

# D-054 Performance Presentation

Poplar Creek ET-DSP™ Step Three Field Test

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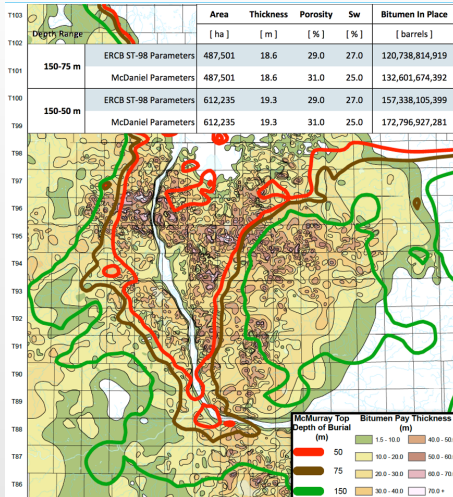
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# The Oil Sands



## The Resource

- 1 Too deep to mine - too shallow for SAGD
- 2 Quality resource towards the surface
- 3 Near infrastructure

## Mining ?

ET-DSP™ can replace mining.  
The technology was originally developed to replace mining.

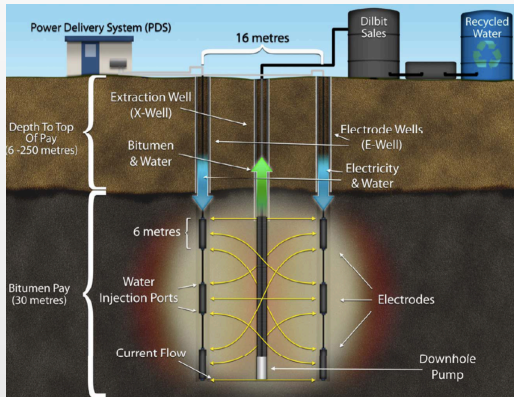
## Deeper ?

Depths to 250 m are achievable with current materials technology.



# The ET-DSP™ Process

The ET-DSP™ technology combines the features of electro-thermal heating with heat transfer by convection. **Here is how it works:**



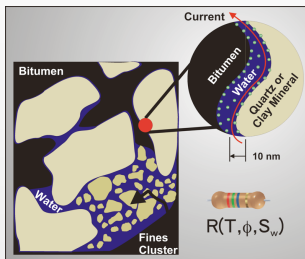
## Main Features of the Process

- 1 Electrical **current flows from electrode to electrode** through the connate water within the formation, heating the bitumen especially near the electrodes.
- 2 A **negative pressure gradient** is established to pull heated and mobilized fluids to conventional production wells.
- 3 The introduction of the **convective heat transfer by injection of water** into the ends of the electrodes results in a 5 - fold increase in reservoir heating.

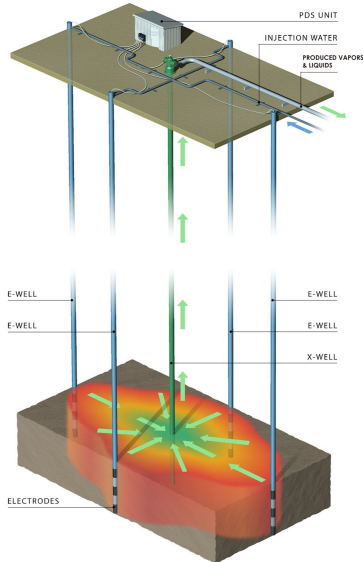
# At the Pore Level

## More Features of the Process

- 1 The conduction path is the connate water thus heating less water and more oil resulting in improved thermal efficiency.
- 2 The charge distribution at the oil-water boundary alters the IFT resulting in little sand production and minor emulsions.
- 3 Boiling and cooling (water to vapour phase changes) in the pore space improves the recovery factor.
- 4 Electrical heating of clays creates permeable paths for oil to flow to the production wells.



