





Laredo Sugg 171-A Pad GTI HFTS Project

**Microseismic Fracture Mapping** 

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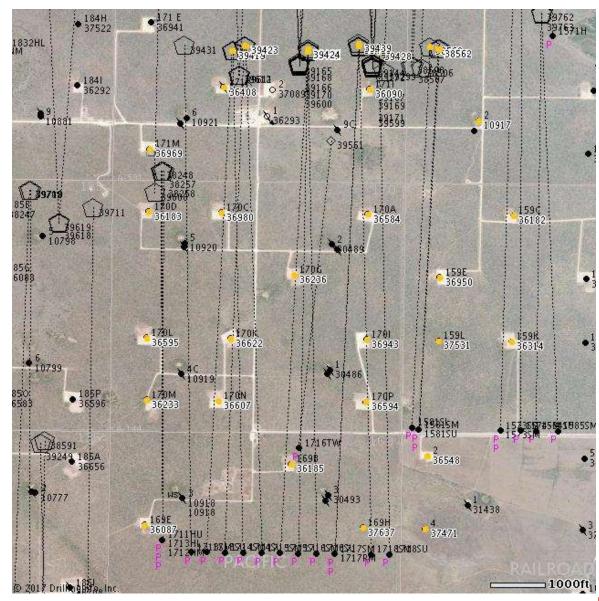
#### Objectives and Setup

- Overall fracture generation:
  - Overall fracture network coverage (entire pad).
  - Effective reservoir stimulation coverage resulting from chevron drilled pattern
  - Investigate interaction with large-scale pre-stressed natural features in the area, if any.
  - Fracture geometry (height, length, cluster coverage width, and azimuth)
  - Relative degree of fracture complexity
  - Maximum potential upward fracture growth from downhole microdeformation.
- Determine the relationships between fracture height, half-length and time (i.e., injected volume).
- Investigate stimulation interaction with offset vertical wells.
  - Impact of the refrac of the 158H wells on resulting fracture development of the 8SU
- Investigate the impact of zipper frac completion
  - sequence and timing of adjacent stages
  - impact of completing Upper Wolfcamp wells prior to Middle Wolfcamp
- Examine the impact of completion strategy (number of perf clusters per stage and cluster spacing)
- Examine MSM data relative to the Slant Well (6TW) core intervals (6SU and 6SM)

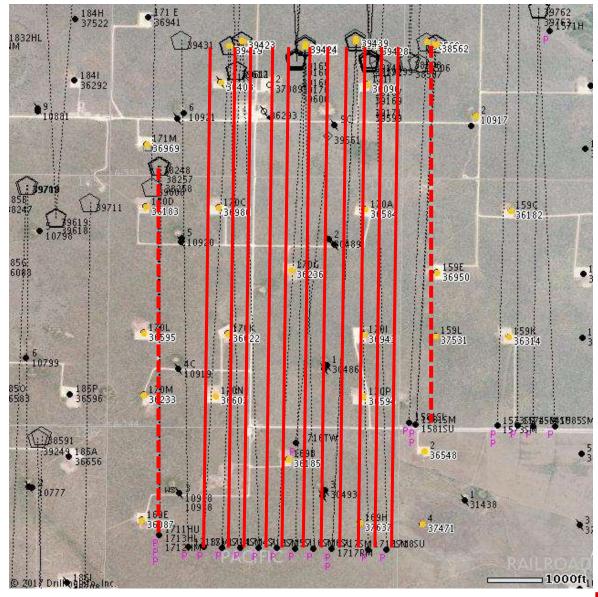
## **Project Setup**

## Map View – Project wells Provious production/depletion in

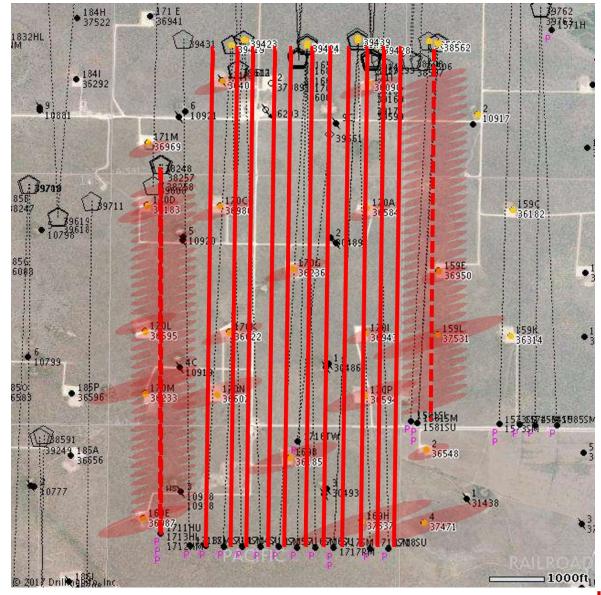
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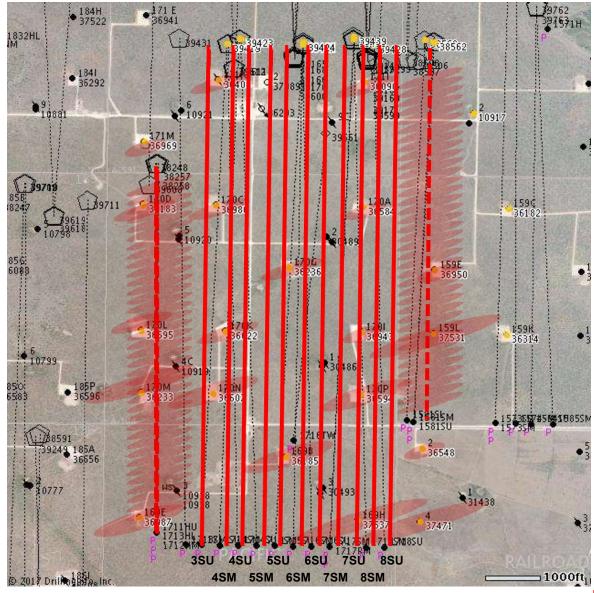
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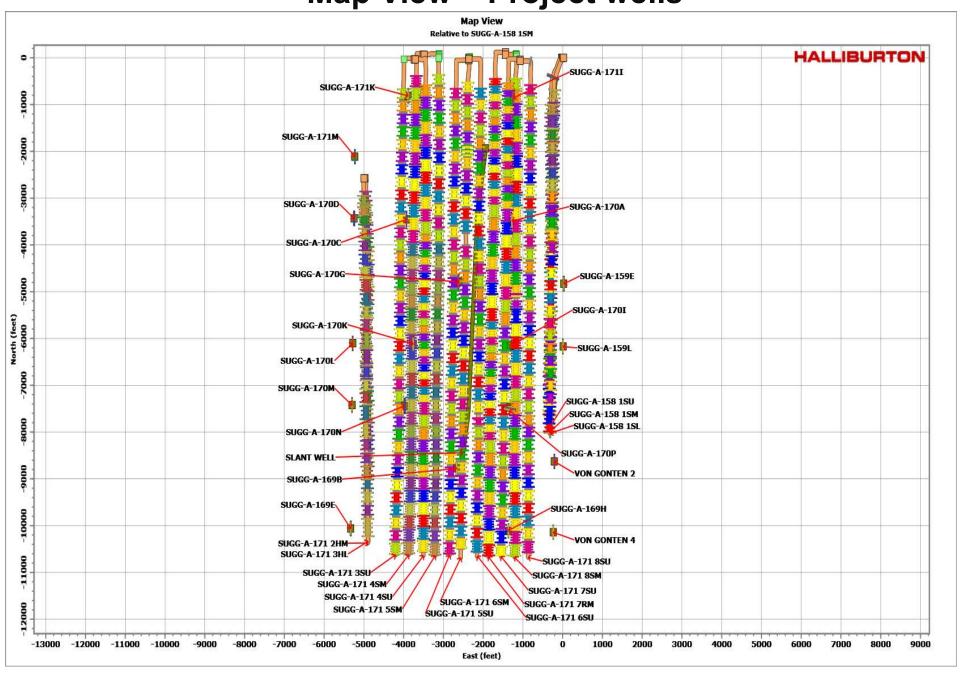
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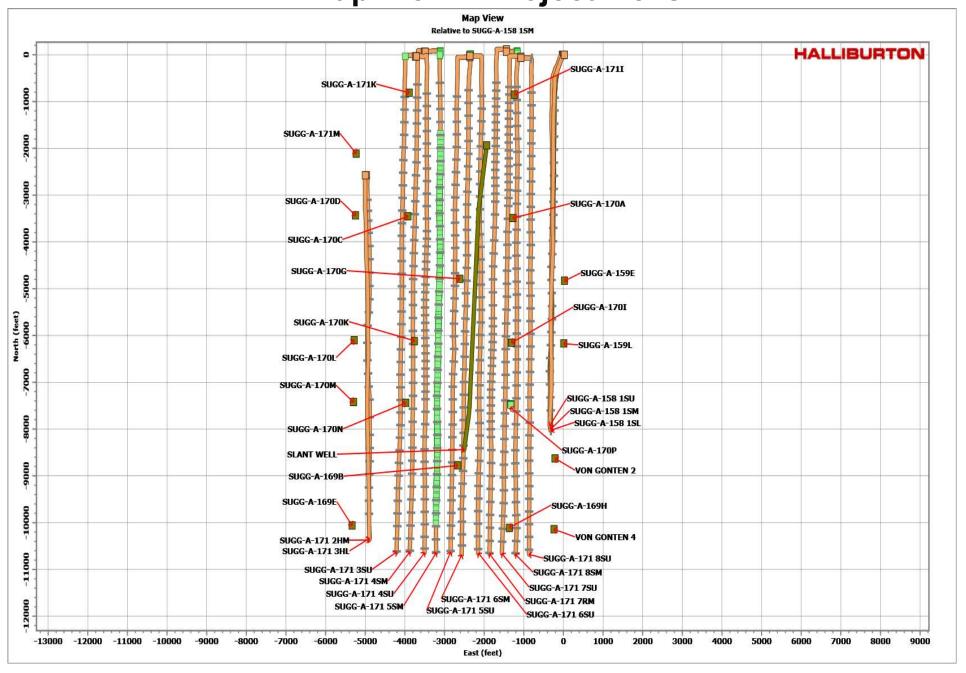
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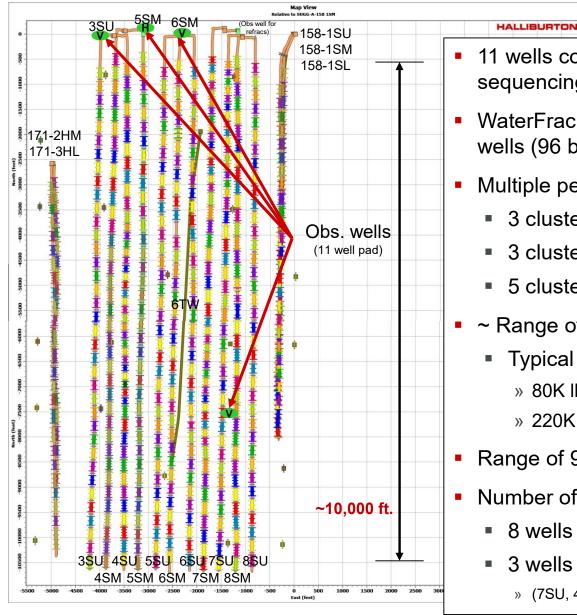
#### Map View - Project wells



#### Sugg A-171 11 well pad setup

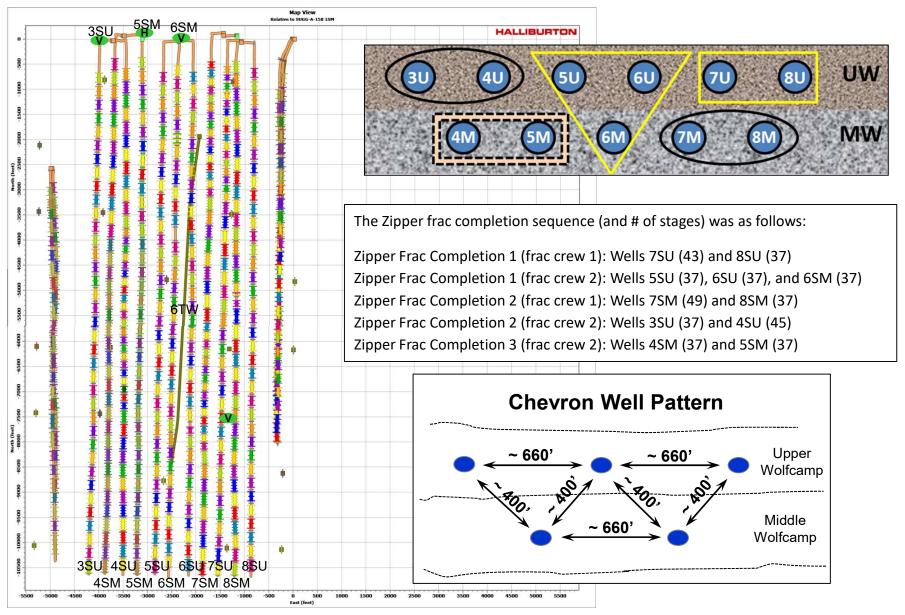
Upper and Middle Wolfcamp Formations

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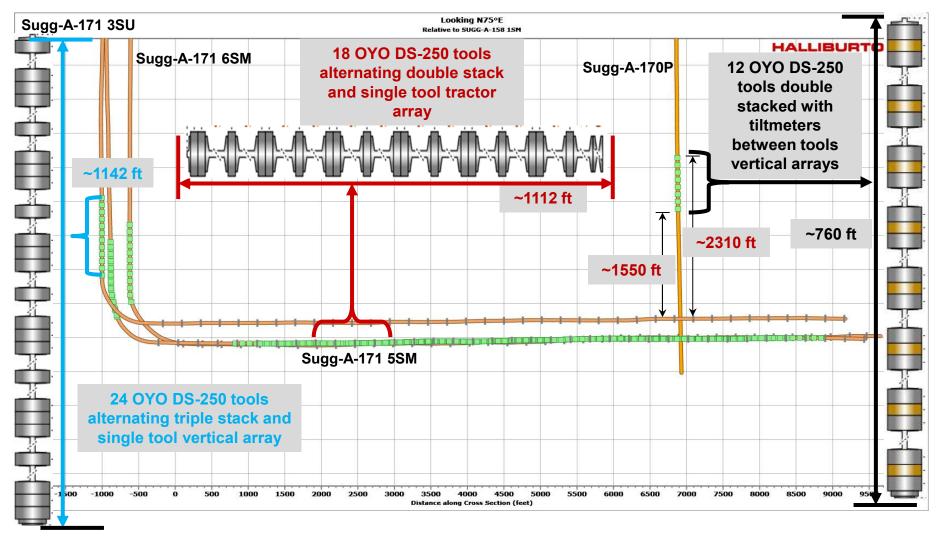


- 11 wells completed using zipper frac sequencing
- WaterFrac completion design used on all wells (96 bpm).
- Multiple perforation schemes utilized
  - 3 clusters, 90' spacing
  - 3 clusters, 53' spacing
  - 5 clusters, 53' spacing
- Range of 1,100 1,800 lb/ft of lateral.
  - Typical 300K lb per stage (most wells).
    - » 80K lb 100-mesh.
    - » 220K 40/70-mesh Ottawa.
- Range of 9,000 15,000 bbls/stage
- Number of frac stages range
  - 8 wells with 37 frac stages
  - 3 wells with 43, 45, and 49 frac stages
    - » (7SU, 4SU, and the 7SM)

#### Sugg A-171 11 well pad – Zipper Frac Sequence

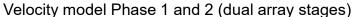


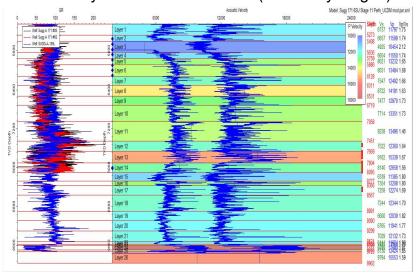
#### Sugg A-171 11 well pad setup



- Downhole microdeformation tiltmeters installed at each level of array in the Sugg-A-170P
  - Distance from Sugg-A-170P geophone array to toe of lateral ~ 3700 ft.
- Horizontal array (~ 1112 ft.) was constantly repositioned to minimize listening distance.

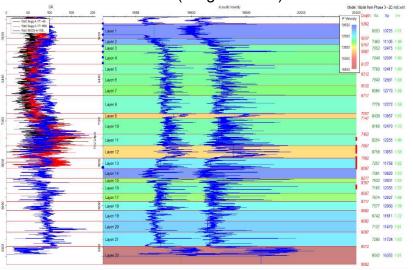
#### **Final Velocity Models**



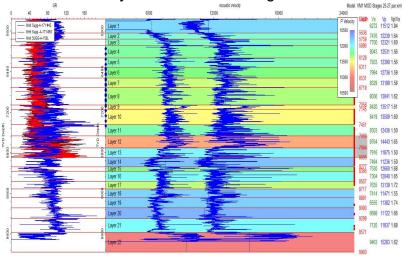


- Phase 1 (5SU, 6SU, 6SM and 8SU, 7SU)
  - Array in 170P (Vertical)
  - Array in 5SM (Horizontal)
- Phase 2 (3SU, 4SU and 8SM, 7RM)
  - Array in 170P (Vertical)
  - Array in 5SM (Horizontal and Vertical)
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#### Velocity model Phase 2 (Single array stages) and Phase 3 (Stages 28-37)



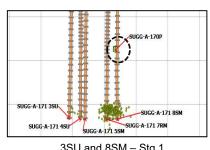
#### Velocity model Phase 3 Stages 25-27

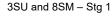


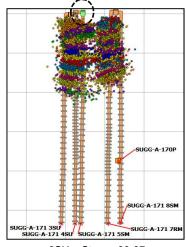
#### Summary of Geophone Array and relative Treatment Well

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- 3SU and 8SM Stage 1
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- 3SU Stages 33-37
- 4SU Stages 31-46
- 7RM Stages 31-49
  - Array in 5SM (Vertical)



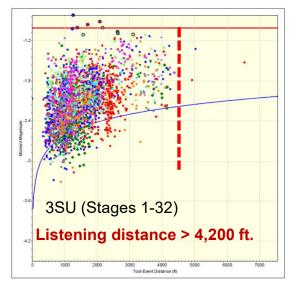


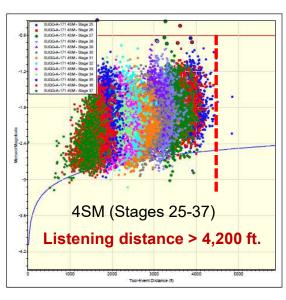


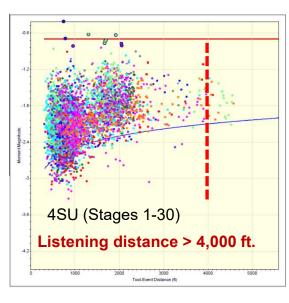
3SU - Stages 33-37 4SU – Stages 31-46

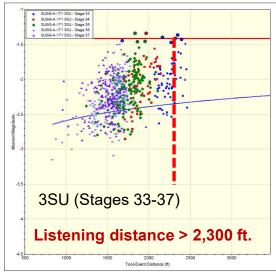
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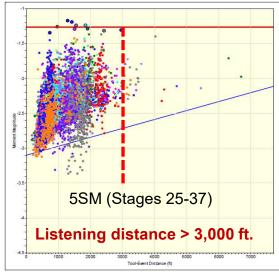
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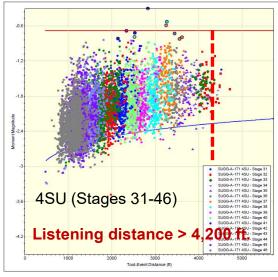




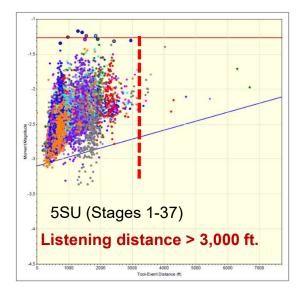


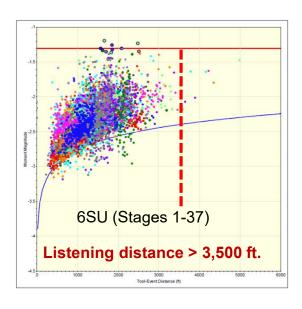


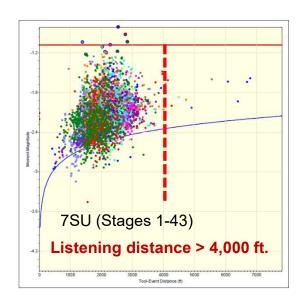


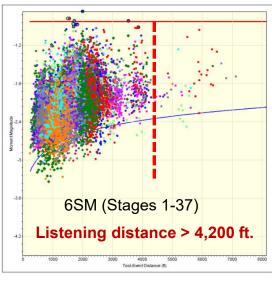


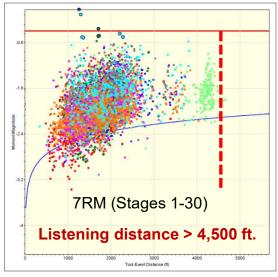
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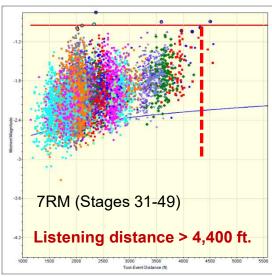




