

Smart Monitoring of Pipelines in the Energy Transition



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- >350 employees in R&D
- 16 production facilities in 11 countries
- Local presence in over 100 countries



Role of hydrogen and carbon dioxide in the energy transition

- Reduce **carbon dioxide** (CO₂) emission to meet the goals of the Paris climate agreement
- Main trend is **electrification** of the energy system

- Supply:
 - Solar panels (PV)
 - Onshore/offshore wind energy

- Demand:
 - Electric cars
 - Electric heating / cooking
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Hydrogen & Carbon Capture and Storage

- Reduce **carbon dioxide** (CO₂) emission to meet the goals of the Paris climate agreement
- Main trend is **electrification** of the energy system
- Green electricity is not the answer to 'everything', e.g.:
 - Not all energy can be provided by electricity; fuels are still needed (planes, ships)
 - High temperature processes cannot be heated by electricity (steel, cement, ...)
 - Renewable energy is intermittent → energy storage and buffering needed
 - Not all CO₂ emission is released in combustion of fossil fuel (e.g. cement production)
 - Large cost (and depreciation) involved in transforming existing industry/infrastructure to green electricity, e.g. refineries, powerplants (coal and gas)



Hydrogen
Energy carrier

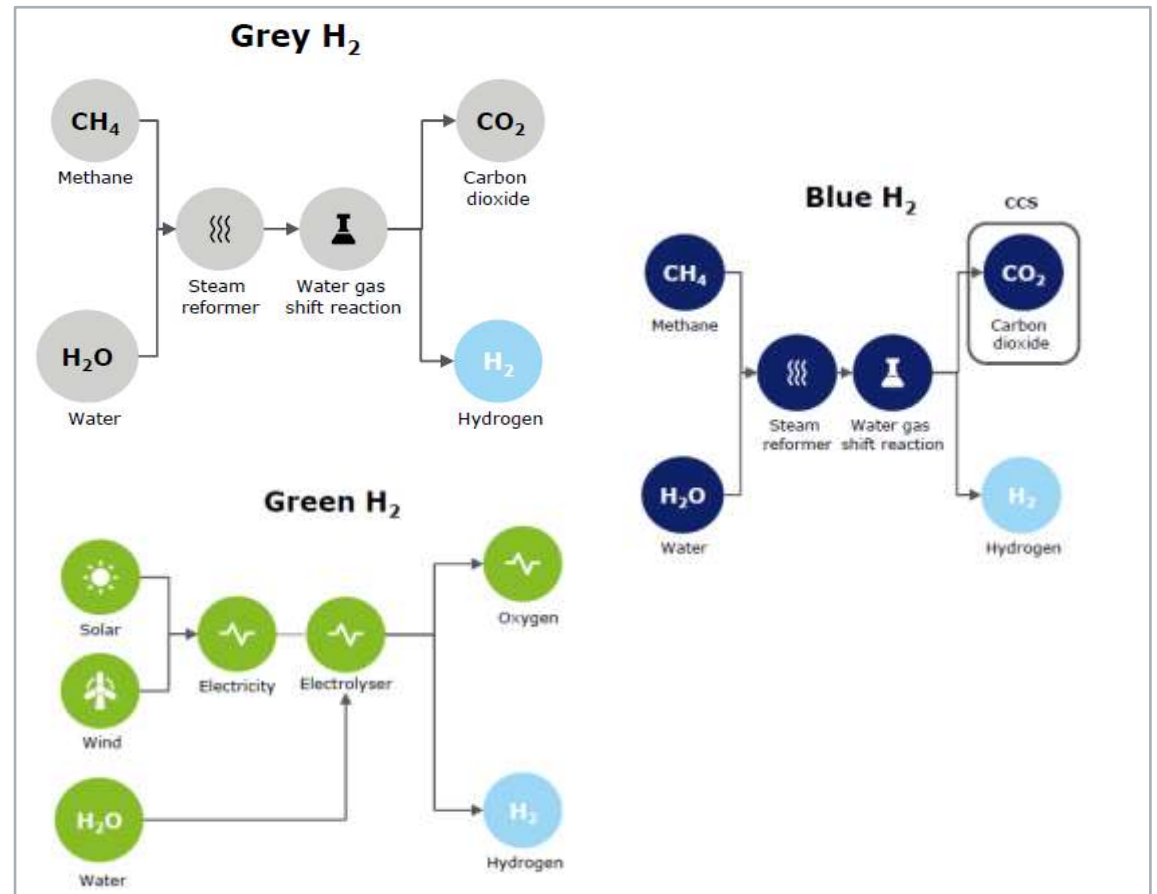
CCS
Carbon capture and storage



Role of hydrogen in the energy transition

Hydrogen production

- **Grey hydrogen:**
 - Steam Methane Reforming (SMR) resulting in CO₂ emission
 - By far the largest production method for hydrogen
- **Blue hydrogen:**
 - Carbon Capture to reduce CO₂ emission
- **Green hydrogen:**
 - Water electrolysis powered with green electricity
 - Decomposing water into H₂ and O₂
 - No CO₂ emission (when renewable energy is used)



Challenges for leak detection

Hydrogen

Hydrogen will in many cases be transported as a gas via pipelines.

