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Emission-dominated gas exchange of elemental mercury vapor over natural surfaces in China

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16 S1 An unpublished Hg concentration dataset

17 An unpublished Hg concentration dataset was collected in China in autumn of 2013 and 2014.
18 This dataset includes Hg concentration in litterfall collected under 5 predominant tree species in 4
19 national subtropical evergreen forests (Xishuangbanna: 21.68 N, 101.42 E; Jianfengling: 19.18 N,
20 109.73 E; Shenlongjia: 31.45 N, 109.91 E; Mt. Wuyi: 28.04 N, 117.57 E) and 4 national temperate
21 forests (Jixian: 36.16 N, 110.73E; Mt. Xiaolong: 34.35 N, 106.01 E; Mt. Xiaoxinganling: 47.17 N,
22 128.95 E; Mt. Taihang: 34.96 N, 112.4 E). The collection of litter samples, measurement of Hg
23 concentration and the quality control procedure have been described elsewhere (Zhou et al., 2013).
24 Briefly, litterfall samples were collected by 1 m × 1 m nylon nets (1 mm pore size) placed under
25 canopy. Hg concentration in litter was measured by a Lumex RA-915+ multifunctional Hg analyzer
26 equipped with a pyrolysis attachment.

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28 S2 Monte Carlo simulation for Hg input through litterfall in China

29 Monte Carlo simulation is a modeling technique that relies on random sampling and
30 statistical data analysis (Raychaudhuri, 2008). In this study, Monte Carlo simulation was
31 applied to integrate the datasets of Hg concentration in litterfall and litterfall biomass to
32 produce the probabilistic Hg flux through litterfall, and described in detail in (Wang et al.,
33 2016). Briefly, the simulation was carried out in three steps: creating statistical distribution
34 using the observational data, perform random sampling, and flux calculation. In the first
35 step, Hg concentration in litters and litterfall biomass production were regarded as random
36 variables:

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$$Hg_i(\theta) = f_\theta(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n | \theta) \quad (1)$$

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$$Biomass_i(\beta) = f_\beta(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n | \beta) \quad (2)$$

39 where θ is a random variable vector for Hg concentrations in a given type of biomes
40 group (total number of group is 14); β is the random variable vector for litterfall biomass
41 production in i group ($\text{g m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$). Function f represents the associated probability density

42 function. As such, F_θ and F_β represent the respective cumulative probability distribution
43 functions.

44 After determining the respective probability density functions of the data, an inverse
45 transformation method was utilized to generate a random sample from the probability
46 density distribution (Raychaudhuri, 2008). For example, the random sample for Hg
47 concentration (X) was generated using:

48 Generating: $U \sim U(0,1)$ (3)

49 Returning: $X = F_\theta^{-1}(U)$ (4)

50 where U is a uniform distribution and F_θ^{-1} denotes the inverse of F_θ . Similarly, the
51 random sample for litterfall biomass production can be described as:

52 $X_{\beta,i} \sim F_\beta(U)^{-1}$ (5)

53 Therefore, the random variable of Hg deposition flux caused by litterfall (L_i) can be
54 expressed as:

55 $L_i = X_{\theta,i} X_{\beta,i}$ (6)

56 After 50,000 sampling iterations, the descriptive statistics and the 95% confidence
57 interval (CI) of L_i were calculated from the probability distribution of L_i . The Monte Carlo
58 simulation and Hg flux calculation was performed using MATLAB 2013a and ArcGIS 10.3.
59 The model-estimate Hg deposition (M_i , Mg yr⁻¹) was classified for the 14 WWF (World
60 Wildlife Fund for Nature) biomes:

61 $M_i = \frac{L_i}{t_{d,i}} \times t_{n,i} \times \sigma$ (7)

62 Where L_i is Hg deposition flux caused by litterfall; σ is the ratio for unit conversion;
63 $t_{d,i}$ is tree density (stems ha⁻¹); $t_{n,i}$ is total number of trees in the i th biomes type compiled
64 from a best estimate in a recent study (Crowther et al., 2015)
65 (http://elischolar.library.yale.edu/yale_fes_data/1). The global spatial distribution of Hg
66 deposition through litterfall was then calculated based on the spatial distribution of tree
67 density. The quality control procedure is described in detail by Wang et al. (2016).

68 Table S1 Orthogonal Design ($L_{25}(5^6)$) for WRF

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Run Times	MP	CU	R	PBL
1	8	5	3	2
2	8	1	4	1
3	8	2	1	8
4	8	3	5	7
5	8	84	7	12
6	6	5	4	8
7	6	1	1	7
8	6	2	5	12
9	6	3	7	2
10	6	84	3	1
11	3	5	1	12
12	3	1	5	2
13	3	2	7	1
14	3	3	3	8
15	3	84	4	7
16	4	5	5	1
17	4	1	7	8
18	4	2	3	7
19	4	3	4	12
20	4	84	1	2
21	2	5	7	7
22	2	1	3	12
23	2	2	4	2
24	2	3	1	1
25	2	84	5	8

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71 where MP: Microphysics Options, 8 means Thompson, 6 means WSM6, 3 means WSM3,
72 4 means WSM5, 2 means Lin scheme.

73 CU: Cumulus Parameterization Options; 1 means Kain-Fritsch; 2 means Betts-Miller-
74 Janjic; 3 means Grell-Freitas; 5 means Grell-3; 84 means New SAS (HWRF).

75 R: Radiation Physics Options; 1 means Dudhia for ra_sw_physics and RRTM for
76 ra_lw_physics ; 3 means CAM; 4 means RRTMG; 5 means New Goddard; 7 means
77 FLG.

