

SII-8 [2021–2023]

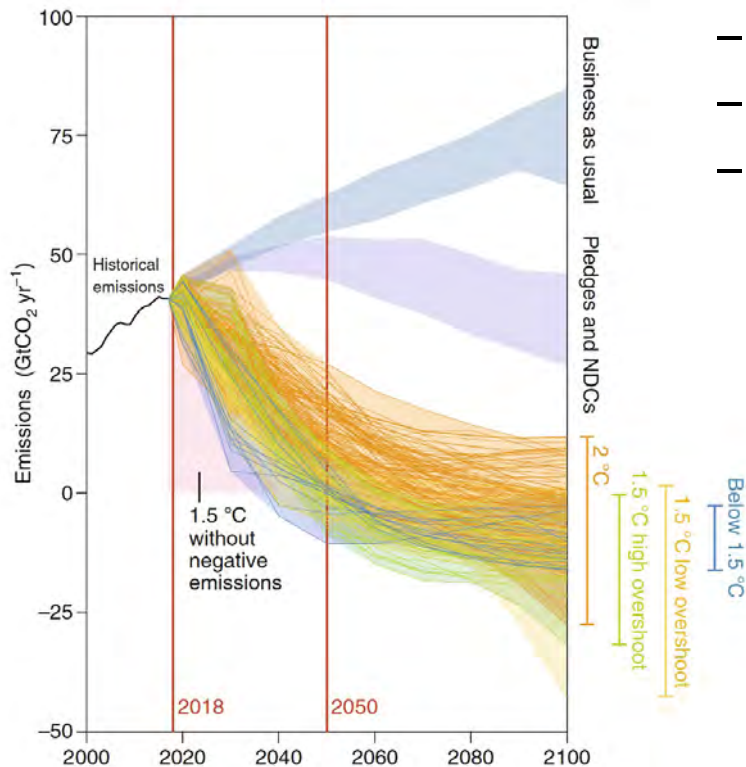
Toward multi-scale greenhouse gas monitoring system for supporting global stock take

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Background: Global Stock Take



(Roe et al. 2019, NCC)

(from WWF Japan Material)

Paris Agreement: 1.5/2.0 °C target

=> Need for GHGs emission reduction

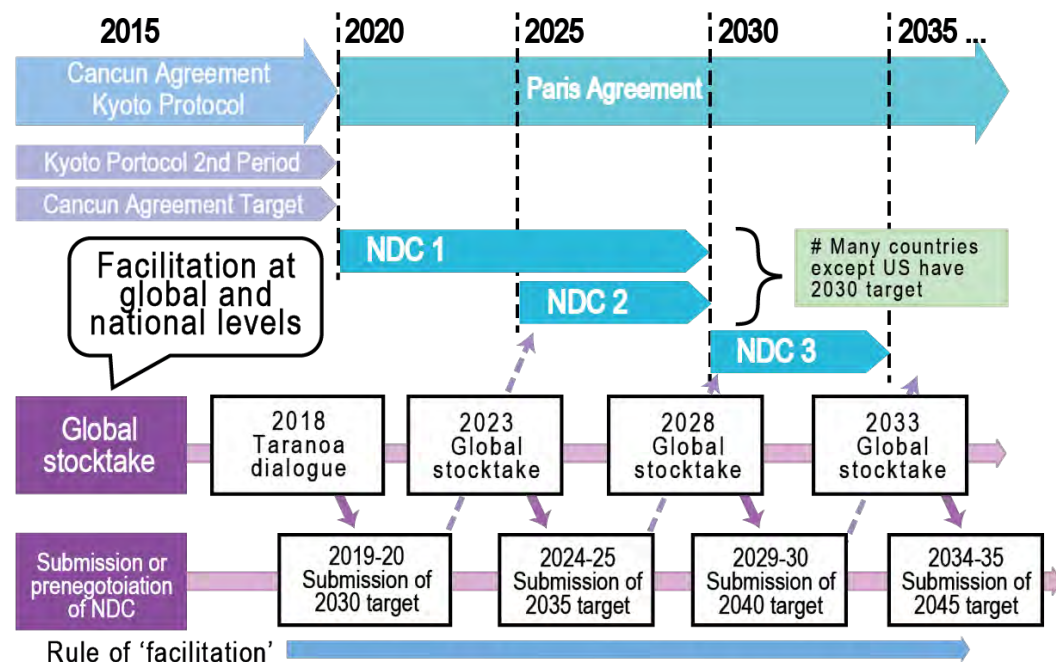
=> Nationally determined contributions (NDCs)

