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# Methane Detection and Monitoring-Tackling the Challenge

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# Methane Detection and Monitoring Tackling the Challenge

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# Why Methane?



- Methane is more than 84-86 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub> over a 20-year time horizon.
- Methane's lifespan is 9 to 12 years so cutting methane emissions yields an immediate reduction in the rate of warming, while also delivering air quality benefits.
- **25%** of today's global warming is driven by methane from industry
- Cutting methane emissions by 45 per cent by 2030 could help us meet the Paris Agreement's goal of limiting global warming 1.5°C.



# The Magnitude?



Satellite-detected methane leaks from human activities, 2021



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Source: Kayrros analysis based on modified Copernicus data.

- Greater than 40% of methane emissions is unaccounted for
- The oil & gas industry alone globally flares over 14.5 billion standard cubic feet per day<sup>1</sup> of associated gas
- Kayrros<sup>2</sup> estimates from satellite imagery that over 1 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>e annually comes from non-routine flaring
- The IEA<sup>3</sup> estimates annually over 79 million Tonnes of methane is emitted, equivalent to more than 2 billion Tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e from routine flaring

# From Well to Wheel

- Emission profiles are different at each stage of the oil and gas value chain
- Wellsite is different from a oil battery which is different from a compressor station
- We cannot lump them all together and use emission factors thinking our job is done.
- Proactive approach along the whole value chain recognizing the uniqueness of each stage and designing to reduce the fugitives, flaring and venting





# Satellites, Airplanes, Drones, Sensors, Handhelds....

Take a quick tour of this Operator Dashboard

Project Methodology

## Explore the Map

- EDF Study Area (measured to date)
- Permian Basin

## Filter by Measurement Area

- Show all areas
- Only show areas with one operator

## Search by Survey Number

- 1 (Oct 2019 - May 2020)
- 2 (July 2020 - Sept 2020)
- 3 (Oct 2020 - Dec 2020)
- All surveys

Search

Wells no

Search

Display

## Select One or More Operators to Compare Emissions Data

(N/A)

- ABRAXAS PETROLEUM
- ADMIRAL PERMIAN RESOURCES
- AMEREDEV LLC
- APACHE CORPORATION
- ARCH OIL & GAS LLC
- ARMOR PETROLEUM INC
- ATLANTIC OPERATING II, LLC
- BAM PERMIAN OPERATING,

## Methane Emission Rate (kg/hr)



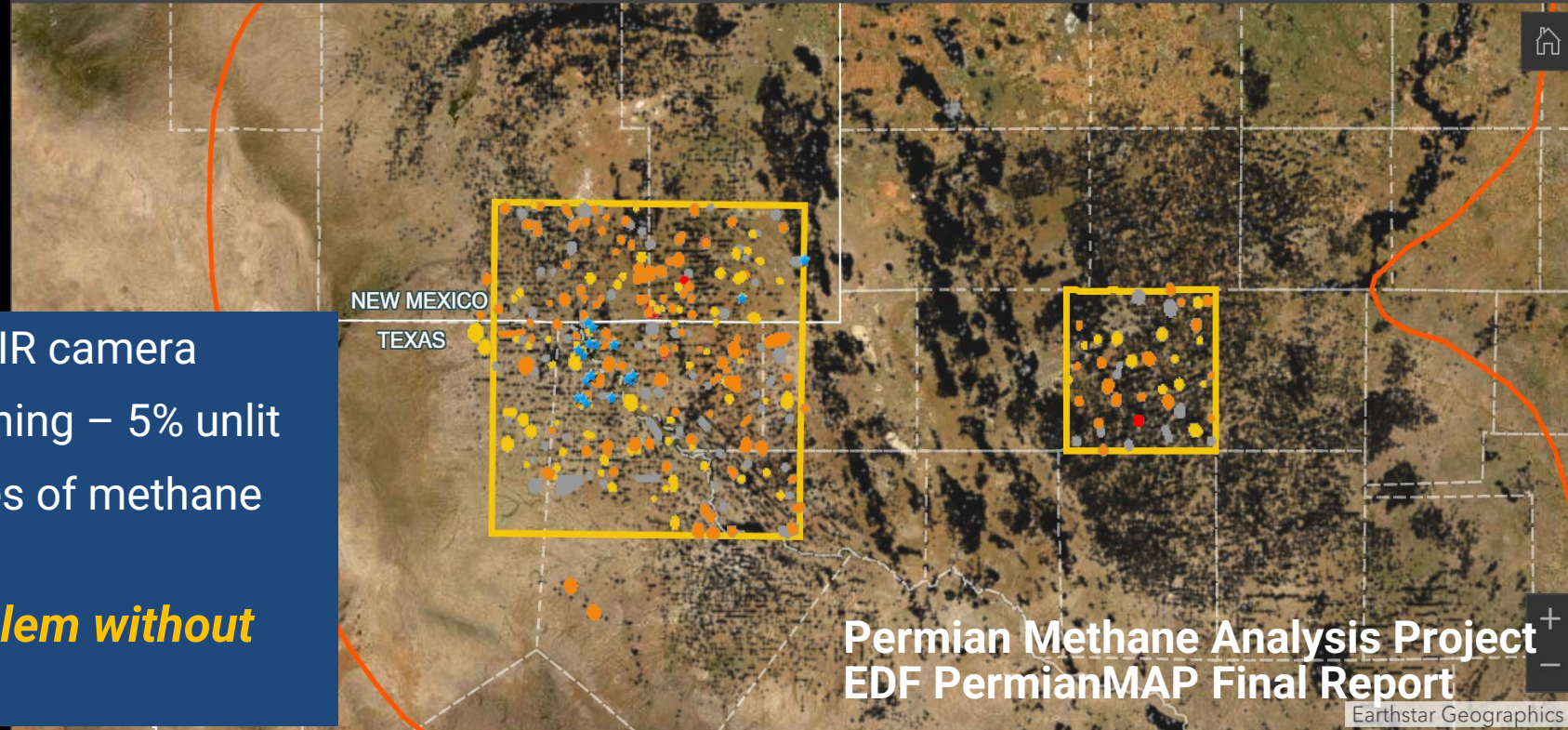
\*Emissions are between zero and a variable detection limit. [Learn More](#)

