

# Acoustic Smart Cement for Well Integrity Diagnostics

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# **Project Background**

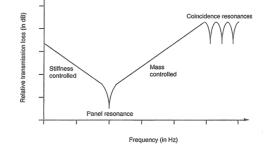
- Problem:
  - Well cement integrity shortfalls and catastrophic failure pose risks to human and environmental health.
  - The quality and condition of well cement impact the economic costs of production due to insufficient zonal isolation and production control.
  - Increased knowledge of cement placement, integrity, and mechanical stress will help to better guide well construction and operation.
- The smart cement will improve measurements of hydraulic containment, casing stress state, and cement condition.
- It can also inform well design and operation through increased understanding of geomechanical effects.
- Overall, the project will promote human health and environmental safety as well as more efficient production.



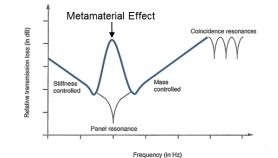
### **Acoustic Smart Cement**

#### • Well cement integrity





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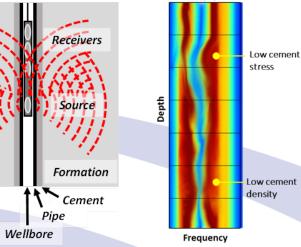
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Band gap region ←→

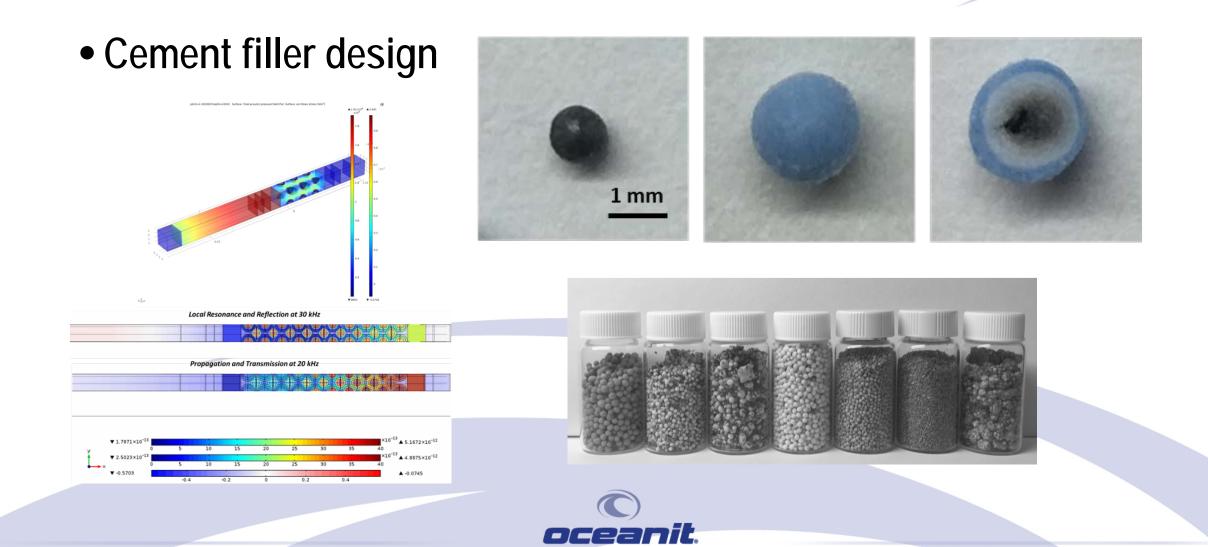
Cement presence

Cement stress

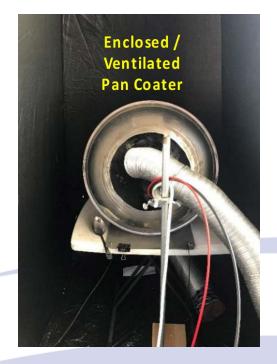
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## **Acoustic Smart Cement**



