

Interactive comment on “ECHMERIT V1.0 – a new global fully coupled mercury-chemistry and transport model” by G. Jung et al.

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Response to Reviewer #2:

First I'd like to thank you very much for the valuable comments and feedback. In the following the suggestions are commented.

to SPECIFIC COMMENTS

- 1) An evaluation of OH levels and distributions and the influence on oxidation of mercury compounds will be included.
- 2) Also the evaluation with MDN and EMEP wet deposition data will be included. Anyhow in a global model this is of limited value, most of all due to the large uncertainties

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in precipitation simulation and the comparison of point measurements to the mean over a large grid cell. Hence the evaluation will be extended also to a more precise look at the rainfall amounts at the respective locations/grid cells.

3) This part will be reformulated as suggested

4) That's right, an increase over a few-year period can also be due to inter-annual and inter-decadal variabilities in transport and meteorological conditions and not necessarily or not only due to changes in emissions. This will be reformulated.

5) A short evaluation of precipitation will be added.

6) This was right, ECHAM5 is a spectral transform model. As it is a pseudo spectral and not a pure spectral model, which means, some variables (non-linear terms – inclusive parameterizations) are calculated in grid point space, the dynamical part is formulated as truncated series of spherical harmonic functions, a transformation from and to grid point space has to be performed. References for the methodology can be found in Roeckner et al., 2003 (MPI report No. 349).

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