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Digitalization of the oil and gas industry: Driving sustainability for a low-carbon energy future

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Key insights

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E&P organizations are being driven to reduce the GHG intensity of their operations while maintaining growth

Energy transition

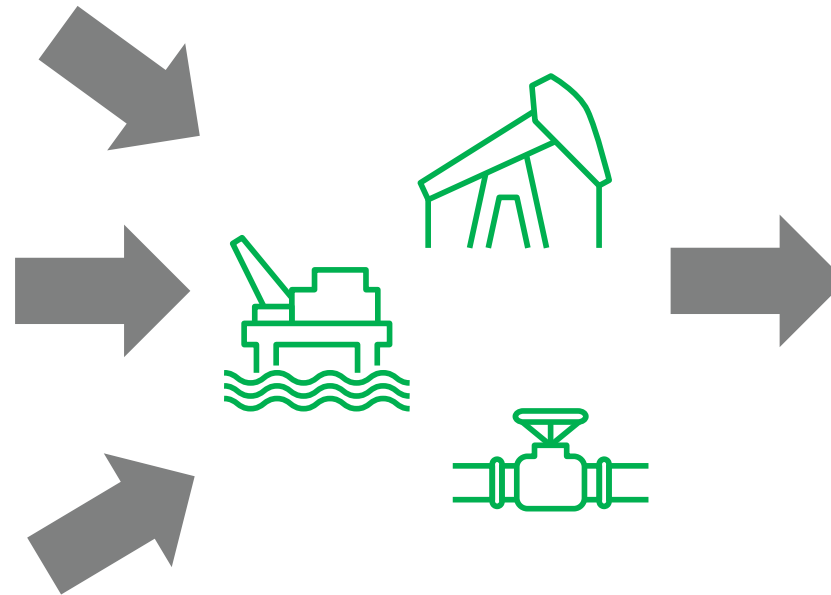
- Decarbonization of the energy system
- Long transition period where **fossil and renewable energy sources coexist**

Technology

- New low-cost technologies to precisely locate and accurately **measure greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions**
- Use of digital technologies to manage complexity of more **diverse energy supply mix**

Stakeholder concerns

- Regulatory (e.g., CNPE, Resolution 40066/2022)
- Environmental (e.g., UN Sustainable Development Goals, Global Methane Pledge)
- Financial (e.g., Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure)

