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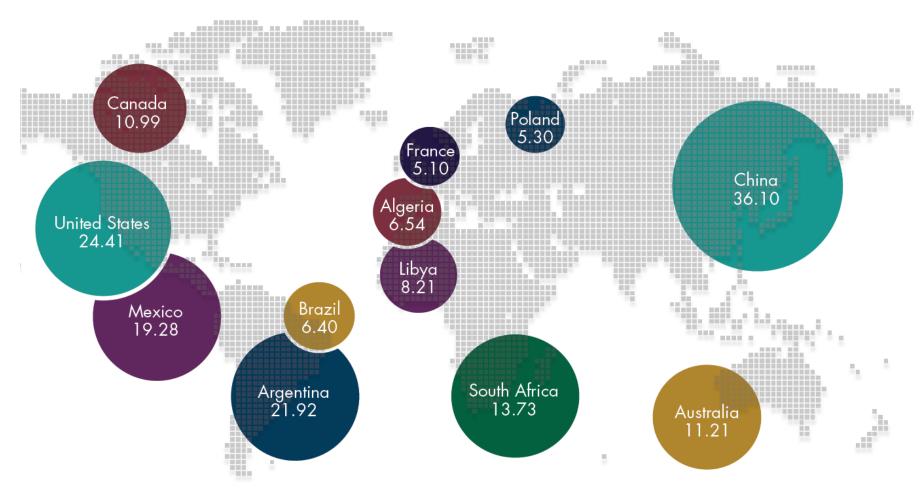


Agenda

- Introduction/Workflows Overview
- Hydraulic Fracture Production Modelling Methods
- Hydraulic Fracture Initiation/Propagation Modelling

