

# RAMS & HYDROGEN SAFETY

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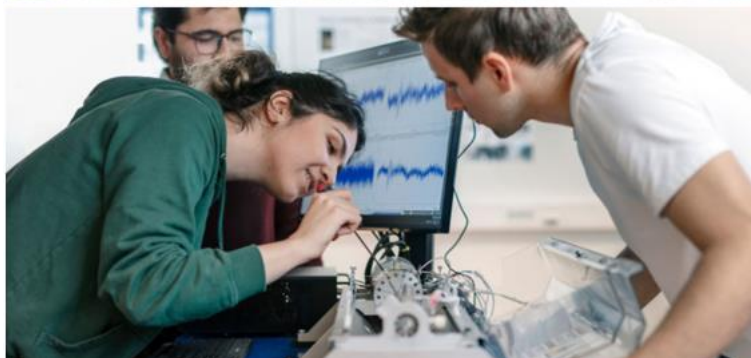


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# RAMS group

RAMS (reliability, availability, maintainability, safety)  
Group at the Department of Mechanical and  
Industrial Engineering

5+2 faculty members - 2 Post doc – 15+ PhDs – 50 master students



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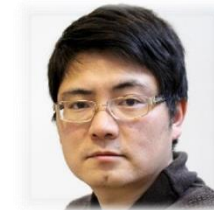
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Viggo Gabriel Borg Pedersen



Nicola Paltrinieri



Yiliu Liu



## Pillar research areas

- Reliability system engineering
- Maintenance
- Risk assessment
- Safety & Security



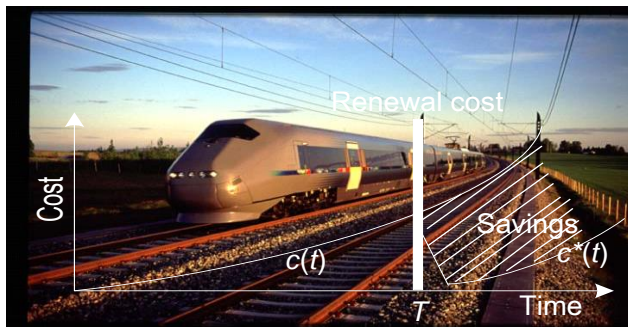
Energy



Offshore



Production



Civil



Healthcare

# RAMS specialization and International RAMS master program

## RAMS specialization in 5-year PuP program

6-8 Norwegian student

## 2-year International RAMS master program

14-18 students, including 2-5 Norwegians

Reliability, Availability, Maintainability and Safety



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Faculty of Engineering  
Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering

### FACTS

Degree: Master of Science in Engineering  
Duration: 2 years, 120 ECTS  
Programme code: MSRAMS  
Restricted admission: Yes  
Language of instruction: English

Faculty of Engineering  
Mechanical and Industrial Engineering

City: Trondheim

This information is relevant for the present academic year.

<https://www.ntnu.edu/studies/msrams>

## 1. Year

### Autumn Compulsory and elective courses ⓘ

| Code    | Name                                | SP  | Status |
|---------|-------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| TPK4120 | Safety and Reliability Analysis     | 7.5 | ○      |
| TPK4140 | Maintenance Management              | 7.5 | ○      |
| TPK5115 | Risk Management in Projects         | 7.5 | ○      |
| TPK5165 | RAMS Engineering and Data Analytics | 7.5 | ○      |

### Spring Compulsory and elective courses ⓘ

| Code    | Name                                       | SP  | Status |
|---------|--|-----|--------|
| TDT4127 | Programming and Numerics                   | 7.5 | M1A    |
| TPK4186 | Advanced Tools for Performance Engineering | 7.5 | M1A    |
| TPK5120 | Elements of Model Engineering              | 7.5 | ○      |
| TPK5160 | Risk Analysis                              | 7.5 | ○      |

## 2. Year

### Autumn Reliability, Availability, Maintainability and Safety - 2nd year

| Code      | Name   | SP  | Status |
|-----------|--|-----|--------|
| SPRÅK3501 | Scientific Communication for Engineers                                 | 7.5 | M1A    |
| TPD4142   | Design Thinking  | 7.5 | M1A    |
| TSOL425   | Technology Management in Teams   | 7.5 | M1A    |
| TTM4185   | Security and robustness in ICT systems                                 | 7.5 | M1A    |
| TPK4450   | Digitalized Solutions to Prognosis, Predictive Maintenance an...       | 7.5 | ○      |
| TPK4550   | Reliability, Availability, Maintainability and Safety, Specializati... | 15  | ○      |

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### Spring Reliability, Availability, Maintainability and Safety - 2nd year

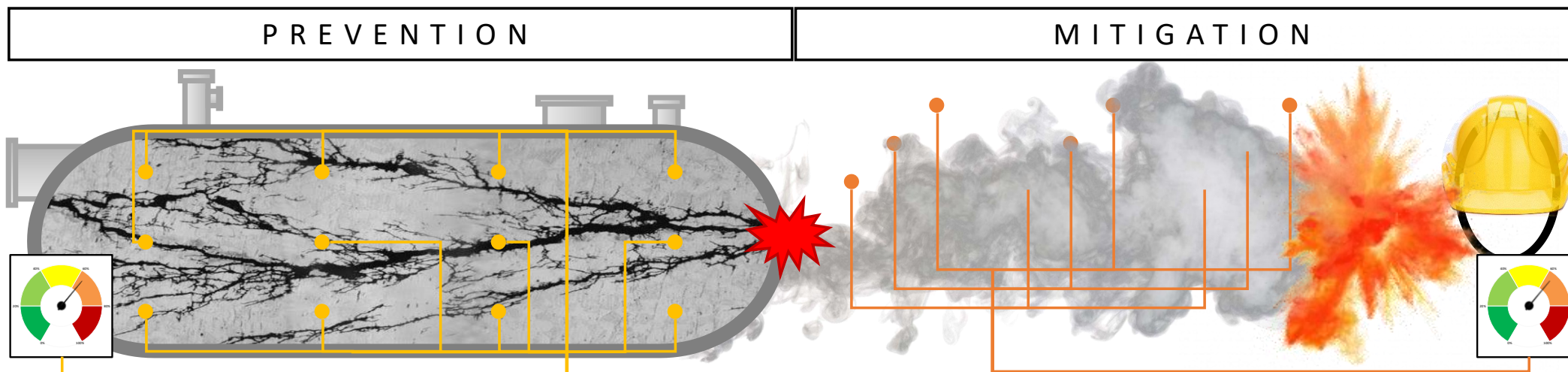
| Code    | Name   | SP | Status |
|---------|--|----|--------|
| TPK4950 | Reliability, Availability, Maintainability, and Safety, Master's Th... | 30 | ○      |

