



# Using Advanced Workflows to Support Development of Unconventional Plays

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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- **Introduction**

- Observations from an Unconventional development
- Objective

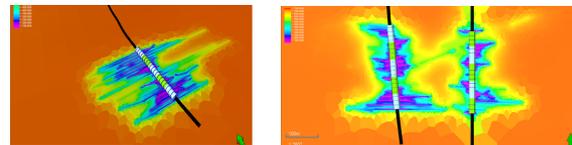
- **Methodology**

- Reservoir Geomechanics Coupling for Parent-Child development
- Stress Shadowing Effect using a Finite Element Solution Method

- **Results & Analysis**

- Analytical Solution Method (ASM) versus Finite Element Solution Method (FESM) on Stress Shadowing Effect
  - Base Case Stage Spacing versus Half Base Case Stage Spacing
  - Single Well and Multi Well

- **Summary**

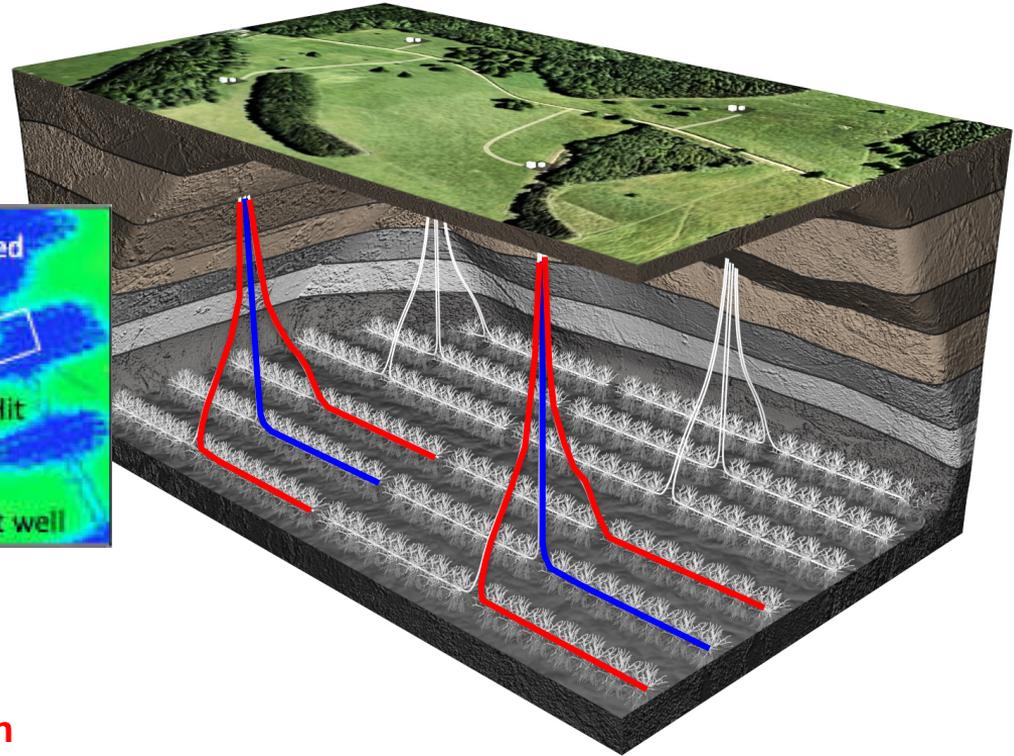
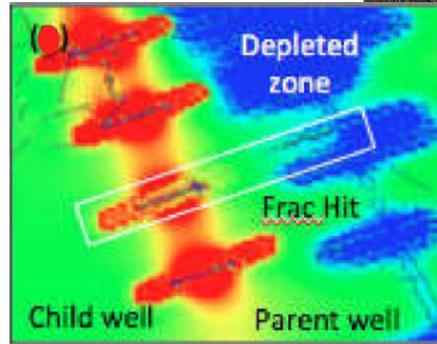
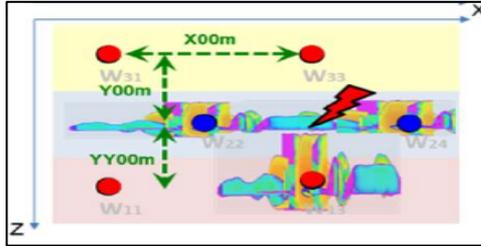


# INTRODUCTION – Unconventional plays context

## SPACE:

- Vertical and Horizontal well spacing
- Pad design/array

Well Interference, Frac Hit, etc



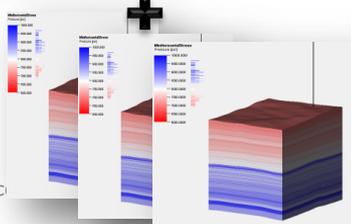
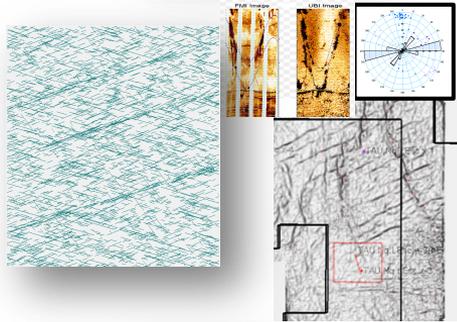
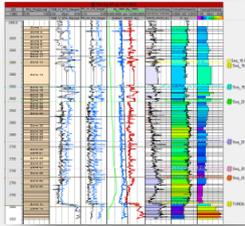
## TIME:

- Completion Sequence
- Parent-Child Development

Due to stress changes during frac & production  
Child wells have lower recovery than Parent wells

# METHODOLOGY (AS YOU MAY KNOW)

## 1 1DMEM, DFN, Grids

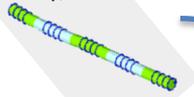


Using Advanced

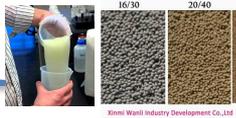
of Unconventional Plays

## 2 Frac Design

Geometry, Perforations



Fluid and Proppants properties

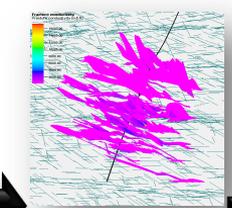


Pumping Schedule

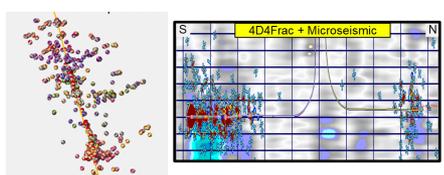
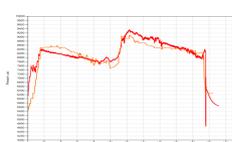
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5	20/40	20	1000	1000	1000	1000
6	20/40	20	1000	1000	1000	1000
7	20/40	20	1000	1000	1000	1000
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## 3 Frac simulation and pressure matching process

