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# Remote Operation and Supervision of Oilfield Assets

A Strategic Shift in Managing Complex Energy Infrastructures

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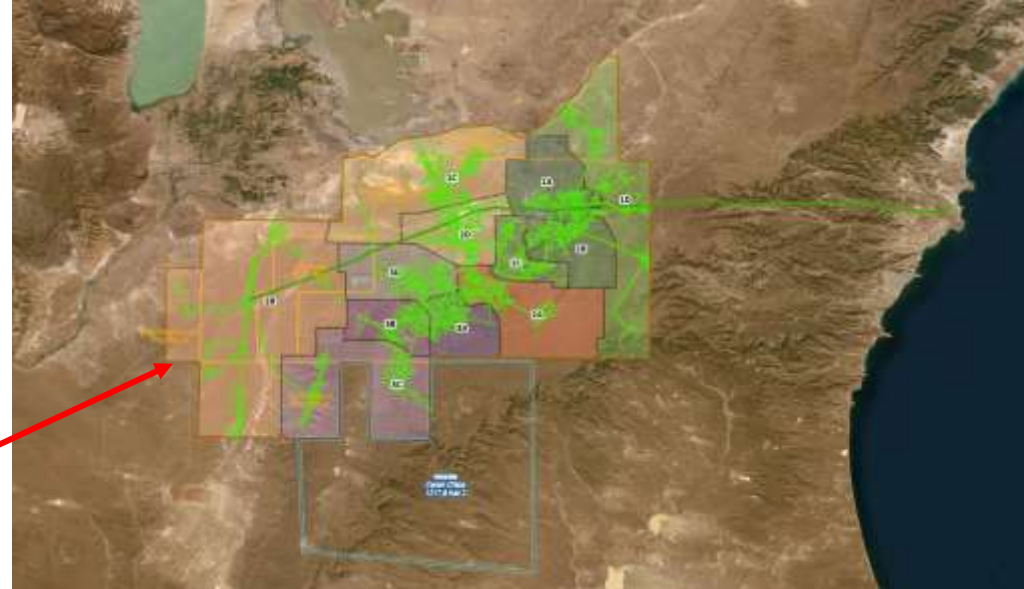
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# Strategic Context

Why Traditional Models Are No Longer Enough



With a consolidate surface area of +3,480 km<sup>2</sup>, located 70 km from the nearest urban center, this asset provided the ideal environment to implement and test a new operational model.



- Vast mature fields with dispersed infrastructure
- High-risk environments and elevated supervision costs
- Siloed operations leading to reactive decision-making
- Rising complexity

## REQUIRES

- ✓ Integrated systemic focus
- ✓ Need for real-time visibility
- ✓ Proactive intervention

