



# DECARBONIZING NATURAL GAS & OIL

FINDING PETROLEUM

June 16, 2023

THOMAS FOX, PRESIDENT



Copyright (c) 2023 by Highwood Emissions Management Inc. All Rights Reserved



## Section 1: Lighting a Fire

Section 2: Grasping the Challenge

Section 3: Making a Dent

Section 4: Taking Credit

Section 5: Preparing for the Future

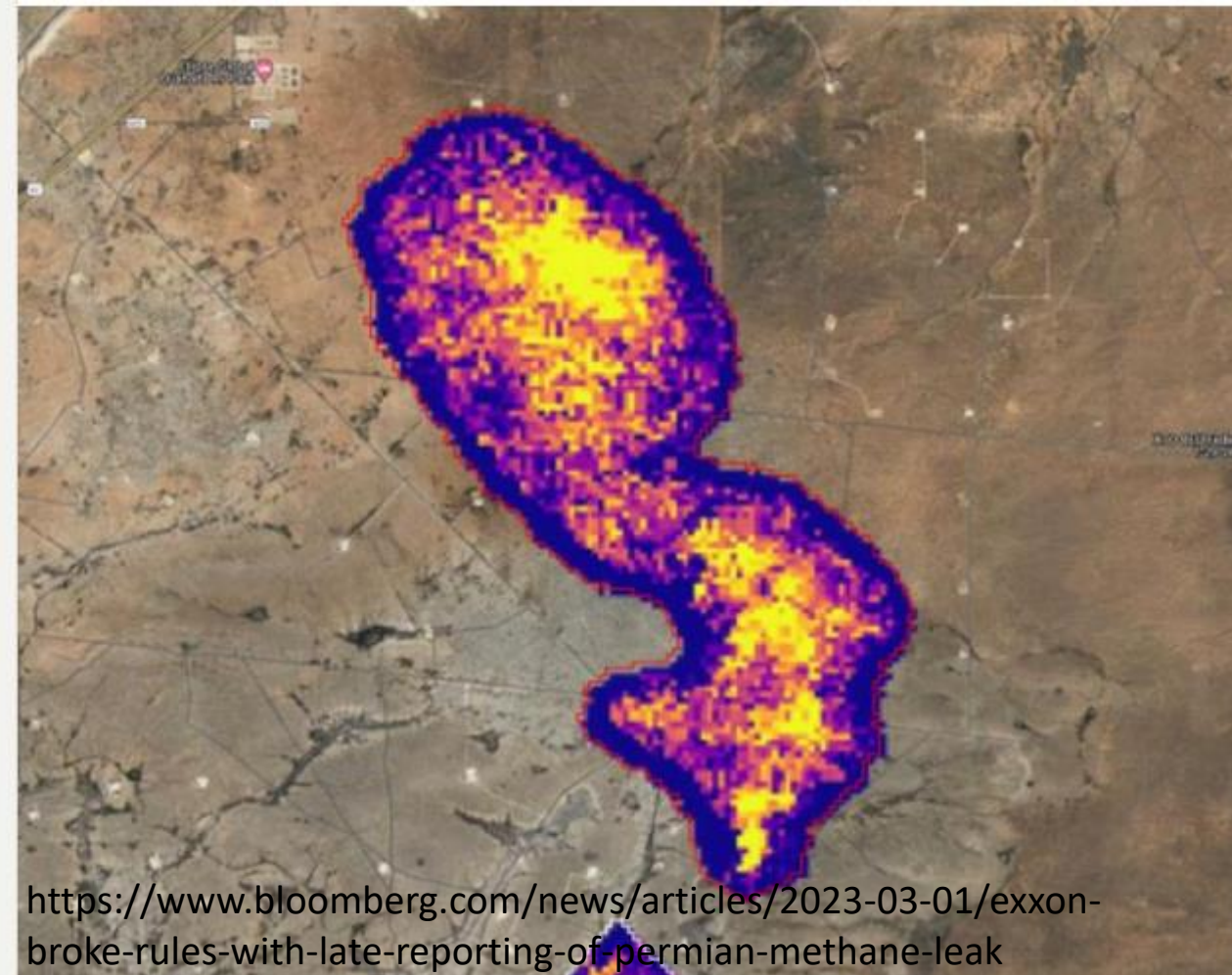




# Drivers: Growing Availability of Public Methane Data

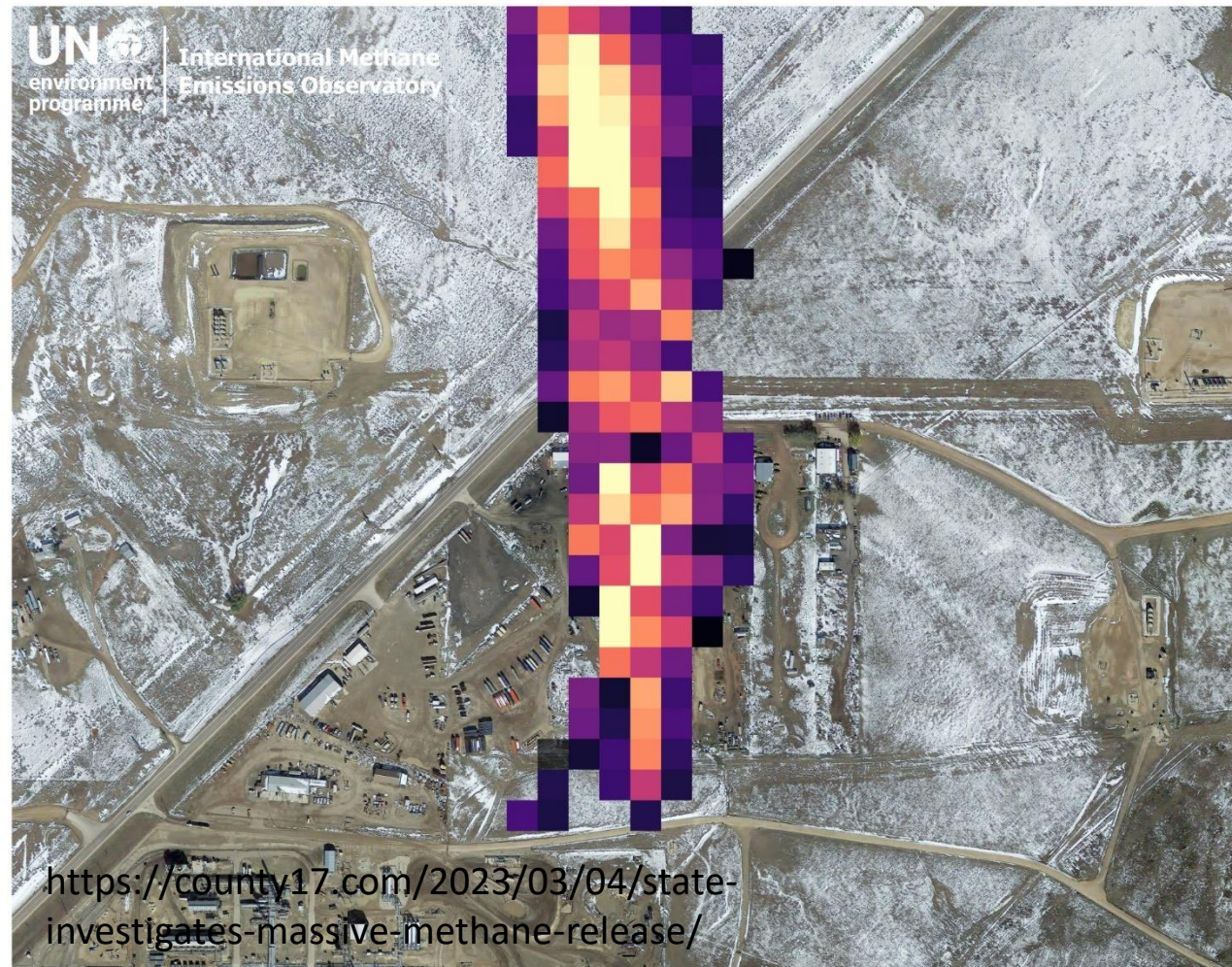
## Exxon Broke Rules With Late Reporting of Permian Methane Leak

Bloomberg, 2023-Mar-01



## State investigates massive methane release

Tallgrass Energy, Bloomberg, County17, 2023-Mar-04





# Drivers: Wasted Methane is Lost Revenue

Each circle is an aerial measurement.  
Free data on carbonmapper.org

Methane Source Points at This Position

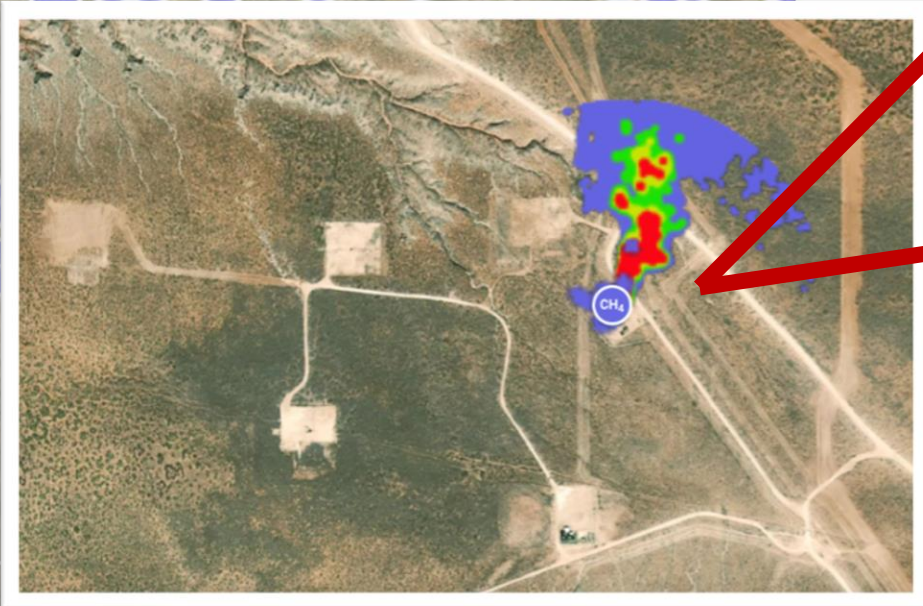
Methane Sources.