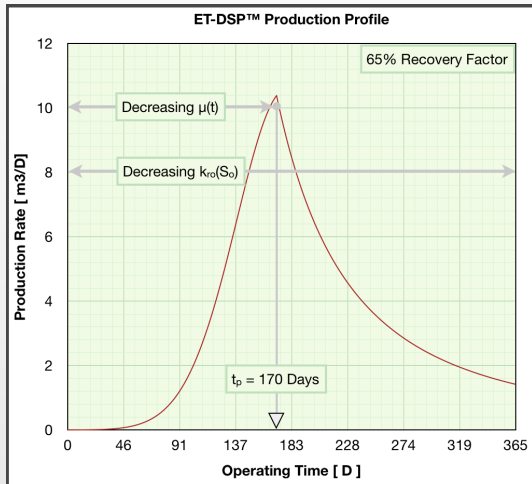
# Field Level



## Heating the Formation

- ① Each equilateral triangle of electrodes defines an element with the electrodes spaced on 16 m centres.
- ② Two elements create a diamond shape with extraction wells located in the middle of the diamond.
- ③ Extraction wells are part of the neutral system with ground currents providing heating.
- ④ Non-potable water is injected into the electrodes at low rates (0.3 gpm on average) and low pressure.
- ⑤ Production commences in 60 to 90 days from the start of heating.

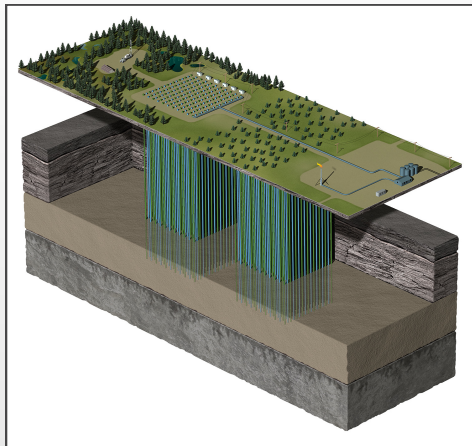
# Production Profile



## Features

- ① One year production cycle
- ② Peak temperature coincides with minimum oil viscosity
- ③ Bitumen can be produced at lower temperatures than in SAGD
- ④ Model published in McGee [1]

# Commercial Development



## Development Features

- ① Annual temporal & moving footprint
- ② Full restoration in **less than ten years**
- ③ Surface equipment is long life and **reused**

## A Lot of Wells

10,000 bopd requires **1,000+** wells drilled annually

## A Small Footprint

10,000 bopd is 33 ha

# Drilling Drilling Drilling

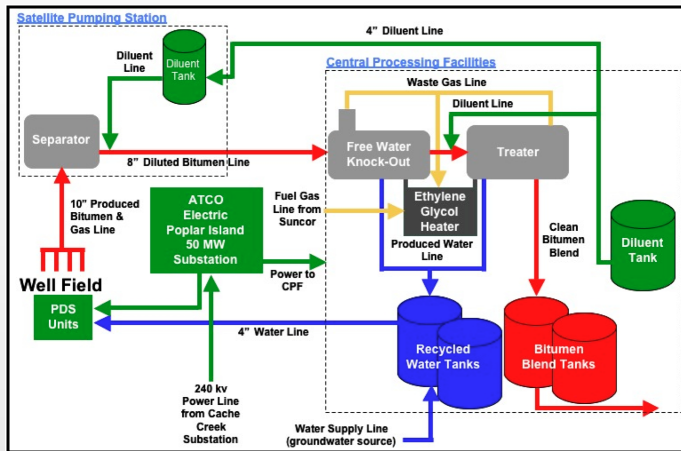


Activity	Minimum	Maximum	Commercial	Comment	
1	Drill Through Cement	15	120	30	Cement plug thickness varies considerably from well to well. Commercial operations will ensure thicknesses of not more than 1 meter.
2	Rig Move	44	120	30	Move times from well to well will be reduced by reducing the number of drilling equipment that needs to be moved.
3	Drilling Fluid Treatment	51	60	30	Proper chemical treatment of the drilling fluids will mitigate any scaling issues and therefore eliminate water charge outs.
4	Fluid Handling	56	90	30	Higher & larger sized fluid holding tanks will be used in the commercial phase to reduce fluid handling times.
5	Drill to TD	173	360	90	Drilling times will be reduced by (1) twice the water circulation capacity (3.3 to 2.2 m <sup>3</sup> /min), (2) increase top drive rotary speed from 110 to 200 rpm, (3) drill with larger diameter drill pipe, and (4) extend the surface casing another 10 meters into the clath.
6	Wiper Trip	41	90	-	A Ripper Trip or well clean out is needed to ensure that the well is free of debris and clay for a successful electrode travel. This activity is eliminated by ending with a higher water rate and extending the casing further past clay.
7	Lower Electrode	27	75	15	A fit for purpose rig would be designed to eliminate the time consuming trips needed to position the electrode over the well for lowering into the wellbore.
8	Start Stop	30	90	-	As can be expected with a single wellhead crew, Start-Stop activities consume a lot of time and creates an inefficiency in drilling activities that will not occur using commercial construction.
	<b>Total</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
		<b>7.29</b>	<b>15.25</b>	<b>3.75</b>	<b>Hours</b>
		<b>3.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>Electrode Wells Per Day</b>

