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Project title: Mechanisms for Methane Transport and Hydrate Accumulation in Coarse-Grained Reservoirs

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REPORTING PERIOD END DATE: September 30, 2017

REPORT FREQUENCY: Quarterly

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The project **goal** is to show, through numerical modeling, how the transport of methane, and the mechanism by which it is transported, control the development of persistent, massive hydrate accumulations in deep sediments below the seabed. The models will be based on recently collected data from Walker Ridge Block 313 (WR 313) in the northern Gulf of Mexico (Figure 1). To achieve the project goal, the project has been divided into three phases. Phase 1 of the project will focus on modifying an existing reservoir simulator (Sun and Mohanty, 2006) to include microbial methane production, salt mass balance and effects on methane stability, and sedimentation. Additional 1-D modeling will provide constraints on expected rates of methanogenesis. Phase 2 of the project will focus on simulations of dissolved methane migration mechanisms to determine if sufficient flux is available to develop the massive hydrate accumulations observed at WR 313. Phase 3 of the project will focus on simulations of free methane gas migration and recycling of methane in the gas phase as it is buried below the base of the methane hydrate stability zone.

The **objectives** of this project are to define:

- 1. The dissolved methane flux, organic matter abundance, and time required to develop the accumulations observed at WR 313 by short-distance migration of microbial methane into adjacent coarser-grained layers;
- 2. The dissolved methane flux and time required to develop the accumulations observed at WR 313 by long-distance, updip migration;
- 3. Whether there is enough methane in the dissolved phase in the fine-grained sediments to form the observed hydrate deposits or whether a gas phase is present, and if so what the conditions are for three-phase equilibrium;
- 4. The fate of hydrate that subsides beneath the base of the MHSZ and accumulates as gas, and overpressure generation associated with gas accumulation.

Tasks to be performed PHASE 1 / BUDGET PERIOD 1

Task 1 - Project management and planning

The Recipient shall work together with the DOE project officer upon award to develop a project management plan (PMP). The PMP shall be submitted within 30 days of the award. The DOE Project Officer shall have 20 calendar days from receipt of the PMP to review and provide comments to the Recipient. Within 15 calendar days after receipt of the DOE's comments, the Recipient shall submit a final PMP to the DOE Project Officer for review and approval.

The Recipient shall review, update, and amend the PMP (as requested by the DOE Project Officer) at key points in the project, notably at each go/no-go decision point and upon schedule

variances of more than 3 months and cost variances of more than 10%, which require amendments to the agreement and constitutes a re-base lining of the project.

The PMP shall define the approach to management of the project and include information relative to project risk, timelines, milestones, funding and cost plans, and decision-point success criteria. The Recipient shall execute the project in accordance with the approved PMP covering the entire project period. The Recipient shall manage and control project activities in accordance with their established processes and procedures to ensure subtasks and tasks are completed within schedule and budget constraints defined by the PMP. This includes tracking and reporting progress and project risks to DOE and other stakeholders.

Task 2 – Reservoir Model Development

The Recipient shall modify an existing general purpose reservoir simulator to include sedimentation, microbial methane production and effect of salt on hydrate equilibrium. The methane equilibrium calculation shall be modified to include changes in water activity due to dissolved salt following the method of Handa (1990). The mass conservation calculation shall be modified to include sedimentation, burial, and changes in porosity over time following the method of Bhatnagar et al. (2007). The initial conditions shall be modified to allow specification of heterogeneous properties (e.g., porosity) throughout the model domain. The boundary conditions shall be modified to allow specification of seafloor sedimentation rate and fluid flux. The Recipient shall verify code modifications with benchmark comparisons of performance with published simulation results (e.g., Bhatnagar et al., 2007).

