

**HIGH-RESOLUTION FOSSIL FUEL EMISSIONS ESTIMATES IN SUPPORT OF NACP AND OCO-BASED CO<sub>2</sub> MEASUREMENTS AND ASSIMILATION SYSTEM**

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## Abstract

A primary goal of the North American Carbon Program and the analysis of planned observations to be made by NASA's Orbiting Carbon Observatory (OCO) measurements, is to use highly resolved spatiotemporal patterns of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> to infer regional carbon exchange for the North American and global domain. To quantify that portion of the carbon cycle that is of greatest interest to scientists and policymakers – the *residual* carbon exchange with the land and oceans – the contribution to measured CO<sub>2</sub> due to fossil fuel use and cement manufacturing must be accurately quantified. However, use of the currently available fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions estimates within the planned NACP and/or OCO CO<sub>2</sub> measurement and inversion systems will give rise to significant bias, likely defeating the very goal of the expanded CO<sub>2</sub> measurements. In order to achieve unbiased estimates of land and oceanic carbon exchange at resolutions consistent with the temporally and spatially dense North American and space-based CO<sub>2</sub> measurement programs, significant improvement in quantifying fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at smaller space/time scales is essential.

To meet this requirement, we will produce high resolution space and time scale fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions estimates using an approach that builds upon the already extensive work performed for US air quality investigations. By incorporating CO<sub>2</sub> emissions factors into a process-based, data-driven, state-of-the-art, air quality emissions model (CONCEPT) we will generate fossil fuel CO and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at spatial scales of 36 km and timescales of one hour; well within the planned needs of the NACP measurement and inversion work. We propose to quantify spatiotemporally explicit emissions for the United States domain in the current proposed work. The methodologies developed will be extendable to the global domain and hence, support the fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions requirements of the OCO CO<sub>2</sub> measurements and inverse-based flux estimates.

Initial evaluation of the modified CONCEPT (“CONCEPT-CO<sub>2</sub>”) model CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will be made against the top-down inventory CO<sub>2</sub> emissions work by aggregating the high resolution CONCEPT-CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes to monthly time scales and state emissions totals. This will allow for further adjustment of emission factors and process attributes to ensure consistency with the more coarsely resolved but accurate state-level fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions estimates.

Emissions estimates will be propagated through a regional atmospheric transport model to predict highly resolved variations in the mixing ratio of CO, which will be evaluated against the MOPITT Earth-observing satellite and *in-situ* observations such as the expanded NACP continuous tower observations and aircraft campaigns.

This work will produce a fossil fuel CO and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions system generating gridded CO and CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes for the United States at a spatial scale of 36 km and a temporal scale of 1 hour. It will have been evaluated against a variety of independent observations including remote-sensing products. It will provide immediate support to the NACP and form the foundation for global extension in direct support of OCO CO<sub>2</sub> measurements and inversion/assimilation research.

## I. Technical Plan

### A. Background

#### A.1. Fossil fuel and CO<sub>2</sub> inversions/assimilation

Quantification of carbon sources and sinks as understood from the spatial and temporal patterns of atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations have traditionally employed the inverse method (Enting 2002). With the intensification of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration measurements in both space and time planned under NACP and produced by the Orbiting Carbon Observatory (OCO), data assimilation and/or other model-data fusion techniques will be used to estimate carbon exchange at much finer scales than is currently attempted (Wofsy and Harriss, 2002). However, for these approaches to be effective, fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions must be accurately estimated and removed from the observed CO<sub>2</sub>, so that the portion of interest (net biospheric and oceanic exchange) can be isolated and quantified.

In the simplest terms, once the fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are specified in space and time, the fluxes that are estimated in the inversion process - the “residual” fluxes - represent net terrestrial and oceanic sources and sinks of CO<sub>2</sub> such that the sum of the fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> and these residual fluxes best match atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations observed at particular times and locations.

Consider the Bayesian synthesis inversion used in the TransCom 3 Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> Inversion Intercomparison experiment (Gurney et al. 2002; Gurney et al. 2003; Law et al., 2003; Gurney et al., 2004). In this experiment, the fossil fuel emissions are designated as a “background” or “presubtracted” flux. The use of the term “presubtracted” for the fossil fuel flux can best be explained by the following expression denoting the linearly summed components of the atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> budget.