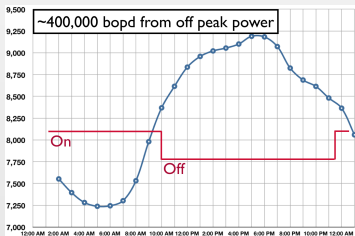
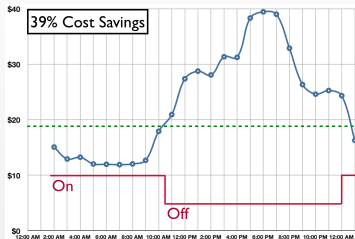
## Grid Power

- ① A fit for purpose drilling rig and operation is essential for enabling commercial operations.
- ② Drilling performance needs to be greater than three wells per day - these metrics have been achieved with conventional methods, a fit for purpose rig can achieve six wells per day
- ③ Seven drilling rigs, drilling an average of three wells per day are sufficient to execute a 50,000 bopd commercial project
- ④ Capital Cost: \$740 per bopd

# PDS Units vs Steam Generation / Water Treatment



# Electrical Energy



## Grid Power

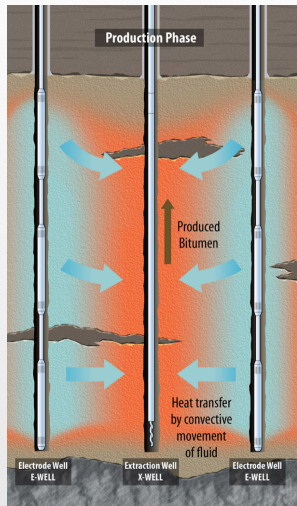
- 1 Energy price and power supply in Alberta varies hourly [2].
- 2 Power can be controlled to take advantage of off peak hourly power pricing with a potential energy cost savings of up to 40 percent.
- 3 Available off peak power from the Alberta pool is sufficient to support a large commercial project.

## Energy Requirements

- 1 Energy: 75 kWh per barrel
- 2 Power:  $3\frac{1}{2}$  kW per bopd
- 3 Average Cost: \$7.39 per barrel



# Water Production / Injection



## Water Usage

- ① Provides voidage replacement
- ② 1 m<sup>3</sup> per m<sup>3</sup> of produced bitumen
- ③ Water quality not an issue, produced water is re-injected
- ④ Minimal water treatment is required
- ⑤ Average Cost: \$0.13 per barrel

# Scheme Progress

E-T ENERGY TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE:						PURPOSE	RESULT	KEY LEARNING
2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011			
XT1						Proof of concept on half-spacing of 8 metres to demonstrate in-reservoir performance	> 2000 bbl of bitumen produced using 3.5 kW/bbl of power and 70 kWh/bbl of energy	Progressive cavity pumps are key to successful production; electrode completion redesign
T2						Test new electrode drilling and completion technique; test screens in production wells; test 16 metre spacing	> 500 bbl of fluids produced; mini-electrodes used to revive failed electrodes	Eliminate metal in electrode wellbore; reduce cable handling at installation; fine-tune extraction well completion
XT3						Test 18 metre spacing of electrode wells	Heating occurred, but at slower rate	For saturation condition at Poplar Creek, 16 metre spacing is likely optimal
XT1-A						4 X-well pattern designed to test 16-m spacing and new design of electrodes	Failure of downhole cable connectors and hose failure	Revise connector design; All future completions to provide casing protection to top of formation
XT1-A MINI						Re-activation of a portion of XT1-A using mini-electrodes to gather reservoir and performance data	No failures	Reliable method to rejuvenate an electrode
Step 1 & 2						Test revised completion methodology for casing and conduit protection, with small spacing to accelerate	Begin heating this week	
CCEMC Scope						Nine X-well pattern for definitive demonstration of recovery factor and EOR	Long lead items in procurement	
Step 3						1,000 bbl/d pilot as demonstration of commercial-scale operations		
Step 4								

## Background

- Received initial EUB approval Jan 30 2006, #10457A, as an experimental scheme.
- Confidential status from Jan 2006 to Jan 31 2011.
- Most recent approval for experimental scheme amendment dated Mar 19 2013, #10457H (expires Jan 31 2017).
- Finished construction, begin heating and production for Step 3, in the 2012 calendar year.

