

# New and Future Developments in Methane Policy and Technology

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Methane Science

**What have we done and learned?**



# EDF STUDIES BY SUPPLY CHAIN SEGMENT

(roughly 30 total papers)

PRODUCTION

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TRUCKS AND STATIONS



★ 1. NOAA Denver-Julesburg

★ 2. NOAA Barnett  
 ★ 3. Coordinated Campaign } ★ 12 papers  
 ★ Barnett synthesis

★ 4. UT Phase 1  
 ★ 5. UT Phase 2  
 ★ Pneumatics  
 ★ Liquid Unloadings  
 ★ 6. HARC/EPA

★ 7. CSU Study  
 ★ Methods  
 ★ Measurements  
 ★ National Scale-up

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★ 9. Methane Mapping

★ 13. WVU Study

★ 10. Boston Study

★ 11. WSU Multi-City

▲ 12. Indianapolis Study

★ 14. Pilot Projects

▲ 15. Gap Filling

✗ 16. Project Synthesis

★ Results public  
 ★ Submitted, not yet public  
 ▲ Almost ready for submission  
 ✗ Not yet submitted

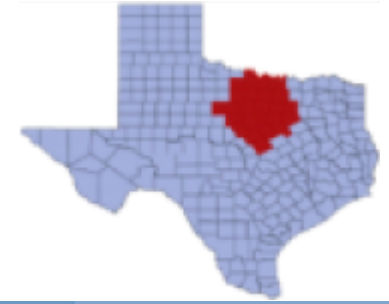
# 24 published studies so far

1. **December 2013:** UT Production study: <http://www.pnas.org/lookup/doi/10.1073/pnas.1304880110>
  2. **May 2014:** NOAA DJ Basin Flyover: <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/2013JD021272/pdf>
  3. **November 2014:** HARC/EPA Fence-line study: <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/es503070q>
  4. **December 2014** UT Pneumatics Study: <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/es5040156>
  5. **December 2014** UT Liquid Unloadings Study: <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/es504016r>
  6. **January 2015:** Harvard Boston Urban Methane Study:  
<http://www.pnas.org/content/early/2015/01/21/1416261112>
  7. **February 2015:** CSU Transmission and Storage study: Measurement paper:  
<http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/es5060258>
  8. **February 2015:** CSU Gathering and Processing study: Measurement paper:  
<http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/es5052809>
  9. **March 2015:** WSU Local Distribution study: <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/es505116p>
  10. **May 2015:** CSU Gathering and Processing study, Methods paper:  
<http://www.atmos-meas-tech.net/8/2017/2015/amt-8-2017-2015.html>
  11. **July 2015:** CSU Transmission and Storage study National results paper:  
<http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.est.5b01669>
  12. **August 2015:** CSU Gathering and Processing study CSU Gathering and Processing study National results paper: <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.est.5b02275>
- Barnett Coordinated Campaign Papers (July 2015)**
13. **Overview:** <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.est.5b02305>
  14. **NOAA led Top-down study:** <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.est.5b00217>
  15. **Bottom-up inventory - EDF:** <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/es506359c>
  16. **Functional super-emitter study - EDF:** <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.est.5b00133>
  17. **Michigan airborne study:** <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.est.5b00219>
  18. **WVU compressor study:** <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/es506163m>
  19. **Princeton near-field study:** <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.est.5b00705>
  20. **Purdue aircraft study:** <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.est.5b00410>
  21. **Aerodyne mobile study:** <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/es506352j>
  22. **U of Houston mobile study:** <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/es5063055>
  23. **Picarro mobile flux study:** <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.est.5b00099>
  24. **Cincinnati tracer apportionment:** <http://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acs.est.5b00057>



# Barnett Shale

## October 16 – 30, 2013



### EDF COORDINATED CAMPAIGN

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NOAA/CU/Michigan  
Scientific Aviation/Penn State

