

1 **Parameterized atmospheric reactivity and oxidation capacity during summer at a**
2 **suburban site between Beijing and Tianjin**

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30 **Abstract**

31 Hydroxyl (OH) radicals, nitrate (NO₃) radicals, and ozone (O₃) play central roles in the
32 troposphere because they control the lifetimes of many trace gases that result from anthropogenic
33 and biogenic origins. To estimate the air chemistry, the atmospheric reactivity and oxidation
34 capacity was comprehensively analyzed based on a parameterization method at a suburban site in
35 Xianghe in the North China Plain from 6 July 2018 to 6 August 2018. The total OH, NO₃ and O₃
36 reactivities at the site varied from 9.2 s⁻¹ to 69.6 s⁻¹, 0.7 s⁻¹ to 27.5 s⁻¹ and 3.3×10⁻⁴ s⁻¹ to 1.8×10⁻²
37 s⁻¹ with campaign-averaged values of 27.5±9.7 s⁻¹, 2.2±2.6 s⁻¹ and 1.2±1.7×10⁻³ s⁻¹ (± standard
38 deviation), respectively. NO_x (NO+NO₂) were by far the main contributors to the three oxidants
39 reactivities, with average values of 43-99%. Alkenes dominated the OH, NO₃ and O₃ reactivities
40 towards total non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOCs), accounting for 42.9%, 77.8%
41 and 94.0%, respectively. The total OH, NO₃ and O₃ reactivities displayed a similar diurnal variation
42 with the lowest during the afternoon but the highest during the rush hours, and the diurnal profile
43 of NO_x appears to be the major driver for the diurnal profiles of the three oxidant reactivities. A box
44 model SOSAA (a model to Simulate the concentrations of Organic vapors, Sulfuric Acid and
45 Aerosol) derived from a column chemical transport model was used to simulate OH and NO₃
46 concentrations during the observation period. The calculated atmospheric oxidation capacity (AOC)
47 was up to 4.5×10⁸ molecules cm⁻³ s⁻¹ with campaign-averaged values of 7.8×10⁷ molecules cm⁻³
48 s⁻¹ dominated by OH (7.7×10⁷ molecule cm⁻³ s⁻¹, 98.2%), O₃ (1.2×10⁶ molecule cm⁻³ s⁻¹, 1.5%)
49 and NO₃ (1.8×10⁵ molecule cm⁻³ s⁻¹, 0.3%). Overall, the present study may provide some useful
50 suggestions for VOCs pollution control in the Xianghe and North China Plain. We suggest that
51 further studies, especially direct observations of OH and NO₃ radicals concentrations and their
52 reactivities, are required to better understanding the trace gas reactivity and AOC.

53 **Keywords:**

54 VOCs, atmospheric oxidants reactivity, atmospheric oxidation capacity, North China Plain

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56 **1 Introduction**

57 In the planetary boundary layer, high concentrations of primary pollutants, such as carbon
58 monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxides (NO_x=NO+NO₂) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from

59 both biogenic and anthropogenic origins, are transformed by reactions with atmospheric oxidants,
60 such as hydroxyl (OH) radicals, nitrate (NO₃) radicals, chlorine atom and ozone (O₃) on local to
61 global scales (Atkinson and Arey, 2003; Heard and Pilling, 2003; Lu et al., 2018), with the dominant
62 reaction depending on the time of day and specific trace gases. Ultimately, these processes lead to
63 the formation of a series of important secondary pollutants, including tropospheric O₃ and secondary
64 organic aerosol (SOA) (Goldstein and Galbally, 2007).

65 OH radicals control the daytime oxidation capacity of the atmosphere (Heard and Pilling, 2003),
66 initiating and participating in many oxidation reaction processes. OH exhibits a high reactivity to
67 many atmospheric trace gases, such as CO, NO_x, methane (CH₄), non-methane volatile organic
68 compounds (NMVOCs) (Kovacs et al., 2003; Sadanaga et al., 2005). The total OH reactivity is the
69 sum of the products of the concentrations and respective reaction rate coefficients for all gases that
70 react with OH. The total OH reactivity is equivalent to the inverse of the lifetime of OH (s⁻¹) in the
71 presence of those atmospheric constituents that can be either measured directly, modeled or
72 calculated from individual trace gas measurements. The online techniques used to determine OH
73 reactivity include the flow tube with sliding injector method (Kovacs et al., 2003), a comparative
74 rate method (Sinha et al., 2008) and a laser flash photolysis pump probe technique (Whalley et al.,
75 2016). Based on these online methods, the values of total OH reactivity have been measured in
76 urban, suburban, remote and forest areas during the last decade. The urban areas investigated
77 included Nashville, USA (SOS) (Kovacs et al., 2003), New York, USA (PMTACS-NY2004) (Ren
78 et al., 2006a), Mexico City, Mexico (MCMA-2003) (Shirley et al., 2006), Houston, USA
79 (TRAMP2006) (Mao et al., 2010), Paris, France (MEGAPOLI) (Dolgorouky et al., 2012), London,
80 UK (ClearfLo) (Whalley et al., 2016), Helsinki, Finland (Praplan et al., 2017), Seoul, South Korea
81 (Kim et al., 2016) and Beijing, China (Yang et al., 2017). The ranges of total OH reactivity in these
82 urban areas ranged from 1 s⁻¹ in clean air to 200 s⁻¹ in extremely polluted air in the atmospheric
83 boundary layer, and NO_x, CO, formaldehyde (HCHO) and NMVOCs were the main contributors
84 (Ferracci et al., 2018). The suburban areas investigated included Whiteface Mountain, USA
85 (PMTACS-NY2002) (Ren et al., 2006b), Weybourne, UK (TORCH-2) (Lee et al., 2010), Yufa,
86 China (CAREBeijing-2006) (Lu et al., 2010), Backgarden, China (PRIDE-PRD) (Lou et al., 2010),
87 Jülich, Germany (HO_x Comp) (Elshorbany et al., 2012), Ersa, Corsica (CARBOSOR-ChArMeX)

88 (Zannoni et al., 2017), Po Valley, Italy (Kaiser et al., 2015), Indo-Gangetic Plain, India (Kumar et
89 al., 2018) and Heshan, China (Yang et al., 2017). The ranges of total OH reactivity in these suburban
90 areas ranged from 4.6 to 64 s⁻¹. The total OH reactivity was also modeled using a zero-dimensional
91 box model based on the Regional Atmospheric Chemical Mechanism to compare them with the
92 measurements or calculations (Lou et al., 2010; Whalley et al., 2016; Ferracci et al., 2018; Yang et
93 al., 2017). The calculated total OH reactivity is the sum of the OH reactivities that are attributed to
94 measured trace gases, which is used extensively as a metric to estimate the initial peroxy radical
95 (RO₂) formation rate under optimum reaction conditions (Carter, 2012; Liu et al., 2008; Warneke,
96 2004). This metric does not account for chain termination or propagation steps, nor does it properly
97 capture differences in NMVOCs production of RO₂ during photolysis or reaction with other
98 oxidants; however, this metric does provide at least some useful approximation of the relative
99 contribution of individual NMVOCs to daytime photochemistry (Goldan et al., 2004; Benedict et
100 al., 2019). The concentrations (in molecules cm⁻³) of trace gases and the reaction rate constants (in
101 cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹) of the respective trace gases with the OH radical are the key factors for
102 computing OH reactivity (Mogensen et al., 2011; Mogensen et al., 2015). In general, the trace gases
103 considered in calculating OH reactivity include NMVOCs, CH₄, CO, NO_x, SO₂ and O₃. As reported,
104 the contribution from NO_x exceeds 50% for the cities of Paris, Tokyo, New York and Beijing,
105 showing the large influence of traffic-related emissions on the OH reactivity (Dolgorouky et al.,
106 2012; Ren, 2003; Yang et al., 2017; Yoshino et al., 2006), but the contribution from the NMVOCs
107 reaches 50% in Mexico and Houston due to high biomass fuel being burned and industrial solvent
108 emissions (Mao et al., 2010; Shirley et al., 2006).

109 As OH levels are vastly reduced during nighttime due to missing photolysis, the NO₃ formed
110 by the slow reaction of NO₂ + O₃ → NO₃ + O₂ is the main initiator of nighttime oxidation chemistry
111 in the troposphere at night (Asaf et al., 2009; Geyer et al., 2001). NO₃ reacts effectively with
112 unsaturated NMVOCs, such as certain alkenes or aromatics, via additions to a >C=C< double bond,
113 which can initiate the formation of peroxy radicals (HO₂ and RO₂) and even of OH (Geyer et al.,
114 2001). The high NO₃ mixing ratios and the large reaction rate constants with several unsaturated
115 NMVOCs result in NO₃ being the dominant sink of many unsaturated NMVOCs during nighttime.
116 The role of NO₃ as an oxidizing agent may be assessed via its total reactivity towards trace gases.

117 The total NO₃ reactivity is an indication of nighttime oxidation rates of trace gases with direct
118 impacts on NO_x levels and indirect impacts on heterogeneous NO_x losses and ClNO₂ formation
119 (Liebmann et al., 2017). As frequently reported for total OH reactivity, total NO₃ reactivity can be
120 measured online or calculated from summing loss rates for a set of reactive trace gases. Previous
121 work on total NO₃ reactivity measured has revealed a strong diel variation. For instance, the total
122 NO₃ reactivity obtained in Hyytiälä, Finland (Influence of Biosphere-Atmosphere Interactions on
123 the Reactive Nitrogen budget (IBAIRN) campaign), displayed a strong diel variation with a
124 campaign-averaged nighttime mean value of 0.11 s⁻¹ compared to a daytime value of 0.04 s⁻¹
125 (Liebmann et al., 2018a), but varied from 0.005 to 0.1 s⁻¹ during nighttime and reached values as
126 high as 1.4 s⁻¹ in the daytime at the Taunus, Germany (NOcturnal chemistry at the Taunus
127 Observatorium: insights into Mechanisms of Oxidation (NOTOMO) campaign) (Liebmann et al.,
128 2017).

129 Along with reactions with the OH and NO₃ radicals, trace gases are oxidized in the troposphere
130 by reactions with O₃. Although for most NMVOCs, their reaction reaction rate with O₃ is much
131 lower than that with either OH or NO₃, O₃ is very important because it is present at elevated mixing
132 ratios in clean or contaminated atmospheres (Wang et al., 2013). The rate constants of the reactions
133 for some alkenes with O₃ are even comparable to those with NO₃ (Atkinson and Arey, 2003). The
134 total reaction of O₃ with trace gases can reflect the role of O₃ as an oxidizing agent. Direct
135 measurements of total O₃ reactivity were not available until very recently (Geyer, 2003); hence, the
136 reactivity of O₃ has traditionally been calculated by summing the reactivities due to individual
137 reactive trace gases. The calculated O₃ reactivity obtained at Pabstthum, Germany (Berliner
138 Ozonexperiment (BERLIOZ) campaign) revealed that terpenes (20%), isoprene (20%) and other
139 alkenes (60%) were the dominant contributors during the night of 20 and 21 July but arose mainly
140 (83%) from non-biogenic alkene during the night of 4 and 5 August (Geyer, 2003).

141 Recently, several studies on measured, modeled or calculated total OH reactivity have been
142 conducted in China (Lou et al., 2010; Fuchs et al., 2017; Yang et al., 2017; Lu et al., 2010; Williams
143 et al., 2016; Lyu et al., 2019). However, comprehensive evaluations of the total OH, NO₃ and O₃
144 reactivities calculated are scarce. In this study, we calculated the OH, O₃ and NO₃ reactivities at a
145 suburban site (Xianghe) in the North China Plain during an intensive measurement campaign in the

146 summer of 2018. By combining simulated OH and NO₃ concentrations using a box model SOSAA,
147 we calculated the oxidation capacities of OH, NO₃ and O₃ and estimated their relative contributions.

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149 **2 Methodology**

150 **2.1 Site description**

151 The sampling site is located at the Xianghe Atmospheric Observatory (39.798 °N, 116.958 °E;
152 15 m above sea level), which is operated by the Institute of Atmospheric Physics (IAP)/Chinese
153 Academy of Sciences (CAS). The sampling site is a typical suburban site in the seriously polluted
154 Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei large urban region, which is approximately 50 km southeast of Beijing, 75
155 km northwest of Tianjin, and 35 km northeast of Langfang in the Hebei Province. The sampling site
156 is approximately 4 km west of the downtown center and is surrounded by residential areas and
157 agricultural land (see Figure 1).

158 **2.2 Experimental method**

159 O₃ was measured using a UV photometric O₃ analyzer (Model 49C/I, Thermo-Fisher Scientific,
160 United States) with the **detection limit** of 2.0 ppb, precision of ±1.0 ppb, zero drift of less than 1.0
161 ppb (24 h)⁻¹, span drift of less than 1% full scale per month, and response time of 10 s. NO_x was
162 measured using a chemiluminescence NO_x Analyzer (Model 42C/I) with the **detection limit** of 0.4
163 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
164 h, and response time of 40 s. NO_y was measured using a chemiluminescence NO-DIF-NO_y Analyzer
165 (Model 42C/I) with the **detection limit** of 50 ppt, span drift of less than 1% per 24 h, and response
166 time of 60 s. SO₂ was measured using a pulsed fluorescence SO₂ analyzer (Model 43C/I) with the
167 **detection limit** of 0.5 ppb, precision of 1% of reading or 1 ppb, zero drift of less than 1 ppb (24 h)⁻¹,
168 span drift of less than 0.5% full scale per 24 h, and response time of less than 20 s. CO was
169 measured with a nondispersive infrared analyzer (Model 48I) with the **detection limit** of 0.4 ppm, a
170 **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
171 per 24 h, and response time of less than 60 s. **These measurement instruments were housed in a**
172 **container that was equipped with an air conditioner. Ambient air samples were drawn through a 3-**
173 **m PFA Teflon tube (outside diameter: 12.7 mm; inside diameter: 9.6 mm), and the sampling tube**
174 **inlets were located 1m above the conditioner. High resolution (5 min averages) data sets of O₃, NO,**

175 NO_x, NO_y, SO₂ and CO were obtained, and hourly averaged data were used after applying strict
176 data quality control. The sampling methods and instrument protocols as well as quality
177 assurance/quality control (QA/QC) procedures for air quality monitoring are described in detail in
178 the Chinese National Environmental Protection Standard, Automated Methods for Ambient Air
179 Quality Monitoring (HJ/T 193–2005; State Environmental Protection Administration of China,
180 2006). The measurement techniques are the same as those used in Wang et al. (2014) and Xin et al.
181 (2012).