# E-T Energy Progress to Date



## Summary

- 1 Invest **\$80 million** to date on delineating lease and piloting.
- 2 **287 million barrels** contingent recoverable resource from independent resource evaluator.
- 3 Demonstrate **sand free** bitumen production from 2007 onwards in four consecutive field tests.
- 4 Operate Step 3 to establish **commercial** technical and economic inputs.
- 5 Continue with **Research and Development** on subsurface electrode connection and cable delivery system.
- 6 Execute a larger field test to **demonstrate commerciality**.

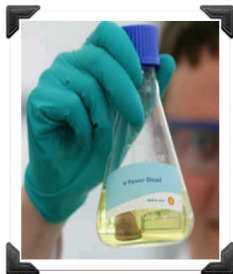
# CCC and the Oil Sands

## Bitumen



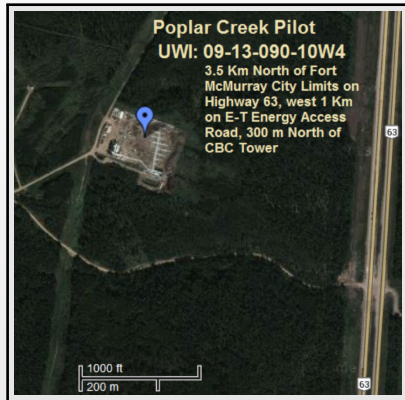
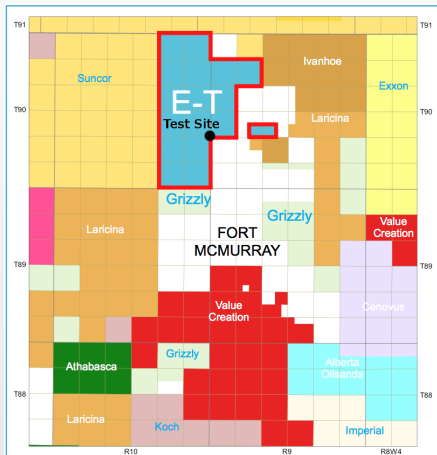
1. Revenue measured at a **discount** to WTI : 0.6 to 0.8 times WTI.
2. **Requires** the addition of expensive diluent for transportation.
3. **Depends** on pipeline access, e.g. Keystone or Northern Gateway to open markets for optimal pricing.

## Diesel



1. Revenue measured at a **premium** to WTI : 1.8 to 1.9 times WTI.
2. **No** diluent needed.
3. Diesel sold to **local markets**. Does not need Keystone or Northern Gateway pipelines to realize optimal pricing.

