

High Performance Computing and Turbulent Reacting Flows: past and potential trends

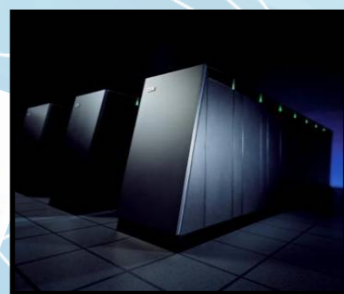
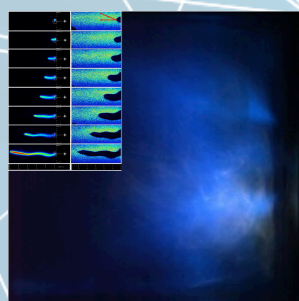
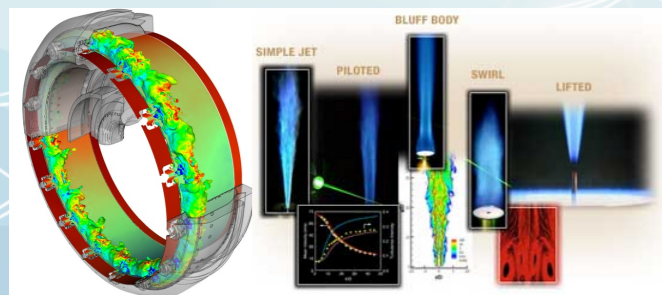
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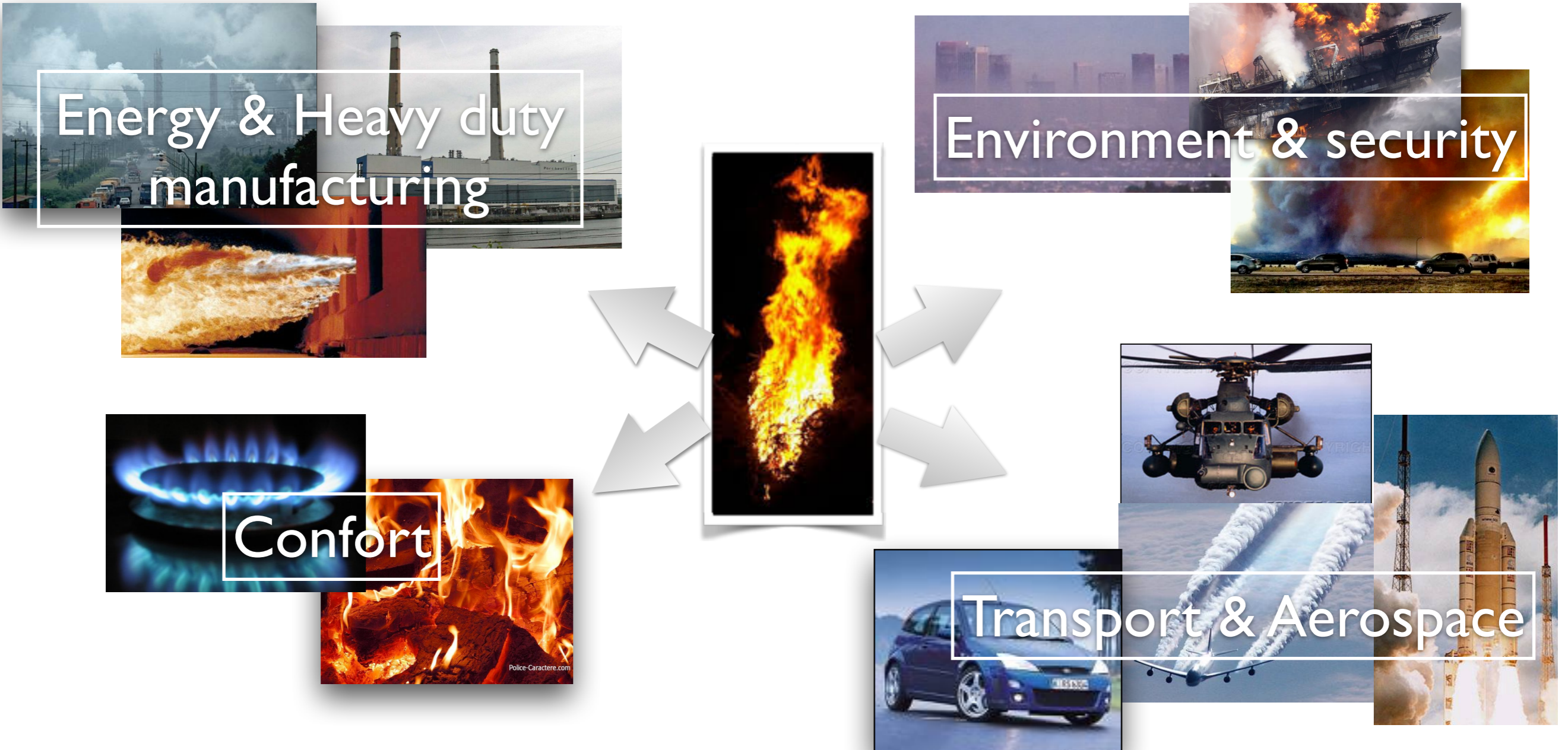
Combustion: An engineering science at the cross-road between *chemistry & fluid mechanics* with strong *technological/industrial and societal* implications

Energy & Heavy duty manufacturing

Environment & security

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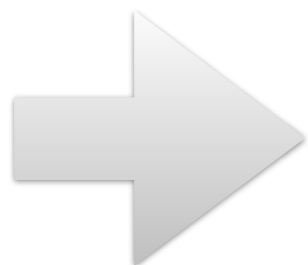
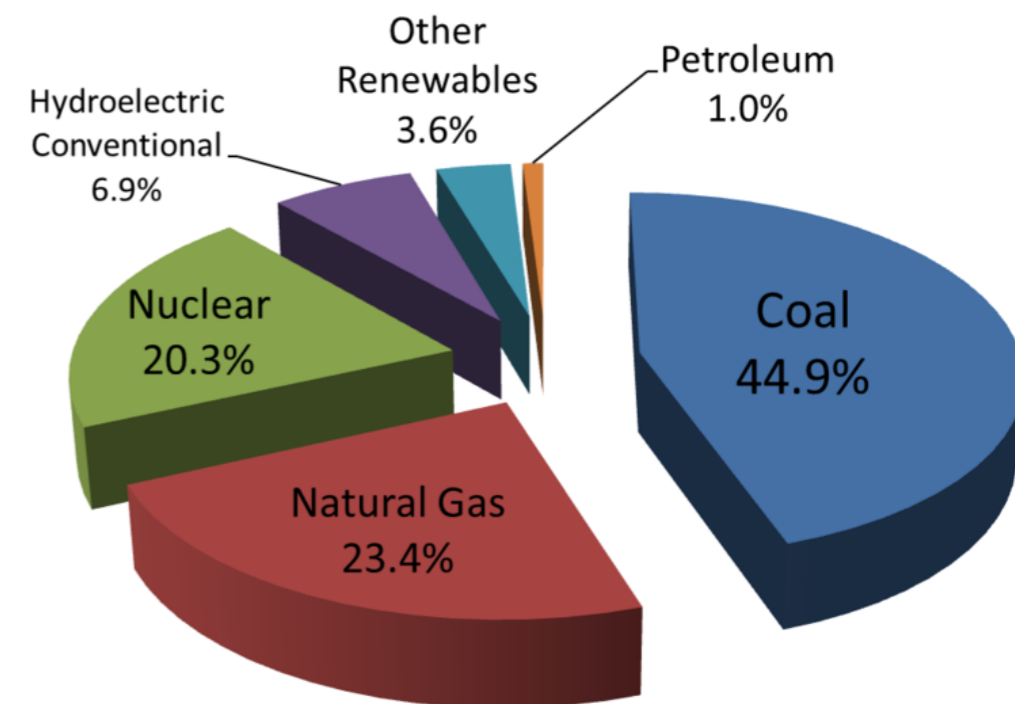


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Recent political and societal awareness impose new guidelines and regulations to energy related industries - ACARE 2020, ICAO

- **Combustion equals 80% of the energy produced worldwide**
- Control climate change with increased access to renewable energies while better managing available fossil fuel resources
- Sustain the global demand for energy (+ 2.6%)
- Improve existing technology efficiencies and emission productions...

2009 U.S. Electricity Generation by Source

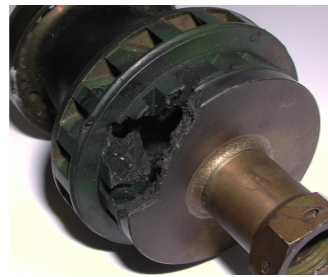


Although combustion has been around for quite some time (1st gas turbine & piston engines produced in chain by early 1900's), the research / engineering community is faced with quite a challenge !!

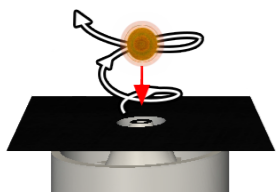
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Lean Premixed (LP) combustion is a concept that has been known for quite a while. It never made it in the GT early development phases because it comes with major problems:

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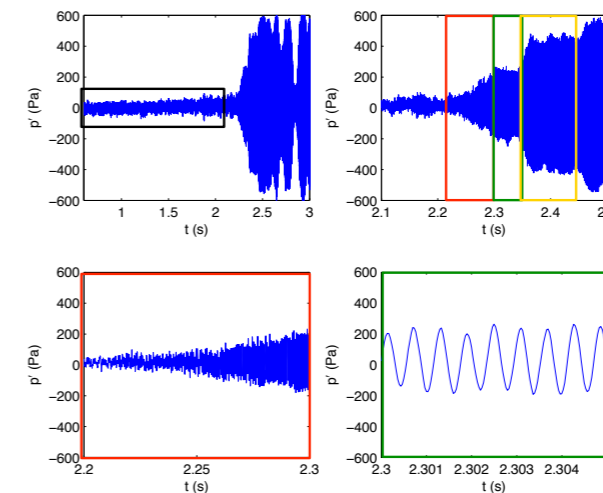


- Ignition issues



- ... etc

- Thermo acoustic instabilities



Courtesy of Worth and Dawson (private communication)



What made the difference is an improved understanding of «*combustion dynamics*» through **CFD turbulent reacting flow models** addressing fundamental, *laboratory scale burners as well as real burner complex flows*.

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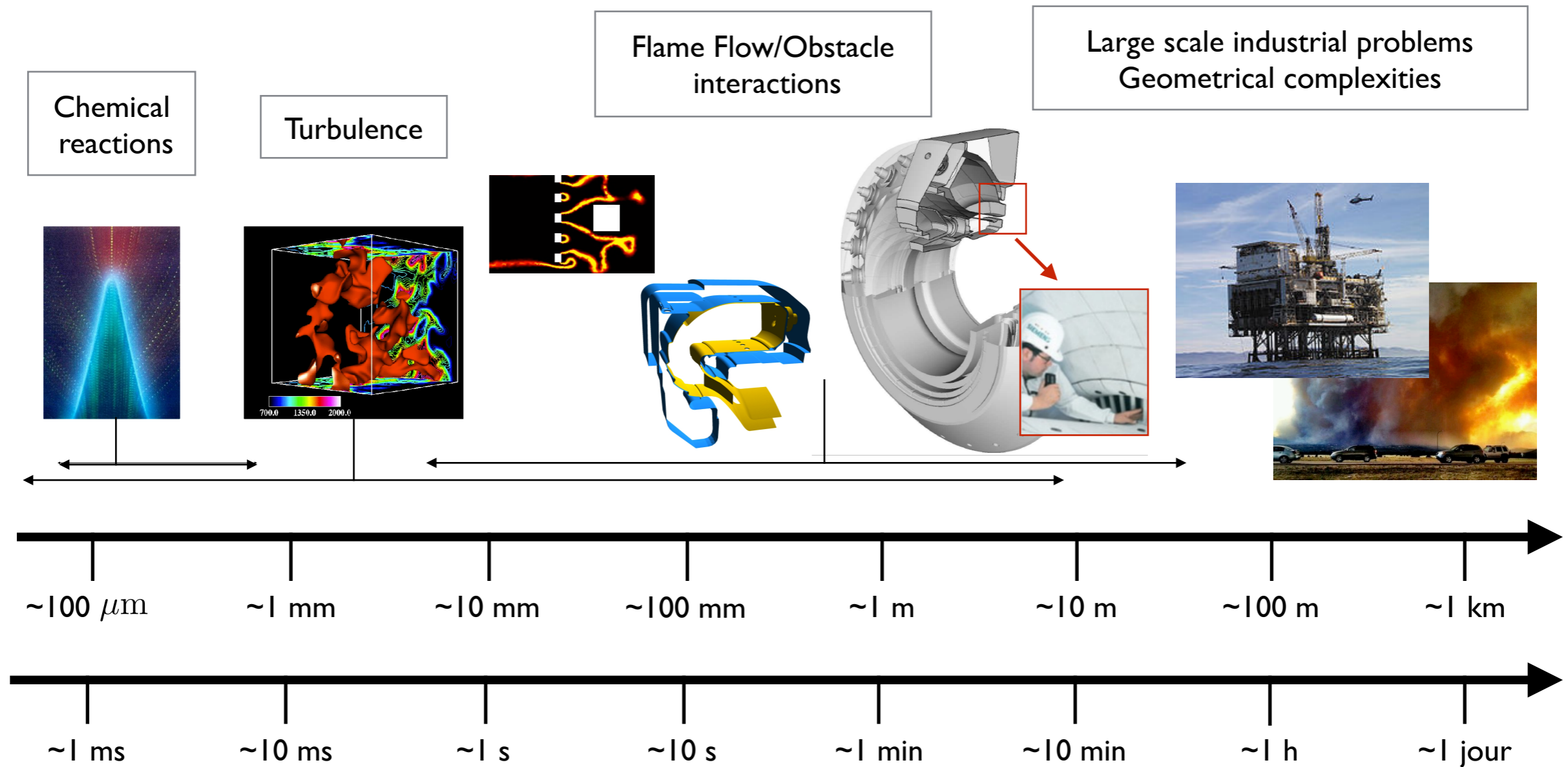
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Turbulent reacting flows have been from the beginning studied and theoretically addressed as true/pure multi-scale multi-physics problems:



I) Modeling

To go forward (whatever the context) different approaches were naturally proposed in the 1980's, 1990's and on:

- No trade-of (i.e. solve everything): **DNS**
However restrained to simple flows
- To address more complex problems modeling is introduced so to have a tractable CFD solution:

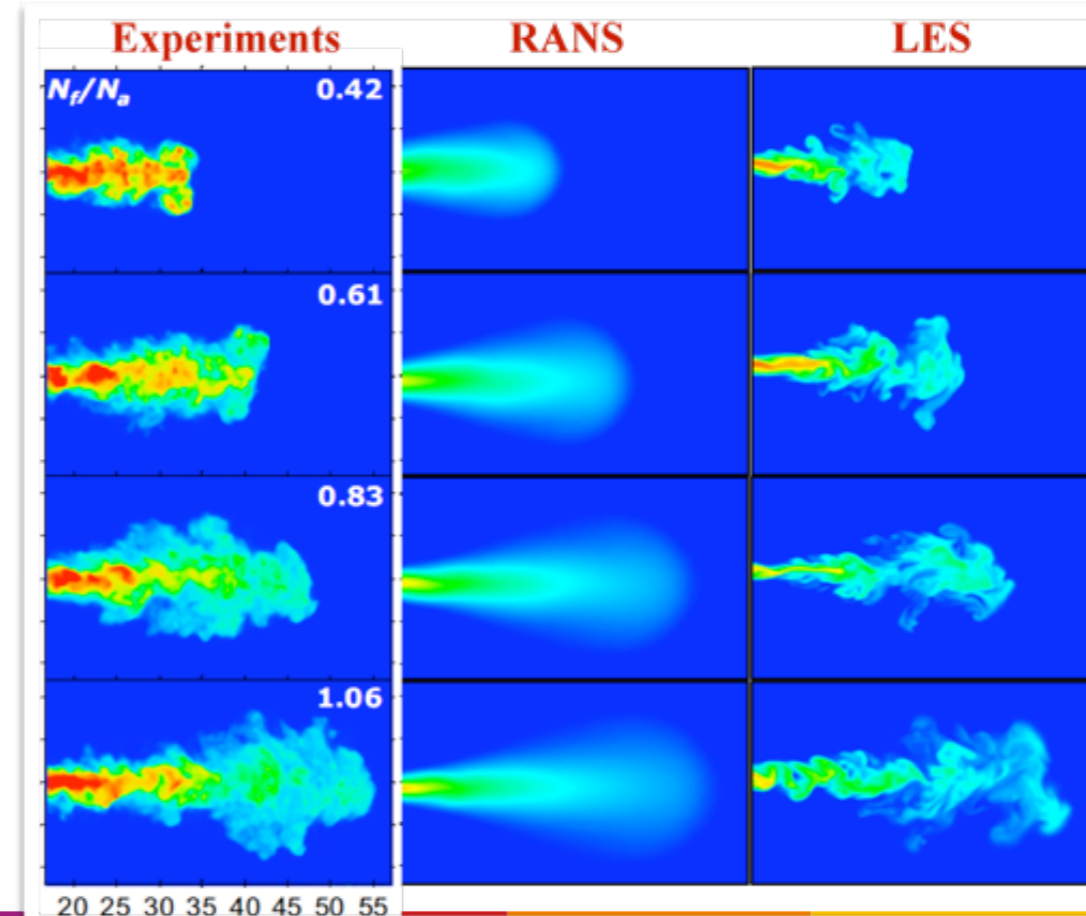
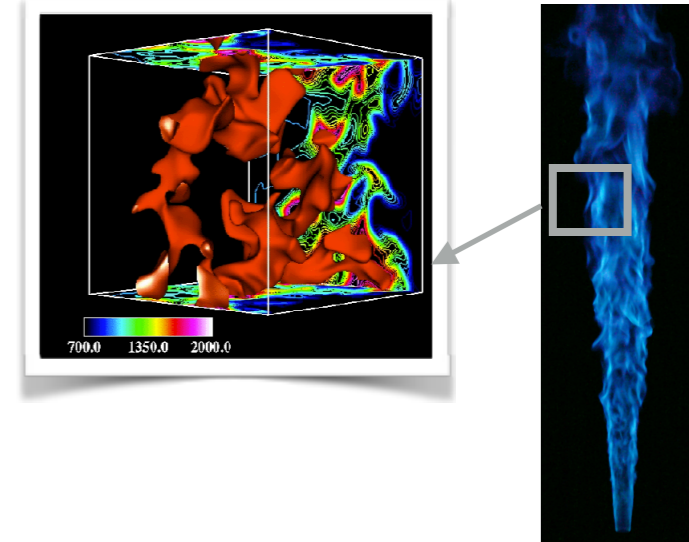
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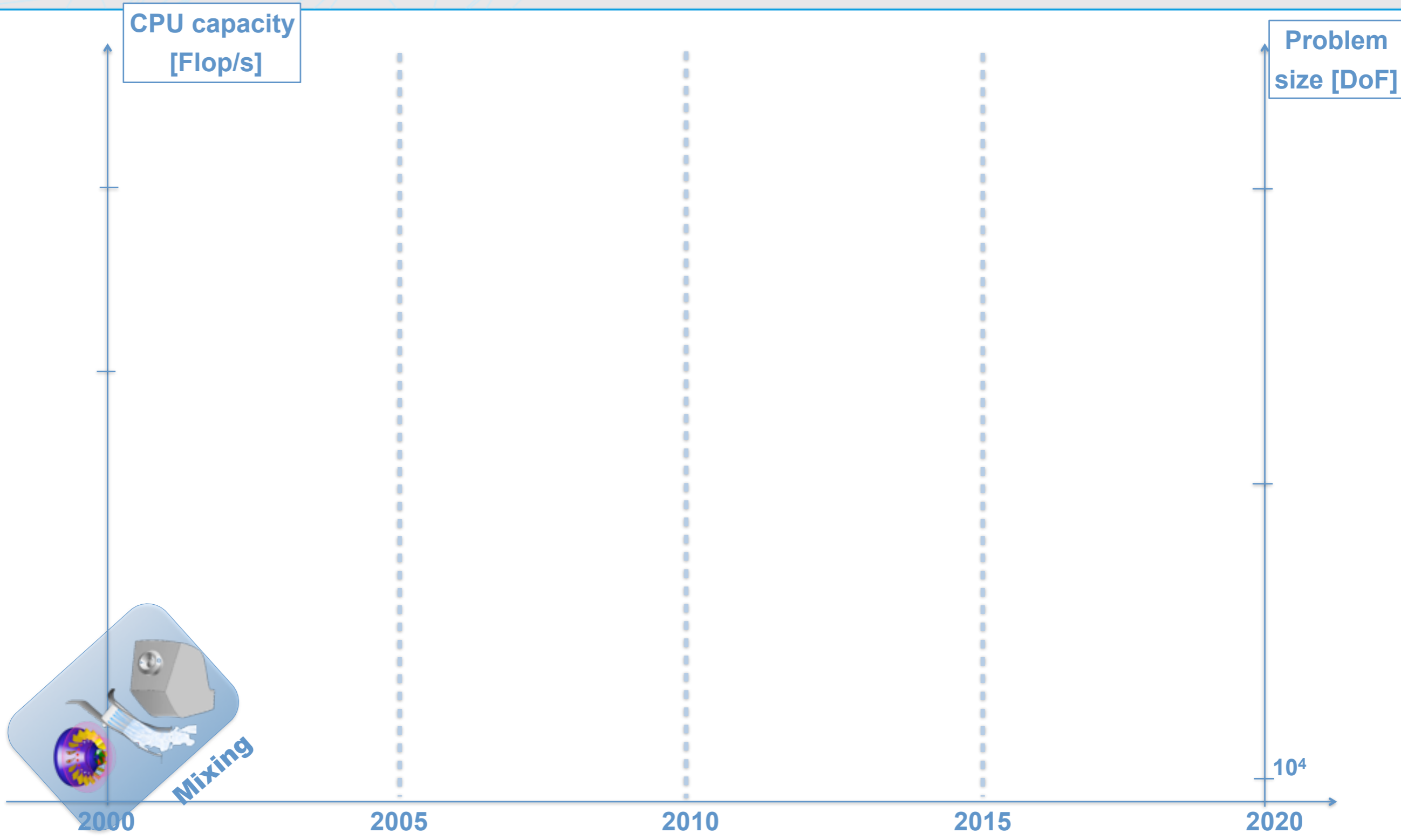
RANS (steady) or **URANS** (unsteady)