182 Ambient NMVOCs were collected and analyzed continuously and automatically with a time
183 resolution of 1 h using a custom-built gas chromatography-mass spectrometry/flame ionization
184 detector (GC-MS/FID). The online GC-MS/FID system consisted of three major components: a
185 cryogen-free cooling device for creating ultra-low temperatures (TH300, Wuhan Tianhong
186 Environmental protection industry co., LTD, Wuhan, China), a sampling and preconcentration
187 system for NMVOCs collection and enrichment, and a gas chromatography (GC, 7820A, Agilent
188 Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, USA) equipped with an MS and an FID (5977E, Agilent Technology,
189 Santa Clara, CA, USA) for NMVOCs separation and detection. The custom-built online GC-
190 MS/FID was a two-channel system and was capable of measuring C₂-C₁₂ hydrocarbons and
191 selected C₂-C₅ carbonyls. The two channels have their own inlets, cold traps and GC separation
192 columns, but they share one cryogenic source and programmed temperature procedure. The
193 availability of this system for NMVOCs measurement are well verified and it has been used in
194 several large field campaign (Chen et al., 2014; Yuan et al., 2013; Wu et al., 2016), and was
195 described by our previous paper (Yang et al., 2019). Briefly, samples are collected into GC-MS/FID
196 at a flow rate of 60 mL min⁻¹ with sampling time of 5 min at the beginning of each hour. The
197 sampling lines for ambient air and standard gases were both Teflon tubes with a 1/4-inch outside
198 diameter (OD). A Teflon filter was placed in the inlet to prevent particulate matters from entering
199 the instrument, and a water trap was used to remove H₂O from the air samples. Ascarite II was used
200 to remove CO₂ and O₃ before the FID channel, whereas a Na₂SO₃ trap was used to remove O₃ in
201 the MS channel. C₂-C₅ hydrocarbons were separated on a PLOT-Al₂O₃ column (15 m × 0.32 mm
202 ID×3 μm, J&W Scientific, USA) and were measured by the FID channel. Other compounds were
203 separated on a semi polar column (DB624, 60 m × 0.25 mm ID×1.4 μm, J&W Scientific, USA) and

204 were quantified using a quadrupole MS detector. The two columns were not exchanged during the
205 intensive measurement campaign.

206 The compounds analyzed were subjected to rigorous quality assurance and quality control
207 procedures (QA/QC). The NMVOCs detected by FID were quantified by the external standard
208 method, and the components detected by MS were quantified by the internal standard method. Four
209 compounds, i.e., bromochloromethane, 1,4-difluorobenzene, chlorobenzene-d5, and
210 bromofluorobenzene, were used as internal standards. Specifically, the system was calibrated at
211 multiple concentrations in the range of 0.8-8 ppb by two gas standards, i.e., a mixture of 57 PAMS
212 (provided by Spectra Gases Inc., USA), and a mixture of oxygenated VOCs (OVOCs) and
213 halocarbons (provided by Spectra Gases Inc., USA). R² values for the calibration curves ranged
214 from 0.941 to 1.000 for NMVOCs, indicating that integral areas of the peaks were proportional to
215 concentrations of target compounds. The method detection limit (MDL) of the online GC-FID/MS
216 system for all measured compounds ranged from 0.003 to 0.092 ppb. The measurement relative
217 standard deviation (RSD) for measured compounds ranged from 2.1% to 14.9% (Yang et al., 2019).
218 To check the stability of the instrument, routine calibration was performed periodically by using a
219 calibration gas with a mixing ratio of 2 ppb consisting of 56 kinds of NMVOCs components. The
220 variations between the measured and nominal concentrations of the periodic calibration were within
221 10%. The signal variations of each targeted compound due to system instability were corrected by
222 the signal of CFC-113 (1,1,2-trichloro-1,2,2-trifluoroethane) due to its long atmospheric lifetime
223 and stable anthropogenic emissions (Yuan et al., 2013; Chen et al., 2014). Detailed instrumental and
224 operational parameters are described in our previous study (Yang et al., 2019).

225 Measurements of atmospheric HONO mixing ratios were conducted using a custom-made
226 HONO analyzer. The detailed information can be seen elsewhere (Zhang et al., 2019; Tong et al.,
227 2015). CH₄ were analyzed by Agilent 7890A gas chromatography (GC) with flame ionization
228 detector (FID). Standard samples were provided by NIST of USA and NSC of China. The precision
229 of CH₄ concentration analysis is 0.05± 0.10%. HCHO was measured by Hantzsch Fluorimetry with
230 a commercial instrument (AL4021, Aerolaser GmbH, Germany) (Lu et al., 2019).

231 The photolysis frequencies, JO¹D, JNO₂ and JNO₃, in the atmosphere are measured by the
232 PFS-100 Photolysis Spectrometer (Juguang Technology (hangzhou) Co., Ltd, Hangzhou, China).

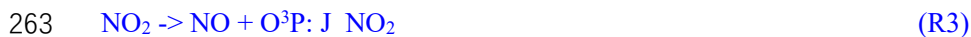
233 The photolysis rate is calculated by integrating the actinic flux with the known absorption cross
234 section $\sigma(\lambda)$ and quantum yield $\varphi(\lambda)$. The actinic flux is spherically integrated photon radiance
235 of the solar radiation in the atmosphere. The spectrometer obtains spectral information in a certain
236 wavelength range, which mainly uses quartz receiver to collect solar radiation from all directions,
237 and convert it into the actinic flux F_λ . $\sigma(\lambda)$ is the absorption cross section of the species that
238 absorbs in certain wavelength range and $\varphi(\lambda)$ is quantum yield of the photodissociation reaction
239 product; these two coefficients have been measured by experiments and can be directly looked up
240 and used.

241 The meteorological parameters, including wind speed, wind direction, temperature and relative
242 humidity were obtained from the National Meteorological Information Center (<http://data.cma.cn/>).
243 The sensors are about 3000 meters away from the measurement area.

244 **2.3 Atmospheric chemical transport model SOSAA**

245 SOSAA (a model to Simulate the concentrations of Organic vapours, Sulfuric Acid and Aerosol)
246 is a column (or one-dimensional) chemical transport model, which was first developed by Boy et al.
247 (2011). A more detailed description of its newest version can be found in Zhou et al. (2017a) and
248 Zhou et al. (2017b). In this study, a box model version of SOSAA was used, in which the
249 meteorological variables, including air temperature, air pressure, relative humidity and incoming
250 global radiation, were directly read from the measurement data. The chemistry scheme was
251 generated by MCM v3.3.1 (Master Chemical Mechanism version 3.3.1,
252 <http://mcm.leeds.ac.uk/MCMv3.3.1>) (Jenkin et al., 1997; Jenkin et al., 2015; Saunders et al., 2003)
253 and then converted to Fortran code with KPP (kinetic pre-processor; Damian et al., 2002). The
254 mixing ratios of chemical species included in the chemistry scheme were read from the measured
255 data when available, e.g., O₃, NO, NO₂, SO₂, CO, HONO, HCHO, isoprene, acetone, etc. Ten
256 OVOCs (ACR, C₂H₅CHO, MACR, C₃H₇CHO, MVK, MEK, MPRK, C₄H₉CHO, DIEK, C₅H₁₁CHO)
257 were excluded from the input list although they were also measured, because their simulated
258 concentrations were used to compare with the measurement data to validate the model performance.
259 Seven photolysis rates (J_O¹D, J_HCHO_M, J_NO₂, J_H₂O₂, J_HONO, J_NO₃_M, J_NO₃_R) were
260 also read from the measurement data, the related photochemical reactions are shown below:





268 The other photolysis rates were calculated using the incoming global radiation. The deposition
 269 velocities of all non-input species were set to 0.01 m s^{-1} and the boundary layer height was assumed
 270 to be 1 km (Lu et al., 2013; Zhu et al., 2020). The simulated OVOCs were also considered to be
 271 condensing onto pre-existing aerosols. Their condensation sinks were set to make their simulated
 272 concentrations approach the measurement data. The model time step was set to 10 s, and the data
 273 were output every half an hour. All the input data were interpolated to the model time step.

274 2.4 Speciated oxidant reactivity

275 Atmospheric oxidant reactivity is a measure of the strength of reaction of trace gases to the
 276 oxidant (= OH, O₃, NO₃) (Kovacs et al., 2003; Mogensen et al., 2015). High oxidant reactivity
 277 values correspond to short lifetimes and long-lived species have low reactivities. The total OH, NO₃
 278 and O₃ reactivities can be calculated by Eq. (1)-(3), respectively.

279 The total OH reactivity = $\sum k_{\text{OH}+\text{NMVOC}_i} [\text{NMVOC}_i] + k_{\text{OH}+\text{CH}_4} [\text{CH}_4] + k_{\text{OH}+\text{CO}} [\text{CO}] +$
 280 $k_{\text{OH}+\text{NO}} [\text{NO}] + k_{\text{OH}+\text{NO}_2} [\text{NO}_2] + k_{\text{OH}+\text{SO}_2} [\text{SO}_2] + k_{\text{OH}+\text{O}_3} [\text{O}_3] + \dots$ (1)

281 The total NO₃ reactivity = $\sum k_{\text{NO}_3+\text{NMVOC}_i} [\text{NMVOC}_i] + k_{\text{NO}_3+\text{CH}_4} [\text{CH}_4] + k_{\text{NO}_3+\text{NO}} [\text{NO}] +$
 282 $k_{\text{NO}_3+\text{NO}_2} [\text{NO}_2] + k_{\text{NO}_3+\text{SO}_2} [\text{SO}_2] + \dots$ (2)

283 The total O₃ reactivity = $\sum k_{\text{O}_3+\text{NMVOC}_i} [\text{NMVOC}_i] + k_{\text{O}_3+\text{CH}_4} [\text{CH}_4] + k_{\text{O}_3+\text{NO}} [\text{NO}] +$
 284 $k_{\text{O}_3+\text{NO}_2} [\text{NO}_2] + \dots$ (3)

285 In the above equations, the temperature-dependent reaction rate coefficients (in $\text{cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$)
 286 for OH-NMVOC_i ($k_{\text{OH}+\text{NMVOC}_i}$), OH-CO ($k_{\text{OH}+\text{CO}}$), NO₃-NMVOC_i ($k_{\text{NO}_3+\text{NMVOC}_i}$) and O₃-
 287 NMVOC_i ($k_{\text{O}_3+\text{NMVOC}_i}$) are from Atkinson and Are (2003), Atkinson et al. (2006), Atkinson et al.
 288 (1983), Salgado et al. (2008) and the Master Chemical Mechanism, MCM v3.3.1 via the website:
 289 <http://mcm.leeds.ac.uk/MCM> (last accessed: 25 March 2020). OH-NO ($k_{\text{OH}+\text{NO}}$), OH-NO₂
 290 ($k_{\text{OH}+\text{NO}_2}$), OH-SO₂ ($k_{\text{OH}+\text{SO}_2}$), OH-O₃ ($k_{\text{OH}+\text{O}_3}$), NO₃-NO ($k_{\text{NO}_3+\text{NO}}$), NO₃-NO₂ ($k_{\text{NO}_3+\text{NO}_2}$),

291 $\text{NO}_3\text{-SO}_2$ ($k_{\text{NO}_3+\text{SO}_2}$), $\text{O}_3\text{-NO}$ ($k_{\text{O}_3+\text{NO}}$) and $\text{O}_3\text{-NO}_2$ ($k_{\text{O}_3+\text{NO}_2}$) are from Atkinson et al. (2004). The
292 temperature-dependent reaction rate coefficients are listed in Table S1 in the Supplementary
293 Materials. $[\text{NMVOC}_i]$, $[\text{CH}_4]$, $[\text{CO}]$, $[\text{NO}]$, $[\text{NO}_2]$, $[\text{SO}_2]$ and $[\text{O}_3]$ are their number
294 concentrations (in molecules cm^{-3}), respectively.

295 **2.5 Atmospheric oxidation capacity**

296 The term "oxidation capacity" of an oxidant X ($= \text{NO}_3, \text{OH}$ and O_3) is defined as the sum of
297 the respective oxidation rates of the molecules Y_i (NMVOCs, CH_4 and CO) (Geyer et al., 2001).

$$298 \text{AOC} = \sum_{i=1} k_{Y_i-X} [Y_i] [X] = \sum_{i=1} R_X^{Y_i} [X] \quad (4)$$

299 Here, $[Y_i]$ and $[X]$ are number concentrations of molecule Y_i and oxidant X , respectively.

300 k_{Y_i-X} is the temperature-dependent reaction rate coefficients of the molecule Y_i with oxidant X .