Task 3 – 1-D Modeling of Microbial Methanogenesis

Concurrently with Task 2, the Recipient shall start with a 1-D reaction-transport model that will follow the burial by sedimentation of a sand layer surrounded by fine-grained sediments. The time-dependent modeling shall track the evolution of gas hydrate formation in the sand layer and shall provide more accurate estimates of the time scales and of the gas hydrate quantities associated with short migration. The methane hydrate stability conditions shall include the effect of pore size in the sand and fine-grained layers following the method of Malinverno (2010). The rate and spatial distribution of microbial methanogenesis shall be constrained by data from scientific ocean drilling expeditions (DSDP, ODP, IODP). The results of this task shall provide first-order constraints on rates of methanogenesis which shall be used as inputs to subsequent tasks (4.1, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2).

PHASE 2 / BUDGET PERIOD 2

Task 4.1 – Short Migration of Dissolved Methane

The Recipient shall investigate short migration of dissolved methane, in which methane generated in fine-grained sediments within the MHSZ is transported by diffusion into adjacent coarse-grained layers in which it forms concentrated hydrate deposits. The simulator developed in Task 2 shall be used for this task. The model domain shall consist of dipping sand layers surrounded by fine-grained sediments. This domain shall be designed to approximate the geometries observed at WR313 with sediment physical properties defined from logs or analog data. Rates of microbial methanogenesis and fluid flow shall be altered to determine the effect each has on the resulting hydrate distribution and time required for accumulation. The model results shall be used to determine the time scale of short migration at WR313, and the distribution of hydrate resulting from short migration.

Task 4.2 – Long Migration of Dissolved Methane

The Recipient shall investigate long migration of dissolved methane, in which dissolved methane is transported by advection from a distant source to the MHSZ. The investigation shall use the simulator developed in Task 2. The model domain shall consist of dipping sand layers surrounded by fine-grained sediments, and shall be designed to approximate the geometries observed at WR313. The model shall assume no local methane generation in the MHSZ and pore water entering the MHSZ with a methane concentration equal to the local solubility. Fluid flux shall be determined assuming that fluid flow is driven by overpressures to due high sedimentation rates (Gordon and Flemings, 1998). The Recipient shall explore the time scale associated with long migration by determining how long is required for fluid flow to form hydrate deposits comparable to those observed at WR313. The Recipient shall additionally simulate situations in which active fluid flow ceases after some time, and investigate how the hydrate that is formed evolves after cessation of fluid flow.

Task 4.3 – Assessment of Flux Associated with Dissolved Methane Migration

The Recipient shall use the model results from Tasks 4.1 and 4.2 to assess the methane flux associated with methane migration in the dissolved phase by either long or short migration. The different scenarios modeled in Tasks 4.1 and 4.2 shall be analyzed to determine methane flux from each migration mechanism, and the time scales and hydrate volumes produced by each. The analysis results shall be compared to the observed hydrate accumulations at WR313 and the age of the host sediments to determine whether migration of dissolved methane could have produced the observed hydrate accumulations.

PHASE 3 / BUDGET PERIOD 3

Task 5.1 – Assessment of Methane Budget Required for Presence of Gas Phase

The Recipient shall use the results of Tasks 4.1 and 4.2 to define methane availability from local, microbial sources as well as deeper sources (thermogenic or microbial). The phase equilibrium implemented in the 3-D model in Task 2 shall be used to determine local solubility within the model domain and determine the amount of methane that may be present as a gas phase. The results of this task will be used to place limits on gas availability in Tasks 5.2 and 5.3.

