



# Fervo's Commercialization Plans for Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS)

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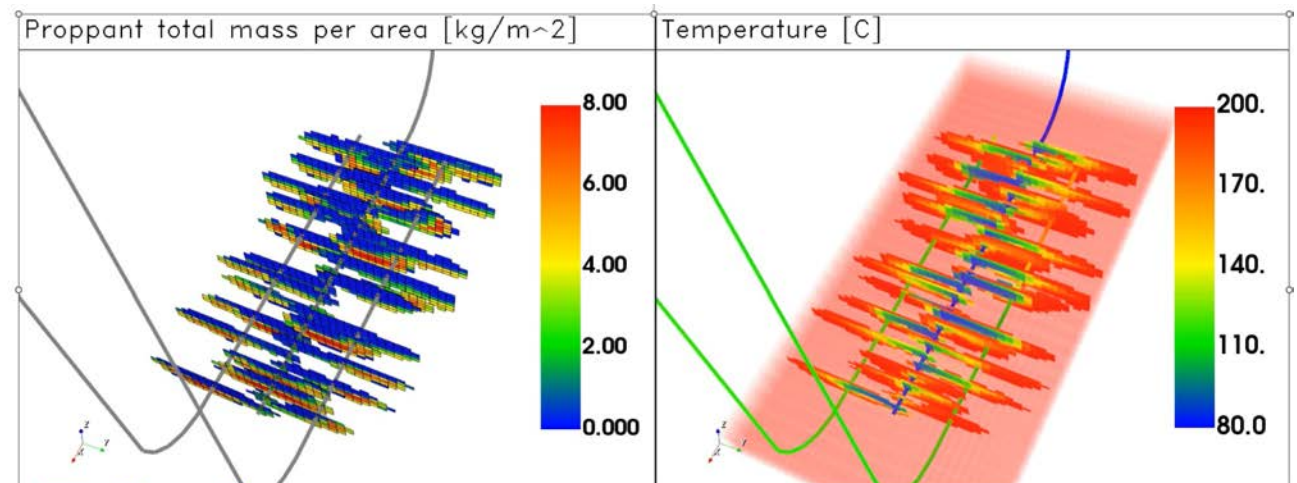
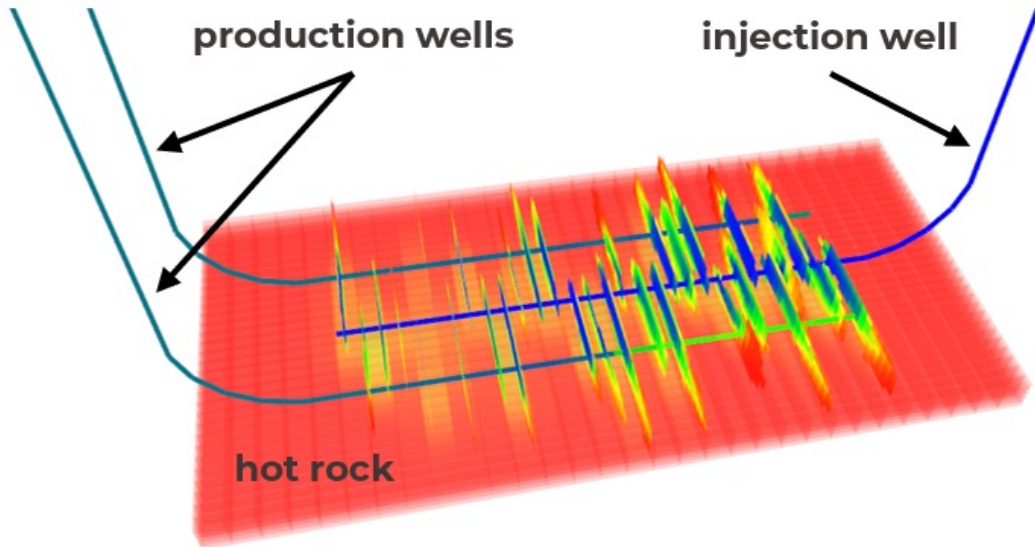
**Time Permitting... FervoFlex™**

# Technology Overview



Fervo's approach to geothermal energy development relies on many of the same technologies that enabled the North American shale revolution, including:

- ❖ **Horizontal drilling** to increase the contact area with the geothermal reservoir
- ❖ **Multistage completions** with extreme limited entry and proppant to increase flow rates and heat transfer efficiency
- ❖ **Distributed fiber optics** for monitoring, characterization, and downhole flow control



Computational model of a modular triplet well system

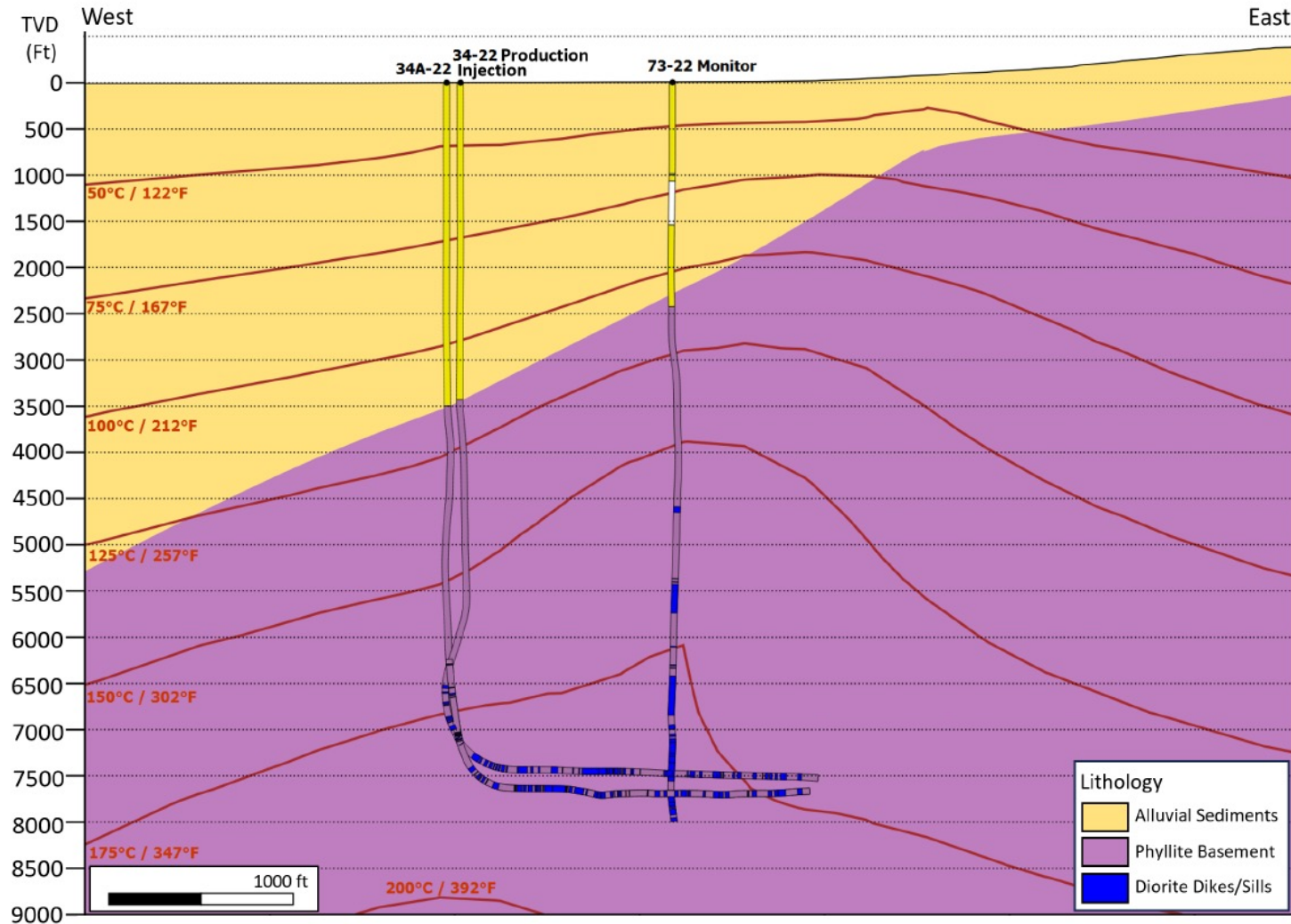
# Commercial Pilot – Project Red



# We successfully drilled the first horizontal EGS doublet



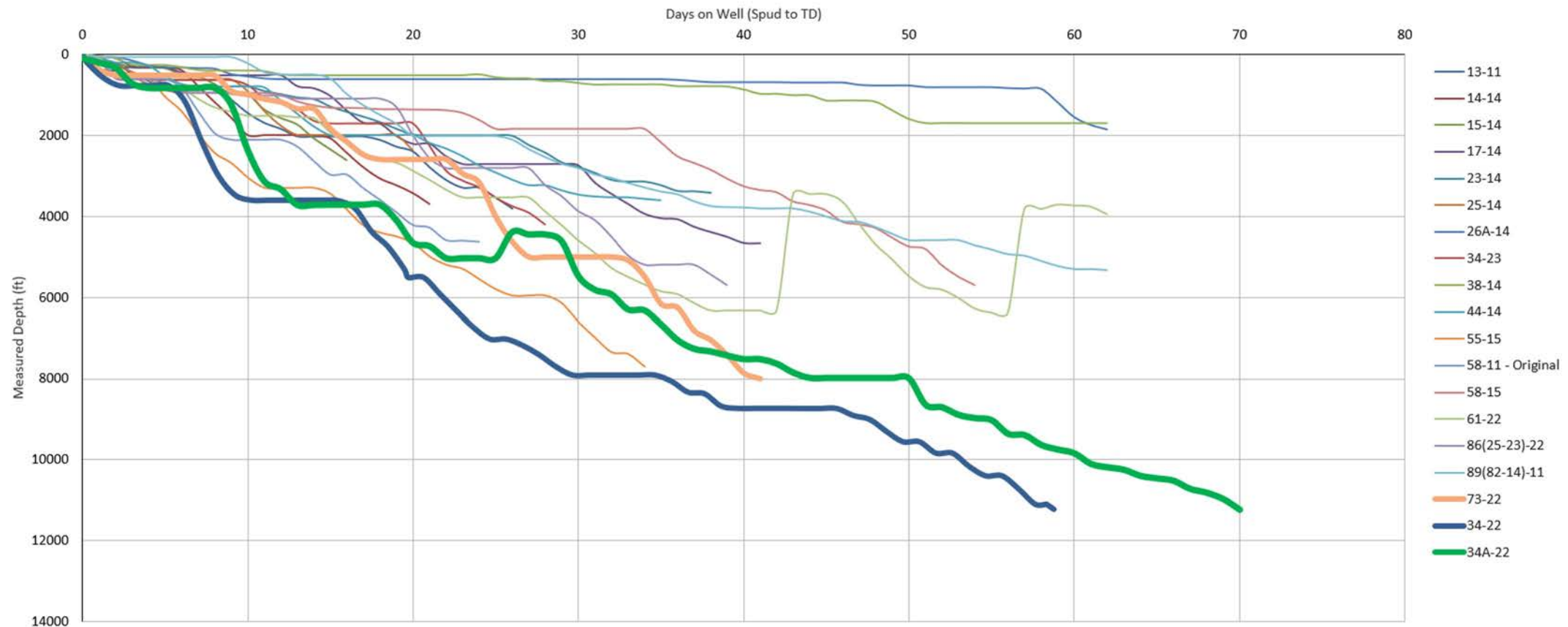
- ❖ Reservoir target was a mixed metasedimentary and igneous formation
  - Phyllite, quartzite, diorite, granite
  - Max temp = 376 °F (191 °C)
- ❖ Laterals were landed fully horizontally
  - Achieved build rates of 10 deg. / 100 ft
  - 9 7/8” production hole size w/ 7” casing
  - Permanent fiber optic cables
- ❖ The two horizontal wells were drilled from the same pad with complex 3D build
  - Critical de-risking for multi-well pad drilling