301 $R_X^{Y_i}$ is the oxidant X reactivity of molecules Y_i .

302 **2.6 O_3 formation regime**

303 Photochemical formation is the main source of ground-level O_3 , and VOCs, CO and NO_x are
304 they key precursors of tropospheric O_3 (Atkinson, 2000). The production of O_3 is generally limited
305 by VOCs or NO_x or by both VOCs and NO_x (Lu et al., 2010; Tang et al., 2012; Li et al., 2019).
306 However, O_3 formation is neither linearly dependent on NO_x concentration nor VOCs reactivity
307 (Pfannerstill et al., 2019); reductions in the emissions of these precursors can decrease, increase, or
308 leave the O_3 production rate unchanged (Pusede and Cohen, 2012). Considering that the impact of
309 VOCs on O_3 formation was more closely related to the reactivity of individual VOC species than to
310 the amount of total VOCs, defining O_3 production regimes in terms of the OH reactivities of VOCs
311 and NO_x is also a way of assessing the sensitivity of O_3 production to the prevailing conditions
312 (Kirchner et al., 2001; Lyu et al., 2019; Pfannerstill et al., 2019; Sinha et al., 2012). In this study,
313 we used the relative reactivity (s) of OH towards NO_x and VOCs to evaluate the O_3 production
314 sensitivity, as suggested by Kirchner et al. (2001). The thresholds of the s are 0.2 and 0.01. When
315 $s > 0.2$ it indicates VOC limitation, $0.01 < s < 0.2$ it is limited by both VOCs and NO_x , and $s < 0.01$ it
316 is limited by NO_x .

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320 **3 Results and discussion**

321 **3.1 Overview of measurements**

322 For the data evaluation, all measurements were averaged over 1-hour time intervals. The
323 measured concentrations of major pollutants and meteorological parameters at Xianghe are depicted
324 in Figure 2, while the mean diurnal profiles are shown in [Figure S1](#). During the campaign, sunny
325 weather conditions prevailed with temperatures ranging from 25°C to 31°C during the daytime. The
326 ambient temperature was comparable with those measured in Beijing (02 Jul-19 Jul 2014), Shanghai
327 (21 Aug-02 Sep 2016), and Chongqing (27 Aug-04 Sep 2015), but higher than that in Guangzhou
328 (23-31 Oct 2015) (Tan et al., 2019). Wind data suggested that the prevailing wind was from the
329 eastern sampling site with a mean wind speed of 1.0 m s⁻¹ ranging from 0.3 m s⁻¹ to 1.4 m s⁻¹, and
330 the average relative humidity was 85%, reaching up to 96% during the night (Figure 2). For the
331 campaign, NO_y showed a morning peak with a maximum of 228.8 ppb at 9:00 h and an afternoon
332 dip with a minimum of 26.1 ppb at 16:00 h ([Figure S1 c](#)). Campaign-averaged data maximum and
333 minimum SO₂ mixing ratios of 3.6 ppb at approximately 14:00 h and 2.3 ppb during nighttime were
334 obtained ([Figure S1a](#)). For JO¹D, JNO₂ and JNO₃, a similar maximum at ~14:00 h was observed,
335 with maximum values of 2.1 × 10⁻⁵ s⁻¹, 5.3 × 10⁻³ s⁻¹ and 1.3 × 10⁻¹ s⁻¹, respectively ([Figure S1k-m](#)).
336 The maximum of JO¹D at this site was comparable with that in Shanghai and Chongqing but higher
337 than that in Guangzhou and lower than that in Beijing (Tan et al., 2019; Wang et al., 2019). The
338 observed mean daily maxima of JNO₂ at this site were higher than those observed in the eastern
339 Mediterranean (Gerasopoulos et al., 2012) but lower than those in Beijing (Wang et al., 2019).

340 The diurnal maximum O₃ concentration was 72 ppb at this site ([Figure S1d](#)), which was in line
341 with that observed in Beijing (72 ppb) but higher than that measured in Guangzhou (65 ppb) and
342 Chongqing (56 ppb) and lower than that observed in Shanghai (80 ppb) (Tan et al., 2019). The O₃
343 precursors, CO, NO_x, [CH₄](#) and [NMVOCs](#), are shown in Figure 2 and [Figure S1](#). As expected, with
344 the accumulation of CO, NO_x, and [NMVOCs](#), the O₃ concentration gradually increases, and the
345 concentration of [NMVOCs](#) gradually decreases as the photochemical reaction progresses (Kansal,
346 2009; Song et al., 2018). CO and NO_x showed a similar diurnal profile with a maximum during the
347 rush hour and a minimum in the afternoon ([Figure S1b and d](#)), suggesting that both CO and NO_x
348 originated from the same source (enhanced traffic emission), and/or were manipulated by the same

349 factor (e.g., poor dilution conditions). During the campaign, the average mixing ratio of **total**
350 **NMVOCs** was 32.4 ppb, with the highest contributions from alkanes (13.2 ppb, 40.6%), followed
351 by **OVOCs** (12.0 ppb, 37.0%), aromatics (4.3 ppb, 13.2%) and alkenes (3.0 ppb, 9.2%). The top 10
352 **NMVOCs** species (Figure 3a), in terms of emissions, consisted of **HCHO** (7.0 ppb), propane (3.7
353 ppb), acetone (3.2 ppb), ethane (3.2 ppb), n-butane (1.9 ppb), m/p-xylene (1.6 ppb), iso-pentane (1.3
354 ppb), ethylene (1.3 ppb), iso-butane (1.1 ppb) and isoprene (1.0 ppb), accounting for 78.4% of the
355 **total NMVOCs concentration**. As typical tracers of vehicle-related emissions, propane, ethane,
356 ethene, butanes and pentanes were present in high concentrations, suggesting that vehicle-related
357 emissions were likely to be the dominant source of **NMVOCs** at this site. In addition, the shape of
358 diurnal variations of **total NMVOCs** backed the presence of vehicle-related emissions, which
359 presented relatively higher mixing ratios during the early morning and from evening to midnight,
360 which may be related to enhanced traffic emissions during rush hours and poor dilution conditions
361 (Yuan et al., 2009; He et al., 2019; Tan et al., 2019). On the other hand, the mixing ratios of **total**
362 **NMVOCs** began to decrease at 10:00 h and maintained a broad trough during daytime hours
363 probably due to the increased photochemical removal processes favoring the destruction of
364 **NMVOCs**, elevated planetary boundary layer (PBL) advancing the dispersion of **NMVOCs** and/or
365 less **NMVOCs** emissions reducing levels of **NMVOCs** (He et al., 2019; Zheng et al., 2018). In
366 contrast, the **OVOCs** concentrations (Figure S1i) increased from a minimum near sunrise and a
367 maximum in the late afternoon, reflecting the accumulation of **OVOCs** during the photochemically
368 active period of the day and illustrating the time profile of formation for secondary species (Yuan et
369 al., 2012).

370 **3.2 Reactivities of OH, NO₃ and O₃**

371 **3.2.1 OH reactivity**

372 The OH reactivity of trace gases was categorized into SO₂, CO, O₃, NO_x, CH₄ and total
373 **NMVOCs**, which were grouped into alkanes, alkenes, aromatics and **OVOCs** (Table S1 lists the
374 **NMVOCs** included in each group), as shown in Figure 4a and 4b. The total OH reactivity was
375 between 9.2 and 69.6 s⁻¹, with an average of 27.5±9.7 s⁻¹ (± standard deviation). Statistically, the
376 average total OH reactivity was much higher than those determined in Beijing (16.4 s⁻¹/20±11 s⁻¹)
377 (Tan et al., 2019; Yang et al., 2017), Shanghai (13.5 s⁻¹) (Tan et al., 2019), Chongqing (17.8 s⁻¹)

378 (Tan et al., 2019), Jinan ($19.4 \pm 2.1 \text{ s}^{-1}$) (Lyu et al., 2019), Wangdu ($10\text{-}20 \text{ s}^{-1}$) (Fuchs et al., 2017),
379 Houston ($9\text{-}22 \text{ s}^{-1}$) (Mao et al., 2010), London (18.1 s^{-1}) (Whalley et al., 2016) and Nashville (11.3
380 $\pm 4.8 \text{ s}^{-1}$) (Kovacs et al., 2003), but was comparable or lower than those in Heshan ($31 \pm 20 \text{ s}^{-1}$)
381 (Yang et al., 2017), Backgarden (mean maximum value of 50 s^{-1}) (Lou et al., 2010) and New York
382 (25 s^{-1}) (Ren et al., 2006b). The OH reactivity towards SO_2 , CO and NO_x were higher than the
383 values reported in various Chinese cities (Xu et al., 2011; Zhu et al., 2020; Liu et al., 2009) (Table
384 1). It should be noted that the OH reactivity in this study was calculated from the sum of the products
385 of measured species and their rate coefficients for reactions with OH, and does not involve species
386 that are not measured like monoterpenes and alcohols. Previous studies have showed that there are
387 some discrepancies between the actual measured values and the calculated values of OH reactivity,
388 which may be attributed to missing OH reactivity that originates from VOCs oxidation products of
389 both biogenic and anthropogenic origin (Di Carlo et al., 2004; Dolgorouky et al., 2012; Yoshino et
390 al., 2006; Zhu et al., 2020). Therefore, the OH reactivity calculated in this study is somewhat
391 underestimated.

392 The total OH reactivity was mainly contributed by NO_x ($12.0 \pm 7.1 \text{ s}^{-1}$, 43.7%), followed by
393 NMVOCs ($7.9 \pm 4.8 \text{ s}^{-1}$, 28.5%), CO ($7.2 \pm 2.6 \text{ s}^{-1}$, 26.0%) and CH_4 ($0.3 \pm 0.1 \text{ s}^{-1}$, 1.3%) and to a lesser
394 extent by SO_2 and O_3 ($0.2 \pm 0.1 \text{ s}^{-1}$, 0.6%), indicating the strong influence of anthropogenic emissions
395 in Xianghe. The majority of total OH reactivity values were below 30 s^{-1} , as seen in the frequency
396 distribution, which was dominated by the sum of low OH reactivity contributions and less by single
397 compounds with high OH reactivity (Figure S2a-f), highlighting the necessity of considering a large
398 number of species to obtain a complete picture of total OH reactivity. Specifically, the cumulative
399 frequency distribution (Figure S3a) clearly showed that the OH reactivity at values $>40 \text{ s}^{-1}$ was
400 dominated entirely by OH reactivity towards NO_x , and the OH reactivity at values between $20\text{-}40$
401 s^{-1} was nearly dominated by OH reactivity towards NO_x and total NMVOCs.

402 The OH reactivity towards total NMVOCs was $7.9 \pm 4.8 \text{ s}^{-1}$, which was much lower than those
403 in Beijing (11.2 s^{-1}) and Heshan (18.3 s^{-1}) (Yang et al., 2017) due to the higher content of reactive
404 hydrocarbons (e.g., alkenes and aromatics) in Beijing and Heshan and due to the unmeasured species
405 (e.g., acetaldehyde) in this study. Alkenes ($3.4 \pm 3.7 \text{ s}^{-1}$, 42.9%) dominated over OVOCs (2.4 ± 1.5
406 s^{-1} , 30.2%), aromatics ($1.5 \pm 1.7 \text{ s}^{-1}$, 18.6%) and alkanes ($0.7 \pm 0.5 \text{ s}^{-1}$, 8.3%) in the OH reactivity

407 towards total NMVOCs. The majority of OH reactivity towards total NMVOCs values were below
408 2 s^{-1} (Figure S4a-d). The cumulative frequency distribution showed that OH reactivity towards total
409 NMVOCs at values of $> 6 \text{ s}^{-1}$ was dominated by OH reactivity towards alkenes, aromatics and
410 OVOCs, the OH reactivity towards total NMVOCs at values of $< 6 \text{ s}^{-1}$ was dominated by OH
411 reactivity towards alkanes (Figure S5). Alkanes accounted for $> 50\%$ of the mixing ratio of
412 NMVOCs, but only 8.3% of the OH reactivity towards total NMVOCs. In contrast, aromatics,
413 alkenes and OVOCs accounted for 44.6% of the mixing ratio of NMVOCs, providing 91.7% of the
414 OH reactivity towards total NMVOCs. Significantly, isoprene accounted for only 4% of the mixing
415 ratio of NMVOCs but provided 31.2% of the OH reactivity towards total NMVOCs. This was
416 explained by (1) the relatively low concentration of aromatics, alkenes and OVOCs measured during
417 the campaign, (2) the relatively high concentration of isoprene and (3) the generally large isoprene
418 reaction rate coefficients with OH ($101 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$) (Atkinson et al., 2006). The top
419 10 species, in terms of OH reactivity towards total NMVOCs, consisted of isoprene, HCHO, m/p-
420 xylene, ethylene, hexanal, o-xylene, propylene, styrene, methacrolein and cis-2-butene (Figure 3b).
421 These species contributed only 39.1% to NMVOCs emissions but accounted for 80.3% of OH
422 reactivity towards total NMVOCs. As shown in Table 1, OH reactivity towards the speciated
423 NMVOCs in this study were basically within the values reported in various Chinese cities (Tan et
424 al., 2019; Xu et al., 2011; Yang et al., 2017; Zhu et al., 2020).

