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November 2, 2023

Jolie Harrison, Division Chief  
Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources,  
1315 East-West Highway, F/PR1 Room 13805,  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

RE: LOA Application, G&G Permit - VSP Seismic Survey  
Mississippi Canyon, MC Block 40  
BOEM G&G Permit L23-029

Dear Ms. Harrison:

Please find the attached request for an incidental take authorization under section 101(a)(5) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA), as amended, for the potential take of marine mammals incidental to conducting a VSP Seismic Survey (referred as "Ocotillo VSP") in "Mississippi Canyon" area, in block 40.

The King Field general area has been covered in the past by WAZ (Wide Azimuth) multiclient streamer surveys. Those surveys combined provide a good regional image, however, particularly in subsalt areas with complex tectonic, they lack the resolution and high frequencies that could be provided by a more targeted downhole survey. Further, the regional seismic representation of the geology needs to be referenced ("tied" is geological parlance) to the depth observed at the well bore. The industry standard to provide such tie is to record a 1D Vertical Seismic Profile (1D VSP). The new proposed 1D VSP at Ocotillo (Well MC 40 #001) would provide an accurate estimation of the stretch factor between geological depth and the time at which surface seismic techniques record events. This referencing is essential for any further operation in the block, and would help Anadarko optimize further activities, hence reducing environmental impact in the long run.

Anadarko is planning to conduct a **zero offset VSP**. No dedicated source vessel would be in used. The seismic source would be suspended at 5m of water depth with a crane on the side of the drill ship. The source would be either a 6-element, 1,500 cubic inch airgun array, referenced as the "hyper cluster", or a 12-element, 2,400 cubic inch airgun array, referenced as the "dual Magnum". The expected source activity duration for this configuration is less than 4 days.

Anadarko's upcoming VSP survey is subject to the provisions of the MMPA and the Regulations Governing Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Geophysical Survey Activities in the Gulf of Mexico (50 CFR § 217, Subpart S); therefore, we are requesting issuance of a Letter of Authorization for the proposed activities.

Anadarko is requesting the LOA be issued with an effective period from January 15, 2024, to May 15, 2024. The expected commencement date of the survey is February 2024.

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In support of this request, please review the attached Letter of Authorization Application and copy of Anadarko's G&G Permit L23-029 submitted to BOEM on 11/2/2023.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 713-557-9453 or e-mail at [Debbie\\_Malbrough@oxy.com](mailto:Debbie_Malbrough@oxy.com).

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:



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Deborah "Debbie" Malbrough  
Consultant Regulatory Sr.  
GOM Regulatory Affairs

**Letter of Authorization Application – Addendum to G&G Permit Application**

**Short Form** – Assumes proprietary materials of BOEM G&G application are provided to NMFS

**A. Type of Survey:**

Please indicate which type of survey will be used in the proposed activity
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Deep Penetration Seismic (greater than 1,500 in<sup>3</sup> total airgun array volume)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2D Seismic-towed Streamer</li><li>• 2D Seismic-Sea-floor Cable or Nodes</li><li>• 3D Seismic-towed Streamer</li><li>• 3D Seismic-Sea-floor Cable or Nodes</li><li>• NAZ</li><li>• WAZ</li><li>• 4D (Time Lapse)</li><li>• Vertical Cable</li><li>• <b>Borehole Seismic (VSP)</b></li></ul> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Shallow Penetration Seismic (less than 1,500 in<sup>3</sup> total airgun array volume)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Surface Vessel</li><li>• Surface Vessel and AUV/ROV</li><li>• <b>Borehole Seismic (VSP)</b></li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>HRG Surveys (no airguns used)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Surface vessel</li><li>• AUV/ROV</li><li>• Both</li></ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> <u>Describe (if Other):</u></p>

**B. Survey Area and Operational Plan:**

<b>Question:</b>	<b>Response</b>
<b>Overall Duration of the Activity (days):</b>	5-10 days
<b>Areal extent of the survey area:</b> (in OCS lease blocks or km <sup>2</sup> ) (Attach GIS file(s) of survey lines and/or survey area perimeter)	Survey centered around Mississippi Canyon block MC-40. Source area, 1 OCS blocks. Receiver area, 1 well. All receivers downhole.  See map inserted in Section F.
<b>G&amp;G ITR/PEIS Modeling Zone(s) in which the activity will occur (1-7):</b>	Zone 5 (Central GoM in slope water around 3,500ft)
<b>Number of days during the overall activity period on which the sound source(s) listed in Section C will operate:</b> (If the activity will occur in more than one Modeling Zone, provide the number of operating days within each modeling zone.)	4-8 days

**C. Sound Sources:**

- List the same sound sources provided in response to question #3 in “Section D Proprietary Information Attachment” to the G&G Permit Application and indicate their Duration of Use.

Only one energy source of the two types of equipment listed below will be selected.

<b>Energy Source</b>	<b>Manufacturer &amp; Model</b>	<b>Duration of Use</b> (Number of Days or Percent of Active Sound Source Days)
Dual Magnum 2,400 cu.in.	Sercel G Gun, 12 guns, total volume 2,400 cu. In., 2,000PSI	Less than 8 days
Hyper cluster 1,500 cu.in.	Sercel G Gun, 6 guns, total volume 1,500 cu. In., 3,000PSI	Less than 4 days

**D. Take Estimate:**

Summary of Exposures in support of LOA application:



**E. Mitigation and Monitoring Efforts:**

<b>Question:</b>	<b>Response:</b>
Please indicate which set of monitoring and mitigation measures from the ITR apply to the planned activity:	All monitoring and mitigation measures in the ITRs applicable to Deep Penetration Airgun Surveys with a total volume >1,500 cu in will be followed.  BOEM NTL 2016-G02 revised 6/19/2020  Appendices A, B, and C to NMFS 2020 BiOp for the GoMex Oil and Gas Program
Confirm that you will apply this set of monitoring and mitigation measures during the activity:	Yes, we will apply these measures during this VSP survey.

## Rice's Whale Area, Map of Survey Area and Transit Route:

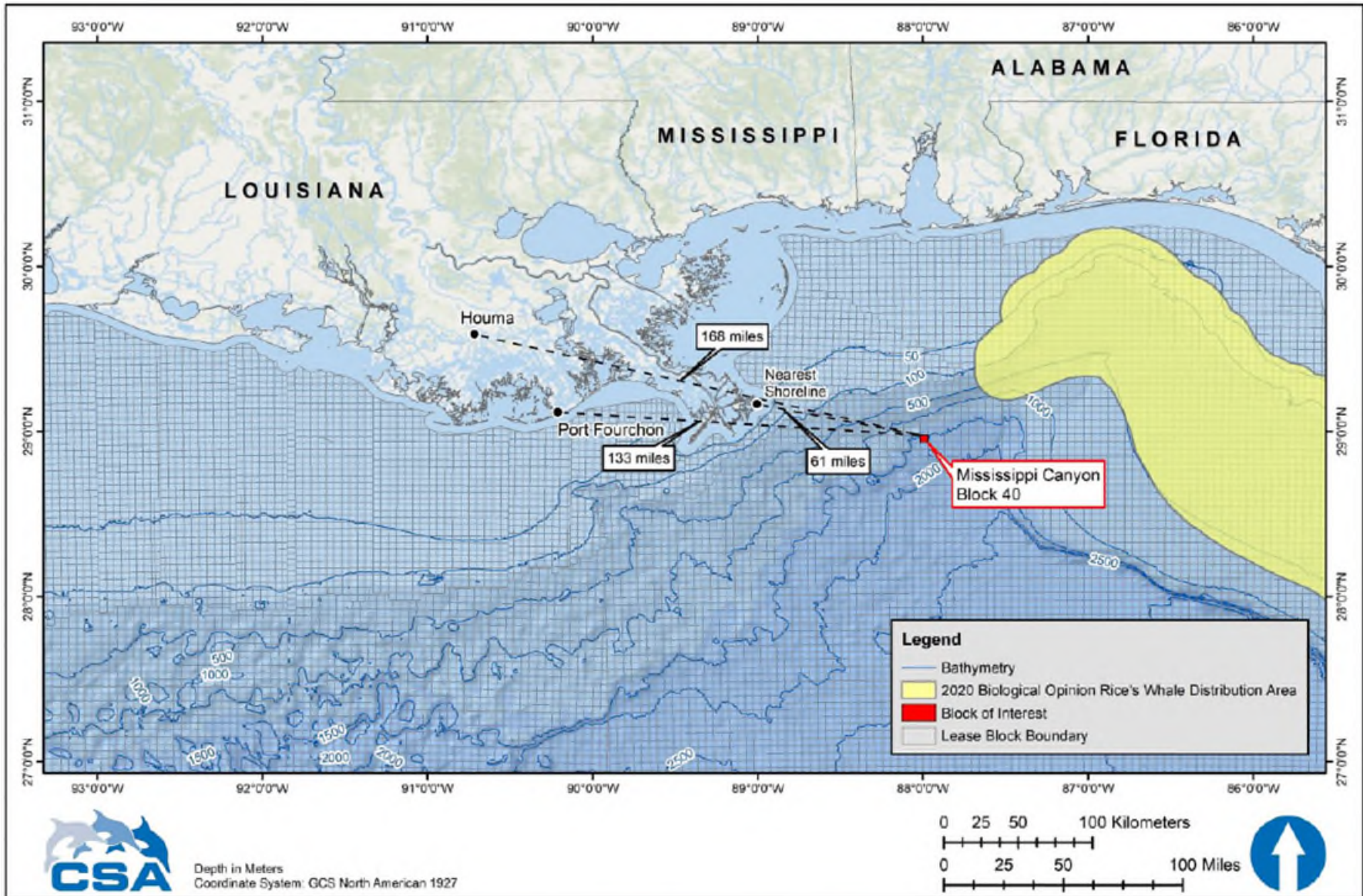


Figure 1. Location of Mississippi Canyon Block 40 relative to the Louisiana shoreline, the Rice's whale habitat area, and offshore bathymetric contours.

Figure 1: Rice's whale area, survey area and route to/from Port Fourchon and Houma.

# Gulf of Mexico Seismic Survey Exposure Calculator

Compute estimated marine animal exposures based on user-defined seasonal schedule, survey configuration, and location.

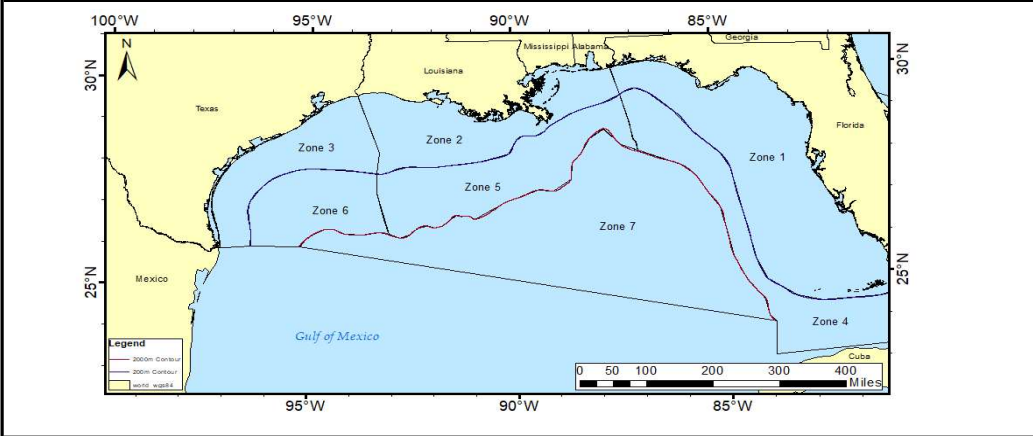
## Instructions:

- Select the survey type and zone number (2-7, operations in Zone 1 are not covered by the incidental take regulations) from the drop down lists (click in the cell to see the dropdown arrow)

- Type in the number of days of acquisition per season in the "Schedule" section (Winter: December - March, Summer: April - November)

Report tables are automatically updated based on user selections.

## Zone Map:



## Parameters

Survey Type	2D
Zone Number	5

## Schedule

Season	# days
Summer	0
Winter	4

## Exposures by Metric

	Summer	Winter	Total
<b>Level A</b>			
<b>Low-Frequency Hearing Group</b>			
Bryde's whale	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01
<b>High-Frequency Hearing Group</b>			
Kogia (dwarf, pygmy sperm whale)	< 0.01	1.07	1.07
<b>Level B</b>			
<b>Low-Frequency Hearing Group</b>			
Bryde's whale	< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01
<b>Mid-Frequency Functional Hearing Group</b>			
Beaked whales (Cuvier/Blainville/Gervais)	< 0.01	755.44	755.44
Bottlenose dolphin	< 0.01	518.33	518.33
Short-finned pilot whale	< 0.01	56.15	56.15
Sperm whale	< 0.01	140.27	140.27
Atlantic spotted dolphin	< 0.01	196.21	196.21
Clymene dolphin	< 0.01	303.12	303.12
False killer whale	< 0.01	62.36	62.36
Fraser's dolphin	< 0.01	33.18	33.18
Killer whale	< 0.01	2.02	2.02
Melon-headed whale	< 0.01	194.11	194.11
Pantropical spotted dolphin	< 0.01	1,375.54	1,375.54
Pygmy killer whale	< 0.01	39.20	39.20
Risso's dolphin	< 0.01	91.06	91.06
Rough-toothed dolphin	< 0.01	90.09	90.09
Spinner dolphin	< 0.01	368.58	368.58
Striped dolphin	< 0.01	118.39	118.39
<b>High-Frequency Hearing Group</b>			
Kogia (dwarf, pygmy sperm whale)	< 0.01	52.09	52.09

## Level A Color Legend:

	Level A SEL
	Level A Peak

\*If no color highlight, both level A peak and SEL are <0.01

## Total take, including Level B Scaling (where appropriate)

Summer	Winter	Total
< 0.01	< 0.01	< 0.01
< 0.01	755.44	755.44
< 0.01	518.33	518.33
< 0.01	56.15	56.15
< 0.01	140.27	140.27
< 0.01	196.21	196.21
< 0.01	303.12	303.12
< 0.01	62.36	62.36
< 0.01	33.18	33.18
< 0.01	2.02	2.02
< 0.01	194.11	194.11
< 0.01	1,375.54	1,375.54
< 0.01	39.20	39.20
< 0.01	91.06	91.06
< 0.01	90.09	90.09
< 0.01	368.58	368.58
< 0.01	118.39	118.39
< 0.01	53.17	53.17

OMB Control Number: 1010-0048  
OMB Approval Expires: 01/31/2024

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT**

Gulf of Mexico OCS Region

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**Requirements for Geological and Geophysical Explorations  
or Scientific Research on the Outer Continental Shelf**

**Application for Permit to Conduct Geological or Geophysical  
Exploration for Mineral Resources or Scientific Research on  
the Outer Continental Shelf**

(Attachment 1)

**Nonexclusive Use Agreement for Scientific Research  
on the Outer Continental Shelf**

(Attachment 2)

**SUBMIT:** One original, one copy of the original, one digital copy, and one public copy (all with original signatures).

**Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) Statement:** The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) requires us to inform you that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) collects this information to evaluate applications for permits to conduct pre-lease exploration offshore and to monitor activities of scientific research conducted under notices. BOEM uses the information to ensure there is no environmental degradation, personnel harm, damage to historical or cultural sites, or interference with other uses. Responses are mandatory or to obtain or retain a benefit. Proprietary information is protected in accordance with standards established by the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (30 U.S.C. 1733), the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(1), (4)), and Department regulations (43 CFR 2). An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number. The reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 300 hours per response in the Gulf of Mexico Region and 1,000 hours per response for applications in the Pacific, Alaska, and Atlantic OCS due to NEPA requirements. Much of the work to comply with NEPA requirements has already been done in the Gulf; however, for areas outside the Gulf, BOEM is accounting for the total time expended to compile and submit the necessary information to obtain the required authorizations to acquire a BOEM permit. This includes the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this form to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, VA 20166.

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**REQUIREMENTS FOR GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL EXPLORATIONS  
OR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF**

**Authority**

You must perform all geological and geophysical explorations or scientific research activities authorized and conducted in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) according to the OCS Lands Act, 30 CFR Parts 551, 251, and other applicable Federal statutes and regulations, and amendments thereto.

**General Requirements of Permits and Notices**

You must conduct geological and geophysical activities for mineral exploration or scientific research activities authorized under 30 CFR Parts 551, 251, and in compliance with all applicable mitigation measures so that those activities do not:

- A. Interfere with or endanger operations under any lease or right-of-way or permit issued or maintained pursuant to the OCS Lands Act;
- B. Cause harm or damage to aquatic life or to the marine, coastal, or human environment;
- C. Cause pollution;
- D. Create hazardous or unsafe conditions;
- E. Unreasonably interfere with or harm other uses of the area (including submarine cables); or
- F. Disturb archaeological resources.

Any person conducting geological or geophysical activities for mineral exploration or scientific research under 30 CFR Parts 551 and 251 must immediately report to the Regional Director, BOEM:

- A. Detection of hydrocarbon occurrences;
- B. Encounters of environmental hazards that constitute an imminent threat to human activity; or
- C. Activities that adversely affect the environment, aquatic life, archaeological resources, or other uses of the area in which the exploration or scientific research activities are conducted.

Any person conducting shallow or deep stratigraphic test drilling activities under a permit for mineral exploration or scientific research under 30 CFR Parts 551 and 251 must utilize the best available and safest technologies.

The authorization that BOEM grants you under 30 CFR Parts 551 and 251 to conduct geological and geophysical explorations for minerals or for scientific research does not confer a right to any discovered oil, gas, or other minerals, or to a lease under the OCS Lands Act.

## **Time Restriction for Permits and Notices**

Permitted activities approved for a specified period, including requests for extensions, and activities under a notice may not exceed 1 year.

## **Geological and Geophysical Activities Requiring Permits and Notices**

### **Geological and Geophysical Explorations for Mineral Resources**

You may not conduct geological and geophysical explorations for mineral resources in the OCS without an approved permit unless you conduct such activities pursuant to a lease issued or maintained under the OCS Lands Act. You must obtain separate permits for either geological or geophysical explorations for mineral resources. If BOEM disapproves an application, the statement of rejection will state the reasons for the denial and will advise the applicant of those changes needed to obtain approval.

### **Geological and Geophysical Scientific Research**

You may not conduct geological and geophysical scientific research related to oil, gas, and sulphur in the OCS without an approved application for permit or filing of a notice. You must obtain separate permits for geological and geophysical scientific research that involves the use of solid or liquid explosives or the drilling of a deep stratigraphic test. If BOEM disapproves an application for permit, the statement of rejection will state the reasons for the denial and will advise the applicant of the changes needed to obtain approval.

You must file a notice with BOEM at least 30 days before you begin scientific research not requiring a permit. We may inform you of all environmental laws and regulations pertaining to the OCS. BOEM recommends that you submit your notice 90-120 days prior to beginning your work to ensure timely review of your notice by BOEM.

## **Information Required for Permits**

Each applicant for a permit must complete the applicable sections of the Application for Permit (Attachment 1) and must include a public-information, page-size plat(s) showing the location of the proposed area of activity (Section B.2 or C.2 of Attachment 1). In addition, each applicant for a geological or geophysical permit must submit the appropriate attachment to section D of the Application. This includes a detailed map of the proposed activity for Section D.8 (Geological Application) or Section D.12 (Geophysical Application). Only applicants for a notice of scientific research must complete a Nonexclusive Use Agreement (Attachment 2).

The information provided on the Application for Permit (excluding section D) and on the Nonexclusive Use Agreement, including continuation sheets and the page-size plat(s), is considered NON-PROPRIETARY INFORMATION. These non-proprietary portions of the application constitute the “public information” copy of Form BOEM-0327 and with the executed permit will be available to the public upon request.

The information listed in Section D is considered PROPRIETARY INFORMATION and you should NOT attach it to the public information copy. BOEM will not make this information available to the public without the consent of the potential permittee or for a period mandated by law or regulation. However, BOEM may determine that earlier release is necessary for the proper development of the area permitted.

## **Modifications to Approved Permits**

The BOEM Regional Supervisor must approve any modification to the permitted operations.

### **Filing Locations for Permits to Conduct Explorations for Mineral Resources and for Permits or Notices to Conduct Scientific Research**

File one original, one copy of the original, one digital copy, and one public copy (all with original signatures) at the following locations at least 30 days before you begin operations. BOEM recommends that you submit your notice or application 90-120 days prior to beginning your work to ensure timely review of your notice by BOEM.

A. For the OCS off the State of Alaska:

Regional Supervisor for Resource Evaluation  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  
Alaska OCS Region  
3801 Centerpoint Drive  
Suite #500  
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5823

B. For the OCS in the Gulf of Mexico and off the Atlantic Coast:

Regional Supervisor for Resource Evaluation  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  
Gulf of Mexico OCS Region  
1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard  
New Orleans, Louisiana 70123-2394

C. For the OCS off the States of California, Oregon, Washington, or Hawaii:

Regional Supervisor, Office of Strategic Resources  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  
Pacific OCS Region  
760 Paseo Camarillo  
Suite #102  
Camarillo, California 93010-6092



UNITED STATES  
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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO CONDUCT GEOLOGICAL OR GEOPHYSICAL  
EXPLORATION FOR MINERAL RESOURCES OR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON  
THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

(Section 11, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of August 7, 1953, as amended on September 18, 1978,  
by Public Law 95-372, 92 Statute 629, 43 U.S.C. 1340; and 30 CFR Parts 551 and 251)

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

Name of Applicant

1201 Lake Robbins Dr

Number and Street

The Woodlands, TX 77380

City, State, and Zip Code

Application is made for the following activity: (check one)

Geological exploration for mineral resources

Geological scientific research

Geophysical exploration for mineral resources

Geophysical scientific research

**Submit:** Original plus three copies, totaling four copies, which include one copy of the original, one digital copy, and one public copy (all with original signatures).

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To be completed by BOEM

Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**A. General Information**

1. The activity will be conducted by:

Schlumberger

Service Company Name

6350 West Sam Houston Pkwy N

Address

Houston, TX 77041

City, State, Zip

346 275 8377/281 285 4584

Telephone/FAX Numbers

AMMartinez@slb.com

E-Mail Address

For Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

Purchaser(s) of the Data

1201 Lake Robbins Dr

Address

The Woodlands, TX 77380

City, State, Zip

832-636-2321

Telephone/FAX Numbers

debbie\_malbrough@oxy.com

E-Mail Address

2. The purpose of the activity is:  Mineral exploration  
 Scientific research

3. Describe your proposed survey activities (i.e., vessel use, benthic impacts, acoustic sources, etc.) and describe the environmental effects of the proposed activity, including potential adverse effects on marine life. Describe what steps are planned to minimize these adverse effects (mitigation measures). For example: 1) Potential Effect: Excessive sound level Mitigation; Soft Start, Protected Species Observers (PSO's), mammal exclusion zone or 2) Potential Effect: Bottom disturbance; Mitigation: ROV deployment/retrieval of bottom nodes) (use continuation sheets as necessary or provide a separate attachment. Label as **BOEM-0327 Section A General Information.**):  
 Vertical Seismic Profile (VSP) at the Ocotillo well location (MC 40 001).

