

Drone Magnetic Site Surveys To Verify Wellhead Locations

David M. Velozzi

9/27/18

Speaker Information

- David M. Velozzi
- Geoscience Team Lead
- Magnetic Variation Services (MagVAR)
 - (A Helmerich & Payne Technology Company)
 - Based in Denver, CO

David M. Velozzi

- Magnetic Variation Services LLC (MagVAR) 
- B.S in Geological Sciences, M.S. in Earth Sciences
- Senior Geoscientist/Exploration Project Manager NEOS Geosolutions
- Geophysicist Schlumberger/WesternGeco
- Specialized in
 - E&P & Consulting Geoscience Services
 - Exploration Geology & Geophysics New Ventures- Regional and Prospect Scale
 - Well Log Correlation and Advanced Subsurface Mapping
 - Log Analysis & Petrophysical Modeling
 - 2D & 3D Structural & Stratigraphic Seismic Interpretation
 - Play and Prospect Identification, Generation and Evaluation
 - Geophysical Acquisition, Processing, Integrated Interpretations

Drone Magnetic Site Surveys Outline

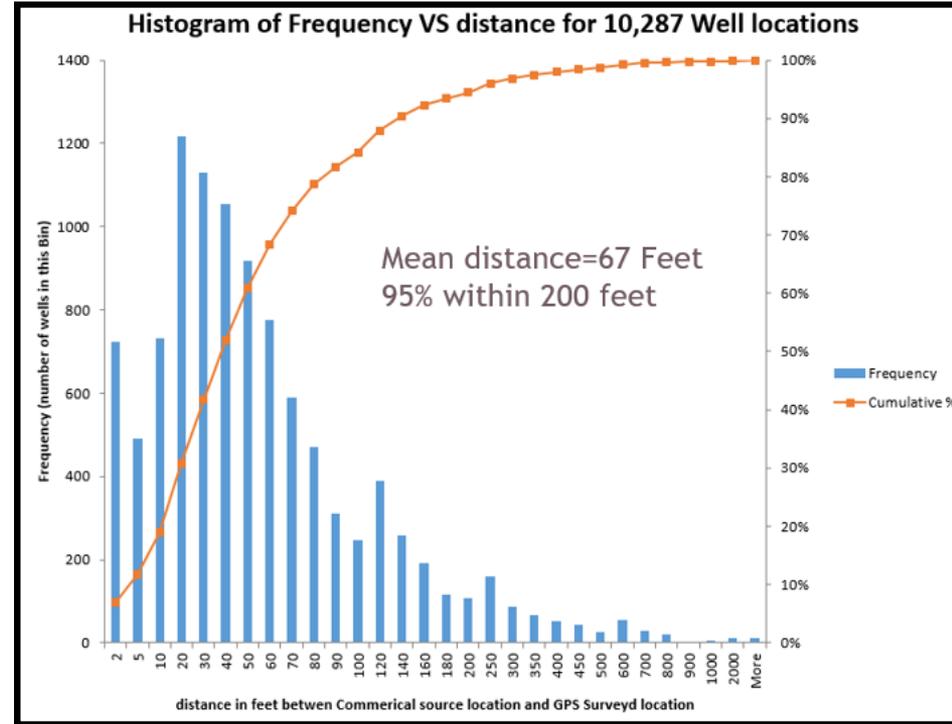
- Introduction
- Acquisition Platform
- Methodology
- Results and Discussion
- Summary and Way Forward



Drone Magnetic Site Surveys

Introduction- Verification of Existing Legacy Well Locations

- Major study compared over 10,000 well locations from commercial vendor with surveys GPS locations
- 95% confidence is 200 feet
- Recommendation:
Assume 200 ft uncertainty for well locations that have not been verified



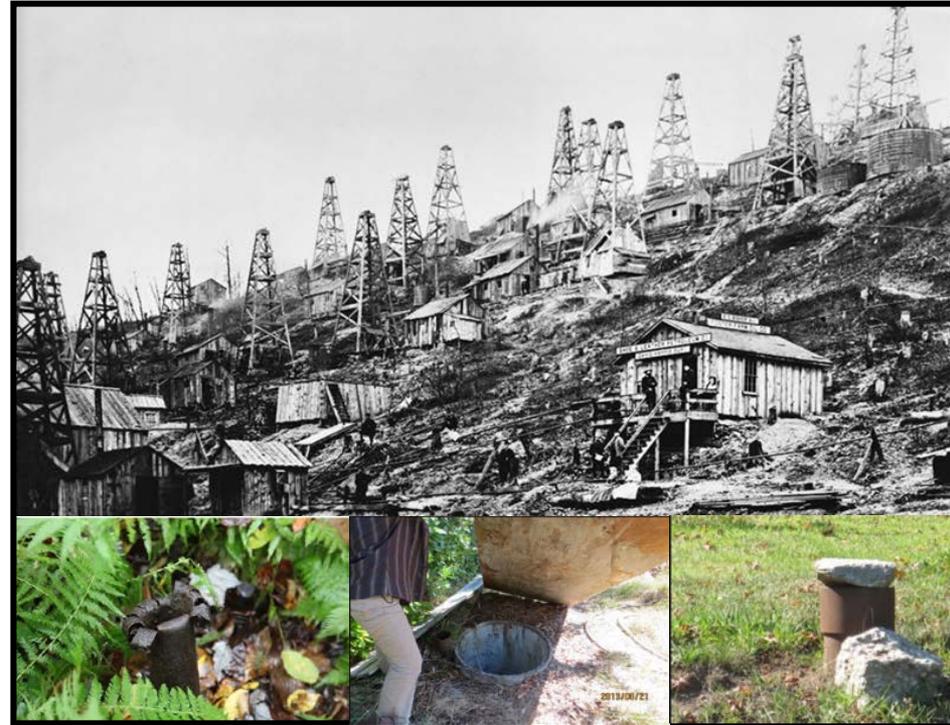
Source: Devon Energy



Drone Magnetic Site Surveys

Introduction – Identification of Unreported Wells for Collision Avoidance

- Lack of historical reporting of well locations
- Incomplete well database- state and/or commercial vendors
- Results in drilling hazard



Source: PA IRS

Drone Magnetic Site Surveys Acquisition Platform – Specifications

- QuSpin Total Field Magnetometer
 - High Sensitivity rubidium vapor
 - Reading at 50 Hz and up to 400 Hz (3 readings per meter at 50 Hz)
- DJI Matrice 600 Pro
 - Flight speed of 15 m/s
 - Flight time around 20 minutes on one set of batteries
- Carbon Fiber Dragon Housing
 - Built in house at MagVAR



