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Completion Report

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Part A: The Project and Investigator(s)

1. Project Title (ANR Acronym)

Impact of Air-Sea Exchanges on Air Quality in Coastal Megacities (SEA-M)

2. Investigator(s) and Academic Department/Units Involved

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3. Project Duration

	Original	Revised	Date of RGC/ Institution Approval (<i>must be quoted</i>)
Project Start date	1 March 2017	N/A	N/A
Project Completion date	28 February 2021	31 August 2021	3 February 2021
Duration (<i>in month</i>)	48 months	54 months	3 February 2021
Deadline for Submission of Completion Report	28 February 2022	31 August 2022	3 February 2021

Part B: The Completion Report

5. Project Objectives

5.1 Objectives as per original application

The specific scientific topics to be addressed will be focused on 4 work packages (WP)

WP1. Sea-surface chemistry under polluted conditions – here the photochemical production of unsaturated carbonyls, possibly halogenated products, will be investigated in a multiphase simulation chamber. This family of reactive VOC has been recently identified under pristine conditions by the group at Lyon as arising from abiotic processes at the air/water interface. They act as sources of organic aerosols. WP1 will measure for the first time the boosting effect of air pollution on such emissions. (PI: C. George from IRCELYON in France)

WP2. Gas-phase chemistry of functionalized/halogenated and reactive VOCs formed at the air-sea interface and of BVOCs – here the gas phase chemistry of the VOCs identified in WP1 will be investigated in a large outdoor chamber under various simulated environmental conditions and natural sunlight. This chemistry may lead to some HO_x recycling, production of further reactive molecules, SOA precursors (such as glyoxal) and SOA. WP2 will aim at characterizing all of these secondary species. (PI: A. Mellouki from ICARE in France)

WP3. Field study of atmospheric chemistry in coastal megacity and adjacent marine areas using Hong Kong as the case study - here the outcomes of the above objectives will be tested, identified and quantified in the field. (PI: Zhe Wang and Tao Wang from PolyU in HK)

WP4. Model assessment of the impacts of sea-surface interactions on regional air quality under continental outflow and sea-land breeze circulations – here these data will be implemented into a model for impact assessments. (PI: Tao Wang from PolyU in HK)

5.2 Revised Objectives

N.A.

6. Research Outcome

Major findings and research outcome

(maximum 1 page; please make reference to Part C where necessary)

Below we report the major findings and research outcome from the Hong Kong Team related to WP3 and WP4.

(1) Discovery of daytime Cl₂ and its impact on the oxidative power of the coastal atmosphere.

Chlorine atoms (Cl) are highly reactive and can strongly influence the abundances of climate and air quality-relevant trace gases. Cl₂ is a precursor of Cl atoms. During a comprehensive field campaign conducted by a multi-institution team in a coastal area of Hong Kong, we found the daytime Cl₂ concentrations of up to 1 ppbv, which is the highest level reported to date. Field and laboratory experiments indicate that photodissociation of particulate nitrate by sunlight under acidic conditions (pH <3.0) can activate chloride from sea-salt aerosols and account for the observed daytime Cl₂ production. Model calculations show that the high Cl₂ concentrations significantly increased atmospheric oxidation. This so far unaccounted for source of chlorine can have substantial impacts on atmospheric chemistry. In view of the ubiquitous existence of chloride, nitrate, and acidic aerosols, we propose that nitrate photolysis is a significant daytime chlorine source globally. This work was published in *Nature Communications* (Peng et al., 2022), in collaboration of researchers from France, US, Spain, Germany, Sweden, Hong Kong and mainland China.

(2) New knowledge on the sources of HONO and its impact on air quality

HONO is a source of OH radical which is the most important oxidant in the atmosphere, but its sources and impact are not well understood. Based on the field observations, the project investigated the sources and sinks of HONO in coastal Hong Kong and found important contribution of ship emissions to HONO (Gu et al., 2022) and a potential source from photolysis

of nitro-phenols (Chen et al., 2021). Lab experiments were conducted to measure the production rates of HONO from NO₂ uptake on surface of particles, sea water, and urban grime, and the results show that NO₂ interaction with seawater is not a source of HONO and particles deposited on urban surface is (Yu et al., 2021). Chemical transport models incorporating the HONO sources proposed by researchers demonstrate that HONO can aggravate photochemical (ozone) pollution and haze in Hong Kong and other regions of China (Fu et al., 2019, 2020).

