

European Network of Excellence HySafe

## **“Safety of Hydrogen as an Energy Carrier”**

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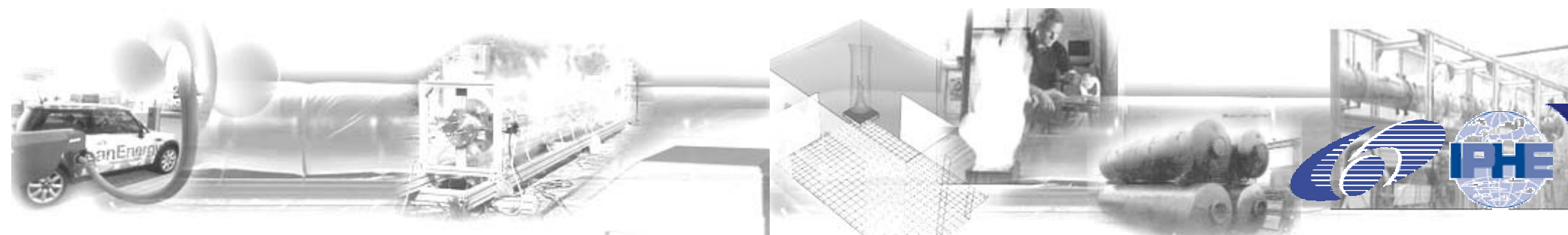
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# Think SAFETY first!

## Fire and explosions on refuelling station





## ***General Goal of NoE HySafe***

Contributing to a **safe transition** to a **sustainable development** in Europe by facilitating the **safe introduction of hydrogen** technologies/applications

## ***Objectives***

- Strengthen and focus, **integrate fragmented research** on hydrogen safety → **(establish European Institute for Hydrogen Safety)**
- Promoting **public awareness and trust** in hydrogen technologies
- Development of an excellent **safety culture**



# Consortium

## 25 partners from:

- 12 research organizations and governmental agencies,
- 6 universities,
- 7 industrial partners

## From 13 countries:

- Germany (5 partners)
- France (3)
- Norway (3)
- UK (3)
- Netherlands (2)
- Spain (2)
- Denmark (1)
- Greece (1)
- Italy (1)
- Poland (1)
- Portugal (1)
- Sweden (1)
- Canada (1)