Global stock take

=> Check progress and re-targeting

- Comprehensive and facilitative manners
- Mitigation, adaptation, implementation and support
- Equity and the best available science

Japan: Zero emission by 2050



Current status of GHG monitoring

Necessity and issues in GHG monitoring

- GHG monitoring by 'best available science'
- Critical examination of climate policies
- Understanding and prediction of GHG budget

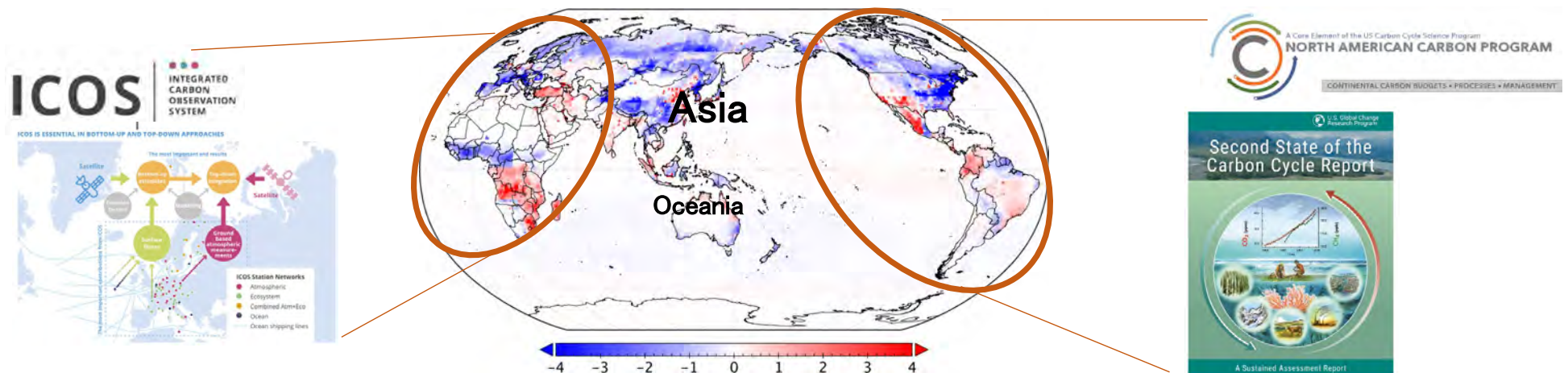
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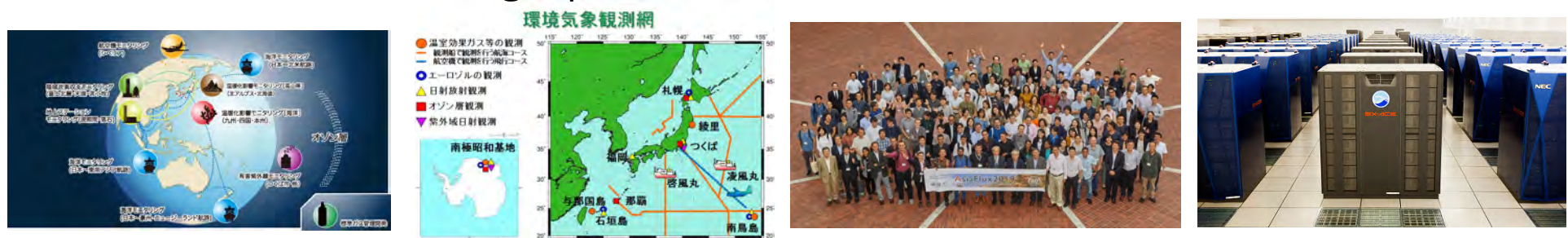
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Lack of regional framework, in contrast to Europe and US

Bottle-neck of speedy reporting: lack of operational monitoring system



But, we have resources making it possible.



