Attributing and Verifying European and National Greenhouse Gas and Aerosol Emissions and Reconciliation with Statistical Bottom-up Estimates

AVENGERS Overview

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Currently amendment to include The Cyprus Institute as additional beneficiary through successful Hop-On proposal

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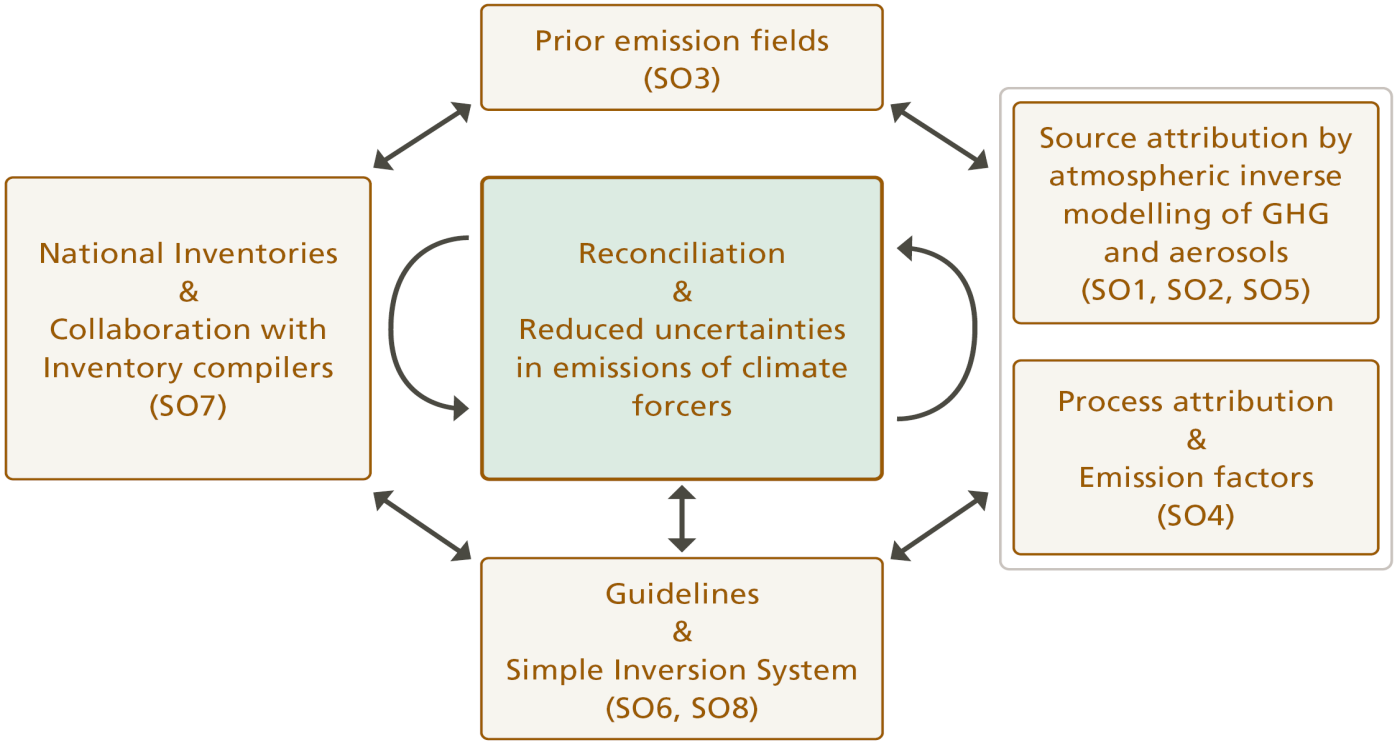
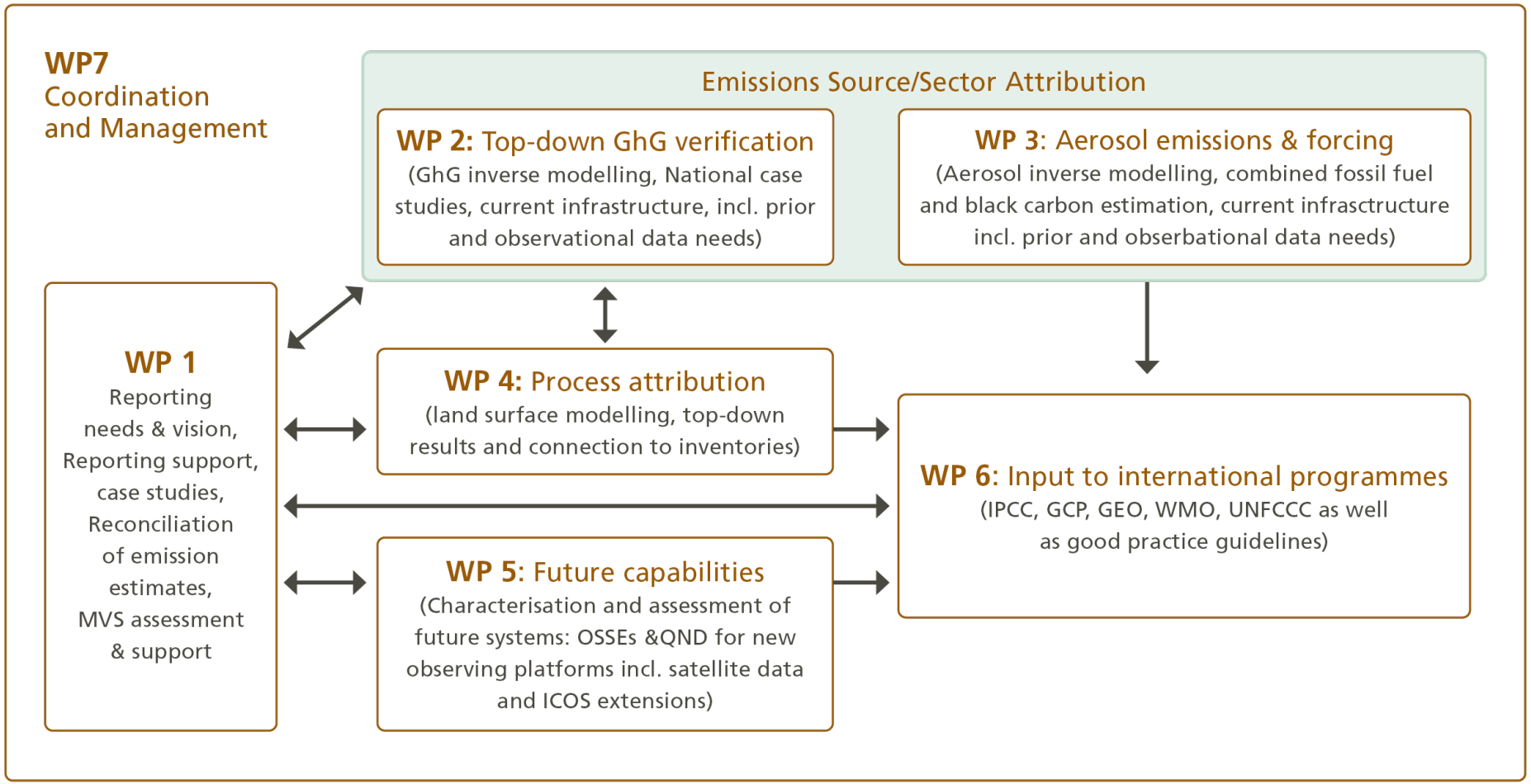
Objectives

