



Repurposing Hydrocarbon Formations for Hydrogen Production costs ~\$0.50/kg.



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The hydrogen future is here now.



"Discoveries are often made by not following instructions, by going off the main road, by trying the untried." - Frank Tyger.



- NovelH₂Fuel's system's low-cost hydrogen gas production costs ~\$0.50/kg.
- Capital cost for eSteam technology is ~\$5 million for 10 MMBtu/hr system.
- Transformative downhole eSteam technology produces hydrogen gas from repurposed, hydrocarbon formations.
- eSteam technology generates high-temperature steam not less than 930°F to thermally crack the hydrocarbon chain to release hydrogen gas produced from an insitu underground reaction vessel created in the hydrocarbon formations.
- No competition first-of-its-kind downhole eSteam technology for hydrogen gas production from hydrocarbon formations, e.g., coal, heavy oil, oil sands, light oil, and shale oil.
- Equipment includes proven downhole steam technology, skid-mounted plant with separation membranes to deliver 99% pure hydrogen gas to the storage tanks.
- Inflation Reduction Act hydrogen tax credit of \$3.00/kg offsets taxable income.
- California's Low-Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) tax credit for hydrogen gas is worth about \$0.65/kg.
- Generates carbon credit and/or Emissions Reduction Credit (ERC) revenue from emission offset buyers.
- Canadian operators costly per barrel carbon tax is avoided.



SOLUTION – DOWNHOLE STEAM TECHNOLOGY PRODUCES HYDROGEN GAS

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Low-cost hydrogen gas production costs ~\$0.50/kg.

- 70% efficient electrolytic technology cost ~\$7.20 kWh per kg of hydrogen. Requires about 48.3 kWh of grid electricity to produce 1 kg of hydrogen. \$0.15 kWh x 48.3 kWh of grid electricity.
- Viable alternative to expensive electrolytic technology cost as high as ~\$16.80/kg hydrogen from renewable solar and/or wind energy according to a report from S&P Global Commodity Insights in July 2022.
- The thermal cracking hydrocarbons does not present the emissions of polluting gases achieving a high degree of H₂ purity.

eSteam technology is capable to produce hydrogen gas at a very large-scale. Calculations for a hypothetical hydrocarbon formations with 32 million tonnes of remaining oil show that the production of 125+ tonnes of hydrogen gas per day could be possible.

Capital cost for the 10 MMBtu/hr eSteam H₂ system is \$5 million.

- Produces low-carbon hydrogen gas and eliminates the threat of stranded hydrocarbon assets.
- eSteam produces hydrogen gas produced from an underground reaction vessel created by a minimum 930°F temperature steam in the formations.
- Hydrocarbon formations can be repurposed to produce low-cost hydrogen gas for ~\$0.50/kg.
- Canadian operators costly carbon tax is avoided.
- Green hydrogen gas operates the eSteam system that avoids CO2 emissions.
- Minimal maintenance that helps reduce costly downtime – no moving parts downhole.
- Thermal fluid heater is scalable up to 120 MMBtu/hr.

eSteam is a transformational hydrogen gas production technology that is in a "class by itself" and therefore "unique and innovative"

From the oil age to carbon neutrality ... eSteam hydrogen technology's aim is to inspire oil and gas companies to repurpose hydrocarbons for hydrogen gas production to help them achieve decarbonization and reach net-zero emissions by 2050.

eSteam technology is a novel, simple, and transformative proven downhole steam technology to repurpose hydrocarbons for hydrogen gas production.

Getting to NET-ZERO EMISSIONS by 2050



SOLUTION – Transformative eSteam technology produces low-cost hydrogen gas



Introduction

eSteam low-carbon hydrogen gas production technology generates 930° F high-quality steam that thermally cracks the hydrocarbon chain releases H₂ and simultaneously stores CO2 in the formation.

eSteam is a state-of-the-art clean energy technology for in-situ hydrogen gas production that meets Paris climate targets for net-zero emissions by 2050 and eliminates risk of 'stranded hydrocarbons.'