Objectives

The SII-8 project aims at speedy and high-precision evaluation of GHG budget through observational and modeling researches, for making contributions to political needs in terms of the Global Stocktake of the Paris Agreement.

Specifically, we make attempts by the best available science for:

- 1: GHG evaluation at multi spatial scales from mega-city to country and global scales
- 2: establishment of speedy reporting system from observations of accounting
- 3: refinement of global warming projection by improving global GHGs cycles

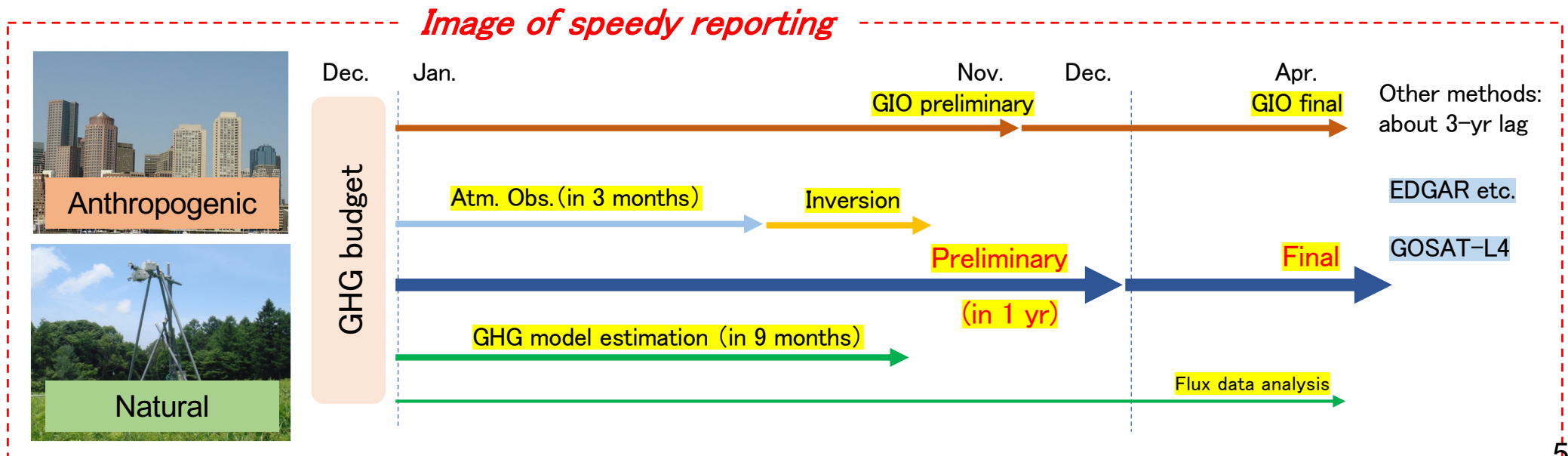


Novelties and advantages

Establishing a top-level GHG evaluation system from scratch in 3 years => difficult
=> buildup on the existing resources (e.g., 2-1701 & 2-1710 projects)

What is the novelty and advantage of the SII-8 ? (why big budget is needed?)

