

Analysis of a Drained Rock Volume: An Eagle Ford Example

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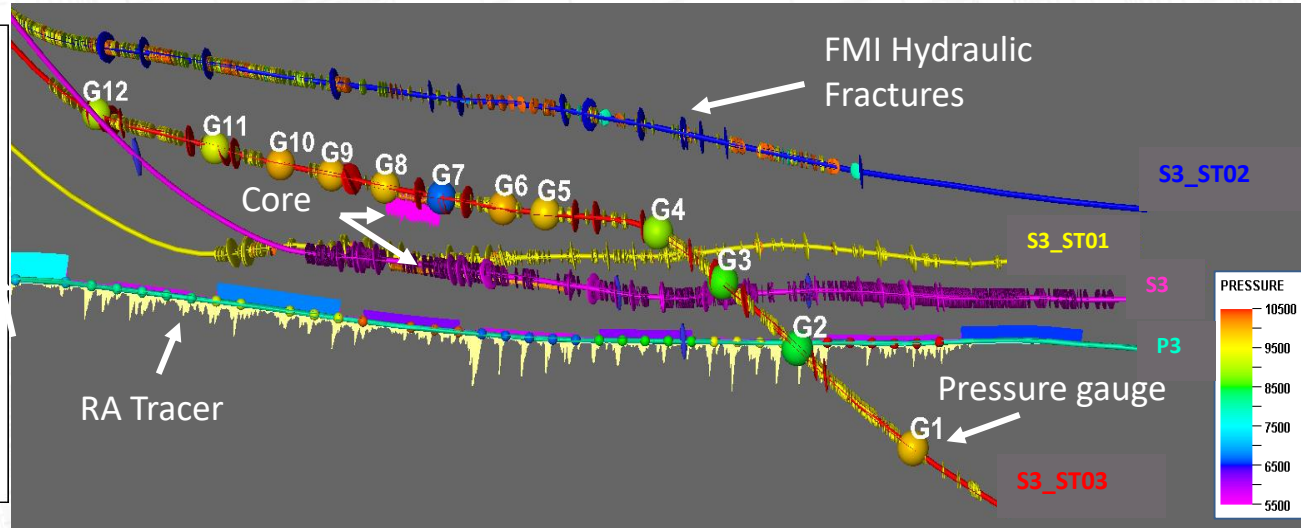
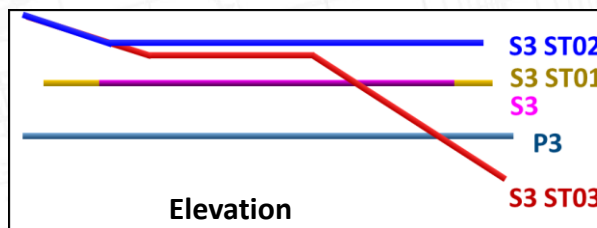
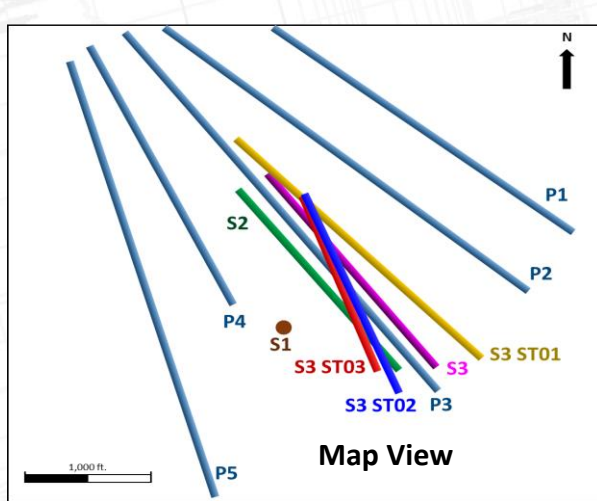
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Outline

- Background: Pilot layout and static SRV description
- Analysis objectives
- Dynamic Performance Data
 - Near-field temperature warmback
 - Far-field pressure
- Integrated Reservoir Model
- Conclusions

