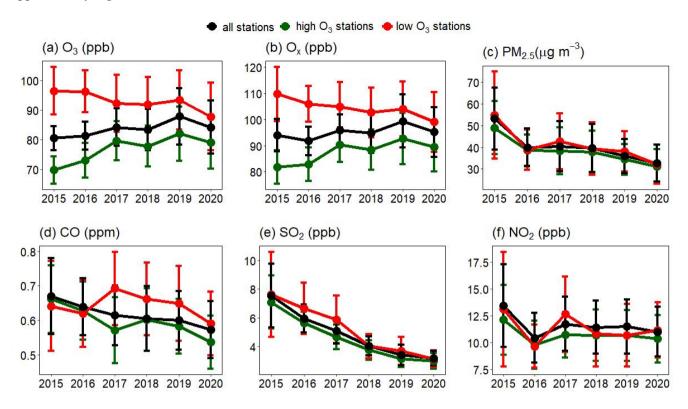
## What is the cause(s) of positive ozone trends in three megacity clusters in eastern China during 2015-2020?

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## **Supplementary Figures**



**Figure S1**. Annual mean concentrations of maximum daily 8-hour average O<sub>3</sub> in YRD during O<sub>3</sub>-exceeding days for all stations (black), high O<sub>3</sub> stations (red) and low O<sub>3</sub> stations (green) (a), same as (a) except for Ox (b), PM<sub>2.5</sub> (c), CO (d), SO<sub>2</sub> (e), NO<sub>2</sub> (f). The criterion of low O<sub>3</sub> stations is 37days, and the number of low O<sub>3</sub> stations is 54.

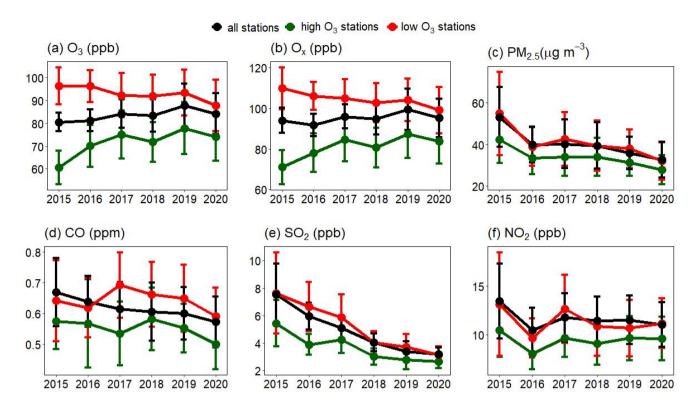


Figure S2. The same as Figure S1, but the criterion of low O<sub>3</sub> stations is 19 days, and the number of low O<sub>3</sub> stations is 15.

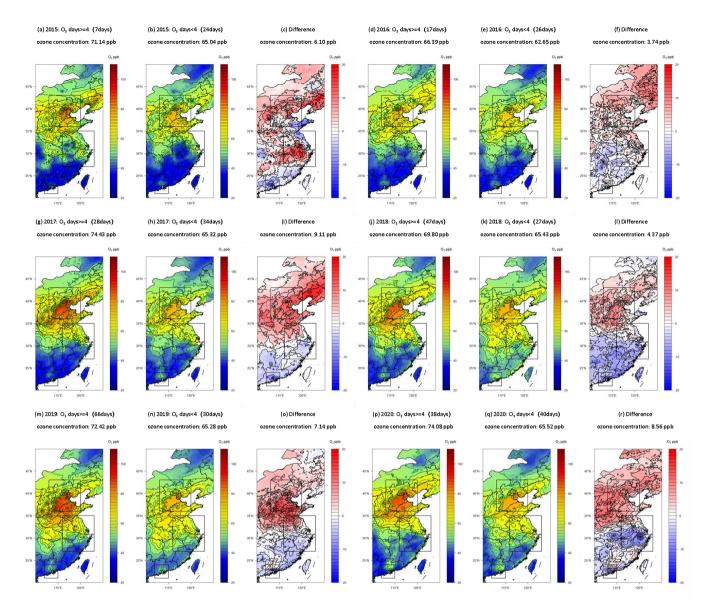


Figure S3. Spatial distribution of daily mean MDA8 O<sub>3</sub> (in ppb per day) of O<sub>3</sub>-exceeding days in BTH for O<sub>3</sub> episodes with four or more consecutive O<sub>3</sub>-exceeding days, O<sub>3</sub> episodes with less than four consecutive O<sub>3</sub>-exceeding days and their difference in 2015–2020.