## Expertise:

Process safety; Risk-based predictive maintenance; Consequence modelling; Hydrogen transport and storage.

**Research interests:** Data analytics for risk analysis; Hydrogen safety

## Research description:



**Support to design and monitoring for prognostics, i.e.** predicting the time for loss of containment associated to the risk of an accident.

For **risk-based predictive maintenance.**

**Sensor networks to detect and locate a release, for** dynamic consequence analysis.

For **detection of early warnings and emergency response.**

## Current funded research projects:

- H2 Coop Storage - Development of tools enabling the deployment of a hybrid hydrogen and electric storage solution on a district scale. Funded through the European Joint Programming Platform ERA-Net Smart Energy Systems.
- H2IFT – Safe H2 Fuel Handling and Use for Efficient Implementation. Funded by the NFR (ENERGIX)

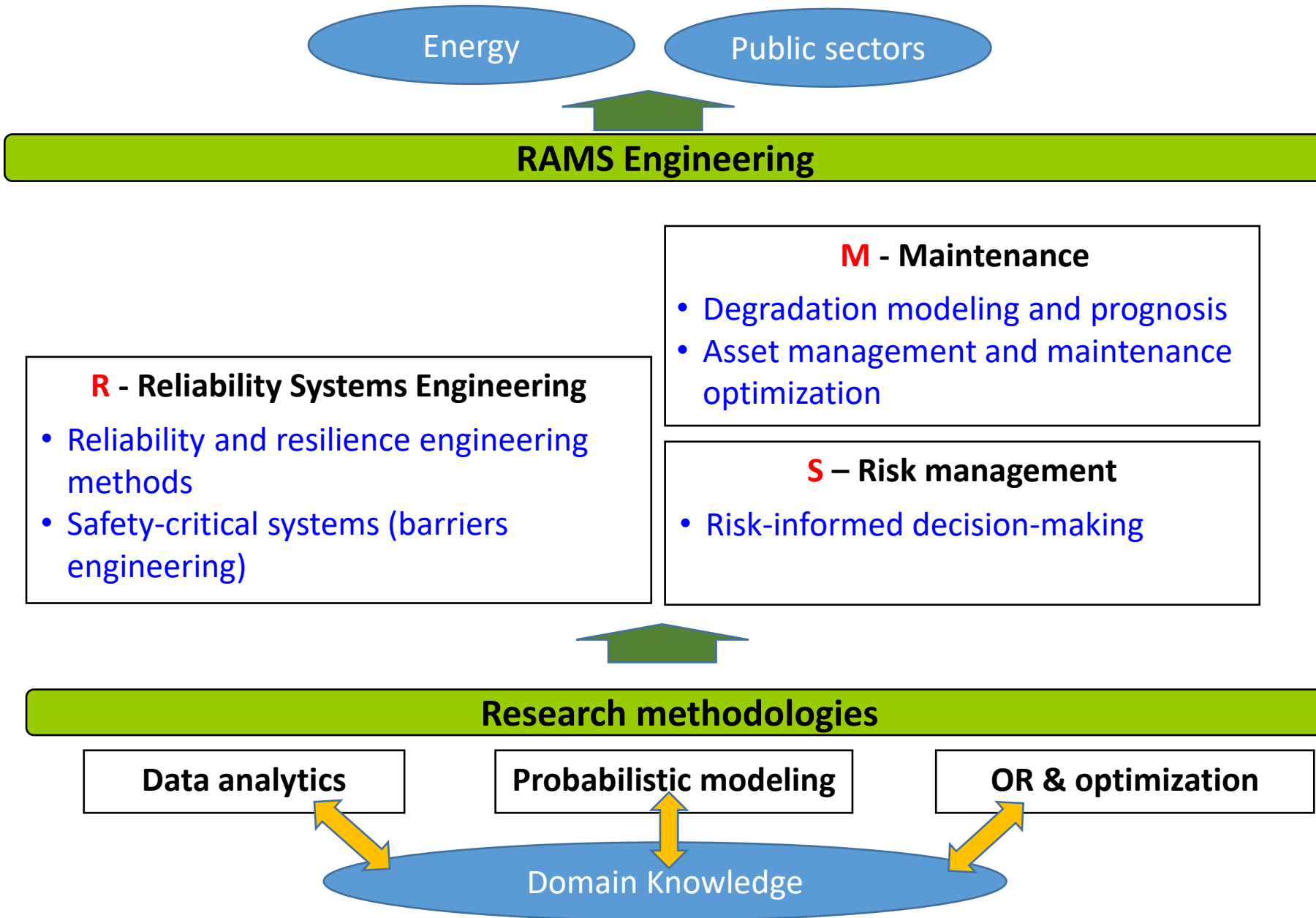
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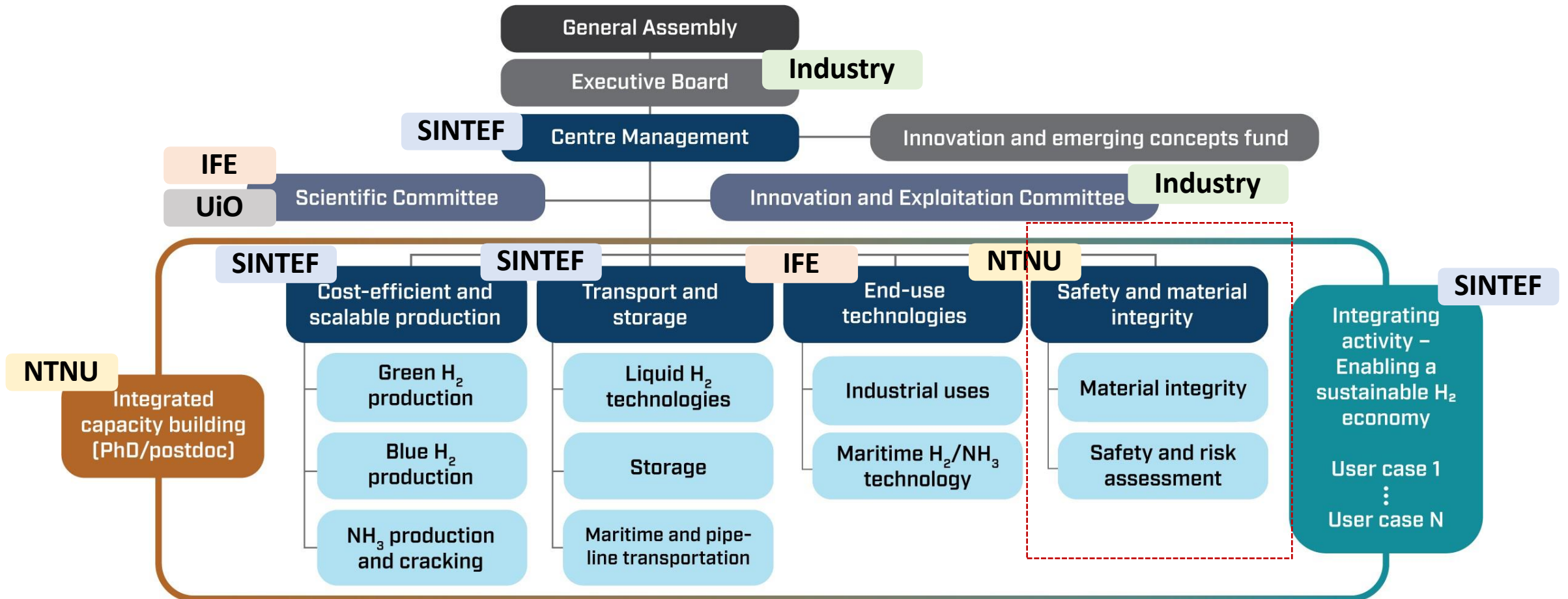