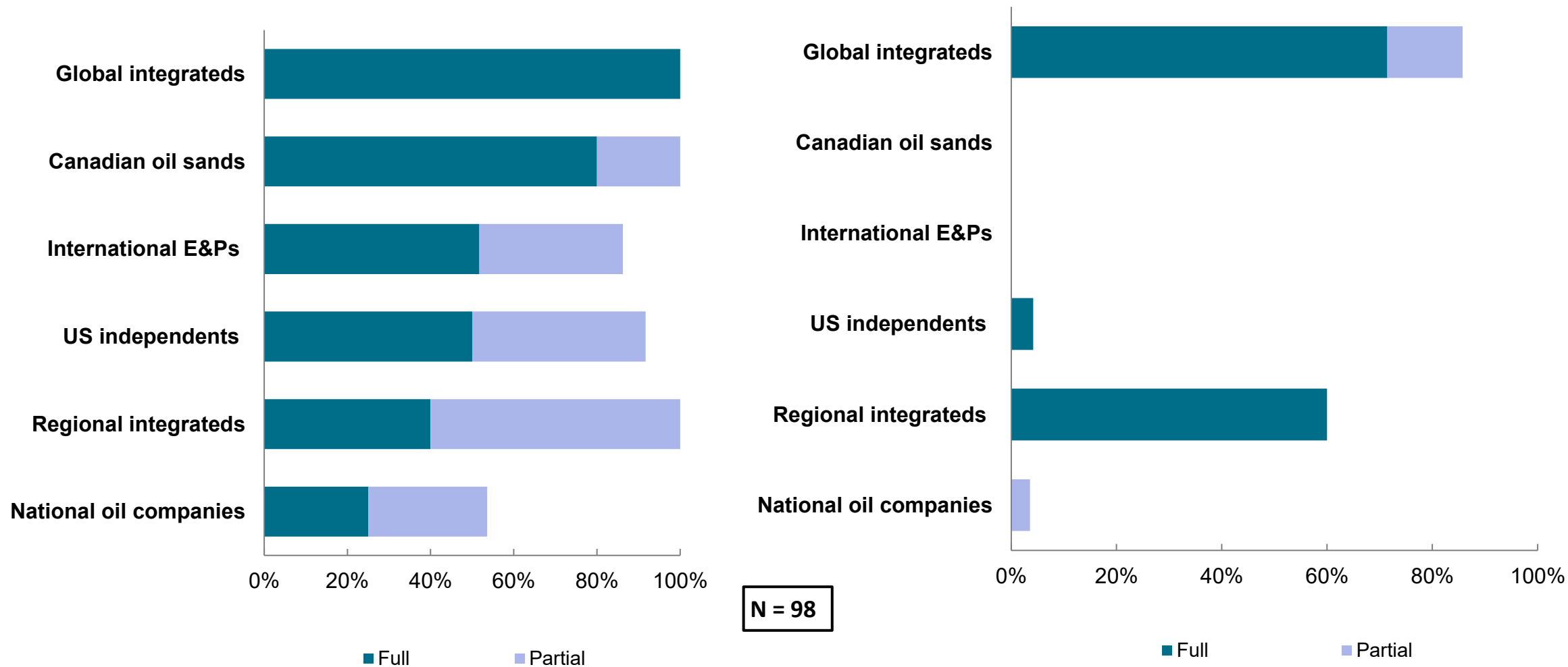


Reduced GHG-intensity of core upstream operations

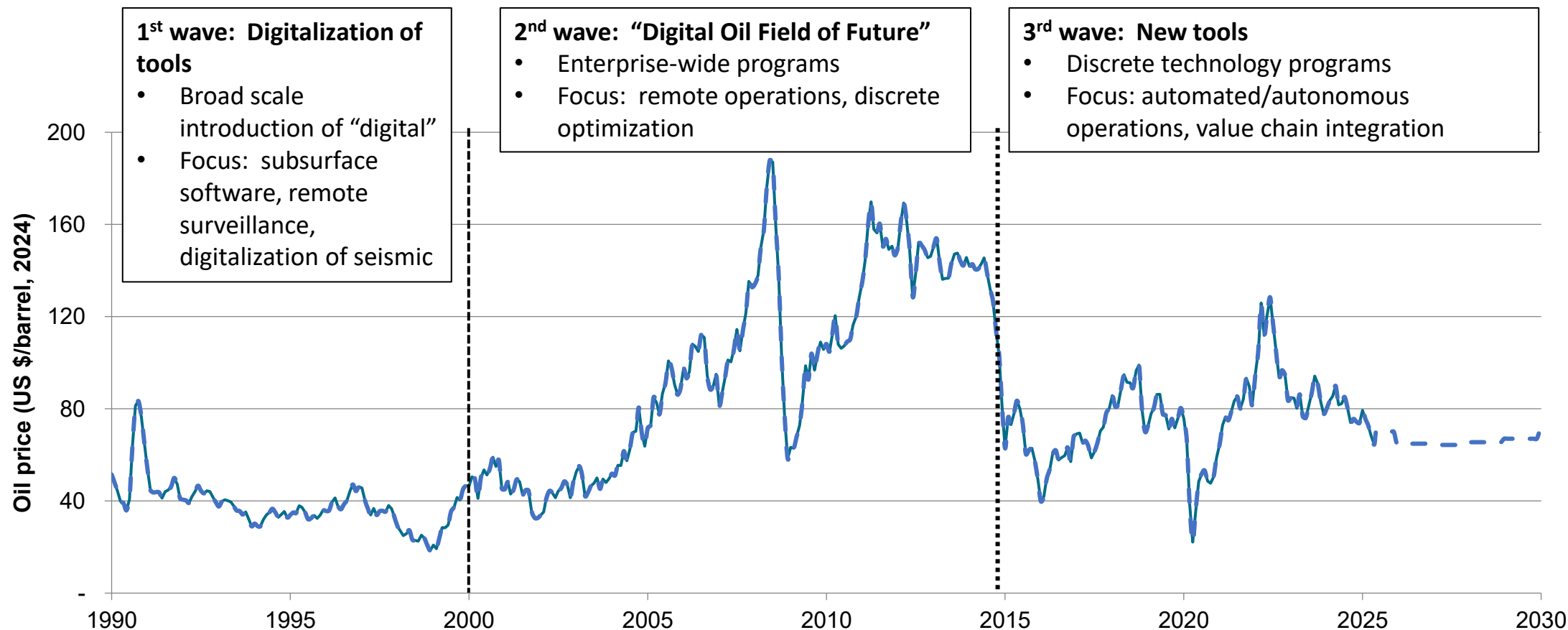
- **Identify** and mitigate GHG emissions
- **Increase operational efficiency** (e.g., optimize energy usage, reduce consumables)
- **Life-cycle approach to asset management** (e.g., wells to wheels analysis, reduce end-use carbon produced)



Most oil companies are setting targets to reduce their operational (Scope 1 and 2) GHG emissions



Oil and gas digitalization is now in its third wave—shifts in focus, technologies under consideration and deployment strategies



