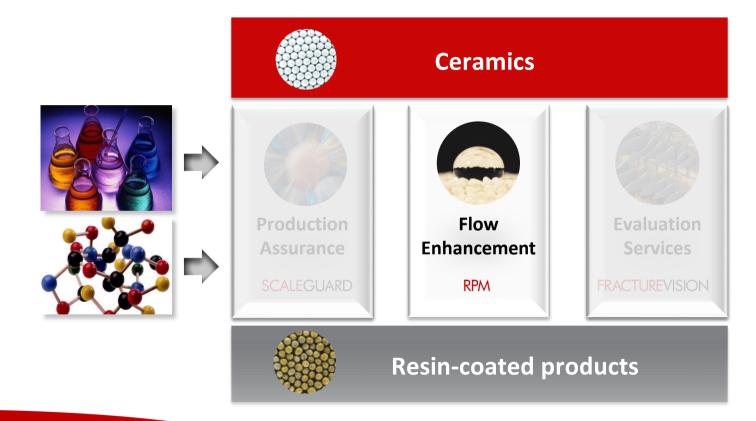
# RPM Relative Permeability Modification Technology

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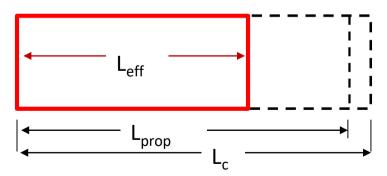
### **Proppant-Delivered Technology Platforms**





#### Fracture Flow Concerns

- Proppant pack gel damage
- Condensate banking
- Effective frac parameters significantly lower than designed
  - Fracture half length
  - Fracture conductivity



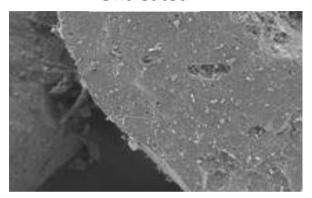


#### Flow Enhancement - RPM Technology

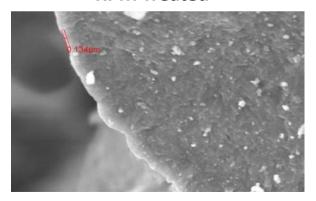
- RPM (Relative Permeability Modifier) is:
  - A thin permanent surface coating
  - Applied to every proppant grain
  - Unaffected by temperature or handling
  - Frac fluid compatible

- RPM (Relative Permeability Modifier) will:
  - Create a neutral wettability proppant
  - Reduce water saturation in proppant pack
  - Increase hydrocarbon permeability

#### **Untreated**

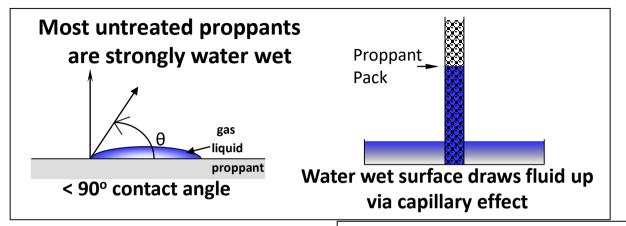


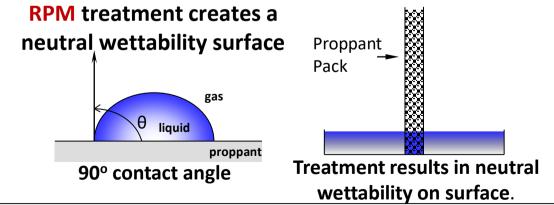
**RPM Treated** 





#### **Treatment Creates Neutral Wettability**







## Advantage of Neutral Wettability Surface

$$P_{cap} = \frac{2\sigma\cos\Theta(90^\circ)}{\mathbf{r}}$$

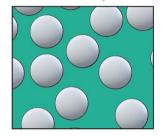
When  $\Theta = 90^{\circ}$ 

 $\Theta$  = contact angle

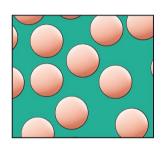
#### Advantage of Lower Capillary Pressure

The neutral wettability reduces the trapped water and allows for load water to be more efficiently released

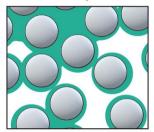
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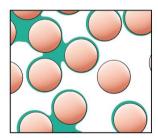


