

Supplementary materials for

# Effects of anthropogenic chlorine on PM<sub>2.5</sub> and ozone air quality in China

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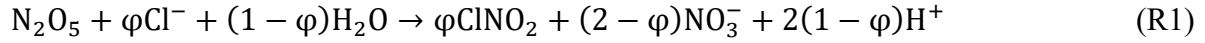
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## A1. Updated Chlorine Chemistry in GEOS-Chem

We updated the source of ClNO<sub>2</sub> from the nighttime heterogeneous reaction of N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> with Cl<sup>-</sup> in the aerosol aqueous phase:



The rate of this reaction is determined by a reactive uptake coefficient  $\gamma_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_5}$  representing the probability that a gas-phase N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> molecule impacting the aerosol surface will go on to react in the aqueous phase. GEOS-Chem assumes that Cl<sup>-</sup> is present only in sulfate–nitrate–ammonium (SNA) and sea salt aerosols when doing this calculation, assuming an external mixture of aerosol types between inorganic and organic aerosols. In Wang et al.,<sup>1</sup>  $\gamma_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_5}$  and the production yield of ClNO<sub>2</sub> ( $\varphi$ ) were calculated from the mechanism of Bertram and Thornton<sup>2</sup> as a function of aerosol water content ([H<sub>2</sub>O]), [Cl<sup>-</sup>] and [NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>]. Recent atmospheric observations show evidence that  $\gamma_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_5}$  is lower<sup>3, 4</sup> and that this may be due to organic coating of particles. Here we assume that reaction (R1) happens on internally mixed SNA, sea salt, and organic aerosols, and account for the effect of the organic coating as given by:

$$\frac{1}{\gamma_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_5}} = \frac{1}{\gamma_{\text{core}}} + \frac{1}{\gamma_{\text{coat}}} \quad (1)$$

Where  $\gamma_{\text{core}}$  represents the reactive uptake of Bertram and Thornton<sup>2</sup> mechanism, and  $\gamma_{\text{coat}}$  represents the retardation from the organic coating. Calculation of  $\gamma_{\text{coat}}$  is based on Riemer et al.<sup>4</sup> with the relative humidity (RH) dependence of coating properties from Gaston et al.<sup>5</sup> This parameterization has been described detail by McDuffie et al.<sup>6</sup>

$$\gamma_{\text{core}} = \frac{4V}{cSA} K_H k'_{2f} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\left( \frac{k_3[\text{H}_2\text{O}]}{k_{2b}[\text{NO}_3^-]} \right) + 1 + \left( \frac{k_4[\text{Cl}^-]}{k_{2b}[\text{NO}_3^-]} \right)} \right) \quad (2)$$

$$k'_{2f} = \beta(1 - e^{-\delta[\text{H}_2\text{O}]}) \quad (3)$$

$$\gamma_{\text{coat}} = \frac{4RT H_{\text{org}} D_{\text{org}} R_c}{c l R_p} \quad (4)$$

Where  $R$  is the ideal gas constant,  $c$  is the average gas-phase thermal velocity of  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $K_H$  is the unitless Henry's law coefficient for  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ ,  $V$  and  $SA$  are particle volume and surface area density,  $H_{\text{aq}}$  is the aqueous Henry's law constant for  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$ . Following Bertram and Thornton 2009,  $K_H = 51$ ,  $\beta = 1.15 \times 10^6 \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $\delta = 0.13 \text{ M}^{-1}$ ,  $k_3/k_{2b} = 0.06$ ,  $k_4/k_{2b} = 29$ . Following McDuffie et al., 2018,  $H_{\text{org}} D_{\text{org}} = \epsilon * H_{\text{aq}} D_{\text{aq}}$  where  $D_{\text{aq}}$  is the  $\text{N}_2\text{O}_5$  aqueous-phase diffusion coefficient.  $\epsilon$  is a scaling coefficient, which increases linearly with the increase of RH and O:C ratio ( $\epsilon = 0.15 \text{ O:C} + 0.0016\text{RH}$ ).  $R_c$  and  $R_p$  are the radii of the inorganic core and the whole particle with organic coating.  $l$  is the thickness of organic coating, which is calculated by the volume ratio of organic and inorganic aerosols:

$$l = R_p (1 - \alpha^3) \quad (5)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{V_{\text{organic}}}{V_{\text{inorganic}}}} \quad (6)$$

