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Supplement Text S1

5 The LUR model requires air pollutant concentration data and data inputs of the potential predictor variables (e.g., the road network and land-use types) affecting air pollutant concentration. The output of the LUR model consists of a linear regression model describing the association between the predictor variables and measured concentration, predicted concentration at the monitoring sites, and the associated measures of the model predictive accuracy (Jin et al., 2019; Lee et al., 2017; Meng et al., 2015).

The form of the LUR model can be written as follows (Cordioli et al., 2017; Liu et al., 2016; Naughton et al., 2018):

$$Y(s, t) = \beta_0(s, t) + \sum_k \beta_{1,k}(s, t) X_k(s, t) + \varepsilon(s, t) \quad (Eq. 1)$$

10 In the above, $Y(s, t)$ is the observed air pollutant concentration at location s and time t ; β_0 and $\beta_{1,k}$ are, respectively, the regression intercept and slope values, which are potentially spatially and temporally varying, but may also be constant in time and space; X is the independent variable (e.g., population density and urban/building morphology data); k is the predictor variable type; and $\varepsilon(s, t)$ is the residual error term at location s and time t , representing the unexplained variation in concentration.

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15 The R^2 value of these LUR models varied a lot between cities, from around 0.20 to above 0.90 (Cai et al., 2020; Li et al., 2021; Hoek et al., 2008; Xu et al., 2019). The performance of recent $PM_{2.5}$ LUR studies included R^2 values of 0.65 for Shanghai, China (Cai et al., 2020), 0.47 for Southern California, USA (Jones et al., 2020), 0.86 for Beijing, China (Xu et al., 2019), 0.75 for Nanjing, China (Huang et al., 2017), 0.77 for Lanzhou, China (Jin et al., 2019), 0.59 for Hong Kong, China (Lee et al., 2017), and 0.71 for Sabzevar, Iran (Miri et al., 2019). For NO_2 LUR models, the R^2 values were 0.73 for Shanghai, China (Cai et al., 2020), 0.82 for Shanghai, China (Meng et al., 2015), 0.87 for Nanjing, China (Huang et al., 2017), 0.71 for Lanzhou, China (Jin et al., 2019), 0.46 for Hong Kong, China (Lee et al., 2017), 0.66 for Auckland, New Zealand (Ma et al., 2019), and 0.84 for Sydney, Australia (Cowie et al., 2019). Compared with $PM_{2.5}$ and NO_2 , the number of studies for PM_{10} and O_3 LUR models was relatively limited. PM_{10} LUR models have been established with R^2 values of 0.80 in Shanghai, China (Meng et al., 2016), 0.75 in Sabzevar, Iran (Miri et al., 2019), and 0.38 in Mexico City, Mexico (Son et al., 2018), and 0.95 for Manchester, UK (Mölter and Lindley, 2021). The R^2 values for O_3 LUR models were 0.92 for Augsburg, Germany (Wolf et al., 2017), 0.72–0.98 for Tianjin, China (Wang et al., 2020), and 0.65 for Nanjing, China (Huang et al., 2017). The spatial resolution of the air pollution surface depends on the spatial resolution of the input data, and is typically at a spatial resolution of hundreds of meters (Cai et al., 2020; Li et al., 2021; Meng et al., 2015; Xu et al., 2019). Recent studies have successfully downscaled the spatial resolution to finer scales (of tens of meters) (Li et al., 2018; Luminati et al., 2021; Ma et al., 2019; Naughton et al., 2018; Son et al., 2018).

Table S1. A description of the air quality monitoring stations in Hong Kong.

Station	Location	Station type	Sampling height (above the sea level)	Date start operation
Central/Western	2 High Street, Sai Ying Pun	Urban: Mixed residential/commercial	82 m	Nov 1983
Eastern	20 Wai Hang Street, Sai Wan Ho	Urban: Residential	28 m	Jan 1999
Kwun Tong	407-431 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong	Urban: Mixed residential/commercial/industrial	37 m	Jul 1983
Sham Shui Po	37A Yen Chow Street, Sham Shui Po	Urban: Mixed residential/commercial	21 m	Jul 1984
Kwai Chung	999 Kwai Chung Road, Kwai Chung	Urban: Mixed residential/commercial/industrial	19 m	Jul 1988
Tsuen Wan	60 Tai Ho Road, Tsuen Wan	Urban: Mixed residential/commercial/industrial	21 m	Aug 1988
Tseung Kwan O	9 Wan Lung Road, Tseung Kwan O, Sai Kung	Urban: Residential	23 m	Mar 2016
Yuen Long	269 Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long	New Town: Residential	31 m	Jul 1995
Tuen Mun	1 Tuen Hi Road, Tuen Mun	New Town: Residential	31 m	Dec 2013
Tung Chung	6 Fu Tung Street, Tung Chung	New Town: Residential	34.5 m	Apr 1999
Tai Po	1 Ting Kok Road, Tai Po	New Town: Residential	31 m	Feb 1990
Sha Tin	11-17 Man Lai Road, Tai Wai, Sha Tin	New Town: Residential	31 m	Jul 1991
Tap Mun	Tap Mun Police Post	Background: Rural	26 m	Apr 1998
Causeway Bay	1 Yee Woo Street, Causeway Bay	Urban Roadside: Mixed commercial/residential area surrounded by tall buildings	6.5 m [a] / 7 m [b]	Jan 1998
Central	Junction of Des Voeux Road Central and Chater Road, Central	Urban Roadside: Busy commercial/financial area surrounded by tall buildings	8.5 m	Oct 1998
Mong Kok	Junction of Nathan Road and Lai Chi Kok Road, Mong Kok	Urban Roadside: Mixed commercial/residential area surrounded by tall buildings	8.5 m [a] / 10.9 m [b]	Apr 1991

Note: [a] Sampling height for gaseous pollutants.