$$C_{obs} = C_{ff} + C_{ot} + \sum_{i=1}^N C_{res} \quad (1)$$

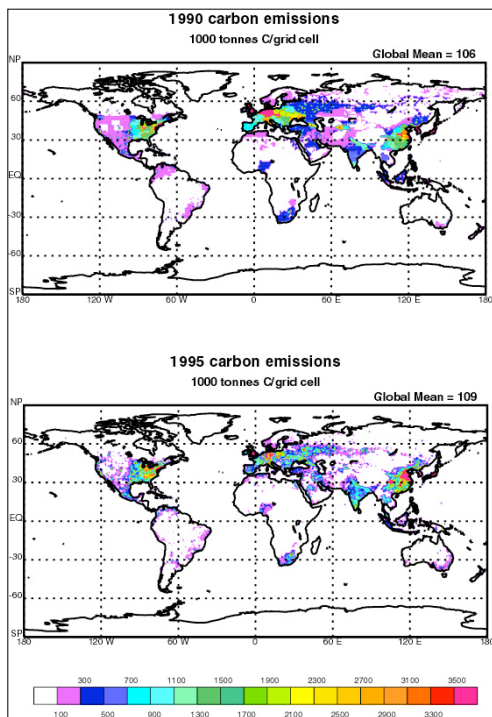
where  $C_{obs}$  represent the observed CO<sub>2</sub> at a particular point in space and time,  $C_{ff}$  represents the contribution to the observed CO<sub>2</sub> due to global fossil fuel emissions,  $C_{ot}$ , the contribution due to other background fluxes chosen by the investigator, and  $C_{res}$ , the contribution of the residual fluxes from the specified  $N$  discretized regions (see Gurney et al. 2000). An additional term, the oxidation of CO is considered small and is neglected in this simplified example. This expression is valid for every location in the atmosphere. Rearrangement of this basic budget makes clear the motivation behind the term “presubtracted”; the residual CO<sub>2</sub> can be defined as the difference between the observed CO<sub>2</sub> and the sum of the first two terms on the right-hand side of equation 1. Hence, the background fluxes are subtracted from the observations leaving the residual CO<sub>2</sub> concentration as the observational target of the inversion. For simplicity, we will consider fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> as the only background flux.

In practice, the fossil fuel flux can be adjusted in the inversion process in the same way that the discretized residual fluxes are. However, this is typically not performed in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> inversions and the fossil fluxes are provided to the inversion with small uncertainty and hence, are fixed at the values provided. There are two reasons for this approach.

First, the fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> flux has traditionally been considered well-quantified at the space and time scales estimated in atmospheric inversions performed to date. The second reason relates to the first; the fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes are not considered as scientifically interesting as the residual fluxes because the latter constitute the portion of the global carbon budget that is poorly understood.

The fundamental problem with this line of reasoning comes about if the assumed fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> flux is sufficiently different from the true flux, particularly when the spatial and temporal scale of the provided emissions are different from those solved for. Were this to occur, these differences would be aliased into the residual fluxes and constitute a bias to the solution (Kaminski et al., 2001; Engelen et al., 2002).

Currently, the most accurate estimates of spatially and temporally explicit fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> are based on country level emissions of fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> (Marland and Rotty, 1984; Marland et al., 2003). These, in turn, are derived from United Nations energy statistics. The country emissions are allocated to clusters of grid cells (and sub-clusters for 9 countries) based on a political unit data set outlining nation-states (Lerner et al., 1988). The emissions within these grid cell clusters are allocated according to population density.



**Figure 1.** Fossil fuel emissions for a) 1990 and b) 1995. Units are 1000 tonnes C/grid cell and the grid cells are dimensioned 1° x 1°.

A number of adjustments are made to account for border issues, land/sea masking, and the maintenance of very small countries. These estimates have been gridded at 1° x 1° and as annual mean values. Recently, fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have been estimated at the monthly timescale and state-level spatial scale for the United States (Blasing et al., 2004a; 2004b). Figure 1 shows the two available fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions maps representing the years 1990 and 1995.

#### *A.2. Shortcoming of current fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions estimates*

Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> inverse studies over the last decade have typically estimated residual fluxes at the sub-continental scale and at an annual mean temporal scale. At these space and time-scales, the gridded, population-based, annual mean fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions datasets (hereafter referred to as the “top-down” approach) have provided an adequate characterization of the fossil background flux.

As the spatial and temporal scales of analysis are reduced, however, a number of shortcomings in these emissions estimates become significant.

1. *Temporal variability*: Fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reflect temporal variations in the use of energy for activities such as heating, transportation, and residential electricity use. These variations occur on a variety of timescales. For example, time-of-day and day-of-week are strong determinants of traffic flow and traffic patterns and hence, motor vehicle CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Residential heating and cooling have strong diurnal, seasonal and interannual dependence and vary with local weather patterns.