# Cerro Dragón: A Real-World Testbed

A Complex Asset Driving Operational Transformation

## Wells



**+1120**  
Injection wells



**+4270**  
Production wells

SRP: +2400

ESP: +1500

PCP: +180

## Facilities



**+100**  
Primary Separation  
Facilities



**+30**  
Water Injection Plants



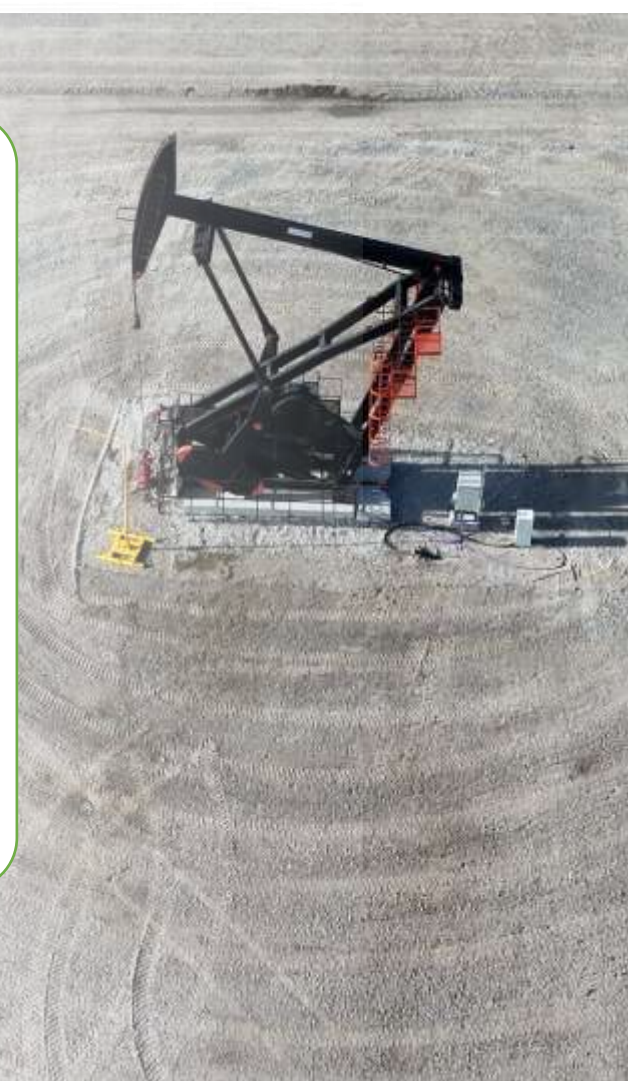
**+700**  
Manifolds



- ❖ *HARSH WEATHER*
- ❖ *DIFFICULT TERRAIN*
- ❖ *AGING INFRASTRUCTURE*



*Ideal scenario to explore remote-centric models*



# From Silos to Synergy

The Shift from Decentralized to Integrated Management

## TRADITIONAL MODEL

Siloed teams

Local Operation/Local Supervision.

Decentralized decisions based on limited data and subjective urgency assessments

Push-based model driven by routine and fixed schedules



## NEW PARADIGM

Centralized control

Remote Operation/Intelligent Remote Supervision

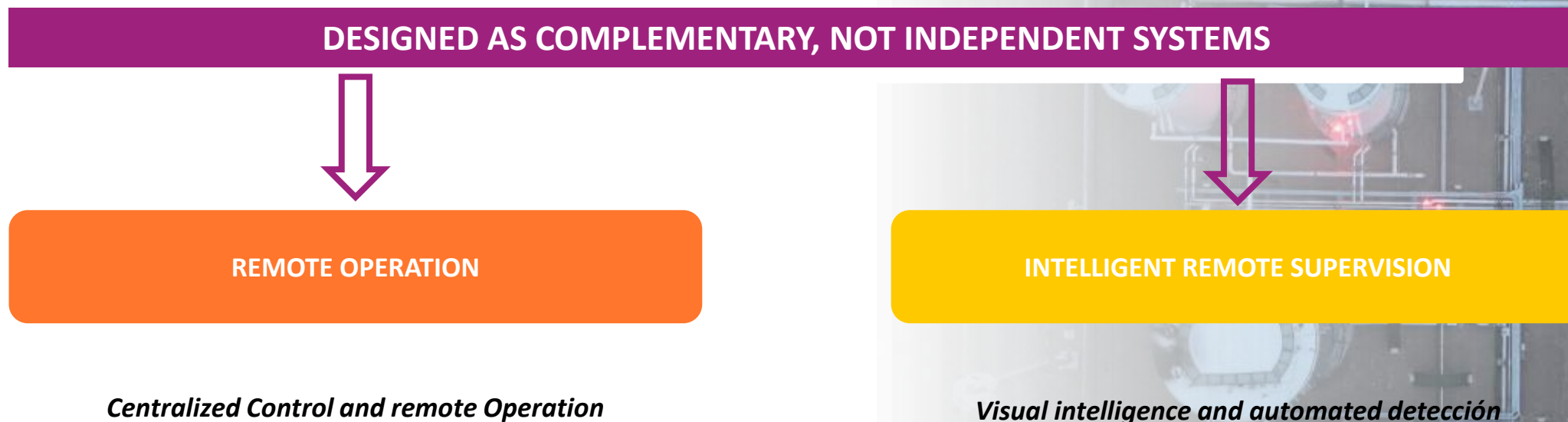
Empowering decision-making through unified platforms