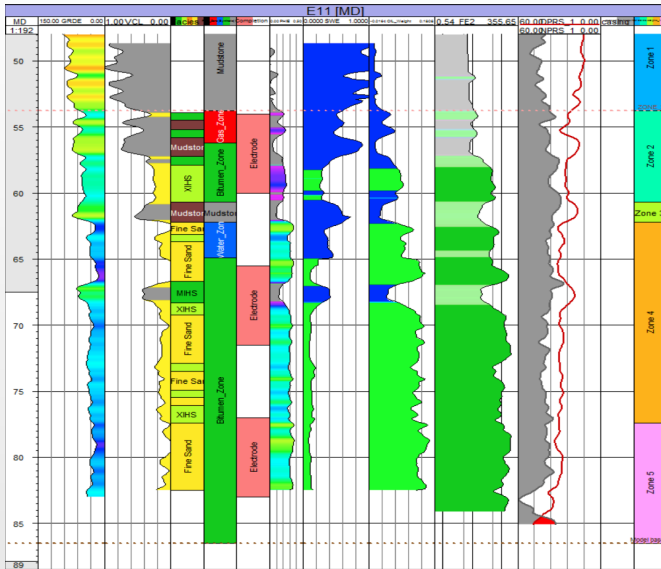
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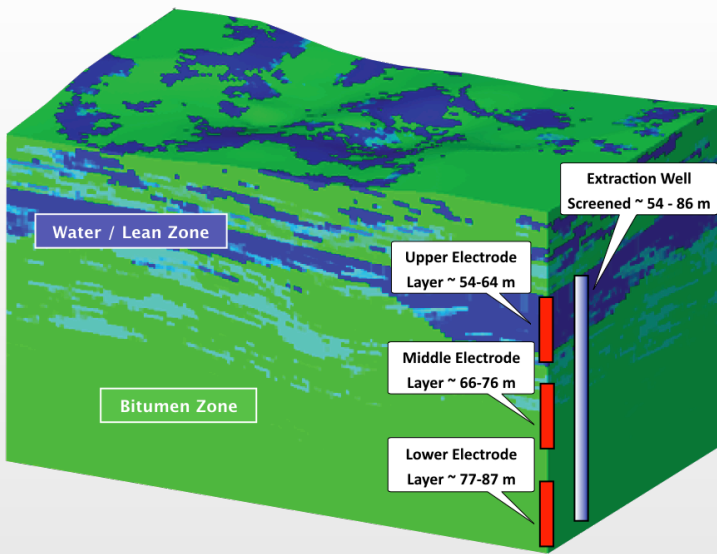


# Step 3 CCEMC/Total Field Test

- Stop power to electrodes on March 31, 2013.
- Continue production operations to May 11, 2013.
- Continue data monitoring to June 30, 2013
- Demob Tank Farm, Battery, Glycol Heater, Office Trailer, Storage Tents in October, 2013.
- Complete Demob by December, 2013.
- Abandon wells/clear site; completed October 2014.
- Site Reclamation remains to be done.

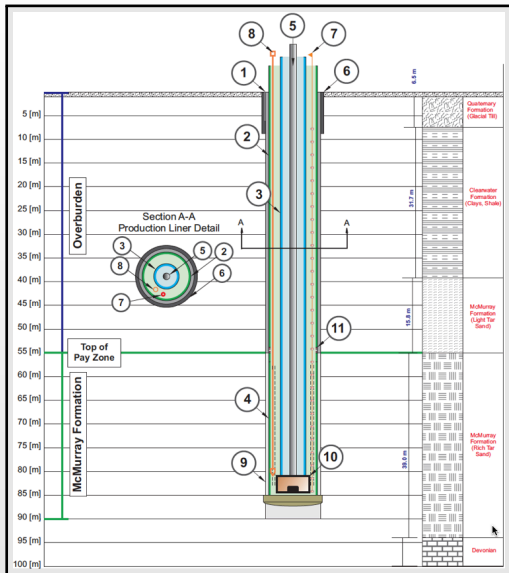








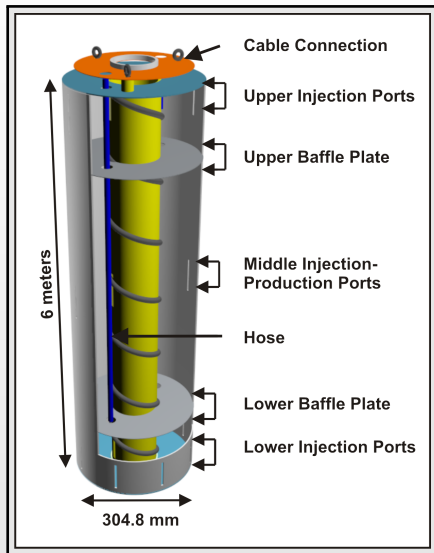
# The Extraction Well



## Extraction Well

- ① Conventional Drilling.
- ② 70% of the equipment is reusable
- ③ Progressive Cavity Pump
- ④ Surface Casing with Thermal Cement
- ⑤ Downhole Temperature Monitoring
- ⑥ Hydraulic Drive Unit

# The Electrode Well



## Electrode Well

- ① Drill large diameter wellbore with fit for purpose drilling rig,
- ② Three electrodes in each E-Well,
- ③ Bundle of cables and hoses to surface (most of it reusable),
- ④ Surface Casing with Thermal Cement,
- ⑤ Each E-Well abandoned after use,
- ⑥ Electrode wellhead (recoverable), and
- ⑦ Completed with surface casing.

