### **Borehole Based Monitoring of CO<sub>2</sub> Storage: Recent Developments in Fiber-Optic Sensing**

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Photo: CO<sub>2</sub> Venting at 2006 Frio Pilot Test

### Outline

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- CO2 Monitoring Brief Review
  - 1950-2000s:
    - Early Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) Tests
    - Development of reservoir monitoring
    - First CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration Specific Tests
- Importance of monitoring wells
  - Look Forward: Large Scale Sequestration
  - Need for 'adaptive' monitoring well program
- Fiber optic technology for monitoring wells
  - Background
  - Field testing and applications (CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring)
    - Citronelle, Alabama, USA
      - Repeat with improvement
    - Otway, Australia
      - With surface cable testing
    - Ketzin, Germany
      - Multiple wells
    - Aquistore

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- Early EOR Tests: Laboratory and Field Studies
  - Torrey, 1951: Oil recovery by carbonic acid injection
  - Beeson and Ortloff, 1959, Laboratory investigation of the water-driven CO2 Process for Oil Recovery
  - Budde, 1959, Geoph. Prosp.: Detection of CO2 in ground water (mineral water) via atmospheric measurements: (uses heat conductivity variation of CO2 vs N2/O2)

Carbon Dioxide Solven Oil Re	t Flooding for Increased ecovery	
L. W. HOLM MEMBER AIME	THE PURE OIL CO. CRYSTAL LAKE, ILL.	
A B S T R A C T Laboratory flooding experiments on linear flow sys- tems indicated that high oil displacement, approaching that obtained from completely miscible solvents, can be attained by injecting a small slug of carbon dioxide into a reservoir and driving it with plain or carbonated water. Data are presented in this paper which show the	flood. Oil recoveries of 6 to 15 per cent of the original oil in place were obtained during this blowdown period. This additional recovery was found to be a function of oil remaining after the flood, decreasing with decreasing oil saturation. It was also noted that highest oil recov- eries by blowdown were obtained when carbonated water rather than plain water followed the $CO_2$ slug.	Holm, 1959, SPE

1970s



#### • Large Scale CO2-EOR Field Tests - SACROC Field

- Crameik and Plassey, 1972, API: Carbon Dioxide Injection Project SACROC Unit, Texas
  - Plan 37 Mton injection over 9 years in 202 injection wells; 220 mile pipeline
- Farr, 1978, SPE: ".. Seismic as a reservoir analysis technique"
  - Until recently ...pore fluid identification was considered ... beyond the resolving power of the seismic reflection method"
- Richardson, 1979, JPT: Monitoring with Induction Logs:
  - " using the technique on a CO2 pilot flood"
- Early Climate Change Concern in U.S.
  - National Academy Report 1977

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NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES <b>1977</b> Washington, D.C. 1977

1980-90s



#### Beginning of Subsurface Monitoring

- Goodrich, 1980, SPE/DOE: Review of past and ongoing CO2 injection field tests
  - 19 projects abstract has no mention of monitoring
- Svor and Globe, 1982, SPE: "..Quantitative Monitoring for CO2 Floods"
  - Pulsed Neutron logging for co2 saturation
- Widmyer, 1987, JPT: Use of Monitor Observation Wells For fluid sampling
- Wang and Nur, 1989, SPE: Rock Physics Effect of CO2 on Wave Velocities

#### • Maturing Monitoring Tools

- Wang, et al, 1998: McElroy CO2 Flood Imaging w/Rock Physics
- Huang, et al, 1998, TLE: Integrating reservoir model and seismic monitoring
- Lumley 2001, Geophysics: 100 total and 75 active reservoir monitoring projects (4D seismic)



- Initial Sequestration Field Tests All With Monitoring Program
  - Industrial
    - Sleipner (4D marine seismic)
    - Weyburn-Midale (also EOR)
    - In Salah (success of InSAR)
    - Snohvit (2008 marine seismic)
  - Research Pilots
    - Frio (crosswell, continuous fluid sampling)
      Nagaoka (crosswell, multiple well logging)
      Otway (multi-level continuous fluid sampling)
    - CO2Sink (Ketzin) (ERT, 4D seismic)
    - US DOE Partnerships (e.g. Cranfield, Decatur, etc.)
       Wide range of monitoring tools tested



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# Issues with Seismic Imaging:

Quantitative interpretation without other data may be difficult:





Synthetic PSDM 4D seismic difference

Real PSTM 4D seismic difference How many layers at Sleipner?

No monitor well to aid interpretation!

