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# Perforation Techniques for Injectivity Enhancement for CCS Projects

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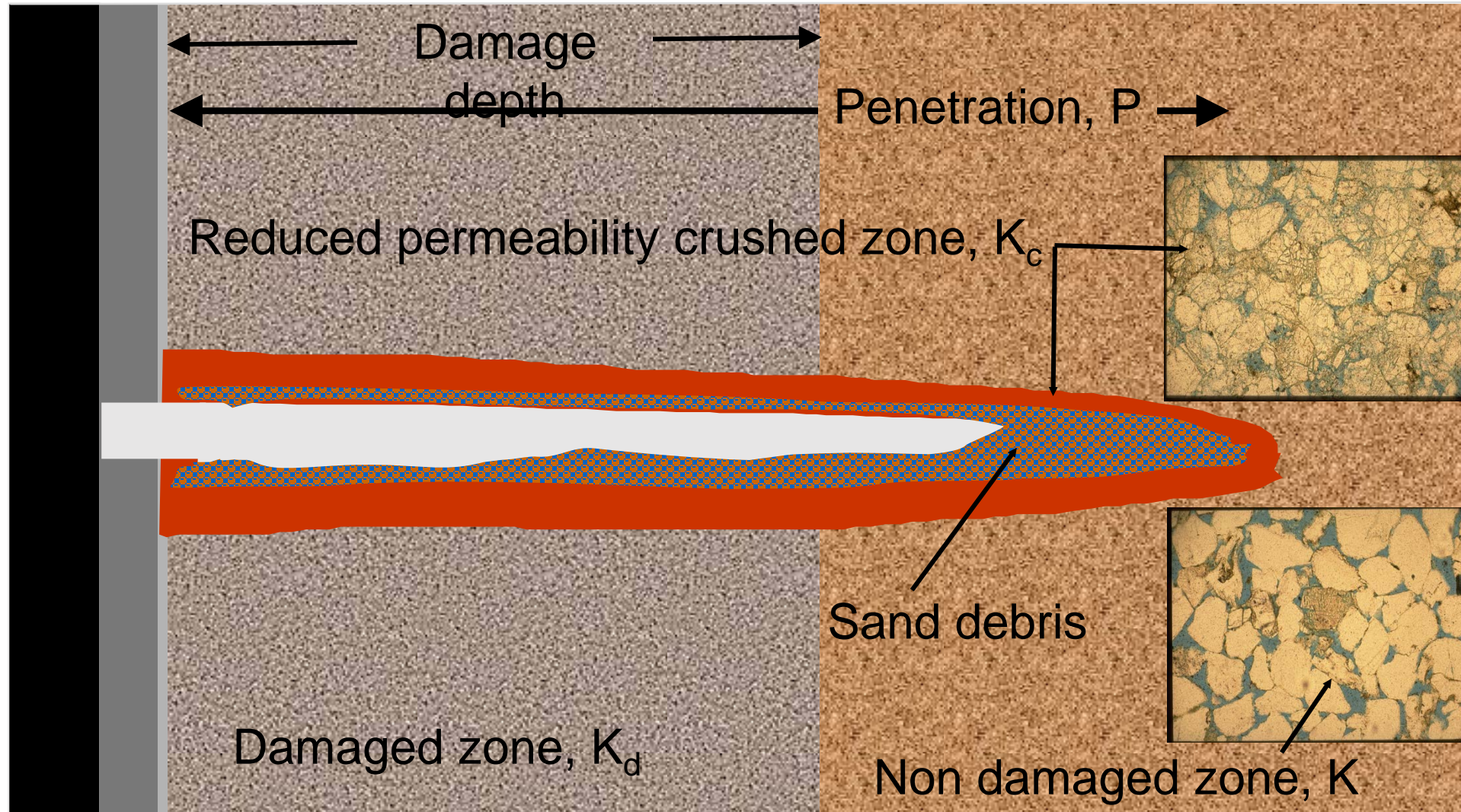




# Agenda

- Perforation Damage
- Perforation Tunnel Clean up
- Static and Dynamic Underbalance
- Propellant

# Crushed Zones in Perforation Tunnels

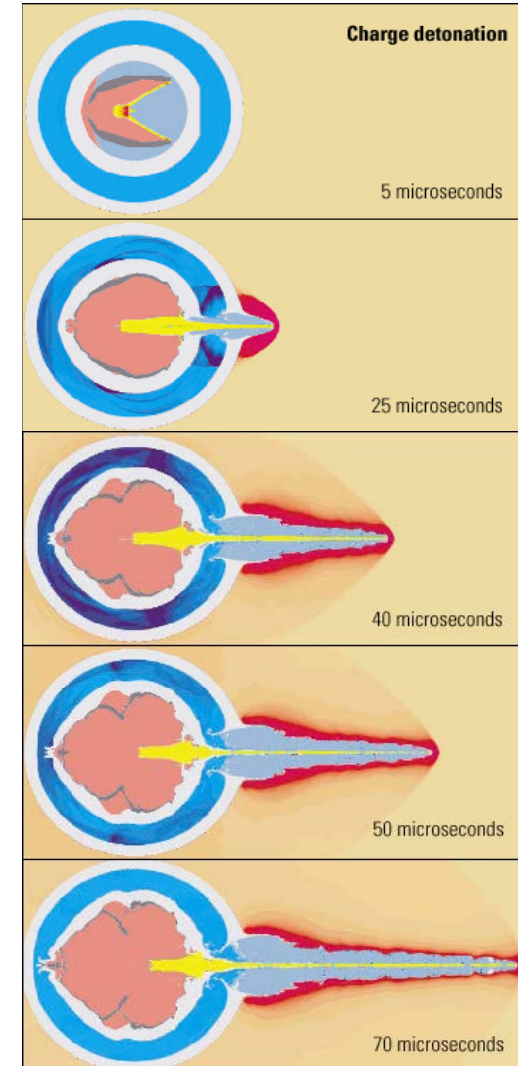
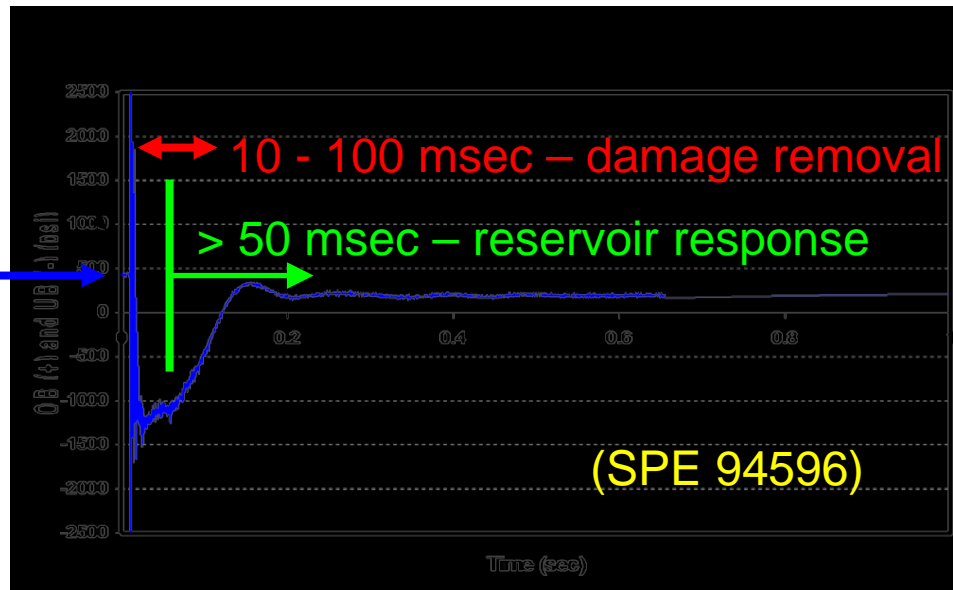


