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# Hydraulic Fracturing with Cryogenic Fluids: Boosting Hydrocarbon Production While Conserving Fresh Water Resources

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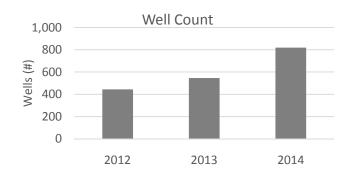
# CURRENT CHALLENGES IN UNCONVENTIONAL FIELD DEVELOPMENT

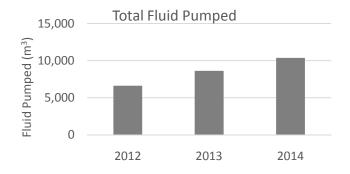
- Demand growth
- Volumes
- Number of wells
- Water management
- Logistics
- Well performance
- Environmental footprint
- Emissions and GHG's
- Truck traffic on county roads
- COST!!

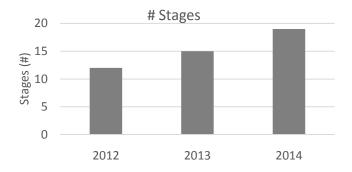


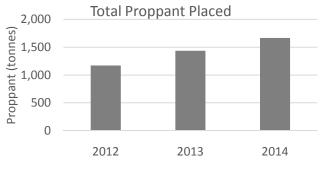
## **DEMAND GROWTH**

#### Montney gas/ average per well YoY







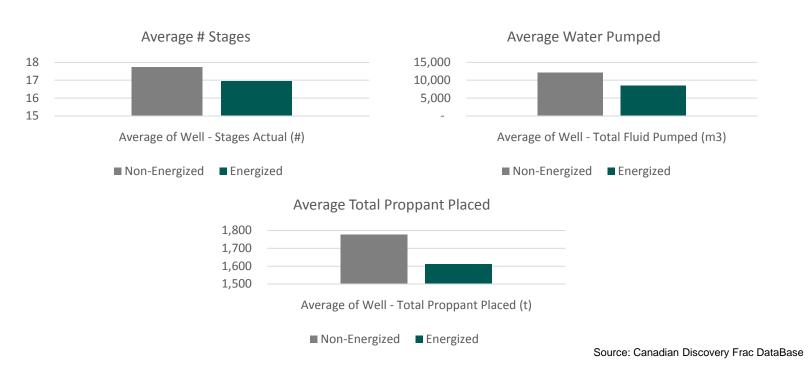


Source: Canadian Discovery Frac DataBase



#### **OPTIMIZE JOB SIZE**

#### 2014 Montney gas/ average per well







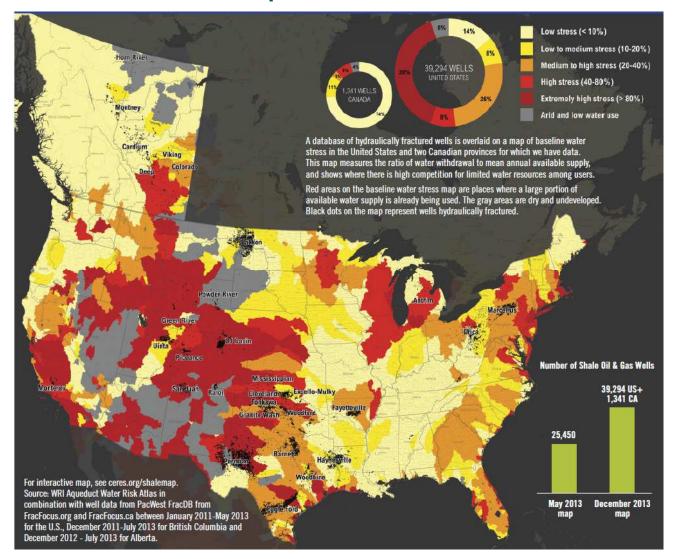
#### WATER MANAGEMENT

- Water sourcing and sourcing restrictions
- Water transportation
- Water storage
- Water infrastructure investment
- Disposal and recycling challenges
- Pad sizing
- Hidden costs