# Drilling performance



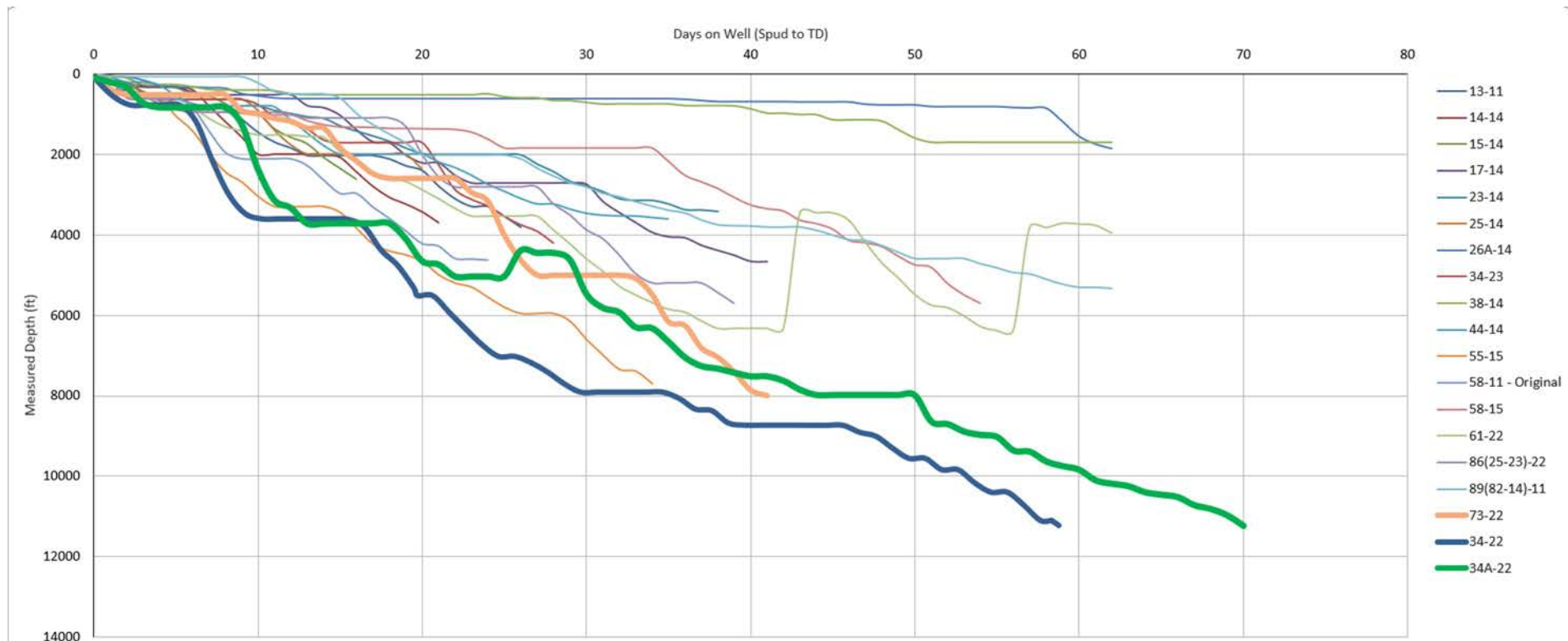
- ❖ We achieved top-quartile drilling speeds relative to other wells across the field
- ❖ Despite these wells being significantly more complex in terms of well construction
  - Larger hole sizes, more casing strings, larger build rates, and horizontal drilling



# Drilling performance



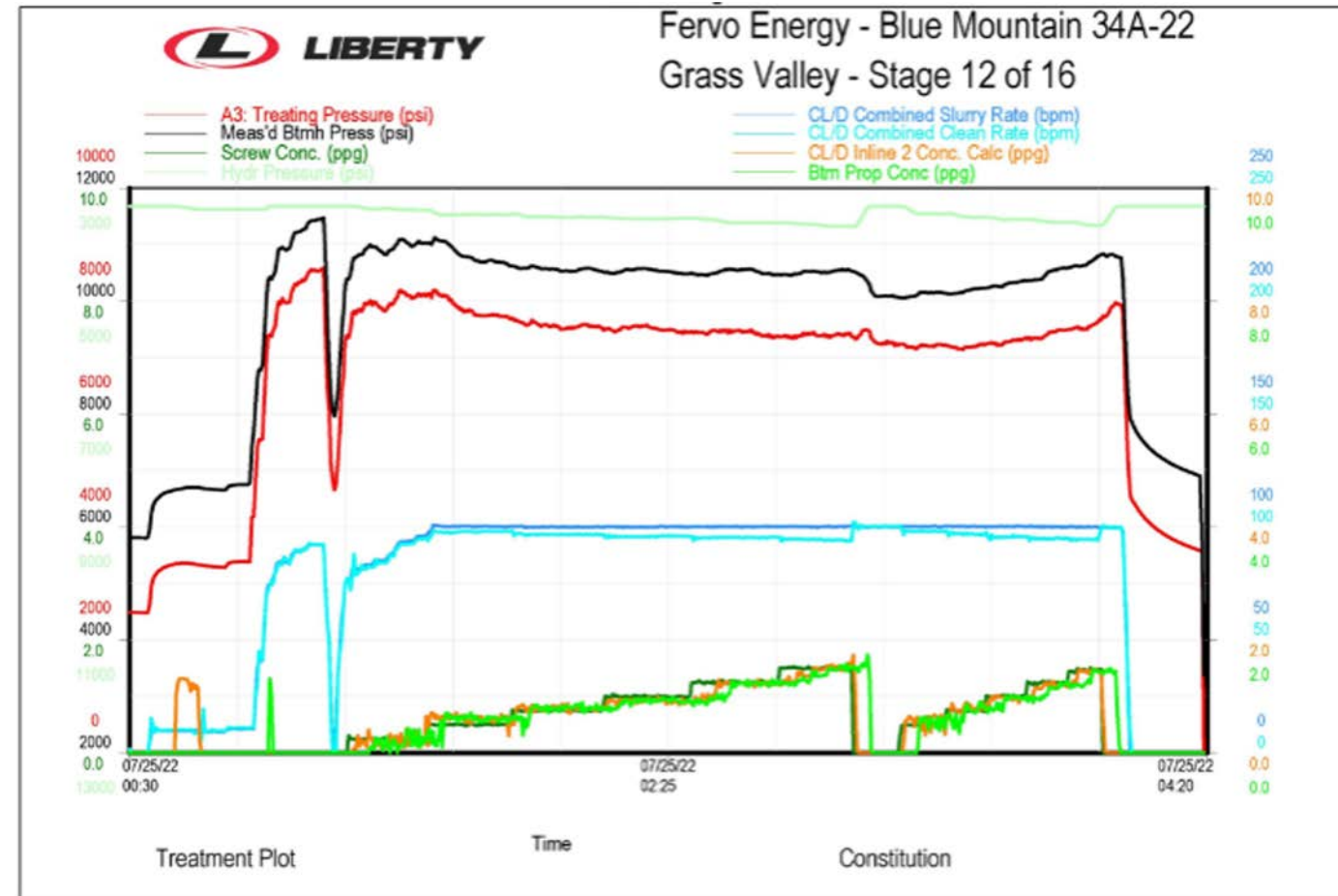
- ❖ The horizontal wells were drilled with both PDC and roller cone bits
- ❖ Directional drilling was performed entirely with standard mud motors + bent sub
- ❖ Achieved an 18% reduction in drilling days between the first and second horizontal wells
  - 72 days → 59 days



