

Methane Super Emitters

Project SCOPE



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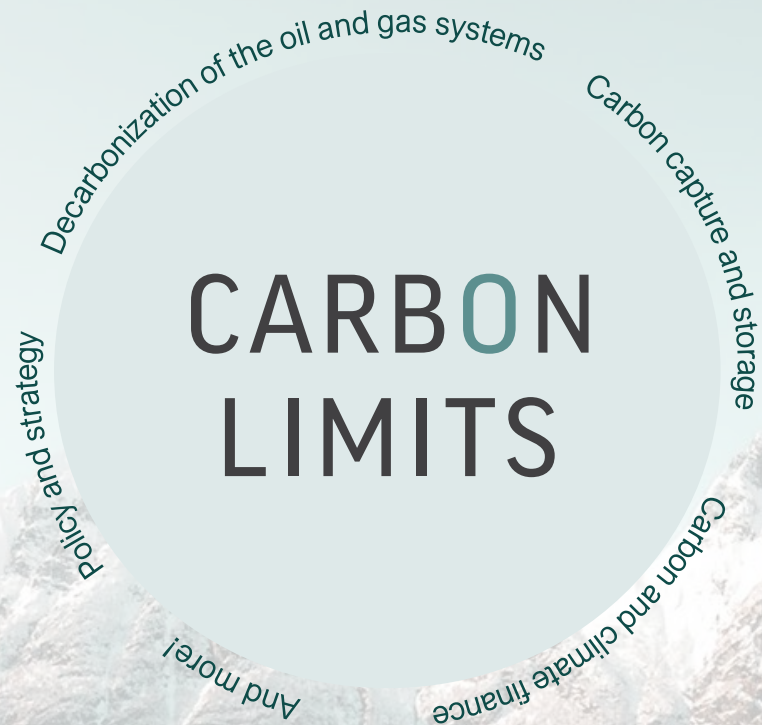
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Introduction and acknowledgements



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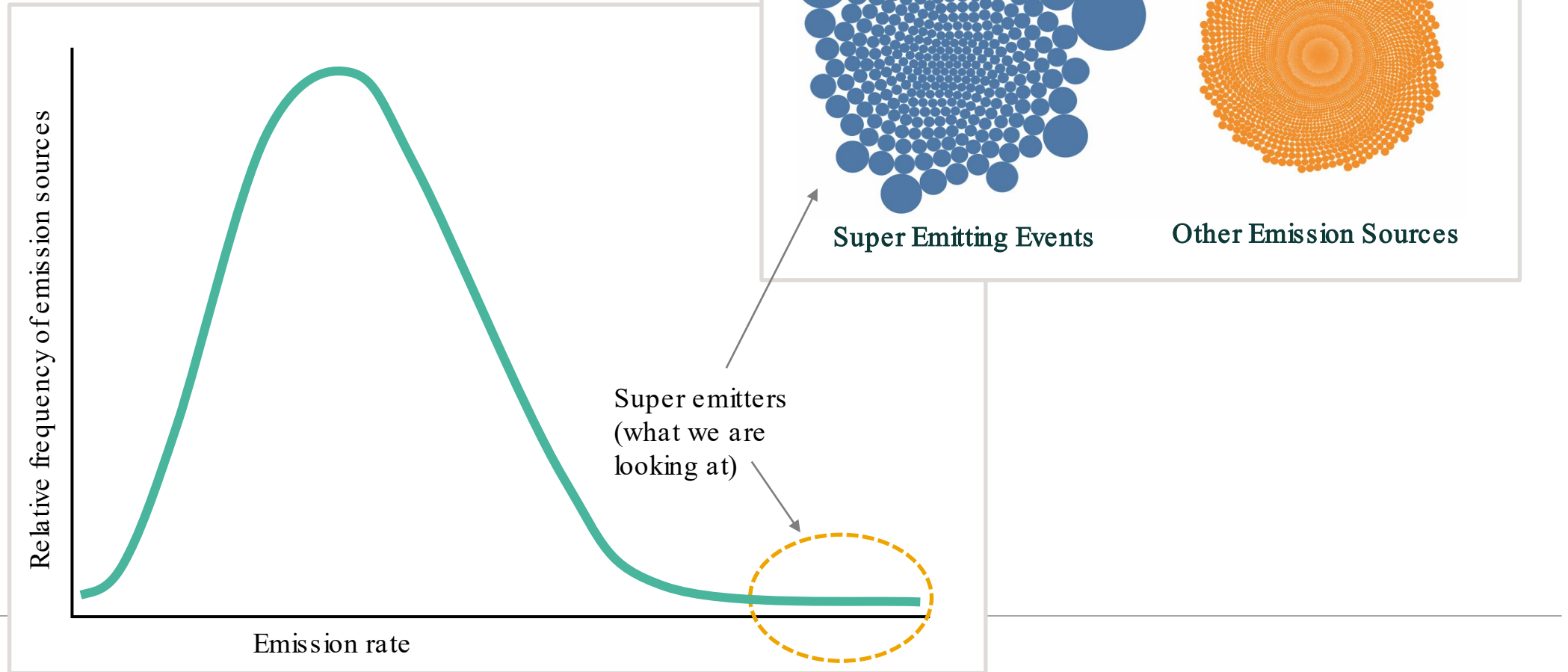
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Project – why do super emitters matter?