Drone Magnetic Site Surveys Acquisition Platform – Drone Flight Video



48th General Meeting
Sept 27th, 2018
Dallas, USA



Drone Magnetic Site Surveys

Methodology – Survey Design Flight Specifications

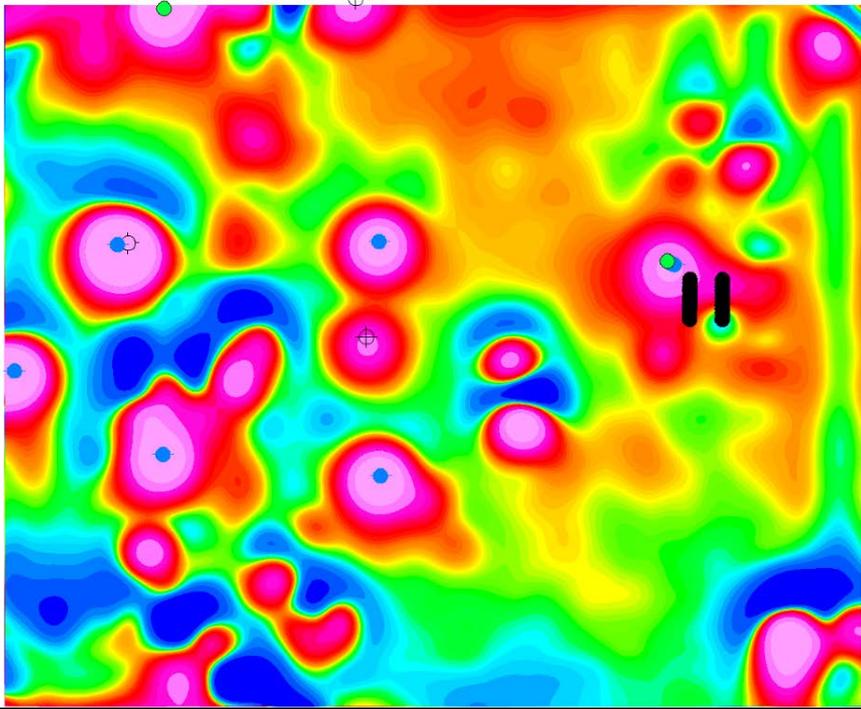
- Drone altitude of 35 meters AGL
- Sensor altitude of 30 meters AGL
- Main Lines flown North-South at 15 meter spacing
- Tie Lines flown West-East at 75 meter spacing



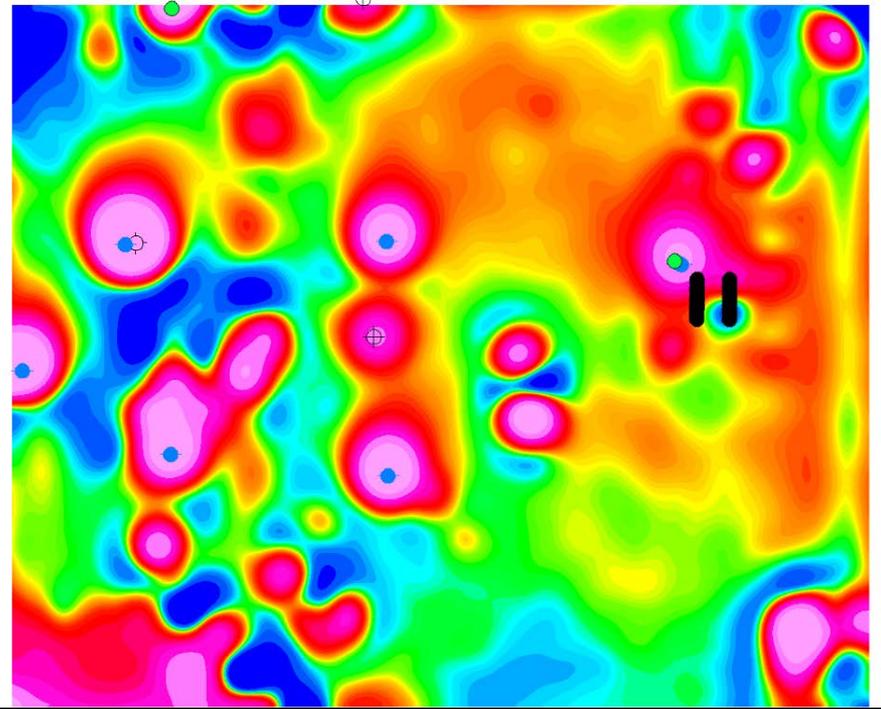
Drone Magnetic Site Surveys

Methodology – Placing Anomaly over the Causative Body- Reduced to Pole

Total Magnetic Intensity (TMI)