## NA Water Stress Map





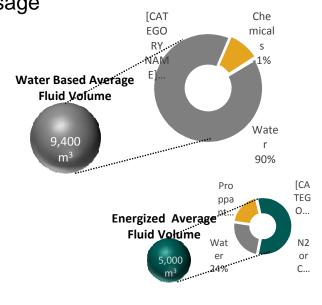
#### ALTERNATIVES TO MANAGE CHALLENGES

Optimize job size

Energize your wells

Optimize number of stages Optimize sand tonnage Reduce water usage

In 2014 on
average, energized
fracturing fluids
volume were ~50%
smaller than water
based fracturing fluids
volume



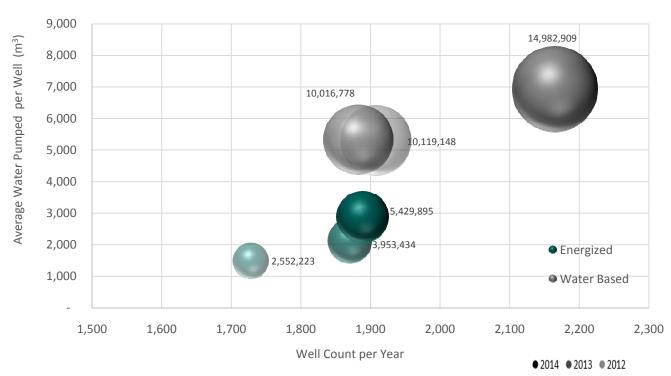
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## REDUCE WATER USAGE

#### WCSB Estimated Total Water Consumption for Completions YoY



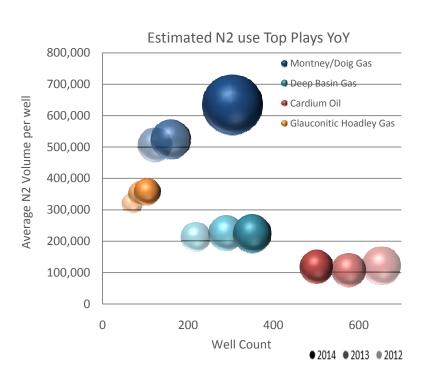
Bubble size is the estimated total water used YoY (in Million m3)

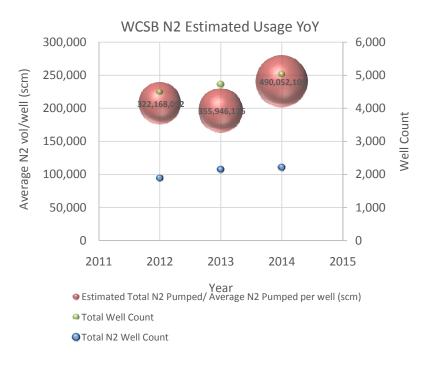
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#### FOLLOW PRODUCTIVE INITIATIVES

#### Nitrogen Usage Growth in WCSB



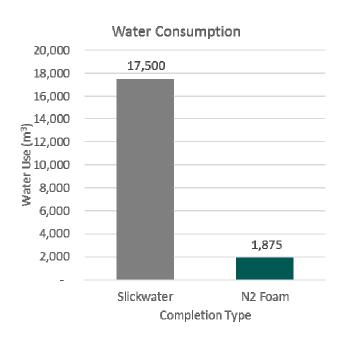


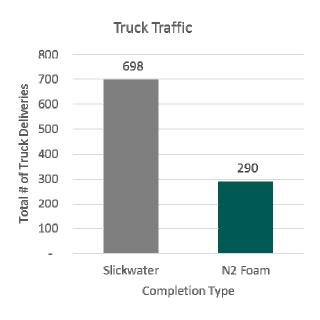
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## REDUCE TRUCK TRAFFIC

