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Atmospheric oxidation capacity and ozone pollution mechanism in a coastal city of southeastern China: analysis of a typical photochemical episode by an observation-based model

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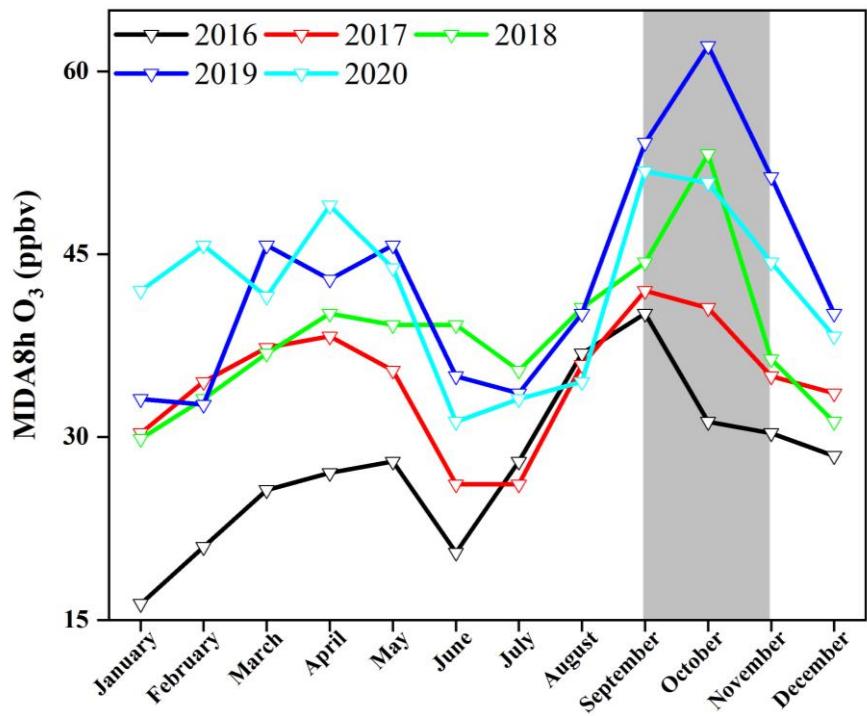
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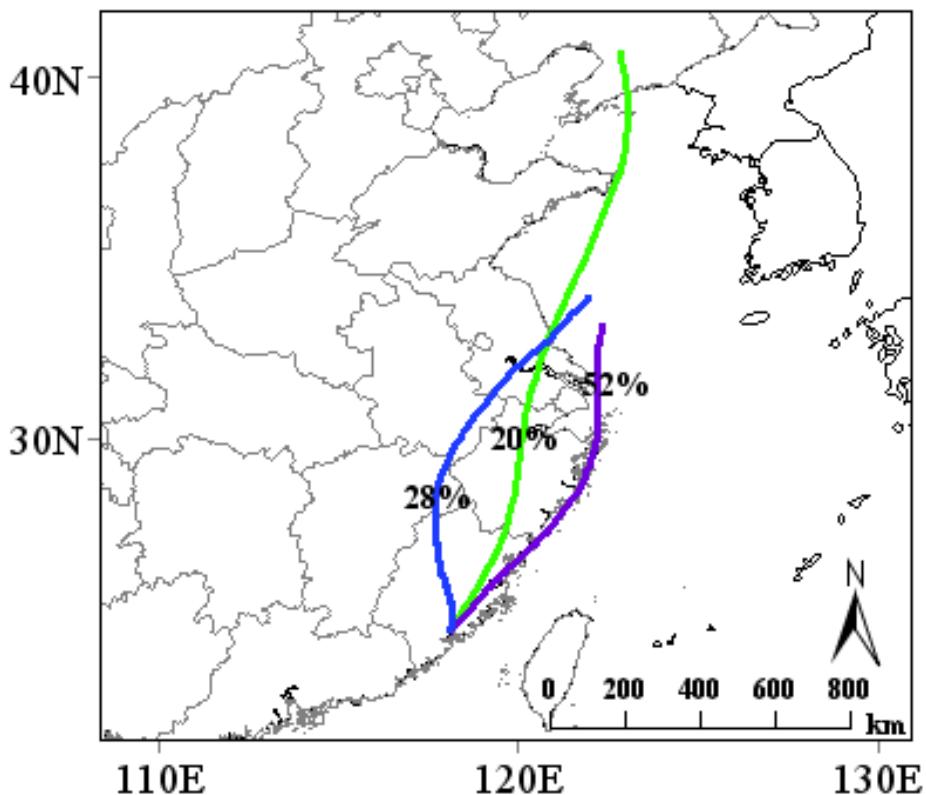
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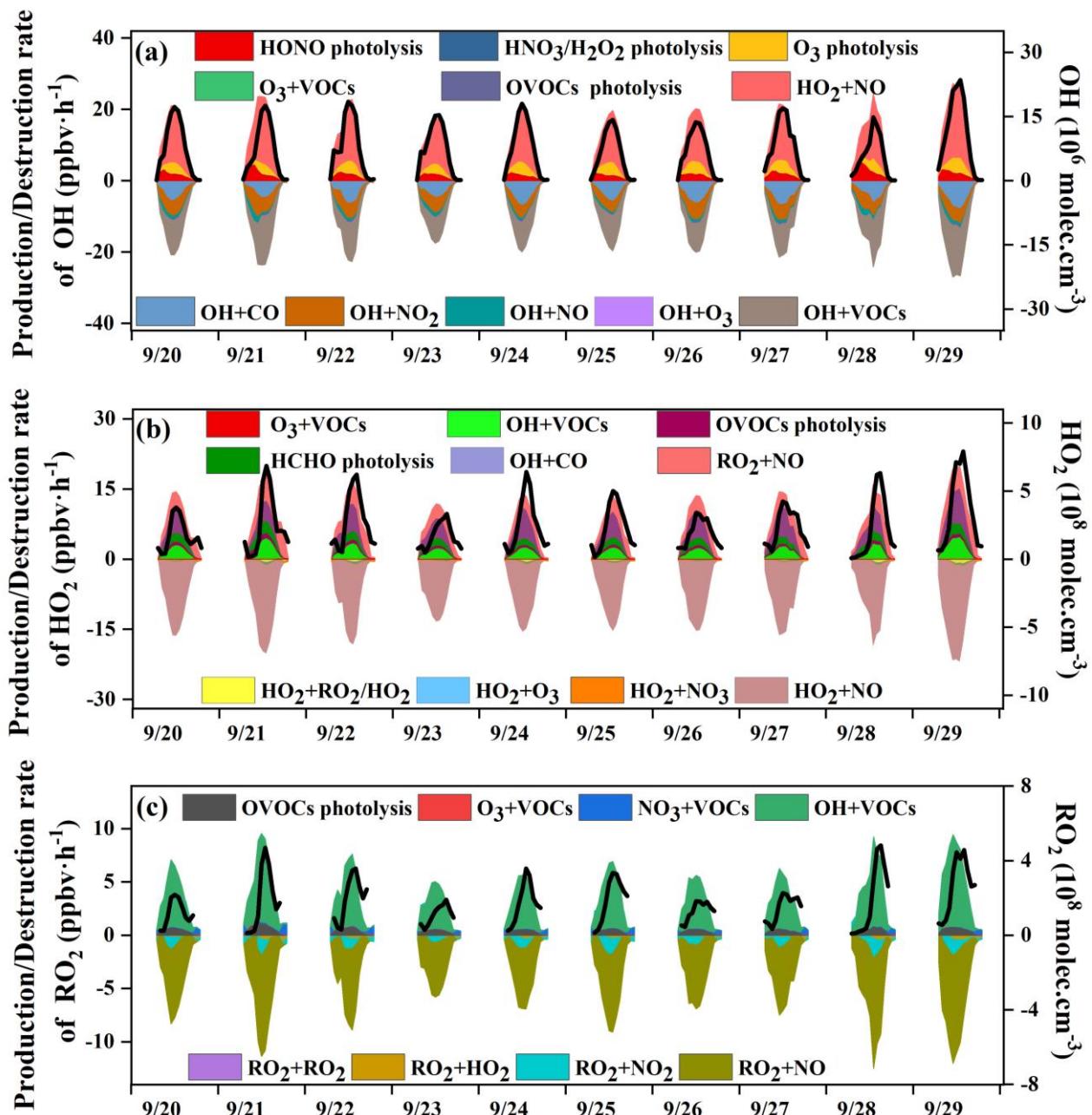