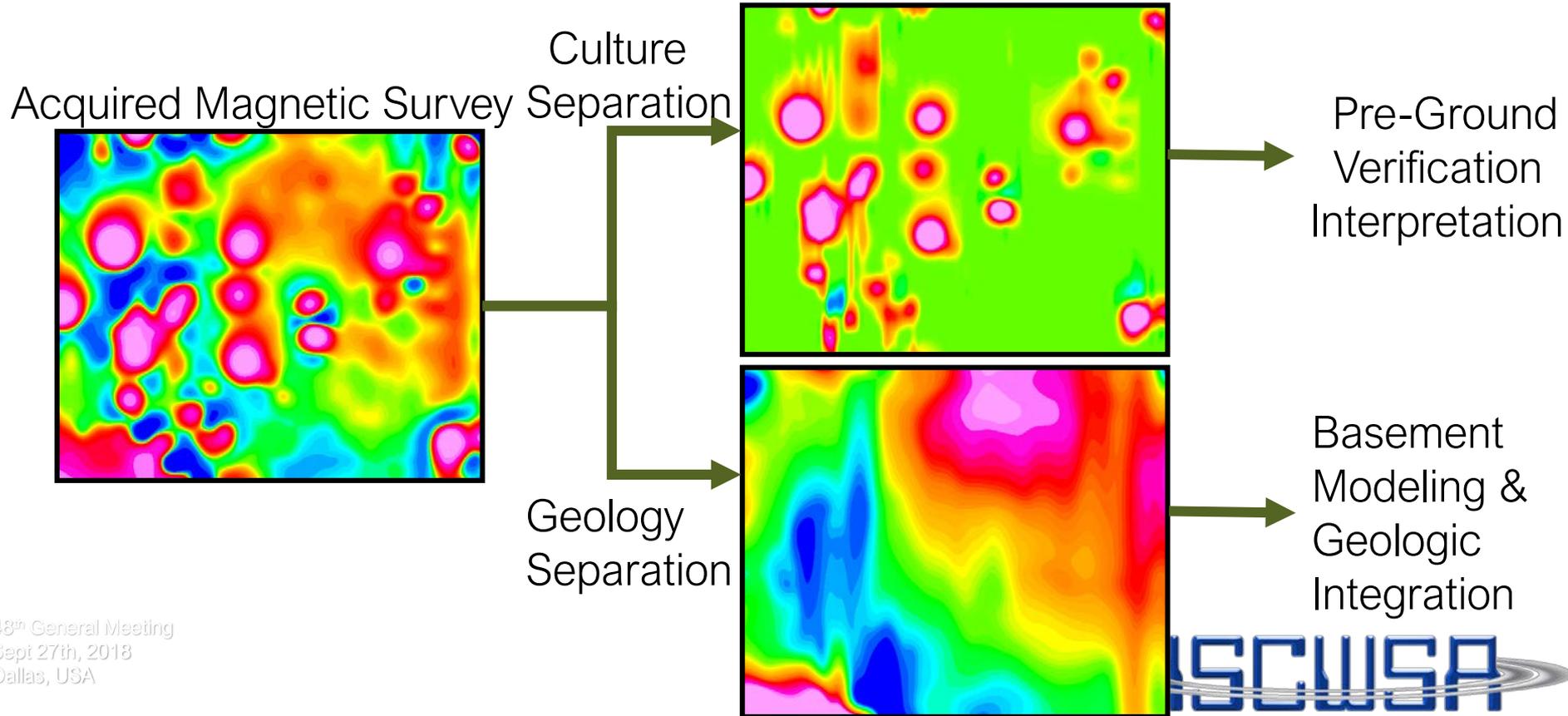


Reduced to Pole (RTP)



Drone Magnetic Site Surveys

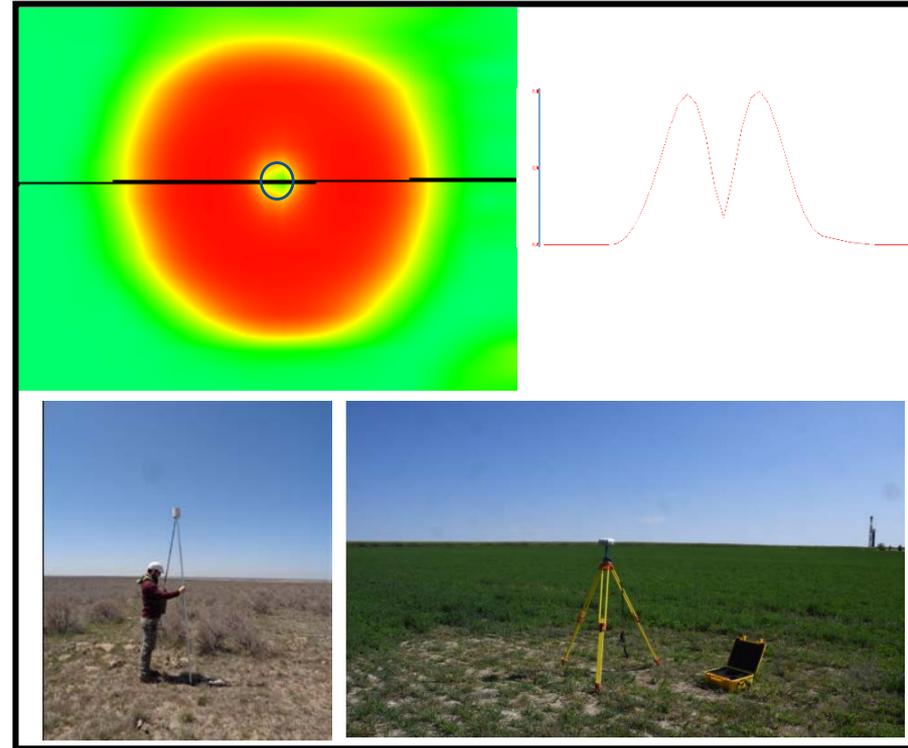
Methodology – Cultural Separation from Geology



Drone Magnetic Site Surveys

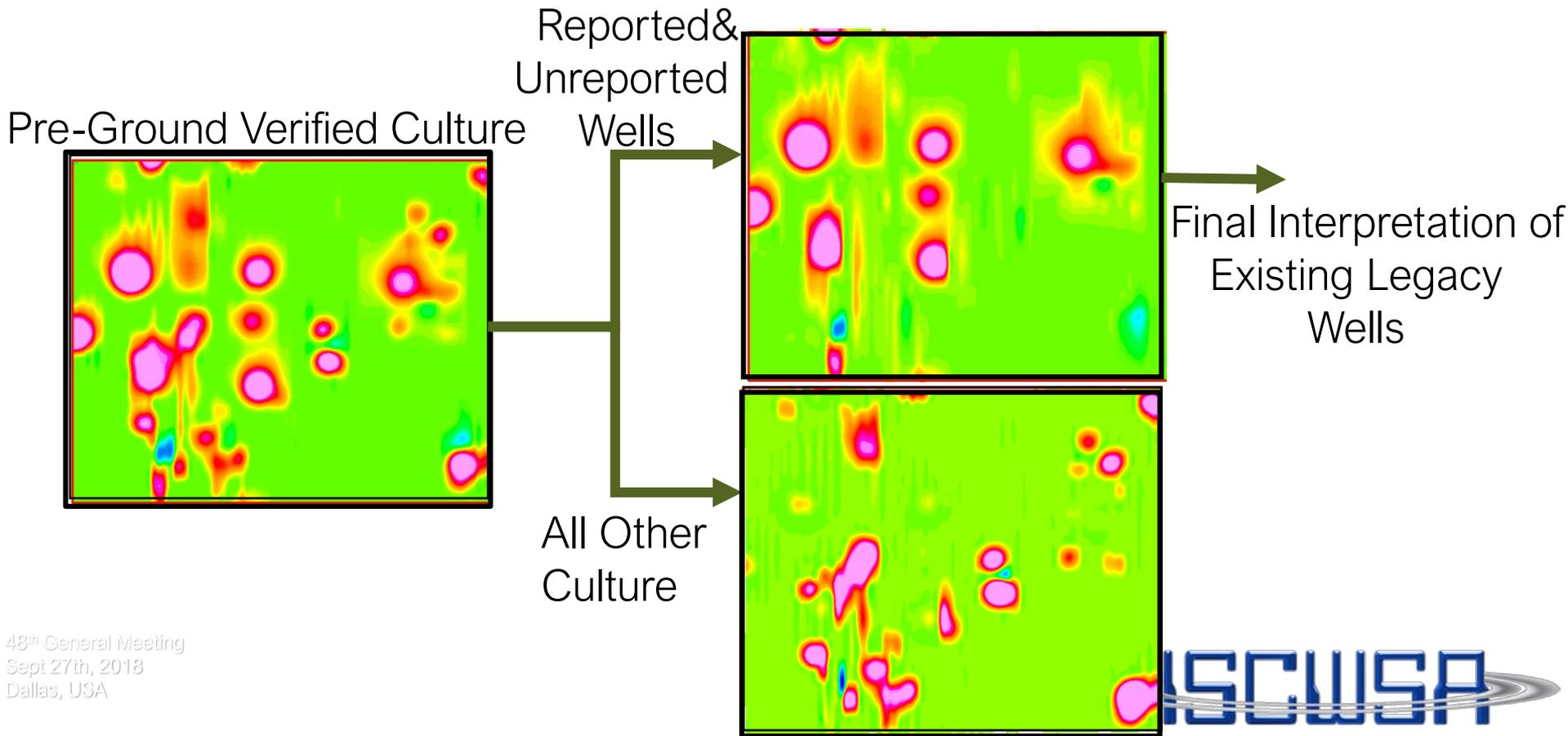
Methodology – Pre-Ground Interpretation and Ground Verification

