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# Pilot Testing and Assessment of Safety and Integrity of Targeted Hydrogen Blending in Gas Infrastructure for Decarbonization

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## Background: Gas R&D Program

- Research and development to support the transition to clean energy, greater reliability, lower costs, and increased safety for Californians
  - Benefits natural gas IOU ratepayers
  - Not adequately addressed by competitive or regulated entities
- \$24 million annual budget, funded by a surcharge on gas consumption in California
  - Energy efficiency, renewable technologies, conservation, environmental issues, and transportation
  - Supports state energy policy

# Policy Drivers

## ***GFO-21-507 - Targeted Hydrogen Blending in Existing Gas Network for Decarbonization***

- Renewable and zero-carbon electricity generation by 2045 (Senate Bill 100, 2018).
- Hydrogen Injection Standards (CPUC Rulemaking 13-02-008 Phase 4, 2019).
- Assessment of hydrogen delivery through existing gas pipeline network (CPUC Resolution G-3555, 2019).
- CARB, CEC, CPUC are required to develop a comprehensive report on the development, deployment, and use of hydrogen (SB 1075)

# Project Goals and Objectives

## Pilot Testing and Assessment of Safety and Integrity of Targeted Hydrogen Blending in Gas Infrastructure for Decarbonization

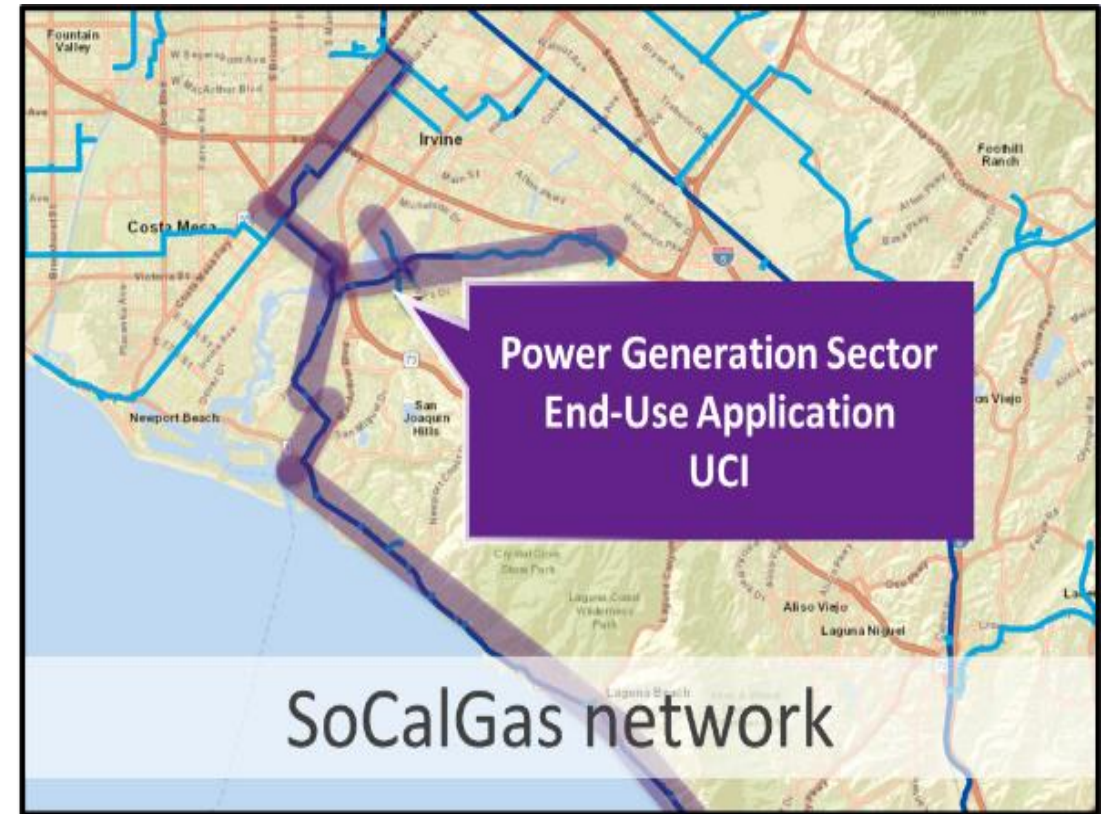
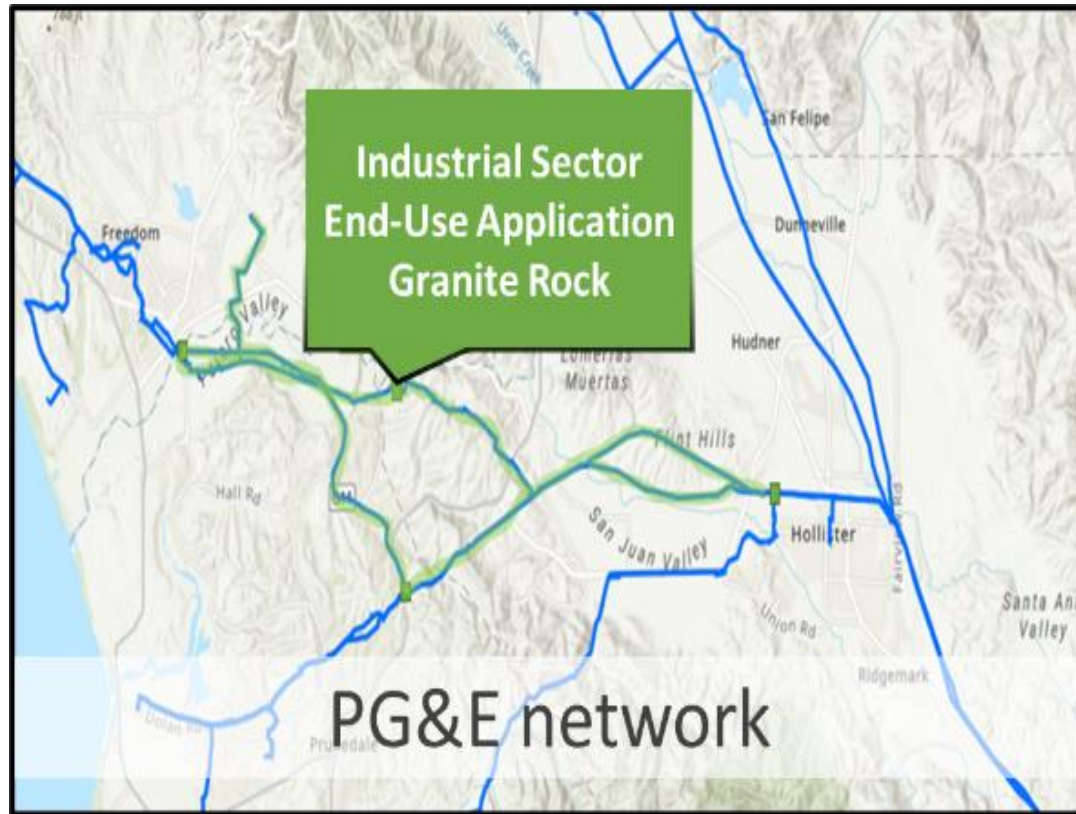
- Lead Organization: UCLA Risk Institute
- Sponsored by CEC, 3 years
- 4 industrial partners, 2 IOUs and 1 pipeline operator, UCI, SNL, DNV, GTI

