

SPS Quality Assurance



Shell Processing Support (SPS) Format



SPS format files encapsulate all the positioning and shot-receiver relationship data for a land (or transition) seismic survey. It is therefore critical that the information contained within these files be totally accurate and free from format or other errors.

There are three main SPS file types:

- R-File: Contains the Receiver information
- S-File: Contains the Source information.
- X-File: Contains the Source-Receiver Relationship information

The format was adopted by the SEG Technical Standards Committee as an industry standard in 1993 and they publish a <u>Technical Standards Document</u> to which all SPS files should conform.

SPS files are typically produced by the acquisition crew and are a critical element of the total data produced by the crew in the field. Without the SPS files, and the information they contain, it would not be possible to process the recorded seismic data. Any errors in the SPS files can lead to errors in processing, or to the deletion of good data if the information to correct errors is not available.

It is therefore good practice to have SPS data undergo rigorous QA whilst the data is still being acquired so that any errors can be corrected and ensure that the final SPS data delivered from the crew is accurate and error-free.

SPS R-File extract showing header (H) and receiver (R) data records.

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SPS Quality Assurance (QA)



This presentation details software that performs QA on SPS files. It was written to enable fully independent checking of SPS files without any reliance on any software or programs from the Acquisition Contractor.

For new surveys it is typically run on a regular basis during the acquisition as the Contractor produces updated SPS files. The QA can be performed on the crew or, as SPS files are small and easily transmitted, in any convenient location.

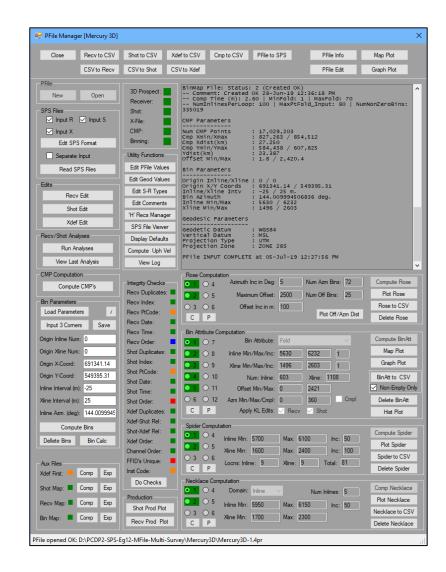
SPS QA can also be run on legacy surveys, particularly on old SPS files that may be suspected of having errors.

The software works on both 3D and 2D surveys.

Any format errors found on legacy data can be corrected and new error-free SPS files produced. Other error types, such as positioning or shot-receiver relationship errors, may or may not be fixable depending on the error and what information is available.

In addition to the QA function, the software can also used to produce a large variety of displays on the data inherent within the files such as maps, line graphs and production plots as shown in the following slides.

It also possible to do binning of the computed CMP locations and do fold and other binned attribute displays. This is covered in a separate presentation.

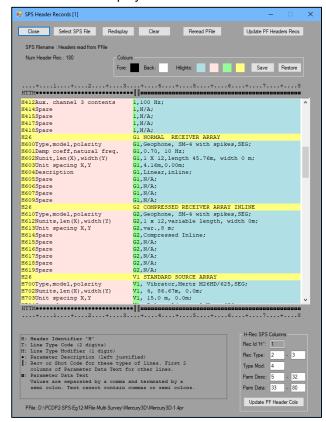


SPS File Viewer

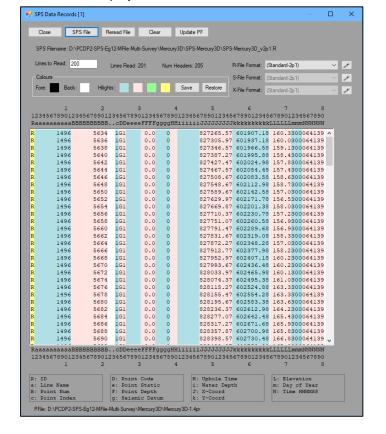


Allows viewing of header and data records in SPS R, S and X Files. Columns are colour highlighted which allows quick visual checking that headers and data are contained in the correct columns. Data column values are stored in simple text files that can be edited to create survey specific format files for data that is non-standard or requires special formatting due to the nature of the survey.

Header record display.



R-File data display.



SPS File Input



Once the SPS file format has been verified and, if necessary, survey specific format files created, the SPS Files are read into the program and the information stored in a database.

