

# SUpport to Safety ANALysis of Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies

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# PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Call topic (SP1-JTI-FCH.2012.5.2)
- Application Area (Cross Cutting Activities)

Topic covered: Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) model evaluation protocol for safety analysis of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies

- 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016
- Budget: 2.119.669 €, EU contribution: 1.159.124 € (54%)
- Consortium overview



# PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Short summary/abstract of project

critically review the state-of-the-art in physical and mathematical modelling of phenomena and scenarios relevant to hydrogen safety

compile a guide to best practices in use of CFD for safety analysis of FCH systems and infrastructures

update verification and validation procedures

generate database of verification problems

develop model validation database

perform benchmarking

**Finally Achievement will be:**

create the CFD model evaluation protocol built on these documents and project activities

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- 100% critically review the state-of-the-art in physical and mathematical modelling of phenomena and scenarios relevant to hydrogen safety
- 75% compile a guide to best practices in use of CFD for safety analysis of FCH systems and infrastructures
- 80% update verification and validation procedures
- 60% generate database of verification problems
- 50% develop model validation database
- 60% perform benchmarking

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# PROJECT TARGETS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Programme objective/target	Project objective/target	Project achievements to-date	Expected final achievement
<b>MAIP</b>			
Development of databases to support fuel cells and hydrogen research	Technical structure of database	100%	Database of protocols for CFD modelling
	Upload of protocols	70%	
<b>AIP</b>			
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Capability of the CFD users of following the correct modelling strategy in CFD analysis	Accurate protocols	Available protocols at database up to 60%	FC contribution is missing according FC and difficult to compile due to technological difference

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<b>AIP</b>			
Development of a model evaluation protocol for assessment of CFD models/codes accuracy for hydrogen and fuel cell technologies	Accurate protocols	Upload of protocols (actual status 70%)	Database containing protocols (aim 90%)
Number of data sets within the database	Datasets	80 < number of datasets < 100	Datasets added to database (90% due to missing FC data)

# PROJECT TARGETS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- SUSANA builds a database for model evaluation protocols beyond state of the art (first time)
- Advancements in comparing results from different applications and increasing of information value on modelling
- Accuracy of CFD models (codes) can get assessed by approved datasets based on real experiments
- Variety of datasets available for different problem-categories
- Next steps are:
  - To complete benchmarking exercises
  - To expand number of datasets
  - To in cooperate CFD modelling on FC
  - To finalize CFD model evaluation protocol

Laboratory Scale Experiments (<1 cubic meter)	Medium Scale Experiments (~10 cubic meter)	Industrial Scale Experiments (>100 cubic meter)
Gamelan_180, Gamelan_300, PRD, HYCOM-MC03, HYCOM-MC12, HYCOM-MC43, HYCOM-HC20, DDT_MINIRUT	Low Temperature Jet, GEXCON, SBEP_1, Ignition_Jet, Deflagration_shpere_vessel, HyInDoor_WP3, FZK-R 049809	SBEP_21, INERIS-6C, NASA-6, He_GARAGE, H2_HALLWAY, Open Deflagration, Vent_Deflagration_01, Vent_Deflagration_02, HYCOM-HYC01, HYCOM-HYC14, DDT_RUT, KI_RUT_hyd05, KI_RUT_hyd09, DDT_partial_confined_01-04



# RISKS AND MITIGATION (1)

- Development of databases to support fuel cells and hydrogen research
  - difficult to compile relevant publications in case of use of Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) applied to hydrogen technology (number of reviewed papers limited)
  - Remedial actions difficult because availability of reviewed papers is a matter of facts
  - Nature of revision not needed, because the reduced number of datasets affects the general outcome (use of database) uncritical

# RISKS AND MITIGATION (2)

- Capability of the CFD users of following the correct modelling strategy in applying correctly the CFD analysis
  - Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) is not widely used in case of modelling and simulation in fuel cells, because of different technological composition
  - Remedial actions by contacting FC community personally to receive information on reviewed papers useable to get developed as protocol
  - Nature of revision needed in concerns of number of useable protocols and datasets for model evaluation in case of modelling on fuel cell issues
  - Missing datasets will not hamper the use of SUSANA database in other applications than modelling FC

# SYNERGIES WITH OTHER PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

- Actually no further support by national programmes or other agencies
- Interaction with other European projects



