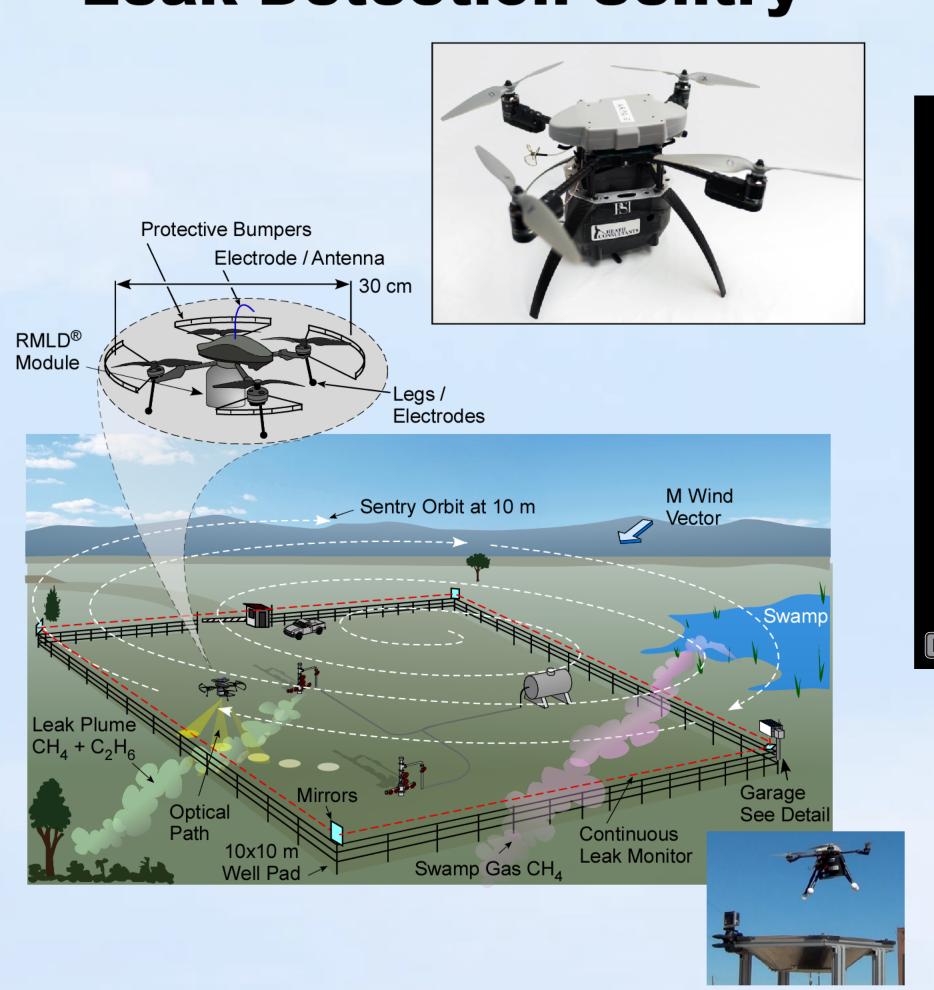
Dr. Michael (Mickey) B. Frish Manager, Industrial Sensors Physical Sciences Inc. 9030 Monroe Road, Houston, TX 77061 Phone: (978) 738-8252 E-mail: frish@psicorp.com

Dr. Shin-Juh Chen **Principal Research Scientist** Physical Sciences Inc. 20 New England Business Center, Andover, MA 01810 Phone: (978) 738-8284 E-mail: schen@psicorp.com

