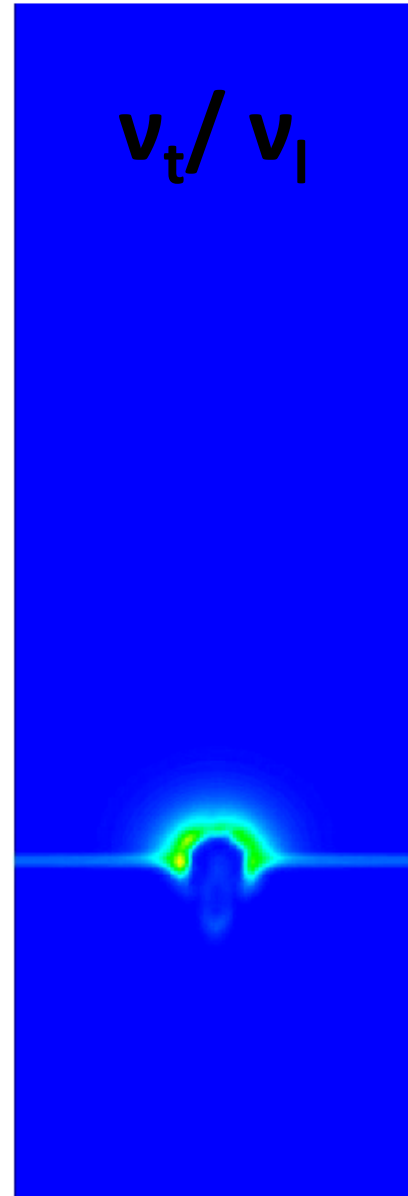
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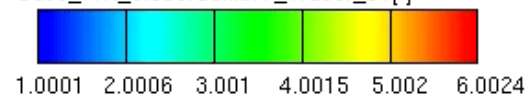
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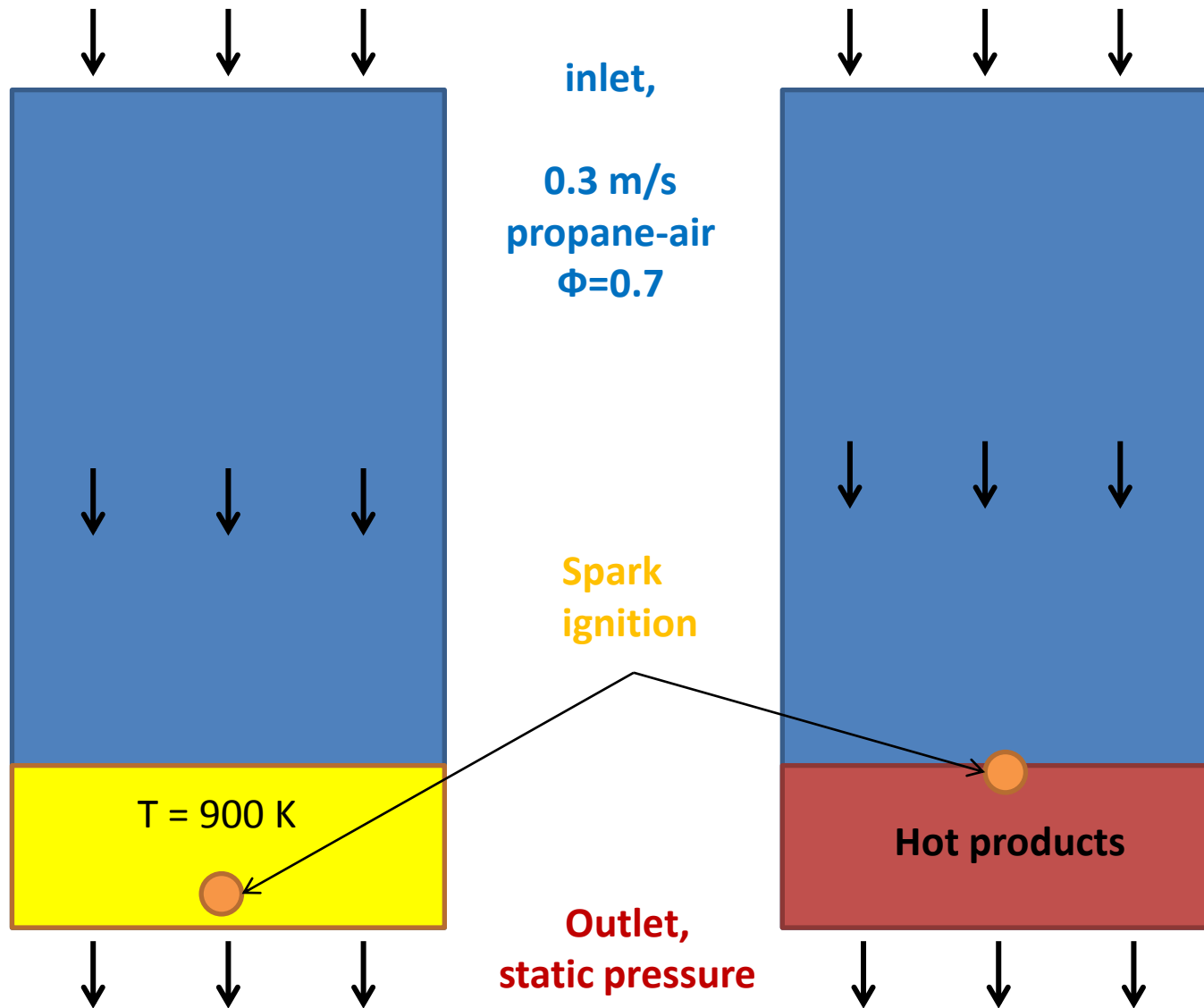
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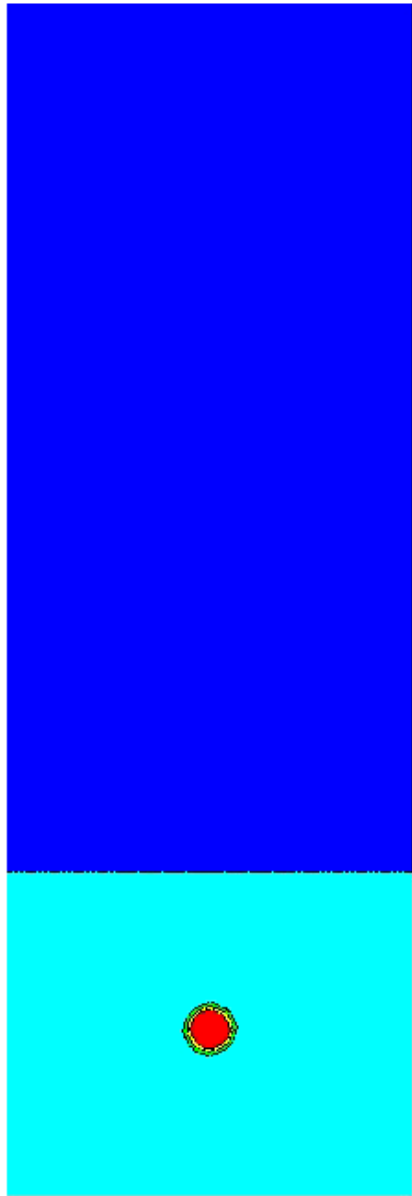
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Different initial conditions