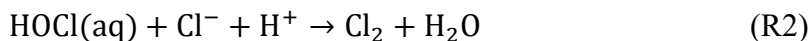
The production yield of  $\text{ClNO}_2$ ,  $\phi$ , was calculated from the mechanism of Bertram and Thornton<sup>2</sup>:

$$\phi = \left( \frac{k_2 [\text{H}_2\text{O}]}{k_3 [\text{Cl}^-]} + 1 \right)^{-1} \quad (7)$$

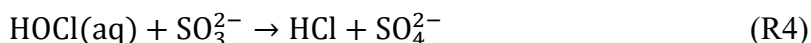
Where  $k_3/k_2 = 450$  from Roberts et al.<sup>7</sup>

Although a similar version of this parameterization has shown agreement with aircraft measurements in the nocturnal residual layer in the winter over the eastern US, it is still very uncertain.<sup>3, 6</sup> The dependence of  $\gamma_{\text{N}_2\text{O}_5}$  and  $\phi$  on aerosol water,  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ , organics, and other aerosol components have been found to be quite different among different field measurements and laboratory studies.<sup>3, 8</sup>

A source of chlorine radicals is the formation of  $\text{Cl}_2$  at night, which goes on to photolyze to Cl atoms in the daytime. In Wang et al.<sup>8</sup>, a major source of  $\text{Cl}_2$  was the heterogeneous reaction of HOCl with  $\text{Cl}^-$ :



Here we add a competing reaction between HOCl and dissolved  $\text{SO}_2$  ( $\text{S(IV)} \equiv \text{HSO}_3^- + \text{SO}_3^{2-}$ ):



with reaction rate coefficients  $k_3 = 2.8 \times 10^5 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$  and  $k_4 = 7.6 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$  from Liu and Abbatt<sup>9</sup> and Fogelman et al.<sup>10</sup>, respectively.

We also include in the model the reactive uptake of HCl on natural dust, limited by dust alkalinity. This uptake produces  $\text{Cl}^-$  on dust and is represented by a first-order uptake ( $\gamma$ ) parameterization as described in Fairlie et al.<sup>11</sup> The initial reactive uptake coefficient  $\gamma_{\text{HCl}}$  on alkaline dust is 0.13 given by Santschi and Rossi.<sup>12</sup> We include a RH dependence and reduces  $\gamma_{\text{HCl}}$  by 100 times to account for the alkalinity availability limited by particle dissolution and diffusion following Fairlie et al.<sup>11</sup>

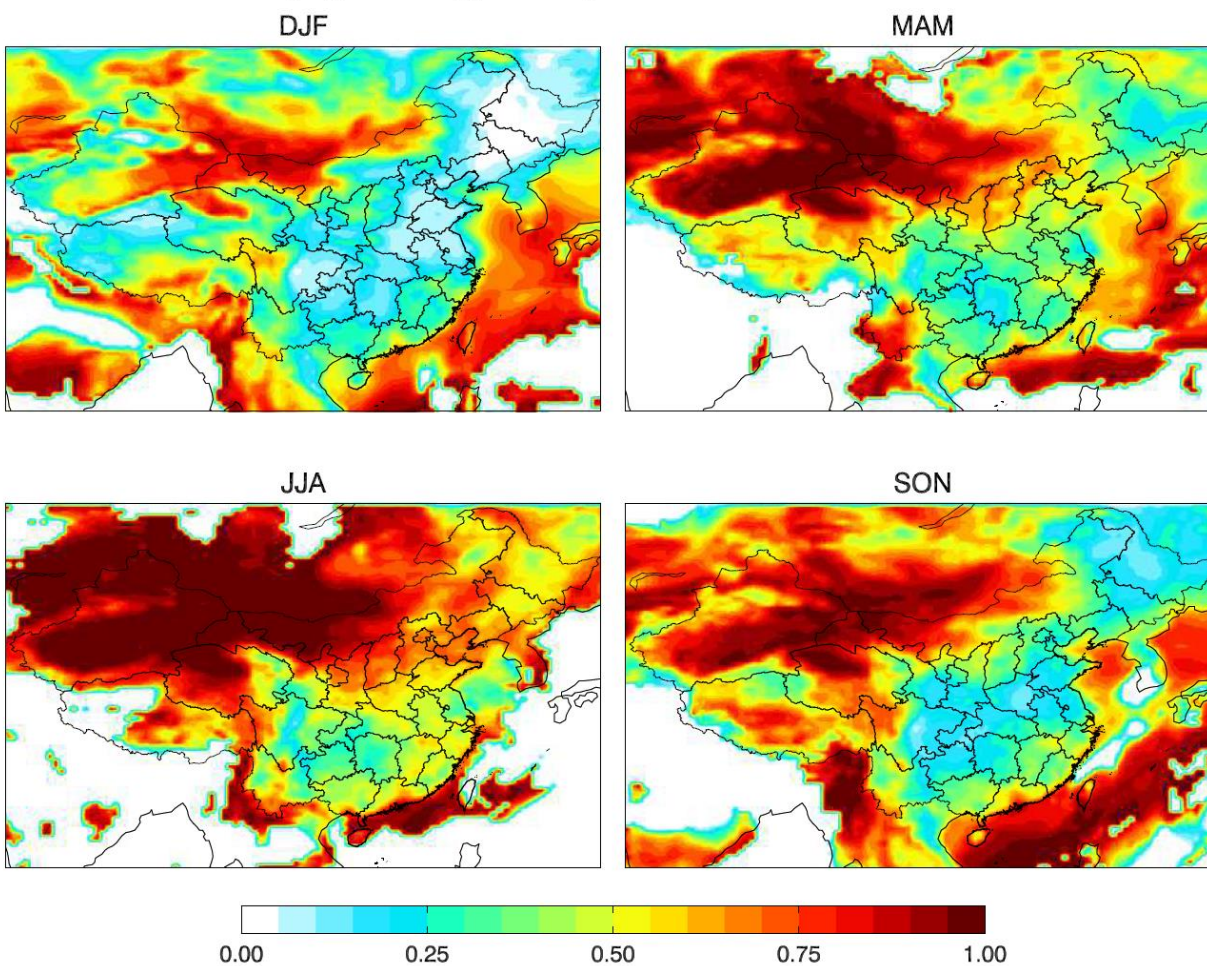
**Table S1.** Bimolecular reactions between Cl atom and VOCs included in model scheme.<sup>a,b</sup>