Task 5.2 – Free Gas Migration

The Recipient shall apply a previously established model of hydrate formation (multiphase-flowcontrolled, nonequilibrium, neglecting transport of salinity and latent heat) to assess whether the gas phase accumulated beneath the MHSZ can contribute significantly to hydrate saturations within the MHSZ. The Recipient shall evaluate the conditions under which the accumulated gas phase drains into coarse-grained sediment. Having identified those conditions, the Recipient shall evaluate the geologic setting (dip angle, petrophysical properties and multiphase flow properties of the sediment) for which significant updip migration of the gas phase can be expected. The Recipient shall apply the hydrate formation model to geologic settings with significant expected migration to determine the hydrate saturation distribution in the updip direction. The model shall be tested for ranges of the two competing rates (namely, rate of gas accumulation at base of MHSZ and rate of hydrate formation from gas phase and water phase in the MHSZ). The Recipient shall additionally determine the pressure, temperature, and salinity conditions that will permit short migration of a gas phase within the MHSZ. The predicted saturation distributions shall be compared to observations (magnitude of hydrate saturation and its lateral extent) within coarse-grained layers at WR313. If hydrate is predicted to form in the same location and same volume as the accumulations observed at WR313, the Recipient shall determine whether the conditions that give agreement are geologically plausible, and the Recipient shall compare the flux of methane in the gas phase to the fluxes of methane by other mechanisms to be determined in Tasks 4.1 and 4.2. If the rates of methane delivery and time scale of hydrate accumulation are consistent with the accumulations observed at WR313, the Recipient shall use the results to guide the inclusion of free-gas migration phenomena into the full-physics 3D simulations of Task 5.3.

Task 5.3 – Methane Recycling at the Base of the MHSZ

The Recipient shall use the reservoir model developed in Task 2 to evaluate the fate of hydrate that moves below the base of the MHSZ as a result of sedimentation. In particular, the Recipient shall examine subsidence of dipping, hydrate-bearing sands of the type encountered at WR313. The Recipient shall model burial of a dipping sand layer through the base of the MHSZ in 3 dimensions. The Recipient shall test different scenarios of sedimentation rate, hydrate saturation in sand layers, and deep methane flux to evaluate gas accumulation below the MHSZ, supply of methane to the base of the MHSZ, and overpressure generated by the accumulation of a

connected gas column. The gas column will be considered connected when it overcomes a percolation threshold of roughly 10% of the pore volume (England et al., 1987). Gas phase pressure shall be computed from gas column height and estimates of capillary pressure from analog sediments (e.g., Blake Ridge; Clennell et al., 1999). The potential to fracture overlying sediments shall be investigated by comparing the resulting pore pressure to the total vertical stress and the minimum horizontal stress.

Milestone Status Report

1.A Title: PMP submission

Planned Date: 4 December 2013 Completed Date: 22 November 2013

Verification Method: Submission of final Project Management Plan to DOE within 65

days of start of project.

1.B Title: Project kick-off meeting

Planned Date: 29 December 2013 Completed Date: 7 November 2013

Verification Method: Meeting held within 90 days of start of project.

1.C Title: Sedimentation, microbial methane production, salinity effect implementation

Planned Date: 30 June 2014 Completed Date: 30 June 2014

Verification Method: Implementation of sedimentation, microbial methane production,

salinity effect on hydrate stability in 3-D model.

1.D Title: Benchmarking of numerical model against published results

Planned Date: 31 March 2015 Completed Date: 31 March 2015

Verification Method: Simulation results match those obtained from other simulators in 1-D and 2-D (e.g., Bhatnagar et al., 2007; Chatterjee et al., 2011) within 1% in time and

hydrate saturation using the same input parameters.

1.E Title: Development of time and methanogenesis constraints for future modeling

Planned Date: 31 March 2015 Completed Date: 31 March 2015

Verification Method: Development of a model that includes time-dependent changes in methane stability in a dipping, subsiding sand layer but matches the results of Cook and Malinverno (2013) for steady-state conditions.

2.A Title: Completion of short migration modeling

Planned Date: 30 September 2016 Completed Date: 30 September 2016

Verification Method: Completion of simulations to evaluate conditions necessary for

development of massive hydrate deposits by short migration.

2.B Title: Completion of long migration modeling

Planned Date: 30 September 2016 Completed Date: 30 September 2016

Verification Method: Completion of simulations to evaluate conditions necessary for

development of massive hydrate accumulations by long migration.

2.C Title: Quantification of methane flux in the dissolved phase

Planned Date: 30 September 2016 Completed Date: 30 September 2016

Verification Method: Quantification of methane flux associated with methane migration in the dissolved phase by either long or short migration and comparison with existing estimates of methane flux in the northern Gulf of Mexico such as those presented in Frye (2008).