### Objectives

- Create a repository of available information
- Design and execute a hydrogen blending testing program
- Develop models to conduct risk and performance assessment
- Perform techno-economic analyses of various decarbonization pathways



# Primary Use Cases: Graniterock and UCI Microgrid



## From Laboratory Work to System Wide Risk & Performance Assessment

List of Materials  
List of Impurities  
Operating Conditions

List of Components



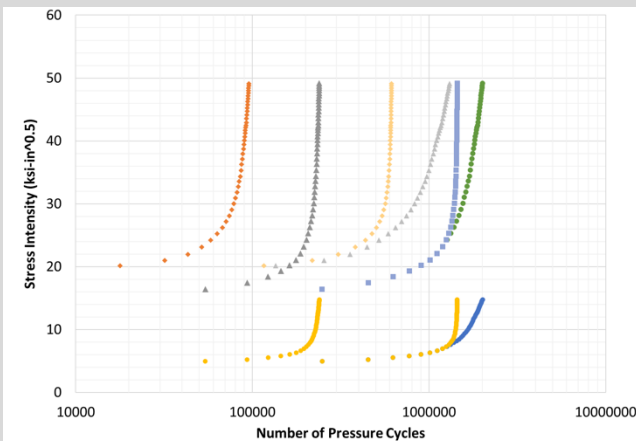
Use Cases: Power Generation & Industrial



Pipeline Infrastructure System

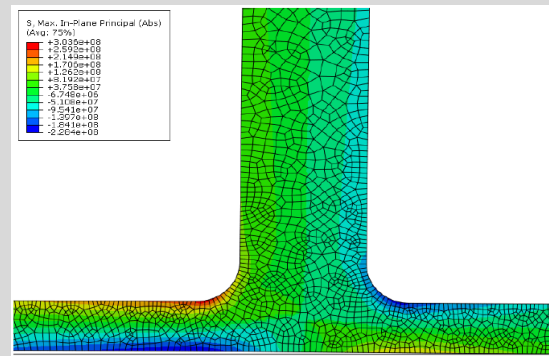
### Laboratory Experiments

Objective: characterize materials behaviour in various hydrogen/methane/impurities mixtures



### Component Reliability Assessment

Objective: characterize and quantify each component behaviour and reliability



### System Wide Risk Assessment

Objective: Quantify **System Level** Operational Risk for Various Blending Levels.