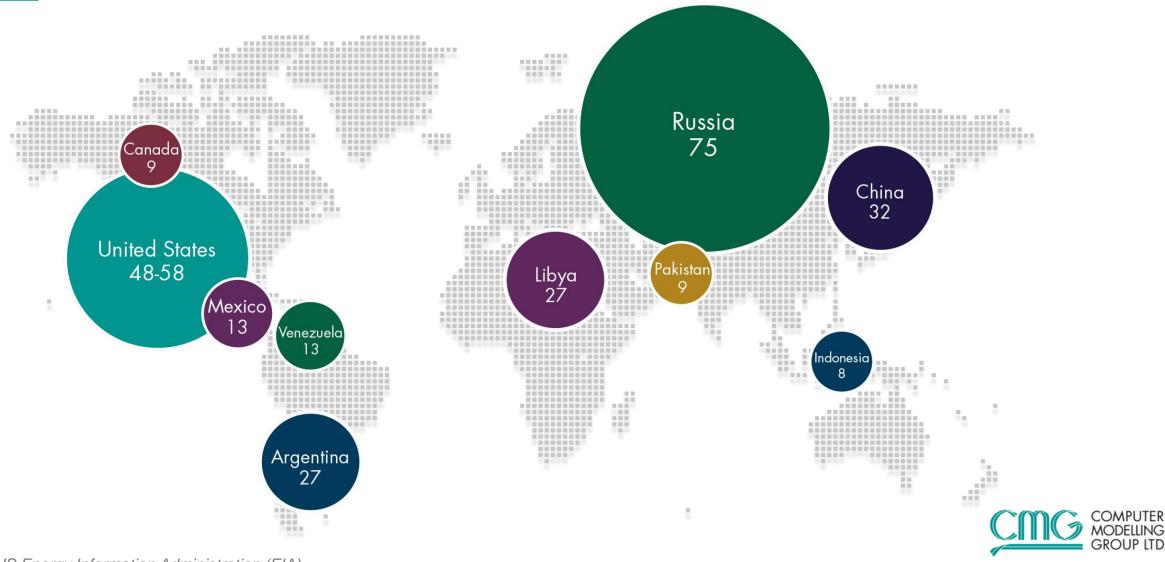


Worldwide Distribution of Shale gas

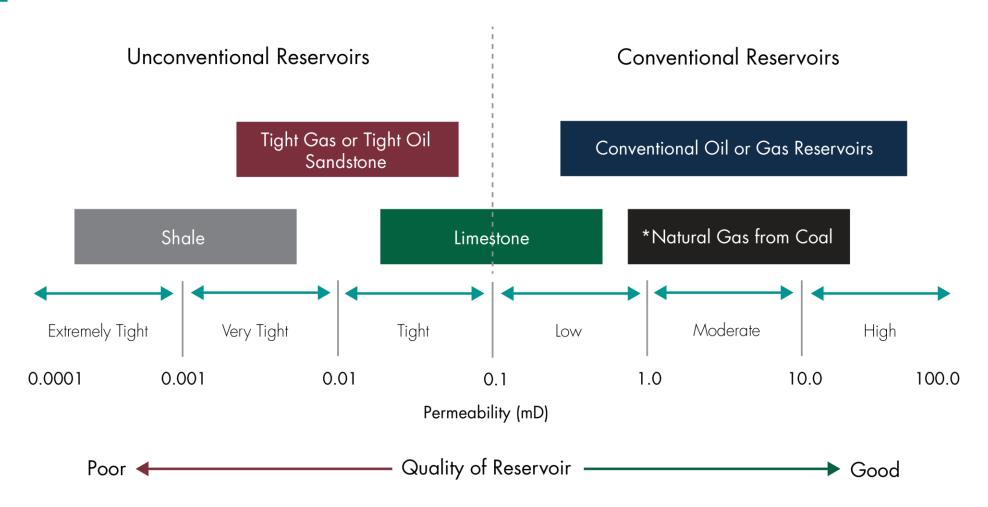




Worldwide Distribution of Tight Oil



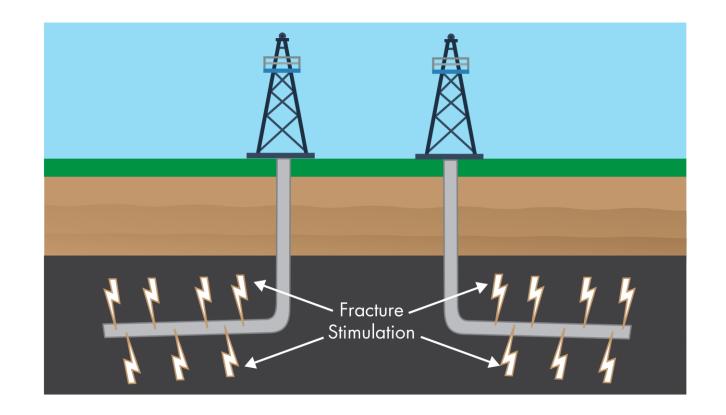
Characterization of Tight Formations





Developing Unconventional Assets

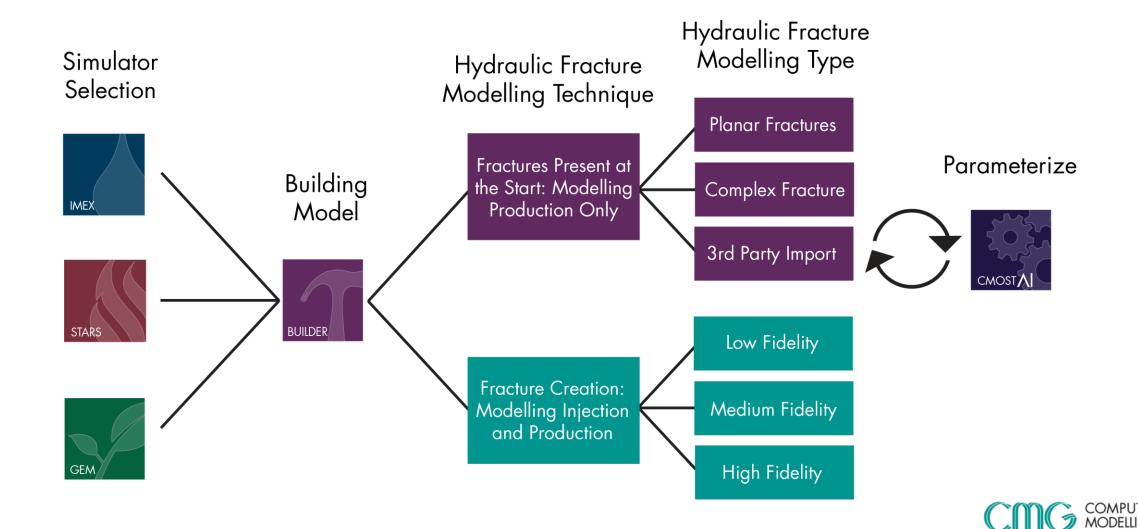
Horizontal Multi-Stage Fractures

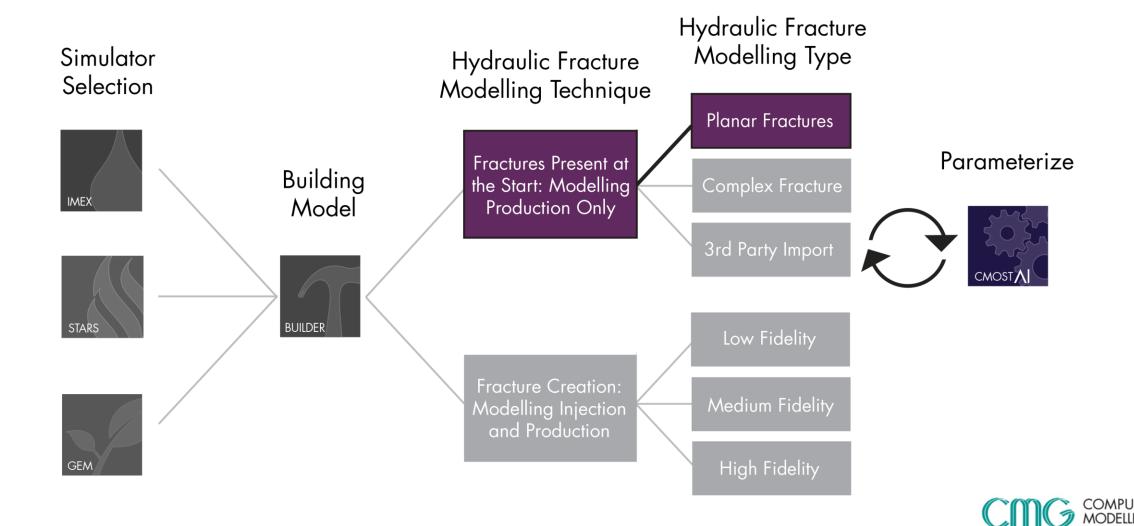




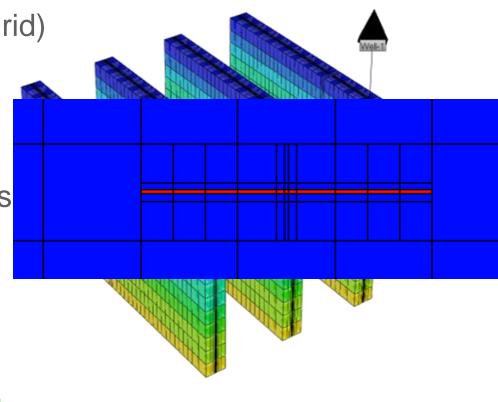
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Workflows





- Specify Half-length, height, conductivity of each fracture
- Modelled through LS-LR-DK model (tartan grid)
 - Logarithmic spacing
 - Local Refinement
 - Dual Permeability
- Fast and accurate way of modelling fractures
- Properties easily parameterized
- Multi-well Simulations





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*BWHLEN 350 half-length

*JDIR

*INNERWIDTH 2 effective width

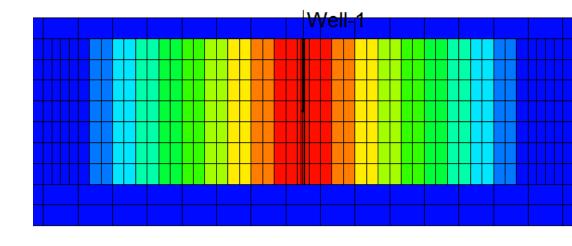
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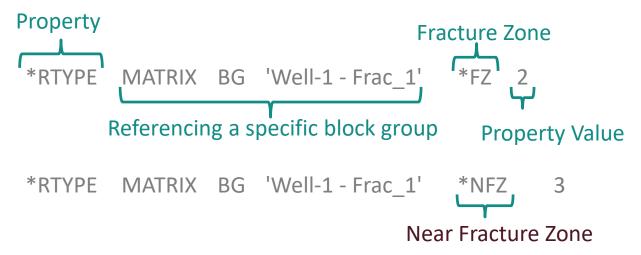
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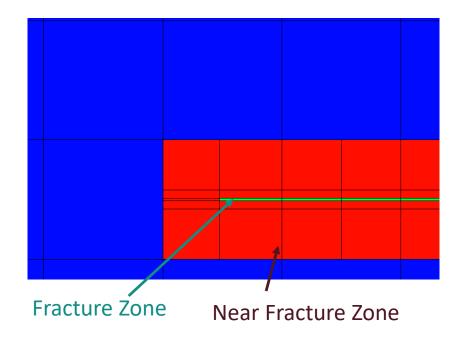
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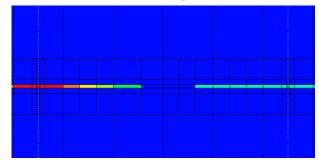




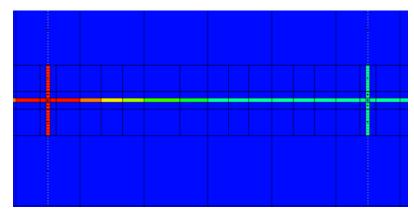




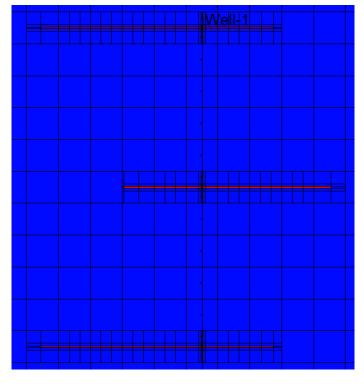
Connecting Fractures and uneven Half-lengths



Two fractures from neighbouring wells unconnected



Fractures Connected at Tip and Longitudinal Fractures



Uneven Half-lengths

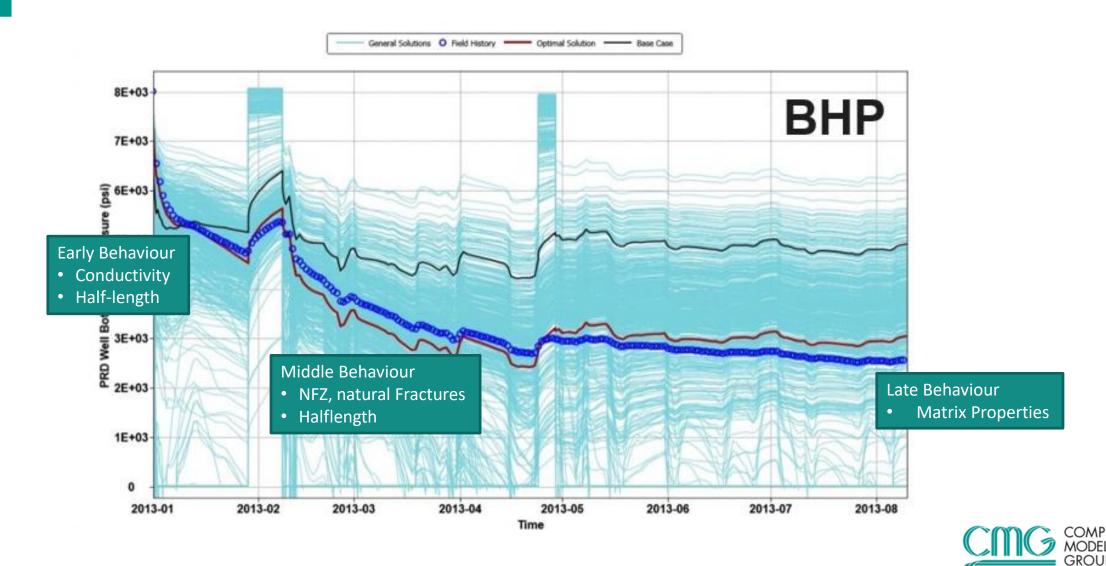


Planar Fractures: Linking to CMOST

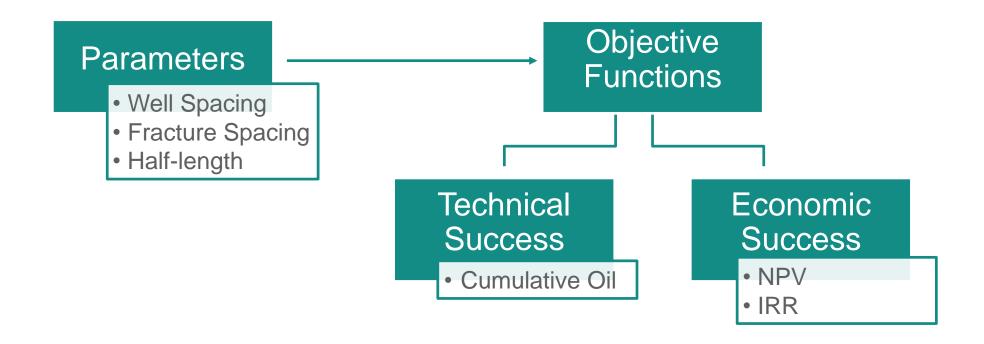
- CMOST-AI
 - Fully linked to hydraulic fracture keywords
 - Can parameterize:
 - Half-length
 - Fracture spacing
 - Fracture conductivity
 - Initial fracture water saturation
 - FZ/NFZ properties



