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Research activity at a glance

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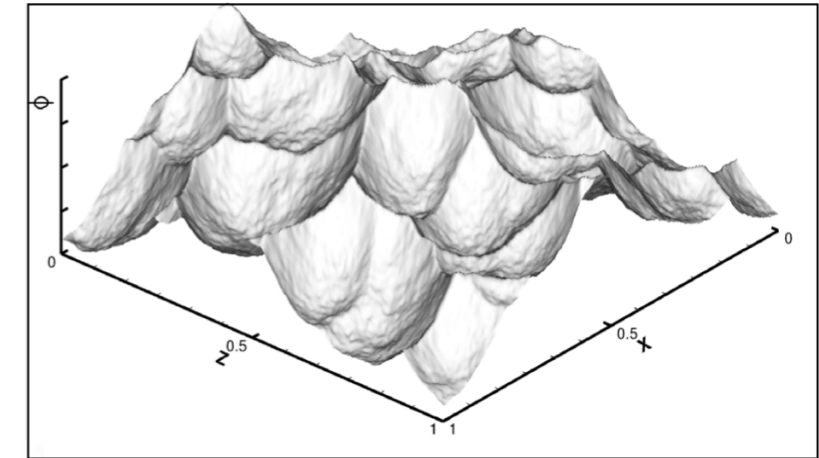
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Ongoing Research Activities

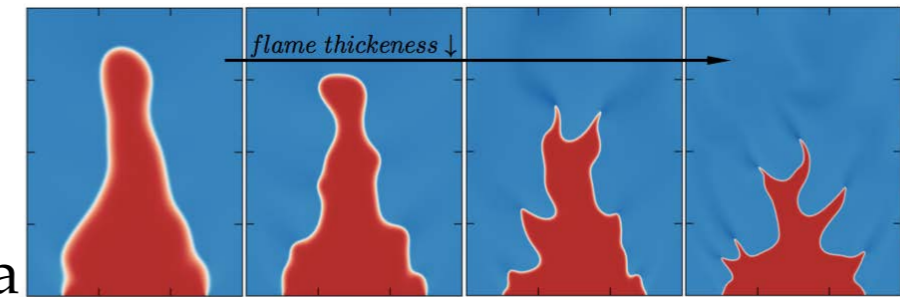
- Numerical investigation of premixed combustion using a hybrid methodology

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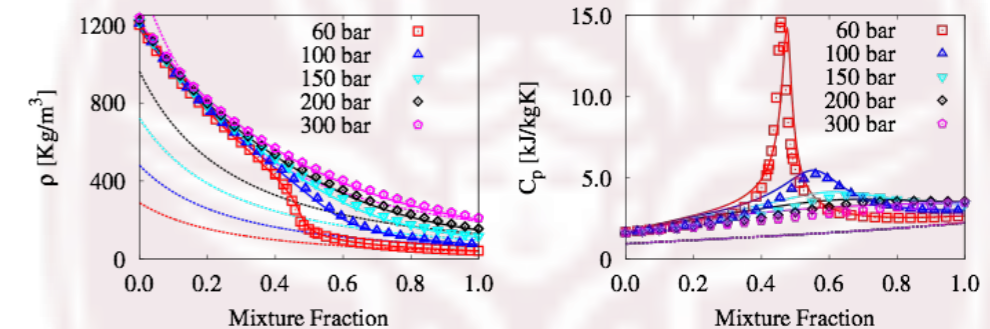
- Numerical and Experimental characterization of intrinsic instabilities in turbulent premixed flames

» G. Troiani (ENEA), F. Creta, R. Lamioni, P.E. Lapenna



- The structure of non-premixed flames at supercritical conditions

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- Direct and Large Eddy Simulation of Transcritical flows

