

Supplementary Information

Current Understanding of the Driving Mechanisms for Spatiotemporal Variations of Atmospheric Speciated Mercury: A Critical Review

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	Platform	Latitude	Sampling Period	Time Resolution	Range	Mean (±)	Reference
Atlantic	Ship	54°N, 10°E - 20°N, 67°W	Oct – Nov 1973	2 – 4-h	1 – 10	2.8	Seiler et al. (1980)
	Ship	35°S – 11° N	1977 - 1980	40-min	0.8 – 2.09	1.31 ± 0.21	Slemr et al. (1981, 1985)
	Ship	11°N – 54°N	1977 - 1980	20 – 40-min	1.0 – 3.41	1.96 ± 0.35	Slemr et al. (1981, 1985)
	Ship	33.36°S – 8.41°N, 20.23°W – 51.55°W	16 May – 20 Jun 1996	24-h	1.17 – 1.99	1.61±0.09	Lamborg et al. (1999)
	Ground ^G	Chesapeake Biol. Lab	1997 – 1999	6 – 24-h	1.03 – 2.5	1.83±0.43	Sheu and Mason (2001)
	Ship	Near Bermuda (31° 40' N, 64°10'W)	Sep, Dec 1999, Mar 2000	N/A	6.5 – 10.95 pmol m ⁻³ (1.3-2.2)	9.91±2 pmol m ⁻³ (2±0.4)	Mason et al. (2001)
	Ground	Mace Head (53°20'N, 9°54'W)	Sep 1995 - Dec 2001 1996 – 2013	5-min		1.72 1.663 ± 0.16	Ebinghaus et al. (2002) Weilgelt et al. (2015)
	Ship	67°N – 71°S Neumayer – Punta Arenas	Oct – Nov 1996 Dec 1999 – Jan 2000 Feb 2001	30-min 15-min 5-min	0.76 – 1.84 0.27 – 2.34	1.26±01 1.08±0.29 1.1±0.2	Temme et al. (2003a) Temme et al. (2003b)
	Ground ^G	Pompano Beach, FL	Jun 2000	5-min	<1.8	1.6±0.06	Malcom et al. (2003)
	Ship ^G	54°N – 85°N 78°N – 85°N	16 Jun – 29 Aug 2004	5-min	1.15 – 1.95 1.17 – 2.72	1.53 ±0.12 1.82 ±0.24	Aspmo et al. (2006)
	Ship ^G	Norfolk, VA to Bermuda to Barbados	15 Aug - 8 Sep 2003	5-min	1.55 – 1.9	1.63±0.08	Laurier et al. (2007)
	Ground	Cape Point , South Africa	1996 – 2004 Mar 2007 – Dec 2007	15-min	0.49 – 6.78 <0.05 – 5.44 ^G	1.18 ±0.11 ~1.52±0.37 0.94±0.16	Slemr et al. (2008) Brunke et al. (2010)
	Ship ^G	58°N – 67°N 43°N – 59°N 23°N – 45°N Sargasso Sea 39°S – 3°S South Africa	16 Aug – 1Sep 2006 15 – 24 Apr 2007 30 Mar – 11 Apr 2007 8 – 21 Oct 2006	5-min		1.32 ± 0.16 2.26±0.26 2.86±0.17 1.36±0.24	Soerensen et al. (2010)
Indian	Ground	Appledore Island, ME, US	Jun 2007 – Aug 2010	5-min	< 3251 ppqv (~29)	147±29 ppqv (1.31±0.26)	Mao et al. (2012)
	Ship	39°S – 33°S 22°S – 17°S West Australia	22 – 29 Oct 2006 3 – 6 Nov 2006	5-min		1.11±0.19 1.03±0.16	Soerensen et al. (2010)
	Ship	Eq . – Prydz Bay, Antarctica	24 Nov – 11 Dec 2007	5-min	0.3 – 4.496	1.471±0.842	Xia et al. (2010)
	Ship	9° S - 21° S	Nov 2007	15 – 30-min	1.05 – 1.51	1.2	Witt et al. (2010)
	Ground	Nieuw Nickerie 5°56'N, 56°59' W	2007	N/A	N/A	NH: 1.450±0.268 SH: 1.324±0.225	Müller et al. (2012)
Pacific	Ground ^G	Amsterdam Island 37°48'S, 77°34' E	Jan 2012 to Dec 2013	5-min	0.72 – 1.55	1.03±0.03	Angot et al. (2014)
	Ground	San Francisco Bay	1965 -1966	9-min	1 – 2		Williston (1968)

	Airborne	60°N – 55°S, 8 – 10 km altitudes	1973	2 – 4-h	0.6 – 2.5	1.5	Seiler et al. (1980)
	Ship	15°N – 20°S, ~160°W	Oct 1980	N/A	1.0 – 2.25 4°N – 10°S: 1.5 – 2.25	N. of 10°N: 1.56 S. 10°S: 1.0	Fitzgerald et al. (1984)
	Ship	4.5°N – 4.5°S at 85°W; 155°W – 93°W, in the equ.	8 June – 3 July 1984	N/A	0.85 – 1.13	1.02±0.08	Kim & Fitzgerald (1986)
	Ground	48.3 N, 124.6 W, 480 m asl	May 2001 – May 2002	5-min	N/A	Spr: 1.54±0.16 Sum: 1.61±0.13 Fall: 1.54±0.09 Win: 1.51±0.12	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2003)
	Ship ^G	Osaka, Japan - Honolulu, Hawaii	1 May 2002 – 4 Jun 2002	5-min	1.6 – 4.7	2.5	Laurier et al. (2003)
	Airborne ^G	35°N – 55°N, 0 – 8 km alt.	Spring 2002	2.5-min	0.5 – 1.2	N/A	Radke et al. (2007)
	Ground ^G	26.8°N, 128.2°E, 60m amsl	23 Mar – 2 May 2004	5-min	1.5 – 5	2.04±0.38	Chand et al. (2008)
	Ship	Shanghai, China – Eq.	12 Nov – 17 Dec 2007	5-min	1.075- 3.698	1.746±0.513	Xia et al. (2010)
	Ship ^G	44°S – 26°S E. Australia 27°S – 7°S Coral Sea 56°S – 26°S New Zealand 58°S – 33°S Chilean Coast	23 Nov – 15 Dec 2006 16 Dec 2006 – 3 Jan 2007 3 – 14 Jan 2007 31 Jan – 8 Feb 2007	5-min		1.33±0.24 1.21±0.18 1.19±0.17 1.11±0.11	Soerensen et al. (2010)
	Ground ^G	Mt Bachelor, Oregon, USA, 43.981° N 121.691°W 2.7 km a.s.l.	2005 – 2011	5-min	1.2 – 1.4	N/A	Timonen et al. (2013)
	Ship	30°N – 60°N	Jul – Sep 2008	5-min	0.30 – 6.02	1.52±0.68	Kang&Xie (2011)
	Ship ^G	San Diego – San Francisco, CA	14 May – 8 Jun 2010	5-min	<7.21	1.41	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2013)
	Ground ^G	Puerto Villamil, Isabela Island (0°57' S, 90°58' W) Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, San Cristóbal Island, 0°54'S, 89°36' W	Feb – Jun 2011 Jul – Oct 2011	5-min	0.58 – 2	1.08±0.17	Wang et al. (2014)
	Ship ^G	20°N to 15°S Samoa - HW	1 – 24 October 2011	5-min	N/A	14–20°N 1.32±0.05 ITCZ 5–14°N 1.27±0.10 Equ. 1°S–5°N 1.18±0.05 1–15°S 1.15±0.05	Soerensen et al. (2014)
Japan Sea	Ship	34°N – 39°N	13-15 Jul 18-20 Sep 2008	5-min	0.30 – 1.59 0.70 – 2.24	0.80±0.36 1.14±0.23	Kang&Xie (2011)
Okhotsk Sea	Ship	45°N – 56°N	15-18 Jul 13 – 18 Sep 2008	5-min	0.37 – 1.19 0.52 – 2.88	0.74±0.15 1.71±0.43	Kang&Xie (2011)
Bering Sea	Ship	58°N – 66°N	18 Jul – 1 Aug 9 – 13 Sep 2008	5-min	0.61 – 6.02 0.55 – 3.07	1.94±0.85 1.60±0.46	Kang&Xie (2011)

