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- execute on the assumptions regarding our drilling and development plan;
- manage increases in the cost of, fluctuation in availability of, and competition for, goods, services, and personnel;
- acquire additional leasehold or fee mineral acreage;
- manage changes in, and volatility of, natural gas, oil and natural gas liquids prices and the potential impact of such changes on our asset carrying values;
- convert our reserves into production on an economic basis;
- successfully implement the latest horizontal drilling and completion techniques;
- effectively utilize technology, including 3D seismic data, to identify future reserves and execute our drilling and development plan;
- cure any defects impairing title to our properties;
- mitigate credit risk posed by significant customers and other participating owners;
- access third-party transportation facilities and infrastructure;
- manage conflicts of interest with our directors and officers;
- mitigate uncertainty regarding derivative instruments and related regulation;
- deal with possible regulatory responses or liability related to seismic activity in our area of operations;
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- mitigate uncertainty regarding our reserve estimates and future operating results;
- accurately predict the timing and amount of our future natural gas, oil, and natural gas liquids production;
- manage operating risks, losses, and liabilities arising from uninsured or underinsured events;
- access water sourcing, distribution, and disposal systems;
- generate sufficient cash flow to pay fixed charges;
- deal with the imposition of additional taxes on natural gas, oil, and natural gas liquids exploration and development;
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- meet our plans, objectives, expectations, and intentions contained in this presentation; and
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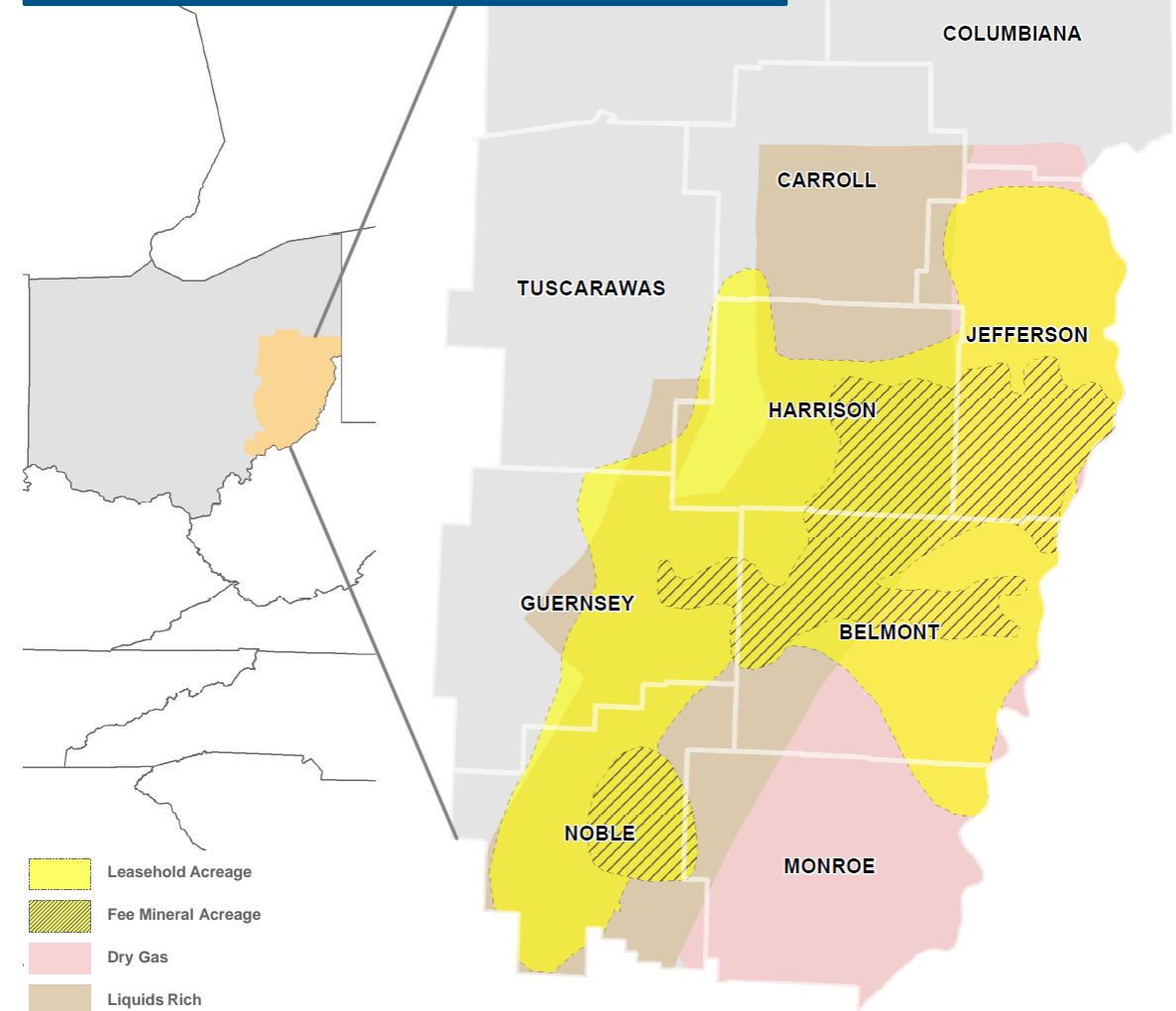
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# Premier Operator in the Utica Shale



-  ESG focus and unwavering commitment to safety as our top priority at all levels
-  Operational and technical excellence drives industry-leading metrics and execution
-  Large, diverse asset base supports sustainable free cash flow
-  Disciplined financial strategy and commitment to free cash flow generation support long-term value creation

Net Leasehold Acres:	261,400
Ascent Operated Minerals:	71,200
Third-Party Operated Minerals <sup>(1)</sup> :	7,200
Total Acreage:	339,800
Q2 2021 Net Production	1.95 bcfe/d



One of the Largest Private Producers of Natural Gas in the United States

1) Ascent only owns a royalty interest in such acreage.

# Clear Vision to Creating Maximum Value



## ESG - Leading with Intent

- Enduring focus on employee and contractor health and safety
- Focused on minimizing our environmental impact and supporting our local communities and employees
- Best operating practices and technology focus drive low GHG/Methane emissions intensity and future reductions
- Driving to achieve carbon neutrality by 2025



## World Class Resource and Execution

- Unique combination of rock quality, pressure and deliverability supports best-in-class paybacks, returns and capital efficiency
  - Highest average 12-mo cumulative gas production in North America at 6.0 bcfe per well
- Approximately 340,000 net acres offer hydrocarbon optionality and ~15 years of operated inventory capable of maintaining current production levels
  - Contiguous acreage position allows for operational control and longer lateral development (avg. of 13,000' for FY 2021)
  - Scale supports right-sized operations and allows us to capture available efficiencies
  - Mineral ownership reduces royalty burdens and enhances economics



## Peer-Leading Margins Drive Sustainable Free Cash Flow

- Economies of scale drive capital efficiencies, margins, and corporate returns
- Peer-leading LOE and G&A metrics<sup>(1)</sup> drive strong per-unit production margins
- Strategic FT portfolio offers flow assurance and access to premium out-of-basin markets (i.e. lower differentials)
- Lowest development costs in Appalachia at \$546<sup>(2)</sup> per lateral foot in Q2 2021 (\$611 in FY 2020)
- Generated \$38 million of FCF in Q2 2021 with guidance of \$100 to \$150 million for FY 2021, despite hedge position



## Strong Balance Sheet and Robust Liquidity Profile

- Focused financial strategy with no debt maturities until Q2 2024, and over \$1.15 billion of liquidity
- Free cash flow expected to be used to reduce debt until a 2.0x leverage target is achieved
- Disciplined commodity hedging program protects cash flow and reduces volatility

1) Second quarter 2021 LOE of \$0.12 per mcfe and G&A of \$0.07 per mcfe.