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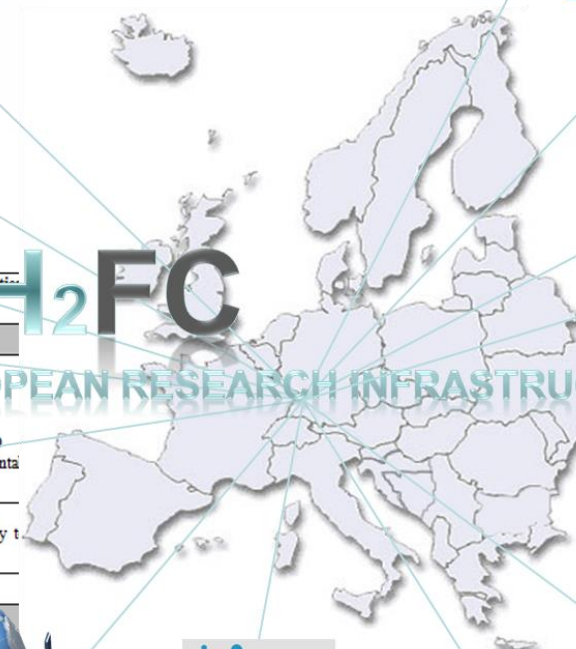
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**FUEL CELLS AND HYDROGEN JOINT UNDERTAKING**

**SUPPORT SUSANA**

Support Action funded by FCH-JU



**H<sub>2</sub>FC**

**EUROPEAN RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE**

FCH and FP projects	Description of complement (if any)	and/or joint ac
FCH JU projects		
HyIndoor	Pre-normative research or The generated knowledge The experimental work will significantly enhance our understanding of hydrogen dispersion modelling will information —	id hydrogen systems s.
Other FCH-JU projects	It must be evalu of potential projects will be developed and contacted directly to inform about SUSANA's general outcome and special results	
FP projects		
H <sub>2</sub> FC European Infrastructure	H <sub>2</sub> FC European Infrastructure has several targets which SUSANA aims: development of an e-infrastructure and hydrogen and fuel cell research, mapping of European res for fuel cells and hydrogen research, their capabilities and network of stakeholders and expert groups, special sessions simulation on different conferences and workshops.	
HySafe	HySafe NoE ends in HySafe association. Both of main interest for SUSANA because of networking on standards and pre-normative research as well as HySafe is organizer of ICHS	
Forthcoming projects under HORIZON 2020	It is planned to arrange a proposal concerning e-infrastructure for hydrogen and fuel cell research	



International Conference on Hydrogen Safety



International Symposium Hydrogen & Energy



European Fuel Cell Conference

# HORIZONTAL ACTIVITIES

- Forthcoming Seminar 2016
  - Dissemination seminar
    - A dedicated dissemination seminar will be organised to present the project outcomes to the FCH community
    - Following discussion at the previous progress meeting, this will take the form of a webcast seminar which will then be available to a wide audience
    - Potential venue is the offices of the Engineering Employers' Federation in central London
- Athens experts Work Shop
  - Themes covered most by safety, regulations, codes, standards
    - Contributions from Susana consortium members and experts
    - Session 1: Introduction and objectives
    - Session 2: Model Evaluation Protocols
    - Session 3: Best practice in numerical modelling
    - Session 4: Validation and verification techniques and methodology
    - Session 5: Industrial and commercial perspective

# DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

- Experts and stakeholder work shop Athens

- Eleven experts attended
- From a number of European countries and USA
- Representing a broad cross-section of industry and academia
- Included world leading experts in their field (e.g. Bill Oberkampf, Sandia NL)
- Also widened knowledge of and interest in Susana amongst researchers and practitioners



- Publications

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- Presentations
- A presentation titled “Development and Application of Model Evaluation Protocols” by Adrian Kelsey (HSL) was given at a NAFEMS meeting on quality and reliability of CFD simulations:
- [http://www.nafems.org/events/nafems/2014/q\\_rcfd/](http://www.nafems.org/events/nafems/2014/q_rcfd/)



# DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

## A model evaluation protocol for Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) models used in safety analyses for hydrogen and fuel cell technologies

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### Abstract

Hydrogen and fuel cell technologies are seen as an increasingly important means of energy conversion and energy storage as European energy policies encourage transition to renewable sources, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and an increase in energy efficiency. This brings a corresponding move of these technologies out of the industrial domain, which is characterised by large quantities and a controlled environment, to the public domain which is characterised by a more diverse range of applications in typically less well controlled environments. The increase in demand brings an increasing need to carry out safety analyses and will therefore result in a more widespread deployment of modern numerical tools such as Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD). This in turn has led to a requirement for a better understanding of the suitability of CFD models for each specific application.

Model Evaluation Frameworks have been in existence for many years as a means of testing the quality of simulation tools mainly in the area of pollutant dispersion modelling. There have been several European initiatives for model evaluation covering dispersion, as well as fire and explosion modelling. The 'Support to Safety Analysis of Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies' (SUSANA) project aims to support stakeholders using CFD for safety engineering design and assessment of fuel cells and hydrogen (FCH) systems and infrastructure through the development of a new model evaluation protocol. The protocol covers all aspects of safety assessment modelling using CFD, from selection, through dispersion to combustion and not only aims to enable users to evaluate models but to inform them of the state of the art and best practice in numerical modelling.

