



# EPA Natural Gas STAR/Methane Challenge Annual Implementation Workshop

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# SWN Ground Based LDAR to Aerial LDAR

- Southwestern Energy (SWN) Introduction



- SWN EPA Natural Gas STAR History



- SWN "SMART LDAR" Overview



- SWN UAS Aerial LDAR Beginnings






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## Primary Operating Assets

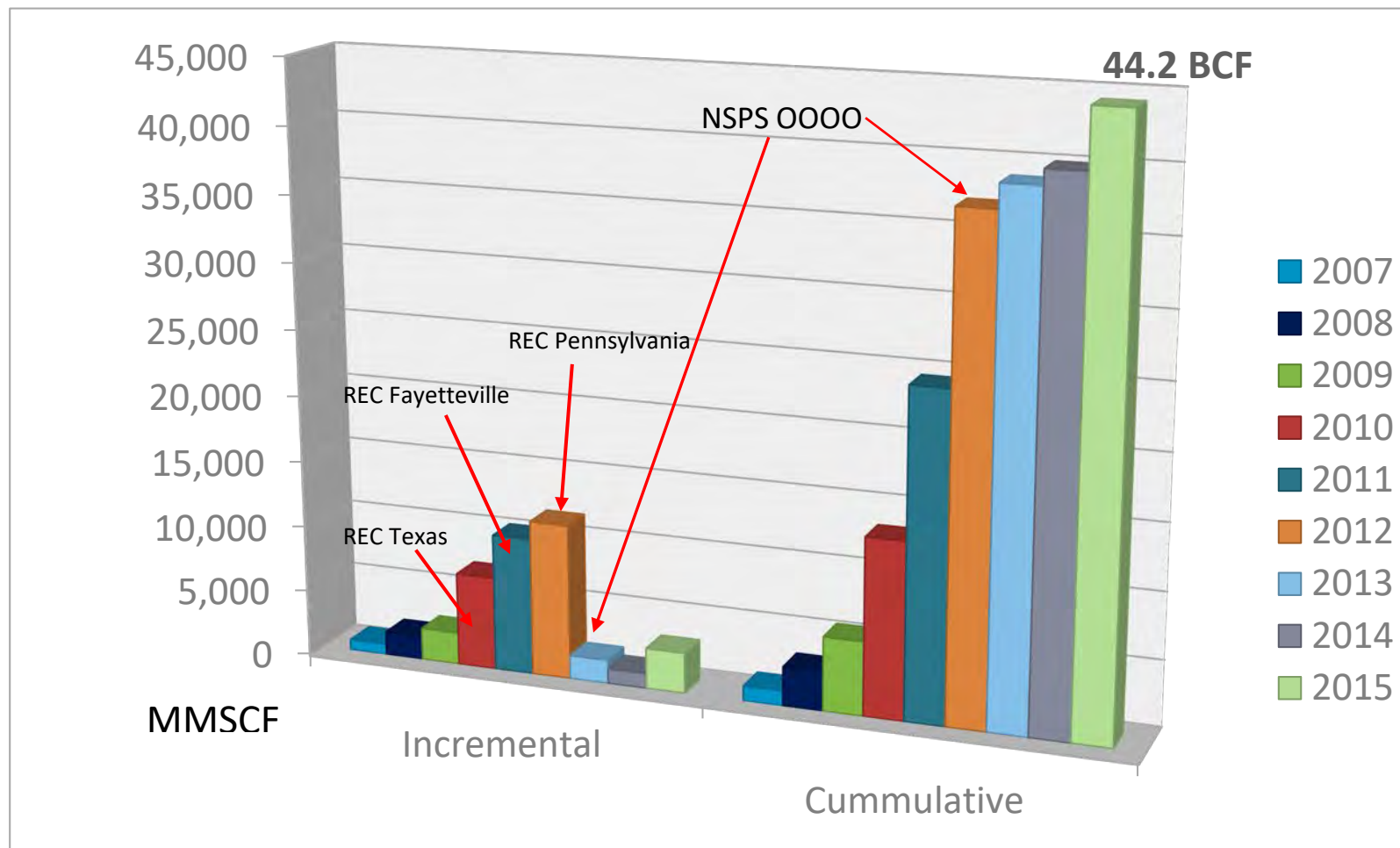
-  Fayetteville Shale
-  Southwest Appalachia
-  Northeast Appalachia

$$\frac{R^2}{A} \rightarrow V^+$$

The Right People doing the Right Things, wisely investing the cash flow from the underlying Assets will create Value+



# SWN EPA Natural Gas STAR History





- ONE Future Emissions Intensity Commitment

- Apache
- BHP
- Hess
- Kinder Morgan
- National Grid
- Southern Company Gas
- **Southwestern Energy**
- Statoil
- Summit Utilities
- Transcanada



## Purpose

The purpose of the SWN SMART LDAR Program is to “find and fix” methane leaks associated with SWN operations.

The SMART LDAR Program includes a process for conducting leak surveys, identifying leaking components/equipment, and repairing leaking components/equipment.

The program also includes recordkeeping and reporting requirements that will be used to assist SWN in tracking and trending leaking components/equipment

## Scope

- Applies to SWN Exploration and Production operations.
- Applies to SWN Midstream Operations
- Is voluntary in states that do not have a regulatory based LDAR program
- May exceed the requirements of states with regulatory based LDAR requirements
- May incorporate additional leak detection and measurement methodologies that are currently under development and evaluation.
- Is not intended, at this time, to apply to underground equipment (including gathering lines), mobile equipment, or equipment that is not physically located at a SWN owned and operated well pad or compressor station.

