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Measurement report: Atmospheric mercury in a coastal city of Southeast China: inter-annual variations and influencing factors

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The potential source regions identification

The five and four potential source regions were identified in January and July respectively according to the travel path of backward air mass trajectory clusters.

Month	Source regions	Region description
January	<i>Local</i>	Air mass trajectory originated from Fujian province over the last 3 d.
	<i>East China (EC)</i>	Air mass trajectory originated from Shanghai, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui, Jiangxi and Shandong provinces over the past 3 d.
	<i>Southwest China (SWC)</i>	Air mass trajectory passed mainly through southwestern China, including Chongqing, Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan, and Tibet provinces.
	<i>Central China (CC)</i>	Air mass trajectory was sandwiched between East China and southwest China within 3 d, mainly including Henan, Hubei and Hunan, three inland provinces.
	<i>North China (NC)</i>	Air mass trajectory migrated over long distances within the last 3 d, mainly covering Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei, Shanxi and Inner Mongolia.
July	<i>Local</i>	The same as that in January
	<i>Philippine sea and Taiwan Strait (PhiS+TW)</i>	Air mass trajectory originated from the Philippine Sea and passed over Taiwan island within 3 days.
	<i>Philippine sea and East China Sea (PhiS+ECS)</i>	Air mass trajectory originated from the Philippine Sea to the east to monitoring site within 3 d.
	<i>South China Sea (SCS)</i>	R Air mass trajectory came from the South China Sea within 3 d

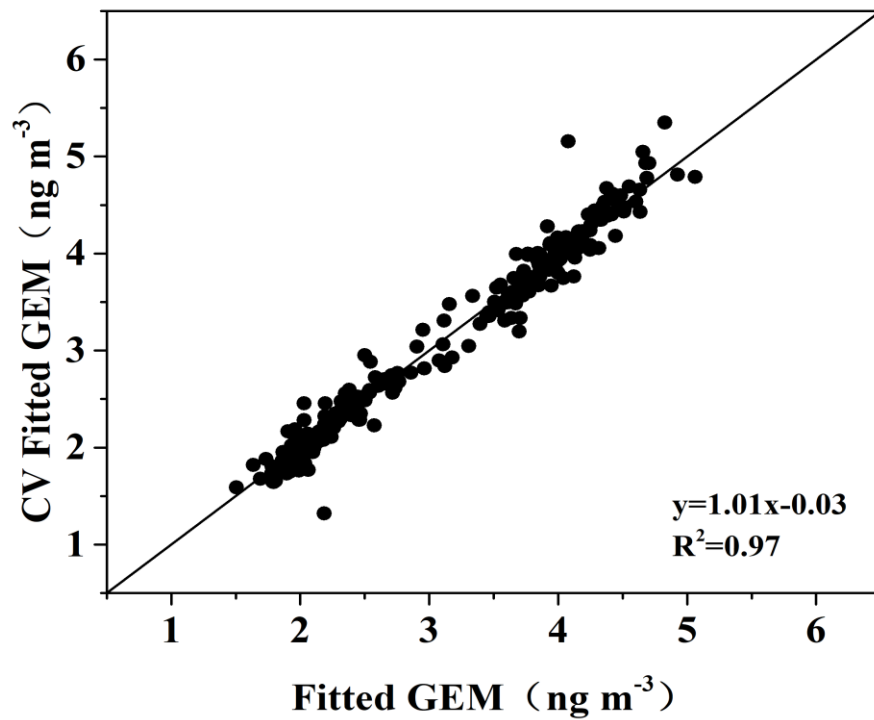


Figure S1. The results of 10-fold cross-validation test. The strong correlation, with a determination coefficient (R^2) of approximately 0.97, demonstrated the accuracy of GAMs

