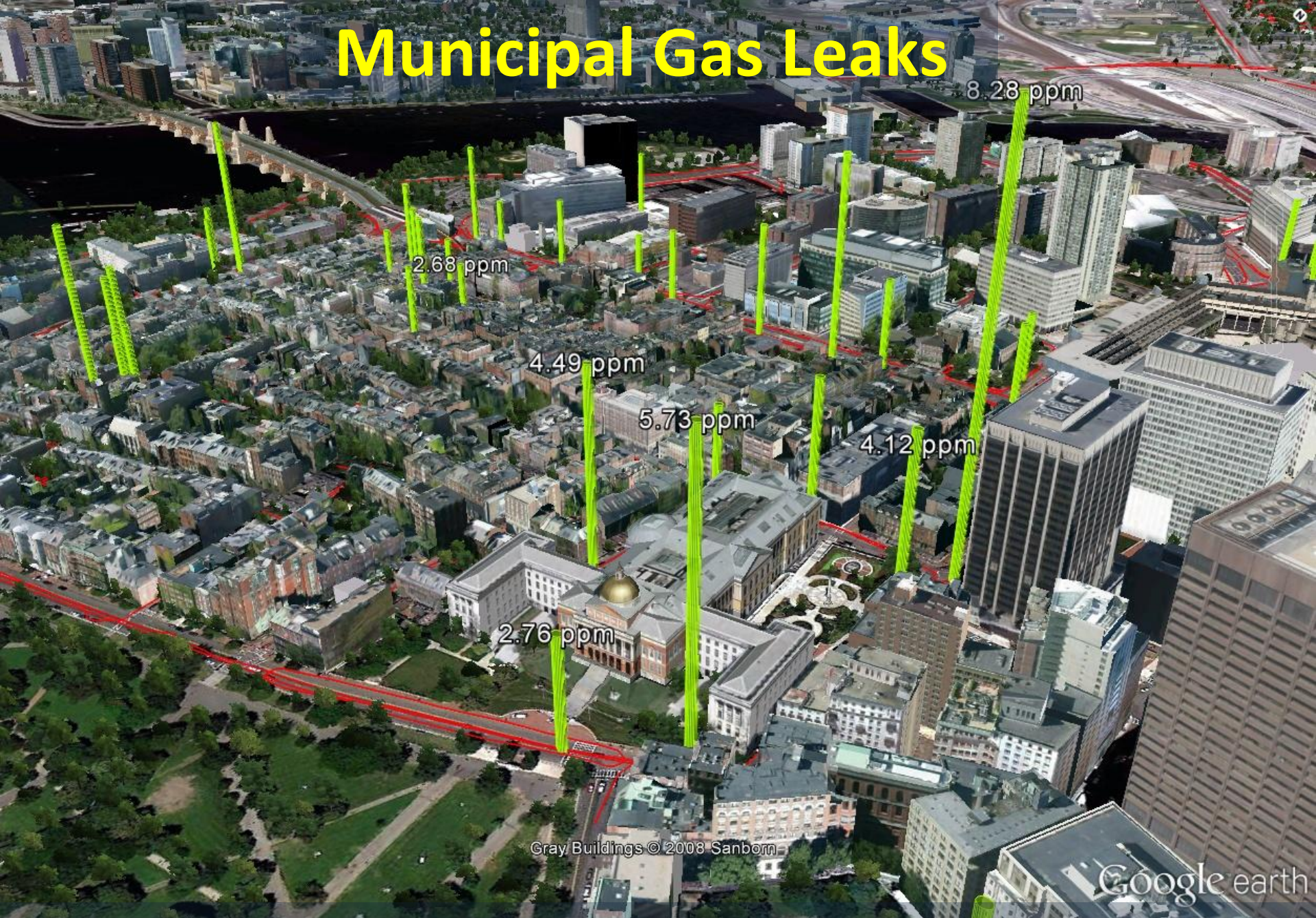


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