78 PBL: PBL Physics Options; 1 means YSU; 2 means MYJ; 7 means ACM2; 8 means
79 BouLac; 12 means GBM.

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81 Table S2 peer-reviewed air-surfaces fluxes data. W means warm season (May-October), and C
 82 means cold season (November-April).
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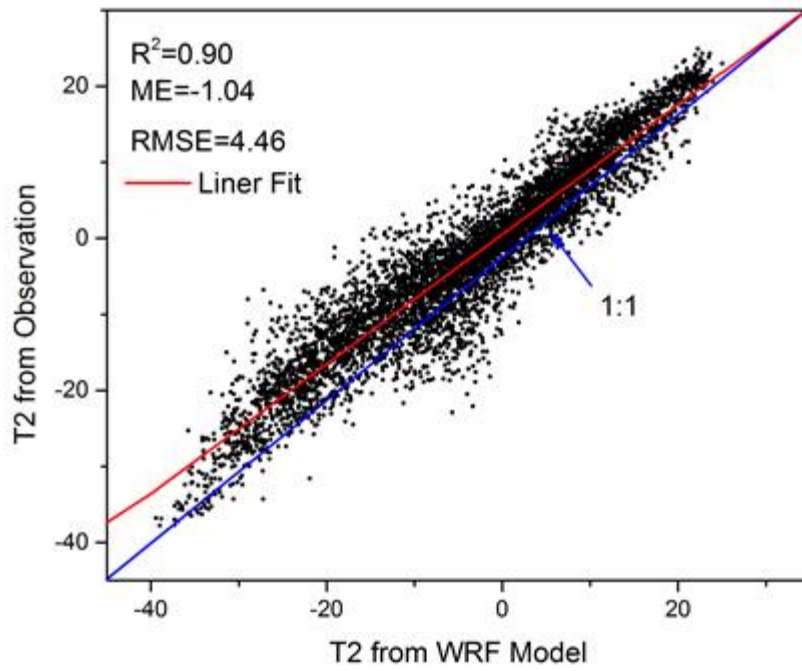
Term	Lon	Lat	Type	Flux (ng m ⁻² h ⁻¹)	Refencens
Paddy	106.471	26.556	W	27.4	(Wang et al., 2004)
Paddy	106.471	26.556	C	5.6	(Wang et al., 2004)
Agricultural land	102.115	29.648	C	-4.1	(Fu et al., 2008)
Agricultural land	102.115	29.648	W	19.2	(Fu et al., 2008)
Agricultural land	102.115	29.648	W	21.1	(Fu et al., 2008)
Agricultural land	102.115	29.648	C	-3.1	(Fu et al., 2008)
Agricultural land	102.088	29.680	W	2.9	(Fu et al., 2008)
Agricultural land	102.088	29.680	C	1.5	(Fu et al., 2008)
Agricultural land	102.088	29.680	W	2.1	(Fu et al., 2008)
Agricultural land	102.225	29.787	W	132	(Fu et al., 2008)
Agricultural land	102.168	29.607	W	24.5	(Fu et al., 2008)
Agricultural land	102.115	29.648	W	20.4	(Fu et al., 2008)
Agricultural land	112.47	23.014	C	32.1	(Fu et al., 2012)
Grassland	112.852	22.997	C	114	(Fu et al., 2012)
Agricultural land	113.082	22.534	C	23.8	(Fu et al., 2012)
Grassland	113.706	22.82	C	75.6	(Fu et al., 2012)
Grassland	114.457	23.116	C	24.4	(Fu et al., 2012)
Grassland	113.542	23.859	C	44.8	(Fu et al., 2012)
Agricultural land	113.569	24.703	C	18.2	(Fu et al., 2012)
Agricultural land	112.87	23.022	C	135	(Fu et al., 2012)
Agricultural land	112.422	23.13	C	14.2	(Fu et al., 2012)
Agricultural land	112.68	22.336	C	10.7	(Fu et al., 2012)
Agricultural land	112.924	21.874	C	2.7	(Fu et al., 2012)
Agricultural land	113.893	23.407	C	1.4	(Fu et al., 2012)
Agricultural land	113.639	24.712	C	22.8	(Fu et al., 2012)
wheat	116.600	36.950	W	61.2	(Sommar et al., 2013)
Agricultural land	29.921	106.370	W	31	(Zhu et al., 2011)
Agricultural land	29.921	106.370	W	15.1	(Zhu et al., 2011)
Paddy	106.370	29.921	W	20.6	(Zhu et al., 2013)
Paddy	106.437	29.757	W	4.63	(Zhu et al., 2013)
wheat	116.600	36.950	W	7.6	(Zhu et al., 2015)
wheat	116.600	36.950	C	2.2	(Zhu et al., 2015)
wheat	116.600	36.950	W	7.2	(Zhu et al., 2015)
wheat	116.600	36.950	C	5.3	(Zhu et al., 2015)
wheat	116.600	36.950	W	10.8	(Zhu et al., 2015)
wheat	116.600	36.950	C	9.3	(Zhu et al., 2015)