(3) Impact of improved emissions on air quality in the coastal and inland regions

With our improved chloride emissions, we used a WRF-Chem model to simulate the production of ClNO₂ (produced from N₂O₅ uptake on Cl-containing aerosol) and its impact on ozone under sea-land circulations in Hong Kong and adjacent coastal waters and found contribution to surface ozone of up to 6% (Dai et al., 2020). We collaborated with researchers from the US and Spain, who conducted simulations of halogens impact on the atmospheric oxidation capacity (Li et al., 2020, 2021) and PM_{2.5} (X. Wang et al., 2021). The results confirm the important contributions of halogen to secondary pollutants in China. We also evaluated the effect of drought on ozone and aerosol in southern China (P. Wang et al., 2021). We collaborated with US and European scientists and investigated the impact on ozone of reductions in human activities by community lockdown to contain the Covid-19. The results provided valuable insights into the complex response of ozone to meteorology and emission changes in China and the world (Liu et al., 2021; Stavarakou et al., 2021; Gaubert et al., 2021; Bouarar et al., 2021; Doumbia et al., 2021). The result demonstrates that ozone concentration can increase despite large reductions in anthropogenic pollutants emission as the result of non-linear relationship of O₃ to precursors (NO_x and VOCs).

(4) Other findings

With the support of this project, we developed an I-CIMS technique to concurrently measure HONO and reactive halogen gases, improved a widely used MCM model by including additional chlorine and bromine chemistry (Peng et al., 2021), and enriched knowledge on ClNO₂, N₂O₅, Cl₂, isoprene oxidation and sulfate formation from analysis of field observations (Chao et al., 2019; X. Wang et al., 2020; Xia et al., 2021; Li et al., 2020; Tsiligiannis et al., 2022).

Potential for further development of the research and the proposed course of action
(*maximum half a page*)

A major finding of this project is the unexpected high concentrations of Cl₂ produced from liberation of inert chloride in sea salt aerosols. However, an important chlorine reservoir (gas-phase HCl) was not measured in the field study, limiting understanding of total chlorine source. We have proposed a new research to modify our CIMS technique to measure HCl, and the proposal titled “Hydrochloric acid in the polluted coastal atmosphere of South China: abundances, sources, and impacts” has been supported by the RGC GRF 2021-2022 scheme. In addition, it is desirable to measure Cl₂ on other regions to confirm its presence and impact in other geographical areas. We will propose additional research to address such need.

7. The Layman's Summary

(describe in layman's language the nature, significance and value of the research project, in no more than 200 words)

This project aims to understand the interactions of man-made pollutants with sea sprays and their impacts on air quality in coastal cities. The project developed advanced techniques to measure radical precursors and improved air quality models for better simulations of radical chemistry (OH and halogen atoms) which plays key roles in the chemical production of air pollutants. The project conducted a comprehensive field campaign, lab experiments, and computer simulations. The project found unexpected high concentrations of Cl₂, unraveled its source and impact on ozone - a persistent air pollutant in Hong Kong. This is an important discovery that points out a new direction for atmospheric chemistry research and air quality management. The project has also advanced knowledge on other halogen and nitrogen compounds. The improved instruments and models have been used in other studies, and our findings have been disseminated to the Hong Kong Environmental Protection Department. The project has strengthened/established collaborations with international and mainland scientists.

Part C: Research Output**8. Peer-reviewed journal publication(s) arising directly from this research project**

(Please attach a copy of each publication and/or the letter of acceptance if not yet submitted in the previous progress report(s). All listed publications must acknowledge RGC's funding support by quoting the specific grant reference.)

