



New Snapped Shaft Tool for PADs  
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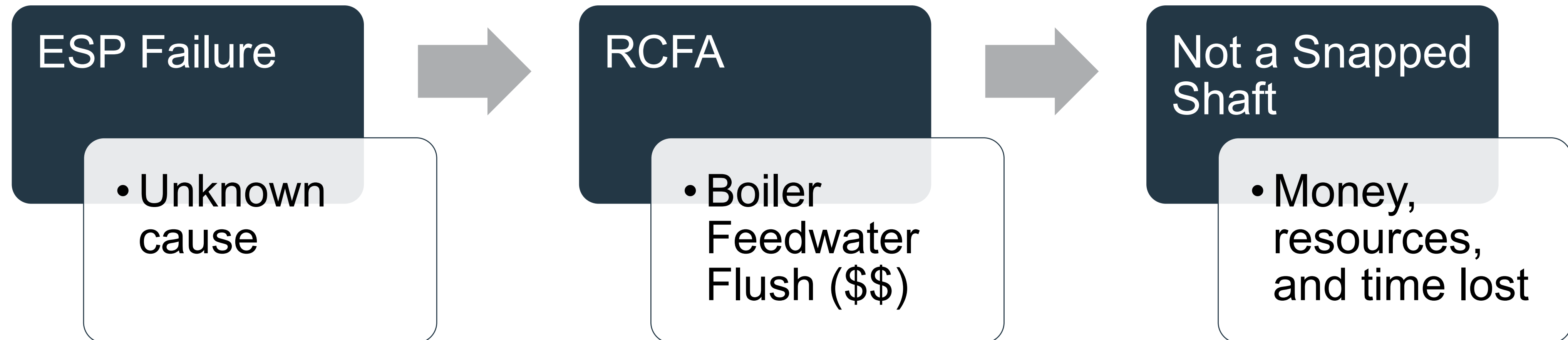
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# Problem

