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# Hydrogen-Blended Gas Transportation Pipelines and Safety Assessment Systems: A Survey

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## Abstract

This survey paper presents a comprehensive examination of the integration of hydrogen-blended gas transportation pipelines within urban gas infrastructures, emphasizing the development of Python-based assessment systems for safety evaluation and renewable energy integration. Hydrogen's role as an alternative energy source offers significant environmental benefits, including emission reductions and enhanced energy resilience. However, challenges such as material compatibility and safety concerns, particularly hydrogen embrittlement, pose significant hurdles. The paper outlines technological advancements in hydrogen generation, storage, and transportation, highlighting the economic and regulatory implications of these developments. Python-based systems are pivotal in modeling complex gas dynamics, optimizing blending processes, and enhancing safety protocols. Case studies, including those in Southern Sicily, demonstrate practical applications and the effectiveness of experimental setups in evaluating the stability of hydrogen blends. The integration of renewable energy sources through Power-to-Gas (P2G) pathways is explored, underscoring its potential to support a sustainable energy transition. Key findings stress the need for comprehensive safety protocols, advanced monitoring technologies, and regulatory evolution to address hydrogen's unique challenges. Future research directions include developing resilient pipeline materials, refining testing methodologies, and optimizing P2G technologies. Establishing a common database for hydrogen incidents and addressing cybersecurity risks are also crucial for advancing hydrogen's role as a sustainable energy carrier. This survey underscores the critical advancements and challenges in integrating hydrogen into urban gas infrastructures, providing insights into future research and development efforts necessary to fully harness hydrogen's potential.

## 1 Introduction

### 1.1 Structure of the Survey

This survey comprehensively examines the integration of hydrogen-blended gas transportation pipelines within urban gas infrastructure. It begins with an **Introduction** that emphasizes the importance of developing Python-based assessment systems for evaluating the safety and integration of renewable energy sources. The following section, **Background and Core Concepts**, provides an in-depth overview of hydrogen blending, urban gas infrastructure, and the role of Python in safety assessments. Subsequent sections focus on specific topics: **Hydrogen-Blended Gas Transportation Pipelines** addresses technological advancements, material compatibility, and the hydraulic and thermal characteristics of pipelines; **Python-Based Assessment System Development** discusses the methodologies and tools used in creating these systems; **Safety Assessment Systems for Hydrogen-Blended Transportation** analyzes protocols and standards that ensure safe operations; and **Integration of Renewable Energy Sources** explores the incorporation of renewable energy into hydrogen-blended systems. Additionally, the survey includes **Case Studies and Applications**, showcasing real-world implementations and outcomes, particularly in the Southern Sicily region's

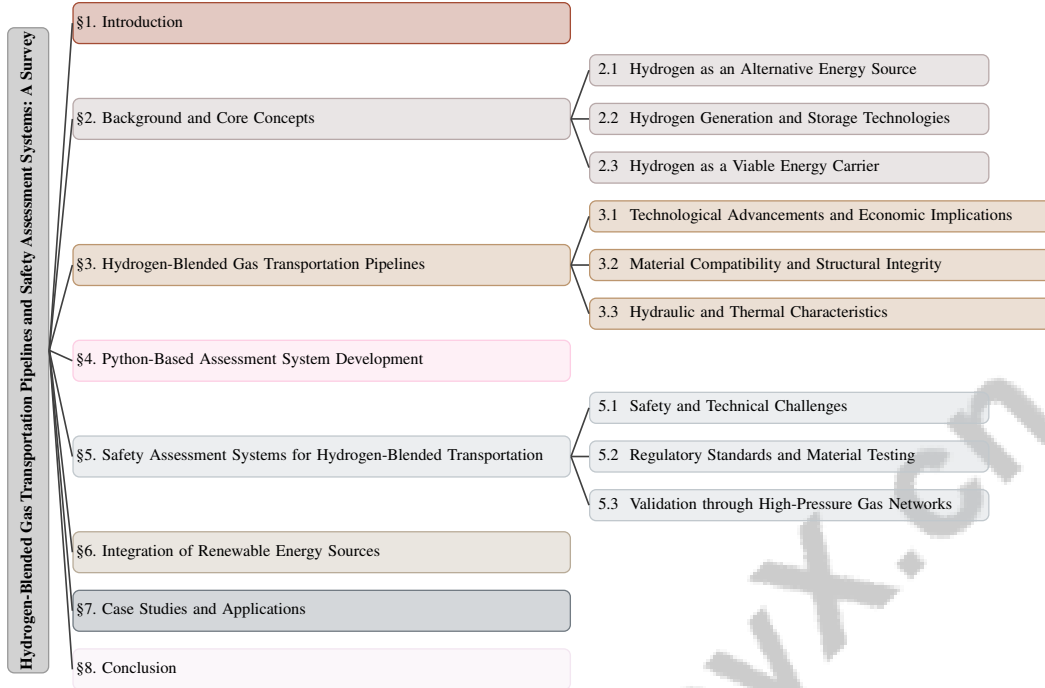


Figure 1: chapter structure

integration efforts [1]. The paper concludes by summarizing key findings and reflecting on future directions in this evolving field. The following sections are organized as shown in Figure 1.

