

Dairy Farm Emissions in California: The Impact on Communities of Disadvantage

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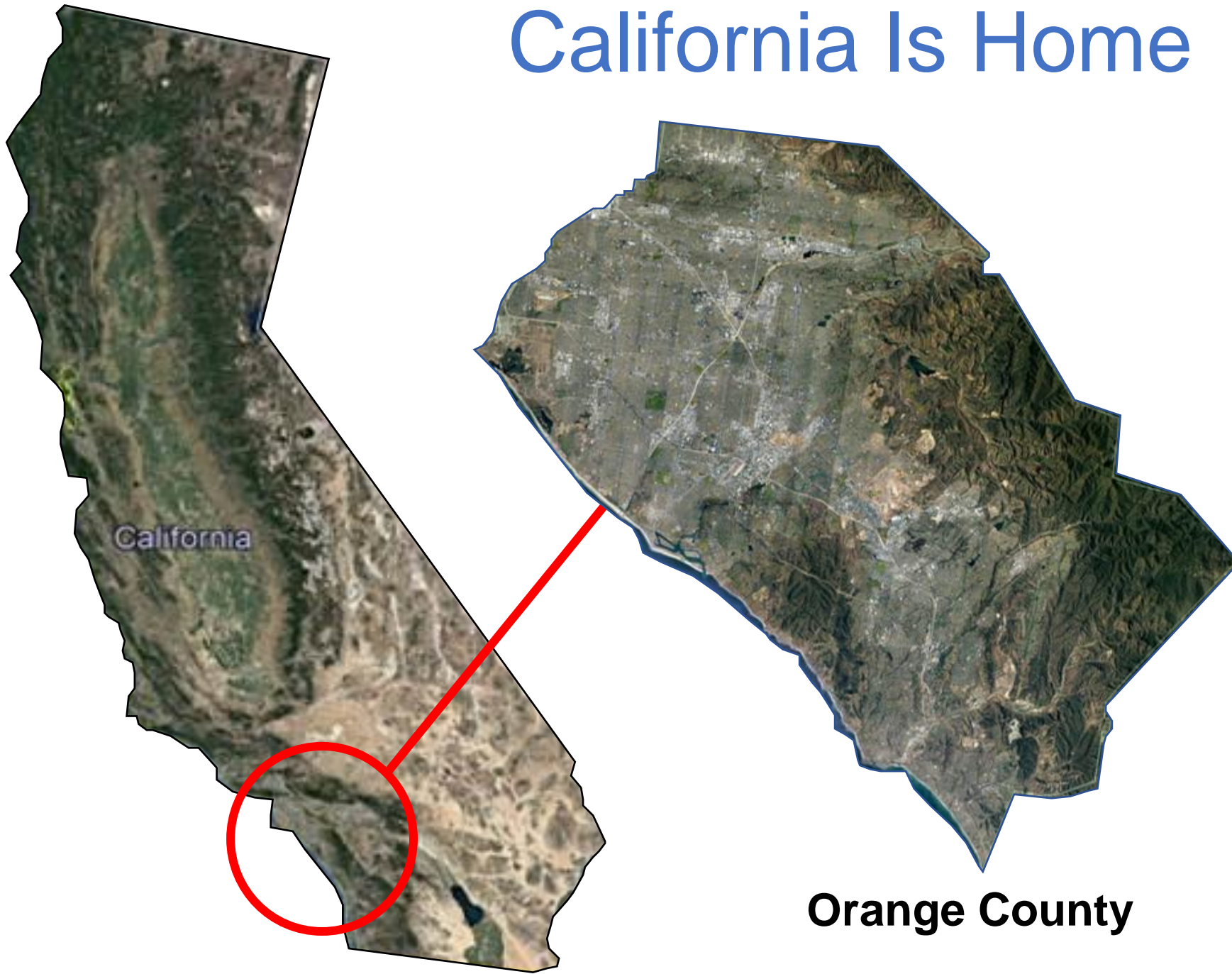
Solutions that Scale

Earth Day 2021

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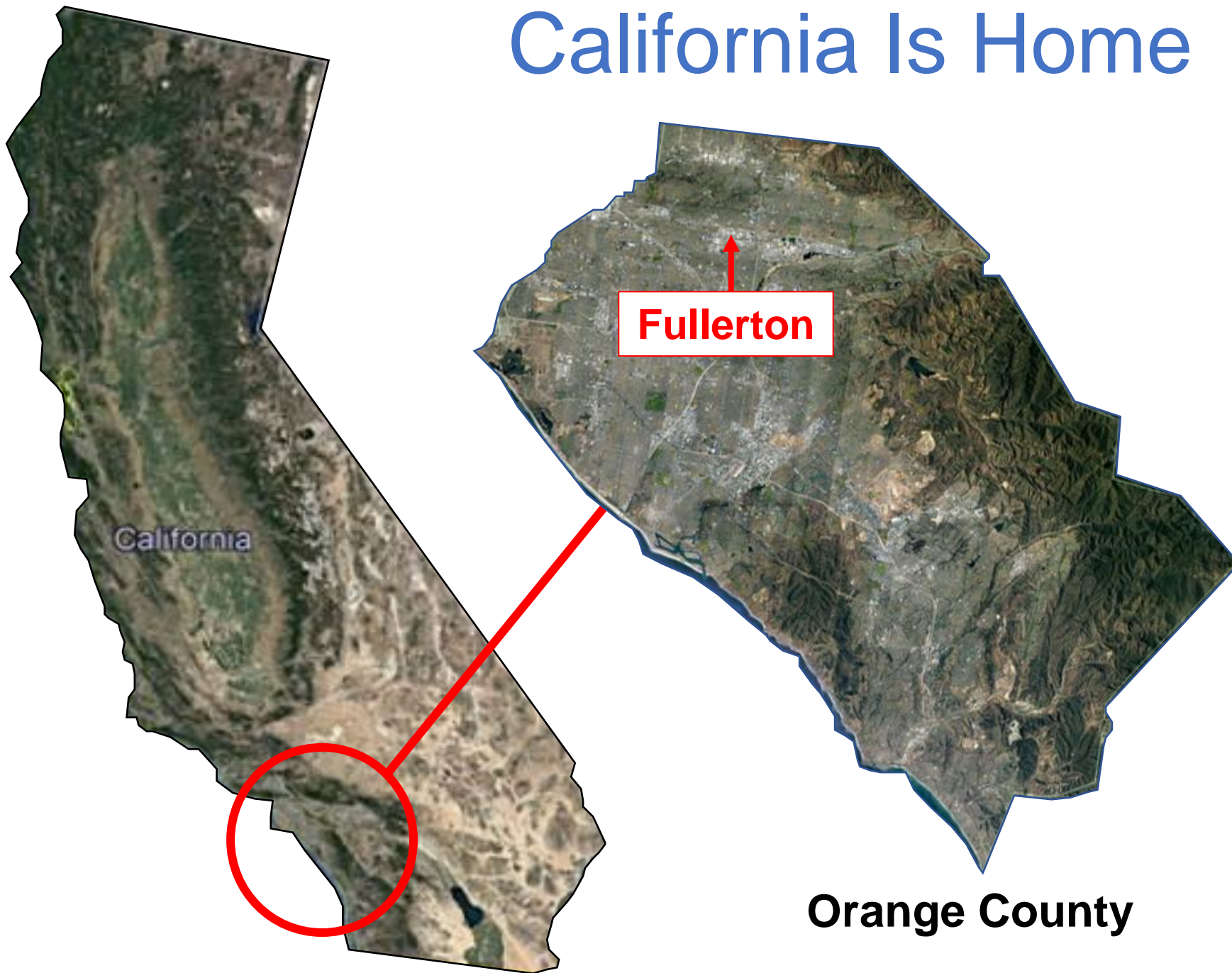


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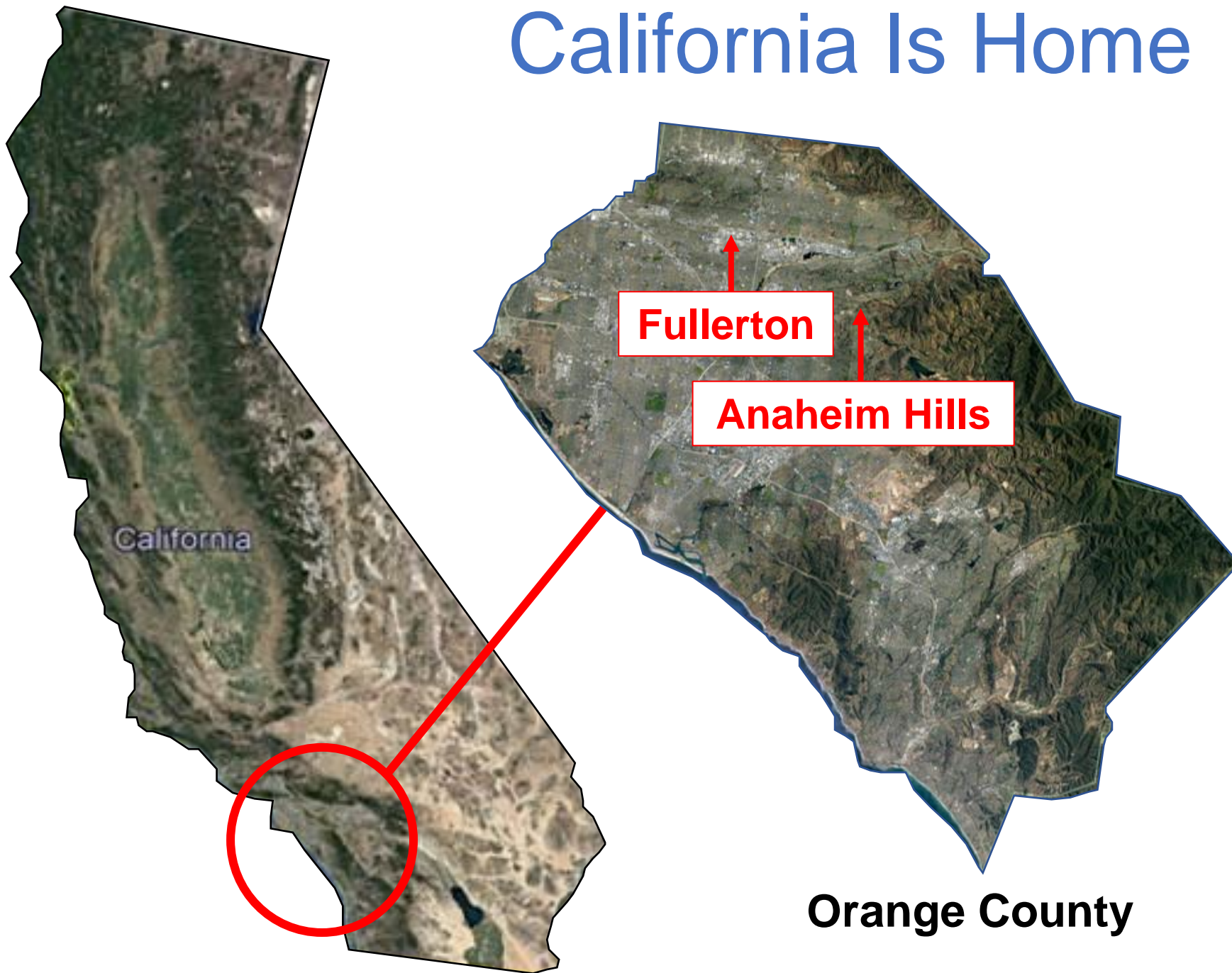


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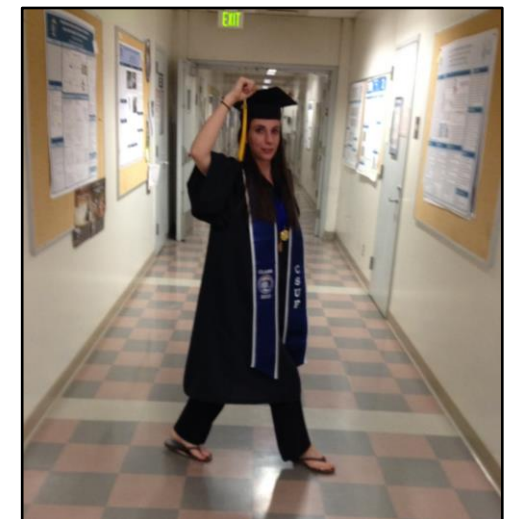
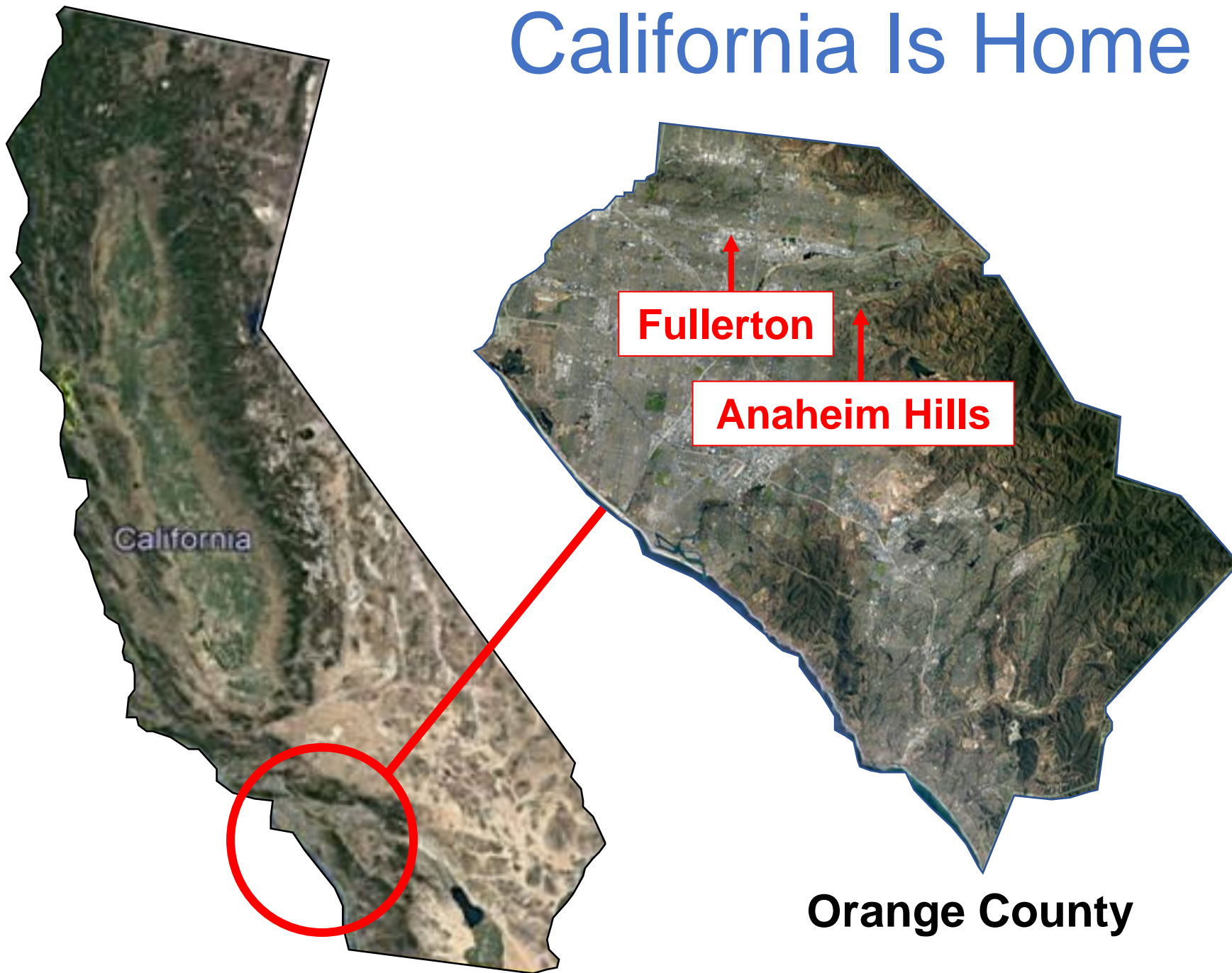
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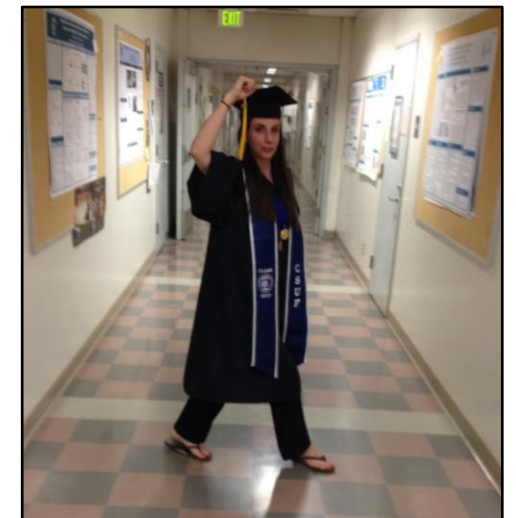
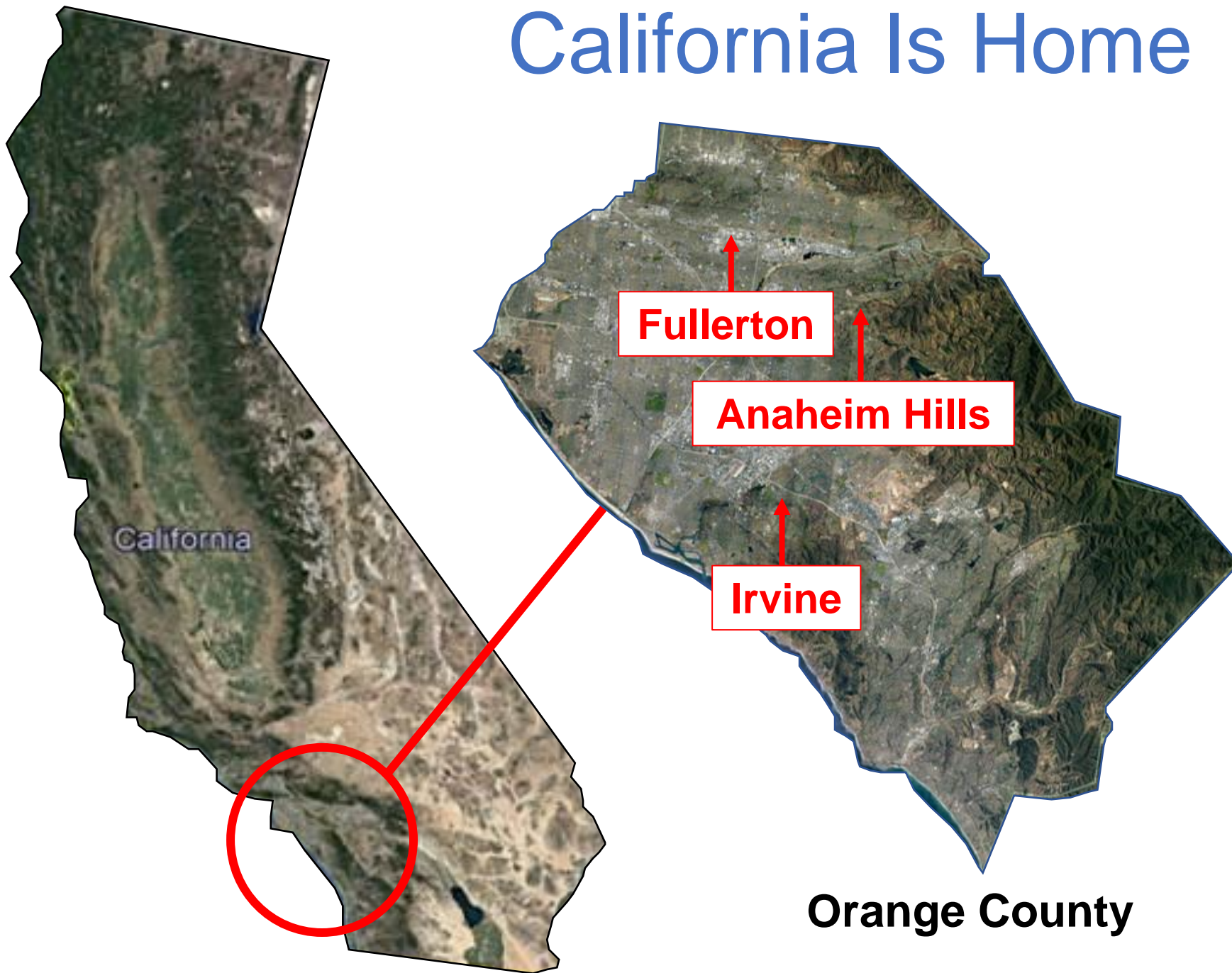


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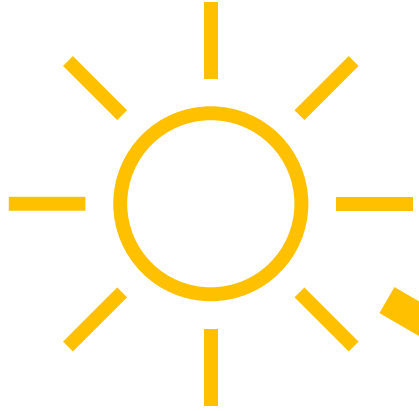
California Is a Leader



California leads the United States in sustainable practices and laws to reduce harmful emissions.

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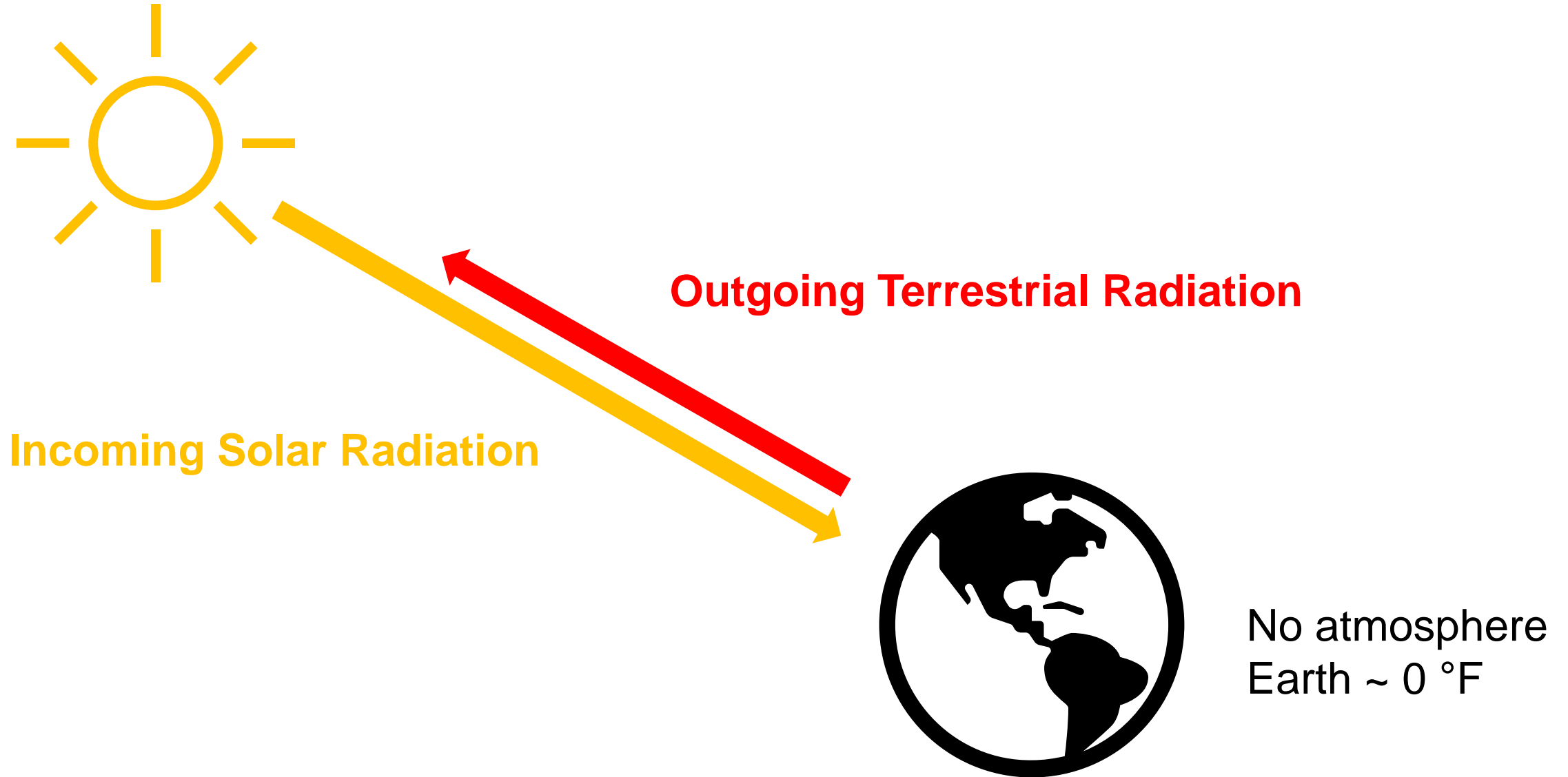
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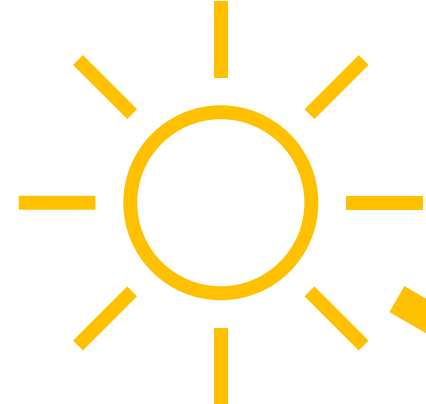
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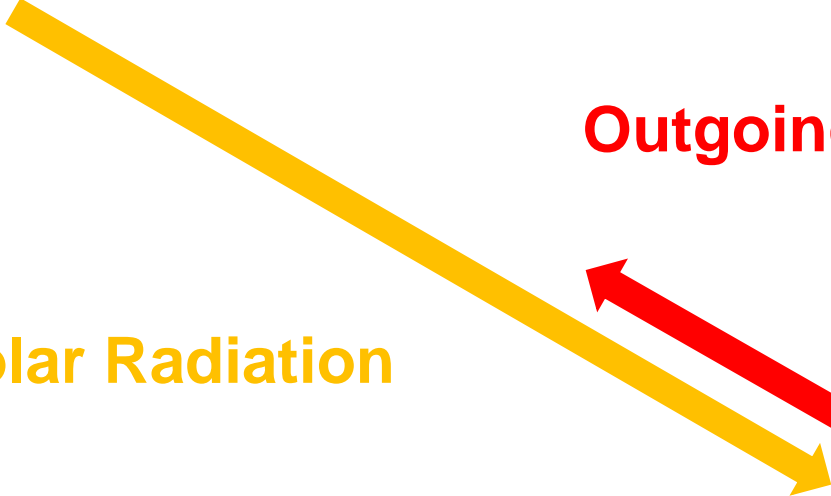
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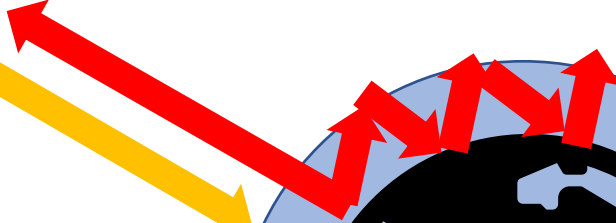
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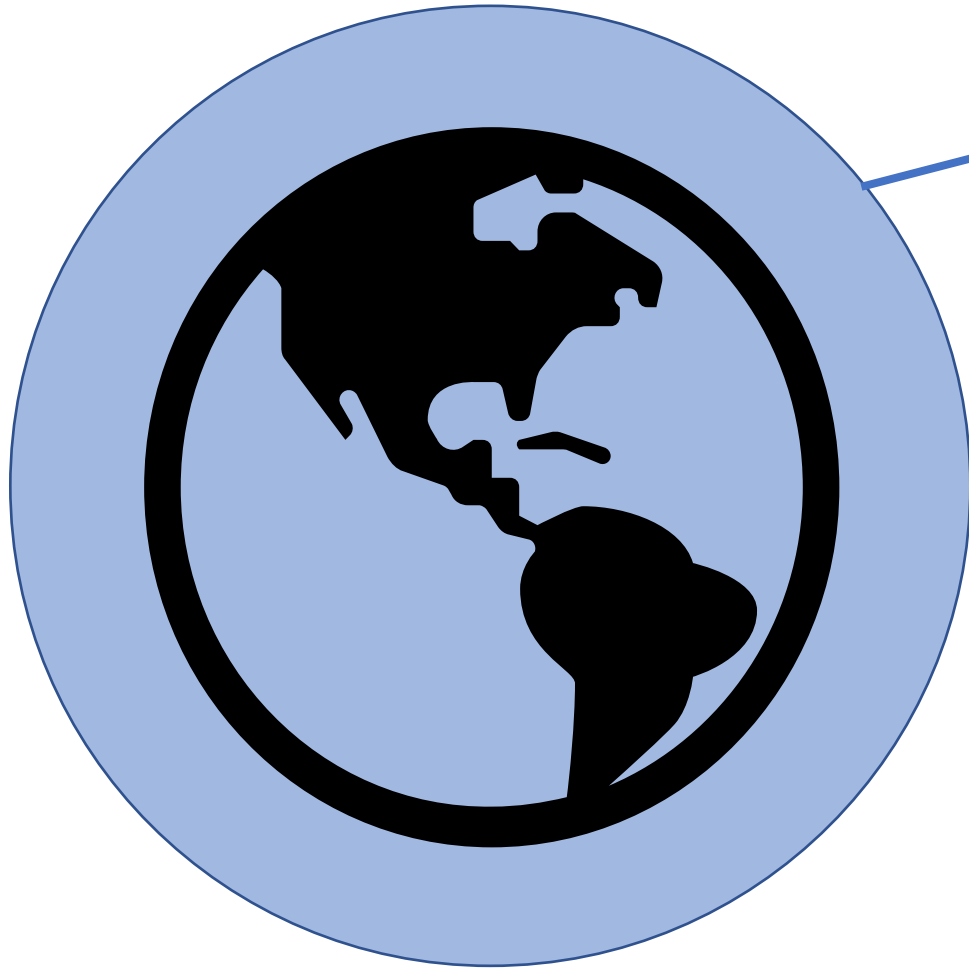