# Sequence of Perforating Events and Borehole Dynamic

(SPE 97363)

- 0 – 15 microsecond – birth of jet
- 15 – 250 microsecond – creation of cavity in rock
- 3 – 15 millisecond – initial response of wellbore fluid
- 10 – 100 millisecond – perforation damage removal
  - Dynamic Underbalance
- > 50 millisecond – response of reservoir

Initial over balance  
 possible to get DUB when borehole is balanced or slightly over balanced

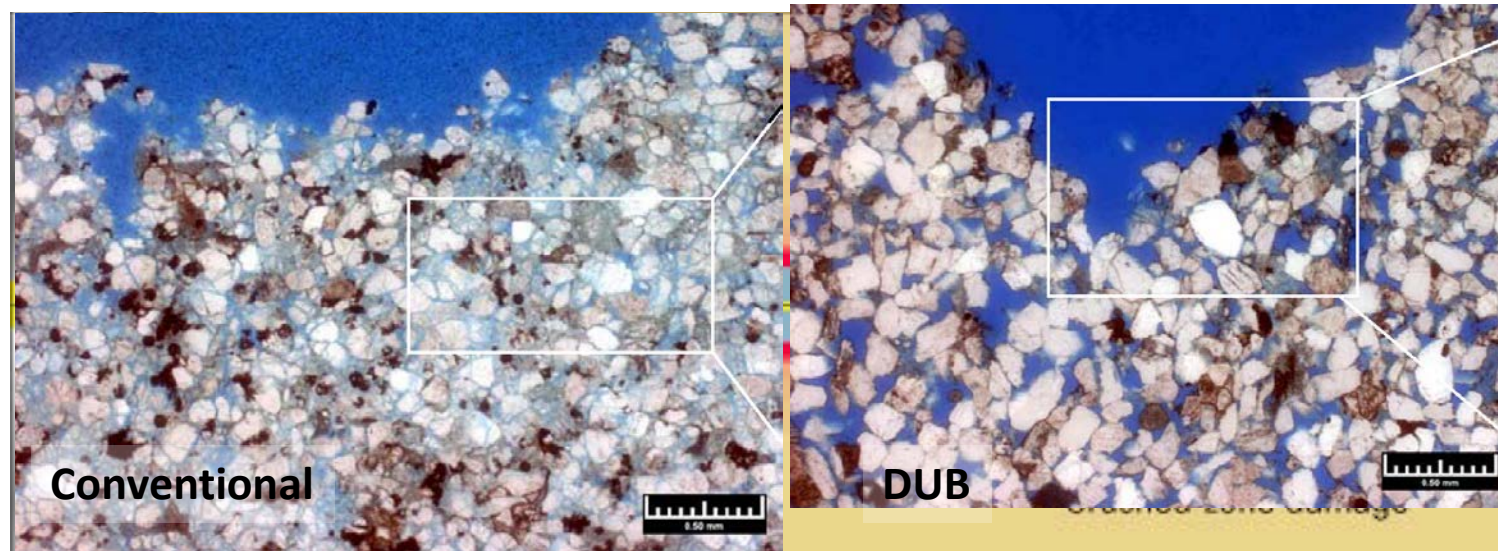




# Dynamic Underbalance Perforation (DUB)

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- Obtains clean perforations by utilizing underbalance period to remove perforating debris & crushed formation.
- Combines perforating system design and wellbore conditions to control downhole pressure transients at the time of perforating.



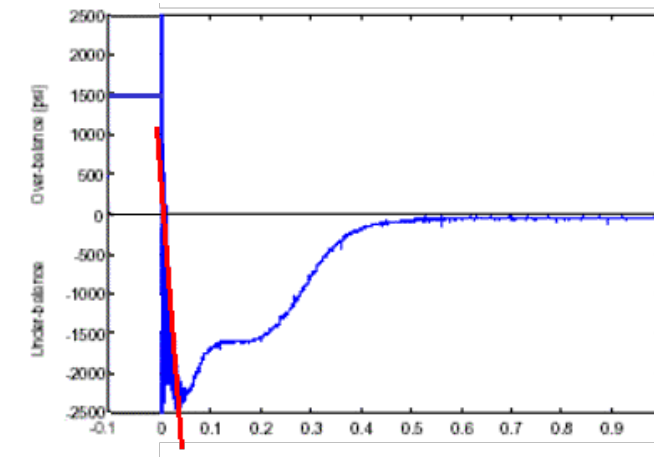
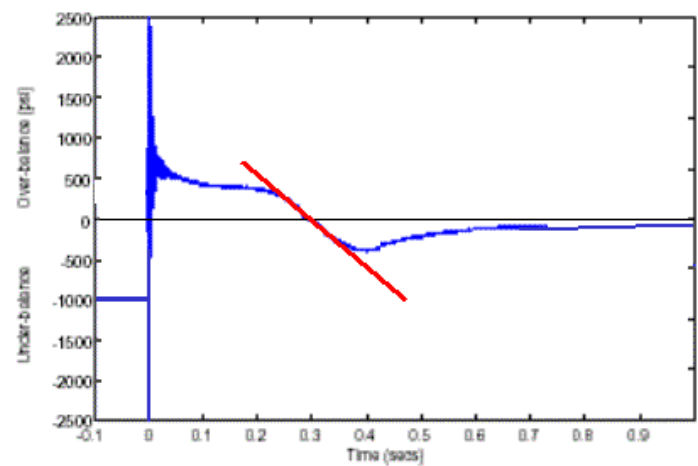
*Berea Sandstone Micrographs from perforated core thin sections  
Note clean sand grains in the DUB case*