See attachment A3 for additional informations.

4. The expected commencement date is: February 15, 2024.

The expected completion date is: February 30, 2024.

5. The name of the individual(s) in charge of the field operation is:  
Williams Adeyemi

May be contacted at:  
6350 West Sam Houston Pkwy N, Houston, TX 77041

Telephone (Local) 985-297-1316 (Marine) See attachment A5

Email Address: WAdeyemi@slb.com

**BOEM-0327 Section A – General Information (Attachment A-3)**  
**Ocotillo Check Shot (1D VSP)**

The Ocotillo Check Shot (1D VSP) geophysical survey will use the 1D Vertical Seismic Profile (1D VSP) technique. For this survey, a borehole tool equipped with seismic sensors will be lowered into the Ocotillo well (MC 40 001) while a seismic source will be operated in the water, outside of the well. The source will be craned in the water from the “Ocean BlackHawk” drillship and will be stationary. The seismic source be located within a radius of 250ft from the well head, using rig's crane to deploy it and keep it stationary.

No aircraft are expected. Protected Species Observers will monitor exclusion zone and shut-down source if marine mammals /turtles or any protected species are observed in zone.

The source vessels will generate a sound source that is created by an air gun array. There are no scientifically proven lasting adverse effects on marine life. In an effort to minimize excessive sound in water, we have chosen to utilize the lowest sound volume possible that would still allow for the geophysical objective to be achieved.

6. The vessel(s) to be used in the operation is (are):

Vessel Name (s)	Vessel Model	Registry Number(s)	Radio Call Sign(s)	Registered Owner(s)
Ocean Blackhawk	Drillship	9618898	V7AS9	Diamond Offshore Drilli

7. The port from which the vessel(s) will operate is: Fourchon, LA

8. Briefly describe the navigation system (vessel navigation only):

DGPS on the vessels; dynamic positioning using Geosynchronous satellites and on-board

receivers operating in conjunction with the global positioning system.

## B. Complete for Geological Exploration for Mineral Resources or Geological Scientific Research

1. The type of operation(s) to be employed is: (check one)

a.  Deep stratigraphic test, or

b.  Shallow stratigraphic test with proposed total depth of \_\_\_\_\_, or

c.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. Attach a page-size plat showing: 1) The generalized proposed location for each test, where appropriate, a polygon enclosing the test sites may be used; 2) BOEM protraction areas, coastline, point of reference, OCS boundary/3-mile limit; 3) Distance and direction from a point of reference to area of Activity; and 4) Label as "**Public Information**".

## C. Complete for Geophysical Exploration for Mineral Resources or Geophysical Scientific Research

1. The proposed operation: Vertical Seismic Profile
- a. Acquisition method (OBN, OBC, Streamer): Down hole receivers
- b. Type of acquisition: (High Resolution Seismic, 2D Seismic, 3D Seismic, gravity, magnetic, CSEM, etc.)  
This survey will be either a 1D VSP also known as check shot.

2. Attach a page-size plat showing:
- The generalized proposed location of the activity with a representative polygon;
  - BOEM protraction areas, coastline, point of reference, OCS boundary/3-mile limit;
  - Distance and direction from a point of reference to area of activity;
  - Label as "**Public Information**"; and
  - Submit relevant shape files needed to recreate the map as part of the required digital copy.

3. List all energy source types to be used in the operation(s): (Air gun, air gun array(s), sub-bottom profiler, sparker, towed dipole, side scan sonar, etc.).

4. Explosive charges will  will not  be used. If applicable, indicate the type of Explosive and maximum charge size (in pounds) to be used: \_\_\_\_\_

Type \_\_\_\_\_ Pounds \_\_\_\_\_ Equivalent Pounds of TNT \_\_\_\_\_

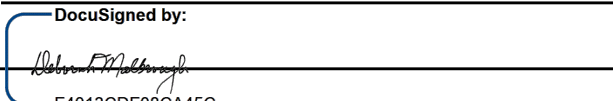
**D. Proprietary Information Attachments**

Use the appropriate form on page 9 for a “geological” permit application or the form on page 11 for a “geophysical” permit application. You must submit a separate Form BOEM-0327 to apply for each geological or geophysical permit.

**E. Certification**

I hereby certify that foregoing and attached information are true and correct.

Print Name: Deborah R. Malbrough

SIGNED  DATE 11/1/2023

TITLE Consultant Regulatory

COMPANY NAME: Anadarko Petroleum Corporation

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**TO BE COMPLETED BY BOEM**

Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_ Assigned by \_\_\_\_\_ of BOEM Date \_\_\_\_\_

This application is hereby:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ Returned for reasons in the attached

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE Regional Supervisor DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**Section D Proprietary Information Attachment  
Required for an Application for Geological Permit**

1. Description of proposed coring, drilling or sampling method. Include heat flow measurements and depth of penetration.

NA

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2. Description of coring, drilling or sampling equipment to be used:

NA

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3. List proposed coring, drilling or sample location(s) with their latitude and longitude coordinates and the total number of samples to be acquired. These locations may be sent digitally on a CD. (Attach separate page if necessary):

NA

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4. Navigation system or method to be used to position sample locations:

NA

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5. Method of sample storage, and handling:

NA

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6. List each test to be conducted on the samples with a brief description of its objective:

NA

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7. Estimated date on which samples, logs, and analyzed and/or processed data will be ready for inspection:

NA

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- g Attach map(s), plat(s), and chart(s) (preferably at a scale of 1:250,000) and/or an electronic version of same showing latitude and longitude, scale, protraction areas, specific block numbers, OCS boundary/3-mile limit, and specific sample location(s) in latitude(s) and longitude(s) for each of the proposed sample sites(s). The map, plat or chart should be submitted at a sufficient size and scale to make out all details of the activities shown. Label the hardcopy map "**Proprietary**." Along with the hardcopy map, submit on CD, the ArcGIS shape files needed to reproduce the map of the proposed sample site(s) including site names in the attribute table.

**Section D Proprietary Information Attachment  
Required for an Application for Geophysical Permit**

Please provide the information in an attached document labeled **BOEM-0327 Section D Proprietary Information Attachment**.

1. Attach detailed narrative and description of the energy source(s) and receiving array.
2. Attach a map view diagram/schematic that illustrates vessel(s) source and receiver(s) configuration. Label each vessel indicating its function and include the dimensions of streamer(s), tow fish, etc. Indicate the number of chase and alternate vessels to be used.

## Attachment D-2

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3. List each energy source to be used (e.g., airgun, airgun array(s), sparker, towed dipole, side scan sonar, sub bottom profiler, etc.). Indicate the source's manufacturer, model, Source Level (SL) in dB re 1 $\mu$ Pa @1m in water (RMS) and if applicable, Source Level (SL) in dB re 1 $\mu$ Pa @1m in water (Peak to Peak) and ping rate. If the manufacturer does not provide a peak to peak level (many side scan sonars, etc.), please enter N/A. Additionally, provide the operational frequency ranges.

Energy Source	Manufacturer	Model	Array or Airgun Size (cu. in.)	Source Level (SL) in dB re 1 $\mu$ Pa@1m in water (RMS)	Source Level (SL) in dB re 1 $\mu$ Pa@1m in water (Peak to Peak)	Frequency (Hz, kHz range)	Ping Duration/ Cycle	Ping Rate
Airgun	Sercel	G-Gun	2400	228	252	0 to 1,000Hz	NA	NA

For air guns/air gun arrays (excludes multibeam bathymetry, high frequency subbottom profilers, and side scan sonar systems), provide the maximum distance from the sound source to the 190, 180, and 160 dB in RMS dB levels: (Required for Alaska region, GOM region only requires this information for surveys in the GOM that will use simsource during acquisition; Not required for Atlantic permits).

dB level	Maximum Distance from Source
190 dB	
180 dB	
160 dB	

4. State the shot frequency of the source array(s) as shots per minute or shots per linear mile (statute): one shot every 12 seconds

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5. List the towing depth (ft/m) of the source array(s):  
5m

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6. If applicable, list the towing depth (ft/m) of the receiver(s):  
NA, the receivers will be down hole.

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7. CSEM, OBN, Magnetotelluric, and OBC surveys: Describe the receiver deployment and retrieval procedures. Indicate the number and spacing of any ocean bottom receivers, cables, and anchors. If anchors will not be retrieved, provide their physical composition and rate of decomposition.

Not Applicable

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8. List the navigation/positioning system or method used to position shotpoint locations and/or ocean bottom receivers:

Industry-standard seismic navigation software.

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9. Proposed areal extent (in OCS blocks) for 3D surveys or total number of line miles for 2D surveys:  
1D is ponctual, source at 250 feet from well head.

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10. Provide the company identification name of the proposed survey (e.g., Deep Six Survey) and list all proposed initial and final processed data sets that will result from survey acquisition.

Survey name: Ocotillo VSP. Deliverables: if 1D, vertical profile for well tie.

11. State the estimated date (month and year) on which initial and final processing will be available for all proposed processed data sets:

Intermediate dataset: 3 weeks after completion of survey, final 1 months after.

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12. Attach map(s), plat(s), and chart(s) (preferably at a scale of 1:250,000) and an electronic version of same showing latitude and longitude, scale, specific protraction areas, OCS boundary/3-mile limit, block numbers. The map, plat or chart should be submitted at a sufficient size and scale to make out all details of the activities shown. The map should be labeled "Proprietary." For 2D data acquisition provide specific track lines with line identifications with the total number of line miles proposed or a representative polygon and total number of blocks for 3D surveys. Along with the hardcopy map, submit on CD or flashdrive (subject to security screening), the necessary ArcGIS shape files to reproduce the map for 2D track lines including individual line names in the attribute table. For 3D surveys provide a representative polygon as an ArcGIS shape file. You must provide a shapefile data set of the latitude/longitude location for all track lines, shot lines, and node placements. This can be submitted at a later time but must be received before activities can take place.



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Gulf of Mexico OCS Region

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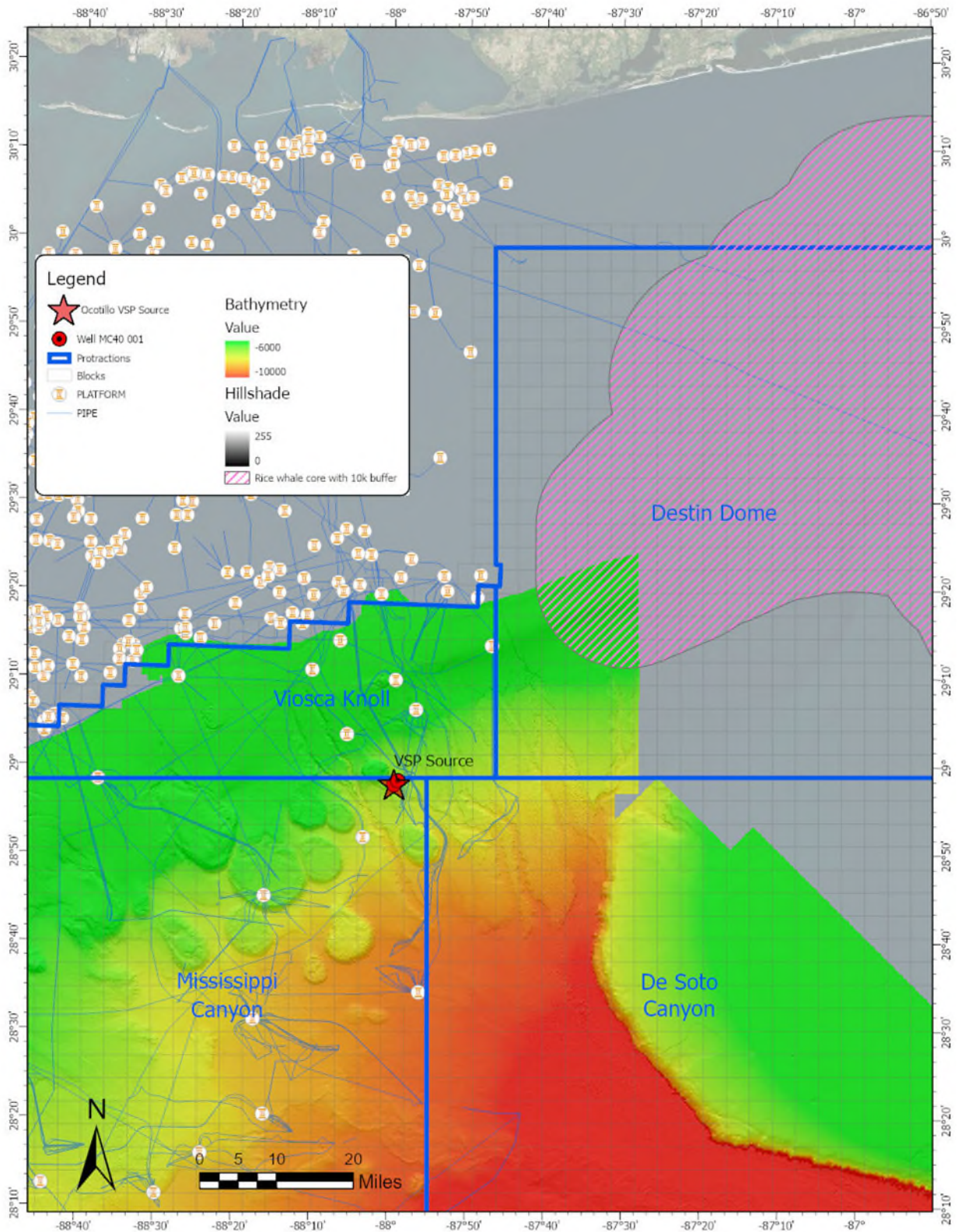
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**Submit:** One original, one copy of the original, one digital copy, and one public copy (all with original signatures).

**BOEM-0327 Section D**

**Proprietary Information Attachment**

**Anadarko Petroleum Corporation**





# Anadarko – Borehole Seismic Technology Info for Permitting

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June, 2022

**Schlumberger**



# Elements for Permitting

## **Schlumberger:**

- **Depending on Job Objectives and Risk Management: Modeling of Alternate Geometries (ZOVSP → WAVSP, 3DVSP etc.)**
- Seismic Source Specs (permit all sources)
- Estimated Operating Time
  - ZOVSP within 30hrs (within 500 shots)
  - WAVSP within 2-3 days depending on # of lines (within 500 shots/line + ZOVSP shots)
  - 3DVSP within 1 week depending on # of vessels (15,000 shots or higher + ZOVSP shots)
- Description of Operation

## **Operator & MMO:**

- *Day/Night Operations (MMO, PAM)*
- *Soft Start Procedure*
- *Silence, Shutdown Procedure*
- *Exclusion Zone (i.e., obstructions, block limits, etc.)*
- *Protected Species*

# Seismic Sources

To be used in ZOVSP and WAVSP Operations

# VSP Marine Airgun | Dual Magnum

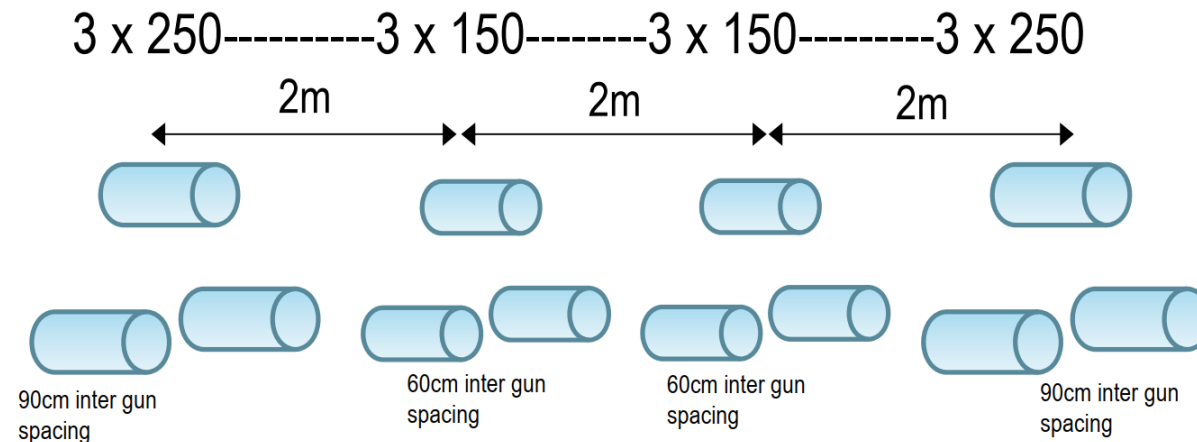


- 2,400 cu in volume (6 x 150 + 6 x 250 cu in G-guns)
- Operates at 2,000psi
- Preferred for towing operations (WVSP, SVWD)



# Elements for Permitting

- 12 x G-Guns
- Peak to Peak output: 47 +/- 0.678 ( 4.7 +/- 0.0678 MPa, ~ 253 db re 1 muPa. at 1m.) (15' depth)\*
- RMS Pressure in bar-m 3.3 ( 0.33 MPa, 230 db re 1 muPa. at 1m.) \*
- SEL (Sound Exposure Level) 154.1 dB re 1muPa<sup>2</sup>-s (Mxx) (10Hz - 25 kHz) 148.1 at 500 M\*
- Total Volume 2400 in<sub>3</sub> / Firing Pressure 2,000 PSI

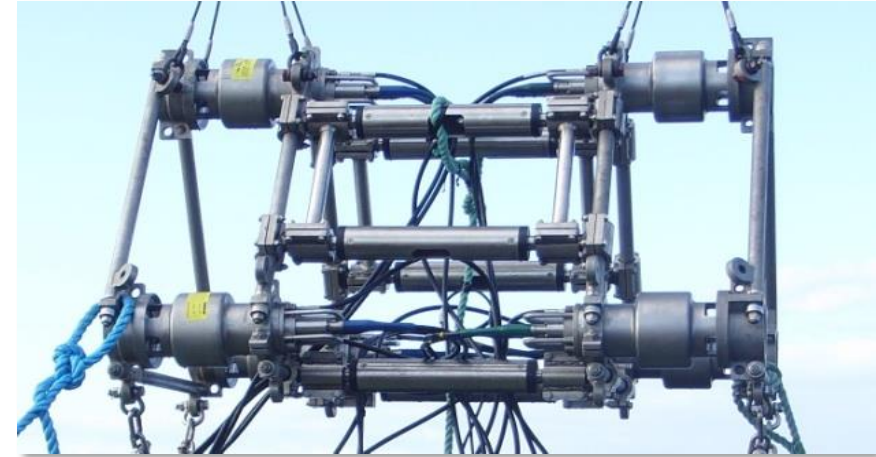


\* Modeled output using Gundalf software-Marine mammal noise impact report (0-25,000 Hz)

# VSP Marine Airgun | HyperCluster



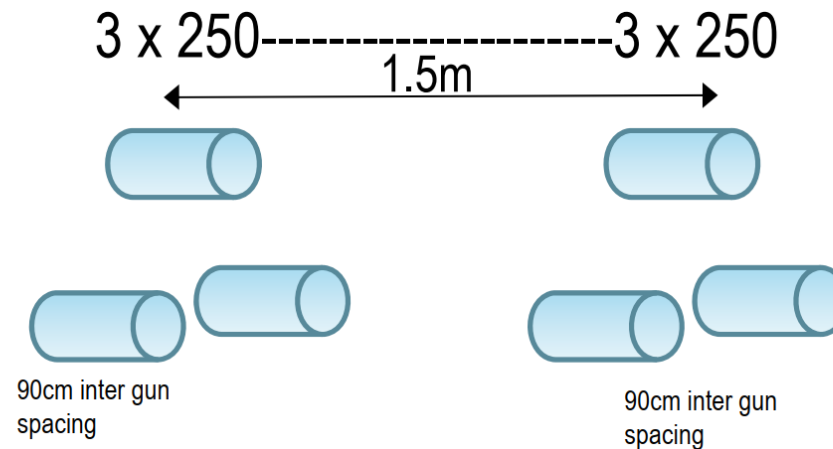
- Floatable & Compact, 20sec between shots
- 1,500 cu in volume (2 x 3 x 250 cu in G-guns)



- Operates at 3,000psi
- Extended low frequencies

# Elements for Permitting

- 6 x G-Guns
- Peak to Peak output: 36 +/- 0.734 ( 3.6 +/- 0.0734 MPa, ~ 251 db re 1 muPa. at 1m.). (15' depth)\*
- RMS Pressure in bar-m : 3.05 ( 0.305 MPa, 230 db re1 muPa. at 1m.) \*
- SEL (Sound Exposure Level): 156.2 dB re 1muPa<sup>2</sup>-s (Mxx) (10Hz - 25 kHz) at 500 M\*
- Total Volume 1500 in<sub>3</sub>/ Firing Pressure 3,000 PSI



\* Modeled output using Gundalf software-Marine mammal noise impact report (0-25,000 Hz)

# Downhole Acquisition

# Downhole Tools | ZOVSP

## VSI:

- Length: 231 ft
- Max OD: 3.625"
- Weight in air: 937 lbs
- Max temp: 350DegF. Max Pressure : 20/25KPsi
- Acquisition of 4 seismic levels per station / 100's of Shots
- Logging time : hours

## Source:

Dual Magnum 2,400cu.in (2,000psi) / HyperCluster  
1,500cu.in (3,000psi)

## Source Controller:

2 x TRISOR

## Air Supply:

1 x Compressor / Gas Rack



Dual Magnum Cluster



Air Compressor



Gas Rack

# Marine Non-rig Source VSP with VSI | WVSP / 3DVSP

## VSI:

- **Length:** max 40 shuttles (1,038 ft – 2,038ft)
- **Max OD:** 3.625"
- **Weight in air:** 2670 lbs – 4848 lbs
- **Max temp:** 350DegF. **Max Pressure :** 25KPsi
- **Acquisition of up to 40 seismic levels per station / 1,000's of Shots**
- **Logging time :** days

