

Multiscale Methane Measurements of a Contiguous onshore Natural Gas Production Region Wyoming, USA

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Jonah Energy Overview

Jonah Energy LLC

- First US-based company to sign on to OGMP 2.0;
- Independent natural gas producer with concentrated asset base of 152,000 net acres in the Jonah Field, Sublette County, Wyoming
- Member of ONE Future, leading U.S. industry group advocating for quantification of methane emissions and alignment with OGMP 2.0

Key Statistics - 2021:

Average production: 447 MMcfe/d | Liquids contribution: 15% (vol), 26% (rev)

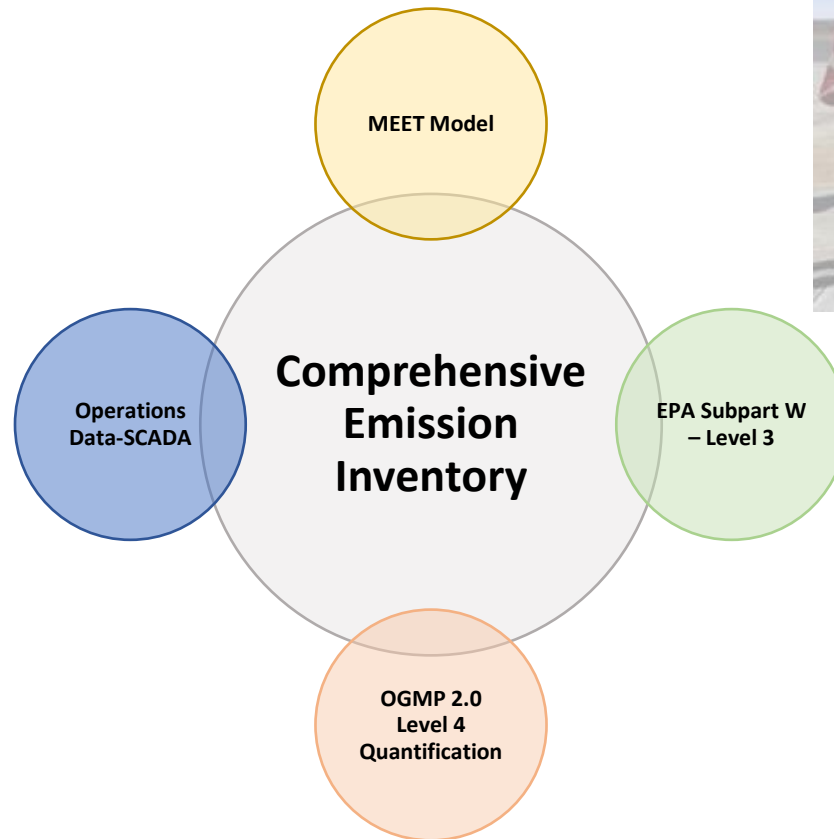
Multiscale Measurement Process

Layers to L4



Sub sampling

- Drone/methane sensor
- Build accurate distribution of site-level facility measurements



Basin-wide summary

- Mass flux
- Quantification of non-operated assets in mass flux
- Quantification of variable, non-production sources such as well workovers

Multiscale Measurement Process

Characterization of Facilities



Consistent, permitted Production Sources -
*Sources consistently in basin mass flux;
based on OGMP 2.0 U&R protocol:*

- **Wellheads**
- **Simple production facilities** – 2 or fewer tanks – *implies lower production values*
- **Complex facilities** – *more than 2 tanks implies higher production values*
- **Complex facilities with wellsite compression**
- **Water management facilities**
- **Water and Oil hauling**
- **Manual liquid unloading events**

Variable, Intermittent Non-production
Sources – *potentially not consistently in
basin mass flux:*

- **Workovers**
- **Completions/Flowback**
- **Compressor blowdowns for maintenance**



Case Study –
OGMP Levels 3,
4 and 5
Progression –
Liquids
Unloading



Level 3 Emission Estimate – Liquids Unloading



Option 1 - Count of wells with unloadings that vent, multiplied by an average emission factor per well, or

Option 2 - Count the number of unloading events (multiple events per well per year) multiplied by an average emission factor per event. (OGMP recommends using emission factors from a national study of liquid unloadings in the United States (Allen, et al., 2015))

Option 1

Average emissions per year for plunger lift/manual liquid unloadings at one well is 117,000 scf/well/year ¹

Jonah total - 3,315 m³ per well per year

Option 2

Jonah average 4.3 events per well per year; the average emissions per event is 9,800 scf/event ¹

Jonah total – 1,194 m³ per well per year



Unloading measurement system being installed by Allen, et al. team

¹ Allen, et al. Methane Emissions from Process Equipment at Natural Gas Production Sites in the United States: Liquid Unloadings, *Environmental Science & Technology*, 49 (1), 641–648, 2015.



Level 4 Estimate – Liquids Unloading

Count the number of unloading events at each site multiplied by a site-specific emission factor based on the following inputs:

- unloading event duration
- well tubing volume
- well depth
- well pressures and temperatures, and
- other site-specific parameters

Average Jonah well - 4.3 events per well per year

Average emission per event based on site specific inputs is 2,300 scf per event, or 9,890 scf/well/year

Average emissions per well per year are 4.3 events per well per year * 2,300 scf/event or 9,890 scf/well/year equal to

Jonah total – 280 m³ per well per year

a factor of 4 lower than the estimate based on the Level 3 national emission factor

It is anticipated that the emission factor based on local data is more accurate, but this can be assessed with site level measurements (Level 5)

