# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Applying Bob The Builder's philosophy to Victorian exploration data collection:

Reduce the effort, Reuse the products, Recycle the data

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<u>Reduce</u> the effort for data submission by knowing what's required

Discover and <u>Reuse</u> existing data and products

Acquire high quality geoscience data that can be <u>Recycled</u> into new and improved products



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### Where to look for help:

- Published Technical and Industry standards
- Government-survey contract specifications in public reports
- Seek guidance from GSV



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Figure 1. Absolute gravity measuremen triangles) with all AFGN sites (black dots).

#### NEW GRAVITY DATUM

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#### THE ASEG-GDF2 STANDARD FOR POINT LOCATED DATA

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- Ground gravity (Haydon et al., 2017)
- Passive seismic (Holzschuh et al., 2022)
- Airborne Electromagnetics (Brodie, 2023)

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- Government survey data and reports
- Discover existing public-domain data
- Open-file tenement data



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## AIRBORNE SURVEY EQUIPMENT:

Aircraft	Rockwell Aerocommander 500S VH-KAV				
Magnetometer	(	Geometric G822A Cs Sensor			
Magnetometer Res	olution	0.001 nT			
Magnetometer Con	npensation	RMS AADC operating in real time			
Magnetometer Sam	ple Interval	0.1 seconds (approx 7.0 metres)			
Data Acquisition		RMS DAS-8			
Data Recording		DC300 data cartridges			
Spectrometer		Exploranium GR820			
Crystal Size	33.6lt dow	nward,4.2lt upward arrays			
Spectrometer Samp	le Interval	1.0 Seconds (approx 70 metres)			
Flight Path Record		VHS Colour Video System			
<b>GPS Navigation Syst</b>	em	Ashtech XII GPS Receiver			

## AIRBORNE SURVEY SPECIFICATIONS:

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Flight Line Direction	090 - 270 degrees
Flight Line Separation	50 metres
Tie Line Direction	000 - 180 degrees
Tie Line Separation	500 metres
Terrain Clearance	50 metres (MTC)

Survey flown	April 1997	
Kevron Geophysics job number		1489

Data are in AGD66, UTM Grid Zone 54

GPS navigation data differentially corrected real time using Ashtech XII GPS and Omnistar receiver.

## MAGNETIC DATA CORRECTIONS:

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Diurnal variations removed IGRF(1995) updated to 1997.27 removed Average survey base station value and average IGRF value of 5000 nT added to datum

### RADIOMETRIC CORRECTIONS AND COEFFICIENTS:

Data has been corrected for aircraft and cosmic backgrounds. Height corrected to a constant datum of 50 metres, minimum height of 20 and a maximum of 300 metres. Data has also been corrected for radon using an upward detector and corrected for channel interaction.

	Tot.Count	Potassium	Uranium	Thorium	Uranium Up
Arcft Bkg	42.06	9.34	0.57	1.04	0.07
Cosmic Bkg	0.65315	0.03360	0.03050	0.03841	0.00405
Height Attn	-0.00729	-0.009370	-0.00821	-0.00742	0.0082

#### STRIPPING RATIOS:

alpha = 0.2575 beta = 0.4078 gamma = 0.781 delta = 0.077

#### CONCENTRATION COEFFICIENTS:

K40 = 91.81 bi214 = 6.538 tl208 = 4.6

#### **RADON CORRECTIONS:**

a1= 0.02564 a2= 0.02245 aI= 10.459 aK= 0.716 aU= 0.20000 aT= 0.0368

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# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Acquire high quality geoscience data that can be <u>Recycled</u> into new and improved products

- Detailed technical specifications
- Measure the quality to be confident in the results
- Receive and deliver complete, well-described data



# Recycle the data

# Fit-for-purpose, detailed technical specifications

- Ask an expert for advice
  - Local network
  - Australian Society of Exploration Geophysicists (ASEG)
  - ASEG Technical Standards Committee



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Use specifications included in technical/industry standards and government reports

# Recycle the data

# **Technical specifications – gravity example**





Local gravity base at Colac Colac, Victoria. Photo: Atlas Geophysics, 2019



# Recycle the data

# Measure survey quality – QAQC procedures

- Professional Quality Assurance / Quality Control
- System calibration and validation
- Repeat observations



Quality control in airborne geophysics

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#### SUMMARY

Onshore exploration technology continues to evolve with the arrival of new airborne instrumentation systems. Central to this has been the need to also evolve quality control processes that ensure useable signal is being captured during the surveying process, even though the true value add occurs at a later time. Gravity gradiometry is now well established, and able to provide independent mapping detail to wavelengths of less than 400 m. Airborne electromagnetic data is also starting to provide cross-sections that are reflecting actual geology bodies in terms of dips and thicknesses.

