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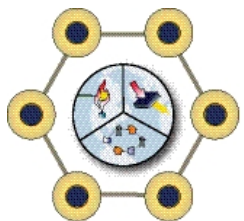
The attached presentation contains excerpts of a presentation on Power-to-Gas and renewable hydrogen. The most important slide is the second slide, which summarizes some topics that are important to consider as research, development and demonstration (RD&D) topics that deserve some attention. The following slides show some examples of RD&D accomplishments related to these topics.

*Additional submitted attachment is included below.*

# Evaluation of Renewable Hydrogen Power-to-Gas (P2G) in California

Renewable Hydrogen Production Workshop

California Energy Commission – Sacramento



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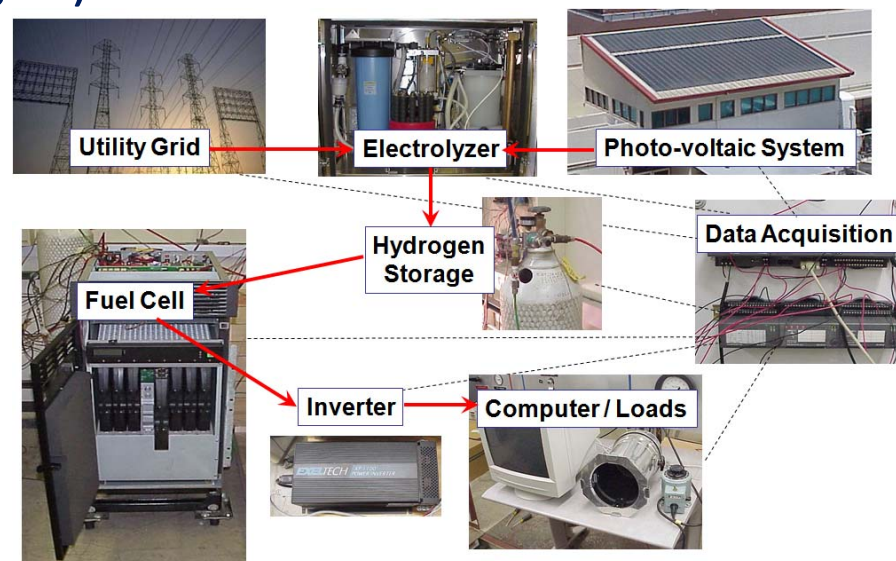
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# P2G RD&D Topics of Interest

## Some P2G Research, Development and Demonstration Topics

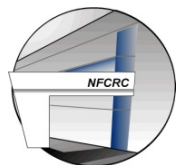
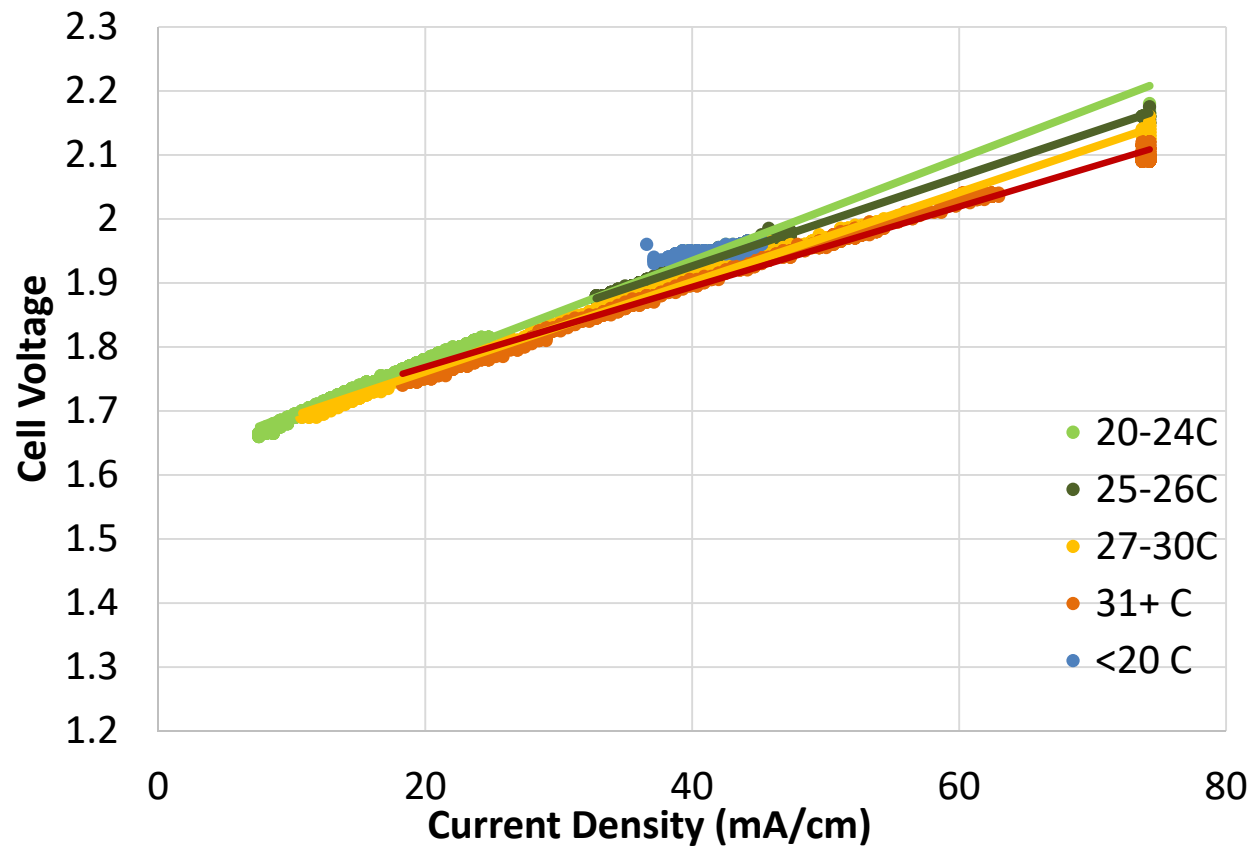
1. H<sub>2</sub> production dynamics by direct-DC connection to renewables
2. Hydrogen injection into existing natural gas distribution and/or transmission system infrastructure – assess leaks, mixing dynamics
3. Evaluation of leakage (both H<sub>2</sub>, NG, & H<sub>2</sub>/NG) mitigation strategies
4. Evaluate and advance novel new high efficiency electrolysis technologies (e.g., solid oxide, molten carbonate)
5. Simulation and experimental evaluation of pipeline materials impacts (e.g., embrittlement, fatigue)
6. Simulation of P2G impacts in the grid and microgrids
7. End-use conversion of P2G gases (H<sub>2</sub>, NG, & H<sub>2</sub>/NG blends)
8. Economic analyses



