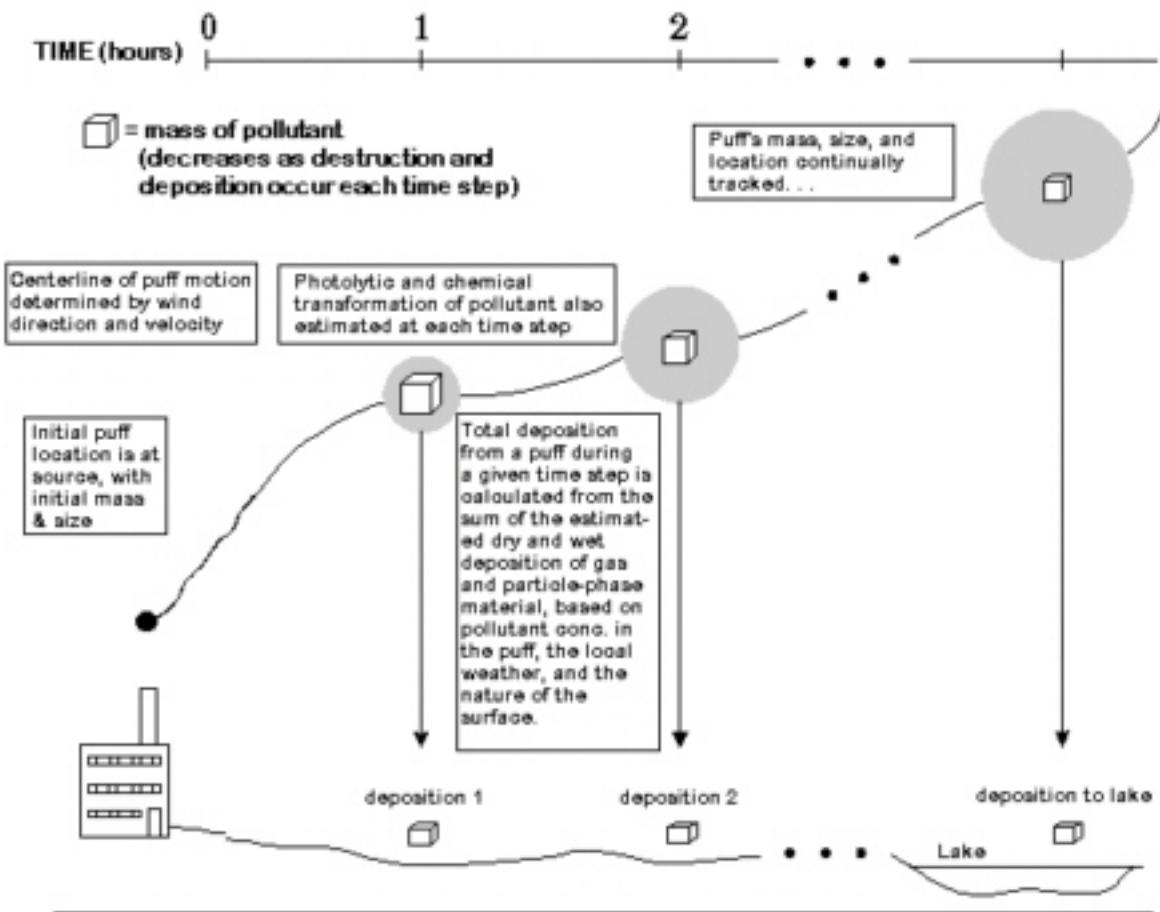


# **HYSPPLIT Modeling in Phase II of the EMEP Mercury Modeling Intercomparison Study**

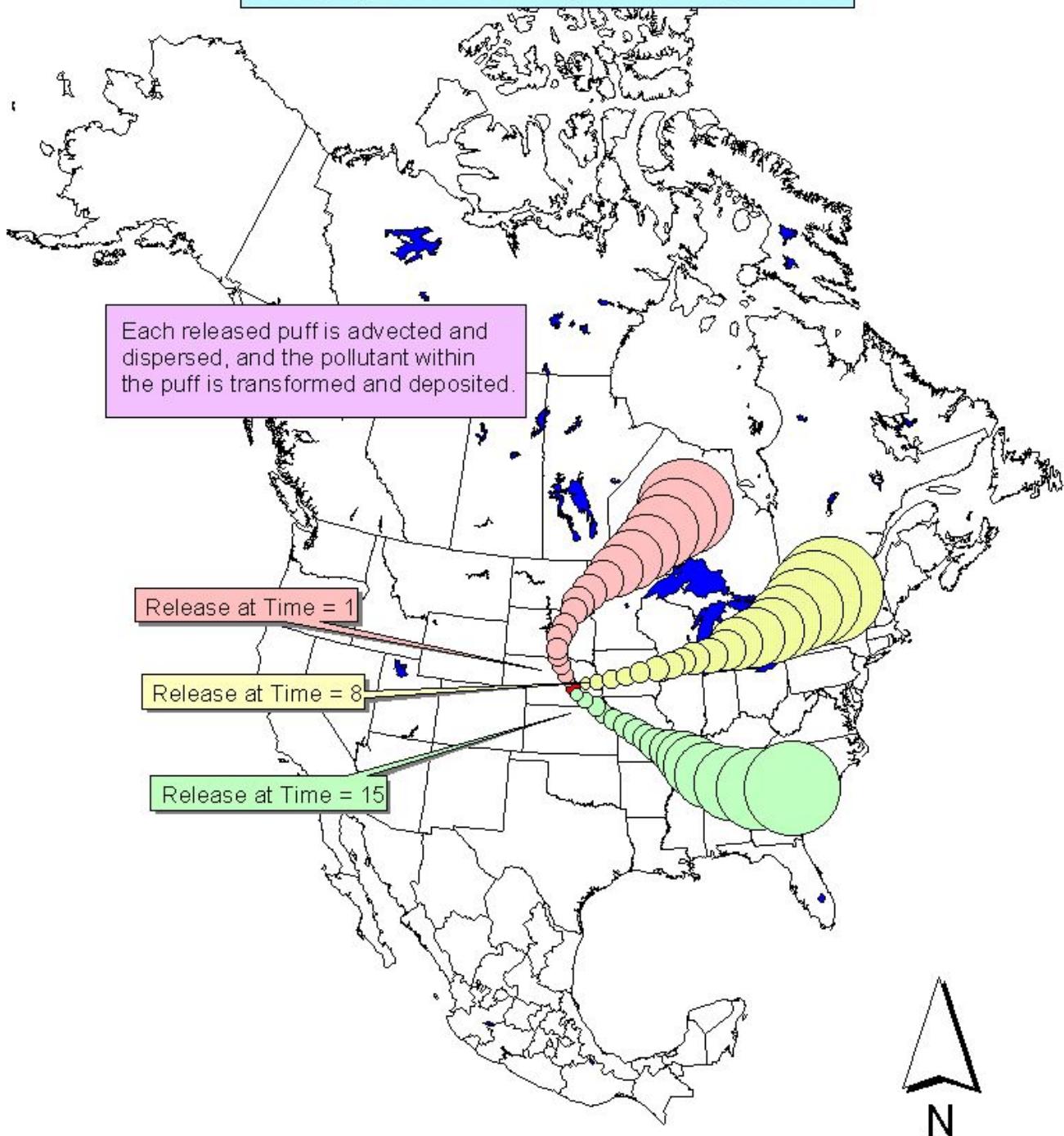
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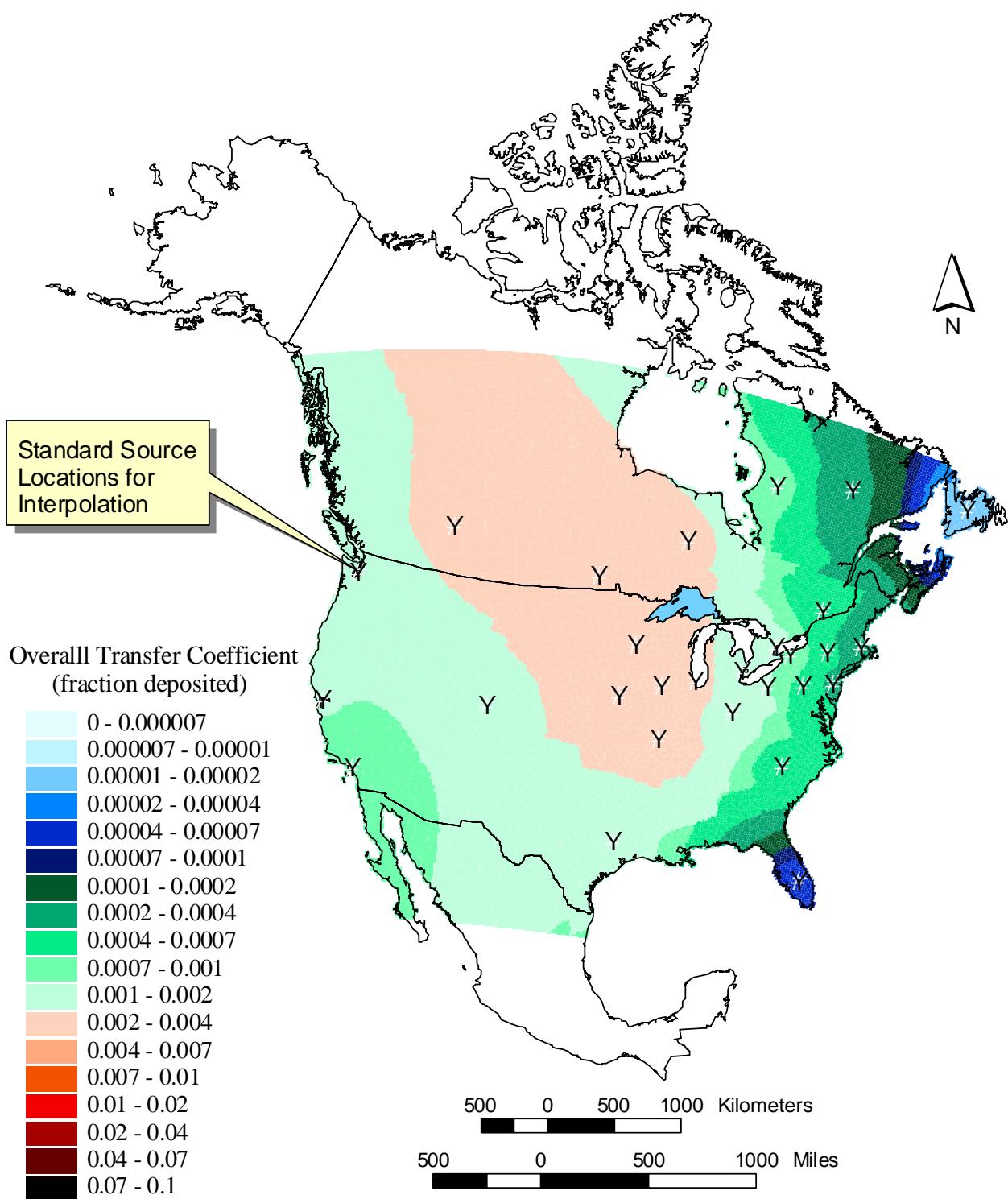
**Figure 1. Lagrangian Puff Air Transport and Deposition Model**