425 The mean diurnal profiles of the OH reactivity of trace gases and NMVOCs groups are
426 presented in Figure 5a-f and Figure 6a-d, respectively. In general, the total OH reactivity was the
427 lowest in the afternoon and the highest during rush hours, reaching a maximum of 33.0 s^{-1} during
428 the morning rush hour and a night-time peak of 30.5 s^{-1} (Figure 5a). Most campaigns have also
429 reported a slightly higher OH reactivity in the morning traffic rush hour, which can be explained by
430 higher levels of reactive gases such as NO and NMVOCs due to heavy traffic, as well as slower
431 reactions (Fuchs et al., 2017; Yang et al., 2016). A similar diurnal profile was also observed for
432 contributions from NO_x , CO, alkane and aromatic species, which are typically connected to
433 emissions from anthropogenic activities. The shape of the total OH reactivity diurnal pattern was
434 slightly shifted to the OH reactivity towards NO_x strengthening the idea that the local pollution in
435 Xianghe was possibly impacted by traffic emissions. However, a different diurnal behavior to that

436 of the above species was observed for **alkenes (Figure 6b) and OVOCs (Figure 6d)**, which is emitted
437 by plants or photochemical production. The **OH reactivity** from OVOCs increased by a factor of
438 approximately 2 from nighttime to daytime, suggesting that during the daytime, dilution or chemical
439 removal had a weaker influence on the observed OVOCs than fresh production by photochemistry.
440 The opposite diurnal variation was reported in Wangdu, which showed a weak diurnal variation with
441 a decrease by a factor of approximately 2 from the morning to the evening (Fuchs et al., 2017). **The**
442 **diurnal profile of OH reactivity towards isoprene appears as the major driver for the diurnal profile**
443 **of OH reactivity towards alkenes.** Biogenic isoprene is dependent on temperature and light intensity
444 (Chang et al., 2014) and anthropogenic isoprene is predominantly emitted by road traffic (Ye et al.,
445 1997); hence, the OH reactivity from alkenes increased during the daytime, with a morning peak of
446 **4.1 s⁻¹ at 9:00 h** and a night-time **peak of 7.4 s⁻¹ at 18:00 h**. Many rainforest campaigns have also
447 reported a significant diurnal pattern with higher OH reactivity from alkenes and OVOCs at
448 noontime or reached a maximum at the beginning of the night (Yang et al., 2016). Notably, the large
449 amplitude of standard deviation bars highlighted the large diel variability.

450 **3.2.2 NO₃ reactivity**

451 **The NO₃ reactivity of trace gases was categorized into SO₂, NO_x, CH₄ and NMVOCs, as shown**
452 **in Figure 4c and d. Campaign-averaged values of total NO₃ reactivity** were **2.2±2.6 s⁻¹** ranging from
453 **0.7 s⁻¹ to 27.5 s⁻¹.** The average **total NO₃ reactivity** was much higher than those determined during
454 the IBairn campaign (Liebmann et al., 2018a) and at a rural mountain site (988 m a.s.l.) in southern
455 Germany in 2017 (Liebmann et al., 2018b) due to the higher contributions from NO_x. We noted that
456 NO_x was by far the main contributors to the **total NO₃ reactivity**, representing 99% of **the total NO₃**
457 **reactivity** on average. NO exhibited the most prominent contribution to **the total NO₃ reactivity** and
458 represented an average of 78.0% of the **total NO₃ reactivity**. In comparison to NO, NO₂ had a
459 maximum contribution during night-time and represented, on average, 27% of the **total NO₃**
460 **reactivity**. The **NO₃ reactivity towards CH₄, NMVOCs and SO₂** was very minor, with no more than
461 1% of the **total NO₃ reactivity** over the whole campaign. The majority of **total NO₃ reactivity values**
462 **were below 3 s⁻¹, but below 5.5 × 10⁻⁵ s⁻¹, 0.1 s⁻¹, 3 s⁻¹, 1 × 10⁻⁸ s⁻¹ for NO₃ reactivity towards CH₄,**
463 **total NMVOCs, NO_x and SO₂, respectively, as seen in the frequency distribution (Figure S2g-k).**
464 The cumulative frequency distribution clearly showed that the total NO₃ reactivity at low and high

465 values was entirely dominated by NO₃ reactivity towards SO₂ and NO_x, respectively (Figure S3b).

466 The NO₃ reactivity towards total NMVOCs was $2.4 \pm 3.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ on average with a minimum
467 of $1.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and a maximum of 0.3 s^{-1} . The largest fraction of attributed NO₃ reactivity towards
468 total NMVOCs was provided by alkenes (77.8%), followed by aromatics (20.7%) and OVOCs
469 (1.3%). The measured alkanes played virtually no role for NO₃ reactivity towards total NMVOCs,
470 although they accounted for more than 50% of the mixing ratio of NMVOCs. This can be largely
471 explain by the fact that the reaction rate coefficients of alkenes, aromatics and OVOCs with NO₃
472 are 1-5 orders of magnitude higher than the alkane reaction rate coefficients with NO₃ (Atkinson
473 and Arey, 2003; Atkinson et al., 2006). The majority of NO₃ reactivity towards alkanes, alkenes,
474 aromatics and OVOCs are below $5.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$, 0.1 s^{-1} , $1.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and $1.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$, respectively
475 (Figure S4e-f). The cumulative frequency distribution showed that NO₃ reactivity towards total
476 NMVOCs at values of $> 0.1 \text{ s}^{-1}$ was entirely dominated by NO₃ reactivity towards alkenes, the NO₃
477 reactivity towards total NMVOCs at values between 0.01-0.1 s^{-1} was dominated by NO₃ reactivity
478 towards alkenes and aromatics and the NO₃ reactivity towards total NMVOCs at values of $< 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$
479 s^{-1} was entirely dominated by NO₃ reactivity towards alkanes (Figure S6). The top ten species in
480 terms of NO₃ reactivity towards total NMVOCs consisted of isoprene, styrene, cis-2-butene, trans-
481 2-butene, cis-2-pentene, hexanal, HCHO, propylene, 1,3-butadiene and trans-2-pentene (Figure 3c).
482 These species contributed only 27.7% to NMVOCs emissions but accounted for 99.2% of the NO₃
483 reactivity towards total NMVOCs.

484 Total NO₃ reactivity displayed a weak diel variation with a campaign-averaged morning peak
485 value of 4.0 s^{-1} at 6:00-7:00 h (Figure 5g). The diurnal profile of NO₃ reactivity towards NO_x (Figure
486 5i) appears to be the major driver for the diurnal profile of total NO₃ reactivity. The morning peak
487 value of total NO₃ reactivity could be explained by the accumulation of NO_x due to traffic emissions
488 that are released into the shallow nocturnal boundary layer during the morning rush hours. In
489 contrast, the average diurnal profile of NO₃ reactivity towards total NMVOCs (Figure 5k) had a
490 maximum at 18:00 h, which was slightly shifted to NO₃ reactivity towards alkenes (Figure 6j). The
491 evening peak value of NO₃ reactivity towards total NMVOCs could be accounted for by the
492 accumulation of alkenes due to vegetation emissions and traffic emissions that are released into the
493 shallow nocturnal boundary layer. NO₃ reactivity towards alkanes (Figure 6e), alkenes (Figure 6f),

494 aromatics (Figure 6g), OVOCs (Figure 6h) and SO₂ (Figure 5h) played virtually no roles in the
495 diurnal variations of total NO₃ reactivity and NO₃ reactivity towards total NMVOCs, although they
496 exhibited a more distinct diurnal profile.

497 3.2.3 O₃ reactivity

498 The O₃ reactivity of trace gases was categorized into NO_x, CH₄ and total NMVOCs, as shown
499 in Figure 4e and f. The total O₃ reactivity at the site varied between a minimum of $3.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and
500 a maximum of $1.8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and was $1.2 \pm 1.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ on average. NO exhibited the most prominent
501 contribution to the total O₃ reactivity and represented on average >99% of the total O₃ reactivity,
502 whereas nearly all other contributions were < 1%. This result can be largely accounted for by the
503 generally large NO reaction rate coefficients with O₃ ($1.8 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$) (Atkinson et
504 al., 2006), which are several orders of magnitude higher than the NO₂, alkanes, alkenes, aromatics
505 and OVOCs reaction rate coefficients with NO₃ (Atkinson et al., 2006; Atkinson and Arey, 2003;
506 Yuan et al., 2013; Ferracci et al., 2018; Jenkin et al., 2015). The majority of total O₃ reactivity values
507 were below $2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ but below $5.5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ s}^{-1}$, $2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and $2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ for O₃ reactivity towards
508 CH₄, total NMVOCs and NO_x, respectively, as seen in the frequency distribution (Figure S21-o).
509 The cumulative frequency distribution clearly showed that the total O₃ reactivity at low and high
510 values was entirely dominated by O₃ reactivity towards CH₄ and NO_x, respectively (Figure S3c).

511 The O₃ reactivity towards total NMVOCs was $1.1 \pm 0.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ on average ranging from a
512 minimum of $2.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ to a maximum of $1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$. Alkenes clearly dominated the O₃ reactivity
513 towards total NMVOCs with campaign-averaged contributions of 94.0%. Aromatics was the second
514 largest contributor, comprising an average of 5.2% of the O₃ reactivity towards total NMVOCs. In
515 comparison, OVOCs only accounted for 0.8% of the O₃ reactivity towards total NMVOCs. In
516 contrast, the measured alkanes played nearly no role for O₃ reactivity towards total NMVOCs due
517 to their small reaction rate coefficients with O₃ ($< 1.0 \times 10^{-23} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$) (Atkinson and Arey,
518 2003; Atkinson et al., 2006). The majority of O₃ reactivity towards alkanes, alkenes, aromatics and
519 OVOCs were below $5.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ s}^{-1}$, $3.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$, $2.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and $2.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ s}^{-1}$, respectively (Figure
520 S4i-l). The cumulative frequency distribution (Figure S7) clearly showed that the O₃ reactivity
521 towards total NMVOCs at $> 1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ was dominated by O₃ reactivity towards alkenes and
522 aromatics, the O₃ reactivity towards total NMVOCs between $1.0 \times 10^{-9} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and $1.0 \times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ was

523 dominated by O_3 reactivity towards alkenes, aromatics and OVOCs, and the O_3 reactivity towards
524 NMVOCs $<1.0 \times 10^{-11} \text{ s}^{-1}$ was entirely dominated by O_3 reactivity towards alkanes. In terms of
525 individual species, isoprene, cis-2-butene, trans-2-butene, cis-2-pentene, propylene, styrene,
526 ethylene, 1-butene, trans-2-pentene and 1-pentene were the top ten species (Figure 3d), accounting
527 for 28%, 25%, 20%, 8%, 7%, 5%, 5%, 3%, 2% and 1%, respectively, of the O_3 reactivity towards
528 total NMVOCs and 3.1%, 0.3%, 0.1%, 0.1%, 1%, 0.4%, 4.1%, 0.4%, 0.1% and 0.1%, respectively,
529 of the total NMVOCs emissions.

530 Compared with OH and NO_3 reactivities, O_3 reactivity displayed a much weaker diel variation,
531 especially O_3 reactivity towards alkenes and aromatics, as shown in Figure 5 and Figure 6. This can
532 be explained by the following reasons. First, for the same species, the reaction rate coefficients with
533 O_3 were much smaller than its corresponding reaction rate coefficients with OH and NO_3 . For
534 example, the ethylene reaction rate coefficients with OH ($8.52 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$) and NO_3
535 ($2.05 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$) are 6 and 2 orders of magnitude higher, respectively, than the
536 ethylene reaction rate coefficients with O_3 ($1.59 \times 10^{-18} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$) (Atkinson and Arey, 2003;
537 Atkinson et al., 2006). Second, the high-emissions species reaction rate coefficients with O_3 are
538 smaller than the low-emissions species reaction rate coefficients with O_3 . For instance, the m/p-
539 xylene (one of the top five emissions species) reaction rate coefficients with O_3 ($<1.0 \times 10^{-20} \text{ cm}^3$
540 $\text{molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$) are much smaller than the 1-hexene (one of the bottom five emissions species)
541 reaction rate coefficients with O_3 ($1.13 \times 10^{-17} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$) (Atkinson and Arey, 2003;
542 Atkinson et al., 2006). The above two facets largely weaken the diurnal variation in O_3 reactivity.

543 3.3 OH reactivity and O_3 production regimes

544 The O_3 production regime plot (Figure 7) showed that Xianghe was characterized by a strong
545 VOCs limitation. Here, 84% of the datapoints fall within the regime of VOCs limitation, whereas
546 16% are colimited by both VOCs and NO_x . The higher the O_3 concentration is, the more obvious
547 the VOCs limitation will be. The lower the O_3 concentration is, the more obvious by both VOCs
548 and NO_x will be. Previous studies based on space-based HCHO/ NO_2 column ratio (Tang et al., 2012)
549 and VOCs / NO_x ratio (Wang et al., 2014) also found that summer O_3 production in this district may
550 be under a VOCs-limited regime. In addition, as VOCs generally have good correlations with CO
551 and play a similar role as CO in photochemical O_3 production (Atkinson, 2000). A scatter plot of

552 CO-NO_y can also be used to evaluate the O₃-NO_x-VOCs sensitivity (Ding et al., 2013). Figure S8
553 depicts the scatter plots of CO-NO_y color-coded with O₃ concentrations. The results showed that
554 high O₃ levels are generally associated with a high CO/NO_y ratio, indicating a VOCs-limited regime
555 of O₃ formation in Xianghe. Generally, our results suggested that control of VOCs would be most
556 effective for controlling O₃ in Xianghe.

