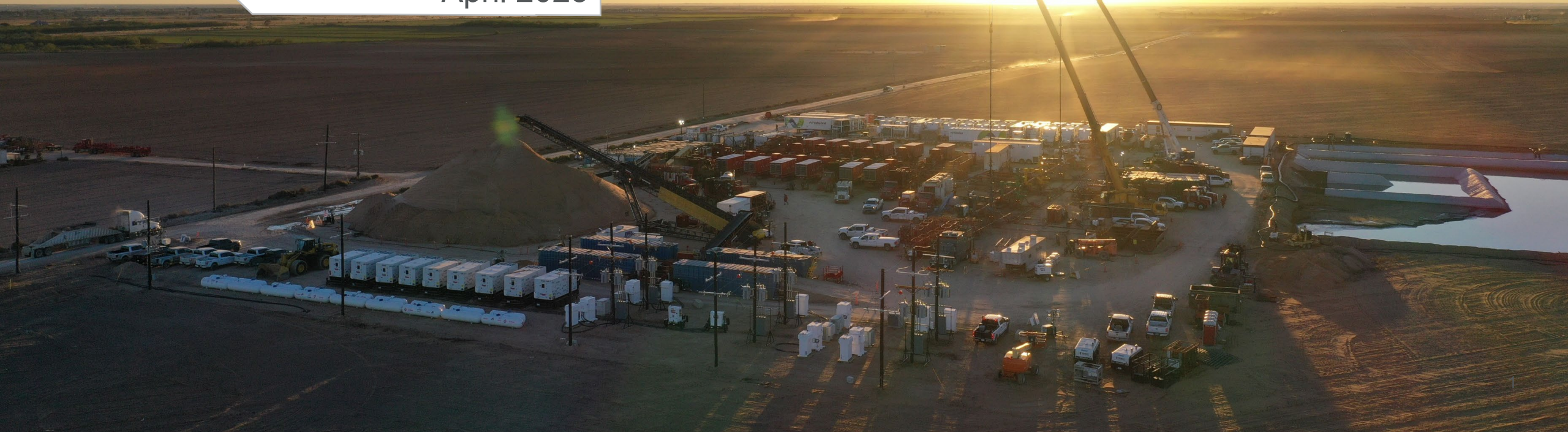




CRAFT FRAC'ING *THE CUBE*

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Designing for Efficiency

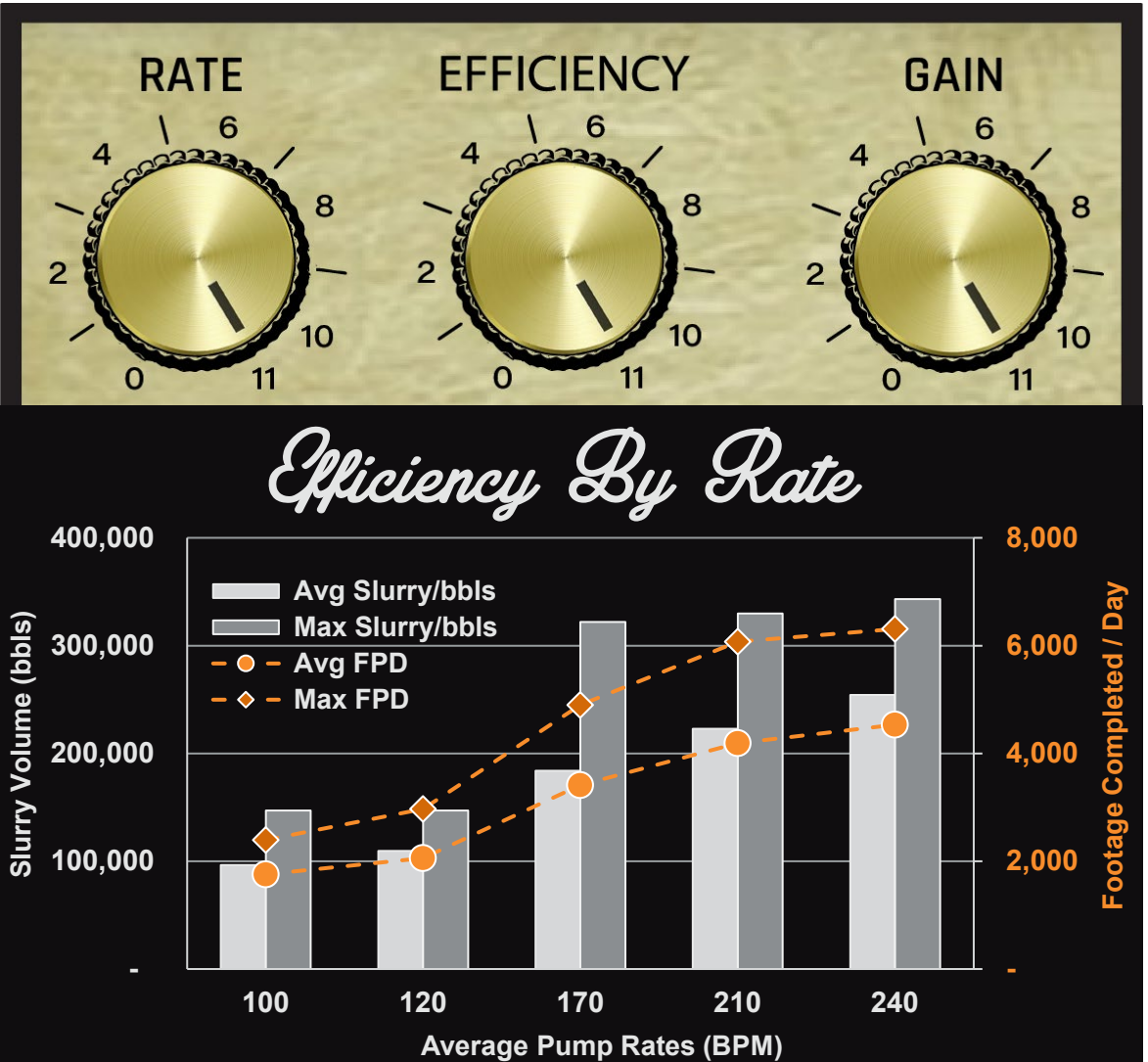
Maximize Value

- Improve Capital / production efficiency
- Don't sacrifice value for savings
- Reduce NPT / Overcome limiters

