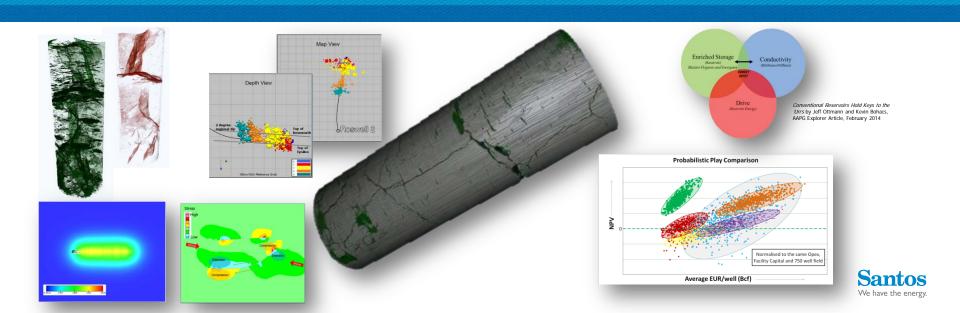
# FROM PLAY TO PRODUCTION: THE COOPER UNCONVENTIONAL STORY - 20 YEARS IN THE MAKING

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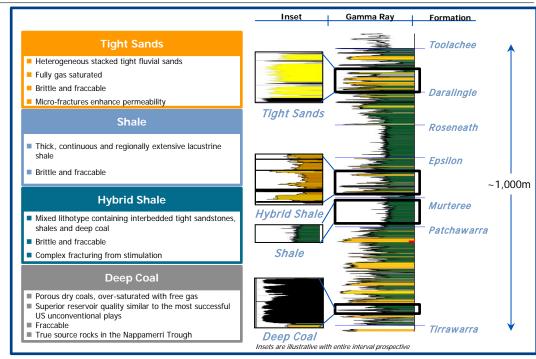
Santos Unconventional Activity Areas



### **Unconventional Targets**

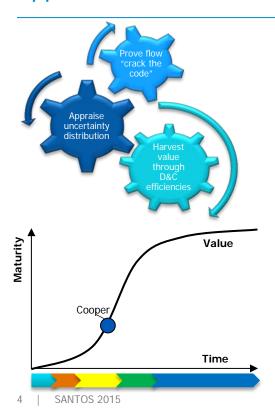
# Thick sequence containing four unconventional targets, each with demonstrated flow

- Permian age sequence contains four unconventional target lithotypes
- Regional distribution varies across the basin from single target to all four lithotypes stacked within a continuous gas column
- Each target has unique reservoir and productivity characteristics
- All four unconventional targets are prospective, each with proven gas content and demonstrated flow

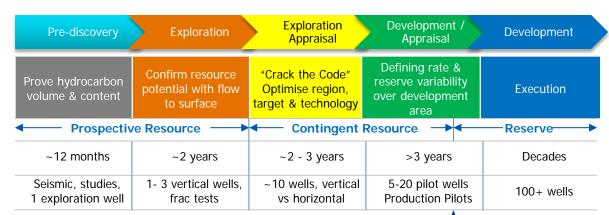




# Commercialisation Approach



- > Involves long time frames and is capital and activity intense
- Materiality & scale critical to underpin commerciality





Phase Gating Process



### Cooper Basin Unconventional Appraisal

# Arrahay Frough Reductive transport 2 Nappamern Trough OLD NSW

**Basement Map** 

### Unlocking the Cooper Basin's huge unconventional resource potential requires prioritisation, innovation and iterative learning

The economic success of unconventional resource plays depends upon the interplay between:

- Reservoir Quality (RQ)
- Completions Quality (CQ)

"how good is the rock?"

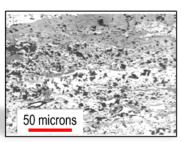
"what can we do to the rock to make it flow?"

Rank	Region	Targets	Reservoir Quality	Completion Quality	Comments
1	Patchawarra Trough	Deep Coal			<ul> <li>High RQ, "the source-rock" with high gas content and liquids in some areas</li> <li>Add-on coal frac program in SACBJV development wells is de-risking CQ</li> <li>Rates per frac stage encouraging</li> </ul>
2	Nappamerri Trough	Tight Sand, Shale, Hybrid Shale, Deep Coal			<ul> <li>Multi-lithologies within large gas column provides multiple opportunities</li> <li>Strong overpressure – positive for drive and volumes</li> <li>Requires effective fracturing in high stress environment</li> </ul>
3	Moomba Big Lake	Shale, Hybrid Shale			<ul> <li>Shale has low RQ (storage) &amp; minor over- pressure</li> <li>Requires higher frac effectiveness (CQ) to compensate</li> </ul>