Reaction	$A$ (cm <sup>3</sup> molecules <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	$-E_a/R$ (K)	Citation
Reactions have been included in previous GEOS-Chem studies <sup>13, 14</sup>			
Cl + CH <sub>4</sub> → HCl + MO <sub>2</sub>	7.10×10 <sup>-12</sup>	-1270	Burkholder et al. (2015) <sup>15</sup>
Cl + HCOOH → HCl + CO <sub>2</sub> + H <sub>2</sub> O	2.00×10 <sup>-13</sup>	-	Sander et al.(2011) <sup>16</sup>
Cl + CH <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> → ClO + CH <sub>2</sub> O + HO <sub>2</sub>	1.60×10 <sup>-10</sup>	-	Sander et al.(2011)
Cl + CH <sub>3</sub> OOH → HCl + CH <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	5.70×10 <sup>-11</sup>	-	Sander et al.(2011)
Cl + C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> → HCl + C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	7.20×10 <sup>-11</sup>	-70	Sander et al.(2011)
Cl + C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> → ClO + HO <sub>2</sub> + ALD <sub>2</sub>	7.40×10 <sup>-11</sup>	-	Sander et al.(2011)
Cl + EOH → HCl + ALD <sub>2</sub>	9.60×10 <sup>-11</sup>	-	Sander et al.(2011)
Cl + ACTA → HCl + CH <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> + CO <sub>2</sub>	2.80×10 <sup>-14</sup>	-	Sander et al.(2011)
Cl + C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> → HCl + A3O <sub>2</sub>	7.85×10 <sup>-11</sup>	-80	Sander et al.(2011)
Cl + C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub> → HCl + B3O <sub>2</sub>	6.54×10 <sup>-11</sup>	-	Sander et al.(2011)
Cl + ACET → HCl + ATO <sub>2</sub>	7.70×10 <sup>-11</sup>	-1000	Sander et al.(2011)
Cl + ISOP → HCl + RIO <sub>2</sub>	7.70×10 <sup>-11</sup>	500	Sander et al.(2011)
Cl + MOH → HCl + CH <sub>2</sub> O + HO <sub>2</sub>	7.70×10 <sup>-11</sup>	500	Sander et al.(2011)
Cl + ALK <sub>4</sub> → HCl + R4O <sub>2</sub>	2.05×10 <sup>-10</sup>	-	Atkinson et al. (2006) <sup>17</sup>
Cl + PRPE → HCl + PO <sub>2</sub>	3.60×10 <sup>-12</sup>	-	Atkinson et al. (2006)
New added in this work			
Cl + TOLU → HCl + TRO <sub>2</sub>	6.20×10 <sup>-12</sup>	-	Wang et al. (2005) <sup>18</sup>
Cl + MTPA → HCl + PIO <sub>2</sub>	5.30×10 <sup>-10</sup>	-	Timerghazin and Ariya (2001) <sup>19</sup>
Cl + LIMO → HCl + LIMO <sub>2</sub>	6.40×10 <sup>-10</sup>	-	Finlayson-Pitts et al. (1999) <sup>20</sup>
Cl + MEK → HCl + KO <sub>2</sub>	3.05×10 <sup>-11</sup>	80	Atkinson et al. (2006)

