Characterization of methane emissions from oil and gas production in Mexico: Linking measurements to mitigation

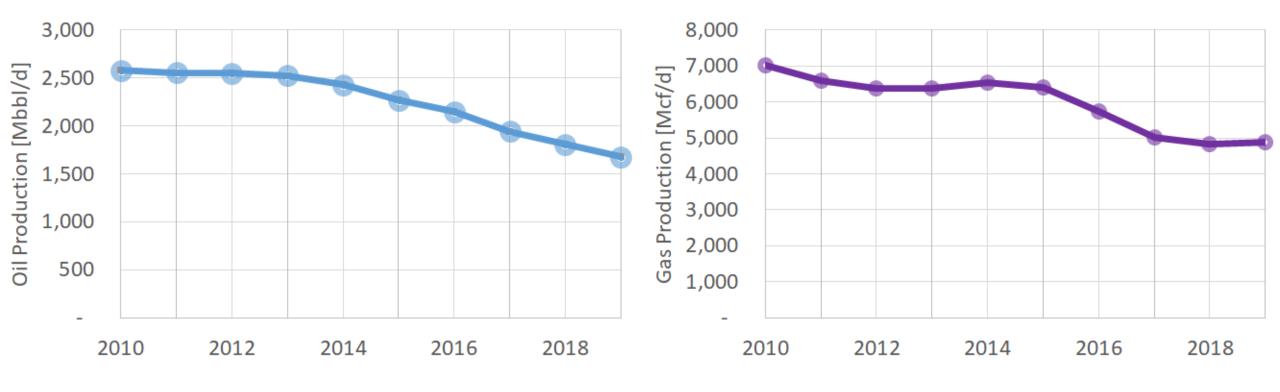


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Mexico: Historical oil and gas production



% Change 2015 -> 2019: Wells: -16% | Gas production: -24% | Oil production: -26%



Mitigation targets and methane federal regulations



Methane is part of NDCs



Published methane federal regulations

OF: 06/11/2018

DISPOSICIONES Administrativas de carácter general que establecen los Lineamientos para la prevención y el control integral de las emisiones de metano del Sector Hidrocarburos.

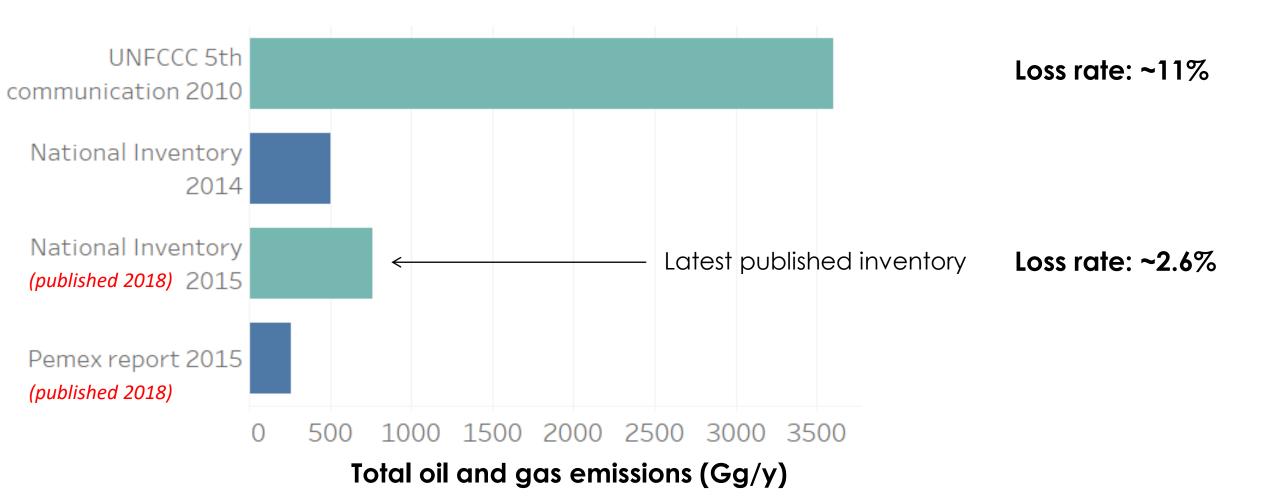
Al margen un sello con el Escudo Nacional, que dice Estados Unidos Mexicanos.- Agencia Nacional de Seguridad Industrial y de Protección al Medio Ambiente del Sector Hidrocarburos.