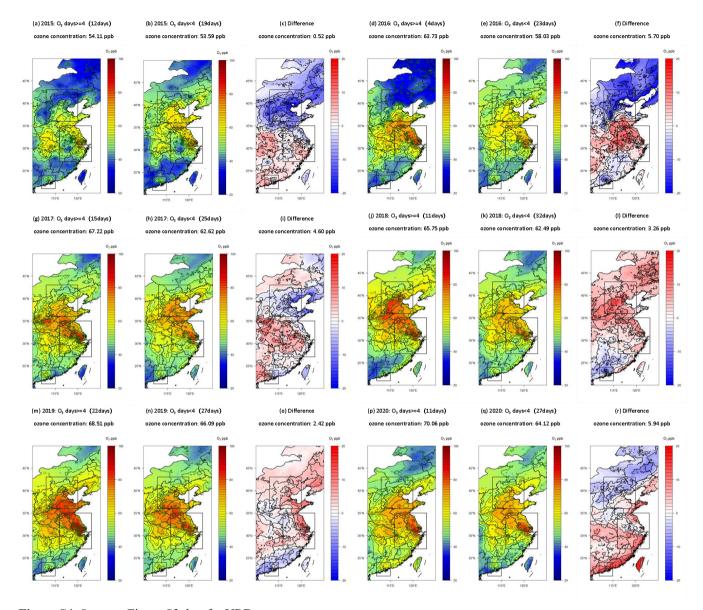
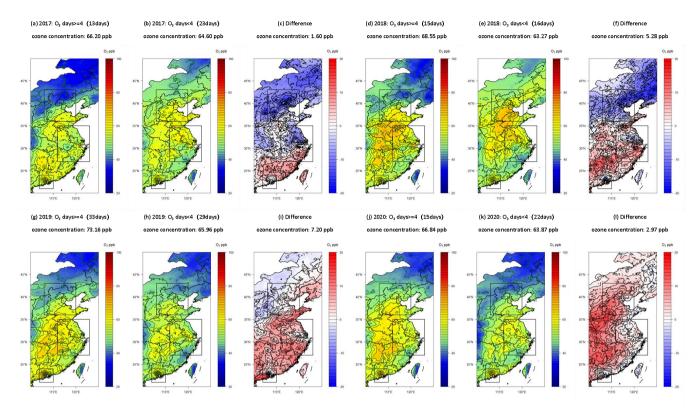
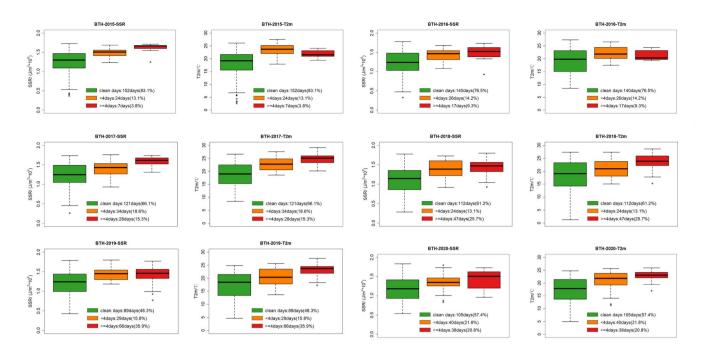


Figure S4. Same as Figure S3, but for YRD.



**Figure S5.** Same as Figure S3, but for PRD.



**Figure S6.** Solar radiation (SSR) and temperature (T2m) at the surface in BTH in April–September 2015–2020 for O<sub>3</sub> episodes with four or more consecutive O<sub>3</sub>-exceeding days, clean days (non-O<sub>3</sub>-exceeding days) and O<sub>3</sub> episodes with less than four consecutive O<sub>3</sub>-exceeding days.