Recent sensitivity work has explored the impact of fossil fuel seasonality on inverse-derived estimates of carbon exchange (Gurney et al., 2003b). In this work, the global fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions created using the top-down approach were altered such that they contained seasonality of varying amplitudes. Furthermore, these amplitudes varied by latitude to reflect the greater heating needs of poleward locations. The new seasonally varying fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions were used in a seasonal inversion (following the TransCom 3 inversion protocol) and compared to the control case which contained fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions with no seasonal variation. This was performed with 3 transport models that spanned the TransCom 3 intercomparison results.

Recent data from the United States and Europe indicate that peak to peak amplitudes at approximately 40° N are on the order of 30%. Hence, examination of this case in the suite of seasonal simulations can provide a first estimate of the extent to which nonseasonal fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions potentially bias actual residual carbon sources and sinks.

Figure 2 shows the difference in estimated fluxes for all five of the TransCom 3 northern extratropical land regions when one imposes a seasonal fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> flux (the 30% case) versus a nonseasonal fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> flux. In many instances, flux differences of up to 0.5 Gt C/year are found. These are biases on the order to 50% due to the use of non-seasonal fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

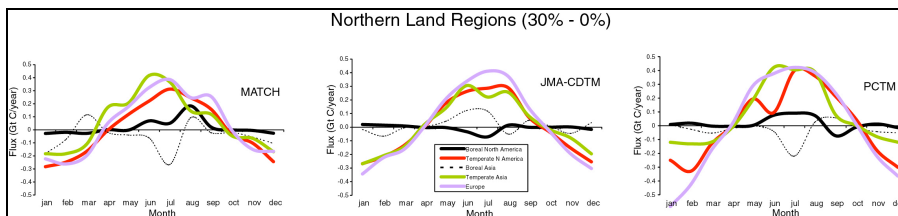


Figure 2. Bias in estimated regional fluxes for each month and each model represented as the difference between the calculations assuming a 30% seasonal variation in fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and the base case with no seasonality (0%). All northern extratropical regions are shown. [Change figure title](#)

The conclusion of this sensitivity test: Using a fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions field that does not contain seasonality, when in reality, these emissions have seasonal variation, causes serious bias in the residual flux estimates (the net biosphere and oceanic carbon exchange). This same logic can be applied to any spatial and temporal variability that exists in real-world fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions but is not properly accounted for in top-down estimates.

Planning for the NACP includes an expansion and intensification of CO<sub>2</sub> observing systems. Continuous CO<sub>2</sub> measurement will be made at a growing number of locations in North America, resolving hourly timescales. The planned OCO mission will measure surface-weighted CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations covering the globe every two weeks, collecting data at ~1:15 pm local time. In order to fully avail of the CO<sub>2</sub> observational constraint provided by these new measurements, inversion/assimilation techniques must have fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at commensurate temporal scales.

2. *Spatial variability*: Planning for NACP includes the use of mesoscale adjoint inversion and nested assimilation techniques (constrained by remote-sensing imagery, land-use data, and other observations) to quantify carbon sources and sinks. Such fluxes will be resolved at spatial scales reaching 10 km. In order to meet the anticipated flux spatial scales, and avoid the problem associated with spatial representation bias (prescribing spatial variability), accurate fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at commensurate scales is required. Merely downscaling the top-down approach used to generate the fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to smaller scales will not succeed in generating accurate, spatially representative emissions because population is not always an adequate surrogate for fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
3. *Combustion surrogates*: As described above, the existing top-down approaches for estimating CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at fine spatial scales subdivide large scale totals in proportion to population density. However, fossil fuel combustion often does not scale with population density. A dramatic example is electricity supply/demand in California. One-quarter of the electricity consumed in the state of California is not produced within the state but is imported from generation facilities in neighboring states. Placing the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with this electricity consumption within the state according the population distribution will create spatial offsets of 100s of kilometers. While such offsets are acceptable when inversions are performed at the sub-continental scale, NACP and OCO-based efforts aiming to characterize CO<sub>2</sub> sources and sinks at scales of even hundreds of kilometers will be severely biased by the use of population as a surrogate for fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

A further example is the case of vehicle-based emissions. Though much vehicle traffic and their associated emissions covary with population density, large roadways such as interstate highways and urban perimeter traffic corridors often do not. These “line sources” may emit considerable motor vehicle CO<sub>2</sub> (and CO) but do not coincide with high population density.

4. *CO emissions and oxidation*: Current inversions run at timescales of annual or monthly means do not incur substantial error by not explicitly including CO emissions and their subsequent oxidation to CO<sub>2</sub>. However, at space and time scales planned for the NACP and OCO measurements and inversion/assimilation, CO emissions and their subsequent oxidation to CO<sub>2</sub> will have to be accurately represented.