Leak detection required since:

- Hydrogen is a small molecule (easy leakage)
- Hydrogen is an explosive gas (safety)

100% H₂

- **Example:** Power to gas plants producing pure hydrogen which is distributed via dedicated hydrogen pipelines.

H₂ blended with natural gas

- **Example:** Blending 20% percentage of hydrogen

Challenge: different compositions of the gasses in the pipeline



Challenges for leak detection

Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)

Capture

- CO₂ is captured at (industrial) emission sites

Storage:

- The CO₂ is injected in depleted gas reservoirs or used for enhanced oil recovery (EOR), where most of the CO₂ stays in the reservoir.

Transportation:

- The captured CO₂ is transported to sites where the CO₂ is stored or utilised
- CO₂ can be transported as gas, liquid or in supercritical state

Leak detection needed since leakage of CO₂ has a negative effect on the climate (green house gas)

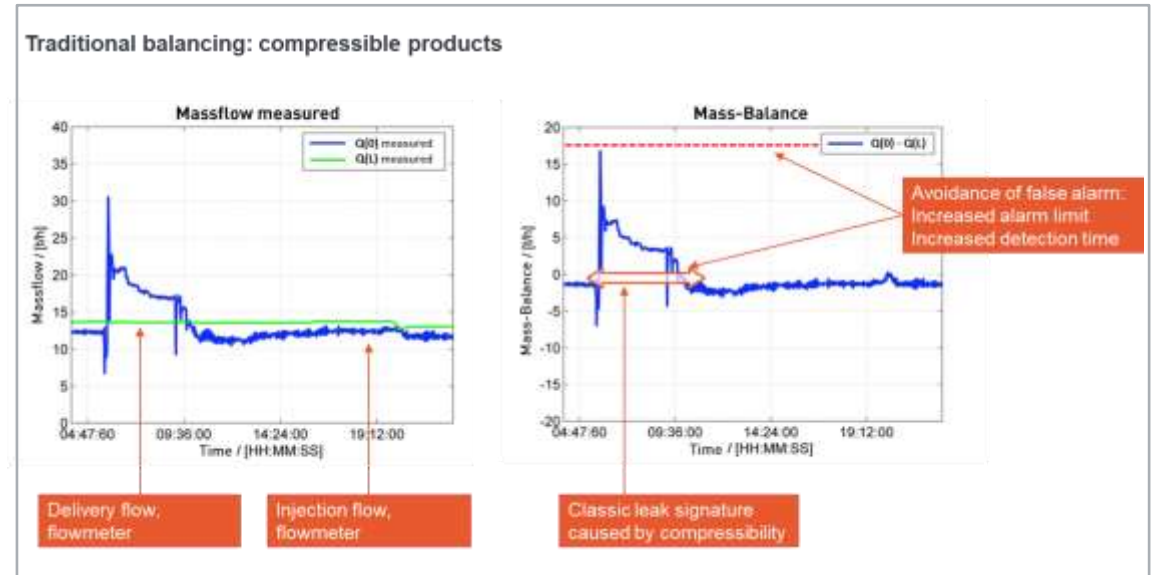
Challenge: different fluid states of CO₂ in the pipeline