Existing Hydrogen Processes

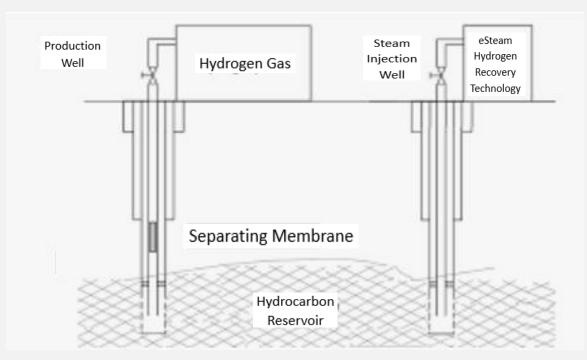
- Steam-Methane Reforming is a well-established technology producing hydrogen;
- Expensive electrolytic technology from renewable energy, i.e., solar and wind energy.

eSteam technology Process Summary

- Requires injection/production wells (can be one well huff & puff);
- Steam injection phase begins;
- Continuous steam injection of 930°F temperature causing thermal cracking of the hydrocarbon chain in hydrogen-rich formations;
- Steam injection is stopped;
- · Production well is opened, and hydrogen gas is allowed to produce;
- Production well has unique semi-permeable membrane (SPM) for CO2 sequestered in-situ and only allows hydrogen gas production;
- Steam cycle is repeated.

eSteam Technology Advantages

- · Produces pure low-carbon hydrogen gas from hydrocarbons;
- Sequesters CO2 in the formations;
- Eliminates the threat of stranded hydrocarbon assets.





VALUE PROPOSITION



eSteam low-cost hydrogen gas will be extremely profitable.

- Low-cost hydrogen gas production costs \sim \$0.50/kg. Capital cost for eSteam's 10 MMBtu/hr H₂ system is \$5 million.
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 - California's Low-Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) tax credit is worth about \$0.65/kg.
- Inflation Reduction Act hydrogen tax credit of \$3.00/kg.
- High-temperature 930°F steam is injected into hydrogen-rich formations causing thermal cracking of the hydrocarbon chain to release hydrogen.
- Canadian operators costly per barrel carbon tax is avoided.
- No competition First-of-its-kind steam-enhanced hydrogen gas production system from hydrocarbon formations.
- Hydrogen gas production leverages existing energy assets by repurposing orphaned or idle wells.
- California and Canadian operators have existing thermally completed wells in which to insert the eSteam technology thereby avoiding the cost of new wells.
- Very economical and environmentally-friendly compared to steam methane reforming grey hydrogen used for industry feedstock.

Lower Costs = Higher Profit Margins

eSteam technology achieves the lowest hydrogen gas production cost in the industry.

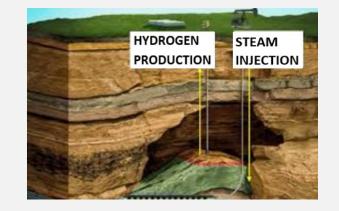
eSteam technology is committed to delivering best-in-class, low-cost hydrogen gas ~\$0.50/kg.

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- Mission Statement: Seamlessly integrate the eSteam hydrogen recovery technology to provide cost-effective solution.
- Company's Motto: Achieve the lowest cost hydrogen gas production.

Long-Term Vision is to help the oil industry transition to a decarbonized economy with low cost, low-carbon hydrogen gas production.





- Low CapEx \$5 million for each 10 MMBtu/hr. turnkey system.
- Low-cost hydrogen gas production is ~\$0.50/kg.
- ~930°F high-quality steam delivered in hydrocarbon formation.
- In-situ thermal cracking the hydrocarbon chain releases hydrogen gas.
- Steam methane reforming alternative in underground hydrocarbon formation.
- Tolerates brackish water and reduces H2O treatment cost.
- Off-the-shelf proven equipment
- Hydrocarbons include natural gas, coal, shale oil, heavy oil, oilsands, and light oil.
- Hydrogen gas operates the zero-emission eSteam system.
- No competition producing H2 from subterranean hydrocarbon formations.
- Generates carbon credit revenue.
- IRA hydrogen tax credit is \$3/kg.
- California's Low Carbon tax credit is ~\$0.65/kg.
- Canada's hydrogen Investment Tax Credit (ITC) provides subsidies for H2 equipment.

NovelH₂Gas **Best-in-Class** System is a Transformative Green Hydrogen Technology for ~\$0.50/kg.