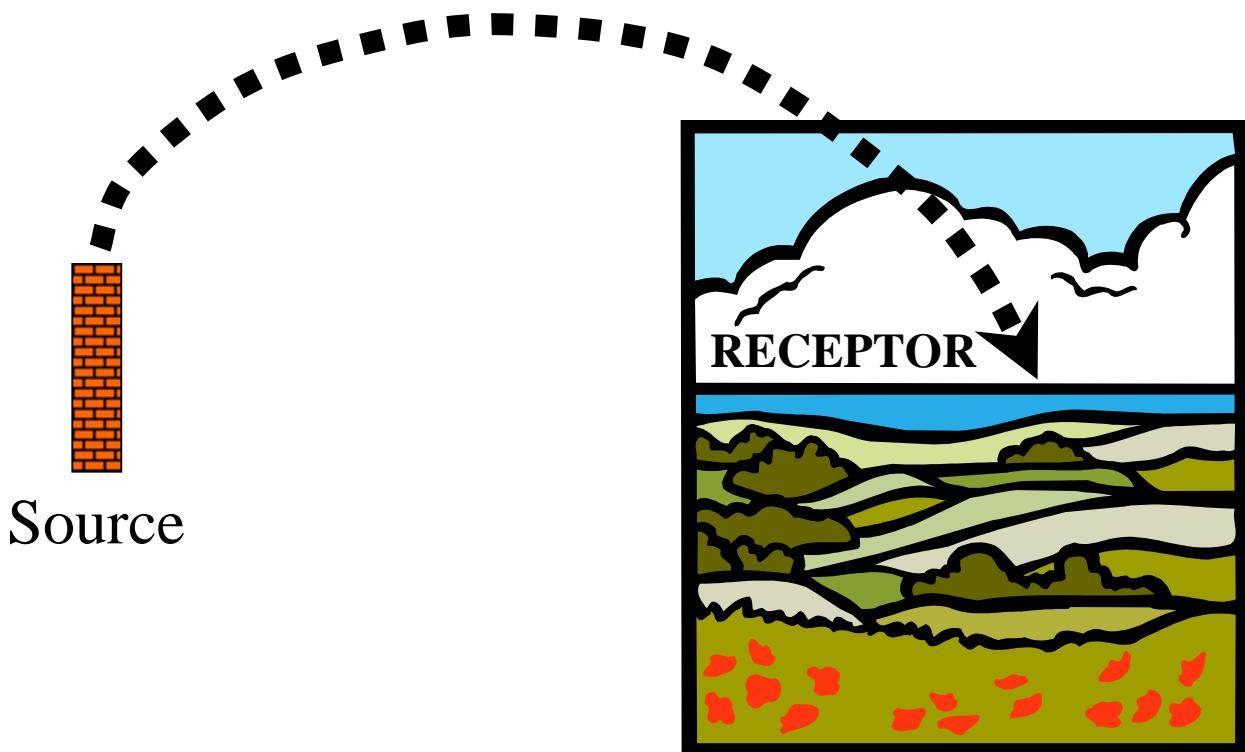
**Over the entire modeling period  
(e.g., one year), puffs are released  
at periodic intervals  
(e.g., once every 7 hours).**



**Fraction of Mercury Emissions Deposited in Lake Superior**  
**(grams of total Hg deposited per year / grams of Hg (0) emitted per year)**