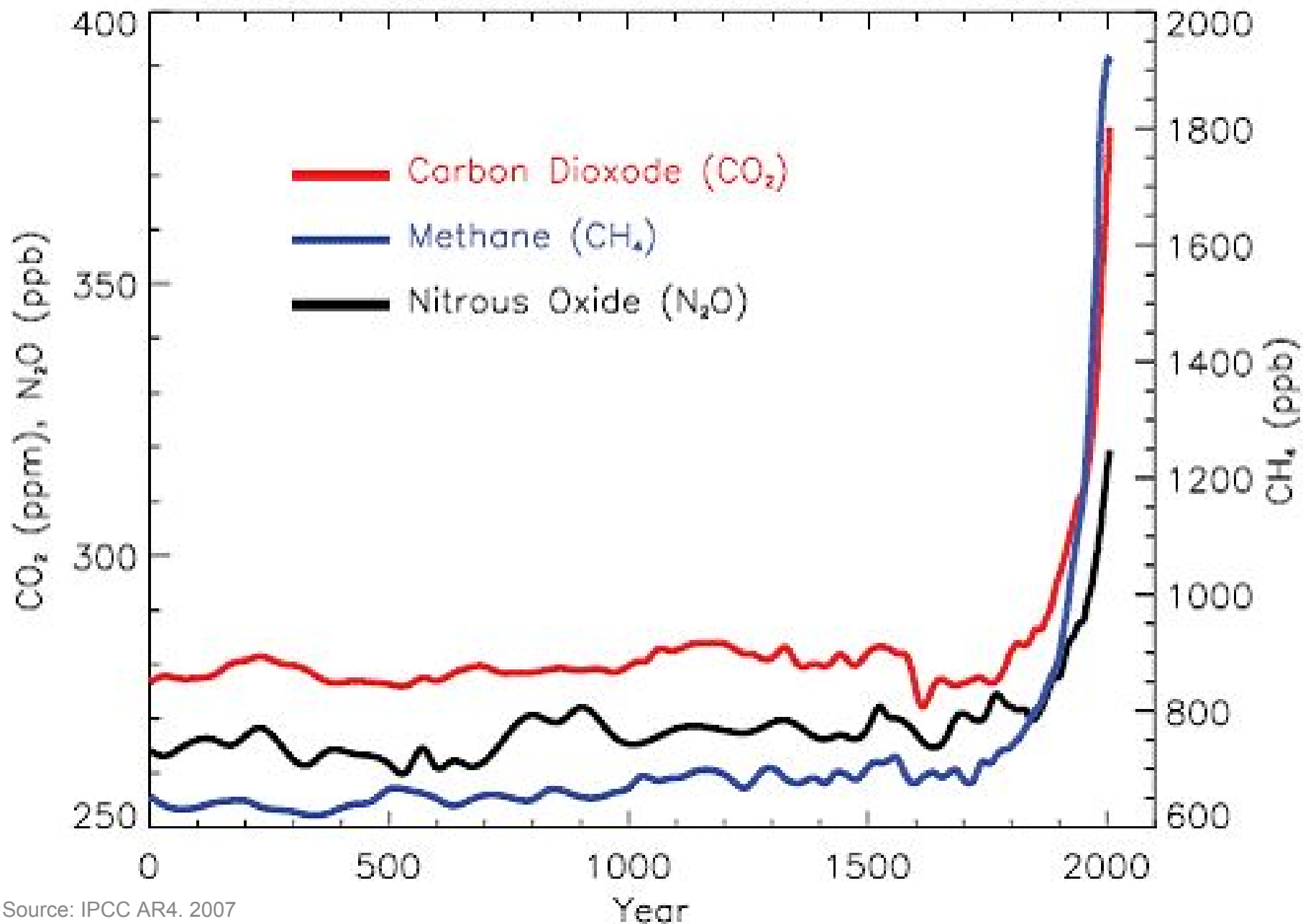


