# Monitoring Siberian Greenhouse Gas Budgets by Bottom-Up and Top-Down Methods

# Motivation

# Summertime Warming and Variability in Boreal and Arctic Regions

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Growing Season Temperature and Precipitation, Bor, 61.6°N, 90.2°E, 3yr means





Chapin et al., 2005, Science



# Why Siberia?

- Siberian boreal forest is a significant component of the global carbon cycle:
  - ~ 10% of global terrestrial carbon (vegetation+soils)
  - ~ 5-10% of global terrestrial productivity
  - ~ 65% of Siberian forests contain permafrost
- Relatively homogenous ecosystem/landscape
- Modest anthropogenic impacts
- Expected large climate change impacts
- Large interannual climate variability
- Fire a crucial disturbance factor
- Permafrost carbon:

400PgC, vulnerability: 5PgC (20yr), 100PgC (100yr)

# Anticipated high-latitude changes and unknowns

- Changes in snow cover, sea ice, atmospheric circulation reflected for example in precipitation changes
- Changes in land cover (fires, steppe/agriculture, forest logging, ecosystem migrations)
- Permafrost: deepening of active layer, possible catastrophic destruction of frozen soil C stores
- è Ecosystem changes
  - è Atmospheric composition changes



Estimations with different methods



Ciais et al., 2004

# Carbon Cycle Observing Systems: Spatio-Temporal Characteristics



Estimating Reginal Carbon Balances: Top-Down vs Bottom-Up Approach



# Observational Programs

# Siberian carbon observational projects with substantial european support

- Terrestrial Carbon Observing Project Siberia (TCOS-Siberia) 2002-2005: Network of surface flux measurements and atmosphere monitoring sites
- AEROSIB-YAK (F-D-RU) 2006-????: Long-distance transects by chartered aircraft
- Zotino Tall Tower Observatory (ZOTTO):
  300m tall observation tower near Zotino (~60°N, ~90°E)

#### TCOS-Siberia: Principal Investigators

- MPI BGC Jena, Germany (Heimann, coordination, PI, Schulze PI, Lloyd PI, Zimmermann, project manager)
- LSCE, Saclay, France (Ciais, PI)
- IUP, University of Heidelberg, Germany (Levin, PI)
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# TCOS-Siberia Study Sites



# In Situ Flux Measurements and Process Studies





Flux Measurements near Zotino, 60.75°N, 89.38°E (Eddy Covariance Method) [Shibistova et al., 2004]

# Large interannual variability of in situ carbon flux measurements

(Varlagin et al, EUROSIBERIAN CARBONFLUX, TCOS-Siberia data)



Figure 2: Accumulated Net Ecosystem Exchange observed by eddy covariance over a wet spruce forest at the Fedorovskoje site near Tver in Western Russia.

# Aircraft Measurements



# Aircraft Measurements: Zotino (~60°N, ~90°E, 0-3000m)



Simulated Atmospheri c CO<sub>2</sub> Mixing Ratio over Eurasia

(3000m)

QuickTime™ and a GIF decompressor are needed to see this picture. ppm

PBL (300m)

MO Simulation, U. Karstens, MPI-BGC

## Model Simulation West-East CO<sub>2</sub> Concentration Gradients at 60N, Monthly Mean and Standard Deviation, July 2002



Atmospheric "signal" of boreal forest biosp

Simulation, Karstens et al.]

"Footprint" of Atmospheric Measurements: Uncertainty Reduction of Time-Averaged (monthly) Source Estimates by TCOS-Siberia Aircraft Measurements - Bi-Weekly Observations





### Interannual Variability of Ecosystem Carbon Fluxes



Fluxes determined by inverse atmospheric modeling including observations from TCOS-Siberia project

# Some Results

- TCOS-Siberia has demonstrated the feasibility of operating elements of a biogeochemical monitoring system in Siberia.
- Siberia smaller sink than generally assumed: < 20% of fossil emissions from Russian Federation (~0.4 PgC/yr)
- Expected high interannual variability of terrestrial carbon fluxes, driven by the large variability of climate variability and fires
- Comparative studies show increases in carbon uptake with higher temperatures
- Abandoned agriculture in southern grasslands region leads to substantial carbon uptake
- Siberia a longer-term (decadal) source or sink of carbon? Need longer term measurements!