The shortcomings in the top-down approach to fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have not seriously impacted atmospheric inversions to date because of the large spatial scales and long time-averaging used in the current work. Very recent inversion studies, however, are attempting to

resolve timescales shorter than a year and spatial scales commensurate with transport model gridcells (Roedenbeck et al., 2003). The top-down fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions likely generate bias in these studies. Were these same fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions used in conjunction with NACP and/or OCO measurements and inversion/assimilation, the biases would be greatly amplified.

Furthermore, extension of the top-down approach to smaller scales will not solve underlying methodological problems associated with the routine mismatch between population density and fossil fuel emissions. Characterizing the temporal signature of fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at the small scale requires emissions that are process-driven and hence, tied to the true time-of-day and day-of-week combustion demands.

It is important to note that the above discussion of the shortcomings of the fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions constructed to date is not a criticism of either the methodology or the estimates themselves when placed within the context of what they have been used for. The goal of this discussion is to emphasize the fact that given the direction of top-down carbon exchange estimation (finer space and timescales empowered by highly resolved spatiotemporal CO<sub>2</sub> measurements from *in situ*, aircraft campaigns or remote-sensing efforts), new work is necessary to provide accurate fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions estimates at fine scales.

### *A.3. Air quality emissions modeling*

The solution to this critical need is to take a new approach to estimating fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and to focus on reduced space and timescales. We suggest that the most effective way to do this is to take advantage of the long history and development within the air quality and combustion chemistry community on pollutant emissions estimation. Though currently applicable to the United States spatial domain, emissions inventory development and spatiotemporally explicit emissions modeling for use in air quality work has comprehensively quantified emissions of nationally regulated pollutants at spatial scales below 50 km and at hourly time steps.

Because CO<sub>2</sub> is not a nationally regulated pollutant, it has not been included within the framework of air quality emissions estimation. However, because both carbon monoxide (CO) and nitrous oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) are regulated, air quality emissions estimation efforts currently capture fossil fuel combustion processes.

The primary objective of this proposal is to include CO<sub>2</sub> in a state-of-the-art air quality emissions modeling system and thereby generate fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions that are truly process-based and accurately represented at space and time scales appropriate for use with planned NACP CO<sub>2</sub> measurement and inversion/assimilation carbon exchange system. Currently available monthly and state-based emissions estimates for CO<sub>2</sub> will provide tight constraints on the modeled estimates.

This will be performed for the domain of United States as direct and immediate support to the North American Carbon Program. However, the methodologies developed in this effort can be extended to the globe through a combination of currently available data in the industrial world and simulation to support planned global-scale inverse/assimilation research using the OCO space-based measurement platform.

## **B. Technical Approach**

### *B.1. The CONCEPT model*

The rationale for emissions modeling systems is rooted in the need to estimate, organize, and process emission inventory data for regulatory and scientific analysis and modeling. In the early 1990s the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium (LADCO) funded a project to build a new emissions modeling system. This new model, Geocoded Emissions Modeling and Projections (GEMAP), was further developed with the release in 1995 of the EMS-95 (emissions preprocessor system-95). The most recent version of the EMS development is EMS-2003 which includes a number of important developments such as the inclusion of a biogenic emissions model and extensive quality assurance modules.

The EMS is currently undergoing a fundamental change to a completely open-source environment that will allow for much greater flexibility and user access. This new model is called the Consolidated Community Emissions Processing Tool (CONCEPT). The development of CONCEPT is a collaborative effort between LADCO, Applied Geophysics of Denver Colorado, ENVIRON, of Novato California and ISSRC at the University of California, Riverside. CONCEPT is planned for beta release in June, 2004 with a final operational release expected in January of 2005.

Emissions processing models such as CONCEPT incorporate large amounts of pollutant monitoring data from activities and processes across the United States that emit any of the nationally regulated pollutants (CO, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, particulate matter-10 μm, particulate matter-2.5 μm, volatile organic compounds ozone, lead). This information comes from the National Emissions Inventory (NEI), a national database of air emissions information with input from numerous State and local air agencies, from tribes, and from industry. This database contains information on stationary and mobile sources and can be broken down into three classes of criteria air pollutant sources:

- Point sources – stationary sources of emissions, such as an electric power plant, that can be identified by name and location.
- Area sources – small point sources such as a home or office building, or a diffuse stationary source, such as wildfires or agricultural tilling. These sources do not individually produce sufficient emissions to qualify as point sources.
- Mobile sources – any kind of vehicle or equipment with a gasoline or diesel engine; airplane; or ship.

A number of attributes are associated with each emission record in the NEI. These include items such as the geographic area covered, the time interval represented, population, employment, economic data, collection procedures, etc. Furthermore, the NEI has been compiled roughly every three years since 1985.