## Survey Type and Operator Responses

- Aerial Surveys
- Ground Surveys
- Surveys with Multiple Operators
- Operator Responses

## Infrastructure

- Active Oil & Gas Wells
- Inactive/Plugged/Other Wells
- Processing Plants
- Tank Batteries



- EDF study – helicopter survey IR camera
- 3,000 flares – 11% malfunctioning – 5% unlit
- Flares one of the larger sources of methane emissions

**Cannot solve the methane problem without solving the flaring problem**

Permian Methane Analysis Project  
EDF PermianMAP Final Report

Earthstar Geographics

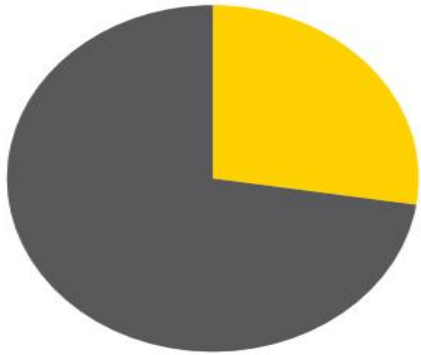


## FLARING INSIGHTS

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Total surveys

1,320 Emission sources detected



- 362 Malfunctioning Flares
- 958 Other sources (Tanks, vents, valves)

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50%

of super emitters come from midstream operations.

Super emitters are sites that produce a disproportionate amount of methane pollution, releasing 10 kilograms of methane an hour or more.

Gathering and boosting


Transmission and storage

Pipelines and compressors



Mobile laboratory measurements indicate low-producing "marginal wells" are responsible for half of the Permian Basin's well pad emissions. More than 75% of these are owned by major corporations.



A large, intense fire plume from an industrial flare stack against a dark sky. The fire is bright orange and yellow, with a thick, billowing cloud of smoke and ash rising from the top. The background is a dark, clear sky.

**“ I knew we would find a lot of pollution, but I had no idea flaring emissions would be this bad. ”**

**David Lyon**

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# The Elephant In The Room

- Assumption that a flare is 98% efficient
- Non-routine flaring and venting ignored
- Maintenance, equipment failure and well unloading emissions not accounted for



**3X HIGHER**

Over the course of the project, aircraft measurements have revealed Permian emissions are **2-3 times higher** than what the Environmental Protection Agency estimates in their inventory of greenhouse gas emissions.





# Methane Detection and Monitoring-Tackling the Challenge

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# Our Understanding of Methane Emissions is Transforming Before our Eyes

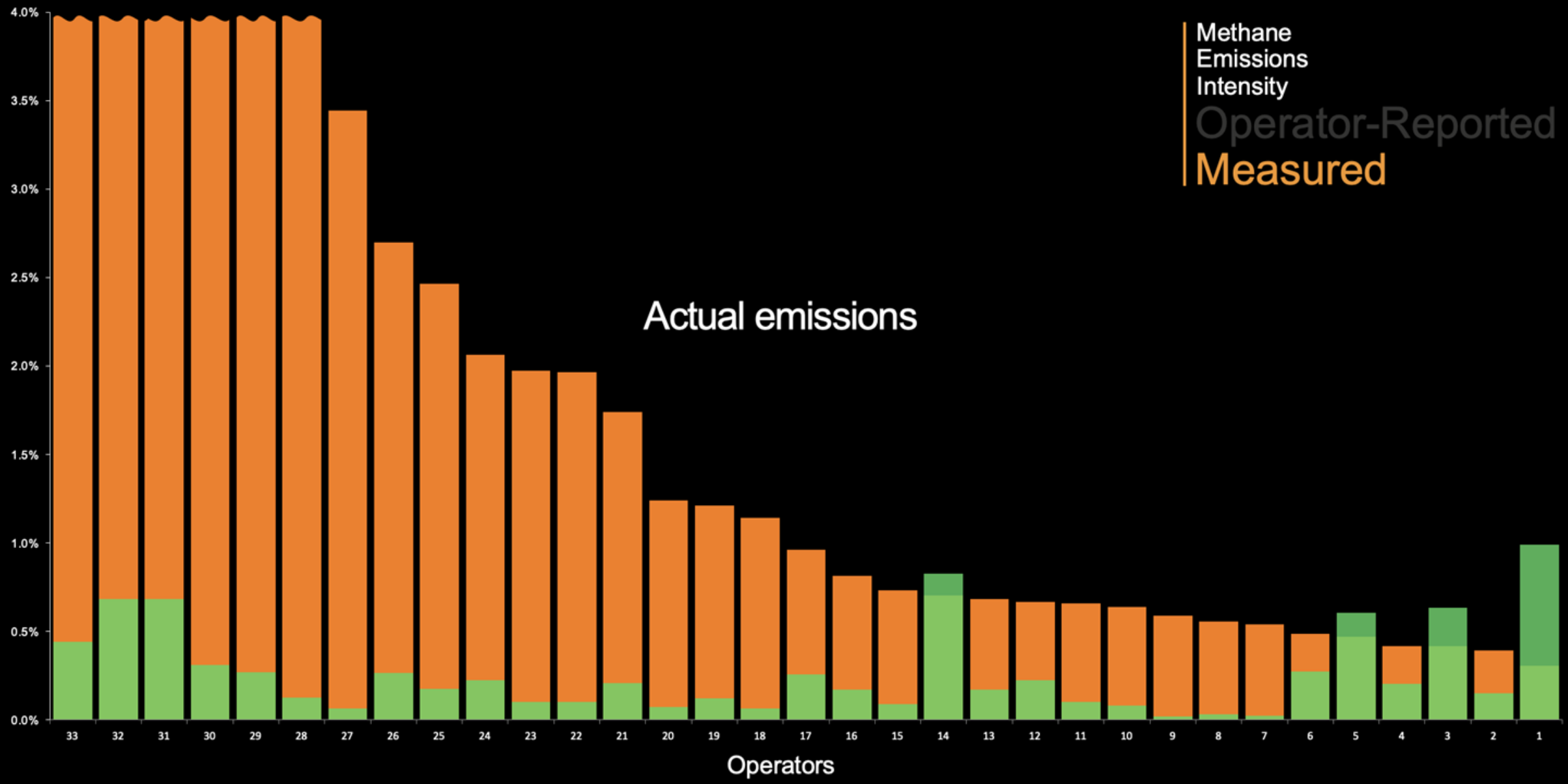


- **Emission factors** are wrong. **Direct measurement** is becoming the new paradigm for industry and regulators.
- We're seeing regulators rapidly shift to the direct measurement paradigm, but **this change is uneven today.**





