

# Update on ISO PWI24077

Safe Use of LH2 in Non-industrial Settings

*Contributions of the FCH JU project PRESLHY*

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**Pre-normative REsearch for Safe use of Liquid HYdrogen**



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# Outline

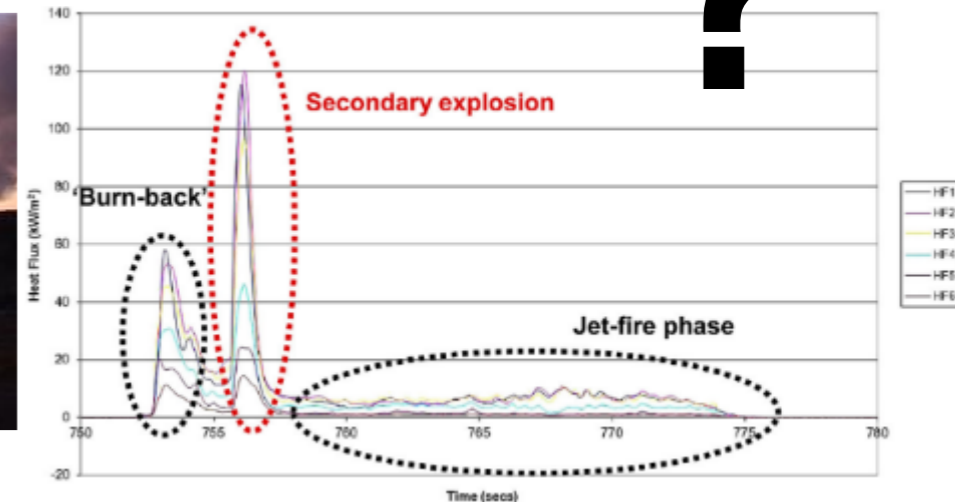
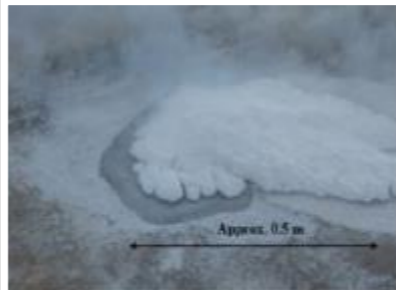
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- WP5 Combustion
- Exploitation
- Closure



# Motivation

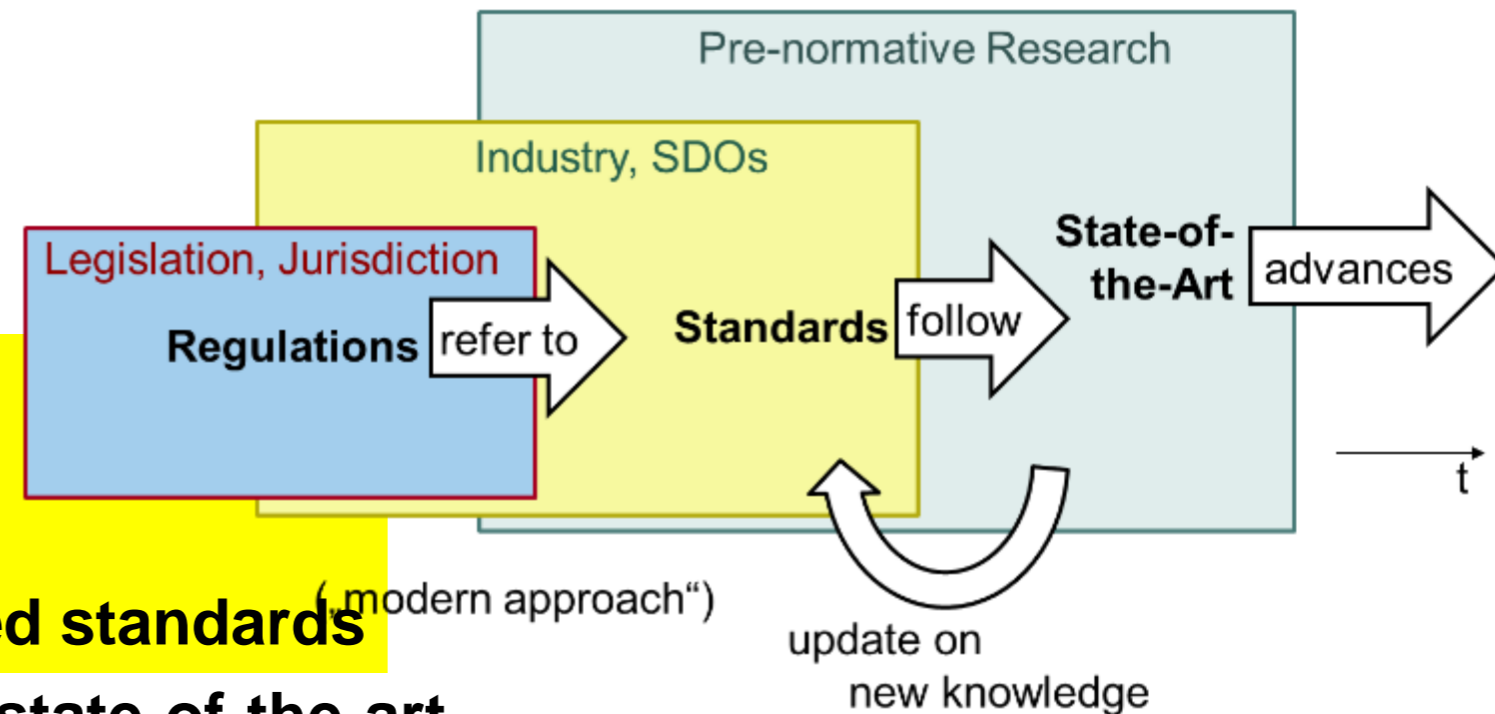


- Scale-up of existing and new applications increase H2 demand.
- Liquid hydrogen (LH2) provides **larger densities** and gains in **efficiency** and **potentially reduces risks** compared to compressed gaseous transport and storage
- Many **knowledge gaps** wrt accidental behavior of LH2 and **inconsistent** and **potentially over-conservative RCS** (e.g. NFPA 2 and EIGA)



# PRESLHY Objectives

- Report **initial state-of-the-art and knowledge gaps** with priorities wrt intended use of LH2
- Execute adjusted **experimental program** addressing release, ignition and combustion phenomena with highest priorities
- Document and publish detailed, aggregated and interpreted data in a FAIR way
- Develop **suitable models and engineering correlations** and integrate them in a suitable open risk assessment toolkit
- Provide **enhanced recommendations for safe design and operations** of LH2 technologies
- **Support international SDOs in**
  - **updating of existing standards** or
  - **developing of new international performance based and risk informed standards**
- Document and disseminate the **enhanced state-of-the-art**



# External Networking / Dissemination



Presentation planned for next meeting

HySafe (+ Hydrogen Safety Pa...

RCS SCG

JRC (HIA)

ISO TC 197

IEA Hydrogen Task

ISO/PWI 24077: „Safe Use of LH2 in Non-Industrial Settings“ established on 6.12.2018

Presentation on 19.10.2018



**WP1 – Management (KIT)**

**WP2 - Strategy (AL)**

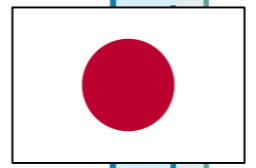
**WP3 – Release & Mixing (NCSR)**

**WP4 – Ignition (HSL)**

**WP5 – Combustion (KIT)**

**WP6 – Implementation (UU)**

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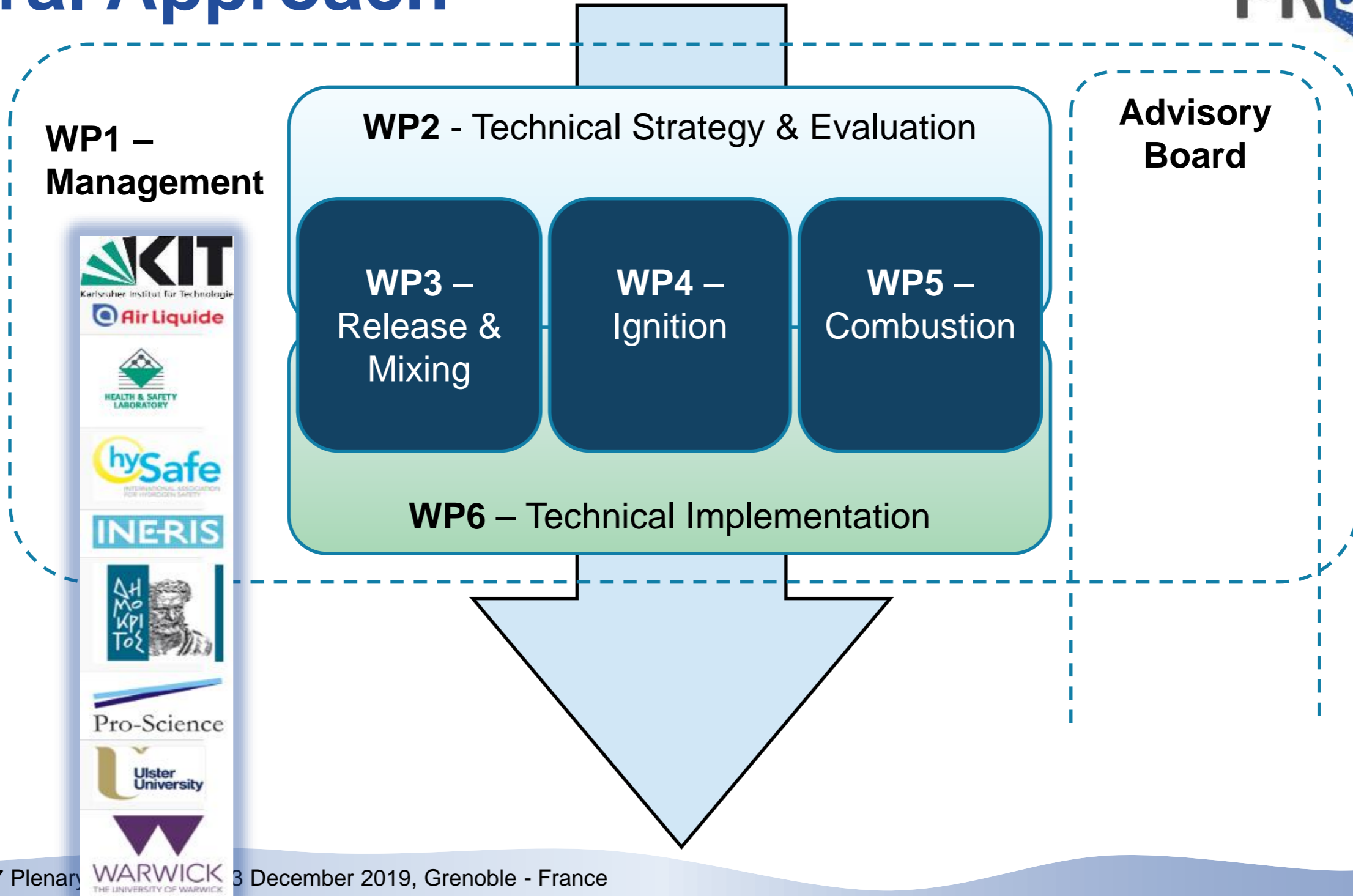
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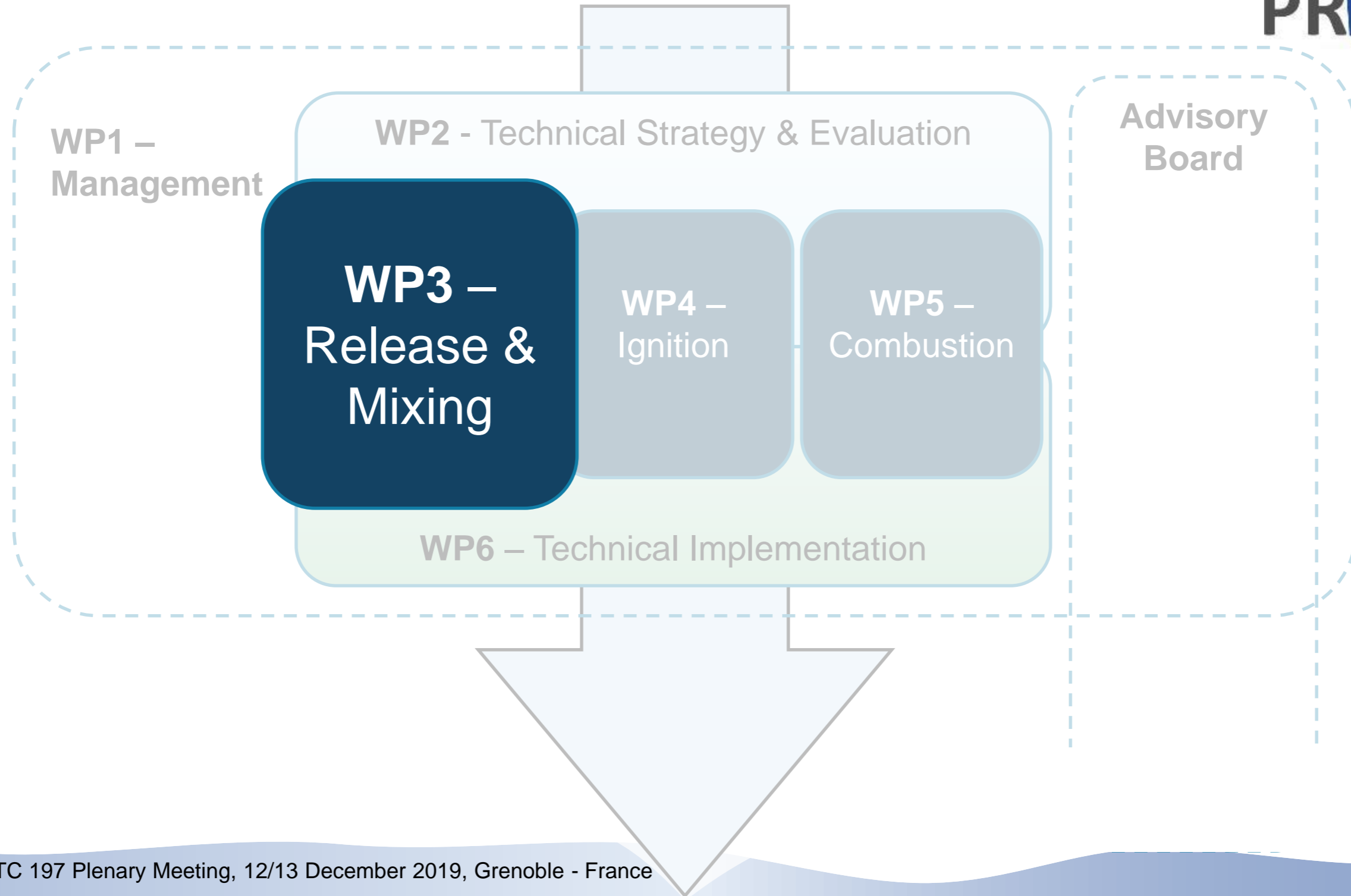
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# General Approach

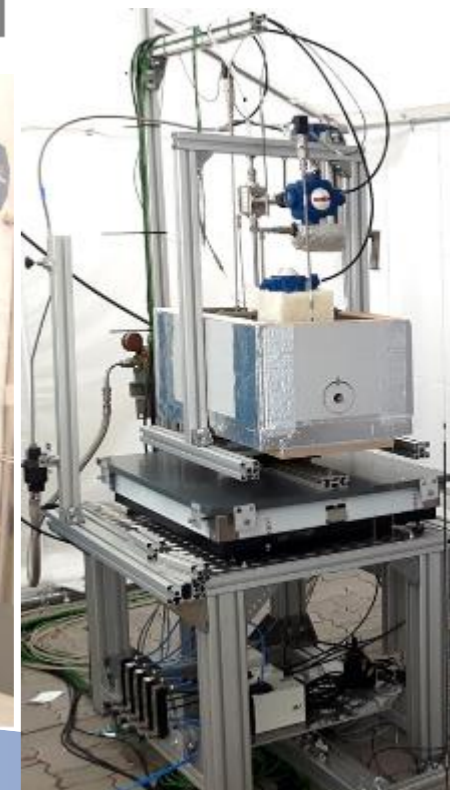
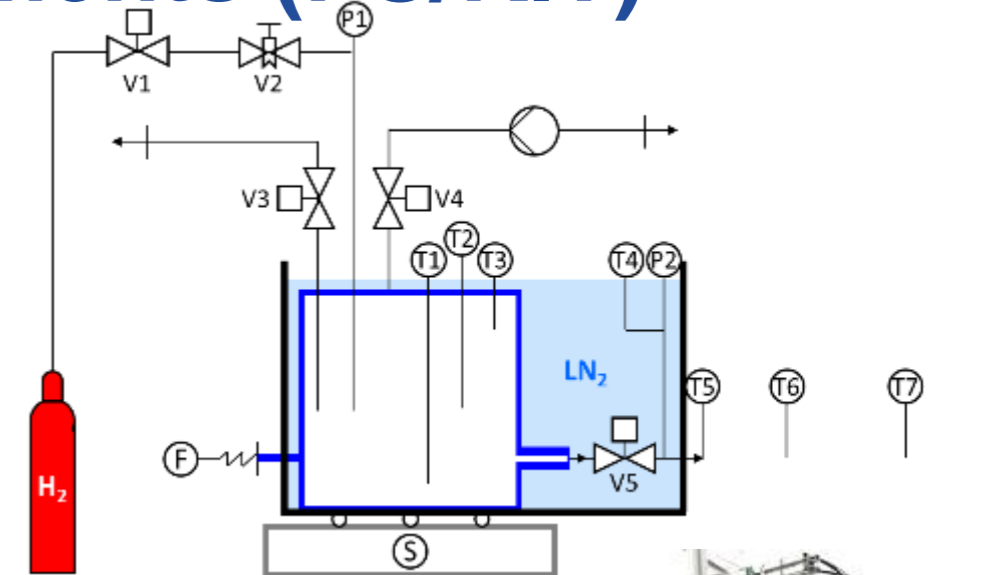