i. The Latest Status of Publication	Published	Accepted but not yet published [^]	Under Review [^]	Under Preparation [^] (optional)
		2019		
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ii. Author(s) <i>(denote the corresponding author with an asterisk*)</i>	Xiao Fu, Tao Wang*, Li Zhang, Qinyi Li, Zhe Wang, Men Xia, Hui Yun, Weihao Wang, Chuan Yu, Dingli Yue, Yan Zhou, Junyun Zheng, and Rui Han.			
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vi. Full name of journal/book	Atmospheric Chemistry and Physics			
vii. Volume	19			
viii. Issue number	1			
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xii. Year of publication / Year of acceptance	2019			
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xiv. Publisher or equivalent	EGU
xv. Digital object identifier (DOI)	https://doi.org/10.5194/acp-19-1-2019
xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)	<p>Nitrous acid (HONO) can strongly affect atmospheric photochemistry in polluted regions through the production of hydroxyl radicals (OHs). In January 2017, a severe pollution episode occurred in the Pearl River Delta (PRD) of China, with maximum hourly PM_{2.5}, ozone, and HONO levels reaching 400 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$, 150 ppb, and 8 ppb, respectively, at a suburban site. The present study investigated the sources and processes generating such high HONO concentrations and the role of HONO chemistry in this severe winter episode. Four recently reported HONO sources were added to the Community Multiscale Air Quality (CMAQ) model, including RH-dependent (relative humidity) and light-enhancing effects on heterogeneous reactions, photolysis of particulate nitrate in the atmosphere, and photolysis of HNO₃ and nitrate on surfaces. The revised model reproduced the observed HONO and significantly improved its performance for O₃ and PM_{2.5}. The model simulations showed that the heterogeneous generation on surfaces (with RH and light effects) was the largest contributor (72 %) to the predicted HONO concentrations, with the RH-enhancing effects more significant at nighttime and the light-enhancing effects more important in the daytime. The photolysis of total nitrate in the atmosphere and deposited on surfaces was the dominant HONO source during noon and afternoon, contributing above 50 % of the simulated HONO. The HONO photolysis was the dominant contributor to HO_x production in this episode. With all HONO sources, the daytime average O₃ at the Heshan site was increased by 24 ppb (or 70 %), compared to the simulation results without any HONO sources. Moreover, the simulated mean concentrations of TNO₃ (HNO₃+ fine particle) at the Heshan site, which was the key species for this haze formation, increased by about 17 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ (67 %) due to the HONO chemistry, and the peak enhancement reached 55 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$. This study highlights the key role of HONO chemistry in the formation of winter haze in a subtropical environment.</p>
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xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)	Nitrate radical (NO ₃) and dinitrogen pentoxide (N ₂ O ₅) play crucial roles in the nocturnal atmosphere. To quantify their impacts, we deployed a thermal-dissociation chemical ionization mass spectrometry (TD-CIMS), to measure their concentration, as well as ClNO ₂ at a coastal background site in the southern of China during the late autumn of 2012. Moderate levels of NO ₃ , N ₂ O ₅ and high concentration of ClNO ₂ were observed during the study period, indicating active NO _x -O ₃ chemistry in the region. Distinct features of NO ₃ , N ₂ O ₅ and ClNO ₂ mixing ratios were observed in different airmasses. Further analysis revealed that the N ₂ O ₅ heterogeneous reaction was the dominant loss of N ₂ O ₅ and NO ₃ , which showed higher loss rate compared to that in other coastal sites. Especially, the N ₂ O ₅ loss rates could reach up to 0.0139 s ⁻¹ when airmasses went across the sea. The fast heterogeneous loss of N ₂ O ₅ led to rapid NO _x loss which could be comparable to the daytime process through NO ₂ oxidation by OH, and on the other hand, to rapid nitrate aerosol formation. In summary, our results revealed that the N ₂ O ₅ hydrolysis could play significant roles in regulating the air quality by reducing NO _x but forming nitrate aerosols.
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<p>xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)</p>	<p>Titanium dioxide (TiO₂) is extensively used with the process of urbanization and potentially influences atmospheric chemistry, which is yet unclear. In this work, we demonstrated strong production of Cl₂ from illuminated KCl-coated TiO₂ membranes and suggested an important daytime source of chlorine radicals. We found that water and oxygen were required for the reactions to proceed, and Cl₂ production increased linearly with the amount of coated KCl, humidity of the carrier gas, and light intensity. These results suggested that water promotes the reactivity of coated KCl via interaction with the crystal lattice to release free chloride ions (Cl⁻). The free Cl⁻ transfer charges to O₂ via photoactivated TiO₂ to form Cl₂ and probably the O₂⁻ radical. In addition to Cl₂, ClO and HOCl were also observed via the complex reactions between Cl/Cl₂ and HOx. An intensive campaign was conducted in Shanghai, during which evident daytime peaks of Cl₂ were observed. Estimated Cl₂ production from TiO₂ photocatalysis can be up to 0.2 ppb/h when the TiO₂-containing surface reaches 20% of the urban surface, and highly correlated to the observed Cl₂. Our results suggest a non-negligible role of TiO₂ in atmospheric photochemistry via altering the radical budget.</p>
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<p>xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)</p>	<p>Northern China is regularly subjected to intense wintertime “haze events”, with high levels of fine particles that threaten millions of inhabitants. While sulfate is a known major component of these fine haze particles, its formation mechanism remains unclear especially under highly polluted conditions, with state-of-the-art air quality models unable to reproduce or predict field observations. These haze conditions are generally characterized by simultaneous high emissions of SO₂ and photosensitizing materials. In this study, we find that the excited triplet states of photosensitizers could induce a direct photosensitized oxidation of hydrated SO₂ and bisulfite into sulfate S(VI) through energy transfer, electron transfer, or hydrogen atom abstraction. This photosensitized pathway appears to be a new and ubiquitous chemical route for atmospheric sulfate production. Compared to other aqueous-phase sulfate formation pathways with ozone, hydrogen peroxide, nitrogen dioxide, or transition-metal ions, the results also show that this photosensitized oxidation of S(IV) could make an important contribution to aerosol sulfate formation in Asian countries, particularly in China.</p>
