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Improving Heavy Oil Production through Solvent Conservation and Emission Mitigation

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Emissions mitigation and solvent recovery present an opportunity in heavy oil operations...

- Flaring, venting and fugitive emissions are a growing global concern
 - Several countries committing to more stringent methane and VOC regulations – incl. Canada
 - Flaring is being targeted for reduction internationally
- Technology and practices can reduce these emissions and provide benefits
 - Recovery of methane and hydrocarbon solvent commodities
 - Cost saving energy management options



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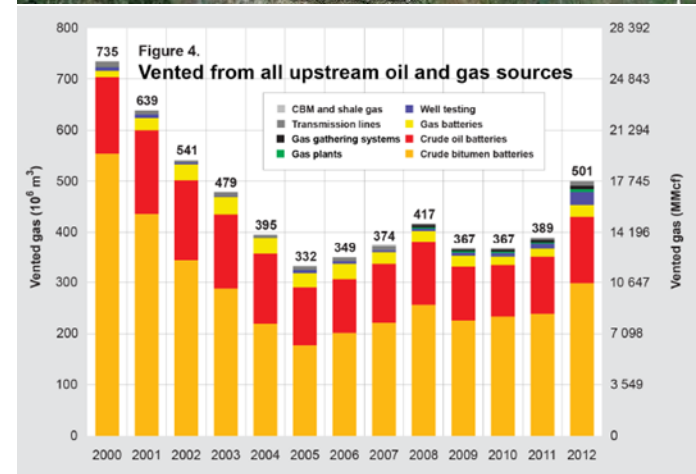
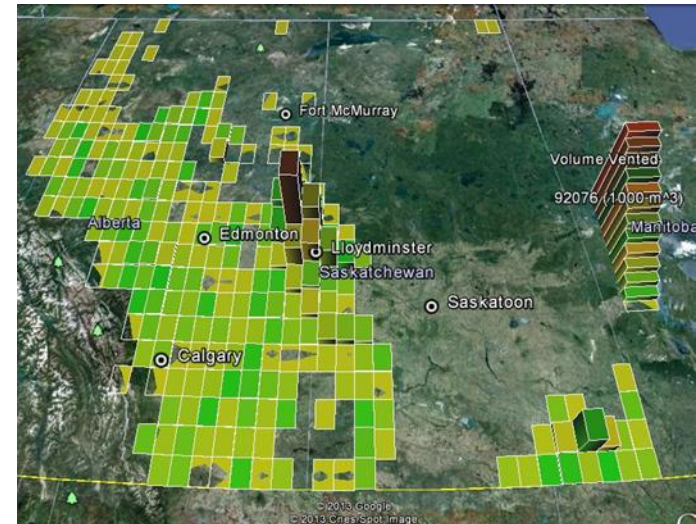
- Canadian partnerships **demonstrate technologies** to economically improve hydrocarbon recovery, emissions reduction, and energy management
 - **Optical technologies** for methane and solvent commodity quantification from vent and flare streams
 - **Gas and liquids recovery** technologies and practices that increase energy and solvent availability
 - **Energy and process management** systems to optimize energy integration and reduce emissions

- **Plume monitoring technology** to quantify black carbon PM2.5 emissions from flaring rich gases



...and identify opportunities and best practices for oil and gas operations domestically...

- Developed a comprehensive techno-economic analysis process based on:
 - Thorough evaluation of **current technology, practices, and cost** of technically achievable opportunities to reduce emissions
 - Assessment for **available “cost effective” options** that facilities or jurisdictions can prioritize for immediate emission reductions
 - Ongoing research to **enlarge the suite** of available “cost effective” technology and practice options for industry and government – in partnership with regulators, academia and industry



...and internationally with PEMEX in Mexico...

- **Partners:** PEMEX Refinacion and PEMEX Exploración y Producción (PEP)
- **Refinery Assessment - 2012-13 NAMA projects:**
 - Flaring Reductions: 1.3 Mt/yr GHG reduction and US \$237 M/yr avoidable commodity losses
 - Fugitive Steam Losses: 22 Kt/yr GHG emissions reductions and \$18.9 M/yr avoidable energy use
 - Switching flare assist (steam to compressed air): 15.7 Kt/yr GHG emission reduction and \$1.3 M/yr avoidable energy use
- **PEP - Summer 2015 CCAC projects:**
 - Projects: Significant CAPEX currently being allocated for methane and solvent recovery from gas streams
 - Opportunity: US \$84 million annual commodity recovery and 8.2 Mt GHG reduction over life of control technologies



...and heavy oil producers in Colombia.

- **Partner:** EcoPetrol
- **Heavy Oil Battery - 2012-13 NAMA projects:**
 - Flaring & Venting: 211 Kt/yr GHG reduction and US \$50 M/yr avoidable commodity losses
 - Cost & Payback period: Capital costs of assessed opportunity is US \$24.6 million and the payback period is 6 months
- **Partners:** Pacific E&P and Mansarovar
- **Summer 2015 CCAC projects:**
 - June 2015 technology workshop with government and industry
 - August 2015 energy and emissions measurement & prefeasibility study



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Continuing research to develop new practices and technologies

- Partnership with academia to **further developing key measurement and sensor technology** to better assess:
 - Storage tank venting (optical methane and VOC measurement technology)
 - Flares and PM2.5 / black carbon emission rates (optical camera)
 - Continuous detection and source location of fugitive methane and VOC emissions (sensor development)
- Collaborating with industry researchers to **develop management practices and technologies** to address:
 - Energy inefficiencies and hydrocarbon products losses (process controls)
 - Turn waste gas into condensable hydrocarbon solvent (recovery system)
 - Improve economic, energy, & emission evaluation (management systems)



Opportunities for Collaboration

- Collaboration under **international climate or clean energy partnerships** to advance technology and practice development and deployment
 - UNEP Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)
 - Global Methane Initiative (GMI)
 - Intergovernmental Panel for Climate Change (IPCC)
- Collaboration between **national environmental and energy laboratories and petroleum research institutes** to advance technology and method development



Thank You!

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