**RPM Treated** 



Before cleanup After cleanup



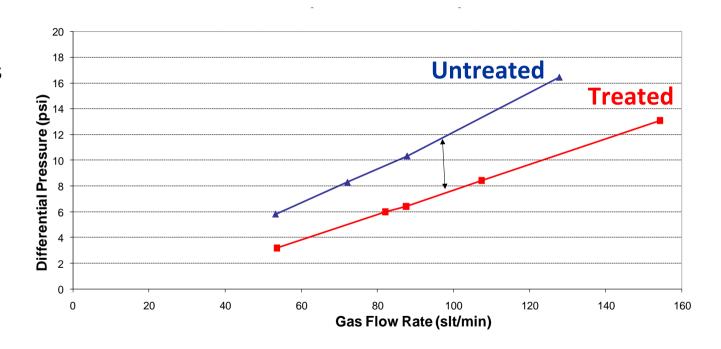




#### Reduced Pressure Drop, Increased Permeability

Treated proppant has 35% lower pressure drop than untreated proppant

Lower pressure drop means higher permeability



Third Party Multiphase flow testing:
50 ml/min liquid flow rate,
300 psi, 180º F, 2#/ft2, 2000 psi closure stress
Treated and Untreated 20/40 CARBOECONOPROP

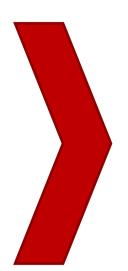


#### **RPM Impact on Well Productivity**

Neutral
wettability
leads to
lower water
saturation in
the fracture

Longer effective fracture half length

Higher relative permeability to hydrocarbons



#### Higher

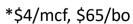
- production
- drainage area
- higher EUR

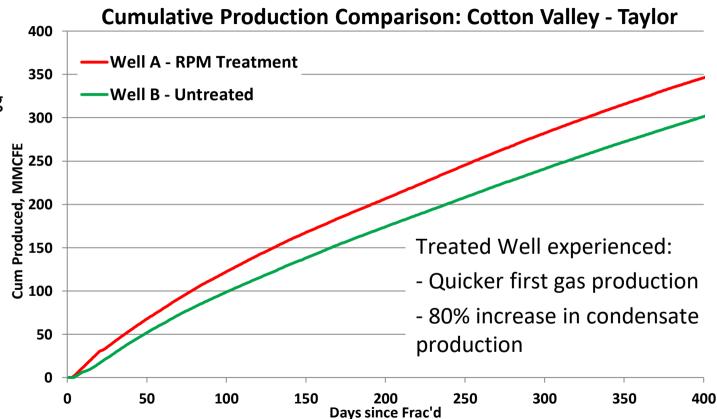


#### Field Performance

 RPM well producing 15% incremental production after 1 year

\$215k incremental value\*



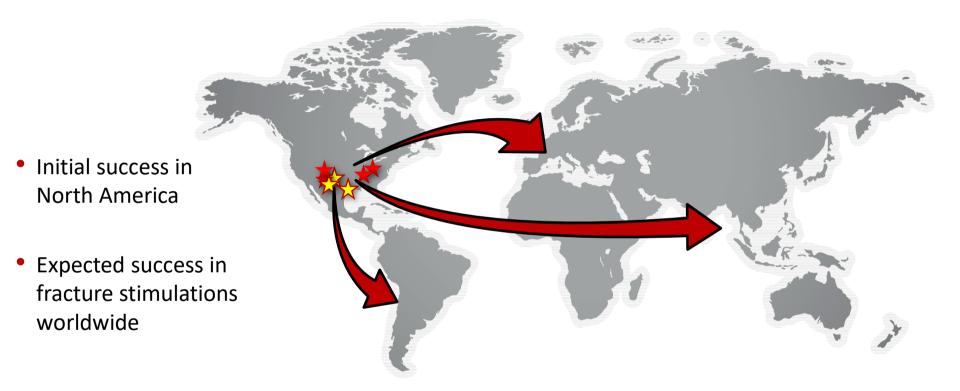


#### **Current Field Applications**

- Initial focus on vertical wells in North America
  - Observed 15% increase in productivity
- Midland Basin Success
  - Regular placement in vertical wells
  - First horizontal well
    - Currently highest producing well in their acreage
- Delaware Basin Interest
  - Horizontal well planned in Q4



## **Future RPM Applications**





#### Flow Enhancement - RPM Technology

- Coated ceramic proppant
  - Creates neutral wettability surface
- No impact on proppant properties
  - Frac fluid compatible, durable/permanent coating
- Virtually eliminates water capillary pressure in proppant pack
  - Improved fracture clean up & reduced water saturation
- Increased hydrocarbon production, effective frac length and ultimate recovery
  - Improved economics and higher return on investment
- Field proven



## Thank you!

## QUESTIONS?

