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**CO₂
Human
Emissions**

THE EUROPEAN CO₂ HUMAN EMISSION (CHE) PROJECT

A precursor to the Copernicus CO₂ Service

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CHE-CO2 Human Emission Project (& its numbers)

Aim:

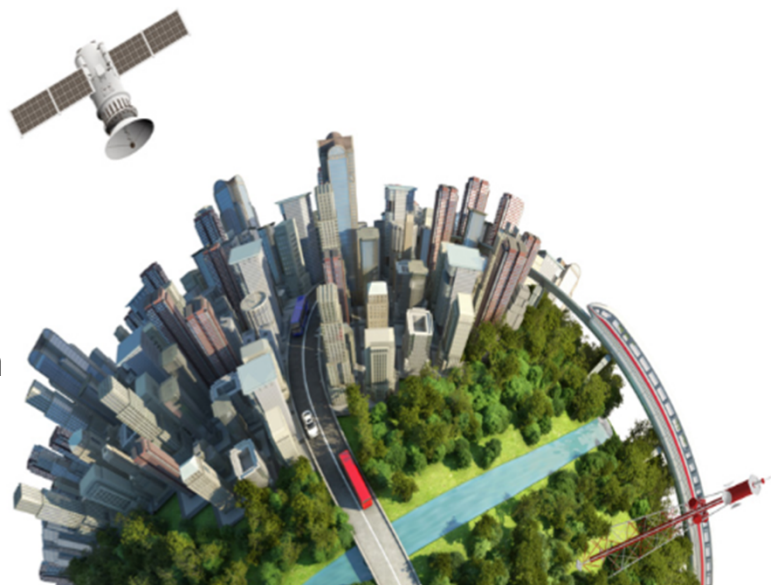
Build European monitoring capacity for anthropogenic CO₂ emissions

How:

CO₂ emission estimation system driven by Earth observations (remote sensing and in situ) combined with enhanced modelling system

Why:

To support the Paris Climate Agreement and its implementation



Project Duration:

39 month

Project Funding:

3.75 ME (1.25 ME/year)

Consortium Numbers

22 partners Institutes

Work Content Numbers

7 work-packages:

5-Science development,
1-International liaison,
1-Management & Coms

7 Milestones

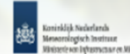
45 Deliverables

344.25 Person Month

(Eq 8.8 FTE)

3 Project Reviews

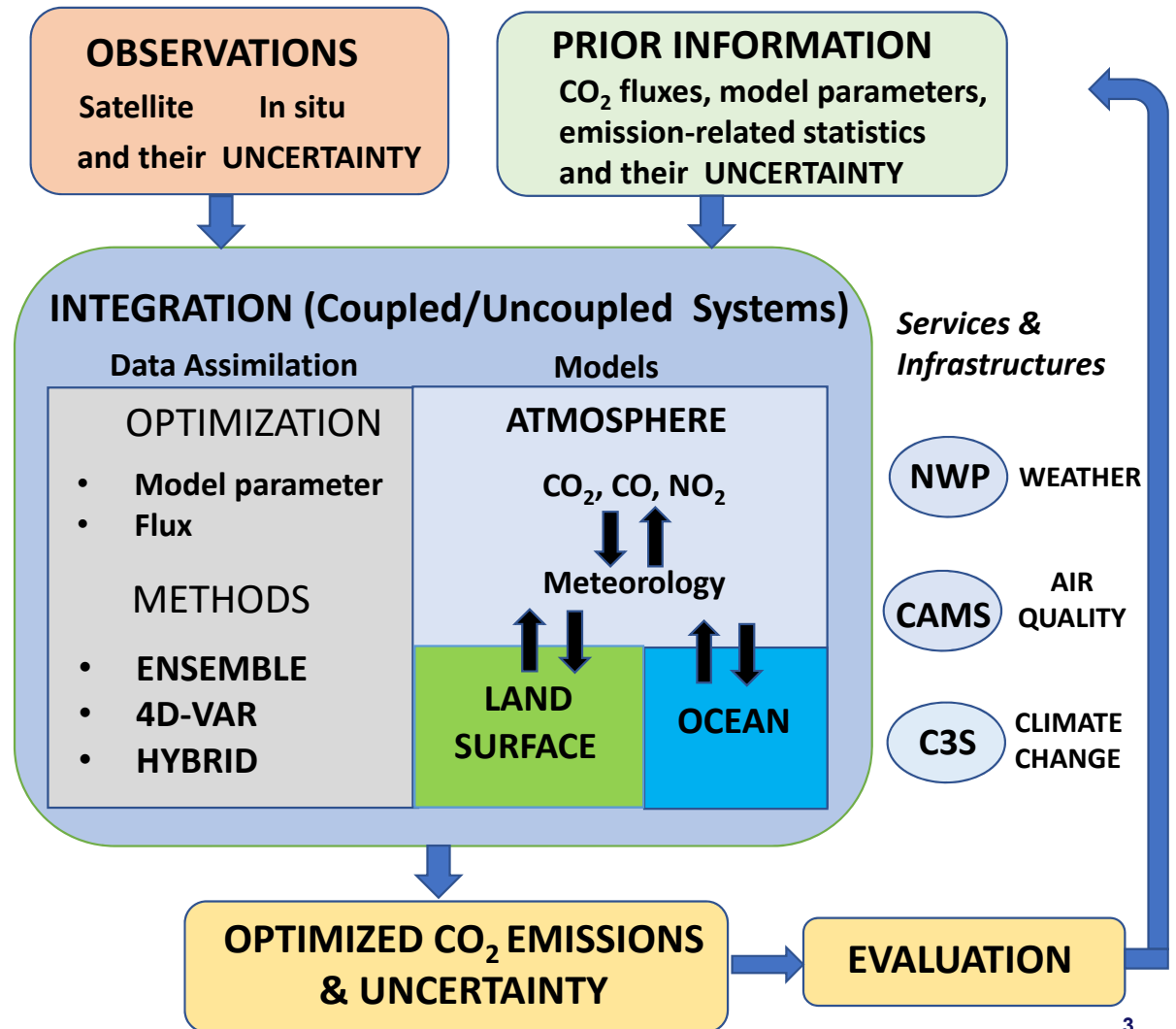
(M15, M27Tech, M39)



