

# Accelerating Completion Optimization in the Unconventional Reservoirs Through Machine Learning Coupled to Reservoir Characterization

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# **Exploiting the Reservoirs in a Factory Mode**

CAPEX has dropped by approximately 25% since 2014



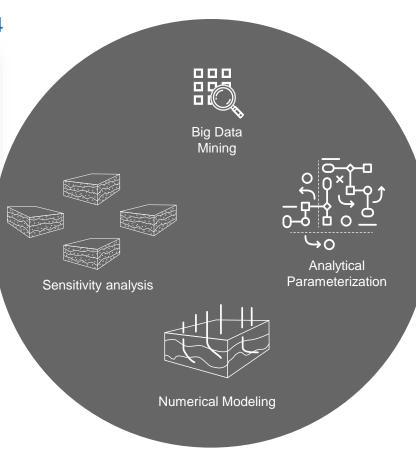
When you fly over Midland

#### "Get more out of little"

Improved Efficiency Improved bbl/\$

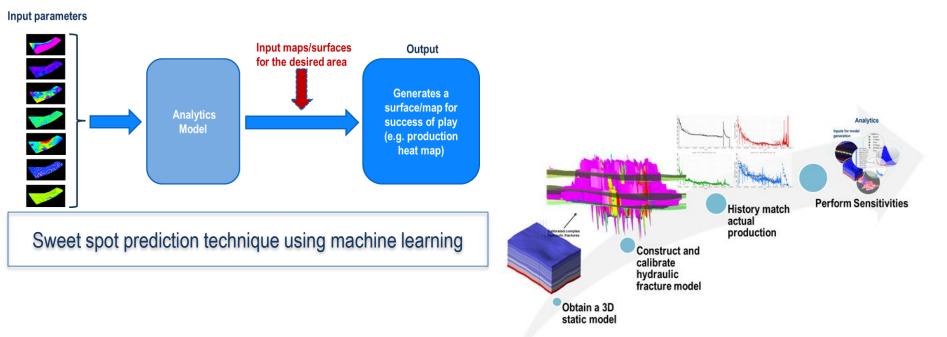
1-2TB of data daily







## **Machine Learning Approach**



Machine learning has enabled forward modeling in a faster scalable media

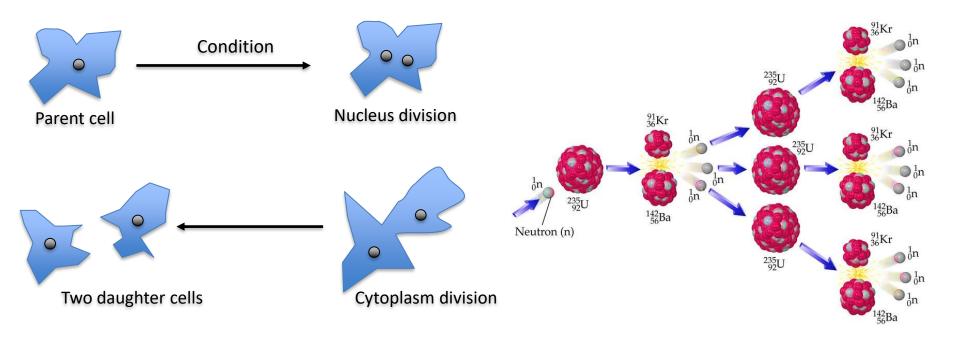
Completion Sensitivity Approach Coupled to Analytics