3.A Title: Quantification of methane availability and expected quantities of gas

Planned Date: 31 March 2018

Verification Method: Quantification of amount of methane required to form a free gas phase and comparison with existing estimates of methane flux in the northern Gulf of Mexico such as those presented in Frye (2008).

3.B Title: Completion of free gas migration models

Planned Date: 31 March 2018

Verification Method: Determinations of methane flux and time necessary to reproduce observed hydrate accumulations at WR313 by migration of free gas.

3.C Title: Completion of modeling efforts to assess methane recycling

Planned Date: 31 March 2018

Verification Method: Completion of simulations to assess rates of gas accumulation beneath MSHZ and effect on gas migration and overpressure generation.

What was accomplished under these goals?

Major activities

We have begun running simulations to quantify the effect of free gas within the hydrate stability zone and its relationship with burial of hydrate-bearing sediments beneath the base of hydrate stability. We are using the same 3-phase stability conditions as those in Liu and Flemings (2011) (Figure 1). Because host sediments have a distribution of pore sizes, capillary effects cause the base of hydrate stability to be located at different depths in pores of different sizes. The result is a zone over which gas replaces hydrate as the phase occupying the largest pores.

In a gas-water system, the capillary pressure of the gas phase is related to the gas saturation by the capillary drainage curve. When hydrate, water, and gas are all present, the capillary pressure

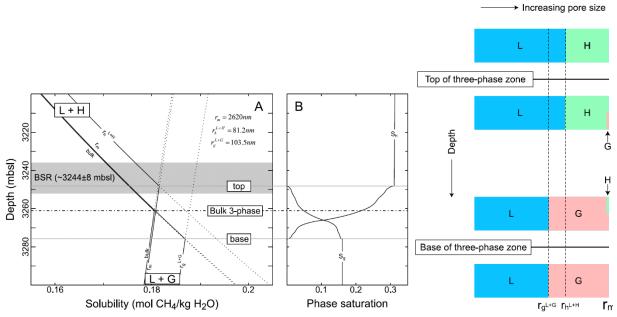


Figure 1. Left: solubility versus depth for different pore sizes near the base of the hydrate stability zone at Blake Ridge. Pore size range was constrained by mercury injection capillary pressure measurements. Middle: phase saturations over the three-phase zone. Right: conceptual model of phase distribution within the pore size distribution over the three-phase zone. At the top of the three-phase zone, hydrate occupies the larger pores and water occupies the smaller pores. As depth increases, the phase equilibrium conditions will allow gas to be stable in the largest pore (of size r_m). With increasing depth, gas replaces hydrate in the larger pores, until the base of the three-phase zone, at which the last hydrate disappears from the largest pore. The smallest pore occupied by hydrate above the three-phase zone has size r_n^{L+H} while the smallest pore occupied by gas below the three-phase zone has size r_n^{L+G} . These pore sizes are not necessarily equal. Figures from Liu and Flemings (2011).

of the gas phase can be determined by considering the smallest pore size occupied by gas. Assuming that gas and hydrate compete equally for larger pores, and that gas and hydrate do not occupy the same pores, the smallest gas-filled pore corresponds to the minimum pore size occupied by gas at twice the gas saturation if only gas and water were present.

We have found that the distribution of hydrate and gas are governed by methane availability and gas mobility. We have been running 1-D simulations of a hydrate-bearing sand layer that is buried beneath the base of the hydrate stability zone. The pore size distribution (psd) in the sand corresponds to the "broad psd" shown in Figure 2. We use a Brooks-Corey relative permeability function with residual gas and water saturations of 20%.

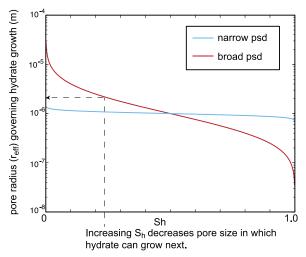


Figure 2. Pore size distributions used in simulations. The simulations discussed here use the "broad psd" curve. Figure modified from Nole et al. (2017).