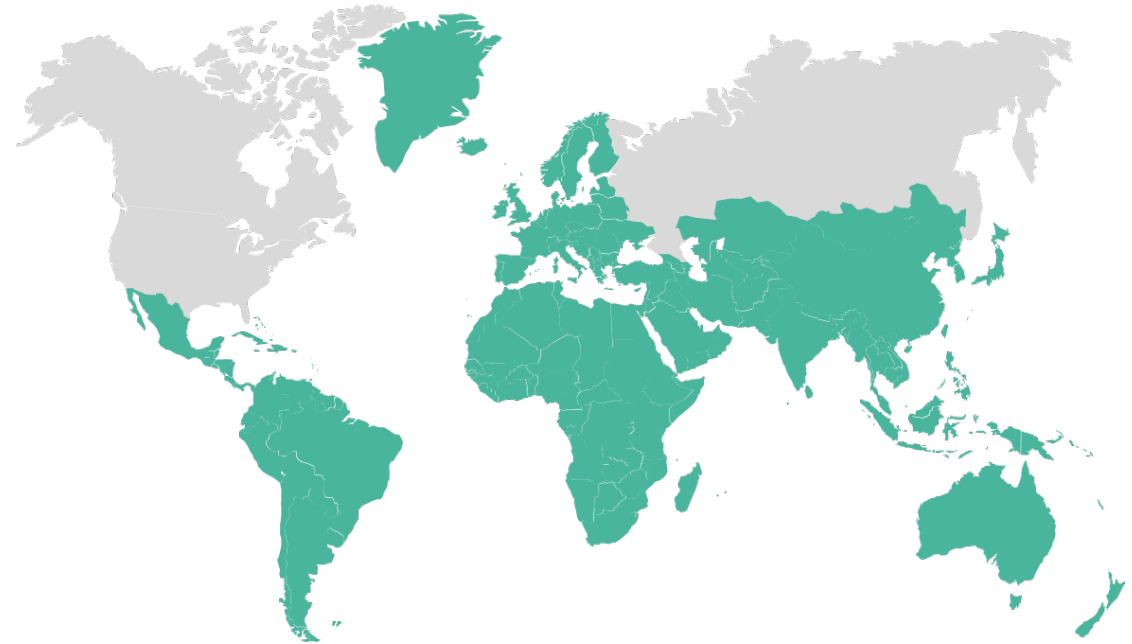
- Small percentages of events
- Significant percent of total emissions
- Low-hanging fruit for mitigation



Workplan

GHGSat imagery with:

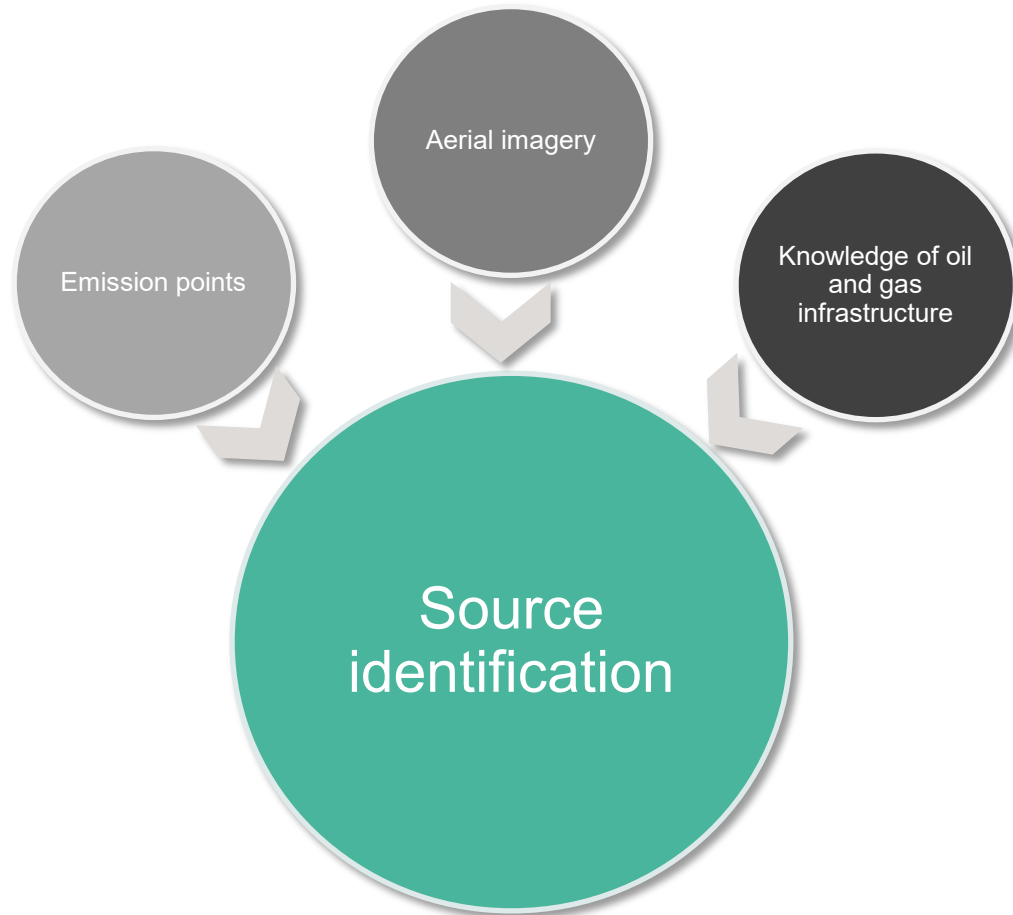
- ➔ Almost global coverage
- ➔ Hundreds of unique O&G sites
- ➔ Two years of observations



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- 1. What are global sources of super emitters?*
- 2. What would it cost to mitigate them?*

Methodology – Source identification



(Inherent uncertainty is involved in this analysis – some sources are easier to identify than others)



Floating roof tanks



Compressor station



Ground flare

Takeaway: we can identify source types for most of the emission sources

Methodology – Annual Emission Rate Calculation

Observations with detections

+

Total Observations

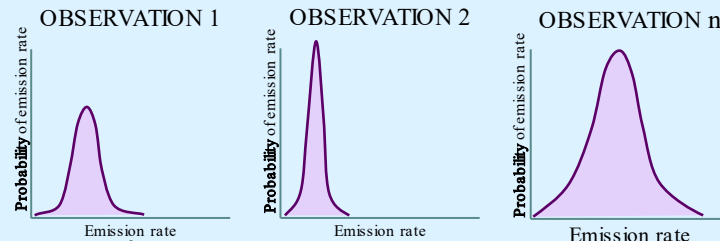
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Emission rates

For each emission source:

For each iteration:

Random selection of one plume within $\mu \pm \epsilon$



L_x ,
Randomly selected emission rate

Determine intermittency:

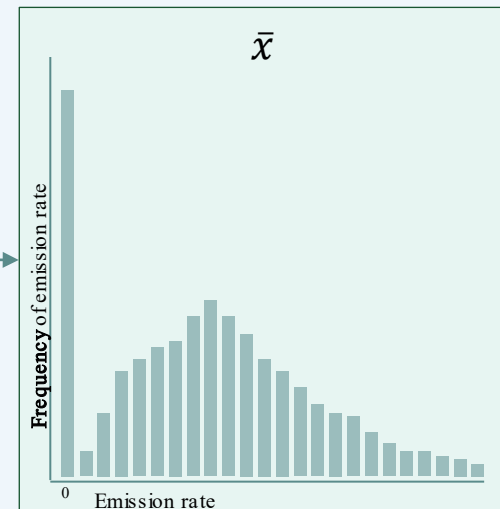
J_i ,
Observations with detections

C_i ,
Total observations

P_i ,
Intermittency of emission source:

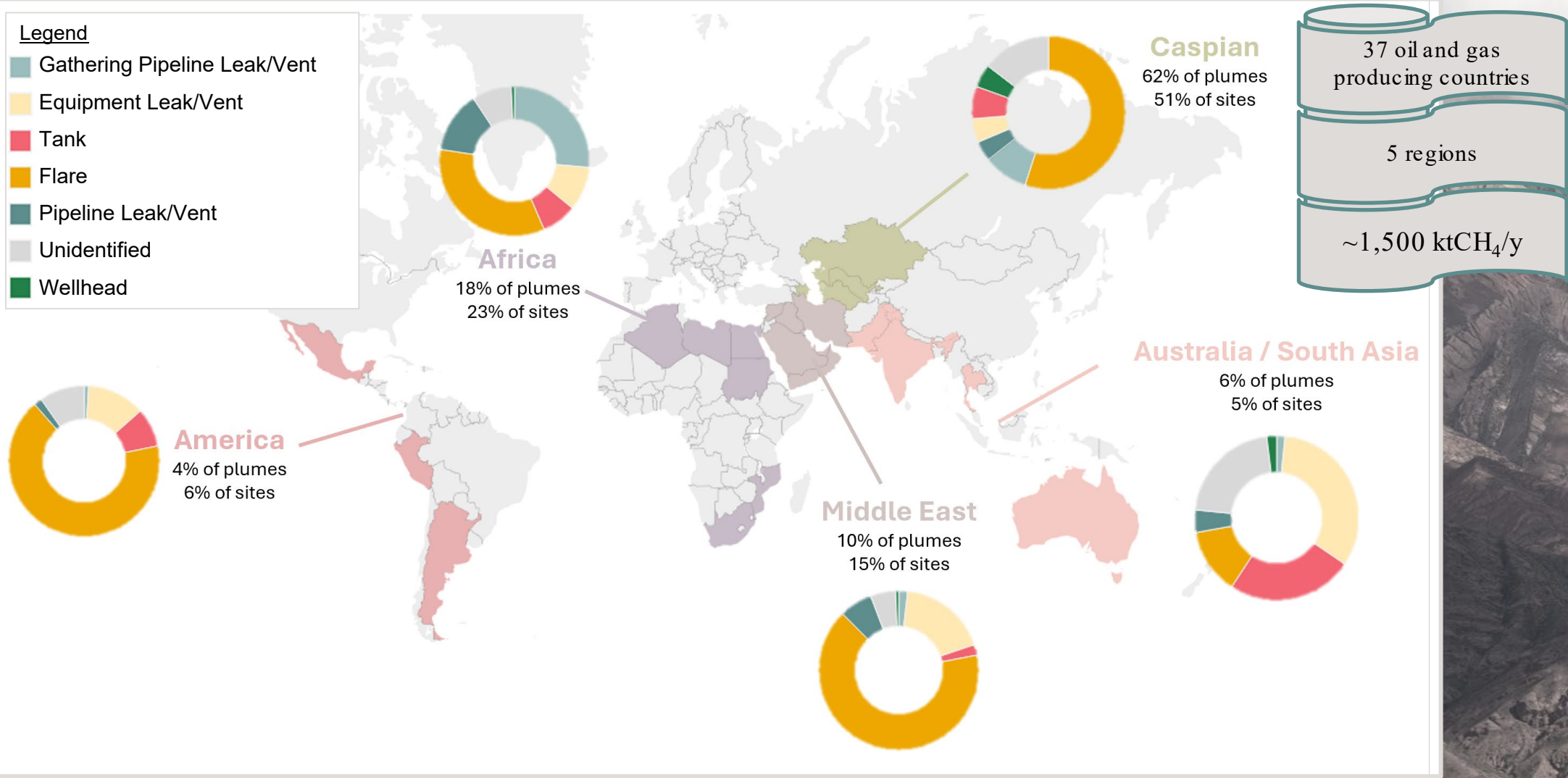
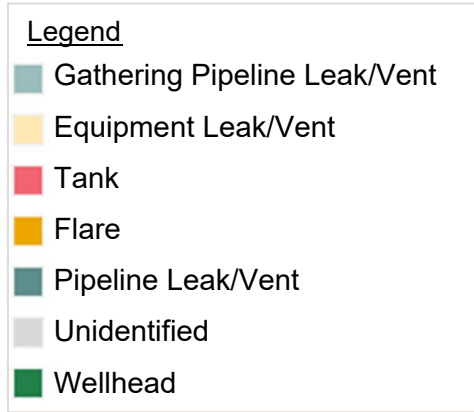
$P(Bx = 1) = P_i$
No emission: $P(Bx = 0) = 1 - P_i$