## Source:

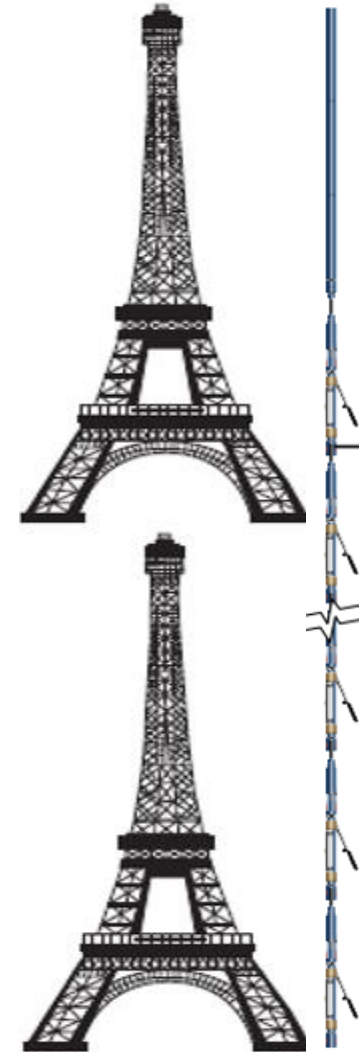
- **Dual Magnum 2,400cu.in (2,000psi) / 1,500cu.in (3,000psi)**
- **Permitting**
- **Supply vessel**

## Source Controller:

2 x TRISOR (Source Control) / SWINGS (Navigation)

## Air Supply:

2-3 x Compressors / Gas Rack



Source Vessel (Supply boat)



SWINGS Navigation



Dual Magnum Cluster



Air Compressor



Gas Rack



# Marine Non-rig Source VSP | WVSP / 3DVSP

## Maxiwave (Sercel):

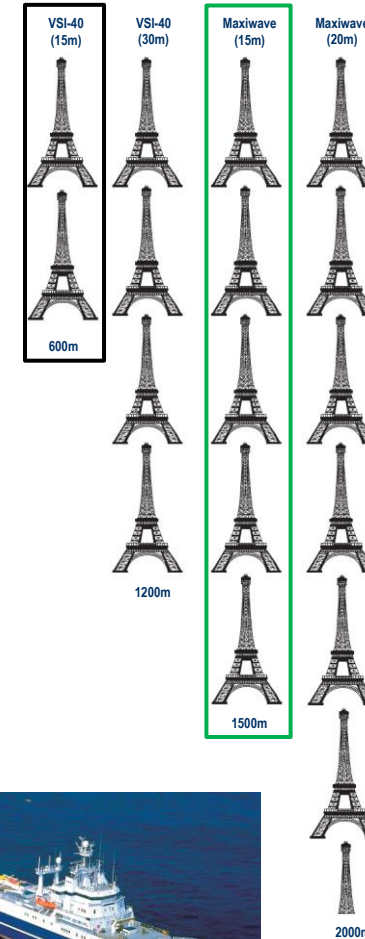
- **Length:** max 100 shuttles (6,725ft)
- **Max OD:** 3.725"
- **Weight in air:** 4600 lbs
- **Max temp:** 275DegF. **Max Pressure :** 17KPsi
- **Acquisition of up to 100 seismic levels per station / 1,000's of Shots**
- **Logging time :** days

## Source:

- Shooting vessel
- Permitting

## Source Controller:

TRISOR (Source Control) / SWINGS (Navigation)  
 Continuous recording (GPS time)



Acquisition Unit



Shuttle



Rig up Equipment

# DAS Equipment

## Parameters

- **Spatial Resolution:** 1.5 m
- **Cable Length:** 11km

## Equipment

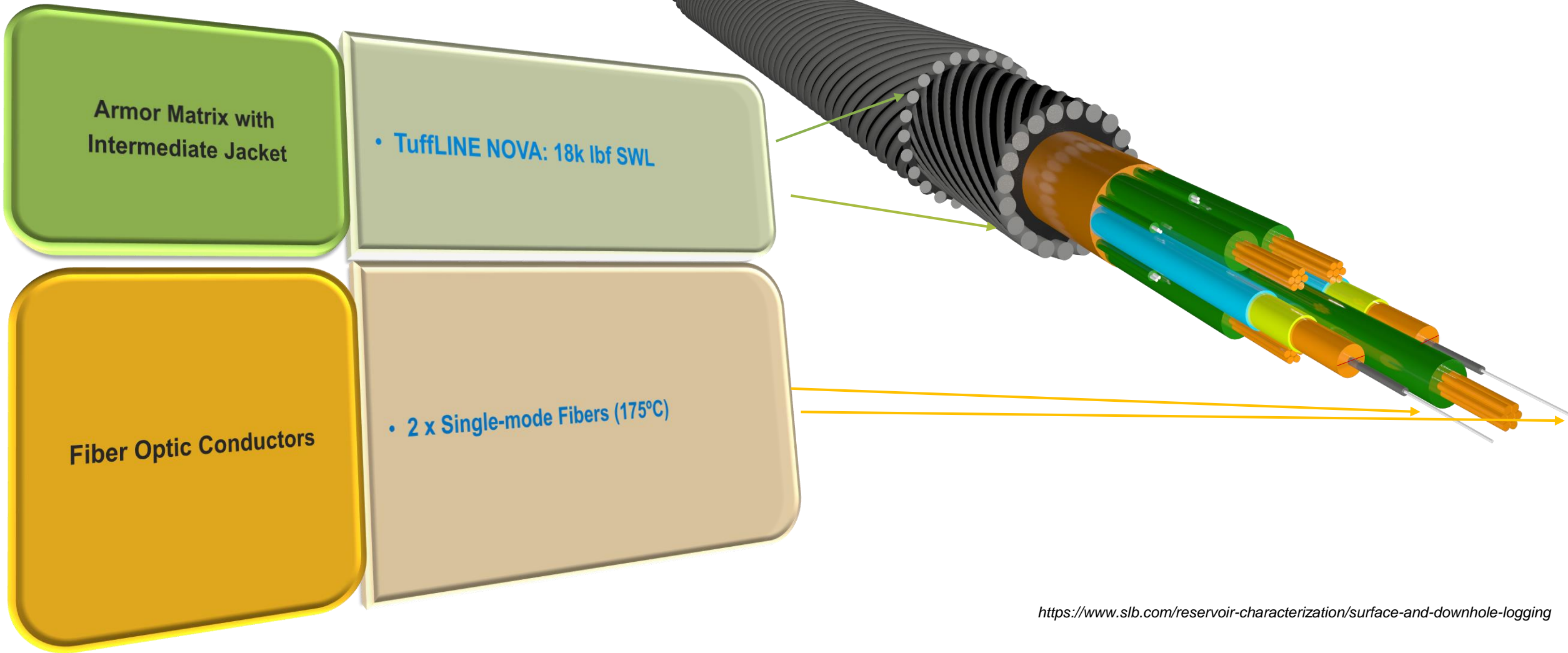
- **At the rig**
- Weight: Server 60 kg, Instrument 30 kg
- Dimensions: 22"(W) x 9.6"(H) x 37.6"(L)
- Supply Voltage: 110 – 240 V, 50 – 60 Hz
- Operating/Storage Temperature: 0-50°C / 20-70°C



<https://www.slb.com/reservoir-characterization/surface-and-downhole-logging>



# Hybrid Fiber Optic Logging Cable

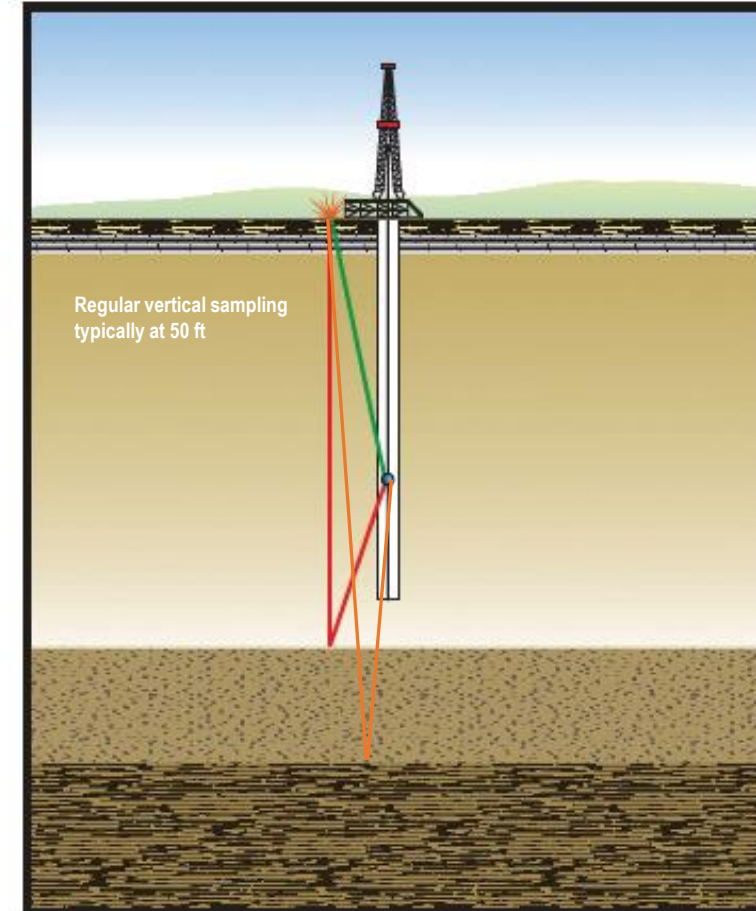


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# Survey Types / Description of the Operation

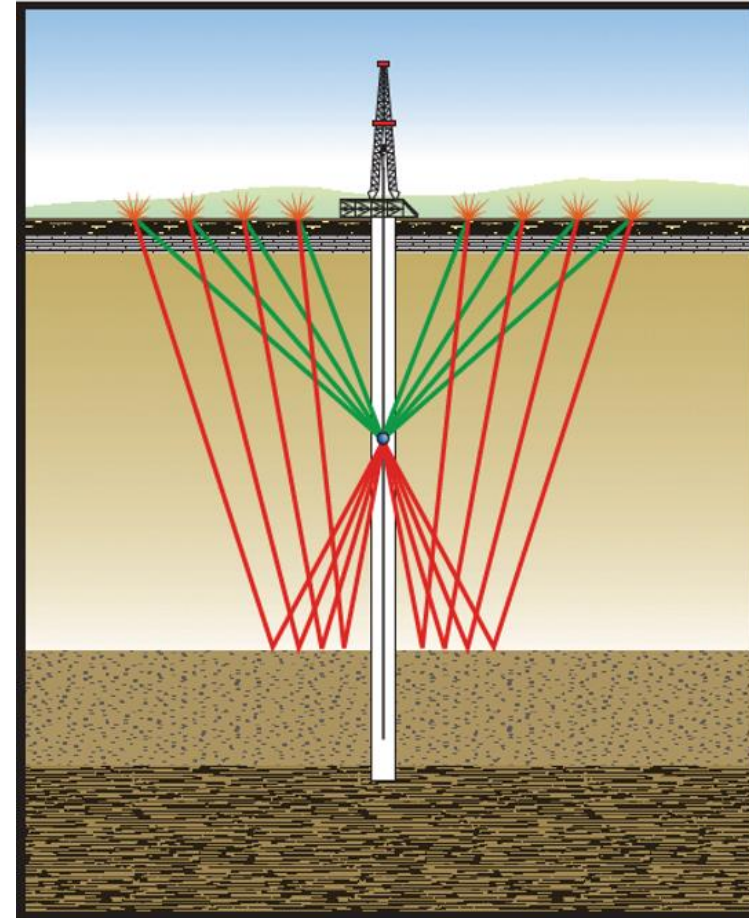
# Zero-offset VSP (ZVSP)

- Most common types of borehole seismic surveys
- Energy source is placed close to the wellhead, and receivers are usually located at depths that are evenly spaced in the well.
- The regular spacing would normally extend up the hole to a point above the shallowest reflector of interest, and then a few, more widely separated levels (checkshots) would be planned to the surface for velocity control.
- Travel times can then be used to correct sonic logs for dispersion and hole conditions.
- Zero-offset VSP data can be processed for upgoing wavefield, showing the reflection response of the subsurface, and the response beyond TD can be used for prediction ahead of the bit (i.e. distance to a drilling hazard or to the target reflector).
- Q, Multiple analysis, phase matching, and depending on conditions Shear and 2D-images.
- The standard output from a zero-offset VSP is the corridor stack.



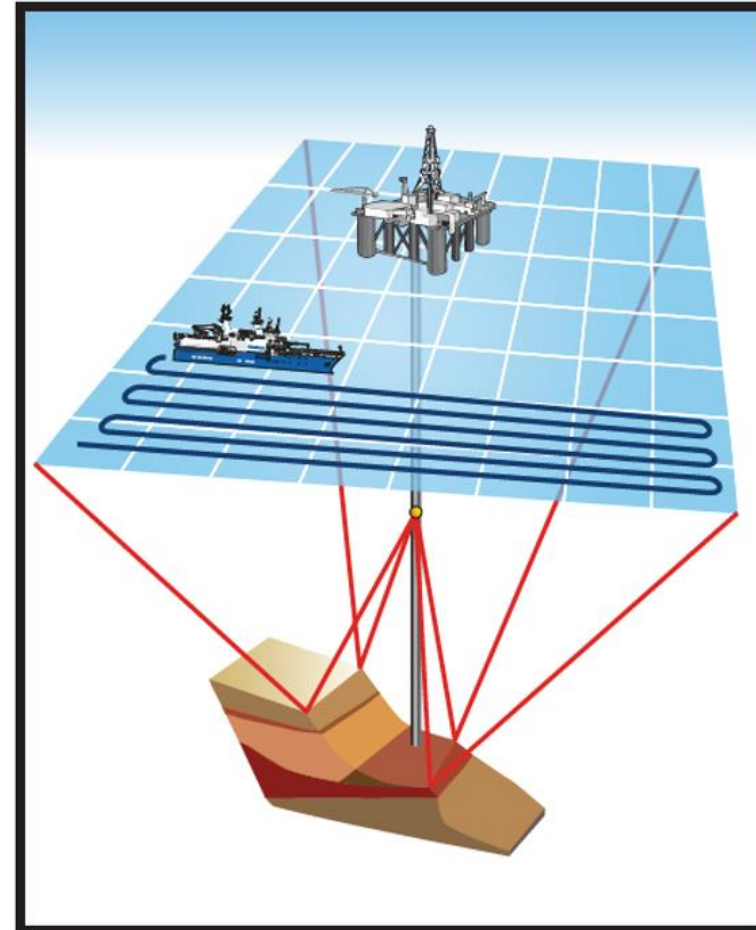
# Walkaway VSP (WVSP)

- Surveys are similar to Offset VSPs in that the source is offset from the well head, but the acquisition geometry is somewhat reversed such that the borehole receiver array remains at one depth in the borehole while the source is deployed at a range of offsets
- Walkaway VSPs are particularly useful for studying shear waves, AVO, and anisotropy effects, especially when the receiver array is near a reflector of interest.



# 3D VSP

- Surveys are similar to Walkaway VSPs in that the source is offset from the well head, but the acquisition geometry follows multiple Walkaway lines or a Spiral around the well.
- Surveys illuminate 3D structures with 3D acquisition and processing.
- 3D VSPs deliver high-resolution subsurface imaging for exploration and development applications and require detailed pre-job modeling and planning.
- In addition to producing images at higher resolution than that of surface seismic methods, 3D VSPs can fill in areas that cannot be imaged by surface seismic surveys





# VSI

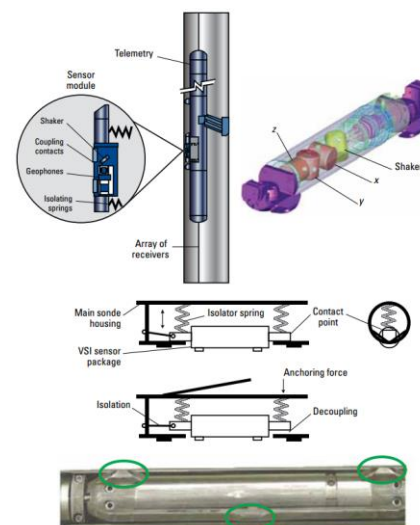
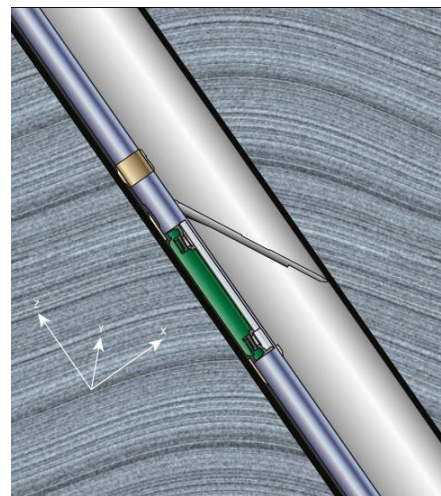
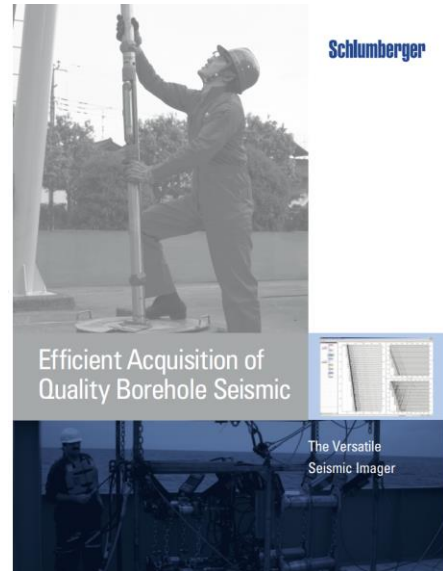
## Versatile Seismic Imager

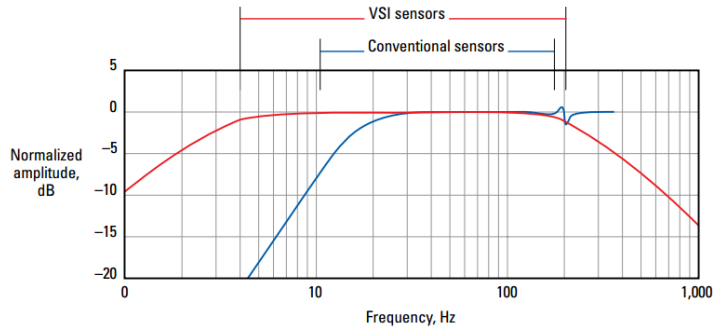
### Applications

- Integrated processing for interpretation of borehole and surface-seismic data
- Images for reservoir definition
- Images ahead of the bit
- Three-dimensional (3D) vertical seismic profiles (VSPs)
- Pore pressure predictions
- Planning for placement of future wells
- Simultaneous surface- and borehole-seismic recording for high-definition images

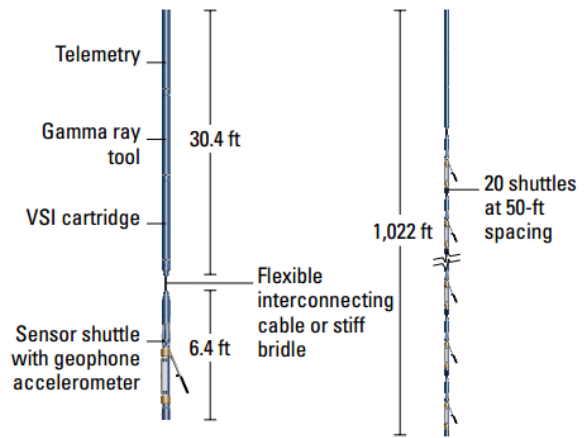
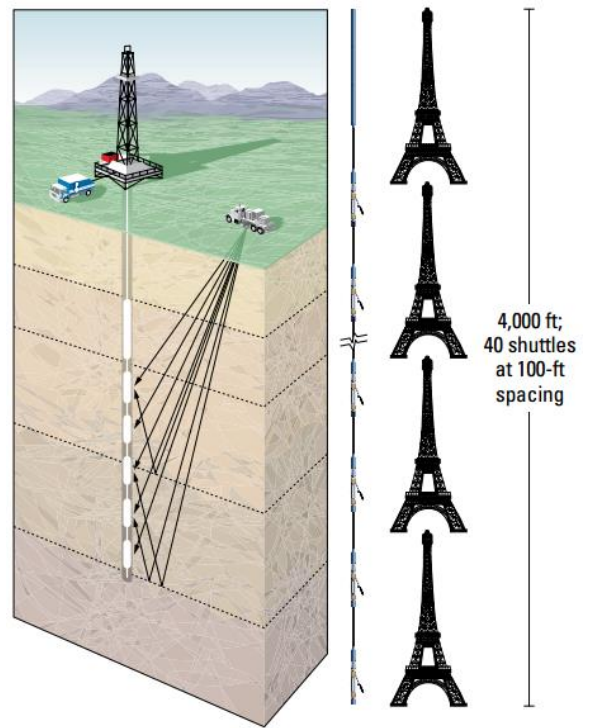
### Benefits

- Wellsite delivery of answer products for real-time decisions
- Schlumberger answer products with high-fidelity shear and compressional wavefields
- Fast and efficient acquisition Features
- Three-component (3C) borehole-seismic data acquisition
- Small sensor package with 3C omnitilt geophone accelerometers
- Excellent signal-to-noise ratio and tube wave rejection on 3C wavefields
- Acoustically isolated sensor package
- Relative bearing measurement on each shuttle
- Configuration using 1 to 40 shuttles
- Shaker in each sensor package
- Shuttle spacing adjustable using standard logging cable
- Integrated wellsite acquisition software for quality control (QC) and field processing
- Combinable with most wireline tools
- Choice of tool conveyance

