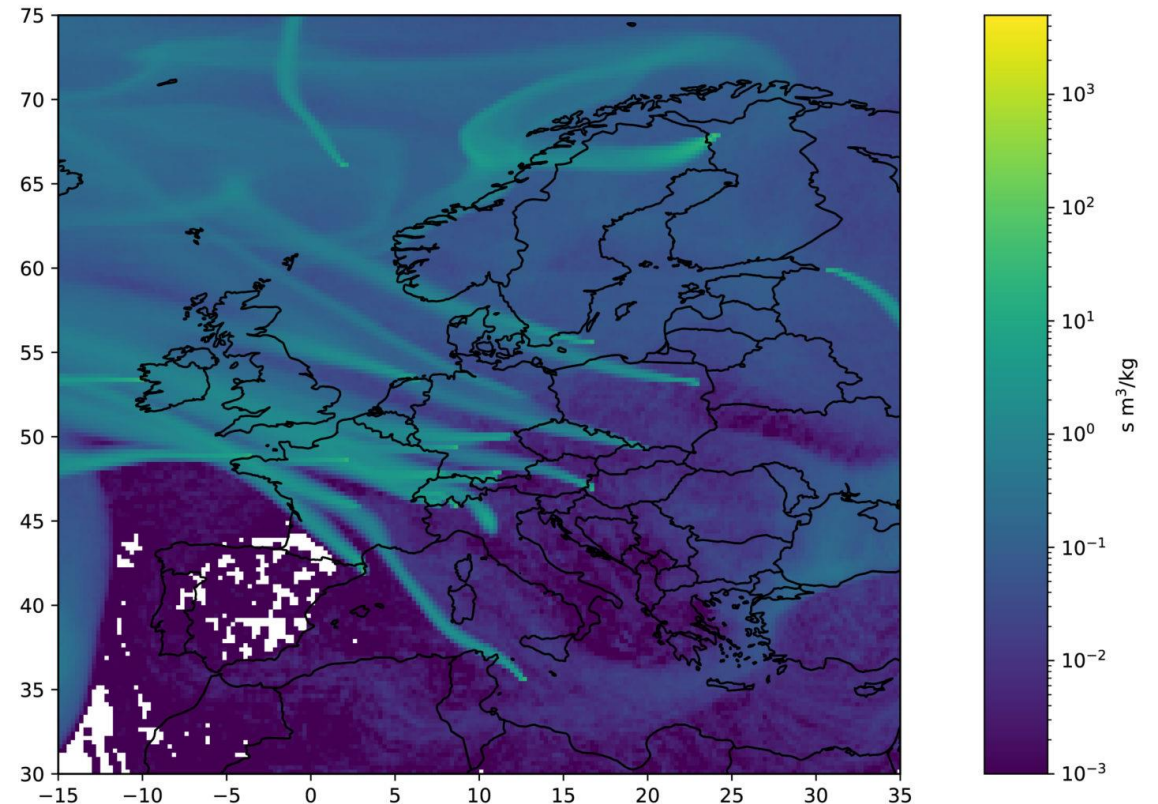
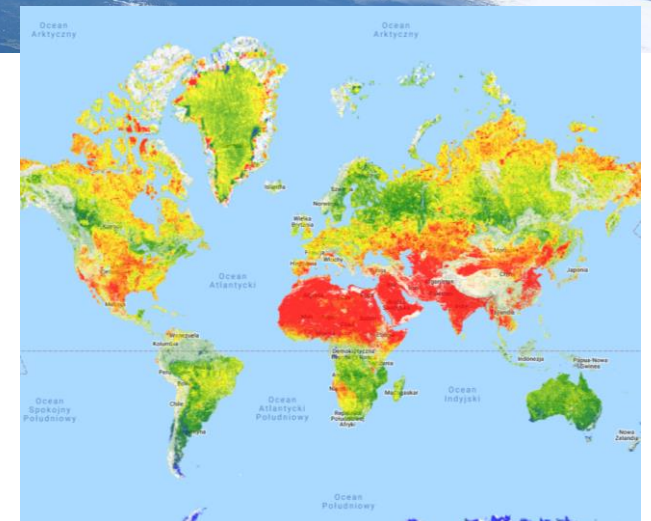
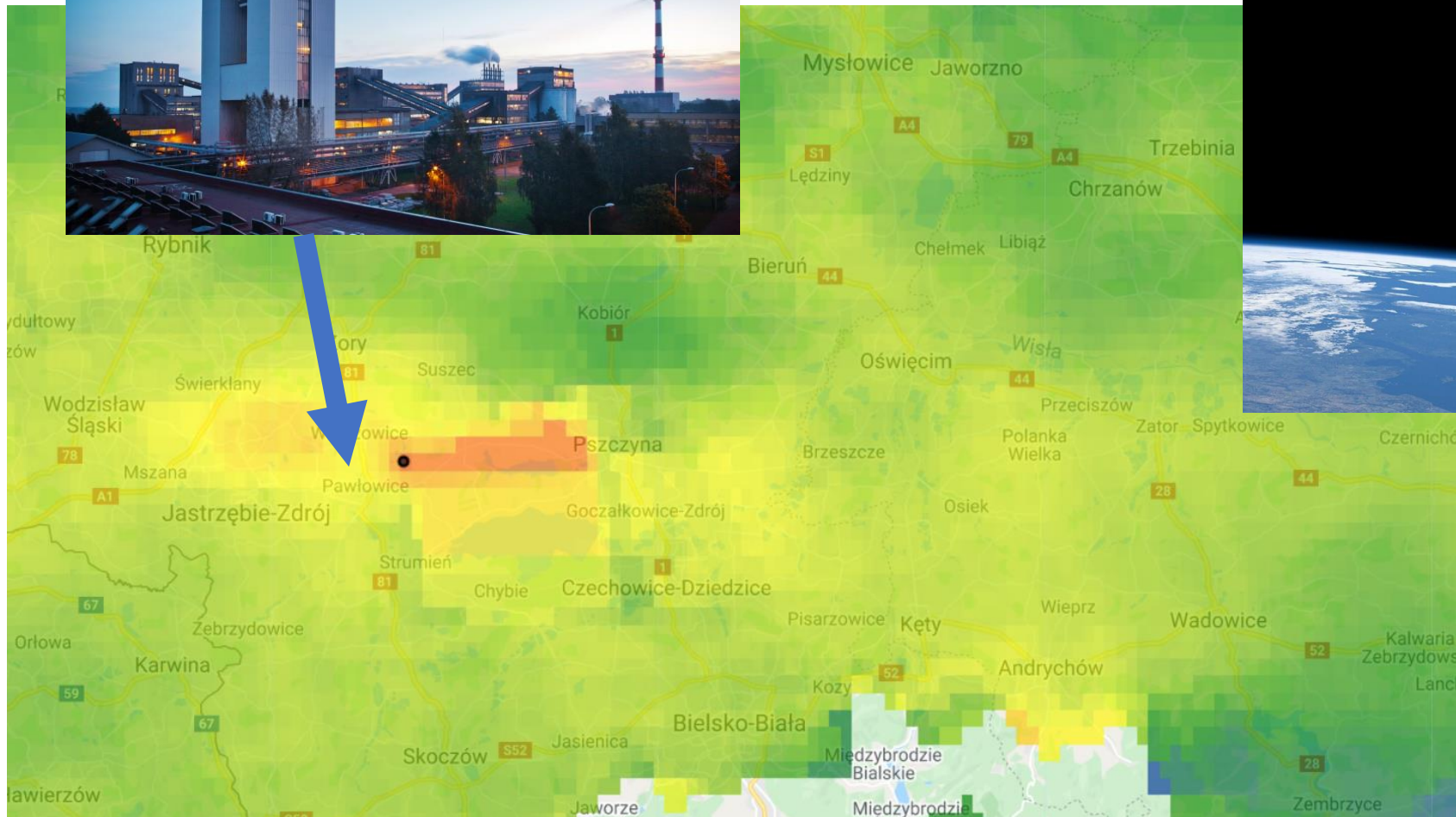


