

BP GTL Plant
Nikiski, Alaska
3 MMscfd of natural gas
300 bpd product

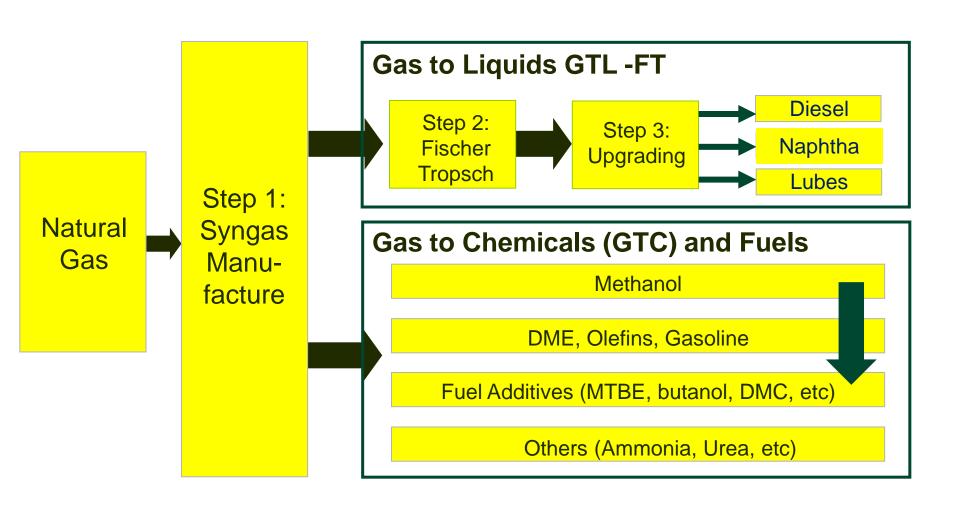
# Small Scale Gas Monetization via miniGTL Options Dr. Theo H Fleisch Commissioned by World Bank

Global Gas Flaring Reduction (GGFR) Partnership

## **GGFR Partnership: Sponsor of study**

- Problem: 5 TCF associated gas (AG) flared in 2010
  - Equal to 20% of US consumption
  - 320MM tons of unnecessary CO2 emitted into atmosphere
- Solution: Development and adoption of viable AG utilization options
  - Compressed natural gas (CNG)
  - Liquefied natural gas (miniLNG)
  - Gas to Wire (GTW)
  - Gas to Liquids (miniGTL)
  - Gas to Chemicals (miniGTC)

## **GTL:** Gas to Liquids – Broad Product Optionality



## Why GTL?

- Monetize stranded/flared gas
- Add value to gas (gas/oil arbitrage: \$4/MMBTU to \$20/MMBTU)
- Value added products
  - Clean drop-in designer fuels (gasoline, diesel, jet, butanol)
  - Advanced fuels and chemicals (DME, methanol, etc)
- Energy security
  - Reduction of imported fuels (10bcfd gas equates to 1MMbpd)
  - Domestic production (investments, jobs)



Some historic conversion plants

## Pearl GTL: 1<sup>st</sup> Mega Plant 1.4bcfd gas to 140,000bpd liquid products



- 250 ha on plot area, size of Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens
- 500 million hours to design and construct

## **GTL** projects in the US

- Past: Only North Slope gas was considered for GTL
- Today:
  - Sasol pursues a GTL project in Lousiana
  - Shell announced a "Pearl clone" study in Lousiana
  - MiniGTL opportunities are becoming available

#### Small is beautiful: "miniGTL"







1"Resource Group, Inc.

