- Pre-Ground Interpretation locations from RTP Total Horizontal Gradient (THG) minima
- Ground verify locations with Differential GPS and Overhauser magnetometer to record peak magnetic signature and get final surface location (X,Y) and elevation location (Z)



Drone Magnetic Site Surveys

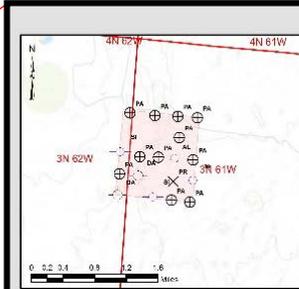
Methodology – Refined Cultural Separation – Final Interpretation



Drone Magnetic Site Surveys

Results and Discussion – Case Study #1 Study Area

Regional View



Legend

- AL ABANDONED LOCATION
- DA DRY AND ABANDONED
- PA PLUGGED AND ABANDONED
- PR PRODUCING
- SI SHUT IN
- TA TEMPORARILY ABANDONED
- Proof of Concept Survey Area

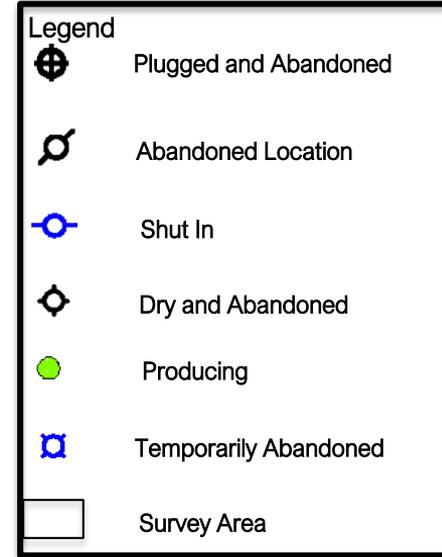
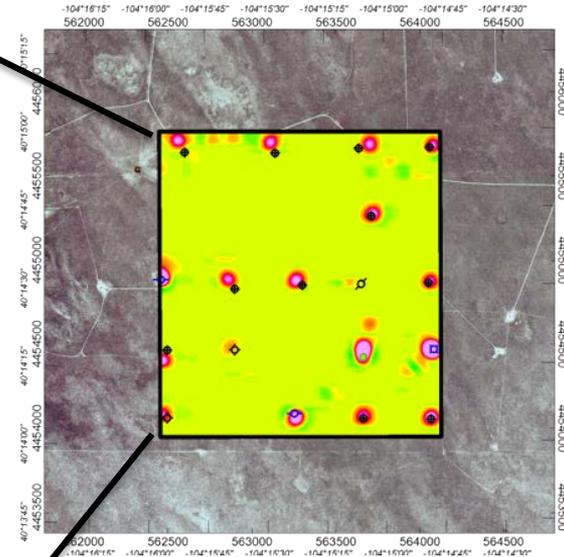
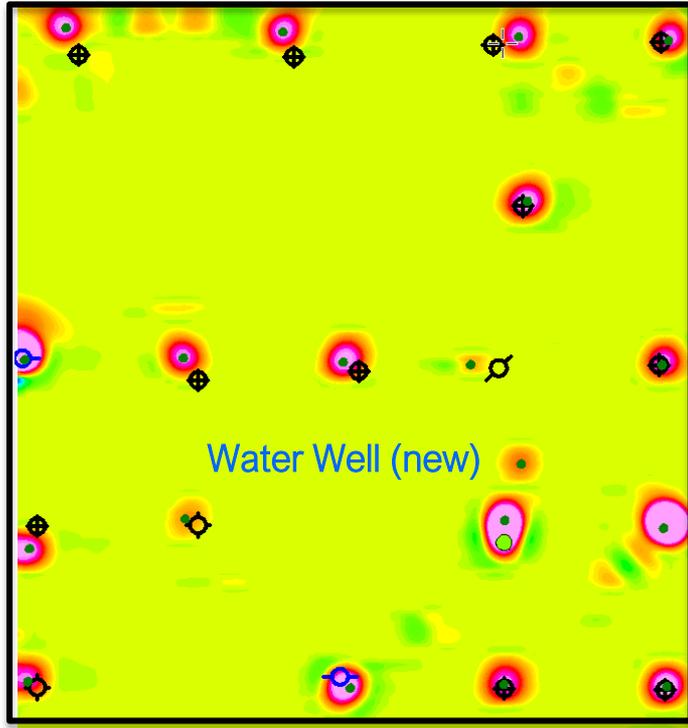


~ 1 sq. mile area



Drone Magnetic Site Surveys

Results and Discussion – Case Study #1 Post Ground Verification

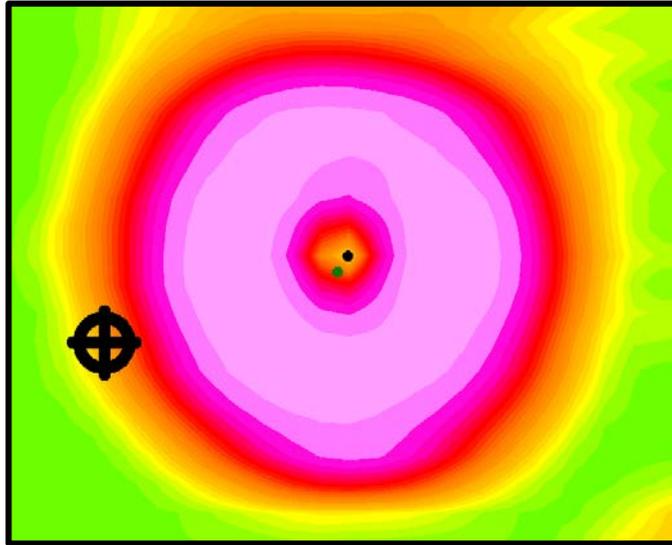


- ✓ 18 point magnetic signatures identified
- ✓ 100% of 17 reported locations corrected
- ✓ 1 additional water well identified

