

# H<sub>2</sub> safety integration toolkits: HyRAM Version 1.0

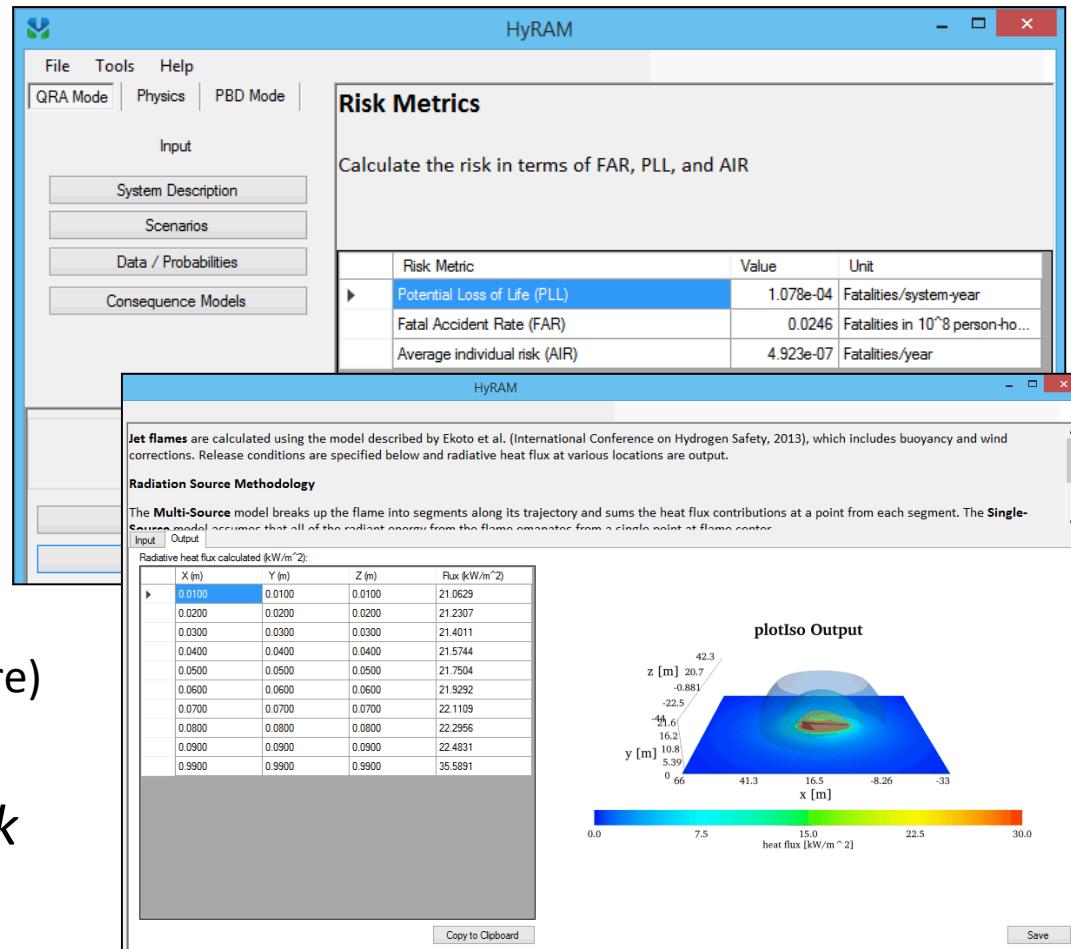
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# HyRAM in one slide

- **Integration platform** for state-of-the-art hydrogen safety models & data
  - Generic reliability data for H<sub>2</sub> systems
  - Standardized scenarios and models
  - H<sub>2</sub> phenomena (gas release, ignition, heat flux, overpressure)
- Software built to enable **industry-led quantitative risk assessments** (QRAs)
  - Puts the R&D into the hands of H<sub>2</sub> industry safety experts