# SWN SMART LDAR – what we survey

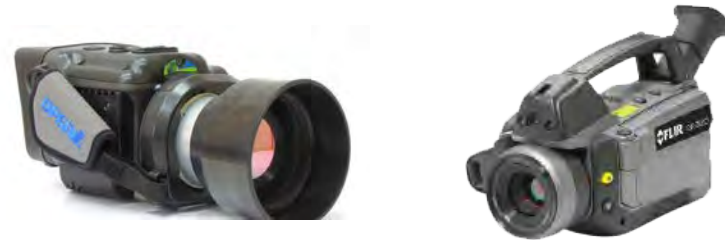
- Valves
  - Flanges
  - Connectors
  - Unions
  - Pressure Relief Valves
  - Open Ended Lines
  - Actuators
  - Regulators
  - Gauges
  - Desiccant Filters
  - Compressor Pocket Vents
  - Compressor Rod Packing
  - Other
- Pneumatic Pumps
  - Pneumatic Controllers
    - Liquid Level
    - Temperature
    - Flow
    - Pressure
  - Tank Thief Hatches





- OGI (Optical Gas Imaging) or Infrared Cameras

- FLIR GF 320
- Opgal EyeCGas



- Heath RMLD (Remote Methane Leak Detector)

- Tunable Diode Laser Absorption Spectroscopy



- Bacharach HiFlow

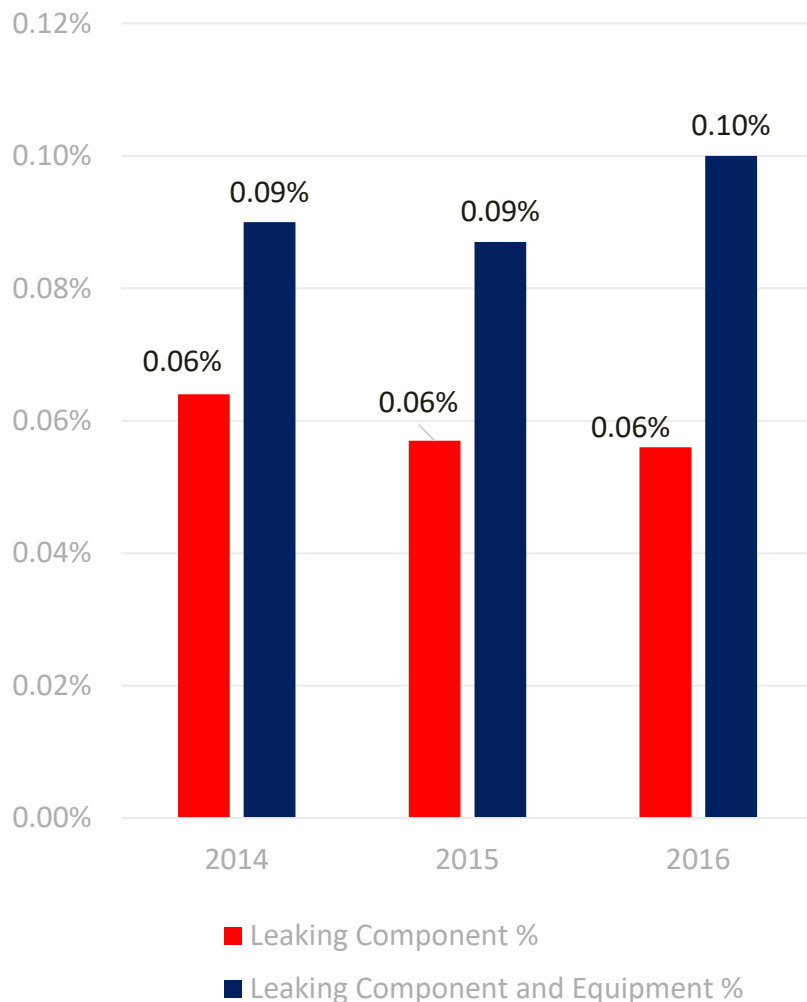
- Quantifies leaks in terms of cubic feet per minute



- 2014
  - LDAR surveys conducted by SWN employees
  - Initial survey of new wells and compressor stations within 60-days of operation
  - Target 50% of existing wells and 100% compressor stations for annual survey
  - Target 100% repair within 15 days (exclusion for delay of repair leaks)
- 2015
  - Initial survey of new wells within 60-days of operation
  - Target 100% of existing wells and compressor stations for annual survey
    - Target 50% of existing wells in area acquired in December of 2014 for annual surveys
  - Target 100% repair within 15 days (exclusion for delay of repair leaks)
  - Target 25% of leaks for HiFlow measurement
- 2016
  - Initial survey of new wells and compressor stations within 60-days of operation
  - Annual survey of existing wells and compressor stations
  - Target 100% repair within 15 days (exclusion for delay of repair leaks)
  - Target 25% of leaks for HiFlow measurement