CARLOS SALVADOR DE REGULES RUIZ-FUNES, Director Ejecutivo de la Agencia Nacional de Seguridad Industrial y de Protección al Medio Ambiente del Sector Hidrocarburos, con fundamento en el artículo Décimo Noveno Transitorio, segundo párrafo, del Decreto por el que se reforman y adicionan diversas disposiciones de la Constitución Política de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos, en Materia de Energía, publicado en el Diario Oficial de la Federación el 20 de diciembre de 2013, y en los artículos 10., 20., 30., fracción XI, incisos a), b), c) y f), 40., 50., fracciones III, IV, VI, XXI, XXIII, y XXX, 60., fracción I, inciso a) y II, incisos g), h) y j), 27 y 31, fracciones II, IV y VIII, de la Ley de la Agencia Nacional de Seguridad Industrial y de Protección al Medio Ambiente del Sector Hidrocarburos; 10., 95 y 129 de la Ley de la Hidrocarburos; 10., 20., 17 y 26 de la Ley Orgánica de la Administración Pública Federal; 10., y 40., de la Ley Federal de Procedimiento Administrativo; 50., fracción XII, de la Ley General del Equilibrio Ecológico y la Protección al Ambiente; 50., tercer párrafo, del Reglamento de la Ley General del Equilibrio Ecológico y la Protección al Ambiente en materia de Prevención y Control de la Contaminación de la Atmósfera; 20., segundo párrafo del Reglamento de la Ley General del Equilibrio Ecológico y Ia Protección al Ambiente en materia de Registro de Emisiones y Transferencia de Contaminantes; 10., 20., fracción XXXI, inciso d), y segundo párrafo, 50., fracción I, 41, 42, 43, fracción VIII, y 45 BIS, párrafo segundo, del Reglamento Interior de la Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales y 10., 30., fracciones I, V, VIII y XLVII, del Reglamento Interior de la Agencia Nacional de Seguridad Industrial y de Protección al Medio Ambiente del Sector Hidrocarburos, y