The quality control (QC) technology applied across the industry is not uniform, and sometimes inappropriate for new datatypes being acquired. Government contract specifications can help. Also improved software tools being generally available and having trained operators, is an emerging requirement. This critical aspect includes fit for purpose geophysical gridding.

Key words: Survey design, quality control, potential fields, gradiometry, electromagnetics

#### INTRODUCTION

Quality control of aithorne geophysics surveys is a complex subject. The disciplines have continuously developed over more than 60 years. The primary check on quality is that of common sense and the measured field providing an accurate geological basis for interpretation at the required scale and resolution. Of the common geophysical exploration techniques, gravity, magnetics, inductive electromagnetics (EM) and radiometrics have long histories of successful development of airborne systems and applications. Horsfall (1997) outlines equipment calibration and field dat quality checking procedures that have not altered much since then for maenetic and radiometric survevine.

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progressive grids created, so that any variations from flight to flight, or day to day become apparent. A dilligent independent quality assurance process is then also added to the process, with the aim of reproducing the preliminary results, and making requests for re-flights, if the data is out of specifications. A contractor should not be allowed to demobilize and leave the survey until a formal process of verifying a viable and in-specification data set has been achieved.

#### Influence of Government Regulations

Some Government's require all exploration geophysics datasets to yest back with the government after an exclusive period. This then sets up a long-term archive and repurposing activity. Australia can be seen to be at the forefront of this style of activity, resulting in continental scale compilation at survey resolutions, of gravity, magnetics, radiometrics and emerging airborne electromagnetics (AEM). Other jurisdictions, such as the USA, leave the data in the hands of individuals, and consequently lag, in an obvious way, any attempts at upscaling their geological mapping and making predictions about what lies "UNDERCOVER". There is typically a lag of many years between an initial geophysical survey and follow up drilling, ground sampling for geochemical purposes, and detail structural geology studies. So, airborne geophysics is the common path finder. As there are many competing requirements, and engineering products, there is a spread of quality produced by the available systems. Good practise is stated in terms of flying height, speed topographic drapes, and line spacings. These requirements vary from one physical parameter to another - see Reid (1980). Clifton (2016) builds on this original work and develops the arguments for flight line spacing and direction, to create survey data that is better suited for the purpose of deducing near surface buried bodies, in terms of detectability. The goal posts have shifted towards not just a surface mapping outcome but finding out more about the features in the top 1000m below the topography. Consequently, when designing a new geophysics airborne acquisition system, no one system design is optimal for all cases.

Also, commercial competition has proven to be very important as an evolutionary driver, in that the value for money

# Recycle the data

# **Survey quality**

# System calibration and validation



Figure 8A Results of Laser #5043 altimeter calibration

Laser altimeter calibration checks (Brodie, 2023)



Figure 5: Comparison conductivity sections for flight line 23310 showing: (a) the data misfits for both inversions; (b) section for the conventional stitched sample by sample (SBS) inversion GALEISBSTDEM; and (c) section for the new all-at-once (AAO) inversion GALEIALLATONCE. The three adjacent borehole conductivity logs are superimposed on the sections with the same colour lookup table as the AEM conductivity section, along with their respective distance from the flight line.

Downhole conductivity logs and 1D AEM inversion (Brodie & Ley-Cooper, 2018)



Figure 1 Location diagram of Ferntree Gully C\$1 (2015909101) and Ferny Creek Primary School C\$2 (2015909201)

Dandenong Gravity Meter Calibration Range (Haydon & McLean, 2016)

# Recycle the data

**Survey quality** 

# Collect repeat observations

Left: Stavely ground gravity (Haydon et al., 2017) Right :Otway Basin AGG (Carter et al., 2019) OFFICIAL

# Stavely ground gravity survey repeat differences (elevation, gravity)



Figure 11: Histogram of GNSS Repeat Differences



Figure 12: Histogram of Gravity Repeat Differences

# Otway Basin AGG repeats and repeat differences



Figure A2.1 Repeat line 901 - Profile of sGrav gD and difference from the mean for each attempt.

Easting (km)



Figure A2.2 Repeat line 902 - Profile of sGrav gD and difference from the mean for each attempt.



Recycle the data

# Well documented, complete data

- Record the acquisition parameters, comprehensive metadata
- Ancillary and raw data enables reprocessing in future
- Have greater confidence in the results of inversion
- Take full advantage of developments in processing, machine learning



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How to Access Spatial Data <a href="https://www.land.vic.gov.au/maps-and-spatial/spatial-data/how-to-access-spatial-data">https://www.land.vic.gov.au/maps-and-spatial/spatial-data/how-to-access-spatial-data</a>

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