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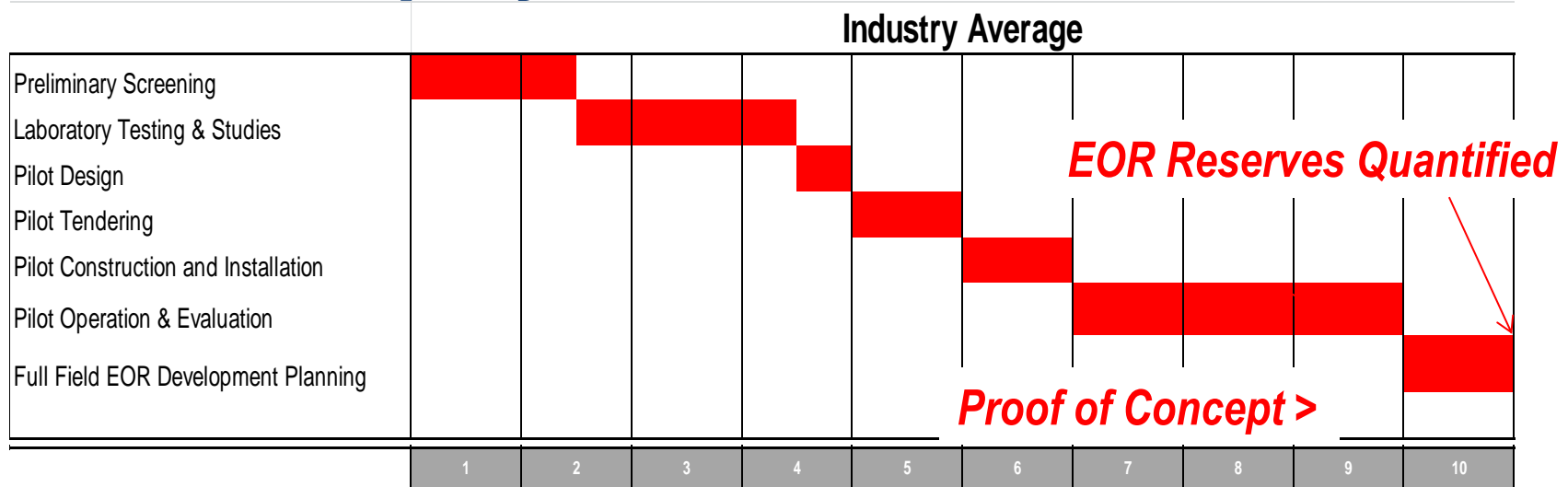
Re-designing EOR through Integration: Fast Track Approaches

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Issues with Deployment of EOR

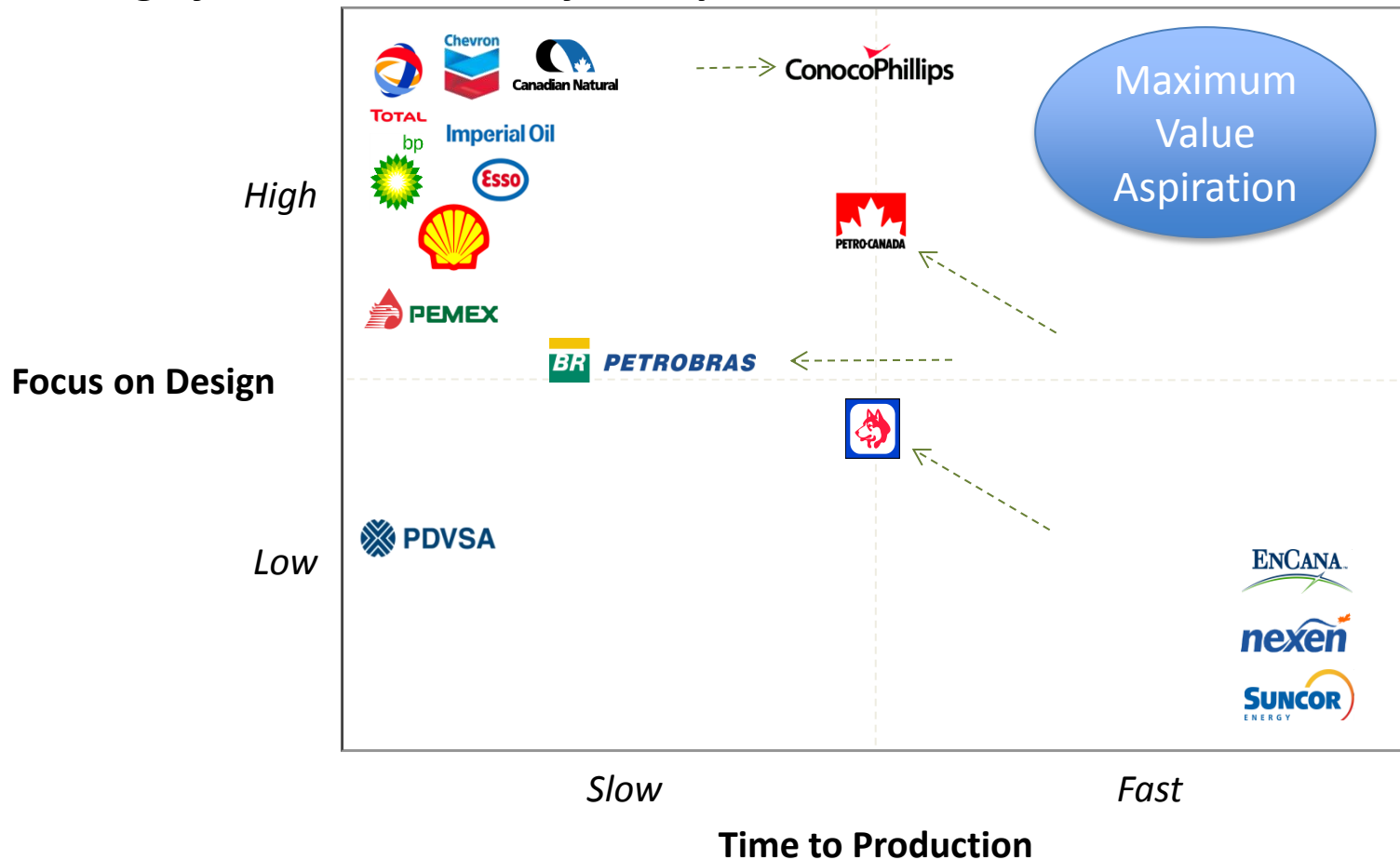


- Long lead times for pilot delivery and excessive time to full field FID
- Inconclusive Pilot results due to lack of data or design (cost cutting?)
- Success case economic drivers not properly understood (pilot objective?)
- Lack of implementation experience and lack of continuity of project team
- Lack of integration: facilities-subsurface-operations
- Internal service providers (drilling, facilities, production, surveillance) slow to adapt to EOR requirements

