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Atmospheric reactivity and oxidation capacity during summer at a sub-urban site between Beijing and Tianjin

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Description of experimental method

O₃ was measured using a UV photometric O₃ analyzer (Model 49C/I, Thermo-Fisher Scientific, United States) with the detection limit of 2.0 ppb, precision of ±1.0 ppb, zero drift of less than 1.0 ppb (24 h)⁻¹, span drift of less than 1% full scale per month, and response time of 10 s. NO_x was measured using a chemiluminescence NO_x Analyzer (Model 42C/I) with the detection limit of 0.4 ppb, precision of ±0.4 ppb, zero drift of less than 0.4 ppb (24 h)⁻¹, span drift of less than 1% per 24 h, and response time of 40 s. NO_y was measured using a chemiluminescence NO-DIF-NO_y Analyzer (Model 42C/I) with the detection limit of 50 ppt, span drift of less than 1% per 24 h, and response time of 60 s. SO₂ was measured using a pulsed fluorescence SO₂ analyzer (Model 43C/I) with the detection limit of 0.5 ppb, precision of 1% of reading or 1 ppb, zero drift of less than 1 ppb (24 h)⁻¹, span drift of less than 0.5% full scale per 24 h, and response time of less than 20 s. CO was measured with a nondispersive infrared analyzer (Model 48I) with the detection limit of 0.4 ppm, a precision of 0.1 ppm, zero drift of less than 0.1 ppb (24 h)⁻¹, span drift of less than 0.1% full scale per 24 h, and response time of less than 60 s. These measurement instruments were housed in a container that was equipped with an air conditioner. Ambient air samples were drawn through a 3-m PFA Teflon tube (outside diameter: 12.7 mm; inside diameter: 9.6 mm), and the sampling tube inlets were located 1m above the conditioner. High resolution (5 min averages) data sets of O₃, NO, NO_x, NO_y, SO₂ and CO were obtained, and hourly averaged data were used after applying strict data quality control. The sampling methods and instrument protocols as well as quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) procedures for air quality monitoring are described in detail in the Chinese National Environmental Protection Standard, Automated Methods for Ambient Air Quality Monitoring (HJ/T 193–2005; State Environmental Protection Administration of China, 2006). The measurement techniques are the same as those used in (Wang et al., 2014;Xin et al., 2012).

Ambient NMVOCs were collected and analyzed continuously and automatically with a time resolution of 1 h using a custom-built gas chromatography-mass spectrometry/flame ionization detector (GC-MS/FID). The online GC-MS/FID system consisted of three major components: a cryogen-free cooling device for creating ultra-low temperatures (TH300, Wuhan Tianhong Environmental protection industry co., LTD, Wuhan, China), a sampling and preconcentration

system for NMVOCs collection and enrichment, and a gas chromatography (GC, 7820A, Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, USA) equipped with an MS and an FID (5977E, Agilent Technology, Santa Clara, CA, USA) for NMVOCs separation and detection. The custom-built online GC-MS/FID was a two-channel system and was capable of measuring C₂-C₁₂ hydrocarbons and selected C₂-C₅ carbonyls. The two channels have their own inlets, cold traps and GC separation columns, but they share one cryogenic source and programmed temperature procedure. The availability of this system for NMVOCs measurement are well verified and it has been used in several large field campaign (Chen et al., 2014; Yuan et al., 2013; Wu et al., 2016), and was described by our previous paper (Yang et al., 2019). Briefly, samples are collected into GC-MS/FID at a flow rate of 60 mL min⁻¹ with sampling time of 5 min at the beginning of each hour. The sampling lines for ambient air and standard gases were both Teflon tubes with a 1/4-inch outside diameter (OD). A Teflon filter was placed in the inlet to prevent particulate matters from entering the instrument, and a water trap was used to remove H₂O from the air samples. Ascarite II was used to remove CO₂ and O₃ before the FID channel, whereas a Na₂SO₃ trap was used to remove O₃ in the MS channel. C₂-C₅ hydrocarbons were separated on a PLOT-Al₂O₃ column (15 m × 0.32 mm ID × 3 μm, J&W Scientific, USA) and were measured by the FID channel. Other compounds were separated on a semi polar column (DB624, 60 m × 0.25 mm ID × 1.4 μm, J&W Scientific, USA) and were quantified using a quadrupole MS detector. The two columns were not exchanged during the intensive measurement campaign.

The compounds analyzed were subjected to rigorous quality assurance and quality control procedures (QA/QC). The NMVOCs detected by FID were quantified by the external standard method, and the components detected by MS were quantified by the internal standard method. Four compounds, i.e., bromochloromethane, 1,4-difluorobenzene, chlorobenzene-d₅, and bromofluorobenzene, were used as internal standards. Specifically, the system was calibrated at multiple concentrations in the range of 0.8-8 ppb by two gas standards, i.e., a mixture of 57 PAMS (provided by Spectra Gases Inc., USA), and a mixture of oxygenated VOCs (OVOCs) and halocarbons (provided by Spectra Gases Inc., USA). R² values for the calibration curves ranged from 0.941 to 1.000 for NMVOCs, indicating that integral areas of the peaks were proportional to concentrations of target compounds. The method detection limit (MDL) of the online GC-FID/MS

system for all measured compounds ranged from 0.003 to 0.092 ppb. The measurement relative standard deviation (RSD) for measured compounds ranged from 2.1% to 14.9% (Yang et al., 2019). To check the stability of the instrument, routine calibration was performed periodically by using a calibration gas with a mixing ratio of 2 ppb consisting of 56 kinds of NMVOCs components. The variations between the measured and nominal concentrations of the periodic calibration were within 10%. The signal variations of each targeted compound due to system instability were corrected by the signal of CFC-113 (1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane) due to its long atmospheric lifetime and stable anthropogenic emissions (Yuan et al., 2013; Chen et al., 2014). Detailed instrumental and operational parameters are described in our previous study (Yang et al., 2019).