Drone Magnetic Site Surveys

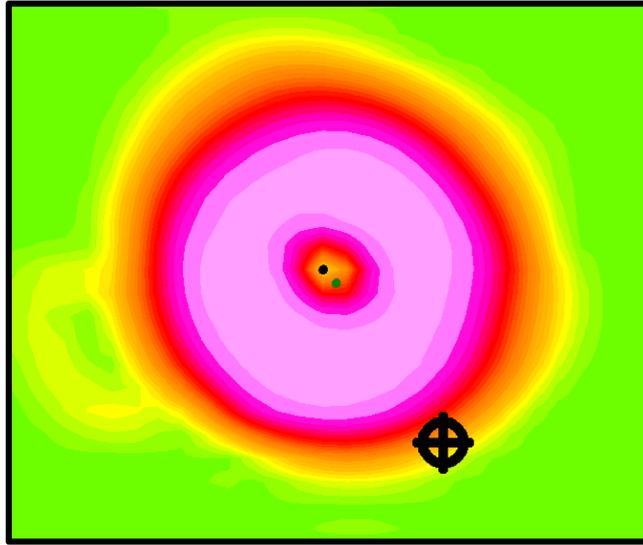
Results and Discussion – Case Study #1 Inaccurate Well Location Reporting

Energy Minerals Corp
P&A 06/14/1989



100 meters

Energy Minerals Corp
P&A 04/06/1987

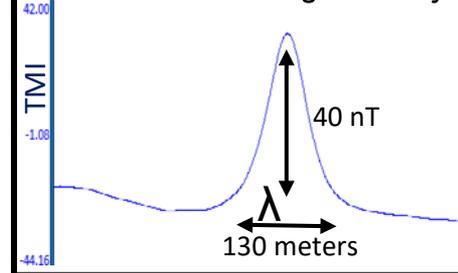


100 meters

Legend

- ⊕ Plugged and Abandoned
- Pre Ground Verified
- Ground Verified

Profile of P&A Mag Anomaly



Drone Magnetic Site Surveys

Results and Discussion – Case Study #1 Reported vs. MagVAR Comparison

COGCC Reported v Actual Locations,
for 17 recorded wells

Offsets (in meters)