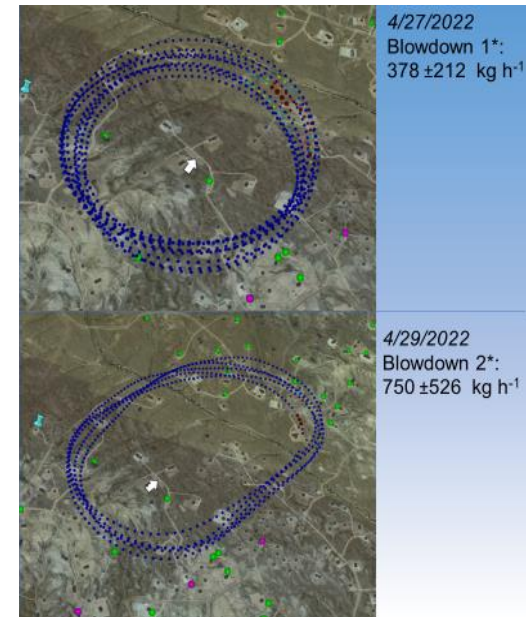
Level 5 Estimate – Liquids Unloading



When liquid unloadings occur, they dominate total emissions from the site; make site level measurements while unloading events are occurring

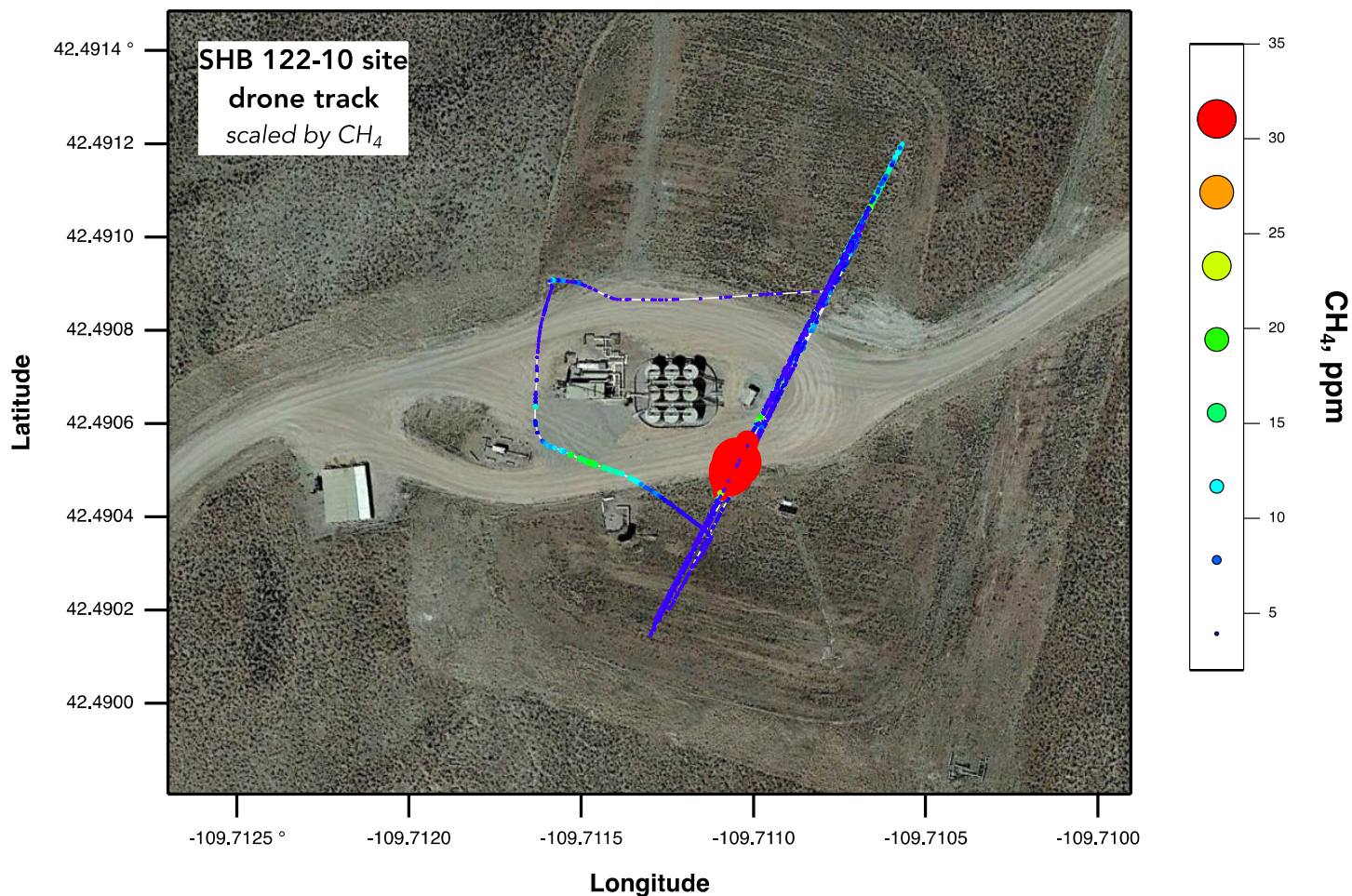
Airborne measurements (4/27/2022) *emission rate of $1,990 \pm 1,100$ scf/event/well, or Jonah total – 242 m³ per well per year, lower than Level 4 Jonah average*

Airborne measurements (4/29/2022) *emission rate of $3,940 \pm 2,770$ scf/event/well, or Jonah total – 480 m³ per well per year, higher than Level 4 Jonah average*



High uncertainty ranges in measured emission rates for events are likely due to variations in emission rates during the events

Site-level Reconciliation



Calculated CH_4 site emission rate: 2.8 ± 1.1 kg/hr

Basin-wide mass balance



4/26/2022

Total methane emissions:
 $1097 \pm 790 \text{ kg h}^{-1}$



4/29/2022

Total methane emissions:
 $833 \pm 137 \text{ kg h}^{-1}$

Thank You!



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