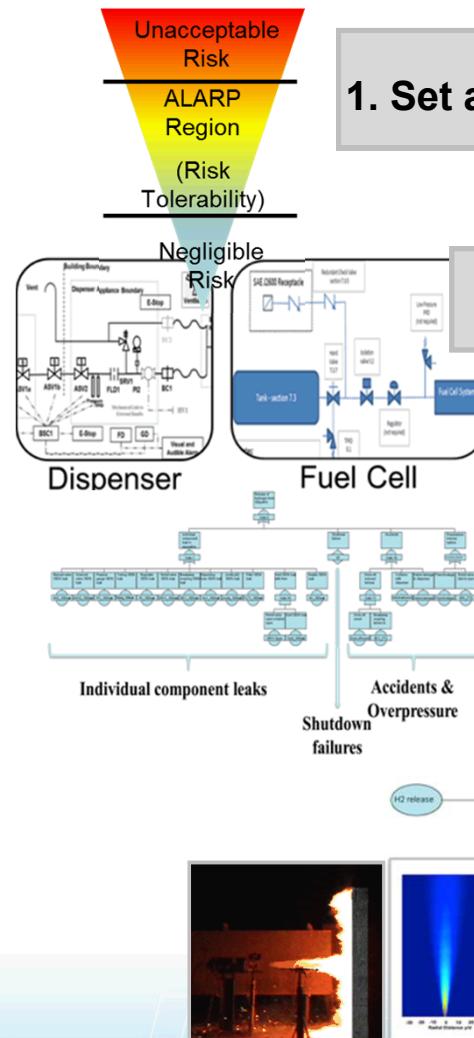
# Motivation for HyRAM: *Enable QRA success*

Analysis Goal	Means
Completeness	Use comprehensive modeling tool
Comparability	Use standard, flexible modeling tool
Robustness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Use validated models (as available), standardized models if you don't.</li><li>Update models as knowledge improves</li></ul>
Repeatability	Document the analysis
Verifiability	Establish a consistent benchmark for the hydrogen community

