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# Report of the Informal Working Group on the reduction of the risk of a BLEVE

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Annex 6

Future developments on preventive measures in parking areas (INERIS, France)



# Automatic Detection and Extinction systems on outdoor parks of dangerous goods transportation (DGT) vehicles



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#### Introduction

## Context and general scope

- Several accidents (fire + explosion) in outdoor DGT parks occurred in France, tending to prove that fire is of criminal origin
- DGT regulation in France thus requires that such parks are equipped with automatic fire detection systems within the next years, supplemented by automatic extinction/mitigation systems
- INERIS was thus mandated to benchmark existing technologies and consider onboard technologies in order to detect the fire on time (extinction expected before occurrence of BLEVE)



#### Scenarios of interest

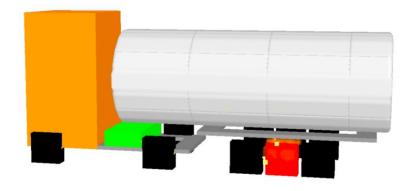
# Typical parking configuration



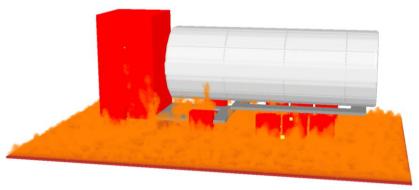


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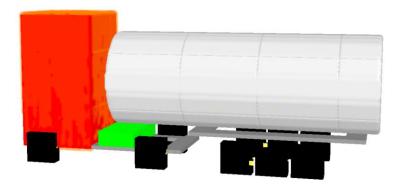
# Fire locations of interest



Tyre fire



Pool fire



Cabin fire



## Benchmark of on-land technologies

#### **Detection**

- Effective technologies: IR/UV sensors, thermographic cameras, thermovelocimetric cables
- Identified drawbacks: high cost due to high sampling of space, detection time ...

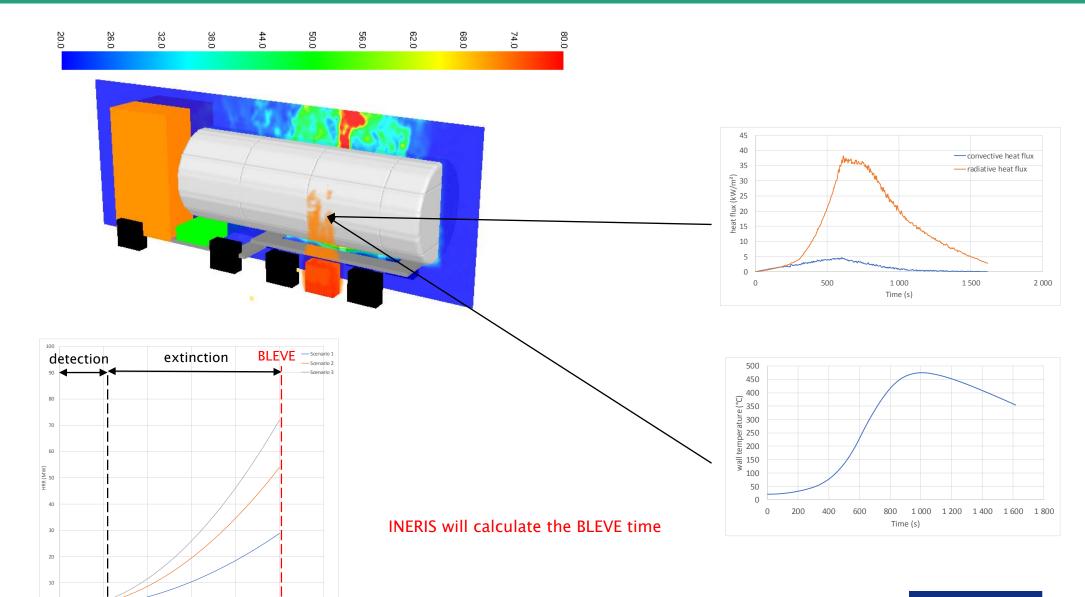
#### Extinction

- Effective technology : foam cannon
- Identified drawbacks: high cost due to high sampling of space, foam/water quantity...
- → Motivation for considering on-board technology detection and extinction/mitigation technologies



# On-board technologies

# Benefits of numerical simulations





## Work in progress ...

- INERIS is considering on-board technologies with maximum cost-benefit ratio
- BLEVE time calculations are readily used for guidance