Outgoing Terrestrial Radiation



With atmosphere
Earth ~ 60 °F

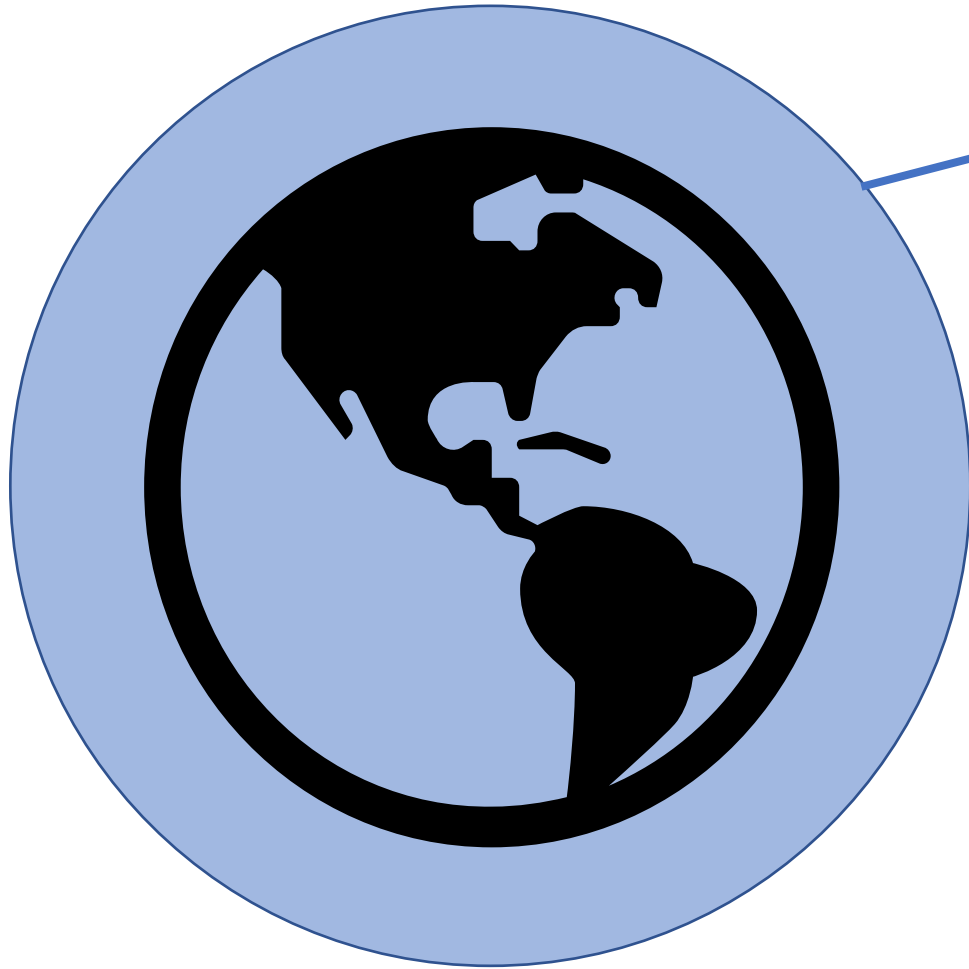
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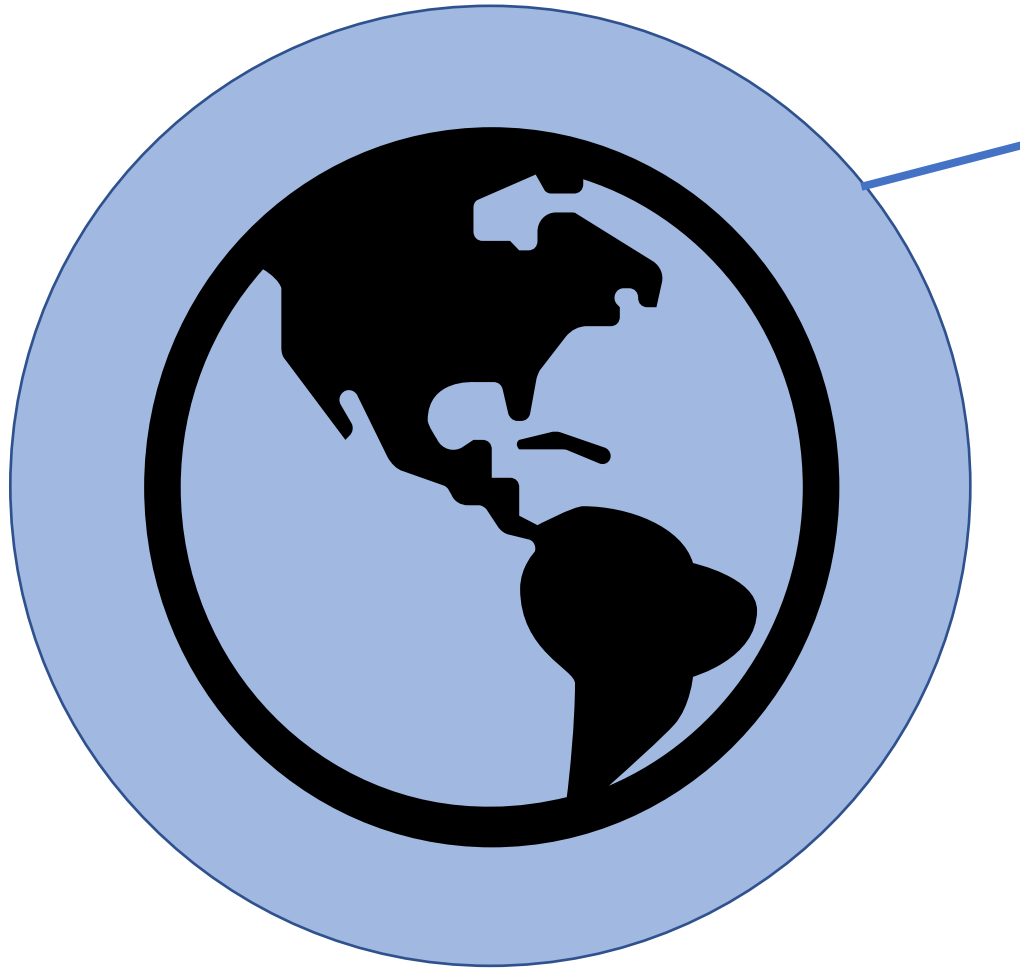


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Problem: \uparrow GHG \uparrow Temperature

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Global Warming Potential (GWP)

$$\text{CO}_2 = 1$$

$$\text{CH}_4 = 28 - 36$$

$$\text{N}_2\text{O} = 265 - 298$$

Trace Gases Cause Pollution and Odor



Trace gases in our environment don't just cause climate issues.

They can cause pollution (like ozone and particles) and odor.

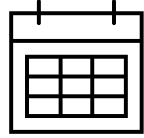
↓ visibility

↑ physical and mental health problems

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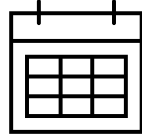


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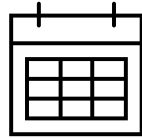


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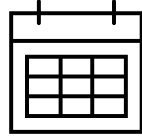


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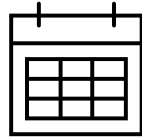


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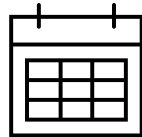
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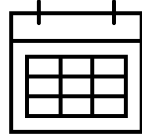


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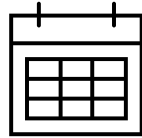


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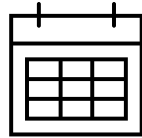
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What is a disadvantaged community?



Disadvantaged communities are objectively defined with 20 parameters in 4 categories.