# **AEROSIB-YAK**

#### **Transiberian Airborne Greenhouse Gases Observations**

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# **Observations and models**

- 2006 : Measurement of suite of tracers:
  - <u>in situ</u>:  $CO_2$ , CO,  $O_3$ ,  $CH_4$ , [aerosols]
  - In flasks :  $CO_2$ ,  $CH_4$  with their <sup>13</sup>C isotopes,  $CO^{18}O$ , APO

SF<sub>6</sub> , N<sub>2</sub>O, CO, H<sub>2</sub>

- Meteorological parameters
- After 2006
- <u>in-situ</u>: 13C using specifically developed laser diode
- \_\_\_\_\_ in flasks : isotopes in  $CH_4$ , 15N and 18O in  $N_2O$
- Use of high resolution atmospheric transport/chem models
- Use of remote sensing to infer ecosystem fluxes and fires



#### The Zotino Tall Tower Observation Facility (ZOTTO)

A Scientific Platform in the Center of Siberia for Observing and Understanding Biogeochemical Changes in Northern Eurasia

#### Footprint Analysis

# Why 300m?

#### Typical aircraft profiles over Zotino



loyd et al., 2002, Tellus



# Tall Tower in Siberia

- Funding by German Max-Planck-Society: ~ 3.0 MEuro/5yr,
- (Installation: ~1 MEuro, running costs: ~ 400k Euro/yr )
- Funding administration through ISTC
- Core partners:
  - Max-Planck-Institute for Biogeochemistry, Jena
  - Institute of Forest, Krasnojarsk
  - Max-Planck-Institute for Chemistry, Mainz
- Status: Construction in 2004/6, fully operational by October 1, 2006
- Beyond 2010: to become an international observatory with a life time of more than 30 vr

## Scheduled Measurement Programme Status of 2005

#### MPI-BGC

- · Continuous measurements of long-lived, primarily biogeochemical gases:
  - o CO2 (NDIR CO2 analyzer)
  - O2/N2 (Paramagnetic O2-analyzer)
  - o CH4 (GC-FID)
  - a CO (GC-FID)
  - 0 N20 (GC-ECD)
  - o SF6 (GC-ECD)

Heights: 5m, 50m, 150m, 300m

- Regular flask sampling for lab analyses (a.o. C-isotopes)
- Continuous meteorology
  - Temperature, humidity
  - o Windspeed, direction
  - o Pressure
- Continuous flux measurements of CO2, sensible and letent heat by the eddy correlation method (at various beights on the tower).

#### **IFOR-RAS**

- Update of forest inventory in ZOTTO "footprint" area.
- Monitoring with satellite images
- Analysis of spatial heterogeneity of ecosystems in footprint area

#### MPI-CHEM

- Continuous CO
- Sun photometer (for acrosols)
- CO isotopes on Áásks (Brensiskmeijer)
- Compaign mode:
  - o OH
  - Sudar (for boundary layer height determination)

#### ITP

- Continuous:
  - o Nephelometer (acrosol light scattering coefficient)
  - o SMPS (acrosol size spectrum 0.015-0.9 mmm)
  - FSAP (acrosel light absorption coefficient)
- Campaign:
  - e Acrosol sample collection for chemical analysis

#### IAP-RAS

- ISTC #2773 (TROICA ~ Extension, 91: N. Elansky)
  - 6 Extension of TROICA project
  - Plan for Janissey campaign with short-term measurements at Zotine (at surface only)
  - o Flask analyses (CH4, CO isotopes) at MPI-CHEM (Brenrinkmeijer)
- ISTC #2770 (PI: A. Skorochod)
  - Continuous measurements
    - O3 (0, 30m, 50m)
  - NOx (NO, NO2, at surface only)
    Campaign ficinity with TROICA) at Zotino
    - "nattive" gases: 03, NO, NO2, CO, CO2, SO2, CH4, THC
    - meteorology
    - solar radiation
    - O3 taxbalent fluxes
    - integral content of <u>CO</u>, <u>CH4</u>, <u>H2O</u>
    - acrosols in situ size distributions
    - YQC
    - accessels size fractionated chemical composition
- Zouno campaigns: 2 in winter, 3 in summer, first in Feb 2005
- + NIES, Tsukuba

### Construction in Progress -Winter 2005/6: Height of ~53m

Measurement Bunker

Pergola shelter between house and bunker

> Scientis ts house

> Generato rs



# Tower Construction -June 2006: Height ~ 120m



#### ZOTTO Organization



Key Siberian ecosystems and processes necessitating improved monitoring and analysis

• Forest:

- Photosynthesis + respiration
- Disturbances (fire, harvest, insects)
- Soil accumulation and lateral export by water
- Permafrost:
  - Large vulnerable carbon pool
  - CO<sub>2</sub> vs CH<sub>4</sub> emissions
- Bogs:
  - Large vulnerable carbon pool
  - Effects of water table changes (climate change, river rerouting)
- Grasslands:
  - Land use and management effects (recovery from agricultural use, cattle grazing)