Reservoir Model (Sg) & Seismic Data



Arts and Vandeweijer, Leading Edge, 2011

### Large Scale Storage – Multiple Injectors

Need to Optimize Utilization and Location of Monitoring Wells





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### Advances in Borehole Monitoring Methods are Needed for CCS Projects



Motivation: Deep monitoring wells are expensive to drill and complete and have limited space available for instrumentation





- ✓ Monitor  $CO_2$  plume location
- ✓ Reservoir pressure and temperature
- ✓ Fluid sampling
- ✓ Leak detection
- $\checkmark$  CO<sub>2</sub> saturations

Goal: Develop a rugged, cost effective, multi-sensor monitoring platform designed for a single-well

- Distributed fiber optic sensor arrays
- Modular Borehole Monitoring (MBM)

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### Advanced Borehole Monitoring Tool: Fiber Optic - Distributed Sensor Arrays

- Benefits:
  - Operate in harsh downhole environments
  - long potential life span, high data sampling rates,
  - high spatial resolution, adaptive to changing measurement technologies

#### Applications include:

- Distributed temperature sensing (DTS)
- Borehole strain measurements
- Direct chemical detection
- High density seismic arrays (DAS)
  - Leak detection
  - Compliance monitoring
- Heat-pulse monitoring
  - Leak Detection
  - CO<sub>2</sub> distribution behind casing
  - Flow monitoring and allocation





Subsea Fiber

optic cable assembly





#### **Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS)**

- DTS:
  - DTS used for past 20 years
  - Measurement of Raman backscattering, combined with Optical Time-Domain Reflectometry (OTDR), determines temperature along fiber length
- Specifications vary with stacking time and length:
  - ~10 km fiber: spatial resolution 25 cm, temperature resolution 0.01°C

measurement time 1 s







- Heat Pulse:
  - Copper heater elements (wire) integrated with DTS fiber in the same cable provide distributed pulse of heat
  - time-lapse measurement of temperature during/after heating
- Fluid substitution in well or pore space changes thermal properties detected by heat pulse measurment

Heat-Pulse Cable







# **Distributed Acousting Sensing (DAS)**



- DAS acquisition allows seismic monitoring with fiber optic cable
- DAS has received great interest and development in recent years –
  - from Petroleum Technology (2012) to The Economist (2014)
  - Early adoption for CCS monitoring (2011)





#### Field Trials of Distributed Acoustic Sensing for Geophysical Monitoring

J. Mestayer\*, B. Cox, P. Wills, D. Kiyashchenko, J. Lopez, M. Costello, Shell International E&P Inc.; S. Bourne, G. Ugueto, R. Lupton, G. Solano, Shell Upstream Americas; D. Hill, A, Lewis, QinetiQ OptaSense® © 2011 SEG SEG San Antonio 2011 Annual Meeting



- DAS acquisition
- Sensitivity currently less than standard geophone, but...
  - Spatial sampling and ease of deployment much greater

DAS

• Easy deployment of DAS with other lines



### **DAS** Theory



- Light pulse is reflected throughout fiber's length by Rayleigh scattering
- DAS system measures changes of the backscattered light
- An acoustic field around the fiber causes pressure/ strain on the fiber, resulting in changes to the backscattered light
- The DAS measures these changes by generating a repeated light pulse at e.g. 100 μs and continuously processing the returned optical signal
- Up to 10 km in length, up to 10 kHz sample rate, and up to 1 m resolution



A 3 km single mode fiber becomes an acoustic array with up 3,000 sensors!

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### Deployment: Modular Borehole Monitoring

- Motivation: Maximize efficient use of available boreholes for semipermanent monitoring
- Measurements of Interest
  - Pressure\*
  - Temperature
  - Fluid Sampling\*
  - Wireline logs
  - Geophysical Monitoring
    - Seismic: active source and passive monitoring
    - Electrical
- \* Requires Packer for zonal isolation





monitoring instruments Example: Otway 2007 – Dedicated Monitoring well

- Fluid sampling was main monitoring success (not seismic)
- Geophone with clamp (VSP)
- 3c Geophone with clamp (Microseismic)

Concept: A package of

redeployable borehole

- Hydrophone (seismic)
  - Pressure & Temperature
  - Fluid Sampling: U-tube Inlet

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### Otway 2007: Naylor-1 Monitoring well – 11 Lines





Problem: Deploying many instruments and cables in small well was challenging.