**Is the source's impact on any given receptor proportional to its emissions?  
(for the same emissions speciation)**

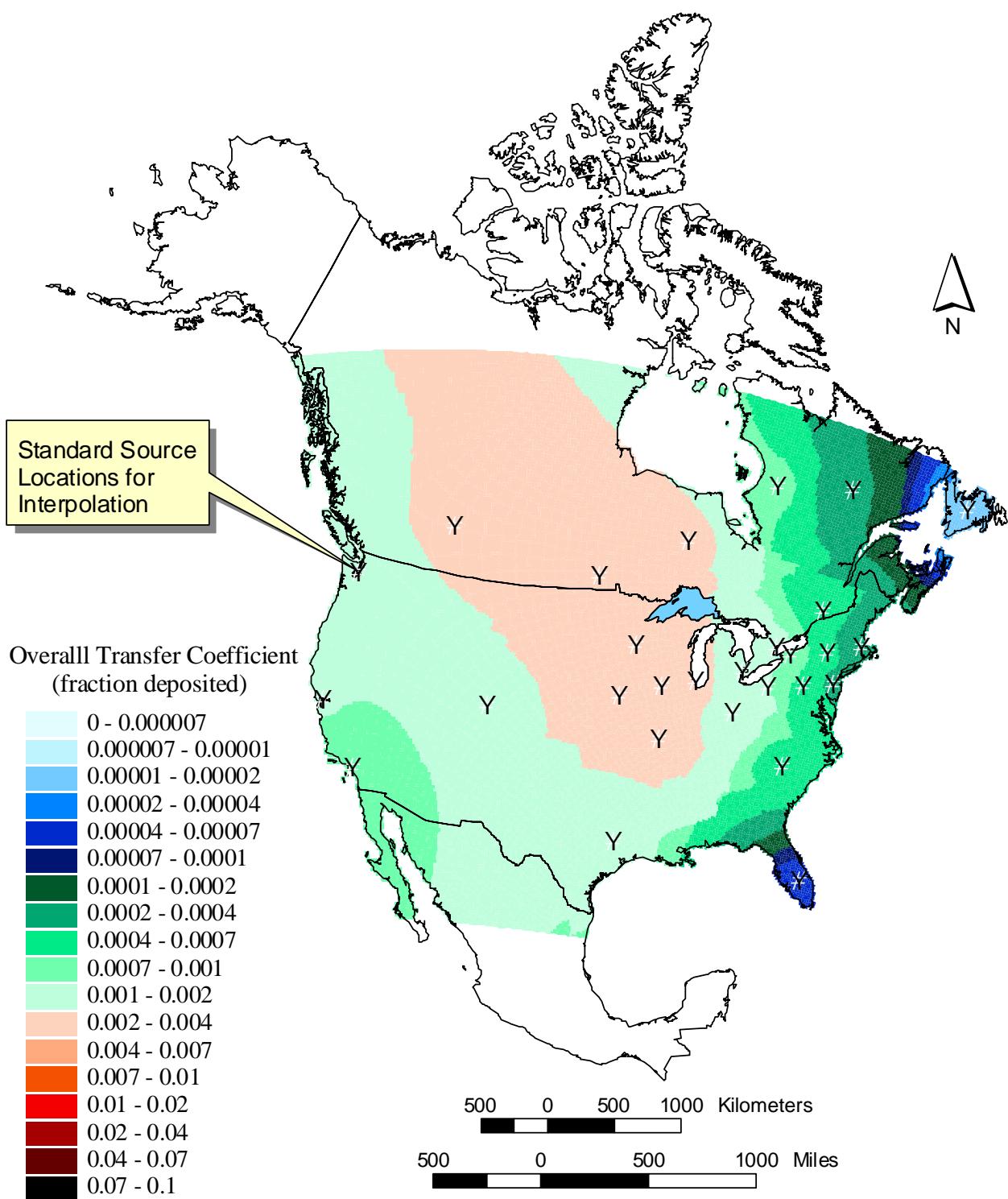


Impact of  
5 gram/hr  
source

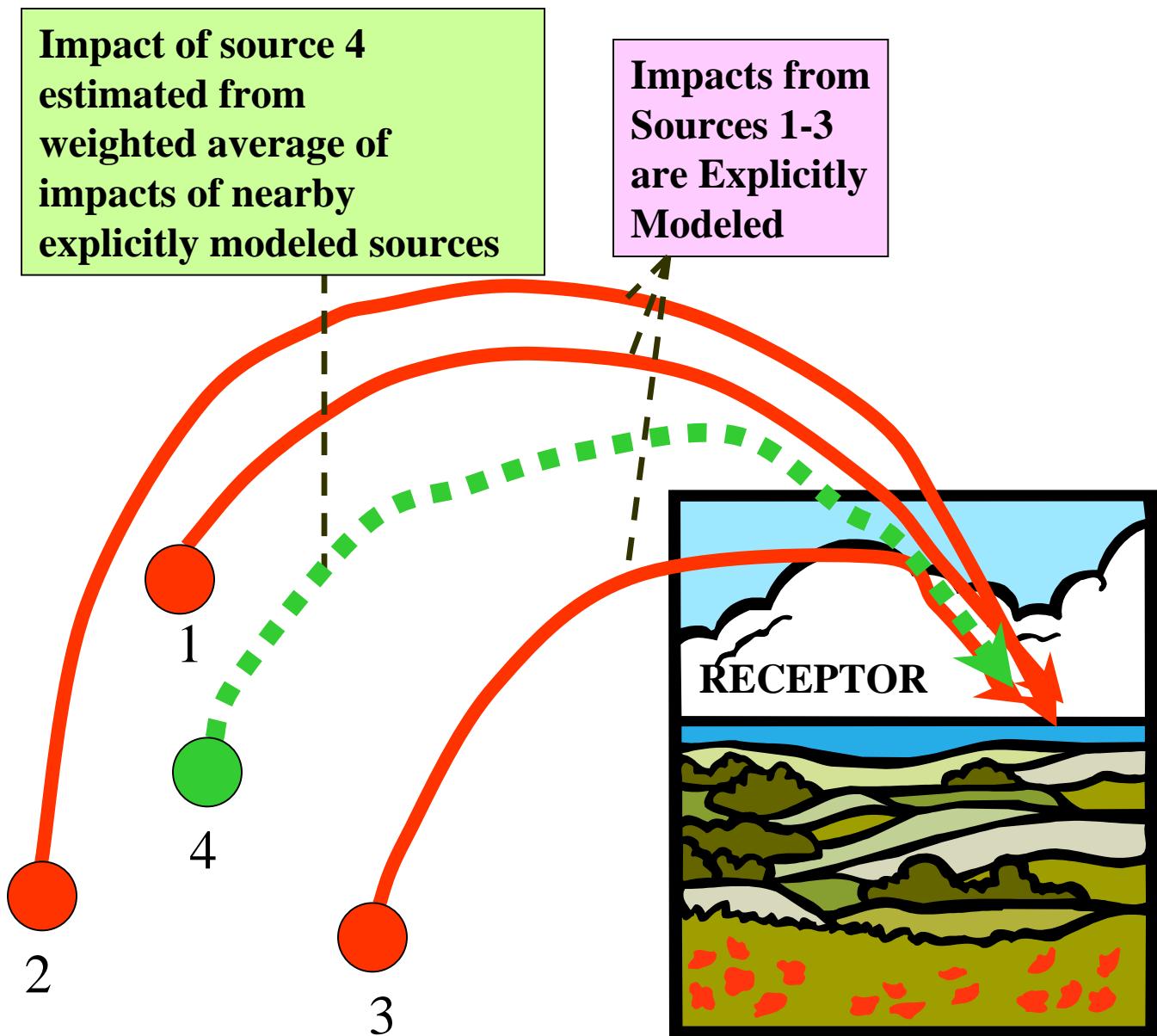
$$? = 5 \times$$

Impact of  
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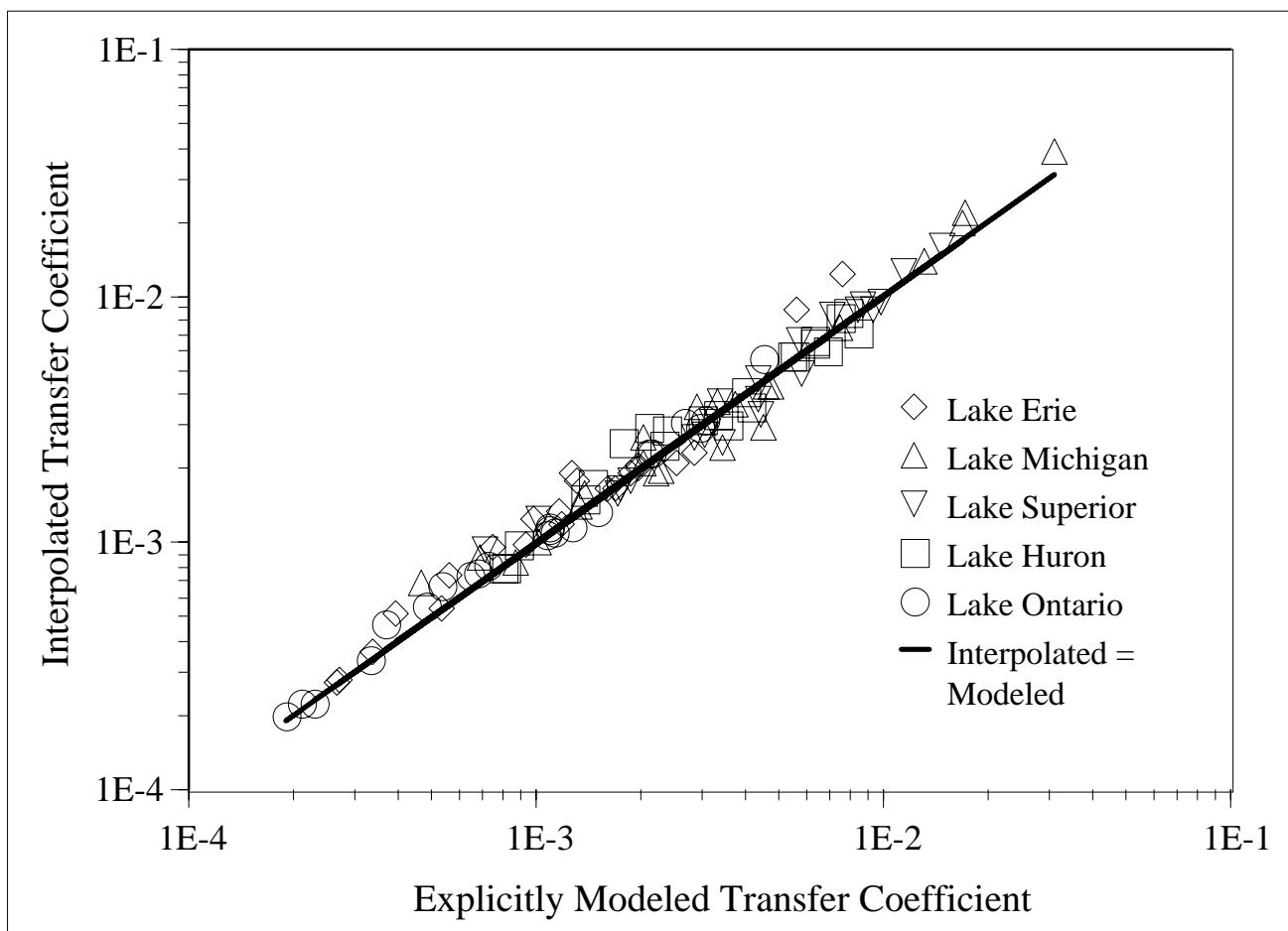
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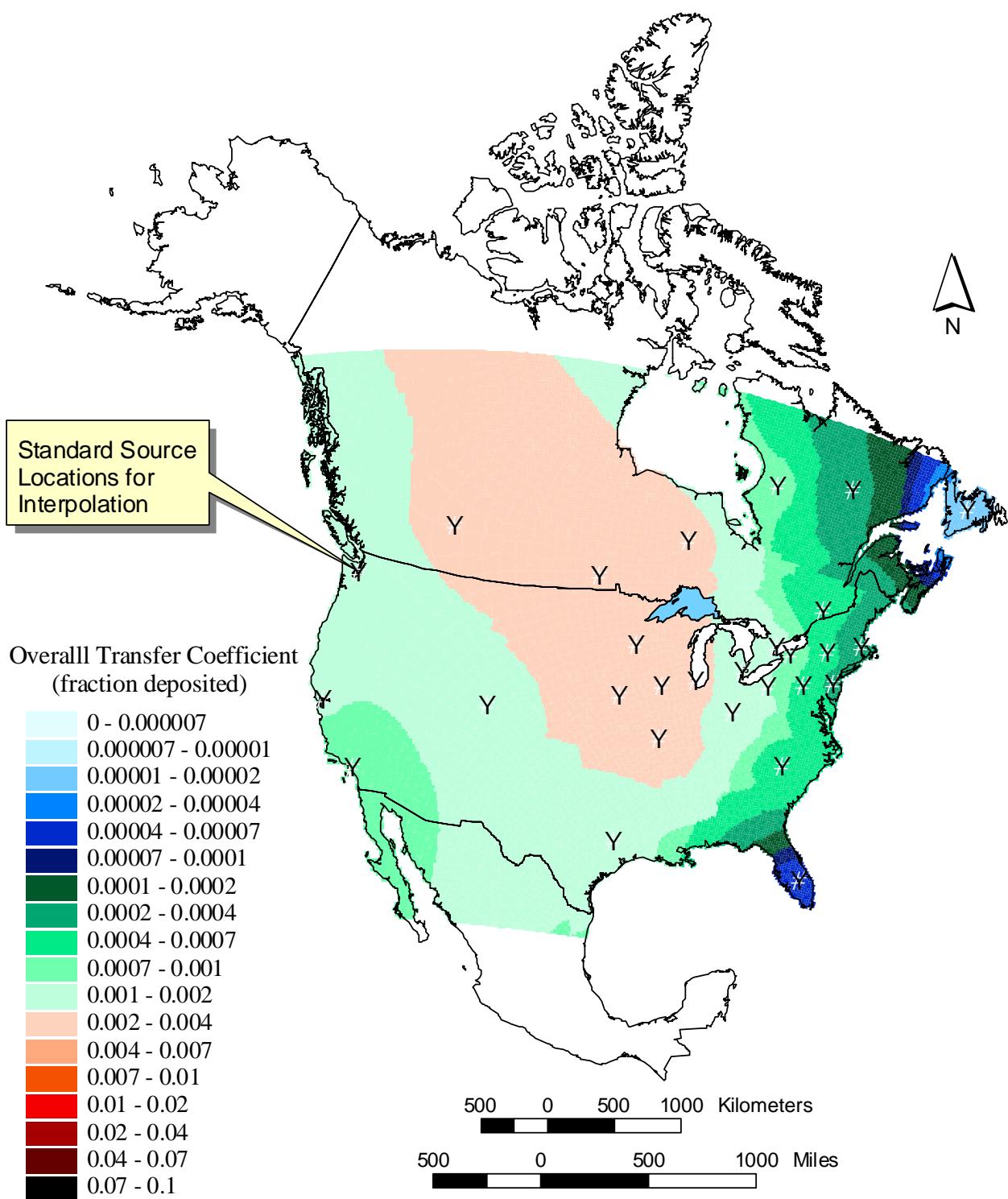
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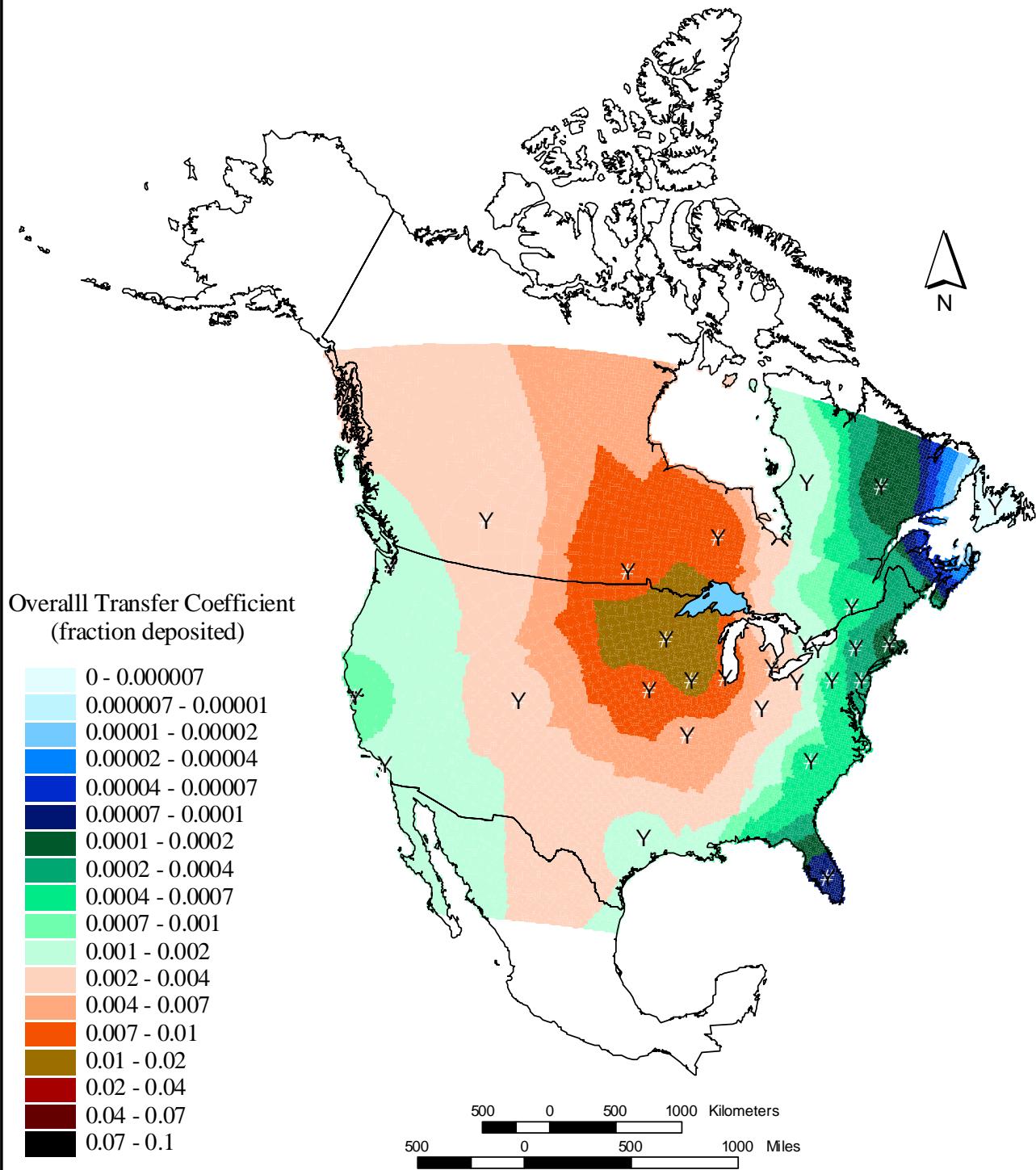
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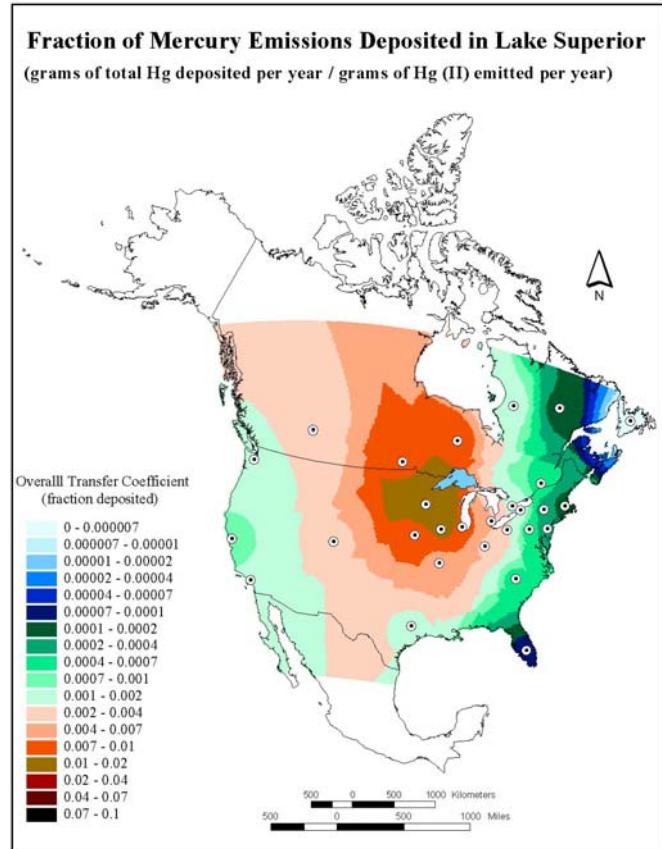
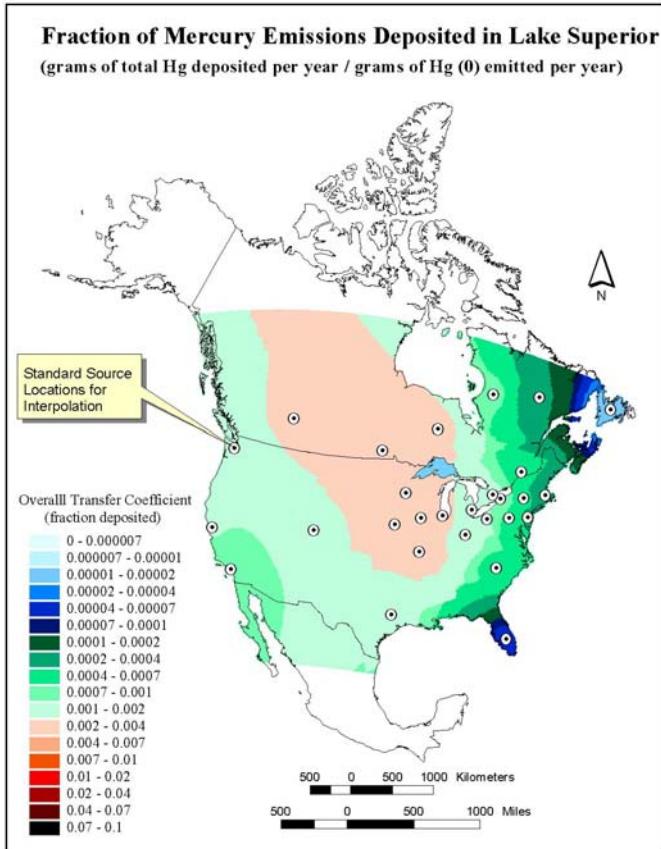


**Fraction of Mercury Emissions Deposited in Lake Superior**  
**(grams of total Hg deposited per year / grams of Hg (0) emitted per year)**



**Fraction of Mercury Emissions Deposited in Lake Superior**  
**(grams of total Hg deposited per year / grams of Hg (II) emitted per year)**