- Multi-scale: seamless coverage from mega-city, country / region, to global scales
- Comprehensiveness: natural and anthropogenic major GHGs and tracers (e.g., CO)
- High scientific quality: rich achievements, understanding, prediction
 - => scientific topics: urban, fire, permafrost, climate-GHG feedback, CH₄ dynamics
- Speedy: not only for GST but also for emergent events (e.g., fires, COVID-19)



Structure

Theme 1: Multi-scale evaluation of GHGs based on atmospheric measurement

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Sub theme 1-1: Observational strategy and GHG budget estimation with atmospheric model

Sub theme 1-2: GHG observation by ground observatory and aircraft

Sub theme 1-3: Ocean CO₂ flux data improvement by ship observation

Theme 2: ESM validation and GHG budget estimation for mitigation assessment

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Sub theme 2-1: Estimation of mitigation effect using Earth system model

Sub theme 2-2: Global GHG budget assessment by top-down approach

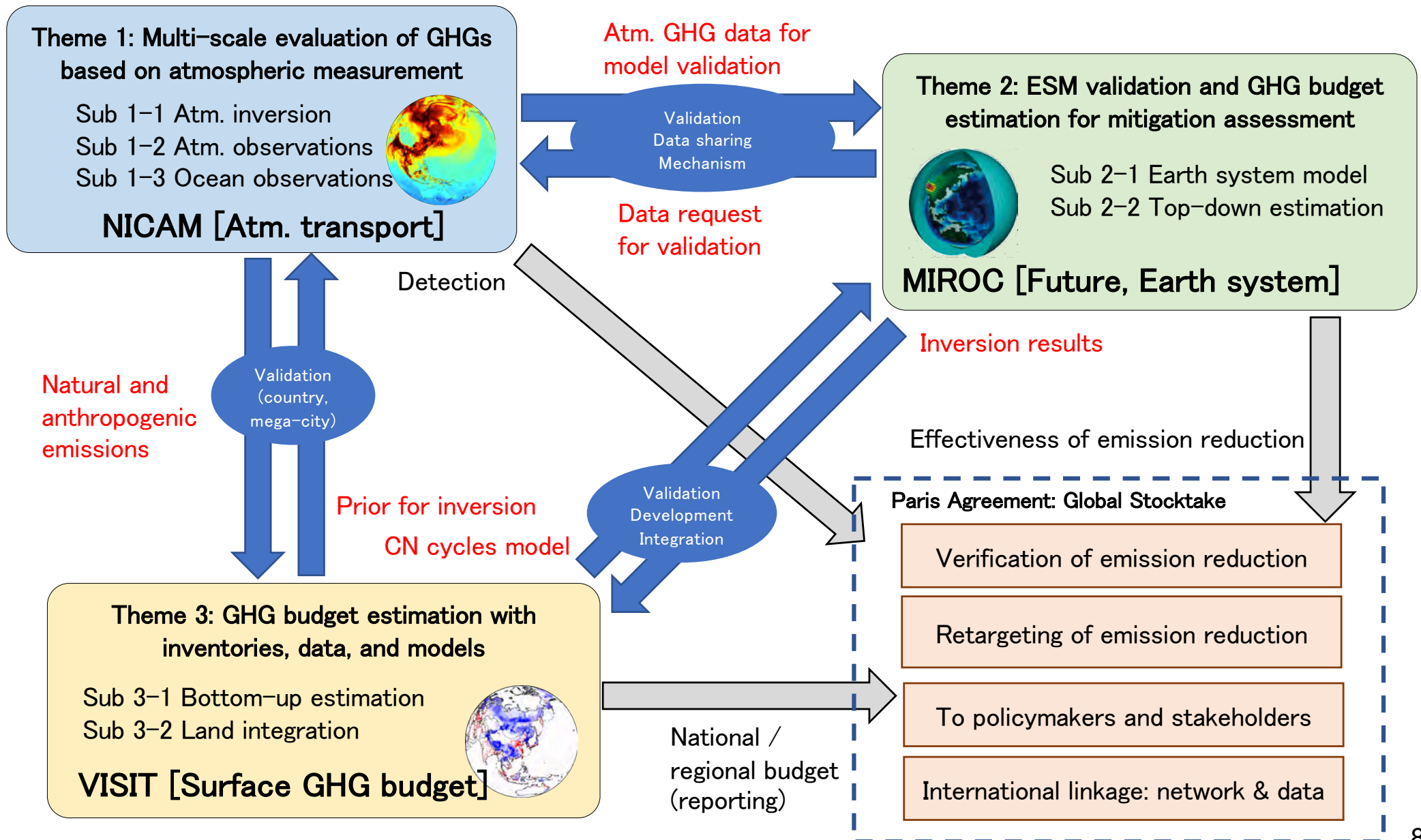
Theme 3: GHG budget estimation with inventories, data, and models