# Experimental series E3.1a

## Small Scale Multiphase Release experiments (PS/KIT)

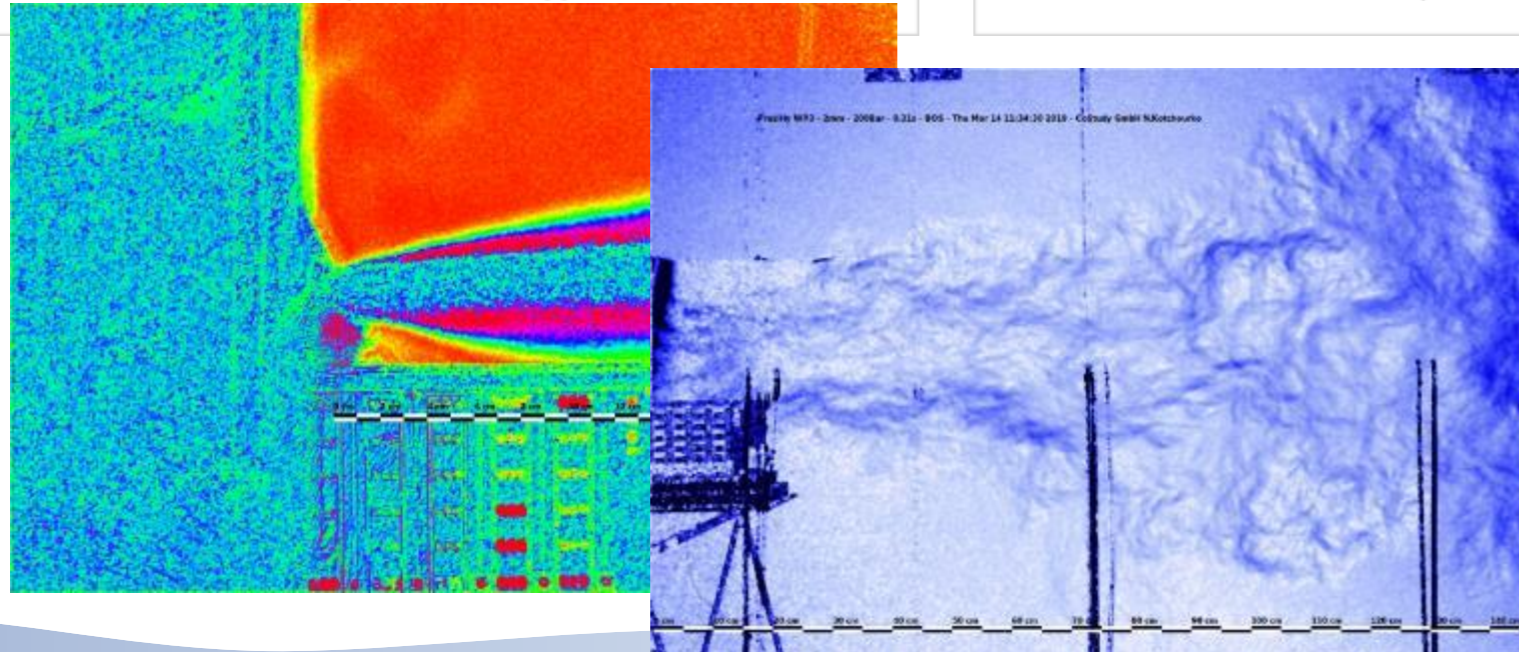
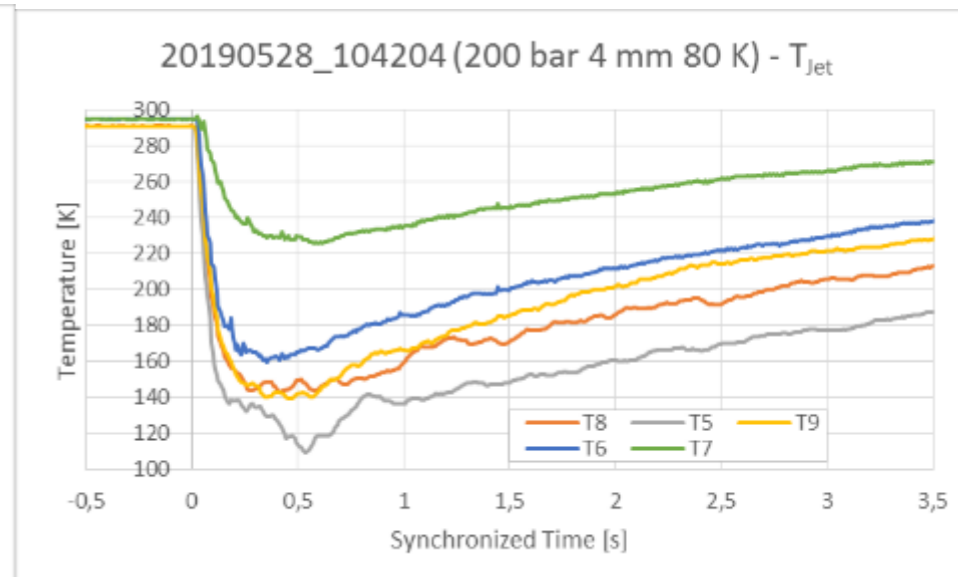
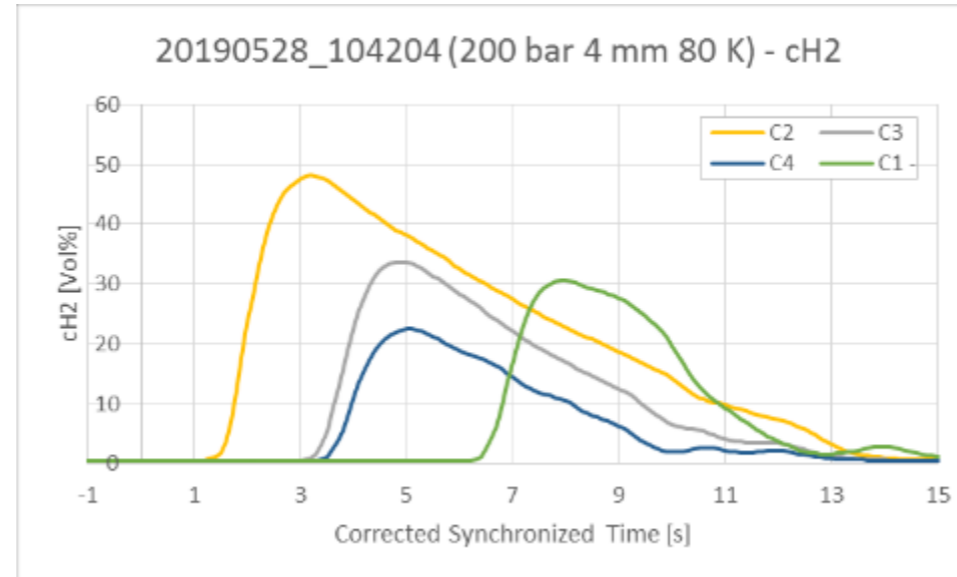
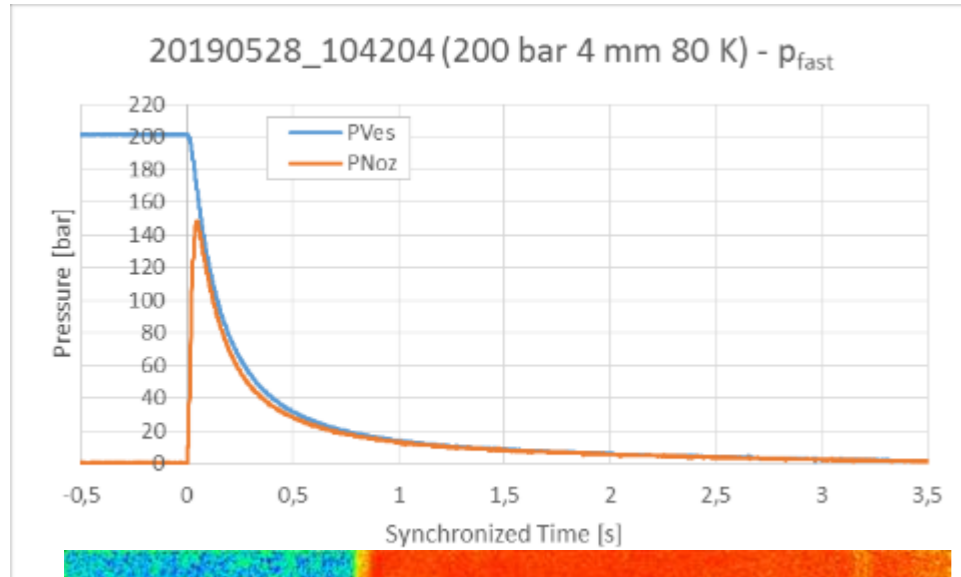
- > 200 tests performed at DISCHA facility at HYKA / KIT
- Warm tests (ambient temp) and cold tests (77 K  $T_{sat, LN_2}$ ) where 2.81 L stainless steel vessel and release line cooled by bath of LN<sub>2</sub>
- 4 nozzle diameters (0.5, 1, 2, 4 mm)
- 7 initial vessel pressures (5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 150, 200 bar)
- Every experiment was repeated at least 2 times (> 100 warm and ≈ 100 cold tests in total)
- **Only single (gaseous) phase conditions at nozzle were achieved**





# E3.1a: Validation Data

from ~200 tests in- and ex-vessel (jet) p, T, cH<sub>2</sub>, photography



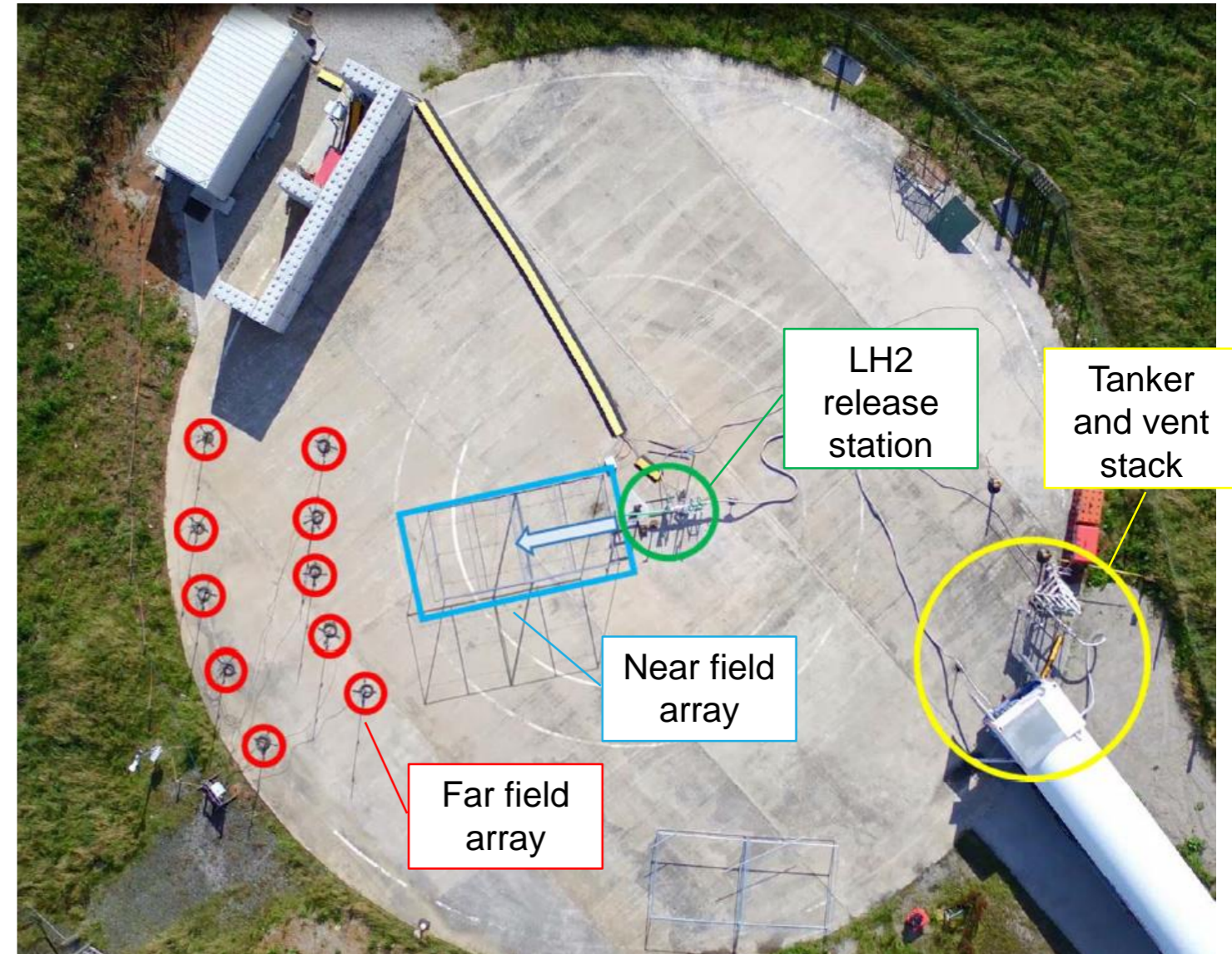
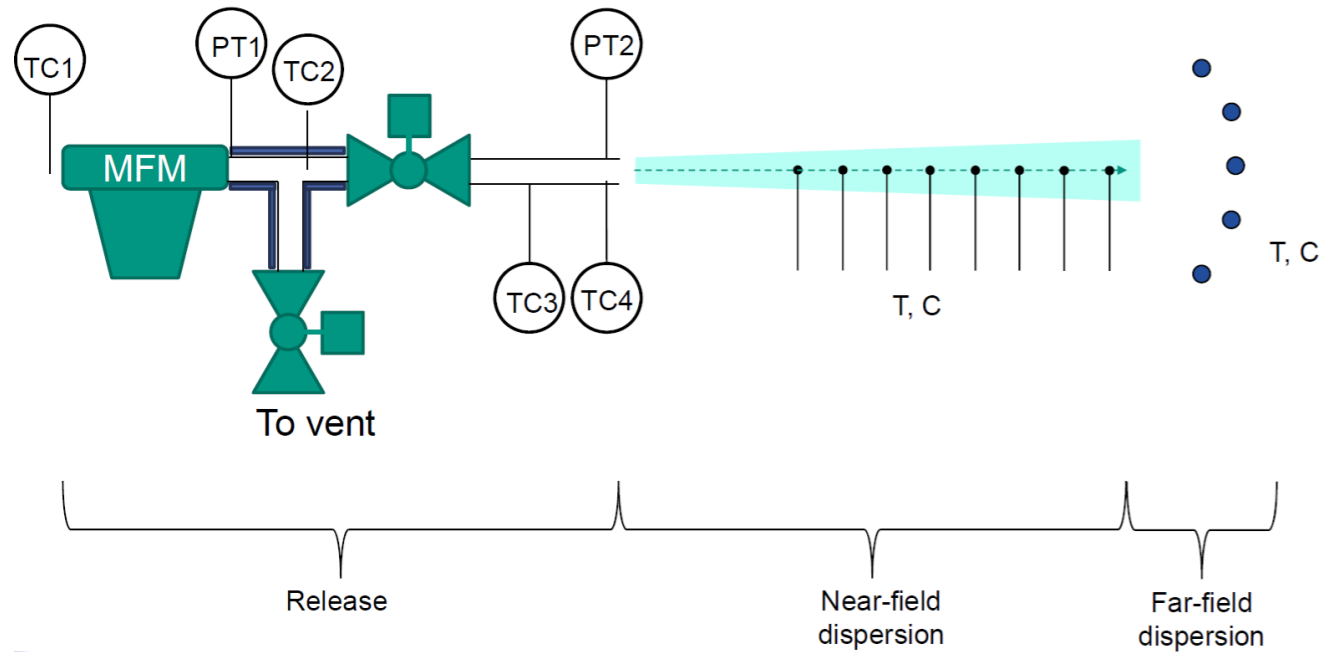
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# Experimental series E3.5