North America agreement: 45% reduction in oil and gas methane emissions



Uncertainty in emission inventories and reports





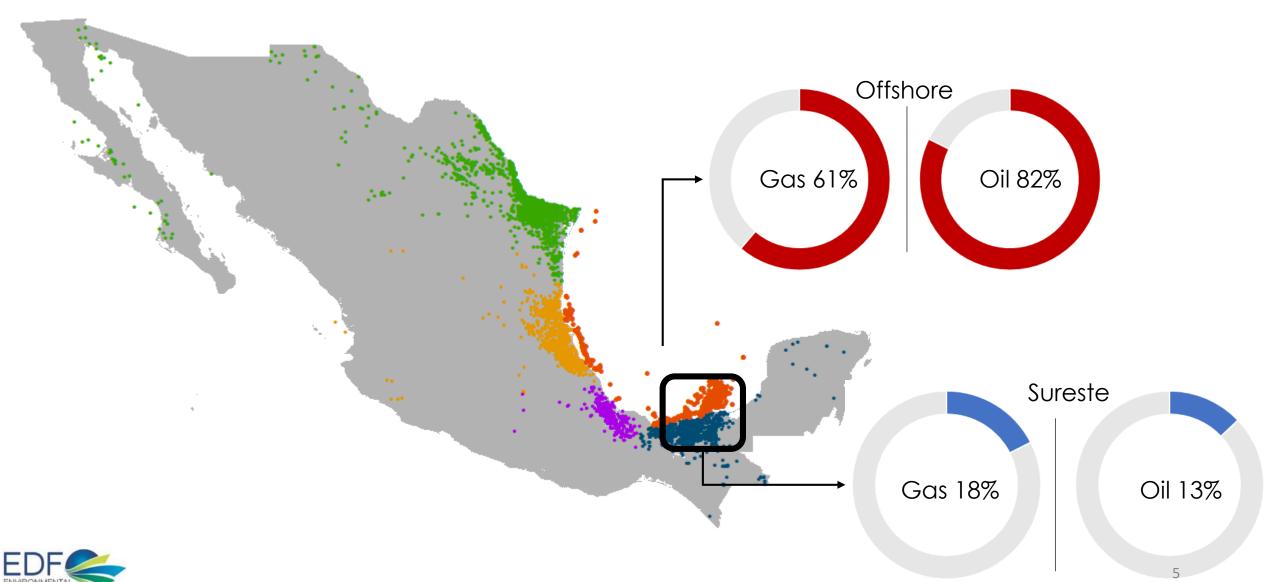


National totals (2019):

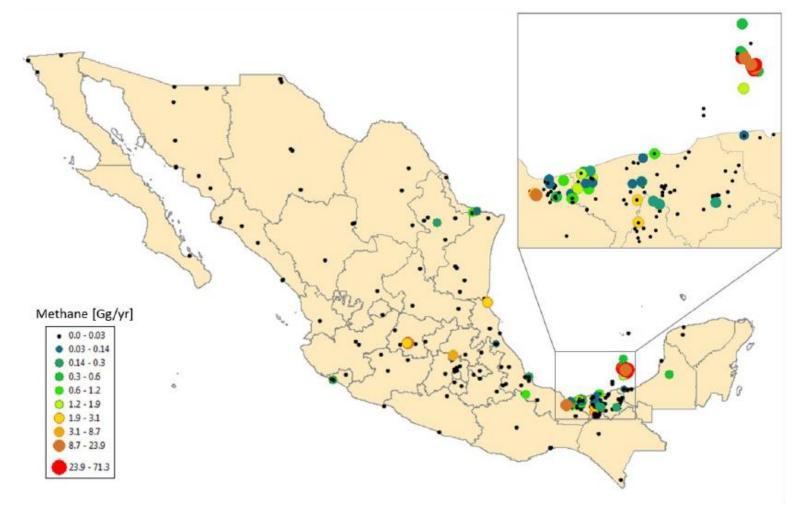
Active wells: 7,832

Gas production: 4,900 MMpcd

Oil production: 1,700 Mbd

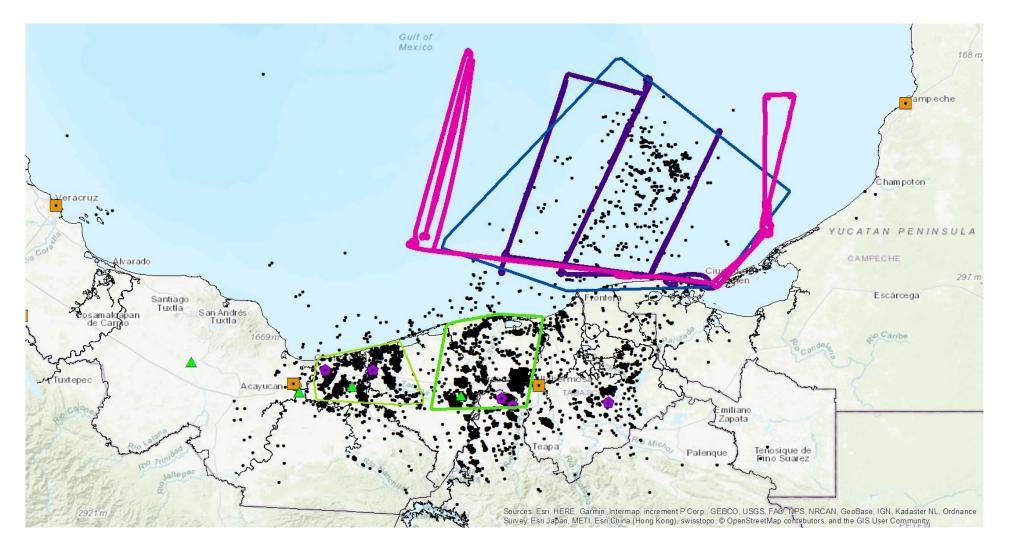


National GHG inventory has no spatial information, Using COAs (emissions reporting program by facility) to attribute emissions spatially.