2) Development costs are inclusive of all location, drilling, completions and facilities costs.

# Setting the Course for a Sustainable Future

## Environmental



- Focused on reducing our environmental impact and minimizing emissions
- Strive to achieve carbon neutrality by 2025
- Committed to reducing freshwater use through optimization efforts (75% reuse in Q2 2021)
- Minimize surface impacts on the land by drilling longer laterals to reduce land disturbances in the local communities
- Leveraging our membership with AXPC, The Environmental Partnership, and the ONE Future Coalition to drive improvements and reduce emissions

## Social



- Commitment to diversity and inclusivity at all levels of the organization, with 25% of senior-level positions held by women
- Comprehensive safety program demands safety-first approach
- Over 3,200 volunteer hours made available annually to employees for community service
- Partnered with Switch Energy Alliance to promote energy education and reduce energy poverty throughout the world
- Great Place to Work™ certified for the past five years

## Governance



- Diverse and experienced 12 member Board consisting of 2 independent directors, the CEO and 9 members representing key equity investors
- Committed to sound corporate governance that includes an Audit, Compensation and Environment, Sustainability and Corporate Responsibility Committees
- Management compensation is aligned with a conservative balance sheet, consistent free cash flow generation and ESG excellence
- Cross-departmental Enterprise Risk Management Committee tasked with monitoring and mitigating risk



# Leading Controllable Cost Structure

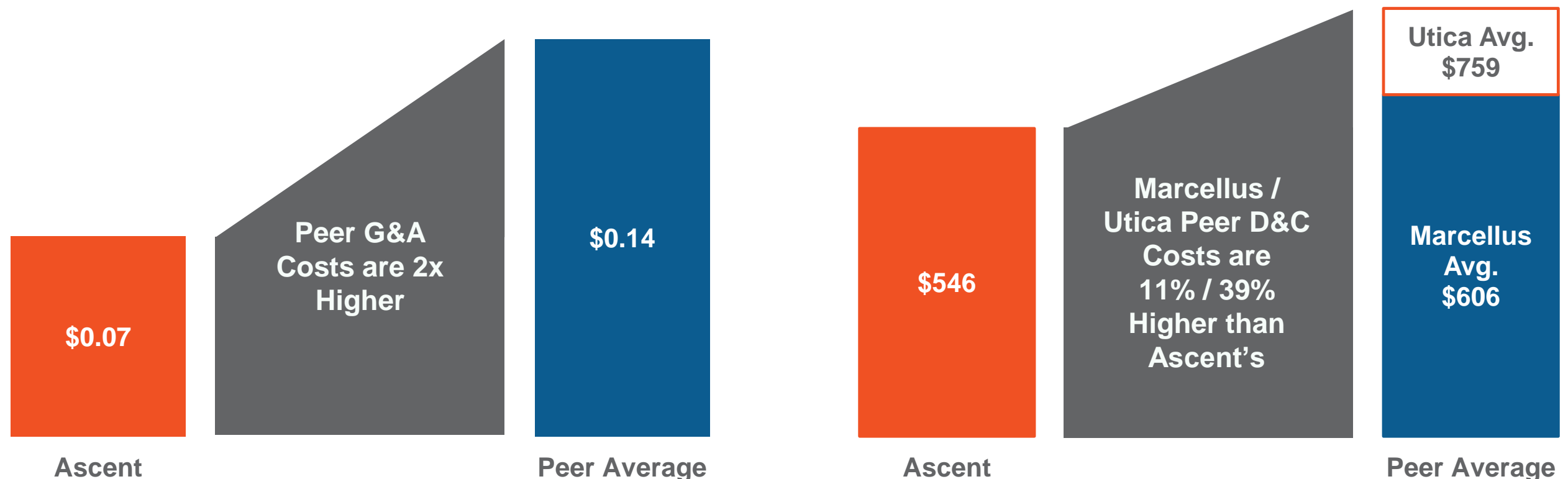


## Peer Leading G&A Cost Metrics

- G&A averaged \$0.07 per mcf during Q2 2021
- Focus on overhead cost improvements drives strong per-unit margins
- Well positioned to maintain / scale operations without adding additional employees

## Lowest Well Costs<sup>(1)</sup> in Appalachia

- Well costs averaged \$546 per lateral foot during Q2 2021
- Innovation and technological advances continue to drive sustainable and repeatable cost improvements
- Additional efficiency gains anticipated through our optimized drilling program and further reductions in non-productive time



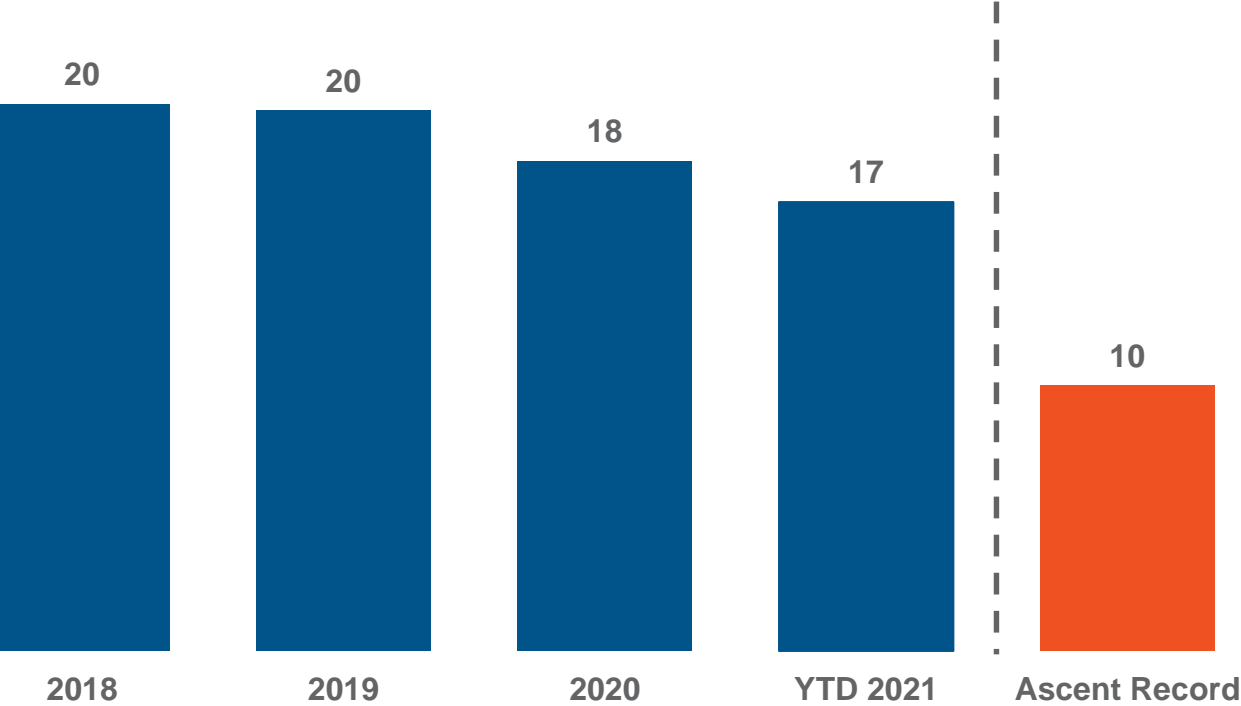
Note: G&A peers include AR, COG, CNX, EQT, GPOR, RRC, and SWN. Well cost peers include AR, EQT, GPOR, RRC, and SWN.