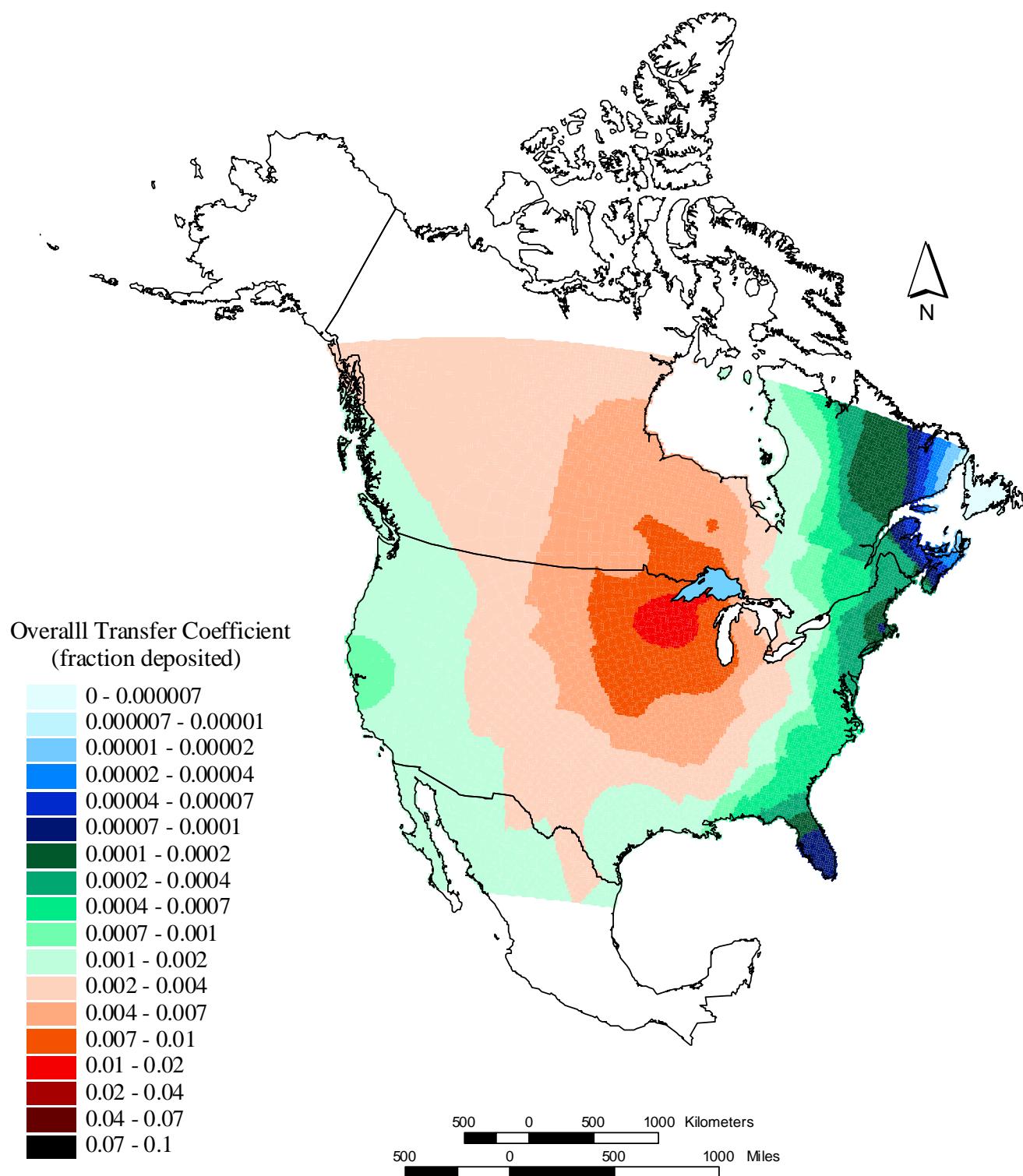


Transfer Coefficients for Hg are strongly influenced by the “type” of Hg emitted

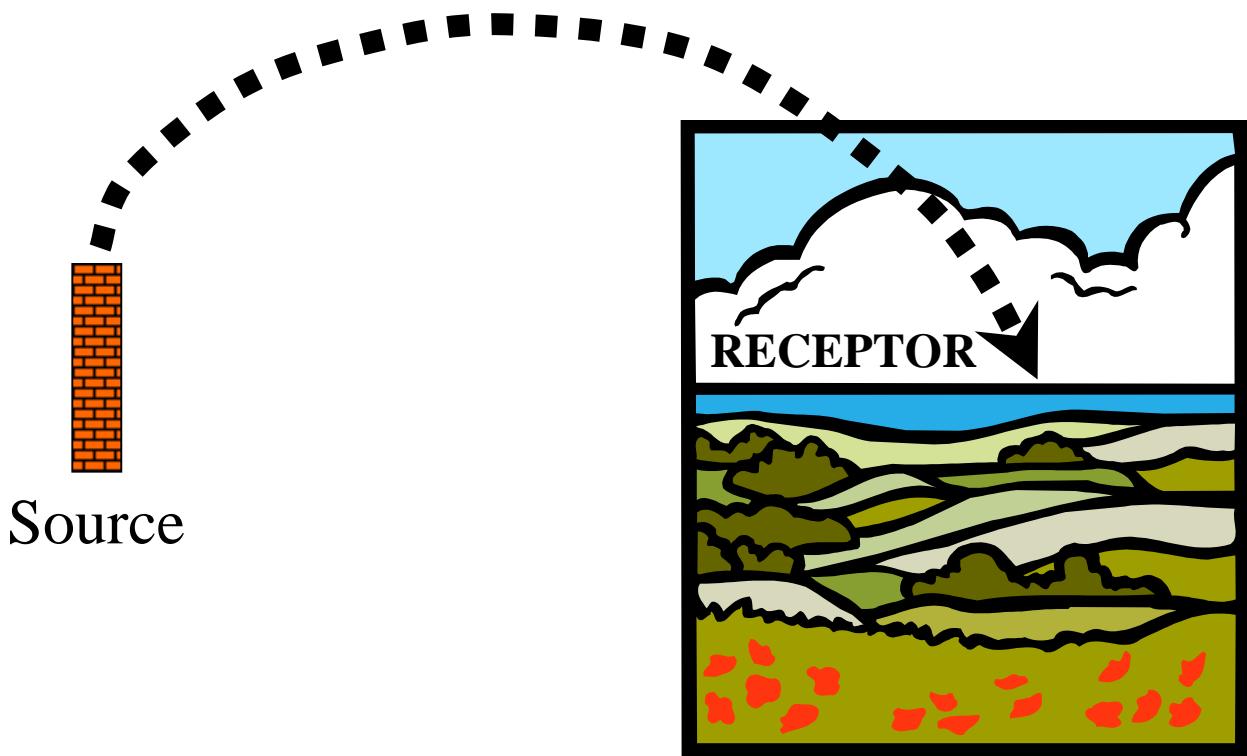
[Hg(II) has much greater local impacts than Hg(0)]

## Fraction of Mercury Emissions Deposited in Lake Superior

(grams of total Hg deposited per year / grams of Hg (p) emitted per year)



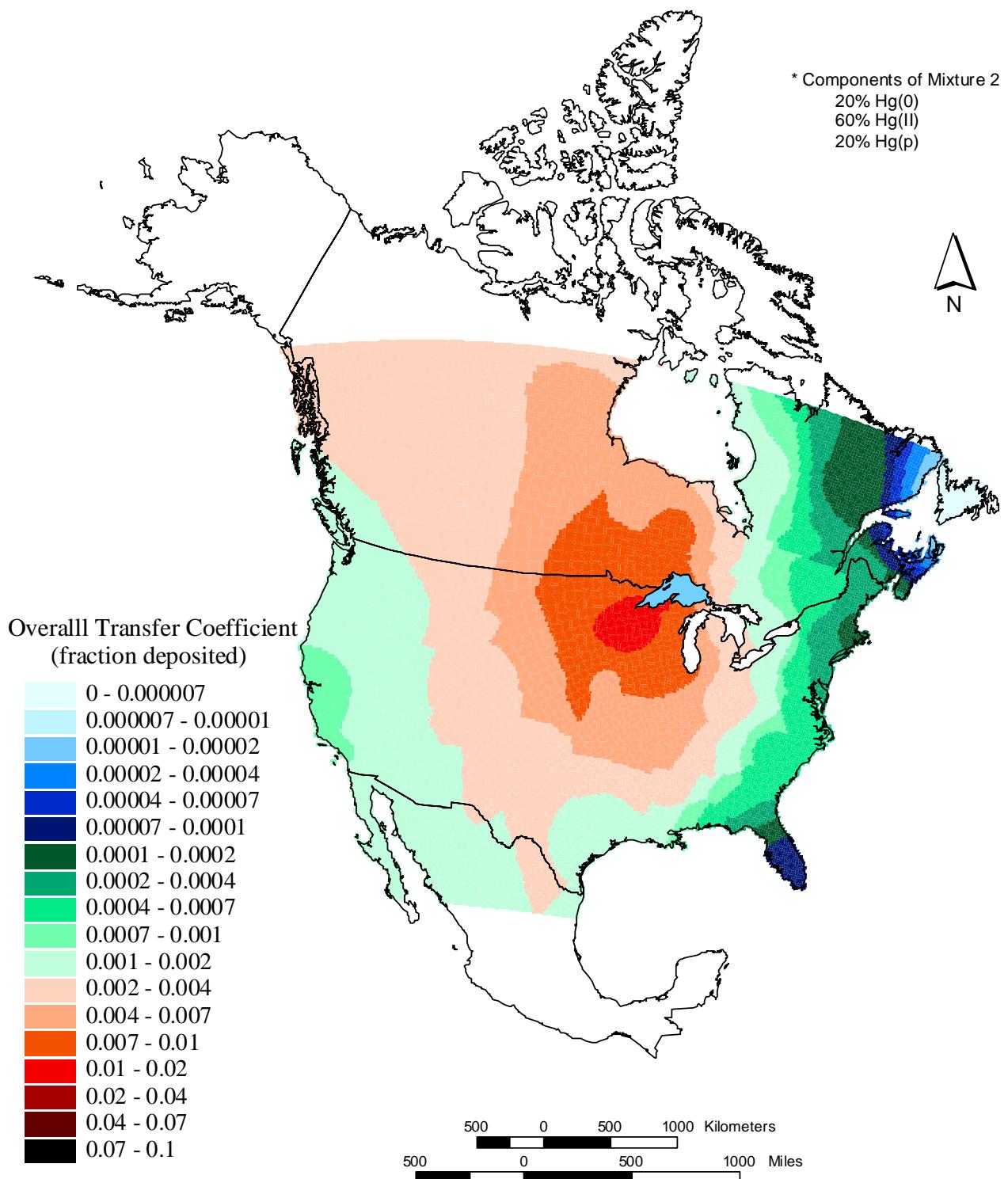
# “Chemical Interpolation”



$$\begin{array}{l} \boxed{\text{Impact of Source Emitting Pure Hg(0)}} \\ = 0.3 \times \boxed{\text{Impact of Source Emitting Pure Hg(0)}} \\ + \boxed{\text{Impact of Source Emitting Pure Hg(II)}} \\ = 0.5 \times \boxed{\text{Impact of Source Emitting Pure Hg(II)}} \\ + \boxed{\text{Impact of Source Emitting Pure Hg(p)}} \\ = 0.2 \times \boxed{\text{Impact of Source Emitting Pure Hg(p)}} \end{array}$$