South China Sea	Ship	Northern SCS	10-28 Aug 2007	5-min	1.04 – 6.57	2.62	Fu et al. (2010)
Yellow Sea	Ship	Incheon - Jeju Incheon – Qingdao Incheon - Weihai	10-14 Sep 2007 16-20 Oct 2007 28 Apr – 01 May 2008	30 s	1.56 – 2.97 1.29 – 2.36 1.36 – 1.99	2.43±0.59 1.82±0.51 2.03±0.66	Nyugen et al. (2011)
	Ship ^G	Western and central	9-18 Jul 2010	1 min	1.68 – 4.34	2.61±0.5	Ci et al. (2011)
	Ship ^G		May 2003 – Dec 2005 Winter Summer Spring Fall	15-min – hours	4 – 6 2 – 3 N/A N/A	5.7±0.2 2.8±0.2 3.3±0.9 3.8±0.3	Tseng et al. (2012)
Mediterranean Sea	Ground	Palma de Mallorca	13 Nov – 6 Dec 1998	5-min (Tekran)	2.4 – 6.19	3.67±0.87	Pirrone et al. (2003)
	Ship	Western and eastern sectors	14 Jul – 9 Aug 2000	5-min	0.4 – 11.2	1.9±1.02	Sprovieri et al. (2003)
Dead Sea	Ground ^G	Ein Bokek, Israel 31.20° N, 35.37°E, 423 bsl	29 Jun – 28 Jul 2009; 29 Dec 2009 – 17 Jan 2010	5-min	22 – 450 ppqv	N/A	Obrist et al. (2011); Moore et al. (2013)
Adriatic	Ship ^G	Gulf of Venice, Gulf of Trieste	26 Oct – 12 Nov 2004	5-min	0.8 – 3.3	1.6±0.4	Sprovieri & Pirrone (2008)
	Ship ^G	Rome - Messina	26 Oct - 15 Nov 2004 15 Jun – 5 Jul 2005	5-min	N/A	1.6 2.0	Sprovieri et al. (2010)
Augusta Basin	Ship ^G	Across the basin	Nov 2011 Jul – Jun 2012	5 s (20 km)	0.9 – 3.1 1.1 – 3.1	1.5±0.4 2.1±0.98	Bagnato et al. (2013)
Arctic	Ground ^G	Barrow, Alaska	1998 - 2001	5-min	<0.2 – 3.7	1.5 – 2	Lindberg et al. (2002)
	Ship ^G	Göteborg – Barrow Barrow -Chukchi Peninsula - Wrangel Island – Barrow Barrow -Longyearbyen	Jul – Sep 2005	5-min	1 – 5.24	1.73±0.36 Sea ice: 1.81 ± 0.41 Sea w/o ice: 1.55±0.21	Sommar et al. (2010)
	Ship	Central Arctic	Jul – Sep 2012	5-min	0.15 – 4.58	1.23±0.61	Yu et al. (2014)
	Ground ^G	Beaufort Sea	14 – 26 Mar 2009	5-min	0.01–1.51	0.59	Steffen et al. (2013)
Antarctic	Ground	Ross Island	1987 – 1989	N/A	0.02 – 1.85	0.55±0.28	De More et al. (1993)
	Ground	Neumayer 70°39'S, 8°15'W	Jan 2000 – Jan 2001 Jan-Feb 2000, Dec-Feb 2001 Mar – Jul 2000 Aug – Nov 2000	5-min	N/A	1.063±0.235 1.043±0.284 1.146±0.075 0.968±0.278	Ebinghaus et al. (2002)
	Ground ^G	Terra Nova Bay, Antarctic	Nov 2000 – Jan 2001	5-min	0.29 – 2.3	0.9±0.3	Sprovieri et al. (2002)
	Ground	Neumayer, Antarctic	Dec 2000 – Feb 2001	5 – 15-min	<0.3 – 2.34	1.08±0.29	Temme et al. (2003b)
	Ship ^G	65°S – 55°S 65°S – 63°S Antarctica	14 – 24 Jan 2007 25 – 28 Jan	5-min	N/A	1.30±0.16 1.55±0.38	Soerensen et al. (2010)
	Ground ^G	TRS, Queen Maud Land	Feb 2007 – Jun 2010	5-min	0.02 – 3.04	0.93±0.19	Pfaffhuber et al. (2012)

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Atlantic	Ship ^{DDM}	35°S – 54° N	1977	40-min	0.2 – 15.3 ng m^{-3}	N/A	Slemer et al. (1981);
	Ship ^{DDM}	35°S – 54°N	1978 - 1980	20 – 40-min	<0.02 (<2%) (Median) MMC: <0.1 (<5%)	N/A	Slemer et al. (1985)
	Ground	Chesapeake Biol. Lab	1997 – 1999	6 – 24-h	N/A	40 \pm 50	Sheu&Mason (2001)
	Ground	Near Bermuda (31° 40' N, 64°10'W)	Sep & Dec 1999; Mar 2000	N/A	<0.05 – 6.86 pmol m^{-3} (<11 – 1500)	1.38 \pm 1.3 pmol m^{-3} (300 \pm 280)	Mason et al. (2001)
	Ground	Florida ~26°N	Jun 2000	1-h	<6.9	1.6 \pm 1.5	Malcom et al. (2003)
	Ship	22°N – 48°N	May – Jun 2002		2.8 – 92.4	13.8 \pm 13.1	Laurier et al. (2003)
	Ship	54°N – 85°N 78°N – 85°N	16 Jun – 29 Aug 2004	2-h (auto) 2 – 12-h (man)	0 – 22 0 – 21	2.4 \pm 2 2.6 \pm 2.3	Aspmo et al. (2006)
	Ship	Neumayer – Punta Arenas	Feb 2001	1-h	1 – 30	N/A	Temme et al. (2003b)
	Ship	Norfolk, VA to Bermuda, to Barbados	15 Aug - 8 Sep 2003	2-h	<3(LOD) - 27	5.9	Laurier et al. (2007)
	Ground	Appledore Island 42.97° N, 70.62° W	May 2007 – Oct 2007 May 2007 – Oct 2010	90-min	0 – 8.8 ppqv (0 – 79) 0 – 11.6 ppqv (0 – 104)	0.76 \pm 0.88 ppqv (7 \pm 8) 0.4 \pm 0.8 ppqv (4 \pm 7)	Sigler et al. (2009) Mao & Talbot (2012)
	Ship	58°N – 67°N 43°N – 59°N 23°N – 45°N Sargasso Sea 39°S – 3°S South Africa	16 Aug – 1Sep 2006 15 – 24 Apr 2007 30 Mar – 11 Apr 2007 8 – 21 Oct 2006	40-min	N/A	0.4 \pm 3 0.1 \pm 1 1.2 \pm 2 3.4 \pm 424	Soerensen et al. (2010)
Indian	Ship	39°S – 33°S 22°S – 17°S W. Australia	22 – 29 Oct 2006 3 – 6 Nov 2006	40-min	N/A	4.6 \pm 5 5.0 \pm 6	Soerensen et al. (2010)
	Ground	Amsterdam Island 37°48'S, 77°34' E	Jan 2012 to Dec 2013	4-h	LOD - 4.07	0.34	Angot et al. (2014)
Pacific	Ship	Osaka, Japan to Honolulu, Hawaii	1 May 2002 – 4 Jun 2002	2-h	0.15 – 9.24	9.5	Laurier et al. (2003)
	Ground	48.3 N, 124.6 W, 480 m asl	May 2001 – May 2002	4-h	Fall 2001 – winter 2002: <LOD (1.6) Spring 2002: 1.6	N/A	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2003)
	Ground	26.8°N, 128.2°E, 60 m amsl	23 Mar – 2 May 2004	3-h	<20	4.5 \pm 5.4	Chand et al. (2008)
	Ship	44°S – 26°S E. Australia 27°S – 7°S Coral Sea 56°S – 26°S New Zealand 58°S – 33°S Chilean Coast	23 Nov – 15 Dec 2006 16 Dec 2006 – 3 Jan 2007 3 – 14 Jan 2007 31 Jan – 8 Feb 2007	40-min	N/A	1.9 \pm 3 0.3 \pm 1 0.1 \pm 0 28.6 \pm 30	Soerensen et al. (2010)
	Ground	Mt. Bachelor Obs.,	2005 – 2011	3-h	200 – 700	N/A	Timonen et al. (2013)

