

2022 TGA Transmission Roundtable

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Heath Consultants - History



- 1933 Founded as New England Forestry Service, Inc., providing line clearance services to the electric industry
- 1st documented vegetation leak survey in Salem, MA
- 1939 Heath Tree Service, Inc. was formed
- 1956 Heath Consultants Ltd. was incorporated in Canada
- 1959 Introduced first Flame Ionization (FI) detector to gas industry
- 1971 Heath Consultants Australia, Pty., Ltd. was formed
- 1975 Heath Energy Services was formed to offer contract services for pole maintenance, pole testing and insulator washing

Heath Consultants - History



- 1980 Purchased tank and line testing division of Kent Moore Corporation
- 1988 GMI first introduction of combination instrument with sensors and pumps
- 1990 Formed LEAK TEK to offer full service engineering technology to the water industry
- 1997 Introduction of Optical Methane Detector (OMD™) to the market
- 1999 Sure-Lock "family" of locators released for sale

Heath Consultants - History



- 2005 Remote Methane Leak Detector (RMLD®) officially released to market
- 2007 Detecto Pak-Infrared (DP-IR™) officially released
- 2008 Reynolds Equipment asset purchase
- 2010 Release of Staylit non-intrusive meter change-out device
- 2011 Release of OPGAL Imaging Camera
- 2014 Release of ODORATOR 2™ Odorization Survey Audit System
- 2014 August, Acquisition of Norton Corrosion Limited
- 2017 Release of ABB MobileGuard™ Advanced Leak Detection System
- 2019 Release of RMLD Complete Solution (RMLD-CS)

Business Units



Products Business Unit

- Manufacturing
- Product Sales
 - Environmental, Social & Governance
 - Methane Emissions Measurement, Monitoring & Mitigation

Services Business Unit

- Field Services
 - Leak Survey
 - Meter Reading
 - Locating

Manufacturing Facility









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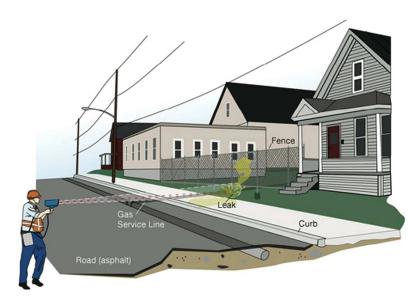




Technology - OVERVIEW



The Remote Methane Leak Detector-Complete Solution (RMLD-CS) is a highly advanced technology, capable of detecting methane leaks from a remote distance. This technology makes it possible to detect leaks without having to walk the full length of the pipeline, thus creating safer surveys in areas that may be difficult to reach such as busy roadways, yards with dogs, fenced off area and other hard to access places.



