Innovative financial tool for compressor station retrofits

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Executive Summary

- Centrifugal compressors equipped with wet seal technology are generally acknowledged as a leading source of methane emissions in the natural gas value chain.
- There are 3 approaches to reduce methane emissions from such equipment
- This presentation showcases a decision support tool that evaluates the three options from an economic perspective.
- The Life Cycle Cost Calculator is a web-based decision support tool that builds on previous work and takes it to the next level. This tool provides economic comparisons of methane reduction options to assist customers in decision making and ensures all factors are considered for individual compressor units, including initial costs, operational savings and emissions reductions.



Who is FSA?

- An association of North American companies who manufacture fluid sealing devices and suppliers to process industries.
- Represents over 80% of the manufacturing capacity for fluid sealing devices in North America.
- Member companies and distributors have manufacturing and service centers in all 50 States, Canada and Mexico.
- FSA partners closely with the European Sealing Association (ESA).
- Industry represents engineers, machinists, technicians, laborers...



Our mutual objective





Source: US EPA Natural Gas STAR

Cumulative Financial Return

Oil Seal to Gas Seal Retrofit (Range dependent upon application specifics)

Oil Seal routed to capture / use (Range dependent upon application specifics)

Oil Seal routed to flare

Time (Yrs)

The role of Lifecycle Cost Calculator



Life Cycle Cost Calculator

Process Data

- Methane content
- Flow rate
- Pressure
- Operational hours
- Process gas value

Reliability Data

- Planned maintenance costs
- Unplanned maintenance costs
- Spare parts cost
- Lost production time
- MTBR

Seal Data

- Driver

- Power

- Efficiency

- Number of seals - Shaft Size

- Frictional power
- Leakage rate
- Gas injection source

Compressor Data

- Leakage destination

Seal Support System Data

- Power requirements
- Cooling configuration

Retrofit / Upgrade Data

- New seals and spares costs
- System upgrade/replacement costs
- Equipment modification costs
- Electrical and instrumentation costs
- Site materials and installation costs
- Decommissioning and disposal costs
- Lost production time



- Driver fuel value
- Electricity value
- Purge gas value



Life Cycle Cost Calculator Outputs

Costs Calculated

Annual Operating Costs

- Maintenance cost
- Value of leaked gas
- Consumables
- Energy consumed by seal
- Energy consumed by seal system

Total Life Cycle Cost

One-Time Costs

- Total retrofit costs
- Payback

Present Value

Present value of annual operating costs over lifespan remaining



Illustration

Pipeline compressor

Natural Gas: 96% Methane

\$3.00 / Mcf

Flow: 50,000 scfm (1416 m³/min)

Pressure: 600 psig (41.3 Barg) Suction

1,100 psig (75.8 Barg) Discharge

Shaft Speed: 9,000 RPM

Driver: Gas Turbine 10,500 hp (7,800 kW)

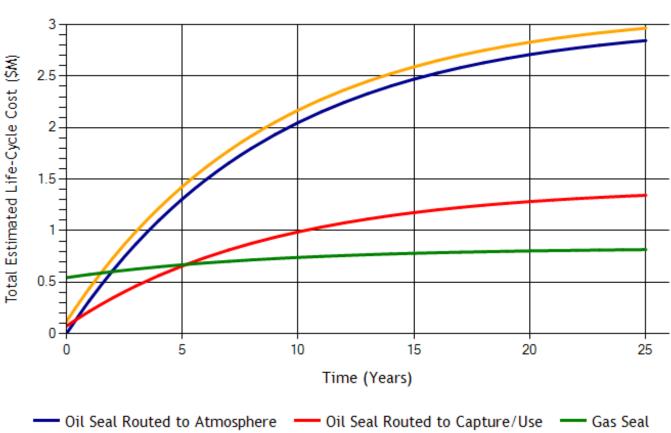
Shaft Diameter: 5" (127 mm)

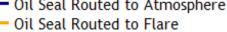
Operational hours: 4,000 hr/year (167 days/year)