# Leaking Components vs Total Components

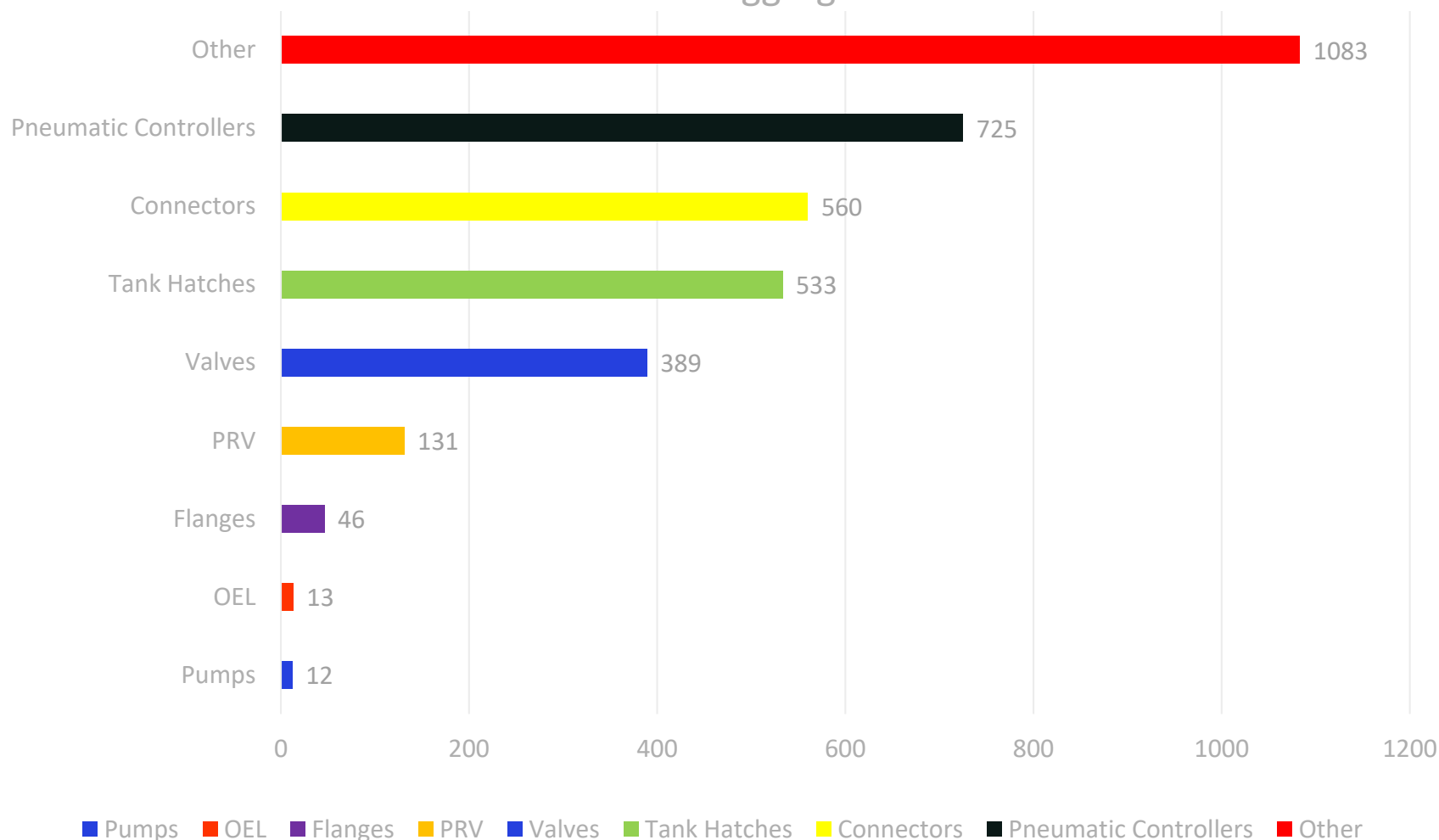
## Leaks/Component Estimate



- Leaking Component % = Total Leaking components observed/Total estimated components at site
- Leaking Component and Equipment % = Total leaking components and equipment observed/Total estimated components at the site
- EPA factors to estimate components are limited to valves, connectors, open ended lines and PRV and do not include all components we observe leaking. EPA does not have factors to estimate equipment.
- Without physical counts of components and equipment at each facility (which is very resource intensive), we use EPA component factors realizing that they do not estimate the total components/equipment. But even with this conservative approach, the percentage of leaks versus component estimates is very small