557 **3.4 Implications for OH, NO₃ and O₃ reactivities-based NMVOCs control strategies**

558 Table 2 lists the top 10 NMVOCs species (excluding isoprene) in terms of concentrations, OH,
559 NO₃ and O₃ reactivities, and their corresponding contributions to concentrations, OH, NO₃ and O₃
560 reactivities. The order of the major OH, NO₃ and O₃ reactivities-contributing species differed
561 significantly from that of concentration-contributing species. Therefore, NMVOCs control
562 strategies based on OH, NO₃ and O₃ reactivities differ significantly from those based on
563 concentrations.

564 From the perspective of concentrations, HCHO, propane, acetone, ethane, n-butane, m/p-
565 xylene, iso-pentane, ethylene, iso-butane and n-pentane should be targeted. If these 10 species were
566 fully controlled, it would lead to a NMVOCs concentration reduction of 79.9% with only OH, NO₃
567 and O₃ reactivities reductions of 58.4%, 2.1% and 6.4%, respectively. These species are mainly from
568 fuel combustion and vehicle exhaust (Song et al., 2018; Liu et al., 2017); hence from perspective of
569 the current emission-based limits, we recommend that the priorities for the control of NMVOCs
570 sources include fuel combustion and vehicle exhaust.

571 From the perspective of OH reactivity, HCHO, m/p-xylene, ethylene, hexanal, o-xylene,
572 propylene, styrene, methacrolein, cis-butene and methylvinylketone were the key species. If releases
573 of these compounds were reduced to zero without any offset, it would reduce OH reactivity by 73.3%
574 with a NMVOCs concentration reduction of 38.1%, a NO₃ reactivity reduction of 86.4% and O₃
575 reactivity reduction of 55.7%. From the perspective of NO₃ reactivity, the top 10 VOCs species
576 consisted of styrene, cis-2-butene, trans-2-butene, cis-2-pentene, hexanal, HCHO, propylene, 1,3-
577 butadiene, trans-2-pentene and 1-butene. If the concentrations of these species were completely
578 eliminated, it would reduce NO₃ reactivity by 97.8% with a NMVOCs concentration reduction of
579 25.8%, a OH reactivity reduction of 49.7% and a O₃ reactivity reduction of 91.8%. From the
580 perspective of O₃ reactivity, cis-2-butene, trans-2-butene, cis-2-pentene, propylene, styrene,

581 ethylene, 1-butene, trans-2-pentene, 1-pentene and methacrolein should be key targets for control.
582 If the concentrations of these compounds were reduced to zero without any offset, it would lead to
583 a O₃ reactivity reduction of 98.9% with a VOC concentration reduction of 7.3%, a OH reactivity
584 reduction of 22.3% and a NO₃ reactivity reduction of 94.2%. The top ten species of OH, NO₃ and
585 O₃ reactivities are mainly from traffic-related emissions, industry and solvent usage (Song et al.,
586 2018; Liu et al., 2017; Chen et al., 2014). Therefore, in terms of reactivity-based limits, we
587 recommend that the priorities for the control of NMVOCs sources include traffic-related emissions,
588 industry and solvent usage.

589 Clearly, species with large concentrations do not necessarily have high OH, NO₃ and O₃
590 reactivities, and with the least concentration reduction, the maximum reduction of reactivity can be
591 obtained. The key NMVOCs species of OH, NO₃ and O₃ reactivities also differed from each other.
592 However, reducing concentrations of propylene, styrene and cis-2-butene may likely achieve a win-
593 win-win situation. Although the above comparisons were made under the assumption that
594 concentrations would be significantly reduced, it is obvious that OH, NO₃ and O₃ reactivities-based
595 control strategies are more efficient than concentration-based policies in terms of reducing
596 NMVOCs pollution.

597 3.5 Atmospheric oxidation capacity (AOC)

598 3.5.1 Modeling OVOCs, OH, HO₂, RO₂ and NO₃ by SOSAA

599 With the appropriate set up of the condensation sinks for these ten calculated OVOCs (ACR,
600 C₂H₅CHO, MACR, C₃H₇CHO, MVK, MEK, MPRK, C₄H₉CHO, DIEK, C₅H₁₁CHO), the
601 modeled diurnal mean pattern generally followed well the measured pattern within the 1 standard
602 deviation of measurement data, although the model underestimated the measurement with less than
603 1 ppb from 19:00 to 24:00 (Figure S9a). With the inclusion of input MTBE and CH₃COCH₃ (acetone)
604 which constituted more than 50% of the total OVOCs, the modeled total OVOCs concentration
605 agreed better with the measurement than expected (Figure S9b). The modeled diurnal median
606 number concentrations of OH, HO₂ and RO₂ showed an apparent diurnal pattern with peaks during
607 noon while approaching zero during night, which resulted from the dependent of their chemical
608 production reactions on the incoming solar radiation (Figure S10a, b and c). The noon time (12:00-
609 16:00) median values of OH, HO₂ and RO₂ were 1.2×10^7 , 5.9×10^8 and 3.7×10^8 molec cm⁻³, which

610 were comparable to previous studies (Tan et al., 2017). The diurnal variability of hourly-median
611 NO₃ concentration showed two peaks which were consistent with the high values of the chemical
612 production from NO₂ + O₃, which even dominated the photochemical loss of NO₃ (Figure S10d).
613 Figure S11 shows the relationship between modeled OH number concentration and the measured
614 J_{O¹D}. The coefficient of determination (R²) was 0.86, and the linear regression fit showed the
615 slope was 6.1×10¹¹ cm⁻³ s⁻¹ and the intercept was 0.9×10⁶ cm⁻³. These values were comparable to
616 Tan et al. (2017) except the slope was about 36% higher than the observation fit in Tan et al. (2017).

617 3.5.2 Overall characteristics of AOC

618 The loss rate of NMVOCs, CH₄ and CO via reactions with OH, O₃ and NO₃ was calculated.
619 The calculated AOC was up to 4.5×10⁸ molecules cm⁻³ s⁻¹ with campaign-averaged values of
620 7.8×10⁷ molecules cm⁻³ s⁻¹, daytime averages (06:00-18:00 LT) of 1.4×10⁸ molecules cm⁻³ s⁻¹ and
621 nighttime averages of 6.7×10⁶ molecules cm⁻³ s⁻¹. As such, the total number of NMVOCs, CH₄ and
622 CO molecules depleted during daytime and nighttime were 6.0×10¹² and 2.9×10¹¹, respectively, per
623 cm⁻³ of air. Such AOC levels were higher than those determined at the Tung Chung air quality
624 monitoring station (Xue et al., 2016), from a polluted area in Santiago, Chile (Elshorbany et al.,
625 2009) and at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University's air monitoring station at Hok Tsui (Li et al.,
626 2018).

627 Comparisons of calculated AOC by OH, O₃ and NO₃ and corresponding oxidation
628 concentrations are shown in Figure 8. The OH and NO₃ radicals concentrations were simulated by
629 SOSAA box model. The calculated AOC by OH, O₃ and NO₃ correlated well with the corresponding
630 oxidation concentrations, with correlation coefficients (r) of 0.91, 0.83 and 0.57, respectively,
631 suggesting that the parameterized AOC here was consistent with the one obtained using radical
632 concentration to indicate AOC. Specifically, the average oxidation capacities of OH, O₃ and NO₃
633 radicals throughout the entire campaign were 7.7×10⁷, 1.2×10⁶ and 1.8×10⁵ molecule cm⁻³ s⁻¹,
634 representing 98.2%, 1.5% and 0.3% of the total oxidation capacity, respectively. The total number
635 of depleted molecules per day due to oxidation by OH, O₃ and NO₃ were 6.6×10¹², 1.0×10¹¹ and
636 1.5×10¹⁰ molecules cm⁻³, respectively, which was slightly higher than that assessed from a polluted
637 area in Santiago, Chile (Elshorbany et al., 2009). Accordingly, the OH radical is the driving force
638 of the oxidation capacity in the atmosphere in Xianghe, especially during daytime. Figure 9 shows

639 a comparison of the oxidation capacities of OH, O₃ and NO₃. On average, the relative contribution
640 of a 24-hour integral of O₃ and NO₃ oxidation capacity was less than 4% (Figure 9a-c). OH is the
641 only oxidant for CO in the troposphere. As expected, OH was responsible for 99% of the oxidation
642 capacity regarding NMVOCs, CH₄ and CO during the daytime (Figure 9d). The relative contribution
643 of OH initiating oxidation capacity decreased to 98% when restricting the calculation to NMVOCs
644 families alone (Figure 9e). Focusing on the oxidation of unsaturated NMVOCs, OH was the
645 dominant oxidant with a relative proportion of approximately 97% (Figure 9f). Note that the
646 influence of NO₃ and O₃ on the oxidation of CO and VOCs can be neglected during the daytime.
647 However, the elevated relative contributions of O₃ and NO₃ initiating oxidation capacity can be
648 observed during nighttime. As expected, O₃ and NO₃ accounted for 10% and 2%, respectively, of
649 the oxidation capacity regarding NMVOCs, CH₄ and CO (Figure 9g), but 19% and 3% of NMVOCs
650 families alone (Figure 9h) occurred at night. Focusing on the oxidation of unsaturated NMVOCs,
651 O₃ and NO₃ accounted for 20% and 4%, respectively, of the oxidation capacity (Figure 9i). This
652 quantitative intercomparison of the oxidation capacities of OH, O₃ and NO₃ confirms the important
653 role of OH in the degradation of NMVOCs, CH₄ and CO. Compared with OH and O₃, NO₃ had a
654 lower contribution during both the daytime and nighttime, which was mainly caused by the high
655 NO concentrations (Liebmann et al., 2018b).

656 3.5.3 Relative contributions of NMVOCs oxidation pathways

657 NMVOCs are mainly consumed by reactions with OH radicals, O₃ and NO₃ radicals in the
658 atmosphere. The time series of NMVOCs loss rates due to the reactions with OH radicals, O₃ and
659 NO₃ radicals are depicted in Figure S12. Diurnal variations of NMVOCs groups and individual
660 species loss rates due to the reactions with different oxidants are shown in Figure 10 and Figure
661 S13-16, respectively. A comparison of the relative contribution of OH, NO₃ and O₃ to the 24 h,
662 daytime and nighttime averaged loss rates is illustrated in Figure S17.

663 Reactions with OH radicals were the dominant losses for alkanes, accounting for
664 approximately 100% of both daytime and nighttime averaged loss rates of alkanes, respectively. In
665 contrast, reactions with O₃ and NO₃ were nonsignificant for the loss rates of alkanes, accounting for
666 <1% of both the daytime and nighttime averaged loss rates of alkanes. Since alkenes have a greater
667 reaction rate with O₃, oxidation by O₃ also contributes to the loss rates of alkenes. Oxidation by O₃

668 accounted for 4% of the daytime averaged total loss rate of alkenes. Specifically, the reaction with
669 O₃ was the dominant contributor to nighttime loss rates of trans-2-butene, cis-2-butene and trans-2-
670 pentene, with nighttime contributions of 84.4%, 76.2% and 73.0%, respectively. Reaction oxidation
671 by OH radicals dominated the daytime and nighttime averaged loss rates of the rest of alkenes
672 species. Significantly, in contrast to anthropogenic hydrocarbons, the oxidation by the NO₃ radical
673 is more important for the loss rates of isoprene, contributing to 0.6% and 7.8% of the daytime and
674 nighttime averaged loss rates of isoprene, respectively. For OVOCs species, the reactions with OH
675 radicals were the only significant contributor to their loss rates. Similar to OVOCs species, the
676 reactions with OH radicals were also the only significant contributor to aromatic loss rates, except
677 for styrene, where the reaction with O₃ and NO₃ accounted for 25% and 26%, respectively, of the
678 nighttime averaged loss rates of styrene. In total, oxidation by OH radicals accounted for
679 approximately 100% of the daytime and nighttime averaged loss rates of OVOCs, respectively.
680 Oxidation by OH radicals, NO₃ radicals and O₃ accounted for 90%, 5% and 5%, respectively, of
681 nighttime averaged loss rates of aromatics.

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683 **4. Summary and conclusions**

684 In the summer of 2018, a comprehensive field campaign was conducted at a suburban site in
685 the North China Plain. Based on simultaneous measurements of O₃, CO, SO₂, NO, NO₂, JO¹D,
686 JNO₂, JNO₃, HONO, HCHO, CH₄ and 65 NMVOCs, reactivities (OH, NO₃ and O₃ reactivities) for
687 trace gases and atmospheric oxidation capacity (AOC) were comprehensively analyzed. The main
688 findings are summarized as follows.

689 The total OH reactivity was between 9.2 and 69.6 s⁻¹ with an average of 27.5±9.7 s⁻¹, which
690 was mainly contributed by NO_x (43.7%), followed by NMVOCs (28.5%), CO (26.0%) and CH₄
691 (1.3%) and SO₂ and O₃ (0.5%). OH reactivity towards total NMVOCs was 7.9±4.8 s⁻¹ and
692 dominated by alkenes (42.9%). Campaign-averaged values of total NO₃ reactivity were 2.2±2.6 s⁻¹,
693 ranging from 0.7 s⁻¹ to 27.5 s⁻¹. NO_x was the main contributors to the total NO₃ reactivity,
694 representing 99% of the total NO₃ reactivity on average. NO₃ reactivity towards total NMVOCs was
695 2.4±3.0×10⁻² s⁻¹, on average, and it was dominated by alkenes (77.8%). The total O₃ reactivity
696 varied between a minimum of 3.3×10⁻⁴ s⁻¹ and a maximum of 1.8×10⁻² s⁻¹ with on average of

697 $1.2\pm 1.7\times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$. NO exhibited the most prominent contribution to the total O₃ reactivity and
698 represented an average of >99% of the total O₃ reactivity. O₃ reactivity towards total NMVOCs was
699 $1.1\pm 0.8\times 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ on average, ranging from $2.5\times 10^{-7} \text{ s}^{-1}$ to $1.0\times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and dominated by alkenes
700 (94.0%). Total OH, NO₃ and O₃ reactivities displayed a similar diel variation with the lowest in the
701 afternoon and the highest during rush hours, and the diurnal profile of NO_x appears to be the major
702 driver for the diurnal profiles of total OH, NO₃ and O₃ reactivities. Compared with OH and NO₃
703 reactivities, O₃ reactivity displayed a much weaker diel variation, especially O₃ reactivity towards
704 alkenes and aromatics due to 1) the rate coefficients with O₃ being much smaller than the
705 corresponding reaction rate coefficients with OH and NO₃ for the same species and 2) the high-
706 emissions species reaction rate coefficients with O₃ being smaller than the low-emissions species
707 reaction rate coefficients with O₃.

