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## Supplementary Material: MAX-DOAS measurements of NO<sub>2</sub>, HCHO and CHOCHO at a rural site in southern China

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Target species	Fitting window (nm)	Species fitted
НСНО	335 - 358	FRS, HCHO, BrO, NO <sub>2</sub> , O <sub>3</sub> , O <sub>4</sub> , Ring,
		3rd polynomial, 2nd offset
NO <sub>2</sub> , CHOCHO	416 - 441	FRS, NO <sub>2</sub> , CHOCHO, H <sub>2</sub> O, O <sub>3</sub> , O <sub>4</sub> ,
		Ring, 3rd polynomial, 2nd offset

**Table S1.** Parameter settings of the DOAS fit for retrieving HCHO, NO<sub>2</sub>, and CHOCHO DSCDs. FRS refers to the Fraunhofer reference spectrum.

**Fig. S1.** Time series of NO<sub>2</sub>, HCHO, and CHOCHO DSCDs measured at different elevation angles in the 9 cloud-free days during PRIDE-PRD2006 campaign.



Fig. S2. Intercomparison of tropospheric  $NO_2$  VCDs derived from geometric approach and from the  $NO_2$  vertical distribution retrieval. The regression line was forced through the origin.



**Fig. S3.** Intercomparison of tropospheric HCHO VCDs derived from geometric approach and from the HCHO vertical distribution retrieval. The regression line was forced through the origin.



**Fig. S4.** Intercomparison of tropospheric CHOCHO VCDs derived from the geometric approach and from the CHOCHO vertical distribution retrieval. The regression line was forced through the origin.



**Fig. S5.** Time series of tropospheric NO<sub>2</sub> VCDs derived from the MAX-DOAS and OMI observations during the PRIDE-PRD2006 campaign in July 2006. The grey circles represent values calculated by the geometric approach for the entire campaign, the red diamonds refer to values derived from the NO<sub>2</sub> vertical distribution retrieval for the 9 cloud-free days using the RTM, and the triangles are values observed by OMI from space. The triangles are color coded by the cloud fraction derived from the OMI observations.



**Fig. S6.** Time series of wind speed in the 9 cloud-free days during the PRIDE-PRD2006 campaign. The red circles represent simulated values in the surface layer (i.e. 0 - 18 m a.g.l.) by the CMAQ model, the blue "+" refer to measured values by an Ultrasonic Anemometer (USA) at the BG site.





**Fig. S7.** Vertical profiles of aromatics (black), alkenes (red), and isoprene (green) generated by CMAQ model for 20-JUL-2006 at BG site.