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<p>xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)</p>	<p>Nitrate is an increasingly important component of fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) during winter in northern China. Past emission control has been ineffective in reducing winter nitrate. Here, we use extensive observations and a model with state-of-the-art nitrogen chemistry to identify the key factors that control the nitrate formation in the heavily polluted North China Plain (NCP). In contrast to the previous view of weak winter photochemistry, we show that the O₃ and OH productions are sufficiently high in winter to facilitate fast gas-phase and heterogeneous conversion of NO_x to nitrate over the NCP. Increasing O₃ and OH productions from higher precursor levels and fast RO_x cycling accelerate the nitrate generation during heavy pollution. We find that the 31.8% reduction of NO_x emissions from 2010 to 2017 in the NCP lowers surface nitrate by only 0.2% and even increases nitrate in some polluted areas. This is mainly due to the increase of O₃ and OH (by ~30%), which has subsequently increased the conversion efficiency of NO_x to HNO₃ (by 38.7%). Future control strategies for the winter haze should also aim to lower photochemical oxidants, via larger and synchronized NO_x and VOCs emissions reduction, to overcome the effects of nonlinear photochemistry and aerosol chemical feedback.</p>
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<p>xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)</p>	<p>China has large anthropogenic chlorine emissions from agricultural fires, residential biofuel, waste incineration, coal combustion, and industrial processes. Here we quantify the effects of chlorine on fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) and ozone air quality across China by using the GEOS-Chem chemical transport model with comprehensive anthropogenic emissions and detailed representation of gas-phase and heterogeneous chlorine chemistry. Comparison of the model to observed ClNO₂, HCl, and particulate Cl⁻ concentrations shows that reactive chlorine in China is mainly anthropogenic, unlike in other continental regions where it is mostly of marine origin. The model is successful in reproducing observed concentrations and their distributions, lending confidence in the anthropogenic chlorine emission estimates and the resulting chemistry. We find that anthropogenic chlorine emissions increase total inorganic PM_{2.5} by as much as 3.2 μg m⁻³ on an annual mean basis through the formation of ammonium chloride, partly compensated by a decrease of nitrate because ClNO₂ formation competes with N₂O₅ hydrolysis. Annual mean MDA8 surface ozone increases by up to 1.9 ppb, mainly from ClNO₂ chemistry, while reactivities of volatile organic compounds increase (by up to 48% for ethane). We find that a sufficient representation of chlorine chemistry in air quality models can be obtained from consideration of HCl/Cl⁻ thermodynamics and ClNO₂ chemistry, because other more complicated aspects of chlorine chemistry have a relatively minor effect.</p>
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<p>xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)</p>	<p>The hydroxyl radical (OH) is the most important oxidant in the atmosphere and plays a central role in tropospheric chemistry. Ambient OH is extremely difficult to measure because of its low concentration and high reactivity. We have developed and optimized a chemical ionization mass spectrometry (CIMS) system to measure OH based on ion-assisted mass spectrometry. A calibration unit was developed based on chemical actinometry to convert detected signals to OH concentration. Different types of ion sources (210Po and corona source) and scavenger gases (propane, C3F6, and NO2) were compared. Radioactive ion source (210Po foils) was chosen for lower detection limits, and propane was selected for high elimination efficiency and the negligible influence on the signal stability. The sensitivity of the CIMS instrument to OH radicals is influenced by the efficiencies of titration reaction, ion conversion, and ion transmission. Through adjusting their efficiencies by changing the flow rates and voltages, optimal sensitivity was determined. The background noise from OH interferences was reduced by adjusting the flow rate of scavenger gas. The CIMS system achieved a detection limit of $\sim 0.15 \times 10^6$ molecules cm^{-3} (signal/noise = 2). The CIMS was then taken out to measure ambient OH radicals at an urban site in Hong Kong in April 2019. An obvious diurnal pattern of OH radicals was observed, with the highest concentration of $\sim 6 \times 10^6$ molecules cm^{-3} at midday and the lowest concentration of $\sim 0.25 \times 10^6$ molecules cm^{-3} at night, with an overall accuracy of about ± 51 %. The results demonstrated the capability of our CIMS for OH measurements on clear days. The tests and results from our study provide a useful reference to other researchers who wish to develop and apply the CIMS technique to measure OH and other chemicals.</p>
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<p>xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)</p>	<p>In coastal regions, particulate chloride (Cl⁻) in sea-salt can react with gaseous dinitrogen pentoxide (N₂O₅) and produces nitryl chloride (ClNO₂) after the heterogeneous uptake of N₂O₅. Photolysis of ClNO₂ by sunlight enhances atmospheric oxidation capacity and contributes to the formation of ozone (O₃). Using a regional chemical model (WRF-Chem), we evaluated the emission of particulate Cl⁻ from the South China Sea, the chlorine loss in sea-salt aerosols, and the impact of sea-salt chloride on O₃ formation over the Hong Kong-Pearl River Delta (HK-PRD) and surrounding maritime regions. Two typical O₃ episodes in early autumn (September 2017 and 2018) were analyzed. The modeled results of particulate Cl⁻ agreed well with the observations at a coastal site in both two cases, but the model underestimated ClNO₂ by a factor of 2 in the 2018 case when N₂O₅ and ClNO₂ were measured. The temporal and spatial distributions of chloride loss and ClNO₂ production were simulated for the 2017 case which contained maritime inflow and continental outflow. During maritime winds, the oceanic fine particulate Cl⁻ penetrated deep inland and was depleted by up to 40% by N₂O₅ heterogeneous reaction which lead to elevated ClNO₂ mixing ratios (up to 0.6 ppb) produced at night. During the phase of continental outflow, the heterogeneous reaction of N₂O₅ contributed 18–33% to the depletion of particulate sea-salt Cl⁻ in the coastal areas, leading to an increase in ClNO₂ mixing ratio up to 0.8 ppb in the residual layer (~300 m). The ClNO₂ from sea-salt chloride increased the O₃ mixing ratios by up to 2.0 ppb (4%) over the inland areas during marine winds and up to 3.8 ppb (5.5%) and 6.5 ppb (7.6%) over the South China Sea. This study highlights the considerable impact of the heterogeneous reaction of reactive nitrogen on chlorine loss of sea-salt and O₃ formation in coastal regions.</p>