Measurements of atmospheric HONO mixing ratios were conducted using a custom-made HONO analyzer. The detailed information can be seen elsewhere (Zhang et al., 2019; Tong et al., 2015). CH₄ were analyzed by Agilent 7890A gas chromatography (GC) with flame ionization detector (FID). Standard samples were provided by NIST of USA and NSC of China. The precision of CH₄ concentration analysis is $0.05 \pm 0.10\%$. HCHO was measured by Hantzsch Fluorimetry with a commercial instrument (AL4021, Aerolaser GmbH, Germany) (Lu et al., 2019).

The photolysis frequencies, J^{O^1D} , J^{NO_2} and J^{NO_3} , in the atmosphere are measured by the PFS-100 Photolysis Spectrometer (Juguang Technology (hangzhou) Co., Ltd, Hangzhou, China). The photolysis rate is calculated by integrating the actinic flux with the known absorption cross section $\sigma(\lambda)$ and quantum yield $\phi(\lambda)$. The actinic flux is spherically integrated photon radiance of the solar radiation in the atmosphere. The spectrometer obtains spectral information in a certain wavelength range, which mainly uses quartz receiver to collect solar radiation from all directions, and convert it into the actinic flux F_λ . $\sigma(\lambda)$ is the absorption cross section of the species that absorbs in certain wavelength range and $\phi(\lambda)$ is quantum yield of the photodissociation reaction product; these two coefficients have been measured by experiments and can be directly looked up and used.

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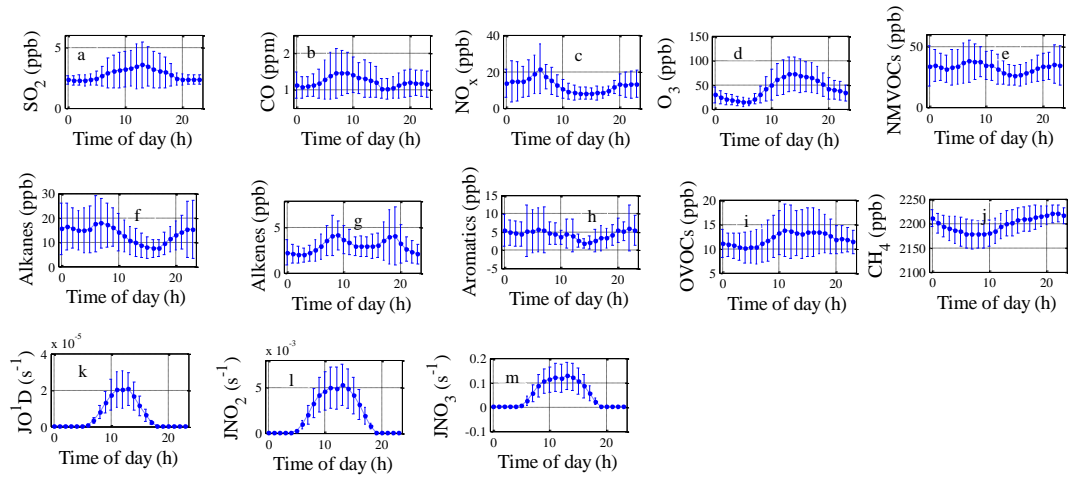


Figure S1. Mean diurnal variations of air pollutants and meteorological parameters observed during the field campaign at Xianghe from 6 July to 6 August 2018.