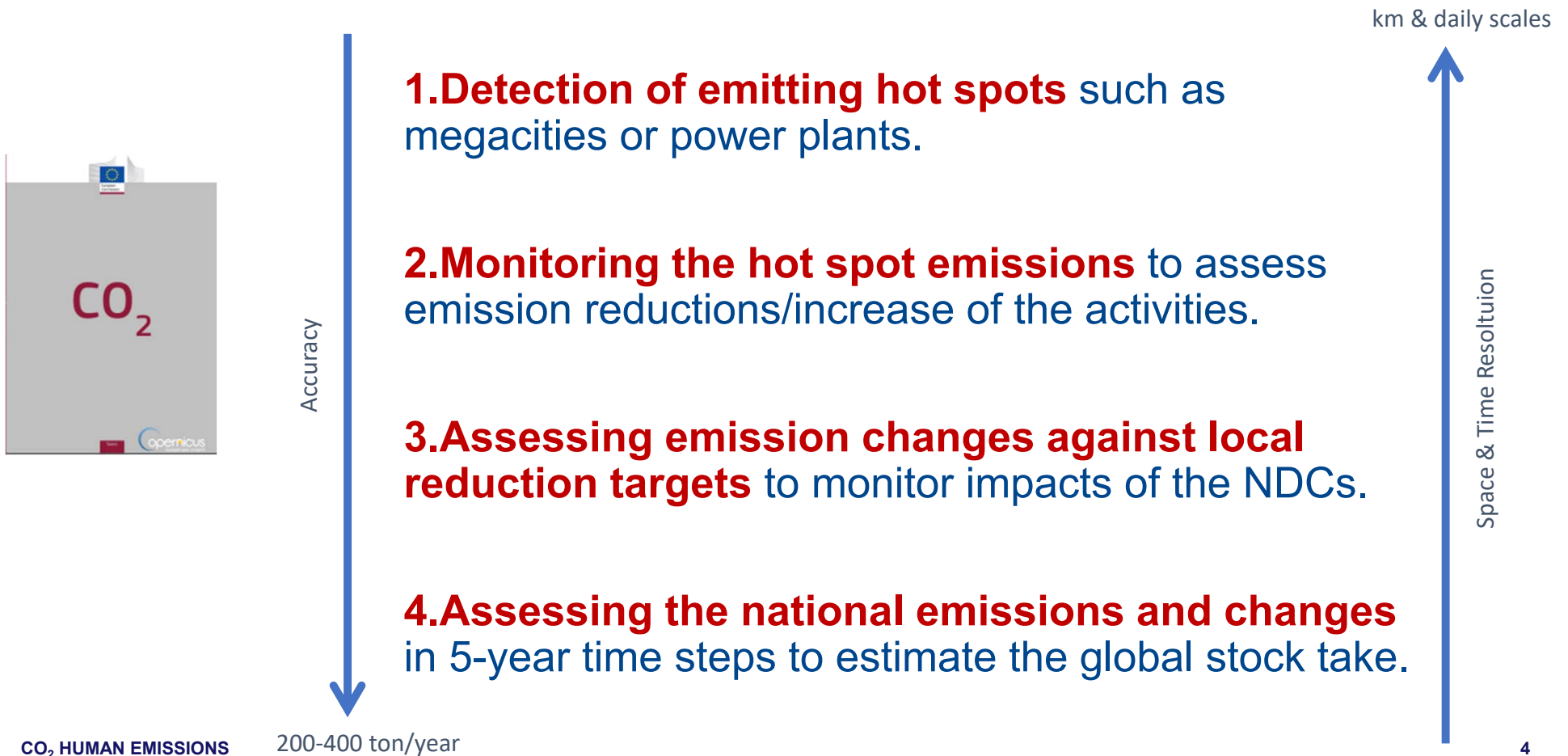
CHE System

- 1. Protocols** of processing chain: from observations to inter-comparisons of methods and bottom-up/to-down estimates.
- 2. Multiple scales** from global, national to plume scale (library of simulations)
- 3. Uncertainty** estimation throughout processing chain
- 4. Use of in situ observations and other co-emitting tracers to separate anthropogenic signal.**
- 5. Synthesis of results to design an operational prototype**

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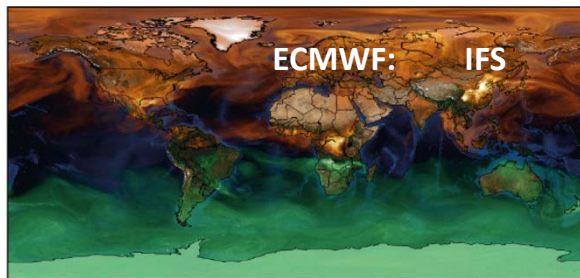