Dated Brent, FOB North Sea

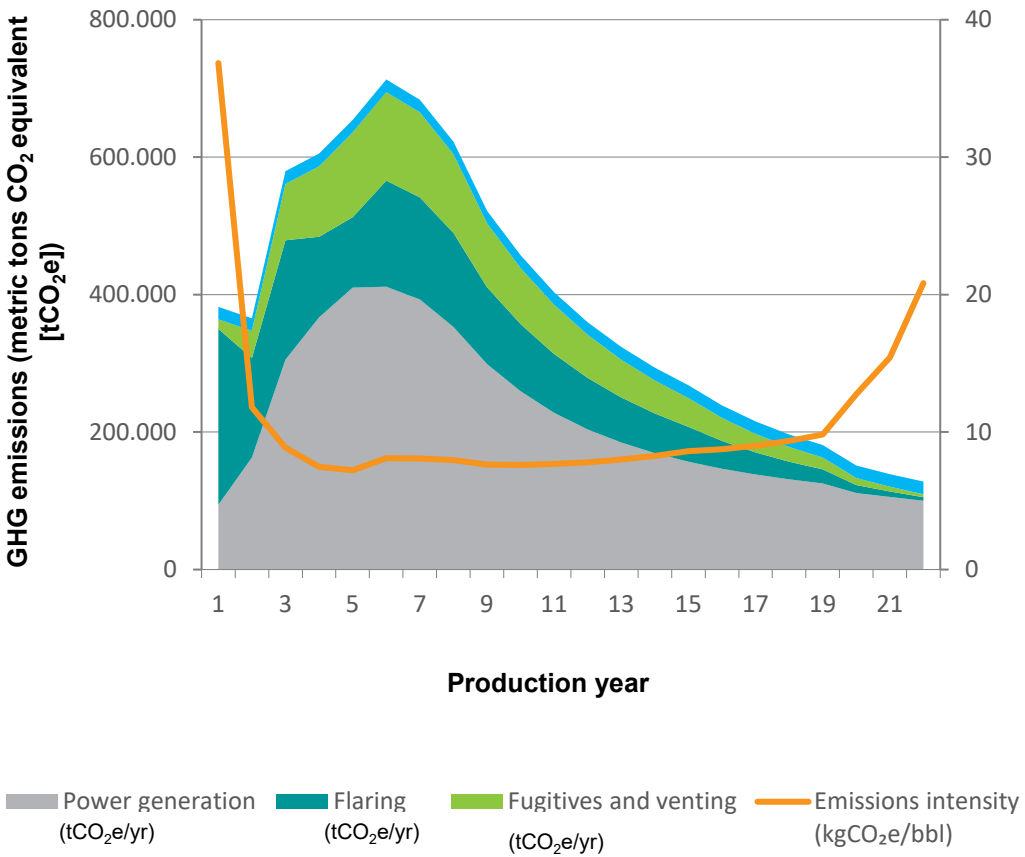
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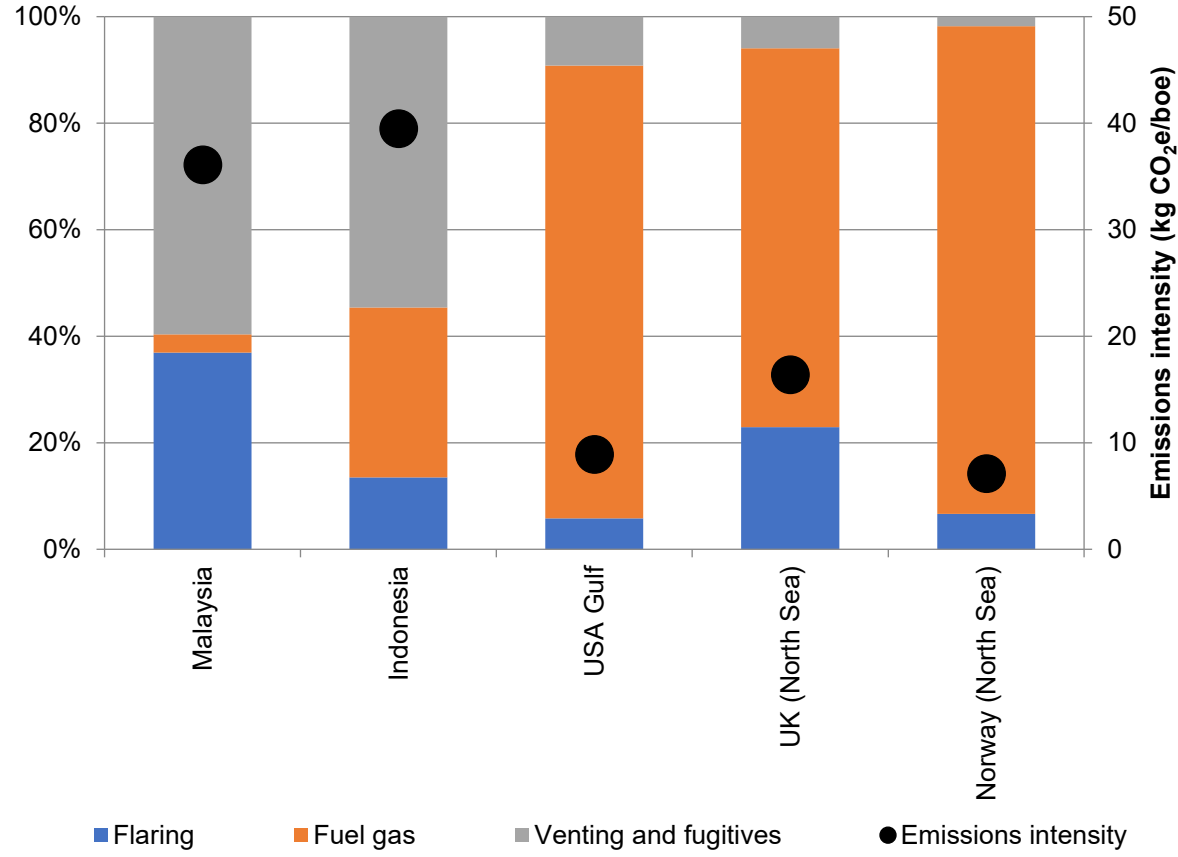
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In assessing where company GHG emissions reduction efforts for focus—understand the most significant contributors