1) Wells costs include drilling, completions, facility and pad costs.

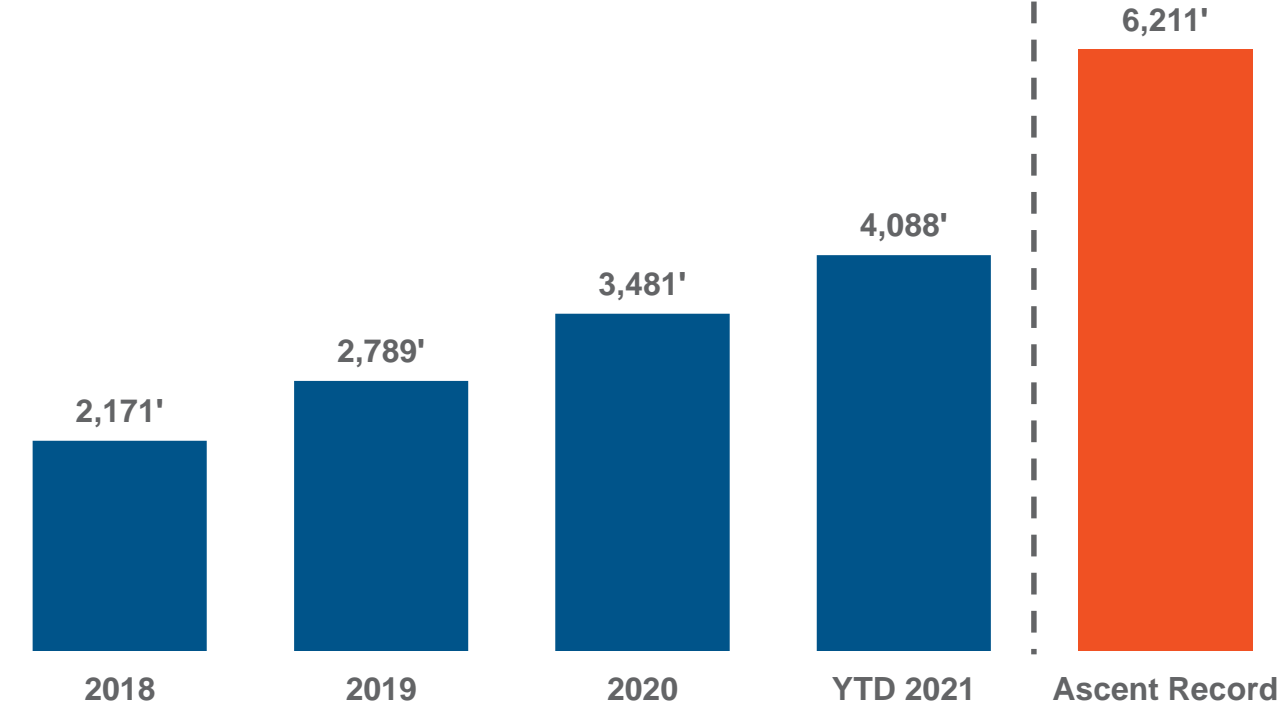
# Operational Execution Leads to Efficiency Improvements



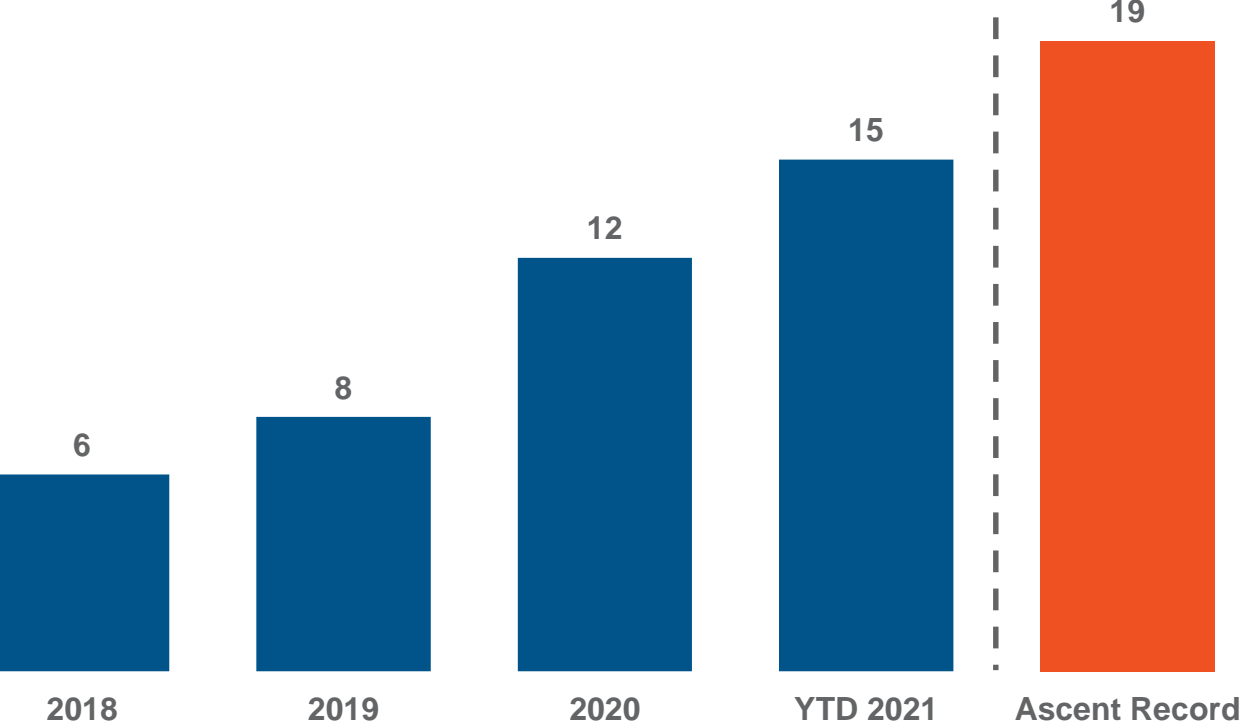
Spud to Rig Release Days Continue to Decline