Airborne-based measurements took place between Feb 4-18 2018





Offshore 7 flights [04, 05, 06,07, 16, 17, 18]

% of national production: [oil 74%, gas 54%]



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Contribution.

Inventory (projected 2018): 58 Mg/h

*(~79% national emissions)

% Change Activity Data 2015 -> 2018

• Wells: -20%

• Gas production: -18%

Oil production: -32%

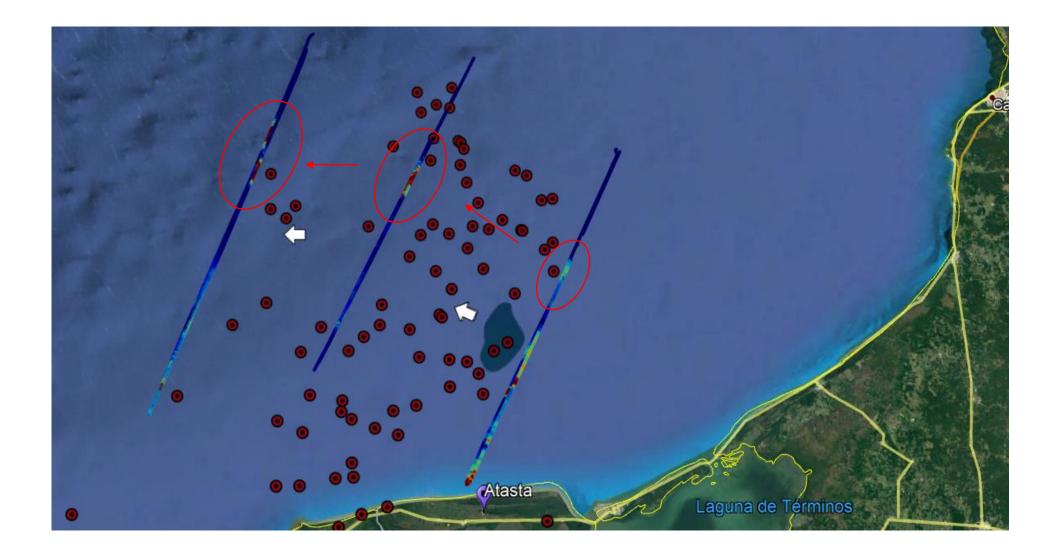
Active wells: 503

Gas production: 2,500 MMpcd

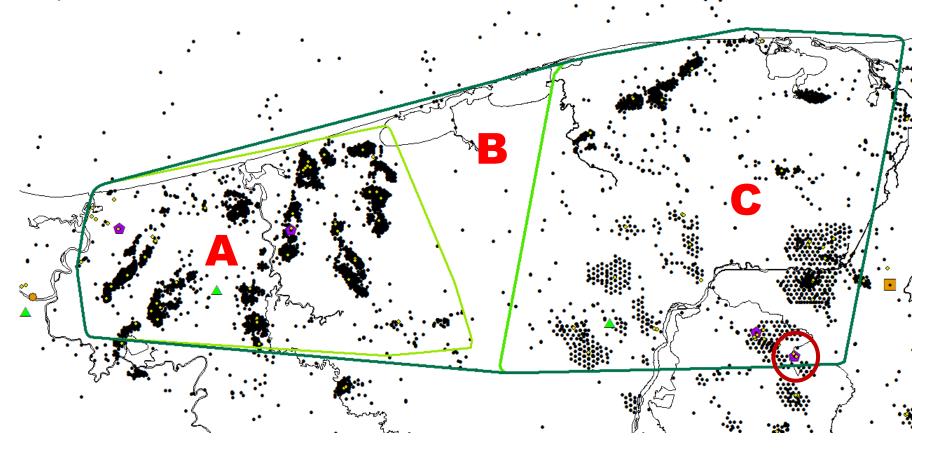
Oil production: 1,100 Mbd



Offshore







Active wells: 1090

Gas production: 450 MMpcd

Oil production: 150 Mbd

Inventory (projected 2018): 1.9 Mg/h

*(~4% national emissions)

% Change Activity Data 2015-> 2018

• Wells: -18%

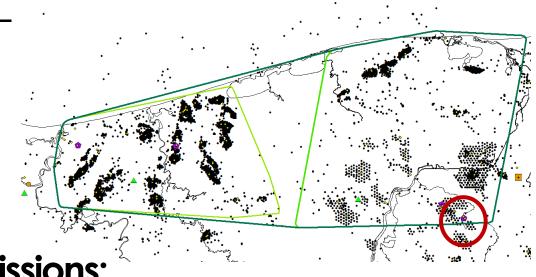
• Gas production: -39%

Oil production: -49%



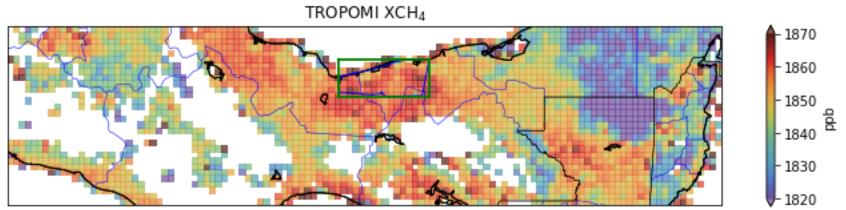
Satellite-based quantification of regional emissions

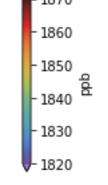