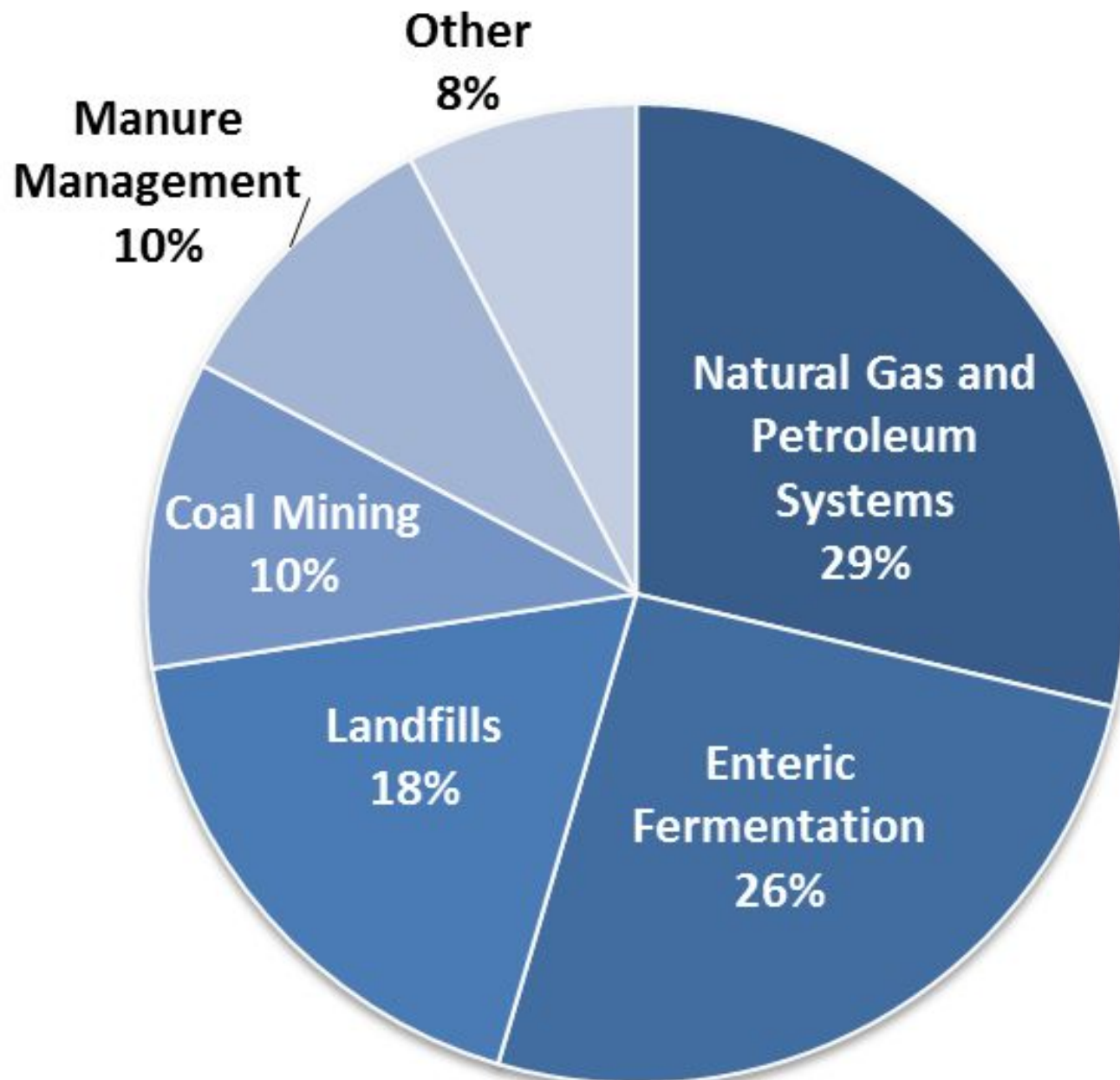
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