AS MANY AS 80% OF PILOTS FAIL TO LEAD TO FULL IMPLEMENTATION (YET)

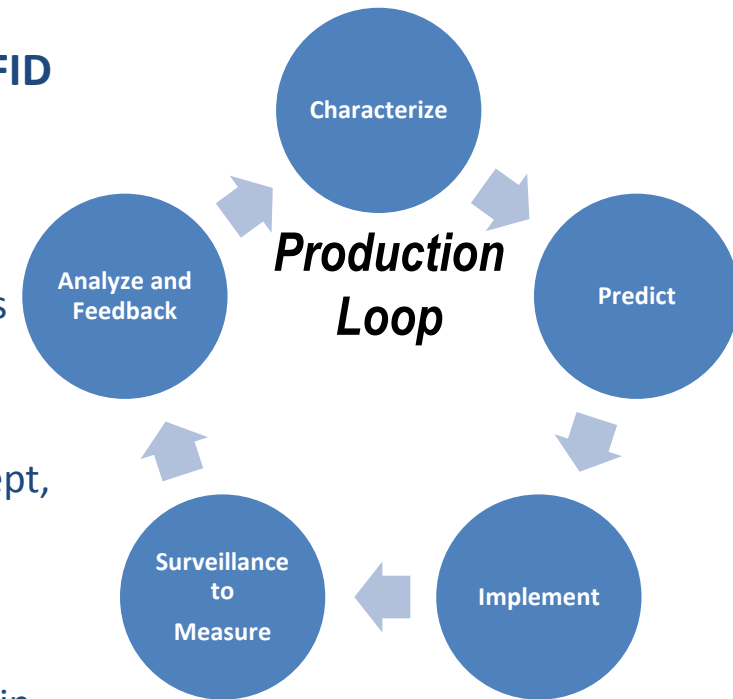
Change Approaches: re-design EOR for fast track implementation

Positioning of NAM/LAM Heavy Oil Operators, 2010

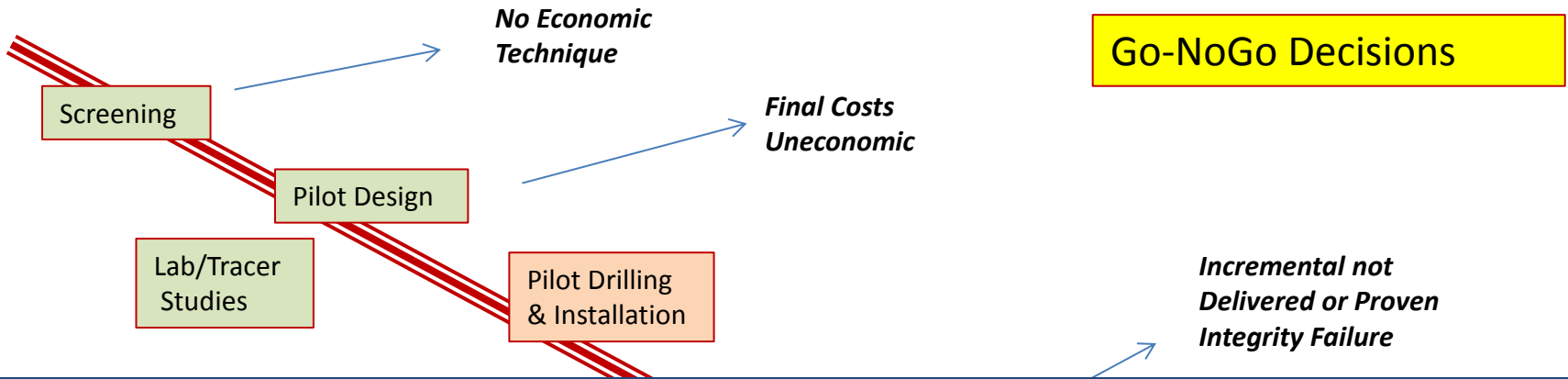


Reducing EOR Cycle Time

- **Develop a common EOR Workflow**
- **Reduce EOR cycle time to proof of concept and EOR FID thru:**
 - **One stop shop:** Services and Project Management.
 - **Continuity:** Same team to stay with the project , maintaining knowledge and minimizing handover delays
 - **Contracting:** up front and not tendering at each stage
 - **Integrated approach:** for lab, studies, design, implementation, operation, surveillance, proof of concept, EOR FDP
 - **Phasing:** Lab and studies in parallel with design, not sequential
 - **Design for Proof of concept:** leads to full field EOR FDP in parallel with early pilot expansion
 - **Commoditizing pilot equipment:** standardize on modular steam boilers, chemical units, gas supply
 - **Confirmation:** Best in class surveillance technology to confirm benefits are achieved by **closing the production loop in the shortest time**

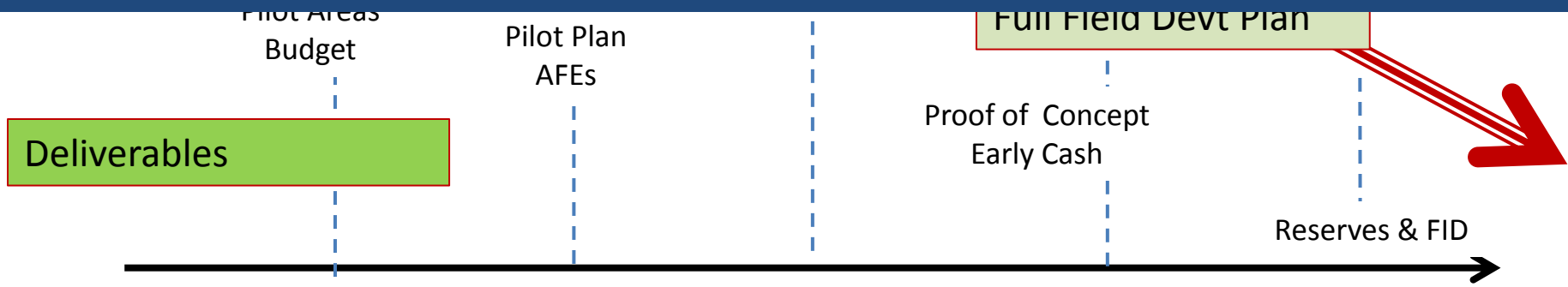


EOR Project Roadmap (excl Decision Delays)