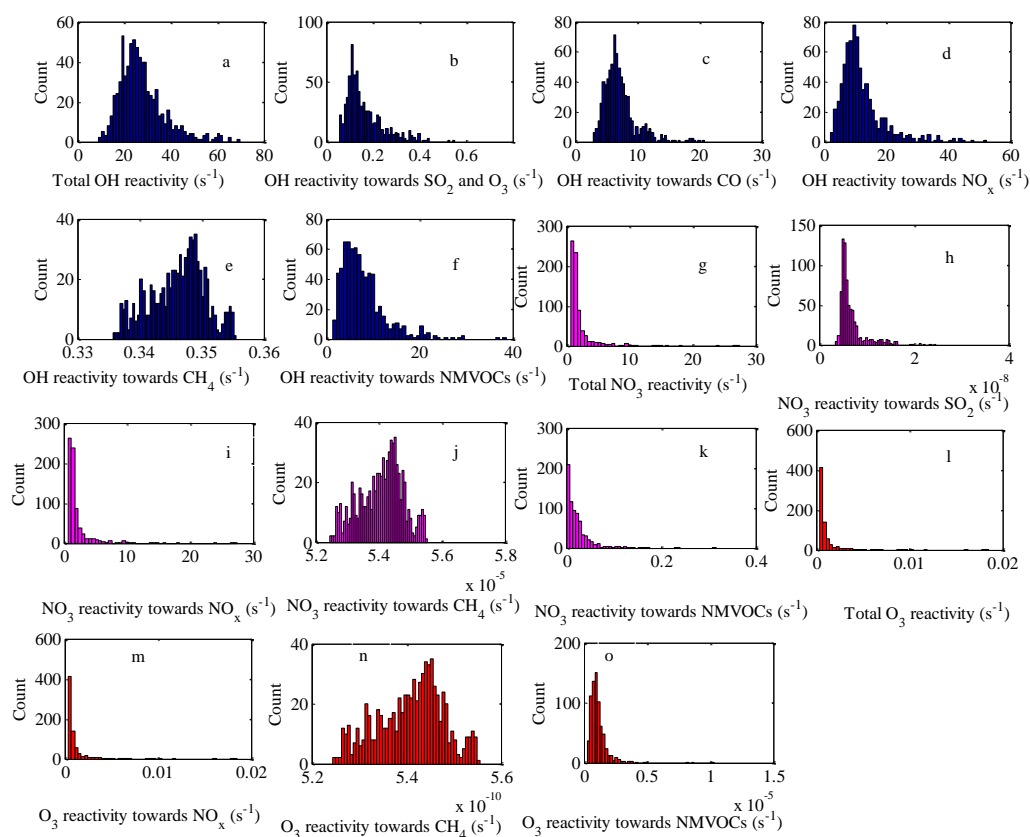


Figure S2. Frequency distributions of OH reactivity (a-f), NO₃ reactivity (g-k) and O₃ reactivity (l-o) of trace gases during the field campaign at Xianghe from 6 July to 6 August 2018.

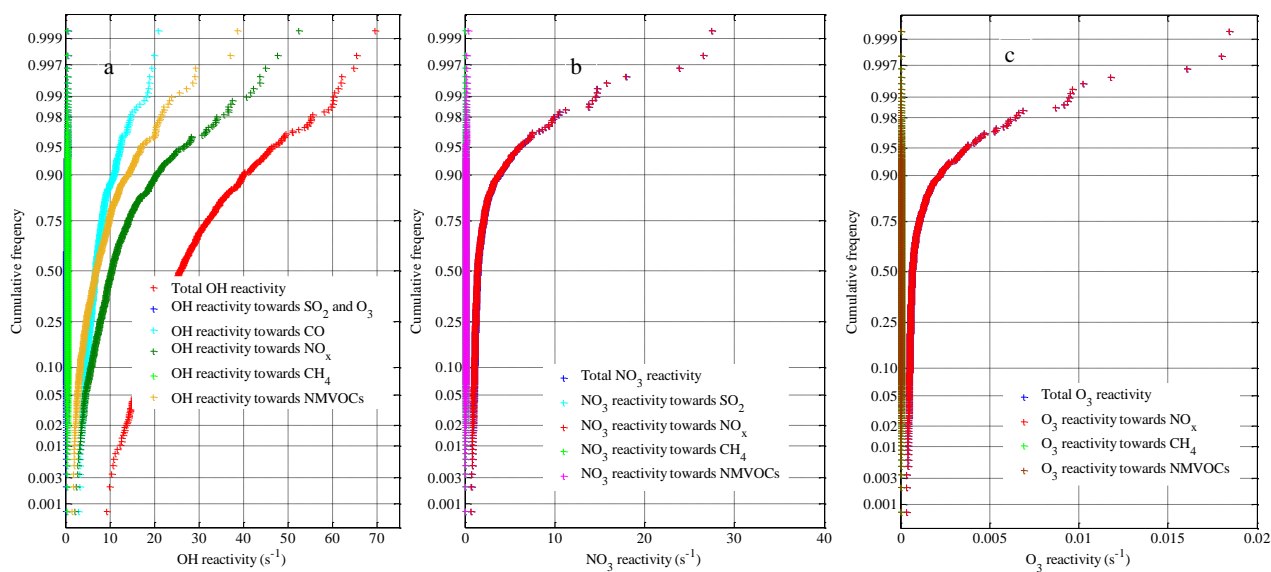


Figure S3. Cumulative frequency distributions of OH reactivity (a), NO_3 reactivity (b) and O_3 reactivity (c) of trace gases during the field campaign at Xianghe from 6 July to 6 August 2018.

