Overview of HyRAM Software

for Science-Based Safety, Codes, and Standards



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Webinar objectives

 Provide an overview of Sandia's program on Hydrogen Behavior and Risk Assessment

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- Discuss HyRAM background, motivation, and application to reduce barriers to infrastructure deployment
- Demonstrate HyRAM V1.0 to stakeholders and current and future users

Coordinated activities to enable consistent, rigorous, and accepted safety, codes, and standards (SCS)



Develop integrated methods and algorithms

for enabling consistent, traceable and rigorous QRA



Apply QRA & behavior models to real problems

in hydrogen infrastructure and emerging technology

Enabling methods, data, tools

Behavior R&D

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Develop and validate scientific models

to accurately predict hazards and harm from liquid releases, flames, etc.



Hydrogen Behavior studies enable predictive capabilities



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Quantitative Risk Assessment enables evidence-based code



What is Risk Assessment?

Risk = the potential for loss (more specifically, uncertainty about the potential for and severity of loss)

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Note: One term, many methods! Can be qualitative or quantitative. Quantitative form referred to as QRA (Quantitative Risk Assessment)

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 industry 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



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Free download at http://hyram.sandia.gov

HyRAM was developed to advance Sandia's impact on SCS

- Direct impact on current H₂ SCS:
 - **NFPA2 Ch. 7**: Established GH₂ separation distances (SAND2009-0874)
 - NFPA2 Ch. 10: Calculated risk from indoor fueling; identified ambiguity in requirements (SAND2012-10150)

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- NFPA2 Ch. 5: Enabling *Performance-based* compliance option (SAND2015-4500)
- ISO DTR-19880-1 Ch. 4: Developing generalized approach for defining specific mitigations (e.g., safety distances) using regional criteria

Ongoing activities to develop and revise SCS

- **NFPA 2:** LH₂ separation distances , revision of GH₂ separation distances
- ISO DTR-19880-1: develop DIS from the TR; develop of regional mitigation examples using SNL approach

HyRAM is also a tool that the community can use

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- Ongoing activities to develop and revise SCS
 - ISO DTR-19880-1: Development of regional safety distances and mitigations using region-specific criteria
- Additional possible areas of application:
 - NFPA and ISO code revisions enclosures;
 - Design insight –compare risk from different design options; understand which components drive risk/reliability (and which don't);
 - Assess quantitative mitigation credit (e.g., the risk importance of a gas detector)
 - Evacuation zone analysis
 - Insurance
 - As a teaching tool for hydrogen safety, QRA, and hydrogen behavior

HyRAM starting point: elements of high-quality QRA

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Repeatability

- Defined objectives and scope;
- Clear definitions of failure modes, consequences, criteria, models, and data
- Document the system, assumptions,

Validity & Verifiability

- Data, models, system, and analysis must be sufficiently documented for a peer reviewer to evaluate assumptions, completeness, etc.
- Use experimentally validated models (as available) and published models and data.

Comparability

Necessitates flexible modeling tools, documentation of methodology

Completeness

- Ability to update models as knowledge improves
- Ensure that analyzed system matches the system as built and operated

Major elements of HyRAM V1.0

QRA Methodology

- Risk metrics calculations: FAR, PLL, AIR
- Scenario models & frequency
- Release frequency
- Harm models

Generic freq. & prob. data

- Ignition probabilities
- Component leak frequencies (9 types)

Physics (behavior) models

- Properties of Hydrogen
- Unignited releases: Orifice flow; Notional nozzles; Gas jet/plume; Accumulation in enclosures
- Ignited releases: Jet flames w/ and w/o buoyancy; overpressures in enclosures

Mathematics Middleware

- Unit Conversion System
- Math.NET Numerics

Documentation

- Published algorithms (SAND2015-10216)
- User guide (SAND2016-3385 R)