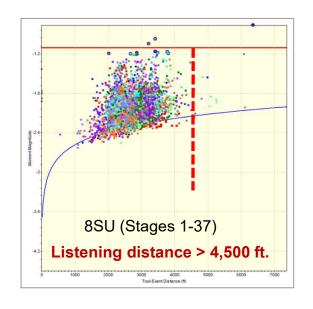


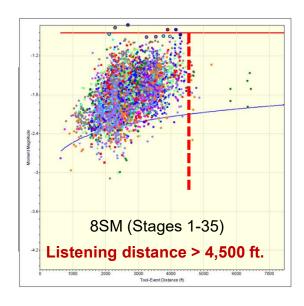


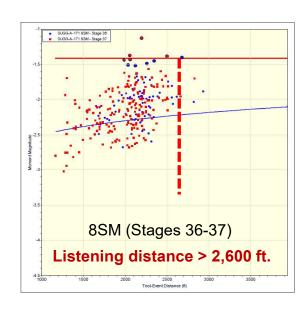




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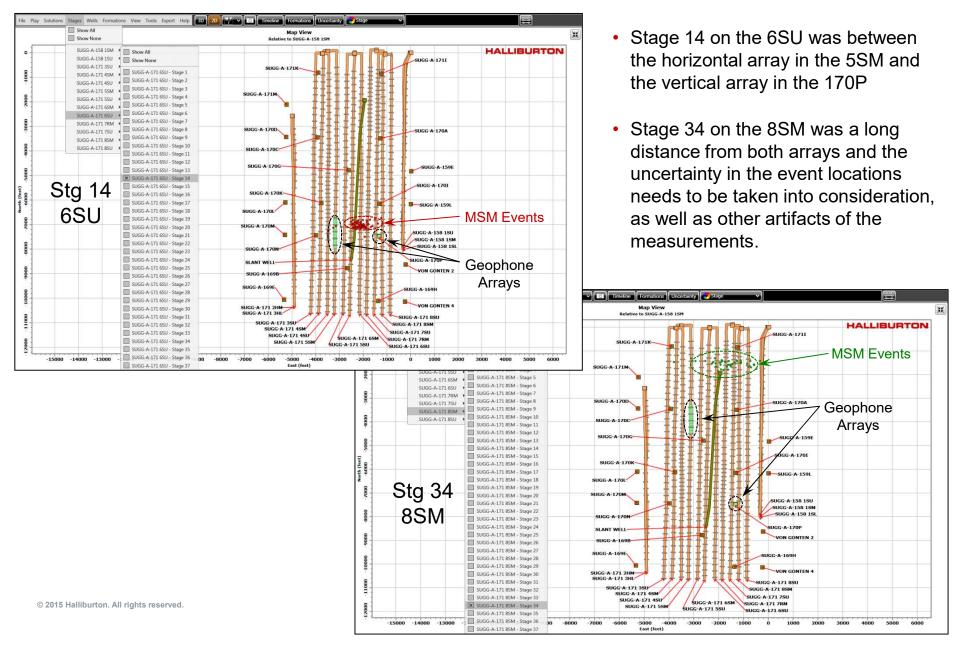




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#### Consider other artifacts of the microseismic measurement Example: location (distance) of geophones



#### **Results and Conclusions**

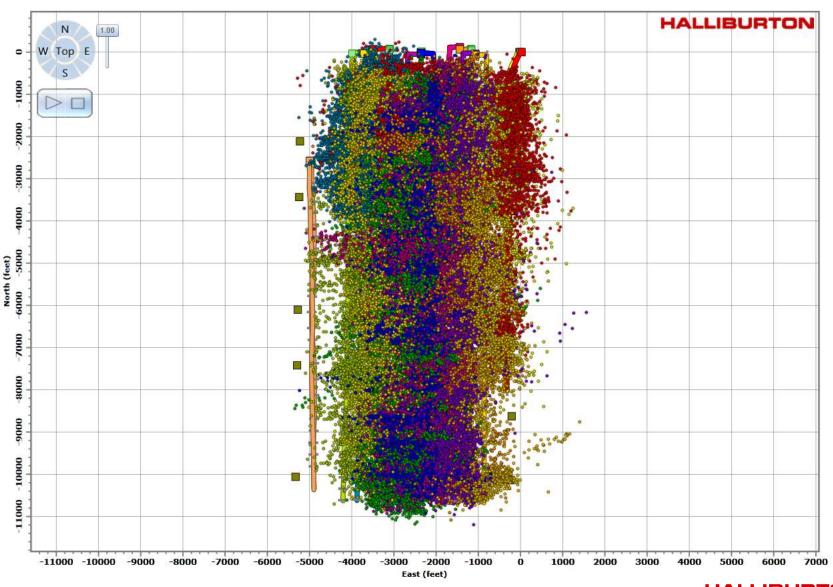
#### Main Results and Conclusions

- Fracture geometry relatively consistent for all 11 wells, some localized differences may exist (offset production, interaction with previous fracs, etc.).
- Primary azimuth N76°E, secondary azimuth N46°W.
  - Moderate overall degree of complexity
  - Additional exposed surface area in secondary direction likely achieved.
- Additional fracture complexity possibly the result of back-to-back completions (zipper frac) and stress-shadowing effects (fracture leak-off time (long) > time between well stimulation).
  - Minimal far-field fracture simplification, constructive interaction between stimulations.
  - Fractures in lower Wolfcamp relatively contained due to upper Wolfcamp completions.
  - Growth into upper section of the lower Wolfcamp was minimal but potentially propped.
- Mostly symmetric or slightly asymmetric fracture growth (due to vertical offset production).
- Hydraulic fracture half-length typically 555 to 1,090 ft along primary fracture azimuth with an average half-length of 830 ft.
- Average total hydraulic fracture height of ~1,000 ft in the upper Wolfcamp and ~860 ft, the middle Wolfcamp
- Lower Spraberry formation appears to have been penetrated in most upper Wolfcamp completion stages, but not likely propped due to low fluid viscosity (Stokes Law).

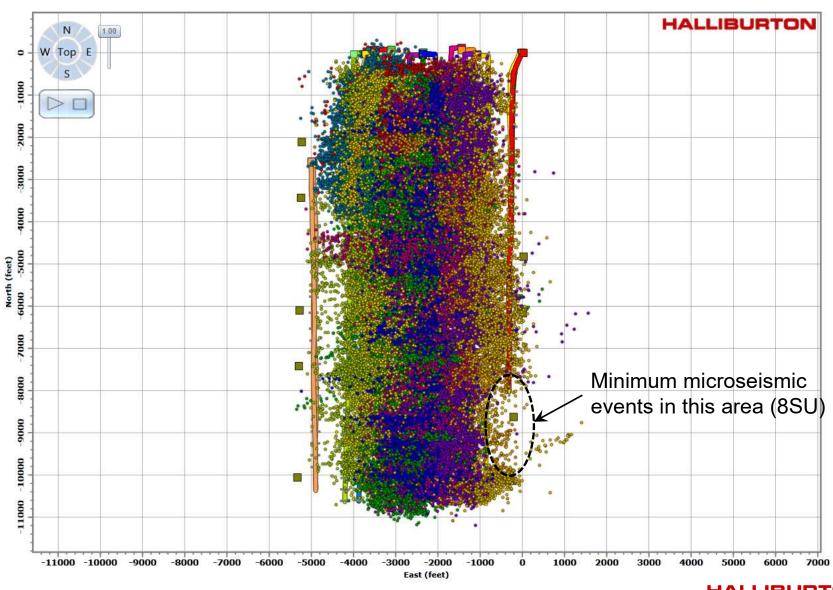
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- Timing between completion sequencing doesn't seem to make a difference (from microseismic data).
  - Events appear similar if the completion.....
    - starts with alternating between wells (zipper technique)
    - starts by pumping the first 5 stages on one well and then begin alternating stages (zipper technique)
- The optimum number of perf clusters per stage and cluster spacing was indeterminate, based on only the microseismic data.
  - Difficult to establish a base line for the design of experiment.
  - Artifacts of the microseismic measurements
  - Completion Interval variations (Upper and Lower Wolfcamp)
  - Completion Sequences
  - No near-wellbore diagnostics available (i.e., DTS, DAS, etc.)

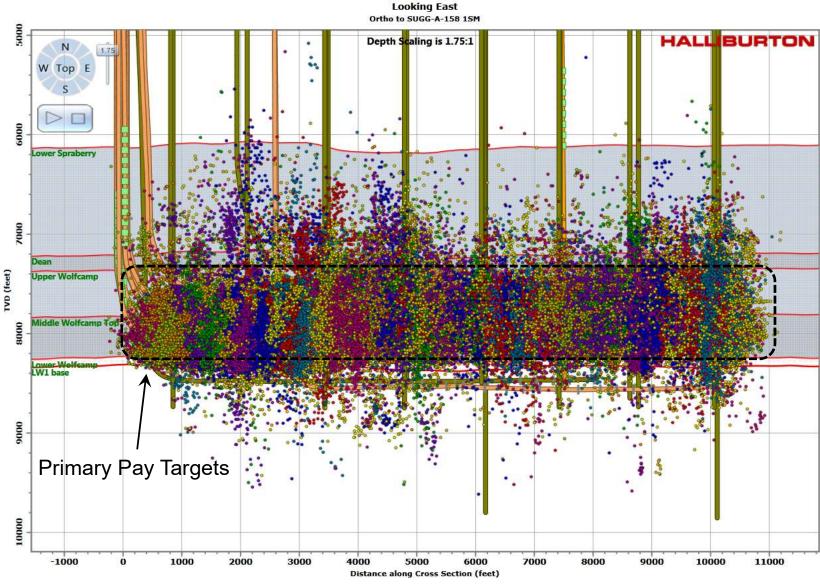
# Sugg 171-A Pad and Sugg 158 Refracs overall fracture coverage



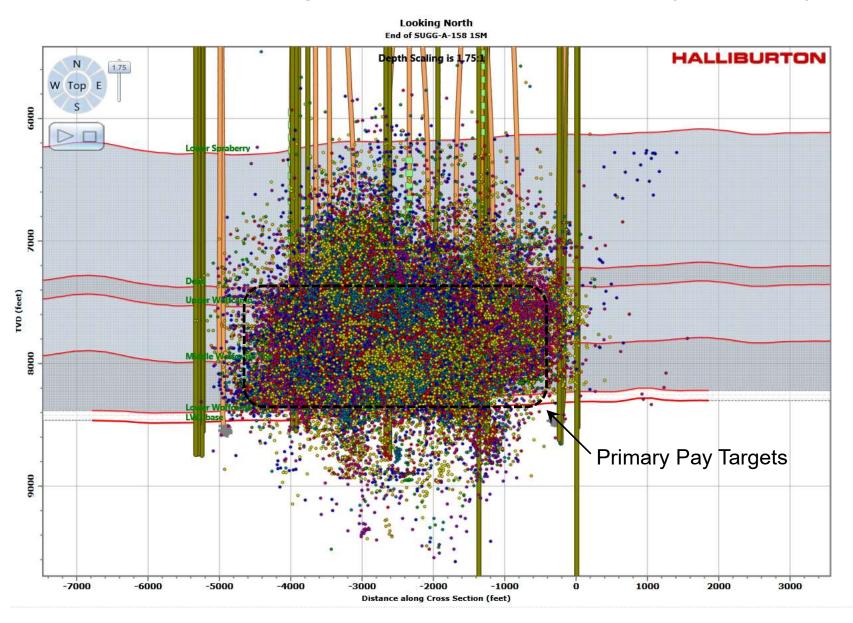
# Sugg 171-A Pad Only (no Refracs) overall fracture coverage



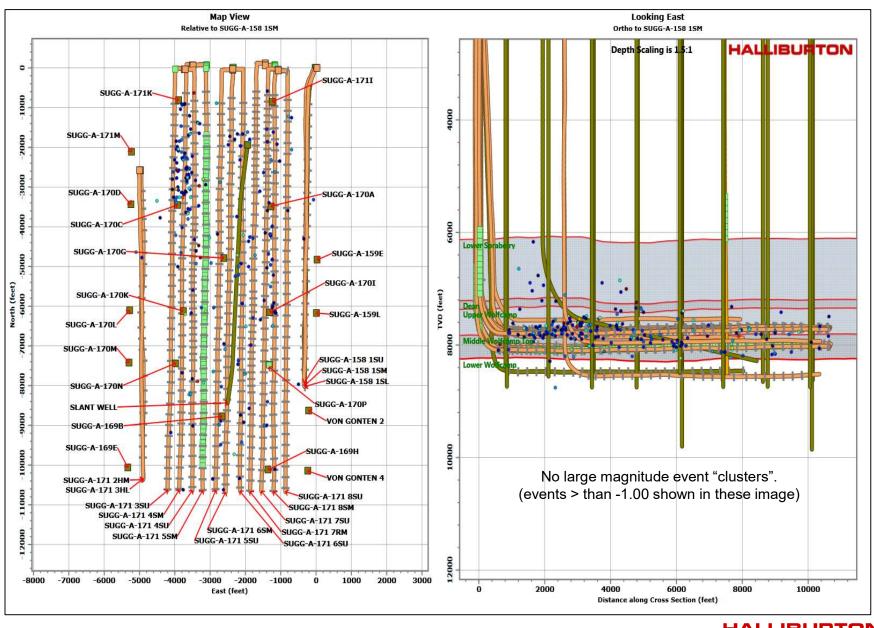
#### Sugg 171-A Pad - overall fracture coverage (side view)



## Reservoir coverage - Chevron Drill pattern (end view)

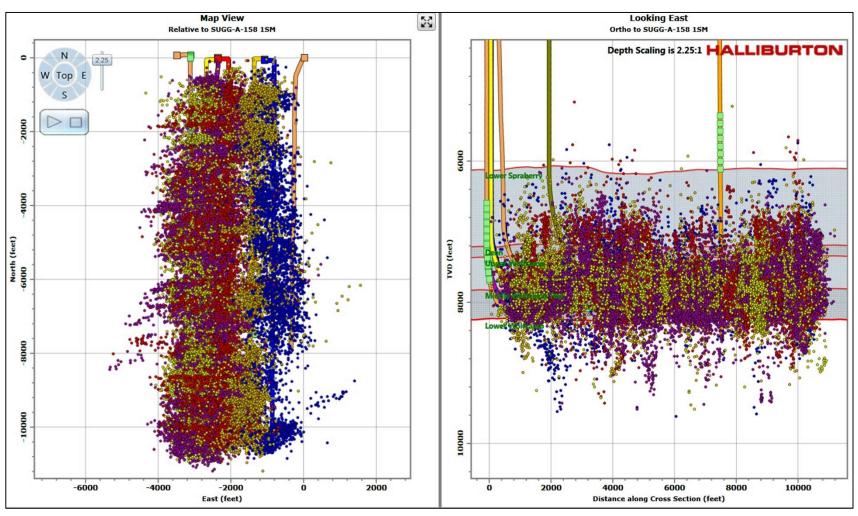


#### Large Scale pre-stressed natural features – none seen



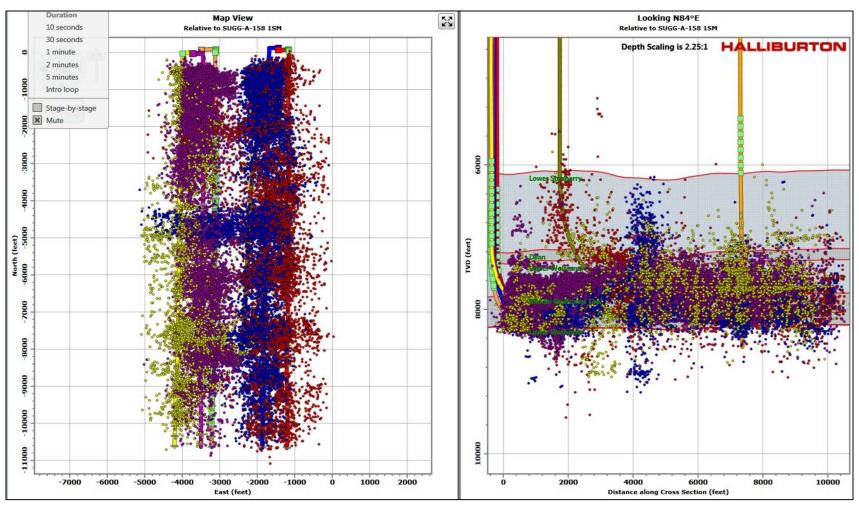
#### Video – Phase 1 - Each stage colored by treatment well (5)





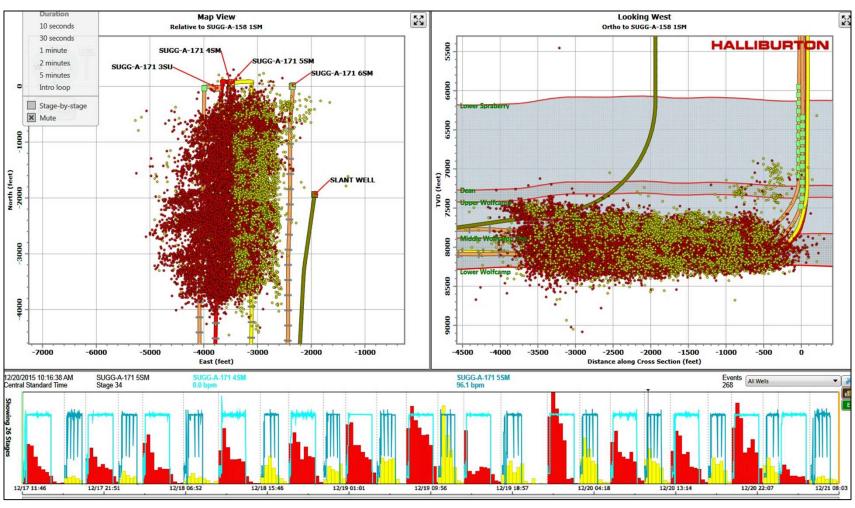
#### Video – Phase 2 - Each stage colored by treatment well (4)





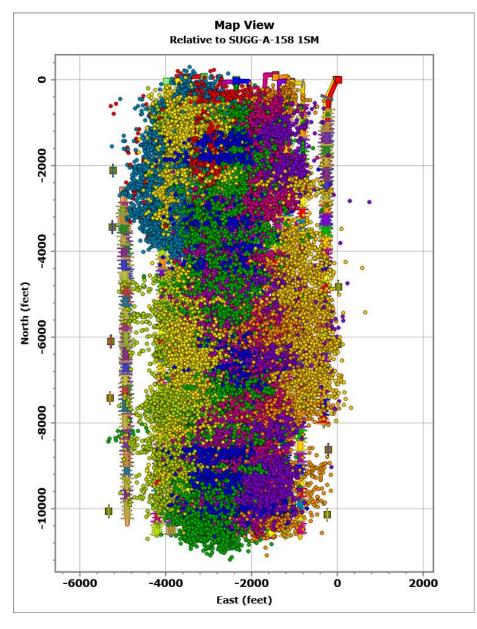
#### Video – Phase 3 - Each stage colored by treatment well (2)





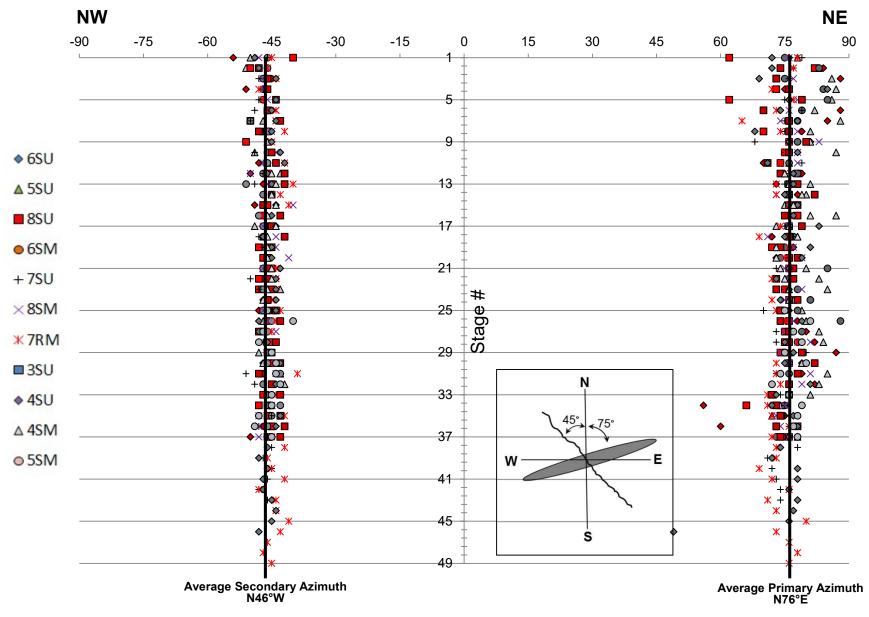
Fracture Geometry and Relative degree of Complexity:

#### Representative Stages of Typical Fracture Geometry

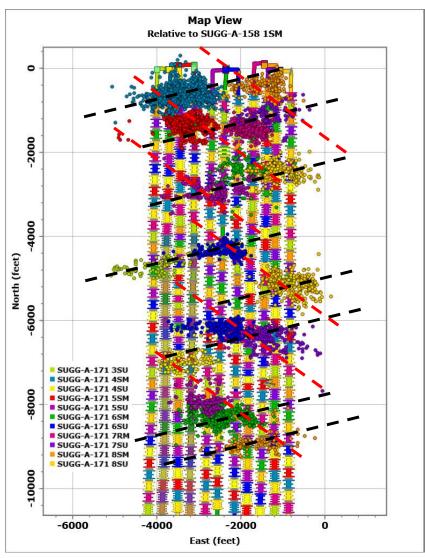


- Approximately half of the stages have valid data and are representative of fracture geometry.
- Events from frac stages that were pumped simultaneously and had events that could have been assigned to either stage were not included in typical stage measurements
- Most stages seem to interact with recent stimulation of adjacent lateral.
  - Fluid leak-off time > stimulation of next well in sequence.
- Offset production from vertical and horizontal wells likely affected fracture geometry in stages located near depleted zones.