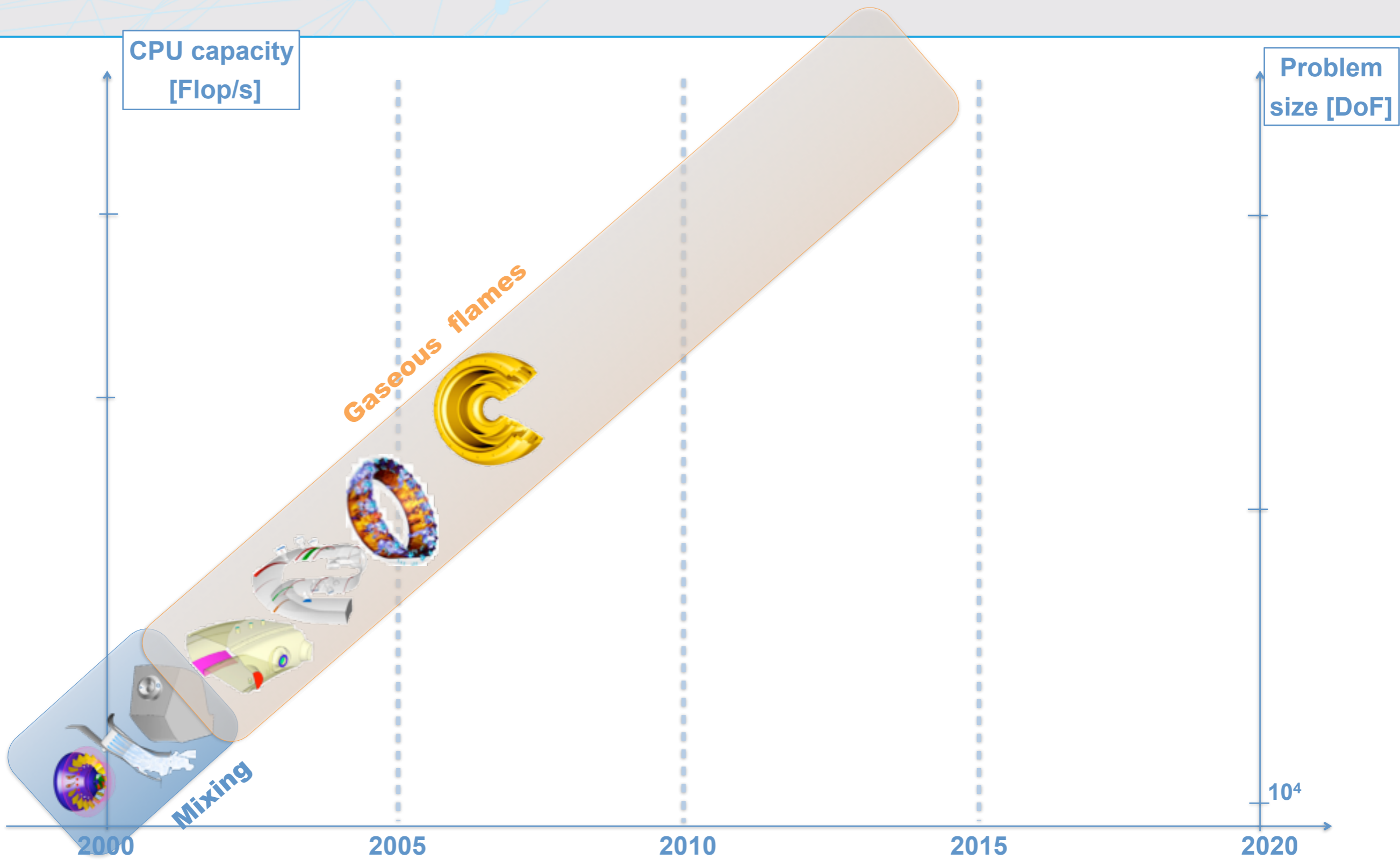
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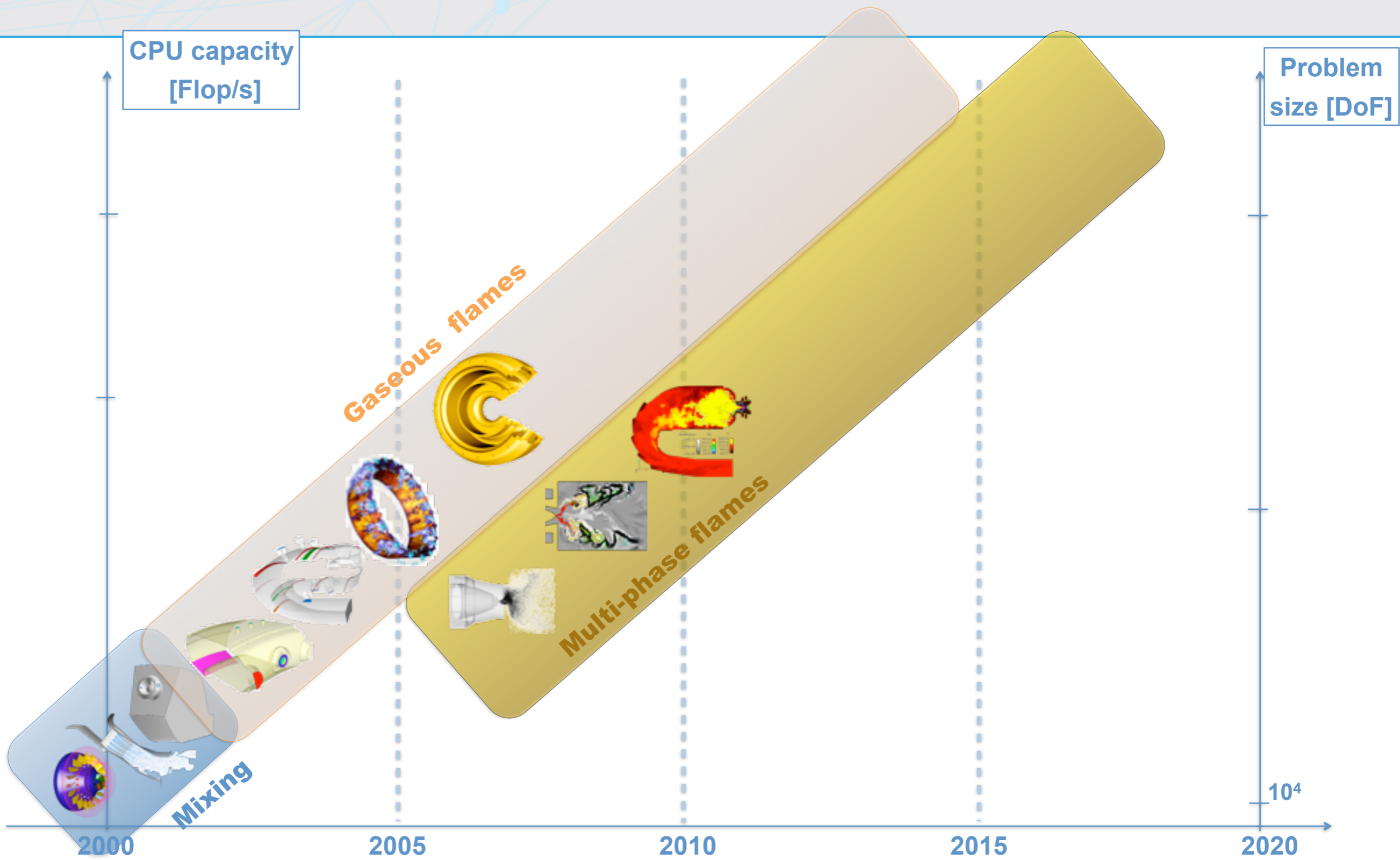
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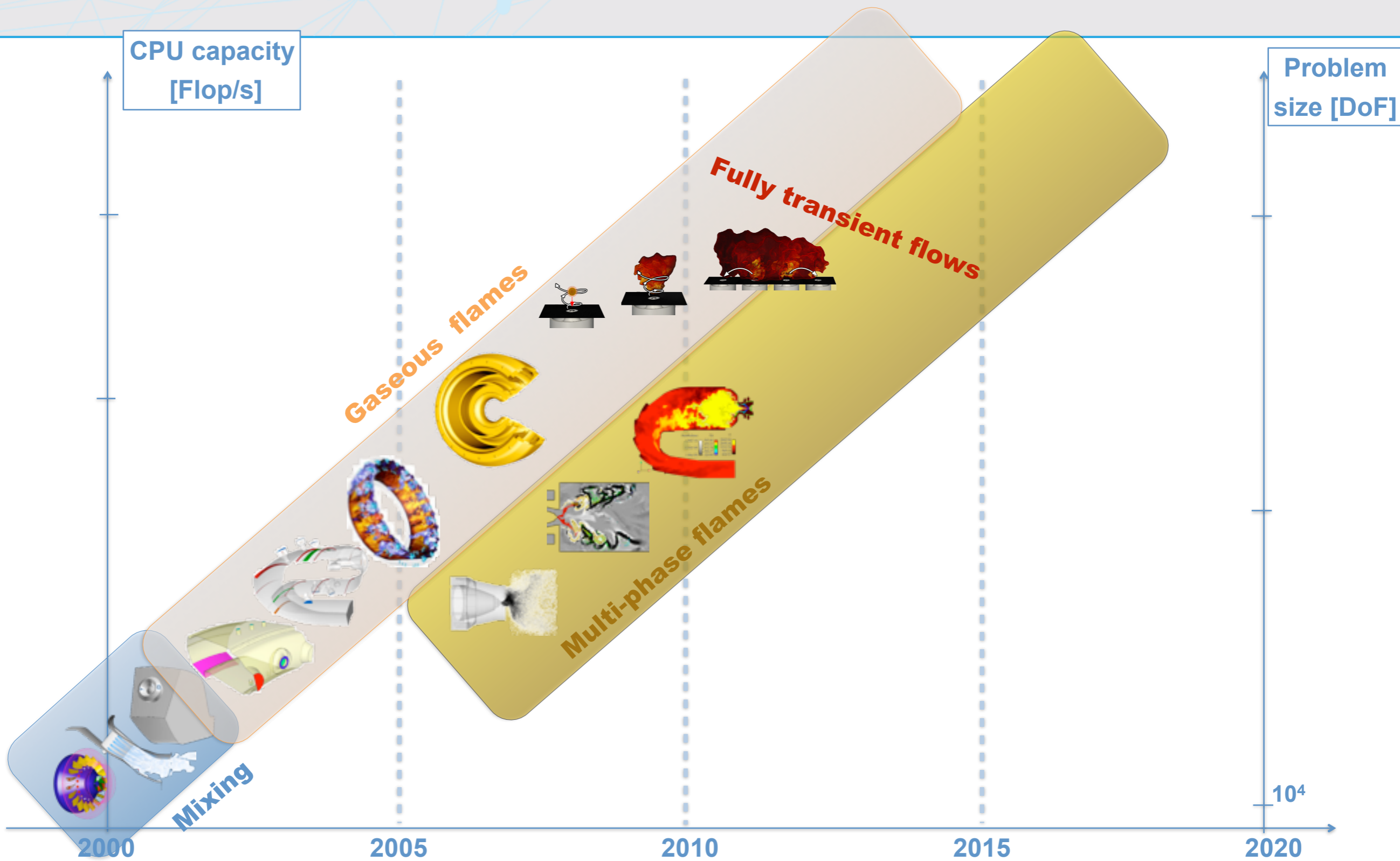
- Reduced chemistry, turbulence model, turbulence/chemistry models...







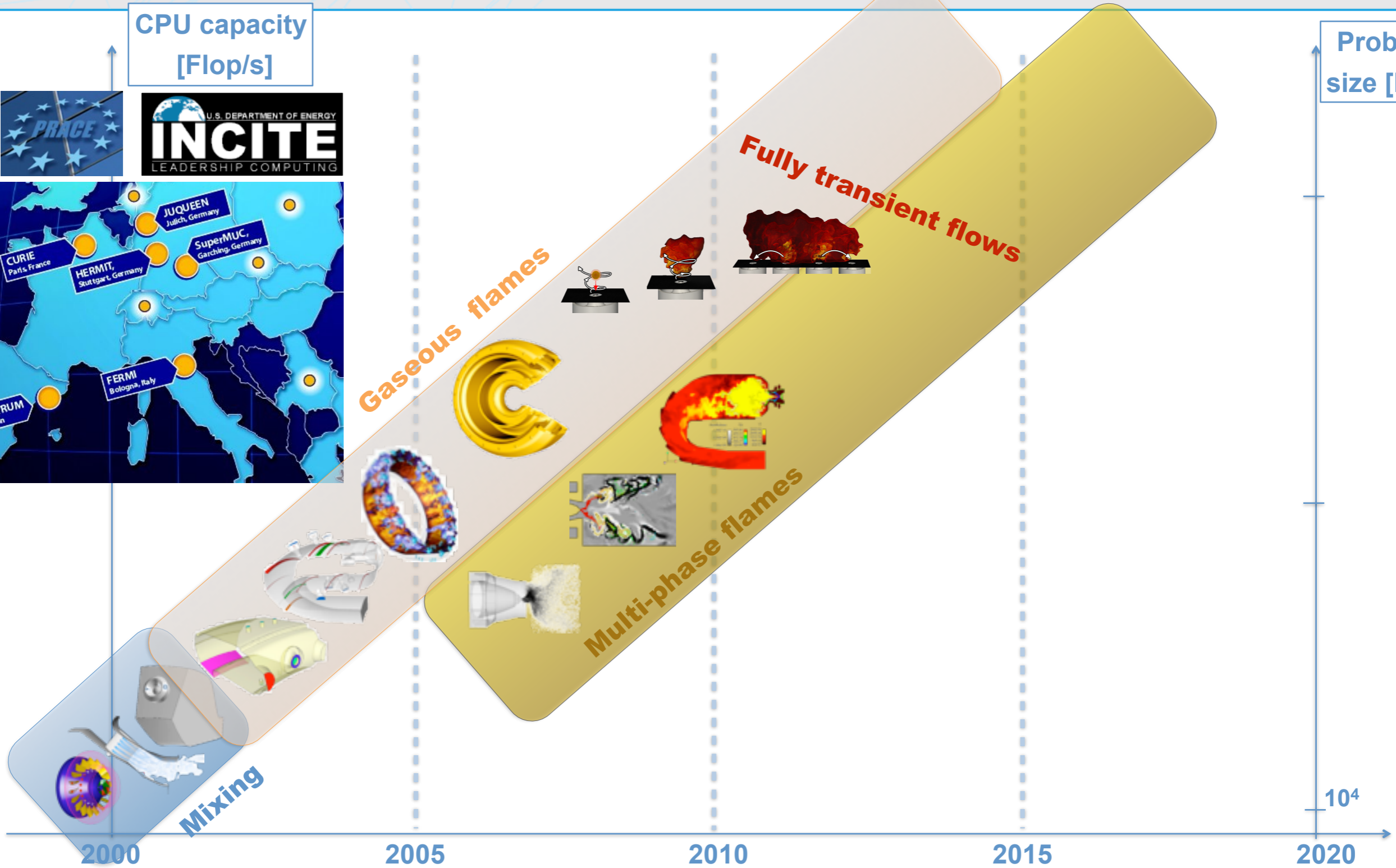






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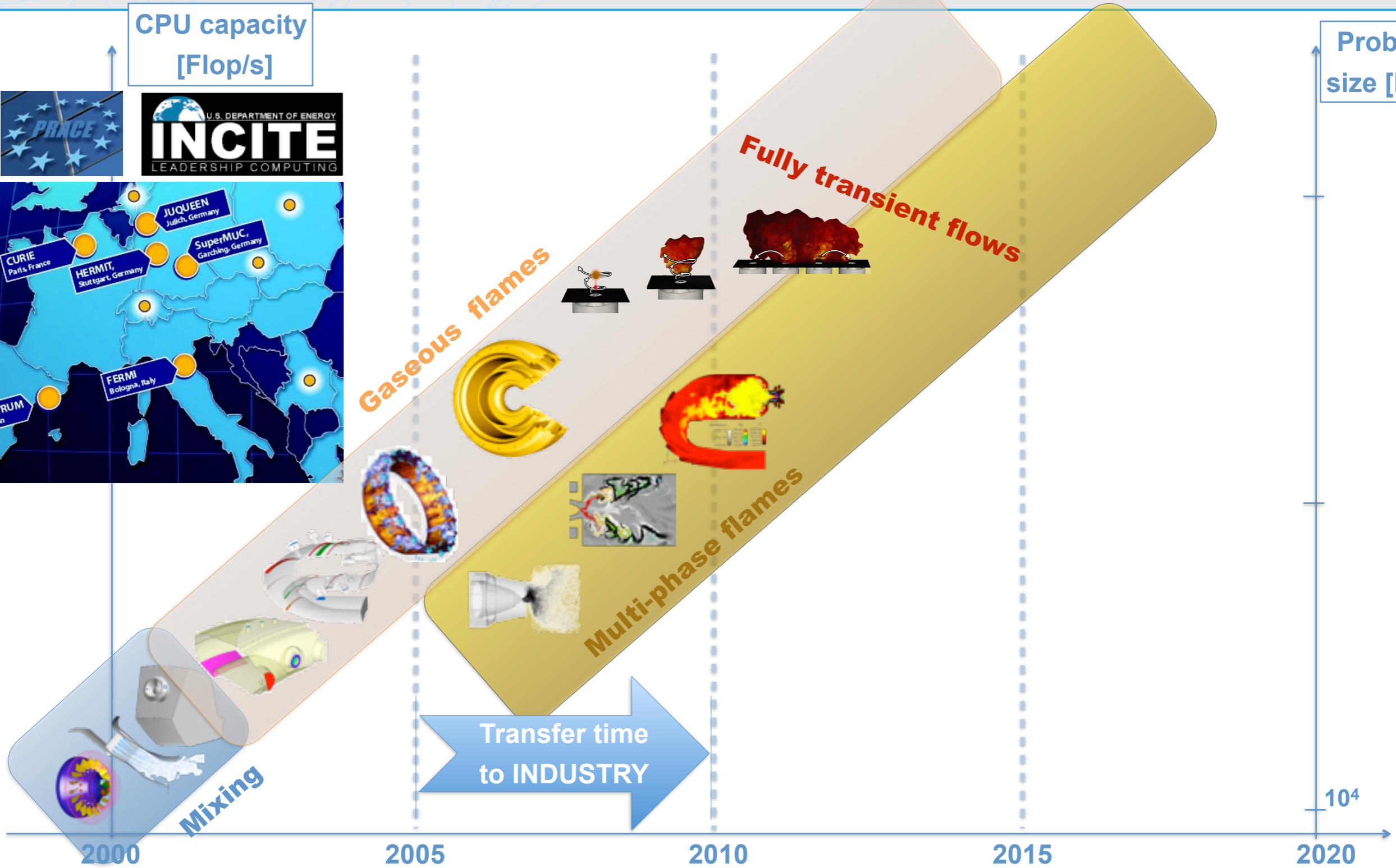
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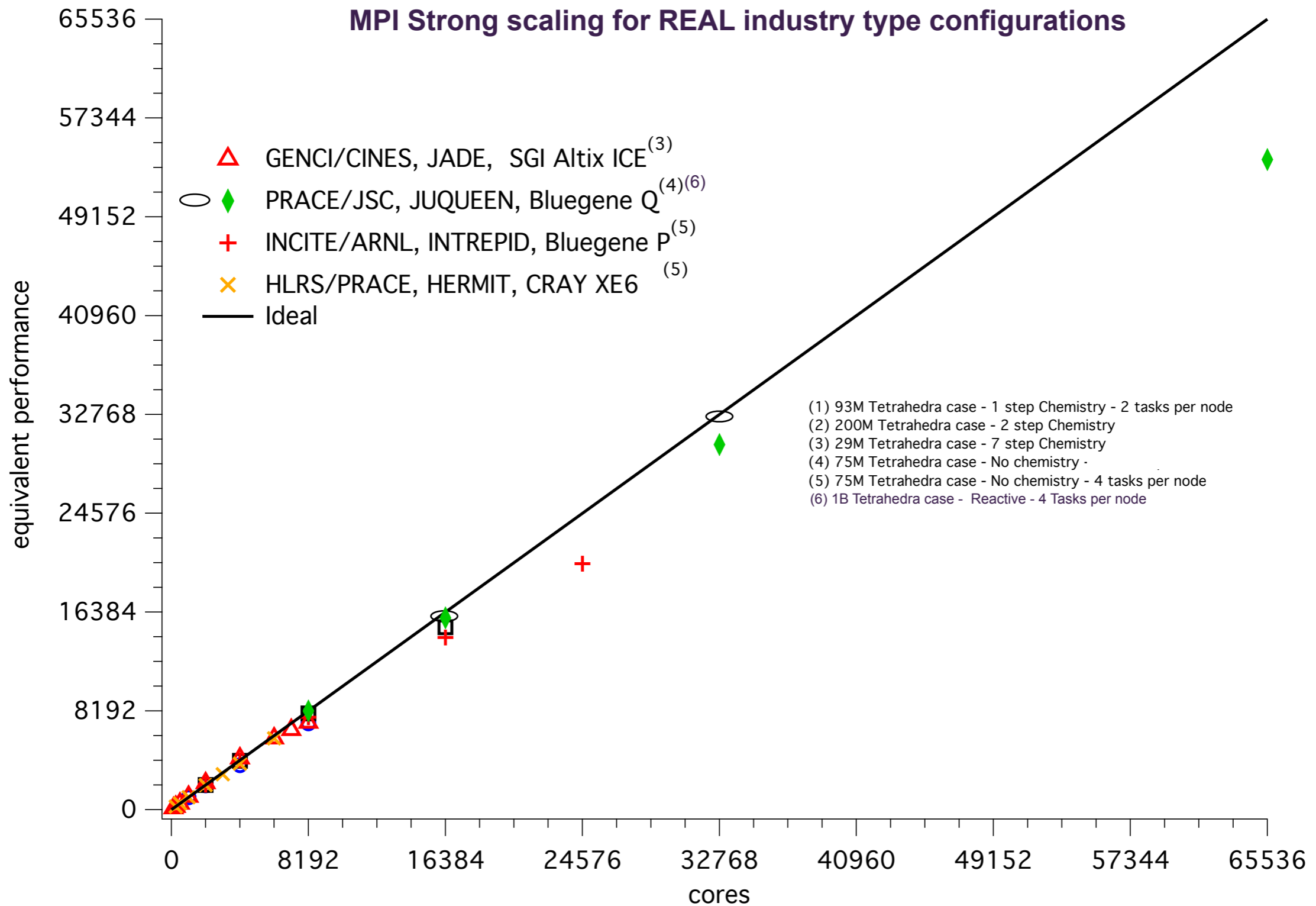




