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What caused large ozone variabilities in three megacity clusters in eastern China during 2015–2020?

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Supplementary Figures

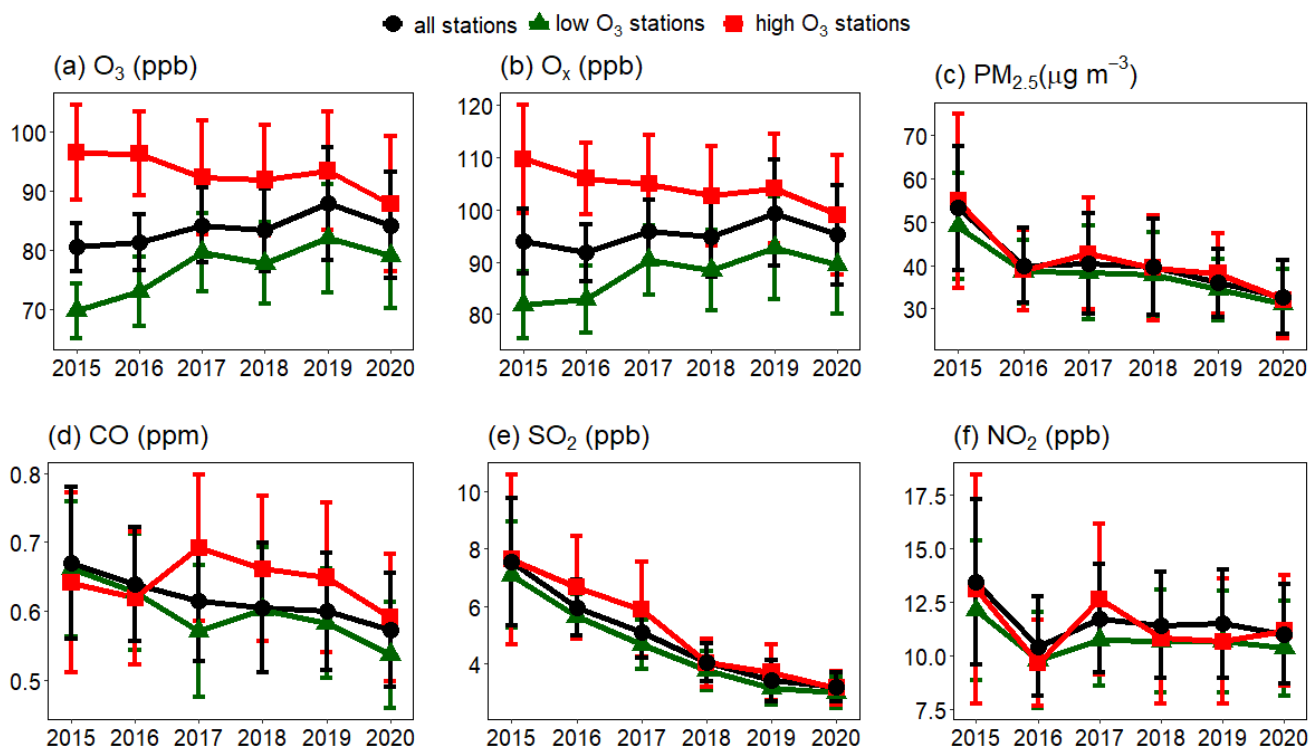


Figure S1. Annual mean concentrations of maximum daily 8-hour average O₃ in YRD during O₃-exceeding days for all stations (black), high O₃ stations (red) and low O₃ stations (green) (a), same as (a) except for O_x (b), PM_{2.5} (c), CO (d), SO₂ (e), NO₂ (f). The criterion of low O₃ stations is 37days, and the number of low O₃ stations is 54.