## **Technology risk: commercial vs unproven**

Technology	Reactant	Intermediate	Products	Commercial	COMPANIES
GTL-FT	O <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> 0, air	syngas	Diesel, others	YES	COMPACTGTL, VELOCYS, VERDIS, 1st RESOURCE, CARBONSCIENCES
Methanol	O <sub>2</sub> , H <sub>2</sub> 0, air	syngas	Methanol & derivatives	YES	OBERON R3SCIENCES
Partial Oxidation (POX)	$O_2$	none	Methanol & formaldehyde	NO	GASTECHNO GENERAL METHANOL
Pyrolysis	none	acetylene	Gasoline	NO	SYNFUELS
Oxybromination	Br <sub>2</sub> , air	CH₃Br	Gasoline	NO	GRT
Methane Sulfonation (MSA)	SO <sub>3</sub> , air, Radical initiator	CH <sub>3</sub> SO <sub>3</sub> H MSA	Methanol & derivatives	NO	METHION

## Classifying the companies

#### **ADVANCED**

DEVELOPMENT STAGE

**EARLY** 

- Advanced Technology
- Some Patents
- Engineering in place
- Pilot plant
- Real and perceived risks
- Value/risk relationship not high or not clear

- Successful demonstration
- Good patent portfolio
- FEED in place
- Global Partners
- Mature business plans
- Deep technical team
- Active commercial team

- Early stage technology
- Laboratory experiments
- Early business plans
- Very small teams (<10)</li>
- Fund raising issues

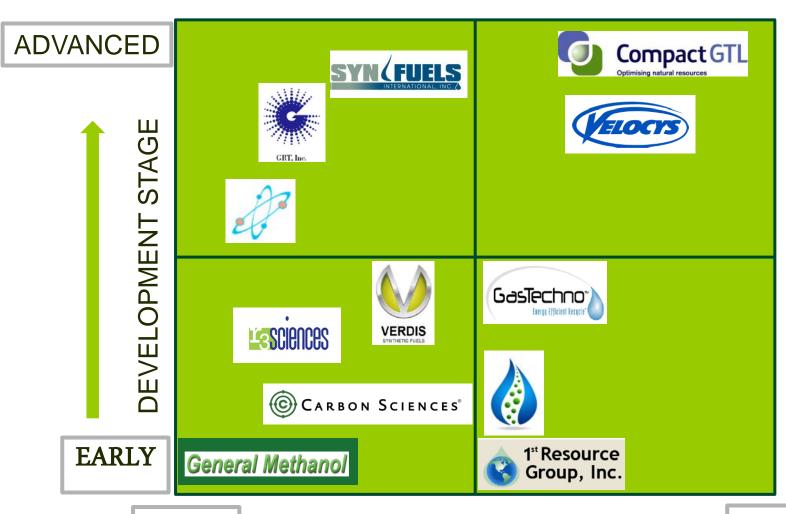
- Relatively simple technology
- Off the shelf technology
- Small, low risk plants
- Possible product hurdles
- Capable management team

**MANY** 

**REMAINING HURDLES** 

**FEW** 

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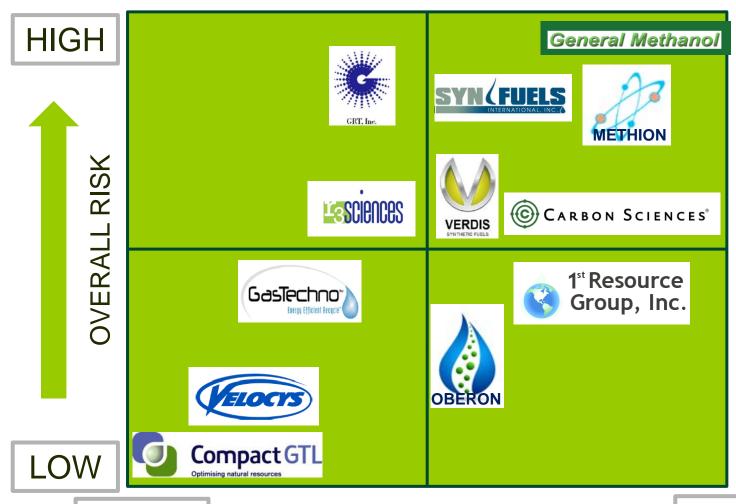
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# Project size applicability

COMPANY	SMALL <1MMscfd	MEDIUM 1-10MMscfd	LARGE >10MMscfd	Offshore Applicable
VERDIS				
1st RESOURCE				
OBERON FUELS				
R3SCIENCES				
GENERAL METHANOL				
CARBON SCIENCES				
GASTECHNO				
METHION				
VELOCYS				
COMPACTGTL				
GRT				
SYNFUELS				

