Natural Gas: Status of Methane Emission Studies – Opportunities & Challenges

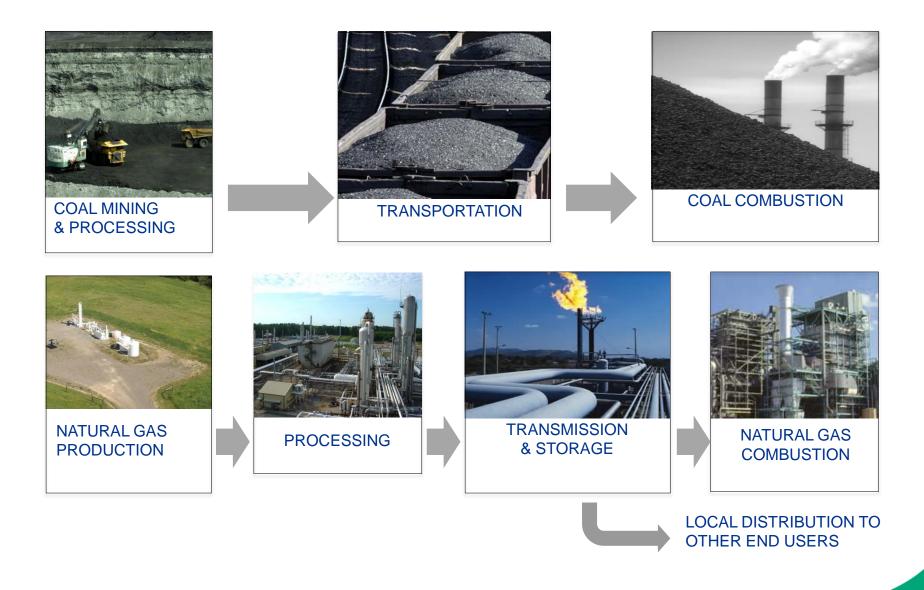
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Finding the ways that work