In cases where direct emissions estimates are not available, emissions are constructed through the combination of process attributes such as material throughput, emission factors, and pollutant



control technologies. All of the emissions are allocated in space and time through geocoding and temporal algorithms. The result is gridded emissions of pollutants for use in photochemical transport models.

The emissions processing model used in this proposal, CONCEPT, is divided into a series of core submodels that parallel the NEI. They are as follows:

- Area source model – provides gridded, hourly, speciated emissions estimates from the area source emissions provided in the NEI. Area source emissions are provided at the county level. Spatial and temporal allocation are performed using a series of surrogates such as population and economic activity.
- Point source model – provides gridded, hourly, speciated emissions estimates from the facility level estimates provided in the NEI. Temporal allocation uses a combination of site-specific monitoring data and process-specific temporal surrogates. Geocoding allows for direct grid cell placement.
- Motor vehicle emissions model – provides gridded, hourly, speciated emissions estimates from motor vehicle combustion. These include emissions from vehicular traffic on roadways, aircraft, trains, shipping, and off-road mobile equipment. Mobile source emissions are dependant upon the ambient temperature, road type, vehicle type and age, miles traveled, etc. This sub model utilizes EPA's MOBILE6 emissions model (EPA, 2001).
- Biogenic emissions model – provides gridded, hourly, speciated emissions derived from vegetation, soils, and lightning. Biogenic emissions are dependant on temperature, solar radiation, and land cover type.
- Nonroad model – provides gridded, hourly, speciated emissions arising from equipment in a variety of general categories such as agriculture, construction, logging, industrial, and recreational equipment.
- Speciation model – splits grouped emissions, such as volatile organic compounds and particulate matter into more defined compounds or groupings.
- Spatial allocation model – prepare spatially resolved values of various geo-spatial features (e.g., railroads, bodies of water, airports) which are then used in the other source submodels such as the area, point, and mobile models.

The CONCEPT model is being constructed using open-source architecture. This means that the code is in the public domain and requires no software licensing to host and run the model.<sup>1</sup> The core of the model is written in postgresQL database language and runs on the LINUX operating system. Other languages utilized by the model are FORTRAN, PERL (input/output), and GRASS (GIS visualization).

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<sup>1</sup> Access to EPA's MOBILE6 motor vehicle emission submodel, included in CONCEPT, will require fortran compiler licensing.

### *B.2. Deconstruction of the CONCEPT model*

The CONCEPT model is currently in the final stages of development. We have contacted the model developers and will have access to the beta version prior to the final release (scheduled for January 2005). We will undergo formal user training with the model. Training is included in the developers formal contract agreement with LADCO and open to interested users.

One of the key developers of CONCEPT (Alpine Geophysics, LLC) is located in Denver, Colorado; within one hour drive of Colorado State University, the location where the CONCEPT CO<sub>2</sub> simulations will be taking place. Alpine Geophysics has indicated a willingness to provide advice and guidance on our work with the CONCEPT model. Furthermore, the open source architecture has spawned a list serve where users and developers will share code, improvements, comments, and advice in an open, publicly accessible format.

The Colorado State University team will identify those processes and activities within the CONCEPT model that contribute to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Within these processes and activities, entry points or logical sequences in CONCEPT where CO<sub>2</sub> emissions can be included will be identified. Generation of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will involve a number of different approaches that will depend upon the level of existing information about emitting processes and activities within CONCEPT and available information regarding combustion characteristics.

### *B.3. Quantifying CO<sub>2</sub> emissions*

Estimates of fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and uncertainties for the identified process and activities in the CONCEPT model will be constructed from a combination of information. This will include fuel use, CO and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, and supporting information (e.g., combustion technology) at the greatest level of resolution possible combined with information that Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) has or will acquire from other sources. LBNL has conducted a number of studies of energy use and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in these sectors for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the California Energy Commission. LBNL has developed numerous contacts with private and public stakeholders in these sectors in the US, who would be valuable in obtaining new data and its validation.

- For the industrial sector, LBNL will provide CO<sub>2</sub> emissions estimates for major point sources in the cement, steel, petroleum refining, pulp/paper, ammonia, ethylene, and glass industries based on a combination of the data provided by CONCEPT and LBNL-derived estimates using information on technologies by vintage, capacity factors, average capacity utilization, fuel types, heat rates, on-site cogeneration, and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions factors (Worrell et al., 2001). As such, LBNL has information on plant locations, plant types, technologies, energy consumption, commodity production, and on-site cogeneration for a number of these industries. Further research may be required to construct a complete database of plant locations, fuel type, production levels, and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by major industrial point sources.
- For the electricity sector, LBNL will provide CO<sub>2</sub> emissions estimates for electricity-generation facilities based on a combination of the data provided by CONCEPT and LBNL-derived estimates using information on technologies by vintage, capacity factors,

average capacity utilization, fuel types, heat rates, on-site cogeneration, and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions factors (Marnay et al., 2002).