The database contains four main files:

- PFile main database file containing all the ancillary information such as survey name, min/max values, volume sizes, header records, etc.
- Recv contains all the Receiver information from the R-Files.
- Shot contains all the Source information from the S-Files.
- Xdef contains all the Relationship information from the X-Files.

Other file types may be created later depending on what computations are performed on the SPS data.

SPS Format	
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R-File Format:	(Standard) ~
S-File Format:	Gemini3D V
X-File Format:	(Standard)
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Parm Data: 33 - 80	Shot Add: 0.0
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Integrity Checking



As shown at the right, nineteen different Integrity Checks can be run on the Recv, Shot and Xdef data and header values after they have been read into the program.

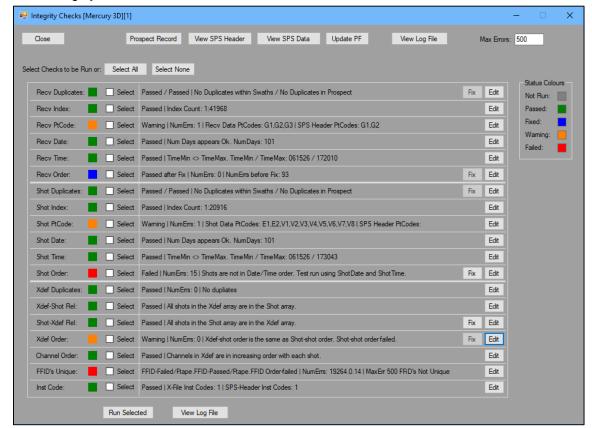
Each Check produces a detailed report that is written to a log file for possible later analysis. (See next slide.)

Some types of Failed Checks can be fixed by the program automatically. However, care must be taken if there is any interdependency between Checks. For example if the "Recv Order" is incorrect and there are "Recv Duplicates" then the Recv duplicates should be deleted before the Recv order is fixed.

Other types of Failed Checks can be harder to fix. For example, errors in the relationship between the Shot and Xdef data can prove difficult to correct due to their high inter-dependence.

Other Failed Check types may not be fixable. For example, if the "FFID's Unique" Check fails then this is not fixable but warns that the FFID cannot be used to uniquely identify a particular shot or to order the shot data for the complete survey.

Main Integrity Checks form.

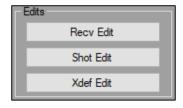


Error Correction



Each Integrity Check produces a detailed report when it is run that is saved to a log file. This can report can be later accessed within the program as shown at the right.

For Checks that Fail the detailed report will give information that can be analysed to help understand how to correct the error if it is of a type that cannot be automatically corrected.



Some errors can be corrected by using the inbuilt editing functions that can do edits such as applying mathematical operations to data attributes that fall between specified values.

Selected subsets or all the Recv, Shot and/or Xdef data can also be exported for loading into a spreadsheet program such as Excel. This allows the powerful sorting and editing functions of these programs to be utilised in editing the SPS data. After editing the data from the spreadsheet can be imported back into the program.

All editing done is documented for future reference and reporting.

Once all the data has been edited to correct any errors, new errorfree SPS files can be created and exported from the program. Detailed report from a failed Integrity Check.

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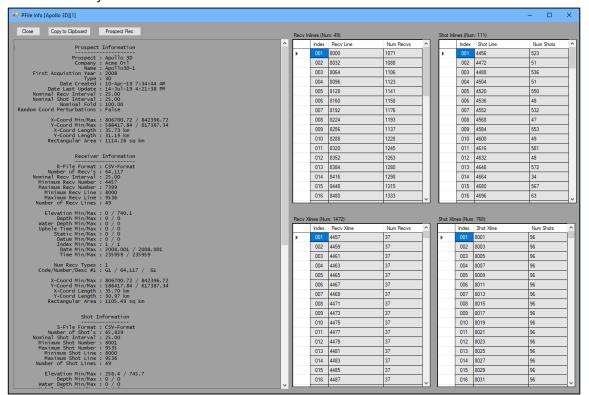
Survey Information and Analysis



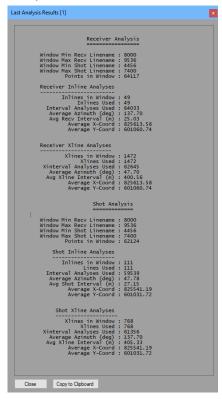
A listing of the Survey Information read from the SPS files can be produced. This gives a detailed summary of all the Shot, Recv and Xdef information including listings of all the Shot and Recv line information in both Inline and Xline directions.