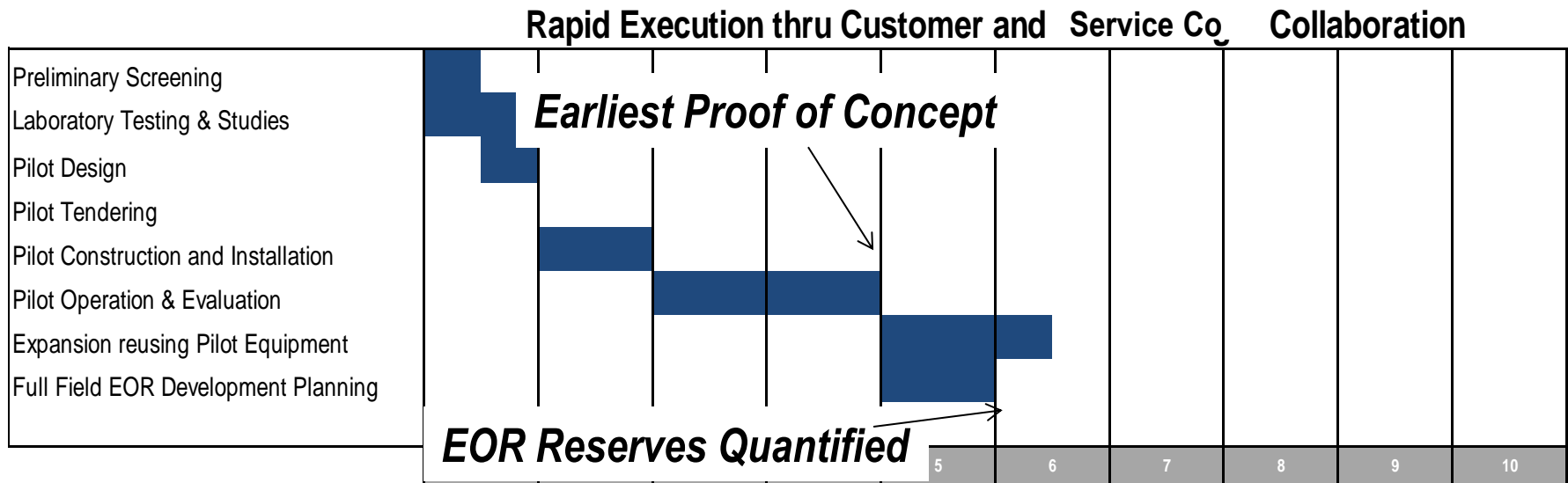
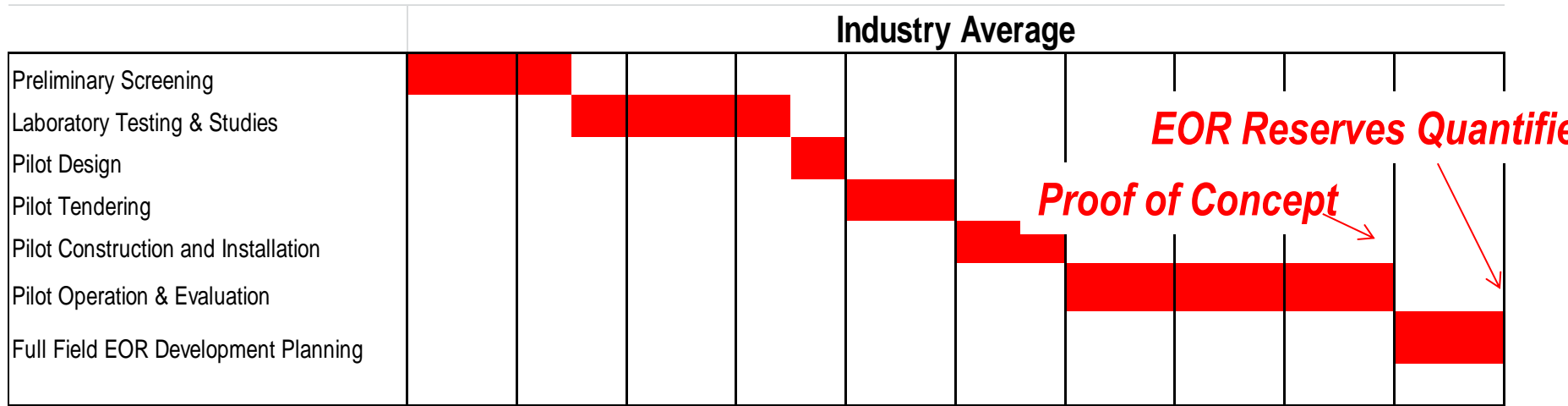


Key Message:

- Feasible to have Pilots online within 18 months
- Proof of Concept for full field feasible within 36 months
- Key is to minimize tendering at each stage – one stop shop