High Level Requirements for CHE System

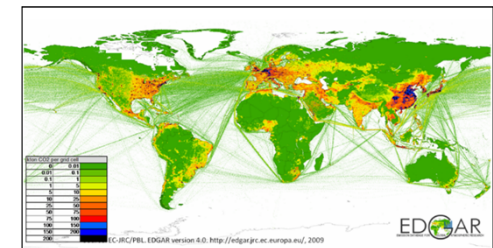


Embracing multi-scale, from local to global

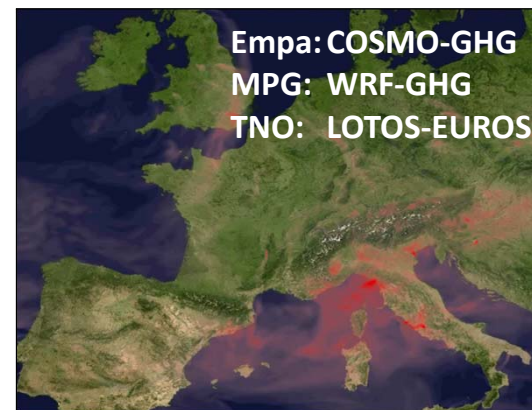
Global ~ 9km resolution, ECMWF



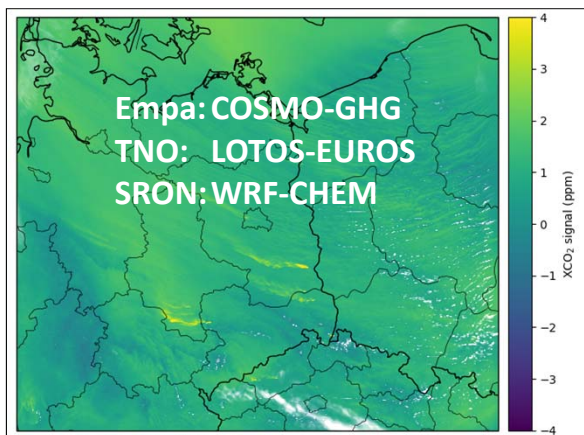
Global, Regional City emissions



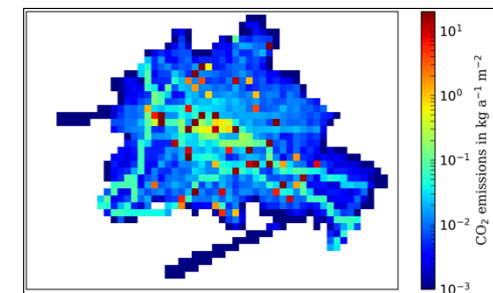
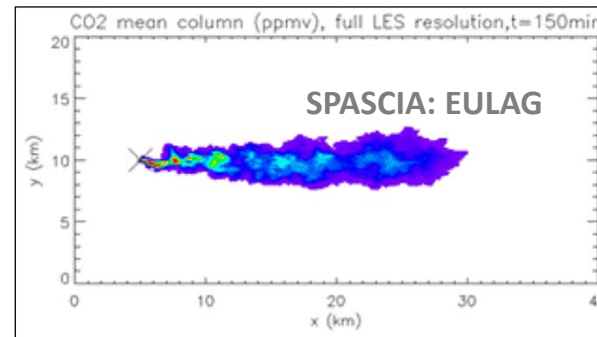
Europe ~ 5 km, Empa, TNO, MPG



Regional ~ 1 km, Empa, TNO, SRON

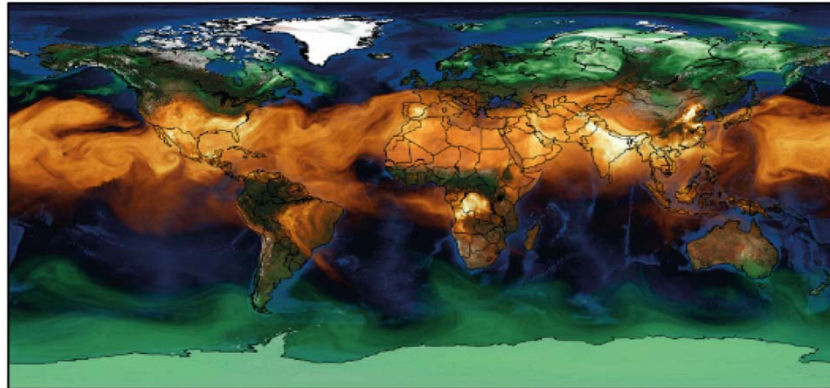


Point source ~ 100 m, SPASCIA

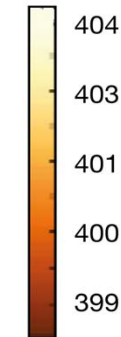


Reference global runs for CO₂ linking with VERIFY

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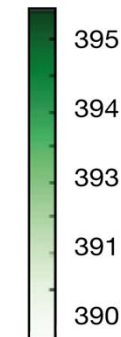
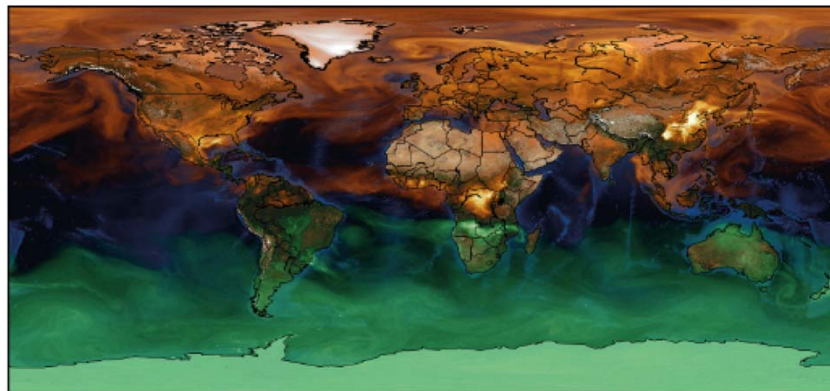


ppm



Above
global
mean

15 Jul 2015



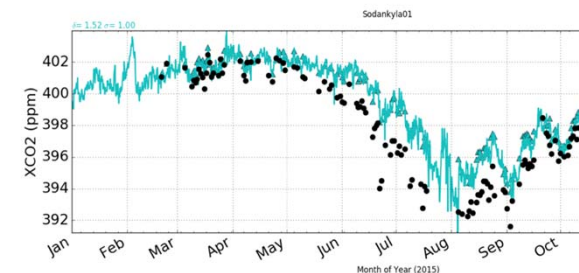
Below
global
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CO₂ concentration from
global runs on 9 km 3-hourly .
For 2015 freely available from
CHE project website.

<https://www.che-project.eu/news/che-tier-1-co2-global-nature-run>

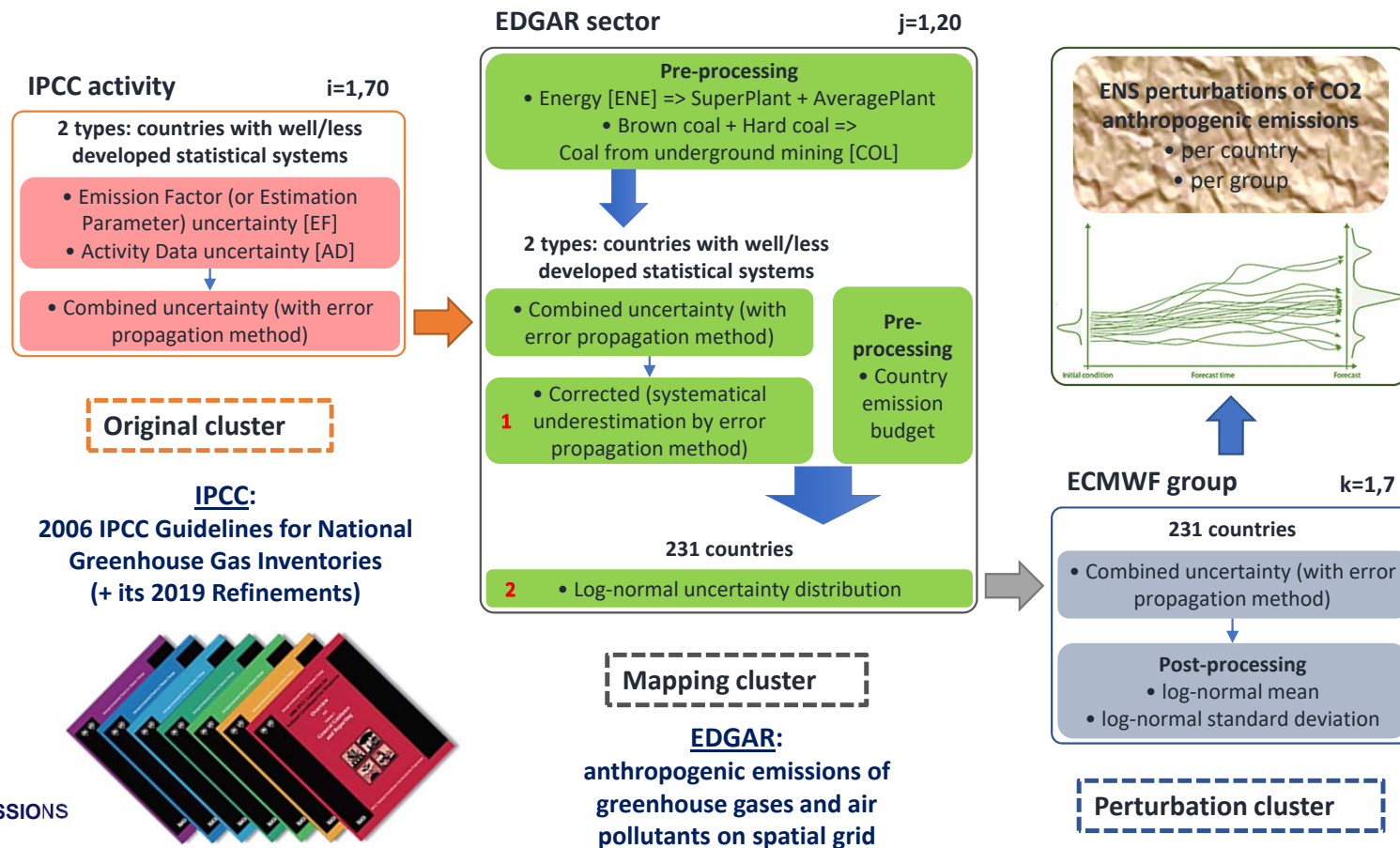
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CO₂ concentration at
Sodankyla (Finland)