Date: October 27th, 2019, 17:53

Source Id: P00685

75323p0000-D

Average Emissions: 921.12 ± 482.71 kg/hr



**\$1.3MM/year**



5 Km 32.182°N, 103.911°W  
Months  
4Days  
Hours



# Drivers: Targets & Regulations

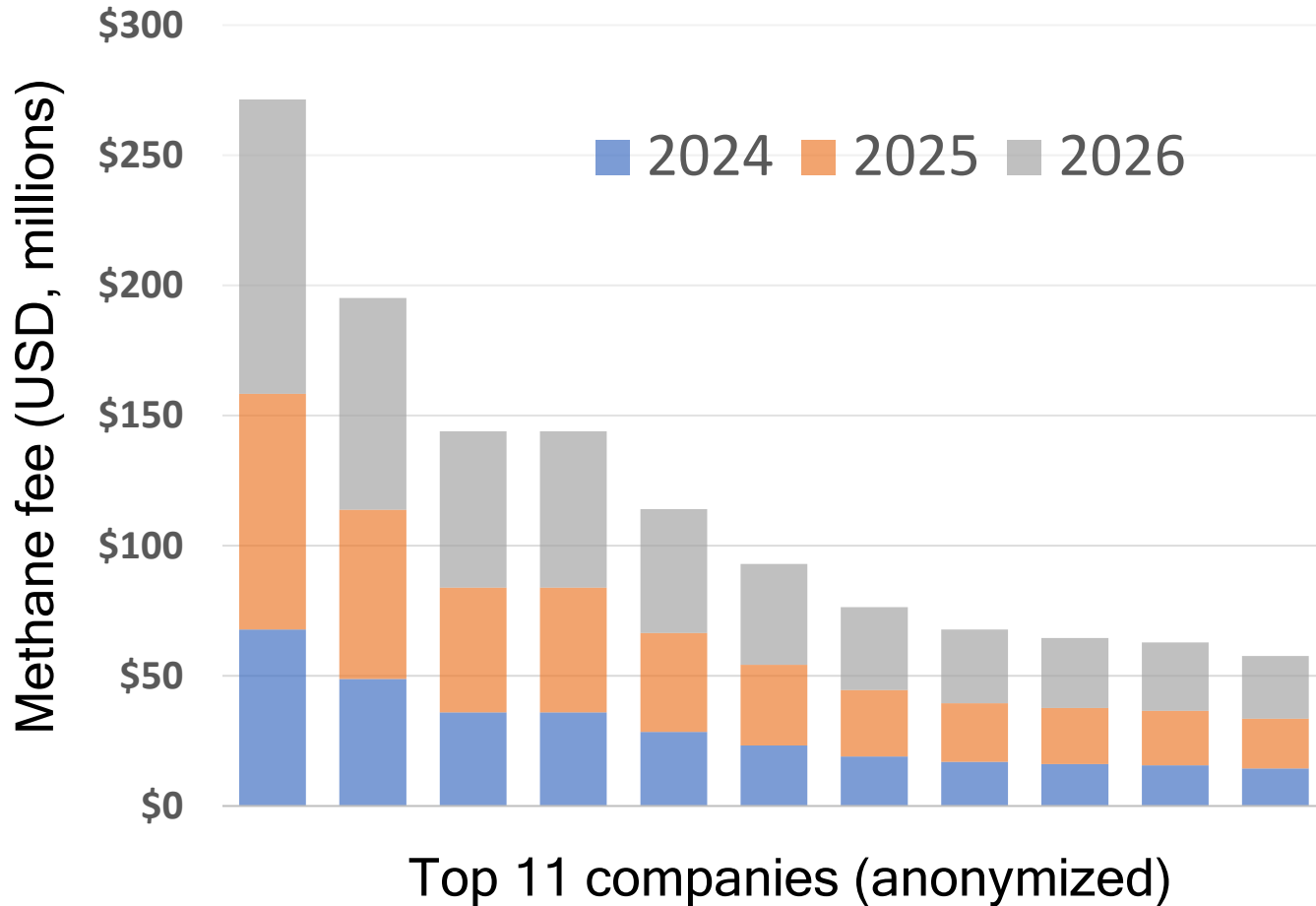


Regulations are rapidly evolving, driven by a 0.2% intensity target in the US and a 75% reduction target in Canada.

	<b>ECCC Framework</b>	<b>EPA Supplemental</b>
Destruction	Must achieve $\geq 99\%$ efficiency.	Must achieve $\geq 95\%$ efficiency.
Routine flaring (associated gas)	<b>Prohibited.</b>	<b>Prohibited.</b>
Gas-driven pneumatic controllers/pumps	<b>Prohibited.</b>	<b>Prohibited.</b>
Leak detection – conventional	<b>Monthly inspections at all sites</b>	Up to monthly AVO and quarterly OGI/M21.
Leak detection – alternative	Not specified. Expected to be allowed.	Streamlined approvals.
Super-emitters	Not specified.	<b>A super-emitter response program is implemented for sources <math>\geq 100</math> kg/h.</b>



# Drivers: IRA Methane Fee



## Facts:

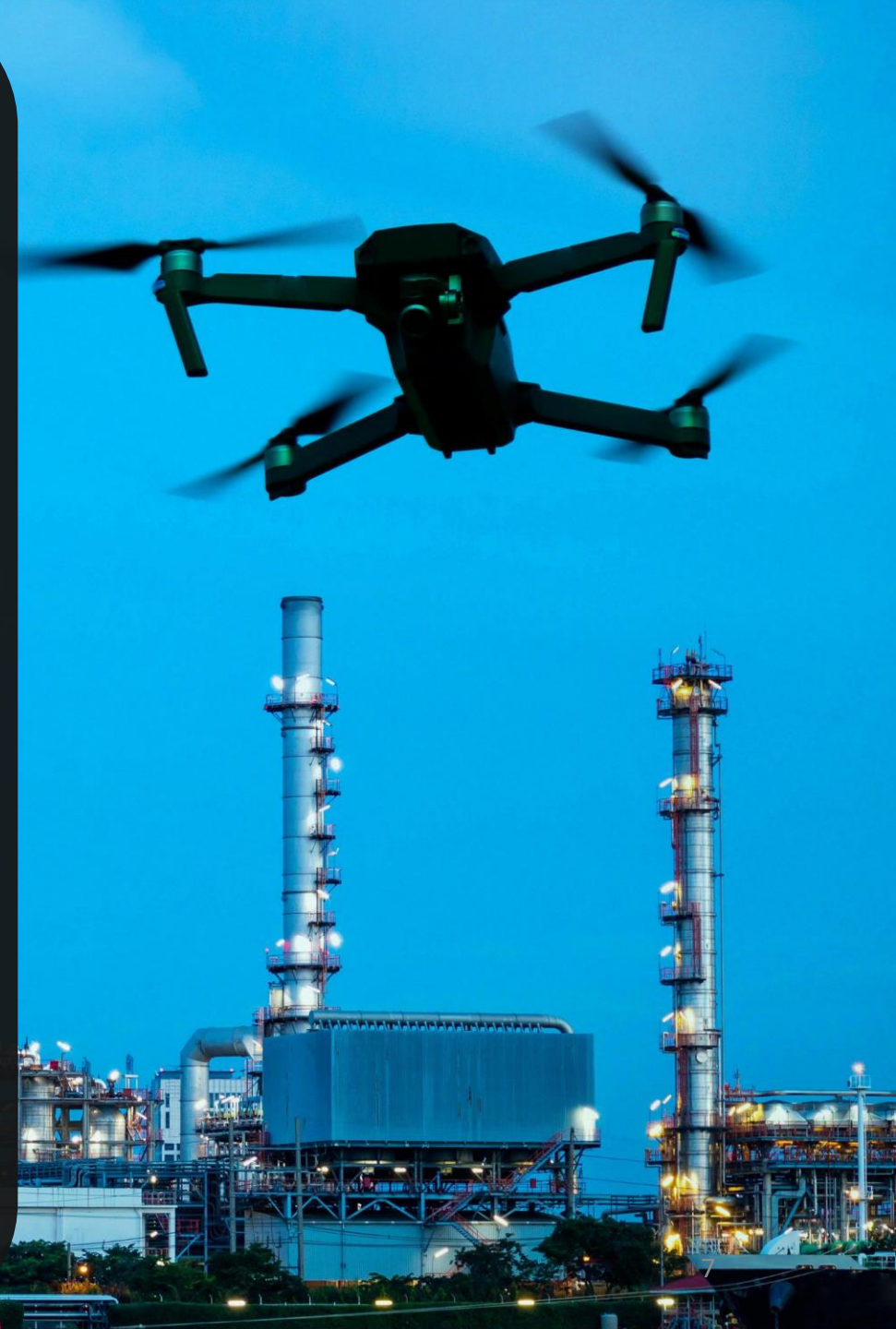
- 2024: EPA data, \$900/t
- 2026: Empirical, \$1500/t

## Highwood Analysis:

- 207 companies will pay
- \$700m in 2024
- \$1.2 - \$6b in 2026
- 17 companies > \$100m



Section 1: Lighting a Fire  
Section 2: Grasping the Challenge  
Section 3: Making a Dent  
Section 4: Taking Credit  
Section 5: Preparing for the Future