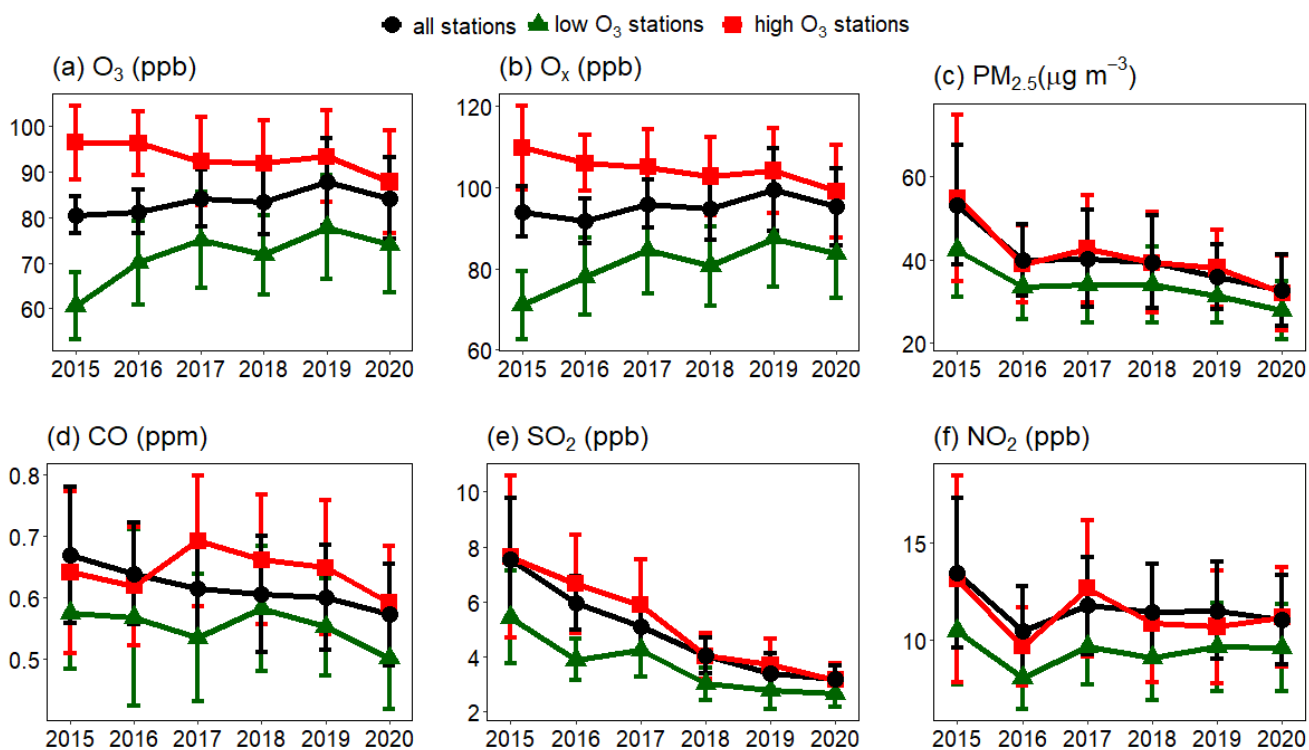


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