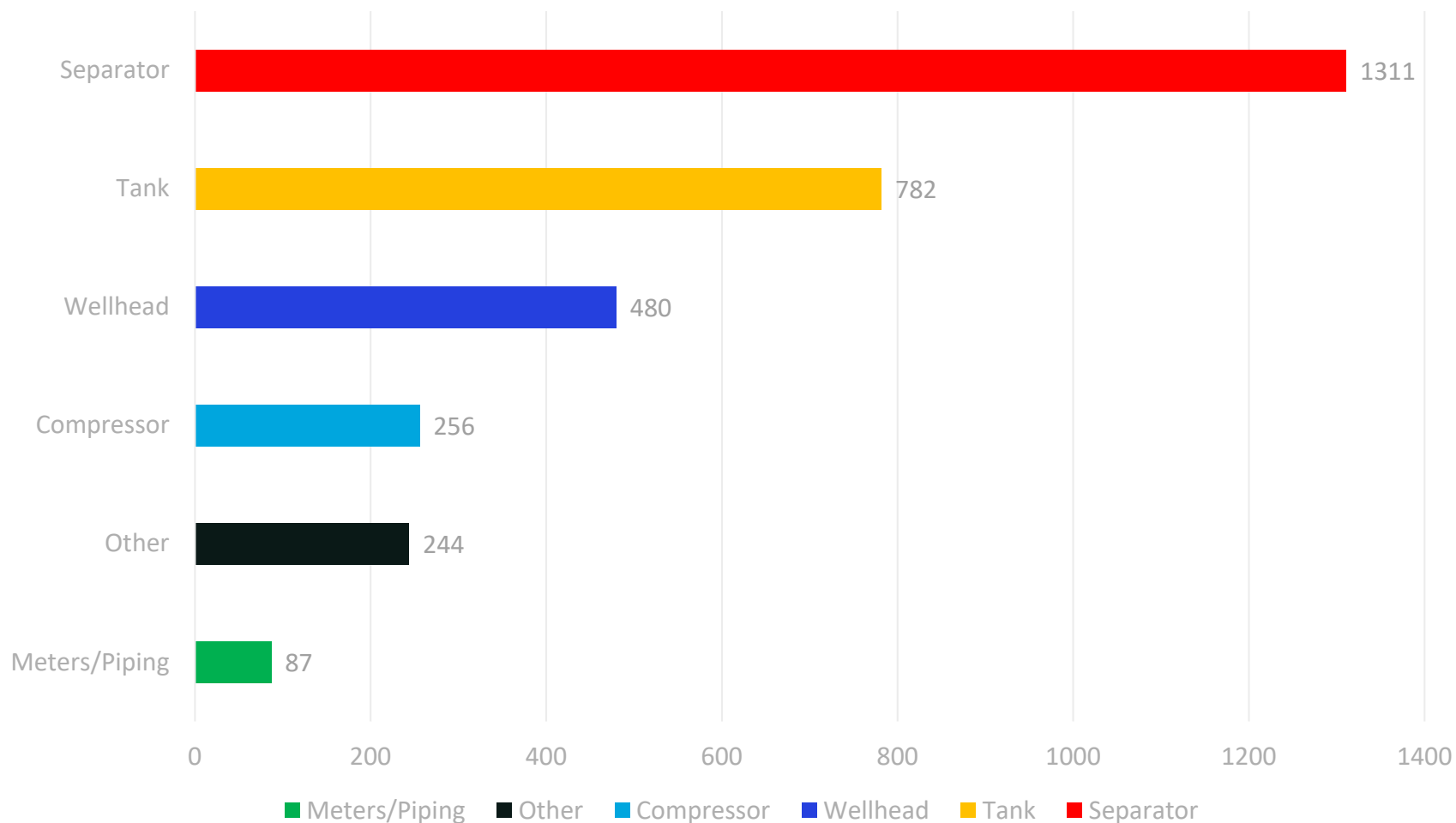
# SWN Production Operations Component and Equipment Leak Types

2014-2016 Aggregated



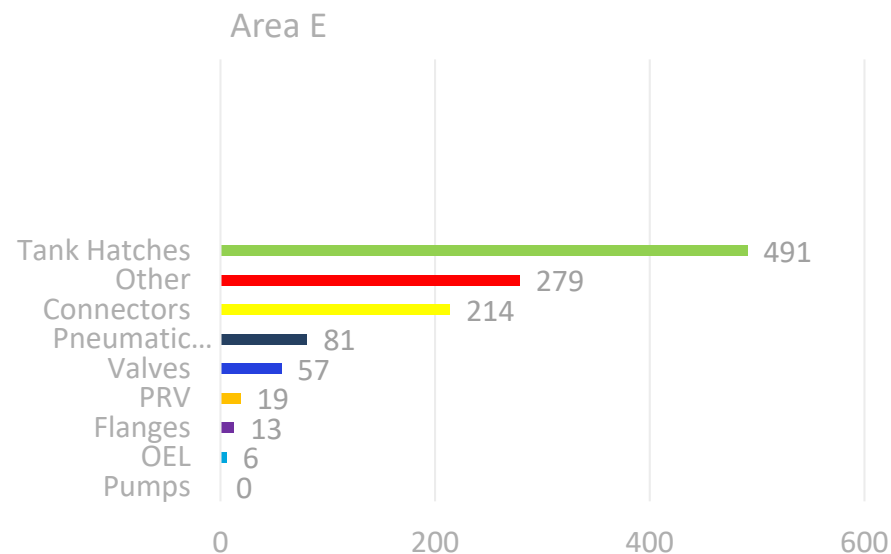
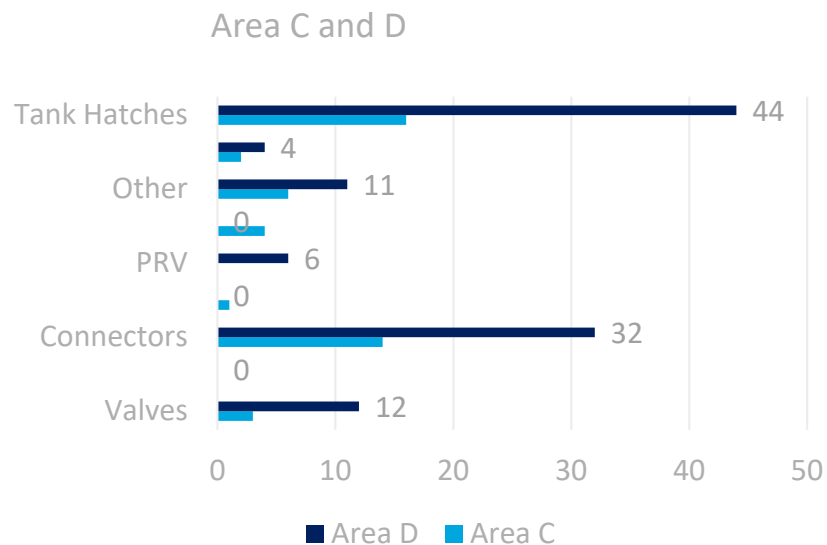
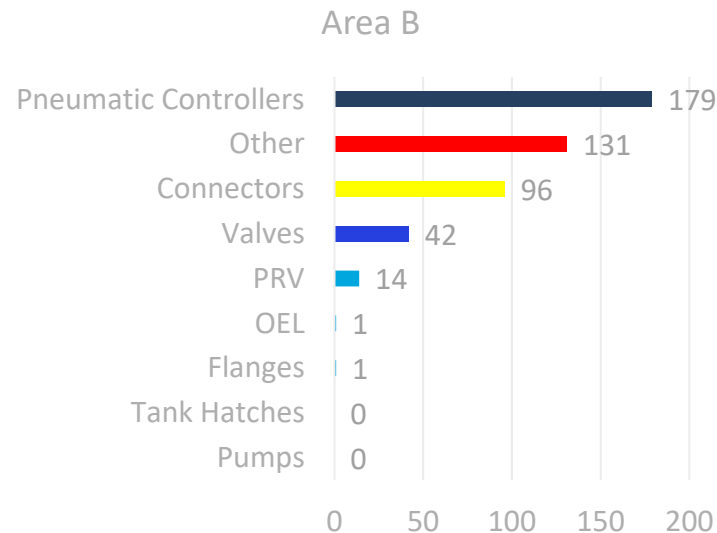
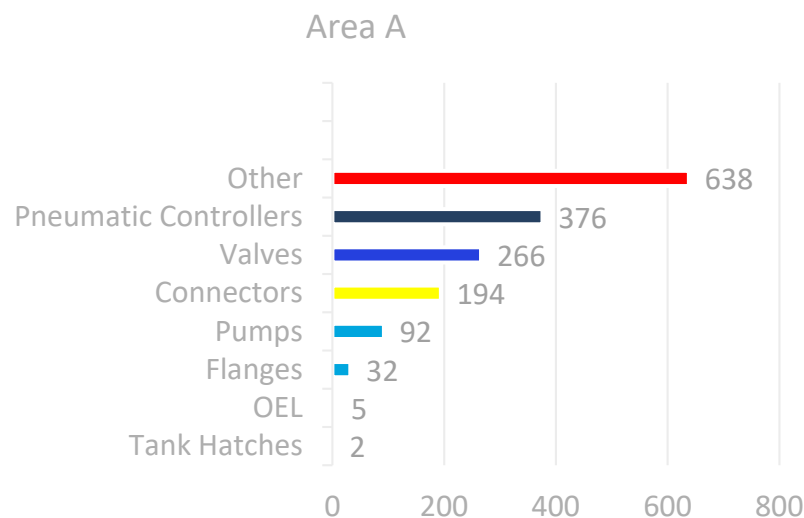
# Leaks By Major Equipment (2014-2016 Aggregated Production)