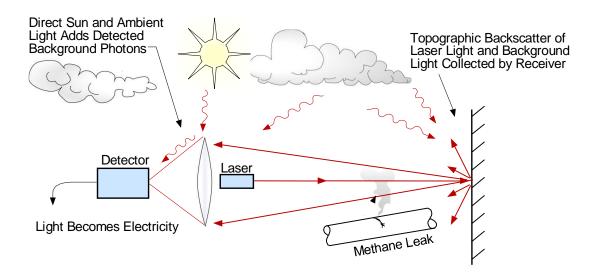


TUNABLE DIODE LASER ABSORPORTION SPECTROSCOPY

TECHNICAL APPROACH – How it Works

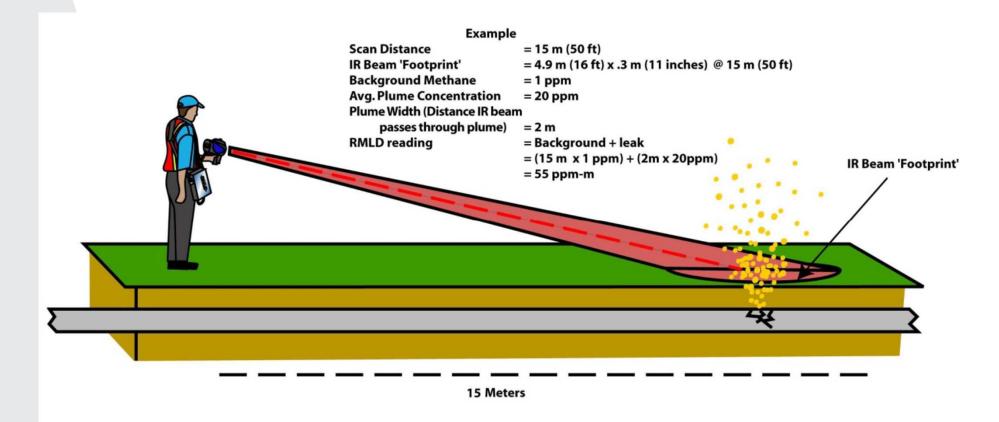


- Laser light beam is remotely projected on to a target (e.g., grass, wall, etc.)
- A fraction of the beam is scattered from the target surface and returned to the source
- Returned light is collected and focused onto a detector
- The presence of methane is encoded within the returned light
- Methane readings are displayed in ppm-m



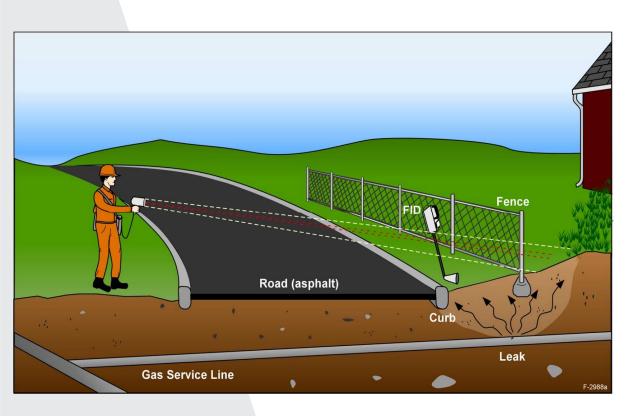
Footprint / Infrared (IR) / PPM-M





RMLD CONCEPT



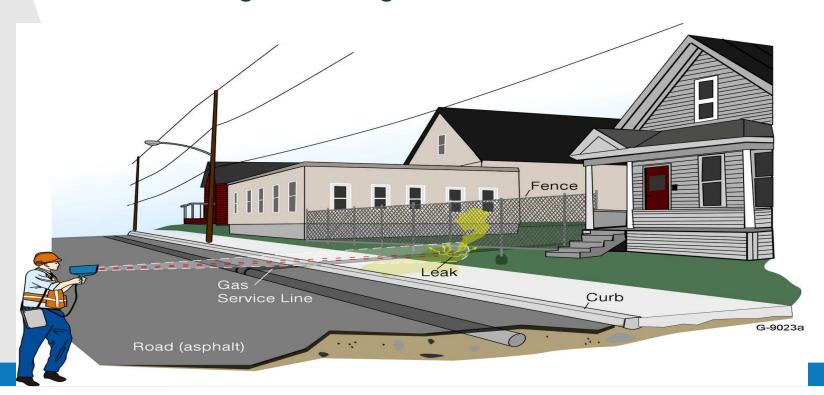




Do not need to be in gas plume!

THREE CONDITIONS NEEDED TO DETECT A LEAK

- Need a sufficient plume to detect a leak
- The IR beam must pass through the plume
- Need a background target to reflect beam



Specifications



Detection method	Tunable Diode Laser Absorption Spectroscopy (TDLAS)
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Measurement Range	0 to 50,000 ppm-m
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Sensitivity 5 ppm-m at distances from 0 to 100 ft (30 m)

Intrinsic Safety Class 1, Division /Zone 2 Aex ic op is IIA T4 Gc

Class 1 Div 2, Group D Intrinsically Safe

Detection Distance 100 ft (30m) maximum. Actual distance may

vary due to background type.