# P2G Accomplishment: Lab-Scale Electrolyzer Dynamics

## HOGEN-RE proton exchange membrane electrolyzer

- Performs best when hot (summer vs. winter)

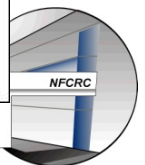
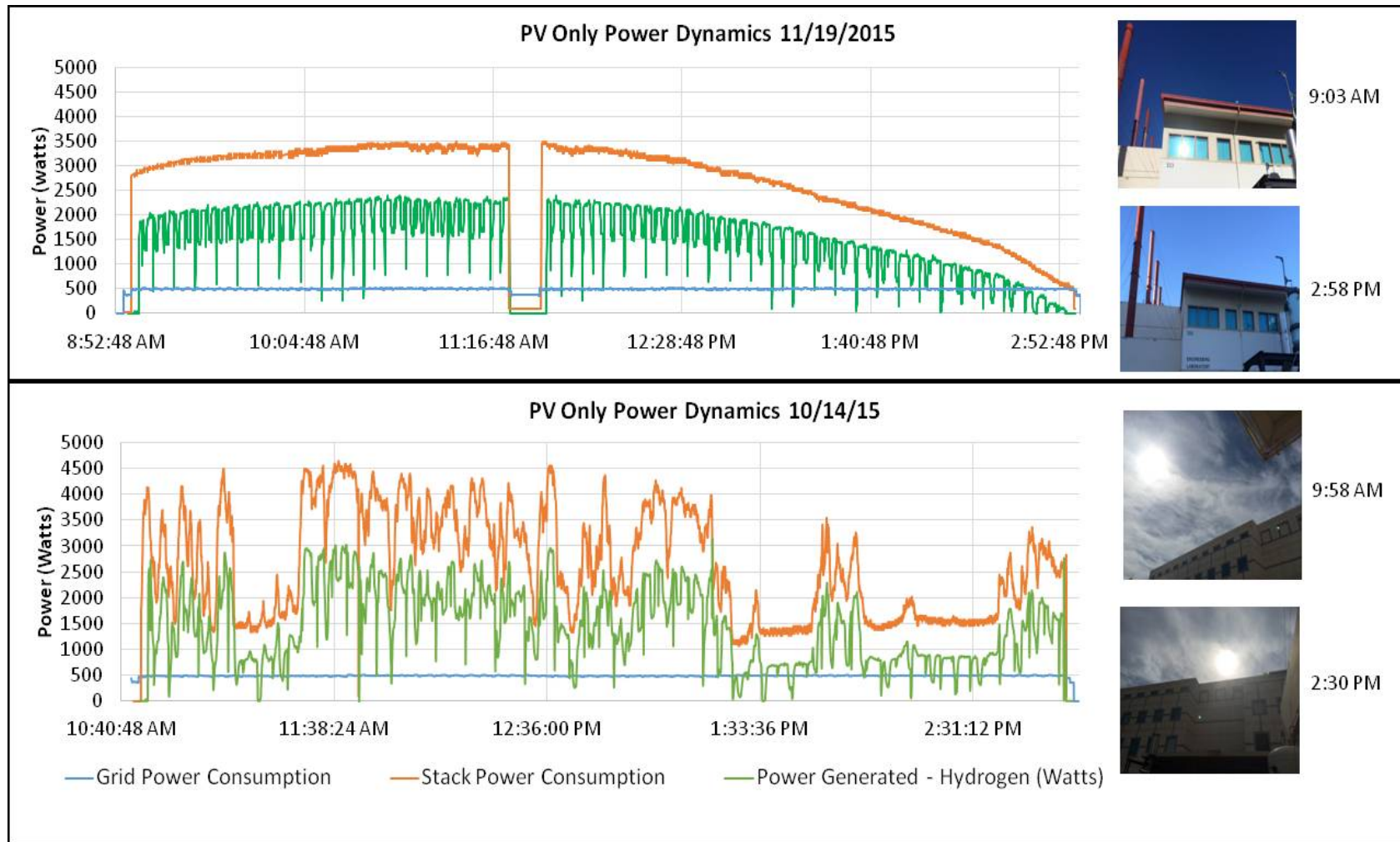




