# **Clean Growth Program**

**CanmetENERGY-Devon** 

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#### **CanmetENERGY** in Devon

**Mandate**: Provide national leadership for the **fossil fuel** portfolio to drive sustainable **energy development** and use, and the mitigation of related **environmental impacts** with particular emphasis on unconventional oil and gas. This includes a team of 105 staff spread across the following teams:

#### **Science & Policy Integration**

- Coordination on Key Government Priorities: PCF, B2017
- Strategic Partnerships Management: COSIA, CAPP, PTAC
  - Stakeholder Engagement: Internal/External Director: Maria-Ines Maita

Hydrocarbon Recovery Director: Yanne Messi Hydrocarbon Conversion

Director: Jinwen Chen

Environmental Impacts

Director: Kim Kasperski

#### **Operations**

- Technical Services: pilot plants, facilities, OH&S
- Functions: planning, finance, HR, contracts
  Director: Ben Fotty











## **HYDROCARBON CONVERSION** RESEARCH



#### Areas of Focus:

- Partial upgrading
- Upgrading and refining process efficiency
- **Future fuels**
- **Biofuels**
- Advanced analytical methods
- Standard analytical methods

#### **HYDROCARBON** RECOVERY **RESEARCH**





### Areas of focus:

- Non aqueous & hybrid (water + solvent) extraction from mined oil sands
- Control of multiphase systems
- Bitumen froth treatment over \$25m in cost recovery in last 10 years
- Advanced modeling and characterization methods
- Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage

## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS RESEARCH**

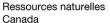


#### Areas of focus:

- Air emissions reduction: monitoring, detection, quantification and reduction
- Oil spill science: fate, behavior and response
- Land reclamation
- Water quality
- Tailings management











# **Pilot Plants**

- Spill Tanks
- Paraffinic froth treatment process
  - Tank infrastructure
  - 2-stage separation with a transparent tailings solvent recovery unit
- Separation Processes
  - Continuous Distillation
  - Solvent Deasphalter
- Primary Upgrading
  - Delayed Coker
  - Residue Hydrocracker
- Secondary Upgrading
  - Hydrotreaters/Hydrocrackers
- Corrosion Unit
- Autoclaves
- Currently vacant
  - Class 1 Zone 2 rated space
  - Electrical and instrumentation infrastructure





# **Our Pilot Plant/Bench-Scale Testing Capabilities**

- Seven (7) fixed-bed hydroprocessing units
  - Once-through, recycle operation with online distillation
  - Single-reactor, two reactors in series
  - Treat gas: 100%  $H_2$ , mixtures of  $H_2/H_2S/NH_3$
- Slurry hydroconversion unit (Canmet process)
  - Slurry phase tubular reactor, continuous stirred tank reactor
- Coking/visbreaking tubular reactor unit
- Solvent deasphalting unit
- FCC pilot plant unit (ACE)
- Continuous atmospheric/vacuum distillation unit
- Four (4) autoclave batch reactors for multiple purposes
- Corrosion unit

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Alcor hot liquid process simulator (HLPS) unit





# Our Standard and Advanced Characterization Capabilities

- Hydrocarbon properties
  - ✓ Density, viscosity ...
- Elemental analysis
  - ✓ C/H/S/N/O, metals (Ni, V, etc.) ...
- Chromatography
  - ✓ SimDis
  - ✓ Refinery gas ...
- Distillation
  - √ Atmospheric ASTM D86
  - √ Vacuum ASTM D1160
  - ✓ Spinning band ...

- Chromatography
  - ✓ GC-MS, GC-FIMS, HPLC
  - ✓ Sulfur by GC-SCD
  - ✓ Nitrogen by GC-NCD
- Two-D GC (GCxGC)
  - ✓ GC×GC-FID, GC×GC-TOFMS
  - ✓ Sulfur by GC×GC-SCD
  - ✓ Nitrogen by GC×GC-NCD
- Spectroscopy
  - ✓ <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>1</sup>H NMR
  - ✓ Raman, Infrared, UV-Vis





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