**New partner – KI (Russia), 2006**

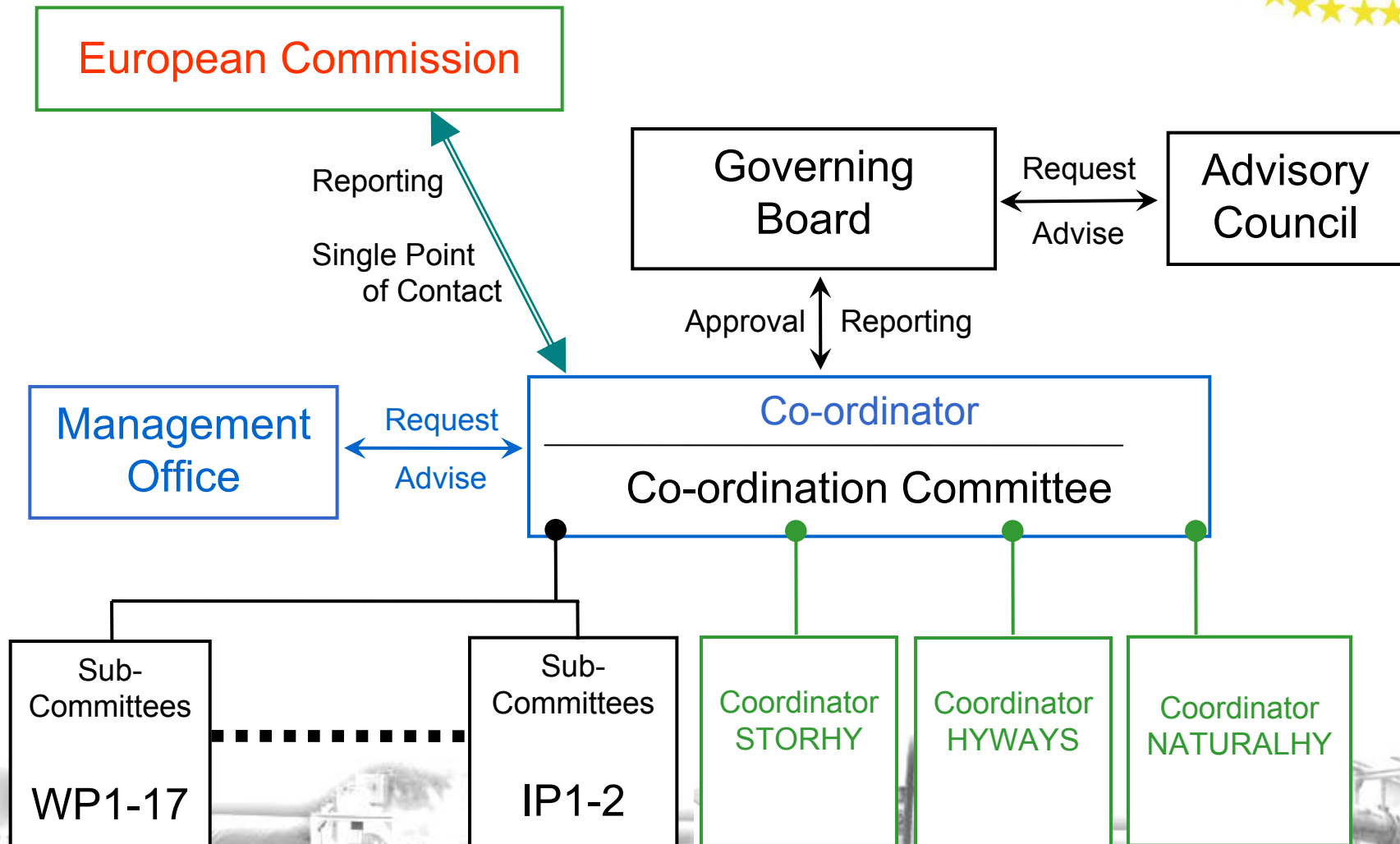
**About 150 researchers**



<b>Forschungszentrum Karlsruhe GmbH, coordinator</b>	DE
L'Air Liquide	FR
Federal Institute for Materials Research and Testing	DE
BMW Forschung und Technik GmbH	DE
Building Research Establishment Ltd	UK
Commissariat à l'Energie Atomique	FR
Det Norske Veritas AS	NO
Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft ICT	DE
Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH	DE
GexCon AS	NO
The United Kingdom's Health and Safety Laboratory	UK
Foundation INASMET	ES
Inst. Nat. de l'Environnement industriel et des RISques	FR
Instituto Superior Technico	PT
European Commission - JRC - Institute for Energy	NL
National Center for Scientific Research Demokritos	EL
Norsk Hydro ASA	NO
Risø National Laboratory	DK
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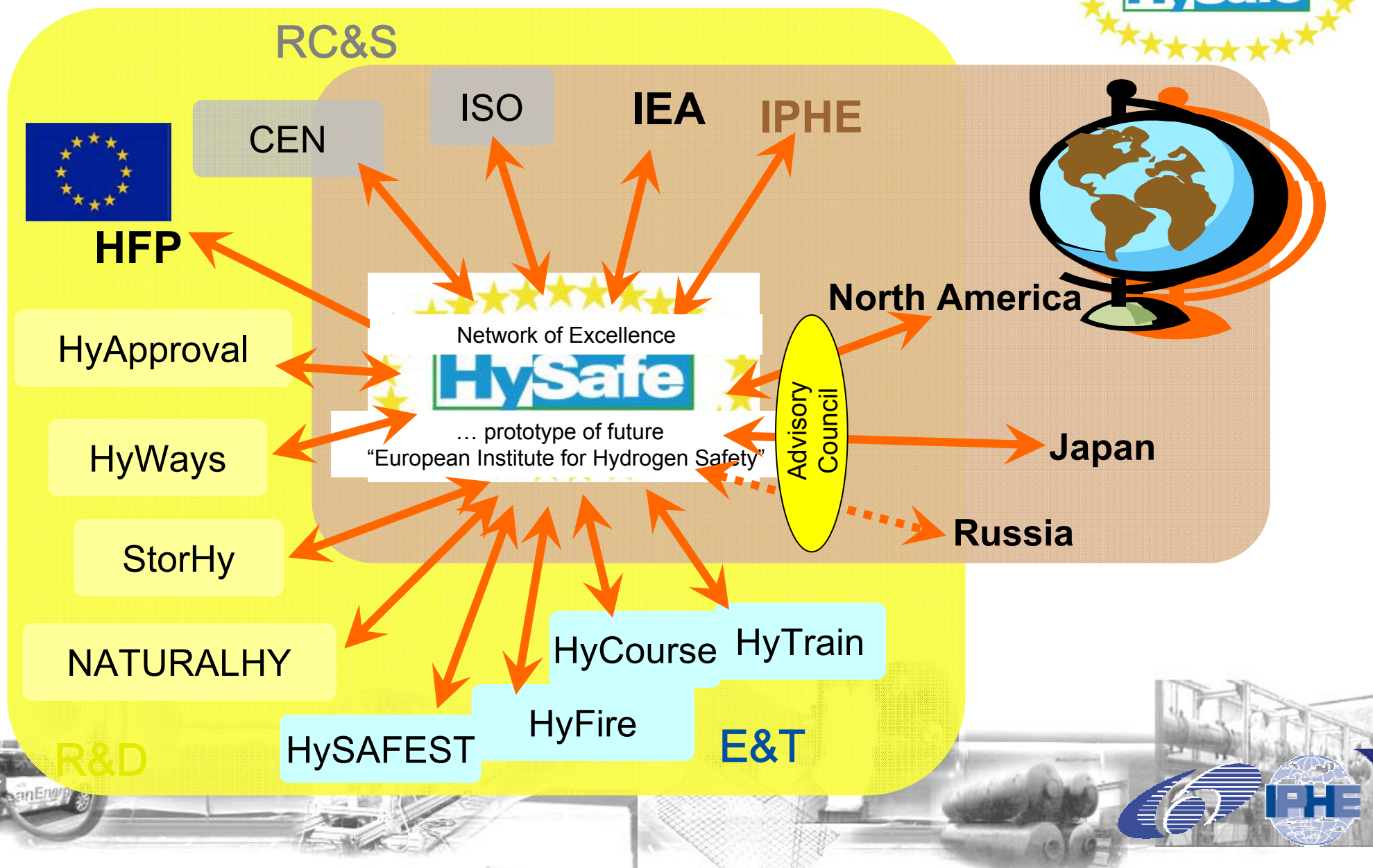