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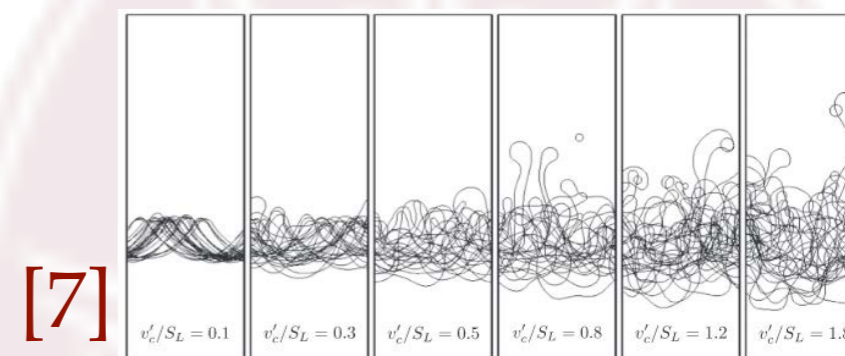
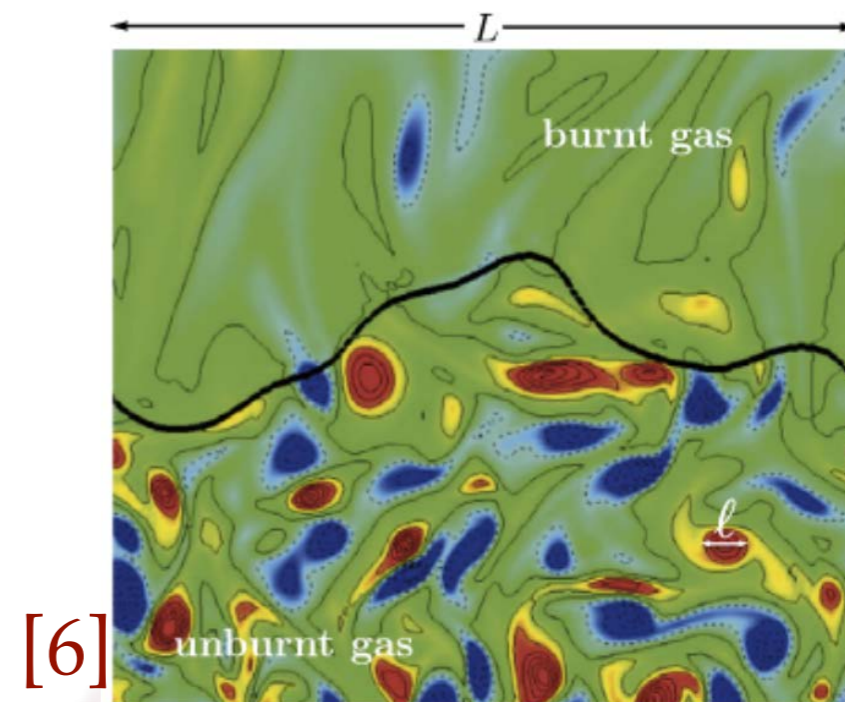
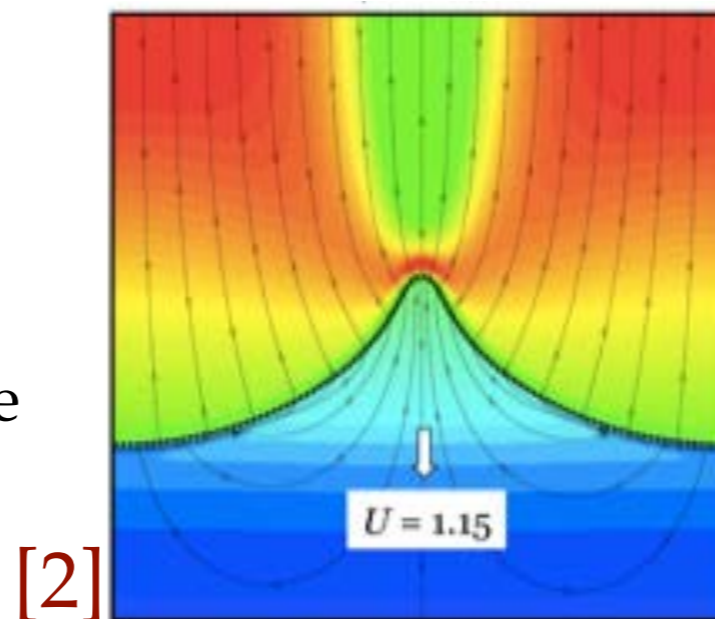