## SWN Production Operations

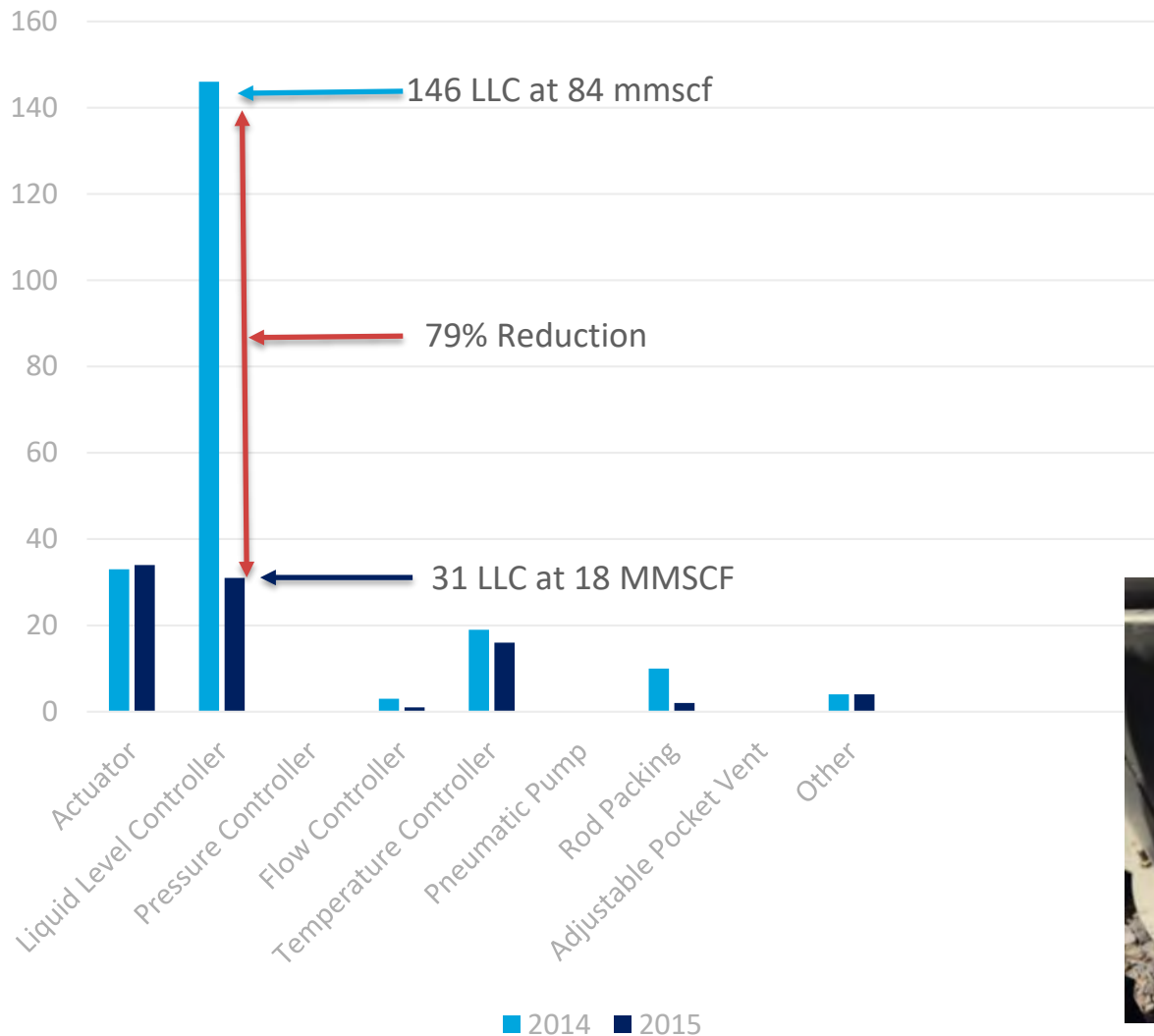




# Regional Component/Equipment Leak Types (2014-2016 Aggregated Production)



# SWN SMART LDAR Directed Inspection & Maintenance



# Subpart W OGI Factor vs SWN HiFlow Factors (Production Only)

	Subpart W OGI Factor	SWN 2014-2016 HiFlow Factor	# HiFlow Measurements 2014-2016	Leaks Measured 2014-2016
	cfhr	cfhr	count	percent
Valves	4.9	12.6	90	24%
Flanges	4.1	48	12	26%
Connectors	1.3	16.8	123	22%
OEL	2.8	6.48	5	38%
PRV	4.5	26.4	55	42%
<b>Chemical Pumps</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>1.5</b>	5	17%
Other	4.5	18.39	238	15%

Sub W population factor estimate 7867 tonnes

SWN HiFlow emissions factor 2480 tonnes

Subpart W leaking component factor estimate 439 tonnes

- Difficult to compare to Subpart W Population factor emissions as there isn't a component factor nor a population emissions factor for flanges or "other"

# SWN Production Annual Reductions

	MCF Components/Well			MCF Components & Equipment/Well		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Area A	24	16	15	29	21	18
Area B	63	6	52	67	25	77
Area C	-	80	34	-	107	91
Area D	166	183	143	262	437	179