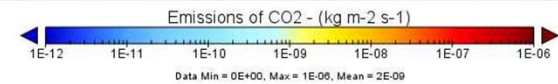
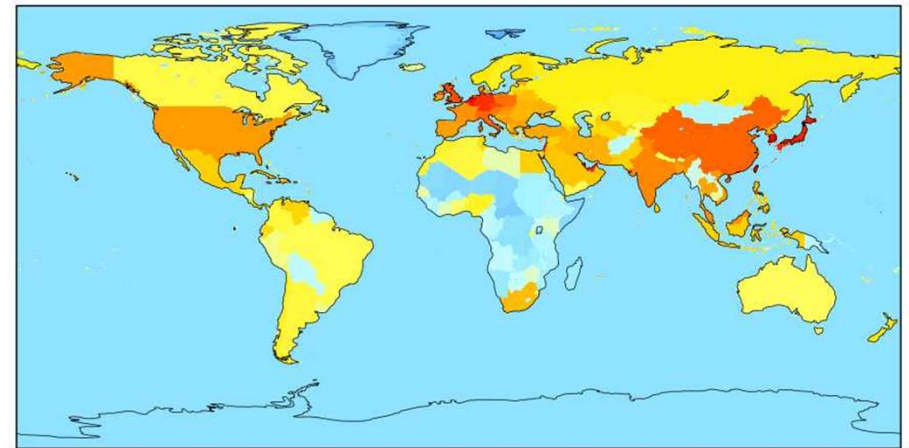
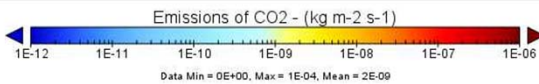
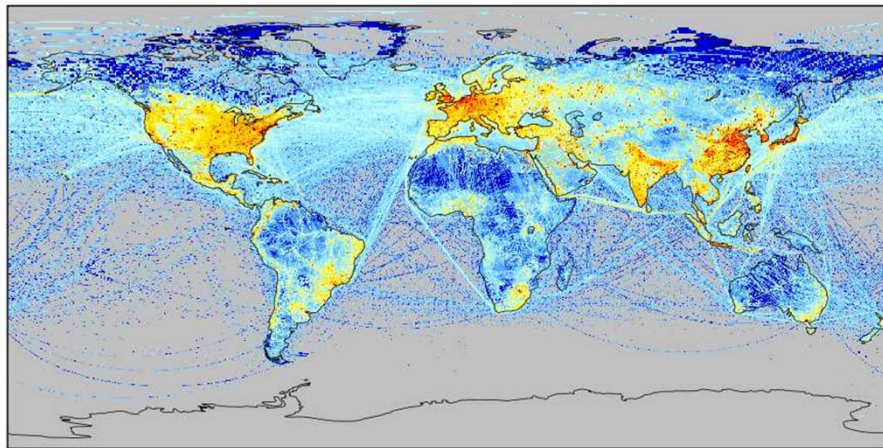
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IPCC data chain & consolidation CHE



CHE Outlook: Are we able to detect large CO₂ emission changes?

Experiment	Nationally Aggregated Emissions	Resolved Emissions
Standard	None	All
Smoothed	All	None
Smoothed_excl_sp	All Except Super Power Stations	Super Power Stations
Smoothed_excl_pp	All Except Energy Sector	Energy Sector



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Sensitivity to point source power stations (Europe)

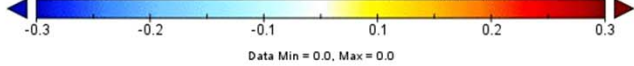
Spatially resolved power stations generate local area differences, beyond emission points of over 5 ppm in the 25km model. Several plumes are detectable using 0.3 ppm as a threshold, that have a lifetime of over 1 day.

Smoothed with Resolved Energy Sector - All Smoothed (3 Hour Timesteps)

Time: 0



Difference in Total Column CO2 (ppm)

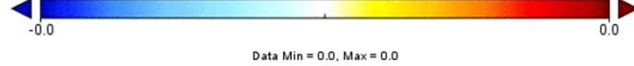


OCO-2 Detection Limit for Smoothed with Resolved Energy Sector - All Smoothed (3 Hour Timesteps)

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Difference of Greater than 0.3 in Total Column CO2 (ppm)