To achieve the aims, the project has seven work packages which are based upon a support strategy of collecting information from outside the project and disseminating this information to the user community. There are seven partners in the SUSANA consortium and each is responsible for a particular work package and coordinating the work of the other partners in that area. This paper gives an overview of the SUSANA project, the work packages and the main stages of the model evaluation protocol.

Keywords: Computational Fluid Dynamics, Model Evaluation Protocol, Hydrogen

### Introduction

Strategic documents on European energy policies support a transition to renewable energy sources and diversification of the energy supply. The use of fuel cell and hydrogen (FCH) technologies would form an important part of this transition, as a means of flexible and efficient energy conversion. To date the main use of FCH systems and infrastructure has been in industrial applications, but with wider use, as part of a transition, they will move into the public domain and increasing numbers of the population will interact with FCH systems. Concern about the level of safety of FCH installations could affect public acceptance of the technology. Already increasing numbers of FCH early market projects require a growing number of hydrogen safety experts who are able to make efficient use of available tools for safety engineering design, for example, Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD). CFD can be used as a complement to experimental studies and testing of FCH systems, and it is often the only affordable way to develop engineering solutions and safety strategies for their use.

## SUSANA

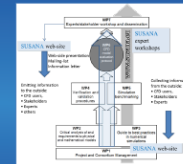
### Support Safety Analysis of Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies

Duration: 36 months (starting date: 01/09/2015)

Workpackage: Cross-cutting Issues SPI-JTI-FCH-2012.5.2

Total Project budget: € 2.12 million FCH JU contribution: € 1.16 million

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National Centre for Scientific Research Demokritos  
Joint Research Centre EU  
Health and Safety Executive  
Element Energy LTD  
AREVA SAS Renewable Energies



- Development of CFD model evaluation protocol for safety analysis for hydrogen and fuel cells technologies
- Pre-normative research of fire safety and pressure vessels made of composite materials
- Assessment of safety issues related to fuel cells and hydrogen applications

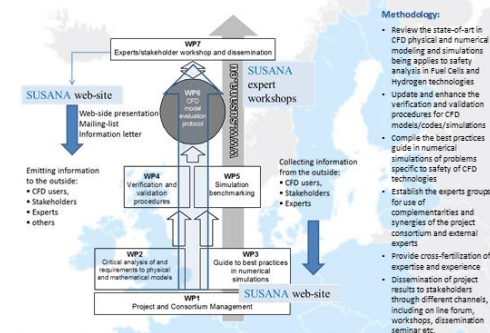
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- CFD safety analysis of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies
- Create an e-infrastructure for the implementation of the CFD model evaluation protocol
  - o Database of problems for verification of codes and models
  - o Model evaluation database of experiments for validation
- Develop the infrastructure for codes and models
- Project website to support experts' forum and provide open access to the databases.

## SUPPORT SUSANA

### Support Safety Analysis of Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies

#### Objectives:

- To achieve synergy and to consolidate the CFD excellence in application to safety design of Fuel Cell and Hydrogen systems and infrastructures
- To support stakeholders using CFD for safety engineering design and assessment of Fuel Cell and Hydrogen systems and infrastructures



#### Expected Results:

- Develop the CFD model evaluation protocol for assessment of the capability of the CFD models of accurately describing the relevant physical phenomena and the capability of CFD users to follow the correct modelling strategy in applying CFD safety analysis of hydrogen and fuel cell technologies
- Create an e-infrastructure for the implementation of the CFD model evaluation protocol
  - o Database of problems for verification of codes and models against analytical solutions. Designed to demonstrate capability of CFD codes to solve numerically the governing equations
  - o Model evaluation database of experiments for validation of simulations covering a range of phenomena relevant to Fuel Cell and Hydrogen safety
  - o Benchmarking exercises for codes and models open to all stakeholders
  - o Project website to support experts' forum and provide open access to the databases, best practices documents, benchmark exercise specifications available benchmark results

# EXPLOITATION PLAN/EXPECTED IMPACT

- Generally, effect and trust in the practicability of digital science to improve technological development
- FCH community using modelling and simulation methods to solve or discover potential problems in hydrogen technology can lean on common standards on model evaluation protocol for assessment of CFD models/codes
- Potential safety issues can get discovered accuracy and thus foster public awareness on recognizing hydrogen technology as a safe future technology
- Discover potential improvements of complete facilities and/or components by increasing application and accuracy of modelling and simulation
- Exploitation of project's results => as open access source
- Cross-cutting:
  - test standardisation (by model evaluation protocol)
  - safety assessment (by using CFD)
  - sustainability (by improving facilities based on results arising from digital science)

Thank you, for your kind attention!