		Oregon, US 43.981°N 121.691°W 2.7 km a.s.l.					
	Ground	Puerto Villamil, Isabela Island Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, San Cristóbal Island	23 Feb– 29 Mar 2011 10–19 Jun 2011 10–26 Oct 2011	3-h	<0.42 (LOD) – 16	1.1±1.2 <0.42 (LOD) 3.8±3.4	Wang et al. (2014)
Mediterranean	Ground	Palma de Mallorca, Fuscaldo, Porto Palo, Anatalya, Neve Yam	13 Nov – 6 Dec 1998 15 Feb – 1 Mar 1999 3 May – 17 May 1999 19 Jul – 2 Aug 1999	2-h	N/A	31.5±39.2 40.4±43 52.3±43.9 32.3±17.8	Pirrone et al. (2003)
	Ship	30 – 40°N Western and eastern sectors	14 Jul – 9 Aug 2000	2-h	0.2 – 30	8±8	Sprovieri et al. (2003)
Adriatic	Ship	Rome - Messina	26 Oct – 12 Nov 2004	2-h	0.1 – 62.8	6.7±11.7	Sprovieri & Pirrone (2008)
	Ship	Rome - Messina	26 Oct - 15 Nov 2004 15 Jun – 5 Jul 2005	2-h	N/A	1.6 2.0	Sprovieri et al. (2010)
Dead Sea	Ground	Ein Bokek, Israel 31.20° N, 35.37°E	29 Jun – 28 Jul 2009 29 Dec 2009 – 17 Jan 2010	1-h	22 – 450 ppqv (196 – 4018)	N/A	Obrist et al. (2011); Moore et al. (2013)
Arctic	Ground	Barrow, Alaska, US	1998 – 2001	2-h	0 – 950 (at surface)	5 m agl: 70 100 m agl: 20 100 m agl: 2	Lindberg et al. (2002)
	Ship	Göteborg – Barrow Barrow -Chukchi Peninsula - Wrangel Island – Barrow Barrow – Longyearbyen	Jul – Sep 2005	5-h	0.7 – 10	3.2±1.7	Sommar et al. (2010)
	Ground	Beaufort Sea	14 – 26 Mar 2009	1-h	3.5–105.4	30.1	Steffen et al. (2013)
Antarctic	Ground	Ross Island	1987 – 1989	N/A	0.00 – 0.63 DMM	0.04±0.08	De More et al. (1993)
	Ground	Terra Nova Bay	Nov 2000 – Jan 2001	2-h	10.5 – 334	116.2±77.8	Sprovieri et al. (2002)
	Ground	Neumayer	Dec 2000 – Feb 2001	1-h	5 – 300	N/A	Temme et al. (2003b)
	Ship	65°S – 55°S 65°S – 63°S	14 – 24 Jan 2007 25 – 28 Jan 2007	40-min	N/A	0±0 43±39	Soerensen et al. (2010)

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	Ship	15°S 29° N	1980	N/A	N/A	0.013 \pm 0.018	Slemr et al. (1985)
	Ship	1°N – 33°N	1977 - 1980	N/A	N/A	0.007 \pm 0.004	Slemr et al. (1985)
	Ship	4.5°N – 4.5°S at 85°W; 155°W – 93°W in the equator	16 May – 20 June 1996	24-h	5-25 fmol m ⁻³ (1 – 5.5)	12 \pm 1 fmol m ⁻³ (2.6 \pm 0.2)	Lamborg et al. (1999)
	Ground	Chesapeake Biol. Lab	1997 – 1999	6 – 24-h	N/A	0.02 \pm 0.05	Sheu&Mason (2001)
	Ship	Near Bermuda (31° 40' N, 64°10' W)	Sep & Dec 1999; Mar 2000	N/A	N/A	<0.01 pmol m ⁻³	Mason et al. (2001)
	Ground	Florida ~26°N		4-h	<11	6.3 \pm 4.4	Malcom et al. (2003)
	Ship	78°N - 85°N	16 Jun – 29 Aug 2004	2 – 12-h	0.2 – 6.3	2.4 \pm 1.1	Aspmo et al. (2006)
	Ground	Appledore Island 42.97° N, 70.62° W	Apr 2009 – Aug 2010	90-min	0 – 39 ppqv (0 – 348)	0.34 \pm 0.78 ppqv (3 \pm 7)	Mao & Talbot (2012)
	Ground	Amsterdam Island 37°48'S, 77°34' E	Jan 2012 to Dec 2013	4-h	<DL - 12.67	0.67	Angot et al. (2014)
Pacific	Ground	48.3 N, 124.6 W, 480 m asl	May 2001 – May 2002	24-h	N/A	Spring 2002: 0.5	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2003)
	Ground	26.8°N, 128.2°E, 60 m amsl	23 Mar – 2 May 2004	3-h	<17	3.0 \pm 2.5	Chand et al. (2008)
	Ground	Mt. Bachelor Obs., Oregon, US 43.981°N 121.691°W 2.7 km a.s.l.	2005 – 2011	3-h	MBL events <12		Timonen et al. (2013)
	Ground	Puerto Villamil, Isabela Island 0°57'S,90°58' W Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, San Cristóbal Island,0°54'S,89°36'W	23 Feb– 29 Mar 2011 10–19 Jun 2011 10–26 Oct 2011	3-h	N/A	0.6 \pm 0.7 <LOD 1.1 \pm 1.1	Wang et al. (2014)
Adriatic	Ship	Gulf of Venice, Gulf of Trieste	26 Oct – 12 Nov 2004	2-h	0.04 – 51	4.5 \pm 8	Sprovieri & Pirrone (2008)
Baltic Sea		Gdynia 54°31'N, 18°48'E	18 Dec 2007 – 15 Dec 2008	24-h	2 – 142	20 \pm 18 24 \pm 22(cold) 15 \pm 7(warm)	Beldowska et al. (2012)
Arctic	Ship	Göteborg – Barrow Barrow -Chukchi Peninsula - Wrangel Island – Barrow Barrow – Longyearbyen	Jul – Sep 2005	5-h	0.2 – 3.2	1 \pm 0.7	Sommar et al. (2010)
	Ground	Beaufort Sea	14 – 26 Mar 2009	1-h	47.1 – 900.1	393.5	Steffen et al. (2013)
Antarctic	Ground ^T	Neumayer 70°39'S, 8°15'W	Dec 2000 – Feb 2001	48-h	15 – 120	~38	Temme et al. (2003)

Table S4: Continental boundary layer TGM or GEM (ng m^{-3}) at remote, rural, urban, and high elevation sites

Location (elevation in m.a.s.l.)	Sampling period	Time resolution	Range	Mean (\pm)	Reference
Remote					
Experimental Lakes Area, Ontario, Canada, 49°39'50"N, 93°43'16"W (369m)	May 2005 - Dec 2006	1-h	0.75-3.82	1.56±0.22	Cheng et al. (2012)
Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir, Idaho, USA (1510m)	2 weeks per season during summer 2005-fall 2006; all of summer 2006	5-min		1.3-1.9	Abbott et al. (2008)
Devil's Lake State Park, Wisconsin, USA, 43°25'48"N, 89°40'48"W (389m)	Apr 2003 - Apr 2004	5-min	0.1-9.1	1.6±0.3	Manolopoulos et al. (2007)
Devil's Lake State Park, Wisconsin, USA, 43°26'5"N, 89°40' 48"W	Apr 2003 - Mar 2004	5-min		1.61±0.01	Rutter et al. (2008)
Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin, USA, 42°57'36"N, 89°42'W (331m)	June & Sep 2004	5-min		1.34±0.26	Manolopoulos et al. (2007)
Contiguous USA	Jan 2009 - Dec 2011	1-h	0.2-11.3	1.31±0.29	Gay et al. (2013)
Rural					
Multiple sites across Canada, 42°10'-82°30'N, 135°37'-62°19'W	1994-2011	5-min		1.21-1.93	Cole et al. (2014)
Maryhill, Ontario, Canada, 43°31'N, 80°25'W	Oct 2004 - Nov 2004	5-min		1.8±0.2	Cobbett and Van Heyst (2007)
Central Alberta, Canada	2004-2007	5-min	0.7-9.5	1.5-1.6	Mazur et al. (2009)
Fort McMurray, Alberta, Canada, 56°45'N, 111°28'48"W (362m)	Oct 2010 - May 2013	5-min	0.64-4.43	1.45±0.18	Parsons et al. (2013)
Huntington Forest, New York, USA, 43°58'12"N, 74°13'12"W (500m)	Jun 2006 - May 2007	1-h	0.5-2.5	1.4±0.4	Choi et al. (2008)
Huntington Forest, New York, USA., 43°58'12"N, 74°13'12"W (510m)	Dec 2007 - Nov 2009	2-h	0.2-3.7	1.3±0.4	Choi et al. (2013)
Huntington Forest, New York, USA, 43°58'12"N, 74°13'12"W (500m)	Jan 2009 - Dec 2010	2 h	0.2-3.4		Cheng et al. (2013)
Atlanta, Georgia, USA	2005-2008	5-min		1.35	Nair et al. (2012)
Wisconsin, USA, 43°26'24"N, 89°40'48"W (389m)	2003-2009	5-min	0.45-6.48	1.49-1.82	Engle et al. (2010)
North Dakota, USA, 48°38'60"N, 102°24'W (692m)	2003-2009	5-min	0.99-5.13	1.61±0.22	Engle et al. (2010)
Virginia, USA, 38°31'12"N, 78°26'24"W (1074m)	2003-2009	5-min	<dl-3.63	1.27±0.31	Engle et al. (2010)
Dexter, Michigan, USA, 42°25'12"N, 83°54'W	2004	1-h	0.26-14.82	1.6±0.6	Liu et al. (2010)
Holland, Illinois, USA, 42°46'4.8"N, 86°8'56.4"W	1 Jul 2007 - 8 Nov 2007	1-h	6.0	1.3±0.3	Gratz et al. (2013)
San Francisco Bay Area, California, USA 37°11'24"N,121°46'12"W (149m)	9 Sep 2005-27 Sep 2005, 21 Oct 2008-30 Oct 2008	5-min	0.84-11.7	1.85-2.37	Rothenberg et al. (2010)