708 The relative OH reactivity towards NO_x and VOCs and scatter plots of CO-NO_y color-coded
709 with O₃ concentrations indicated a VOCs-limited regime of O₃ formation in Xianghe, suggesting
710 that control of VOCs would be most effective for controlling O₃ in Xianghe. OH, NO₃ and O₃
711 reactivities-based control strategies are more efficient than concentration-based policies in terms of
712 reducing NMVOCs pollution. We suggest that policy makers shift the current concentration -based
713 limits to reactivity-based policies.

714 The loss rates of NMVOCs, CH₄ and CO via reactions with OH, O₃ and NO₃ were calculated,
715 which were up to $4.5\times 10^8 \text{ molecules cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ with campaign-averaged values of $7.8\times 10^7 \text{ molecules}$
716 $\text{cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$, daytime averages (06:00-18:00 LT) of $1.4\times 10^8 \text{ molecules cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and nighttime averages
717 of $6.7\times 10^6 \text{ molecules cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$. The AOC was dominated by OH radicals ($7.7\times 10^7 \text{ molecule cm}^{-3}$
718 s^{-1} , 98.2%), O₃ ($1.2\times 10^6 \text{ molecule cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$, 1.5%) and NO₃ radicals ($1.8\times 10^5 \text{ molecule cm}^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$,
719 0.3%), suggesting that the OH radical is the driving force of the oxidation capacity in the atmosphere
720 in Xianghe, especially during the daytime. The reaction with OH radicals was the dominant loss
721 rates for NMVOCs except for trans-2-butene, cis-2-butene and trans-2-pentene, where the reaction
722 with O₃ was more important for their loss rates during nighttime. Compared with anthropogenic
723 hydrocarbons, the oxidation by NO₃ radical was more important for the nighttime averaged loss
724 rates of isoprene.