Area E	108	516	-	108	968	-
SWN	29	25	23	38	34	39

- MCF/Well is one “normalized” metric for year to year comparisons
- Area D has few wells. Emissions in 2014-2015 similar but well count was 21 vs 17
- Areas E has very few wells but observed significant spikes in observed leaks between 2014 and 2015 (2-22)
- Area A is largest operating area and hence significantly affects SWN aggregate values

# SWN Production LDAR Cost versus “Recovery”

	2014	2015	2016
SWN SMART LDAR Implementation Cost (Not 0000a)	\$378,000	\$546,000	\$582,000
Component Gas Recovered MMSCF	90	135	126
Component Leak MCF/Well Surveyed	29	25	23
Component Leak Recovery Value	\$270,000	\$274,000	\$245,000

- More total gas recovered due to more wells surveyed from 2014-2016
- Normalized MCF/Well reflects decrease from year to year
- Value of gas significantly affects cost effectiveness
  - 2014 based on \$3/MMSCF after royalty reduction
  - 2015 based on \$2.03/MMSCF after royalty reduction
  - 2016 based on \$1.95/MMSCF after royalty reduction



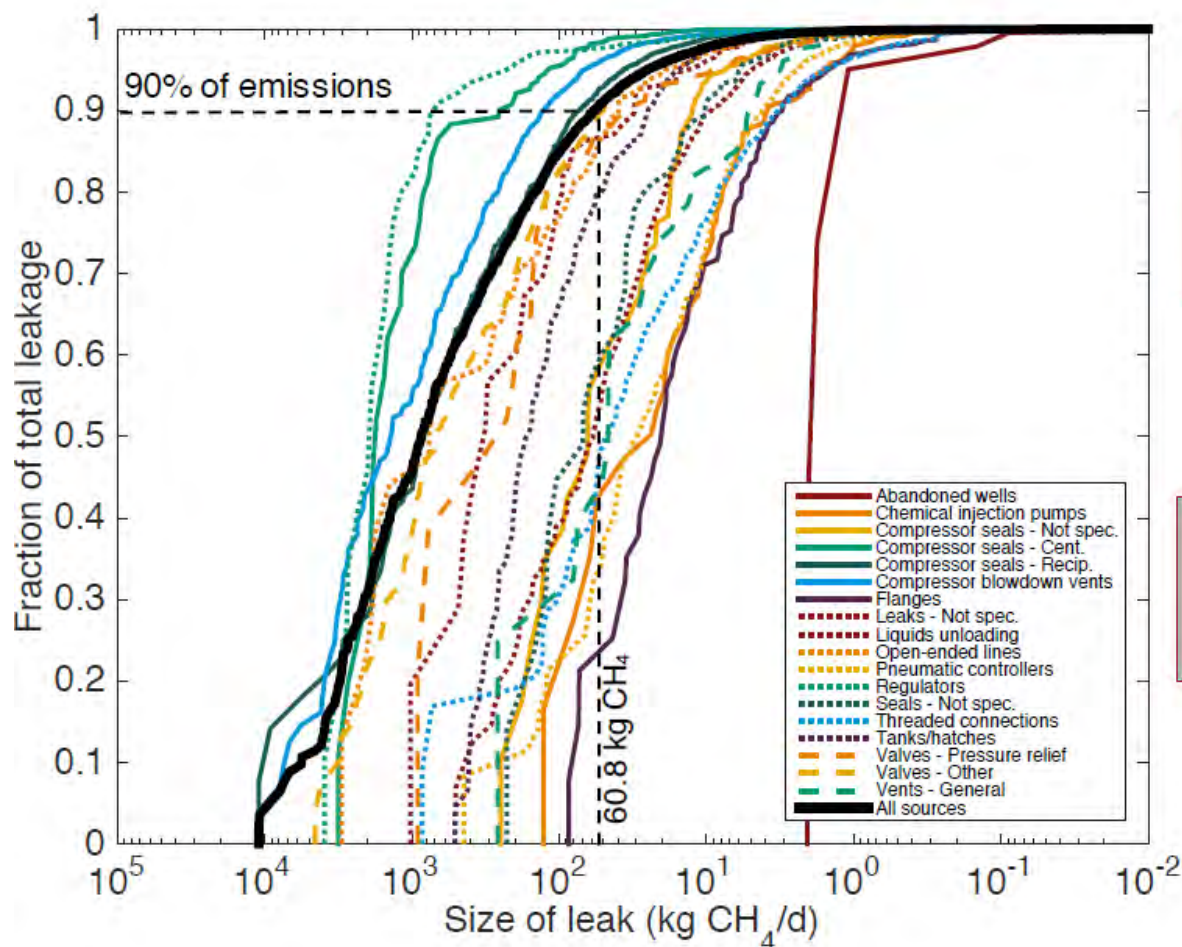
- Development Timeline
- Utilization Opportunities
- Design
- Early Observations
- Challenges

