Thank you for the ideas and suggestions for the review paper. They have greatly helped us improve the manuscript. Below, we have listed each of the suggestions and the corresponding revisions that we have made to the manuscript.

- In the introduction there should be some mentioning of INDCs (Intended Nationally Determined Contributions), which were decided during COP 21 in Paris 2015.
  This is a great suggestion. We have included INDCs in the revised introduction.
• P3 L1-2: I suggest reformulating to “frameworks that can synergistically leverage the information content of bottom-up datasets and top-down strategies using atmospheric GHG data”
   We have updated this sentence accordingly.

• P3 L7: May be reformulate “to attribute that trend to a specific source sector(s)” to e.g. “to attribute this trend to trends in specific source sectors”
   We have revised the sentence accordingly. The new wording sounds more precise.

• P4 L27: A reference for EDGAR needs to be included here.
   We have added a reference to EDGAR in this line.

   This is a great suggestion. We have added this reference to the corresponding line of the revised manuscript.

• P15 L28: Here I think the CarbonSat mission should be mentioned, as it combines high spatial resolution with a large swath, making it useful for emission detection. Some relevant papers are listed here: Buchwitz, M., Reuter, M.,

CarbonSat was a notable shortfall in the initial manuscript. We have added several lines on CarbonSat and GeoCARB to this section (along with the references above). Thank you for including these suggested references; they are very helpful.

• P17 L17: reword “now markets and ethane analyzer” -> “now markets an ethane analyzer”

Thank you for pointing out this typo. We have fixed it in the revised manuscript.

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