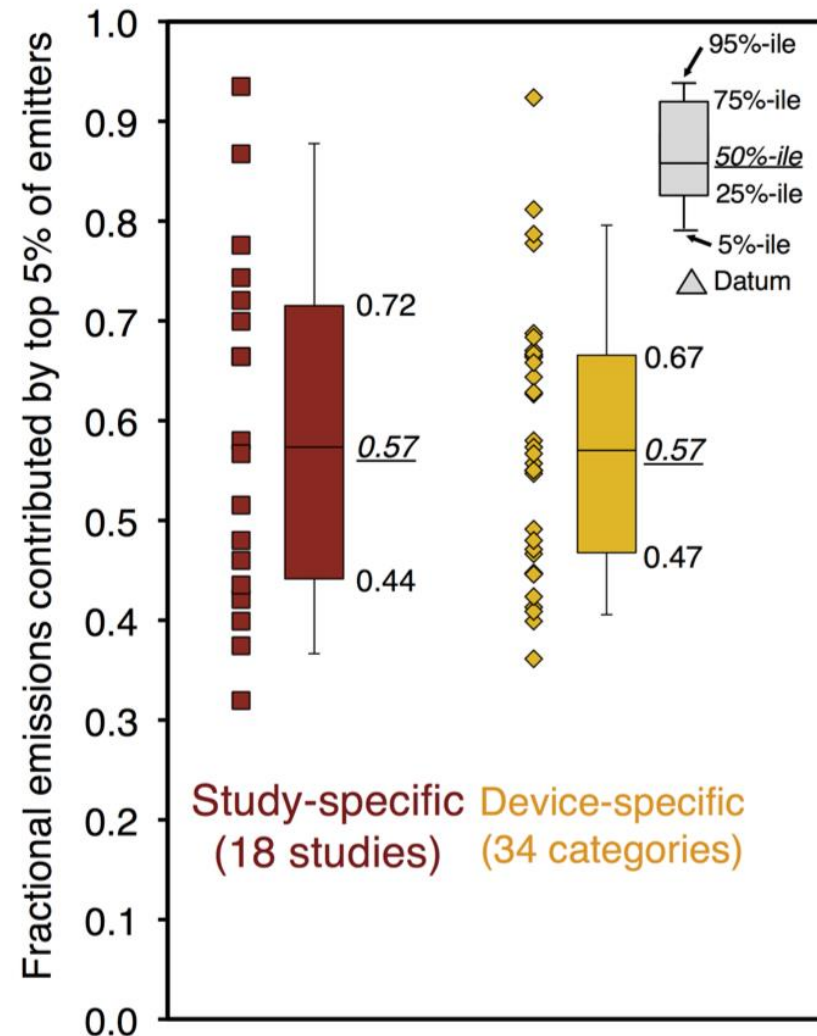




## Analysis of ~15,000 measurements from 18 studies

- First methane meta-analysis
- Source-level measurements

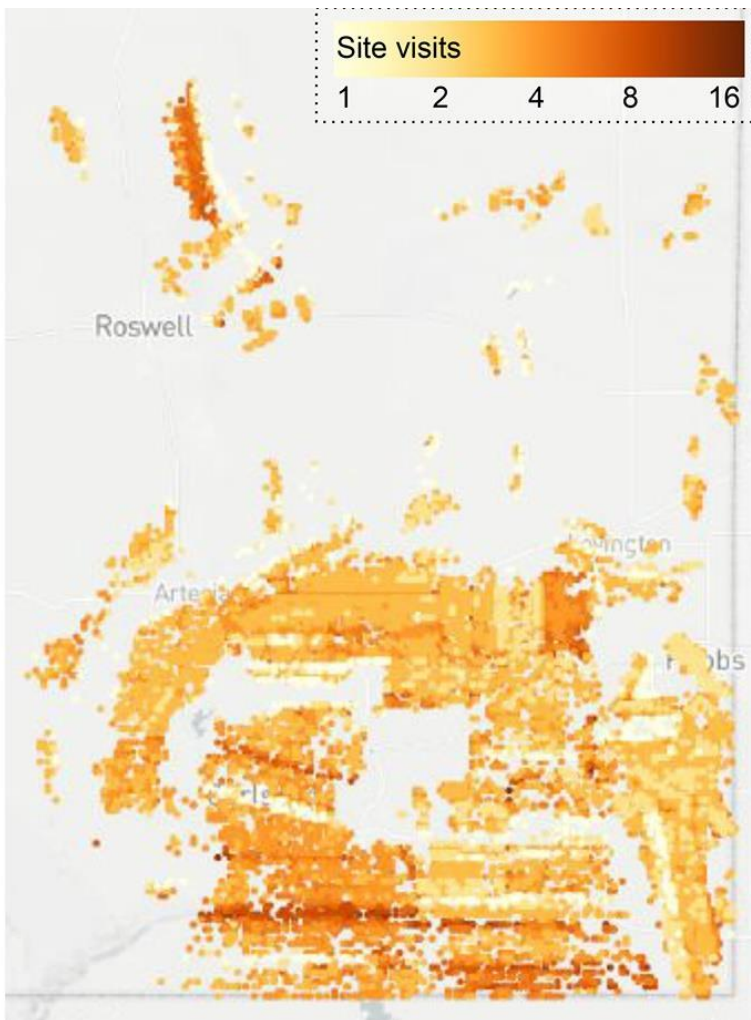
**Opportunity: 50% of emissions from only 5% of sources**





# Best data: Measurements 650% higher than Reported Emissions

Large methane plumes are not accounted for in your inventory

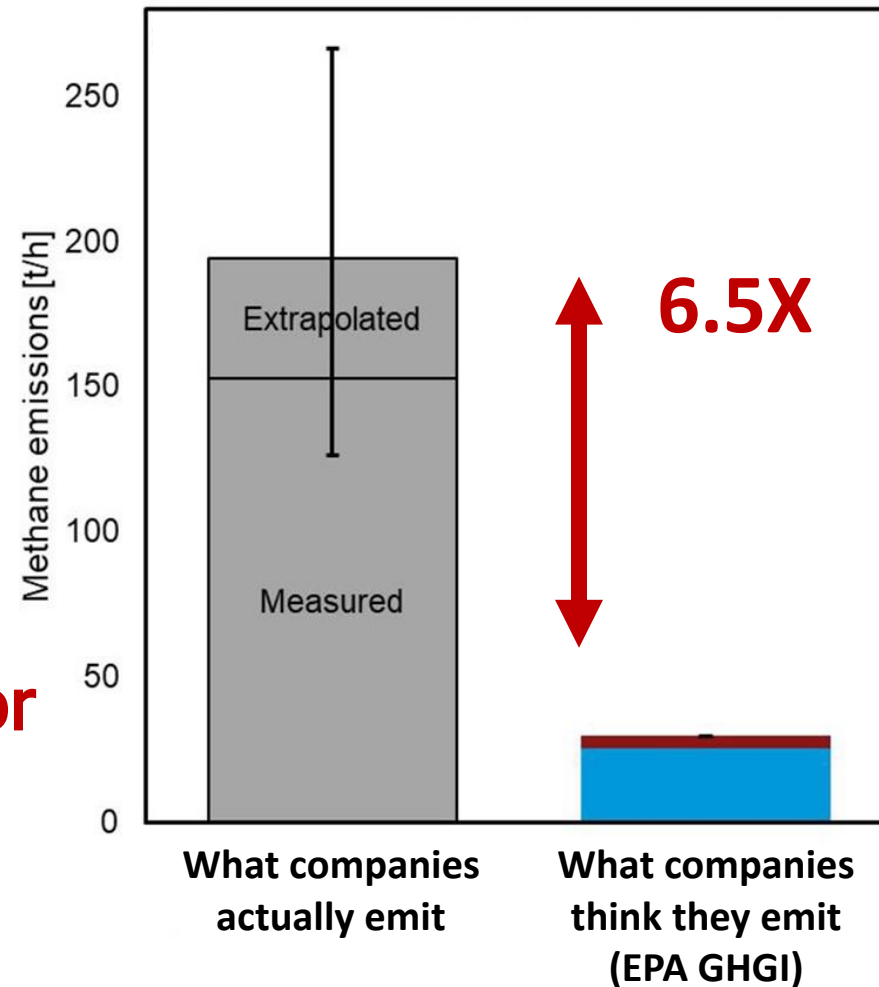


Largest ever measurement campaign in history

98,000 aerial well site visits

50% emissions from sources above 375 MCF per day

**9.4% of production is lost in NM Permian, or \$275MM per year**





# Measurement is new and (very) complicated

Highwood's database contains > 200 commercially available solutions

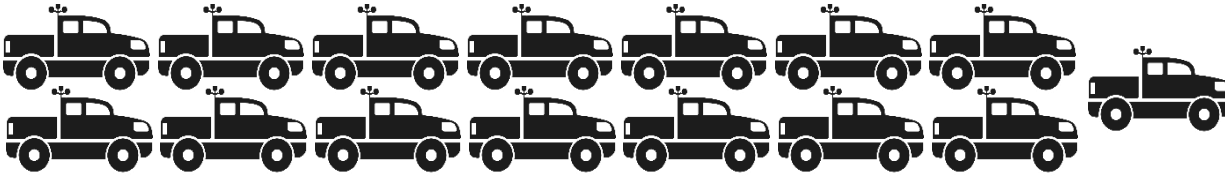
Satellite



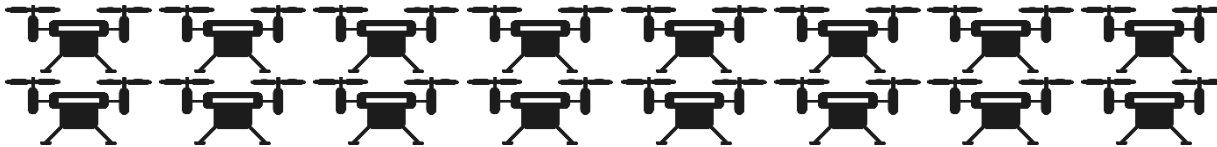
Aircraft



Mobile  
Ground Lab



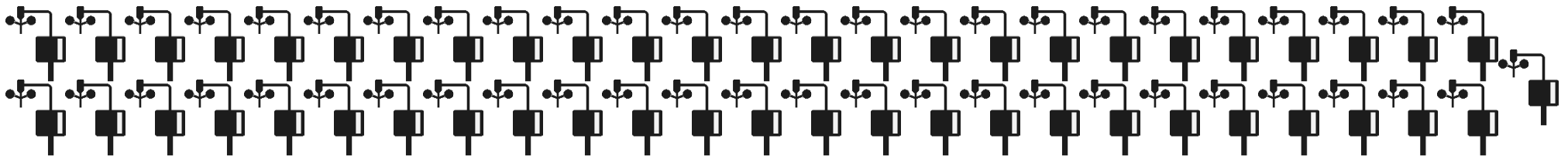
UAV  
(Drone)