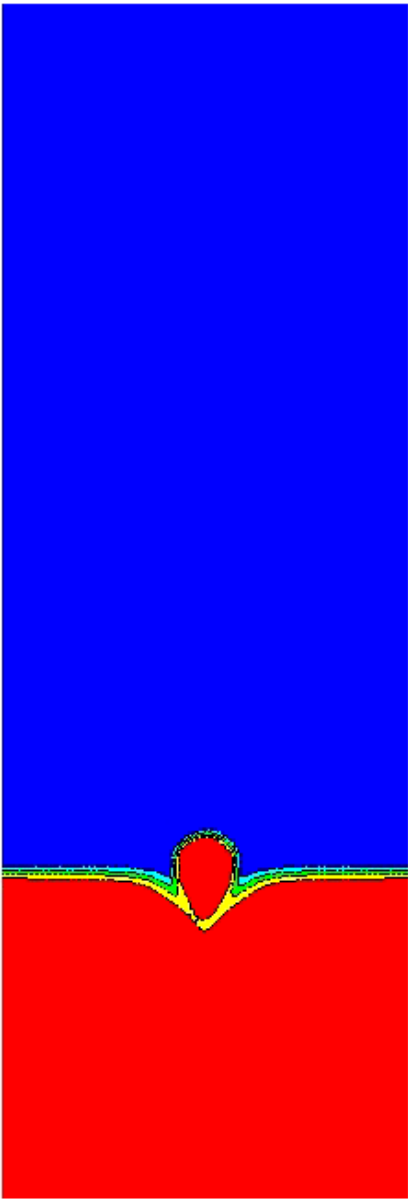


temperature



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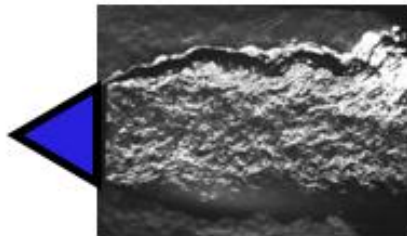
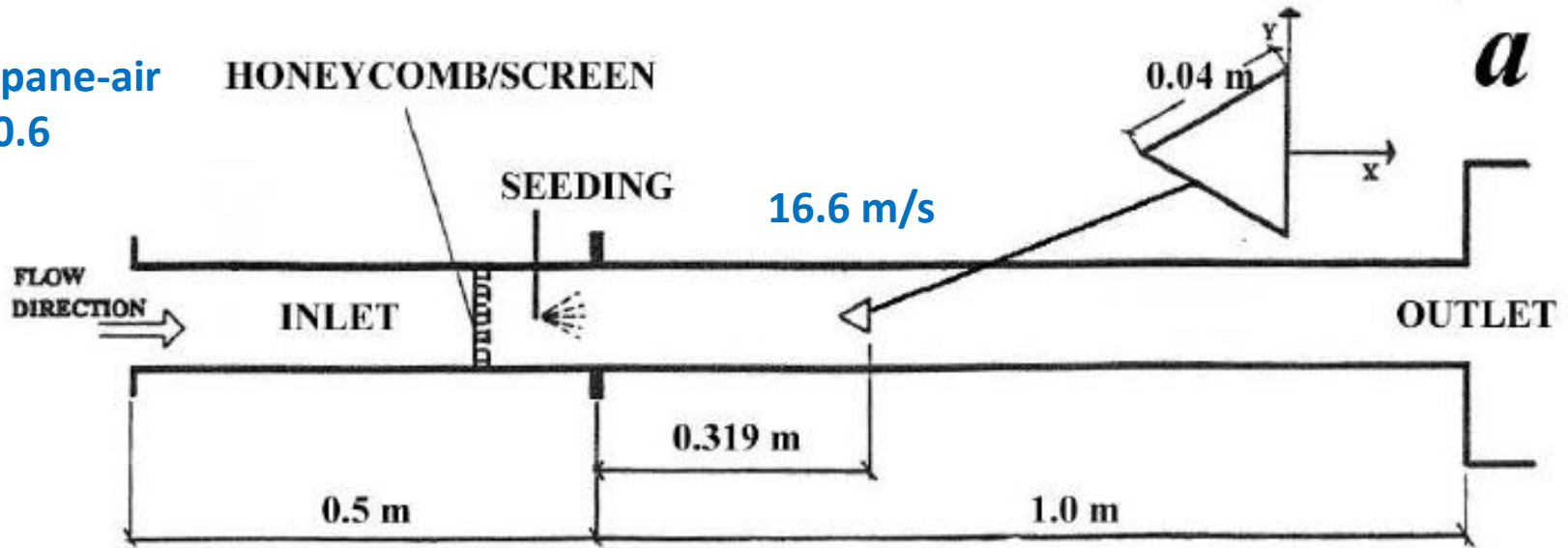
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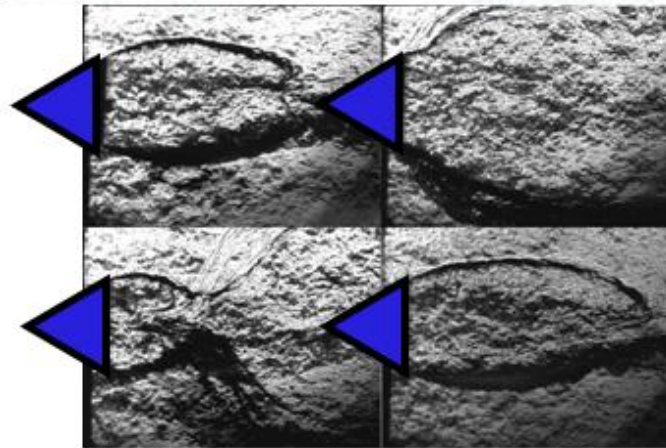
Flame stabilization with flame holder