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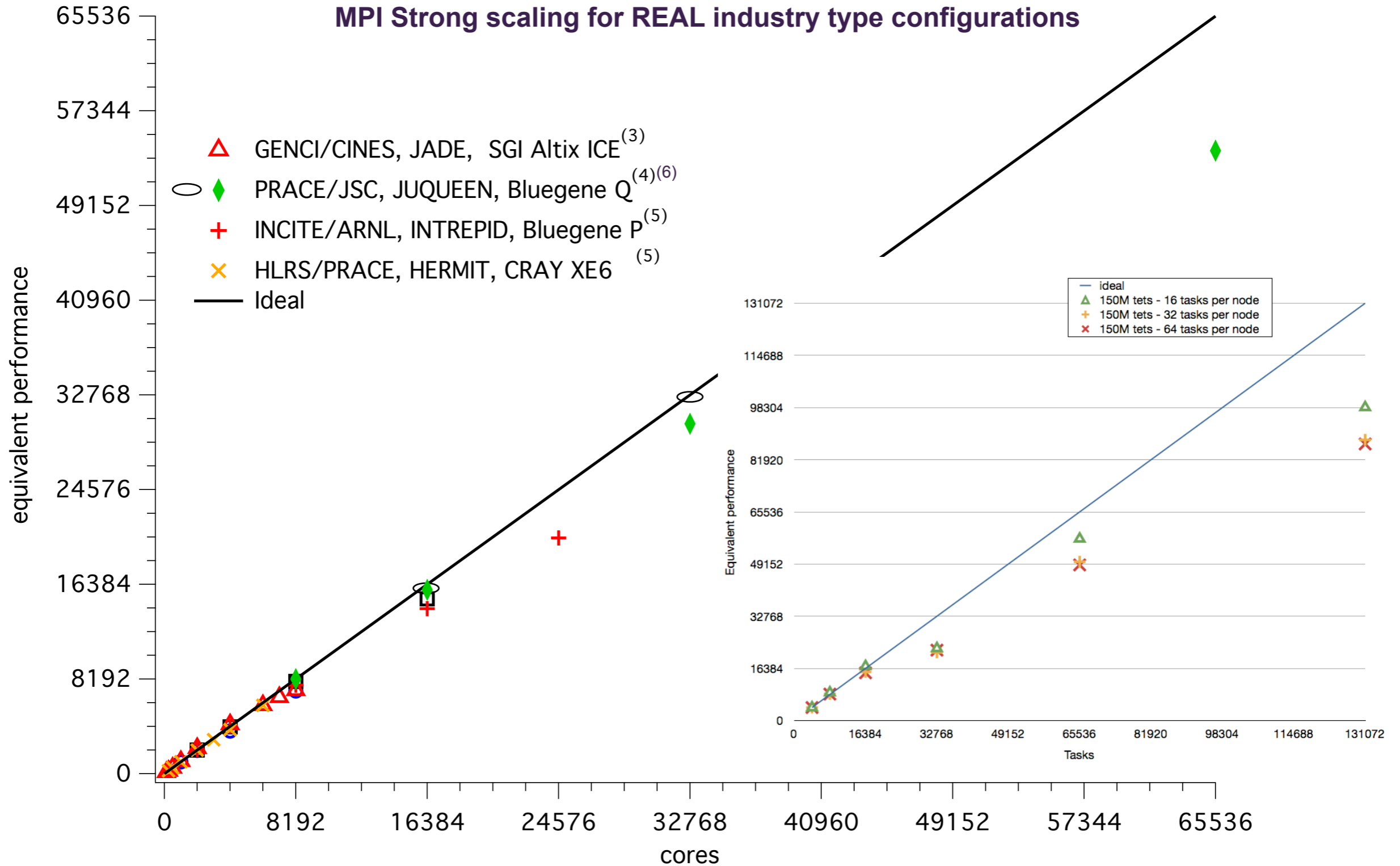
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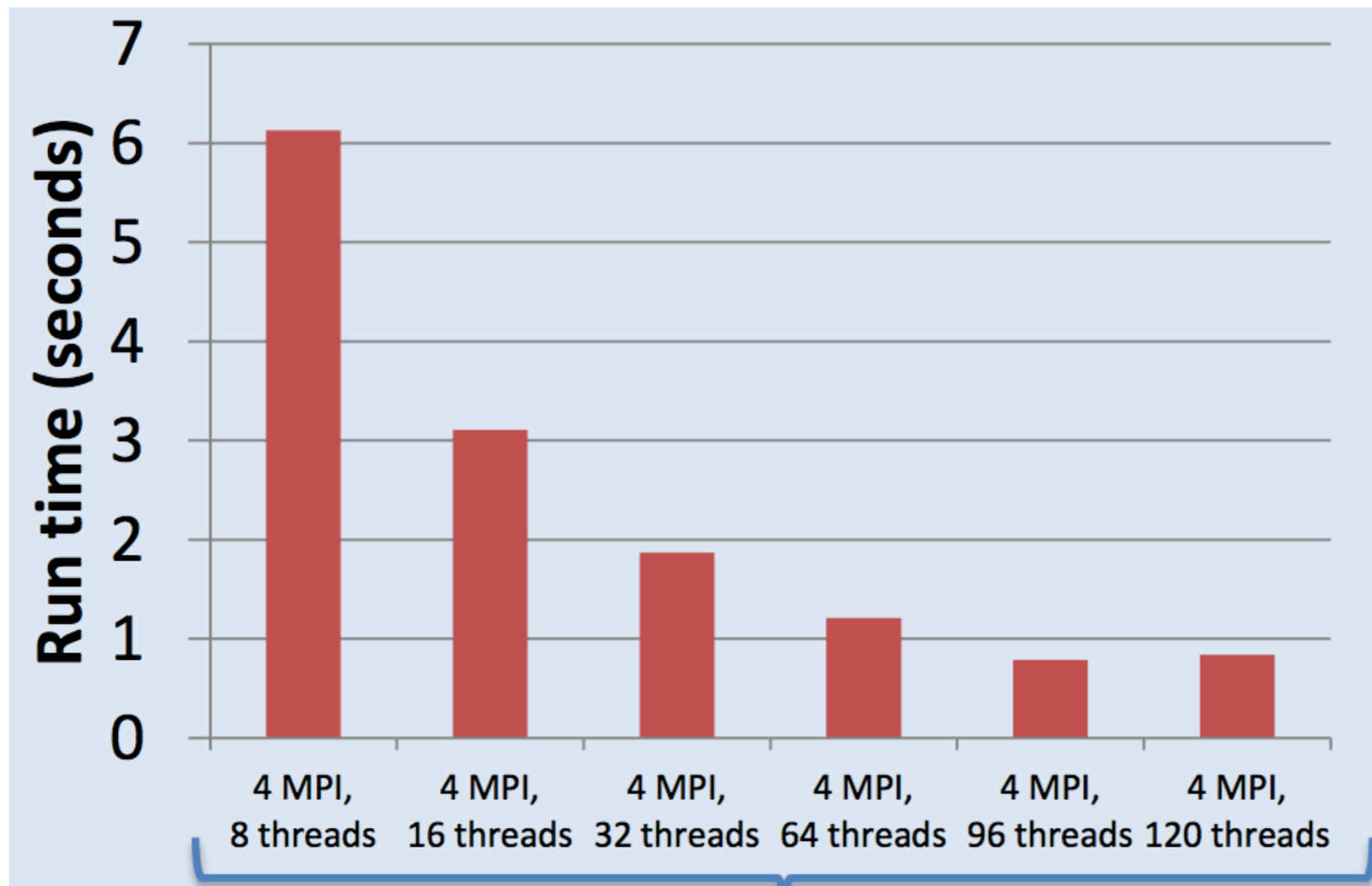




MPI Strong scaling for REAL industry type configurations

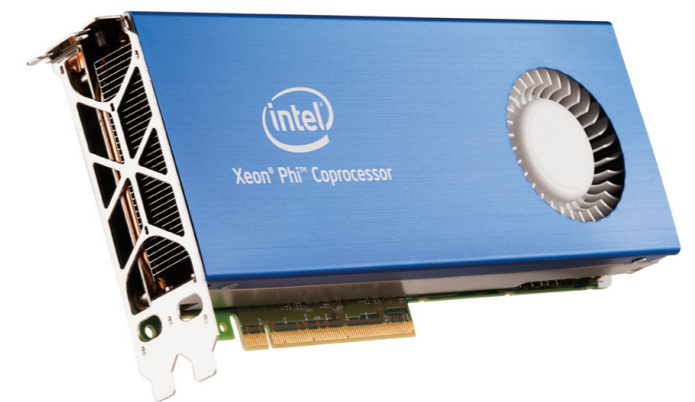


MPI + OmpSS Strong scaling on Xeon Phi



Using 2 Xeon Phi

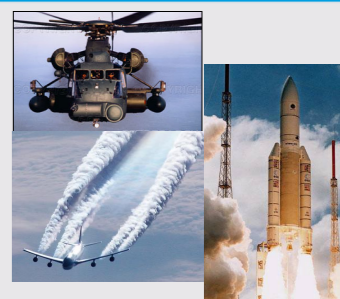
Dynamical exascale
entry platform



Introduction of Coarse grain parallelism on a legacy code

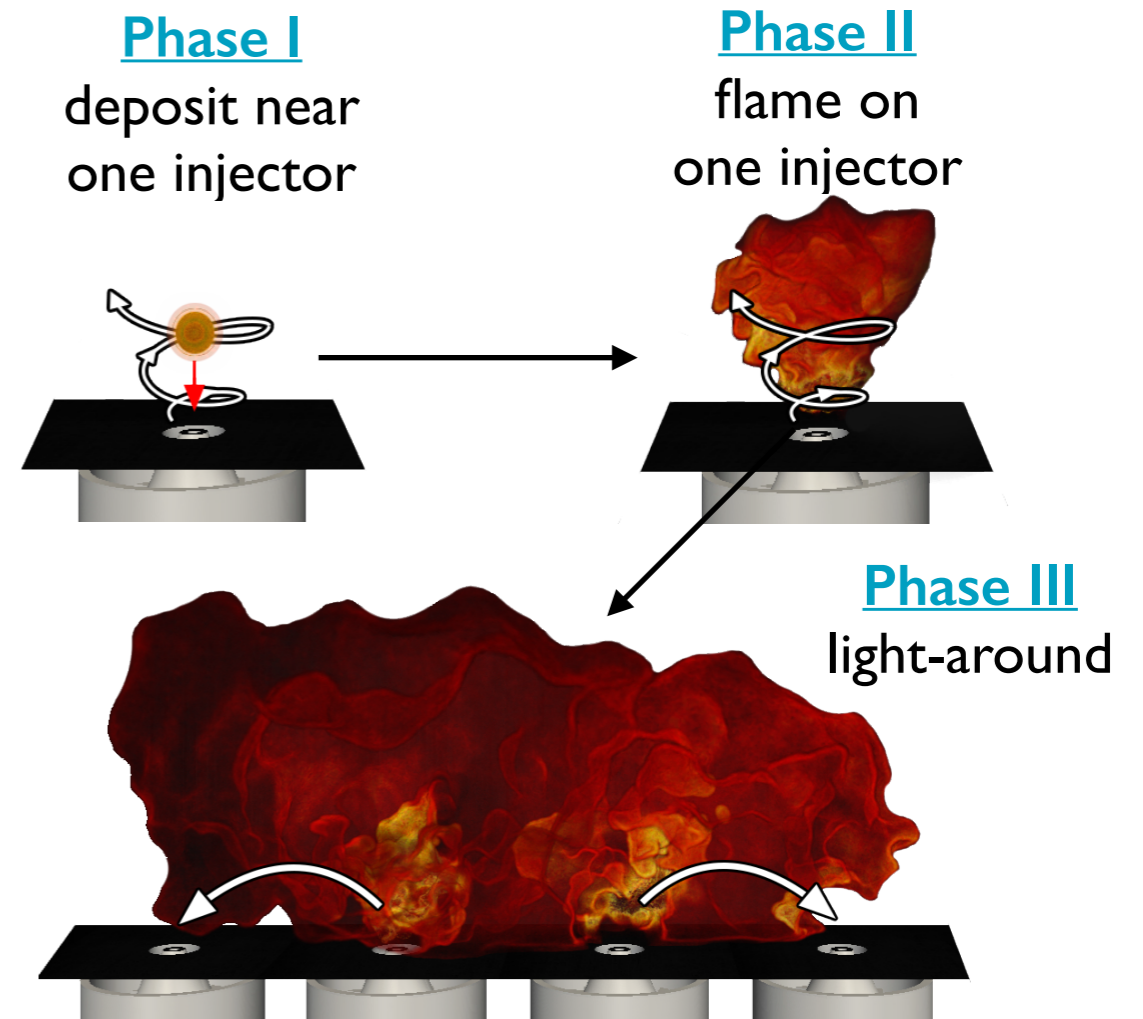
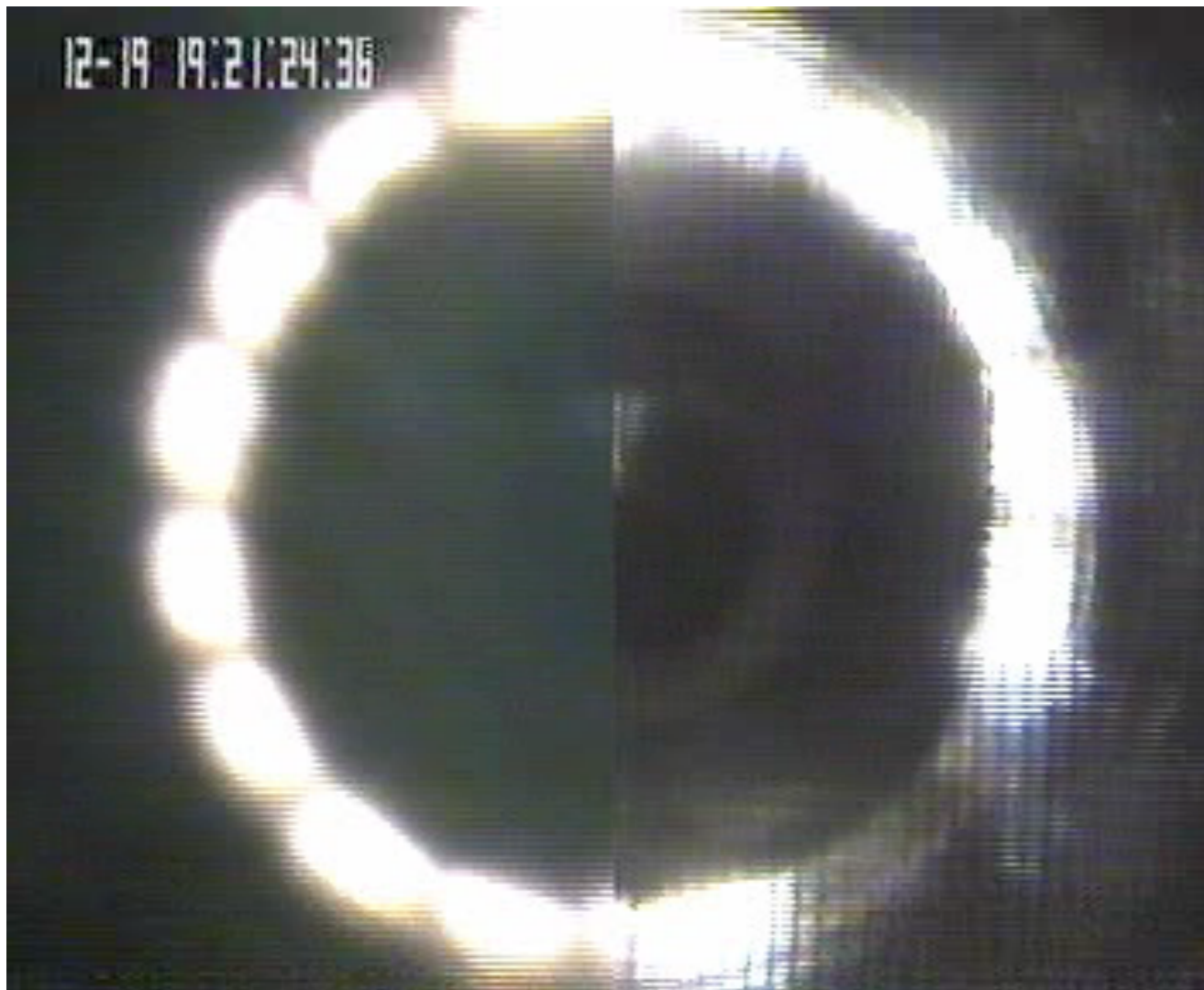
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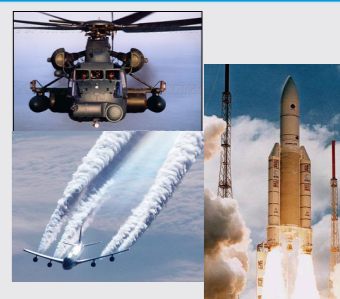