Handheld



Stationary

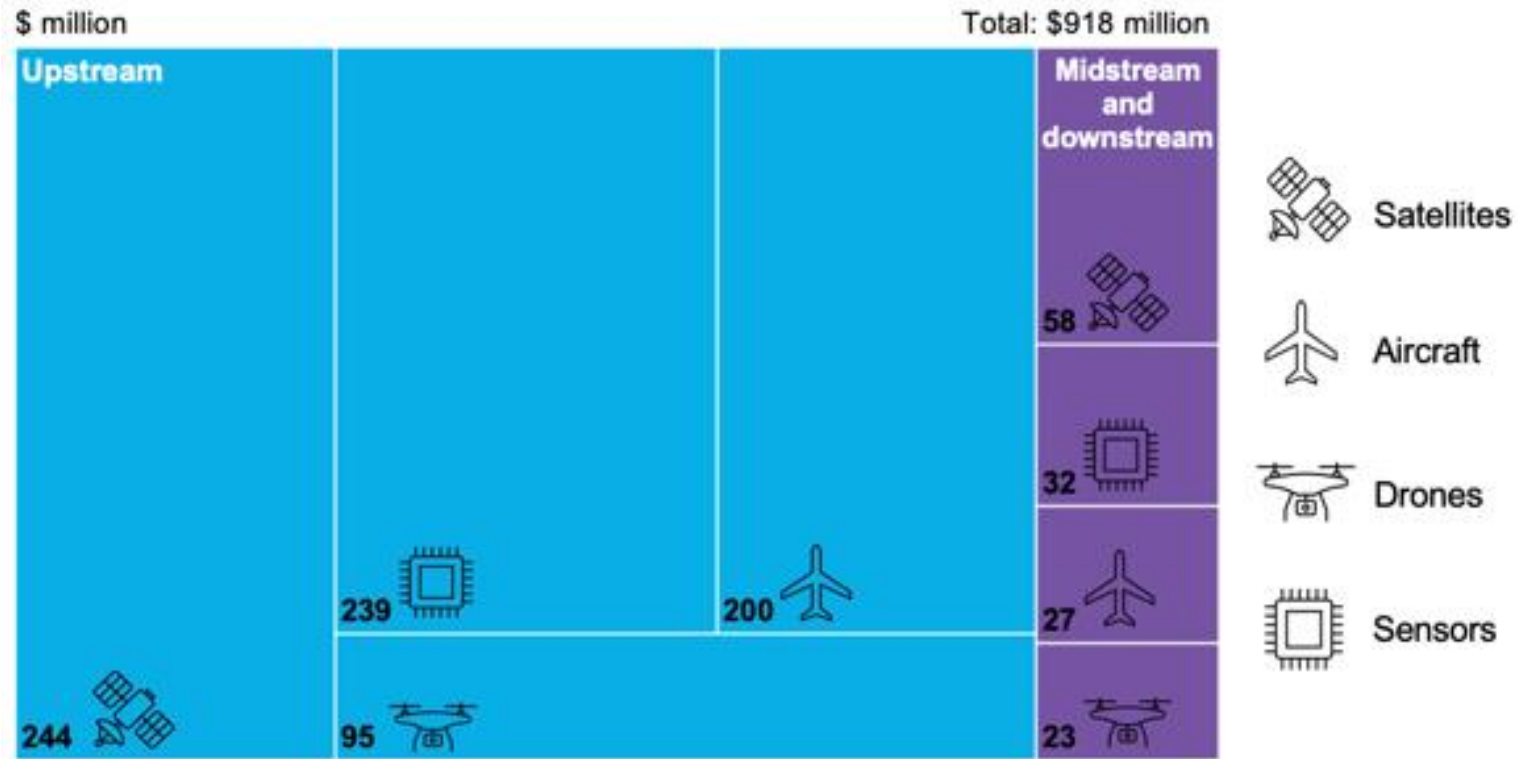




# Methane Detection Growth in North America

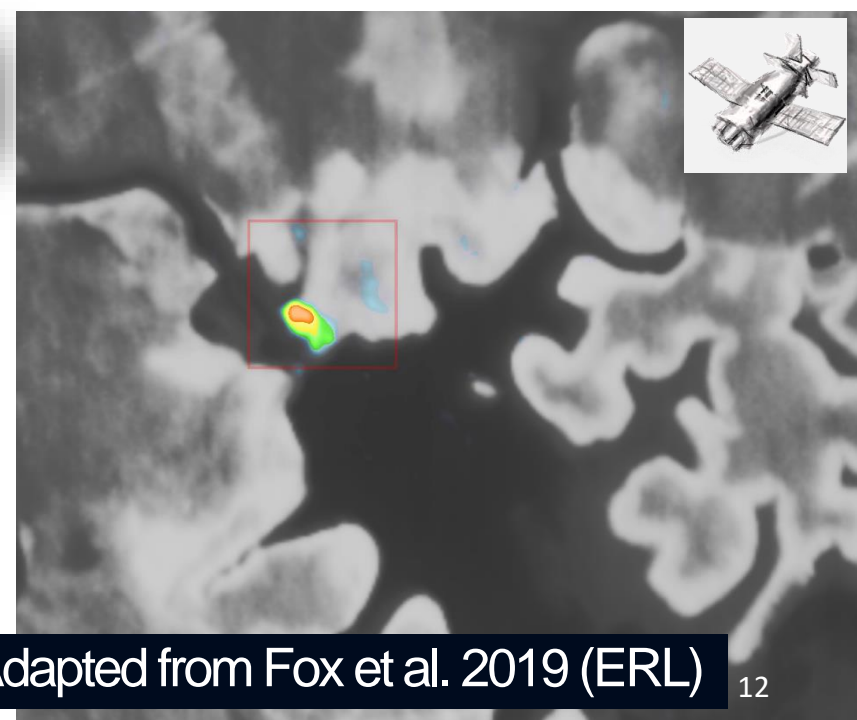
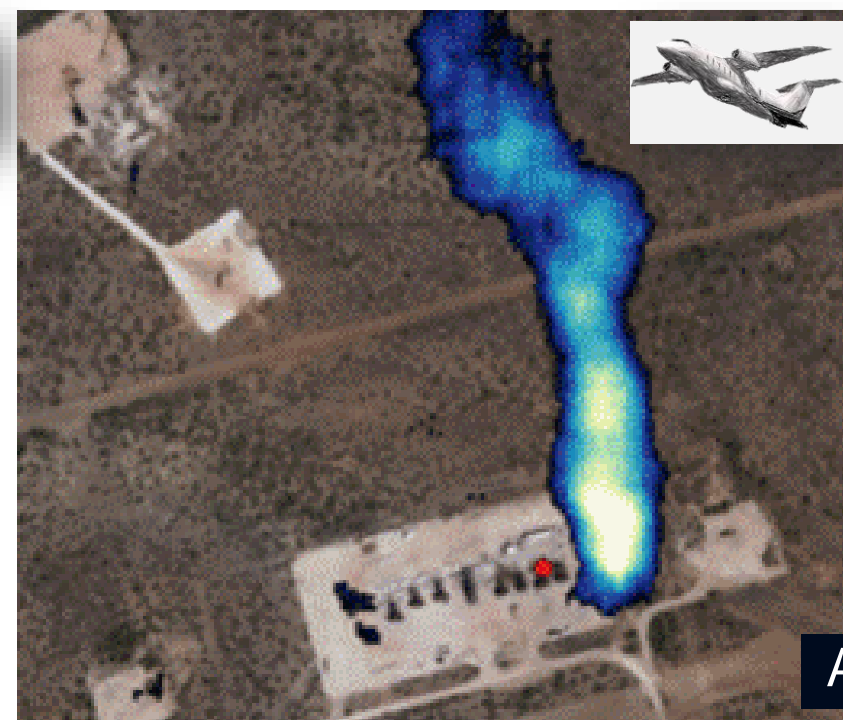
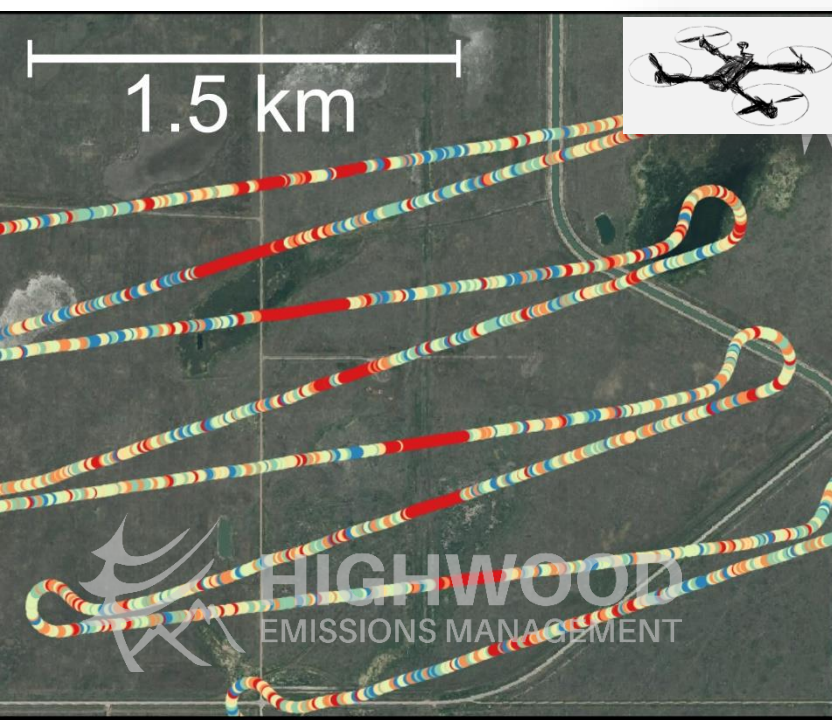
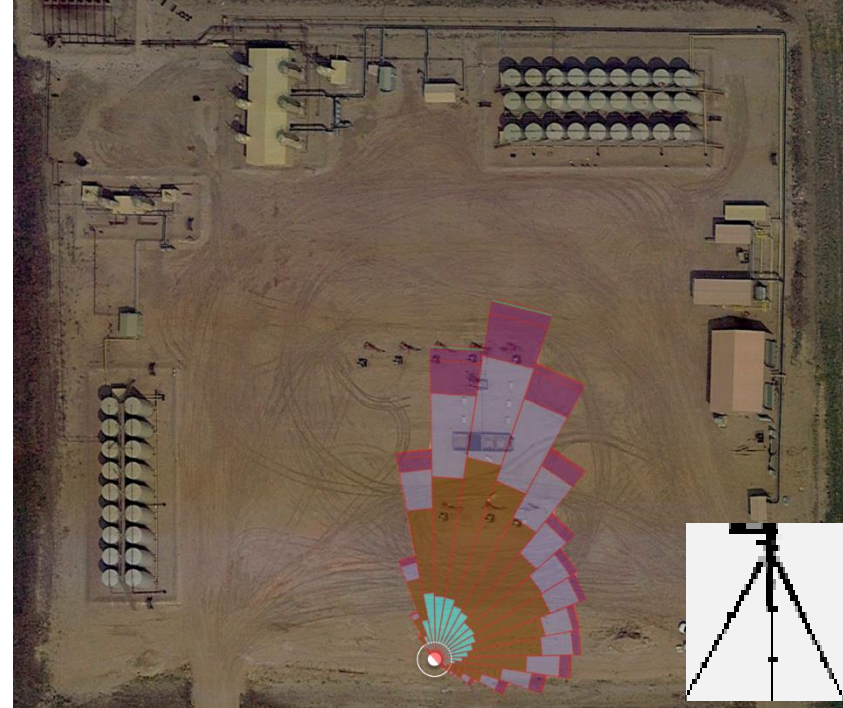
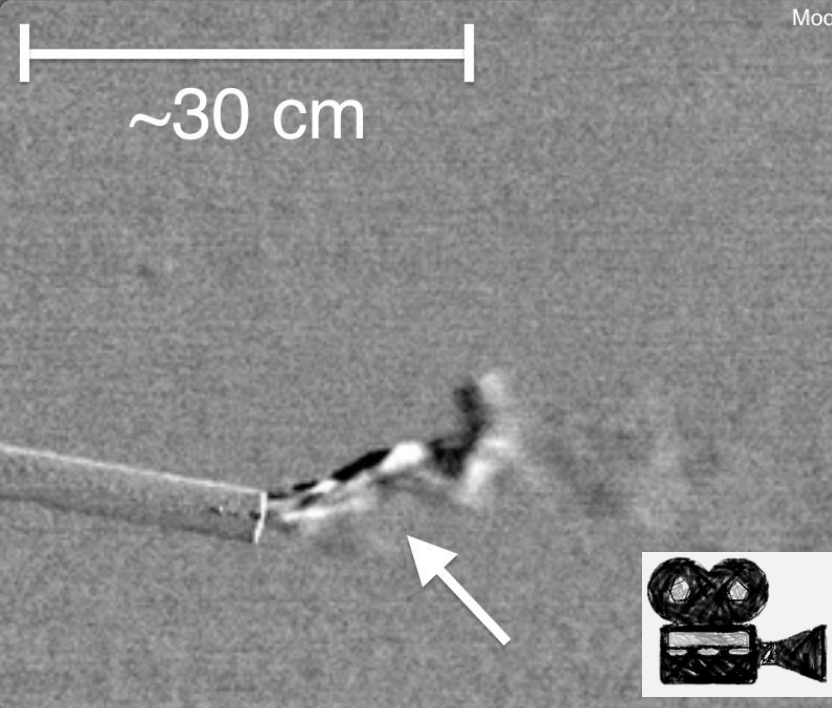
## Methane Monitoring

Most spending on monitoring methane emissions is set to be in upstream operations in 2025



Source: BloombergNEF  
 Note: Currency is in real 2022 US dollars.