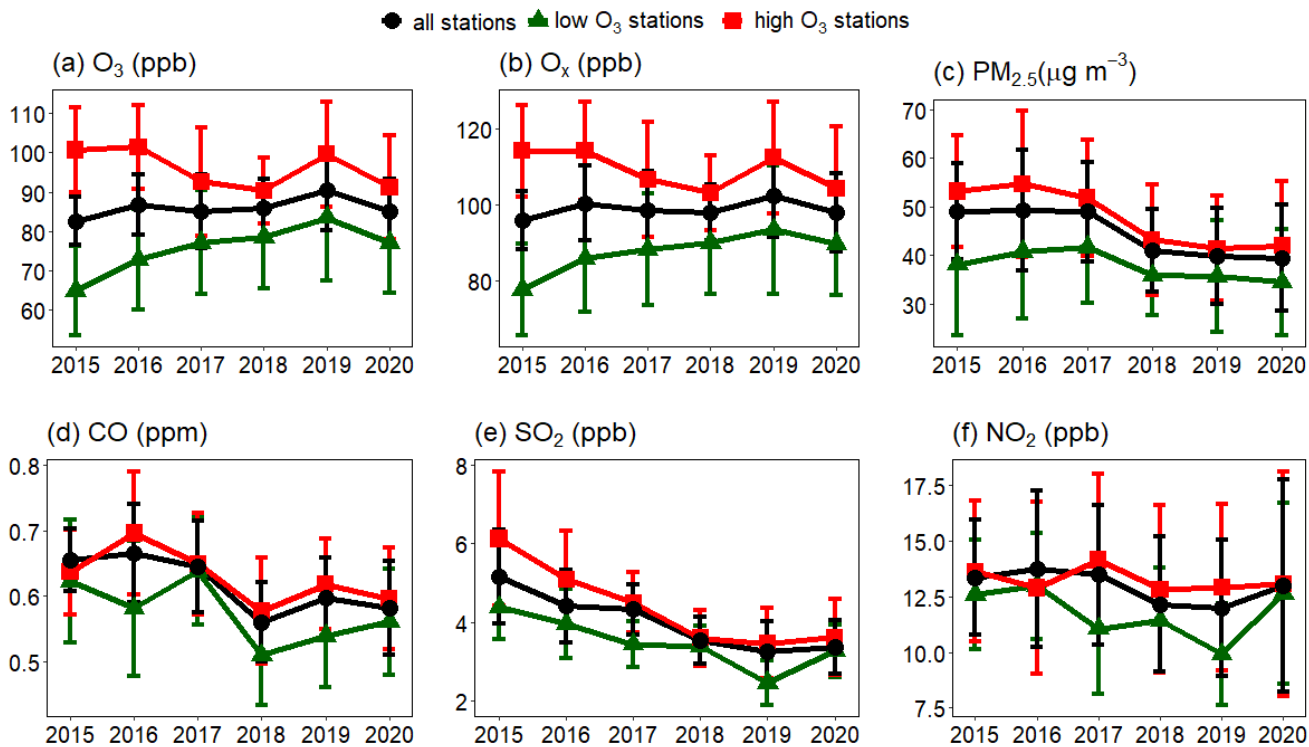
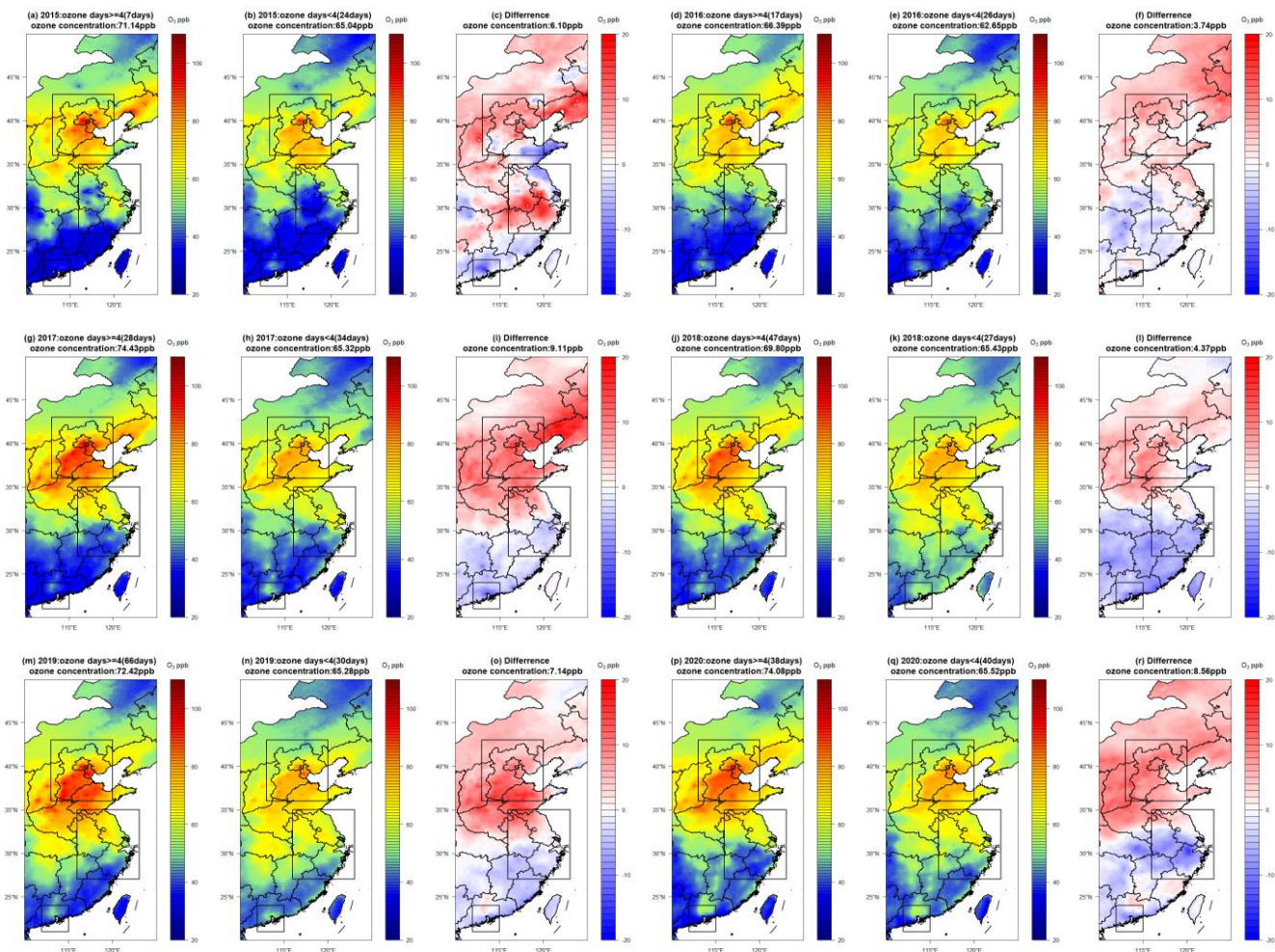
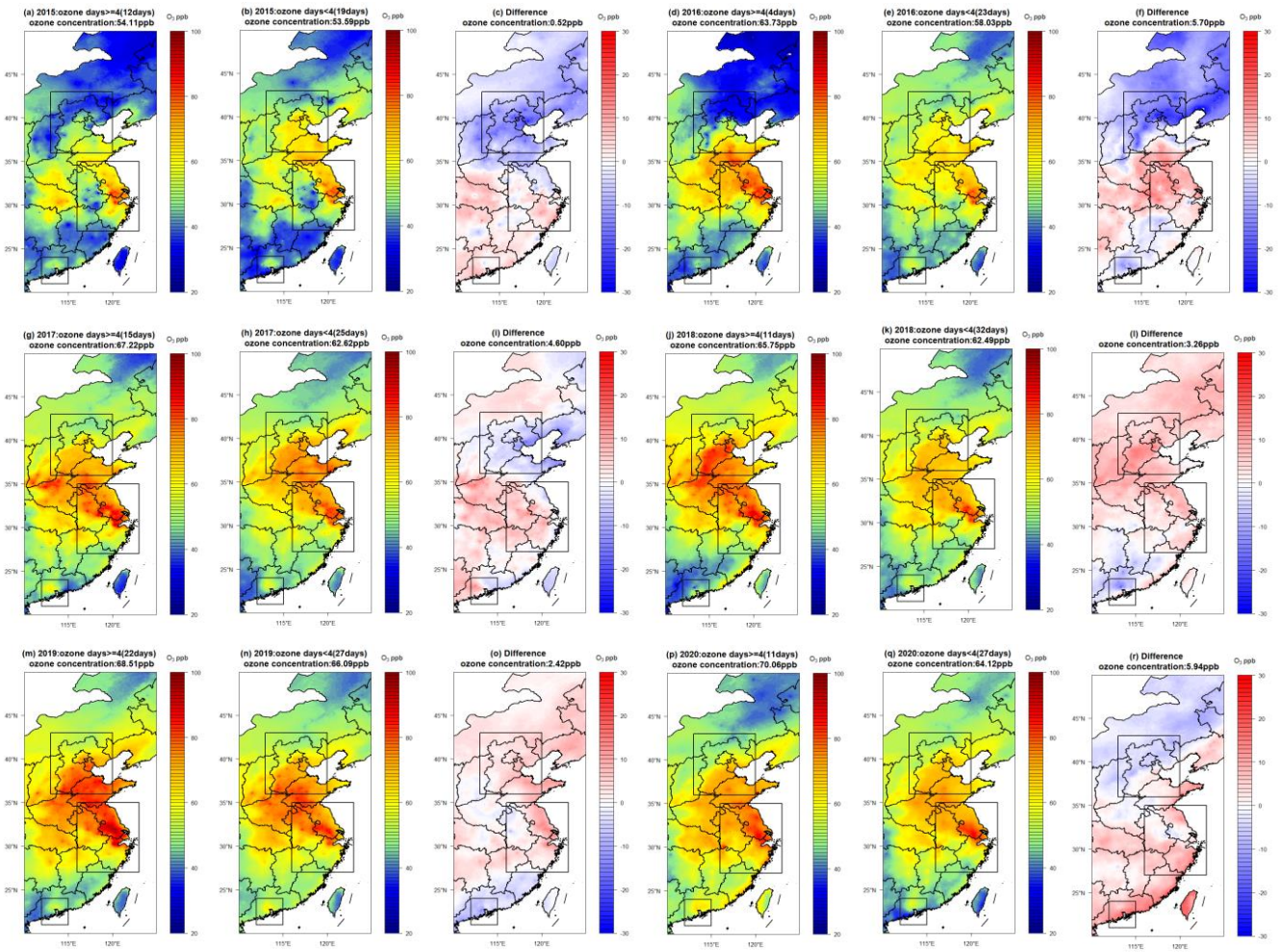