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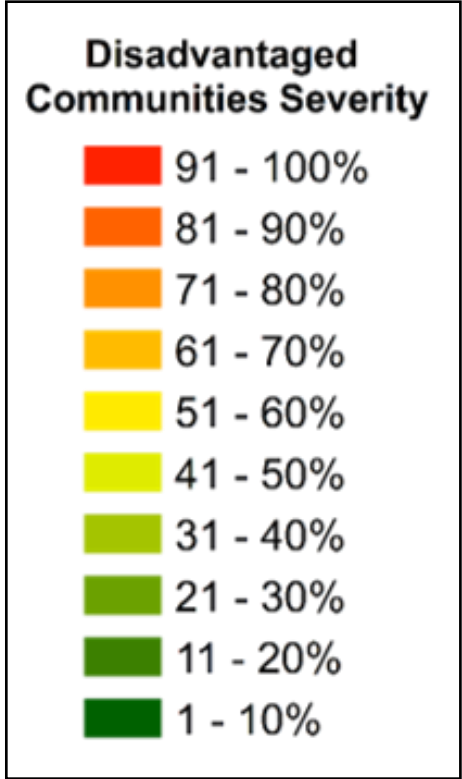
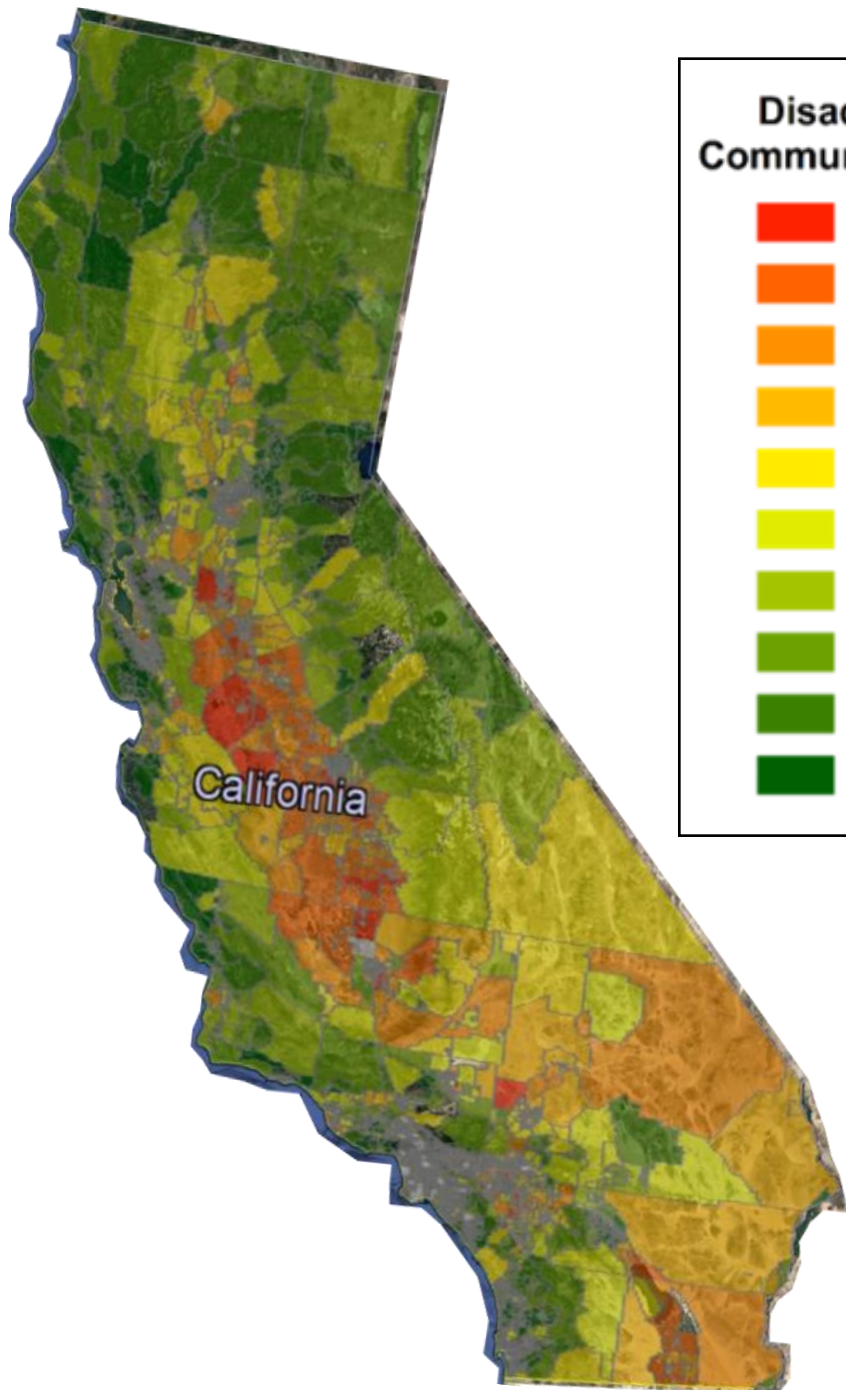
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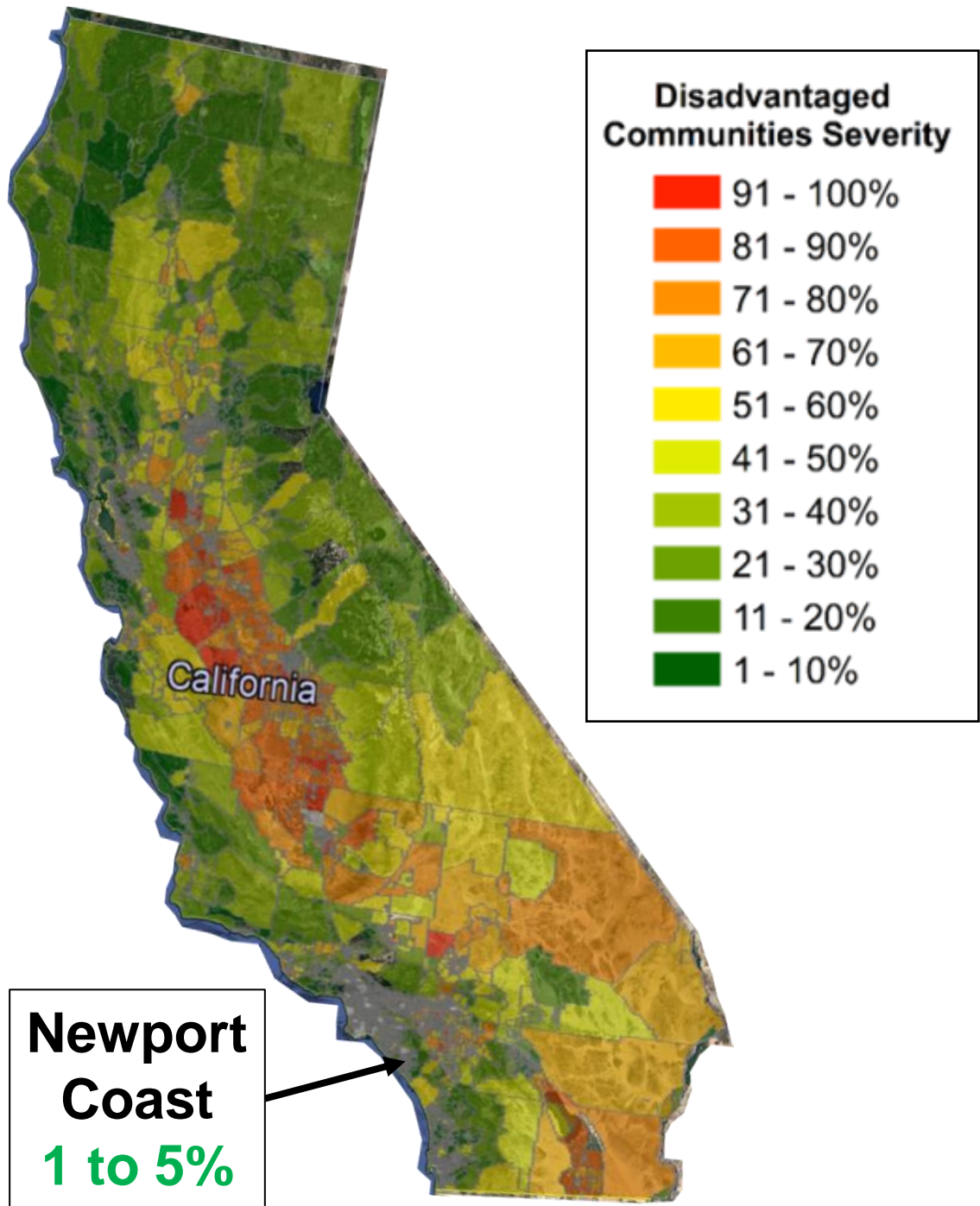
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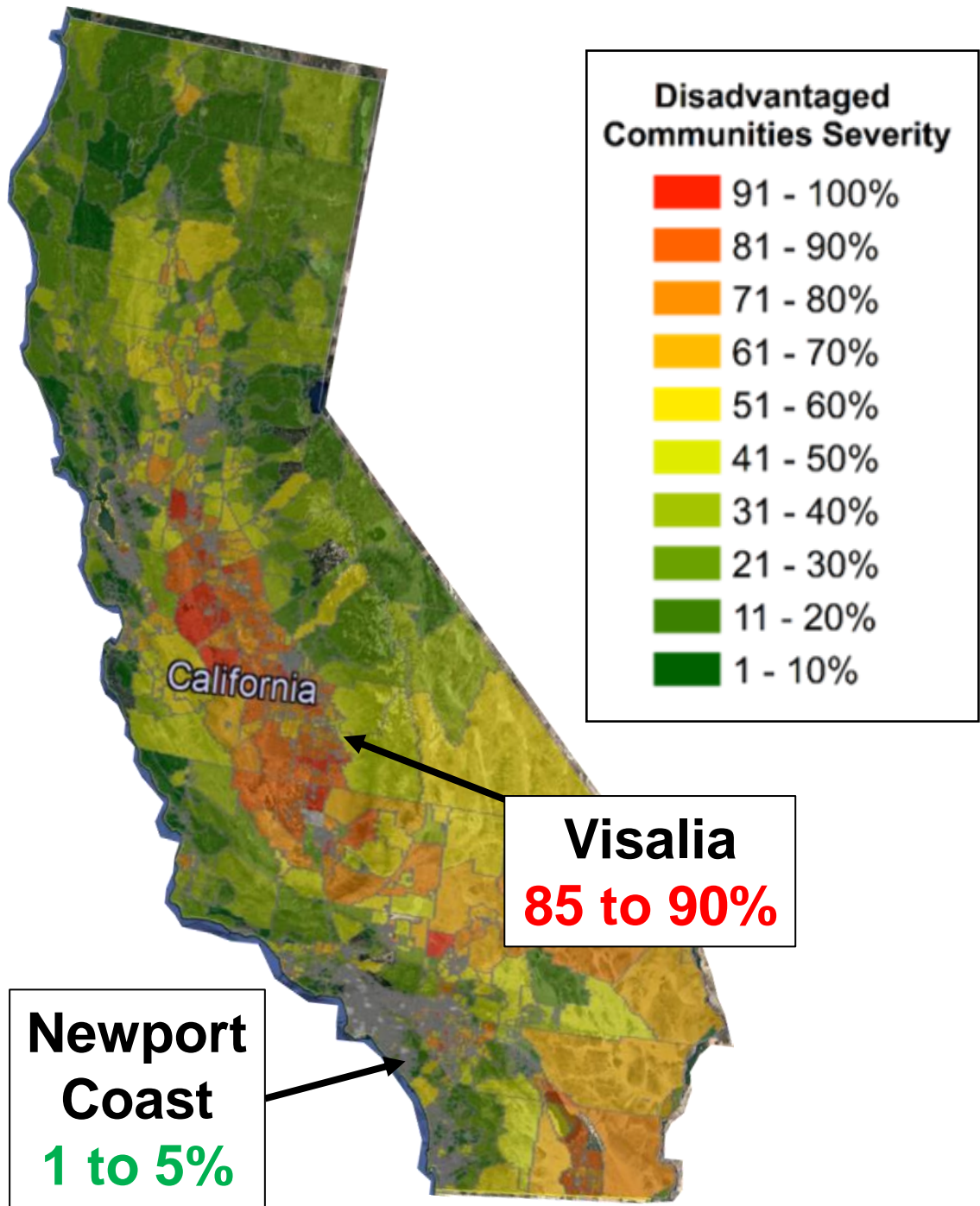
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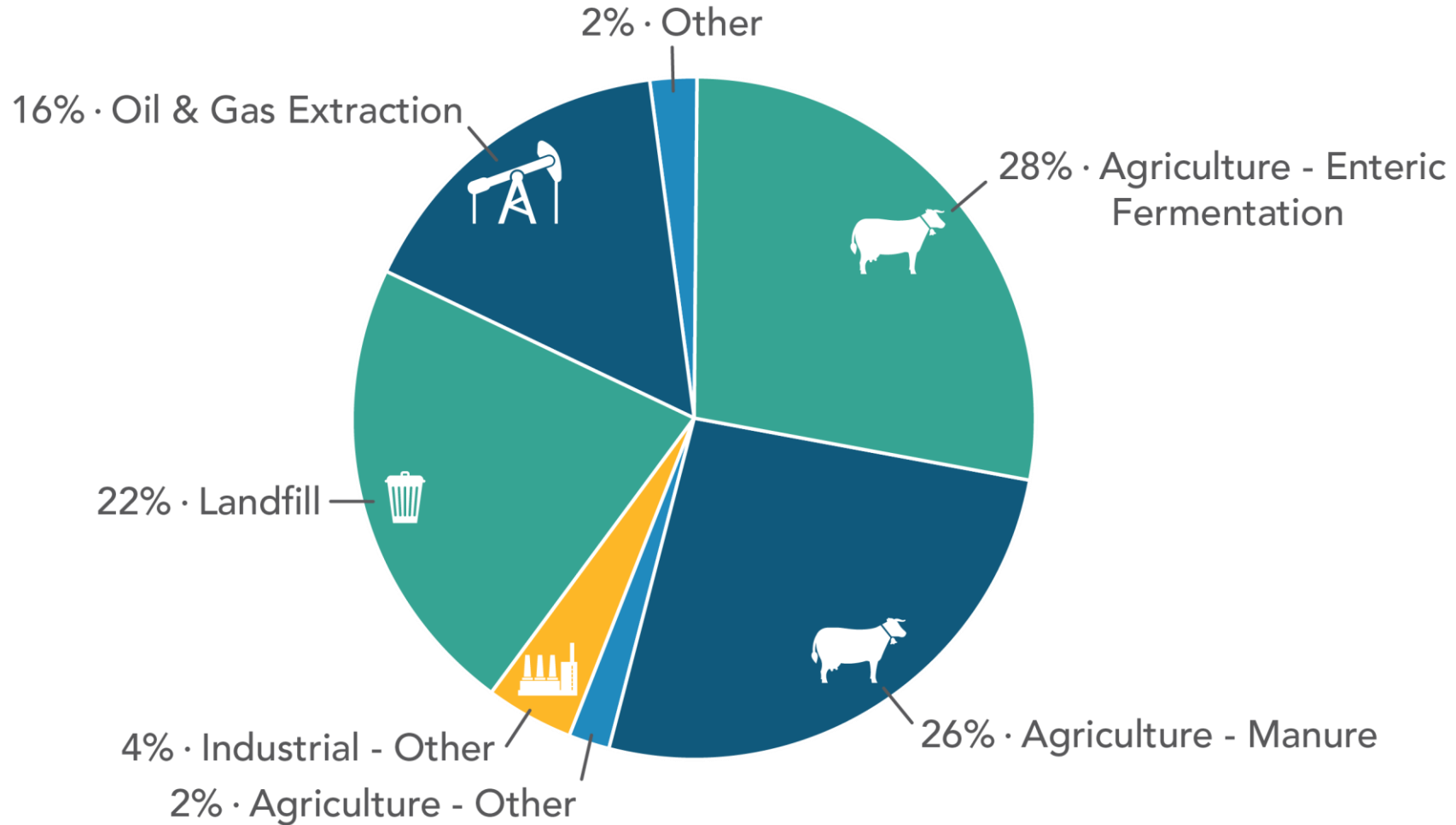
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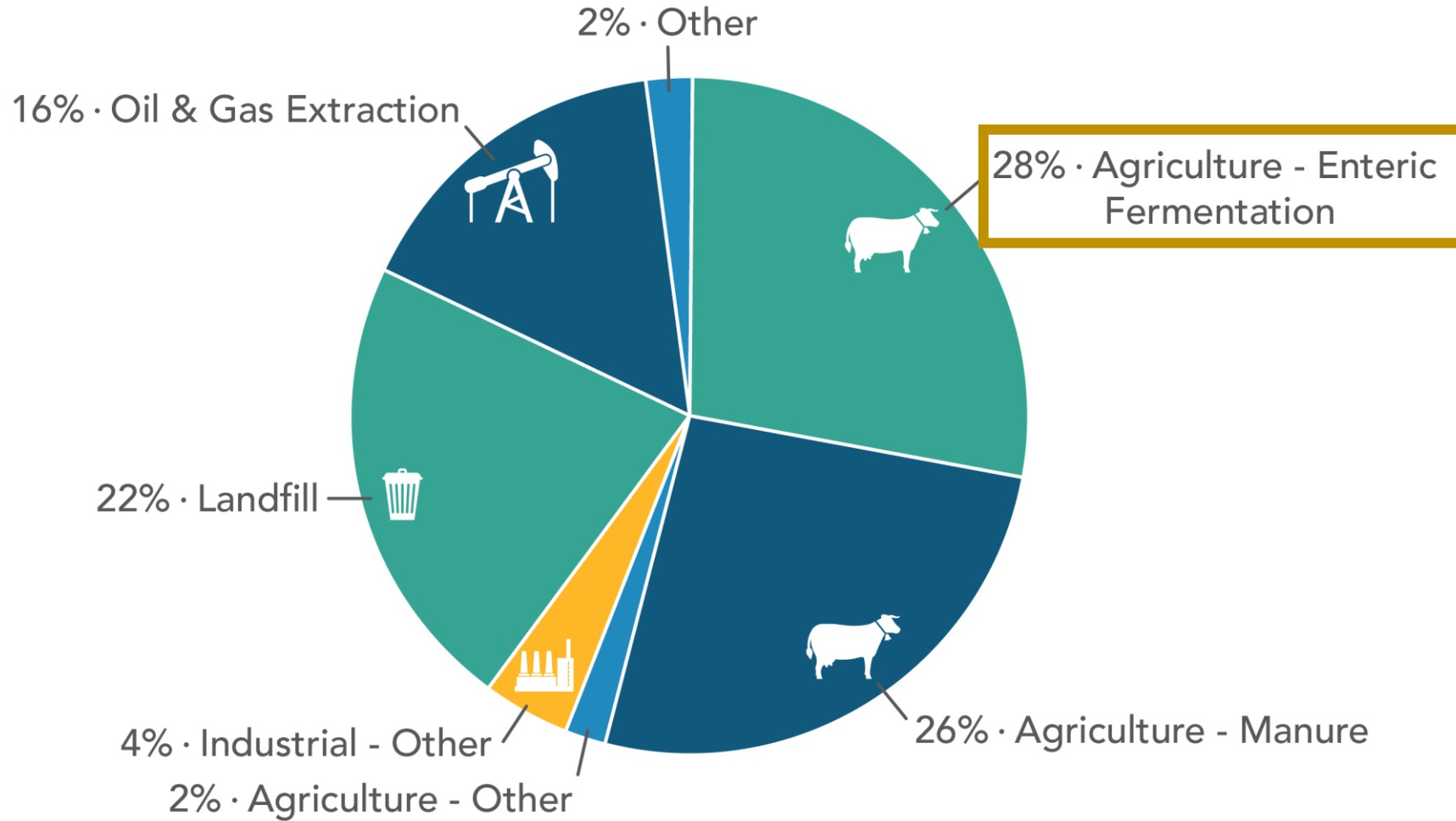
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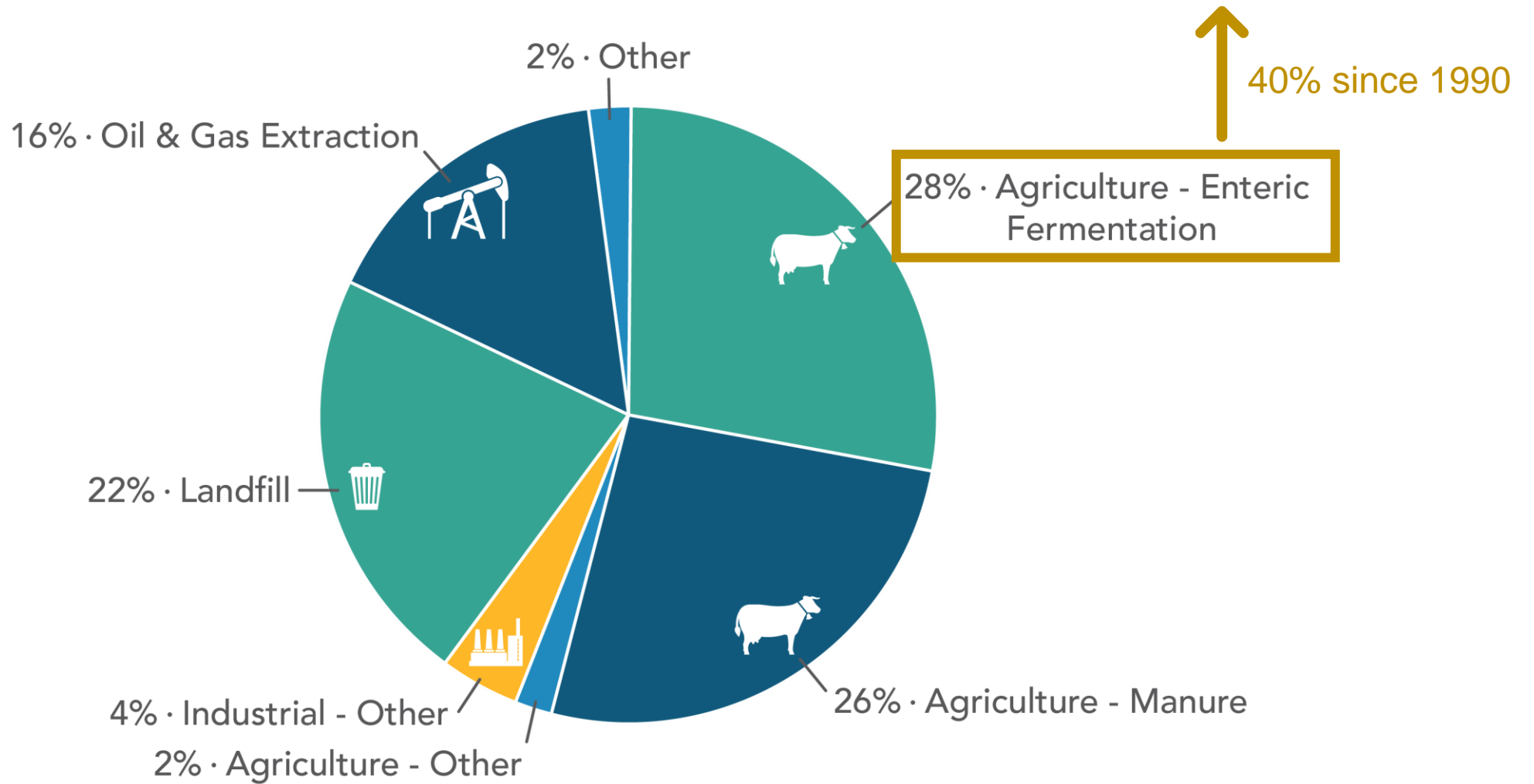
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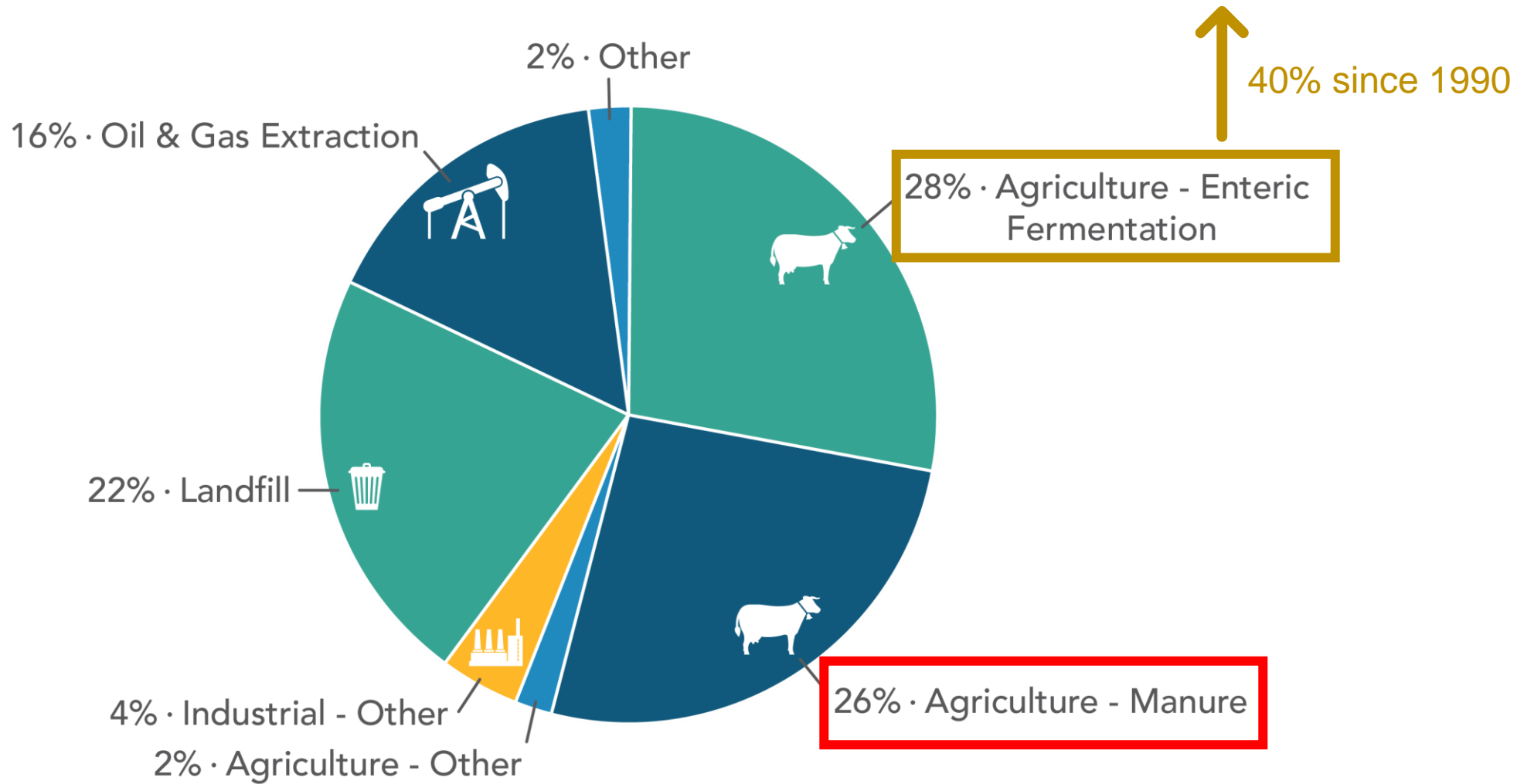
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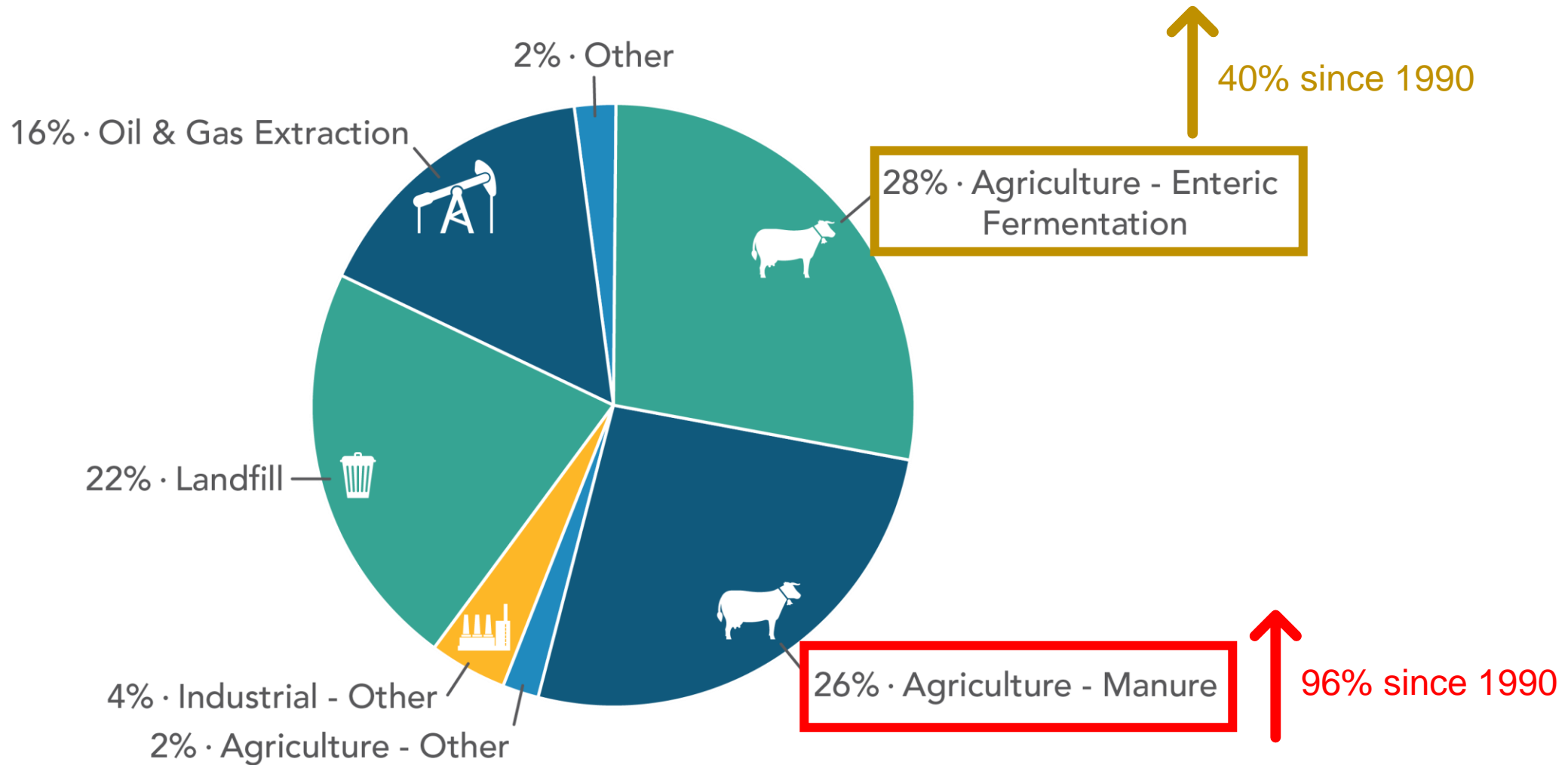
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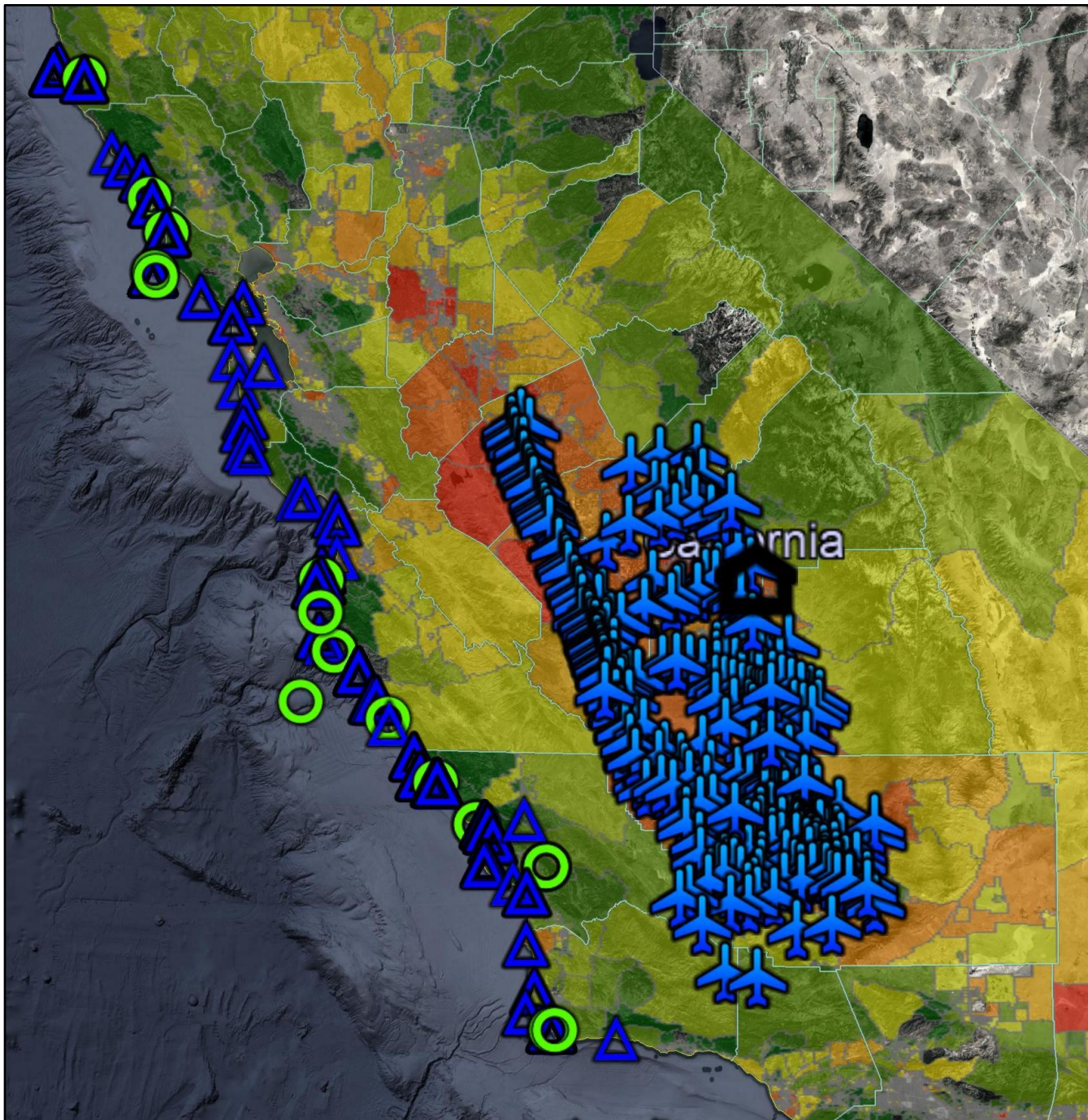
1. Dairy farm in Visalia, California

- Collect air samples upwind, downwind, on-site locations
- Explore seasonality
- Emissions and effect on communities

2. Remote and Airborne Data

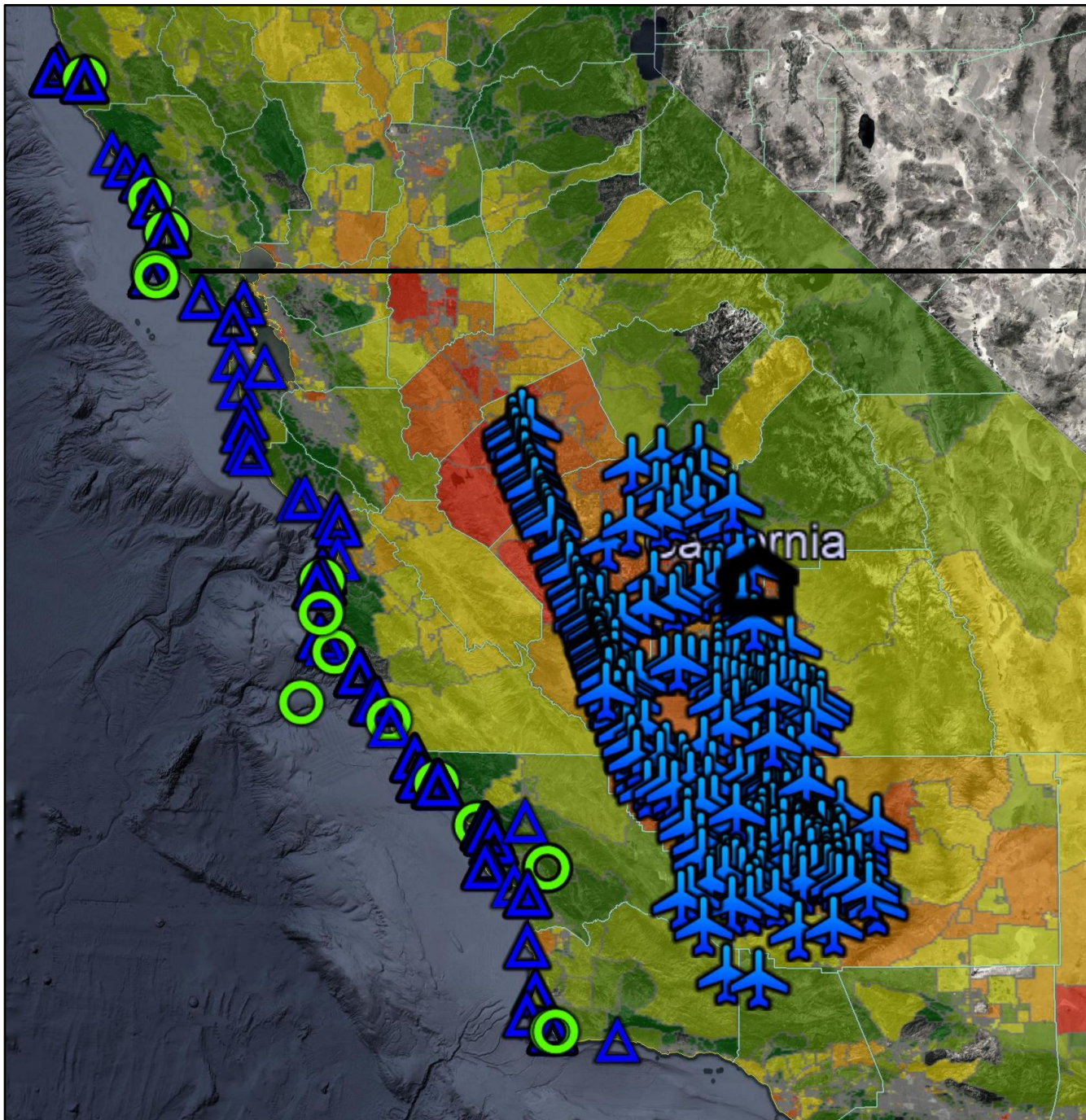
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- Effect of dairies on regional air quality

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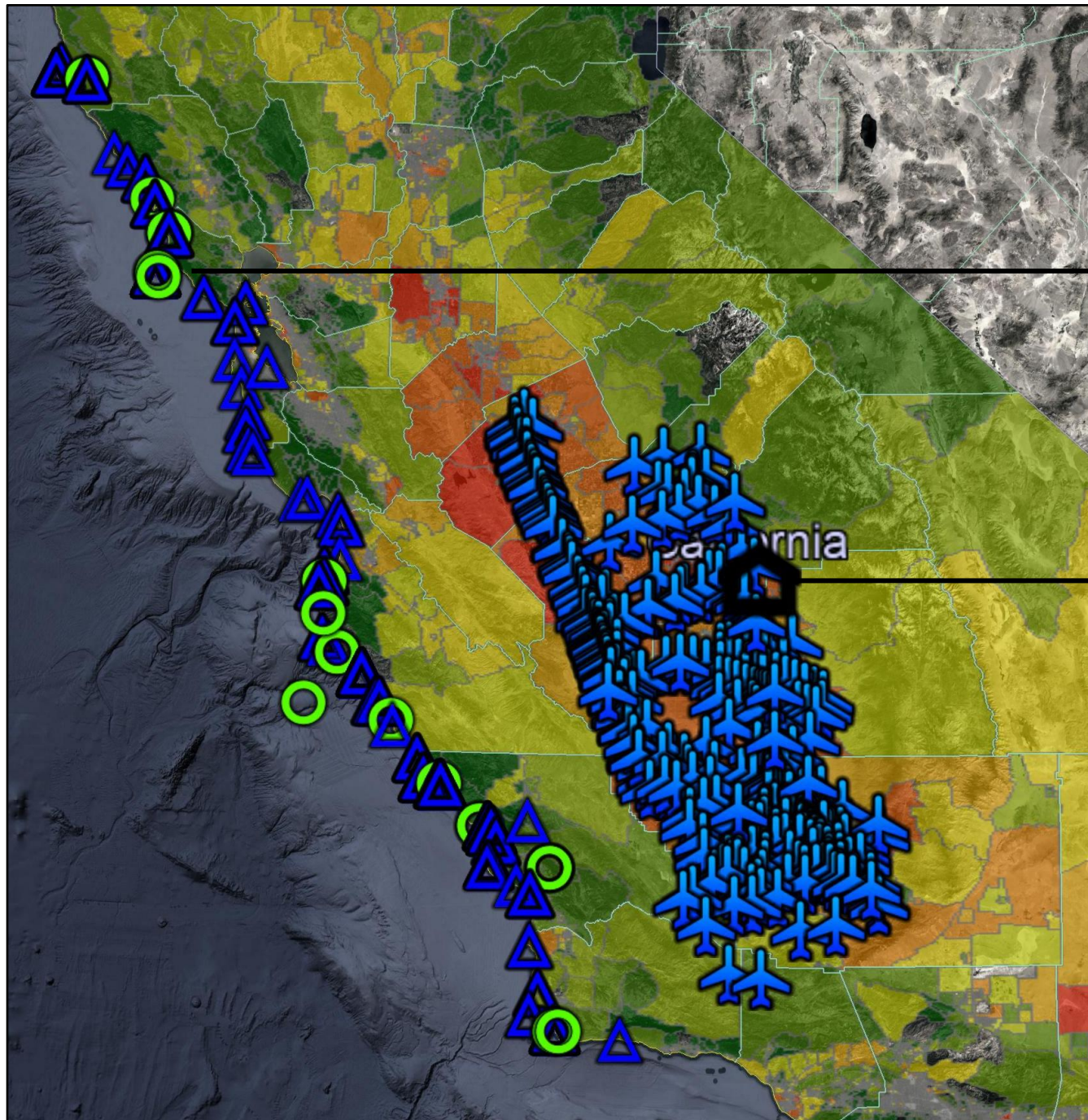