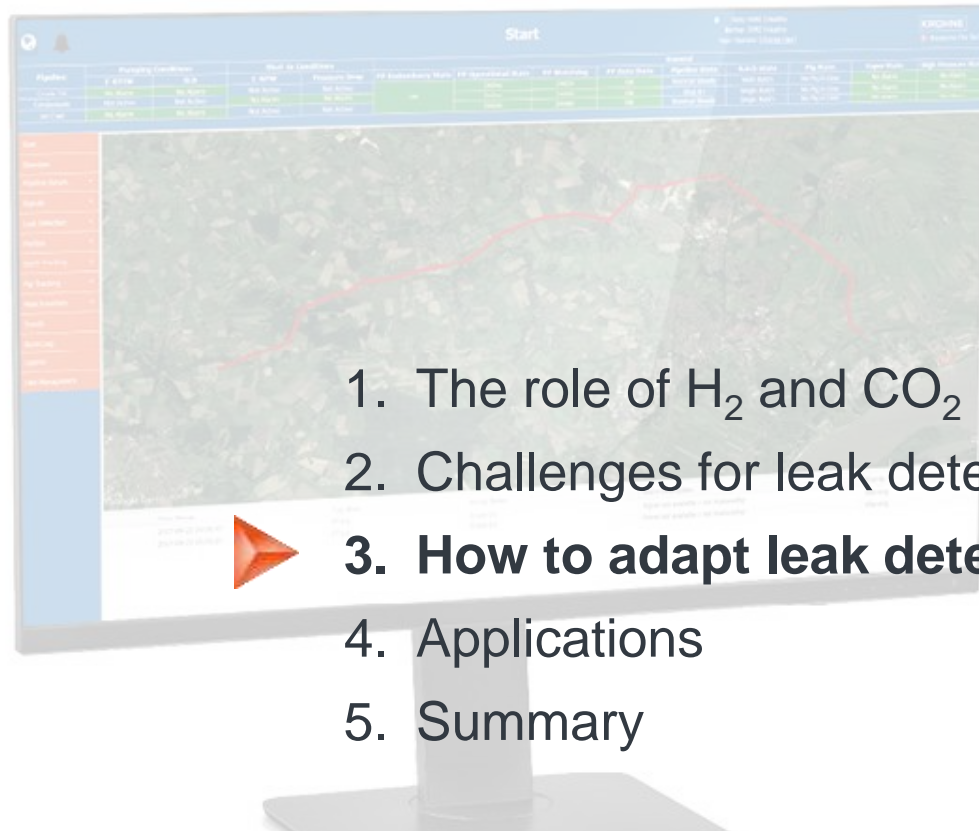


Classical Systems

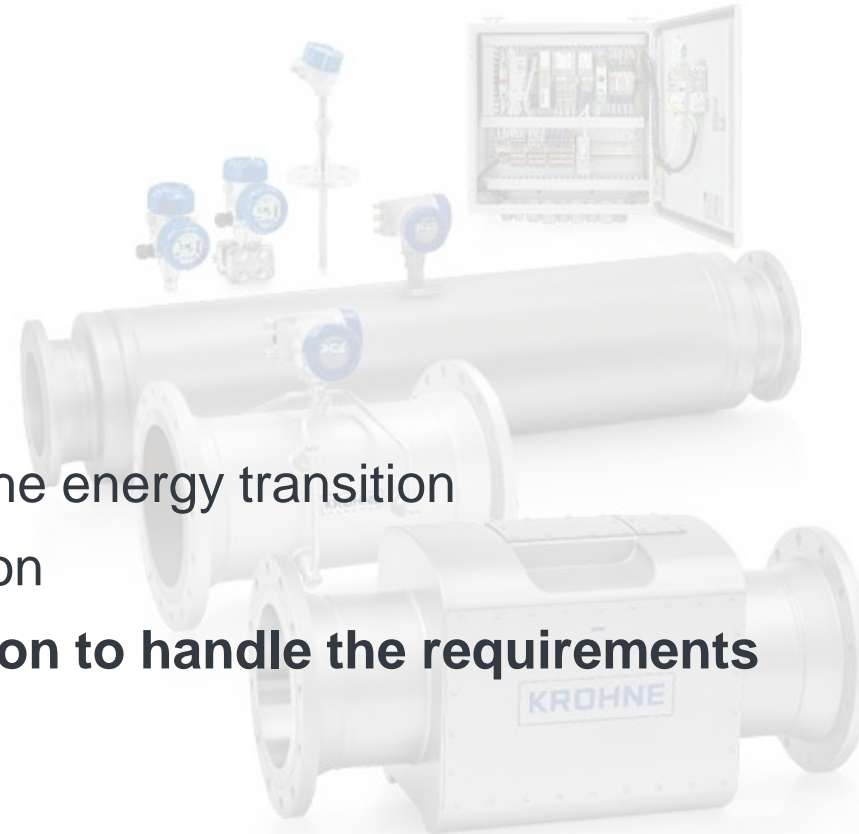
Leak detection

- **Negative Pressure Wave** based leak detection systems are affected due to damping in gas
 - **Mass balance**, but also **classical statistical systems** are affected due to compressibility and linepack changes
- ➔ This leads to **long detection times** or **high thresholds**. The systems will react with a loss of sensitivity or in the worst case with **false alarms**.





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4. Applications
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How to overcome the challenges

Extended – Real Time Transient Model

Based on principle of statistical pattern recognition

Stage 1: RTTM

- Create a digital twin of the pipeline (virtual pipeline)
- Include fluid properties and pipeline properties in the model
- Uses process model to create pattern
- Compare digital twin (calculated) values to real measured process data