What to do with the unextractable fossil fuels in a 1.5 °C world By 2050: 60% of oil and natural gas would have to be left in the ground in order to meet the Paris target The demand for lowcarbon Hydrogen increases by ≈ 60X

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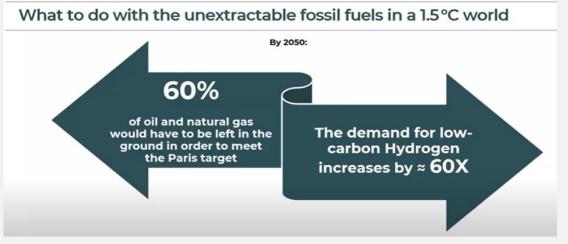
BENEFITS of Downhole eSteam Technology for Hydrogen Gas Production



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- No competition for proven downhole steam technology producing H2 from subterranean hydrocarbon formations.
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- California's Low Carbon tax credit is ~\$0.65/kg.
- Canada's Clean Hydrogen Investment Tax Credit (ITC) provides direct subsidies for capital costs associated with equipment purchase to produce green hydrogen.



eSteam technology is a novel, simple, and transformative proven downhole steam technology for hydrogen gas production in hydrogen-rich hydrocarbon formations. NovelH₂Fuel's transformative downhole eSteam technology extracts low-cost hydrogen gas in hydrogen-rich hydrocarbon formations for a cost of ~\$0.50/kg.



An alternative use of hydrocarbon reserves is to convert them into a source of clean hydrogen gas.

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eSteam is a low-cost hydrogen gas production technology for hydrocarbon formations.

There are four main sources for the commercial production of hydrogen: natural gas, oil, coal, and electrolysis; which account for 48%, 30%, 18% and 4% of the world's hydrogen production, respectively.

As public pressure is rising to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, global leaders are grappling with how to best take on this unprecedented challenge, which has spurred renewed interest in hydrogen. One novel approach is to extract hydrogen from hydrogen-rich oil formations.

eSteam is a low-cost hydrogen gas production technology from hydrogen-rich hydrocarbon formations costs ~\$0.50/kg.

eSteam is an extremely low-cost hydrogen gas production technology compared to a 70% efficient electrolytic technology which cost about \$7.20 kWh per kg of hydrogen.

Hydrogen gas is produced from hydrocarbon formations by thermally cracking the hydrocarbon chain.

The hydrocarbon reservoir acts as the underground reaction vessel dramatically reducing the capital for surface equipment.



Oil companies are looking to transition their business, and hydrogen gas production in hydrocarbon formations is a natural fit.



Steam injection produces hydrogen gas in hydrocarbon formations.

TECHNOLOGY METRICS AND CO₂ ABATEMENT



Summary of Features Hydrogen Production Technologies	Novel H ₂ Fuel	Competitor #1 Electrolysis with Renewable Solar Energy	Competitor #2 Electrolysis with kWh Electricity From the Grid	Competitor #3 Steam Methane Reforming
Hydrogen cost/kg	~\$0.50/kg	As high as \$16.80/kg	~\$7.20/kg	~\$1.80/kg
CapEx and OpEx	Very Low	High	Extremely High	Extremely High
System Efficiency	~95%	~70%	~70%	~74%
Fuel Source	Hydrogen Gas	Electricity from Solar Energy	Electricity from the Grid	Natural Gas and Electricity
CO ₂	No	No	No	Yes

DOE launches \$1B plan to drive demand for clean hydrogen

7/06/2023

The Biden administration's broader plans for hydrogen — which include making lowcarbon versions of the fuel as cheap as emissions-intensive, natural-gas-derived types [Steam Methane Reforming] as soon as 2031 — still face significant challenges.

https://www.eenews.net/articles/doe-launches-1b-plan-to-drive-demand-for-cleanhydrogen



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CO2 Comparison for Hydrogen Gas Production Technologies						
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CO2 Comparison	Gas	Solar Energy	Electricity	Steam Methane Reforming		
Energy Used	0	0	49 kwh	MMBtu		
Factor	N/A	N/A	0.533606 lb/kWh	53.02 kg CO2/MMBtu		
CO2 Emissions (mt)	0	0	0.0576	0.0090		
				4.5 cubic meter gas to produce		
lb	26.146694			1 kg Hydrogen Gas		
kg	57.64300159			1 MMBtu=26.8 cubic meters		
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EQUIPMENT SITE PLAN





USE OF FUNDS



Novel B Fuel Hydrogen Recovery in Hydrocarbon Reservoir	
Technology Budget	
Total Use of Funds	\$ 5,000,000
Hard Costs	\$ 4,172,500
Soft Costs Engineering and Design	244,000
Petroleum Engineer	90,000
Oil field service company	143,000
Legal	25,000
Insurance	25,500
Future Energy LLC	300,000
Total Use of Funds	\$ 5,000,000





BUDGET - \$5 MILLION

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ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE (ESG)

The global race for clean hydrogen means new geopolitical realities.