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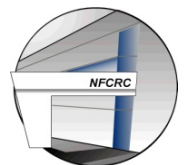
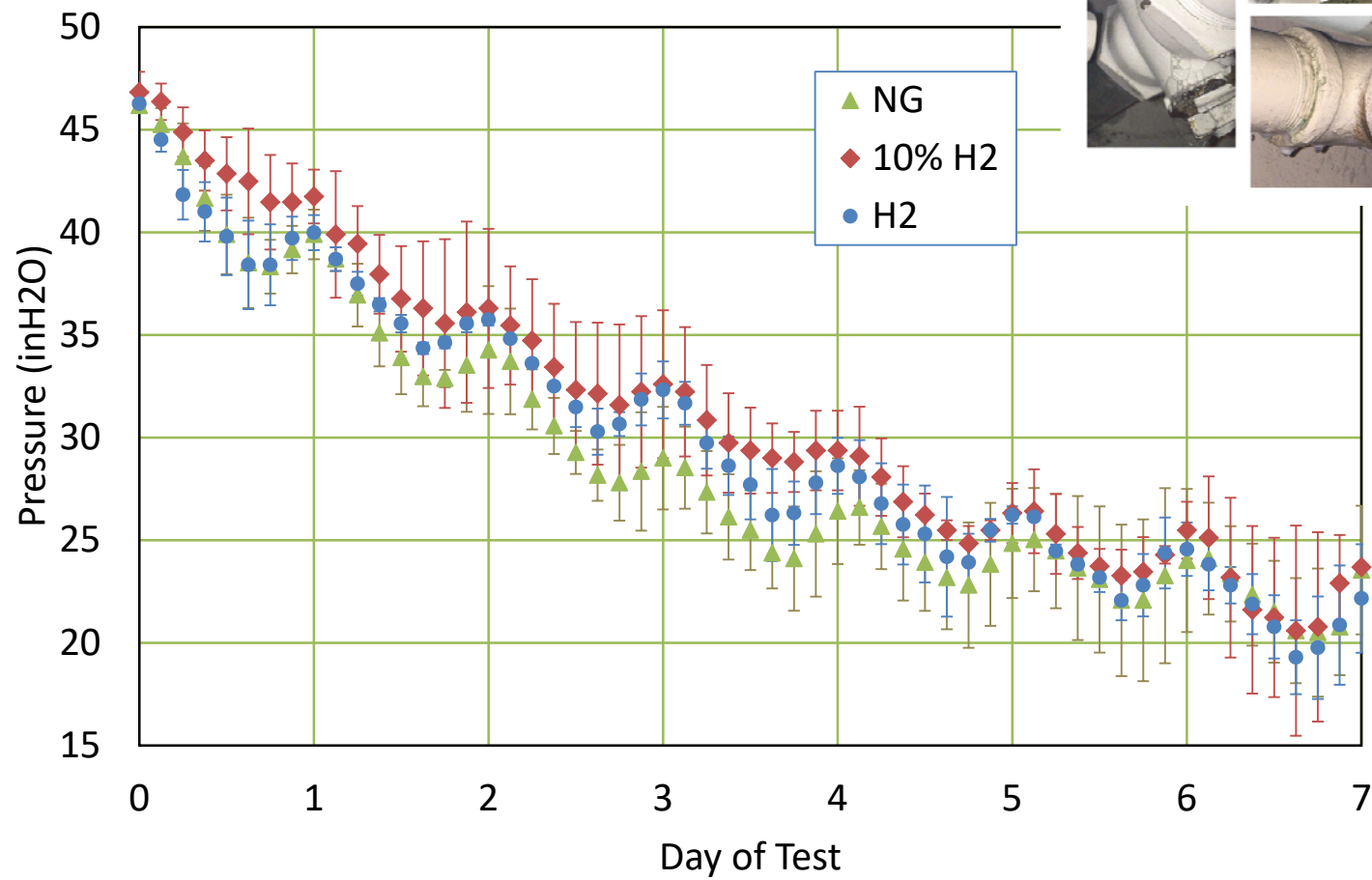
- Hydrogen production dynamics (with and without clouds)