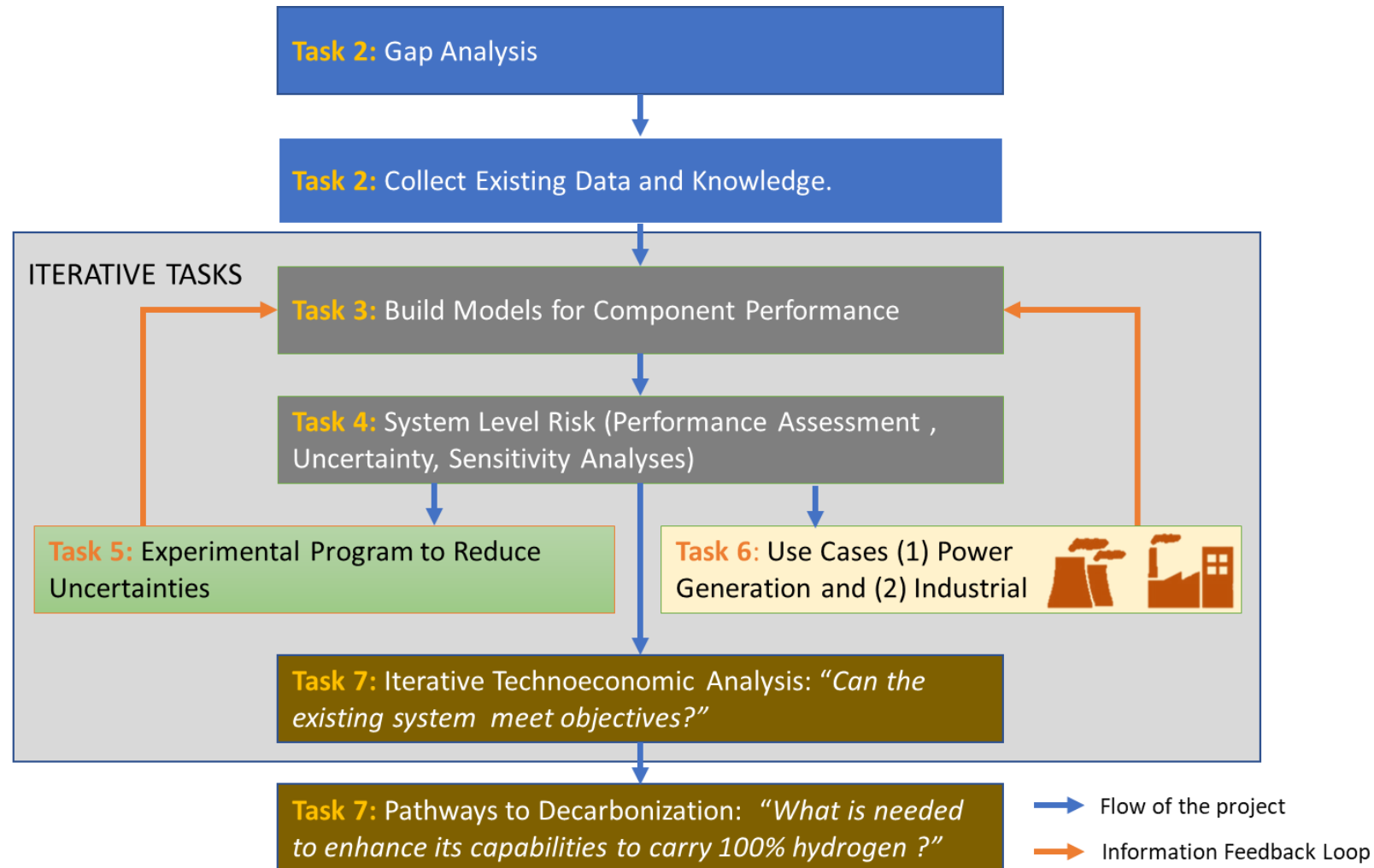
Basis to answer questions such as:

- Hydrogen blending roadblocks?
- What modifications, if any?
- Residual risks after modifications?
- Techno economic tradeoffs ?

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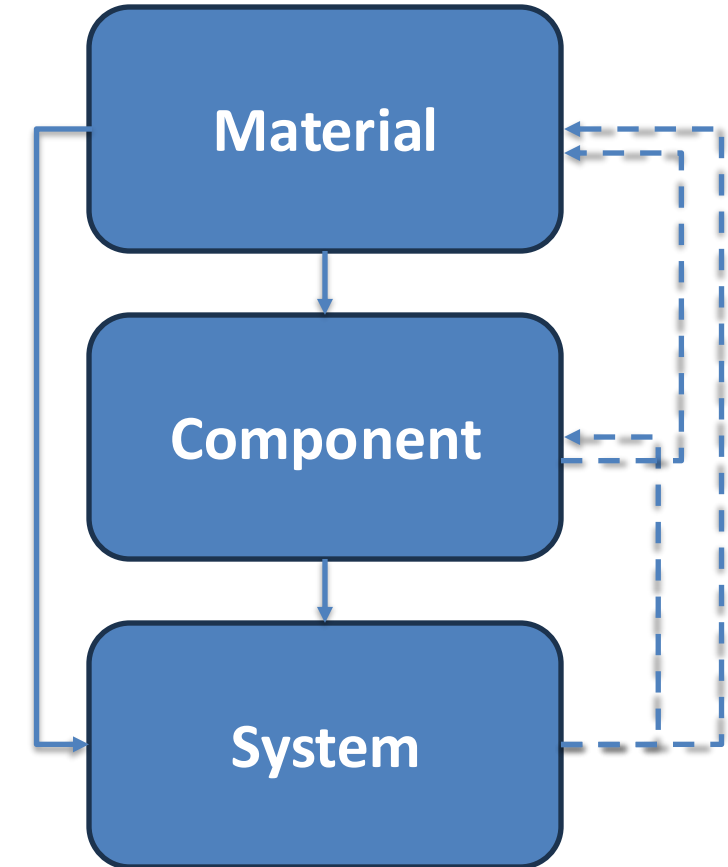
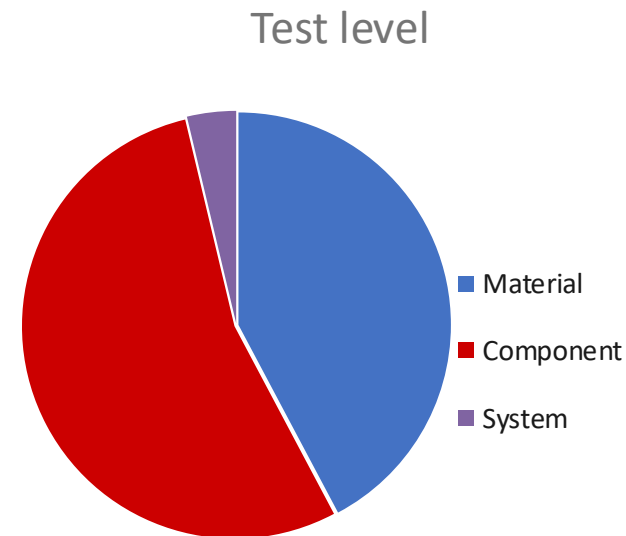


