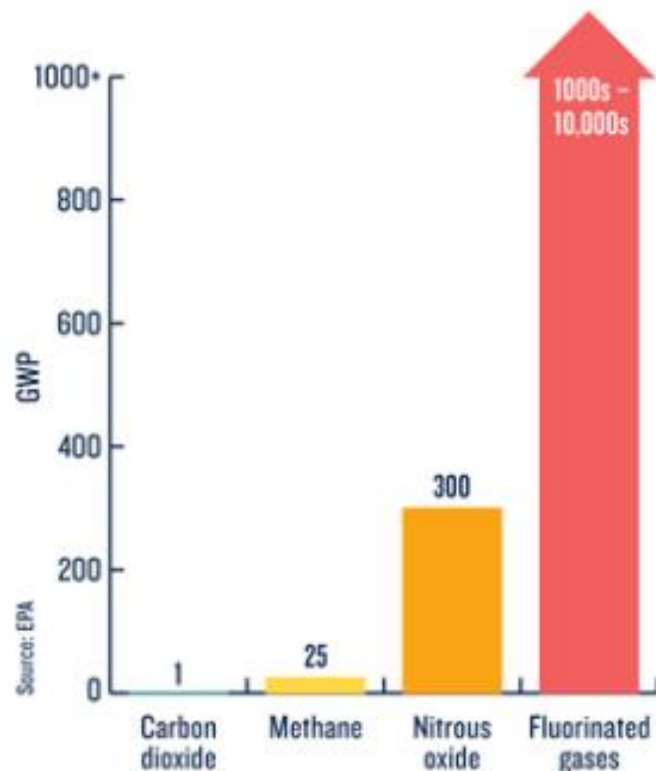
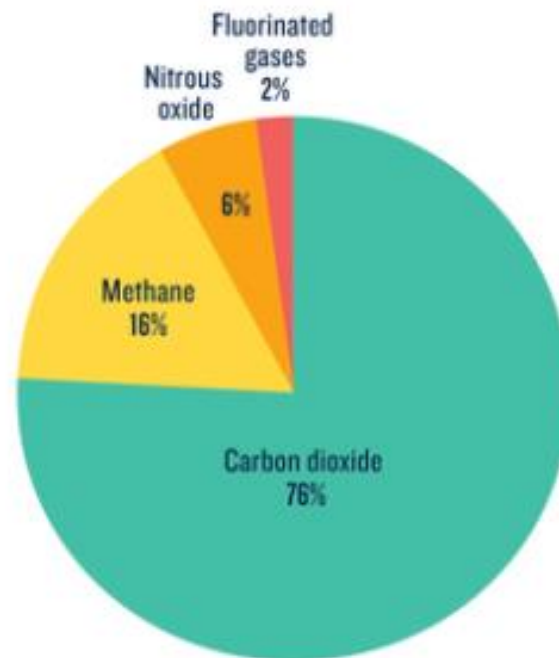


HOW GREENHOUSE GASES WARM OUR PLANET



The global warming potential (GWP) of human-generated greenhouse gases is a measure of how much heat each gas traps in the atmosphere, relative to carbon dioxide.



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Focus on Methane



- Climate action efforts focused on Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) reduction.
- Methane (CH₄), the other greenhouse gas, does not get as much attention.
- Methane likely to be part of energy mix for several more decades as a “bridging” fuel to facilitate the transition to low- to zero-carbon energy world
- Low carbon footprint, high energy content and affordable
- However, Methane Global Warming Potential (GWP) 28–36 times greater than CO₂ over 100 years, 80 times in a shorter time scale of 10 years.
- Critical need to reduce anthropogenic methane emissions of ~600 MM ton CO₂e, ~10 percent of all U.S. greenhouse gas emissions from human activities.
- Critical need to capture and utilize ~35-50 percent of methane generated by natural sources such as wetlands



Methane Abatement



COP26: US and EU announce global pledge to slash methane

White House announces new methane regulations, kicking off global pledge

We estimate that it is technically possible to avoid around three quarters of today's methane emissions from global oil and gas operations. Moreover, a significant share of these could be avoided at no net cost, as the cost of the abatement measure is less than the market value of the additional gas that is captured. Natural gas prices

Source: IEA

"These emissions are avoidable, the solutions are proven and even profitable in many cases. And the benefits in terms of avoided near-term warming are huge."
- Fatih Birol, IEA Executive Director



Countries Fuels & technologies

Methane Tracker 2021

Helping tackle the urgent global challenge of reducing methane leaks


Can we effectively use methane as a "bridge" fuel, while minimizing its impact on global warming ?

Our Panelists




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Methane:

A serious climate problem with achievable solutions

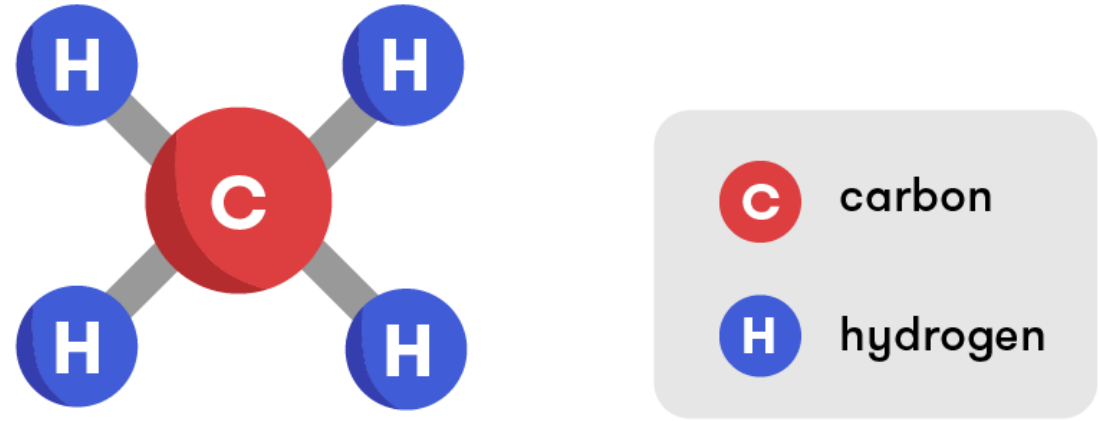
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- Funded by our 2.5 million members and philanthropy
- ~750 staff working in 26 countries
- Guided by science and economics to find solutions to environmental challenges
- Works on diverse issues including climate, energy, oceans, ecosystems, and health

What is methane?

- Simplest hydrocarbon: CH₄
- Main constituent of natural gas
- Produced by microbes in low oxygen environments like wetlands, landfills, and cow stomachs
- Odorless and invisible
- Non-toxic but explosive
- Powerful but short-lived greenhouse gas

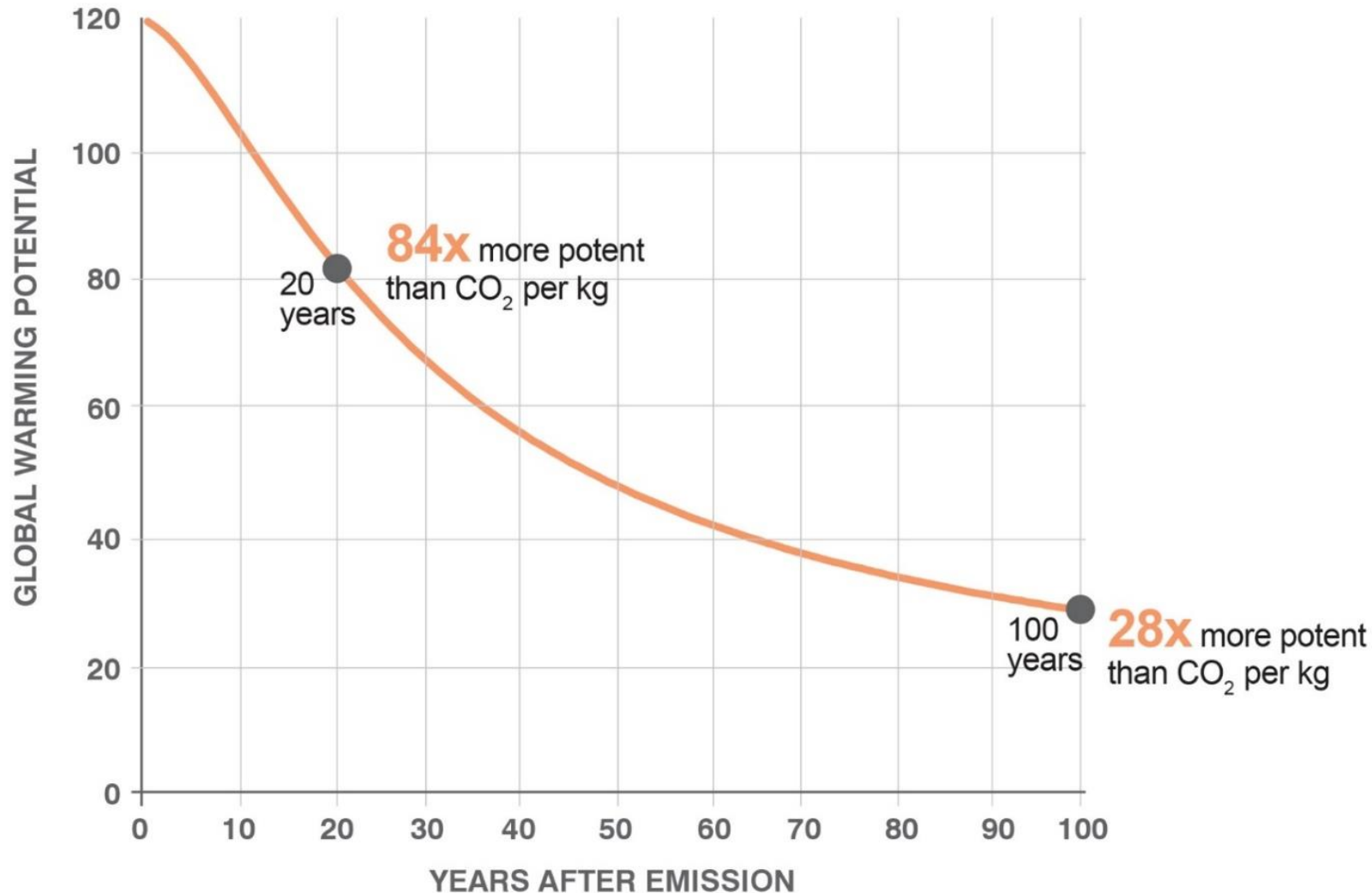


<https://www.science.org.au/curious/earth-environment/methane>



<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/how-bad-of-a-greenhouse-gas-is-methane/>

Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas.

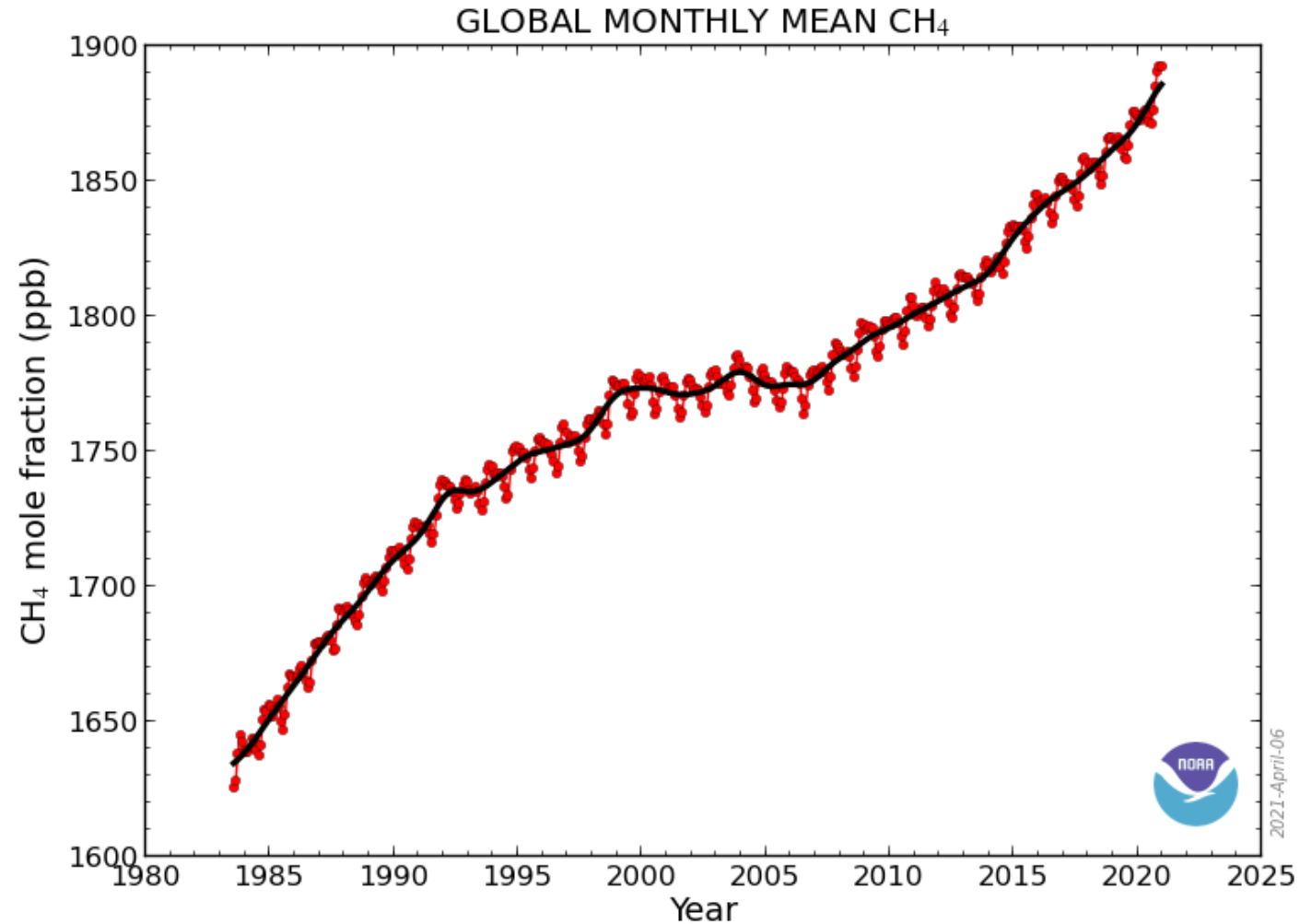


Methane only lasts ~10 years in the atmosphere, but traps 80+ times more heat than carbon dioxide per pound over 20 years.