#### Kakwa river water usage

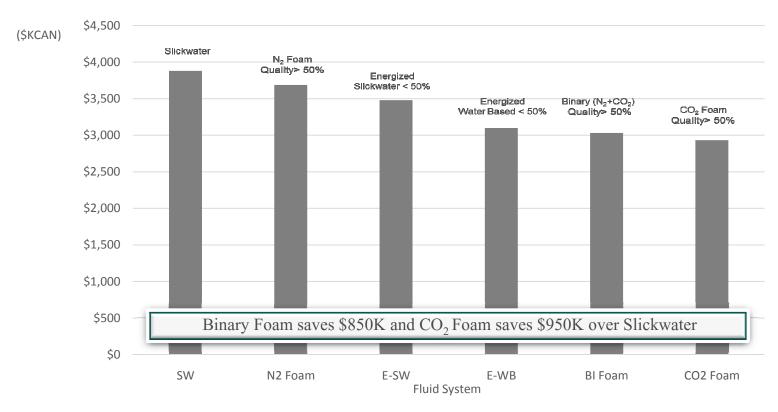








## **REDUCE COST**



Source: SPE 175948

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#### ENHANCE WELL PERFORMANCE

- Water damage mechanisms:
  - Clay swelling / softening / movement
  - Aqueous phase trapping (high capillary pressure)
  - Proppant embedment
  - Fracture face damage (fluid imbibition)
  - Poor cleanup and water recoveries during flowback
  - Poor proppant transport / conductivity
  - Lower hydrocarbon rates and EUR's





# ADVERSE ROCK – WATER INTERACTION (VIKING ZONE)

Core Immersed in Mcbride dugout water



Core Immersed in Bridge Creek 3% KCI Water



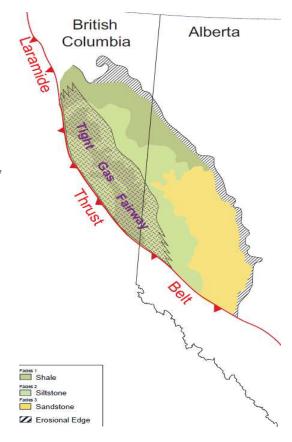
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SOURCE: Baker Hughes



# CASE STUDY SHOWING ENHANCED PRODUCTION / REDUCED COST – SPE 175948

- Cryogenic N<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> used in energized fluid systems provide proven, effective technology to stimulate tight sands and shales
- Non-damaging fluid which greatly reduces water volumes, chemicals and proppants
- Reduces real and environmental costs while maximizing NPV



Source: BMO A&D Drill Bits - October 2011



#### STUDY SCOPE

- >3,500 Hz Montney wells completed to date
- Study criteria:
  - Montney/Doig Gas
  - OGR < 75 stb/mmscf
  - 12 months of production data
  - On Production Date >2010
  - 1,627 wells met the criteria

Energized Fluids < 50% CO<sub>2</sub> or N<sub>2</sub> Foams CO<sub>2</sub> / N<sub>2</sub> / Both > 50%

#### Fluid systems analyzed

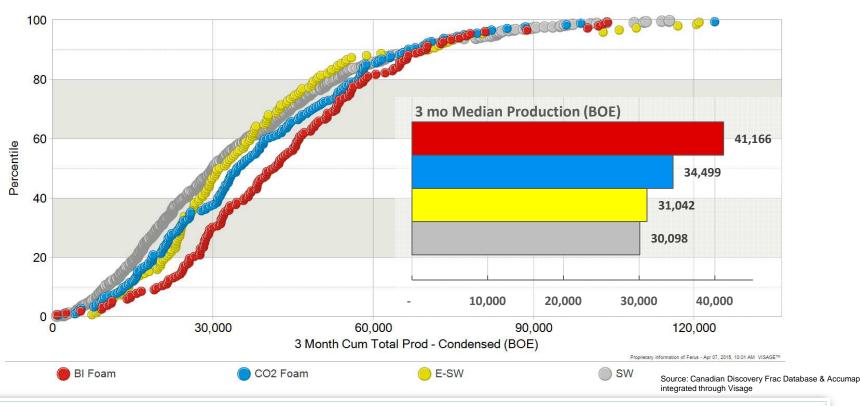
Fluid	Acronym
Slickwater	SW
Energized Slickwater	E-SW
Other Water Based Fluids	WB
Energized Water Based	E-WB
Oil Based	Oil
Energized Oil Based	E-Oil
N <sub>2</sub> Foam	N <sub>2</sub> Foam
CO <sub>2</sub> Foam	CO <sub>2</sub> Foam
Binary (N <sub>2</sub> +CO <sub>2</sub> ) Foam	BI Foam