“For-example” deepwater oil field, upstream GHG emissions



Comparison of GHG emissions by source and jurisdiction

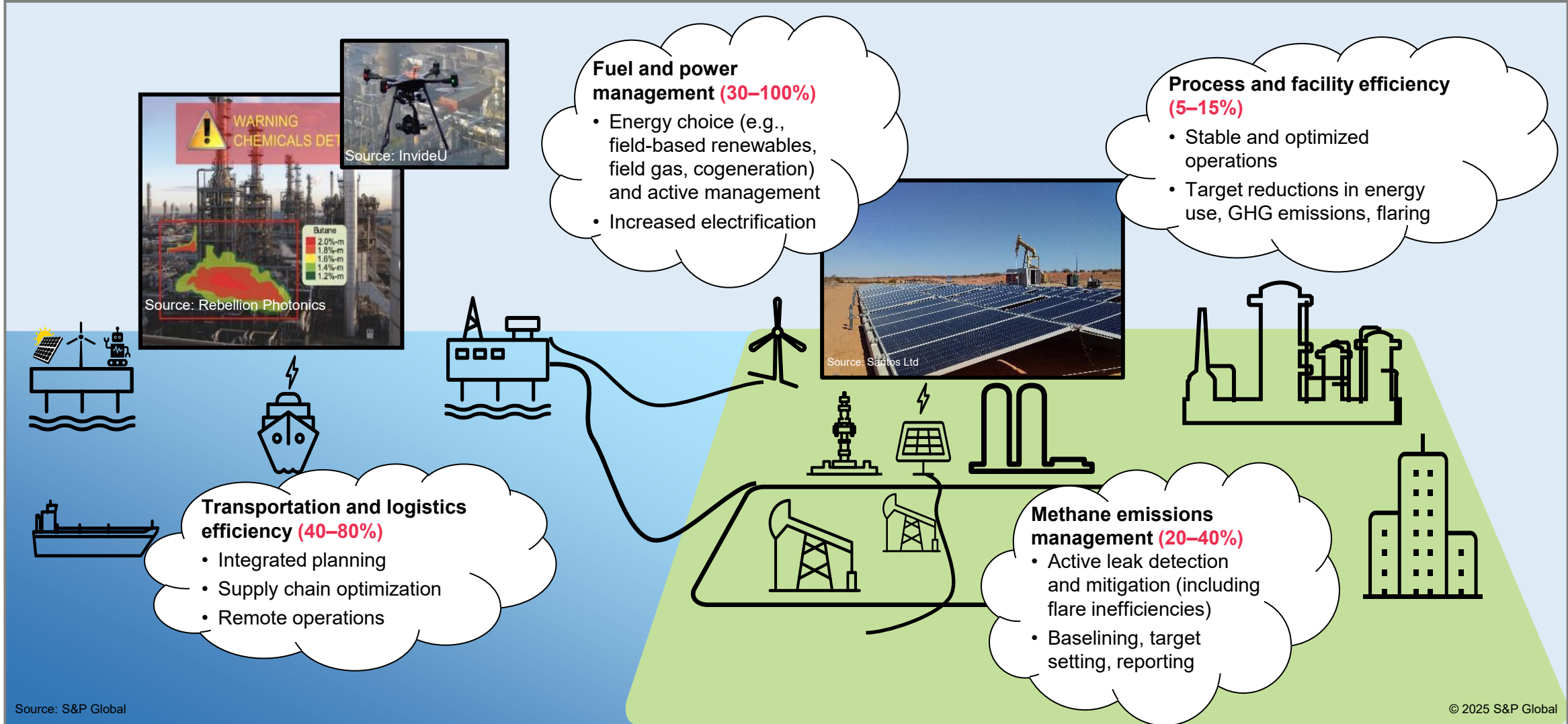


CO₂e = carbon dioxide equivalent; boe = barrels of oil equivalent
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Effectively applying technology can have a significant impact on the GHG emissions of oil and gas assets

Range of upstream GHG emissions-reducing activities





Opportunities to manage emissions span the asset development and operations lifecycle—technology and innovation play a critical role