Design for Efficiency

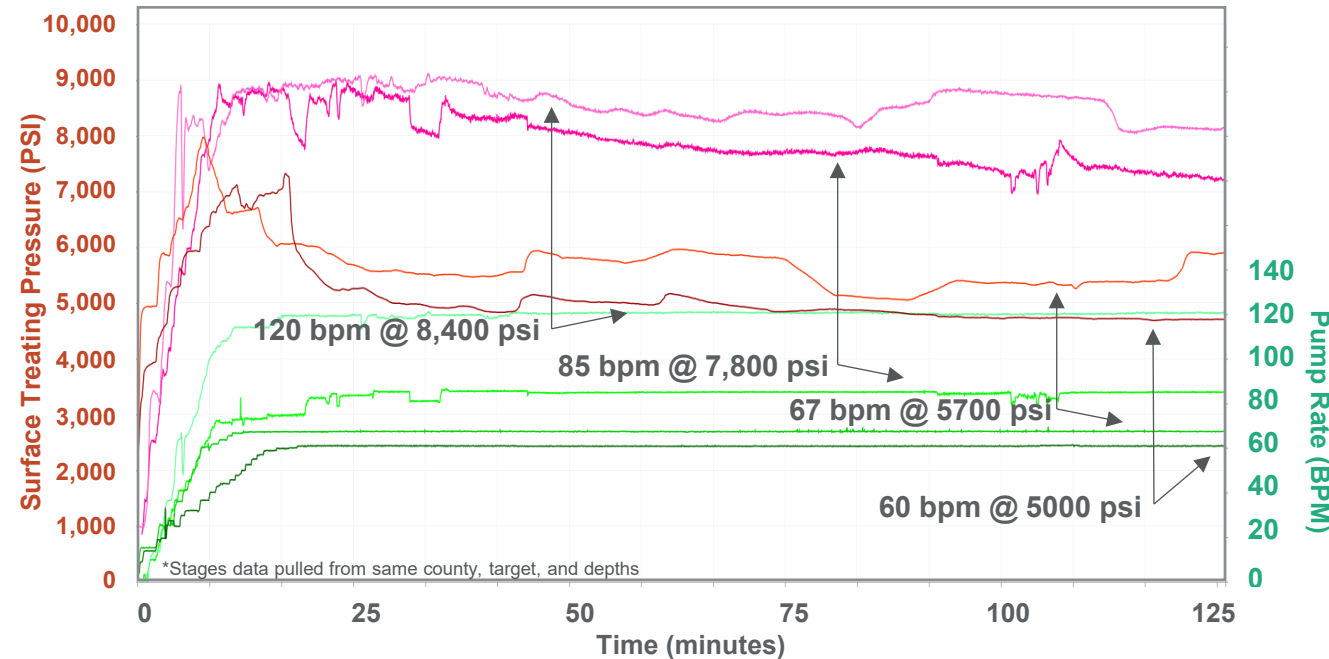
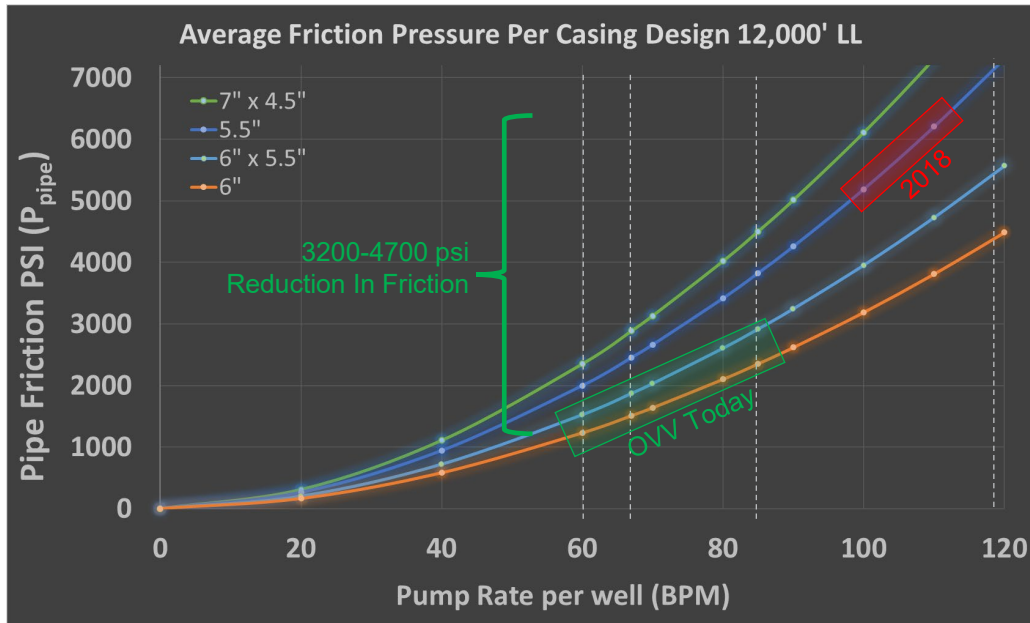
- Cluster efficiency matters
 - Confidently execute what is designed
- Eliminate wasted energy

... "Because this one goes to 11"



Eliminating Wasted Energy (P_{pipe})

$$\text{Eliminating Wasted Energy } (P_{\text{pipe}}) \quad \text{Surface Treating Pressure} = P_{\text{near wellbore}} + P_{\text{formation}} + P_{\text{perf}} + P_{\text{pipe}} - P_{\text{hydrostatic}}$$



Larger Production Casing

- Increased flow area **reduces** P_{pipe}
- Historic simul-frac data with 5.5" vs...
 - Tapered 6"x 5.5": **+7 bpm** & **~450 psi** lower
 - Full string 6": **+12.5 bpm** & **~230 psi** lower

Higher Total Pump Rate over Multiple Wells

- Increasing total rate improves efficiency
- Decreasing rate/well **reduces** P_{pipe}
 - Stage architecture needs to be adjusted

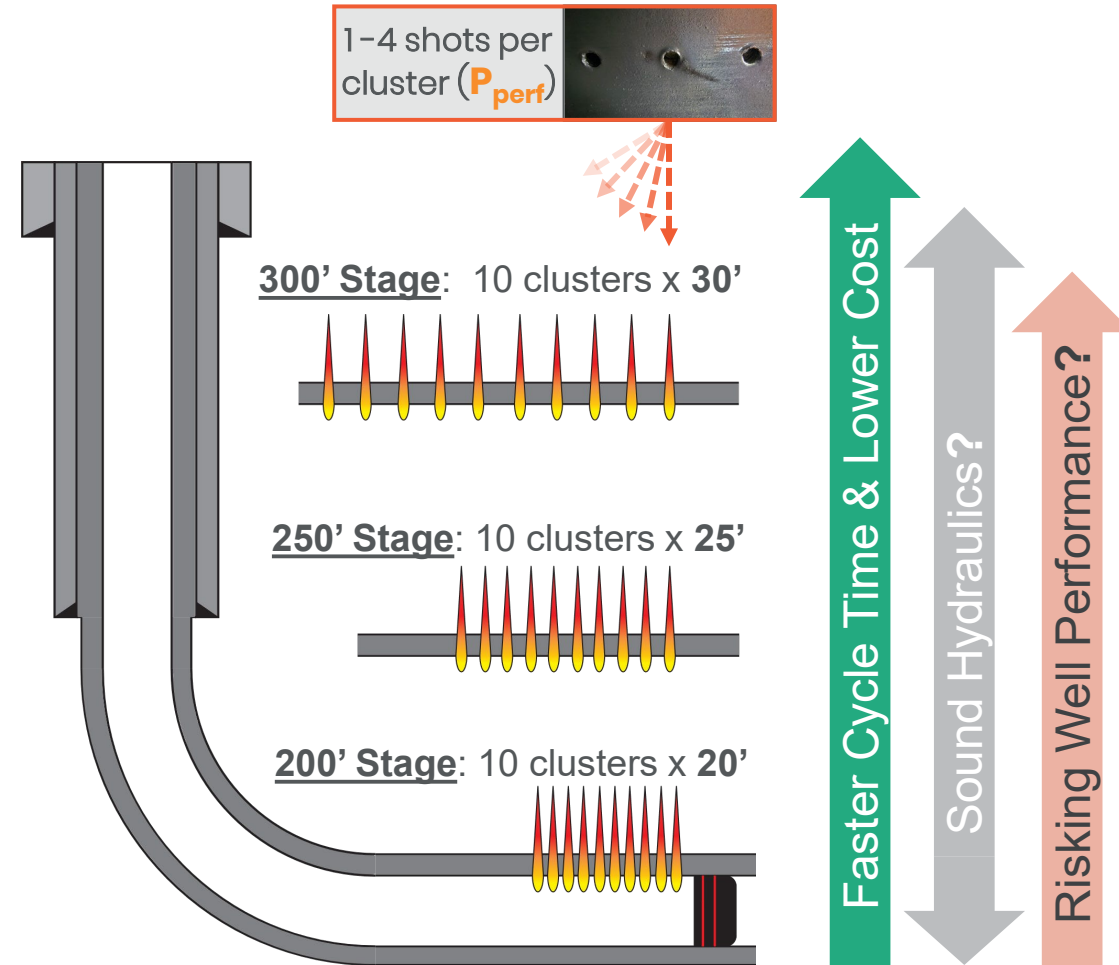
What is GOOD Stage Architecture

Stage length is important...

- If there is good isolation between stages during frac
- If geologic hazards (i.e. faults) are present
- If you have good hydraulics
- If it fits your capital budget

Cluster spacing is important...

