

Towards monitoring, reporting, and verifying urban emissions from space

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Space-based sensors monitoring greenhouse gases and air pollutants have provided new perspectives to understanding exchanges of carbon and pollution fluxes at local to regional scales. To facilitate policymaking in a timely and systematic manner, we developed a top-down multi-tracer modeling framework and evaluated its capability in monitoring, reporting, and verifying fluxes over urban areas. Here we present results from recent analyses that detected and quantified urban emissions and their changes given perturbation in human activities. By optimizing CO₂, CO, and NO_x emissions from OCO-2/3 and TROPOMI, we found differences in temporal variabilities of the optimized emissions, likely suggesting specific emission sectors driving the differences.

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