Central Wisconsin, USA	Jun 2007 - Nov 2007	5-min		1.3-1.4	Kolker et al. (2010)
Athens, Ohio, USA 39°18'N, 82°7'W (330m)	Jul 2004 - Jul 2005	1-h	0.78-4.38	1.62±0.24	Yatavelli et al. (2006)
Mexico, 21°8'N, 98°25'W	3 days in Oct 2002	5-min	1.13-2.93	1.32±0.33	De la Rosa et al. 2004
13 UK sites	2004-2013	1-4 weeks		1.67±0.07	Brown et al. (2015)
Lichwin, Poland, 49°52.957'N, 20°57.024'E	19 Aug 2003 - 29 Aug 2003	23-h		1.63±0.35	Zielonka et al. (2005)
Lichwin, Poland, 49°52.957'N, 20°57.024'E	6 Jan 2004 - 3 Feb 2004	23-h	7.02	4.15±1.33	Zielonka et al. (2005)
Chongqing, China	Aug 2006 - Sep 2007	30-min		6.14±1.3	Yang et al. (2009)
Chongqing, China	Aug 2006 - Sep 2007	30-min		4.32±1.04	Yang et al. (2009)
Wanqingsha, Pearl River Delta, China, 22°42'N, 113°33'E	Nov 2008	5-min	0.5-18.67	2.94±2.02	Li et al. (2011)
Beijing, China, 40°28'51"N, 116°46'30"E (220m)	Dec 2008 - Nov 2009	5-min	0.39-14.83	3.22±1.74	Zhang et al. (2013)
Chuncheon, Korea, 37°59'24"N, 127°48'36"E	2006-2008	24-h	0.26-10.75	2.12±1.47	Han et al. (2014)
Dinghu, Pearl River Delta, China, 23°9'51"N, 112°32'57"E	Oct 2009 - Apr 2010	5-min	1.87-29.9	5.07±2.89	Chen et al. (2013)
Urban					
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, 44°39'54.71"N, 63°34'9.69"W (125m)	Jan 2010 - Dec 2011	1-h		1.7±1.0	Cheng et al. (2014)
Windsor, Ontario, Canada, 42°18.27 N, 83°3.98 W	2007	1-h	0.83-40.9	2.0±1.6	Xu and Akhtar (2010)
Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 43°40'N, 79°24'W	Dec 2003 - Nov 2004	5-min	0.5-44.1	4.5±3.1	Song et al. (2009)
Windsor, Ontario, Canada, 42°18.27 N, 83°3.98 W	2007-2011	1-h	0.3-57	2.0±1.3	Xu et al. (2014)
Birmingham, Alabama, USA	2005-2008	5-min		2.12	Nair et al. (2012)
Houston, Texas, USA, 29°42'36"N, 95°20'24"W (75m)	Aug 2011 - Oct 2012	2.5-min	0.72-43.54	1.6±0.6	Lan et al. (2014)
Reno, Nevada, USA, 39°34'N, 119°48'W (1509m)	2002-2005	2.5-min	0.9-8.6	2.3	Stamenkovich et al. (2007)
Reno, Nevada, USA, 39°34'12"N, 119°47'W (1509m)	Nov 2004 - Nov 2007	2 h	0.5-6.4	1.6±0.5	Peterson et al. (2009)
Desert Research Institute, Nevada, USA, 39°34'12"N, 119°47'W (1497m)	Jun 2007 - Aug 2007	2-h	0.6-2.5	1.2±0.3	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2009)
NV98, Nevada, USA, 39°30'36"N, 119°43'12"W (1340m)	Jun 2007 - Aug 2007	2-h	0.9-4.6	1.7±0.6	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2009)
Illinois, USA, 38°36'36"N, 90°9'36"W (206m)	2003-2009	5-min	0.05-324	2.09-2.54	Engle et al. (2010)
Wisconsin, USA, 43°4'48"N, 87°52'48"W (184m)	2003-2009	5-min	1.29-24.7	2.26-2.94	Engle et al. (2010)
Detroit, Michigan, USA, 42°10'48"N, 83°3'36"W	2004	1-h	0.36-25.6	2.5±1.4	Liu et al. (2010)

San Francisco Bay Area, California, USA, 37°25'12"N, 122°2'24"W (11m)	30 Aug 2009 - 9 Sep 2005, 19 Sep 2008 - 30 Sep 2008	5-min	0.53-8.19	1.74-1.76	Rothenberg et al. (2010)
Rochester, New York, USA, 43°8'46"N, 77°32'54"W (137m)	Dec 2007 – Apr 2008; Dec 2008 – Apr 2009	5-min		1.6	Wang et al. (2013)
Rochester, New York, USA, 43°8'46"N, 77°32'54"W (137m)	Dec 2007 - Apr 2008 coal power plant in operation	5-min		1.8	Wang et al. (2013)
Rochester, New York, USA, 43°8'46"N, 77°32'54"W (137m)	Dec 2007 - Apr 2009 coal power plant shutdown	5-min		1.5	Wang et al. (2013)
Rochester, New York, USA, 43°8'46"N, 77°32'54"W	Sep 2008 - Jun 2013	2-h	1.17-1.61	1.40±0.26	Civerolo et al. (2014)
New York City, USA, 40°52'05 N, 73°52'42 W	Sep 2008 - Jun 2013	2-h	1.20-1.92	1.52±0.36	Civerolo et al. (2014)
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA, 43°6'29"N, 87°53'2"W	Jun 2004 - May 2005	5-min		2.48±0.02	Rutter et al. (2008)
Rochester, New York, USA, 43°8'46"N, 77°32'54"W (136m)	Dec 2007 - Nov 2009	2-h	0.9-6.4	1.6±0.4	Choi et al. (2013)
Chicago, Illinois, USA, 41°47'27.6"N, 87°36'7.2"W	1 Jul 2007 - 8 Nov 2007	1-h	16.5	2.5±1.5	Gratz et al. (2013)
Oxford, Mississippi, USA, 34°21'50"N, 89°32'60"W (150m)	Jul 2011 - Jun 2012	5-min	0.8-7.9	1.54±0.32	Jiang et al. (2013)
Contiguous U.S.	Jan 2009 - Dec 2011	1-h	0.4-237.7	1.65±1.36	Gay et al. (2013)
Mexico City, 19°29'21.4"N, 99°8'51.8"W	Mar 2006	5-min		7.2±4.8	Rutter et al. (2009)
Mexico, 22°44'N, 102°28'W	3 days in Sep 2002	5-min	0.26-702.32	71.82±82.03	De la Rosa et al. (2004)
Mexico City, 19°21'N; 99°4'W	3 days in Oct 2002	5-min	2.8-34.21	9.81±3.97	De la Rosa et al. (2004)
São Paulo State, Brazil	2002-2003	2-h		7.0±5.8	Fostier and Michelazzo, (2006)
Oxford, UK	Feb 2008 - Apr 2008	5-min	1.32-23.2	3.17±1.59	Witt et al. (2010)
UK sites	2004-2013	1-4 weeks		2.07±0.03	Brown et al. (2015)
UK sites	2004-2013	1-4 weeks		2.01±0.12	Brown et al. (2015)
UK sites	2003-2013	1-4 weeks		3.74±0.7	Brown et al. (2015)
Göteborg, Sweden, 57°42'N, 11°54'E	Feb 2005	1-h	1.35-6.42	1.96±0.38	Li et al. (2008)
Seoul, Korea, 37°30'50.4"N, 127°0'3.6"E	Feb 2005 - Dec 2006	5-min		3.44±2.13	Choi et al. (2009)
Seoul, Korea, 37°30'50.4"N, 127°0'3.6"E	2006-2008	24-h	0.19-149.84	3.72±2.96	Han et al. (2014)
Guro-gu, Nowon-gu, Songpa-gu, and Yongsan-gu, Seoul, Korea, 27°31'-37°39'N, 127°7'-126°53'W	2010-2011	1-h		3.28-3.47	Kim et al. (2013)
Fukuoka, Japan, 33°32'55"N, 130°21'52"E	Jun 2012 - May 2013	5-min	1.47-6.39	2.33±0.49	Marumoto et al. (2015)
Chongqing, China	Aug 2006 - Sep 2007	30-min		7.07±1.04	Yang et al. (2009)