Beam Size Conical in shape with a 22" diameter at 100 ft (55 cm at 30 m)

Detection Alarms Modes Digital Methane Detection(DMD): Audible tone relative to concentration

when detection threshold exceeded

Real Time(RT):Continuous audio chirp relative to

concentration. Adjustable Detection Alarm Level 1 to 999

System Fault Warning Unique audible pitch and indication on the display

Self Test & CalibrationBuilt-in Self Test and Calibration function verifies operation and adjusts laser

wavelength for maximum sensitivity. Test gas cell integrated within carrying

case.

Compliance EMC (EN61000-6-2, EN6100-6-4)

Laser Eye Safety IR Laser: Class 1; Green Spotter laser Class 2(II) <5mW @ 532nm

Spot size is 7mm at 15M

Operating Temperature 0° to +122° F (-17° to 50° C)



Self-Test

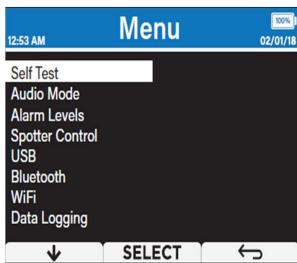


Instrument Self Test

The RMLD-CS has a built-in function to perform a Self-Test of the laser wavelength. The self-test feature should be performed daily before survey to ensure that the instrument is operational. A Self-Test log file is recorded and stored on the RMLD-CS instrument.

NOTE: No yearly factory calibration required Unless instrument fails the self-test (repeatedly) or presents other problems.

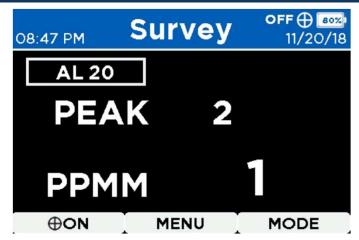
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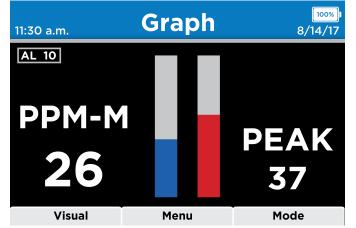


Survey – Graph / Image Modes









PICTURE/IMAGE CAPTURED & TEXT DATA — CS unit only not from App



Capture

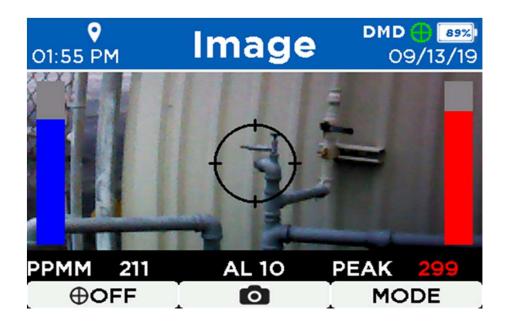
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Serial: 8211937001

-----Peak Read: 298.50

Gas Concentration--210.54

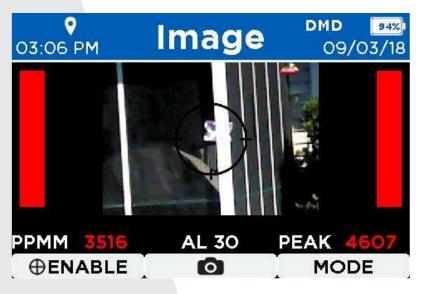
GPS Stats: 29.637661 -95.264969



Screen Capture – Data Logging



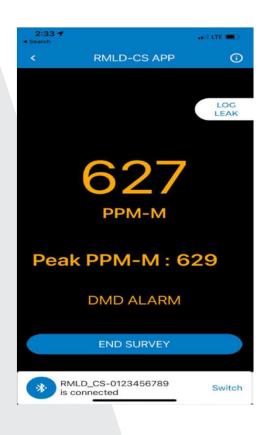
GasConcentration	F1Mag	F2Mag	BattLevel	BattVolt	Latitude	Longitude	Altitude
4049.61	24.13	50.84	94	12.33	41.254921	-76.909164	169.5





MOBILE APP – LEAK INDICATION





During the survey, any leaks that are detected, you can press the "log leak" on the screen and it will show up on the KML file (google maps).