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Results - Identified emission sources

- Emission profiles vary from region to region
- Design & implement emission reduction strategies individually



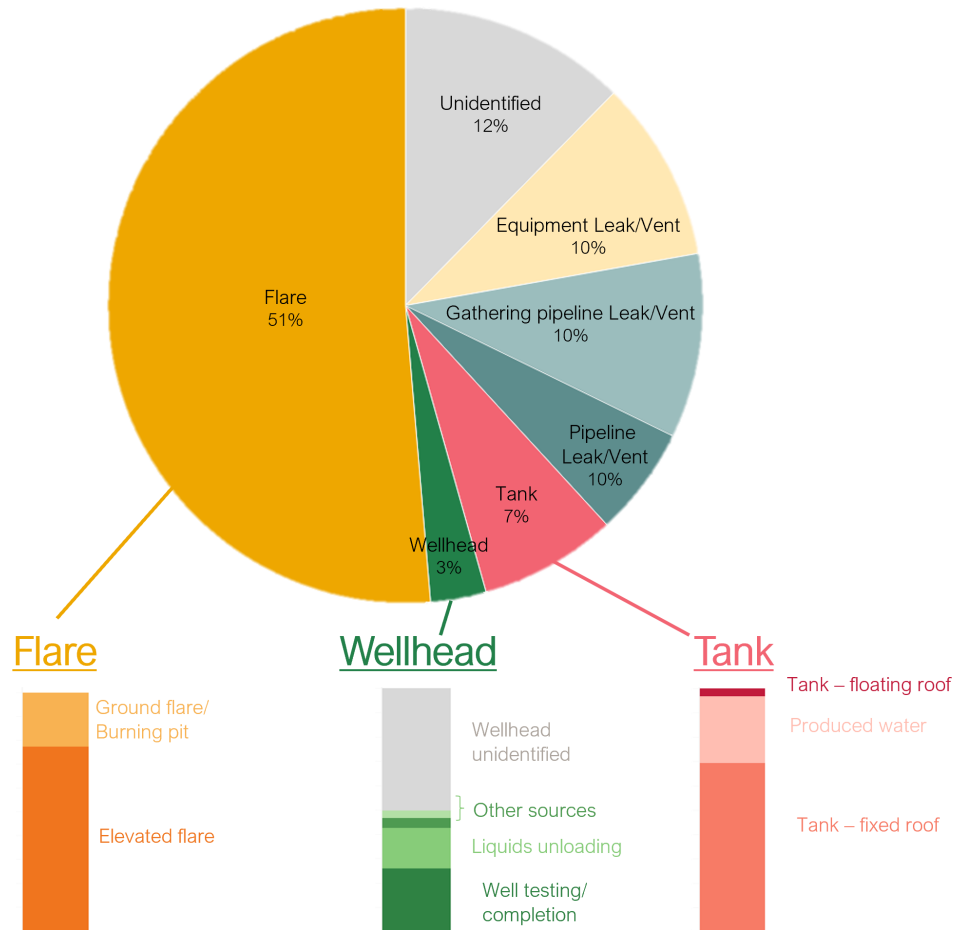
37 oil and gas producing countries

5 regions

~1,500 ktCH₄/y

Results - Identified emission sources

Relative annual emission rates per emission source



- Flares represent just over half (51%) of annual emissions from analyzed super emitting events
 - The majority of these are elevated flares