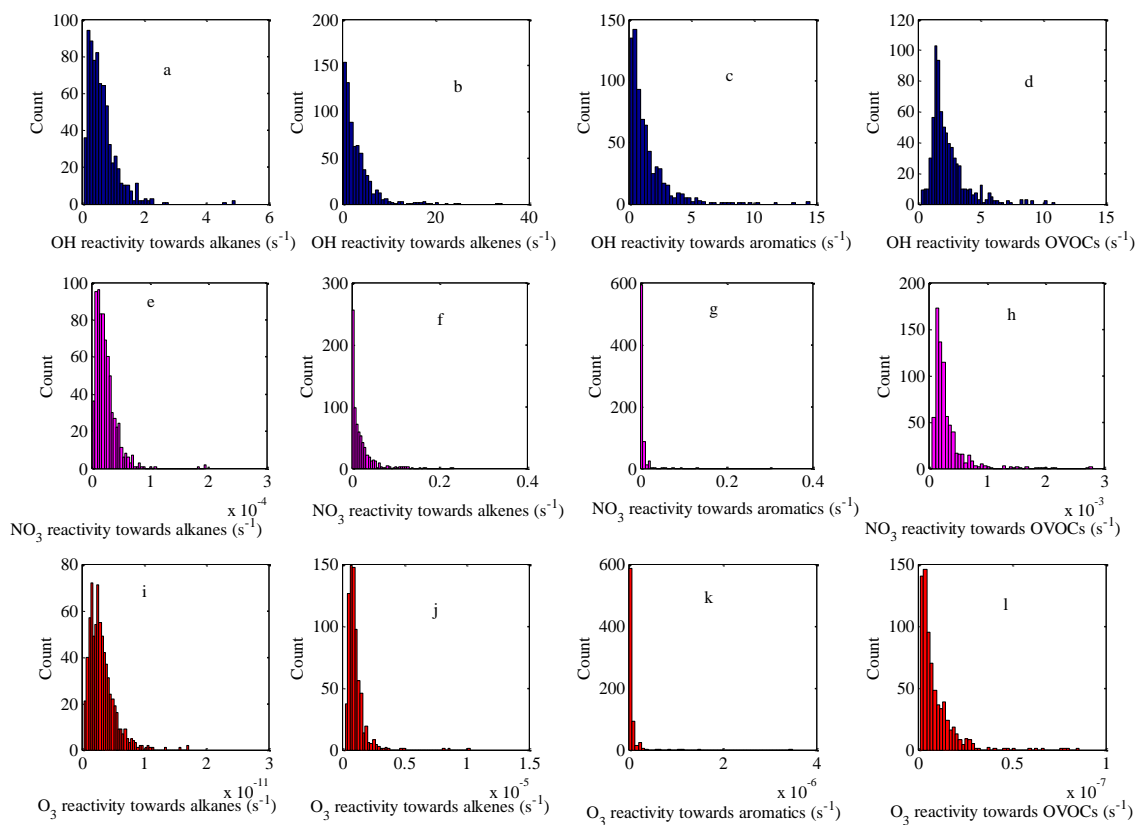


Figure S4. Frequency distributions of OH reactivity (a-d), NO₃ reactivity (e-h) and O₃ reactivity (i-l) of VOC groups during the field campaign at Xianghe from 6 July to 6 August 2018.