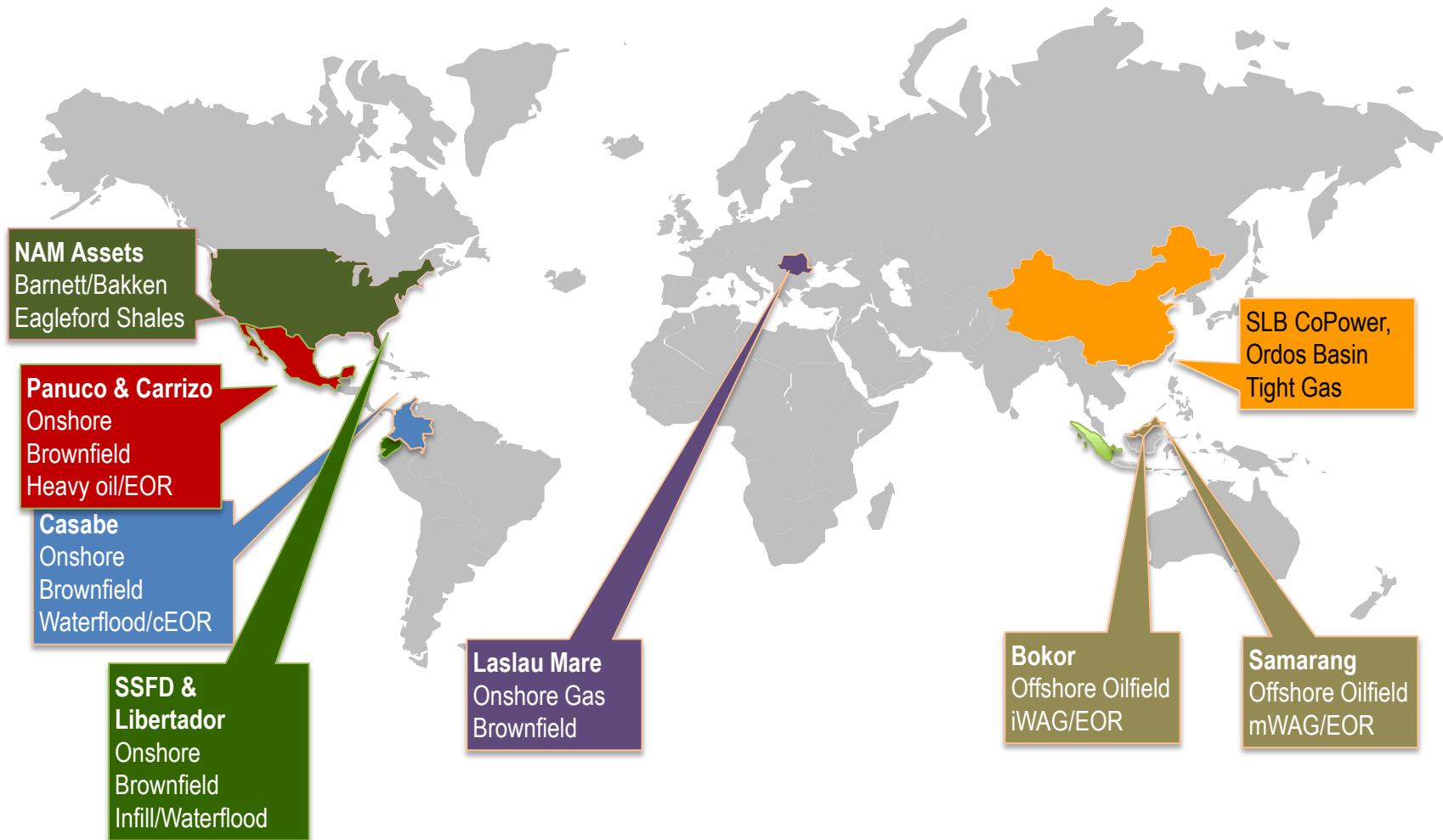


RIDER: Rapid Integrated Deployment of Enhanced Recovery



Fast Track in SPM

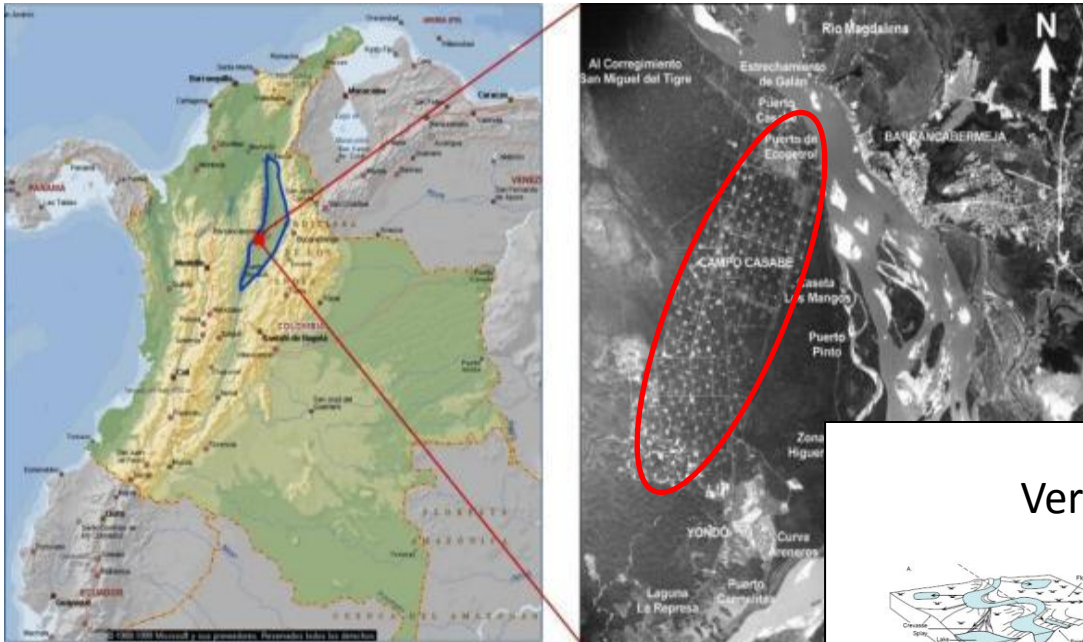
Portfolio by Recovery Themes



Is the Fast Track EOR Roadmap Achievable in Practice?

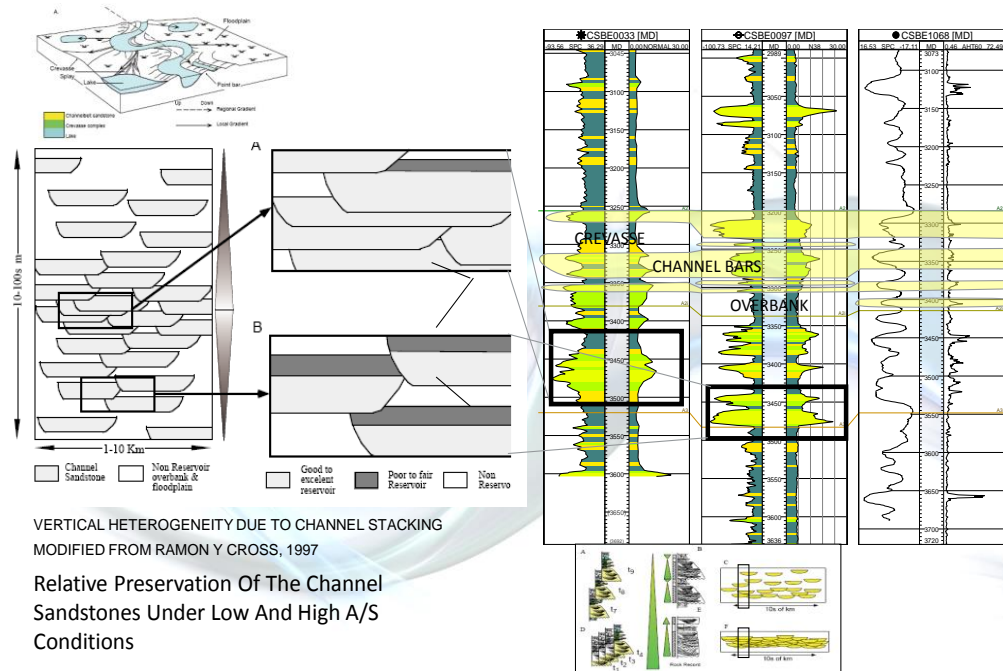
- Casabe (Colombia) Polymer Pilot
- Panuco Fractured Carbonate (Mexico) Thermal Pilot

