

Transition from deflagration to detonation (DDT) and detonation propagation in reactive layers: *Experiments and simulations*

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This talk concerns the experimental and numerical investigations performed at UC of Southeast Norway (former Telemark) on DDT in hydrogen air and detonation propagation in a reactive layer.

The experimental results focus on high-speed imaging of the DDT process or failure to form a stable detonation. The numerical studies concern detonation propagation in reactive layers where the reactive fuel-oxidizer layer has a neighboring inert layer.

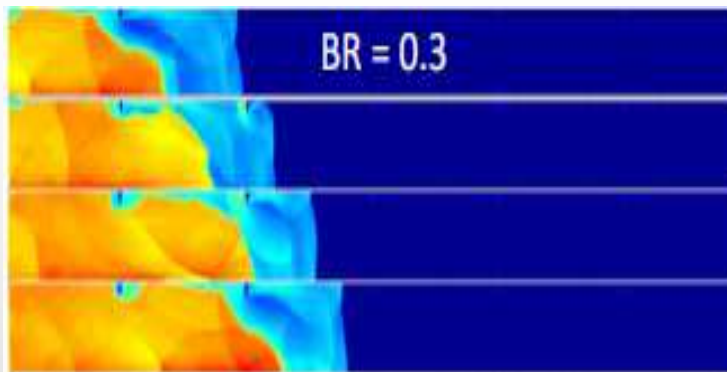


Fig. 1: Temperature contours in a propagating fast flame in methane-air



Fig. 2: Photo of the "Big Blue" explosion rig

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