### • Cement filler production



Pan coating



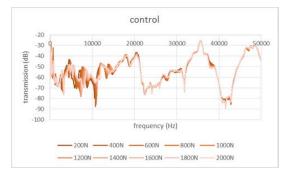
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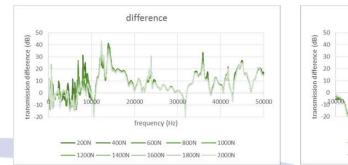


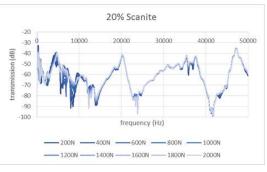
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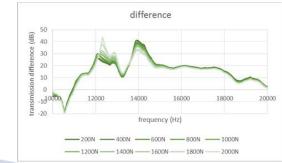
### Laboratory Testing

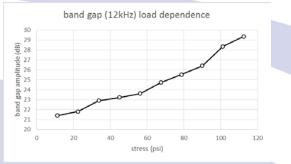




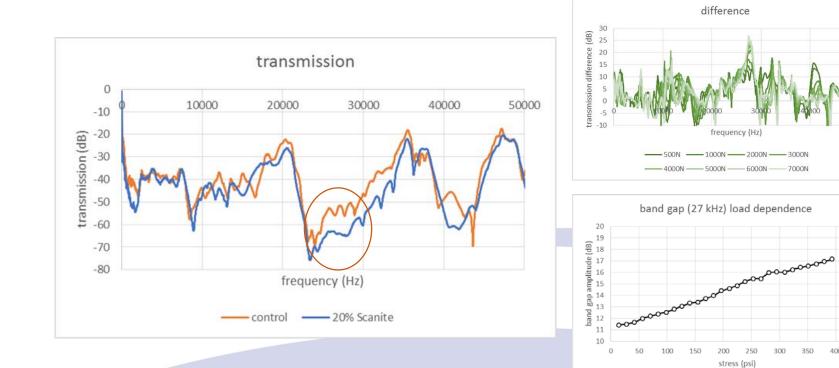


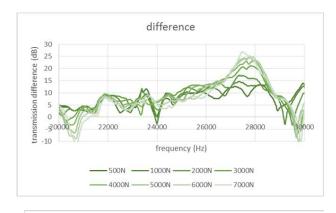


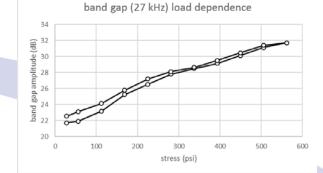




Laboratory Testing