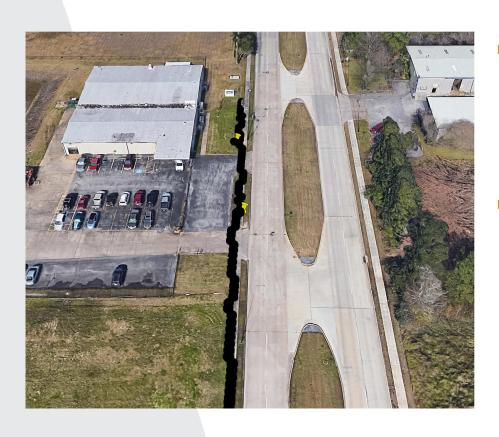
RMLD APP DATA



- Available for iOS and Android devices
- Connect to RMLD
- Set GPS logging intervals
- View current readings and alarm from device
- Log location of leak
- View survey map upon completion
- Send or save kml, csv, or zip files
 - Kml contains coordinates only
 - Csv contains phone and instrument coordinates, instrument data, and time stamp

APP – KML file





- Example of RMLD-CS app indicating GPS and Leak indications
- You would need to take a picture, with the Image Mode of the CS, of the leak to correlate wit the pin location. Which also provides GPS coordinates

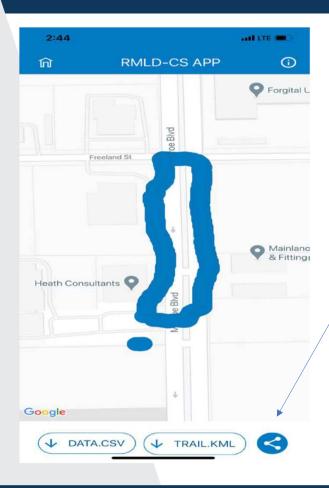
RMLD APP DATA – MOBILE GPS



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GENERATE DATA





 Ending the survey, you can than transfer the data – CSV / KML to your email (zip file).



Reduce survey challenges:

Dogs Reduction of dog bites

Landscaping
Less intrusion on property

Uncooperative Customers
Better customer relations







Reduce Survey challenges:
Backyard main/services.

Over or through fences / no access

Enclosed Regulator stations



Perform most surveys without physically walking service lines.

Can scan both sides of the street.

Safer to inspect busy street and intersections.

COMPRESSOR STATIONS:

Quicker and more efficient inspection of multiple exposed piping in a stations yard.







