

# **CoMAT tool -** Methane emissions and mitigation estimations

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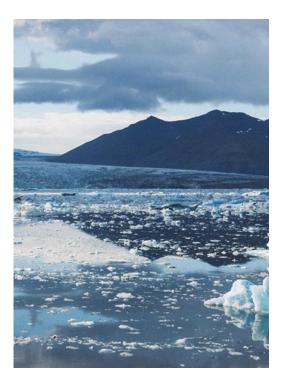
Clean Air Task Force Super Pollutants

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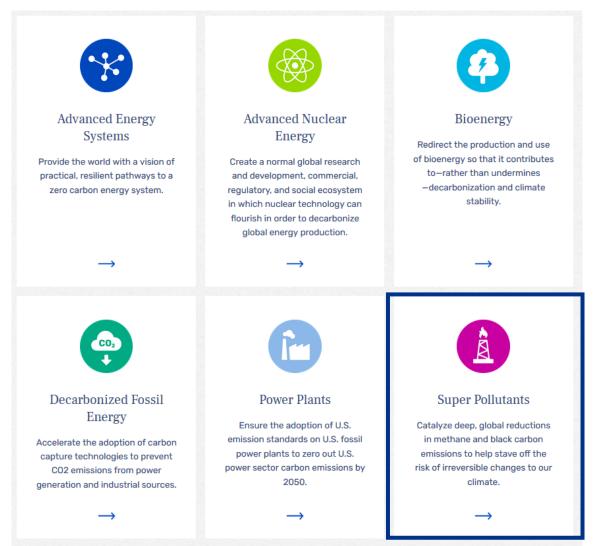
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## **CATF Focus Areas**





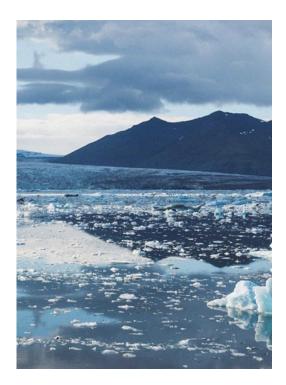
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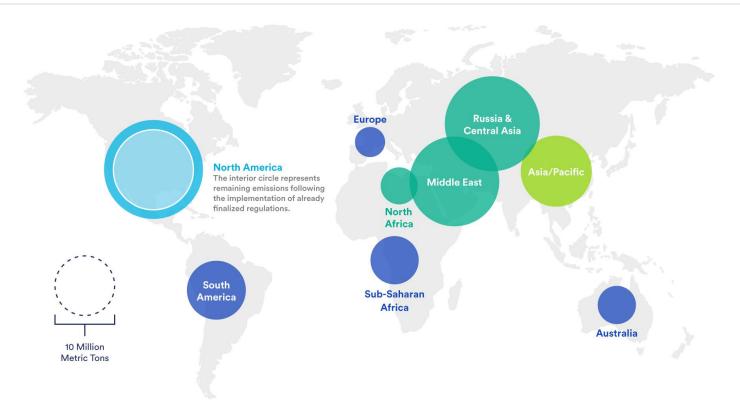
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CATF's work on **Super Pollutants** began in 2002. We advocate for CH4 and BC emissions reductions in the U.S. and internationally by supporting scientific research, promoting policy initiatives, encouraging the development of financial incentives for pollution controls, and championing and defending standards that can dramatically reduce emissions.





#### **PROJECTED 2040 METHANE EMISSIONS**



#### CATF'S STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING EMISSIONS



Set the Stage for Deeper Reductions Advance New Regulations Inform EU Import Standards



Engage Companies Directly

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## **CATF** expanding to Europe

#### On October 14th, the European Commission finalized the E.U.'s Methane Strategy, which sets the stage for legislation to rein in CH<sub>4</sub> emissions from oil & gas and other sectors.

- Europe is one of the world's highest emitter of CH<sub>4</sub> and the **largest importer of oil and gas.**
- Europe could cut its domestic CH<sub>4</sub> footprint dramatically and also put pressure on its oil and gas suppliers - Russia, Norway, Algeria, Qatar, and others – to curb their emissions.
  - By 2030, the standards could reduce >5 million metric tons of CH<sub>4</sub> annually, the near-term equivalent of at least 120 coal-fired power plants.



#### **CATF's strategy in Europe**

CATF brings together a team of experts within our organization and from our extensive global network of collaborators in civil society, industry, and government.