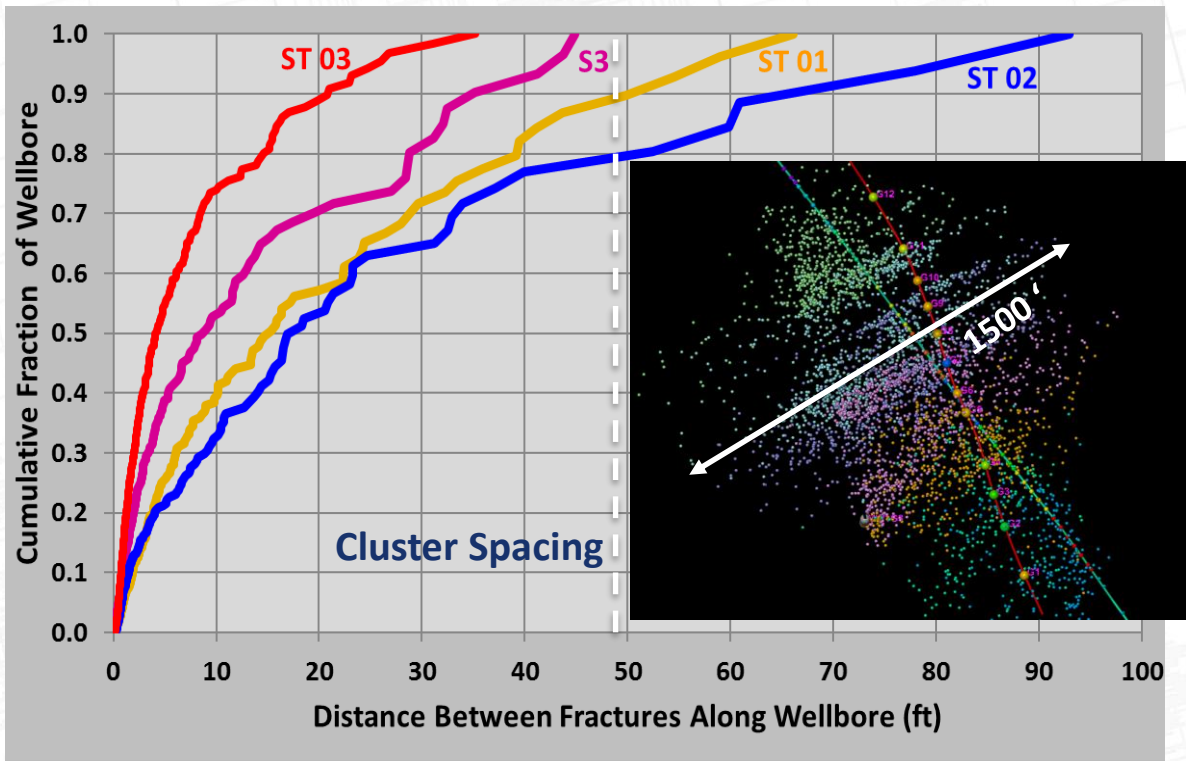
Pilot Layout and Major Data Acquisition



Post stimulation data acquisition

- 600 feet core
- 7000 feet FMI-HD
- 15 far-field pressure gauges
- DTS / DAS

SRV Character... Extensive and Highly Fractured



- **Hydraulic fractures:**
 - Numerous, $\gg 1$ / cluster
 - Appear in swarms
 - Diminish with distance
 - Subparallel
 - Some extend large distances (> 1500 feet)
 - Sparsely propped at sampled distances
- See SPE-191375-PA for further detail

The Drained Rock Volume... Outstanding Questions

- Is the presence of a hydraulic fracture necessary and sufficient to establish spatial drainage?
 - How are the observed fractures connected to the producer?
- Is knowledge of spatial drainage necessary to decide cluster spacing, well spacing and well stacking?
- Can near-field temperature data and far-field pressure data provide meaningful insights? Value?