wheat	116.600	36.950	W	17.3	(Zhu et al., 2015)
Longtanzi reservoir	106.400	29.817	W	43.75	(Wang et al., 2006)
Jialing river	106.433	29.833	C	6.7	(Wang et al., 2006)
Hongfeng reservoir	106.471	26.556	W	6.5	(Feng et al., 2008)
Hongfeng reservoir	106.471	26.556	C	5.1	(Feng et al., 2008)
Hongfeng reservoir	106.471	26.556	C	1.8	(Feng et al., 2008)
Hongfeng reservoir	106.471	26.556	W	4.8	(Feng et al., 2008)
Hongfeng reservoir	106.471	26.556	W	4	(Feng et al., 2008)
Hongfeng reservoir	106.471	26.556	C	2.8	(Feng et al., 2008)
Hongfeng reservoir	106.471	26.556	C	2	(Feng et al., 2008)
Baihua Reservoir	106.531	26.689	C	3	(Feng et al., 2004)
Baihua Reservoir	106.531	26.689	W	6.39	(Feng et al., 2004)
Baihua Reservoir	106.531	26.689	W	7.43	(Feng et al., 2004)
Baihua Reservoir	106.531	26.689	W	6.62	(Feng et al., 2004)
Wujiang reservoir	106.785	27.312	W	20.1	(Fu et al., 2010)
Wujiang reservoir WJD-1	106.785	27.312	C	6.2	(Fu et al., 2010)
Wujiang reservoir	106.785	27.312	W	14.1	(Fu et al., 2010)
Wujiang reservoir WJD-2	106.785	27.312	C	4.7	(Fu et al., 2010)
Wujiang reservoir	106.785	27.312	W	9.9	(Fu et al., 2010)
Wujiang reservoir WJD-3	106.785	27.312	C	3.2	(Fu et al., 2010)
Wujiang reservoir	106.769	27.321	W	4.1	(Fu et al., 2010)
Wujiang reservoir SFY-1	106.769	27.321	C	1	(Fu et al., 2010)
Wujiang reservoir	106.769	27.321	W	1.5	(Fu et al., 2010)
Wujiang reservoir SFY-2	106.769	27.321	C	0.6	(Fu et al., 2010)
Wujiang reservoir	106.769	27.321	W	4.4	(Fu et al., 2010)

Wujiang reservoir SFY-3	106.769	27.321	C	1.3	(Fu et al., 2010)
Puding reservoir	105.791	26.274	W	2.2	(Fu et al., 2010)
Puding reservoir	105.791	26.274	C	0	(Fu et al., 2013b)
Puding reservoir	105.791	26.274	W	4.2	(Fu et al., 2013b)
Puding reservoir	105.791	26.274	C	0.2	(Fu et al., 2013b)
HJD-1	104.114	37.550	W	4.2	(Fu et al., 2013b)
HJD-3	104.114	37.550	W	4.2	(Fu et al., 2013b)
HJD-1	104.114	37.550	C	3.1	(Fu et al., 2013a)
HJD-2	104.114	37.550	C	2.7	(Fu et al., 2013a)
HJD-3	104.114	37.550	C	2.1	(Fu et al., 2013a)
YZD-1	105.792	26.648	W	4	(Fu et al., 2013a)
YZD-2	105.792	26.648	W	3.9	(Fu et al., 2013a)
YZD-3	105.792	26.648	W	4	(Fu et al., 2013a)
YZD-1	105.792	26.648	C	0.1	(Fu et al., 2013a)
YZD-2	105.792	26.648	C	0.4	(Fu et al., 2013a)
YZD-3	105.792	26.648	C	1	(Fu et al., 2013a)
DF Reservoir	106.180	26.859	W	3.6	(Fu et al., 2013a)
DF Reservoir	106.180	26.859	W	4.3	(Fu et al., 2013a)
DF Reservoir	106.180	26.859	W	3.3	(Fu et al., 2013a)
DF Reservoir	106.180	26.859	C	0.7	(Fu et al., 2013a)
DF Reservoir	106.180	26.859	C	0.9	(Fu et al., 2013a)
SFY Reservoir	106.769	27.321	C	3.7	(Fu et al., 2013a)
SFY Reservoir	106.769	27.321	C	2.3	(Fu et al., 2013a)
SFY Reservoir	106.769	27.321	W	4.3	(Fu et al., 2013a)
SFY Reservoir	106.769	27.321	C	1.3	(Fu et al., 2013a)
SFY Reservoir	106.769	27.321	C	1.2	(Fu et al., 2013a)
SFY Reservoir	106.769	27.321	C	1.3	(Fu et al., 2013a)
East China sea shore soil	121.898	31.054	C	3.2	Zhu et al., 2013AEa
East China sea shore soil	121.898	31.054	C	-1.4	Zhu et al., 2013AEa
Subtropical forest soil	23.178	112.544	C	6.6	(Fu et al., 2012)
Subtropical forest soil	102.020	29.703	W	6.6	(Fu et al., 2008)
Subtropical forest soil	102.143	29.420	W	5.7	(Fu et al., 2008)
Subtropical forest soil	102.111	29.628	W	9.3	(Fu et al., 2008)

Subtropical forest soil	102.063	29.603	W	7.7	(Fu et al., 2008)
Subtropical forest soil	102.030	29.588	W	0.5	(Fu et al., 2008)
Subtropical forest soil	101.930	29.583	W	2.9	(Fu et al., 2008)
Subtropical forest soil	106.656	29.609	C	0.3	(Du et al., 2014)
Subtropical forest soil	106.283	29.833	W	14.2	(Ma et al., 2013)
Subtropical forest soil	106.283	29.833	W	20.7	(Ma et al., 2013)
Simianshan forest soil	106.4333	28.583	W	7.7	(Wang et al., 2006)
Geleshan forest soil	106.417	29.567	W	3.4	(Wang et al., 2006)
Jinyunshan forest soil	106.367	29.933	W	8.4	(Wang et al., 2006)
Changbai forest	128.112	42.402	W	2.7	(Fu et al., 2015)
Forest soil	125.299	43.850	W	7.6	(Fang et al., 2003)
Forest soil	125.467	43.780	W	5.6	(Fang et al., 2003)
Forest soil	125.467	43.780	W	3.3	(Fang et al., 2003)
Grassland	102.115	29.648	C	-18.7	(Fu et al., 2008)
Grassland	102.115	29.648	C	3.1	(Fu et al., 2008)
Grassland	102.115	29.648	W	13.4	(Fu et al., 2008)
Grassland	102.115	29.648	W	12.3	(Fu et al., 2008)
Grassland	102.115	29.648	W	-1.7	(Fu et al., 2008)
Grassland	106.731	26.512	W	58.9	(Feng et al., 2005)
Grassland	106.734	26.576	W	15.4	(Feng et al., 2005)
Grassland	106.798	26.533	W	7.9	(Feng et al., 2005)
Grassland	106.798	26.533	C	2.4	(Feng et al., 2005)
Grassland	106.798	26.533	W	12.2	(Feng et al., 2005)