### Step 3 Operations Summary

#### Phase I (All Electrodes On)

Begin heating to electrodes	Jan 31, 2012	
Begin bitumen extraction	June 25, 2012	
Days of heating prior to extraction	146 days	
Turn off the Upper electrodes	July 4, 2012	
Days of heating to all electrodes	155 days	
Cumulative energy to all electrodes	3,400,000	[kW•hr] after 155 days
Cumulative energy to Upper electrodes	1,010,000	[kW•hr] after 155 days
Average electrode power to July 4, 2012	13.25	[ kW ]

#### Phase II (Upper Electrodes Off)

Days of heating	270 days	
Cumulative energy during Phase II	2,441,000	[kW•hr] after 270 days
Average electrode power	8.19	[ kW ]
Shut off power to all the electrodes	March 31, 2013	

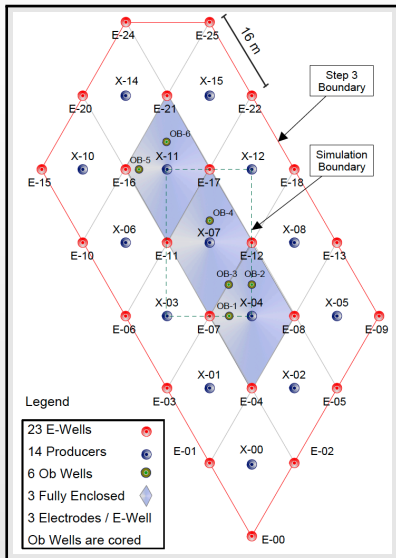
#### Step 3 Totals

Days of operations	425 days	
Stop bitumen extraction	May 11, 2013	
Terminate data monitoring	June 30, 2013	
Cumulative bitumen extraction	621.64	[ m <sup>3</sup> ]
Cumulative energy to Middle & Lower electrodes	4,831,000	[kW•hr] after 425 days
Cumulative energy to all electrodes	5,841,000	[kW•hr] after 425 days

# Key Learnings

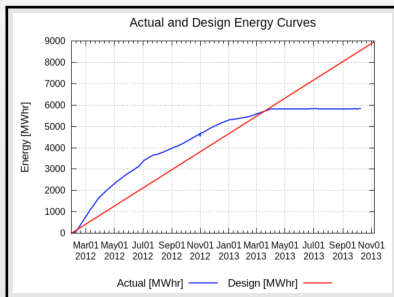
- ① Electrode reliability key to effective reservoir heating
- ② Critical production aspects: (a) significance of high water ratio and (b) even vertical heat distribution within electrode well.
- ③ No significant sand production, even at high fluid production rates.
- ④ Able to effective control and minimize heat to water zone.
- ⑤ Chemical injection increased recovery but need to quantify how much.
- ⑥ Advanced understanding of reservoir drive mechanisms in a low-pressure environment.