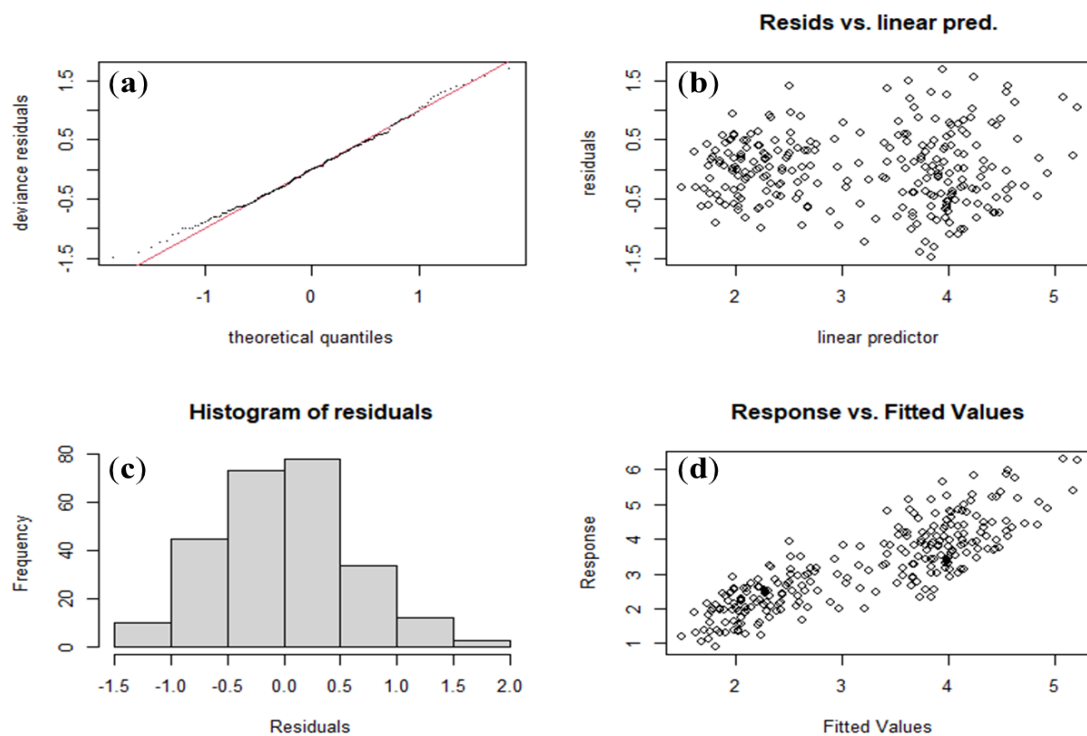


Figure S2. The assessment results of the GAMs: (a) quantile-quantile (QQ) plots, (b) The Resids vs. linear (c) Histogram of residuals (d) Response vs. Fitted Values

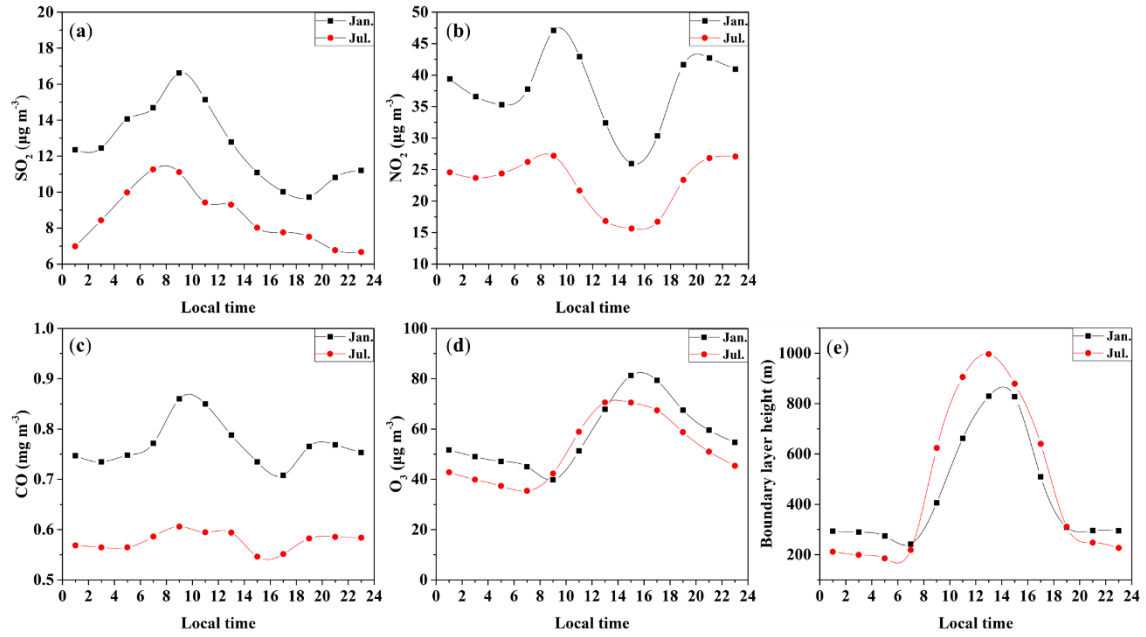


Figure S3. The diurnal trend of (a) SO_2 , (b) NO_2 , (c) CO , (d) O_3 and (e) boundary layer height in January and July during the whole study period.

