

How Big a Problem is Methane?

- Emissions Monitoring Report (NSTA 2022)
Less than 10%?
Or **almost $\frac{1}{4}$** of upstream Oil and Gas Emissions in 2020?
- Depends on GWP-100 or GWP-20





A Perplexing Molecule

A daunting array of voluntary initiatives, organisations, methodologies, guidance, certifications and pledges

OGCI	EDF	API Compendium	GMP
GGFR	UNEP	Methane Flaring	GMH
MGP	IMEO	Toolkit	GMI
IPCC	IEA	OGMP 2.0
World Bank ZRF	IOGP	Veritas (GTI Energy)	
OEUK MAP	CATF	MiQ Standard	
SE-11	CCAC	EPA Methane	
IPIECA	MARCOGAZ	Challenge	
		MGP Policy Toolkit	



Methane Abatement: A Consultant's View

1. Getting the Basics Right

2. Technology Choices

3. Flaring Efficiency

4. Influence

5. Takeaways

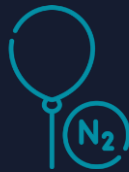


Getting the Basics Right



Proper Flare Operation

Ignite Remotely
Keep it Lit
Know when it goes out



Capture/N2 Sub. Vent Streams

Glycol Reboiler
Compressor Seals
Drains Vessels
Maintenance/Leaks



Emission Inventory

Basic Assumptions:
Flare rates and Eff.
Combustion
Liquid Loading



Targets

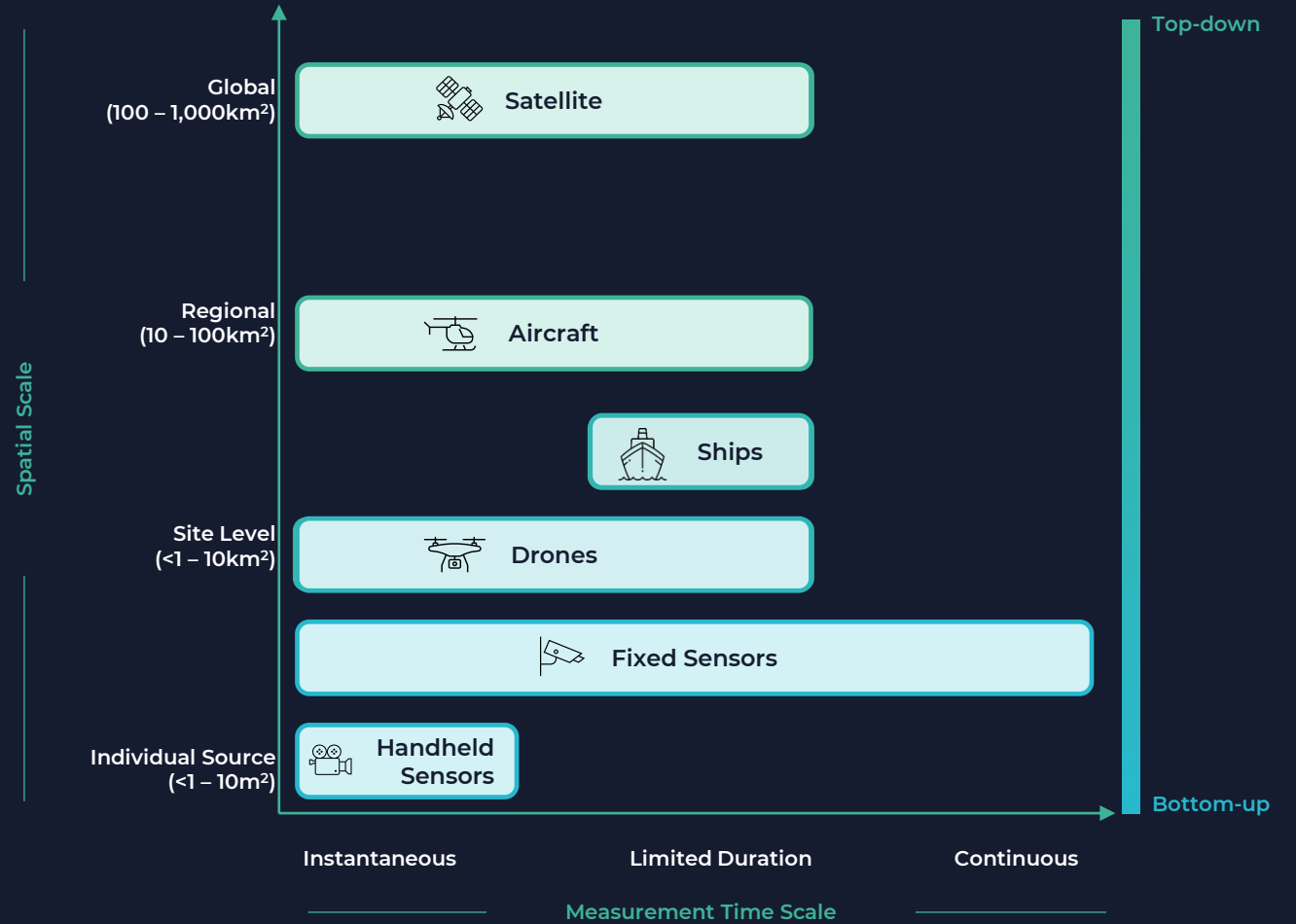
Cross company engagement
Operator buy-in
Track & Monetise

