

Dealing with the data deluge to build the first open global oil and gas infrastructure (GOGI) database

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Introduction:

- Reliable, accessible data is the foundation of scientific inquiry and basis for all empirical discovery
- The volume of open data is growing rapidly, unlocking huge potential to implement big data analytics and resolve energy-related and economic challenges
- However, rapid data growth comes with challenges; an immense amount of researcher's time is dedicated to finding, accessing, and integrating disparate data before beginning analytics
- To reduce this effort, NETL researchers are developing advanced data science tools to expedite data discovery, accessibility, and processing times for utilizing new data
- Here we demonstrate how NETL researchers used custom data science tools and capabilities to rapidly (~4 months) acquire and analyze open oil and gas infrastructure data across the globe using expert-driven and machine learning search strategies
- The resulting spatial database demonstrates the first-ever footprint of global oil and gas infrastructure (GOGI)**

Methods:



Key Takeaways:

- GOGI database includes **4.8 million features**, **700+ sources**, and **380+ datasets** spanning **194 countries**
- Researchers used **expert-driven and machine learning** search strategies to acquire spatial datasets
- Study demonstrates ability to **rapidly find, acquire, transform, and integrate open-source oil and gas infrastructure data** on global scale
- Constraining global oil and gas infrastructure footprint allows researchers to **perform data analytics** on per-country and regional basis to **assess data quality, identify gaps, mitigate risk, and inform decision-making**
- GOGI database already in use by **Harvard** and **Environmental Defense Fund** to **quantify methane emissions** across global oil and gas supply chain

