

Integrated Global GHG Information Services (iG³IS): You can manage what you measure



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Translational medicine is a rapidly growing discipline in biomedical research and aims to expedite the discovery of new diagnostic tools and treatments by using a multi-disciplinary, highly collaborative, "bench-to-bedside" approach.

The IG³IS concept is a similar :

"Translation Atmospheric Sciences" approach Build confidence today that atmospheric science-based information services **can be**, and **in fact, need to be** part of the end-to-end solutions GHG monitoring and reporting in 2010: atmospheric "top-down" and inventory "bottom-up"

Can atmospheric measurements and models "verify" inventories?



Paris Agreement and GHG Monitoring: Evolving from Top-Down versus Bottom-Up Paradigm

Then (2009)

Now (2016)



Binding Multi-national Treaty Commitments

"we will verify your reported emissions"



Nationally Determined Contributions

"we will <u>help</u> you <u>improve</u> your data"

A grand top-down GHG Information System

Advocates: Science Community!!!

Federation of focused monitoring systems

Advocates: WMO (191 countries),UNEP, Cities (eg, C40), NGOs, Industry (eg, Oil Companies)

IG³IS programmatic evolution within WMO





The Integrated Global Greenhouse Gas Information System (IG³IS)



- Combine (unified approach) atmospheric measurements with socioeconomic inventory data to better quantify and attribute greenhouse gas emissions.
- IG³IS will serve as an international coordinating mechanism and establish and propagate *consistent methods and standards* (BIPM/GAW partnership).
- Stakeholders are entrained from the beginning to ensure that information products meet user priorities and deliver on the foreseen value proposition.
- Success-criteria are that the information *guides additional and valuable emission-reduction actions*.
- IG³IS must mature *in concert with evolution of policy and technology.*



IG³IS Implementation: Products and Objectives



- *Pilot projects* to build user-base and improve skill,
- Document good-practice implementation guidelines
 Objectives
 Support of Paris Agreement:
- Improved national inventory reporting by making use of atmospheric measurements for all countries
- Timely and quantified trend assessment in support of countries' NDC tracking and "Global Stocktaking" (TBD)

Key sub-national efforts and new mitigation opportunities:

- GHG monitoring in *large urban source areas* (megacities)
- Detection and quantifying *large unknown CH₄ emissions*

Executive Summary

- **1.0** Motivation and Overview
 - **1.1** Motivation for an IG³IS
 - 1.2 **IG³IS Principles**
 - 1.3 **IG³IS Objectives**
- 2.0 IG³IS Governance, Management and Support
- 3.0 Objective 1: IG³IS in Support of National Inventory Preparation

(Dominik Brunner; Alistair Manning, Shamil Maksyutov)

- 2.1 Overview
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- 2.4 Model development
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- 5.0 Objective 3: IG³IS in Support of City-Scale Mitigation Efforts (Jocelyn Turnbull, Felix Vogel, Kevin Gurney)
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 - 4.5 Demonstration experiments
 - 4.6 R&D for novel/other observing and modelling systems to pre-operational status
 - 4.7 Capacity Building and Outreach
- 6.0 Objective 4: IG³IS in Support of the Global Stock Take

(Philippe Ciais, Frederick Chevalier, Florin Vladu)

- 5.1 Overview
- 5.2 Extension of Global Carbon Atlas Approach
- 7.0 IG³IS Inverse Modeling Cross Cutting Activities Decision-Scale TransCom (Thomas Lauvaux, Sander Houweling, plus Dominik, Alistair, Shamil others)
- 8.0 IG³IS Atmospheric Measurement Strategy: Tiered Suite of Observations
- 9.0 IG³IS Research and Development Activities
- **10.0 IG³IS Partner, Stakeholder and Sponsor Coordination**
- **11.0 Execution of the Implementation Plan**

12.0 Summary/Conclusion



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New Edition of the International Cloud Atlas

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An Integrated Global **Greenhouse Gas** Information System (IG³IS)

by Phil DeCola1 and WMO Secretariat2

Atmospheric composition measurements in the latter half of the twentieth century showed increasing global concentrations of greenhouse gases. These measurements were the initial cause of concern about global warming and climate change. Today, as nations make pledges to reduce their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, concentration measurements of carbon dioxide (CO_) and other GHGs will unequivocally determine whether the actions taken are having the desired effect. Thus, WMO has initiated the development of an Integrated Global Greenhouse Gas Information System (IG³IS) to help quide valuable GHG emission-reduction actions in response to climate change. This new System will establish and build confidence in the role of atmospheric composition measurements as an essential part of climate change mitigation efforts. This article discusses the need for and development of atmospheric composition measurements and the role of IG³IS.

Climate change a global concern

In 1992, participants of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (the "Rio Earth Summit") adopted the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), an international treaty aimed at combatting climate change. The ultimate objective of the Convention is to stabilize greenhouse gas (GHG) concentrations "at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic (human-induced) interference with the climate system." It further states "such a level should be achieved within a time

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frame sufficient to allow ecosystems to adapt naturally to climate change, to ensure that food production is not threatened, and to enable economic development to proceed in a sustainable manner." There are now 197 Parties to the Convention. But, what was the motivation and basis for this impressive global action?