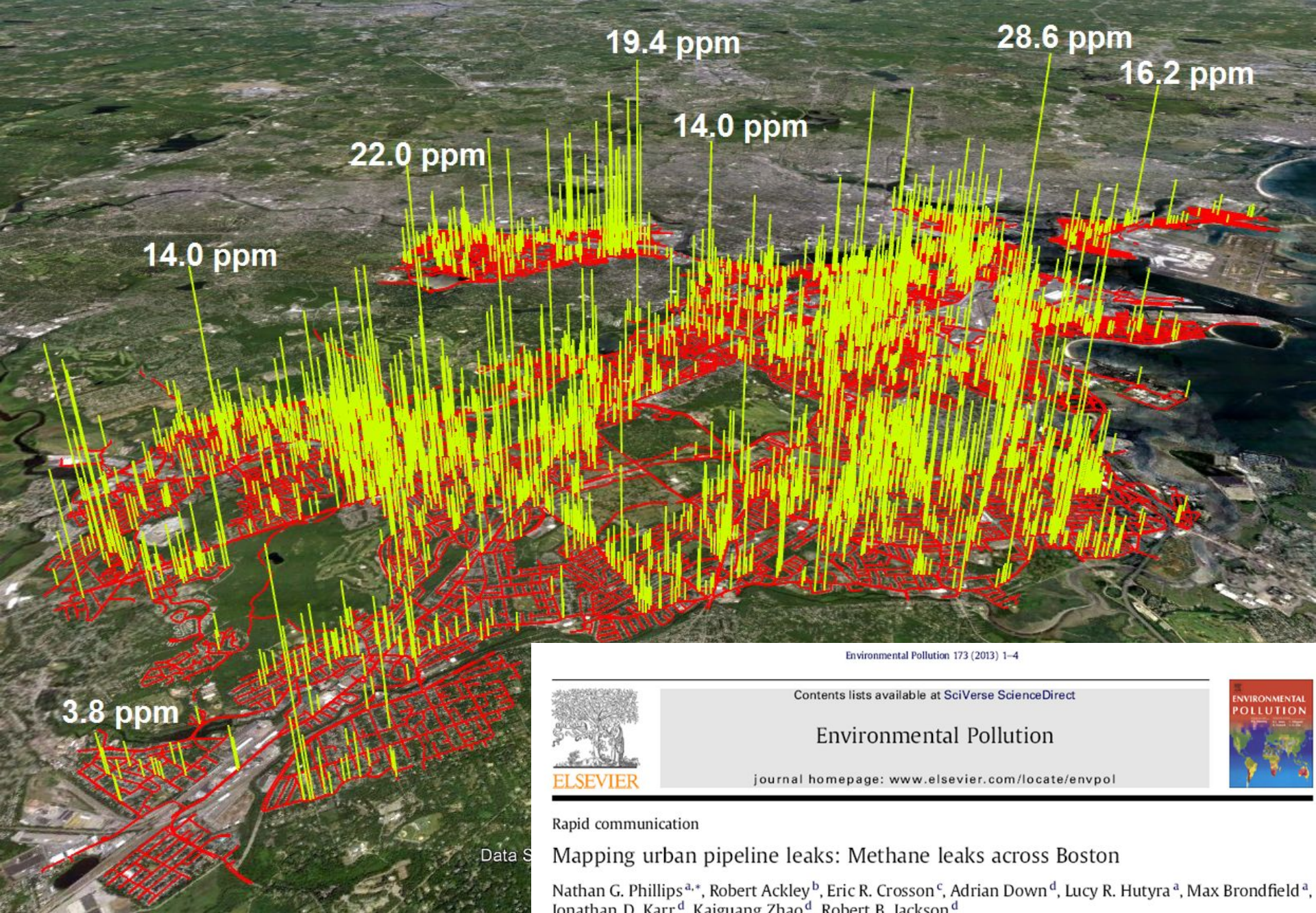