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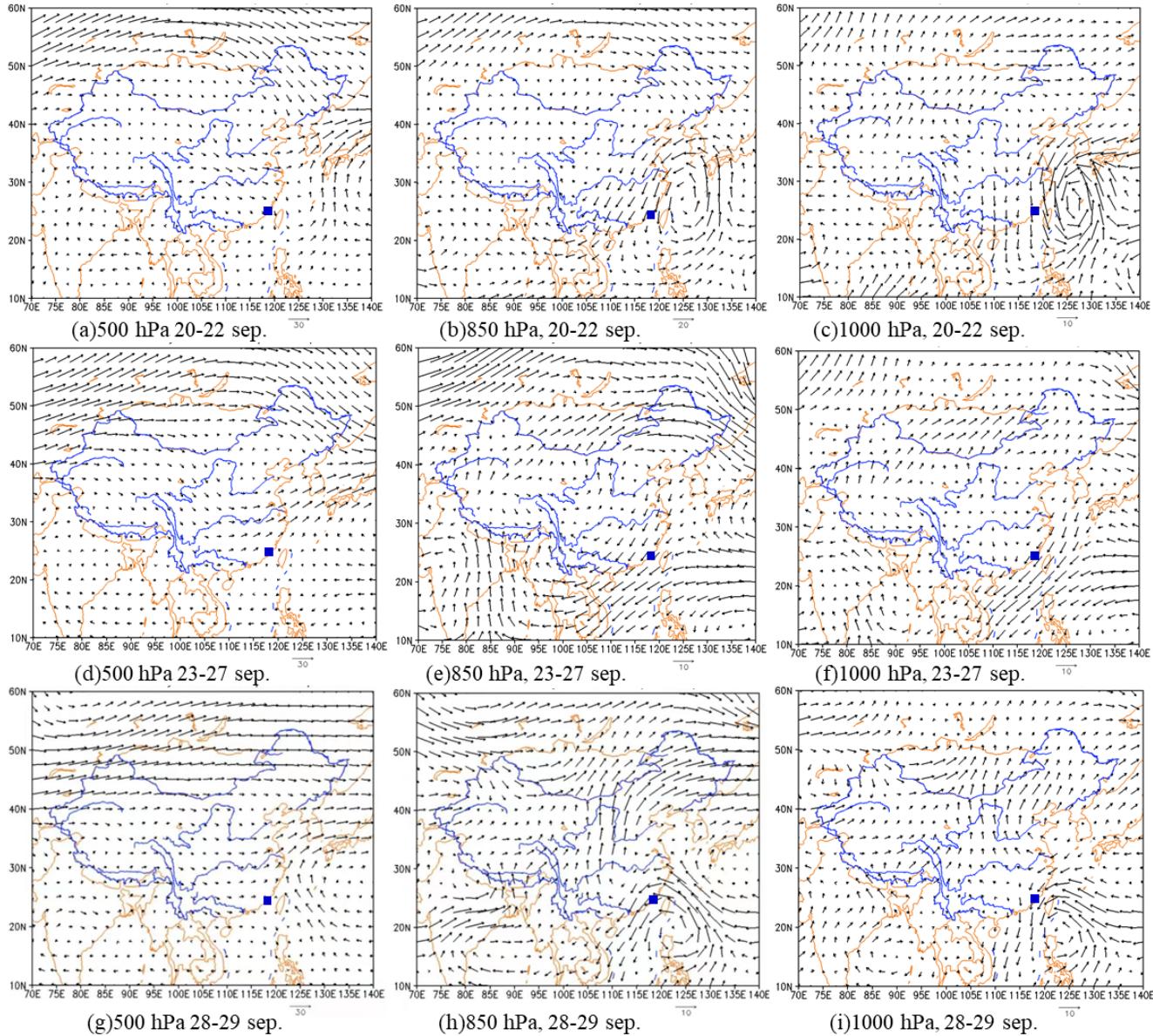


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Table S1. Comparison of NO, NO₂ and total VOCs levels in cities between China and other countries (Units: ppbv).