Methan emission verification techniques

- 1) Satellites (GOSAT, S5P, Merlin....)
- 2) Planes (COMET project)
- 3) Drones
- 4) FTIR (Fourier Transformed Infrared Spectroscopy)
- 5) Ground base - mobile



ESA Sentinel 5P : JSW - CH₄ plume (2021)

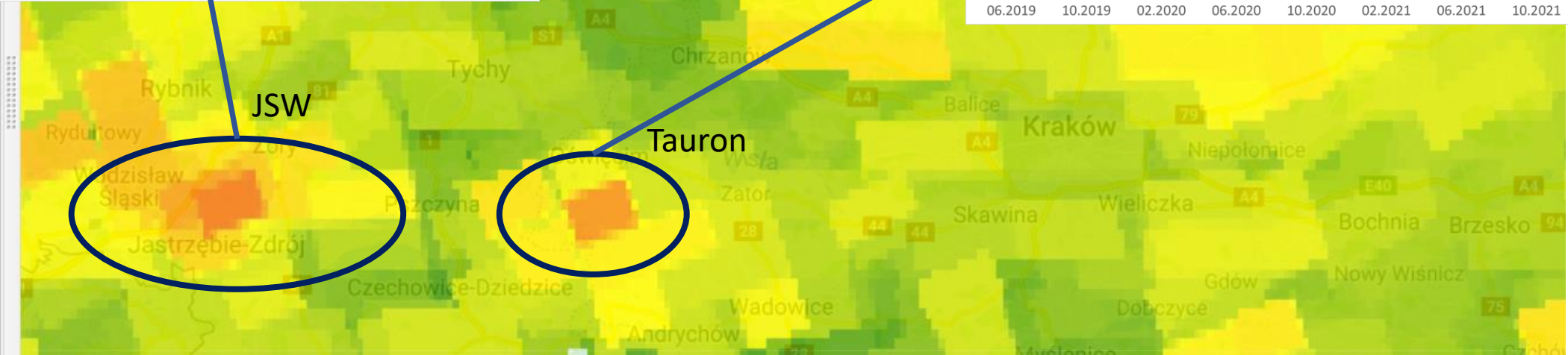
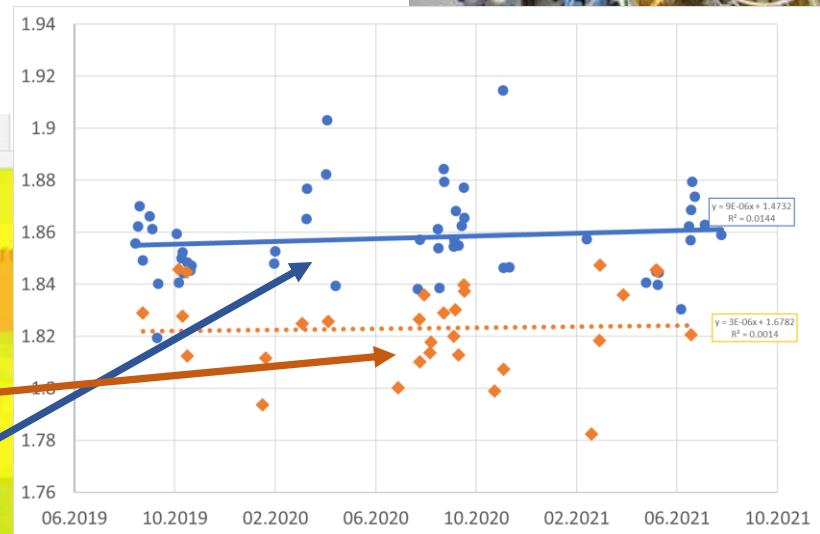
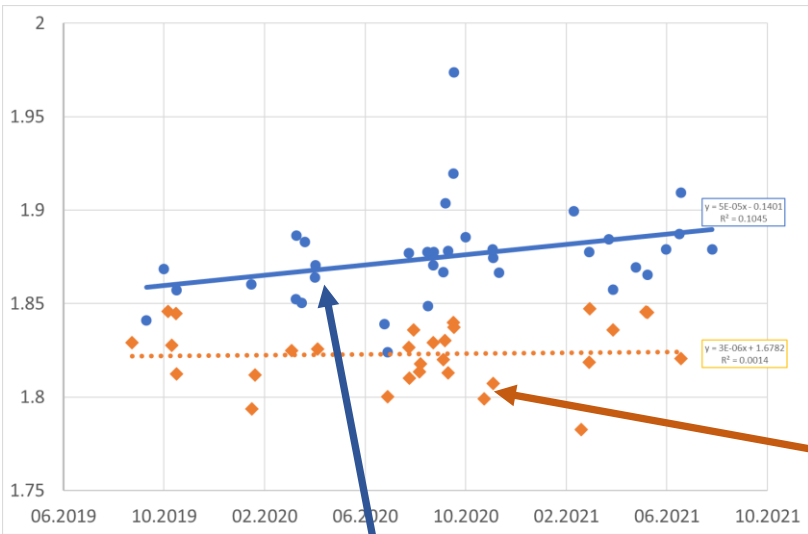
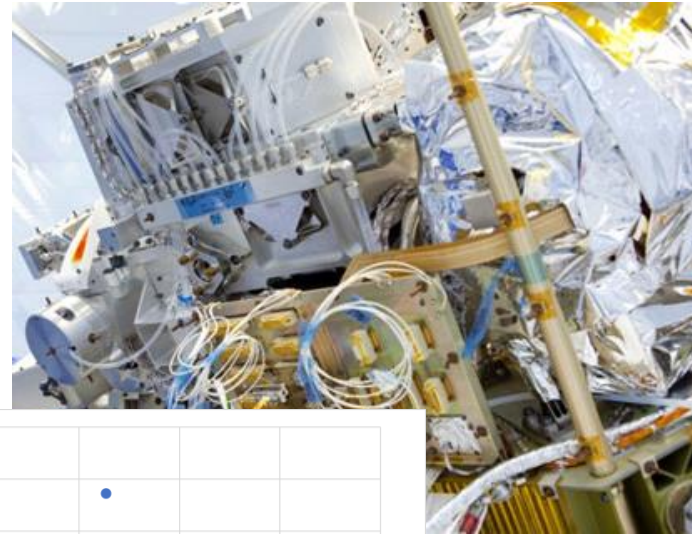


Satellite: ESA Sentinel 5P

Instrument: TROPOMI

Gas: CH₄

Target: south USCB coal mines



Airplane techniques (LIDAR):

Determination of the emission rates of CO₂ point sources with airborne lidar

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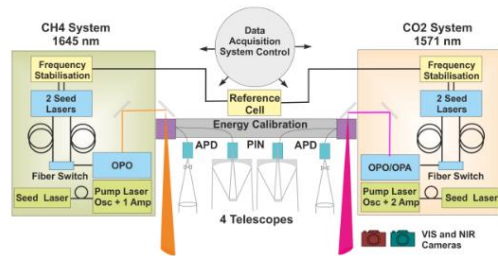
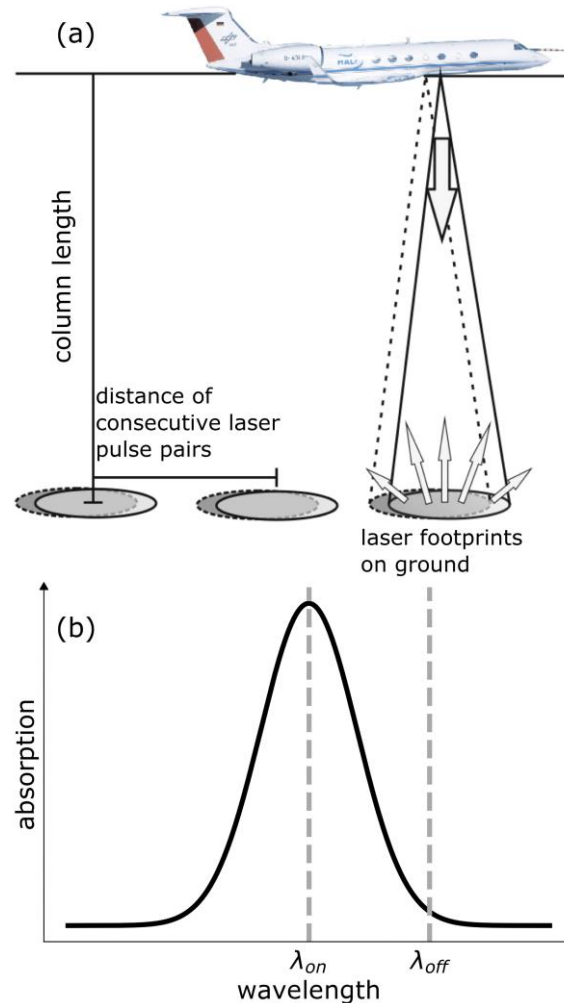