An analysis can be performed on the Shot and Recv data producing a report showing values such as the average interval in the Inline and Xline direction, the inline azimuth and the average coordinates.

Detailed Survey Information form.



Analysis results form.



Map Plots



Shot/Recv maps can be plotted with the following features

- Colour coding of Shot and/or Recv attributes such as Elevation, Depth, Type, etc.
- Annotation of Shot and/or Recy line numbers
- Geo-referenced background image files.
- Over-plot files containing locations of wells, boundaries, roads, cultural features, etc.

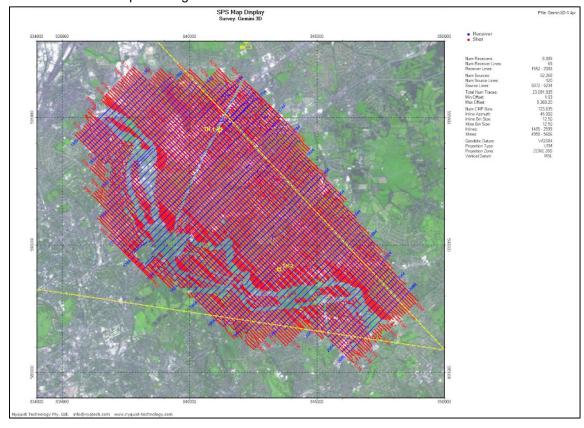
For files that have had Bin attributes computed the following features can additionally be plotted:

- The Inline/Xline grid with optional line annotation.
- Bin attributes such as fold, near offset, etc. These can be under- or over-plotted on the Shot/Recv lines.
- Spider and/or Necklace plot locations.
 (Note: Bin attributes are covered in a separate presentation.)

Automatic highlighting of line and cursor tracking from other lineorientated plots can optionally be turned on.

The display can be used as a digitized using the inbuilt digitizer function.

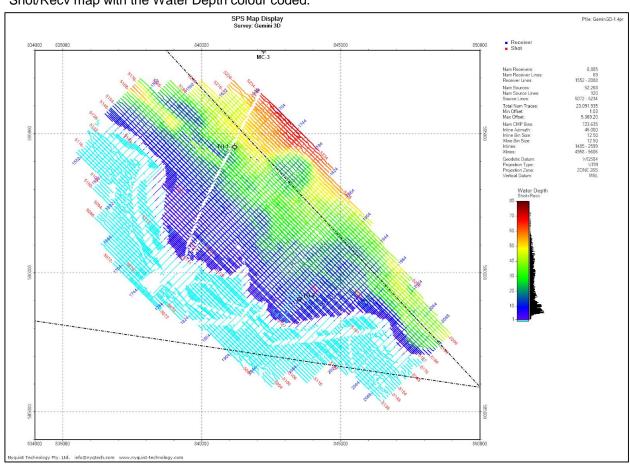
Basic Shot/Recv map showing receivers in blue and shots in red.



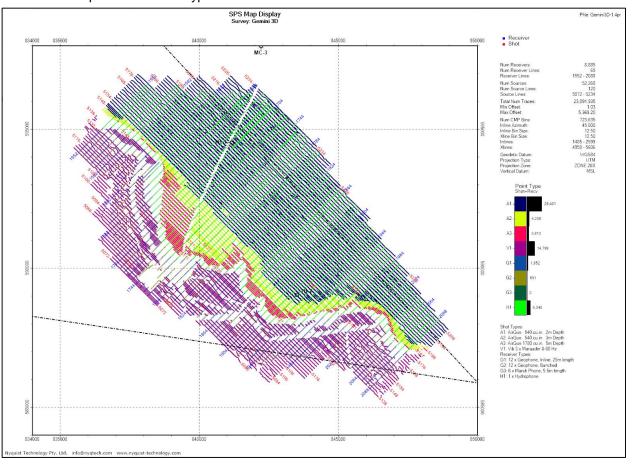
Map Plot Examples



Shot/Recv map with the Water Depth colour coded.



Shot/Recv map with the Point Type as the colour attribute.