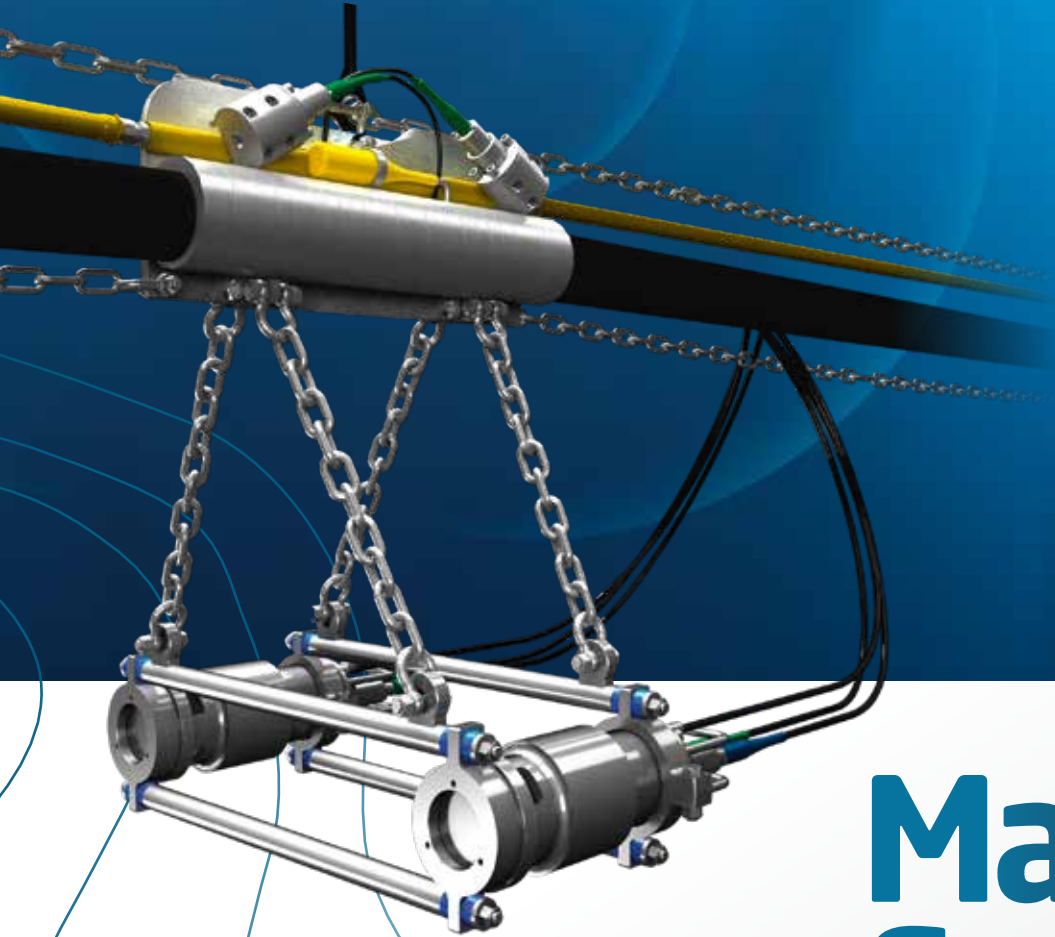




Max. number of shuttles	20; 40 in newest series
Max. temperature	350 degF [175 degC]
Max. pressure	20,000 psi [1,360 bar], standard; 25,000 psi [1,700 bar] for high-pressure version
Tool OD	3¾ in [85.7 mm] standard; 2½ in [63.5 mm] for slimhole version
Anchoring hole size	3½–22 in [88.9–558.8 mm]
Intershuttle spacing	8–100 ft, 150 ft in special applications
Sampling rate	1, 2, and 4 ms, 0.5 ms in special applications
Combinability	Gamma ray and casing collar locator, standard; all other wireline tools by special switch
Cartridge length	20.9 ft [6.37 m]
Cartridge OD	2½ in [63.5 mm] 2.6 in [66 mm] for 25,000 psi [1,700 bar] high-pressure versions
Shuttle makeup length	6.4 ft [1.96 m]
Cartridge weight	190.8 lbm [86.5 kg]
Shuttle weight	70.6 lbm [32 kg]
Sensor package	Three omnidirectional geophone accelerometers; one shaker
Sensitivity	> 0.5 V/G ± 5%
Natural frequency	20-Hz flat bandwidth in acceleration: 2–200 Hz
Dynamic range	> 105 dB (at 36-dB gain)
Distortion	< 0.15%
Digitization	24-bit ADC
Length	11.4 in [290 mm]
Weight	6.4 lbm [2.9 kg]
Coupling force	63.9 lbf ± 11.0 lbf [284.4 N ± 49.0 N]
Coupling force-to-sensor weight ratio	10:1
VSI sonde mechanical strength	
Standard compressive	5,000 lbf [22,241.1 N] standard; 10,000 lbf [44,482.2 N] with TLC* tough logging conditions stiffener
Standard tensile	18,000 lbf [80,068 N]
VSI cartridge mechanical strength	
Standard compressive	10,000 lbf [44,482.2 N]
Standard tensile	43,000 lbf [191,273.6 N]
Well deviation	No limitation
Stiff bridle spacing	49.61 ft [15.12 m]
Stiff bridle OD	2½ in [63.5 mm]
Stiff bridle mechanical strength	
Standard compressive	8,000 lbf [5,585.8 N]
Standard tensile	40,000 lbf [177,928.9 N]



- LAND
- ↓ DOWNHOLE
- ~ SEABED
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# Marine Sources

High-performance impulsive sources





# Marine Sources



## // HIGH-PERFORMANCE IMPULSIVE SOURCES

Sercel has 30 years of experience in the design and manufacture of marine sources. Throughout this time, Sercel has developed sources for all applications encountered within the seismic industry, including the most demanding environments.

This expertise has provided us with the foundations for designing a turnkey marine seismic source solution that can be adapted to every customer's need and operating environment as well as be built on for future source solutions and other in-sea equipment such as float systems.

The design philosophy driving all our marine source products is ease-of-use, safety and reliability. Sercel offers the most comprehensive air impulsive source portfolio in the industry that can be used for seismic & engineering applications such as towed streamer, shallow water/OBC/OBN and VSP surveys.



# Complete Package

## // G-SOURCE II



Streamer



## // Mini G-SOURCE & GI-SOURCE



Shallow Water

Borehole

## // G-SOURCE



# Streamer

## // G-SOURCE II



+5% 0-Peak Output compared to conventional impulsive sources



Designed to operate continuously at up to 3,000 psi (210 bars)



High degree of pulse repeatability



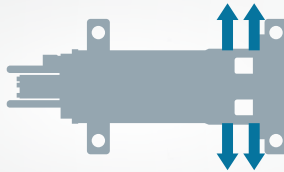
Recoilless



Possibility to deploy impulsive sources at sea without pressure

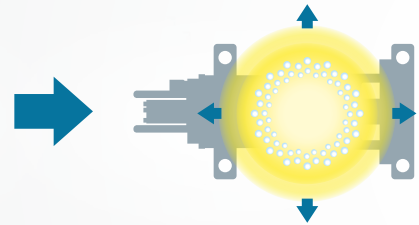


The G-SOURCE II is the safest, easiest-to-use and most reliable impulsive source in the industry. It offers a lightweight, compact solution for consistent performance and flexibility thanks to its advanced Volume Reducer technology.



### Phase 1

A special patented design allows the compressed air that is released to be deflected at the sides, resulting in recoilless shooting.



### Phase 2

High-pressure air explosively released into the surrounding water generates the main acoustic pulse.

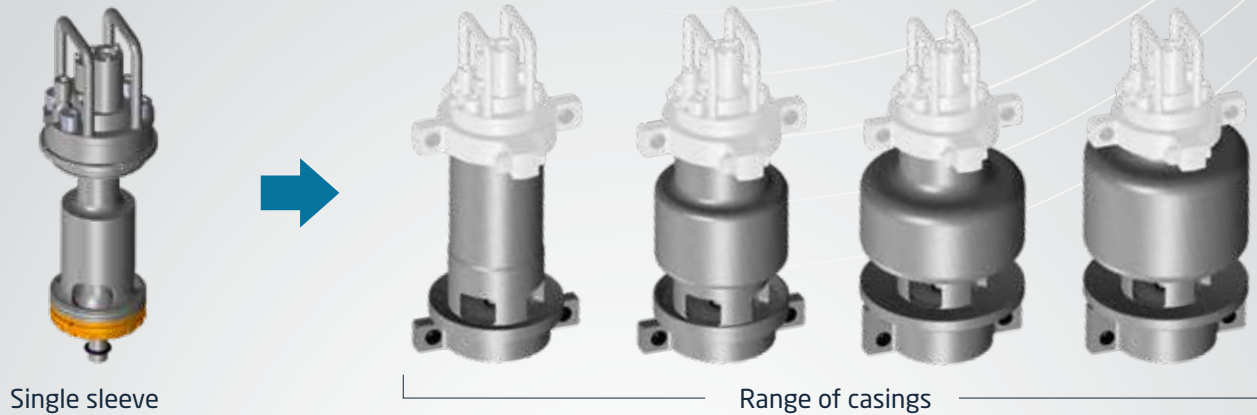
## Specifications



	G-SOURCE II 150	G-SOURCE II 250	G-SOURCE II 380	G-SOURCE II 520
Available volume (cu.in)	45 • 50 • 60 • 70 • 80 • 90 • 100 • 110 • 120 • 130 • 140 • 150	180 • 200 • 210 • 220 • 250	320 • 340 • 350 • 360 • 380	520
Length	L = 597mm	L = 597mm	L = 640mm	L = 640mm
Width	W = 292mm	W = 292mm	W = 292mm	W = 292mm
Weight	55kg	65kg	85kg	90kg



## Single impulsive source type

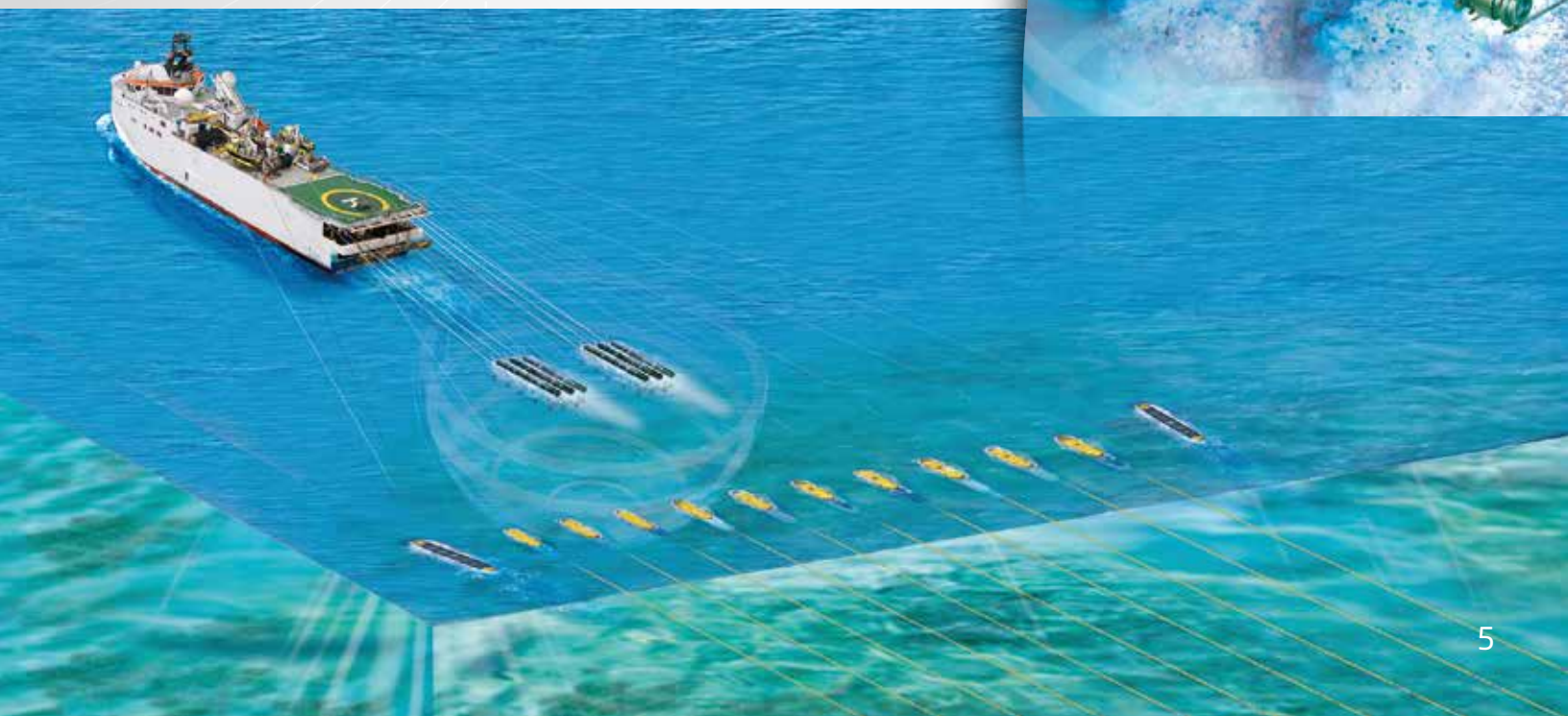


Each impulsive source volume can be easily changed by means of inexpensive "Volume Reducers" or by changing the external casing.

- Single set of spare parts for the entire G-SOURCE II range.
- Assemble/disassemble within minutes without special tooling.
- Firing/sensor/sleeve/shuttle system for all G-SOURCE II.

With its mechanical advantages and strong acoustic performance the G-SOURCE II is the impulsive source of choice for high-production seismic vessels.

For maximum energy output and high signature consistency shot after shot, G-SOURCE II impulsive sources can be configured in impulsive source clustered elements using our patented parallel cluster assembly design.



# Shallow Water

## // GI-SOURCE



Clean acoustic signature



Light and compact

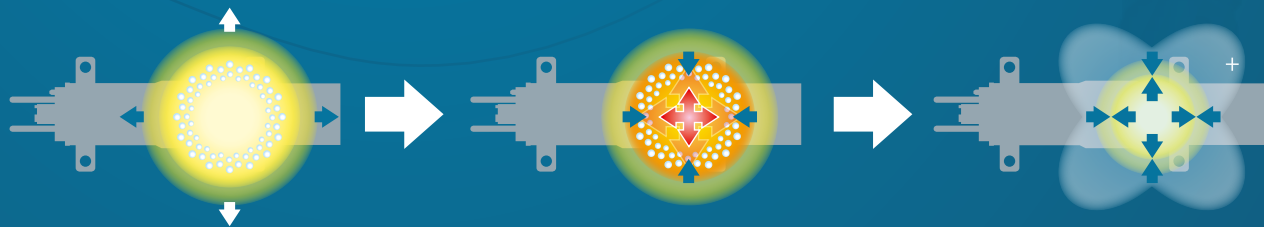


Flexible configuration



Sercel developed the GI-SOURCE to reduce and suppress the bubble oscillation from a single impulsive source to simplify processing. The GI-SOURCE impulsive source is based on the same technology as the G-SOURCE but is different in that it has two independent air chambers within the same casing.

- The Generator, generating the primary pulse and creating the main bubble.
- The Injector, injecting air inside the main bubble so that it collapses quickly.



Phase 1

The Generator is fired. The blast of compressed air produces the primary pulse and the bubble starts to expand.

Phase 2

Just before the bubble reaches its maximum size, the injector is fired, injecting air directly inside the bubble.

Phase 3

The volume of air released by the injector increases the internal pressure of the bubble and prevents its violent collapse. The oscillations of the bubble and the resulting secondary pressure pulses are reduced and reshaped.

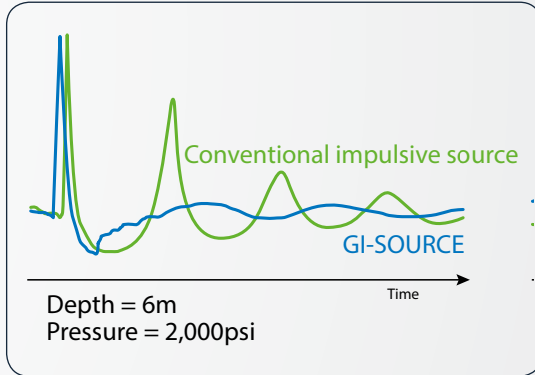
## Specifications



	GI-SOURCE 210	GI-SOURCE 255	GI-SOURCE 355
Volume	210cu.in (G = 105cu.in I = 105cu.in)	255cu.in (G = 150cu.in I = 105cu.in)	355cu.in (G = 250cu.in I = 105cu.in)
Length	L = 790mm	L = 860mm	L = 860mm
Width	W = 312mm	W = 280mm	W = 280mm
Weight	74kg	87kg	97kg

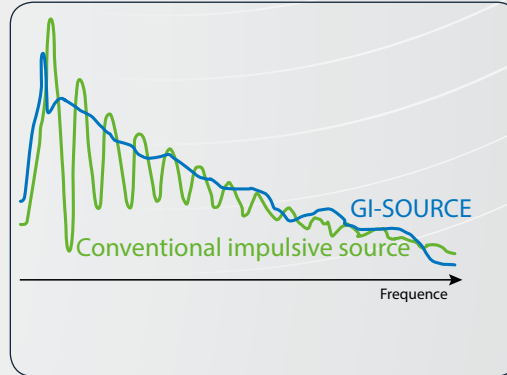


## Clean acoustic signature



### Near-field signatures

Compared to a conventional impulsive source, the peak-to-peak is reduced due to the volume of the Generator but the primary-to-bubble ratio is greatly increased resulting in a clean acoustic signature.



### Near-field amplitude spectra

The "true GI mode" results in an almost total suppression of the bubble oscillation.



## // Mini G-SOURCE / Mini GI-SOURCE

Scaled-down models from the already compact GI and G-SOURCE are available for high-resolution, shallow water and transition zone surveys. The Mini G. and Mini GI impulsive sources have the same advantages as their larger counterparts, but with even simpler technology.



	Mini GI	Mini G 12	Mini G 20	Mini G 24	Mini G 40	Mini G 60
Volume	60cu.in (G = 30cu.in I = 30cu.in)	12cu.in	20cu.in	24cu.in	40cu.in	60cu.in
Length	L = 560mm	L = 390mm	L = 390mm	L = 390mm	L = 390mm	L = 390mm
Width	W = 200mm	W = 200mm	W = 200mm	W = 200mm	W = 200mm	W = 200mm
Weight	28.1kg	25.4kg	24.2kg	23.7kg	24.3kg	25.8kg

# Borehole

## // G-SOURCE FOR DELTA CLUSTER



Delta cluster



Designed to operate continuously at up to 3,000 psi (210 bars)

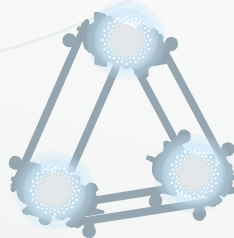


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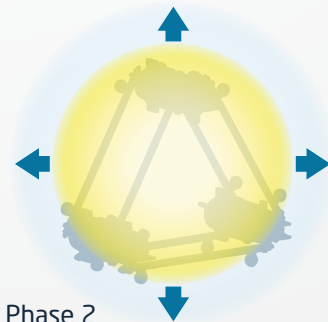
VSP market standard

Over the years the Sercel G-SOURCE range of products has become the system of choice for advanced VSP surveys, in both offshore and onshore environments. The G-SOURCE and delta cluster combines the advantages of a powerful source and a clean acoustic performance to maximize borehole data quality.



Phase 1

The Sercel delta cluster is an arrangement of three impulsive sources providing an improved signal characteristic.



Phase 2

The delta-cluster arrangement provides more output and a higher peak-to-bubble ratio compared to a single impulsive source of an equivalent volume.

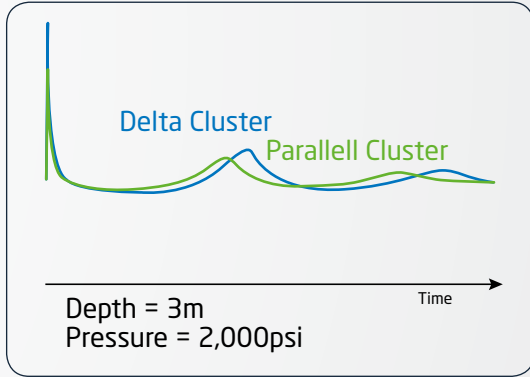
## Specifications



	G-SOURCE 150	G-SOURCE 250
Volume	45 • 50 • 60 • 70 • 80 • 90 • 100 • 110 • 120 • 130 • 140 • 150	180 • 200 • 210 • 220 • 250
Length	L = 597mm	L = 597mm
Width	W = 292mm	W = 292mm
Weight	55kg	65kg

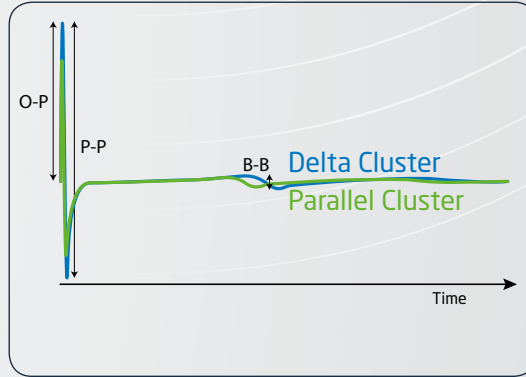


# High-energy cluster configuration



## Near field signatures

The Delta Cluster & Parallel Cluster will produce a higher peak performance within a similar overall arrangement of a single impulsive source. The Delta cluster getting the edge over the Parallel by lowering the fundamental frequency.



## Far field amplitude spectra

Sercel developed the Delta Cluster by adding a third impulsive source to the Parallel cluster assembly. It generates great output performance with unrivalled acoustic signature (+33 % in Peak-Output, + 19% in peak-to-bubble).

With an installed base of over 5000 units, the G-SOURCE has proven its efficiency and reliability in all environments. G-SOURCE is now the system of choice for the major players in the industry.

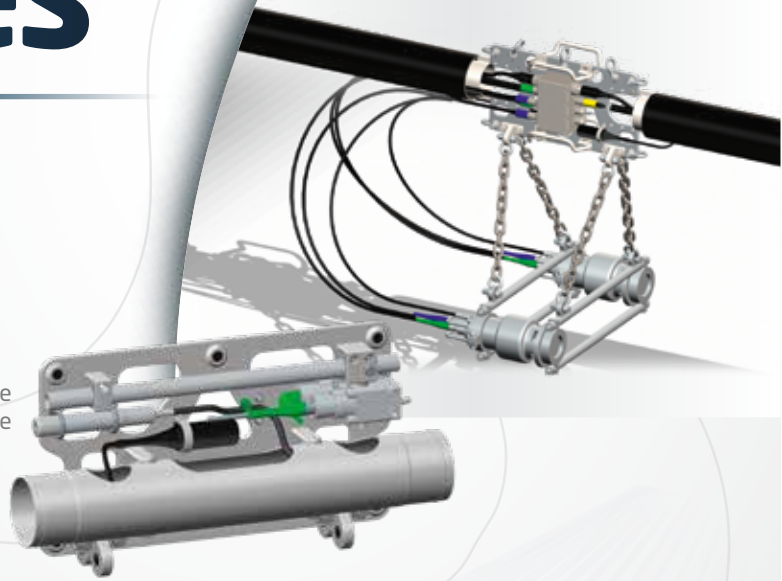




# Accessories

## // IMPULSIVE SOURCES PLATES

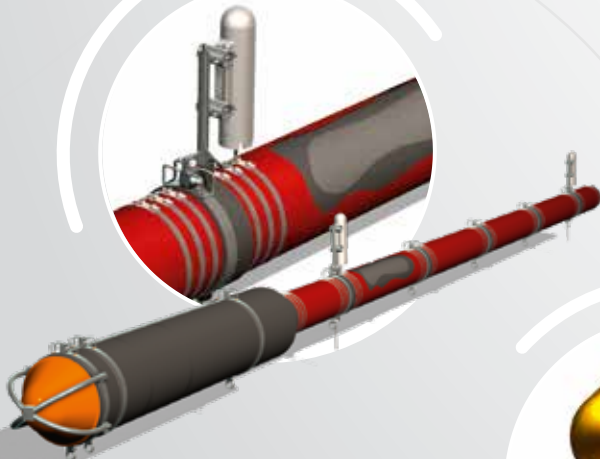
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Sercel is the exclusive distributor of the turn-key towing solutions designed by SeaScan Inc.