## “Rain Out Tests” (HSE)



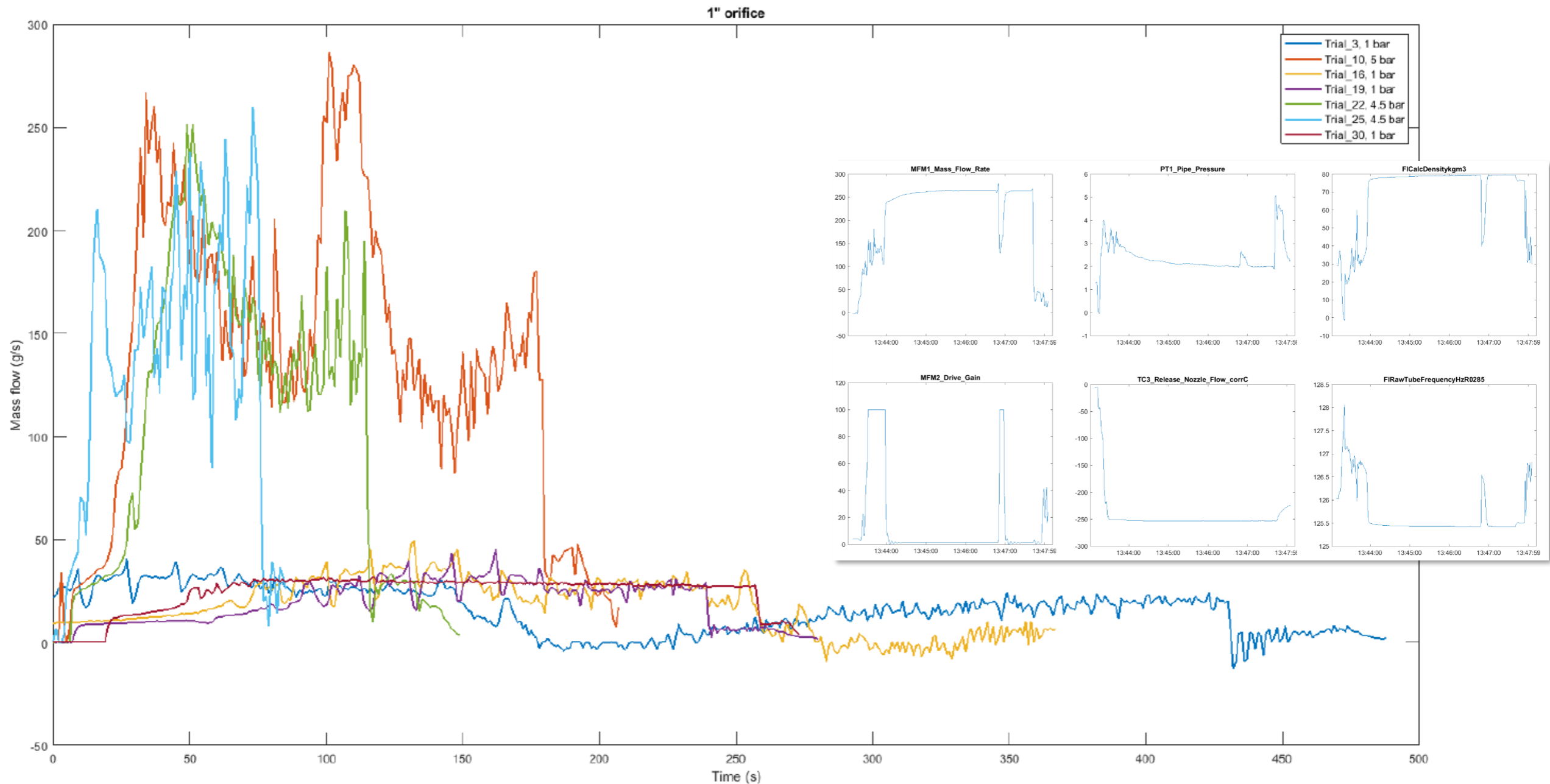


# E3.5: Test Matrix

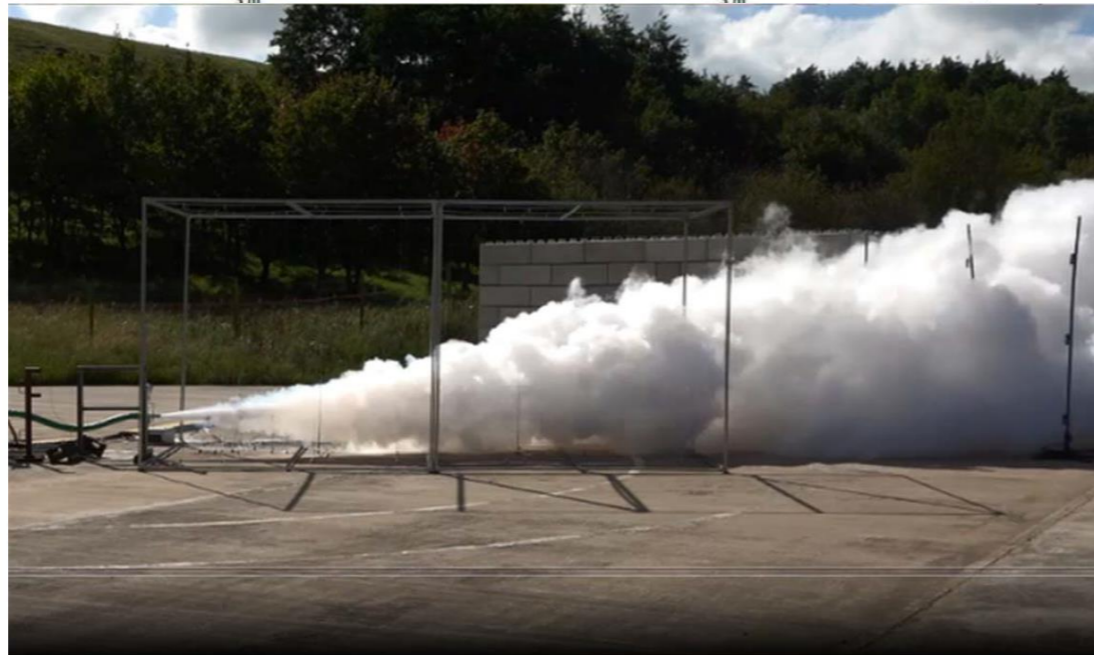
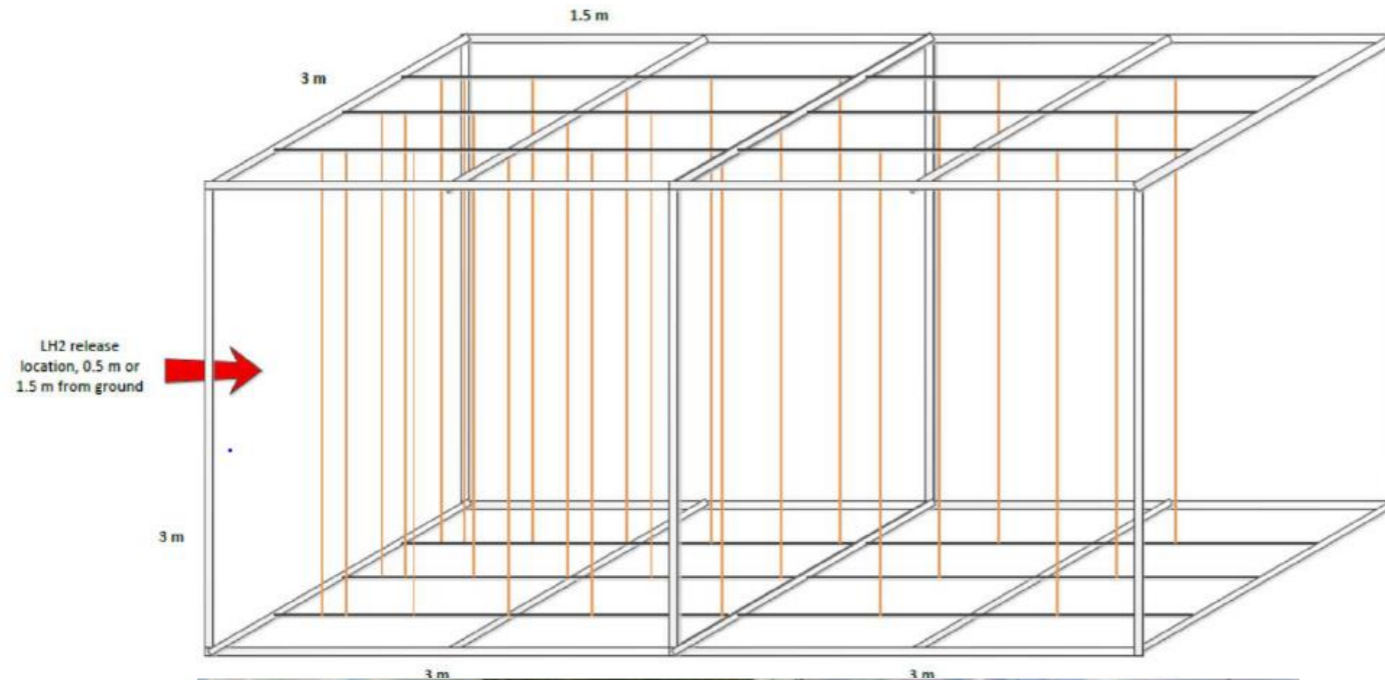
Trial No	Test No	Date	Time of start	Array location	Far Field sensor location	Additional Notes	Resistance
1	3.5.3	11/09/2019	15:16:54	Standard	Option 2a	Commissioning test.	$1.42 \times 10^6 \Omega^2$
2	3.5.1	11/09/2019	15:58:09	Standard	Option 2a	Commissioning test.	$1.06 \times 10^7 \Omega^2$
3	3.5.1	12/09/2019	11:45:31	Standard	Option 2a	Good conditions.	$1.02 \times 10^6 \Omega^2$
4	3.5.2	12/09/2019	12:08:57	Standard	Option 2a	Fist footage of solid air around nozzle.	$1.06 \times 10^7 \Omega^2$
5	3.5.3	12/09/2019	14:34:20	Standard	Option 2a		$2.48 \times 10^6 \Omega^2$
6	3.5.7	12/09/2019	15:35:30	250mm offset	Option 2a		
7	3.5.8	12/09/2019	16:10:18	250mm offset	Option 2a	0.7m radius pool formed with solid deposit.	
8	3.5.8	13/09/2019	10:32:55	250mm offset	Option 2a		$2.07 \times 10^7 \Omega^2$
9	3.5.9	13/09/2019	11:11:19	350mm offset	Option 2a	Baffle 160mm from release.	$2.72 \times 10^4 \Omega^2$
10	3.5.10	13/09/2019	13:25:06	50mm offset	Option 2a		$2.67 \times 10^4 \Omega^2$
11	3.5.11	13/09/2019	13:43:17	50mm offset	Option 2a		
12	3.5.12	13/09/2019	14:08:44	50mm offset	Option 2a		$2.67 \times 10^4 \Omega^2$
13	3.5.17	13/09/2019	14:33:43	250mm offset	Option 2a	1.2m radius pool formed.	
14	3.5.16	13/09/2019	14:57:14	250mm offset	Option 2a		
15	3.5.18	13/09/2019	15:23:26	250mm offset	Option 2a	Baffle 180mm from release.	
16	3.5.4	17/09/2019	11:02:07	Standard	Option 2b		$3.14 \times 10^4 \Omega^2$
17	3.5.5	17/09/2019	11:24:11	Standard	Option 2b		
18	3.5.6	17/09/2019	11:41:45	Standard	Option 2b		
19	3.5.4	18/09/2019	10:57:26	Standard	Option 2a		$1.03 \times 10^7 \Omega^2$
20	3.5.5	18/09/2019	11:18:55	Standard	Option 2a		
21	3.5.6	18/09/2019	11:40:06	Standard	Option 2a		
22	3.5.13	18/09/2019	14:57:25	Standard	Option 2a	Releases carried out at 4.5 bar.	
23	3.5.14	18/09/2019	15:14:47	Standard	Option 2a	Releases carried out at 4.5 bar.	
24	3.5.15	18/09/2019	15:29:36	Standard	Option 2a	Releases carried out at 4.5 bar.	
25	3.5.13	18/09/2019	15:47:58	Standard	Option 2a	Releases carried out at 4.5 bar.	$1.03 \times 10^7 \Omega^2$



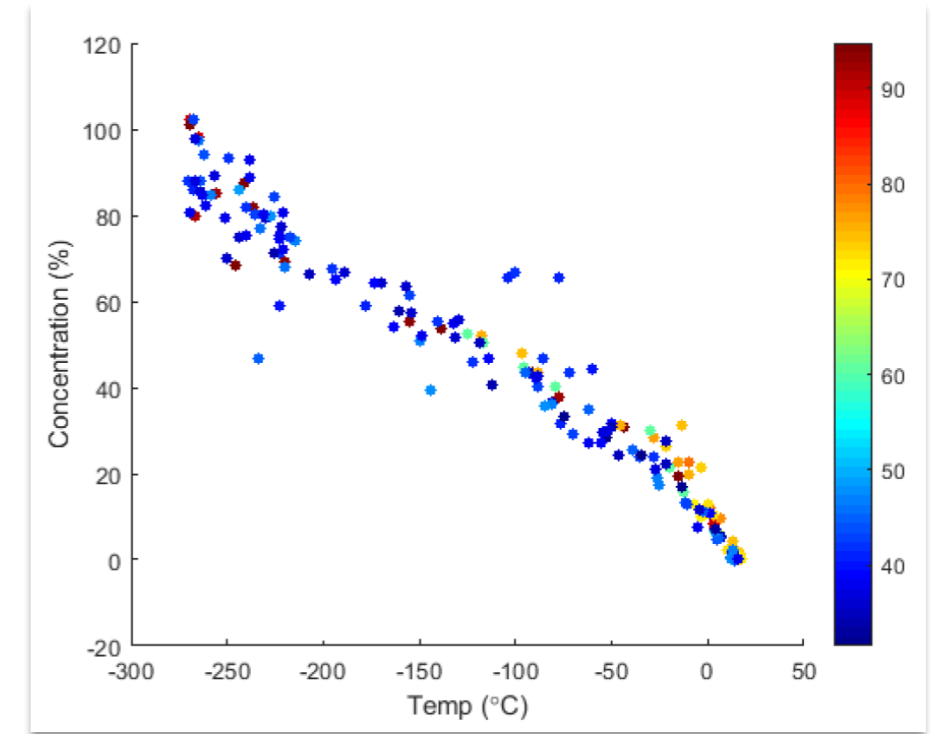
# E3.5: Mass Flow Measured



# E3.5: Near Field Dispersion



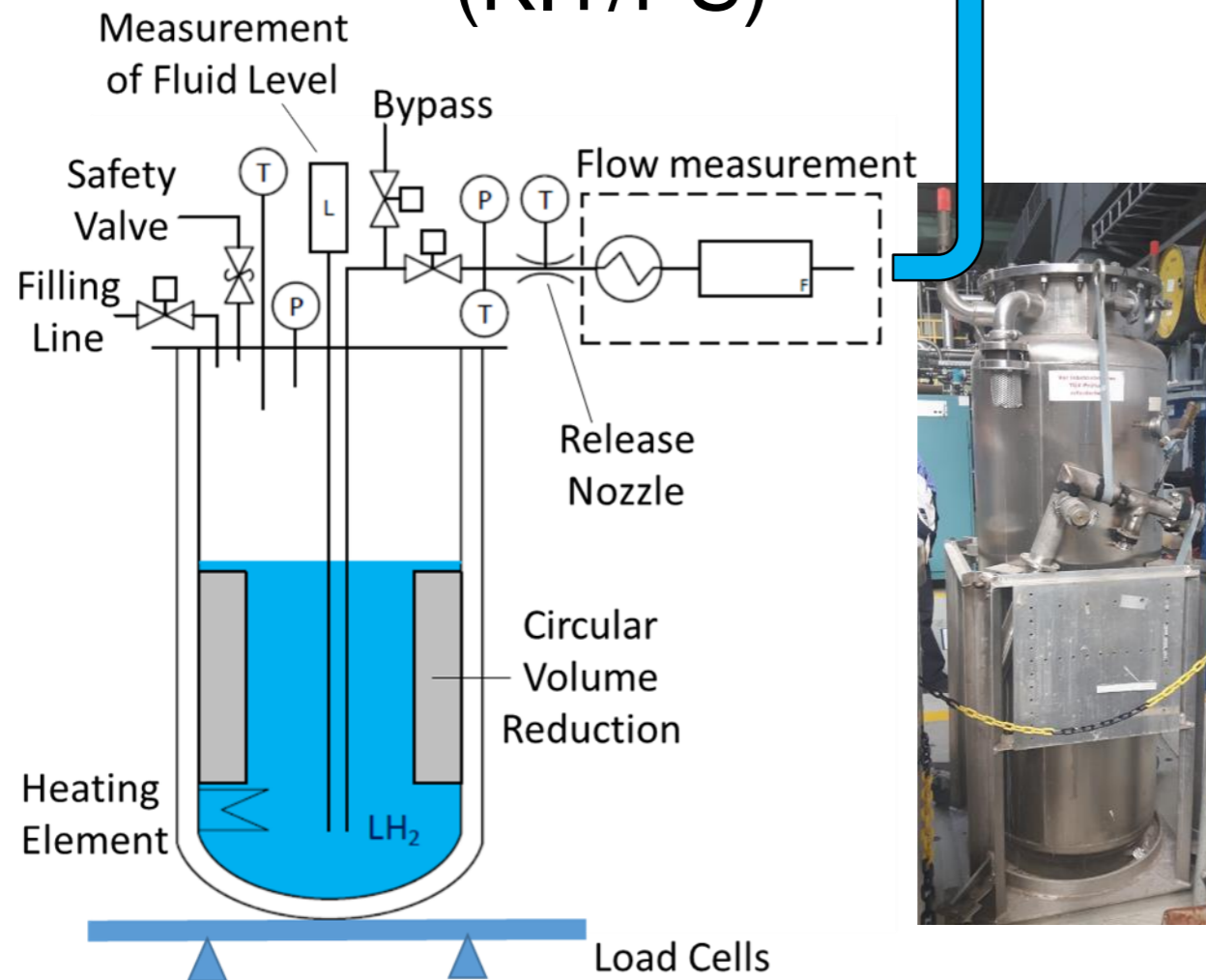
Some „solid material“ partially blocked sampling positions