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# Modular Borehole Monitoring (MBM)



- Tools Deployed with MBM
  - Discrete Pressure & Temperature (2 Quartz Gauges)
  - Distributed Temperature Sensing (DTS) with Heater (Heat-Pulse)
  - Fluid Sampling (U-tube)
  - Seismic monitoring
    - 18 clamping geophones
  - Distributed Acoustic Sensing (DAS)



The MBM Improvement: Flatpack and Geophone Cable



# SECARB Anthropogenic Test

- Integrated Capture, Transmission, Storage
  - CO<sub>2</sub> Capture began June 2011

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Capture Project

- Transportation via 19 km pipeline
- Saline Storage at Citronelle Oil Field began August 2012

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### SECARB Anthropogenic Test Citronelle, Alabama





- First integrated CO<sub>2</sub> capture, transportation and storage project on a coalfired power station using advanced amines
- Southern Co. and MHI have captured over 200,000 metric tonnes of  $\rm CO_2$  to date
- Denbury Resources has transported, injected and stored over 100,000 tonnes
- Injecting CO<sub>2</sub> into the Paluxy Formation, which has excellent storage capacity of regional significance



### **Citronelle Storage**



### **Elements of the MVA Program**

- Shallow MVA
  - Groundwater sampling (USDW Monitoring)
  - Soil Flux
  - PFT Surveys

#### Deep MVA

- Reservoir Fluid sampling
- Crosswell Seismic
- Mechanical Integrity Test (MIT)
- CO<sub>2</sub> Volume, Pressure, and Composition analysis
- Injection, Temperature, and Spinner logs
- Pulse Neutron Capture logs
- Vertical Seismic Profile
- MVA Experimental tools



Courtesy of ARI

### R&D Effort Focused on the MBM System in Observation Well





CO<sub>2</sub> injection well D9-7#2 and observation well D9-8#2

- Observation well (D9-8#2):
  - ~250 m east of the  $CO_2$  injection well
  - Perforated at a depth of ~2.8 km in Paluxy Formation



# Deployment of MBM



- Tubing Deployed (allows wireline access)
- 4-element flatpack and sealed geophone cable
- 18-level Geophone array
  - Hydraulic clamps for Geophones
  - Clamp in tubing/casing annulus
- Dual mandrel hydraulic packer
  - Non-rotating overshot connection for coupling to 450' bottom assembly
    - Avoids splices at packer



Geophone in clamp with flatpack





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### **MBM System Sensor Configuration**

- Fiber optic cable for distributed temperature and acoustic measurements
  - Heat-pulse monitoring for CO<sub>2</sub> leak detection
- Tubing deployed geophone array (6,000-6,850 ft)
- Two in-zone quartz pressure/ temperature gauges (~9400 - 9500 ft)
- U-tube for high frequency, in-zone fluid sampling (tube-in-tube design)
- 2 7/8" production tubing open for logging



Geophone pod and clamping assembly and yellow flat pack containing fiber cable









### MBM Design: Flat-Pack and Geophone







80-160 level 3C arrays in the

- injector and D9-8#2
- 18 geophone MBM array
- DAS and MBM Geophone:
  - Source: vibroseis truck
  - ~60 shot points
  - 4–64 sweeps per location
  - Sweep: 16 s, 10–160 Hz

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June 2012 and August 2013

- Citronelle Offers an Opportunity to **Compare Seismic Methods to Monitor**  $CO_2$

- Seismic monitorling at Citronelle:
  - Cross-well seismic surveys
  - Geophone VSP surveys using



50 m

ection



Survey SP



2012 DAS Testing 3 km, Tubing Deployed



- DAS VSP 'piggy-back' on standard acquisition
- Initial data quality insufficient to observe P-wave below ~1600 m, triggering needed improvement
- Benefit: 3000 sensors versus 18

SP 2021 located ~700 ft offset from the D-9-8 sensor borehole. Estimated wave speeds for two events (red and blue lines) are labeled in km/s.

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Improvement: Acquisition of more source sweeps and improved triggering increased DAS data signal to noise ratio, producing data comparable to more sensitive geophones <u>Approximately 9 dB difference in sensitivity – can be overcome with extra source effort.</u>



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2013 Citronelle DAS vs MBM Geophone Comparison



- Comparison of Spectral Response
  - DAS matches geophone



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Well Diagnostics Using Heat Pulse Monitoring Flowing Annulus – Thermal Change (Green)



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- Location of the packer is determined  $\pm 1$  ft.\*
- Perforation flow zone interpreted from distinct cooling noted from a 10±1.5 m zone.\*
- The thermal profiles indicate flow both above and below the packer
  - strong likelihood that the packer has been set within the perforated interval
- \* Depth measured from bottom of fiber