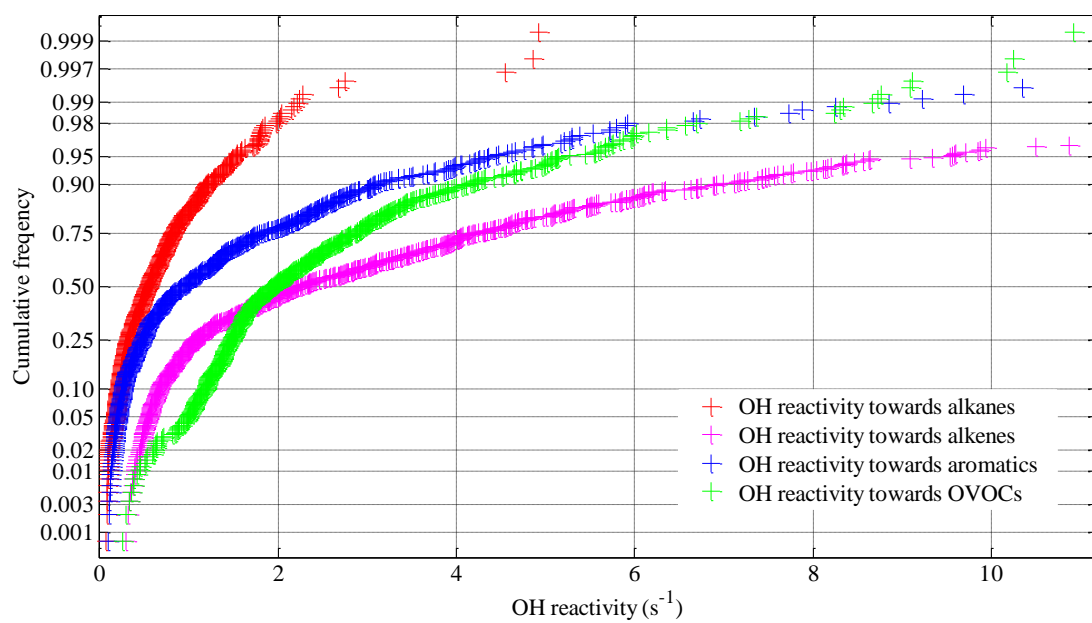


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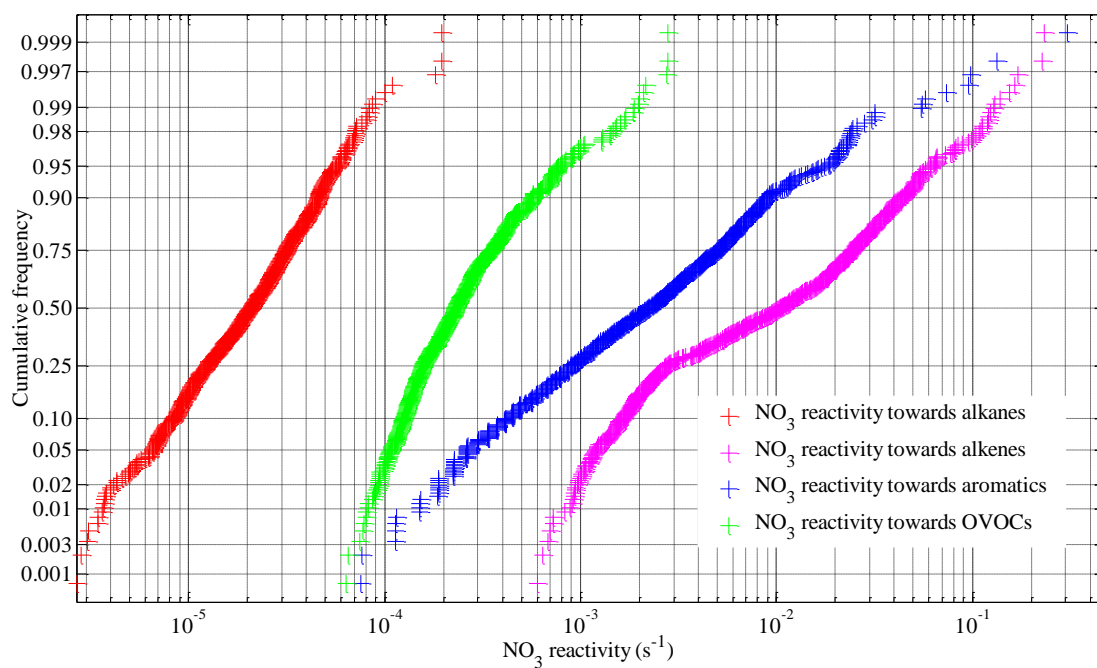


Figure S6. Cumulative frequency distributions of NO_3 reactivity of NMVOCs groups during the field campaign at Xianghe from 6 July to 6 August 2018.

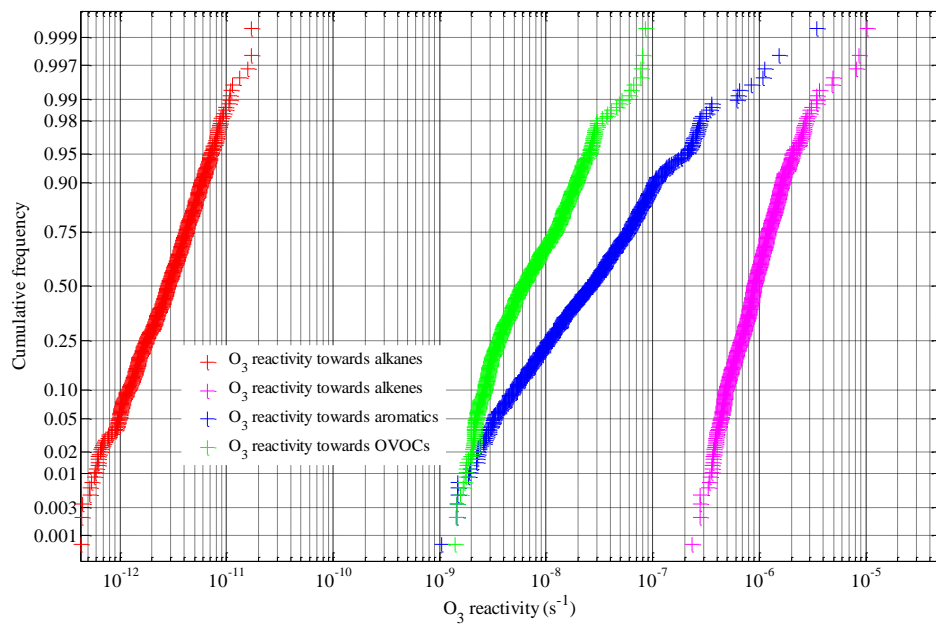


Figure S7. Cumulative frequency distributions of O₃ reactivity of NMVOCs groups during the field campaign at Xianghe from 6 July to 6 August 2018.