# P2G Accomplishment: Hydrogen Pipeline Injection

## H2 injection into existing natural gas infrastructure (low pressure)

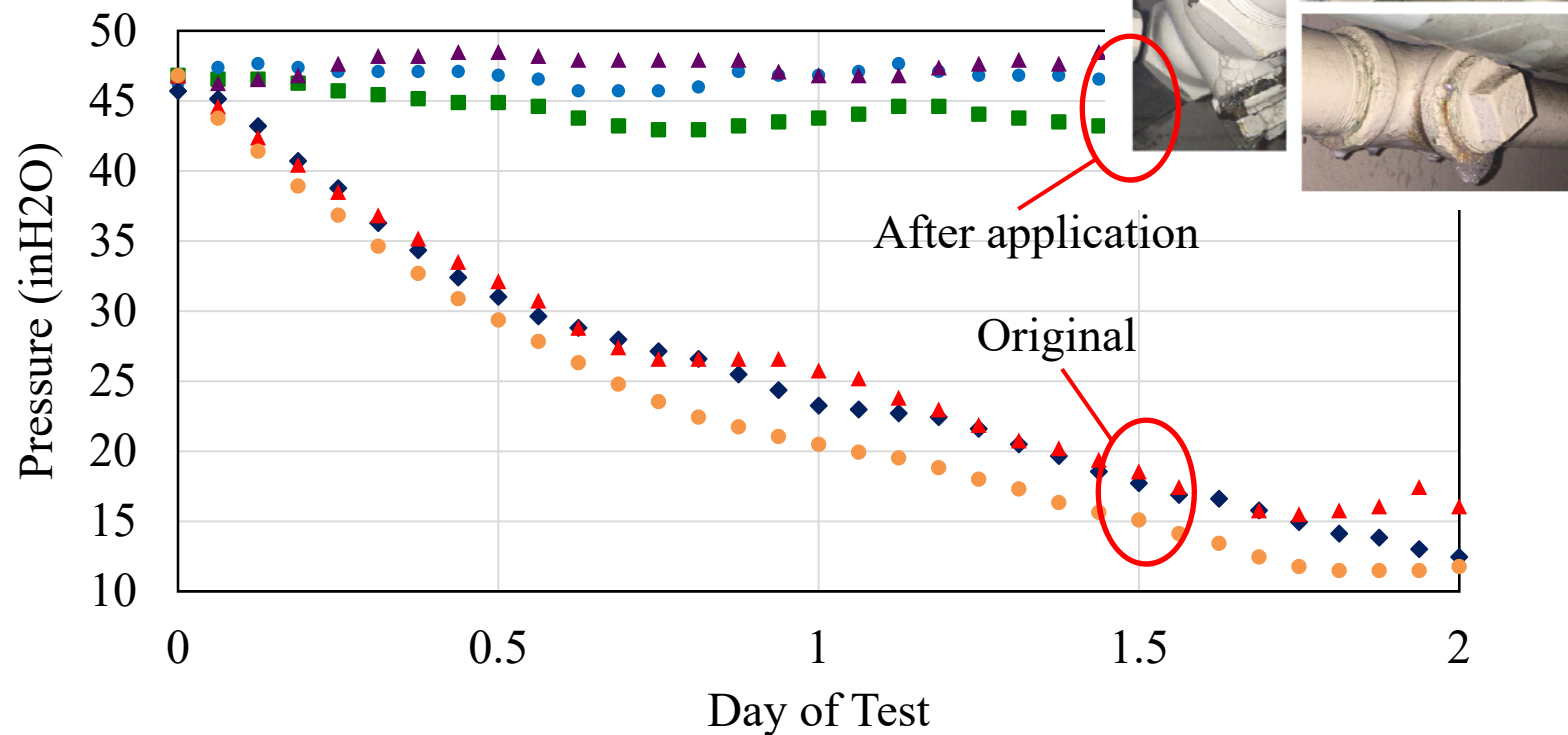
- NG, H2/NG mixtures, H2 leak at same rate



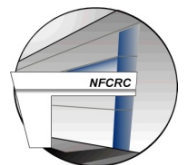
# P2G Accomplishment: Leak Mitigation Evaluation

## H2 injection into existing natural gas infrastructure (low pressure)

- Copper epoxy applied (Ace Duraflow®)