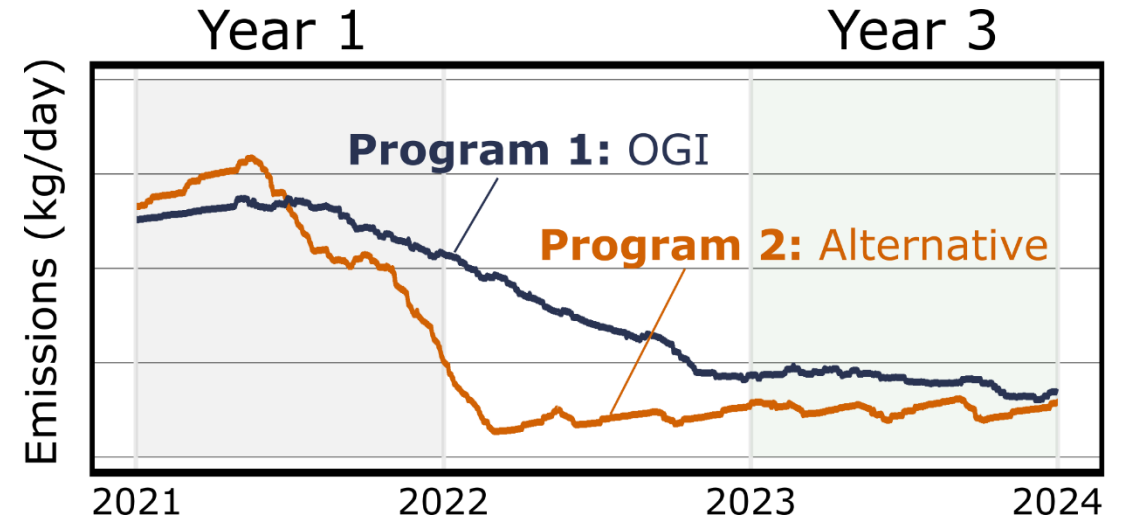




# Plan your technology deployment strategy

## LDAR<sub>SIM</sub>

The Leak Detection and Repair Simulator (LDAR-Sim) is a virtual world that predicts emissions mitigation and cost-effectiveness of different LDAR programs.



## Who uses LDAR-Sim?



Designed by a team of industry experts, regulators, and academics



Published, peer-reviewed, open source, and transparent

**Industry** to optimize detection and quantification technology deployment

**Innovators** to get regulatory approval and understand product-market fit

**Regulators** to evaluate policy and inform compliance assurance strategy

**Academics** to build the next generation of methane monitoring solutions

# Methane Technology & LDAR-Sim Training



## LDAR-Sim Training

[LDAR-Sim Training - Highwood Emissions Management](#)

### LDAR-Sim information and resources

- Peer-reviewed article**  
**LDAR-Sim paper 1**  
The original LDAR-Sim journal article  
Explore →
- Peer-reviewed article**  
**LDAR-Sim paper 2**  
Explores the role of top-down measurement  
Explore →
- Open-source code**  
**LDAR-Sim on github**  
Find the code base for LDAR-Sim V2  
Explore →
- Documentation**  
**User manual** →  
Learn LDAR-Sim function and parameters  
Explore →
- Education**  
**LDAR-Sim**  
A brief introduction  
Explore →

#### Instructors



**Dr. Thomas A. Fox**  
President and Director of Innovation at Highwood Emissions Management



**Dr. Jeff Rutherford**  
Director of Research and Development at Highwood Emissions Management



Making Sense of Methane Measurement Technologies | September 13, 2023 |

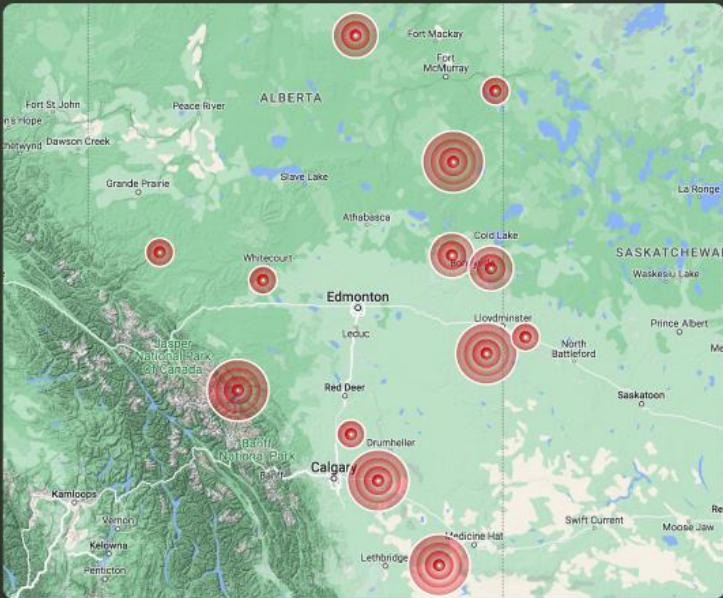


- Section 1: Lighting a Fire
- Section 2: Grasping the Challenge
- Section 3: Making a Dent**
- Section 4: Taking Credit
- Section 5: Preparing for the Future

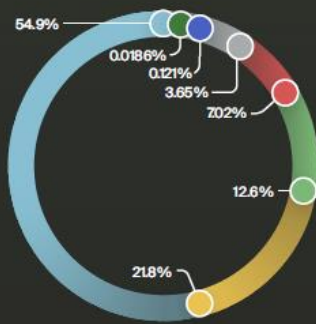


# Measurement-Informed Roadmapping

## 1 Understand your emissions

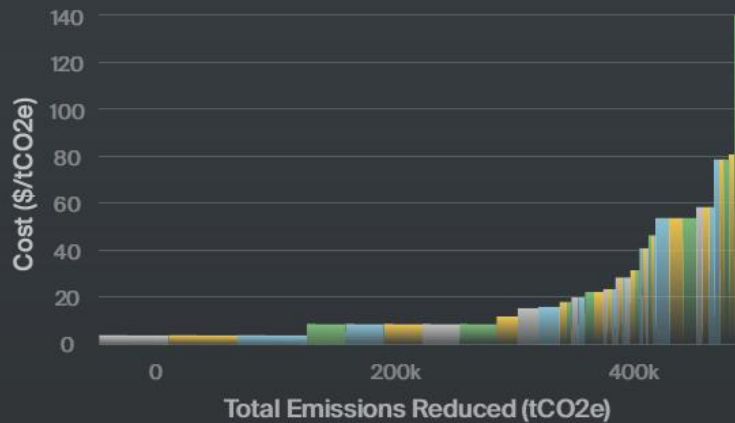


- Compressor Station 54.9%
- Gas Well 21.8%
- Pad 12.6%
- Multi Well Battery 7.02%
- Group Point 3.65%
- Single Well Battery 0.121%
- Other 0.0186%