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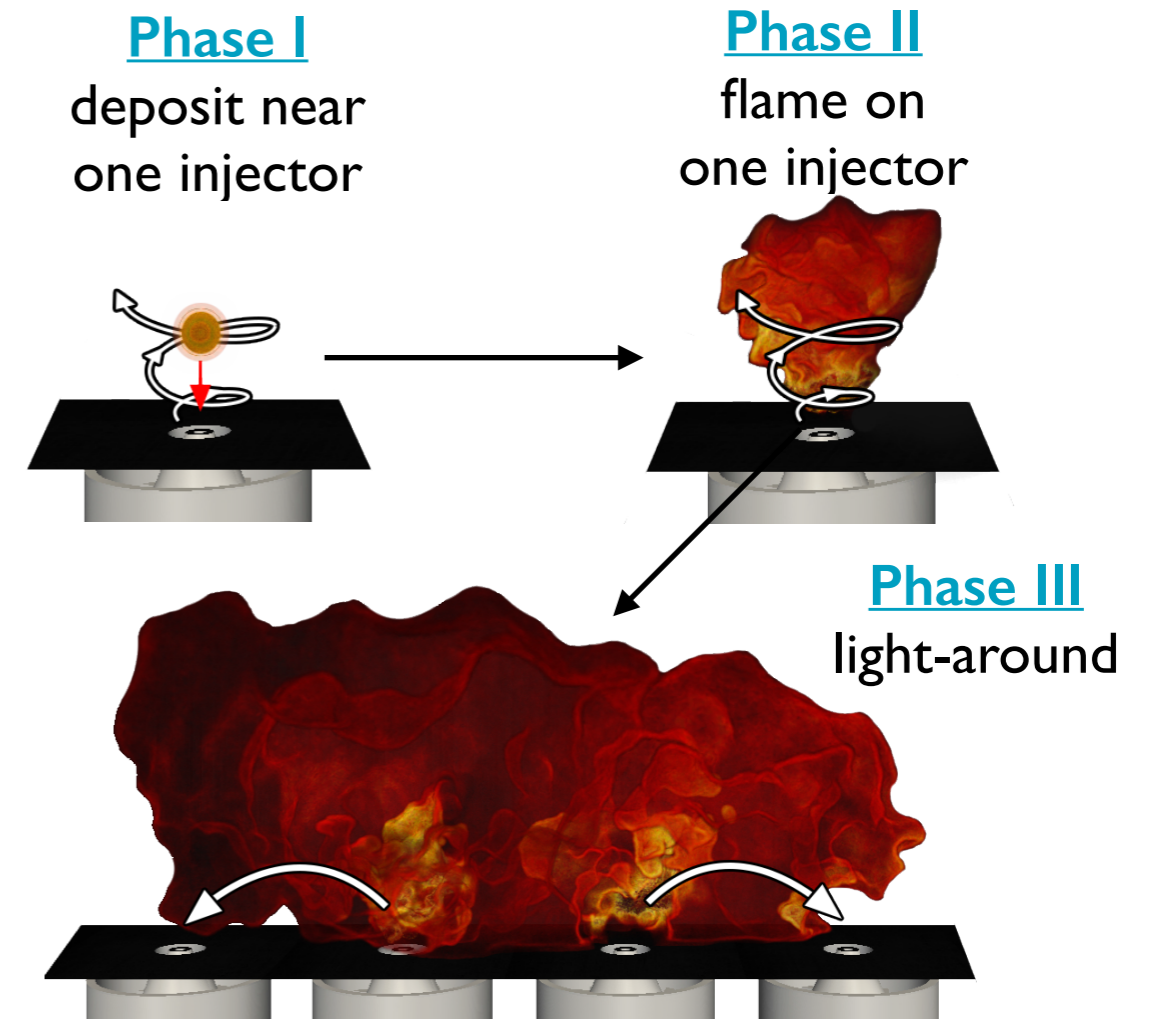
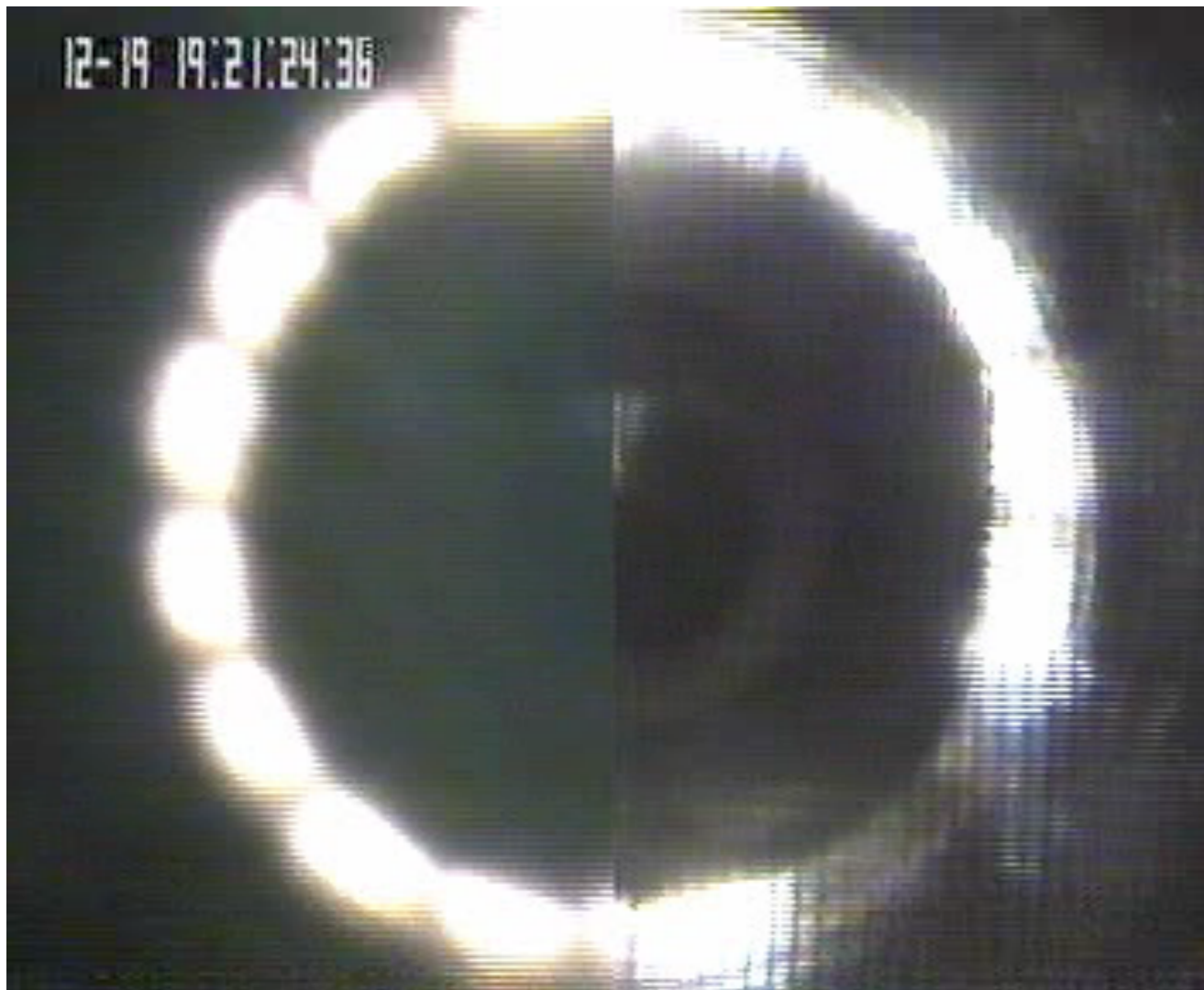


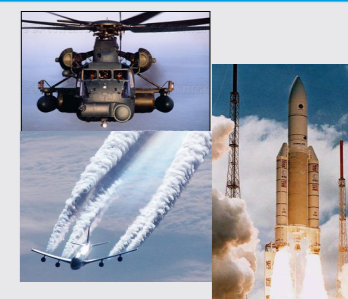
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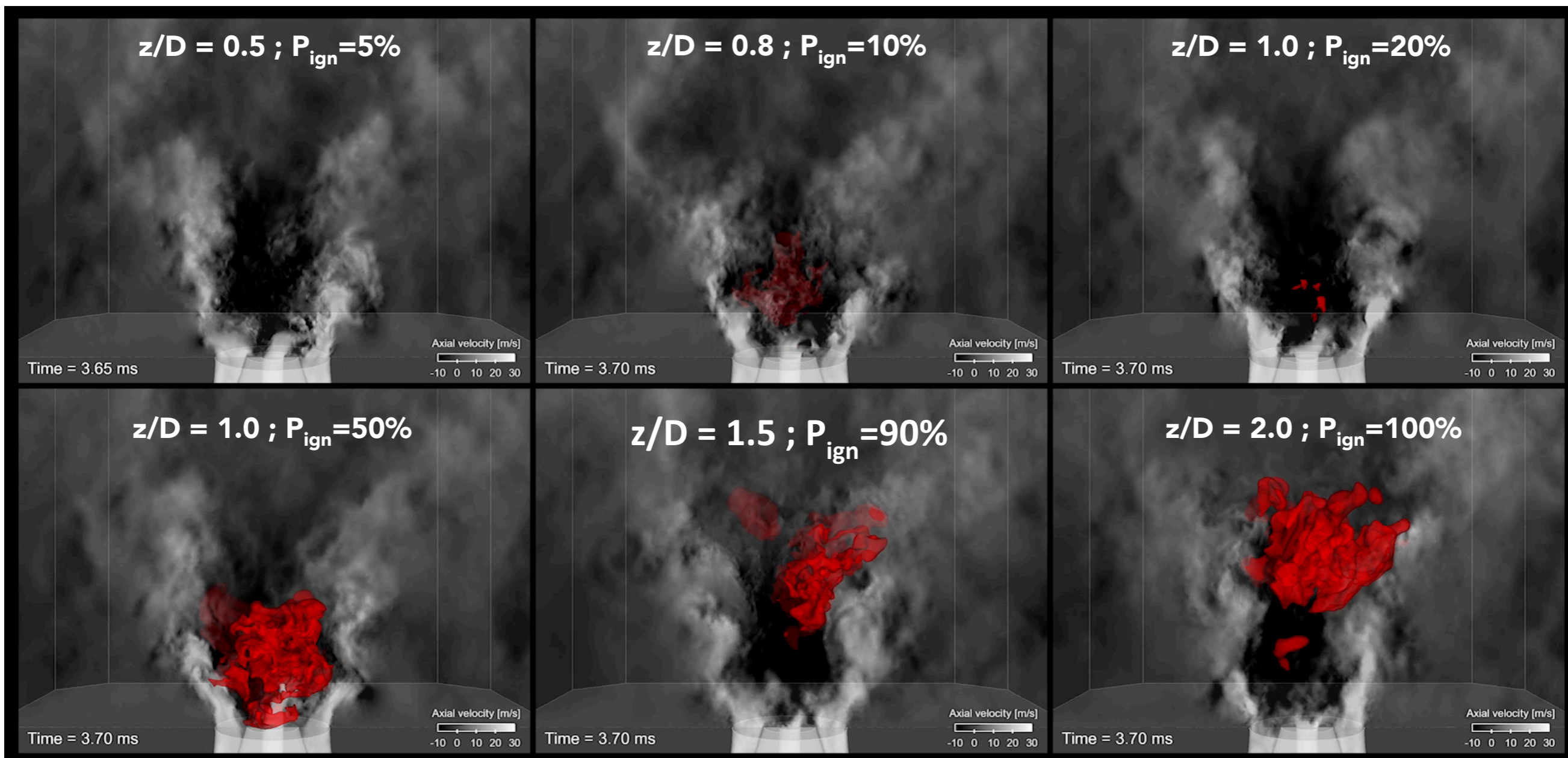




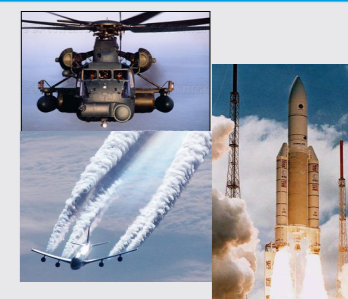
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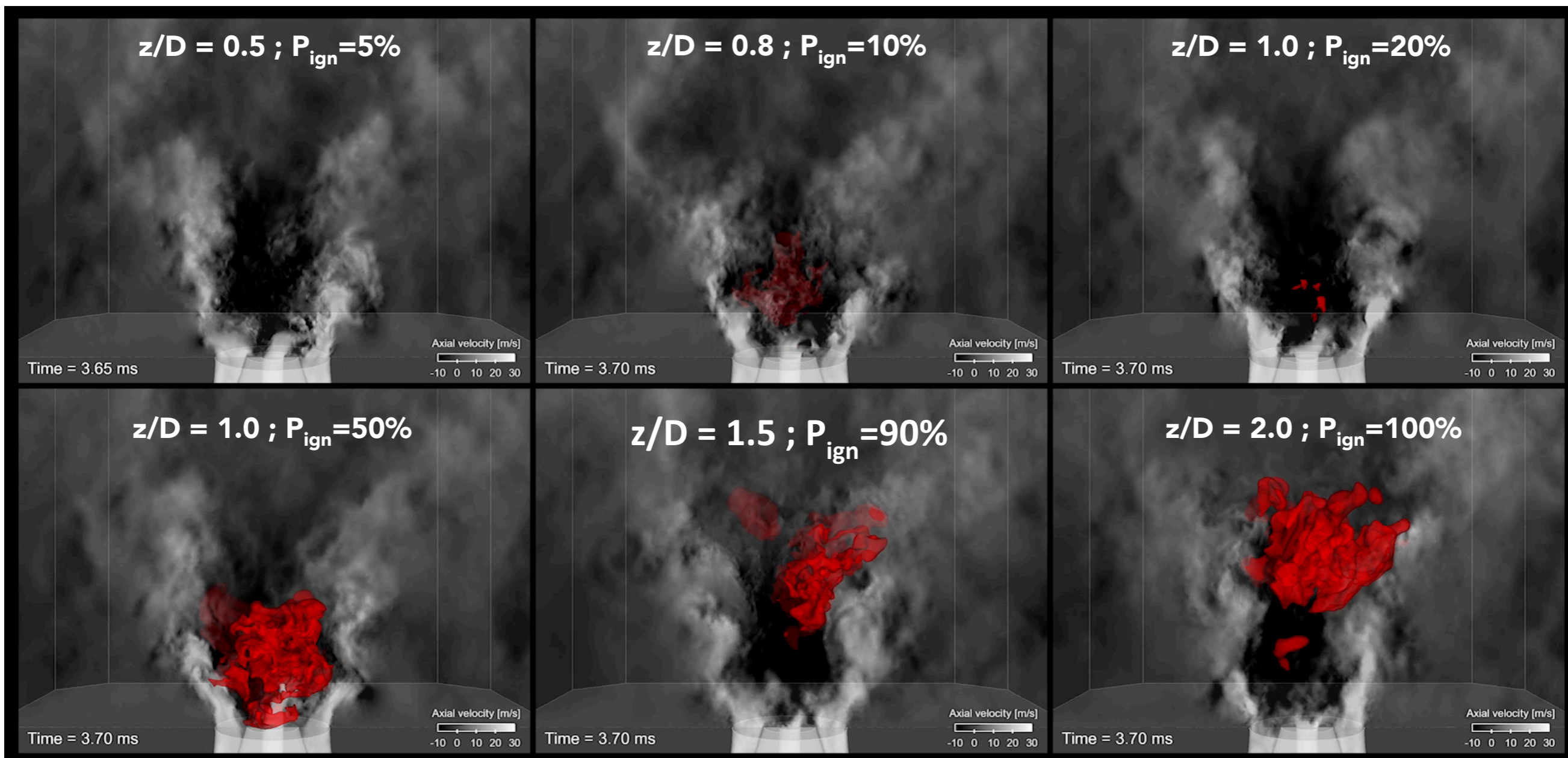
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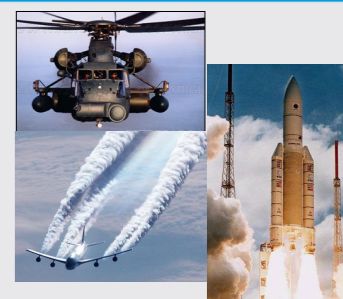
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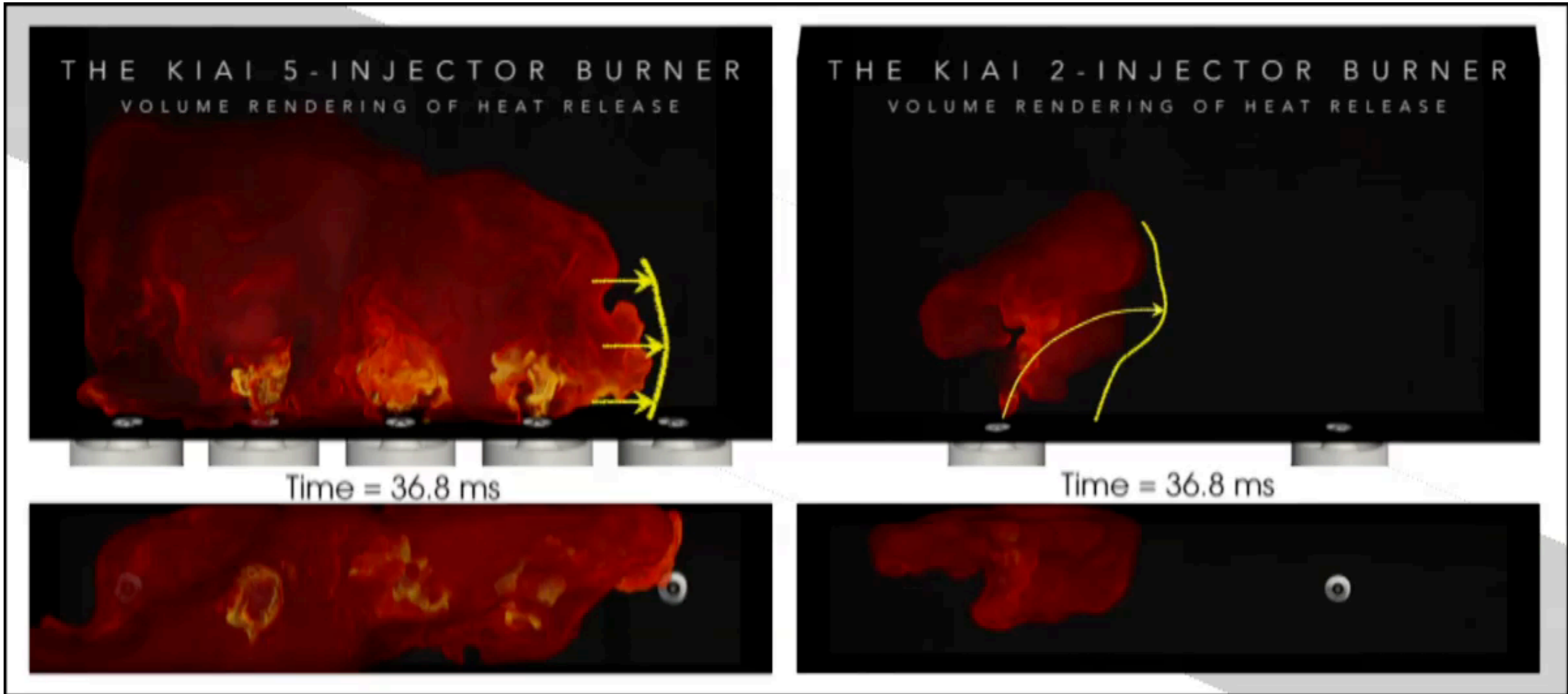
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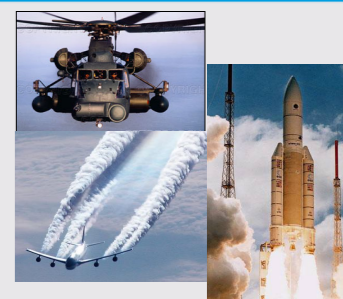
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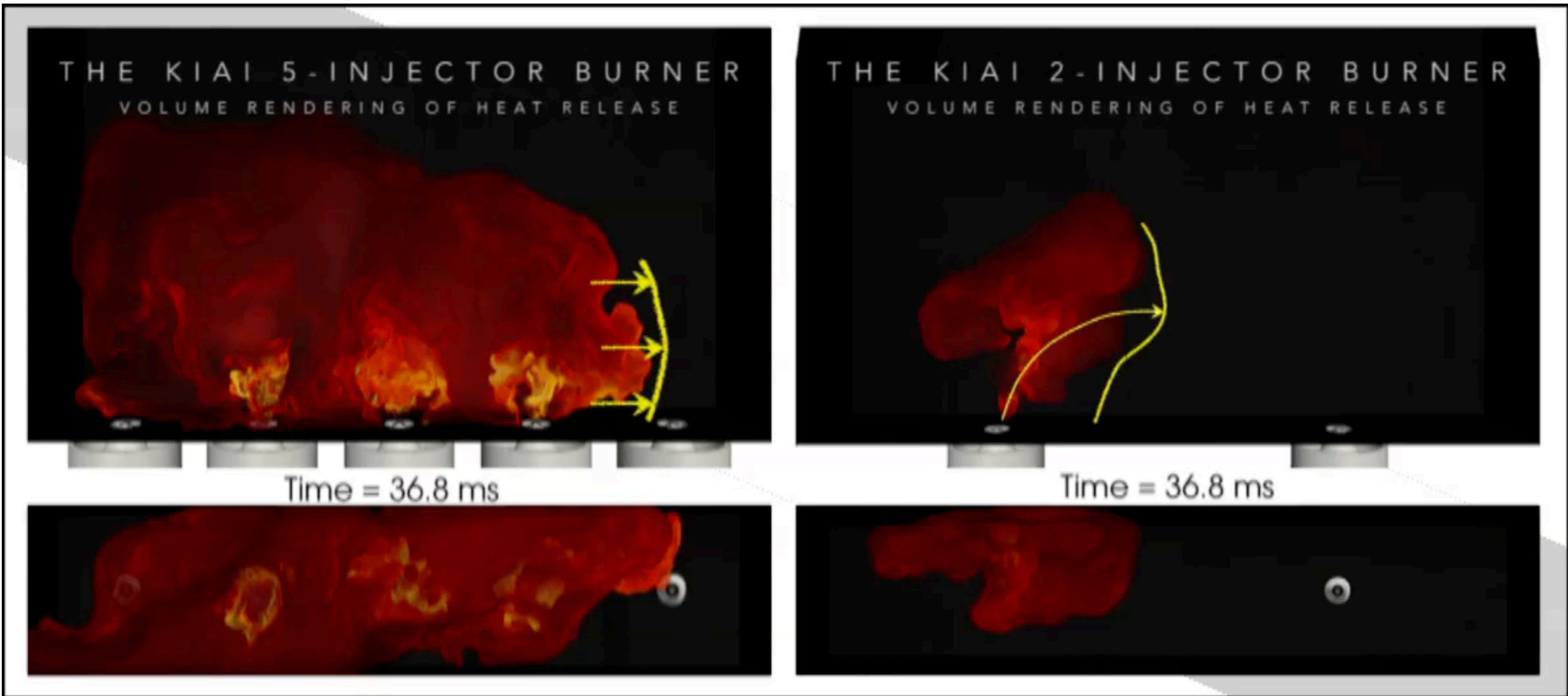
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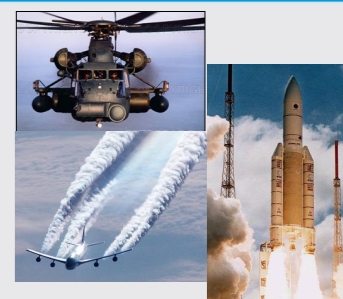
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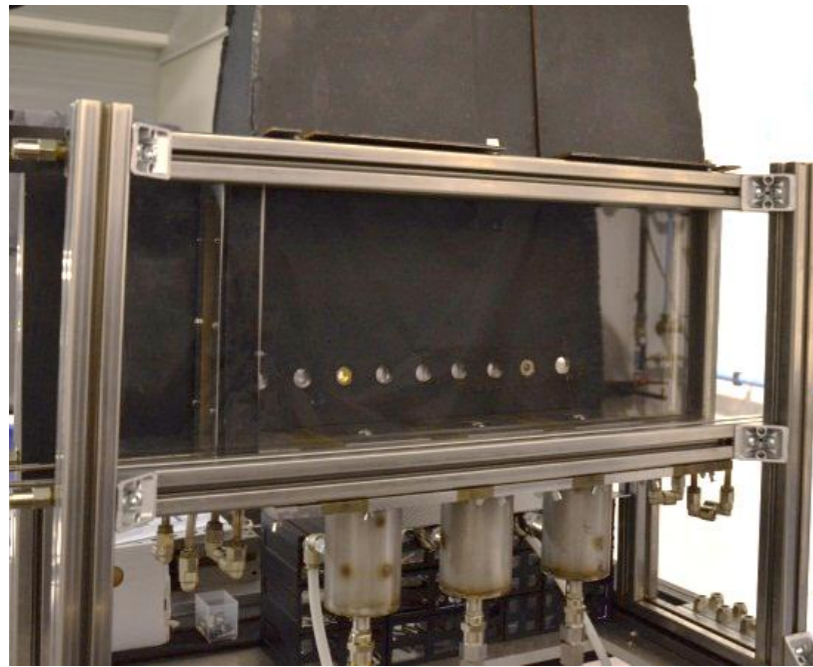