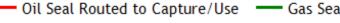
Spared: Yes



Equipment operator owns the compressed gas



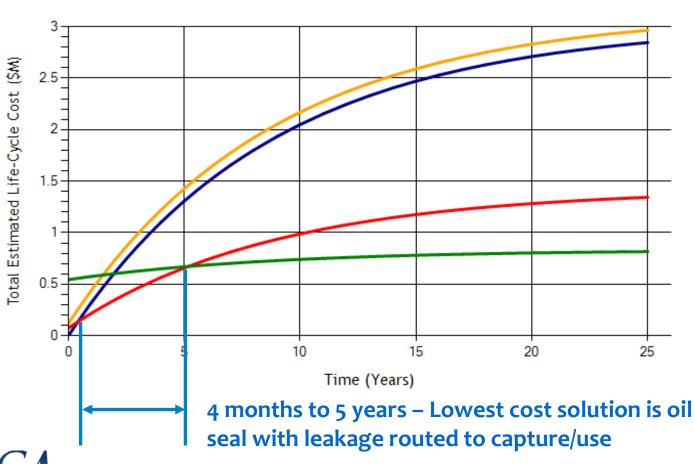




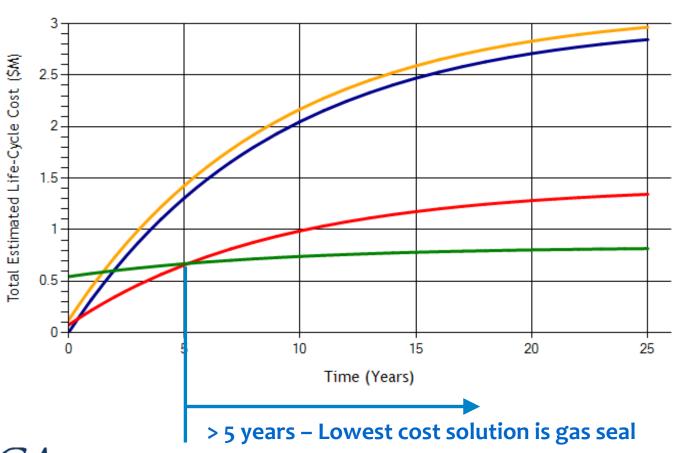




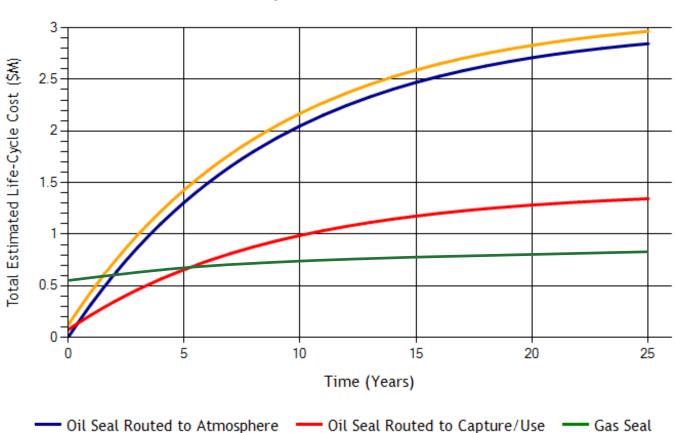


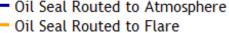


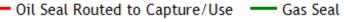














Concluding Comments

Select FSA members are exploring innovative commercial arrangements to reduce initial retrofit costs to optimize the retrofit solution in return for a share in future savings....

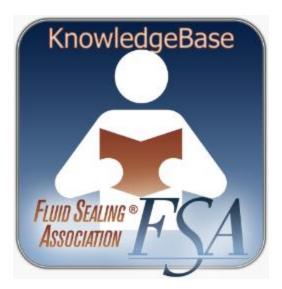
... The Lifecycle Cost Calculator provides decision support that is:

Insightful
Comprehensive
Customizable
Specific



Further Information

Accessing the Gas Compressor Lifecycle Cost Calculator is free



www.fsaknowledgebase.org
(Requires free user account to access)



Further Information

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