Our team specializes in policy development and advocacy, media, diplomacy, research and technology, and boasts decades of experience and a proven record of success. In Europe, CATF will pursue:

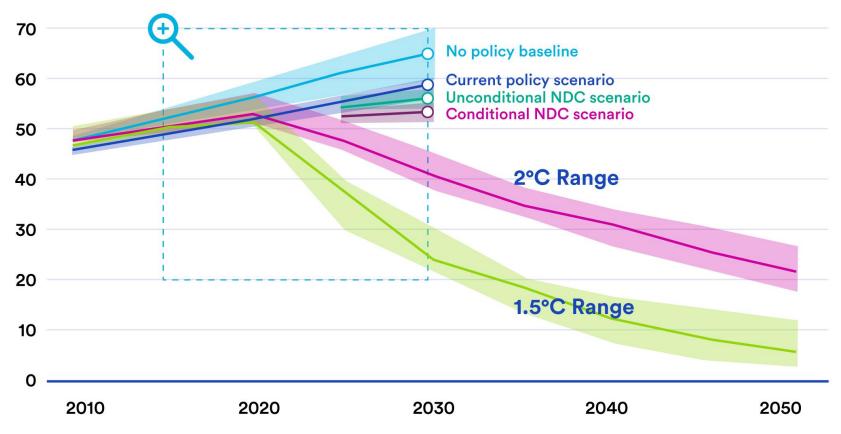
- **Direct policy assistance to EU regulators**—Working with DG Energy, MEPs, member state governments, as well as civil society, CATF will build capacity on the issue and understanding of the solutions and share tools for estimating emissions and comparing policy options.
- **Making the invisible visible**—With a new OGI camera, CATF will partner with local organizations to spotlight the domestic emissions issue and demonstrate the importance of Europe leading by example as it embarks on developing import standards.
- **Diplomacy**—CATF will leverage our connections in leading jurisdictions (California, Canada, and Mexico) to help assure European regulators that robust standards are feasible, to overcome legal and technical hurdles to those standards, and to provide support for the EU playing a vocal role in the growing global demand for swift methane emissions reductions.
- **Research and technology**—In consultation with local partners, our team will develop key health and pollution impact studies.



## Why methane emissions?

#### We are nowhere near on track to meet climate targets

Ultimately replacement or decarbonization of the current fossil fuel infrastructure will take many decades.

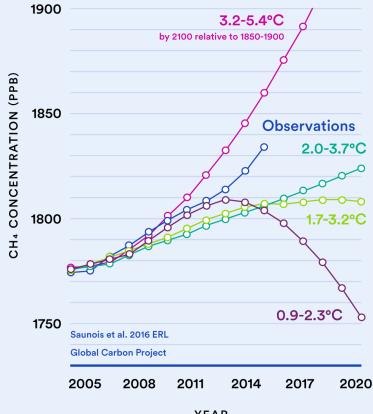






For example, CH<sub>4</sub> levels are rising more quickly than anticipated under Paris Agreement and if meeting its goals may not be possible, even under very optimistic CO2 scenarios.

Short-lived pollutants (like CH<sub>4</sub>) are a "first aid" to achieve a **near-future** reduction of global warming.



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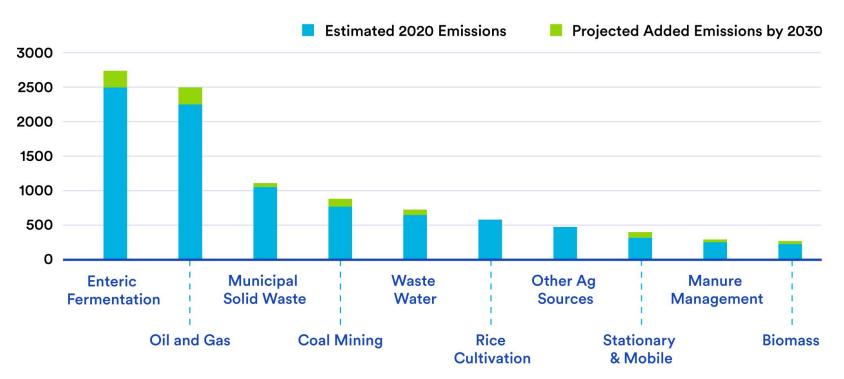
Blue line shows observations. The colored lines show methane levels anticipated under projections developed by IPCC. Observed levels are higher than under all projections except the projection shown in pink, which leads to extreme (4.5°C) temperature rise.

Sources: Sanius et al. 2016 ERL, Global Carbon Project. Observations line extended to reflect NASA measurements.

## Oil and gas is a large slice, and the most easily addressable slice, of global methane emissions

#### Figure 2: Estimated and Projected Global Anthropogenic Methane Emissions by Source, 2020 and 2030

Source: Global Methane Initiative, 2015.