Frac Simulation

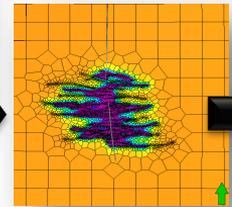


Pressure Match



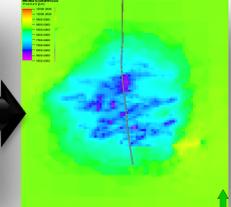
## 4 Production Grid

Unstructured Grid



## 5 HM and Forecast

Pressure/Production Matching GRID



History Match



# METHODOLOGY (ADDRESSING « TIME » IN MULTI-WELL)

## Reservoir Geomechanics Coupling

Frac simulation

Production Grid

Forecast

From URTEC 2019-596-MS

MW/MLZ

1<sup>st</sup> Frac Wells / 1 LZ

FRAC SIMULATION

Frac Simulation Child Wells

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3D view Frac SIM Results

3D view Frac Prod Grids

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1<sup>st</sup> FORECAST

6

i-sect Stress SIM after 1 yr Prod

8

2<sup>ND</sup> FORECAST  
Depletion after 15yrs / 3 LZs

FLOW SIMULATION

Reservoir Geomechanics Coupling

Boundary conditions

Tectonic loading

Stress/strain computation

k-sect Stres SIM aft 1 yr Prod

SH azim after 1 yr

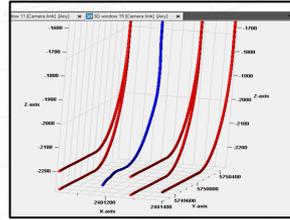
Cum Gas Prod after 1yr / 2Wells

Cum Gas Prod after 15yr / 6 Wells

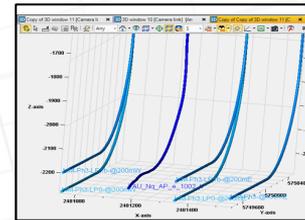
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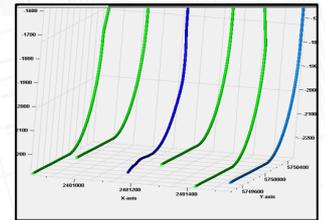
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1/2 BC WS



BC WS



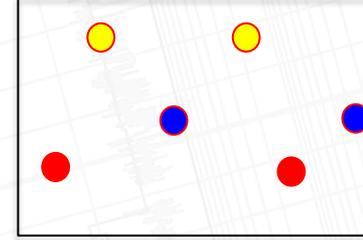
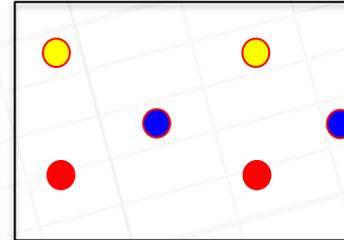
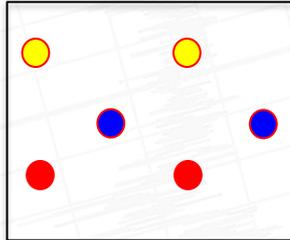
3/4 BS WS

LZ1, LZ2 and LZ3 together

LZ3

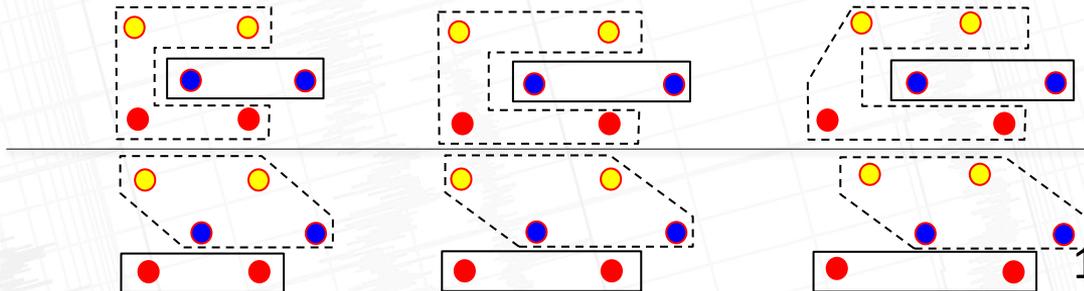
LZ2

LZ1



## TIME:

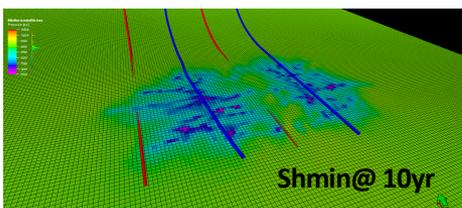
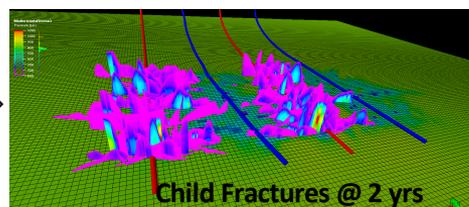
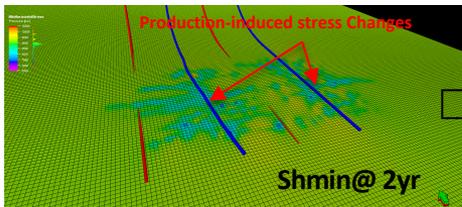
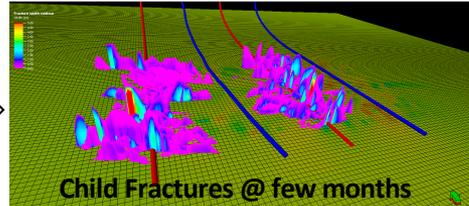
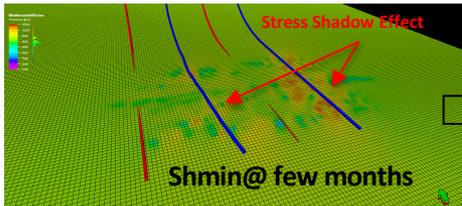
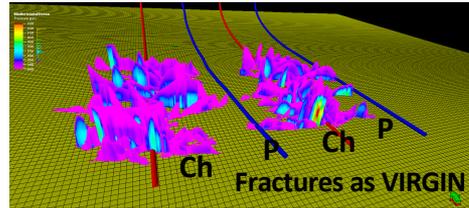
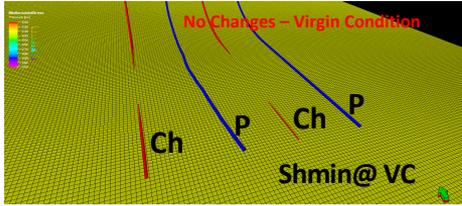
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# OBSERVATION FROM A MLZ FIELD CASE