- Early Summer 2016: Began researching technology
- Issued preliminary review
- July 2016: Cost-benefit analysis
  - Identified processes that could benefit
  - Compared cost of current methods vs modeled UAS utilization
- Aug 2016: Decided to move forward with investment
- Sept 2016: Began evaluating suitable platforms and sensors
- Nov 2016: Obtained FAA certifications
- Dec 2016: Selected and placed orders
- Apr 2017-present: Training, testing, producing

- Roof inspections
- Tower inspections
- Rig inspections
- Right of Way inspections
- Pond/impoundment inspections
- Asset inventory
- Incident response/crisis management
- 3-D Imaging of Facilities
- **Aerial LDAR**



# SWN UAS Aerial LDAR Opportunity Chasing the Exceptional Minority



90% of volume  
leak size > 61 kg/d

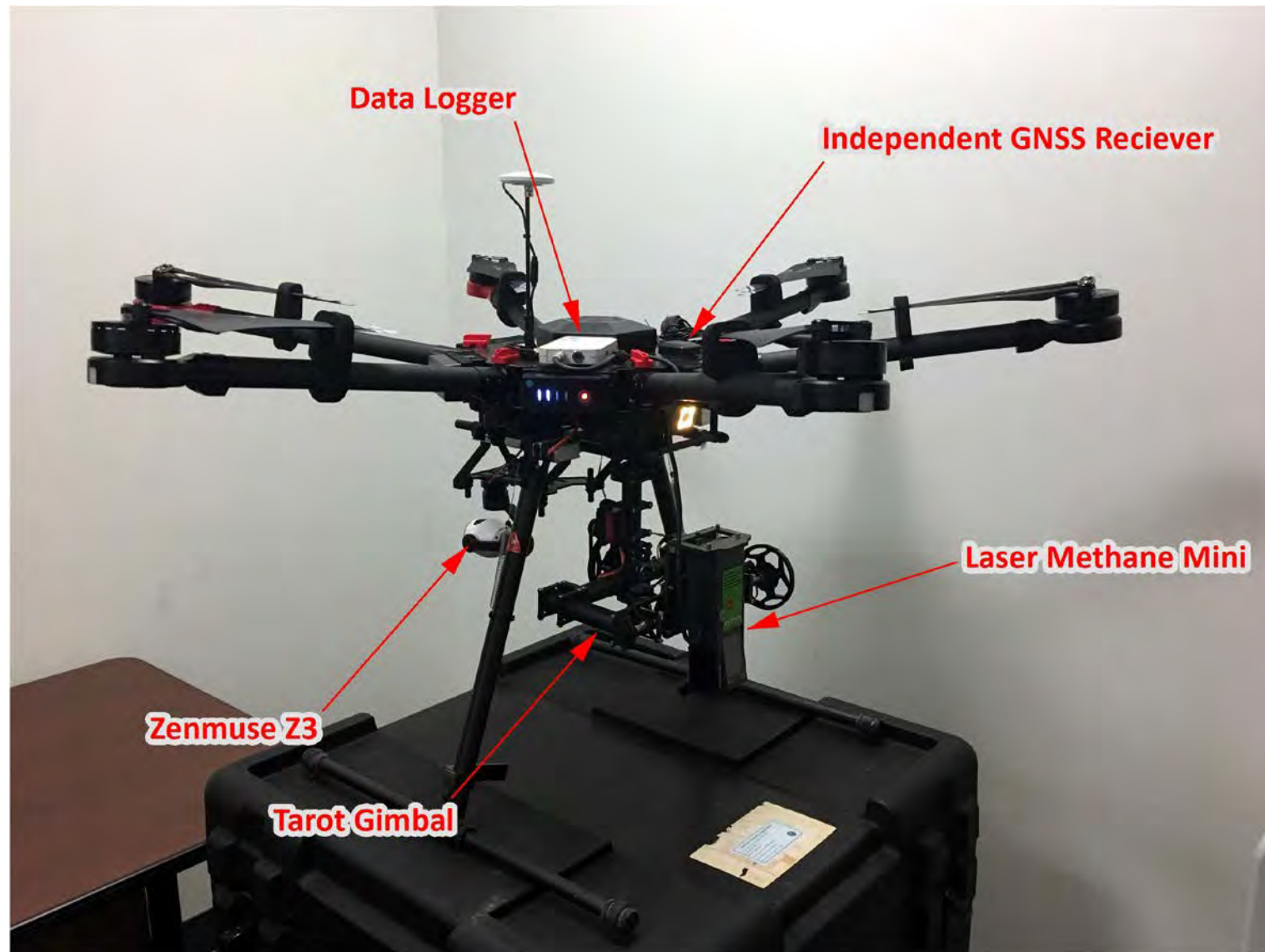
ARPA-E target  
leak size = 2.7 kg/d

Brandt et al. (2016)