## 2 Background and Core Concepts

### 2.1 Hydrogen as an Alternative Energy Source

Hydrogen is a key alternative energy source due to its high energy density and low emissions, playing a vital role in energy security and environmental sustainability [2]. Its integration into current energy systems can significantly reduce emissions and enhance energy resilience by utilizing existing natural gas infrastructure [3]. Blending hydrogen with natural gas addresses spatial disparities between production and consumption sites, facilitating efficient large-scale transport [4]. However, transitioning to a hydrogen-focused energy system requires advanced generation and storage technologies [5]. Safety issues such as hydrogen embrittlement, leakage, and combustion risks are critical considerations [6], with potential incidents posing barriers to a comprehensive hydrogen economy [7]. Despite these challenges, hydrogen's contribution to a sustainable low-carbon energy system is substantial, particularly through Power-to-Gas (P2G) pathways [8]. Innovative strategies, including modeling gas networks for blend behavior and developing debinding processes, are being explored to enhance hydrogen's role [1]. As the energy landscape evolves, hydrogen's role is expected to grow, necessitating continued research to overcome challenges and fully utilize its potential.

### 2.2 Hydrogen Generation and Storage Technologies

Hydrogen generation and storage technologies are pivotal for its integration into existing gas infrastructure, addressing supply-demand challenges. Generation methods such as electrolysis, gasification, dark fermentation, steam reforming, photocatalytic water splitting, and water thermolysis offer varied benefits and limitations [5]. These technologies are crucial for producing hydrogen at scales suitable for natural gas blending, enhancing renewable energy content [8].

Storage technologies are equally critical, ensuring effective hydrogen distribution and utilization. Conventional methods like compression and liquefaction, alongside advanced techniques such as liquid organic carriers and solid-state storage, provide safer, more efficient solutions [5]. Underground

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storage in geological formations, such as saline aquifers and depleted reservoirs, offers a promising large-scale option, leveraging existing structures to reduce costs [9].

Challenges remain, notably high production costs, fuel cell technology expenses, and inadequate distribution infrastructure [2]. Safety concerns related to hydrogen's chemical properties necessitate thorough evaluations of material compatibility and stability in pipeline systems. Economic and technical uncertainties about hydrogen's effects on pipeline materials further complicate integration [3]. Innovative methods like the SIMPLE algorithm in computational fluid dynamics simulations enhance understanding of gas mixture behaviors [1]. Integrating renewables through P2G pathways can mitigate electricity demand and carbon emission uncertainties, supporting a sustainable energy transition [10]. Continued research and development are essential for overcoming barriers to hydrogen adoption, ensuring its viability as a key energy carrier.

### **2.3 Hydrogen as a Viable Energy Carrier**

Hydrogen is increasingly acknowledged as a viable energy carrier, offering significant environmental benefits through fuel cells, which emit only water, thus reducing emissions [2]. Its integration into urban gas systems enhances energy efficiency and sustainability. Studies show that hydrogen-natural gas blends maintain homogeneity under typical distribution conditions, crucial for consistent energy delivery and safety [11, 4].

Advancements in storage solutions support hydrogen's viability, accommodating renewable energy's intermittent nature [8]. Large-scale storage in geological formations has been explored, highlighting complex interactions and the need for comprehensive safety assessments [9]. These solutions are vital for stable hydrogen supply during peak demand or emergencies, where linepack energy is critical [12].

Despite these developments, integrating hydrogen into pipeline systems presents safety and technical challenges. Rapid diffusion and leak hazards necessitate improved safety measures, especially in medium- and low-pressure pipelines [13]. Benchmarks for higher hydrogen concentrations in natural gas provide insights into operational limits and safety protocols [14]. Studies on the hydraulic and thermal characteristics of hydrogen-blended pipelines reveal complexities in maintaining integrity and efficiency [15].