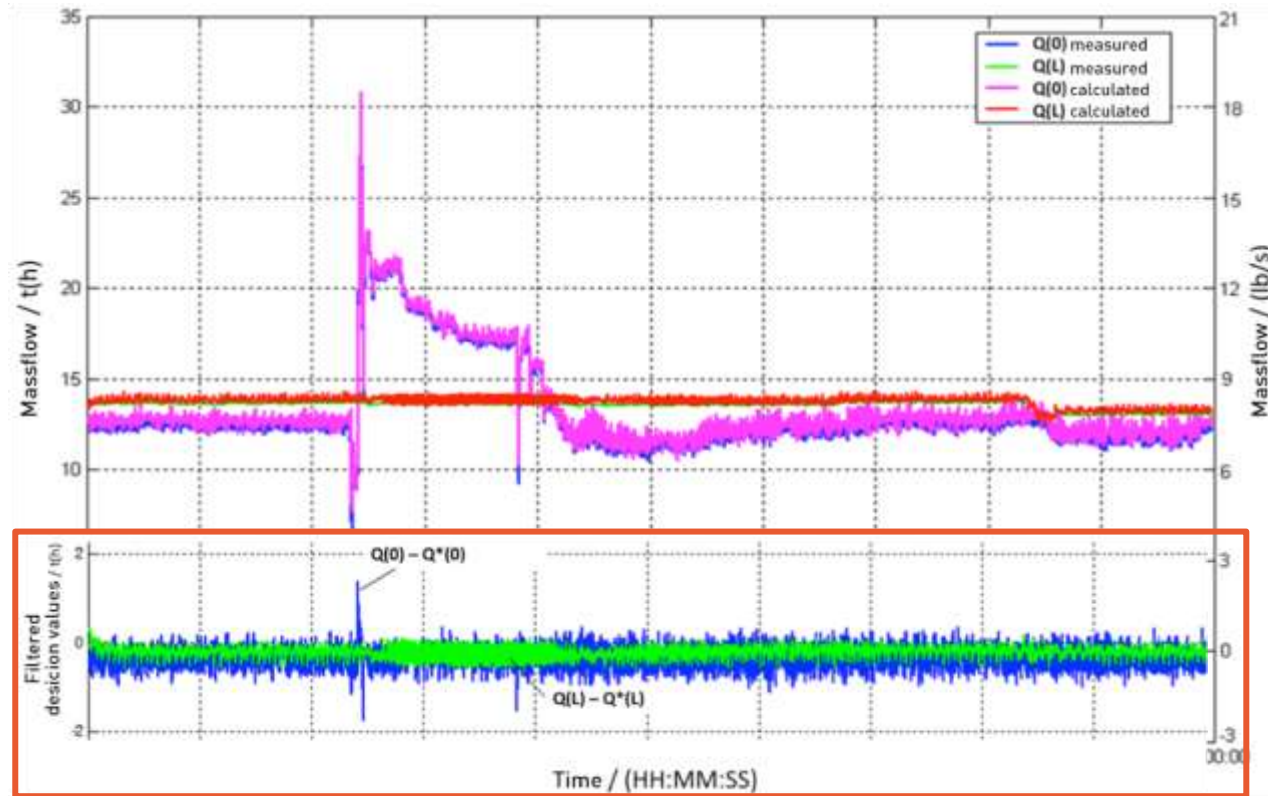
Stage 2: E, Extended

- In case deviation exceeds the threshold do not automatically raise alarm
- Addition of signature analysis to detect leaks and avoid false alarms
- Leak alert, leak rate, leak position



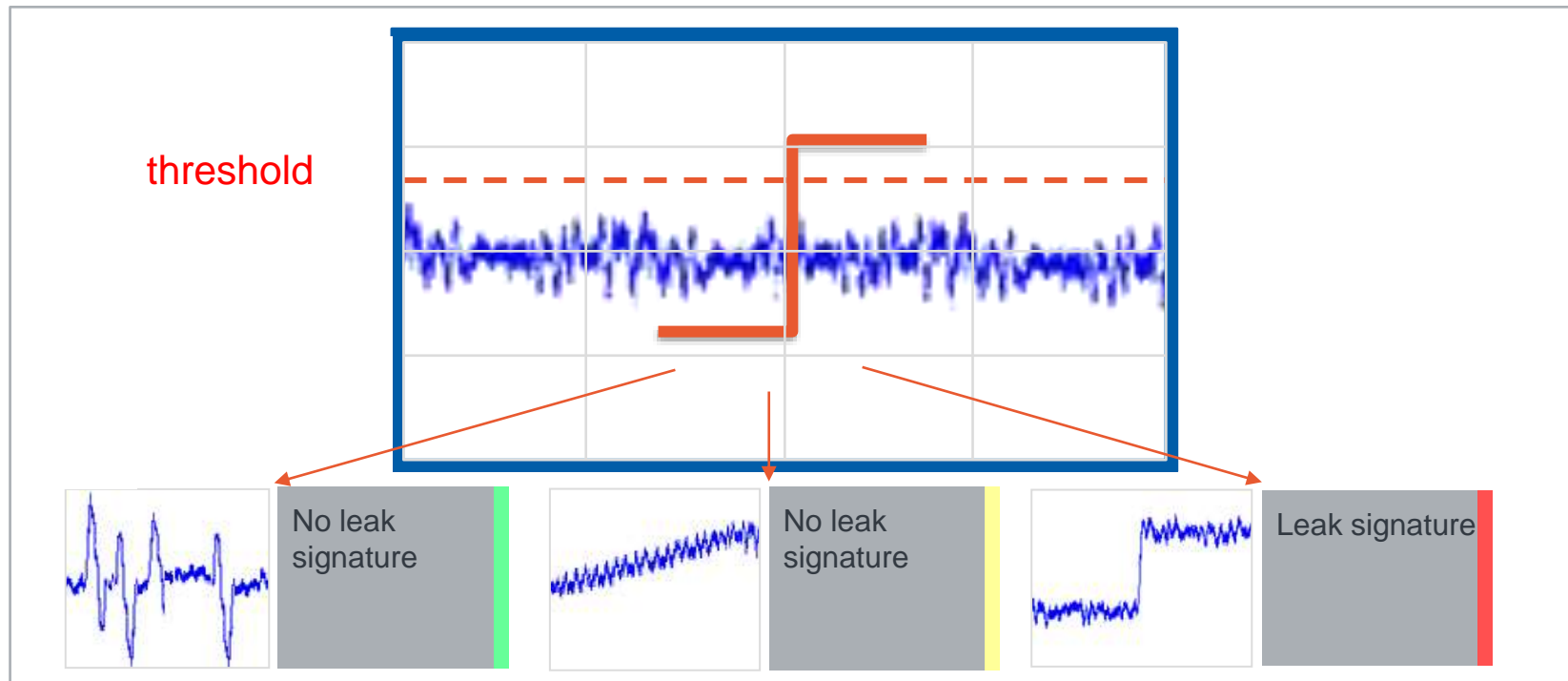
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Dynamic filtering using RTTM