More efficient survey of pipelines on bridges and overpasses

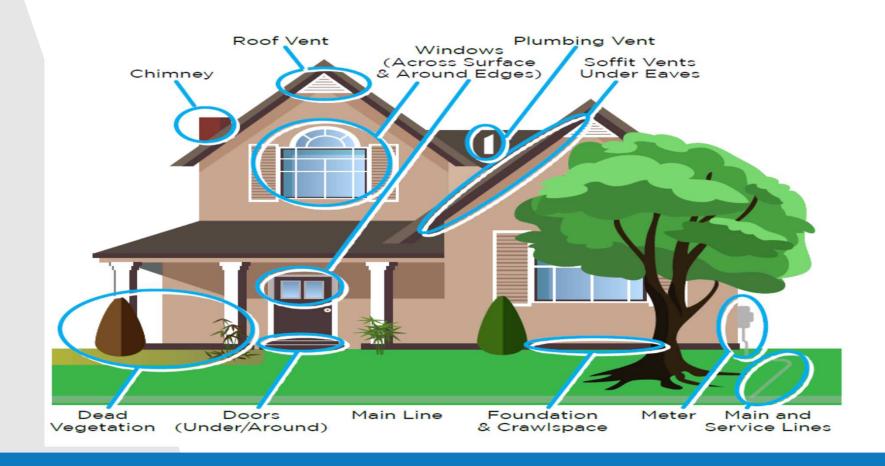


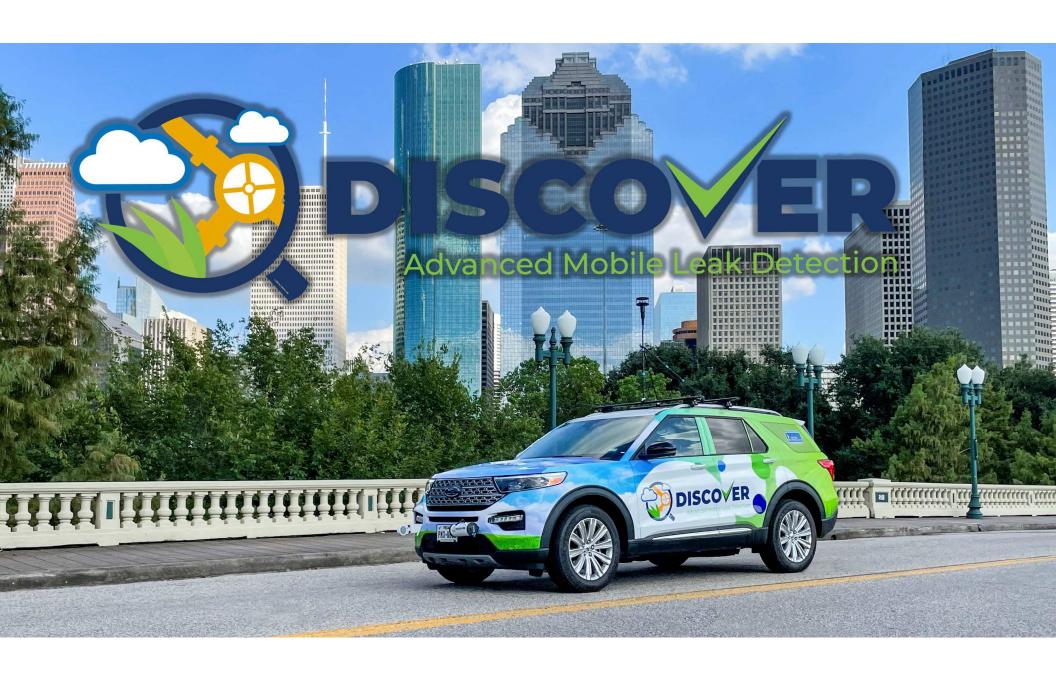




- Able to remotely check inside buildings or confined spaces for presence of methane.
- Ability to inspect roof top vents
- Intrinsic Safety –Class 1 Div./Zone 2