Methane is responsible for ~25% of man-made global warming.

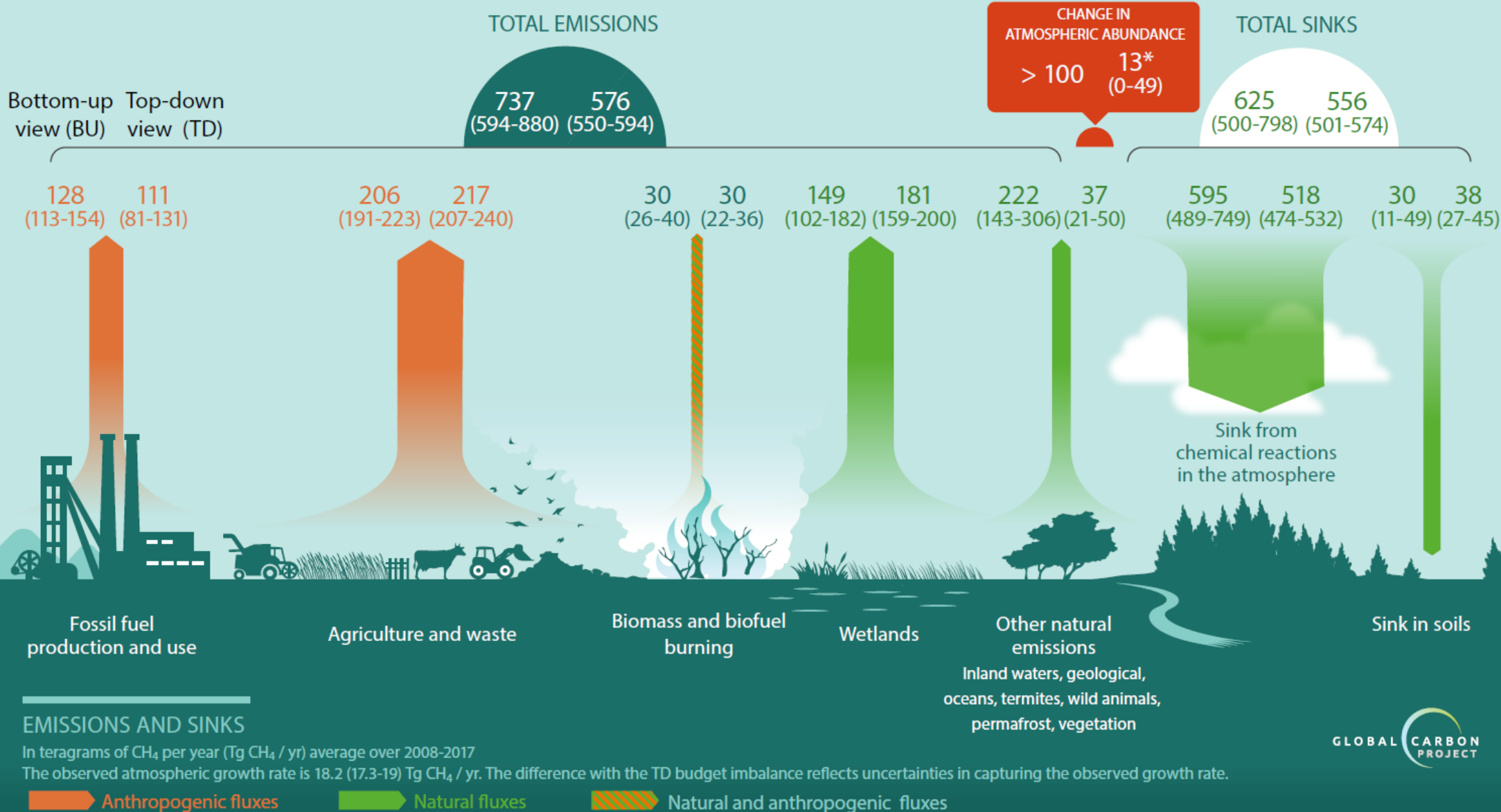
Atmospheric methane concentration is rising.

- Global methane concentrations have almost tripled since the industrial era
- Concentrations continue to increase ~5 to 15 parts per billion per year



Source: https://www.esrl.noaa.gov/gmd/ccgg/trends_ch4/

GLOBAL METHANE BUDGET 2008-2017

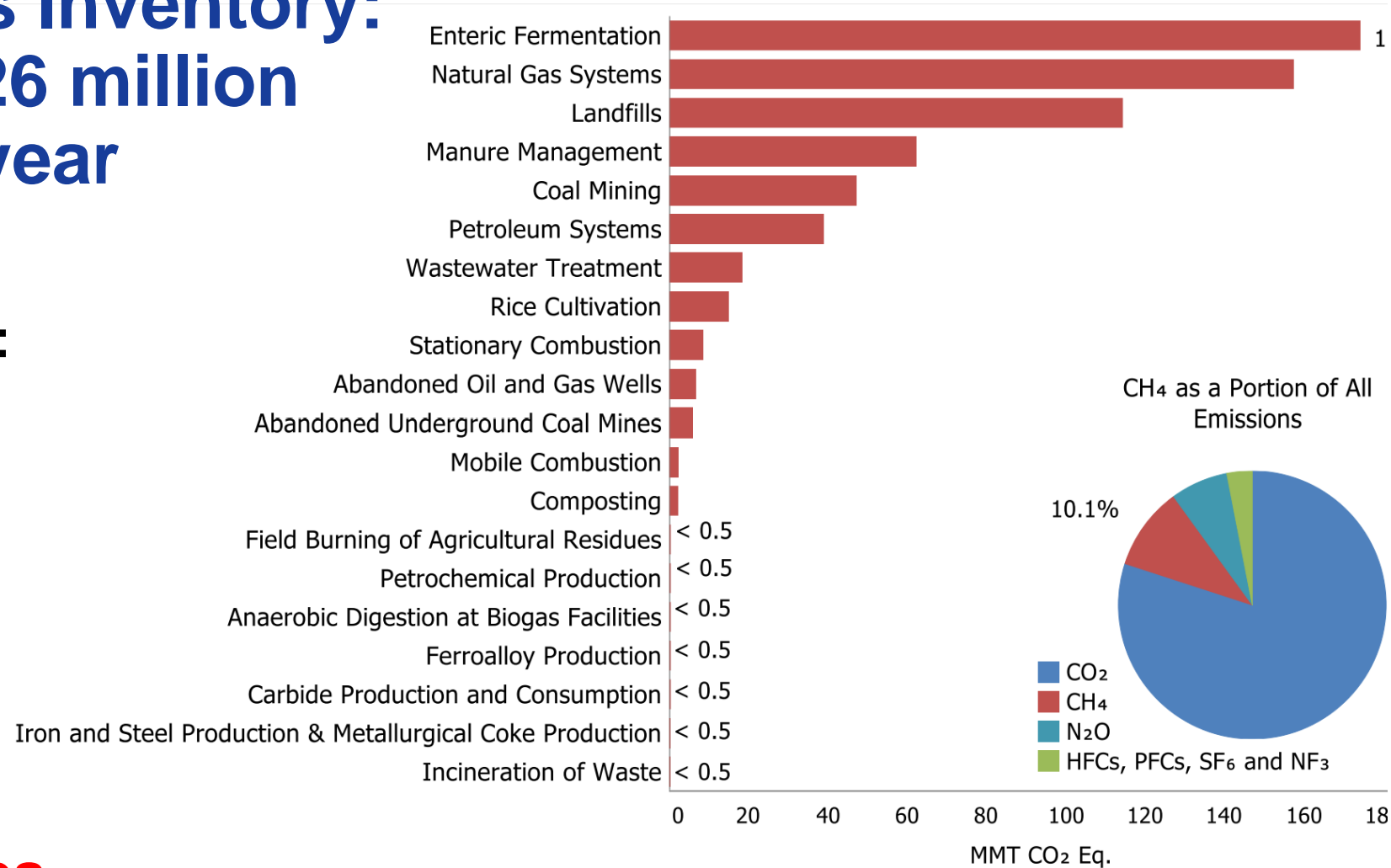


EPA Greenhouse Gas Inventory: United States emits 26 million metric tons CH₄ per year

Human-caused national methane emissions in 2019:

- 37% livestock (10 MMT)
- 31% oil & gas (8.1 MMT)
- 17% landfills (4.6 MMT)
- 8% coal mines (2.1 MMT)

**Measurement studies
find U.S. O&G CH₄
emissions are ~70%
higher than EPA estimates**



Sources: <https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/inventory-us-greenhouse-gas-emissions-and-sinks>
<http://blogs.edf.org/energyexchange/files/2021/04/2019-CH4-Estimate.pdf>

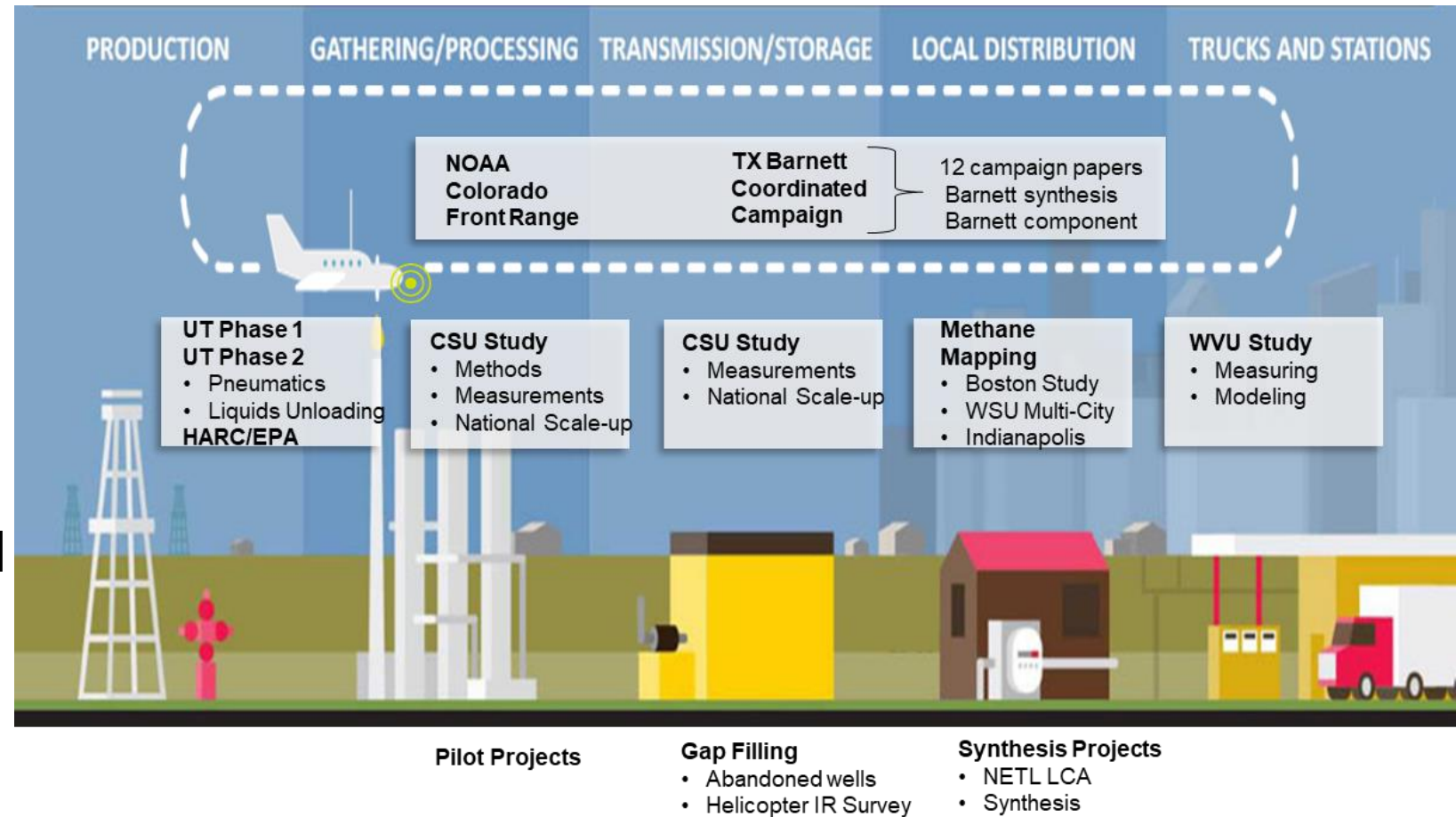
Oil and Gas Methane Emissions

- **Fugitive emissions (unintentional)**
 - Equipment leaks
 - Malfunctions
- **Vented emissions (intentional)**
 - Well completion flowback
 - Pneumatic controllers
 - Tank flashing
 - Liquids unloading
 - Blowdowns
- **Combustion emissions**
 - Flares
 - Compressor engines
 - Heaters and other process equipment