[b] Sampling height for suspended particulates.

Table S2. Meteorological data and the geo-spatial data used for the LUR modelling.

Category	Variables	Buffer size (radius in meters)	Data sources
Air quality data	PM ₁₀ , PM _{2.5} , NO ₂ , O ₃ , etc.	NA	Hong Kong Environmental Protection Department
Land use data	Residential area, farmland, green space, water body, etc.	50 m, 100 m, 300 m, 500 m, 700 m, 1000 m, 2000 m, 3000 m, 4000m, and 5000 m	Hong Kong Planning Department
Meteorological data	Temperature, relative humidity, wind speed, wind direction, etc.	NA	Hong Kong Observatory
Road network	Road length, private light bus, bus, car, taxi, van, light duty vehicle, medium duty vehicle, heavy duty vehicle, truck, canyon height	50 m, 100 m, 300 m, 500 m, 700 m, 1000 m, 2000 m, 3000 m, 4000m, and 5000 m	Hong Kong Transportation Department
Population data	Population count	50 m, 100 m, 300 m, 500 m, 700 m, 1000 m, 2000 m, 3000 m, 4000m, and 5000 m	Hong Kong Census and Statistics Department
Topography data	Elevation	NA	Chinese Academy of Sciences
Urban/building morphology	Building height, building area	50 m, 100 m, 300 m, 500 m, 700 m, 1000 m, 2000 m, 3000 m, 4000m, and 5000 m	Hong Kong Planning Department
Geo-location	Longitude, Latitude	NA	Hong Kong Environmental Protection Department

Table S3. Description of the annual-average LUR models for ambient PM₁₀, PM₁₀ TC, PM₁₀ NO₃⁻, PM₁₀ SO₄²⁻, PM₁₀ Cd, PM_{2.5}, NO₂, and O₃ in Hong Kong.

Air pollutant	Variable	Coefficient	Standard error	P	VIF	Predictive accuracy
PM ₁₀	Constant	24.6	1.46	<0.001	NA	$R^2 = 0.92$; LOOCV $R^2 = 0.77$.
	F_CARVL100	1.54×10^{-3}	2.32×10^{-4}	<0.001	1.1	
	Area_S_100	1.15×10^{-3}	1.53×10^{-4}	<0.001	1.6	
	Res_100	8.47×10^{-4}	1.26×10^{-4}	<0.001	1.4	
	Ind_3000	1.73×10^{-6}	4.24×10^{-7}	0.003	1.4	
	Ins_4000	-1.44×10^{-6}	3.82×10^{-7}	0.004	1.7	
PM ₁₀ TC	Constant	4808	199.4	<0.001	NA	$R^2 = 0.94$; LOOCV $R^2 = 0.73$.
	F_Bus50	4.79×10^{-1}	6.40×10^{-2}	<0.001	1.1	
	F_MHGVVL700	6.67×10^{-2}	1.21×10^{-2}	0.001	1.1	
PM ₁₀ NO ₃ ⁻	Constant	2282	169.0	<0.001	NA	$R^2 = 0.93$; LOOCV $R^2 = 0.88$.
	F_CARVL500	4.10×10^{-2}	6.76×10^{-3}	0.001	1.3	
	Area_S_300	9.88×10^{-3}	2.60×10^{-3}	0.007	1.3	
PM ₁₀ SO ₄ ²⁻	Constant	6295	95.0	<0.001	NA	$R^2 = 0.97$; LOOCV $R^2 = 0.92$.
	F_TVL100	3.66×10^{-2}	2.95×10^{-3}	<0.001	1.2	
	H_M_700	1.49	2.72×10^{-1}	0.002	1.1	
	Tra_1000	2.76×10^{-4}	1.04×10^{-4}	0.037	1.1	
PM ₁₀ Cd	Constant	-19.3	3.73	0.002	NA	$R^2 = 0.92$; LOOCV $R^2 = 0.76$.
	Tra_2000	4.24×10^{-8}	7.28×10^{-9}	0.001	1.0	
	Lat	8.85×10^{-1}	1.66×10^{-1}	0.002	2.3	
	RH_A300	3.82×10^{-3}	1.23×10^{-3}	0.021	2.3	
PM _{2.5}	Constant	15.6	1.74	<0.001	NA	$R^2 = 0.91$; LOOCV $R^2 = 0.81$.
	F_LGVVL500	7.55×10^{-4}	9.03×10^{-5}	<0.001	3.8	
	Ins_4000	-2.68×10^{-6}	4.71×10^{-7}	<0.001	4.0	
	Res_300	5.78×10^{-5}	1.13×10^{-5}	0.001	1.3	
	Area_S_50	1.92×10^{-3}	4.72×10^{-4}	0.003	1.2	
	H_M_100	1.67×10^{-2}	6.82×10^{-3}	0.040	1.2	
NO ₂	Constant	9.27	4.61	0.07	NA	$R^2 = 0.96$; LOOCV $R^2 = 0.93$.
	F_TVL500	3.73×10^{-4}	2.79×10^{-5}	< 0.001	1.7	
	POP_100	6.62×10^{-4}	1.54×10^{-4}	0.001	1.6	
	Ind_1000	3.12×10^{-5}	1.17×10^{-5}	0.022	1.1	
O ₃	Constant	-5944	1557	0.003	NA	$R^2 = 0.92$; LOOCV $R^2 = 0.87$.
	F_TVL700	-1.20×10^{-4}	1.55×10^{-5}	< 0.001	1.4	
	Lon	52.5	13.6	0.003	1.1	
	Ins_300	1.18×10^{-4}	5.35×10^{-5}	0.049	1.4	