Motivates building a unifying framework

HyRAM  
+  
H2 R&D community

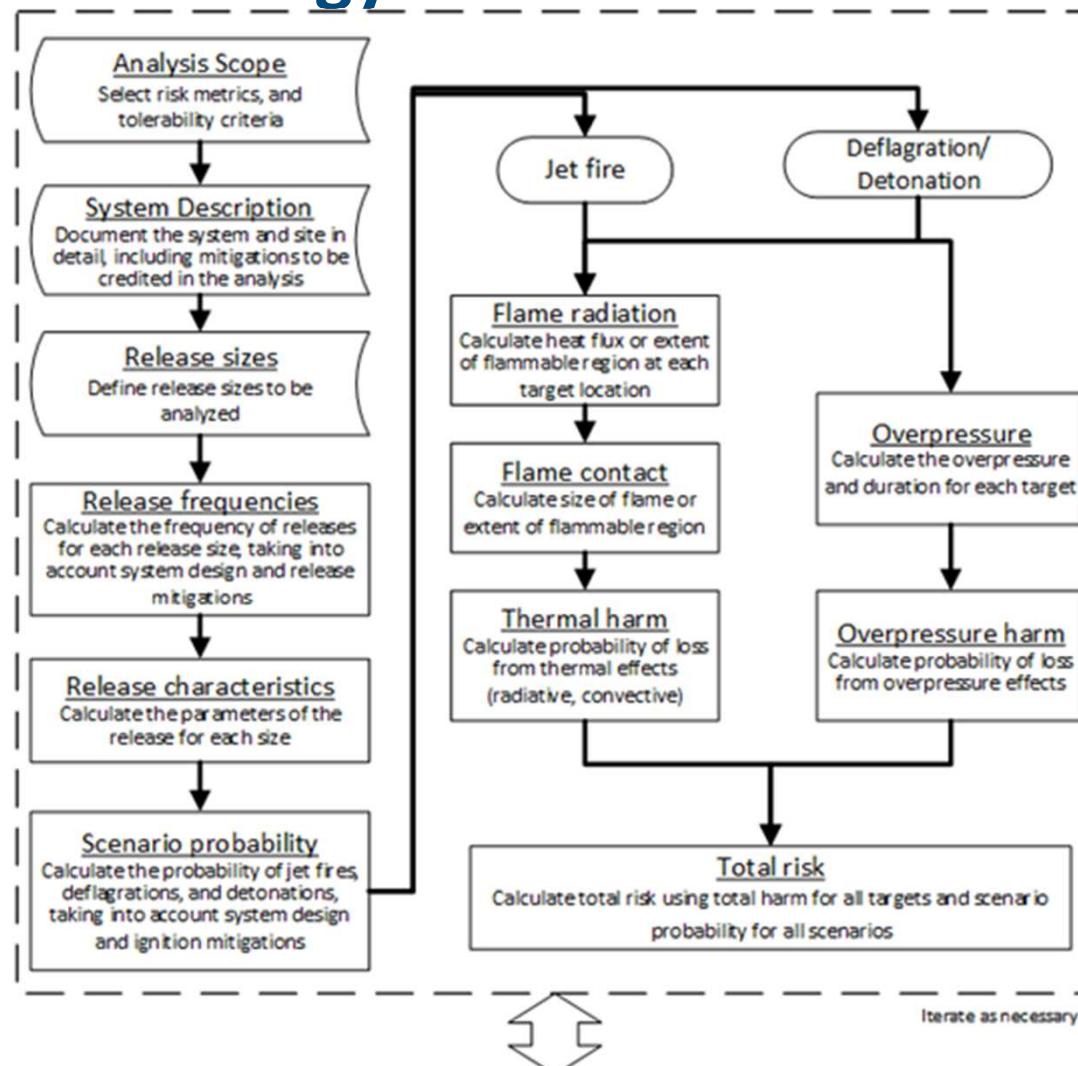
# QRA Process & HyRAM philosophy



**User-specific** – Each country/analyst can establish own analysis goals, defines own system

**User-neutral** – All analysts apply established science & engineering basis (encoded in HyRAM)

# HyRAM Methodology & Main elements



## Engage with decision makers

Compare total risk to analysis criteria, run sensitivity analysis, identify risk drivers, etc. to address specific questions, define C&S requirements, demonstrate compliance, etc.

# Major elements of HyRAM 1.0 algorithm

## QRA Methodology

- Risk metrics calculations
- Scenario Models
- Frequency of a gaseous hydrogen release
- Consequence Models
  - Jet fire
  - Explosion (overpressure)
  - Harm & loss models

## Generic freq. & prob. data

- Release Detection and Isolation Probability
- Ignition Probabilities
- Prob. of flash fire vs. explosion
- Component leak frequencies

## Physics models

- Properties of Hydrogen
  - REFPROP & Abel-Noble equation of state
- Unignited releases
  - Orifice flow
  - Notional nozzles
  - Gas jet/plume
  - Accumulation in confined areas /enclosures
- Ignited releases
  - Jet flame w/o buoyancy correction
  - Jet flame w/ buoyancy correction
  - Jet flame radiation
  - Overpressure in enclosures

## Mathematics Middleware

- Unit Conversion System
- Math.NET Numerics

# Recent progress & publications

## HyRAM documentation

- KM Groth, ES Hecht & JT Reynolds. *Methodology for assessing the safety of Hydrogen Systems: HyRAM 1.0 technical reference manual*. SAND2015-DRAFT, ~Nov 2015.)
- KM Groth and ES Hecht. HyRAM: A methodology and toolkit for Quantitative Risk Assessment of Hydrogen Systems. ICHS 2015.
- HR Zumwalt and KM Groth. *HyRAM V1.0 User's Manual* .SAND2015-7380 R., Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM August, 2015.

## HyRAM applications (PBD)

- AC LaFleur, AB Muna, & KM Groth. *Fire Protection Engineering design Brief Template: Hydrogen Refueling Station*, SAND2015-4500, Sandia National Laboratories, June 2015.
- A. C. LaFleur, A. B. Muna and K. M. Groth “Application of Quantitative Risk Assessment for Performance-Based Permitting of Hydrogen Fueling Stations” ICHS 2015.