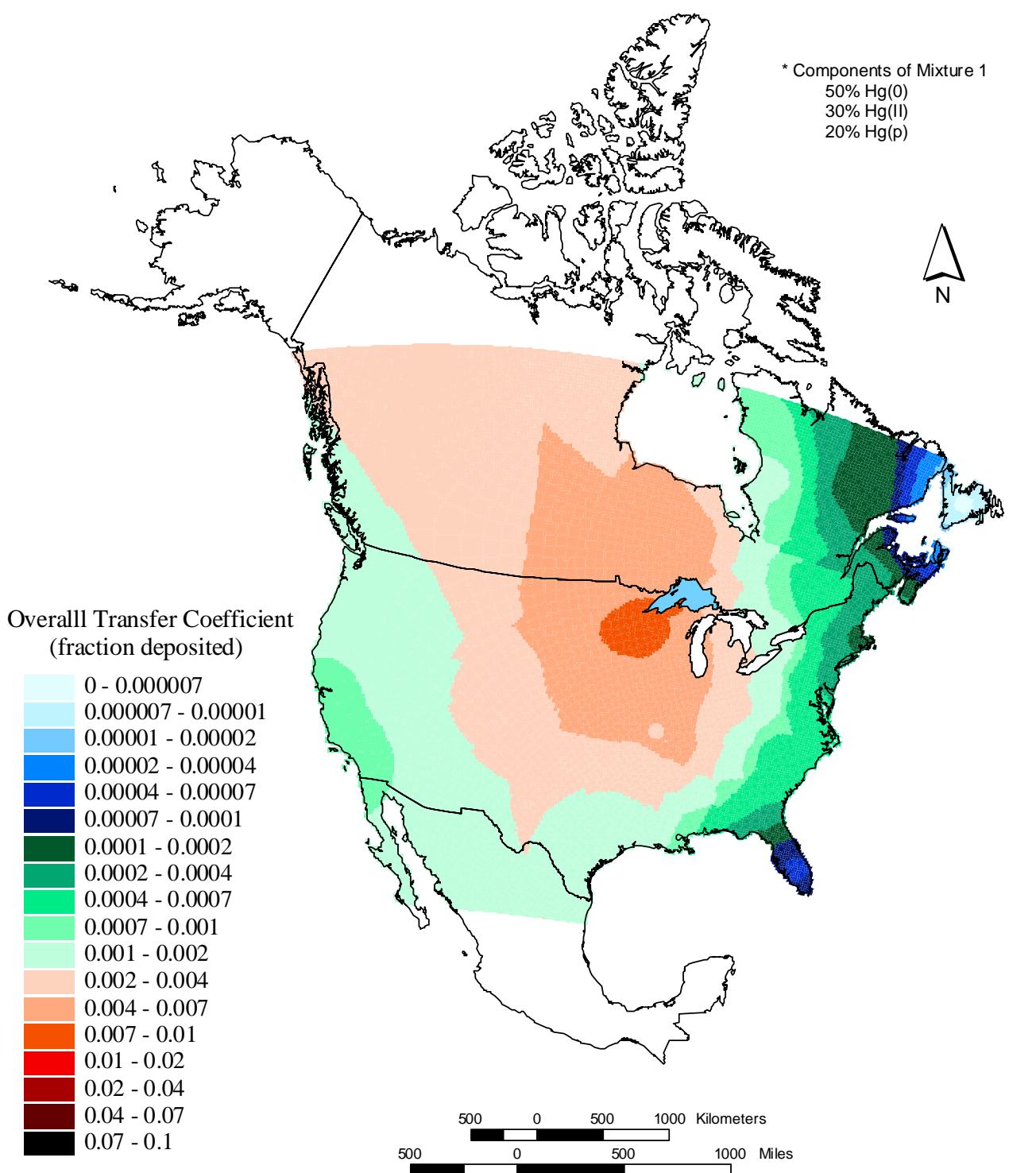
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(grams of total Hg deposited per year / grams of Hg (Mixture 2\*) emitted per year)

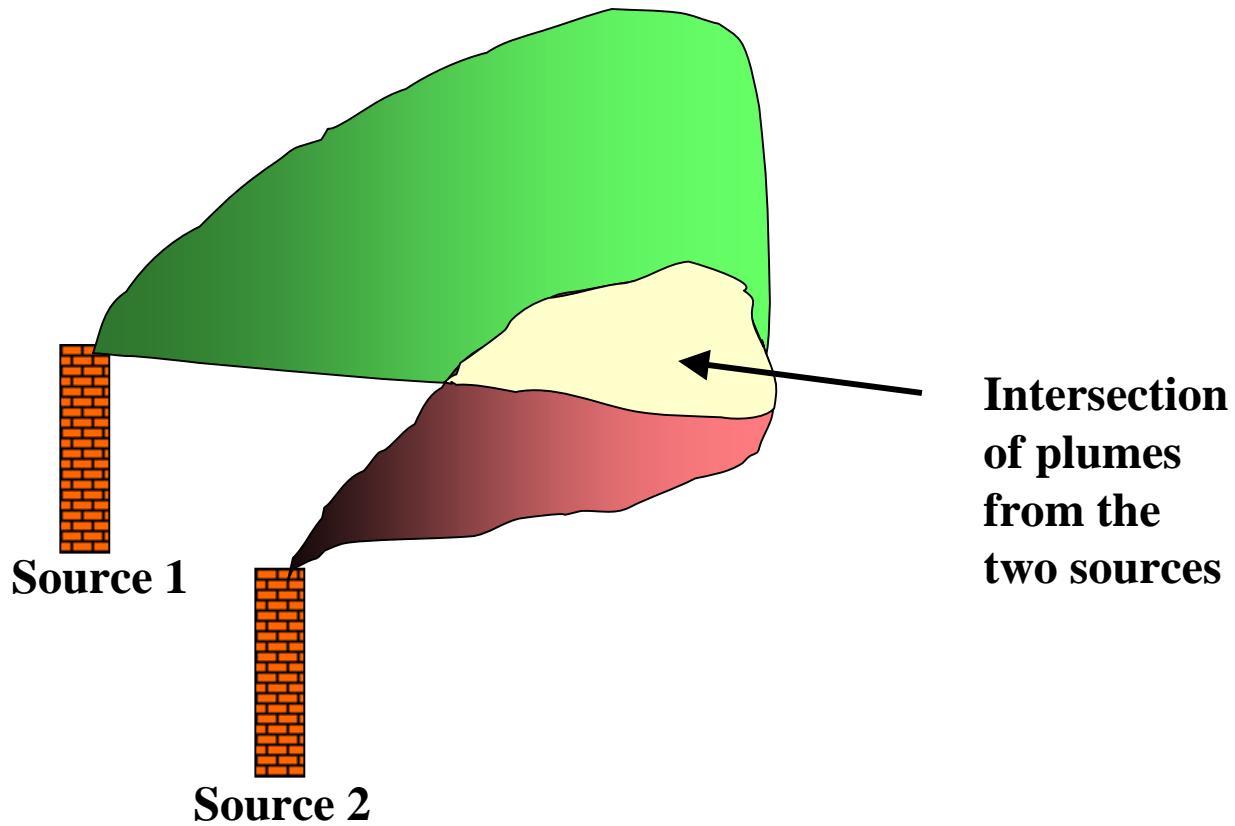


## Fraction of Mercury Emissions Deposited in Lake Superior

(grams of total Hg deposited per year / grams of Hg (Mixture 1\*) emitted per year)



**Do the emissions from one source affect the fate and transport of emissions from another source?**



*If interaction is important,  
then sources not independent,  
and Eulerian approach is needed*

# Why might the atmospheric fate of mercury emissions be essentially linearly independent?

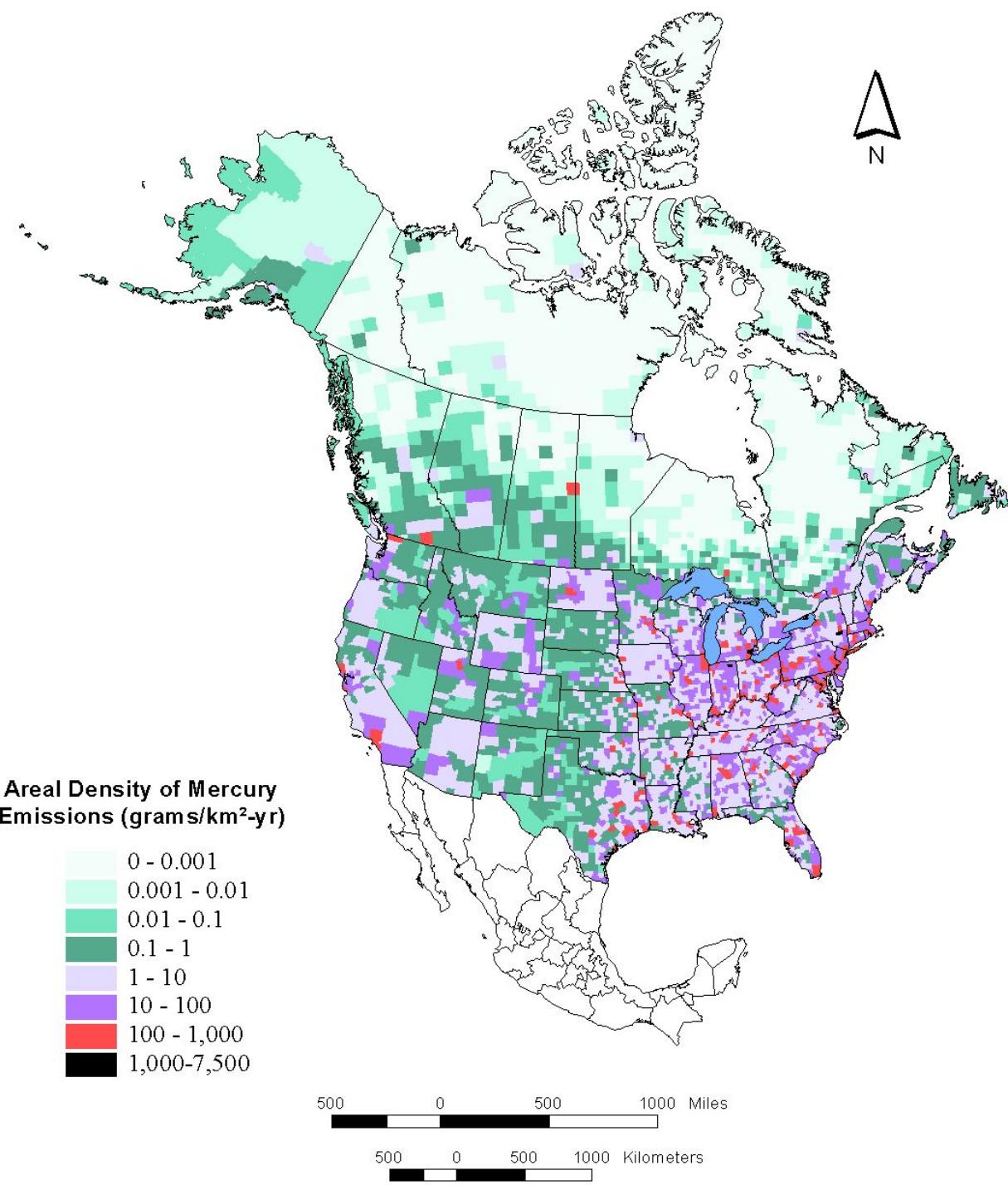
- Hg is present at extremely trace levels in the atmosphere
- Hg won't affect meteorology  
(can simulate meteorology independently, and provide results to drive model)
- Most species that complex or react with Hg are generally present at *much* higher concentrations than Hg
- Other species (e.g. OH) generally react with many other compounds than Hg, so while present in trace quantities, their concentrations cannot be strongly influenced by Hg
- Wet and dry deposition processes are generally 1<sup>st</sup> order with respect to Hg
- The current “consensus” chemical mechanism (equilibrium + reactions) does not contain any equations that are not 1<sup>st</sup> order in Hg