If the 1990s were the decade of wind, the 2000s the decade of solar, and the 2010s the decade of batteries, the 2020s could launch us toward a next frontier of the energy transition: hydrogen. Hardly a week goes by without a major new hydrogen project or breakthrough. In just the past five years, more than 30 countries have developed or started to prepare national hydrogen strategies (IEA 2022). The Paris climate goals have been a key driver to shift to greener fuels.

Hydrogen battles

The pathway for clean hydrogen growth remains contentious, however. Two primary fault lines have emerged: how to produce it and in which sectors to deploy it.

Future Energy LLC has been involved in the development of California heavy oil projects for over 30-years. We are bringing a transformative zero-emission green technology that is a first-of-its-kind carbon-neutral hydrogen production technology branded as eSteam[™].

What sets Future Energy apart is our novel green technology will help oil and companies to achieve reduced emissions. Future Energy's green technology will help oil companies diversify into carbon-neutral hydrogen production and generate carbon credit revenue to achieve higher net revenue. NovelH₂Fuel system will help Canadian operators avoid the costly carbon tax. NovelH₂Fuel system is an extremely low CapEx and OpEx. NovelH₂Fuel system helps oil companies offset their greenhouse gas emissions, to achieve decarbonization and net-zero emissions by 2050.

Future Energy is pleased to support Social Contract value and is building a purpose driven technology license business that can help operators successfully implement our green technology to enhance their objectives to help them achieve Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) standards that safeguard the environment. We desire to help the community's citizens health and well-being to provide the societal benefits to the environment by improving air quality, reducing water consumption, and maintaining high paying jobs improving the local economy.











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Oil companies are looking to transition their business, and hydrogen gas production in hydrogen-rich hydrocarbon formations is a natural fit.





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APPENDICES



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PROBLEMS with in-situ combustion WILL NOT be successful to produce hydrogen gas.



- The main obstacle will be achieving a temperature of 500°C or 930°F.
- Due to gravity override of the injected gases, the combustion front may not advance uniformly in the vertical direction. Hence, the sweep efficiency may be reduced by the preferential flow of the gases to one or more wells of the pattern.
 - Requires a combustion front into immobile oil, and this causes much lower oxygen injectivity rates.
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 - A challenge is overcoming the limitations of low sweep efficiency of the combustion heat.
 - A big disadvantage is the high-cost air compressor units to create oxygen to be injected into the reservoir to maintain the fire.
 - Another big disadvantage is the high concentration of nitrogen, NOx, CO2, CO, and unreacted O2 that needs to be mitigated at the surface in high-cost separation equipment and subsequently disposed or sequestered that adds significant additional cost.
 - A stable combustion needs not only a reasonable gas injection speed but also a matching exhaust speed, otherwise, the combustion effect will inevitably be affected.
 - Low process control resulting in poor sweep efficiency and adversely affecting the ignition of the insitu fire.
 - X The question most frequently asked is where the in-situ combustion front is located.
 - X The biggest challenge is to achieve 500°C or 930°F heat to produce large amounts of hydrogen.
 - Another challenge is the yield efficiency, i.e., amount of hydrogen extracted per amount of oxygen injected.



ISC began in the early 1920s for heavy oil viscosity reduction, but its inefficiency was superseded by a once- through steam generator (OTSG) in the early 1960s that are still being used today.







RESEARCHER'S HYDROGEN FOCUS IS IN-SITU COMBUSTION

In-situ combustion WILL NOT be successful to produce hydrogen gas from hydrocarbon formations.







How much hydrogen can be produced using this process?

What key factors control hydrogen production using this process?

How do you model in-situ hydrogen production from oil and gas reservoirs?

1. Conceptualize the process. Modified existing oil and gas production process

Chemistry of hydrogen production (thermal reaction properties)

Repurposing Oil and Gas Reservoirs for Blue Hydrogen Production

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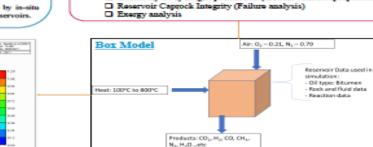
What we know

Hydrogen is critical to achieving the NetZero Target set by the UK government in 2050.