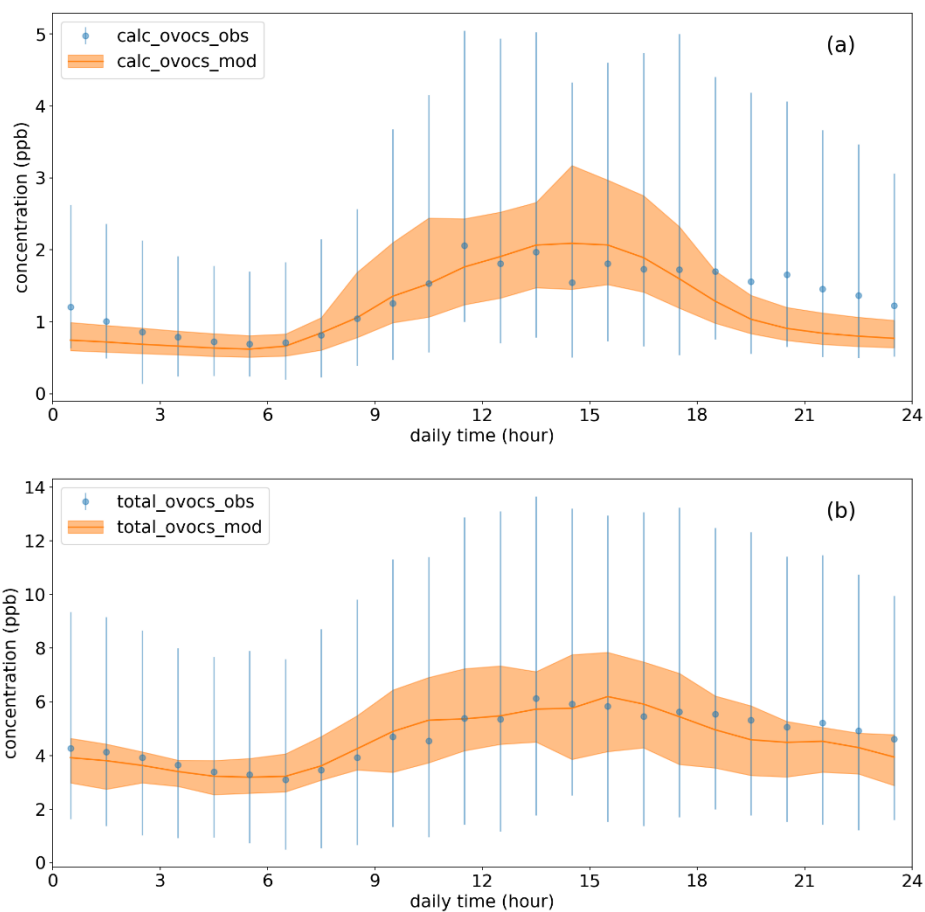


Figure S8: Diurnal mean of modeled (orange solid line) and measured (blue points) mixing ratios of (a) ten calculated and (b) all OVOCs, respectively. The ± 1 standard deviation are also shown for modeled (orange shade) and measured (vertical sticks) data.

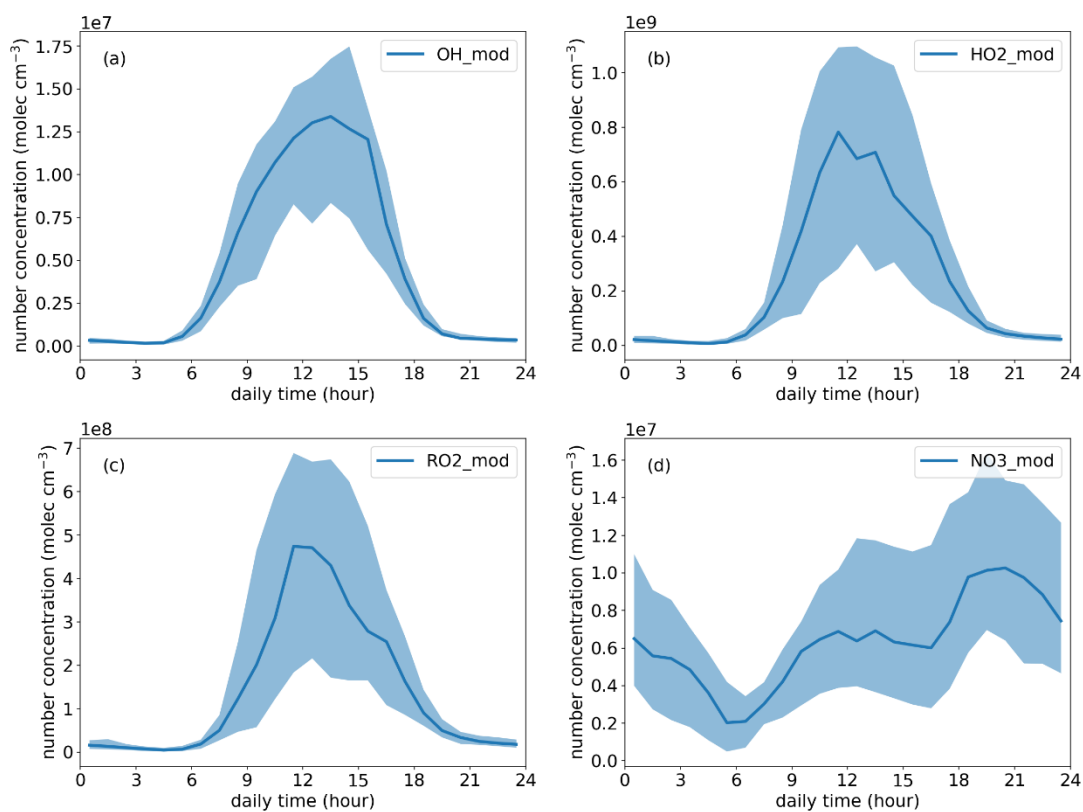


Figure S9: Modeled diurnal median (solid line) of (a) OH, (b) HO₂, (c) RO₂ and (d) NO₃. The 25th and 75th percentiles are shown as shade.

