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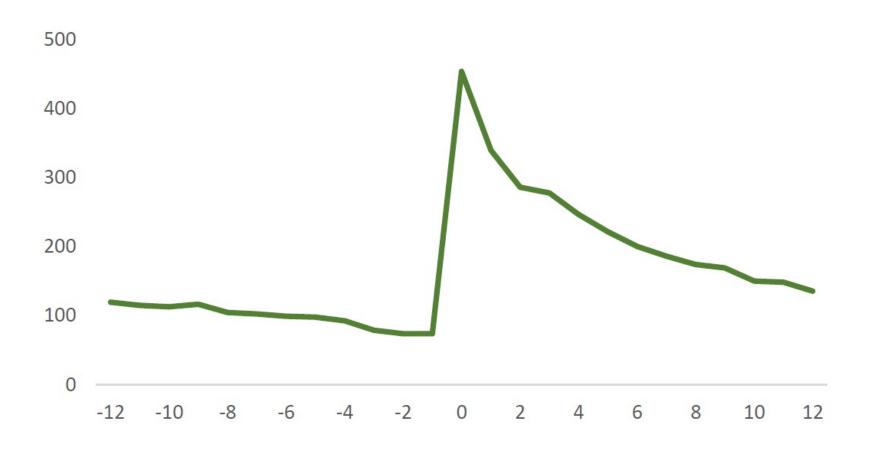
# OUTLINE

- Refrac Challenges
- The "IDEAL" Refrac
- Frac Sleeves & Refracs
- Field Applications



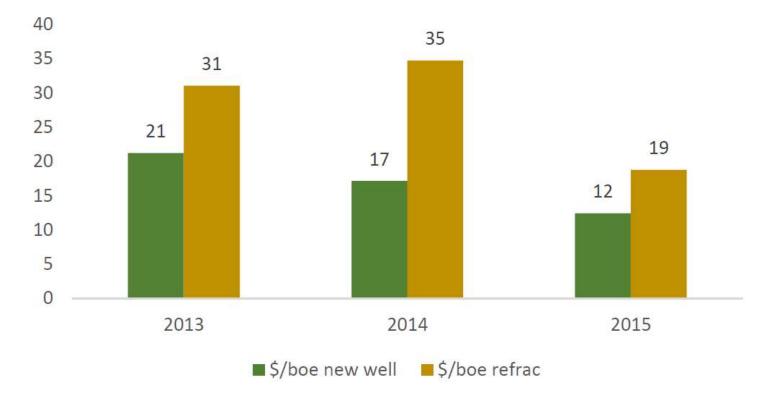
Hydraulic fracturing operations in the Montney Canada. Calfrac Well Services Photo.





Average daily production (boe/d) for Bakken wells refracked in 2014 and 2015. Rystad Energy NASWellData and Rystad Energy analysis.





Development cost per boe for Bakken wells compared to refrack wells in each year.

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# WHY REFRAC?

Refracking older wells definitely increases the recovery of the well, but given<sup>31</sup>current results, it is more profitable for operators to drill a new well. Recompletion is still an immature recovery technique<sup>7</sup> but once better results are replicable, refracked wells could provide a large potential for low cost production.