Experiments

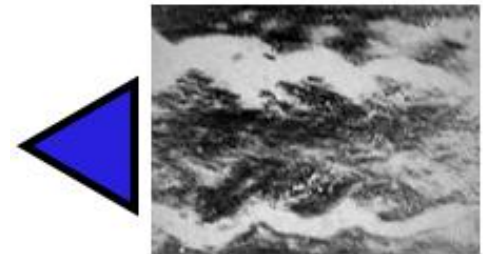
propane-air
 $\Phi=0.6$



Stable flame



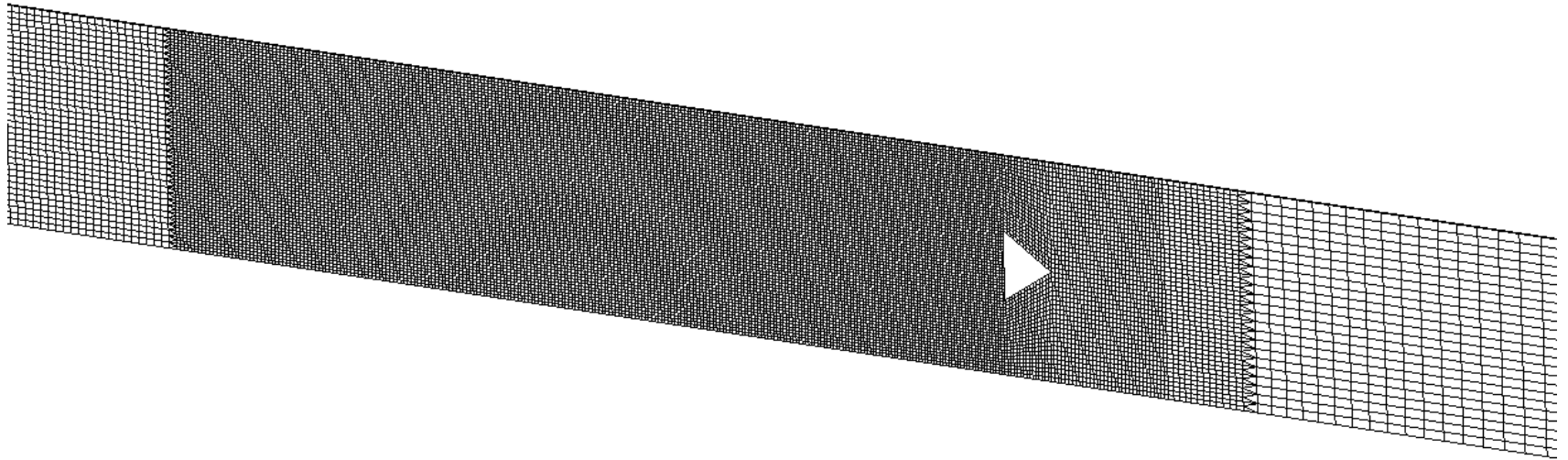
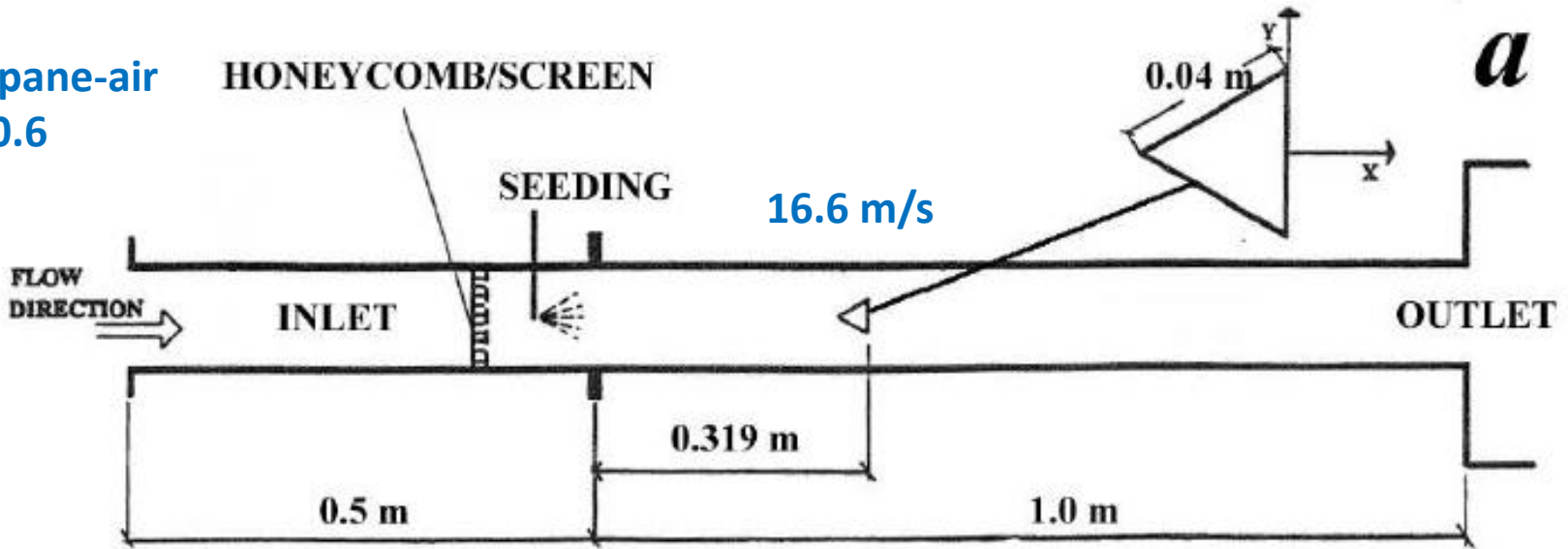
Buzz mode