Guangzhou, Pearl River Delta, China, 23°7'26.8"N, 113°21'17.4"E	Nov 2010 - Oct 2011	5-min	2.66-11.1	4.60±1.36	Chen et al. (2013)
Nanjing, China, 32°2'N, 118°46'48"E	Jan 2011 - Dec 2011	5-min	0.8-180	7.9±7.0	Zhu et al. (2012)
High elevation					
Pad Monadnock, New Hampshire, USA, 42°51'36"N, 71°52'48"W (700m)	Jun 2005 - May 2007	5-min	1.08-1.69	1.26-1.54	Mao et al. (2008)
Pad Monadnock, New Hampshire, USA, 42°51'36"N, 71°52'48"W (700m)	2007	5-min	0.88-2.58	1.40±0.19	Sigler et al. (2009)
Look Rock, Tennessee, 35°36'36"N, 83°54'36"W (813m)	Spring-Summer 2004	1-h		1.65	Valente et al. (2007)
Storm Peak Laboratory, Colorado, USA (3200m)	Oct 2006 - May 2007	1-h	1.06-2.15	1.51±0.12	Obrist et al. (2008)
Storm Peak Laboratory, Colorado, USA (3220m)	Apr 2008 - Jul 2008	1-h	1.2-5.0	1.6±0.3	Faïn et al. (2009)
Mt. Bachelor Observatory, Oregon, USA, 43°58'48"N, 121°41'24"W (2700m)	May 2005 - Aug 2005	3-h	1.36-1.83	1.54±0.18	Swartzendruber et al. (2006)
Northern Nevada, USA, 41°30' 3.6"N, 117°30'3.6"W and 41°33'3.6"N, 115°12'39.6"W (1388-1806m)	29 Mar 2005 - 4 Apr 2005, 26 Sep 2005 - 8 Aug 2005, 22 Oct 2005 - 28 Oct 2005, 24 Jan 2006 - 30 Jan 2006	5-min	106	2.5-3.0	Lyman and Gustin (2008)
Northern Nevada, USA, 41°30'N, 117°30'W (1388m)	Jun 2007 - Aug 2007	2-h	0.6-18.1	1.8±1.4	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2009)
Contiguous U.S. high elevation sites and Mt. Lulin, Taiwan	Jan 2009 - Dec 2011	1-h	0.4-8.3	1.45±0.51	Gay et al. (2013)
Mt. Gongga, China, 29°20'–30°20'N, 101°30'–102°15'E (1640m)	May 2005 - Jun 2006	5-15 min	0.52-21.03	3.98±1.62	Fu et al. (2008)
Mt. Gongga, China, 29°20'–30°20'N, 101°30'–102°15'E (1640m)	Jun 2006 - Jun 2007	5-min	0.9-43.7	3.91±1.2	Fu et al. (2009)
Mt. Leigong, China, 23°23'24"N, 108°12'E (2178m)	May 2008 - May 2009	10-min	0.41-23.9	2.80±1.51	Fu et al. (2010)
Waliguan, China, 36°17'12"N, 100°53'52.7"E, (3816m)	Sep 2007 - Sep 2008	10-min		1.98±0.98	Fu et al. (2012a)
Mt. Changbai, China, 42°24'N, 128°28'E (738.1m)	Aug 2005 - Jul 2006	1-h	1.28-9.49	3.58±1.78	Wan et al. (2009a)
Mt. Changbai, China, 42°24'0.9"N, 128°6'45"E (741m)	Oct 2008 - Oct 2010	5-min	<dl-9.5	1.60±0.51	Fu et al. (2012b)
Mt. Lulin, Taiwan, 23°30'36"N, 120°55'12"E (2862m)	Apr 2006 - Sep 2007	5-min	0.24-5.75	1.73±0.61	Sheu et al. (2010)
Shangri-La, Tibetan Plateau, China, 28°1'N, 99°44'E (3580m)	Nov 2009 - Nov 2010	5-min	1.03-13.59	2.55±0.73	Zhang et al. (2015)
5 high-elevation sites	Apr 2006 - May 2009	5-min		1.65±0.32	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2015)
Mt. Front Lulin, Taiwan, 23°30'36"N, 120°55'12"E (2862m)	Mar, Jul, Sep, Dec 2008	5-min		1.4-2.2	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2015)
Mt. Bachelor Observatory, Oregon, USA, 43°58'48"N, 121°41'24"W (2763m)	2006-2009	5-min		1.44-1.6	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2015)
Reno, Nevada, USA, 39°34'12"N, 119°47'W (1497m)	Jan 2005 - Aug 2007	5-min		1.36-1.73	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2015)

Paradise Valley, Nevada, USA, 41°30'N, 117°30'W (1388m)	Jun 2007 - Aug 2007	5-min		1.79±1.12	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2015)
Storm Peak Laboratory, Colorado, USA, 40°27'36"N, 106°44'24"W (3200m)	May 2008 - Jun 2008	5-min		1.59±0.21	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2015)

Table S5: Continental boundary layer GOM (pg m^{-3}) at remote, rural, urban, and high elevation sites. LOD indicates limit of detection.