■ \$/boe new well ■ \$/boe refrac

2013

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2014

2015

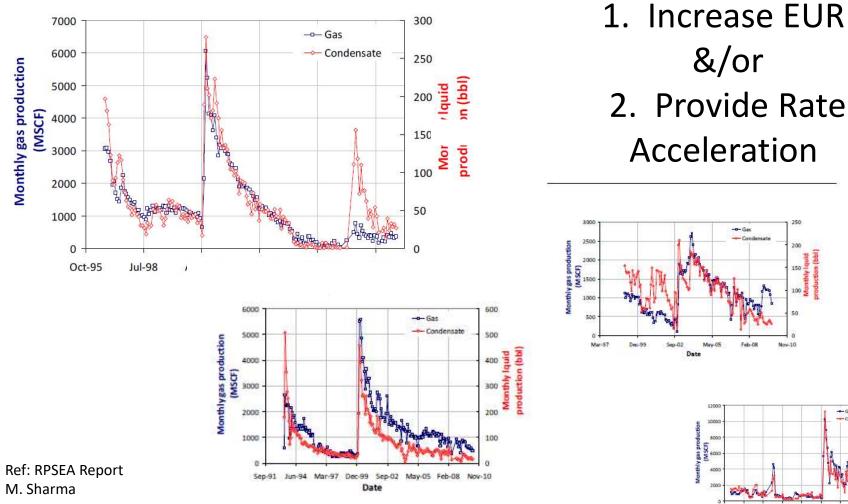
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## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT**

..... 40% to 60% of stages produce little or no hydrocarbons, while 30% of the stages represent 80% of a well's entire production. <u>Baker</u> <u>Hughes estimates that ineffective</u> <u>stages have come at an annual cost</u> <u>upward of USD 40 billion</u>.

Trent Jacobs, JPT

## SUCCESSFUL REFRACS



Jul-98 Dec-99 Apr-01 Sep-02 Jan-04 May-05 Oct-06 Feb-08 Date

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### EXTENSIVE REFRAC LITERATURE

SPE 134330

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**FROM SPE 134330** 

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SPE 124220

"The efforts of many researchers have already cast much darkness on the subject, and it is likely that if they continue, we will soon know nothing about it at all."

Mark Twain

# SOME "TYPICAL" OBSERVATIONS

- "Initial completions exhibit inconsistent proppant coverage across the perforated interval." – SPE-174979, Leonard, Moore, Woodruff, Senters
- Wells employing (refrac) diversion techniques ... are not consistently contacting new rock. - SPE 174979
- "The biggest challenge in re-stimulating old wells is how to handle the existing perforations." - SPE 174979
- "...the variation in (refrac) outcomes is too wide for refracturing to be adopted on a large scale today." – SPE 174951, Indras, Blankenship
- "... Can we design wells that can be easily isolated and refractured?" – SPE 136757, M. Vincent

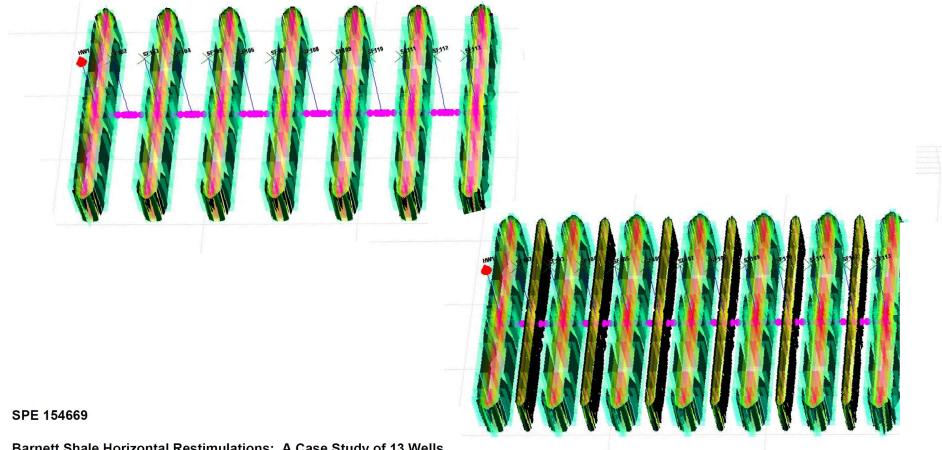
## <u>REFRACS CAN ONLY</u>

- 1. RESTORE FRACTURE CONDUCTIVITY (Re-Touch "Old" Rock, Add Complexity)
- 2. STIMULATE "NEW" ROCK
  - Add Frac Stages (Reduce Stage Spacing)
  - Diversion / Extension
- APPLY NEW LEARNINGS (Fluids, Proppants, Chemistry etc)
- PROVIDE FRAC-HIT "PROTECTION"