Oil & Gas GHG emissions reduction opportunity framework

Category	Investment level	Focus (and examples)	Potential value	Time-to-value	Ease of change management
Tier 1 (10-30% reduction)	Minimal capital investment; emphasis on automation and digitalization	Surveillance, management, optimization of complex systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy, power, and process control • Methane containment, flare • Transportation and logistics; remote operations 	2	4	1
Tier 2 (30-60% reduction)	Moderate capital investment; largely proven technologies	Upgrade and augment existing systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low-carbon energy systems (e.g., onsite renewables and storage, “green” fuels, field gas) • Electrification • Upgraded equipment (e.g., higher-efficiency turbines, vapor recovery units) 	3	2	3
Tier 3 (40-100% reduction)	Major capital investment; not-fully-proven, potentially-transformative technologies	Build new systems or add system components <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New design concepts (e.g., unmanned, subsea facilities) 	4	1	3

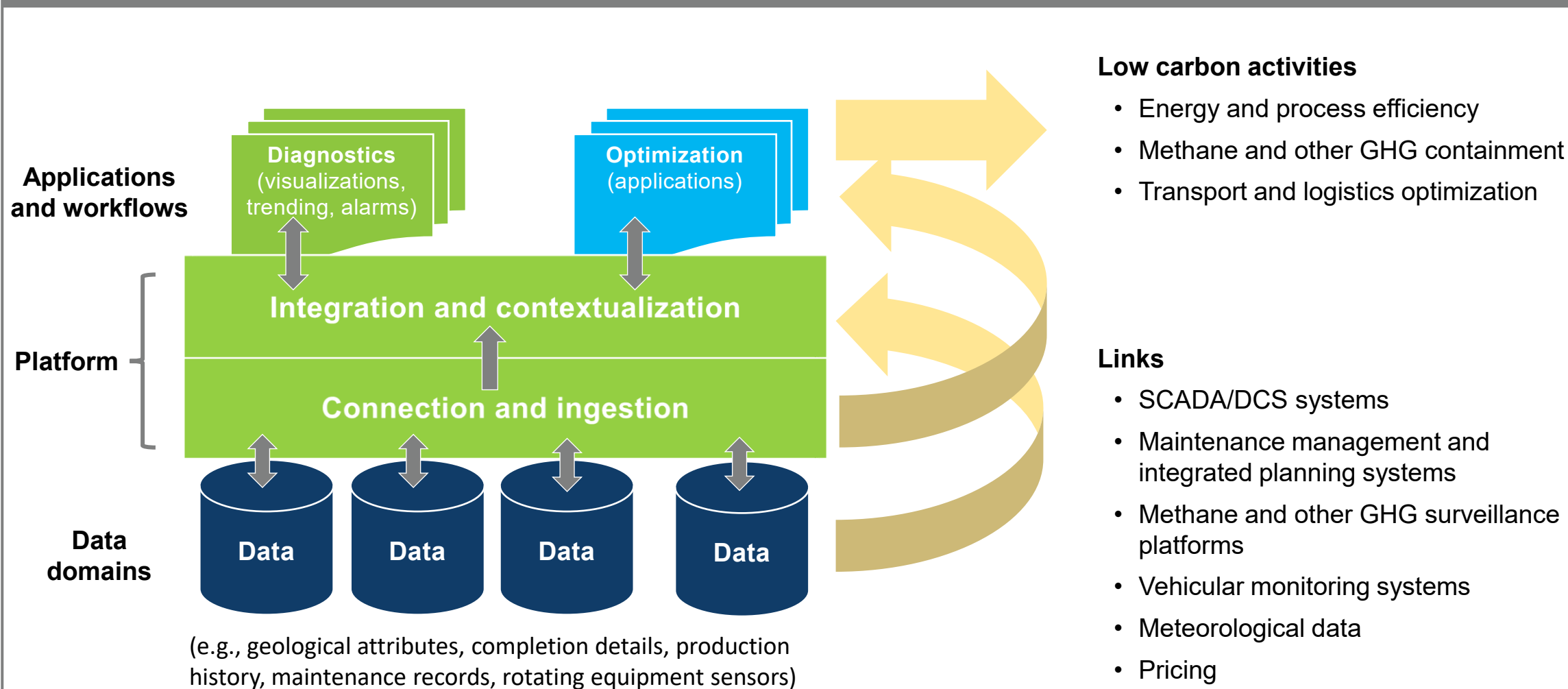
Low
(i.e., drawback)

→

High
(i.e., strength)

The same integrated digital platforms for improving operational performance are pivoting to support GHG emissions management

Schematic representation of a platform architecture



NOC emphasizes energy efficiency as a key business driver— Established technology capabilities are leveraged to deliver results