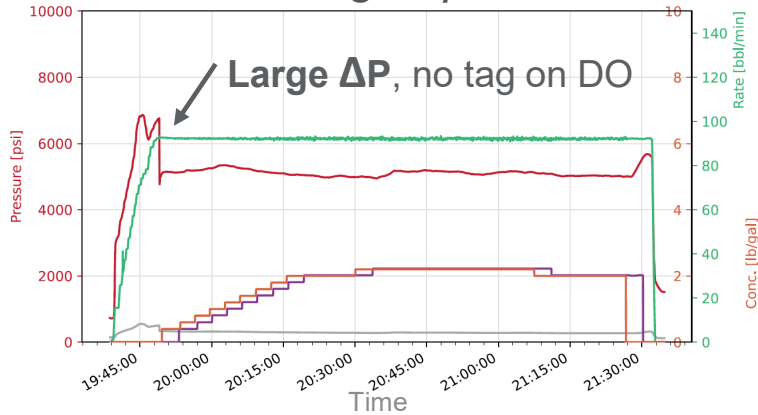
- When geology matters
- If you care about cluster efficiency
- If you have cluster isolation



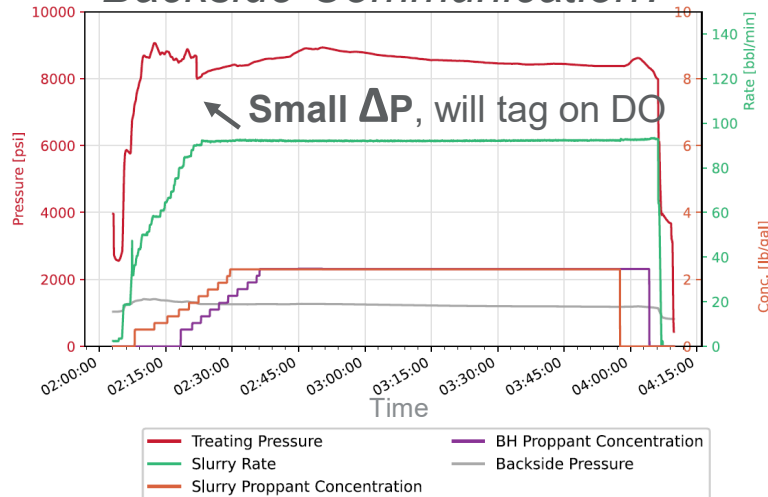
How do you balance rate/cluster, perf friction, and cluster spacing relative to stage length?

What Makes Stages Ineffective?

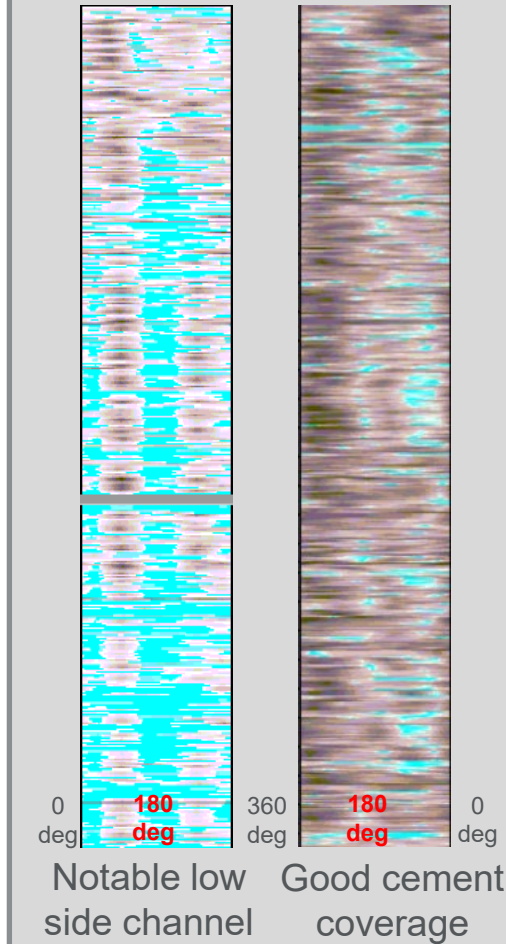
Plug Slips



Backside Communication?



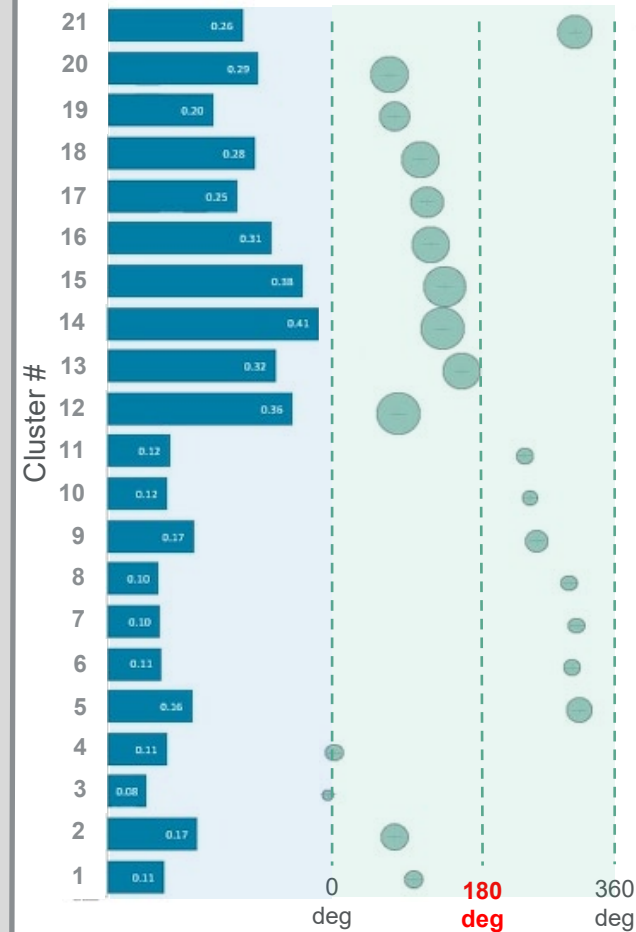
Poor Cement Quality



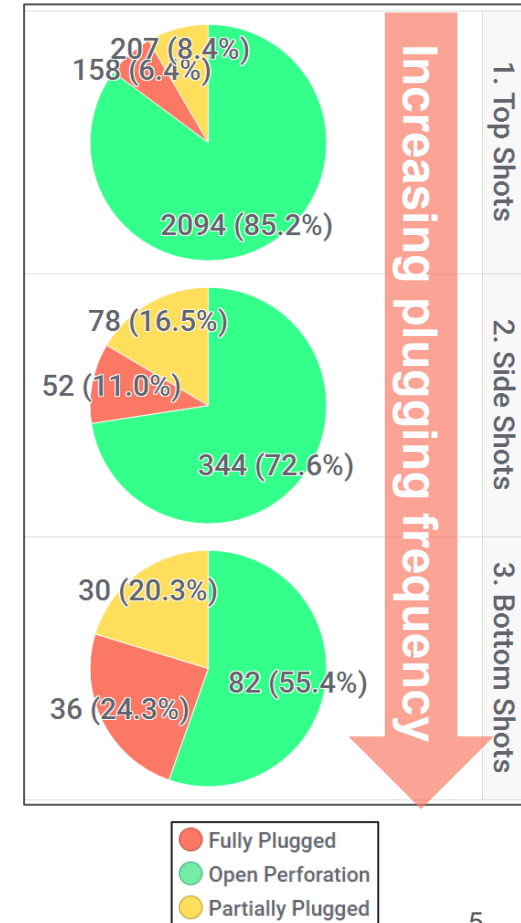
Poor Cluster Design

Avg Perf Entry Hole Area (in²)

