

ACT4 SPARSE EM Modeling and Data Acquisition

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ACT4 SPARSE:

Sparse Passive-Active Reservoir monitoring using Seismic, Electromagnetics, gravity, and surface deformation

- Enable low-cost long-term monitoring & facilitate GT storage
- SPARSE background monitoring
 - Node-based conformance and containment monitoring
 - Sparse data, sparse nodes
 - May trigger target-oriented active surveys when needed
 - Reduce / remove need for conventional active surveys
- Main requirements:
 - Extract sufficient information from sparse data for detection and quantification
 - Track pressure, saturation, stress and strain changes
 - High repeatability
 - Low-cost installation, operation, maintenance over decades
 - Solutions must be practical







LBNL Research Topic #1

Numerical Modeling, Implementation, Testing, and Data Processing for Optimized Land-Vertical Source (VS) CSEM measurement





Associated Project Work Packages and Tasks

- WP2 : Sparse Geophysical Monitoring and Quantification
 - Tasks
 - Task 2.1 Sparse Geophysical Monitoring
 - Task 2.2 Data Exploitation
 - Milestones and Deliverables
 - M2.1, D 2.1 Report /paper describing CSEM modeling study for CaMI Site
- WP4 : Node Design and Implementation (LBNL)
 - Tasks
 - Task 4.1 Optimum Design
 - Task 4.2 Technical Realization
 - Task 4.3 Automatic Data Processing, Reduction and Evaluation
 - Milestones and Deliverables
 - M4.1, D4.1 Report describing optimized vertical source VS CSEM system
 - M4.2, D4.2 Report on deployment of VS CSEM System at CaMI and first data acquisition
 - M4.3, D4.3 Report on first year of quarterly VS CSEM data acquisition
 - M4.4, D4.4 Report on first year of quarterly VSD CSEM data acquisition
 - D4.5 Guidelines/paper for Implementation of SPARSE Monitoring (with SINTEF)

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EM Modeling and Measurements at CaMI

- S1 Shallow VED in water well
- S2 Deep VED using ERT array on OBS2
- S3 Energize Steel casing of OBS1





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EM Nodal Receivers





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EM Models



- 1D Layered Electrical Resistivity Model
- CO₂ Plume Resistivity (Archie's law, m=n=2)
 - S_{CO2}=0%: 9.83 Ohm-m
 - S_{CO2}=10%: 12.14 Ohm-m
 - S_{CO2}=20%: 15.36 Ohm-m
 - S_{CO2}=30%: 20.06 Ohm-m
 - S_{CO2}=40%: 27.31 Ohm-m
 - S_{CO2}=50%: 39.32 Ohm-m
 - S_{CO2}=60%: 61.44 Ohm-m
 - S_{CO2}=70%: 109.22 Ohm-m
 - S_{CO2}=80%: 245.75 Ohm-m
- 7m thick, CO₂ plume radius: 100m

Well / Source Construction : Step Off Tx



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Effect of Surface Casing on Close (50m) Measurements



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Effect of Moving Receiver to 100m away



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Surface Ex at Further Offsets



400m offset



Surface Ex versus Receiver Offset : Freq Domain

50m offset

100m Offset



200m offset

400m Offset





Well / Source Construction



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Surface Ex at Different Offsets: Time Domain

50m offset

100m Offset



Surface Ex at Different Offsets: Frequency Domain



100m Offset



Well / Source Construction : Freq Domain



Surface Ex at Different Offsets : Frequency Domain

50m offset





200m offset





CaMI Field Measurements : July 1-5, 2024











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Source 1 or Tx300 – Time Domain







Receiver Site 1







Source 3 or Tx400 – Frequency Domain





Receiver Site 3



Frequency (Hz)





Source 2 or Tx100 – Frequency Domain









Summary

- Numerical Modeling Shows:
 - Surface vs Deep Dipole Deep dipole offers better sensitivity
 - Time vs Frequency Domain Measurements
 - For Surface VED Source, time domain measurement more sensitive than frequency domain, especially at close source-receiver offsets
 - For deeper sources, low frequency (DC) response provides similar sensitivity
 - Surface steel casing on transmitter well has significant effect on time domain responses short offsets out to measurement locations 50m to 100m away from well
 - Electrically energized steel casing offers sensitivity better than the shallow VED source in the frequency domain, but not quite as good as VED time-domain measurement

Summary

- Data Acquisition Shows:
 - Surface vs Deep Dipole Deep dipole data a bit noisier than shallow data
 - Time Domain Measurements The time domain measurements for Tx100 and Tx300 show sign flips indicating that either
 - The dipoles aren't vertical or
 - There is significant 3D structure or infrastructure to distort the fields or
 - The steel casing segments are producing an IP effect?
 - The frequency domain results with the CO₂ pump off and then on show interesting results.... This will need additional research and repeat measurements to prove
 - The next round of measurements are scheduled for the week of September 30

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