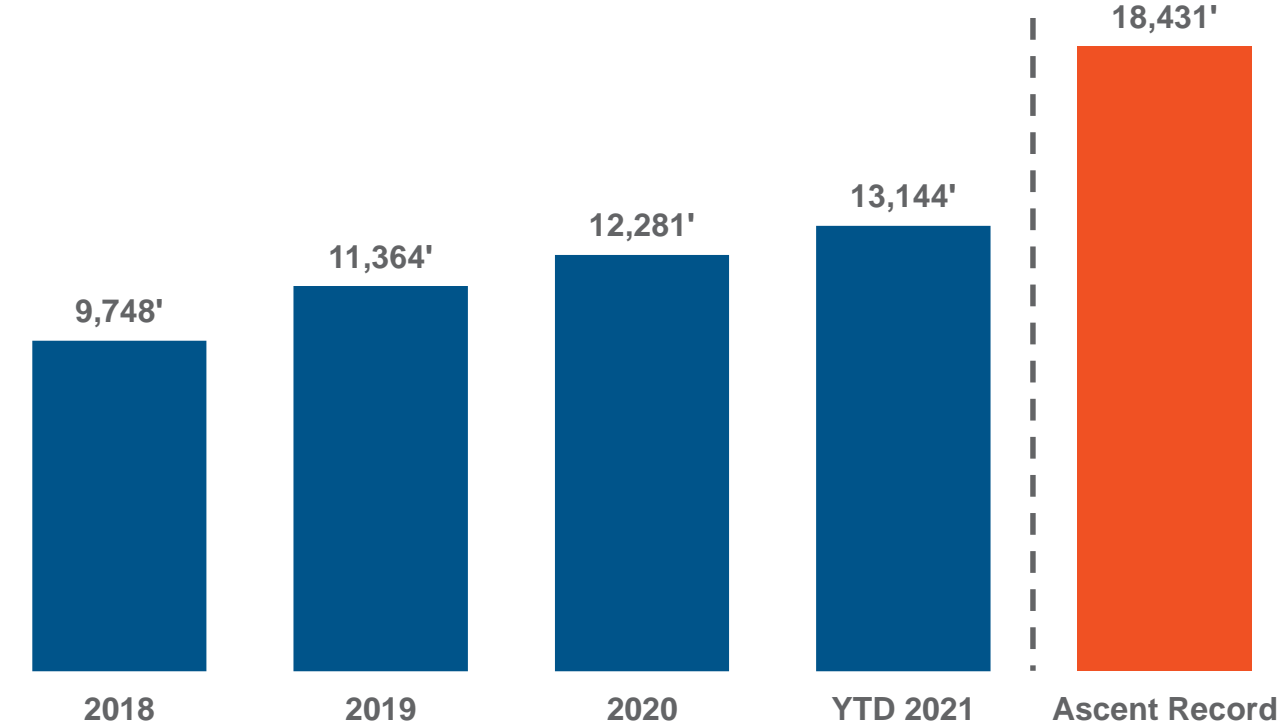
Consistent Increase in Lateral Feet Drilled Per Day



Completed Stages per Day Drives Differentiation



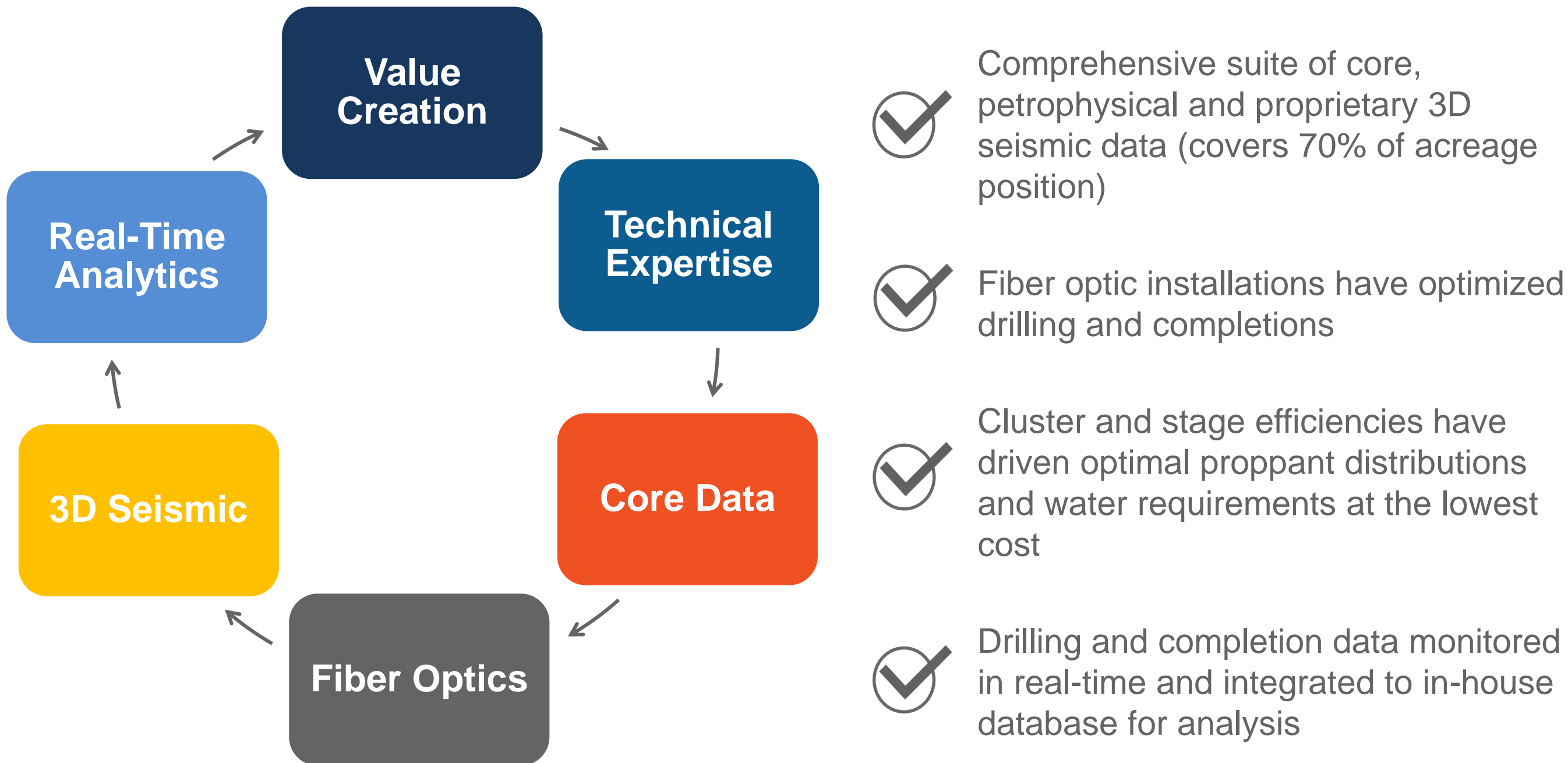
Lateral Length Increasing Through Development



Note: Annual operational metrics are based on full-year averages; Ascent records are based on single-well results.



