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Identification and Flow Rate Estimation of Methane from Satellite Imagery

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Safety

Take a moment to look around and identify hazards and exits



Introduction

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Overview

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- Duke Energy's NGBU Climate Strategy
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Duke Energy's NGBU Climate Goals

- Net-zero methane emissions by 2030
- Near real-time measurements of methane emissions is required
 - Establish a baseline of emissions
 - Measure emission reductions over time
 - Verify the achievement of net-zero emissions







Satellite Leak Detection

- Satellites can cover a vast area in a short amount of time
 - This drastically improves detection windows
 - Able to accurately quantify large leaks (>100 scfh)
- A single satellite capture
 - Moves in swaths or lanes across the globe
 - A column of air is measured using hyperspectral imaging
 - We are looking for Methane
- Output
 - Each column is ~9 sqft
 - Concentration in ppmxm





Controlled Releases







Challenges

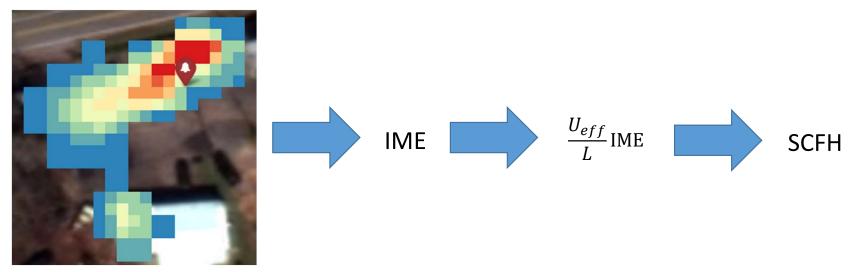
- Difficult to identify elevated methane over varying terrain
- Urban obstacles
- Naturally occurring methane
- Artificial inflation due to obstacles
 - Local eddies
- Weather
 - Clouds and rain prevent captures
 - Wind
- Overestimation of flow rate





2D Flow Rate Estimations

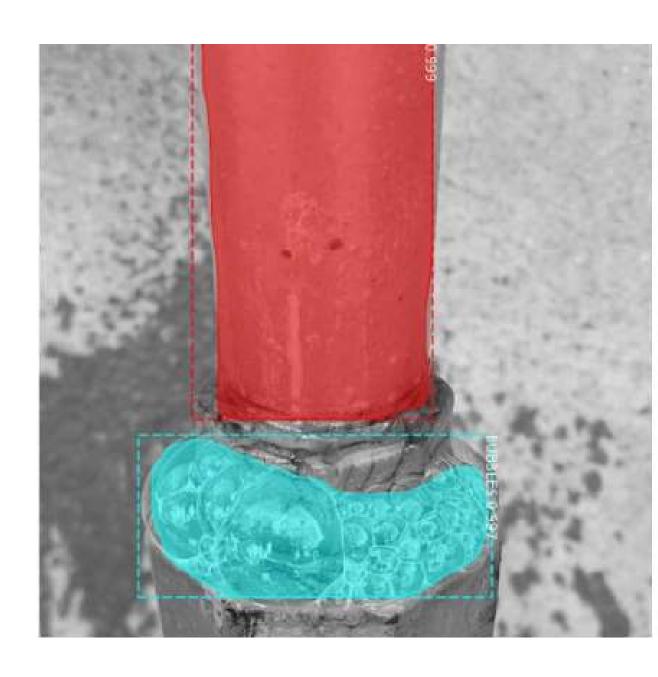
- Identify the pixels associated to each plume.
- Remove the height component of the pixel value
- Using an adapted version of the Integrated Mass Enhancement method calculate flow rate





Direct Measurement Using Al

- Used to increase validation samples.
- Pipe (red) used to correct for distance from bubbles.
- Correlation of 'bubble area' (blue) to flow rate.
- Other direct measurement
 - Not sensitive enough
 - Not economical
 - Not practical for our workflow



Flow Rate Results

- Satellite
 - *188 ±12 %
- 2D Estimation
 - *137 ± 39 %
- Bubble Vision
 - **73 ± 54 %
- *determined using limited data from controlled releases
- **experimentally determined in lab setting



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