■ H2    ● 10%    ▲ NG    ◆ H2 - Original    ▲ NG - Original    ● 10% H2 - Original

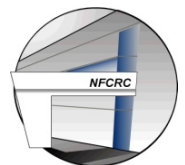
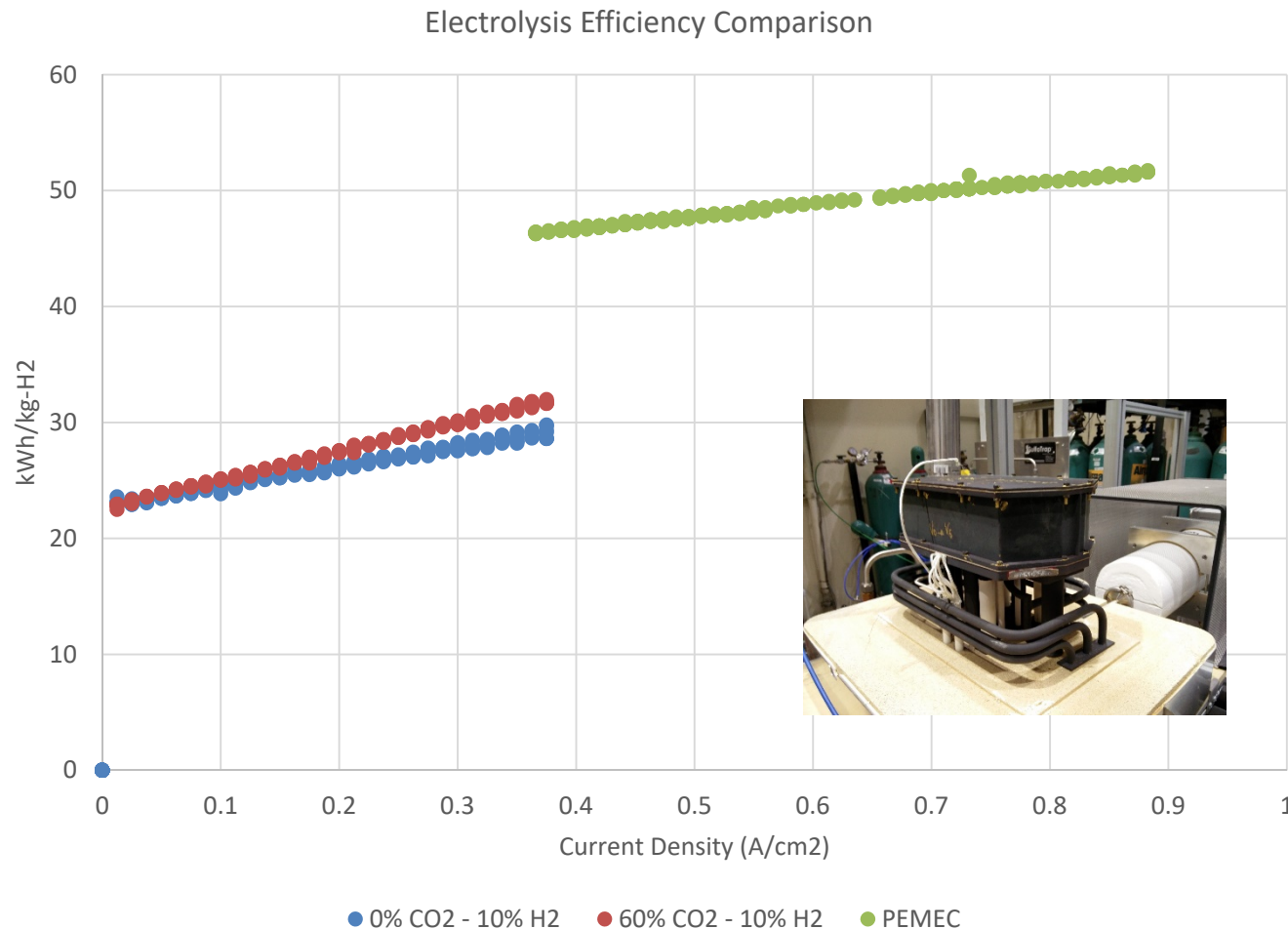




# P2G Accomplishment: Electrolysis Alternatives

## Solid Oxide Electrolysis and Co-Electrolysis

- Comparison to PEMFC (lower activation losses, higher ohmic losses)