- For the transportation sector, LBNL will estimate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions factors for use with data on vehicle miles traveled from the EPA MOBIL6 model as provided in CONCEPT. LBNL will apply estimates of vehicle fuel efficiency for different vehicle age, weight, and fuel classes, and assumed operating speeds. Uncertainties will be estimated from uncertainties in estimates of each of these parameters (Wenzel et al., 2000). Estimates for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions factors will be checked against other vehicle pollutant emissions (e.g., CO), and top-down inventory estimates of fuel use in the transportation sector.
- For the buildings sector, data are available for the US for the residential and commercial sector by utility service areas and at the state level for electricity, natural gas, LPG and fuel oil use. In addition, data exist for major metropolitan areas and also at the census division level (Price et al., 1998; 1999). These data will be used to generate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions factors that can be incorporated into CONCEPT to predict spatially resolved CO<sub>2</sub> emission.

#### B.4. Evaluation of CO and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions estimates

CSU will run the modified CONCEPT (“CONCEPT-CO<sub>2</sub>”) model forward with the necessary information provided by LBNL to estimate spatially and temporally explicit CO and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. CSU and LBNL will then compare aggregated CO and CO<sub>2</sub> emission totals to the previously described top-down emissions estimates and sector-specific emissions estimates in the literature (Blasing et al., 2004b, Olivier and Berdowski, 2001; **other sector-specific references**). The top-down CO<sub>2</sub> estimates for the US domain are available as state totals and as monthly means and have uncertainties of 3-5% (Blasing et al., 2004a; 2004b; Gregg and Andres, 2003; Marland, personal communication, 2004).

The process of comparison will provide insight into potential gaps and/or poor estimation of CO<sub>2</sub>-emitting processes within CONCEPT-CO<sub>2</sub>. We will attempt to characterize the parameter space that is consistent with the aggregated totals from independent sources. By combining sector-specific and top-down fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emission totals, we expect to be able to narrow the combustion processes and activities giving rise to inventory discrepancies.

As a further step in evaluation of the analyzed emissions, we will perform a numerical simulation of an annual cycle of meteorology and the mixing ratio of atmospheric CO driven by our CO emissions estimates. This simulation will be performed using the CSU Regional Atmospheric Modeling System (RAMS), and results will be compared in detail to in-situ and remotely-sensed variations of observed CO. The Regional Atmospheric Modeling System (RAMS) is a mesoscale meteorological (non-hydrostatic) model and contains time-dependent equations for velocity, non-dimensional pressure perturbation, ice-liquid water potential temperature (Pielke et al, 1992), total water mixing ratio, and cloud microphysics. Vapor mixing ratio and potential temperature are diagnostic. A significant feature of the model is the incorporation of a telescoping nested-grid capability, which enables the simulation of phenomena involving a wide range of spatial scales. A second-order-in-space advection scheme is employed. The turbulence closure scheme of Deardorff (1980) is used, which employs a prognostic sub-grid turbulent kinetic energy. The two-stream radiation scheme developed by Harrington (1997) is used. At regional scales for

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which individual convective elements (clouds) cannot be resolved, we use convective parameterizations (Grell, 1993; Freitas et al, 2000) that compute precipitation rates, atmospheric heating and moistening, and mass and tracer fluxes (including updraft and downdraft velocities) by unresolved cloud processes. In the RAMS simulations, CO production and oxidation will be simulated using prescribed OH and CH<sub>4</sub> fields and simple first order reaction kinetics following Gerbig et al., 2003b.

The period covered by the simulation will likely be 2005, by which time many new in-situ CO observing stations are expected to be collecting data. Lateral boundary conditions for meteorological variables will be specified from the NASA Goddard EOS Data Assimilation System (GEOS-DAS) on a 1°x1.25° grid with 55 levels, and will be interpolated on isentropic surfaces to nudge an outer RAMS grid of resolution 100 km that covers all of North America and extends well out over the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The outermost three grid columns will be nudged to the global analysis with a three-hour relaxation time. We will run a nested mesoscale grid ( $\Delta x=20$  km) over the continental USA and adjacent portions of Canada, Mexico, and the oceans, and evaluate the coupled simulation by comparing model quantities with observations within this finer domain. Evaluations will include comparisons of simulated station temperature, humidity, precipitation and winds to local observations; storm events to precipitation radar data; upper air winds to radiosondes and wind profilers; and simulated PBL depth to soundings, ceilometers, and profilers. Preliminary tests of the coupled modeling system suggest that the proposed simulation experiment would take about 10 days to perform on a single CPU of a state-of-the-art Linux workstation.