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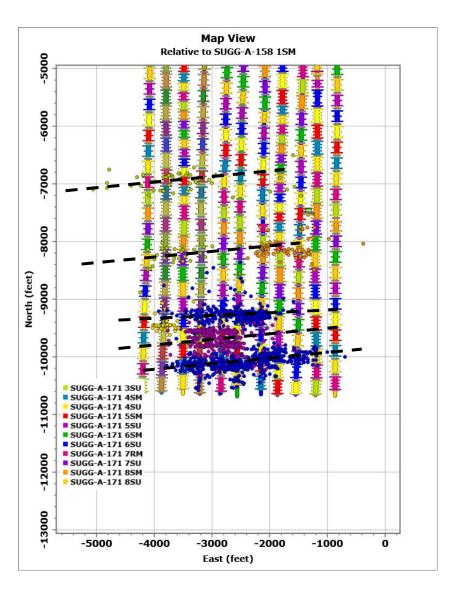
Selected stages for clarity, colored by treatment well

Most stages are deemed to have a moderate degree of complexity.

- Strong evidence of secondary fracture azimuth in most stages, adding complexity.
- Natural fractures likely exist and pressure/stress conditions may allow fluid to access the secondary fractures.
- Conditions for added complexity favor lower  $\mu_f$ .

- Typical primary azimuth ~N76°E.
- Typical secondary azimuth ~N46°W.
  - Strongly present in many stages.

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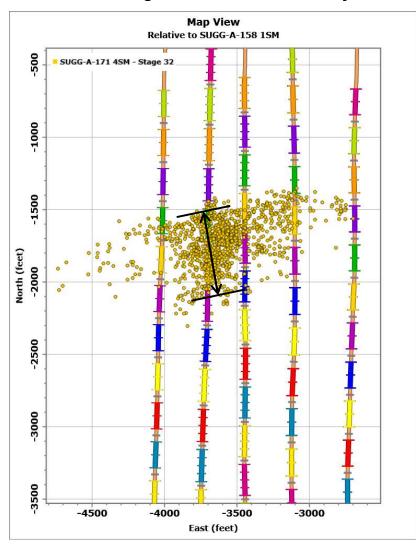


Low Complexity in a some stages.

- Secondary fracture azimuths are absent or not distinguishable
- Primary azimuths during stages with low complexity appear to trend more towards eastwest than stages with moderate complexity

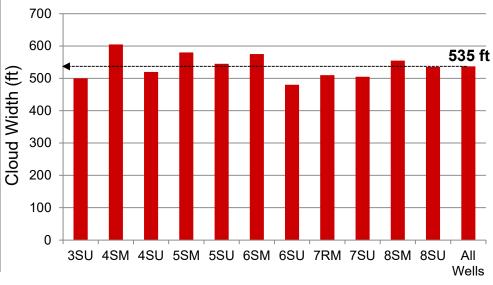
#### Degree of Complexity – Microseismic Cloud Width

#### Selected stage 32 on the 4SM for clarity

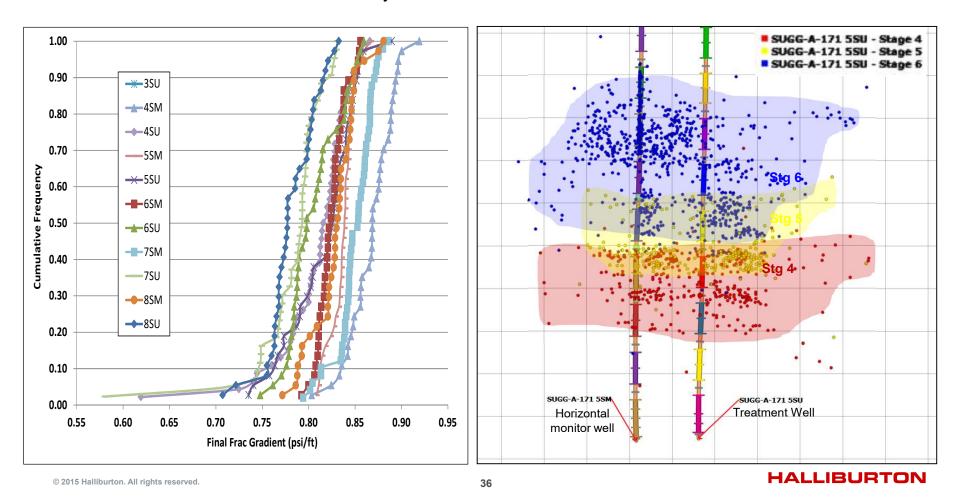


Microseismic Cloud Widths are fairly consistent between wells and average 535 ft.

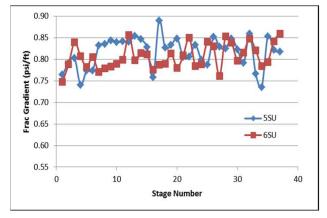
- Wells completed in the Middle Wolfcamp appear to have slightly larger cloud widths than Upper Wolfcamp wells.
- Larger cloud widths in the Middle Wolfcamp may be due to treatment order
- Wider cloud width may be due to additional complexity generation.

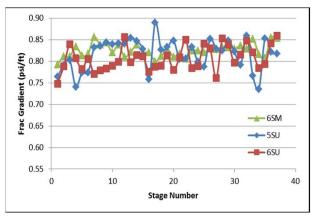


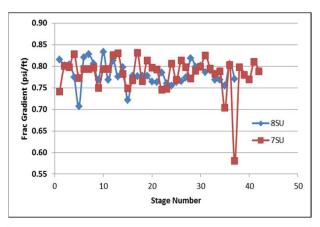
- Final fracture gradients tend to be higher in the middle Wolfcamp than in the upper Wolfcamp.
  - Possibly due to completion sequence (upper Wolfcamp fractured before middle Wolfcamp).
- Some adjacent stages tend to push heelward, away from perforation zone.
  - Possibly due to stress shadowing from previous fractured zone (same wellbore)
  - Connection to natural fracture systems
  - Interaction between offset fracture systems.

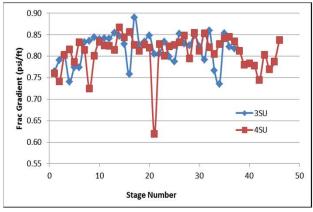


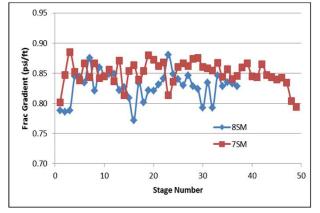
# **Example of Frac Gradient Plots**

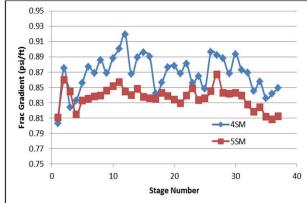




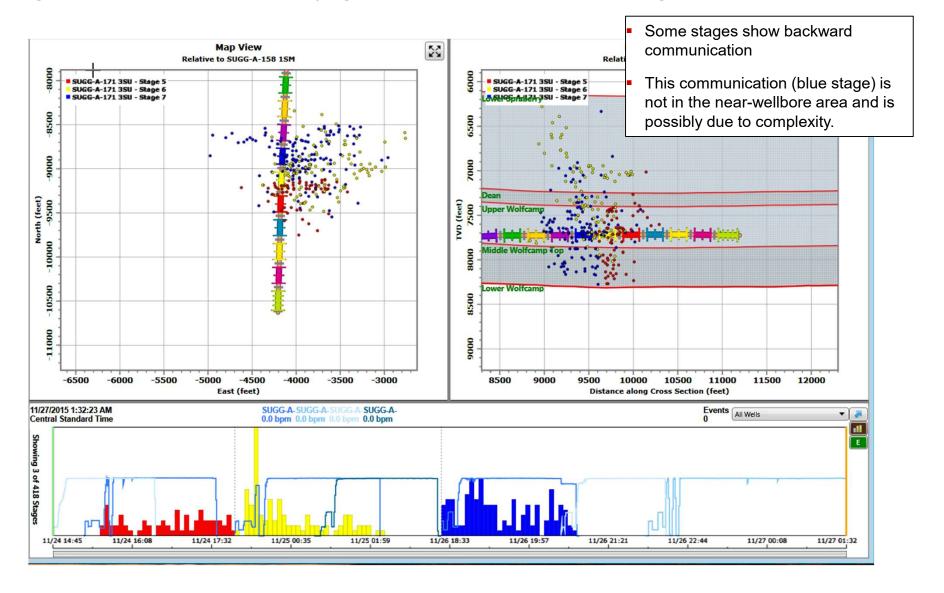






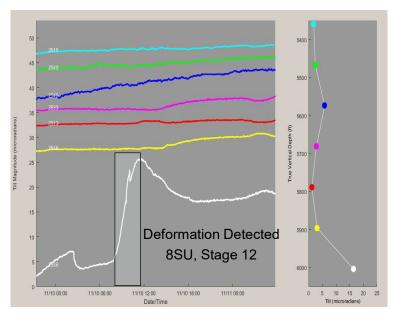


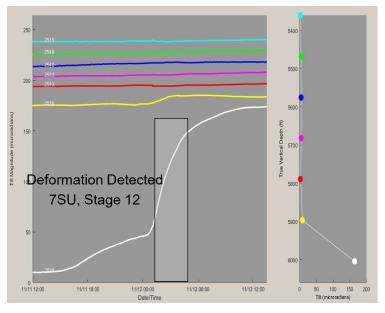
# Stage Isolation was very good between frac stages

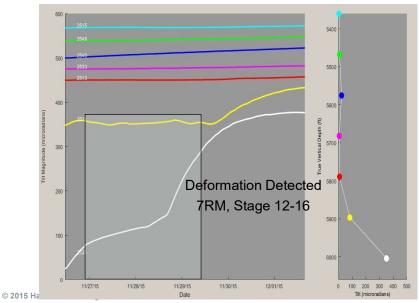


# Microdeformation and Fracture Height Development

#### **Downhole Micro-Deformation Tiltmeters**

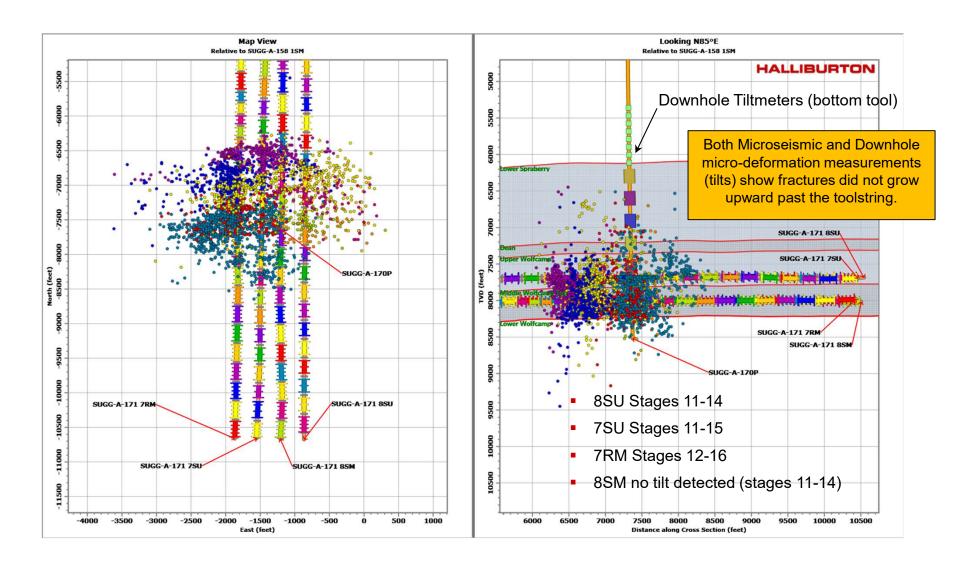






- There were only three times during the completion of the pad that the downhole micro-deformation tiltmeters indicated any type of response.
- The response was only on the lowermost tilt tool (white color in plots) indicating that a fracture was somewhere below the tool array.
- This data confirms that hydraulic fractures did not extend upward past the array in the Sugg-A-170P

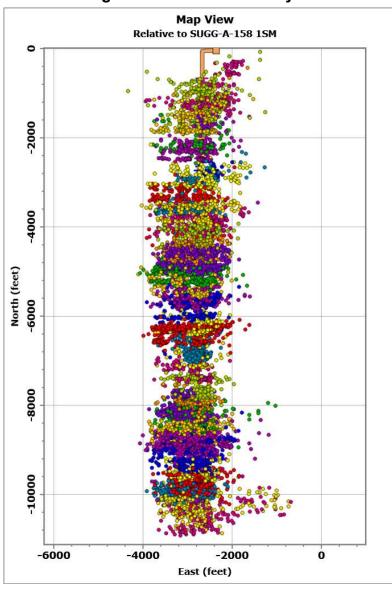
# Downhole Micro-Deformation (Tilt) and Microseismic



# Fracture Half-Length and Symmetry/Asymmetry

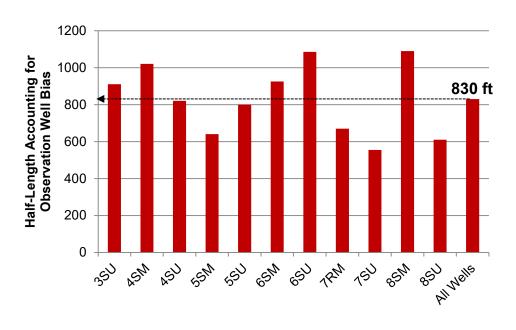
## Fracture Extension – Symmetry/Asymmetry

#### Selected stages on the 5SU for clarity

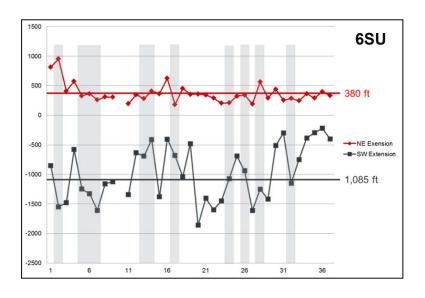


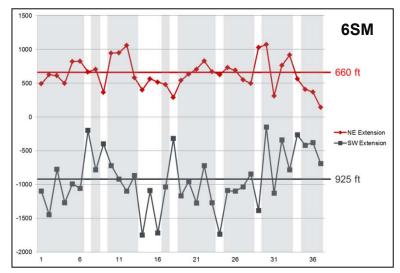
Fractures appear asymmetric on most stages, likely due to observation well bias.

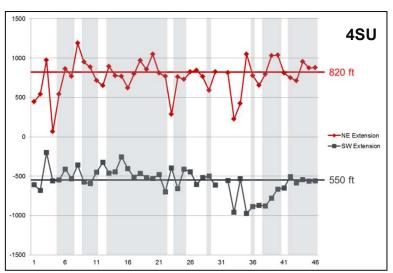
- Each well shows asymmetric growth towards the horizontal observation well
- Treatment order did not appear to affect observed half-length
- Average half-lengths varied

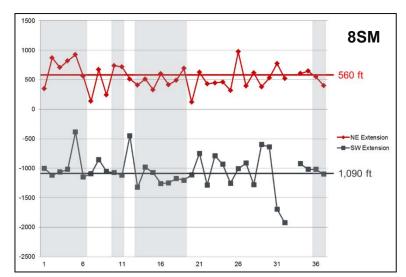


# Fracture Extension – Examples Symmetry/Asymmetry



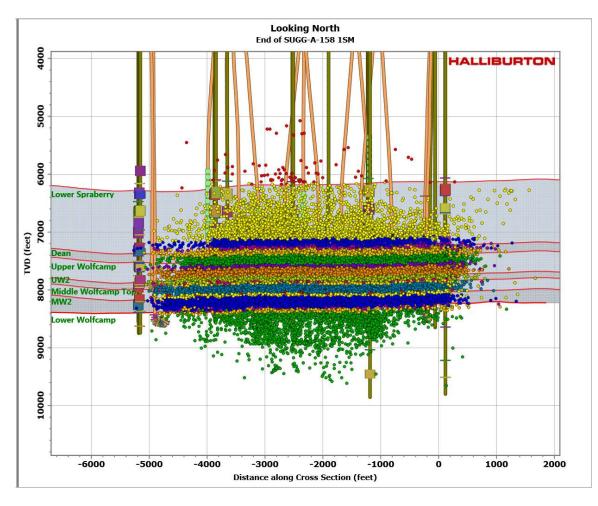




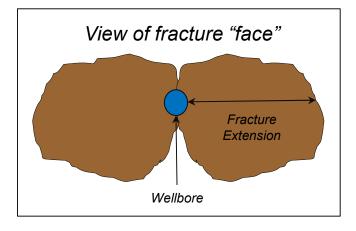


Representative Stages

## Fracture Extension – Events colored by formation (end view)

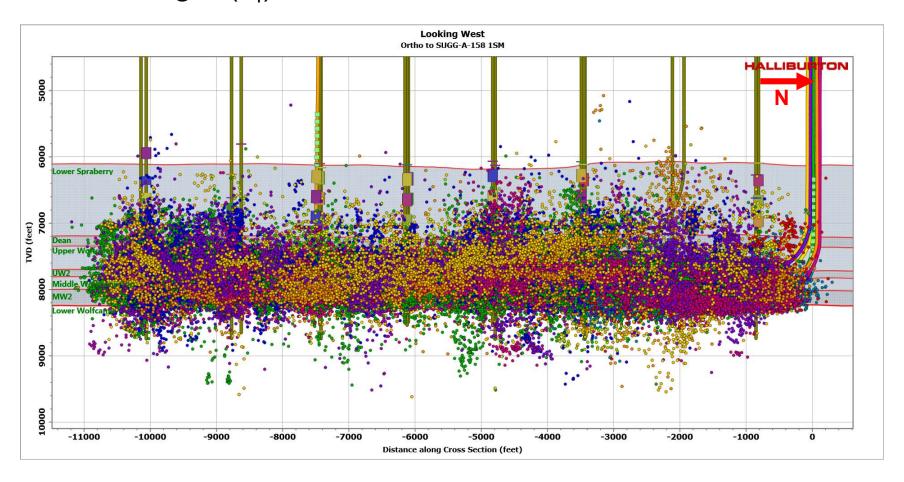


- Similar extension observed from the top of the Dean formation to bottom of the MW2
- Decreased extension within the upper portion of the Lower Spraberry and the Lower Wolfcamp



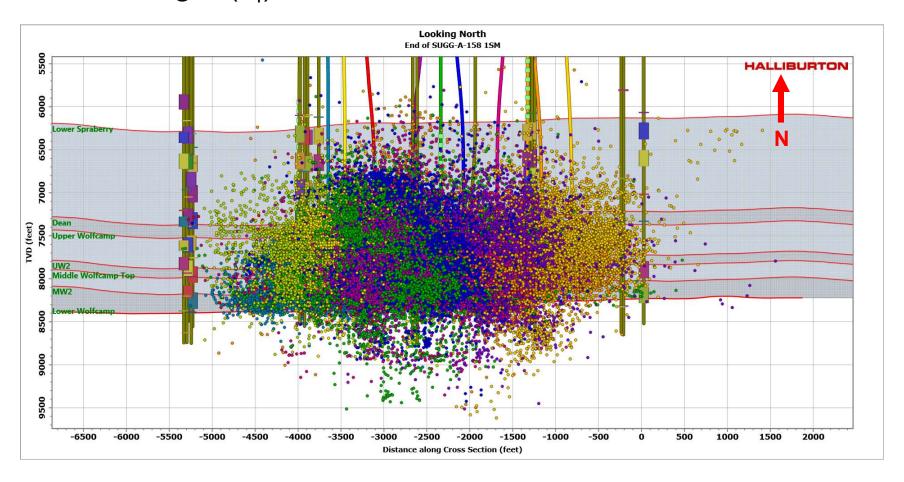
# Fracture Height

## Fracture Height (h<sub>f</sub>) – All Wells – Side View



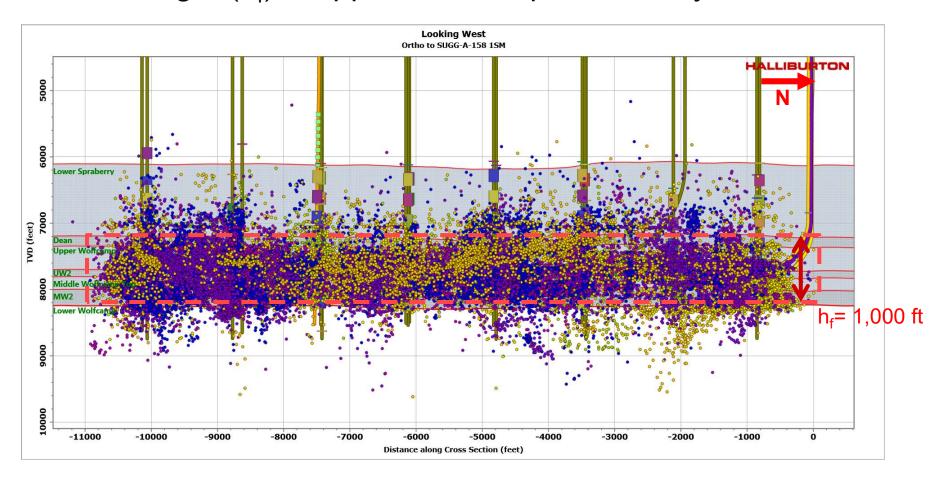
- Complete coverage from the top of the Dean to the top of the Lower Wolfcamp.
- Additional upward growth into Lower Spraberry, but <u>not likely propped</u> (due to low fluid viscosity).
- Growth into upper portion of the Lower Wolfcamp occurred and it is likely propped.