SeaScan Inc is the best partner for Sercel's turn-key solutions as the equipment is specifically designed for shallow water and transition zone areas.

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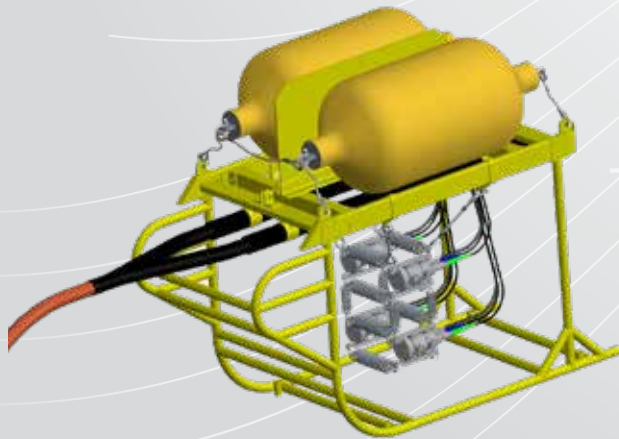
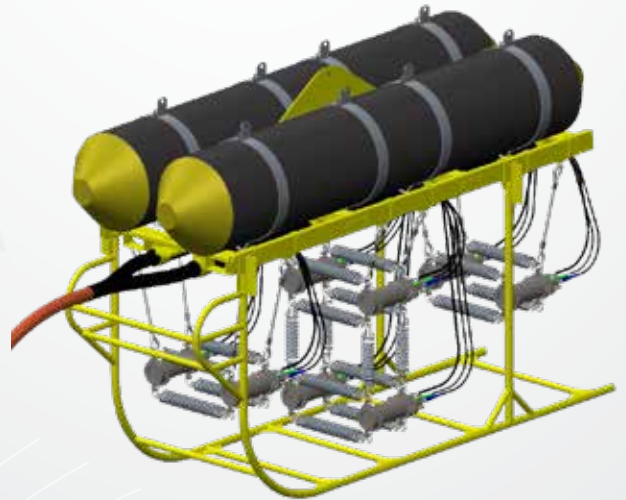
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### Medium size array

The Tri-Cluster offers high power output thanks to its unique point source design.

The array includes 8 sources, combining concentrated parallel and square clusters for maximized acoustic performances.

The Tri-Cluster can be fitted with an optional cage protecting the sources in hazardous water, such as rivers with heavy debris.



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### High resolution array

The MINI SLED is designed for operating 4 MINI G-SOURCE for high-resolution surveys.

Light and compact, it benefits from the square cluster powerful output.



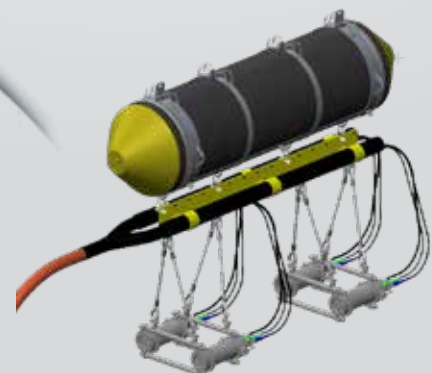
## // SHALLOW WATER HARNESS

### Shallow water array

The USW systems are designed for small arrays or ultra-shallow water operations.

Two versions are available:

- single sources (up to 2 sources)
- parallel cluster sources (up to 4 sources)





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# GUNDALF array modelling suite - Array report

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250 cu-in cluster inter-gun spacing = 90 cm; 150 cu-in cluster inter-gun spacing = 60 cm; inter-cluster spacing = 2.0 m;

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## Array summary

The following table lists the statistics for the array quoted in various commonly used units for convenience. Note that the rms value is computed over the entire modelled signature. Conservative error bounds for the main signature characteristics of peak to peak, primary to bubble and bubble period are also shown. These represent 95% confidence intervals for the Gundalf model against its calibration data.

### Array parameters ...

Number of guns	12
Total volume (cu.in).	2400.0 ( 39.3 litres)
Peak to peak in bar-m.	39.5 +/- 0.571 ( 3.95 +/- 0.0571 MPa, ~ 252 db re 1 muPa. at 1m.)
Zero to peak in bar-m.	24.8 ( 2.48 MPa, 248 db re 1 muPa. at 1m.)
RMS pressure in bar-m.	2.61 ( 0.261 MPa, 228 db re 1 muPa. at 1m.)
Primary to bubble (peak to peak)	18.8 +/- 5.24
Bubble period (s.)	0.167 +/- 0.0115
Maximum spectral ripple (dB): 10.0 - 50.0 Hz.	4.41
Maximum spectral value (dB): 10.0 - 50.0 Hz.	206
Average spectral value (dB): 10.0 - 50.0 Hz.	206
Total acoustic energy (Joules)	110046.6
Total acoustic efficiency (%)	20.3

## Array geometry and gun contribution

The following table lists all the guns modelled in the array along with their characteristics. The last column is completed only if the array has actually been modelled during the interactive session and contains the approximate contribution of that gun as a percentage of the peak to peak amplitude of the whole array. Please note the following:-

- The peak to peak varies only as the cube root of the volume for the same gun type so that even small guns contribute significantly. This is particularly relevant to drop-out analysis.
- The peak to peak can also be depressed due to clustering effects as reported by Strandenes and Vaage (1992), "Signatures from clustered airguns", First Break, 10(8).

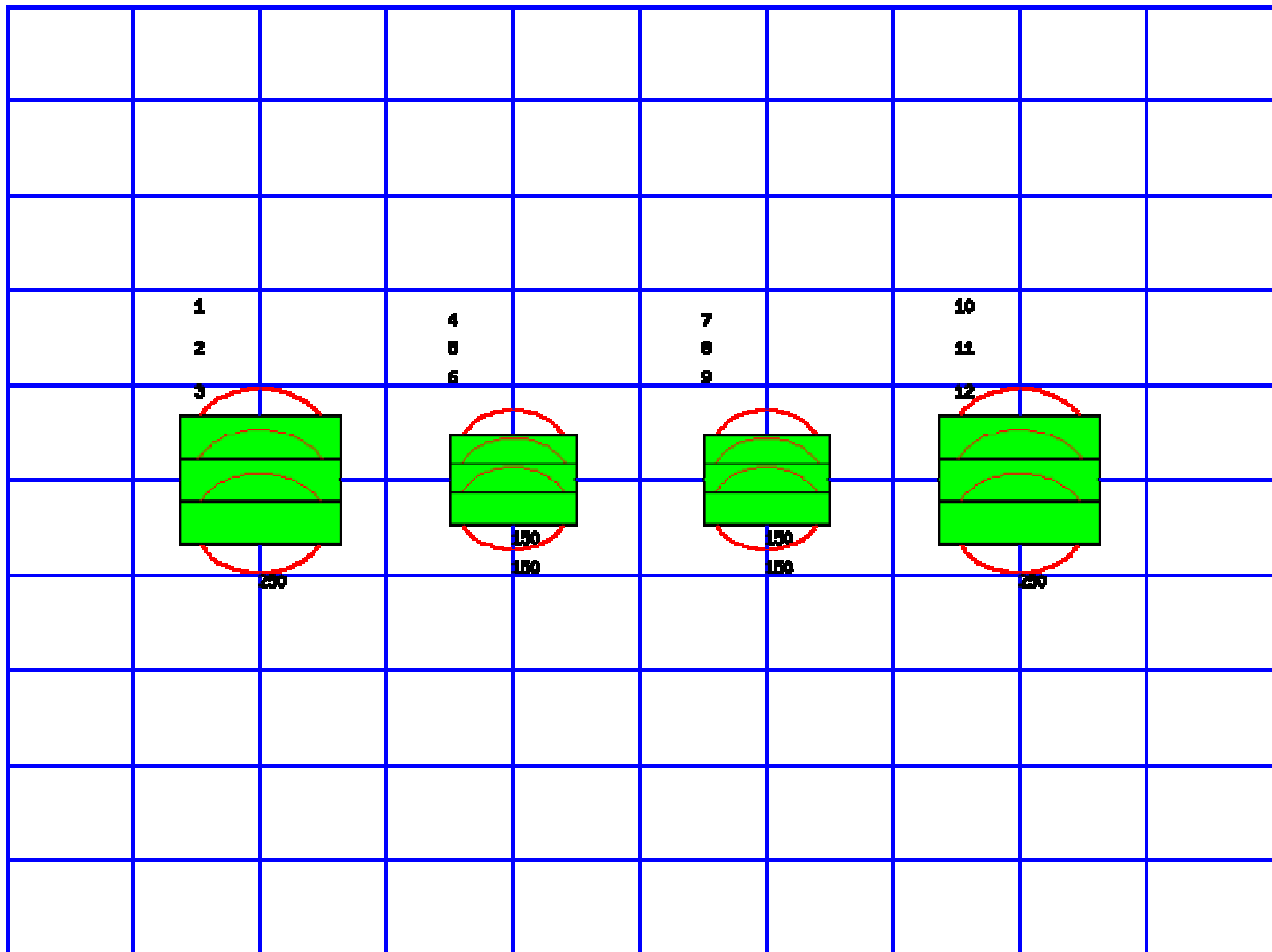
Gun	Pressure (psi)	Volume (cuin)	Type	x (m.)	y (m.)	z (m.)	delay (s.)	sub-array	p-p contrib (pct.)
1	2000.0	250.0	G-GUN	0.000	-0.450	5.260	0.00000	1	8.9
2	2000.0	250.0	G-GUN	0.000	0.000	4.480	0.00000	1	8.6
3	2000.0	250.0	G-GUN	0.000	0.450	5.260	0.00000	1	8.9
4	2000.0	150.0	G-GUN	2.000	-0.300	5.170	0.00000	1	7.9
5	2000.0	150.0	G-GUN	2.000	0.000	4.650	0.00000	1	7.8
6	2000.0	150.0	G-GUN	2.000	0.300	5.170	0.00000	1	7.9
7	2000.0	150.0	G-GUN	4.000	-0.300	5.170	0.00000	1	7.9
8	2000.0	150.0	G-GUN	4.000	0.000	4.650	0.00000	1	7.8
9	2000.0	150.0	G-GUN	4.000	0.300	5.170	0.00000	1	7.9
10	2000.0	250.0	G-GUN	6.000	-0.450	5.260	0.00000	1	8.9
11	2000.0	250.0	G-GUN	6.000	0.000	4.480	0.00000	1	8.6
12	2000.0	250.0	G-GUN	6.000	0.450	5.260	0.00000	1	8.9

Note that some guns in this array depart from the median depth of the array by at least 0.5m.

The array is shown graphically below.

Hydrophone position: Infinite vertical far-field

<----- Direction of travel ----->, 1 m. grid, plan view



The red circles denote the maximum radius reached by the bubble. Please note that pressure-field interactions take place over a much larger distance than this, (typically 10 times larger). However when bubbles touch or overlap, super-foam interaction can be expected. In this zone, significant peak AND bubble suppression will normally be observed.

Note also that a green rectangle represents a single gun and an orange rectangle indicates that the gun is currently dropped out. Where present, a yellow rectangle represents a vertical cluster (V.C.) of guns. Please see the geometry table above for more details. The small number to the above left of each gun is its reference number in this table. For clusters of guns, these reference numbers mirror the symmetry of the cluster.

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## Array centres and timing

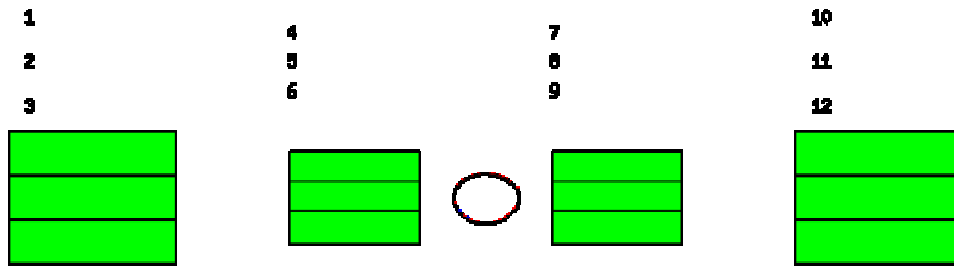
The following diagram shows the array geometric centre, the centre of pressure and the centre of energy defined as follows:-

- The array geometric centre is defined to be the centre of the rectangle formed by the largest and smallest x and y values of the active guns (non-active guns are ignored). This is shown as a blue circle.
- The centre of pressure is defined to be the array centre when each active gun position is weighted by its contribution to the overall peak to peak pressure value. This is shown as a red circle.
- The centre of energy is computed by weighting the coordinates by the self-energy of the active gun at that position. In an interacting array this may be a long way from the centre of pressure as some guns may absorb energy giving a negative self-energy. This is shown as a black circle.

Depending on how first breaks are calculated, these can be used for first break analysis.

Dropped out guns are shown as orange rectangles whilst live guns are shown as green rectangles.

## Array centres



The geometric centre is at ( 3, 0, 4.87)

The centre of pressure is at ( 3,0.000568, 5)

The centre of energy is at ( 3, 0.00533, 5.45)

Note that Gundalf by default uses the deepest gun to define time zero for the vertical far-field and it uses the nearest gun to the observation point to define time zero if an observation point is specified. This means that if one gun is accidentally run deep, this will cause the bulk of the signature to appear to be delayed. It is still a research question how an airgun array should be timed. There are several candidates as defined above but it is not currently clear which if any is appropriate in complex scenarios such as Ocean Bottom Deployment.

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## Array directivity

The following tables show the inline and crossline directivity of the array in both (angle-frequency) and (angle-amplitude) form and optionally, the azimuthal directivity (theta-phi) form.

*Note that the effects of cable ghosting if present are not shown in Gundalf directivity displays although source ghosting is included. This matches common practice in such displays.*

For inline directivity displays, the x-axis is the inline angle from the vertical with the word **fore** indicating the end nearest the boat. For crossline directivity displays, the x-axis is the crossline angle from the vertical with the word **port** indicating the port side.



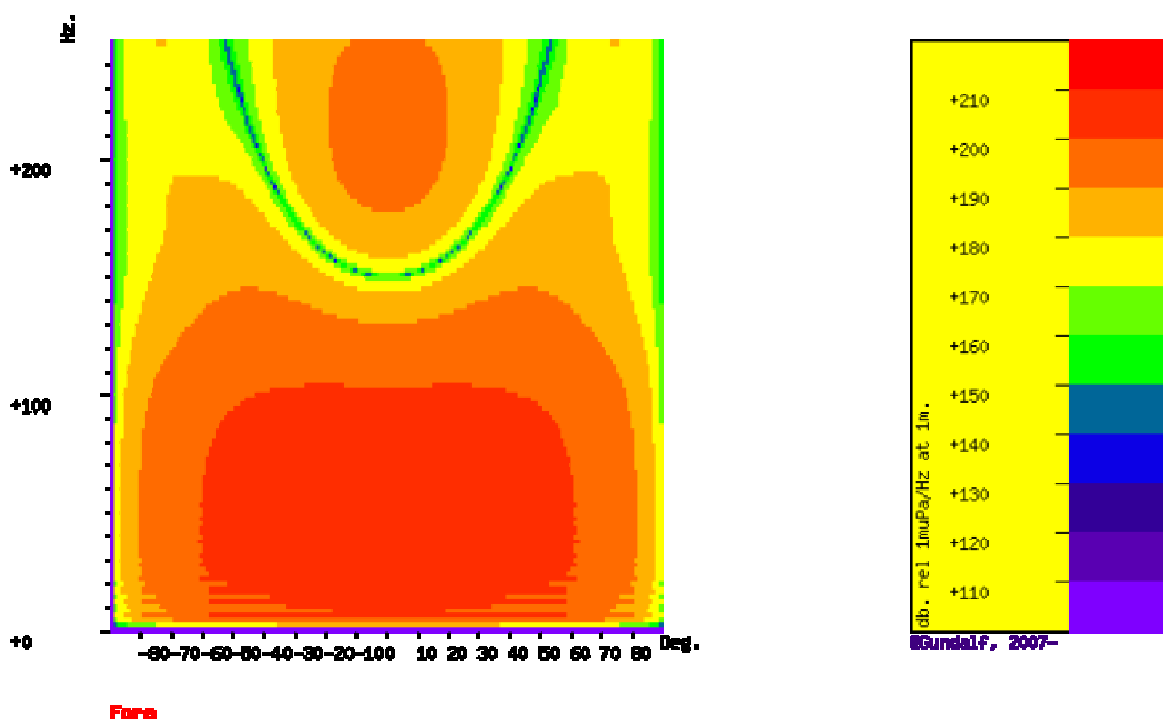
Note that *inline* is used nominally to mean any angle within +/- 45 degrees of the boat direction (which corresponds to a bearing of zero degrees). Similarly, *crossline* is used nominally to mean any angle within +/- 45 degrees of the perpendicular to the boat direction which is measured as a bearing of 90 degrees, (i.e. starboard). The nominal inline and crossline angles can be set by the user in the report options. The values used are indicated in the diagram titles below as bearings.

Where shown, the azimuthal plots show contours at four chosen frequencies as a function of phi (angle from the x-axis, opposite to the boat direction) and theta (the angle from the vertical). A bearing of zero degrees corresponds to a value of phi of 180 degrees.

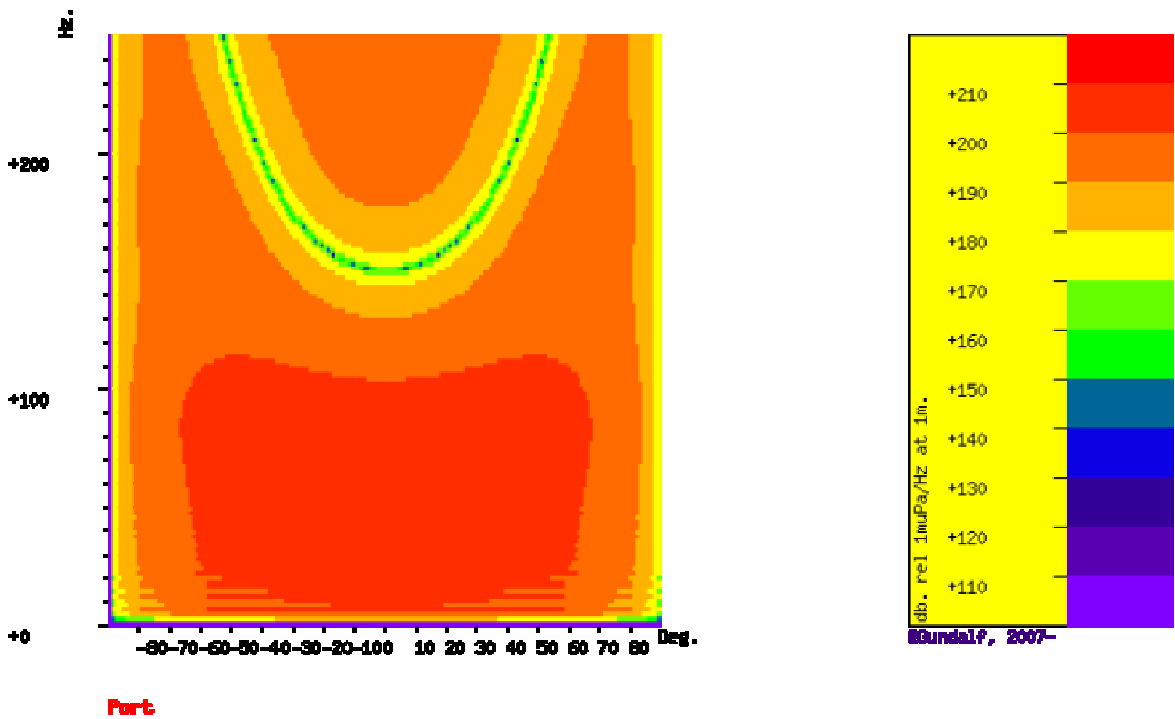
## Angle-frequency form

The following tables show the inline and crossline directivity of the array in (dip angle-frequency) form. Both plots are scaled as dB. relative to 1 muPa. per Hz. at 1m.