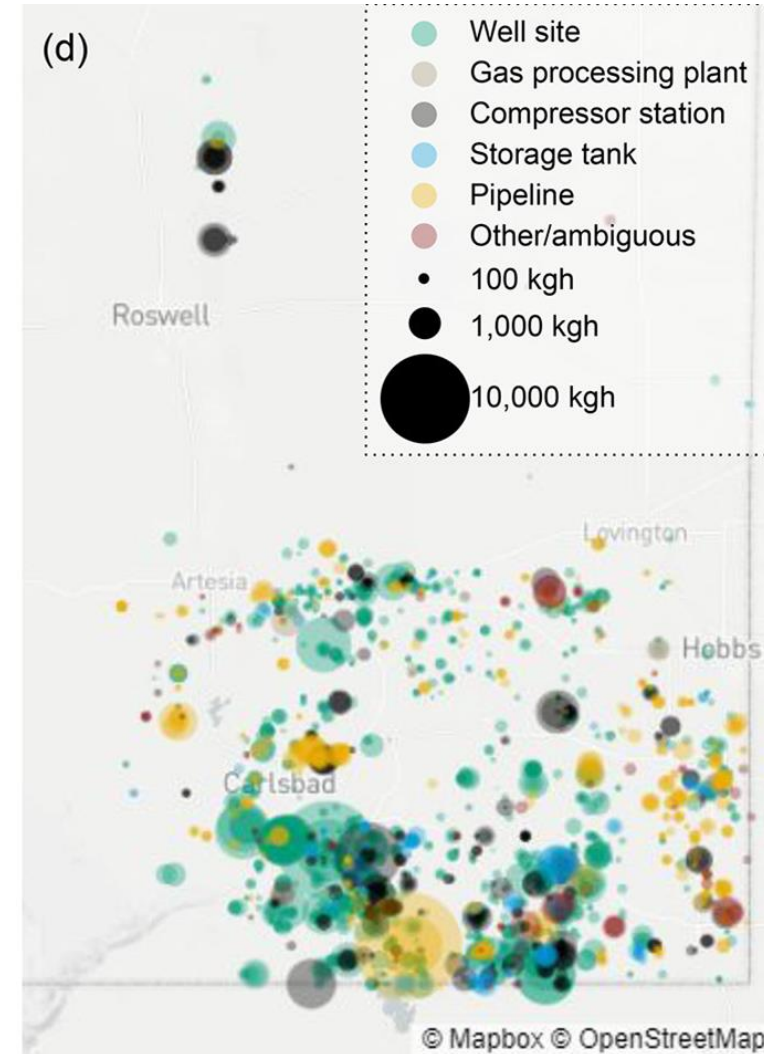




# Measurement Reveals Strong Discrepancies Between Measured vs. Calculated Emissions

## Permian Basin – 2019

- The study encompassed 26,292 active wells, 91% of New Mexico's Permian footprint
- Stanford University scientists calculate methane emissions are **6.5x higher** than EPA Greenhouse Gas Inventory estimates
- The survey found 2,874 methane plumes above 100 kg/hr, all of which would be “Super Emitters” under new EPA rules
- Half of all measured emissions were from sources >308 kg/hr (385 MCF/day)