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<p>xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)</p>	<p>We use the global Community Earth System Model to investigate the response of secondary pollutants (ozone O₃, secondary organic aerosols SOA) in different parts of the world in response to modified emissions of primary pollutants during the COVID-19 pandemic. We quantify the respective effects of the reductions in NO_x and in volatile organic carbon (VOC) emissions, which, in most cases, affect oxidants in opposite ways. Using model simulations, we show that the level of NO_x has been reduced by typically 40% in China during February 2020 and by similar amounts in many areas of Europe and North America in mid-March to mid-April 2020, in good agreement with space and surface observations. We show that, relative to a situation in which the emission reductions are ignored and despite the calculated increase in hydroxyl and peroxy radicals, the ozone concentration increased only in a few NO_x-saturated regions (northern China, northern Europe, and the US) during the winter months of the pandemic when the titration of this molecule by NO_x was reduced. In other regions, where ozone is NO_x-controlled, the concentration of ozone decreased. SOA concentrations decrease in response to the concurrent reduction in the NO_x and VOC emissions. The model also shows that atmospheric meteorological anomalies produced substantial variations in the concentrations of chemical species during the pandemic. In Europe, for example, a large fraction of the ozone increase in February 2020 was associated with meteorological anomalies, while in the North China Plain, enhanced ozone concentrations resulted primarily from reduced emissions of primary pollutants.</p>
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<p>xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)</p>	<p>China was the first country to undergo large-scale lockdowns in response to the pandemic in early 2020 and a progressive return to normalization after April 2020. Spaceborne observations of atmospheric nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and oxygenated volatile organic compounds (OVOCs), including formaldehyde (HCHO), glyoxal (CHOCHO), and peroxyacetyl nitrate (PAN), reveal important changes over China in 2020, relative to 2019, in response to the pandemic-induced shutdown and the subsequent drop in pollutant emissions. In February, at the peak of the shutdown, the observed declines in OVOC levels were generally weaker (less than 20%) compared to the observed NO₂ reductions (−40%). In May 2020, the observations reveal moderate decreases in NO₂ (−15%) and PAN (−21%), small changes in CHOCHO (−3%) and HCHO (6%). Model simulations using the regional model MAGRITTEv1.1 with anthropogenic emissions accounting for the reductions due to the pandemic explain to a large extent the observed changes in lockdown-affected regions. The model results suggest that meteorological variability accounts for a minor but non-negligible part (∼5%) of the observed changes for NO₂, whereas it is negligible for CHOCHO but plays a more substantial role for HCHO and PAN, especially in May. The interannual variability of biogenic and biomass burning emissions also contribute to the observed variations, explaining e.g., the important column increases of NO₂ and OVOCs in February 2020, relative to 2019. These changes are well captured by the model simulations.</p>
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In order to fight the spread of the global COVID-19 pandemic, most of the world's countries have taken control measures such as lockdowns during a few weeks to a few months. These lockdowns had significant impacts on economic and personal activities in many countries. Several studies using satellite and surface observations have reported important changes in the spatial and temporal distributions of atmospheric pollutants and greenhouse gases. Global and regional chemistry-transport model studies are being performed in order to analyze the impact of these lockdowns on the distribution of atmospheric compounds. These modeling studies aim at evaluating the impact of the regional lockdowns at the global scale. In order to provide input for the global and regional model simulations, a dataset providing adjustment factors (AFs) that can easily be applied to current global and regional emission inventories has been developed. This dataset provides, for the January–August 2020 period, gridded AFs at a 0.1×0.1 latitude–longitude degree resolution on a daily or monthly basis for the transportation (road, air and ship traffic), power generation, industry and residential sectors. The quantification of AFs is based on activity data collected from different databases and previously published studies. A range of AFs are provided at each grid point for model sensitivity studies. The emission AFs developed in this study are applied to the CAMS global inventory (CAMS-GLOB-ANT_v4.2_R1.1), and the changes in emissions of the main pollutants are discussed for different regions of the world and the first 6 months of 2020. Maximum decreases in the total emissions are found in February in eastern China, with an average reduction of 20 %–30 % in NO_x, NMVOCs (non-methane volatile organic compounds) and SO₂ relative to the reference emissions. In the other regions, the maximum changes occur in April, with average reductions of 20 %–30 % for NO_x, NMVOCs and CO in Europe and North America and larger decreases (30 %–50 %) in South America. In India and African regions, NO_x and NMVOC emissions are reduced on average by 15 %–30 %. For the other species, the maximum reductions are generally less than 15 %, except in South America, where large decreases in CO and BC (black carbon) are estimated. As discussed in the paper, reductions vary highly across regions and sectors due to the differences in the duration of the lockdowns before partial or complete recovery.