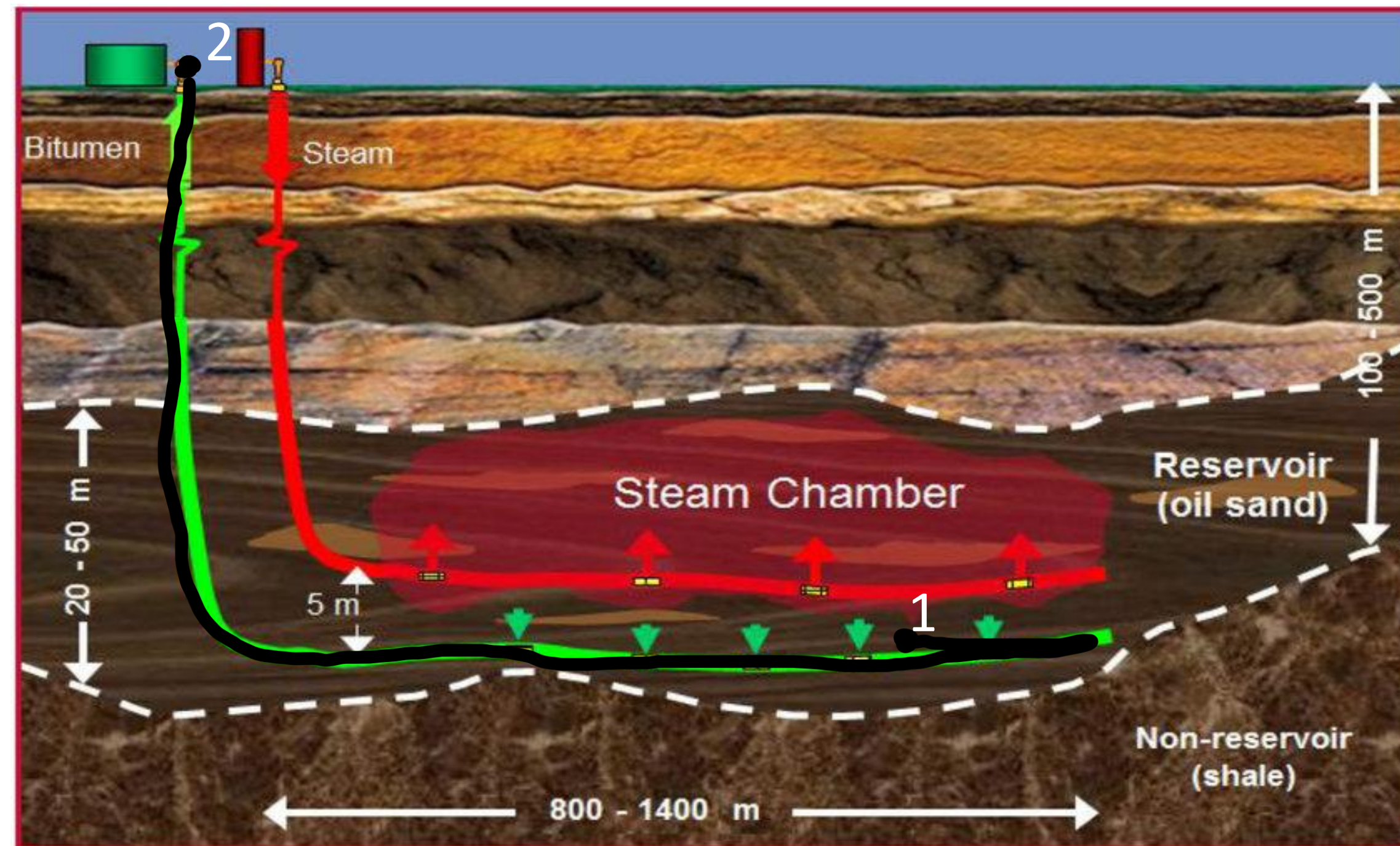


**How can we identify a snapped shaft without expending resources?**

# Generate a Theoretical Model of Downhole ESP

Limited data provided by the legacy variable frequency drives (VFD)

- From fluid mechanics principles we can calculate the ideal head, and thus ideal power for the ESP at each time step
- Since current is directly proportional to power in  $P=IV$ , we can use it as a proxy to determine actual power consumption
- Using the ABSA voltage ( $\sim 1000V$ ) we can approximate power consumption at each time step
- The ratio between the actual and ideal power should always remain constant unless ESP hardware changes
- Snapped shafts can happen suddenly, thus the sampling rate is 1 minute



$$h_p = P_2 + \frac{1}{2} \rho V_2^2 + \rho g z_2 - \left( P_1 + \frac{1}{2} \rho V_1^2 + \rho g z_1 \right)$$

Labels and annotations:

- Tubing Pressure** points to  $P_2$ .
- $V = Q/A$**  points to  $V_2$ .
- ESP TVD** points to  $z_2$ .
- Chamber Pressure** points to  $P_1$ .
- Surface of liquid level approximation  $V \sim 0$**  points to  $V_1$ .



