Quantifying Global Methane Emissions

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Finding the ways that work

EDF-catalyzed methane research

Coordinated, Peer-reviewed Studies

Diverse research teams studying emissions across the supply chain, across multiple regions

Multiple Methods

Researches used a variety of aircraft, vehicle and ground-based measurements to quantify methane emitted across the oil and gas supply chain in U.S. and Canada.

Significant Improvement in Data

Nearly 40 articles published thus far in peer reviewed journals

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'If we thought it was bad, it's worse:' Alberta badly underestimates methane emissions, new research shows

The difference between official estimates and the measured results suggests the province's energy industry could have to double its planned cuts





Drilling & Production



Gathering & Processing



Transmission & Storage



Local Distribution



Regional Research

U.S. supply chain studies



Pilot Projects

Gap Filling

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- Abandoned wells
- Synthesis Projects NETL LCA
- Helicopter IR Survey
- **Synthesis** •



Lessons Learned in North America



Higher Emissions

As a whole, oil and gas methane emissions are higher than conventional estimates suggest



Super Emitters Recurring Problem that needs to be addressed



Methods Agree

Top-down and bottom-up methods yield similar results, opening many measurement possibilities.

IEA Methane Analysis

- Globally, oil and gas emits around 75 million metric tons of methane
- 50% of emissions can be reduced at no net cost
- By 2100 same climate benefit as eliminating all coal plants in China
- Uncertainty in how countries plan to reduce emissions



International Methane Studies Governance

OBJECTIVE: Conduct the research necessary to accurately estimate methane emissions from the global oil and gas industry supply chains, and to publish those results in reputable peer-reviewed jour







LNG and offshore emissions also a gap, but some offshore areas have more data than others.

New research





• NPL Top 10 LNG facilities

What's Next?



MethaneSAT is being designed for a new level of precision and to regularly monitor about 80% of global oil and gas production