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<p>xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)</p>	<p>Ozone (O₃) is a key oxidant and pollutant in the lower atmosphere. Significant increases in surface O₃ have been reported in many cities during the COVID-19 lockdown. Here we conduct comprehensive observation and modeling analyses of surface O₃ across China for periods before and during the lockdown. We find that daytime O₃ decreased in the subtropical south, in contrast to increases in most other regions. Meteorological changes and emission reductions both contributed to the O₃ changes, with a larger impact from the former especially in central China. The plunge in nitrogen oxide (NO_x) emission contributed to O₃ increases in populated regions, whereas the reduction in volatile organic compounds (VOC) contributed to O₃ decreases across the country. Due to a decreasing level of NO_x saturation from north to south, the emission reduction in NO_x (46%) and VOC (32%) contributed to net O₃ increases in north China; the opposite effects of NO_x decrease (49%) and VOC decrease (24%) balanced out in central China, whereas the comparable decreases (45–55%) in these two precursors contributed to net O₃ declines in south China. Our study highlights the complex dependence of O₃ on its precursors and the importance of meteorology in the short-term O₃ variability.</p>
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<p>xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)</p>	<p>Nitryl chloride (ClNO₂) is an important chlorine reservoir in the atmosphere that affects the oxidation of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and the production of RO_x radicals and ozone (O₃). This study presents measurements of ClNO₂ and related compounds at urban, polluted rural, and polluted lower tropospheric (mountaintop) sites in the winter of 2017–2018 over the North China Plain (NCP). The nocturnal concentrations of ClNO₂ were lower at the urban and polluted rural sites but higher at the polluted lower tropospheric site. The winter concentrations of ClNO₂ were generally lower than the summer concentrations that were previously observed at these sites, which was due to the lower nitrate radical (NO₃) production rate (P(NO₃)) and the smaller N₂O₅ uptake coefficients (γ(N₂O₅)) in winter, despite the higher ratios of dinitrogen pentoxide (N₂O₅) to NO₃ in winter. Significant daytime peaks of ClNO₂ were observed at all the sites during the winter campaigns, with ClNO₂ mixing ratios of up to 1.3 ppbv. Vertical transport of ClNO₂ from the residual layers and prolonged photochemical lifetime of ClNO₂ in winter may explain the elevated daytime concentrations. The daytime-averaged chlorine radical (Cl) production rates (P(Cl)) from the daytime ClNO₂ were 0.17, 0.11, and 0.12 ppbv h⁻¹ at the polluted rural, urban, and polluted lower tropospheric sites, respectively, which were approximately 3–4 times higher than the campaign-averaged conditions. Box model calculations showed that the Cl atoms liberated during the daytime peaks of ClNO₂ increased the RO_x levels by up to 27 %–37 % and increased the daily O₃ productions by up to 13 %–18 %. Our results provide new insights into the ClNO₂ processes in the lower troposphere impacted by fresh and intense anthropogenic emissions and reveal that ClNO₂ can be an important daytime source of Cl radicals under certain conditions in winter.</p>
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<p>xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)</p>	<p>Among the various environmental factors that affect isoprene emissions, drought has only been given limited attention. Four different drought response (DR) schemes were implemented in the Model of Emissions of Gases and Aerosols from Nature (MEGAN, version 2.1), and the Community Multiscale Air Quality (CMAQ) model was applied to investigate the drought impacts on air quality during both drought and normal years in China. Generally, all DR schemes decrease isoprene emissions except for mild drought conditions. The significant decrease and even termination of isoprene emissions are predicted in South China under severe drought conditions. During the drought period, the DR scheme considering both mild and severe drought (SMD) improves the model performance especially in severe drought-hit regions when compared with the Ozone Monitoring Instrument (OMI) averaged formaldehyde vertical column density (HCHO VCD). The results show that most of the DR schemes decrease simulated ozone (O₃) and secondary organic aerosols (SOA) levels. For both O₃ and SOA, noticeable changes are predicted in the Sichuan Basin (5 ppb and 4 μg m⁻³ for O₃ and SOA, respectively). This investigation is the first modeling study to investigate the impacts of isoprene drought response on air quality in China.</p>