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Leak Signature Analysis



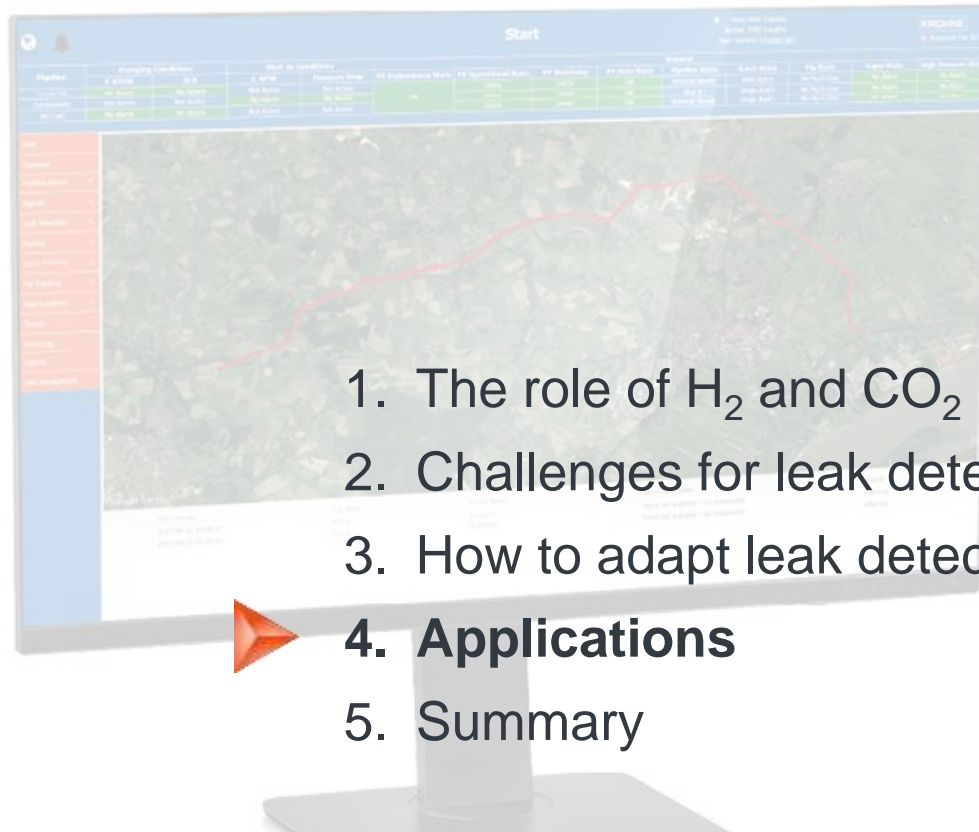
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Leak Signature Analysis

Benefits of “Leak Pattern Recognition”

- Trained to application during initial setup process
- Long term stability and reliability
- No self-learning required as Leak Pattern Recognition remembers the **leak signature**
- Improves overall robustness as it **accepts different compositions and mixtures related imbalance and errors**





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Application Overview

Leak Detection System for Hydrogen

Location Germany

Year of supply 2013

Application Power to Gas

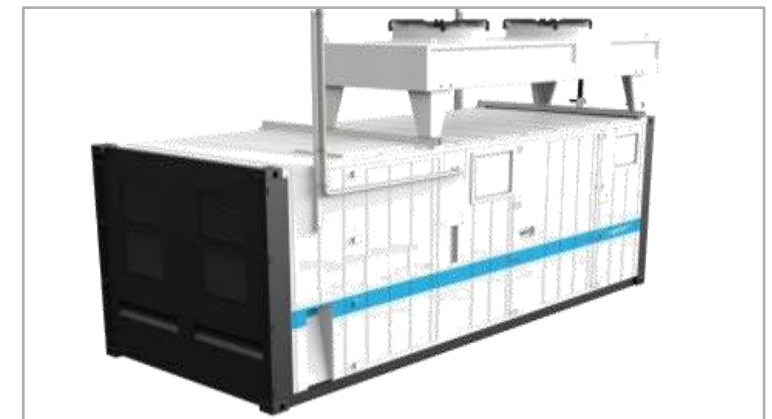
Medium **Dense Phase Hydrogen**

Project details

The leak detection system was installed on a hydrogen Power-to-Gas project in Germany which was the world's first demonstration plant for storing wind energy in the natural gas grid. The plant stores electricity generated by wind turbines. Around 360 Sm³/h of hydrogen is generated by means of electrolysis and fed via a 1.6 km hydrogen pipeline into the gas grid.

A leak test was done under 3rd party review of TÜV, resulting in a swift leak alarm from PipePatrol.

Since beginning of operation, the system has secured the transport of over 10 million kWh of hydrogen fed into the grid.