<sup>a</sup> Reactions are given in the Arrhenius form with the rate equal to  $A \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-E_a}{RT}\right)$ . Unknown values are represented by a dash and set to 0 in the model.

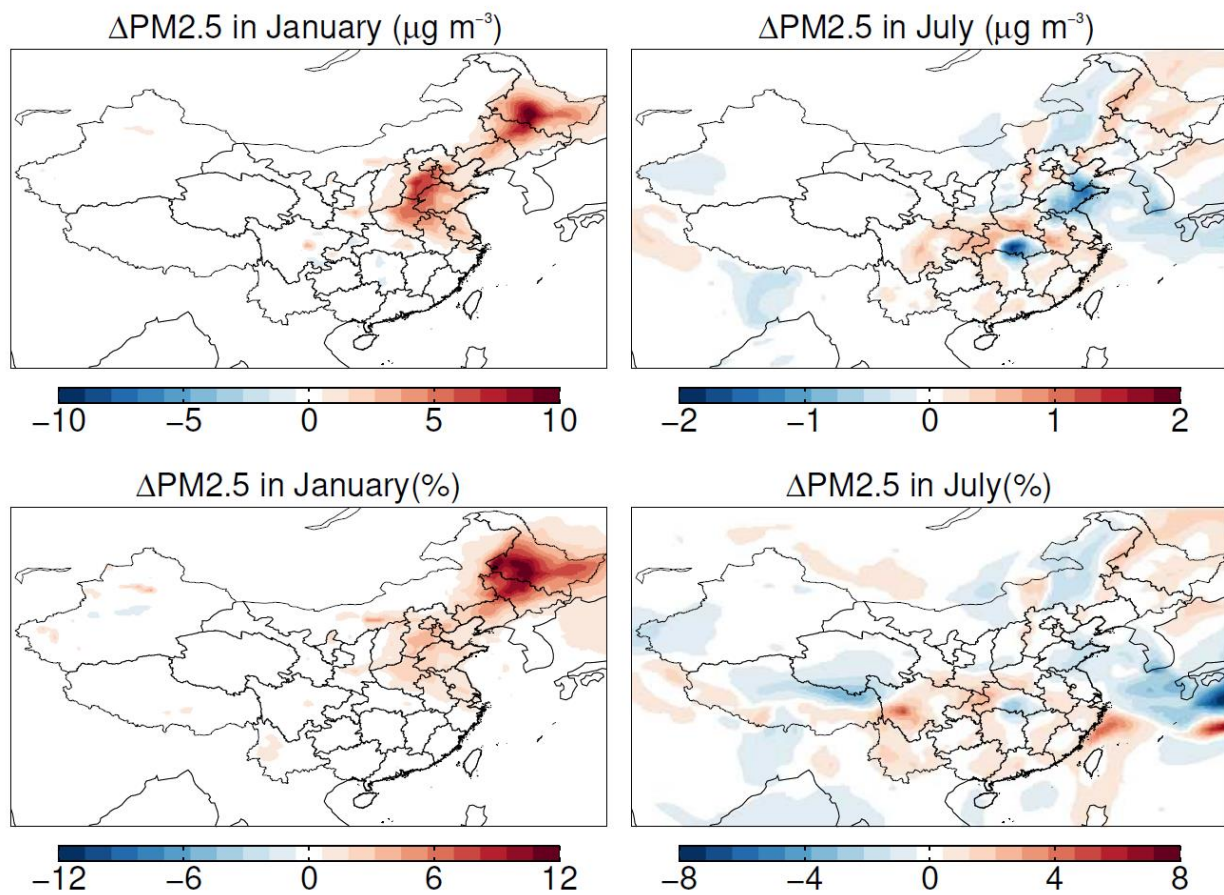
<sup>b</sup> MO2: Methylperoxy radical; ALD2: Acetaldehyde; EOH: Ethanol; A3O2: Primary RO<sub>2</sub> from C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>; B3O2: Secondary RO<sub>2</sub> from C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>; ACET: Acetone; ACTA: Acetic acid; ISOP: Isoprene; RIO2: RO<sub>2</sub> from isoprene; MOH: Methanol; ALK4: ≥C<sub>4</sub> alkanes; R4O2: RO<sub>2</sub> from ≥C<sub>4</sub> alkanes; PRPE: Propene; PO2: RO<sub>2</sub> from propene; TOLU: Toluene; TRO2: Peroxy radical from toluene oxidation; MTPA: Monoterpenes; PIO2: RO<sub>2</sub> from Monoterpenes; LIMO: Limonene; LIMO2: RO<sub>2</sub> from limonene; MEK: Methyl ethyl ketone; KO2: RO<sub>2</sub> from > C<sub>3</sub> ketones.