Yiliu Liu

PhD, Professor in RAMS engineering

# Hydrogen safety

# FME Hydrogeni







# RA4 – Safety and material integrity

- WP 4.1 – Material integrity
  - H uptake and diffusion
  - Critical degradation mechanisms
  - Lifetime assessment
  - Polymer ageing
- WP 4.2 – Safety and risk assessment
  - Risk-management framework
  - Frequency analysis
  - Physical phenomena

RA4 lead  
[Nicola Paltrinieri,](#)  
[NTNU](#)



# Hydrogen properties

| Property                                | Value                  |
|---|------------------------|
| Gravimetric energy density (MJ/kg) [3]  | 119.96                 |
| Combustion products                     | Water, NOx (avoidable) |
| Toxic                                   | No                     |
| Density at NTP (kg/m <sup>3</sup> ) [4] | 0.0883                 |
| Minimum ignition energy (mJ) [5]        | 0.017                  |
| Flammability range in air (%vol) [6]    | 4 ÷ 75                 |
| Flame visibility                        | Scarce                 |
| Colour and/or odour                     | None                   |
| Molecule diameter (pm)                  | 120                    |

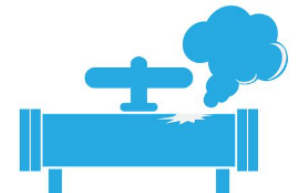
Volatile  
(safety)