# Multistage hydraulic stimulation treatment

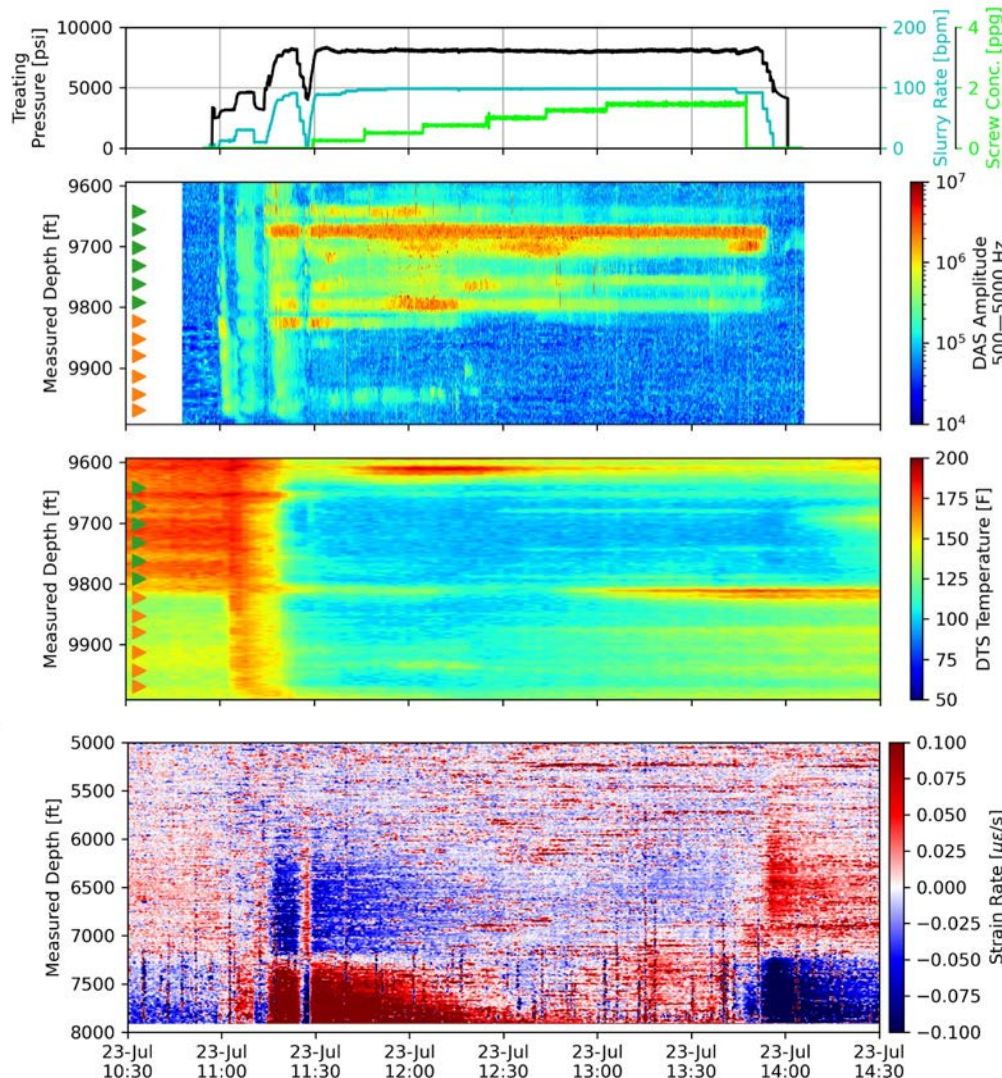


- ❖ We performed a multistage, plug-and-perf stimulation treatment on both laterals
  - 16 stages on the injection well
  - 20 stages on the production well
  - 30 ft cluster spacing / 6 clusters per stage / 180 ft stage length
- ❖ Standard proppant material
  - 500k lbs of proppant per stage
  - 40/70 mesh and 100 mesh proppant
  - 100 bpm target pump rate





# Created over 100+ fracture flow paths along both wells



Achieved industry-standard rates, volumes, and proppant loading concentrations while treating stages in metasedimentary and granitic lithologies

In-well DAS in horizontal treatment well confirmed 100% cluster initiation with average 73% cluster efficiency

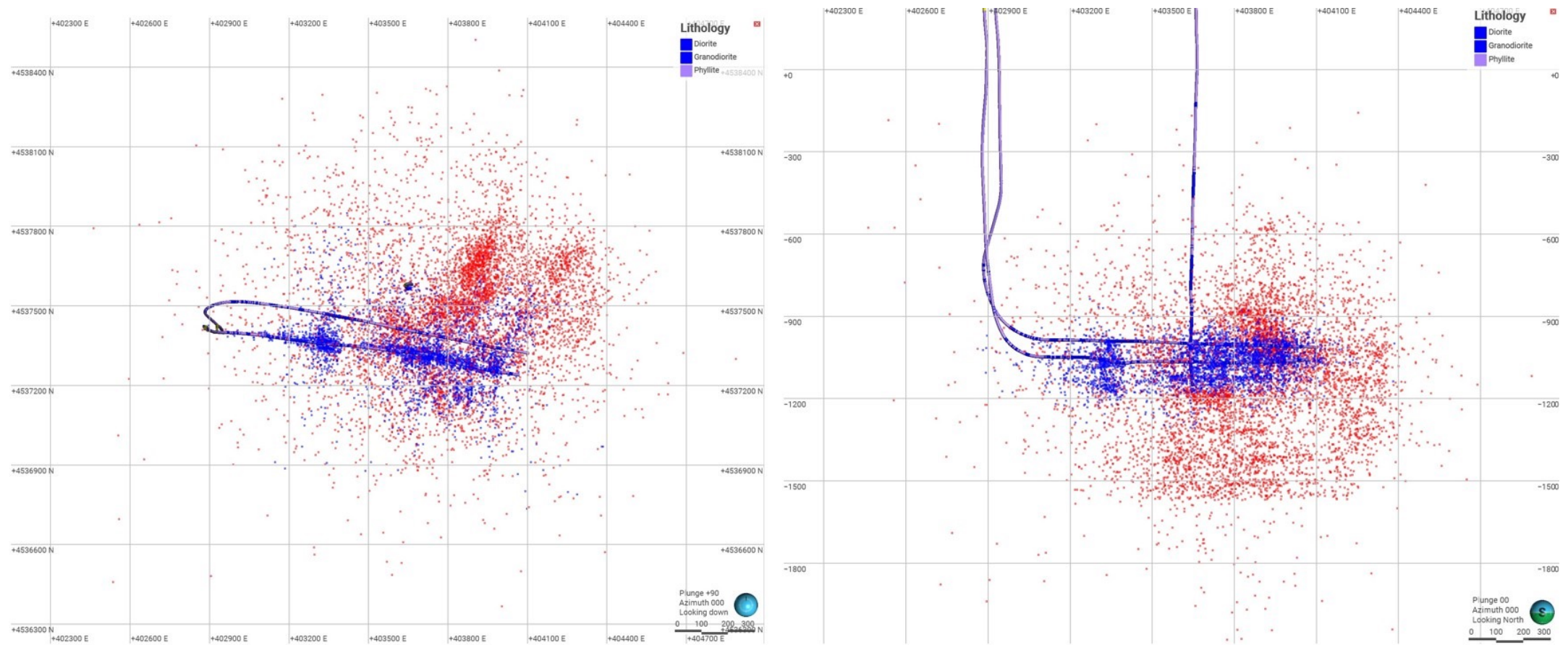
In-well DTS in horizontal treatment well confirmed relatively good zonal isolation plug integrity

Low-frequency DAS response in offset vertical well was used to calibrate frac length and height

# Stimulated reservoir volume



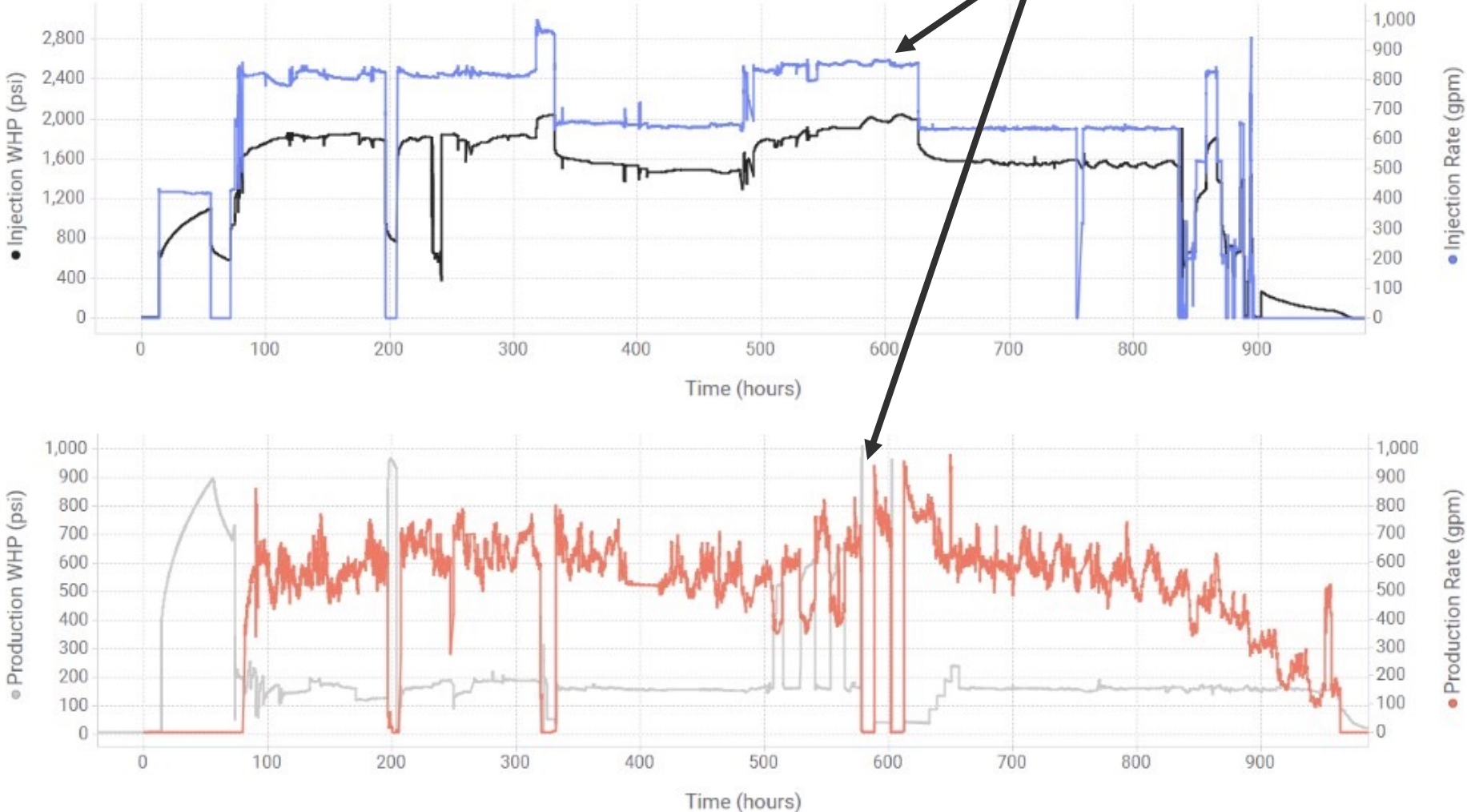
- ❖ SRV dimensions derived from DAS-microseismic: 3000 ft x 1600 ft x 1000 ft
- ❖ Heat-in-place estimates support 5+ MWe of production capacity from the system



