

# **MagArrow Heading Error Compensation Flight Instruction**

## • Required Equipment:

- 1. MagArrow
- 2. Base-station with GPS

## • Compensation Flight Steps:

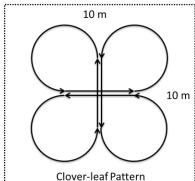
- 1. Find a location with low magnetic field gradient:
  - i. Choose a location far away from cars/equipment/roads/buildings/powerlines.
  - ii. Turn on MagArrow or Base-station and record the reading  $B_0$  (if 50/60 Hz signal > 20 nT, field readings need to be averaged).
  - iii. Keep MagArrow/Base-station pointed in one direction and move it forward, backward, left and right by 10 feet and record four readings B<sub>1</sub>, B<sub>2</sub>, B<sub>3</sub>, B<sub>4</sub>, at four locations, respectively (make sure the person moving the instrument is magnetically clean).
  - iv. Calculate  $|B_1-B_0|$ ,  $|B_2-B_0|$ ,  $|B_3-B_0|$  and  $|B_4-B_0|$ . Make sure that they are all less than 100 nT. Otherwise, choose a new location and repeat from step ii.
  - v. If such a location cannot be found, choose the location with the least gradient. However, a large gradient will affect the compensation result negatively.

#### 2. Set up the base-station:

- i. Make sure all equipment at least 20 m away from the low gradient area.
- ii. Turn on the Base-station and make sure that it works and has GPS time stamps.
- iii. Start data logging.

#### 3. Fly the MagArrow:

- i. Attach the MagArrow to the drone, start the MagArrow and make sure that it is working. Start data logging.
- ii. Fly the MagArrow to the low gradient area and elevate it as high as possible (check your local regulations about the maximum drone height as well). We recommend > 60 m elevation for 100 nT gradient on the ground. In general, if the gradient is a factor of 8 smaller, the flight height can be a factor of 2 lower.
- iii. Rotate the drone slowly so that one full rotation takes more than 10 seconds. Do at least one full rotation. Two full rotations are preferred.
- iv. Fly a clover-leaf pattern at the same height. Ideally, the pattern is contained within 10m x 10m centered on the low gradient area.



- v. If time permits, repeat step iii and iv a couple of more times.
- vi. Fly the drone back, stop the MagArrow data logging and download the compensation flight data.