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- F_CARVL100, F_CARVL500: the number of private cars within 100-m and 500-m buffers
- Area_S_50, Area_S_100, Area_S_300: the area of buildings within 50-m, 100-m, and 300-m buffers
- Res_100, Res_300: the area of residential land within 100-m and 300-m buffers
- Ind_1000, Ind_3000: the area of industrial land within 1000-m and 3000-m buffers
- Ins_300, Ins_4000: the area of urban green space within 300-m and 4000-m buffers

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- F_BUS50: the number of buses within a 50-m buffer
- F_MHGVVL700: the number of medium & heavy-duty vehicles within a 700-m buffer
- F_TVL100, F_TVL500, F_TVL700: the number of total vehicles within 100-m, 500-m, and 700-m buffers

- H_M_100, H_M_700: the maximum building height within 100-m and 700-m buffers
- Tra_1000, Tra_2000: the area of transportation land within 1000-m and 2000-m buffers
- 50 • RH_A300: the average canyon height within a 300-m buffer
- F_LGVVL500: the number of light-duty vehicles within a 500-m buffer
- POP_100: the number of people within a 100-m buffer
- Lat and Lon: latitude and longitude
- VIF: the Variance Inflation Factor
- 55 • LOOCV: leave-one-out cross-validation
- NA: not applicable

Table S4. Statistical description of concentration estimates of ambient PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, NO₂, O₃ (µg/m³), and PM₁₀ TC, PM₁₀ NO₃⁻, PM₁₀ SO₄²⁻, PM₁₀ Cd (ng/m³) for the grid cells using LUR models.

Air pollutants	Mean	Standard deviation	Minimum	Maximum
PM ₁₀	27.1	7.87	15.3	55.0
PM ₁₀ TC	5207	997	4808	13555
PM ₁₀ NO ₃ ⁻	2607	655	2282	6867
PM ₁₀ SO ₄ ²⁻	6552	264	6295	8791
PM ₁₀ Cd	0.53	0.10	0.28	0.90
PM _{2.5}	15.4	6.77	0.00	47.1
NO ₂	17.7	16.3	9.27	117.3
O ₃	49.3	11.3	0.29	89.8

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Table S5. The average LUR estimated ambient PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, NO₂, O₃ (µg/m³), and PM₁₀ TC, PM₁₀ NO₃⁻, PM₁₀ SO₄²⁻, PM₁₀ Cd (ng/m³) in the eighteen districts of Hong Kong.

District	PM ₁₀	PM ₁₀ TC	PM ₁₀ NO ₃ ⁻	PM ₁₀ SO ₄ ²⁻	PM ₁₀ Cd	PM _{2.5}	NO ₂	O ₃
Wong Tai Sin	32.04	6134	3491	6988	0.59	19.65	40.70	39.60
Kowloon City	31.23	6283	4065	6845	0.62	19.26	49.88	33.20
Kwun Tong	35.26	5968	3750	6877	0.62	24.93	52.48	39.57
Sai Kung	24.84	4862	2409	6472	0.49	13.19	12.04	61.64
North	27.49	5007	2455	6453	0.62	14.73	14.58	54.37
Central & Western	29.87	5072	3367	7133	0.53	16.52	31.50	41.80
Wan Chai	27.12	5123	3419	6926	0.51	14.57	31.50	42.70
Eastern	28.23	5029	2819	6823	0.49	14.94	21.35	53.77
Tuen Mun	27.12	5472	2563	6510	0.53	15.12	16.88	41.52
Yuen Long	32.24	5318	2651	6506	0.58	17.10	22.97	45.31
Southern	25.00	4846	2535	6610	0.40	12.64	14.15	55.70
Islands	24.70	4840	2356	6490	0.38	14.63	10.10	43.28
Sham Shui Po	36.97	8198	4588	6981	0.66	29.33	64.98	22.80
Yau Tsim Mong	36.48	7759	5101	7198	0.68	31.56	79.78	14.35
Kwai Tsing	30.56	7768	3314	6877	0.64	20.96	43.18	34.83
Tsuen Wan	25.73	5451	2586	6722	0.52	15.77	17.63	45.81
Tai Po	25.68	5023	2456	6473	0.56	14.72	12.87	56.28
Sha Tin	24.79	5349	2779	6710	0.55	13.20	18.85	50.94



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Figure S1. The location of sixteen air quality monitoring stations (AQMSs) in Hong Kong, of which thirteen are general AQMSs including Yuen Long (YL), Tung Chung (TC), Tsuen Wan (TW), Kwai Chung (KC), Sham Shui Po (SSP), Sha Tin (ST), Tai Po (TP), Tap Mun (TM), Tuen Mun (TUM), Tseung Kwan O (TKO), Kwun Tong (KT), Eastern (EN), Central/Western (CW), and three are roadside AQMSs including Mong Kok (MK), Central (CN), and Causeway Bay (CB).