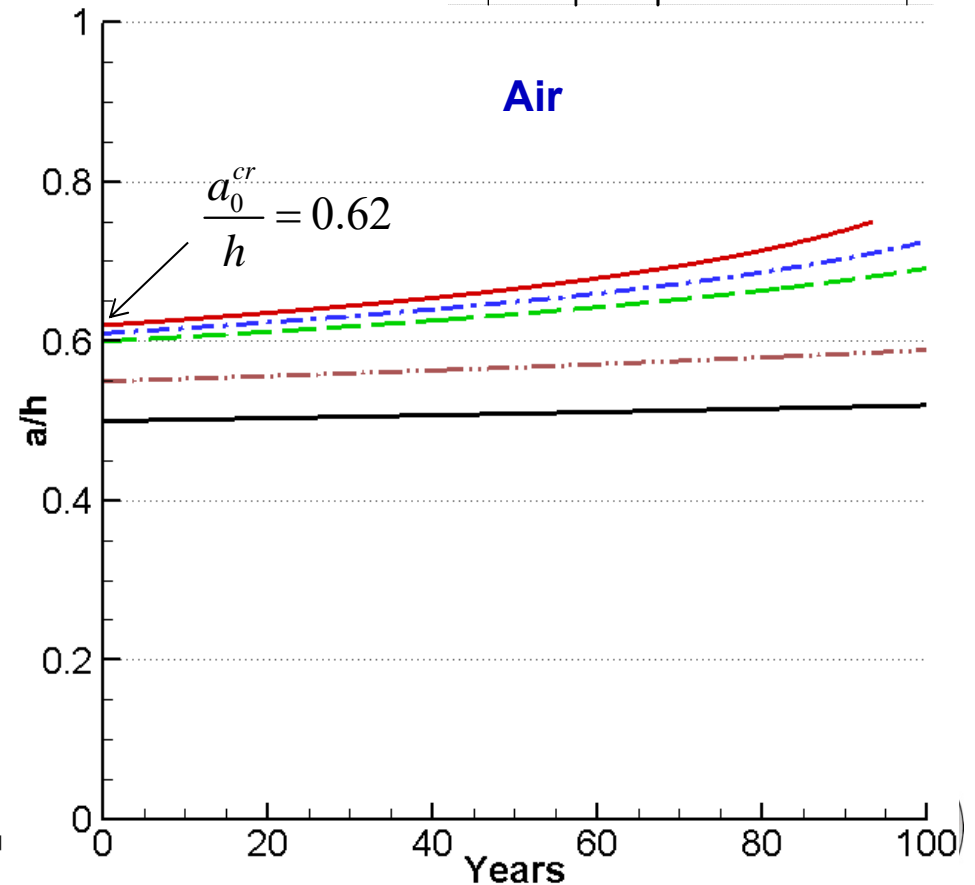
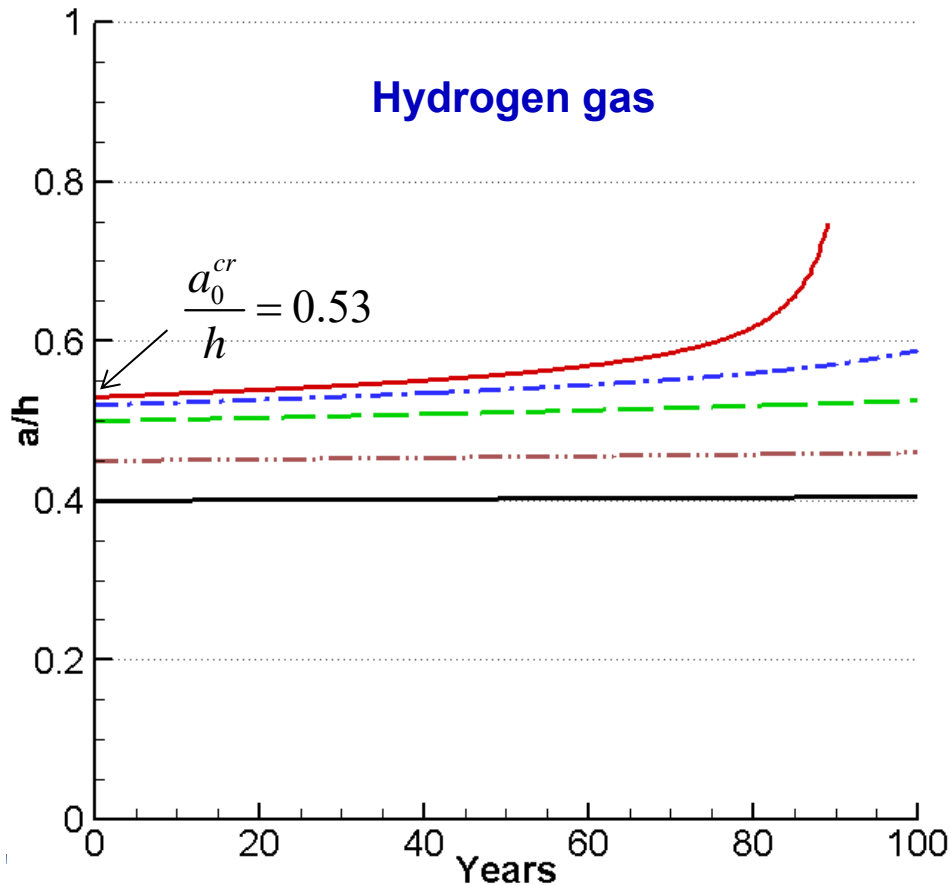
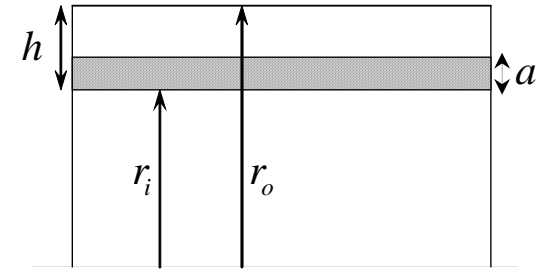