*(blue = perforation tunnel)*

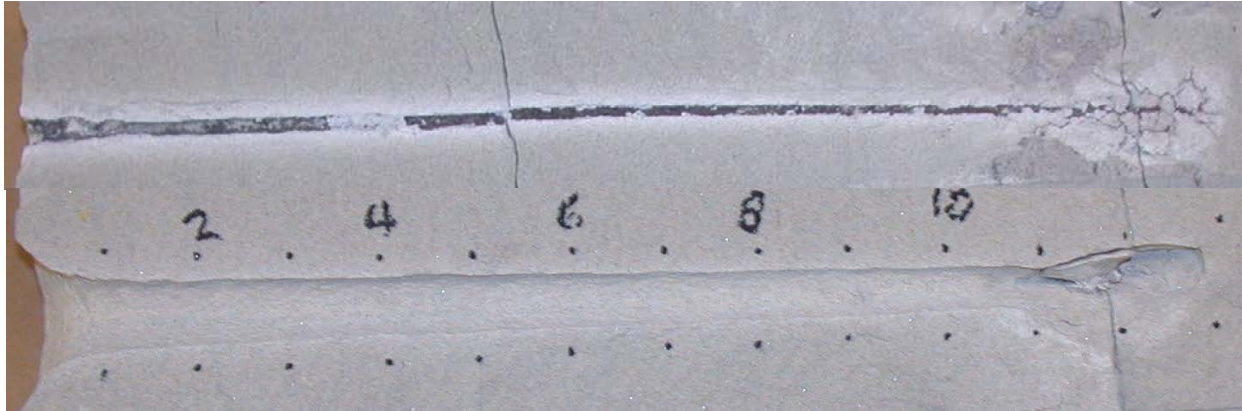
# Conventional vs. Dynamic Underbalance

- Conventional Underbalance (this example):
- BHP before perf. = 1000 psi UB
- Instantaneous UB = No (< 0.1 sec)
- Max UB < 500 psi (variable, borehole dependent)
- $Kc/K = 0.047 \rightarrow PR < 70\%$

- Dynamic Underbalance (this example):
- BHP before perf. = 1500 psi OB (can be slightly OB)
- Instantaneous UB = 2500 psi
- Max UB = 2500 psi (for this case) (Max UB is reservoir pressure dependent)
- $Kc/K = 1 \rightarrow PR = 100\%$



- <https://www.slb.com/completions/well-completions/perforating/perforating-gun-systems/hollow-carrier/pure-clean-perforations-system>



Non-PURE

Pore fluid: GAS (Dry N<sub>2</sub>)

PURE



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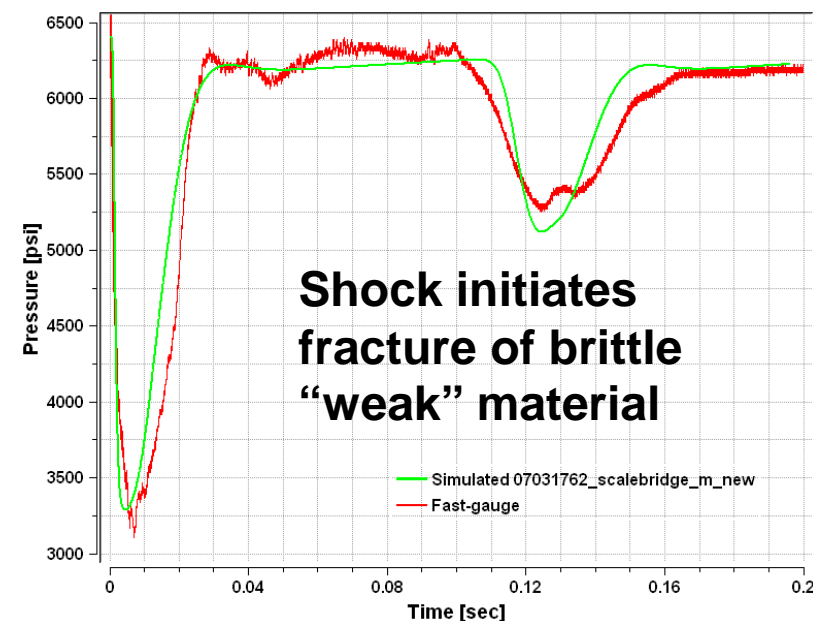
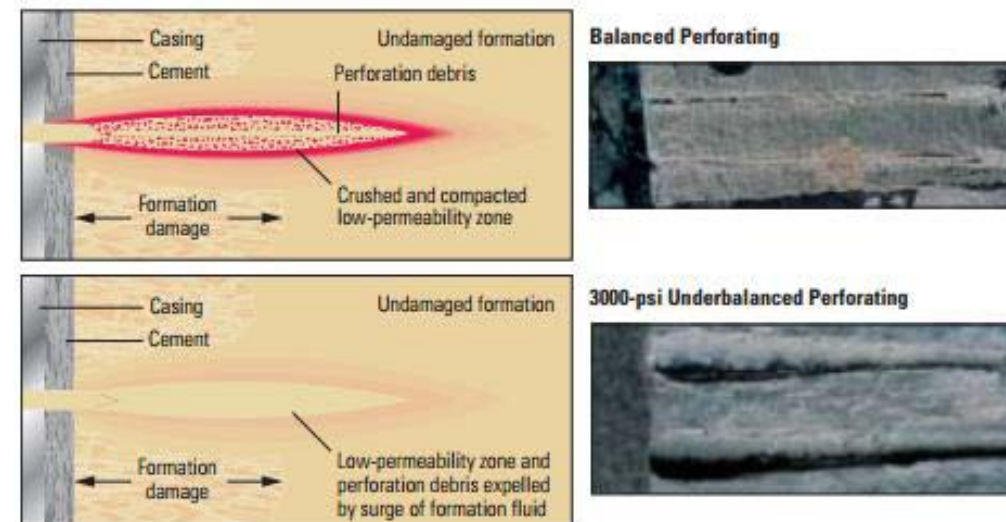
Pore fluid: LIQUID (brine)