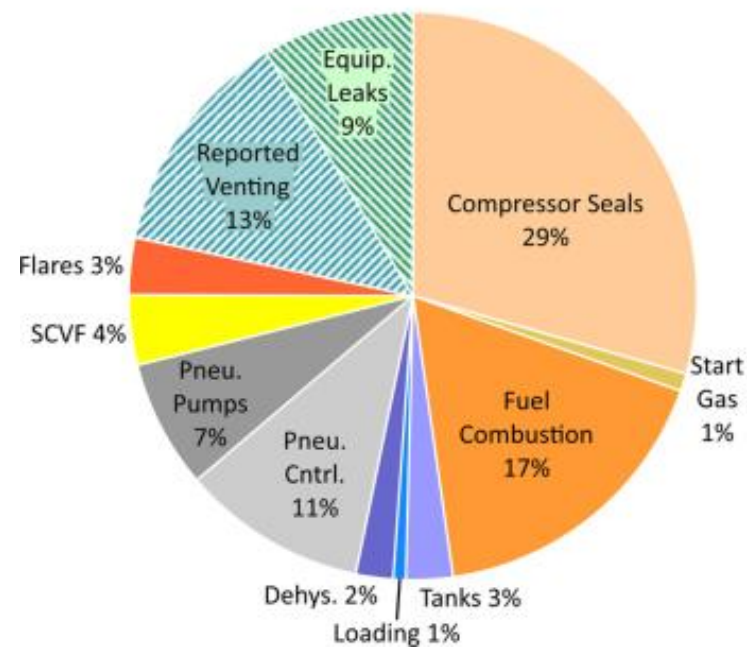


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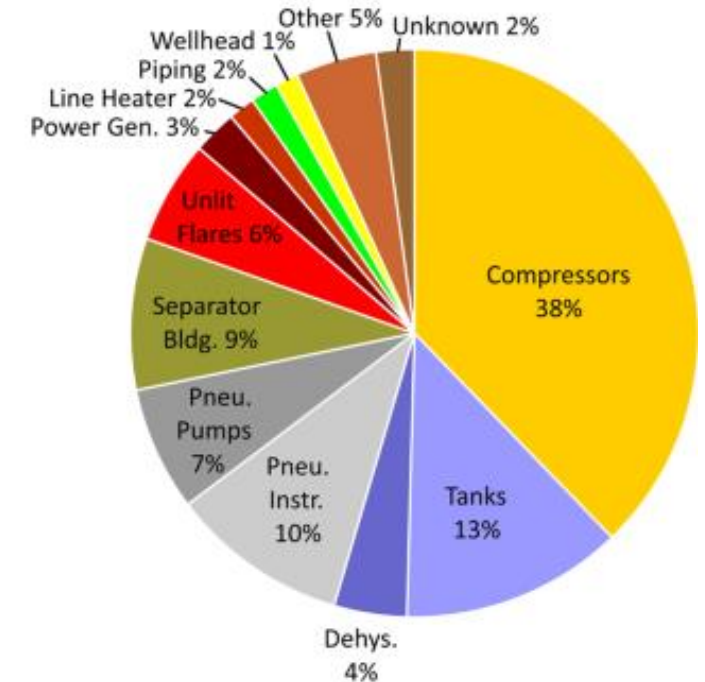
## British Columbia - 2021

- Carleton University scientists reported **measured emissions are double** official GHG inventory estimates
- The sources responsible for the measured emissions did not reflect the GHG inventory either
- Study concludes that a “hybrid inventory” that includes measured emissions and calculation-based emission factors is a comprehensive approach

(a) Federal (ECCC) 2020 Inventory Sources (83.7 kt)



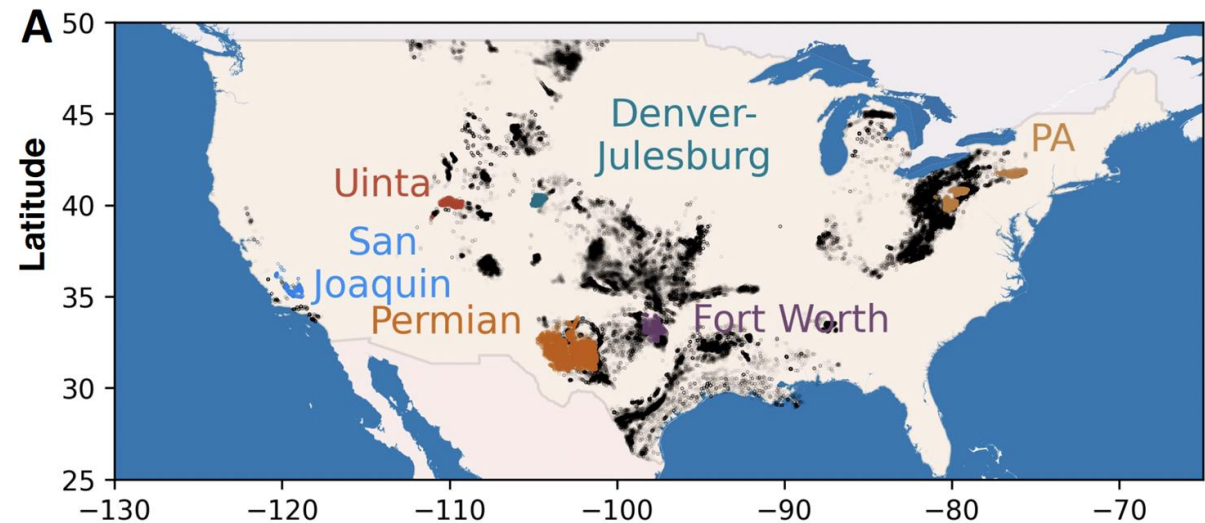
(b) 2021 Measurement-Based Inventory Sources (144.5 kt)



# Measurement Reveals Strong Discrepancies Between Measured vs. Calculated Emissions

## Continental U.S. – 2023

- Stanford scientists (paper in revision) examined whether this is a **Permian phenomenon** by evaluating fifteen measurement campaigns across six basins
- Basin-level methane loss rates vary significantly, but **all campaigns** with greater than 80% basin coverage (n=11) **quantified a loss rate greater than the EPA GHG inventory** estimated loss rate.
- Surveyed regions in this study contribute an estimated **6.3 million tonnes/yr of methane emissions**, equivalent to total greenhouse gas emissions from France





# How Are Regulators Addressing the Inventory Gap?

## Colorado

- Colorado already has some of the most stringent air quality regulations in the nation
- State has set an ambitious **emission intensity target** for its oil and gas industry
- But if inventories don't accurately reflect reality, how do we **measure progress?**
- Enter the Greenhouse Gas Intensity Verification Rule



# How is Colorado Addressing the Inventory Gap?



## Colorado

- The State's goal is to use **basin-scale measurement** to determine how much its inventory is undercounting emissions
- Creating a measurement-informed "**default**" measurement factor
- Providing operators pathways to **report their own methane intensity results** based on their advanced technology measurement campaigns
- Now, the state will be able to measure progress against its methane intensity targets that better reflect reality



# EPA's Multi-Pronged Approach



- 0000b/c methane rules to find methane
- Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program changes to track methane
- IRA methane fees to increase accountability





# How is EPA Addressing the Inventory Gap?



## US EPA – 0000b/c to Find and Eliminate Methane

- Proposed **0000b** and **0000c** rules dramatically increase leak detection requirements and embrace methane quantification technologies
- Massive increase in leak detection – both in sites covered and in frequency of surveys
- Most technology-forward regulations we've seen to date
- Major changes to important sources like **tanks, pneumatics, liquids unloading**



# How is EPA Addressing the Inventory Gap?



## US EPA – *Improving the Greenhouse Gas Inventory*

- Proposed **Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program** changes incorporate these methane quantification techniques directly into the GHG inventory for more accurate information
- Moving away from emission factors and towards measurement in many places
- New reporting category – “Other Large Release Events” will track and quantify **super emitters** for the first time
- 100 kg/hr leaks and/or 500 MCF cumulative release events will now be reported in the GHG inventory