Application Overview

Leak Detection System for Carbon Capture

Location	Australia
Year of supply	2014
Application	Carbon capture CO2 injection

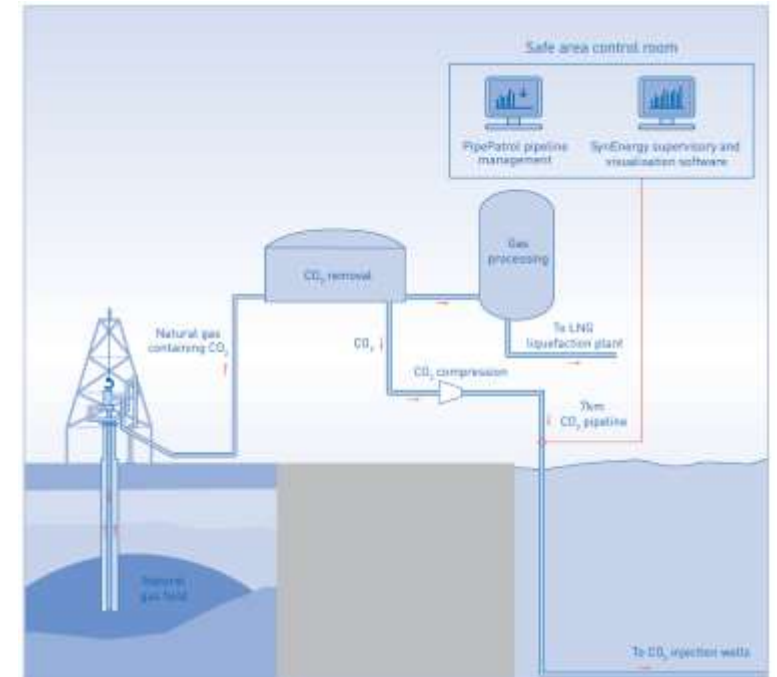
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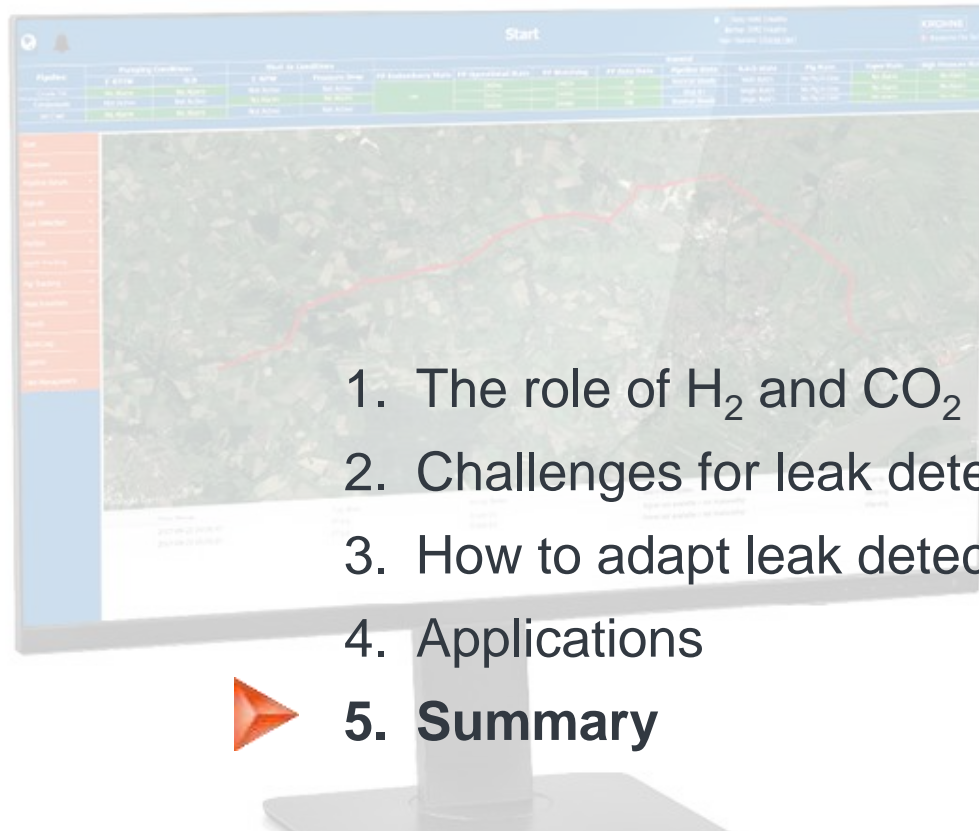
Dense Phase CO2