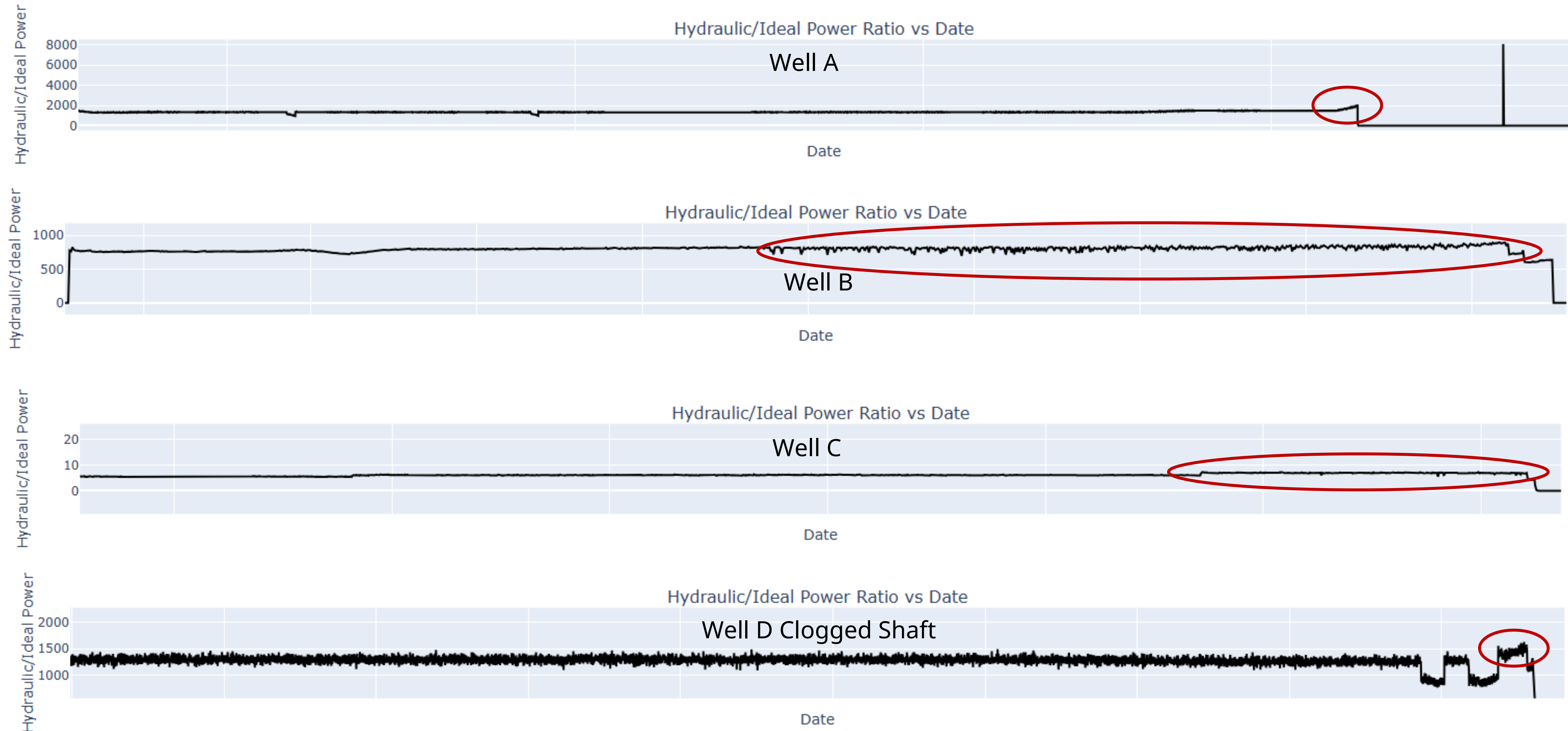
# Code Review

Purpose: Calculate ideal power for SAGD downhole ESP and plot metrics for snapped shafts

- Input data
  - PI Data in .xlsx files
- Processing
  - Pandas
    - Data cleaning
  - Numpy
    - Physics model
  - Plotly
    - Plotted on local server
- Output
  - Plots of key ESP characteristics
- Modular
  - Functions for data aggregation and plotting
- Optimization
  - I did not spend time optimizing the code as I was looking for an MVP
  - Takes approximately one minute per well
- Error Handling
  - Error arises in input data, if data is NaN then it is coerced to 0

# Testing the Solution





On confirmed shaft failures, the ratio suddenly increases and becomes unstable. This usually spans 4-12 hours before failing. It depends on a well x well basis but usually a 5-10% difference warrants a shaft failure. Only limitation is clogged vs snapped differentiation.

These are not the only case studies, there are many more.

# SOP Implementation

This will work within the existing snapped shaft page where PADs with legacy drives are missing

- Like the current snapped shaft tool where data is shown for a specified range
- Since it varies well x well, there is no “threshold” for snapped shaft
  - Set a 5% limit in variation and flag the well for manual review
- Test against cases for current snapped shaft tool

# Thank You