## Fracture Height (h<sub>f</sub>) – All Wells – End View



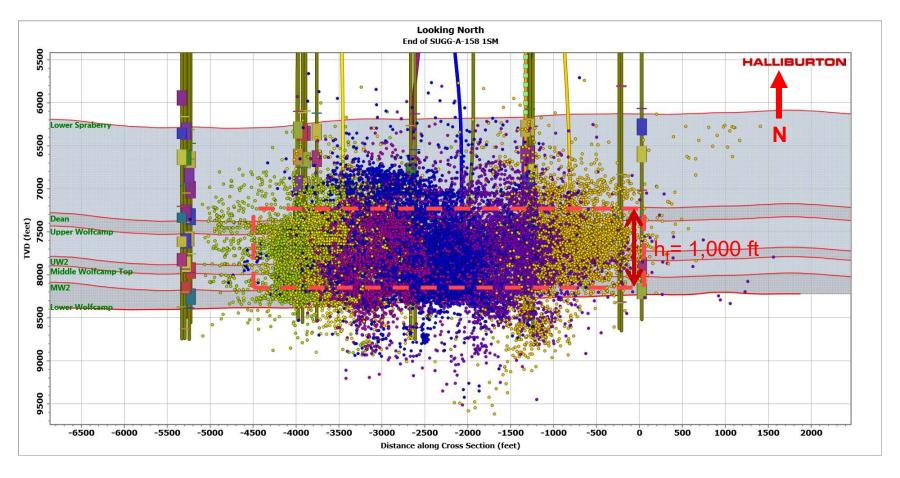
- Complete coverage from the top of the Dean to the top of the Lower Wolfcamp.
- Additional upward growth into Lower Spraberry, but <u>not likely propped</u> (due to low fluid viscosity).
- Growth into upper portion of the Lower Wolfcamp occurred and it is likely propped.

# Fracture Height (h<sub>f</sub>) – Upper Wolfcamp Wells Only



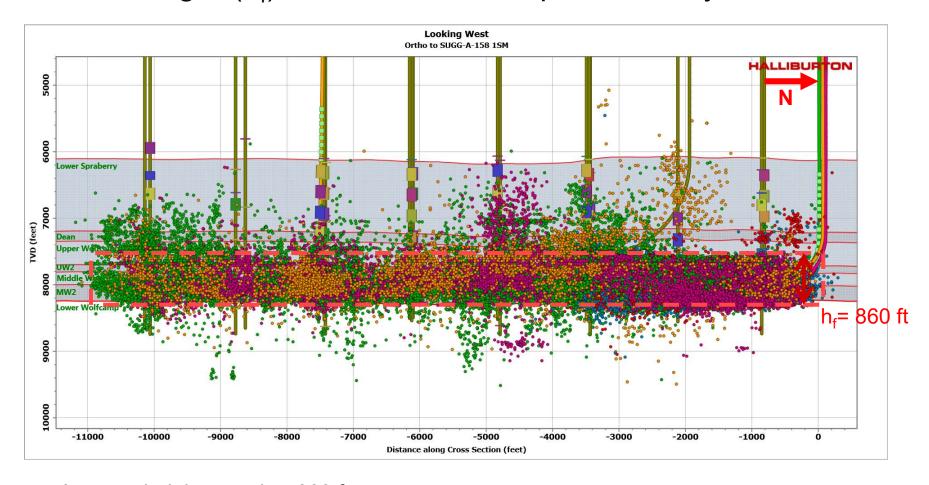
- Average height growth = 1,000 ft
  - Average upward growth = 525 ft
  - Average downward growth = 475 ft
- Average growth calculated from representative stages from each SU well

# Fracture Height (h<sub>f</sub>) – Upper Wolfcamp Wells Only



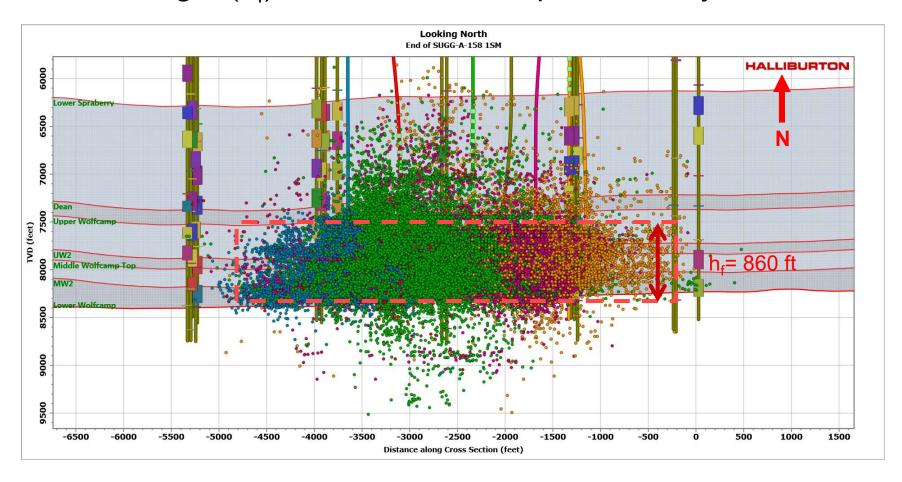
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- Average growth calculated from representative stages from each SU well

# Fracture Height (h<sub>f</sub>) – Middle Wolfcamp Wells Only



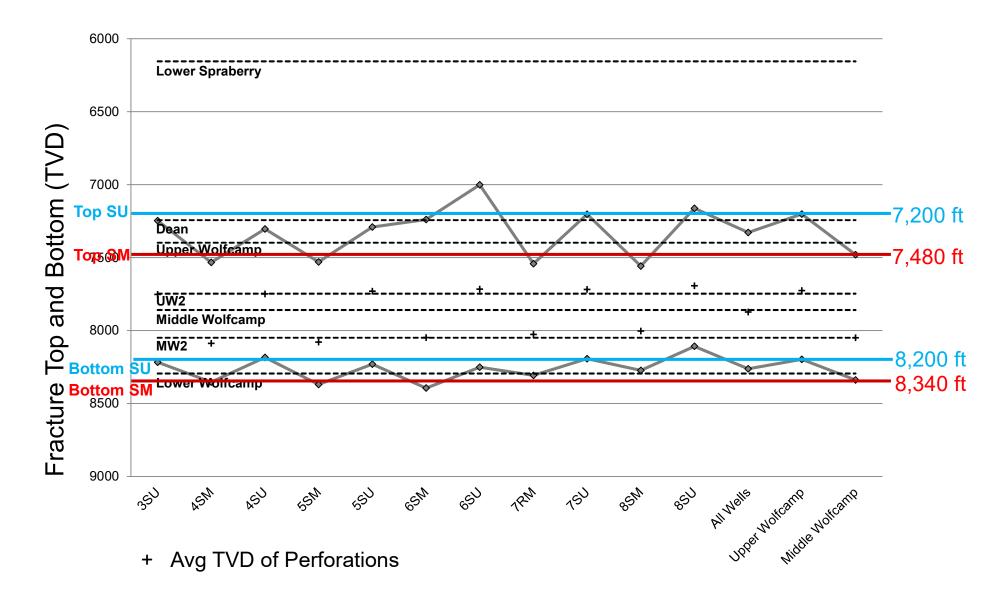
- Average height growth = 860 ft
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  - Average downward growth = 290 ft
- Average growth calculated from representative stages from each SM well

# Fracture Height (h<sub>f</sub>) – Middle Wolfcamp Wells Only

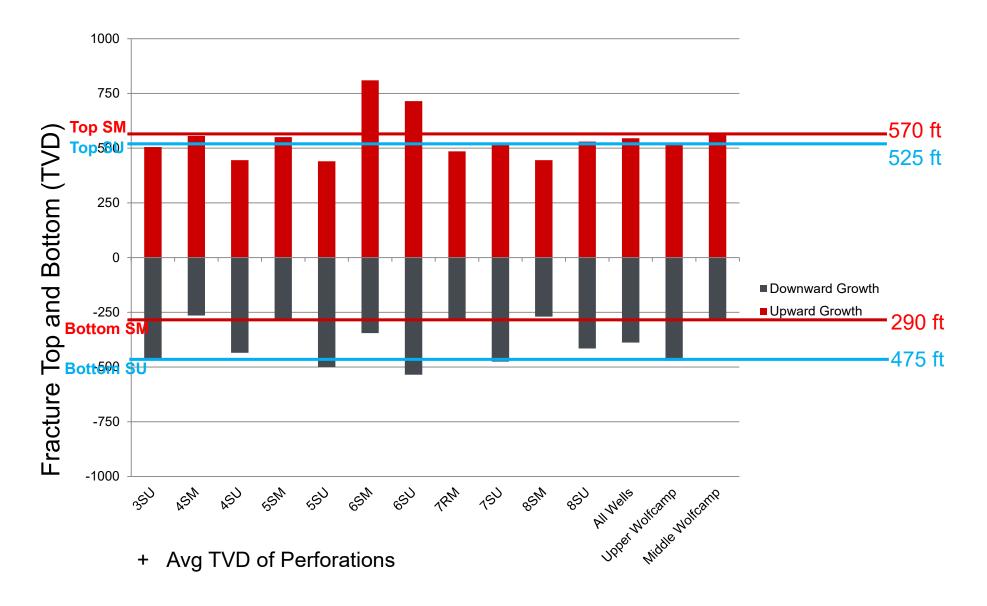


- Average height growth = 860 ft
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- Average growth calculated from representative stages from each SM well

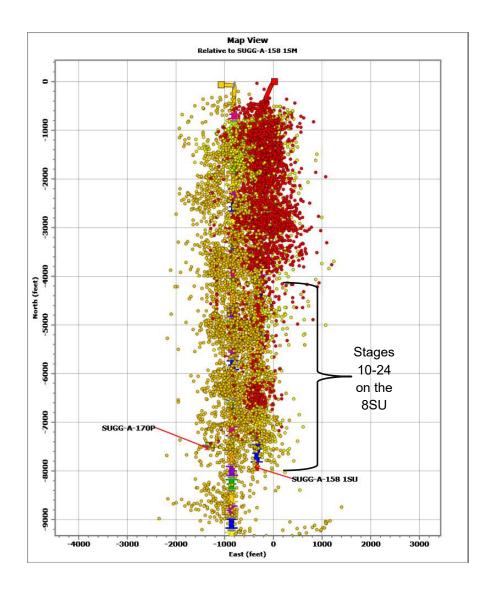
## Fracture Height (h<sub>f</sub>) – Top and Bottom Events – All Wells



# Fracture Height (h<sub>f</sub>) – Height Growth – All Wells



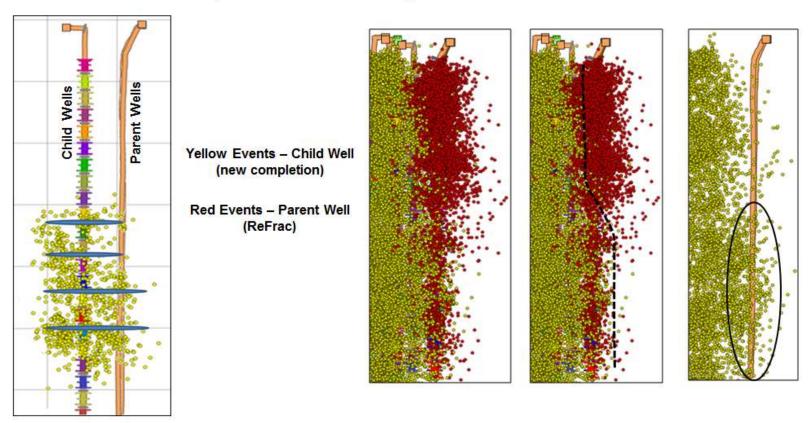
#### Fracture Extension – 8SU and offset 158-SU refrac well



- Longer fracture extension to the northeast observed during stage 10 through 24 of the 8SU well, possibly due to depletion effects from the 158-SU.
- Root cause of apparent asymmetry is probably due to reduced stress from reservoir depletion from the offset horizontal wells.
- Apparent asymmetry is believed to be be real and not caused by artifacts of measurement.
  - Processing methodology was reviewed and no evident issues were found.

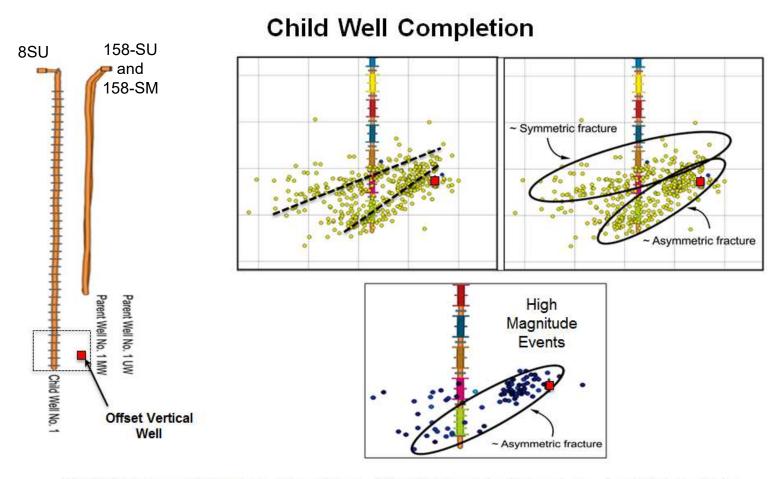
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#### Asymmetric and Symmetric Fractures



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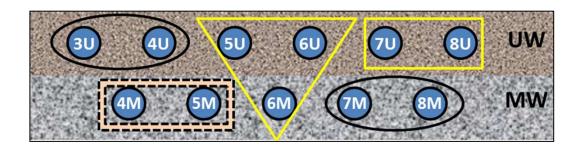
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# 8SU and offset 158-SU refrac well No Overlap Overlap Vertical Producing Well N

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**Asymmetric Frac** 

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# Impact of Zipper Frac and Completion Strategy

The Zipper frac completion sequence (and # of stages) was as follows:

Zipper Frac Completion 1 (frac crew 1): Wells 7SU (43) and 8SU (37)

Zipper Frac Completion 1 (frac crew 2): Wells 5SU (37), 6SU (37), and 6SM (37)

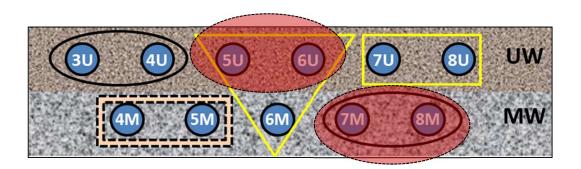
Zipper Frac Completion 2 (frac crew 1): Wells 7SM (49) and 8SM (37)

Zipper Frac Completion 2 (frac crew 2): Wells 3SU (37) and 4SU (45)

Zipper Frac Completion 3 (frac crew 2): Wells 4SM (37) and 5SM (37)

### Sequence and timing of adjacent stages:

- Timing between completion sequencing doesn't seem to make a difference (from microseismic data).
- Events appear similar if the completion.....
  - starts with alternating between wells (zipper technique)
  - starts by pumping the first 5 stages on one well and then begin alternating stages (zipper technique)



The Zipper frac completion sequence (and # of stages) was as follows:

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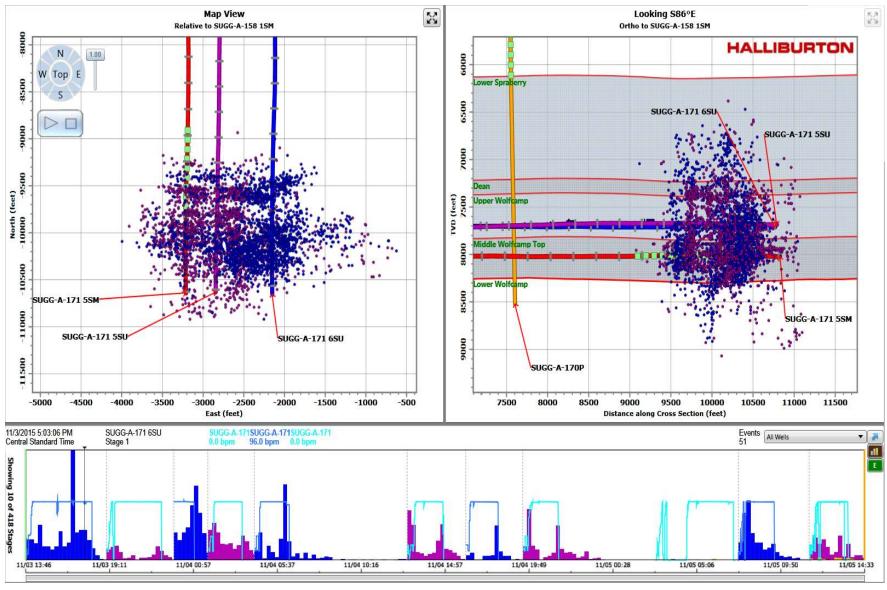
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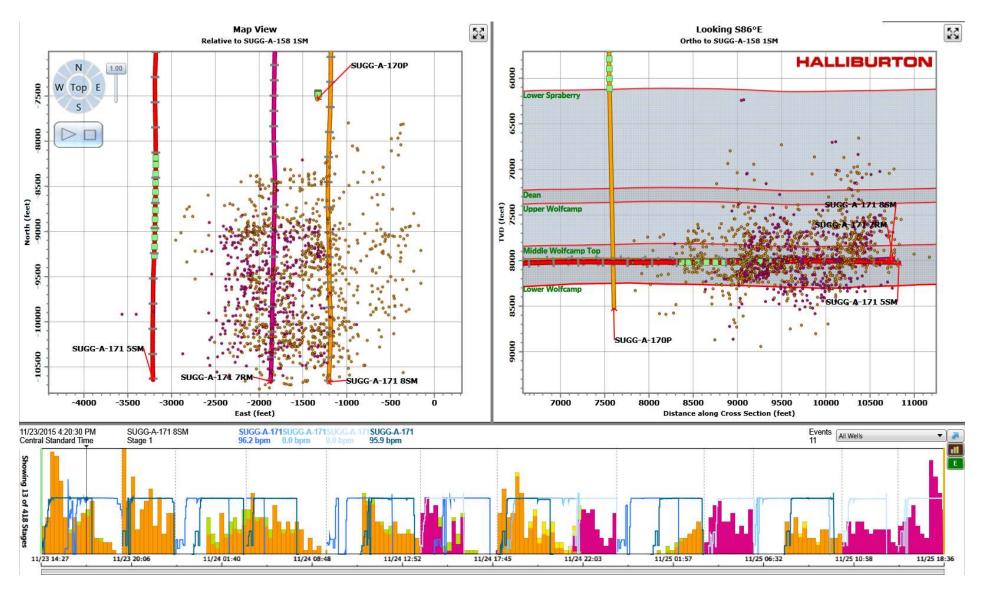
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# Sequence and timing of adjacent stages - 5SU and 6SU (1st 5 stages) - Continuous alternation of stages between wells

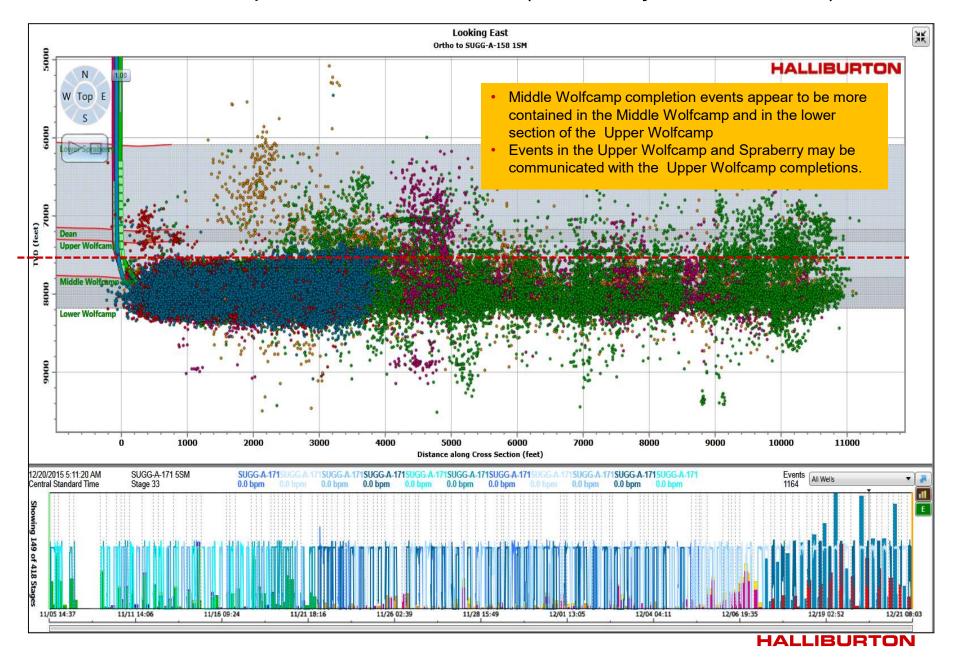


# Sequence and timing of adjacent stages - 7SM and 8SM (1st - 5 stages) - Pump 5 stages on 8SM, then continuous alternation of stages



