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Prenormative REsarch for Safe use of Liquid HYdrogen

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## Outline



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## **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)



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## **PRESLHY Objectives**

- o 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<sup>modern approach</sup>")
- Document and disseminate the enhanced state-of-the-art



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## **External Networking / Dissemination**



## **General Approach**



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## WP2 - Refined Work Programme



#### WP3 - RELEASE & MIXING

- Two-phase flow and dispersion
- Impinging and/or wall attached jets
- LH2 pool formation and evolution
- Wind effect on large-scale LH2 releases
- Release in congested/ confined spaces



#### WP4 - IGNITION

- Electrostatic charge in cold jet/plume
- LFL, UFL and MIE for cryogenic H2
- H2/condensed O2 phase mixtures
- LH2 pool ignition





#### **WP5 - COMBUSTION**

- Cryogenic and LH2 jet fires
- LH2 pool fires
- Flame acceleration FA and DDT
- Combustion in congested or confined areas
- BLEVE



Envisaged revision of ISO/TR 15916:2015

"Basic considerations for the safety of hydrogen" via ISO PWI24077



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## **Modelling HEM / HNEM Two-Phase Choked Flow** e.g. NASA test 1197 ( $P_0$ =12.9 bar, $T_0$ =30.7 K)



## Benchmarking

#### KIT / PS

- Design and set-up of tests E3.1, E3.4
- HSL
  - Design of tests E3.5
- INERIS
  - Sharing of existing LHe experiments data
  - Excluded tests
    - test 0 for no humidity info
    - tests 1,2 for too large wind variation
    - tests 7-9 for no H1, H2, L info
  - Tests 3 and 6 selected for validation



Issue n°	duration (s)	Mass flow rate (kg/s)	Wind speed (m/s) at 3 m height	Humidity (%)	Temp (°C)	H1 (m)	H2 (m)	L (m)
0	60	1,5	6	7	16	3	5	20
1	50	1,4	$4,0\pm1,0$	86	17	5	17	50
2	52	1,4	$5,2\pm1,0$	90	17	5	17	50
3	52	2,1	3,0±0,5	84	12	12	32	80
4	43	2,1	4,0±0,5	84	12	7	35	75
5	34	2,1	5,5±0,5	88	12	7	30	70
6	43	2,1	4,5±0,5	88	11	7	30	70
7	63	1,2	$2,0\pm0,5$	85	12			
8	65	1,2	$2,0\pm0,5$	85	12			
9	71	2,2	2,0±0,5	85	12			

L the length of the cloud on the ground  $H_1$  the height of the base of the cloud  $H_2$  the height at the top of the cloud.

## Experimental series E3.1a Small Scale Multiphase Release experiments (RS/KIT)

- > 200 tests performed at <u>DISCHA facility</u> at HYKA / KIT
- Warm tests (ambient temp) and cold tests (77 K  $\rm T_{sat,LN2})$  where 2.81 L stainless steel vessel and release line cooled by bath of  $\rm LN_2$
- 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
- <u>D3.4 delivered M18</u> and data for selected tests published in website



#### PRESLHY **Experimental series E3.1a** Small scale, high p 80K +300 K release experiments





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## **Next Release & Mixing Experiments**



- E3.1b CRYOSTAT 2-Phase release (KIT/PS)
- E3.4 Pool release (KIT/PS)
- E3.5 Rain-out tests (HSE)







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## E4.1 MIE Device (INERIS)

Triggered spark

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- 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



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



#### **First results:**

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



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



- The electrostatic ignition experiments in cold jets are completed
- Electrostatic field measurements with 2 field mills were performed in more than 100 DisCha-experiments (→ E3.1a)
- No spontaneous ignition was observed in the complete DisCha-campaign (> 200 experiments)



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

#### **Preliminary results**

- Strong electrostatic fields (~6000 V/m)observed for 80 K releases (~ factor 100 larger than at ambient T)
- Positive as well as negative values
- Larger electrostatic fields close to nozzle (field mill FM1) than at farther position (FM2)
- Larger electrostatic fields for cold than for warm releases
- Increasing electrostatic field values with increasing pressure





Max/min el. Field 20190528-80K-4mm



## **Next Ignition Experiments**



- E4.1b Cold MIE (INERIS)
- E4.3 Electrostatic Ignition in plume (HSL)
- E4.4 Ignition above pool (KIT)
- E4.5 Condensed phase ignition (HSL)



## **E5.2: Combustion-Tube-Facility**

Tube experiments for FA and DDT criteria for T down to 80K



• Front-Flange with ports for:



- Gas-Inlet
- Glow-Plug
- Thermocouple

- End-Flange with ports for:
  - Thermocouple
  - Pressure-Sensor
  - Gas-Outlet
- Along the tube 52 ports for:
  - Pressure Sensors (2 different types),
  - Phototransistors



## **E5.2: Combustion-Tube-Facility**



- 2 different obstacles (BR 30% and BR 60%),
- obstacles will be positioned evenly along the complete tube length (spacing: 1 inner diameter of tube) via three thin threaded rods,
- obstacles were manufactured externally (already delivered).

## E5.5: Integral test in congested space

Variables:

- LH2 pool or jet
- Congestion level
- Confinement level
- LH2 jet flow rate

Ignition source located just downstream of rig to limit inventory of unburnt gas prior to entry into the congestion rig, this is to limit noise Blockage ratio?



Pool in congestion rig



Jet release into congestion rig





release into rig, larger orifice

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## **FAIR Data Management**

- Development of the Data Management Plan
- Comparison and final selection of KITopen for the project Open Scientific Data Repository
- Repository First prototypical data published for WP3 experimental series E3.1 <u>https://doi.org/10.5445/IR/1000096833</u>.



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