# Flow of Technical Tasks

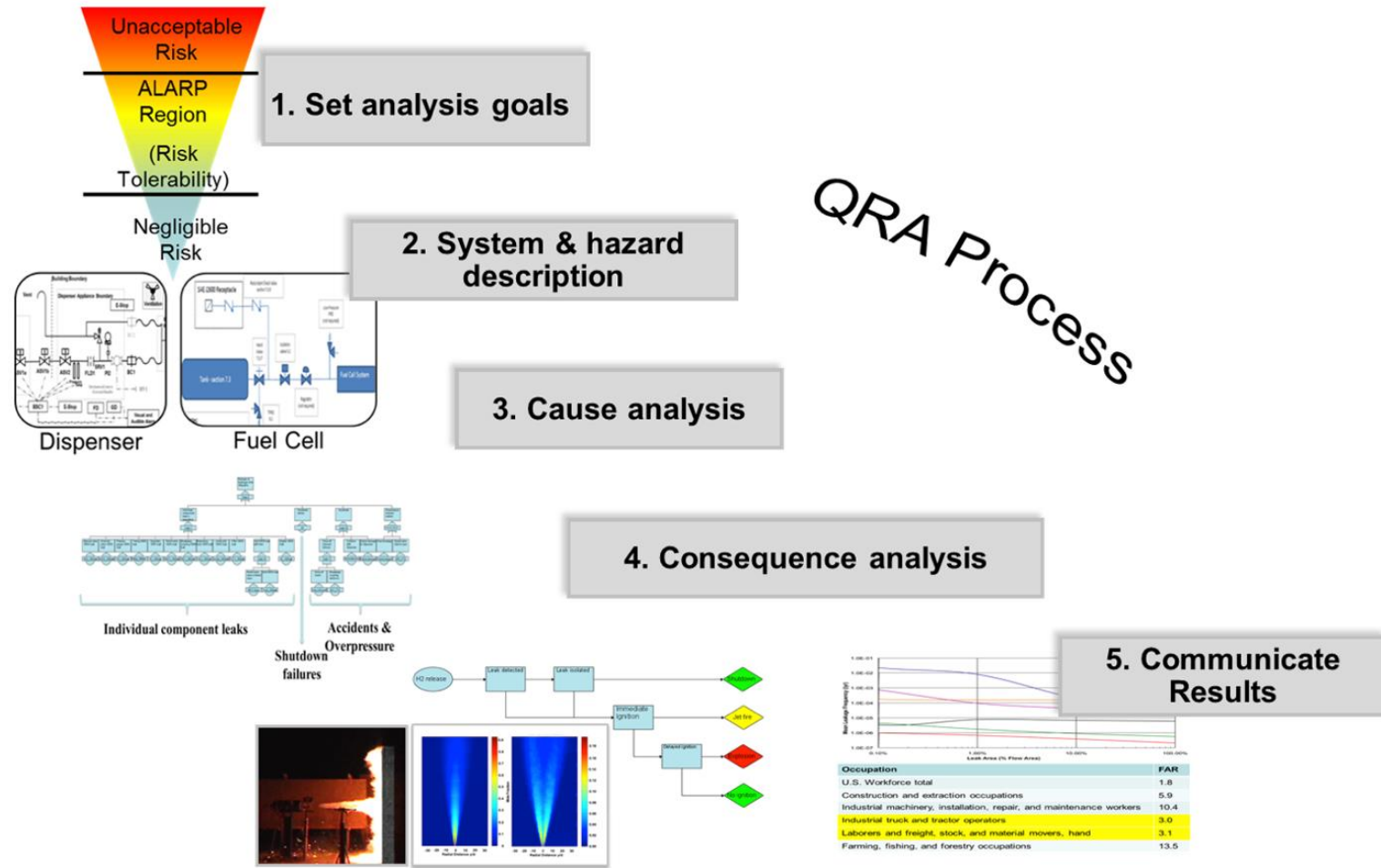


# Example Results: Gap Analysis

- Fast evolving landscape
- System gaps are pervasive
- Examples:
  - Effect of contamination
  - Flow and heat transfer problems
  - H2 effects on polymers and elastomers
  - H2 effects on non-ferrous alloys
  - Sensing and metering
  - Technoeconomic analysis gaps