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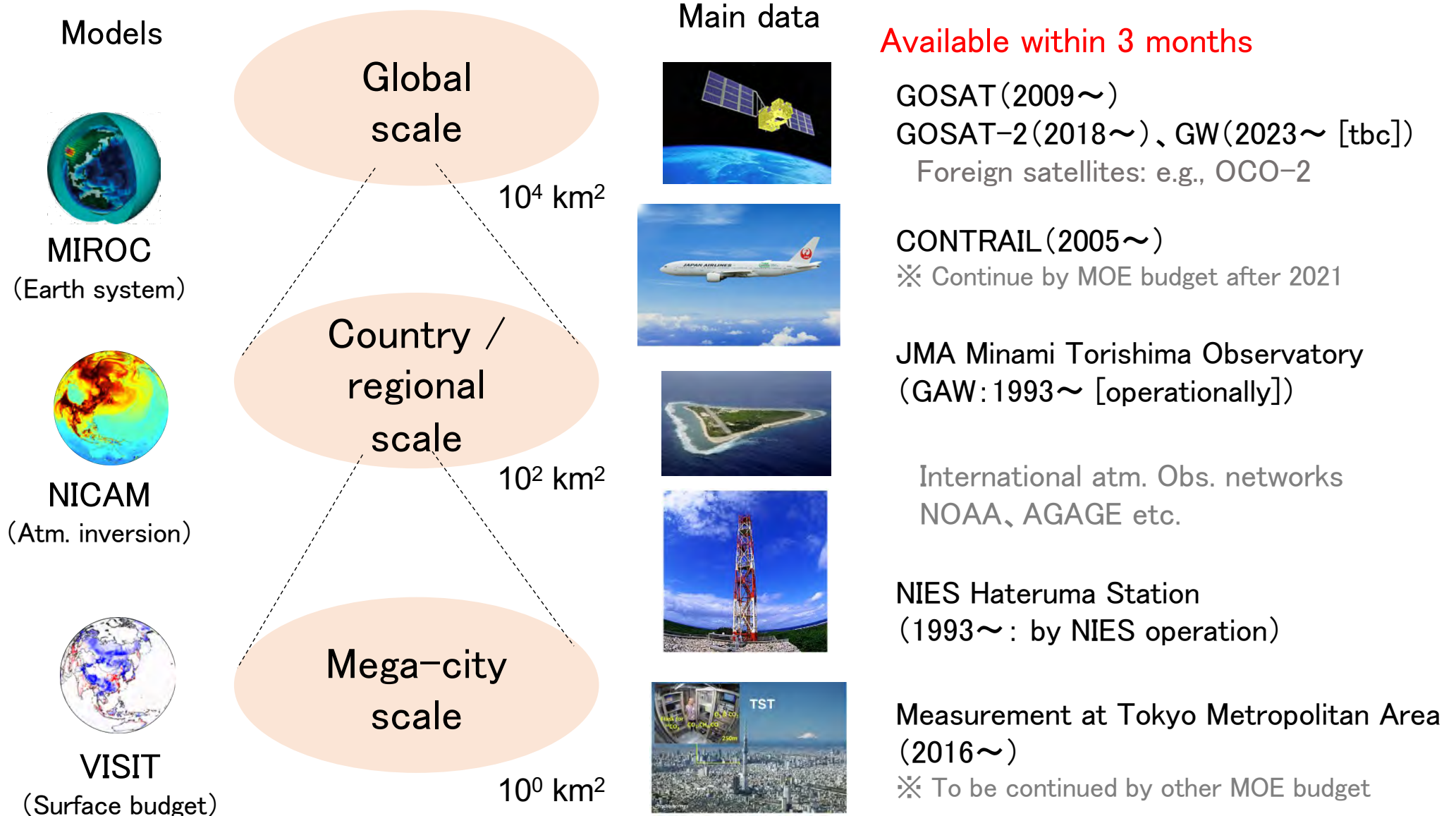
Sub theme 3-1: Bottom-up evaluation of GHG including anthropogenic emission inventories