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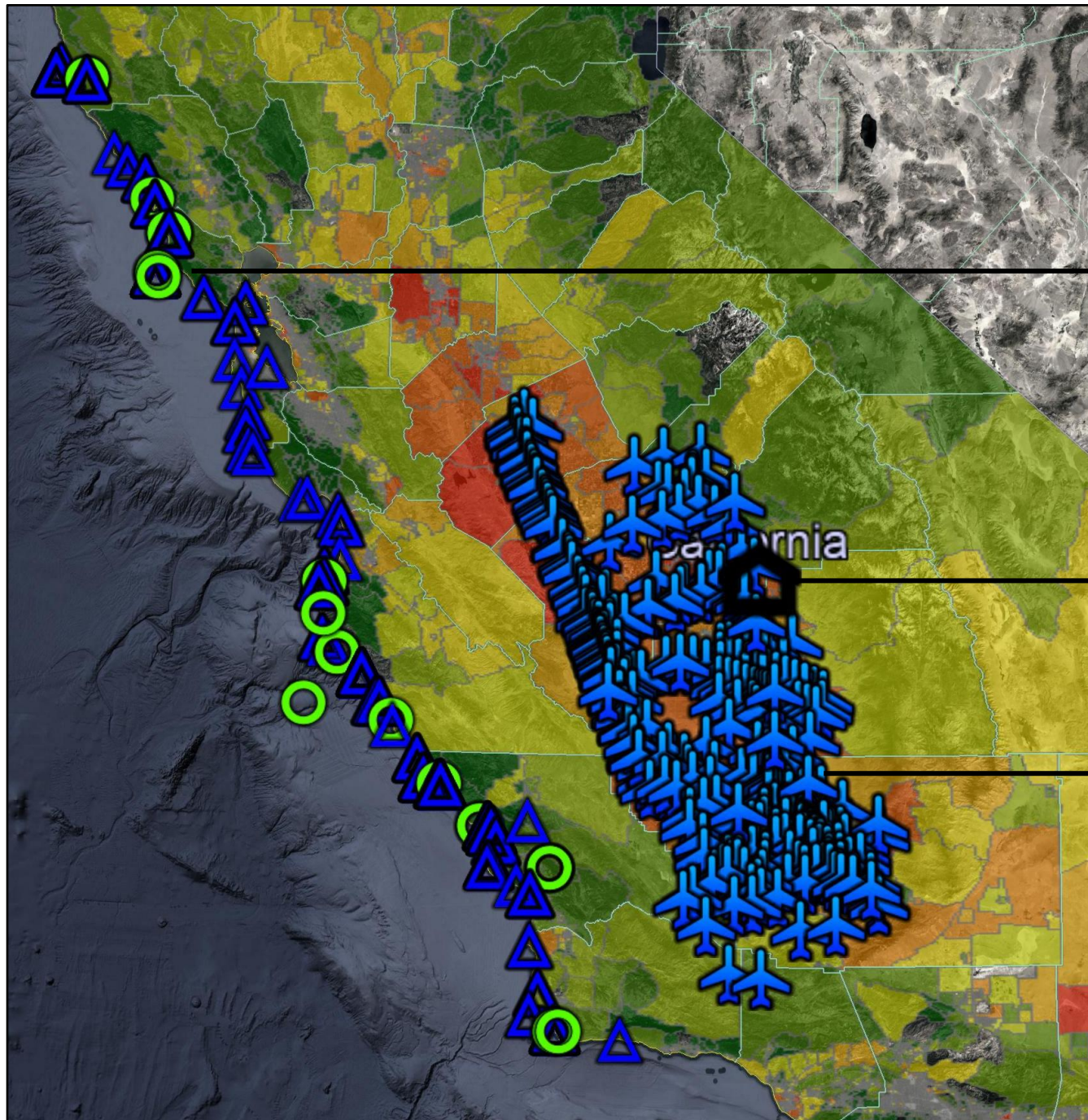
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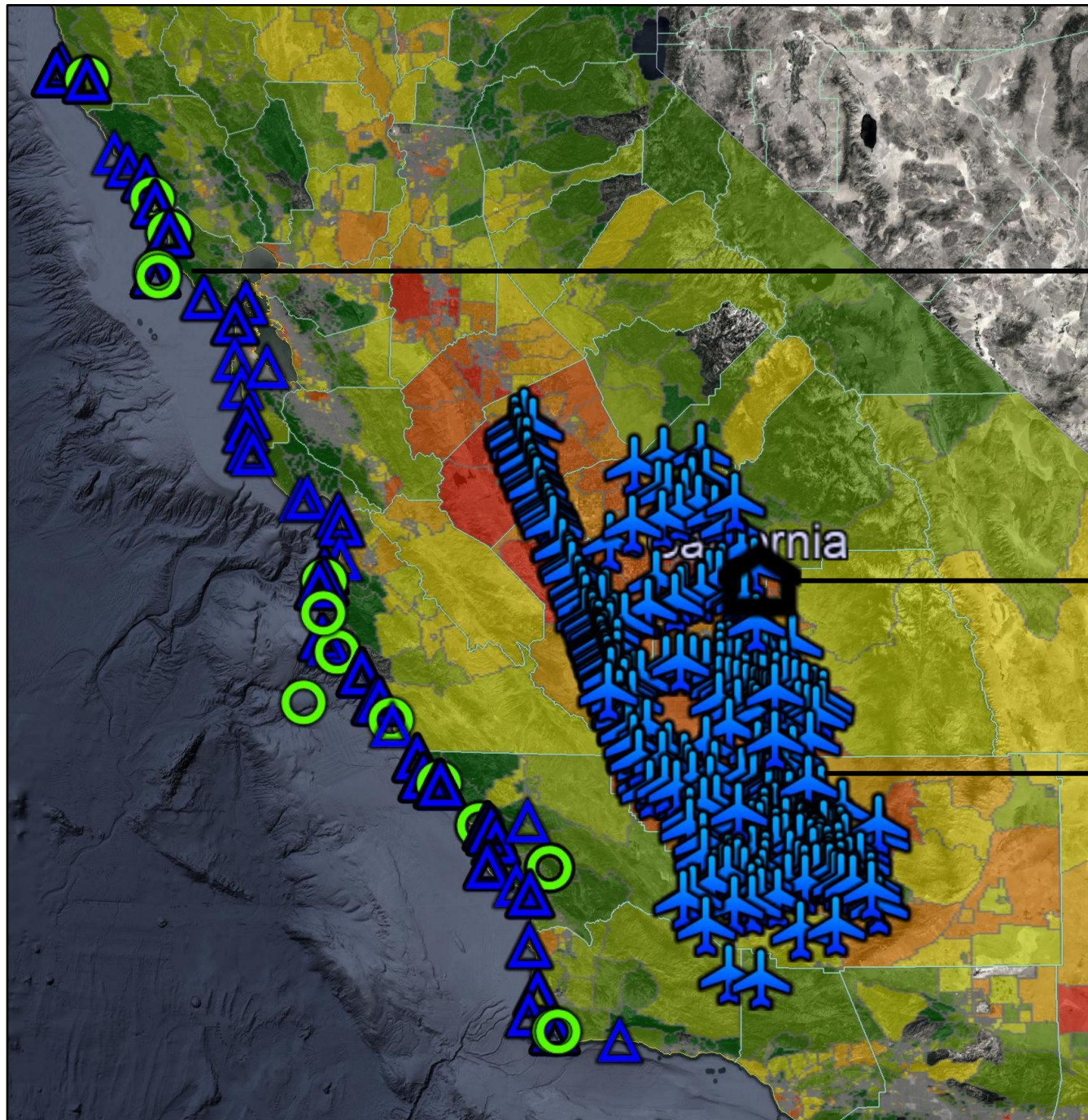


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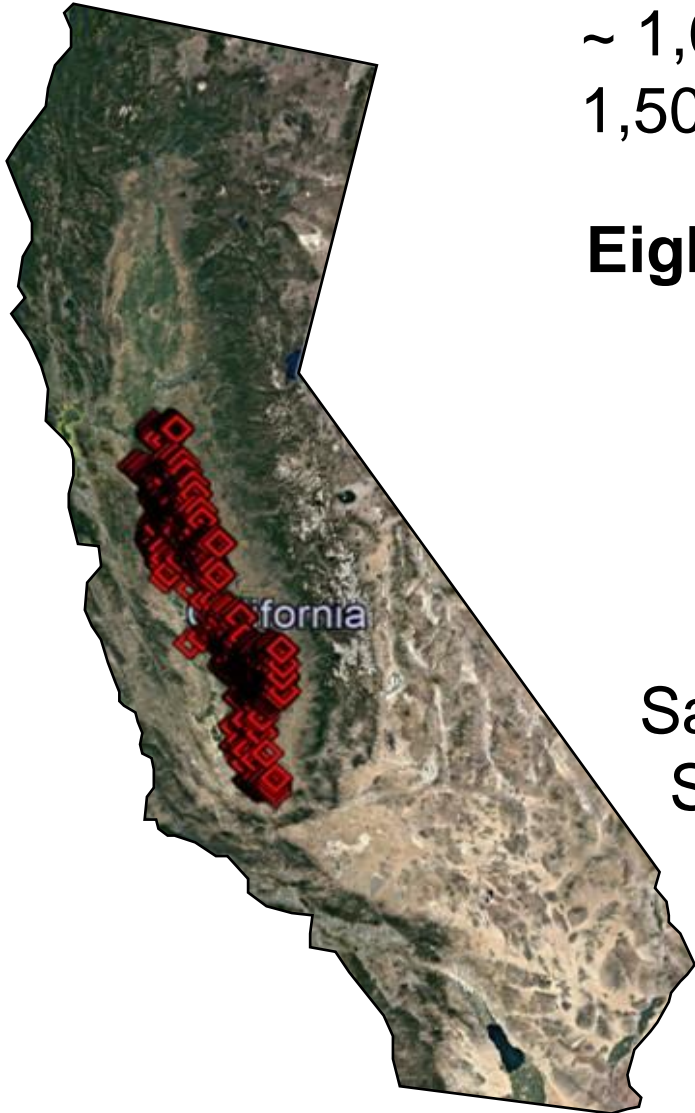
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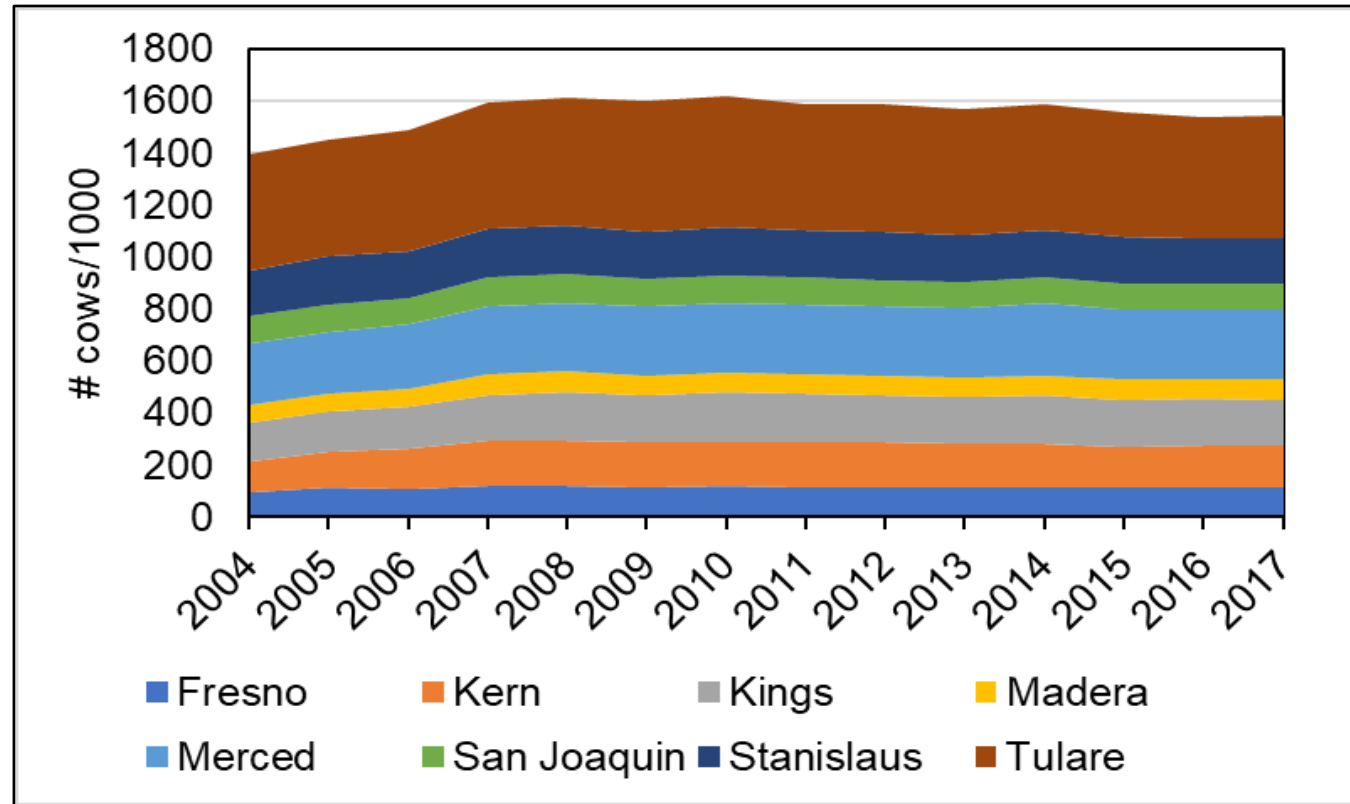
Anatomy of the San Joaquin Valley

~ 1,012 dairy farms in the San Joaquin Valley (SJV)
1,505,000 dairy cows

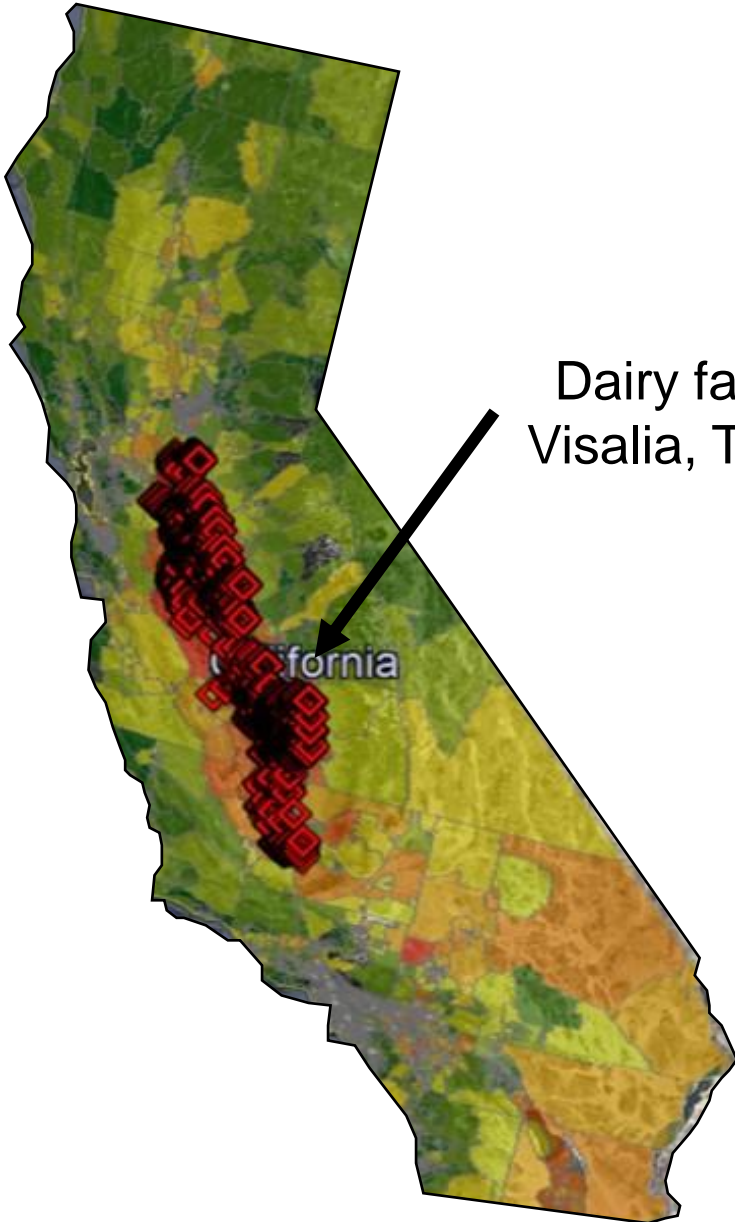


Eight counties:

- Fresno
- Kern
- Kings
- Madera
- Merced
- San Joaquin
- Stanislaus
- Tulare



Visalia Dairy Farm



Dairy farm for this study
Visalia, Tulare County, CA

Cows:

3,106 milk cows
386 dry cows
2,985 heifers

Campaigns (359 air samples):

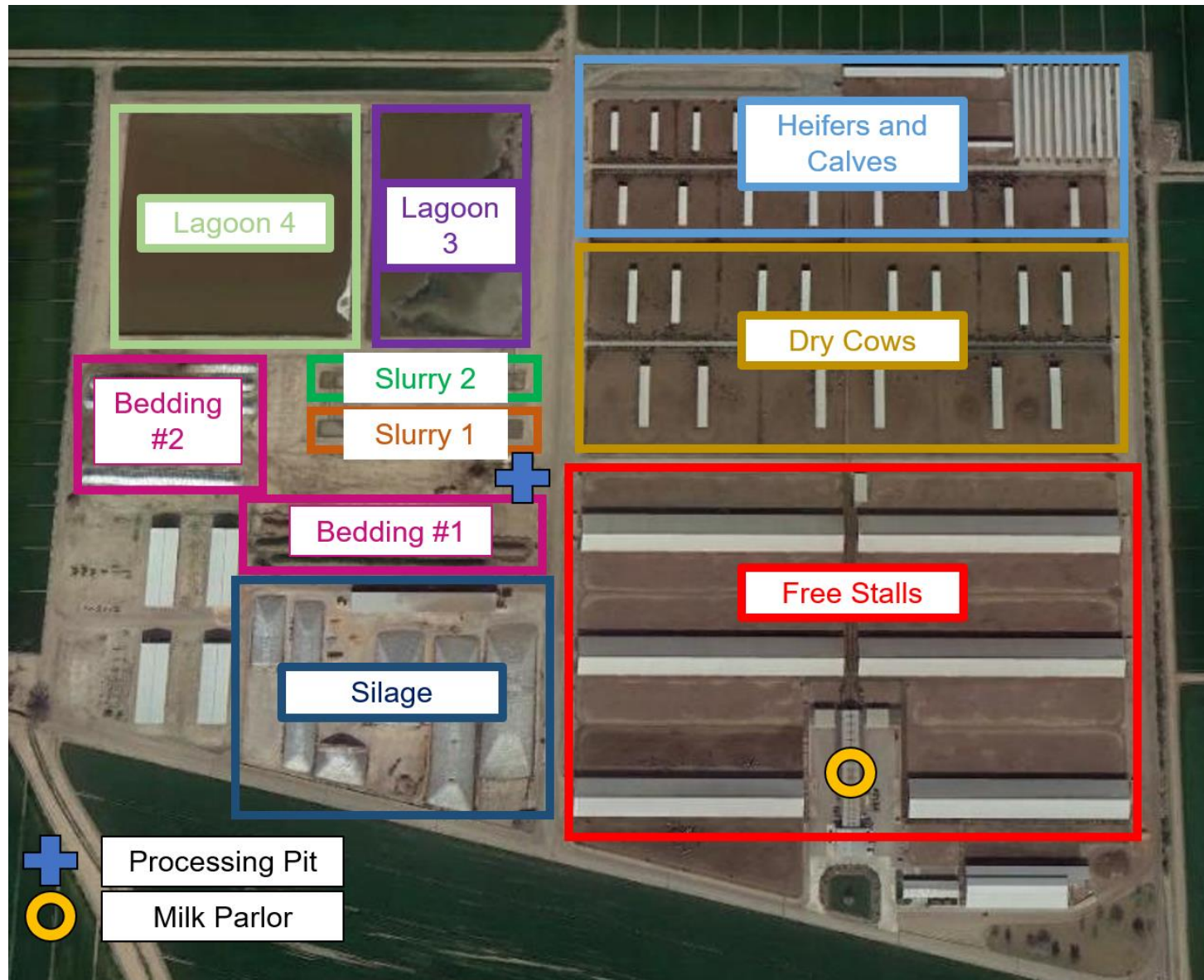
September 2018
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January 2020

CalEnviroScreen Score: 85 – 90% (disadvantaged)

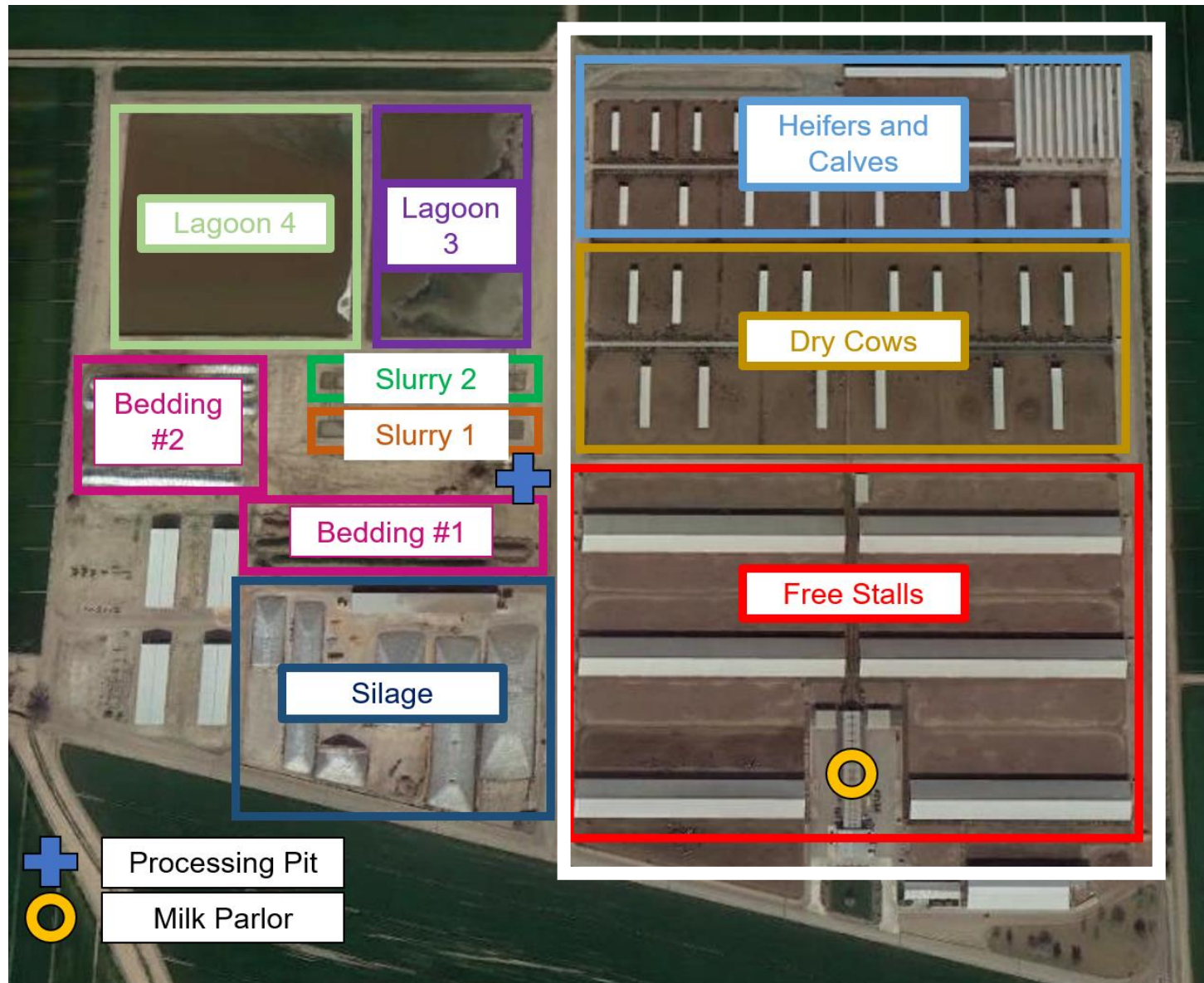
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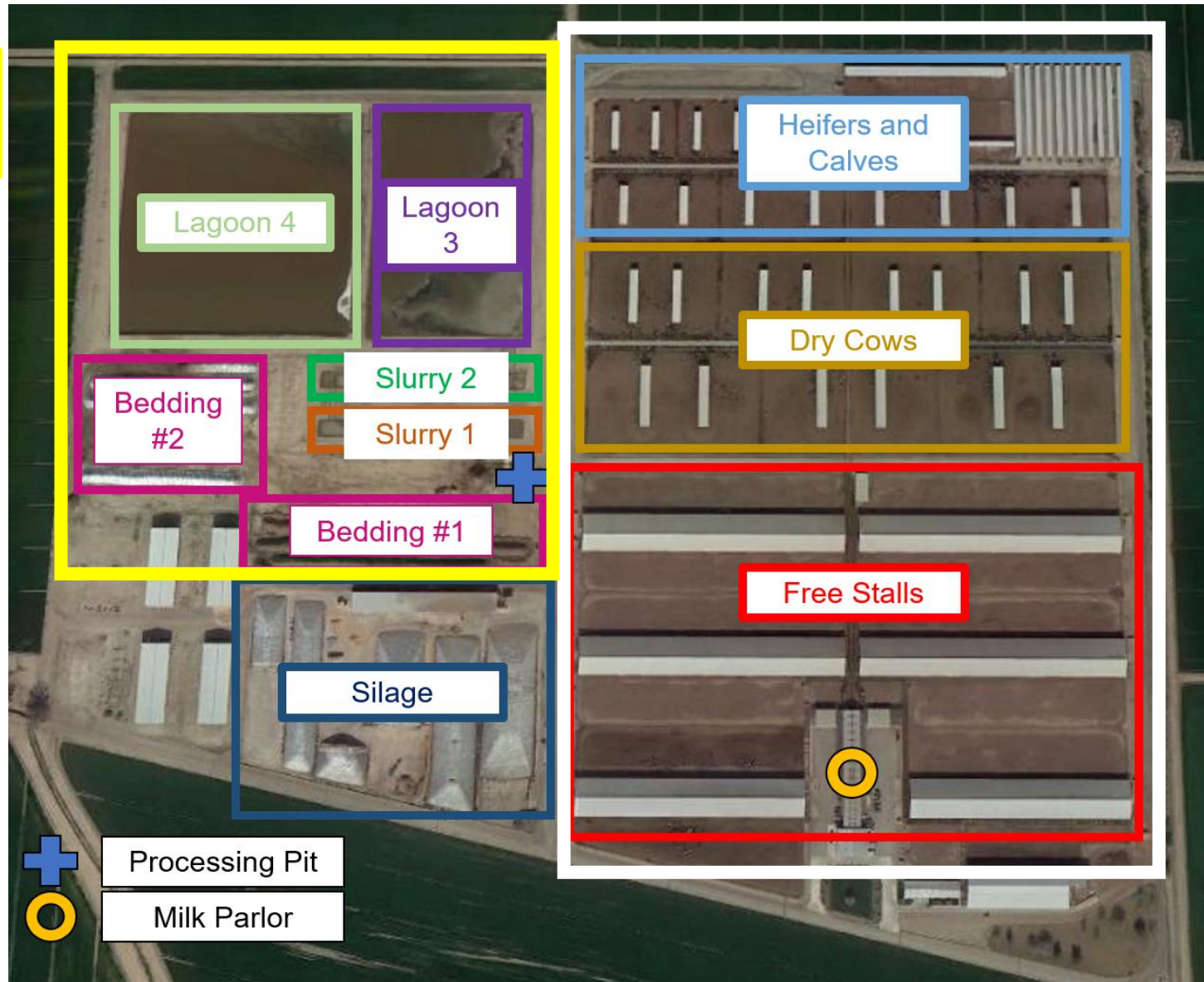
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Manure Emissions:
Decomposition

