

Why Enteric Methane?



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Extremely Potent

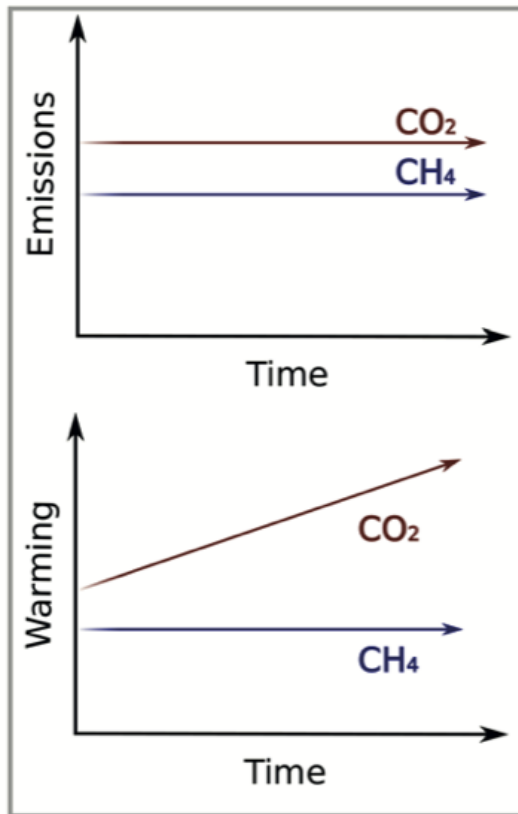
85X Stronger than CO₂ over 20 Years

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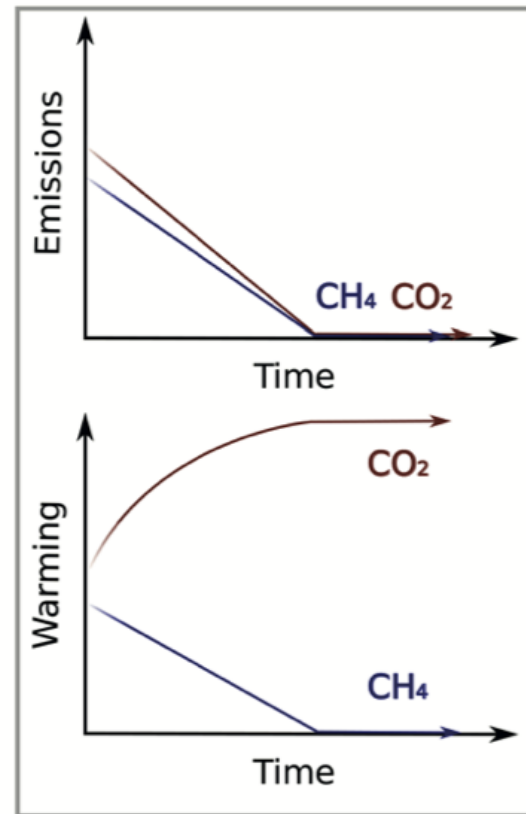
Breaks down in ~12 years vs 100s/1000s of years compared to CO₂