Colombia: Casabe Polymer Pilot

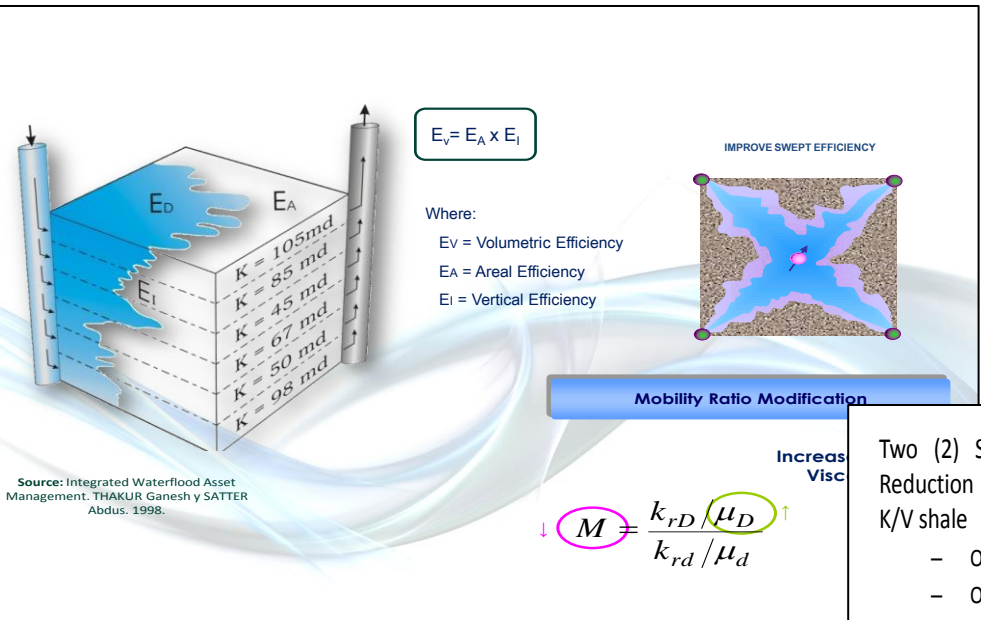


- Layered sand/shale sequence
- as many as 17 zones/producers
- 50-300mD
- 30-80cP oil
- RF<30% pattern WF

Vertical and Horizontal Heterogeneity



Polymer Injection for Mobility Control



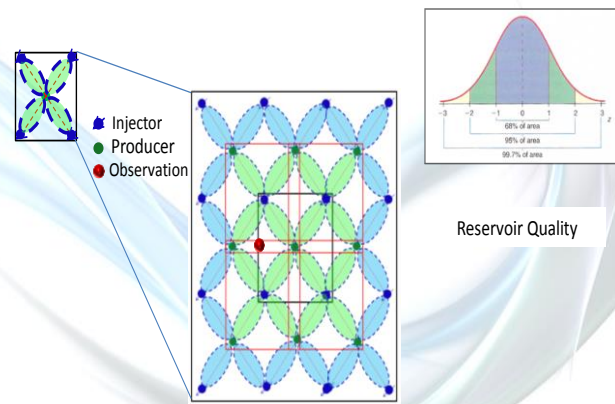
Source: Integrated Waterflood Asset Management. THAKUR Ganesh y SATTER Abdus. 1998.

Two (2) SP Flooding Pilots for mobility control and S_{or} Reduction EOR; variation in chemical make up for different K/V shale

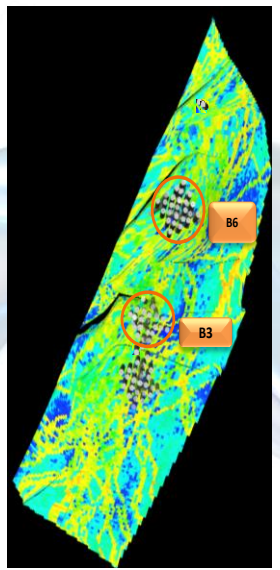
- One in Average Rock Quality, swept.
- One in Best Rock Quality, swept

FIGURE 2. MOBILITY RATIO

- Two pilot patterns selected
- Better ResQ and below average ResQ
- Covers range of effectiveness
- Two layers comprising >40% of OIP
- Two suppliers – SNF and MI/BH