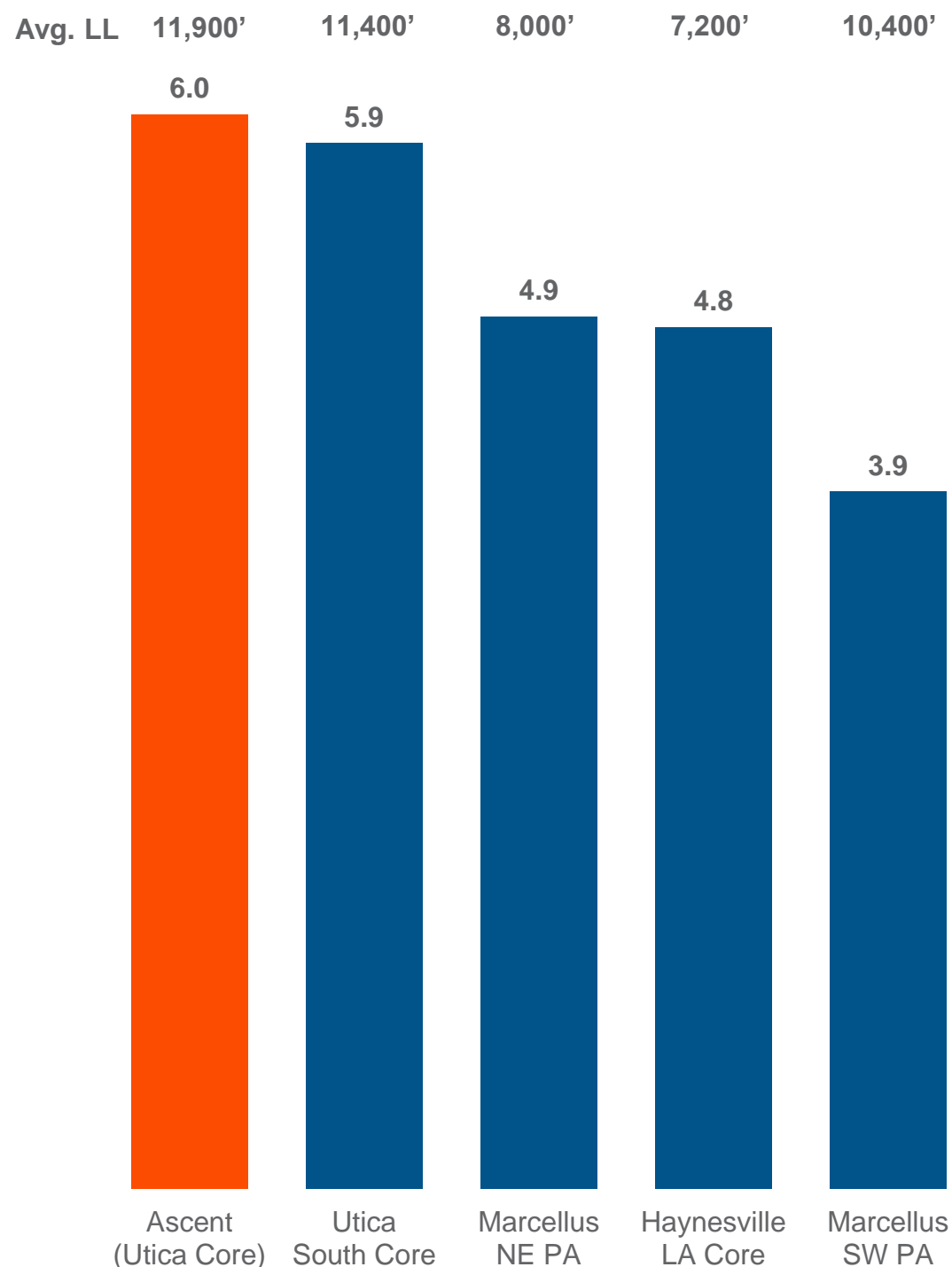
# Creating Value Through Technology and Data



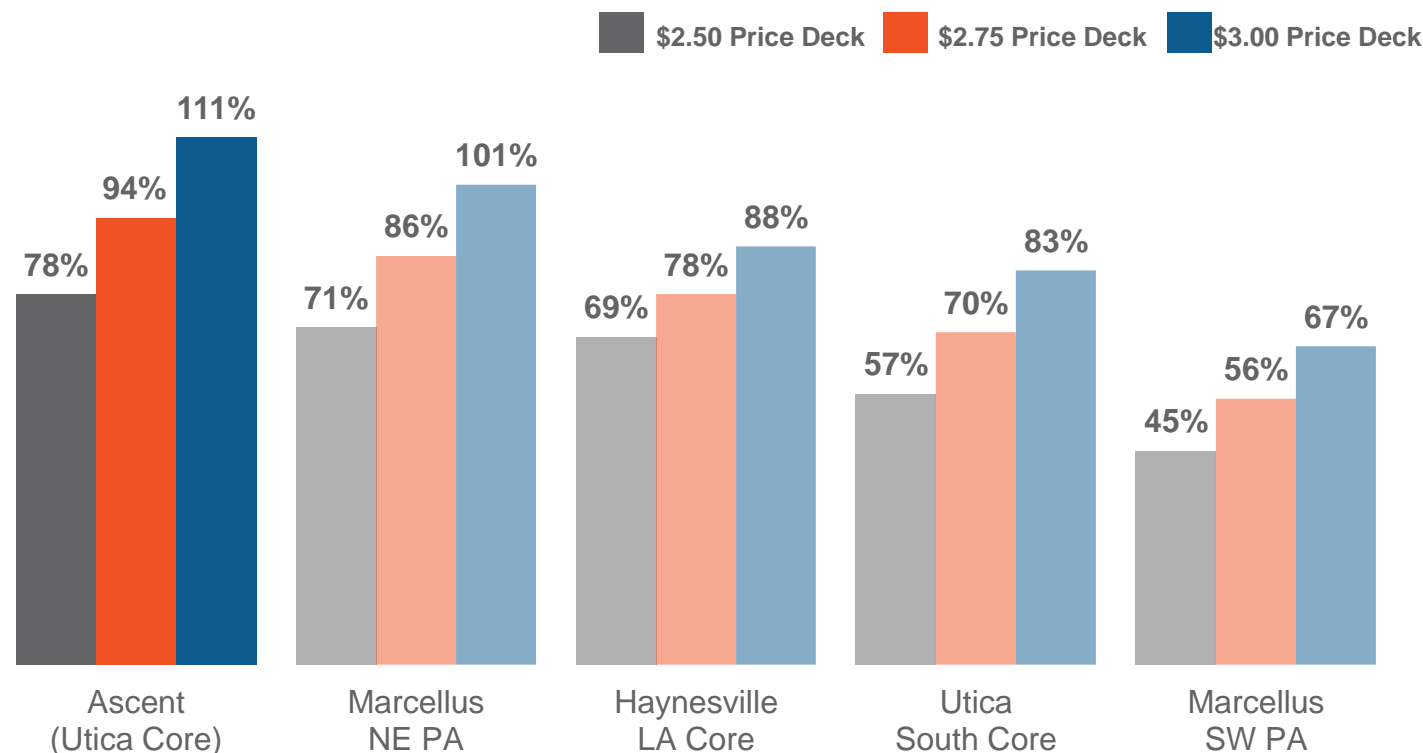
# Leading Capital Efficiency and Competitive Well Productivity Driving Paybacks