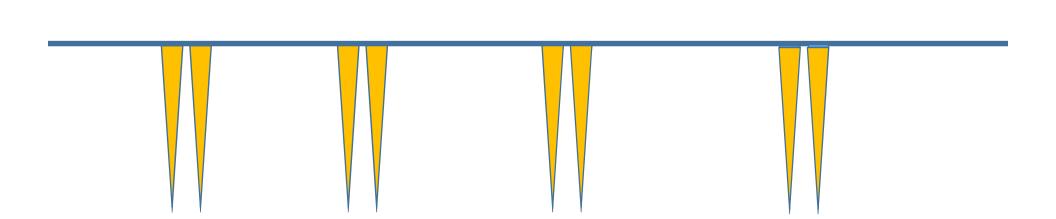
## Refrac Derailers

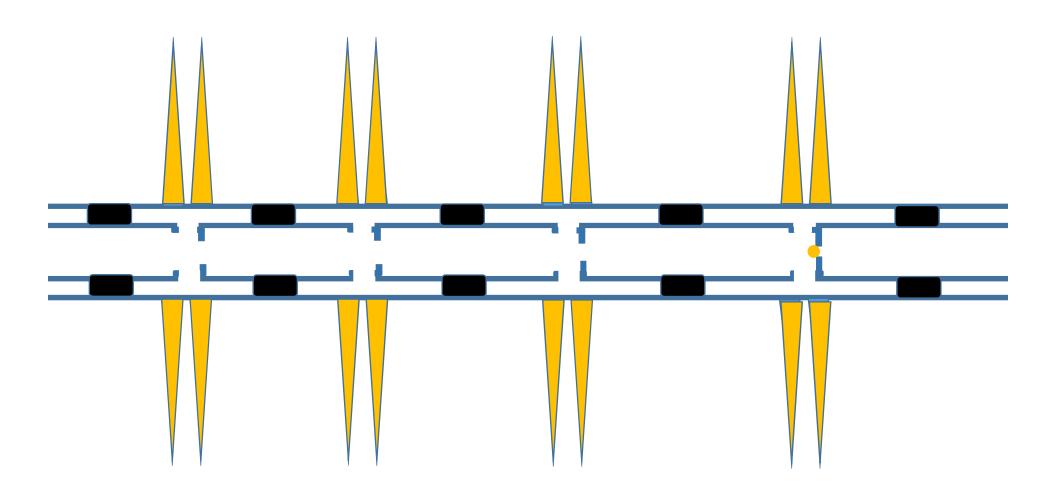
- Remaining Resource (Recovery Factor)
  - Where Is It & How Do We Target It
- WELL CONFIGURATION
  - Balls/Perfs/Ports/Baffles/Plugs/Debris
- WELL INTEGRITY & HYDRAULIC ISOLATION
  - Casing Size, Weight, Erosion, Corrosion, Cement Integrity, External Packers, Casing Deformation etc.
- Existing Fractures
  - Conductivity, Location, Dimensions, Inter-well Communication