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<p>xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)</p>	<p>Halogen atoms affect the budget of ozone and the fate of pollutants such as hydrocarbons and mercury. Yet their sources and significances in polluted continental regions are poorly understood. Here we report the observation of unprecedented levels (averaging at 60 parts per trillion) of bromine chloride (BrCl) at a mid-latitude site in North China during winter. Widespread coal burning in rural households and a photo-assisted process were the primary source of BrCl and other bromine gases. BrCl contributed about 55% of both bromine and chlorine atoms. The halogen atoms increased the abundance of ‘conventional’ tropospheric oxidants (OH, HO₂ and RO₂) by 26%–73%, and enhanced oxidation of hydrocarbon by nearly a factor of two and the net ozone production by 55%. Our study reveals the significant role of reactive halogen in winter atmospheric chemistry and the deterioration of air quality in continental regions where uncontrolled coal combustion is prevalent.</p>
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<p>xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)</p>	<p>Heterogeneous reactions of NO₂ on different surfaces play an important role in atmospheric NO_x removal and HONO formation, having profound impacts on photochemistry in polluted urban areas. Previous studies have suggested that the NO₂ uptake on the ground or aerosol surfaces could be a dominant source for elevated HONO during the daytime. However, the uptake behavior of NO₂ varies with different surfaces, and different uptake coefficients were used or derived in different studies. To obtain a more holistic picture of heterogeneous NO₂ uptake on different surfaces, a series of laboratory experiments using different flow tube reactors was conducted, and the NO₂ uptake coefficients (γ) were determined on inorganic particles, sea water and urban grime. The results showed that heterogeneous reactions on those surfaces were generally weak in dark conditions, with the measured γ varied from $<10^{-8}$ to 3.2×10^{-7} under different humidity. A photo-enhanced uptake of NO₂ on urban grime was observed, with the obvious formation of HONO and NO from the heterogeneous reaction. The photo-enhanced γ was measured to be 1.9×10^{-6} at 5% relative humidity (RH) and 5.8×10^{-6} at 70% RH on urban grime, showing a positive RH dependence for both NO₂ uptake and HONO formation. The results demonstrate an important role of urban grime in the daytime NO₂-to-HONO conversion, and could be helpful to explain the unknown daytime HONO source in the polluted urban area.</p>
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<p>xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)</p>	<p>Severe and persistent haze events in northern China, characterized by high loading of fine aerosol especially of secondary origin, negatively impact human health and the welfare of ecosystems. However, current knowledge cannot fully explain the formation of this haze pollution. Despite field observations of elevated levels of reactive halogen species (e.g., BrCl, ClNO₂, Cl₂, HBr) at several sites in China, the influence of halogens (particularly bromine) on haze pollution is largely unknown. Here, for the first time, we compile an emission inventory of anthropogenic bromine and quantify the collective impact of halogens on haze pollution in northern China. We utilize a regional model (WRF-Chem), revised to incorporate updated halogen chemistry and anthropogenic chlorine and bromine emissions and validated by measurements of atmospheric pollutants and halogens, to show that halogens enhance the loading of fine aerosol in northern China (on average by 21%) and especially its secondary components (~130% for secondary organic aerosol and ~20% for sulfate, nitrate, and ammonium aerosols). Such a significant increase is attributed to the enhancement of atmospheric oxidants (OH, HO₂, O₃, NO₃, Cl, and Br) by halogen chemistry, with a significant contribution from previously unconsidered bromine. These results show that higher recognition of the impact of anthropogenic halogens shall be given in haze pollution research and air quality regulation.</p>
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<p>xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)</p>	<p>Nitro-phenolic compounds (NPs) have attracted increasing attention because of their health risks and impacts on visibility, climate, and atmospheric chemistry. Despite many measurements of particulate NPs, the knowledge of their gaseous abundances, sources, atmospheric fates, and impacts remains incomplete. Here, 18 gaseous NPs were continuously measured with a time-of-flight chemical ionization mass spectrometer at a background site in South China in autumn and winter. Abundant NPs were observed in the continental outflows from East Asia, with a total concentration up to 122.1 pptv. Secondary formation from the transported aromatics dominated the observed NPs, with mono-NPs exhibiting photochemical daytime peaks and nighttime enrichments of di-NPs and Cl-substituted NPs. The budget analysis indicates that besides the •OH oxidation of aromatics, the NO₃• oxidation also contributed significantly to the daytime mono-NPs, while the further oxidation of mono-NPs by NO₃• dominated the nocturnal formation of di-NPs. Photolysis was the main daytime sink of NPs and produced substantial HONO, which would influence atmospheric oxidation capacity in downwind and background regions. This study provides quantitative insights on the formation and impacts of gaseous NPs in the continental outflow and highlights the role of NO₃• chemistry in the secondary nitro-aromatics production that may facilitate regional pollution.</p>
