

Emission data – a mission for statistics!

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2025 conference of the European Statistical Forum: Closing the data gaps on climate change - joint efforts between the European System of Central Banks and the European Statistical System

Brussels, 16 January 2025 - Opening session

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'LIKE A THOUSAND FIRES'

WIND-DRIVEN BLAZES DESTROY HOMES; AT LEAST 5 DEAD

PALISADES FIRE: Some residents who fled are anxious to see if houses survived

EATON FIRE: 32,500 told to evacuate as 10,600 acres burn in Altadena, Pasadena



LIVE LOS ANGELES

BBC NEWS BREAKING
California wildfires
30,000 residents of Los Angeles ordered to evacuate

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"All the News That's Fit to Print"

The New York Times

THE WEATHER
Today: sunny, breezy, very warm.
High: 65. Tonight: sunny, mild, some inward glow. Low: 48. Tomorrow:
Sunny with a bit of snow or rain.
High: 51. Wind: 10 mph. Page A24

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Sudden Deluge Kills Scores in Spain
Flash flooding from a devastating storm across Spain's east and south left vehicles clogging a Valencia street Wednesday. Page A11.

Biden Misstep Delivers Grist To Harris Foes

Trump Goes on Attack as She Stresses Unity

This article is by Nicholas...
WASHINGTON — With six days left in the 2025 presidential race, Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump are in a heated exchange. The battle-arena stage on Wednesday as they sought to wrap matters from an election closely in the fall lanes of early voting.
Both candidates began their day with rallies in North Carolina and plan to end it with events in Wisconsin with Mr. Harris crediting a stop in between in Pennsylvania, a ritual combat which states remain most competitive as Election Day nears.
While Mr. Harris offered a message of unity and pledged to be "a president for all Americans," the Trump sought to amplify a much different message: that President-elect Harris is a threat to the nation in which he appeared to call his Trump supporters "barbarians."
Before a crowd of thousands packed into a packed arena, anti-cultural expansion error in Harrisburg, Pa., Mr. Harris offered himself as a candidate who would...

MUSK EXPANDING SPACEX INTO ROLE FOR THE MILITARY

WASHINGTON — The battle through came last month, about 500 miles above Earth.
For the first time, the Pentagon's Space Development Agency used lasers to chase away an unauthorized satellite at high speed between ordinary satellites, making it easier to track enemy missiles and if necessary, shoot them down.
It was a milestone not only for the Pentagon. This was a defining moment for a certain up-and-coming military contractor that had built key parts of that new system: Elon Musk's SpaceX.
SpaceX over the last year started to move in a big way into the business of building military and spy satellites, an industry that has long been dominated by major contractors like Raytheon and Northrop Grumman as well as some smaller players like Boeing.

SPY SATELLITE DEALS

U.S. Relying on Him as It Pours Billions Into a Race With China

BY LIRU LIPTON

Three key questions



- Why do central banks care about climate change and how do official statistics play into this?
- What are the challenges and opportunities with regards to sustainability data going forward?
- How can the challenges be addressed?

First question



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Our mandate is price stability and financial stability

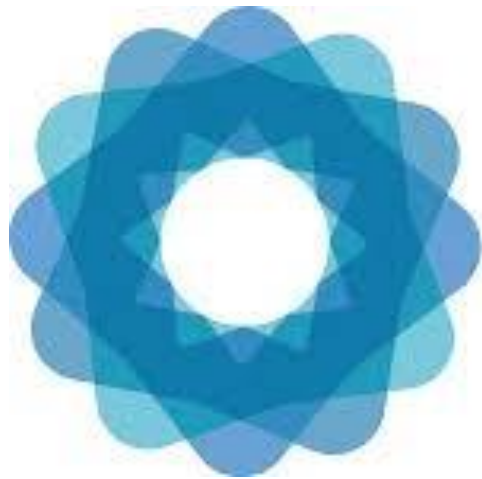


- Climate change imposes **stability risks**:
 - **physical risks** and
 - **transition risks**

Both may affect **inflation**

We need reliable data

Macro statistics: A story of success



System of
Environmental
Economic
Accounting

G20
**DATA GAPS
INITIATIVE 3**
DELIVERING INSIGHTS FOR ACTION

Complementing work of the Central Banking Community



To summarize...