Numerical investigation of premixed combustion using a hybrid methodology

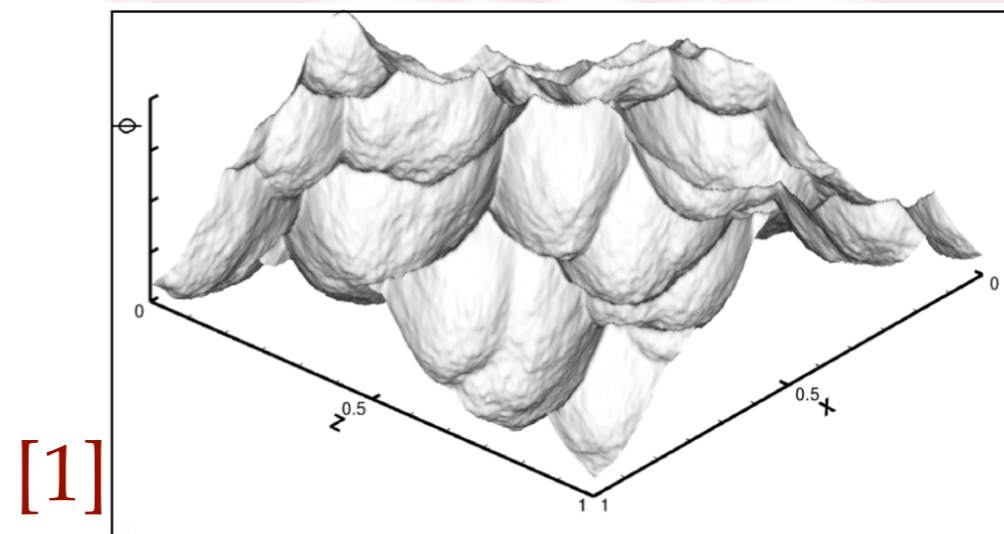
- In this project we implement the “hydrodynamic model” of premixed flames as a hybrid numerical scheme using front tracking, level-set technique embedded in a variable density Navier-Stokes field.

- » Laminar / Turbulent flame propagation
- » Interaction of intrinsic instabilities and turbulence
- » Scaling laws for S_T



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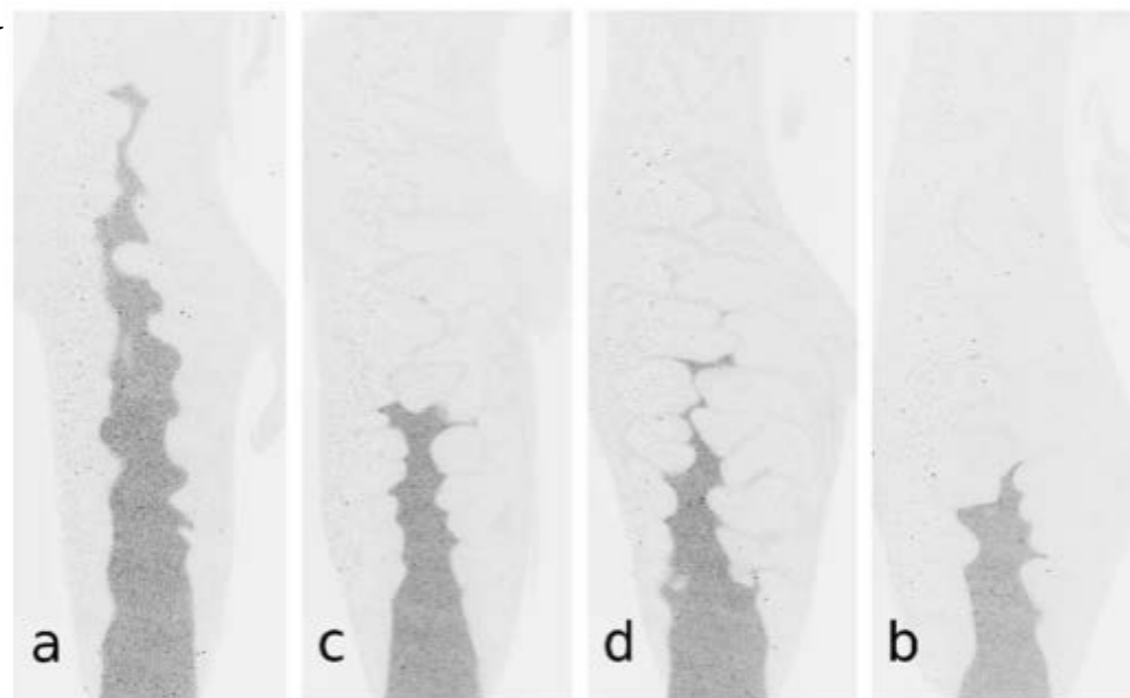
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Numerical/Experimental study of intrinsic instabilities in turbulent premixed flames

- In this project we investigate, both numerically (DNS) and experimentally (PIV), the interplay between the intrinsic Darrieus-Landau (DL) of a premixed flame and weak turbulence
 - » Definition of an unambiguous marker of presence/absence of DL-induced effects
 - » Quantification of the DL effects on the flame propagation
 - » Assessment of mitigation/suppression of instabilities due to increasing turbulence