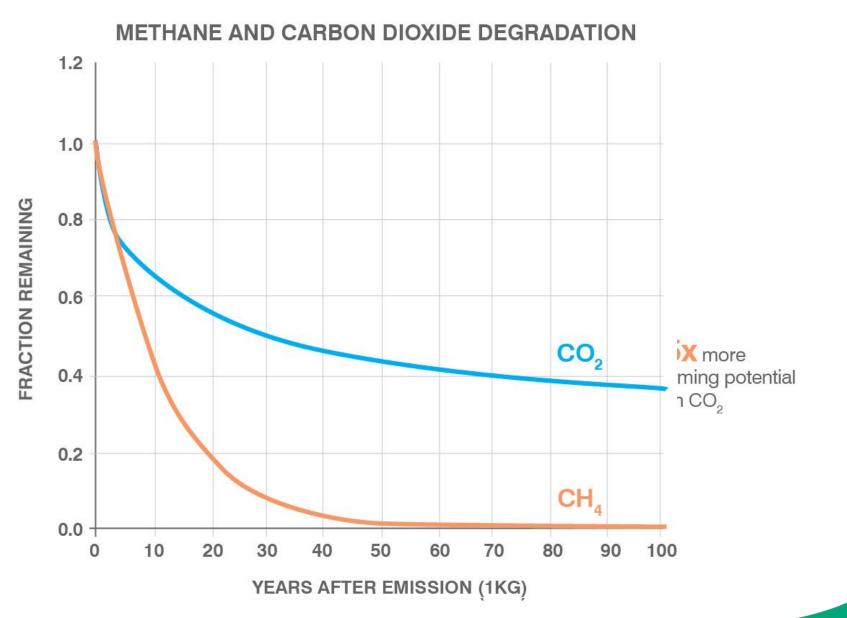
Power plant CO2 isn't the whole story



Methane: The Other Important GHG

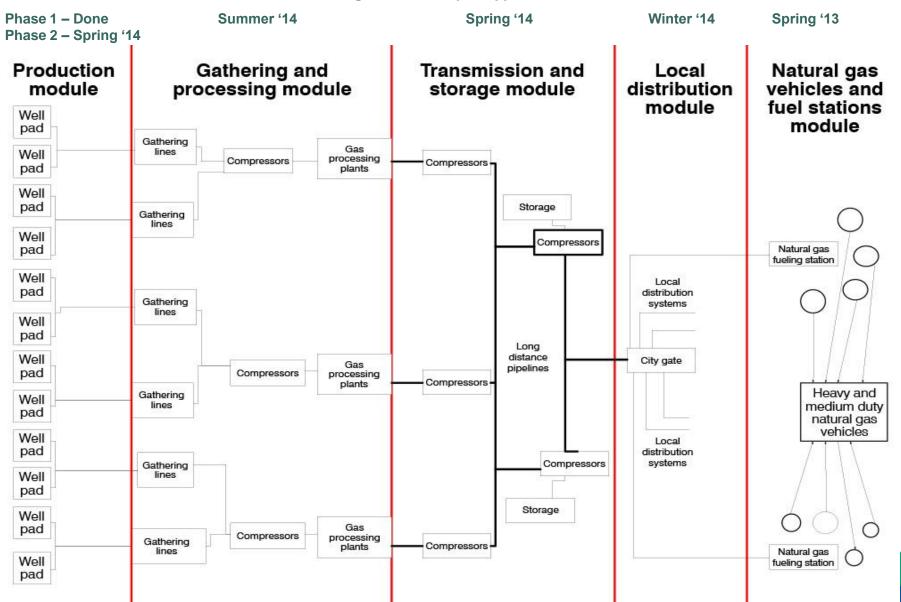


Climate implications of methane



EDF methane leakage study modules

Steering Committee report approval dates



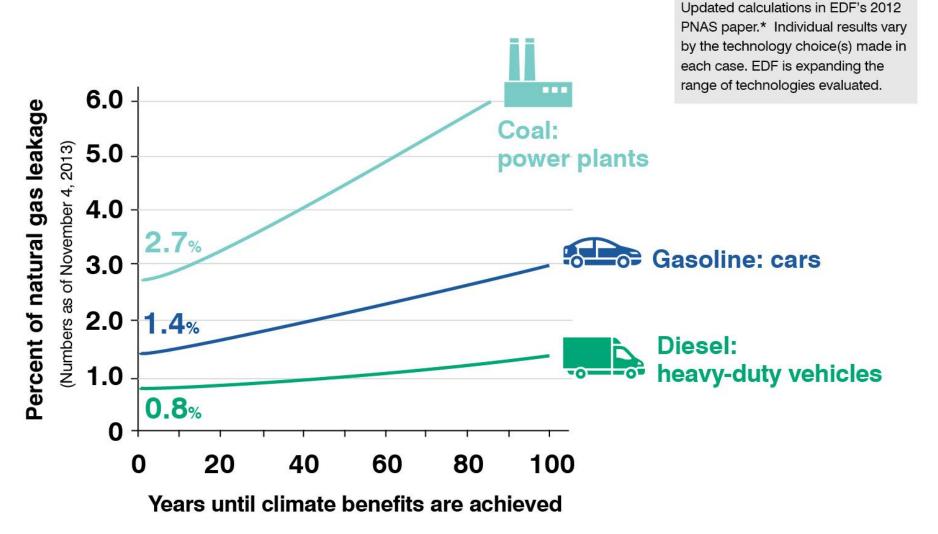
RECENT ESTIMATES OF U.S. NATURAL GAS EMISSIONS



TOTAL METHANE EMISSIONS RATE

Well to power plant = 1.14%Well to user = 1.41%Well t wheels = 1.98

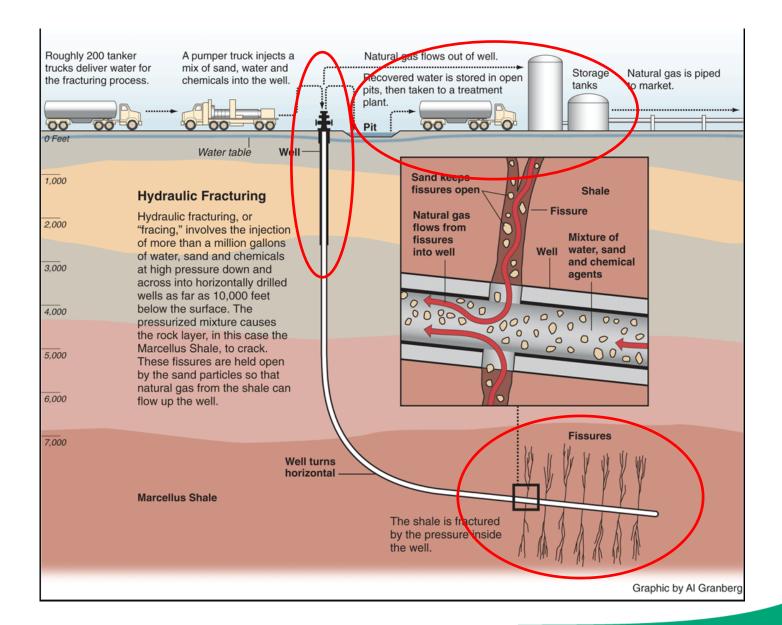
Can Natural Gas Deliver Sustained Climate Benefits?





*Adapted from Alvarez et al. (2012) PNAS, 109: 6435–6440, reflecting new IPCC AR5 & 2013 EPA GHG data. IPCC updates: (1) direct/indirect radiative forcing of CH_4 and CO_2 , (2) CH_4 lifetime, (3) CO_2 impulse response function. Additional effects due to climate-carbon feedbacks and CO_2 from the oxidation of CH_4 not included. AR5 lacks data for further time-dependent analysis but EDF believes these effects to be small. Emissions updates included factors in Table 1 and corresponding L_{REF} values in Table S1 of PNAS paper; an L_{REF} value specific to heavy-duty CNG vehicles is now used.

Where the 'fracing' issues really are



Key Risk Management Areas

- Air Quality
- Disclosure
- Well Integrity
- Water and Waste Management
- Communities and Habitats

Thank You!

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