# Organisational structure

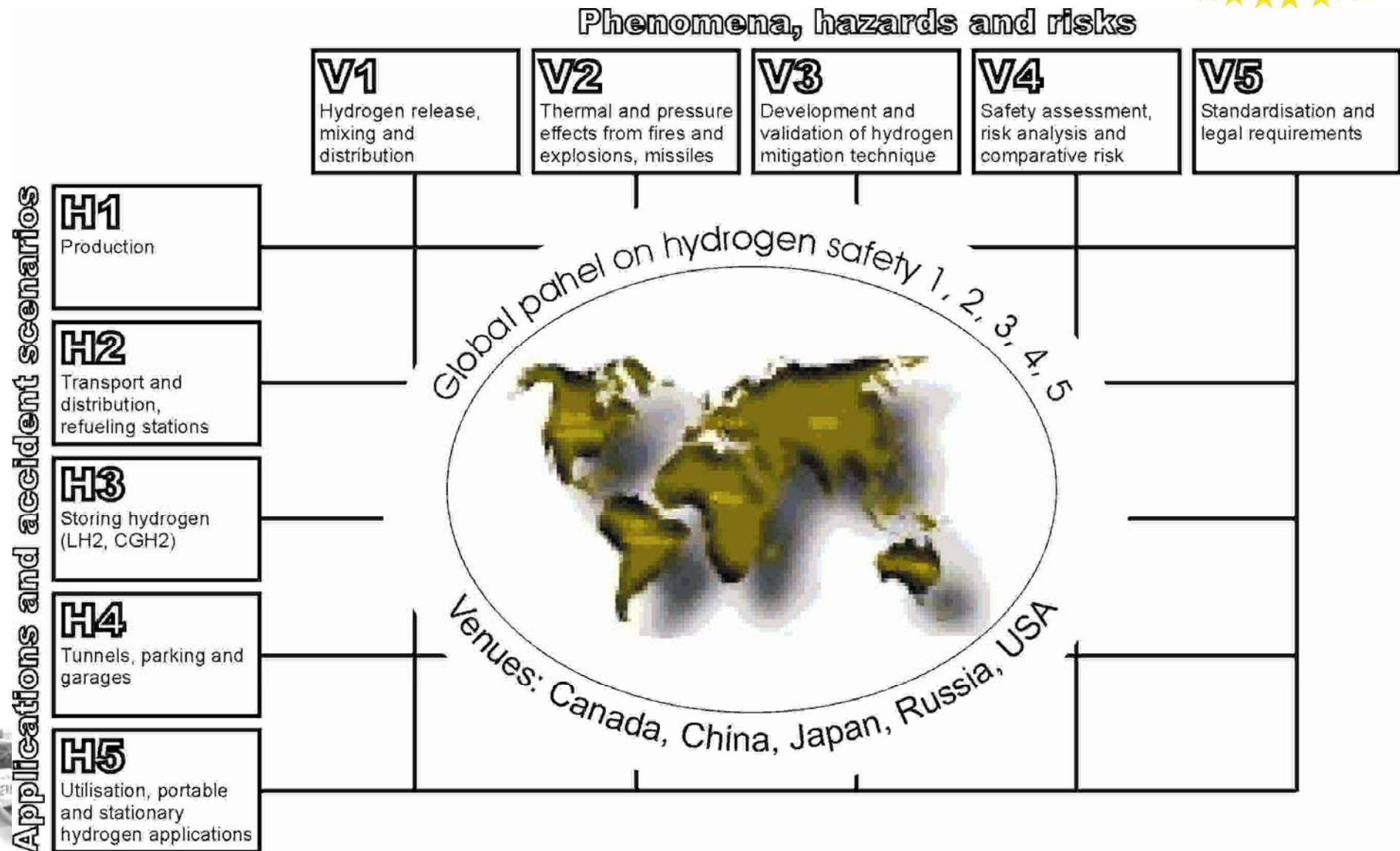




# Enhancing external collaboration



# The HySafe activity matrix



# 4 Clusters, 15 Workpackages, 2 Internal Projects

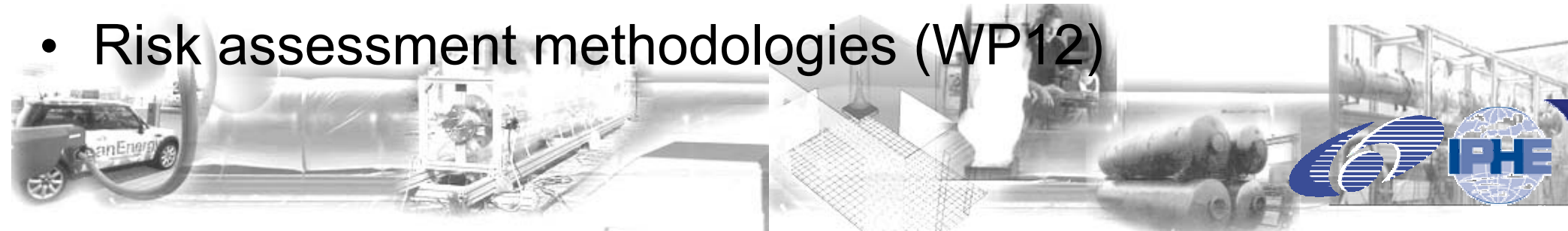
## Cluster “Phenomena”



- Hydrogen release, mixing and distribution (WP8)
- Hydrogen ignition and jet fires (WP9)
- Hydrogen Explosions (WP10)
- Mitigation (WP11)
- Material Compatibility and Structural Integrity (WP18)

## Cluster “Tools”

- Integration of Experimental Facilities (WP2)
- Numerical Tools (WP6)
- Risk assessment methodologies (WP12)





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## Cluster “Dissemination”



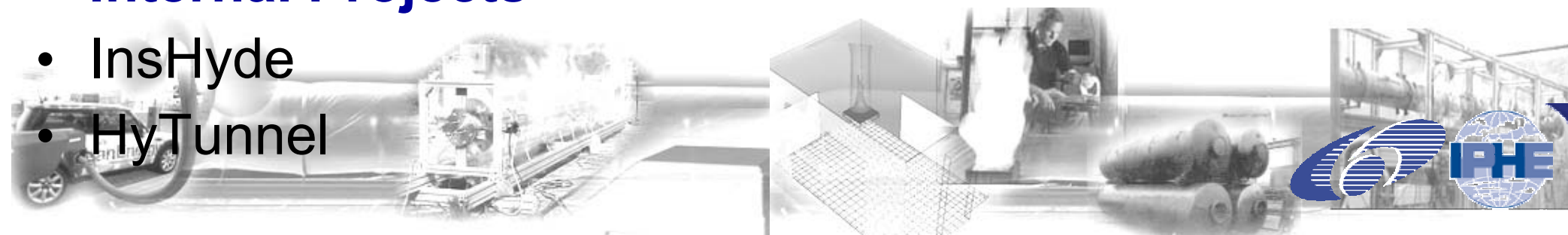
- Biennial Report on Hydrogen Safety (WP1)
- Hydrogen Incident and Accident Database (WP5)
- International Conference on Hydrogen Safety (WP14)
- e-Academy of Hydrogen Safety (WP15)
- Contribution to Standards and Legal Requirements (WP16)