Perf Eroded Area (in²) by phasing

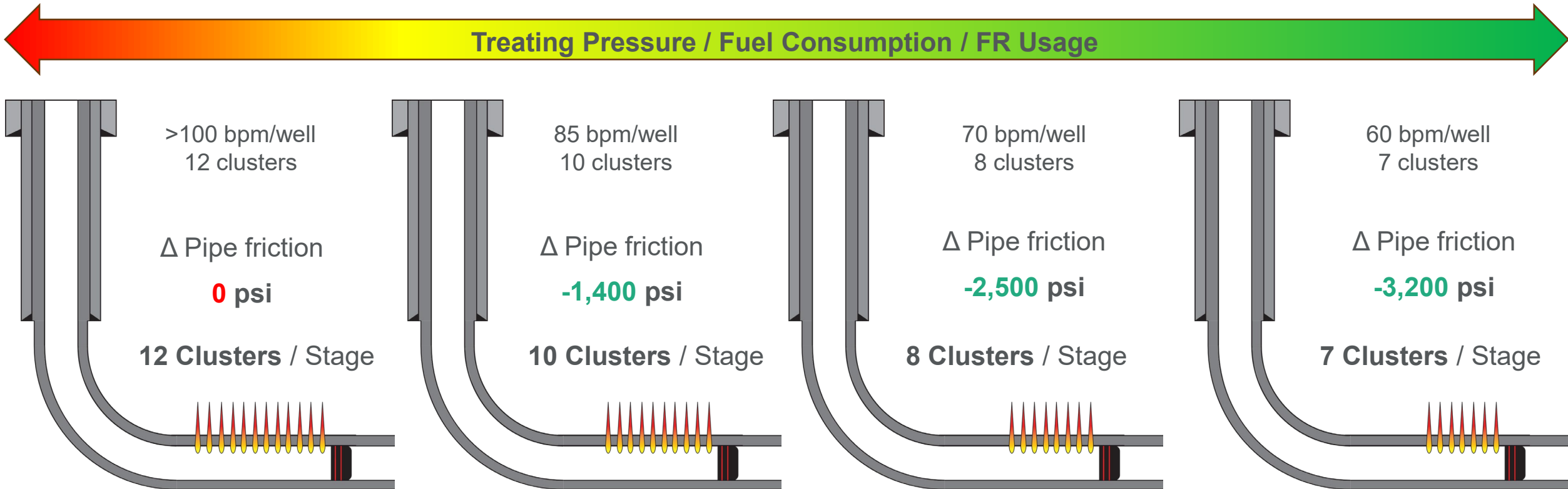


Perf Plugging vs. Orientation
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Stage Design by Rate

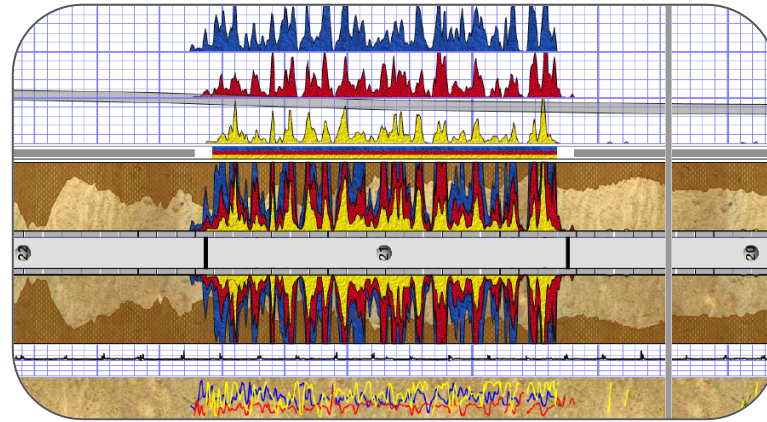
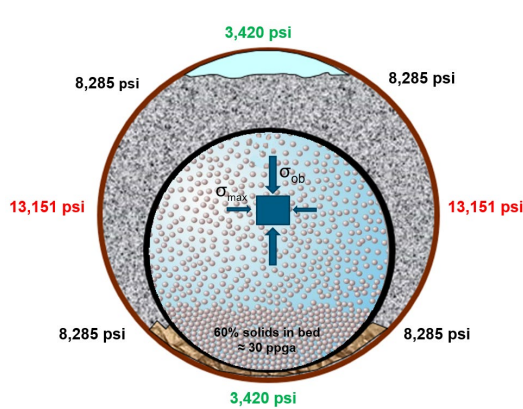
Treating Pressure / Fuel Consumption / FR Usage



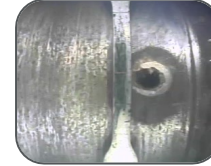
Hydraulics drives stage architecture

- Cluster efficiency / uniformity drives how many clusters we design per stage
- Stage Length = Desired cluster spacing (X) Effective number of clusters

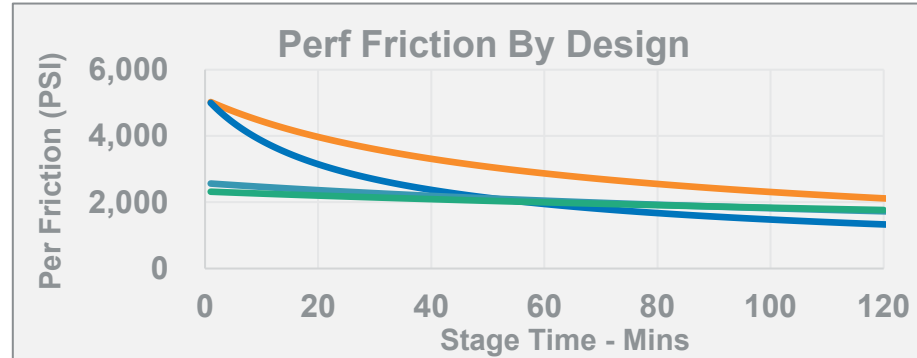
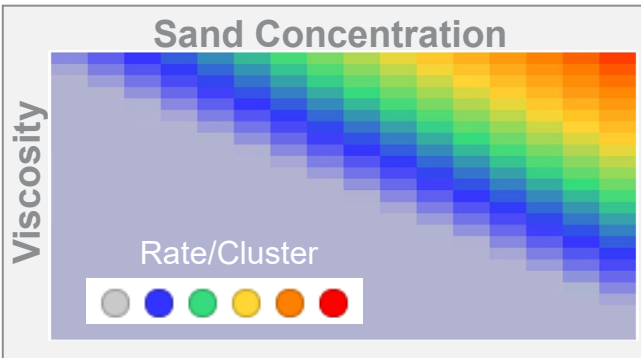
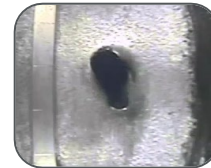
$$STP = P_{\text{near wellbore}} + P_{\text{formation}} + P_{\text{perf}} + P_{\text{pipe}} - P_{\text{hydrostatic}}$$



Pre-Frac



Post-Frac



Our Approach for Success

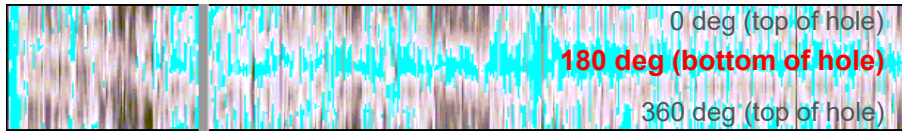
Effective cluster spacing is driven by high cluster efficiency

- **Orienting perfs** in the same plane can help reduce NWB tortuosity
- **Perf friction** should be designed to overcome NWB tortuosity, Sh min, and stress shadowing
- **Rate cluster/hole**, viscosity, mesh size, and sand ramp in pump schedule are also factors
- RA tracer, fiber, & down hole cameras are great **diagnostics** for measuring cluster efficiency

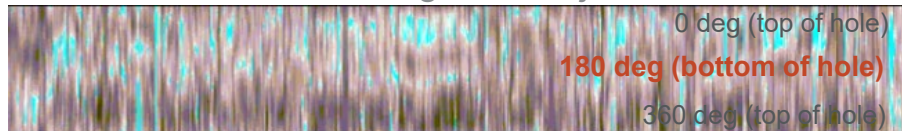
Cluster efficiency matters if you...