## Experimental work:

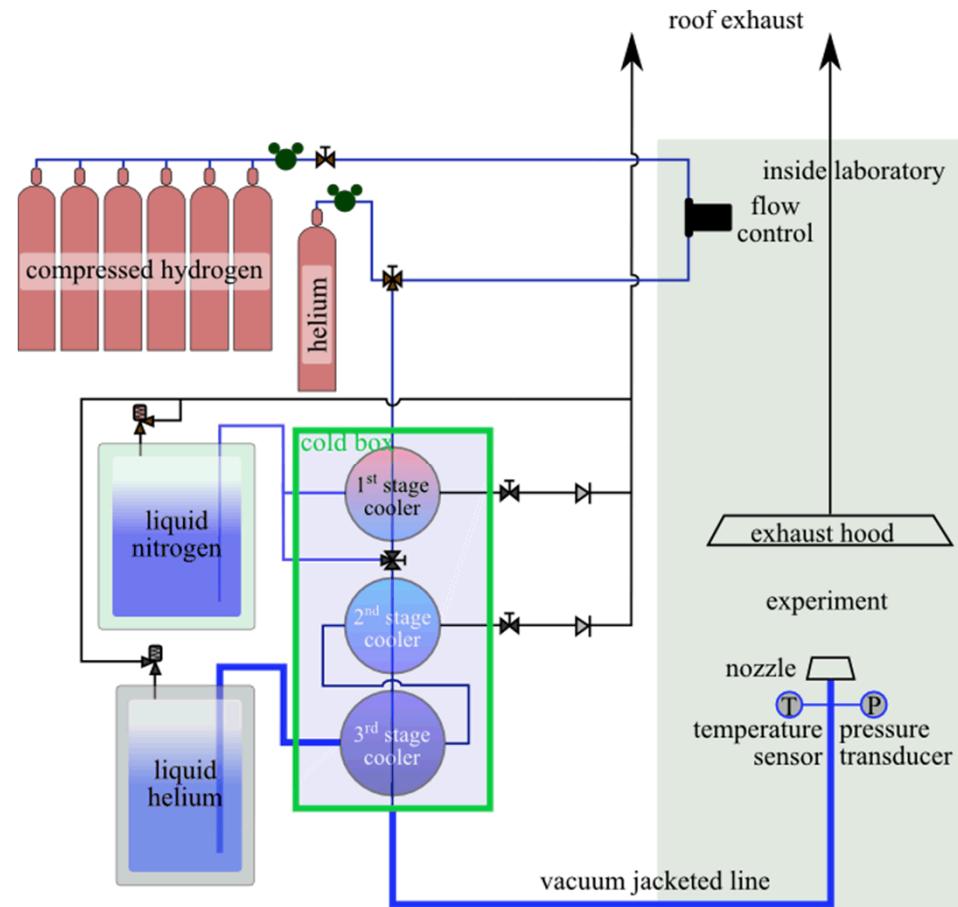
- ES Hecht, MD Zimmerman, AC LaFleur & M Ciotti. *Design of the Cryogenic Hydrogen Release Laboratory*. SAND2015-7521, September 2015
- E. S. Hecht, X. Li and I. Ekoto. Validated equivalent source model for an underexpanded hydrogen jet. ICHS 2015.
- I.W Ekoto, E. Hecht, C. San Marchi, KM Groth, AC LaFleur, N. Natesan, M. Ciotti and A. Harris *Liquid Hydrogen Release and Behavior Modeling: State-of-the-Art Knowledge Gaps and Research Needs for Refueling Infrastructure Safety*. SAND2014-18776, October, 2014.

# HyRAM updates since April (Demo in software)

- Overpressure model in physics mode – initial UI
- Reconfigured jet flame physics UI & added more variables for user inputs
- New UI for occupant/target positions in QRA mode
- New Master Input editor to improve usability
- Testing & validation activities
- Documentation
  - Technical reference manual
  - User manual

# Cold Hydrogen Release Laboratory

- Goal: Build laboratory that can be used to develop validated model needed for QRA of release from cryogenic storage
  - Well controlled boundary conditions and accurate diagnostics necessary for proper model validation
- Components being fabricated and assembled
- Expected trials by then end of FY15