CBs care about climate change as part of their mandate of price stability and therefore need high-quality data.

Second question

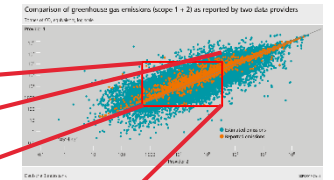
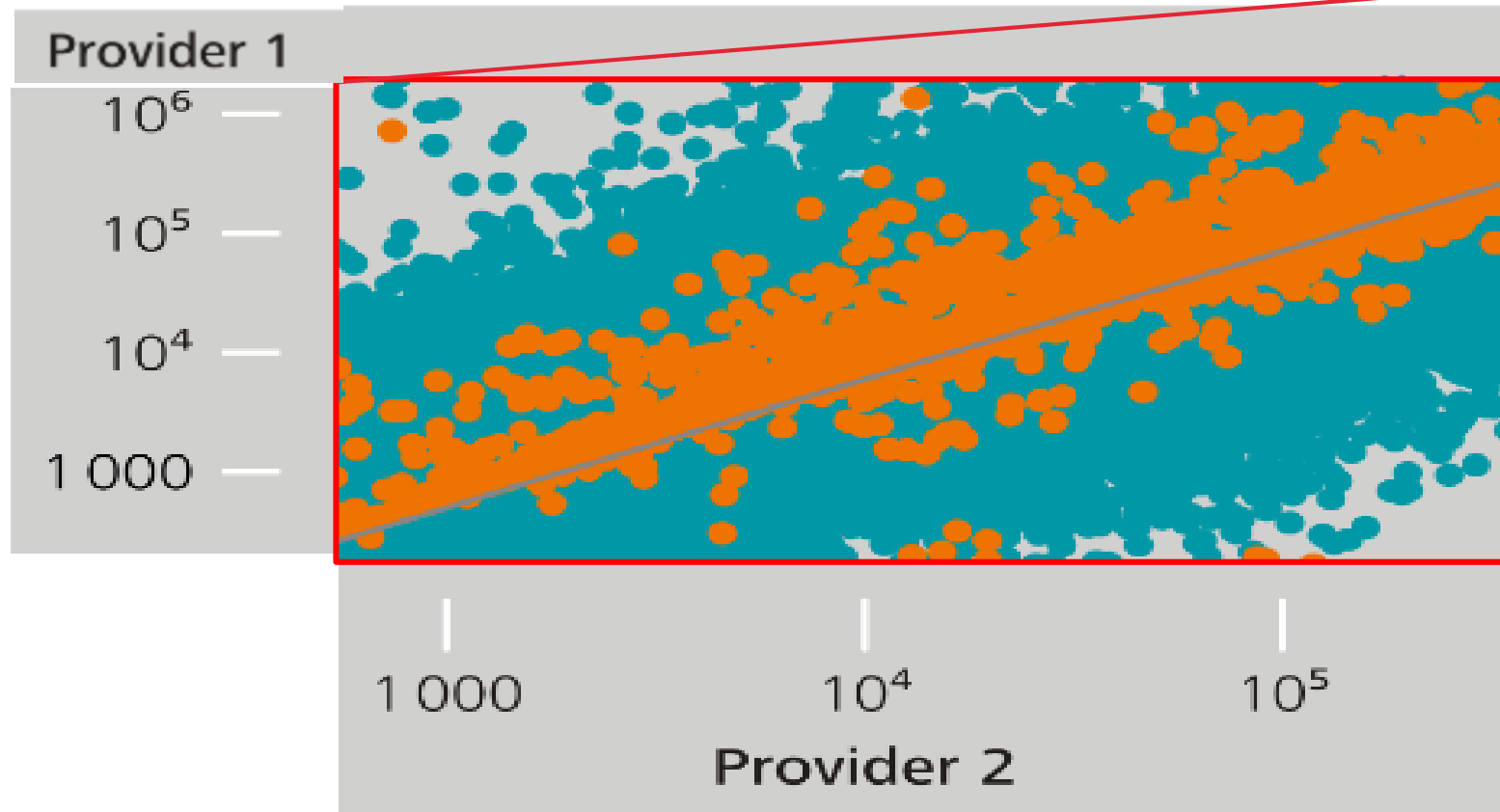