All simulations start with the base of the sand at 850 meters below sea floor (mbsf). The bulk 3-phase equilibrium depth (i.e., base of hydrate stability) is 900 mbsf. Comparisons for different initial hydrate saturations in the sand are shown in Figure 3 after the base of the sand has been buried to 1040 mbsf. When the initial hydrate saturation is 2% (Figure 3, left), a very small amount of gas is produced, and there is an interval about 10 m thick just below the base of hydrate stability in which neither hydrate nor gas is present because the solubility is high enough that all methane exists as a dissolved phase. At 20% initial hydrate saturation (Figure 3, middle), a gas column is created, but the saturation is below the 20% mobility threshold, so it remains a static column. The saturation increases slightly with depth due to the decrease in solubility with depth within the gas zone. At 45% initial hydrate saturation (Figure 3, right), enough gas is generated to form a mobile phase, which rises due to buoyancy. This feeds methane back into the hydrate stability zone, enhancing the hydrate saturation at the base of hydrate stability. There is a zone of three-phase stability (gas, hydrate and dissolved methane coexisting) that is about 20 m thick in this case because of the different portions of the pore size distribution occupied by the gas and hydrate phases.

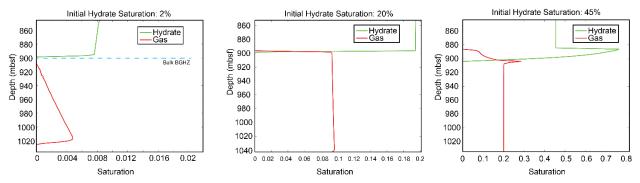


Figure 3. Hydrate and gas saturations for different initial hydrate saturations in a sand layer. The base of the sand layer starts at 850 mbsf and these images show the saturations after the base of the sand layer has reached 1040 mbsf. Left: 2% initial hydrate saturation. Middle: 20% initial hydrate saturation. Right: 45% initial hydrate saturation.

Figure 4 shows an enlargement of the case with 45% initial hydrate saturation. A net loss of hydrate occurs below 900 mbsf. However, the mobile gas phase supplies methane to the hydrate stability zone, which allows an enhancement of hydrate saturation between 900 and 885 mbsf. Gas coexists with hydrate in this depth interval because of capillary effects.

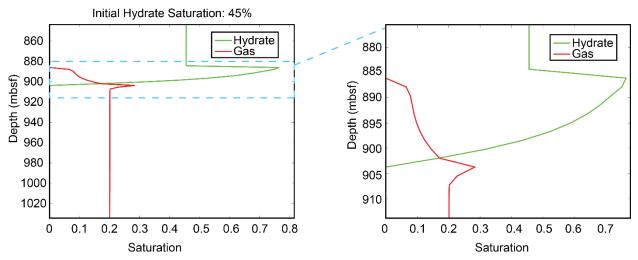


Figure 4. Detail of hydrate and gas saturations for the 45% initial hydrate saturation case.

Figure 5 shows the time evolution of a system with initial hydrate saturation of 70%. Initially, the saturations look very similar to those in the 45% initial hydrate saturation case. However, as burial progresses, a secondary peak in gas saturation occurs around 905 mbsf. Another observation is that the three-phase zone occurs below the base of hydrate stability initially, but it thickens and moves upward over time. We are currently investigating how shallow it can get to understand if this can supply gas high into the hydrate stability zone.

Initial Hydrate Saturation: 70%

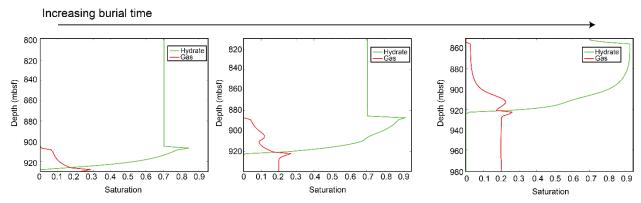


Figure 5. Time evolution of phase saturations for 70% initial hydrate saturation.