Planar Fractures: History Matching

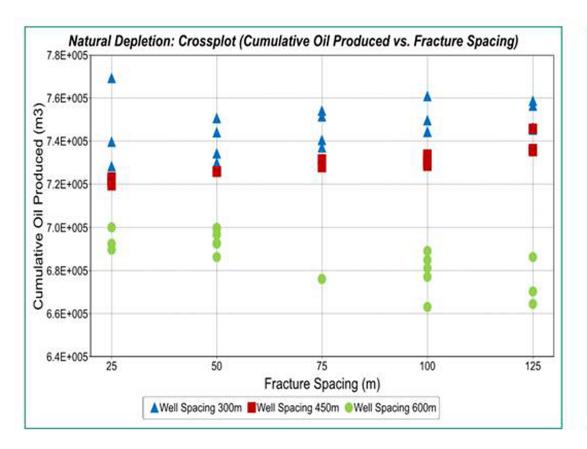


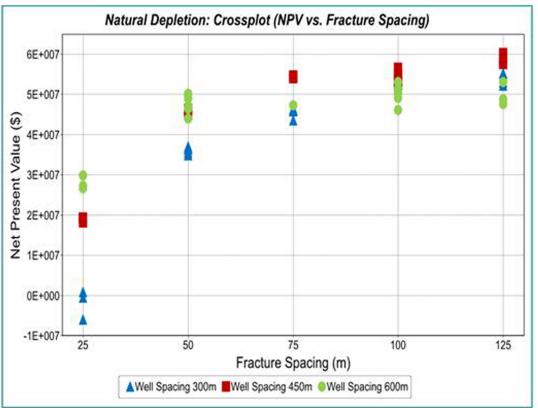
Planar Fractures: Optimization





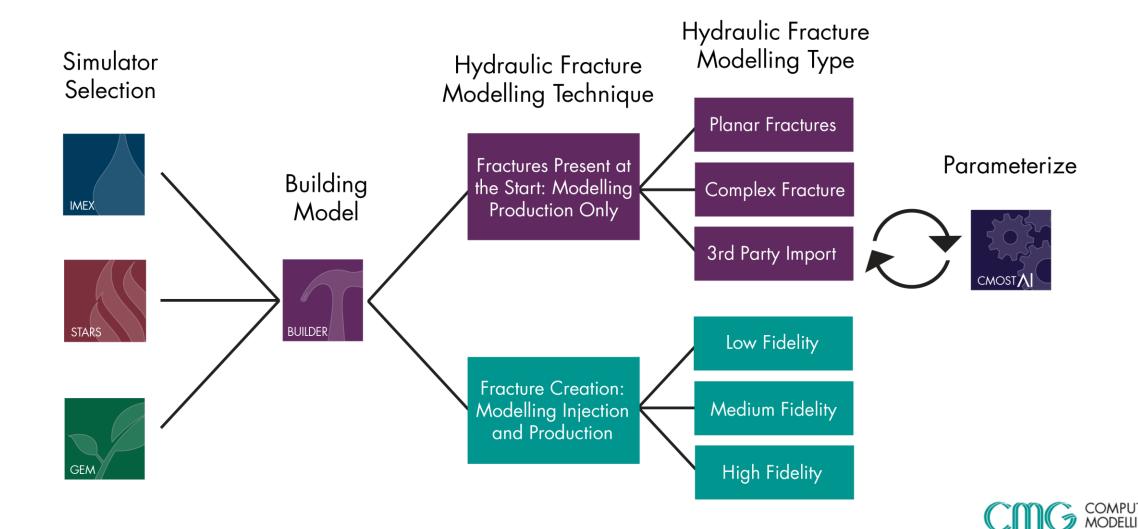
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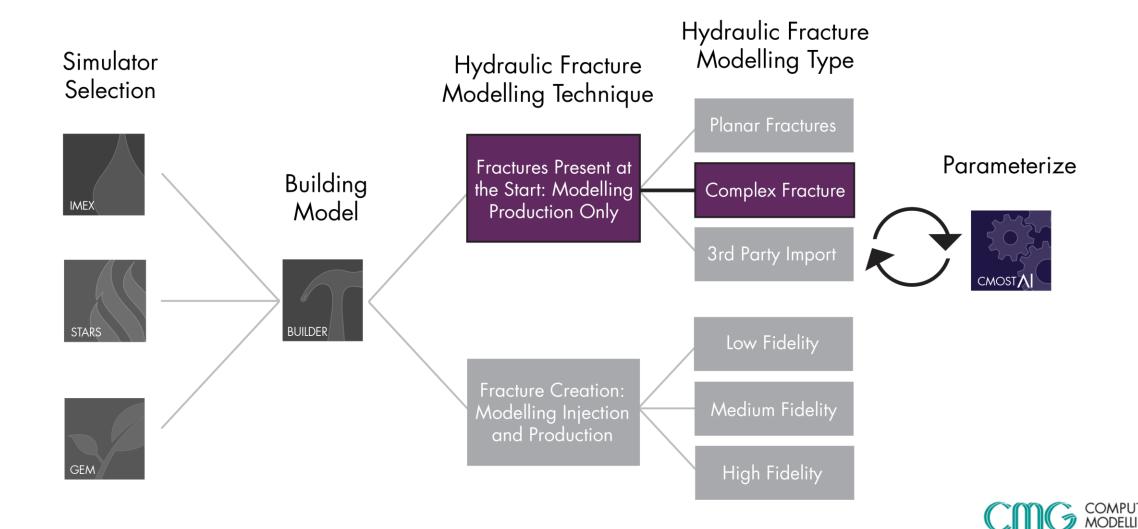




Workflows

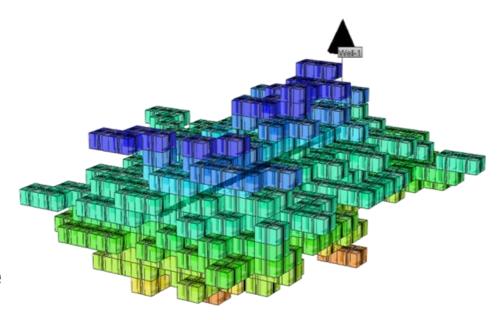


Complex Fractures



Complex Fractures

- Model complex fracture networks
- Based on micro-seismic data or user defined areas
- Uses tartan gridding
- Captures the complexity of a fracture network
- Useful for when fractures are close together or when fracture systems become connected