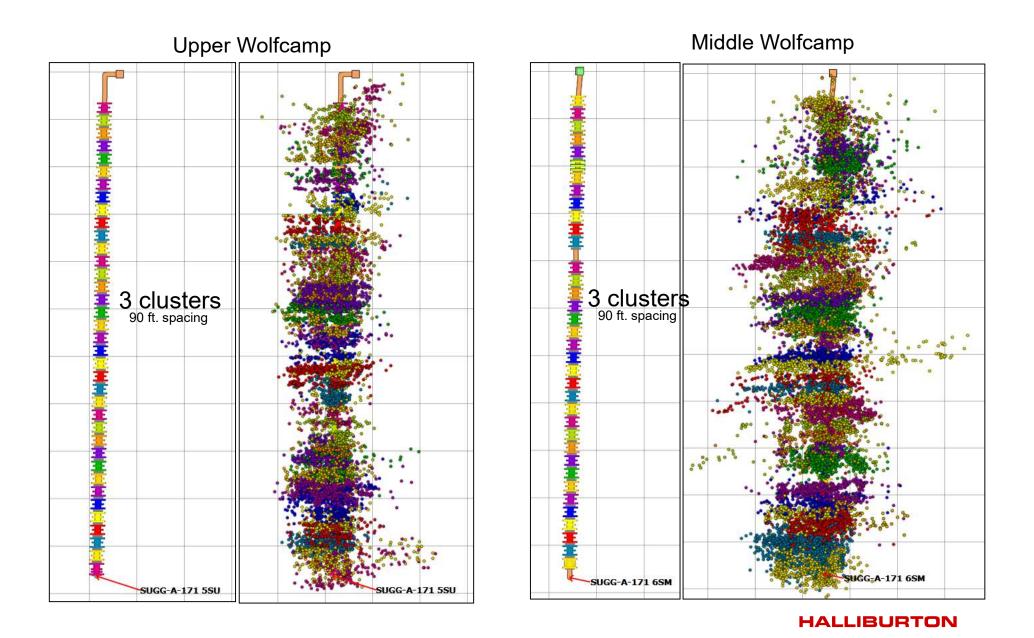
Impact of completing upper Wolfcamp wells prior to middle Wolfcamp

#### All Middle Wolfcamp microseismic events (colored by treatment well)

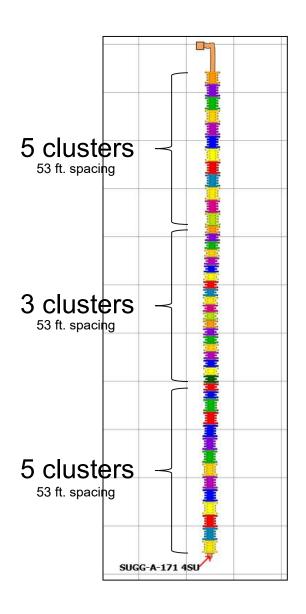


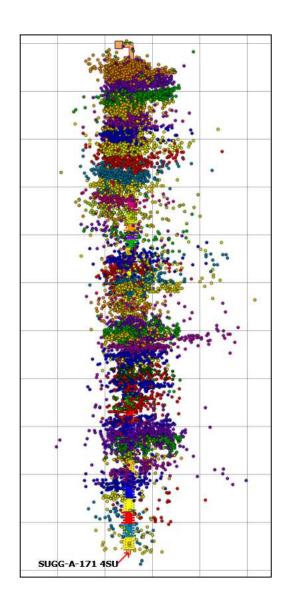
Number of Perf clusters per stage and cluster spacing

## Perf Cluster Spacing – 5SU (37 stages) and 6SM (37 stages)



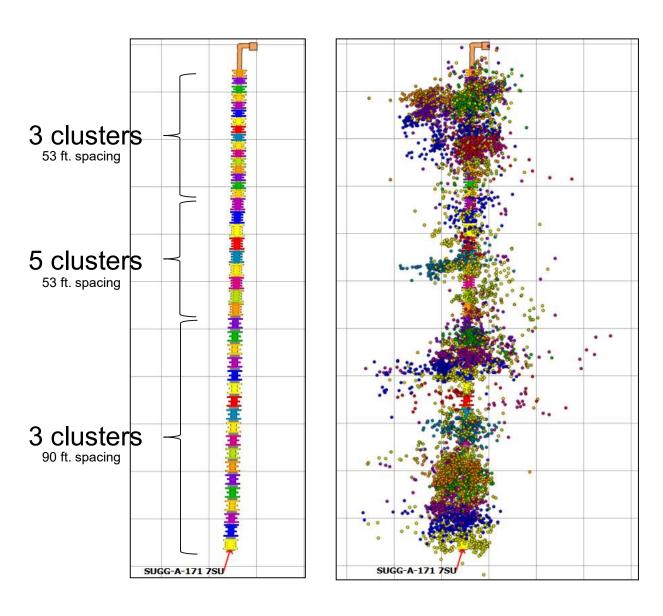
#### Perf Cluster Spacing – 4SU (46 stages)





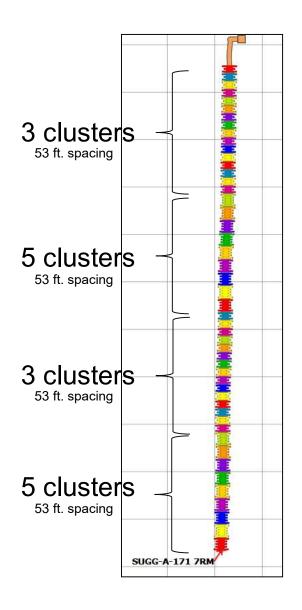
- Doesn't appear to be a difference between the different cluster spacing (from MSM)
- Event clusters may appear otherwise due to the artifacts of the measurement

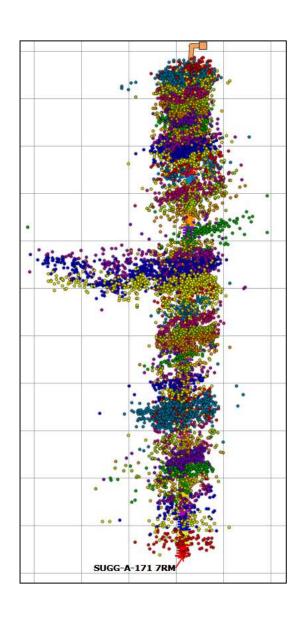
#### Perf Cluster Spacing – 7SU (43 Stages)



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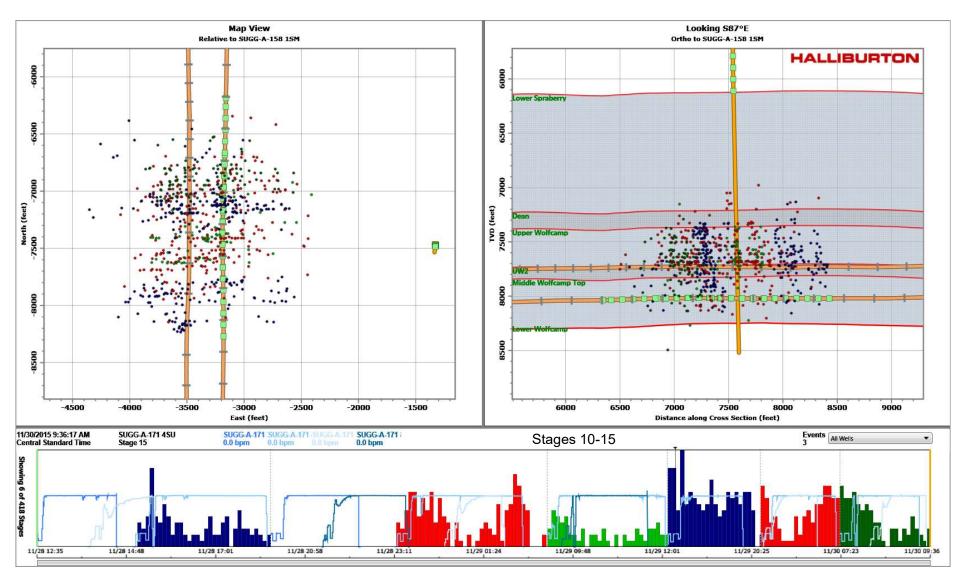
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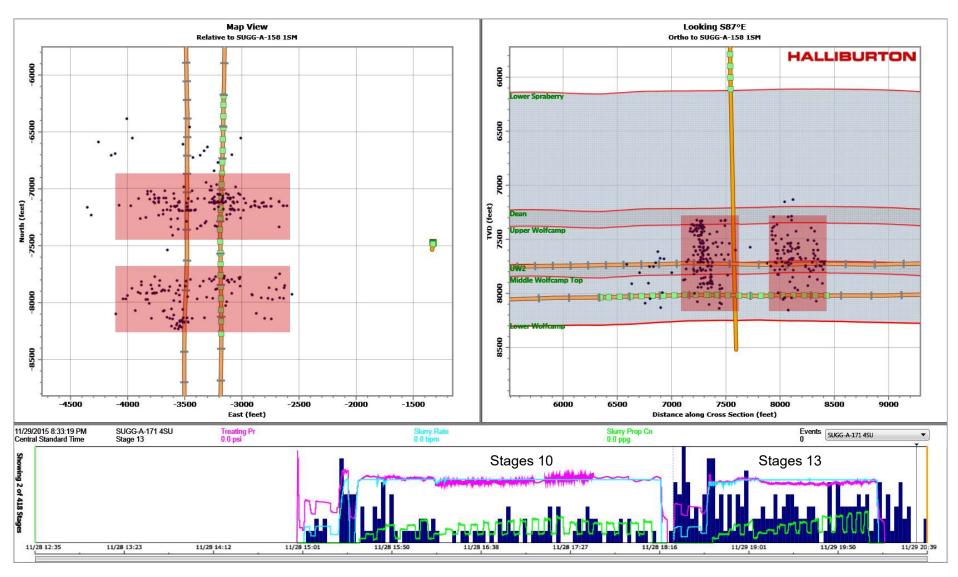


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# Perf Cluster design comparison and the same Geophone location (Similar MSM event distribution)

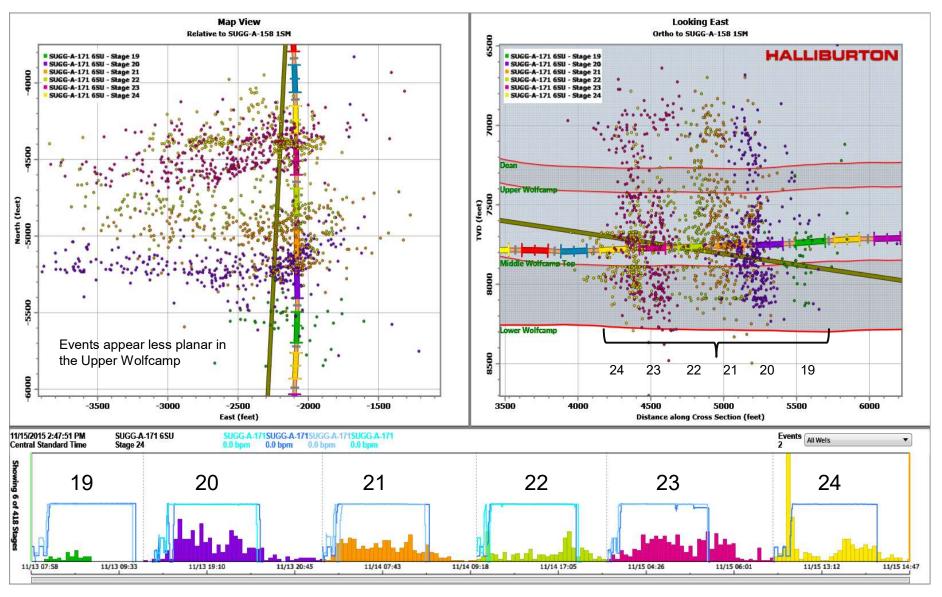


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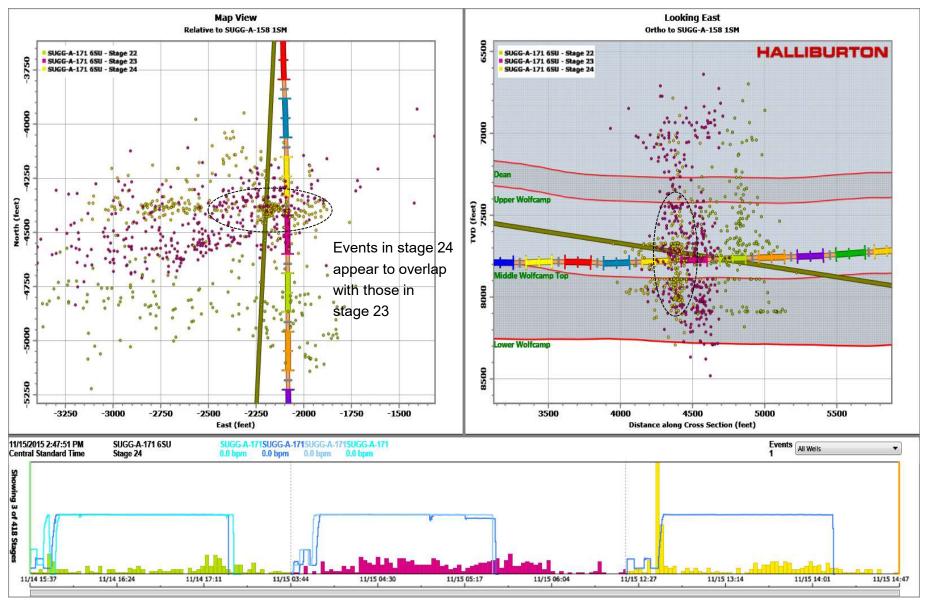


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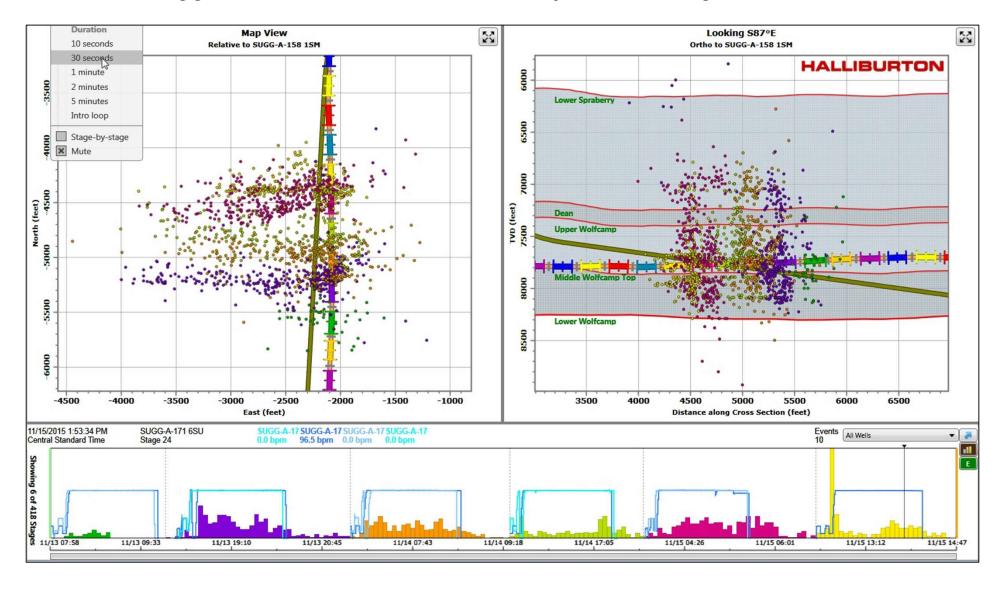
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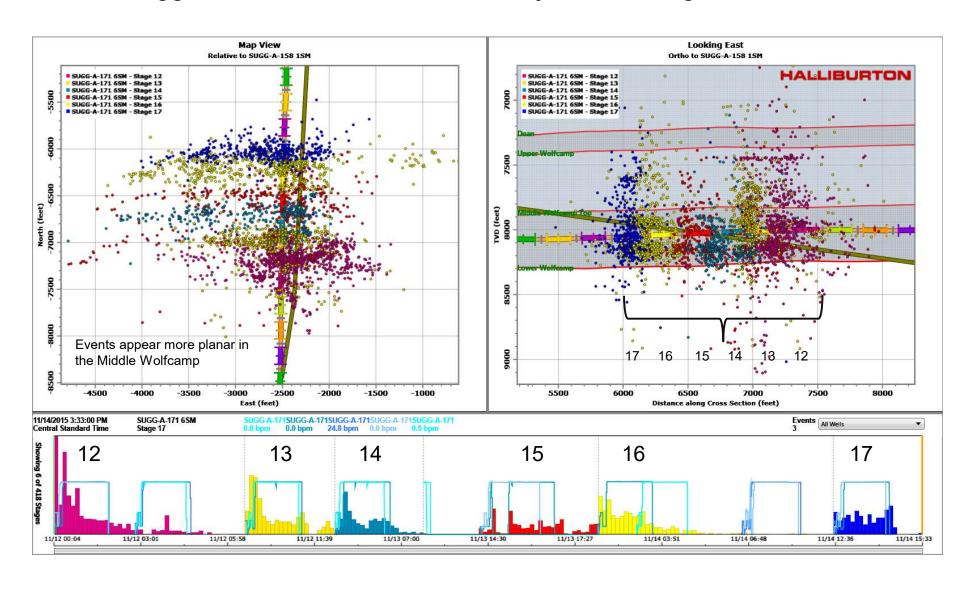
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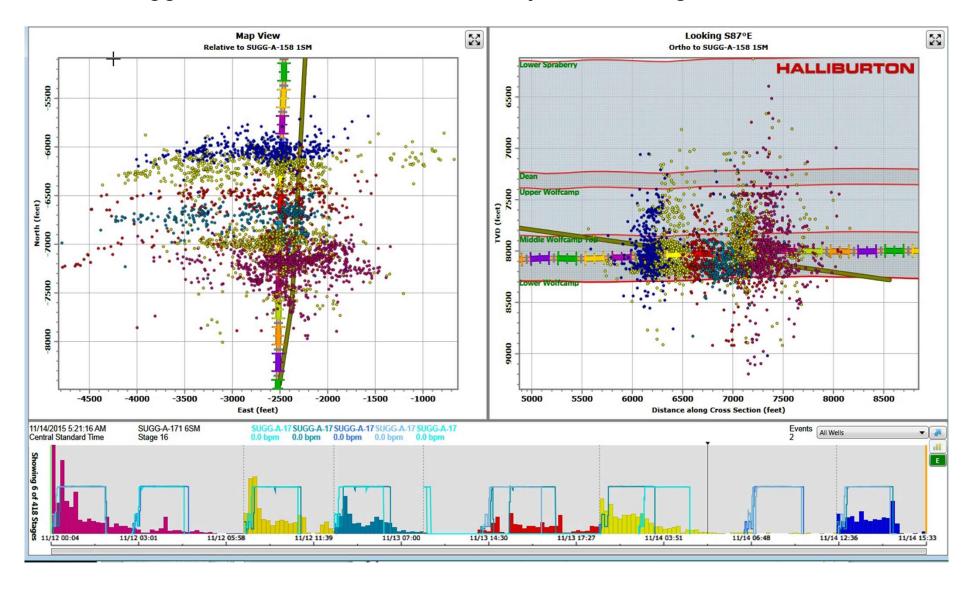
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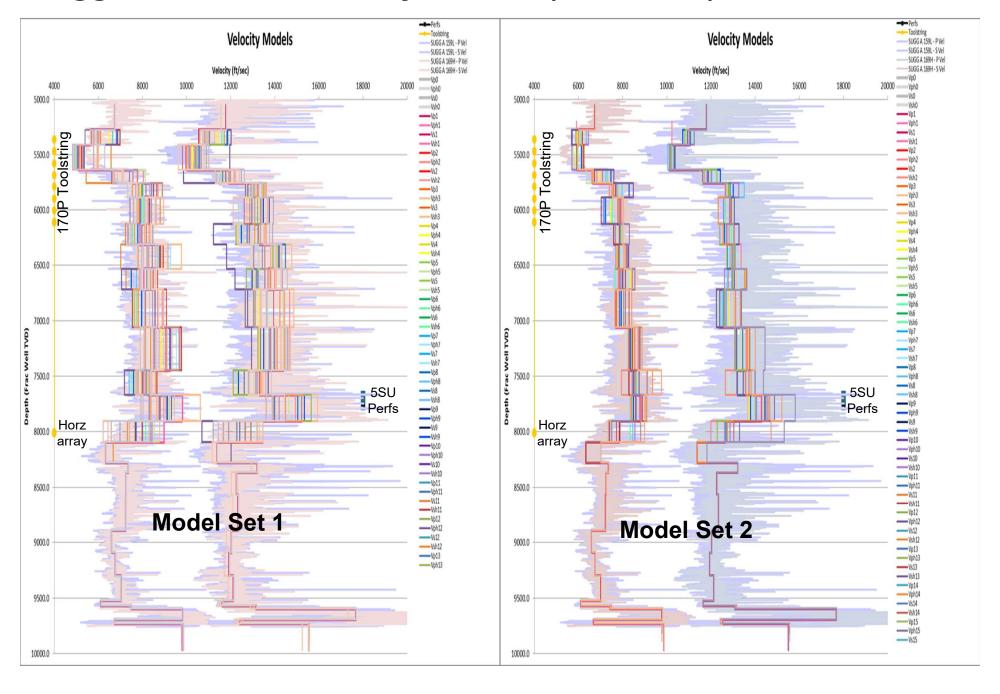
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Further QC information in QC report pdf file and Geo Executive Summary PowerPoint found on the thumb drive behind the printed report book