# How is EPA Addressing the Inventory Gap?



## US EPA – *Driving Accountability with the IRA*

**Inflation Reduction Act** (IRA) marries the two into **fee-based incentives** to eliminate methane emissions

- Establishes Methane Emissions Reduction Program by creating Section 136 of the Clean Air Act - Managed by EPA
- Establishes \$1.55B financial and technical assistance for methane reductions (**\$350M available to states!**)
- Establishes methane waste fee
  - Fee is based on EPA GHG Inventory reported emissions
  - Fee is calculated per ton of methane
  - When OOOOb/c are finalized, companies can use compliance to avoid fees
    - Until rules are finalized, they are stuck paying fees
    - Pipelines do not have an off-ramp from fees



OOOOb to **measure**, GHGRP to **track**, Inflation Reduction Act  
methane fees to **increase accountability**

# Where Do We Go From Here?



**Regulations** must align with **measurement** to be cost-effective

Intense focus on “traditional” emission sources like pneumatics may **completely miss reality** of what’s driving emissions in certain basins

- **Step One:** More, better measurement
- **Step Two:** Proper incentive structures in regulation
- **Step Three:** Implementation and continuous improvement through reviewing measurement data



# Appendix



- Chen et al. 2022 “*Quantifying Regional Methane Emissions in the New Mexico Permian Basin with a Comprehensive Aerial Survey*” <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.est.1c06458>
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# Methane Emission Monitoring Solutions - From Super Emitter to 1ppm

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# Spectrum of Solutions



Satellite



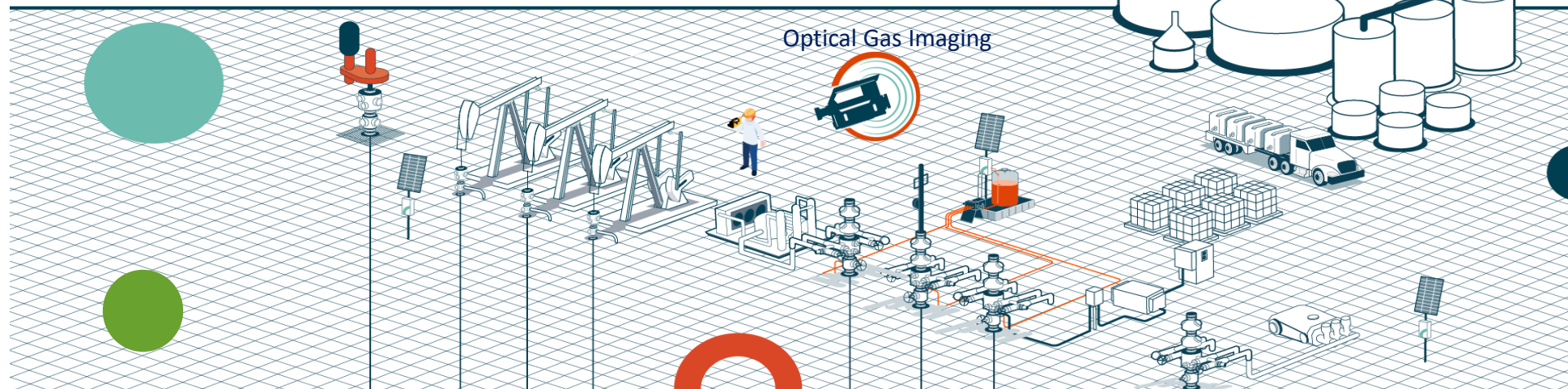
Fixed Wing Plane



Helicopter



UAV/Drone



Optical Gas Imaging



Fixed Continuous Sensor



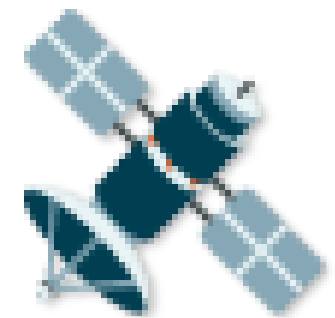
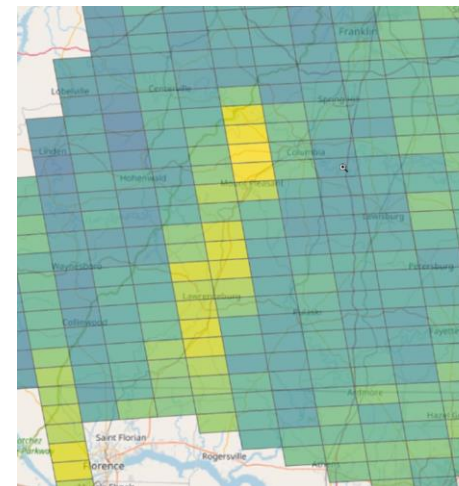
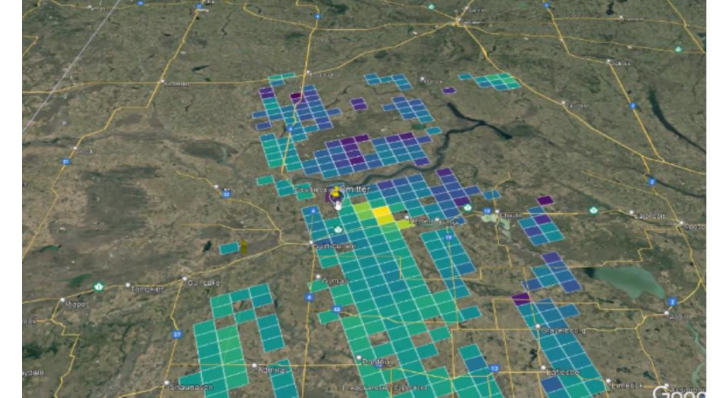
# Your Solution: Satellite

## Advantages

- Large survey coverage area (basin or larger)
- Can detect super emitter events with quantification ability
- Uses remote sensing data to detect methane

## Disadvantages

- Point in Time Detection
- Temporal Resolution –ideally around noon to provide sufficient light for remote sensing
- Large Resolution
- Minimum Leak Rate Detection Limit: 100kg/hr



# Your Solution: Fixed Wing Plane

## Advantages

- Large survey coverage area (300-800 square miles a day)
- Can detect super emitter events with quantification ability
- Measure where ground access is difficult

## Disadvantages

- Point in Time Detection
- Need clear and safe weather conditions for flights
- Resource Intensive

Minimum Leak Rate Detection Limit: 10kg/hr





# Your Solution: Aerial OGI



## Advantages

Site Based- compressor stations, pipelines etc.