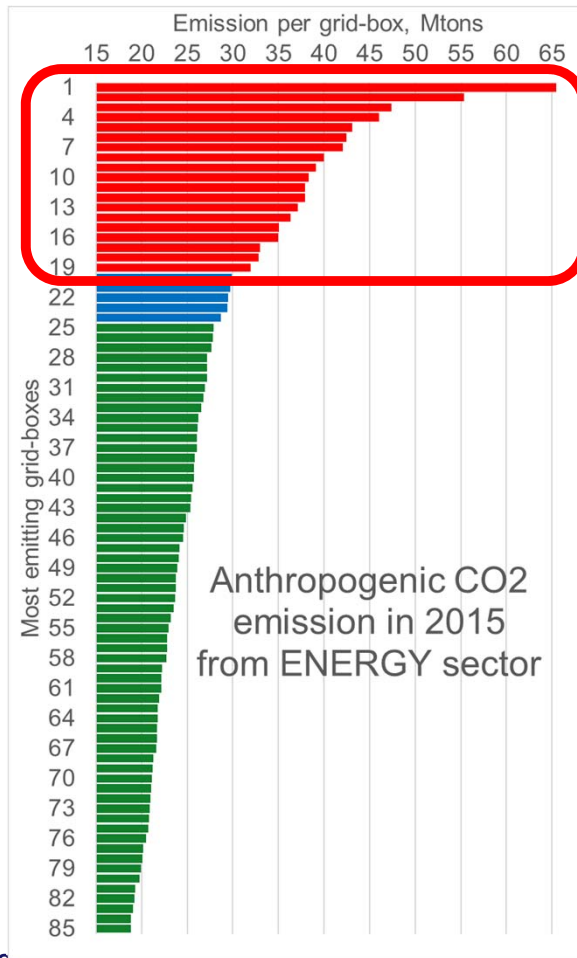
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Focusing on energy “super-power” plants

Check of the super emitting points helped to spot country mask inaccuracies!

(Kuwait – ENE budget was 10 times less as it should be)

Based on step in emissions per grid-box in 2015 TXT emission file for EDGAR Power industry (ENE) sector the top 19 most emitting ones were used - values > 30 Mtons/year as clustered/labelled as “super-power plants”



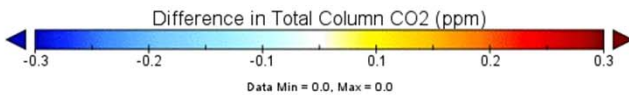
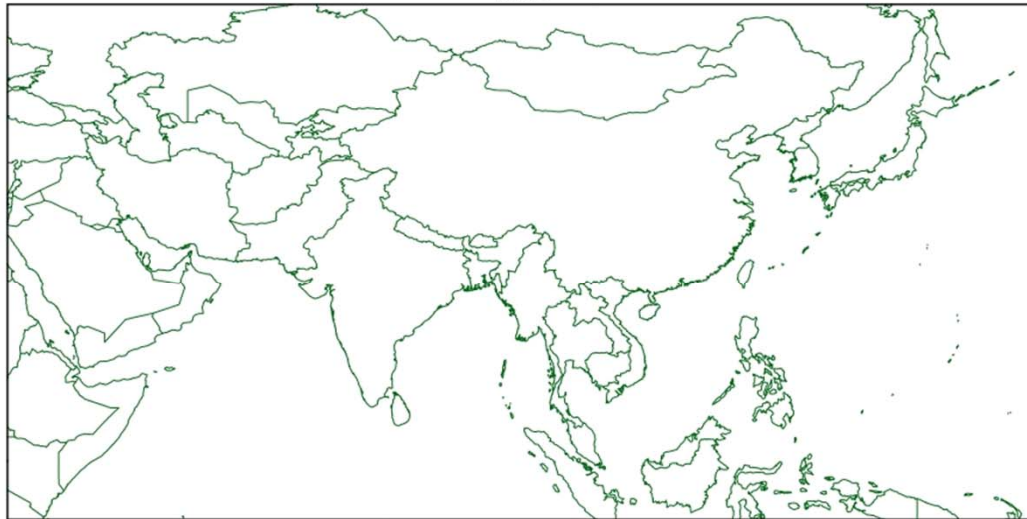
Rank	Latitude, °	Longitude, °	CO2 emission 2015, Mtons	Country totals, Mtons
1	24.2	120.4	65.5	Taiwan [TWN] 65.5
13	31.2	120.5	37.1	China [CHN] 37.1
2	55.9	37.7	55.3	Russia [RUS] 188.7
3	60.3	28.6	47.4	
4	55.7	52.4	46.0	
8	54.7	20.5	40.0	
5	24.1	82.7	43.1	India [IND] 220.8
9	11.5	79.4	39.1	
12	24.0	82.6	37.9	
16	21.9	83.4	35.0	
17	22.3	82.6	33.0	
18	21.0	85.0	32.8	Korea [KOR] 112.7
6	36.7	126.2	42.5	
10	36.8	126.6	38.3	
19	37.7	128.1	32.0	South Africa [ZAF] 42.0
7	-26.2	29.1	42.0	
11	35.4	139.6	38.0	Japan [JPN] 38.0
14	29.4	48.2	36.4	Kuwait [KWT] 36.4
15	-32.3	150.9	35.0	Australia [AUS] 35.0
Total				5.7 % of global ENERGY sector

Sensitivity to point source for “super-power” stations (Asia)

Spatially resolved super power stations generate local differences over 1 ppm in the 25km model. These differences are expected to be larger at increased model resolution. The detection limit of 0.3 ppm is reached at grid boxes local to the source and plumes are detectables.