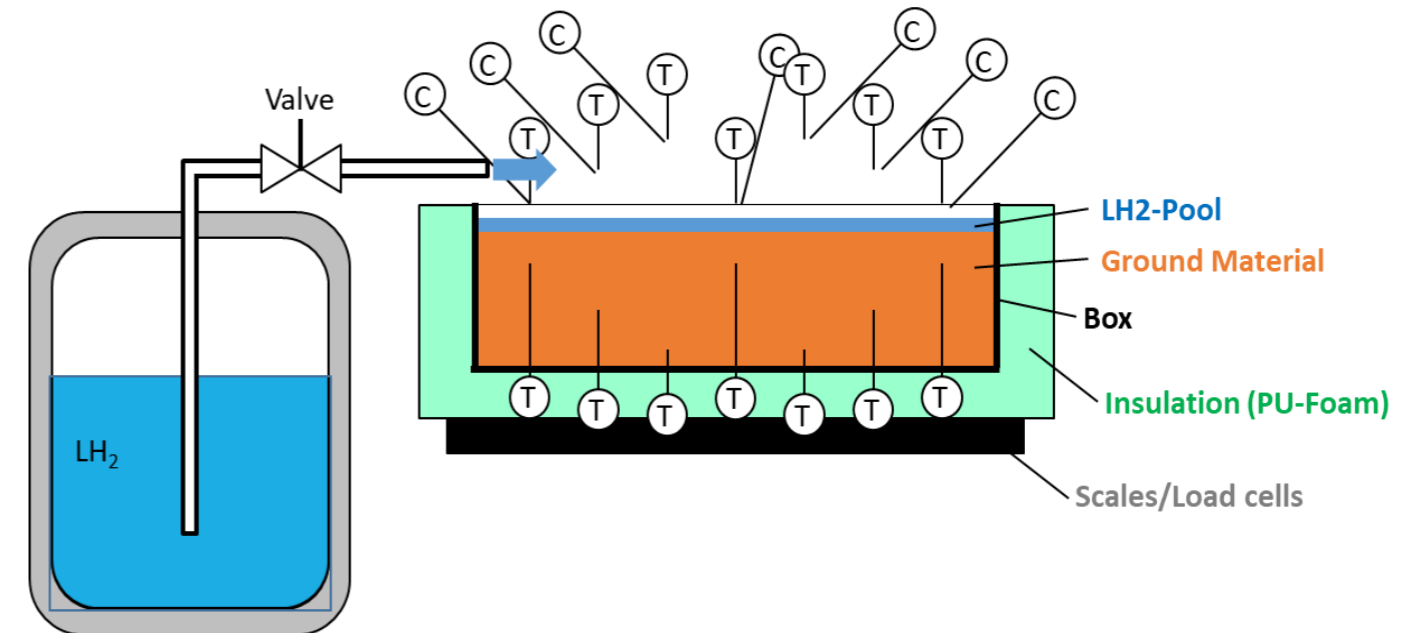
Correlation of T and H2 concentration with little influence of humidity in far field

# Next Release & Mixing Experiments

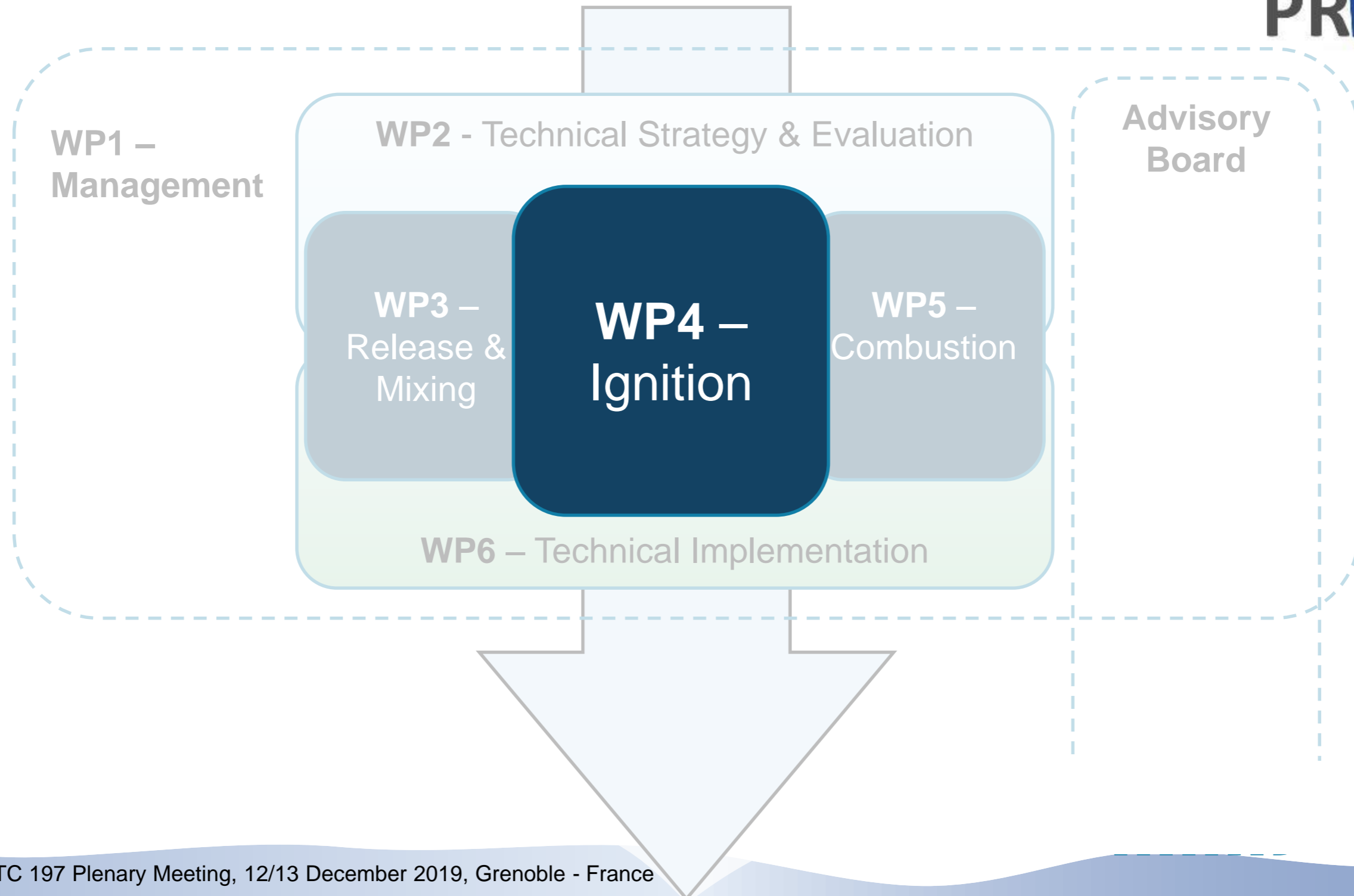
- E3.1b CRYOSTAT  
2-Phase release  
(KIT/PS)



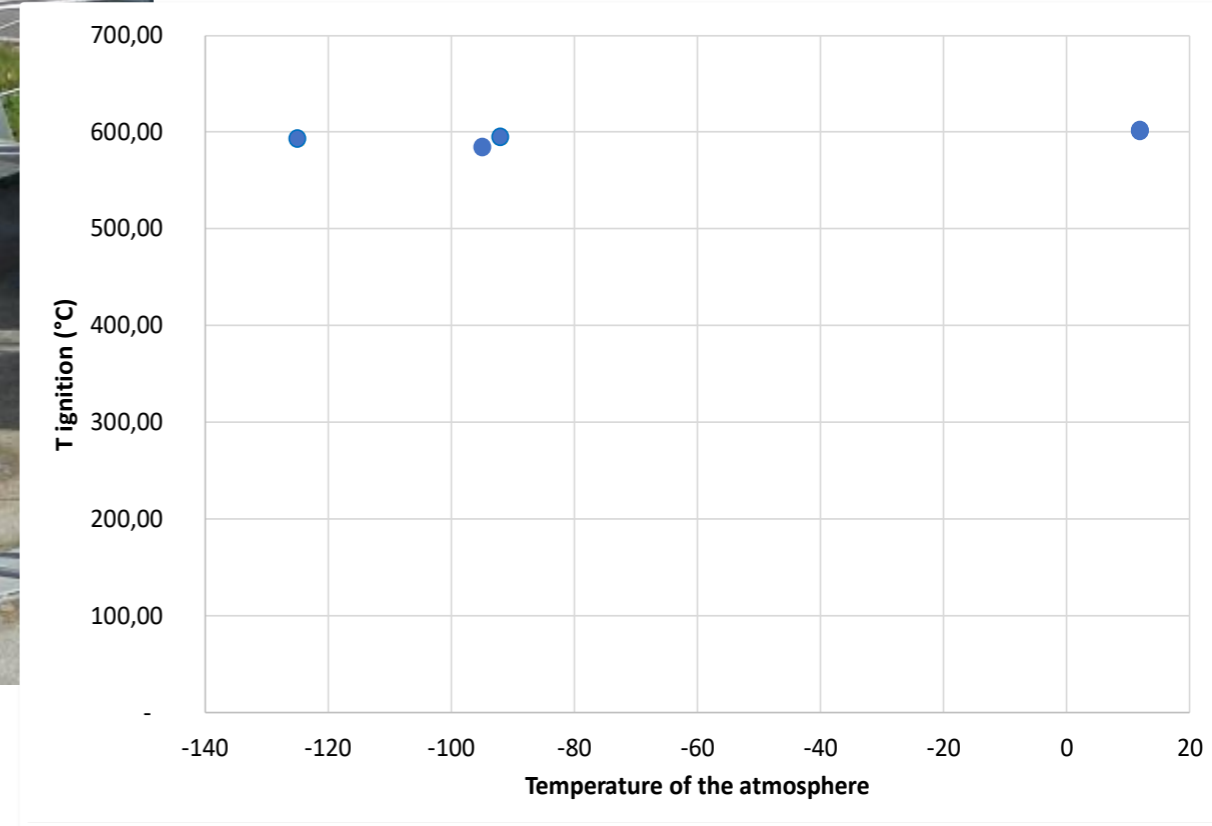
- E3.4 Pool  
Release and evaporation  
(KIT/PS)







# E4.1: Ignition by hot surfaces/power (INERIS)



## First conclusions:

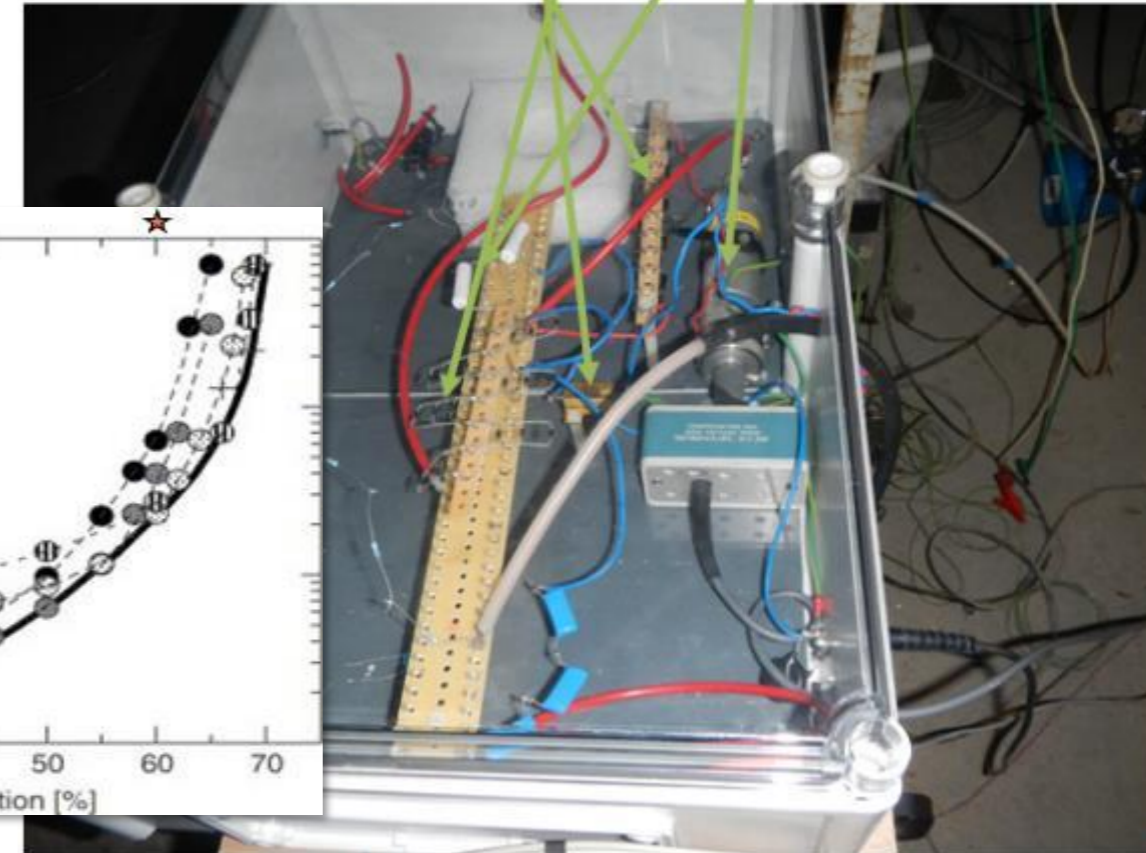
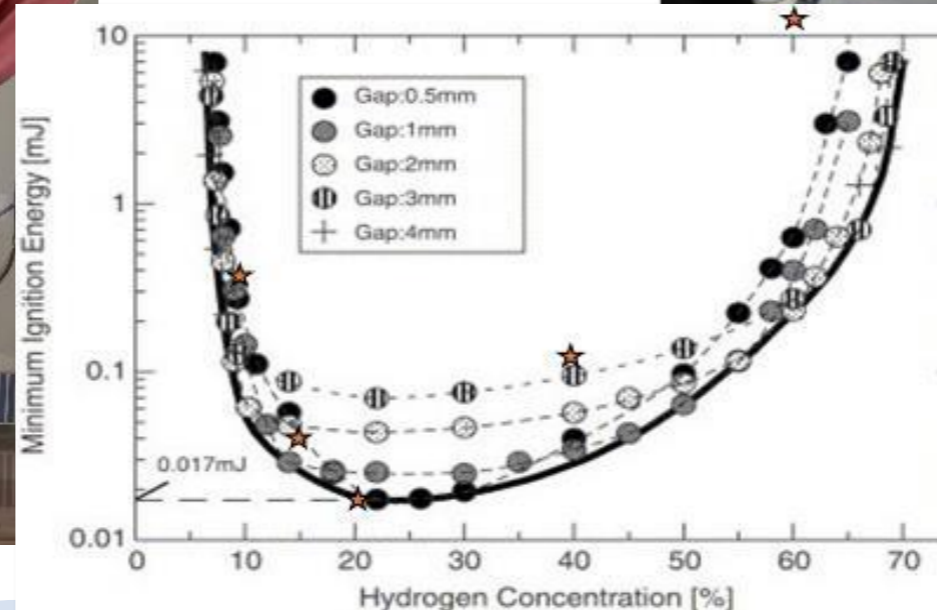
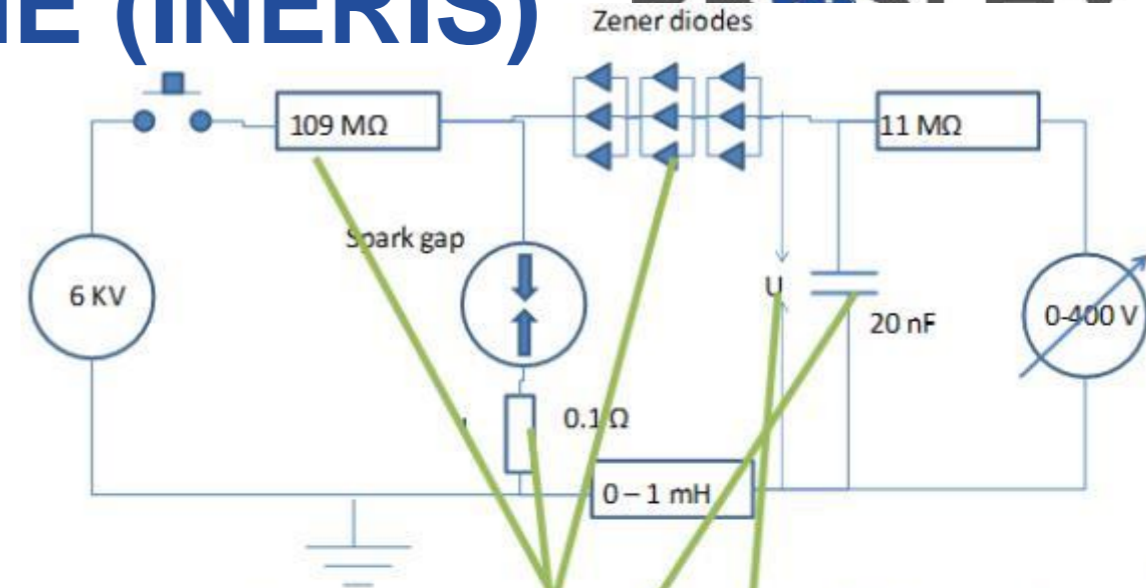
- Ignition on hot surface independent on T of surface
- Stoichiometry and flow velocity marginal influence



