

CMM and AMM Projects: Analysis of the 2021 CMM Project List

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Introduction and Acknowledgements

- Global Methane Initiative (GMI) created the Coal Mine Methane (CMM) Project List to track and analyze CMM projects around the world
- The latest version was updated at end of 2020-start of 2021. Advanced Resources International (ARI) compiled most of the information for GMI
- CMM Project List is the best available source of information on operational and former/future CMM projects:
 - Data are provided by country, project status, start year, project end use type
 - List includes descriptions of projects, mines, and equipment
 - Emission reductions are included, where available
 - Data gas exist
- The previous version was published in 2016

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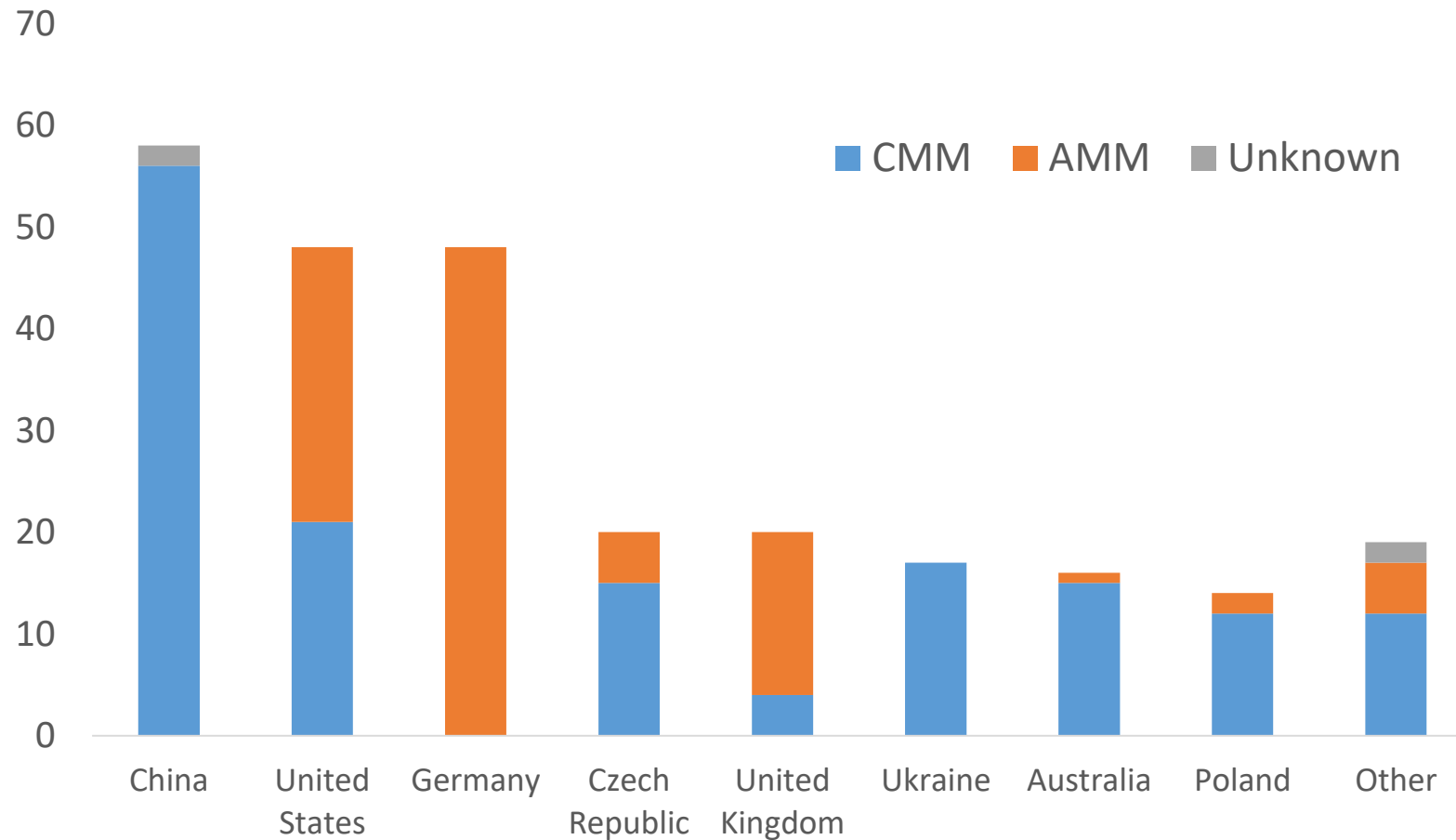
Snapshot of the 2021 CMM Project List

- 15 countries host CMM abatement projects
 - 328 known projects at various stages of operation
 - 260 operational projects:
 - 156 CMM projects, including 4 VAM projects
 - 104 Abandoned Mine Methane (AMM) projects
 - 36 projects are under development
 - 32 projects have been closed / not operational
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- For comparison, the 2016 version of the list contained information about 238 projects



Countries with the Most CMM Projects

Countries with the largest number of operating CMM and AMM projects are: China, United States, Germany, Czech Republic and the United Kingdom