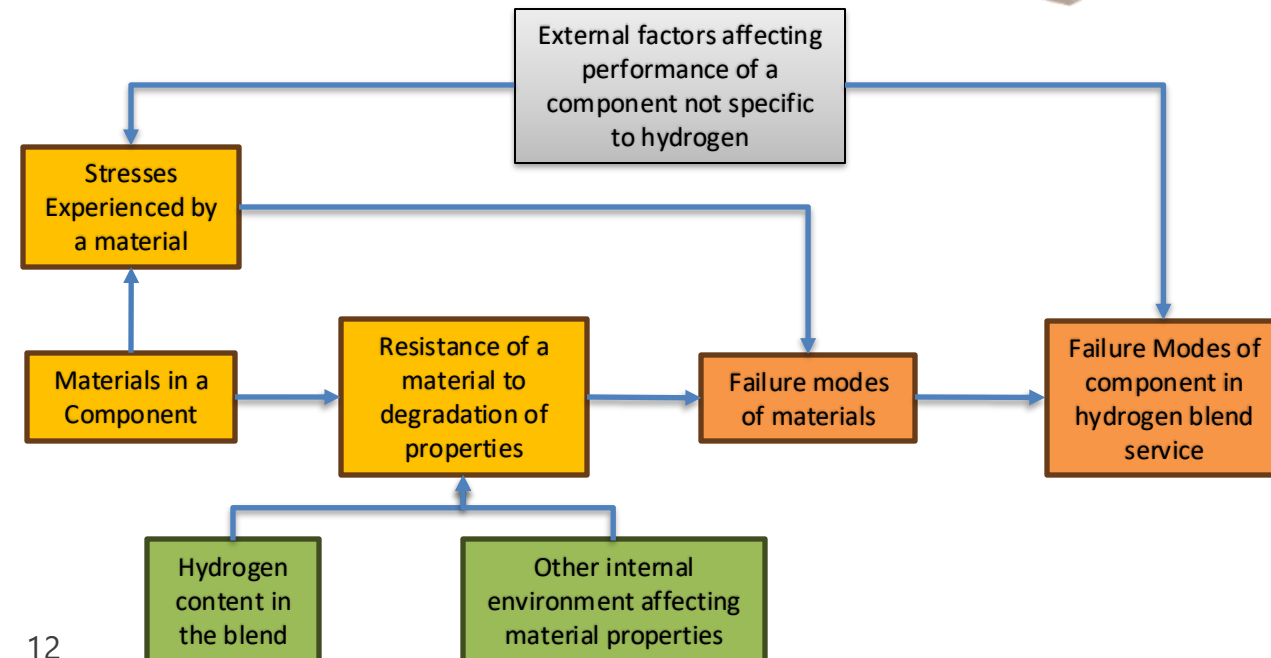
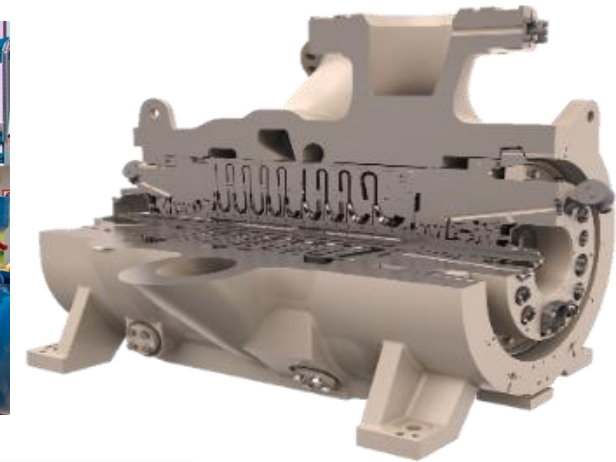
## Hydrogen Quantitative Risk Assessment