Screech mode

Experiments

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Animation

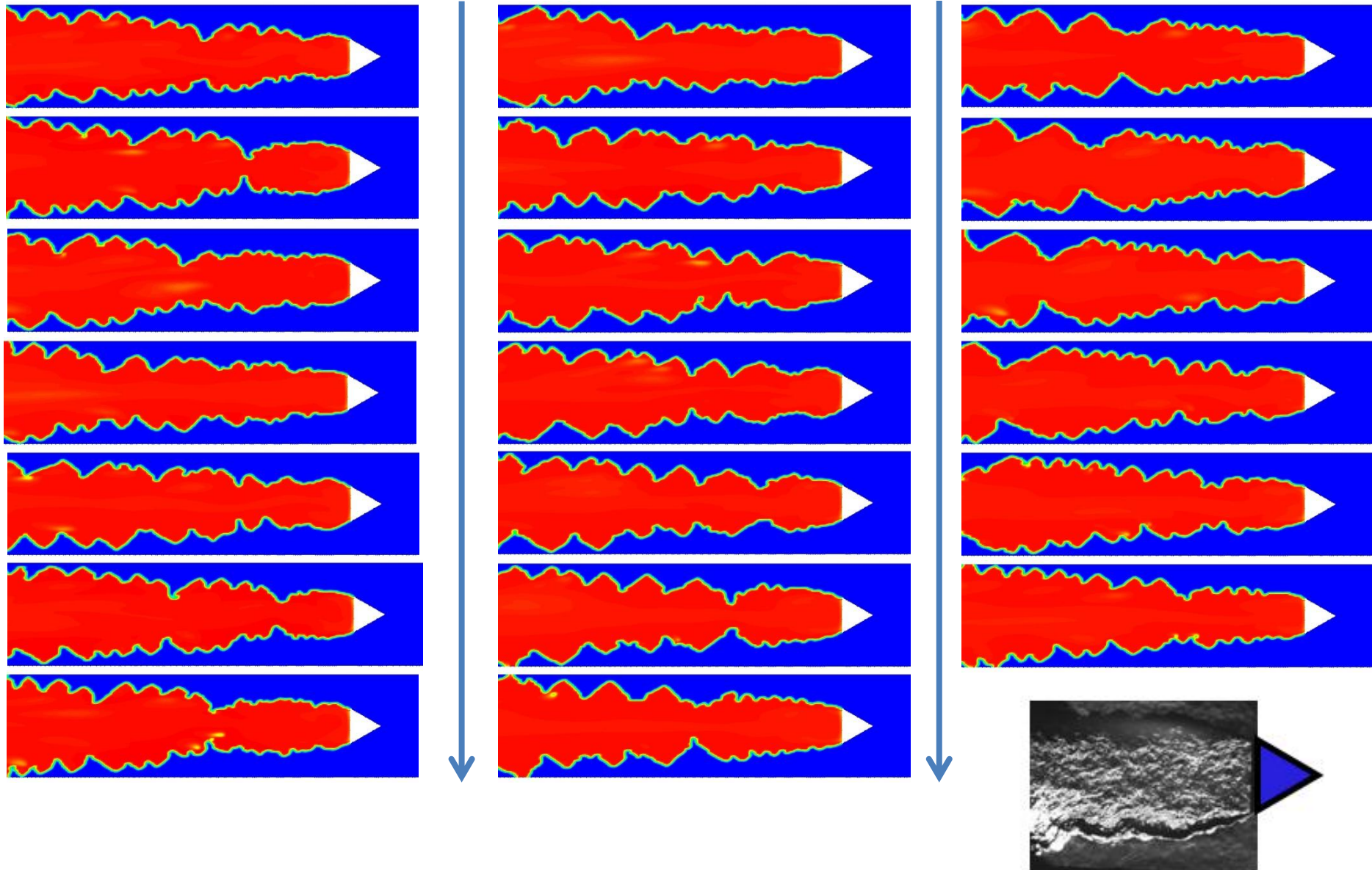


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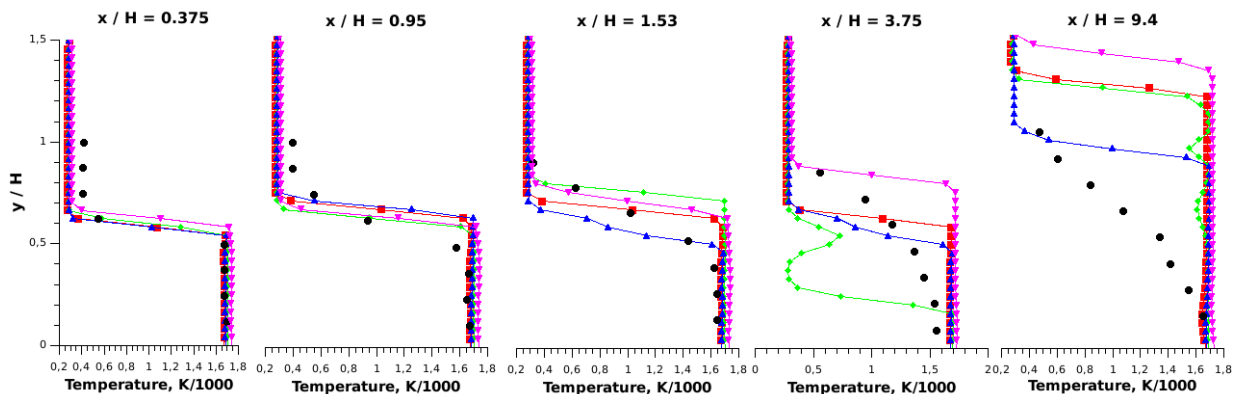
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Temperature snapshots

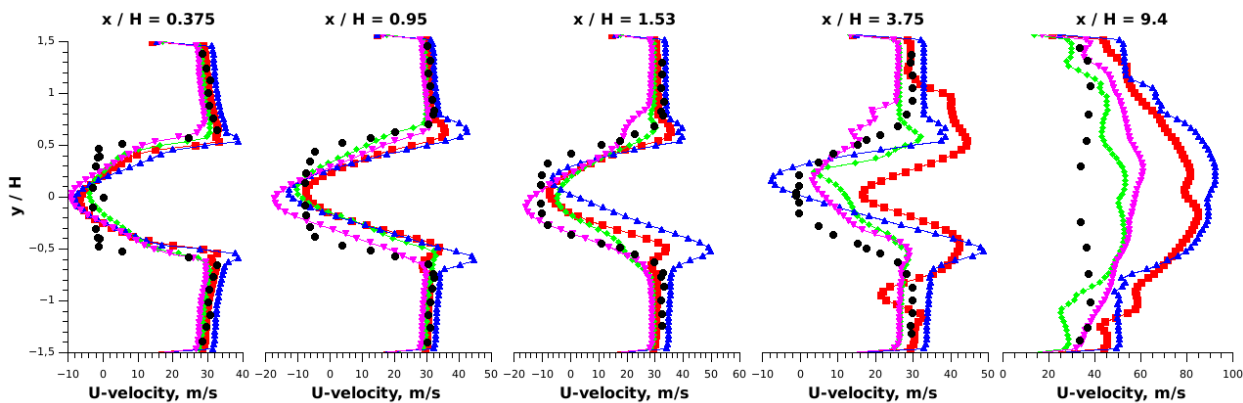


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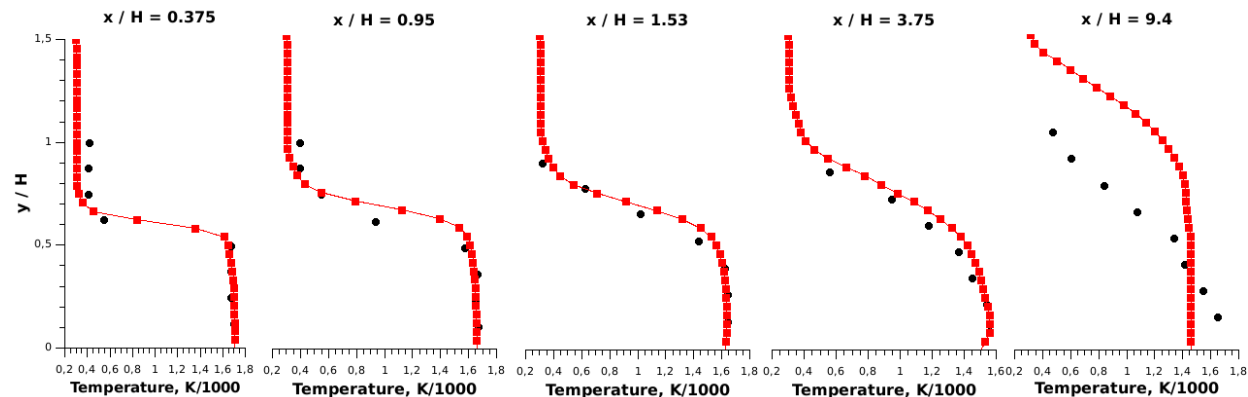
instantaneous profiles
of temperature