Location (elevation in m.a.s.l.)	Sampling period	Time resolution	Range	Mean (\pm)	Reference
Remote					
Experimental Lakes Area, Ontario, Canada, 49°39'50"N, 93°43'16"W (369m)	May 2005 - Dec 2006	3-h	<LOD-24.89	0.99±1.9	Cheng et al. (2012)
Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir, Idaho, USA (1510m)	2 weeks per season during summer 2005-fall 2006; all of summer 2006	1-h		3.2-8.1	Abbott et al. (2008)
Devil's Lake State Park, Wisconsin, USA, 43°25'48"N, 89°40'48"W (389m)	Apr 2003 - Apr 2004	1-h	<LOD-151	3.8±8.9	Manolopoulos et al. (2007)
Devil's Lake State Park, Wisconsin, USA, 43°26'5"N, 89°40'48"W	Apr 2003 - Mar 2004	1-h		5.3±0.2	Rutter et al. (2008)
Contiguous U.S.	Jan 2009 - Dec 2011	2-h	0-223.5	2.55±5.60	Gay et al. (2013)
Rural					
Multiple sites in Canada, 43°32'-82°30'N, 114°12' - 62°19'W	2002-2011	1-3 h		0.5-100.9	Cole et al. (2014)
Huntington Forest, New York, USA, 43°58'12"N, 74°13'12"W (500m)	Jun 2006 - May 2007	1-h	<LOD-45.4	1.8±2.2	Choi et al. (2008)
Huntington Forest, New York, USA, 43°58'12"N, 74°13'12"W (510m)	Dec 2007 - Nov 2009	2-h	<LOD-63.9	1.3±3.3	Choi et al. (2013)
Huntington Forest, New York, USA, 43°58'12"N, 74°13'12"W (500m)	Jan 2009 - Dec 2010	2-h	0-44		Cheng et al. (2013)
Maryhill, Ontario, Canada, 43°31'N, 80°25'W	Oct 2004 - Nov 2004	2-h		2.3±3.0	Cobbett and Van Heyst (2007)
Atlanta, Georgia, USA	2005-2008	1-h		8.6	Nair et al. (2012)
Wisconsin, USA, 43°26'24"N, 89°40'48"W (389m)	2003-2009	1-h	<LOD-151	2.8-11.2	Engle et al. (2010)
North Dakota, USA, 48°38'60"N, 102°24'W (692m)	2003-2009	1-h	<LOD-19.2	2.0±2.6	Engle et al. (2010)
Virginia, USA 38°31'12"N, 78°26'24"W (1074m)	2003-2009	1-h	<LOD-37.7	1.8±3.9	Engle et al. (2010)
Dexter, Michigan, USA, 42°25'12"N, 83°54'W	2004	1-h	1.0-121.7	3.8±6.6	Liu et al. (2010)
San Francisco Bay Area, California, USA, 37°11'24"N, 121°46'12"W (149m)	9 Sep 2005-27 Sep 2005, 21 Oct 2008-30 Oct 2008	1-h	0.2-154	4.58-14.5	Rothenberg et al. (2010)
Central Wisconsin, USA	Jun 2007 - Nov 2007	1-h		0.6-0.8	Kolker et al. (2010)
Athens, Ohio, USA, 39°18'N, 82°7'W (330m)	Jul 2004 - Jul 2005	1-h	0-461.59	12.45±24.53	Yatavelli et al. (2006)
Holland, Illinois, USA 42°46'4.8"N, 86°8'56.4"W	1 Jul 2007 - 8 Nov 2007	1-h	137	8±15	Gratz et al. (2013)
Beijing, China, 40°28'51"N, 116°46'30"E (220m)	Dec 2008 - Nov 2009	1-h	0.12-	10.1±18.8	Zhang et al. (2013)

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Chuncheon, Korea, 37°59'24"N, 127°48'36"E	2006-2008	24-h	0.1-16.9	2.7±2.7	Han et al. (2014)
Urban					
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, 44°39'54.71"N, 63°34'9.69"W (125m)	Jan 2010 - Dec 2011	2-h		2.1±3.4	Cheng et al. (2014)
Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 43°40'N, 79°24'W	Dec 2003 - Nov 2004	1-h	<LOD-284	14.2±13.2	Song et al. (2009)
Birmingham, Alabama, USA	2005-2008	1-h		78.2	Nair et al. (2012)
Reno, Nevada, USA, 39°34'12"N, 119°47'W (1509m)	Nov 2004 - Nov 2007	2-h	0-401	26±35	Peterson et al. (2009)
Illinois, USA, 38°36'36"N, 90°9'36"W (206m)	2003-2009	1-h	<LOD-8160	11.6-63.3	Engle et al. (2010)
Wisconsin, USA, 43°4'48"N, 87°52'48"W (184m)	2003-2009	1-h	<LOD-124	4.1-13.8	Engle et al. (2010)
Detroit, Michigan, USA, 42°10'48"N, 83°3'36"W	2004	1-h	1.0-2472.9	15.5±54.9	Liu et al. (2010)
San Francisco Bay Area, California, USA, 37°25'12"N, 122°2'24"W (11m)	30 Aug 2009 - 9 Sep 2005, 19 Sep 2008 - 30 Sep 2008	1-h	0.2-19.5	1.81-2.58	Rothenberg et al. (2010)
Rochester, New York, USA, 43°8'46"N, 77°32'54"W (137m)	Dec 2007 – Apr 2008; Dec 2008 – Apr 2009	2-h		5.1	Wang et al. (2013)
Rochester, New York, USA, 43°8'46"N, 77°32'54"W (137m)	Dec 2007 - Apr 2008 coal power plant in operation	2-h		9.9	Wang et al. (2013)
Rochester, New York, USA, 43°8'46"N, 77°32'54"W (137m)	Dec 2007 - Apr 2009 coal power plant shutdown	2-h		3.9	Wang et al. (2013)
Rochester, New York, USA, 43°8'46"N, 77°32'54"W (136m)	Dec 2007 - Nov 2009	2-h	<LOD-177.6	5.6±10.3	Choi et al. (2013)
Rochester, New York, USA, 43°8'46"N, 77°32'54"W	Sep 2008 - Jun 2013	2-h	0.29-23.25	8.24±12.94	Civerolo et al. (2014)
New York City, USA, 40°52'05" N, 73°52'42" W	Sep 2008 - Jun 2013	2-h	0.78-13.53	6.26±15.85	Civerolo et al. (2014)
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA, 43°6'29"N, 87°53'2"W	Jun 2004 - May 2005	1-h		10.3±0.2	Rutter et al. (2008)
NV98, Nevada, USA, 39°30'36"N, 119°43'12"W (1340m)	Jun 2007 - Aug 2007	2-h	<LOD-157	46±32	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2009)
DRI, Nevada, USA, 39°34'12"N, 119°47'W (1497m)	Jun 2007 - Aug 2007	2-h	5.7-401	87±57	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2009)
Chicago, Illinois, USA, 41°47'27.6"N, 87°36'7.2"W	1 Jul 2007 - 8 Nov 2007	1-h	2707	17±87	Gratz et al. (2013)
Oxford, Mississippi, USA, 34°21'50"N, 89°32'60"W (150m)	Jul 2011 - Jun 2012	1-h	0-84	3.87±6.17	Jiang et al. (2013)
Contiguous U.S.	Jan 2009 - Dec 2011	2-h	0-7694.8	9.69±59.64	Gay et al. (2013)
Mexico City, 19°29'21.4"N, 99°8'51.8"W	Mar 2006	1-h		62±64	Rutter et al. (2009)

Göteborg, Sweden, 57°42'N, 11°54'E	Feb 2005	1-h	0.34-32.84	2.53±4.09	Li et al. (2008)
Seoul, Korea, 37°30'50.4"N, 127°0'3.6"E	2006-2008	24 h	0.9-57.3	11.3±9.5	Han et al. (2014)
Fukuoka, Japan, 33°32'55"N, 130°21'52"E	Jun 2012 - May 2013	2-h	<LOD-123	5.7±9.4	Marumoto et al. (2015)
High elevation					
Pad Monadnock, New Hampshire, USA, 42°51'36"N, 71°52'48"W (700m)	2007	2-h	0-33	1.2±2.7	Sigler et al. (2009)
Pad Monadnock, New Hampshire, USA, 42°51'36"N, 71°52'48"W (700m)	Jun 2005 – Oct 2008	90-min	<LOD-5.1	0.18-1.4	Mao and Talbot (2012)
Look Rock, Tennessee, USA, 35°36'36"N, 83°54'36"W (813m)	Spring-Summer 2004	1-h		5	Valente et al. (2007)
Northern Nevada, USA, 41°30' 3.6"N, 117°30'3.6"W and 41°33'3.6"N, 115°12'39.6"W (1388-1806m)	29 Mar 2005 - 4 Apr 2005, 26 Sep 2005 - 8 Aug 2005, 22 Oct 2005 - 28 Oct 2005, 24 Jan 2006 - 30 Jan 2006	2-h	150	7.0-13.0	Lyman and Gustin (2008)
NV02, Nevada, USA, 41°30'N, 117°30'W (1388m)	Jun 2007 - Aug 2007	2-h	<LOD-143	26±26	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2009)
Storm Peak Laboratory, Colorado, USA (3220m)	Apr 2008 - Jul 2008	1-h	0-137	20±21	Faïn et al. (2009)
Mt. Bachelor Observatory, Oregon, USA, 43°58'48"N, 121°41'24"W (2700m)	May 2005 - Aug 2005	3-h	<LOD-141	39±75	Swartzendruber et al. (2006)
Contiguous U.S. high elevation sites and Mt. Lulin, Taiwan	Jan 2009 - Dec 2011	2-h	0.2-555	143.25±105.91	Gay et al. (2013)
Waliguan, China, 36°17'12"N, 100°53'52.7"E, (3816m)	Sep 2007 - Sep 2008	3.5-7.5 h		7.4±4.8	Fu et al. (2012a)
Mt. Changbai, China, 42°24'N, 128°28'E (738.1m)	Aug 2005 - Jul 2006	1-h	0-880	29-84	Wan et al. (2009b)
Mt. Lulin, Taiwan, 23°30'36"N, 120°55'12"E (2862m)	Apr 2006 - Sep 2007	1-2 h	194.7	12.1±20	Sheu et al. (2010)
Shangri-La, Tibetan Plateau, China, 28°1'N, 99°44'E (3580m)	Nov 2009 - Nov 2010	1-h	0.71-39.85	8.22±7.90	Zhang et al. (2015)
5 high-elevation sites	Apr 2006 - May 2009	2-h		30±24 (GOM+PBM)	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2015)
Mt. Front Lulin, Taiwan, 23°30'36"N, 120°55'12"E (2862m)	Mar, Jul, Sep, Dec 2008	2-h		11-27 (GOM+PBM)	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2015)
Mt. Bachelor Observatory, Oregon, USA, 43°58'48"N, 121°41'24"W (2763m)	2006-2009	2-h		32-44 (GOM+PBM)	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2015)
Reno, Nevada, USA, 39°34'12"N, 119°47'W (1497m)	Jan 2005 - Aug 2007	2-h		14-68 (GOM+PBM)	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2015)
Paradise Valley, Nevada, USA 41°30'N, 117°30'W (1388m)	Jun 2007 - Aug 2007	2-h		32±16 (GOM+PBM)	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2015)
Storm Peak Laboratory, Colorado, USA, 40°27'36"N, 106°44'24"W (3200m)	May 2008 - Jun 2008	2-h		27-34 (GOM+PBM)	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2015)