725 Our study provides useful insights for VOCs pollution control in a typical suburban site in the

726 North China Plain. Further studies, especially direct observations of the OH and NO₃ radical, OH
727 and NO₃ reactivity measurements and speciated measurements, are required to further explore the
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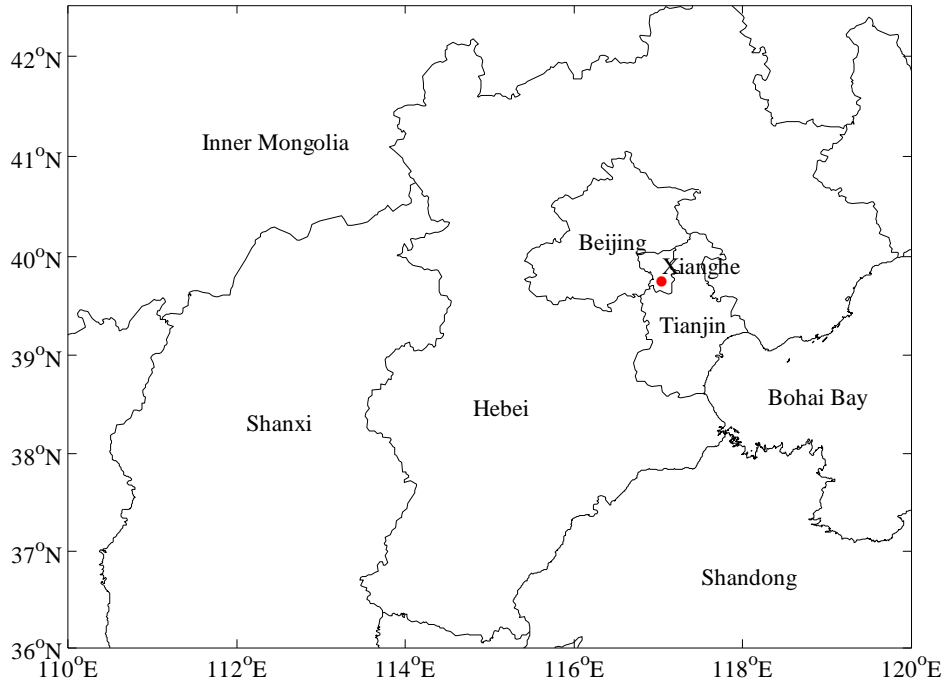
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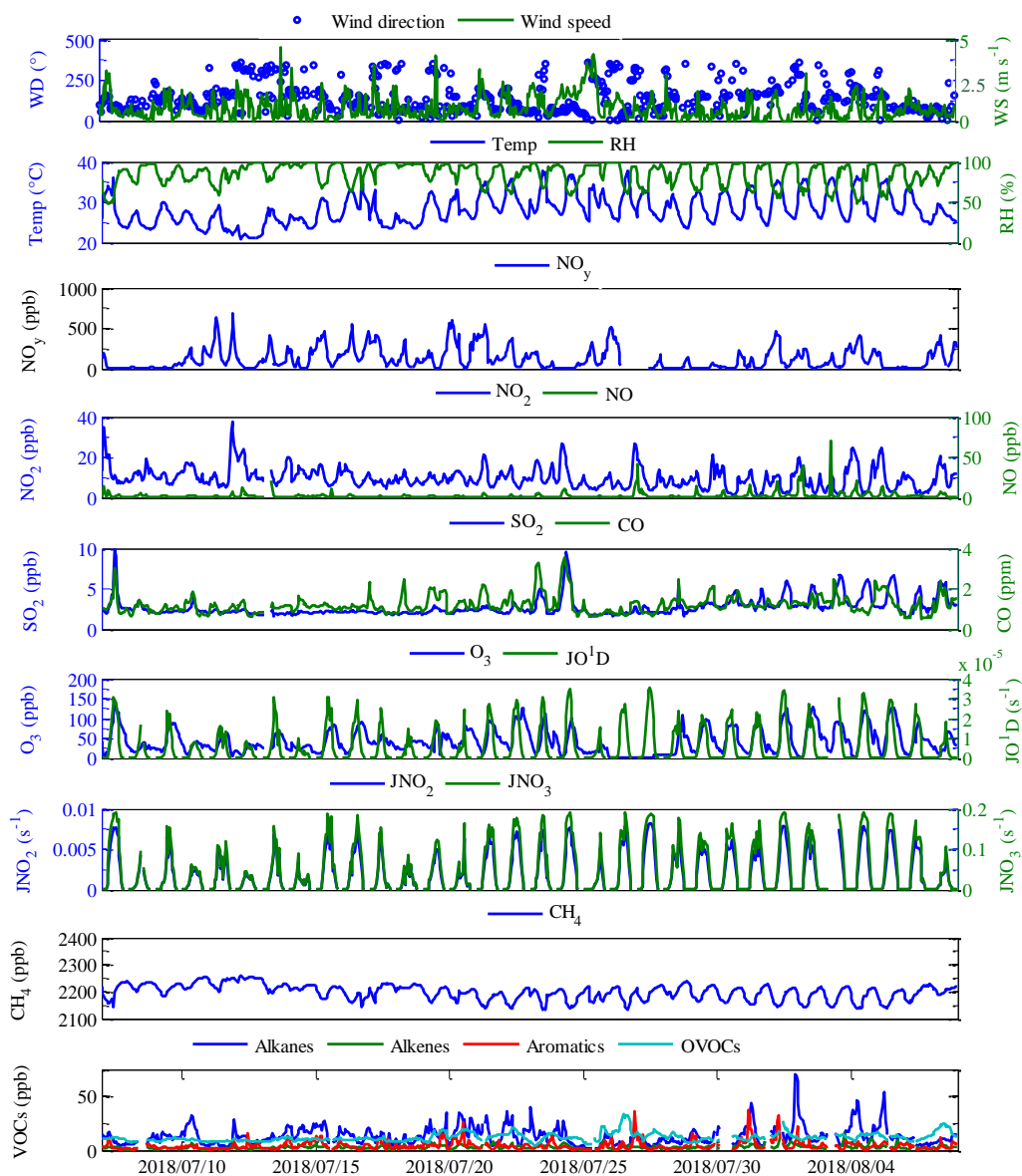
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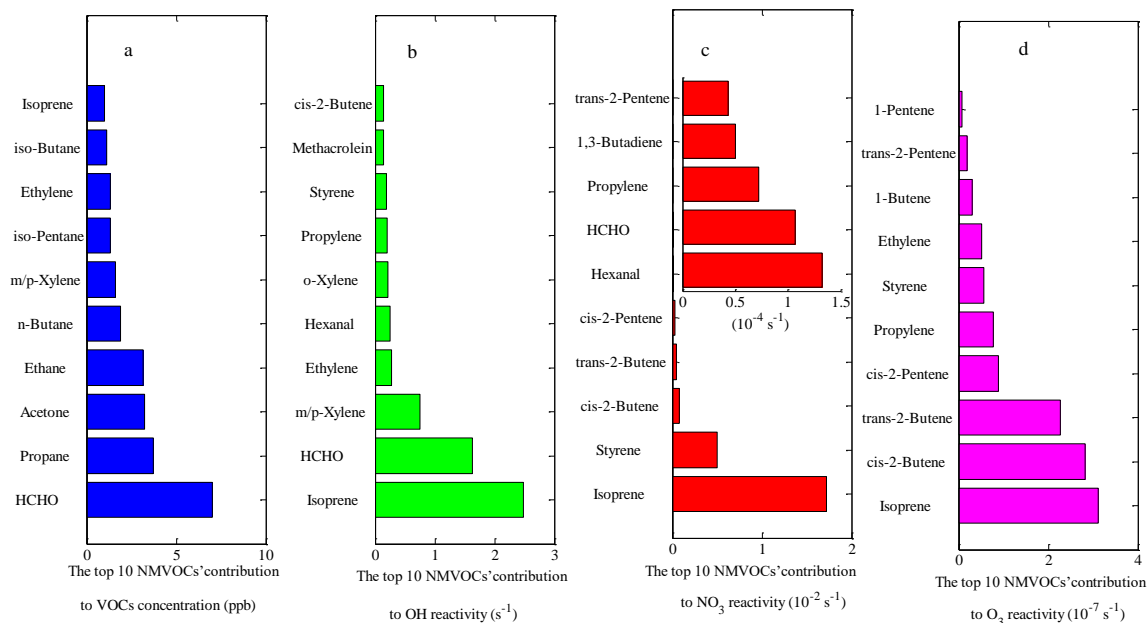
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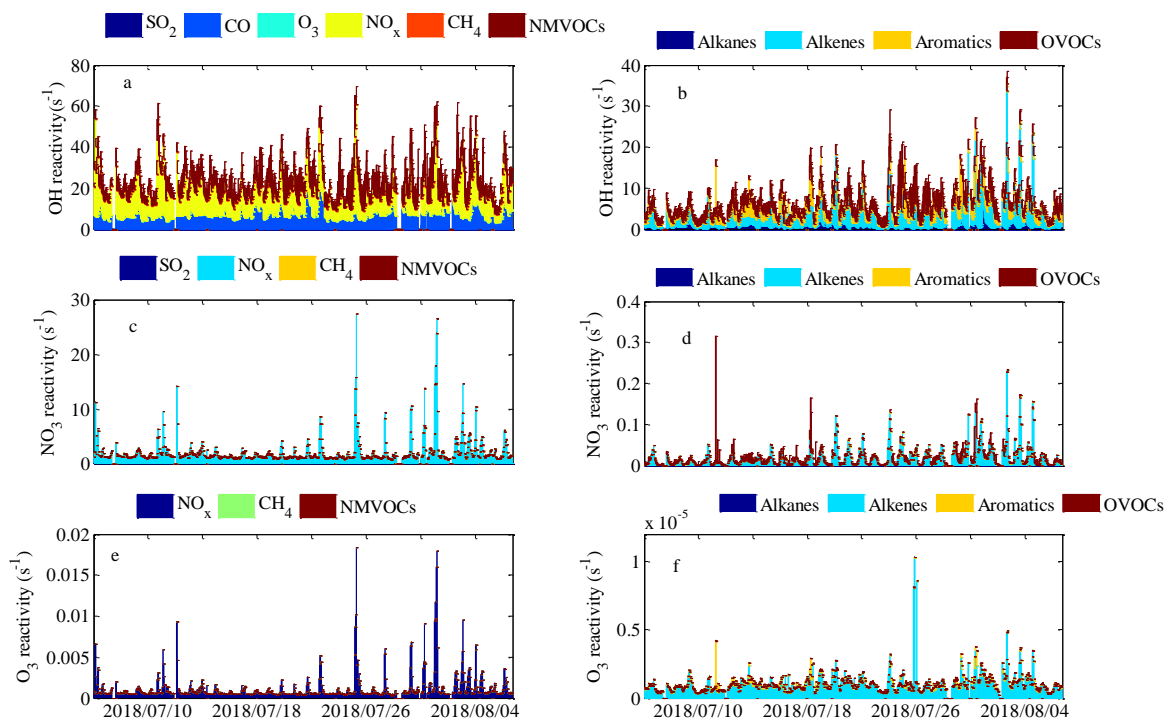
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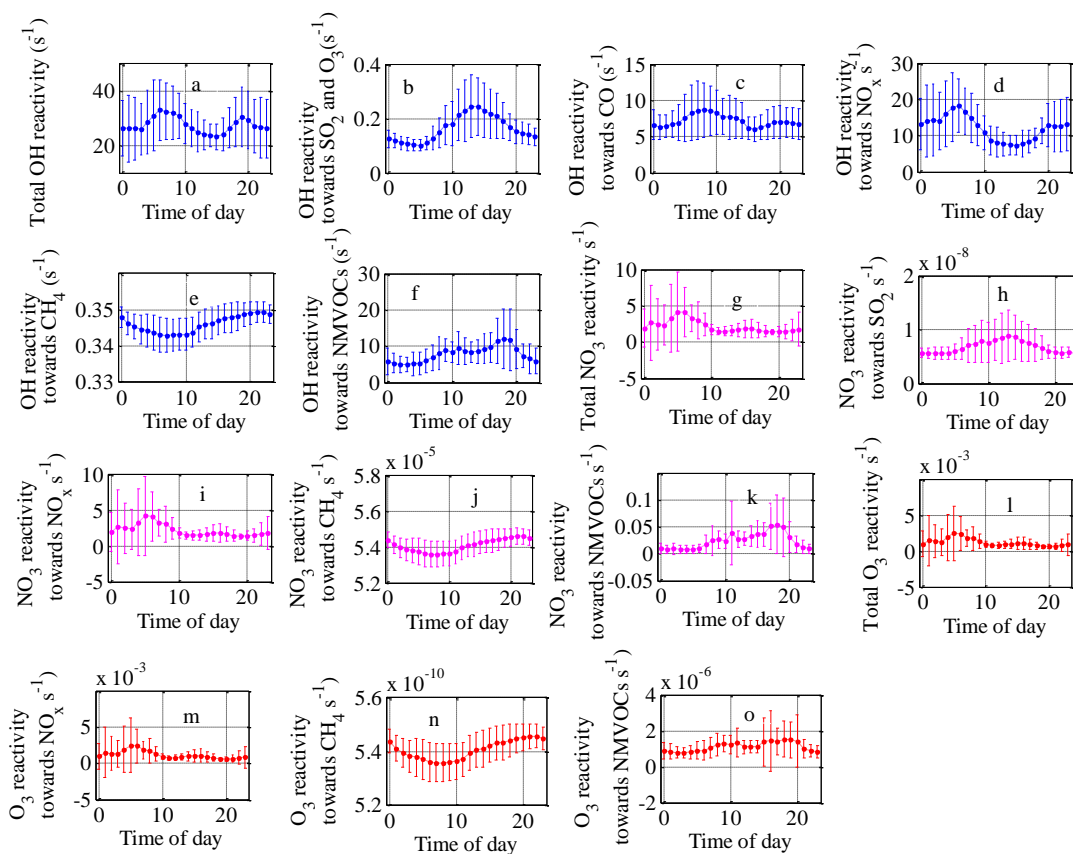
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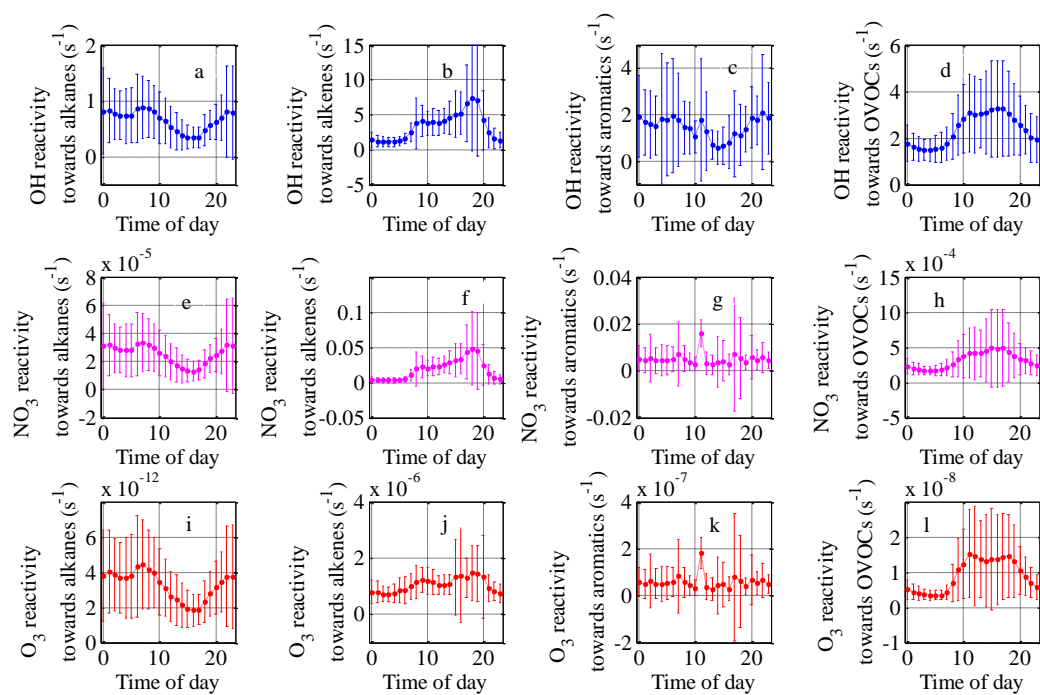
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1178 Figure 6. Mean diurnal variations of OH reactivity (a-d), NO₃ reactivity (e-h) and O₃ reactivity (i-l)
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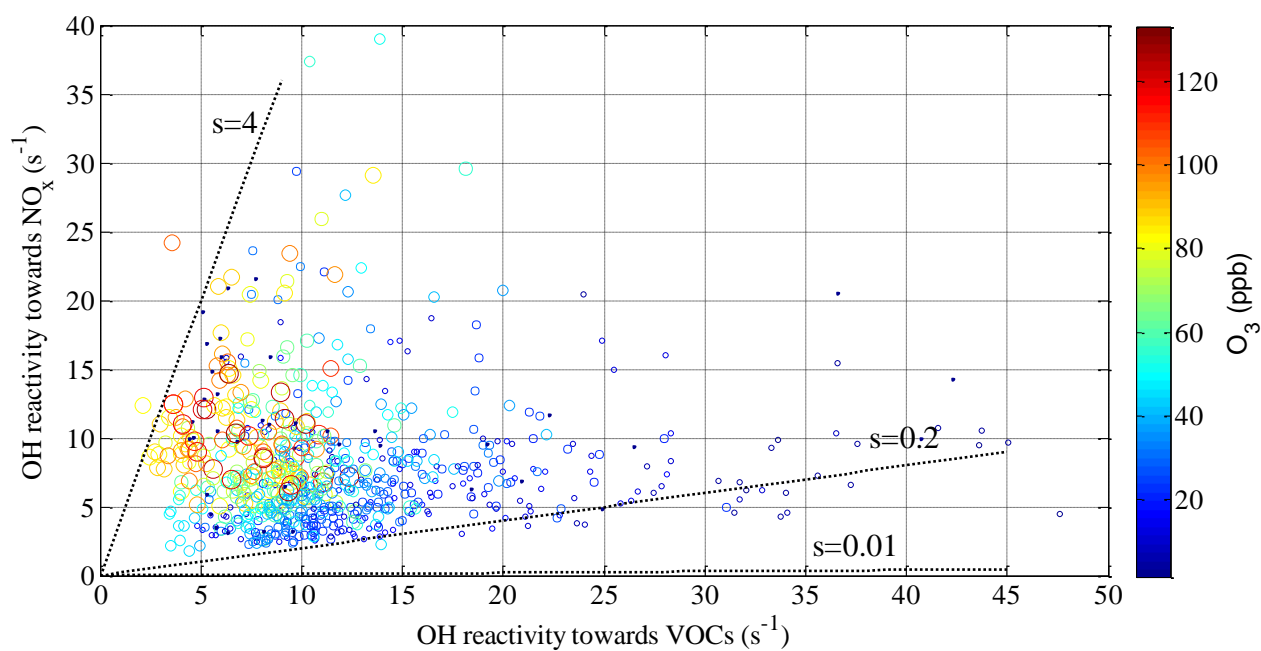
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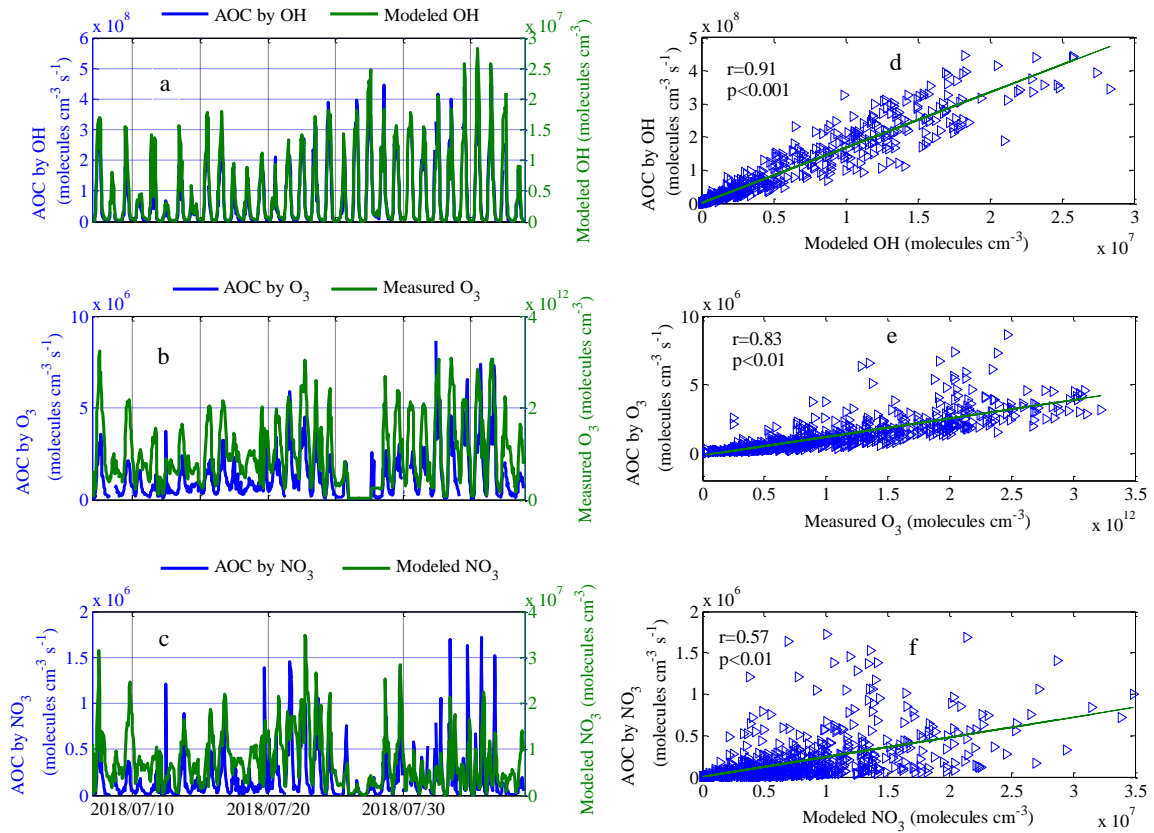


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Figure 7. O_3 production regimes at Xianghe station. The dot lines are the borders of the three regimes of O_3 formation. “s” denotes the relative reactivity of OH towards NO_x and VOCs. For $s > 0.2$: VOC limitation, for $s < 0.01$: NO_x limitation of the O_3 formation.