Figure 2: Schematic set-up of the airborne CO₂ and CH₄ IPDA lidar.



Figure 3: Photograph of the CO₂ and CH₄ IPDA lidar as installed into the cabin of HALO.



CH₄ AND CO₂ IPDA LIDAR MEASUREMENTS DURING THE COMET 2018 AIRBORNE FIELD CAMPAIGN

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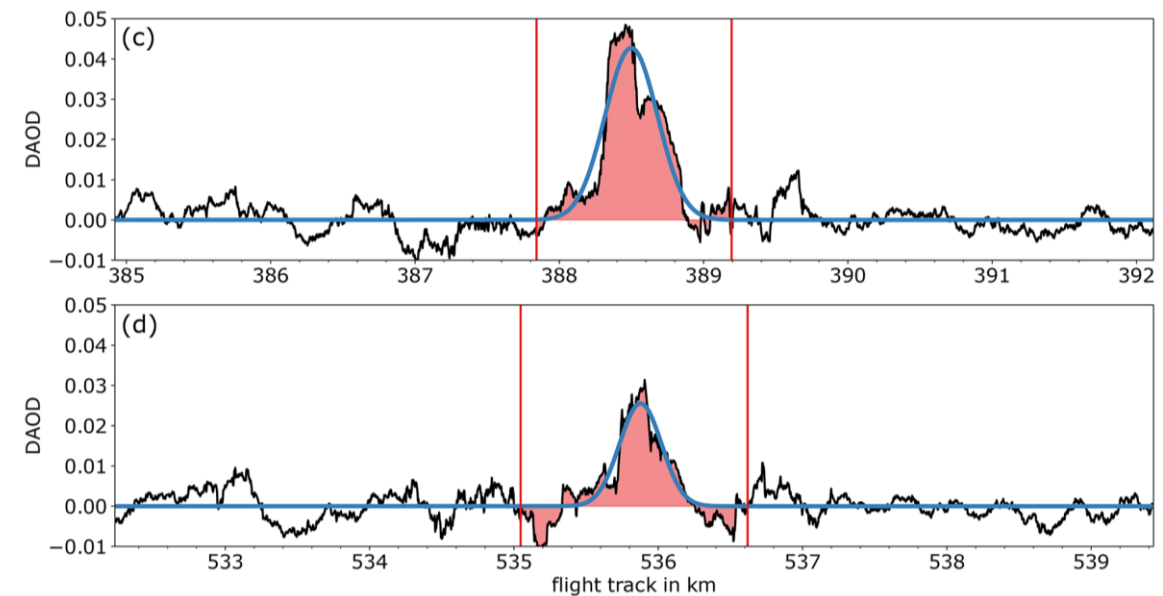
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Airplane technique: Mas balance with laser spectrometer (Picarro)

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G2401-m In-flight Gas Concentration Analyzer
Measures CO, CO₂, CH₄, and H₂O

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laser spectrometer (Picarro)