Anthropogenic HCl/(HCl+Cl) ratio in surface air over China



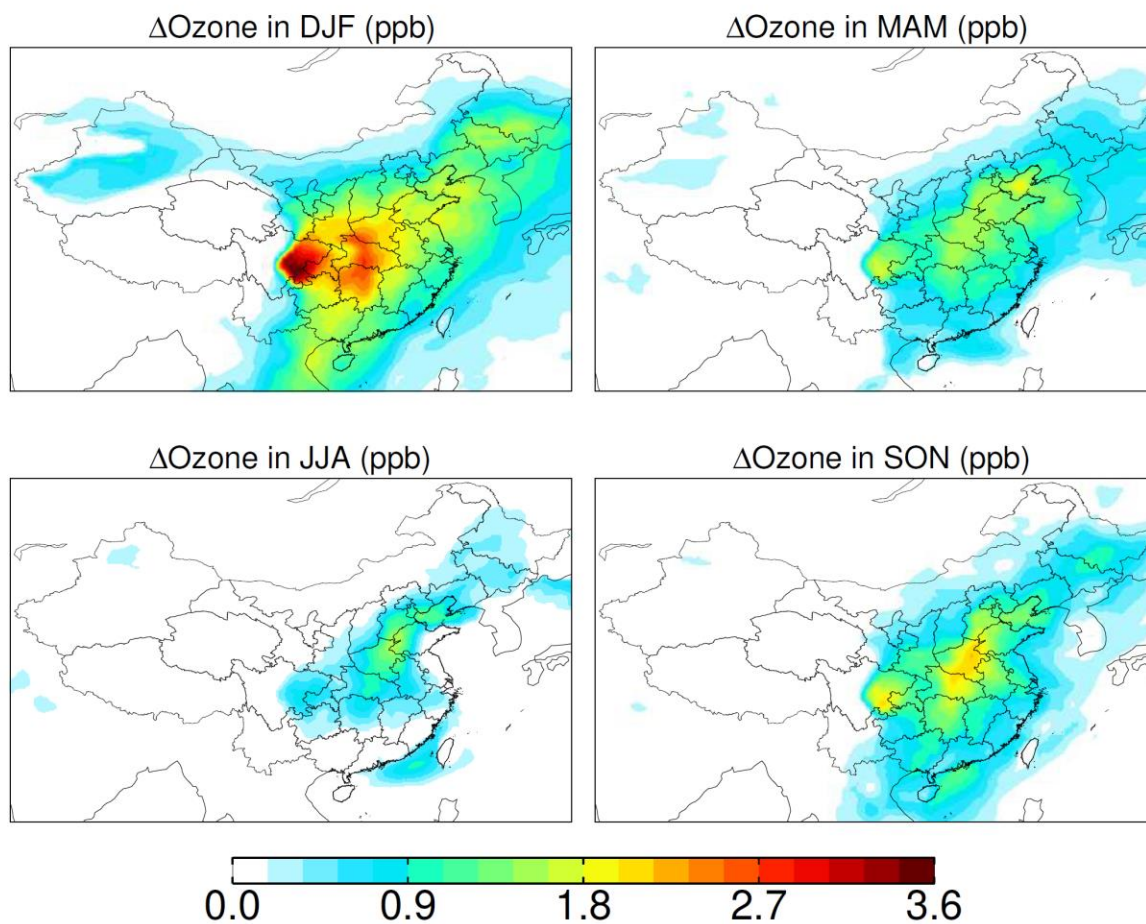
**Figure S1.** Seasonal mean HCl/(HCl + PM<sub>2.5</sub> Cl<sup>-</sup>) ratio in surface air over China in GEOS-Chem due to anthropogenic emissions of HCl. DJF: December, January, and February (winter), MAM: March, April, and May (Spring), JJA: June, July, and August (Summer), SON: September, October, and November (fall).