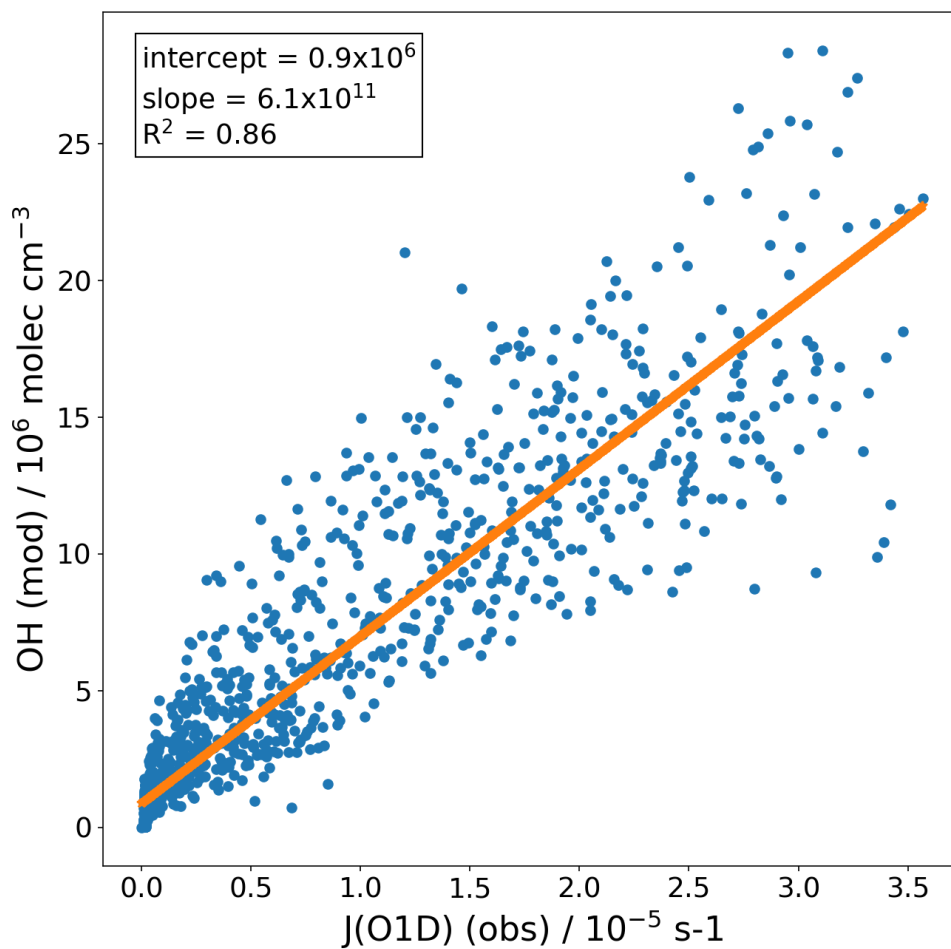


Figure S10: Correlation between modeled OH number concentration and measured JO¹D. A linear fit is shown by an orange line, the intercept, slope and R² values are shown in the legend.

Table captions

Table S1. The temperature-dependent reaction rate coefficients of trace gases with OH radical, O₃ and NO₃ radical used in this study.

Species	Temperature-dependence of k_{OH} (cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)	Temperature-dependence of k_{O_3} (cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)	Temperature-dependence of k_{NO_3} (cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)
CH ₄	$1.85 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-1690/T)$	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	$<1 \times 10^{-18}$
Alkanes			
Ethane	$6.9 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-1000/T)$	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	$<1 \times 10^{-17}$
Propane	$7.6 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-585/T) \times 0.736$	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	$<7 \times 10^{-17}$
iso-Butane	$1.16 \times 10^{-17} \times T^2 \times \exp(225/T) \times 0.794$	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	1.06×10^{-16}
n-Butane	$9.8 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-425/T) \times 0.873$	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	$2.8 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-3280/T)$
Cyclopentane	4.97×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	1.4×10^{-16}
iso-Pentane	3.6×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	1.62×10^{-16}
n-Pentane	$2.44 \times 10^{-17} \times T^2 \times \exp(183/T) \times 0.568$	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	8.7×10^{-17}
2,2-Dimethylbutane	$3.22 \times 10^{-11} \exp(-781/T) \times 0.632$	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	4.4×10^{-16}
2,3-Dimethylbutane	$1.24 \times 10^{-17} \times T^2 \times \exp(494/T) \times 0.877$	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	4.4×10^{-16}
2-Methylpentane	5.4×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	1.8×10^{-16}
3-Methylpentane	5.2×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	2.2×10^{-16}
n-Hexane	$1.53 \times 10^{-17} \times T^2 \times \exp(414/T) \times 0.061$	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	1.1×10^{-16}
2,4-Dimethylpentane	4.77×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	1.5×10^{-16}
Methylcyclopentane	5.2×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	1.4×10^{-16}
2-Methylhexane	5.65×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	1.5×10^{-16}
2,3-Dimethylpentane	1.5×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	1.5×10^{-16}
Cyclohexane	$2.88 \times 10^{-17} \exp(309/T)$	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	1.4×10^{-16}
3-Methylhexane	5.6×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	1.5×10^{-16}
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	3.34×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	9.0×10^{-17}
n-Heptane	$1.59 \times 10^{-17} \times T^2 \times \exp(478/T)$	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	1.5×10^{-16}
Methylcyclohexane	4.97×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	1.4×10^{-16}
2,3,4-Trimethylpentane	6.6×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	1.9×10^{-16}

