

# Proposal for a QA/QC approach for emissions

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#### Required input data





#### Relevant emissions AND detection of inconsistencies



## Decomposition (I)



#### **Diamond representation**





## Application: CAMS v22 vs. V42 (2015)

- Spatial coverage: EU
- Focus areas: 150 Atlas cities
- Sectors: Transport (F), Residential (C), Industry (B), Power-plant (A), Other [(J) Waste + (D) Fugitives + (E) Solvents + (I) OffRoad]
- **Pollutants**: SO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, PPM<sub>2.5</sub>, PPM<sub>C</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, NMVOC

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$$\gamma_t = 0.5$$
 and  $\beta_t = 2$ 





#### Building an "ensemble reference"





#### Monitoring status via the ensemble benchmark

Status of variability of the ensemble

Identification of the inventory to check

Main sectors concerned by inconsistencies

Overview of main inconsistencies











### Conclusions

- This method is a screening approach
  - Among relevant emissions, only large differences are detected (> $\beta_t$ ).
  - These differences, named inconsistencies are large enough to ensure that a "better" inventory can be identified despite no truth is known.
  - These inconsistencies can be justified (methodological choices) or should be corrected (errors).
  - Feedback of these inconsistencies to emission developers as a step to improvements
- The methods settings are flexible (focus areas, pollutants, sectors...)
- The method allows for a systematic QA/QC (e.g. testing of new version...), and can facilitate comparisons between inventories (e.g. top-down vs bottom-up) according to a harmonized template.

## Proposal for application within FAIRMODE

- Create of a top-down EU "Ensemble" to facilitate bilateral comparisons
- Via QA/QC systematic screening, improvements (understanding major methodological choices and resolving major errors) can be made to each inventory and the ensemble be updated → new benchmark
- The ECI indicator and diamond inform on the current status of variability and inform about remaining inconsistencies (type and magnitude).
- Each FM meeting: discussion on major inconsistencies and explain how they have been (or should be) tackled
- Include comparisons with bottom up inventories to support the improvement process

