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# Microscopic Thermonuclear Fusion

# A Path to Clean, Affordable Energy

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# **Our Objective Is**

To *revolutionize* power generation and locomotion by designing and manufacturing a compact, low-cost thermonuclear fusion reactor for:

- Shipping industry (e.g. oceanic container ships, etc.),
- Semi-trucks, freight trains,
- Water desalination plants,
- Electric power plants.



# What is Thermonuclear Fusion?

Hydrogen isotopes combine under influence of high temperature and/or high pressure releasing *tremendous* amount of energy.



# Why Fusion is the Future?

There is a consensus among scientists and engineers that fusion energy is:

- **Inexhaustible:** deuterium is obtained from water,
- **Cheap:** 10 milligrams of deuterium = 1 barrel of oil,
- **Safe:** radiation is entirely contained within the reactor and ceases when the reactor is turned off,
- **Zero emission:** the reactor does not emit CO<sub>2</sub> or other pollutants,
- **Zero waste:** the reactor does not produce nuclear waste requiring remediation.

# What Are Common Approaches to Fusion?

- 1. **Magnetic Confinement:** extremely hot plasma is created and kept in place using super-strong magnetic fields. *Very difficult and very expensive.*
- 2. **Inertial Confinement:** extremely hot plasma is created and kept in place by compressing a solid fusion target using super-strong lasers. *Very difficult and very expensive.*





# Who is Doing Fusion?

- 1. ITER (international collaboration, France)
- 2. National Ignition Facility (government, USA)
- 3. Commonwealth Fusion Systems (>\$2B, USA)
- 4. Tri-Alpha Energy (>\$1B, Google-backed, USA)
- 5. General Fusion (>\$1B, Bezos-backed, Canada)
- 6. Helion Energy (\$500M, USA)
- 7. First Light Fusion (\$100M, UK)



## How Close Are We to Fusion Power?

Despite tens of billions of dollars spent and more than six decades of research fusion power is always 30 years away...

**Why?** Because conventional approach proved difficult. Fresh, out of the box ideas are needed but such ideas are either not funded or outright attacked by vested interests (remember 'cold fusion'? 'bubblegate'?)

**Fortunately** new generation of startups has no shortage of new ideas.



# Our Approach: Microscopic Thermonuclear Fusion

- We are expanding and collapsing nanobubbles in fluids using acoustic waves.
- Each bubble is a microscopic thermonuclear reactor therefore we call our approach Microscopic Thermonuclear Fusion (MTF).
- Our approach is substantially similar yet significantly different from 'bubble fusion'.
- Each bubble generates a tiny amount of fusion, but there are trillions of bubbles that pulsate million times per second; this allows harvesting several kilowatts of thermal energy from one liter of working fluid.









# Why Is Our Approach Unique?

#### Extreme simplicity! $\rightarrow$

- a. Very low cost to research & develop
- b. Very low cost to build & operate a reactor
- c. Very low CapEx / OpEx of a commercial system (CapEx of a car engine, OpEx ~\$0)









# Unique Enabling Technology

- 1. Automated Nuclear Lab (ANL)
- 2. PulseCounter Pro Software





#### Automated Nuclear Lab



### PulseCounter Pro Software



Enables automated real-time nuclear data acquisition, processing and analysis

# What Is The Expected Timeline?

Stage 1: Proof of Concept, done.

**Stage 2:** Demonstration of control & development of an engineering model, 12-24 months.

Stage 3: Engineering and construction of a 10kW demo reactor, 12-24 months.

**Stage 4:** Commercialization, manufacturing, sales & technology licensing.

## What Are The Expected Capital Needs?

Stage 1: done

Stage 2: raising \$400K USD

Stage 3: \$2.5M USD

Stage 4: TBD



# What Are The Risks?

- 1. Deriving the engineering model may be more difficult than we think.
- 2. The model may reveal that commercial power generation is unfeasible.
- 3. Commercial power generation may be too difficult to engineer.
- 4. Competition may come up with a better technology.
- 5. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) may interfere with commercialization.



# What Are The Current Challenges?

- 1. Generation of bubbles of a specified size: in progress.
- 2. Amplitude & frequency control of the acoustic field: in progress.
- 3. CFD modeling of bubble collapse: in progress.
- 4. Bubble size measurement to confirm expansion and collapse: not started.
- 5. Preparation of optimal working fluid: not started.
- 6. Scanning of the parametric space to validate the MTF theory; the parameters are the acoustic frequency, acoustic amplitude, bubble radius, bubble concentration, headspace pressure, bubble gas composition, fluid composition, surfactants, temperature.



# What Is The Target Market?

- 1. Small generators: 10-100 kW;
- 2. Locomotion engines for ships, trucks, trains;
- 3. Electric power generation;
- 4. Salt water desalination for drinking and irrigation.

The implications of the MTF technology are *revolutionary* and it will *change the world as we know it*.

Imagine cars, trucks and ships that you need to fill up only once a year.

Imagine unlimited clean fresh water.

Imagine electric power too cheap to meter.



## Valuation Projection

Stage 2: \$3.5M (now, this offering, raising \$400 for 10% of equity)

Stage 3: \$100M (12-24 months from now)

Stage 4: \$1-100B+ unicorn (24-48 months from now)



## **Revenue Sources**

- Technology licensing,
- Reactor manufacturing & sales.



# Return on Investment / Exit Strategy

- **Private Company:** technology licensing, reactor manufacturing and sales will eventually enable the company to pay dividends to shareholders.
- Public Company: IPO.



## About Maximus Energy Corporation

Maximus Energy Corporation is based in Naples, Florida (USA). The MTF technology was developed by founder, Max Fomitchev-Zamilov, Ph.D., a retired Penn State professor. Maximus Energy Corporation is privately funded and earns revenue from the sales of nuclear instrumentation that it manufactures or refurbishes.

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