# Methodology for completion "proxy" modeling

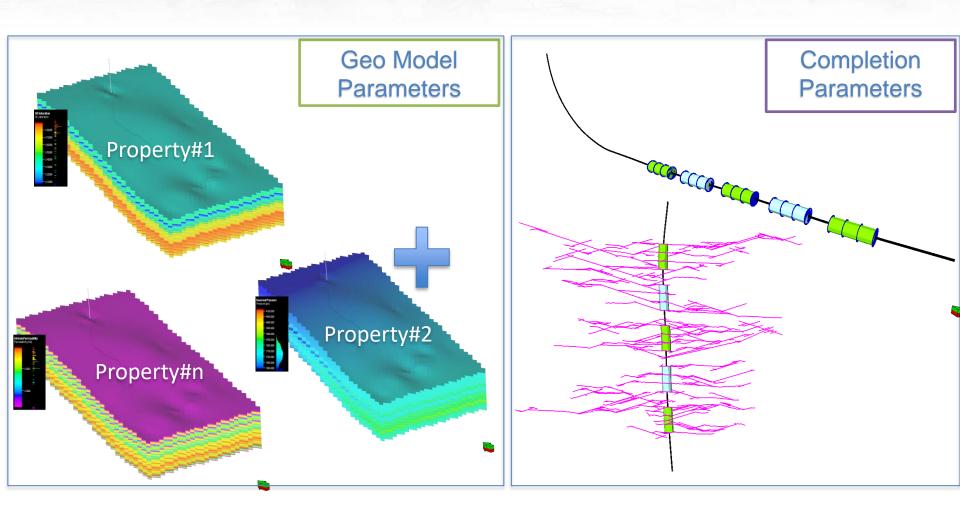
#### Binary Fission in Amoeba

#### Multiple Fission in Uranium



With the right trigger, multiple realizations are created in the nature

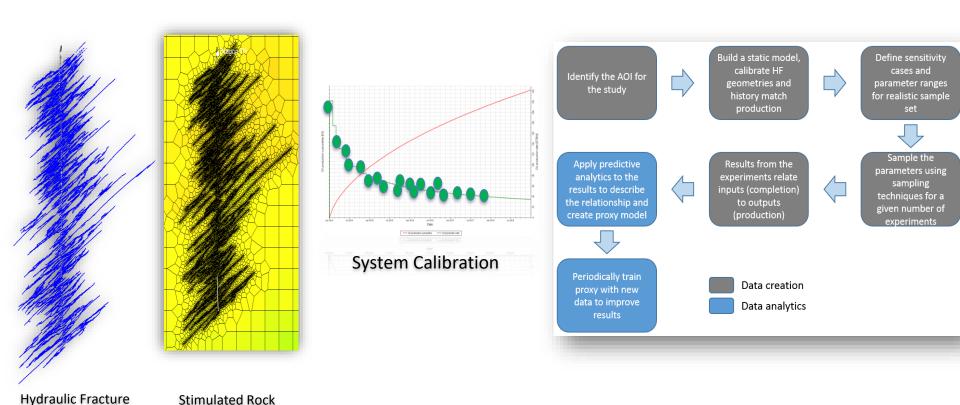
#### Earth model serves as the uranium





## Methodology

Calibration of model and perturbating in the space of possible variation



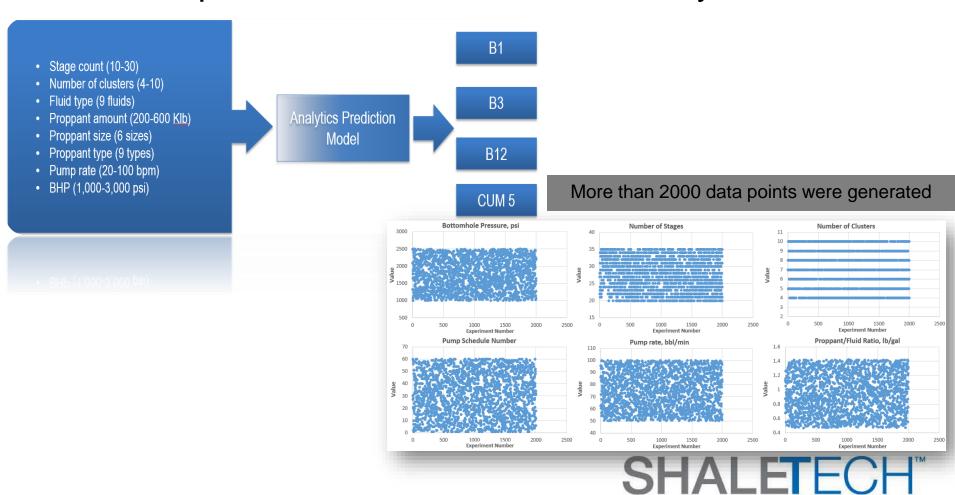
Calibration

Volume Calibration



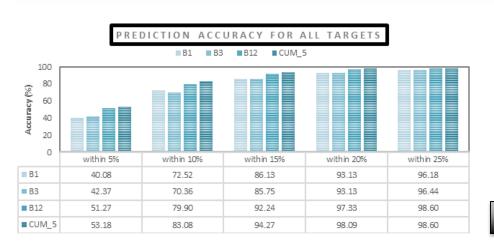
# Space of the sensitivity variable

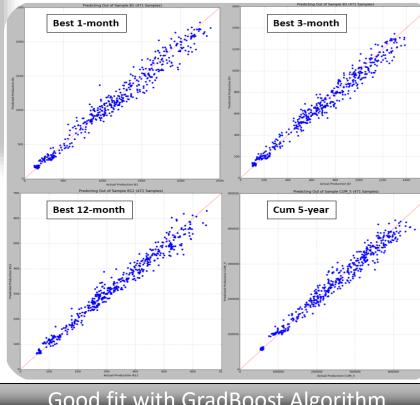
#### Completion Parameters as Sensitivity Variables



# **Best Suited Machine Learning Algorithm**

Approach	Collinearity of Prediction	within 5%	within 10 %	within 15%	within 20%	within 25%	Predicted Sample Length
RandomForest	77.20%	34.84	62.07	80.09	90.37	95.84	1572
GradBoost	91.00%	52.73	82.1	93.44	97.04	98.77	1572
LinearRegressio n	84.90%	35.78	69.55	87.7	93.97	97.17	1572
DecisionTree	77.00%	33.91	61.94	79.43	90.77	95.71	1572
AdaBoost	82.00%	35.38	65.55	84.91	92.65	96.38	1572
MF OLS	84.10%	41.35	69.72	87.15	94.98	97.27	1572
MF NN	87.20%	45.4	76.07	90.53	96.61	98.23	1572

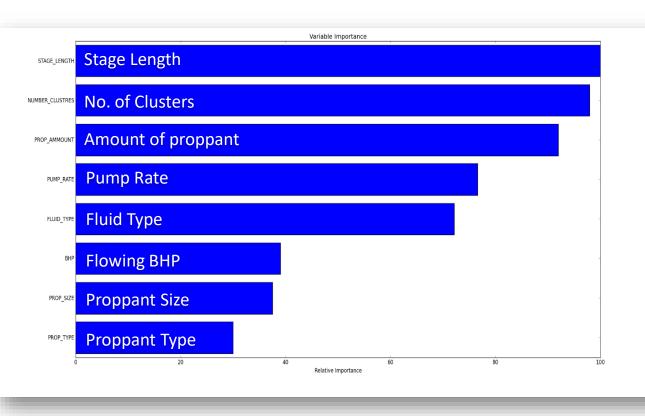




Good fit with GradBoost Algorithm



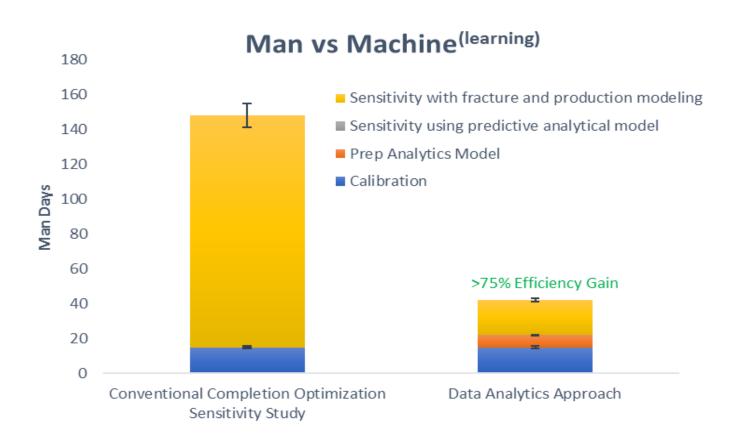
# What impacted the result the most: Drivers for well performance



Predictive Proxy model allows faster economic decisions without rigorous modeling on future wells



## Time saving



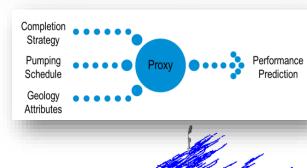


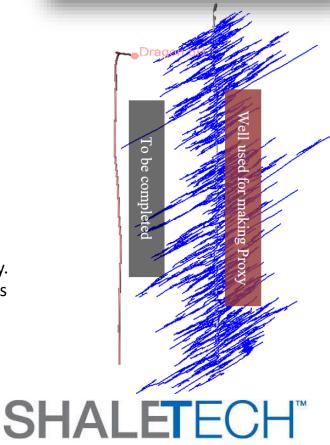
#### **Conclusions**

- Predictive proxy model allows engineers to design the completions and predict the response to production and NPV almost real-time.
- As long as the geology does not significantly vary, the directional response for optimum well completion can be derived from the proxy modeling.
- High level decision making does not have to wait on rigorous modeling and simulations to fast-track the "engineered" completion approach.
- Drivers for production performance can be identified quickly for different pads

The specific learnings from Predictive proxy model developed for Eagle Ford in this study are:

- 1. A calibrated model is a fundamental step to create a reliable predictive proxy.
- 2. The Predictive proxy models had an excellent predictability on all four targets of B1, B3, B12 and Cum\_5
- 3. Higher accuracy is achieved for long term predictions (Cum 5 > B1)





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