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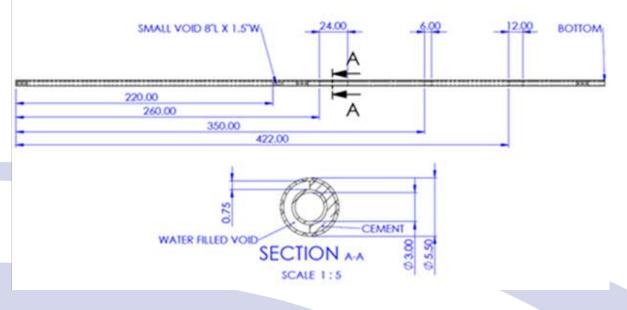
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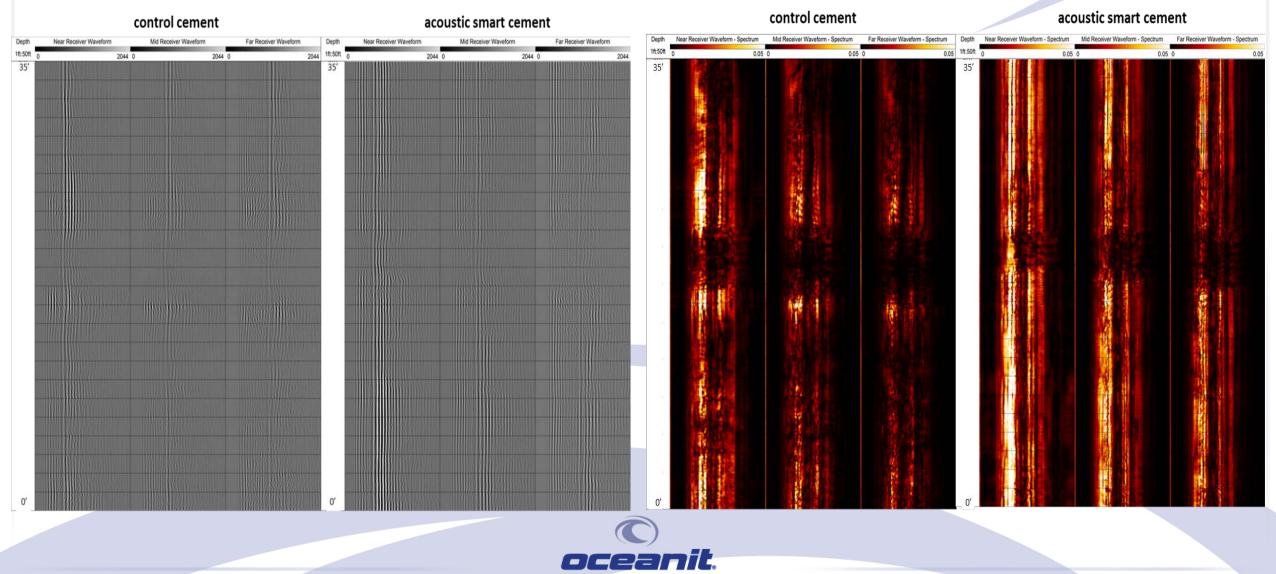
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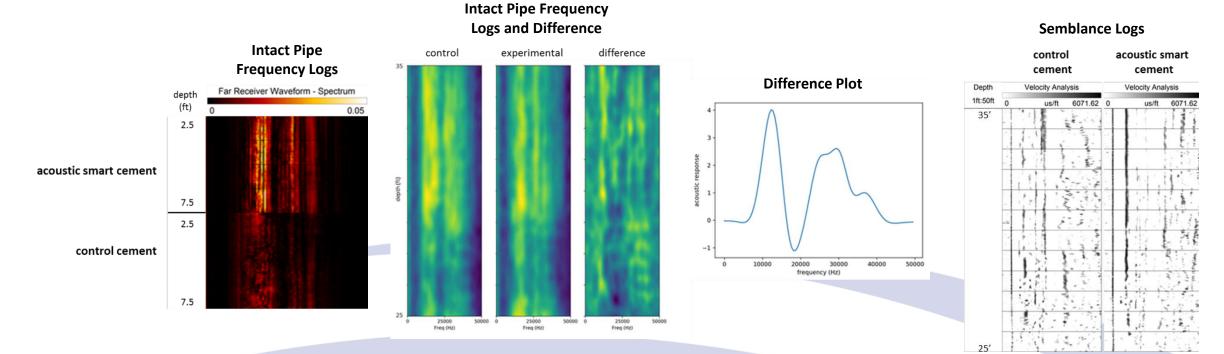


VOID SIZES AND LOCATIONS:





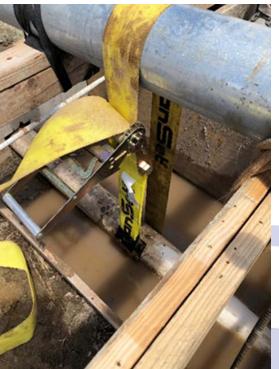


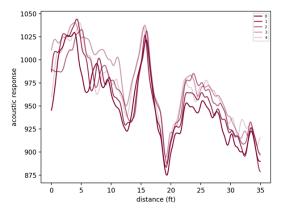




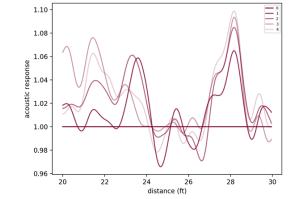
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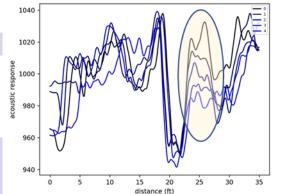