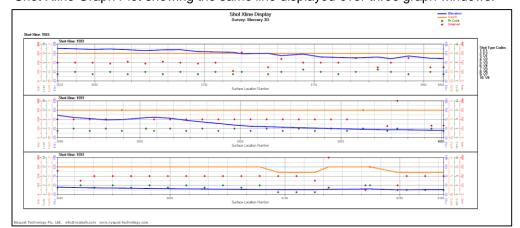
Line Graph Plots



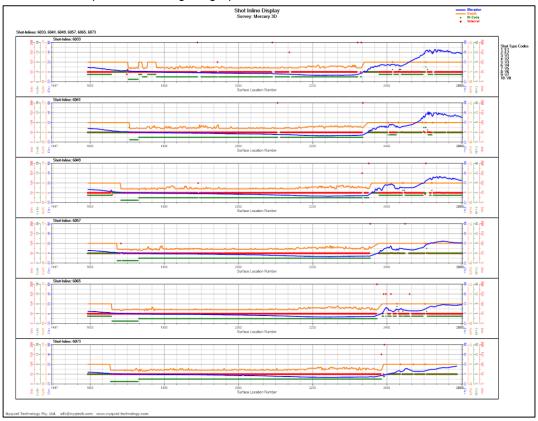
Shot and Recv Line Graph plots can be produced with the following features:

- Plots can be in the Inline or Xline direction.
- Up to five attributes can be shown per graph.
- Multiple graph windows can be shown per plot.
- Each graph window can contain a different line or the same line can be displayed across multiple windows.
- For multi-line graphs the increment between lines plotted can be set to any desired value.
- The X-axis can be the Point Number, X-coordinate or Y-coordinate value.
- The X-axis extent can be set to the survey extent, each lines extend or user defined.

Shot Xline Graph Plot showing the same line displayed over three graph windows.



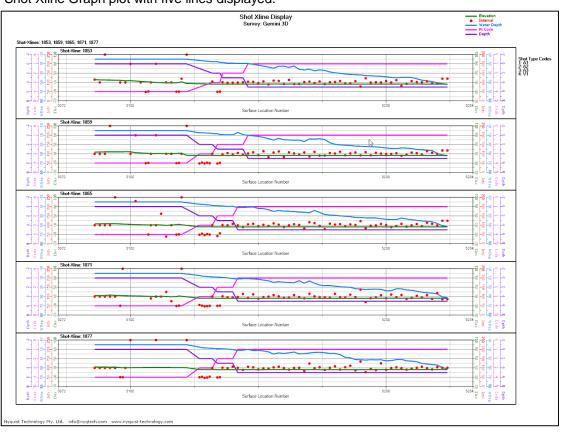
Shot Inline Graph Plot showing six graph windows with a different line in each window.



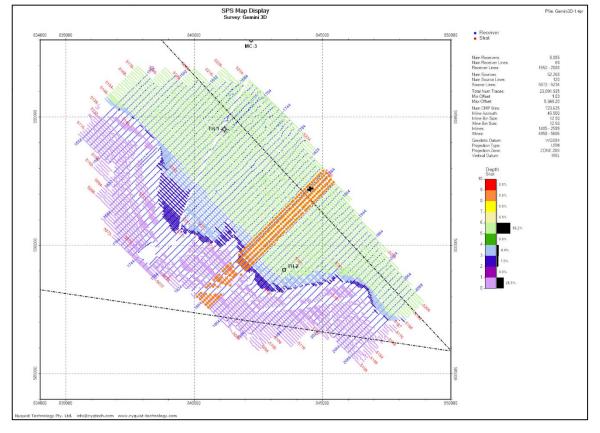
Line Graph / Map Plot Example



Shot Xline Graph plot with five lines displayed.



Map display with Xlines from Graph plot automatically highlighted.



Survey "Shooting" Animations



The survey can be "shot" as an animation to simulate the acquisition done in the field. Animations can be produced in 3 domains:

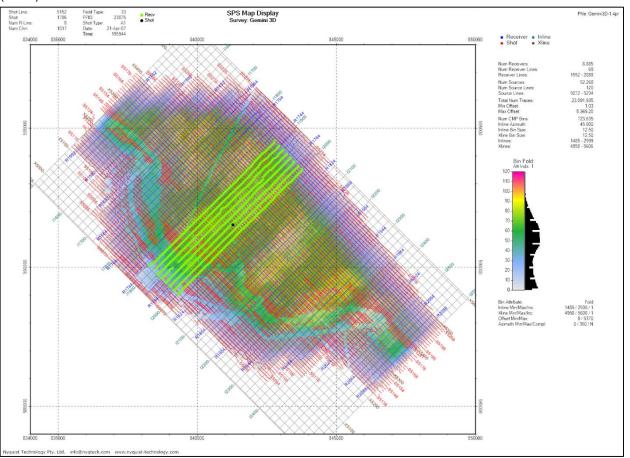
- Shot Domain highlights the Receivers that were live when a shot was acquired. Shots are animated in the order they were shot in. This corresponds to how the data was actually recorded in the field.
- Receiver Domain for a given Receiver, highlights all the Shots that were "shot" into that receiver. Receivers are animated in Receiver number order.
- 3. Bin Domain highlights all the Shot/Receiver Pairs that contribute to the CMP's in any Bin. Bins can be animated in Bin number, Inline or Xline order.