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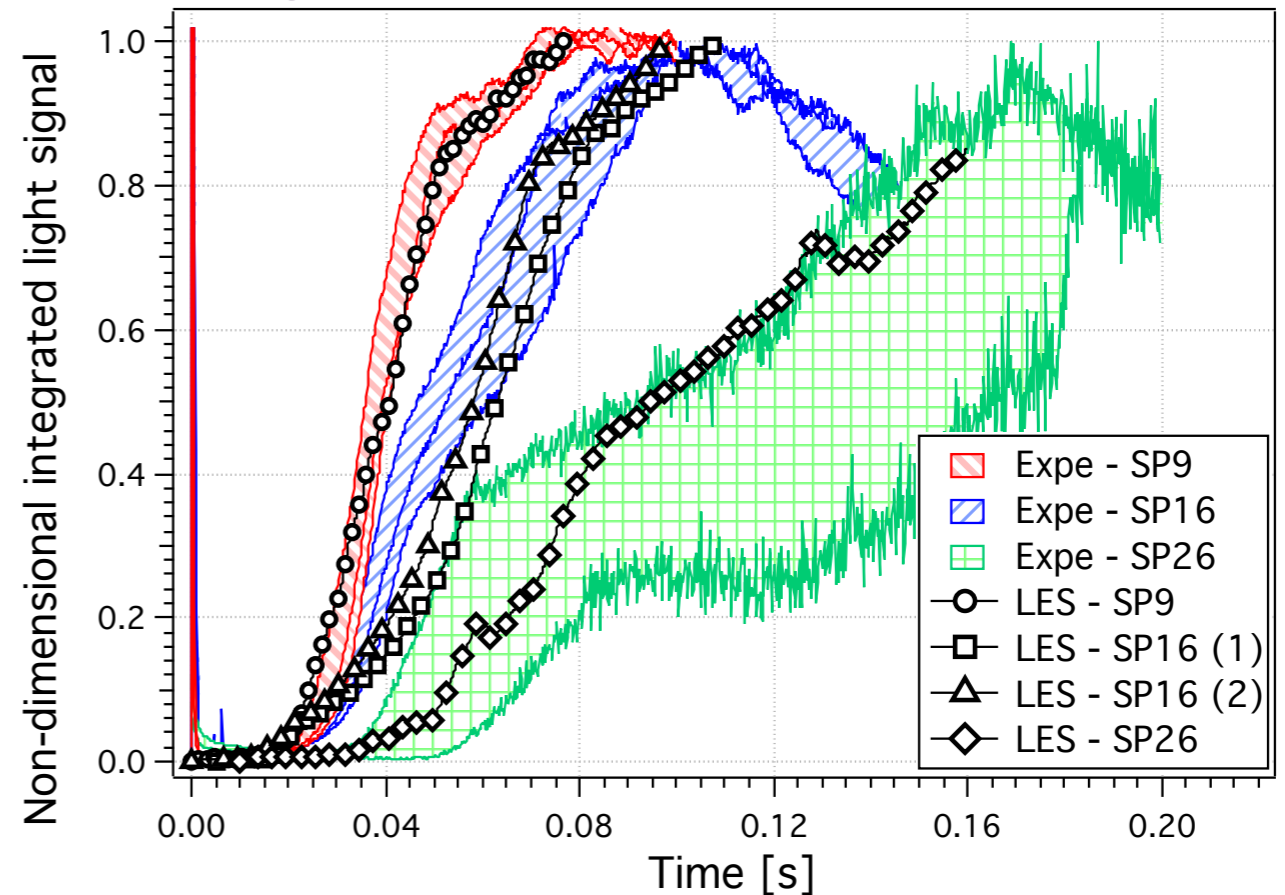
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EU project KIAI



● Evolution of the luminous signal (CH emissions vs. Heat release images):



Flame propagation in aeronautical swirled multi-burners: experimental and numerical investigation.

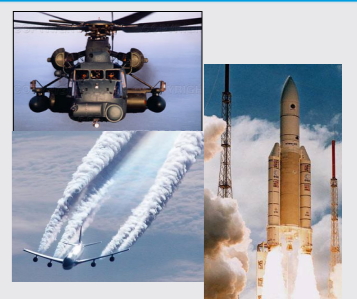
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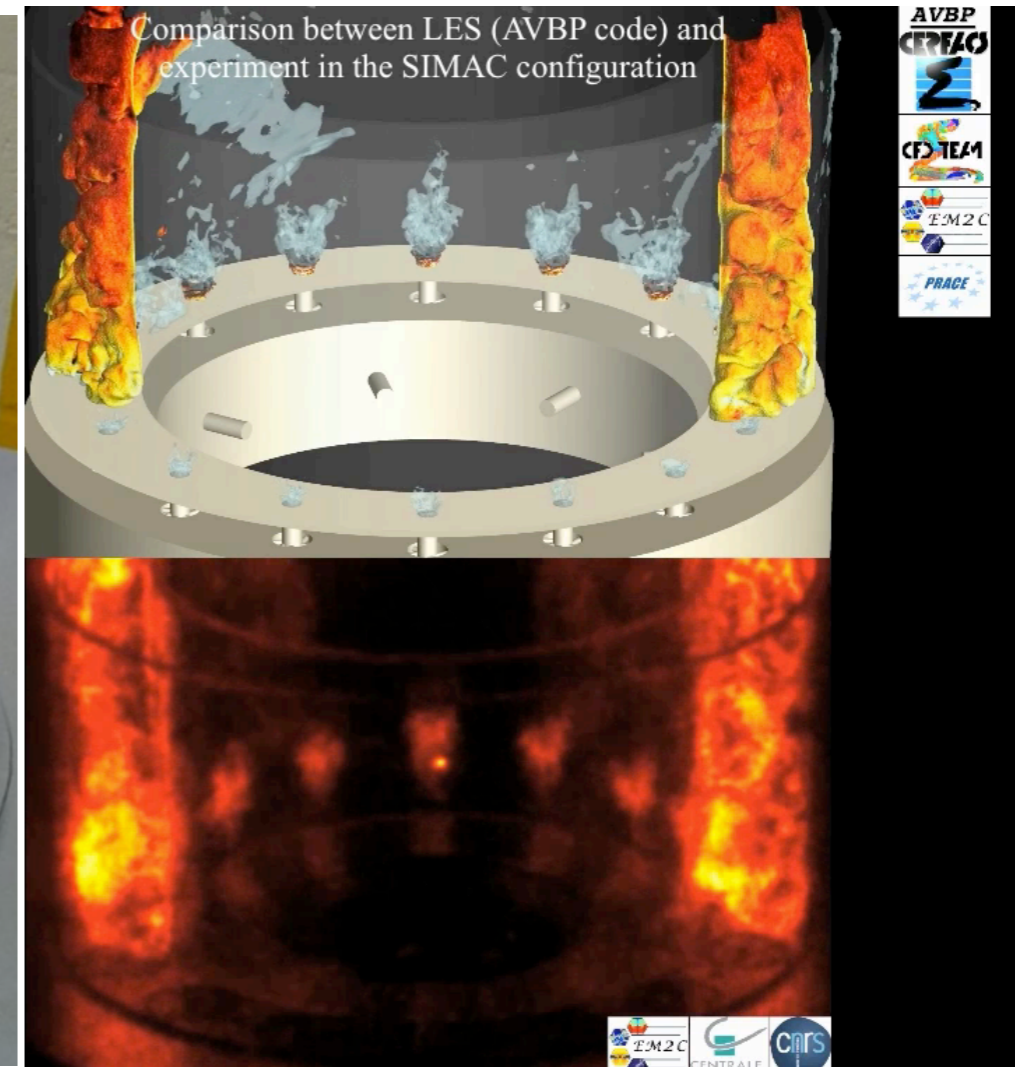
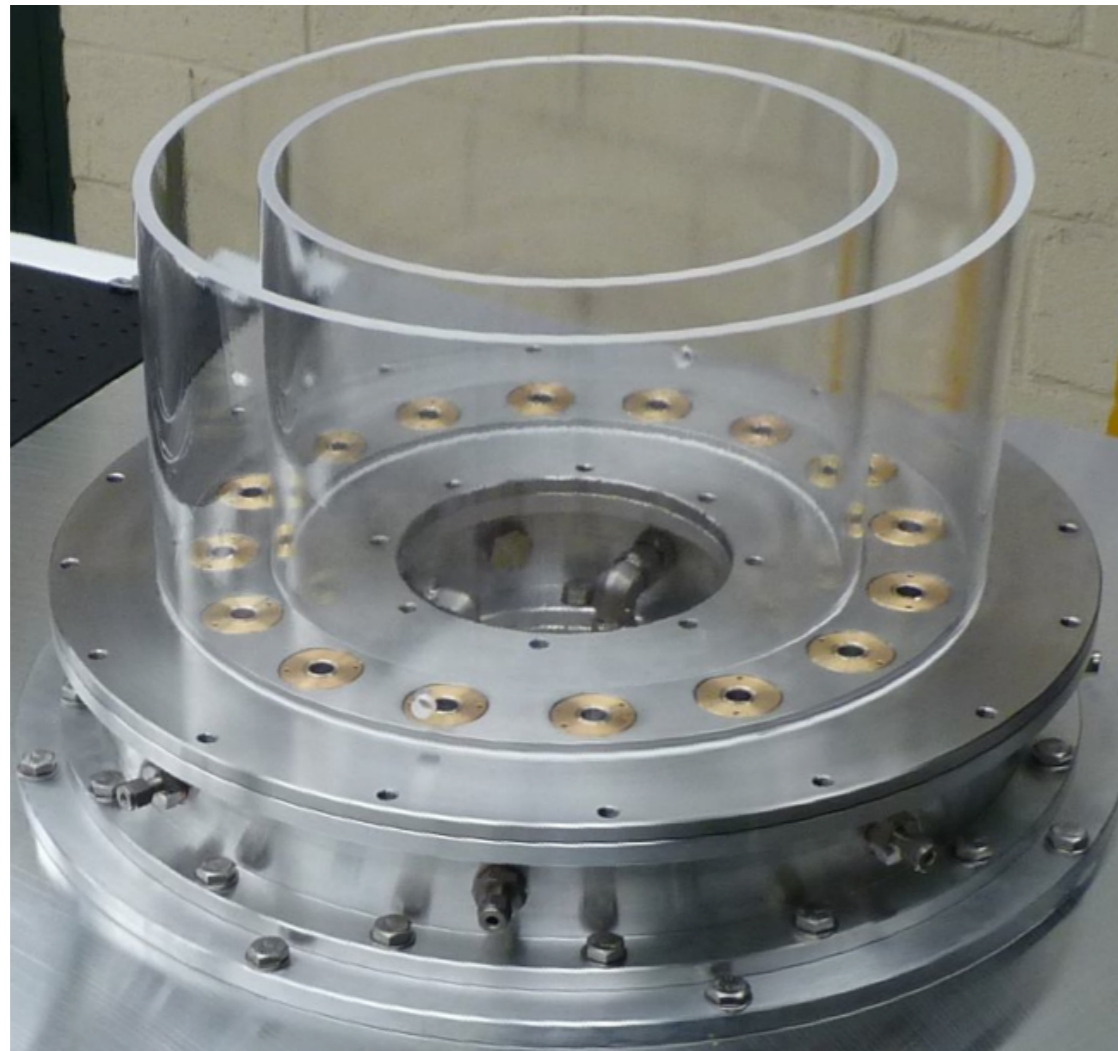
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Simulation of Ignition in a Multiple Annular Combustor injector and comparison with experiments





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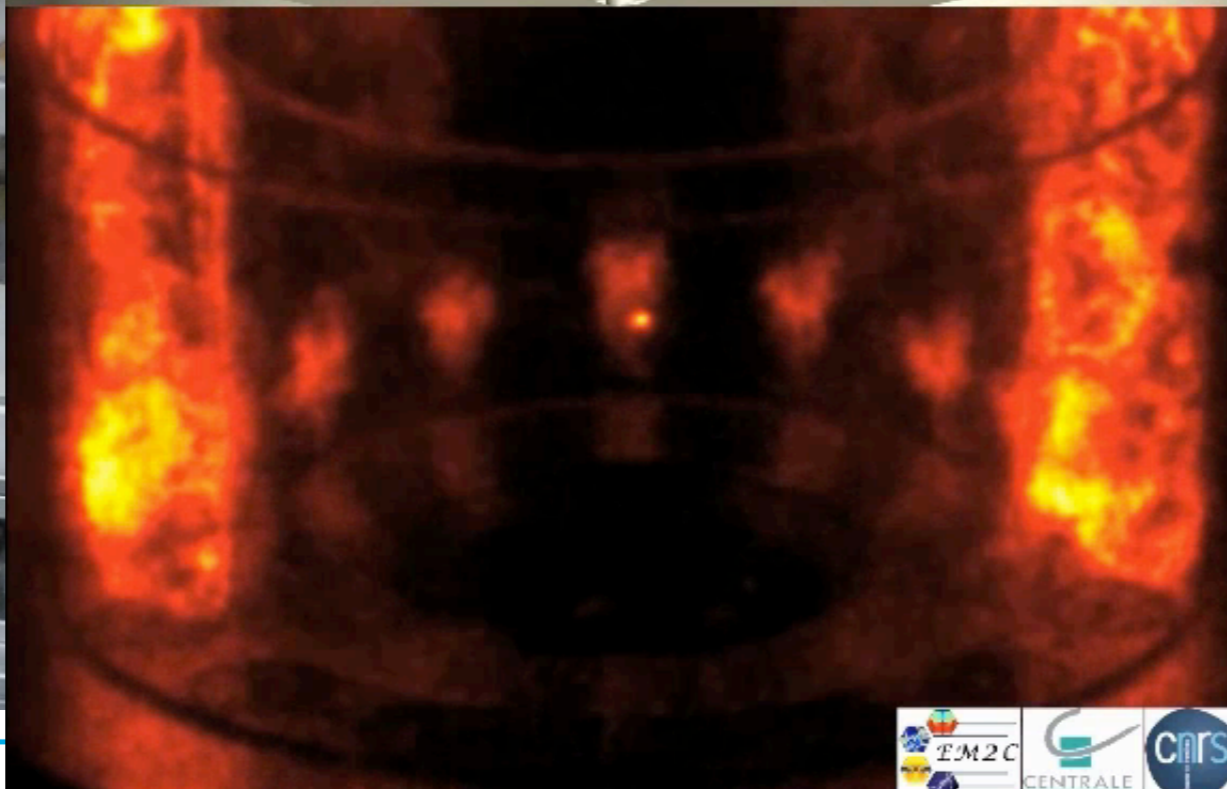
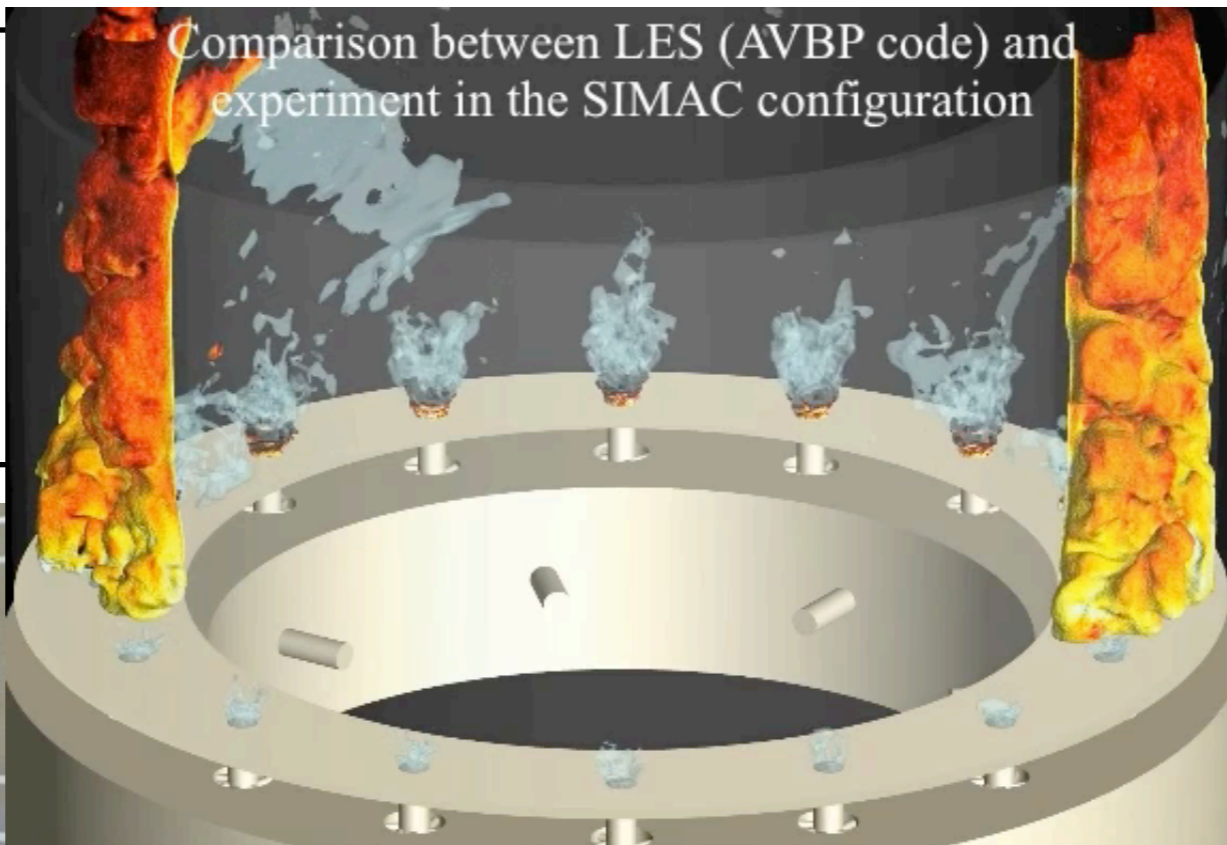
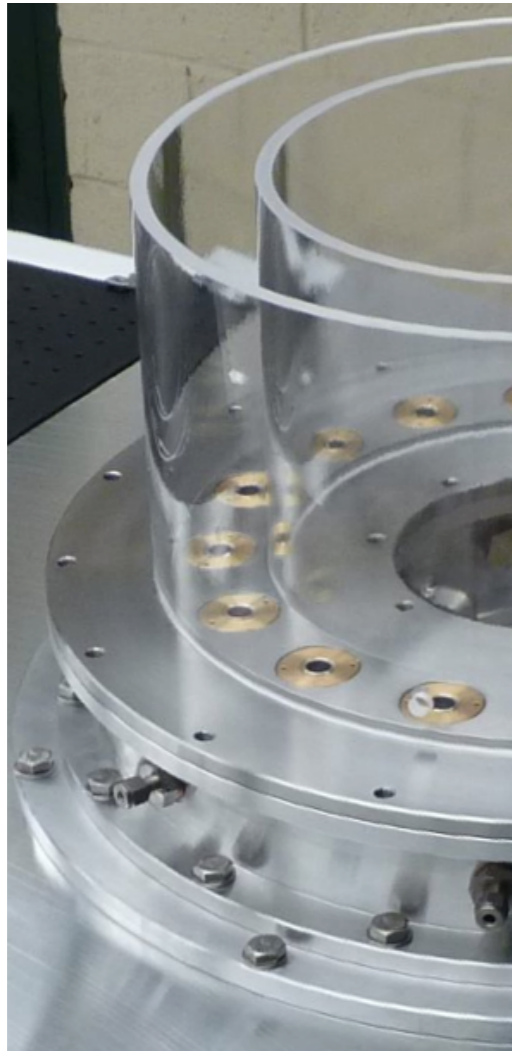