## Cluster “Management”

- Strategies (WP7)
- Management (WP17)

## Internal Projects

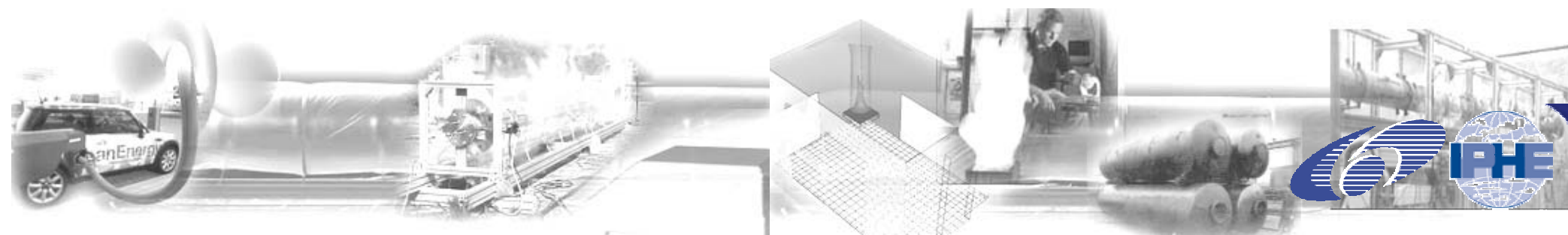
- InsHyde
- HyTunnel





Some examples of

# SUCCESSFUL INTEGRATION



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# The most informative Website



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### Safety of Hydrogen as an Energy Carrier

The EC funded Network of Excellence (NoE) HySafe<sup>\*)</sup> contributes to the safe transition to a more sustainable development in Europe by facilitating the safe introduction of hydrogen technologies and applications.

The HySafe network will bring together competencies and experience from various research and industrial fields (automotive, gas and oil, chemical and nuclear). Much effort has been concentrated on the hydrogen safety issues relevant to the nuclear industry during the past 20 years, including comprehensive safety studies and the development of innovative mitigation techniques. At the same time industry and research dealing with today's fossil energy carriers are now confronting issues associated with everyday use of the technology by the general public.

Synthesis, integration, and harmonisation of these efforts is expected to break new ground in the field of hydrogen safety and contribute to the increase of public acceptability of hydrogen as an energy carrier.

The consortium consists of 25 partners including

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from 12 countries:  
Germany (5 partners), France (3), Norway (3), UK (3), Netherlands (2), Spain (2), Denmark, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Sweden and Canada.

The Advisory Council includes a balanced representation of partners, distinguished scientists outside the network, and representatives from industry and authorities

Integration of > 100 researches and doctoral students

Project duration: 5 years

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# Experimental Facilities (6 of 80)



### MISTRA

*cylindrical steel vessel*

*originally designed as 1/10<sup>th</sup> in linear scale of Pressurized Water Reactor containment*

*studies of H<sub>2</sub> (simulated by He) release and distribution in a confined geometry*



**366m gallery/tunnel**

*Concrete test enclosure/tunnel*

*Full/large scale*

*Combustion and ventilation controlled overpressures  
Fragmentation.*

*V1, V2 and H4, H5*

### REKO-2



### GexCon 168 m<sup>3</sup> open geometry with internal obstructions

*explosion vessel*

*large scale (168 m<sup>3</sup>)*

*studies on explosions in open, congested geometries*



### Flame Acceleration Pad (FAP)



### A1 Vessel

*cylindrical vessel*

*full or large scale*

*studies on turbulent combustion and detonations, vented explosions, hydrogen distribution, integrity of mechanical structures under high pressure load*



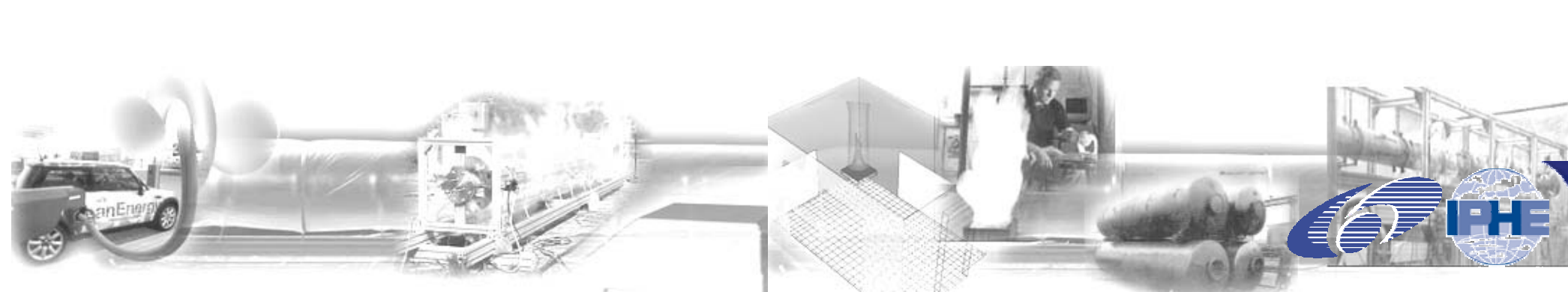


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# CFD benchmark exercises



- GH2 release and distribution in enclosures
- LH2 release in open atmosphere
- Stoichiometric H<sub>2</sub>-air deflagration in atmosphere
- High pressure free hydrogen jets
- Deflagration-to-detonation transition
- ...