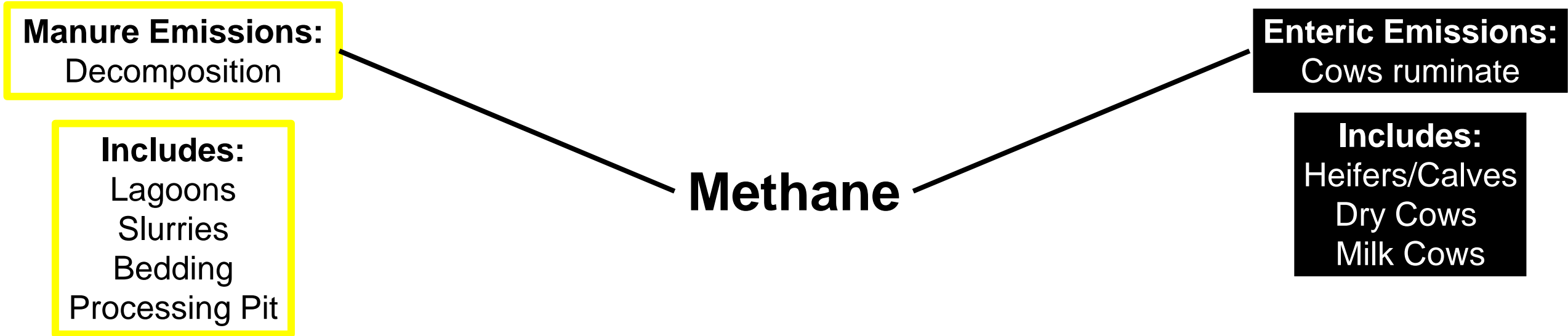
Includes:
Lagoons
Slurries
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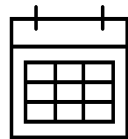
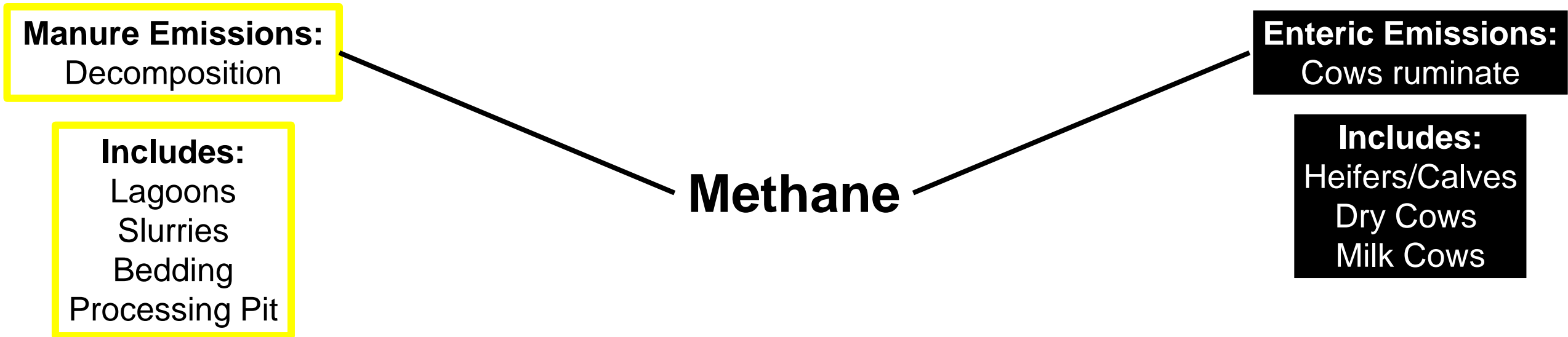
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2016: Senate Bill 1383

- Decrease methane to 40% below 2013 levels by 2030
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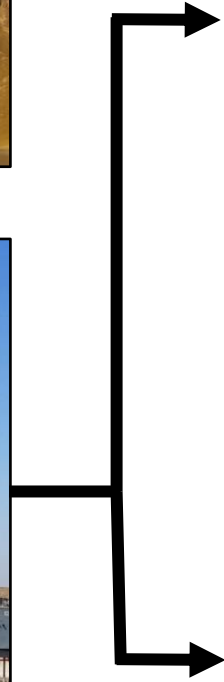
Dairy farms make a lot of methane.

Farmers, who live in disadvantaged communities, will be fined for these emissions starting in 2024.

Manure Management at the Dairy



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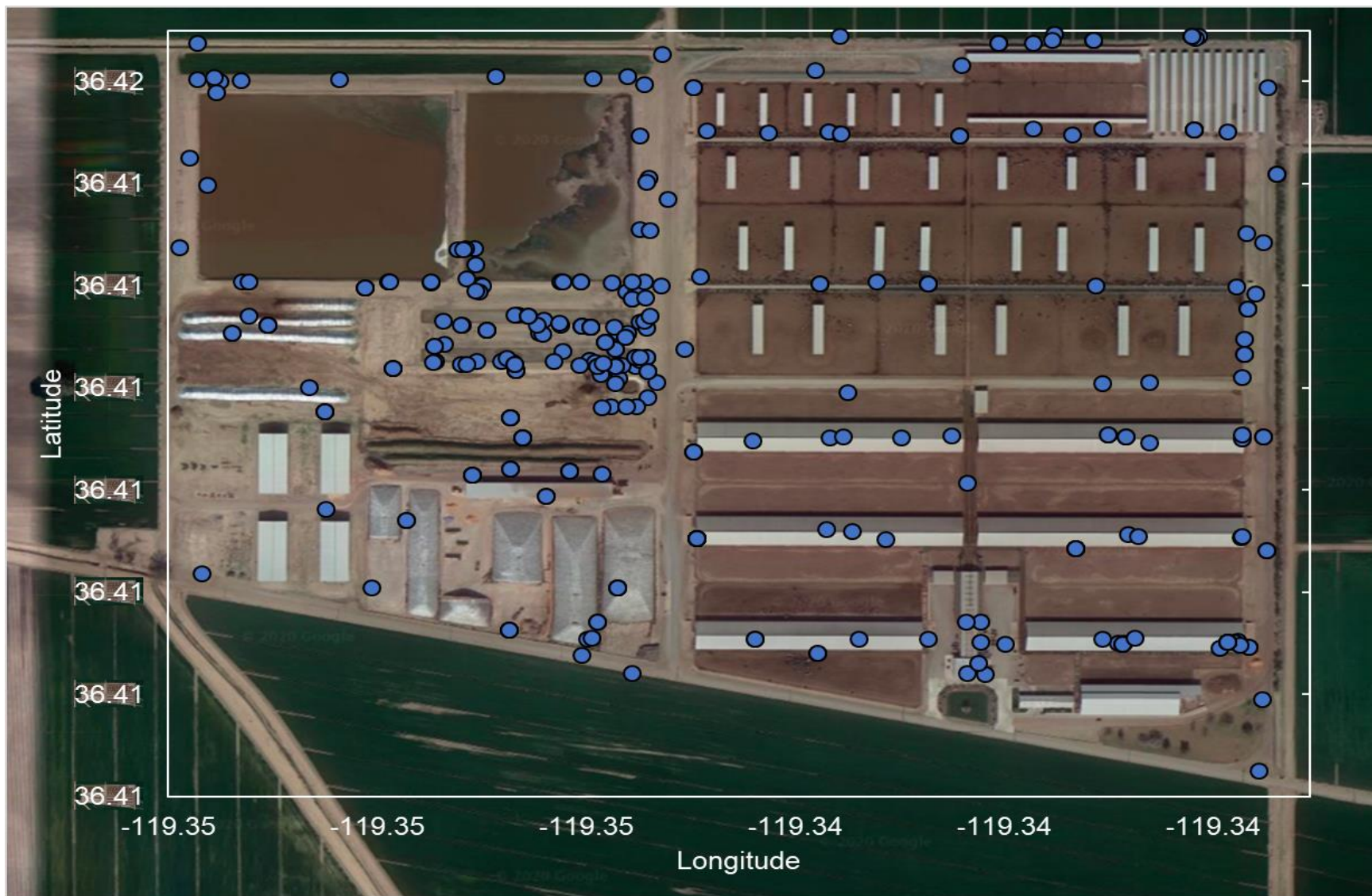
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Collect air sample

- Samples collected in 2-liter, evacuated, stainless steel canisters
- Variety of sample locations (e.g., upwind, downwind)

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Mobile lab

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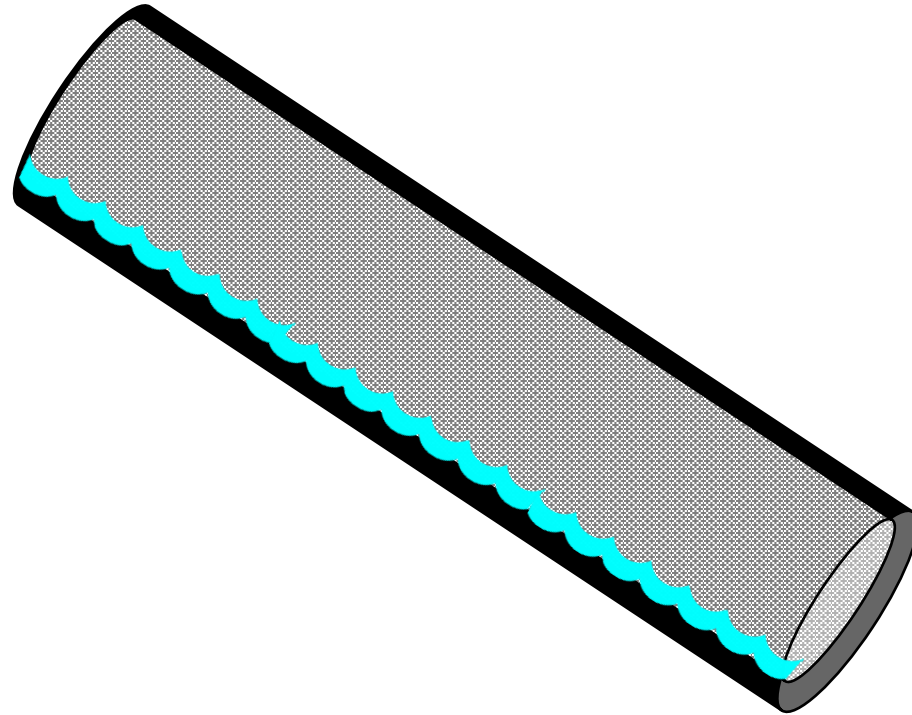
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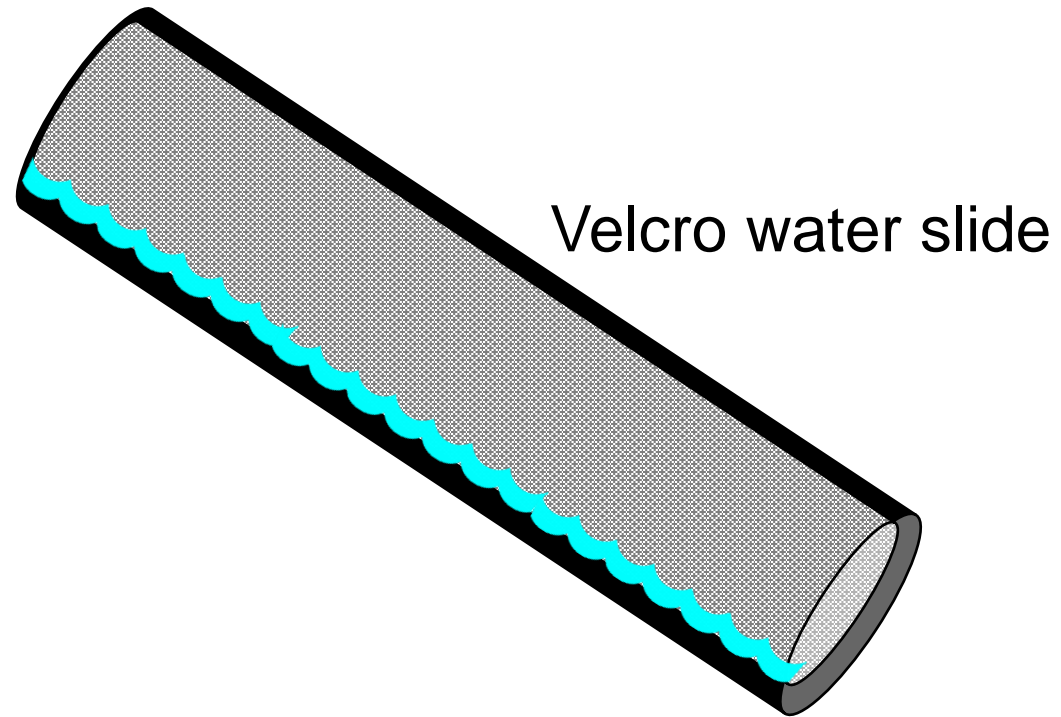
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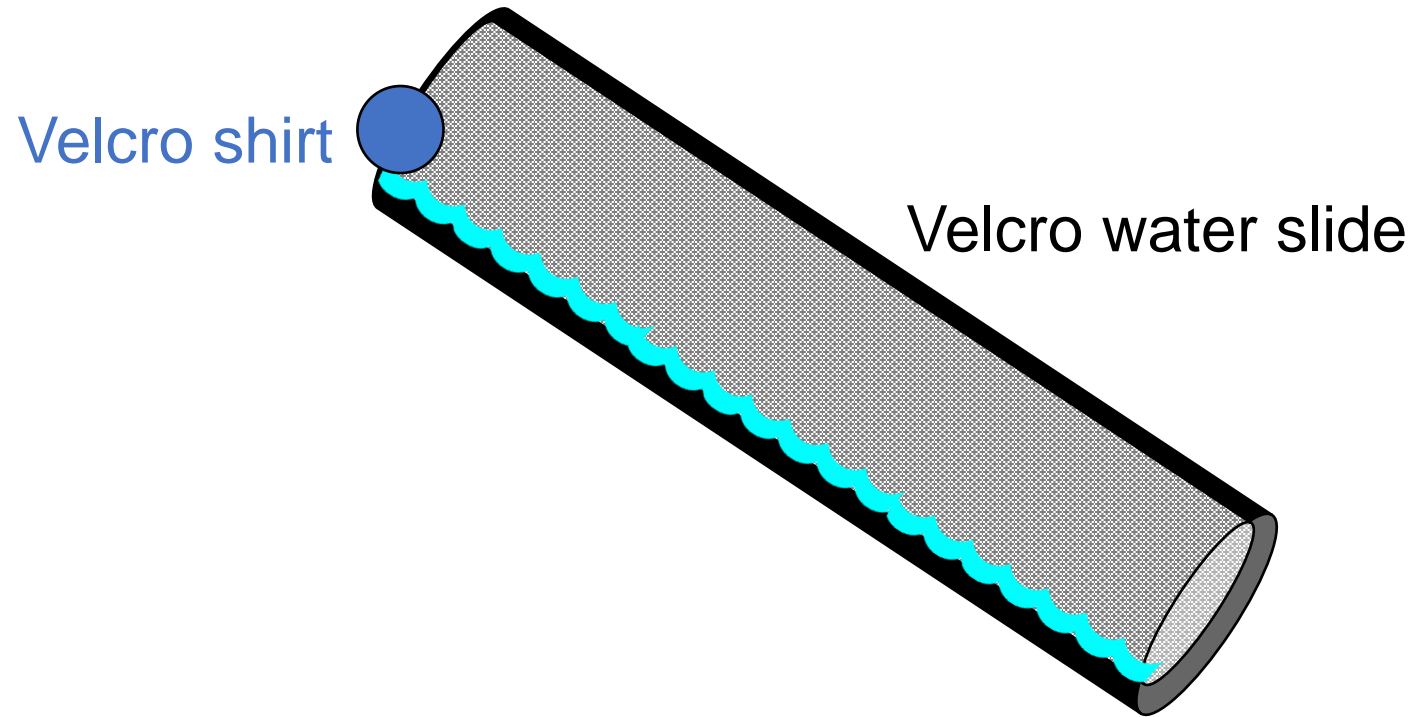
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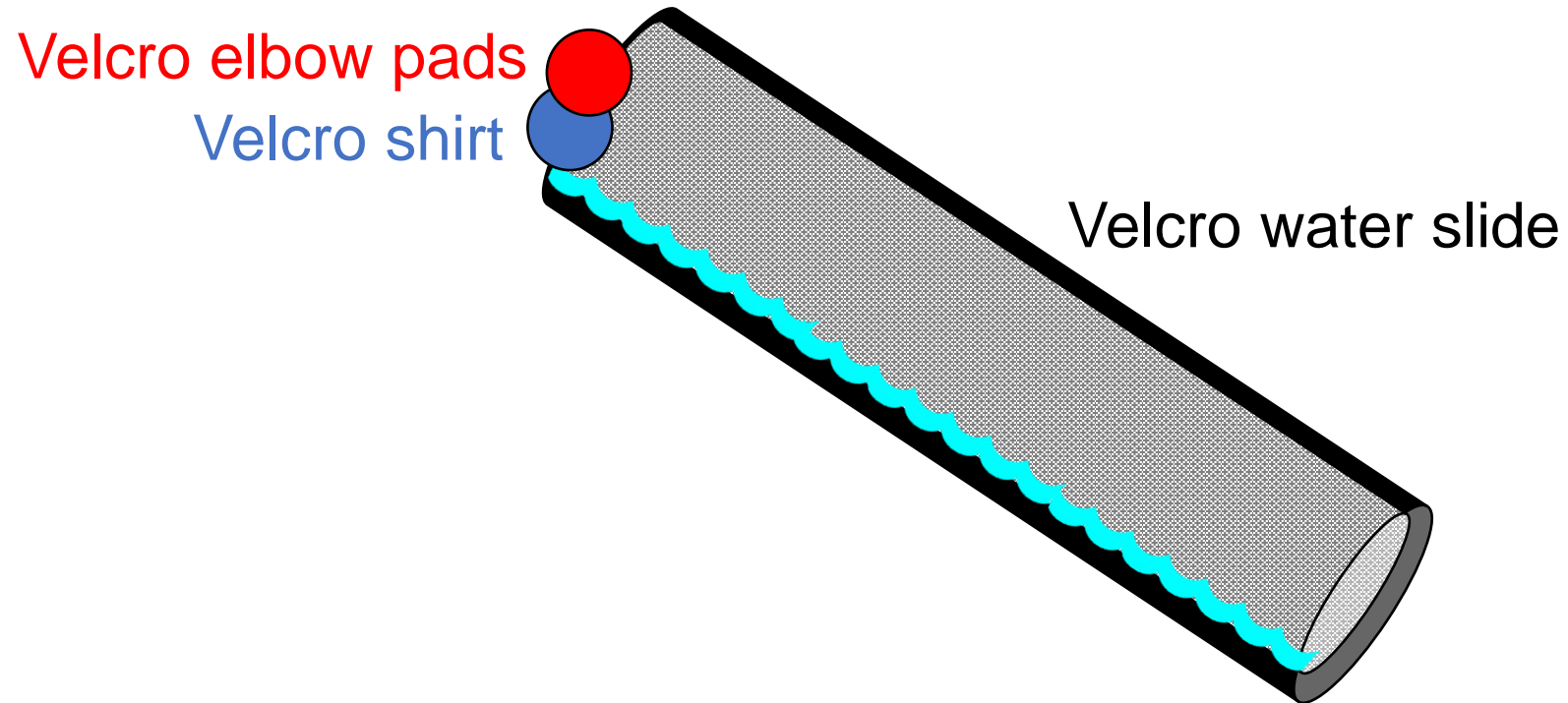
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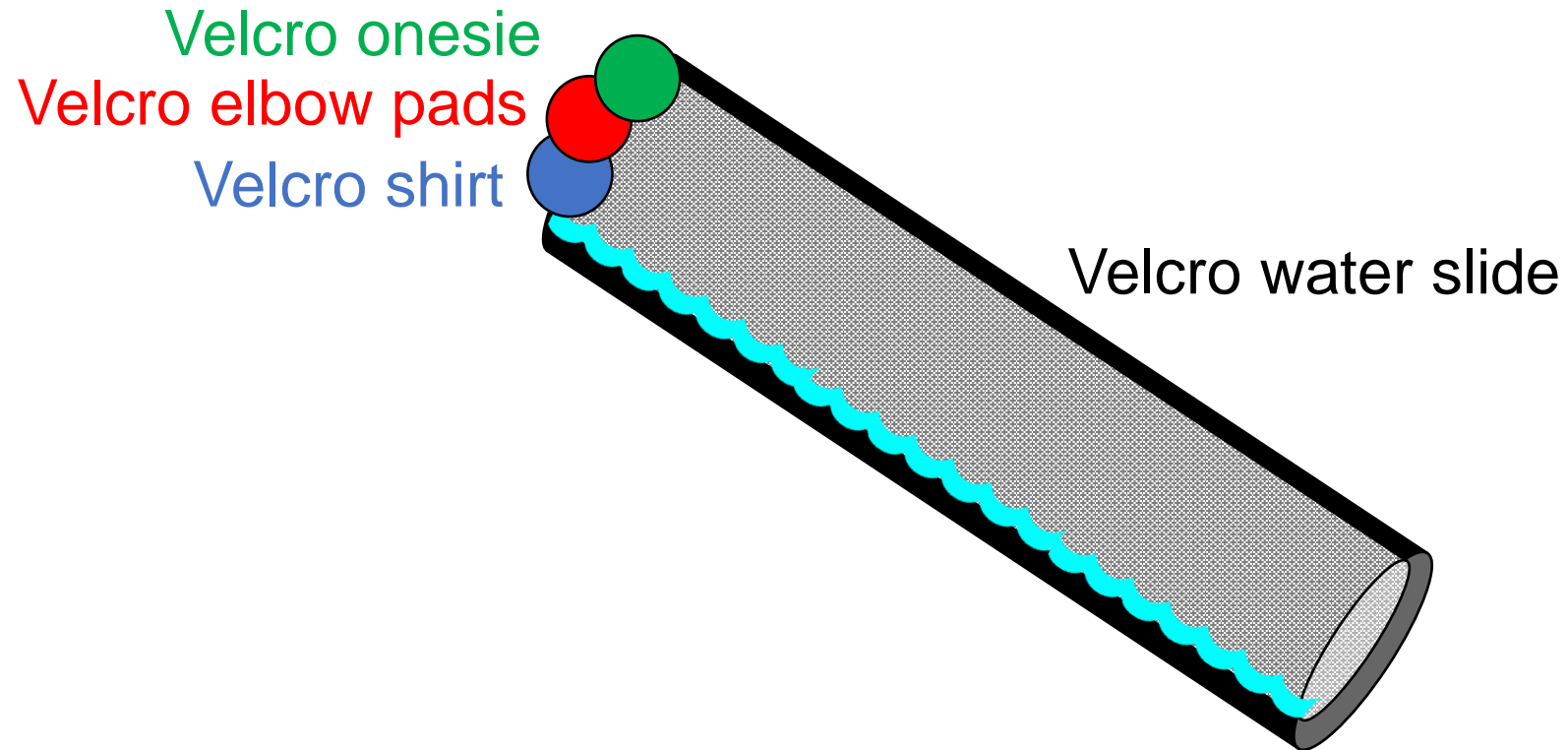
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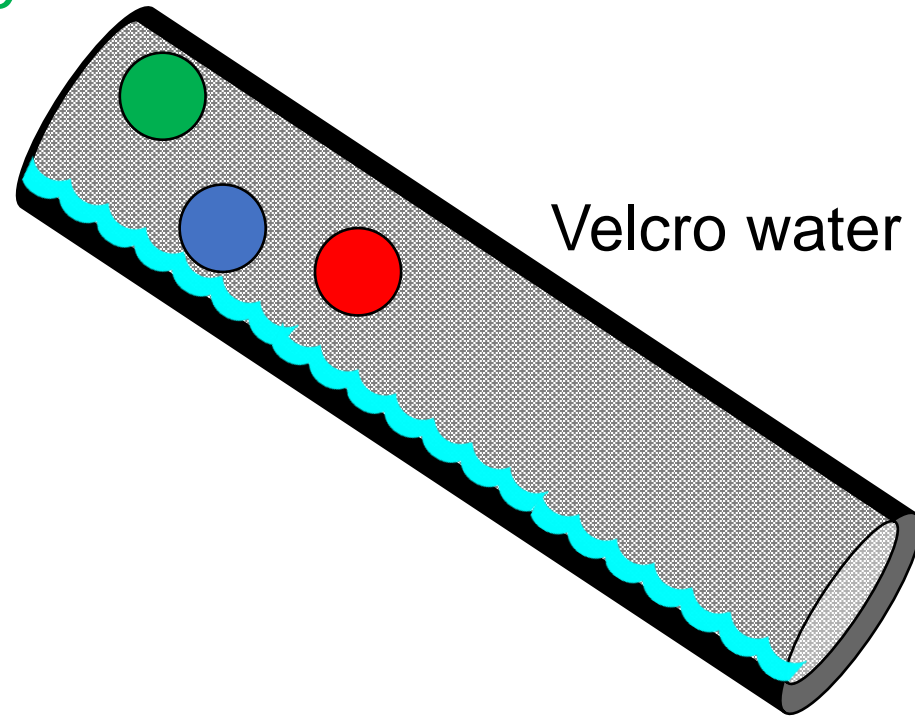