**Inline directivity, bearing = 0 degrees**



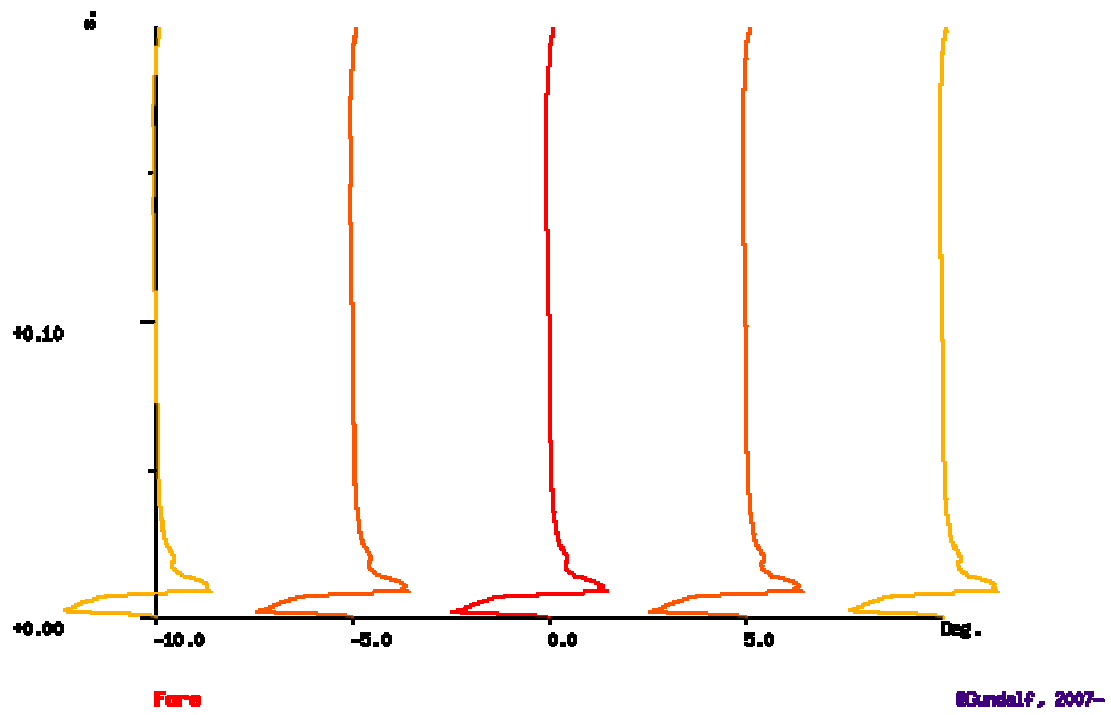
**Crossline directivity, bearing = 90 degrees**



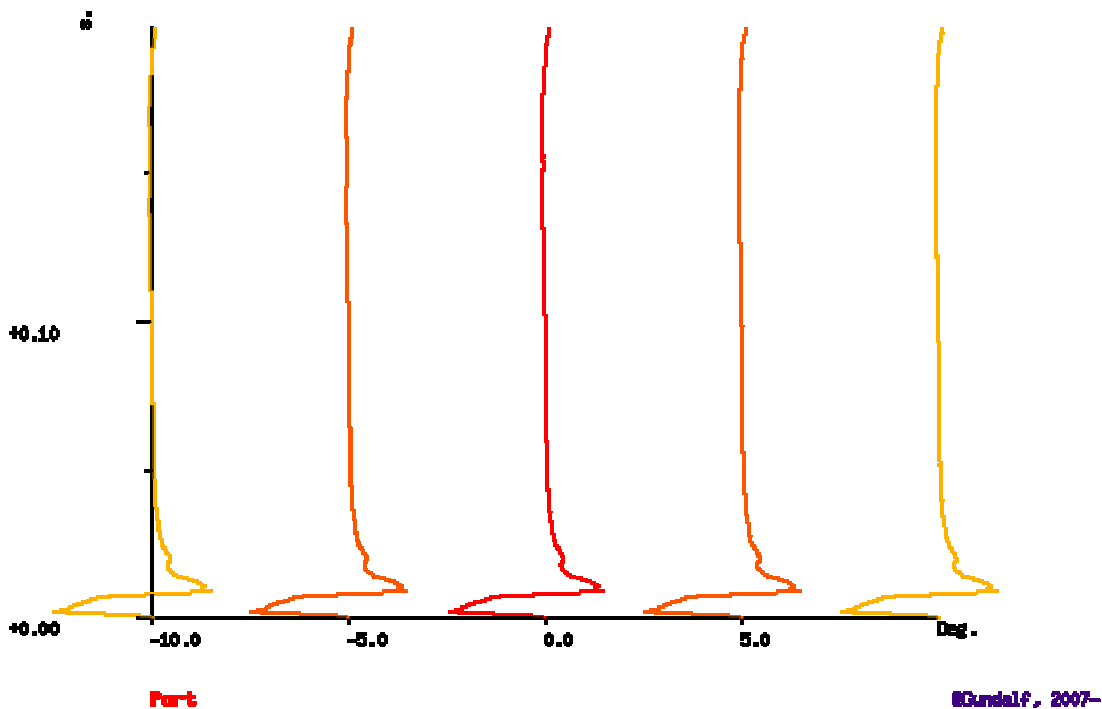
### Angle-amplitude form

The following tables show the inline and crossline directivity of the array in (dip angle, amplitude) form. The computed signature (or under option the amplitude spectrum) for each angle is shown in colour varying form with red signatures shown in the centre, shading to blue at the furthest angles computed. The vertical scale indicates the type of plot, time or frequency. Both types of plot are individually scaled and plotted with the same units as the corresponding plots in the Signature Characteristics section.

#### Inline directivity, bearing = 0 degrees



Crossline directivity, bearing = 90 degrees



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## Signature characteristics

The following tables show the signature parameters, the signature and the amplitude spectrum of the modelled signature.

The amplitude spectrum is shown in units of dB. relative to 1 muPa. per Hz. at 1m.

The position of the bubble by default is determined internally but can be overridden by interacting with the modelled signature using the right hand mouse button to determine the start of the bubble.

## Signature and statistics

The following table includes error bounds for the primary characteristics of an airgun signature: peak to peak, primary to bubble and bubble period.

Airgun modelling programs like Gundalf must be calibrated against real data and no computational model is any better than the quality of that calibration. Calibration datasets however are themselves subject to experimental error so Gundalf is calibrated to best fit the various datasets which are used across the extensive range of volumes, pressures and depths available.

In practice, such experimental errors arise for a variety of reasons including

- Depth inaccuracies. These are usually around 3-5% even in the best facilities particularly if there is sea surface movement.

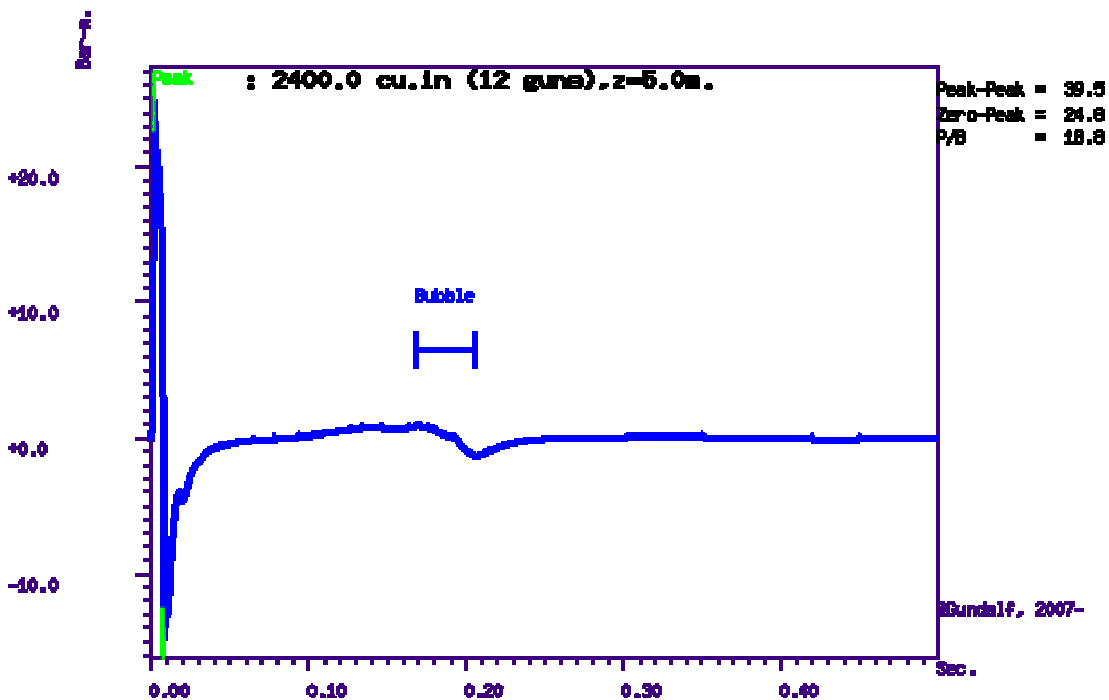
- How frequently the gun is being cycled during measurement. This is rarely recorded but a warmed up gun might be 50deg C warmer than the sea, changing its normal peak-to-peak and other parameters by 5-10% compared with when it is first fired.
- Filtering differences. Filtering is recorded but filtering errors are still more frequent than we would like and analog filter v. digital filter differences are also sometimes a factor.

As a guideline, typical individual errors across different measurement datasets for the best-calibrated guns are of the order of 5% for peak to peak, 15% for primary to bubble and 2% for bubble periods.

Individual gun errors are calculated from the data shown in Help -> Calibration (which themselves accumulate gun data from different sources) and the resulting array error bounds are calculated by accumulating these errors for each gun in the array. The error bounds are calculated as 95% error bounds and for simplicity assume that errors are non-correlated although in practice some are systematic. The total error bound is always greater than any of the individual error bounds and is strongly influenced by the largest gun contributions.

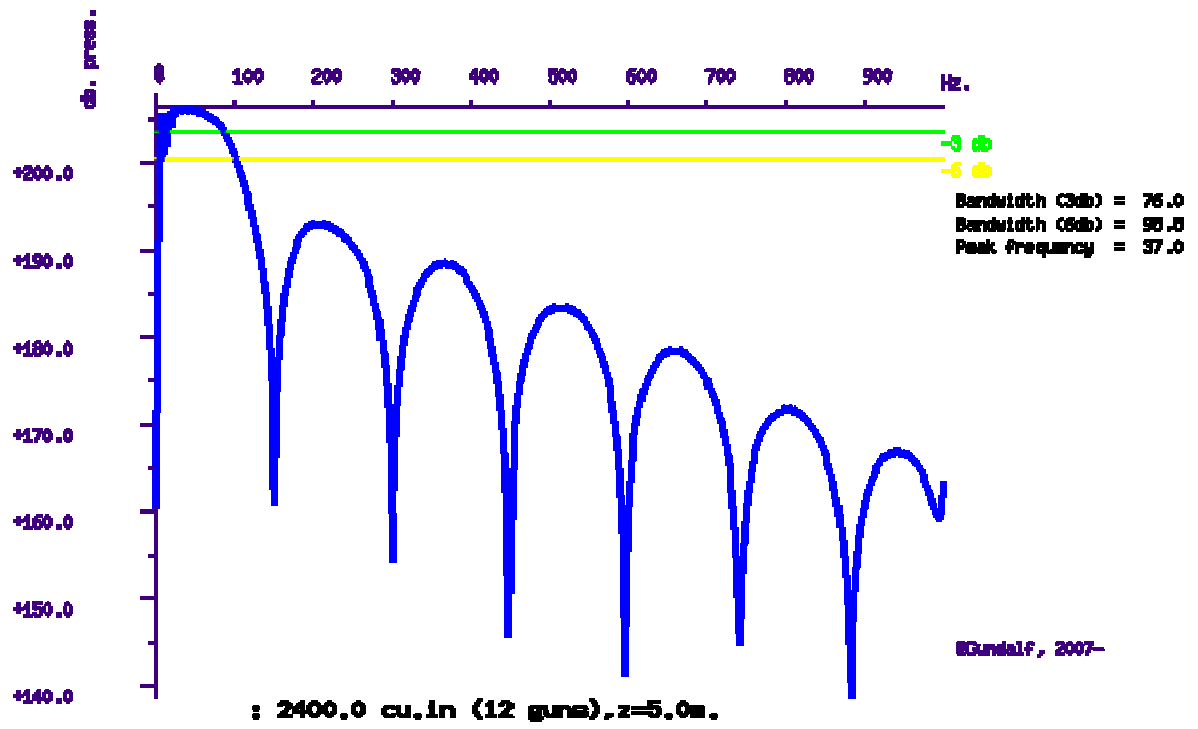
The error bounds simply mean that *it is very likely that the true values for these primary characteristics will be within the ranges shown, but it is not possible to be more precise.* If other comparison data or models indicate values outside this range, this means that those data or models are very likely to be *incompatible* with Gundalf's calibration data. This may be due to several causes as described above. For more on calibration see Gundalf's calibration Help pages.

Peak to peak in bar-m.	Zero to peak in bar-m.	Primary to bubble (peak to peak)	Bubble period (s.)
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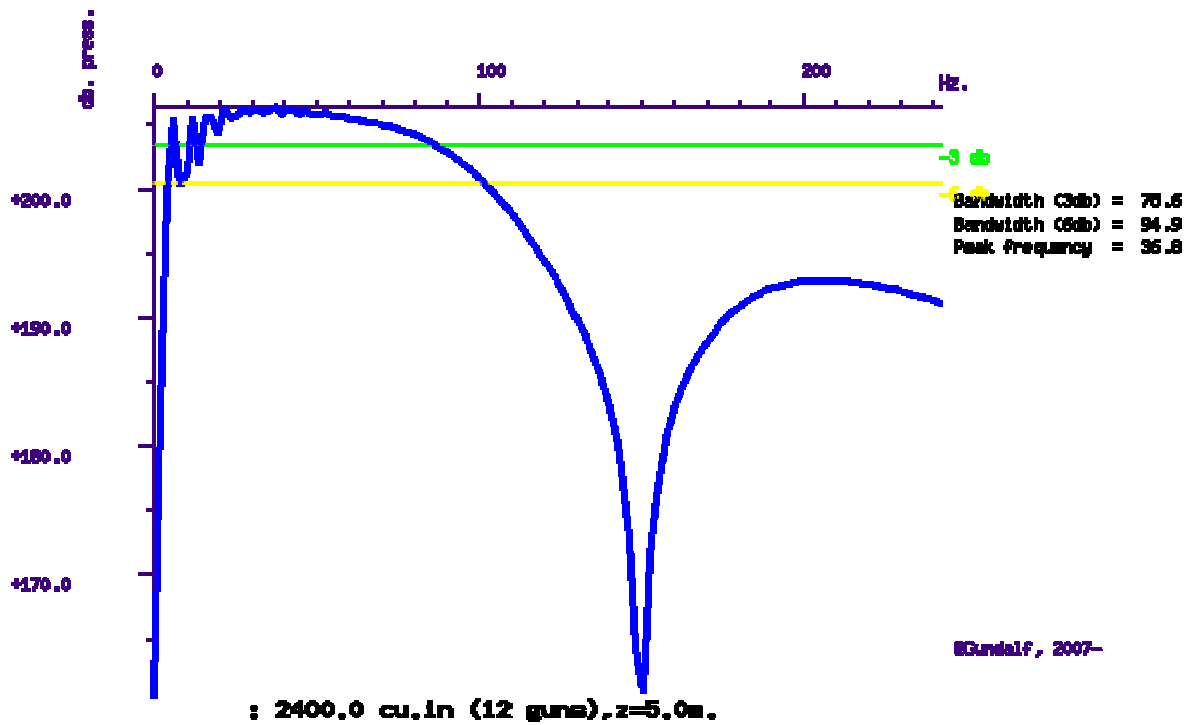


### Filtered amplitude spectrum

Amplitude spectrum. Amplitude Units are dB. relative to 1 muPa / Hz. at 1m.



Close up of amplitude spectrum



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## Modelling summary

The following table lists the modelling parameters for the array quoted in various commonly used units for convenience.

<b>Signature parameters ...</b>	
Output sample interval (s.)	0.0005
Number of samples in signature	1000
Duration of signature (s.)	0.500
Modelling sample interval (s.)	0.0005
Observation point	Infinite vertical far-field
Bubble search start time (s.)	0.04 (Auto)
<b>Filter parameters ...</b>	
Signature filtering details	OFF
Q filtering	OFF
Wiener deconvolution	OFF
<b>Sea Surface parameters ...</b>	
Source ghost	ON
Reflection coefficient	-1.00
Source ghost estimation method	Direct
Streamer 1 ghost	OFF

Streamer 2 ghost	OFF
<b>Physical parameters ...</b>	
Sea temperature (C)	10.0
Velocity of sound in water (m./s.)	1496.0
Expected dominant frequency in signature (Hz)	20.0
Observed wave height (m)	0.0
<b>Gun controller parameters ...</b>	
RMS gun controller variation (s.)	0.0

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## Acoustic energy characteristics

The following table lists the individual gun contributions to the acoustic energy field in joules. A negative value means the gun is actually absorbing energy. This is very common in interacting arrays. It does not however mean that the gun is damaging the array performance. Rather it is acting as a catalyst to allow the other guns to perform more efficiently. The total acoustic energy gives the true performance of the array as a whole. See Laws, Parkes and Hatton (1988) Energy-interaction: The long-range interaction of seismic sources, Geophysical Prospecting (36), p333-348 and 38(1) 1990 p.104 for more details. Note that internal energy is not included in the data below. The true acoustic efficiency of airgun arrays is typically < 5% of the total initial energy.

### Overall acoustic energy contribution

Total acoustic energy output (j.)	Acoustic energy output due to energy-interaction (j.)	Total potential energy available in array(j.)	Percentage of total potential energy appearing as acoustic energy
110046.6	5785.5	542833.9	20.3%

### Individual acoustic energy contributions

Volume (cuin)	x (m.)	y (m.)	z (m.)	Acoustic energy contribution (j.)
250.0	0.00	-0.45	5.26	8296.5
250.0	0.00	0.00	4.48	-33072.1
250.0	0.00	0.45	5.26	8724.8
150.0	2.00	-0.30	5.17	26828.7
150.0	2.00	0.00	4.65	17025.2
150.0	2.00	0.30	5.17	27167.0
150.0	4.00	-0.30	5.17	26812.7
150.0	4.00	0.00	4.65	17008.5
150.0	4.00	0.30	5.17	27152.5
250.0	6.00	-0.45	5.26	8350.2
250.0	6.00	0.00	4.48	-33020.5
250.0	6.00	0.45	5.26	8773.0

The red entries denote guns which are catalysing the array by absorbing energy.

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## Drop-out characteristics

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## Gundalf calibration details

All modelling software requires calibration against convincing experimental data. Gundalf provides accurate modelling of airguns across a wide range of gun types, gun parameters and operating environments, however, we do not expect you to take this simply on trust. It is therefore our policy to keep users of Gundalf aware of its latest calibration status and up to date information is available under Help -> Calibration.

The latest information, including technical references can be found [here](#).

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## Array summary

The following table lists the statistics for the array quoted in various commonly used units for convenience. Note that the rms value is computed over the entire modelled signature. Conservative error bounds for the main signature characteristics of peak to peak, primary to bubble and bubble period are also shown. These represent 95% confidence intervals for the Gundalf model against its calibration data.

### Array parameters ...

Number of guns	6
Total volume (cu.in).	1500.0 ( 24.6 litres)
Peak to peak in bar-m.	35.4 +/- 0.722 ( 3.54 +/- 0.0722 MPa, ~ 251 db re 1 muPa. at 1m.)
Zero to peak in bar-m.	21.4 ( 2.14 MPa, 247 db re 1 muPa. at 1m.)
RMS pressure in bar-m.	2.42 ( 0.242 MPa, 228 db re 1 muPa. at 1m.)
Primary to bubble (peak to peak)	29.6 +/- 3.1
Bubble period (s.)	0.189 +/- 0.0103
Maximum spectral ripple (dB): 10.0 - 50.0 Hz.	4.43
Maximum spectral value (dB): 10.0 - 50.0 Hz.	206
Average spectral value (dB): 10.0 - 50.0 Hz.	205
Total acoustic energy (Joules)	159677.3
Total acoustic efficiency (%)	31.4

## Array geometry and gun contribution

The following table lists all the guns modelled in the array along with their characteristics. The last column is completed only if the array has actually been modelled during the interactive session and contains the approximate contribution of that gun as a percentage of the peak to peak amplitude of the whole array. Please note the following:-

- The peak to peak varies only as the cube root of the volume for the same gun type so that even small guns contribute significantly. This is particularly relevant to drop-out analysis.
- The peak to peak can also be depressed due to clustering effects as reported by Strandenes and Vaage (1992), "Signatures from clustered airguns", First Break, 10(8).

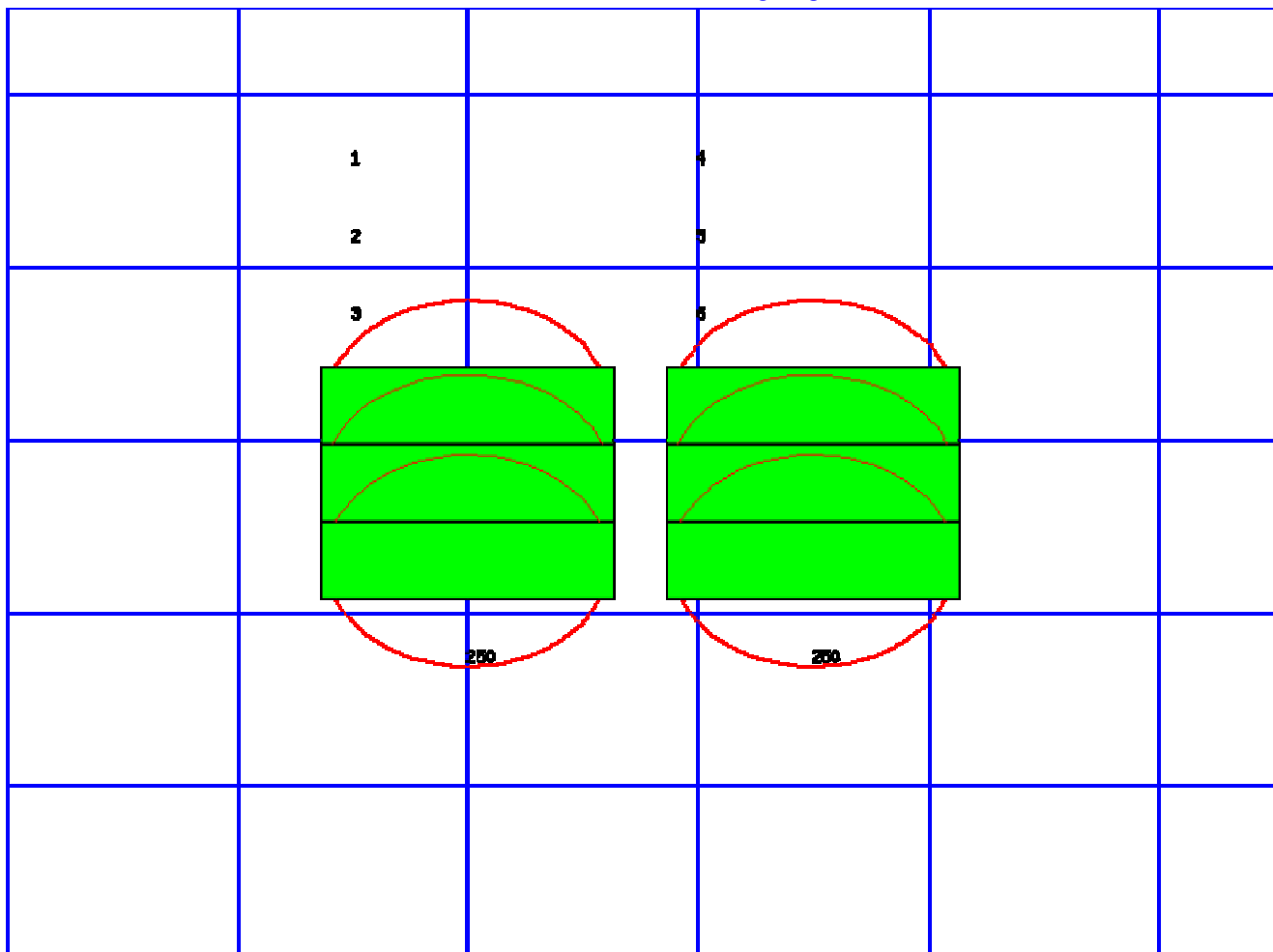
Gun	Pressure (psi)	Volume (cuin)	Type	x (m.)	y (m.)	z (m.)	delay (s.)	sub-array	p-p contrib (pct.)
1	3000.0	250.0	G-GUN	0.000	-0.450	5.260	0.00000	1	16.8
2	3000.0	250.0	G-GUN	0.000	0.000	4.480	0.00000	1	16.2
3	3000.0	250.0	G-GUN	0.000	0.450	5.260	0.00000	1	16.9
4	3000.0	250.0	G-GUN	1.500	-0.450	5.260	0.00000	2	16.8
5	3000.0	250.0	G-GUN	1.500	0.000	4.480	0.00000	2	16.3
6	3000.0	250.0	G-GUN	1.500	0.450	5.260	0.00000	2	16.9

Note that some guns in this array depart from the median depth of the array by at least 0.5m.