# Example Results: Component Modeling

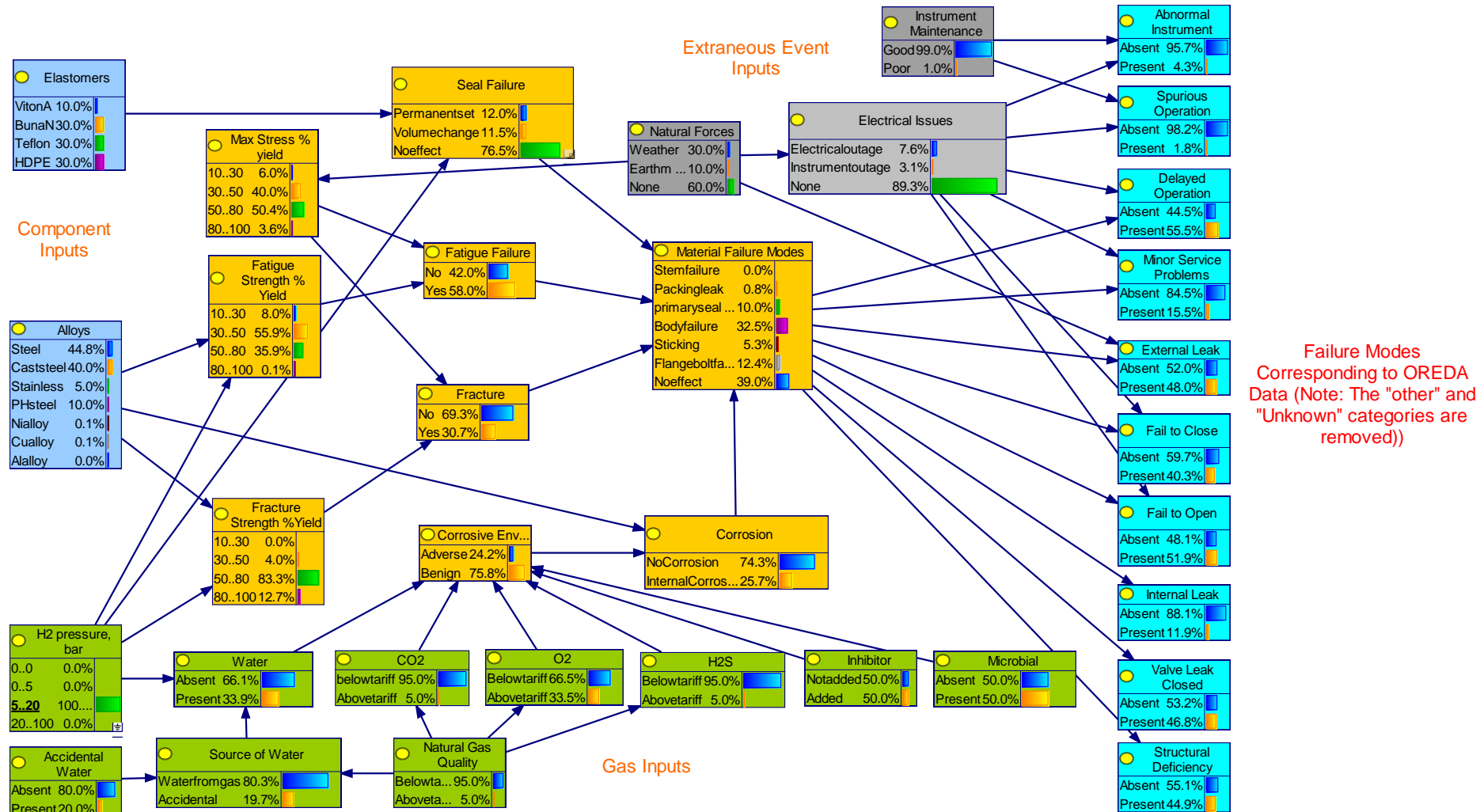
## Bayesian Belief Network Rationale

- Compressor and regulator stations have many components each made of many parts and materials
- Failure statistics of some components used in oil & gas industry exists (OREDA database), but not in hydrogen service
- Bayesian network is a convenient way to include knowledge of hydrogen effects



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## Example: BBN Model for Valves