To reconcile reported GHG emissions with independent information from atmospheric observations using top-down methods and process-based models, aiming at reducing the most important uncertainties of national emission inventories



Project Structure



Plus additional WP8 for Hop-On partner The Cyprus Institute to extend the methodology to Eastern Mediterranean countries

Focus regions (case studies)

- AFOLU sector
  - Forestry: Sweden
  - Agricultural land use: Italy & The Netherlands
- Germany: largest economy in EU, UBA partner
- Switzerland: front-runner of top-down aided emission reporting
- EU+UK: GhG and aerosol (pre-cursor) emissions of SO_2, OC (organic carbon), and BC (black carbon) and their uncertainy

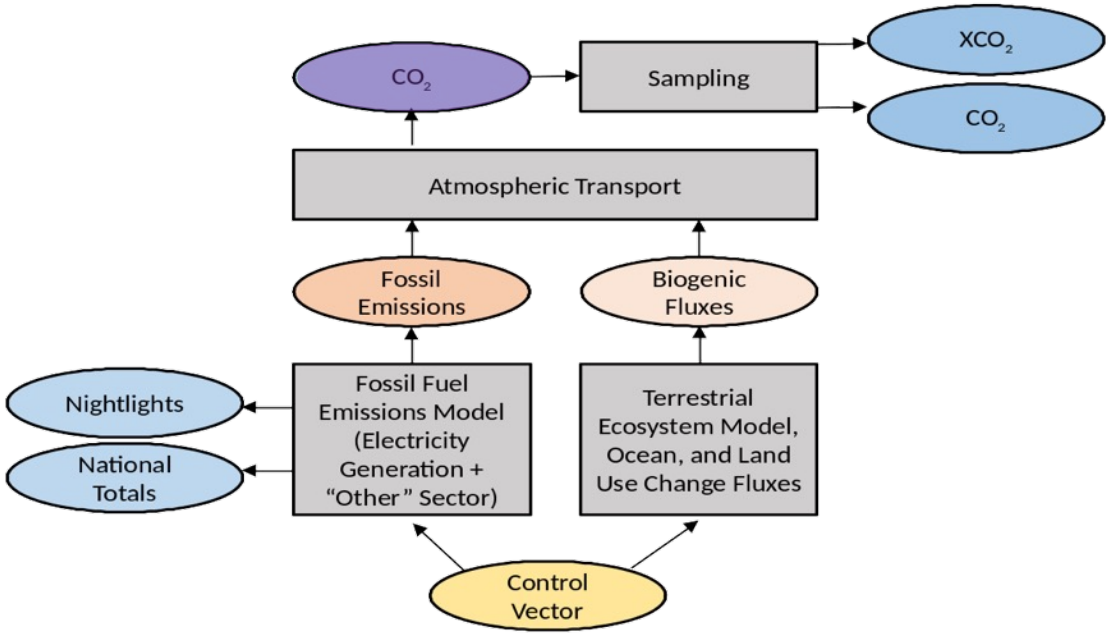
Some science highlights…

- Multi-tracer atmospheric inversion systems for GHG and aerosol emissions estimation
  - Co-emitted species (NO_2,$^{14}CO_2$, δ13C, δD, alkanes)
  - Joint Black Carbon-CO_2 inversions

Name	Model	DA method	Application	Reference
CCFFDAS	TM3/CMAQ	4D-VAR	CO_2	Kaminski et al. (2022)
ICON-ART-CTDAS*	ICON	EnKF	CO_2, CH_4, N_2O	Schröter et al. (2018)
LOTOS-Euros	LOTOS-Euros	4D-VAR, EnKF	CH_4, N_2O#, aerosols	Jin et al. (2017)
LUMIA	TM5/Flexpart	4D-VAR	CO_2, CH_4, aerosols & BC#	Monteil and Scholze, (2021)
WRF-CTDAS*	WRF-Chem	EnKF	CO_2, CH_4, N_2O#	Dekker et al. (2019)
TRACE	WRF-Chem	EnKF	CO_2	Chen et al. (2019)

Some science highlights…

- Coupled fossil fuel carbon cycle data assimilation



- Evaluation of future infrastructures: OSSEs and QND studies for all three GhGs (CO_2, CH_4 & N_2O)
  - e.g. PRISMA, EnMAP, CO2Imager, CO2M, ICOS extension
  - Good coverage of neighbouring countries for national totals of a country
  - How does an in-situ network need to look like for estimating Italian GhG budget
  - What is the added value of CH4 isotopes

Some science highlights…

- Emission factor quantification for GHG flux estimation in the AFOLU sector using process-based DGVMs (ORCHIDEE, LPJ-GUESS)
  - How can we better estimate CO2 emissions from the forestry sector with process-based bottom up models
  - Can we quantify Dutch CH4 emissions from organic and mineral soils using process-based bottom up models
  - What is the contribution of the agricultural sector to the Italian GhG budget from process-based bottom up models
- Comparison of GHG and aerosol radiative forcing
  - Using EC-Earth to calculate radiative forcing of aerosol emissions for a given year and country
- Development of a Flexible Inversion Tool for Inventory Compilers (FIT-IC) to use and in a way that non-atmospheric scientists can apply it

Expected results (some highlights…)

- **Good practice guidelines** on how top-down emission estimation systems can support GHG inventories and the Global Stocktake.
- **A Flexible Inversion Tool for Inventory Compiler** for demonstrating the strengths and weaknesses in estimating GHG emissions, made available to national inventory compilers incl training events.
- **Observation-based estimates of GHG (CO_2, CH_4, N_2O) and aerosol emissions and their uncertainties** for European countries (with a specific focus on Germany, The Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland such that they can **be used as input in the respective GHG inventories)**.
- **Improved estimates of uncertain emission factors** used in the inventories, based on process modelling in ORCHIDEE and LPJ-GUESS of Sweden and Italy for the AFOLU sector.
- Estimates of the **climate impact of national emissions in terms of radiative forcing** taking into account the **radiative impact of aerosols and GHGs**.
- An **evaluation of future observing systems (both satellite and in-situ)** in terms of their **potential to further reduce uncertainties** in the estimated GHG and aerosol emissions and corresponding guidelines on the design of the networks.

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Most importantly:

A better understanding of how the different communities work and what is needed to effectively work together among atmospheric scientists, process-based land surface modellers and inventory compilers!

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