CS ABILITY TO INSPECT FOR A LEAK

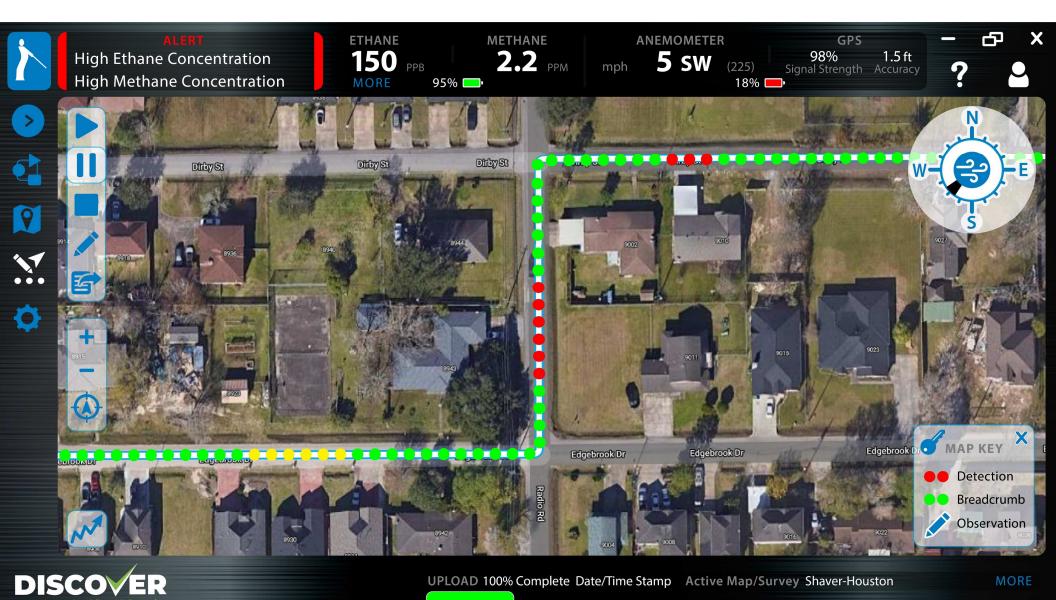


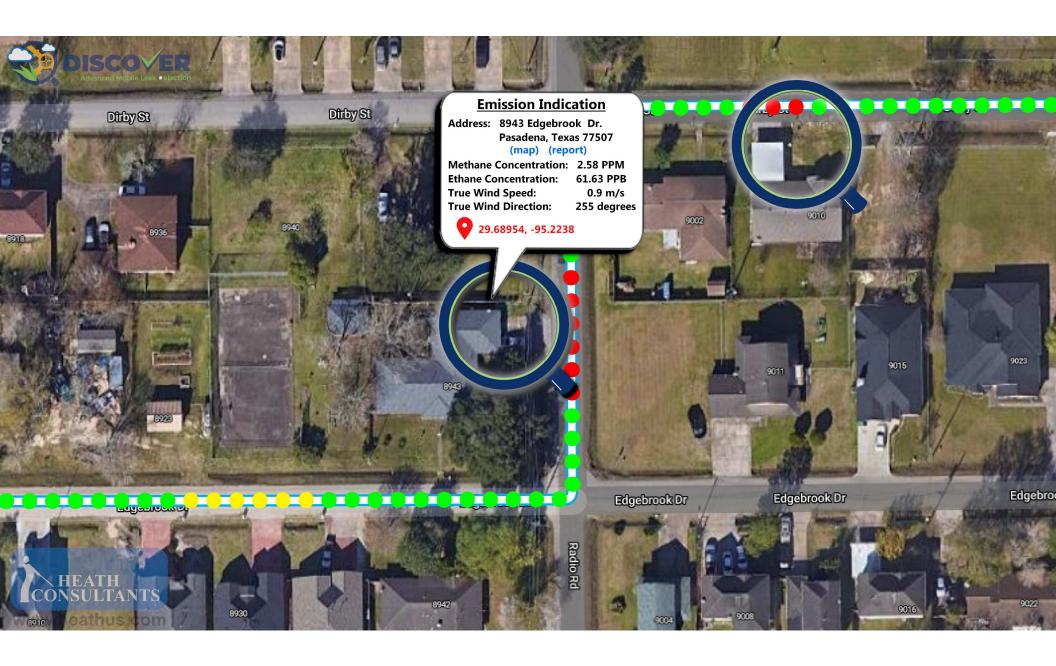




Gases Detected	Simultaneous Detection of Methane and Ethane			
Sensor Technology	Open-Air Fixed Path Mid-IR TDLAS			
Sensitivity & Resolution	Methane: < 50 PPB at 10 Hz, < 20 PPB at 1 Hz			
	Ethane: < 10 PPB at 10 Hz, < 4 PPB at 1 Hz			
Selectivity	No Cross-sensitivity to humidity, other hydrocarbons or industrial gases			
Response Time	Sample frequency of 100 Hz, Data update rate of 10 Hz			
Accuracy	$\pm 10\%$ of reading for Methane/Ethane in Natural Gas, $\pm 50\%$ for quantification			
Calibration	Field Calibration using self-test with a Natural Gas Calibration Cell			
GPS	GNSS-INS system at 10 Hz, < 1 m accuracy, Inertial navigation			
Battery & Display	All sensors powered with Re-chargeable batteries (8-10 hr life).			
	Rugged Windows-10 Vehicle Mounted Tablet with HD display			
Data & Connections	Robust Bluetooth 5 (BLE): No Wires!!			
	Full Suite Cloud Based Leak Survey Analytics			
User Interface & Reports	Simple intuitive and graphics rich touch screen operation Real Time Leak Detection Post-processed Leak Detection & Leak Localization Leak Survey Coverage Area Emission Quantification			
Operation while Driving	Hands off voice alerts, instructions and commands			