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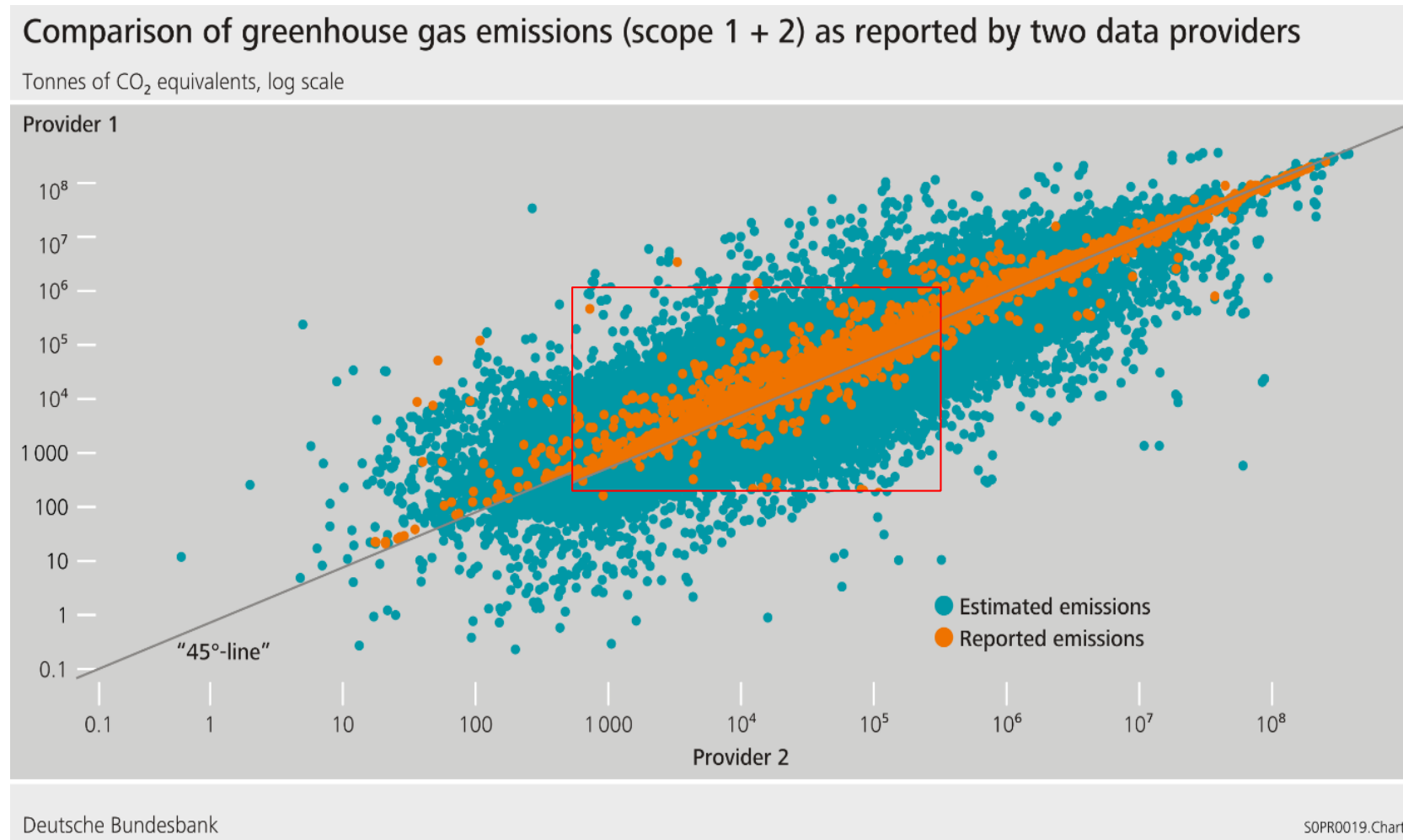
Micro level: There is clear need for improvement

Comparison of greenhouse gas emissions (scope 1 + 2) as reported by two data providers

Tonnes of CO₂ equivalents, log scale



The whole picture shows even bigger discrepancies



Disclosed corporate data from financial accounting could help

The **CSRD**

a window of opportunity



CSRD looks different from a statistician's and a corporate's perspective

For statisticians

the CSRD will lead to rich and high quality micro data for climate related and emission statistics

Joint **ECCBSO-CMFB**
Task Force on
Environmental Data
(JECED)



For corporates

the CSRD ...