Figure S3. Annual mean concentrations of maximum daily 8-hour average O₃ in PRD during O₃-exceeding days for all stations (black), high O₃ stations (red) and low O₃ stations (green) (a), same as (a) except for O_x (b), PM_{2.5} (c), CO (d), SO₂ (e), NO₂ (f).



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Figure S4. Spatial distribution of daily mean MDA8 O₃ (in ppb per day) of O₃-exceeding days in BTH for O₃ episodes with four or more consecutive O₃-exceeding days, O₃ episodes with less than four consecutive O₃-exceeding days and their difference in 2015–2020.



30 **Figure S5.** Spatial distribution of daily mean MDA8 O₃ (in ppb per day) of O₃-exceeding days in YRD for O₃ episodes with four or more consecutive O₃-exceeding days, O₃ episodes with less than four consecutive O₃-exceeding days and their difference in 2015–2020.

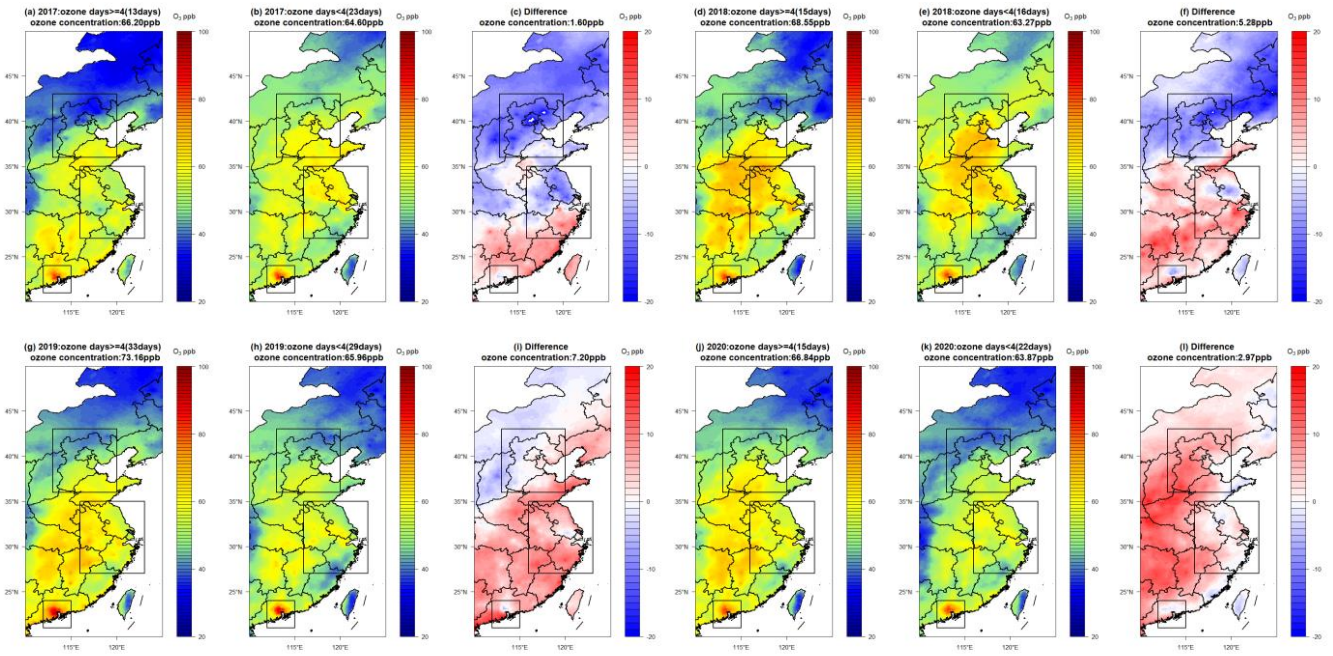


Figure S6. Spatial distribution of daily mean MDA8 O_3 (in ppb per day) of O_3 -exceeding days in PRD for O_3 episodes with four or more consecutive O_3 -exceeding days, O_3 episodes with less than four consecutive O_3 -exceeding days and their difference in 2017–2020.