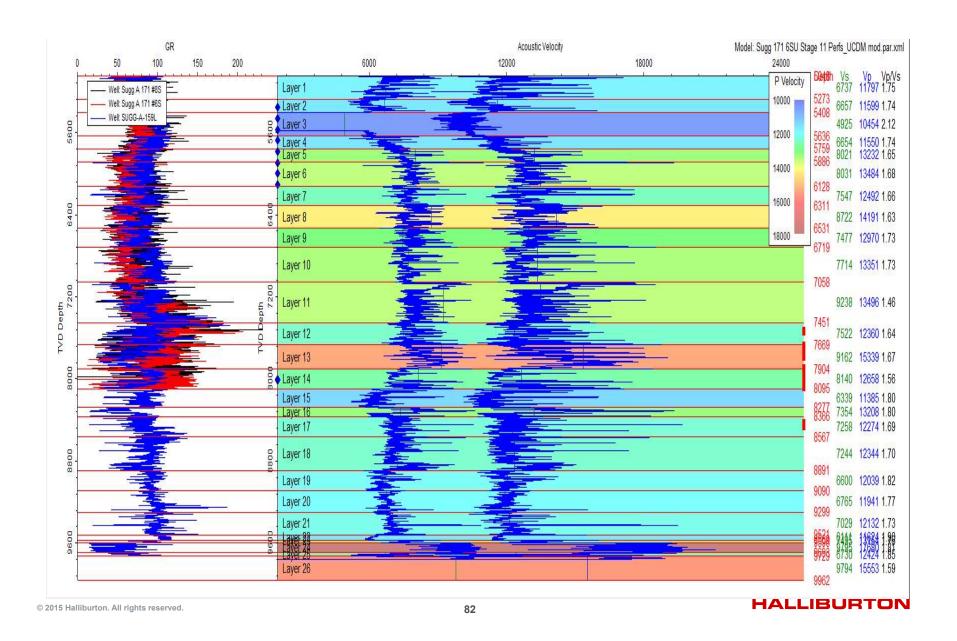


# Images of Velocity Models

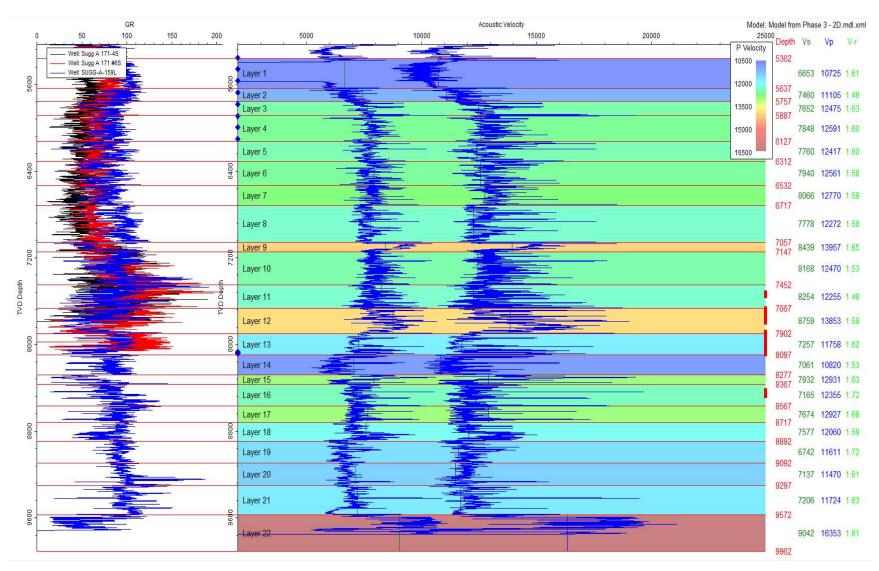
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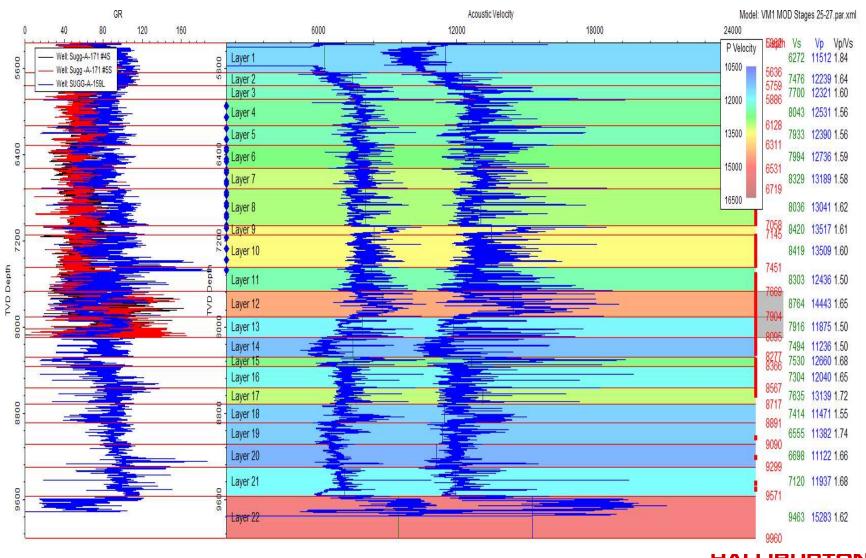
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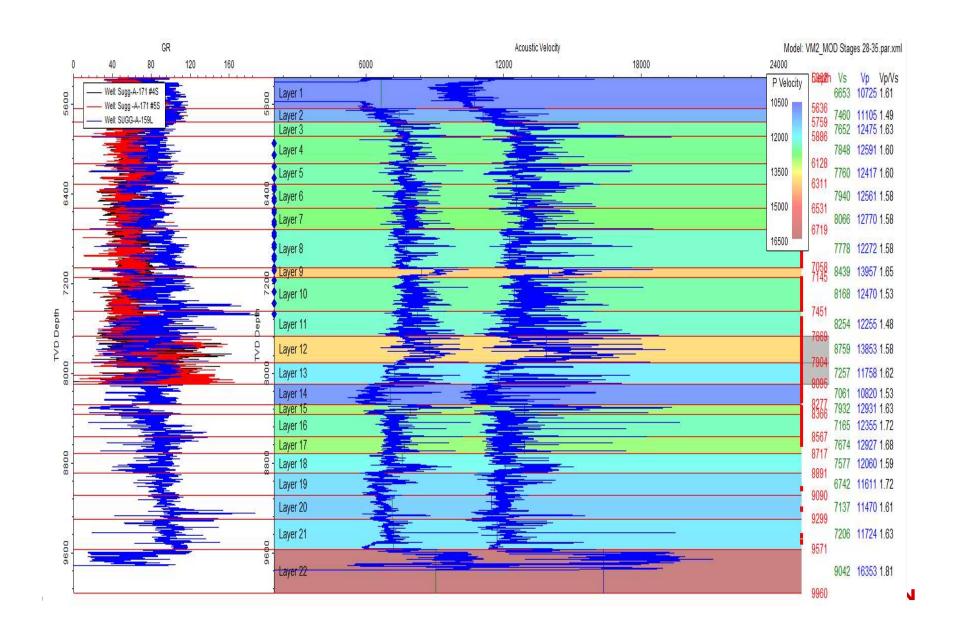
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# Phase 3 Stages 25-27

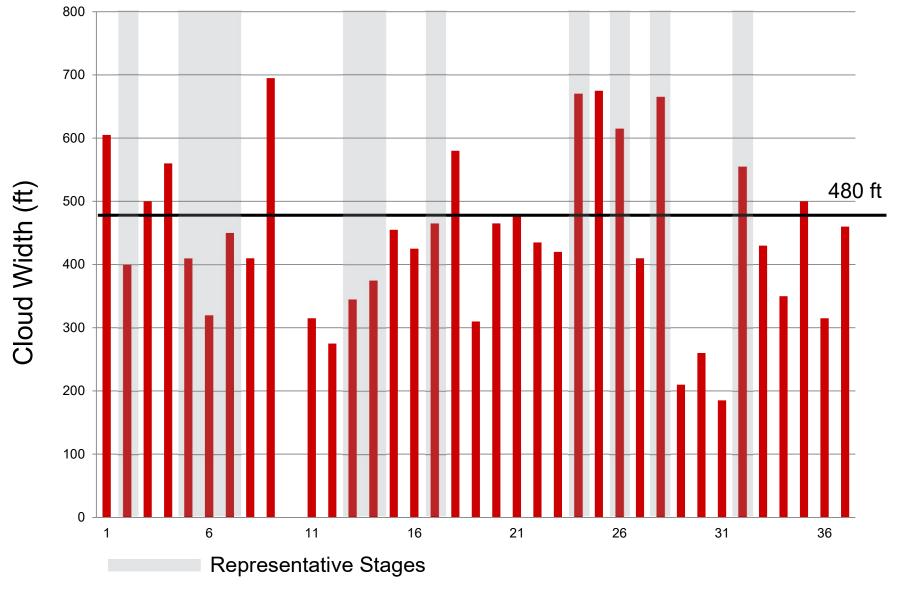


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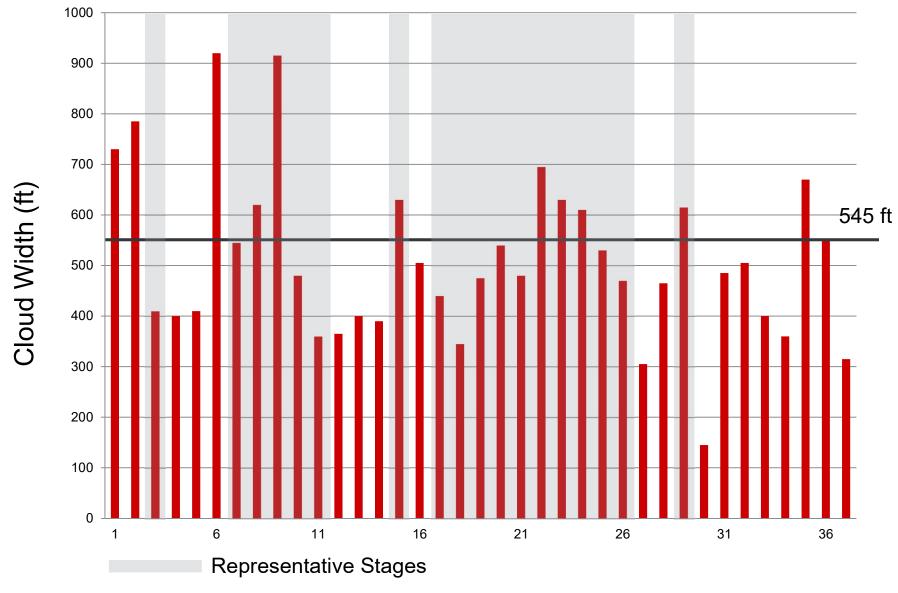


Microseismic Cloud Width Plots (per wellbore, by stage)

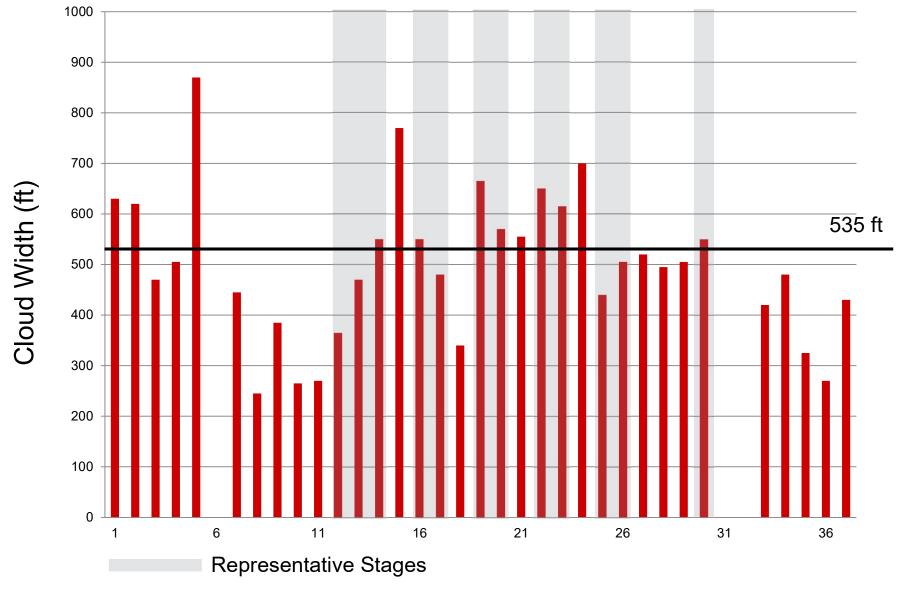
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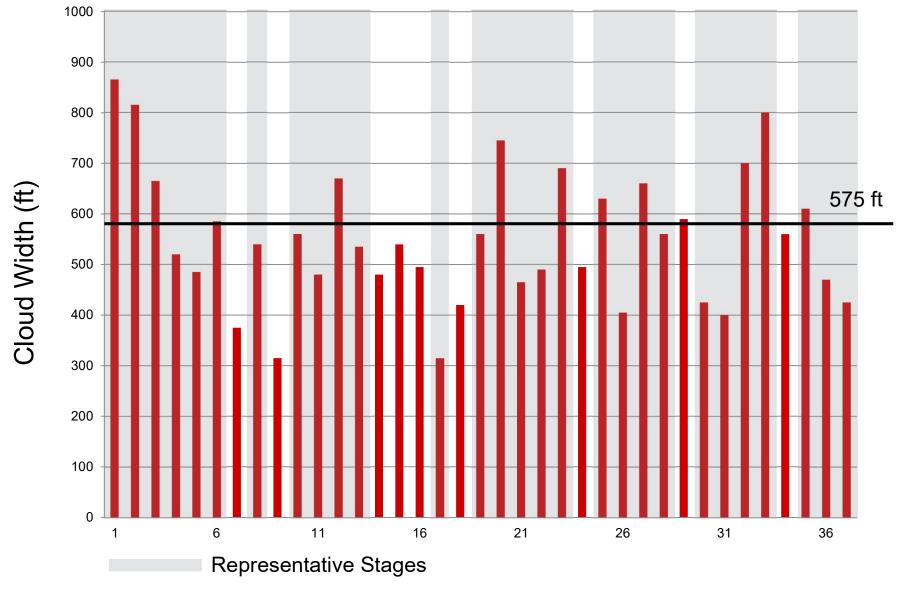
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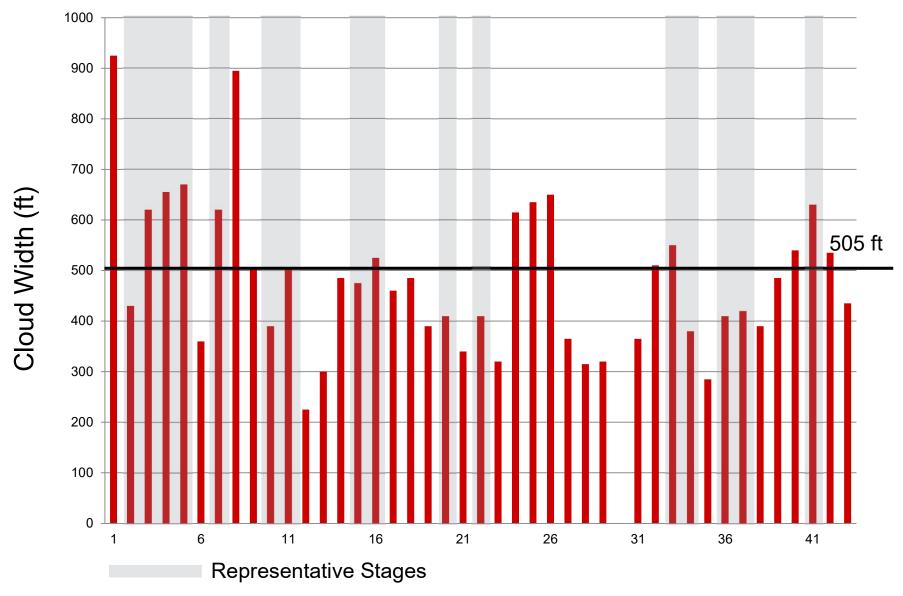
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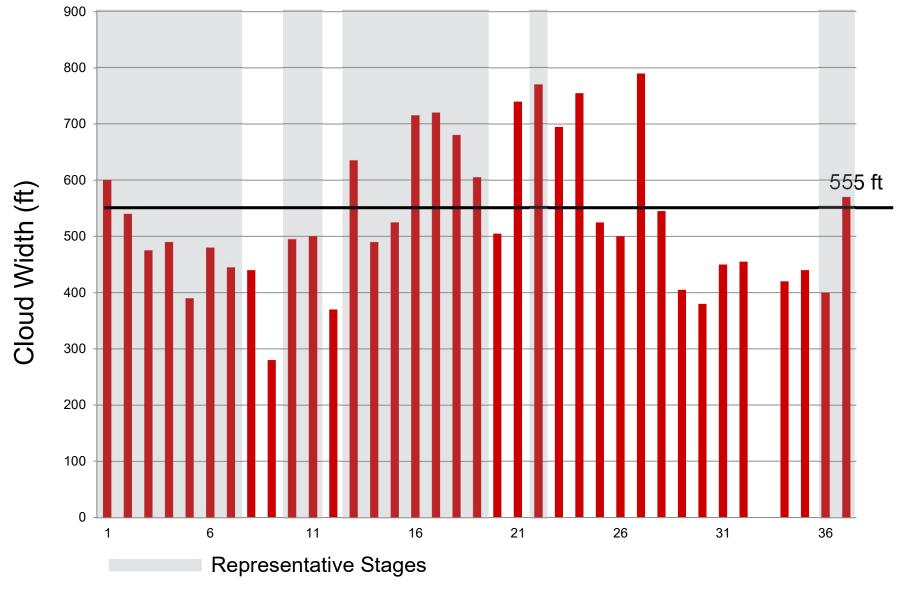
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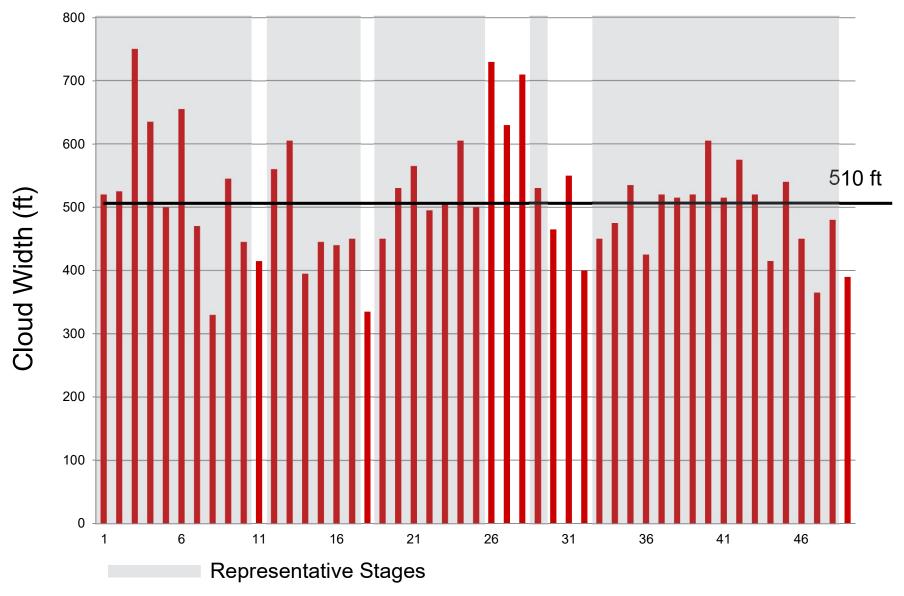
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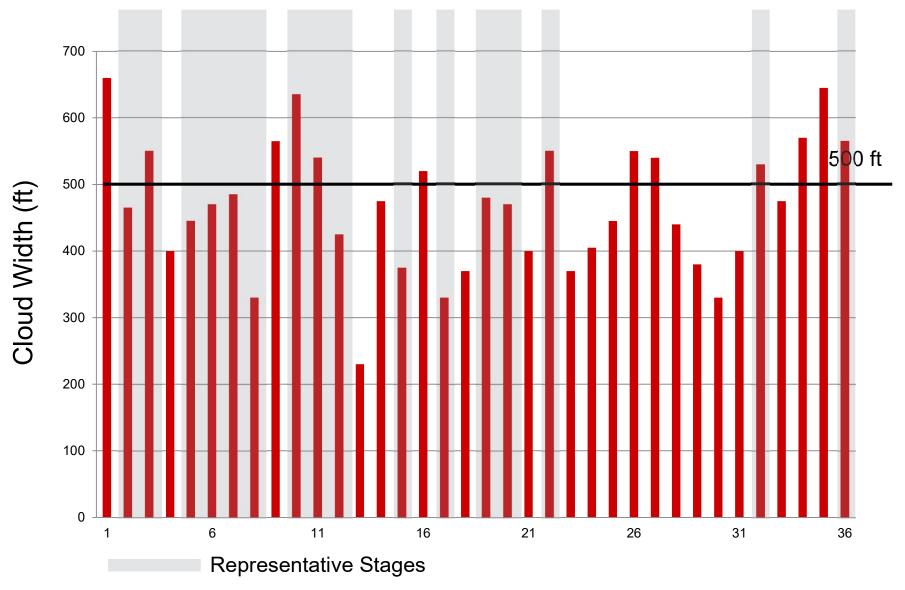
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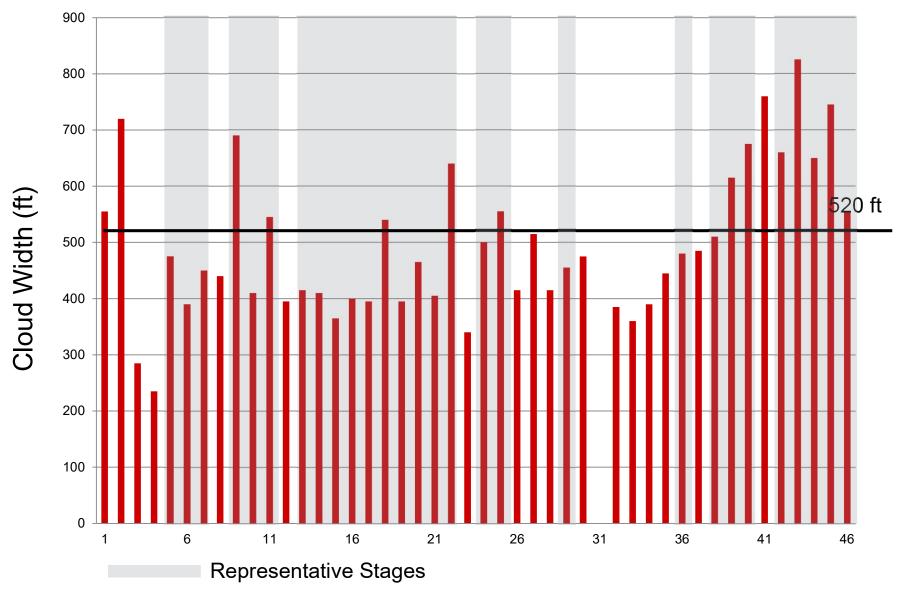
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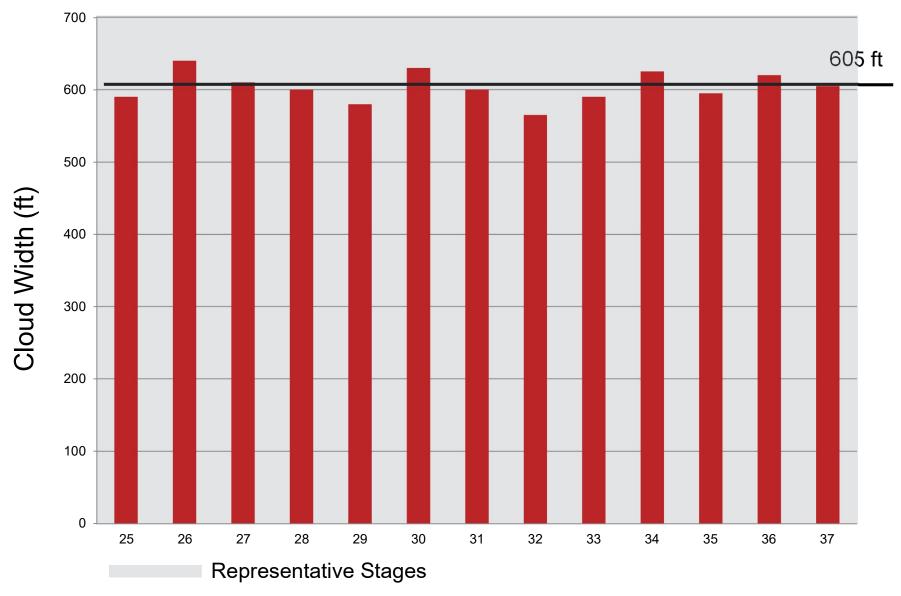
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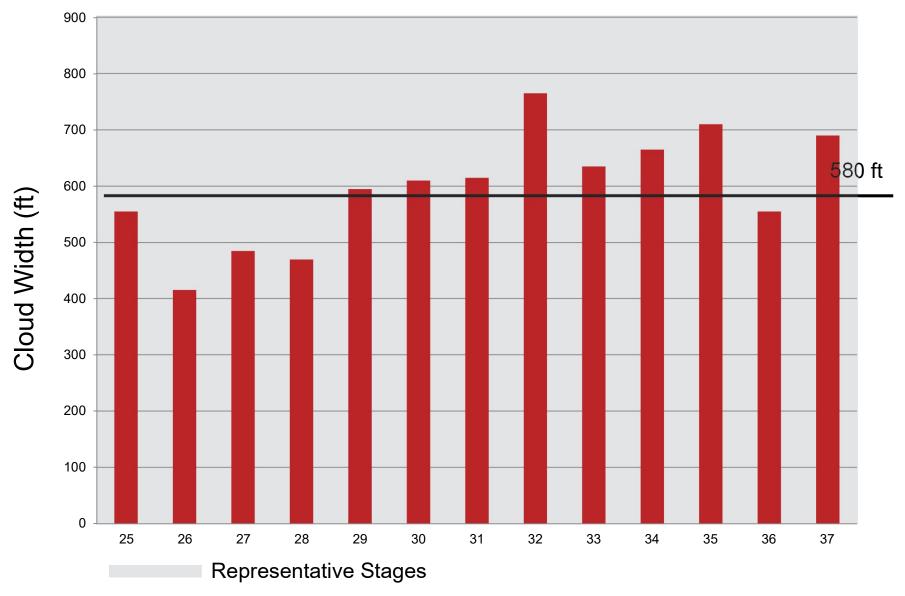
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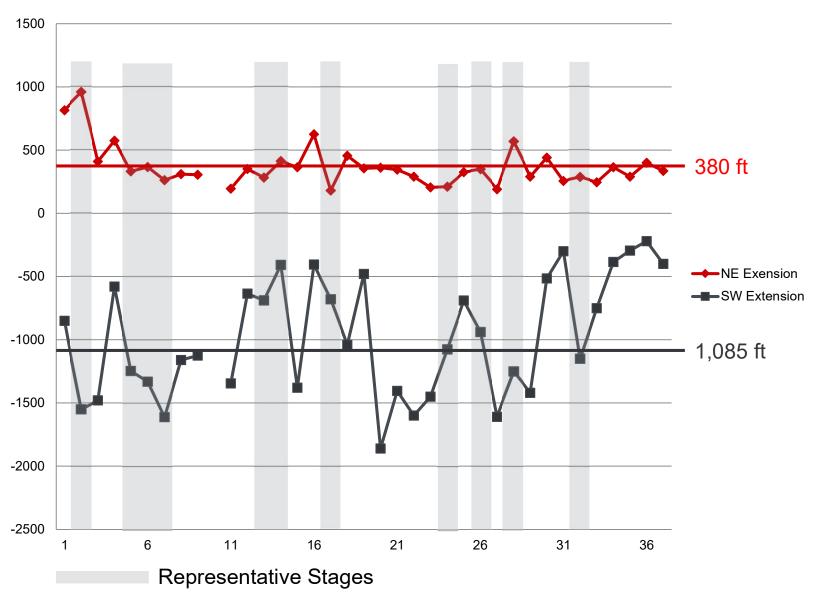