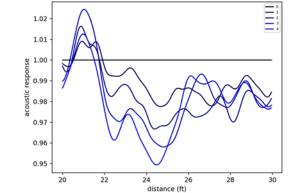


#### control cement

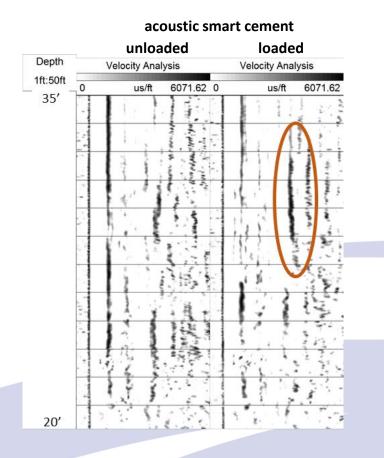


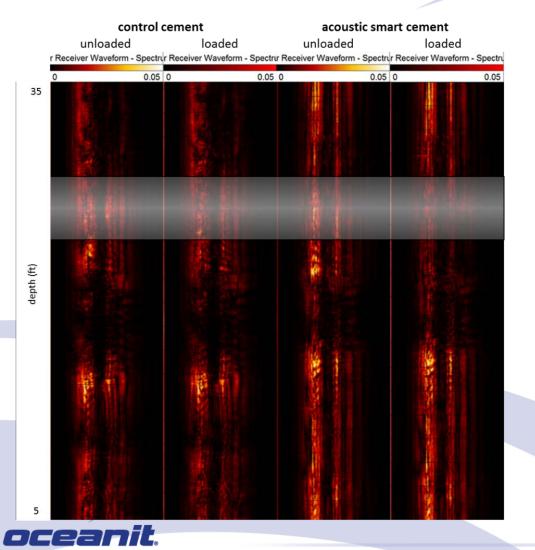
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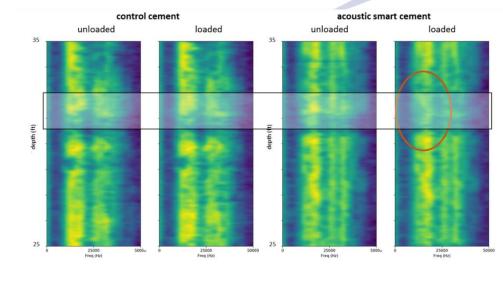