Malinverno completed a comparison between the predictions of a time-dependent reaction-transport model and observations of hydrate-bearing intervals in JIP holes WR313-G, WR313-H, and GC955-H. The match between predictions and observations supports the hypothesis that enhanced microbial methanogenesis due to increased organic carbon deposition during glacial low-sea level periods can result in the formation of isolated hydrate-bearing intervals. The results will be presented at the 2017 AGU Fall meeting and a manuscript has been submitted to Geophysical Research Letters. He has also been working with Cook and graduate student Li Wei on adapting their Eulerian reaction-transport model to a Lagrangian reference frame.

Specific objectives

None for this quarter

Significant results and key outcomes

We were surprised to see how thick the zone of three-phase coexistence could be even in a sand layer, and how far into the hydrate stability zone the gas phase could penetrate. This has unexpected implications for understanding hydrate recycling and the importance of a gas phase as a methane supply mechanism.

What opportunities for training and professional development has the project provided?

PI Daigle worked with MS student Ryan Leung and PhD student Michael Nole on various aspects of pore-scale modeling of methane hydrate systems. This work has involved weekly meetings and independent work.

Co-PIs Cook and Malinverno have been working with PhD student Li Wei on modeling microbial methanogenesis. This work has involved weekly meetings and independent work.

How have the results been disseminated to communities of interest?

One manuscript was published in *Marine and Petroleum Geology* on the seismic character of hydrates in the Terrebonne Basin. Another manuscript was submitted to *Geophysical Research Letters* on the topic of time-dependent organic carbon deposition and its effect on hydrate generation.

Plans during next reporting period to accomplish goals

Work will continue on Tasks 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3.

PRODUCTS

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PARTICIPANTS AND OTHER COLLABORATING ORGANIZATIONS

Name: Hugh Daigle Project role: PI

Nearest person month worked: 1

Contribution to project: Project management; assisted with code development

Collaborated with individual in foreign country: No

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Nearest person month worked: 1

Contribution to project: Assisted with code development Collaborated with individual in foreign country: No

Name: Steven Bryant Project role: Co-PI

Nearest person month worked: 1

Contribution to project: Assisted with code development Collaborated with individual in foreign country: No

Name: Ryan Leung

Project role: Graduate Student

Nearest person month worked: 3

Contribution to project: Primary worker on developing computer code

Collaborated with individual in foreign country: No

Name: Michael Nole

Project role: Graduate Student Nearest person month worked: 1

Contribution to project: Primary worker on basin modeling

Collaborated with individual in foreign country: No

Name: Ann Cook Project role: Co-PI

Nearest person month worked: 1

Contribution to project: Worked on gathering specific data for modeling of microbial

methanogenesis, developing methanogenesis code Collaborated with individual in foreign country: No

Name: Li Wei

Project role: Graduate Student Nearest person month worked: 3

Contribution to project: Worked on developing methanogenesis code

Collaborated with individual in foreign country: No

Name: Alberto Malinverno

Project role: Co-PI

Nearest person month worked: 1

Contribution to project: Provided data for microbial methanogenesis modeling

Collaborated with individual in foreign country: No

IMPACT

What is the impact on the development of the principal discipline of the project?

The central focus of this project is refining our understanding of the methane migration pathways that feed methane hydrate deposits in marine sediments. Understanding migration pathways is an important component of understanding methane hydrates as a petroleum system, a necessary step towards prospecting for economically recoverable hydrate deposits. Additionally, our results will help refine our understanding of the carbon cycle in marine sediments, and specifically how methane is transported and sequestered.

What is the impact on other disciplines?

The results of this project will be important for other engineering disciplines in which researchers are developing methods for extracting methane from the subsurface since it will provide information on how methane is distributed in sediments at different scales. In addition, the results will be of interest to the economics and risk assessment fields since we will develop methods to determine more precisely how much hydrate may be present in subsurface reservoirs.

What is the impact on the development of human resources?

This project will provide funding for three graduate students to conduct collaborative research on methane hydrates and give them an opportunity to participate in important hands-on learning experiences outside the classroom.

What is the impact on physical, institutional, and information resources that form infrastructure?