Situation

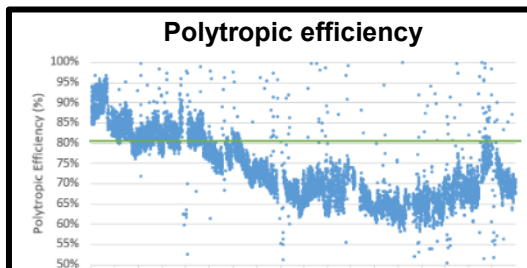
- Mature assets producing **610,000 b/d** from **~8,000 wells** dispersed across 100,000 sq km; **80–95% water cut**
- **Significant & rising power demand (~2.4 GW)** associated with produced H₂O treatment, EOR, gas processing, artificial lift → **significant cost driver**
- Corporate objective = **reduce energy consumption**



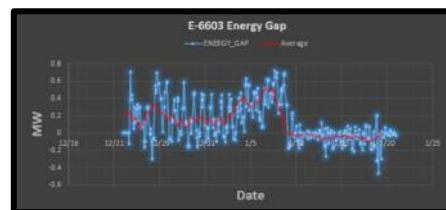
Philosophy—deliver on objective by leveraging existing NOC resources

- **IT platform**—internally developed solution serving as integrated surveillance platform (wells, subsurface, surface facilities); **expand to cover energy drivers** for key equipment classes (e.g., compressors, furnaces, gas turbines, high energy pumps)
- **Process optimization group**—long-standing group (1998) capable of developing the complex thermodynamic equations to **optimize individual equipment and overall system energy efficiency**

Integrate into existing workflows



Source: Oil company



Calculated MW savings opportunity

Source: Oil company



Action

Outcome

- **Rolling out across NOC:** Seven assets (2020) → complete coverage of 530+ critical equipment fleet (2022)

5–7% reduced energy use (56 MW)
with **no negative impact on production** (program mandate)

Oil companies are deploying a network of complimentary technologies to detect and measure GHG emissions

Overview of GHG emissions detection and measurement platforms

Comparative characteristic	<div> <div>Near field</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div></div> <div>Far field</div> </div>			
	Handheld detectors and cameras	Fixed and mobile sensors and cameras	Near-field aerial (drones, fixed-wing aircraft, helicopters)	Far-field aerial (satellites, high-altitude balloons)
Prevalence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traditional industry method; more sophisticated technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry deployments under way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry pilots under way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry proof of concepts and assessments under way
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costs Established methodology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequent, regular monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Efficiency and site accessibility Physical measurements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broad, consistent coverage Fewer operational considerations
Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consistency and accuracy of measurement Sampling frequency Personnel exposure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost (~\$50,000 per sensor/camera) Field of view; panning capability Supporting IT/comms infrastructure Longevity (heat, humidity, dust) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costs (drone inspection = \$60–150; “operators are cheap”) Resolution Approval for BVLOS operation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost Resolution Sampling frequency
Example suppliers	Heleck Solutions, Teledyne FLIR	ABB, Field GeoServices, Grandperspective, Honeywell, Infrared Cameras Inc, Kuva Systems, Longpath Technologies, mPACT2WO, MultiSensor Scientific, Project Canary, Providence Photonics, QLM, Qube, Sierra-Olympics Technologies	Avitas Systems, Ball Aerospace, Boeing, Cyberhawk, DJI, Flylogix, Insight M, PrecisionHawk, Scientific Aviation, SeekOps, Silent Falcon, Sky-Futures, SkySkopes, SkyX	Airbus, Bluefield, GHGSat, Kayrros, Maxar Technologies, MethaneSAT, Orbital Sidekick, Scepter, World View

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Challenges	<div>Integrated digital platform</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Objective</u>: aggregate, reconcile, analyze and act on full suite of collected data <u>Connected systems</u>: SCADA, methane monitoring platforms (e.g., drones), maintenance management systems <u>Example activities</u>: SLB, Satelytics, University of Texas consortium 			
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Unconventional operator incorporated methane detection activities into its existing digitalization platforms and workflows

Situation

- Business unit of an IOC active in several prominent North America unconventional plays
- Field operations managed by an **analytics-driven, automated work management platform**
- Incorporated **drone readings of produced water tank levels** into work management platform, **effective but costly**

Approach—extend drone platform to include unintended methane release detection activities

- Investigate multiple commercially available methane detection technologies

☐ On-equipment sensors ☒ Cameras (fixed, truck-mounted) ☒ Drones (BVLOS with a laser + optical gas imager camera payload) ☐ Satellites

- **Work with startups outside oil and gas to augment surveillance capability** (e.g., video analytics, camera technology, corrosion detection)
- **Integrate acquired data into proprietary data environment** and **methane mitigation activities into existing operator workflows** — “It’s just another task that shows up in their queue” – BU Technology Manager



Outcome

- Methane surveillance program deployed across all tight oil assets (2022)
 - **Increase daily inspections from 34–40 → 68 sites** via preprogrammed drone routes
 - **Reduce inspection costs 75%** versus handhelds (now < \$80 per well)
- **Unable to quantify reduction in methane venting volumes**
- BU recognized as **company leader in methane detection via remote sensing**