Storage issue

Highly flammable

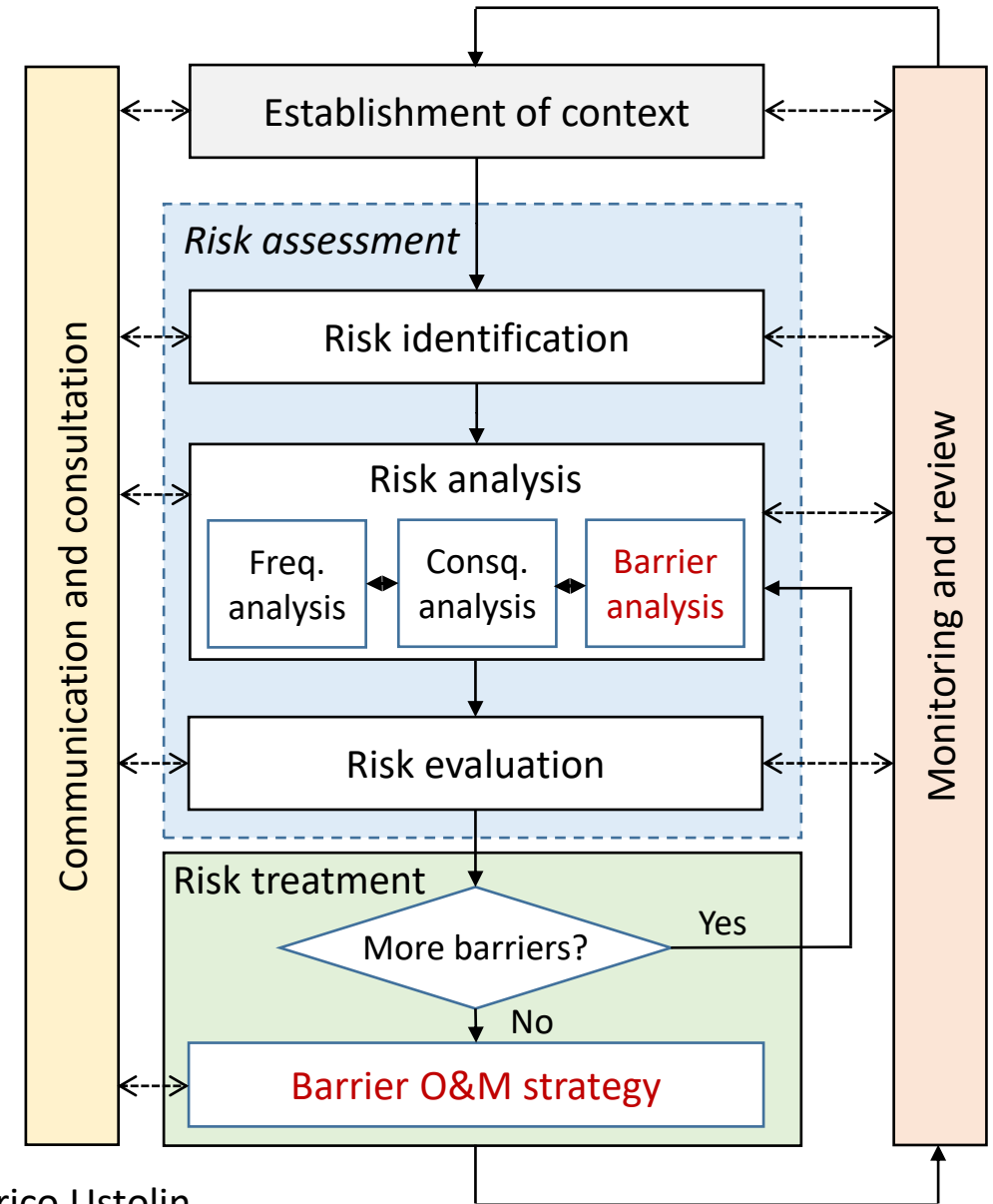
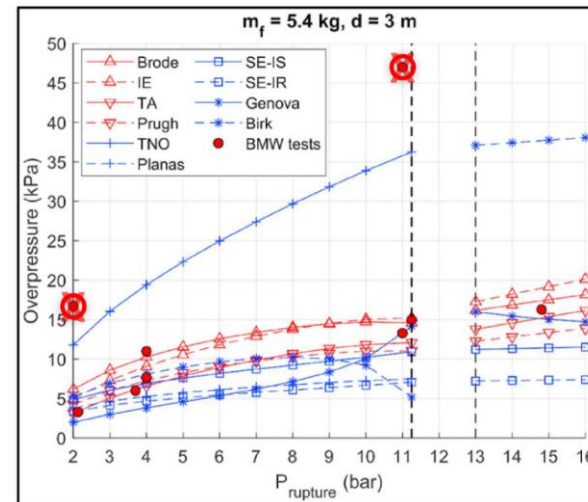
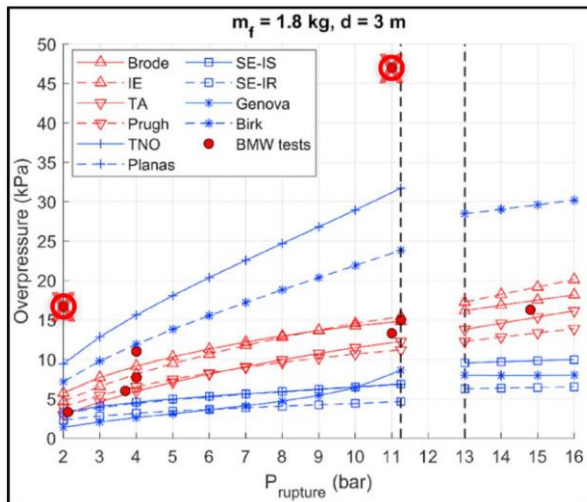
Difficult to detect