## Best First Year Production (bcfe per well)



## Highest 12 Month Paybacks in the U.S.

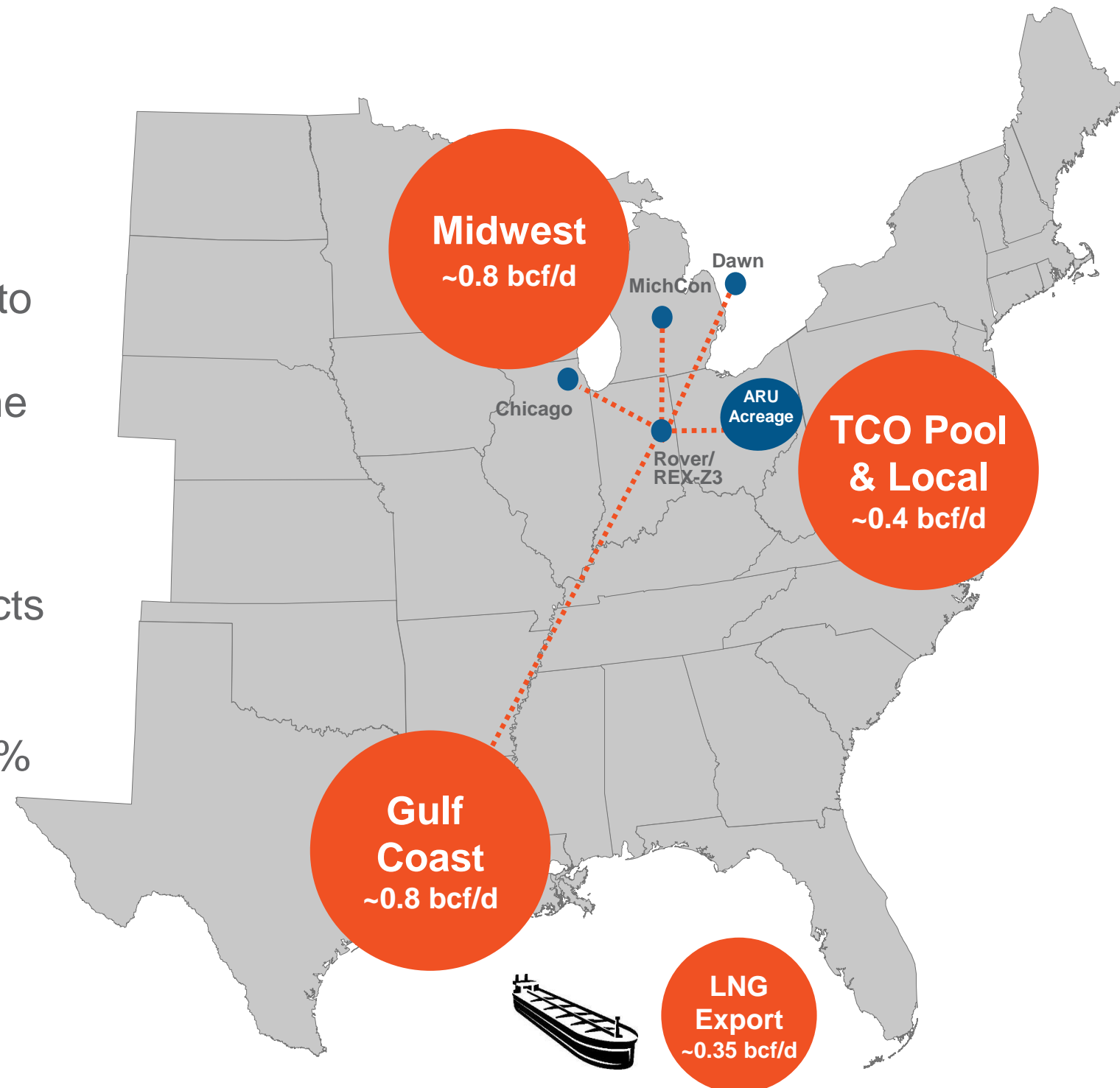


- Highest 12-month average cumulative gas production in North America
  - 6.0 bcfe of cumulative production in the Utica core within initial 12 months
- Homogenous geology, and operational planning / execution delivering longer average laterals than any other play
- Ascent's strong well productivity coupled with leading D&C cost structure and extensive mineral position accelerate well payout and maximize capital returns



# Diversified Transportation Portfolio Drives Peer Leading Price Realizations

- ✓ 2.1 bcf/d of gross firm transportation provides access to multiple physical markets with premium pricing
- ✓ Out-of-basin takeaway will continue to be a strategic asset, with egress becoming more constrained over time
- ✓ Existing third-party gathering and processing infrastructure supports development plan (i.e. no new projects needed to execute business plan)
- ✓ 2021 realized price projected at ~97% of NYMEX<sup>(1)</sup>