Temperature Data: Post Completion Warmback

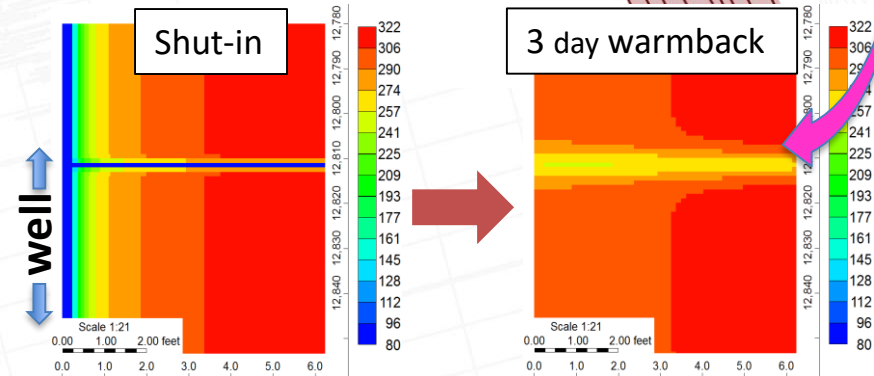
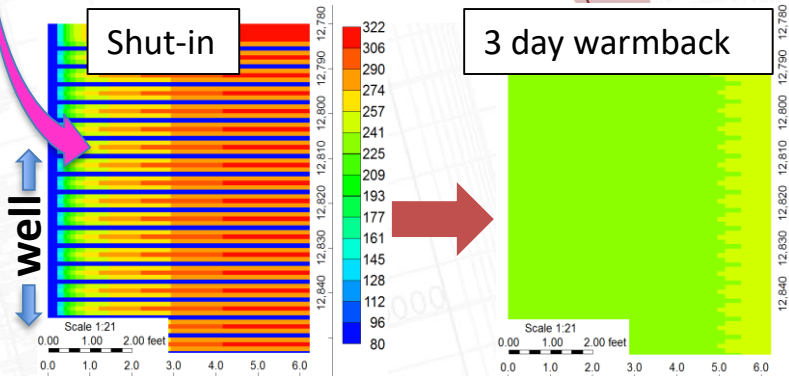
Multi Fracture Connection

Single Fracture Connection

← well →

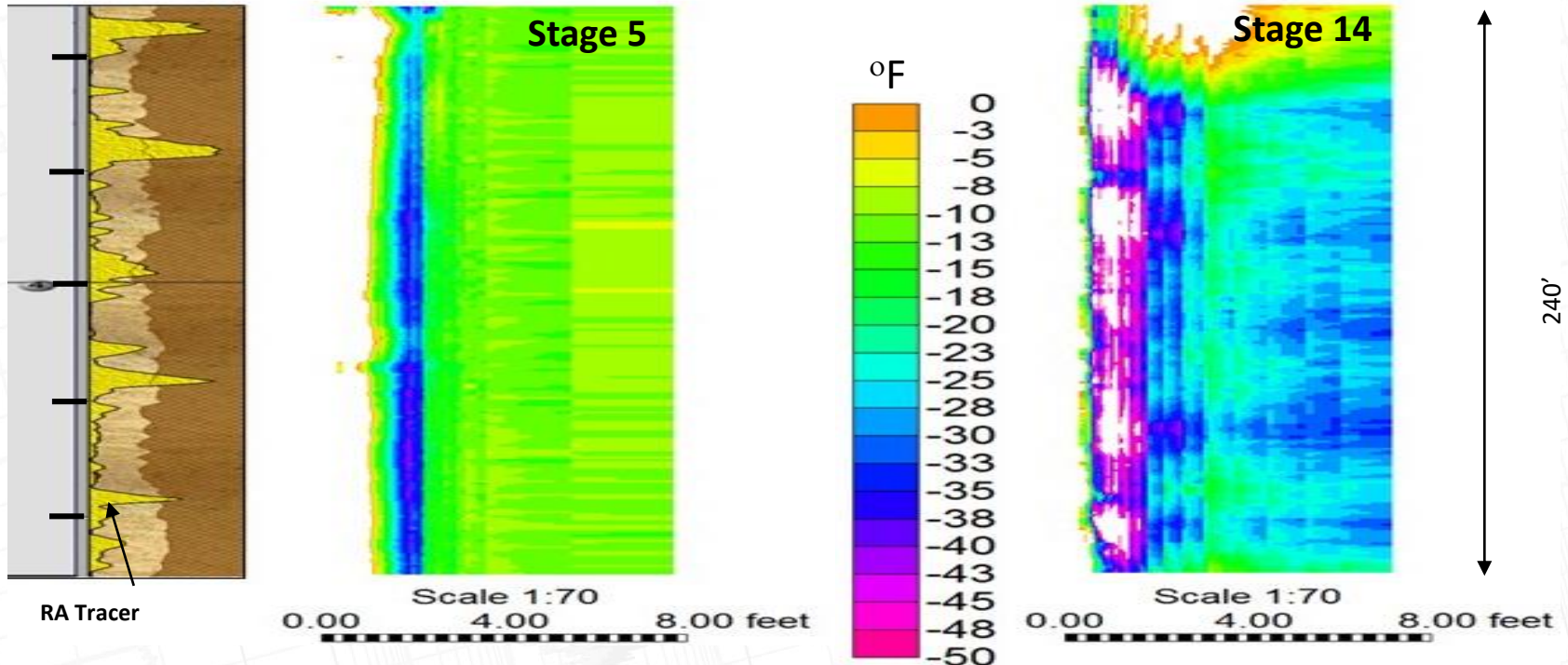
Unknown – near-well fracture distribution.

