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Our final post processing and geomechanical deliverables close the loop with our clients, supporting long-term optimization of field development by improving metrics such as wellbore azimuths, and stage and well spacing to maximize reservoir drainage.

The key to all successful microseismic monitoring is safeguarding the signal and attenuating the noise. Magnitude has designed an array network that effectively accomplishes both. Our proprietary design is a series of densely populated arrays which are easily deployed and highly adaptable to the environment, allowing optimization in permitting, line clearing, and the avoidance of noise-prone areas. The short distance between geophone strings allows advanced summation in both in-line and cross-line directions resulting in a much higher signal-to-noise ratio. Field tests have shown that noise reduction up to 27 db is consistently achieved in comparison to radial designs addressing only inline noise.

By leveraging the strategic Shale Science Alliance between Baker Hughes and CGG--Magnitude microseismic monitoring leverages an industry-recognized technology portfolio of seismic and reservoir characterization, to offer an unsurpassed microseismic solution which includes the following: feasibility/seismicity studies, survey design, acquisition, waveform processing (real time and post-acquisition), geomechanical analysis, and advanced reservoir modeling. Pressure pumping technology and services can also be offered as part of a fully integrated fracture optimization solution.