Supplementary Information for

Measurement report: Surface exchange fluxes of HONO during the growth process of paddy fields in the Huaihe River Basin, China

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Text S1 Meteorological and micrometeorological measurements

The meteorological data including wind speed, wind direction, air temperature (T_{aut}) , and relative humidity–(RH) were recorded by an automatic weather station (HydroMetTM, Vaisala, Finland). Precipitation and solar radiation were measured with a TR-YL rain gauge (Veinasa, China) and baseline surface radiation station (BSRN3000, TRUWEL Instrument Inc., China). Soil parameters including soil temperature– (T_{soit}) (TMC6-HC, ONSET, USA) and soil water content– (θ) (S-SMD-M005, ONSET, USA) were measured at a depth of 5 cm. The photolysis frequency of HONO (J(HONO)) and NO₂ (J(NO₂)) was calculated from global radiation according to Trebs et al. (2009). The Tropospheric Ultraviolet and Visible (TUV) radiation model was also used to calculate UV spectral irradiance and photolysis frequency for cloudless days, and the simulated photolysis frequency (J(O¹D)) was corrected by adopting the observed UV intensity (Liu et al., 2019a). The particle matter concentration and <u>number–aerosol</u> size distribution <u>of 0.25–32 µm</u> were <u>continuously</u>–measured–with–using <u>a</u> <u>particulate analyzer (Grimm-EDM180, Grimm, Germany)</u>. The aerosol surface density (S_a) was derived from the particle number size distributions of 0.25–32 µm.

Eddy covariance measurements were performed with an integrated 3-D ultrasonic anemometer and open-path CO₂/H₂O analyzer (IRGASON, Campbell Sci. Inc., USA) mounted at 4 m height, with data collected and recorded at 10 Hz. The friction velocity (u_*) and the Obukhov length (L) were calculated with Edire software (Robert Clement, University of Edinburgh, UK). The footprint analysis was performed with the ART Footprint Tool described by (Neftel et al., 2008), which indicated that >82 % of the field was in the mast footprint on average.

Text S2 Chemical reactions in the turbulent transport

The chemical reactions for reactive trace gases (HONO, NO, and NO₂) need to be considered in determining HONO, NO, and NO₂ fluxes since the AG method is strictly valid only for non-reactive trace gases. The comparison of turbulent transport and chemical reaction timescales demonstrated whether chemical reactions could occur in the transport of chemical species, and thus whether these can be regarded as passive scalar (Stella et al., 2012). The ratio of turbulent transport timescale (τ_{trans}) and chemical reaction timescale (τ_{chem}) is defined as Damköhler number (DA) (DA= τ_{trans}/τ_{chem}), which identifies flux divergence from the chemical reactions (Laufs et al., 2017; Meng et al., 2022; Stella et al., 2012). The turbulent transport time was estimated between the reference height (z_{ref}) and the ground surface (or canopy exchange height), which was simply expressed as the product of transfer

resistance and layer height (Garland, 1997):

$$\tau_{\text{trans}} = R_{a}(z) \cdot (z_{\text{ref}} - d - z_{0}) + R_{b} \cdot (z_{0} - z_{0'})$$

$$\approx R_{a}(z) \cdot (z_{\text{ref}} - d - z_{0})$$
(S1)

$$R_{a}(z) = \frac{u(z)}{u_{*}^{2}} - \frac{\Psi_{H}(z/L) - \Psi_{M}(z/L)}{\kappa u_{*}}$$
(S2)

where $R_a(z)$ and R_b are the aerodynamic resistance and quasi-laminar boundary layer resistance, where R_b was small and could be neglected; z_0 and z_0 , are the roughness height for the momentum and the scalar, respectively; Ψ_M is integrated stability corection fuction for momentum (Sutton et al., 1993). The chemical reaction time of HONO and NO-O₃-NO₂ triad gives characteristic timescale in turbulent transport.

$$NO + O_3 \rightarrow NO_2 + O_2 \tag{R1}$$

$$NO_2 + O_2 + hv(\lambda \le 400 \text{nm}) \to NO + O_3$$
(R2)

$$HONO + hv(320nm < \lambda < 405nm) \rightarrow NO + OH$$
(R3)