Can detect small methane leaks

Can get to sites that are hard to access

Combine with on the ground leak repair

## Disadvantages

Point in Time Detection

Need clear and safe weather conditions for flights

Resource Intensive



Minimum Leak Rate Detection Limit: Not able to quantify





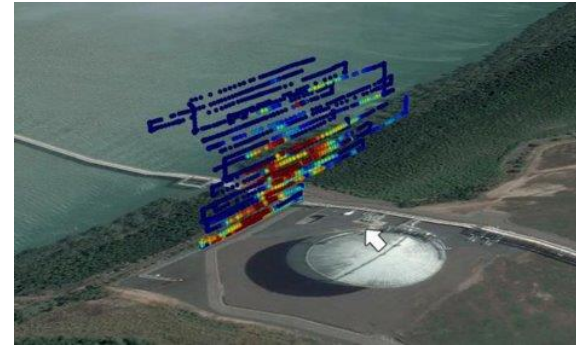
# Your Solution: UAV/Drone

## Advantages

- Site Based- compressor stations, pipelines etc.
- Most accurate individual site quantification
- Combine with on the ground leak repair
- Takes less time to survey a site than with OGI camera

## Disadvantages

- Point in Time Detection
- Need clear and safe weather conditions for flights
- Need accurate wind data
- Resource Intensive



Minimum Leak Rate Detection Limit: 1 kg/hr

# Your Solution: Fixed Continuous Sensor

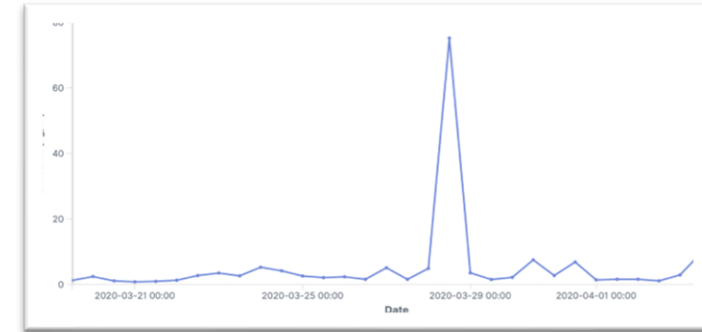


## Advantages

- On Site 24 hours a day
- Rapid Identification of super-emitters and persistent leaks
- Data is in real time
- Insights about total emissions on a site

## Disadvantages

- Need accurate wind data
- Provides general location of leak
- Generally need more than one per site
- Potential for false alerts or event is over when a technician is out



Minimum Leak Rate Detection Limit: less than 1kg/hr

# Your Solution: Optical Gas Imaging



## Advantages

- Drives regulatory compliance
- Identifies exact location of leak
- Drive repair of site leaks

