Session: Integrated Computational Tools

The Focal Point on Integrated Research and Information for Hydrogen Safety

Chair: Andrei V. Tchouvelev
Panelists: Katrina Groth (SNL), Frank Markert (DTU), Thomas Jordan (KIT), Dmitriy Makarov (UU)
Integrated Computational Tools – Logistics

Agenda and Format

- Introduction and Stage Setting – Andrei (10 min)
- Topics overview (5 min each):
  - Quantitative risk assessment (QRA) – Katrina
  - Alternative risk assessment via dynamic modeling – Frank
  - Consequence modeling tools – Thomas, Dmitriy, Andrei
- Conclusion: Summary / Gaps / Next Steps & Priorities – transition to panel discussion (chair and panelists) (20 min)
- Panel discussion continued – Q&A (20 min)

Timeframe: 11:30 – 12:45
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RPW2014 Ranking of Research Areas:

1. QRA Tools (23%)
2. Reduced Model Tools (15%)
3. Indoor (13%)
4. Unintended Release-Liquid (11%)
5. Unintended Release-Gas (8%)
6. Storage (8%)
7. Integration Platforms (7%)
8. Hydrogen Safety Training (7%)
9. Materials Compatibility/Sensors (7%)
10. Applications (2%)
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RPW2014 Ranking of Research Areas:

Tools and resources for QRA were identified as the highest priority topic among the ten research areas presented at the workshop (23%)

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<td>Guidance on the use of risk insights in decision making</td>
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<td>Validated probability models and consequence scenarios including: overpressure, cryo-release, barrier walls, and detonation/ignition probability</td>
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<td>Comprehensive incident databases and guidelines for estimating the probability of events</td>
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<td>Statistics on initiation data</td>
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**RPW2014 Ranking of Research Areas:**

*Reduced model tools* were recognized as a significant need to address a technical gap in hydrogen safety R&D activities worldwide (15%). This represents a direct link to the QRA Tools, wherein the Reduced Model Tools shall be implemented.

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Integrated Computational Tools for hydrogen safety – a suite of *engineering* probabilistic and/or physical effects (consequence) validated models *integrated* into a user-friendly interface allowing the user to input user-specific information and boundary conditions and capable of generating risk and/or hazard assessment data within reasonably short time (up to 3 min).
Quantitative Risk Assessment is enabling infrastructure deployment

Sandia Quantitative Risk Assessment activities

- Performance-based system layout demonstrated
- QRA applied to indoor refueling to inform code revision
- ISO TC197 WG24 incorporating QRA and behavior modeling
- Established risk-informed processes for separation distances


- QRA-informed separation distances in NFPA 2
- 20% station penetration potential due to QRA

Risk assessment proposed for hydrogen systems at ICHS

Public release of HyRAM R&D tool

Katrina Groth, SNL
HyRAM: Making hydrogen safety science accessible through integrated tools

First-of-its-kind integration platform for state-of-the-art hydrogen safety models & data - built to put the R&D into the hands of hydrogen safety experts

Core functionality:

- Quantitative risk assessment (QRA) methodology
- Frequency & probability data for hydrogen component failures
- Fast-running models of hydrogen gas and flame behaviors

Key features:

- GUI & Mathematics Middleware
- Documented approach, models, algorithms
- Flexible and expandable framework; supported by active R&D

Current release is version 1.0.1.798

Free download for Windows
http://hyram.sandia.gov

Katrina Groth, SNL
Why is an alternative QRA method useful?

Application of dynamic & dependent models

- Physical phenomena
- Detection & response
- Escape & evacuation
- Impact & consequence

Time

- The event sequences trigger each other and are simulated concurrently.
- Events taking place in one sequence change the conditions in the other sequences (dynamic interaction)
ARENA: DES model for refueling station incl. component reliability
Frank Markert, DTU
Safety Barrier Manager

SafetyBarrierManager

About SafetyBarrierManager

SafetyBarrierManager is a software tool that performs risk analysis using safety-barrier diagrams. It shows how safety barriers prevent accidents and how they improve safety in a clear and transparent way. Risk analysis using SafetyBarrierManager will become easier, better and understandable, also for non-experts.