The array is shown graphically below.

Hydrophone position: Infinite vertical far-field

<----- Direction of travel ----->, 1 m. grid, plan view



The red circles denote the maximum radius reached by the bubble. Please note that pressure-field interactions take place over a much larger distance than this, (typically 10 times larger). However when bubbles touch or overlap, super-foam interaction can be expected. In this zone, significant peak AND bubble suppression will normally be observed.

Note also that a green rectangle represents a single gun and an orange rectangle indicates that the gun is currently dropped out. Where present, a yellow rectangle represents a vertical cluster (V.C.) of guns. Please see the geometry table above for more details. The small number to the above left of each gun is its reference number in this table. For clusters of guns, these reference numbers mirror the symmetry of the cluster.

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## Array centres and timing

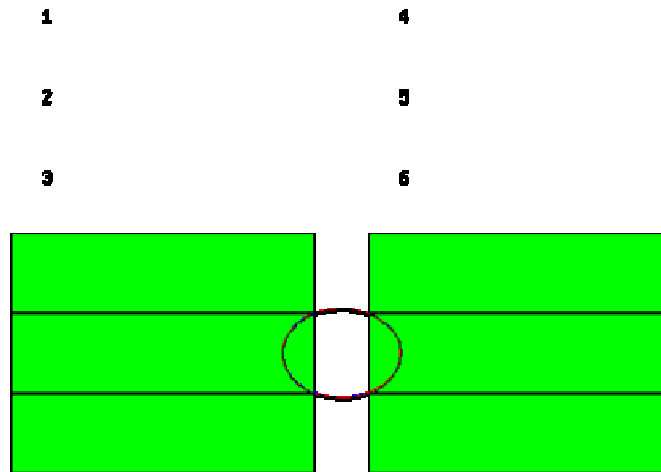
The following diagram shows the array geometric centre, the centre of pressure and the centre of energy defined as follows:-

- The array geometric centre is defined to be the centre of the rectangle formed by the largest and smallest x and y values of the active guns (non-active guns are ignored). This is shown as a blue circle.
- The centre of pressure is defined to be the array centre when each active gun position is weighted by its contribution to the overall peak to peak pressure value. This is shown as a red circle.
- The centre of energy is computed by weighting the coordinates by the self-energy of the active gun at that position. In an interacting array this may be a long way from the centre of pressure as some guns may absorb energy giving a negative self-energy. This is shown as a black circle.

Depending on how first breaks are calculated, these can be used for first break analysis.

Dropped out guns are shown as orange rectangles whilst live guns are shown as green rectangles.

### Array centres



The geometric centre is at ( 0.75, 0, 4.87)

The centre of pressure is at ( 0.751, 0.00107, 5.01)

The centre of energy is at ( 0.753, 0.00493, 5.41)

Note that Gundalf by default uses the deepest gun to define time zero for the vertical far-field and it uses the nearest gun to the observation point to define time zero if an observation point is specified. This means that if one gun is accidentally run deep, this will cause the bulk of the signature to appear to be delayed. It is still a research question how an airgun array should be timed. There are several candidates as defined above but it is not currently clear which if any is appropriate in complex scenarios such as Ocean Bottom Deployment.

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## Array directivity

The following tables show the inline and crossline directivity of the array in both (angle-frequency) and (angle-amplitude) form and optionally, the azimuthal directivity (theta-phi) form.

*Note that the effects of cable ghosting if present are not shown in Gundalf directivity displays although source ghosting is included. This matches common practice in such displays.*

For inline directivity displays, the x-axis is the inline angle from the vertical with the word **fore** indicating the end nearest the boat. For crossline directivity displays, the x-axis is the crossline angle from the vertical with the word **port** indicating the port side.

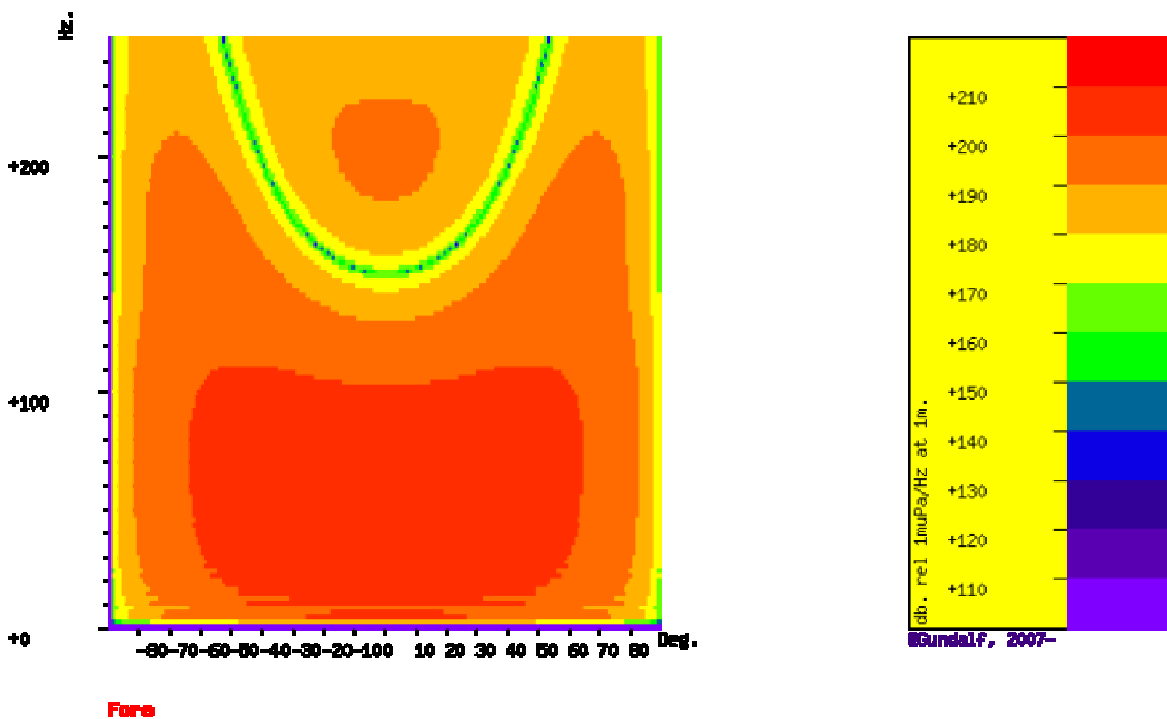
Note that *inline* is used nominally to mean any angle within +/- 45 degrees of the boat direction (which corresponds to a bearing of zero degrees). Similarly, *crossline* is used nominally to mean any angle within +/- 45 degrees of the perpendicular to the boat direction which is measured as a bearing of 90 degrees, (i.e. starboard). The nominal inline and crossline angles can be set by the user in the report options. The values used are indicated in the diagram titles below as bearings.

Where shown, the azimuthal plots show contours at four chosen frequencies as a function of phi (angle from the x-axis, opposite to the boat direction) and theta (the angle from the vertical). A bearing of zero degrees corresponds to a value of phi of 180 degrees.

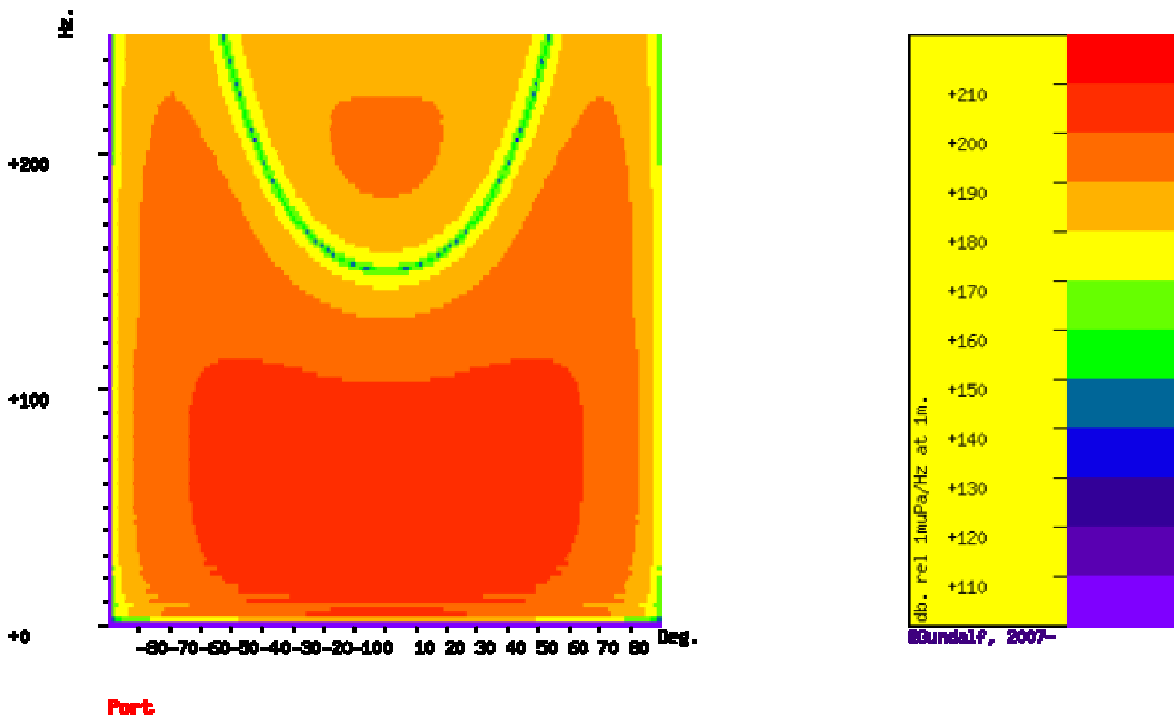
## Angle-frequency form

The following tables show the inline and crossline directivity of the array in (dip angle-frequency) form. Both plots are scaled as dB. relative to 1 muPa. per Hz. at 1m.

**Inline directivity, bearing = 0 degrees**



**Crossline directivity, bearing = 90 degrees**

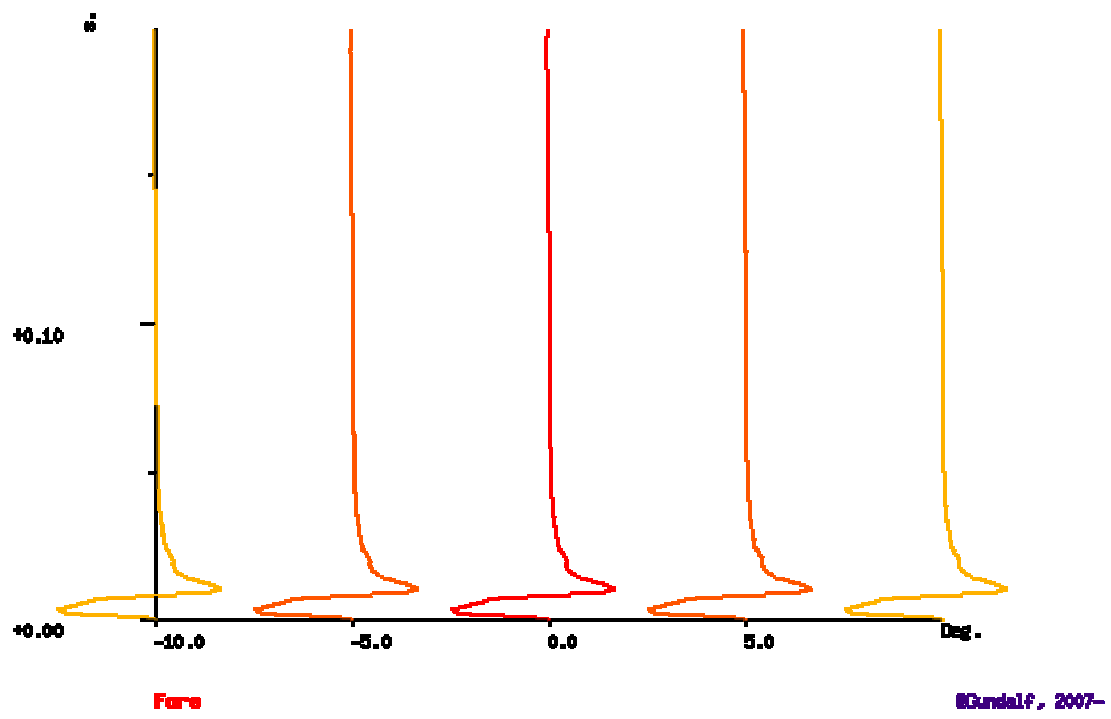


### Angle-amplitude form

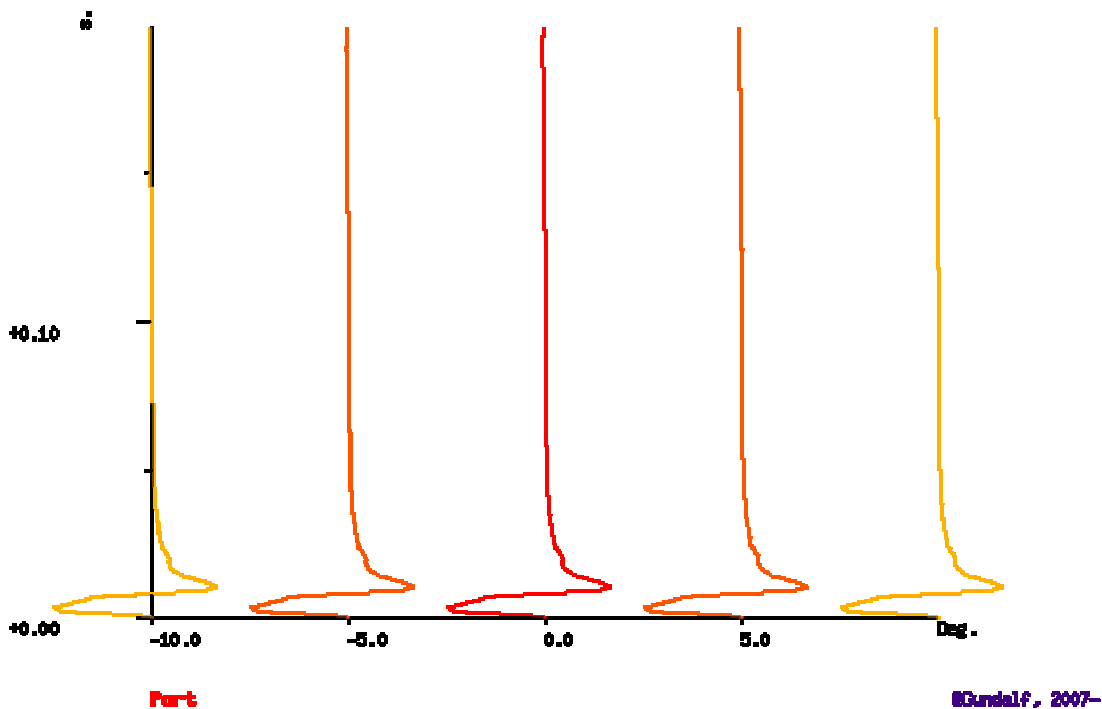
The following tables show the inline and crossline directivity of the array in (dip angle, amplitude) form. The computed signature (or under option the amplitude spectrum) for each angle is shown in colour varying form with red signatures shown in the centre, shading to blue at the furthest angles computed. The vertical scale indicates the type of plot, time or frequency. Both types of plot are individually scaled and plotted with the same units as the corresponding plots in the Signature Characteristics section.

#### Inline directivity, bearing = 0 degrees





Crossline directivity, bearing = 90 degrees



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## Signature characteristics

The following tables show the signature parameters, the signature and the amplitude spectrum of the modelled signature.

The amplitude spectrum is shown in units of dB. relative to 1 muPa. per Hz. at 1m.

The position of the bubble by default is determined internally but can be overridden by interacting with the modelled signature using the right hand mouse button to determine the start of the bubble.

## Signature and statistics

The following table includes error bounds for the primary characteristics of an airgun signature: peak to peak, primary to bubble and bubble period.

Airgun modelling programs like Gundalf must be calibrated against real data and no computational model is any better than the quality of that calibration. Calibration datasets however are themselves subject to experimental error so Gundalf is calibrated to best fit the various datasets which are used across the extensive range of volumes, pressures and depths available.

In practice, such experimental errors arise for a variety of reasons including

- Depth inaccuracies. These are usually around 3-5% even in the best facilities particularly if there is sea surface movement.

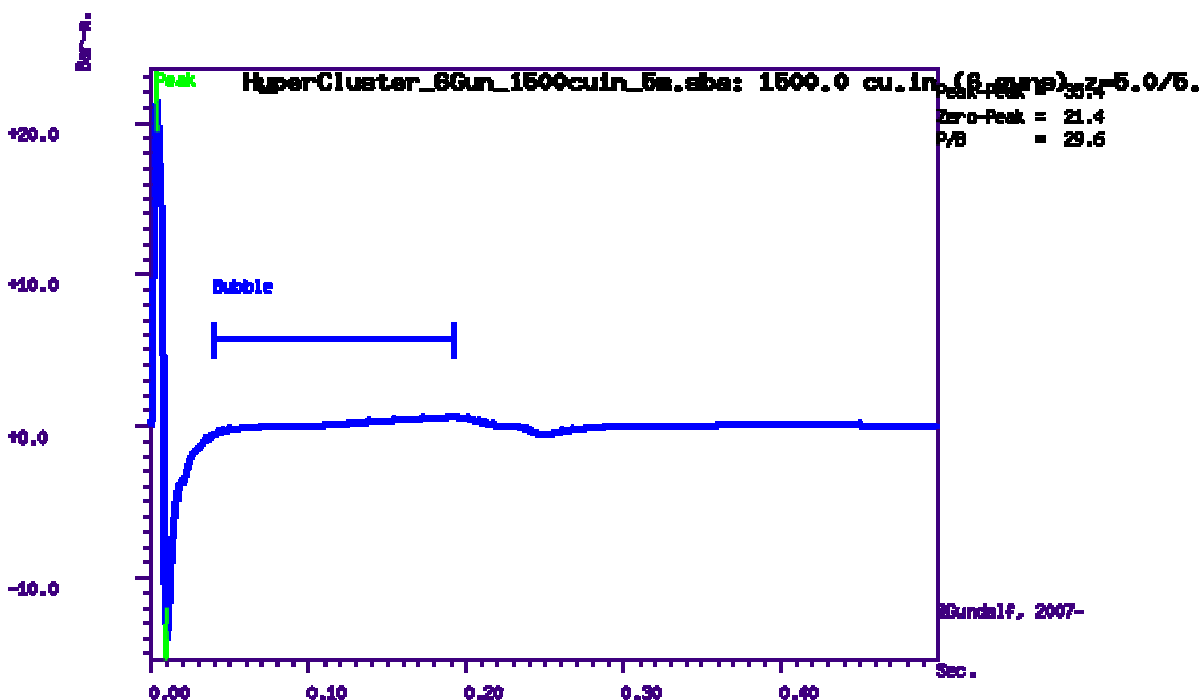
- How frequently the gun is being cycled during measurement. This is rarely recorded but a warmed up gun might be 50deg C warmer than the sea, changing its normal peak-to-peak and other parameters by 5-10% compared with when it is first fired.
- Filtering differences. Filtering is recorded but filtering errors are still more frequent than we would like and analog filter v. digital filter differences are also sometimes a factor.

As a guideline, typical individual errors across different measurement datasets for the best-calibrated guns are of the order of 5% for peak to peak, 15% for primary to bubble and 2% for bubble periods.

Individual gun errors are calculated from the data shown in Help -> Calibration (which themselves accumulate gun data from different sources) and the resulting array error bounds are calculated by accumulating these errors for each gun in the array. The error bounds are calculated as 95% error bounds and for simplicity assume that errors are non-correlated although in practice some are systematic. The total error bound is always greater than any of the individual error bounds and is strongly influenced by the largest gun contributions.

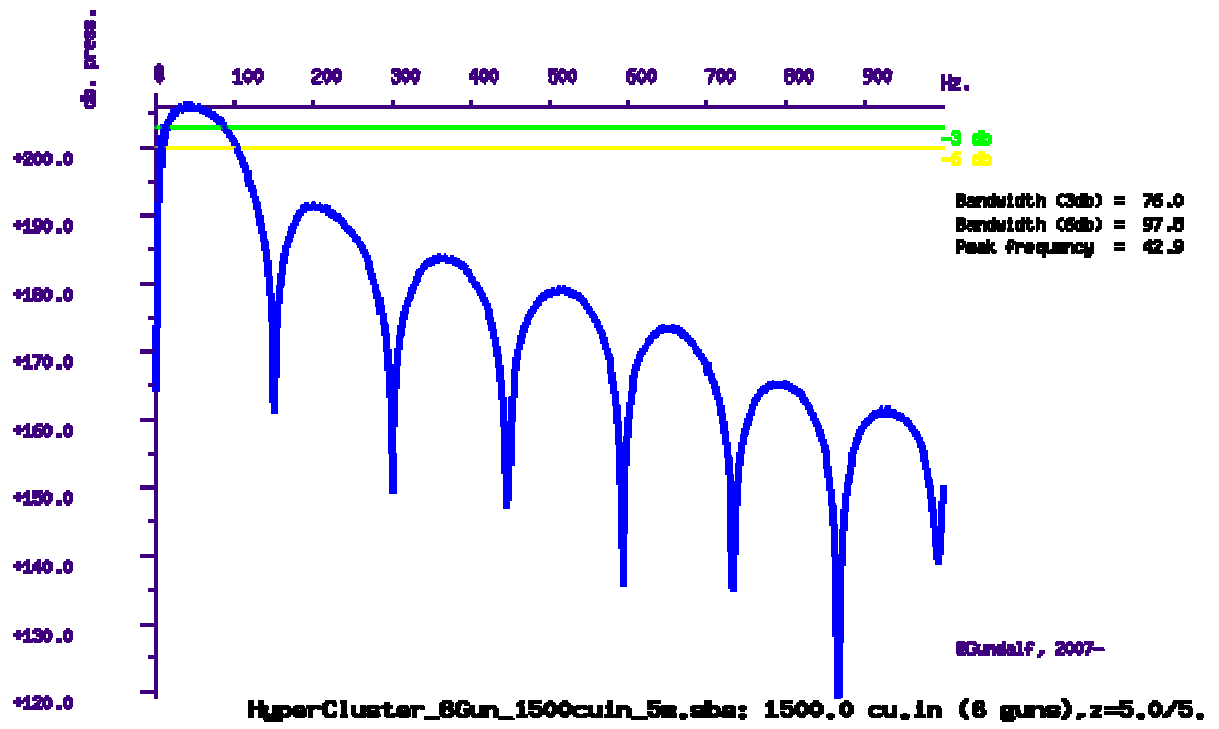
The error bounds simply mean that *it is very likely that the true values for these primary characteristics will be within the ranges shown, but it is not possible to be more precise.* If other comparison data or models indicate values outside this range, this means that those data or models are very likely to be *incompatible* with Gundalf's calibration data. This may be due to several causes as described above. For more on calibration see Gundalf's calibration Help pages.