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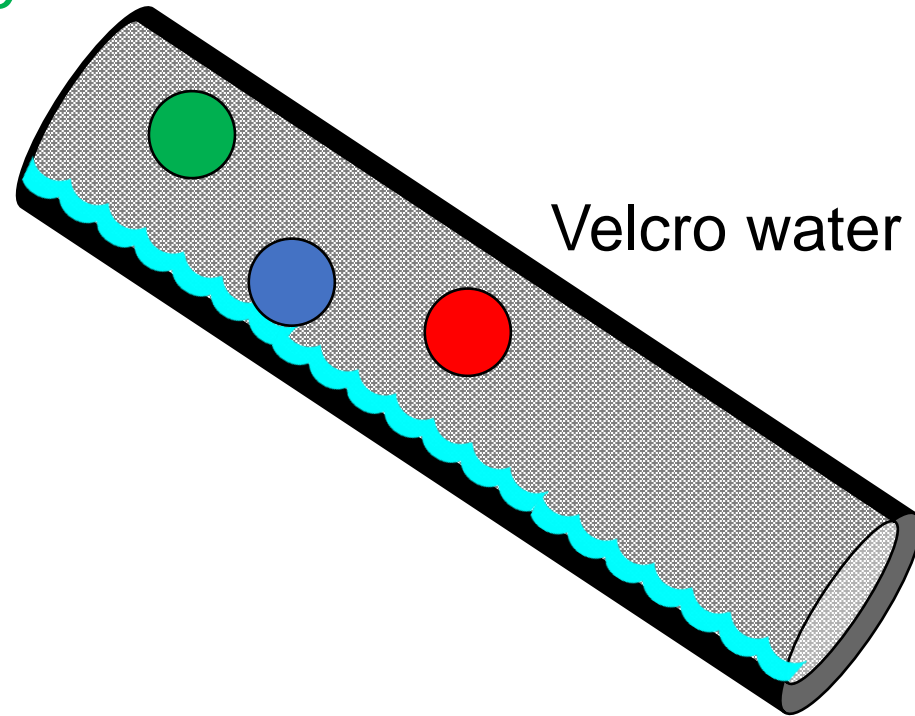
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Velcro water slide

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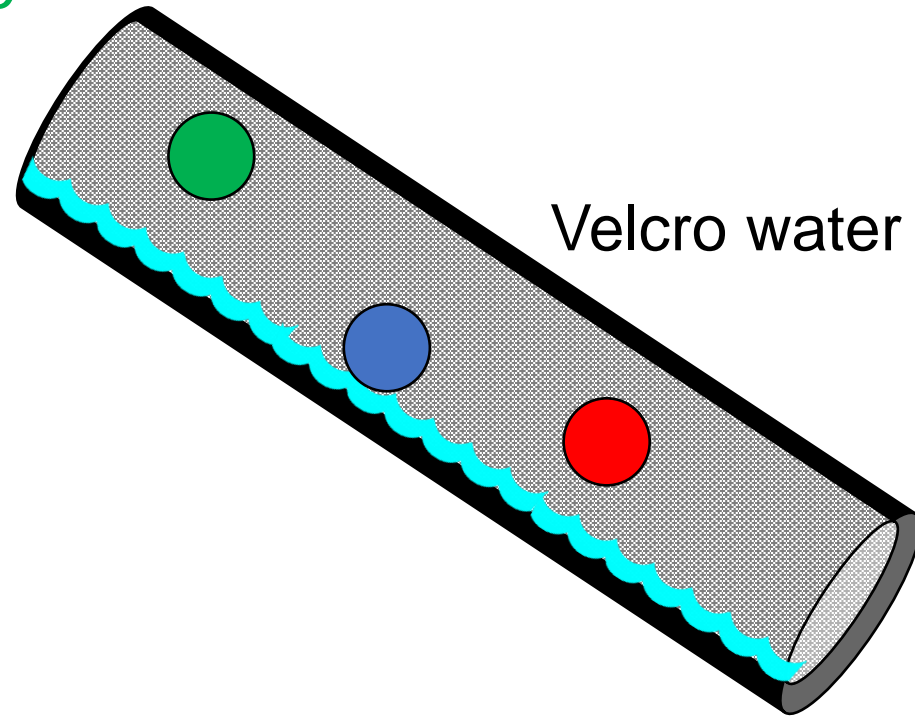
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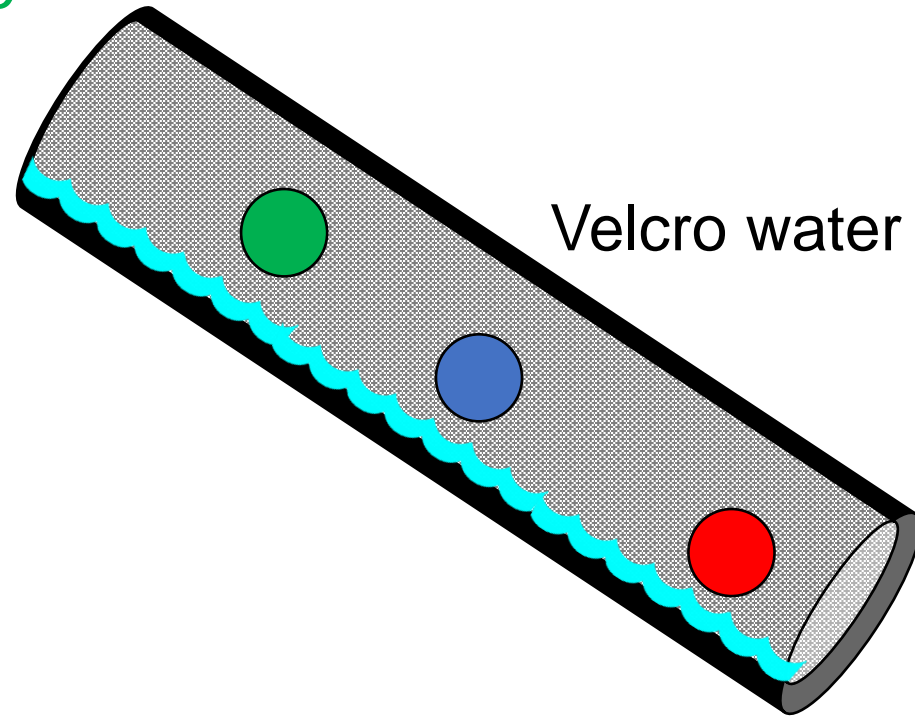
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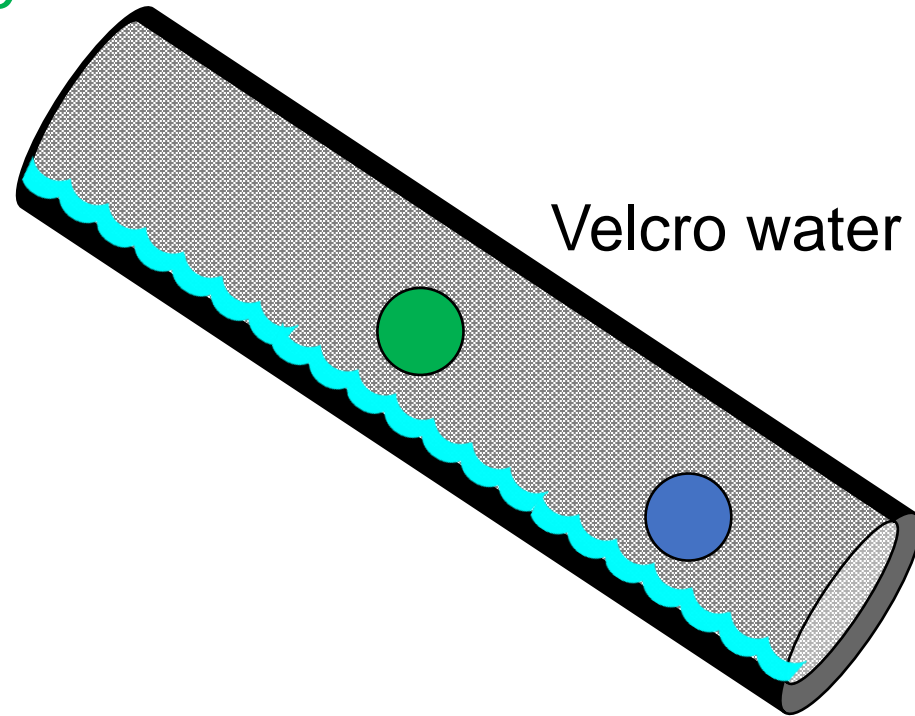
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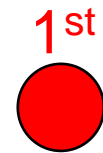
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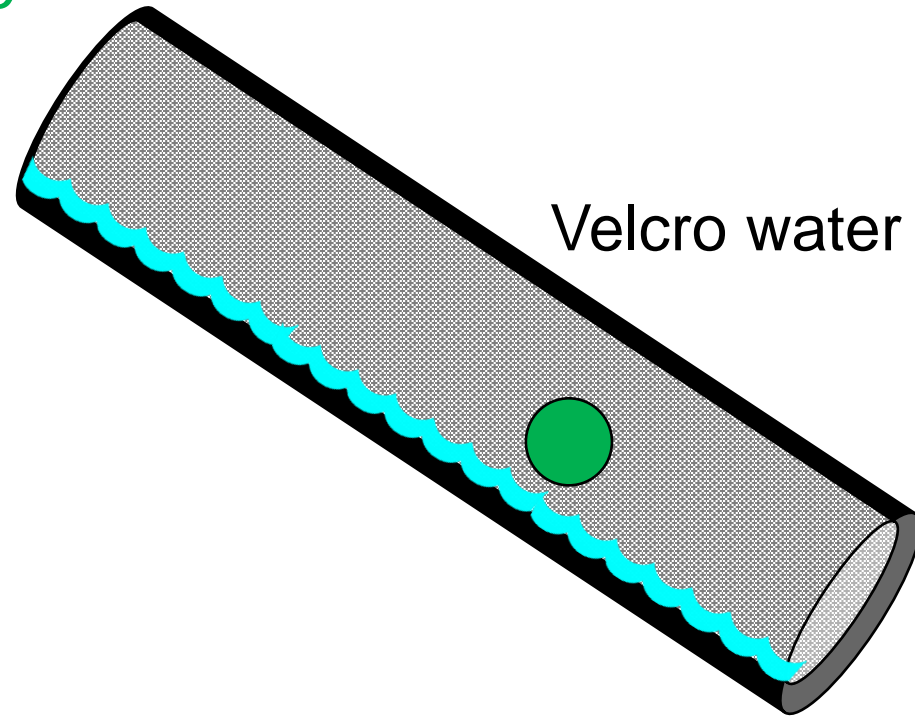


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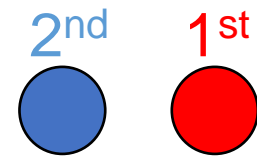


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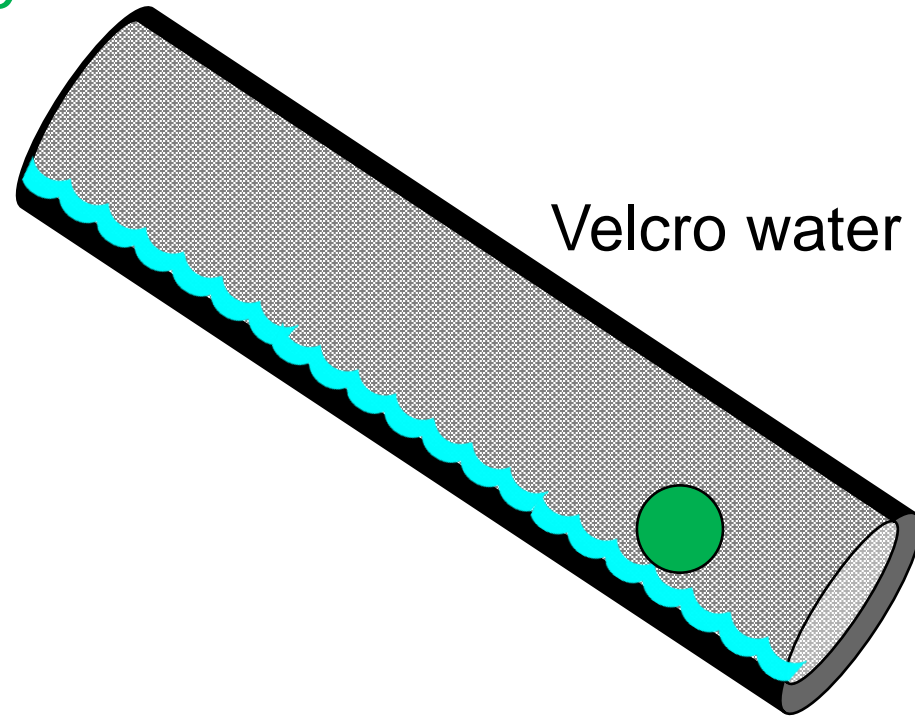


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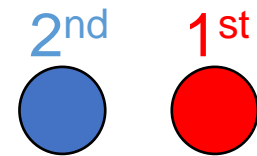


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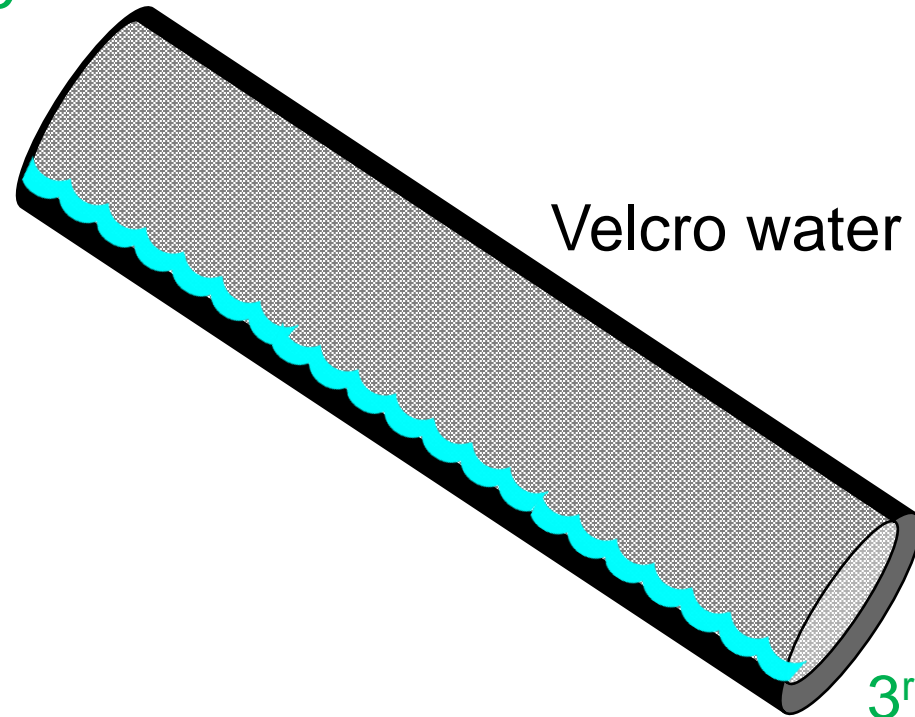


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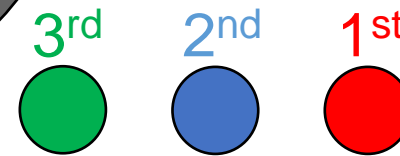


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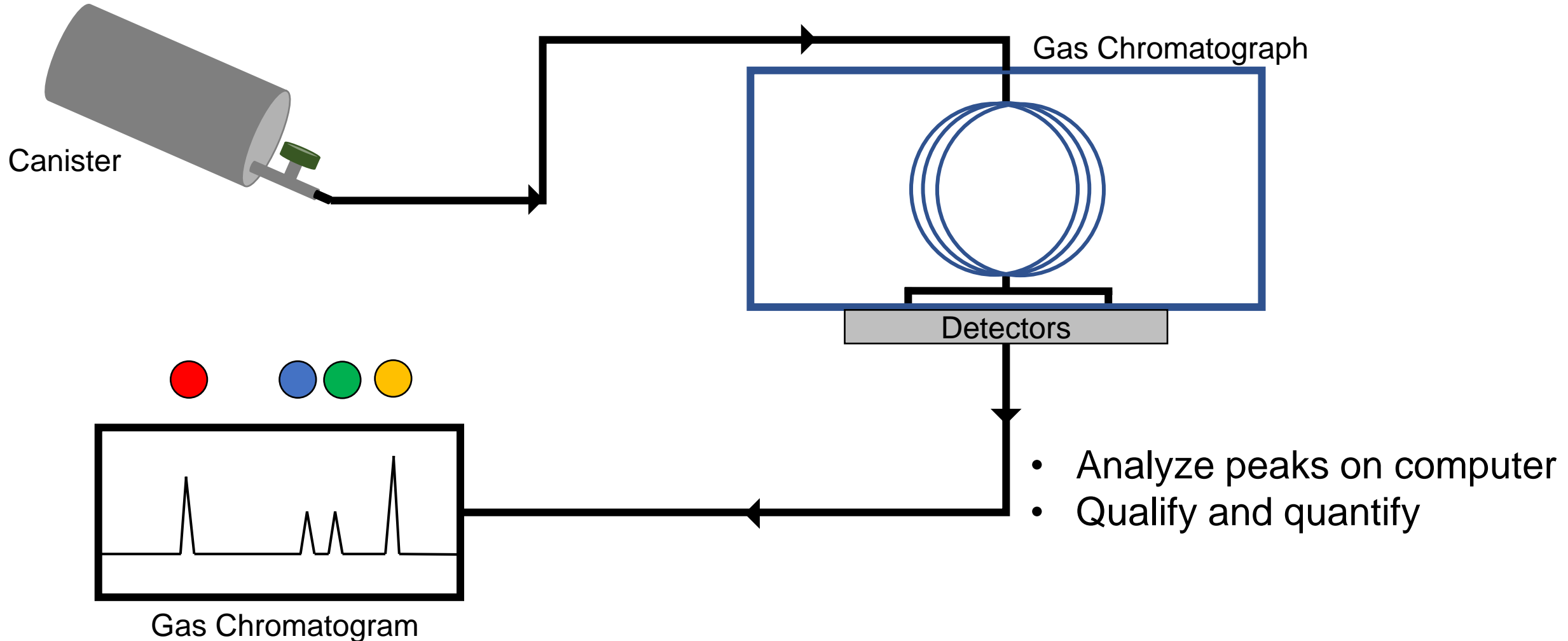
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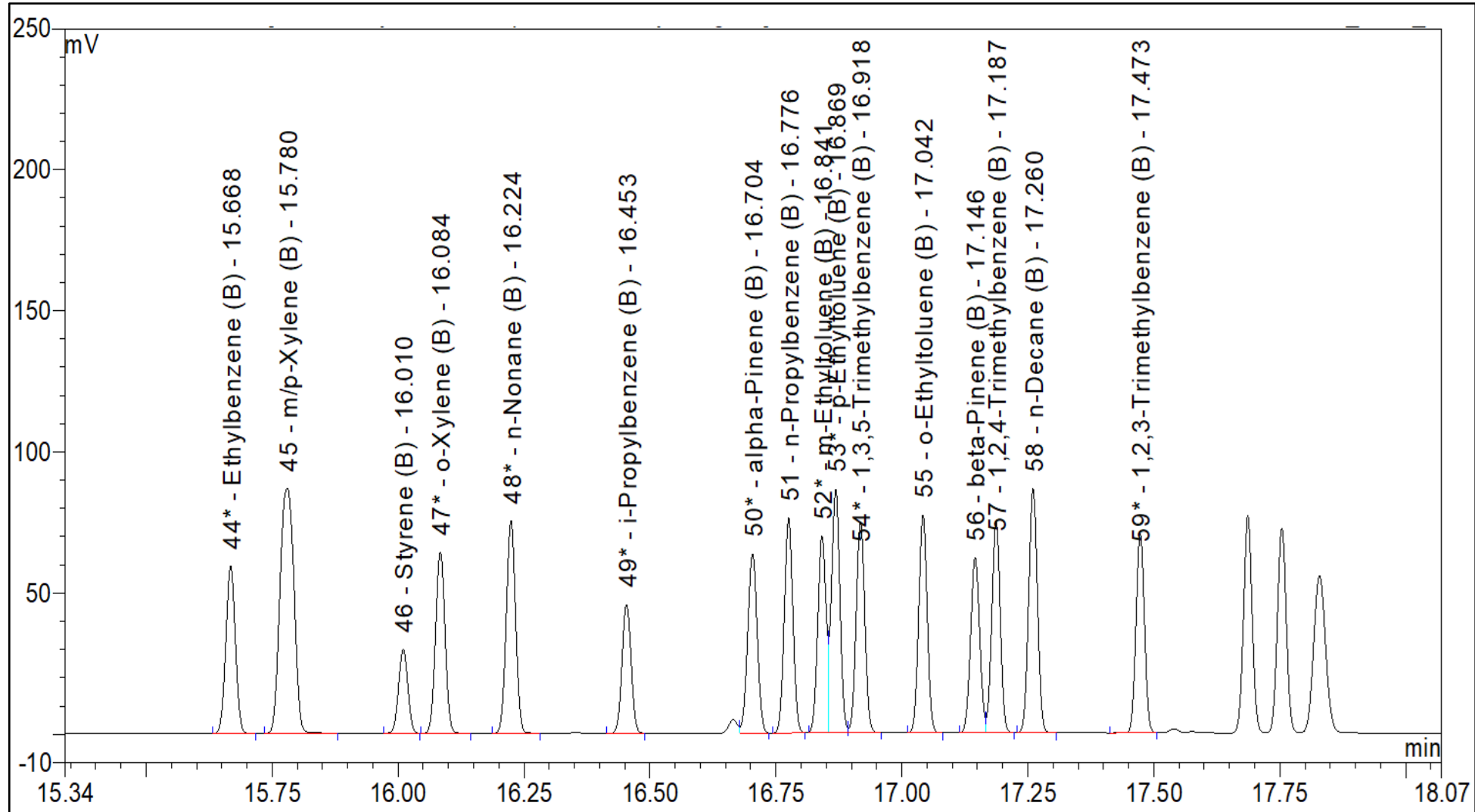
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Gas Chromatogram

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n-Hexane
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n-Heptane
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2-Methylhexane
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n-Octane
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane
n-nonane

Alcohols:

2-Butanol
Ethanol
Isopropanol
Methanol

Aromatics:

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Toluene
m-Ethyltoluene
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p-Ethyltoluene
Benzene

Extra Greenhouse Gases:

Nitrous Oxide
Carbon Dioxide

Alkenes:

1-Butene
i-Butene
 α -Pinene
 β -Pinene
Isoprene
Limonene
Myrcene
 γ -Terpinene
 α -Terpinene
3-Carene
Propene
trans-2-butene
cis-2-butene
Sulfur Species:
Carbon Disulfide
Dimethyl Disulfide
Dimethyl Sulfide
Carbonyl Sulfide

Halocarbons:

Tetrachloroethylene
Chloroform
CFC-11
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Dichloromethane
Trichloroethylene
Carbon Tetrachloride
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Sulfur Species:

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Dimethyl Disulfide

Dimethyl Sulfide

Carbonyl Sulfide

Halocarbons:

Tetrachloroethylene

Chloroform

CFC-11

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Dichloromethane

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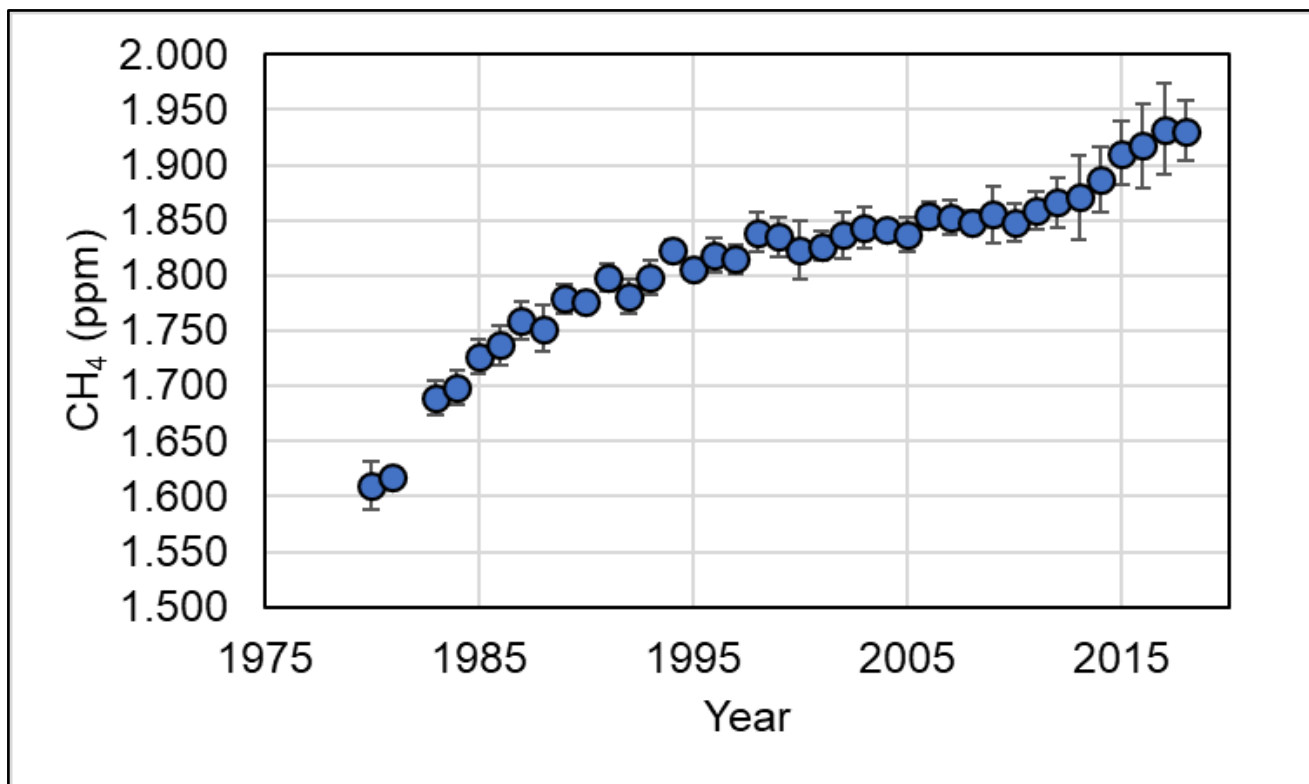
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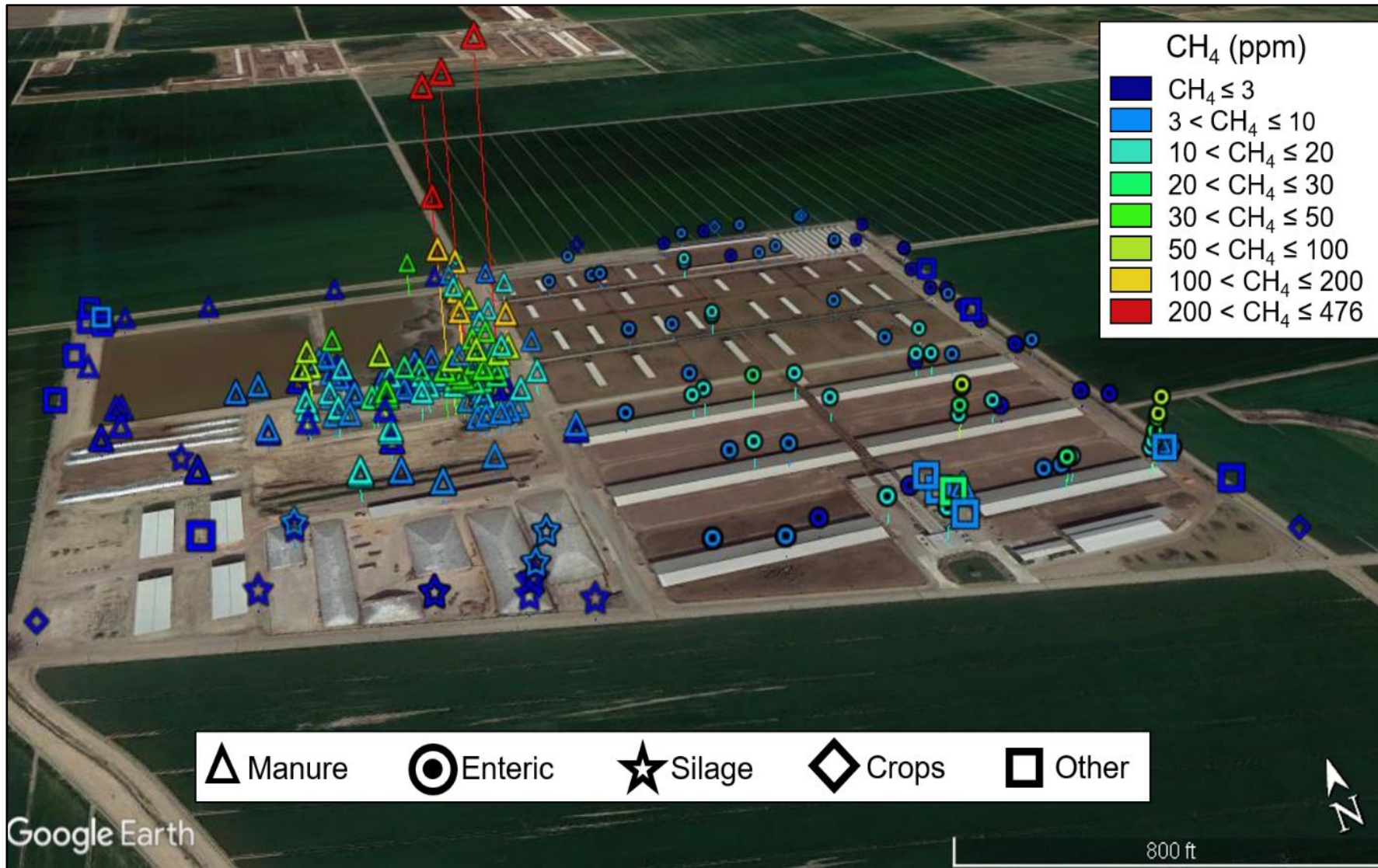
Coastal samples (34.5 to 40.0 °N)
1980 – 2018

↑ methane over time

Now 1.931 ppm CH₄

Samples with CH₄ > 1.931 ppm assumed to
be enhanced by inland sources.

Methane at the Visalia Dairy Farm



How much from cows?
How much from manure?


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Manure Management Methane Estimates at the Dairy Farm

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How bacteria
make methane in
manure

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Mangino et al.
(2002)

where

E = activation energy, in (cal/mol)

R = ideal gas constant (1.987 cal/mol)

T₁ = reference temperature (K)

T₂ = temperature (K)

**Liquid temperatures, not air temperatures,
would ideally be used as T₂ to calculate MCF.**

MCF Temperature Requirements

Method	Type of Temperature Data Needed	Example
IPCC Tier 1	Average annual air temperature of a region	SJV annually
EPA Tier 2	Average monthly air temperature of a county	Tulare per month
This study	Modelled daily lagoon/slurry temperatures	Daily for liquid manure

Modelled Lagoon and Slurry Temperatures

$$TL_i = \frac{TA_i \alpha_i + TA_{i-1} \alpha_{i-1} + \dots + TA_{i-n} \alpha_{i-n}}{\alpha_i + \alpha_{i-1} + \dots + \alpha_{i-n}}$$

From Smith & Franco (1985)

TL_i = lagoon or slurry temperature (°C) for day i

TA_i = mean air temperature (°C) for day i

$\alpha = e^{-bt}$, a weight factor that simulates the response of the lagoon to air temperature

b = constant

t = number of days (0, 1, 2, ..., 365)

This study uses daily air temperatures in Visalia to calculate lagoon and slurry temperatures at the dairy farm.

Methane Emission Factor Calculation

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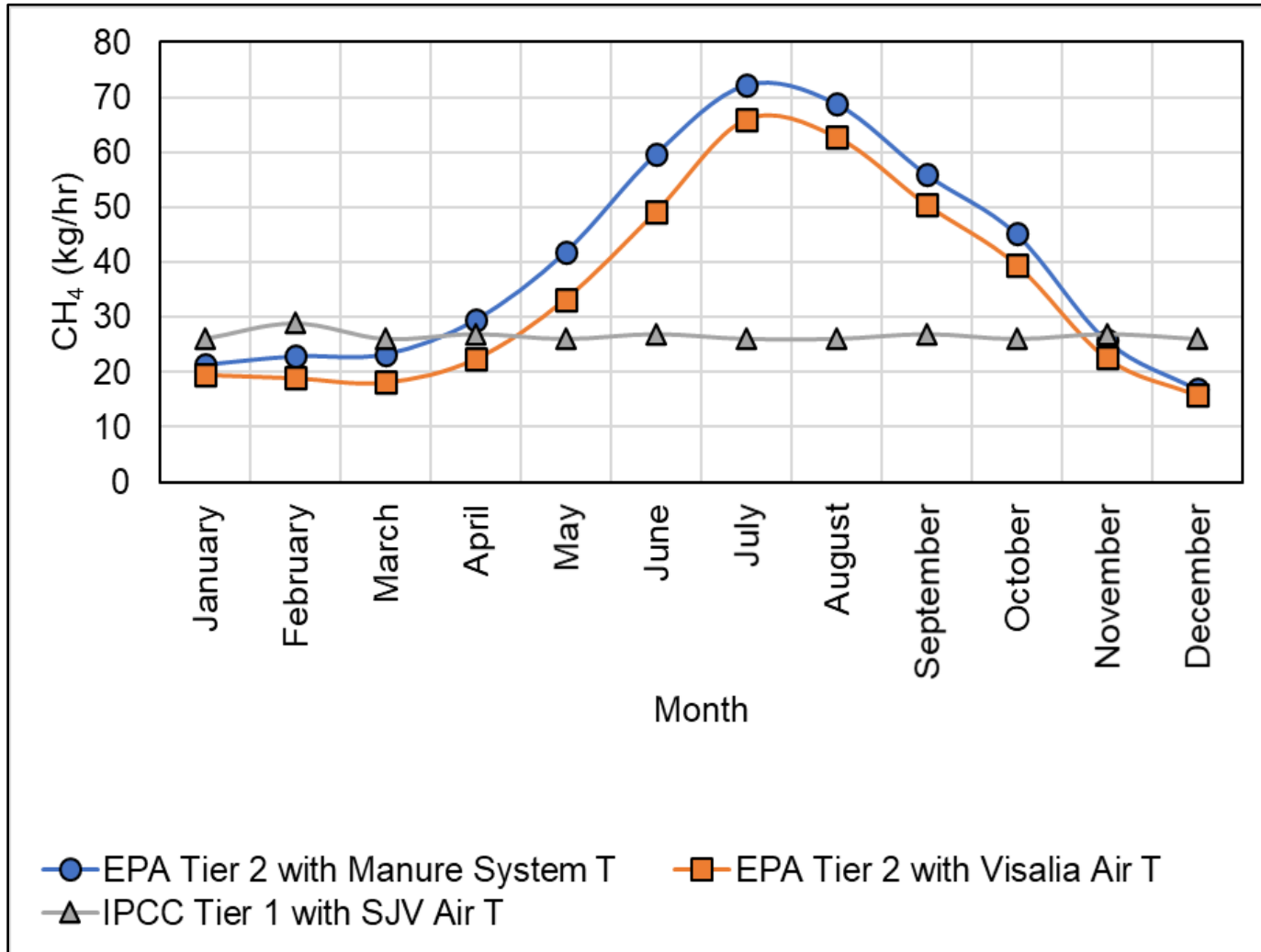
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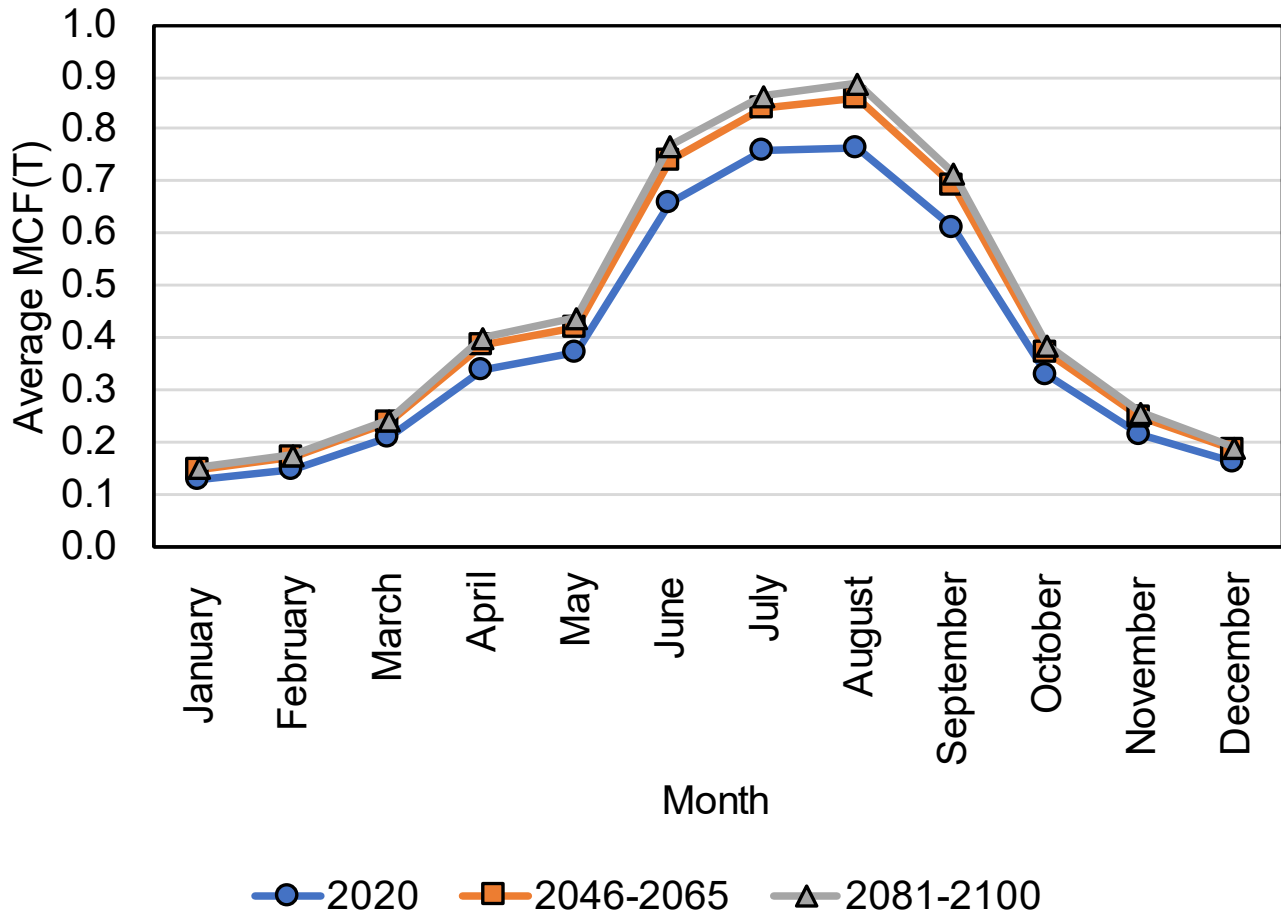
Methane Emission Factors Calculated from Liquid Temperature MCF



- The EPA and IPCC use air temperatures and longer temperature averages.
- They **underestimate** methane emissions from manure management.

This dairy releases 350 metric tonnes of CH₄ annually from manure management.

Manure Management Methane Will Increase with Climate Change



Assume Representative Concentration Pathway 4.5


Predicts average temperature increases:

- 1.4 °C between 2046 and 2065
- 1.8 °C between 2081 and 2100

Important for counties with many cows, like Tulare.

Enteric Methane Estimates at the Dairy Farm

Tier	What You Need	Milk Cow EF (kg CH ₄ hd ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	
		IPCC (2006)	EPA (2020)
1	Number and type of animals	128	146
2	Information about cows' lifestyle	$EF = \frac{GE * \left(\frac{Y_m}{100}\right) * 365}{55.65}$	-


 Increasing complexity

where

EF = emission factor, in (kg CH₄ hd⁻¹ yr⁻¹)

GE = gross energy intake, in (MJ hd⁻¹ day⁻¹), which depends on various other parameters

Y_m = methane conversion factor (i.e., the % of gross energy in the feed that is converted to methane)

55.65 = energy content of methane, in (MJ/kg CH₄)

365 = days in a year, in (day/yr)

Enteric Methane Estimates at the Dairy Farm

Category	Enteric EF (kg CH ₄ hd ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹)	# Cows
Milk Cow	134	3106
Dry Cow	53	386
Heifer (15 months)	55	2985

^a Eggleston et al. (2006)

^b EPA (2020c)

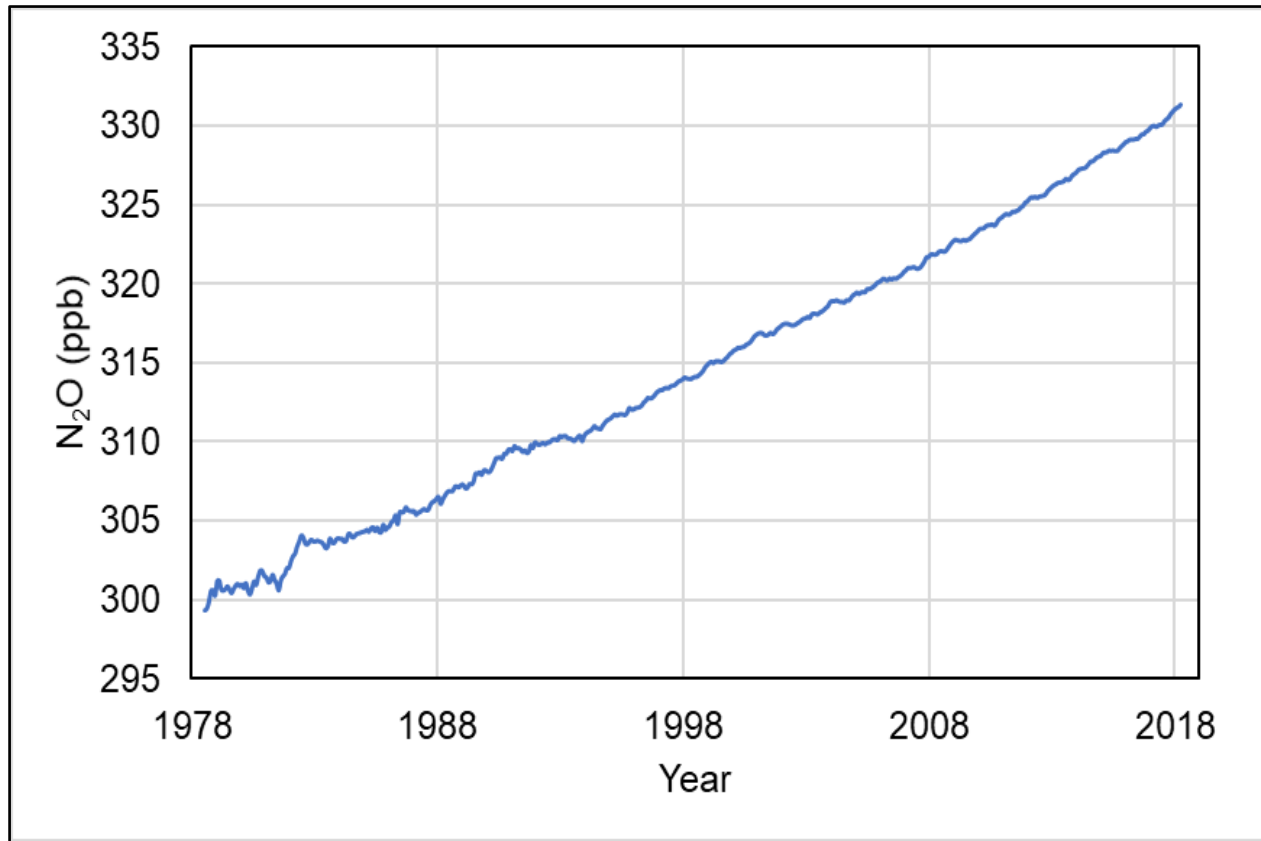
This dairy releases 600 metric tonnes of CH₄ annually from enteric emissions.

Total methane at the dairy = 954 metric tonnes CH₄ annually.

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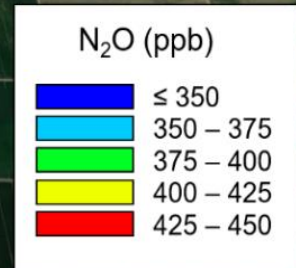
Data from AGAGE (Prinn et al., 2018)

- Nitrous oxide steadily increasing
- ↑ 7,300 Gg N₂O/yr
- Currently 331 ppb N₂O
- Over 298 times stronger GHG than CO₂
- Lifetime ~120 years

↑ 126% since 1990 from manure management sources only (CARB, 2019)

