

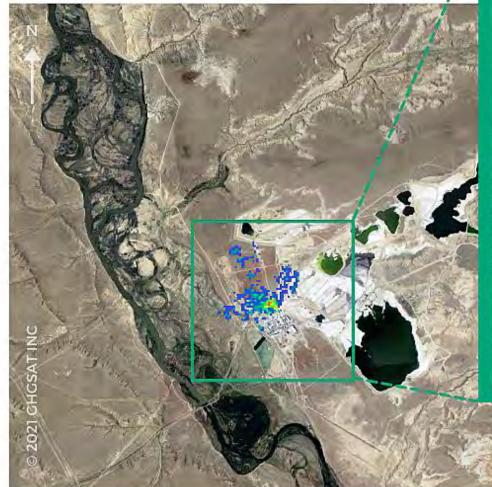
## HIGH-RESOLUTION SATELLITE MONITORING FOR METHANE EMISSIONS

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Satellite CH4 Measurement

Underground Trona Mine - Wyoming, USA



BACKGROUND ©2021 GOOGLE MAP DATA

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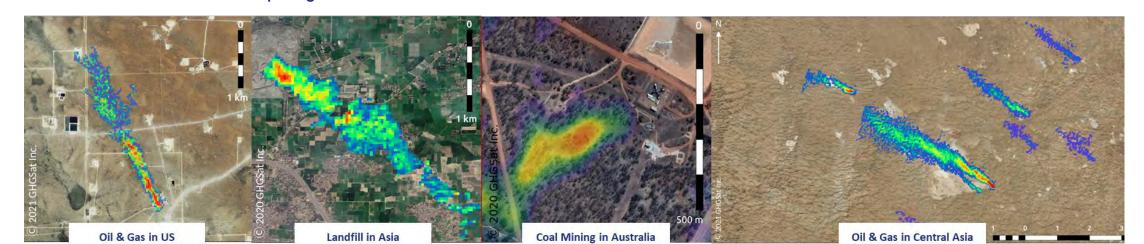
ENHANCEMENT ABOVE BACKGROUND (ppb)

#### **COMPANY CONTEXT**

GHGSat is the only entity in the world (public or private) with satellites designed to monitor emissions from individual industrial facilities

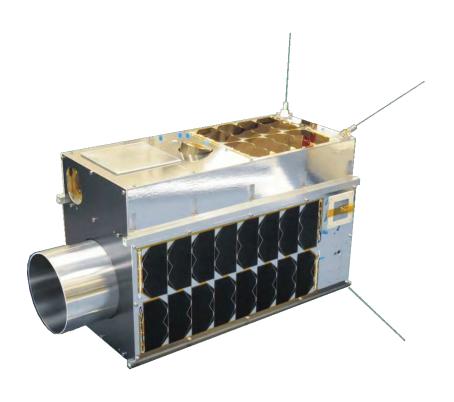
- Demo satellite (2016 launch) proved we could do it
- Commercial satellites (first launches 2020 & 2021) are providing actionable measurements for customers
- Constellation of 10 by end of 2022

Miniaturised technology operating on nanosatellites, enabling rapid, low-cost deployment and tech iteration



#### GHGSAT-C1 & C2

- Launch dates: Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 (C1), Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (C2)
- 15 kg nanosatellites
- Sun-synchronous orbit: ~500 km
- 14 day revisit (3 satellites = 5-6 days)
- Payload:
  - Imaging Fabry-Perot spectrometer
  - Spectral region : 1.6  $\mu$ m
  - High spatial resolution (~30 m)
  - 12km x 12km images
  - Always operate in target mode
  - Design improvements over GHGSat-D include:
    - Increased per-pixel signal and decreased straylight
    - Onboard calibration system
    - Optimized spectroscopy



## SATELLITES DELIVERING FOR DIFFERENT PRIORITIES



#### **POLICY**

~10,000 kg/hr Km-scale

#### **ADVOCACY**

~1,000 kg/hr 100m-scale

~100 kg/hr 10m-scale

**DETECTION & REPAIR** 

Dedicated EO solutions

Sentinel-5P TROPOMI MethaneSAT (2022 launch)

**GHGSat** 

Multi-purpose missions with methane sensitivity

Detection threshold

Spatial resolution

Sentinel-2 Gaofen-5 Landsat-8

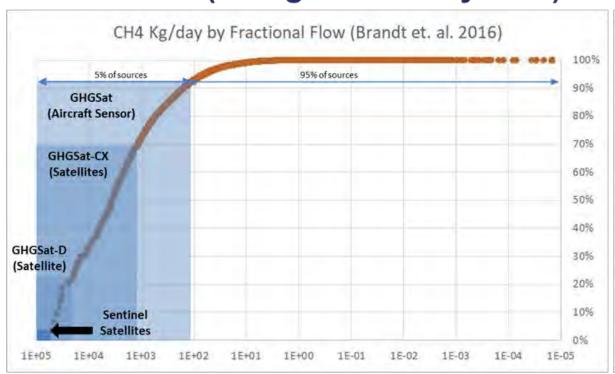
Reliable facility-level emissions attribution requires for **RESOLUTION** and **DETECTION THRESHOLD** 