# Chemical Equilibrium and Reaction Scheme for Atmospheric Mercury

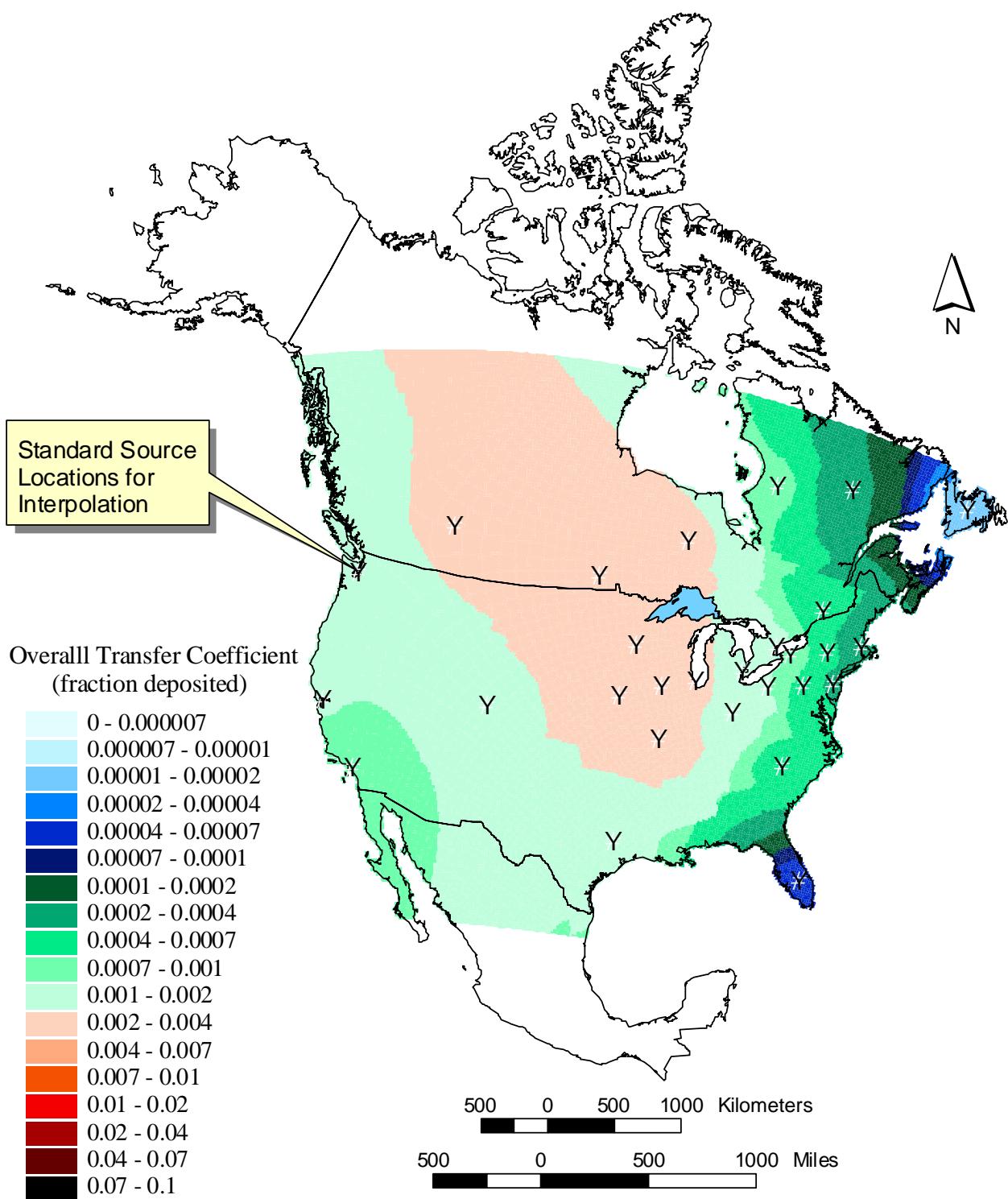
gas-liquid eqlbrm	$Hg(0)(aq) = K1 * Hg(0)(gas)$	K1 =	1.1E-01	molar/atm
gas-liquid eqlbrm	$HgCl2(aq) = K2 * HgCl2(gas)$	K2 =	1.4E+06	molar/atm
gas-liquid eqlbrm	$Hg(OH)2(aq) = K3 * Hg(OH)2(gas)$	K3 =	1.2E+04	molar/atm
gas-liquid eqlbrm	$O3(aq) = K4 * O3(gas)$	K4 =	1.1E-02	molar/atm
gas-liquid eqlbrm	$SO2(aq) = K5 * SO2(gas)$	K5 =	1.2E+00	molar/atm
gas-liquid eqlbrm	$HCl(aq) = K6 * HCl(gas)$	K6 =	1.1E+00	molar/atm
gas-liquid eqlbrm	$Cl2(aq) = K7 * Cl2(gas)$	K7 =	7.6E-02	molar/atm
gas-liquid eqlbrm	$H2O2(aq) = K8 * H2O2(gas)$	K8 =	7.4E+04	molar/atm
aq phase eqlbrm	$HgCl2 (aq) \leftrightarrow Hg^{2+} + 2 Cl^-$	K9 =	1.0E-14	molar*molar
aq phase eqlbrm	$Hg(OH)2 (aq) \leftrightarrow Hg^{2+} + 2 OH^-$	K10 =	1.0E-22	molar*molar
aq phase eqlbrm	$HCl(aq) \leftrightarrow H^+ + Cl^-$	K11 =	1.7E+06	molar
aq phase eqlbrm	$Cl_2 (aq) \leftrightarrow HOCl + Cl^- + H^+$	K12 =	5.0E-04	molar*molar
aq phase eqlbrm	$HOCl \leftrightarrow OCI^- + H^+$	K13 =	3.2E-08	molar
aq phase eqlbrm	$SO_2 (aq) + H_2O_2 (aq) \leftrightarrow SO_4^{2-} + 2 H^+$	K14 =	very fast titration	
aq phase eqlbrm	$SO_2 (aq) + H_2O \leftrightarrow HSO_3^- + H^+$	K15 =	1.2E-02	molar
aq phase eqlbrm	$HSO_3^- \leftrightarrow SO_3^{2-} + H^+$	K16 =	6.6E-08	molar
aq phase eqlbrm	$Hg^{2+} + SO_3^{2-} \leftrightarrow HgSO_3$	K17 =	5.0E+12	1/molar
aq phase eqlbrm	$HgSO_3 + SO_3^{2-} \leftrightarrow Hg(SO_3)_2^-$	K18 =	2.5E+11	1/molar
gas phase rxn	$Hg(0) (g) + O_3 (g) \rightarrow Hg(II) (g)$	R01 =	3.0E-20	cm <sup>3</sup> / molec - sec
gas phase rxn	$Hg(0) (g) + HCl (g) \rightarrow HgCl_2 (g)$	R02 =	1.0E-19	cm <sup>3</sup> / molec - sec
gas phase rxn	$Hg(0) (g) + H_2O_2 (g) \rightarrow Hg(OH)2 (g)$	R03 =	8.5E-19	cm <sup>3</sup> / molec - sec
gas phase rxn	$Hg(0) (g) + Cl_2 (g) \rightarrow HgCl_2 (g)$	R04 =	4.0E-18	cm <sup>3</sup> / molec - sec
aq phase rxn	$Hg(0) (aq) + O_3 (aq) \rightarrow Hg^{2+}$	R05 =	4.7E+07	1/molar-sec
aq phase rxn	$Hg(0) (aq) + OH^- (aq) \rightarrow Hg^{2+}$	R06 =	2.0E+09	1/molar-sec
aq phase rxn	$HgSO_3 (aq) \rightarrow Hg(0) (aq)$	R07 =	1.1E-02	1/sec
aq phase rxn	$Hg(II) (aq) + HO_2 (aq) \rightarrow Hg(0) (aq)$	R08 =	1.7E+04	1/molar-sec
aq phase rxn	$Hg(0) (aq) + HOCl (aq) \rightarrow Hg^{2+}$	R09 =	2.1E+06	1/molar-sec
aq phase rxn	$Hg(0) (aq) + OCI^- \rightarrow Hg^{2+}$	R10 =	2.0E+06	1/molar-sec
aq phase rxn	$Hg(II) (aq) \leftrightarrow Hg(II) (soot)$	R11 =	9.0E+02	liters/gram; t = 1/hour

# Atmospheric Mercury Emissions

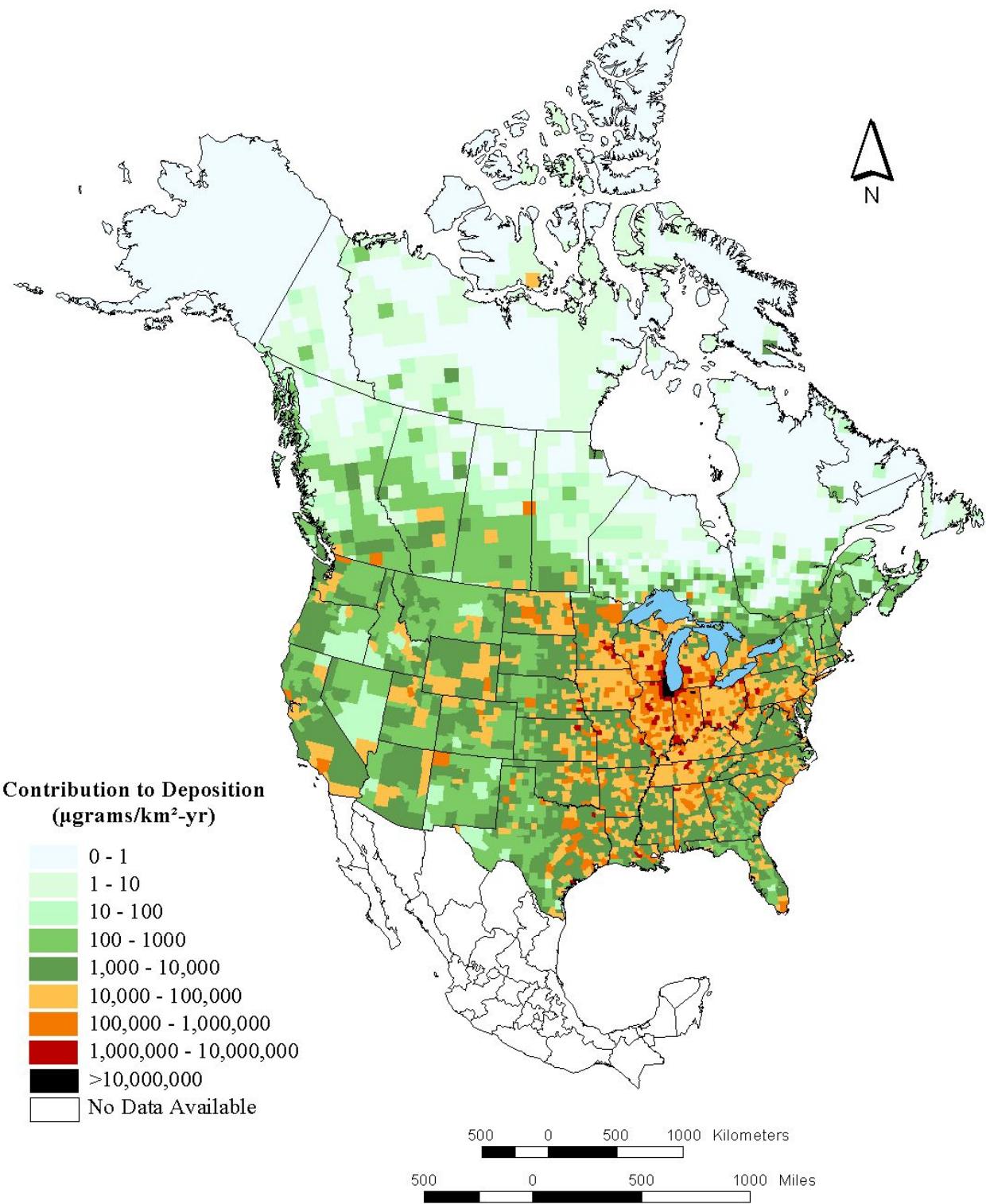
(Canada: 1995; U.S. 1996, 1999)