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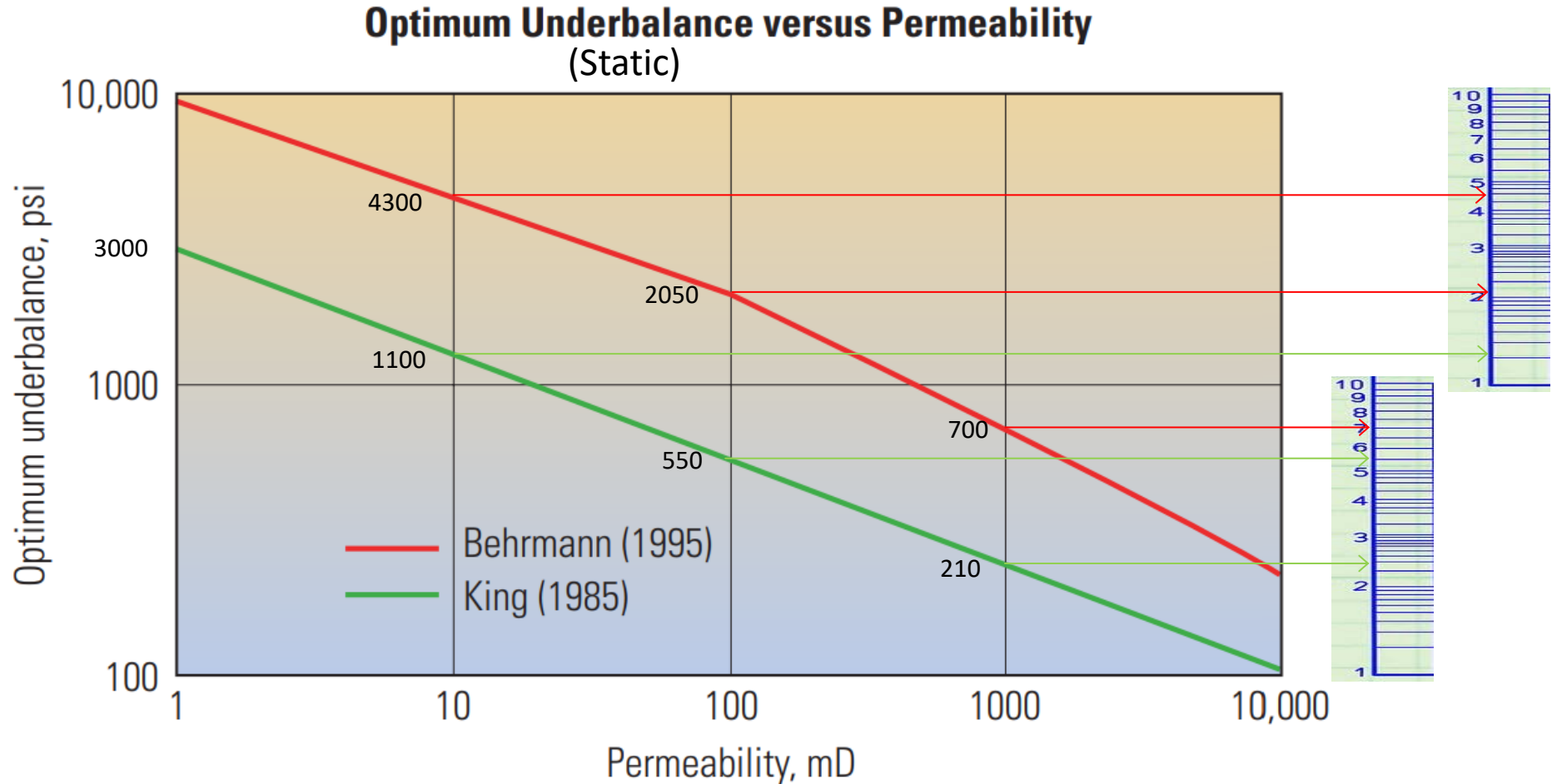
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- P3 is an adaptation of PURE that does not perforate the casing.
- Implosion chamber with atmospheric air at the surface is placed across a perforated interval in the well to be treated to create Dynamic underbalance.
- Dynamic underbalance is the term given to a rapid and large (violent) drop of pressure in the well bore when the implosion chamber is activated.
- The pressure drop is usually short lived 15 – 50 ms
- Any “loose” material in the perforation tunnels (or near wellbore) is sucked into the wellbore and some into the P3 chamber.