Animations can be used to visually check that the X-File relationship information is error-free and has been read correctly. They are also a good way of showing how a survey was recorded, particularly to non-geophysicists.

The first, last and increment are used to control the locations included in the animation. The animation can be done automatically or by manual stepping. In either case, the animation can be run in forward or backward directions.

Each animation location can optionally be automatically saved as a picture file to enable a movie to be made of the animation.

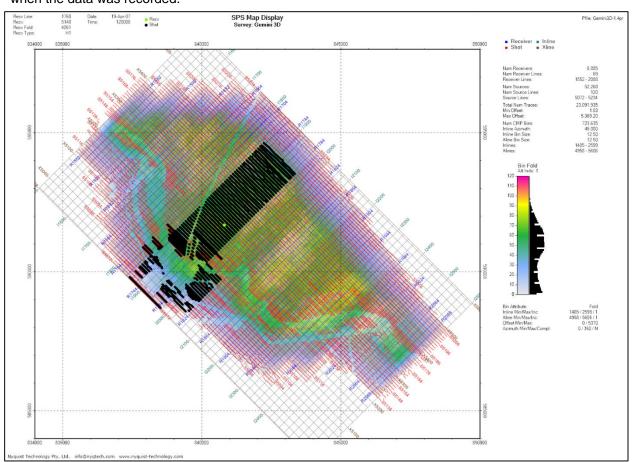
Shot Domain Animation: Shows the swath of receivers (green) that were live when the highlighted Shot (black) was recorded.



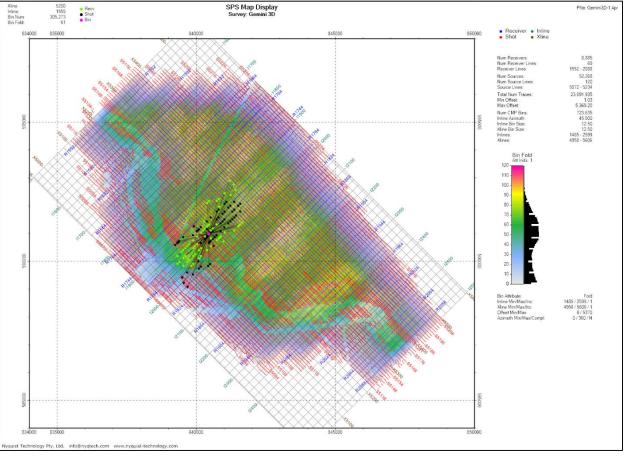
Survey "Shooting" Animations



Receiver Domain Animation: Shows the all the Shots (black) that used the highlighted Receiver (green) when the data was recorded.



Bin Domain Animation: Shows the Shots (black) and Receivers (green) that make up all the CMP's that contribute to the highlighted bin (magenta). A line is drawn between Shot/Receiver pairs.



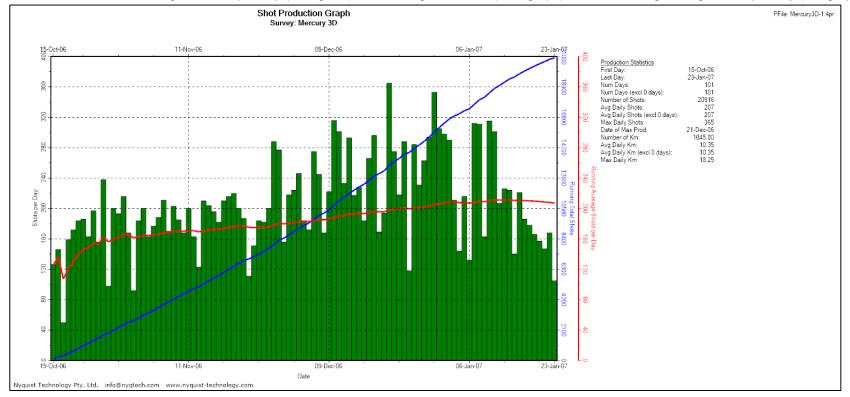
Note: This requires that CMP's have been calculated and the data Binned. Binning is covered later.