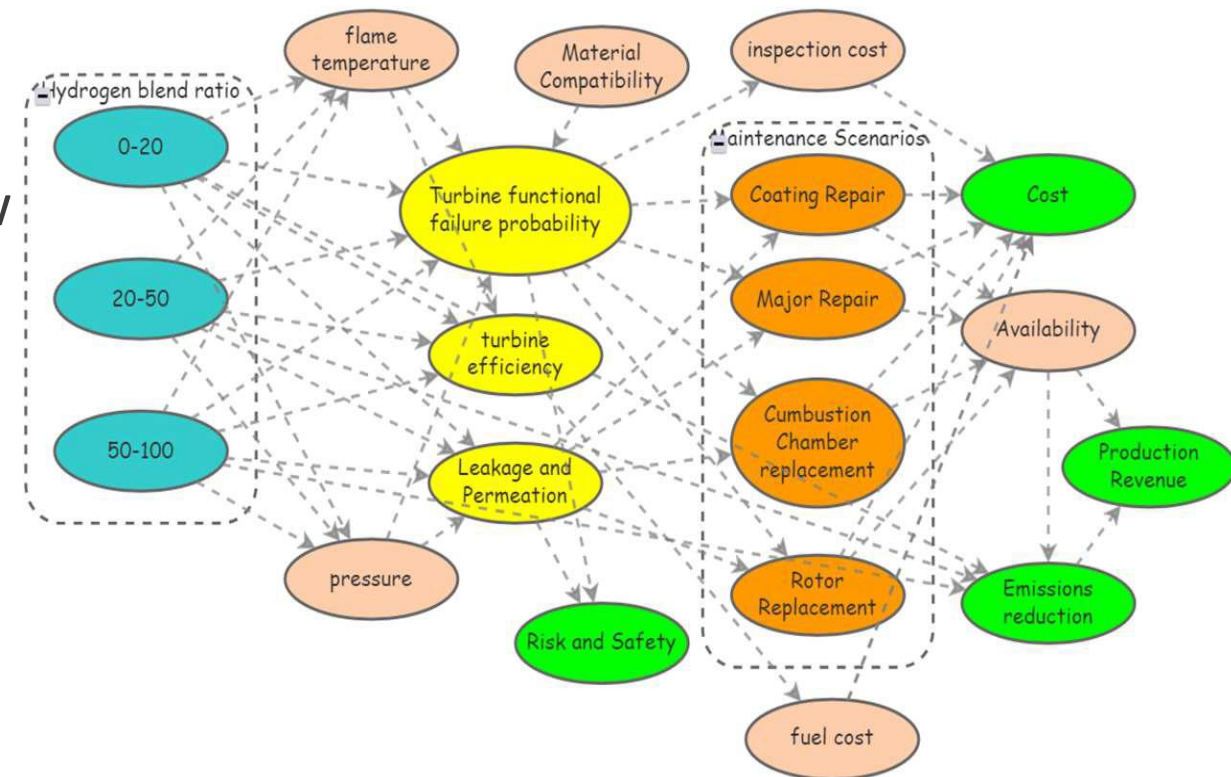


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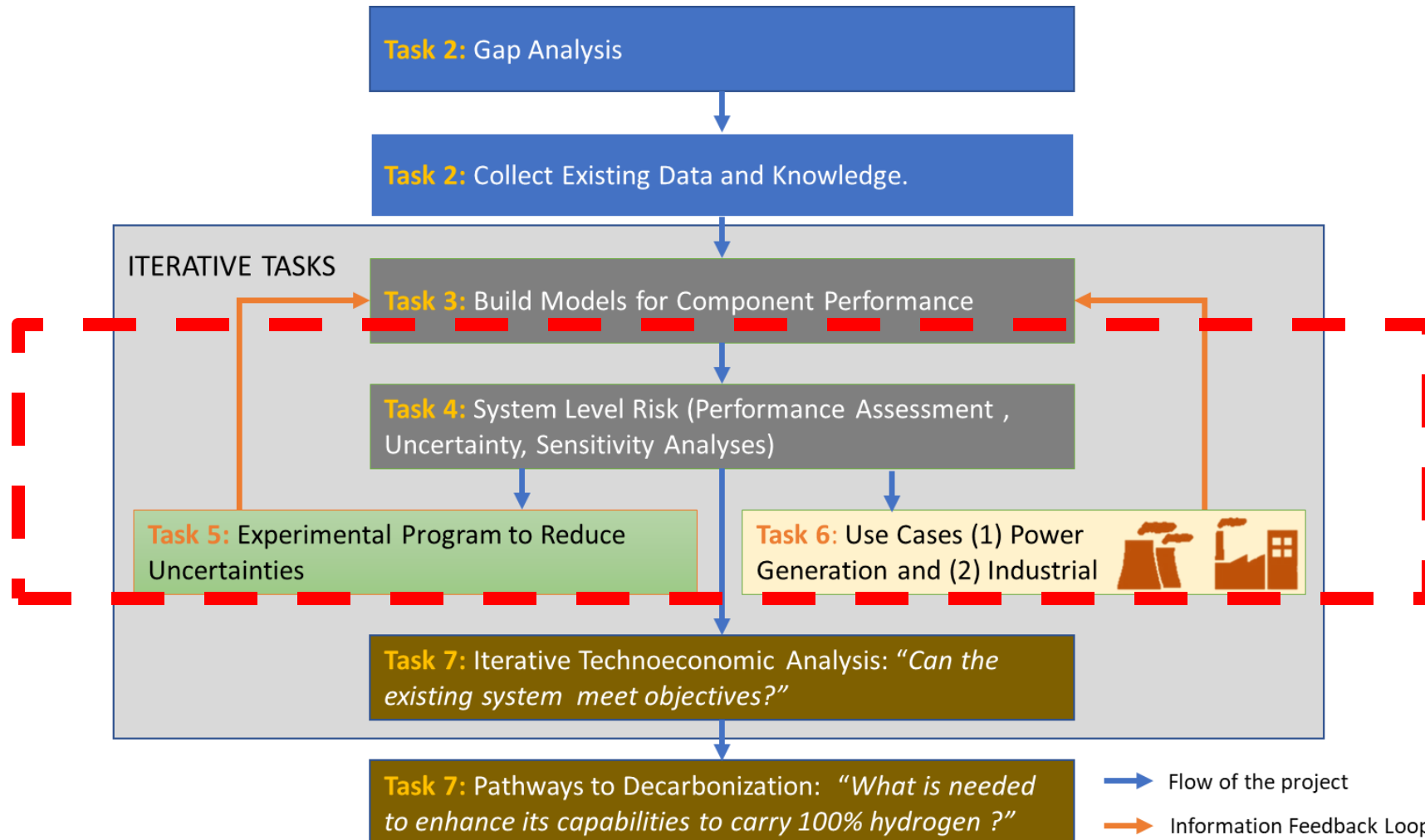
# Techno-Economic Analysis Framework

- Model to consider various blending levels and operational factors
- produce projected **risk, availability, efficiency, emission, and cost.**
- Built based on extensive literature review
- Major Steps
  - Develop component-level model.
  - Combine component-level into system-level model
  - To be applied to several pathways (scenarios)
  - Optimum pathway will be identified via multivariate optimization

