



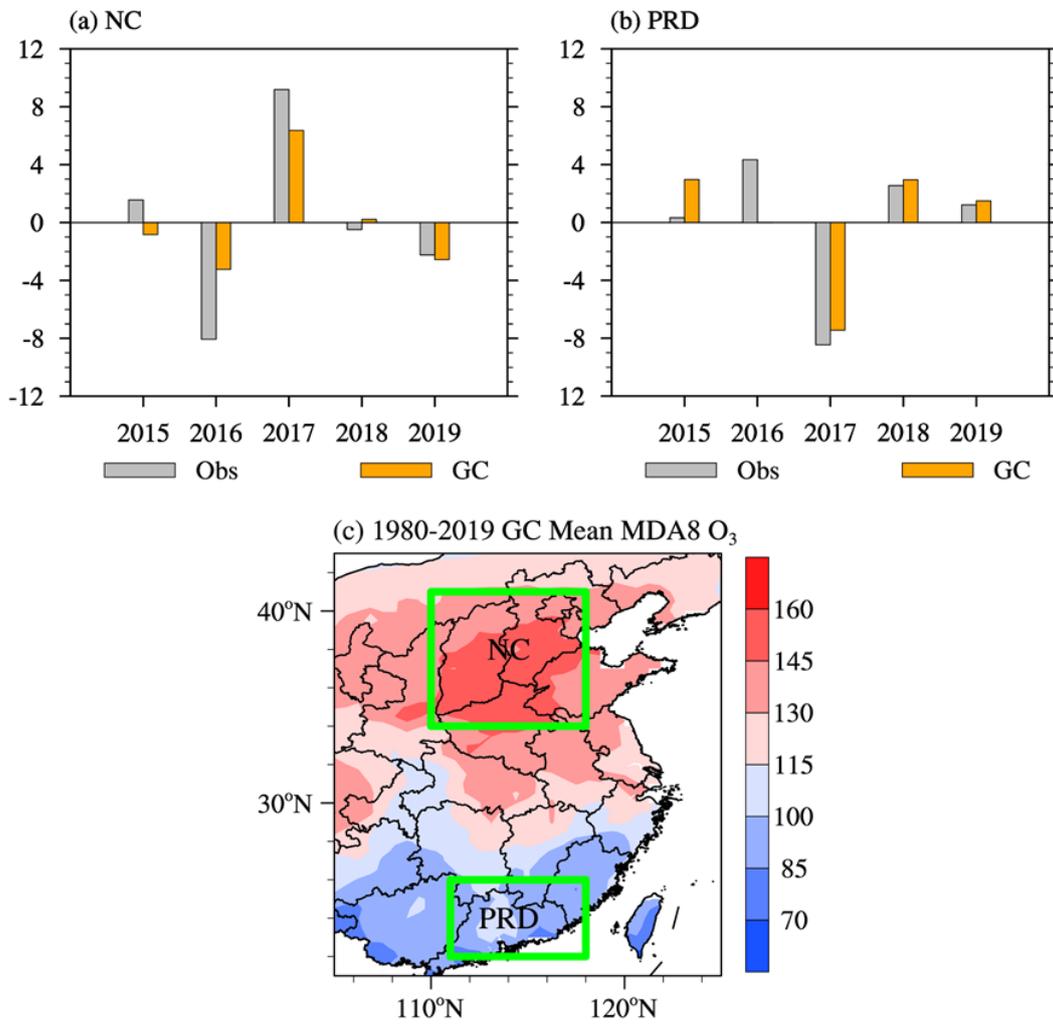
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## **Dipole pattern of summer ozone pollution in the east of China and its connection with climate variability**

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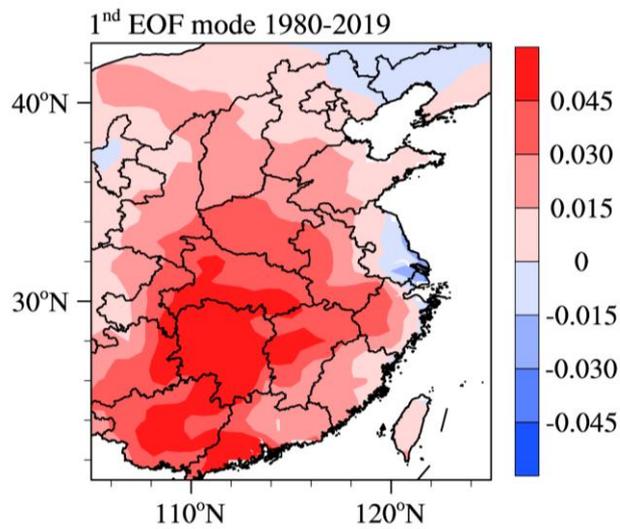
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**Figure S1.** Histogram of JJA mean observed (gray) and simulated (orange) MDA8 O<sub>3</sub> after detrending in NC (a) and PRD (b) from 2015 to 2019. (c) Spatial distribution of GEOS-Chem simulated MDA8 O<sub>3</sub> (unit:  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) in summer from 1980 to 2019. The simulated O<sub>3</sub> concentrations were produced by GEOS-Chem with fixed emissions but changing meteorological conditions from 1980 to 2019. The green boxes in panels (c) indicate the locations of NC and PRD.