Production Plots



Production Plots for both Shot and Receiver production can be produced. Each plot consists of a main histogram plot and up to four graph plots. The production data can be plotted in either Quantity or Km values. Available attributes that can be plotted include the daily production, total production, average daily production, daily start and/or end time, production hours and average daily speed.

Shot Production Plot showing the shots per day (histogram), the running total shots (blue graph) and the running average shots per day (red graph).

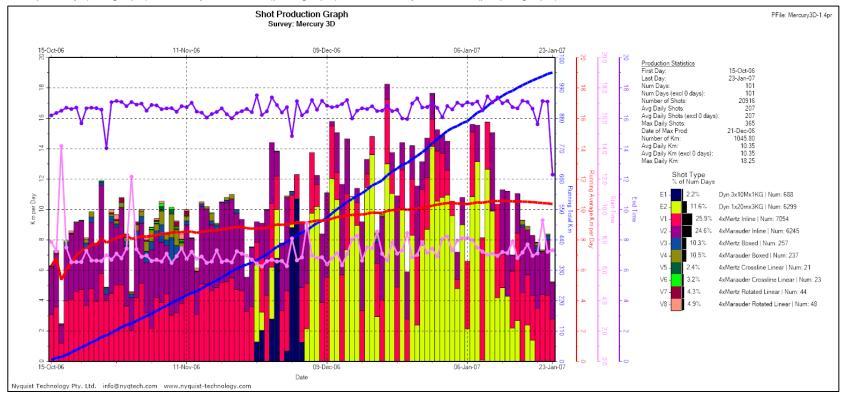


Production Plots



The histogram plot can also use the Shot (or Recv) Type for colour coding to provide further detail in the Production Plot.

Shot Production Plot showing the kms per day (histogram) colour coded by the Shot Type, the running total kms (blue graph), running average kms per day (red graph), the daily start time (pink graph) and the daily end time (purple graph).

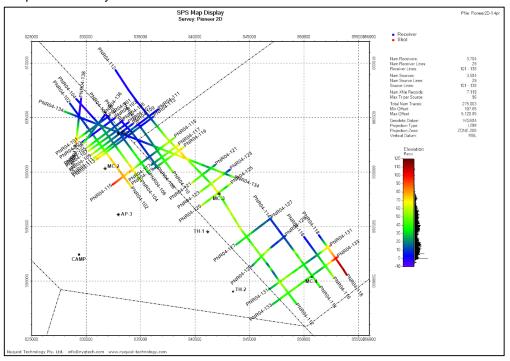


2D Survey Example Plots

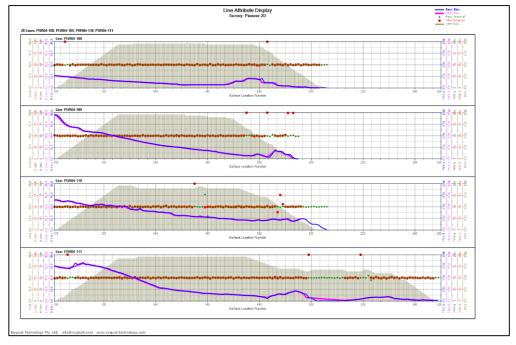


2D surveys can also be loaded, checked and displayed. For 2D surveys, the CMP locations and Fold are automatically computed based on the relationship between Shot and Receiver numbers. This binning matches that done in many industry standard processing programs and allows both straight and crooked lines to be handled without the need to manually pick points along a subsurface CMP track.

Map of 2D survey with elevation colour coded.



Line Graph plot showing four 2D lines.



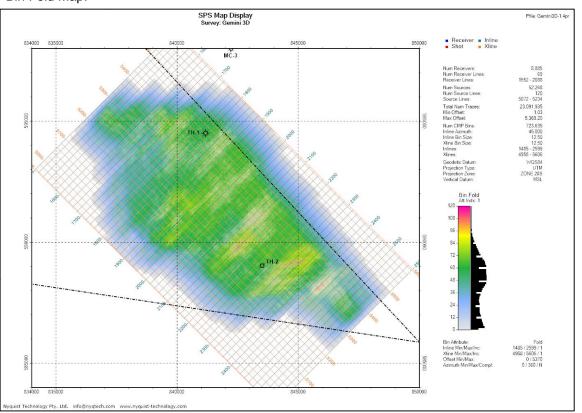
Binned Attribute Displays



Binned Attribute displays and computations are covered in a separate presentation.

Shown below are two examples of the type of plots that can be produced as discussed in that presentation.

Bin Fold Map.



Rose Plot.