## INTER WELL : WHEN complete the Child matters !

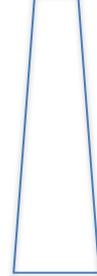
L1 z-layer Shmin after L2 Production



Longer Lf

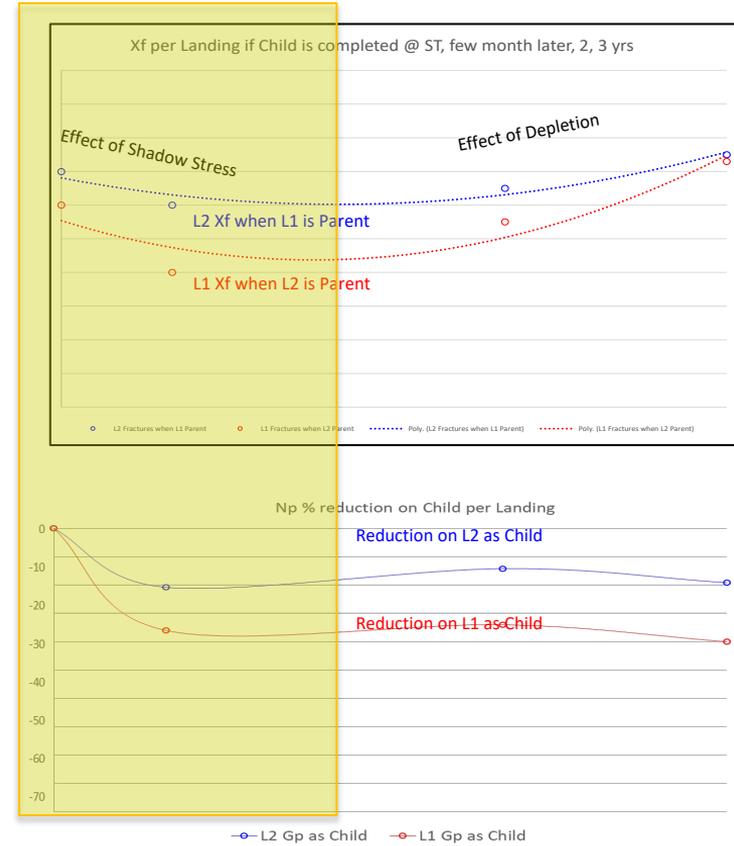


Shorter Lf



Longer Lf

**THIS EFFECT IS MORE INTENSE IN HIGHER ANISOTROPIC FACIES INTERVAL**

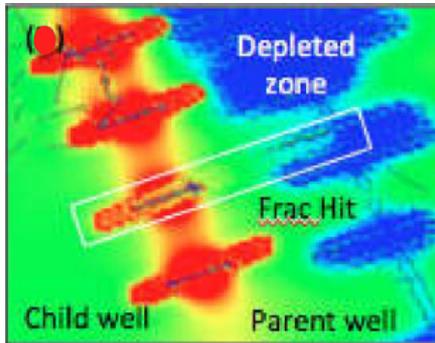


Also observed in Pichon, S., et al, 2018

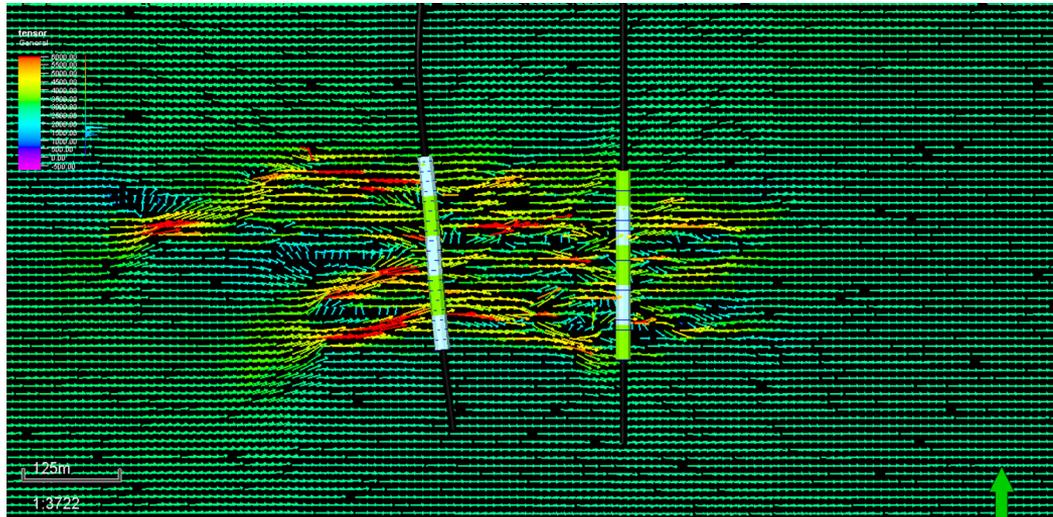
# OBJECTIVE

Show a **workflow** that solve the **3D** change (frac-to-frac) of the full Stress Tensor using a Finite Element Solution Method (**FESM**).

Before this happens

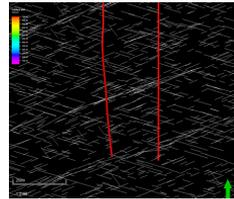
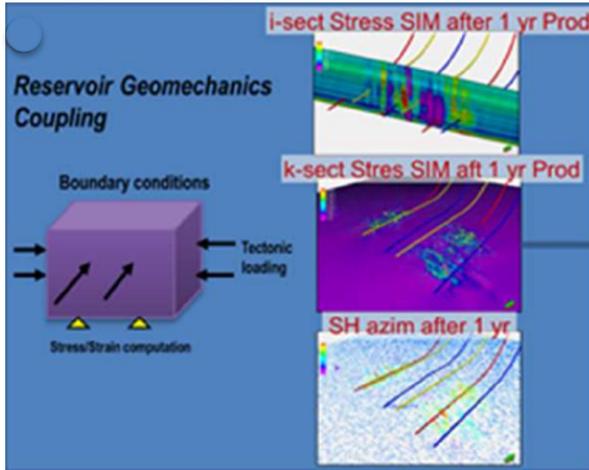