# E4.1: Minimum Ignition Energy MIE (INERIS)

New device constructed:

- Triggered spark
- Current and voltage measured in the spark gap
- Inductance = 1 mH or zero
- Capacitance : variable
- From a few microjoules to 1 joule
- Ambient reference tests successful
- 80K tests under preparation

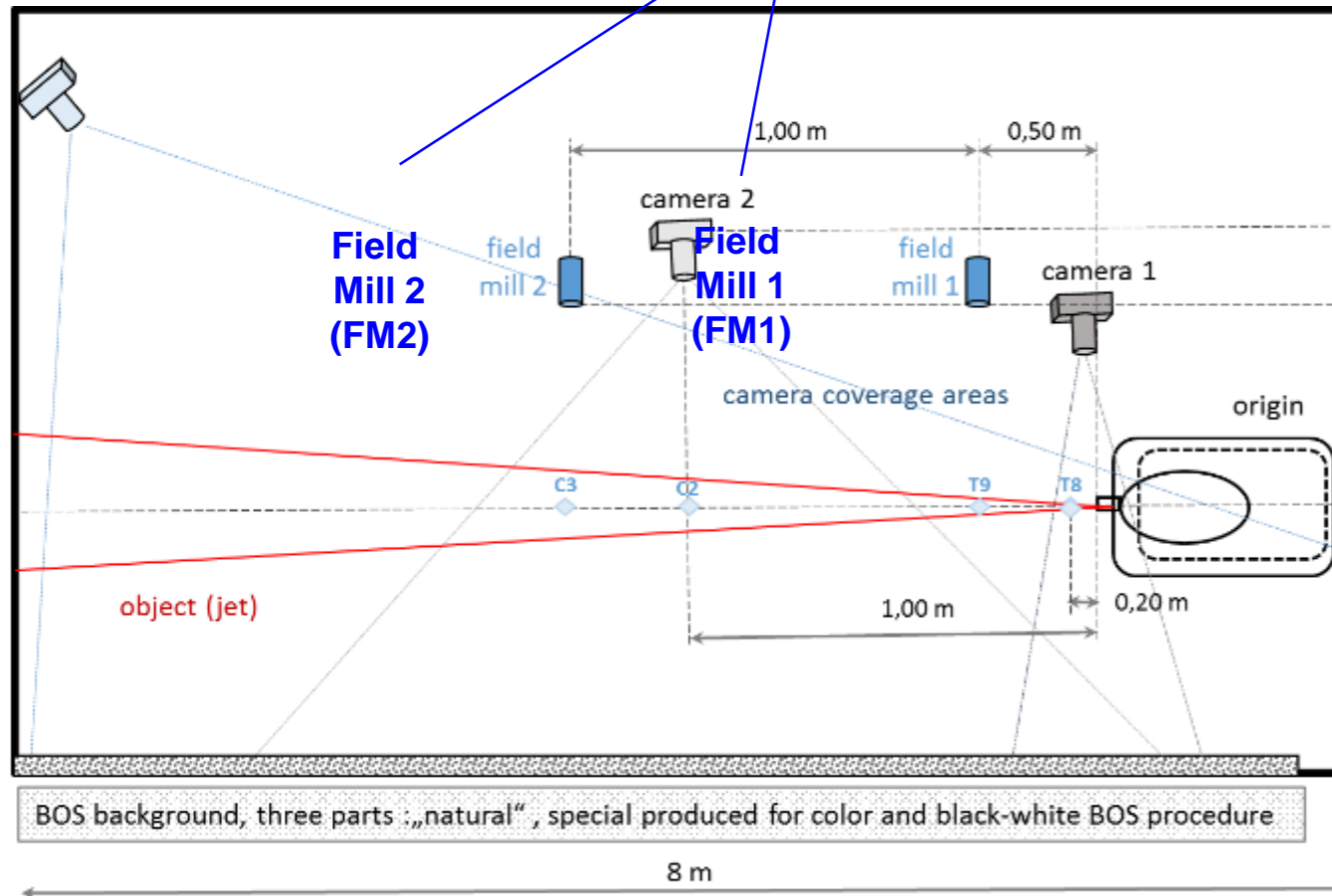




# E4.2: Electrostatic Ignition in cold jet (KIT)



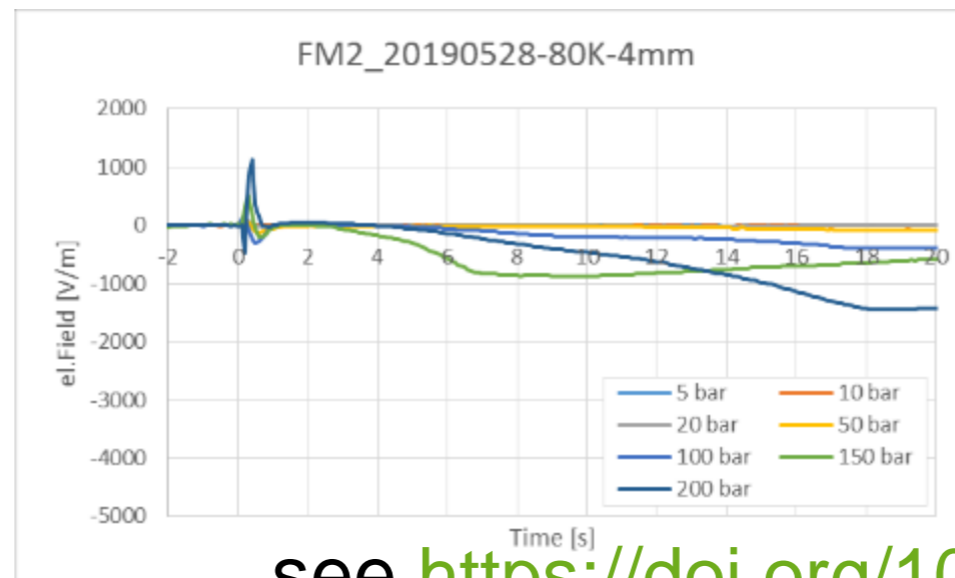
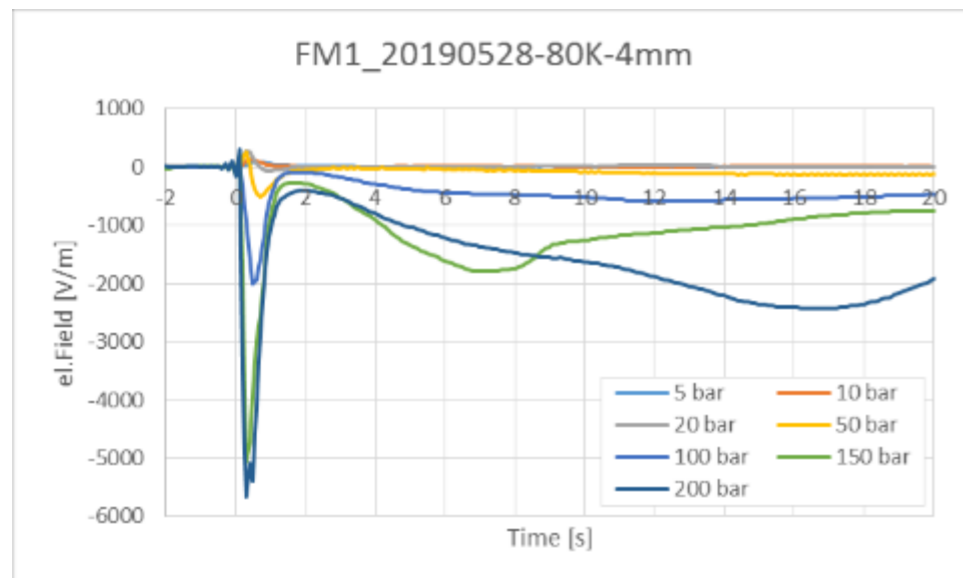
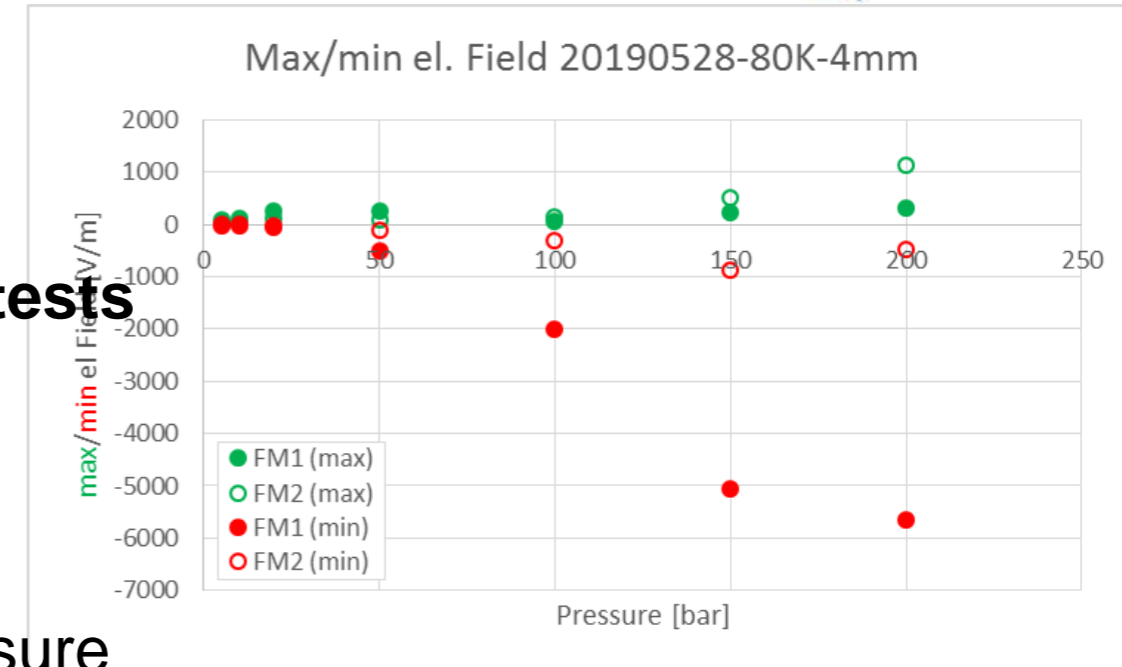
- Electrostatic field measurements with 2 field mills FM (field meters) were performed in more than 100 DisCha-experiments (see E3.1a)



# E4.2: Electrostatic Ignition in cold jet (KIT)

## Initial conclusions:

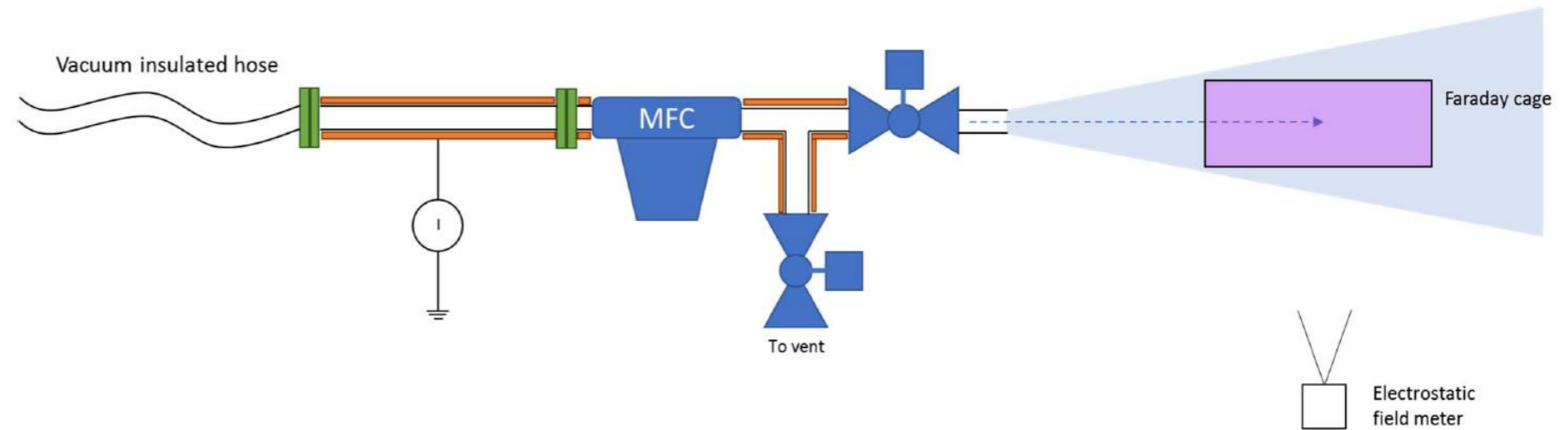
- Strong electrostatic fields ( $\sim 6000$  V/m) observed for 80 K releases ( $\sim$  factor 100 larger than at ambient T)
- **No spontaneous ignition in more than 200 discharge tests**
- Positive as well as negative values
- Larger electrostatic fields close to nozzle (field mill FM1) than at farther position (FM2)
- Increasing electrostatic field values with increasing pressure



see <https://doi.org/10.5445/IR/1000096833>.