### The Key Component; Frac Placement Control

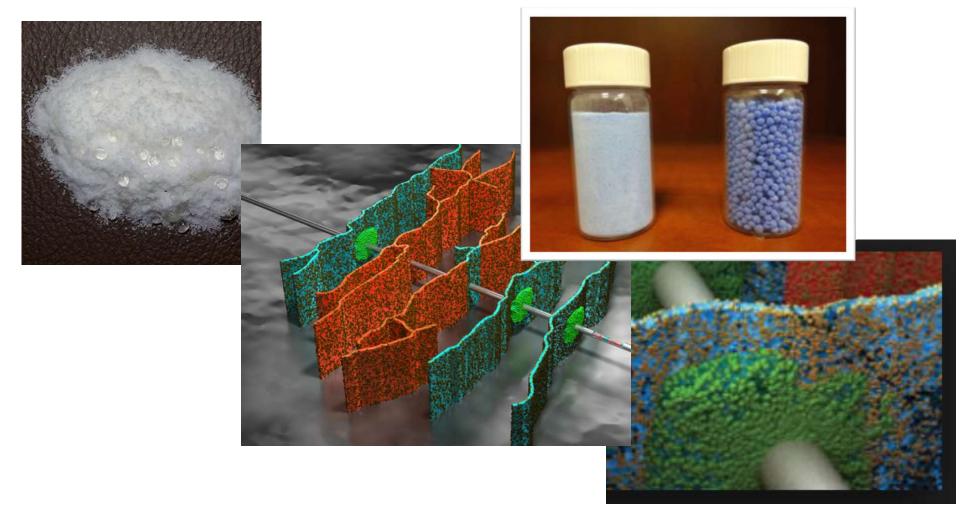


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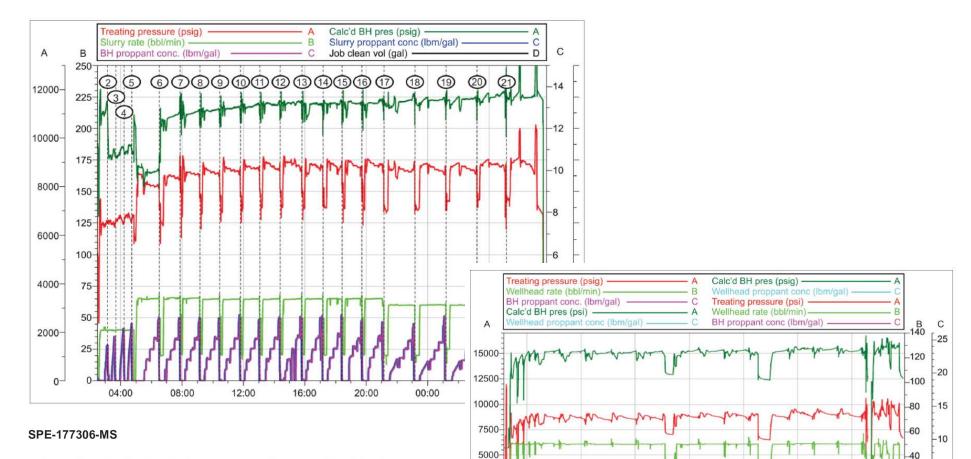


## DEFAULT TO DIVERSION



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### "CONTROL" OF FRAC PLACEMENT?



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#### Refracturing Design for Underperforming Unconventional Horizontal Reservoirs

J. T. Krenger, J. Fraser, and A. J. Gibson, Devon Energy; A. Whitsett, J. Melcher, and S. Persac, Halliburton

## WHAT MIGHT AN "<u>IDEAL</u>" REFRAC LOOK LIKE ??

- FLUID & PROPPANT PLACEMENT CONTROL
- REDUCED RISK OF WELL BASHING
- REFRAC EXISTING STAGES
- CAPACITY TO ADD NEW STAGES
- MULTIPLE REFRACS OVER WELL LIFE
- LOWEST POSSIBLE OPERATIONAL RISK
- PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT
- MAXIMUM SRV

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- MEETS ALL "IDEAL" REFRAC CRITERION
- A POTENTIAL STEP-CHANGE IMPROVEMENT
  - Uniformity Of Proppant Distribution
  - Refrac Capabilities
  - Production Control
  - "Other" Benefits

### 1st CASE HISTORY

- 1. SLEEVES OPENED & ACIDIZED (Individually)
- 2. PRODUCED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS
- 3. SLEEVES CLOSED & PRESSURE TESTED
- 4. SLEEVES FRACTURED INDIVIDUALLY
- 5. WELL PLACED ON PRODUCTION