Location	NO ₂	NO	VOCs	Site category	Observation periods	Reference
Xiamen	15.4	1.4	17.2	Urban	Sep. 2019 (episode)	This study
Beijing	16.8	2.1	44.2	Urban		Liu et al., 2021b
Wuhan	17.5	3.2	30.2	Urban	Summer 2018 (episode)	Liu et al., 2021b
Lanzhou	15.8	2.9	45.3	Urban		Liu et al., 2021b
Shanghai	14.2	3.38	25.3	Urban	Jun. 2019 (episode)	Zhu et al., 2020
Chengdu	39.0	3.6	36.0	Urban	Jul. 2017 (episode)	Yang et al., 2020
Los Angeles	-	-	41.3	Urban	May.–Jun. 2010	Warneke et al., 2012
London	-	-	22.1	Urban	1998–2008	Von Schneidemesser et al., 2010
Tokyo	-	-	43.4	Urban	2003–2005	Hoshi et al., 2008

Beijing	11.5	4.8	28.1	Suburban	Aug. 2018	Yang et al., 2021
Hong Kong	25.0	14.0	26.9	Suburban	Aug. to Nov. 2013	Wang et al., 2018
Chengdu	11.4	8.0	28.0	Suburban	Summer 2019	Yang et al., 2021a
Qingdao	16.7	1.6	7.6	Rural	Oct.–Nov. 2019	Liu et al., 2021a
The Pearl River Delta	39.9	4.2	38.0	Rural	Octo.–Nov. 2014	He et al., 2019
Hong Kong	12.2	1.9	10.9	Regional background	Aug.–Dec. 2012	Li et al., 2018
Mt. Wuyi	-	-	4.7	Background	Dec. 2016	Hong et al., 2019
Mt. Tai	-	-	8.8	Background	Jun. 2006	Suthawaree et al., 2010
Mt. Waliguan	-	-	2.6	Remote region	Jul.–Aug. 2003	Xue et al., 2013

61 Note: “-” means that the data was not mentioned in the relevant studies.

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63 **Table S2. Dry deposition velocity (cm s⁻¹) for chemical species (Zhang et al., 2003).**

Symbol	Name	dry deposition velocity
O ₃	Ozone	0.6
NO ₂	Nitrogen dioxide	0.6
HONO	Nitrous acid	1.9
HNO ₃	Nitric acid	4.7
HNO ₄	Pernitric acid	3.3
NH ₃	Ammonia	1
SO ₂	Sulphur dioxide	0.8
H ₂ SO ₄	Sulphuric acid	1.1
H ₂ O ₂	Hydrogen peroxide	1.2
PAN	Peroxyacetyl nitrate	0.4
PPN	Peroxypropyl nitrate	0.4
APAN	Aromatic acylnitrate	0.5
MPAN	Peroxymethacrylic nitric anhydride	0.3
HCHO	Formaldehyde	0.9
MCHO	Acetaldehyde	0.2
PALD	C3 Carbonyls	0.2
C4A	C4-C5 Carbonyls	0.2
C7A	C6-C8 Carbonyls	0.2
ACHO	Aromatic carbonyls	0.2
MVK	Methyl-vinyl-ketone	0.2
MACR	Methacrolein	0.2
MGLY	Methylgloxal	0.2
MOH	Methyl alcohol	0.7
ETOH	Ethyl alcohol	0.6
POH	C3 alcohol	0.5
CRES	Cresol	0.2
FORM	Formic acid	1.4
ACAC	Acetic acid	1.1
ROOH	Organic peroxides	0.6
ONIT	Organic nitrates	0.4
INIT	Isoprene nitrate	0.3

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68 deviance explained (%), adjusted R² for the smoothed variables (including UV, T, RH, P, and
69 WS) in the GAM model.**

Smoothed variables	^a Edf	^a Ref.df	^b F	^c P-value	^d Adjust R ²	^e Deviance explained (%)
UV (W·m ⁻²)	3.1	3.8	3.0	0.0	0.0	5.4
T (°C)	5.3	6.5	10.9	0.0	0.2	24.1
RH (%)	2.9	3.6	40.1	0.0	0.4	38.9
WS (m·s ⁻¹)	2.9	3.6	26.9	0.0	0.3	29.3
P (hPa)	6.9	8.0	3.9	0.0	0.1	13.4

70 Note: ^a The degree of freedom (edf, ref.df) of the explanatory variable is 1, indicating the linear
71 relationships between the explanatory variable and the response variable, and a non-linear
72 relationship is shown when the degree>1; ^b a high F-value indicates the great importance of the
73 influencing factor; ^c the P-value is used to judge the significance of the model result; ^d the adjusted
74 R² is the value of the regression square ranging from 0 to 1; ^e the deviance explained represents the
75 fitting effect.

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