In recent years, the integration of hydrogen into existing gas transportation systems has garnered significant attention due to its potential to enhance energy sustainability. As illustrated in Figure 2, the hierarchical structure of key concepts related to hydrogen-blended gas transportation pipelines is presented. This figure highlights several critical areas, including technological advancements, economic implications, material compatibility, structural integrity, hydraulic characteristics, and thermal characteristics. Each of these categories is further subdivided into specific subcategories, which detail the various aspects and challenges associated with the incorporation of hydrogen into current gas networks. This structured approach not only clarifies the complexities involved but also underscores the multifaceted nature of integrating hydrogen into traditional gas infrastructures.

## **3 Hydrogen-Blended Gas Transportation Pipelines**

### **3.1 Technological Advancements and Economic Implications**

The integration of hydrogen into gas transportation systems has advanced significantly, improving the efficiency of hydrogen-blended gas within existing natural gas networks. Novel experimental setups now assess the stability of hydrogen blends under real-world conditions, addressing critical research gaps [11]. These technological advancements are crucial for ensuring reliable delivery and promoting the widespread adoption of hydrogen-blended gas.

Economically, transitioning to hydrogen-blended systems poses challenges, including the limitations of current Power-to-Gas (P2G) technologies and the feasibility of large-scale implementation [8]. Comprehensive regulatory frameworks are necessary to support hydrogen integration into natural gas infrastructure, ensuring operational efficiency and safety. Progress in hydrogen generation efficiency and innovative storage materials enhances hydrogen's viability as a clean energy carrier, reducing production and storage costs and making hydrogen-blended gas transportation more economically appealing [5].

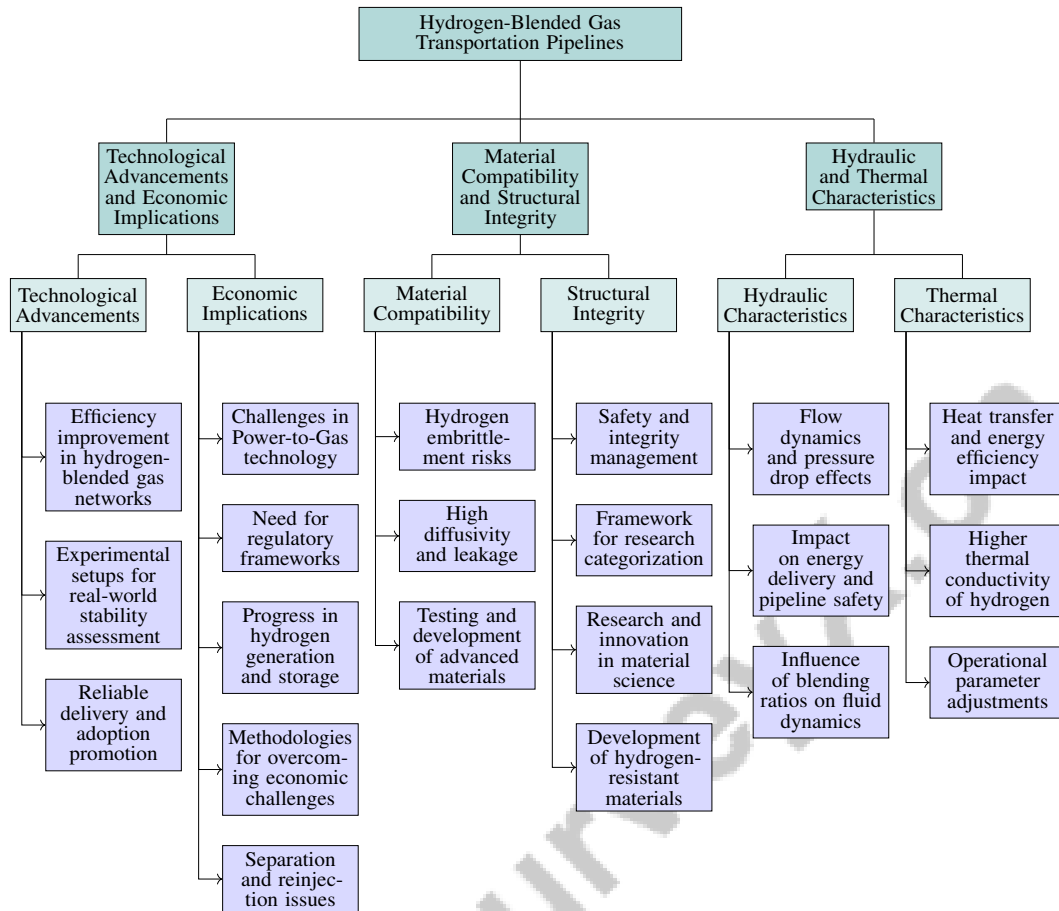


Figure 2: This figure illustrates the hierarchical structure of key concepts related to hydrogen-blended gas transportation pipelines, highlighting technological advancements, economic implications, material compatibility, structural integrity, hydraulic characteristics, and thermal characteristics. Each category is further divided into subcategories, detailing specific aspects and challenges associated with the integration of hydrogen into existing gas networks.