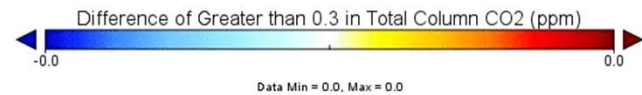
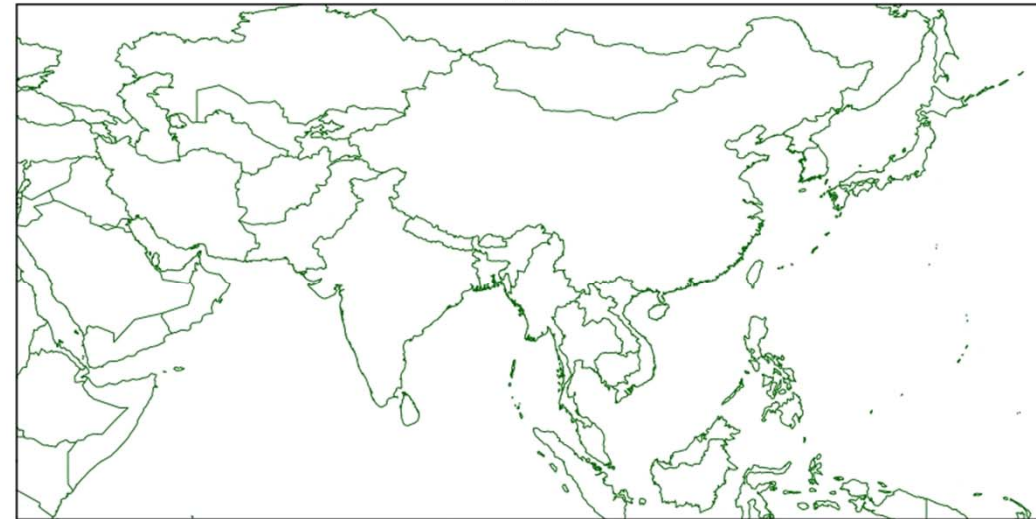
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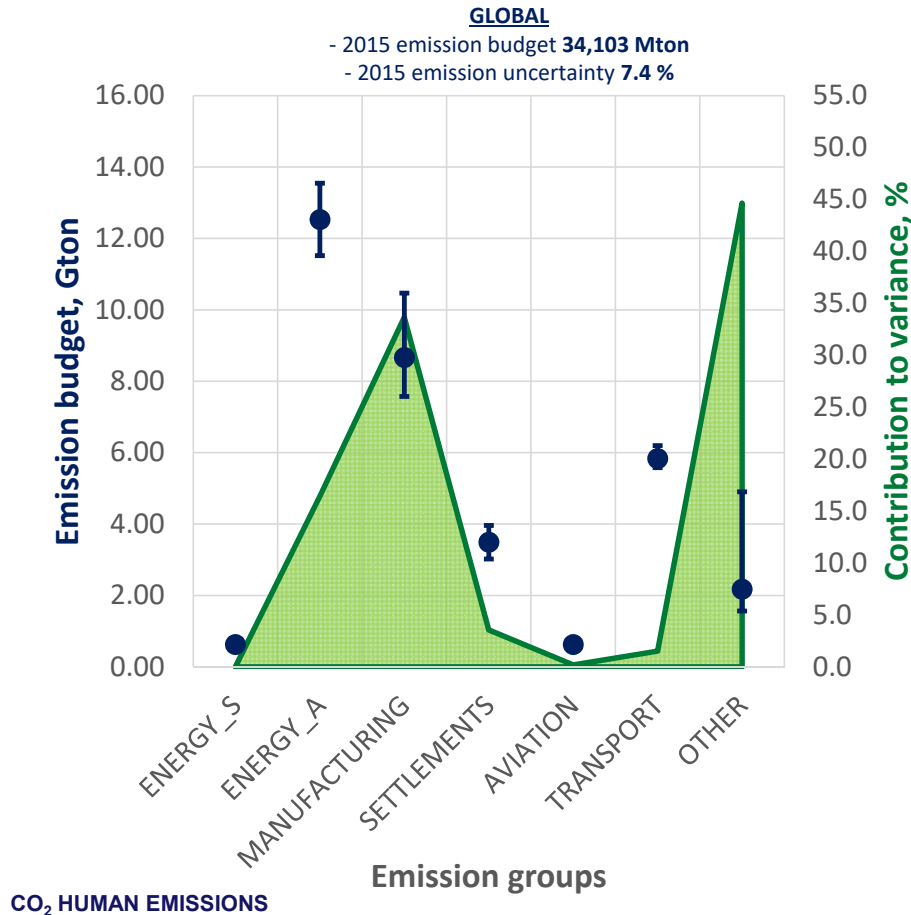
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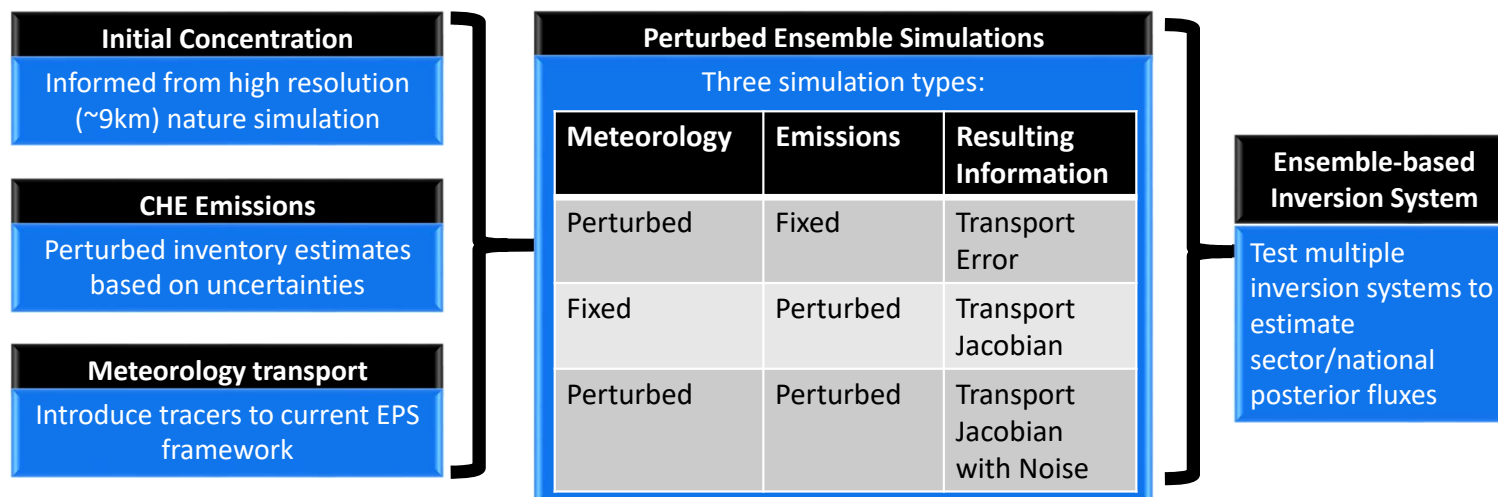
CO2 Human Emissions global budget for 2015



Gr. №	Group name	Note	E-s, Mton
1	ENERGY_S	Power industry - super emitting power plants	13,704
2	ENERGY_A	Power industry - average emitting power plants	
3	MANUFACTURING	Combustion for manufacturing	6,183
		Iron and steel production	234
		Non-ferrous metals production	91
		Non energy use of fuels	10
		Non-metallic minerals production	
4	SETTLEMENTS	Energy for buildings	3,322
		Solvents and products use	61
		Solid waste incineration	137
5	AVIATION	Aviation cruise	815
		Aviation climbing&descent	
		Aviation landing&takeoff	
6	TRANSPORT	Road transportation	5,530
		Shipping	819
		Railways, pipelines, off-road transport	255
7	OTHER	Agricultural soils	99
		Oil refineries and Transformation industry	1,917
		Fuel exploitation	258
		Coal production	48