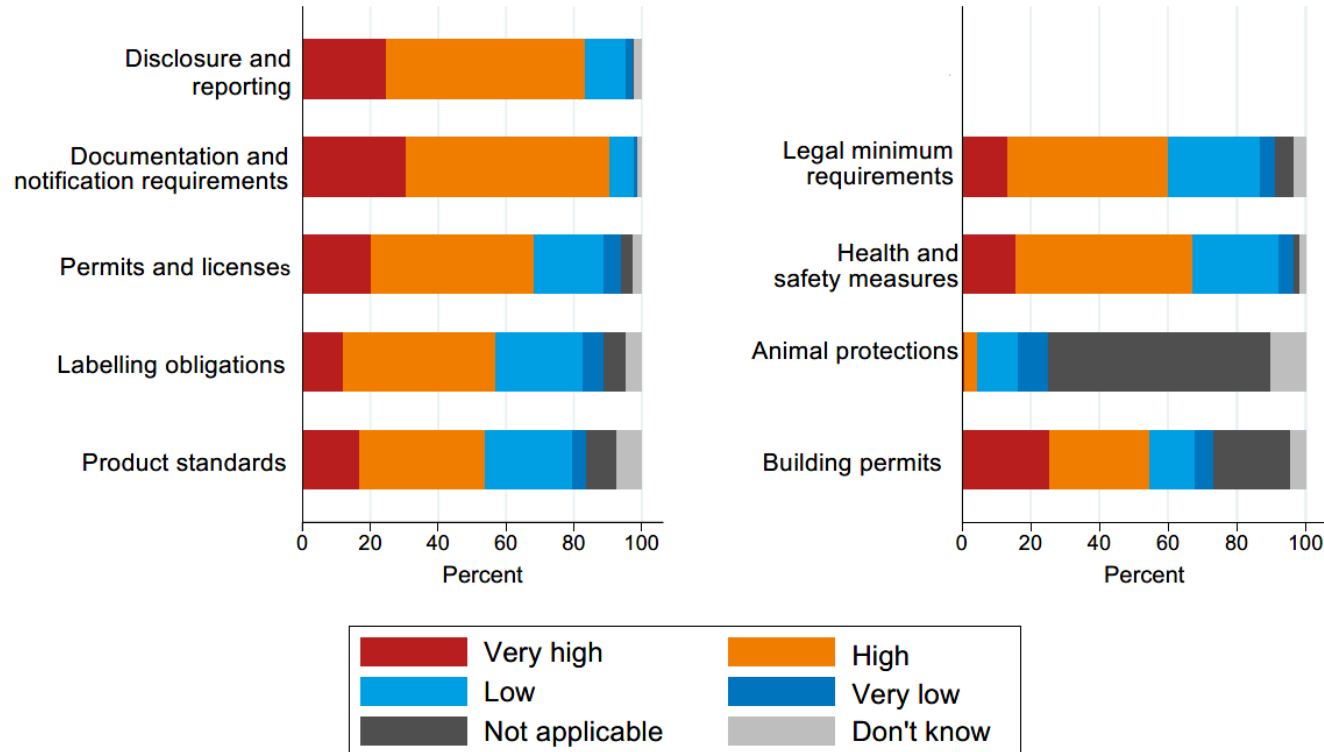
... will produce an information tool, making firms aware of environmental consequences of own decisions

... is costly

Bureaucracy, including disclosure and reporting, is costly for companies

In Germany, different dimensions of bureaucracy sum up to 22% of the working time of white-collar employees

How would you assess your additional work load that is due to the following issues?