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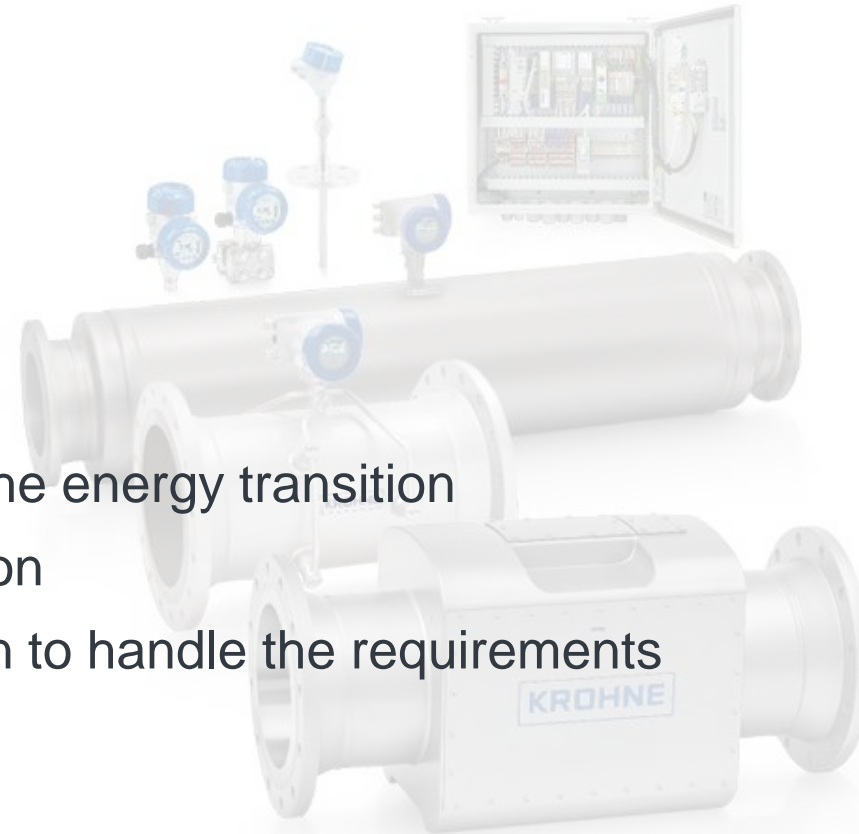
Natural gas from the Gorgon gas field in Western Australia contains around 14% naturally occurring CO2. Prior to converting the natural gas to LNG by cooling it to -162°C / -259.6°F, the CO2 is removed. To minimize the environmental footprint, the separated CO2 is not vented but injected in a storage formation.

The CO2 is transported in supercritical phase at elevated pressures. The underground pipeline has a diameter of 300 mm / 12". Three compressor modules feed CO2 in the pipeline that transports it to nine injection wells at three drill centers.





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Leak Detection for Energy Transition

Reliable leak detection using Model Based Technology

- Digital twin of pipeline network combined with model that incorporates fluid properties and pipeline properties
 - Model based technology (E-RTTM) compensate disadvantages of other leak detection technologies
 - Signature Analysis makes the system less sensitive against inaccuracies in RTTM calculations.
 - Thus challenging pipeline conditions, product parameters or mixtures, e.g. hydrogen blends, leading to these inaccuracies become less important.
- No false alarms, still reliable detection



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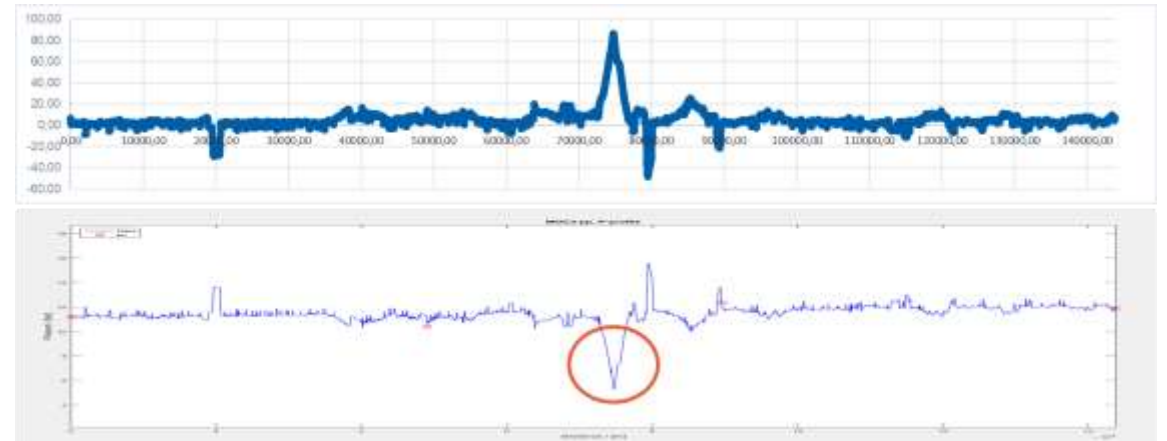
Functionalities of model based systems

Standard information

- Detection and localization of a leak

Additional information

- Composition Tracking
- Profiles
- State detection
- Virtual Instrumentation and Validation