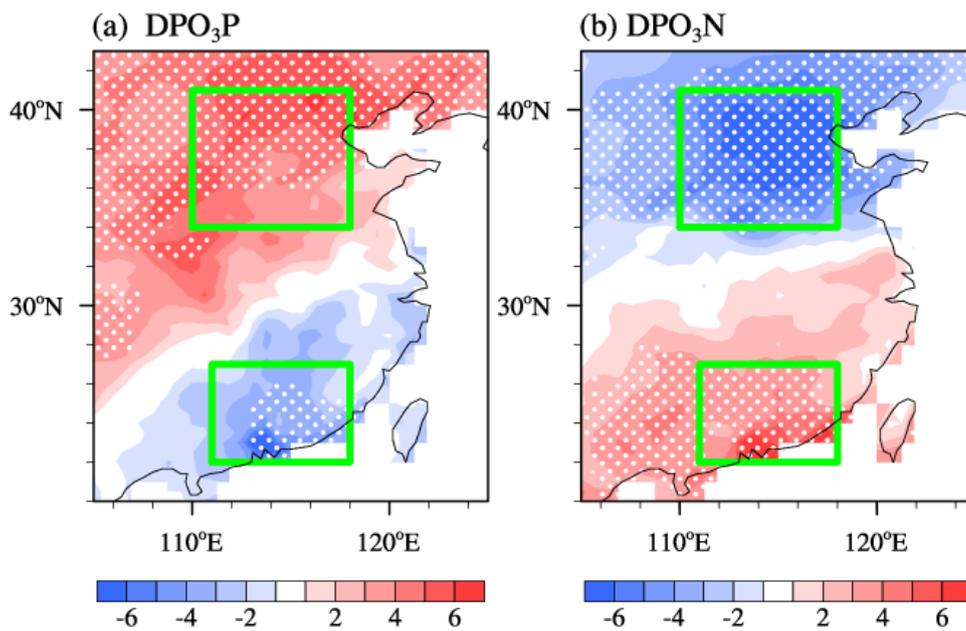


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11 **Figure S2.** The first EOF pattern of simulated MDA8 O<sub>3</sub> in summer from 1980 to 2019. The simulated O<sub>3</sub> concentrations were  
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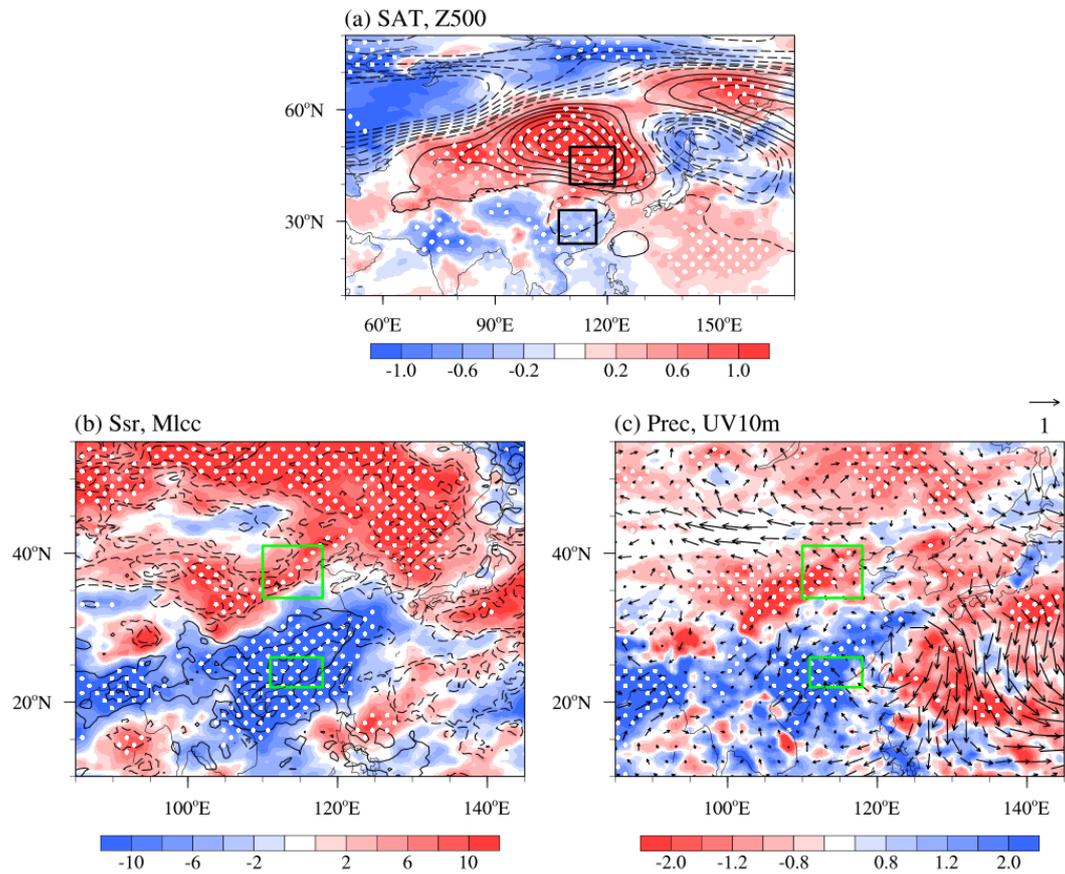
16 **Figure S3.** Composites of the simulated MDA8 O<sub>3</sub> (unit:  $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) after detrending for DP-O<sub>3</sub> in summer from 1980 to 2019.  
 17 Panel (a) is composited when the time coefficient of DP-O<sub>3</sub> is greater than one standard deviation (DP-O<sub>3</sub>P), while panels (b)  
 18 is composited when the time coefficient is less than  $-1 \times$  a standard deviation (DP-O<sub>3</sub>N). The green box in panels (a) and (b)  
 19 are the NC and PRD areas.

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25 **Figure S4.** Composites of summer atmospheric circulations associated with the SI<sub>FJL</sub> (SI<sub>FJL</sub>P minus SI<sub>FJL</sub>N) from 1980 to 2019:  
 26 (a) surface air temperature (unit: K, shading) and geopotential height at 500 hPa (unit: gpm, contours), (b) downward solar  
 27 radiation at the surface (unit: 10<sup>6</sup> J m<sup>-2</sup>, shading) and the sum of low and medium cloud cover (unit: 1, contours), and (c)  
 28 precipitation (unit: mm, shading) and surface wind (unit: m s<sup>-1</sup>, arrows). The white dots indicate that the differences with  
 29 shading was above the 90% confidence level. The green boxes in panels (b) and (c) are the NC and PRD regions. The black  
 30 boxes in panel (a) mean the centers of the AC<sub>NC</sub> and C<sub>PRD</sub>, respectively.