Source: Demmelhuber et al, "Firmenbefragung zum Thema Bürokratie in Deutschland", ifo Forschungsbericht 148/2024, p. 9, Graph 4. The ifo management panel is a survey of 766 decision makers / firms (May 2024).

To summarize...



Firm-level data challenges persist regarding availability and quality and CSRD offers an opportunity to address them. Yet, the burden for companies to fulfil the reporting requirements need to be lowered from a competitiveness perspective.

Third question



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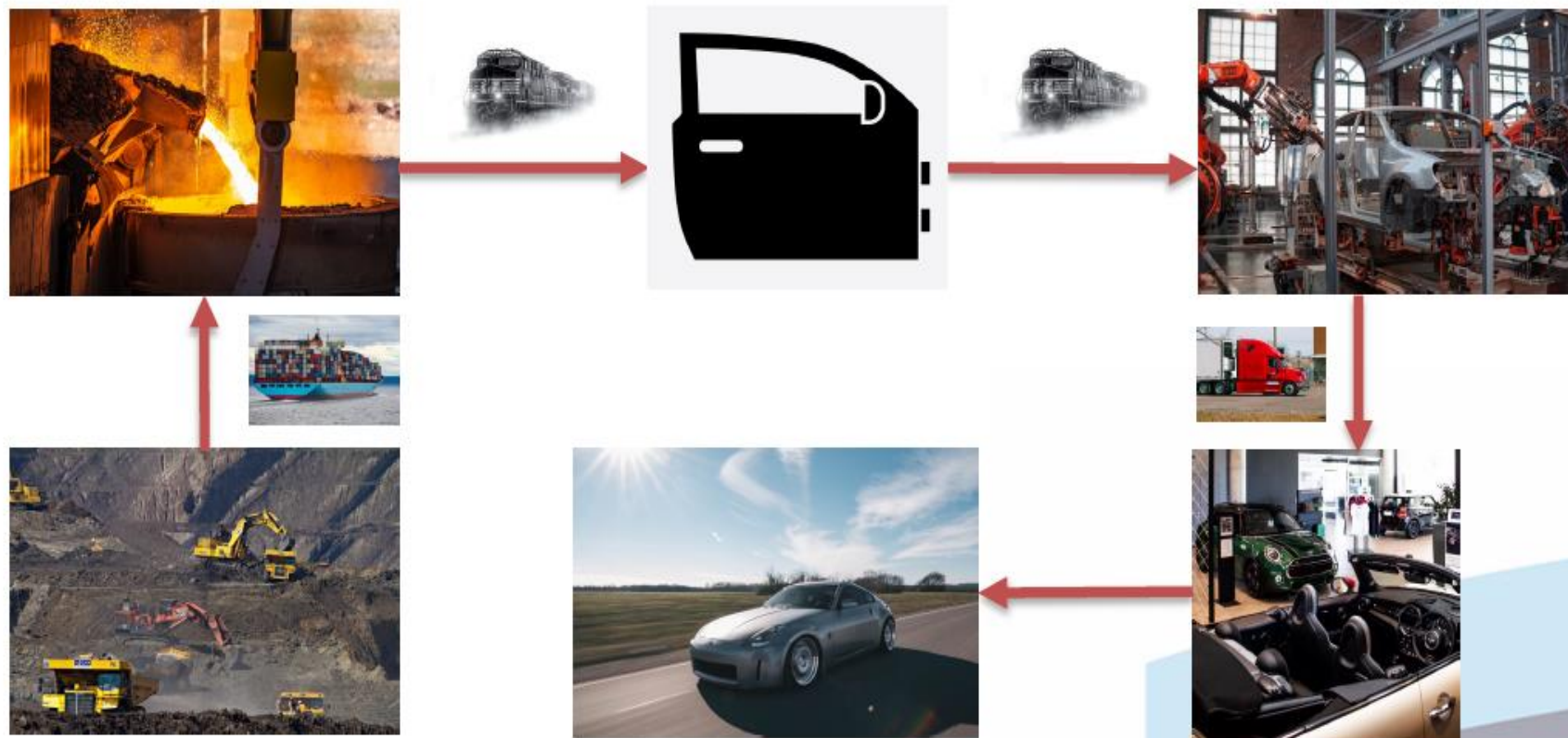
What does this have to do with us at this conference?