- care about cluster spacing
- want uniform proppant/fluid distribution inside pipe

Un-centralized, no rotation during cement job



Centralized, rotated during cement job



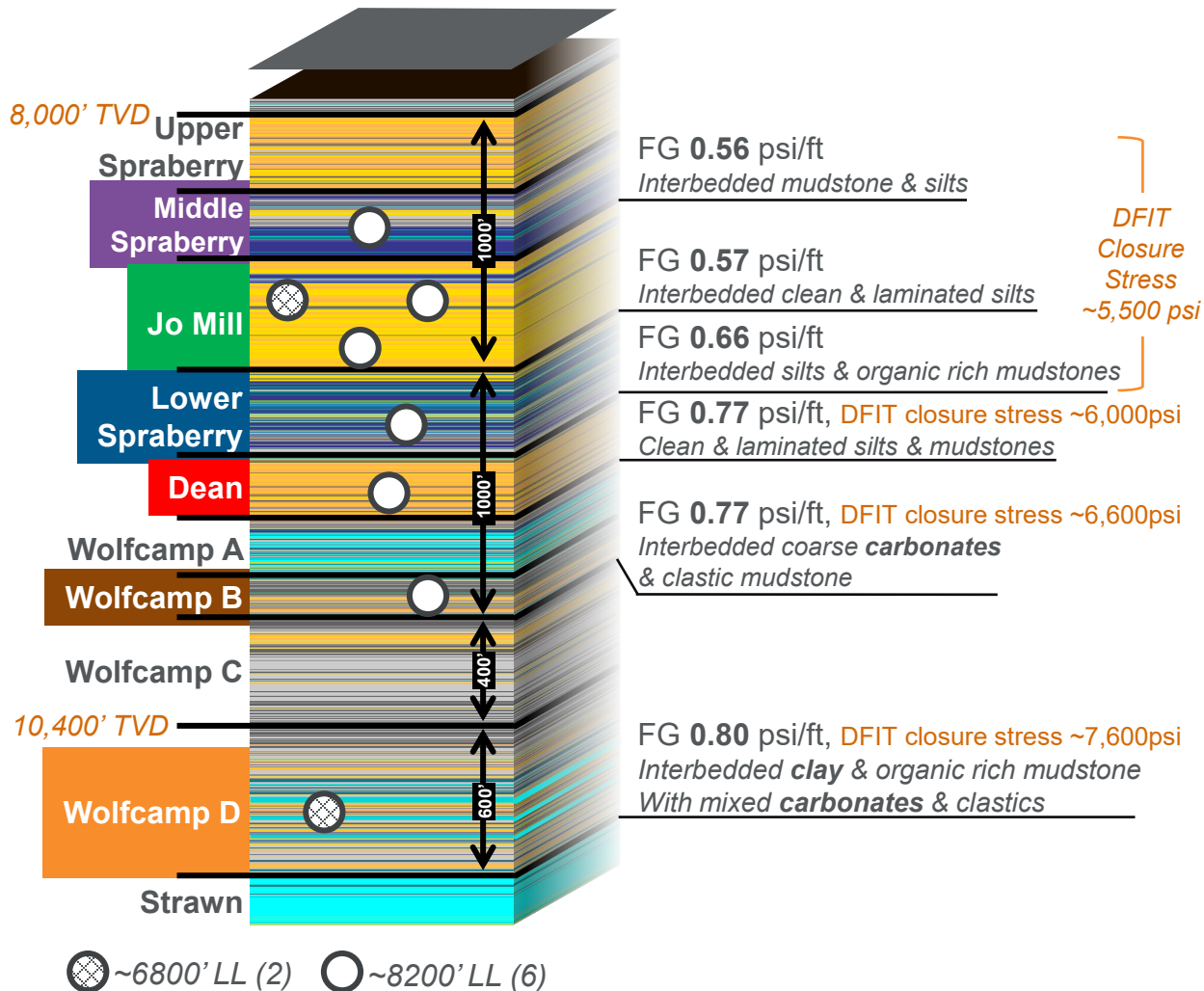
Poor Stage Isolation



Good Stage Isolation

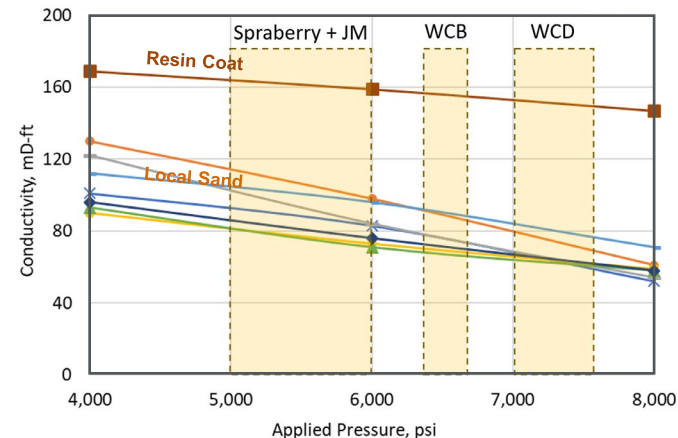


The Cube



Martin County Infill last development

- The challenge: different lateral lengths and job sizes
 - Shallow stack 3000 lbs / 2000 gal/ft
 - WCB targeting minimum 2600 gal/ft
 - WCD targeting minimum 2800 gal/ft
- Ideally want tighter cluster spacing due to tighter rock
 - Carbonates and clays limit frac growth within zone (dip in fiber, OPM, micro seismic, tracers, revochem)
 - Faster declines associated with higher closure stress / embedment
- Improve **fracture conductivity** with resin coated sand in WCD
 - 2X improvement and 3X in permeability than local sand

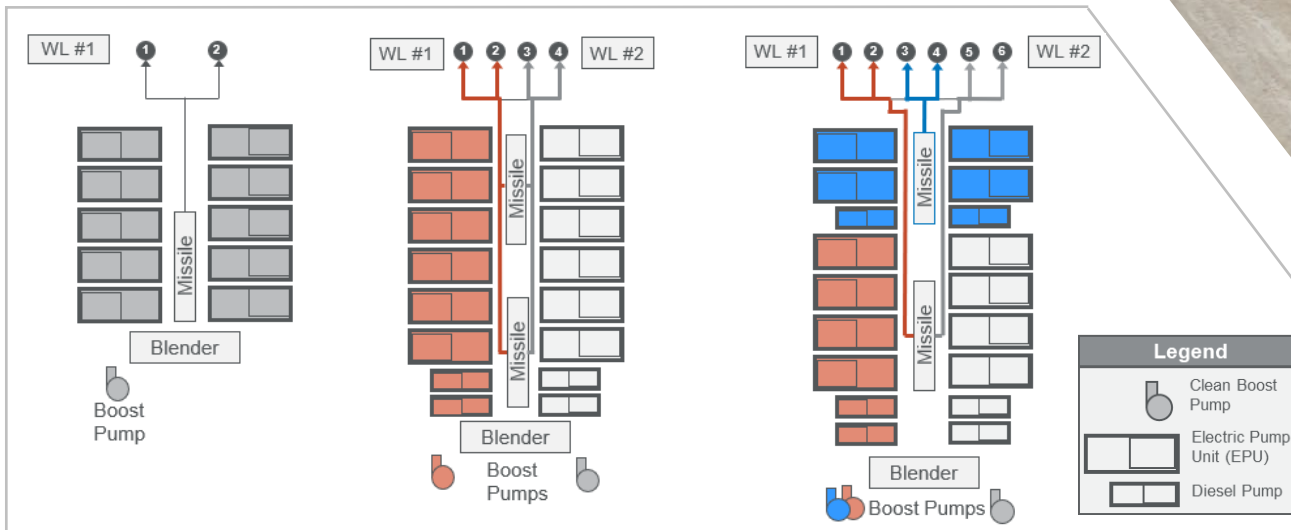


Lead & Tail with resin coat ~100 lbs/ft

Craft Frac Execution

Myths of Execution

- Blindly pumping into all wells
- Lower SRV due to less pump rate/well
- Multiple blenders needed
- Even number of wells/pad
- Same design on all well pairs
 - Gal/ft, lbs/ft, stage architecture, same pump rates
- FR and chems are the same in all wells



How far can we push total pump rate?