Table S6: Continental boundary layer PBM (pg m^{-3}) at remote, rural, urban, and high elevation sites. LOD indicates limit of detection; TPM indicates total particulate mercury; FPBM indicates fine particulate mercury; CPBM indicates coarse particulate mercury.

Location (elevation in m.a.s.l.)	Sampling period	Time resolution	Range	Mean (\pm)	Reference
Remote					
Experimental Lakes Area, Ontario, Canada, 49°39'50"N, 93°43'16"W (369m)	May 2005 - Dec 2006	3-h	<LOD-42.33	4.4±3.7	Cheng et al. (2012)
Devil's Lake State Park, Wisconsin, USA, 43°25'48"N, 89°40'48"W (389m)	Apr 2003 - Apr 2004	1-h	<LOD-205	8.6±8.3	Manolopoulos et al. (2007)
Devil's Lake State Park, Wisconsin, USA, 43°26'5"N, 89°40'48"W	Apr 2003 - Mar 2004	1-h		9.1±0.1	Rutter et al. (2008)
Contiguous U.S.	Jan 2009 - Dec 2011	2-h	0-403.6	5.12±7.43	Gay et al. (2013)
Rural					
Multiple sites in Canada, 43°32'-82°30'N, 114°12' - 62°19'W	2002-2011	1-3 h		2.3-168.5	Cole et al. (2014)
Maryhill, Ontario, Canada 43°31'N, 80°25'W	Oct 2004 - Nov 2004	2-h		3.0±6.2	Cobbett and Van Heyst (2007)
Atlanta, Georgia, USA	2005-2008	1-h		4.4	Nair et al. (2012)
Wisconsin, USA, 43°26'24"N, 89°40'48"W (389m)	2003-2009	1-h	<LOD-205	6.4-12.2	Engle et al. (2010)
North Dakota, USA, 48°38'60"N, 102°24'W (692m)	2003-2009	1-h	<LOD-11.9	2.2±2.4	Engle et al. (2010)
Virginia, USA 38°31'12"N, 78°26'24"W (1074m)	2003-2009	1-h	<LOD-19.4	4.6±3.9	Engle et al. (2010)
Dexter, Michigan, USA, 42°25'12"N, 83°54'W	2004	1-h	1.0-90.6	6.1±5.5	Liu et al. (2010)
Huntington Forest, New York, USA, 43°58'12"N, 74°13'12"W (500m)	Jun 2006 - May 2007	1-h	<LOD-54.0	3.2±3.7	Choi et al. (2008)
Huntington Forest, New York, USA, 43°58'12"N, 74°13'12"W (510m)	Dec 2007 - Nov 2009	2-h	<LOD-97.6	4.1±7.8	Choi et al. (2013)
Huntington Forest, New York, USA, 43°58'12"N, 74°13'12"W (500m)	Jan 2009 - Dec 2010	2-h	0-39		Cheng et al. (2013)
San Francisco Bay Area, California, USA, 37°11'24"N, 121°46'12"W (149m)	9 Sep 2005-27 Sep 2005, 21 Oct 2008-30 Oct 2008	1-h	0.2-37.5	3.68-7.99	Rothenberg et al. (2010)
Central Wisconsin, USA	Jun 2007 - Nov 2007	1-h		2.6-5.0	Kolker et al. (2010)
Athens, Ohio, USA, 39°18'N, 82°7'W (330m)	Jul 2004 - Jul 2005	1-h	0-76.82	5.29±6.04	Yatavelli et al. (2006)
Holland, Illinois, USA 42°46'4.8"N, 86°8'56.4"W	1 Jul 2007 - 8 Nov 2007	1-h	31	6±4	Gratz et al. (2013)
Lichwin, Poland, 49°52.957'N, 20°57.024'E	19 Aug 2003 - 29 Aug 2003	23-h	0.02-0.2 ng m ⁻³ TPM	0.11±0.05 ng m ⁻³ TPM	Zielonka et al. (2005)

Lichwin, Poland, 49°52.957'N, 20°57.024'E	6 Jan 2004 - 3 Feb 2004	23-h		1.05±0.18	Zielonka et al. (2005)
Jeziory, Poland	Apr 2013 - Oct 2014	24-72 h	FPBM: <LOD- 16.1, CPBM: <LOD- 142.5	FPBM: 2.4±2.8, CPBM: 20.8±21.6	Siudek et al. (2016)
Beijing, China, 40°28'51"N, 116°46'30"E (220m)	Dec 2008 - Nov 2009	1-h	0.49- 1090.24	98.2±112.7	Zhang et al. (2013)
Chuncheon, Korea, 37°59'24"N, 127°48'36"E	2006-2008; Fall 2009, winter 2009, summer 2010 for TPM	24-48 h	0.1-30	3.7±5.7, TPM: 0.9- 8.5	Kim et al. (2012); Han et al. (2014)
Urban					
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, 44°39'54.71"N, 63°34'9.69"W (125m)	Jan 2010 - Dec 2011	2-h		2.3±3.1	Cheng et al. (2014)
Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 43°40'N, 79°24'W	Dec 2003 - Nov 2004	1-h	<LOD- 252	21.5±16.4	Song et al. (2009)
Birmingham, Alabama, USA	2005-2008	1-h		39.5	Nair et al. (2012)
Reno, Nevada, USA, 39°34'12"N, 119°47'W (1509m)	Nov 2004 - Nov 2007	2-h	0-180	9±10	Peterson et al. (2009)
Illinois, USA, 38°36'36"N, 90°9'36"W (206m)	2003-2009	1-h	<LOD- 11600	12.9-37.9	Engle et al. (2010)
Wisconsin, USA, 43°4'48"N, 87°52'48"W (184m)	2003-2009	1-h	<LOD- 507	10.2-15.7	Engle et al. (2010)
Detroit, Michigan, USA, 42°10'48"N, 83°3'36"W	2004	1-h	1.0-1345.2	18.1±61	Liu et al. (2010)
San Francisco Bay Area, California, USA, 37°25'12"N, 122°2'24"W (11m)	30 Aug 2009 - 9 Sep 2005, 19 Sep 2008 - 30 Sep 2008	1-h	0.2-29.4	3.06-3.17	Rothenberg et al. (2010)
Rochester, New York, USA, 43°8'46"N, 77°32'54"W (137m)	Dec 2007 – Apr 2008; Dec 2008 – Apr 2009	2-h		8.9	Wang et al. (2013)
Rochester, New York, USA, 43°8'46"N, 77°32'54"W (137m)	Dec 2007 - Apr 2008 coal power plant in operation	2-h		21.8	Wang et al. (2013)
Rochester, New York, USA, 43°8'46"N, 77°32'54"W (137m)	Dec 2007 - Apr 2009 coal power plant shutdown	2-h		7.3	Wang et al. (2013)
Rochester, New York, USA, 43°8'46"N, 77°32'54"W (136m)	Dec 2007 - Nov 2009	2-h	<LOD- 271.2	8.7±12.8	Choi et al. (2013)
Rochester, New York, USA, 43°8'46"N, 77°32'54"W	Sep 2008 - Jun 2013	2-h	2.36-27.32	13.48±21.01	Civerolo et al. (2014)
New York City, USA, 40°52'05" N, 73°52'42" W	Sep 2008 - Jun 2013	2-h	1.42-15.82	7.96±12.13	Civerolo et al. (2014)
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA, 43°6'29"N, 87°53'2"W	Jun 2004 - May 2005	1-h		11.8±0.3	Rutter et al. (2008)
NV98, Nevada, USA, 39°30'36"N, 119°43'12"W (1340m)	Jun 2007 - Aug 2007	2-h	<LOD-55	5±4	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2009)
DRI, Nevada, USA, 39°34'12"N, 119°47'W (1497m)	Jun 2007 - Aug 2007	2-h	<LOD-	10±10	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2009)