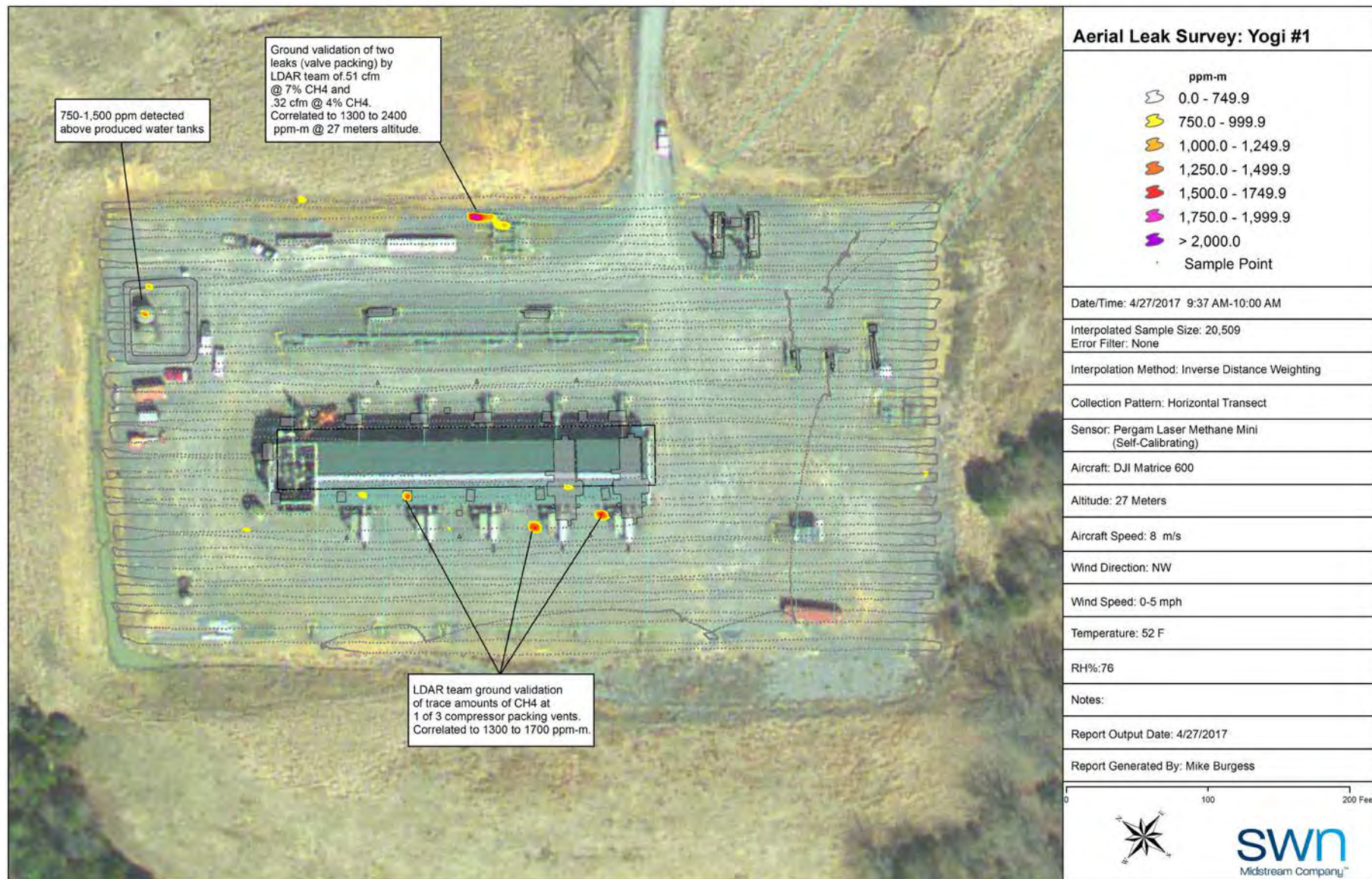
- DJI Matrice 600 (Industrial) (Multi-rotor)
  - Payload
    - Laser Methane Mini spectrometer with independent GNSS and datalogger
      - Continuously nadir pointing by custom 2-axis Tarot gimbal
      - 0.1s pulse rate
      - 1.65  $\mu\text{m}$  wavelength (a fundamental CH<sub>4</sub> absorption band)
      - 100' effective range
    - Zenmuse Z3 RGB camera
      - 3.5x Optical Zoom
      - 4K video
  - General info/specs
    - Hexarotor
    - Up to 40 min endurance
    - 12 lbs max payload







# SWN Aerial Leak Detection Observation

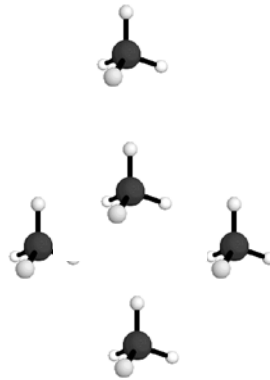


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- Operational Considerations
  - Flight speed
  - Wind speed
  - Distance from sources
  - Facility “rastering”
- Changing traditional LDAR “mindset”
  - Ground based surveys vs Aerial based surveys
  - Component by Component survey vs Spatial survey
  - Chasing small leaks (mundane majority) vs targeting larger leaks (exceptional minority)
  - Human/Instrument vs Instrument/Human
- Establishing alternative “equivalency”

# Air Jordan chasing Methane Molecules



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