- Gathering and transportation pipelines (16%) in remote areas
- A non-negligible number of sources are still not identifiable via desktop analysis!



Limitations & Implications



Next Steps



Mitigation is **available** for each emission source type – **what are the costs?**

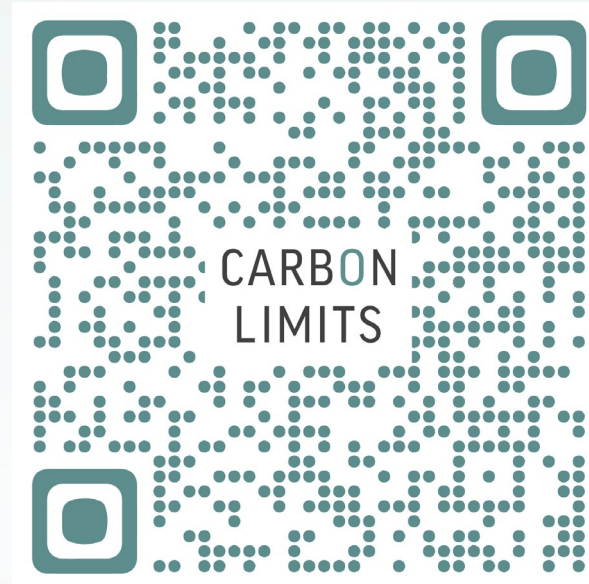
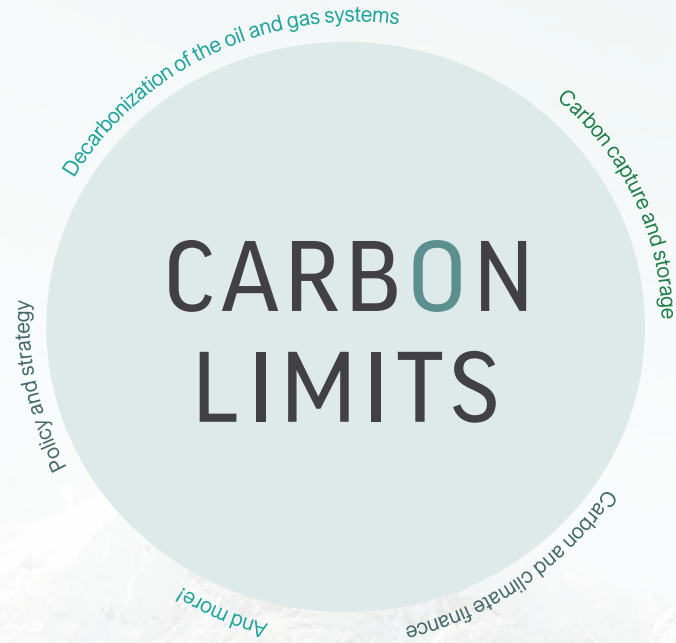


Analysis and abatement cost of **additional sectors**



White papers coming– stay tuned!

Thank you



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