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(54) SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR CONTROLLING, MONITORING, AND OPERATING REMOTE OIL AND GAS FIELD EQUIPMENT OVER A DATA NETWORK WITH APPLICATIONS TO RAW NATURAL GAS PROCESSING AND FLARE GAS **CAPTURE**

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An intelligent controls system for a field-deployable system for producing dry natural gas (NG) and natural gas liquids (NGLs) from a raw gas stream is disclosed. The control system is used to ensure correct specifications of both dry NG (above a desired minimum methane number) and NGLs (below a desired maximum vapor pressure) from any supplied raw natural gas source by controlling three system parameters: inlet gas flow rate, system operating pressure, and separator-reboiler temperature set point. The input parameters include: heat content of the input gas stream, volume of the input gas stream, desired methane number of the NG, and desired vapor pressure of the NGLs. The controls system allows any piece of remote field equipment for performing complex chemical processing to be monitored, controlled, and operated remotely. A large array of distributed field equipment situated around the world can all be controlled primarily through a single interface provided in a central control center.

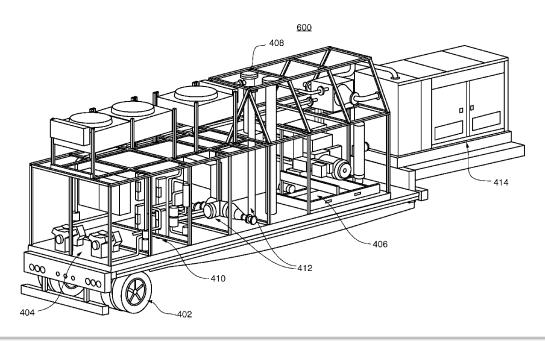




Fig. 1 <u>100</u> NATURAL GAS COMPRESSION **DEHYDRATION** MIXTURE ~102 -103 -101 INTERNAL POWER REFRIGERATION **GENERATION** 105-~104 **ETHANE SEPARATION NGLs** 107ー -106 **METHANE EXTERNAL POWER POWER TO** CUSTOMER **GENERATION** 109 108-

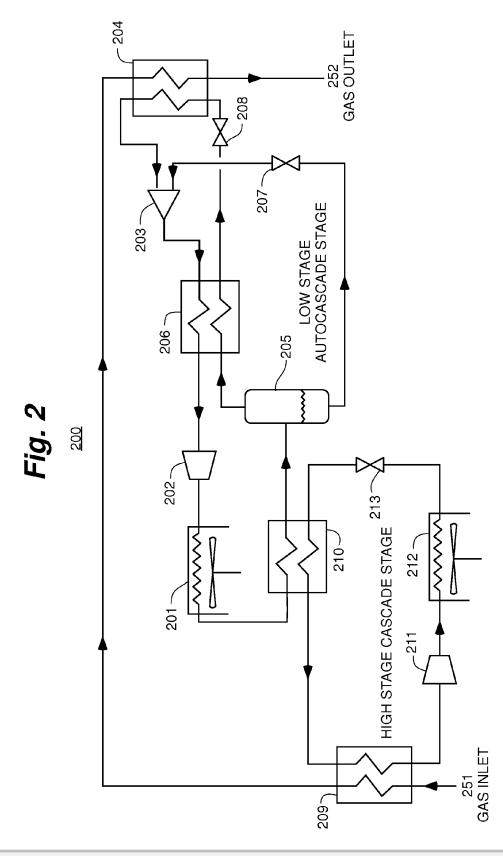
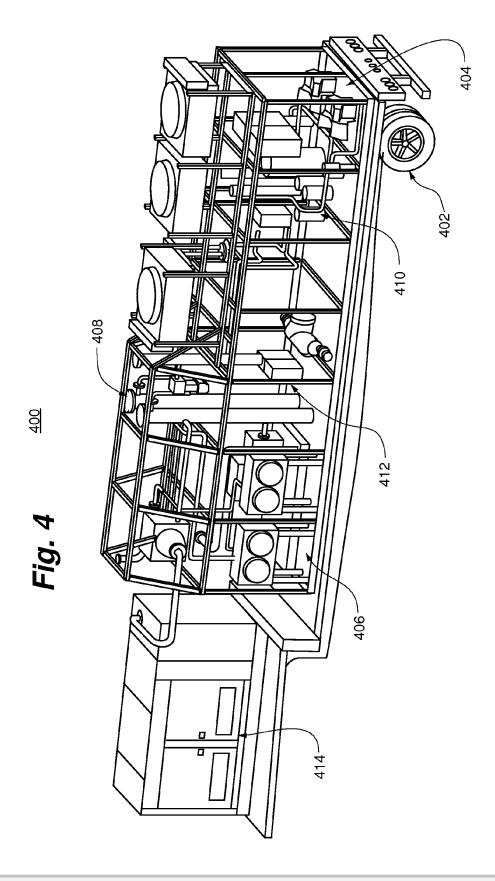




Fig. 3 <u>300</u> -302 **START** 304 **BRING PORTABLE MAGS** SYSTEM TO OIL FIELD FLARE 306 RECEIVE RAW NATURAL GAS FROM THE FLARE SITE 308 COMPRESS THE NATURAL GAS STREAM UTILIZING A COMPRESSOR 310 REMOVE WATER UTILIZING A DEHYDRATOR 312 LOWER THE GAS TEMPERATURE UTILIZING A CASCADE/AUTOCASCADE REFRIGERATOR -314 SEPARATE THE GAS STREAM INTO 3 PRODUCT STREAMS 316 **COLLECT THE NGLs** FOR TRANSPORT -318 GENERATE ELECTRICITY UTILIZING THE LEAN METHANE STREAM UTILIZE ETHANE STREAM -320 FOR SELF-POWER 322 (OPTIONAL) USE CH4 STREAM TO CREATE CNG, LNG, OR LIQUID FUELS 324 (OPTIONAL) USE CH4 STREAM TO CREATE CO2 AND H2 FOR EOR 326 (OPTIONAL) TRANSMIT **ELECTRICITY TO GRID** 328 **END**







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