Unlocking hydrogen and carbon removal from Earth's abundant wood waste

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Mote uses biomass for green hydrogen production and safe, permanent CO2 storage at industrial scale







Dr. Josh Stolaroff CEO and Co-founder

## A climate technology company spun out of work at LLNL







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30+ years biomass sourcing



Erika Pham VP of Strategy

H<sub>2</sub> refueling stations



John Grabowski VP of Capital Projects

*30+ years energy projects* 



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#### Process Overview



# Ultra-negative Carbon Intensity (CI)

Utilizing biomass allows us to unlock the value of the carbon removal market for the purpose of producing green hydrogen



Note: CI in gCO2/MJ Source: Columbia | SIPA – Center on Global Energy Policy

\*\* With renewable electricity. Grid electricity would add +53.



### Life Cycle Carbon Flows





First commercial plant: operation in 2027

60 ton/day hydrogen 21,000 ton/yr hydrogen

#### 400,000 ton/yr CO<sub>2</sub> removal

900 ton/day woody biomass 300,000 ton/yr woody biomass



Funding opportunties that provide additional commercial traction









- 1. Department of Energy Loan Programs Office
  - Mote's Part 1 LPO application has been approved
  - Mote received the official Part 2 invitation in June 2023
  - LPO can cover up to 80% of the project cost for Project 1
- 2. ARCHES DOE Hydrogen Hub Application
  - Mote's Project 1 was selected as a tier 1 project for ARCHES Hydrogen Hub application submitted April 2023
- 3. California Department of Conservation Grant
  - Mote was awarded \$500,000 grant for feasibility efforts for Project 2 with Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) as the hydrogen offtaker
  - Mote and SMUD have been actively working on this project since April 2023
- 4. United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service Grant
  - Mote was awarded \$175,000 grant for engineering and entitlement efforts for Project 2 in June 2023
- 5. DOE Office of Technology Transitions Technology Commercialization Fund
  - Project led by NREL; Mote will serve as an industry partner using Project 1 information

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H<sub>2</sub>-BiCRS far less capital intensive than Electrolysis + DAC

Solar source : NREL. U.S. Solar Photovoltaic System and Energy Storage Cost Benchmarks: Q1 2021 PEM source : NREL. H2A: Hydrogen Analysis Model v. 3.2018 DAC source: McQueen, Noah, Michael J. Desmond, Robert H. Socolow, Peter Psarras, and Jennifer Wilcox, "Natural Gas vs. Electricity for Solvent -Based Direct Air Capture." Frontiers in Climate 2 (2021).

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H<sub>2</sub>-BiCRS also saves huge swaths of land.



## R&D Opportunities



- Water use reduction . Dry syngas cleanup, cooling, water recovery from biomass
- Electricity use reduction . Thermal swing, high pressure CO2 capture
- Tar removal catalysts . Reliable, long lived.
- Single stage shift catalyst
- Combined CO 2 capture / H 2 cleanup