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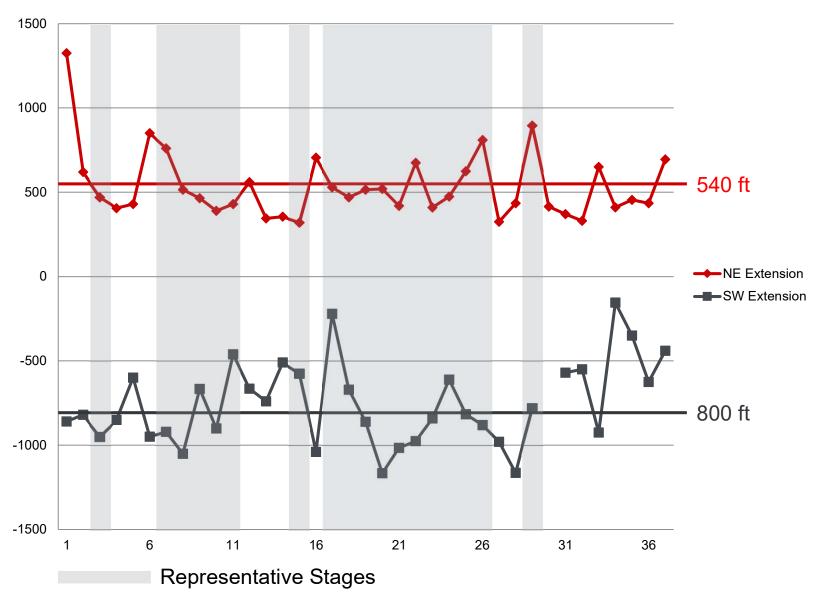


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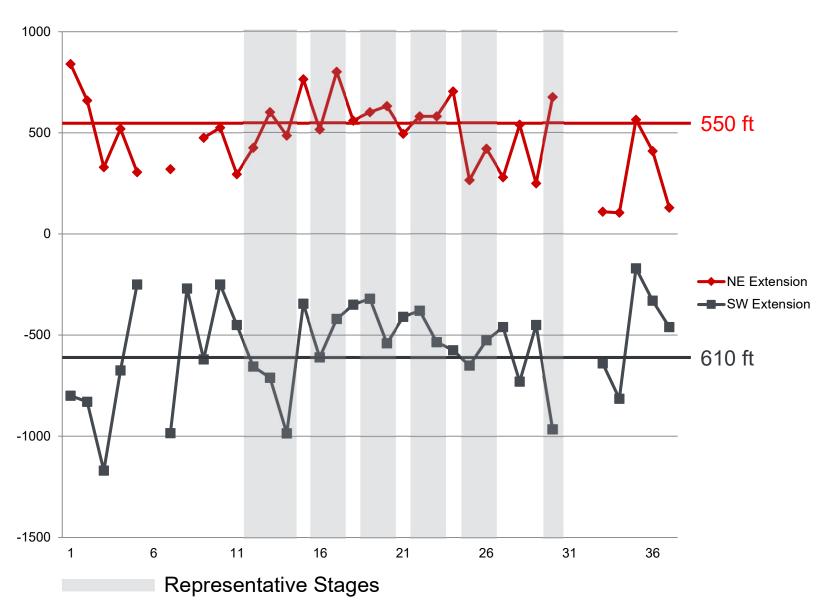
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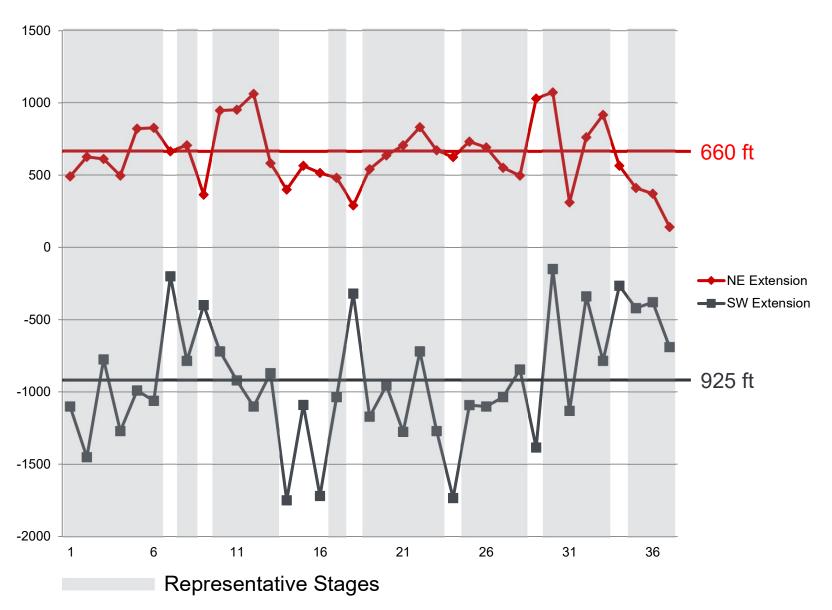
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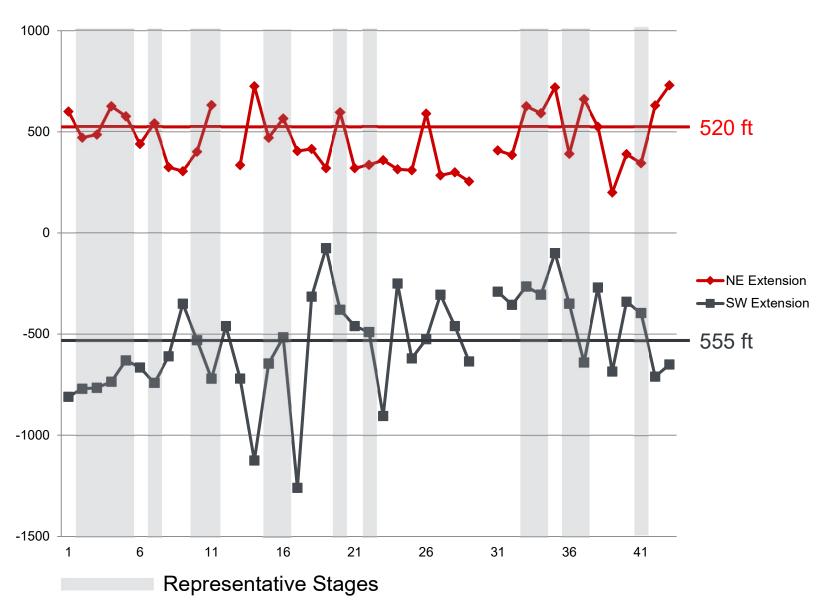
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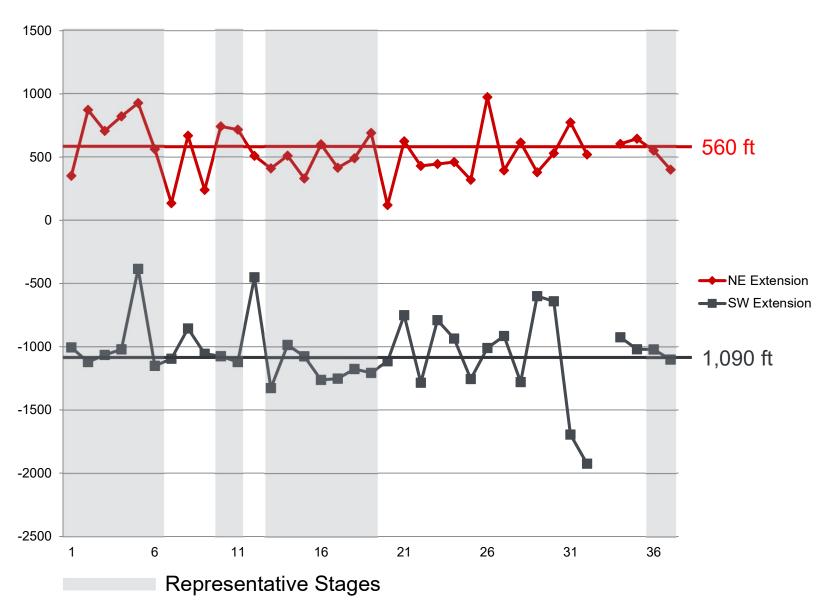
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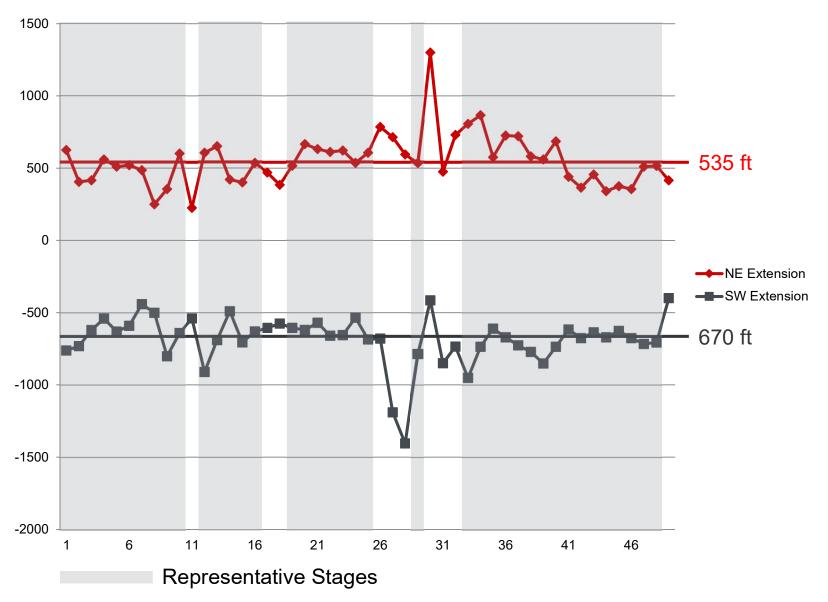
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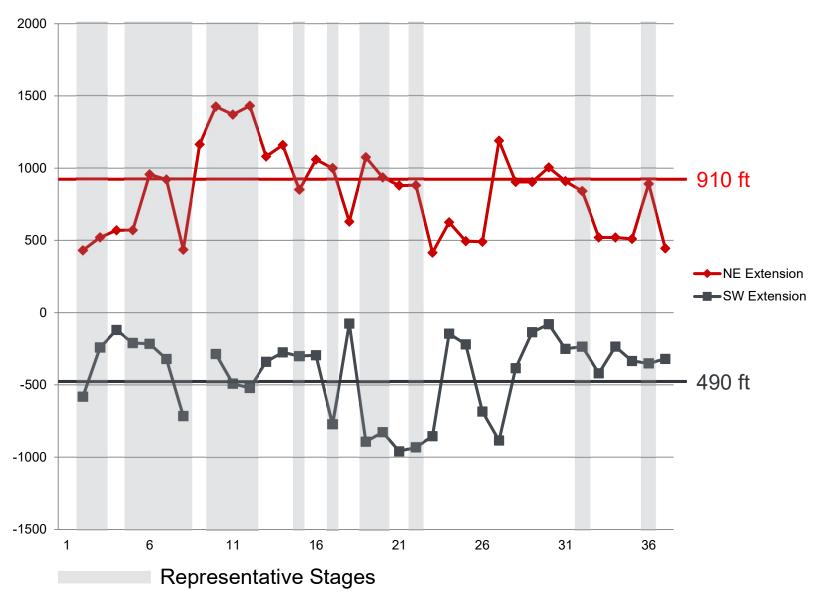
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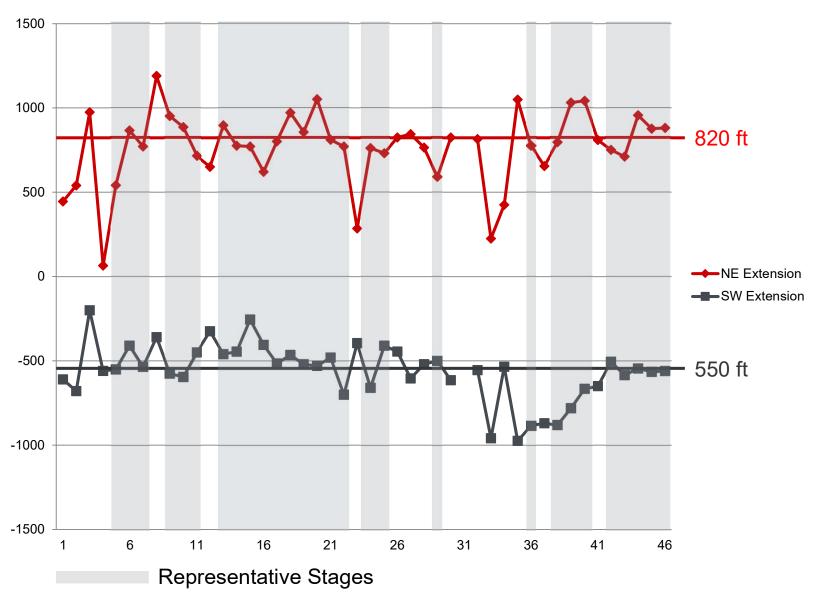
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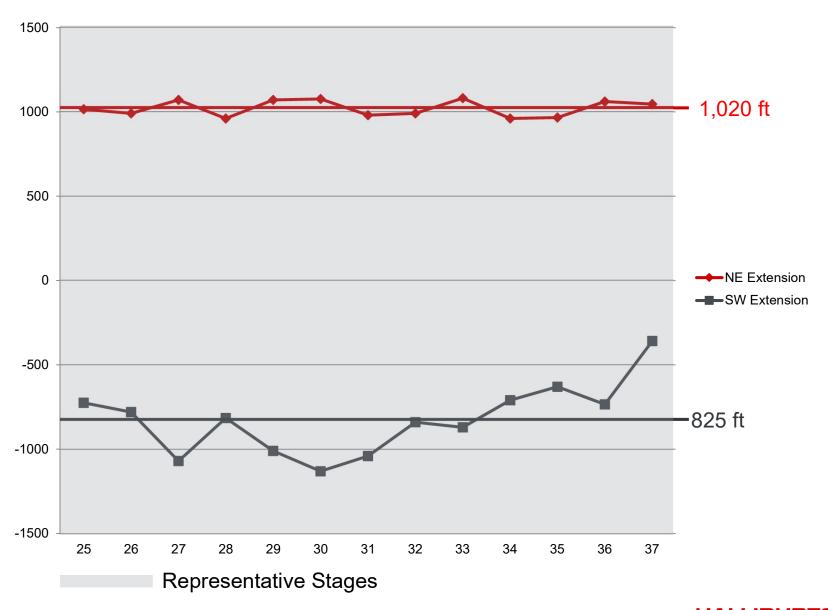
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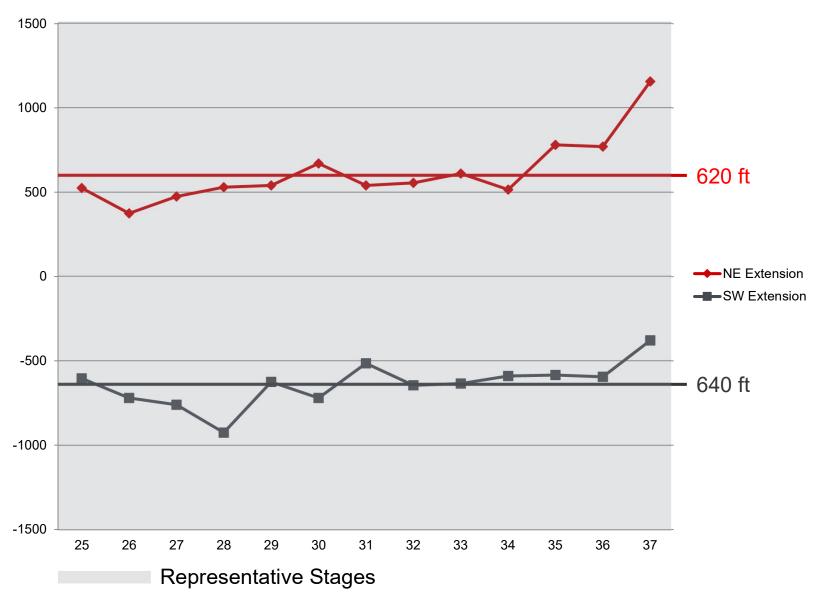
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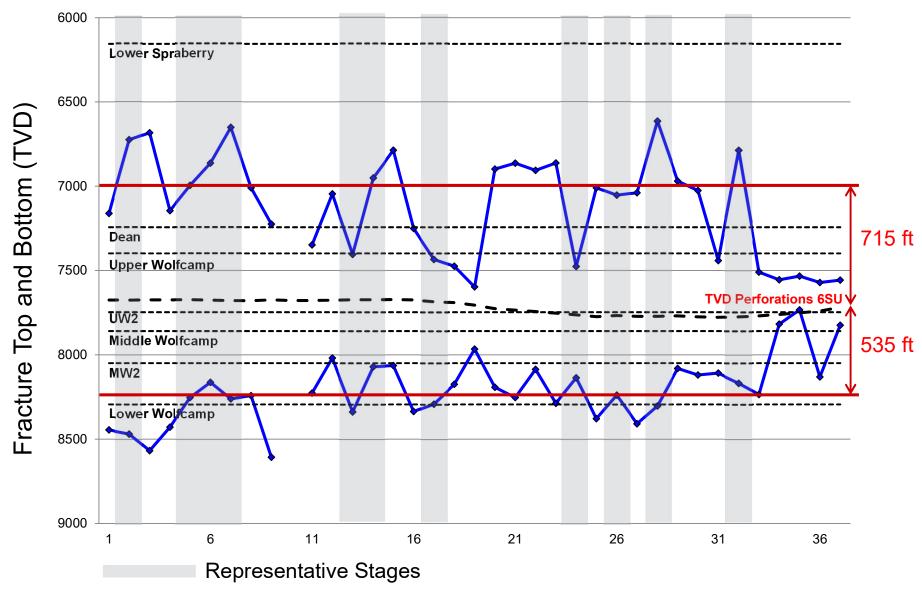