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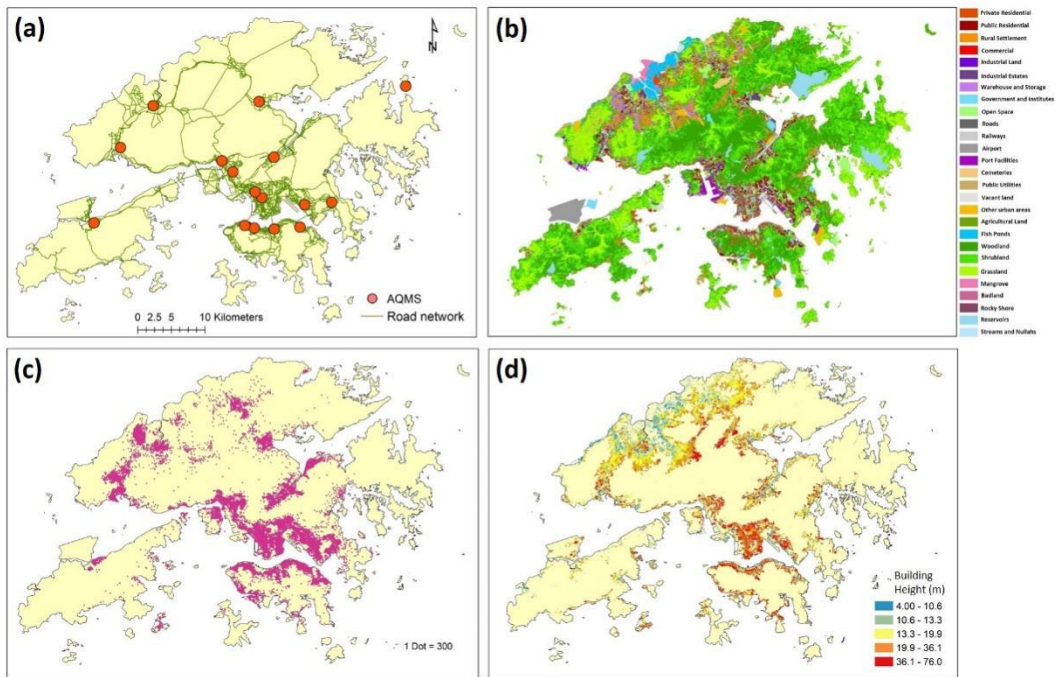
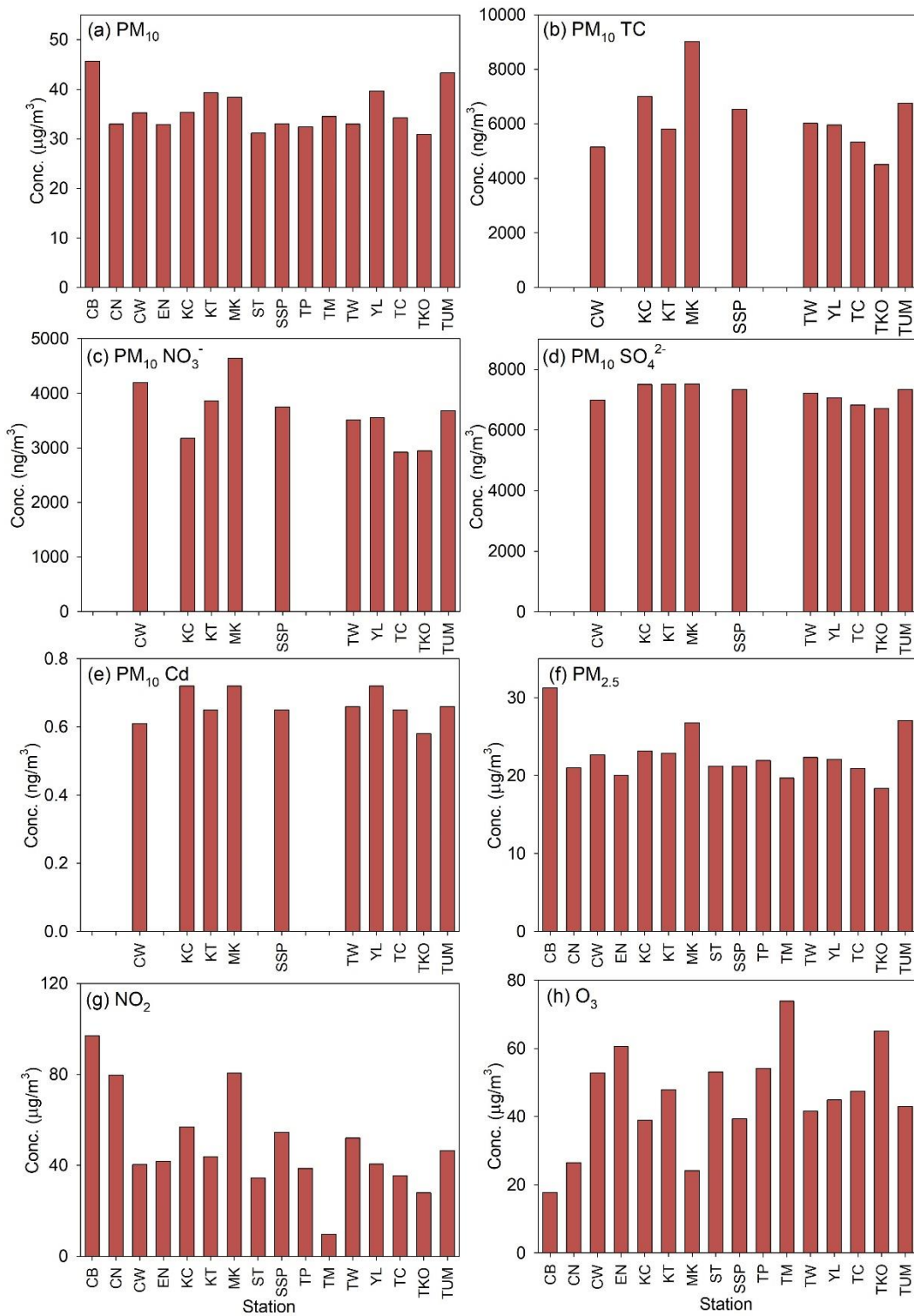