# **SBEP: Largest LH2 spill (NASA)**

361.8 kg of LH2 in 38 s



## **NASA Test 6 (movie)**

**NASA Test 6 simulation (movie)**



# SBEP: Largest deflagration in atmosphere

Volume 2094 m<sup>3</sup>; D=20 m (Fraunhofer ICT, Germany)



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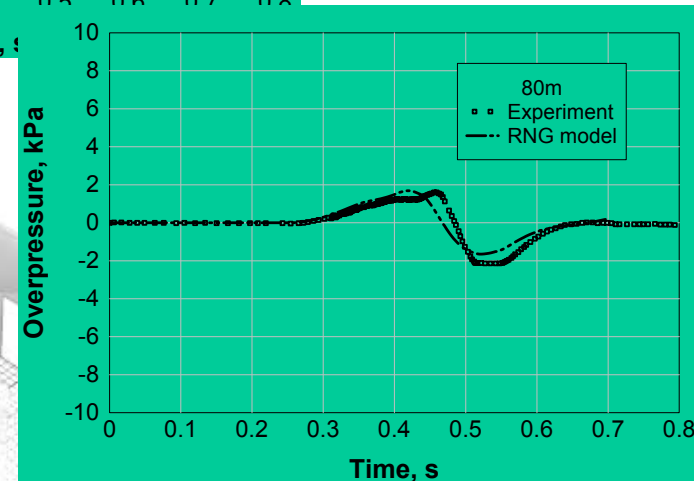
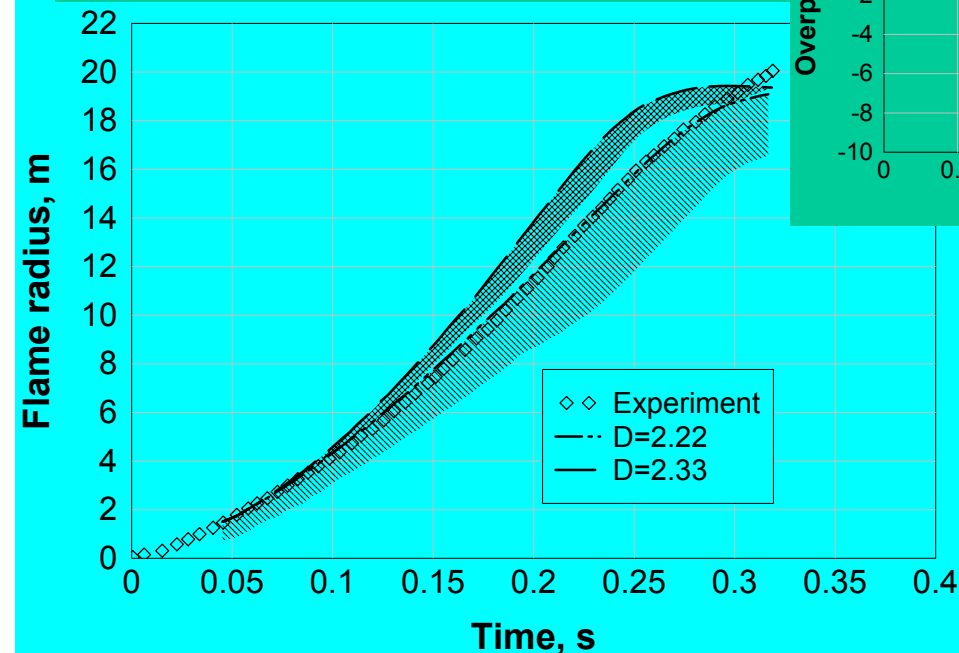
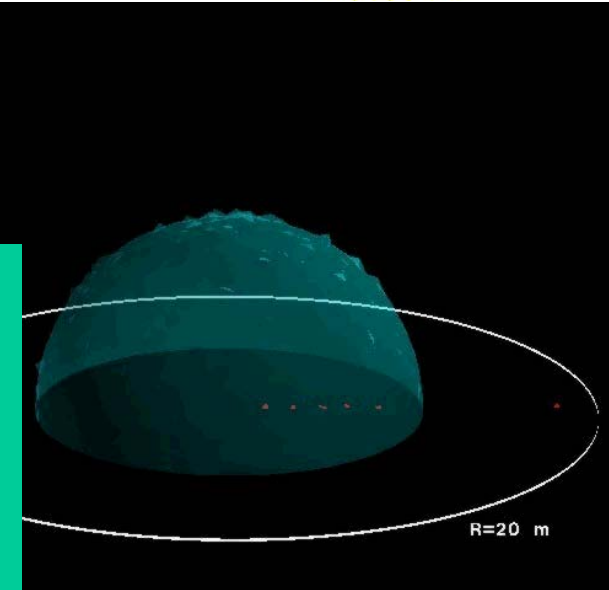
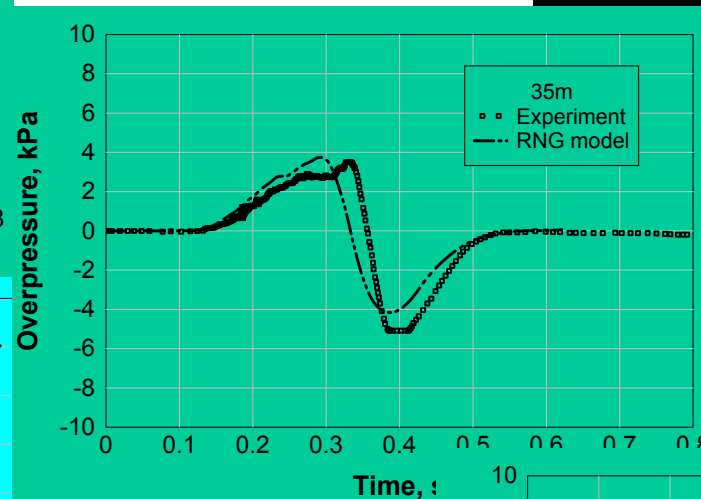
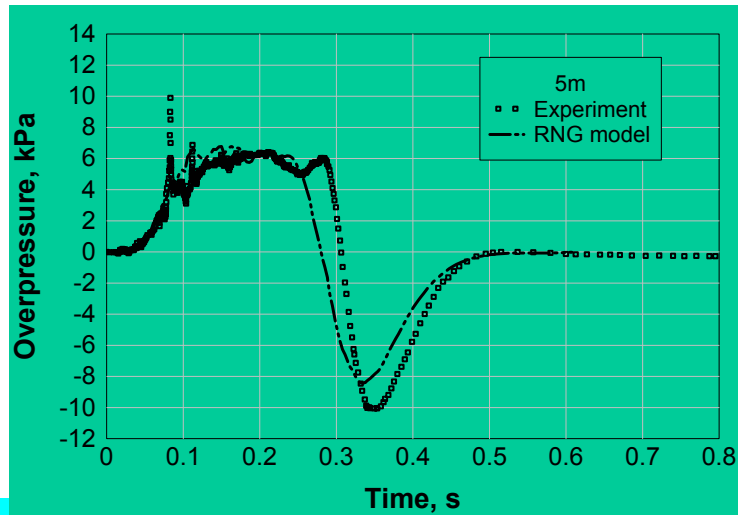
20 m