How this happens / How We simulate What happens



# FES METHODOLOGY FOR SSE

For each stage



Hydraulic Fracture Network for Visage

Stimulation Stresses

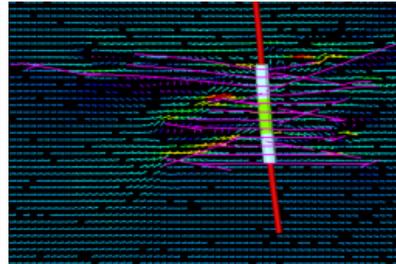
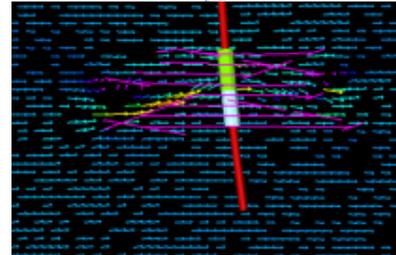
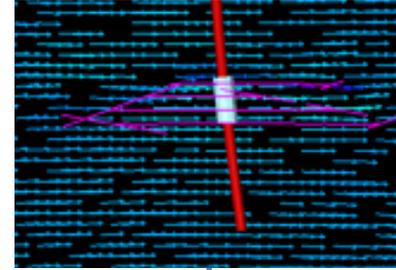
- Analysis
  - Stresses, Pressure and Rock Data
  - Unstructured Grid
  - Hydraulic fracture
- Natural Fractures (DFN)
  - Fracture Compliance

VISAGE Simulation, Then Frac Stage 1

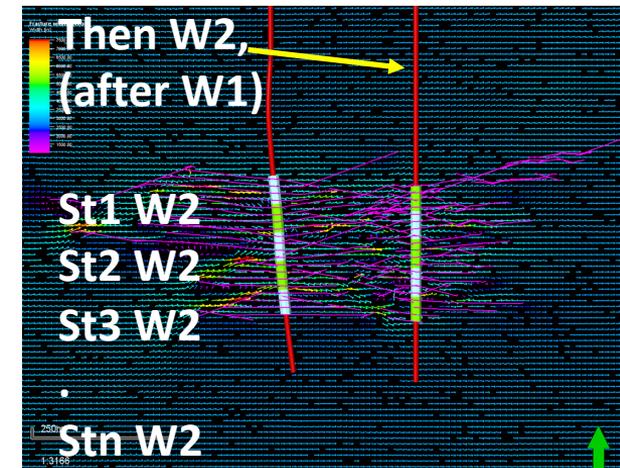
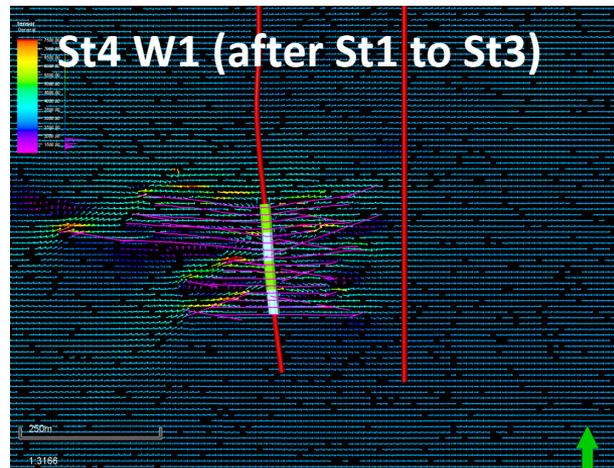
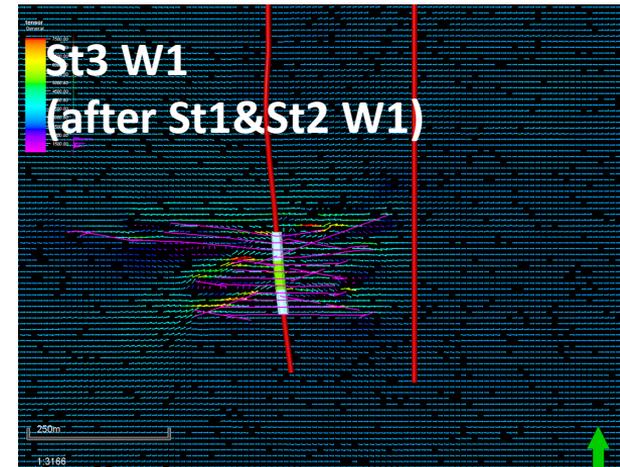
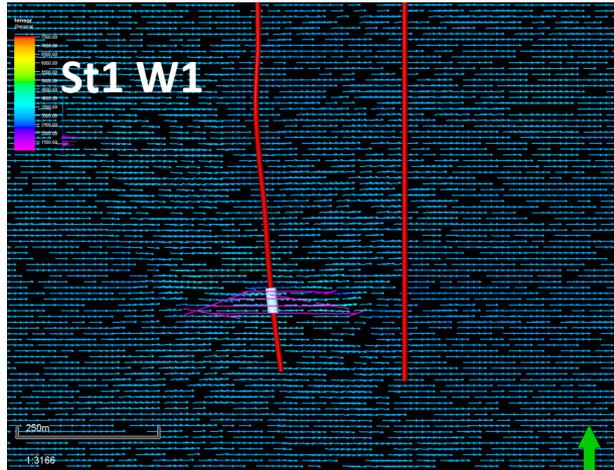
VISAGE Simulation after Stage 1, **THEN FRAC Stag 2**

VISAGE Simulation aft Stage 2, **THEN FRAC Stage 3**

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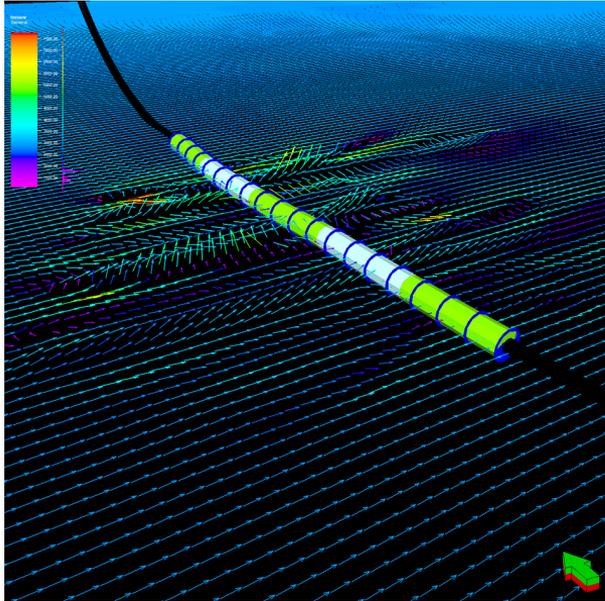


