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A Sampling of Emerging Methane Emission Quantification Technologies

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Challenges

- Gas utilities are being challenged to reduce methane emissions
 - Pipes Act 2020 explore ALD technologies
 - ESG Objectives (net-zero at some point)
- Cost can be a major impediment.
 Procuring these newer technology platforms and skilled personnel can present a financial challenge especially for smaller organizations with limited budgets.
- Lack of standardized methodologies can be a barrier
 Many systems and methods.

 - No one technology for estimating methane flow rates. Sometimes a combination or suite of different technologies will be required.





Methane Reduction and EQ Framework



Technologies Today – Methane Detection and EQ



One Good Choice – Vehicle Mounted Sensors + Analytics

- Fast surveys and efficient for large swaths of the LDC network
- Parts per Billion Sensors (ppb) x 1000 more sensitive than handhelds - sense from a distance
- Much closer to the source than aircraft or satellites
- Multiple Drives give Highest Confidence in EQ
- Inclusion of Environmental Data into analytics and ML algorithms
- Small to large leaks across the network
- Ability to use survey data for

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- Leak survey and Emissions Quantification
- Supplementary up-to-date data for pipeline replacement programs



AMLD & EQ Platform

Gas Sensor

- Ethane/Methane detection
- Parts-per-billion (ppb) sensitivity

Wind Sensor

• Sonic Anemometer

GPS Sensor

• High-precision location information embedded to all data

Auxiliary Systems

- Wireless modem for prompt data upload to the cloud
- In-car Driver tablet

Analytics

- Combine data from multiple drives
- Generate Gas Indications with GPS Coordinates
- Technician dispatching system for further investigation **Outputs** can be prioritized by:
- Magnitude of gas, Frequency of detection, etc.
- Probability of Natural Gas (source discrimination)
- Confidence score
- Emissions Quantification and Ranking











AMLD - Plays well for both EQ and Leak Survey



Example: Leak Survey - Three Basic Outputs

1. No Gas found - area marked as clear

Gas found
 Gaps

Field work consists of:

- Dispatching technician to investigating the natural gas Indications, confirming presence of leaks, grading the leaks and measuring flow rates
- Dispatch technician to surveying the Gaps for any leaks, grading the leaks and measuring flow rates



Entire area is now surveyed (100% complete)



Example: Emissions Quantification – Heat Maps





*Verified Leak Indication



*"Super Emitter" Scenario







Thank You