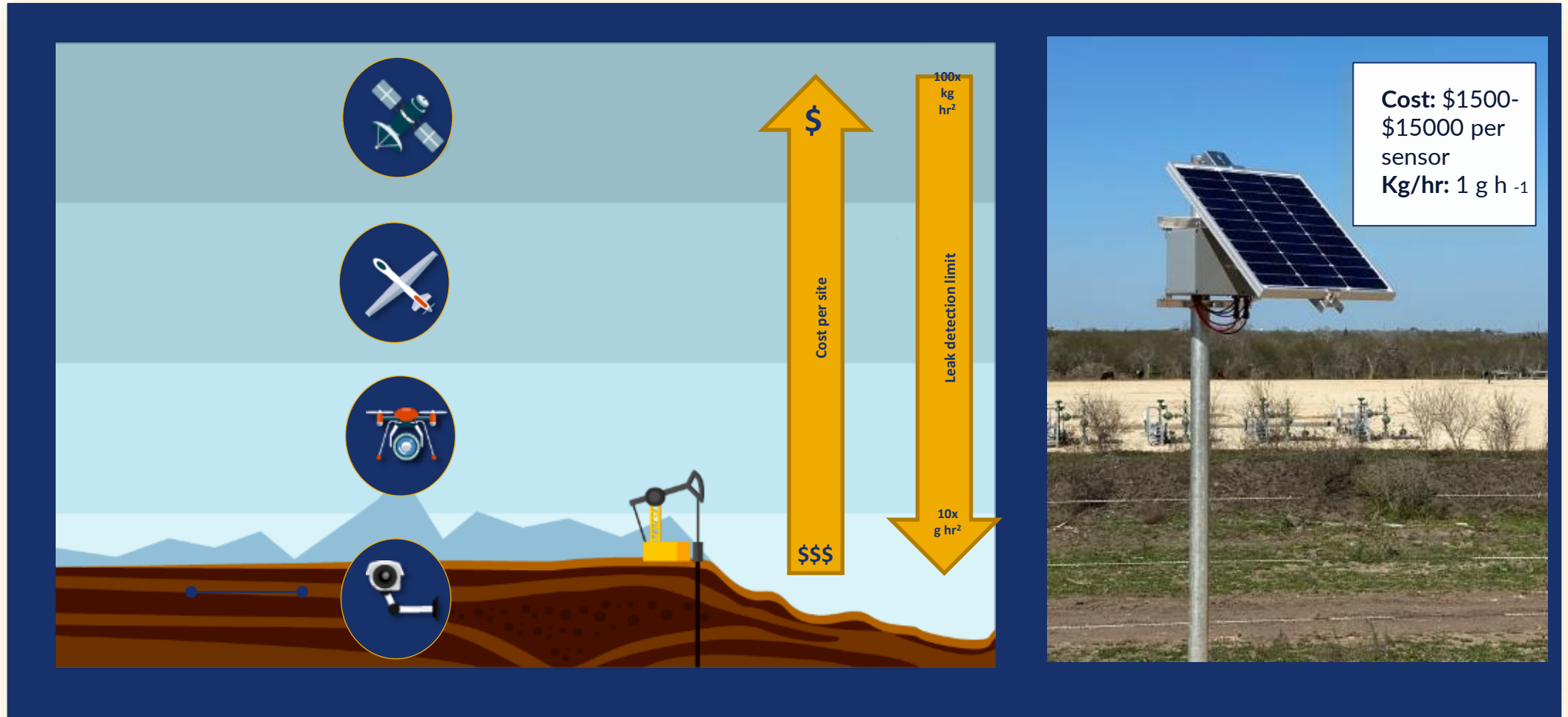
## Disadvantages

- Point in Time
- Can only be done in daylight
- Resource Intensive



Minimum Leak Rate Detection Limit: not able to quantify

# Cost vs Resolution





# What is the Best Solution?

It depends on...

## Your Assets

- Density
- Geography
- Operational



AND

## Your Goals

- Satisfy Regulations
- Internal
- Cost Effectiveness



AND

## Your Methane Event Focus

- Super Emitter
- Intermittent Leaks
- Persistent Leaks



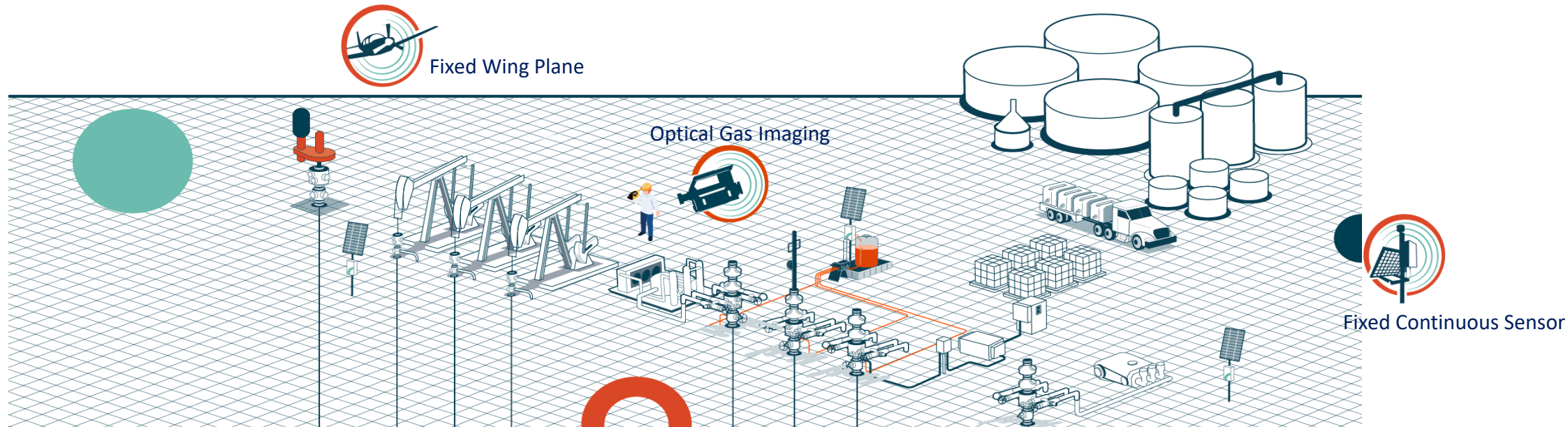
# What Should I Use?



Objective	Best Tool
Survey basin or region	Satellite
Reduce total emission from a site	Continuous monitoring.
Rapidly survey large number of facilities	Manned aircraft
Calculate methane intensity	UAV is the most accurate tool to measure total site emission
Identify and repair small sources (~ < 250 scf/hr)	AOGI and OGI still reigns supreme for pinpointing sources and reliability detecting small emissions



# There is no silver bullet!



# Methane Emission Monitoring Technologies for EPA Proposed Regulations

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# New Proposed Regulation Requirements



## Increased Leak Monitoring

OOOO b and c require more frequent LDAR monitoring – Do we have the manpower to accommodate the demand?

## Flaring & Venting Restrictions

Strict limits on venting and flaring. Equipment plans and upgrades need to be implemented.

## Super-Emitter Enforcement

EPA & third parties detect leaks with aerial surveillance technology. (satellite, planes & helicopter)

\*Avoid penalties with continuous monitoring and alerting notifications.

## Compliance Incentive & ROI

Reduce upstream facilities' emissions below 0.2% methane intensity or comply with OOOO rules to avoid methane fees under Inflation Reduction Act.



# Impact on Resources/ Workforce

# of sites surveyed per quarter

0000 Constructed or modified 8/23/2011 to 9/18/2015  
0000a Constructed or modified after 9/18/2015  
0000b Constructed or modified after 11/15/2021  
0000c Existing sites on or before 11/15/2021