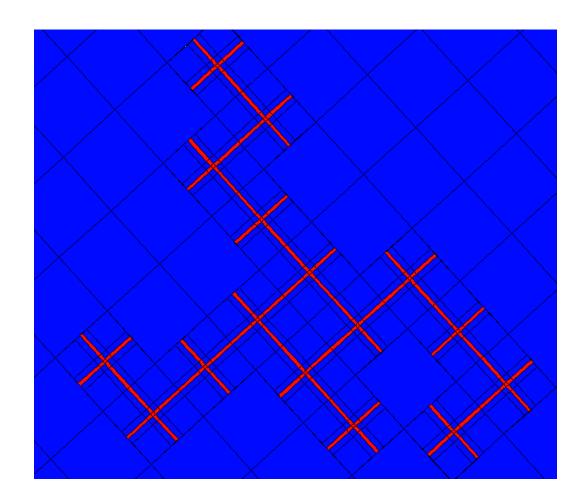


Complex Fractures

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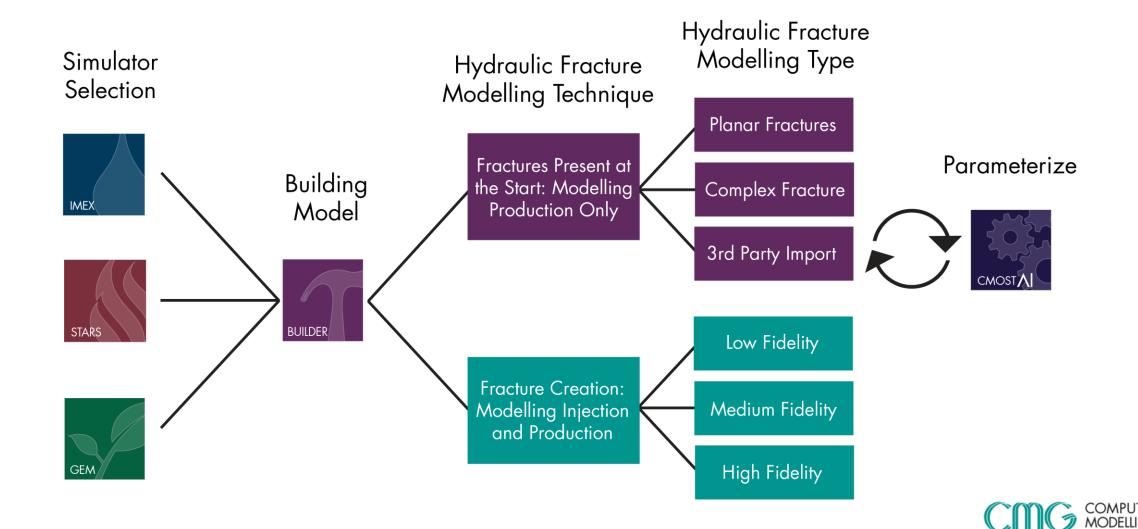
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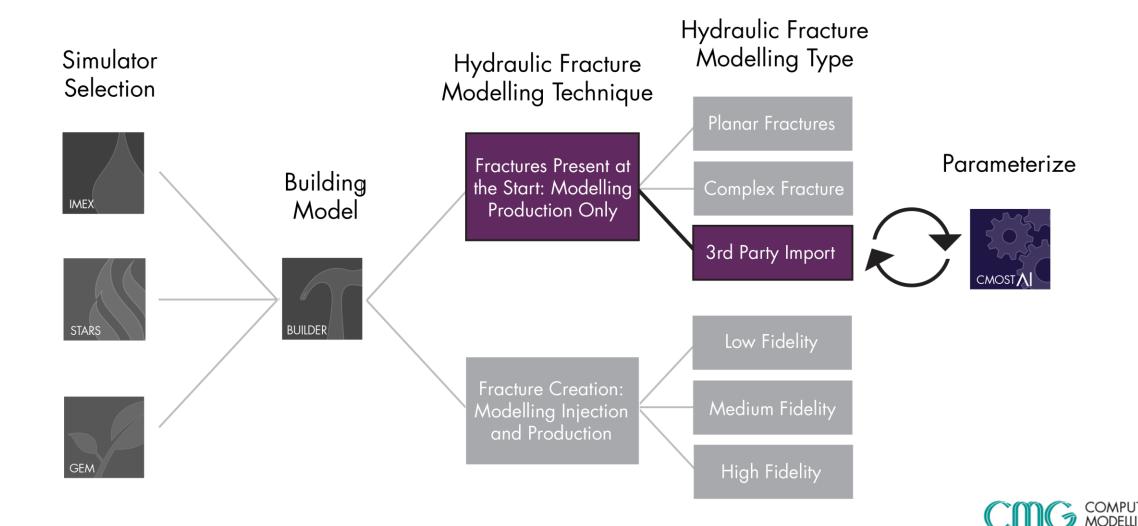
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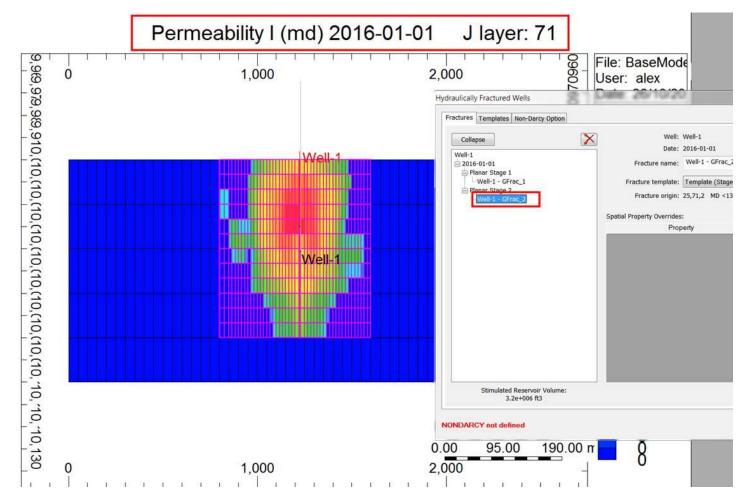


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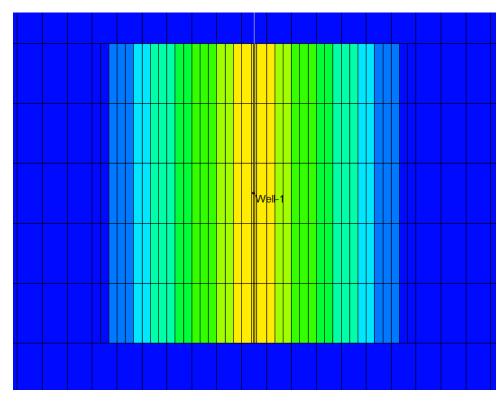




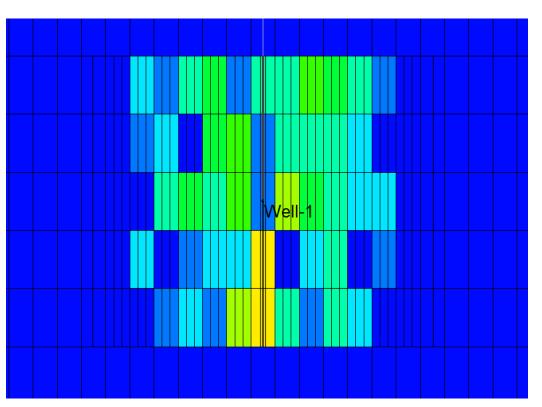
- Import hydraulic fractures from third party software
- Modelled as planar fractures in CMG but preserves permeability distribution







Hydraulic fracture created with block groups-constant permeability



Hydraulic fracture created with structured block group-variable permeability



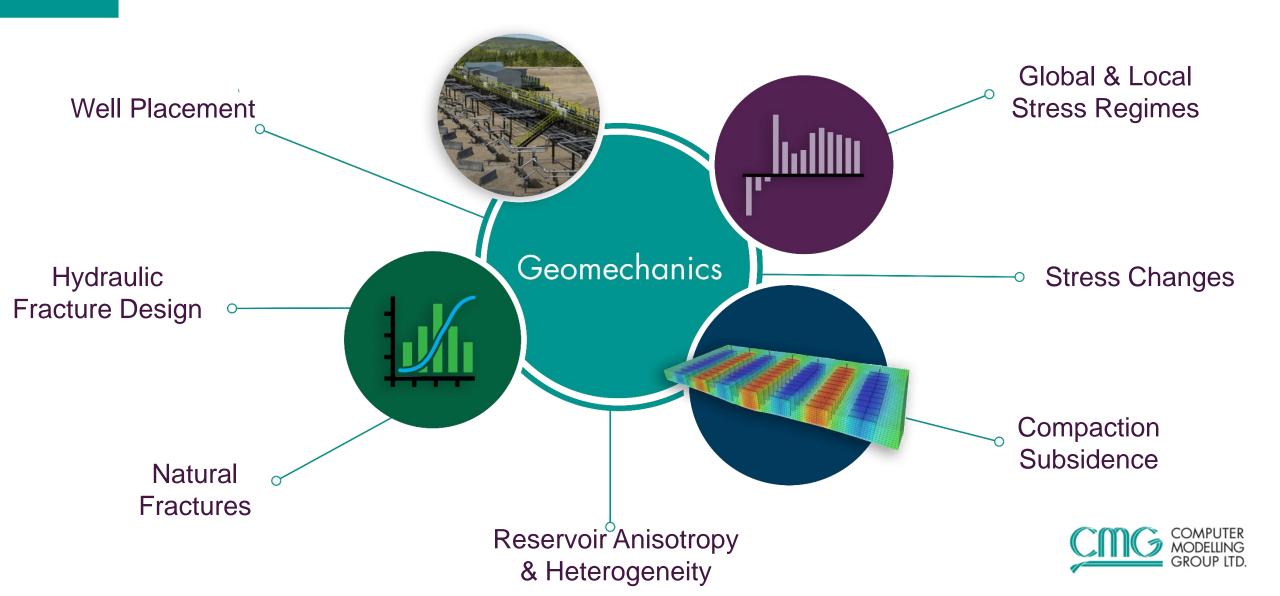
- File format needs to have .cmg.csv extension
- Programs that can export this format
 - GOHFER
 - FracproPT
 - Stimpro
 - StimPlan
 - FracPredictor
 - Mfrac*