#### **Overall Risk and Time to Commercialization**



**SHORT** 

TIME TO COMMERCIALIZATION

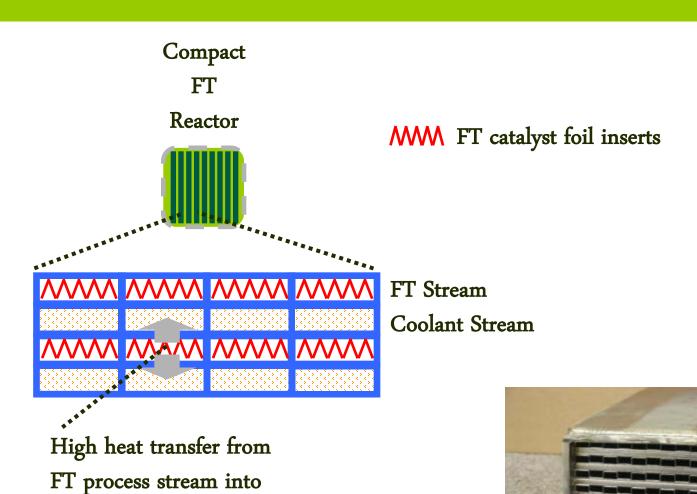
LONG

## **COMPACT GTL (CGTL)**



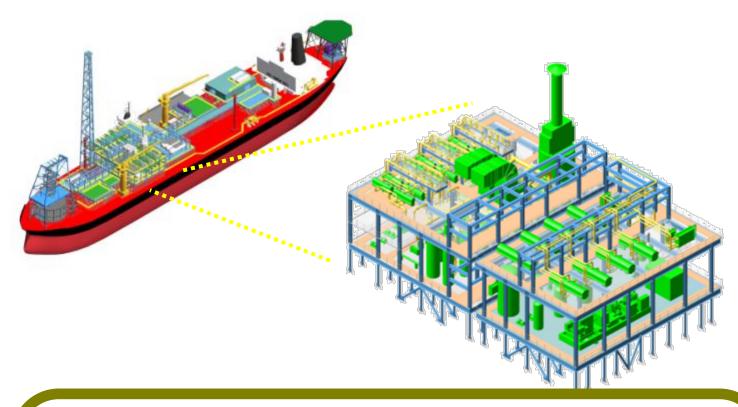
www.compactgtl.com

## **CompactGTL: Process intensified mini-channel FT**



coolant stream

## CompactGTL Solution @ 2-50 MMscfd



Integrate the GTL plant with the production facility
Convert the associated gas into syncrude
Co-mingle and transport with the natural crude

## **CompactGTL: Picture of Petrobras pilot plant**



## **CompactGTL: Status and path forward**

- 20bpd Brazil demo plant passed Petrobras acceptance test (1Q12)
- Numerous commercial feasibility studies underway
- Offshore and onshore applications
- Petrobras pursues 10MMscfd offshore project
- www.compactgtl.com
- Contact: Subby Bains