Our results may be used for better design of subsea oil and gas infrastructure since more precise assessment of hydrate resources will allow better assessment of hydrates as a hazard. In addition, production infrastructure specifically for hydrate reservoirs may be improved by our results since we will allow more accurate determination of the volumes of methane expected to exist in the subsurface.

What is the impact on technology transfer?

Our results will be disseminated at conferences and in peer-reviewed publications.

What is the impact on society beyond science and technology?

The impact of this work on society will be twofold. First, the better understanding of hydrates in a petroleum systems framework will allow for more efficient production of natural gas from these deposits, which will provide an additional energy resource. Second, the better understanding of methane cycling and distribution in the subsurface will influence regulatory decisions involving hydrates as geohazards or climate change agents.

What dollar amount of the award's budget is being spent in foreign country(ies)? None

CHANGES/PROBLEMS

Our progress slowed somewhat due to students Michael Nole and Li Wei taking partial leaves of absence this quarter.

SPECIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

None

BUDGETARY INFORMATION

See attached spreadsheet.

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Federal Share	\$	97,167	\$	97,167	\$	97,167	\$	194,333	\$	97,167	\$	291,500	\$	97,167	\$	388,666	\$	97,167	\$	485,833	\$	97,167	
Non-Federal Share	\$	24,292	\$	24,292	\$	24,292	\$	48,583	\$	24,292	\$	72,875	\$	24,292	\$	97,167	\$	24,292	\$	121,458	\$	24,292	
Total Planned	\$	121,458	\$	121,458	\$	121,458	\$	242,916	\$	121,458	\$	364,374	\$	121,458	\$	485,833	\$	121,458	\$	607,291	\$	121,458	
Actual Incurred Cost																							
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Non-Federal Share		0		0		0		0	\$	-	\$	-	\$	8,832	\$	8,832	\$	63,148	\$	71,980	\$	51,748	
Total Incurred Costs		0		0		0		0	\$	59,844	\$	63,897	\$	143,898	\$	207,795	\$	176,826	\$	384,621	\$	226,435	
Variance																							
Federal Share	\$	(97,167)	\$	(97,167)	\$	(93,113)	\$	(190,280)	\$	(37,323)	\$	(227,602)	\$	37,900	\$	(189,703)	\$	16,512	\$	(173,191)	\$	77,520	
Non-Federal Share	\$	(24,292)	\$	(24,292)	\$	(24,292)	\$	(48,583)	\$	(24,292)	\$	(72,875)	\$	(15,460)	\$	(88,335)	\$	38,856	\$	(49,478)	\$	27,457	
Total Variance	\$	(121,458)	\$	(121,458)	\$	(117,405)	\$	(238,863)	\$	(61,614)	\$	(300,477)	\$	22,440	\$	(278,037)	\$	55,368	\$	(222,670)	\$	104,977	