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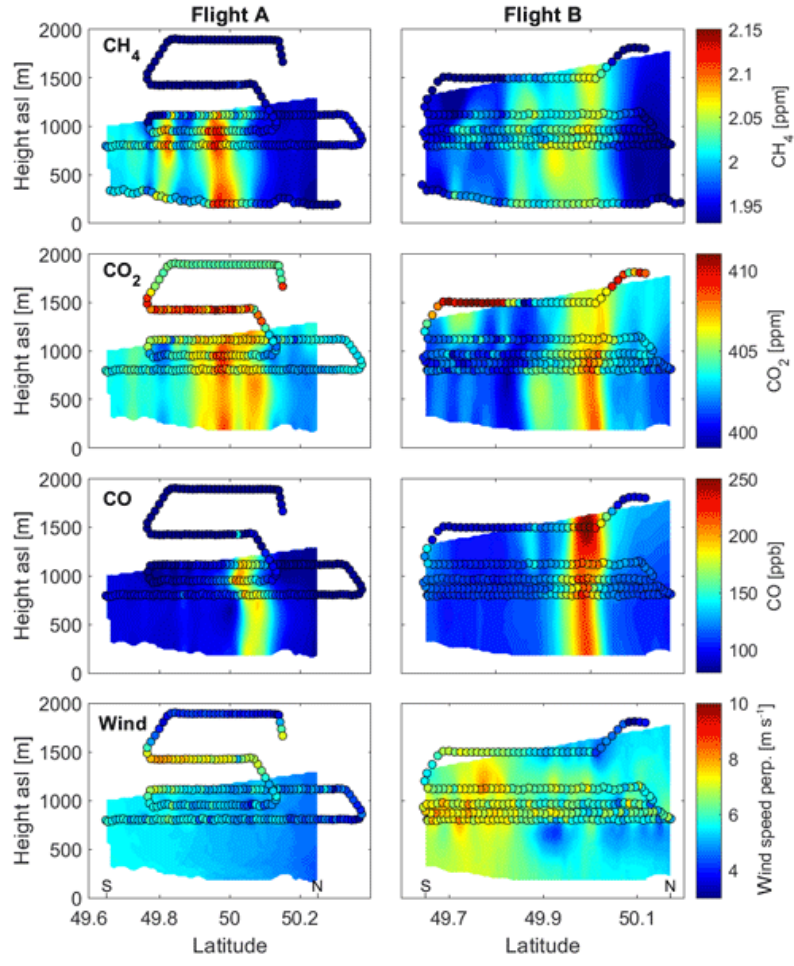
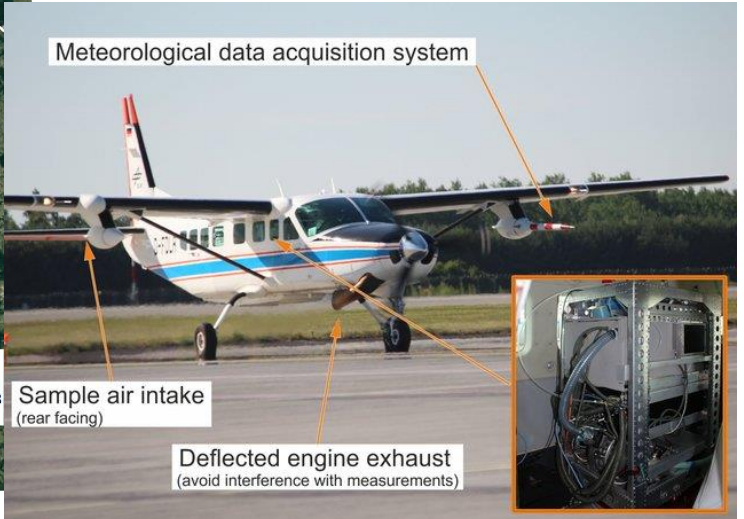
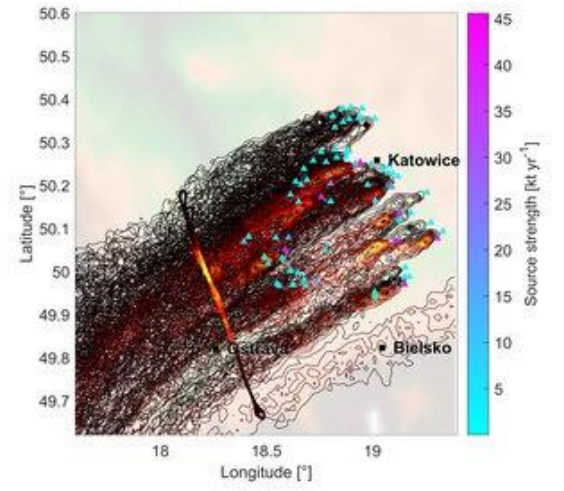
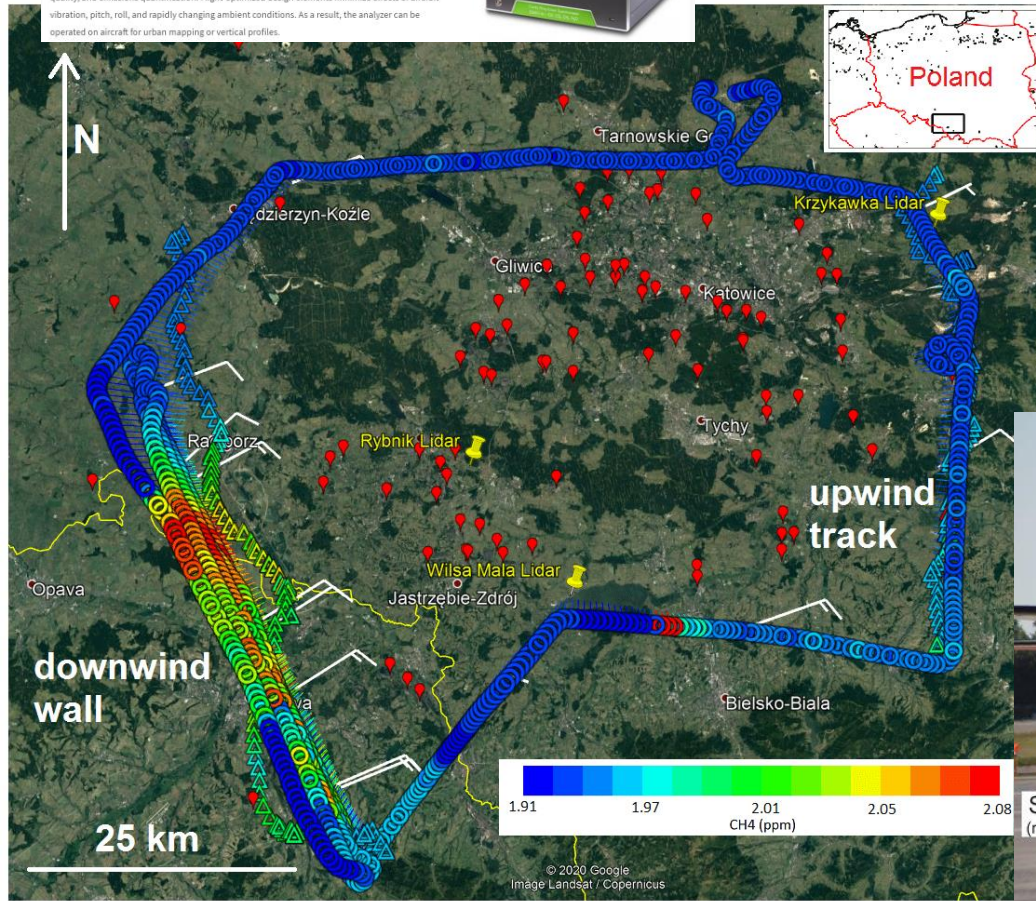
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Estimating CH₄, CO₂ and CO emissions in the Upper Silesian Coal Basin using an aircraft-based mass balance approach

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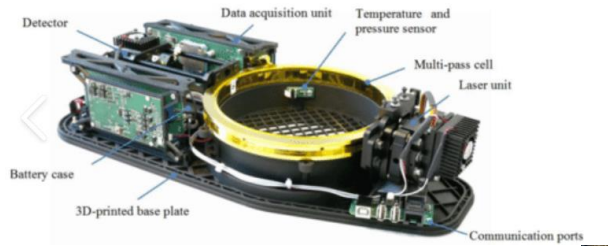
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UAV (drone) techniques

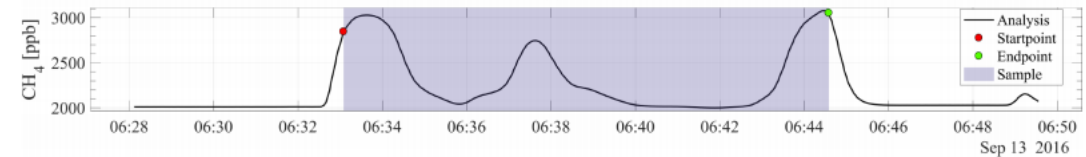
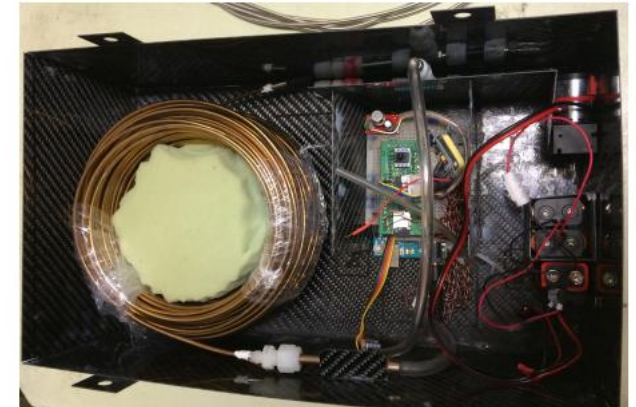
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EMPA – analyser (QCL base)