# E4.3: Electrostatic Ignition in cold plume (HSE)



## Instrumentation:

- Wall current:  
Isolated pipe section + electrometer
- Plume electrostatics measurement:  
Field meter + Faraday cage



Isolated pipework

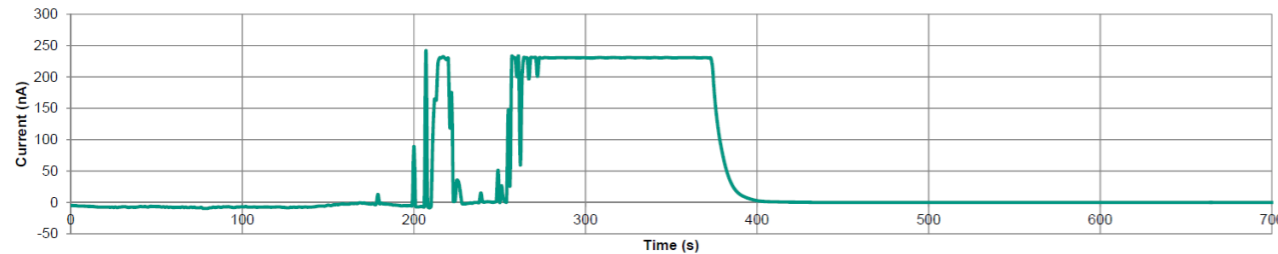


Faraday cage and field meter

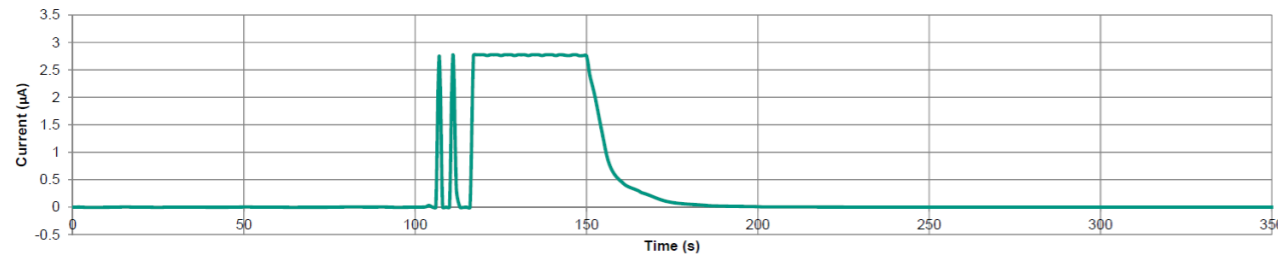


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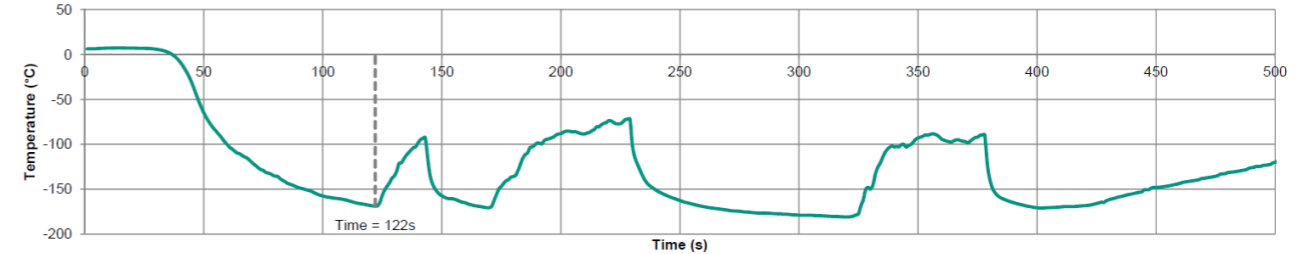
WP3 trial 5 wall current



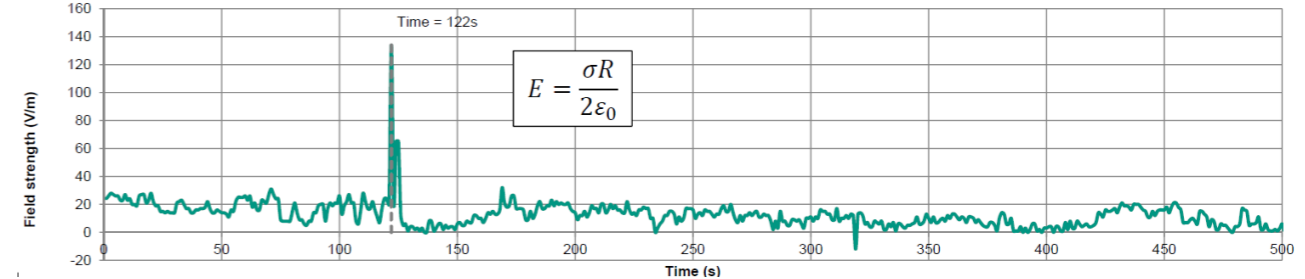
WP3 trial 8 wall current



Electrostatic trial 9 - Temperature at vent



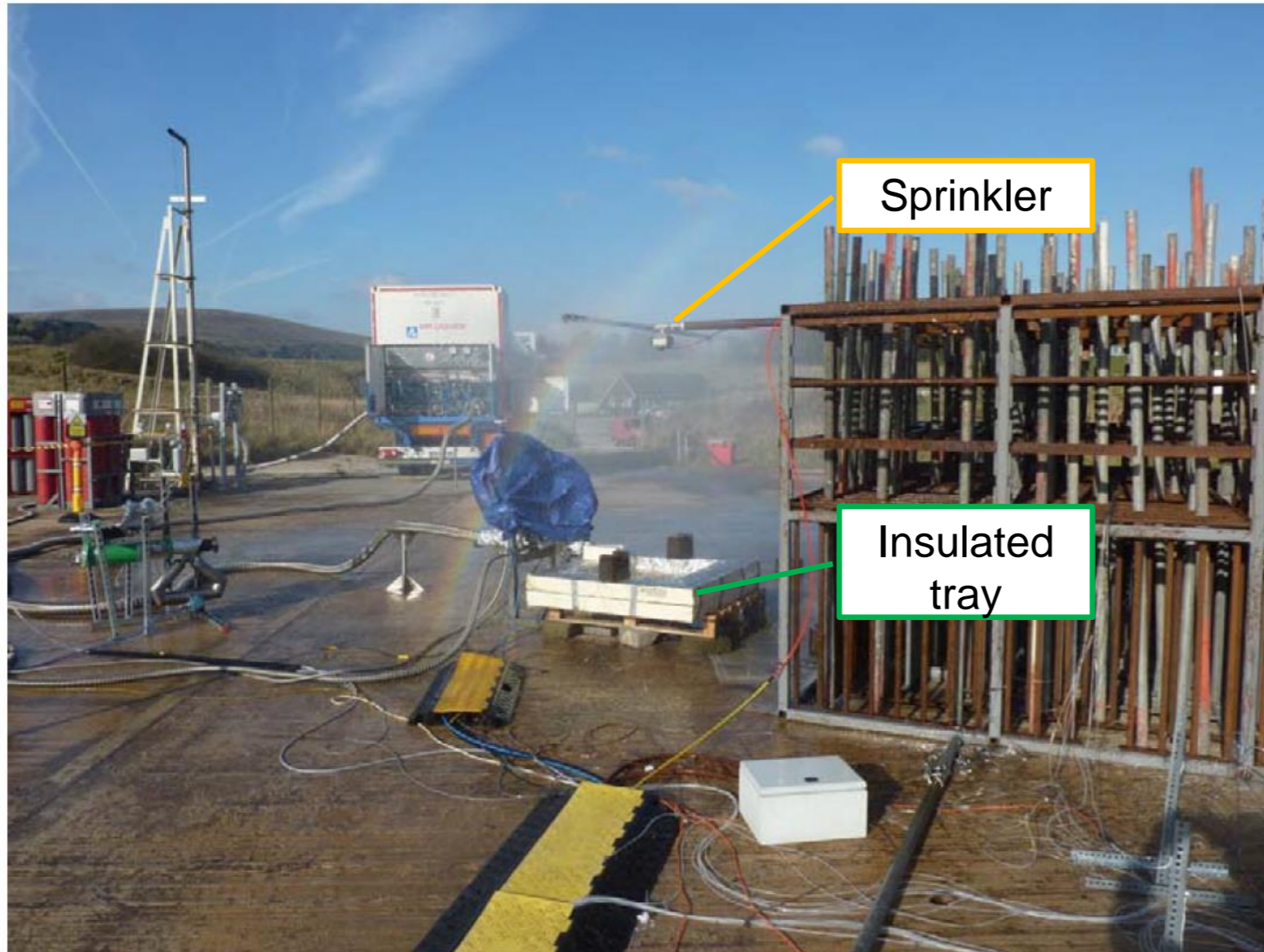
Electrostatic trial 9 - Field strength



## Initial conclusions:

- H2 did not hold a significant charge
- Multiphase H2 flow can generate a current in isolated pipework
- Occasional charge spikes have been identified, possibly cause by ice breaking off the nozzle or air being ejected from un-purged pipework

# E4.X: Rapid Phase Transition RPT Tests



- Insulated tray to collect fluid
- Thermocouples arranged to indicate pool depth
- Water release system with sprinkler and hose attachment

## Initial conclusions:

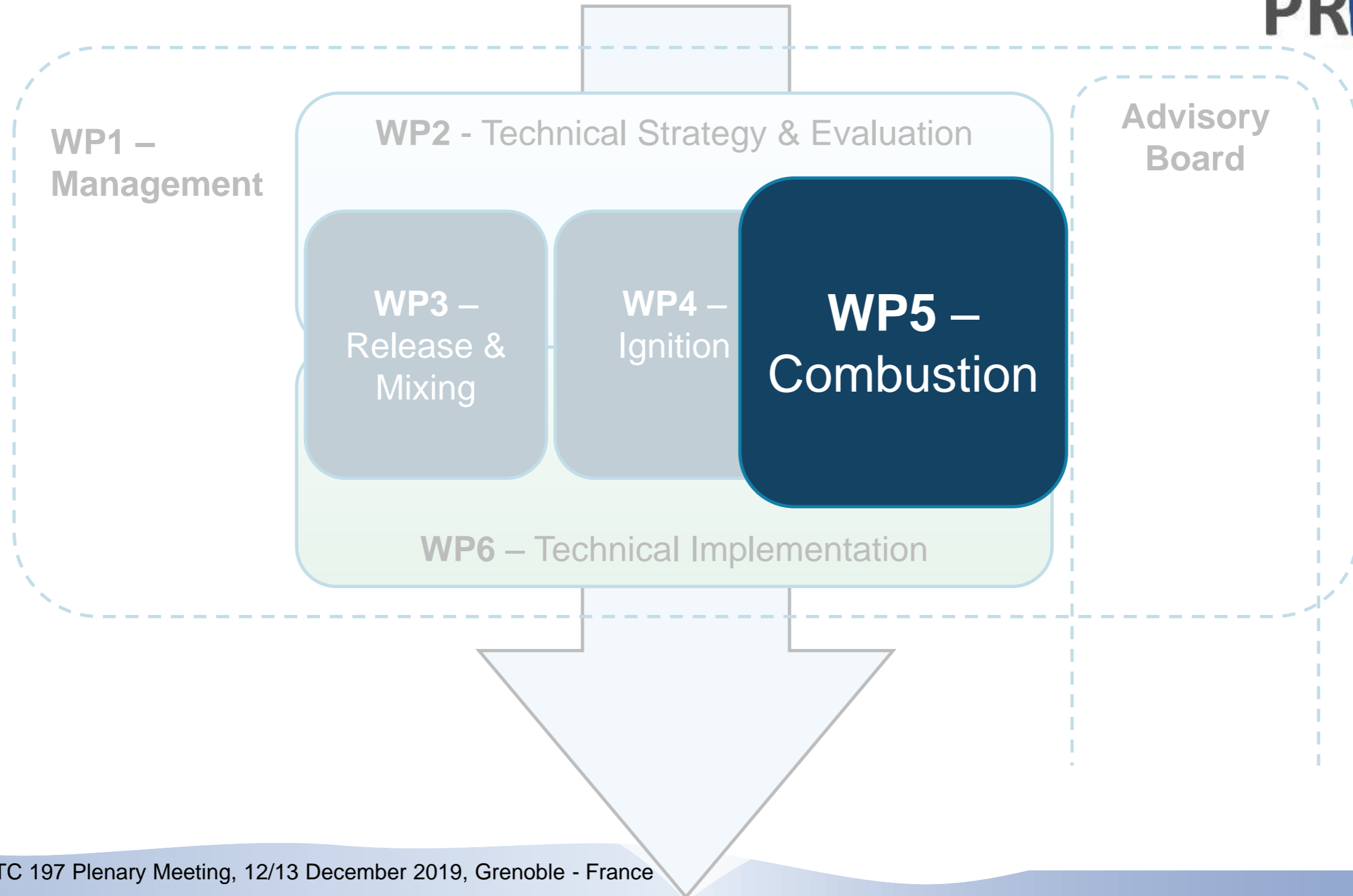
- Sprinkler system did not cause RPTs, when interacting with LH2 pool
- Fire hose deluge increased the evaporation rate of the LH2 pool

*Sprinkler system test*

# Next Ignition Experiments

- E4.1b Cold MIE (INERIS)
- E4.4 Ignition above pool (KIT)
- E4.5 Condensed phase ignition (HSL)





# E5.1: Ignited Jet (“Jetfire DISCHA”)

## Variation of ignition time and position

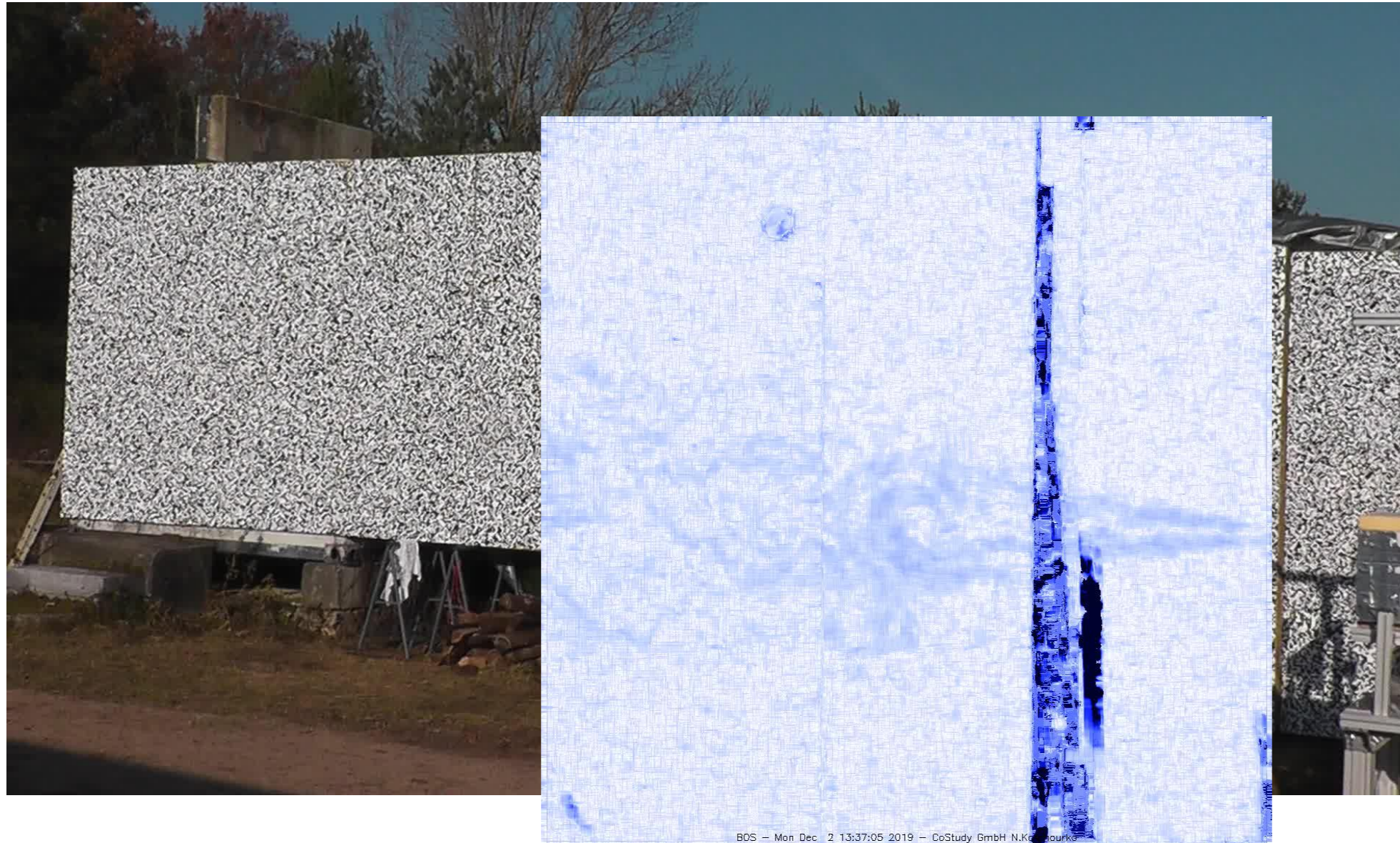
DisCha facility  
had to be  
transported to the  
free field test site





# E5.1: Ignited Jet

## Variation of ignition time and position



Experiments based on unignited discharge tests E3.1 with reduced parameters variation:  
 $T = 80K, \sim 285K$   
 $p = 5, 100, 200 \text{ bar}$   
 $D_{\text{nozzle}} = 1, 2, 4\text{mm}$

