

# Flow Control Technology for Enhanced Geothermal Wells

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## **Enhanced Geothermal**







Temperature (°F) 500 450 Temperature 400 distribution in 350 fracture network 300 250 200 150 100 Temperature (°F) 500 450 400 Temperature 350 distribution in 300 matrix network 250 200 150 100 Temperature (°F) 500 450 400 350 **Cooling zone** 300 propagation 250 200 150 100 Early Life of the wells Mid Life of the wells Late Life of the wells 1 year 15 years 30 years TA 3

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## **Advanced Completions and Enhanced Geothermal**

#### Challenges

- Ensure proportional distribution of water injection and steam production along full length of wellbore to ensure broad areal distribution and maximize enthalpy harvesting
- Mitigate impact of dominant fractures, transmissive faults or thief zones
- Respond to dynamic changes in fluid injection
- Reservoir heterogeneity and anisotropy (stress fields)
- Natural fractures, variable fracture distribution, orientation
- Induced fractures unequal distribution, orientation, tortuosity
- Variable stress fields
- Unexpected variations in fluid displacement

#### Solutions

Advanced Completions

- Flow Control Devices: FCDs, AFCDs, ICVs
- Sensors: Pressure, temperature, flow, DTS, DAS
- Zonal isolation: Packers, seal bores





### **Induced Fracture Enhanced GeoThermal – Ideal Conditions**



Uniform induced fracture size, distribution and orientation with uniform natural fracture distribution



### **Induced Fracture Enhanced GeoThermal – Complex**



Dominant fracture intersection, natural fault intersection, tortuous fracture paths, concentrated natural fractures, etc. can result in uneven flood distribution and poor enthalpy recovery



### **Induced Fracture Enhanced GeoThermal – FCD Completion**



Advanced FCD Completions can mitigate uneven flood distribution as a result of dominant fracture intersection, natural faults, concentrated natural fractures, etc.



## FloFuse; Autonomous Rate Limiting Flow Control Device





- FloFuse provides a rate limit to prevent excessive fluid injection into the thief/fracture zones thereby enabling balanced distribution of matrix injection.
- The valve is reversible so if the conditions Q, the valve re-opens

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# Thank You

Any Questions?