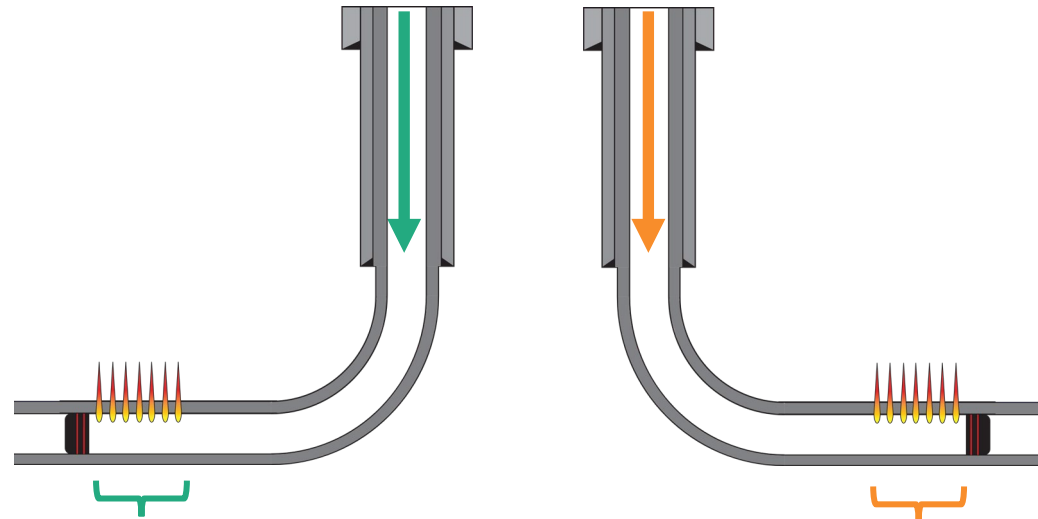
How many wells can we pair together to meet design?

What is the best way to maximize efficiency for the Cube?

Craft Frac Execution

Wells 1,2,4,5,6,7: 60 bpm
525,000 lbs / 8,250 bbls = 525,000 lbs / 8,250 bbls

Well 3,8: 60 bpm



175' = 3000 lbs / 2000 gal/ft
7 CL x 25' = 75 Klbs & 50 Kgal / cluster

Same Volume
Smaller Stage = *Higher intensity*

145' = 3600 lbs / 2400 gal/ft
7 CL x 20.7' = 75 Klbs & 50 Kgal / cluster

124' = 4200 lbs / 2800 gal/ft
7 CL x 17.7' = 75 Klbs & 50 Kgal / cluster



Always Honor you Hydraulics!

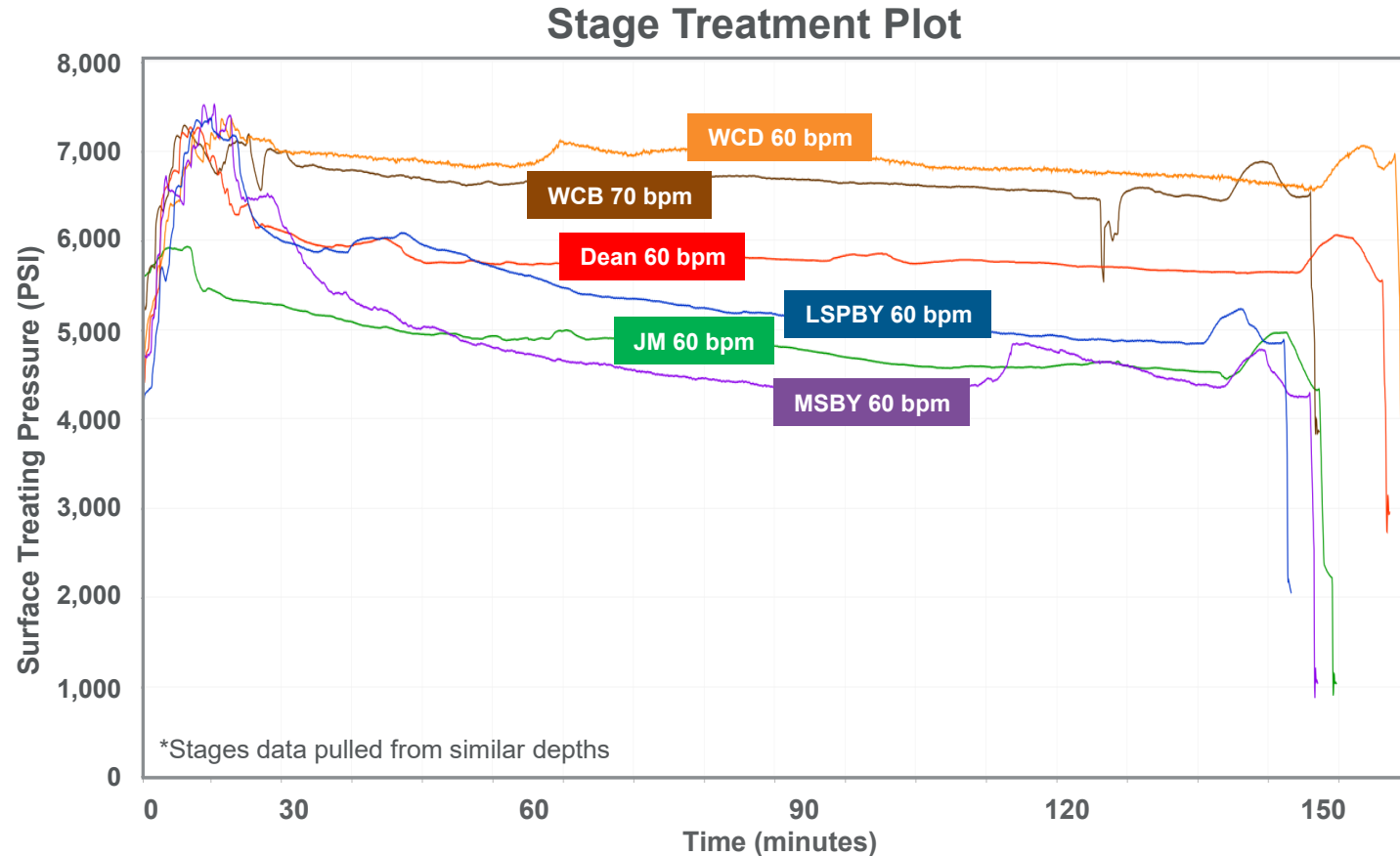
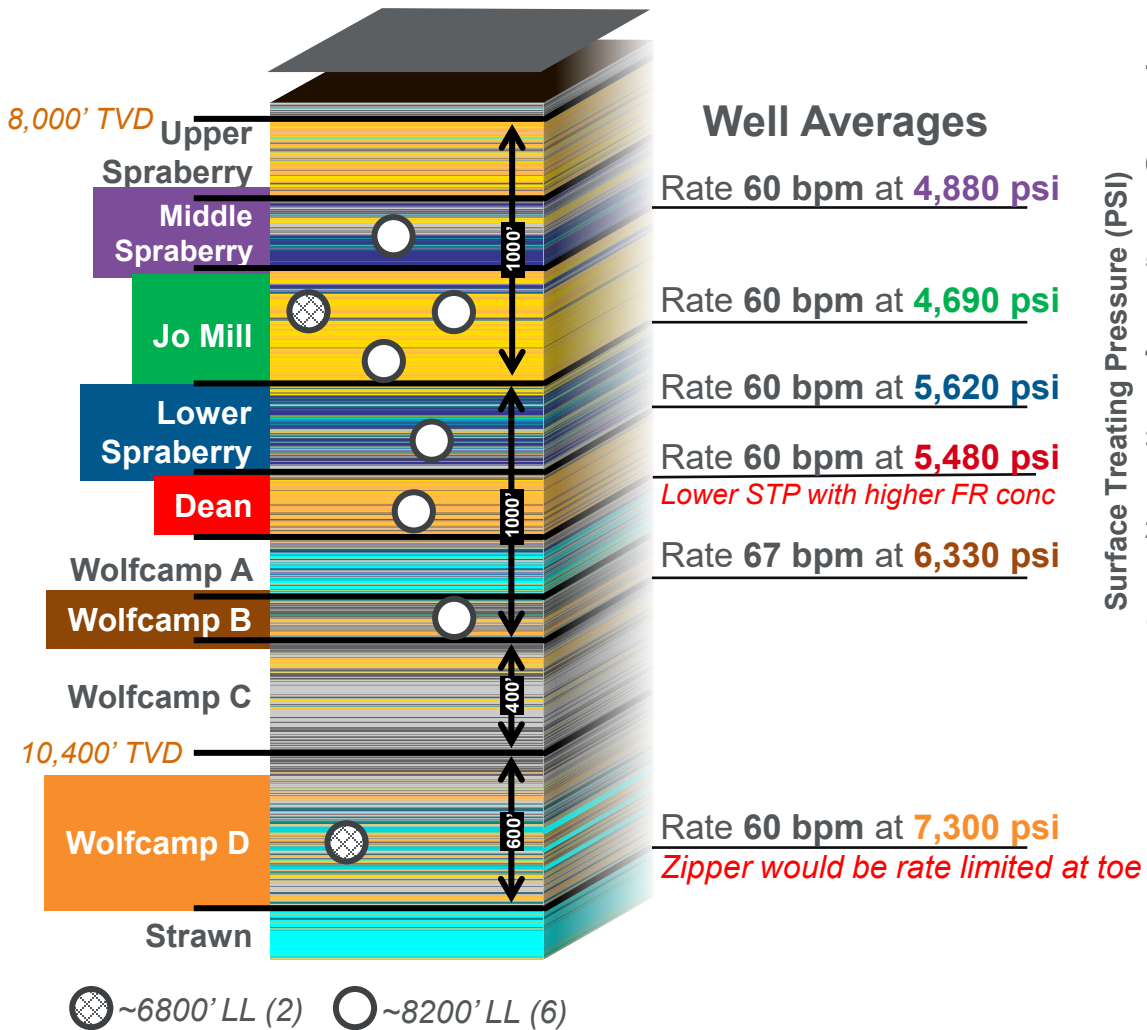
Method 1: Increase job size at the same PPG