+ Software and documentation are available at http://hyram.sandia.gov

Making HyRAM an enduring safety assessment tool

- HyRAM methods have had direct impact on SCS via Sandia participation and FCTO investment. Transferring this technology to the hydrogen safety community amplifies that investment to further accelerate deployments.
- Key considerations in taking HyRAM beyond single-user algorithms.
 - Graphical user interface, Windows platform, fast running
 - Data and models in HyRAM come from published sources
 - No proprietary information concerns; Users are able to override the defaults
 - Flexibility to meet a variety of user multiple goals
 - Enables implementation of QRA and hydrogen behavior (alone or together) to support a broad range of safety analyses
 - Default/generic assumptions to enable fast, high-level insights.
 - Open software architecture and growth mindset
 - Designed to enable updating data, models as information is generated
 - Framework to include multiple models for calculations; bringing in models beyond Sandia

Example of gas plume model (used for NFPA 2 safety distance to air intakes)

Input

• Release size & conditions

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- NFPA 2 (2011) GH2 safety distances used of 4% concentration as a harm criterion
- Illustration shows distance reduction that could be achieved by using 8% criterion rather than 4%. (Suggested change for NFPA 2 (2016) to remove conservatisms introduced by selection of 4% criteria)

Output

Gas concentration envelope for different safety (harm)



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Example of QRA model (used for NFPA 2 safety distance to lot line)

Input

System description (components, parameters, facility description)

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Output

Exposed Hours Pe Year

- 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 10^8 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 10^8 person-ho
Average individual risk (AIR)	2.283e-06	Fatalities/year

- NFPA 2 (2011) GH2 safety distances for "lot line" used AIR<=2e-5 for specific input conditions.
- In HyRAM, set those conditions and then iterate on "location" variable until AIR is below this criteria.



HyRAM Toolkit demo

Didn't attend the webinar? See backup slides for some example analyses.



Users and licensing

- HyRAM V1.0 is a research prototype
- HyRAM is designed for a Windows Platform. .NET software framework, written in C#, VB, Python.
- Free download of setup.exe with acceptance of license terms on website; after download users must request a free product registration key (valid for 1 year) via email.
- Intended users: experienced safety professionals, researchers, etc.
 - Early users include: PNNL, NREL, Paul Scherrer Institute, Linde, Shell, ITM Power, Zero Carbon Energy Solutions,
- Note: HyRAM does not say that a system is/is not "safe" because safety is not an equation.
 - *"We cannot replace difficult ethical and political deliberations with a mathematical one-dimensional formula"* (Aven, Foundations of Risk Analysis, 2003).

Looking forward

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

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Ongoing Sandia research & development activities, including:

- R&D to create new data and models,
- Developing a framework for user-contributed plug-ins
- Extending QRA capabilities (e.g., Fault Trees, importance measures, uncertainty)
- Need external H2 community to lead or support formal software development, validation, testing, training, etc.
 - Currently exploring options for online wiki or forum for information exchange, community support, etc.

Summary

- **HyRAM is an integration platform** for state-of-the-art H2 safety models enables consistent industry-led QRA and consequence analysis with documented, referenceable, validated models
- Demonstrated Impact: Enabling the deployment of refueling stations by developing science-based, risk-informed codes & standards

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- Analyses for in NFPA 2 and ISO TR-19880-1
- Benchmarked results (SAND2014-3416): Survey of proposed H2 stations show that changes to NFPA 2 gaseous separation distance requirements increased station siting options by 20%."
- Future applications: Enabled by users

HyRAM is now available at http://hyram.sandia.gov

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Backup: HyRAM examples



Example: Full QRA (QRA mode)

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

Input

System description (components, parameters, facility description)

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	Fatal Accident Rate (FAR)/100M exposed hours			0.1141	Fatalities in 10^8 person	-ho
	Average individual risk (AIR)			83e-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 %
0.01pct 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	0.0000849	0.00 %
1pct Release	Explosion	0.00000537	0.03 %
10pct Release	Explosion	0.00000421	4.81 %



Example: Jet Flame behavior (Physics mode)

Consequence-only modeling of ignited release

Input

 Leak size and known conditions.

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	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.



Consequence modeling of unignited release

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• Release size & conditions

Output

 Gas concentration at different distances - direct analog to NFPA2 safety distance work



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Output

- Tabular data of heat flux at user-defined distances
- Shows heat flux boundaries for different harm criteria



Example: Overpressure & layering in an enclosure



Output: Overpressure (ignited) &

Height of accumulated layer (unignited)

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Example: Engineering Toolkit

• Standalone functionality for simple calculations, e.g. density, tank volume/mass conversion, tank blowdown rate

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