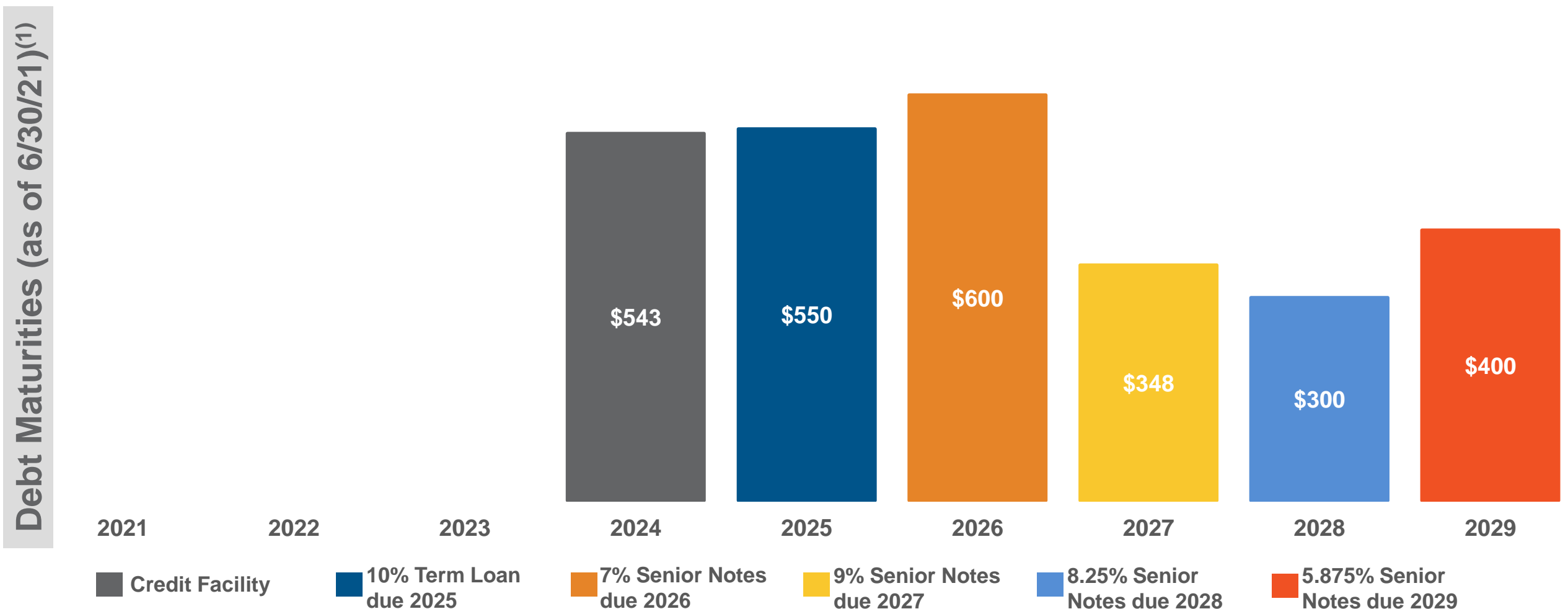


1) Estimated basis differential and basis hedge gain/(loss) MTM based on pricing as of 6/30/2021.

# Low Risk Capital Structure and Maturity Profile



- Weighted average maturity profile of > 5 years
- No debt maturities until Q2 2024
- Strong liquidity position of > \$1.15 billion
- Borrowing base of \$1.85 billion
- Long-term leverage target of < 2.0x



1) Principal amount only.



# Ascent Offers a Unique Value Proposition



Commitment to ESG and Responsible Operations



Strong Macro  
Environment



Sustainable Size and  
Scale



Leading Cost Structure



Fastest Return  
of Capital



Consistent Free Cash  
Flow Generation



Strong and Improving  
Balance Sheet

# Appendix



# Second Quarter 2021 Results & 2021 Annual Guidance



## Second Quarter 2021 Results

<b>Production (bcfe/d)</b>	<b>1.95</b>
% Natural Gas	91%
<b>Operating Expenses (\$/mcfe)</b>	
LOE	\$0.12
GP&T	1.33
Taxes Other than Income	0.06
G&A <sup>(1)</sup>	0.07

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Total Operating Expenses	\$1.58
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<b>Adj. EBITDAX (\$mm)</b>	<b>\$231</b>
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### CAPEX Incurred (\$mm)

Drilling & Completions	\$134
Land	9
Capitalized Interest	13

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Total CAPEX Incurred	\$156
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<b>Free Cash Flow (\$mm)</b>	<b>\$38</b>
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### Operations

Operated Rigs	4
Wells Spud	23
Wells Completed	17
Wells TIL'd	26
Average Lateral Length of Wells TIL'd	12,247'
Drilling, Completion & Facility Cost (per lat. ft.)	\$546

## Full-Year 2021 Guidance

<b>Total Production (bcfe/d)</b>	<b>2.00</b>
% Natural Gas	90% – 92%
<b>Operating Expenses (\$/mcfe)</b>	<b>\$1.50 – \$1.55</b>
<b>CAPEX Incurred (\$mm)<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$550 – \$600</b>
<b>Free Cash Flow (\$mm)</b>	<b>\$100 – \$150</b>

### Operations / Well Counts

Operated Rigs	3 – 4
Wells Spud	60 – 65
Wells TIL'd	65 – 70
Average Lateral Length of TILs	13,000'
Drilling, Completion & Facility Cost (per lat. ft.)	\$550 – \$575

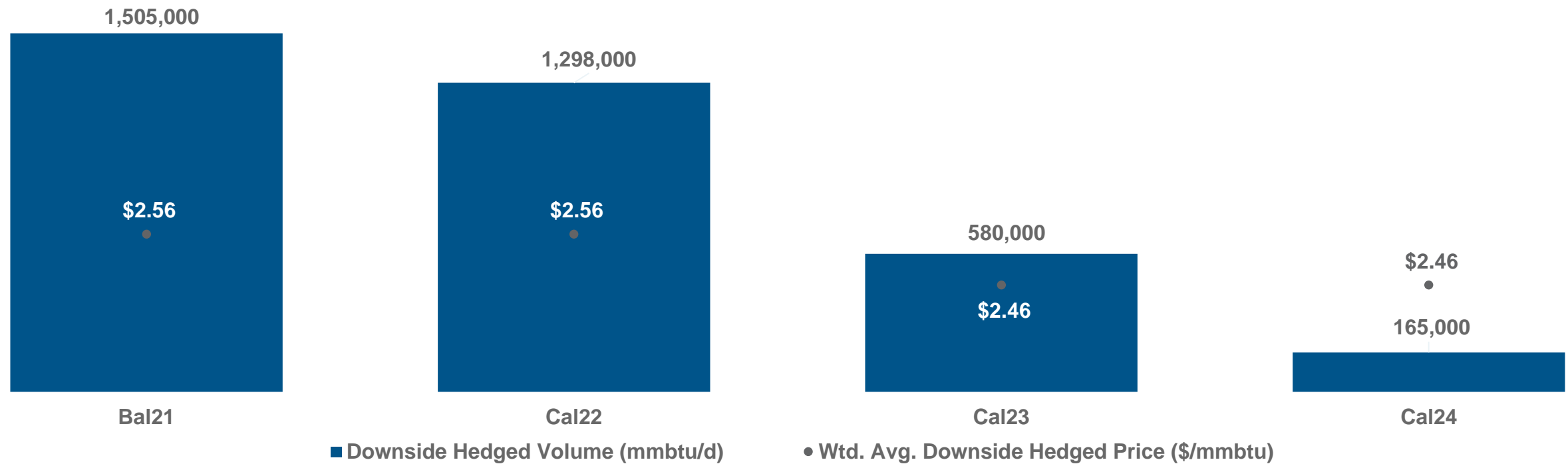
1) Excludes stock-based compensation expense.

2) Excludes capitalized interest.