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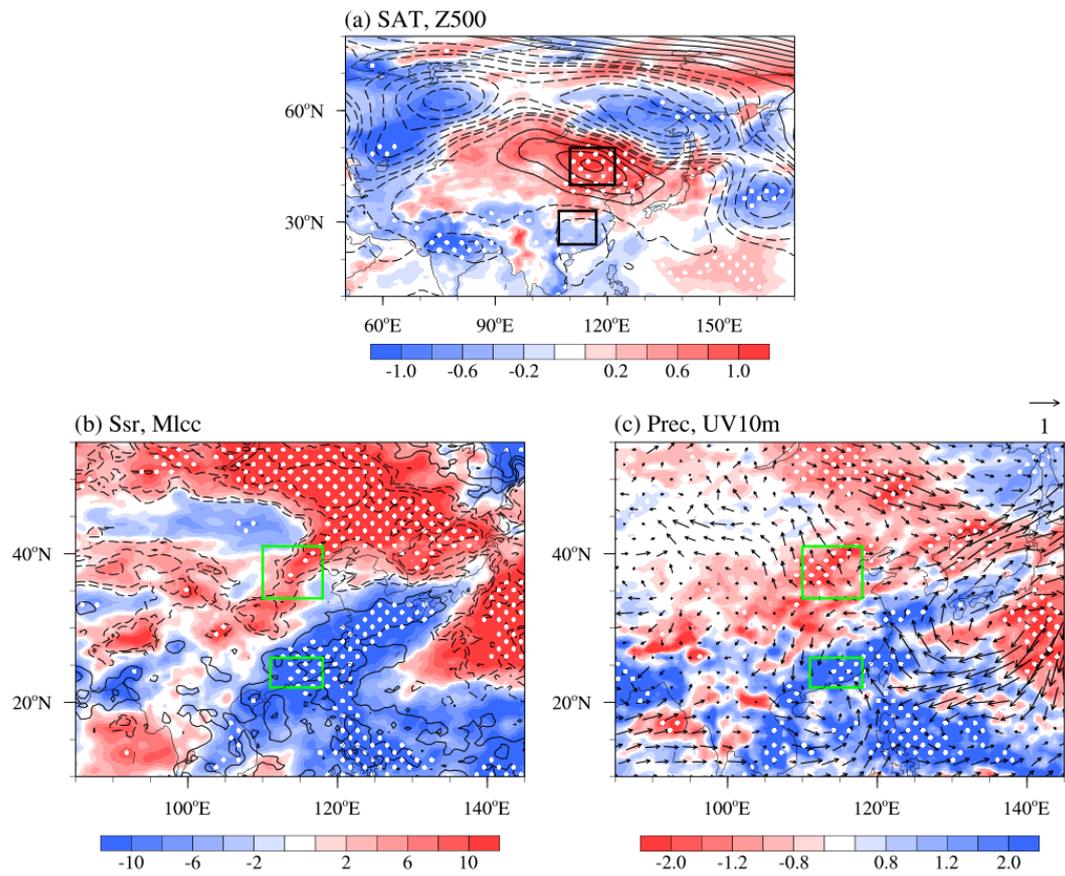
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43 **Figure S5.** Composites of summer atmospheric circulations associated with the SIOD (SIODP minus SIODN) from 1980 to  
 44 2019: (a) surface air temperature (unit: K, shading) and geopotential height at 500 hPa (unit: gpm, contours), (b) downward  
 45 solar radiation at the surface (unit:  $10^6 \text{ J m}^{-2}$ , shading) and the sum of low and medium cloud cover (unit: 1, contours), and (c)  
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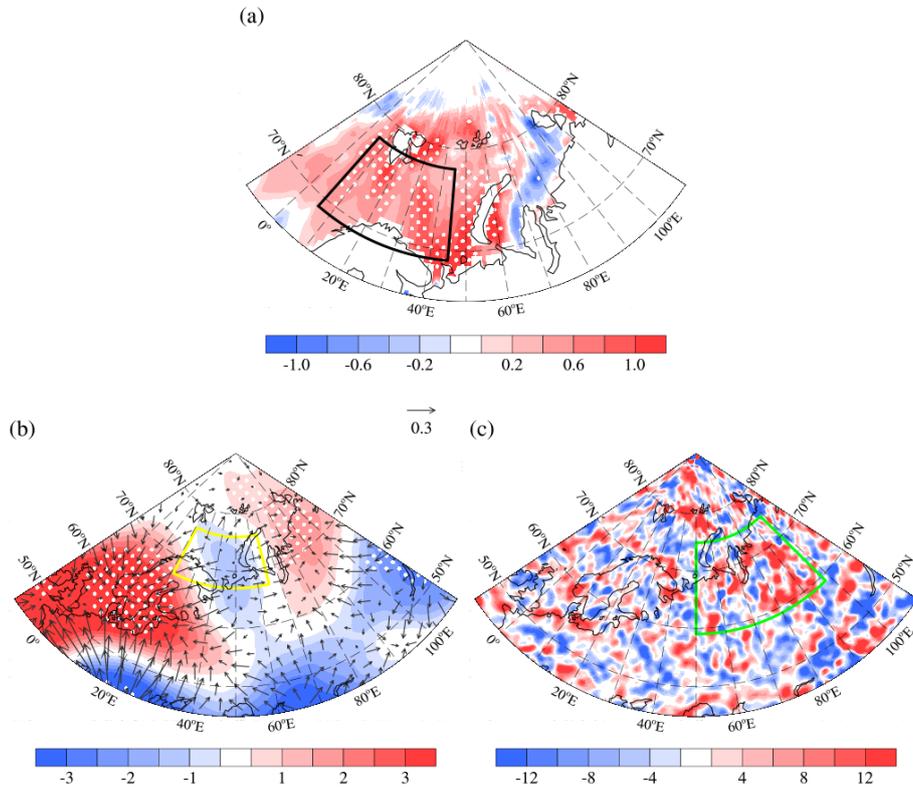
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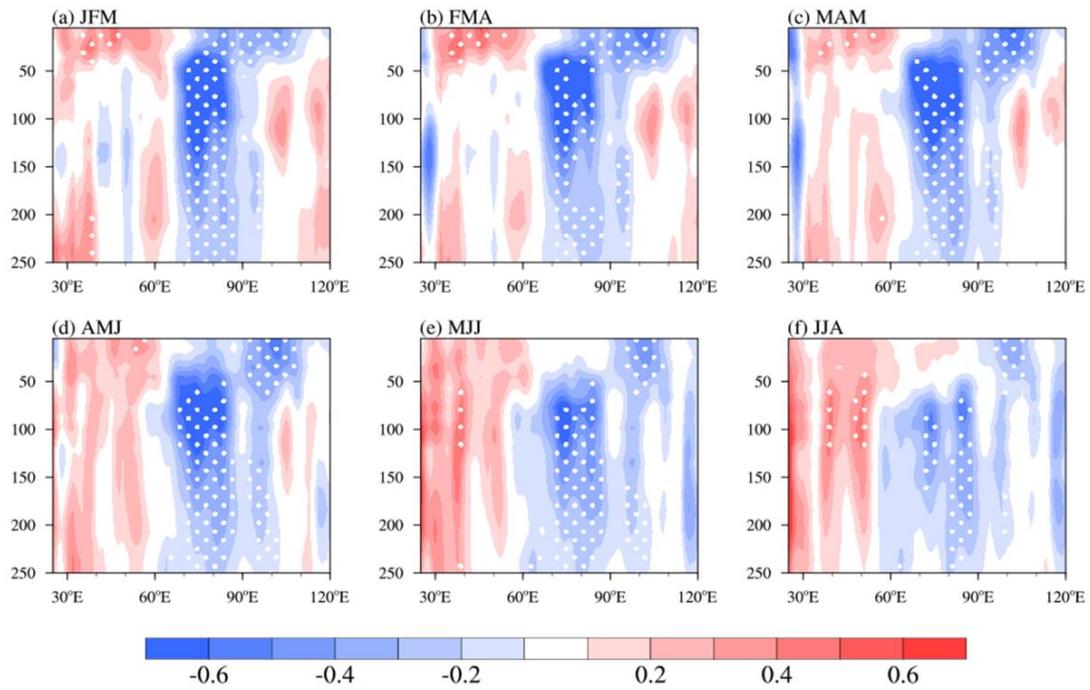
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55 **Figure S6.** Composites of summer (a) Arctic SST (unit: K) on the time series of sign reversed  $SI_{FJLN}$  index ( $SI_{FJLN}$  minus  
 56  $SI_{FJLP}$ ). The black box is used to calculate the Arctic SST index associated with  $SI_{FJL}$  in panels (a). The white dots indicate  
 57 that the differences with shading was above the 90% confidence level. Composites of JJA (b) velocity potential (unit:  $10^5 \text{ m}^2$   
 58  $\text{s}^{-1}$ , contour), divergent wind (unit:  $\text{m s}^{-1}$ , vector), and (c) Rossby wave source (unit:  $10^{-11} \text{ s}^{-2}$ , shading), at 500 hPa on the time  
 59 series of the Arctic SST index associated with  $SI_{FJL}$ . The yellow box in (b) and green box in (c) represents the center of the  
 60 velocity potential and Rossby wave source anomaly associated with the Arctic SST index associated with  $SI_{FJL}$ , respectively.

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65 **Figure S7.** Composites of summer 5–45°S mean subsurface ocean temperature (unit: K) associated with the SIOD (i.e., SIODP  
 66 minus SIODN) in (a) JFM, (b) FMA, (c) MAM, (d) AMJ, (e) MJJ, and (f) JJA from 1980 to 2019. The white dots indicate that  
 67 the differences with shading was above the 90% confidence level.

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