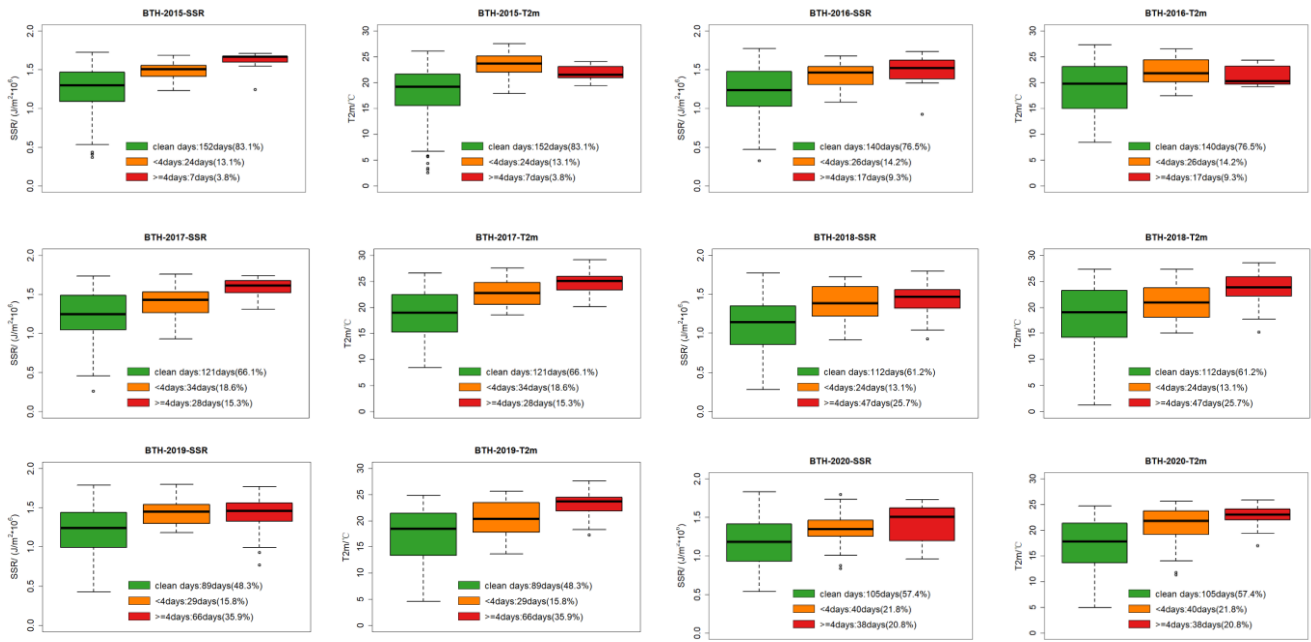


Figure S7. Solar radiation (SSR) and temperature (T2m) at the surface in BTH in April–September 2015–2020 for O₃ episodes with four or more consecutive O₃-exceeding days, clean days (non-O₃-exceeding days) and O₃ episodes with less than four consecutive O₃-exceeding days.

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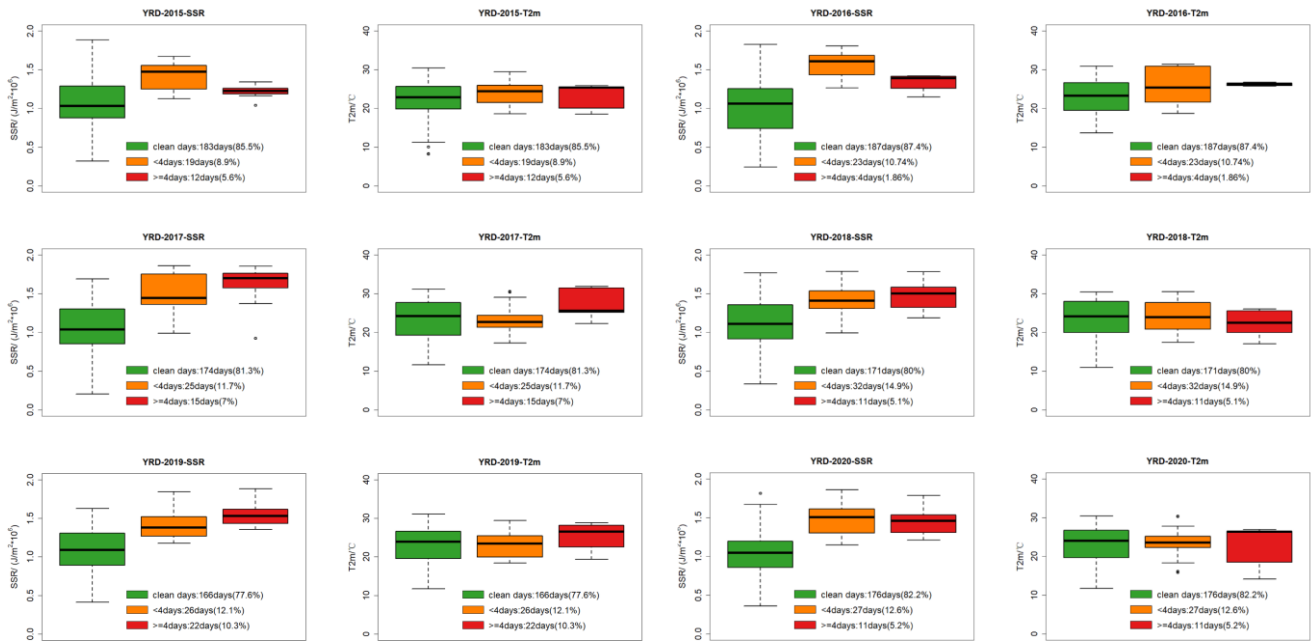


Figure S8. Solar radiation (SSR) and temperature (T2m) at the surface in YRD in April–October 2015–2020 for O₃ episodes with four or more consecutive O₃-exceeding days, clean days (non-O₃-exceeding days) and O₃ episodes with less than four consecutive O₃-exceeding days.