# FES METHODOLOGY FOR SSE - Single to Multi Well

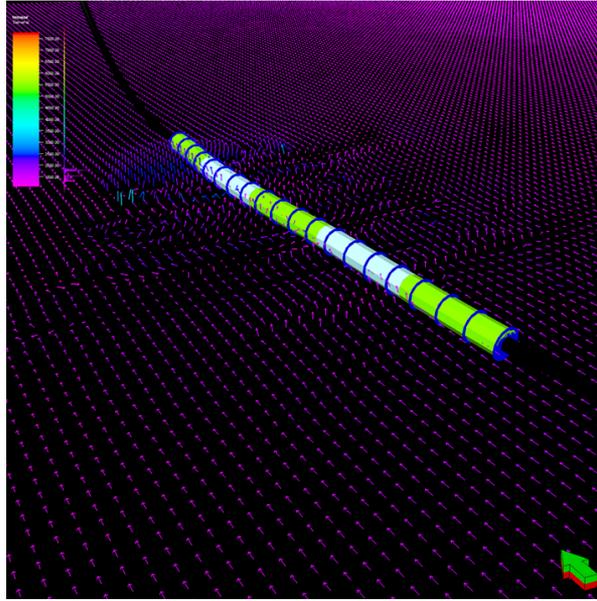


# Stress Tensor w/shadowing effect simulated using FESM

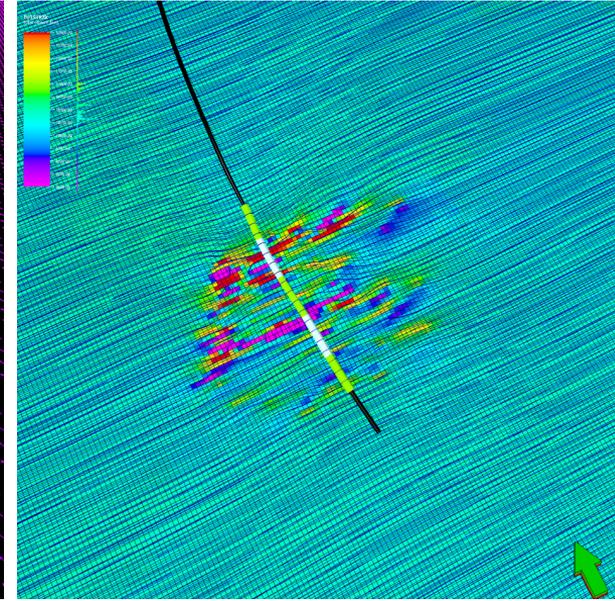
S1



S3

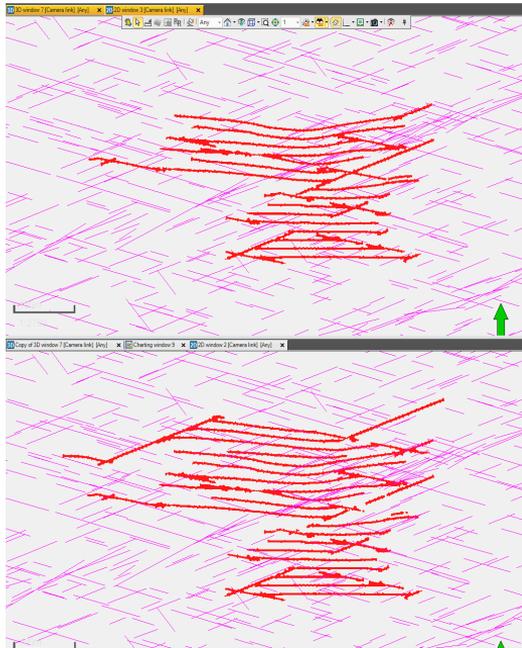


TOTSTRXX

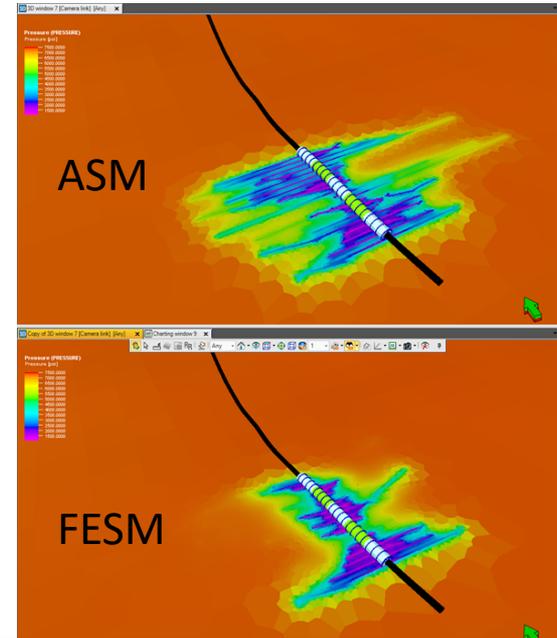
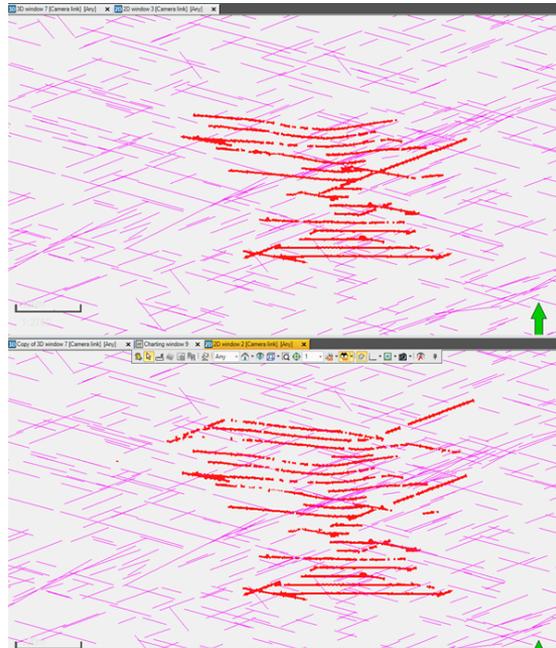