Known – fractures verified by core and image logs.

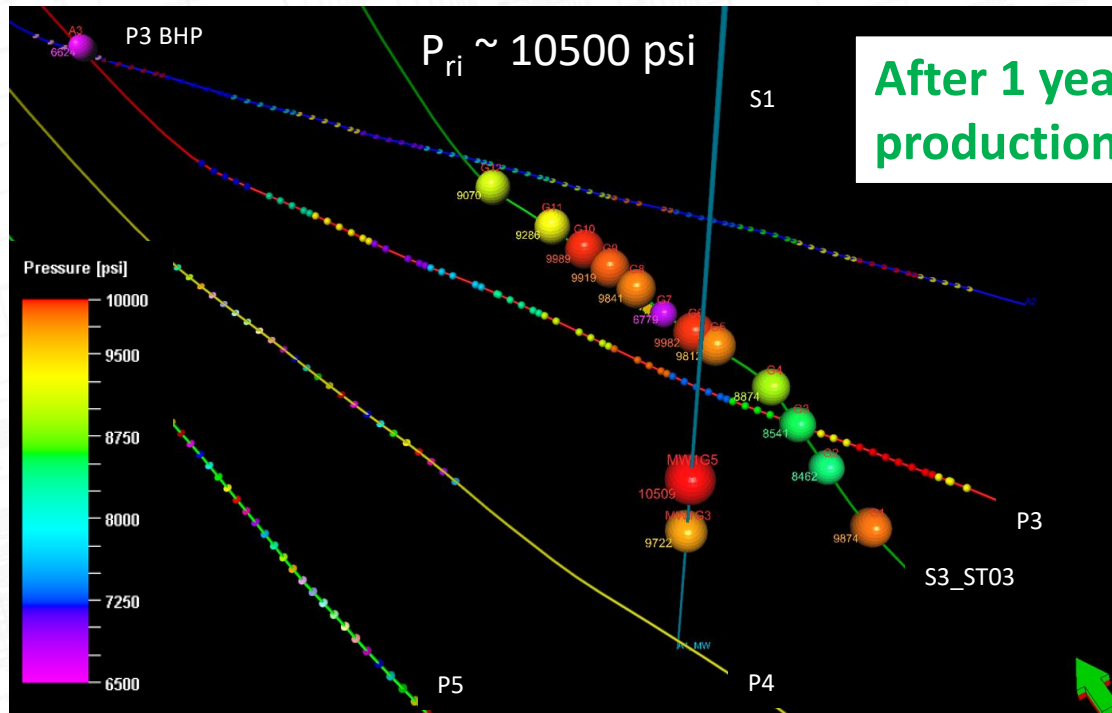


DTS Data Supports a Secondary Fracture System.