#### The fixes are low tech!

## Frequent leak detection and repair



Source: Global Methane Initiative, 2015.

**Compressors:** Capture, control, maintenance, monitoring

**Completions:** Reduced Emission Completions

**Pneumatics:** Low Emitting with monitoring or Zero Emitting Models



## CoMAT

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## (Country Methane Abatement Tool)

CoMAT lets users estimate how much  $CH_4$  pollution they can reduce from their oil and gas industries, even when they have limited information about the industry and its current emissions.

Compiling and analyzing the information needed to estimate national emissions is a high barrier for some nations interested in moving policies forward to reduce  $CH_4$  pollution

<u>CoMAT is an easy solution for users to develop emission estimates</u>

With CoMAT is possible to tailor a <u>mitigation program</u> structured around best practices from policies that have been implemented in leading jurisdictions around the world.



## <u>CoMAT</u>

#### CoMAT is 100% open source and 100% customizable

- While CATF will work with countries and other stakeholders using CoMAT, all of the <u>assumptions and calculations</u> in the tool are there for users to <u>see and adjust</u> as they see fit.
- There is <u>no black box</u>, and CoMAT is not intended to give users any pre-packaged "answers."
- CATF will work with users as they take on the thorny technical questions about their country-specific oil and gas industry and develop a customized mitigation strategy.



#### **Industry Parameters**

- E.g. Total Active Gas Wells
- Total Marketed Gas Production

#### **Activity Drivers**

- E.g. # Natural Gas Powered Pneumatic Controllers per well
- Production per Gathering Compressor Station

#### Activity Data

- E.g. Total # of Natural Gas Powered Pneumatic Controllers
- Total # of Gathering Compressor Stations

#### **Emission Factors**

- E.g. CH4 Emissions per Natural Gas Powered Pneumatic Controller
- CH4 Emissions per Gathering Compressor Station

#### Emissions

- E.g. CH4 Emissions from all Natural Gas Powered Pneumatic Controllers
- CH4 Emissions from all Gathering Compressor Stations

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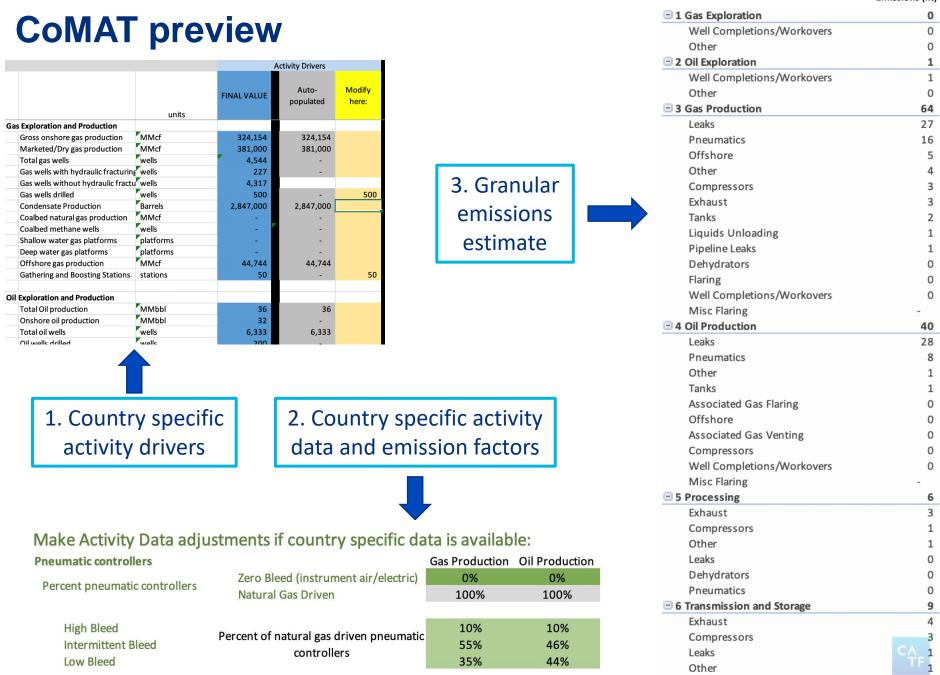
#### Mitigation

• Abatement percentage or activity data change



User Inp

Emissions (kt)



#### Where are we going...

CATF plans to work closely with in-country government officials, experts, and stakeholders at every step of this process: finding and vetting appropriate data inputs for the tool, adjusting default assumptions in the tool, and advising on the design of the country's abatement strategy.

CoMAT will help countries rapidly move forward with strong oil and gas methane reduction policies.





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