# P2G Accomplishment: Pipeline Materials Impacts

## Simulation of H2 embrittlement and fatigue crack growth with UIUC

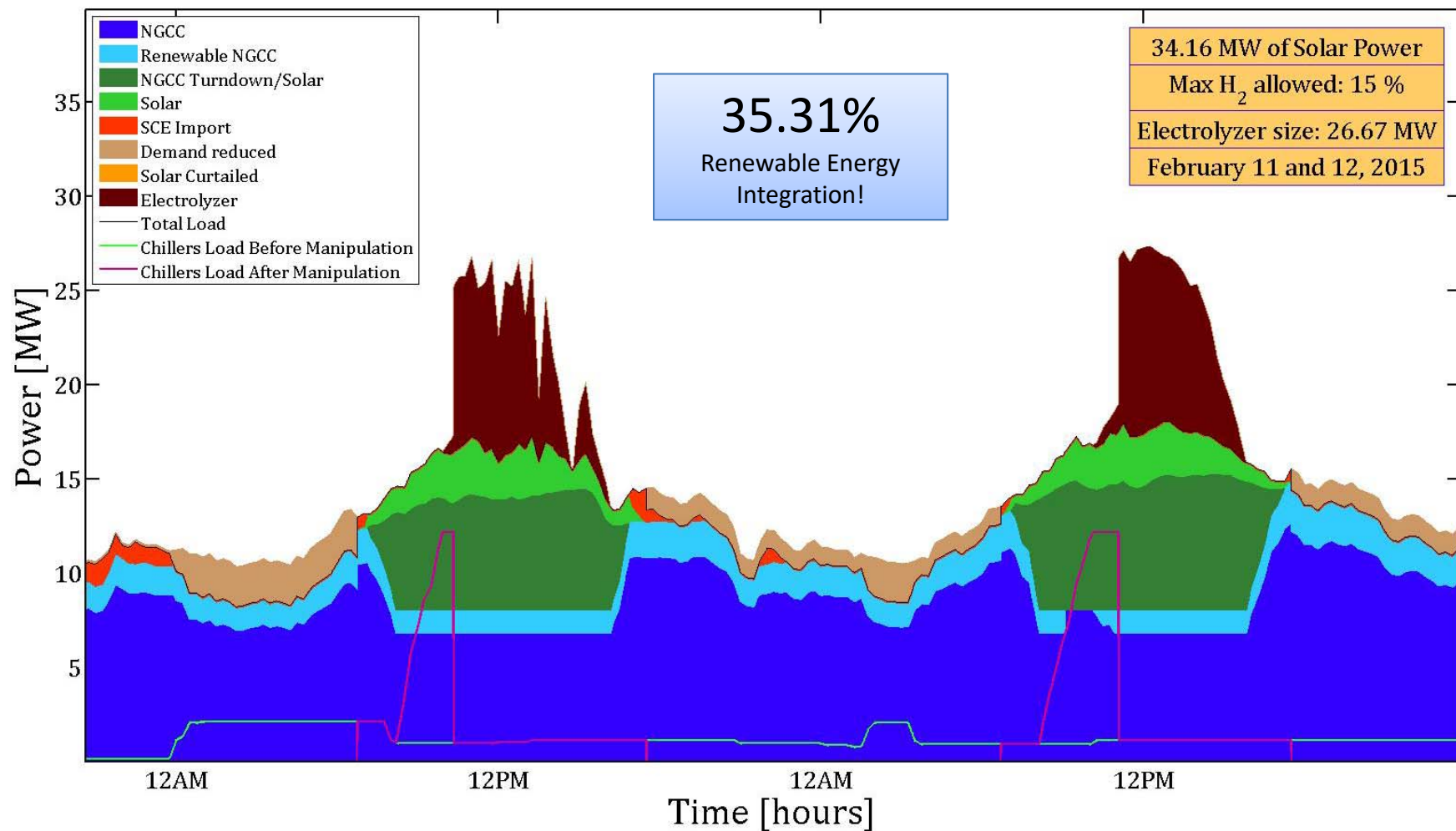
- Fatigue crack growth in 6" SoCalGas pipeline