Temperature Difference Map – convective heat transfer only

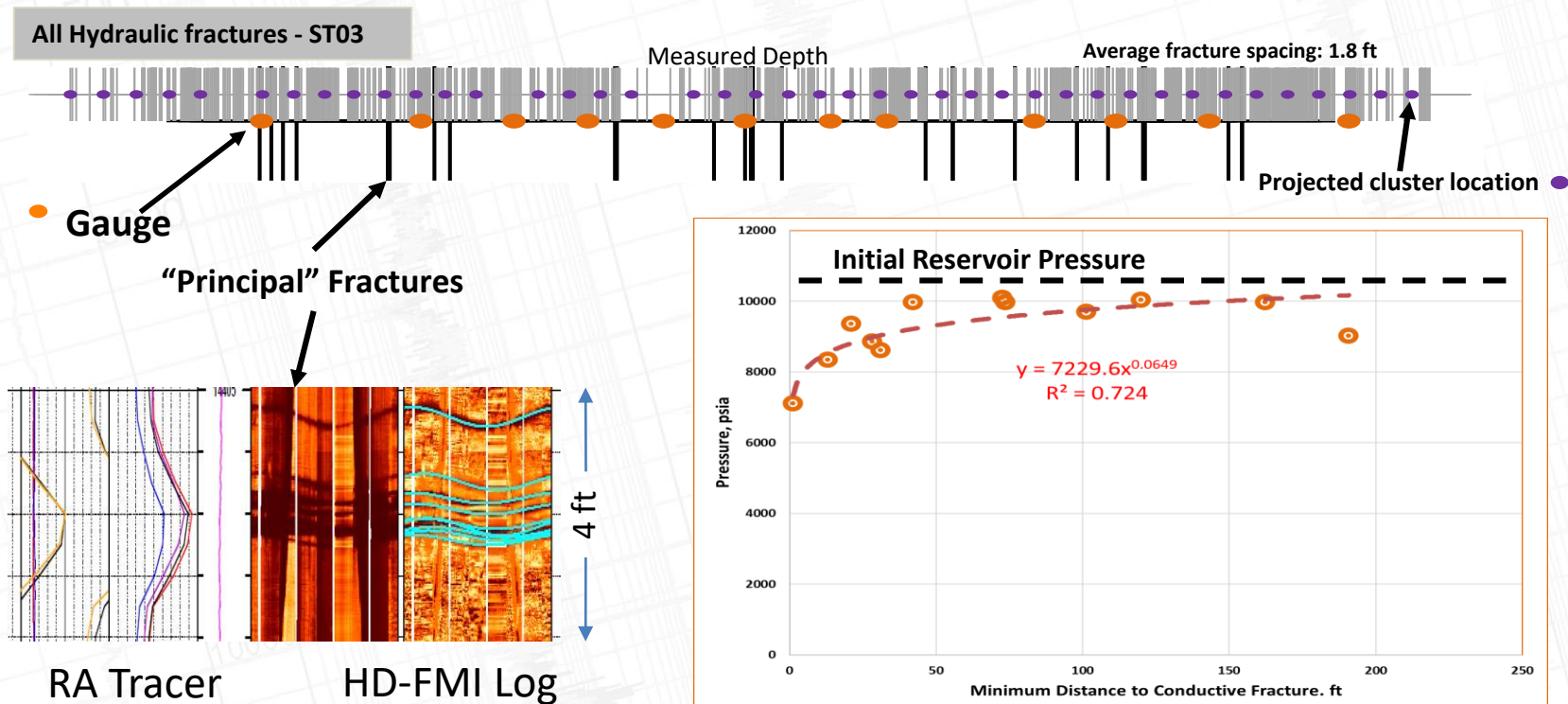


Far-Field Pressure Data... Depletion is spatially non-uniform.