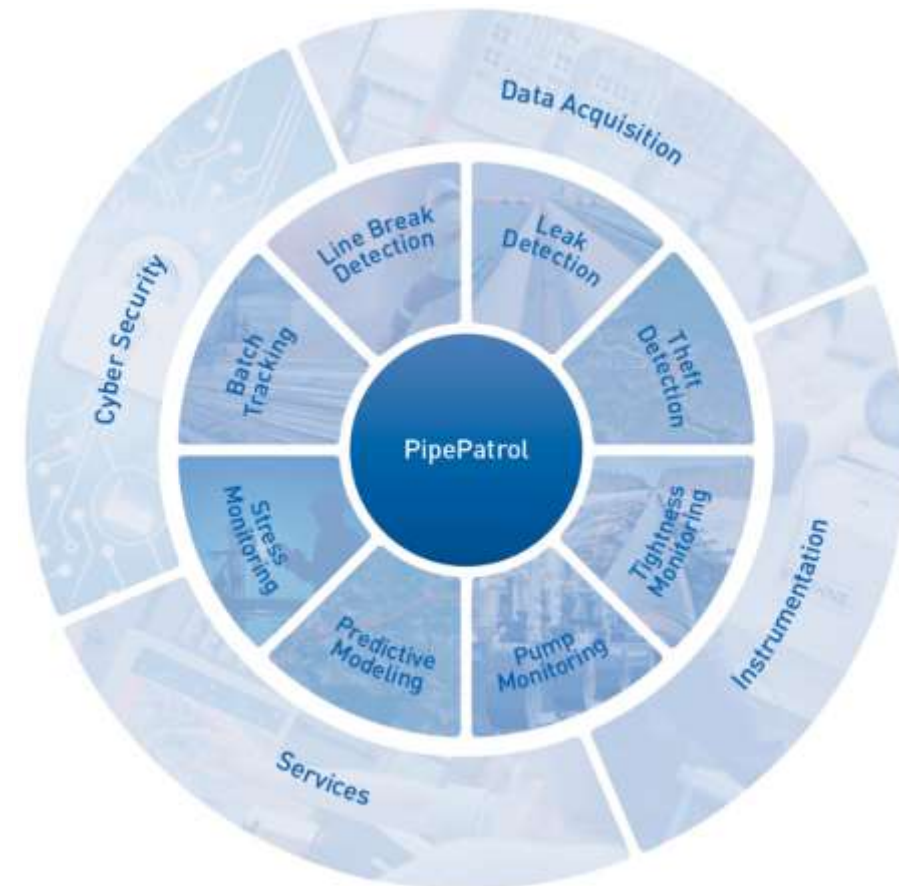


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Pipeline Management Solutions

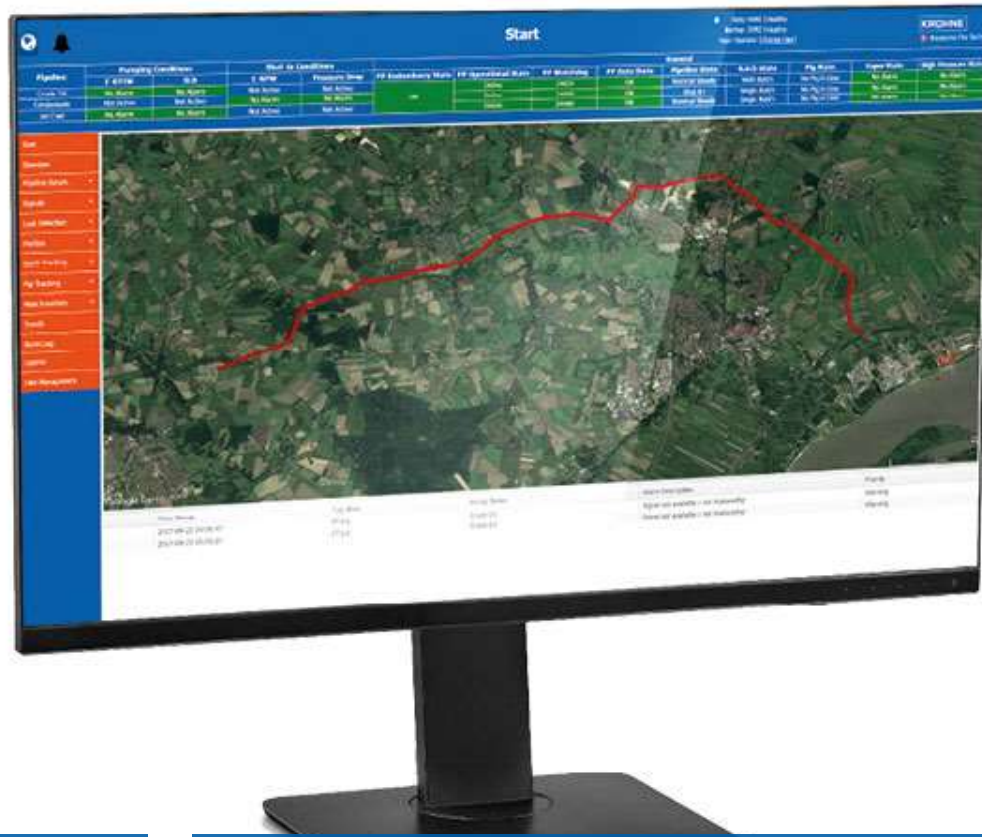
Smart monitoring and protection of pipelines

- Comprehensive suite of modules for leak, theft and line break detection as well as monitoring of tightness and lifetime stress
- Complete and sensitive protection of oil, gas, water and multiproduct pipelines
- From single software applications to full packages including instrumentation, cyber security and field data acquisition



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