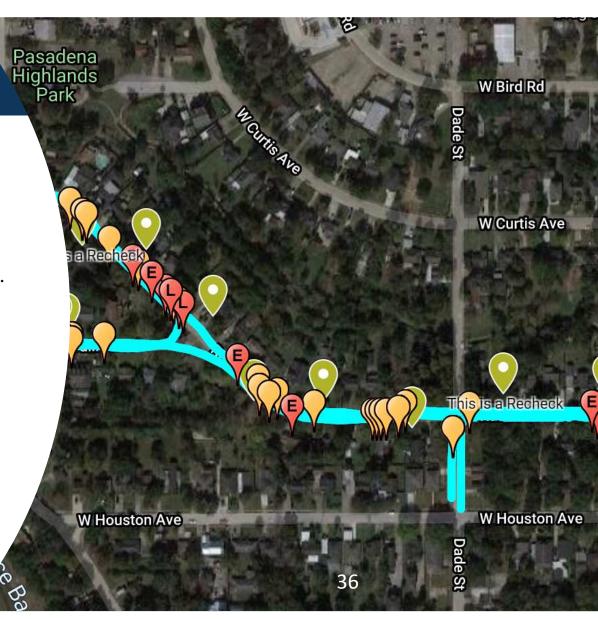






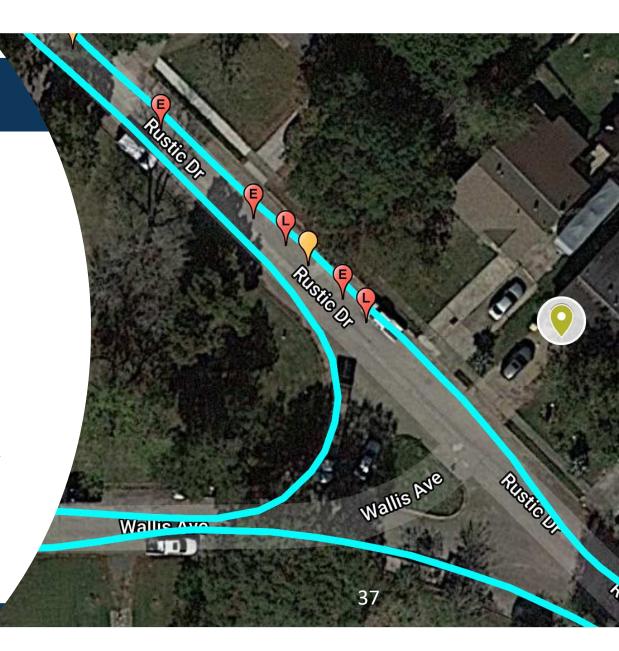


- 100Hz equals more data aggregation enabling better decisions for true leak detection.
- Higher precision localization.
- Drive routes faster



The importance of open path

- Methane Leak Concentration: 159 ppb
- Ethane Leak Concentration: 14 ppb
- True Wind Speed: 0.2 m/s
- True Wind Direction: 78.9 deg
- Baseline Methane: 2.389 ppm
- 1 meter path length: Ability to detect 10cm wide plume at 10 m/s (22mph)
- No dilution of sample





- 98% Find Rate for all true natural gas leaks.
- Leak indications were verified with follow up survey.
- Less than 28% False Positive
- Desired goal to be less than 15%
- Continuously updating detection algorithm and LSA modules



QUESTIONS



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