# ½ BCSS – Proppant Region Distribution – AS vs FES

All Regions

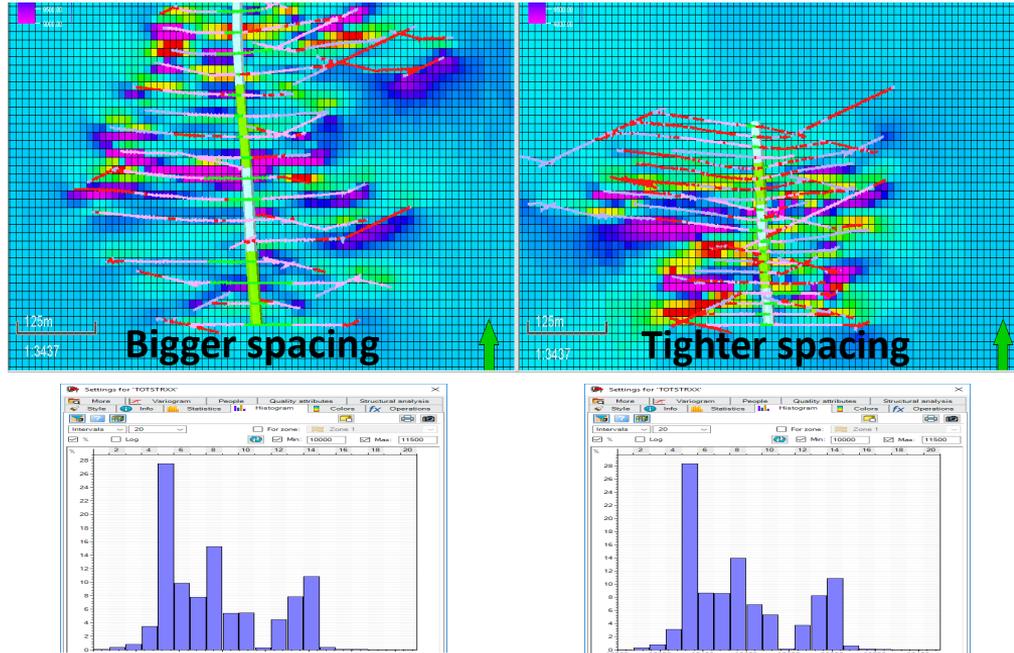


Propped Regions



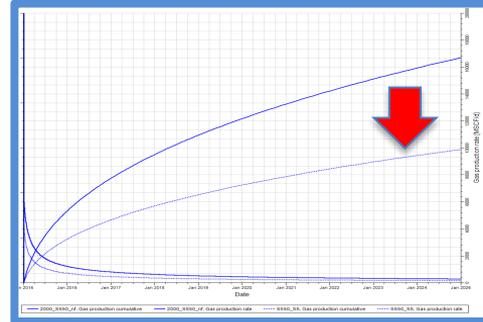
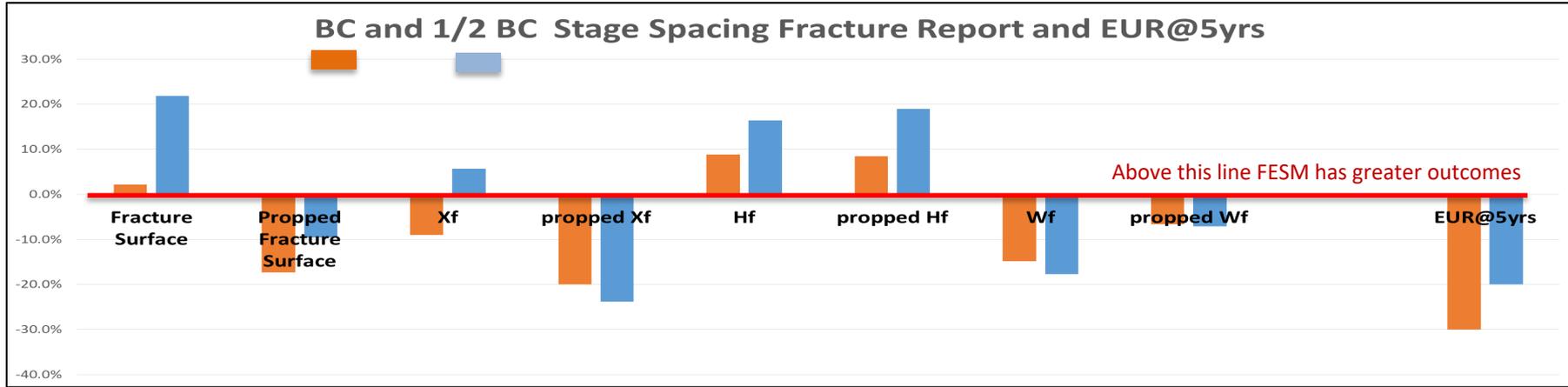
- 1) *Apparent longer fractures that end being less propped → impact on drainage volume*
- 2) *What other impact of those longer unpropped fractures ? CsngDef*

# TOTSTRXX – BC vs 1/2 BC SS



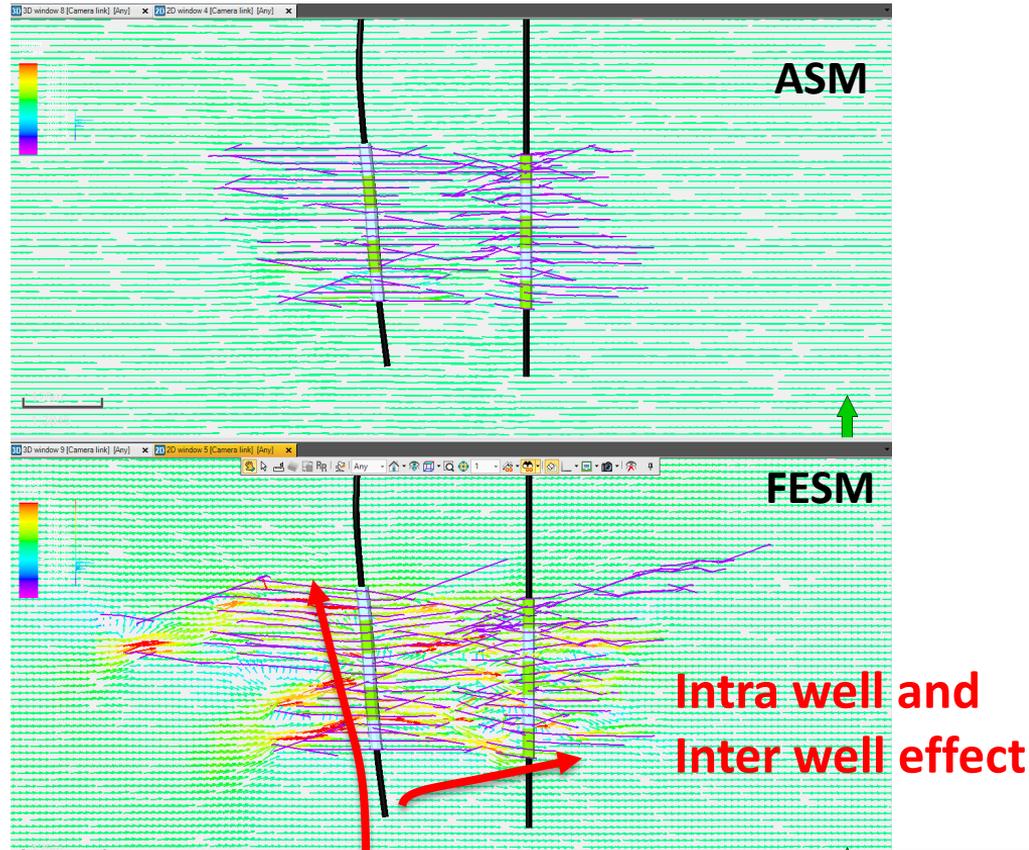
**Similar outcome values distribution but different spatial distribution → SRV impact ?**