Purdue University

Sander Geophysics

Princeton/  
University of Texas - Dallas

Picarro/  
Duke University

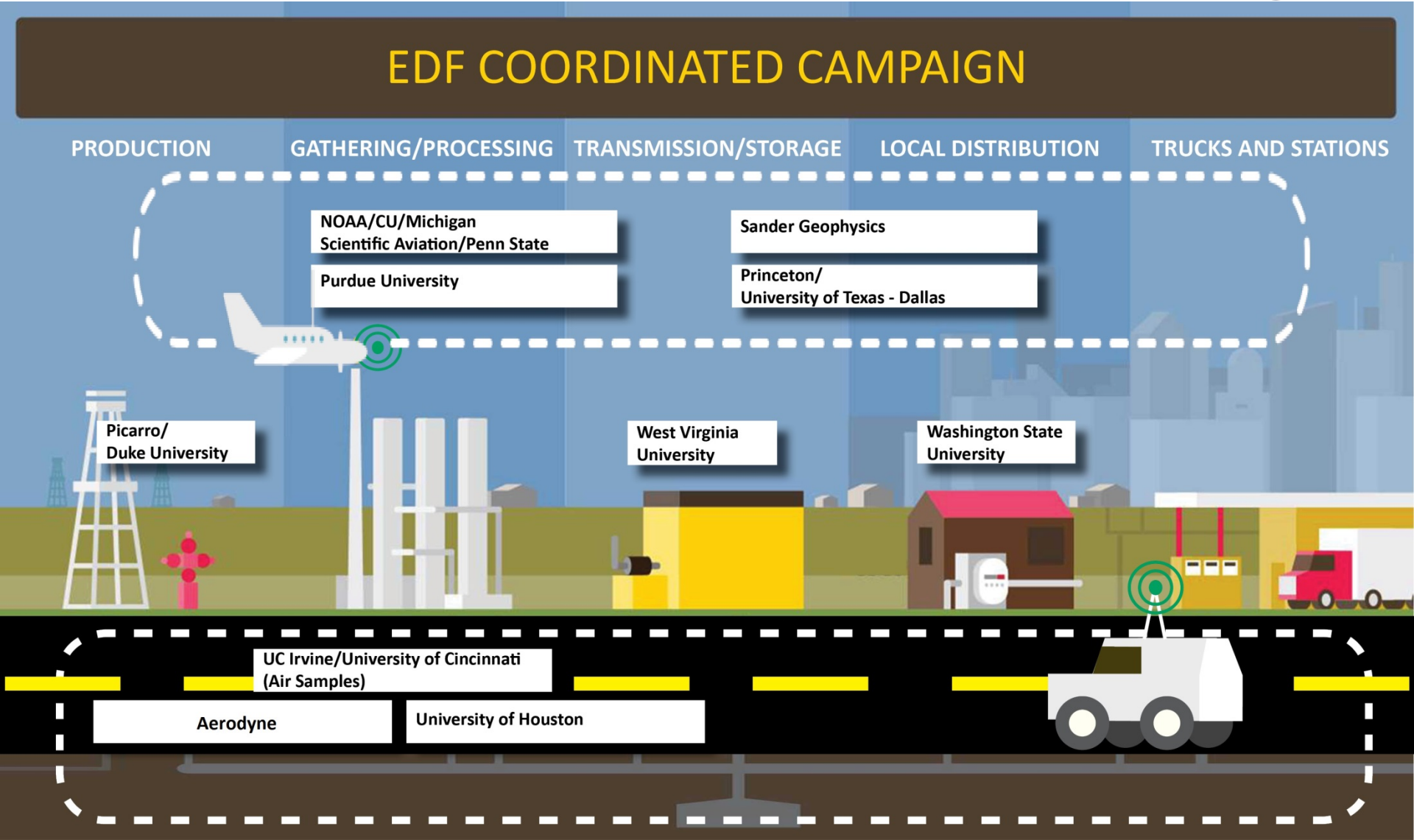
West Virginia  
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Washington State  
University