instantaneous profiles
of velocity

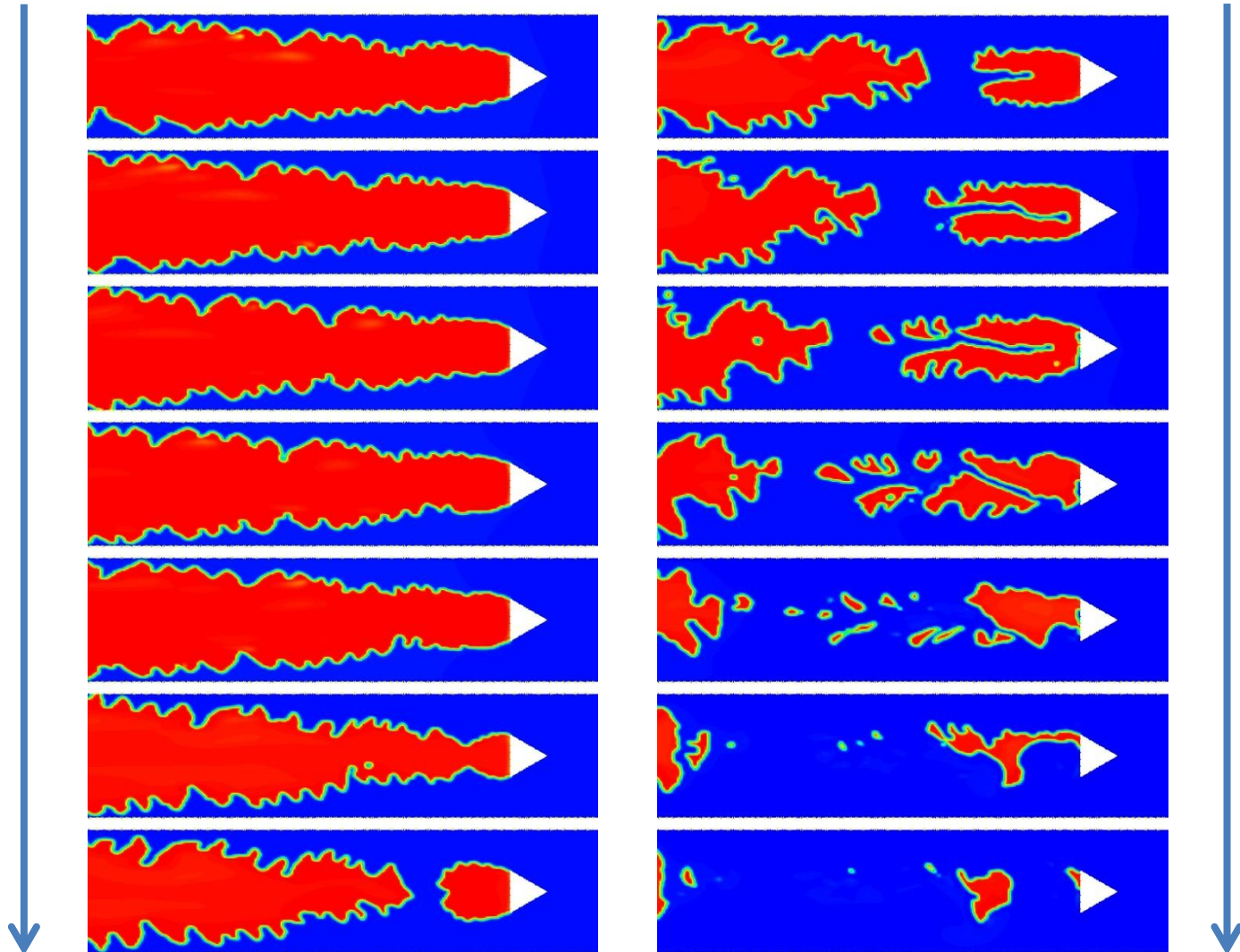


averaged profiles
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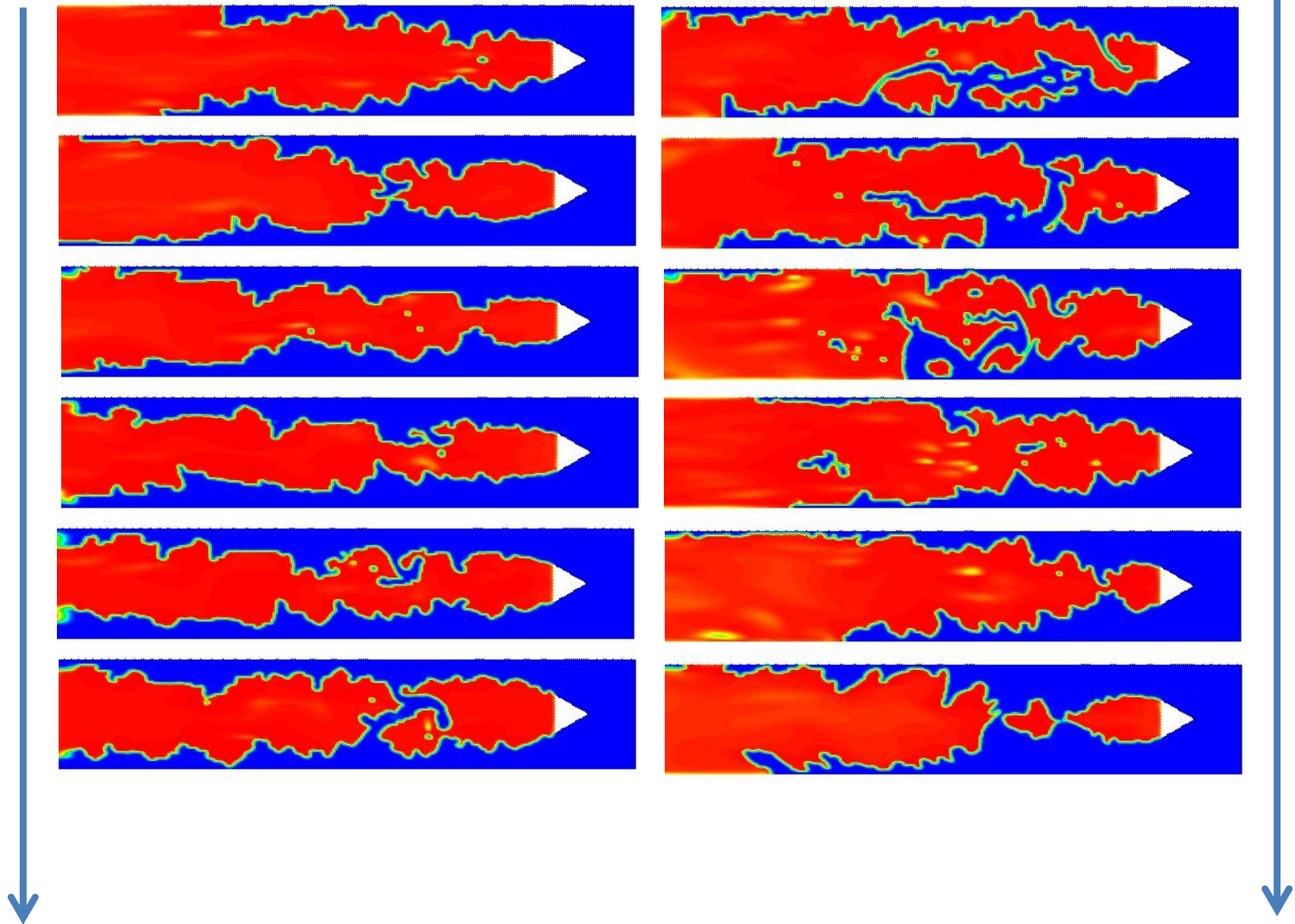
Flame blow-off