# Results and Analysis – Single Well (BC and 1/2 BC SS) Impact of SSE on SRV.G SRV.P – ASM vs. FESM



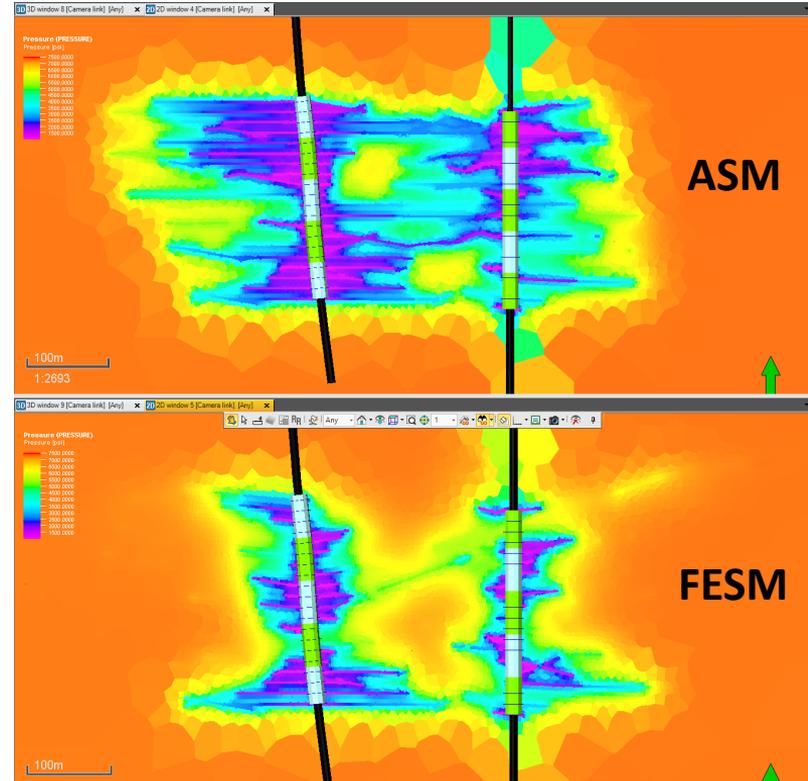
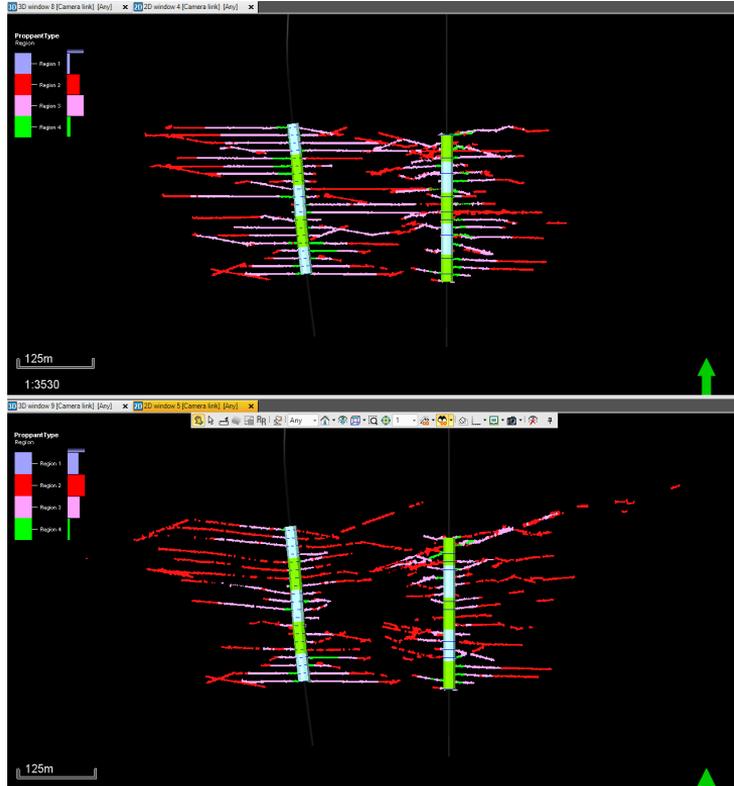
**Smaller Propped Surface Fracture and Width F using FESM. And ~20% less EUR**

# Results and Analysis – Multi-Well



***Higher variation of the SRV.G / Stage on FESM. Longer Fractures ?***

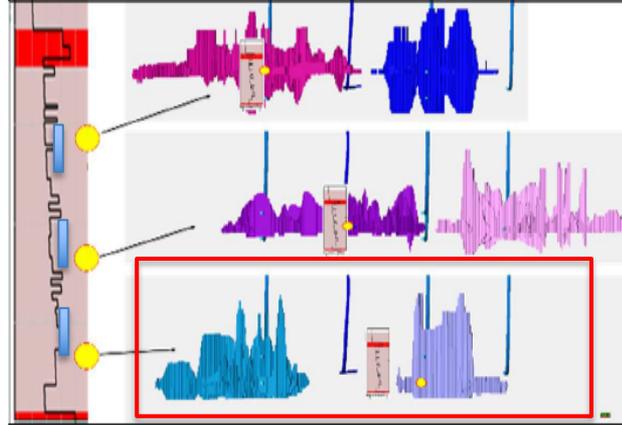
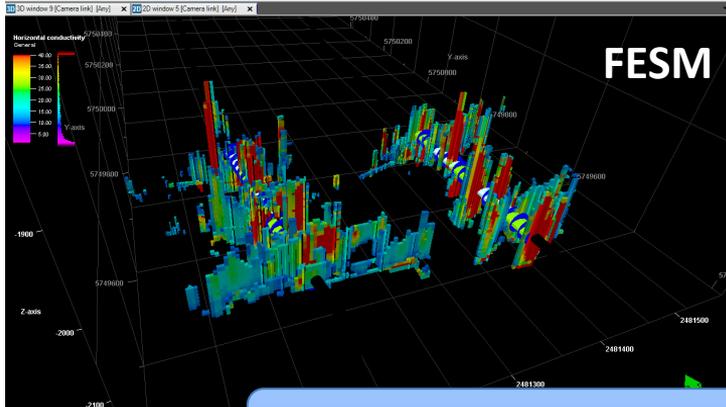
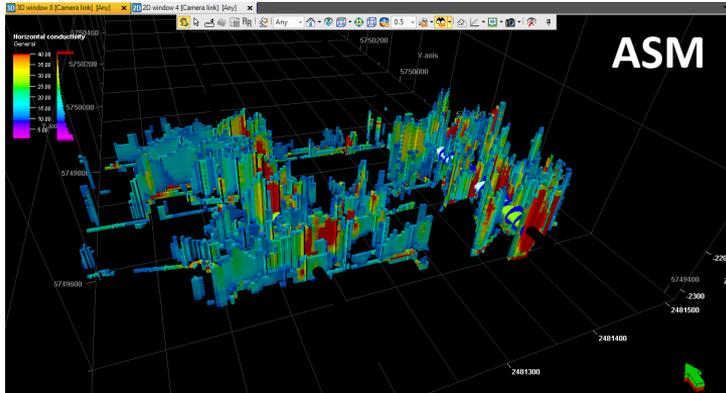
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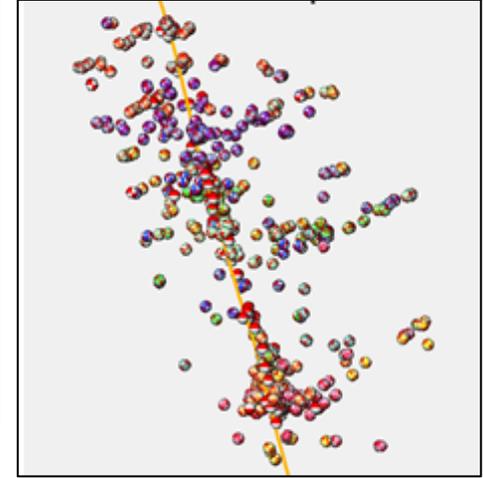
***Although longer Total fracture length with FESM, less connected, hence, less drained area***