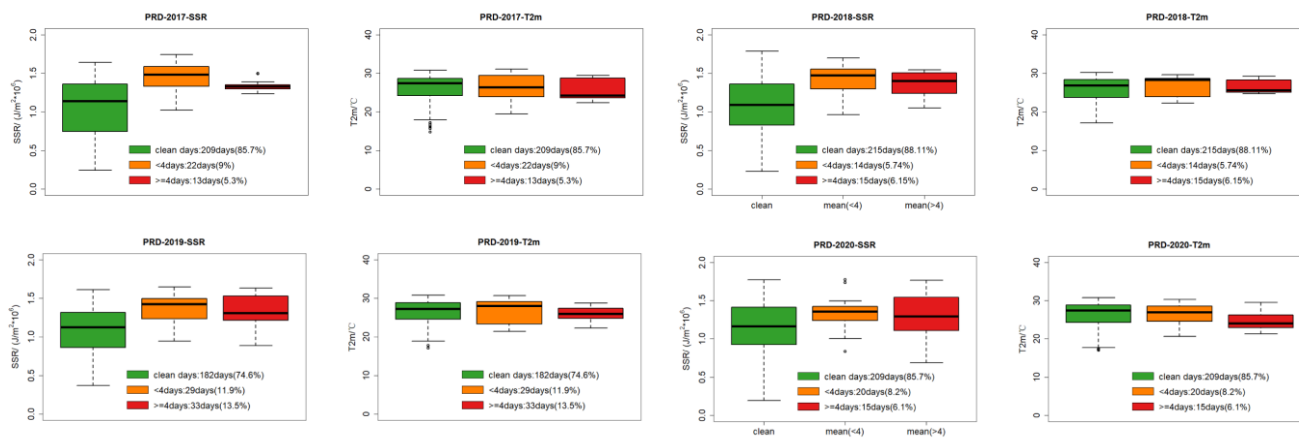
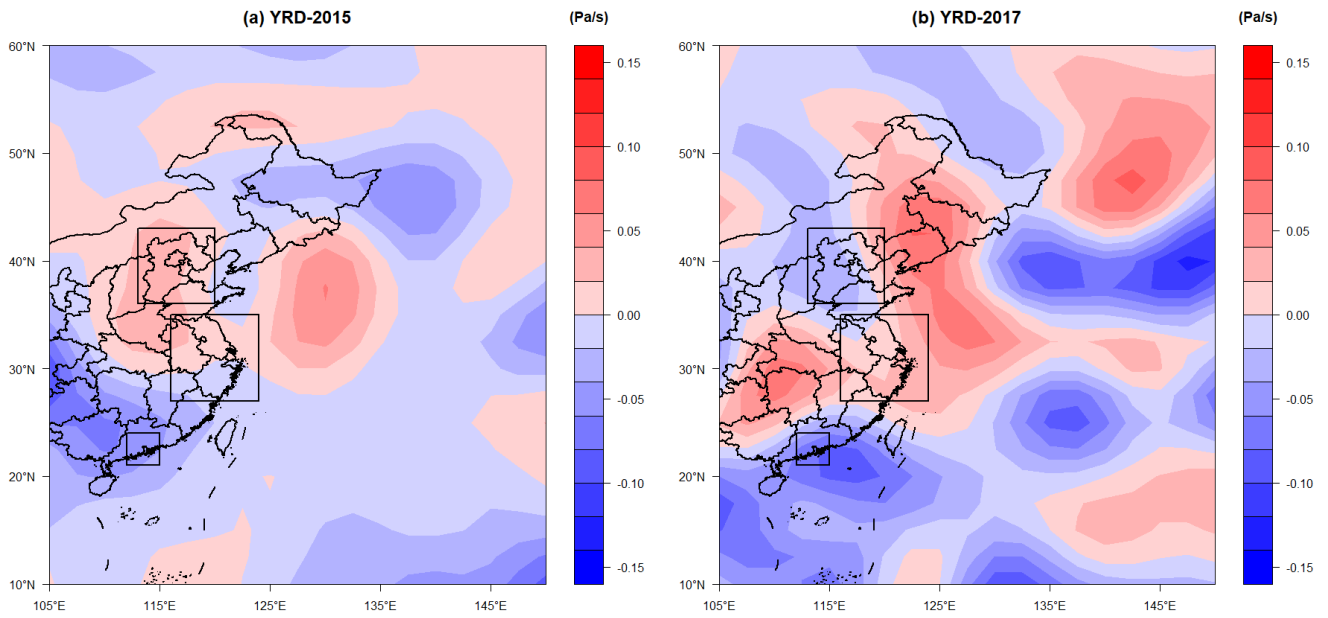


Figure S9. Solar radiation (SSR) and temperature (T2m) at the surface in PRD in April–November 2017–2020 for O₃ episodes with four or more consecutive O₃-exceeding days, clean days (non-O₃-exceeding days) and O₃ episodes with less than four consecutive O₃-exceeding days.



50 **Figure S10.** Mean vertical velocity at 850hPa during O_3 -exceeding days in YRD in 2015 (a) and during episodes with four or more consecutive O_3 -exceeding days in 2017 (b).