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Chicago, Illinois, USA, 41°47'27.6"N, 87°36'7.2"W	1 Jul 2007 - 8 Nov 2007	1-h	401	9±20	Gratz et al. (2013)
Oxford, Mississippi, USA, 34°21'50"N, 89°32'60"W (150m)	Jul 2011 - Jun 2012	1-h	0-33	4.58±3.40	Jiang et al. (2013)
Contiguous U.S.	Jan 2009 - Dec 2011	2-h	0-3687.2	8.46±29.05	Gay et al. (2013)
Mexico City, 19°29'21.4"N, 99°8'51.8"W	Mar 2006	1-h		187±300	Rutter et al. (2009)
São Paulo State, Brazil	2002-2003	24-h		TPM: 400±300	Fostier and Michelazzo, (2006)
Göteborg, Sweden, 57°42'N, 11°54'E	Feb 2005	1-h	3.89-20.26	12.5±5.88	Li et al. (2008)
Pozna , Poland, 52°42 N, 16°88 E	Apr 2013 - Oct 2014	24-72 h	FPBM: <LOD- 77.1, CPBM: <LOD- 604.9	FPBM: 7.3±9.1, CPBM: 22.6±45.3	Siudek et al. (2016)
Shanghai, China	Jul 2004 - Apr 2006	24-h	0.07-1.45 ng m ⁻³ TPM	0.56±0.22 ng m ⁻³ TPM	Xiu et al. (2009)
Shanghai, China	Jul 2004 - Apr 2006	24-h	0.2-0.47 ng m ⁻³ TPM	0.33±0.09 ng m ⁻³ TPM	Xiu et al. (2009)
Beijing, China	Jan 2006 - Dec 2006	12-h		263±246 (day), 280±383 (night)	Schleicher et al. (2015)
Seoul, Korea, 37°30'50.4"N, 127°0'3.6"E	2006-2008; winter, summer 2010 for TPM	24-48 h	2.1-64.3	13.4±12.0, TPM: 1.1- 18.9	Kim et al. (2012); Han et al. (2014)
Fukuoka, Japan, 33°32'55"N, 130°21'52"E	Jun 2012 - May 2013	2-h	<LOD- 139	10±11	Marumoto et al. (2015)
High elevation					
Look Rock, Tennessee, USA, 35°36'36"N, 83°54'36"W (813m)	Spring-Summer 2004	1-h		7	Valente et al. (2007)
Northern Nevada, USA, 41°30' 3.6"N, 117°30'3.6"W and 41°33'3.6"N, 115°12'39.6"W (1388-1806m)	29 Mar 2005 - 4 Apr 2005, 26 Sep 2005 - 8 Aug 2005, 22 Oct 2005 - 28 Oct 2005, 24 Jan 2006 - 30 Jan 2006	2-h	65	9.0-13.0	Lyman and Gustin (2008)
NV02, Nevada, USA, 41°30'N, 117°30'W (1388m)	Jun 2007 - Aug 2007	2-h	<LOD- 102	6±9	Weiss-Penzias et al. (2009)
Storm Peak Laboratory, Colorado, USA (3220m)	Apr 2008 - Jul 2008	1-h	0-33	9±6	Faïn et al. (2009)

Mt. Bachelor Observatory, Oregon, USA, 43°58'48"N, 121°41'24"W (2700m)	May 2005 - Aug 2005	3-h	<LOD-11	4.4±4.4	Swartzendruber et al. (2006)
Contiguous U.S. high elevation sites and Mt. Lulin, Taiwan	Jan 2009 - Dec 2011	2-h	0-555.6	90.69±92.07	Gay et al. (2013)
Waliguan, China, 36°17'12"N, 100°53'52.7"E, (3816m)	Sep 2007 - Sep 2008	3.5-7.5 h		19.4±18.1	Fu et al. (2012a)
Mt. Changbai, China, 42°24'N, 128°28'E (738.1m)	Aug 2005 - Jul 2006	1-h	0-1001	15-167	Wan et al. (2009b)
Mt. Lulin, Taiwan, 23°30'36"N, 120°55'12"E (2862m)	Apr 2006 - Sep 2007	1-2 h	38.4	2.3±3.9	Sheu et al. (2010)
Shangri-La, Tibetan Plateau, China, 28°1'N, 99°44'E (3580m)	Nov 2009 - Nov 2010	1-h	3.02-185.59	38.32±31.26	Zhang et al. (2015)

Table S7. Airborne measurements of TGM/GEM (ng m^{-3}) and GOM/PBM (pg m^{-3}), units stated otherwise.

Region	Flight domain	Time Period	Altitude	Hg species	Range	Reference
Atlantic	Cologne, via Greenland, Canada, San Francisco, to Putna Arena, Chile	1977	8 km	TGM	SH: 1.08 ± 0.36 NH: 1.45 ± 0.22 ITCZ: 2.4 – 2.7	Seiler et al. (1980)
Central Europe	--	Jun & Aug 1977 – 1979; Feb 1980	6 – 8 km	TGM	2.24 ± 0.51	Slemr et al. (1985)
Germany	400 km btw Munich and Halle	13 Jun 1996	0.9 km 2.5 km	TGM	1.774 ± 0.101 1.635 ± 0.094	Ebinghaus & Slemr (2000)
Barrow, AK	Northeast of Point Barrow	Mar – Apr 2000	100 m 1000 m	GOM	20 2	Lindberg et al. (2002)
Canada	Southeastern Southern & central ON Arctic	Summer 1995, 97 Winter 1997-98 Spring 1998	0.1 – 7 km	GEM	1.5 1.7 1.7 (>1 km); 1.2 (<1 km)	Banic et al. (2003)
East Asia	24°N-44°N, 124°E-146°E	April 2001	SL – 7 km	TGM PBM	Mean: $1.68 (2.5 - 2 \text{ km}) - 2.13 (0 - 0.5 \text{ km})$ 14 – 917	Friedli et al. (2004)
South America	Btw São Paulo and Santiago de Chile, 25°S – 50°N Btw Frankfurt and São Paulo	31 Aug , 5 Oct 2005 4 Oct 2005	SL – 11 km	GEM	NH: 1.70 – 2.21 SH: 1.35 – ~1.7	Ebinghaus et al. (2007)
North Pacific Coastal CA&WA	35°N – 55°N	Spring 2002	0 – 8 km	GEM	Median: 1.2 – 0.5	Radke et al. (2007)
Pacific Northwest	46°N – 49°N, 125°W – 121°W	12 Apr – 15 May 2006	Surface – 6 km	GEM	1.43 ± 0.166 ; 0.994–2.02	Swatzendruber et al. (2008)
West Pacific	Honolulu, HW; Anchorage, AL; Mexico City	4 Mar – 12 May 2006	Surface – 12 km	GEM	0 – ~250 ppqv	Talbot et al. (2007, 2008)
North America & Europe	40°N – 44°N, 75°W – 100°W	5 Nov 2011	~ 6 km	GEM GOM	>0.3 – ~1.3 0 – 600	Lyman & Jaffe (2012)
Tullahoma, Tennessee, USA	--	Aug 2012 – Jun 2013	0 – 6 km	GEM GOM PBM	1.38 ± 0.17 ; 0.75 – 2.05 34.8 ± 28.9 ; 0 – 20 (win); <125 (sum) 29.6 ± 29.5 ; 4.4 – 194.9	Brooks et al. (2014)
Southeastern US	Flights over 32°N – 36°N, 122°W – 77°W	1 Jun - 15 Jul 2013	--	THg GOM	1.49 ± 0.16 212 ± 112 ; up to 300 – 680	Gratz et al. (2015) Shah et al. (2016)