indirect

CIO RUG – aircore system



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Measurement Techniques 

A UAV-based active AirCore system for measurements of greenhouse gases

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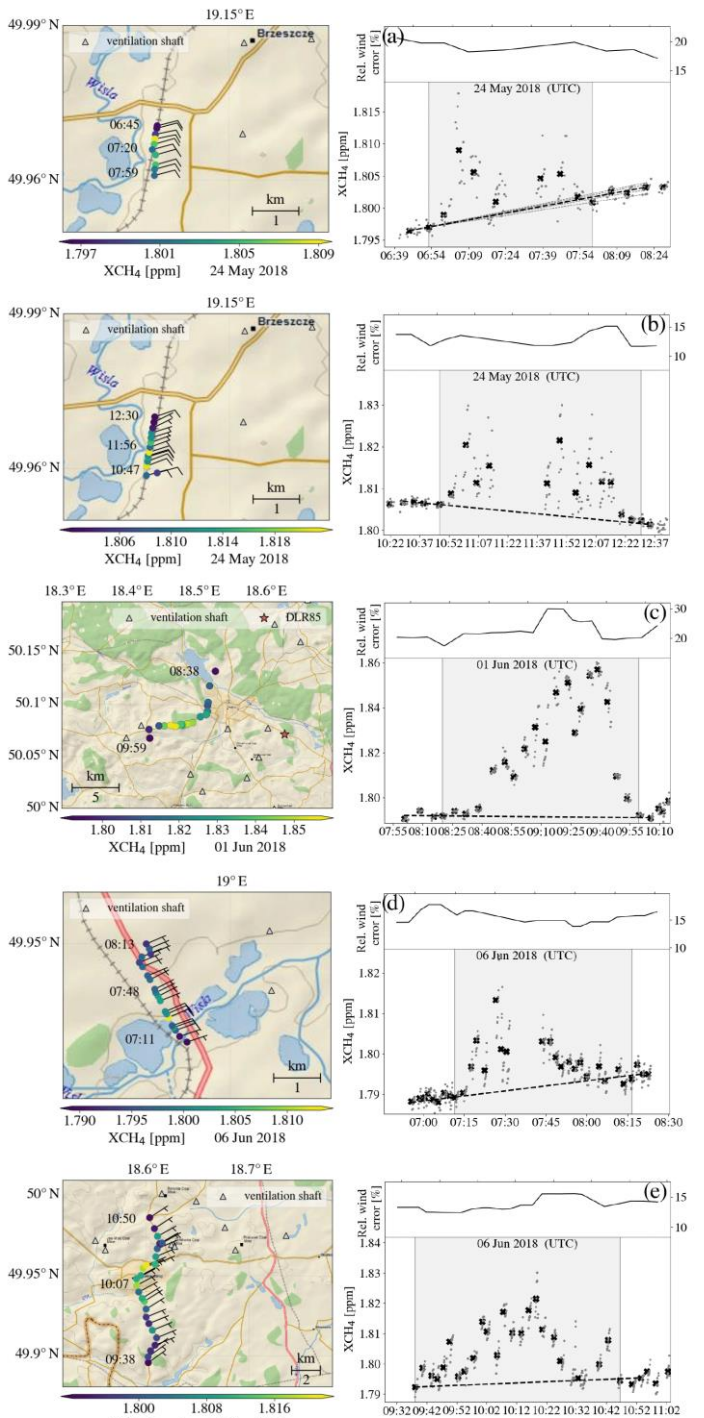
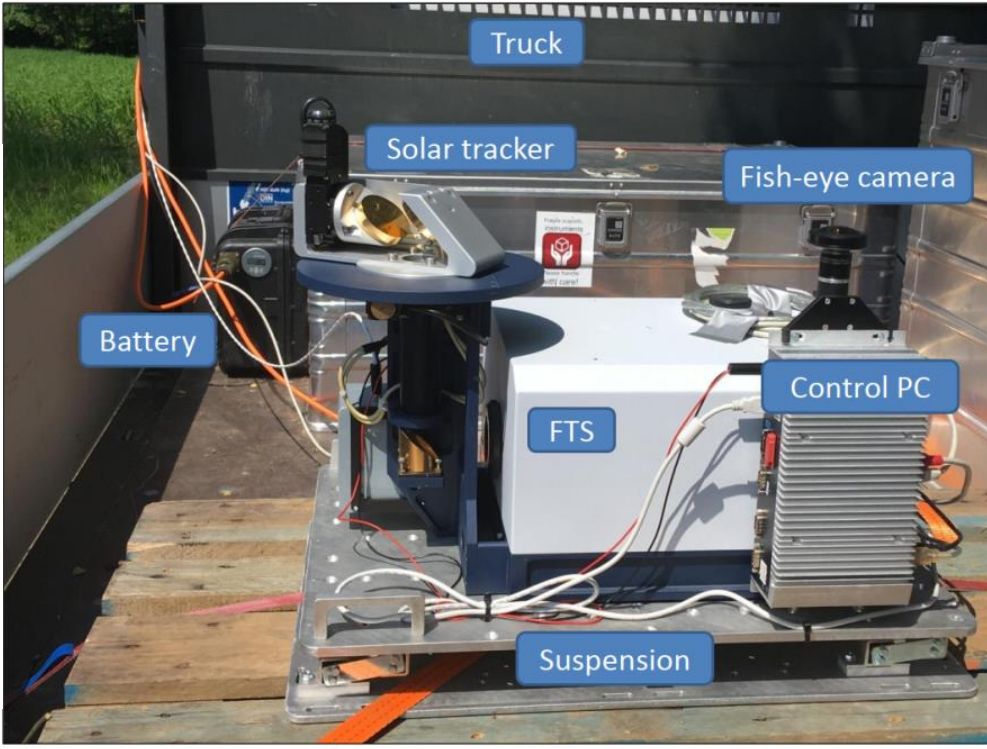
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Quantifying CH₄ emissions from hard coal mines using mobile sun-viewing Fourier transform spectrometry

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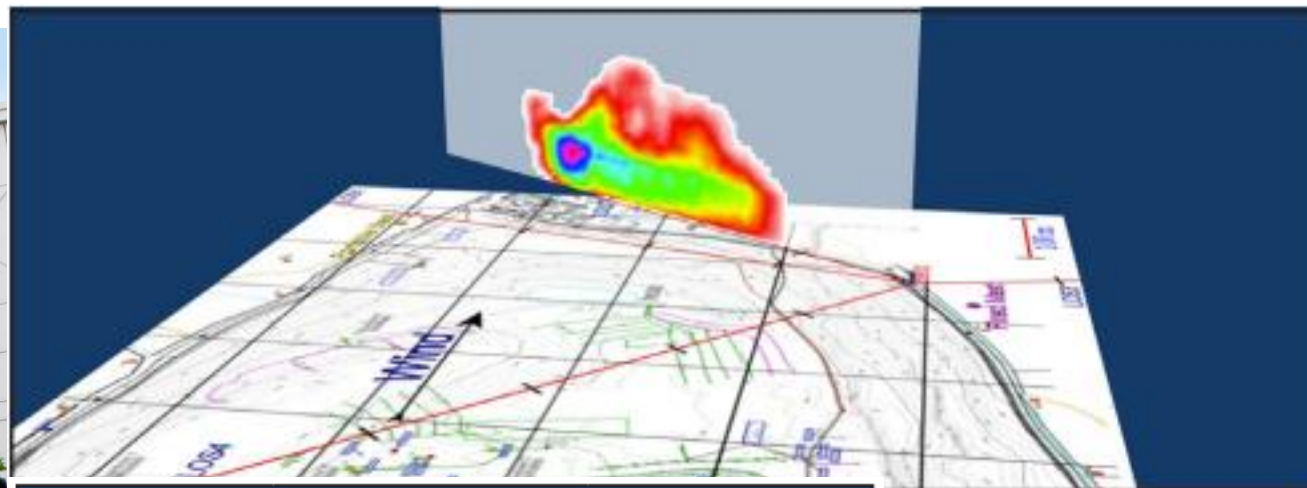
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Date and time UTC	Esti. emissions (kt a ⁻¹)	Combined σ (kt a ⁻¹)	%	E-PRTR (kt a ⁻¹)
24 May 07:00 to 08:00	6	1	19	9.63
24 May noon	10	1	15	9.63
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6 June noon	81	13	16	~80