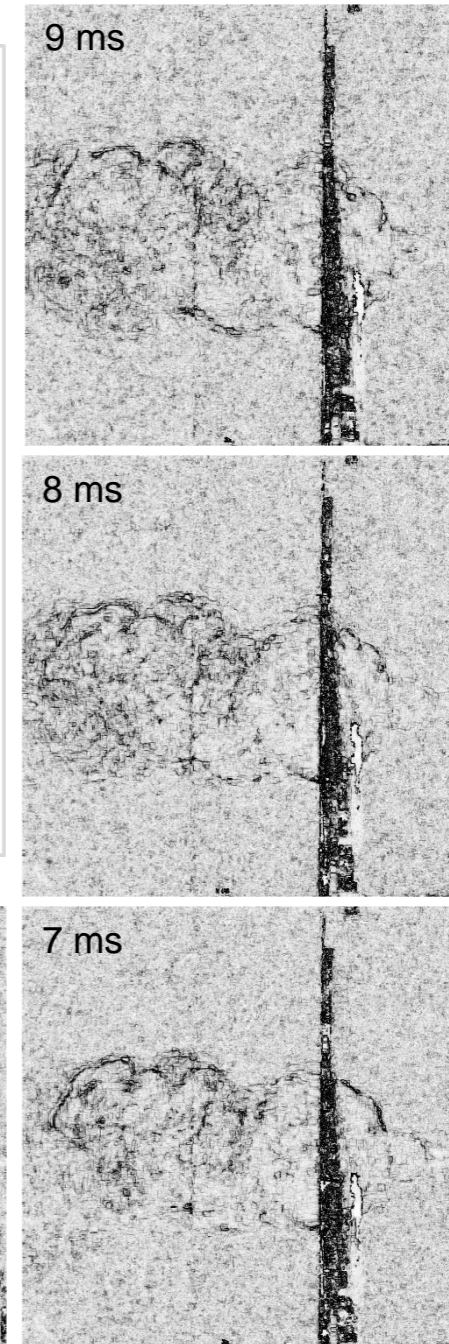
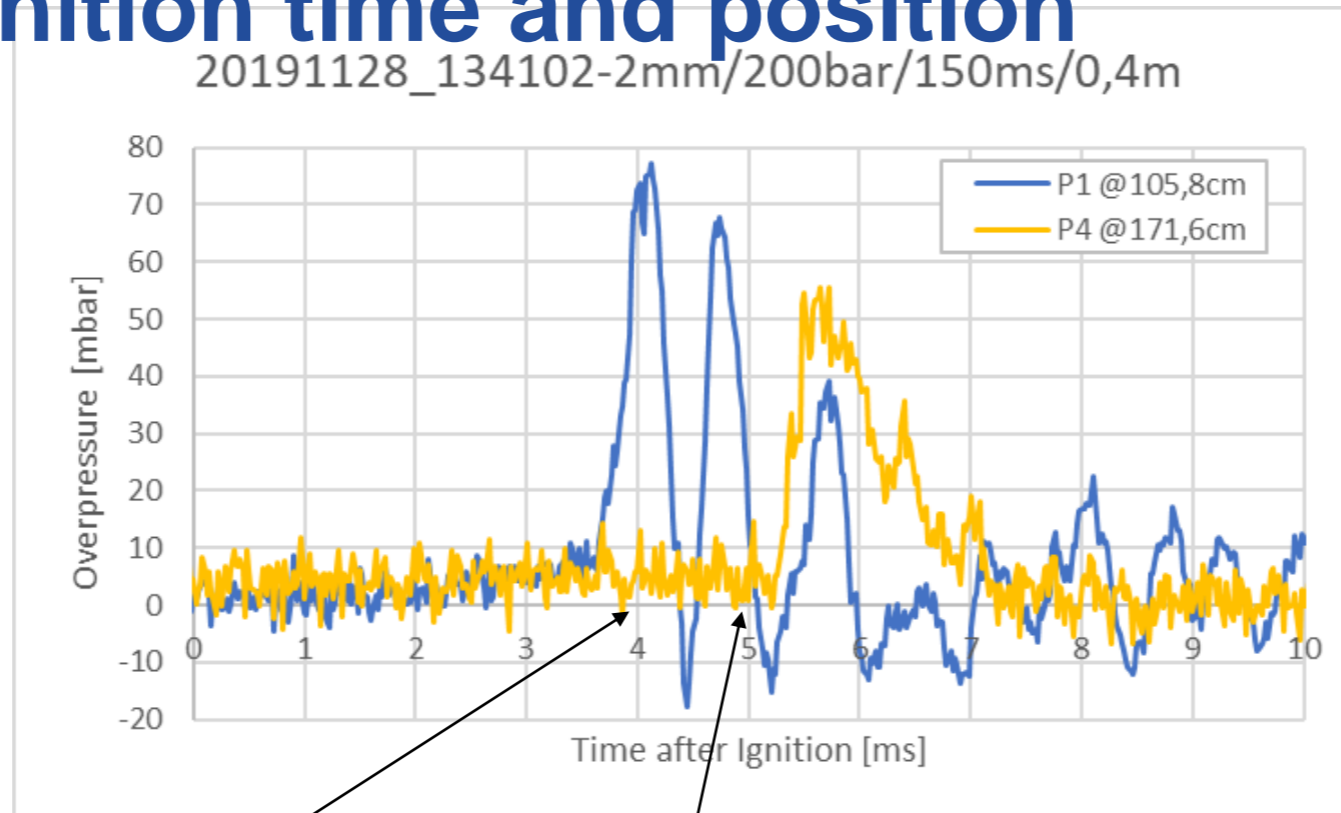
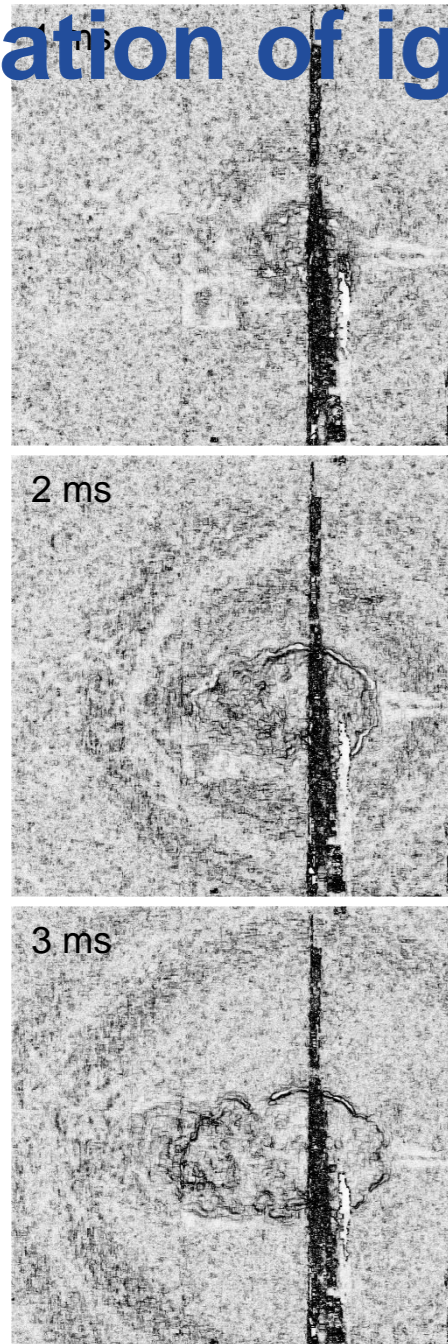
Iterative procedure for identifying most critical ignition point and location

(> 90 tests done by 10.12.2019)



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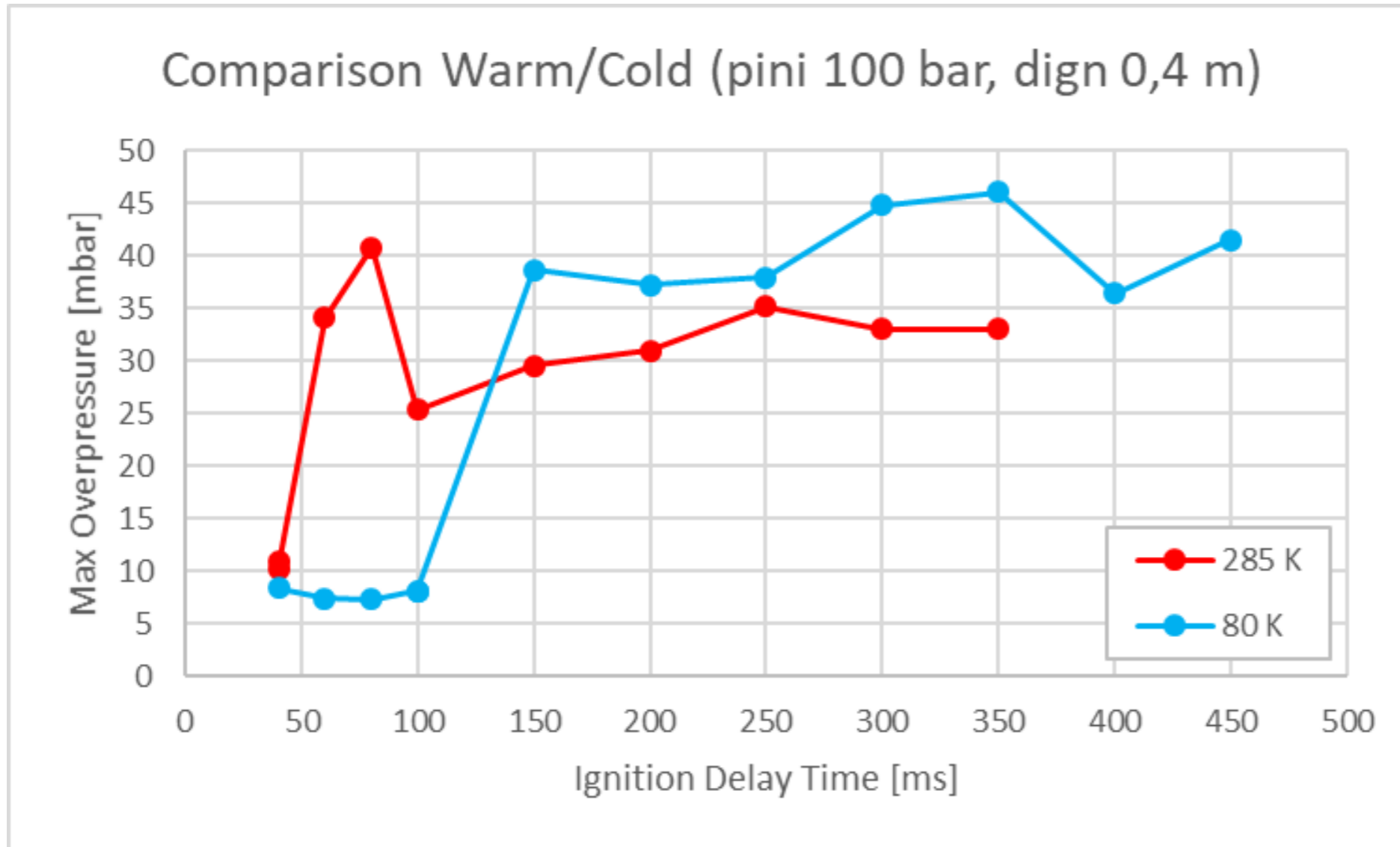
## Variation of ignition time and position





# E5.1: Ignited Jet – Exemplary Result

## Variation of ignition time (fixed ignition position)

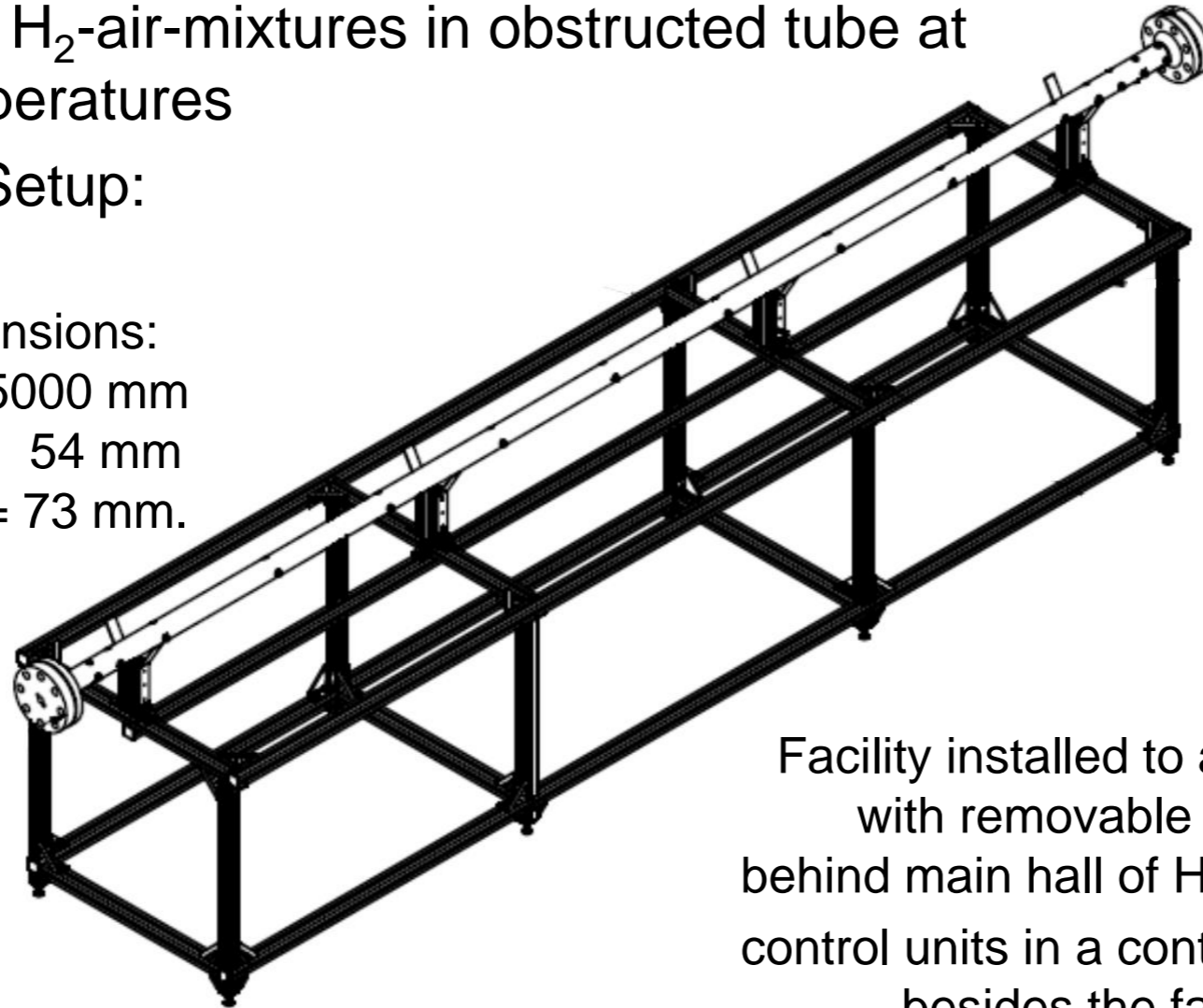


$p = 100 \text{ Mpa}$   
 $D_{\text{nozzle}} = 2\text{mm}$   
 $d_{\text{ign}} = 0.4\text{m}$

# E5.2: FA and DDT at cryogenic T ("Tube experiments")

- Combustion of H<sub>2</sub>-air-mixtures in obstructed tube at cryogenic temperatures
- Experimental Setup:

Dimensions:  
L = 5000 mm  
D<sub>in</sub> = 54 mm  
D<sub>out</sub> = 73 mm.



Facility installed to a tent with removable sides behind main hall of HYKA, control units in a container besides the facility.