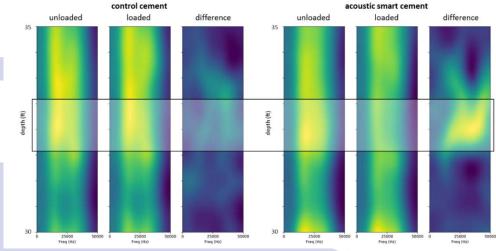


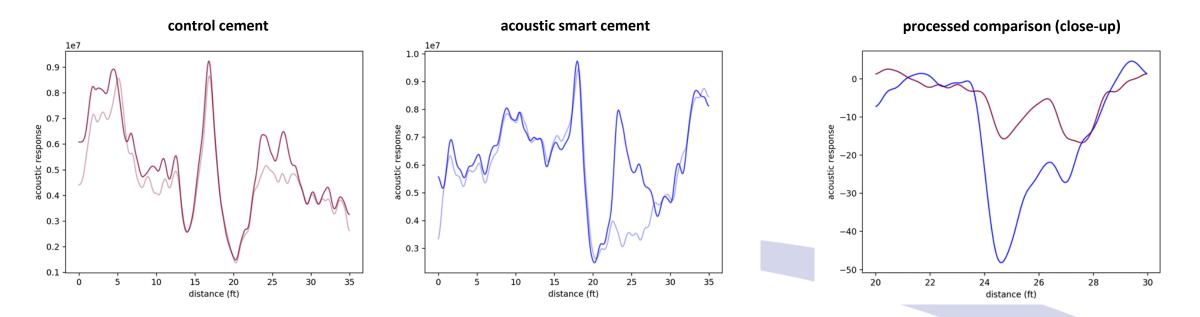


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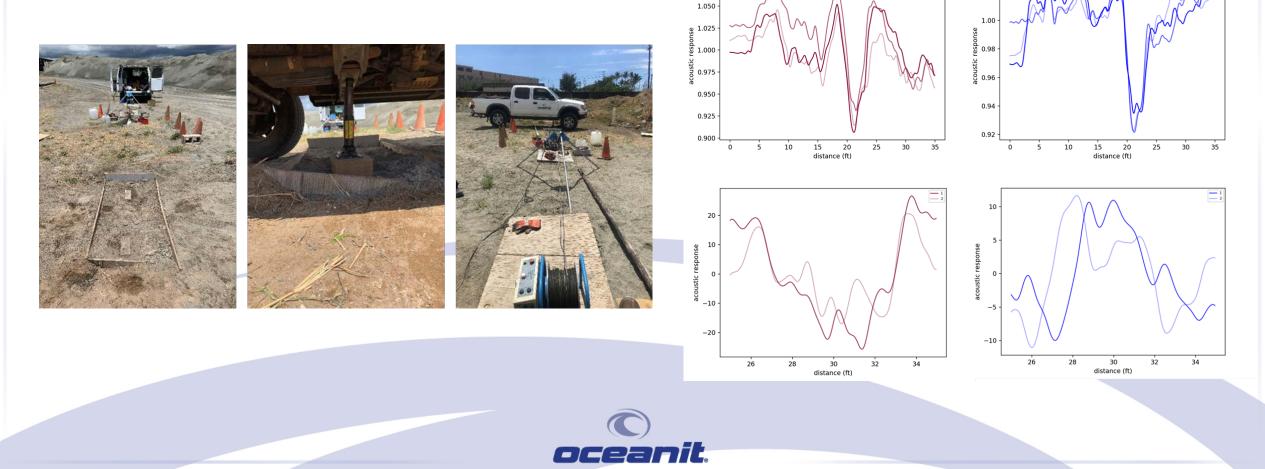


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control cement

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# Accomplishments to Date

- Simulation and design of acoustic metamaterial filler for cement
- Laboratory scale production of acoustic metamaterial filler.
- Physical and acoustic characterization of acoustic metamaterial filler in cement composites.
- Sub-scale testing of cement-steel composites and annular pipe constructs.
- Pilot scale construction and installation of shallow buried 40' pipe constructs with control and experimental foam cement.
- Acoustic interrogation of annular pipe constructs with monopole full waveform sonic logging tool.
- Acoustic mapping of cement construct with engineered voids and applied mechanical stress.
- Development of data analysis techniques for determining cement location and mechanical loading.
- Scale-up of acoustic metamaterial filler particles for field deployment.



# **Project Summary**

#### • Key findings

- Oceanit acoustic smart cement provides improved cement-void contrast and stress detection.
- Acoustic band gap effect and load dependence were demonstrated in lab, subscale, and pilot field studies.
- The smart cement has potential to enhance well integrity diagnostics and design and provide insight into subsurface mechanics.

#### • Lessons learned

- Balancing of acoustic and mechanical performance of smart cement compositions
- Formulation changes required for scaled-up and economically viable production
- Importance of matching material acoustic response to tool capabilities for particular applications
- Next steps
  - Continued production process scale-up
  - Cement API characterization
  - Material and detector optimization
  - Partnerships and field trials