# Results and Analysis

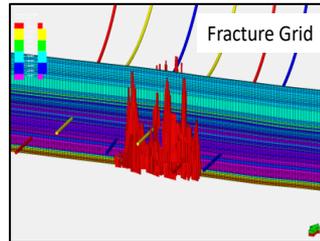
## - Less than what We thought !



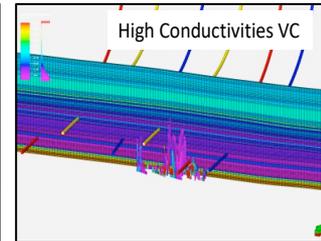
L3 Simulation Fcd



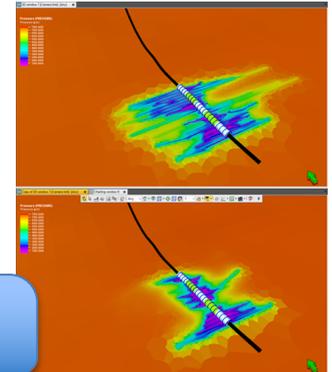
Courtesy M. Vinchon



Fracture Grid

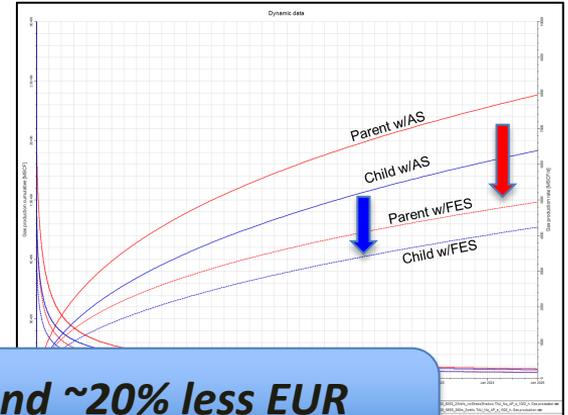
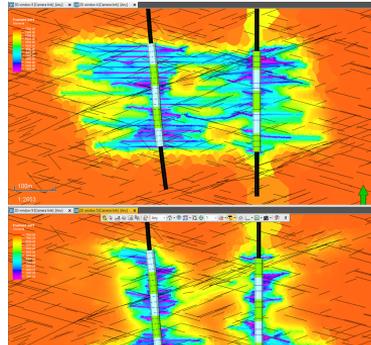
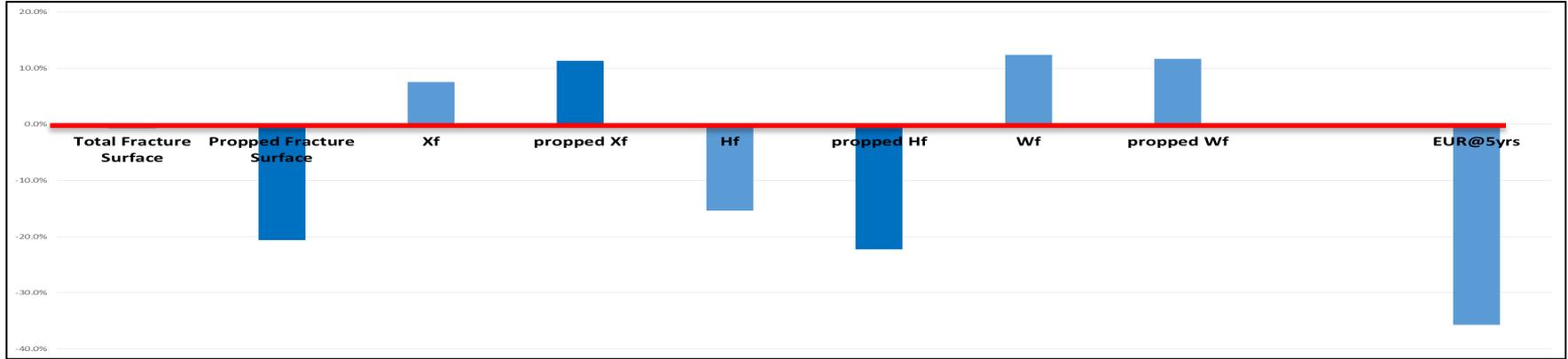


High Conductivities VC



**Better correlation was found btw SRV.G, S. events and SRV.P**

# SRV.G and SRV.P Results – Multi-Well Case



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# SUMMARY

- Integrating VISAGE into the frac-to-frac simulation, allows to get a rigorous 3D change of the full stress tensor.

The 3D option in the Analytical Solution method (ASM), is a pseudo 3D – the fracture model used in Kinetix (or any other frac software) it is a 2D ASM called P3D

Kinetix enhances the solution with Natural Fractures (that are still strictly vertical – reason why the theory behind can only treats a 2D solution, not a real 3D).

- By using FESM, a Kinetix Fracture Model with the best input in term of true 3D stress tensor is provided.
- FESM offers an INTRA and INTER-well solution, which is required in any unconventional play assessment.

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