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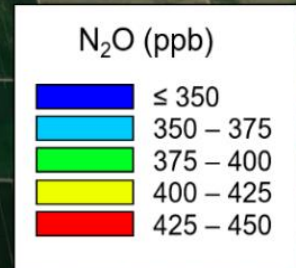
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Owen and Silver (2015):
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EPA (2020):
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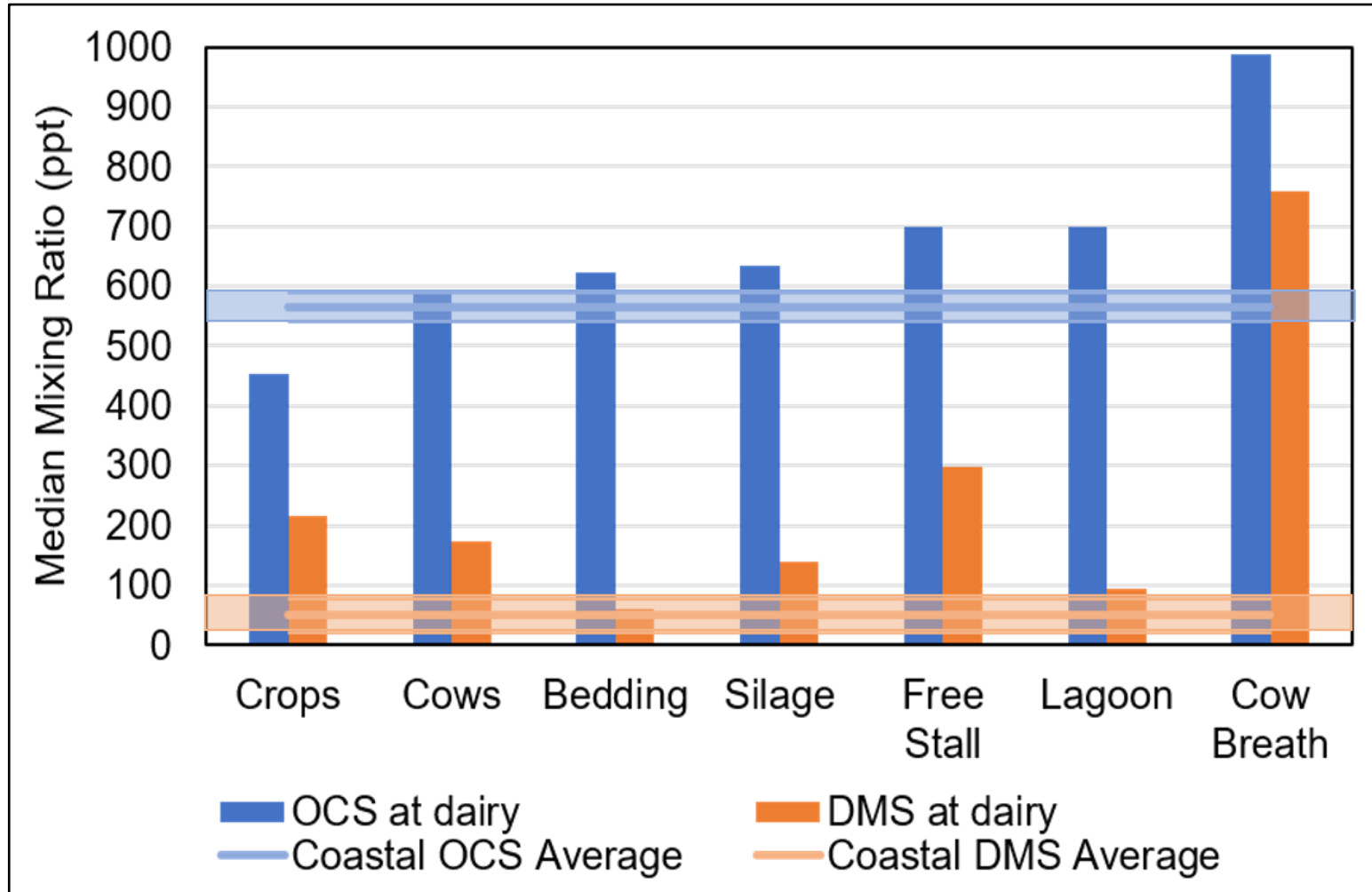
**Lagoons would actually emit
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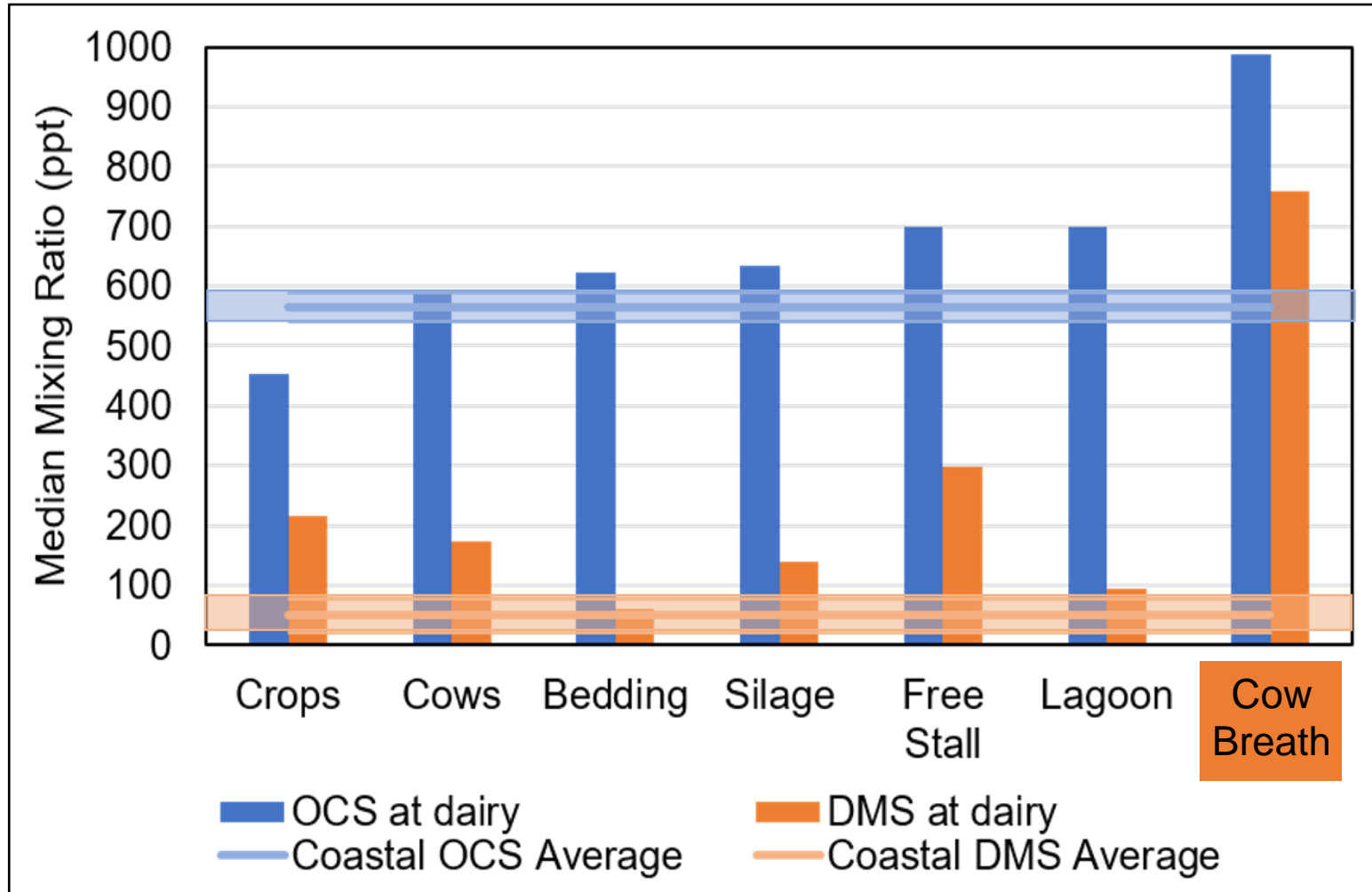
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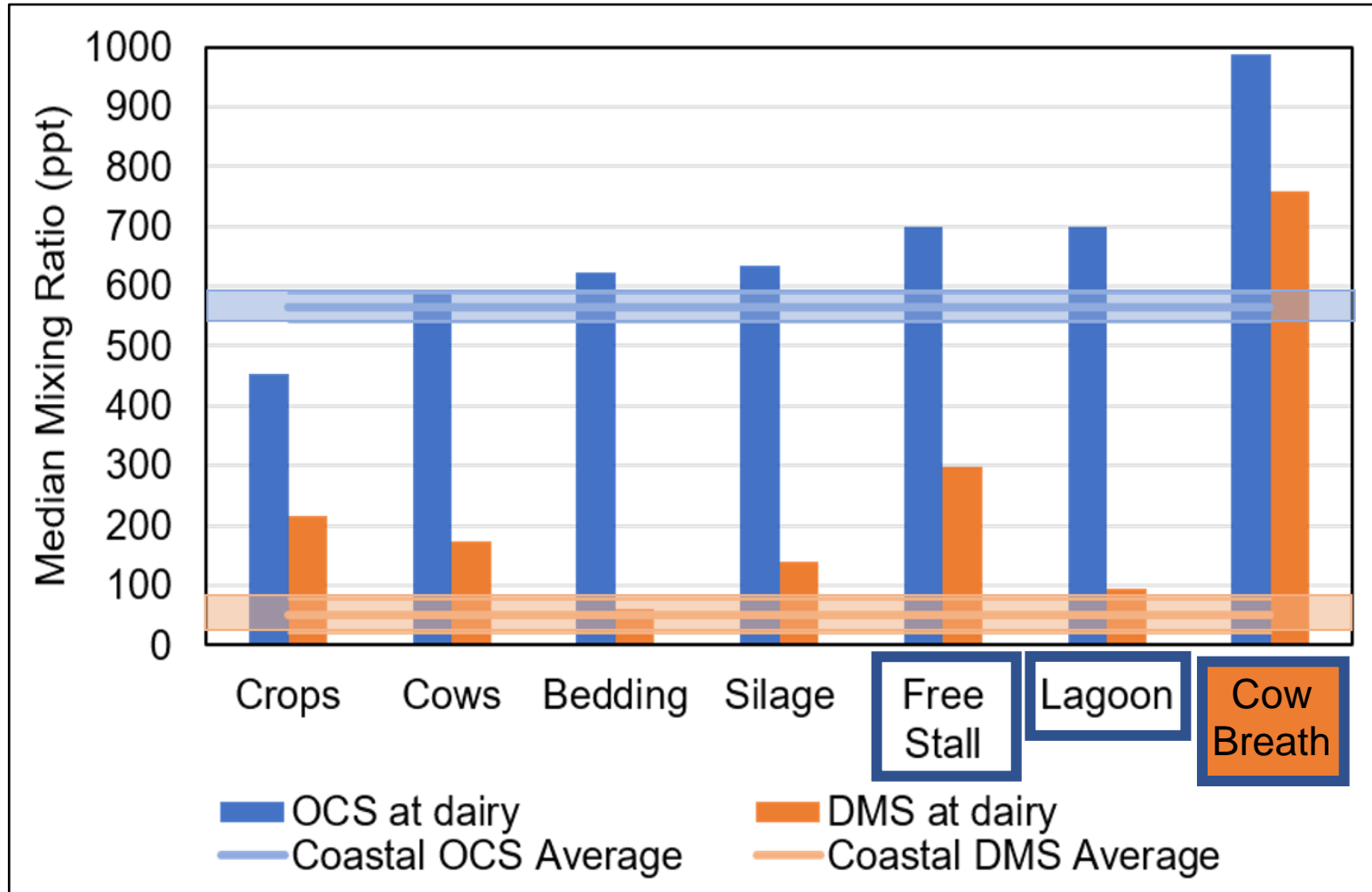
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Lennartz et al. (2017)

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- **Up to 5% particles in the SJV**

Bad for health and air quality of the disadvantaged communities.

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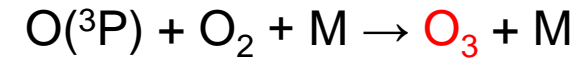
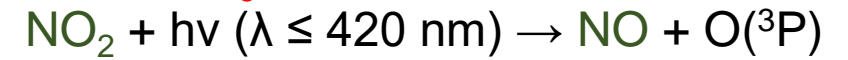


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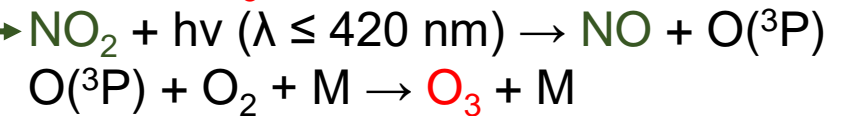


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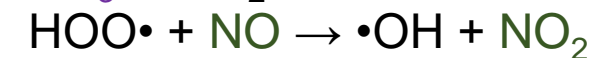
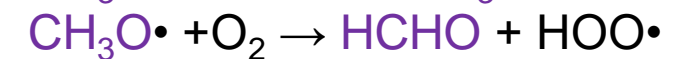
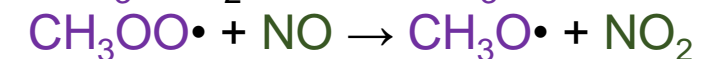
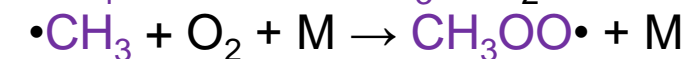
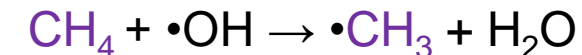
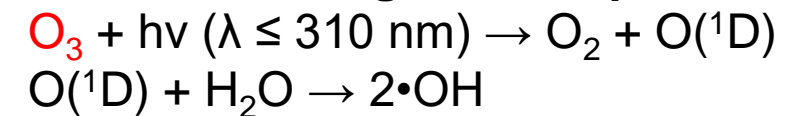
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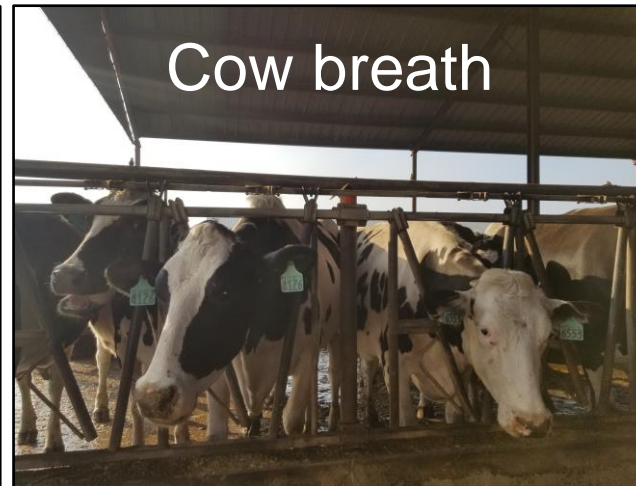
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O₃ Contributors at the Dairy Farm:

Oxygenates: Methanol, Ethanol, 2-Butanol, Acetaldehyde, Acetone

Alkenes: Limonene, Isoprene

Likely sources:



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Sulfur: DMS

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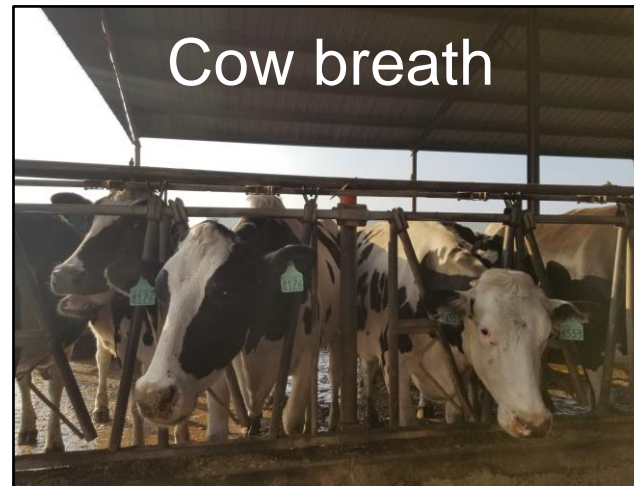


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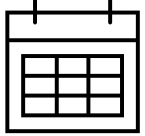
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Butanal	7	Sweet, rancid	Regional

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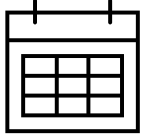
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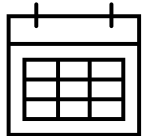
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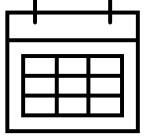


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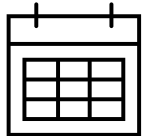


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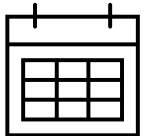
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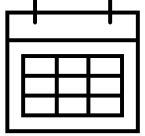


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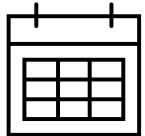


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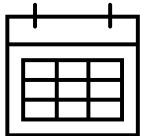
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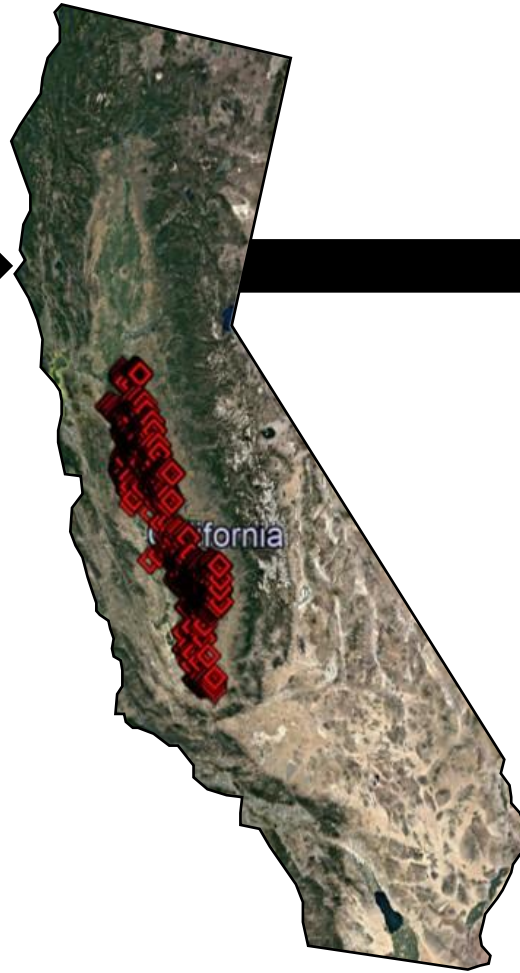
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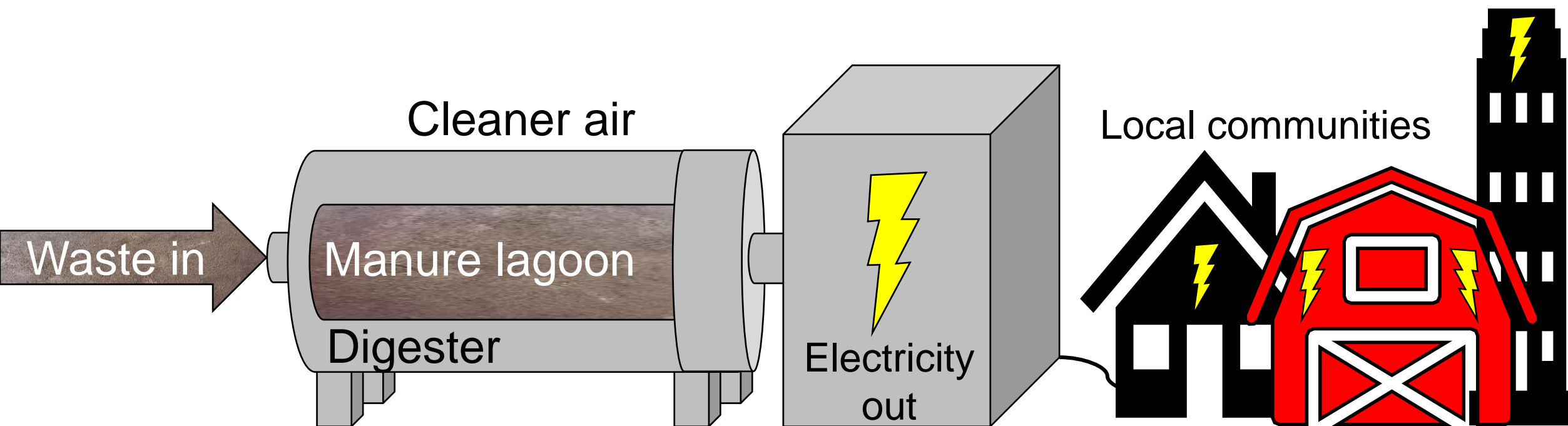


- 1×10^{10} pounds of seaweed needed in SJV daily!
- This seaweed is tropical
- Costs of growing and hauling
- Nutritional side effects
- No incentive for farmers

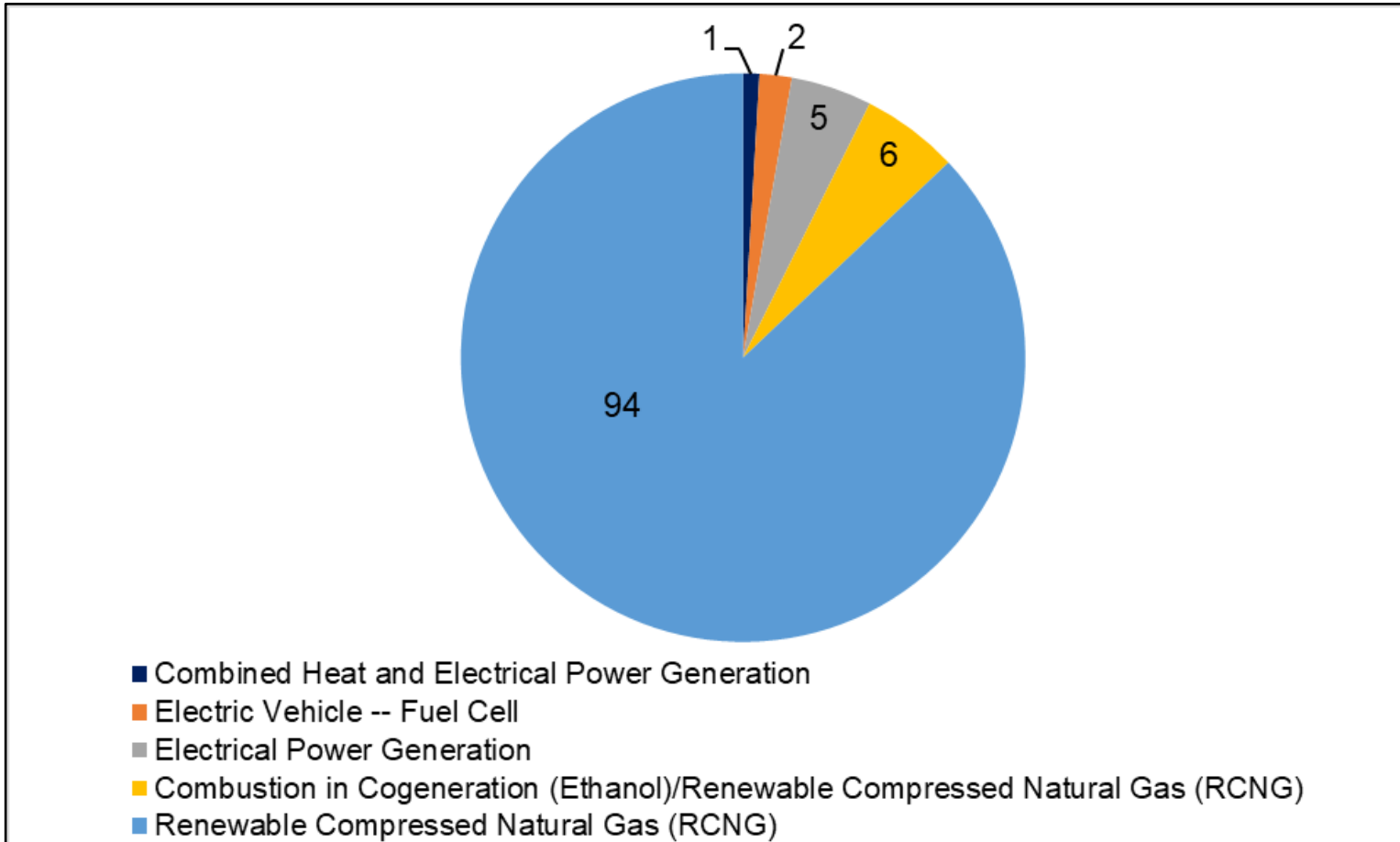
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- California government funding dairies to install digestors to prepare for SB-1383
- Feasible for large dairies (~2,000 cows)
- Visalia dairy farm will install (2021) for \$5 million
 - Will reduce GHG emissions by nearly 200,000 MT CO₂e over a 10-year period

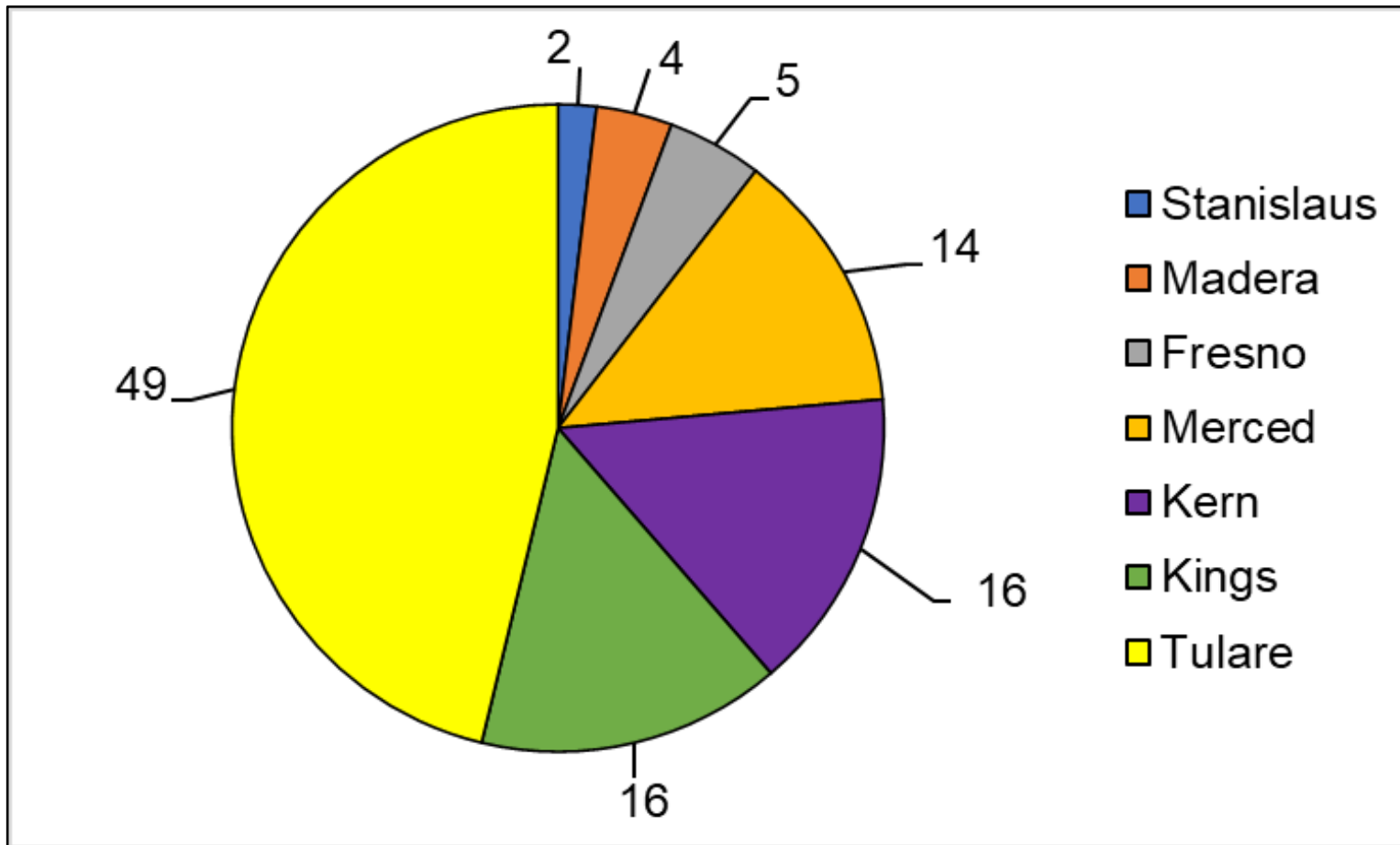


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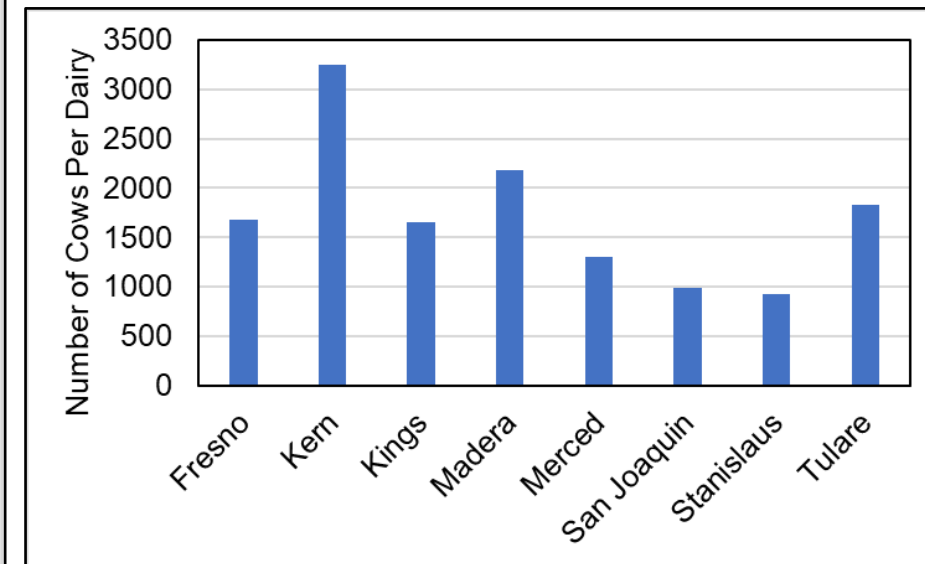


- Most projects create RCNG
- Can be added to our existing natural gas pipeline

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- Tulare, Kings, Kern counties most participation
- Counties with few cows per dairy look for other options



Solution: Alternative Manure Management

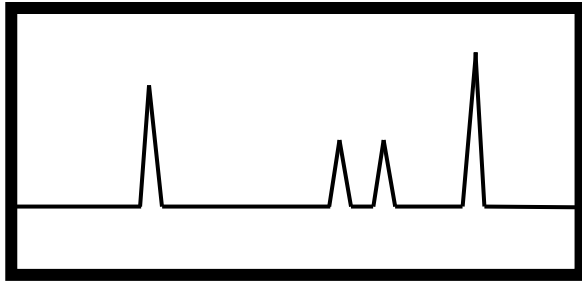


- California funds non-digester manure management practices
- Remove solids from the manure before lagoon storage

↓ **GHG emissions**

Counties where this is still not feasible may consider flaring the methane like landfills.

Summary of Research and Suggestions



CH₄, N₂O, DMS,
OCS, pollution, odor



Disadvantaged
communities



Proposed solutions for scientists:

- Use liquid system temperature and short time intervals, not air temperature over long intervals, when calculating emissions
- Count N₂O from lagoons in future GHG inventories
- Further explore sulfur contribution from bovine-related activities

Proposed solutions for farmers:

- Focus on reducing manure emissions rather than enteric emissions
- Use CA funds!
 - Install anaerobic digesters
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