Reducing CH₄ Emissions leads to reduced warming

Constant emissions



Falling emissions



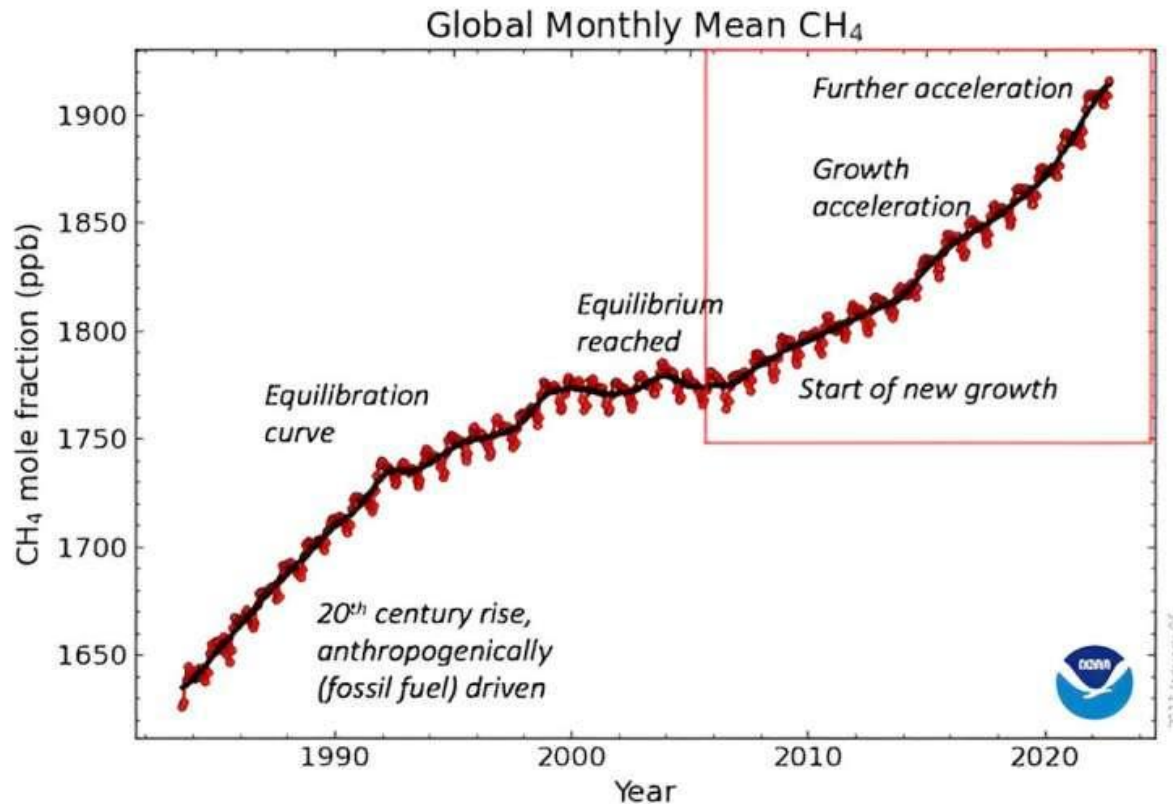


0.5°C

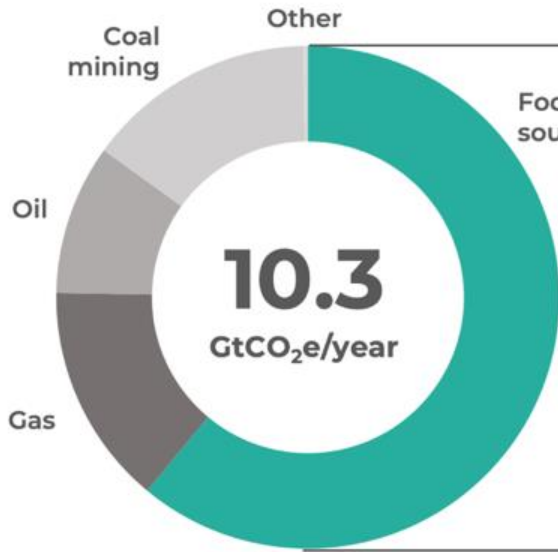
of current temperature increase is from methane

47%

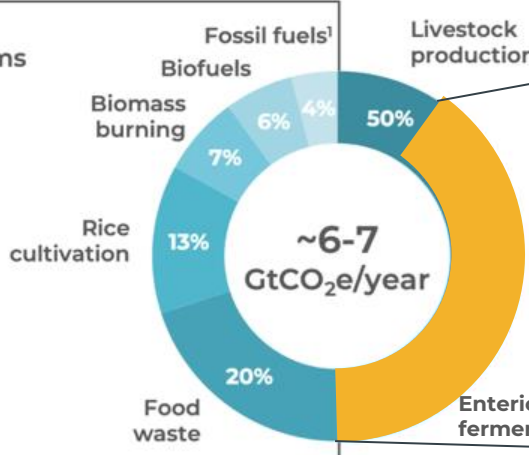
of additional warming in the next few decades likely to be from methane



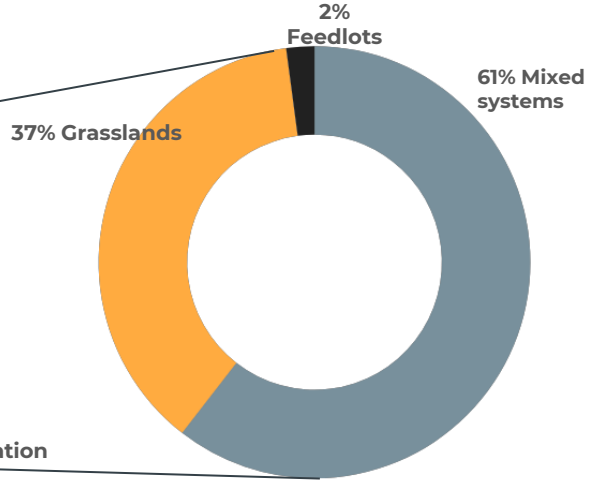
Global Anthropogenic and Food Systems Methane