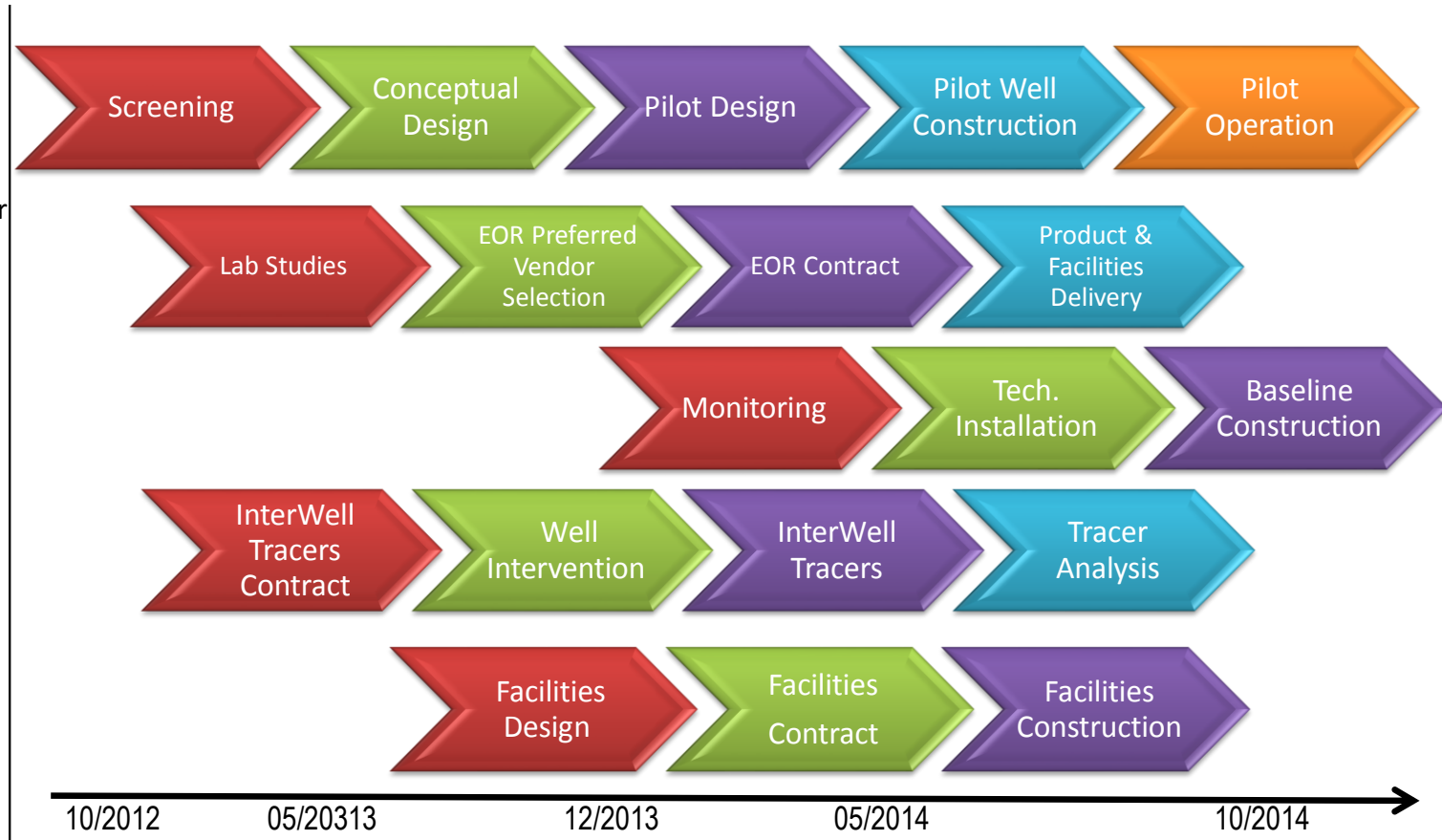


EOR Pilot Areas



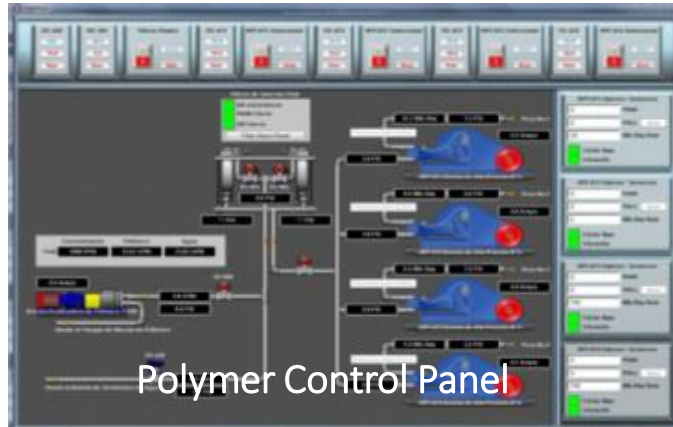
Casabe Fast Track Timeline: Parallel Activities + Focus Team

- Project Manager
- Reservoir Engineer
- G&G
- Production Technologist
- Well Construction Engineer
- Facilities Engineer
- Production Optimization
- Economic Analyst
- Supply Chain Support



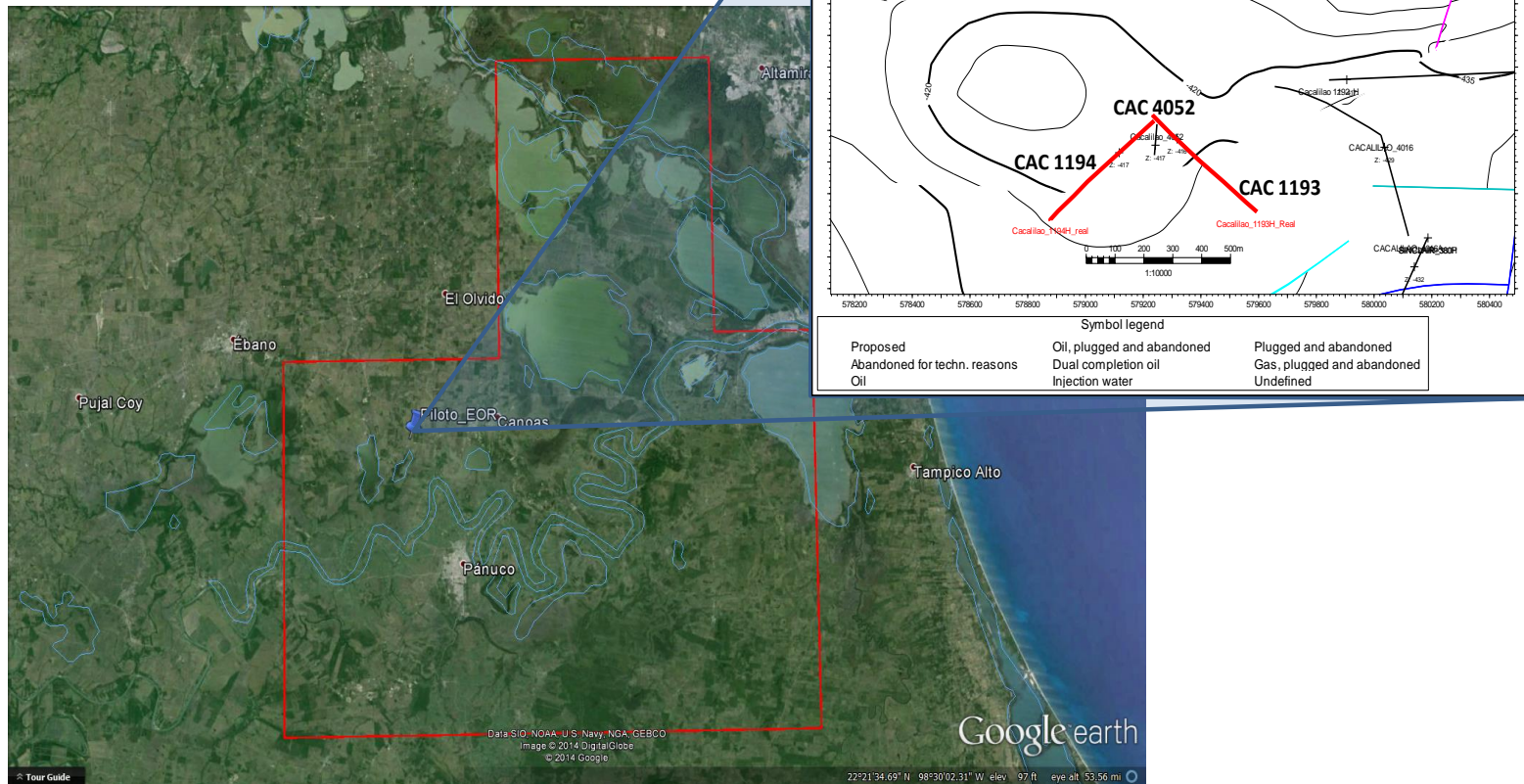
*** Facilities = Contracted Equipment, Installation & Connection**