*Not available in a released version

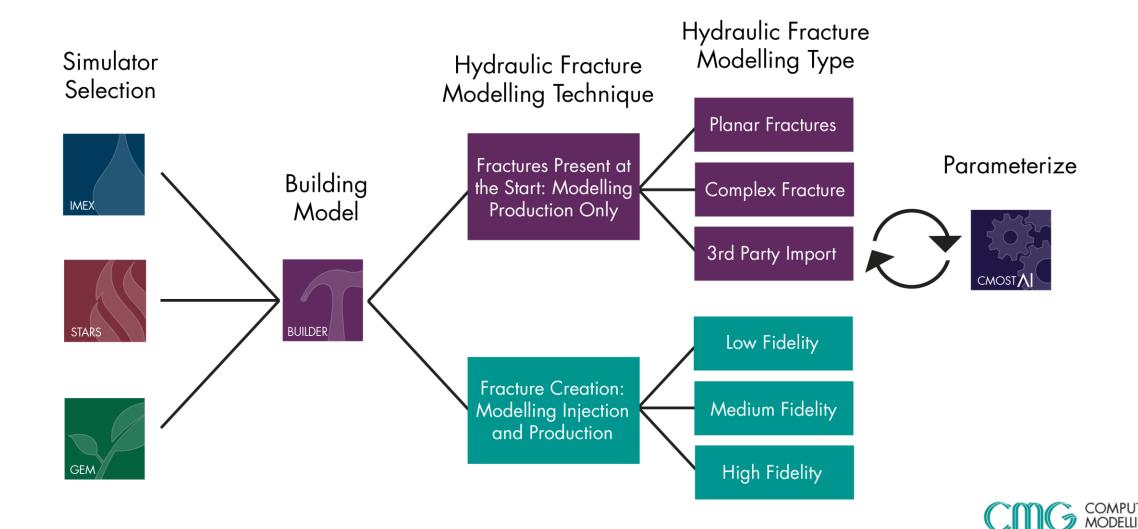
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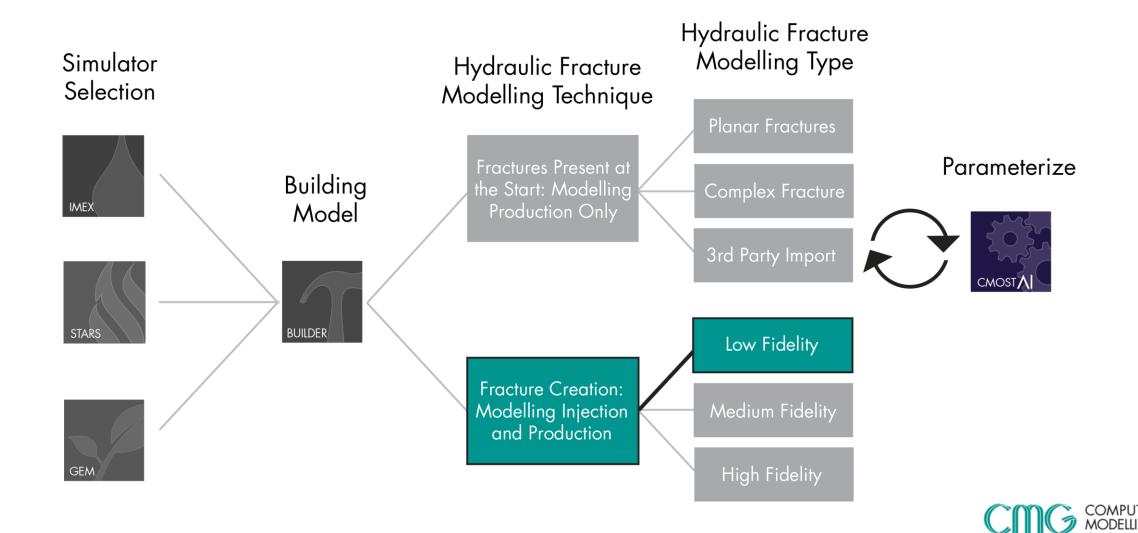
Geomechanics for Unconventional Reservoirs



Workflows



Low Fidelity Fracture Creation

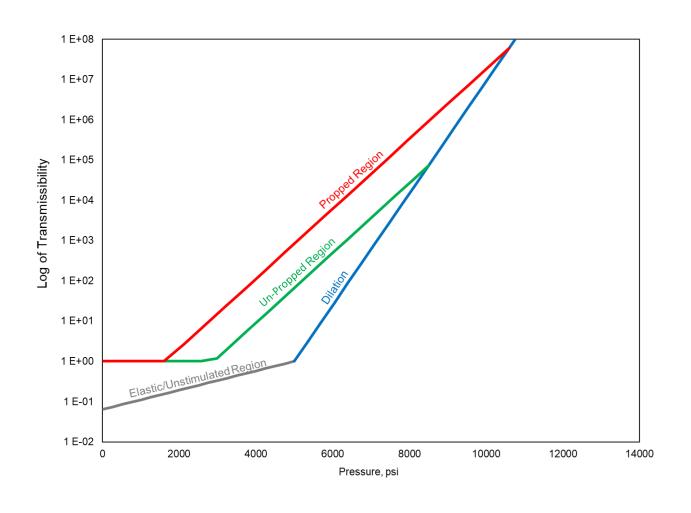


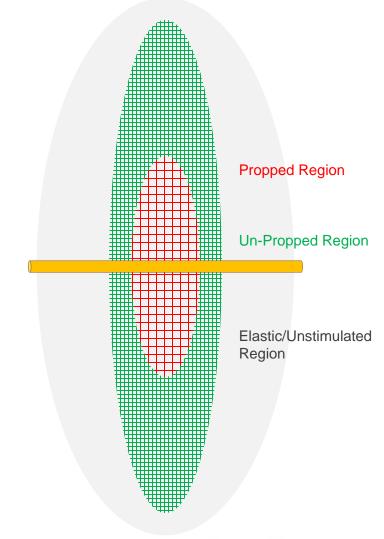
Low Fidelity: Compaction/Dilation Curves

- Simple model that relates permeability/transmissibility to pressure
 - Geomechanics module not used
- Models the creation of an SRV
- Can model injection/production separately or together in the same model
- Can be single porosity or dual porosity



