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Impacts of daytime nitrous acid source on O_3 budget and concentrations of O_3 and major aerosol components in the coastal regions of China

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37 field experiment data from 13 different field campaigns across the globe are used to express the unknown daytime HONO source (Punknown) as a function of NO_2 mixing ratios and $J(NO_2)$: . Then the Punknown is added into the WRF-Chem model. Elevated daytime-mean Punknown values are found in the coastal regions of China, reaching 2.5 ppb h^{-1} in the Beijing-Tianjin-Heibei region, 2.0 ppb h^{-1} in the Yangtze River delta region, and 1.2 ppb h^{-1} in the Pearl River delta region. When the Punknown, HONO emissions and nighttime hydrolysis conversion of NO_2 on aerosols are considered, daytime HONO is produced primarily via Punknown and the reaction of OH and NO, whereas, nighttime HONO is produced primarily via the nighttime hydrolysis conversion of NO_2 on aerosols.

Impacts of Punknown on O_3 and major inorganic aerosols are evaluated in this study. Simulation results show that O_3 budget and monthly/hourly mean concentrations of O_3 [U+3001] NO₃-[U+3001] NH4+ and SO42- in the coastal regions of China are significantly increased when the Punknown is considered. Monthly daytime-mean of O_3 production rates and loss rates are respectively increased by $0.80 \sim 2.95$ ppb h^{-1} (30 \sim 115%) and $0.03 \sim 0.21$ ppb h^{-1} (8 \sim 32%); monthly averaged daily maximum 8-h O_3 concentrations is increased by $1.90 \sim 7.24$ ppb (2 \sim 10%); daily maximum 1-h surface O_3 concentrations is increased by $9.00 \sim 35.00$ ppb in major cities; monthly mean concentrations of NO_3 -[U+3001] NH4+ and SO42- are increased by $0.01 \sim 5.64$ μg m-3 (1 \sim 23%) [U+3001] $0.14 \sim 1.28$ μg m-3 (2 \sim 20%) and $0.72 \sim 2.54$ μg m-3 (9 \sim 22%), respectively, in the coastal regions of China.