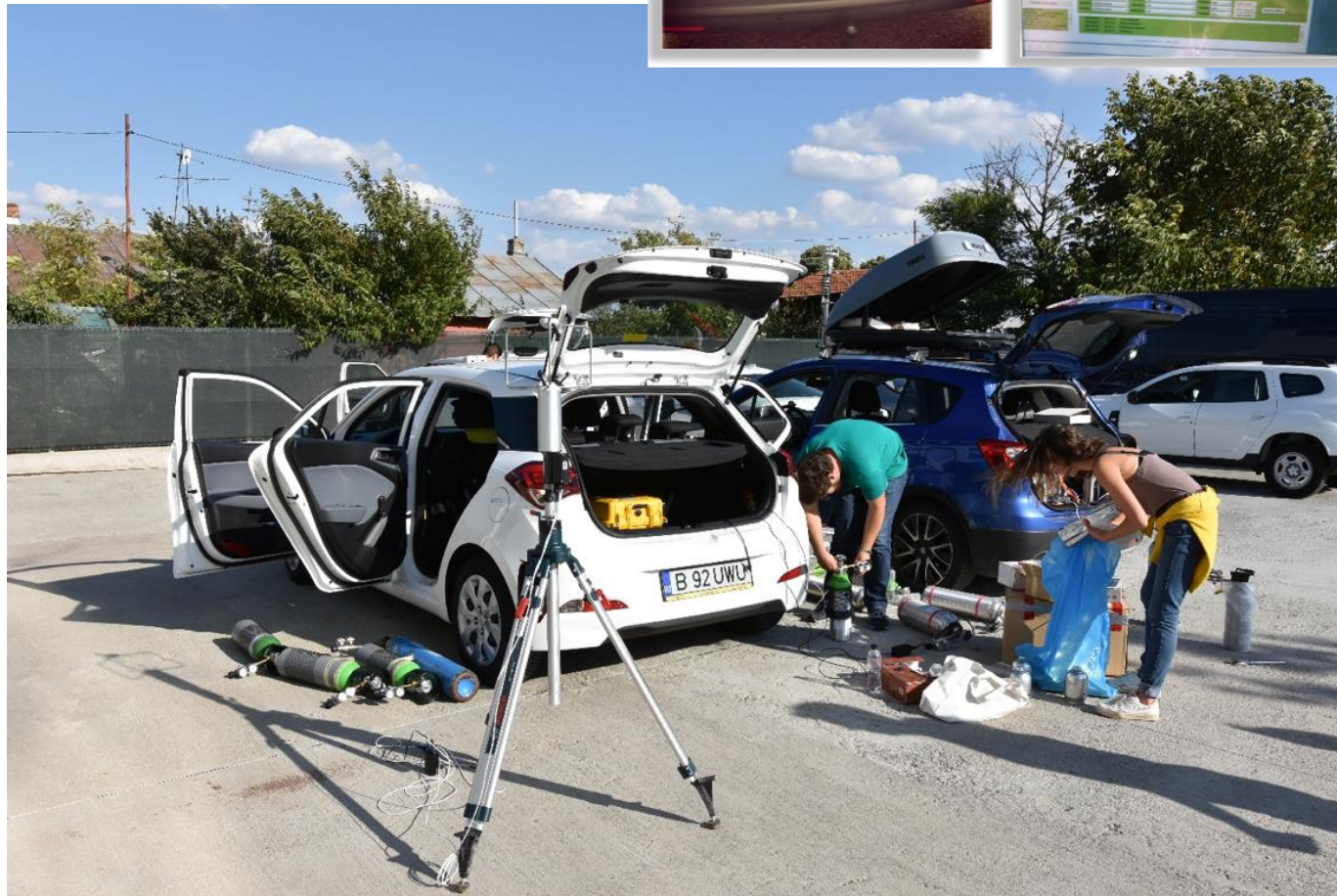
Differential Absorption Lidar (DIAL)



Typical DIAL IR performance		
Species	Sensitivity (ppb)	Max Range (m)
CH ₄	80	600
C ₂ H ₆	20	600
C ₂ H ₄	130	600
C ₂ H ₂	30	600
HCs	30	600
HCl	15	800



Ground-base mobile techniques



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Emission quantification and reduction
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Drive

Data Collection



Analyze

*Data Analytics
& Visualization*



Act

*Target Super Emitters
& Reduce Emissions*



Picarro Natural Gas Asset Management

An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood is overlaid with a green grid. A network of yellow lines is drawn across the image, representing a gas distribution system. The lines run horizontally across a road and then branch out vertically to individual houses. A white SUV is visible on the road.

Picarro Natural Gas Asset Management solution proposes a new set of methane data for distribution network operators :

- Safety enhancement
- Emissions mitigation
- Pipeline replacement plan

Digitalize your distribution network

Picarro Natural Gas Asset Management

The Picarro Solution is a hardware-enabled software and data analytics platform that combines mobile methane emissions measurements with geospatial analytics and visualization packages using the P-Cubed software. The Picarro Solution enables natural gas operators to manage their networks to be more safe, clean, and cost-effective than ever before, increasing capital efficiency while simultaneously reducing risk in their infrastructure.

Applications supported include:

- **Leak Survey** – Picarro analytics allow utilities to focus on the most important leaks, keeping backlogs under control and maximizing the risk reduction impact per dollar of expense.
- **Emissions Quantification and Reduction** – The Picarro solution can measure an entire gas distribution network annually, to identify and prioritize the remediation of the highest-emitting “super emitters,” resulting in annual emissions reduction exceeding 30%.
- **Pipeline replacement optimization** – Pipe segments can be ranked by emissions and predicted leak density to better inform capital pipe replacement priorities, accelerating risk reduction, and providing significant O&M cost avoidance.



Picarro Natural Gas Asset Management - Solutions

Natural Gas Compliance Leak Surveys

Advanced Leak Detection (ALD) allows natural gas leaks measurement at speed and scale, prioritizing leaks by risk to **increase network safety and reduce gas emergency interventions**.



Emission quantification & reduction

Quantify methane leaks and measure GHG emissions on your network.

Prioritize repairs of large emitters which frequently contribute disproportionately to network emissions as part of an informed and **cost-effective emission reduction strategy**.

Quantify annual emissions on your infrastructure.



Pipeline replacement program optimization

Identify individual network health and replace in priority sections of your network which require highest attention. Combine methane data with your own infrastructure pipeline integrity variables **Optimize your capital investment and reduce your operational repair budget**.



Optimize Asset management through predictive risk-based analytics

Develop a comprehensive risk model for your infrastructure. Assess the health of your infrastructure using Methane data collected on your network and combining it with network risk characteristics (likelihood of failure or consequence of failure).



Decarbonization of Natural Gas

Decarbonization of Natural Gas infrastructure requires identification of fugitive emissions and their abatement.

Picarro reports emission rates for individual leaks and to prioritize the largest emitters in leak detection and reporting (LDAR) or pipeline replacement programs. To leverage Picarro technology at scale, it's important to consider the following.

- DSOs are mostly regulated and so is their spending. Tariffs will need to be organised and managed in a way which helps DSOs manage networks in a flexible way.
- Monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) methodologies will need to be harmonized. OGMP 2.0, as one example, has proposed a voluntary template. This could be made compulsory.
- While harmonization of methodology and reporting templates will ensure higher comparability, flexibility should still be left between countries on the measures they implement to address emissions depending on their systems.
- Synergies – for example, between data captured for leak detection and its potential for developing MRV systems – should be supported by the upcoming legislation.


Decarbonization of Natural Gas – Innovation to reduce emissions

- Europe leads the way in becoming carbon neutral and gas technologies will become key to meet ambitious decarbonization goals and stay competitive in the global market using innovative way to manage their infrastructure

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“ A balanced combination of hardware, software, and data analytics that can help companies better manage assets, improve worker safety and perform well in the field with reduced environmental impact.”