## Laser-Based Sensors for Monitoring, Verification and Accounting (MVA) at Wellheads and Subsurface Storage Sites

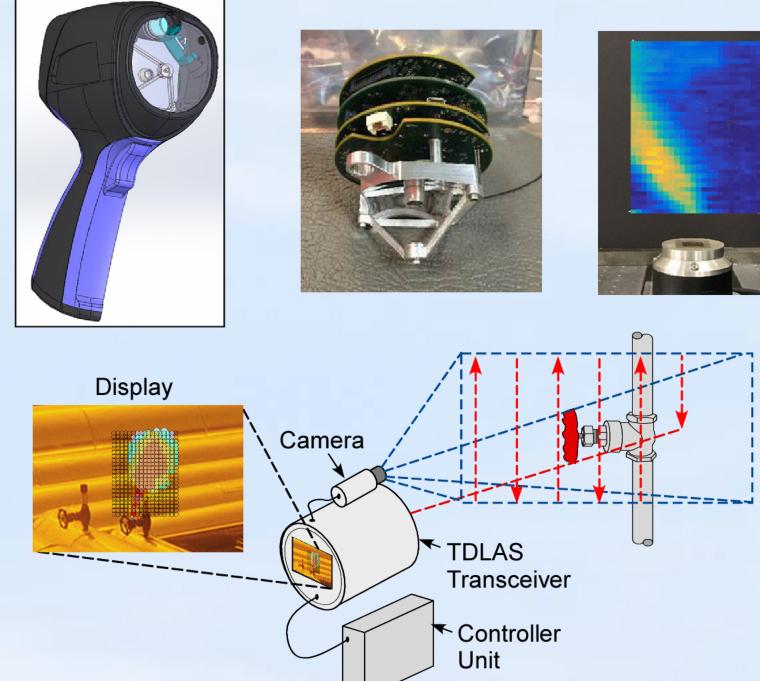
## **Leak Detection Sentry**



- Vehicle parked in garage with active RMLD™
- Continuous monitoring when parked
- Aerial surveys scheduled or triggered by leaks
- Solar powered charging station
- Self-centering docking platform

# Leak Imager Leak Detection Sentry

## **Hand-held Quantitative Gas Leak Imager**



- Low-cost imager for leak detection and repair (LDAR)
- Hand-held quantitative detector
- Fast-scanning Backscatter Tunable Diode Laser Spectrometer
- Calibrated column-concentration (PPM-M) at each pixel
- Enables deducing emission rate

## Remote Emission Monitor (REM)

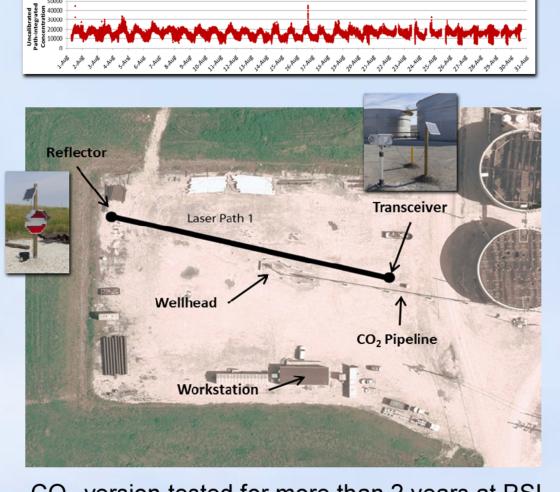
For wellheads and storage sites

## **sUAS-Based Remote Leak Detection** (RMLD-UAV)



Purpose	Natural Gas Leak Survey and Qualification
Technology	Methane detection via backscatter-laser spectrometer (RMLD®) adapted to PSI's small quadrotor UAS
Size	24" diameter, 9" depth
Weight	Approximately 3 lbs. with battery
Flight Range	Within visual sight (<2000 ft.) of base station
Survey Altitude	30 ft. typical
Endurance	30 min.
Wind	30 mph
Control	Hand-held GCS Optional computer for semi-autonomous flight with real-time waypoint updating Automated vertical launch and land
Lost Recovery	GCS locates after remote landing
Methane and GPS Data	Class 1 Bluetooth
Video Data	680 x 480, 5.8 GHZ analog transmission
UAS Storage	System stows in 18" x 24" x 10" case