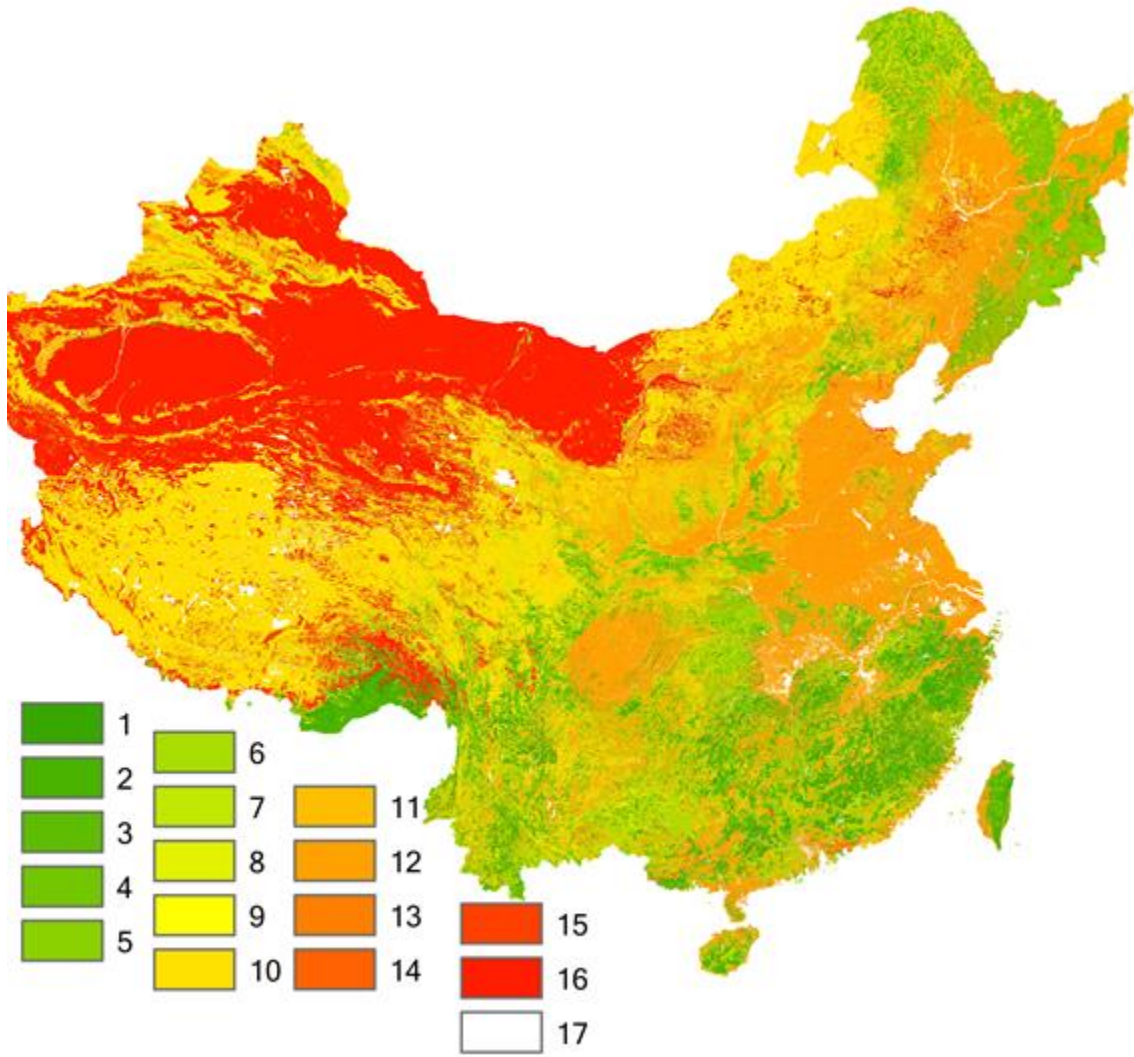
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87 Figure S1 The simulated T2 (air temperature above 2 m) by WRF .vs the observed T2.

