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Draft Plan to Monitor Seismic Activity on and around the Sulphur Mines Dome, Louisiana

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- Place analog geophones in the existing 7-5/8" cemented production casing on inactive cavern wellbore entries PPG 6X & 7B (operated by Eagle US 2, LLC) to monitor seismicity on and around the the Sulphur Mines salt dome.
 - PPG 6X: Six 3C geophones
 - PPG 7B: Five 3C geophones
 - 600 foot geophone array aperture in each well
 - Top sensors ~1,900 ft depth; bottom sensors ~2,500 ft depth (near the 7 5/8" casing shoe)



Cavern entries are ~560 ft apart





Wellbore Drawings/Geophone Array Placement





Geophone/Pressure

- Custom built analog Avalon geophone array for each well.
 - Geophones have time-release clamping arm.
 - Arm holds each geophone against the 7 5/8" cemented casing
 - Geophone string can be removed for cavern access or sensor maintenance. (tool string is "dragged" up the wellbore)
 - Geophone: 15 Hz, 3 component sensors.
- Pressure Gauge:
 - Incorporated into the same communications cable as the geophones.
 - Set at a depth within the cavern.
- Surface Equipment:
 - Analog/Digital equipment near wellheads to convert signal to digital.
 - Continuous data transmission to onsite computer for microseismic eventdetection.
 - Off site vendor for event processing and reporting.
 - Precision GPS timing system.
 - Near real-time detection and location capability if needed.



Array Geometry Microseismic Feasibility Study Performed

- What location accuracy and magnitude detection levels can we expect geophones in the 6X and 7B wellbores?
- A feasibility study was done by "altcom" (Andy Jupe) using the "microseisgram" software package <u>https://microseisgram.com/services</u>
 - Company based in UK
 - Extensive experience in geothermal and oil and gas operations.

Feasibility studies

altcom feasibility study & network design studies typically include:

- Location uncertainty due to arrival time pick & hodogram uncertainty for a user specified monitoring network geometry & velocity model
- Moment magnitude (Mw) sensitivity for a given network & attenuation behaviour, based on both empirical & physics based models.
- Generation of synthetic focal mechanism data for sensitivity analysis.
- Location uncertainty associated with velocity model uncertainty, inc^{Uncertainty Modeling Results} systematic shifts between two specific velocity models & random uncertainty associated with a base model.
- Modelling of migration-based large surface/downhole array acquisition & processing sequences
- Finite-Difference (FD) elastic model simulation of earthquake sources, including wave-front animation & generation of synthetic seismograms. This module can be used to investigate arrival genesis within the subsurface (eg head-waves) & provide simulation data for the investigation of processing sequences

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microseisgram software

The altcom microseismic software suite covers data acquisition, processing, 3D visualisation & tomographic imaging. Each of these components is fully integrated into the core module - microseisgram.

The microseisgram core is a platform independent package that provides enhanced microseismic data processing & Quality Control (QC) capabilities.

microseisgram can be deployed as a standalone application, or as a client to a multi-user remotely-accessible relational database allowing interactive working from remote sites around the world.

When combined with our automated data acquisition software this provides the capability for simultaneous microseismic data processing by multiple remote analysts & QC by clients.



microsels gram is used by operators & researchers around the world to make the most of their data.

Feasibility Study Summary

Geophone Arrays in wells 6x and 7B modeling results:

Location Uncertainty Modeling:

- Upper 1500 ft of Sulphur Mines dome- <±100 to 150 ft location uncertainty.
- Mid cavern levels ~4000 to 5000 ft depth, uncertainty about ±200 to 300 feet.
- Deep 5000-6000 ft, caverns below array ±200-300 ft uncertainty, location resolution drops off at deep >6000 ft near salt flanks.
 - The deep eastern area of dome has larger location uncertainties (> ±500 ft) but events can be detected and located.
- The effects of "cavern" void spaces on the signal attenuation were not modeled.
- Background noise levels in the proposed wellbore intervals is unknown at this time.
 - Modeling used ~2x noise level observed at a nearby microseismic observation well in salt.
- Magnitude Detection Modeling:
 - Excellent magnitude detectability near the arrays (to magnitude -2.5) and expected to fall off with depth to about magnitude -1.25 below 6000 ft depth.

Modeling suggests geophones placed in 6X and 7B should provide microseismic monitoring coverage over the entire Sulphur Mines salt dome.