Low Fidelity: Compaction/Dilation Curves

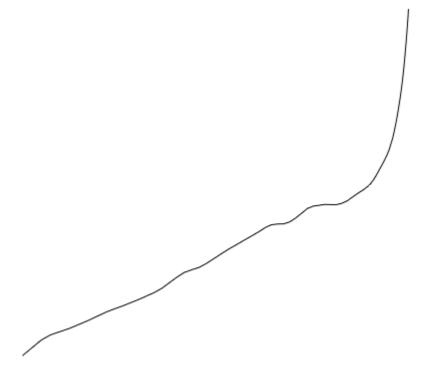






Low Fidelity: Example

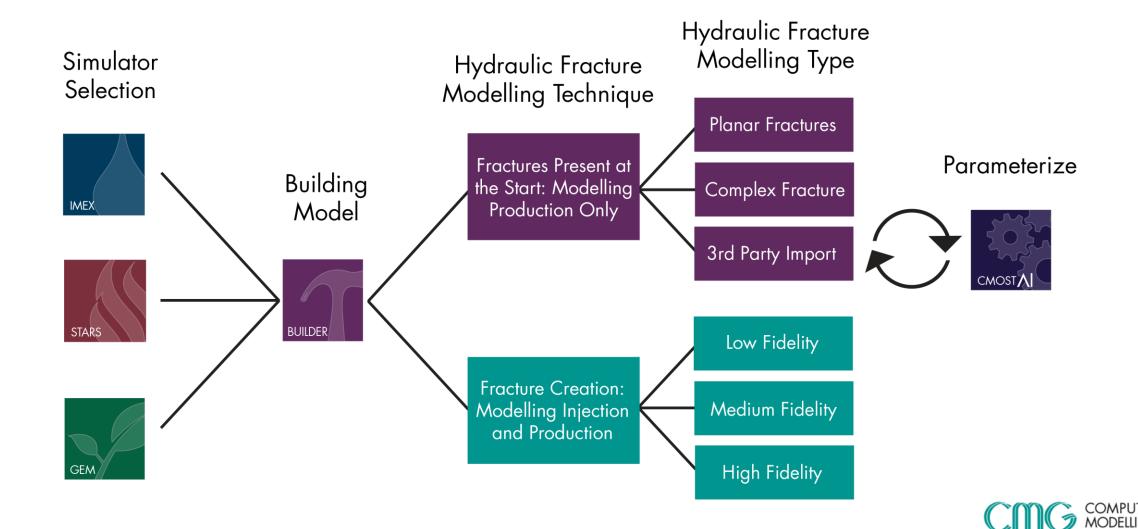
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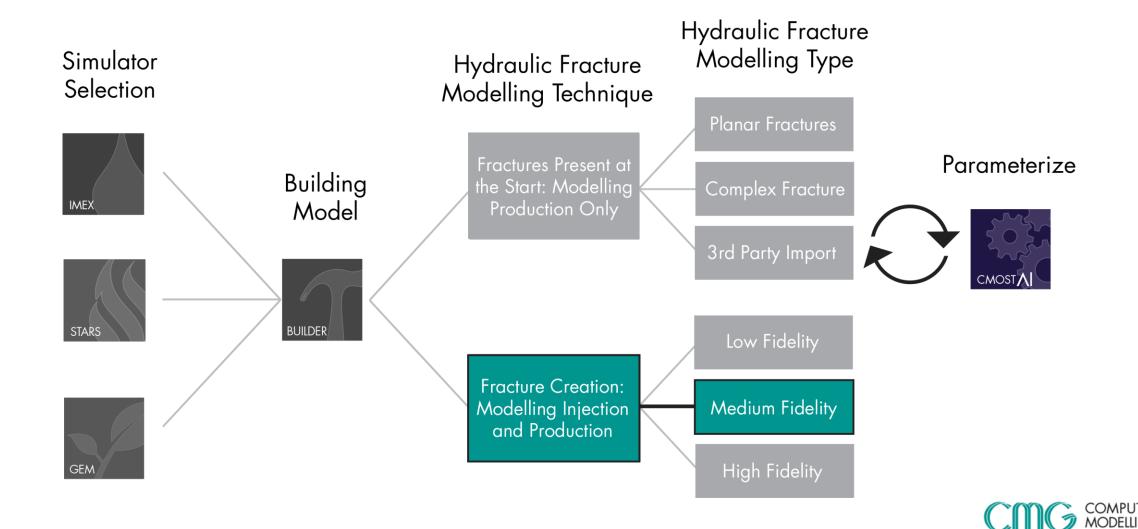
Transmissibility



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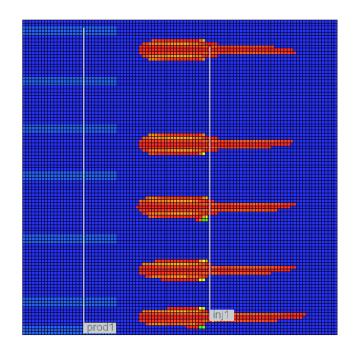


Medium Fidelity Fracture Creation



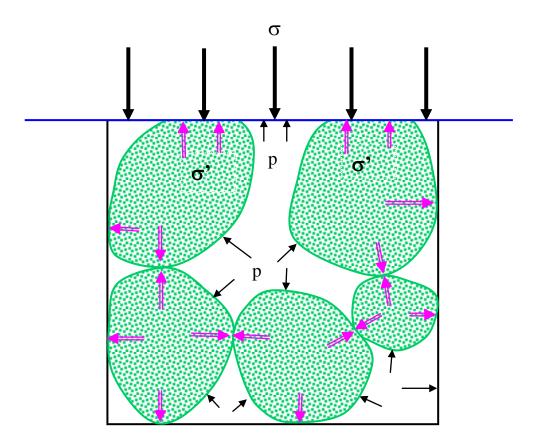
Medium Fidelity: Geomech With Barton Bandis

- Geomechanics module fully integrated to calculate stresses in the rock
 - Used to determine tensile and shear failure
- Failed rock represented by permeability enhancement
 - Natural fractures used to represent hydraulic fracture
- Models the creation of an SRV
- Injection/Production can be done through the same model





Geomechanics Review



Total stress = pore pressure + effective stress

$$\sigma = \alpha p + \sigma'$$

α : Biot's coefficient

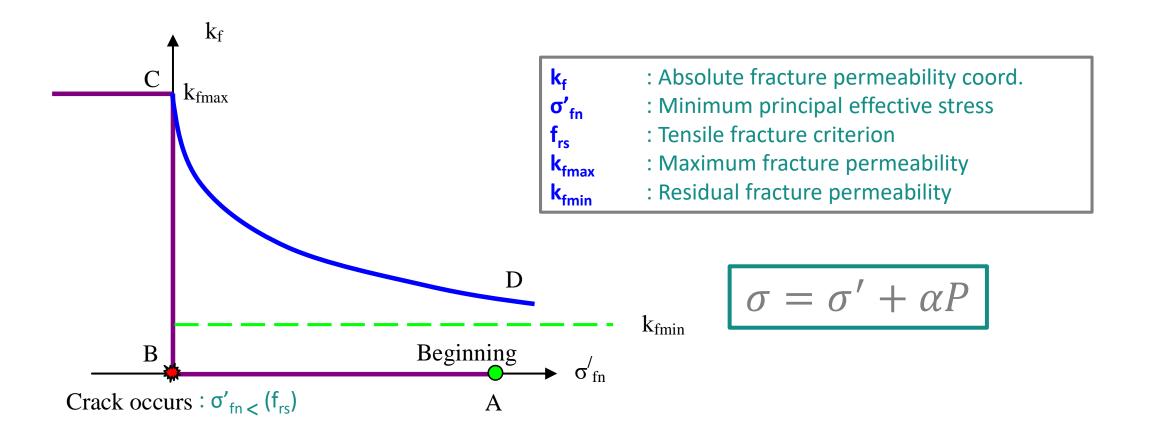
p : pore pressure

 σ : Total stress

 σ' : Effective stress



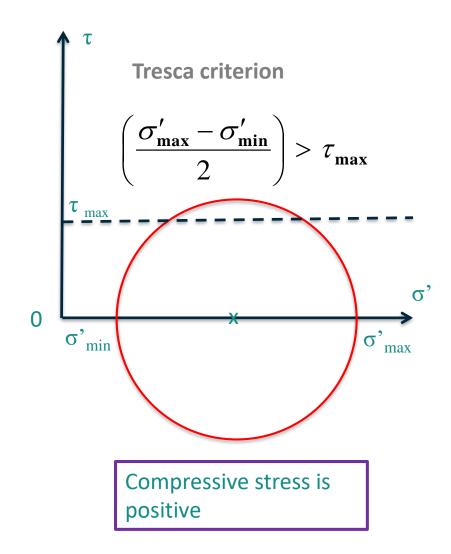
Tensile Failure - Barton Bandis

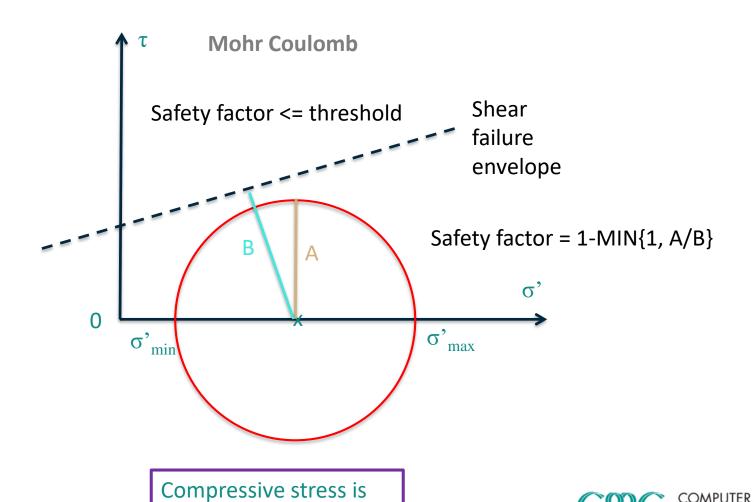


Tran et al. SPE 125167-PP



Shear Failure





positive

Application: Well to Well Interactions

- If a new horizontal well (child well) is drilled too close to an existing horizontal well (parent well), the wells can interact potentially hurting the performance of both wells
- If a new well is drilled too far away there will be areas of the reservoir left uncontacted, leaving behind oil
- Need to place well such that production profiles and NPV is optimized