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Gas Leaks

- Scope of Problem
- Climate Impact
- Impact on trees



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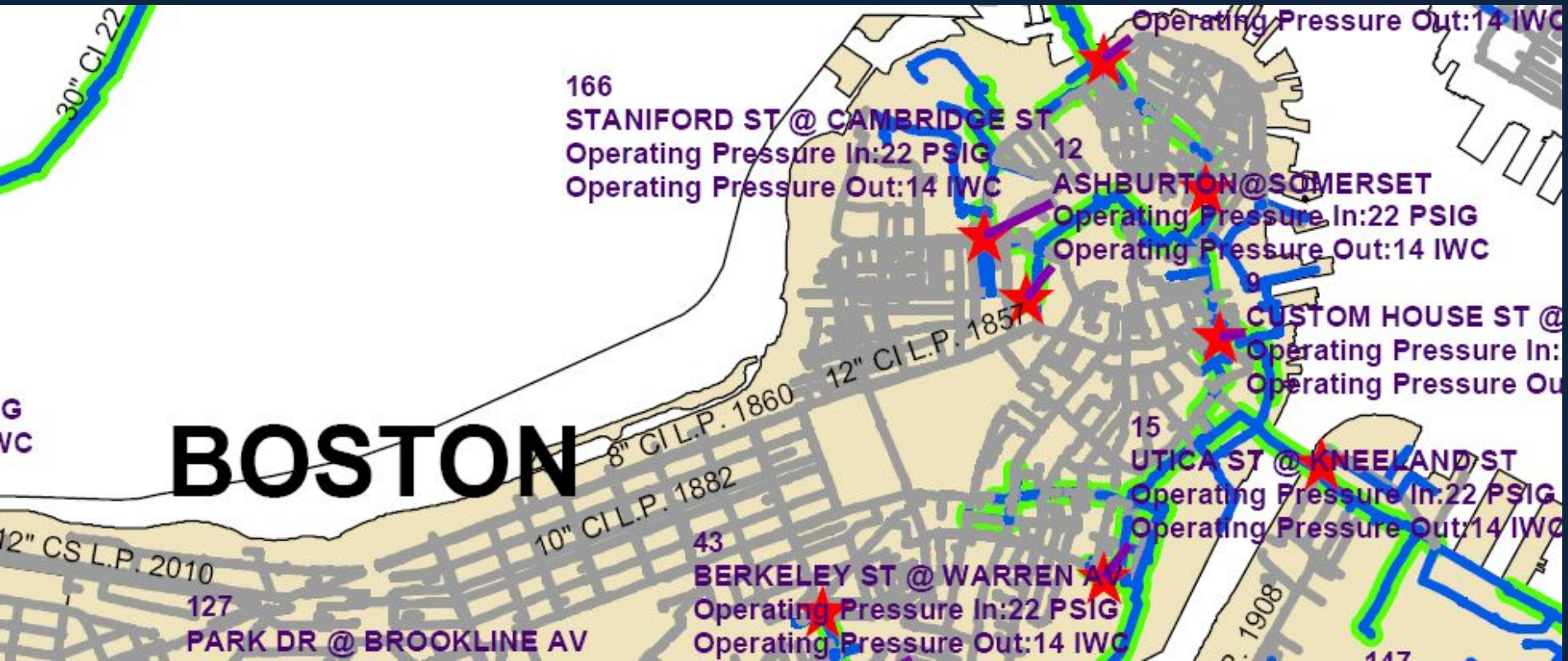
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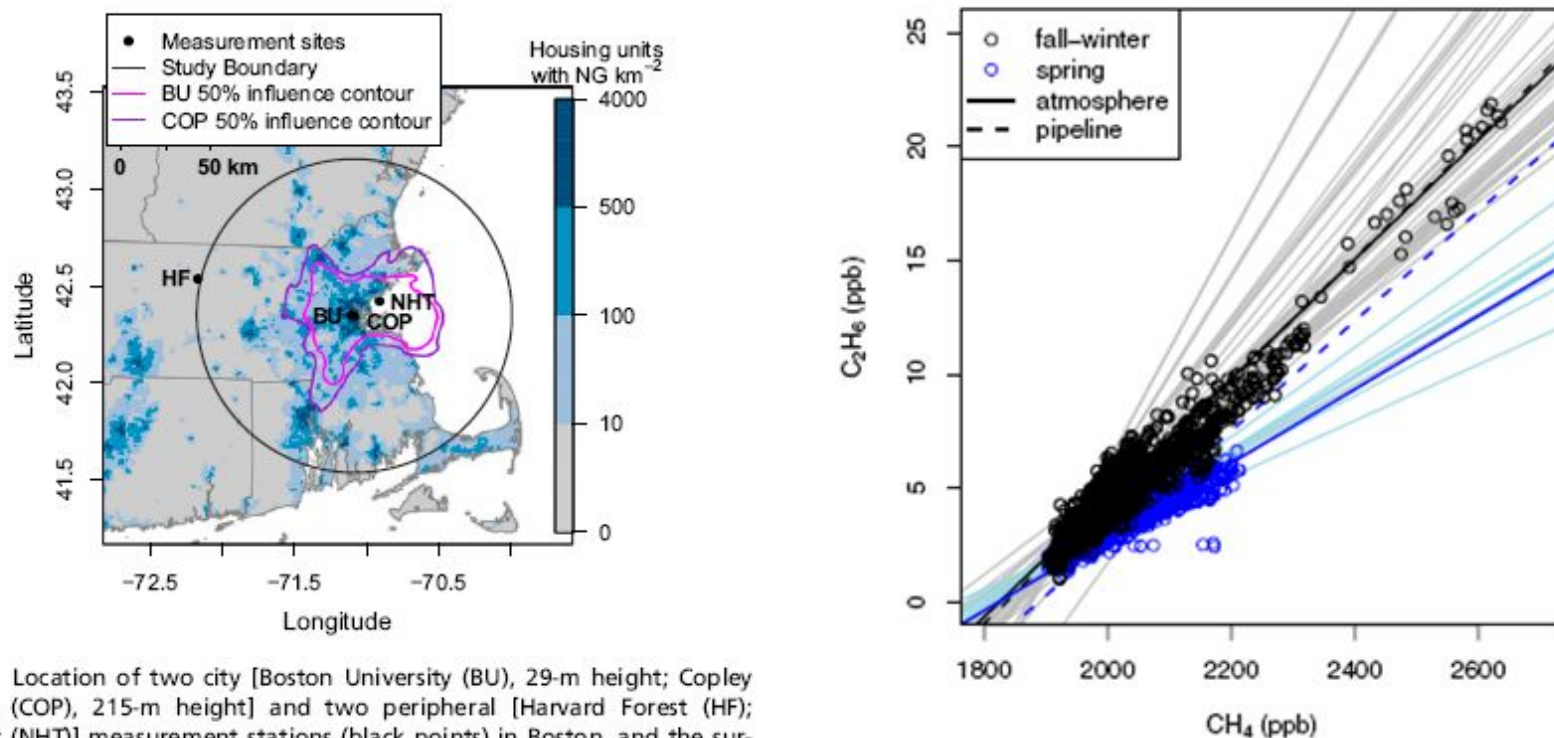