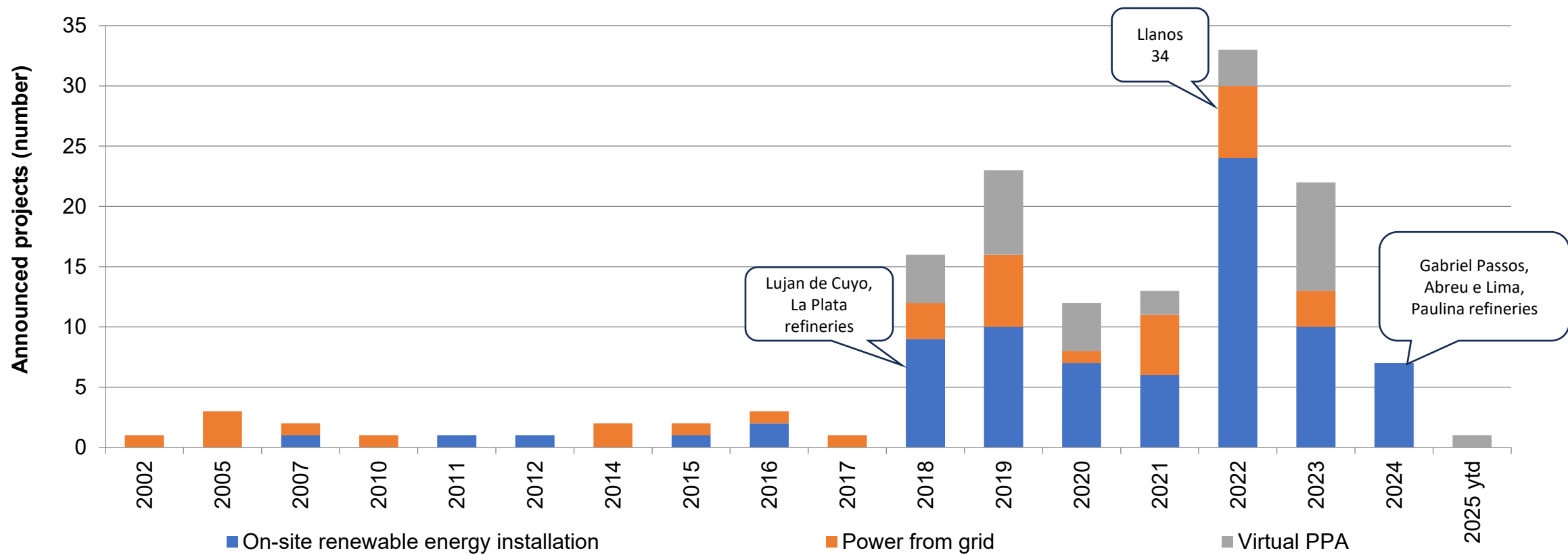


What’s next?

- **Investigate complementary inspection platforms** (e.g., autonomous rovers) and **new operating models**
- **Develop new remote inspection capabilities** (e.g., hydrocarbon spill detection and compositional analysis)
- **Analytics to proactively address methane releases** (e.g., releases associated with pneumatic dumps)
- Identify opportunities to **improve equipment design** (e.g., thief hatches)

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Announced oil and gas field-based renewable energy projects