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1215 Figure 8. Comparisons of calculated AOC by modeled OH (a), measured O₃ (b) and modeled NO₃
1216 (c), and corresponding oxidation concentrations. The left column shows the time series and the right
1217 column shows scatterplots of calculated AOC and corresponding oxidation concentrations. Note: r
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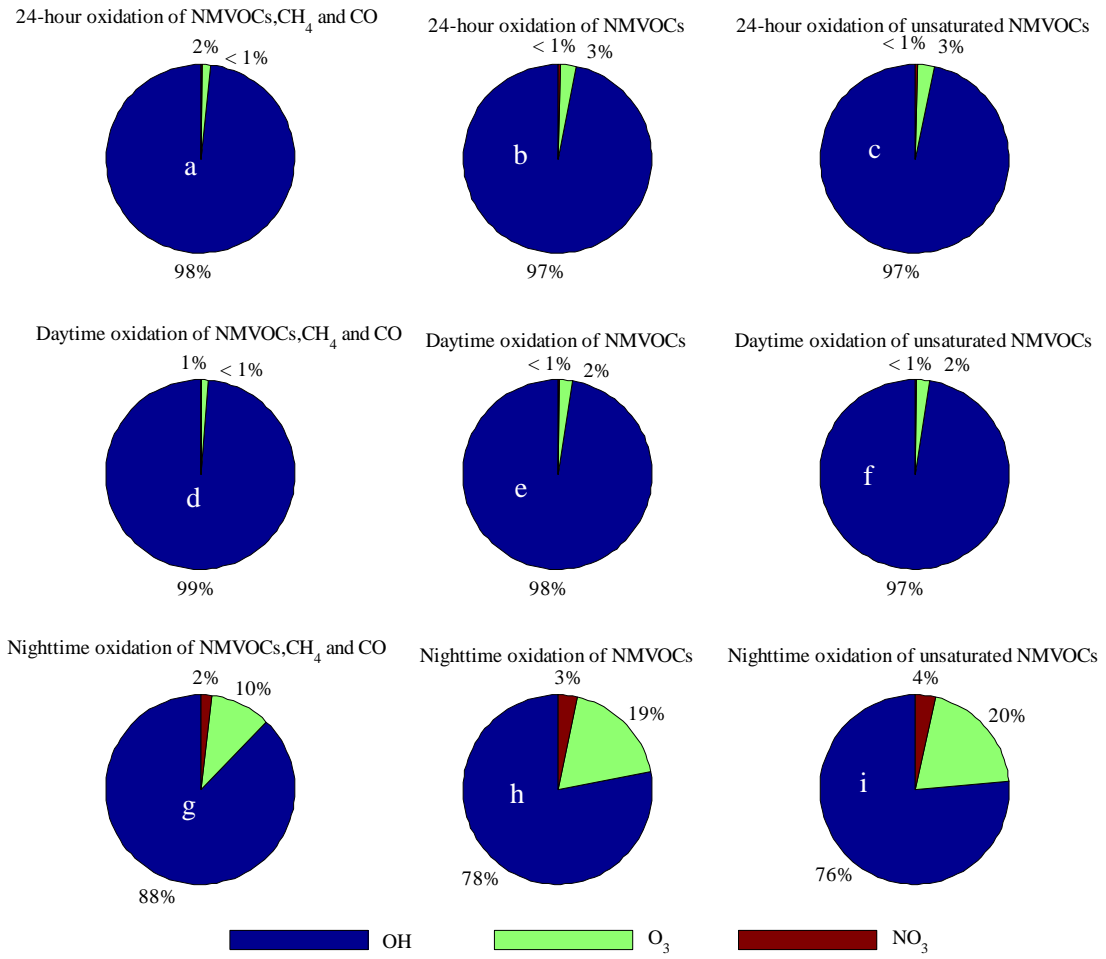
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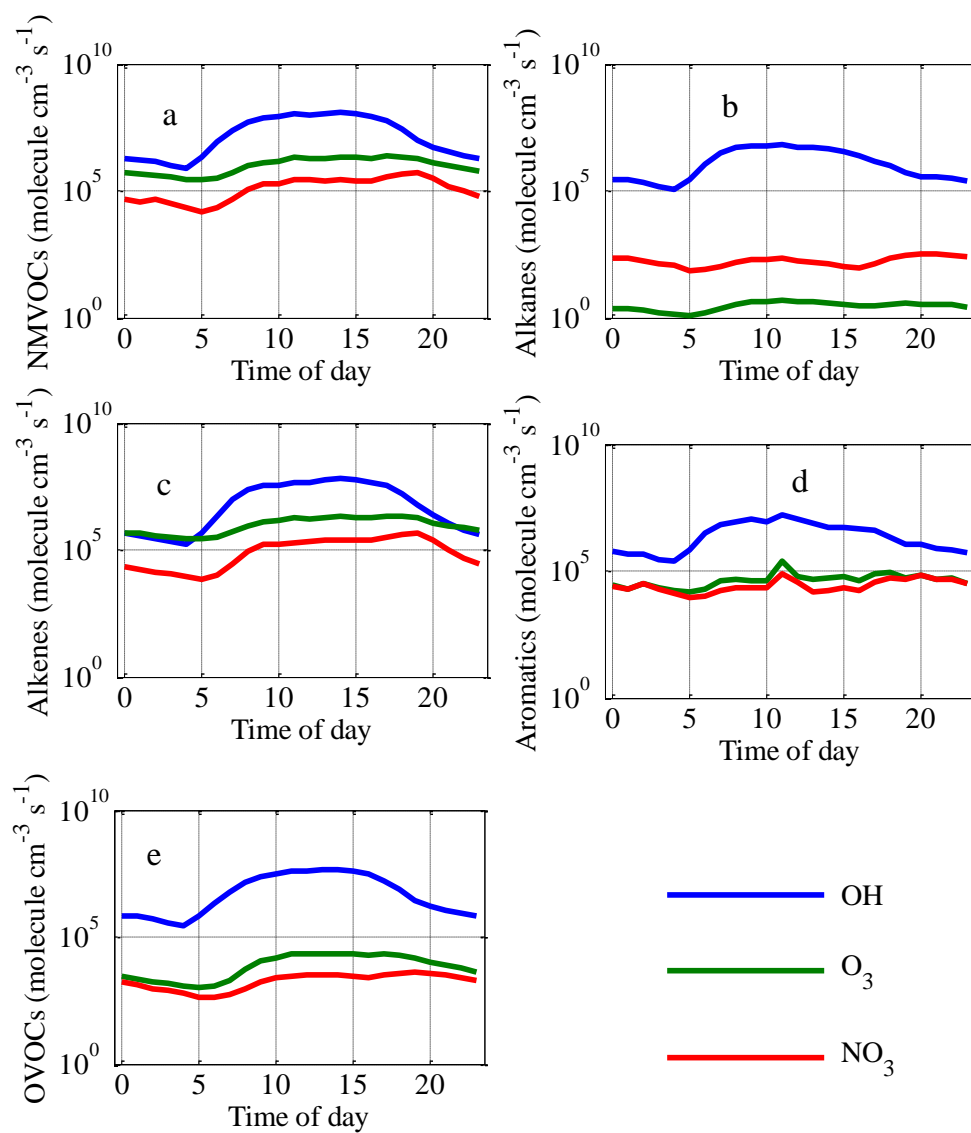
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1229 Figure 9. Comparison of the relative contributions of OH, NO₃ and O₃ to the 24-h, daytime and
 1230 nighttime averaged loss rates. Data are calculated for the loss rates of (a, d and g) NMVOCs, CH₄
 1231 and CO, (b,e and h) NMVOCs only, and (c,f and i) unsaturated NMVOCs only.

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1241 Figure 10 . Diurnal variations of NMVOCs loss rates due to the reactions with OH radical (blue

1242 lines), O₃ radical (green lines) and NO₃ (red lines).

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1251 Table1. Comparison of speciated OH reactivity with former studies in China.

Species	This study	Beijing ^a	Shangdianzi ^a	Heshan ^b	Guangzhou ^c	Chongqing ^c	Beijing ^d	Shanghai ^e
CH ₄	0.346							0.34
Ethane	0.019	0.01	0.01	0.023	0.24	0.59		
Propane	0.100	0.32	0.10	0.081				
iso-Butane	0.058	0.45	0.12	0.075				
n-Butane	0.111	0.09	0.08	0.104				
Cyclopentane	0.001	0.08	0.03	0.011				
iso-Pentane	0.119	1.18	0.25	0.168				
n-Pentane	0.067	0.60	0.16	0.136				
2,2-Dimethylbutane	0.002	0.08	0.08	0.003				
2,3-Dimethylbutane	0.017	0.23	0.11	0.013				
2-Methylpentane	0.016	0.56	0.10	0.077				
3-Methylpentane	0.018	0.44	0.10	0.047				
n-Hexane	0.020	0.60	0.08	0.055				
2,4-Dimethylpentane	0.001			0.069				
Methylcyclopentane	0.019	0.49	0.07	0.024				
2-Methylhexane	0.003	0.22	0.04	0.035				
2,3-Dimethylpentane	0.001		0.00	0.007				
Cyclohexane	0.048	0.26	0.05	0.015				
3-Methylhexane	0.004	0.28	0.05	0.039				
2,2,4-Trimethylpentane	0.002	0.04	0.01	0.036				
n-Heptane	0.006	0.24	0.04	0.033				
Methylcyclohexane	0.003	0.25	0.03	0.015				
2,3,4-Trimethylpentane	0.001	0.03	0.01	0.031				
2-Methylheptane	0.002	-	0.00	0.007				
3-Methylheptane	0.001	0.11	0.03	0.007				
n-Octane	0.004	0.38	0.11	0.014				
Nonane	0.004	0.19	0.03	0.010				
n-Decane	0.003			0.008				
n-Undecane	0.002			0.006				
Ethylene	0.273	0.35	0.18	0.617	0.29	0.73		
Propylene	0.202	4.86	1.00	0.464	0.40	0.52		
trans-2-Butene	0.067	1.98	0.31	0.063				
1-Butene	0.100	1.65	0.73	0.077				
cis-2-Butene	0.145	1.33	0.32	0.084				
1,3-Butadiene	0.034	-	-	-				
1-Pentene	0.023	0.50	0.22	1.136				
trans-2-Pentene	0.006	0.64	0.13	0.066	0.31	0.26		
cis-2-Pentene	0.034	1.20	0.29	0.080				
Isoprene	2.463	5.59	2.81	0.862	0.31	0.92		

1-Hexene	0.007	-	-	0.018		
HCHO	1.797			1.153		
Acrolein	0.027			0.009		
Propanal	0.067			0.139		
Acetone	0.013			0.010		
MTBE	0.009			-		
Methacrolein	0.146			0.072		
n-Butanal	0.024			0.059		
MethylVinylKetone	0.138			0.039		
Methylethylketone	0.014			0.020		
2-Pentanone	0.001			0.001		
Pentanal	0.042			0.028		
3-Pentanone	0.001			0.002		
Hexanal	0.247			0.055		
Benzene	0.017	0.34	0.13	0.030		
Toluene	0.092	2.22	0.39	0.518	0.73	0.15
Ethylbenzene	0.085	0.88	0.18	0.188		
m/p-Xylene	0.749	3.05	0.43	0.754	0.74	0.31
o-Xylene	0.216	0.93	0.12	0.194	0.35	0.10
Styrene	0.193	0.34	0.14	0.900	0.26	0.16
Isopropylbenzene	0.002	0.04	0.01	0.004		
n-Propylbenzene	0.002	0.25	0.16	0.004		
m-Ethyltoluene	0.016			0.026		
p-Ethyltoluene	0.013			0.027		
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene	0.031	2.90	1.08	0.042		
o-Ethyltoluene	0.006			0.018		
1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene	0.028			0.080	0.16	0.17
1,2,3-Trimethylbenzene	0.008			0.028		
CO	7.196	6.90	5.37			9.13 3.15
NO	2.139					0.58 0.78
NO ₂	9.947					4.08 2.87
SO ₂	0.088					0.33
O ₃	0.076					

1252 ^a (Xu et al., 2011); ^b (Yang et al., 2017); ^c (Tan et al., 2019); ^d (Liu et al., 2009); ^e (Zhu et al., 2020).

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1259 Table 2. The top 10 NMVOCs species in terms of concentration (first column), OH reactivity
 1260 (second column), NO₃ reactivity (third column) and O₃ reactivity (fourth column) and their
 1261 corresponding contributions to concentration, OH, NO₃ and O₃ reactivity towards NMVOCs (%).

First column					Second column				
Species	Concentration	OH reactivity	NO ₃ reactivity	O ₃ reactivity	Species	Concentration	OH reactivity	NO ₃ reactivity	O ₃ reactivity
HCHO	22.3	30.3	1.5	0.2	HCHO	22.3	30.3	1.5	0.2
Propane	11.8	1.9	0.1	0.0	m/p-Xylene	5.1	14.0	0.1	0.0
Acetone	10.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	Ethylene	4.2	5.0	0.1	6.1
Ethane	6.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	Hexanal	1.1	4.6	1.9	0.0
n-Butane	5.1	2.1	0.0	0.1	o-Xylene	2.1	4.0	0.1	0.0
m/p-Xylene	4.3	14.0	0.1	0.1	Propylene	1.0	3.7	1.0	9.0
iso-Pentane	4.2	2.2	0.1	0.1	Styrene	0.4	3.6	70.2	6.6
Ethylene	4.4	5.0	0.1	6.1	Methacrolein	0.7	2.7	0.2	0.7
iso-Butane	3.5	1.1	0.0	0.0	cis-2-Butene	0.3	2.7	11.2	33.0
n-Pentane	2.3	1.3	0.0	0.0	MethylVinylKetone	0.9	2.6	0.1	0.0
Third column					Forth column				
Species	Concentration	OH reactivity	NO ₃ reactivity	O ₃ reactivity	Species	Concentration	OH reactivity	NO ₃ reactivity	O ₃ reactivity
Styrene	0.4	3.6	70.2	6.6	cis-2-Butene	0.3	2.7	11.2	33.0
cis-2-Butene	0.3	2.7	11.2	33.0	trans-2-Butene	0.2	1.3	6.6	26.5
trans-2-Butene	0.2	1.3	6.6	26.5	cis-2-Pentene	0.1	0.8	3.5	10.3
cis-2-Pentene	0.1	0.8	3.5	10.3	Propylene	1.0	3.7	1.0	9.0
Hexanal	1.1	4.6	1.9	0.0	Styrene	0.4	3.6	70.2	6.6
HCHO	22.3	30.3	1.5	0.2	Ethylene	4.2	5.0	0.1	6.1
Propylene	1.0	3.7	1.0	9.0	1-Butene	0.4	1.9	0.6	3.6
1,3-Butadiene	0.1	0.6	0.7	0.4	trans-2-Pentene	0.0	0.1	0.6	2.2
trans-2-Pentene	0.0	0.1	0.6	2.2	1-Pentene	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.9
1-Butene	0.4	1.9	0.6	3.6	Methacrolein	0.7	2.7	0.2	0.7

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