

**Box Model equation:**  $q = \frac{S * \tau}{V}$

1. The emissions rate of NO in downtown Metropolis is  $5.8 \times 10^{27}$  molecules of NO per day. If the lifetime of NO in downtown is  $\frac{1}{4}$  day, calculate the concentration (molecules/cm<sup>3</sup>) of NO in the downtown area. Use a volume of  $4.7 \times 10^{16}$  cm<sup>3</sup>.

2. Convert your answer from #3 to a mixing ratio (ppbv). Assume that 1 cm<sup>3</sup> of air contains  $2.5 \times 10^{19}$  molecules.

3. The city of Metropolis has an approximate volume of  $1.5 \times 10^{18}$  cm<sup>3</sup>. The total SO<sub>2</sub> emissions in that basin are  $1 \times 10^{30}$  molecules of SO<sub>2</sub> per day and the residence time of SO<sub>2</sub> is  $\frac{1}{2}$  a day. What is the concentration in molecules/cm<sup>3</sup> of SO<sub>2</sub> in the city?

4. The mixing ratio of carbon monoxide in Metropolis is 300 ppb. What is its concentration in molecules/cm<sup>3</sup>? Remember that 1 cm<sup>3</sup> of air contains  $2.5 \times 10^{19}$  molecules, and that 1 ppb means “one part per billion” (billion= $10^9$ ).

5. Let's assume that the residence time,  $\tau$ , of carbon monoxide in the Metropolis basin is 1 day and that 14 Million people live in the basin. How many CO molecules does each person emit per day? The volume of the basin is  $1.875 \times 10^{18}$  cm<sup>3</sup>.

To solve this question transform the steady state box model equation to calculate the source rate,  $S$ , from the concentration,  $q$ , the volume  $V$ , and the residence time  $\tau$ .

$$q = \frac{S * \tau}{V} \Rightarrow S = \frac{q * V}{\tau}$$