Gas Tech Talk: Methane leak detection for utilities

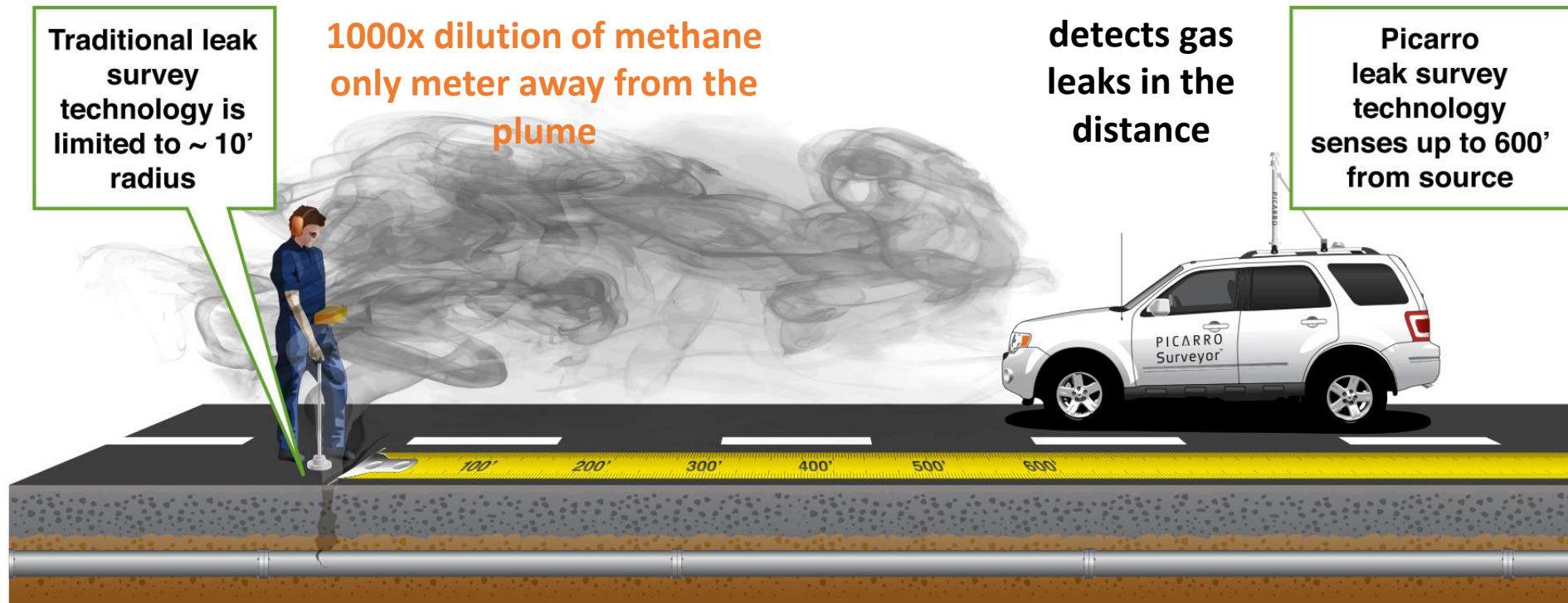
Picarro is a leading provider of asset management solutions for the natural gas industry.



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Picarro - Natural gas detection concept

- Traditional leak survey equipment sensitivity requires “in-leak” measurement to be efficient. Performance degrades very quickly (0.5m) as the plume starts to dilute in the atmosphere.
- Detecting leaks from the distance requires very high sensitivity down to ppb level, a very reliable modeling of atmospheric conditions and analytics to prioritize leaks and avoid false alarms.



Picarro Proprietary Hardware

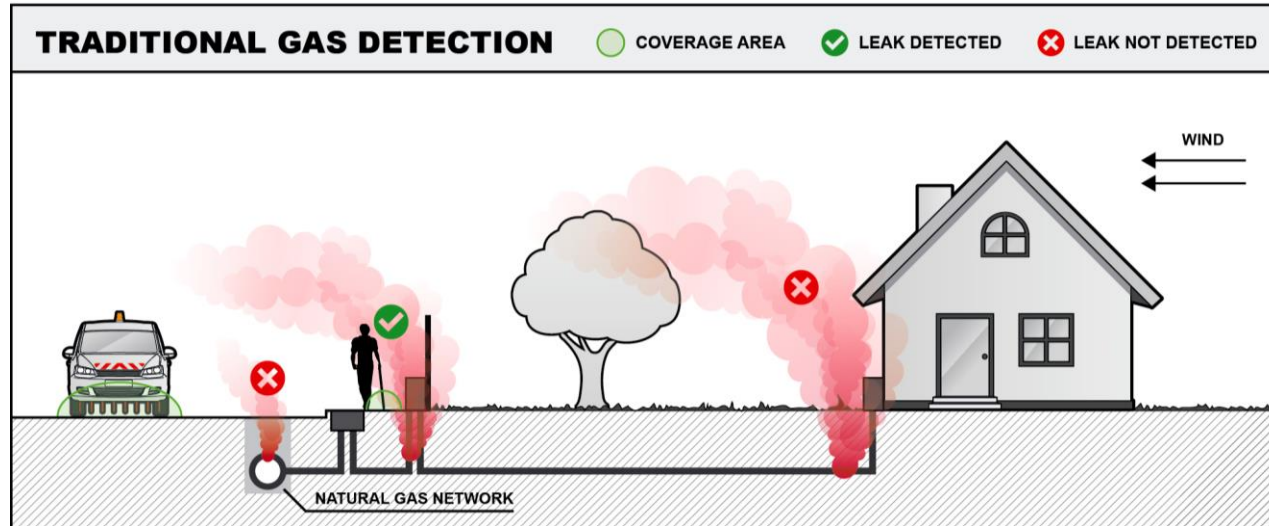
- The Picarro's technology built in a dedicated vehicle



Hardware

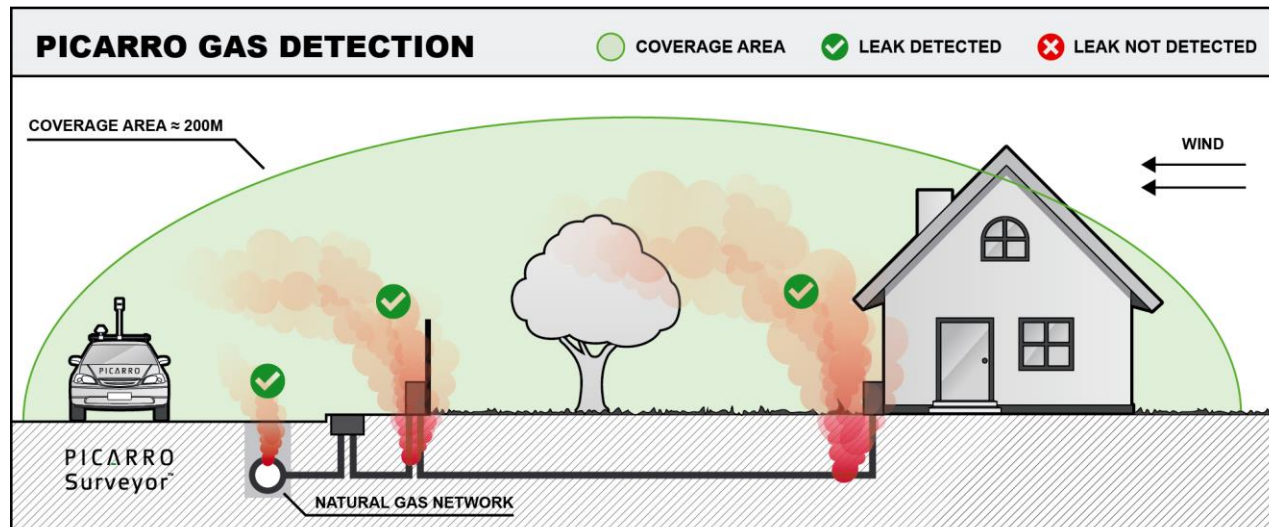
- High sensitivity gas analyzer based on CRDS
- Methane/Ethane + other gases at ppb in 1 Hz
- Anemometer - Wind speed and direction
- Atmospheric modelling algorithms
- High precision GPS with inertial movement control
- 4G connection and router
- Tablet computer
- Gas inlet system
- 1000x more sensitive than traditional technology

Realtime environment monitoring vs. traditional techniques



Downsides:

- Poor detection gas leaks
- Detects only leaks on main pipeline
- Detects only CH₄
- Low survey area - Vehicles must pass over the pipelines
- Sensitive to weather conditions