Figure S2. The geospatial data within the study area. (a) The road network with the 16 air quality monitoring stations. (b) Land-use types. (c) Population density. (d) Building morphology.



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Figure S3. Annual-average concentration of PM_{10} , $PM_{2.5}$, NO_2 , O_3 , and four major PM_{10} chemical species at general and roadside stations.

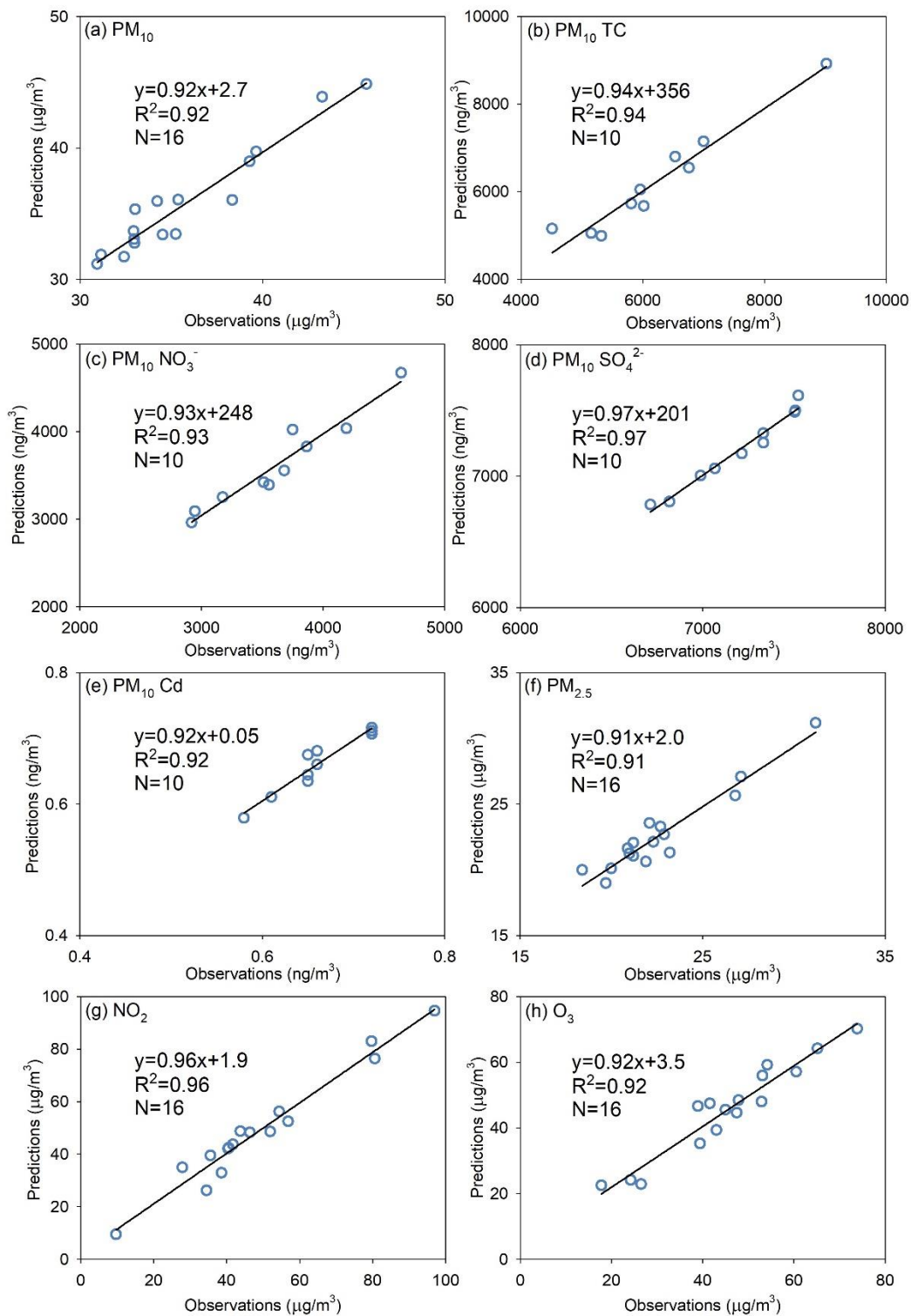


Figure S4. A comparison of LUR-predicted concentration and observed concentration of the studied air pollutants.