The UNFCCC was established upon a bedrock of scientific evidence and understanding, consisting particularly of long-term observations of Earth's atmospheric chemical composition and its change over time. Consistent and accurate measurements show rapidly rising concentrations of GHGs, such as carbon dioxide. These measurements also unambiguously attribute the rise to human activities, and link the increasing GHG concentrations to global warming and negative climate impacts.³

Since the eighteenth century Industrial (or energy) Revolution, human activities have caused a steady increase in concentrations of GHGs such as CO., methane (CH₄) and nitrous oxide (N₂O), and mean global temperatures have been rising in response. Concentrations of CO, have risen by more than 40% from pre-industrial levels and continue to rise at an increasing rate. They are now higher than they have been in at least about four million years, when global average temperatures were 2 to 3 °C hotter than in the nineteenth century and sea levels were 7 to 25 metres higher than today.4 Current levels of CH, are 2 1/2 times

Salawitch et al., 2017: Paris Agreement: Beacon of Hope, ISBN DOI 978-3-319-46939-3 at Springer Climate

https://public.wmo.int/en/resources/bulletin

IPCC, 2014: Climate Change 2014: Synthesis Report. Contribution of Working Groups I, II and III to the Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (CoreWriting Team, R.K. Pachauri and L.A. Mever, eds.), IPCC, Geneva, 151 pp.



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Emission data from:





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What are the requirements for novel observing systems?

Many posters and new instruments at GGMT (and ICDC)



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Climate/environmental services by companies



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Positions available - Email: contact-trace@lists.lsce.ipsl.fr

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[Vogel et al. in prep / Modelling ARIA tech, 2016]



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Lower cost medium precision sensors



- > Lower cost medium precision (LCMP) sensors allow much denser monitoring networks
- > Dense networks allow better estimates of emissions for sectors and neighborhoods
- BUT LCMPs must be properly calibrated and QA/QC is crucial (1ppm)
- Also saturation can be reached (more is not always better!)



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Canadian work – ECCC so far?



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Monthly contribution for March 2011



➢Observations at the "sister site" in Egbert captures most of the signal of the regional and continental domain

 $ightarrow \Delta$ FFCO₂ (CO₂ at Toronto minus CO₂ at Egbert) could be used to "zoom in" on metropolitan emissions of the Greater Toronto Area/Golden Horseshoe

Canadian work – so far:

To cite this article: F.R. Vogel , M. Ishizawa , E. Chan , D. Chan , S. Hammer , I. Levin & D.E.J. Worthy (2012) Regional non-CO₂ greenhouse gas fluxes inferred from atmospheric measurements in Ontario, Canada, Journal of Integrative Environmental Sciences, 9:sup1, 41-55, DOI: <u>10.1080/1943815X.2012.691884</u>



Assessment of regional emissions of CH_4 and $N_2O -$ (will be expanded to look at decadal trend and processes)

Canadian work - so far:

Atmos. Chem. Phys. Discuss., https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-2017-678 Manuscript under review for journal Atmos. Chem. Phys. Discussion started: 26 July 2017 © Author(s) 2017. CC BY 4.0 License.





- + Assessment of regional emissions of CO₂
- + temporal emission factors
- + sectorial emission inventory
- + prototype modelling system



Canadian work – so far:



- + Continuous observations of ${}^{13}CO_2$ and ${}^{14}CO_2$
- + Fuel specific emission inventory
- + Sector specific modelling system prototype



Night-time observation: -42.1±0.7‰

Night-time ICF-based: -40.4‰ to -43.8‰

Contribution to FFCO₂:

Natural gas: 80±7% Liquid fuels: 20±7% Contributions to FFCO₂:

Natural gas: 77% Liquid fuels: 23%

Canadian work – next steps?



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20 LCMP instruments for GTA



- Establish background network and WMO traceability
- Test low-cost sensors and provide grants for depl.
- Provide protocols, guidance, routines to community
- Canada-wide database of urban GHG emissions
- Interface to NIR group, policy makers and internat.

Upcoming events relevant for IG3IS and CRD



Ottawa, Oct. 2017

Canadian photonics research for environmental monitoring



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INTERNATIONAL PHOTONICS ADVOCACY COALITION

Webinar, Jan. 2018



Dronten, NL, Feb. 2018

summer school





- 1. Finding the right stakeholders can
 - raise awareness of the work done in the atmospheric GHG community
 - demonstrate relevance of long-term high-quality monitoring (programs)
 - open doors for research funding, but also ensuring quality in private sector projects
 - pose new challenges and maybe leads to new scientific findings
 - help "bending curves"
 - 2. Research needed/done within IG3IS also benefits larger atmospheric GHG community
 - gaps in our knowledge on local scale GHG variability will be identified
 - best practices help reduce common mistakes and Urban typology
 - define requirement for novel (lower-cost) GHG observing systems
 - link the work in the atm. GHG community done at different scales

Ecosystem to advance CRD and IG3IS?



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Bayesian Linear Unbiased Estimator



The atmosphere is a powerful integrator of surface fluxes



... but to use its power, reliable high-quality measurements are necessary

Atmospheric measurements were already proven to be effective to quantify regional CO_2 and CH_4 fluxes at all scales: global, continental, regional, country, local.

But we do not always have a dense sampling of the atmosphere in space and time to identify specific source categories

Data assimilation framework



[Breon et al.2015]

Fossil fuel + Bio = Total

Source apportionment – what is contributing to GTA emissions?



Different emission sectors use different fuel-types (gas, coal, oil) approach #1
 Different emission sectors have different seasonal patterns approach #2



> Seasonal cycle in concentration due to changing anthropogenic emissions

> Potentially changing atmospheric transport



Overall GTA emissions are 9% lower than predicted in prior emissions
 Retrieve an estimate of primary energy and industry, non-industrial combustion and transportation contribution



* EC inventory, ON based on per capita data for province of Ontario, not GTA specific

> Atmospheric observations support ICF report estimates for contributions