EDF's Oil and Gas Methane Research

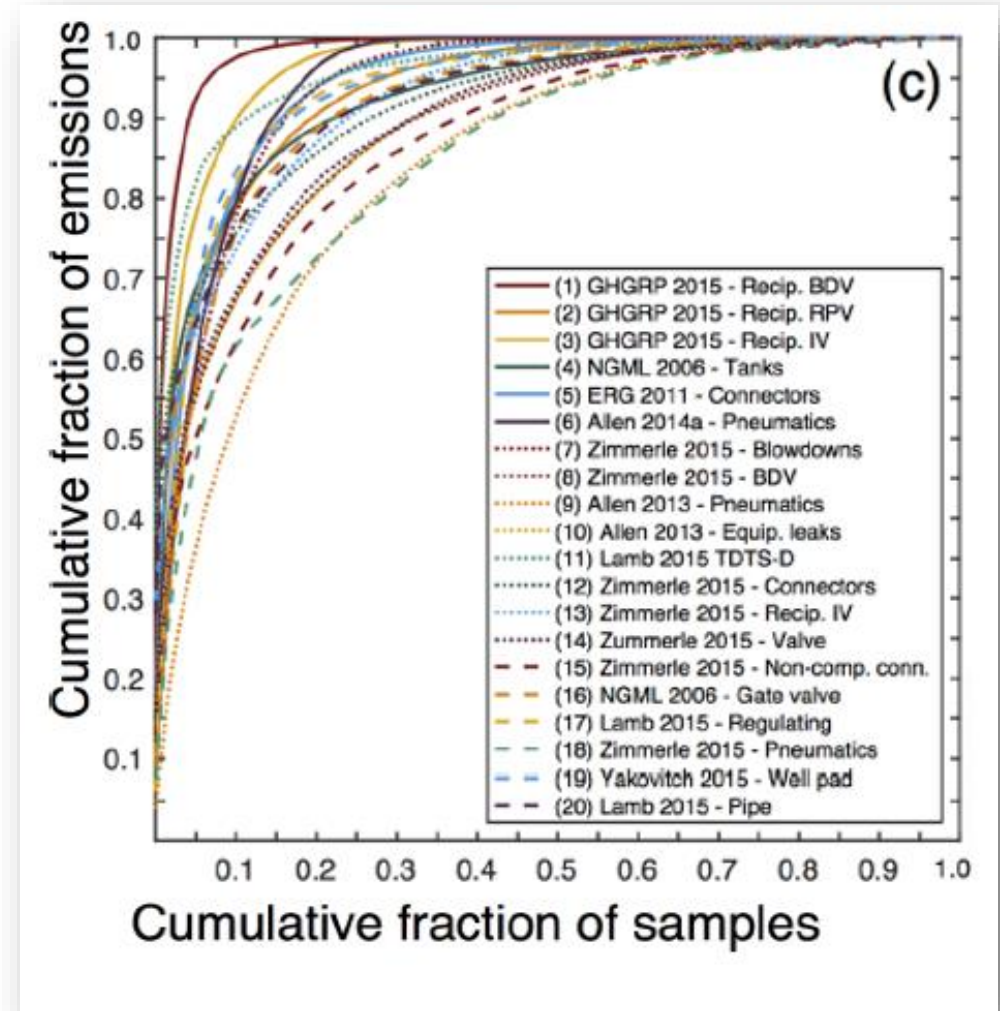
- Sponsored 16+ U.S. O&G methane studies chain since 2012
- Collaboration with 50+ universities and 50+ O&G companies
- 40+ published peer-reviewed studies based on data
- EDF's O&G CH₄ research has expanded globally



<https://www.edf.org/climate/methane-research-series-16-studies>

Major Findings from EDF Studies

- Emissions occur across the O&G supply chain but are highest from production and gathering infrastructure.
- The highest emitting 5-10% of sources account for the majority of emissions.
- Bottom up inventory methods used by governments and operators tend to underestimate emissions.



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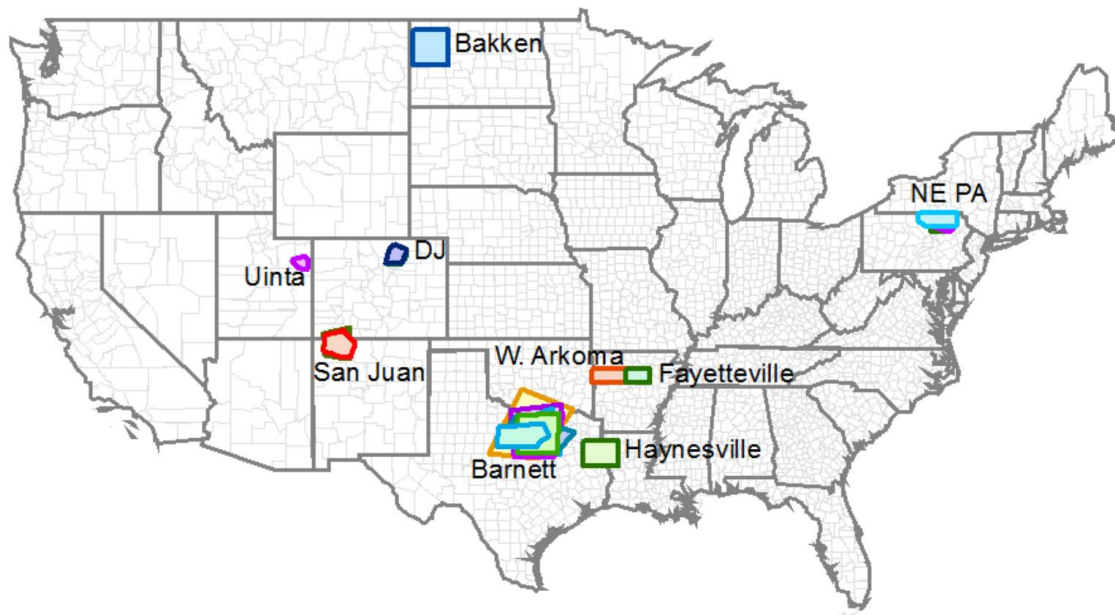
Assessment of methane emissions from the U.S. oil and gas supply chain

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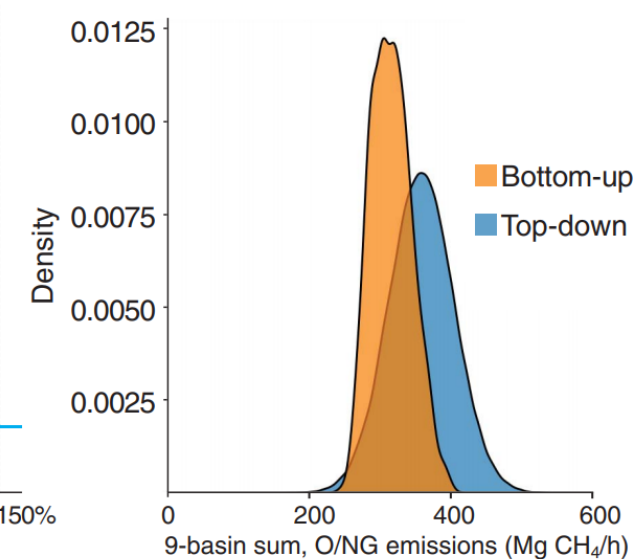
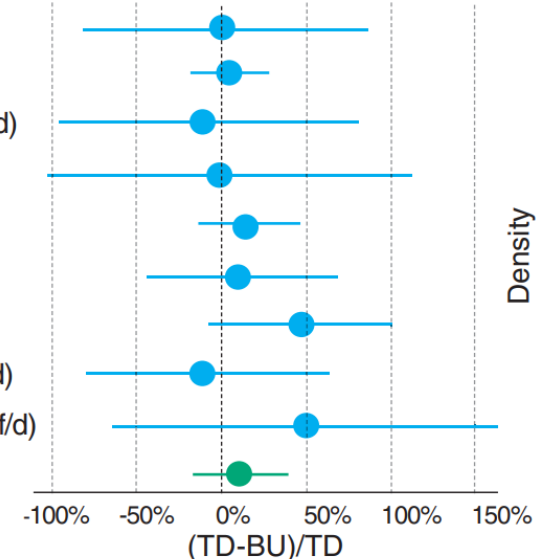
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U.S. O&G CH₄ emissions are 2.3% of natural gas production, ~70% higher than EPA estimates



Haynesville (7.7 bcf/d)
Barnett (5.9 bcf/d)
Northeast PA (5.8 bcf/d)
San Juan (2.8 bcf/d)
Fayetteville (2.5 bcf/d)
Bakken (1.9 bcf/d)
Uinta (1.2 bcf/d)
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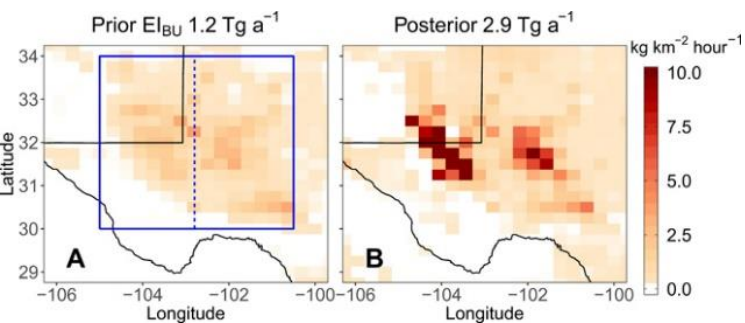