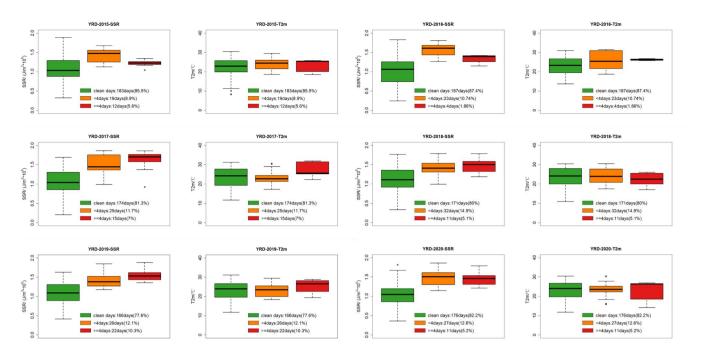
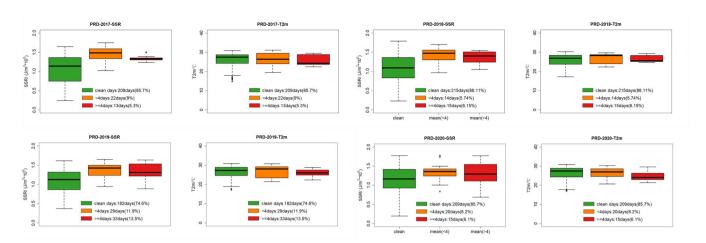
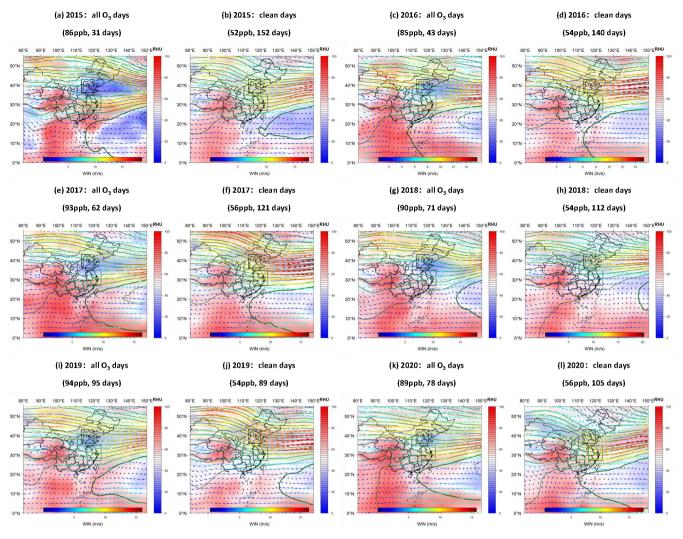


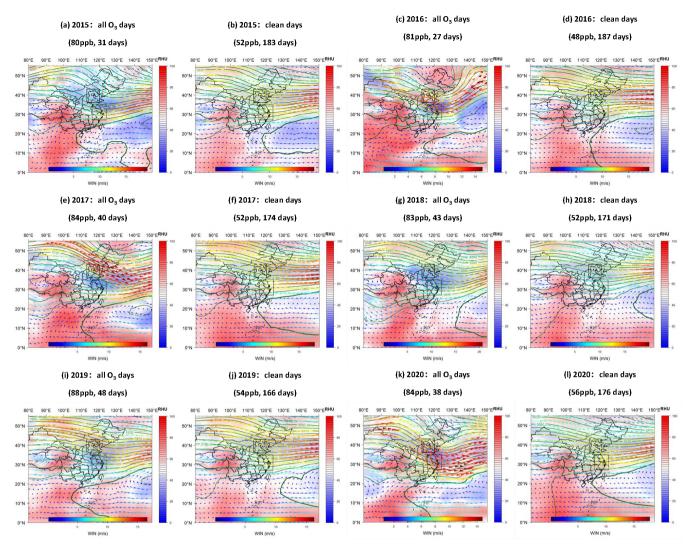
Figure S7. Same as Figure S6, but for YRD in April–October 2015–2020.



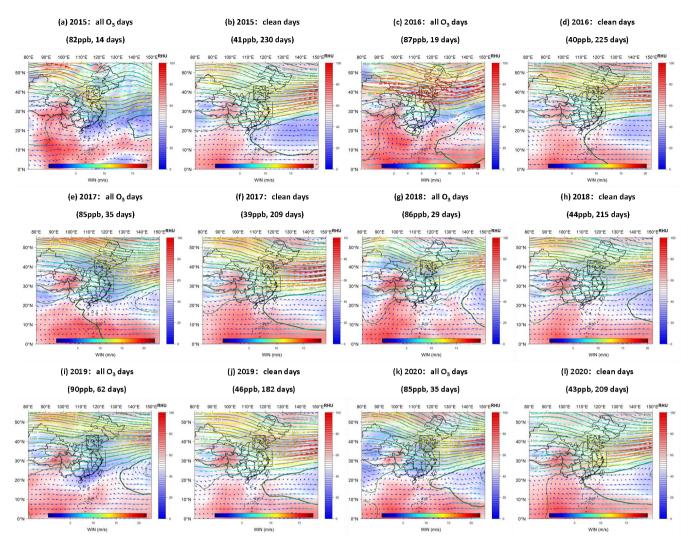
**Figure S8.** Same as Figure S6, but for PRD in April–November 2017–2020.



**Figure S9**. Composite 500 hPa geopotential height contours, humidity and winds in BTH in April-September for O<sub>3</sub>-exceeding days and clean days in 2015–2020.



**Figure S10**. Composite 500 hPa geopotential height contours, humidity and winds in YRD in April–October for O<sub>3</sub>-exceeding days and clean days in 2015–2020.



**Figure S11**. Composite 500 hPa geopotential height contours, humidity and winds in PRD in April–November for O<sub>3</sub>-exceeding days and clean days in 2015–2020.