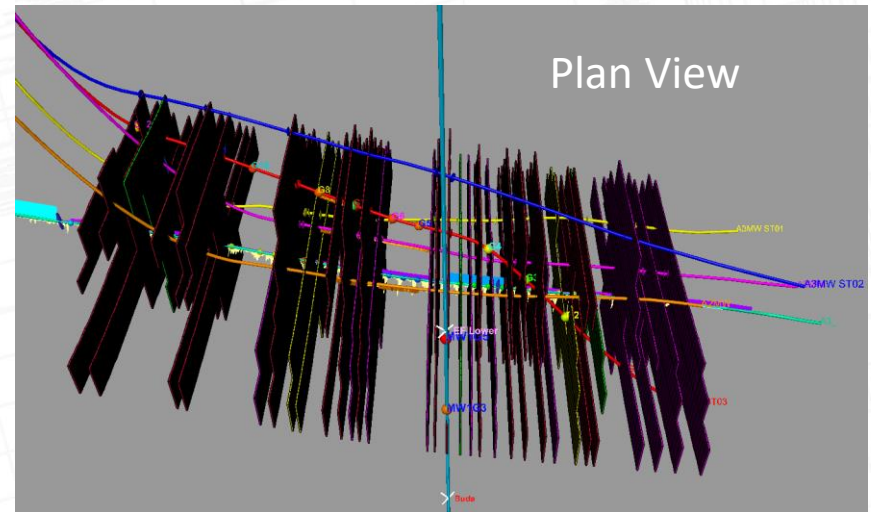
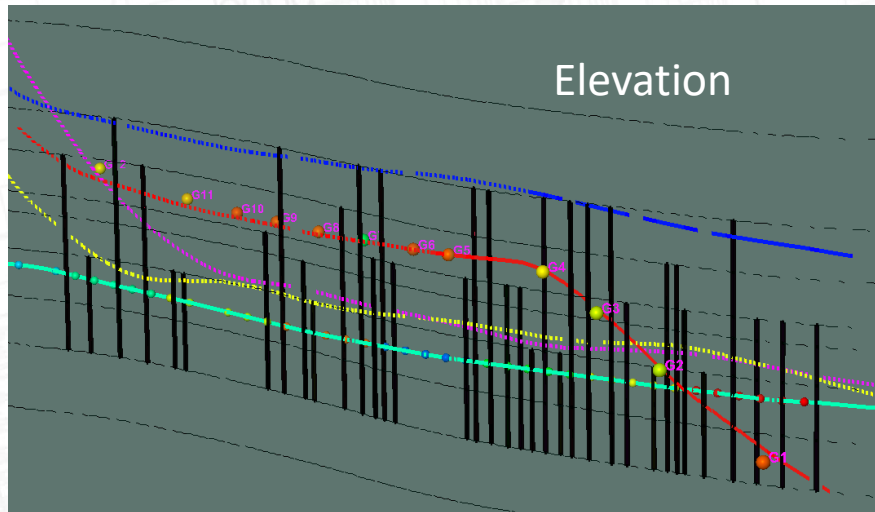
Gauge #	Closest Distance P3 (ft)	Shut-in Pressure (psia)
1	231	9937
2	181	8551
3	135	8345
4	100	8839
5	56	9848
6	56	9997
7	72	6963
8	104	10008
9	131	9958
10	161	10026
11	184	9426
12	218	9050
S1_G3	615	9722
S1_G5	630	10509

Far-Field Pressure Data... Drainage Correlated to Proximity to a “Principal” Fracture.



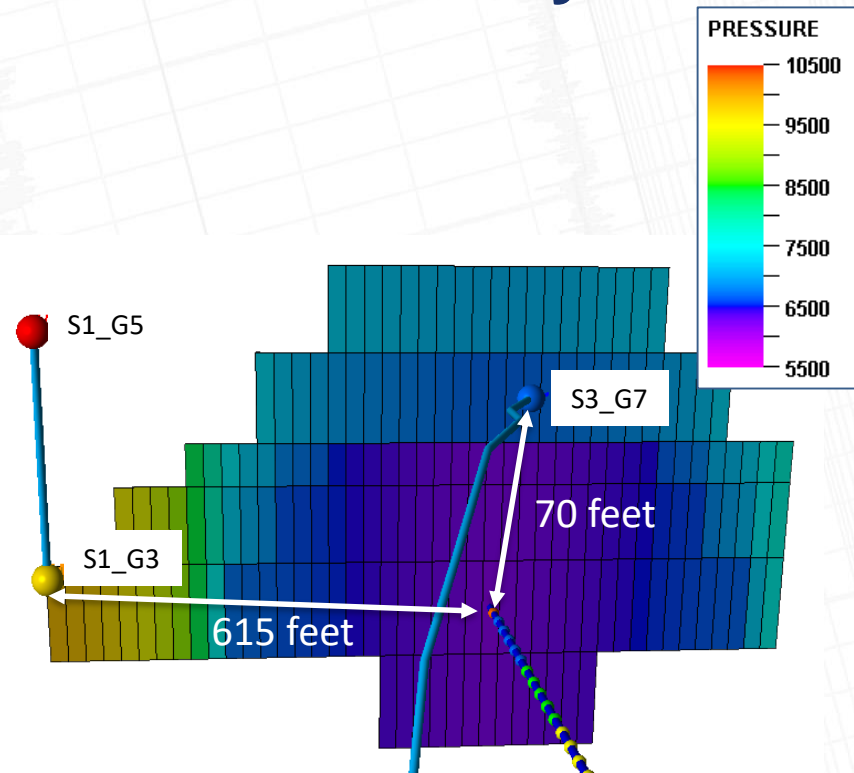
The Integrated Reservoir Model... Principal Fractures