increase of stream velocity from 15 to 20 m/s



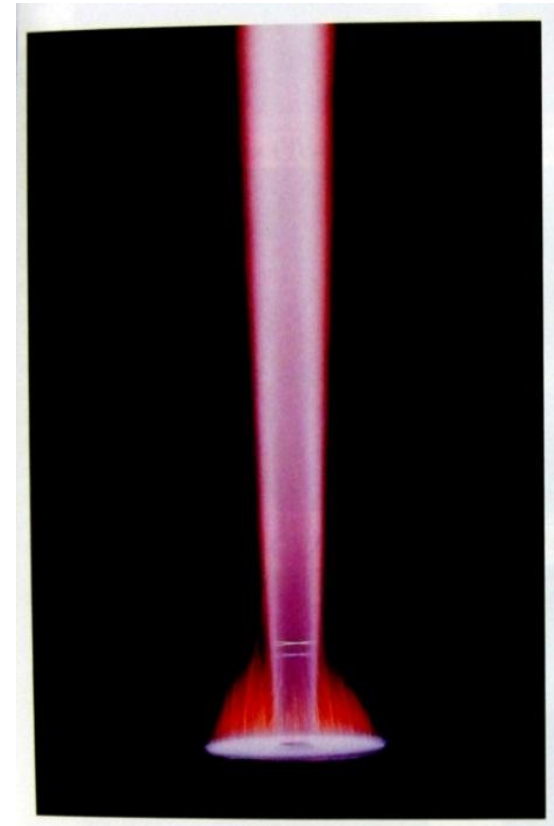
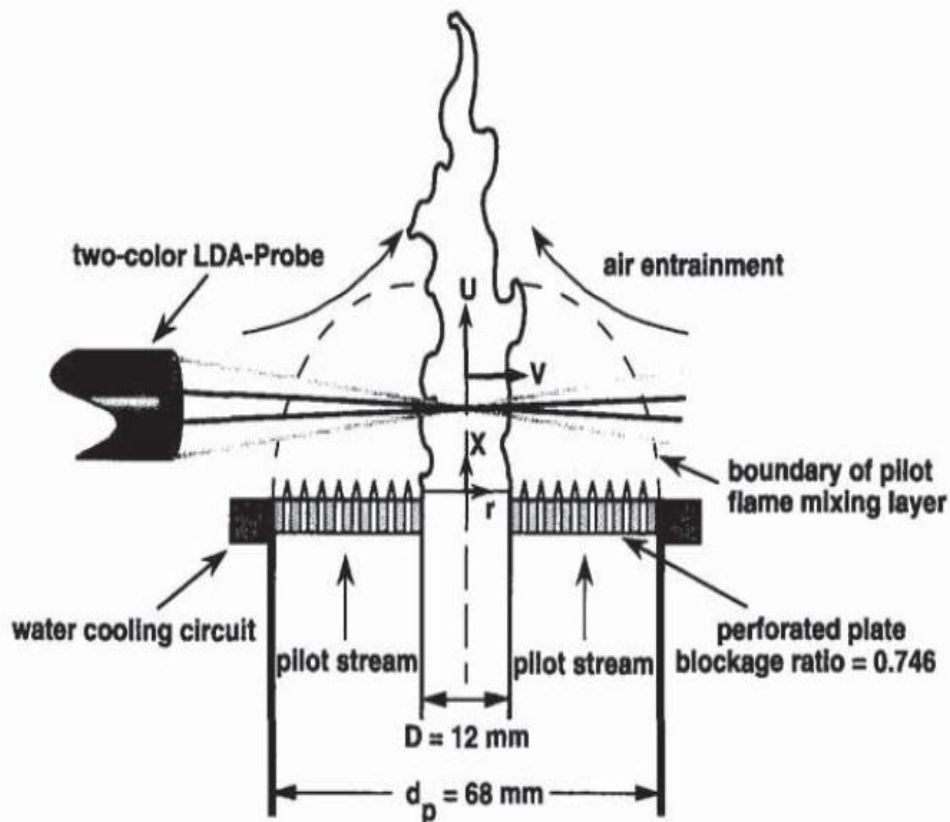
Flame blow-off