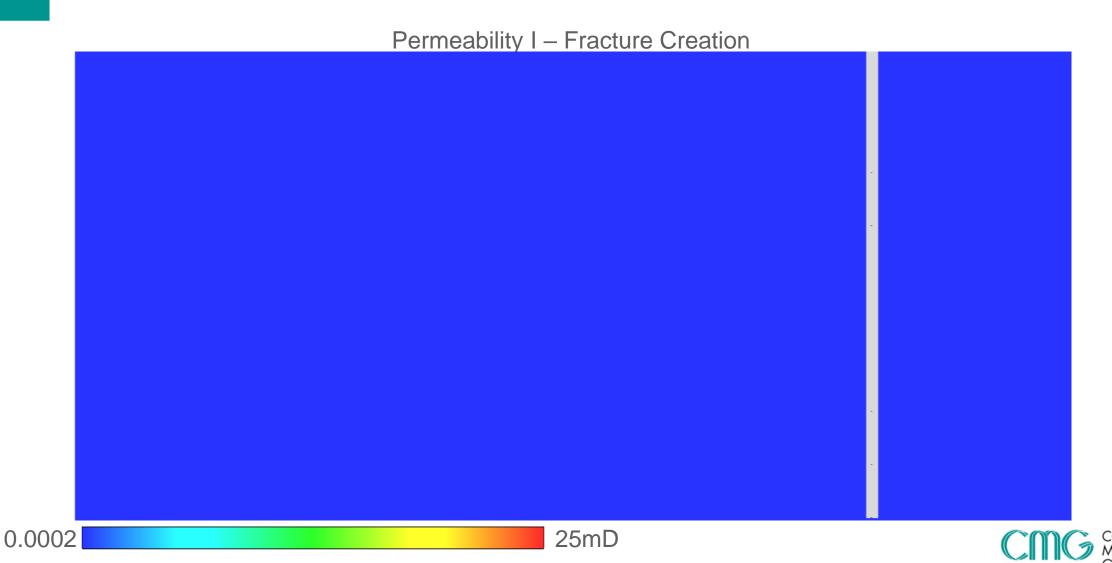
What Are Frac Hits?

 Fracture hits are defined as hydraulic fractures generated by a child well (new well) that grow towards and hit a parent well (existing well).

• If fracture hits occur, the production profile from the child well is often worse than that of a parent well



Medium Fidelity Geomech Example

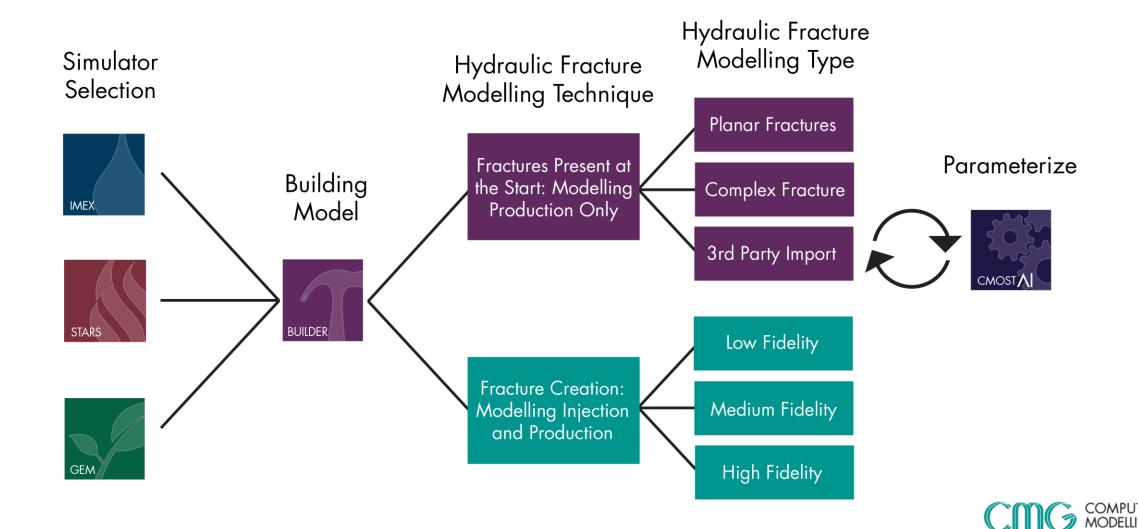


Child Fractures

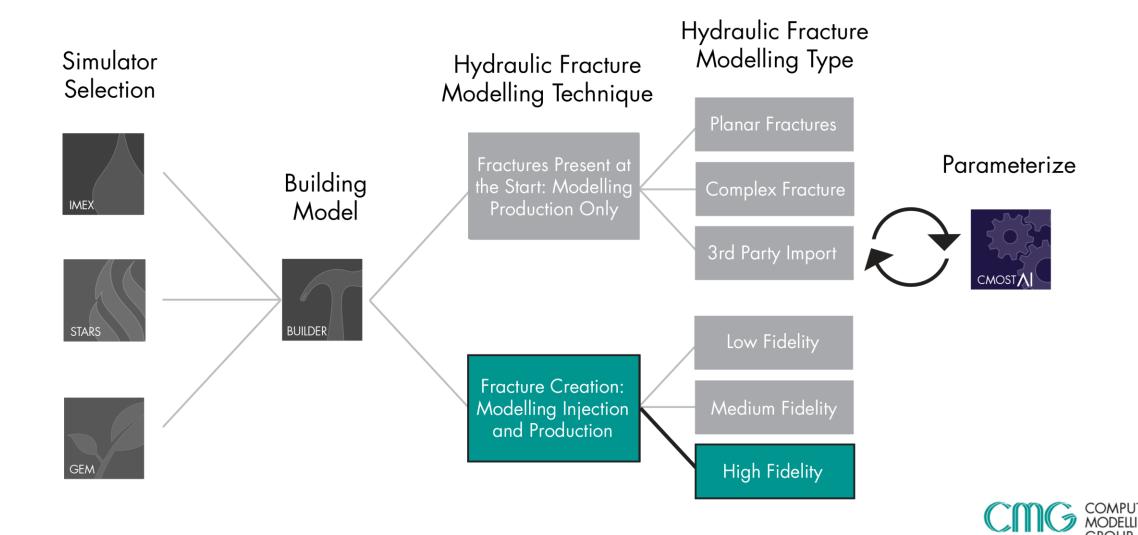
- Child well fractures are influenced by
 - Fracture spacing
 - Length of production
 - Initial stress regime
 - Geomechanical properties
- In addition to causing fracture hits, parent well production may also result in reorientation of the fractures.



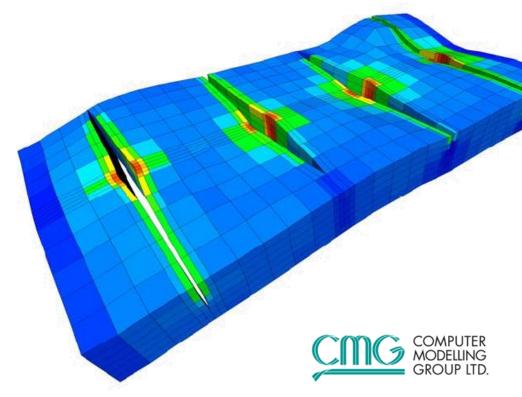
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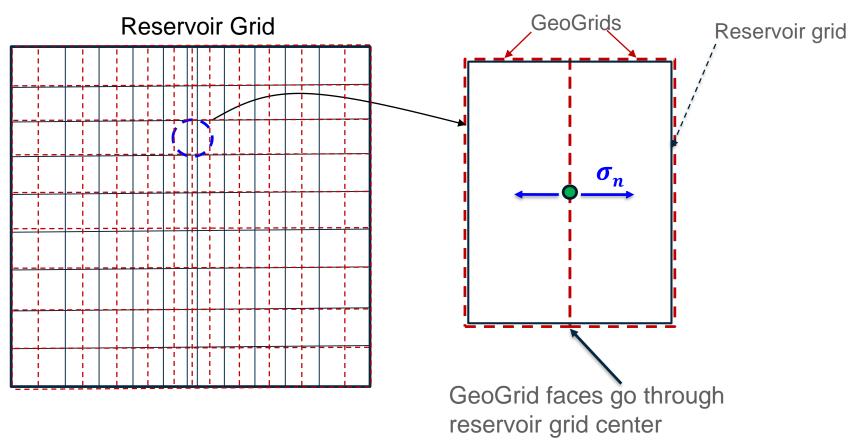
High Fidelity Fracture Creation