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Methane Analysis Project

**Going deep into the world's largest oilfield
to track methane pollution**

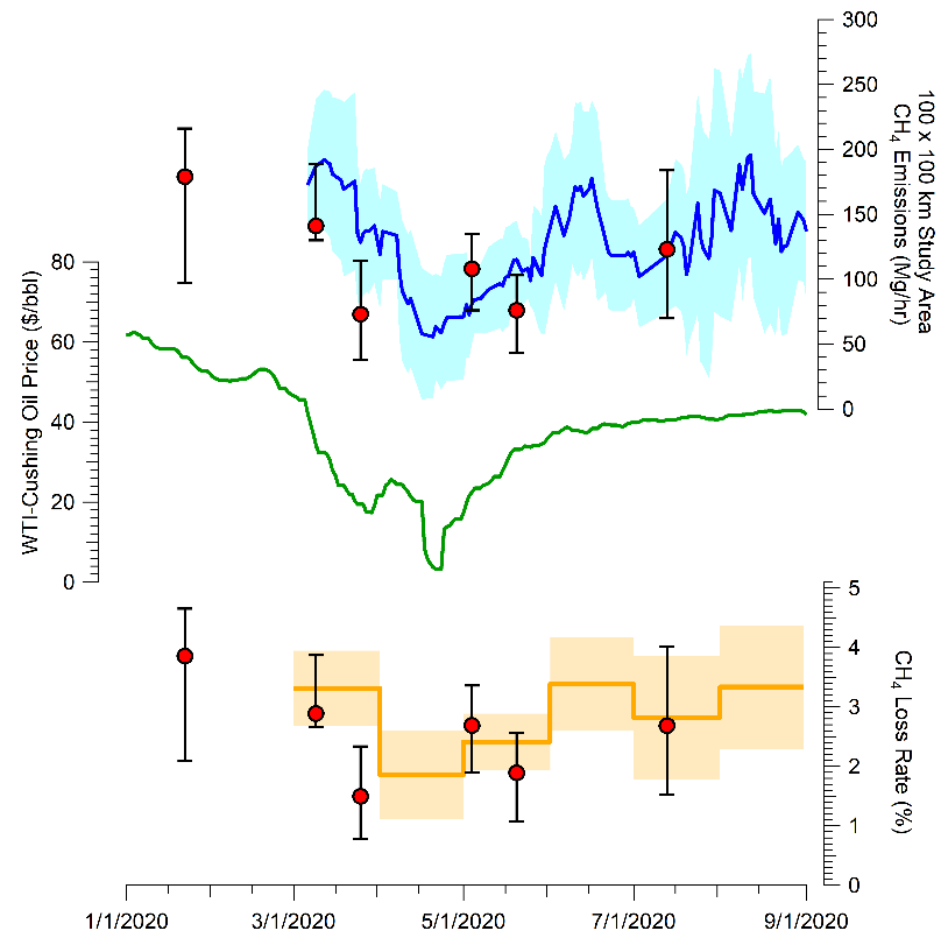




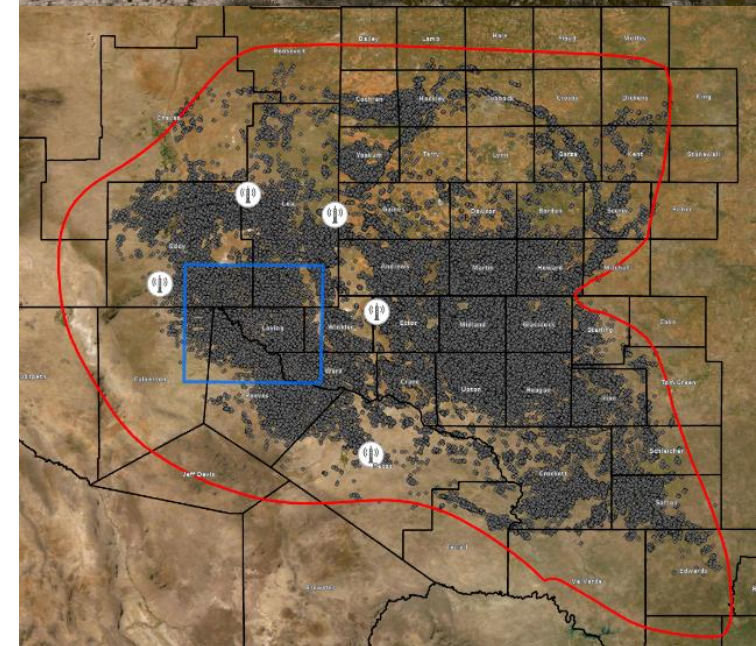
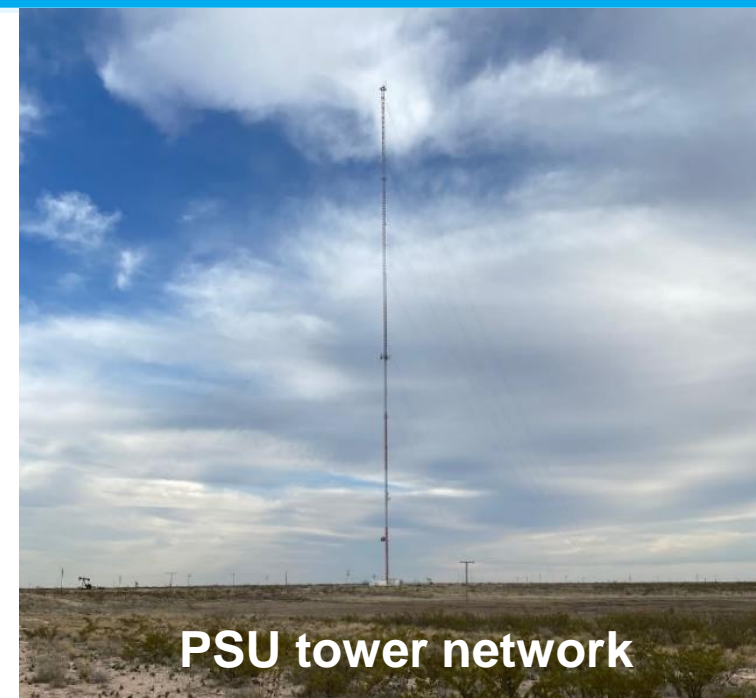
Zhang et al 2020



Regional total methane emissions



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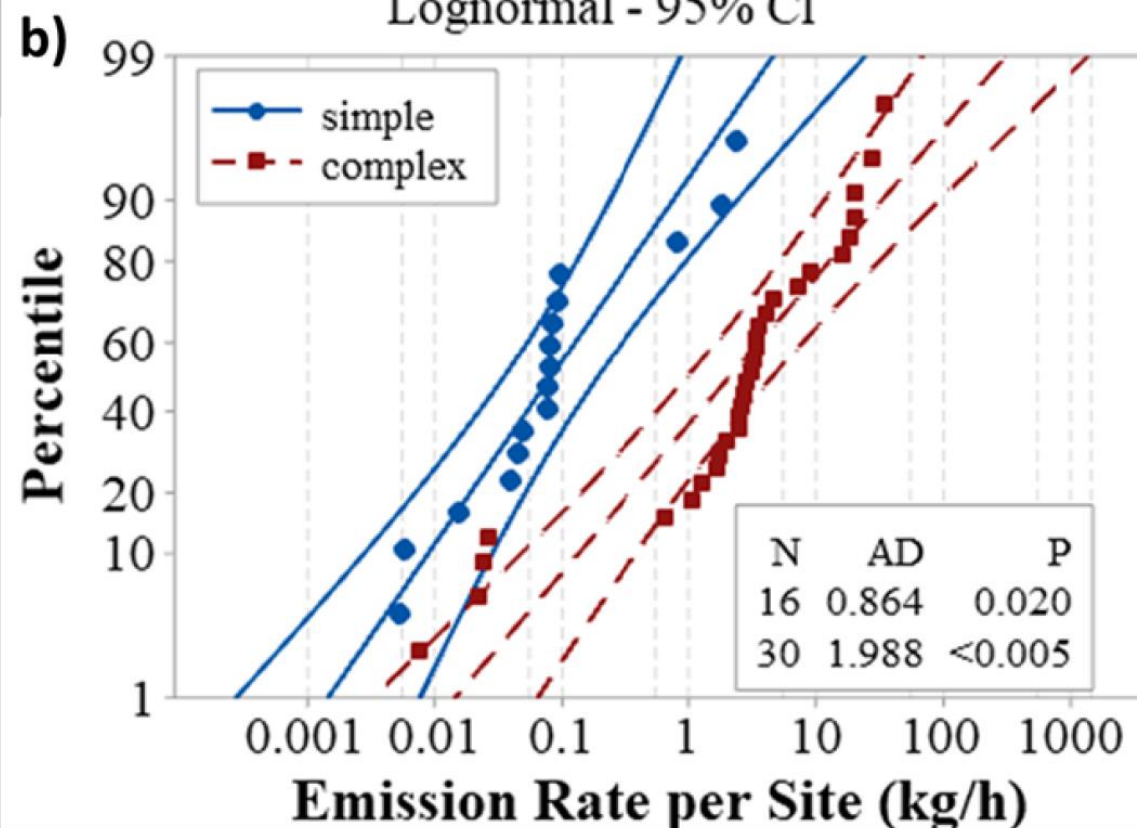
Vehicle-based, site-level quantification (EPA Other Test Method 33a)



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Probability Plot (with complex BDL sites)
Lognormal - 95% CI

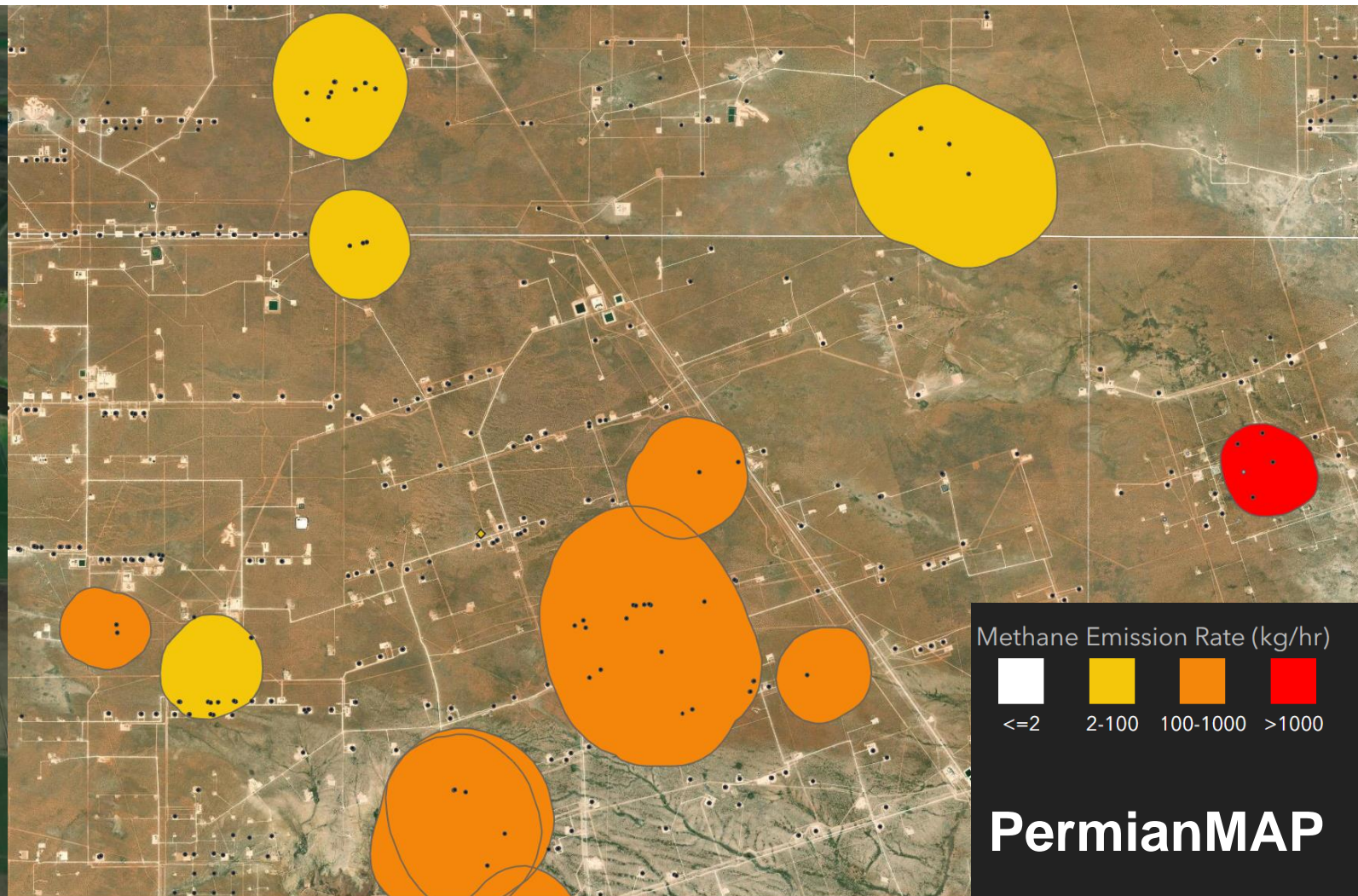
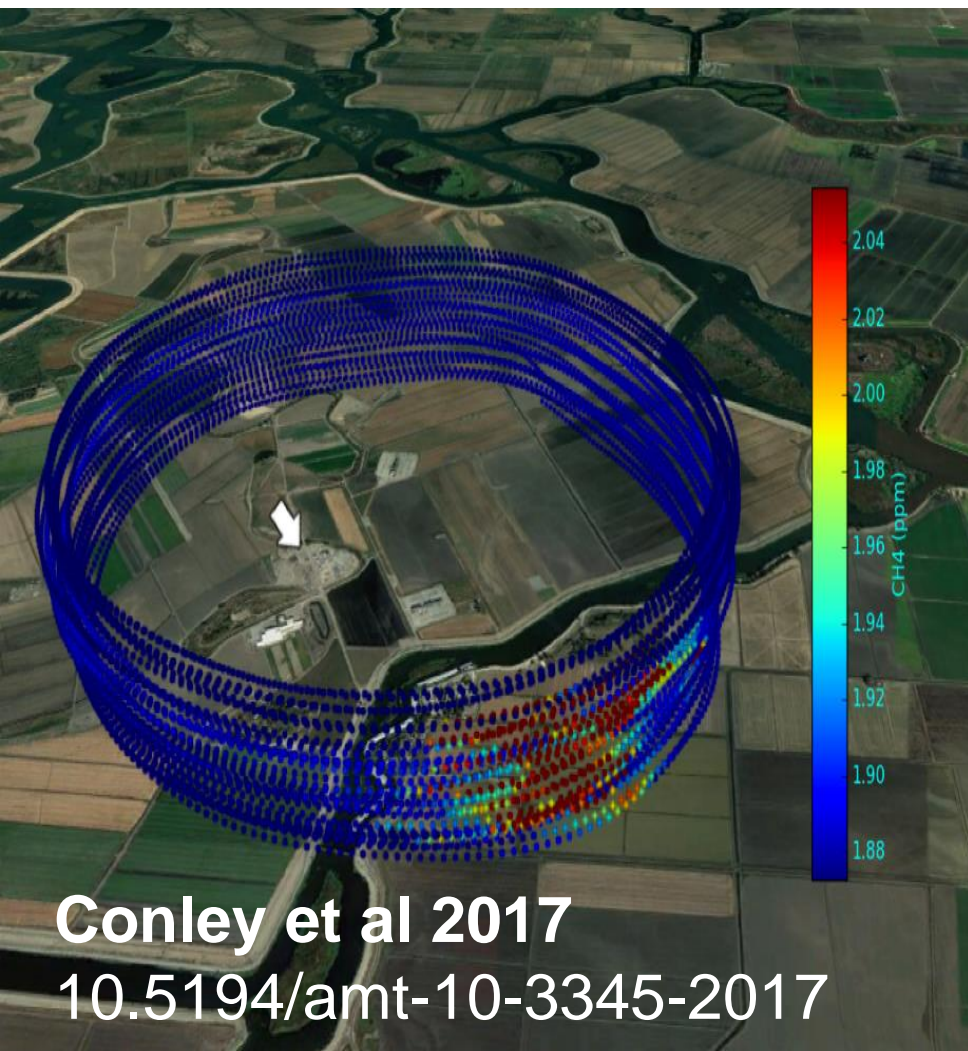