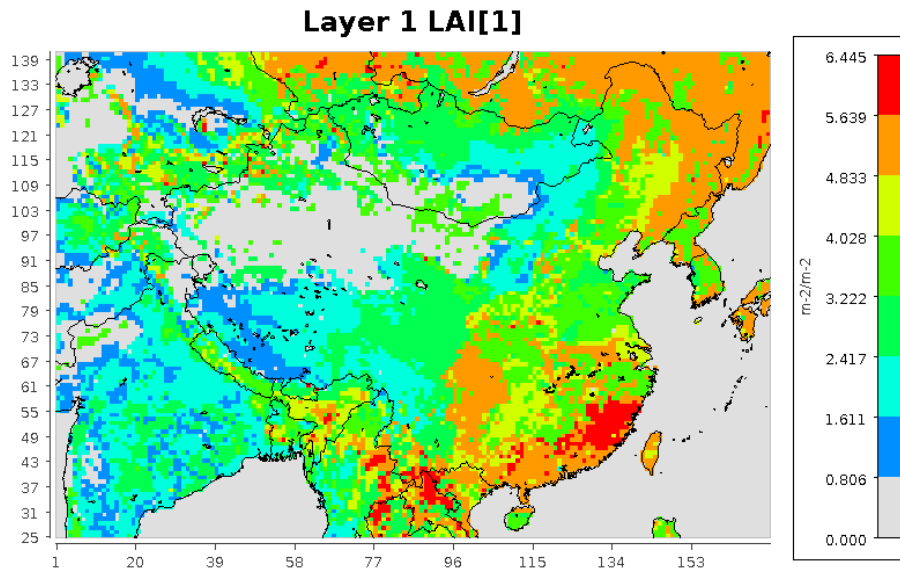
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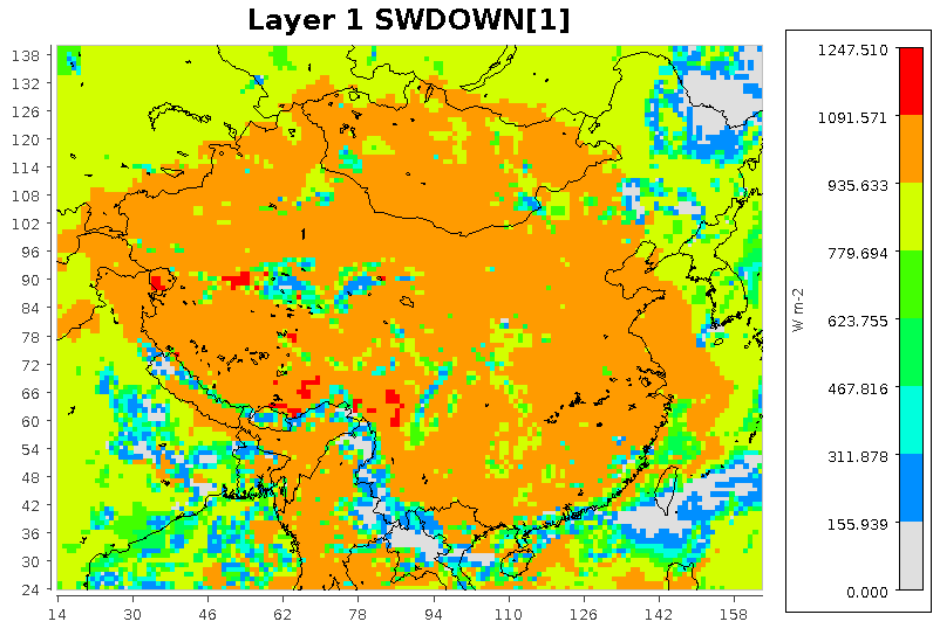
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90 Figure S2 The spatial distribution of landuse in China. 1-17 means C1-C17.

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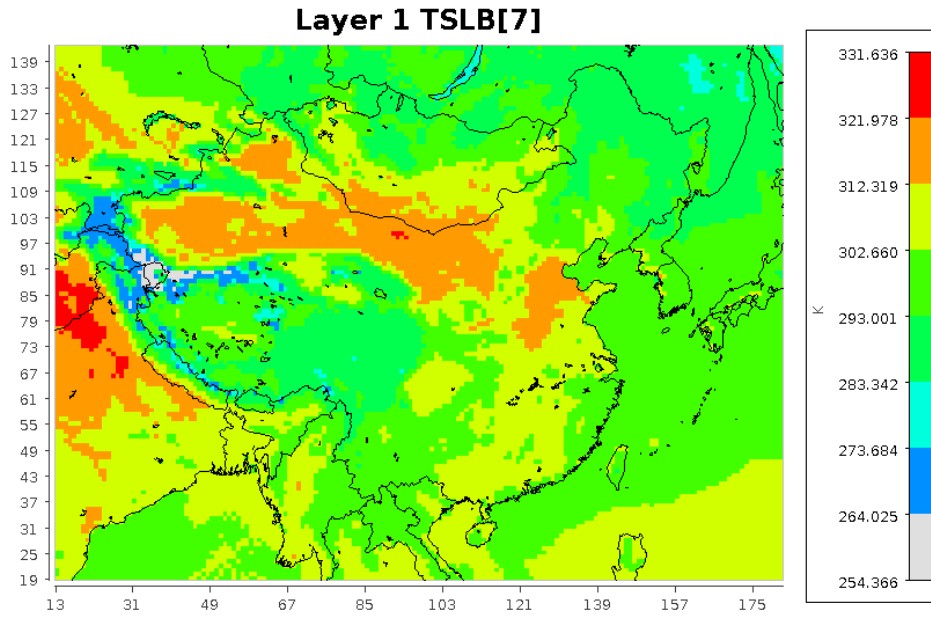
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 93 Figure S3 The spatial of mean LAI during summertime
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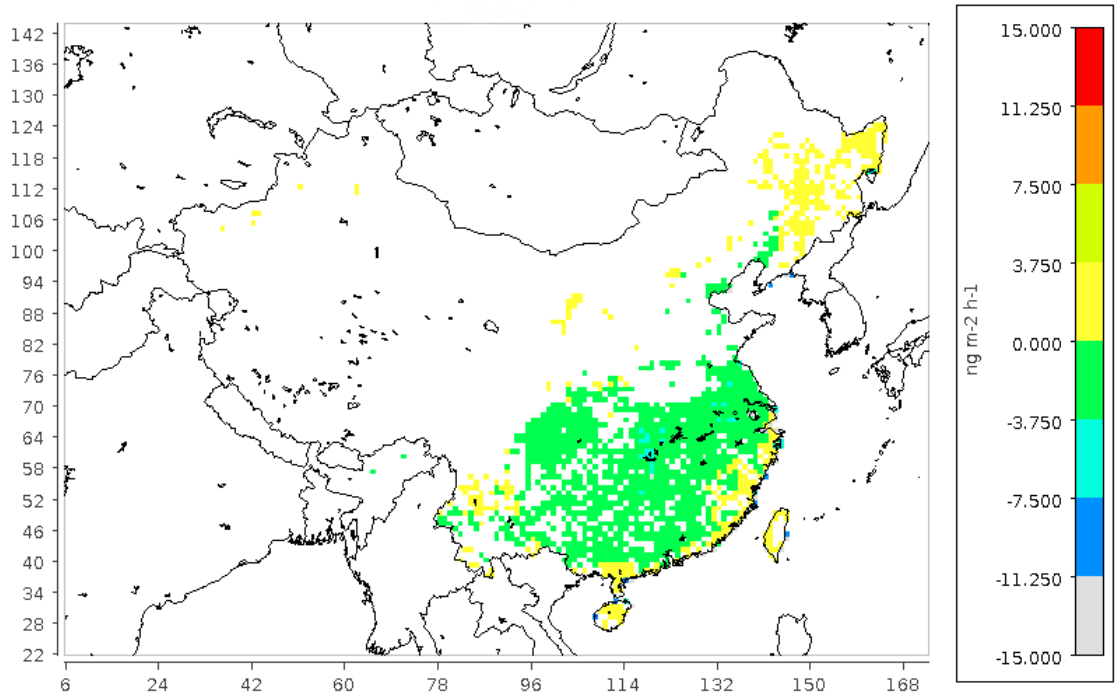