Innovative methodologies have been proposed to address uncertainties in energy system designs, leading to more reliable systems that comply with environmental regulations [10]. These approaches are critical for overcoming economic challenges associated with integrating renewable energy into hydrogen-blended gas systems. However, challenges persist in the separation and reinjection of hydrogen into the gas network, which must not compromise the quality and efficiency of gas delivery to end-users [1]. Addressing these issues is vital for realizing hydrogen's full economic potential as a sustainable energy solution.

### 3.2 Material Compatibility and Structural Integrity

Integrating hydrogen into existing natural gas pipelines raises significant concerns regarding material compatibility and structural integrity. Hydrogen embrittlement risks the ductility and fracture toughness of pipeline materials, potentially leading to structural failures [16]. Hydrogen's high diffusivity, leaking at a rate approximately three times that of natural gas, exacerbates safety risks within existing infrastructures [4].

A thorough understanding of hydrogen's leakage and diffusion characteristics in underground pipelines under varying conditions is necessary [13]. The high permeability of hydrogen demands rigorous material testing and the development of advanced materials that maintain integrity under hydrogen exposure. Ensuring pipeline safety and integrity is critical for managing leakage risks and optimizing energy efficiency in gas transport [12].

A structured framework categorizing existing research on material compatibility, economic assessments, and operational impacts is essential for advancing the understanding of hydrogen blending [3]. This framework aids in identifying material properties influencing hydrogen interaction and guides strategies to enhance pipeline resilience. Ongoing research and innovation in material science are crucial for overcoming hydrogen embrittlement and leakage challenges. Developing materials specifically designed to resist hydrogen-induced degradation can significantly improve pipeline structural integrity, enabling safe transportation of hydrogen-blended gas—up to 50

### 3.3 Hydraulic and Thermal Characteristics

Understanding the hydraulic and thermal characteristics of pipelines transporting hydrogen-blended gas is essential for assessing operational efficiency and safety. The integration of hydrogen necessitates a detailed evaluation of how varying blending ratios affect flow dynamics and thermal behavior within the pipeline infrastructure. Numerical simulations analyze the performance of Hydrogen-Blended Natural Gas (HBNG) under different blending ratios, revealing complex interactions between hydrogen and natural gas [15].

Comparative analyses indicate that low hydrogen blends (up to 15-20

Moreover, the thermal properties of hydrogen-blended gas mixtures influence heat transfer processes within pipelines, impacting overall energy efficiency. Hydrogen's higher thermal conductivity can significantly alter temperature profiles, necessitating adjustments to operational parameters like flow rates and pressure settings to optimize performance. Blending hydrogen with natural gas can reduce pipeline friction resistance and increase flow rates; however, it may also decrease energy flow rate due to hydrogen's lower calorific value. Operators must consider these factors when managing HBNG transportation, particularly concerning centrifugal compressor performance and pipeline safety under varying hydrogen concentrations [15, 12].

## 4 Python-Based Assessment System Development

Category	Feature	Method
Role of Python-Based Systems	Simulation Frameworks	SIMPLE[1], HBNG[15]

Table 1: This table summarizes the methods and features of Python-based simulation frameworks used in the context of hydrogen-blended gas pipelines. It highlights the role of these systems in modeling and simulating complex gas dynamics to enhance operational safety and efficiency. The table references key frameworks such as SIMPLE and HBNG, which are instrumental in investigating hydrogen blending ratios and optimizing pipeline performance.

To explore the advancements and applications of Python-based systems in hydrogen-blended gas pipelines, it is essential to examine their role in enhancing operational safety and efficiency. Table 1 provides an overview of the Python-based simulation frameworks utilized in the study of hydrogen-blended gas pipelines, emphasizing their role in enhancing safety and efficiency through advanced modeling techniques. Additionally, Table 2 offers a comprehensive comparison of Python-based systems and simulation models, detailing their respective roles and features in the context of hydrogen-blended gas pipeline safety and efficiency. This section underscores the importance of these systems in modeling and simulation processes, crucial for optimizing pipeline performance and ensuring the integrity of hydrogen integration. This examination sets the stage for a detailed analysis of various simulation models used to predict hydrogen distribution within these complex systems.