Pull-based model triggered by real-time deviations



# A Dual Strategy for Remote Management

Operating and Supervising from a Distance



# Centralized Operations: The ROC Model

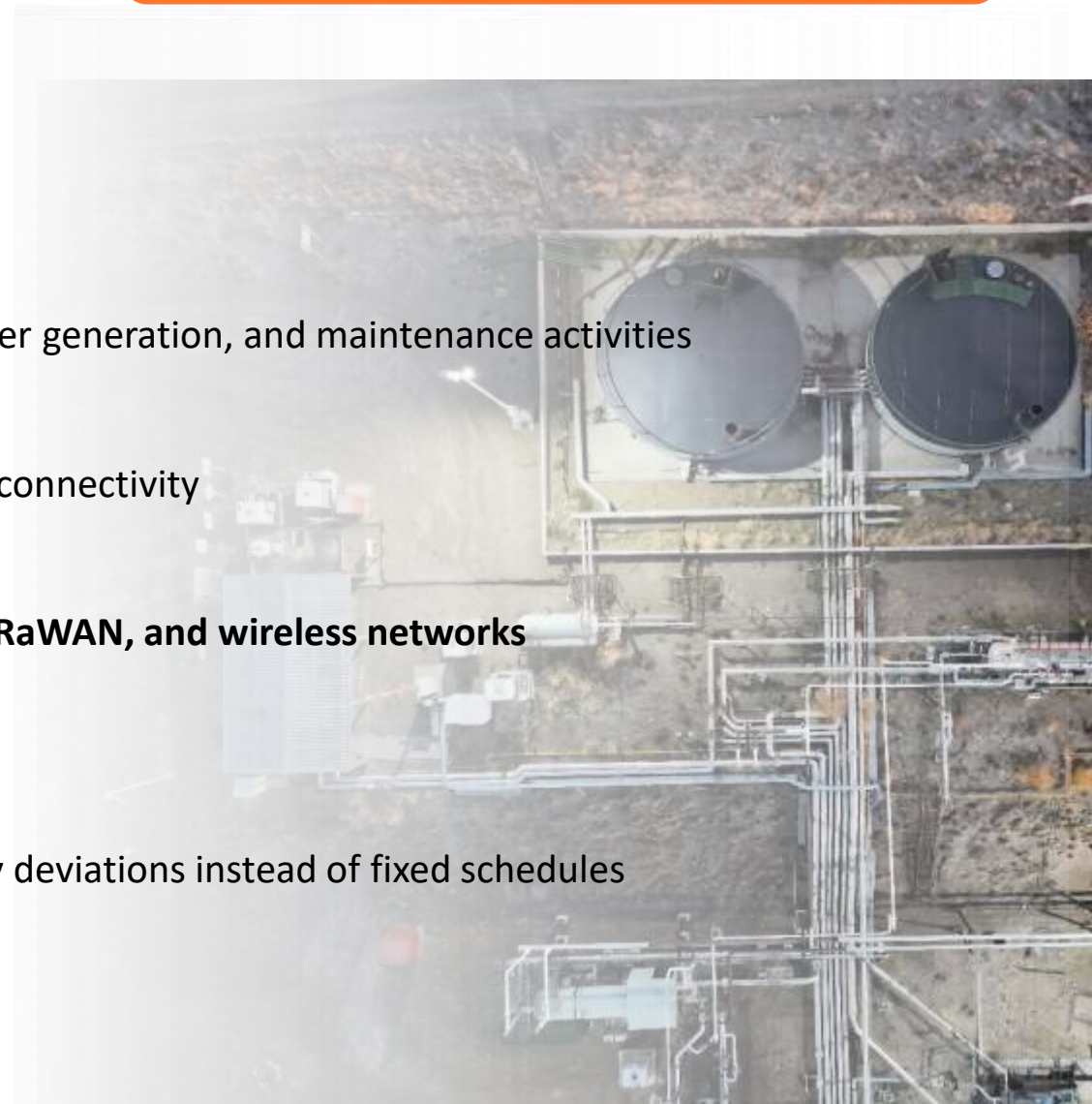
Enabling Real-Time, Cross-Functional Decision Making

REMOTE OPERATION

- **Unified monitoring** of oil & gas production, water injection, power generation, and maintenance activities
- **Real-time, continuous remote operations** enabled by advanced connectivity
- Use of **SCADA systems combined with Cloud data platforms, LoRaWAN, and wireless networks**
- Transition from “**push routines**” to “**pull signals**”