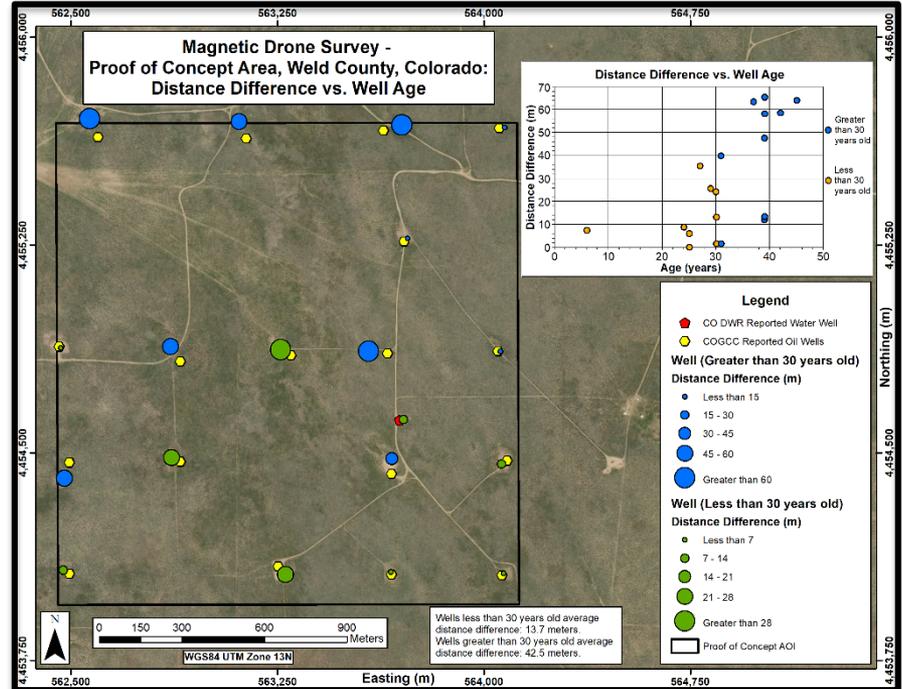
Mean 38.73

Min 7.99

Max 73.13

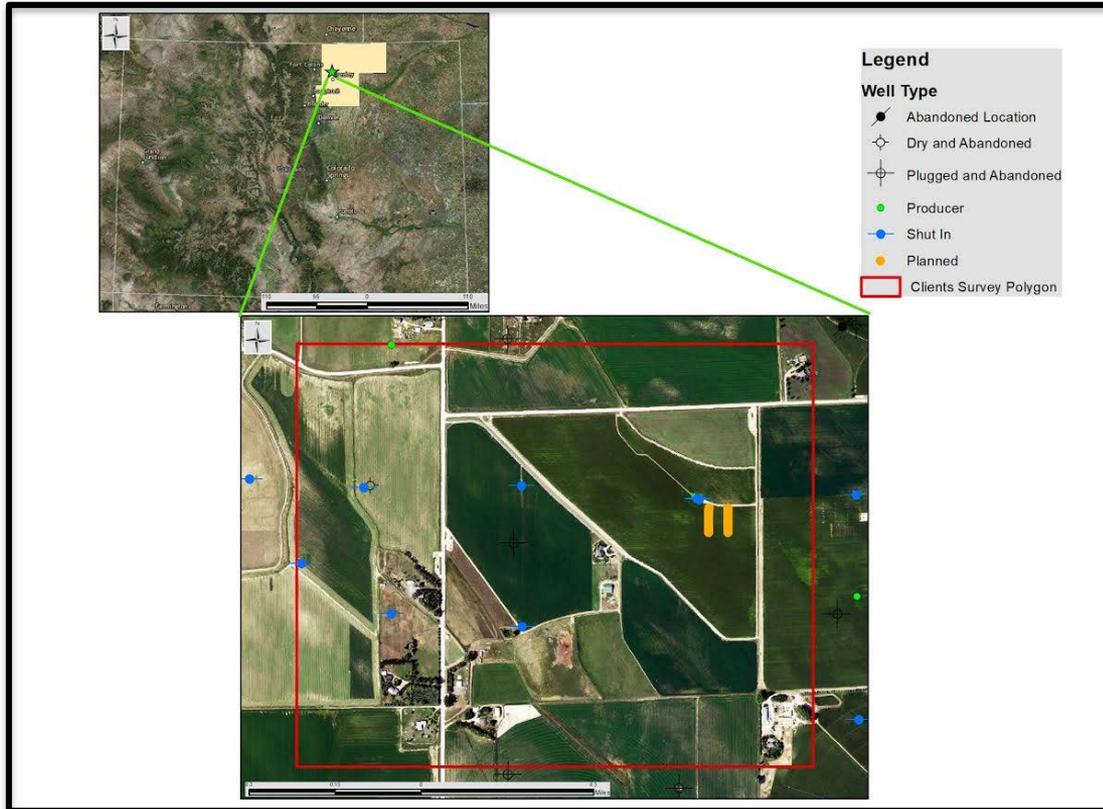


73 Meters= Length of Boeing 747!



Drone Magnetic Site Surveys

Results and Discussion – Case Study #2 Study Area



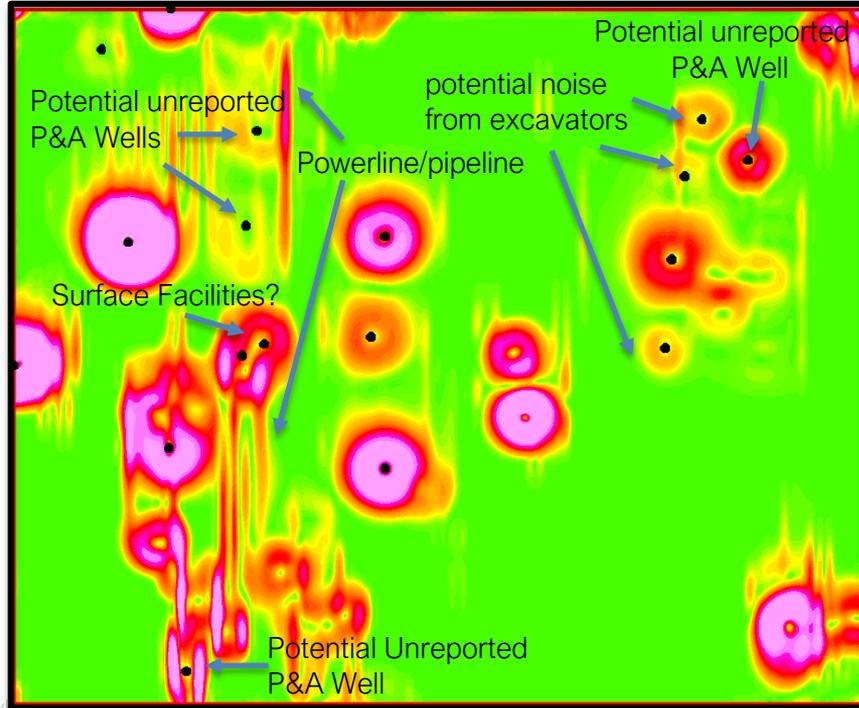
~ 0.7 sq. mile area

Drone Magnetic Site Surveys

Results and Discussion – Case Study #2 Airborne Interpretation

18 Point Source Magnetic Signature Locations Identified

RTP Culture THG with Pre-Ground Verified Locations



RTP Culture THG with Known Culture



● Pre-Ground Verified Locations

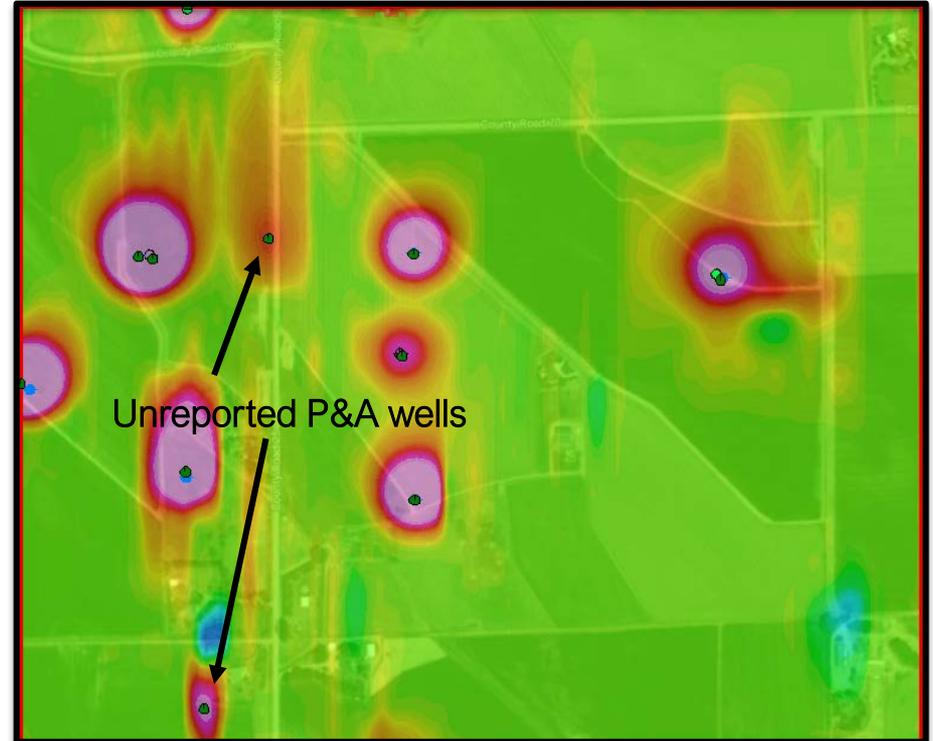


Drone Magnetic Site Surveys

Results and Discussion – Case Study #2 Post Ground Verification

Final Interpreted Well Signatures with Reported COGCC Wells

- 10 out of 18 point source aeromagnetic signature locations were identified as wellheads. Ground verification was further able to delineate the dry abandoned hole in western portion of study area as separate location giving 11 final locations
- 3 tightly spaced wells (producer and 2 shut-in) in eastern portion of study area had no surface expression of pre-existing wells and were ground verified with peak magnetic value as 1 location due to magnetic noise in area - signature tied to Shut In well 6-18 Walker-Shands
- Other 8 aeromagnetic signature locations were verified and interpreted as surface cultural noise
- Of the 11 locations 2 magnetic signatures were Identified and Interpreted as **Unreported P&A wells**
- Correctly identified 100% of 11 COGCC reported wells in study area (9 signature locations)