change equivalence ratio from 0.7 to 0.6



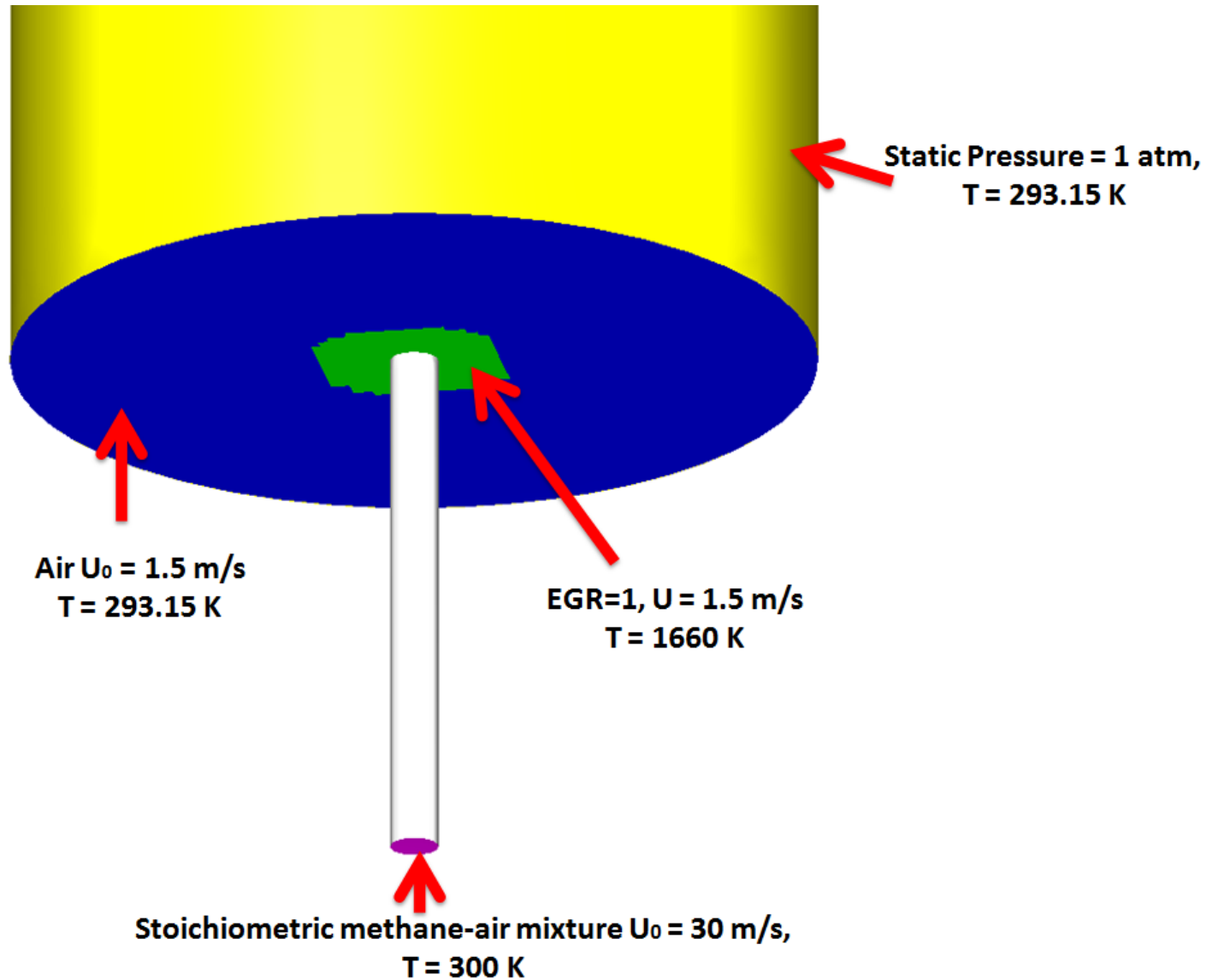
Bunzen burner

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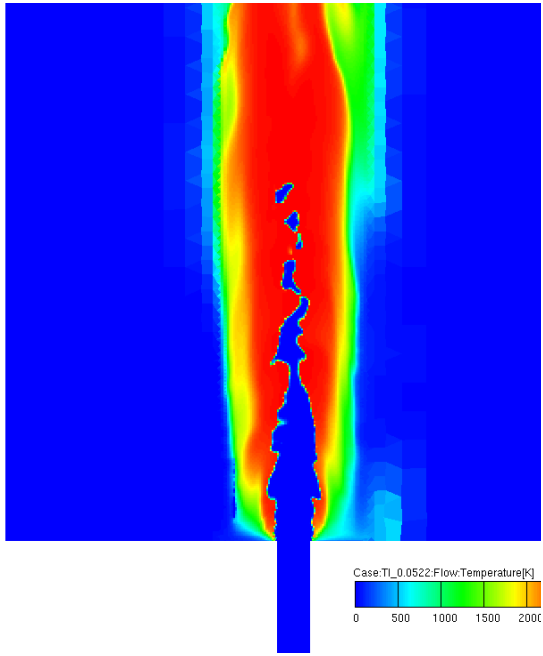
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Computation setup

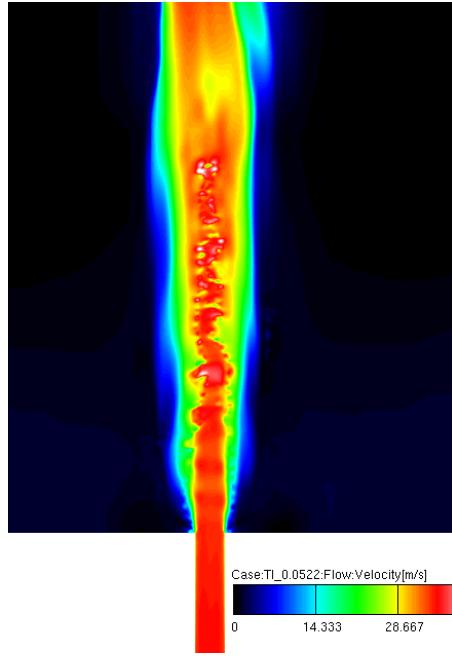


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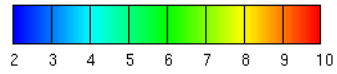
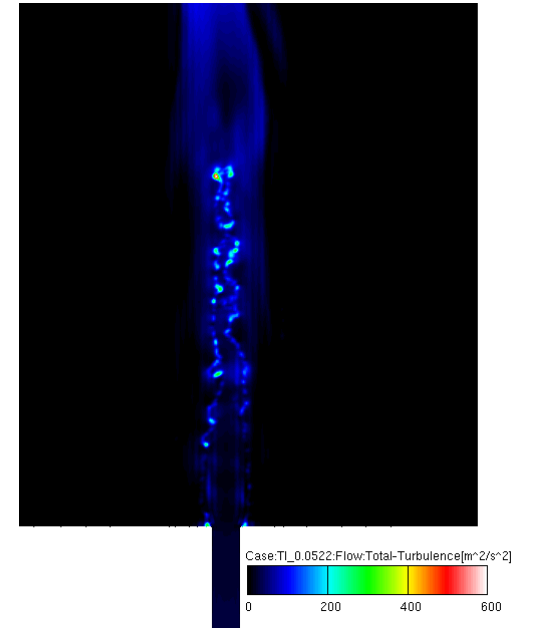
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velocity