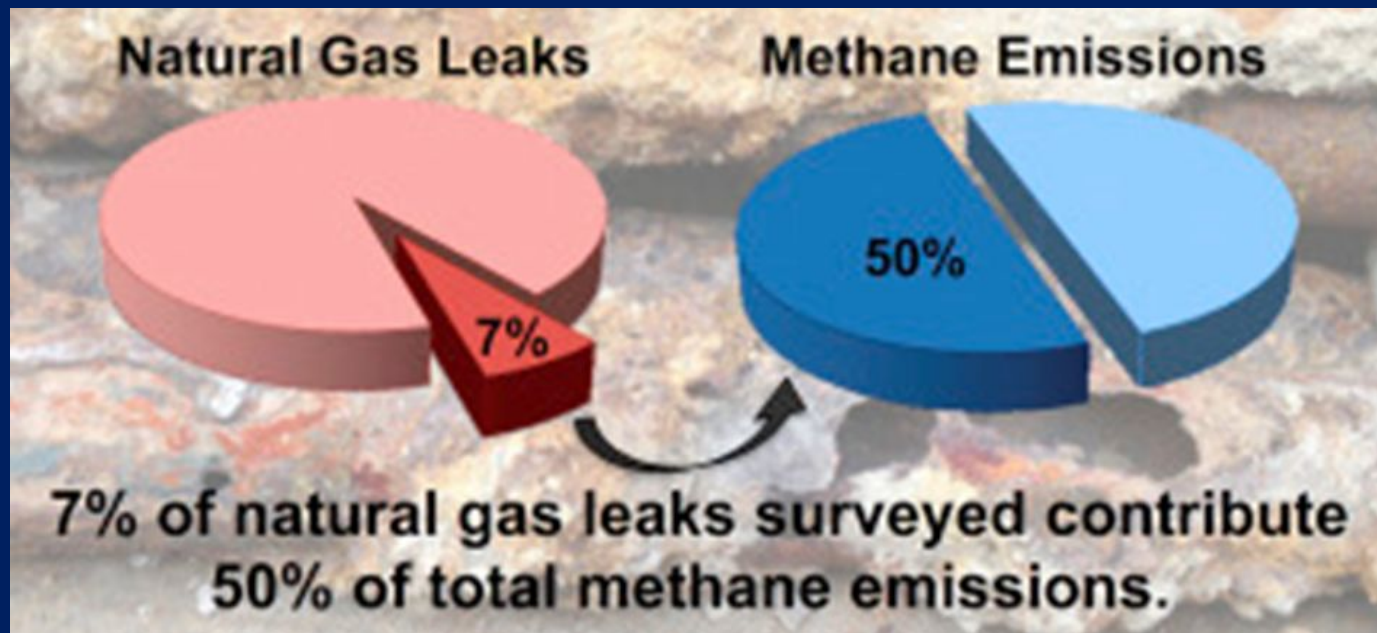
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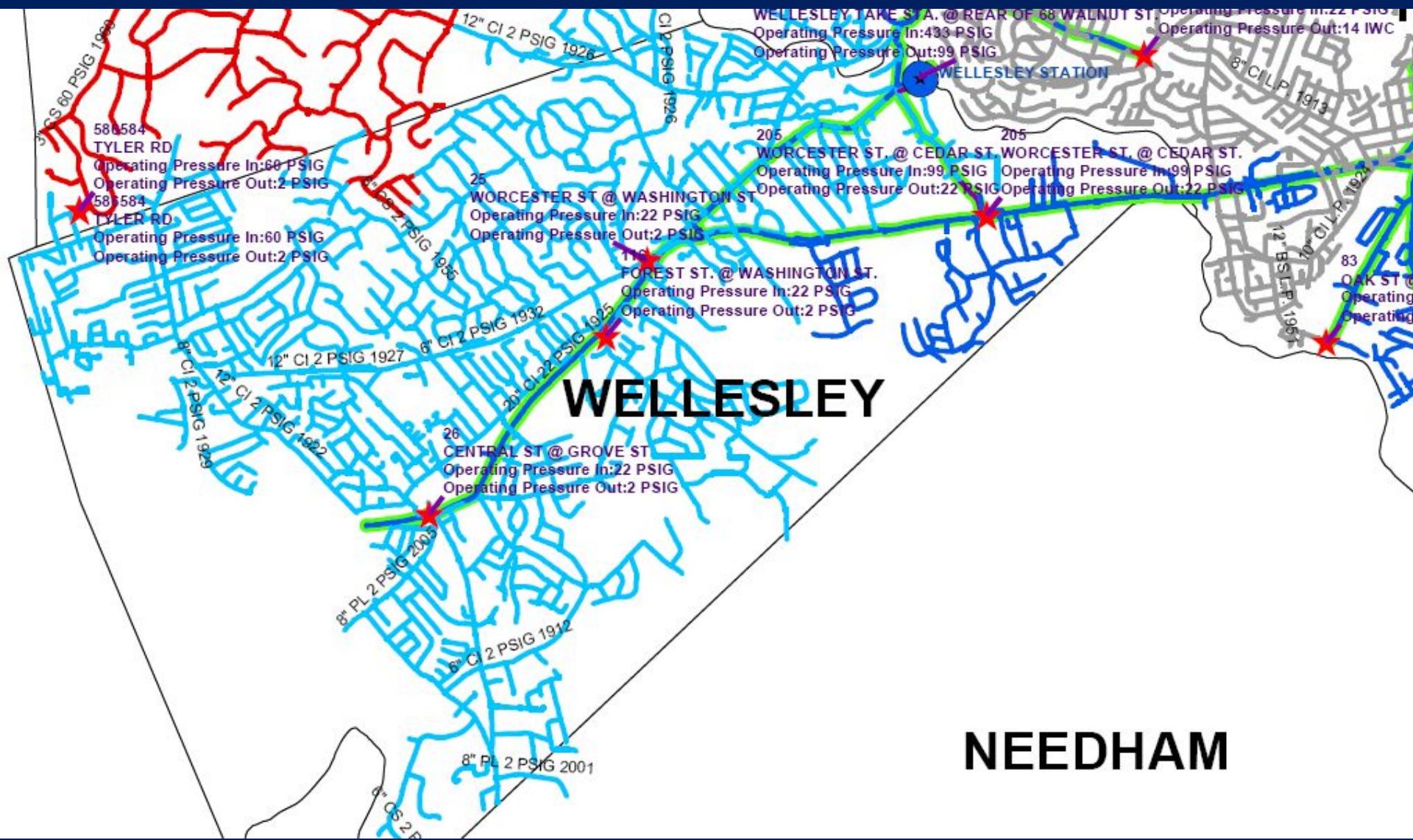
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GANODERMA LUCIDUM, A PARASITE OF SHADE TREES