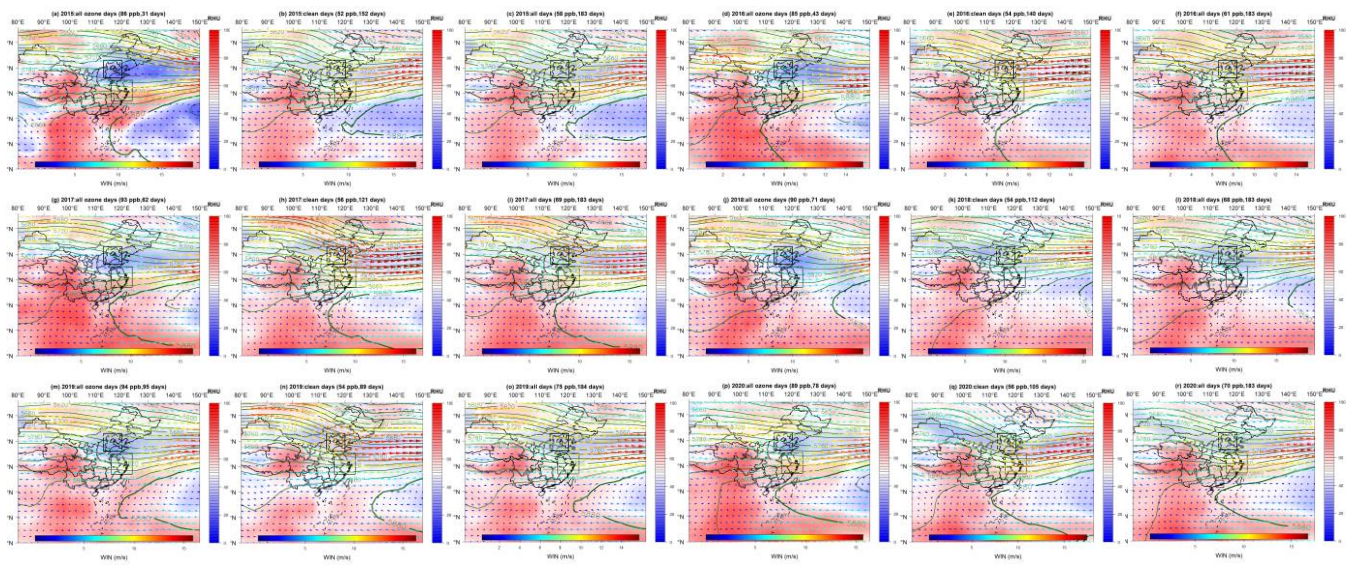
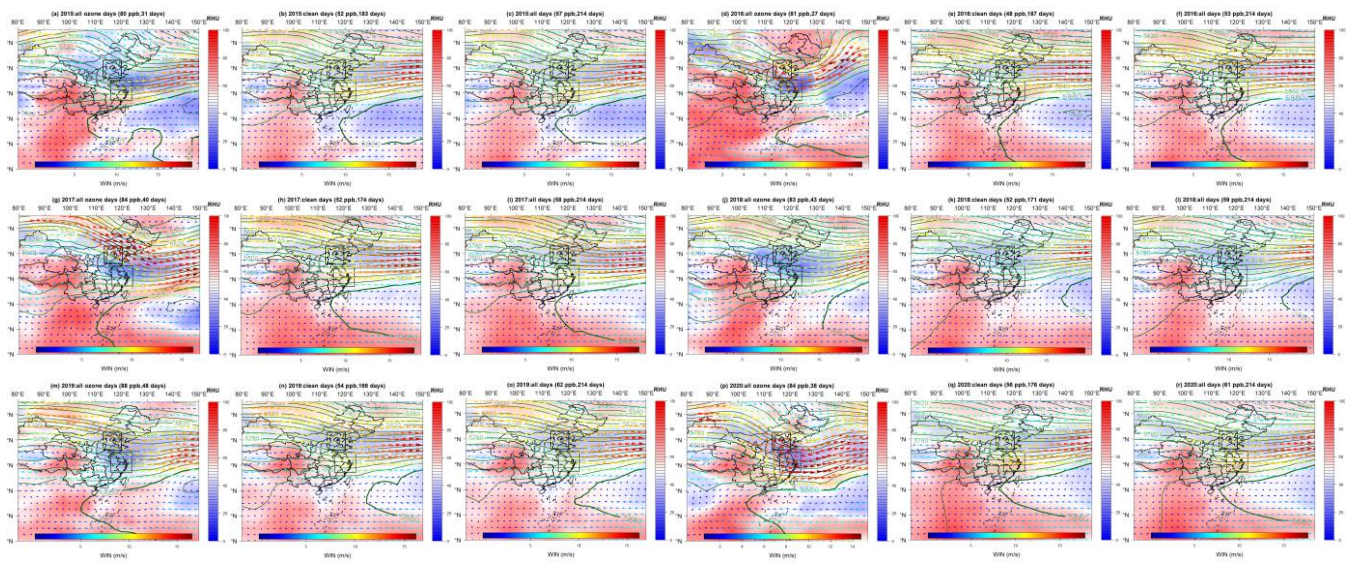


Figure S11. Composite 500 hPa geopotential height contours, humidity and winds in BTH in April–September for O₃-exceeding days, clean days and all days in 2015–2020.



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Figure S12. Composite 500 hPa geopotential height contours, humidity and winds in YRD in April–October for O₃-exceeding days, clean days and all days in 2015–2020.