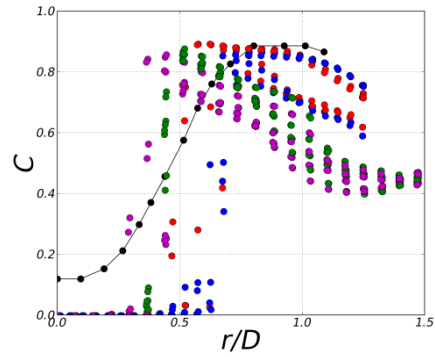
turbulence



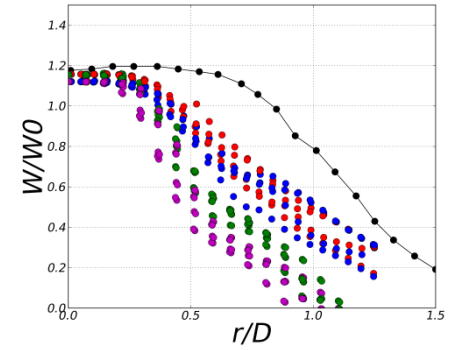
Results

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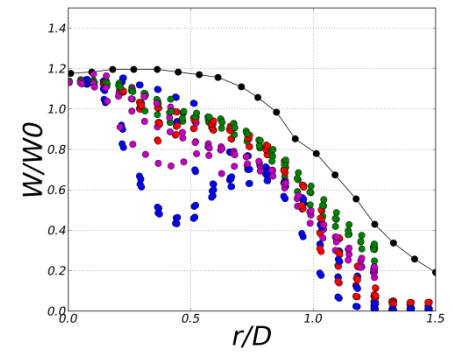
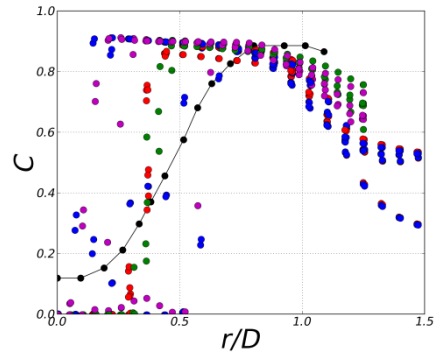
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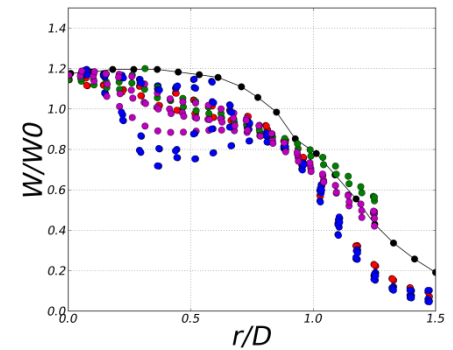
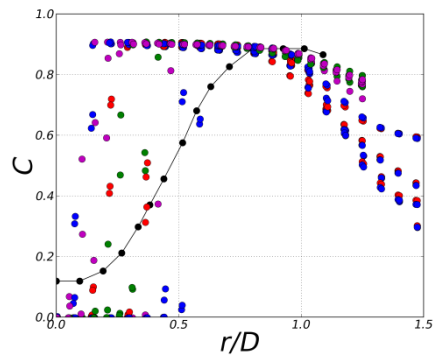
velocity



$x/D = 4.5$



$x/D = 6.5$

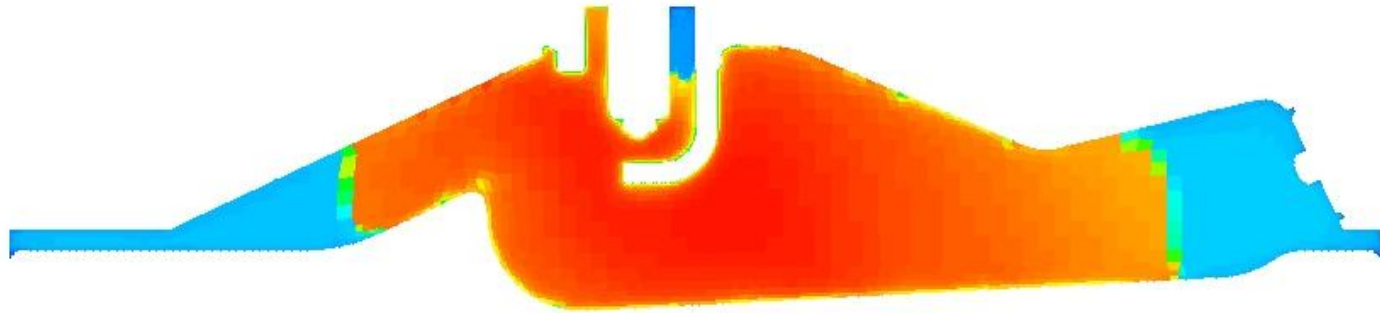


Conclusions

- The algorithm of coupled **Large Eddy Simulation Flame Tracking Method** in 3D geometries has been developed and implemented into a CFD code.
- The method is **(conditionally!) parameter free** and very efficient in terms of CPU requirements.
- Results of calculations were **compared with experimental data**.
- The method can be readily applied to studies of **combustion phenomena in different applications**.

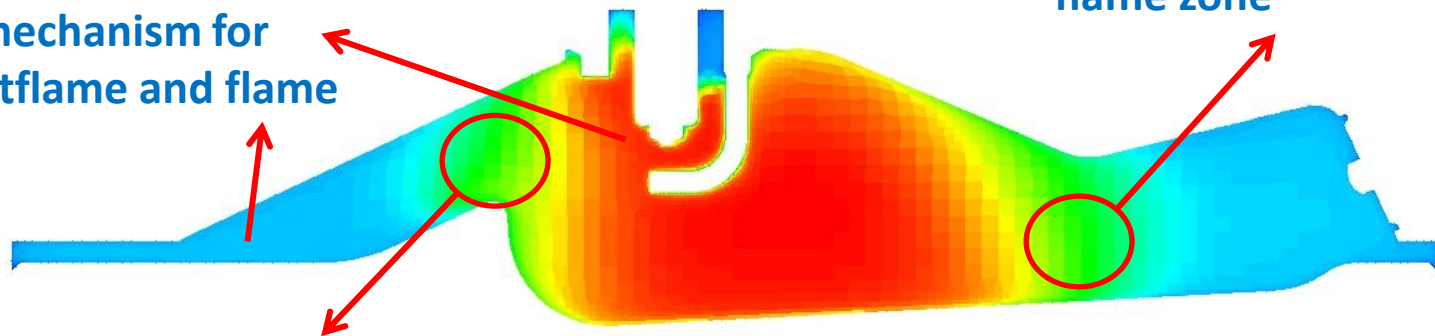
Advantages of the FTPM

Flame tracking-particle method



Standard combustion model (CFM)

One kinetic mechanism for preflame postflame and flame reactions



Autoignition in smooth flame zone

Problem with calculation of the pollutants in the flame