### 4.1 Role of Python-Based Systems

Python-based systems significantly enhance the safety and efficiency of hydrogen-blended gas pipelines by enabling the modeling and simulation of complex gas dynamics. These computational frameworks systematically investigate hydrogen blending ratios, essential for optimizing the hydraulic and thermal performance of natural gas pipelines [15]. Through Python-based tools, researchers analyze the intricate dynamics of hydrogen blending and debinding in gas transmission networks, providing insights into operational adjustments necessary for maintaining pipeline integrity and efficiency [1].

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Moreover, Python-based systems facilitate the categorization of existing research into various Power-to-Gas (P2G) pathways, creating a structured framework for understanding each pathway's contribution to the energy transition [8]. They allow for the examination of different blending scenarios, evaluating their impacts on pipeline materials and identifying feasible integration strategies that enhance energy storage and grid flexibility [12].

Despite advancements in modeling capabilities, comprehensive data on the long-term effects of hydrogen on various pipeline materials and the economic viability of necessary upgrades for hydrogen blending are often lacking [3]. Python-based systems address these gaps by providing platforms for continuous monitoring and assessment, supporting the development of robust safety protocols and ensuring the economic sustainability of hydrogen-blended gas transportation.

## 4.2 Simulation Models for Pipeline Hydrogen Distribution

Simulation models are essential for predicting hydrogen distribution in natural gas pipelines, offering insights into optimal blending strategies and ensuring safe operation. T-type and variable diameter blending pipeline models have been proposed to study hydrogen concentration distribution within natural gas pipelines [4]. These models enable detailed analyses of hydrogen blends under various operational conditions, identifying potential hotspots where hydrogen concentration may exceed safe levels.

Understanding the dynamic interactions between hydrogen and natural gas—particularly regarding flow characteristics and pipeline integrity—is crucial. By simulating different blending scenarios, researchers evaluate the effects of varying hydrogen concentrations on flow dynamics, pressure drops, and potential material degradation due to hydrogen embrittlement. This information is vital for designing pipelines capable of safely accommodating hydrogen blends, ensuring operational efficiency while adhering to safety standards, particularly concerning the stability and homogeneity of gas mixtures during distribution, which is critical for effective leak detection and safe operation of customer equipment [11, 12].

Moreover, these models can be integrated into Python-based assessment systems, enabling real-time monitoring and dynamic adjustments of hydrogen-natural gas blending ratios. This capability is essential for optimizing pipeline performance, especially in managing the impact of varying hydrogen concentrations on linepack energy and ensuring compliance with safety standards for existing high-pressure steel pipelines. By leveraging these systems, operators enhance their ability to regulate gas quality and maintain operational efficiency in the context of renewable energy integration [3, 12, 1]. The ability to simulate and predict hydrogen distribution in pipelines not only enhances safety but also supports the economic feasibility of hydrogen integration by minimizing the need for extensive infrastructure modifications.

## 4.3 Numerical Simulation for Hydrogen Leak Prediction

Predicting hydrogen leaks in natural gas pipelines is crucial for ensuring the safety and reliability of hydrogen-blended gas systems. Numerical simulation techniques serve as powerful tools for modeling hydrogen leak diffusion characteristics, particularly in complex soil conditions where traditional monitoring methods may be inadequate [13]. These simulations are essential for understanding hydrogen behavior during pipeline escapes, facilitating the development of effective mitigation strategies to prevent potential hazards.

Proposed numerical simulation models accurately capture hydrogen diffusion dynamics across various soil types, considering factors such as soil porosity, moisture content, and temperature gradients [13]. By simulating these parameters, researchers can predict hydrogen spread in leak events, enabling the design of more effective detection and response systems.

These simulations are integrated within Python-based assessment frameworks that enhance real-time analysis and decision-making processes, particularly regarding hydrogen debinding in natural gas transmission networks. Such frameworks allow operators to evaluate gas mixture behavior—comprising varying concentrations of natural gas and green hydrogen—while ensuring compliance with quality standards such as relative density, Wobbe Index, and Higher Heating Value, thus facilitating informed operational adjustments in real-time [12, 1]. By leveraging Python's computational power, these systems continuously update predictions based on changing environmental

conditions and pipeline operational parameters, thereby enhancing the overall safety and efficiency of hydrogen-blended gas transportation.

Feature	Role of Python-Based Systems	Simulation Models for Pipeline Hydrogen Distribution	Numerical Simulation for Hydrogen Leak Prediction
Purpose	Enhance Safety Efficiency	Predict Hydrogen Distribution	Predict Hydrogen Leaks
Key Features	Modeling Simulation Dynamics	Analyze Blending Scenarios	Model Diffusion Dynamics
Integration Capability	Power-to-Gas Pathways	Real-time Monitoring	Real-time Analysis

Table 2: This table provides a comparative analysis of Python-based systems and simulation models used in the study of hydrogen-blended gas pipelines. It highlights the primary purposes, key features, and integration capabilities of each approach, illustrating their contributions to enhancing safety and efficiency in pipeline operations. The table underscores the importance of these methods in predicting hydrogen distribution and leaks, thereby supporting the development of robust safety protocols.