From the 10 UN Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics

1. Official statistics are an indispensable part of the information system of a democratic society and provide the government, the **economy** and the public with data on the economic and social situation, demographic trends and the **environment**. To this end, official statistics of practical use must be compiled and made available on an impartial basis by official statistical offices in order to comply with citizens' right to public information.

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A big challenge is the reporting of indirect emissions



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Learning from each other

High quality statistics and indicators



Official
Statistics

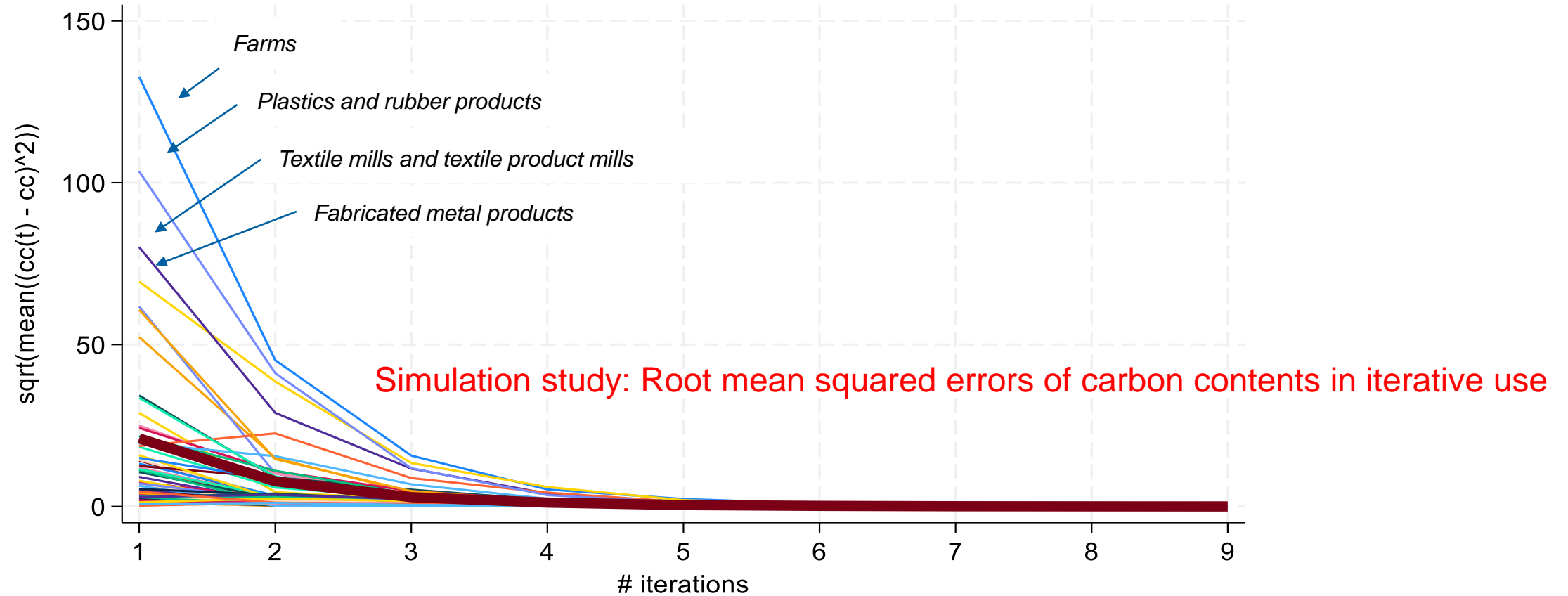
Corporations



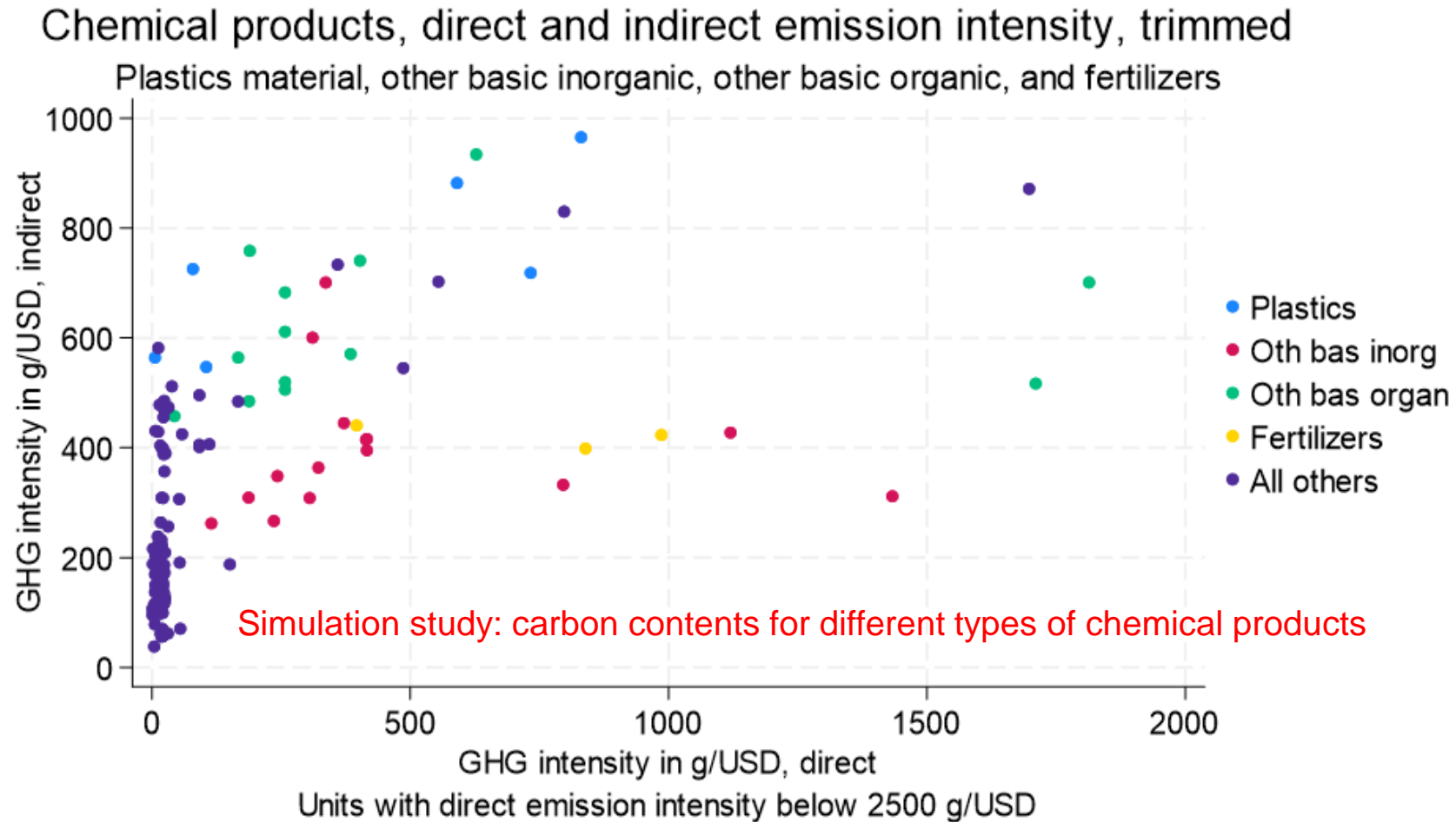
Environmental statistical information from annual financial statements (eg. via European Single Access Point)

Iterative learning from corporate data and statistics would converge to truth

Convergence of output carbon contents by BEA 71 industry
RMSE of carbon content measurement



Reflecting dispersion is essential to set incentives right



Source: von Kalckreuth, U, Harnessing the power of Input-Output analysis for sustainability, IFC Working Papers No. 24, December 2024

| To summarize...



To address the remaining challenges, statistical agencies, CBs, policy makers and corporations need to get into an iterative learning process which can substantially lower the corporations CSRD reporting burden on emissions and increase the competitiveness of Europe as a business location. A process has to be initiated and to be set in motion!