### 2nd Case History

- New Step-out Well, No prior history in area
- 114.3 mm casing
- 25 CT enabled MC frac sleeves cemented in place
- TVD = 769 m, TMD = 2229 m
- HZ length ~ 1200m

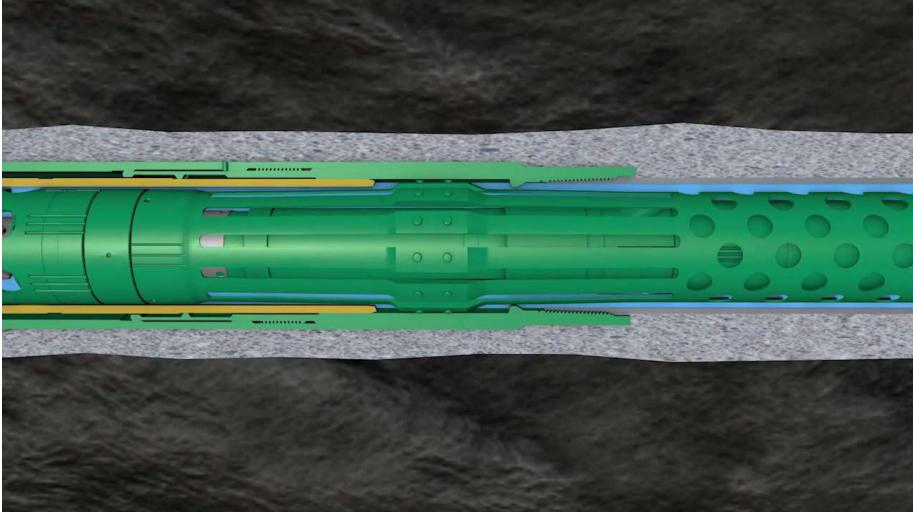
# **Original Completion**

- Each interval fractured down CT using:
  - 10t of 20/40 sand
  - 0.5 m3/min rate
  - Slickwater (SW) fluid
  - Sand concentration ~ 650 kg/m3
  - acid spearheads(~ 0.5 m3)
- Total operation took ~ 56 hours to complete
- Disappointing results

## SFC Process

- CT BHA locates the sleeve and shifts it open
- Interval is fractured
- Sleeve is immediately closed
- Process is repeated until well is fully completed (moving from toe to heel, although any desired stage sequence is viable)
- CT is moved back down hole to re-open all the sleeves from toe-to-heel
- Well is placed on production

### SFC OPERATION



### **Re-Frac Operations**

- 1. All Sleeves Shifted To CLOSED Position
- 2. Well Successfully Pressure-Tested
- 3. Refrac Executed (SFC)
- 4. Well Successfully Pressure-Tested
- 5. All Sleeves Shifted To OPEN Position

## Re-Frac Details

- Each interval fractured down CT/CSG annulus using:
  - 15t of 20/40 sand
  - 3.0 m3/min rate
  - Hybrid system (SW followed by cross-linked fluid)
  - Sand concentration ~ 1000 kg/m3
  - acid spearheads(~ 0.5 m3)
- Shift-Frac-Close sequence used on all stages
- No sand cleanout necessary after both original and re-frac completion
- Total operation took ~ 38 operating hours to complete

### Conclusions

- Initial completion designs play a significant role In the potential for refrac execution
- Coiled tubing actuated Multi-Cycle sleeves provide a unique operational environment for refrac applications
- The worlds first propped refrac completion operation utilizing Multi-Cycle Sleeves has been executed successfully, providing precision, time and cost savings as compared to other methods available

### Post Script: A Recent SPE Luncheon



## Evolving Completion Technologies Mitigate Proppant Flowback

A Crescent Point Energy Corporation Case History

Presented by:

Curtis Swain

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