## 5 Safety Assessment Systems for Hydrogen-Blended Transportation

### 5.1 Safety and Technical Challenges

The integration of hydrogen into natural gas pipelines presents significant safety and technical challenges that must be addressed to ensure secure and efficient operations. Hydrogen's rapid diffusion and lower explosive limits compared to natural gas increase leak risks, necessitating optimized operational conditions and enhanced detection systems [13]. Material compatibility is another critical issue, as hydrogen can embrittle pipeline materials, threatening structural integrity and increasing failure risks [17]. The differing physical and thermal properties of hydrogen and natural gas require careful evaluation of materials and procedures before hydrogen injection [15]. Additionally, T-type and variable diameter models may result in uneven hydrogen distribution, heightening embrittlement risks [4].

Current benchmarks are inadequate for assessing the stability and behavior of hydrogen blends in low-pressure systems, highlighting a research gap and the need for specialized evaluation methods [11]. The unpredictability of hydrogen flow, potential leak risks, and the effects of microbial activity and geochemical reactions on storage integrity further complicate integration into existing infrastructure [9]. Economic factors also play a significant role, with high costs associated with Power-to-Gas (P2G) technologies compared to conventional methods like Steam Methane Reforming (SMR) [8]. Although hydrogen blending reduces linepack energy, the effect is minimal, underscoring the need for comprehensive assessments of materials and operational strategies [12].

Addressing these challenges involves developing a specialized hydrogen incident database and learning from past incidents to enhance safety protocols [7]. Further research is essential to understand the long-term impacts of hydrogen blending on gas quality and to establish new standards and technologies for safe and efficient operation [1].

### 5.2 Regulatory Standards and Material Testing

The integration of hydrogen into natural gas pipelines requires stringent regulatory standards and material testing protocols to ensure safety and reliability. It is crucial to adopt specialized material selection and testing protocols tailored for hydrogen transport [16]. Current regulatory frameworks must be updated to reflect the distinct requirements for hydrogen blending in natural gas systems. Metrics such as Higher Heating Value (HHV) and odorant effectiveness are vital for maintaining safe gas distribution, ensuring that hydrogen blends meet necessary safety and performance criteria [11]. These metrics serve as benchmarks for evaluating the quality and safety of hydrogen-blended gas, supporting regulatory compliance.

Despite advancements in material science and regulatory standards, challenges persist, particularly regarding the high costs and energy inefficiencies associated with hydrogen storage and transport [5]. These challenges highlight the need for enhanced safety measures and cost-effective solutions to promote the widespread adoption of hydrogen as a clean energy carrier. Numerical simulation methods have proven effective in modeling the complex interactions between gas leakage and soil properties, offering improved predictions of gas behavior and informing safety measures [13]. Such models are integral to developing robust safety protocols and regulatory standards, facilitating the safe integration of hydrogen into existing pipeline infrastructures.

Additionally, a comprehensive framework categorizing existing research into key technologies for hydrogen blending underscores the importance of coordinated emergency response and intelligent decision-making [17]. This framework provides a structured approach to addressing the technical and regulatory challenges associated with hydrogen transport, ensuring that safety remains a paramount consideration in transitioning to hydrogen-blended gas systems.

### 5.3 Validation through High-Pressure Gas Networks

Benchmark	Size	Domain	Task Format	Metric
H2NG[11]	320	Gas Distribution	Gas Mixture Stability Testing	HHV, Odorant Effectiveness
HyDeploy[14]	1,400	Energy	Safety Assessment	Quantitative Risk Assessment

Table 3: Table ef presents a comparative analysis of representative benchmarks used in the validation of hydrogen-blended gas transportation safety protocols. It includes details on benchmark size, domain, task format, and the metrics employed for evaluation, highlighting the diverse approaches in assessing gas mixture stability and safety in energy systems.

Validating safety protocols for hydrogen-blended gas transportation through high-pressure gas networks is essential for ensuring safe and efficient integration. A primary challenge in this validation process is the limited understanding of hydrogen’s impact on the mechanical properties of various pipeline steels, complicating the adaptation of existing codes for safe hydrogen transport [16]. Extensive research into material behavior under high-pressure hydrogen exposure is necessary to develop reliable safety standards.