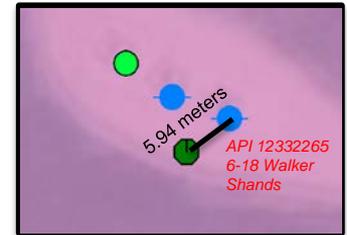
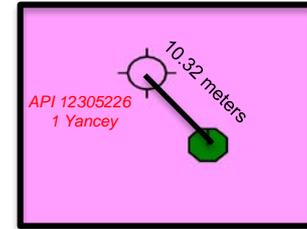
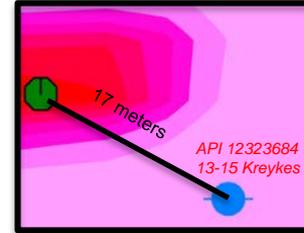
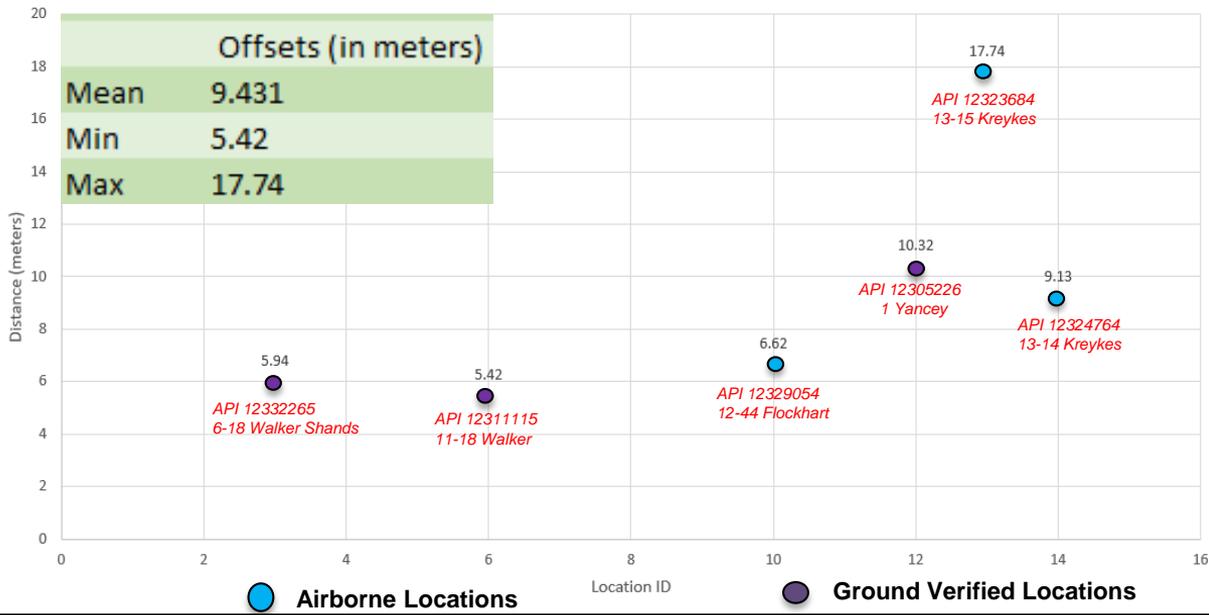
● Final Interpreted Well Locations



Drone Magnetic Site Surveys

Results and Discussion – Case Study #2 Reported Comparison

MagVAR Final Location vs. COGCC Reported Locations
Offset



Drone Magnetic Site Surveys

Results and Discussion – Final Deliverables

- Final Geosoft Database: including Final Total Magnetic Intensity, RTP Culture, RTP Culture Wells Only
- Grids: in Geosoft .GRD and .DAT format – TMI, RTP, TMI_Geology, RTP_Culture, RTP_Culture_THG, RTP_Culture_Wells
- Public Domain Data: NAIP Imagery, SRTM 30 meter and Well Database used (COGCC)
- Final Powerpoint
- Final Packed ArcMap MXD inclusive of all data deliverables
- Interpretation Products: Final Location Shapefile and CSV tied in with existing well header attributes (well spot data)

Site_ID	Verification Method	MagVar_lat	MagVar_long	MagVar_Z(m)	MagVar_Z(ft)	MagVar_X_NAD83	MagVar_Y_NAD83	FID_1	API	API_Label	Operator	Well_Title	Facil_Stat	Section	Township/Range	COGCC_Latitude	COGCC_Longitude	Ground_EleSpud Date	COGCC_NAD83_X	COGCC_NAD83_Y	
5	Reported	40.49260922060	-104.82974602300	1459.52300000000	4788.46143932000	3186415.89132000000	1423002.51861000000		5_12326747	05-123-26747	SRC ENERGY INC	11-18 KOCHERT	SI	18	6N 66W	40.49262000000	-104.82976000000	4869	8/2/2008	3186415.89132000000	1423002.51861000000
10	Airborne	40.49620648680	-104.834031113700	4896	0.00000000000	3185214.26463000000	1424304.00380000000		10_12329054	05-123-29054	SRC ENERGY INC	12-44 FLOCKHART	PR	12	6N 67W	40.49615500000	-104.83404000000	4887	9/26/2008	3185214.01087000000	1424282.32742000000
13	Airborne	40.49074202770	-104.83721483700	4874	0.00000000000	3184343.73364000000	1422306.69675000000		3_12323684	05-123-23684	NOBLE ENERGY INC	13-15 KREYKES	SI	13	6N 67W	40.49067000000	-104.83704000000	4873	5/10/2006	3184394.92313000000	1422278.93118000000
3a	Ground Verified	40.49222197470	-104.82391635100	1460.98700000000	4793.26458908000	3188038.32611000000	1422873.75586000000		7_12332264	05-123-32264	SRC ENERGY INC	3-18 Walker-Shands	PR	18	6N 66W	40.49231500000	-104.82400500000	4853	3/1/2011	3188014.80312000000	1422906.49234000000
6	Ground Verified	40.49112867170	-104.8296901300	1463.00800000000	4799.89516672000	3186357.94492000000	1422463.13156000000		1_12311115	05-123-11115	PETRO-CANADA RESOURCES (USA) INC	11-18 WALKER	PA	18	6N 66W	40.49117300000	-104.83001400000	4854		3186346.64386000000	1422476.99653000000
9	Ground Verified	40.49283551460	-104.83249185800	1465.47500000000	4807.98899000000	3185651.59365000000	1423079.19565000000		0							0.00000000000	0.00000000000	0		0.00000000000	0.00000000000
12a	Ground Verified	40.49254296510	-104.83470367200	1465.77100000000	4808.96012764000	3185037.24107000000	1422967.99845000000		0_12305227	05-123-05227	CHANDLER & ASSOCIATES LLC	1 YANCEY	DA	13	6N 67W	40.49260300000	-104.83476400000	4864		3185024.37167000000	1422988.12126000000
7	Reported	40.48905964170	-104.82973139300	1459.52300000000	4788.46143932000	3186429.73432000000	1421709.45841000000		6_12326748	05-123-26748	SRC ENERGY INC	12-18 KOCHERT	SI	18	6N 66W	40.48907000000	-104.82974000000	4846	7/30/2008	3186429.73432000000	1421709.45841000000
15	Airborne	40.48604908750	-104.83374050100	4849	0.00000000000	3185322.89529000000	1420604.32804000000		0							0.00000000000	0.00000000000	0		0.00000000000	0.00000000000
14	Airborne	40.48947171200	-104.83408466400	4857	0.00000000000	3185217.80330000000	1421850.45065000000		4_12324764	05-123-24764	NOBLE ENERGY INC	13-14 KREYKES	SI	13	6N 67W	40.48940000000	-104.83408000000	4856	3/17/2007	3185221.30342000000	1421820.81048000000
12b	Reported	40.49257175810	-104.83497367100	1466.11500000000	4810.08873660000	3184962.06960000000	1422977.92430000000		2_12323683	05-123-23683	NOBLE ENERGY INC	13-11 KREYKES	SI	13	6N 67W	40.49258000000	-104.83498000000	4868	5/2/2006	3184962.06960000000	1422977.92430000000
3b	Ground Verified	40.49222197470	-104.82391635100	1460.98700000000	4793.26458908000	3188038.32611000000	1422873.75586000000		8_12332265	05-123-32265	SRC ENERGY INC	6-18 Walker-Shands	SI	18	6N 66W	40.49226100000	-104.82387000000	4852	3/12/2011	3188054.29763000000	1422887.02219000000
3c	Ground Verified	40.49222197470	-104.82391635100	1460.98700000000	4793.26458908000	3188038.32611000000	1422873.75586000000		9_12332267	05-123-32267	SRC ENERGY INC	18-18 Walker-Shands	SI	18	6N 66W	40.49228200000	-104.82394500000	4852	3/7/2011	3188034.56885000000	1422893.47529000000