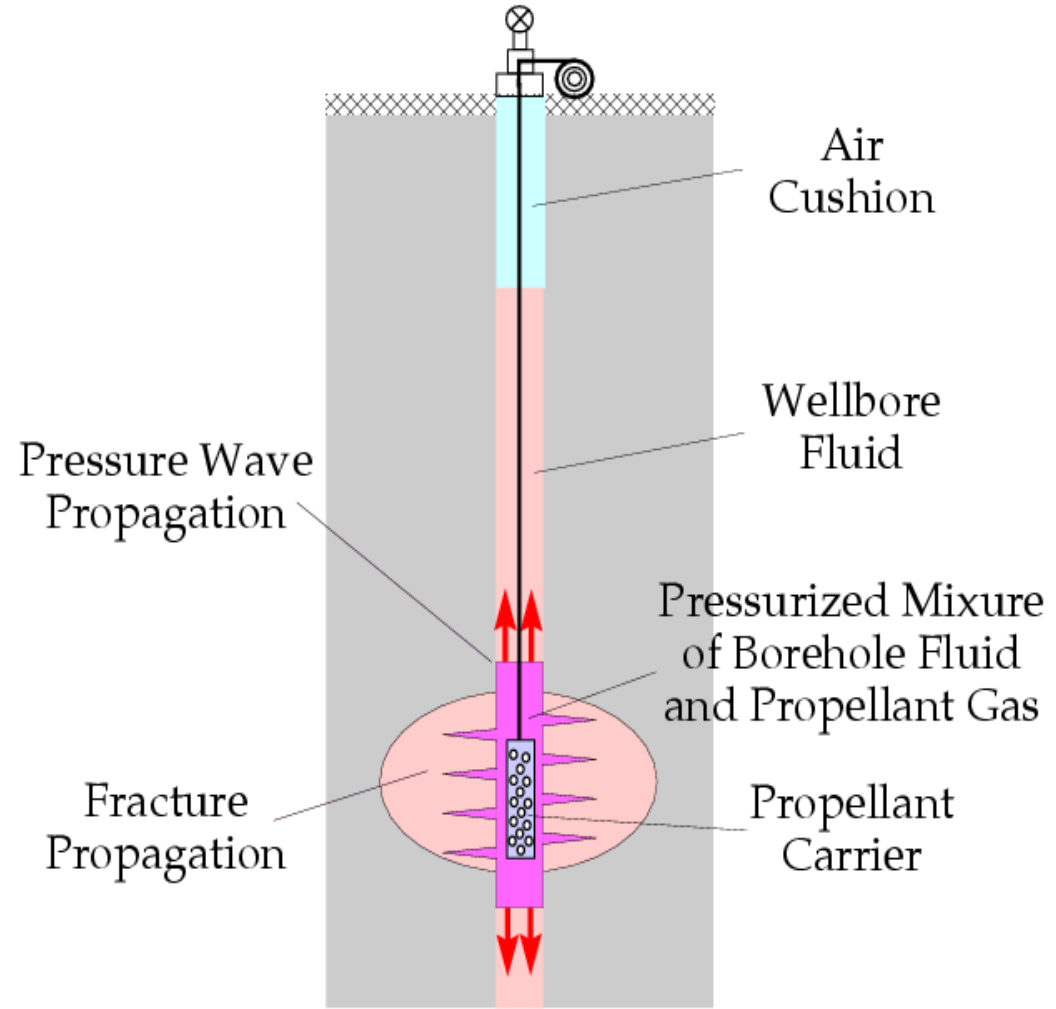


# How Much Static Underbalance is Required?

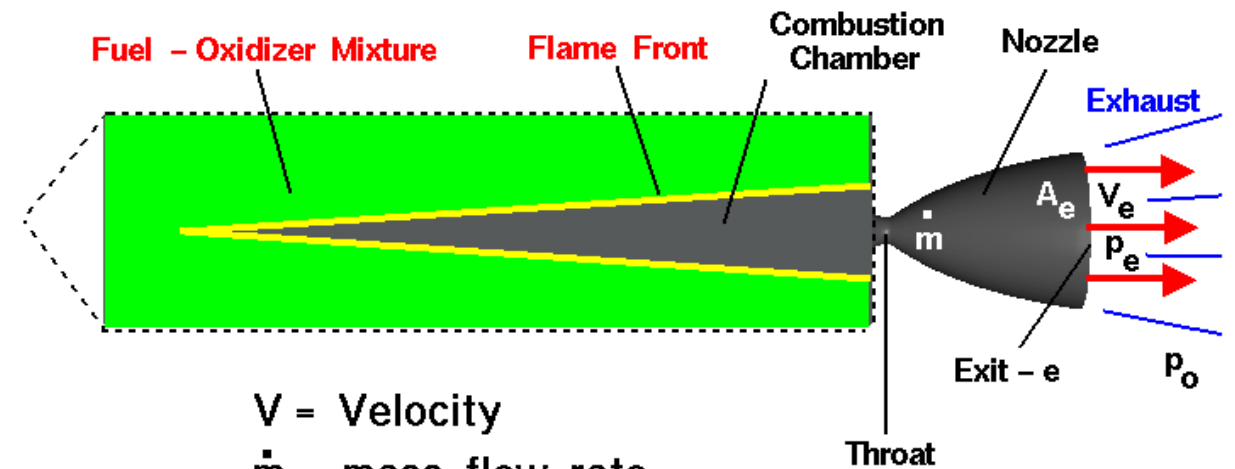


# Propellant Fracturing Physics

- Propellant burning
- Borehole pressurization
- Bubble expansion upward and downward
- Borehole/perforation breakdown
- Fracture initiation and propagation



# Propellant Surface Burn

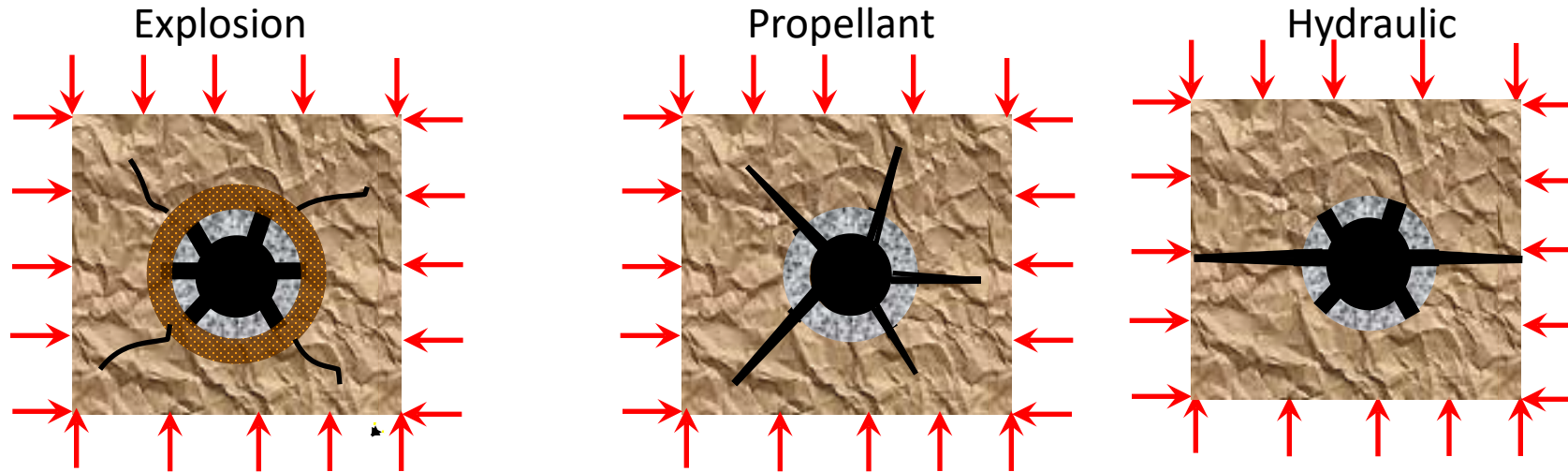


$V$  = Velocity  
 $\dot{m}$  = mass flow rate  
 $p$  = pressure

$$\text{Thrust} = F = \dot{m} V_e + (p_e - p_o) A_e$$



# Comparison of three fracturing processes



	Explosion	Propellant gas	Hydraulic
Peak pressure (psi)	$10^6 - 10^7$	$10^3 - 10^4$	$10^3$
Pressure rise time (sec)	$10^{-7} - 10^{-5}$	$10^{-4} - 10^{-2}$	$10^1 - 10^2$
Pulse Duration (sec)	$10^{-6} - 10^{-5}$	$10^{-2} - 10^0$	$10^3 - 10^4$
Number of fractures	Various	3-10	1
Fracture length (ft)	< 3	< 10	$10^1 - 10^2$
Fracture pattern	Tiny damaged zone	Multiple radial	Single by-wing
comments	Wellbore damage & crush zone		Direction dominated by in-situ stresses