2-Methylheptane	7×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	1.9×10^{-16}
3-Methylheptane	7×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	1.9×10^{-16}
n-Octane	$2.76 \times 10^{-17} \times T^2 \times \exp(378/T)$	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	1.9×10^{-16}
Nonane	$2.51 \times 10^{-17} \times T^2 \times \exp(477/T)$	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	2.3×10^{-16}
n-Decane	$3.13 \times 10^{-17} \times T^2 \times \exp(416/T)$	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	2.8×10^{-16}
n-Undecane	12.3×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-23}$	
Alkenes			
Ethylene	$9.0 \times 10^{-12} (T/300)^{-0.85}$	$9.1 \times 10^{-15} \exp(-2580/T)$	$3.3 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-2880/T)$
Propylene	$3.0 \times 10^{-11} (T/300)^{-1}$	$5.5 \times 10^{-15} \exp(-1880/T)$	$4.6 \times 10^{-13} \exp(-1155/T)$
trans-2-Butene	$1.01 \times 10^{-11} \exp(550/T)$	$6.64 \times 10^{-15} \exp(-1095/T)$	3.9×10^{-13}
1-Butene	$6.6 \times 10^{-12} \exp(465/T) \times 0.87$	9.64×10^{-18}	1.35×10^{-14}
cis-2-Butene	$1.1 \times 10^{-11} \exp(487/T)$	$3.22 \times 10^{-15} \exp(-968/T)$	3.52×10^{-13}
1,3-Butadiene	$1.48 \times 10^{-11} \exp(448/T) \times 0.649$	$1.34 \times 10^{-14} \exp(-2283/T) \times 0.5$	1.0×10^{-13}
1-Pentene	$5.86 \times 10^{-12} \exp(500/T) \times 0.87$	1.06×10^{-17}	1.5×10^{-14}
trans-2-Pentene	6.7×10^{-11}	1.6×10^{-16}	3.7×10^{-13}
cis-2-Pentene	6.5×10^{-11}	1.3×10^{-16}	3.7×10^{-13}
Isoprene	$2.7 \times 10^{-11} \exp(390/T)$	$1.03 \times 10^{-14} \exp(-1995/T)$	$3.15 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-450/T)$
1-Hexene	3.7×10^{-11}	1.31×10^{-17}	1.8×10^{-14}
OVOCs			
HCHO	$5.4 \times 10^{-12} \exp(135/T)$	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	5.6×10^{-16}
Acrolein	18.3	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	
Propanal	$5.1 \times 10^{-12} \exp(405/T)$	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	6.4×10^{-15}
Acetone	$8.8 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-1320/T) +$ $1.7 \times 10^{-14} \exp(423/T)$	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	$<3 \times 10^{-17}$
MTBE	2.94×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	
Methacrolein	$8.0 \times 10^{-12} \exp(380/T)$	$1.4 \times 10^{-15} \exp(-2100/T)$	3.4×10^{-15}
n-Butanal	$6.0 \times 10^{-12} \exp(410/T)$	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	$1.7 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-1500/T)$
MethylVinylKetone	$2.6 \times 10^{-12} \exp(610/T)$	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	6.0×10^{-16}
Methylethylketone	$1.5 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-90/T) \times 0.462$	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	

2-Pentanone	4.4×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	
Pentanal	$6.34 \times 10^{-12} \exp(448/T) \times 0.19$	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	1.5×10^{-14}
3-Pentanone	2×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	
Hexanal	3.0×10^{-11}	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	1.6×10^{-14}
Aromatics			
Benzene	$2.3 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-190/T) \times 0.53$	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	3.0×10^{-17}
Toluene	$1.8 \times 10^{-12} \exp(340/T) \times 0.18$	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	7.0×10^{-17}
Ethylbenzene	7×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	6.0×10^{-16}
m/p-Xylene	1.89×10^{-11}	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	2.6×10^{-16}
o-Xylene	1.36×10^{-11}	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	4.1×10^{-16}
Styrene	5.8×10^{-11}	1.7×10^{-17}	1.5×10^{-12}
Isopropylbenzene	6.3×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	6.0×10^{-16}
n-Propylbenzene	5.8×10^{-12}	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	6.0×10^{-16}
m-Ethyltoluene	1.18×10^{-11}	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	8.6×10^{-16}
p-Ethyltoluene	1.86×10^{-11}	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	8.6×10^{-16}
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	5.67×10^{-11}	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	8.8×10^{-16}
o-Ethyltoluene	1.19×10^{-11}	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	8.6×10^{-16}
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	3.25×10^{-11}	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	1.8×10^{-15}
1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene	3.27×10^{-11}	$<1 \times 10^{-20}$	1.9×10^{-15}
Criteria pollutants			
CO	2.4×10^{-13}		
NO	$3.3 \times 10^{-11} (T/300)^{-0.3}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-1310/T)$	$1.8 \times 10^{-11} \exp(110/T)$
NO ₂	4.1×10^{-11}	$1.4 \times 10^{-13} \exp(-2470/T)$	$1.9 \times 10^{-12} (T/300)^{0.2}$
SO ₂	$1.3 \times 10^{-12} (T/300)^{-0.7}$		$<1.0 \times 10^{-19}$
O ₃	$1.7 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-940/T)$		

The temperature-dependent reaction rate coefficients are from (Atkinson et al., 1983), (Atkinson and Arey, 2003), (Atkinson et al., 2006), (Salgado et al., 2008) and the Master Chemical Mechanism, MCM v3.3.1 via the website: <http://mcm.leeds.ac.uk/MCM> (last accessed: 25 March 2020); *The temperature-dependent reaction rate coefficients* of NO, NO₂, SO₂ and O₃ are from (Atkinson et al., 2004). T denotes temperature.

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