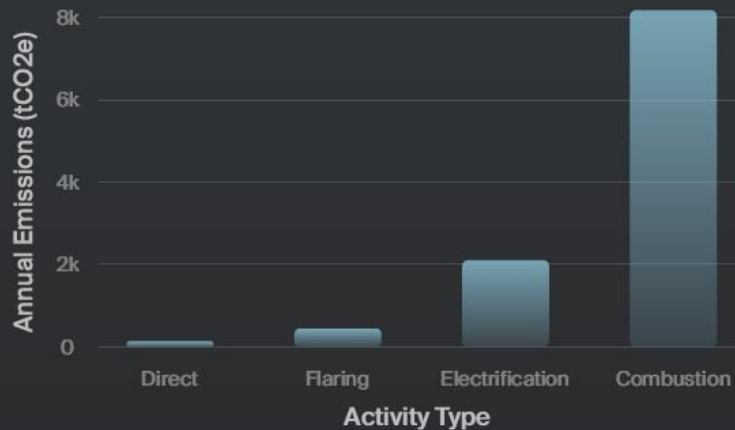


## 2 Evaluate opportunities

Emissions by Activity

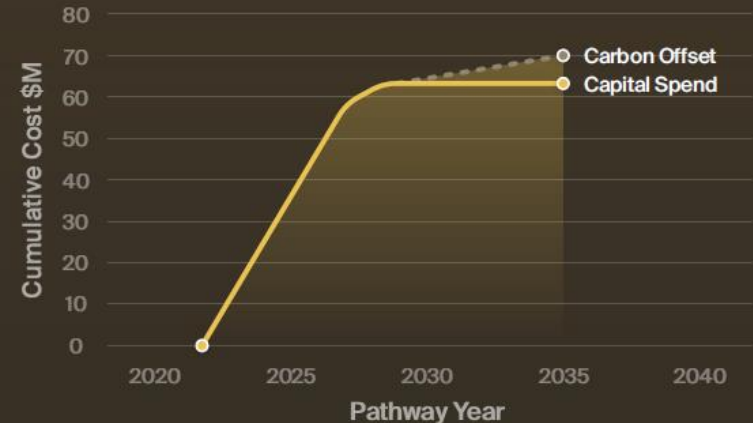


Total Annual Emissions vs Activity Type



## 3 Optimize your pathway

Net Zero Pathway Cost



Emissions





# Highwood Analysis 1: Feasibility of Canada's Targets

## Canada-wide study

31,750 Sites Simulated



**31Mt CO<sub>2</sub>e**

**Vented Emissions Annually**  
Western Canadian Oil and Gas

**32%**

Lower emissions if AB grid moves to 50/50 natural gas/low carbon energy

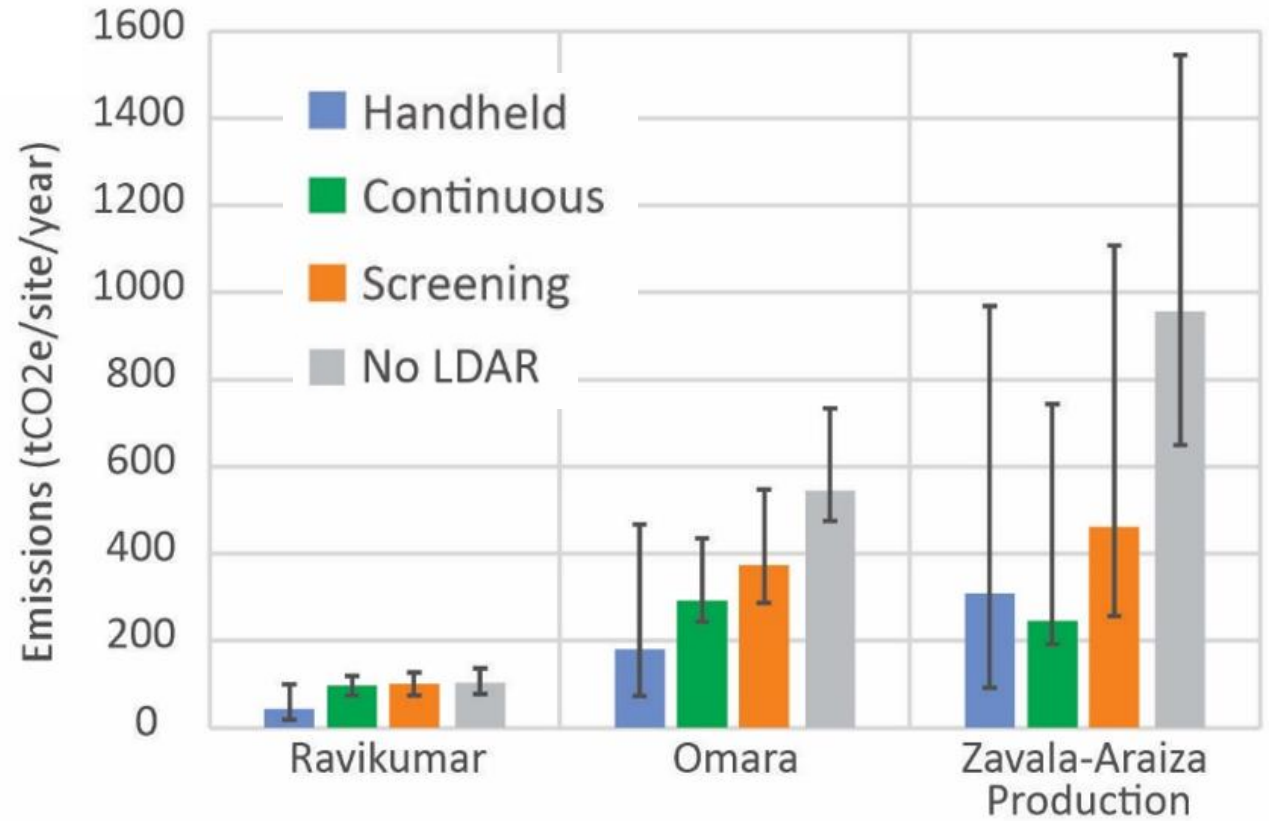
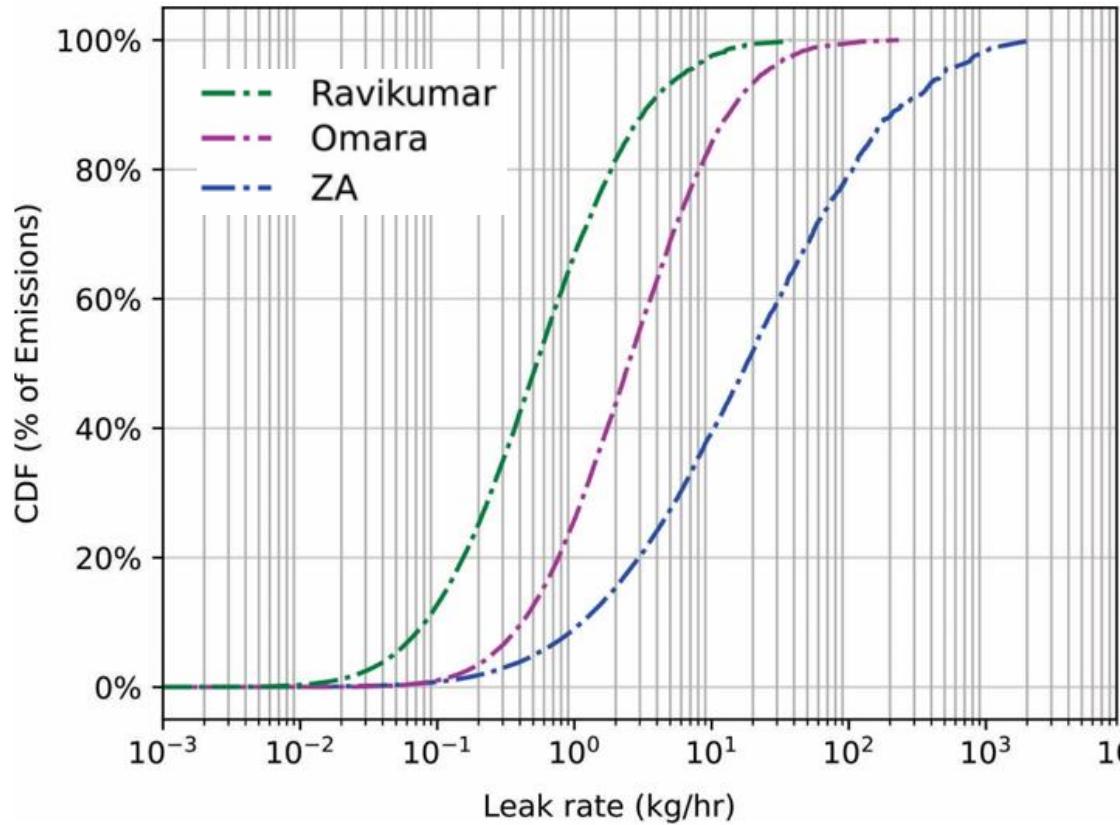
**\$2.2B**

**Capital Expenditure**  
to achieve 75% reduction in routine vented emissions

**\$10B**

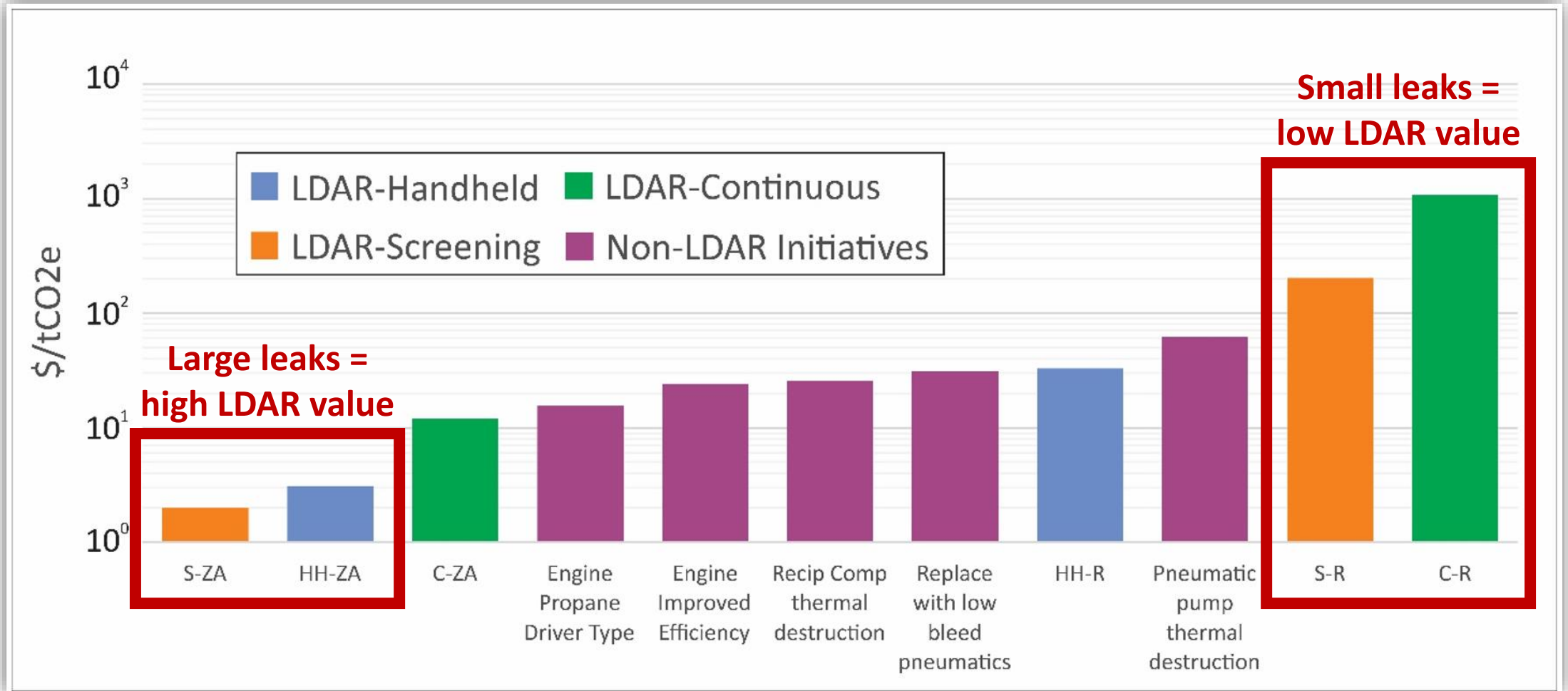
Cost estimate to electrify all compressor stations in AB and SK

# Highwood Analysis 2: World Petroleum Congress





# Highwood Analysis 2: World Petroleum Congress



Section 1: Lighting a Fire  
Section 2: Grasping the Challenge  
Section 3: Making a Dent  
**Section 4: Taking Credit**  
Section 5: Preparing for the Future





# How can O&G companies take credit for strong performance?

# The variety of voluntary initiatives



CLIMATE & CLEAN AIR COALITION  
TO REDUCE SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANTS



EQUITABLE ORIGIN



METHANE GUIDING PRINCIPLES





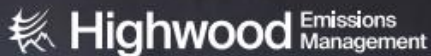
An Overview of

# Voluntary Emissions Reduction Initiatives

for the Oil and Gas Industry

August 2022

## Download free on our website!



### 46 Voluntary Initiatives

#### CERTIFICATIONS

- 47 EO100™ Standard for Responsible Energy Development
- 48 The MIQ Standard
- 49 TrustWell™ Responsible Gas
- 50 Xpansiv Digital Natural Gas & Methane Performance Certificates

#### COMMITMENTS

- 52 Oil and Gas Climate Initiative
- 53 Oil and Gas Methane Partnership 2.0 (OGMP)
- 54 ONE Future Methane Intensity Protocol
- 55 EPA Methane Challenge Program
- 56 The Environmental Partnership
- 57 Science-Based Targets Initiative



#### GUIDELINES

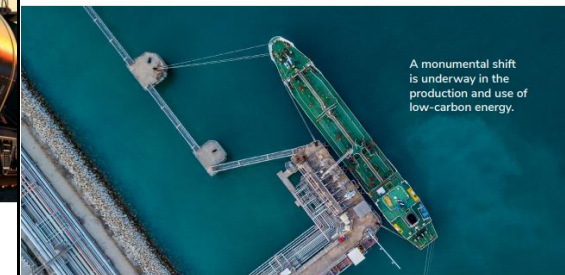
- 59 Veritas Protocols
- 60 EPA Natural Gas STAR Program
- 61 NGSI Methane Emissions Intensity Protocol
- 62 CDP Scores
- 63 GRI 11: Sector Standards for Oil and Gas
- 64 Task Force for Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) Framework
- 65 Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) Oil and Gas Standard
- 66 IPECA Sustainability Reporting Guidance
- 67 SGE Methodology
- 68 Cheniere QMRV Protocol
- 69 GIGHE, MVR & GHG Neutral Framework

#### OTHER INITIATIVES

- 71 Methane Guiding Principles
- 72 Global Methane Challenge
- 73 Global Methane Alliance



## Executive Summary



A monumental shift is underway in the production and use of low-carbon energy.

The critical importance of mitigating the impacts of climate change is now widely acknowledged. Regulators and markets are driving action to lower industrial greenhouse gas (iGHG) emissions and align with the 2015 Paris Agreement. The oil and natural gas (ONG) industry is no exception. Indeed, ONG emissions – especially methane – are seen as ‘low hanging fruit’ relative to more challenging sources of carbon from transportation, steel, cement, and agriculture.