# Next steps

- Rest of 2015:
  - **HyRAM**: Integration of overpressure model into QRA mode; alpha user testing via main partners
  - **Behavior**: Develop experimental capability for liquid/cryogenic H<sub>2</sub> behavior (w/ financial support of industrial stakeholders)
- FY16:
  - **HyRAM**: Add risk-features (Fault Trees); public release of HyRAM 1.0.
  - **Behavior**: Conduct liquid/cryogenic H<sub>2</sub> release experiments and develop validated LH<sub>2</sub> release model
- Out-years
  - Highly accessible (web-based/app) tool for enabling end-users to implement these algorithms
  - Continue experimental work to generate needed validation data and develop necessary science-based models (e.g. wall interactions)

# What else we need

- Partners for next phase – software development, testing
- CRADA participants -- Funding partners for cryo-lab & HyRAM development
- Published models, data, & programmed, licensable modules for QRA or physics...
  - Leak freq. data and component failure data for H2 components not yet in HyRAM
  - Ignition probability models
  - Deflagration (unconfined) and detonation
  - Flash fire
  - Impingement
  - Fault Tree/Event Sequence Diagrams
  - Uncertainty analysis
  - Flow/flame surface interaction

# Group Discussion

- **Group discussion of the gaps in the toolkit and how the research from the community relates.**
- Where are there gaps?
- Who is working to fill them?
- What additional activities need to happen to align these pieces?

The screenshot shows the HyRAM software interface. On the left, the 'Input' section includes 'System Description', 'Scenarios', 'Data / Probabilities', and 'Consequence Models'. The 'Output' section includes 'Scenario Stats' and 'Risk Metrics'. The 'Risk Metrics' section displays the following table:

Risk Metric	Value	Unit
Potential Loss of Life (PLL)	7.365e-004	Fatalities/system-year
Fatal Accident Rate (FAR)/100M exposed hours	1.682e-001	Fatalities in 10 <sup>-8</sup> person-hr...
Average individual risk (AIR)	3.363e-006	Fatalities/year

The right side of the interface shows a flowchart of the QRA Process:

1. Set analysis goals
2. System & hazard description
3. Cause analysis
4. Consequence analysis
5. Communicate Results

Below the software interface is the HyRAM logo:

**HYRAM**  
HYDROGEN RISK ASSESSMENT MODELS

# Thank you!

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# Example HyRAM calculation: Jet Flame physics

## Consequence-only modeling

### Input

- Leak size and known conditions.

Input      Output

Notional Nozzle Model: Birch2

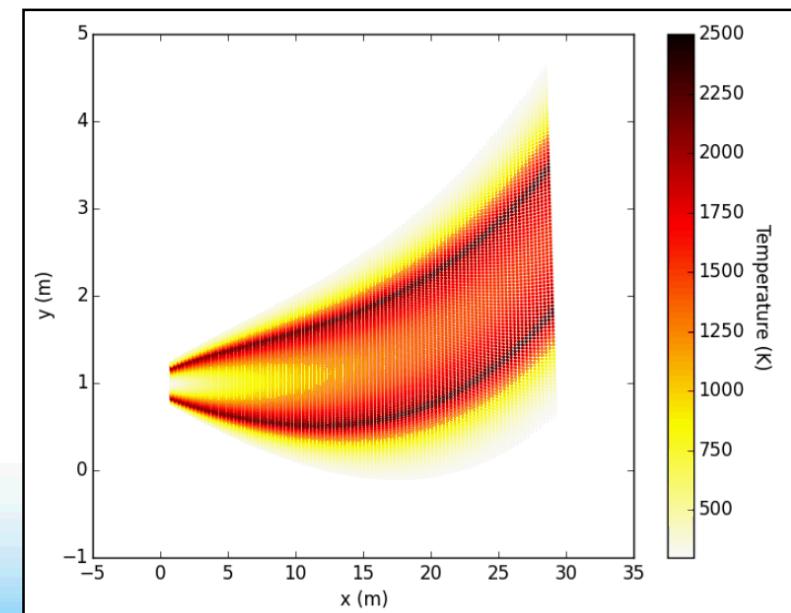
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	Variable	Value	Unit
Ambient Temperature	15	Celsius	
Ambient Pressure	1	Atm	
Hydrogen Temperature	15	Celsius	
Hydrogen Pressure	10000	PSI	
Leak Diameter	0.01	Meter	
Relative Humidity	0.89	...	
Leak Height from Floor (y0)	1	Meter	

### Output

- Shows flame temperature at different distances -- direct analog to original safety distance work.