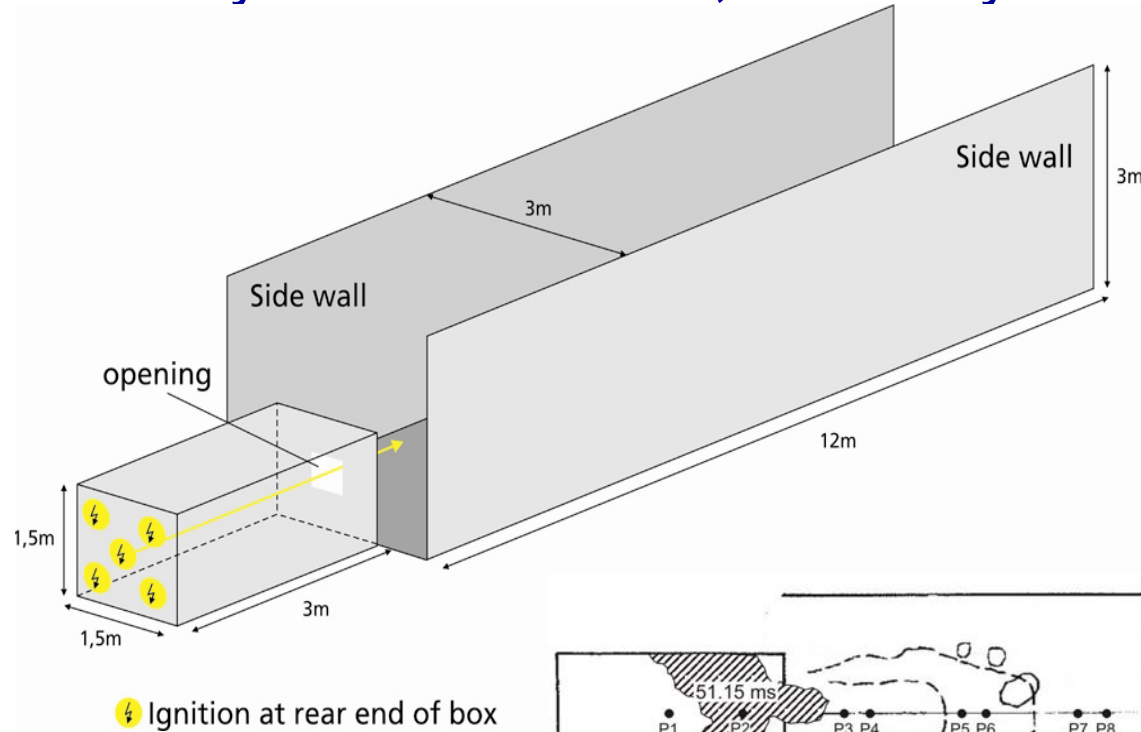
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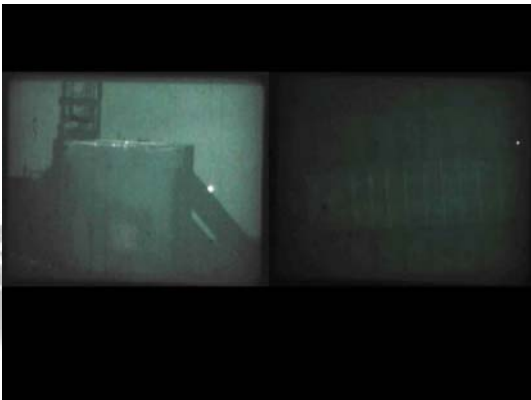
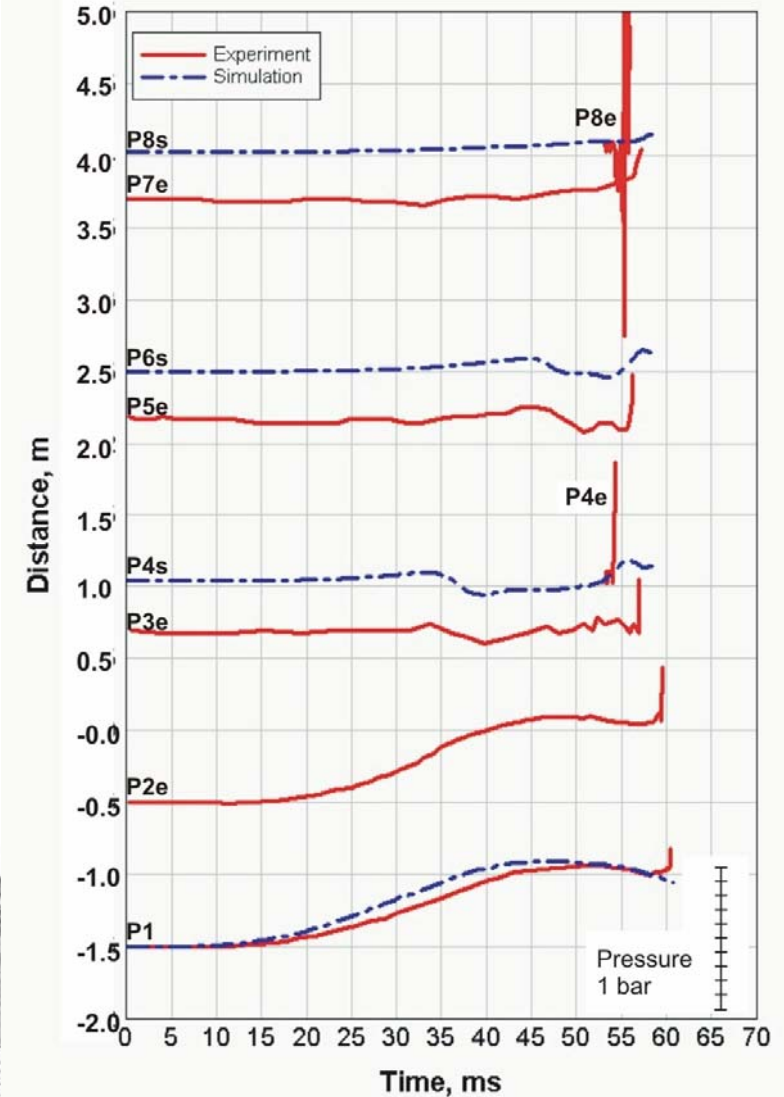
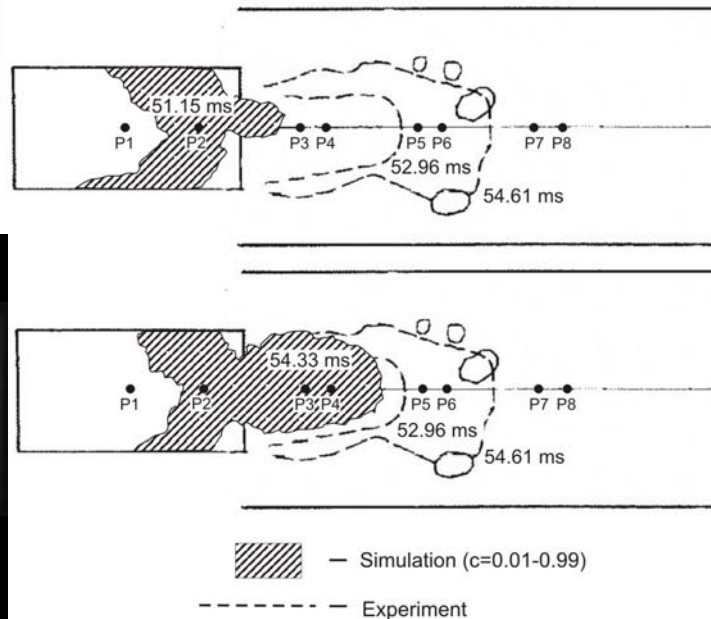