Min (40, 89) = 258.448, Max (20, 77) = 326.033

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100 Figure S5 The spatial distribution of mean soil temperature at 14:00 during summertime.

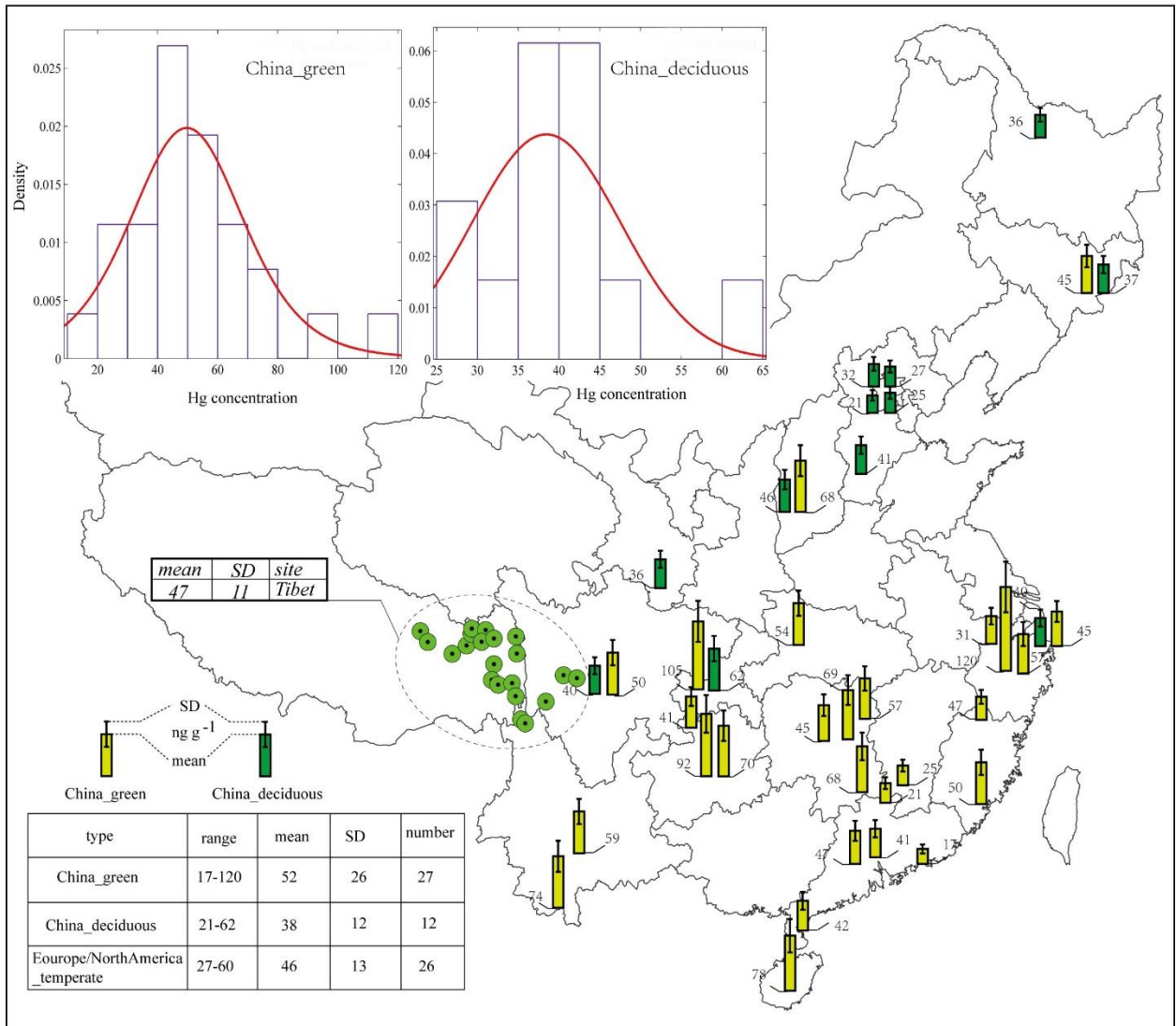
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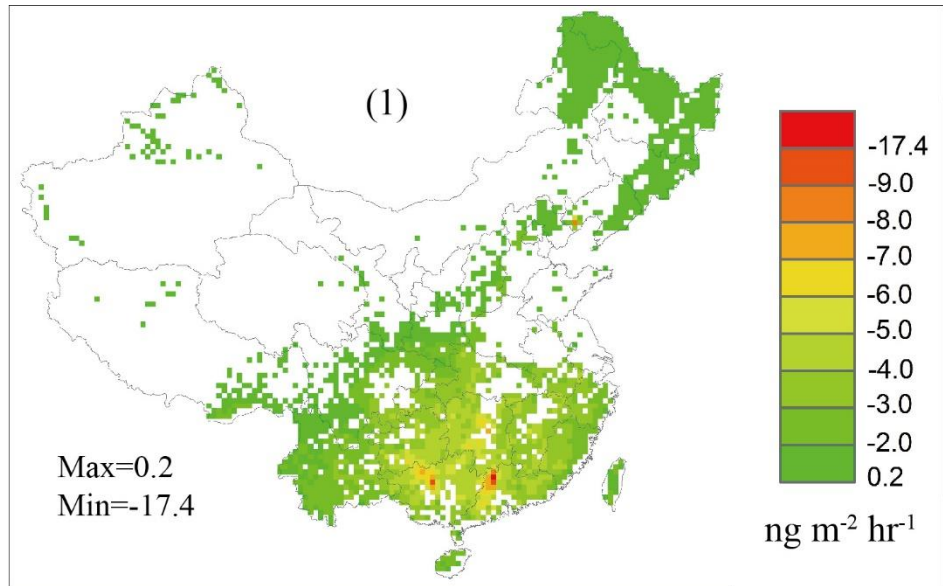
Figure S6. The simulated mean fluxes ($\text{ng m}^{-2} \text{h}^{-1}$) from rice paddy during Apr-Oct.