# Commercial-scale production rates achieved



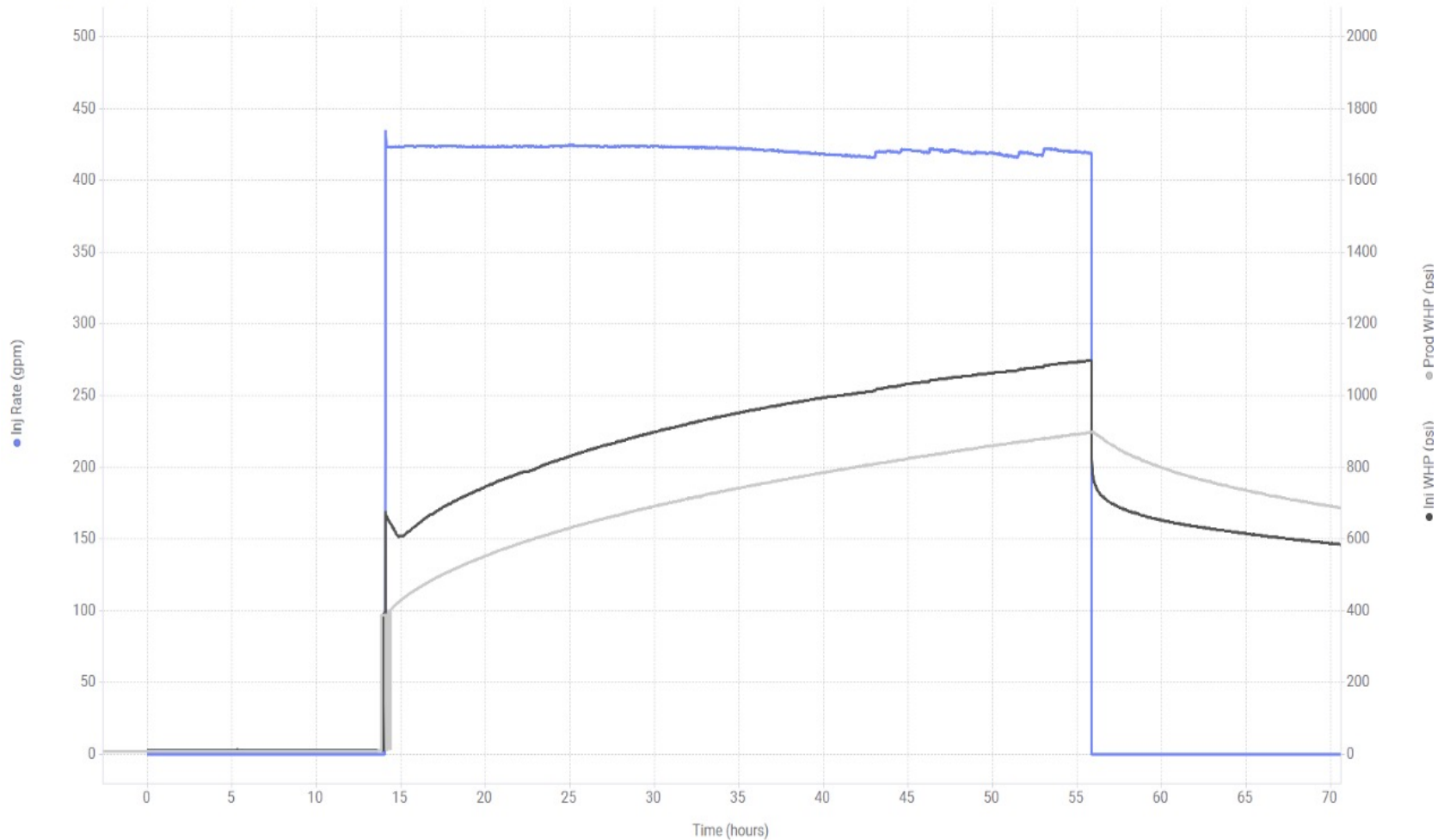
**Sustained flow rates of 25k – 30k bbl/day**



# Fracture conductivities in granite are higher than shales



Inj Rate (gpm), Inj WHP (psi), Prod WHP (psi) - Time (hours)



$$q = \frac{nkwh \Delta p}{\mu \Delta L}$$

**150 psi pressure drop across the reservoir**

**15,000 bbl/day flow rate**

**100 discrete fracture flow zones**

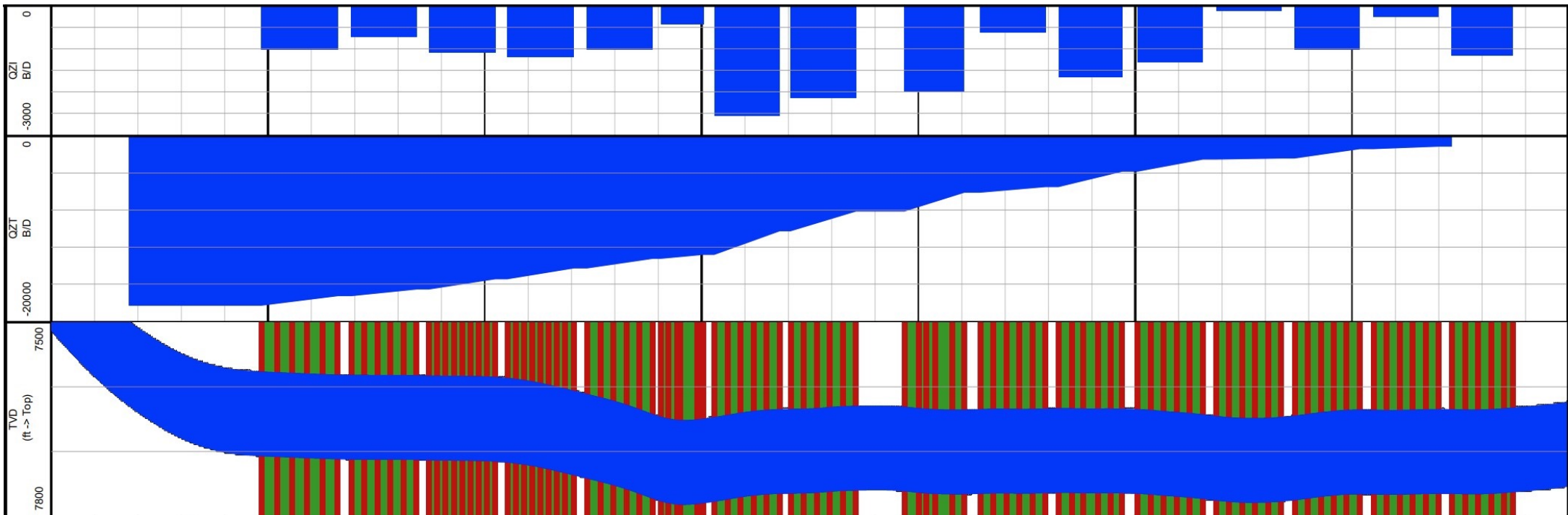
**Implies fracture conductivities of 300 – 400 md-ft**

**...compared to 10 – 100 md-ft for conductivities in shale**

# Uniform flow distribution along the laterals



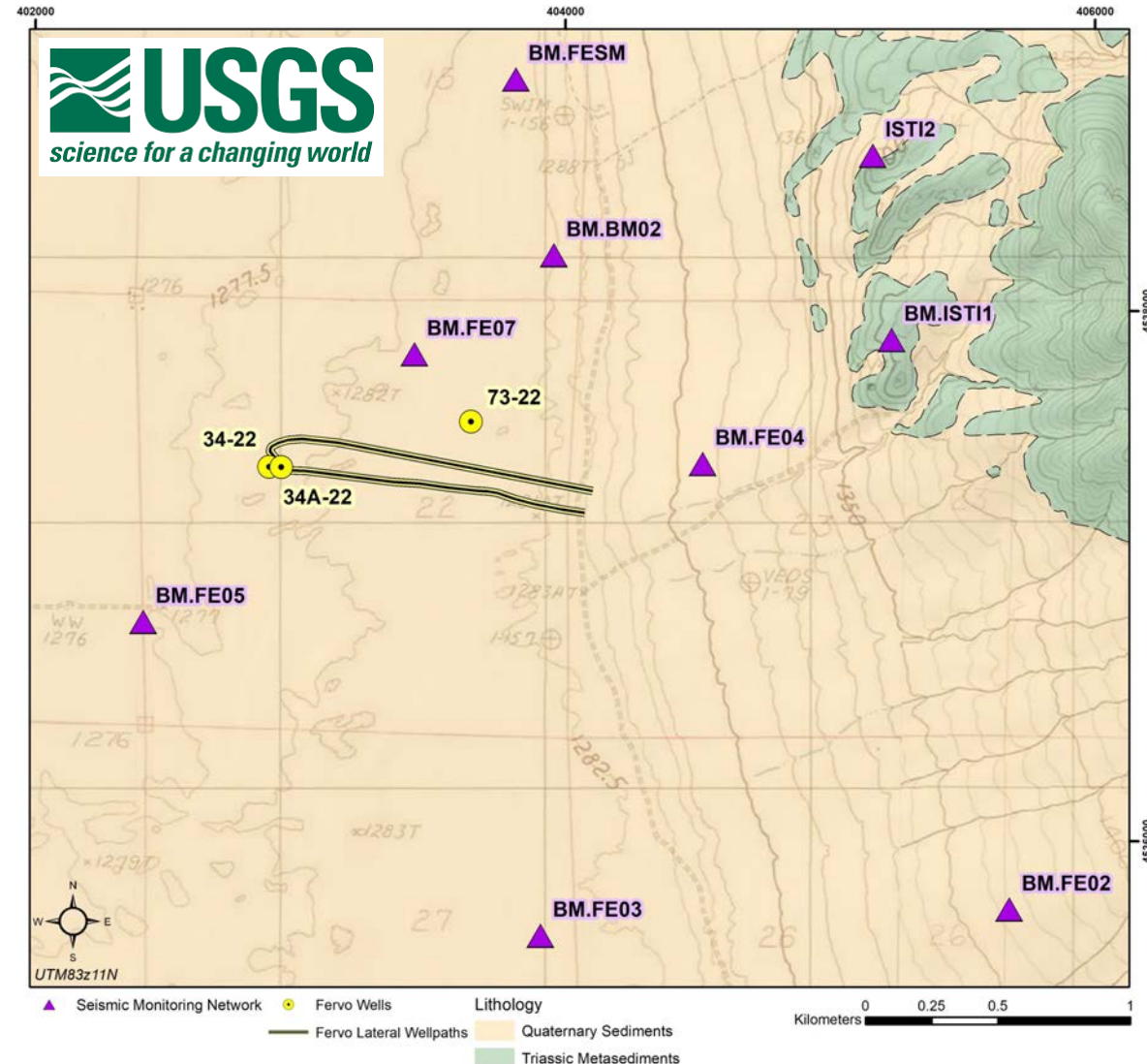
- ❖ Flow distribution profile measured with a spinner log along the lateral under steady-state flow conditions
  - No heel bias
  - No dominant flow paths / thermal short circuit pathways