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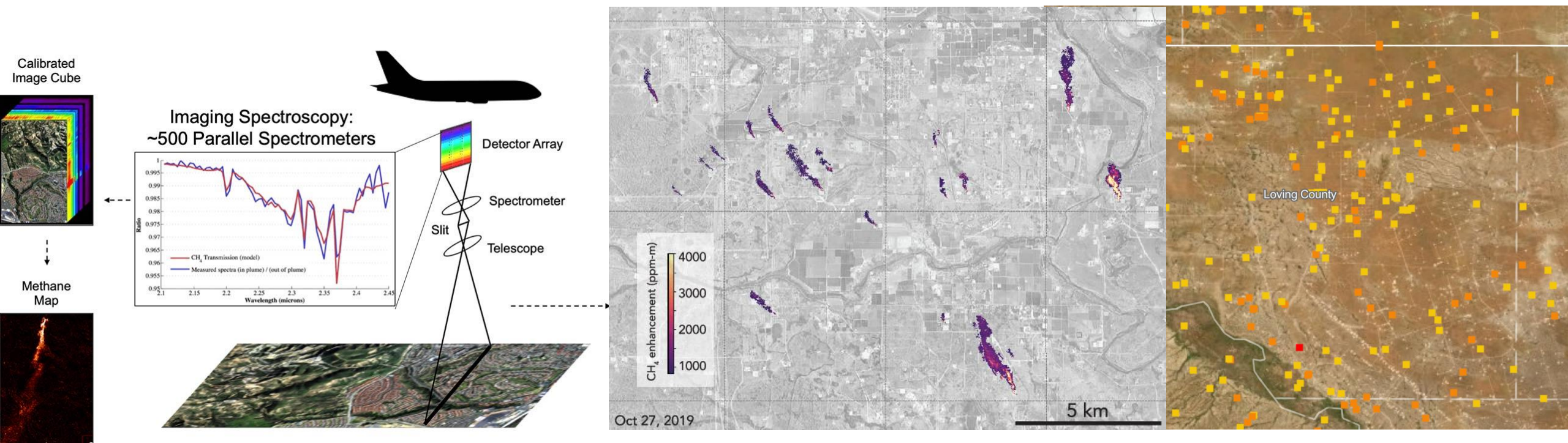
Optical gas imaging of malfunctioning flares and other large emission sources



Aerial mass balance quantification of multi-site areas (~1 - 4 square miles)



Aerial remote sensing quantification and plume imaging of >1000 large emission sources



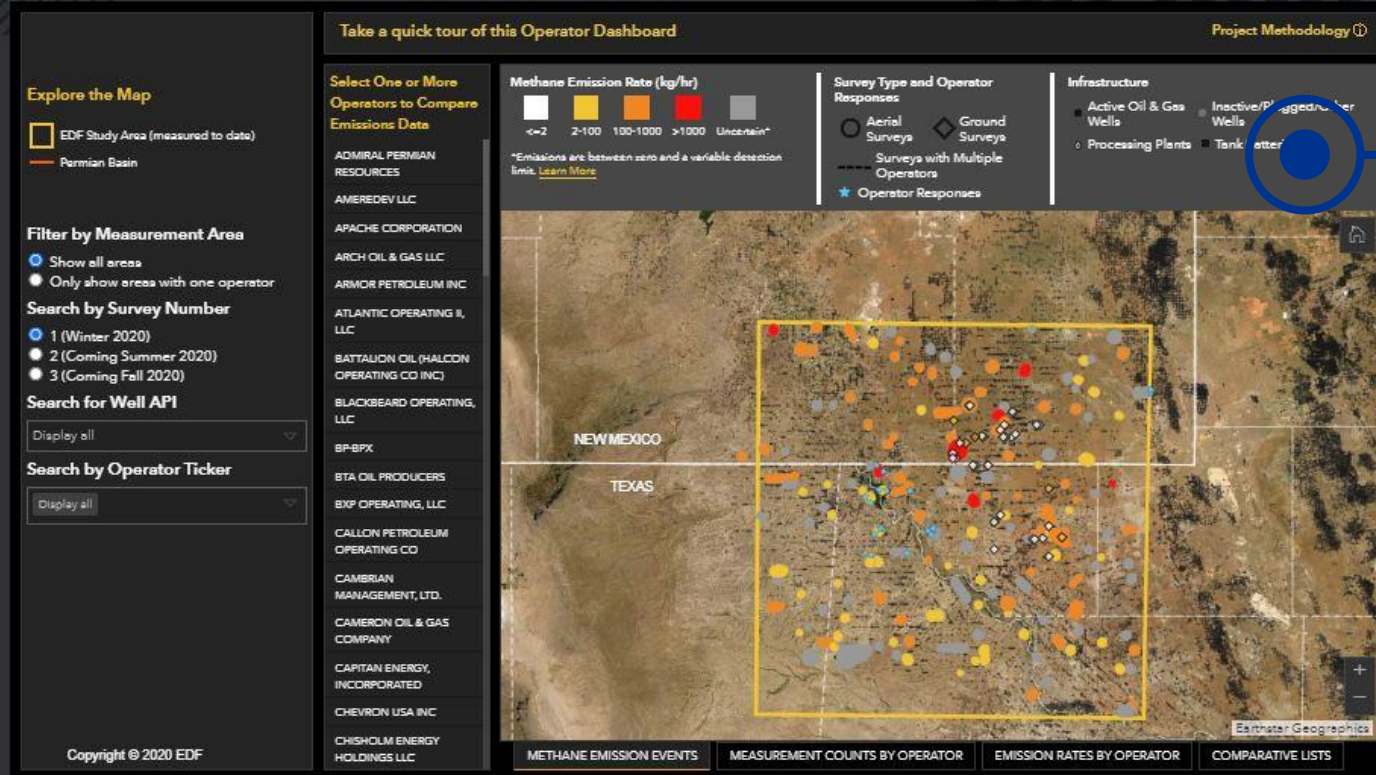
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Explore regional methane emissions by operator on the interactive map below.

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<https://www.methanesat.org>

Summary

- Oil and gas methane emissions are high and underestimated by traditional methods.
- There are numerous cost-effective technologies to detect and mitigate methane emissions.
- Regulations, stakeholder influence, and economics are incentivizing many companies to reduce emissions but more action is needed.



Methane hunters Dr. David Lyon (EDF) and Dr. Anna Robertson (U. of Wyoming)

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Catalytic Oxidation of Methane: Make it a Win-Win

Mike Harold

Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering Dept.

Takeaways

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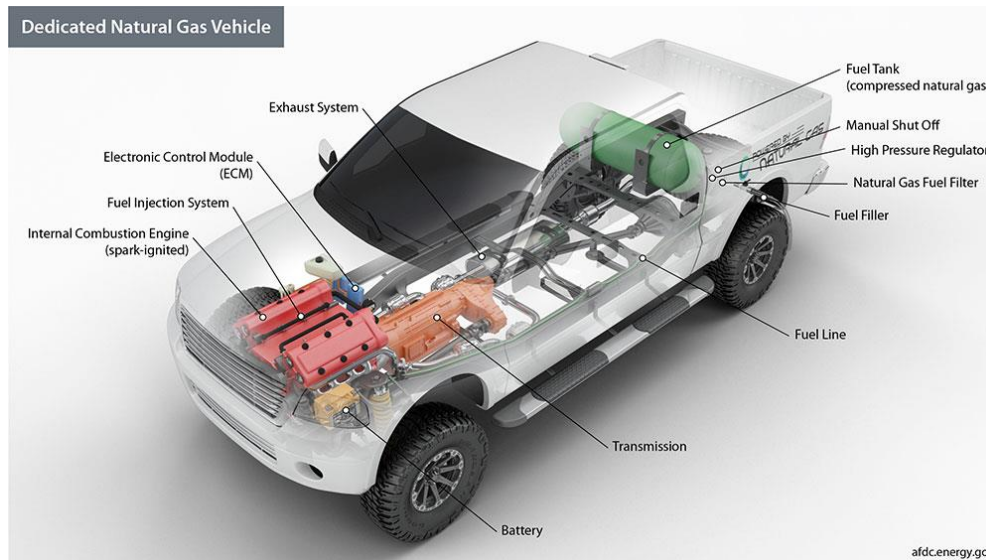
Motivation

- Natural Gas Vehicles (NGVs) & engines:
 - Significant contributors to CO₂ emissions
 - Combusting methane produce less CO₂ than diesel or gasoline vehicles
 - CH₄ slip is a problem
- Methane is potent Greenhouse Gas
 - CH₄ Global Warming Potential ~ 25x that of CO₂¹
 - CH₄ emissions >30 mg/mi light-duty vehicle cap count against fuel economy

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Motivation, cont.

- Stoichiometric oxidation (spark-ignition) vehicles & engines:
 - Most common in medium/heavy duty applications such as urban buses
 - Utilize Three-way Catalyst (TWC) converter containing Pt+Pd+CeO₂
 - TWC converts CO, NO_x, NMHCs to CO₂, H₂O & N₂
 - TWCs are ineffective for CH₄ oxidation <400 °C²



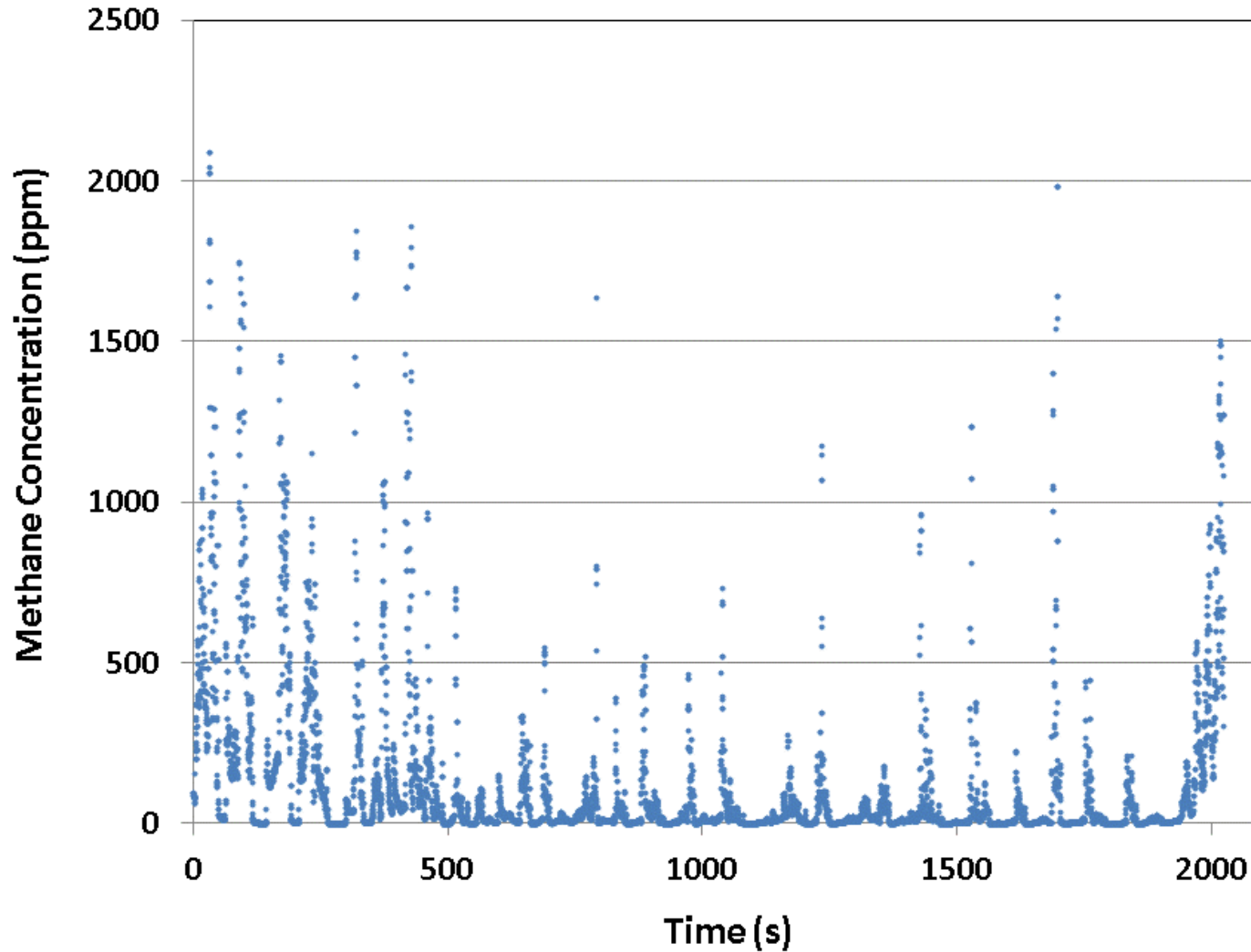
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Methane Emissions from CNG Bus



Equipped with TWC

Stoichiometric combustion



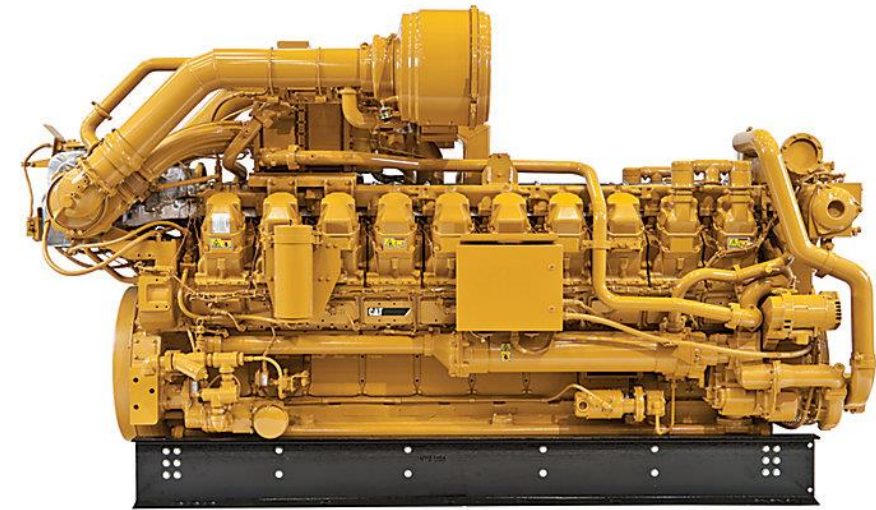
- Data collected on UH heavy-duty chassis dynamometer

Motivation, cont.