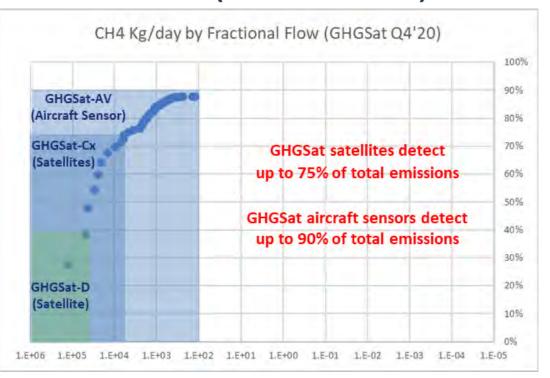


#### **PERFORMANCE**

#### **Predicted (Using Third-Party Data)**



#### **Actual (GHGSat Data)**



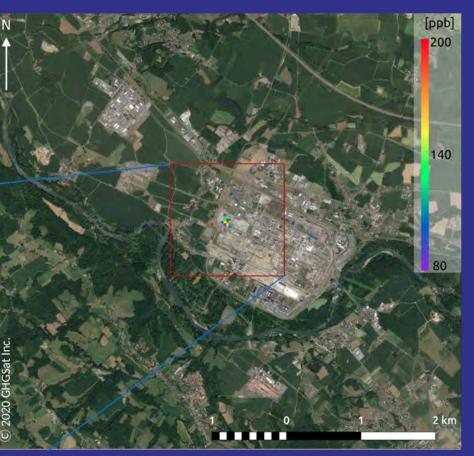
Data Source: Brant, All-et all, "Methanie Deaks from Natural Gas Systems Follow Extreme Distributions", https://doi.org/10/1021/acs.est.6804303 Sample Size: 41,848 Sources from 18/different studies; sach orange dot is a different source Data Source: GHGSat measurements taken in Q4 2020 in Permian Basin, Texas.

For illustrative purposes, GHGSat assumes 10% of total emissions would only be detectable by ground measurement (per Brandt results)

#### **PERFORMANCE**

"In developing the technical solutions of tomorrow to monitor methane emissions, Total uses its TADI facility to validate emerging technologies on the market, notably those selected by OGCI Climate Investments."





Blind controlled release in partnership with Total, Oct, 2020 – France

GHGSat had no knowledge of release rate or position

Our retrieval: 250 ± 140 kg/hr

Ground truth: 234 kg/hr

Wind I.6 m/s

Product

CH<sub>4</sub> column-averaged concentration in excess of local background level

Timestamp:

2020-10-29 11:00:47 UTC

Background: © 2020 Google Map Data

## **DELIVERING RESULTS - OIL & GAS**



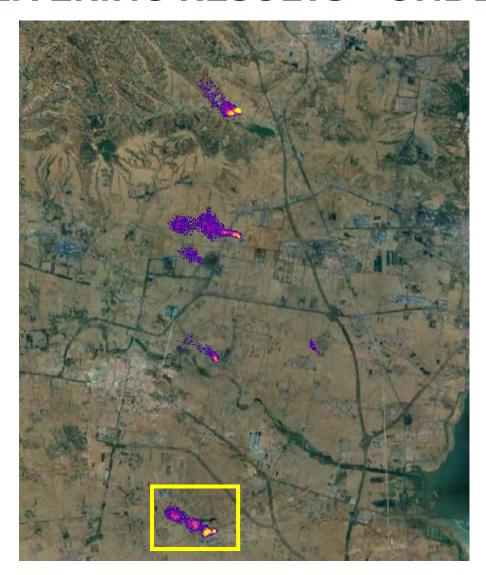


September 2020 Permian Basin, NM, USA

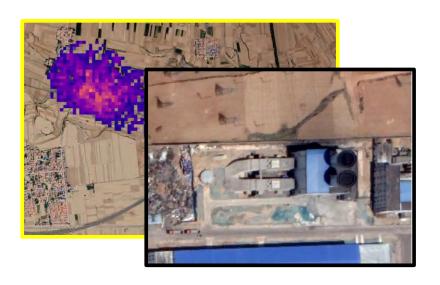


## **DELIVERING RESULTS – UNDERGROUND COAL MINING**

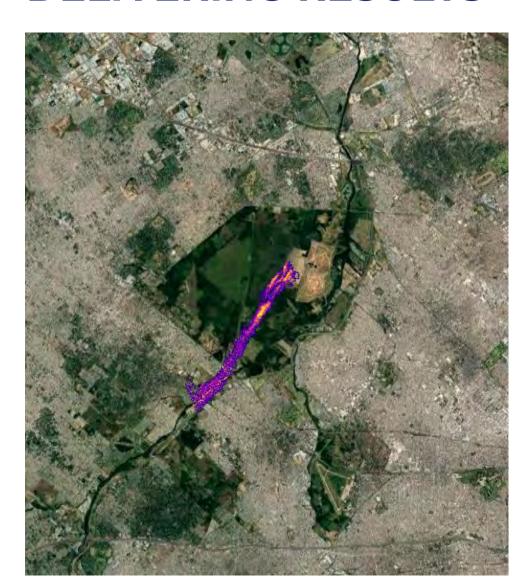




May 2021, Shanxi, China
6 plumes detected in one observation



#### **DELIVERING RESULTS – LANDFILL**



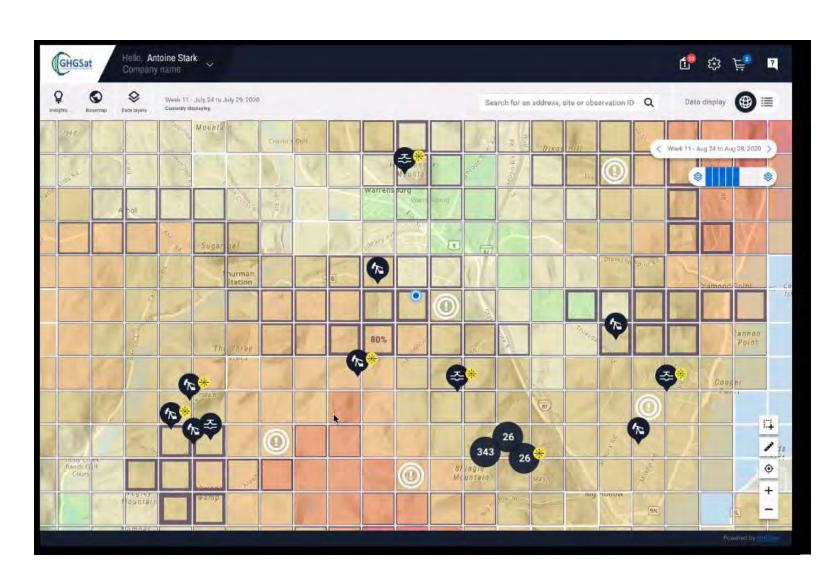
**April 2021, Buenos Aires** 

Multiple points of origin in active area

Detectable plume reaches edge of retrieval domain

#### **DELIVERING RESULTS - ANALYTICS**





GHGSat analytics layers for regions or countries of interest:

- Methane concentration map at 2km x 2km
- Hotspot detection
- Flaring detection
- Prediction of where leaks are most likely to occur
- Recommendation on action

# OUR APPROACH TO GLOBAL TRANSPARENCY

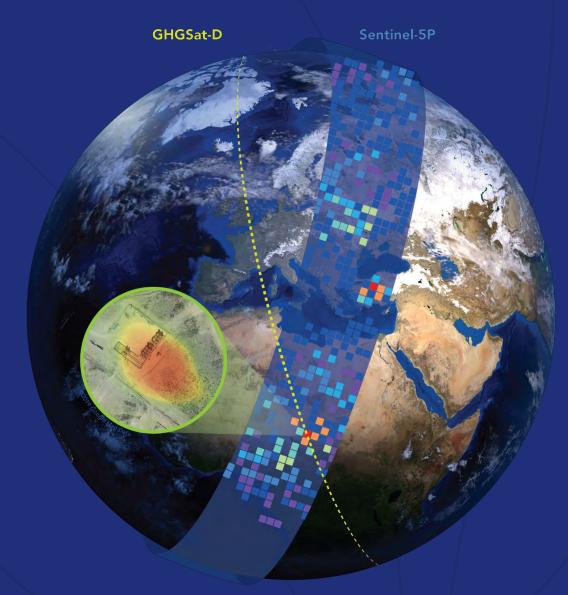
GHGSat data is available for commercial sale

We deliver industry-specific applications to provide actionable insight on methane emissions

Data is available for developing new science & applications

GHGSat invites collaboration from space agencies, academics and research organisations

Pulse delivers a free high-resolution, global methane visualization that incorporates public & private data



#### PLANS FOR THE UK



- 5 employees
- Office at the Silicon Roundabout
- Scoping office locations elsewhere in the UK

#### Year ahead

- Recruitment will continue
- Deliver domestic and export services for ESG data

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