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<p>xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)</p>	<p>Chlorine atoms (Cl) are highly reactive and can strongly influence the abundances of climate and air quality-relevant trace gases. Despite extensive research on molecular chlorine (Cl₂), a Cl precursor, in the polar atmosphere, its sources in other regions are still poorly understood. Here we report the daytime Cl₂ concentrations of up to 1 ppbv observed in a coastal area of Hong Kong, revealing a large daytime source of Cl₂ (2.7 pptv s⁻¹ at noon). Field and laboratory experiments indicate that photodissociation of particulate nitrate by sunlight under acidic conditions (pH < 3.0) can activate chloride and account for the observed daytime Cl₂ production. The high Cl₂ concentrations significantly increased atmospheric oxidation. Given the ubiquitous existence of chloride, nitrate, and acidic aerosols, we propose that nitrate photolysis is a significant daytime chlorine source globally. This so far unaccounted for source of chlorine can have substantial impacts on atmospheric chemistry.</p>
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<p>xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)</p>	<p>Nitrous acid (HONO) can significantly contribute to hydroxyl radicals (OH) and thus regulate atmospheric oxidation chemistry; however, ambient HONO sources are not well quantified and vary in different environments. In this study, we conducted comprehensive field observations at a coastal site in the South China Sea and performed chemical box modelling to demonstrate contrasting budgets and impacts of diurnal atmospheric HONO derived from the sea, coastline and continent. The ship emission ratio of HONO/nitrogen oxides (NOx) ($1.21 \pm 0.99\%$) was calculated from hundreds of night-time fresh plume measurements. Offshore marine air was frequently influenced by ship exhausts, and the sea acted as an HONO sink. Heterogeneous conversions of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) on underlying surfaces and photolysis of adsorbed nitric acid (HNO₃(ads)) were the major HONO sources in coastal air, when heterogeneous NO₂ conversions on the ground surface and the homogeneous NO + OH dominated HONO formation in continental air. HONO photolysis was a significant source of reactive radicals (ROx = OH + HO₂ + RO₂) in these air masses. Atmospheric box model including only homogeneous HONO source of the NO + OH reactions significantly underpredicted the OH concentration and atmospheric oxidising capacity in coastal and continental air. This study provides new insights into the complex sources and significant impacts of HONO in the polluted coastal boundary layer.</p>
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<p>xvi. Abstract (as set out in the journal article)</p>	<p>Oxidation of isoprene by nitrate radicals (NO₃) or by hydroxyl radicals (OH) under high NO_x conditions forms a substantial amount of organonitrates (ONs). ONs impact NO_x concentrations and consequently ozone formation while also contributing to secondary organic aerosol. Here we show that the ONs with the chemical formula C₄H₇NO₅ are a significant fraction of isoprene-derived ONs, based on chamber experiments and ambient measurements from different sites around the globe. From chamber experiments we found that C₄H₇NO₅ isomers contribute 5%–17% of all measured ONs formed during nighttime and constitute more than 40% of the measured ONs after further daytime oxidation. In ambient measurements C₄H₇NO₅ isomers usually dominate both nighttime and daytime, implying a long residence time compared to C₅ONs which are removed more rapidly. We propose potential nighttime sources and secondary formation pathways, and test them using a box model with an updated isoprene oxidation schemes.</p>
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September/2018/France	Nitrate formation from heterogeneous reactions of dinitrogen pentoxide during a severe winter haze in southern China	Sino-French Joint Workshop on Atmospheric Environment	2019	No	Yes	Yes
November/2018/China	The significant contribution of HONO to secondary pollutants during a severe winter pollution event in southern China	24th Annual Conference on Atmospheric Environment of China	2019	No	Yes	Yes

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No. of outputs arising directly from this research project	23	3	nil	nil	nil