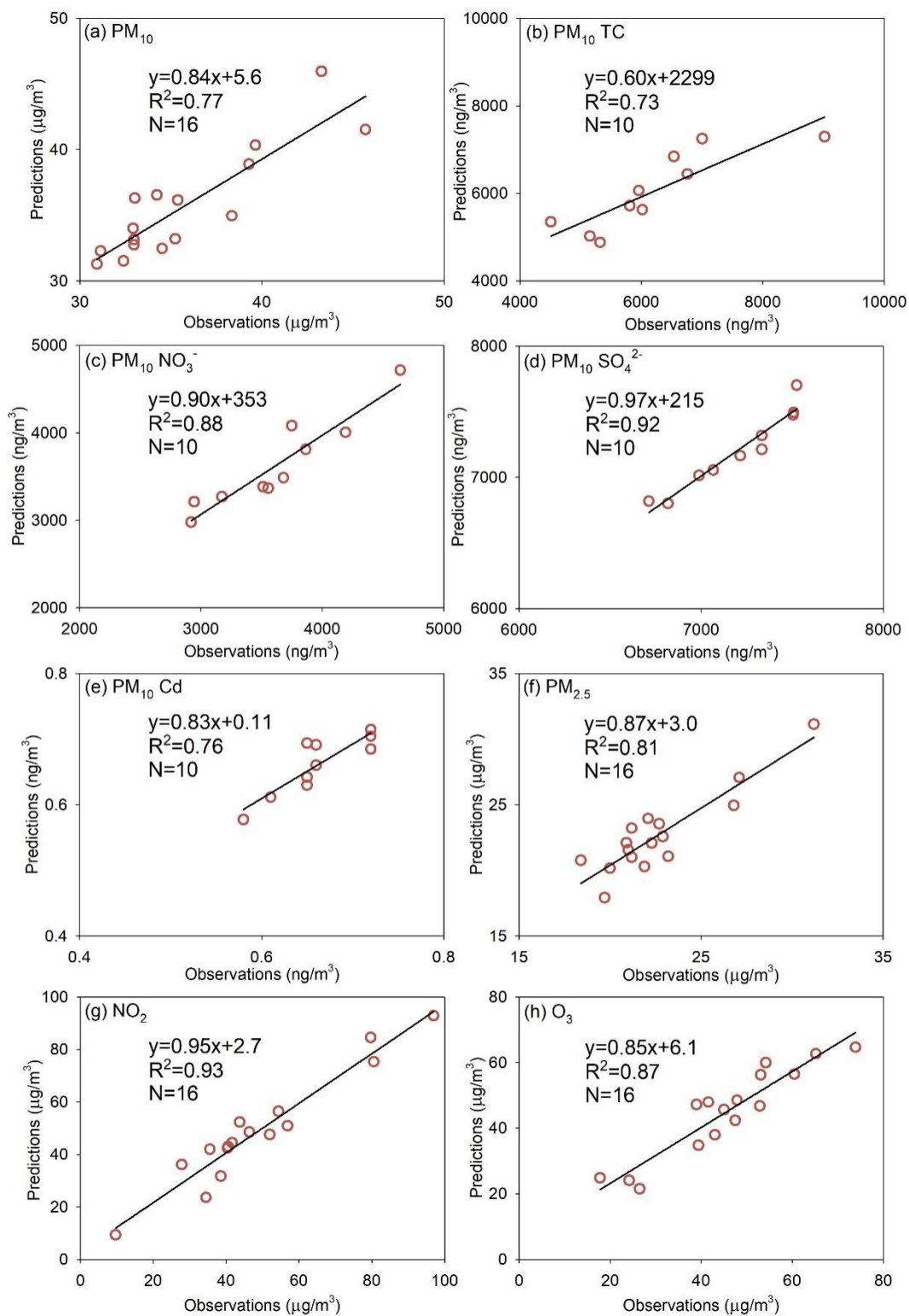


Figure S5. A comparison of LOOCV-predicted concentration and observed concentration of the studied air pollutants.

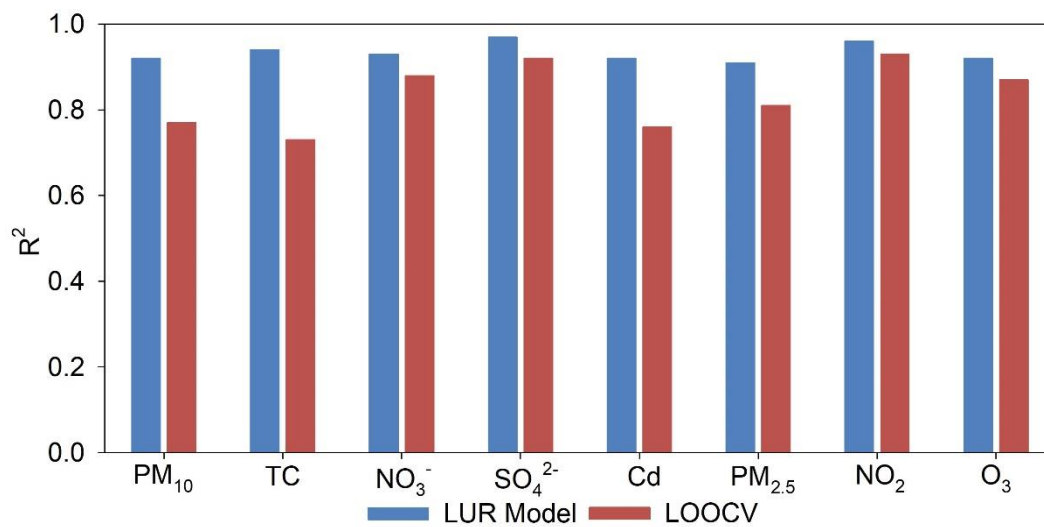


Figure S6. The model and leave-one-out cross-validation (LOOCV) R^2 values for PM₁₀, PM₁₀ TC, PM₁₀ NO₃⁻, PM₁₀ SO₄²⁻, PM₁₀ Cd, PM_{2.5}, NO₂, and O₃. All the established models were statistically significant.