### Permian Deep Coal Natural Gas Play

- Step change in flow performance achieved: 0.4 mmscf/d and increasing flow rates over time
- Material prospective resource with high liquids content (10-100 bbl/mmscf)
- Pioneering play with no true analogues
- Dry porous coals no need to dewater (not CSG!)
- Challenges prevailing belief that coals are incapable of production >2,500m depth
- Moomba-77 (2007) play opener proved flow and achieved initial contingent resource bookings
- Pursuing stand-alone Deep Coal opportunities in high graded regions
- Potential to enhance base business economics by adding coal frac stages to future conventional wells

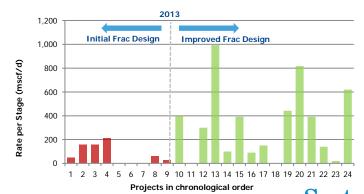






Polished block sample

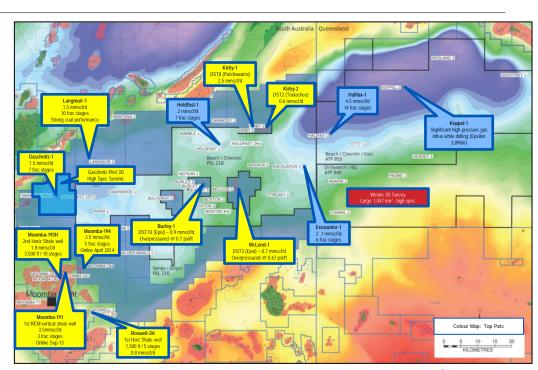
X-ray pore scale imaging (Lithicon)



## Basin-centred Gas (BCG) Play

### Huge Nappamerri Trough BCG play proven;

- Early Nappamerri Trough exploration from 1971 onwards focused on anticlinal gas discoveries
- In 2011, Beach Energy proved the Nappamerri Trough BCG play with the drilling of out-of-closure Holdfast-1
- 29 contemporary wells drilled into the Nappamerri Trough BCG play to-date (22 fracture stimulated); all drilled out of closure and all encountering gas
- Early results encouraging
  - Regionally extensive out-of-closure gas resource established
  - Thick >1,000m overpressured succession
  - Multiple stacked unconventional lithotypes, all with demonstrated flow
- Milestone Moomba-194 result proved ability to obtain flow from all unconventional lithotypes in a single well; well brought online at 45 e3m3 (1.6 MMscf/d)

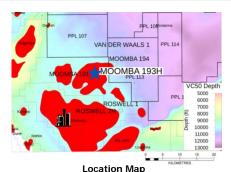




### REM (Roseneath / Epsilon / Murteree) Shale Play

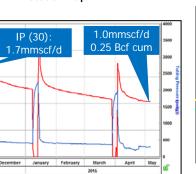
Appraised early success at Moomba-191 with two horizontal wells; interpretation ongoing

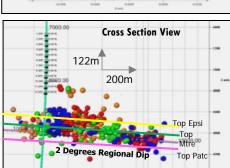
- Extraordinary Moomba-191 play opener quickly tied into producing infrastructure (453 Mm3 / 1.6 Bcf produced to-date)
- Further reservoir characterisation and testing appraisal work completed
- Successfully drilled two fracture stimulated horizontal – both appraisal prototypes with modest lateral lengths and frac stages
- Moomba-193H horizontal (900m lateral / 10 frac stages) on line for long term performance characterisation
- Commercial-scale wells might require 3km lateral lengths and ~30 frac stages



1.0mmscf/d IP (30): 0.25 Bcf cum 1.7mmscf/d

Moomba-193H production history





Map View

200m

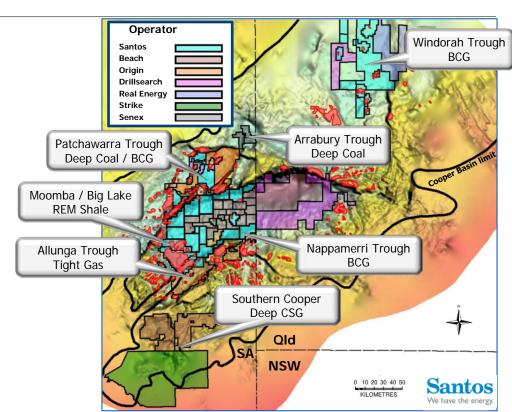
Moomba-193H microseismic monitoring



### **Next Steps**

Attractive Cooper Unconventional prospectivity generating significant investment into multiple plays

- Cooper Basin well positioned for further unconventional success
  - prospective geology,
  - existing infrastructure and
  - market access / demand growth
- Each resource play unique; must adapt established technologies & workflows to local conditions
- Current activities focus on defining play fairways, prioritising reservoir targets and matching appropriate D&C technologies
- Recent oil price drop may slow investment but contribution from unconventional resources will progressively grow over time



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