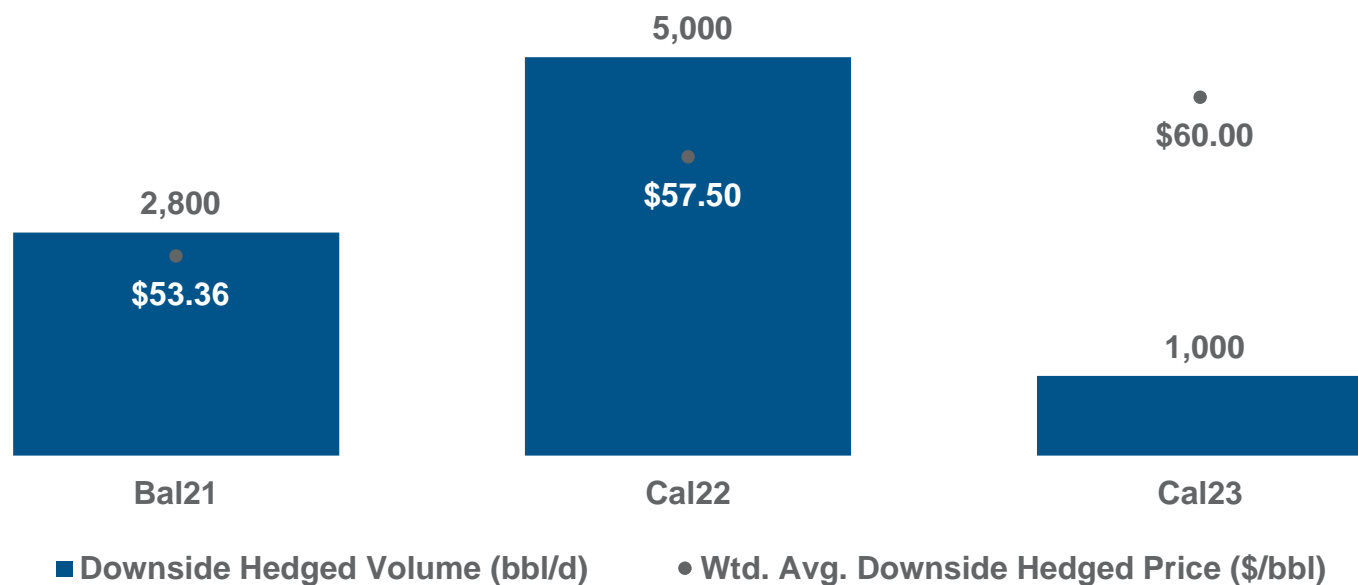
# Hedge Book Supports Sustainable Free Cash Flow



## Natural Gas



## Crude



## NGLs and Basis

### Propane

Year	Volume (bbl/d)	Wtd. Avg. Price (\$/bbl)
Bal21	4,200	\$27.12
Cal22	3,000	\$26.48

### Basis

Year	Volume (mmbtu/d)	Wtd. Avg. Diff (\$/mmbtu)
Bal21	530,000	(\$0.26)
Cal22	513,000	(\$0.28)
Cal23	190,000	(\$0.19)

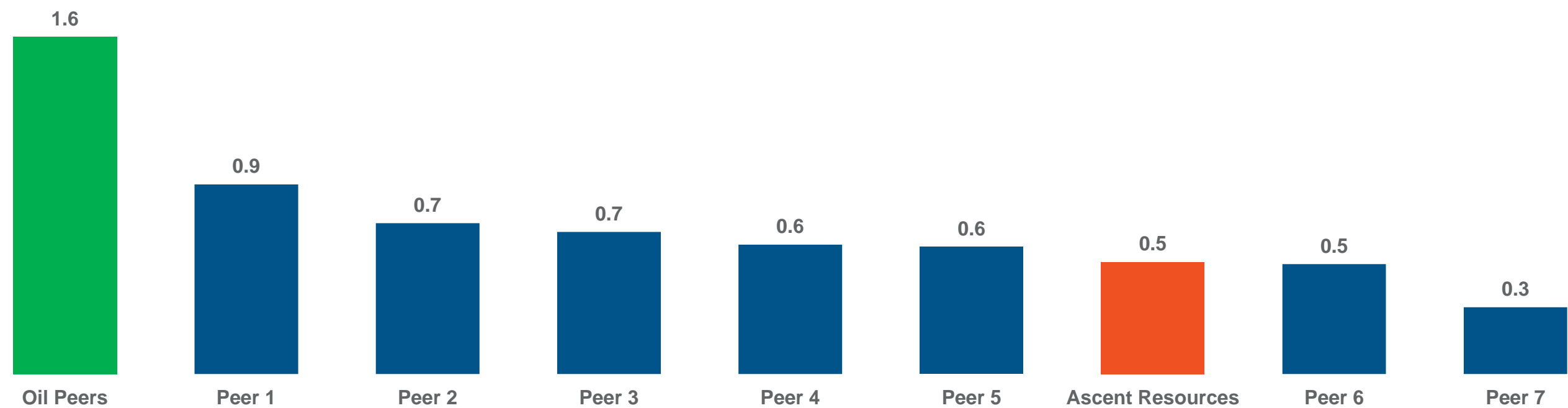
Note: Current hedge position as of 6/30/2021. Since inception, we have generated \$558 million of realized hedge gains.



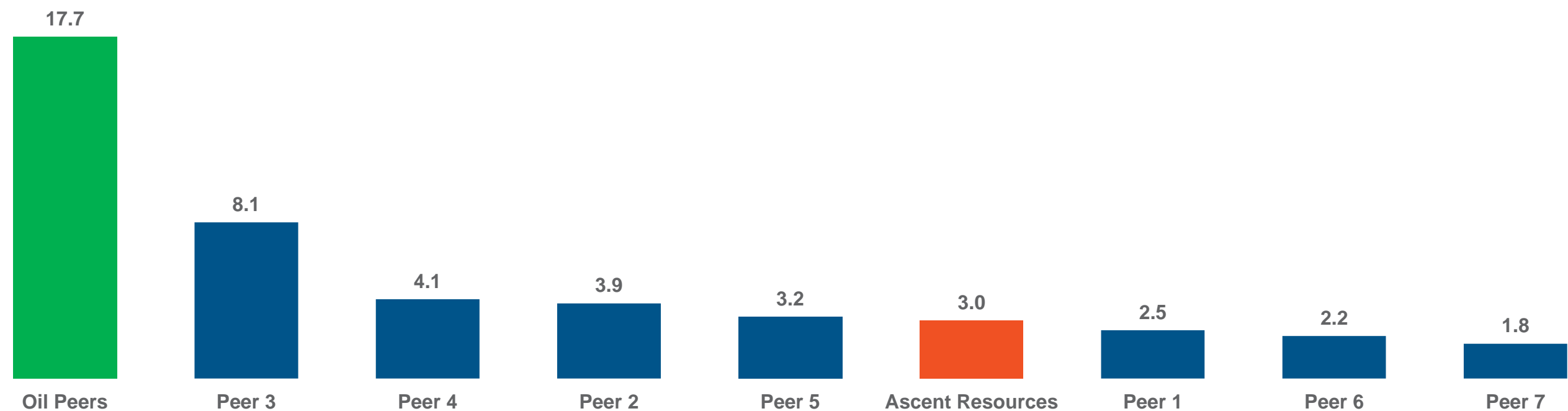
# Natural Gas Provides Path to a Sustainable Future



Total GHG Emission (mm tons CO<sub>2</sub>e)



GHG Intensity (tons CO<sub>2</sub>e / MBoe)



Source: M.J. Bradley & Associates Benchmarking Methane and Other GHG Emissions Report (based on 2019 data).  
Note: Oil peers include average of APA, CLR, CPE, CRZO, CXO, DVN, LPI, MPC, MUR, OAS, PDC, PDX, PE, SM, WLL, WPX and XEC. Peer group includes AR, CNX, COG, EQT, GPOR, RRC and SWN.

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Arcadia Manager (1)	Scott R. Mueller
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