# Propellant Performed Past Research

## Propellant Lab Stimulation (90 Phased Perforated Core)

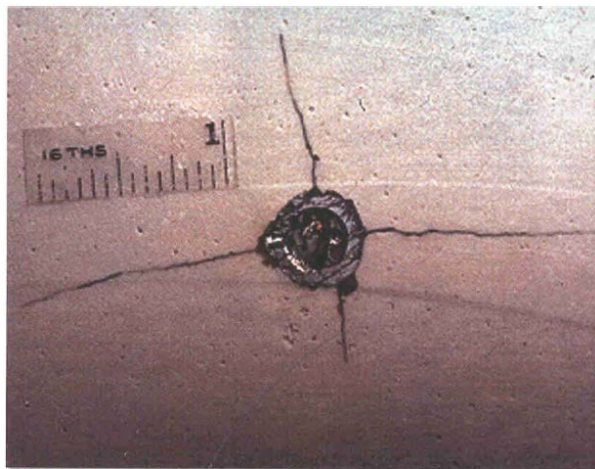
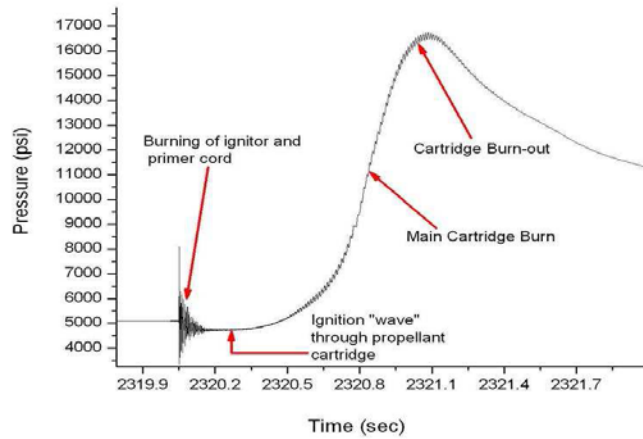
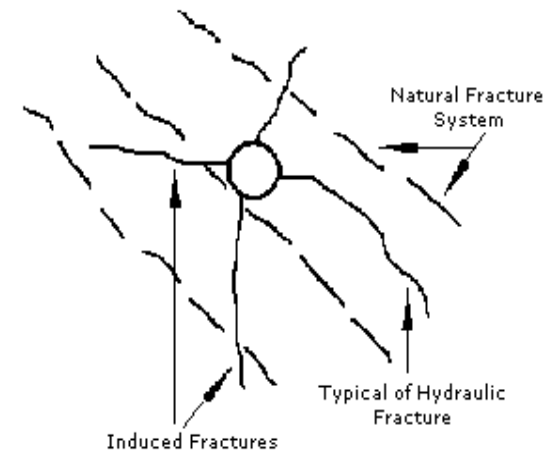
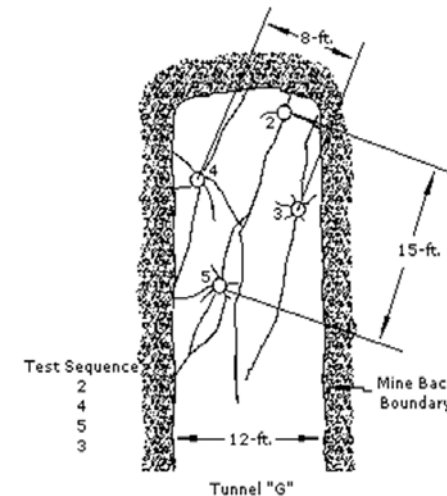


Figure 3 – Propellant stimulation with 90° perforation phasing (Laboratory Scale).