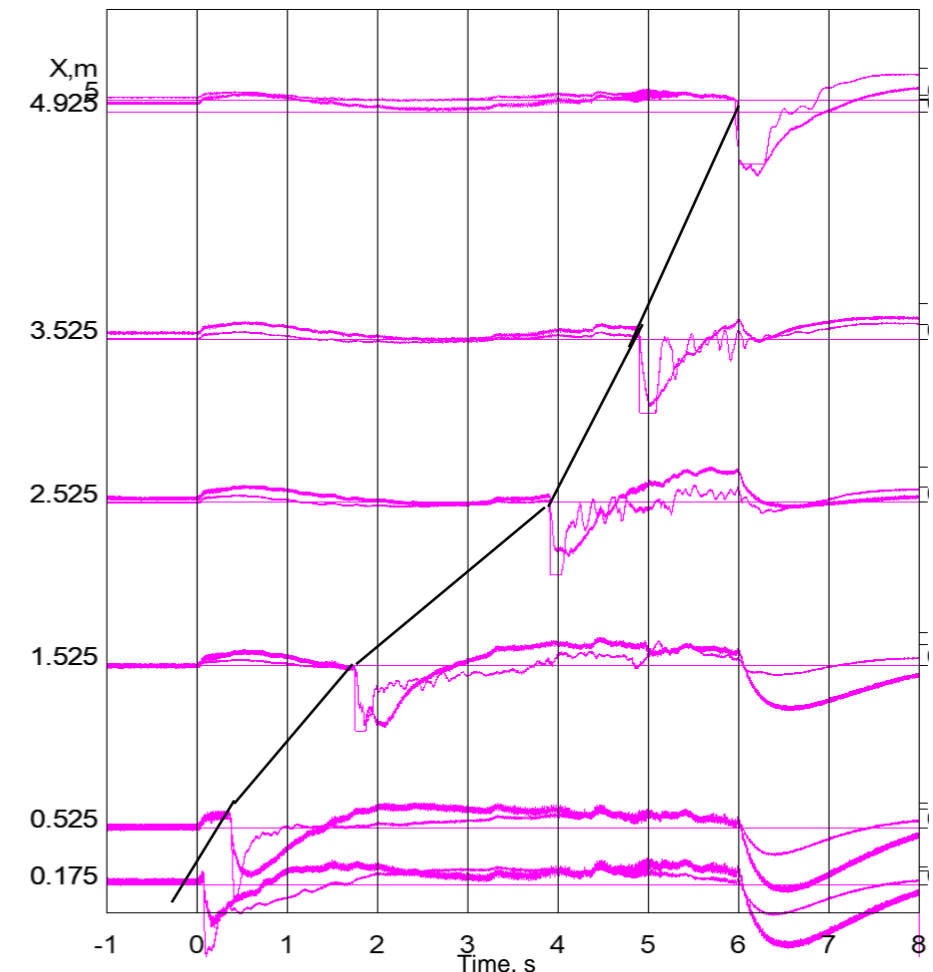


## E5.2: Reference tests

Several tests at ambient T have been conducted to check the facility

- Tests without obstacles
- Hydrogen-concentrations investigated in the warm tests are:  
 $\text{cH}_2 = 10, 11, 12, 15, 20, 30, 45, 60 \text{ vol}\%$

x-t Diagram: Pressure signals along tube  
10,6 Vol% H<sub>2</sub>, no obstacles



## E5.2: Test Parameters for 80K Tests

- 2 blockage ratios (30% and 60%)

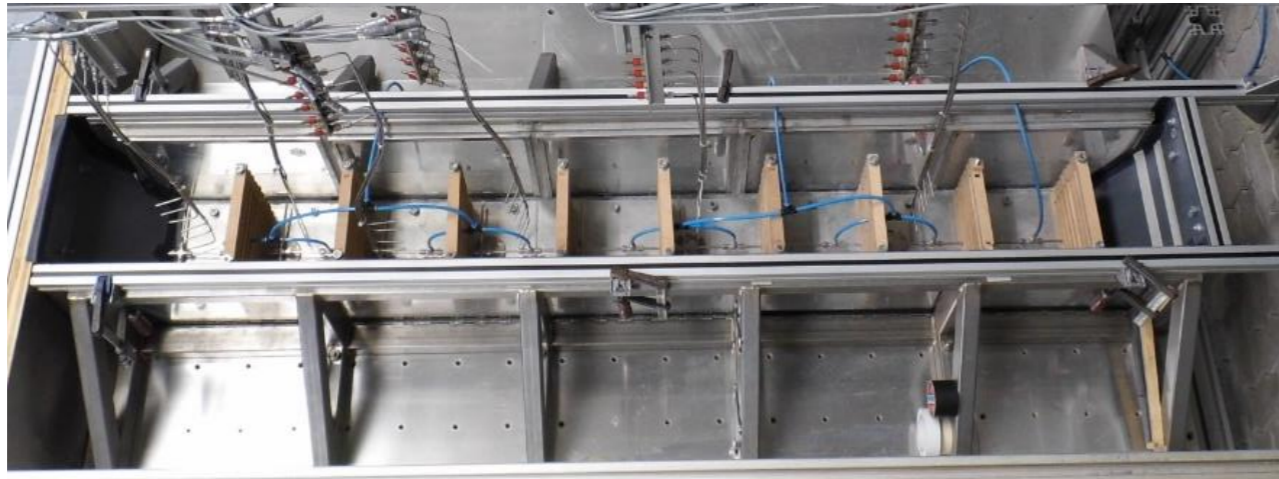


- 10 H<sub>2</sub>-concentrations from within the ranges
  - 6 to 12 Vol.% H<sub>2</sub>
  - 15 to 20 Vol.% H<sub>2</sub>
  - 30 Vol.% H<sub>2</sub>
  - 60 to 75 Vol.% H<sub>2</sub>



# Next Combustion Experiments

- E5.3 Flame propagation above LH2 pool (KIT/PS)

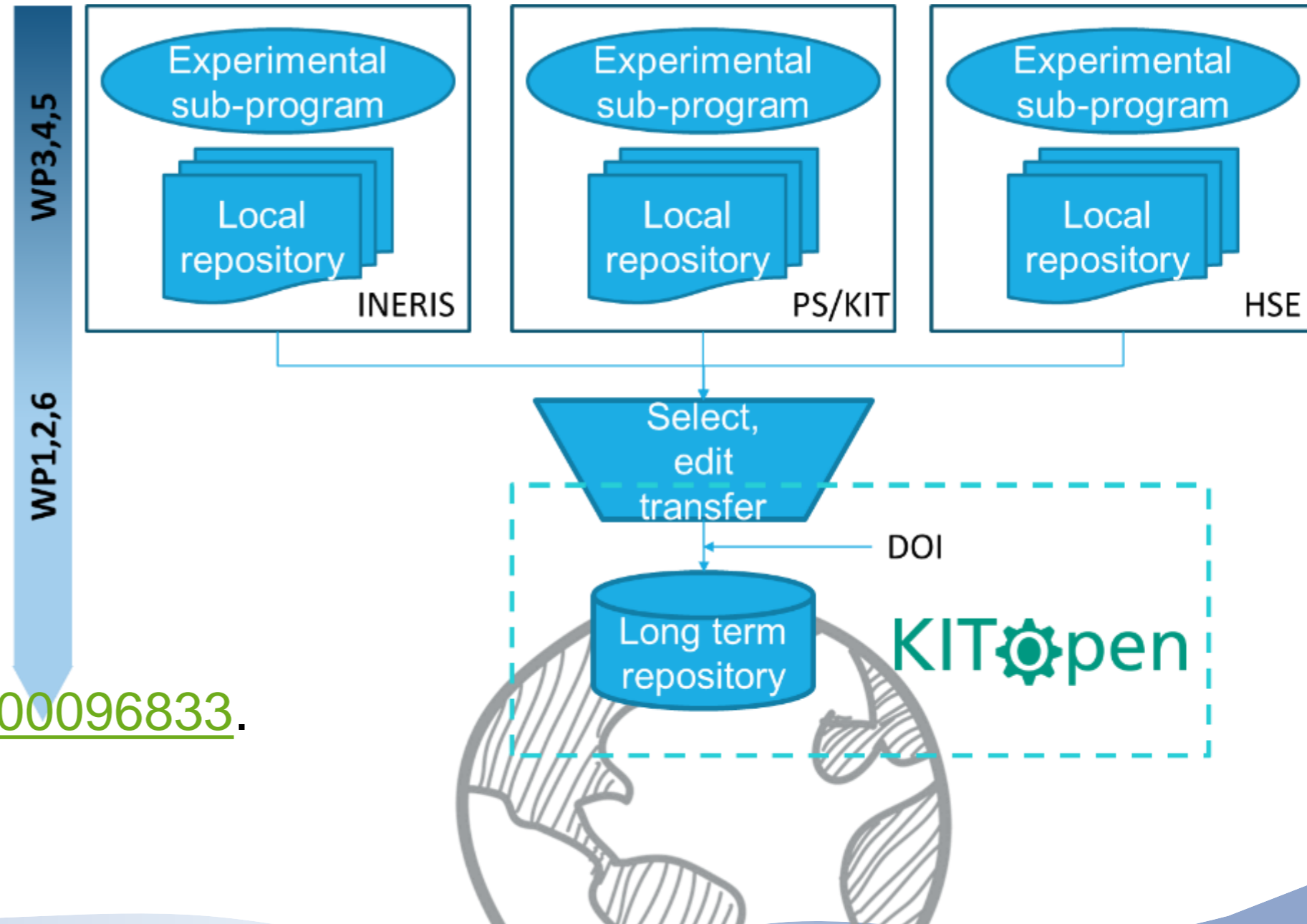


- E5.5 Flame propagation in confined /obstructed cold cloud (HSE)  
*(done – first report expected within 12/2019)*



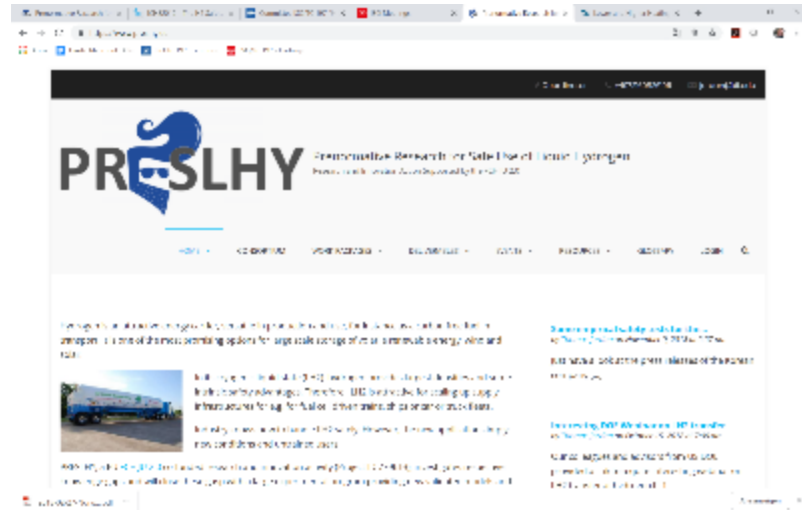
# FAIR Data Management

- Development of the Data Management Plan
- Comparison and final selection of KITopen for the project Open Scientific Data Repository
- First prototypical data published for WP3 experimental series E3.1  
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# Outreach

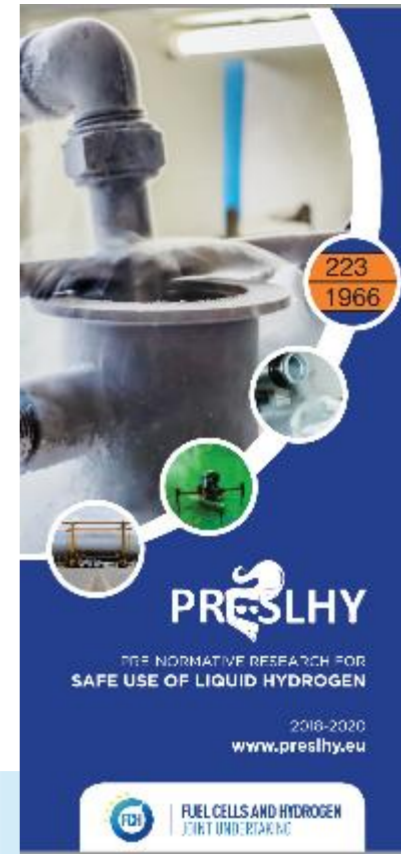


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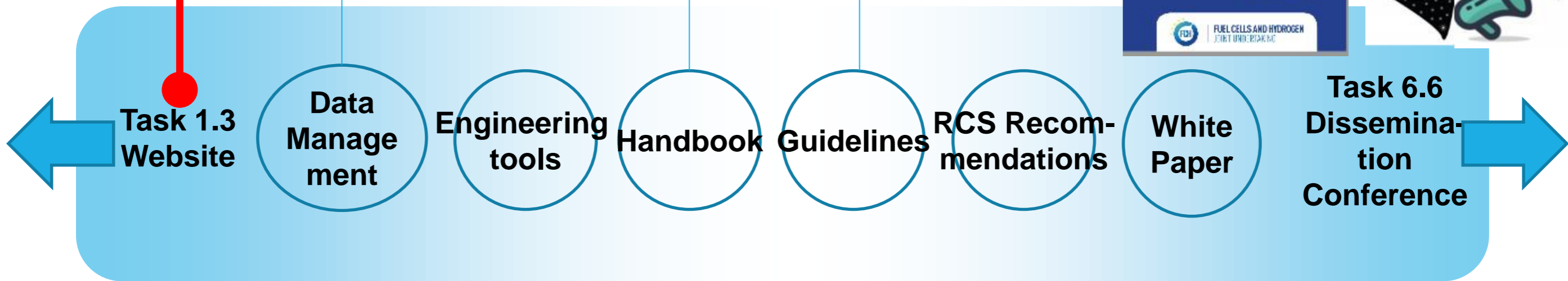
**PRESLHY  
Exploitation &  
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Activities**

**Management  
(WP1)**

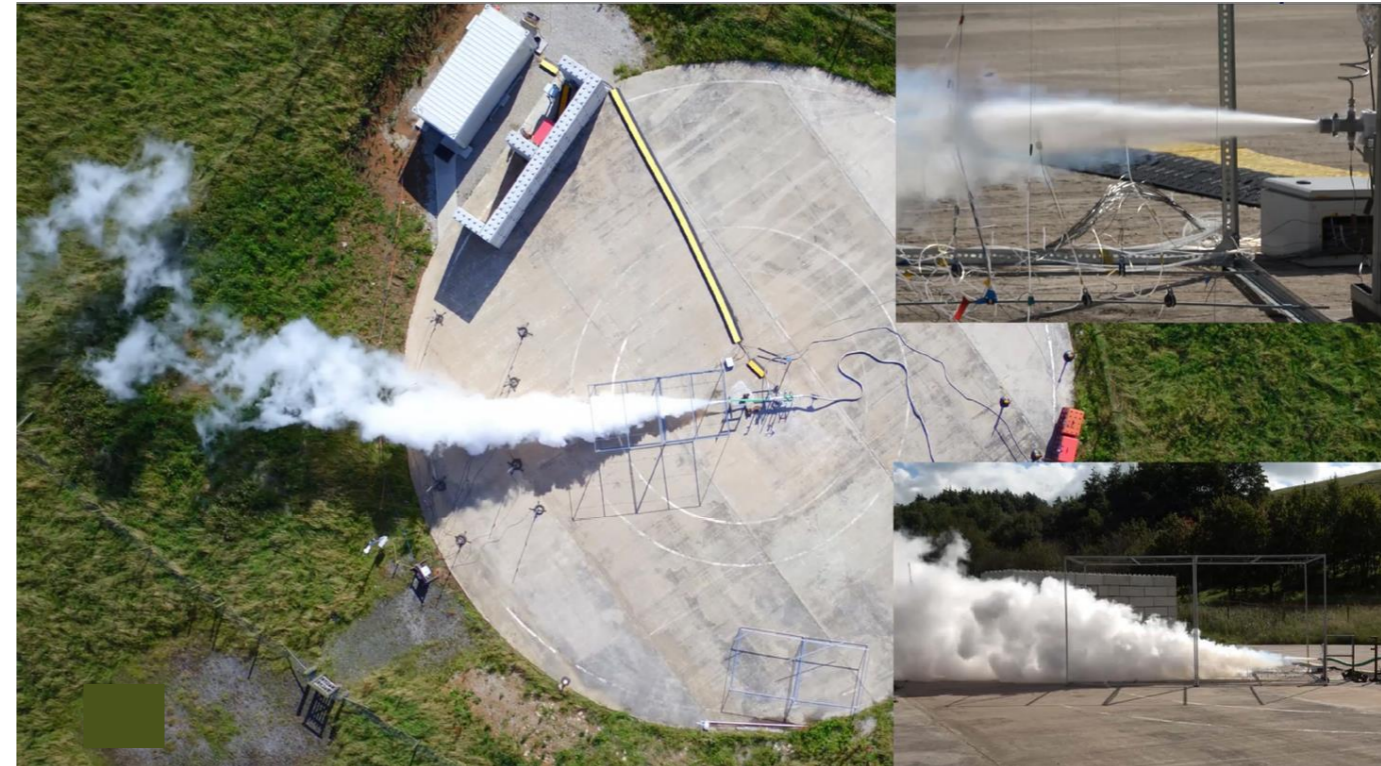
**Implementation  
(WP6)**



**Task 6.6  
Dissemination  
Conference**



# Summary



- First results and initial conclusions generated in PRESLHY.
- Main part of experimental program just being executed.
- Data has to be transformed into knowledge, models and engineering correlations (main activity for second half 2020).
- Learnings from the other associated projects (SH2IFT, etc...) to be included → for a draft revision of ISO/TR 15916:2015 “Basic considerations for the safety of hydrogen” (by ISO PWI24077 or NWI)



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