operations triggered proactively by deviations instead of fixed schedules



# Intelligent Remote Supervision: The Challenge

## INTELLIGENT REMOTE SUPERVISION

### TRADITIONAL MODEL

Frequency Based Routines

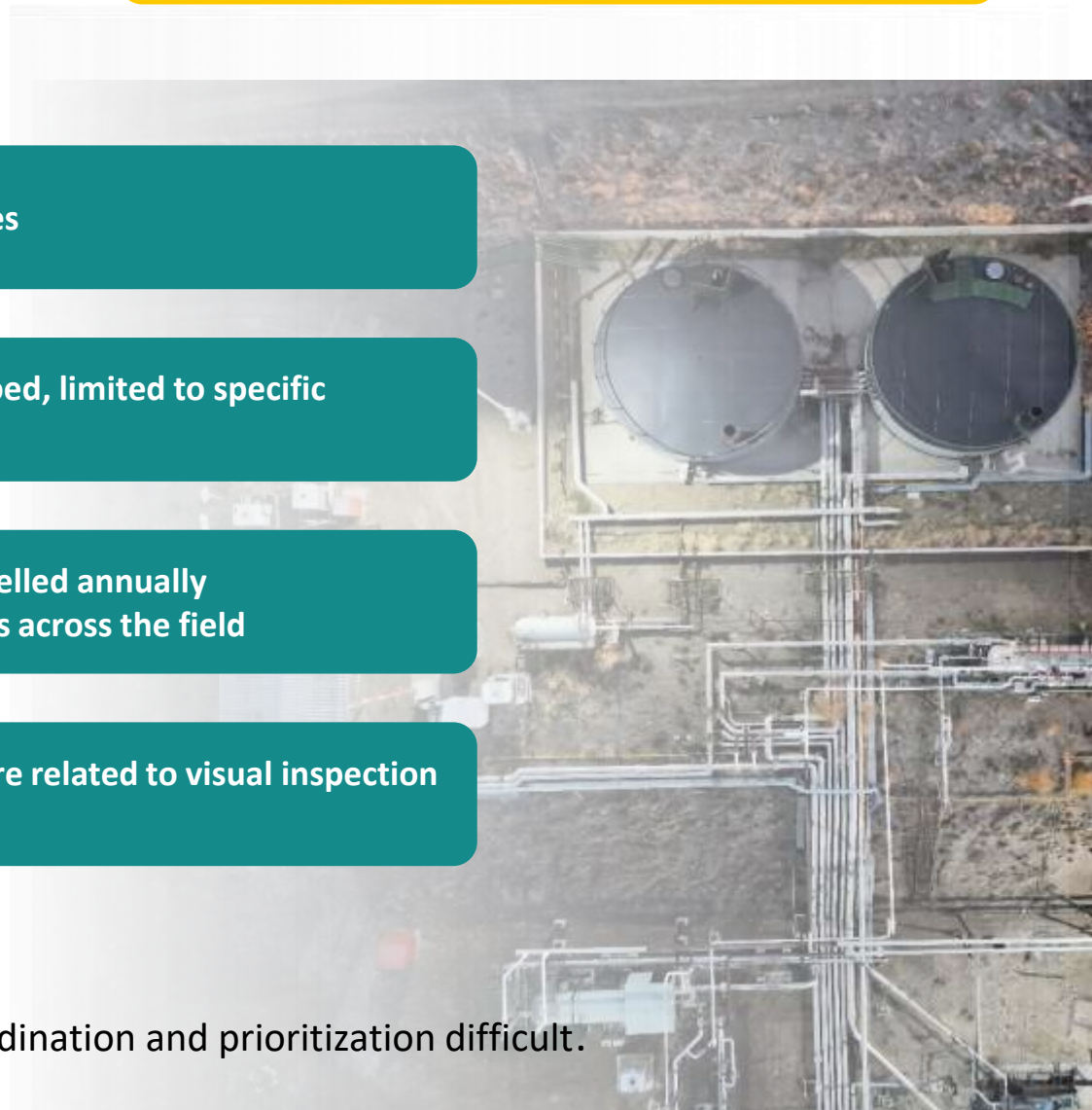
Teams geographically siloed, limited to specific coverage zones

More than 2 MMkm travelled annually by operations supervisors across the field

Over 85% of field tasks are related to visual inspection activities.

Our field was not just large it was also fragmented.

Supervisors were in charge of defined territories making global coordination and prioritization difficult.





# Intelligent Remote Supervision: AI and Autonomous Drones

Expanding Human Reach with Collaborative Intelligence

## NEW PARADIGM

Condition Based Supervision

Pre-programmed UAV missions with RGB and thermal imaging

AI models detect leaks, anomalies, and malfunctions (>90% accuracy)

Cloud-based analytics trigger automated work order generation

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Supervisors no longer manage fixed territories — they respond dynamically to real-time priorities across the entire asset according to what is detected by the drone