Difficult to contain



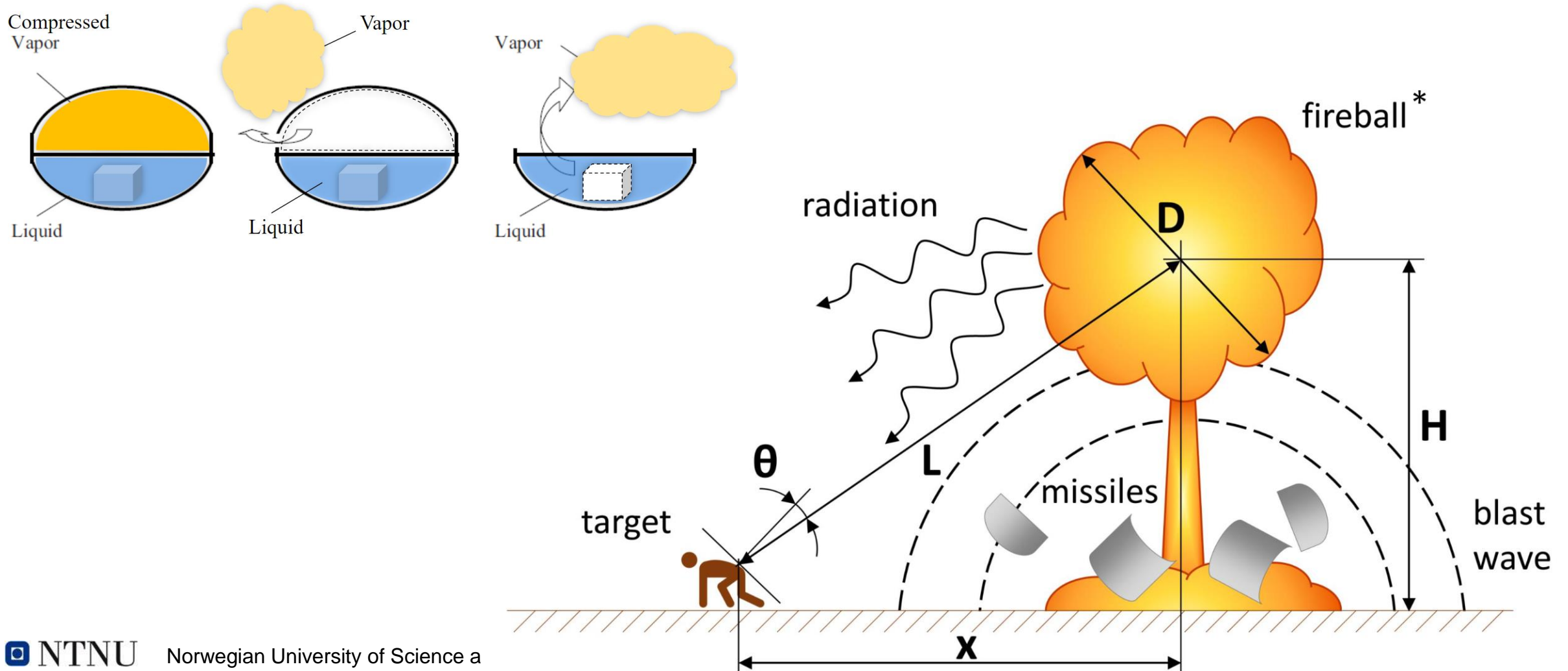
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