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Some investigators believe that *Ganoderma lucidum* (Leys.) Karst. (*Polyporus lucidus*) is a saprophyte of hardwood and coniferous trees (Boyce 1938). This conclusion is based largely on the fact that the reddish, varnish- or lacquer-like coated conks are commonly observed on dead trees and timber. However, a number of reports have appeared in the literature (Reichert & Avizohar 1939, Bagechee & Bakshi 1950, Lohway 1942, Urquart 1945) which suggest that Ganodermas are parasites. The most recent one (Nickell 1952) suggests that a species of *Ganoderma* was involved in the death of a large sassafras at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

During the 1956 growing season the author had occasion to examine more than three hundred dead or dying shade trees, principally Norway maples (*Acer platanoides*), planted along New York City streets. All these trees were alleged to have been killed or damaged by natural gas escaping from leaking mains.

During the late summer of 1957 he examined 40 additional shade trees, mostly Norway maples and red or swamp maples (*A. rubrum*), growing along the streets in Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey. All of these trees were also alleged to have been killed or damaged by escaping gas.

In the course of diagnosing for the cause of the trees' death, on nearly 20 per cent of the trees the author observed the typical fruiting bodies of *Ganoderma lucidum* emerging either from the trunk base of affected trees or from their roots.

The majority of the trees exhibiting this fungus had been dead anywhere from a few weeks to two years or more.

Ganoderma conks were observed, however, on a considerable number of trees which were still alive. In the New Jersey survey involving 40 trees,



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Conclusions

- Gas leaks: Safety, GHG, \$, Trees, Air Q.

- Near-term Solution:

Coordination/Infrastructure Ecology

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