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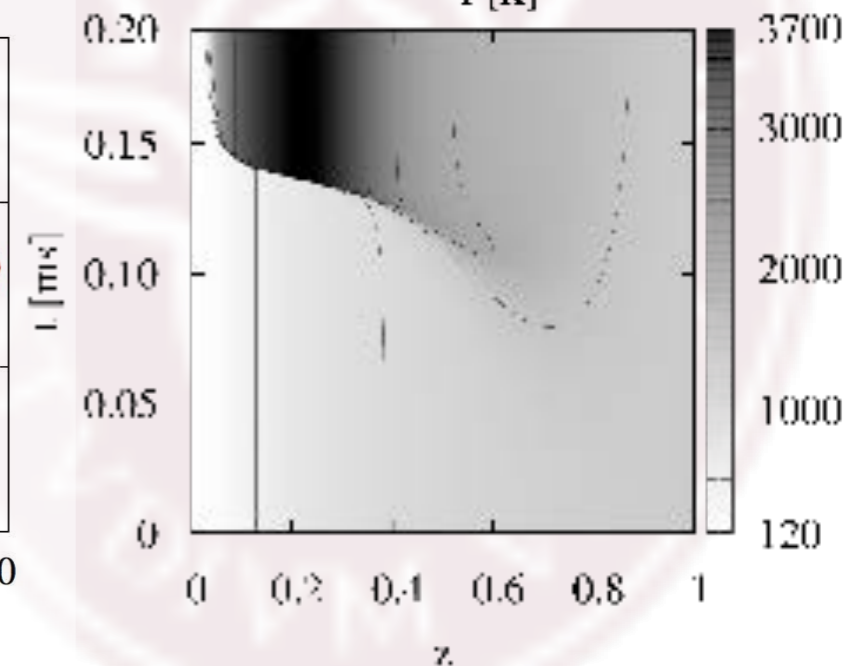
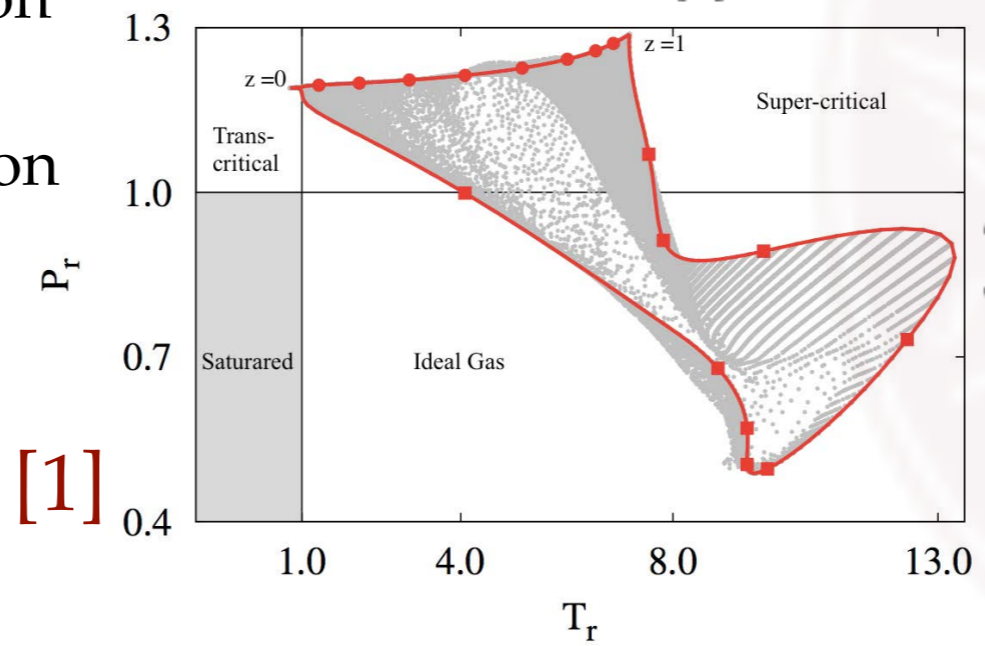
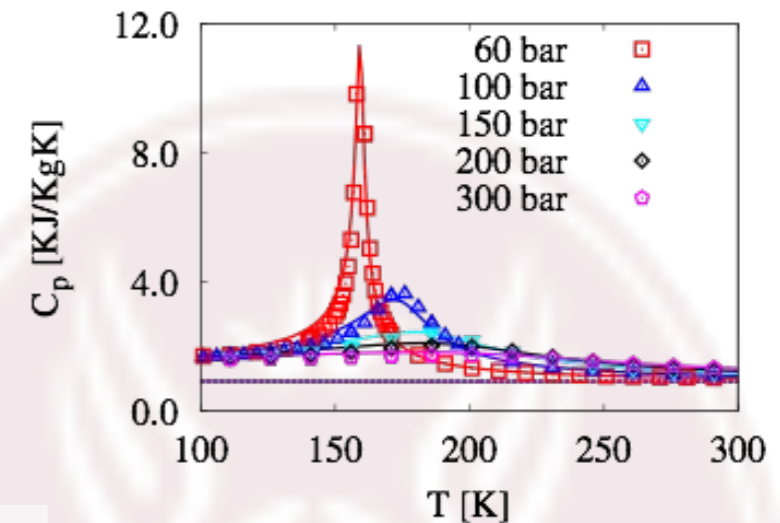