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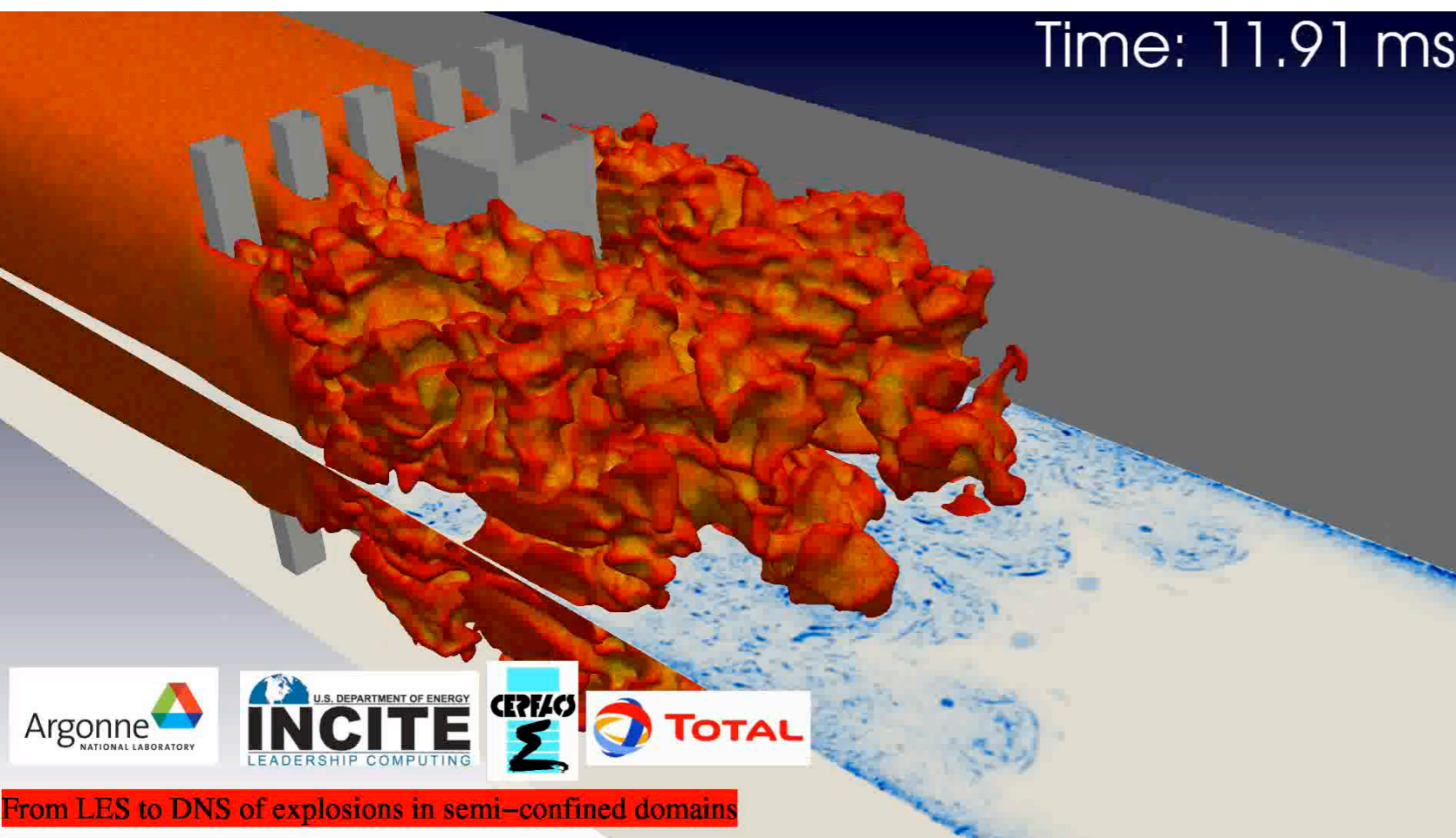


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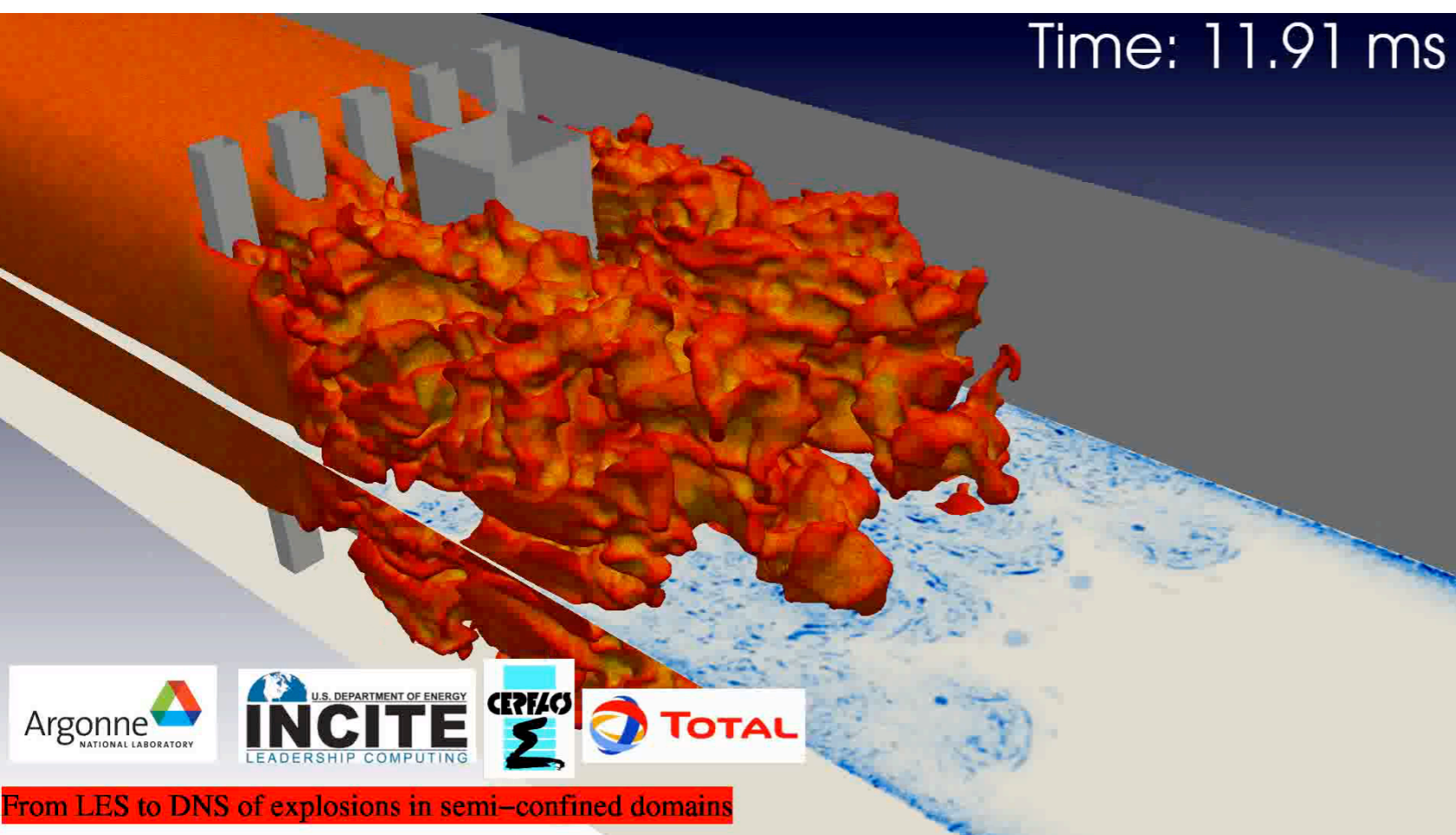


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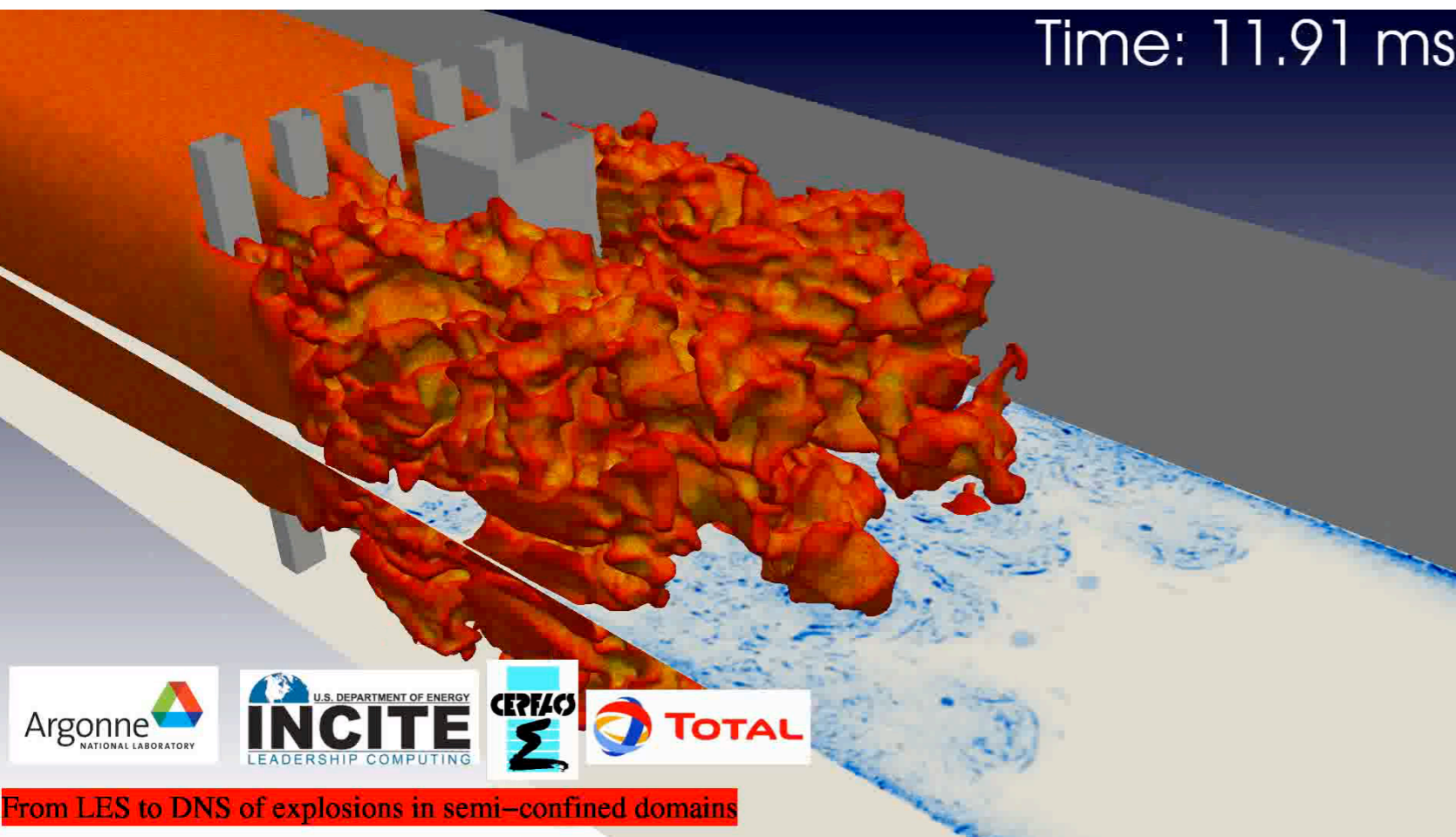
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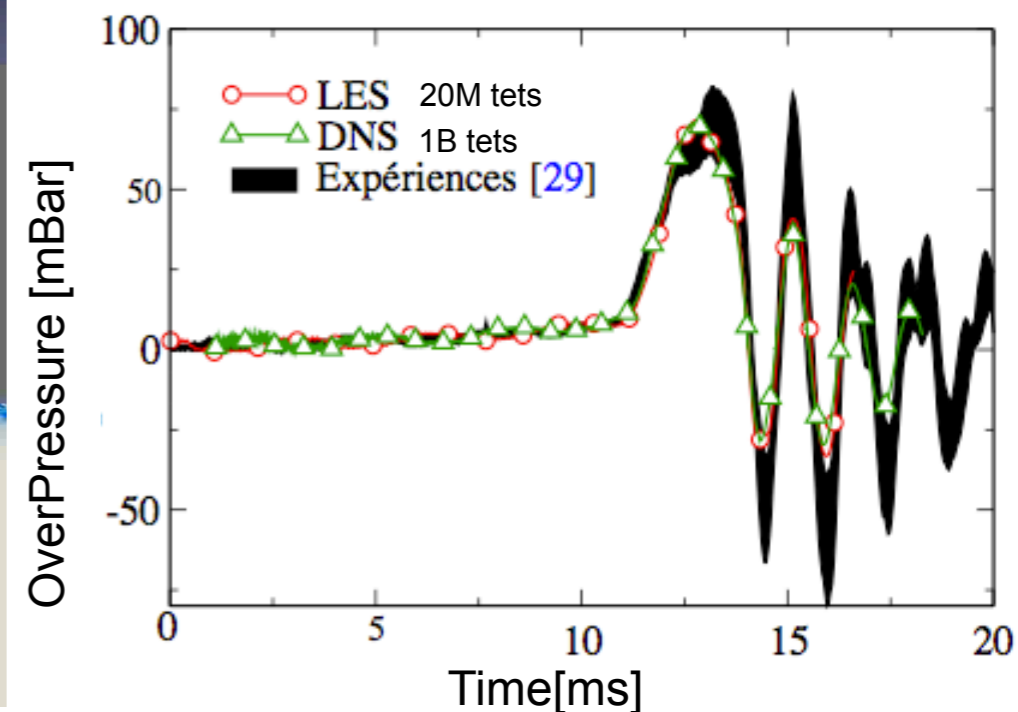


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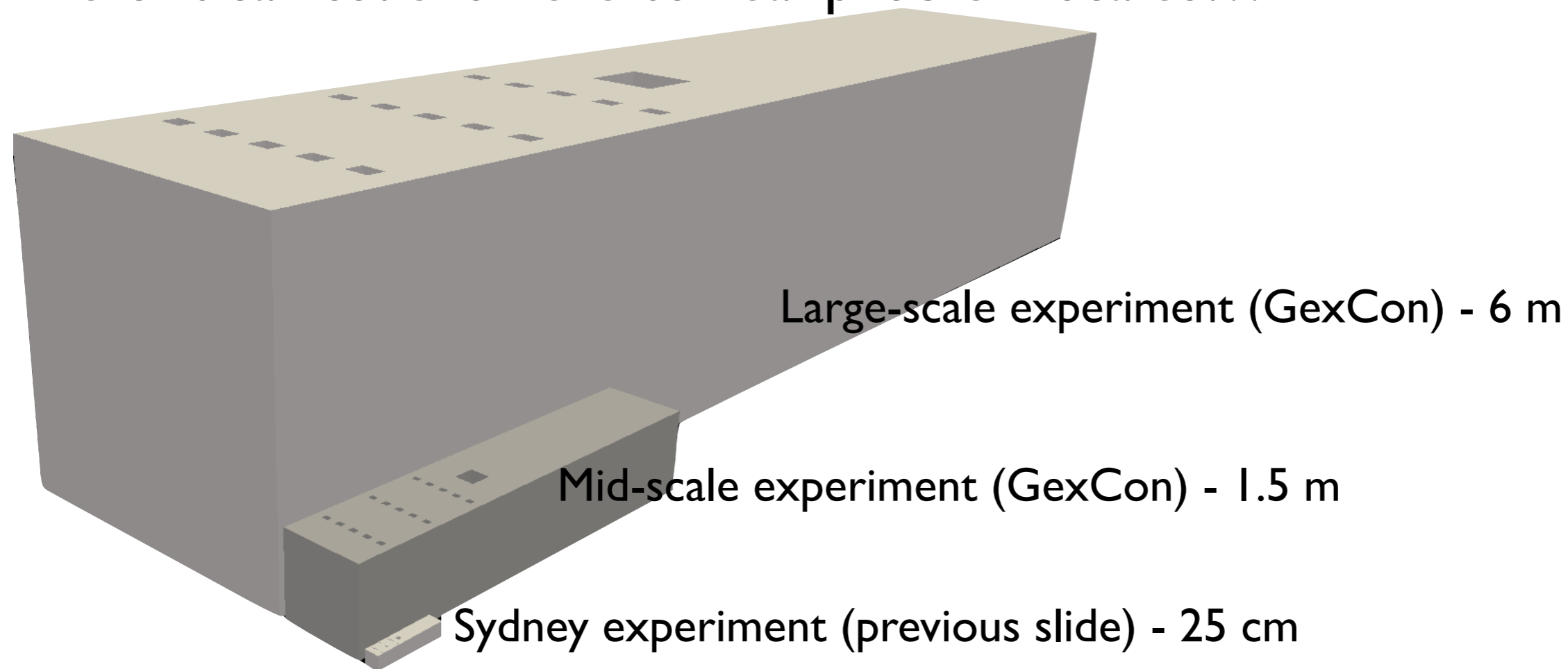
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The critical issue is here to real problem scales...



