

GeoCarb

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Mission Overview

Instrument mounted on geostationary communications satellite at 85°W centered over North and South American landmasses

Instrument looks down, collecting reflected sunlight using a 4-Channel scanning IR spectrometer.

Scan is 2800km North-to-South in extent, and sweeps East-to-West at 39km/min. Enables multiple visits over continental-sized regions daily



Processed data yields high precision column mixing ratios of CO₂, CH₄ from which their fluxes are computed

Raw data and data products are calibrated and validated using ground truth from TCCON network

Distributed data enables community-wide flux estimation and source/sink assessment

geoCARB transforms space-based carbon science, making persistent and accurate CO₂ and CH₄ measurements at high spatial and temporal resolution over continental-sized regions

Spectrometer's passbands are centered at:

0.76 μm – O₂ / SIF

1.61 μm – CO₂ weak

2.06 μm – CO₂ strong

2.32 μm – CH₄ and CO

CO₂ & CH₄: Dominant GHGs

CO: for Combustion Attribution

SIF: Solar Induced Fluorescence

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TCCON (Total Carbon Column Observing Network)

Supports Daily Calibration-Validation

Primary Data Products

Level 0: Raw Data

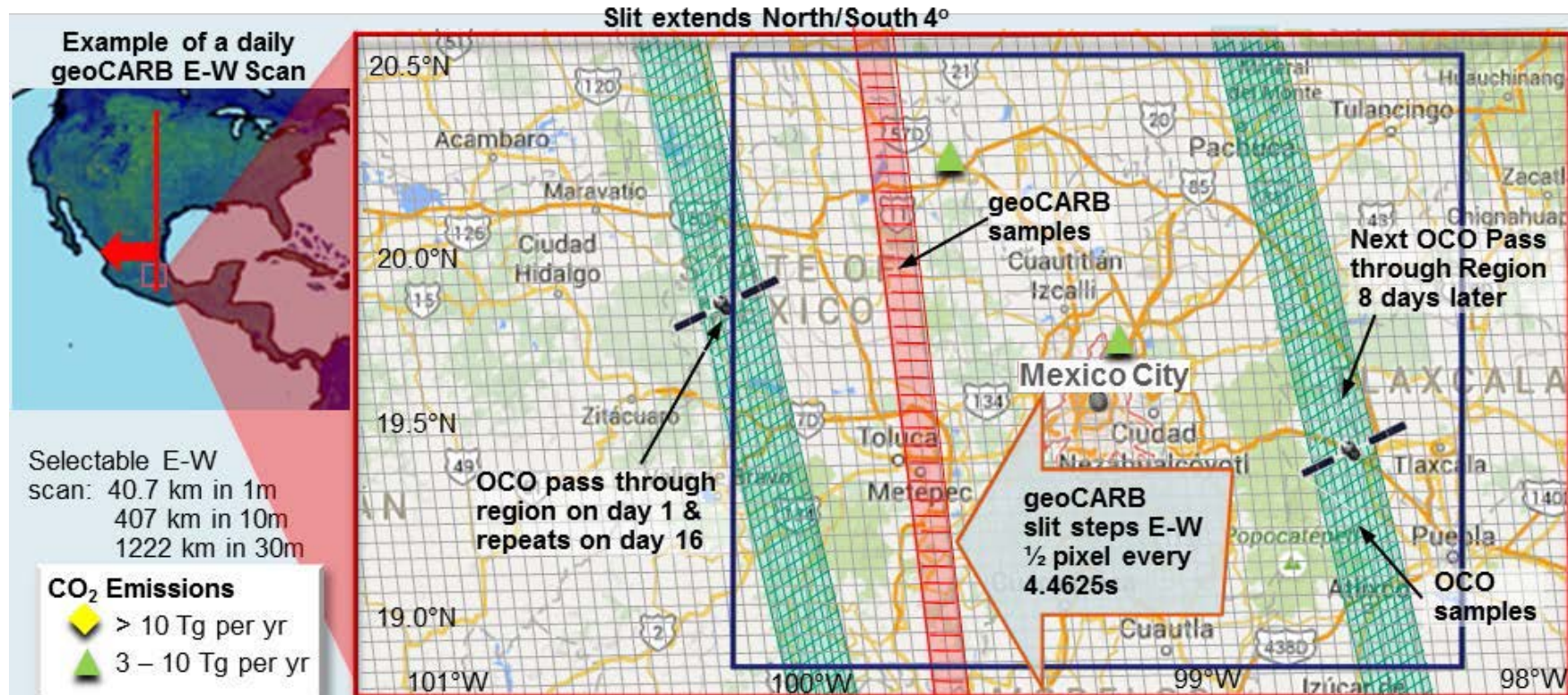
Level 2: Concentration Maps (depicted) & SIF

Level 4: Fluxes

Ground Segment is Based at NASA Ames:

- Massive Parallel Computing
- Leverages OCO-2

GeoCarb will provide OCO-2 class measurements daily and even diurnally across the domain with 3-5 km pixels (depending on longitude)



GeoCarb will provide L2 and L3 data products
to the community

XCO₂

XCH₄

XCO

SIF

Inversions and flux results are not
part of the mission baseline

GeoCarb open meeting Friday of the OCO-2
STM in Boulder, Oct 27.