The reactions of NO + OH and HONO + OH, which are <u>typically</u> much <u>lower less</u> than HONO photolysis<u>during daytime</u>, were not considered in <u>the</u> calculation of HONO chemical time. The reaction (R3) for the reaction of the NO-O₃-NO₂ triad could also be neglected (Stella et al., 2012). Thus, the chemical reaction timescale for HONO and NO-O₃-NO₂ triad were estimated as follows:

$$\tau_{\rm chem} = \frac{1}{J({\rm HONO})} \tag{S3}$$

$$\tau_{\rm chem} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{J(NO_2)^2 + k^2 ([O_3] - [NO])^2 ([O_3] - [NO]^2) + 2J(NO_2)k([O_3] + [NO] + 2[NO_2])}}$$
(S4)

where *k* is the rate coefficient (Walton et al., 1997), [NO], $[NO_2]$ and $[O_3]$ are the mixing ratios at the measurement height. The daytime transfer time was typically less than 1 min, which was much smaller than the HONO chemical lifetime ($\tau_{chem} \ge 9$ min). The influence of HONO flux photolytic loss to overall HONO flux was always below 10 % (*DA*<0.1), which gave an upper limit for the flux divergence and could be neglected f For further analysis, the divergence by chemical reactions could be neglected, as it does not significantly affect the interpretation of potential HONO sources and driving forces of the HONO flux (Laufs et al., 2017). For the chemical reactions of NO-O₃-NO₂ triad, the small chemical timescale reactions induced a flux divergence was primarily attributed to reaction of NO and O₃ and was limited by NO mixing ratio, that which was dependent on the Damköhler number in turbulent transport. However, the fluxes with chemical corrections were not available due to the lack of O₃ flux measurement (Lenschow and Delany, 1987). The typical-DA was typically smaller than 1 in

this study, while a significant increase in flux divergence was reported when the *DA* exceeded 1-with flux divergence between 0 % and 25 %_-(Stella et al., 2012). Nevertheless, the fluxes with chemical corrections were not available due to the lack of O_3 flux (Lenschow and Delany, 1987), Therefore, the fluxes without chemical corrections were which could be underestimated compared to actual fluxes. lower than the actual NO and NO₂ fluxes. Considering the significant influence of chemical reactions on the NO and NO₂ fluxes with *DA* exceeding 1, these fluxes have been excluded from further discussion.

Text S3 Calculation of HONO sources and sinks

HONO sources

Homogeneous reaction

The HONO production from the homogeneous reaction of NO and OH is calculated as follows:

$$P_{\rm OH+NO} = k_{\rm OH+NO} [\rm OH] [\rm NO]$$
(S5)

The rate constant of k_{OH+NO} is 9.8×10⁻¹² cm³ molecules⁻¹ s⁻¹ (Atkinson et al., 2004), and [OH] and [NO] are the mixing ratios of OH (molecules cm⁻³) and NO (ppbv), respectively. The OH concentrations are derived by applying the empirical equation (Liu et al., 2019a):

$$[OH] = a \times (J(0^{1}D)/10^{-5})^{b} + c$$
(S6)

where *a* and *b* characterize the influence of the reactants and photolytic processes on OH, with coefficients $a=4.2\times10^6$ molecules cm⁻³ and b=1, respectively. The coefficient c counts light-independent OH sources, which is 1×10^6 cm⁻³ in summer.