## Consequence analysis

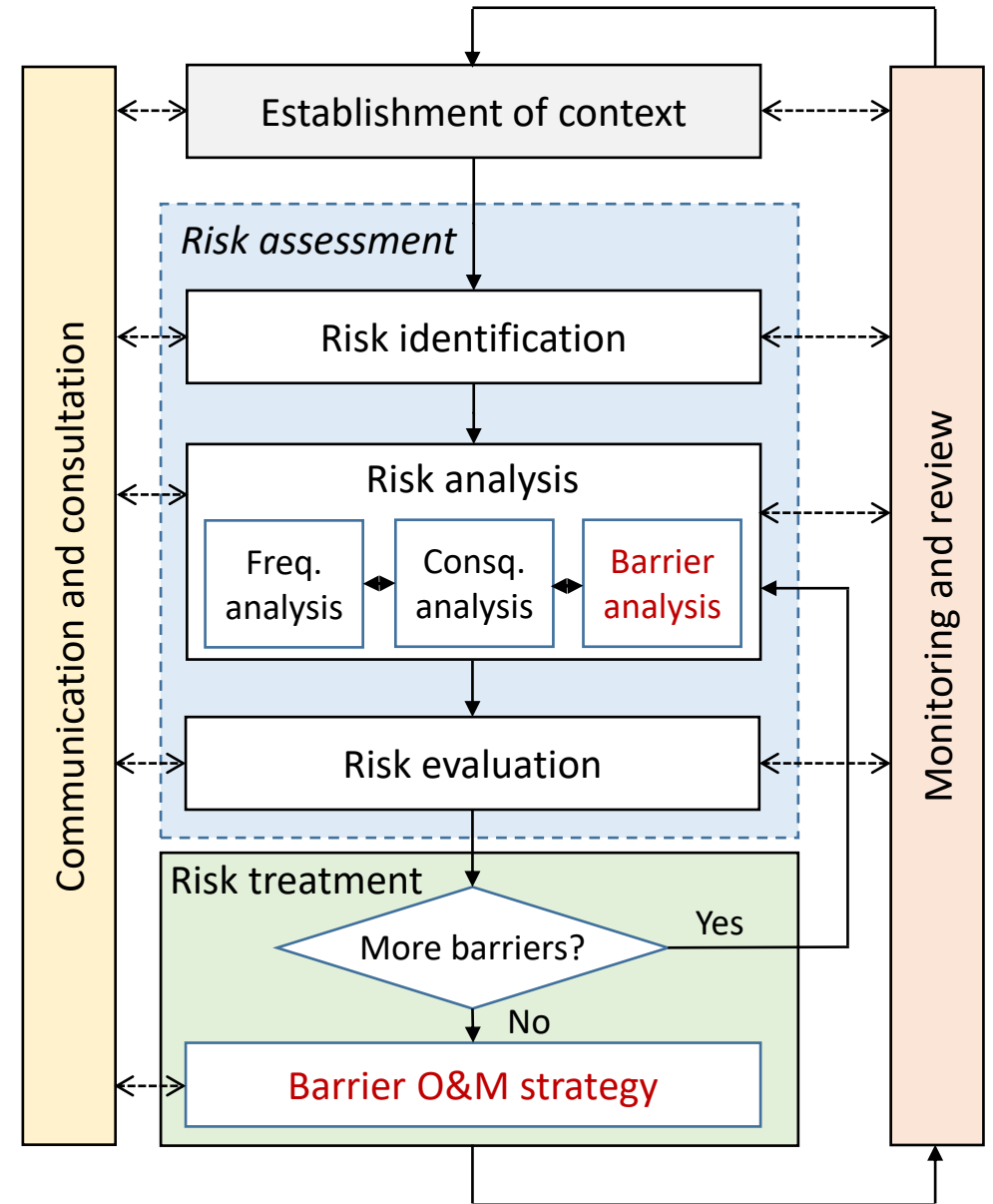
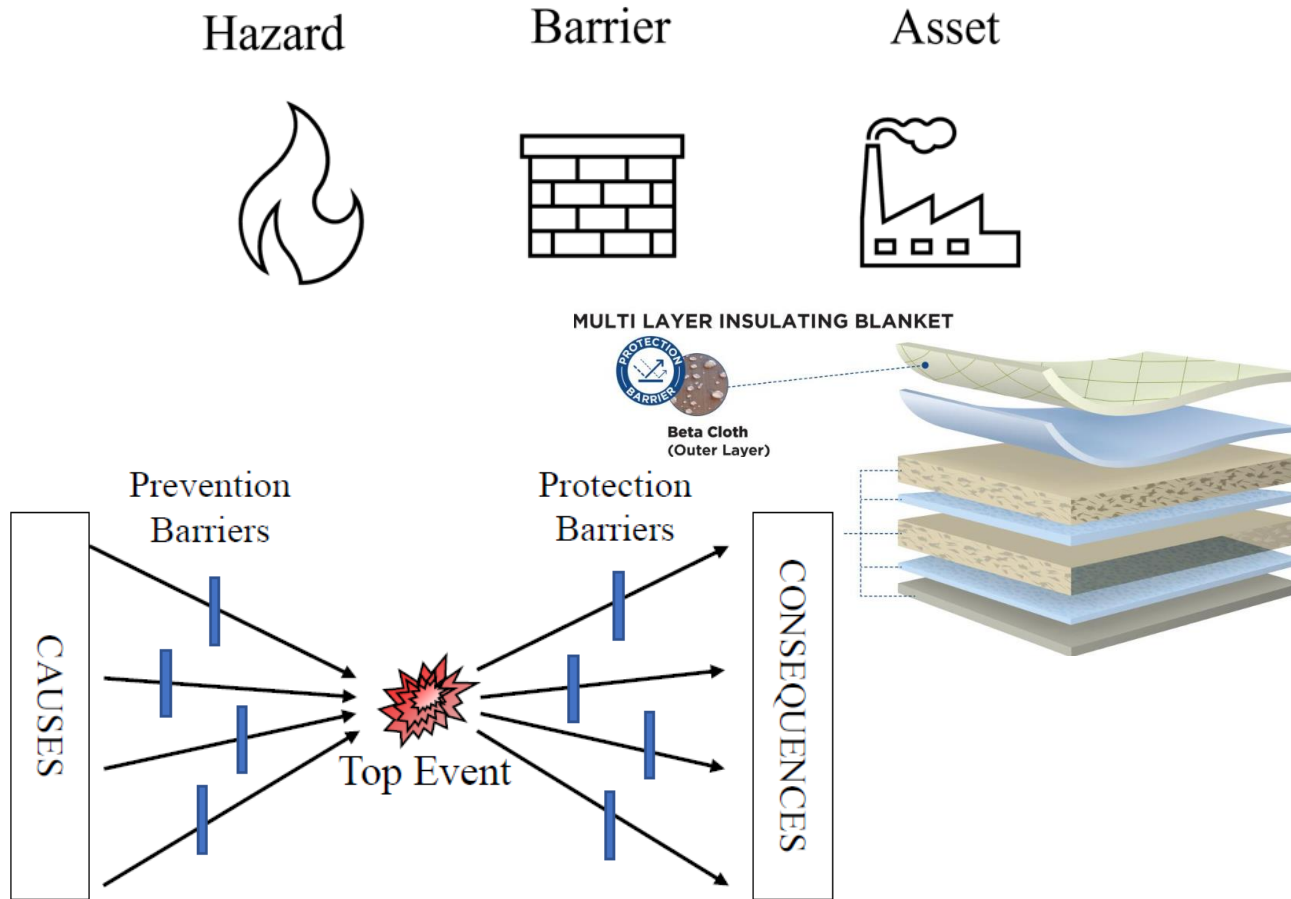


TNT equivalent mass to convert mechanical energy to overpressure, by Federico Ustolin

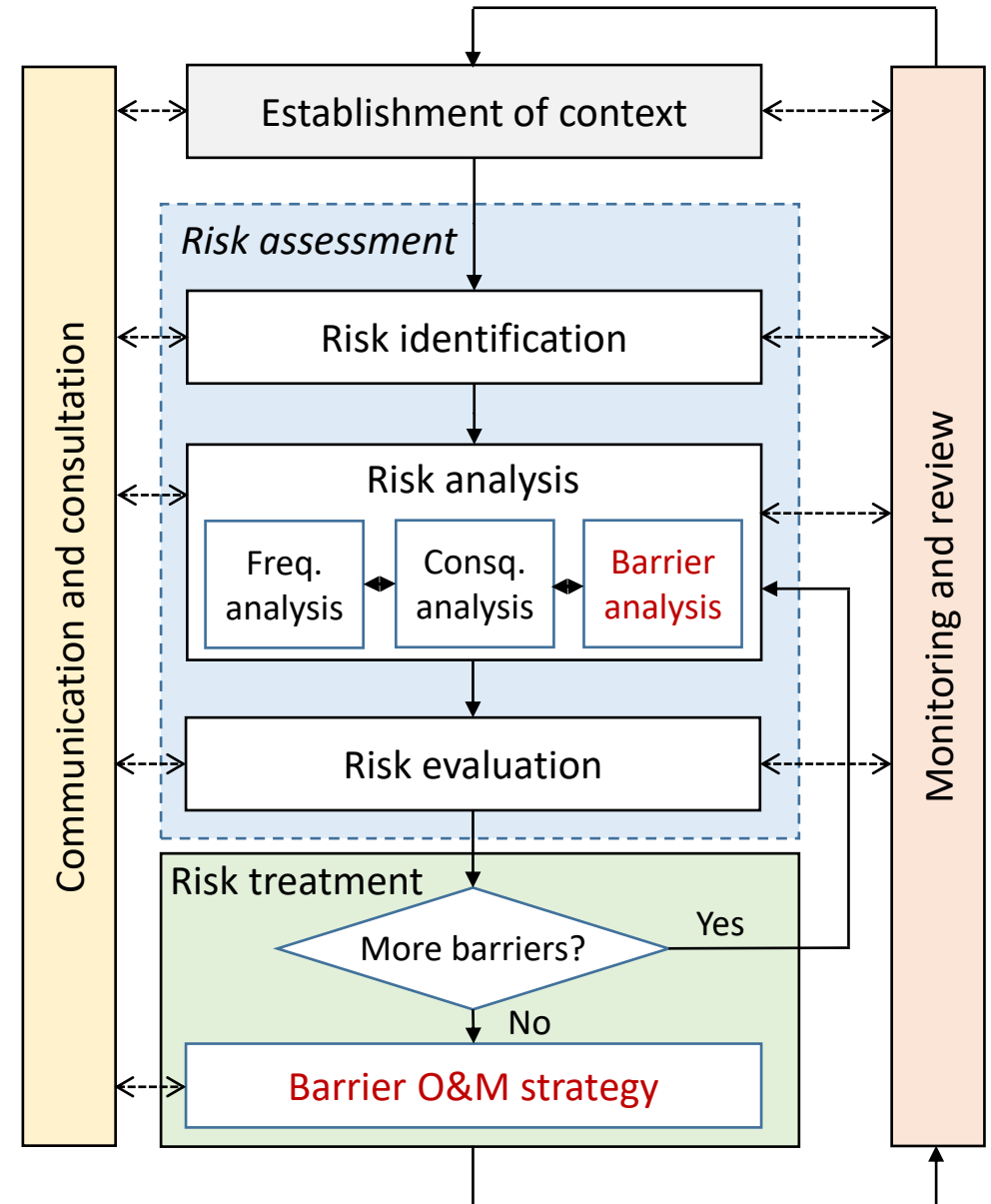
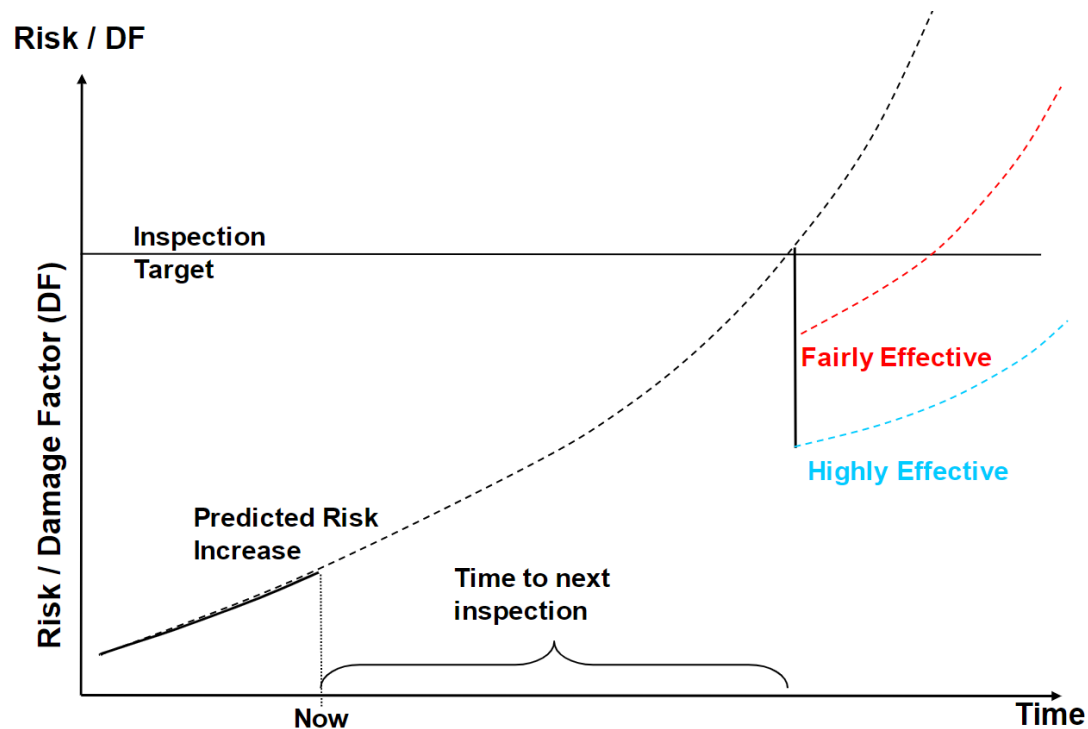
# Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapour Explosions



