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Atmosphere-terrestrial exchange of gaseous elemental mercury: parameterization improvement through direct comparison with measured ecosystem fluxes

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Figure S1 shows comparison of modeled soil re-emission fluxes of Hg⁰ by Eqs. (S1-S3).

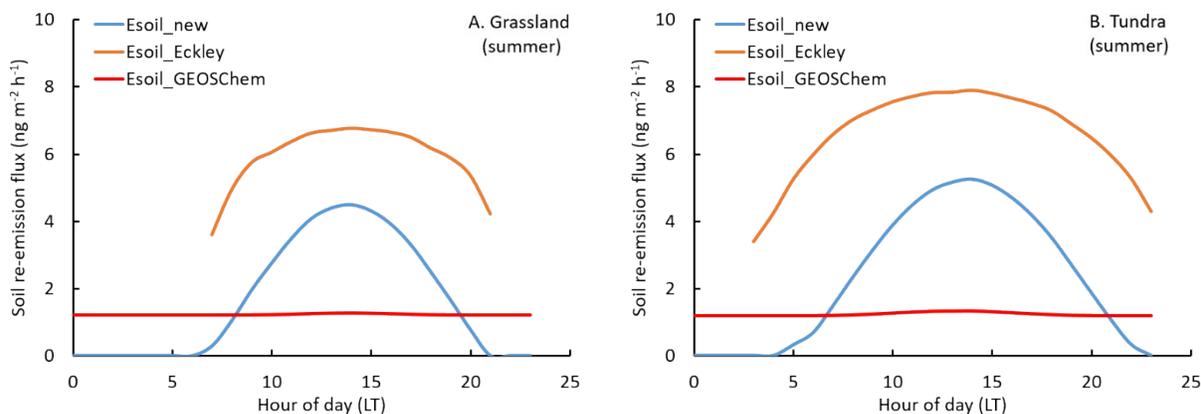


Figure S1. Comparison of modeled soil re-emission fluxes by three models in summer months (July and August) at: (A) the temperate grassland site and (B) the Arctic tundra site.

The existing soil re-emission parameterization in GEOS-Chem¹ (Eq. S1; same as Eq. 5 in the paper) implemented according to the formulation given by Zhang et al.² exhibited little diurnal variation in re-emission (Fig. S1).

$$E_{soil_GESOChem} = \gamma C_{soil} \exp(1.1 \times 10^{-3} \times R_g) \quad (S1)$$

We achieved larger daytime emission and smaller nighttime emission by modifying the empirical soil Hg⁰ re-emission parameterization (Eq. S2; same as Eq. 8 in the paper) given by Eckley et al.³ in which the soil re-emission flux is a function of solar radiation and soil Hg concentration:

$$E_{soil_Eckley} = 10^{[0.709 + 0.119 \log(C_{soil}) + 0.137 \log(solar\ radiation)]}$$

(S2)

To better account for diurnal variability in soil Hg⁰ re-emission fluxes and include the effect of vegetative shading on solar radiation reaching the soil surface, we modified Eq. (S2) as follows (Eq. S3; same as Eq. 9 in the paper):

$$E_{soil_new} = 10^{[0.709 + 0.119 \log(C_{soil}) + 0.137 \log(R'_g)]} \times a^{-1} \sin \frac{\pi t}{D}$$

(S3)

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