- Model that integrates geomechanics to predict the creation of hydraulic fractures
- Determine hydraulic fracture half-length, aperture and height for Planar Fractures
- Visualize and analyze the fracture growth

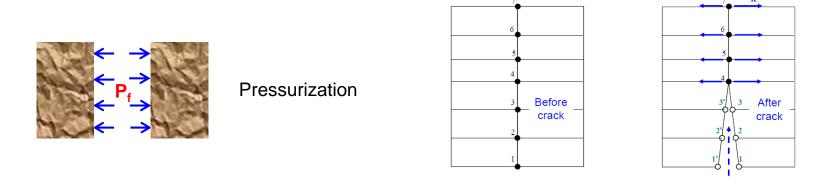


A separate geomechanical grid is used to compute the fracture creation





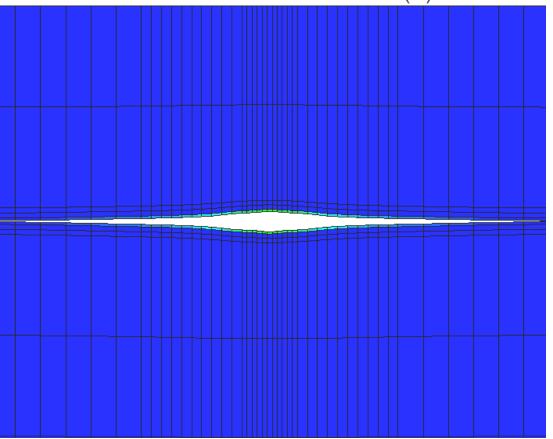
 The fracture is modelled through the node splitting of the geomechanical grid



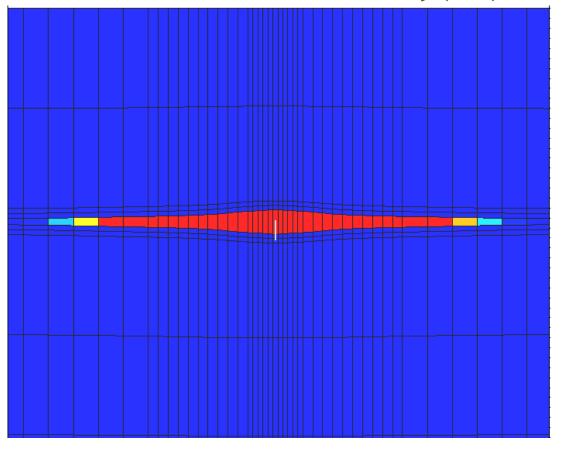
- Nodes split based on failure criteria
 - Effective Stress < tensile failure







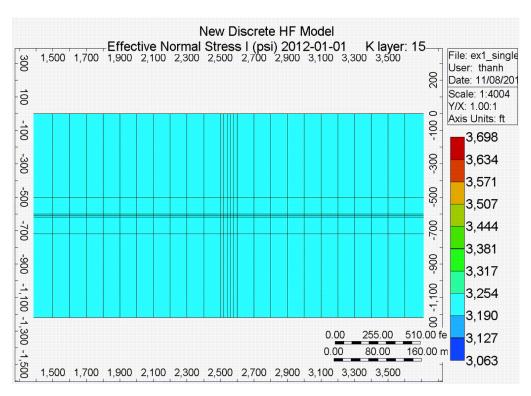
Flow Grid Fracture Permeability (mD)



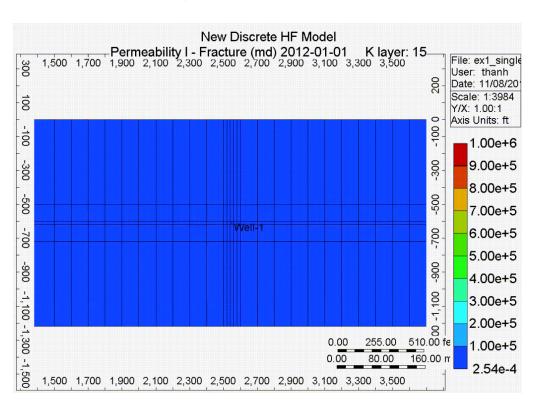


High Fidelity Example

Effective Normal Stress I (psi) vs Perm I Fracture – Layer 15



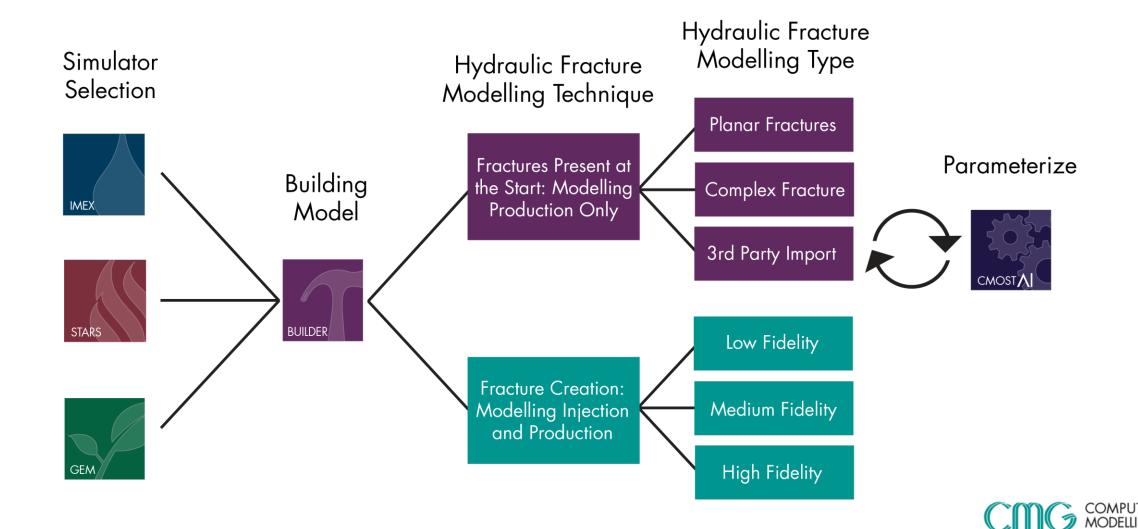
GEOGRID



RESERVOIR GRID



Workflows



Combining Workflows

- Planar Fractures with Geomech
 - Incorporate geomechanics into model with planar fractures to see how stresses change with production
- Create planar fractures from Compaction/Dilation Curves
- Node Splitting with Barton Bandis
 - Model not a perfectly planar fracture



Summary

Methodology	When to Use
Planar Fractures	Production only studiesMulti-well studies
Complex Fractures	When reliable microseismic data is available
Fracture Import	Third party software for fracture creation modelling
Low Fidelity Geomech: Compaction/Dilation	Modelling full well lifecycleFast running models
Medium Fidelity Geomech: Barton Bandis	 Increased physics for fracture creation modelling Fracture growth for interacting wells
High Fidelity Geomech: Node Splitting	 Comprehensive planar fracture initiation modelling Simulate DFIT tests

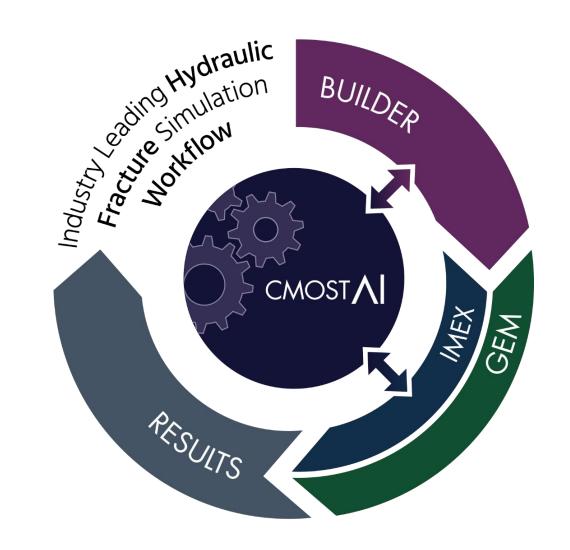


CMG's Unconventional Reservoir Workflow

- Six physics-based workflows that can be utilized depending on the requirements/situation
- CMG has provided the tools the user can use to replicate the field and desired behavior
- Model entire unconventional reservoir life cycle
- Capture well-well fracture interactions affects



CMG's Unconventional Reservoir Workflow





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