* CMM includes operational projects for ventilation air methane (VAM) destruction or use

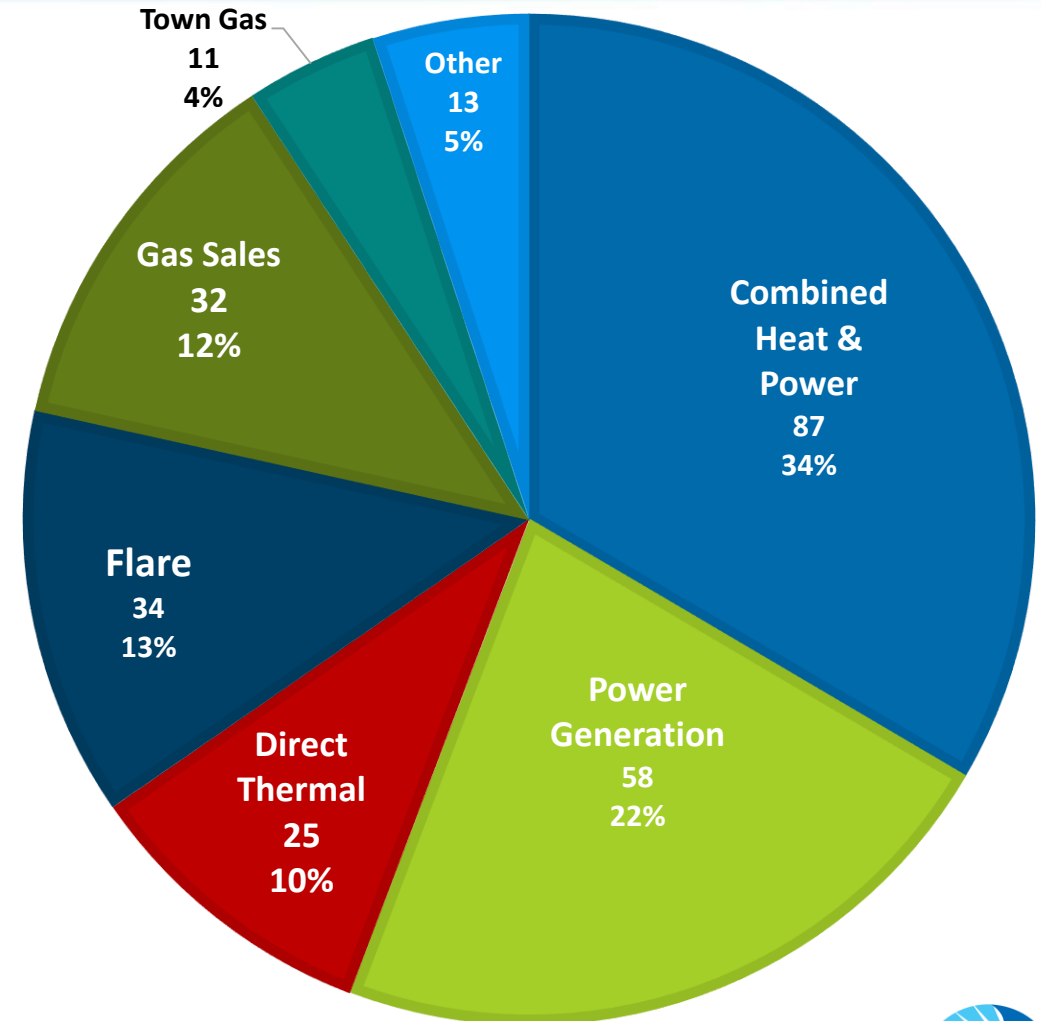
Dynamics of CMM Project Commissioning

- 70% of the operational projects were created in 2001-2010:
 - Many projects created in the 2000s were supported by the mechanism of Joint Implementation
 - The largest number of projects was in Ukraine
- Average age of operational projects is 13 years
- During the past 10 years:
 - China and USA created two-thirds of all operational CMM projects
 - Germany and UK created 60% of all operational AMM projects
- In the past 5 years, the United States created 76% of all new projects



CMM Project by End-Use

- All operational projects:
 - Most projects generate either heat or power or both (66%). Combined heat and power account for 34% of all projects.
 - Flaring – 13%
 - Gas sales – 12%
- As a subset, AMM projects:
 - Generate combined heat and power (51% or 53/104 of operational AMM projects)
- Rated capacity of equipment at CHP installations is in the range of 30 kW to 55 MW, with the average of 5 MW



All operational projects

Known Emission Reductions

- The average annual emission reduction per project (where data are available) is 150,000 MTCO₂e
- The largest project in terms of emission reductions is the Power Generation Project at Sihe Mine (China) with an annual emission reduction of 3,6 million tons of CO₂e
- Data on emissions reductions for many mines is yet to be collected
 - Only 30% of the projects have information on annual emission reductions

Conclusions

- The CMM Project List is a living document as GMI is working to update information and fill the gaps
- CMM and AMM projects demonstrate a wide range of possibilities to utilize methane
- National experts and country representatives at GMI play essential roles in collecting and verifying information
- We encourage all experts to contribute to the development of the International CMM Project List