http://safetybarriermanager.duijm.dk

TBD during panel discussion (Frank)

Frank Markert, DTU
Integrated Computational Tools – Consequence Modeling Tools

Status at the time of previous workshop

- Consequence Modeling Tools partially addressed in 2014 via „Integration Platforms“ low ranked on position 7 with 15%
- Within „Integration Platforms“ the following ranking of sub-topics was derived:

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- However, effectively Consequence Modeling Tools are rather split up in “Engineering tools” and “CFD”
Integrated Computational Tools – Consequence Modeling Tools

Work-in-Progress / Closed gaps

- **Engineering tools:**
  - H2FC Cyberlab SAGE Network had issues – TBD during panel discussion (Thomas)
  - NETTOOLS project application under FCH JU 2.0 successful. Work package will translate the PmWiki based BRHS/ Hydrogen Safety Handbook to Jupyter notebooks (see jupyter.org) to be used as a more **open framework for the scientific community** and as an academic **educational tool**
  - HyRAM was launched! (Katrina)
  - UU and Canadian projects advancements (Dmitriy and Andrei)

- **CFD:**
  - SUSANA project provided the basis for CFD **validation**
  - FireFOAM user basis is growing
  - GexCon has been working on an integrated approach for FLACS
Hydrogen Behavior studies are at the foundation of HyRAM’s consequence modeling capabilities.

Sandia Hydrogen Behavior studies

- Radiative properties of H2 flames quantified
- Ignition of under-expanded H2 jets
- Barrier walls for risk reduction
- Buoyant jet flame model with multi-source flame radiation
- Ignition limits of turbulent H2 flows
- Advanced laser diagnostics applied to turbulent H2 combustion
- Experiment and simulation of indoor H2 releases
- Laboratory-scale characterization of LH2 plumes and jets

Katrina Groth, SNL
Ulster engineering tools

- Developed and validated models

  - Under-expanded CGH2 jet parameters (in real and notional nozzles)
  - The similarity law for CGH2 concentration decay and hazard distances in axisymmetric expanded and under-expanded jets
  - Tank blowdown dynamics as a function of volume, pressure, and leak diameter: adiabatic and isothermal releases
  - Pressure peaking phenomenon for unignited release for: constant mass flow rate release and tank blowdown
  - Flame length and three hazard distances (no-harm, injury, fatality) for jet fires
  - Passive ventilation in an enclosure with one vent
  - Blast wave decay from high-pressure GH2 tank storage
  - Vent sizing correlation for deflagration mitigations
  - Nomogram for effect of buoyancy on hazard distances
CFD tools for safety engineering

- Vision for open source CFD code
  - License-free CFD code “HyFOAM” for academic research and industrial safety engineering design (financial support is required) based on OpenFOAM
  - Legacy of EC FP7 H2FC project
  - Collection of case studies, demos and tutorials:
    - Releases
    - Fires
    - Deflagrations
    - Detonations
    - etc.
  - Current progress
    - CGH2 axisymmetric jet
    - Deflagration in open atmosphere
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Canadian (UQTR/AVT) Toolkit Project

Hydrogen Toolkit - Under Development

Dispersion | Overpressure effects | Thermal effects | LH2 | LNG | Workbench

Jet extent | Enclosures | Confined Areas

Jet extent

Choose your models

Jet extent: Comparative results
Equation of State: Abel Noble
Gas: Hydrogen

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**Equations**

**Surface effect:**

Leak $d = 4$ mm

$P = 70$ Mpa

$H = 1$ m
Canadian (UQTR/AVT) Toolkit Project

Surface effect:
Leak \( d = 4 \) mm
\( P = 70 \) Mpa
\( H = 3 \) m

Comparison of engineering correlations with experiment
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Summary of Challenges, Limitations and Gaps

Transition to Panel Discussion
QRA Tools

Remaining challenges & barriers

- **Ongoing need for safety data and models:**
  - Validated physics models for hydrogen behaviors, including: liquid/cryogenic release behavior; deflagration (unconfined) and detonation models, flow/flame surface interactions, barrier walls, ignition,
  - Operating experience or other information to generate data/probabilities for hydrogen system component failures, leak frequencies, detection effectiveness, etc.