Casabe Polymer



- Polymer injection commenced in first pilot pattern on October 28 2014
- 21 Months from kick off (due to equipment delay)
- Four polymer injector wells.
- Total injection capacity is 3.000 B/D of 500 ppm polymer solution at 2.000 psi
- Short term response shows decrease in water cut across all wells and central producer has increased oil rate.
- Second pilot pattern on hold due to ECP cash constraints. However, pilot expansion to multiple layers is under design for second stage pilot. .

Mexico: Panuco Thermal Pilot



- Cyclic steam stimulation (CSS) pilot
- Fractured carbonate with heavy oil >300cP
- Two horizontal I/P wells penetrating the fracture corridors
- One deviated well for monitoring microseismic events

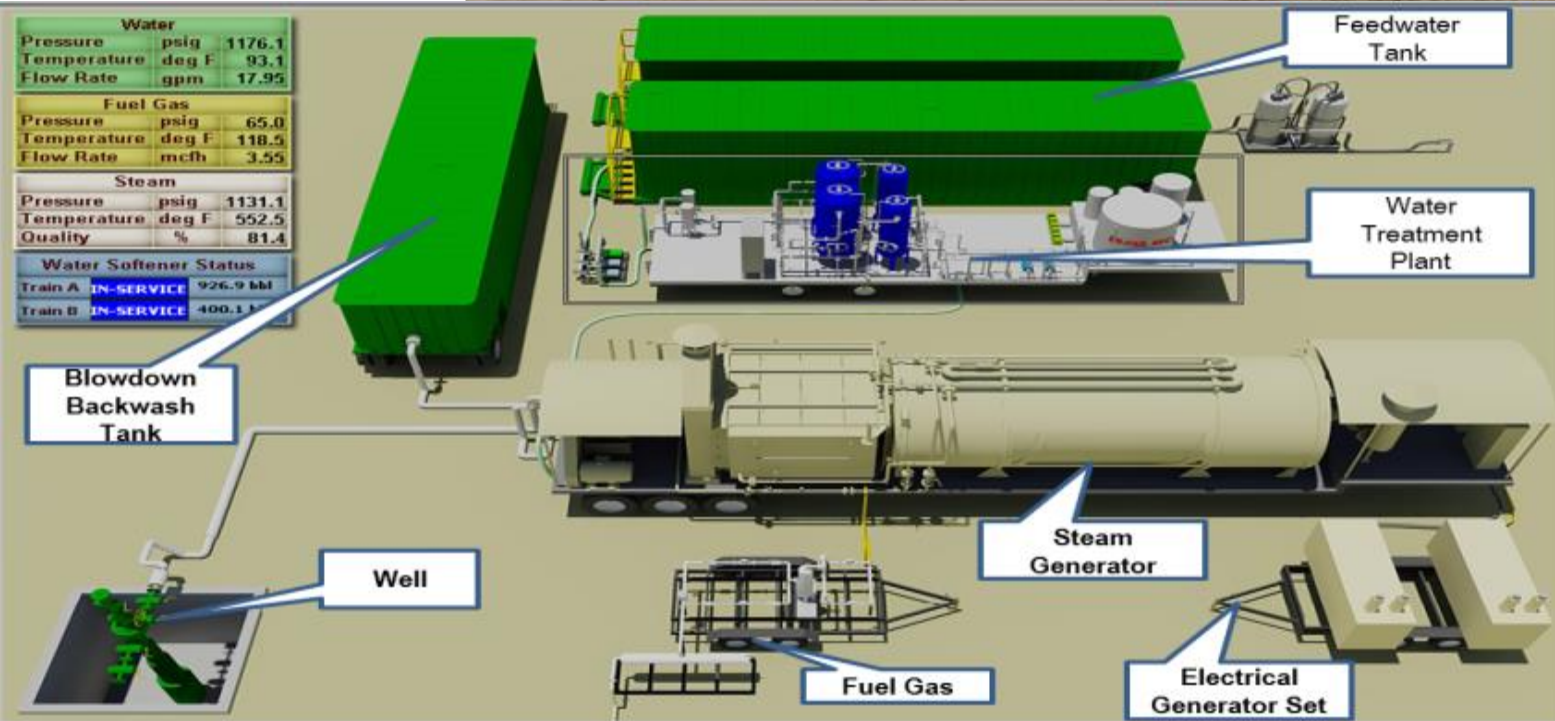
Panuco Thermal Pilot Objectives & Risks

- Introduce thermal operations without HSE or social incidents.
- Designing the Pilot to give a conclusive proof of concept, proving :
 - Sufficient steam injectivity.
 - Sufficient incremental production associated to the thermal process.
 - Technical and economic feasibility of full-field implementation (if possible).
- Collecting sufficient data and measurements to confirm proof of concept.
- Delivering the project on time and within budget, and with a proper management of risks.
- Demonstrating SPM capability in EOR implementation for future collaborations