- Increase intensity/foot by tightening cluster spacing

Method 2: Increase the fluid volume

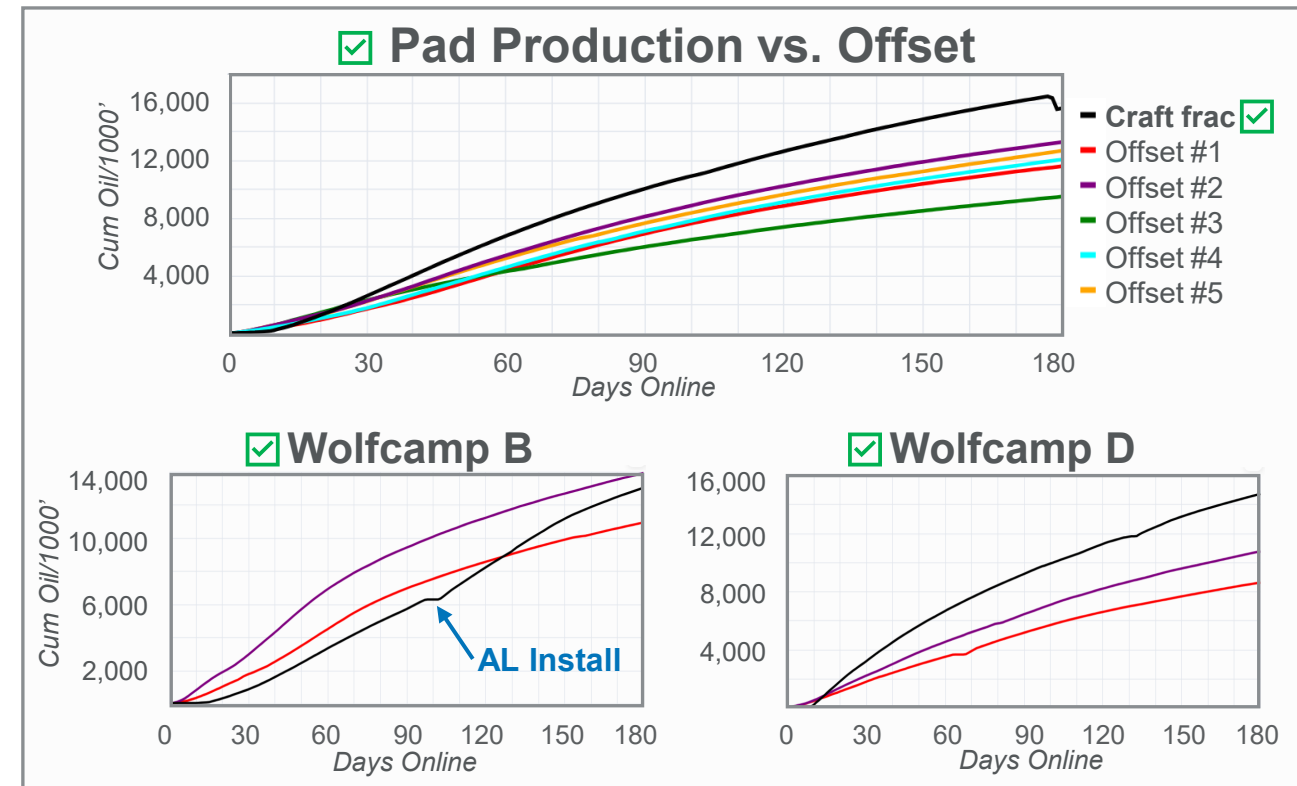
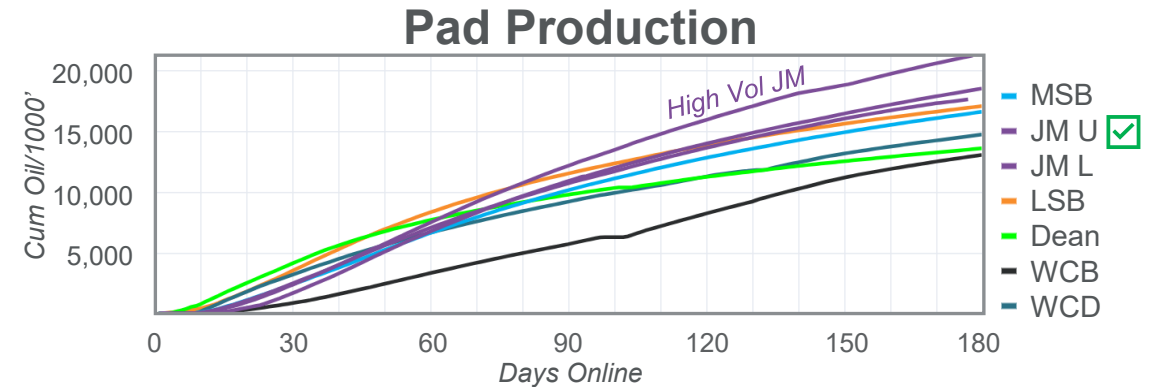
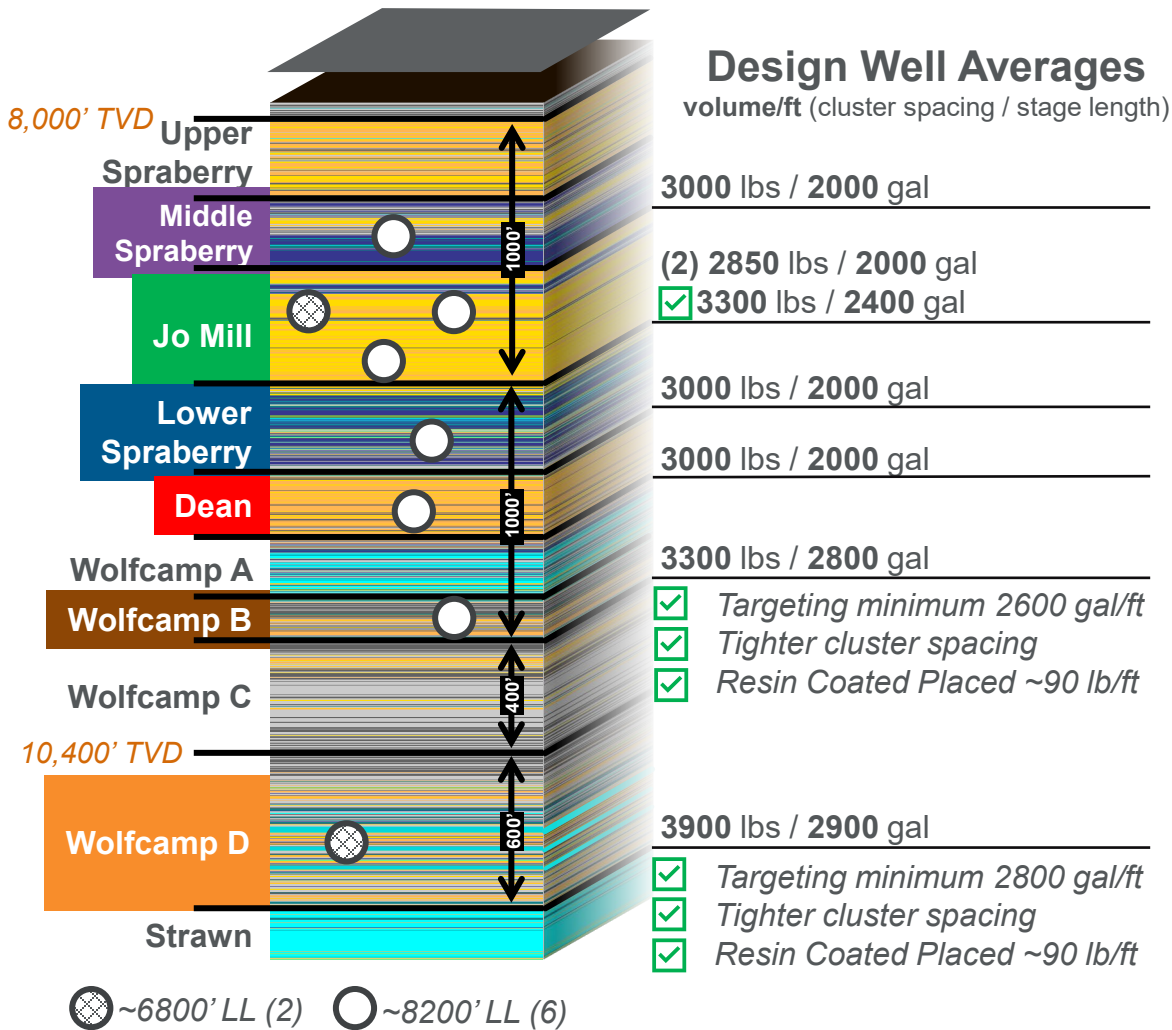
- Increase fluid volume by adding **clean** rate to one bank
- +10 bpm over 2 hours = +350 gal/ft