# SBEP: Deflagration-to-detonation transition

Test by Fraunhofer ICT, Germany

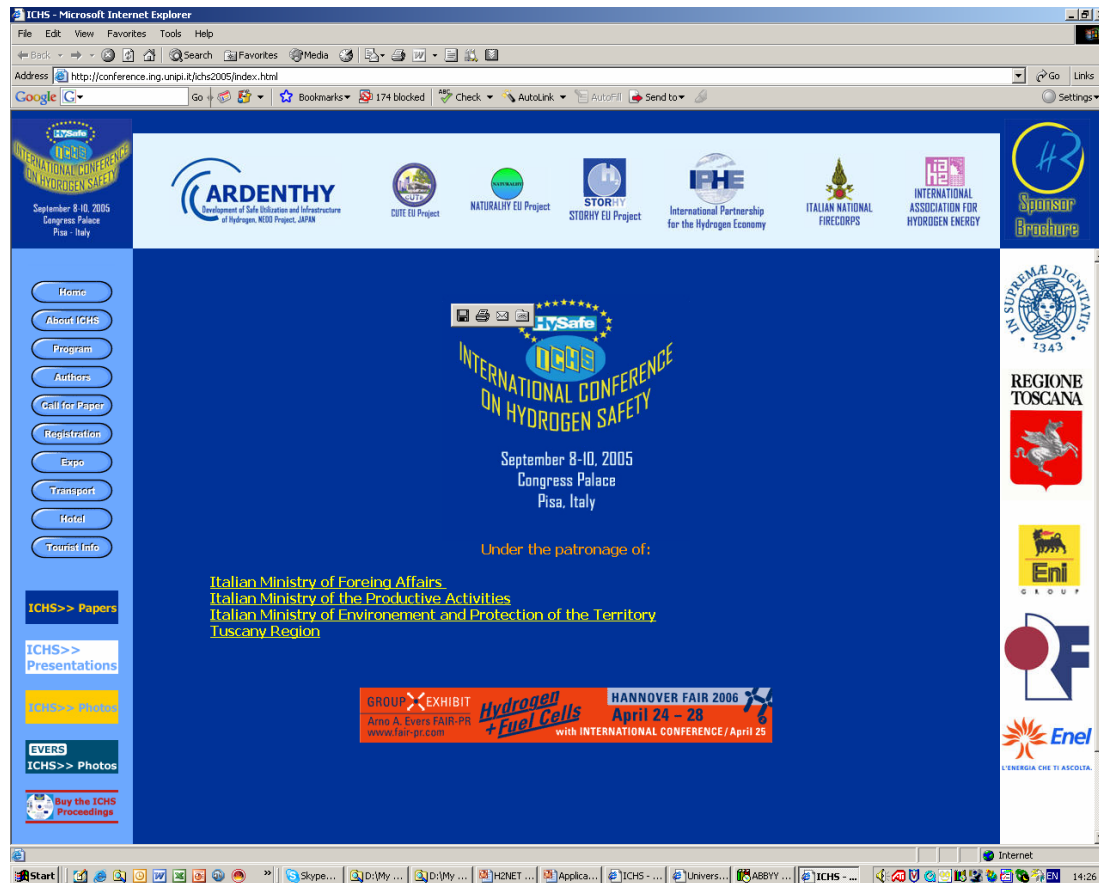


⚡ Ignition at rear end of box



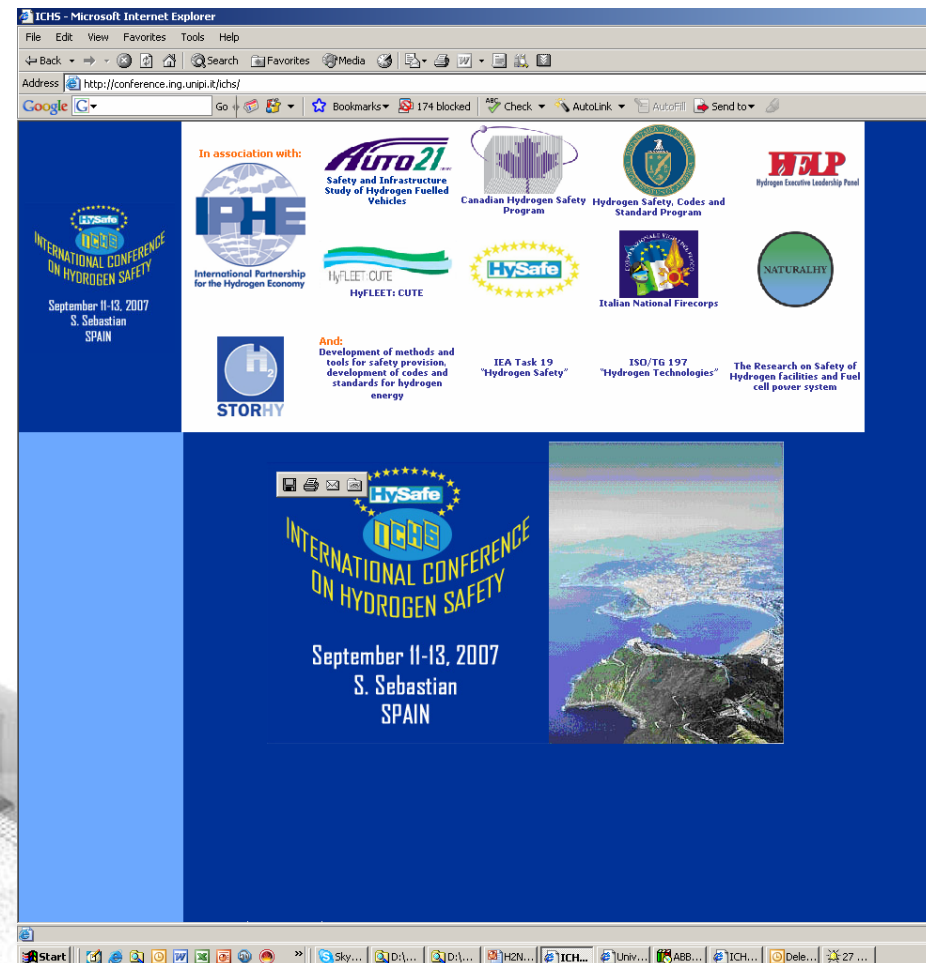
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# International Conference on H2 Safety



Download paper of the 1<sup>st</sup> ICHS at:

<http://conference.ing.unipi.it/ichs2005/ICHS-Papers/index.htm>



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# e-Academy of Hydrogen Safety



- International Curriculum on Hydrogen Safety Engineering:  
<http://www.hysafe.org/index.php?ID=68>
- European Summer School on Hydrogen Safety (HyCourse): <http://www.engj.ulst.ac.uk/esshs/hycourse/>
- EST in Fundamentals of Hydrogen Safety (EC funded project HySAFEST – new European cadre in H2 safety)
- First higher education programme in the world (Jan 2007):  
Postgraduate Certificate in Hydrogen Safety Engineering:  
<http://www.engj.ulst.ac.uk/esshs/1stesshs/pgchse.php>



*European Summer School on*  