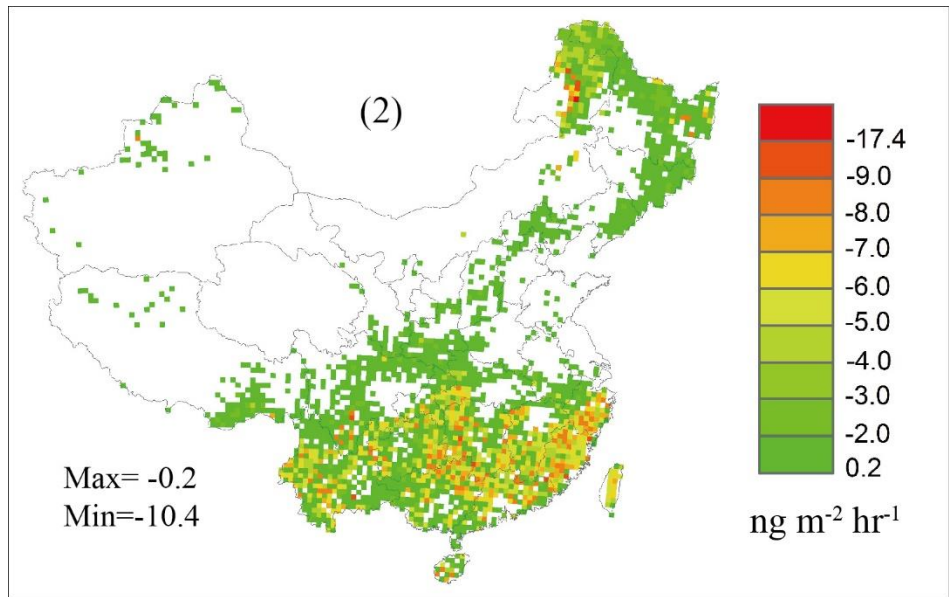
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106 Figure S7. Database of Hg concentration in litterfall samples, China (Ma et al., 2015;Niu et al.,
 107 2011;Zhou et al., 2013;Fu et al., 2015;Wang et al., 2014;Tang et al., 2015;Juillerat et al.,
 108 2012;Blackwell et al., 2014;Risch et al., 2012;Selvendiran et al., 2008). An unpublished dataset
 109 including 8 sites in China is described in details in the SI. The Hg concentrations in evergreen and
 110 deciduous forests have a t Location-Scale distribution ($\mu=50.1$, $\sigma=19.3$, $F=6.6$; and $\mu=36.3$, $\sigma=3.6$,
 111 $F=1.4$, respectively).

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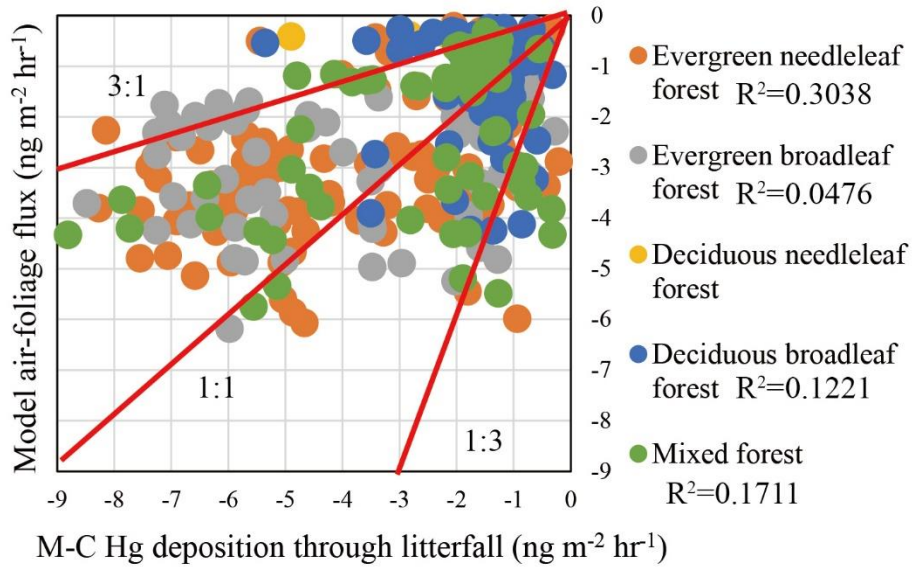