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The most comprehensive statistical analysis of the Montney



# PRODUCTION RECOVERY - 3 MONTH CUMULATIVE PRODUCTION

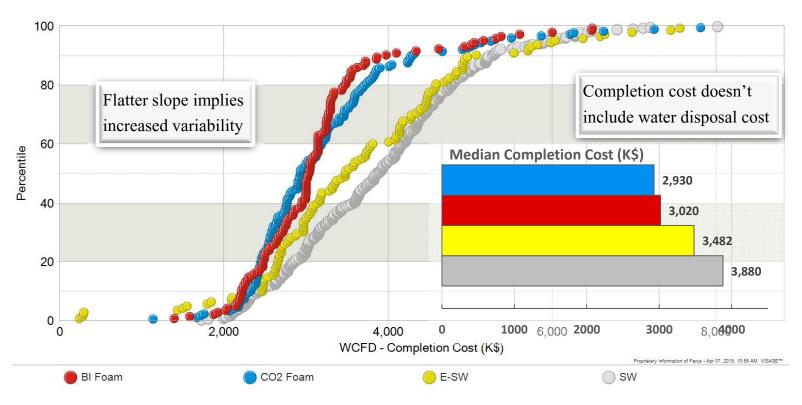


Binary Foams outperform any other fluid on a 90 day basis!





## MONTNEY GAS COMPLETION COST



Source: Canadian Discovery Frac Database & Accumap integrated through Visage

Slickwater is consistently the MOST expensive fluid used in the Montney!



#### WHAT WE LEARNED



REDUCE 80% FRESH WATER BY

By using  $CO_2$  in completions, you could reduce reliance on fresh water by 80%.



# INCREASE 15% PRODUCTION BY

By using  $CO_2$  in completions, you could increase production by 15%. The duration of the well life is extended using  $Co_2$ .

Optimize Sand Concentration

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SPE 175948 • The Full Montney • M.Reynolds



#### RECENT US SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

- 2015 first application of CO<sub>2</sub> based fracture fluid in the Bakken fm (North Dakota)
- Over 6,000 tons used in a multi-stage fractured HZ completion
- Stay tuned for results



#### LOGISTICAL CHALLENGES

- Large volume hydraulic fracturing jobs
  - Supply constraints
  - Truck traffic
  - Site layout challenges
  - Sub-optimal product delivery
  - Over-sizing of fracture treatments
  - Cost





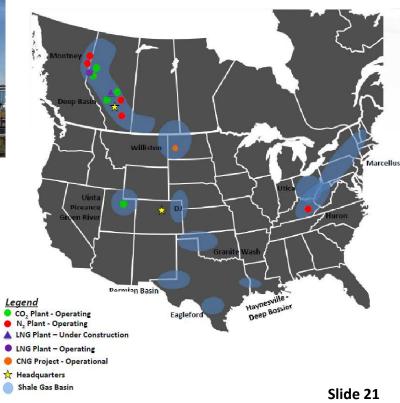
#### **OPTIMIZE LOGISTICS**



#### Proximal Supply

- Substantially reduced plant gate price
- Significantly reduced transportation
- Scheduling flexibility; reduced standby
- Reduced exposure to weather & road bans

#### **Ferus North American Operations**





#### **OPTIMIZE LOGISTICS**

#### Demand Planning

- 24/7 Real-Time Dispatch Services
- Coordinate storage, trucks and product deliveries
- Optimize delivery times through real-time interaction

#### Reliable Transportation

- Triple drive axle tractors allowing for larger capacity
- Typically use tandem tractors requiring two trailers
- On-Location Storage
- On-Site Service Field supervisors







#### INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS

- Holistic approach to solve the problem
- Technical services
  - Optimize job size
  - Improve fracturing fluid design
- Partner with experts
  - Supply
  - Logistics
  - Transportation
- Reduced costs
- Reduce environmental Impact
- Enhanced well productivity and economics





## Questions?

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