INTELLIGENT REMOTE SUPERVISION

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DRONES



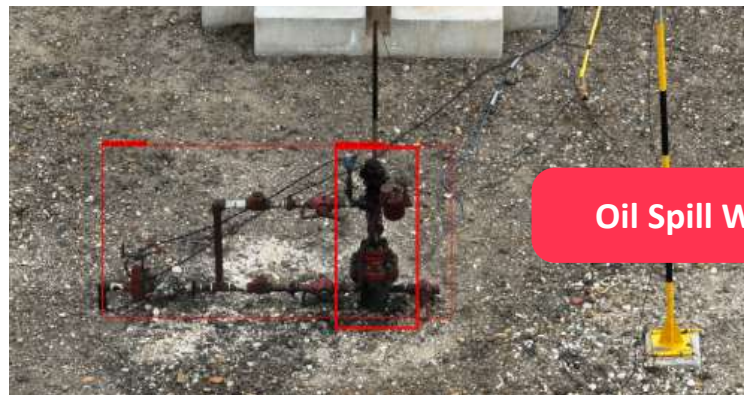
AI





# Examples of IA Models on autonomus Drones.

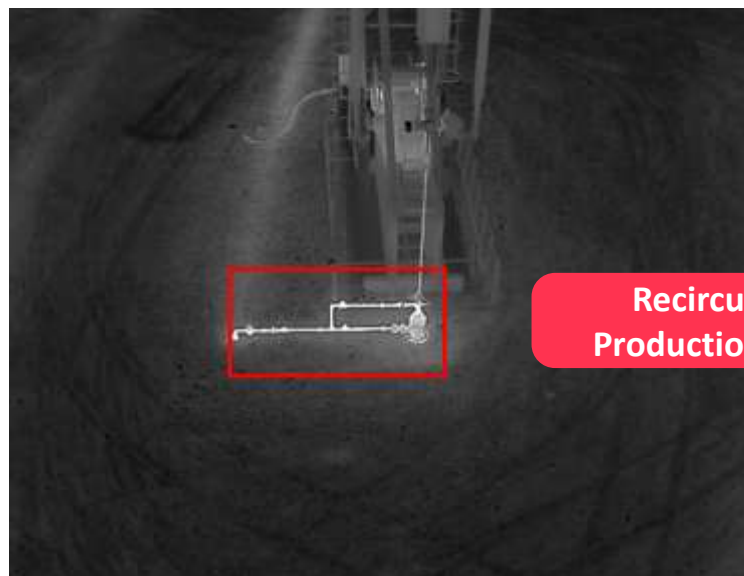
Expanding Human Reach with Collaborative Intelligence



Oil Spill Wellhead



CounterWeight & Objects



Recirculating Production Bridge



Level Chemical Kit



# How Intelligent Supervision Transforms Operations

A New Model of Field Intelligence



- Up to 94% AI detection accuracy for critical failures with IA
- Faster anomaly detection, less reactive work → less downtime
- Data becomes a trigger, not just a report
- Continuous optimization loop with COR + Drones + AI



- Engineers, pilots, planners now work through **shared platforms and workflows**
- From **isolated action** to **collaborative intelligence**
- Seamless coordination across **subsurface, surface, energy, production and maintenance**
- **Improved resource allocation**
- **Fewer chemical overdoses** due to better operational insight
- Asset coverage improved: **from 45 assets/week to 90/day**



- **Faster and proactive issue resolution, fewer production losses**
- **60% reduction in kilometers driven by supervisors**
- **Less supervisor travel → Less risk, less emissions**
- **Reduced exposure to hazardous zones**
- **Reduction in blackout recovery time**
- **Fewer failed interventions**
- **Increase in decision quality → Proactive maintenance**

# Lessons Learned & Scalability

From Field Trial to Operational Model

Real Time Data

Faster Field  
Response

Smarter  
decisions

## CULTURAL + TECHNOLOGICAL

- People: cross-functional alignment is key
- Culture: from routine execution to demand based operations
- Technology: infrastructure + cloud + analytics

Integration must be cultural as much as technological

## STANDARDIZED + SCALABLE

- Standardization enables scale to other fields
- Scalable Model adaptable to other field and operational contexts



# Closing

Collaborative Intelligence at the Core of Managing Complex Energy Infrastructures

- Efficiency. Safety. Sustainability.
- Field-proven, human-enhanced digital transformation
- Not just monitoring from afar, but operating with intent

*REMOTE ≠ PASSIVE → IT'S ACTIVE, INFORMED, AND PREDICTIVE*

- People + AI + autonomy → smarter decisions
- Data becomes a *trigger*, not just a report

*KPIs available, but transformation lies in the method*





**MUCHAS GRACIAS  
THANK YOU SO MUCH**

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