AMICI WP 5.3
Harmonisation – Cryogenic safety procedures

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Objectives

1) Under the EU regulations, this task will organise the exchange of knowledge and procedures in order to obtain a common methodology used by labs and industry for the design and fabrication of cryogenic equipment.

2) This will be achieved by organising and coordinating a working group at the European Committee for Standardization (CEN), where additional experts from Universities, research labs and industry will participate.

3) Its aim is to compose a draft European standard on safety of cryogenic equipment, merging and harmonising state-of-the-art rules and codes from various labs and organisations.
Objectives

4) Beyond the actual state-of-the art, this task will **collect and assess available modelling codes**, which are able to consider and **analyse the process dynamics** of cryogenic incidents.

5) In addition, the task will **define the scope of future experiments and model developments** required to consolidate and evolve the proposed common methodologies. This concern specifically the **experimental basis required for the implementation of dynamic models** in a common standard, as well as **performance data of pressure relief devices under cryogenic conditions**.
Deliverables

- Milestone MS5.1 (12-2017)

- Final report (04-2019)
  - Project prolongation welcome…
Foundation of new working group
CEN/TC 268/WG6

New working group

CEN/TC 268 - Cryogenic vessels

**CEN/TC 268 Scope**

Standardization in the field of insulated vessels (vacuum or non-vacuum) for the storage and the transport of refrigerated liquefied gases, as defined in Class 2 of "Recommendations on the Transport of dangerous goods - Model regulation", in particular concerning the design of the vessels and their safety accessories, gas/materials compatibility, insulation performance, the operational requirements of the equipment and accessories. The one-off preparation of standards for hydrogen technologies strictly meeting the European mandate on the draft Directive deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure.

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- Chairperson: Dr Hervé Barthélémy
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**CEN/TC 268 Subcommittees and Working Groups**

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**Aim of CEN/TC 268/WG6:**
New European Standard on “Helium Cryostats – Protection against excessive pressure”
Organisations contributing to CEN/TC 268/WG6

**National Standardisation Bodies:**

- DIN
- afnor
- bsi.
- ENTE ITALIANO DI NORMAZIONE
- SNV

**Organizations:**

- Air Liquide
- creative oxygen
- BILFINGER
- CEA
- CERN
- HEROSE
- INFN
- KIT
- Paul Scherrer Institut (PSI)
- Science & Technology Facilities Council
## Status of the new Standard

### Helium cryostats – Protection against excessive pressure

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<td>Structure</td>
<td>• <strong>Risk assessment</strong>&lt;br&gt;• <strong>Protection concepts</strong>&lt;br&gt;• <strong>Dimensioning of pressure relief devices</strong>&lt;br&gt;• Pressure relief devices&lt;br&gt;• Substance release&lt;br&gt;• Operation of helium cryostats</td>
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<td>Goal</td>
<td>• Submit the draft standard in 2019</td>
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Outreach

Publications

- Presentation and paper at the ICEC 27, Oxford, 09-2018
- Further publication at CEC 07-2019

Status of a European Standard for the protection of helium cryostats against excessive pressure


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Abstract.

The overpressure protection of various types of cryogenic vessels is covered by a number of International Standards. Helium cryostats, however, include additional components such as superconducting magnets and castors. Electrical heaters and control valves with associated piping, which significantly influence the potential risk. At the European Committee for Standardization CEN, a new working group was hence founded as CEN/TC 268/WG6, dealing with ‘Specific helium technology applications’. Its aim is to develop a European Standard for the protection of helium cryostats against excessive pressure that is harmonised with the European Pressure Equipment Directive. It will cover the typical conditions in accidental scenarios in order to harmonize the risk assessment as well as design practices for the pressure relieving systems. We report about the general concept of this new Standard, its structure and content, and the actual status of the project.
Conclusions

Fulfilment of objectives

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<td>Modelling of process dynamics</td>
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<td>Define scope of further experiments</td>
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1) Project prolongation is welcome

2) Two PhD thesis (2018, 2019)