**HYDROGEN SAFETY**



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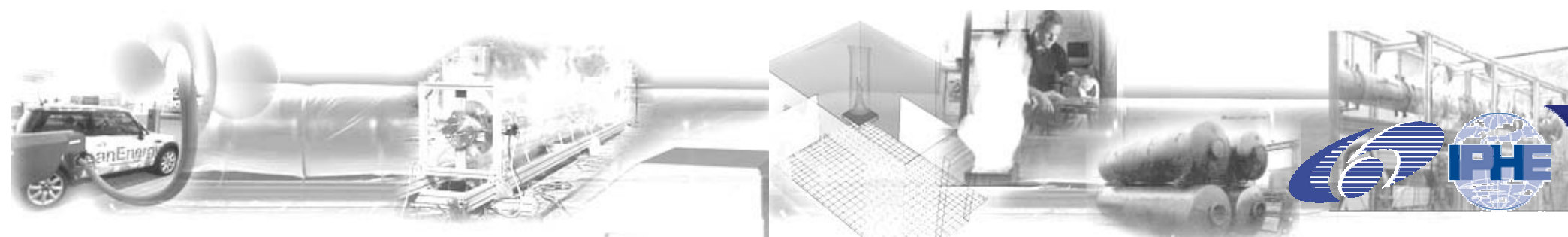


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# Coming soon



- On-line access to Biennial Report on Hydrogen Safety (H2 Safety Handbook) will be available through [www.hysafe.org](http://www.hysafe.org) in the beginning of 2007
- Hydrogen Incident and Accident Database will be inaugurated soon (on-line access HIAD [odin.jrc.nl](http://odin.jrc.nl))
- RCS issues (ISO, CEN, national activities, etc) on HySafe website.
- ...



# International Association for Hydrogen Safety (IAHS)



**“HyGlobe” Global Panel on Hydrogen Safety** (SSA proposed to the EC ENERGY-4 call by a HySafe sub-consortium):

- The International Association for Hydrogen Safety, established as a result of this project, will work in close collaboration with the European Institute for Hydrogen Safety (EI HySafe) and will be focused on gathering and dissemination of available knowledge on hydrogen safety rather than research and services to industry itself.

