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## URBAN MINING, A SUSTAINABLE BUT CHALLENGING SOURCE OF RAW MATERIAL

In a more circular economy the products of today should be part of the raw material for the products of tomorrow. To reach this we need to overcome a number of obstacles: Product design needs to take into account reuse, repair and recycling. Present Extended producer responsibility legislation does not give enough incentives; classification of waste is based on contamination content, should be based on risk; monopolies that only focus on reducing cost/maximize profit. Products and material that has been used in society one time, often loses all of its value when it becomes waste. In average <3% of the value is left. There are many reasons for this, fashion and legislation, to avoid extreme down-grading of waste by treating using energy recovery or landfilling, technologies like feed-stock-recycling needs to be applied. In most applications biodegradable plastics are non-sustainable; bio based in most cases the opposite. If a carbon atom is "black" or "green" does not make a big difference if it is circulated in society, but the possibilities to do so are today very limited.

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## DESIGN OF AN EMERGENT NET SHAPE FABRICATED THREE BLADE COMPOSITE ONE PIECE ROTORS FOR CAPEX AND OPEX REDUCTIONS

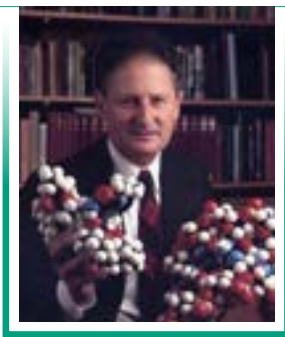
Marine Hydro Kinetic (MHK) turbines have shown promise as a method for harvesting energy from natural waterways. However, excessive fabrication and assembly and high life-cycle costs often preclude implementation of these energy harvesting devices. As such, our design process is focused on mitigation of implementation challenges by designing a novel low-cost, net shape fabricated single piece composite three-blade MHK turbine rotor to minimize both Capital Expenditures (CAPEX) and Operational Expenditures (OPEX) to enable cost of energy improvements. We believe that we are able achieve these cost reductions by leveraging our successfully demonstrated rapid design protocol, underpinned by our team-based concurrent engineering design approach, whereby we incorporate all key technology disciplines including selection of materials, implementation of robust design methods, ply kitting strategies for ease of blade manufacture, recommended non-destructive inspection methods and design of test and evaluation methods from rotor concept design through single piece composite rotor prototype detailed design. Author's presentation provides a summary of the three key emergent processes associated with our prototype design evolution: Design for turbine rotor manufacturability using computational fluid dynamics and finite element analysis; single piece composite turbine rotor net shape fabrication protocol and coupon and prototype threshold fatigue test methods to ensure MHK rotor structural robustness. They envision that this innovative team-based concurrent engineering approach will enable us to reduce CAPEX by eliminating complex assemblies and rotor machining while mitigating OPEX by use of non-corrosive e-glass/epoxy composite materials and implementing our state-of-the-art threshold fatigue design protocol to prevent onset of material degradation over the life of the MHK turbine rotor.

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### THE CENTERS OF PREMELTONS SIGNAL THE BEGINNING AND ENDS OF GENES

Premeltons are examples of emergent structures (i.e. structural solitons) that arise spontaneously in DNA due to the presence of nonlinear excitations in its structure. They are of two kinds: B-B (or A-A) premeltons form at specific DNA-regions to nucleate site-specific DNA melting. These are stationary and being globally non-topological, undergo breather motions that allow drugs and dyes to intercalate into DNA. B-A (or A-B) premeltons, on the other hand are mobile and being globally topological, act as phase-boundaries transforming B- into A-DNA during the structural phase-transition. They are not expected to undergo breather-motions. A key feature of both types of premeltons is the presence of an intermediate structural-form in their central regions (proposed as being a transition-state intermediate in DNA-melting and in the B- to A-transition), which differs from either A- or B-DNA called beta-DNA, this is both metastable and hyperflexible—and contains an alternating sugar-puckering pattern along the polymer-backbone combined with the partial-unstacking (in its lower energy-forms) of every other base-pair. Beta-DNA is connected to either B- or to A-DNA on either side by boundaries possessing a gradation of nonlinear structural-change, these being called the kink and the anti-kink regions. The presence of premeltons in DNA leads to a unifying theory to understand much of DNA physical-chemistry and molecular-biology. In particular, premeltons are predicted to define the 5' and 3' ends of genes in naked-DNA and DNA in active-chromatin, this having important implications for understanding physical aspects of the initiation, elongation and termination of RNA-synthesis during transcription. For these and other reasons, the model will be of broader interest to the general audience working in these areas. The model explains a wide variety of data and carries within it a number of experimental predictions all readily testable as will be described in his talk.

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## USING HYDROGEN ENERGY TO ENHANCE THE PROSPECTS OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

The prospects for renewable energy are enhanced through the use of hydrogen energy, i.e. using hydrogen as an energy carrier. As easily accessible fossil fuel supplies become scarcer and environmental concerns increase, hydrogen is likely to become an increasingly important chemical energy carrier. As the world's energy sources become less fossil fuel-based, hydrogen and electricity are expected to be the two dominant energy carriers for the provision of end-use services, in a hydrogen economy. Thus, hydrogen energy systems allow greater use of renewable energy resources. There are many commercial processes for producing hydrogen from fossil fuel and non-fossil fuel sources (including renewables). Technologies for the storage and distribution of hydrogen exist. Technologies are developing for utilizing hydrogen as an energy carrier, especially in transportation. The technologies needed for hydrogen energy systems are undergoing much research and development. In this presentation, the role of hydrogen as an energy carrier and hydrogen energy systems and their economics are described.