Note: I B elements simulations

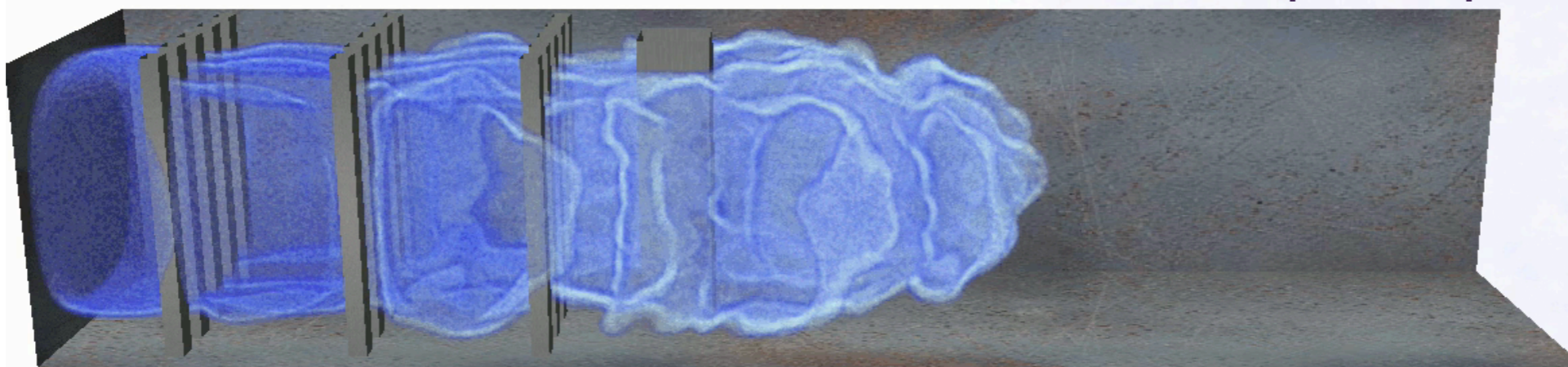
- I file = 30 Gb (over 2000 snapshots needed for a temporal view of the evolution)
- One shot simulation on 32 k cores: 20 M CPUh at ALCF BG\ P
- I B elements scales up to 131 072 cores



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Large Eddy Simulation



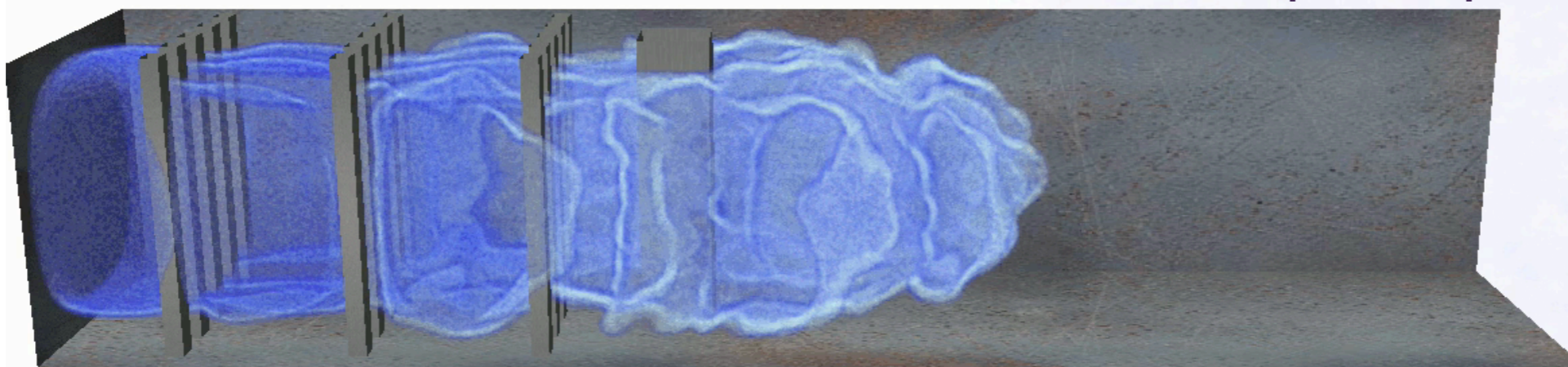
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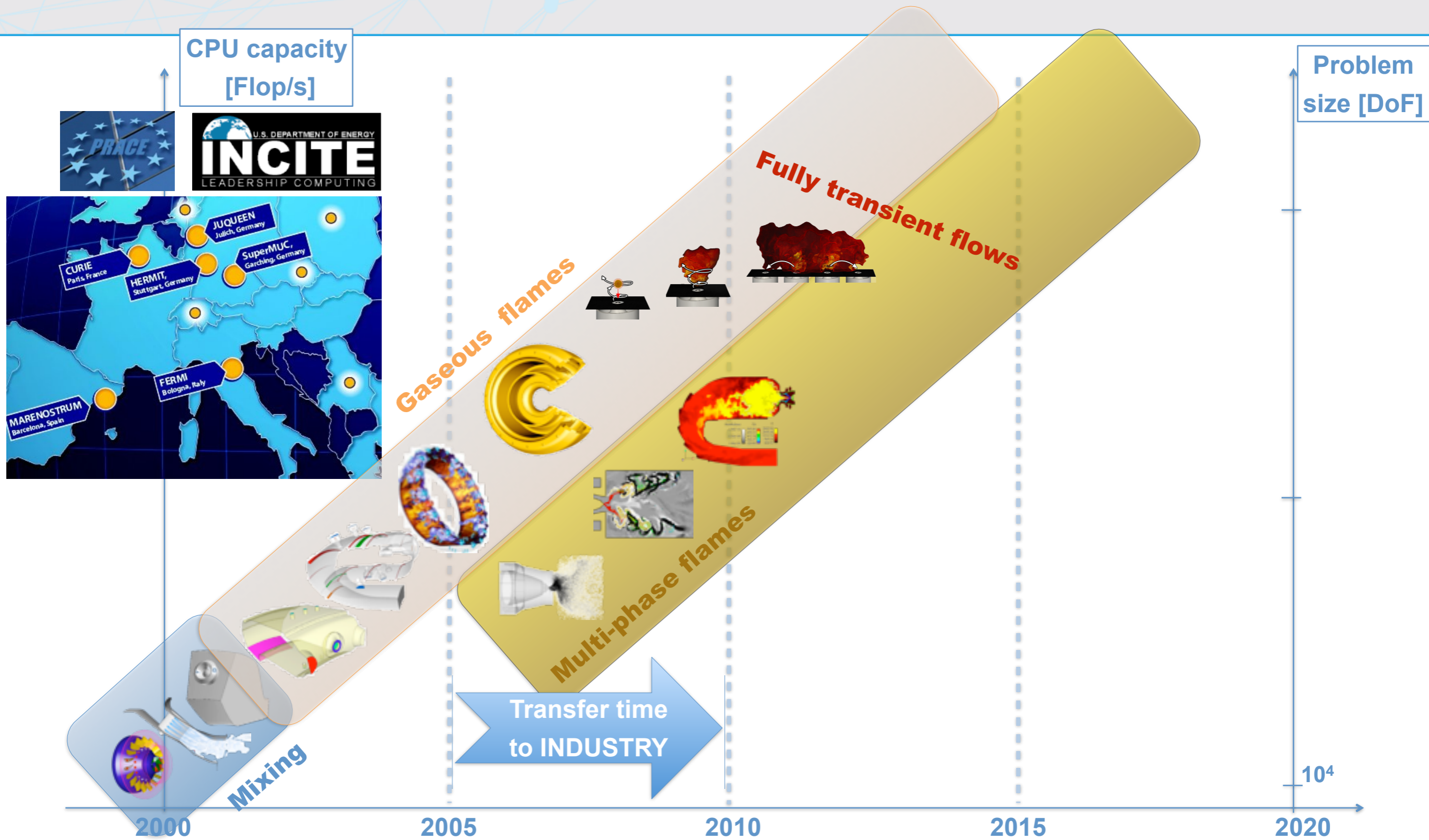
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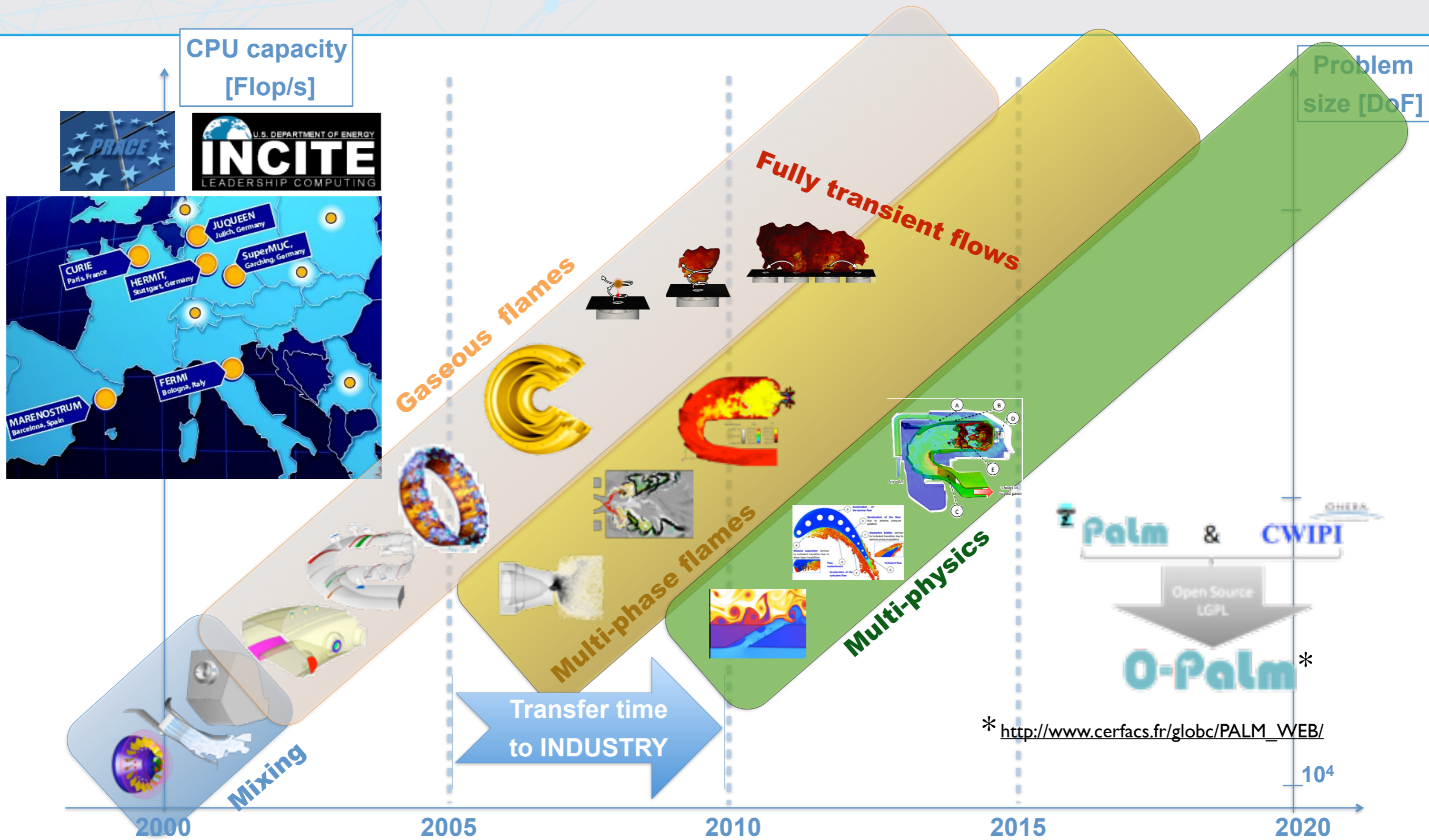
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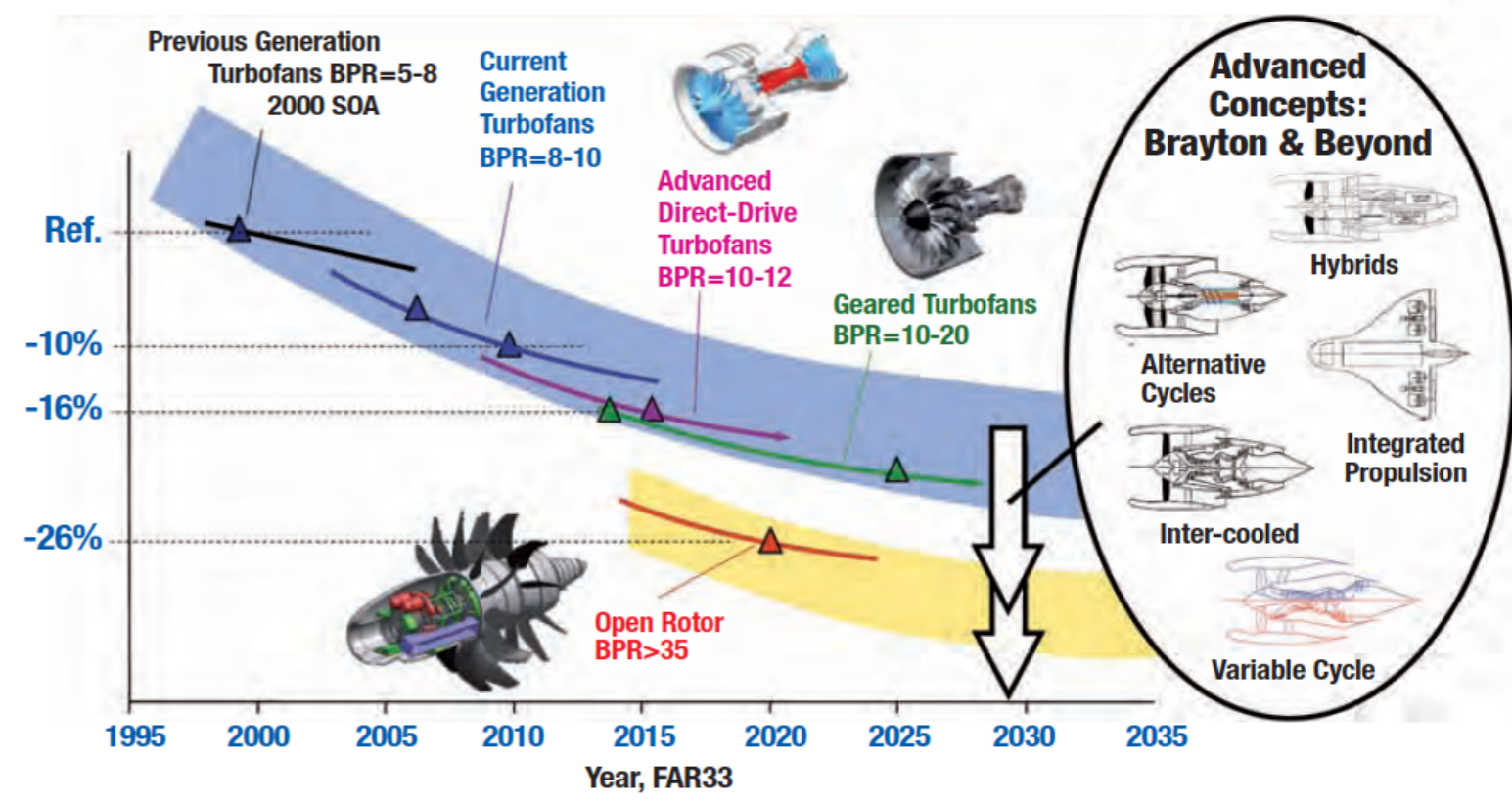
Industrial needs point to the look for technological breakthroughs: i.e. new thermodynamic cycles, downsizing, integrated systems...

➔ Again CFD is a potential tool to invest in this uncharted territory. The « only investment » and « risk » to manage are the **ability of codes and models to address properly the problems...**

... as well as the CPU that will go with it ...