## Anthropogenic chlorine-driven changes in PM2.5 in January and July



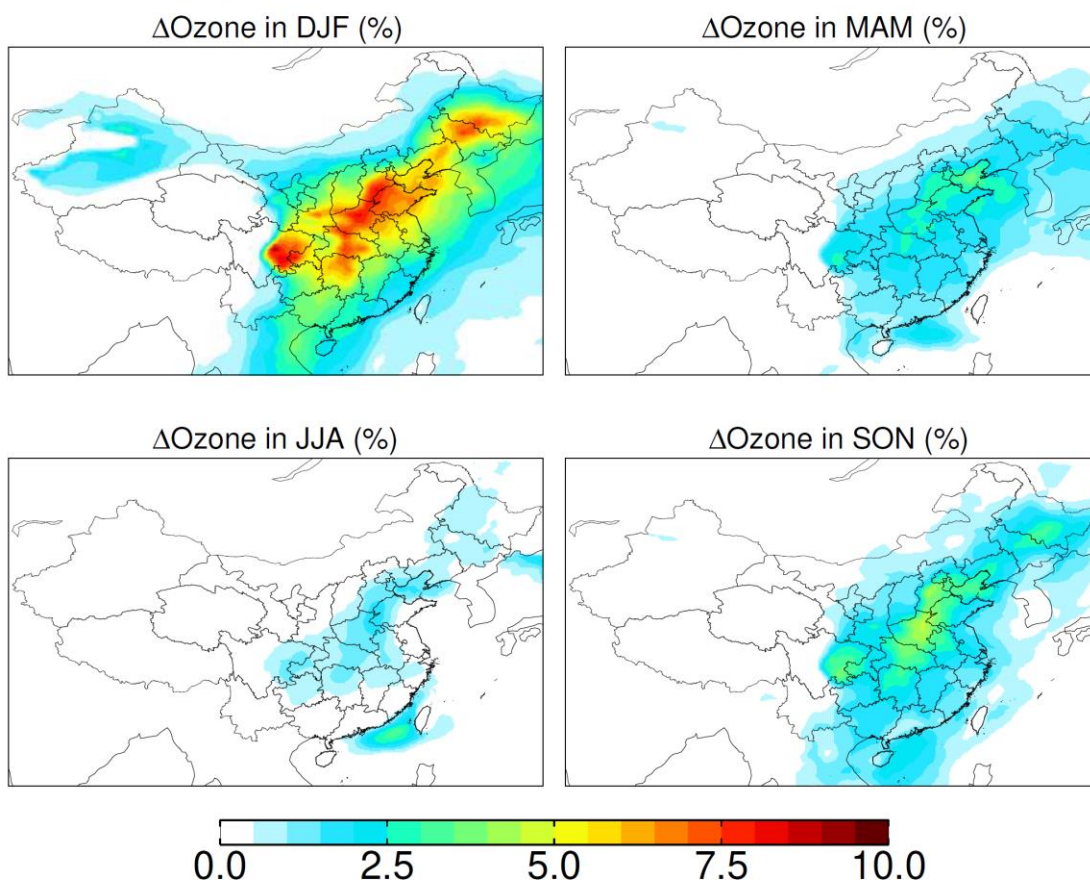
**Figure S2.** Effects of anthropogenic chlorine emissions on monthly mean surface PM2.5 concentrations in China in January (left) and July (right). Upper panels show absolute effects and lower panels show relative effects.

### Anthropogenic chlorine-driven changes in surface MDA8 ozone



**Figure S3.** Enhancement of anthropogenic chlorine emissions on seasonal mean surface MDA8 ozone mixing ratios in China. DJF: December, January, and February (winter), MAM: March, April, and May (Spring), JJA: June, July, and August (Summer), SON: September, October, and November (fall).

Anthropogenic chlorine-driven changes in surface MDA8 ozone



**Figure S4.** Same as Figure S3 but shows the relative enhancement instead of absolute enhancement.

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