## Mineback (Sandia Lab)

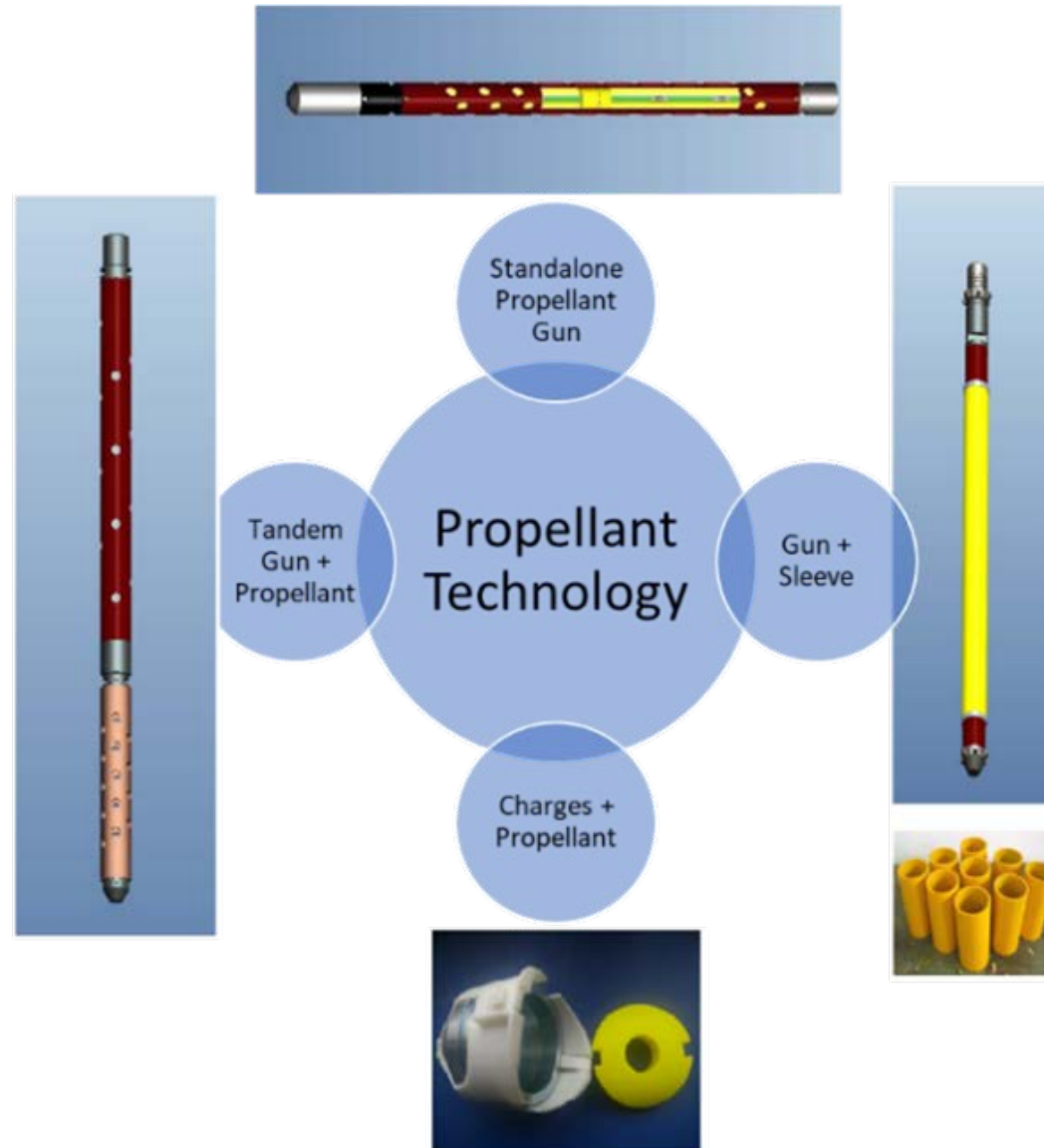


Typical fracture pattern from cased hole with 90° phasing in a fractured reservoir



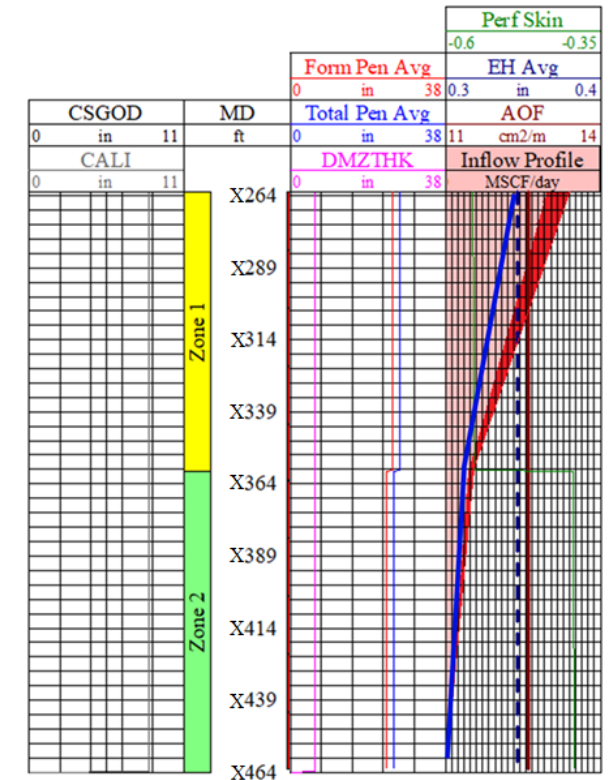
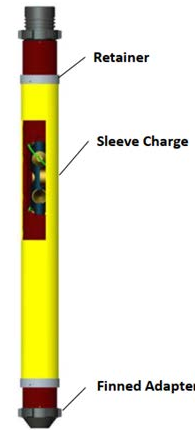
Sandia mine back

# Propellant Technology



## Well-B 77 degree deviated well 2 7/8 in HSD Coiled Tubing Conveyed Perforation

- Low Perm B Sand 201 ft PJN2906 & PJO2906 at 6 spf with 118 ft (102.6 kg) MPSleeve 73 Propellant
- Lower B Formation X463-X360 ftmd
- Upper B Formation X360-X464 ftmd
- Perforation Gun + Propellant Sleeve Well-B - Well Test Compared to Cased Perforated Completion SPAN Model indicate Infinite Conductivity Fractures created

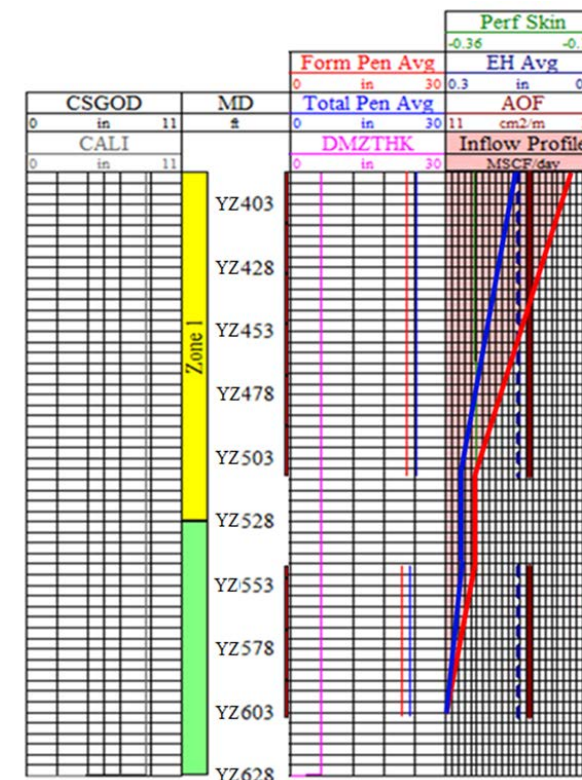
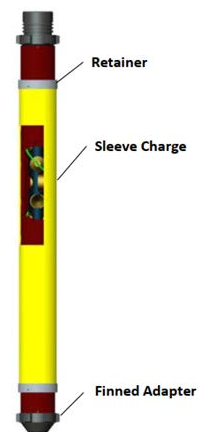


Production profile for tested flowrate – high perf skin (blue line)  
 Substantial red shading (right most track) of sleeve propellant above clean perf  
Infinite conductivity higher rate than a low skin perforation skin (red line)