Sub theme 3-2: Land GHG budget evaluation by integrated analyses of observational data and models

Organization



Systematic observational structure



Asian and global networking

Observational networks of atmosphere, ocean, and land & Model intercomparison

Global

Global Carbon Project (GCP)、WMO-GAW、FLUXNET、GOSAT
Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS)、SOCAT



NASA-GSFC (ODIAC)
Other regions (NACP、ICOS)



Japan

JapanFlux
Tohoku U.
etc.

Asia – Oceania

GCP-RECCAP
[Atm. Land models]



AOGEOSS
AsiaFlux (Asian countries)

CSIRO (Australia)
OzFlux (")
NIWA (New Zealand)

Contributions to policy and society

To UNFCCC-COP and IPCC

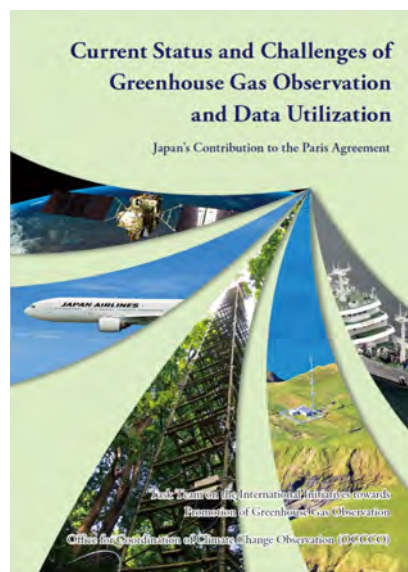


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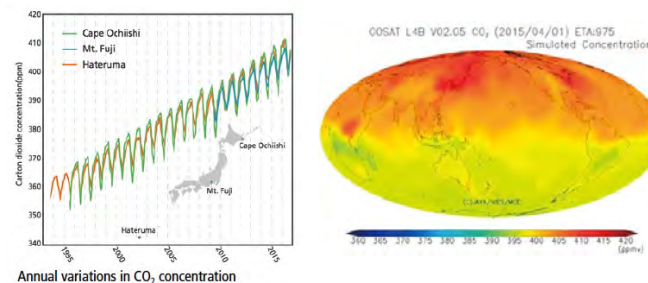


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Regional GHG (e.g., GCP-RECCAP2)



Current Status and Challenges of Greenhouse Gas Observation and Data Utilization: Japan's Contribution to the Paris Agreement



http://occco.nies.go.jp/pdf/inter_initiatives_pamphlet_e2018.pdf

1) Top-down Analysis with Inverse Models to Estimate GHG Sources and Sinks



High-quality atmospheric GHG concentration data observed using various platforms

Inverse analysis to estimate GHG sources and sinks performed to make the difference between observed and modeled atmospheric GHG concentrations minimal



Anthropogenic and natural GHG sources & sinks

2) Flux Upscaling with Oceanic and Terrestrial GHG Flux Monitoring Data



Terrestrial and oceanic GHG flux (pCO₂) observed at multiple locations

Verification and optimization of process-based models and machine learning systems using observed data



Natural GHG sources & sinks

(Ichii et al., 2017)

Evaluation of discrepancies in spatial distribution for accuracy improvement

3) Improvement of the Reliability of GHG Inventory Data

Estimating emissions based on Earth observations for GHGs has a potential for providing additional sources of information that can complement national inventories.