	Budget Period 2																					
.2 Q3			3		Q4				Q1				Q2				Q3				Q ²	
3/31/15 4/1/15 - 6/30/15			0/15	7/1/15 - 9/30/15				10/1/15 - 12/31/15				1/1/16 - 3/31/16				4/1/16 - 6/30/16				7/1/16 - 9		
Cumulative			С	umulative			C	Cumulative			С	Cumulative			Cumulative			С	umulative			
Total		Q3		Total		Q4		Total		Q1		Total		Q2	Total		Q3		Total		Q4	
\$ 582,999	Ś	108,258	Ś	691,257	Ś	108,258	\$	799,515	Ś	108,258	Ś	907,773	Ś	108,258	\$ 1,016,031	Ś	108,258	Ś	1,124,289	Ś	108,258	
\$ 145,750	\$	29,698	\$	175,447	\$	29,698	\$	205,145	\$	29,698	\$	234,842	\$	29,698	\$ 264,540	\$	29,698	\$	294,237	\$	29,698	
\$ 728,749	\$	137,956	\$	866,704	\$	137,956	\$	1,004,660	\$	137,956	\$	1,142,615	\$	137,956	\$ 1,280,571	\$	137,956	\$	1,418,526	\$	137,956	
\$ 487,327	Ś	36,292	Ś	523,619	\$	179,321	Ś	702,941	Ś	142,071	Ś	845,012	Ś	112,450	\$ 957,462	Ś	85,549	Ś	1,043,011	\$	133,581	
\$ 123,728	\$	6,615	\$	130,343	\$	21,898	\$	152,241	\$	21,898	\$	174,139	\$	14,224	\$ 188,363	\$	72,390	\$	260,753	\$	38,937	
\$ 611,056	\$	42,907	\$	653,963	\$	201,219	\$	855,182	\$	163,969	\$	1,019,151	\$	126,674	\$ 1,145,825	\$	157,939	\$	1,303,764	\$	172,518	
\$ (95,672)	Ś	(71,966)	\$	(167,638)	\$	71,063	\$	(96,574)	Ś	33,813	Ś	(62,761)	Ś	4,192	\$ (58,569)	Ś	(22,709)	Ś	(81,278)	Ś	25,323	
\$ (22,021)		(23,083)	-	(45,104)	\$	(7,800)	\$	(52,904)	<u> </u>	(7,800)	\$	(60,704)	-	(15,474)	. , , ,	<u> </u>	42,693	\$	(33,485)	-	9,239	
\$ (117,693)	\$	(95,049)	\$	(212,742)	\$	63,263	\$	(149,478)	\$	26,014	\$	(123,464)	\$	(11,281)	\$ (134,746)	\$	19,984	\$	(114,762)	\$	34,562	

	Budget Period 3													
1	C	(1		Q2 Q3 Q4 Q5						Q5	Q6			
9/30/16	10/1/16 -	12/31/16	1/1/17	- 3/31/17	4/1/17	' - 6/30/17	7/1/17	- 9/30/17	10/1/17	- 12/31/17	1/1/18	- 3/31/18		
Cumulative		Cumulative		Cumulative		Cumulative		Cumulative		Cumulative		Cumulative		
Total	Q1	Total	Q2	Total	Q3	Total	Q4	Total	Q3	Total	Q4	Total		
\$ 1,232,547	\$ 74,247	\$ 1,306,794	\$ 74,247	\$ 1,381,041	\$ 74,247	\$ 1,455,288	\$ 74,247	\$ 1,529,535	\$ 74,247	\$ 1,603,782	\$ 74,247	\$ 1,678,029		
\$ 323,935	\$ 20,592	\$ 344,527	\$ 20,592	\$ 365,119	\$ 20,592	\$ 385,711	\$ 20,592	\$ 406,303	\$ 20,592	\$ 426,895	\$ 20,592	\$ 447,487		
\$ 1,556,482	\$ 94,839	\$ 1,651,321	\$ 94,839	\$ 1,746,160	\$ 94,839	\$ 1,840,999	\$ 94,839	\$ 1,935,838	\$ 94,839	\$ 2,030,677	\$ 94,839	\$ 2,125,516		
\$ 1,176,592	\$ 88,083	\$ 1,264,675	\$ 137,210	\$ 1,401,885	\$ 65,025	\$ 1,466,910	\$169,604	\$ 1,636,514						
\$ 299,689	\$ 83,650	\$ 383,339	\$ 55,803	\$ 439,141	\$ 33,480	\$ 472,622	0	\$ 472,622						
\$ 1,476,282	\$ 171,732	\$ 1,648,014	\$ 193,013	\$ 1,841,026	\$ 98,505	\$ 1,939,532	\$169,604	\$ 2,109,136						
\$ (55,955)	\$ 13,836	\$ (42,119)	\$ 62,963	\$ 20,844	\$ (9,222)	\$ 11,622	\$ 95,357	\$ 106,979						
\$ (24,246)	\$ 63,058	\$ 38,812	\$ 35,211	\$ 74,023	\$ 12,888	\$ 86,911	\$ (20,592)	\$ 66,319						
\$ (80,200)	\$ 76,893	\$ (3,307)	\$ 98,174	\$ 94,866	\$ 3,666	\$ 98,533	\$ 74,765	\$ 173,298						