**0.188" wall thickness:** ( $h = 0.188" = 4.8 \text{ mm}$ )



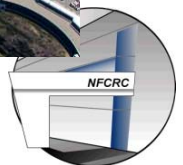
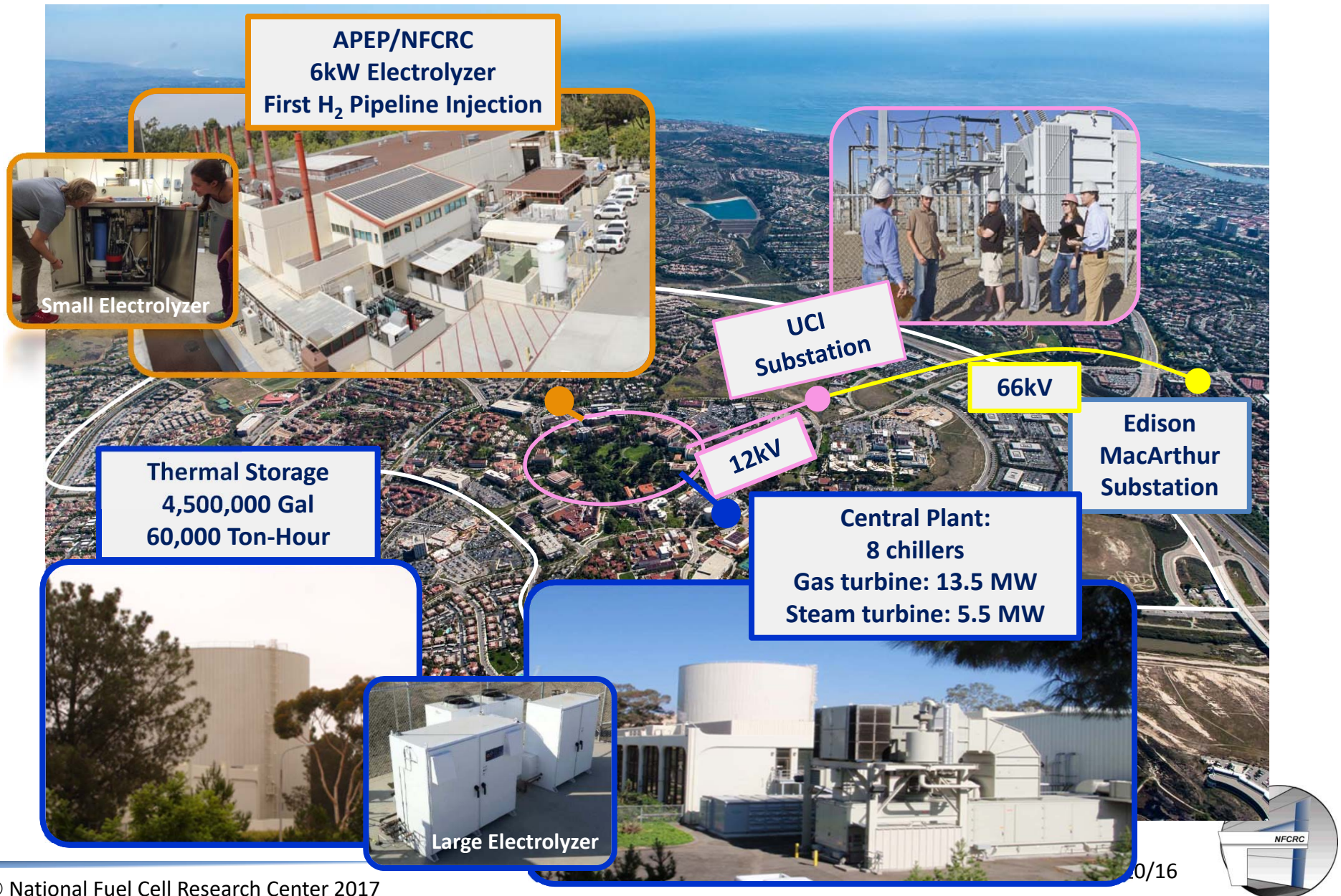
# P2G Accomplishment: UCI Microgrid Simulation

- P2G could significantly increase renewable percentage at UCI





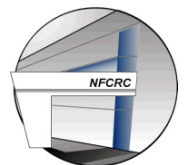
# P2G Accomplishment: Large Electrolyzer Deployment





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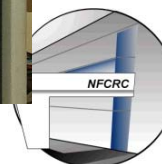




# P2G Accomplishment: Large Scale Electrolyzer

## Injection and combustion of H<sub>2</sub>/NG mixture in NGCC (400 psi line)

- ~0.24 volume % H<sub>2</sub> in natural gas



# P2G Accomplishment: Detailed Economic Analyses

## Levelized Cost of Returned Energy (LCORE)

- Future Costs & Efficiencies
- 50% capacity factor for all equipment