# Citronelle/MBM Summary



- SECARB's Anthropogenic Pilot is an operational integrated CCS project
- A modular borehole monitoring (MBM) system was designed, built and deployed for Citronelle
- The MBM system includes:
  - P/T gauges, U-tube fluid sampling, hydraulic clamping geophones,
  - Fiber optic temperature (with heat pulse) and seismic (DAS)
- MBM system is operational and was useful in understanding well completion
- Following initial proof-of-concept testing MBM DAS VSP acquisition was improved and is very promising
  - Sensitivity within ~9 dB of clamped geophones

### DAS Testing at Otway: 2012



Stage 2: Well CRC-2

- ~1400 m, Tubing Deployed Fiber plus Surface cable
- DTS (with heat pulse)
- DAS



http://www.co2crc.com.au/

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#### Otway DAS included borehole (VSP) and surface cable



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Weight Drop Source





Increase Source Effort (stack 41 vs 5-10)

From Daley, et al, Leading Edge, 2013

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Otway Tubing DAS VSP vs Clamped Wireline Geophone Signal/Noise



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How Much Extra Source Effort?

2012 Otway test says 40 dB

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2013 testing at Citronelle indicates ~9 dB

Otway is not simultaneous acquisition -> Citronelle better comparison

Note: Stack of 100 = 20 dB



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### Parallel Surface Cables (Loop) Very Similar Response



Cross correlation of all channels: Time shifts < +/- 1 ms Correlation Coefficent:~0.8-0.95





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### Two individual channels (1 m segments

DAS as Surface Seismic Cable: Stacking Different Fiber Lengths



Directionality of DAS limits reflection signal: can improve by stacking, but Surface waves dominate signal compared to vertical geophones



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Result: Useful data for near surface properties (spectral analysis of surface waves – SASW)



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- DAS VSP data ~40dB below high quality geophones
  - Note: great improvement seen at second Citronelle test
- Simultaneous borehole and surface data on one cable
- DAS Surface wave data analysis is good quality

### **Ketzin Project**



- CO2 Storage Pilot operated by the German Research Centre for Geosciences (GFZ); Injection at ~700 m
- Injection well and 3 observation wells
- DAS acquisition in 2012 (2 wells) and 2013 (4 wells)
- Weight Drop Source (240 kg)



Distributed acoustic VSP source: Geophysik GGD, Leipzig, Germany



- Two Wells Simultaneous
- Fiber Behind Casing
- Surface connecting fiber added for VSP

#### Good Quality Data: Various Waves Observed





(A) Extensional signal propagating in undamped casing above 269m (5.5 km/sec) (B) Direct compressional formation arrival (3 km/sec) (C) Tubewave propagating in fluid annulus above 460m (1.35 km/sec) (D) Reflected formation arrival from reflector at 540m (E) Downgoing formation shear (1.67 km/sec)

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Fiber deployed behind casing, but not cemented at all depths DAS records waves related to well casing completion





Weak signal at ~650m in both geophone and DAS data – no cement

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### Aquistore DAS 3D-VSP 2 Example Shots



- ~3 km Fiber Behind Casing, cemented, explosive shot
- Initial recording May 2013 of >200 shots
- Second recording Nov 2013 > 600 shots; being processed analyzed



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### May 2013 DAS VSP

• Currently: Processing of individual shots

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#### May 2013 Aquistore: Shot #136 (730m offset) VSP Reflection Image

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### New Data: Aquistore Nov 2013 DAS and Geophone 3D-VSP





# Summary 1



- CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring needs improved borehole methods
- DAS and Heat-Pulse DTS are new, useful fiber-optic applications
- Modular borehole deployments make sense for CCS monitoring
- DAS testing conducted within CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring R&D
- Citronelle site
  - Tubing deployed, 2.9 km, with short 260 m geophone string
  - Initial test had relatively low sensitivity
  - Repeat test greatly improved, about 9 dB below geophones, good potential for monitoring
- Otway site,
  - Tubing-deployed, 1.5 km, poor in comparison with previous geophone survey
  - Larger source effort needed, but promising result
  - Surface cable gives useful data

# Summary 2



- Ketzin site,
  - casing deployed, ~750 m
  - Multiple wells recorded simultaneously on single cable loop
  - good overall data quality but adverse effects from uncemented zones.
  - DAS data has upgoing VSP reflections over the ~700-m depth of the well.
- Aquistore Site
  - Casing deployed, 3 km
  - Good quality data
  - Repeat with wireline 3-C geophones
- DAS is very promising technology, which is still improving
- Fiber optic sensing, in general, has application for CCS:
  - Improved monitoring while reducing risk from monitoring wells

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