# Induced seismicity mitigation



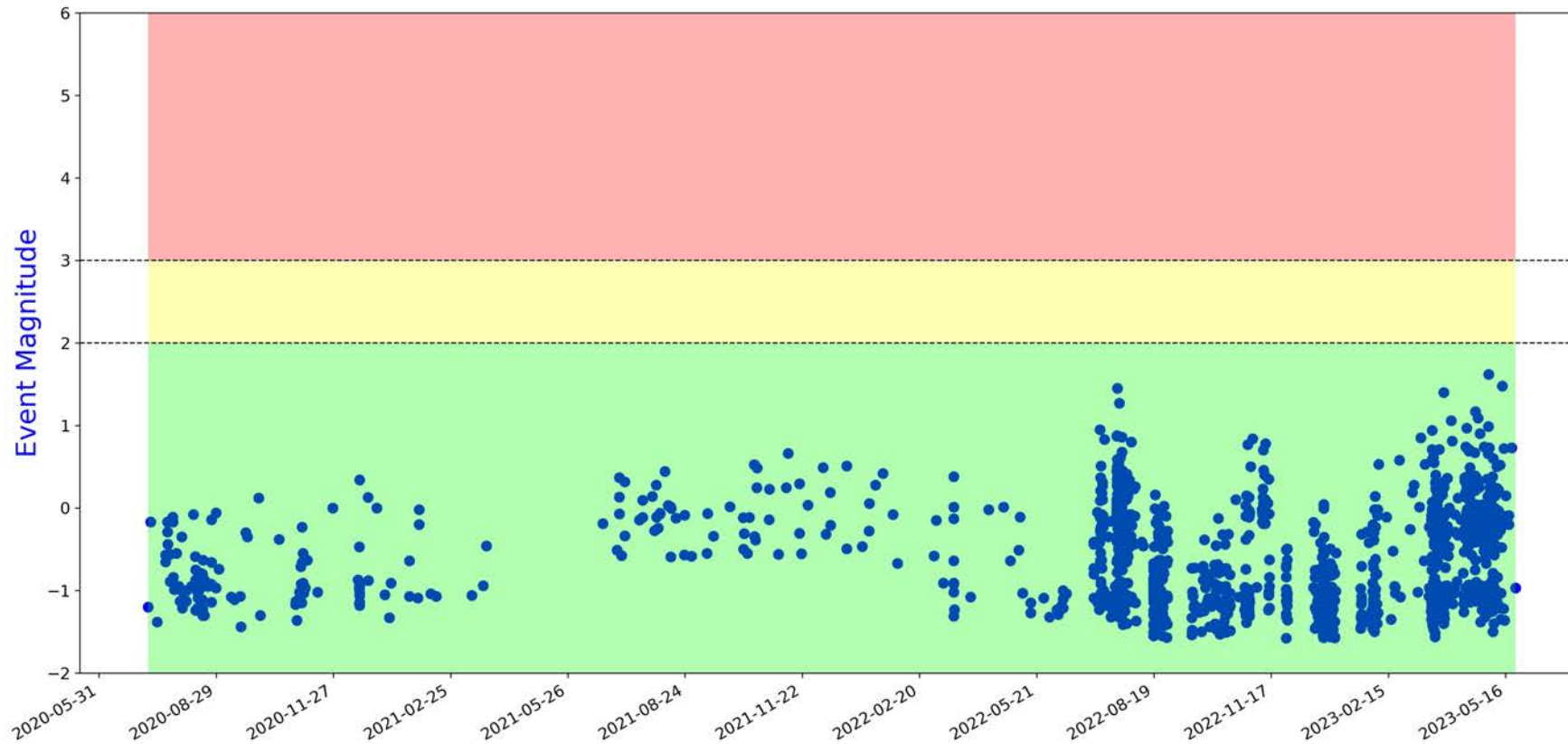
- ❖ We implemented a rigorous induced seismicity mitigation plan
  - Followed protocol established by US Department of Energy
- ❖ Installed a local seismic monitoring network
  - Designed and operated in partnership with the US Geological Survey
  - 8 broadband seismometers
  - 2 strong motion sensors (one at the site and one in the nearest town)
- ❖ All data is publicly available



# No incidents over 3 years of operations



- ❖ Actively monitored in real-time from July 2020 to present (3+ years of continuous monitoring)
- ❖ Monitoring covered all major active operations, including drilling, stimulation, and well testing
- ❖ All observed seismicity remained in the Green level ( $M < 2$ ) with no incident



# Cape Station

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- ❖ Fervo's first full-scale greenfield development capable of producing 400+ MW
  - Ph 1 (90 MW) by 2026
  - Ph 2 (310 MW) by 2028
- ❖ Cape Station EA FONSI received Feb 2023
- ❖ Abundant data from FORGE and offset wells
- ❖ Dynamic data collection: fiber & microseismic to characterize SRV, fracture morphology, inflow allocation
- ❖ Crossflow testing and history matching
- ❖ Data driven optimization results in faster standardization and cost reduction
- ❖ 3+ wells per pad & batch drilling



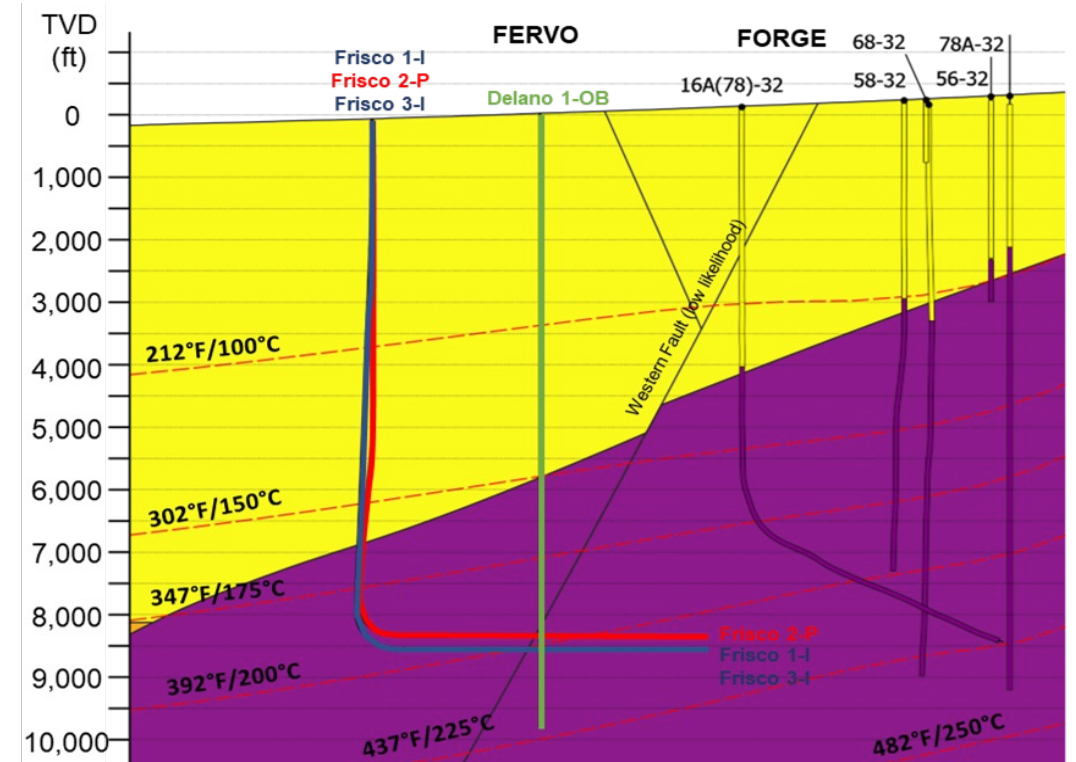
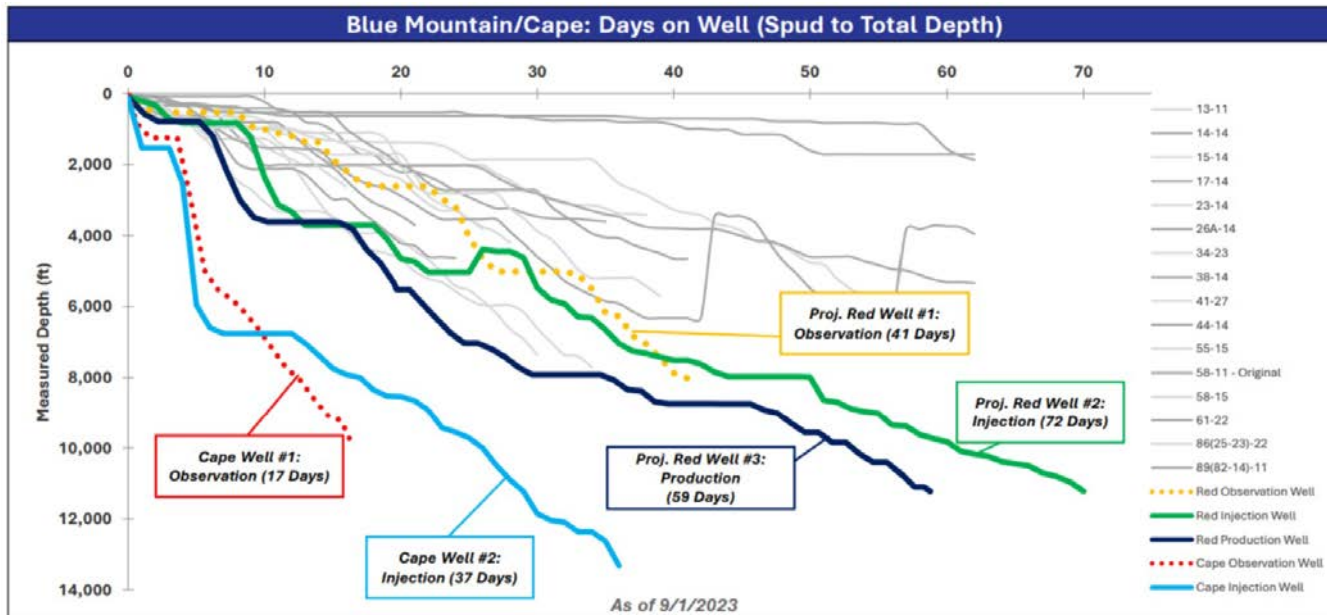
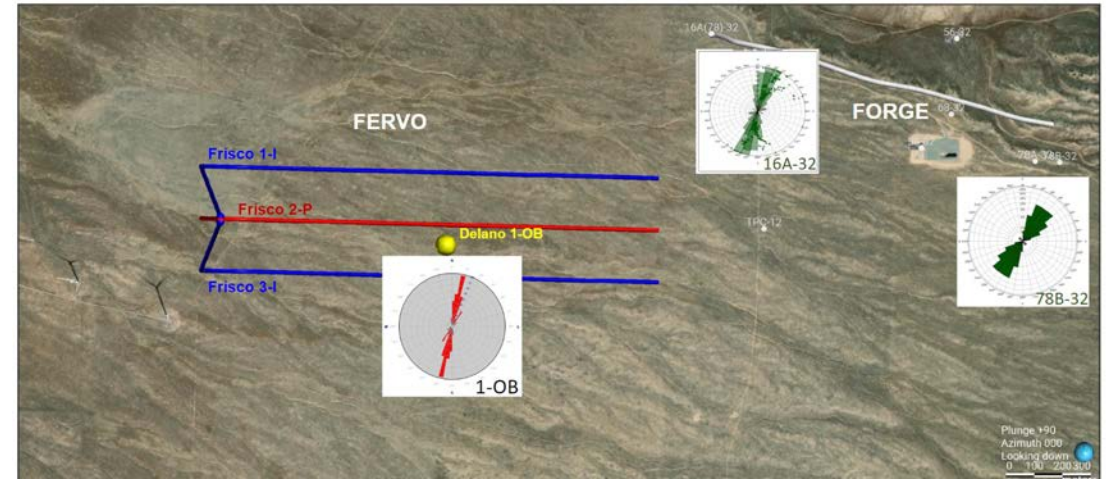
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## ❖ Appraisal Campaign:

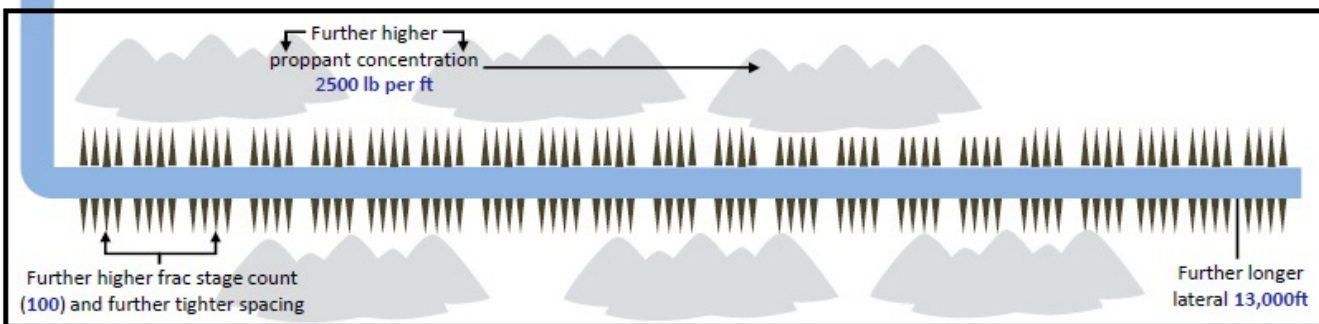
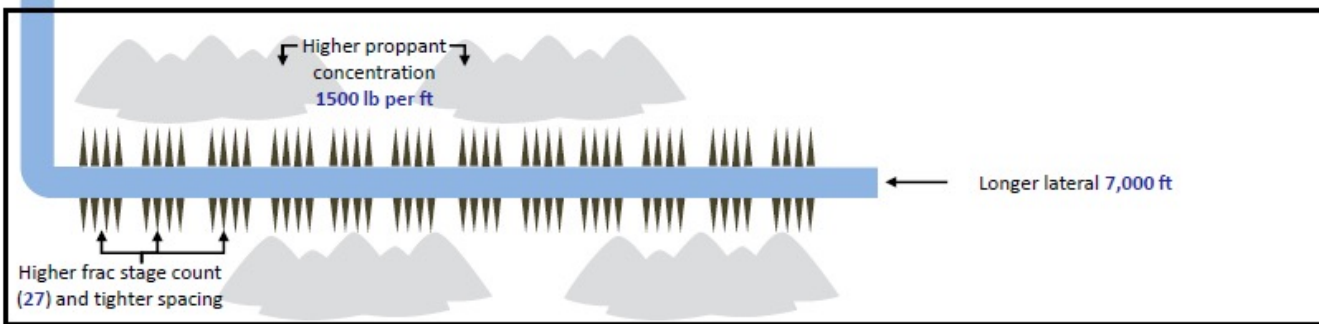
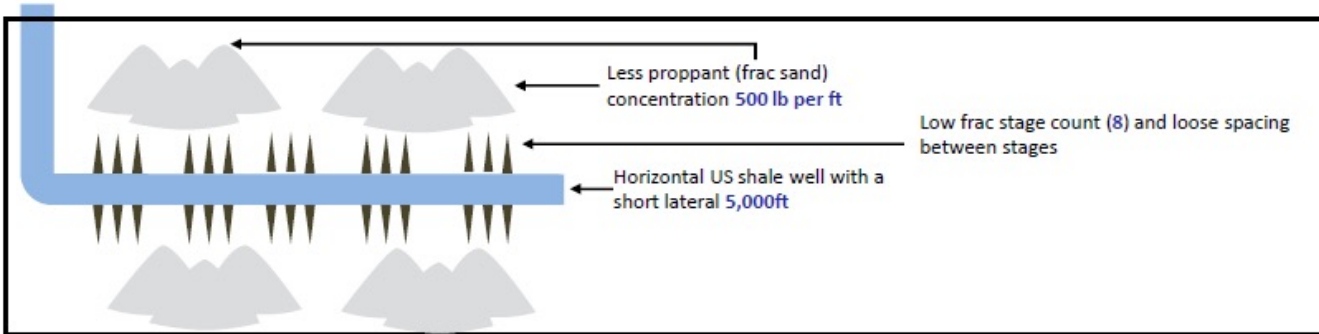
- Delano 1-OB: WL logs, permanent fiber, ERD gauge

9,647 ftMD / 444°F / Shmax 10°

- Frisco 1-I, 2-P & 3-I: vertical and lateral sections logged with WL and ThruBit (297°F max, equilibrated temp ~420°F), high flow rates lead to effective cooling



# Pathway to Scale



## ❖ Increased lateral length

- 3000 ft → 5000 ft → 7500 ft → 10,000+ ft
- Flow capacity and heat transfer surface area scale linearly with lateral length

## ❖ Increase surface and intermediate casing diameters

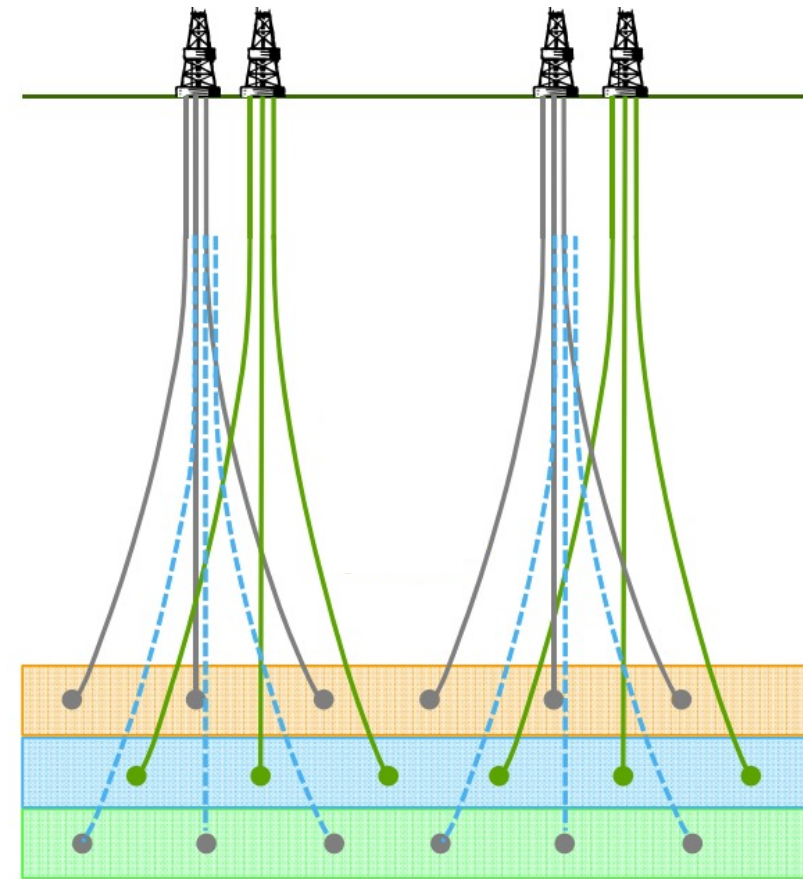
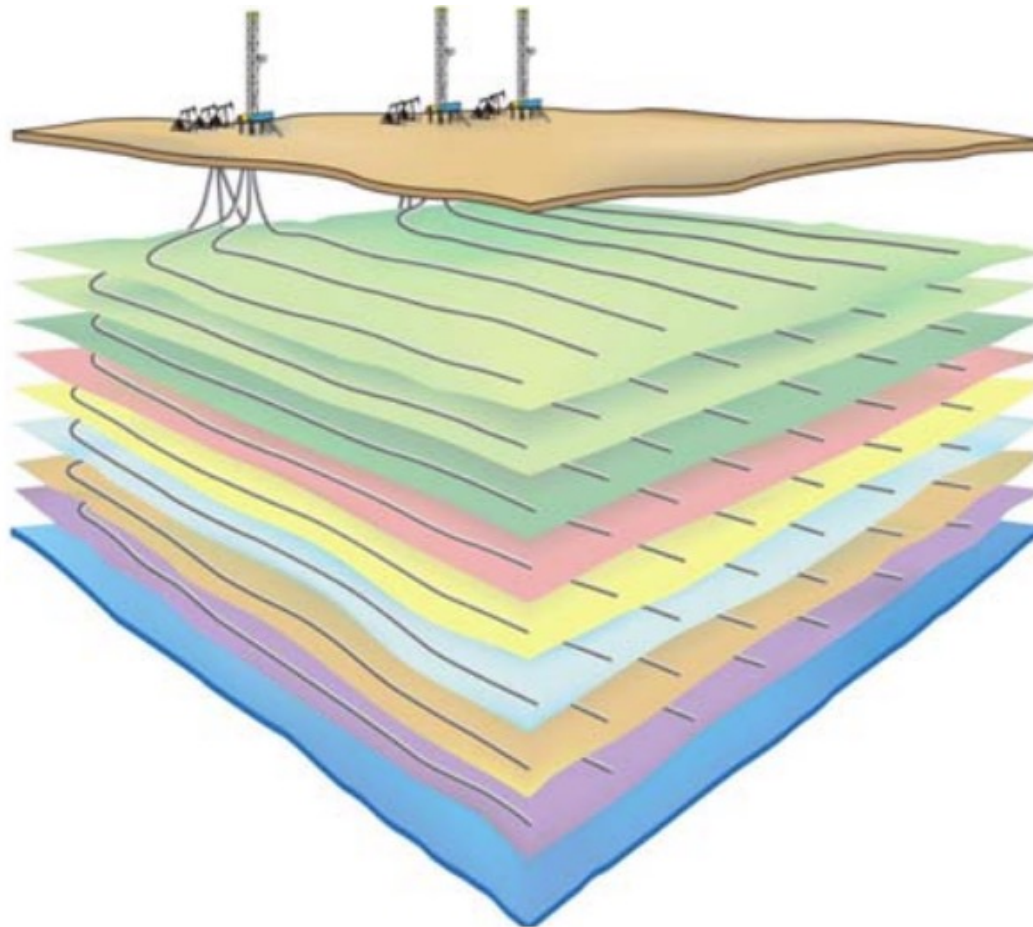
- 7" → 9 5/8" → 10 3/4" → 13 3/8"
- Eliminate wellbore friction and unlock 45k bbl/day flow rates