48th General Meeting Airborne MagVar Z (ft) from SRTM sampled to the well location

Sept 27th, 2018
Dallas, USA



Drone Magnetic Site Surveys

Conclusions and Way Forward

Magnetic Site Surveys help:

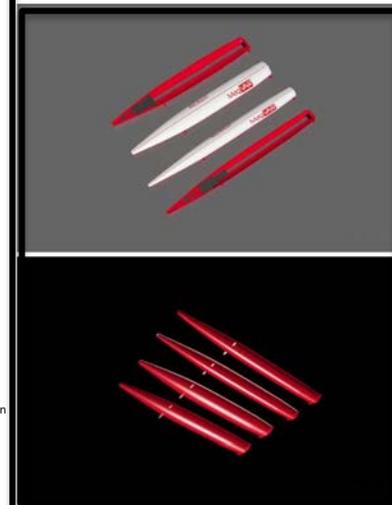
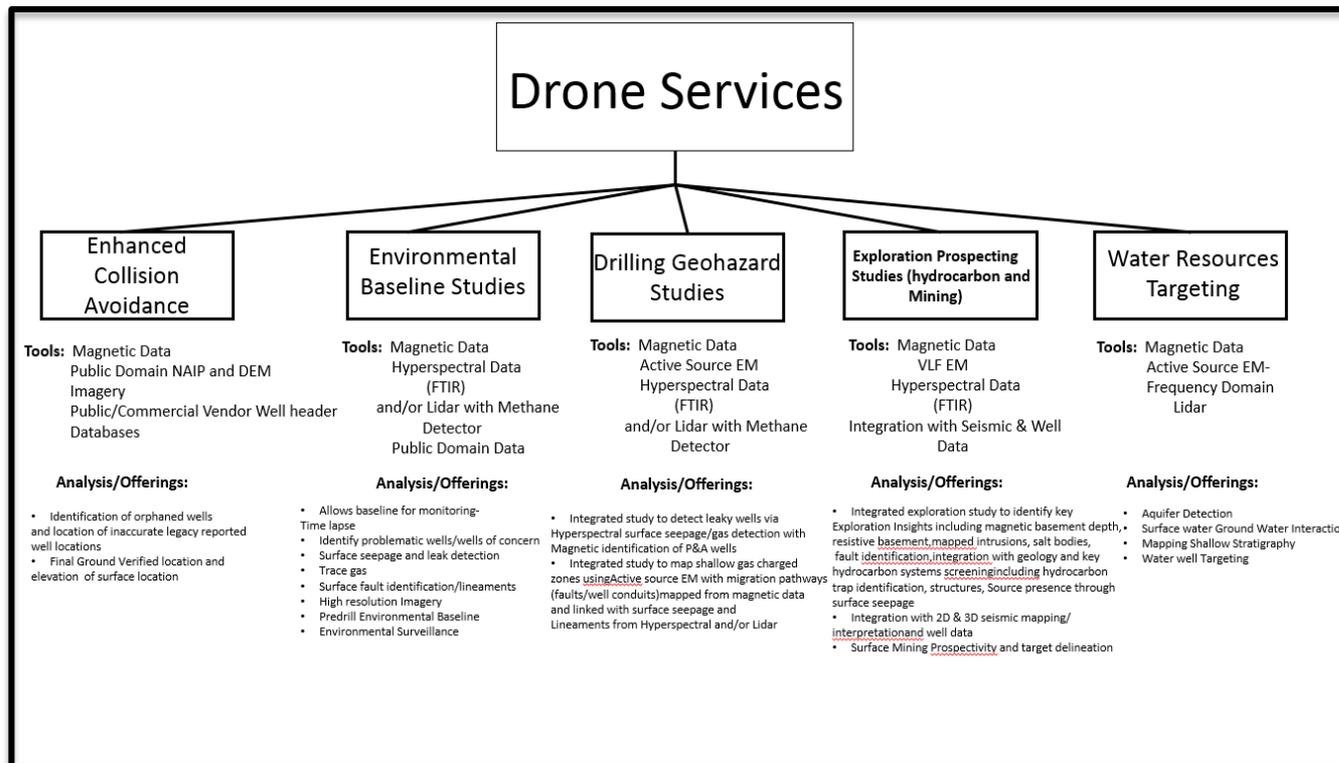
- Avoid collisions with existing wellbores
- Avoid frac hits of legacy wellbores
- Identify hazardous objects before planning a new pad

Magnetic Site Surveys enable:

- Verification of the location of existing wellheads
- Identification of wellheads missing in the database
- Discovery of buried objects: storage tanks, pipelines, etc

Drone Magnetic Site Surveys

Conclusions and Way Forward



Acknowledgments

MagVAR Geoscience Team

- Noah Hagen, Ryan Paynter, Alec Berarducci, Alexander Mitkus, Rohith Sali, Stefan Maus, Sara Constantine, Andrew Genco

Thank You

Questions?



48th General Meeting
Sept 27th, 2018
Dallas, USA