# Revised Simulation Study

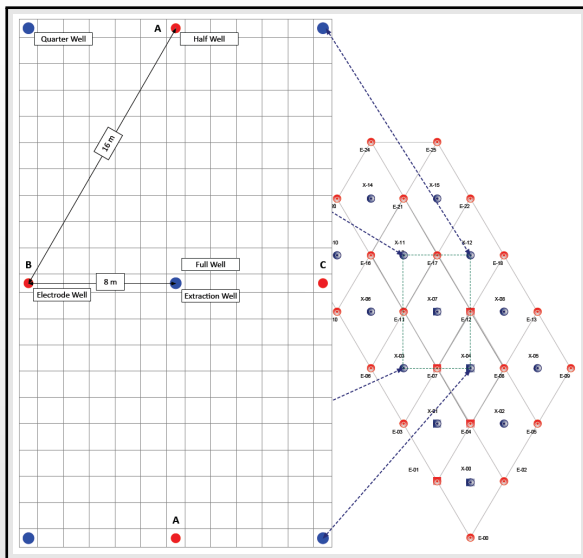


## Performance Expectations

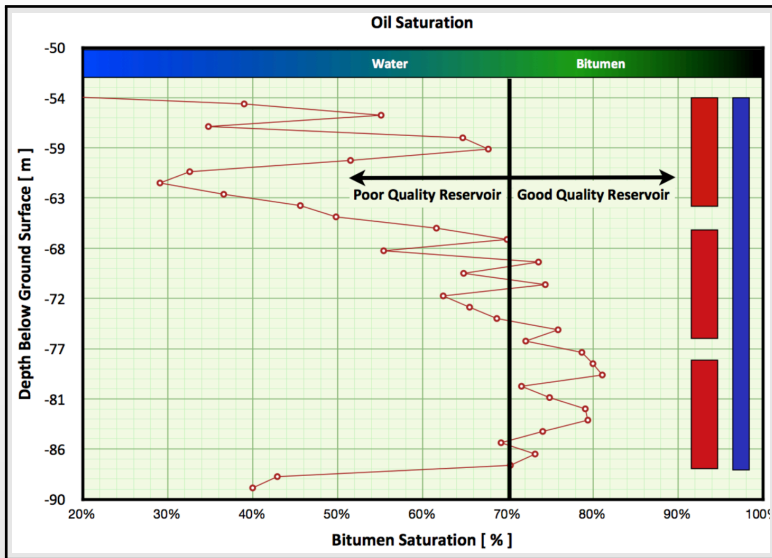
- ① Match the geology.
- ② Match the average input energy.
- ③ Based on the known geology, what are the performance expectations.



# Simulation Model



# Reservoir Quality

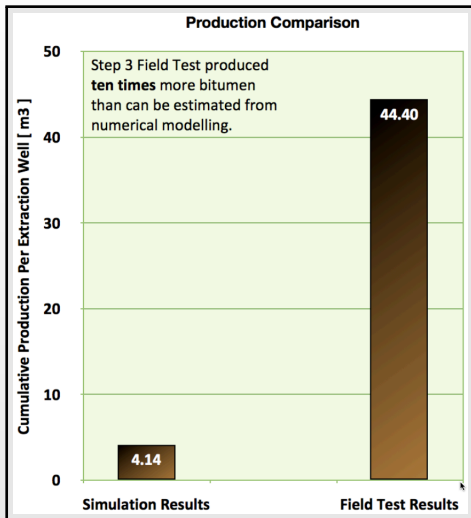


### Numerical Evaluation of Production Performance

Parameter	Simulation Results	Field Test Results	Units
<b>Phase I (All Electrodes On)</b>			
Phase I Electrical Energy	1,065,243,000		[ GJ ]
	295,901	3,334,194	[ kW•hr ]
Duration	155 days	155 days	
Average Electrode Power	13.26	13.25	[ kW ]
Current Scaling Factor	1.00		
<b>Phase II (Upper Electrodes Off)</b>			
Phase I + II Electrical Energy	1,926,802,000		[ GJ ]
Phase II Electrical Energy	861,559,000		[ GJ ]
	239,322	5,802,316	[ kW•hr ]
Duration	270 days	270 days	
Average Electrode Power	8.21	8.19	[ kW ]
Current Scaling Factor	1.00		
<b>Cumulative production per well</b>			
	4.14	44.40	[ m <sup>3</sup> ]
Step 3 EOR	13,237.55	1,235.55	[ kW•hr/bbl ]
Phase II EOR	13,237.55	1,235.55	[ kW•hr/bbl ]
Phase II SOR <sub>e</sub>	98.84	9.23	[ - ]

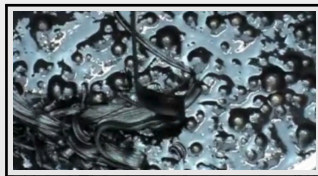


# Revised Simulation Study Results



## Revised Expectations

- 1 The performance of ET-DSP™ within the Step 3 reservoir encountered **exceeded** our revised expectations for production and energy use.
- 2 Unlike steam injection technologies, it was possible to focus the heating into just the higher quality zones within the reservoir and provided the opportunity for improved energy efficiency.