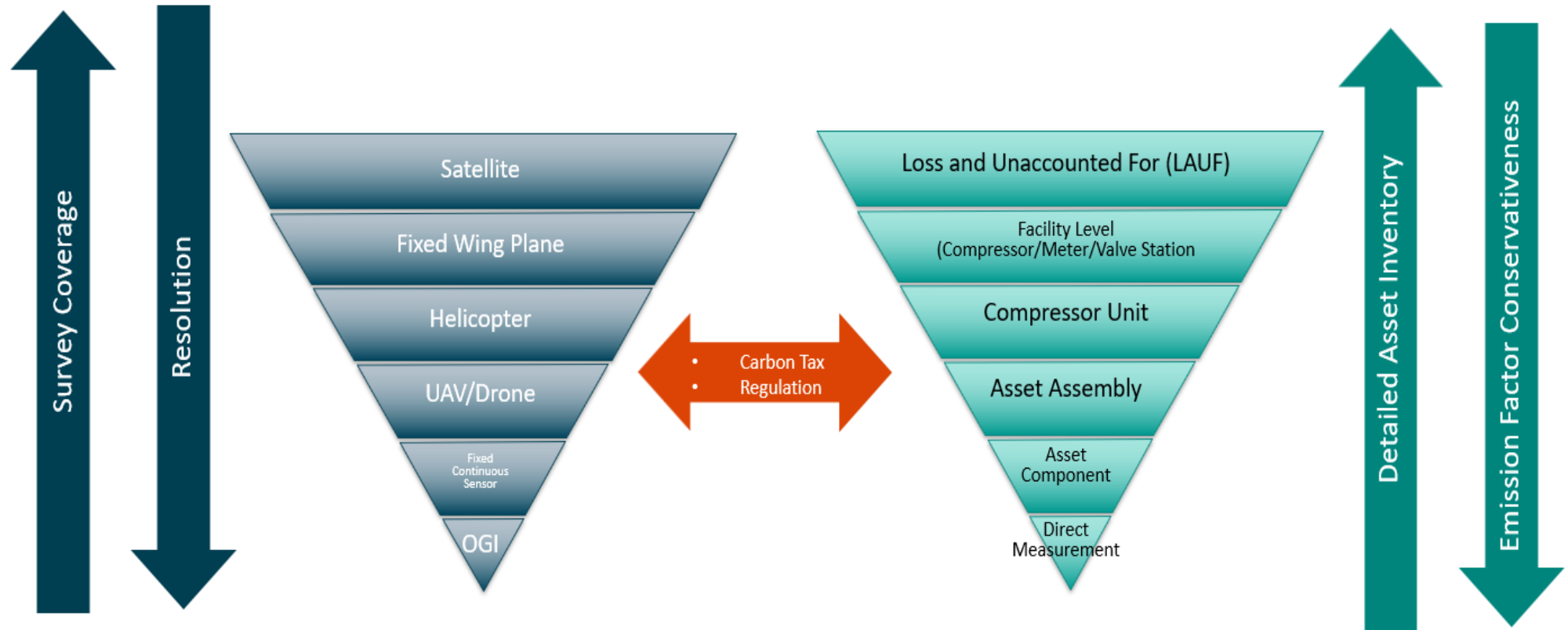
Net Zero 2050

With the growth in sites needing surveys operators will be growing their internal support to accommodate the coverage as well as outsourcing to third parties.

# How are decisions made?

Overview of tech with the critical focus on different platforms or combinations of tools that are used to tackle varying asset configurations based on:

- Geographical spread
- Asset density
- Safety (Elevated sourced)
- Level of detection resolution or detail required to drive actionable insights
- Equipment for the “Find and Fix Team” and how they can pinpoint, and equipment required



## Canada

- Regulatory Requirements – OGI 3X Surveys at Compressor and Meter Stations
- Potential addition of Valve Sites in LDAR Alternative Leak Detection and Repair

## USA

- Regulatory Requirements – Only at Compressor Stations
  - Potential requirement to track all emissions in discussion

## Mexico

- Regulatory Requirements – Stationary combustion focused, phased in LDAR in 2023
  - Similar regulation to Canada, late using Gas Detectors

# Carbon Tax Regulation

- **Evolving reporting requirements**
- **Variable compliance mechanisms**
- **Increased focus on detailed reporting**



### Canada GHGRP

- >10,000t/a

### British Columbia GHGRP

- Highly prescriptive venting and pneumatics
- Greater focus on reporting than compliance
- \$C (2021) - \$45 (Consumption)

### Alberta TIER

- One of the earliest jurisdictions to regulate, but very politicized
- 3 regulations in 3 years
- Methodologies under review
- \$C (2021) - \$40 – applied to compliance

### Saskatchewan and Manitoba >CA OBPS

- Very basic
- Focuses on stationary combustion
- New
- Adopted by provinces without adequate programs
- \$C (2021) - \$40

### Ontario GGPPA

- Tends to revise requirements and regulations frequently
- \$C (2021) - \$40

### Quebec RODECCA

- Cap and Trade
- Significant updates in progress
- CA-Linked
- Very prescriptive and additional categories
- Still use IPCC 2nd Assessment (GWP CH4 = 21
- \$C + C&T allowances = \$23

### US Federal

- Static regulation
- Reporting only – no compliance mechanisms, verification or reduction targets
- No carbon pricing at a federal level

### California

- Cap and Trade Program
- Very prescriptive reporting, methodologies and requirements
- \$C (2020) - \$21 CDN

### Colorado

- Highly prescriptive with stringent Emission Inventory and measurement requirements for quantification
- Restricted flaring and venting activities enforcing destruction and mitigation technologies

### Oregon

- Quaint methodologies tied to Fed EPA
- Requires additional state-level submissions
- \$C – In discussion

### Washington

- Quaint methodologies tied to Fed EPA
- Requires additional state-level submissions
- \$C – Cap & Trade - 2023

Relevant Complexity (Stringency + Prescriptiveness)	1 California / Colorado
	2 AB/BC
	3 QC/ON
	4 OBPS (Can Fed) – SK, MB
	5 US EPA (all other states)

### Mexico

- 2019 – basic reporting requirements, limited prescriptiveness
- Verification 3 year
- Evolving federal, state and municipal requirements
- \$C - \$2.19 CDN (Mx 46.67)

**Mexican states have evolving and increasingly stringent reporting requirements.**



# Current Approved Leak Detection Technologies



## AVO –Audio, Visual, and Olfactory observations

Careful inspection of air pollution controls and equipment Documentation of malfunctions and potential leaks.

## OGI –Optical Gas Imaging

Detects fugitive emissions using infrared cameras; certified operators gather and report survey data.

## EPA Method 21Quantitative VOC leak identification

Portable detectors, such as flame ionization, catalytic oxidation, infrared absorption, or photoionization used to locate and classify leaks by VOC concentration.



# What will fit in the proposed box?



Technology	0000'B	0000'C	Super Emitter Program	Methane Reduction Tax
Satellite				
Aerial Detection/quantification Survey (planes, drones & helicopters)				
Continuous monitoring (leak rate detection)				
OGI surveys				



Incentive to comply with 0000 b & c.

# QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION