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Metering cryogenic fluids/liquefied gases

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MetHyInfra project: develop traceability for LH₂ flows



https://www.methyinfra.ptb.de/



LNG calibration facility

- Traceable to mass
- Water and LNG calibration of LH₂ flow meter
- Qmax LH2: 5000 kg/h

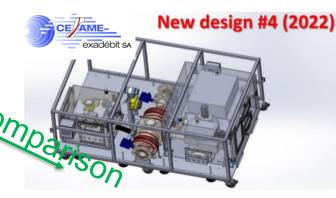


Figure 7: LDV standard for traceable cryogenic measurement (design and built by Cesame®)

Schakel et al., Flomeko 2022

LDV standard for traceable cryogenic flow measurement: <u>in-situ</u> LNG and LH₂ traceability at industrial flow rates

- Traceable to length
- Laser Doppler Velocimetry
- Qmax LH2: 5000 kg/h (or higher)

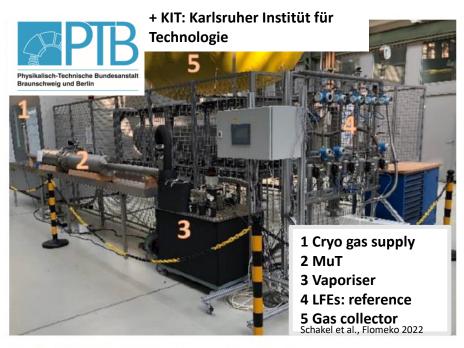


Figure 8: Picture of the vaporisation test rig Vaporisation test rig: cryogenic gas traceability up to 4 kg/h

- Traceable to mass
- Novel method: traceability to LFE's in gas phase
- Qmax LH2: 4 kg/h

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- Calibration facilities for cryogenic fluids/liquefied gases are scarce
- Cryogenic fluids/liquified gases are growing in importance: LNG, LOHC, NH3, MEOH, LCO2
- Process conditions are very variable in terms of p, T, phase, composition, explosion characteristics, toxicity, required material compatibility
- Yet flow meters are approved that measure in a wide range of variable conditions
- Experience has shown that
 - (I) Accuracy claims from basic calibrations for application under process conditions can be met. Accuracy claims can potentially even be improved
 - (II) Unforeseen effects are identified by calibrating a flow meter with a (cryogenic/liquified gas) standard under process conditions

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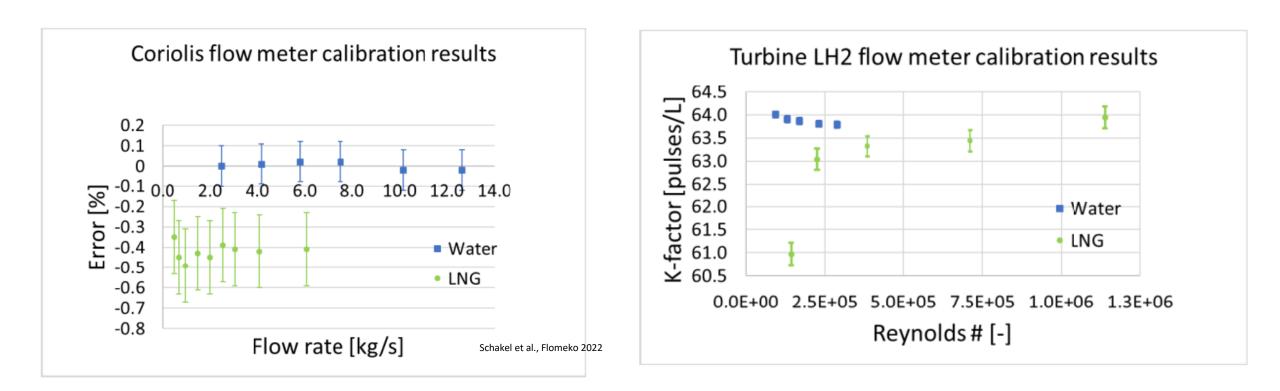


- Error with basic calibration not necessarily the same than on process conditions
 - Can be within stated accuracy limit. The cryogenic/liquified gas standard supports proving the meter's accuracy claim
 - For accuracy-critical cases, measurement error at process conditions is preferably known

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Example from MetHyInfra. Water calibration and LNG calibration.





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