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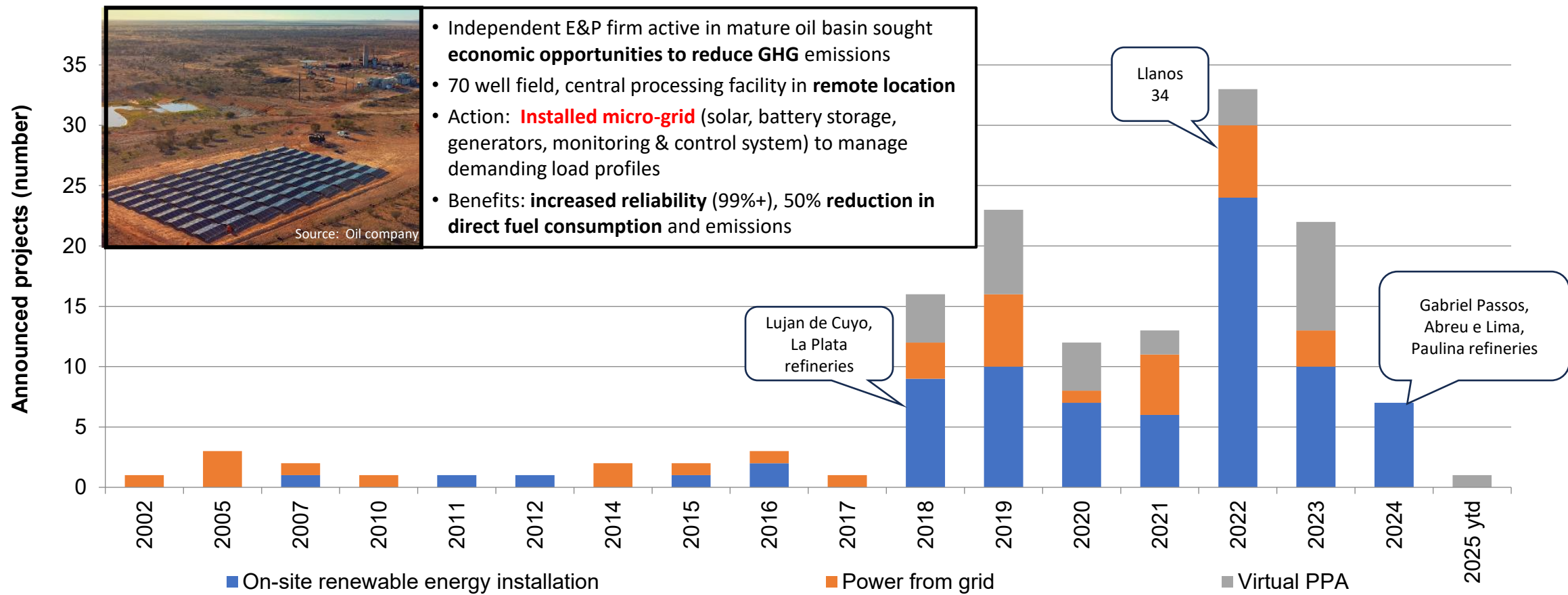
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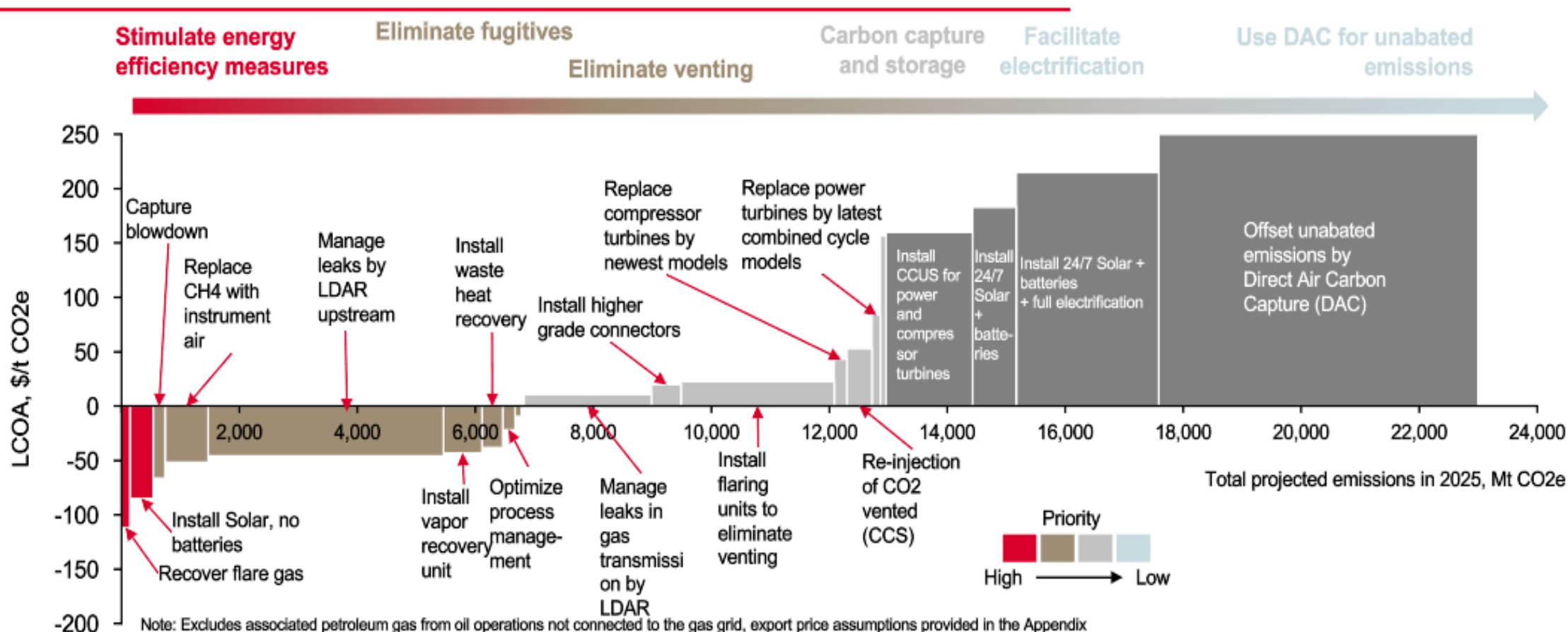
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Prioritization is given to opportunities that offer the lowest marginal abatement cost and can have the most immediate impact

Marginal Abatement Cost Curve (generalized for gas value chain of Egypt, Israel, and Jordan, valid with specific implied conditions, incl. current EU gas price outlook)





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