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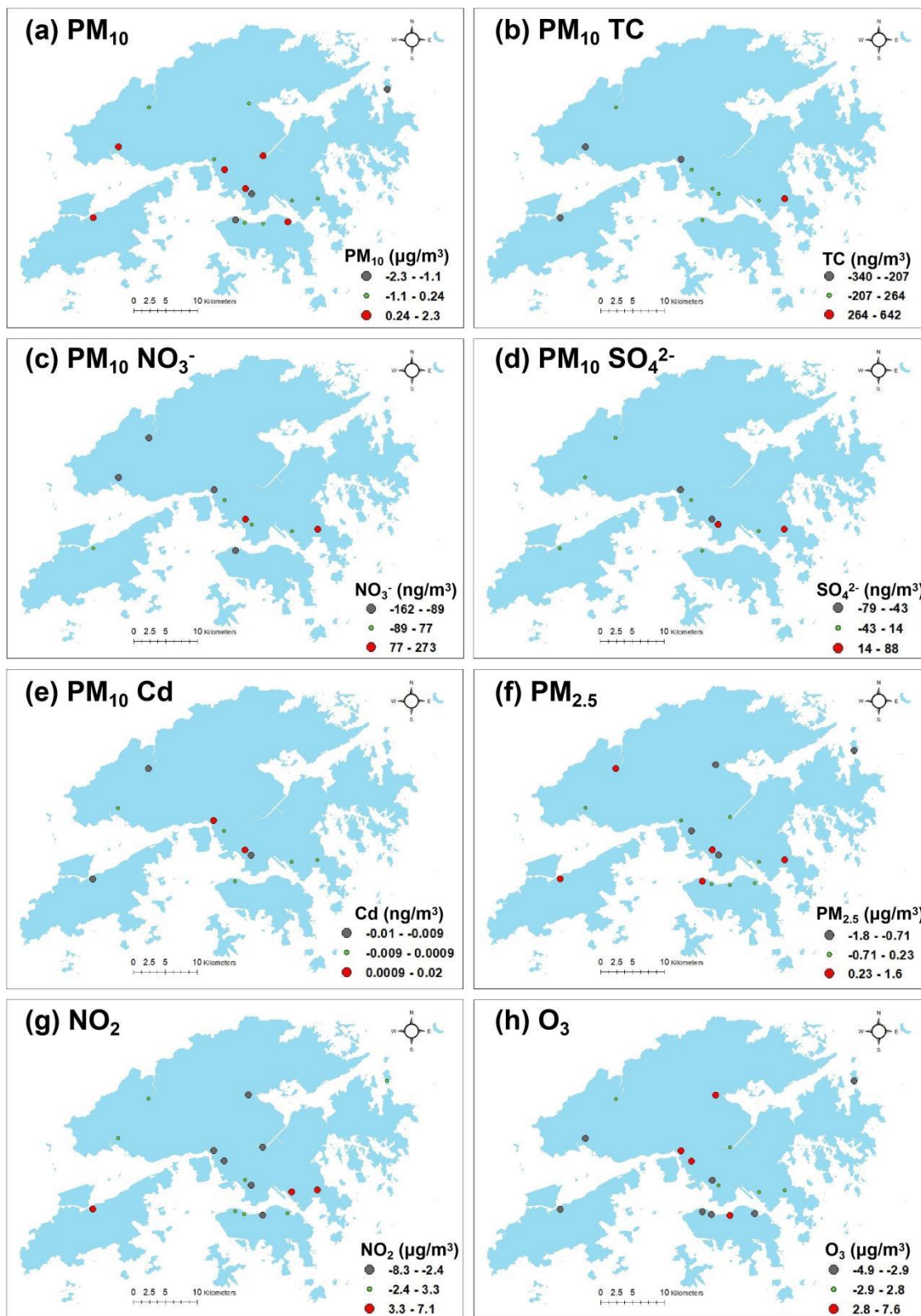
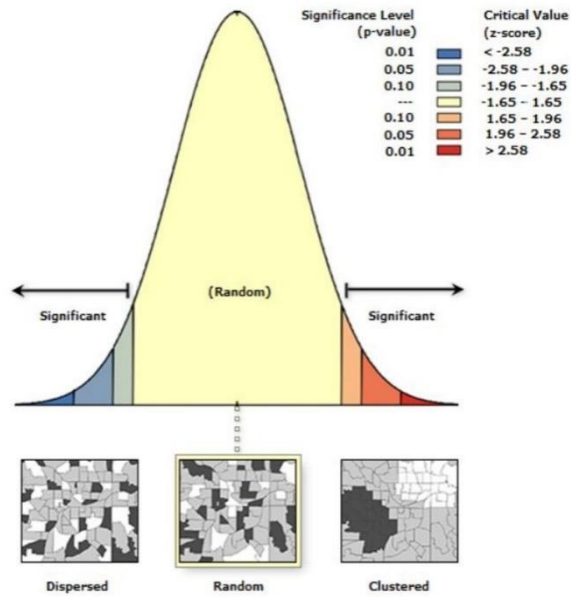


Figure S7. The distribution of prediction errors [predicted concentration – observed concentration] of the established LUR models.