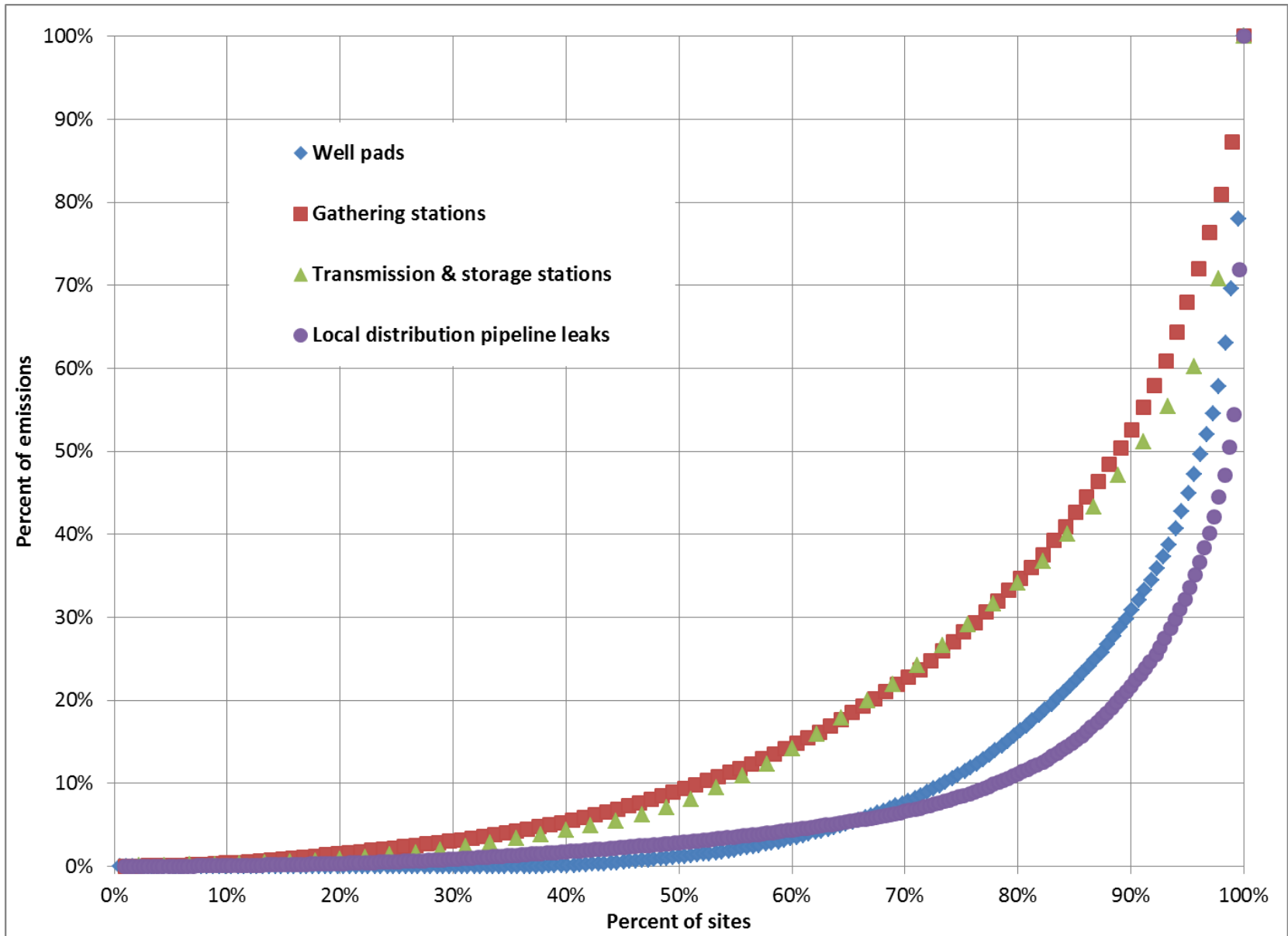
UC Irvine/University of Cincinnati  
(Air Samples)

Aerodyne

University of Houston



# A small fraction of sites and components contributes the majority of emissions



Methane Detection Technologies & Strategies

**Where are we headed?**



# Today's approach to leak detection





# Cut cost, shift paradigm



**Methane Leakage Detector**



# Methane Detectors Challenge – Innovation<sup>2</sup>

**Demand**  
Buy and Use



BG GROUP



**Market Maker**  
Convene and  
Catalyze



**Supply**  
Innovate

- Colorado start-up
- Colorado academic
- Chinese coal mine safety co.
- Swedish sensor co.