- Lean oxidation (compression ignition) vehicles & engines:
 - Notably energy efficient
 - Most common in heavy duty vehicles and large off-road engines
 - Natural gas effective replacement for diesel; i.e., “dual-fuel” engine
 - Utilize high loading PdO catalyst
 - PdO deactivated by H_2O and poisoned by SO_2



<https://www.asme.org/topics-resources/content/power-of-dualfuel-diesel-engines>



https://www.cat.com/en_US/products/new/power-systems/oil-and-gas/gas-compression-engines/18444291.html

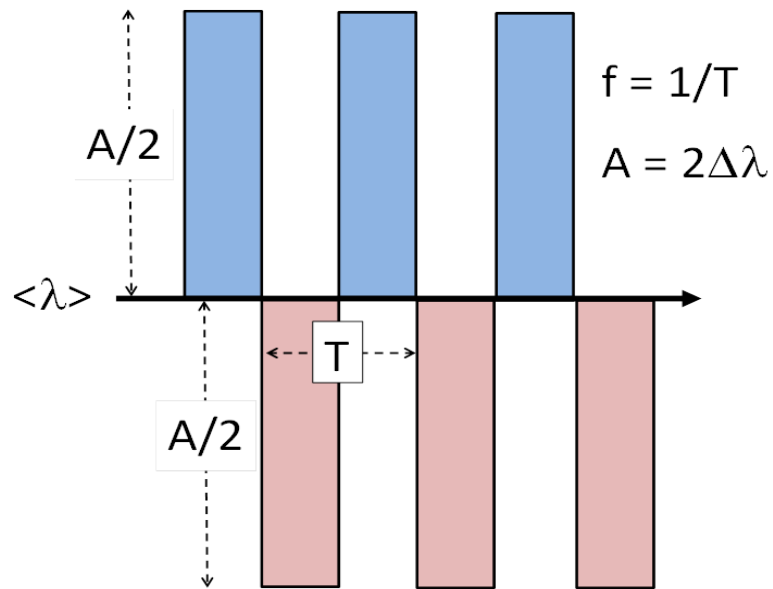
Challenge & Opportunity

New methane oxidation catalysts with increased activity, better resilience (to temperature & Sulfur), and decreased precious metal content needed in order to exploit the cleaner burning natural gas for the transportation and commerce sectors.

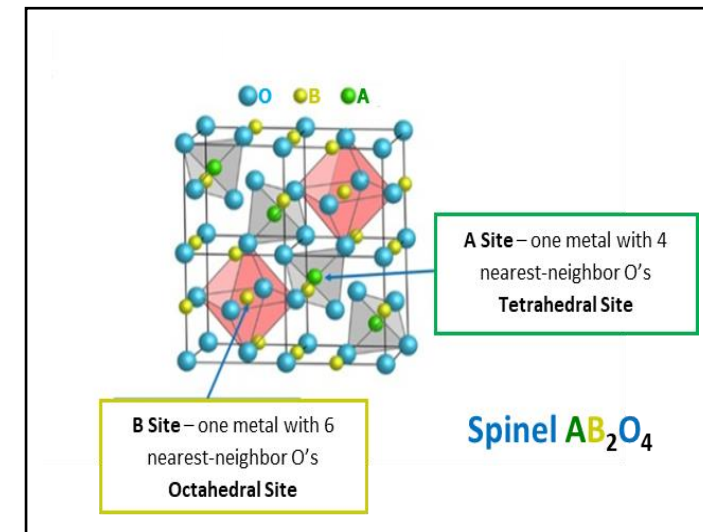
Stoichiometric Methane Oxidation Technology

FWC = Four Way Catalytic Converter

enables reduced emissions of CH₄ from stoichiometric NGVs through combination of **feed modulation** and **spinel oxide promoter**

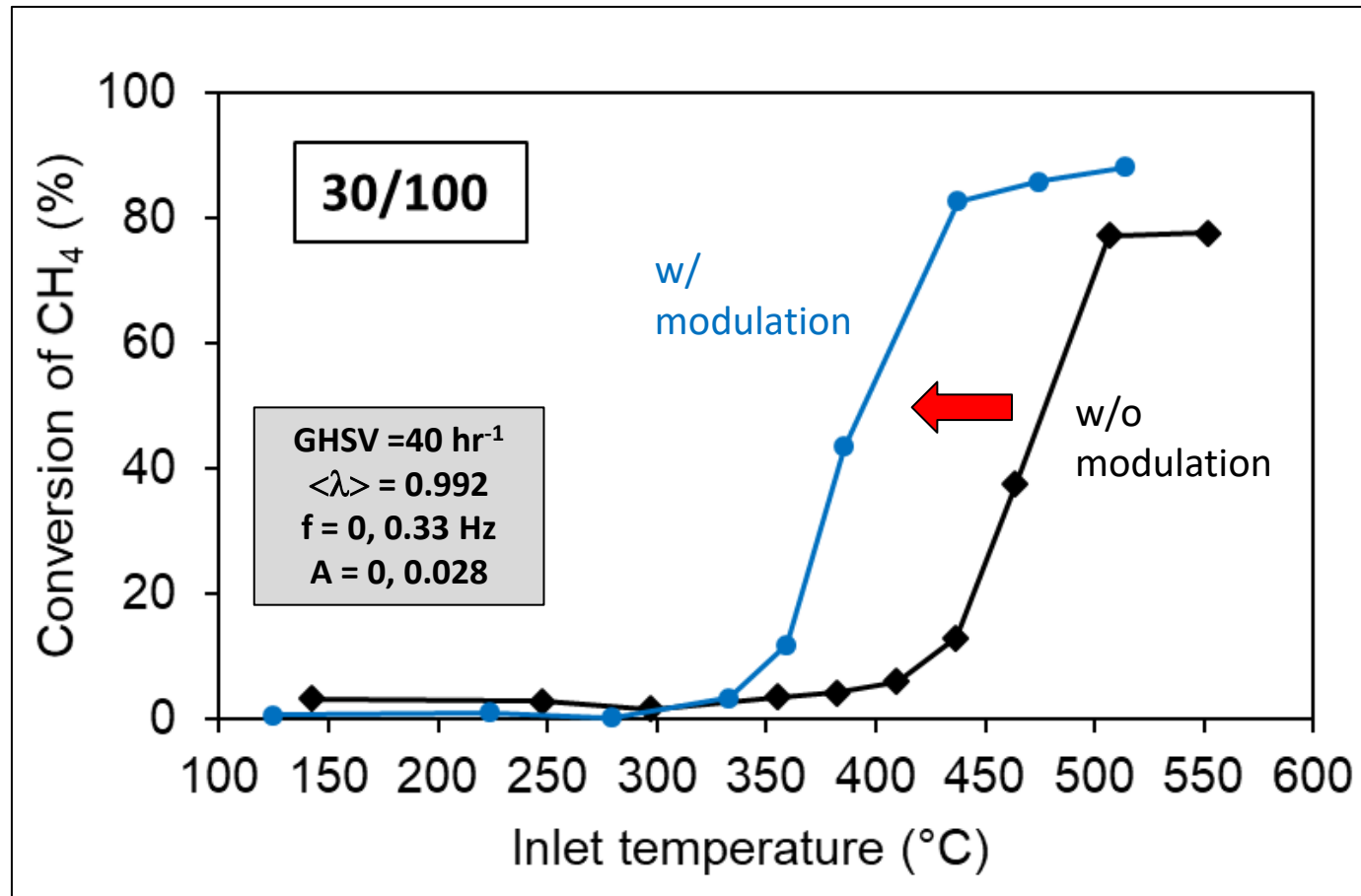


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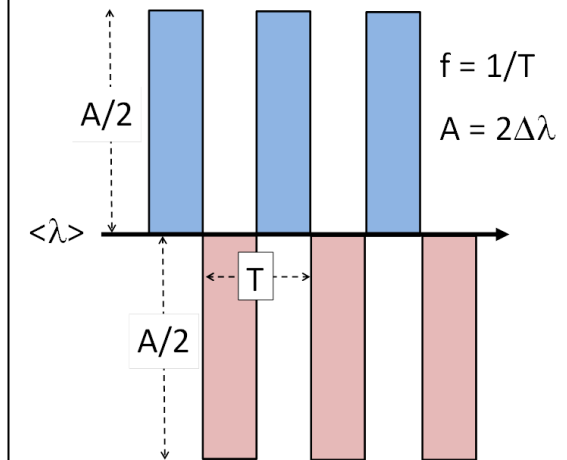


A, B: Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, etc.