#### **VELOCYS and OXFORD CATALYSTS**

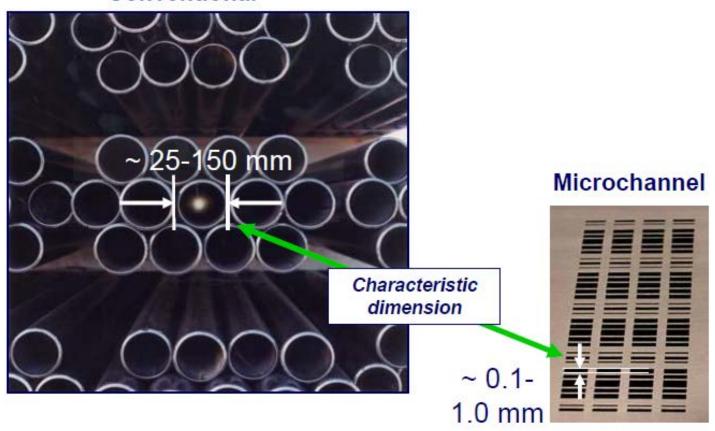




www.oxfordcatalysts.com www.velocys.com

### **OCV: MICROCHANNEL PROCESS TECHNOLOGY (MPT)**

#### Conventional







## **VELOCYS:** micro-channel processing technology

#### **SMR: CONVENTIONAL & NEW**



#### FT REACTOR



## Velocys: status and path foward

- Commercial development is underway
  - 3 demo projects underway (<1MMscfd)</li>
- All GTL steps proven by 2012 (SMR, FT, Hydrocracking)
- Velocys is accepting commercial orders for FT units now (have already sold 4 FT reactors)
- Multiple feasibility studies underway
- www.velocys.com
- Contact: Jeff McDaniels

#### **GASTECHNO**



Gas Technologies LLC

#### **GASTECHNO: Overview**

- Relatively simple technology:
  - Direct oxidation of methane to methanol (no catalyst, no syngas)
  - Trick: product separation and recycle
  - Modular, skid mounted design
- Technology proven in 50kscfd demo with good mass and energy balance
- By-products: formalin, ethanol
- Modules available for sale or lease (~/<1MMscfd)</li>
- Basic evaluation and engineering packages (1 to 30 MMscfd)
- www.gastechno.com
- Contact: Walter Breidenstein

#### **OBERON FUELS**



www.oberonfuels.com

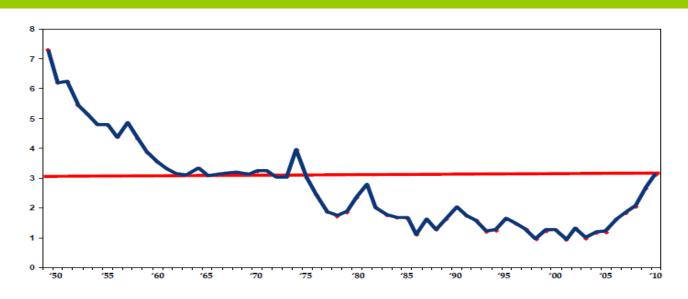
#### **OBERON FUELS: Overview**

- TECHNOLOGY
  - Skid mounted DME
  - Modular design
  - Targets are small gas, biogas sources (<2MMscfd)</li>
  - Markets: local heavy duty diesel fleets converted to DME
- 1st plant to be built in CA in 2012 (feed is methanol)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> plant will demonstrate the whole chain from natural gas
- www.oberonfuels.com
- Contact: Rebecca Breitenkamp

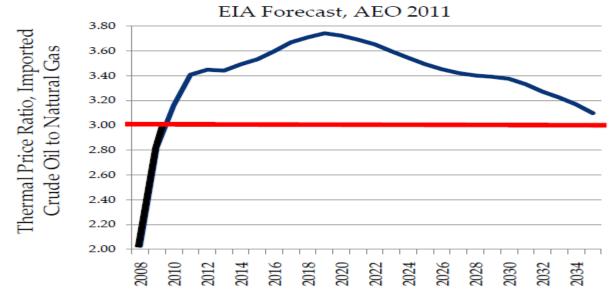
#### **ECONOMICS BALLPARK ESTIMATOR**

- Attractive economics: product/feedstock value spread is >3
- Plant size
  - 10,000scfd == 1bpd liquid product
  - 5MMscfd == 500bpd
- Capex
  - ~\$80,000/daily barrel
  - 5MMscfd plant: ~\$40MM +/-50%
- Annual revenue: ~\$17MM (at \$100/barrel and 350 days of operation)
  - Minus Opex: ~\$2MM
  - Minus gas cost

## Oil-gas spread: past, present and future



GTL economics
works well at oilgas spreads at 3
and above



#### **Conclusions**

- The GTC and GTL industries are global and well established
- A few "miniGTL" are now available to reduce global gas flaring and monetize smaller gas volumes
- Most of these technologies are based on proven syngas routes and have been demonstrated in pilot plants
- Offshore applications are possible
- Economics look attractive because of the high value products associated with high crude prices
- Numerous other technologies are under development and some might see commercialization within the next 5 years

#### **THANK YOU**

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# Associated Gas Utilization via miniGTL



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