- Irregular geometry (honor sample well control)
 - Asymmetrical height and length
- Non-uniform spacing



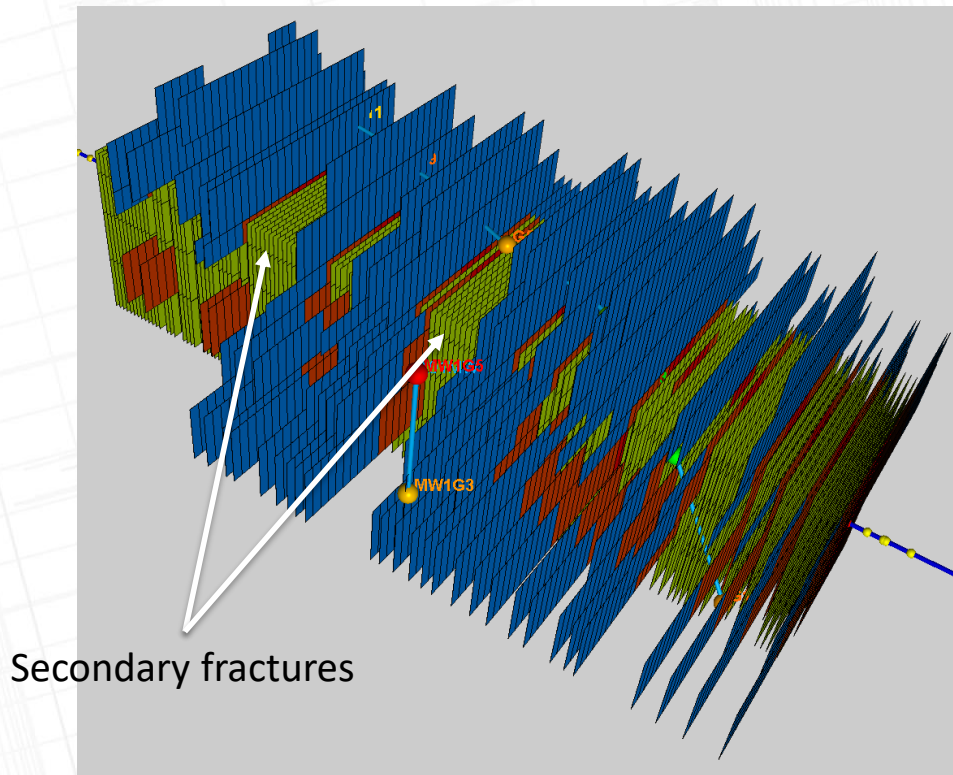
The Integrated Reservoir Model... Fracture Conductivity

- Multiple conductivity regions
 - Stress dependent
- Calibrated to pressure data