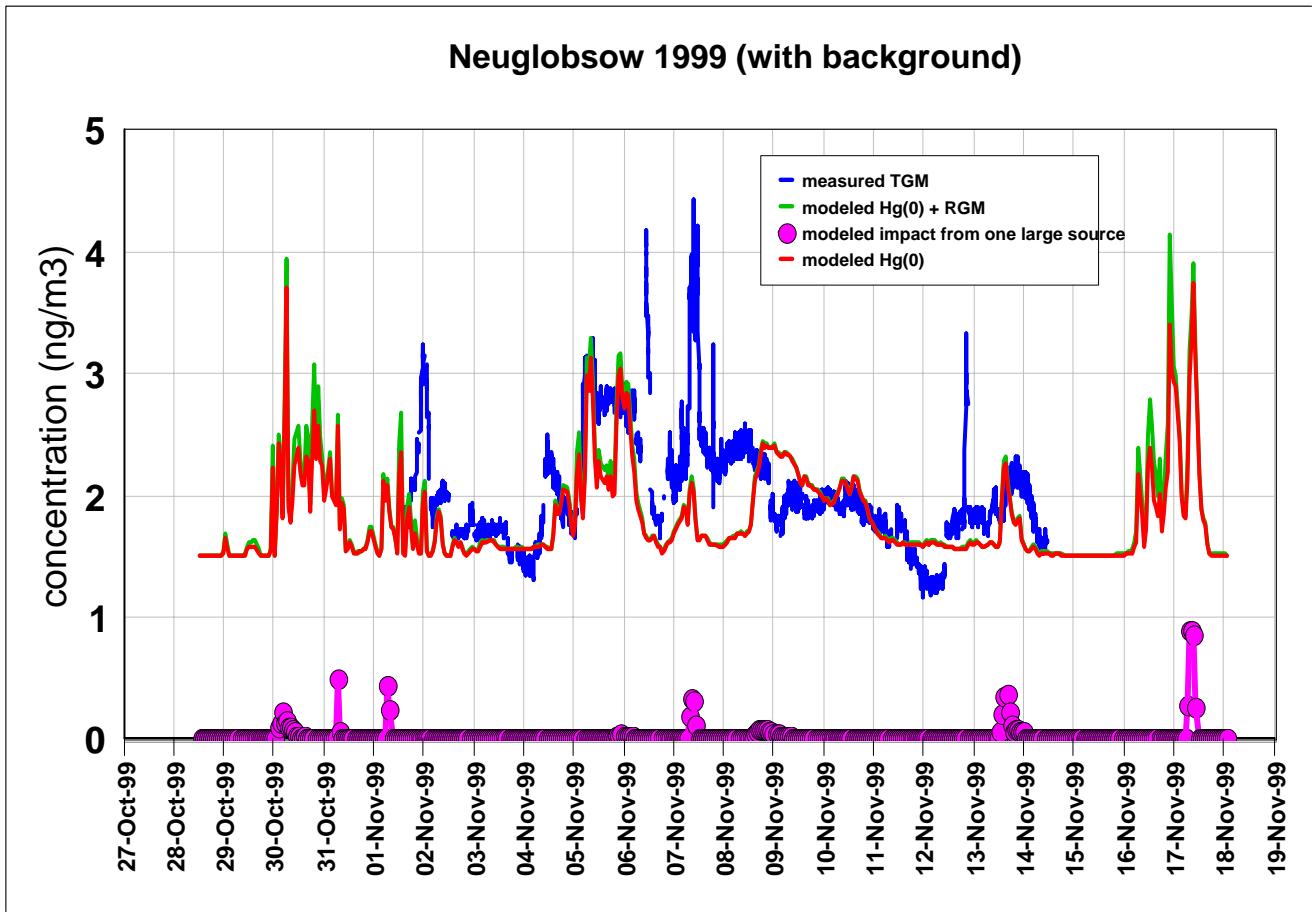


**Fraction of Mercury Emissions Deposited in Lake Superior**  
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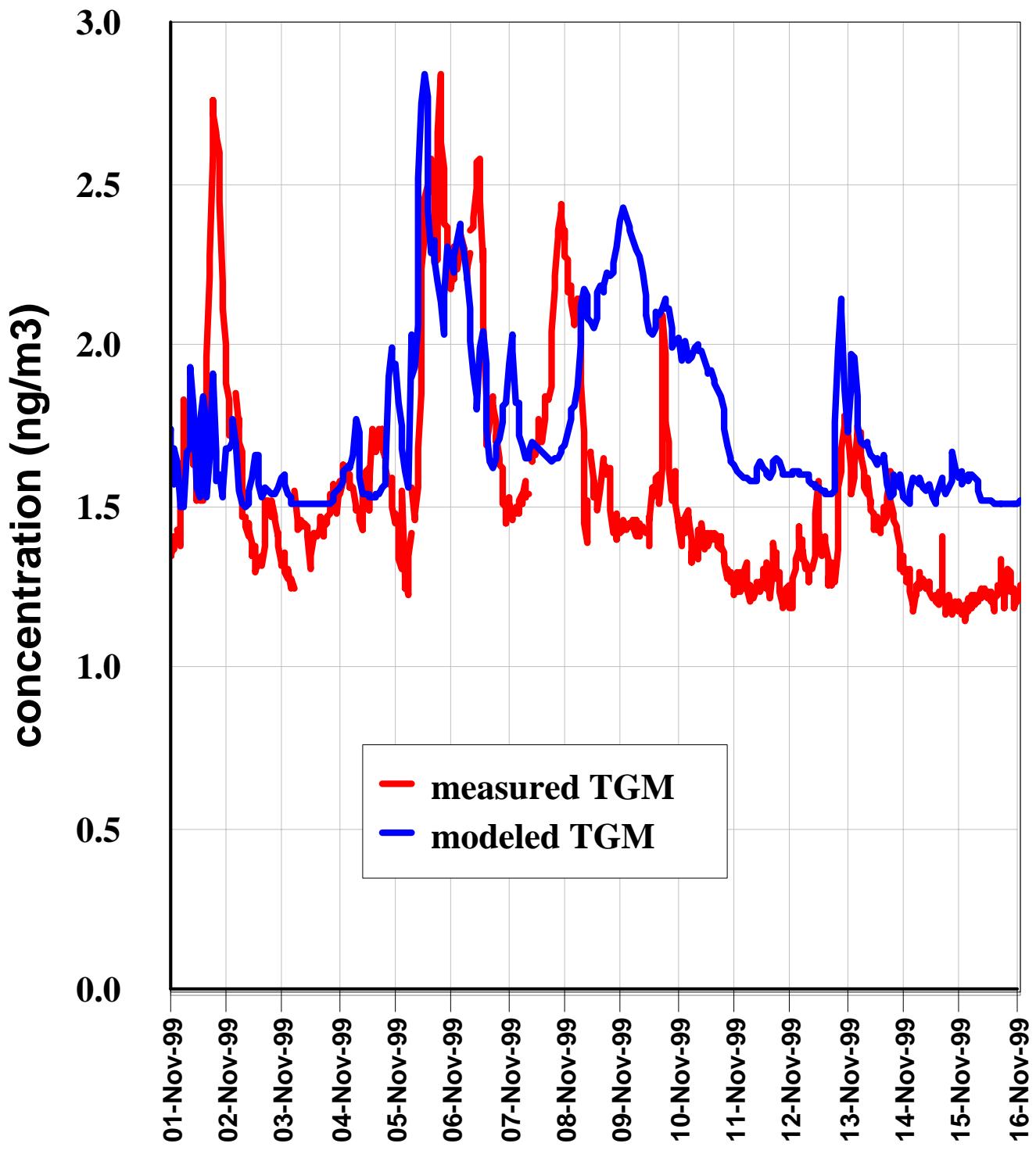


## Estimated Contributions to the Atmospheric Deposition of Mercury to Lake Michigan ( $\mu\text{grams}/\text{km}^2\text{-yr}$ )