Integrating data over longer periods of time – not possible with field campaigns.



TROPOMI quantification of regional-level emissions:

(24-month average Dec2017 - Nov2019)

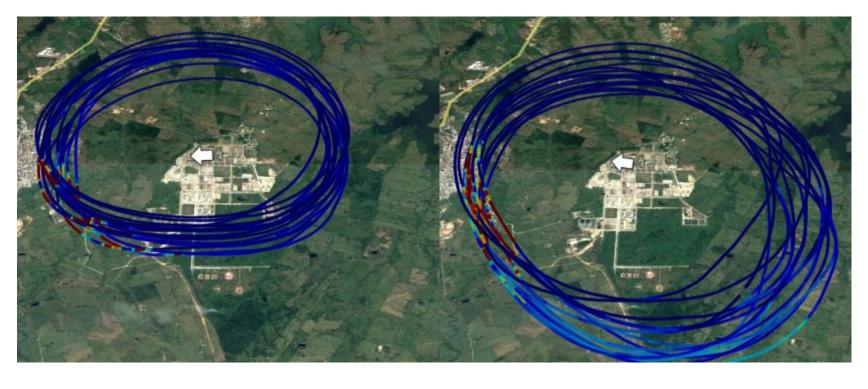






Onshore: processing plant

Nuevo Pemex Feb 14, 15 2018.



Inventory (2018): 20 kg/h

Throughput: 1,000 MMcfd

Majority of emissions from flaring – estimate of flaring efficiency





Summary – next steps.

- Significant uncertainty in terms of oil and gas methane emissions in Mexico.
- Ambitious mitigation targets and regulations: importance of
 - Estimating baseline emissions
 - Identify hotspots of emissions
 - Identify key mitigation opportunities
- Our work focused on empirical-based emission estimates
 - Airborne-based estimates (regional-level and facility-level)
 - Satellite based quantification (TROPOMI: regional-level; onshore)
- Assessment of using 'simple' emission factors for national inventories (e.g., flaring efficiency)



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