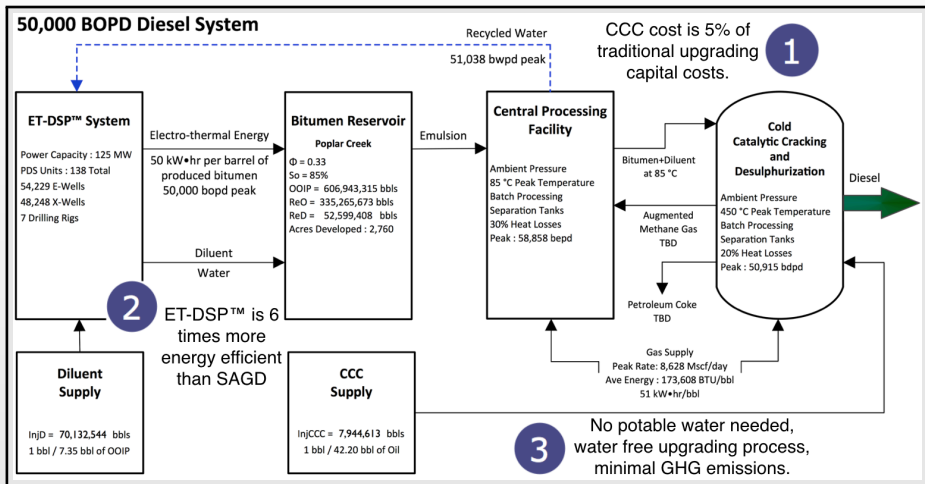


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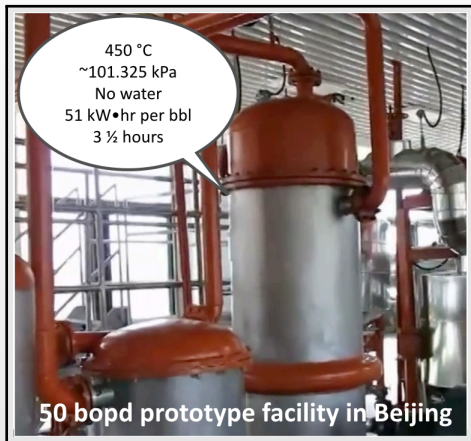
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# Vision for Next Steps



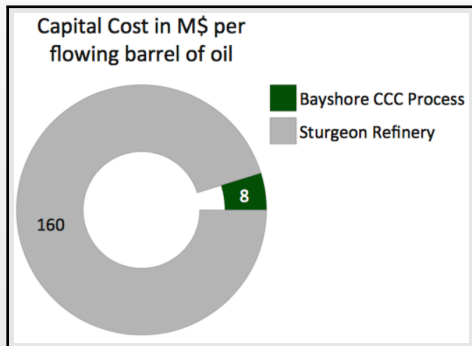
# Cold Catalytic Cracking (CCC)



## CCC Process

- ① Chemical catalyst is used in a single stage pyrolysis process at 450 °C and atmospheric pressure to convert bitumen into diesel, methane gas, and a petroleum coke solid.
- ② The path to diesel from the bitumen is a chemical reaction with the catalyst. Very little energy is needed in the process: 51 kWh per barrel.
- ③ Not a drop of water is used in the process. Energy is provided by natural gas augmented with the by-product methane gas.
- ④ The process only takes 3 to 4 hours for the bitumen to convert to diesel and its by-products.

# The Upgrading Challenge



## Challenges

- 1 The capital cost for upgrading, i.e., the Sturgeon Refinery presently under construction, is \$160,000 per flowing barrel of oil compared to \$8,000 for the Bayshore CCC Process.
- 2 The level of complexity of an upgrader is high. It uses hydrogen at high pressure / vacuums and temperatures, with multiple input and outputs. The CCC Process is basically a heated tank farm operating at atmospheric pressure and half the temperature.
- 3 Not a drop of water is used in the process. Energy is provided by natural gas augmented with the by-product methane gas.
- 4 The environmental footprint of an upgrader is substantial and brings into play a huge regulatory approval procedure. The CCC process does not use a drop of water and has relatively low GHG emissions.

# Small Scale Testing 2014/2015





72 hour batch test on Heavy Oil in May 2014:

- 83% (volume) recovery of Diesel,
- 7.3% (mass) Gas Yield,
- 19.4% (mass) Petroleum Coke Yield.

## Proven Technology

50 bpd batch CCC Upgrader in Beijing Lab Facility has run all types of bitumen and heavy oils from Alberta, USA, Europe and Middle East - no failures have been experienced.



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