

Decision-Making Technology for Oil and Gas

Using the industry's only genuinely coupled hydraulic fracturing, wellbore, and reservoir simulator

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Quantitative Optimization

Market conditions, company objectives, and operational constraints are constantly evolving



Optimization must be multifaceted

Drilling inventory is a finite resource



Trial and error is an inefficient optimization method

The subsurface is complex and hard to predict



Computational models are now highly predictive



Dynamic Pricing Environment

Death, taxes, and volatility are constant





Optimal Design is a Function of Oil Price

At higher commodity pricing, tighter spacing prevails as greater interference is tolerated





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Nuanced and changing objectives

- NPV is not the only performance objective
- NPV is in competition with other metrics, like ROI





Rising Oil Price Lifts All Scenarios



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Why Optimal Design Matters



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Need the Ability to Forecast Performance From Inputs





Who is ResFrac?

- ResFrac was founded in 2015 to support science-based decision making
- Leveraged years of research of co-founder Dr. Mark McClure at Stanford and UT at Austin
- Rapid adoption across the shale patch with 80%+ YoY growth since inception
- Only commercial modeling software that fully couples fracture, reservoir, and geomechanics dynamics



Case studies in every major basin co-authored with operators



ResFrac Provides a Holistic Modeling Software





Only commercial solution to fully-couple fracturing, geomechanics, and reservoir

Linear

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208.0967

4

-184.3952

3

600.5886

Why is Now Different?

The last five years have yielded unprecedentedly detailed, in-situ measurements of hydraulic fractures



Why ResFrac?

Numerical models can replicate and predict these behaviors



Collaborative Study Demonstrated Results Driven by Physics



Results and behaviors consistent within basins, different by basin



Coupled-Physics Unveils Parameter Dependencies





Negative Returns to Increased Well Spacing

- Wells too close suffer from adverse interference
- Wells too far apart leave unexploited resource behind





Diminishing Returns to Increase Proppant

- Too little proppant and wells are under-stimulated
- Too much proppant and additional cost does not recover incremental





Coupled Model Reveals Symbiotic Relations

- Colored circles identify corresponding cases
- As well spacing is increased, optimizer tries to compensate by pumping more proppant





Applied Optimizations – HFTS 2

- Consortia of 16 operators and DOE funded most detailed analysis of subsurface todate
- Detailed characterization and modeling of
 - Fracture propagation
 - Depletion and productive zones
 - Communication between wells



Optimization Identified 60% Uplift in NPV/Section

- Optimized: landing zone, well spacing, cluster spacing, proppant loading
- Cluster spacing shows plateau then decreasing NPV/section
- Proppant loading shows returns to higher volumes until plateauing



Figure 19 Proxy model results - NPV/section vs Cluster spacing and Proppant loading at the optimal Well spacing



Chart showing point at which optimization released

- Steady growth across the all markets
- Optimization and automation workflows now make up more than half the usage



Optimization capabilities released



Quantitative Optimization

Computational models are now highly predictive

Optimal design is a function of fracturing, reservoir, operational, and economic considerations

Modeling workflows empower operators to accelerate their innovation cycle





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Thank you!

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Appendix

ResFrac was Founded in 2015 to Support Science-Based Decision Making



Dr. Mark McClure CEO and Co-founder

Stanford PhD UT at Austin Professor Fracture and geothermal expert Harts 40 Under 40



Dr. Charles Kang CTO and Co-founder

Stanford PhD Hank Ramey Award Optimization and hydraulic fracturing expert



Garrett Fowler COO

Stanford MS Operator/service company background SPE Regional Technical Award



Joe Frantz Sr. Executive Advisor

Previous executive roles at Range Resources and CEO of Unbridled Resources



Dr. Mark Zoback Sr. Executive Advisor

Stanford Professor World-renowned geomechanics expert Countless awards