The resulting simulated atmospheric CO concentrations from the RAMS model will be compared to observed CO values. However, because observed CO measurements contain a portion attributable to biogenic emissions, which are not explicitly simulated in the CONCEPT model, we will isolate the fossil fuel component by examining spatial CO gradients across large urban airsheds. The use of spatial gradients across urban airsheds minimizes the biogenic versus the fossil fuel CO contribution. This further relaxes the need for knowledge of lateral boundary conditions from long range transport of CO.<sup>2</sup>

These simulated CO gradients will be compared to surface CO concentration gradients from The Measurement of Pollution in the Troposphere (MOPITT) instrument on board the NASA EOS Terra satellite. Explicit consideration of the MOPITT averaging kernels will be undertaken by resampling the RAMS model output to the MOPITT standard vertical pressure grid (6 layers plus the surface) and transforming this resampled output using the MOPITT averaging kernel. Spatial gradients in the lowest 3 layers of the MOPITT retrieval across large urbanized regions will provide a valuable comparison for the CONCEPT-CO<sub>2</sub>/RAMS simulated CO.

There is the possibility of including another remote-sensing device: avoiding fire events through the use of remotely-sensed fire incidence.

A second form of evaluation will isolate the fossil fuel CO component from measured CO concentrations by comparing specific CO concentration “events” from the expanded *in situ* continuous CO monitoring planned for the NACP. Under certain meteorological conditions

<sup>2</sup> Lateral boundary conditions for CO will be constructed following the procedure adopted in Gerbig et al., 2003a.

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**Deleted:** RAMS is a general purpose atmospheric simulation modeling system consisting of equations of motion, heat, moisture, and continuity in a terrain-following coordinate system (Pielke *et al.* 1992). The model has flexible vertical and horizontal resolution and a large range of options that permit the selection of processes to be included (such as cloud physics, radiative transfer, subgrid diffusion, and convective parameterization). Two-way interactive grid nesting allows for a wide range of motion scales to be modeled simultaneously and interactively.

driven by synoptic scale transport phenomena, continuous monitoring sites will be under direct influence of urban areas. The collection of large short-term increases in CO concentrations can be directly compared to the simulated temporal gradients simulated by the RAMS transport model forced by CONCEPT emissions. Bakwin or Potosnak reference is probably useful here. Again, further filtering of fire could be done with remote sensing imagery.

#### *B.5. NACP intensives and extension to the global domain*

The effort proposed here can be naturally extended for use in the recently announced Mid-continent NACP intensive campaign.<sup>3</sup> In the Mid-continent intensive proposal, fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at fine spatial and temporal scales were deemed an essential element in deconvolving the many contributions to the intensively measured CO<sub>2</sub> signal.

Because the CONCEPT-CO<sub>2</sub> model will contain all emitting activities as either geocoded point sources or spatially-resolved area and mobile sources within the intensive domain, CONCEPT-CO<sub>2</sub> is well-suited to meet the needs of the intensive. If needed, additional downscaling of the area and mobile sources in CONCEPT could be made to generate spatial scales smaller than the current 36 km resolution. Furthermore, because the CONCEPT model contains fuel throughput and a number of combustion attributes that contribute to time-specific fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, fuel use data specific to the domain of the intensive could be gathered and included in CONCEPT-CO<sub>2</sub> to generate accurate time-specific fossil fuel CO and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. The goal would be to generate fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions that are valid for short-term measurement campaigns within the intensive domain.

The development of the CONCEPT-CO<sub>2</sub> model contained within this proposed research can be extended to the global domain with further development. The most difficult task associated with extension beyond the US domain is the requirement for pollutant monitoring data and/or fuel use data that is specific to geocoded sources. In the US, this is routinely provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

However, much of the industrial world (e.g., Europe, Australia, and Japan) engage in detailed pollutant monitoring for regulatory purposes (references). Because nearly every country in the industrial world has agreed to lower their CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, direct CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring data is often collected (reference).

The most effective pathway to global extension of the CONCEPT approach, therefore, is to generate cooperative collaborations that can provide access to information such as point source locations, fuel use, and the area/mobile source attributes necessary to drive the CONCEPT-CO<sub>2</sub> emissions algorithms outside the US domain. Cooperation of this sort with the major industrial countries would currently capture roughly 60% of the global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. In many cases, direct CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring data may be available.