Global anthropogenic methane emissions (2017)¹



Food system methane emissions

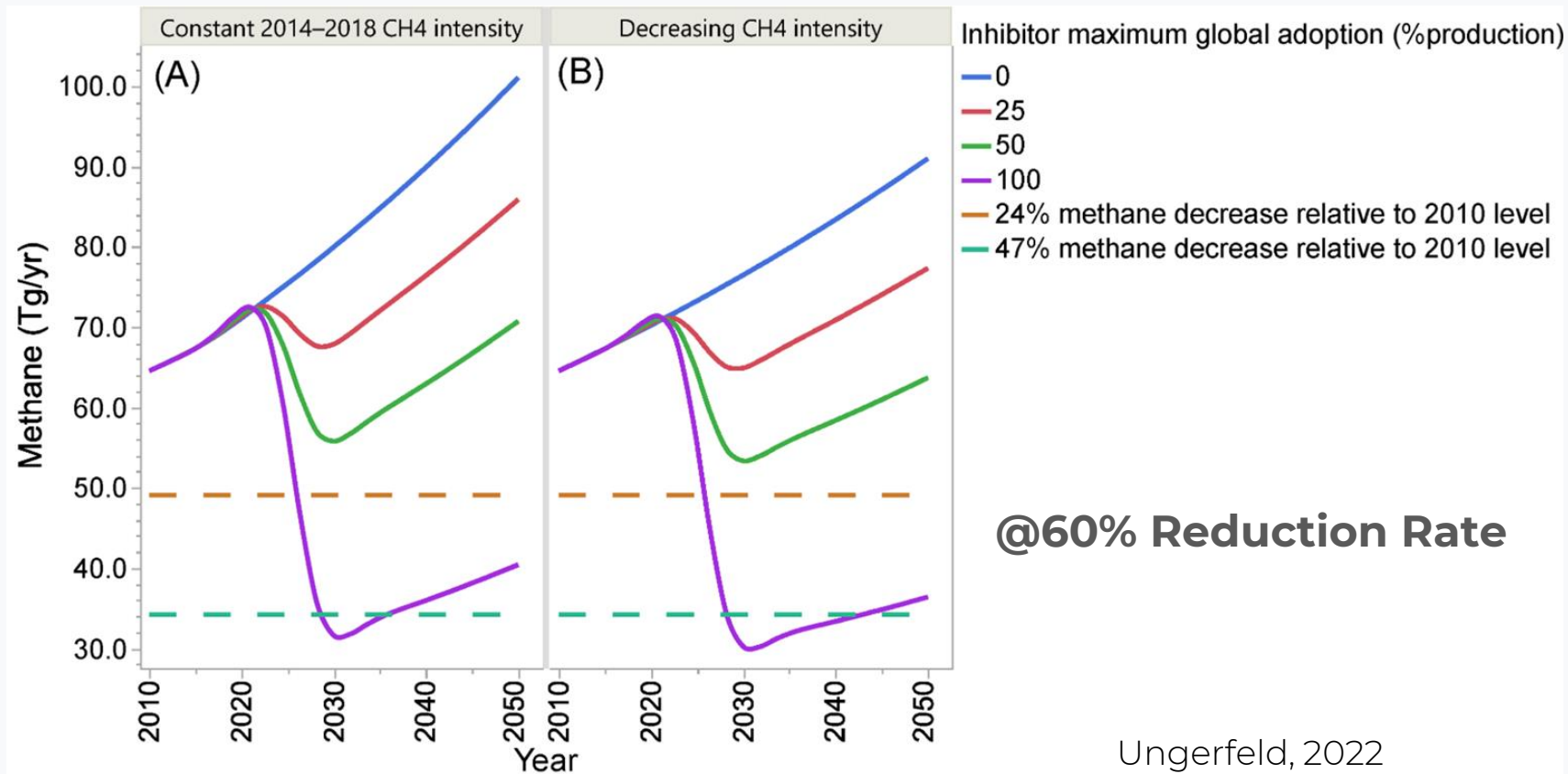


Proportions of enteric methane emissions

¹Saunio et. al 2020: Total anthropogenic emissions are based on estimates of a full anthropogenic inventory and not on the sum of the "agriculture and waste", "fossil fuels", and "biofuel and biomass burning" categories due to methodology of adding different inventories. IPCC AR6 WGIII (2022). Available at: <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/>
²Hegarty RS, Cortez Passetti RA, Dittmer KM, Wang Y, Shelton S, Emmet-Booth J, Wollenberg E, McAllister T, Leahy S, Beauchemin K, Gurwick N. 2021. An evaluation of emerging feed additives to reduce methane emissions from livestock. Edition 1. A report coordinated by Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS) and the New Zealand Agricultural Greenhouse Gas Research Centre (NZAGRC) initiative of the Global Research Alliance (GRA).
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Projected Emissions Reduction Scenarios (Global)



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Outlook on Enteric Methane Mitigation in California

Goal = 40 % of 22.57 MMtCO₂e total = 9MMtCO₂e

Projected Dairy Sector Methane Reductions	
Reduction Type	Expected Dairy Emission Reductions Through 2030 (MMtCO ₂ e)
Herd Reduction	2.61 – 3.3
Anaerobic Digestion	4.15
Alternative Manure Management Practices	0.6 - 1.1
Enteric Emission Reduction Strategies	0.25 – 2.04
Total	7.61 – 10.59

Best Case Scenario Projected Deficit Without Enteric Reductions ~0.45 MMtCO₂e.

California needs 500,000 head (Dairy) using a product that reduces Enteric Methane by 30%.

What do we need?



- **To achieve State goals, we need strong early adoption of emerging solutions**
- **To achieve Global goals , we need solutions that can be applied to extensive systems (Grazing, Cow/Calf)**
- **To achieve Global goals, we will need a combination of methane mitigation strategies**
- **In all cases, we need an attractive, durable, and reliable value chain to facilitate the adoption of these strategies.**