Conceptual TEA Nodal Model



# Immediate Next Tasks



## Thank you

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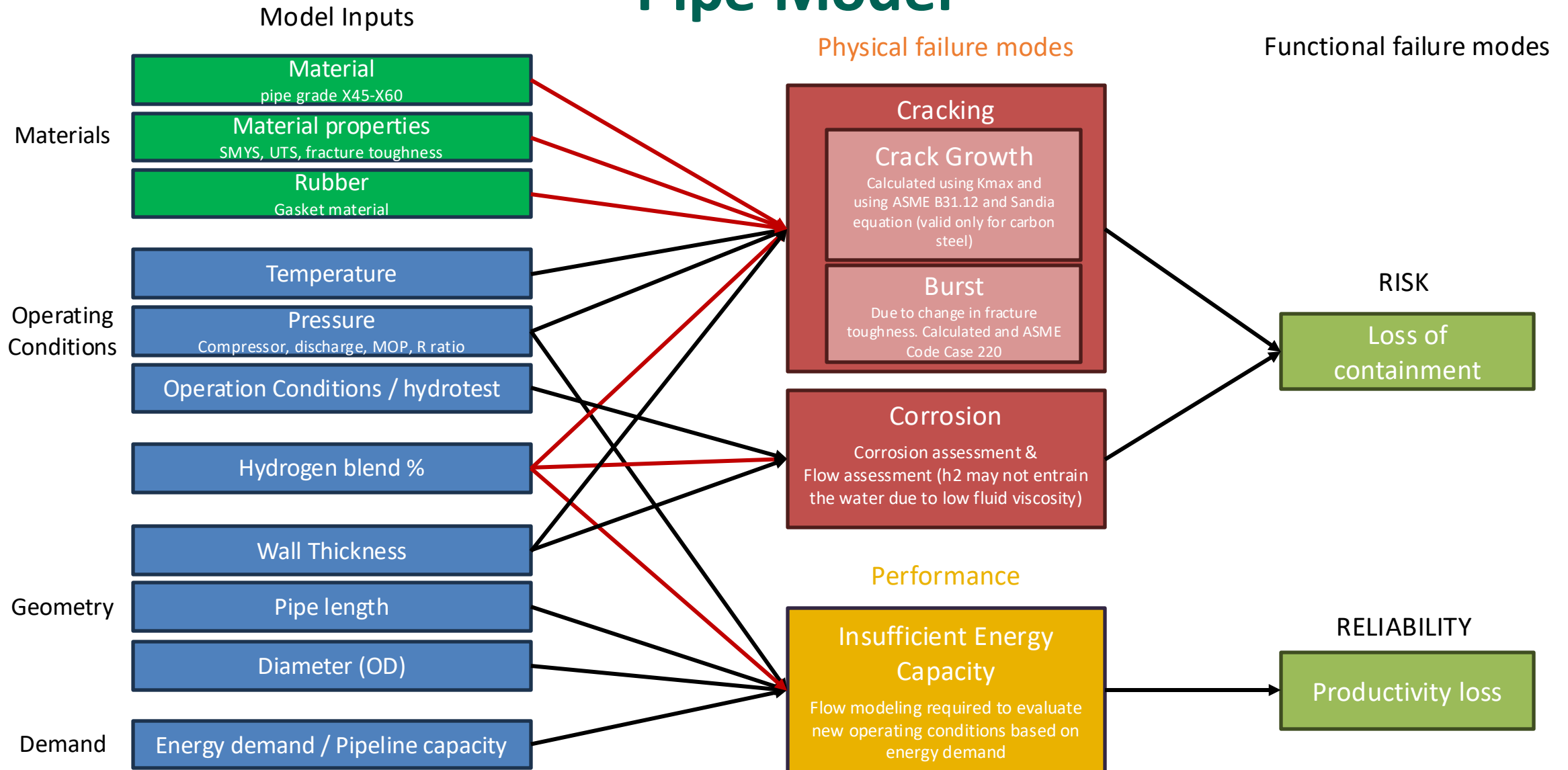
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## Pipe Model



# Calculation Results

	Abnormal instrument reading	Delayed operation	External Leakage - Process	External Leakage - Utility	Fail to Close on Demand	Fail to Open on demand	Internal Leakage	Valve leakage in closed position	Other	Minor in service problems	Spurious operation	Structural deficiency	Unknown
Percentage of failures from OREDA	3.41	9.1	21.59	5.68	2.28	36.38	4.55	1.14	5.68	6.83	1.14	1.14	1.14
BN Probabilities													
No hydrogen	4.3	12.5	12.3		15.8	19.1	4.4	13.1		8.9	1.8	9.3	
0 - 5 bar H2	4.3	32.9	29.6		25.9	34.7	8.3	29.1		13.7	1.8	26.6	
5 - 20 bar H2	4.3	62.5	48.8		42.5	51.1	19.4	48.1		15	1.8	43.8	
20 - 100 bar H2	4.3	67.5	57.6		47.8	61.2	13.9	55.8		16.9	1.8	54.5	
Number of failures reported in OREDA	3	8	24		2	32	4	1	4	6	1	1	2

Hydrogen increases the likelihood of various valve failure modes involving materials interactions

The failure probabilities for various modes do not add to 100% because in the BN, they are independent (but affected by some common factors)

# Project Team and Primary Responsibilities

Institution	Type	Form of Participation	Primary Role	CEC Funds	Match Fund
Univ Calif Los Angeles (UCLA)	Research and Education	Lead	Project Mgt, Test/Analysis	x	x
Sandia National Lab (SNL)	Research and Development	Partner	Test Program	x	
DNV	Research/Development/Service	Partner	Test and Analysis	x	x
Gas Technology Institute (GTI)	Research and Development	Partner	Test and Analysis	x	x
Univ Calif Irvine (UCI)	Research and Education	Partner	Test / Power Use Case	x	x
MCC	Consulting	Partner	Test and Analysis	x	x
System Safety LLC	Hydrogen Energy Consulting	Partner	Analysis	x	
Calif Steel Industries (CSI)	Industry	Support/Participation	Candidate Use Case		
Solar Turbine	Industry	Support/Participation	Candidate Use Case		x
CalPortland	Industry	Support/Participation	Candidate Use Case		
GraniteRock	Industry	Support/Participation	Industry Sector Use Case		
Emerging Fuels Institute (EFI) Pipeline Research Council International	Research and Development	Support/Participation	Domain Expertise		
SoCalGas	IOU	Support/Participation	Pipeline System/Blending		
PG&E	IOU	Support/Participation	Pipeline System/Blending		
Williams	Gas Pipeline Operator	Support/Participation	Data /Domain Expertise		x
Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)	Community-owned Electric Service	Support/Participation	Data /Domain Expertise		x

## Relevant Policies, Applications & Decisions since

- D.21-07-005: Directing California's four large gas utilities to propose system testing on the effects of hydrogen blended into methane at concentrations ranging from 0.1% to 20%
- A.22-09-006: Application from SoCalGas, SDG&E, and SWG for the creation of hydrogen blending demonstration projects by each utility.