

## Regional Carbon Budgets by Fusion of Multiple NASA Data Products Scott Denning, Andrew Schuh, Katherine Haynes, and Ian Baker



## Seems simple enough, but:

- CO<sub>2</sub> "flux" is really just a tiny difference (NEE) between two much larger fluxes (GPP & Resp)
- Component fluxes are governed by different BGC processes, so will respond differently to future change
- NEE has no "memory:" knowing its value at one time is no help in estimating it later
- Direct estimation of NEE is therefore poorly constrained, even by satellite CO<sub>2</sub> observations

We seek improved constraint by instead estimating longlived state variables that control GPP and Resp CMMAP, Dept. of Atmospheric Science, Colorado State University, USA



