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Cranfield CO₂ Geothermal Field Demonstration

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Project Objective

- Perform a field demonstration of geothermal energy production using CO₂ to mine heat
- Acquire data sufficient to evaluate predictive simulations and enhance future modeling capability
- Evaluate the data for implications to future research in CO₂ geothermal
- Monitor induced seismicity with a IS Protocol in place for responding to any observed events

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- Instrument wells with fiber-optic DTS and pressure temperature sensors to monitor thermophysical parameters.
- Set up a two-well doublet with an injector and producer in a sufficiently warm reservoir to create a CO₂ thermosiphon
- Initiate the thermosiphon and monitor thermophysical parameters and geochemistry
- Success! World's first CO₂ geothermal thermosiphon operated using a reservoir at 3 km depth.

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Cranfield, Mississippi Geothermal Demonstration –

Producing Clean Renewable Energy Using Supercritical CO₂





- At Denbury Resource's Cranfield Field in Adams County, Mississippi, the first ever demonstration of using supercritical CO₂ for extracting geothermal energy is commencing in January 2015.
- This technology can potentially produce clean renewable energy, while at the same time sequestering carbon dioxide and enhancing oil production.



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Developed an Induced Seismicity Plan and operated a network of both real-time surface geophones and RITE (Japan) operated a recorded array at six locations



RITE Microseismic monitoring array at the Cranfield site, MS



Microseismic monitoring station

Sensor (Velocity: NS, EW, and UD)

Frequency range 0.012-100 Hz Velocity range ±2m / s Sensitivity 200V / (m/s)

Data logger

A / D converter 24 bit Dynamic range 130 dB



Provided by Denbury, July 2012

Commercial-scale injection

•CO2 injection since 2007 (EOR)

•4 Mt has been injected (1Mt/yr)

Low Seismicity, Large Injection Volume

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Instrument F2 well with fiber-optic DTS sensor and quartz pressure temperature sensors.



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Design, procure and fabricate a surface control system for operation and monitoring of the CO₂ thermosiphon test



Monitoring and Control System at F3





Flow Iron – Producer to Injector





Heatric Exchangers for Cooling CO₂



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Venting Operations – bring up warm CO₂





Operations control center and systems monitoring





Data Collected

- DTS fiber-optic temperature logs of F2 and F3 well
- Quartz pressure and temperature from the reservoir interval in F2 and F3
- Fluid pressure and temperature at the outlet of the F3 production tubing
- Differential pressure across the 100 µ filter unit
- Emerson Micromotion Coriolis measurement of the fluid mass flux rate and density
- Pressure and temperature at the Coriolis flowmeter exit
- Pressure and temperature downstream of the recirculation pressure control valve
- Pressure and temperature at the outlet of the heat exchangers and inlet to F1
- Set point for vent valve
- Set point for pressure control valve



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Future Directions

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 Proposal Submitted to DOE for processing and interpretation of data collected. Possible continuation of project effort in FY16.



- Our project team has successfully operated a CO₂ thermosiphon at the Cranfield Site.
- This is a first of its kind demonstration of the technology at a pre-commercial scale that will allow us to validate our reservoir simulations.
- Future work is required to interpret the voluminous data collected during the field campaign.