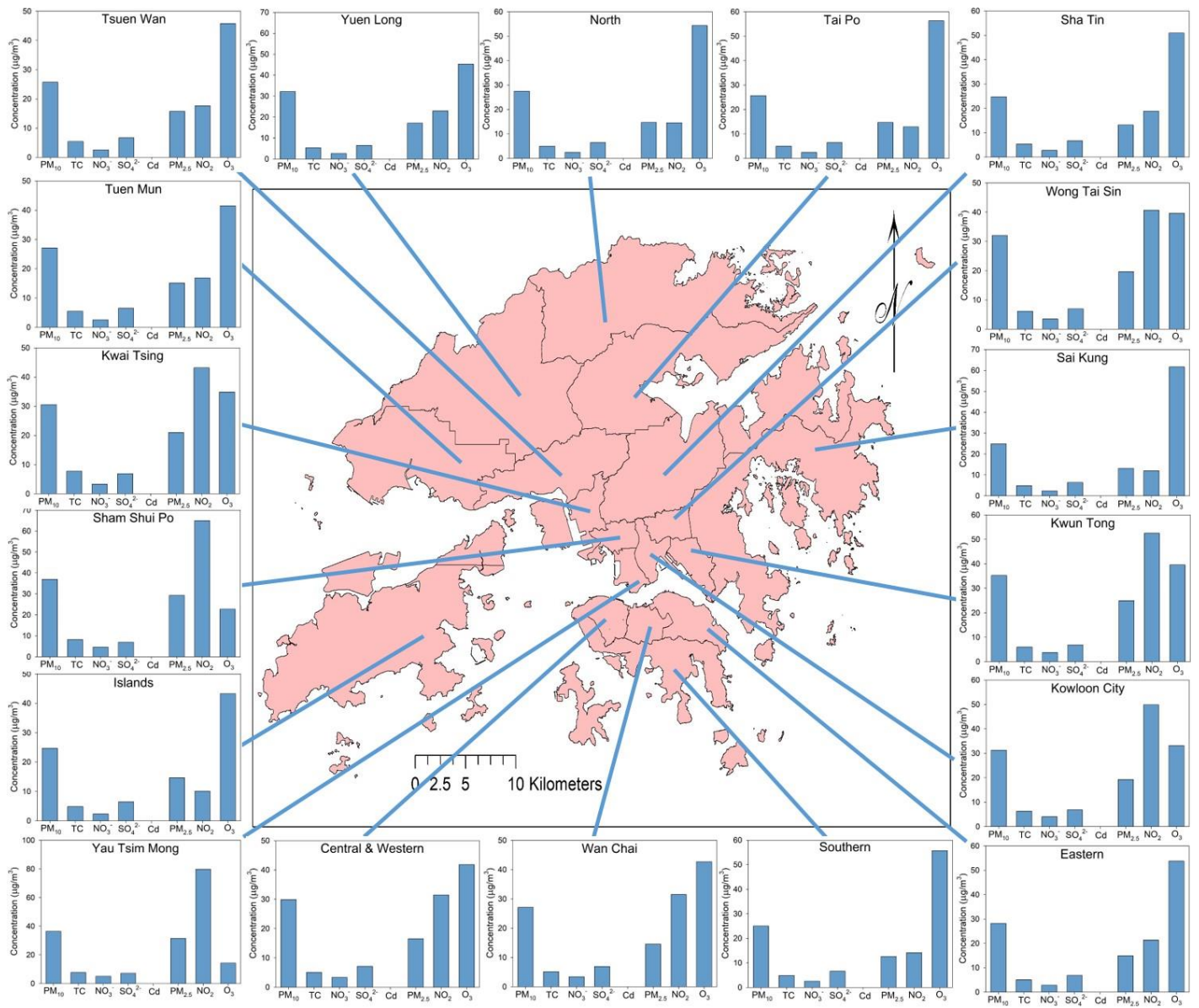
(a)

Air pollutants	Moran's Index	z-score	p-value	Interpretation
PM ₁₀	-0.048	0.399	0.689	Do not appear to be significantly different than random.
PM ₁₀ TC	-0.163	-0.249	0.804	
PM ₁₀ NO ₃ ⁻	-0.012	0.453	0.650	
PM ₁₀ SO ₄ ²⁻	-0.184	-0.504	0.615	
PM ₁₀ Cd	-0.292	-0.843	0.399	
PM _{2.5}	-0.122	-0.571	0.568	
NO ₂	0.025	0.935	0.350	
O ₃	0.051	1.186	0.236	

(b)



90 **Figure S8.** Moran's *I* index values of concentration residuals for the LUR models. (a) The spatial autocorrelation analysis results using the ArcGIS software. (b) The definition of Moran's *I* analysis results.



95 **Figure S9.** The distribution of the average LUR estimated ambient PM_{10} , $PM_{2.5}$, NO_2 , O_3 ($\mu g/m^3$), and PM_{10} TC, PM_{10} NO_3^- , PM_{10} SO_4^{2-} , PM_{10} Cd (ng/m^3) in the eighteen districts of Hong Kong.

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