Getting these right **can be valuable.**



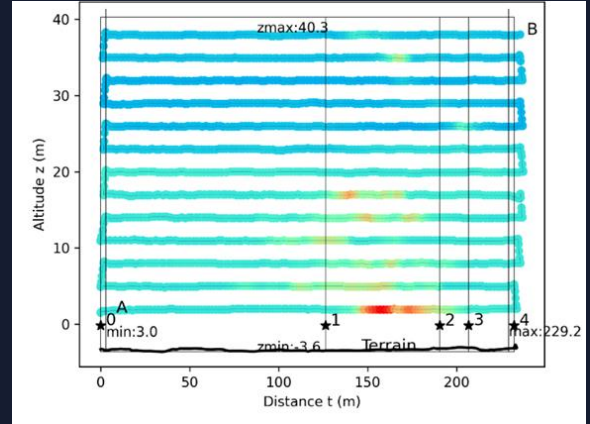
Technology Selection

Identification or Quantification?



Technology Selection

- Automation and Repeatability
- Guidance and Toolkits available
- No one-size fits all – apply expertise





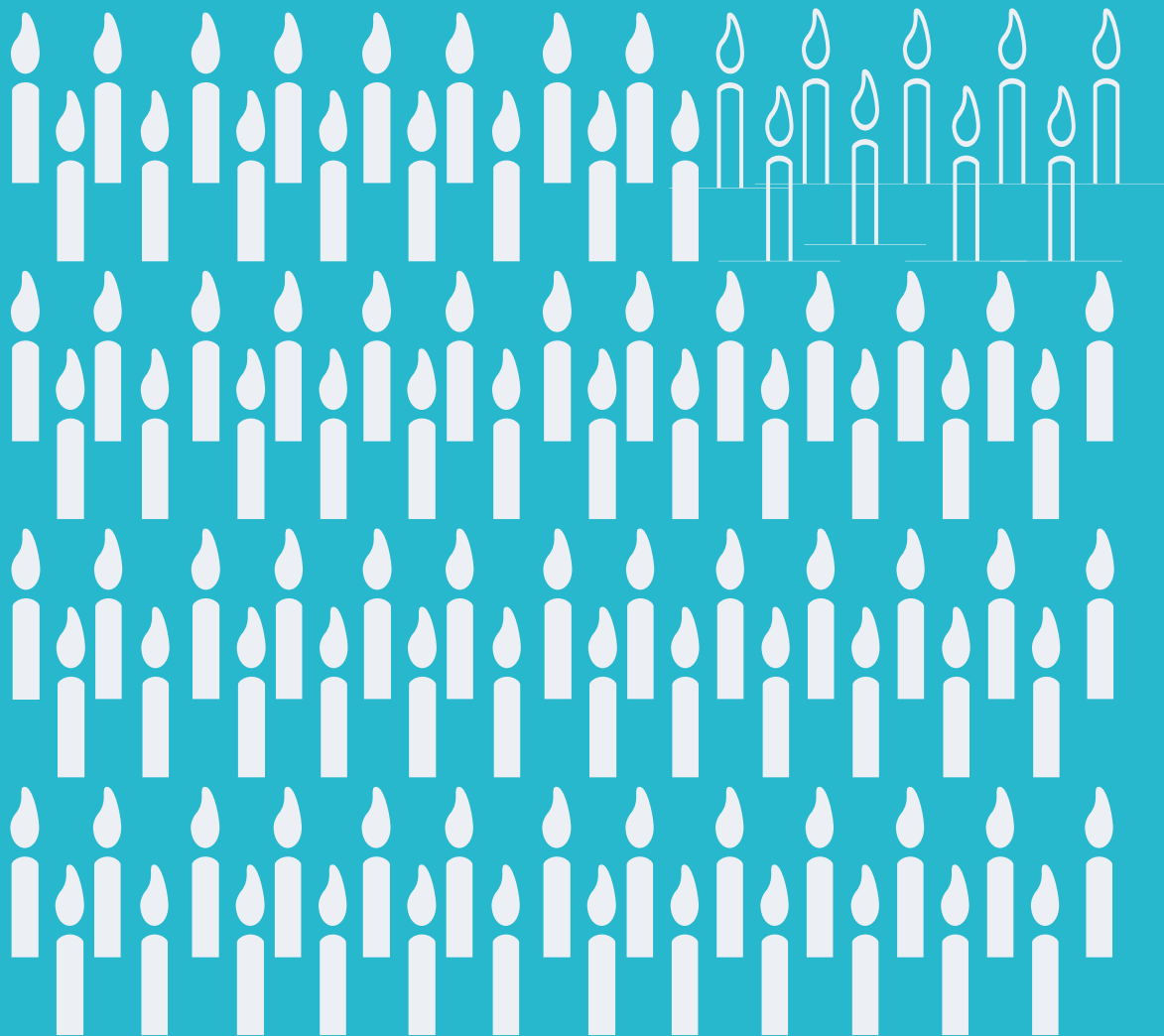
Flaring Efficiency

NINETY EIGHT PERCENT?

Flares are neither always lit, nor destroy methane with 98 per cent efficiency

Flaring Efficiency

Only 91 % of Methane Destroyed*



*Plant *et al.* 2020:

95% destr. Eff

Johnson *et al* 2008: ~95%

Gvakharia *et al.* 2017: 97%

Stroscher 1996: ~ 84%



Flaring Efficiency



Wind Speed



Nitrogen Purge



Flare Design