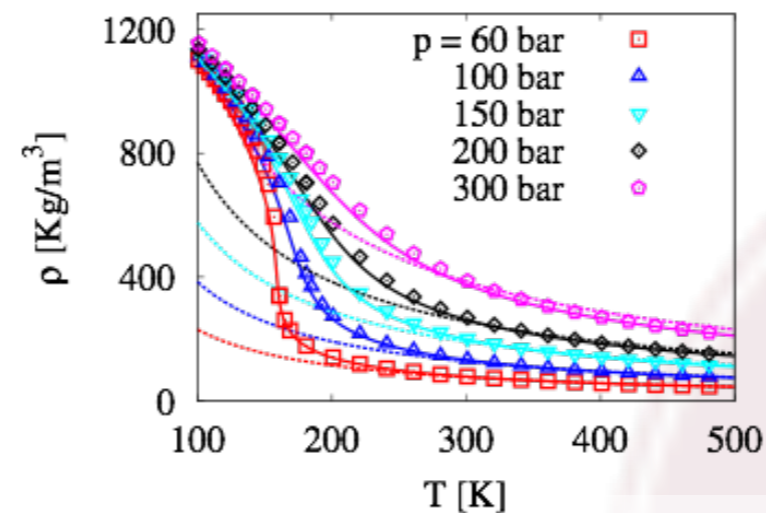
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The structure of non-premixed flames at supercritical conditions