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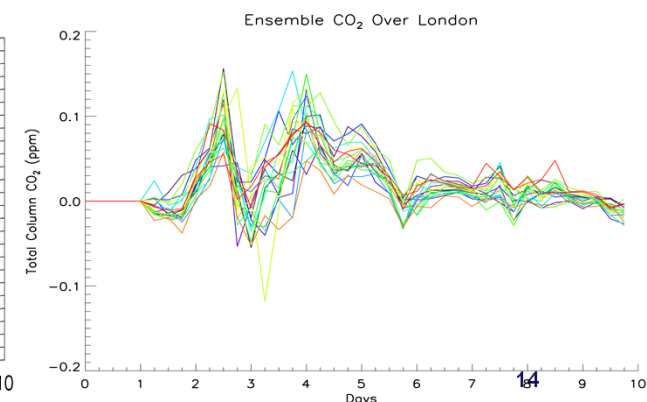
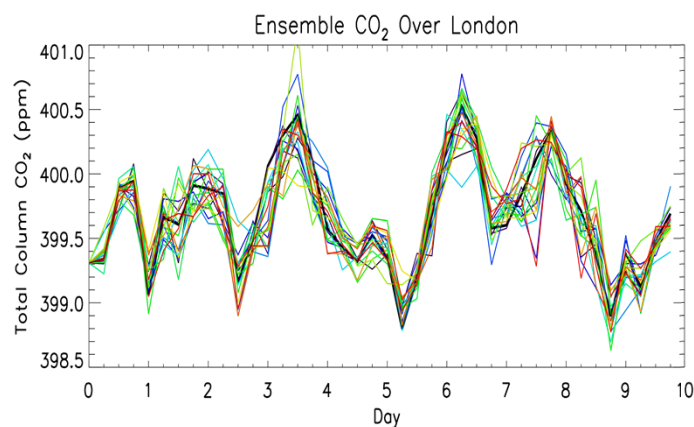
Connecting CO₂ Inventories to Ensemble simulations (local)



Example of ensemble spread over London:

Fixed anthropogenic emissions and perturbed meteorology

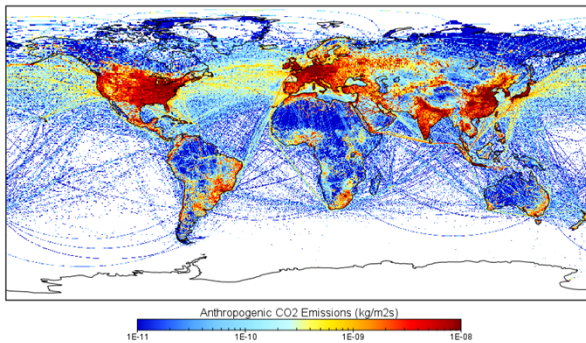
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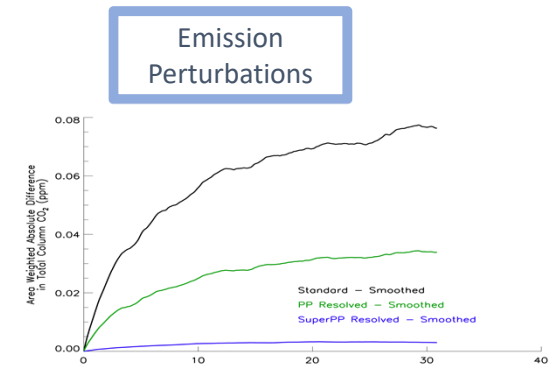
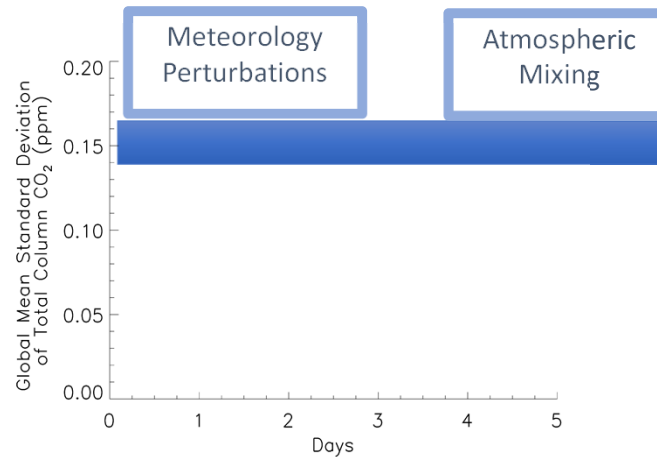
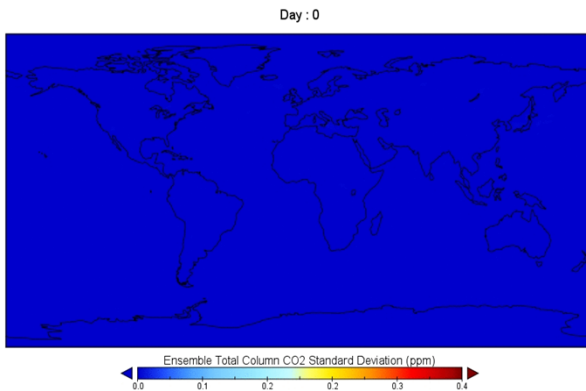
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Connecting CO₂ Inventories to Ensemble simulations (global)



Starting from EDGAR Emissions and CAMS Atmospheric concentrations the first Ensemble simulations have been realised



Model error spread takes
 ~2 days to spin-up.
 Emissions error spread ~30 days
 (from initial tests, 10% err)