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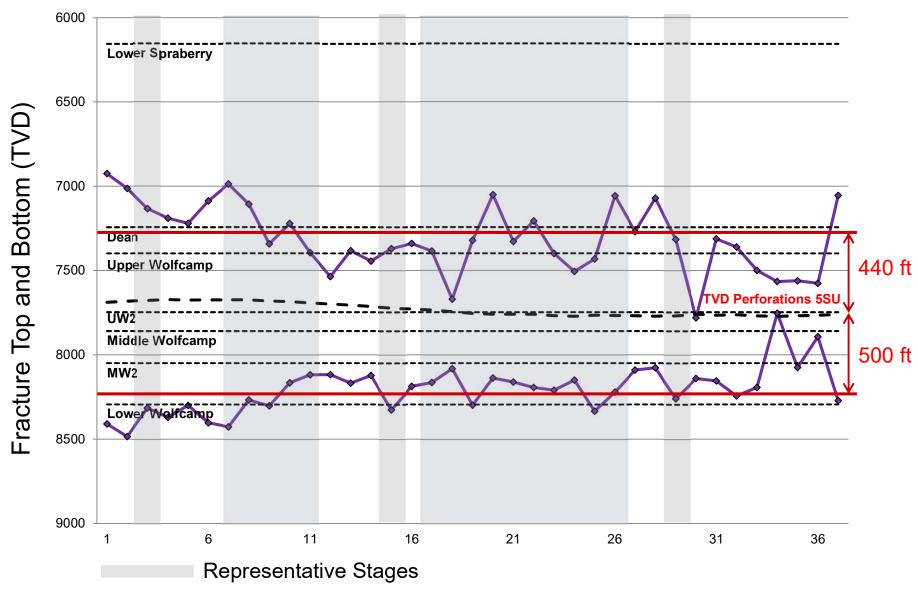


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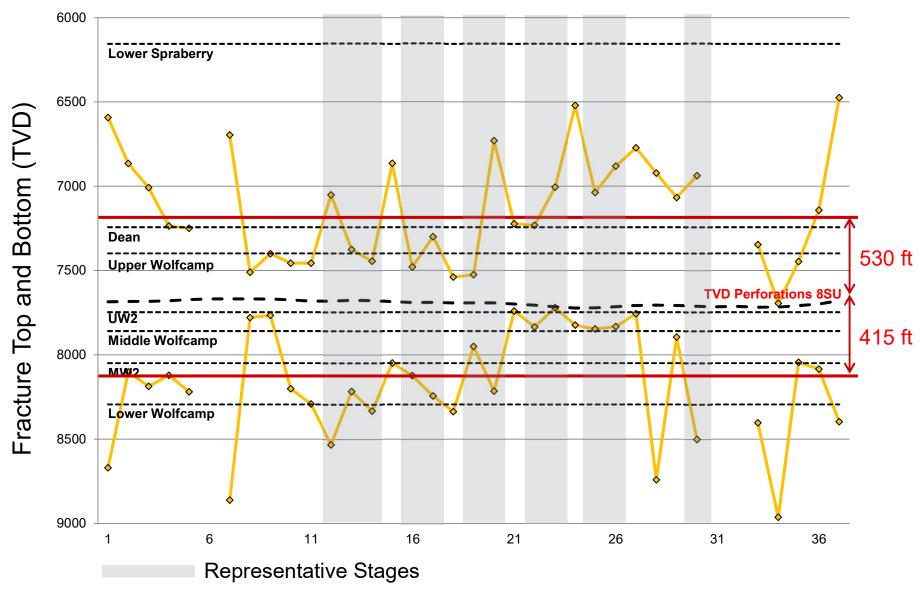
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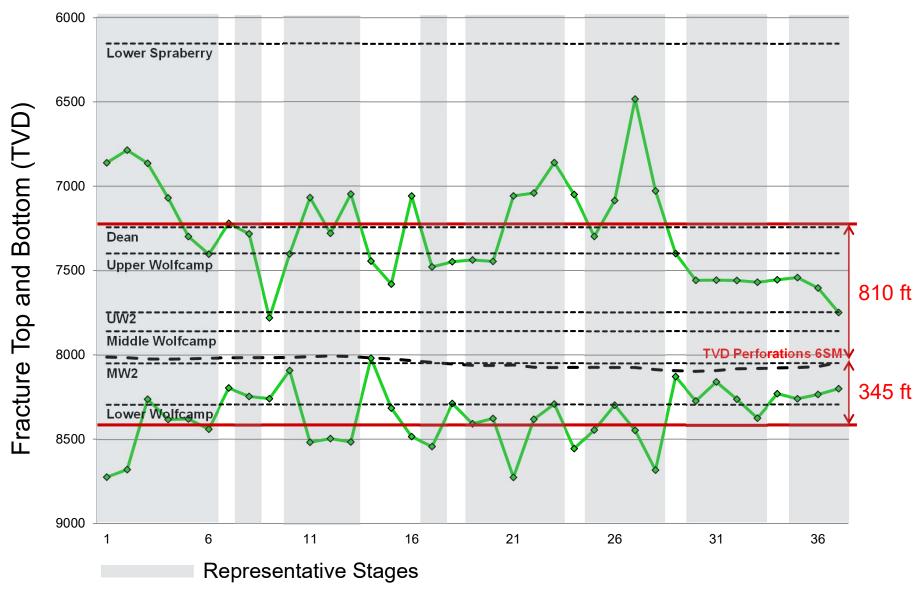
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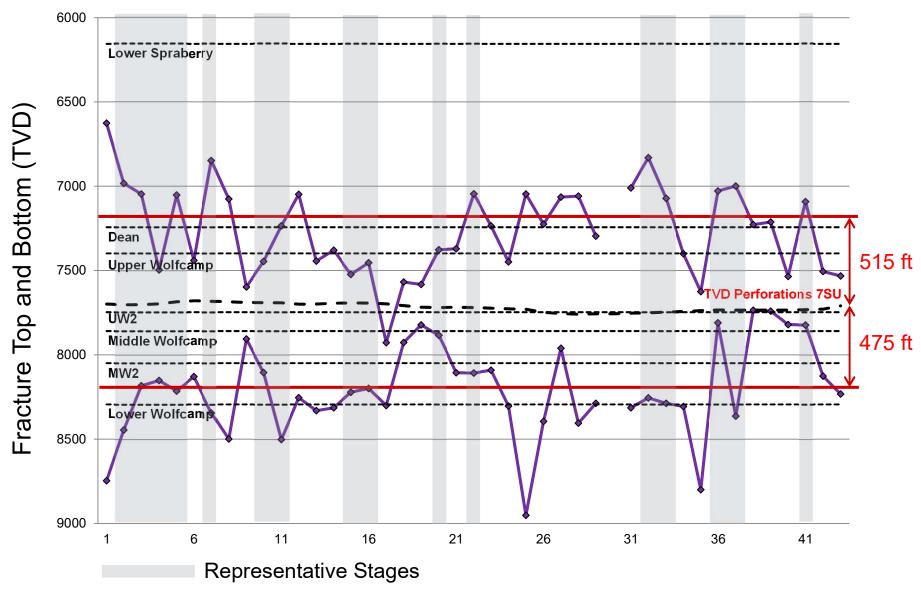
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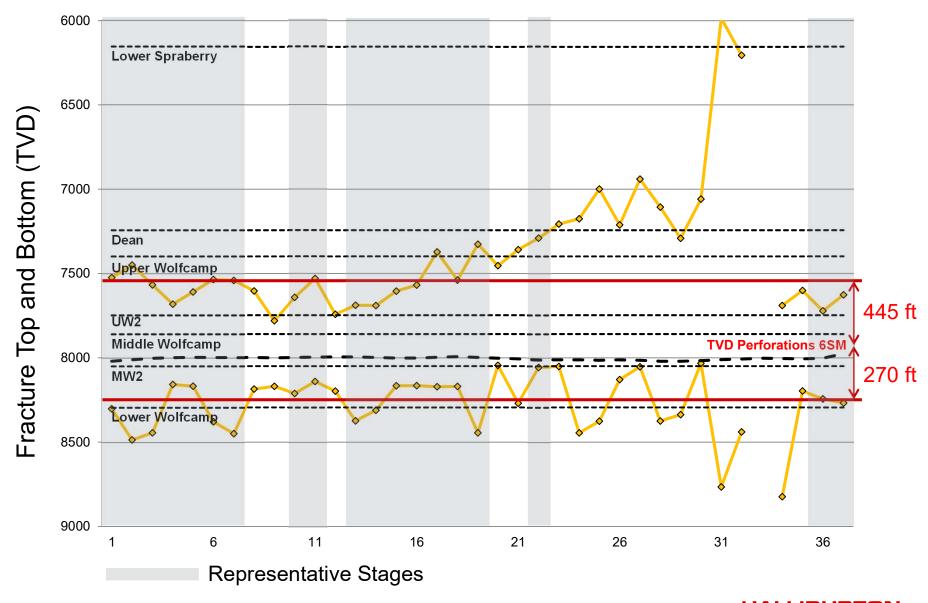
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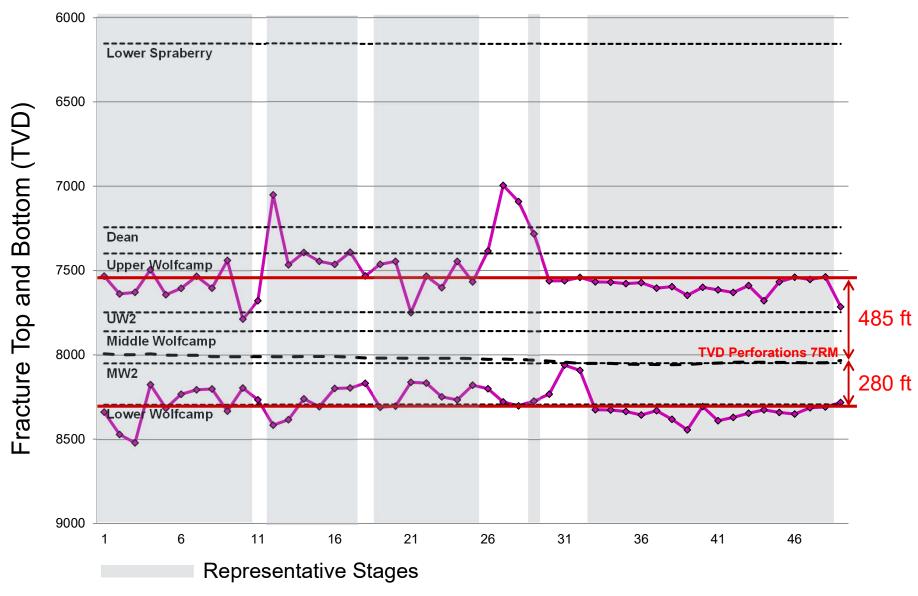
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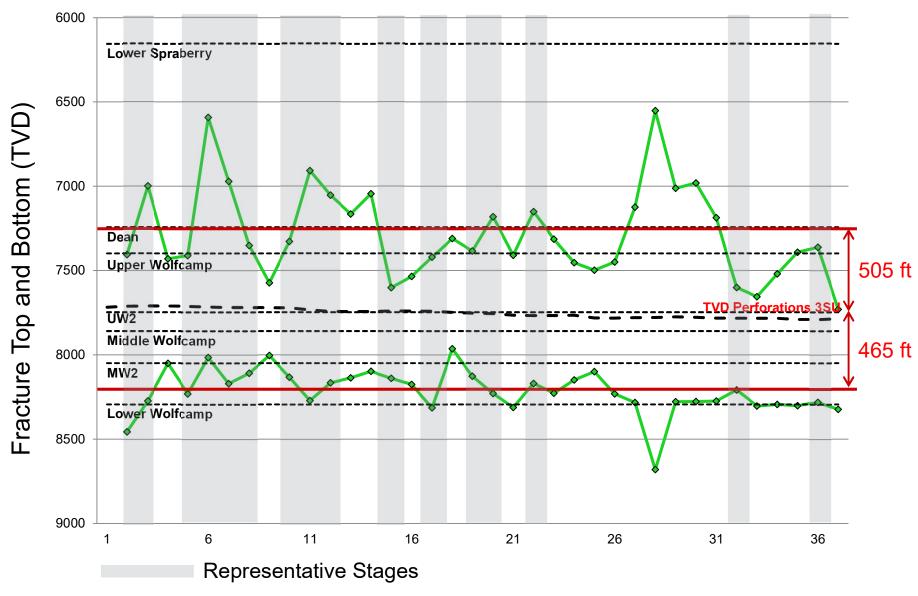
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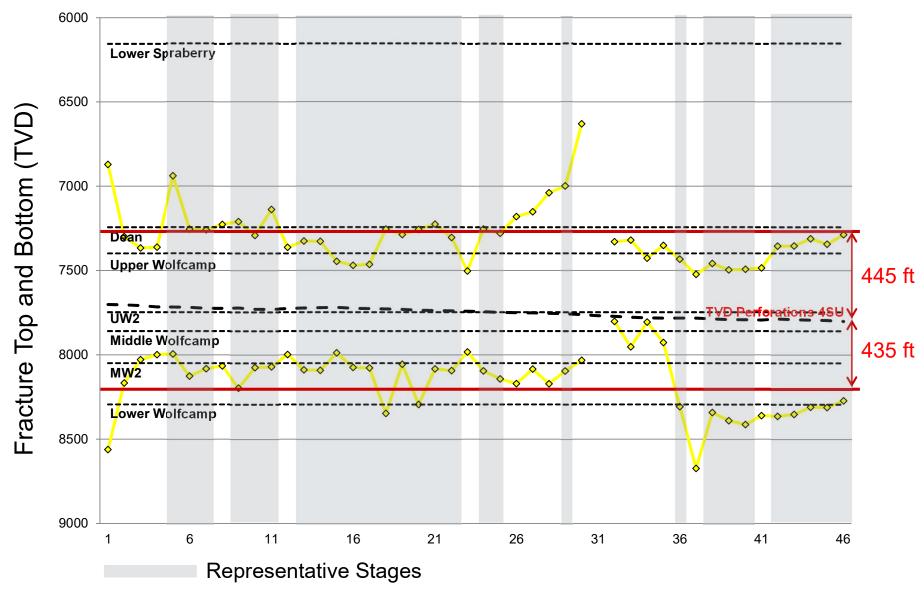
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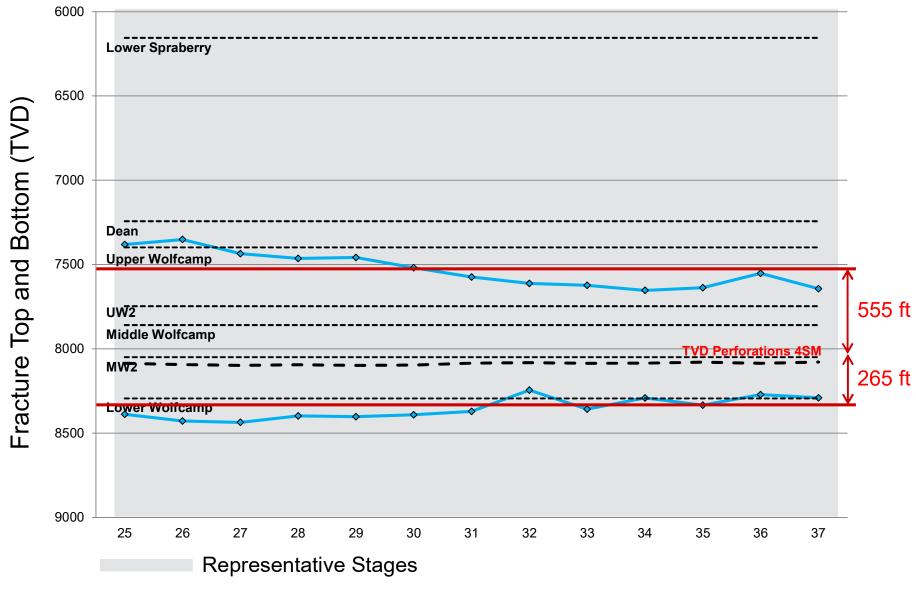
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### Fracture Height (h<sub>f</sub>) – Top and Bottom Events – 5SM