# Pathway to Scale



## ❖ Innovative well patterns and stacked pay development

- Increase power output per acre by 3x-5x to dramatically increase resource base and acreage value



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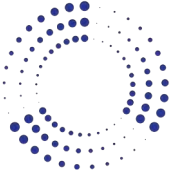
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- ❖ Having successfully constructed the Project Red commercial pilot, we have demonstrated that no fundamental technical barriers remain to deploying next-generation geothermal technologies in high-temperature, hard rock settings
- ❖ The pathway to scale is straightforward, and requires no new technology leaps
- ❖ With no significant fundamental technical risks remaining, the focus must now be on consistency, replicability, and cost reduction

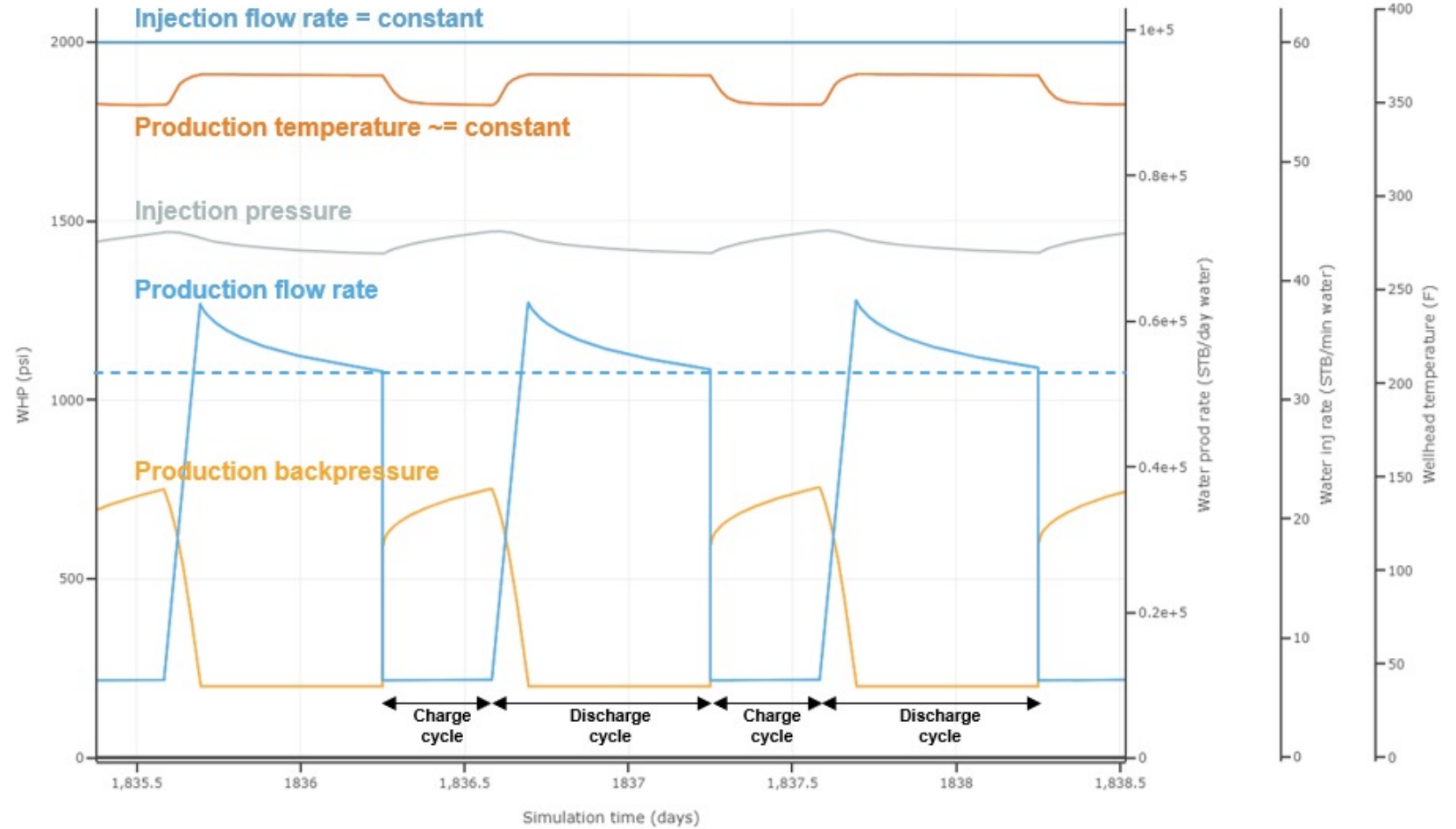
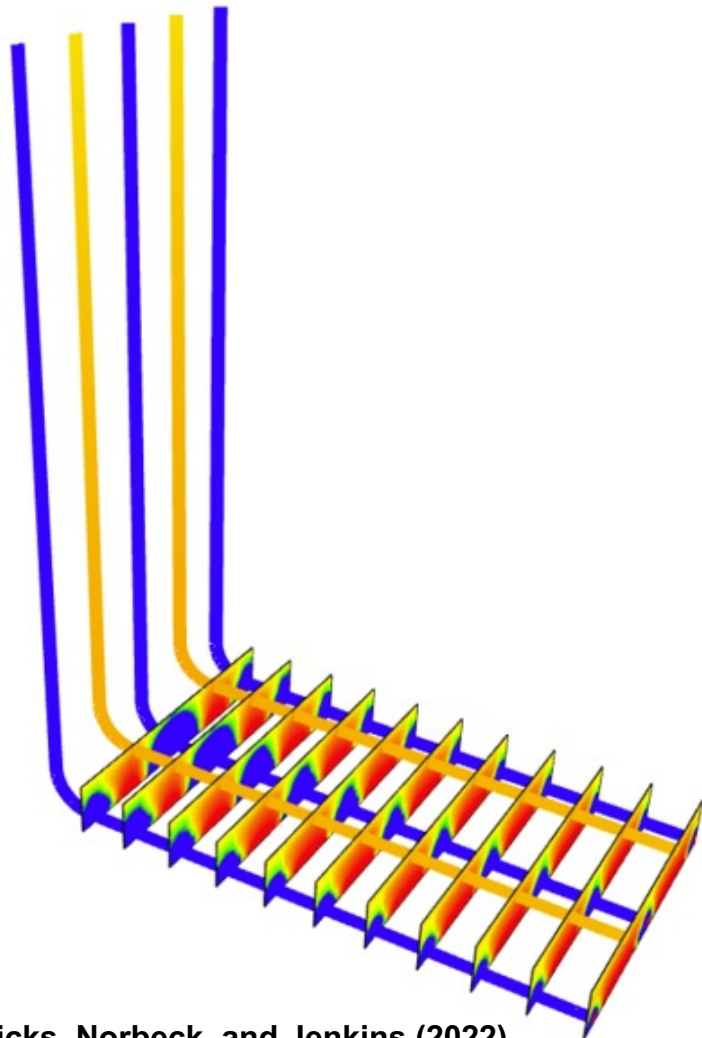
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# FervoFlex™ Technology Validated



Ricks, Norbeck, and Jenkins (2022)

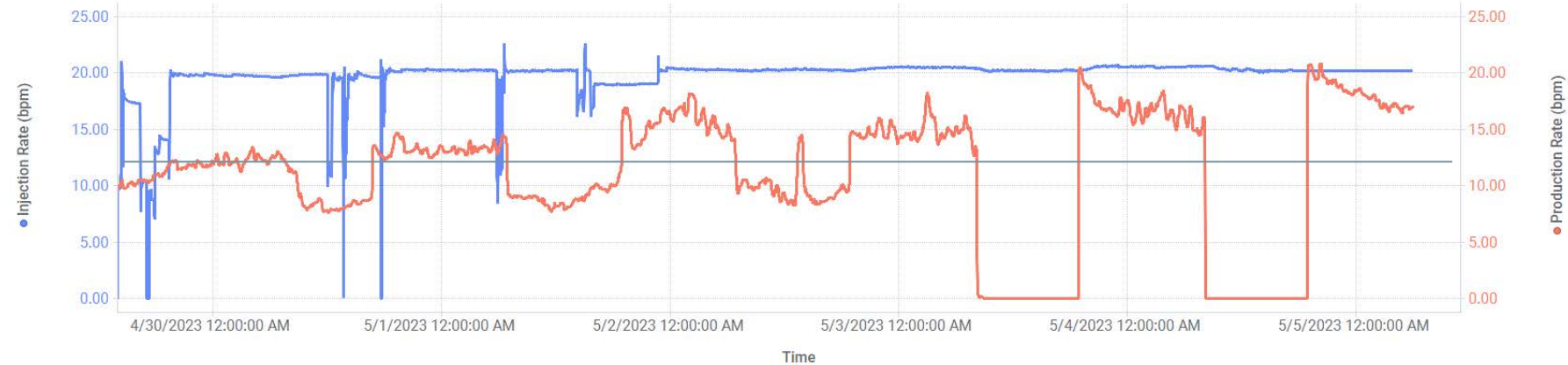
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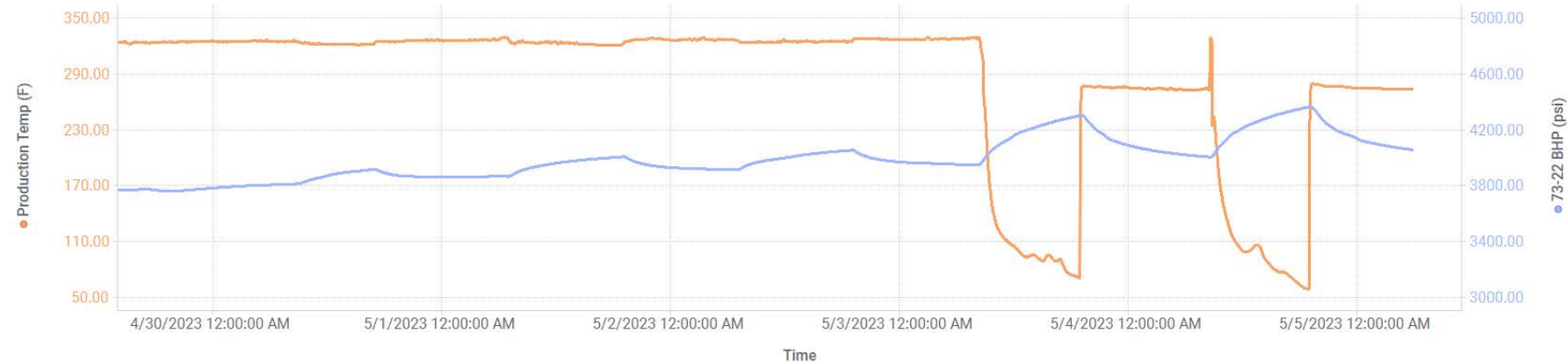


- **We performed five FervoFlex™ cycles**
  - 3 cycles where production was curtailed to a fraction of steady-state
  - 2 cycles where production was completely curtailed
- **Validated our ability to reliably flex our generation and consumption curves to deliver highly dispatchable power profiles**
  - Demonstrated ability to be a net energy consumer during the day
  - Reservoir charge cycle resulted in flush production phase during evening peak load hours

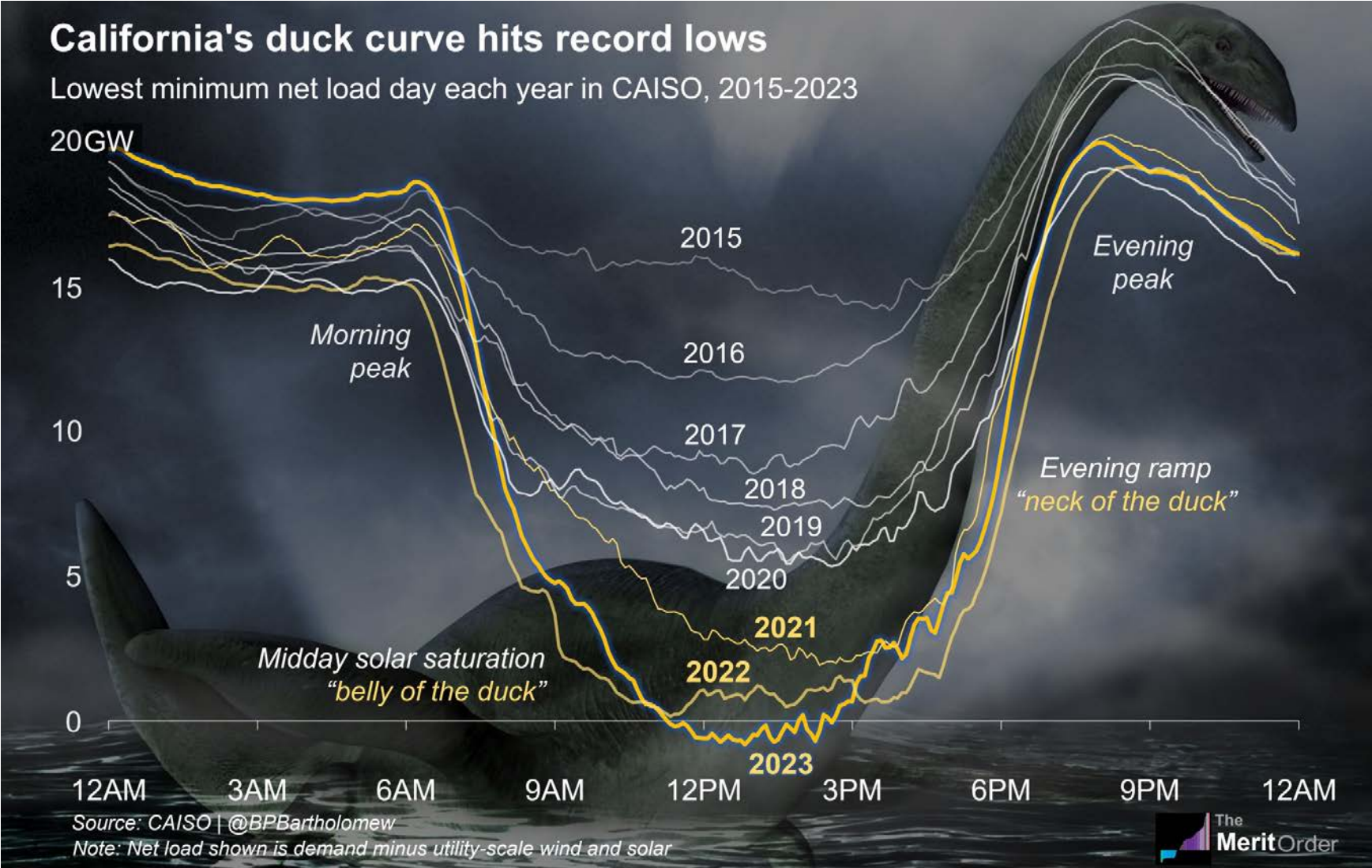
Injection Rate (bpm), Production Rate (bpm) – Time



Production Temp (F), 73-22 BHP (psi) – Time



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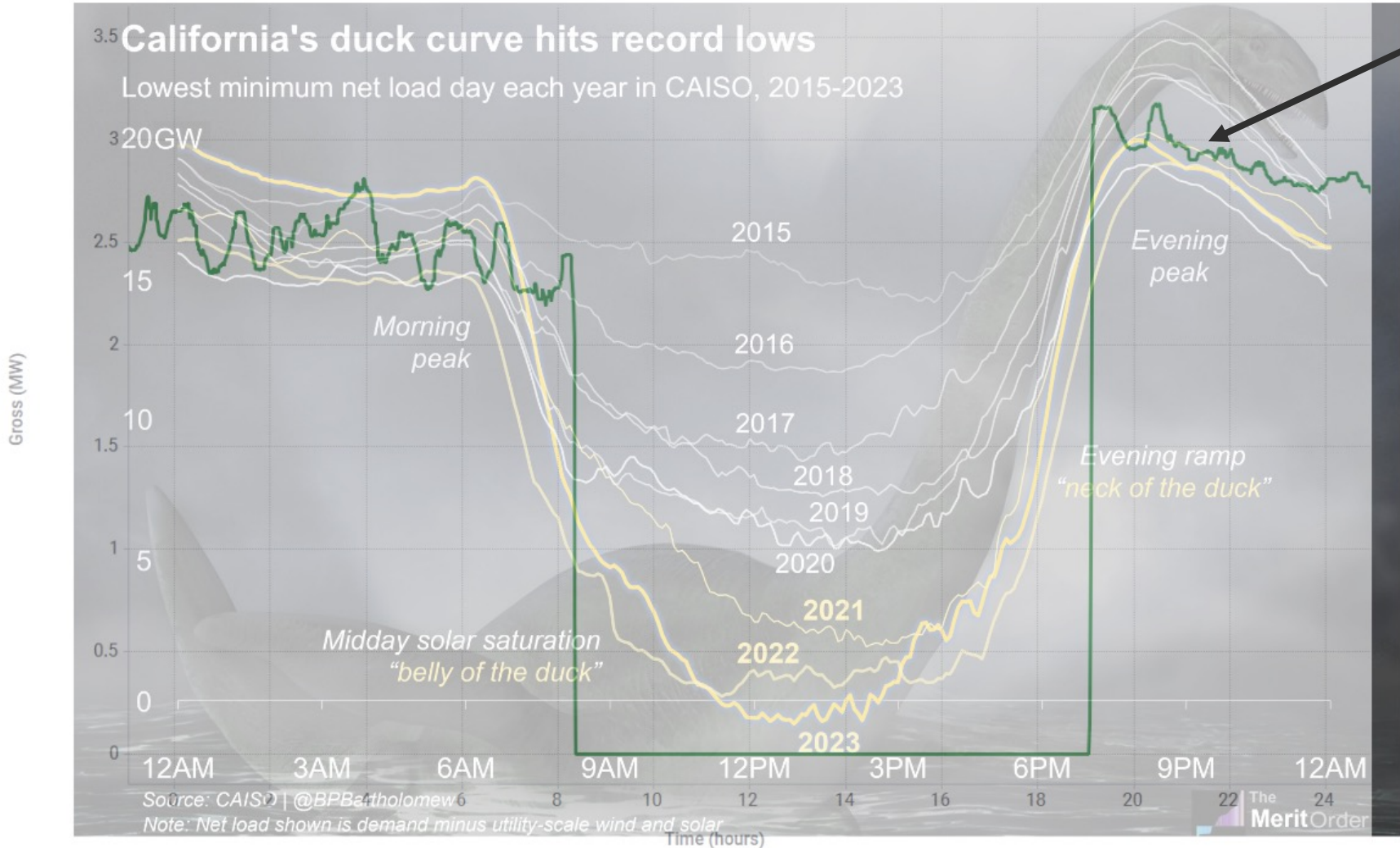




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Gross (MW) – Time (hours)



**Actual Fervo production curve from May 4, 2023**



# You can't drill horizontally in geothermal reservoirs.

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Even if you could drill horizontally...

**You can't case and cement geothermal wells because you'll shut off the natural fractures.**



Even if you could case  
and cement the well...

**You can't initiate  
tensile fractures in  
geothermal rocks.**



Even if you could create  
new tensile fractures...

**You can't place  
proppant in geothermal  
formations.**



Even if you could place  
proppant....

**You still can't get high  
enough flow rate.**



Even if you can get a high flow rate....

**Uneven flow distribution will create thermal short-circuits.**



Even if the system works....

**How will you manage induced seismicity?**



# Record-setting performance for an EGS system

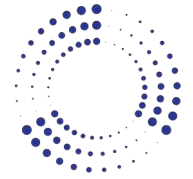
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**“Achieving flow rates of 1000 gpm is a world record for a fully-stimulated EGS system.”**

– Professor Roland Horne, Stanford University

# Methods/Approach



- Stimulation treatment, design of experiments, and data acquisition system is designed to target characterizing the following Reservoir Performance Metrics

## Reservoir Performance Metrics

Limited Entry Perforation Friction: Designed vs. Actual		
No-Go Outcome	Target Outcome	Reach Outcome
Actual LEP is more than 1000 psi under designed LEP	Actual LEP is within +/- 750 psi of designed LEP	Actual LEP is within +/- 250 psi of designed LEP

Treatment Pressure		
No-Go Outcome	Target Outcome	Reach Outcome
> 9500 psi	6000 – 8000 psi	< 6000 psi

Flow Allocation in a Multicluster Treatment Stage		
No-Go Outcome	Target Outcome	Reach Outcome
Flow allocation efficiency factor < 30%	Flow allocation efficiency factor between 50% to 70%	Flow allocation efficiency factor > 80%

SRV Size and Offset Well Spacing		
No-Go Outcome	Target Outcome	Reach Outcome
Offset well spacing < 150 ft	500 ft – 750 ft	> 1000 ft

Near-well fracture conductivity		
No-Go Outcome	Target Outcome	Reach Outcome
< 50 md-ft	250 – 500 md-ft	> 1000 md-ft

Fracture surface area		
No-Go Outcome	Target Outcome	Reach Outcome
< 50,000 ft <sup>2</sup> /cluster	200,000 ft <sup>2</sup> /cluster	> 500,000 ft <sup>2</sup> /cluster

 Final outcome

**Mandatory- may utilize multiple slides**