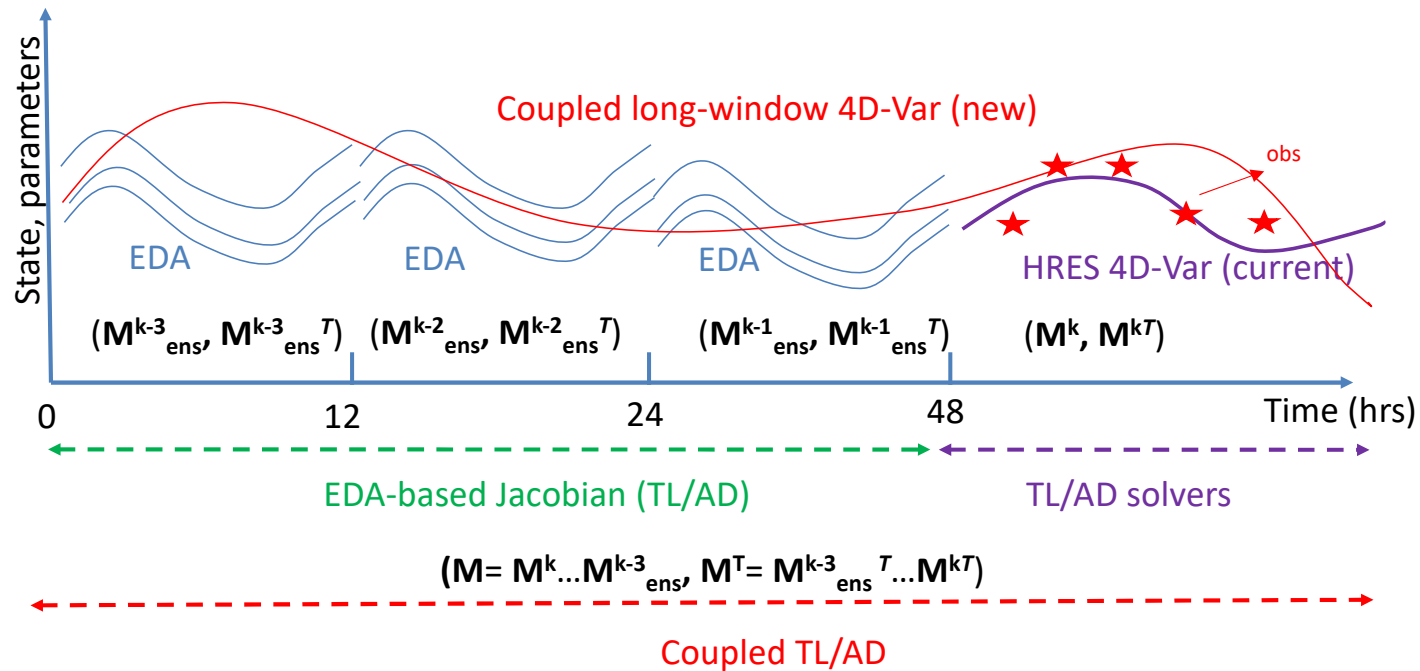
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Ensembles Data Assimilation/Coupled 4D-Var for CO₂



- Same EDA-based least-square approximation of the transport Jacobian M^{k-i}_{ens} and same trajectory used at each outer-iteration (transport is linear).
- Emission posterior error covariances updated for each long-window 4D-Var cycle using Hessian information (Ritz pairs) → use only observations from current 12hrs 4D-Var window.
- Ability of the EDA-based system to propagate sensitivities depends on the degree of overlapping between EDA members across 4D-Var windows → requires testing.

CHE summary

CO₂ Human Emission estimation using Earth Observations requires enhancing existing mapping modelling and data assimilation capabilities.

CHE project builds on existing infrastructure and expertise in Europe (C3S and CAMS) with a strong consortium and links to the wider scientific community.

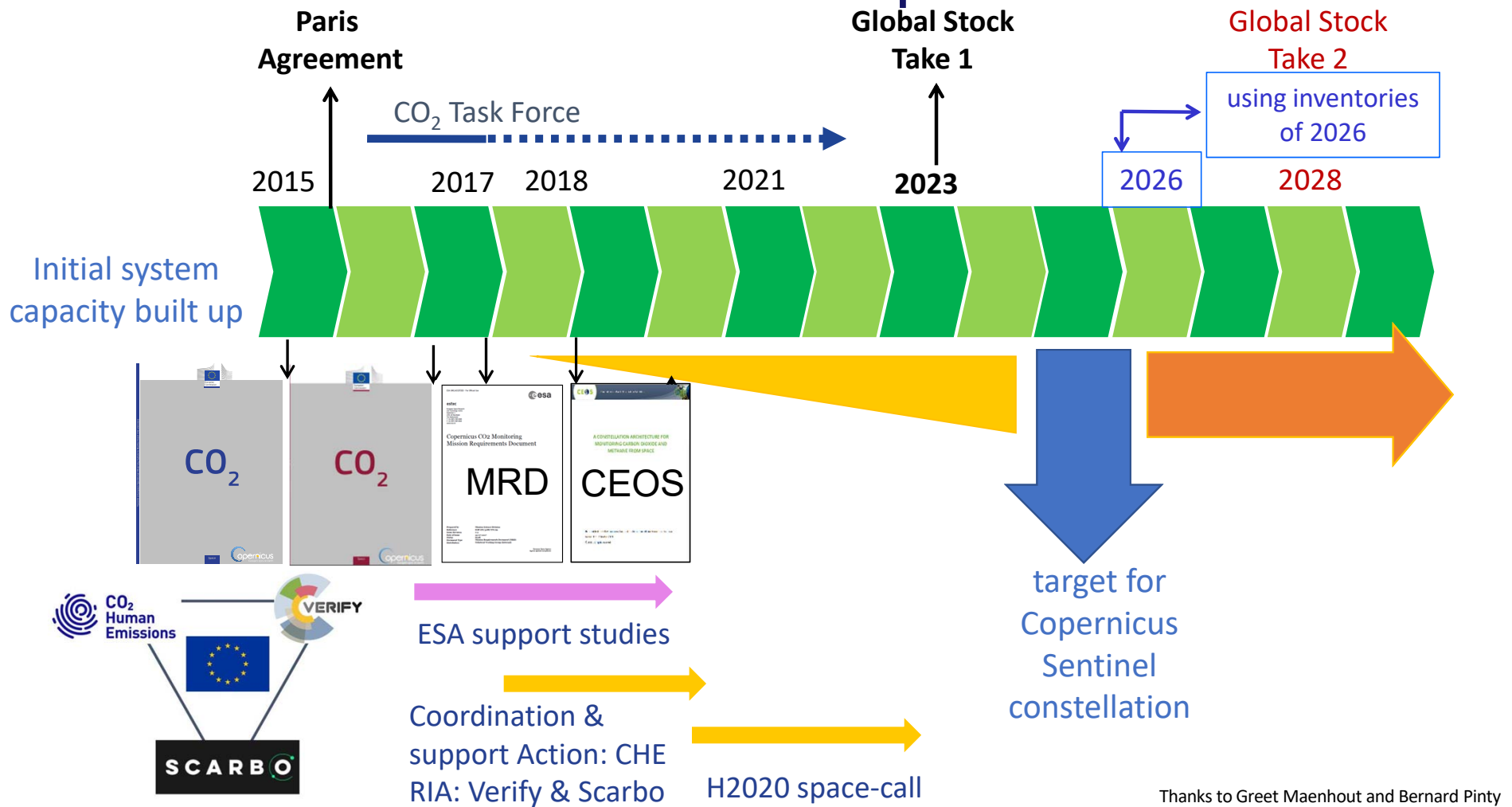
CHE aims at integrating CO₂ Monitoring into Coupled Earth System Modelling and Data Assimilation at global kilometre-scale resolutions.

CHE will provide a further strong motivation to improve Land surface LSM/LDAS including Anthropogenic aspects (urban areas).

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CHE outlook towards a Copernicus CO2 Service



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Learn more about CHE on <https://www.che-project.eu>



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