Improved monitoring techniques are crucial for real-time detection of potential pipeline issues, such as leaks or material degradation, thereby enhancing overall safety [9]. Establishing reliable operational guidelines based on these monitoring techniques is vital for maintaining the integrity of high-pressure gas networks. These guidelines should encompass best practices for hydrogen blending, storage, and transportation, ensuring that all operational parameters are optimized for safety and efficiency.

High-pressure gas networks provide a unique opportunity to test and validate safety protocols under controlled conditions. By simulating various operational scenarios, researchers can assess pipeline materials and safety systems, identifying potential vulnerabilities and areas for improvement. Table 3 provides a detailed overview of benchmarks utilized in the assessment of safety protocols for high-pressure hydrogen-blended gas networks, emphasizing the importance of evaluating gas mixture stability and safety through various metrics. This approach not only enhances the formulation of more rigorous safety standards critical for mitigating risks associated with hydrogen’s unique physio-chemical properties but also fosters the widespread integration of hydrogen as a viable and sustainable energy carrier, supporting the transition to a low-carbon economy through innovative Power-to-X solutions [12, 2, 11, 7, 8].

## 6 Integration of Renewable Energy Sources

### 6.1 Renewable Energy Integration

Integrating renewable energy sources is pivotal for advancing hydrogen-blended gas systems and achieving global carbon neutrality goals. Power-to-Gas (P2G) technologies are instrumental in this process by converting excess renewable electricity into hydrogen through electrolysis, thereby facilitating energy storage and reducing emissions [8]. This integration aligns with the European Green Deal by diminishing fossil fuel reliance and greenhouse gas emissions while bolstering energy security. It provides a flexible mechanism to balance the intermittent nature of renewable energy supply with demand, contributing to a stable energy system. Utilizing renewable energy for hydrogen production supports a circular economy by optimizing resources through P2G, which transforms surplus electricity into hydrogen and other gaseous fuels, minimizing energy waste and fostering a sustainable, low-carbon energy system [2, 8, 10].



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## 6.2 Power-to-Gas Pathways

Power-to-Gas (P2G) pathways offer a transformative method for integrating renewable energy into gas systems, addressing challenges related to energy storage and grid stability. By converting surplus renewable electricity into hydrogen via electrolysis, P2G technologies facilitate hydrogen injection into natural gas pipelines, storage, or direct application [8]. This enhances system flexibility and resilience, aiding gas sector decarbonization by substituting fossil fuel-derived natural gas with renewable hydrogen [10]. P2G pathways allow for substantial energy storage over extended periods, mitigating intermittency issues linked to renewable sources like wind and solar [9]. By optimizing renewable energy utilization, these pathways reduce curtailment and maximize resource use, aligning with the transition to a low-carbon energy system [3]. Additionally, P2G facilitates energy supply and demand balancing, particularly during peak consumption or low renewable generation, leveraging existing gas networks for hydrogen distribution to ensure reliable and scalable renewable energy delivery [5]. This integration spurs economic opportunities, fostering new markets for renewable hydrogen and innovative business models that capitalize on synergies between the electricity and gas sectors [10].

## 6.3 Simulation and Analysis of Hydrogen Integration

Simulation and analysis of hydrogen integration with renewable energy sources are crucial for understanding the dynamics of blending hydrogen into existing gas systems. Advanced simulation models provide insights into optimal blending strategies and their impact on pipeline materials and system performance, particularly concerning hydrogen embrittlement, which can compromise material strength and durability [4]. These models are essential for evaluating hydrogen's effects on pipeline integrity. Simulation studies highlight the importance of optimizing hydrogen production methods and developing cost-effective storage solutions to enhance system efficiency and economic viability [5]. By simulating various integration scenarios, researchers can identify effective strategies for blending hydrogen into natural gas pipelines, ensuring safe and efficient operation. Moreover, simulations provide critical data for optimizing blending techniques, enabling adjustments in hydrogen concentrations to mitigate risks associated with embrittlement and material degradation [4]. This approach not only enhances the safety and reliability of hydrogen-blended gas systems but also supports the broader integration of renewable energy sources into existing infrastructures.

# 7 Case Studies and Applications

## 7.1 Experimental Setup for Stability Evaluation

A robust experimental setup is essential for evaluating the stability of hydrogen-blended gas systems under real-world conditions. A three-dimensional model has been created to simulate various leakage scenarios in soil, considering factors such as leakage pressure, blending ratios, and burial depths across twelve cases [13]. This model provides critical insights into hydrogen diffusion and leak-related risks, ensuring the safety and reliability of hydrogen-blended pipelines. A high-pressure gas network case study in Poland validates these findings, demonstrating the experimental setup's practical applicability [12]. The Southern Sicily gas network further enriches the experimental framework by utilizing data from the National Transmission System Operator and GIS tools for simulation, enhancing precision in understanding hydrogen blend behavior within specific infrastructures [1]. These setups enable rigorous evaluation of hydrogen-blended systems' stability under diverse conditions, providing valuable data for developing robust safety protocols. This research is crucial for safely integrating hydrogen into existing gas infrastructures and exploring various power-to-gas pathways to support the transition to sustainable energy systems [12, 8, 1].