Craft Frac Execution



- Wells treated ~2,800 psi lower than historic zipper fracs
 - All wells would be pressure limited with traditional 5.5" casing and longer laterals
- Dean and JM ran slightly less FR (0.11 gpt)
- The WCB was designed with higher pump rate/well

Craft Frac Execution



Craft Frac'ing the Cube

Turned it up to 11!

Maximized Total Rate



 Reduce cycle time

Eliminated Wasted Energy P_{pipe}

 Optimized casing design

 Reduced total rate/well

 Lower chem usage + fuel consumption

 Shortened stages

 Reduced proppant inertia

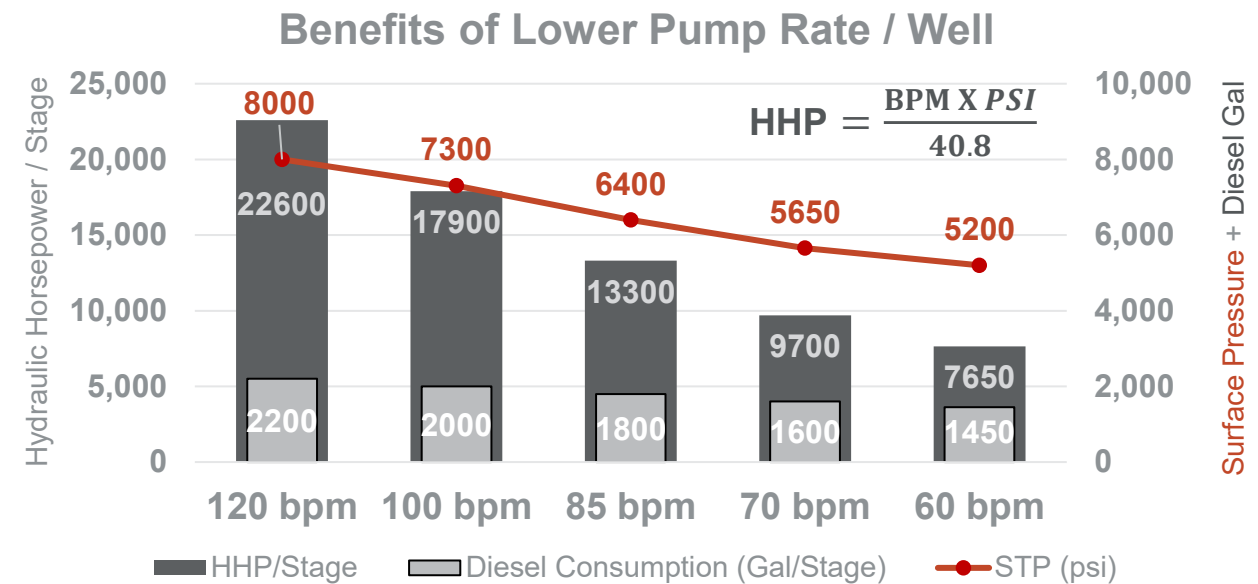
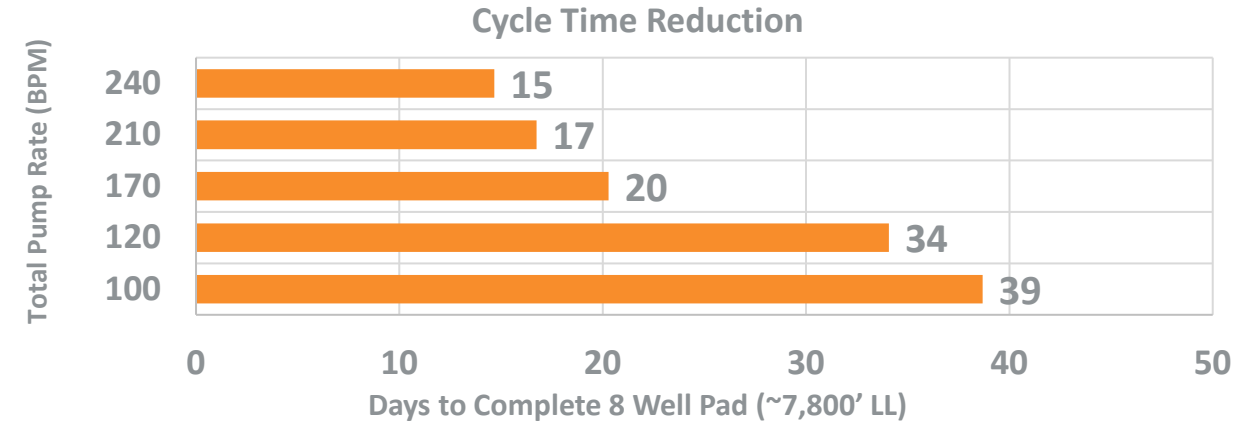
Craft Frac'd the Cube

 Honored hydraulics

 Tailored completion design by bench

 Didn't sacrifice value for savings!

 Maximized efficiency!



*HHP/Fuel consumption based on 200' stage and 2000 gal/ft