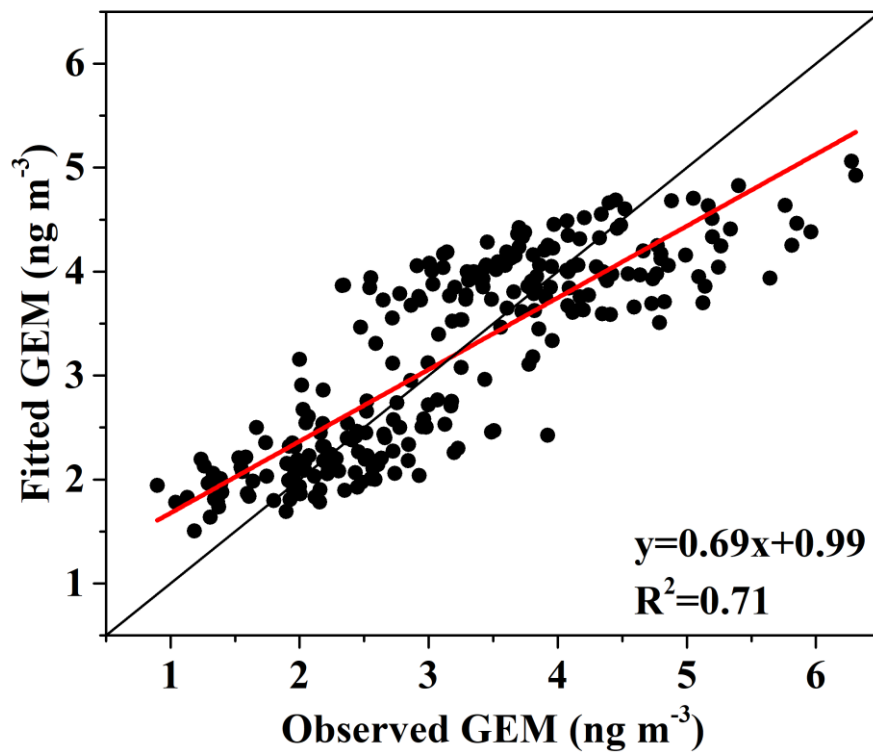


Figure S4. Relationships between the fitted and the observed GEM concentrations.

Table S1. Test variables in the GAMs.

Categories	Parameters	Data source
Emissions	SO ₂ 、NO ₂ 、O ₃ 、CO、PM _{2.5} 、PM ₁₀	
Surface meteorology	Temperature	Observation data from Xiamen air quality monitoring site
	Relative humidity	
	Wind speed	
	Wind direction	
	Surface air pressure	
High-altitude meteorology	Boundary layer height	European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF) reanalysis (https://www.ecmwf.int)
	Downward UV radiation at the surface	
	Low cloud cover	
Air transmission	24h-Latitude	HYSPLIT model
	24h-Longitude	

Table S2. Final selected variables for the GAMs.

Variables	e.d.f	F	Approximate significance
s(CO)	6.16	5.81	<0.05
s(RH)	1.27	8.52	<0.05
s(SP)	4.63	2.28	<0.05
te (24h-Latitude, 24h- Longitude)	9.30	1.84	<0.05

Note: e.d.f stands for estimated degree of freedom, F is an indicator for importance assessment, s () represents the smooth function, te () represents the interaction functions of tensors.

Table S3. Statistics of coal consumption and SO₂, NO_x emissions in Fujian Province during 2012 – 2020

Year	Coal (10000 tons of SCE)	Coal for Households (10000 tons of SCE)	SO ₂ (10000 tons)	NO _x (10000 tons)
2012	5983.76	83.00	37.13	46.72
2013	6190.35	54.95	36.10	43.83
2014	6251.02	31.30	35.60	41.17
2015	5919.53	30.10	33.79	37.90
2016	5163.44	26.86	18.93	26.18
2017	5662.19	24.00	13.39	27.72
2018	6355.41	23.00	12.19	28.41
2019	6488.76	21.35	12.10	30.15
2020	6716.21	10.50	/	/

Table S4. Pearson correlations results of GEM and tracer pollutants in January and July in each study year.

Month (Season)	Year	SO ₂	NO ₂	O ₃	CO	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}
January (Winter)	2012	0.15*	0.32**	-0.33**	0.14*	0.11*	/
	2013	0.38**	0.35**	-0.12*	0.53**	0.45**	0.53**
	2015	0.16**	0.41**	-0.28**	0.50**	0.10	0.39**
	2017	0.15**	0.17**	-0.25**	/	0.19**	0.26**
	2020	0.32**	0.60**	-0.54**	0.48**	0.34**	0.53**
July (Summer)	2012	0.44**	0.34**	-0.08	0.22**	0.39**	-0.04
	2013	0.23**	0.18**	-0.09	0.26**	0.24**	0.29**
	2015	0.21**	0.18**	-0.18**	0.25**	0.20**	0.12
	2017	0.18**	0.38**	-0.18*	0.31**	0.14	-0.01
	2020	/	0.19**	-0.09	/	0.25**	0.21**

P < 0.01, **; P < 0.05, *; r > 0.5 are show in bold phase.

Table S5. The monthly averages value of wind speed (WS), relative humidity (RH), temperature (T) and surface air pressure (SP) in January and July.

Month (Season)	Year	WS (m s ⁻¹)	RH (%)	T (°C)	SP (hPa)
January (Winter)	2012	1.87	74.6	12.82	1002.2
	2013	0.96	63.9	14.27	1003.3
	2015	1.23	69.0	13.21	1003.7
	2017	1.35	78.0	15.15	1003.0
	2020	0.99	78.5	14.99	1002.2
	Average	1.28	72.8	14.09	1002.9
July (Summer)	2012	1.84	71.3	29.72	987.5
	2013	1.92	75.3	28.89	990.2
	2015	1.30	82.4	28.01	986.6
	2017	1.35	78.0	15.15	1003.0
	2020	0.99	78.5	14.99	1002.2
	Average	1.53	77.1	29.06	988.8