



Recommendations:

- [1] Baseline - Patent SEARCH can be done at the beginning, arguably even prior to the first hypothesis (e.g. patent landscape search)
- [2] Hypothesis Feasibility - Patent SEARCH and OPINION can be done to test feasibility or refute hypothesis.
 - [a] Results also used for hindsight baselining – should be eligible.
- [3] Technical description (e.g. patent draft specification) can likely be started soon after patent search depending on the nature of technology.

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