**Advise**



HARVARD  
UNIVERSITY



...and more...

# Desired specifications for detection tech

**Table 1: Specifications desired in each phase of the challenge**

| Specification  | First Round Lab Test  | Second Round Lab/Field Test                                | Industry Pilot Purchase/Deployment                         |
|--|---|--|--|
| Detection limits   | 5 ppm*  | 5 ppm*   | 2 ppm*   |
| Detection range  | 5 ppm - 250 ppm*  | 5 ppm - 250 ppm*   | 2 ppm - 2000 ppm*  |
| Leak detection capability                                    | Not specified   | 5 scfm   | 2.5 scfm   |
| Calibration frequency  | 1-2 times or less per test phase                                  | 1-2 times or less per test phase                           | Once per year or less                                      |
| Remote calibration   | Optional  | Optional   | Preferred  |
| Ability to measure methane                                   | Required  | Required   | Required   |
| Ability to measure other hydrocarbons                        | Optional  | Optional   | Optional   |
| Methane specific detection                                   | Optional  | Optional   | Preferred  |
| Ability to isolate on-site methane gas from off-site sources | Optional  | Required   | Required   |
| Power requirements   | 110v, 20 amp or single size solar panele and rechargeable battery | Single, standard size solar panel and rechargeable battery | Single, standard size solar panel and rechargeable battery |
| Power consumption  | As low as possible  | As low as possible   | As low as possible   |
| Cost of hardware   | Not specified   | Not specified  | \$5000/\$1000 per unit**                                   |