In the less-developed world, population density is much more closely correlated with actual CO<sub>2</sub> emissions because energy production and consumption is based on smaller disaggregated

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<sup>3</sup> Because additional development would very likely be necessary, extension of CONCEPT-CO<sub>2</sub> would be performed through a proposal to the intensives proposal request.

technologies and energy transport is less common ([reference](#)). Therefore, the current top-down fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions approach would prove adequate until similar data becomes available in the less developed world. A critical exception to this argument is the rapid ongoing industrialization in China.

The extension of the CONCEPT-CO<sub>2</sub> approach to the global domain would meet the need of the OCO CO<sub>2</sub> assimilation system for accurate, process-driven fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> fluxes at spatial scales determined by transport model gridcells.

### C. Summary of Objectives

The technical objectives for this proposal can be summarized as follows:

- 1) **Acquire state-of-the-art air quality emissions model (“CONCEPT”) and identify methodologies to include fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.** This model uses the National Emissions Inventory (NEI) as input and produces multi-species emissions at spatial scales of 36 km and timescales of one hour for use in photochemical transport models. The model will be deconstructed in order to identify the underlying logic and attributes used to construct trace gas emissions.
- 2) **Apply CO<sub>2</sub> emissions factors to all fossil fuel combustion activities.** For many emitting activities, fuel-based energy use is the metric used to account for trace gas emissions. For others, measured emissions combined with process characteristics generate pollutant emissions. Emission factors that convert fossil fuel combustion sources into CO<sub>2</sub> exist for a wide variety of combustion technologies and environmental conditions. Where pollutant emissions are built from observations, relationships to CO emissions and process characteristics will be used to determine CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- 3) **Generate CO and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at aggregated spatial and temporal scales and compare to existing emissions inventories. Adjust emission factors as necessary.** This will require complete forward simulations. Comparison will be made to the most reliable aggregate level (state totals at monthly means). Monte Carlo simulation or parameter space sensitivity will be used to adjust emission factors.
- 4) **Run emissions forward in transport model and compare to remotely sensed and *in situ* CO measurements.** We plan on using the RAMS model forced with CO emissions from the CONCEPT-CO<sub>2</sub> model to generate simulated CO concentrations. Simulated surface gradients across large urban airsheds will be compared to MOPITT CO concentrations. Simulated temporal gradients associated with downwind urban airflow will be compared to continuous *in situ* CO monitoring at tower and flask locations within the US.

### D. Scientific Significance

Fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions explicit at space and time scales commensurate with planned NACP and OCO CO<sub>2</sub> measurement and inversion/assimilation system is absolutely essential to avoid biased estimates of carbon sources and sinks. Creation of an accurate, process-driven CO<sub>2</sub>

emissions model will fulfill a critical need in the application of highly resolved NACP and/or OCO-based CO<sub>2</sub> measurements to the problem of carbon source/sink identification. This will be immediately available for the NACP spatial domain with potential future extension to the global domain in support of space-based CO<sub>2</sub> measurement (e.g., OCO). The product will be a publicly available US fossil fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions field for immediate use in assimilation/inverse work, forward modeling and carbon management efforts.

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1<sup>st</sup> year – familiarize and deconstruct CONCEPT model. Me and student. End of 1<sup>st</sup> year will begin work with LBNL. They will begin emission factor characterization. 2<sup>nd</sup> year – build in emissions factors and reassemble. Forward simulations – comparison to existing inventories, factor adjustment. 3<sup>rd</sup> year – forward with transport and chemistry, compare to MOPITT and *in situ* CO.

### **III. Cost Plan**

Jillian will supply. Total: ~\$250,000/year

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## VI. Letters of Support

Dear Dr. Gurney,

I write to express considerable interest and support in your effort to describe fossil-fuel-based CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at finer spatial and temporal scales. We now have manuscripts submitted that describe US emissions on both a monthly time scale and a state-by-state spatial scale, but these are the finest scales at which there are real data on fuel use from which to estimate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. To go to finer scales is going to require proxy data and modeling efforts and I will be delighted to participate in such an effort, share our data, and share our experiences and insights. Our data sets should provide a firm foundation from which to derive estimates at finer spatial and temporal scales and I think that we can generate some very useful data sets that will include rigorous estimates of uncertainty.

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The weaknesses:

- 1) Only US domain (Canada and Mexico?) not the world which is needed ultimately for OCO.
- 2) The temporal structure may not have the specificity of a particular date. It will very likely be able to simulate average day of the week, week of the year behaviour but will not likely be able to isolate a particular day of a particular week of a particular year. This makes it difficult to use in very specific CO<sub>2</sub> measurement campaigns which are very much tied to real days when measurements occurred.