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Modeling Assumptions

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Magnitude Sensitivity Modeling Results

~nearby salt monitoring median -1.2

- Modeling suggests sensor geometry can detect events magnitude > -1 throughout the dome area and m <-2 near the geophone arrays.
- Median magnitude at nearby seismic salt some monitoring ~magnitude -1.2



Feasibility Study Results

Magnitude Sensitivity Modeling Results

 Modeling suggests network can detect magnitude > -1.5 throughout the dome and magnitude <-2.0 near the arrays.

~nearby salt median -1.2





Magnitude "Detectability" observed in a nearby salt dome



Magnitude vs Distance from Sensors (Gulf Coast Salt Dome)



Based on results form Salt Dome monitoring in Louisiana, Events are located to magnitude <-2 at ~2000 ft distance from sensors.

Draft Plan for Microseismic Monitoring:

Place Two Geophone Arrays: use PPG 6X and PPG 7B wellbores

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Comments regarding Sulphur Mines microseismic monitoring proposal/modeling, etc.

- The modeling focused on microseismic monitoring within the salt in and around the caverns, which are in the control of the operators.
 - Cap rock events are expected to be detectable and we can locate events above the arrays (not modeled).
 - Nearby dome monitoring able to detect and locate cap rock microseismic activity with array below cap rock.
 - The effects of "cavern" and cap rock void spaces on the signal attenuation were not modeled.
- Deformation in the sediments on the flanks of the Sulphur Mines dome may or may not create detectable microseismic events.
 - Rock "fracturing" must occur to emit a signal for microseismic event detection and location.
 - The Sulphur Mine arrays should pick up seismic activity "off dome" if sediment attenuation, noise levels, etc. are acceptable and the flank formations are actively fracturing.
 - Soft sediment deformation and or slow deformation may not produce microseismic events.
 - The Salt Dome flank- Sediment margin may produce microseismicity.
 - Observed in nearby Gulf Coast Salt Dome and is likely related to growth faults off the salt dome.
- Background noise levels in the proposed wellbore intervals is unknown at this time.
 - Modeling used ~2x noise level observed at a nearby microseismic observation well in salt.
 - High background noise can hamper the ability to monitor microseismicity.
 - More difficult to detect small microseismic events.
 - Noise affects quality of the seismic waveforms and the location accuracy worsens.

Cavern "void space" and microseismic monitoring





Microseismic waveform emulating from PPG 04 and Sulphur Storage 2 might be attenuated by void space in caverns PPG 2 and Liberty Gas Storage 2. Each of these cavern likely visible from one of the two arrays, but not both.

Estimated time line for monitoring set up and reporting

- Currently ~6 month build time for custom seismic arrays.
- Monitoring estimated starting ~ Q1 2023
 - 1-2 months "learning phase" for after monitoring system is operational.
 - Q2 2023 initial reports on status on seismic array, event locations, etc.
 - Set up an tiered "seismic alert system" for Sulphur Mines Dome
 - Call down list, example reporting, etc.
 - Set parameters for the notification time based on seismic alert system
 - Considered an "Initial" alert system
 - » The ability to distinguish normal/anomalous microseismicity will continue over time.
 - Q3 2023 initiate monthly report.
 - Continue monthly reporting to ~Q1 2024 (one year)
 - Continued evaluation of Seismic Alert System.
 - Evaluate seismicity/reporting and the appropriate levels of continued seismic monitoring.
 - Q1 2024 step down in frequency of reporting: start an annual report

Thank you

QUESTIONS?

Microseismic "Magnitude"



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Geophone & Cable

Comms/Array Cable Hoisting Cable



Wellbore Inspection Phase

- Move in service rig
- Remove 5-1/2" brine string
- Scraper run on 7 5/8" production casing
- Run casing inspection logs and CBL
 - HiRes Vertilog, 60-Arm Caliper, & SBT
 - Confirm geophone placement depths
 - Sonar Surveys & Nitrogen MIT's previously performed in March 2022
- Complete the above on both wellbores
- Order geophone equipment (24 week lead time) based upon above results
- Prep surface for equipment installation

Geophone Installation Phase

- Install surface facilities/equipment for data collection and processing
- Run geophones & pressure gauge system to target depth with 1/8" slickline
 - Rigless; via slickline and crane
 - Scaffolding around wellhead to be installed as work floor
- Install new wellhead spool
- Conduct string shot "seismic event" via offset PPG 2 wellbore/cavern
 - Verify orientation of the geophones within 6X & 7B

New Wellhead Spool