**New pressures on the ONG industry present operators with exciting opportunities and daunting risks.** One of these opportunities is for operators to go ‘above and beyond’ regulatory decarbonization requirements by participating in a Voluntary Emissions Reduction Initiative. A voluntary initiative is a coordinated effort managed by an administering organization that enables participants to take standardized voluntary steps towards targeting, achieving, and/or taking credit for emissions reductions. By participating, proactive energy companies can demonstrate their environmental leadership, appeal to investors, and in some cases command a premium for certified low-carbon products.

Early in 2021, our team at Highwood Emissions Management observed a rapidly growing ecosystem of voluntary initiatives

available to the ONG industry. Our clients expressed increasing confusion as they attempted to navigate a new and expanding network of programs, asking questions like ‘Which one is best?’ and ‘What is the benefit to my organization?’

**In May 2021, we published our first report, bringing structure and guidance to the rapidly emerging voluntary initiatives landscape.** We identified 20 distinct voluntary initiatives and defined them as certifications, guidelines, commitments, or ESG ratings. We also introduced disclosure levels and offered recommendations for how administering organizations might improve their programs.

The first edition of this report was disseminated internationally and read by industry executives, regulators, investors, innovators, and diverse organizations participating in – or impacted by – voluntary initiatives. However, much has changed over the past year. In 2021, we predicted consolidation of those 20 initiatives – but we were wrong. Instead, many new certifications, methodologies, and even registries have arisen for differentiated gas. Meanwhile, existing initiatives have changed, often by incorporating more nuance and complexity in their requirements.

We conclude with a set of recommendations from Highwood to guide stakeholders as we collaboratively move to address existing knowledge gaps, strengthen credibility, increase uptake, and realize clearer benefits to participation.

1. The oil and gas industry should continue to work collaboratively towards an industry where rigorous, measurement-based independent certification is the norm.
2. Administering organizations should articulate their value proposition in terms of expected benefits from participation.
3. More collaboration is needed among administering organizations. A good example is the recent partnership between Equitable Origin and MIQ, who have teamed up to offer full ESG certification (EO100) combined with a rigorous focus on methane (MIQ).
4. Administering organizations and investors should collaborate to ensure that assessments provide value for current and future financial and investor reporting.
5. Participants in certification and measurement efforts should commit to increasing accuracy, consistency, and transparency, acknowledging that the industry will be judged by its worst actors.
6. Onlookers should be wary of ‘new initiative’ syndrome. It may be tempting to create new initiatives to remedy perceived issues with existing programs. It may sometimes be better to work together to strengthen and consolidate existing initiatives.
7. The adoption of direct methane measurement is a positive trend, but more needs to be learned about technology detection performance, emission rate estimation uncertainty, and sampling strategies.



#### Key knowledge gaps

1. How can consolidation and harmonization of initiatives improve?
2. How can emissions measurement technologies be used to collect meaningful data?
3. What is the level of effort required for a rigorous measurement program?
4. How should reconciliation of measurements and bottom-up inventories be performed?
5. Is there a meta-initiative that can collect, aggregate, and disseminate reported data?
6. How can more robust and transparent differentiated gas markets be established?



Jessica Shumlich  
Chief Executive Officer  
Highwood Emissions Management



Emerging standards are providing a clearer lens to help organizations identify risks and opportunities within their processes. However, we have yet to witness widespread participation by industry. Understandably, reporting to these initiatives requires an investment of time and money. Until the benefits of these initiatives are clearly articulated, industry will remain hesitant, wondering whether to believe in the hype or pursue more compelling opportunities.

**In our 2021 report, we gave structure to the complex world of voluntary emissions reduction initiatives.** We will be expanding on that structure in this report, adding more initiatives, performing new analyses, and delivering fresh insights. Our aim is to encourage the adoption of these initiatives by revealing their benefits and making it easier for readers to map out their emissions management journeys.

We believe that the ONG industry can be a robust, self-monitoring, and self-regulating ecosystem built on transparent methodologies and routine public disclosure of emissions data. Each voluntary initiative is a compass that guides the industry towards a shared vision of responsible energy.

Please reach out with your feedback, thoughts, or suggestions – we will listen earnestly as we continue to build and evaluate the systems that reward industry for strong emissions performance.



Thomas Fox  
President  
Highwood Emissions Management

#### What's new in the 2022 report?

1. We expanded our analysis to include 8 new initiatives not covered in 2021, including GTI Energy's Veritas, Xpansiv Digital Fuels Program, Cheniere's QMRV Initiative, and others.
2. We broadened the scope of our analysis to cover the entire supply chain, including gathering and boosting, processing, transmission, LNG, and distribution.
3. We devised a new scale to evaluate an initiative based on its reporting and public disclosure requirements. Likewise, an initiative is also assessed on its transparency.
4. We circulated detailed questionnaires and collected a significant amount of data directly from administering organizations to inform results.
5. We evaluated initiatives across new criteria, including Scope 1-3 emissions coverage, geographical coverage, the volume of gas certified, and the engagement value for participating operators.
6. We have included a series of feature articles on current trends and emerging paradigms, including:
  - a. The Role of Measurement
  - b. Differentiated Gas Across the Supply Chain
  - c. Selecting the Right Initiative for You





## Global Reporting Framework

With 100+ signatories around the world, OGMP 2.0 is consensus based and promotes continuous improvement.



## Measurement & Reconciliation

Grounded in measurement, OGMP 2.0 requires companies to build, validate, and refine source-level inventories.



## Five Levels & Gold Standard

Participating companies achieve the Gold Standard when they reach Level 4 (source-level measurement) with a plan to reach Level 5 (site-level measurement and reconciliation).

# What is OGMP 2.0?

The Oil and Gas Methane Partnership (OGMP) 2.0 is a voluntary UN initiative to help the O&G industry curb methane.





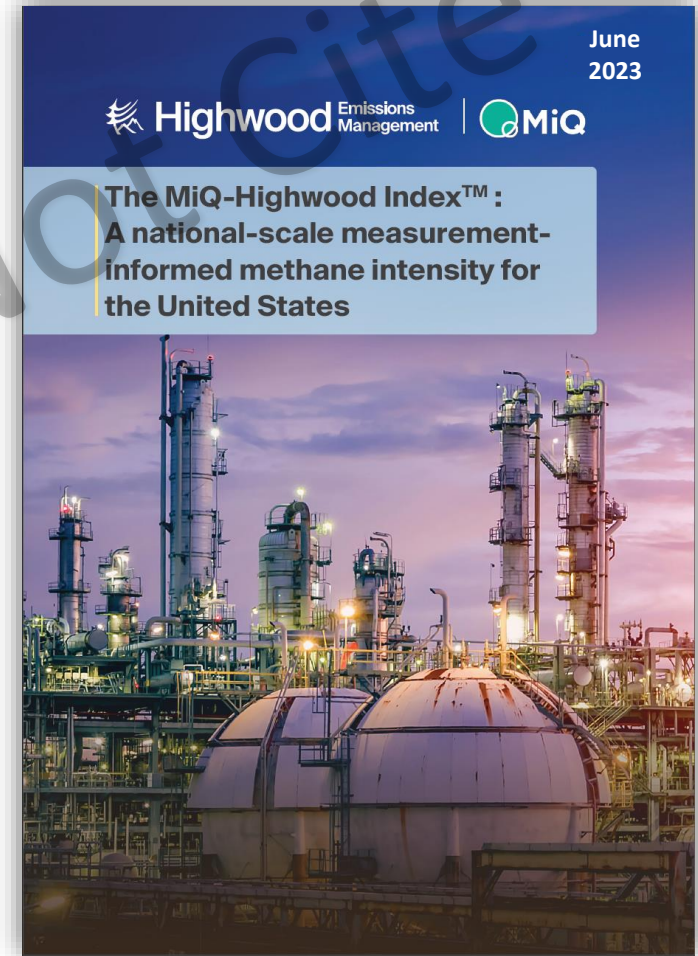
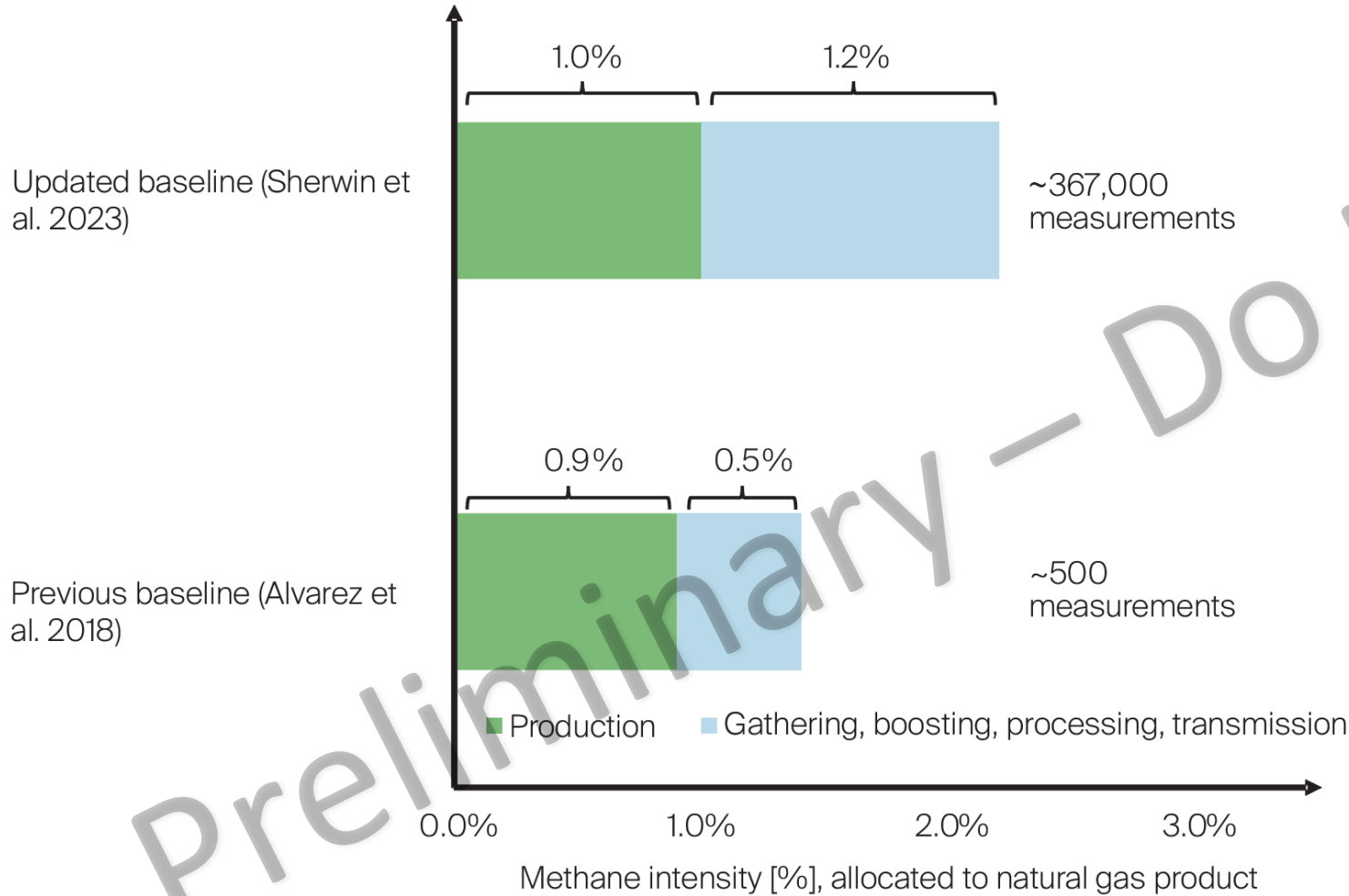
# MiQ now certifies > 20% of gas produced in US



