#### Horizontal San Andres Well Performance & Future **Potential Offsetting Wasson Field**,

#### Yoakum, Co., TX - Riley Exploration Permian LLC

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#### Wasson etal System





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## Riley Exploration Permian (REXP) History

- 2009 Riley management team formed
  - Wolfcamp etal Midland Basin Assets in Howard, Glasscock & Sterling Cos., TX (27,000 net acres)
  - Eagle Ford Assets in Karnes Co. etal, TX (50,000 net acres)
  - CBM assets in Caldwell Parish, LA (30,000 net acres)
- 2012 Partnered with Yorktown Energy Partners & formed Riley Exploration Group LLC (REX)
- 2013 Acquired ~30,000 net acres in Lee, Bastrop & Fayette Cos., TX for Eagle Ford Shale, Chalk & Taylor Sand
- 2015-2016 Acquired interests in Platang field in Yoakum Co., TX & formed Riley Exploration Permian LLC (REXP)
- 2018 Acquired ~40,000 net acres with horizontal SA potential in Lea Co. etal, New Mexico
- 2015-2019 Drilled & completed 50 operated wells plus participated in 56 non-operated wells in Platang



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#### REXP – Horizontal SA Wells in Platang



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•	Total Wells	50	56	106

#### Permian Basin





# Wasson / Brahaney / Platang

# One Large Oil Accumulation





### Wasson / Brahaney / Platang Complex – Base Map

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- 2. Cornell Unit (XTO)
- 3. Roberts Unit (Apache)
- 4. Willard Unit (Oxy)
- 5. ODC Unit (Oxy)
- 6. Bennett Ranch Unit (Oxy)
- 7. West San Andres Unit (J Cleo Thompson / REXP)
- 8. West Brahaney Unit (Walsh)
- 9. Brahaney Unit (Apache)
- 10. Plains Unit (Apache)



### Wasson / Brahaney / Platang Complex – Structure Map



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### Platang - A Continuation of Wasson & Brahaney Fields





Platang is a continuation of the Wasson & Brahaney accumulations Long (150 ft+) mobile oil columns are rare outside of existing fields Platang has several billion barrels of oil ulletin place

Platang has a single, unswept oil column with no ROZ

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Did not lose oil (and may have gained oil) during structural tilting

No evidence of fresh water sweep (high brine salinity, FWL is not steeply dipping)

Core data & high oil cuts from Horizontals near structural /

stratigraphic trapping support that part of Platang contains "Conventional and Transition Zone Pay"



### Platang Producing Interval - ROZ or Transition Zones?

Water Distribution and Water Cut Curves for San Andres Dolomite Reservoirs containing wide variations in porosity and permeability often flow water at great distances above the zero capillary pressure level, and the reservoir acts as if it were a large transition zone. At any selected elevation, rock of certain permeability and porosity flows only oil, other samples flow only water, and some samples flow both fluids.

The influence of permeability on initial water distribution and water cut is illustrated for a high and low permeability sample.

The special core graph indicates the gradual increase of interstitial water saturation with depth, and the corresponding increase in water cut for zones of equal flow capacity. Source: "Fundamentals of Core Analysis", Core Lab, 1977

Example Calculation @ S <sub>w</sub> = 50%						
<ul> <li>Low Permeability</li> <li>Kro = .45</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>High Permeability</li> <li>Kro = .07</li> </ul>					
• Krw = .04	• Krw = .18					
<ul> <li>=&gt; Oil cut ~92%</li> </ul>	• => Oil cut ~28%					





#### Platang – Type Log





#### Low Permeability Seal

#### Near Irreducible Water Zone - High Oil Cut

Transition Zone Oil & water production (NOT ROZ)



Free Water Level – 100% Wet



### Wasson / Brahaney / Platang Complex – Cross-Section





# ROZ – Created When Oil From Original Column Is Removed

- Caused by structural movement oil spill point or post movement recharge
- **Results in:**

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- Reduced or absent moveable oil column
- Column of swept oil at or near residual conditions
- Different oil saturation profile (mostly flat) vs transition zone (decreasing with depth)



#### Most CBP – Mobile Oil Column + ROZ W Seminole San Andres Lith Por Sat Type Log Low Permeability Seal **Near Irreducible Water** High Oil Cut **Transition Zone Oil & water production Present Day FWL** ROZ Mostly water production **Free Water Level** RILEY PERMIAN

#### Platang - Horizontal San Andres Well Performance

# .....Geology Dominates All Else





#### Wasson-Brahaney Field – Platang Is An Extension of This Field Complex

The San Andres is a proven *Conventional Reservoir* that has been producing since the 1920s. Wasson & Brahaney Field Complex have produced +2.3 billion barrels of oil

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~200 horizontal wells have been drilled within the "Extended Field" boundary with excellent results