## 7.2 Data Integration from Real-World Trials

Integrating data from real-world trials is vital for validating the effectiveness of hydrogen-blended gas transportation systems. These trials offer empirical evidence crucial for refining models to accurately reflect operational complexities. Data from the Southern Sicily gas network have been pivotal in developing simulation models that predict hydrogen distribution and assess pipeline integrity under different blending scenarios [1]. This integration aids in identifying vulnerabilities and optimizing safety protocols, thereby enhancing the resilience of hydrogen-blended systems. Real-world trials

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on high-pressure gas networks, such as those in Poland, provide insights into hydrogen blends' performance under varying conditions [12]. Incorporating trial data into Python-based assessment systems allows researchers to simulate blending scenarios, predict impacts on pipeline materials, and ensure robust safety standards. Continuous monitoring and adjustment of blending ratios, supported by real-world data, help maintain hydrogen concentrations within safe limits, mitigating risks related to hydrogen embrittlement and material degradation [4]. This approach enhances the safety and reliability of hydrogen-blended gas systems and facilitates the broader integration of renewable energy sources into existing infrastructures.

### 7.3 Comparative Studies on Hydrogen Storage

Comparative studies on hydrogen storage methods highlight a range of technologies, each with unique advantages and limitations for various applications. Conventional storage techniques, such as compression and liquefaction, are widely used due to their established infrastructure and ability to store hydrogen in gaseous or liquid forms, though they face challenges related to high energy consumption and safety concerns under high-pressure conditions [5]. Advanced storage technologies, including liquid organic hydrogen carriers (LOHCs) and solid-state storage, offer alternatives with higher storage densities and improved safety profiles. LOHCs enable safe hydrogen transport by chemically bonding it to a carrier liquid, while solid-state storage involves hydrogen absorption into materials like metal hydrides, providing a compact and secure solution [5]. Underground hydrogen storage in geological formations, such as saline aquifers and depleted hydrocarbon reservoirs, presents a promising large-scale option, leveraging existing structures to minimize infrastructure costs and support renewable energy integration [9]. Despite advancements, challenges remain, including high costs and the need for comprehensive infrastructure. Safety concerns about hydrogen's chemical properties require thorough evaluations of material compatibility within pipeline systems [16]. Economic implications of modifying infrastructure and technical uncertainties regarding hydrogen's effects on pipeline materials further complicate integration [3].

## 8 Conclusion

The exploration of hydrogen-blended gas transportation pipelines and safety assessment systems elucidates both the progress and challenges in incorporating hydrogen into urban gas infrastructures. Hydrogen offers substantial benefits in reducing emissions and enhancing energy resilience, yet it also introduces concerns related to material compatibility and safety. The advent of Python-based assessment systems has been pivotal in simulating intricate gas dynamics and optimizing blending processes, thereby enhancing the safety and efficiency of hydrogen-blended systems.

The findings emphasize the necessity for robust safety protocols and regulatory standards to tackle the distinctive challenges posed by hydrogen's chemical nature. Projects like HyDeploy have shown that hydrogen can be safely blended with natural gas beyond existing regulatory constraints, suggesting a need for regulatory adaptation. However, there remains a pressing demand for improved pipeline safety standards, cutting-edge monitoring technologies, and further investigation into the effects of hydrogen blending on pipeline integrity.

Future research should focus on developing more resilient pipeline materials and refining testing methodologies to ensure safe integration with current natural gas infrastructure. Expanding the scope of tested conditions and examining the impact of hydrogen blending on pipeline materials are vital for advancing this domain. Moreover, optimizing Power-to-Gas (P2G) technologies and creating supportive regulatory frameworks are crucial for facilitating the integration of renewable energy sources and boosting the economic viability of hydrogen-blended systems.

To support the transition to a hydrogen economy, creating a unified database for hydrogen-related incidents and enhancing data collection practices are essential. Addressing cybersecurity threats within the hydrogen economy is also crucial to protect infrastructure and ensure reliable operations. Continued research and development will be key in overcoming existing obstacles and fully harnessing hydrogen's potential as a sustainable energy carrier in urban gas infrastructures.

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