Lower Light-off Temperature with Modulation



30 g PGM/ft³/100 g Spinel/L
PGM: Pt:Pd = 19:1
Spinel: Mn_{0.5}Fe_{2.5}O₄

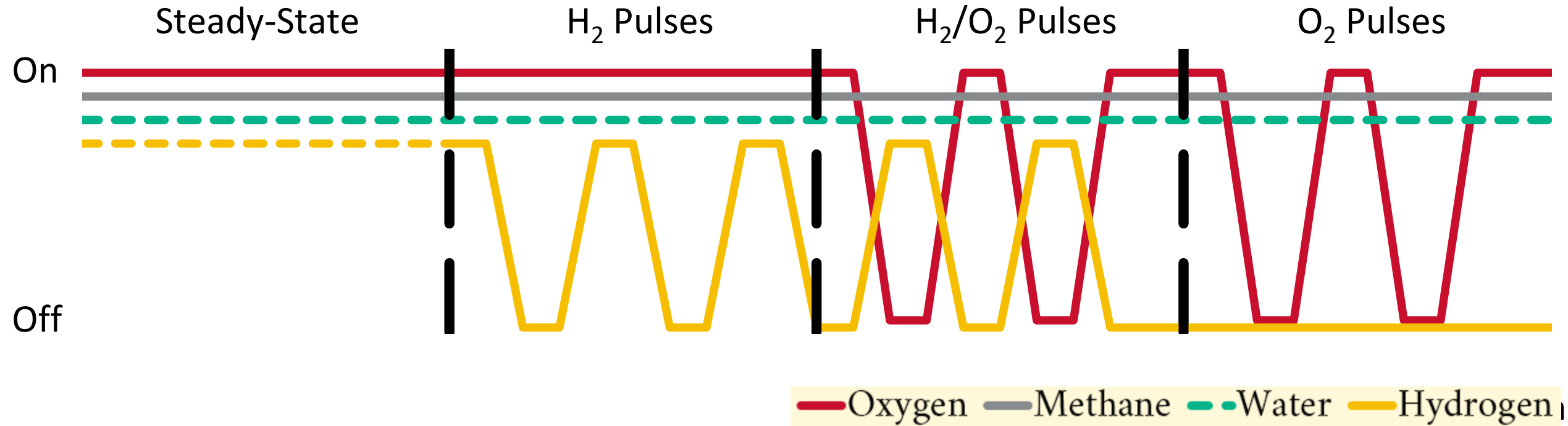


Modulation of lean-rich ratio enhances catalytic activity for CH₄ oxidation

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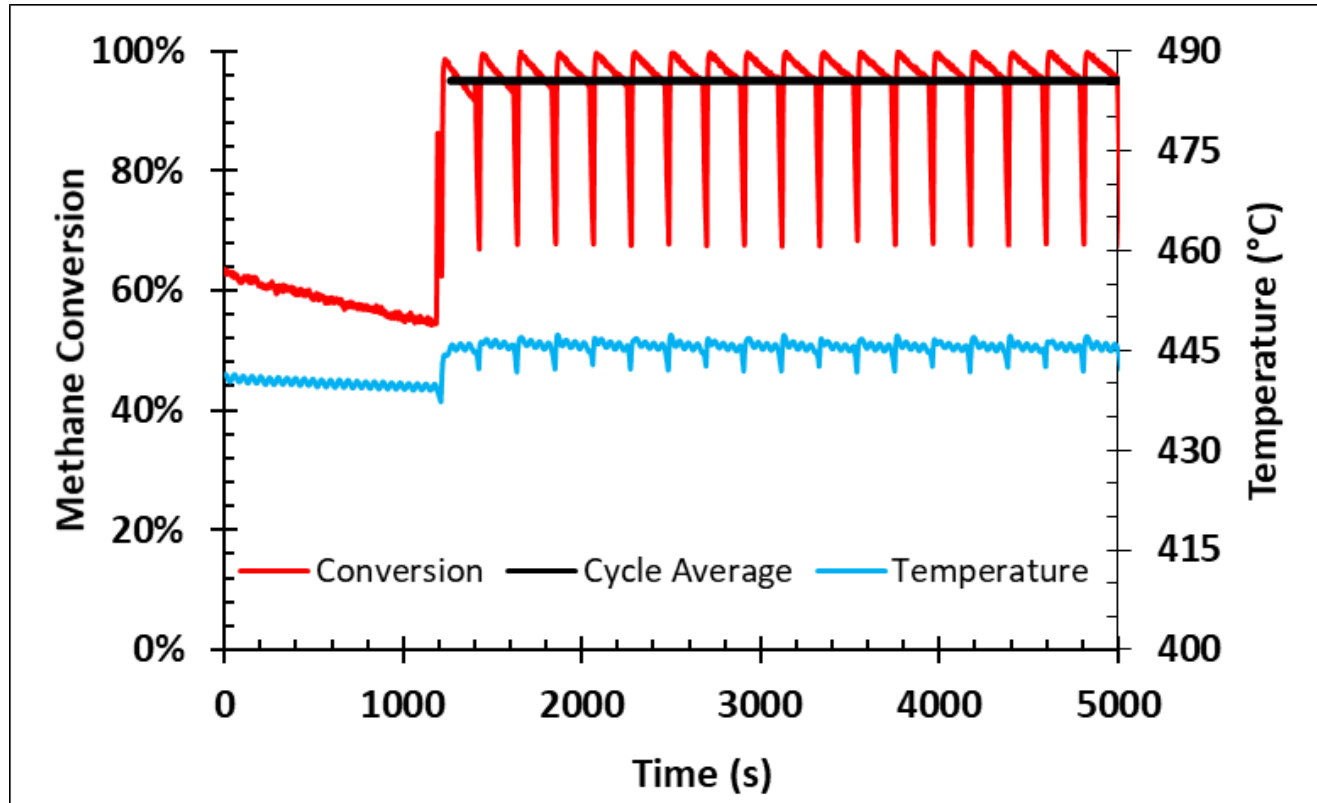
Lean Methane Oxidation Technology

Intermittent “rich” operation mitigates poisoning by H_2O and SO_2

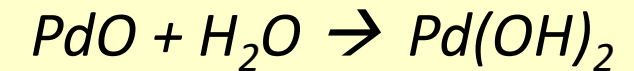


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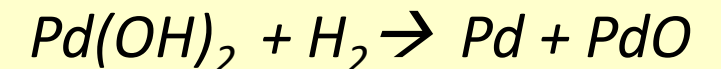
Reductant Pulsing Impact in Presence of H₂O



- H₂O in feed leads to progressive activity decline:*



- Sustain high cycle average CH₄ conversion with H₂ pulsing:*



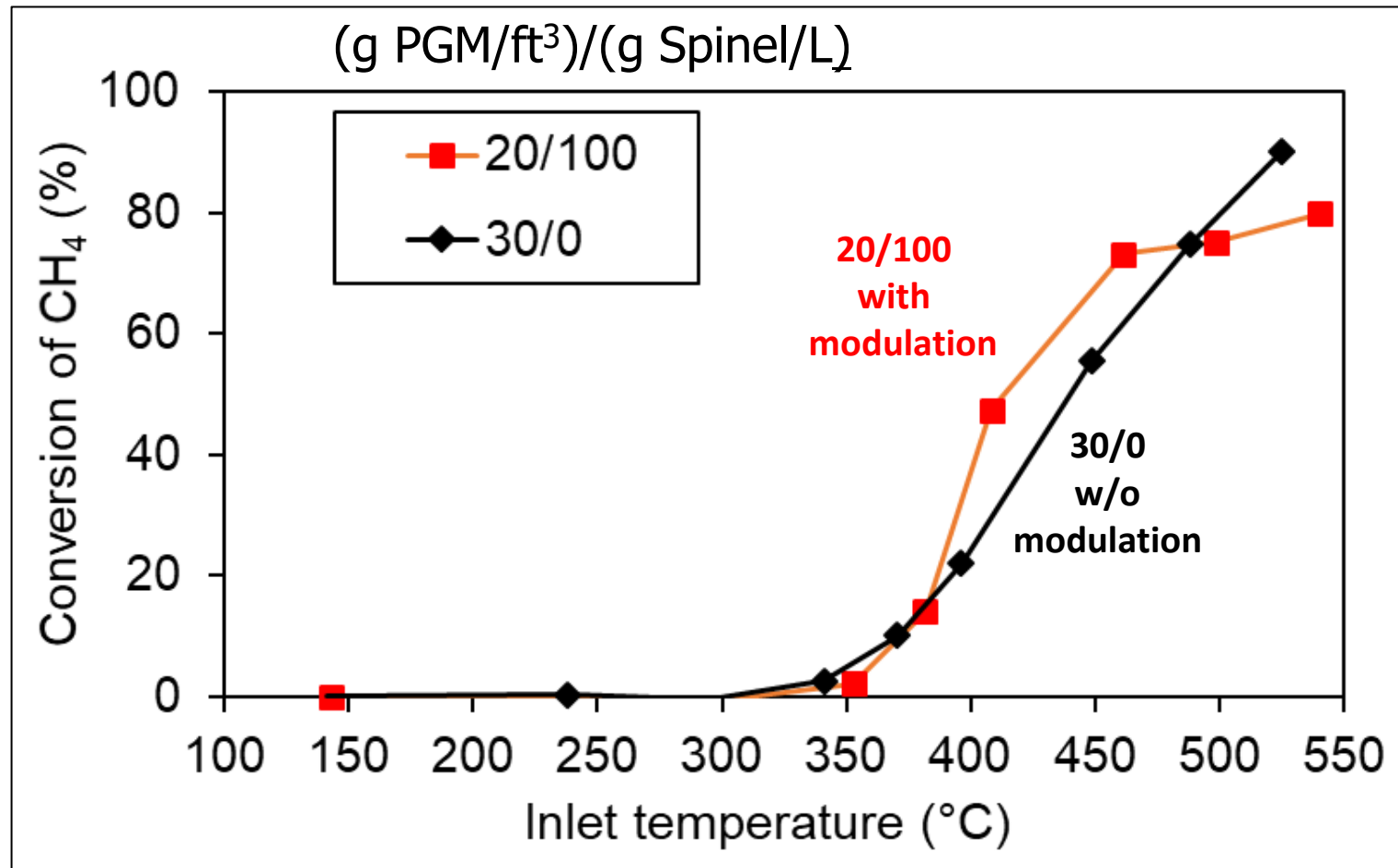
12% H₂O, 2000 ppm CH₄, bal. Ar with 30 s/180 s of 1% H₂/10% O₂

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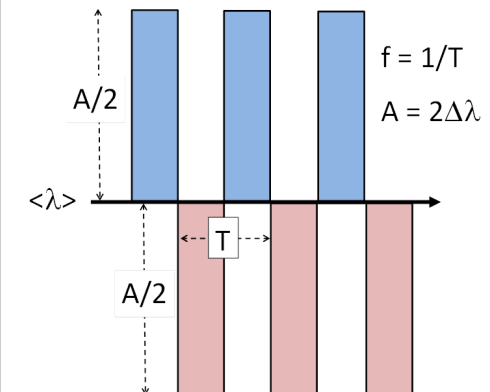
Backup Slides

Reduced PGM Loading with Modulation



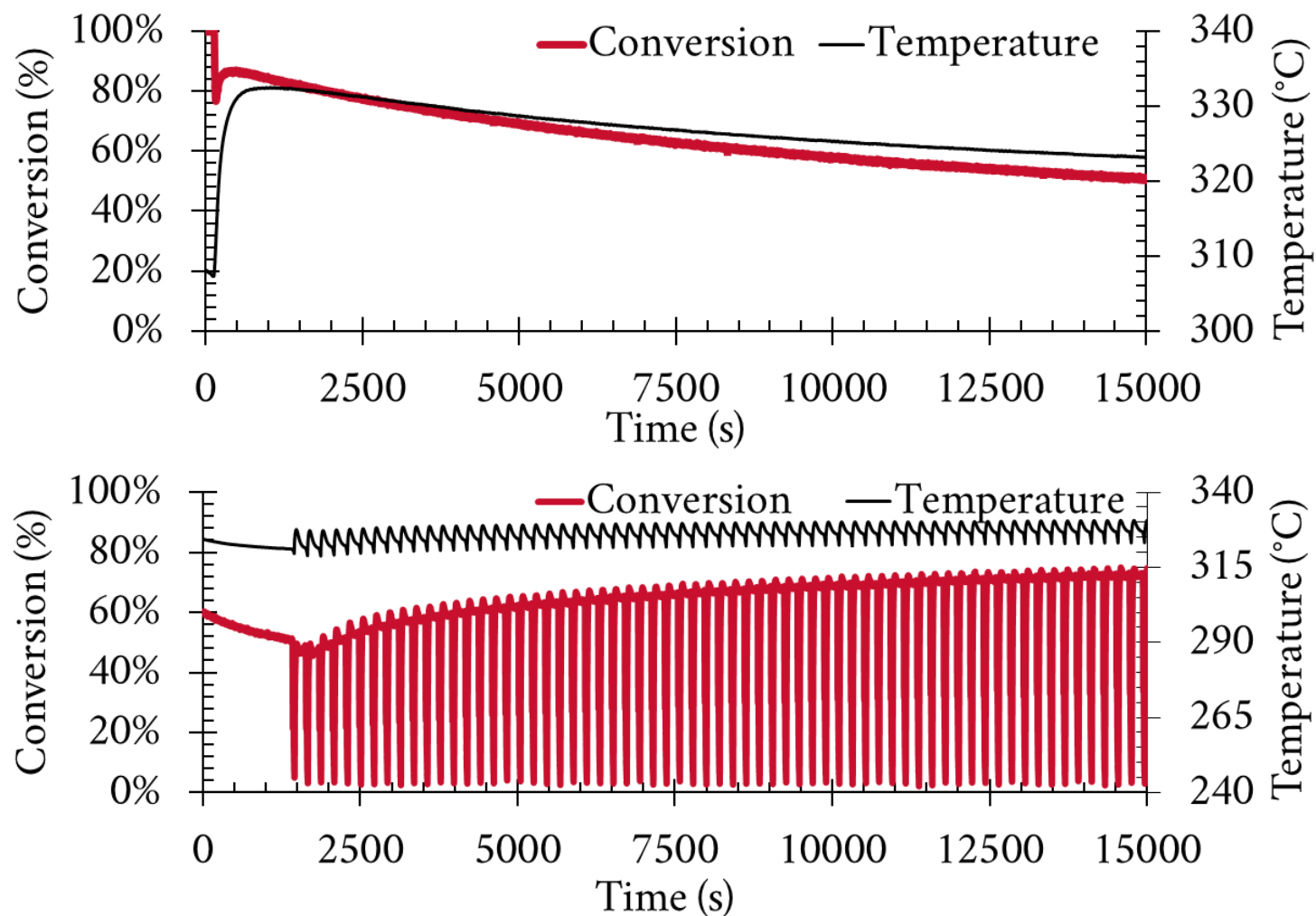
PGM: Pt:Pd = 19:1
Spinel: Mn_{0.5}Fe_{2.5}O₄

GHSV = 40 hr⁻¹
 $\langle \lambda \rangle = 0.992$
 $f = 0, 0.33 \text{ Hz}$
 $A = 0, 0.028$



Modulation reduces PGM loading by 10 g/ft³

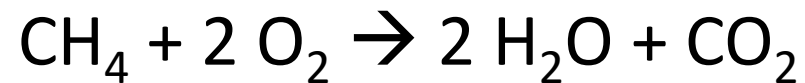
Intermittent Pulsing of H₂ Sustains Activity



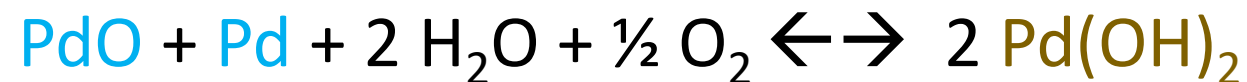
- H₂/O₂ pulses show improved catalytic activity over time
- Pulses result in high catalytic activity on the scale of several hours