Computation

- ETS Data Already Provides:
- Gas Composition
 - Flare Flow rates

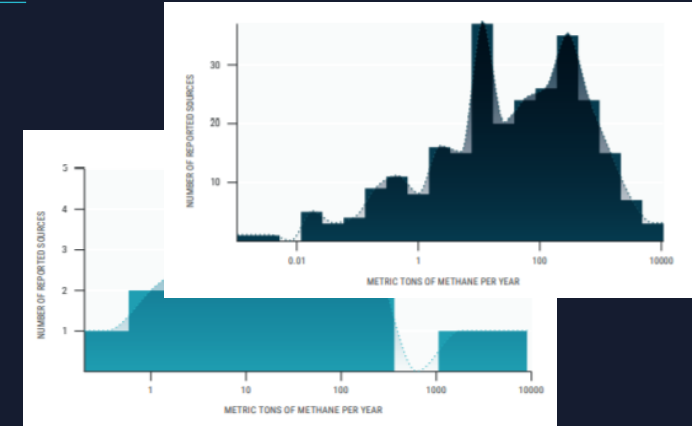
What can we do Better?

Influence:

- Eliminate the “fat tail” (**3% sources = 80%** of Venting Emissions)
- Regulatory Framework and Policy

Data and Reporting:

- Global meta-data analysis across initiatives?
- Better definition of reconciliation?



0.18%
Intensity of
Emissions
North Sea

Key Takeaways

- Use GWP-20 **and** GWP-100 for Methane
- Focus on doing the **basics** well
- Choose **technology** carefully
- Consider **flaring efficiency**
- Exert **influence** wherever possible.





THANK YOU



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