Risk Category	Hazard or worst consequence	Initial Risk	Control Measure	Residual Risk
Seal rock integrity	Steam leaks or breakthrough at surface, with environmental consequences	High	Geomechanical study, injection pressure control, monitoring system (microseismic)	Low
Permitting	Delays in Project start	High	Pemex, PetroSPM support Expedite thorough support	Mid
Social	Delinquency, robbery	High	Support from External Affairs. Explain risks of project.	Mid
	Manifestations and protests	High	Avoid areas close to towns, reduce use of noisy trucks, logistics for transportation, support from External Affairs to inform about the project, what is and what it is not.	Mid
Operational	Steam generation failure, procedures for measuring and handling hot fluids at Surface	High	Hired experienced contractors, apply PSIM, train operators	High
Water supply	No supply source found Poor quality water, generator explosion	High	Local providers Softeners, water treatment plant, water quality monitoring plan	Mid
Hot fluid production	H2S, difficult separation and measurement of fluids.	High	Operations plan	Mid
Poor cement job, poor well design	Casing growth with temperature, heat losses, steam leaks, well loss, casing collapse	Mid	Cement to surface, test quality and repair if necessary, proper casing and wellhead design program	Low
Integrity of old wells	Old neighboring wells affected by steam injection, steam flow to Surface with environmental consequences	Mid	Area selection. Wells shut in at bottom. Monitoring during injection.	Low

panoramic view of the surface facilities installed in the pilot pad

Panuco Pilot



plan view of the steam generation equipment

Panuco: Surveillance Intensive

Pilot construction and installation

- Fluid analysis
- Core analysis – mechanic and thermal properties
- Basic petrophysical properties
- Logs (images, electrical properties, etc.)

Cold production

- Flow rates (oil and water)
- Temperature profiles
- Bottom hole pressures
- Produced water salinity
- Oil viscosity

Steam injection period

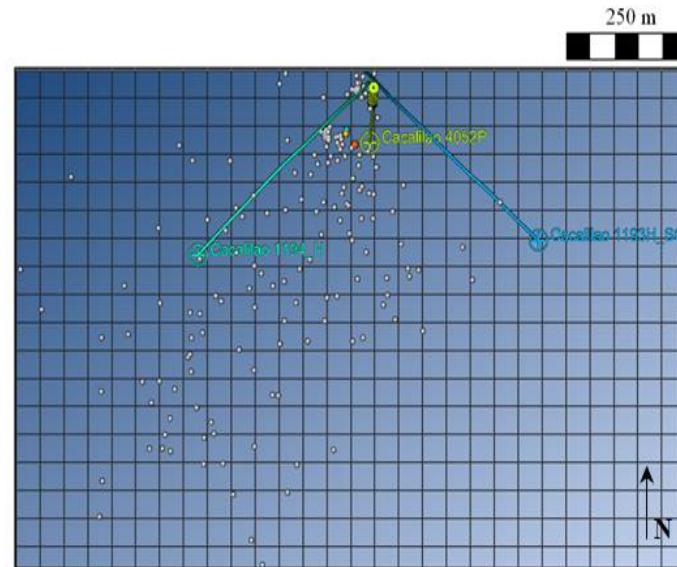
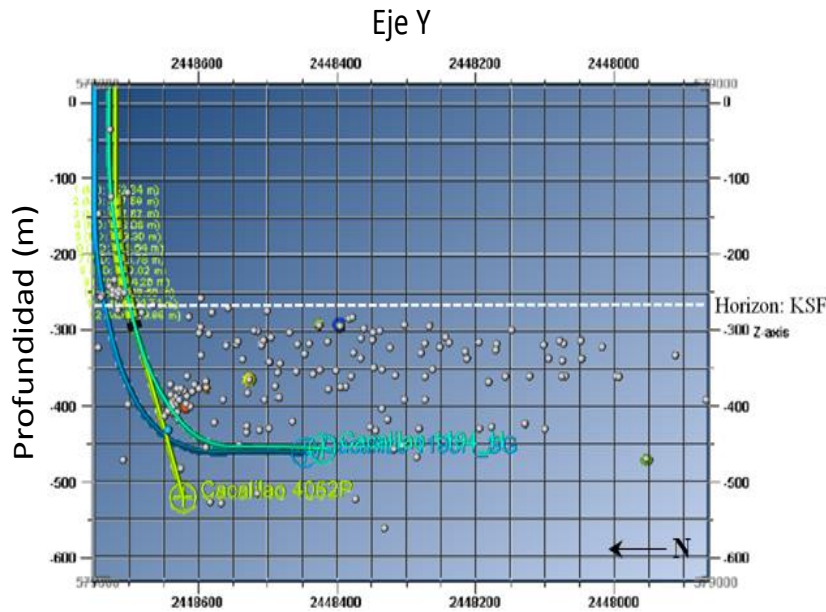
- Daily steam injection rate and pressure
- Steam quality
- Bottom hole pressures
- Injection temperature
- Temperature profile
- Microseismic events
- Surface conditions and parameters of neighboring wells
- Casing thermal expansion

Soaking period

- Bottom hole pressure
- Temperature profiles
- Microseismic events

Hot production

- Flow rates (oil and water)
- Temperature profiles
- Bottom hole pressures
- Produced water salinity
- Oil viscosity
- Microseismic events



Microseismic events during the injection, soaking and hot production periods

Panuco Pilot Outcomes

Came on line some ten months after SLB took over the asset, demonstrating:

- Delivery according to the scope, in record time and within budget.
- Most risks were managed successfully.
- Proved injecting steam is feasible without social or HSE incidents.
- Sufficient measurements were collected to confirm concept applicability.
- Injecting steam at 1,600 psi gave no compromise cap rock integrity over the pilot area. Geomechanics vital to minimize the risk of failure of the layer.
- Steam injectivity was low, yet cumulative injection achieved expected volume.
- Productivity increased three to five times after steam stimulation.
- A mechanical restriction near the top of one well did not allow installation of the artificial lift and production of stimulated intervals (620-630 m, 700-710 m) .
- Two nearby wells were influenced by steam injection: Pemex_1127 in which the fluid production rate increased by 50%, and Cacalilao_1192, in which the water cut was increased to 100% and after injection stopped, the water cut fell back to 5%.

Integration has confirmed Fast Track EOR

- Successful Implementation by Casabe and Panuco Pilot Teams
 - Fast Track EOR is not only feasible but achievable
 - With the right integration of Operator and Service Provider(s):
 - 18 months to pilot online
 - 36 months to proof of concept
- Critical success factors are:
 - Standard equipment – Boilers/Wtu; Polymer Skids; N2 Gas/Compressors
 - One Stop Shop to minimized tender, decision and handovers delays
 - Design, Operation & Surveillance must still be best in class and focus on earliest proof of concept
 - Close the production loop: Tie lab work to simulation to surveillance to predictions
- Over-riding Objective:
Prove full field follow up is economically viable in shortest time

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