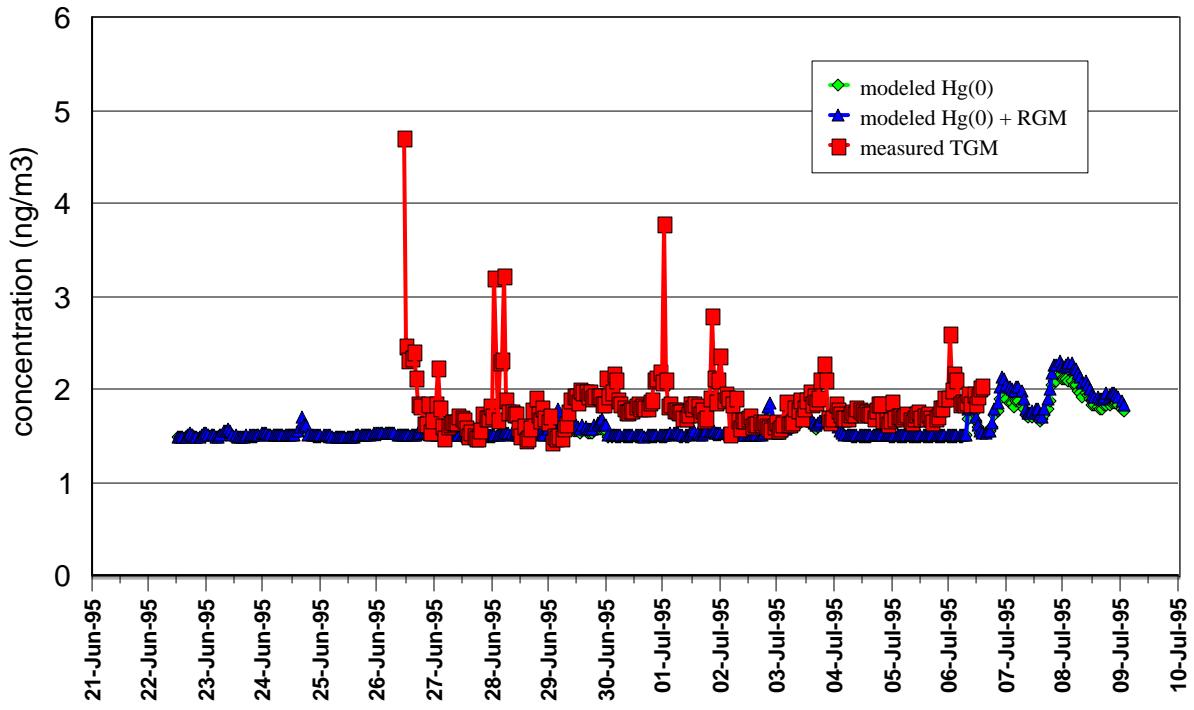


## Comparison of measured vs. simulated total gaseous mercury (TGM) at Zingst



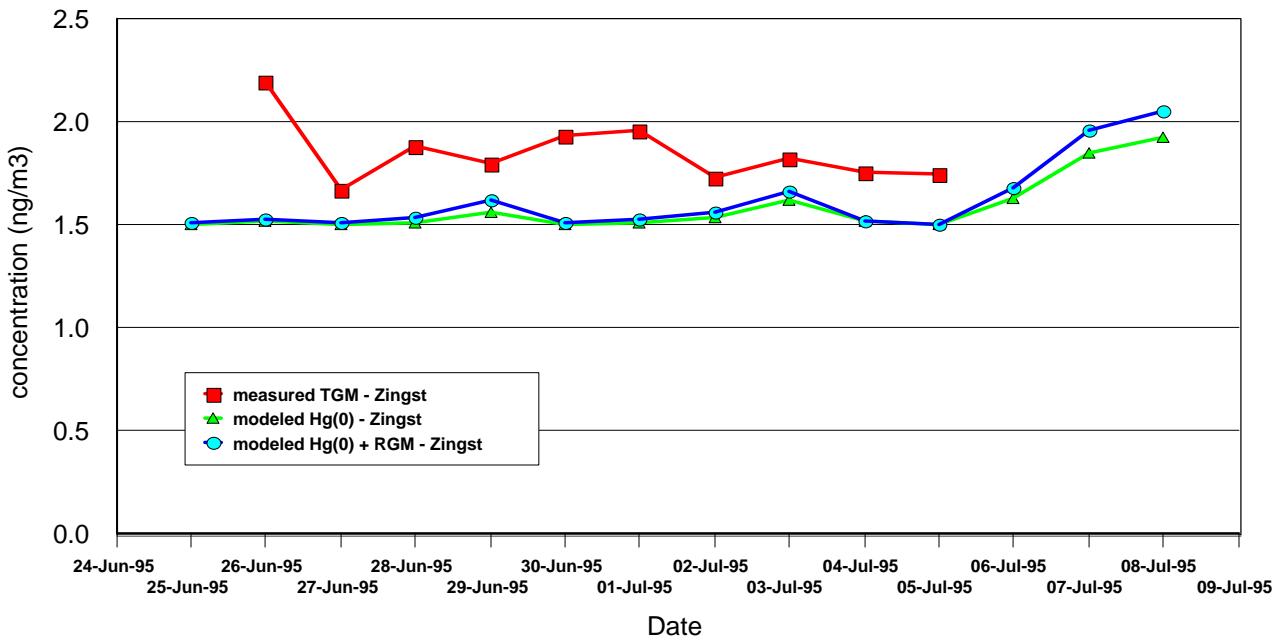
# Correlation Coefficient = - 0.03

Comparison of Modeled vs. Measured TGM: Zingst, 1995

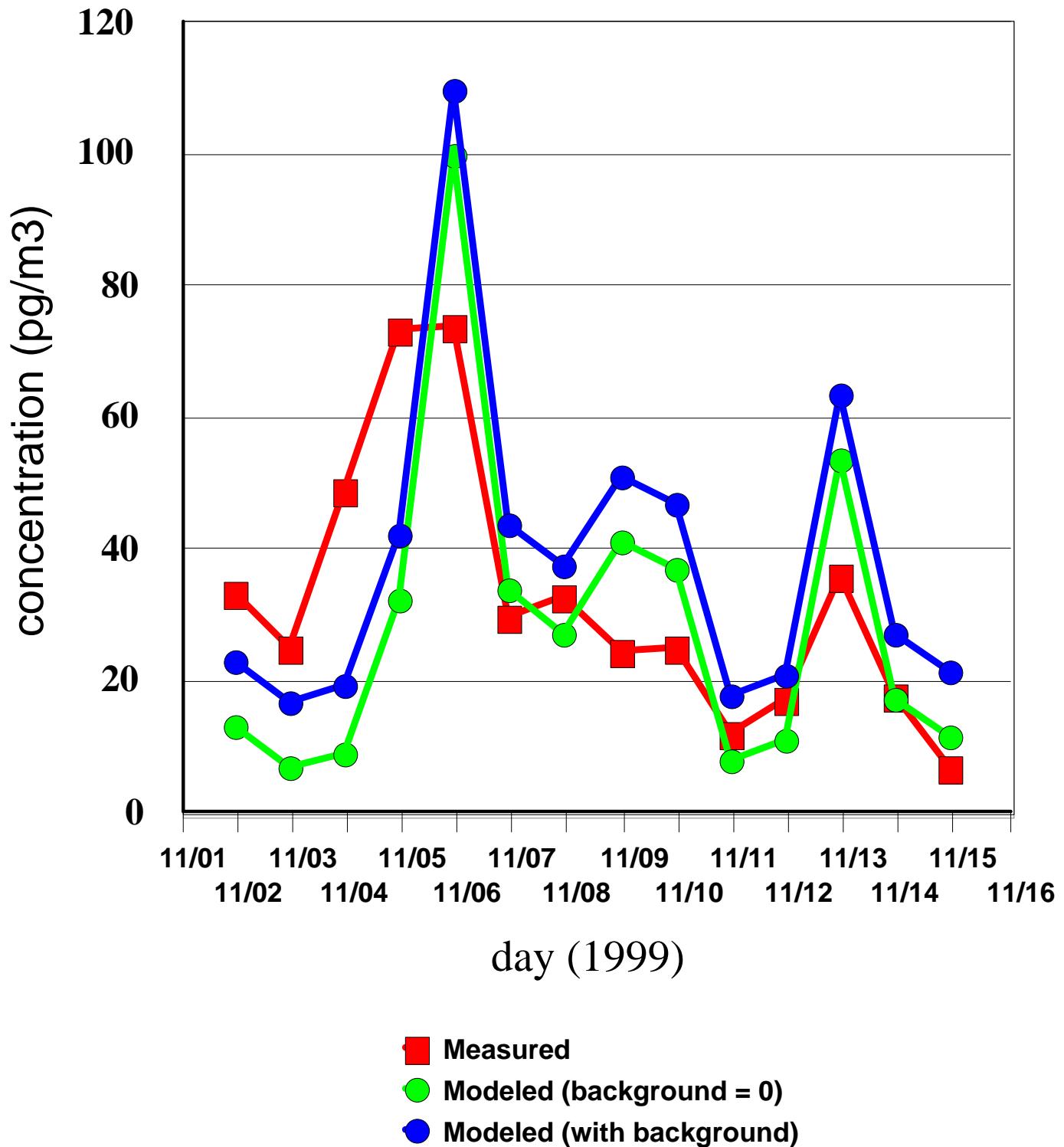


*But daily avg conc not too far off...*

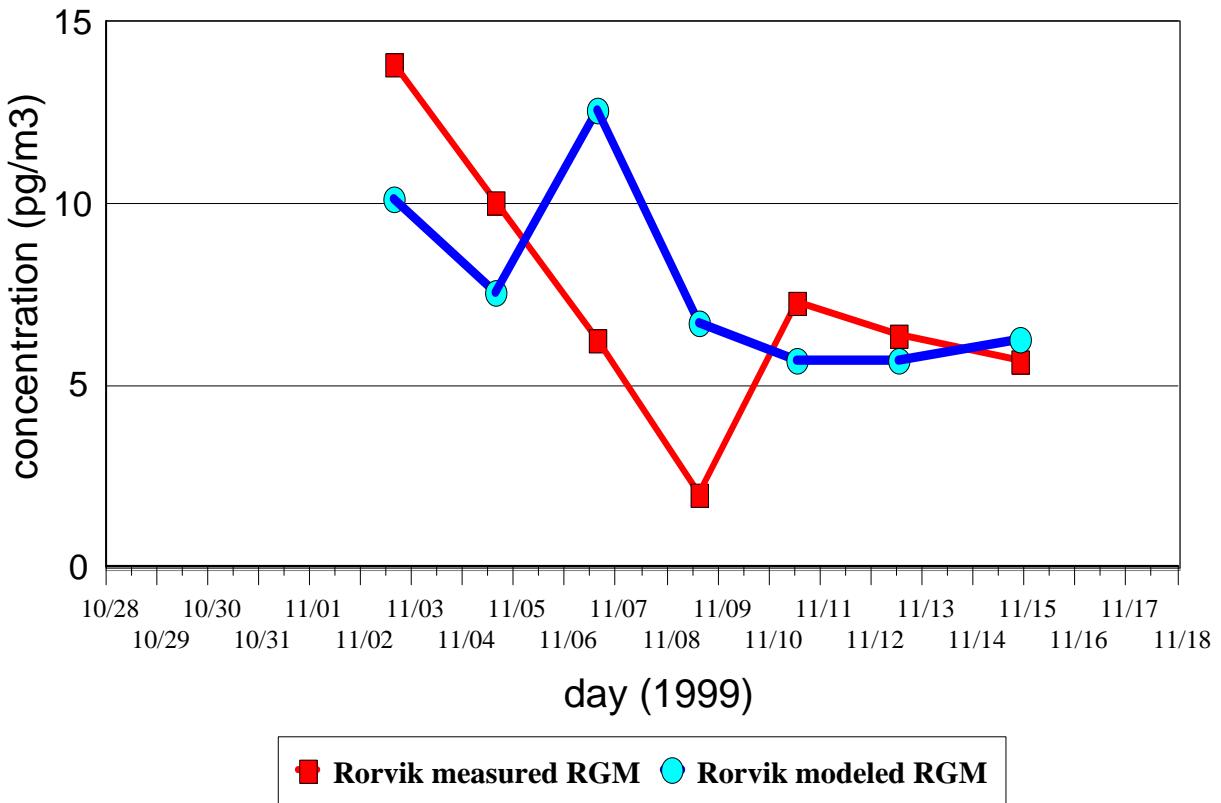
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## Comparison of measured vs. simulated total particulate mercury at Zingst

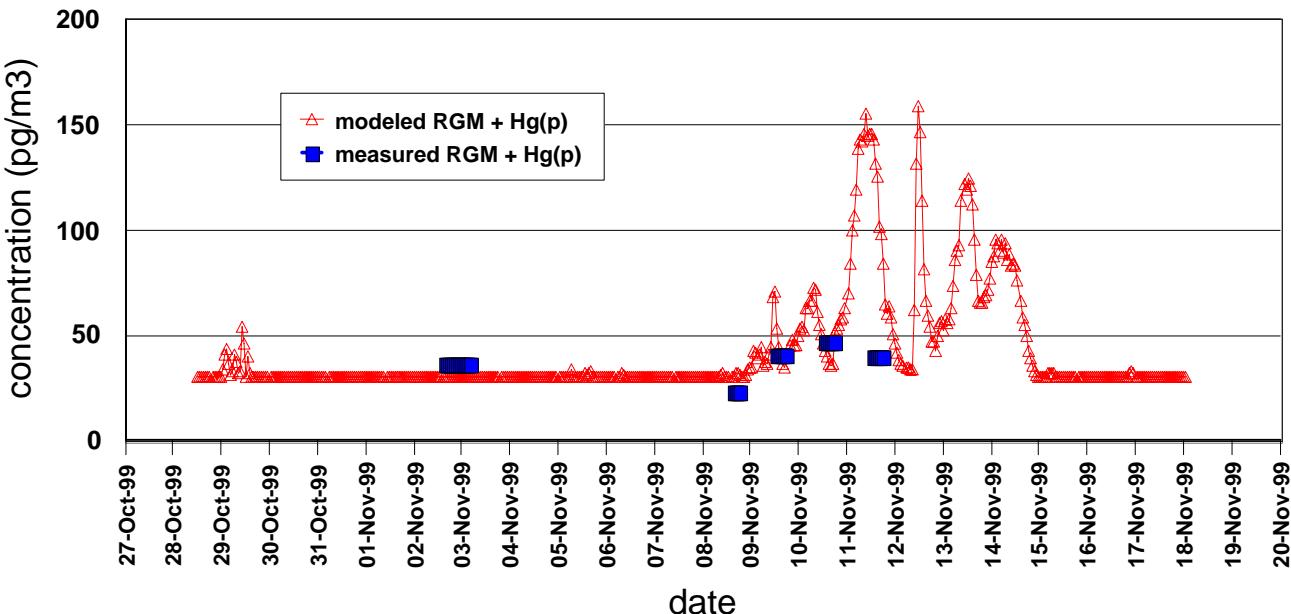


**Comparison of measured vs. modeled RGM  
(comparison for measurement periods only)**



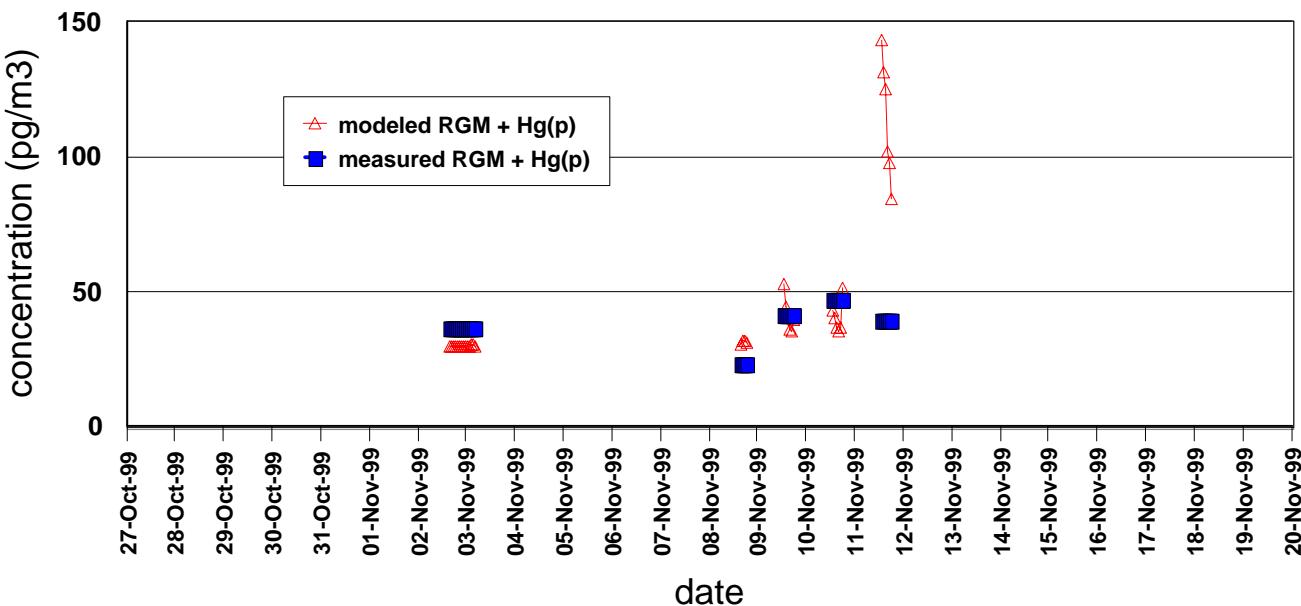
- In the *first* version of the HYSPLIT-Hg model used in this intercomparison, Hg(p) was assumed to be completely converted to dissolved Hg(II) whenever a particle becomes a droplet (e.g., above approximately 80% relative humidity); and dissolved Hg(II) assumed to become Hg(p) whenever the droplet dries out
- Hg(p) and Hg(II) were thus somewhat “equivalent” in the model
- With this assumption, the model tended to *underpredict* Hg(p) and *overpredict* Hg(II), suggesting that the assumption of *complete* conversion was not valid.
- However, it was encouraging to note that the model was getting approximately the right answer for the sum of the two forms of mercury (Hg(p) + Hg(II)), representing the total pool of oxidized Hg in the atmosphere [*see the following graphs*]

### Comparison of measured vs. modeled RGM + TPM at Mace Head



NOTE: measurement data are plotted only at times when there were measurements of BOTH RGM and TPM

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As a result of this observation, the model was re-run with the assumption that Hg(p) was *not* soluble.

With this assumption, the results for Hg(p) and RGM were dramatically better. [These new results are what have been shown in this presentation, except for the immediately preceding RGM+Hg(p) graphs]

The affect of changing this assumption had a negligible impact on Hg(0), as might be expected, given the generally very low concentrations of Hg(II) and Hg(p) relative to Hg(0).

## **Some Concluding Notes**

**The version of HYSPLIT-Hg used for these calculations represented a very early stage of development of the model.**

**The model has been changed significantly since these runs... (hopefully improved!)**

**Methodology assumes linear independence of sources; potential advantage that detailed source-receptor relationships can be estimated**

**Hg(p) solubility?**

**It may be useful to reconsider some of the model evaluation metrics**