# Preliminary results

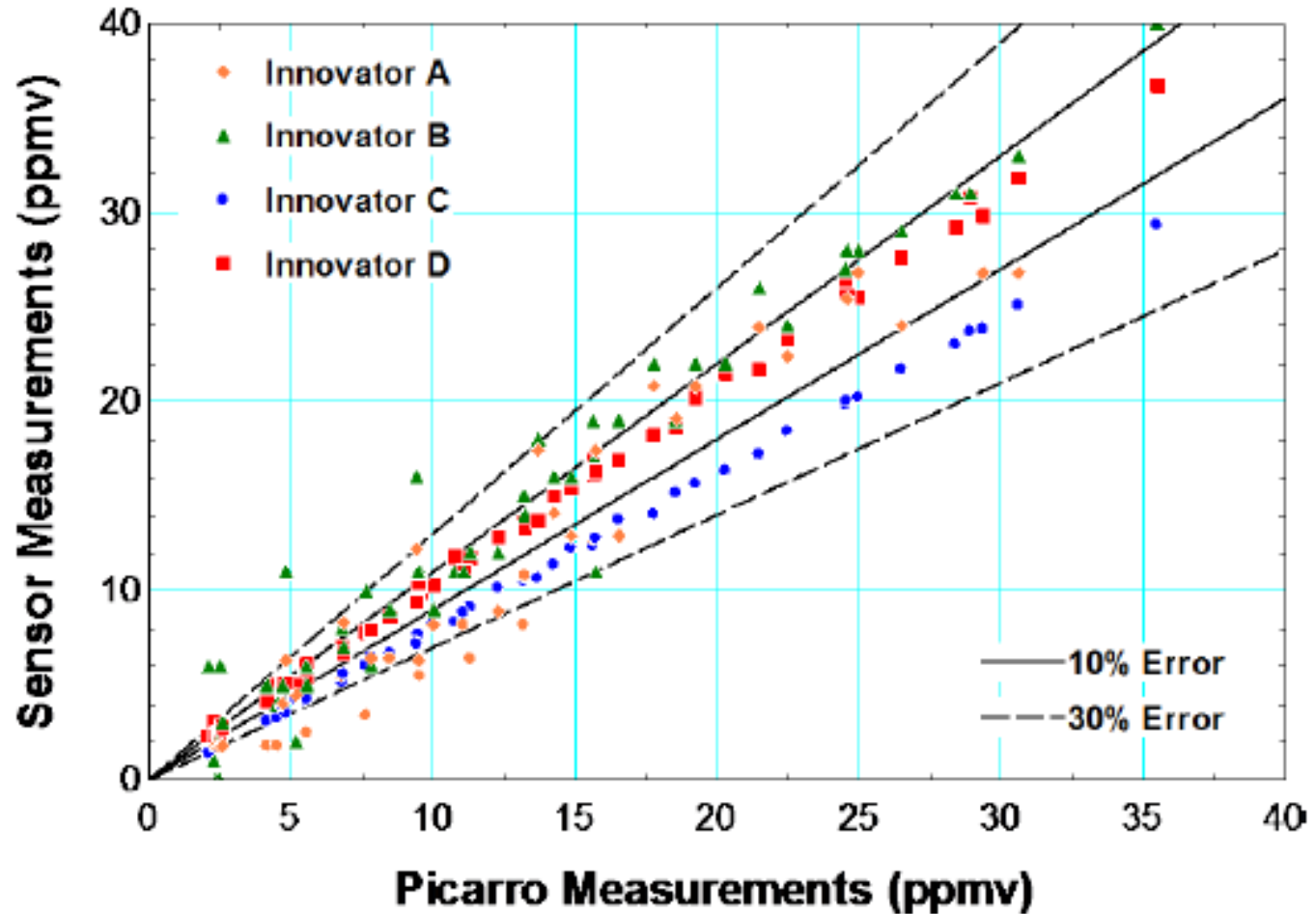


Figure 4.1. Sensor Measurements for Tests 1 and 2 of the Ambient Test.

# Bringing innovation to life



U.S. methane policy

**What is coming?**



# National Action to Reduce Methane is Underway



## White House

Set goal to reduce methane by 40-45%



## BLM

Will reduce methane waste on public lands



## EPA

Will set rules for new/modified sources

International

**How do we take on the  
challenge?**





# Top global methane emitters

**Table 2: Top 30 emitting countries in 2012**

Excluding major oil and gas producers for which no data is available

|              | MT<br>CO2e | 100-year GWP        |                        | 20-year GWP |                        |
|--------------|------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
|              |            | % global<br>o&g CH4 | % country<br>total GHG | MT<br>CO2e  | % country<br>total GHG |
| Russia       | 387        | 23%                 | 21%                    | 1301        | 39%                    |
| US           | 192        | 11%                 | 3.4%                   | 647         | 8.7%                   |
| Uzbekistan   | 97         | 5.8%                | 42%                    | 326         | 65%                    |
| Canada       | 54         | 3.2%                | 7.1%                   | 180         | 17%                    |
| Mexico       | 43         | 2.6%                | 5.4%                   | 146         | 11%                    |
| Azerbaijan   | 43         | 2.6%                | 53%                    | 145         | 72%                    |
| EU           | 43         | 2.5%                | 1.0%                   | 143         | 2.6%                   |
| Iran         | 43         | 2.5%                | 7.2%                   | 143         | 18%                    |
| Venezuela    | 38         | 2.3%                | 16%                    | 128         | 32%                    |
| Turkmenistan | 37         | 2.2%                | 33%                    | 126         | 47%                    |
| Algeria      | 30         | 1.8%                | 19%                    | 99          | 38%                    |
| UAE          | 29         | 1.7%                | 10%                    | 98          | 25%                    |
| Ukraine      | 29         | 1.7%                | 7.4%                   | 96          | 17%                    |
| Nigeria      | 27         | 1.6%                | 8.1%                   | 91          | 14%                    |
| India        | 25         | 1.5%                | 1.1%                   | 85          | 2.3%                   |

# Questions