Accredited third-party Certifying Bodies audit and verify

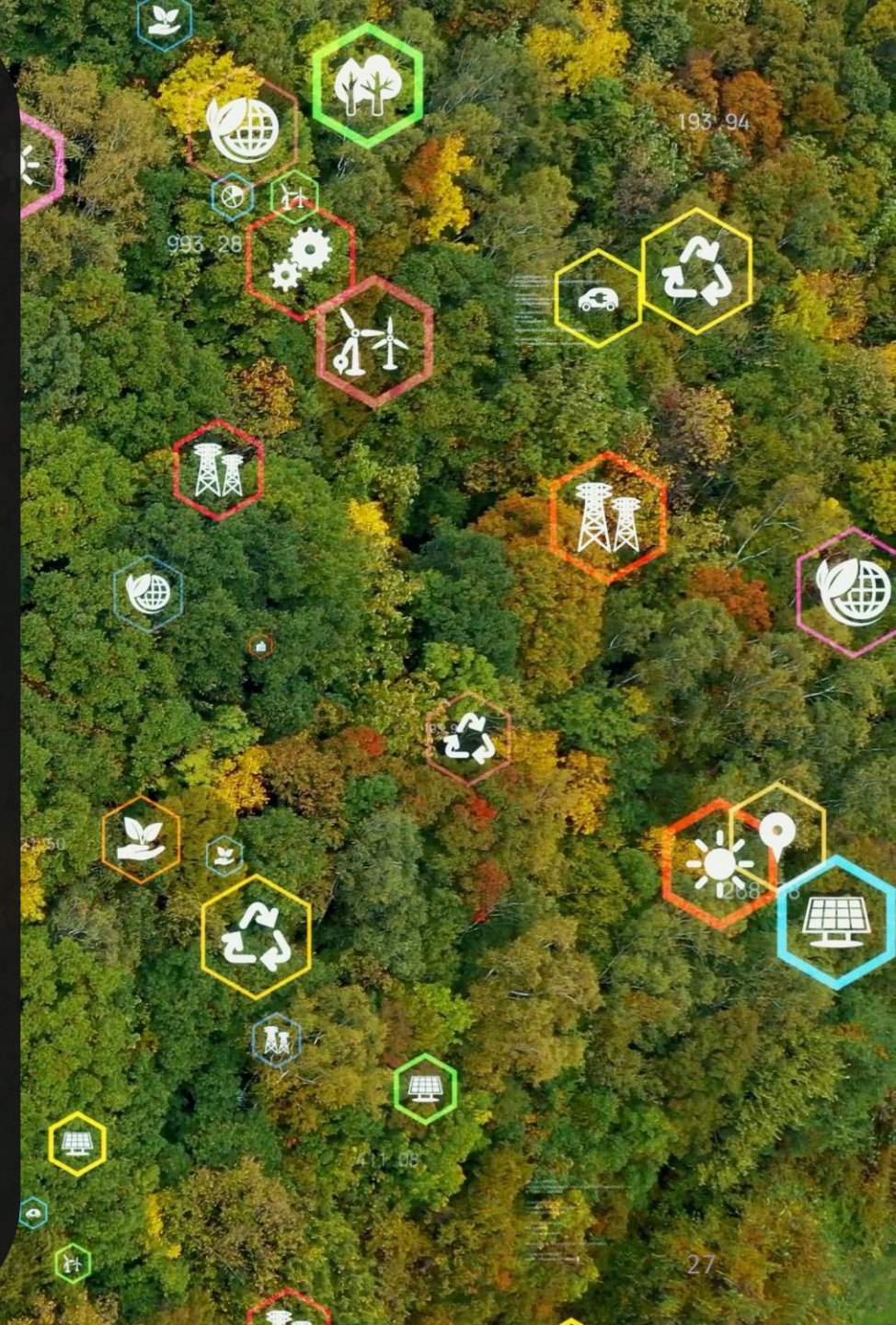
≤ 0.05%	Quarterly	Stringent	A
≤ 0.10%	Semi-annually	High	B
≤ 0.20%	Semi-annually	Medium	C
≤ 0.50%	Annually*	Mandatory minimum	D
≤ 1.00%	Annually*	Mandatory minimum	E
≤ 2.00%	Annually*	Mandatory minimum	F

# MiQ-Highwood US Methane Intensity Index





Section 1: Lighting a Fire  
Section 2: Grasping the Challenge  
Section 3: Making a Dent  
Section 4: Taking Credit  
**Section 5: Preparing for the Future**





# Emissions management today...

## ...looks very different than the past

**Then**

**Now**

Simple emissions data	>	Billions of data points
Small focused teams	>	Large, integrated teams
No 3 <sup>rd</sup> party oversight	>	Public satellite data
Minimal LDAR (handheld)	>	200+ alternative methods
No voluntary initiatives	>	27+ initiatives (OGMP 2.0, MiQ)
Minimal reporting/taxation	>	EPA, ECCC, SEC, CSA, and more
No strategic data usage	>	MACCs, AI, simulation, optimization
Investor focus on ROI	>	Carbon liabilities in focus



## What to expect

Carbon accounting &  
supply chain integration

Reconciliation

Measurement-informed  
inventories

## Challenges

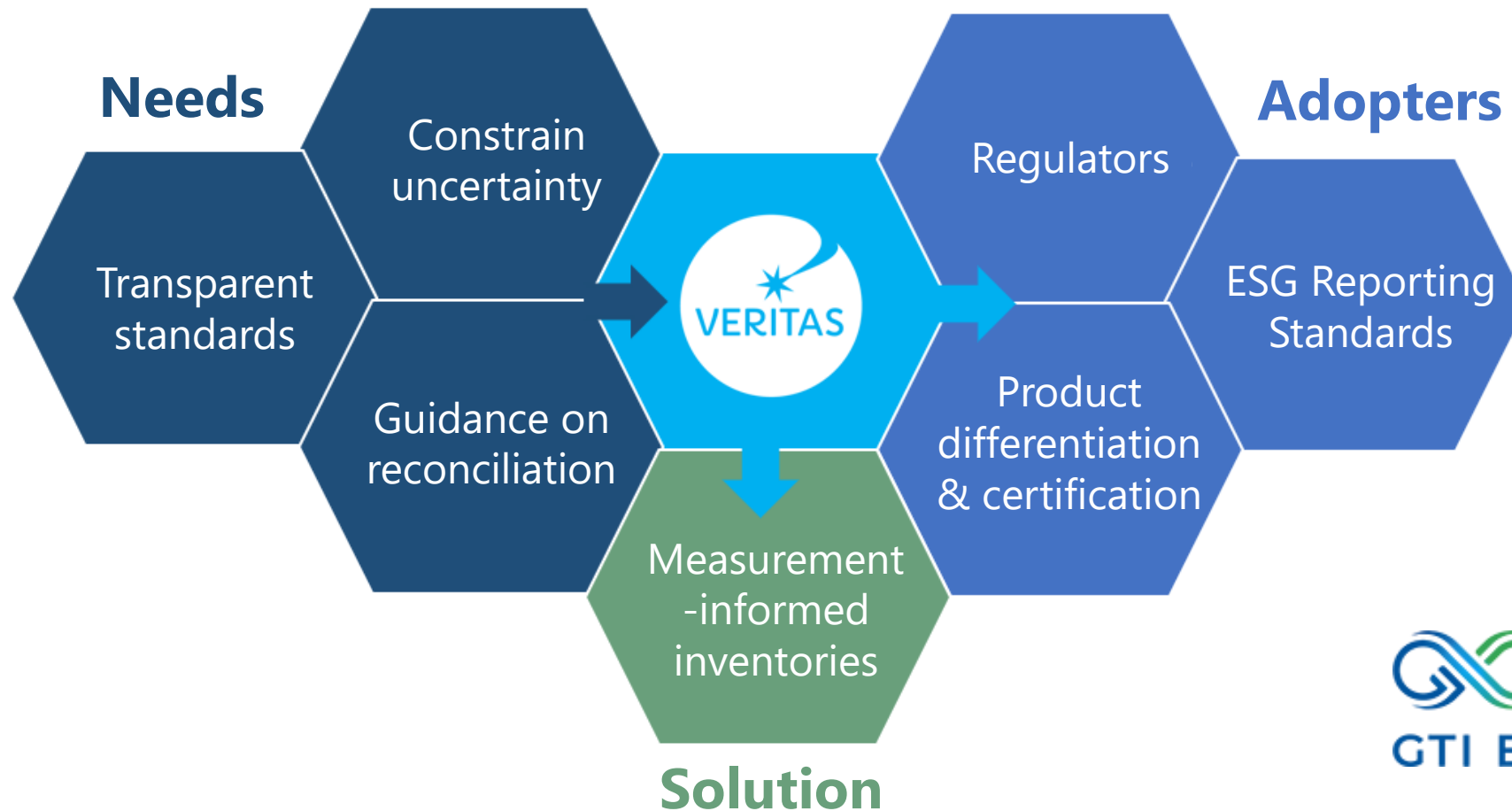
Estimation uncertainty

Helping the 99%

Harmonizing standards  
and regulations

# GTI Veritas Initiative: Paving the way to measurement

Sponsored by 40+ US companies, Veritas is a standardized measurement-informed approach to calculating methane emissions





# Level up.

It's time to action these key takeaways.



## You may think you know

Companies do not know their true emissions, amid rapid change in technology, regulations, and expectations.



## The future requires better data

Measurement will soon be table stakes for understanding, “voluntary” and regulatory disclosure, and decision making.



## There is opportunity in change

A parallel need for global decarbonization and reliable energy will reward proactive companies.



## Highwood's tools bring efficiency & assurance

Our holistic emissions management solutions can keep you ahead of the curve and aware of risks and rewards.

# Work with the best (and friendliest) in emissions



Deep O&G expertise



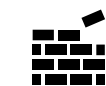
Independent & agnostic



Trusted internationally



On the cutting edge



Building the future





# Reach out to learn more & collaborate

- Learn about Highwood's [solutions](#).
- Sign up to the [Highwood Bulletin](#) for regular updates.
- Register for a [software demo](#).
- Download the free [2022 Voluntary Initiatives Report](#).
- Reach out to chat: [thomas@highwoodemissions.com](mailto:thomas@highwoodemissions.com)