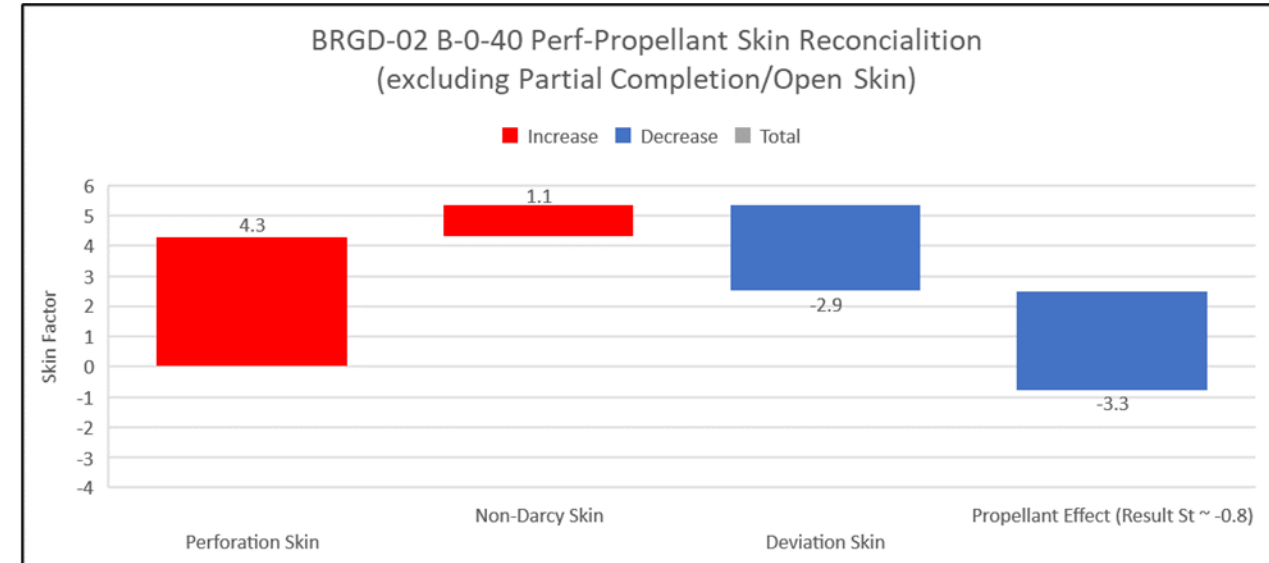
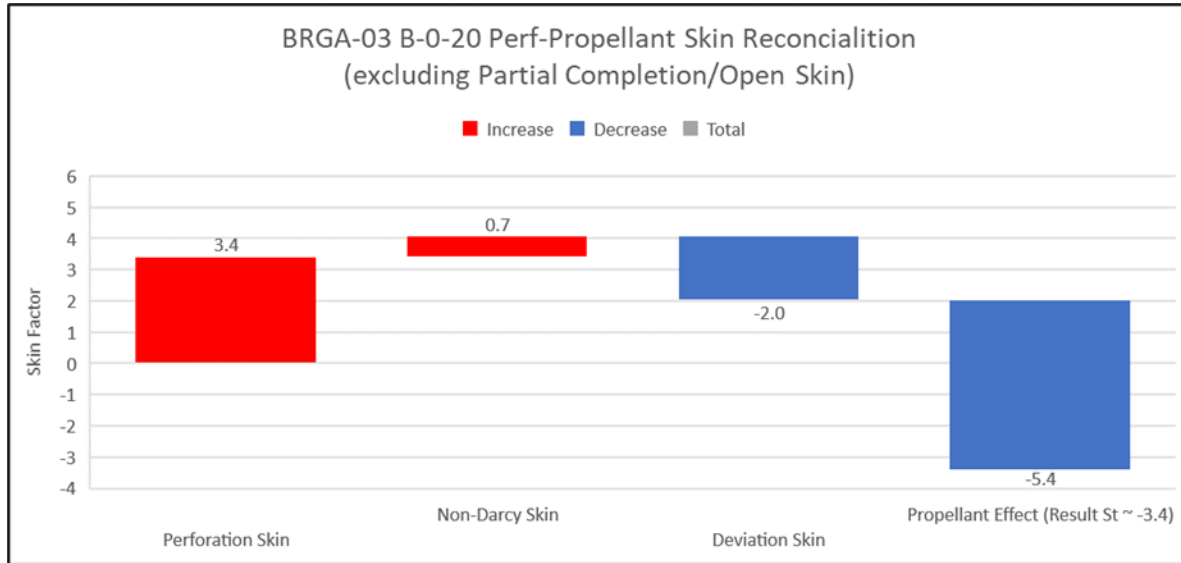
## 80 degree deviated well 2 7/8 in HSD Coiled Tubing Conveyed Perforation

- Low Perm AL Zone 60 ft PJN2906 & PJO2906 at 6 spf with 13 ft (11.4 kg) MPSleeve 73 Propellant
- Low Perm AU Zone 120 ft PJN2906 & PJO2906 at 6 spf with 31 ft (27 kg) MPSleeve 73 Propellant
- Perforation Gun + Propellant Sleeve Well-A - Well Test Compared to Cased Perforated Completion SPAN Model indicate enhancement by Finite Conductivity Fractures created



Production profile for tested flowrate – high perf skin (blue line)  
 Minor red shading (right most track) of sleeve propellant above clean perf  
 Finite conductivity similar rate to low skin perforation skin (red line)

# Skin Reconciliation to evaluate various skin effects



## Fracture Half Length by Propellant Evaluation based on Measured Production Test Rate

Well Name	Reservoir	Average Measured Test Rate (MMscfd)	Karakas & Tariq Modeled Rate (MMscfd)	Productivity Ratio From Equation 1	Skin Propellant	Karakas & Tariq Perf Skin from Table 5
BRGA-3	0 20	4.0	1.685	2.37	-5.23	3.53
BRGD-2	0 40	1.2	0.715	1.68	-3.16	3.61

$$Stotal = Spropellant + Sperf + Sdev + Snondarcy$$

$$Stotal = -\ln\left(\frac{Rwa}{Rw}\right)$$

$$Fracture\ half\ -\ length = Rwa = Rw * e^{(-1*Stotal)}$$

\*Rw=4.25 in

Well Name	Reservoir	Skin Propellant from Table 6	Karakas & Tariq Perf Skin from Table 5	Karakas & Tariq Deviation Skin	Karakas & Tariq Non-Darcy Skin	Skin Total	Approx Fracture Half-Length (ft)
BRGA-3	0 20	-5.23	3.53	-2.0	0.7	-3.00	7.1
BRGD-2	0 40	-3.16	3.61	-2.9	1.1	-1.35	1.4



## Acknowledgements / Thank You / Questions