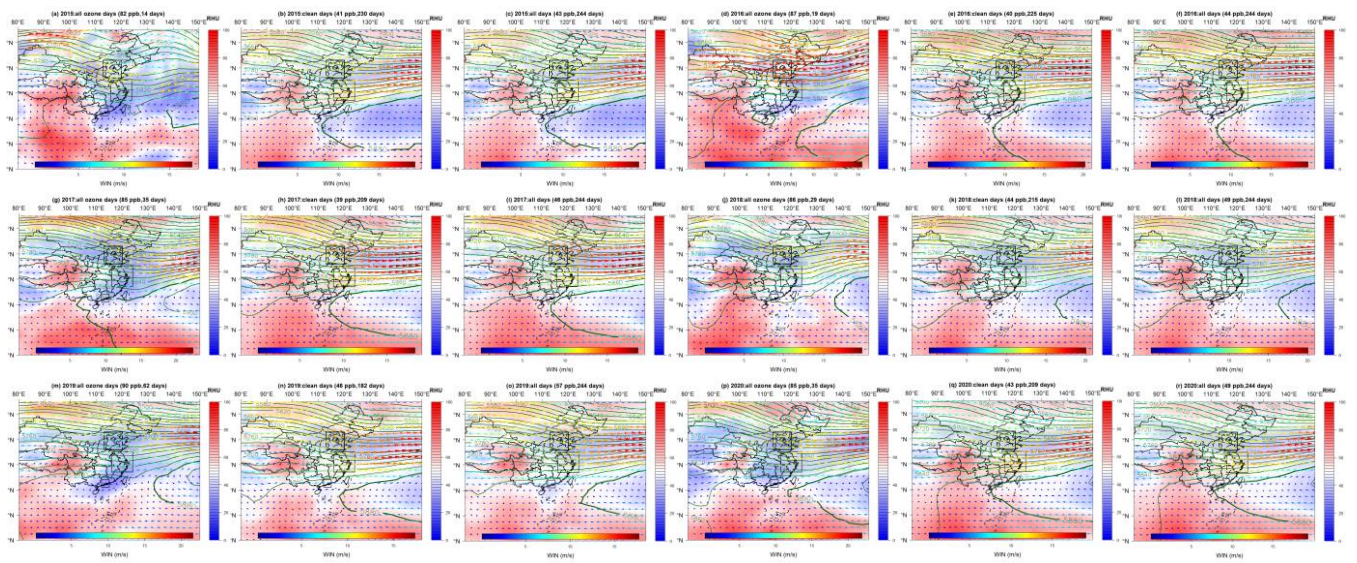


Figure S13. Composite 500 hPa geopotential height contours, humidity and winds in PRD in April–November for O₃-60 exceeding days, clean days and all days in 2015–2020.

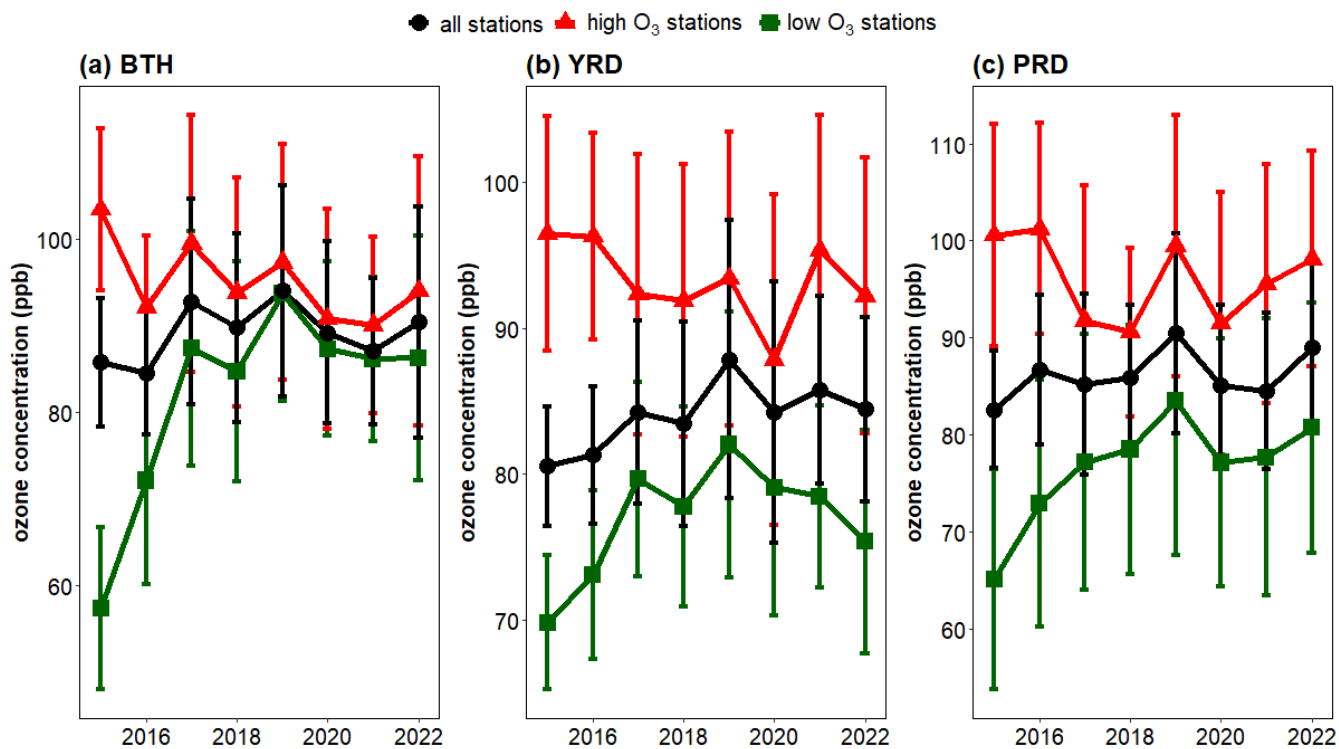


Figure S14. Annual mean concentrations of maximum daily 8-hour average O₃ during O₃-exceeding days for all stations (black), high O₃ stations (red) and low O₃ stations (green) in BTH in 2015–2022 (a), YRD (b) and PRD (c).