- In this project we develop an efficient multispecies thermodynamic library to account for real gas effects in the context of non-premixed combustion.
- This is used in conjunction with non premixed combustion laminar solvers in the context of flamelet tabulation for high pressure cryogenic LES turbulent combustion solvers.

- » RGM library based on comprehensive three parameters real fluid EoS
- » Supercritical pressure influence on unsteady flamelet ignition transient
- » Effects of fuel composition on LNG/LOx laminar flame structure



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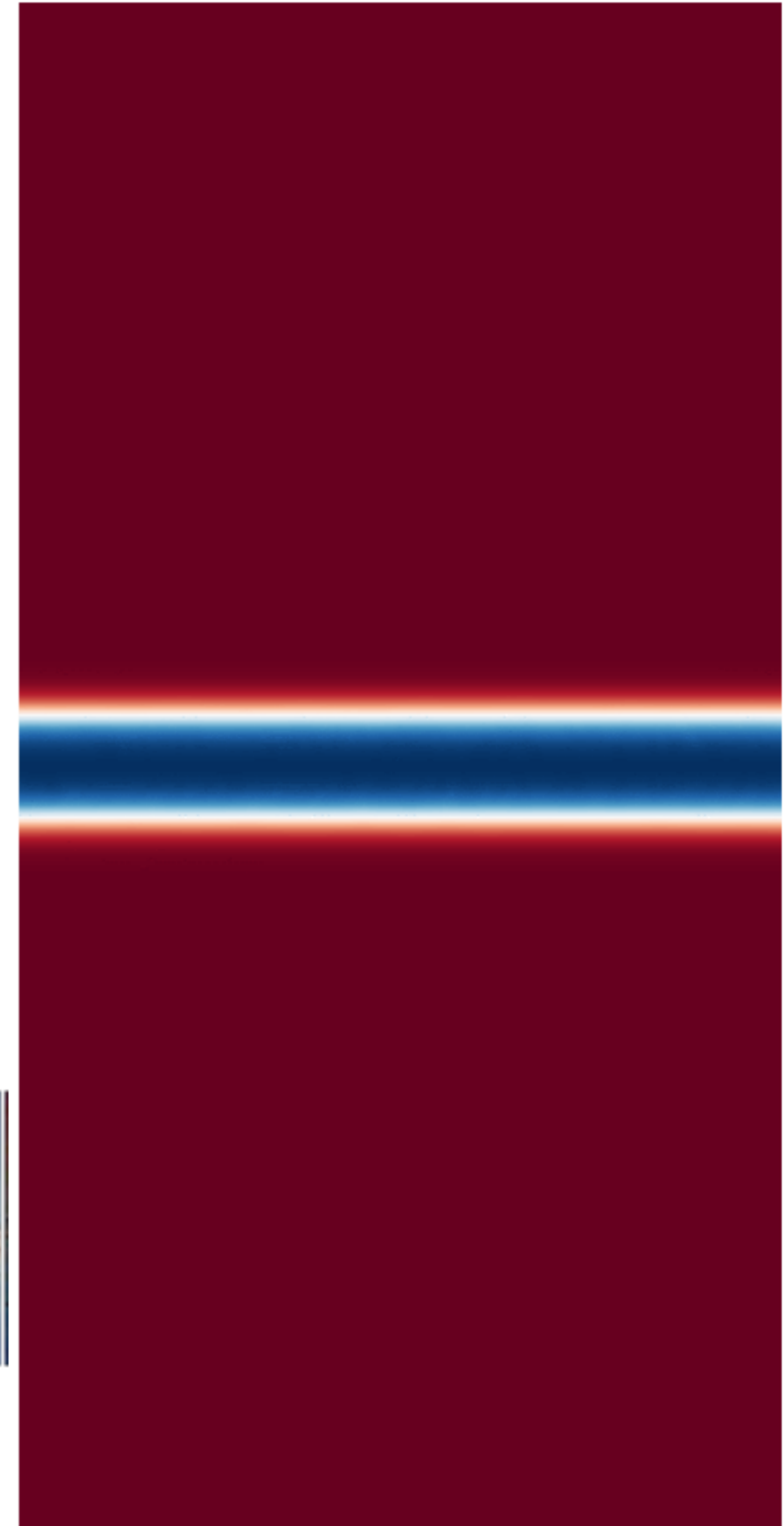
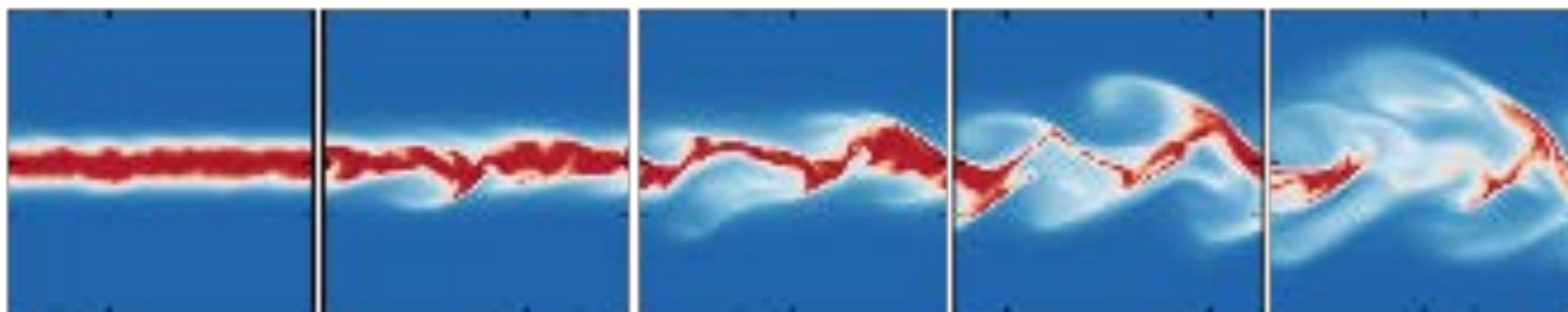
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Direct and Large Eddy Simulation of Transcritical flows

- In this project we develop we develop a Low-Mach number real fluid version of **nek5000**.
- Highly scalable, spectral element, flow solver with state of the art thermo-physical and transport properties
 - » Investigation of mixing under severe thermodynamical conditions, usually encountered in LRE
 - » *A-priori* testing, using DNS, of sub-grid presumed pdf methods at supercritical pressures.
 - » *A-posteriori* analysis, using LES, of sub-grid modeling and simulation of relevant experimental configurations.

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