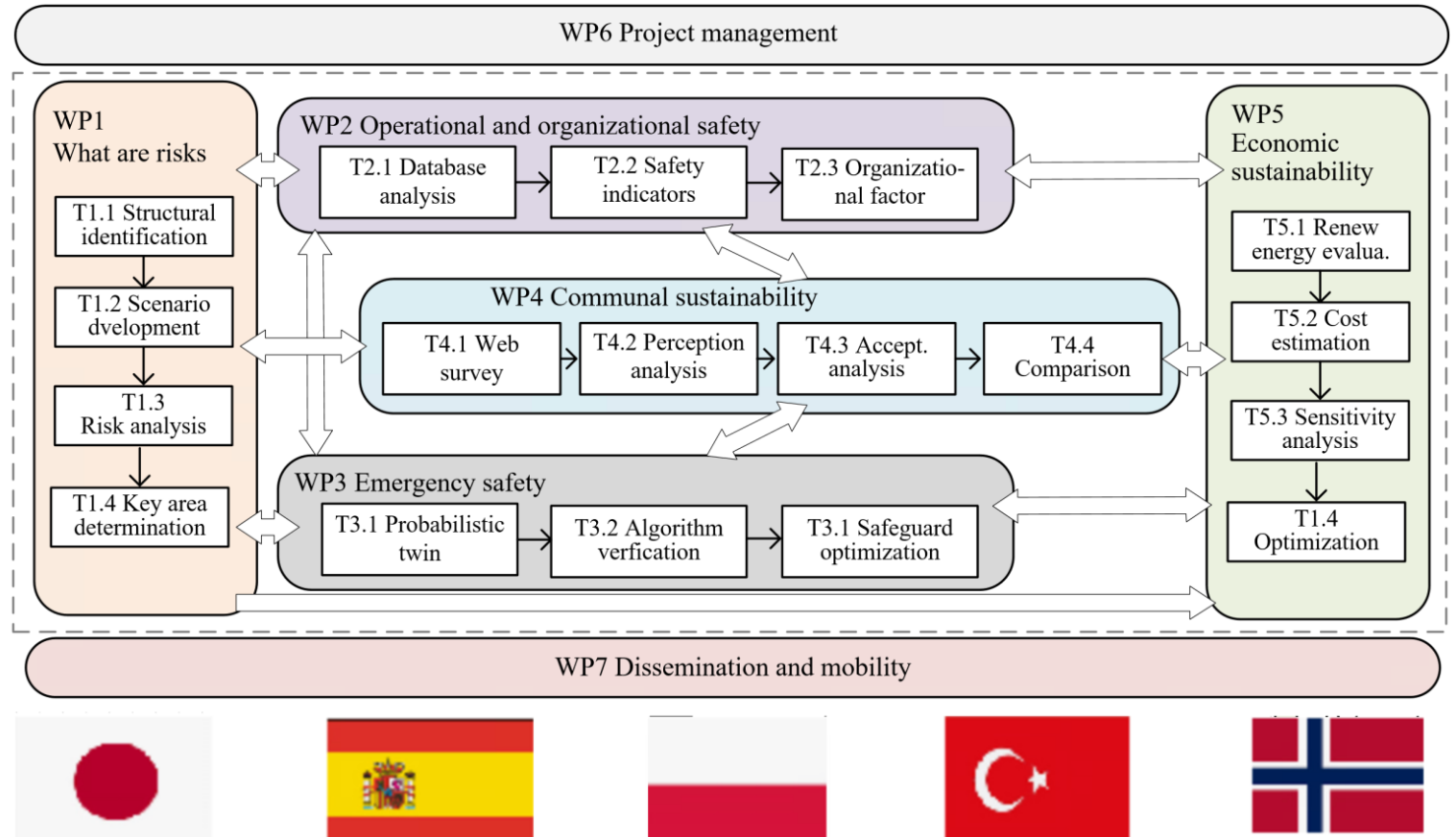
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**EEA-CONCERT project:  
SUSustainability  
development and cost-  
reduction of hybrid  
renewable energies  
powered Hydrogen  
stations by risk-based  
multidisciplinary  
approaches (SUSHy)**



# Hyschool

- **CONCEPT:** Doctoral candidates from all universities and university colleges in Norway can be admitted, provided the main topics of their PhD projects are within the range of topical areas for the research school (H<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, ...).
- **SCOPE:** The PhD projects of the admitted candidates define the scope of the activities in the research school.
- Activities addressing RCS are distributed over the five topical areas, with governance mostly in TA1.

## TA1: SOCIETAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS

RCS & GOVERNANCE

## TA2: PRODUCTION

RCS

## TA3: STORAGE & DISTRIBUTION

RCS

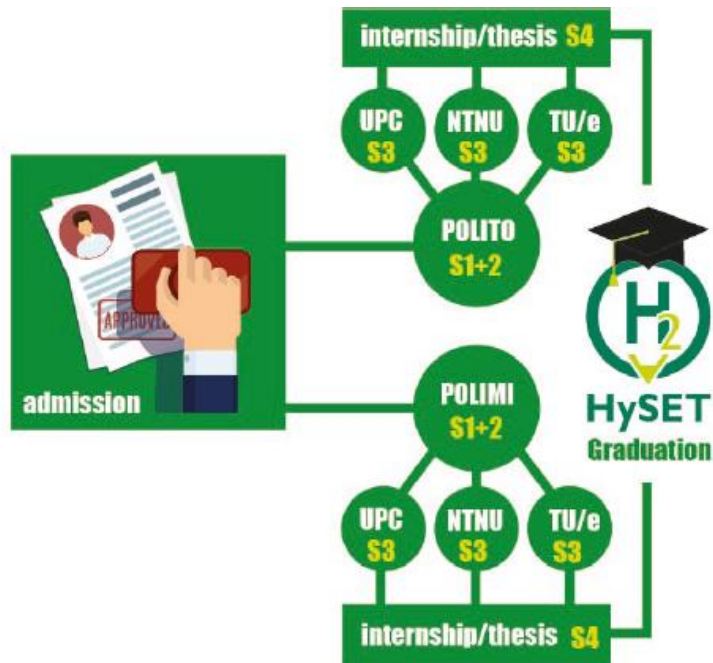
## TA4: APPLICATIONS

RCS

## TA5: SAFETY

RCS





Call: ERASMUS-EDU-2022-PEX-EMJM-MOB  
(Erasmus Mundus Joint Masters)

## Proposal acronym: HySET



*YEAR 2 Semester 3 – NTNU Specialization Track on Hydrogen Safety*

|   | Course name  | Number Credits | Internal course ID | Compulsory / Elective |
|---|--|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Safety and reliability analysis                    | 7.5            | TPK4120            | Compulsory            |
| 2 | Risk management in project                         | 7.5            | TPK5115            | Compulsory            |
| 3 | RAMS engineering and data analytics                | 7.5            | TPK5165            | Elective              |
| 4 | Maintenance management                             | 7.5            | TPK4140            | Elective              |
| 5 | Safety and asset management, specialization course | 7.5            | TMR4555            | Elective              |
| 6 | Process operation and safety                       | 7.5            | TKP4176            | Elective              |
| 7 | Safe operation and maintenance                     | 7.5            | TMR4260            | Elective              |

**Thanks for listening.**