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115 Figure S8. Comparison between: (1) the mean annual air-foliage flux in forest ecosystems predicted
 116 by the model developed in this study; (2) the observed Hg deposition through litterfall processed
 117 by Monte Carlo simulation (Wang et al., 2016). It is noted that the dataset size of (2) is about 5%
 118 large than the size of (1), because (2) contains trees in ecotone between forest and other landuses.
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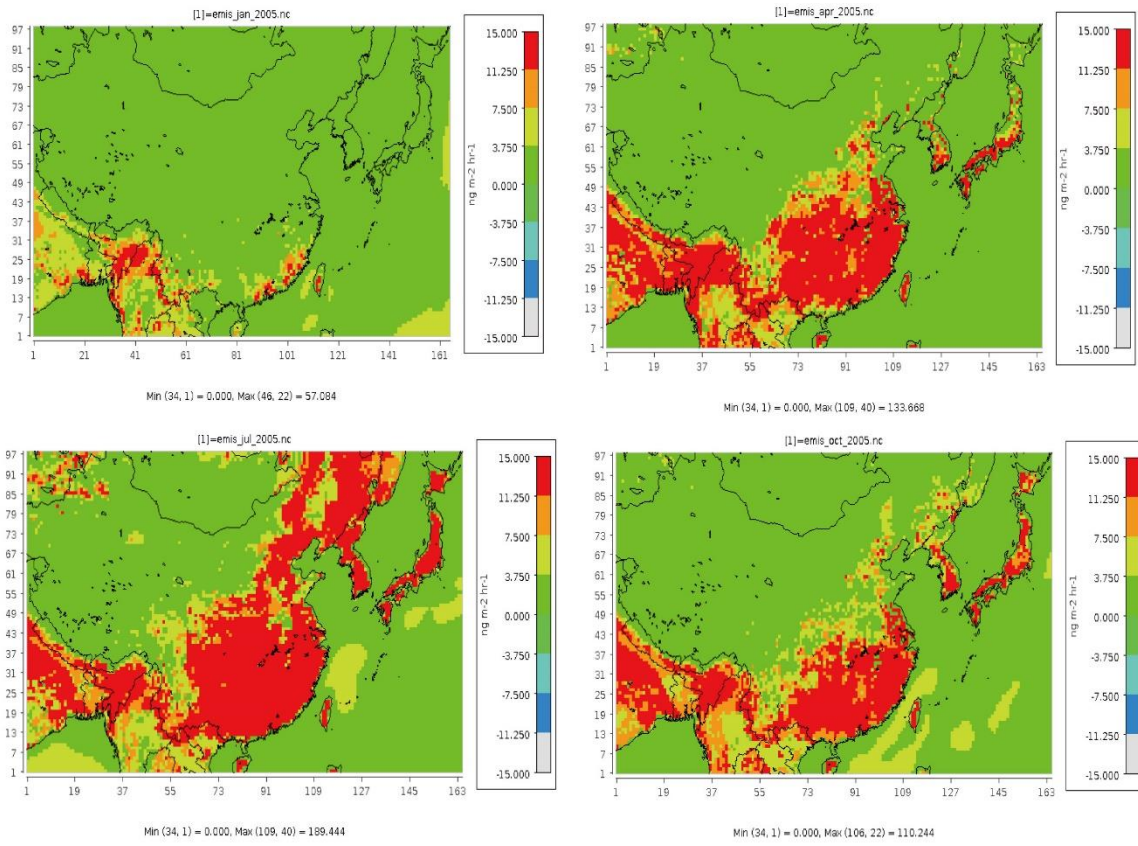
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121 Figure S9. Scatterplot of observed Hg deposition through litterfall processed by Monte Carlo (M-

122 C) simulation and the estimate air-foilage flux predicted by the model developed in this study.

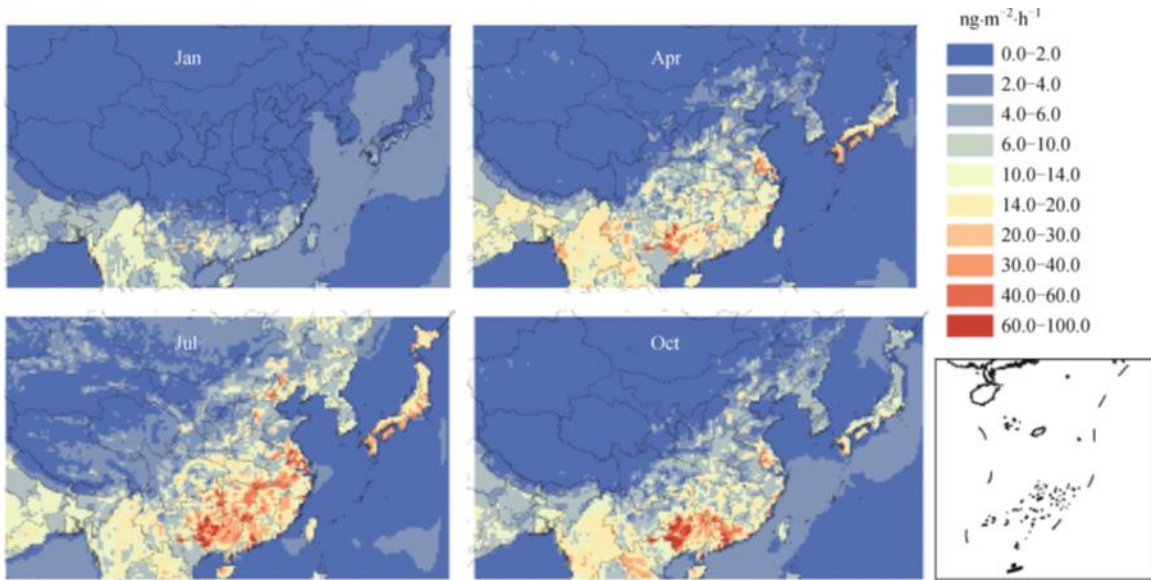
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126 Figure S10. The simulated air-surfaces Hg^0 fluxes in East Asia (Shetty et al., 2008).



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128 Figure S11. The simulated air-surfaces Hg^0 fluxes in East Asia (Wang et al., 2014).

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