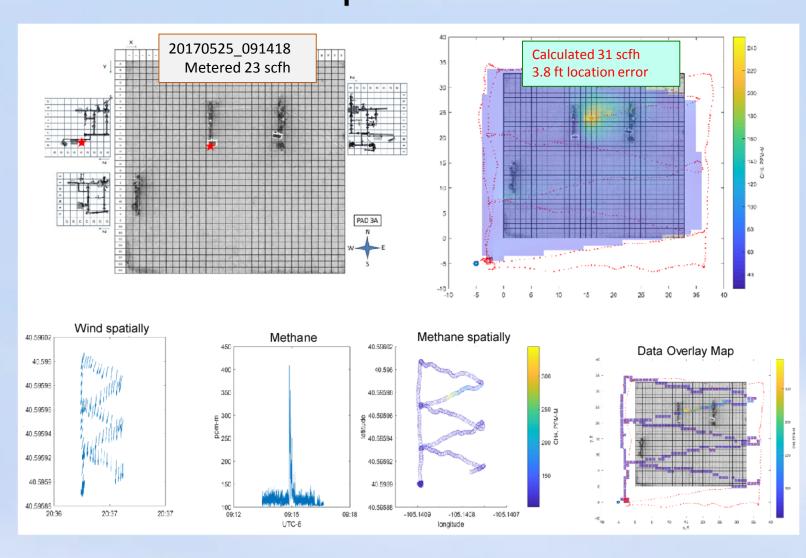
- Permanent installation
- Open-path detection
- Continuous monitoring
- Real-time alarm notification
- AC or solar power
- CH<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, other species





CO<sub>2</sub> version tested for more than 2 years at PSI and Illinois-Basin Decataur Project (IBDP) GCS site

#### Example Grid and Concentration Map Overlay

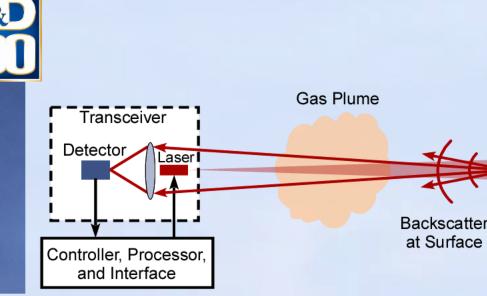


- Automated flight pattern control
- Dynamic in-flight pattern modification
- User-controlled or based on feedback from measured data
- Automated source localization via upwind projection and maximum density search

## Remote Methane Leak Detector (RMLD<sup>TM</sup>)

- Rugged
- Reliable
- Accurate
- Thousands in use
- Introduced in 2005
- Measures methane column density (PPM-M) along laser path
- Standoff range 100 feet

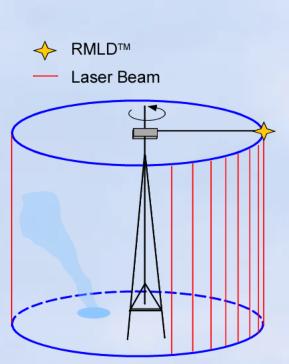


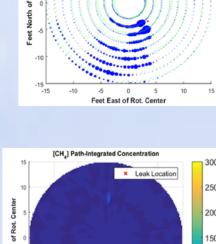


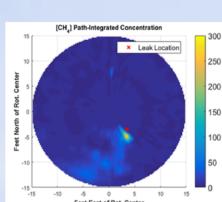
### **Leak Rate Measurement** and Source Location











- Scans laser beam along a surface that a gas plume crosses
- Measures column-concentration versus position
- Deduce flux by integrating over position and multiplying by wind vector
- Configurable to stationary, mobile and flight platforms

## **Tunable Diode Laser Absorption Spectroscopy (TDLAS)**

- Selective: little cross-species interference
- Sensitive: sub-ppm detection
- Fast: sub-second response time
- Configurable: point, open-path, or standoff
- Non-Contact: only beam interacts with sample
- Quantitative: percent to sub-ppm concentration
- Multi-Species: 2 or more gases capable

#### **Acknowledgements**

- National Energy Technology Laboratory
- ARPAe MONITOR Project
- DoT/PHMSA
- NYSEARCH
- Heath Consultants Inc. Physical Sciences Inc.
- Pacific Gas and Electric
  - California Energy Commission
  - Illinois State Geological Survey
  - Colorado State University
  - Cascodium Inc.
  - Helix Design Corp.