- There has been concerted efforts to produce more hydrogen from renewable sources (green hydrogen) to reduce the impact on the environment. The arguments have been that hydrogen produced from hydrocarbon sources contribute largely to CO₂ emission in the atmosphere therefore causing global warming.
- While this is true, the reality however is that with the increasing demand projections for Hydrogen cannot be met by Green Hydrogen. At present, nearby all industrial hydrogen are produced from hydrocarbon sources (Maradov 2017).
- CO₂ emission is a major by-product of blue hydrogen production. However, there is a need to reverse engineer the hydrogen process from hydrocarbons, explore hydrogen production directly from the reservoir and retain the accompanying CO₂ from being released into the surface.

Using a depleted reservoir as feedstock, one method of doing this, is by in-situ hydrogen production through thermal combustion of the hydrocarbon reservoirs.





What we want to know

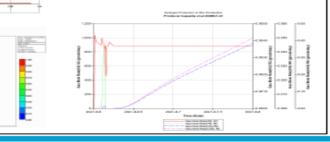
Steps we are taking

to accommodate hydrogen

2. Identify key areas of technical safety concern:

Key Results

- Hydrogen is produced and is quickly consumed during the simulation
- Hydrogen production varied with cell location.
 Thermal cracking, Partial oxidation reactions observed during simulation



Conclusion and Further Work

- Box model was built to simulate laboratory conditions.
- Preliminary results from Box model simulation show that at reservoir temperatures of about 500°C, hydrogen forming reactions are activated
- Injection of oxygen for in-situ combustion of hydrocarbon increases the reservoir temperature, but not to hydrogen forming range.
- Hydrogen produced quickly reacted with injected oxygen to form steam at reservoir conditions
- Parametric studies needed to understand the key factors affecting in-situ hydrogen production

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RESEARCH FOR IN-SITU COMBUSTION TECHNOLOGY



In-Situ Combustion WILL NOT be successful to produce hydrogen gas from hydrocarbon formations.

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Abstract

The generation of hydrogen from unconventional oil is expected to increase significantly during the next decade. It is commonly known that hydrogen is an environmentally friendly alternative fuel, and its production would partially cover the gap in energy market requirements. However, developing new cheap catalysts for its production from crude oil is still a challenging area in the field of petroleum and the petrochemical industry. This study presents a new approach to synthesizing and applying promising catalysts based on Ni, Co, and Ni-Co alloys that are supported by aluminum oxide in the production of hydrogen from extra-heavy crude oil in the Tahe Oil Field (China), in the presence of supercritical water (SCW), it was shown that it can be realized in the presence of core and ex-situ prepared Ni-based catalyst, under high pressure up to 207 atm, but at temperatures not lower than 450C.

Published: June 6, 2011 - Science Direct - Volume 90, Issue 6, Pages 2254-2265 Abstract

The volume of heavy oil and bitumen in Alberta, Canada is estimated to be about 1.7 trillion barrels. The potential for in-situ combustion (ISC) of hydrogen by gasification of bitumen reservoirs offers an attractive alternative, which can also have both economic and environmental benefits. For example, hydrogen generated from bitumen gasification can also be used for in-situ upgrading as well as feedstock for ammonia and other chemicals. The water–gas shift reaction also generates carbon dioxide which could be potentially sequestered in an in-situ gasification process so that emissions to the atmosphere are reduced. This in-situ combustion technology provides a potential clean method to produce hydrogen fuel from bitumen.

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Abstract

BP Resources Canada Ltd. is operating an oxygen in-situ oil recovery pilot at Marguerite Lake, part of the Cold Lake heavy-oil deposit in part of the Cold Lake heavy oil deposit in eastern Alberta. The pilot consists of two principal areas: a three-well, wet air principal areas: a three-well, wet air combustion test and an infill-drilled, four five-spot, wet oxygen combustion project on five (5) acres. All the wells were initially steam fractured and operated through several cycles. The present study was undertaken in order to better understand the flow and reaction processes that generate hydrogen in-situ and thereby to suggest ways of influencing its production. The results are interpreted in hydrogen production.

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Abstract

GTI Energy's Sub-surface Technologies for the Generation and Production of Low-carbon Hydrogen from Hydrocarbon Resources. The research intends to inform and stimulate stakeholder thoughts around the future research needs on underground generation and production of hydrogen by addressing techno-economic challenges, societal and regulatory barriers to deployment. The project is expected to kick off in 3Q 2022. A Review and Techno-economic Analysis of Subsurface Technologies for Hydrogen Production from Fossil Fuel Resources. Conversion of depleted hydrocarbon reservoirs into underground energy conversion systems that are accessible through available well infrastructure offers a promising pathway to leverage existing fossil fuel assets for low-carbon energy.