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Correlation of CO and CO2: Diagnostics for emission source characteristics

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The linear regression slope of CO-CO2 correlation (dCO/dCO2 ratio) can be used to investigate the characteristics of combustion emission sources (e.g., fossil fuel and biomass burning). While dCO/dCO2 ratios have widely been used in biomass burning studies, there have been few studies systematically discussing the dCO/dCO2 ratios from other combustion sources. We have conducted simultaneous measurements of CO and CO2 in various locations, including urban areas (Tokyo, Nagoya), Asian outflow, and biomass burning (Indonesia, northern Australia). Here we compile and summarize the CO-CO2 data from our measurements and other previous measurements. The characteristics of emission sources and comparison with emission inventory will be discussed.