

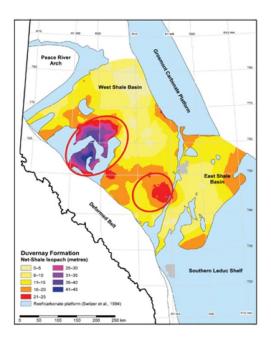
Intelligent Water Management in Unconventional Plays

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Problem / Opportunity

- Many of Alberta's best plays for future development are unconventional
 - E.g. Duvernay, Montney
 - \$34B expected to be spent in Montney in next 5 yr on drilling and completions (FirstEnergy Capital)
 - >\$5B in Kaybob-Duvernay in next 3 years
- Occur in sensitive areas requiring thoughtful and sustainable development:
 - Indigenous / First Nations
 - Caribou
 - Wetlands
 - Water
- Water is the critical project resource/constraint, independent of the level of capital expenditure



Source: http://www.pipelinenewsnorth.ca/news/industry-news/land-for-shale-1.1122801

Concerns in the Plays

- Economic Drivers:
 - Transportation, storage and disposal costs
- Regulatory Drivers
 - Regulatory Uncertainty Area Based Regulations (ABR)
 - Minimize non-saline water use and reuse produced water
 - Minimize surface facilities and impacts
 - Engage in collaboration and water sharing (play-based)
 - Evaluate water management alternatives
 - Engage communities
- Social Drivers
 - Water Sourcing Concerns
 - Fear that there is not enough water for full scale development
 - Competitive uses (municipal and recreational)
 - Perception that water resources are declining
 - Impacts to fish bearing streams and lakes and loss of revenue
 - Widespread sentiment for reuse



Need for Intelligent and Innovative solution

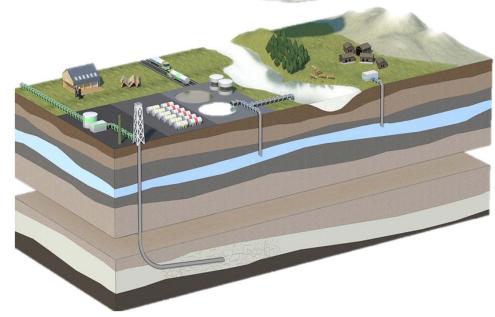
- To better understand what a sustainable based approach and solution for water management might look like in the Montney and Duvernay area.
- To determine how this could be supported from the perspective of the industry, regulators, stakeholders, and Indigenous Communities.

The Opportunity

- How do we optimize the interconnected system of surface assets?
 - Includes pads, pipelines, facilities, roads, and water infrastructure

AND factor in social, environmental and economic considerations

Hydrocarbon=Water=\$\$\$



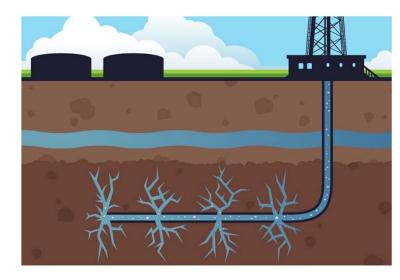
Water Management Implications / Risks

 Water shortfalls - insufficient storage, transportation, sourcing or availability

■ Water oversupply – insufficient storage, transportation, disposal or

recycling capacity

- Delayed fracking / activity schedules
- Higher OPEX
- Underperforming assets
- Regulatory complexity (Area Based Reg)



Planning Decision Support Framework





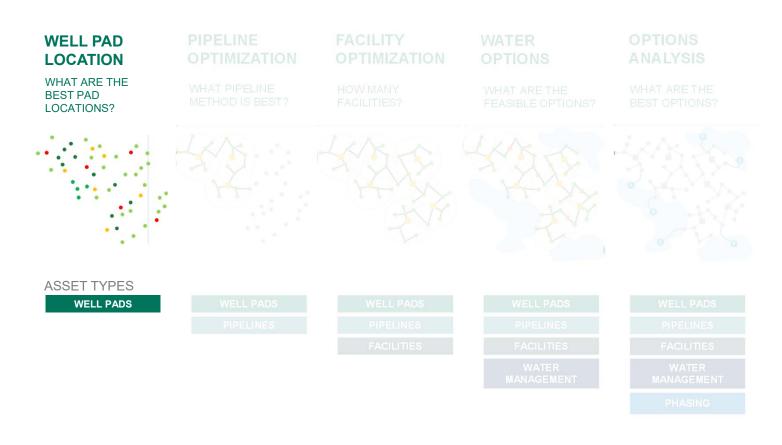
- Optimizes full-field development layout
- Key outcomes:
 - WP, GS, MGS locations
 - Water storage locations
 - Pipeline network





- Water Use
- Determine best water management plan(s)
- Key outcomes:
 - Long-term / Operational plans
 - Timing / Phasing
 - Economics

Optimization Method for Unconventional O&G



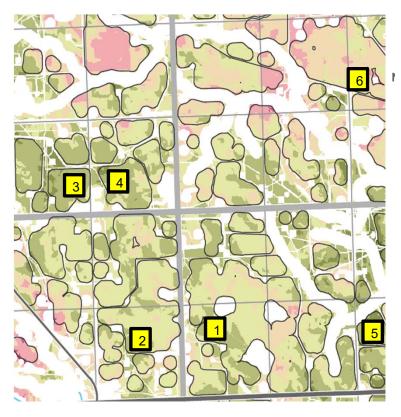
Case Study – Kaybob Duvernay (KD)

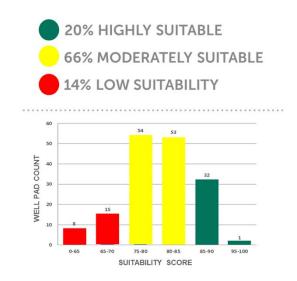
- Early asset planning phase (+/-30%)
- Optimization of full-field development at early asset development phase:
 - 210 Well Pads (WP) with up to 24 wells per pad
 - 34 Gathering Stations (GS)
 - 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12 Main Gathering Stations (MGS)
 - Pipelines (multiphase hydrocarbon, water)
 - 28 Water sources
 - Saline Groundwater, Non-Potable Groundwater, Potable Groundwater, Surface Water Stream, Surface Water Body, Industrial Reuse, Municipal Reuse, Other Third-Party Source
 - Included both inter-basin transfer and no transfer
 - Centralized water storage reservoirs (open pit storage)
 - Disposition including reuse, deep well injection, 3rd party processing

Objective - reduce cost through minimizing footprint and resource use

KD Case Study – WP Placement Results

Sample WP Siting Tool Results

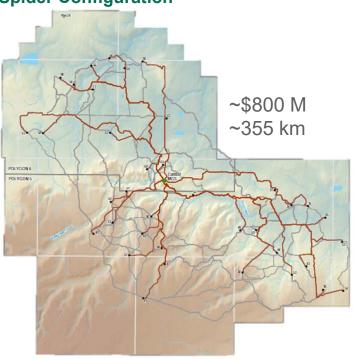




- Lower cost to construct and operate
- Reduced trucking distance
- Improved regulatory compliance

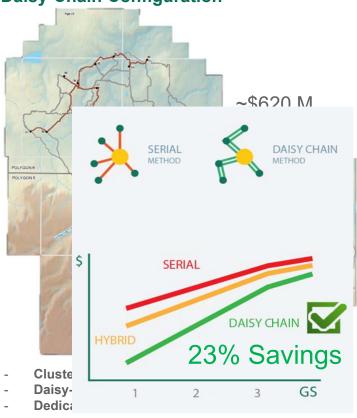
Pipeline Method, Spider vs. Daisy Chain

Spider Configuration



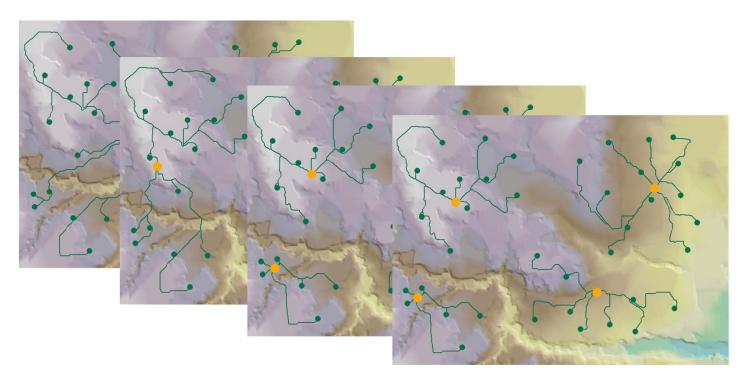
- Every WP to WP connection modelled
- Each WP has a hydrocarbon pipeline (Multiphase)
- Temporary lay-flat hose for water on subsequent fracs

Daisy-Chain Configuration

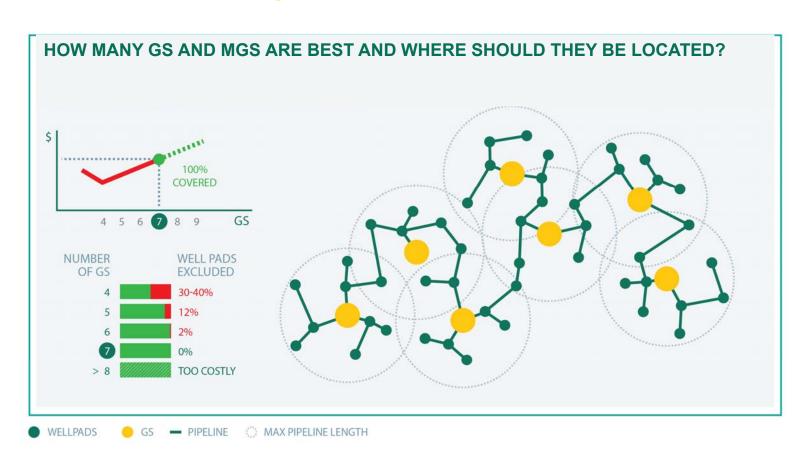


Facility Optimization

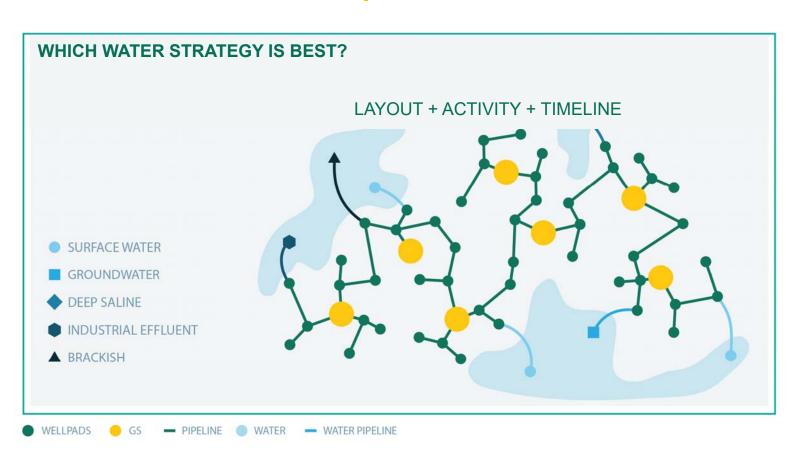
- How many GS and MGS are best?
- Routing solution automation



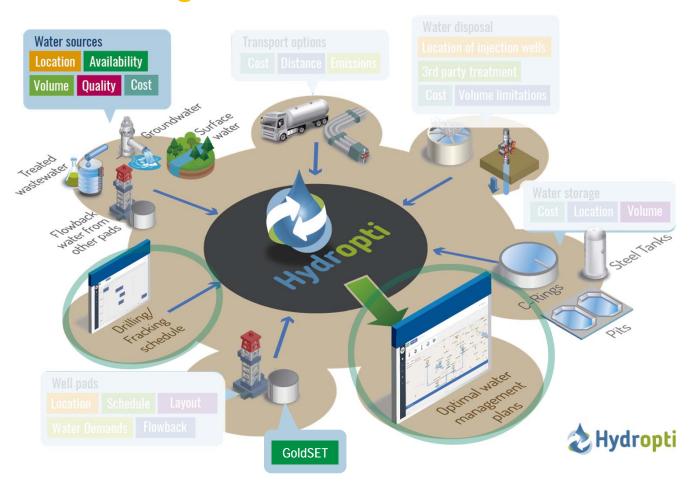
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Water Use Optimization

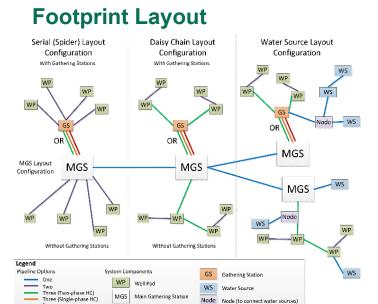


Water Management Simulator



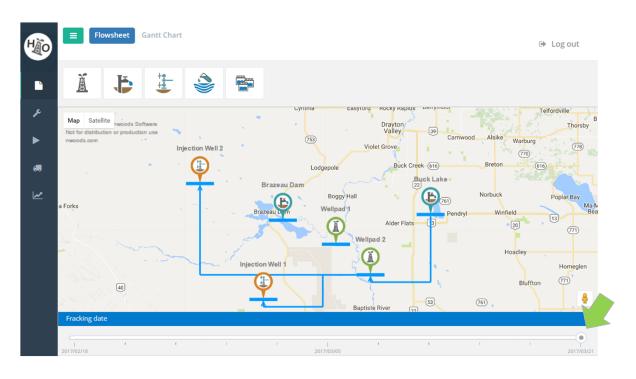
Water Management Decisions

- Footprint and layout
- Sourcing/Disposition Options
 - Reuse
 - Capacity needs/availability
 - Regulatory constraints
 - Water treatment requirements/options
- Transportation
 - Truck
 - Permanent pipeline
 - Temporary pipeline
 - Rail/barge
- Storage
 - Centralized system
 - Decentralized system
 - Storage capacities



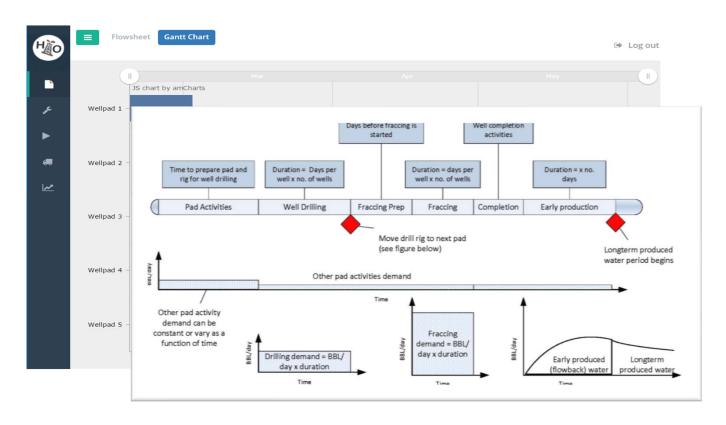
User Interface

- Graphical
- Cloud based



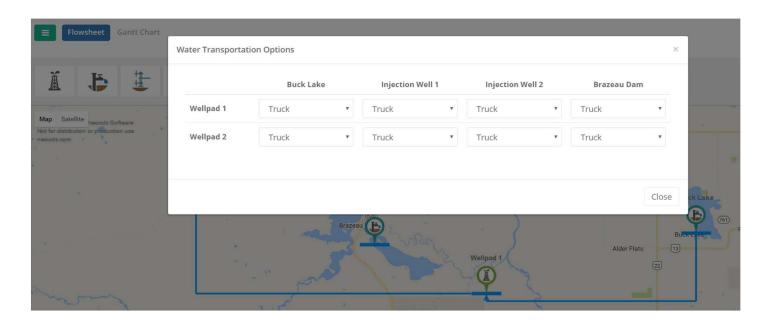
User Inputs – Activity Schedule

User inputs the drilling and frac schedule as a Gantt Chart



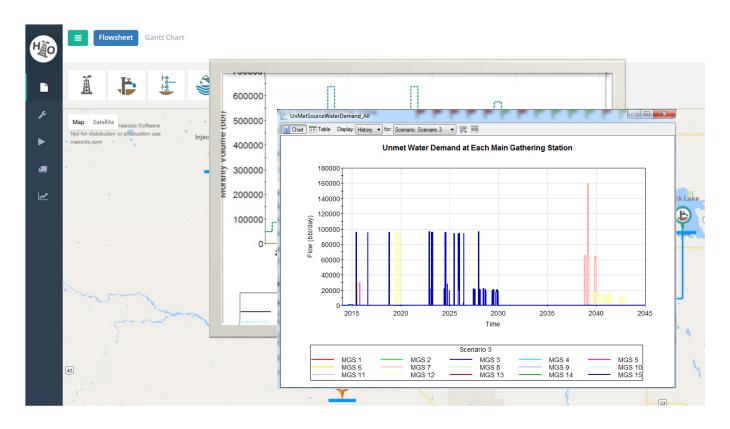
User Inputs - Transport Options

User provides the transport option(s) between the nodes in the flowsheet.



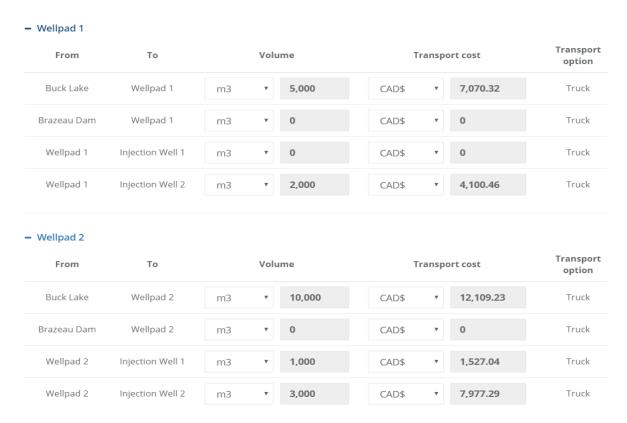
Results

Optimum strategy for handling the water in the system.



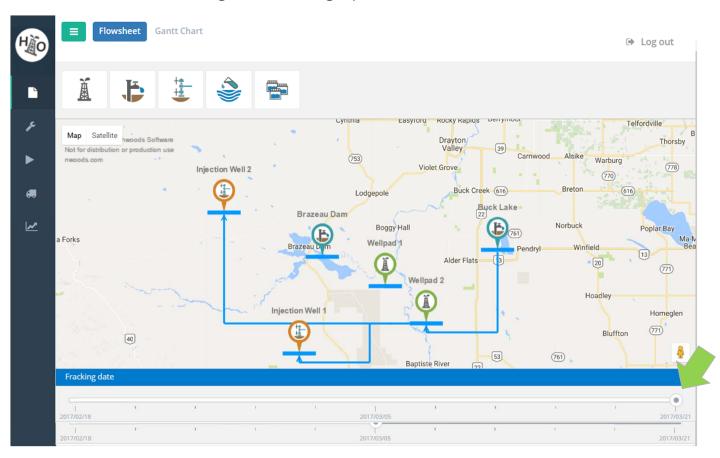
Sample Results

Identifies minimum operating cost while providing the required volumes respecting the permits for sources and injection wells.



Results – Time Dependency

Using a time slider, user can quickly check the recommended solution at different times during the fracking operations.



Delivered Outcomes

- 10 34% (+/- 30%) CAPEX reduction based on initial design
- 10-15% improvement on surface facility location suitability
- 1 4 months development time

Questions Answered:

- Is there sufficient source water, storage, disposition capacity when and where I need it?
- What is my risk of having a water shortfall and what can I do to mitigate it?
- What are the most viable single and multi-operator water plans?
- What is net present cost?
- Benchmarking evaluation of planned asset performance

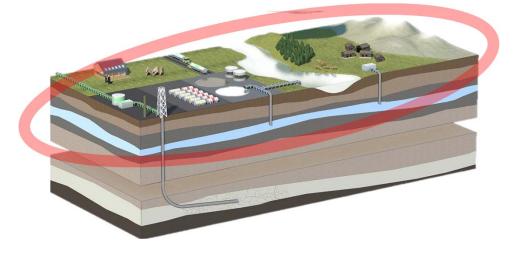
The Opportunity

- Market shifting from scarcity to abundance
- Value shifting from exploration to timely and efficient development

Optimize the interconnected network and system of surface

assets focusing on Water

Consider triple bottom line



Being Intelligent can

- Create an essential tool to better understand water resources and its use.
- Manage risks related to water quality and quantity
- Optimize water use, reuse and recycling to achieve operational efficiencies and decrease costs
- Strengthen regulatory compliance
- Improve corporate governance and transparency
- Unbiased, integrated, and holistic water management
- Minimize capital equipment costs
- Enhance company brand and image



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