Peak to peak in bar-m.	Zero to peak in bar-m.	Primary to bubble (peak to peak)	Bubble period (s.)
35.4 +/- 0.722	21.4 +/- 0.361	29.6 +/- 3.1	0.189 +/- 0.0103

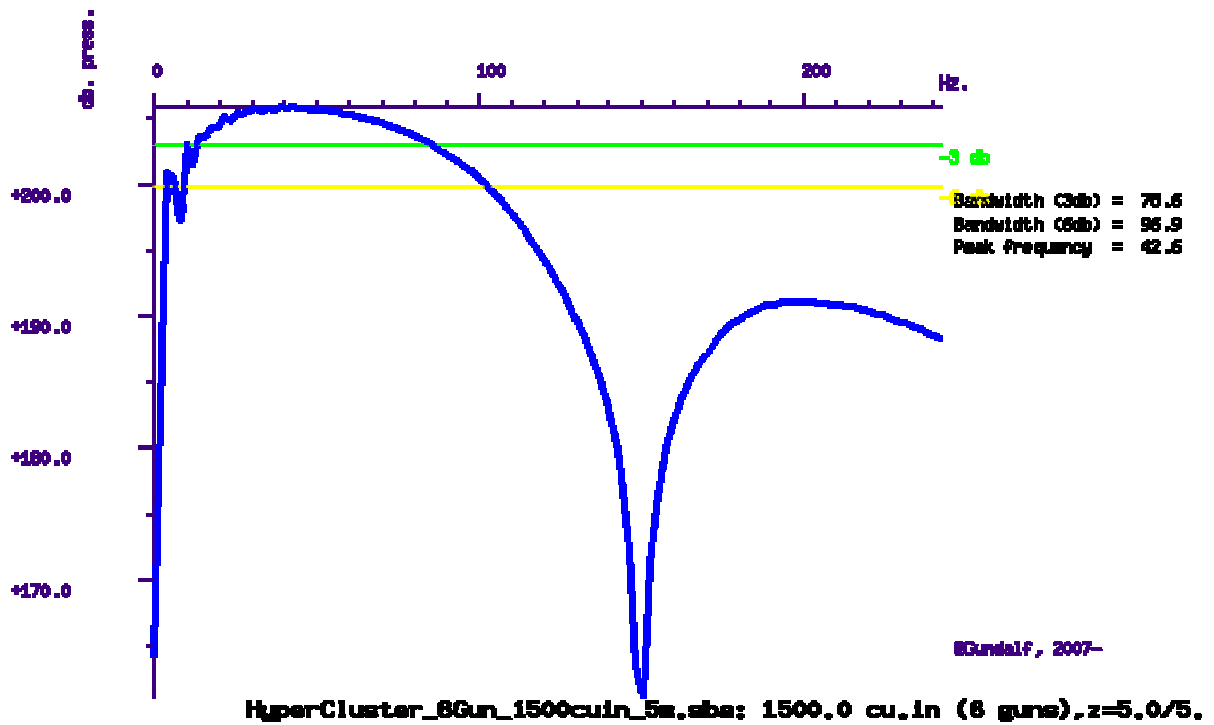


### Filtered amplitude spectrum

Amplitude spectrum. Amplitude Units are dB. relative to 1 muPa / Hz. at 1m.



Close up of amplitude spectrum



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## Modelling summary

The following table lists the modelling parameters for the array quoted in various commonly used units for convenience.

<b>Signature parameters ...</b>	
Output sample interval (s.)	0.0005
Number of samples in signature	1000
Duration of signature (s.)	0.500
Modelling sample interval (s.)	0.0005
Observation point	Infinite vertical far-field
Bubble search start time (s.)	0.04 (Auto)
<b>Filter parameters ...</b>	
Signature filtering details	OFF
Q filtering	OFF
Wiener deconvolution	OFF
<b>Sea Surface parameters ...</b>	
Source ghost	ON
Reflection coefficient	-1.00
Source ghost estimation method	Direct
Streamer 1 ghost	OFF

Streamer 2 ghost	OFF
<b>Physical parameters ...</b>	
Sea temperature (C)	10.0
Velocity of sound in water (m./s.)	1496.0
Expected dominant frequency in signature (Hz)	20.0
Observed wave height (m)	0.0
<b>Gun controller parameters ...</b>	
RMS gun controller variation (s.)	0.0

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## Acoustic energy characteristics

The following table lists the individual gun contributions to the acoustic energy field in joules. A negative value means the gun is actually absorbing energy. This is very common in interacting arrays. It does not however mean that the gun is damaging the array performance. Rather it is acting as a catalyst to allow the other guns to perform more efficiently. The total acoustic energy gives the true performance of the array as a whole. See Laws, Parkes and Hatton (1988) Energy-interaction: The long-range interaction of seismic sources, Geophysical Prospecting (36), p333-348 and 38(1) 1990 p.104 for more details. Note that internal energy is not included in the data below. The true acoustic efficiency of airgun arrays is typically < 5% of the total initial energy.

### Overall acoustic energy contribution

Total acoustic energy output (j.)	Acoustic energy output due to energy-interaction (j.)	Total potential energy available in array(j.)	Percentage of total potential energy appearing as acoustic energy
159677.3	9320.0	508906.8	31.4%

### Individual acoustic energy contributions

Volume (cuin)	x (m.)	y (m.)	z (m.)	Acoustic energy contribution (j.)
250.0	0.00	-0.45	5.26	47265.9
250.0	0.00	0.00	4.48	-15858.0
250.0	0.00	0.45	5.26	48114.9
250.0	1.50	-0.45	5.26	47443.7
250.0	1.50	0.00	4.48	-15631.8
250.0	1.50	0.45	5.26	48342.5

The red entries denote guns which are catalysing the array by absorbing energy.

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## Drop-out characteristics

Information not requested

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## Inventory usage

Information not available

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## Gundalf calibration details

All modelling software requires calibration against convincing experimental data. Gundalf provides accurate modelling of airguns across a wide range of gun types, gun parameters and operating environments, however, we do not expect you to take this simply on trust. It is therefore our policy to keep users of Gundalf aware of its latest calibration status and up to date information is available under Help -> Calibration.

The latest information, including technical references can be found [here](#).

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# ONYX™ sensing unit

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## Next Generation Distributed Fiber Sensing System

ONYX™ represents the next step in the evolution of Distributed Fiber Sensing; it provides distributed acoustic data over long fiber lengths with a high detection sensitivity and a low false alarm rate in a compact, low power unit.

**ONYX™ has been designed to address three key aspects:**

- Performance
- Usability
- Cost

# A new approach to Distributed Fiber Sensing

Building on over a decade's worth of experience, the team at Sintela are focused on providing Next Generation Distributed Fiber Sensing solutions.

- Standard 100 km range:** Each ONYX™ Sensing Unit contains a unique optical module capable of simultaneously interrogating two sensing fibers - each up to 50 km to 65 km (depending on applications) in length. This represents 130 km range for one unit. This long-range capability results in significantly less equipment being required and lower cost per kilometre of monitoring.
- Quantitative Measurements:** ONYX™ makes coherent quantitative measurements over 100 km. This enables the implementation of sophisticated signal processing techniques - significantly improving the detection and classification of events, thereby improving the probability of detection whilst reducing the nuisance alarm rate. This also allows machine learning algorithms to be used reliably on the system.
- Integrated Design:** A single ONYX™ Sensing Unit integrates the optical sensing components, processing hardware and engineering displays into a single 3U enclosure. This considerably reduces the space, weight, and power requirements as well as simplifying system setup. Furthermore, the ONYX™ Sensing Unit has been designed with an internal modular design, allowing for quick and easy maintenance for individual modules and components.
- Distributed Architecture:** The ONYX™ system has been designed from the outset to be entirely distributed. This distributed architecture results in no single point-of-failure, minimizing downtime and increasing system availability. Administration and control functions are distributed throughout the ONYX™ Sensing Units, providing the system with a high degree of fault tolerance.
- Class 1 Laser Safety:** Class 1 lasers are defined as being eye-safe under all operating conditions, which makes the ONYX™ system inherently safe for use, lowers the HSE burden for end clients, and increases the life span of the optical components. This also eliminates the need for costly interlock safety switches and physical keys to operate the equipment.
- Automatic Setup with integrated OTDR:** The ONYX™ has an integrated OTDR [Optical Time Domain Reflectometer] capability and automated installation process, simplifying the setup, commissioning and testing stages of system implementation. This results in lower manpower costs and simplifies maintenance and administrative tasks for support by local engineers; specialist engineers are not required as often for straightforward tasks. The integrated OTDR enables the fiber health to be monitored and is extremely useful in mitigating faults caused by engineering works carried out on the telecoms network.

## Features

**Measurement type:** Quantitative [3]  
**Number of fibers:** Two (simultaneously monitored)  
**Standard operating wavelength:**  
 1550.12 nm [ITU-CH34, 193,400 GHz]

## Performance specification

**Performance measured according to SEAFOM MSP-02:**  
 Measurements taken using a 6.4 m Gauge Length, using a standard SMF with a one-way insertion loss of 0.2 dB/km

**Sensing range:**  
 Standard range up to 50 km per fiber (100 km in total)  
 Longer ranges possible depending upon the application

**Minimum detectable signal:**  
 -80 dB Rad.Hz-½ at the front of a 5 km fiber  
 -60 dB Rad.Hz-½ at the front of a 50 km fiber

**Dynamic range:**  
 155 dB @ 1 Hz | 135 dB @ 10 Hz | 115 dB @ 100 Hz

**Crosstalk isolation:** > 80 dB

**Linearity** Harmonic distortion typ. < -40 dB

**Minimum gauge length:** 3.2 m

**Minimum sample interval:** 1.6 m

**Acoustic Frequency Range:**  
**Min:** 1 mHz [Arbitrarily selectable]  
**Max:** 10 kHz @ 5 km | 1 kHz @ 50 km

## Sensing fiber requirement specification

**Standard fiber types:**  
 SMF-28e, ITU-T G.652, G.654 or G.655  
**Maximum acceptable loss budget:** 20 dB  
**Maximum acceptable back reflection:** < 2 %

## Processing capability

Fully integrated processing using NVIDIA Volta™ architecture with 512 NVIDIA CUDA cores and 64 Tensor cores

## Connection Interface

**Power:** 2x IEC 320 C14 sockets (Dual redundant power supply)

**Data:** 1x SFP@1 Gbit/s | 1x USB 3.2 Gen 1 (USB C)

**Trigs:** Up to eight available via LEMO connector and Trigger Interface Unit (application specific)

**GNSS Antenna:** SMA connector, up to 300 m 50 Ω  
 – coaxial cable

**Fiber:** 2x Diamond E2000-PS APC (single mode)

## Size, Weight and Power

**Height:** 3U – 133 mm  
**Width:** 483 mm (for 19" rack)  
**Depth:** 453mm  
**Weight:** <17 kg  
**Power:** 100 W

## Environmental characteristics

**Storage Temperature:** -40 °C to +70 °C  
**Operating Temperature:** -5 °C to +50 °C  
**Operating Relative Humidity** 10% to 85% (non-condensing)  
**Ingress Protection:** IP50 (Protected against dust)

## Conformity

Class 1 Laser  
 FCC, CE, UKCA and RoHS compliant

# The all in one solution

The new ONYX™ system delivering a clear smaller size and cost advantage



## A clear size and cost advantage

The smaller, lighter, lower power design of the ONYX™ Sensing Unit simplifies shipping, setup and commissioning, reducing the time and cost required to get the system fully operational.

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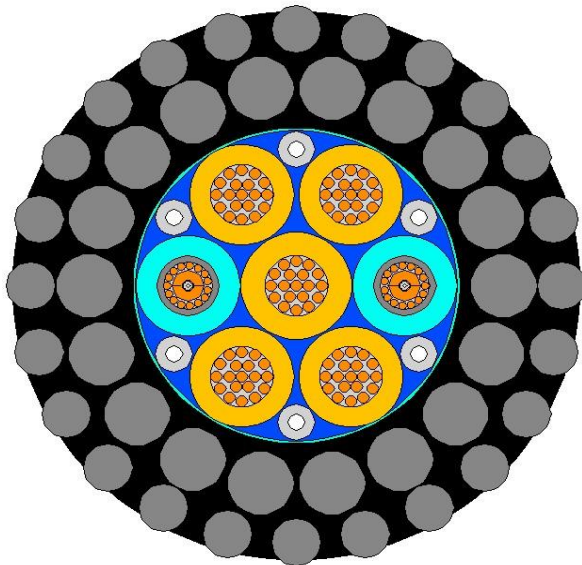
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## A-Sheet: 7-53AKZ-US-FH-SSC, NOVA-F 18K

A seven conductor, hybrid electro-optical logging cable. Cable contains 2 #18AWG reinforced electro-optical conductors with single mode fibers and 5 #16AWG SBC conductors insulated with PFA. The cable core is jacketed with layers of high-temperature PEEK Tape and extruded carbon fiber reinforced Tefzel jacket. The core is armored with ultra-strength galvanized improved plow steel armor wires and an intermediate jacket of carbon fiber reinforced Tefzel between the armor layers.



<b>Conductor 1,4 - Helical FO</b>	0.097 in	2.464 mm
#18 AWG SBC & 125/250 SMF 125/250um CMTDA Single Mode Fiber Copper Halves, Serve and Cladding - 0.058" Tefzel and PEEK Insulation		
<b>Conductor 2, 3, 5, 6 - Helical</b>	0.097 in	2.464 mm
#16 AWG SBC 19 strands, 0.0117" SBC - 0.0585" PFA insulation		
<b>Conductor 7 - Center</b>	0.103 in	2.616 mm
#16 AWG SBC 19 strands, 0.0117" SBC - 0.0585" PFA insulation		
<b>Core Assembly</b>	0.302 in	7.671 mm
PFA-extruded glass yarn filler rods, 0.035" OD EPDM non-conductive filler material Tape, PEEK		
<b>Armor Package</b>		
Inner Armor - 18 wires, 0.062" US GIPS 350-380ksi Outer Armor - 24 wires, 0.046" US GIPS 350-380ksi		
<b>Cable Diameter</b>	0.536 in	13.614 mm
Diameter Variation	± 0.005 in	0.123 mm

### Cable Properties

#### Optical Properties - on shipping drum

		Maximum	
SMF Attenuation	1310 nm	0.14 dB/kft	0.45 dB/km
	1550 nm	0.09 dB/kft	0.30 dB/km

#### Electrical Properties

		Maximum, Minimum**	
DC resistance (68 degF/20 degC)	#18AWG - Helical FO	6.5 Ohm/kft	21.3 Ohm/km
	#16AWG - Helical	4.6 Ohm/kft	15.1 Ohm/km
	#16AWG - Center	4.4 Ohm/kft	14.4 Ohm/km
	Armor	0.96 Ohm/kft	3.1 Ohm/km
Insulation Resistance	at 500 VDC **	15,000 MOhm.kft	4572 MOhm.km
Capacitance (1 kHz)	Helical FO	48 pF/ft	157 pF/m
	Helical	42 pF/ft	138 pF/m
	Center	42 pF/ft	138 pF/m
Voltage / Current Rating	Helical FO vs Armor	1131 Vdc	800 Vrms
	Helical vs Armor	1100 Vdc	778 Vrms
	Center vs Helical	1881 Vdc	1,330 Vrms

#### Mechanical Properties

Calculated Weight	in Air	485 lb/kft	722 kg/km
	in Fresh Water	387 lb/kft	576 kg/km
Temperature Rating	8 hours	375 degF	191 degC
	Unlimited	350 degF	177 degC
	Minimum Temperature	-40 degF	-40 degC
<b>Cable Safe Working Load</b>		<b>18,000 lbf</b>	<b>80 kN</b>



**Do not use CMTD. Premature damage of the armor matrix and optical damage will occur**  
**Recommended to use TDL device and Minimum sheave diameter to prevent fiber damage 36"**

All values are subject to change without notice . Contact InTouch for the latest  
 Values are calculated values and subject to verification through testing

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## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

<b>Design</b> .....	Gusto P10,000 DW
<b>Year Entered Service</b> .....	2014
<b>Classification</b> .....	ABS, +A1, Drillship, Helidk, +AMS, +ACCU, +CDS, +DPS-3, SH-DLA, GP
<b>Dimensions</b> .....	757 ft long x 118 ft wide x 59 ft deep
<b>Draft</b> .....	36 ft operating and transit
<b>Displacement</b> .....	70,333T operating
<b>Variable Deck</b> .....	34,896T operating
<b>Transit Speed</b> .....	up to 12.5 knots
<b>Water Depths</b> .....	12,000 ft designed / 10,000 ft outfitted
<b>Drilling Depth</b> .....	40,000 ft

## DRILLING EQUIPMENT

<b>Derrick</b>	NOV Dual Bottleneck, 210 ft high with 80 ft x 60 ft base, combined hook load capacity of 4,000 kips
<b>Drawworks</b>	( <b>Main</b> ): NOV / AHD 1250, six AC electric motors, 9,000hp total, 1,250T with sixteen 2 1/8" drilling lines ( <b>Aux</b> ): NOV / AHD 750, five AC electric motors, 5,750hp total, 750T with fourteen 1 3/4" drilling lines
<b>Compensator</b>	Active Heave Compensating Drawworks and Passive Heave CMC (Main) - 500 ST at 25ft stroke
<b>Rotary Table</b>	( <b>Main</b> ): NOV RST 75 1/2" hydraulic, 1,375T static ( <b>Aux</b> ): NOV RST 60 1/2" hydraulic, 1,000T static
<b>Top Drive</b>	( <b>Main</b> ): NOV TDX-1250, 1,250T with 7,500 psi ( <b>Aux</b> ): NOV TDS-8SA. 750T with 7,500 psi
<b>Tubular handling</b>	2 x NOV MPT 'Hydraulic Roughneck' for tubular range 3 1/2" to 9 3/4" + 2 x NOV HR IV-ER
<b>Mud Pumps</b>	5 x NOV 14-P-220, 2,200hp, 7,500 psi

## POWER EQUIPMENT

<b>Main Power</b>	6 x Himsen diesel engines rated 4,300kW, each driving 5,375 kVA AC generators  2 x Himsen V-type diesel engines rated 8,700kW, each driving 10,875 kVA AC generators
<b>Emergency Power</b>	V-type Cummins diesel engine rated 1,900kW driving 1 x STX engine rated 1500kWAC generator

## STORAGE CAPACITIES

<b>Liquid Mud</b> .....	15,204 bbls
<b>Base Oil</b> .....	7,209 bbls
<b>Brine</b> .....	13,175 bbls
<b>Drill Water</b> .....	18,593 bbls
<b>Potable Water</b> .....	8,834 bbls
<b>Bulk Storage</b> .....	16,513 ft <sup>3</sup> (barite + bentonite) + 15,891ft <sup>3</sup> (cement)
<b>Sack Storage</b> .....	6,000 sacks

## CRANES

<b>Knuckle-boom</b>	1 x 100 ton + 2 x 85 ton knuckle-boom
<b>AHC Subsea</b>	165 ton Active Heave Compensation knuckle-boom

## SUBSEA EQUIPMENT

<b>Diverter</b>	Vetco CSO 21 1/4" 500 psi diverter with 1 x 20" flow line + 2 x 16" overboard diverter lines
<b>BOP Stacks (2)</b>	Hydril 18 3/4" 15,000 psi seven-ram preventer 2 x Hydril 18 3/4" 10,000 psi annular preventers APIS53 compliant
<b>C&amp;K Manifold</b>	3 1/16", 15,000 psi
<b>Marine Riser</b>	Vetco HMF Class H 21", 75 ft long per joint
<b>Tensioners</b>	16 x 225 kips NOV wireline riser tensioners. Total capacity 3,600 kips with 50 ft of wire travel
<b>Moonpool</b>	73 ft x 42 ft

## STATION KEEPING / PROPULSION SYSTEM

<b>Thrusters</b>	6 x Thrustmaster, 5,000kW azimuth thrusters with fixed pitch variable speed propellers
<b>DP System</b>	Kongsberg K-POS

## OTHER INFORMATION

<b>Dual Activity</b>	Yes
<b>Accommodation</b>	210 people
<b>Helideck</b>	Sikorsky S-61 & S-92, CAP 437 compliant
<b>MPD</b>	Fully integrated Managed Pressure Drilling (MPD) system (Q4 2023 installation)



**BOEM Request for information**  
**VSP seismic streamer permit application, Mississippi Canyon, Ocotillo**

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1. Use of New or Unusual Technology (NUT). No new or unusual technology will be used. Anadarko Petroleum Corporation intends to use well established VSP techniques which have been in practice in the US GOM for years.
2. Use of a vessel with a moon pool. The drillship (Ocean BlackHawk), performing the drilling, logging and craning the seismic source in the water does have a moonpool. The moonpool opening at baseline of the Ocean BlackHawk is 73.5ft x 32.5ft.
3. Equipment with an entanglement or entrapment risk (e.g., flexible lines/ropes). No seismic streamer will be used for this survey. The source will be craned from the drillship to the water. The risk of entanglement or entrapment, although not null, is extremely low compared to the gear used commonly used for fishing activities (like fishing nets and mono filament lines). This is owing to the fact the ropes or cables used to lower the source in the water have a high diameter (over 1 inch), are under constant tension (preventing entanglement) and form a very open dispositive.
4. Please indicate on a Vicinity Map all associated support bases / ports used and verify, that no vessels, including supply and crew vessels, cross or enter the Rice's whale (formerly Bryde's whale) area. If vessels will enter the Rice's whale area, you must clearly state this, as additional restrictions will apply. The MC 40 001 well is outside the Rice's whale area as defined by BOEM (Bryde's core with 10k buffer). The vessels associated to this survey will not enter the Rice's whale area.
5. Provide the total number of days you project to have an active seismic source. 4 days.
6. Speed (knots) the acoustic sources will be towed. NA: source will hang from crane off drillship.
7. Maximum and minimum water depth of your operation. 4500' – 5500'
8. Review and update your application to verify the threatened or endangered species, critical habitat, and marine mammal information reflects the requirements found in the 2020 Biological Opinion. Anadarko and contractors will follow the 2020 Biological opinion.