- **Need for additional features and models** to enable deeper system-specific insights to enable overcoming station-siting barriers
  - Uncertainty & sensitivity analysis capabilities
  - Higher fidelity and depth of QRA models (e.g., Fault Trees, Event Sequence Diagrams, importance measures) - Capabilities to allow users to edit scenarios, root cause models

- **Opportunities to partner** to support formal software activities, validation, testing, training, design decision making....
Case for DES Modeling

Limitations of conventional models

- **conventional systems analysis tools**
  - as fault & event trees, Bayesian networks, cause-consequence and barrier diagrams
    - have proven to be very effective tools for reliability and risks analyses!

But, they **cannot capture a number of features accurately:**

- e.g. difficult to be applied to dynamic situations with:
  - dynamic demand: seasonal - daily changes
  - loss of partial performance
    - gas supply variations (amount gas delivered)
  - down times
    - residual time of gas delivery e.g. from line pack storage
  - gradual recovery after a failure
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Important Findings

- **Engineering tools:**
  - SAGE based service got stuck after H2FC project stopped. Server was attacked, unstable service. Lack of modularity (referencing one notebook from another did not work smoothly)
UU Closed Gaps Summary

- Wide range of published and validated models for consequence analysis available
  - Releases and ventilation (8)
  - Fires (1)
  - Blasts (1)
  - Deflagration in closed and vented enclosures (3)
Need for validated relevant / realistic (for HP H2) models!

HyIndoor Experiments

Available validated enclosure models are not relevant to realistic conditions of high pressure H2 systems.
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Panel Discussion on next steps and priorities
Next steps on hydrogen safety & risk at Sandia

Long-term vision – Partner with stakeholders to create a fully configurable, tested software product available for users to calculate hydrogen risk values and consequences; Able to support a wide range of activities within safety, codes, and standards.

■ Upcoming extensions: HyRAM version 1.X
  – Version 1.X: Develop tests and scripts for software V&V.
  – Source code changes to bring overpressure model into QRA mode
  – Add validated model for liquid/cryogenic H₂ release (experimental work ongoing)
  – Stakeholder engagement

■ Outyears: HyRAM 2.0++
  – Scoping algorithms for uncertainty analysis & dynamic QRA
  – Begin software changes to integrate IRIS software to allow users to edit Event Trees, Fault Trees & calculate importance measures
  – Establishing process to enable external R&D community to contribute models and data, i.e. as plug-ins
Approach of our choice: **Discrete Event Simulation**

1. Models processes and events
2. Models are dynamic (vs. static conventional models)
3. Data are sampled statistically, e.g. hole size, wind speed
4. Easy housekeeping of models and results
   - transparency of calculations
5. Animation and graphical scenarios contribute to understanding and confidence
6. Domain experts understand models and influence their development
7. Easy integration of the technical part and human performance
8. Multiple runs are performed to extract risk numbers (for assessing Individual Risk, Potential Loss of Life, Group Risk)
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New gaps or directions

- Defining the validation basis in particular for engineering tools to be used for HRS and other H2 applications.
- Validating HyRAM
- Develop sound course material for HyRAM (possibly existing?) and offer courses to the community (potential activity of the HySafe educational committee to be set up, provided agreement by SNL)
- Introducing Uncertainty Quantification UQ for the CFD in the consequence analysis tools (although these type of uncertainties are small compared to the uncertainties in the statistical basis for QRA in general).

There are new methods for UQ in CFD applied in particular for nuclear safety assessments.

Thomas Jordan, KIT
Ulster engineering tools – Next Steps

- Tools to be developed

- Models available
  - Forced ventilation system parameters
  - Upper limit of hydrogen inventory in closed space
  - Mitigation of localised non-uniform deflagration by venting
  - Blowdown time as a function of storage pressure, volume and TPRD diameter

- Models not yet available
  - Pressure peaking phenomenon for ignited releases
  - Radiation from hydrogen fireball after high-pressure CGH2 tank rapture in a fire
  - Effect of buoyancy on jet fire hazard distances

Dmitriy Makarov, UU