- Avg ~590 mbo EUR
- 4 wells < 250 mbo EUR
- ~42 horizontal wells drilled outside
- the "Extended Field" boundary
  - Low EUR's (20-100 mbo)
  - 2 wells > 350 mbo EUR



## Platang – Quality Production Matches Oil Thickness....







### Wasson / Brahaney / Platang Complex – San Andres Production





Source: IHS Info 2019-11

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## Platang San Andres Horizontal Development - Observations

- Horizontal well performance has <u>continued to improve over time</u> •
  - Early CaSO<sub>4</sub> scale problems
  - Infrastructure limitations (water disposal, electric, gas....) lacksquare
  - Completion practices (casing size, frac design....)
- High productivity wells ullet
- Good average oil cut, but varies within field (average 18%)  $\bullet$
- Oil cut improves over several weeks to months and stabilizes •
- Long life, shallow decline performance •
- Originally developed on 4 wells/section (1,320' spacing equiv to 40 acre • vertical spacing east-west)
- Very encouraging infill development performance to date





### Platang: EUR Is A Function Of Total Fluid EUR + Oil Cut



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#### Platang: Peak Oil IP30 Rate







## Platang: Relationship of Oil IP30 to Oil EUR/ft



- Many high productivity wells
- Well productivity exceeds lift capacity for a few months to a couple of years
- Many wells have not been pulled down aggressively
- Synergy to offset wells help drawdown & increase both oil cut and rate
- Completions (frac size, lateral placement, clusters / stage, etc) affect early well productivity
- Early CaSO<sub>4</sub> scale issues impacted some wells prior to interventions & preventive treatments





#### Example of IP30 & EUR – Why The Disconnect?



#### **Example: Shiprock 638 3H** High productivity well in East end of Platang

Produced @3,000 bfpd (rate constrained)

IPR showed well capable of >6,000 bfpd

Result was low IP30 (~135 bopd), but

Well is still not pumped off after 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>



#### Platang: Producing BHP at 1<sup>st</sup> Oil







### Platang: Relationship of 1<sup>st</sup> Oil to Producing BHP



• No recognizable trend





### Platang: Relationship of 1<sup>st</sup> Oil to % Frac Load Recovered



- Definite relationship to % Frac Load Recovery does not require significant psi drawdown
  - Function of relative permeability •
  - Remember Platang is dominately a transition interval, not ROZ 26





### Platang: 1<sup>st</sup> Oil as % Frac Load Recovered







## Platang: 1<sup>st</sup> Oil as % Frac Load Recovered – Bi-modal Distribution





28% of wells make oil very early (<20% frac load recovery).... Why? Structural / stratigraphic location in proximity to Brahaney field Includes infill (child) wells w/ sufficient initial (parent) well production  $\bullet$ 

22% make oil after 100% load recovery

- High productivity / permeability wells  $\bullet$
- Complex stratigraphy & relative permeability variations





### Platang: 1<sup>st</sup> Oil as % Frac Load Recovered – Bi-modal Distribution







## Platang: Relationship of #'s Frac Sd vs Oil EUR/ft



- Poor correlation of #'s frac sand to Oil EUR/ft
- Other factors impact efficiency (sand distribution, # clusters / stages, frac spacing, etc)





### REXP Plans / Potential Going Forward (1)

# **Increased Density Development Drilling**





### San Andres "Discontinuity" – Laterally and Vertically

Most waterflood projects in west Texas carbonate reservoirs were originally implemented using peripheral patterns, which required good lateral and vertical pay continuity to be effective much beyond the outermost row of producing wells. Performance reviews of these projects, coupled with geologic studies<sup>10</sup>, (Fig. 5) showed that west Texas carbonate reservoirs typically showed two types of heterogeneity:

(1) lateral discontinuity of porous (pay) intervals,

(2) barriers to vertical flow that prevented movement of fluids in other than a horizontal direction.

These "new" concepts led to widespread infill drilling and realignment of waterflooding patterns to line-drive and/or five- and nine-spot patterns. The various units of the Wasson field, including the Bennett Ranch unit, typically have this history.



The concept of discontinuous porosity zones

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Source: DOE/MC/08341-39 "Field Project to Obtain Pressure Core, Wireline Log, & Production Test Data for Evaluation of CO2 Flooding Potential" (Bennet Ranch Unit – Wasson Field), May 1982



### Denver Unit (Wasson Field) – San Andres Heterogeneity

#### Variability of Porosity & Permeability With SA Rock Type



Fig. 7—Relationship between porosity, permeability and rock types.









Source: SPE-13132 – "Effect of CO2 Flooding on Dolomite Reservoir Rock, Denver Unit, Wasson (San Andres) Field, TX"; Sept 1984

#### Thin Section Photos of Varying Porosity Types in SA

Fig. 6-Thin section photomicrographs of pore types from CO2 pilot area: (A) anhydrite, (D) dolomite, (P) porosity,



# San Andres Historical Development in Wasson / Brahaney / Platang



- 1970's began infill drilling to 20 & 10 acre spacing
- 1983 CO2 flooding began



160 Acre Spacing – 4 Wells/Section



- Downspacing testing 5 to 8 wells / section
- Equiv to 10 Acre E-W Spacing



#### Incremental Recovery - Increased Density SA etal Projects



=> Downspacing from 40 to 10 acre vertical spacing yields +6.5% incremental recovery



#### Based on 15 Permian Basin SA / **Grayburg / Clearfork Infill Drilling**

Adair/San Andres Block 31/Block 31 Fuhrman-Mascho/Block9 Fullerton/Clearfork Levelland/N.C.Levelland Means/San Andres **Ownby/San Andres** Robertson/Clearfork Russell/Clearfork Shafter Lake/Grayburg Triple-N/Grayburg Wasson/Cornell Wasson/Denver Wasson/Willard West Goldsmith/West Goldsmith West Seminole/San Andres



#### Incr Rec from Incr Density SA Drlg - Dune Field, Crane Co. TX

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#### Oil and Gas Recovery From Blanket Infill Development - Dune Field, Section 15

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	40 to 20	1,425	1,199	4.0	694	6.5				
	20 to 10	1.137	1.041	<u>3.4</u>	<u>649</u>	<u>6.1</u>				
v	Total	4,164	3,556	11.8	2,074	19.5				

=> Downspacing from 40 to 10 acre vertical spacing yields <u>+7.4% incremental recovery</u>





#### Incr Rec from Incr Density SA Drlg - Dune Field, Crane Co. TX





#### => Downspacing from 40 to 10 acre vertical spacing yields <u>+10-20% increased reservoir continuity</u>



Source: SPE-18929 March 1989

Figure 4. Grainstone-dominant and nongrainstone floodable continuity curves, Dune Field, Section 15.



### Platang – SA Incr Density Horizontal Wells – Results to Date

- 10 increased density horizontal tests (12 wells) to date with REXP WI wells ullet
  - 7 more tests permitted / planned in near term
  - 5 to 8 wells / section spacing tests
  - 1 to 18 months historical data
  - 10 wells have sufficient data for forecasting EUR
- No negative impacts to offset "parent" well rates or EUR seen to date
- Increased density "child" wells performance is very good general observations:
  - Increased IP30 oil rates
  - Increased oil cut
  - Decreasing time to see 1<sup>st</sup> oil production
  - Decrease in water rates on several wells vs "parent"
  - Decrease in initial pressure on several wells vs "parent"
  - Occasional, minimal short term frac interference with "parent"; temporary
- **VERY POSITIVE** early; significant incremental oil is being recovered (consistent with historical San Andres vertical development on tighter spacing), but future acceleration from "parent" wells is also likely. Consideration of acceleration must be incorporated into reserves analysis to avoid double dipping reserves from "parent" and "child" wells





### Platang - Increased Horizontal SA Density Drilling Example



- E-W spacing equivalent to ~10 acre vertical well spacing (678' between wells)
- Cumulative production: •
  - Combined 410 mbo from 2 "parent" wells (4½ years) lacksquare
  - 125 mbo from "child" well (1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years) lacksquare
- Quicker oil, higher oil rate, better oil cut & no apparent interference between wells to date lacksquare
- Similar results seen in other increased density tests  ${\color{black}\bullet}$





### REXP Plans / Potential Going Forward (2)

# CO<sub>2</sub> Assessment & Test

# Horizontal Producers & Vertical Injectors

Permian Basin CO<sub>2</sub> **Pipeline Infrastructure** 







### Denver Unit Historical Performance (2.8 billion bbls OOIP)



- Primary EUR 300 mm bbls oil; 11% OOIP
- Secondary EUR 550 mm bbls oil; 20% OOIP combined waterflood & infill drilling
- Tertiary EUR 550 mm bbls oil; 20% OOIP 300 mm bbls cum + 150 mm bbls remaining
- Total EUR 1.4 billion bbls oil => <u>50% recovery of OOIP</u>

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### REXP CO<sub>2</sub> Initial Study

- Initial look began in 2016  $\bullet$ 
  - Joint study with Baker Hughes ullet
  - Detailed geology & reservoir characterization •
  - Reservoir Simulation history matching horizontal well performance & forecasting
  - CO<sub>2</sub> efficiency evaluated with horizontal producers & vertical injectors
  - <u>Results indicated potential for +2X to +5X over primary</u> lacksquare

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# REXP CO<sub>2</sub> Pilot Feasibility Study – West San Andres Unit

- Study in progress
- WSAU unitized by Mobil in 1968
  - Vertical development
  - 40 acre spacing
  - Completed only upper SA
  - Minimal waterflooding
- Design for 2 CO<sub>2</sub> patterns
  - 3 horizontal producers (1-1¼ mile)
  - 8 12 vertical injectors
- Combining results of joint REXP/Baker study with Wasson historical results
- Incorporating costs, expected results & economic feasibility

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