Pd-Pt/CZ at 315 °C for dry feed

Key Reactions



oxidation



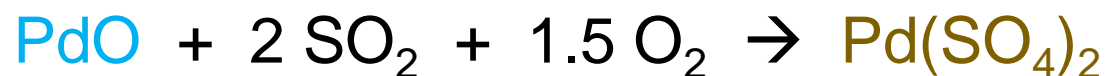
deactivation



reactivation



steam reforming



sulfur poisoning



desulfation

Agenda



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Methane: The Greenest Greenhouse Gas

One Pathway Towards Using it to Advantage

Methane is the world's best fuel

- Occurs naturally, from organic decomposition, in wetlands
- It is mostly hydrogen, safe, stable, contains no ash or toxins
- Can be converted into heat or electricity
- It is also a big culprit, responsible for 30% of all greenhouse gases from oil and gas, coal, landfills, dairy operations AND natural sources
- If it could be tapped, wetlands methane could generate as much power as solar and wind combined

PEL Mission

- Methane offers a pathway to reducing greenhouse gases in the next decade
- At the recent COP 26 Climate Change conference in Glasgow, there was a separate booth for just for methane
- The US DOE just announced new regulations governing methane emissions
- PEL's prime focus is to oxidize methane, making power wherever possible
- The Oxiperator can make a difference

Oxiperator Features:

- At 0.3% concentration in air, oxidize the methane
- At 1.5%, generate electricity in a gas turbine
- No catalyst, no ceramic shells
- No harmful emissions, no NO_x, no CO

The Technology:

- The Oxiperator is a slow cooker. It gradually oxidizes the methane, steeping it in its own sauce
- Slow cooking will fully oxidize very weak streams
- It also keeps temperatures low enough to avoid formation of NO_x
- The Oxiperator also works for hydrogen, ammonia and any other weak gas
- We have an Oxiperator running at our California Lab
- We are looking for funds to scale-up and commercialize

Fig. 1: Oxiperator Under Test

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MANUAL

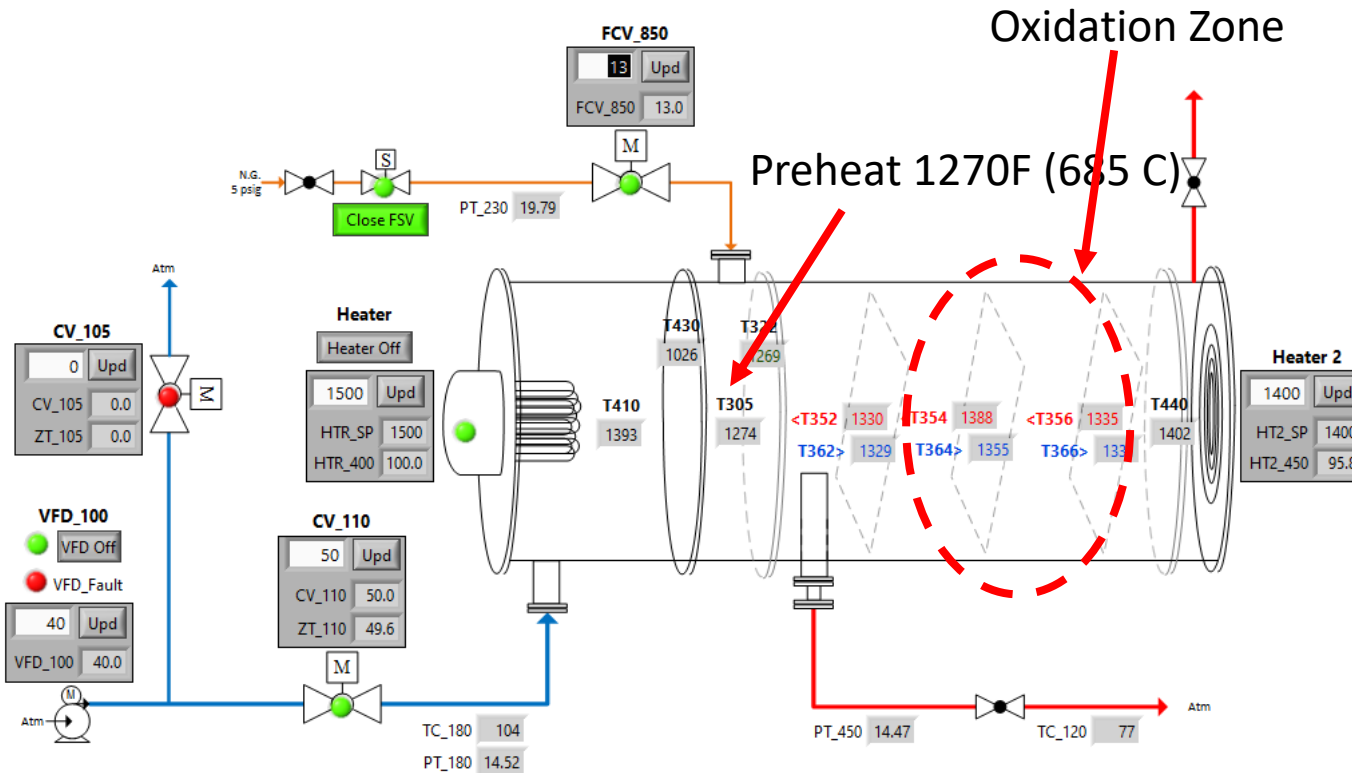
NotReady
Ready
Purge
Warmup
Transition
Steady

Warning
Fault
ESD

Reset Alarms

Screenshots Log

Data from a recent Oxiperator Test



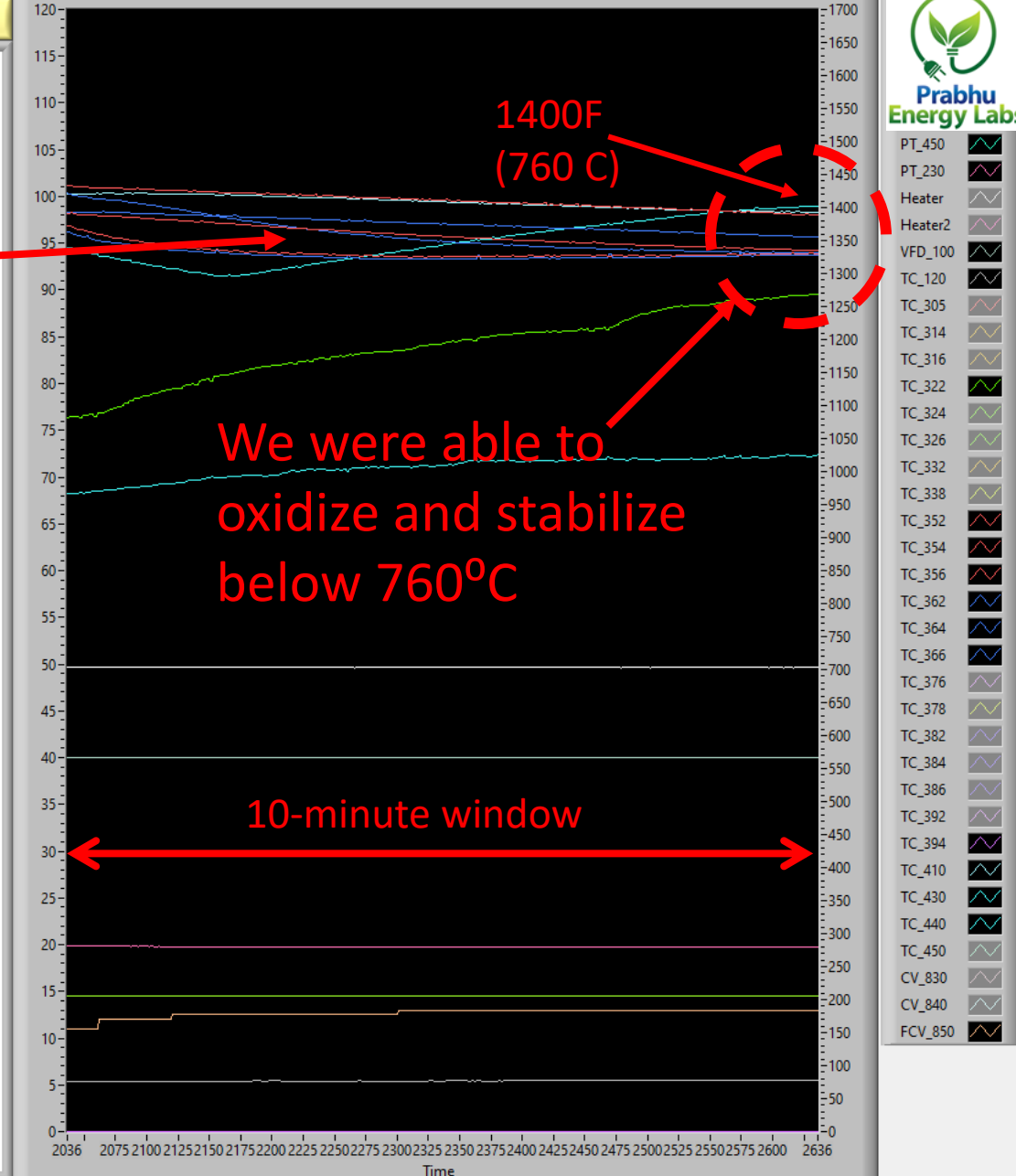
Oxidation Zone

Preheat 1270F (685 C)

1400F
(760 C)

We were able to oxidize and stabilize below 760°C

10-minute window



Next steps

- Upgrade a 250-kW power plant in the Netherlands with an Oxiperator
- Run the plant on methane (landfill gas), hydrogen, ammonia, blast furnace gas and other gases
- Find a coal mine, landfill or oilfield in the US for a Demo
- Team up with gas turbine companies for 1.5% and higher
- Develop systems for fugitive methane below 1.5%



**Proposed Oxiperator
250 kW Gas Turbine
For Landfill Gas,
Hydrogen, Ammonia,
Blast Furnace Gas,
Coke Oven Gas etc.**

Our Plans:


- Deploy Oxiperators packaged in shipping containers to handle fugitive methane wherever it is emitted:
 - Oil and gas including flares
 - Landfills
 - Coal mines
 - Dairy digesters
 - Engine exhausts
- Where the gas concentrations are 1.5% or higher, make electricity
- Use Oxiperators as VOC destroyers
- Then we plan to tap natural methane from wetlands...concentrate it to 1.5% and use it to make power

We plan to make methane **green** again


It will go from bane to boon

Methane will be the new renewable energy, along with
solar and wind!


Our goal: Cut 100 million tons CO₂e in ten years




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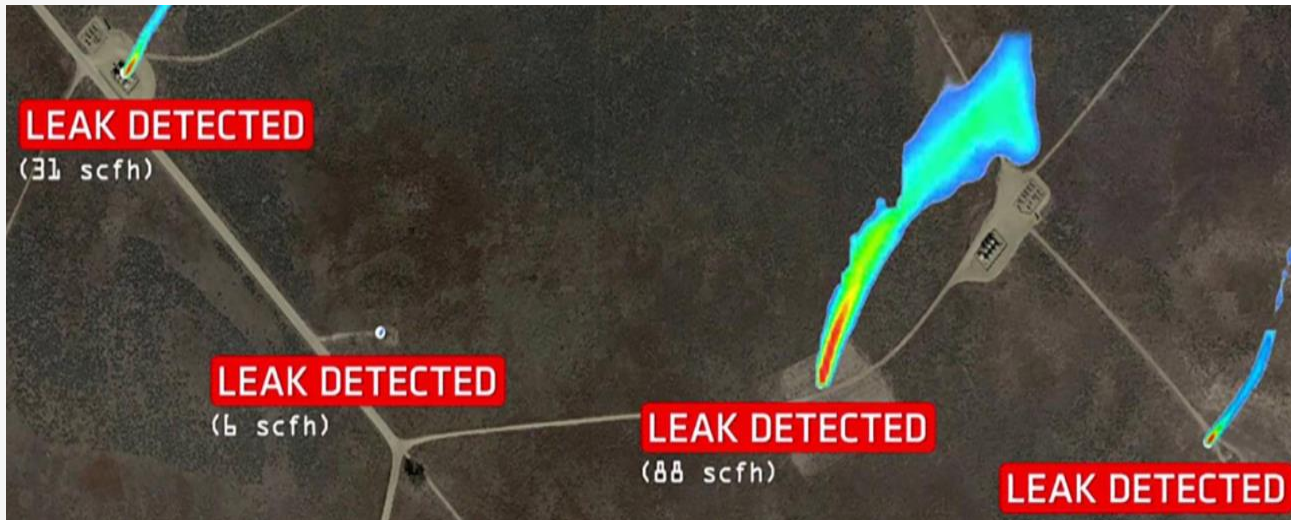
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Digital Solutions Support from Performatica – Computer Vision, Simulation & Augmented Analytics

Leveraging Open-Source Platforms for Methane Detection



- Methane leak hotspots detection through Satellite Images
- Pinpoint Methane leak location and identify the cause of the leak
- Estimate emission size and impact from Methane leaks and emissions
- Simulating effectiveness of methane leak detection programs
- Focus in ESG & Reporting through digital platforms

Thank you



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