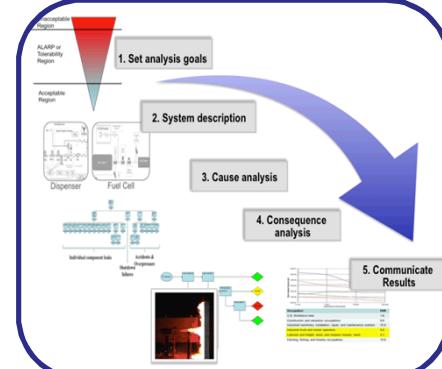
# Project Approach: Three coordinated activities

## Apply R&D in RCS



Apply risk assessment techniques in step-out hydrogen technologies

## QRA methods, tools



Develop integrated algorithms for conducting QRA (Quantitative Risk Assessment) for H<sub>2</sub> facilities and vehicles

## H<sub>2</sub> behavior R&D



Develop and validate scientific models to provide reduced-order information for accurate depiction of releases, flames, etc.

Enabling methods, data, tools for H<sub>2</sub> safety & RCS community

# Example HyRAM calculation: Full QRA

Allows credit for mitigations that reduce likelihood of events & provides system-specific risk-reduction insight

## Input

- System description (components, parameters, facility description)

Components		System Parameters		Facility Parameters	
Piping		Vehicles			
Variable	Value	Unit			
Pipe Outer Diameter	0.375	Inch			
Pipe Wall Thickness	0.065	Inch			
Internal Temperature					
Internal Pressure					
External Temperature					
External Pressure					

Components		System Parameters		Facility Parameters	
	Component	Count	Unit		
	# Compressors	0	...		
	# Cylinders	0	...		
	# Valves	5	...		
	# Instruments	3	...		
	# Joints	35	...		
	# Hoses	1	...		

Facility		Occupants		User	
Input Details		Distribution			
Variable	Value				
Population (Number of persons)	50				
Working hours per year	2000				

## Output

- Total system risk
  - Enables comparisons, e.g. risk **with** vs. **without** gas detection

Risk Metric	Value	Unit
Potential Loss of Life (PLL)	4.500e-04	Fatalities/system-year
Fatal Accident Rate (FAR)/100M exposed hours	0.1027	Fatalities in 10 <sup>8</sup> person-ho...
Average individual risk (AIR)	2.055e-06	Fatalities/year

Risk Metric	Value	Unit
Potential Loss of Life (PLL)	5.000e-04	Fatalities/system-year
Fatal Accident Rate (FAR)/100M exposed hours	0.1141	Fatalities in 10 <sup>8</sup> person-ho...
Average individual risk (AIR)	2.283e-06	Fatalities/year

- Insight into risk drivers: scenario frequency & risk ranking

Scenario	End State Type	Avg. Events/Year	PLL Contribution
0.01pct Release	No Ignition	0.03448206	0.00%
0.1pct Release	No Ignition	0.00495318	0.00%
1pct Release	No Ignition	0.00148741	0.00%
10pct Release	No Ignition	0.00116683	0.00%
100pct Release	No Ignition	0.00071471	0.00%
0.01pct Release	Jet fire	0.00025097	0.00 %
0.1pct Release	Explosion	0.00012448	0.01 %
100pct Release	Jet fire	0.00003669	0.00 %
0.1pct Release	Jet fire	0.00003605	0.00 %
0.1pct Release	Explosion	0.00001788	0.00 %
100pct Release	Explosion	0.00001770	95.15 %
1pct Release	Jet fire	0.00001083	0.00 %
10pct Release	Jet fire	0.00000849	0.00 %
1pct Release	Explosion	0.00000537	0.03 %
10pct Release	Explosion	0.00000421	4.81 %