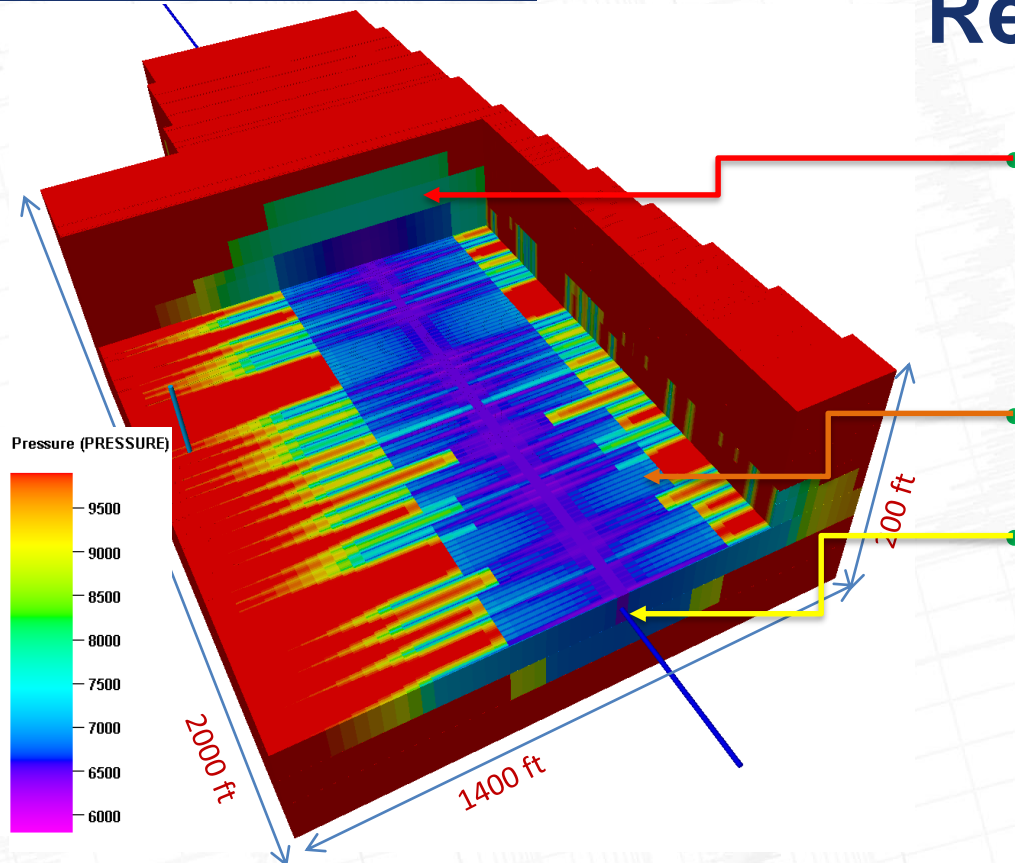


The Integrated Reservoir Model... Secondary Fractures

- Regularly spaced between clusters
- Arbitrarily rectangular
- Globally adjusted for history match
- Connected by high conductivity corridor along the well



A History Matched Integrated Reservoir Model



Principal Fractures

- Mediate inter-well communication
- Extend long distances
- Drawdown diminishes with distance
- Drainage becomes “patchy” with distance

Secondary Fractures

- 40% of production

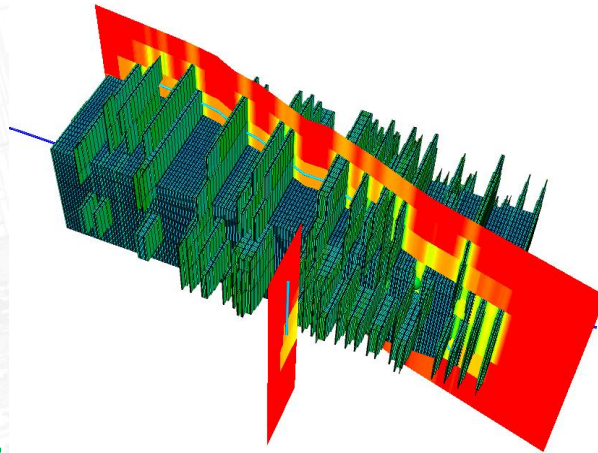
Near well connection

- Connects secondary fractures to the perfs
- Concentrates drainage near well

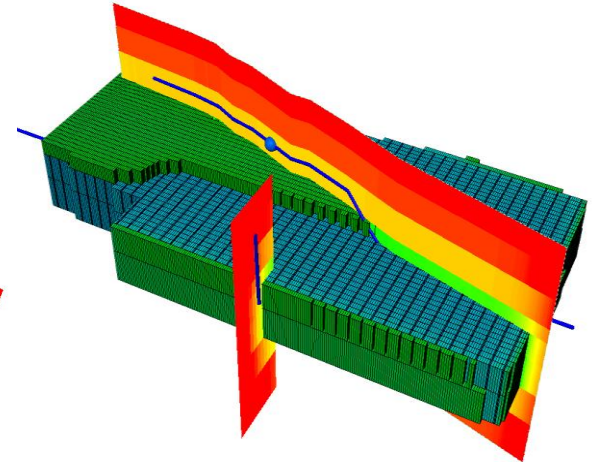
Spacing and Stacking... Which Description is Adequate?

Production History Matched Models...
equivalent cumulative produced

- Can interference be equated to competitive drainage?
- Is cluster spacing adequate?
- Is production history matching alone sufficient to determine spacing?



Integrated Model



Uniform Fracture Model

Summary

- Far-field pressure data and in-well DTS data are invaluable in defining the DRV.
- Drainage is non-uniform.
- Drainage is largely mediated through Principal Fractures.
 - Asymmetric, irregular geometry; not regularly spaced
- Near-well secondary fractures likely exist and contribute significantly to drainage.
- Significant implications for cluster spacing and well spacing

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