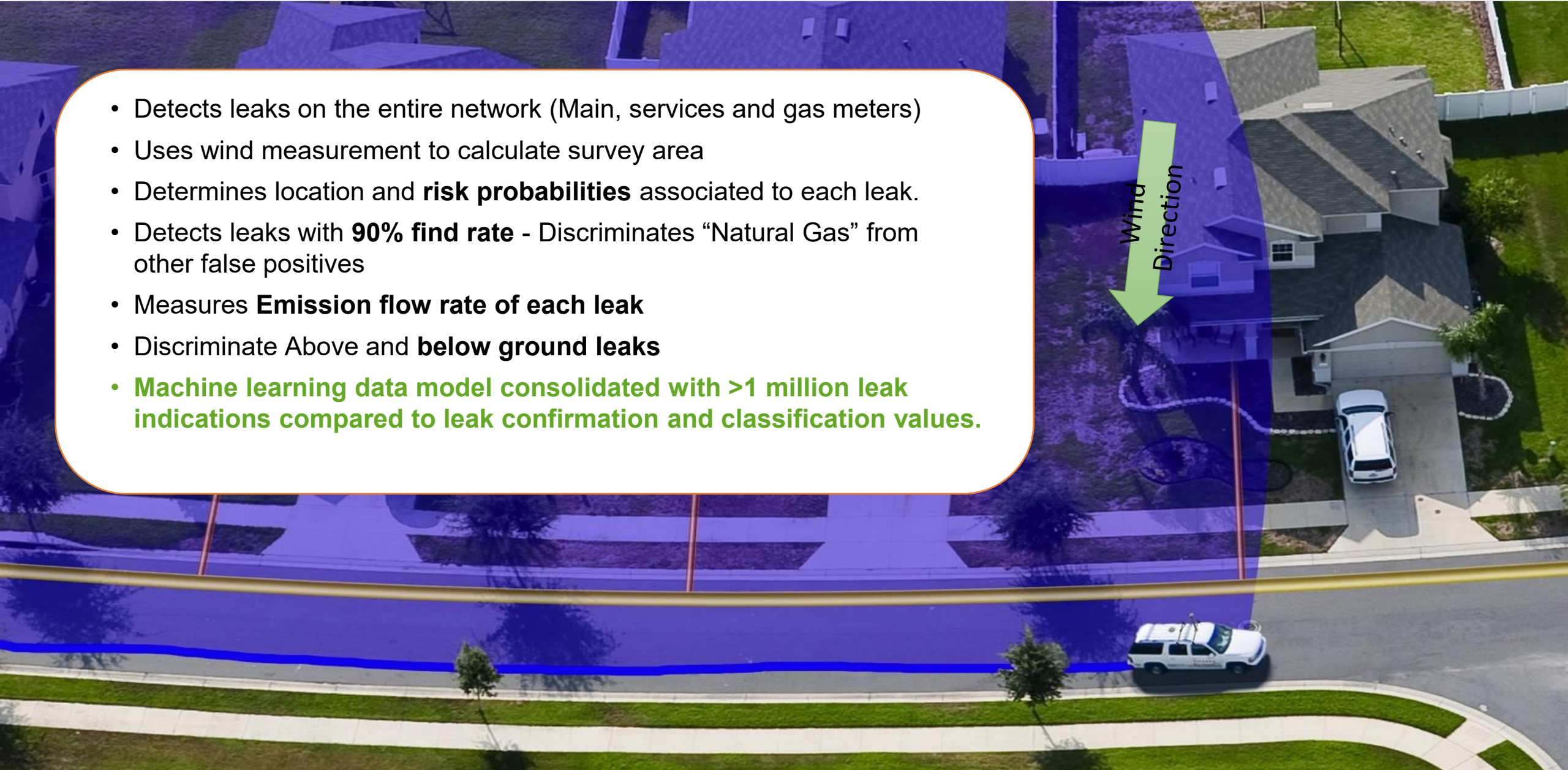


Upsides:

- Very high detection of leaks including underground leaks
- Detects leaks on the entire network (Main, services, aerial and smart meters)
- Discriminates "Natural Gas" from other false positives
- Large survey area
- Not sensitive to weather conditions

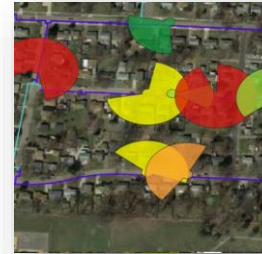
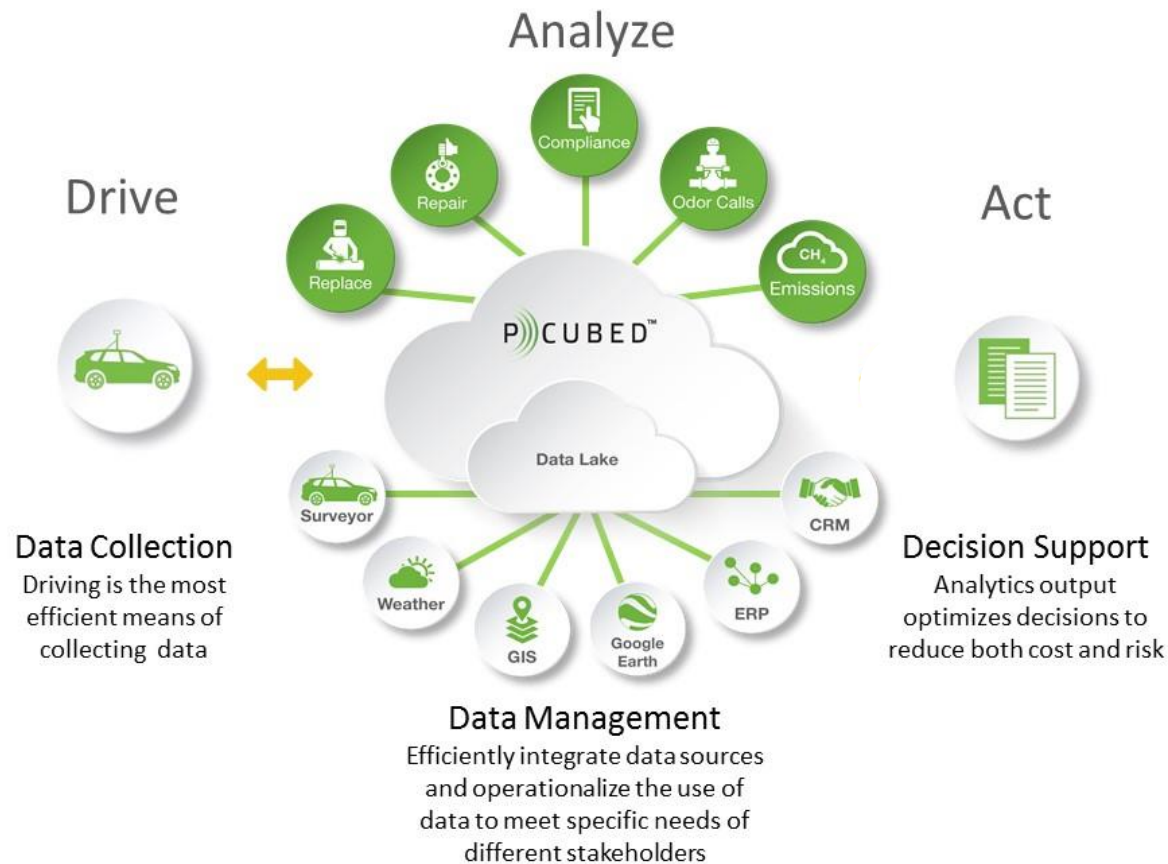
Picarro Advanced Leak Detection - Concept

- Detects leaks on the entire network (Main, services and gas meters)
- Uses wind measurement to calculate survey area
- Determines location and **risk probabilities** associated to each leak.
- Detects leaks with **90% find rate** - Discriminates “Natural Gas” from other false positives
- Measures **Emission flow rate of each leak**
- Discriminate Above and **below ground leaks**
- **Machine learning data model consolidated with >1 million leak indications compared to leak confirmation and classification values.**



Picarro natural gas asset management – data driven actions

Data is collected by car, analyzed by **proprietary algorithms**, and transformed into **actionable information**



Prioritize leaks

- Calculate the risk associated to each leak
- Prioritize leak repair based on risk
- Optimize operational resources



Reduce fugitive emissions

- Measure emissions from the vehicle
- Identify and repair highest emitters
- Quantify network emissions



Optimize pipeline replacement

- Identify below ground leak density on your network
- Replace leaking pipeline instead of repairing leaks