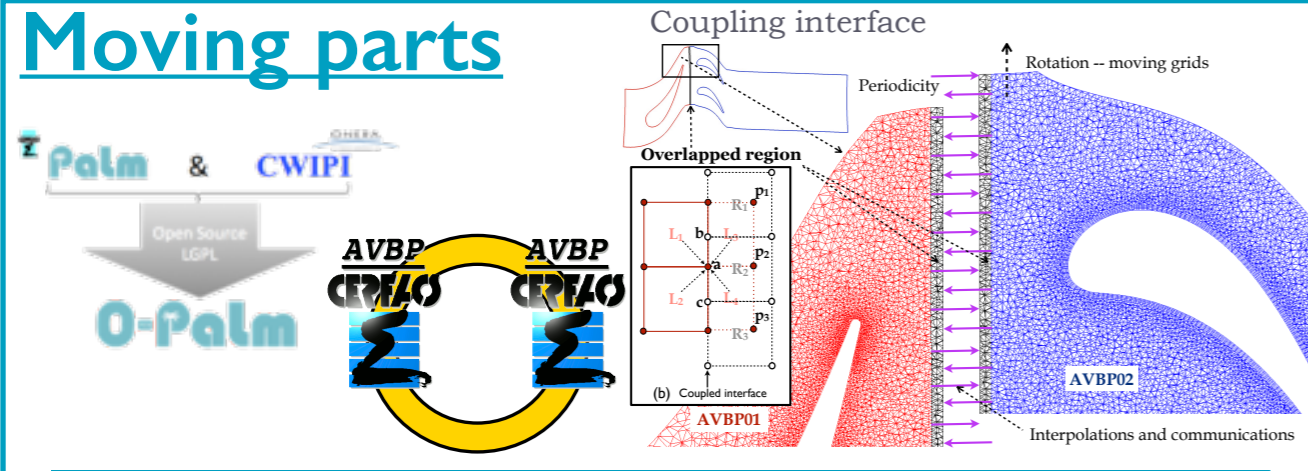
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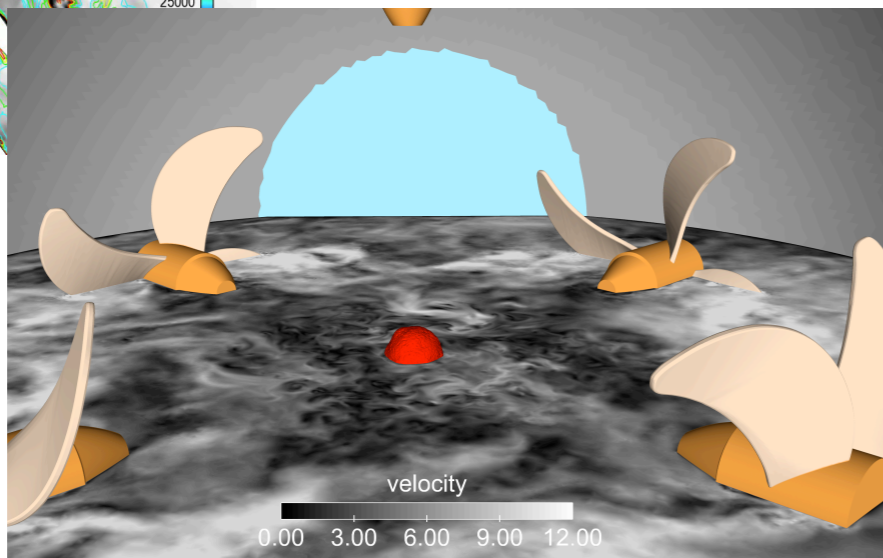
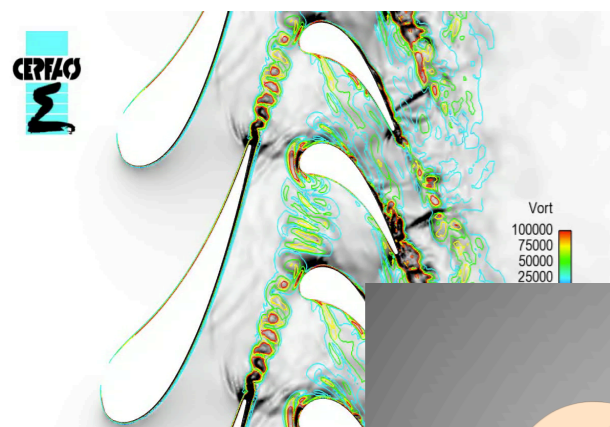
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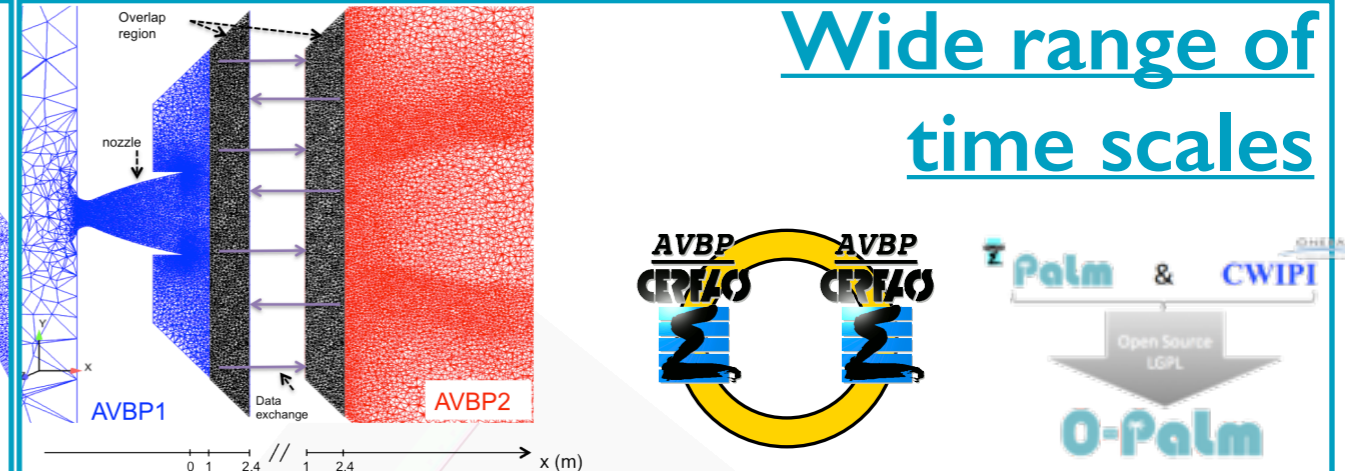
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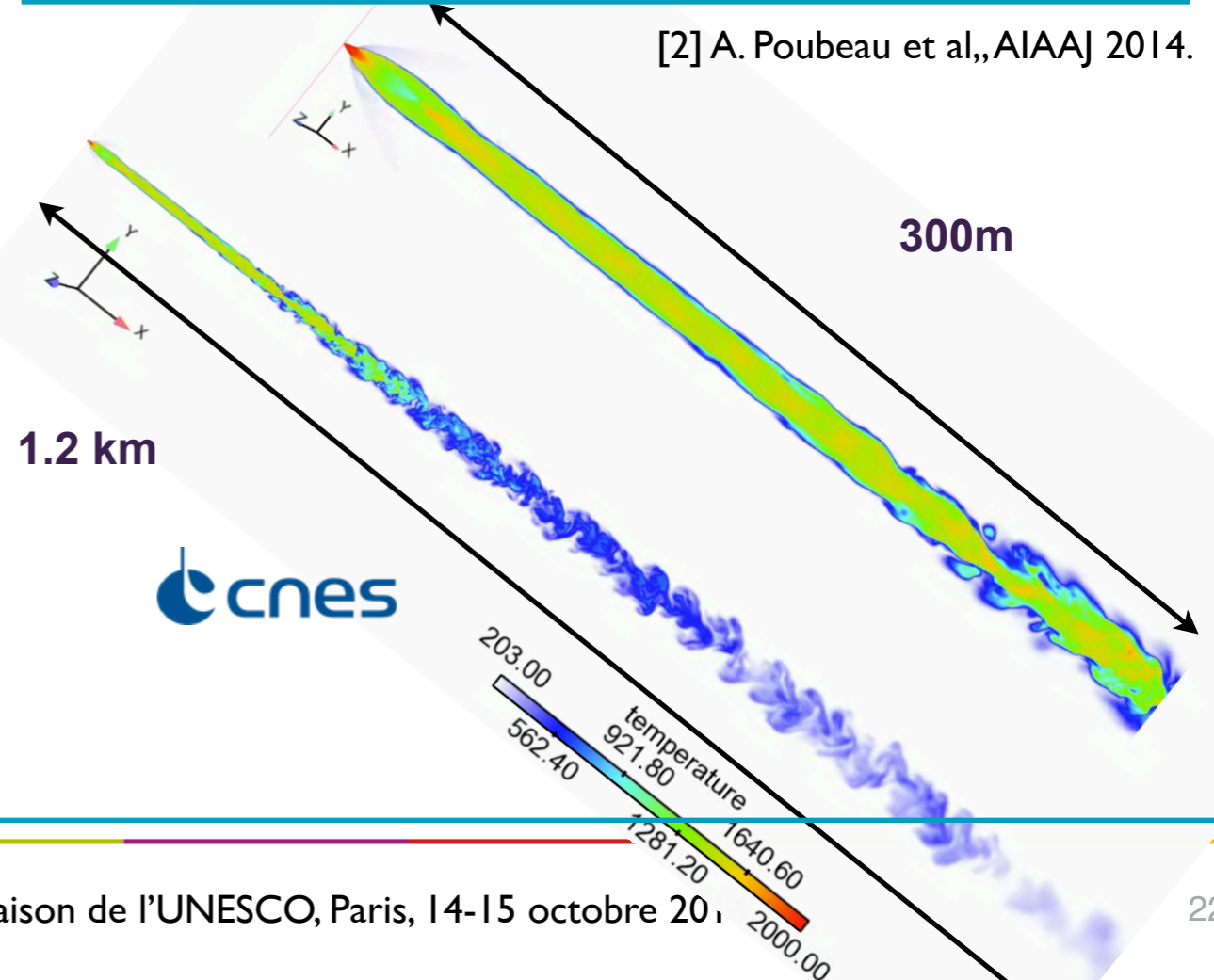
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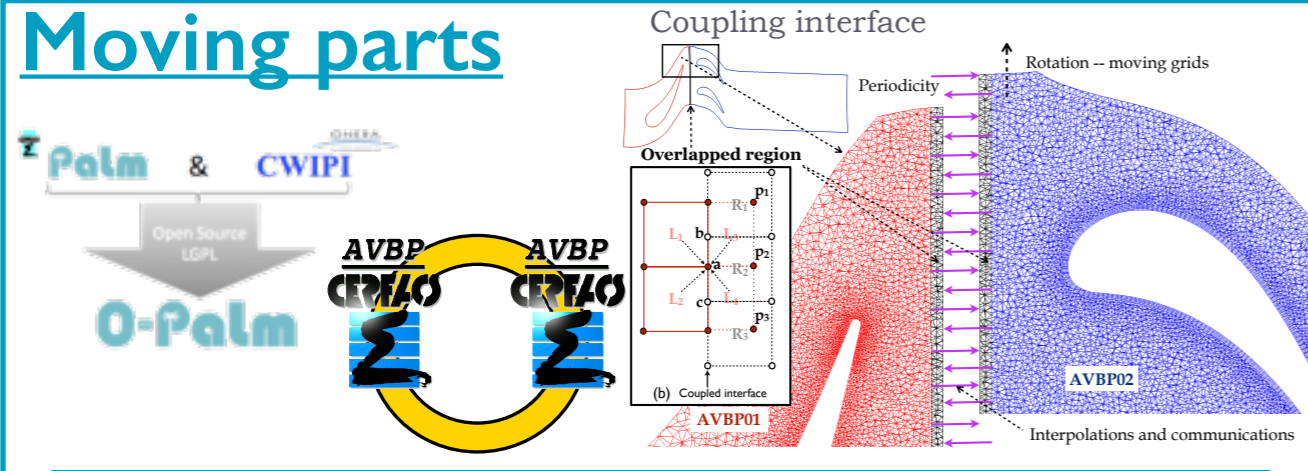


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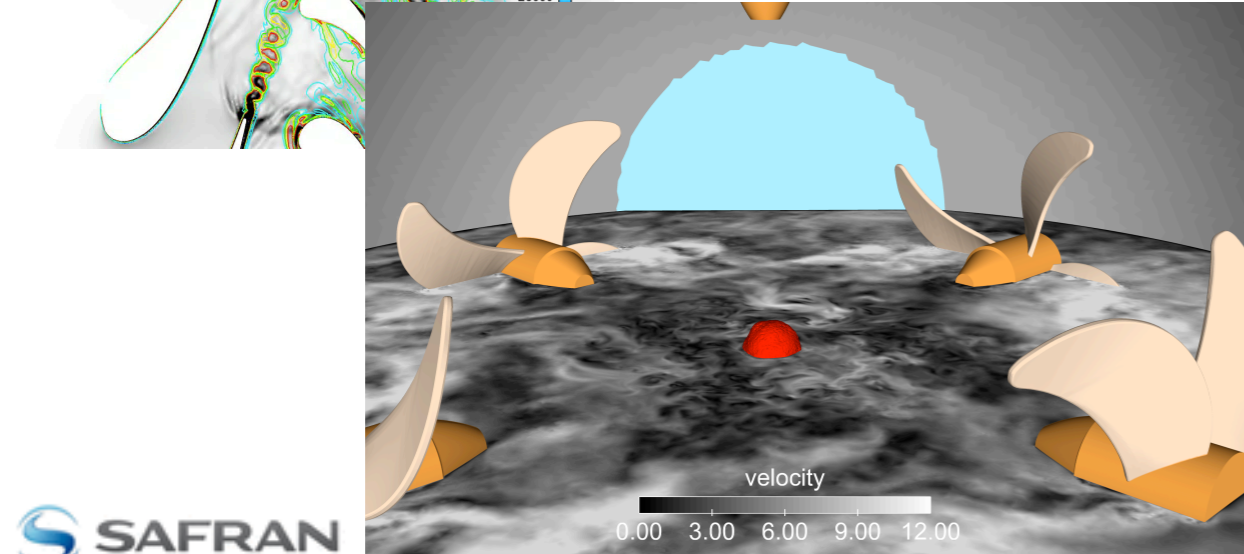


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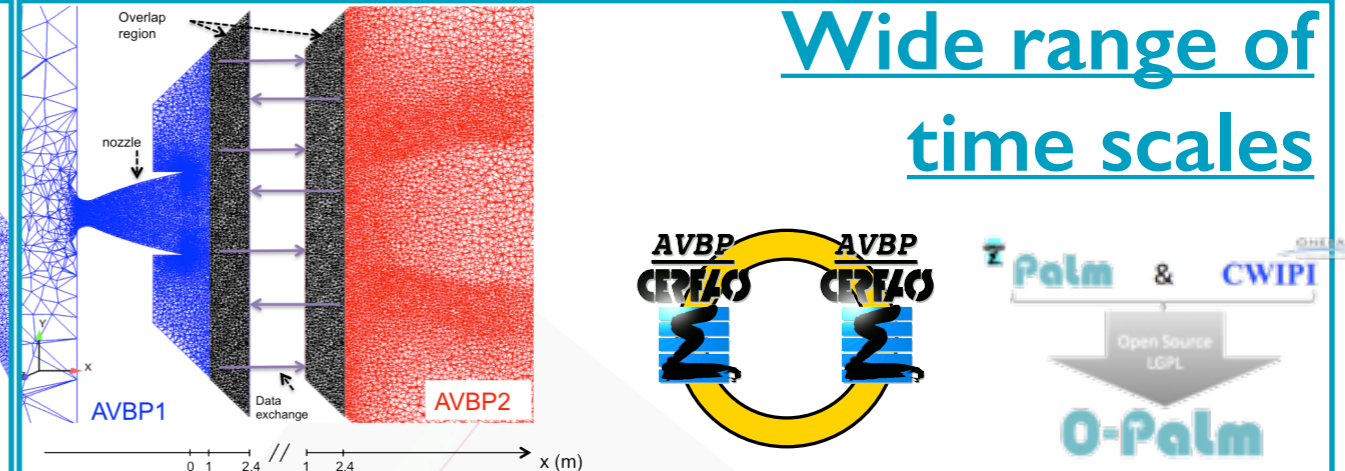
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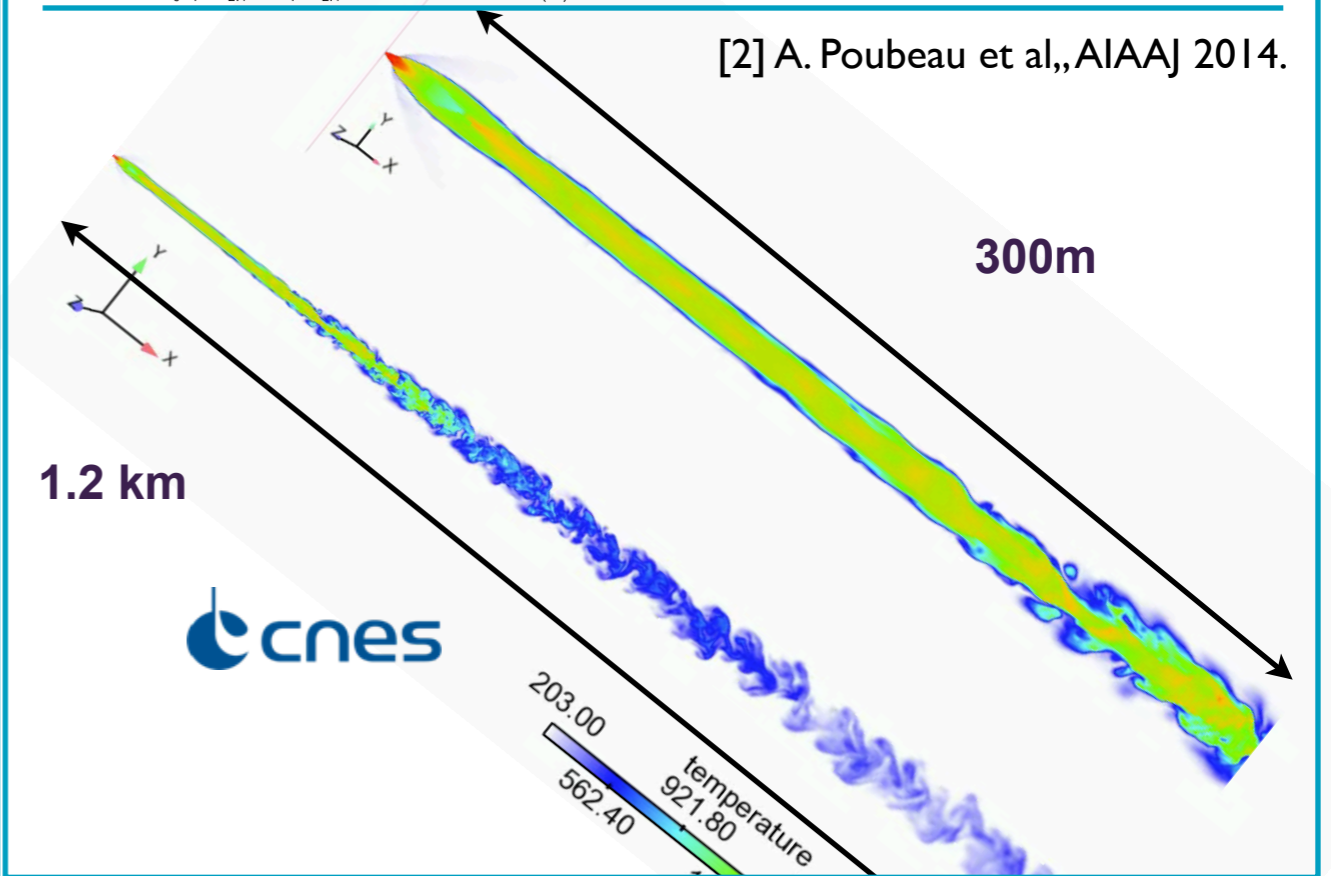
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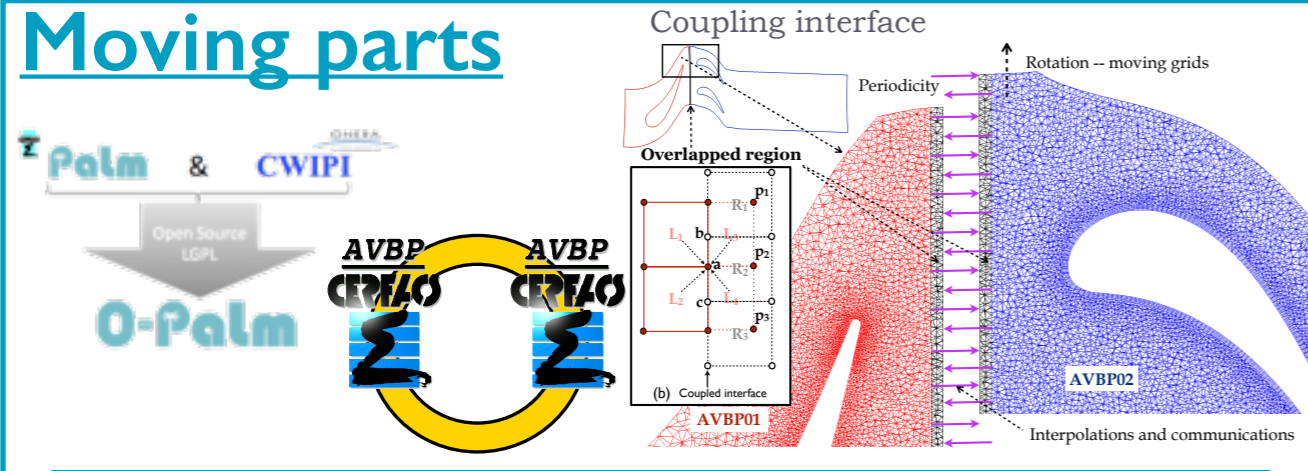


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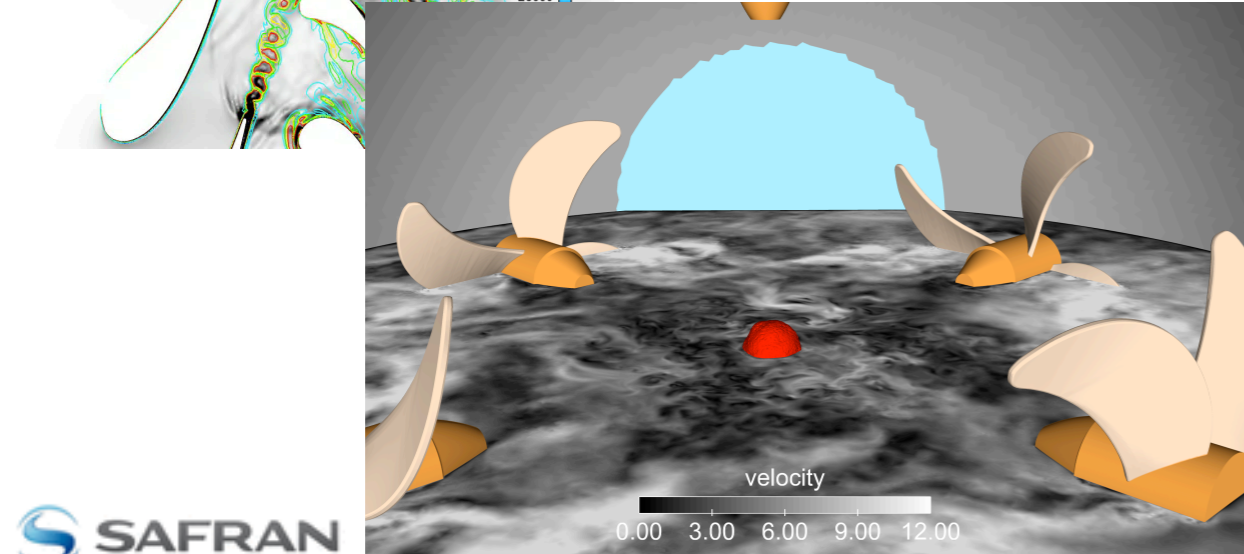


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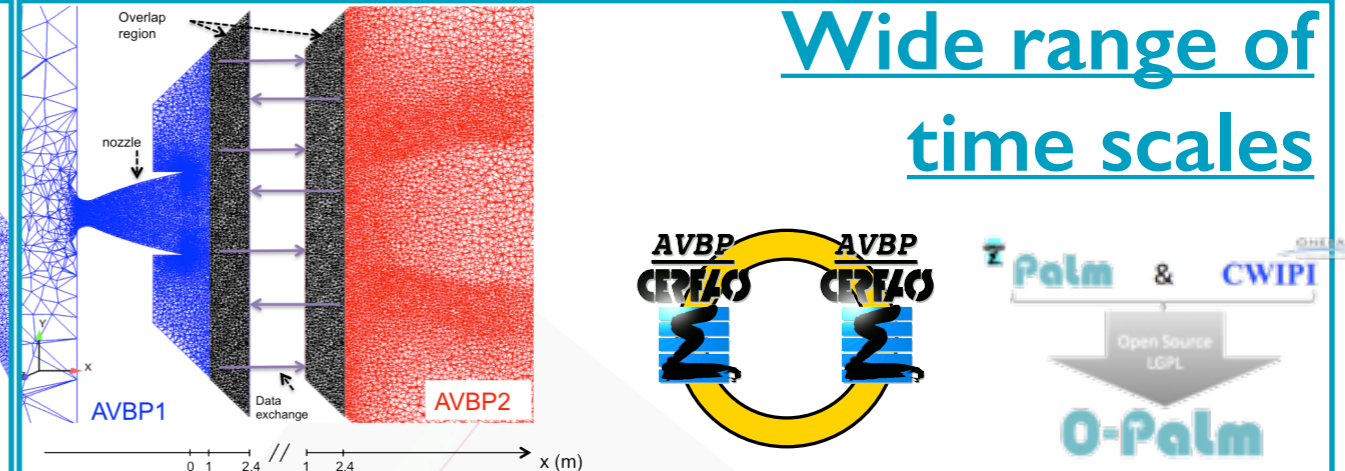
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