Heterogeneous conversion of NO₂ on the surfaces

The heterogeneous conversion of NO_2 on the surface is considered as a significant source of HONO. The reaction (R4) assumes that HONO and HNO₃ are formed by equimolar disproportionation of two NO_2 molecules and immediately release HONO (Finlayson-Pitts et al., 2003; Finlayson-Pitts, 2009). The HONO production from the heterogeneous reaction of NO_2 on the aerosol surface and the ground surface can be calculated as follows:

$$2NO_2 + H_2O \rightarrow HONO + HNO_3$$
 (R4)

$$P_{\text{aerosol}} = \frac{\nu(\text{NO}_2) \times \gamma_a \times S_a \times [\text{NO}_2]}{8}$$
(S7)

$$P_{\text{ground}} = \frac{\nu(\text{NO}_2) \times \gamma_g \times [\text{NO}_2]}{8 \times MLH}$$
(S8)

where $v(NO_2)$ is the molecule speed of NO₂ (m s⁻¹), $v(NO_2) = \sqrt{\frac{8RT}{\pi M}}$; S_a is the aerosol surface areas (m⁻¹) derived from the aerosol size distribution, [NO₂] is the NO₂ concentration (ppbv), γ_a and γ_g is the uptake coefficient of NO₂ on the aerosol surface and the ground surface, which is supposed to be 1×10^{-6} (Hu et al., 2023).

The vertical mixing process is determined by the turbulence, and the vertical transmission distance of HONO (Δz) over time τ could be considered as the upper limit of MLH, which can be calculated as follow (Xue et al., 2021):

$$\Delta z = \sqrt{2 \times K_z \times \tau} \tag{S9}$$

where K_z is the turbulent diffusion coefficient, with a typical value of 3×10^5 cm² s⁻¹, and τ is the photolytic lifetime of HONO. The calculated Δz is 205 m at 12:00, coinciding with the shortest photolytic lifetime of HONO (699 s, $J(\text{HONO})=1.4\times10^{-3}$ s⁻¹). Since MLH is expected to exhibit a similar variability to the boundary layer height (BLH), the diurnal profile of MLH is determined by utilizing the diurnal BLH data sourced from ECMWF (European Center for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts) and scaled by the ratio of Δz -to-BLH at 12:00, the calculated MLH is shown in Fig. S<u>6</u>5. *Soil emission*

The emission rate of HONO production rate (P_{soil}) from soil-was calculated based on the emission flux estimated from soil HONO emission and the mixing layer height according to the following equation:

$$P_{\text{soil}} = \frac{10^9 \times 3600 \times R \times T \times F_{\text{HONO}}}{M \times P \times MLH}$$
(S10)

where F_{HONO} is the HONO flux (ngg m⁻² s⁻¹), *R* is the ideal gas constant (J mol⁻¹ K⁻¹), *T* is the temperature (K), *M* is the molecular weight (g mol⁻¹), *P* is the atmospheric pressure (Pa), *MLH* is mixing layer height (m).

Photosensitized conversion of NO₂ on the surfaces

The heterogeneous conversion of NO_2 on the aerosol surface and the ground surface can be parameterized as follows:

$$NO_2 + hv \xrightarrow{\text{surface}} HONO$$
 (R5)

$$P_{\text{aerosol}+h\nu} = \frac{\nu(\text{NO}_2) \times \gamma_{a+h\nu} \times S_a \times [\text{NO}_2]}{4} \times \frac{J(\text{NO}_2)}{J(\text{NO}_2)_{noon}}$$
(S11)

$$P_{\text{ground}+h\nu} = \frac{\nu(\text{NO}_2) \times \gamma_{g+h\nu} \times [\text{NO}_2]}{4 \times MLH} \times \frac{J(\text{NO}_2)}{J(\text{NO}_2)_{noon}}$$
(S12)

where γ_{a+hv} and γ_{g+hv} are the photo-enhanced uptake coefficient of NO₂ on the aerosol surface and the ground surface, respectively. $\frac{J(NO_2)}{J(NO_2)_{noon}}$ is photo-enhanced factor, and $J(NO_2)_{noon}$ is set to 0.005 s⁻¹ (Liu et al., 2019b; Wong et al., 2013). The photo-enhanced uptake coefficient of 10⁻⁶ to 10⁻⁴ was derived from previous studies, which is supposed to be 1×10⁻⁵ (Chen et al., 2023; Han et al., 2016; Monge et al., 2010; Song et al., 2022; Wong et al., 2013).

HONO sinks

The sinks of HONO contain the photolysis (L_{photo}), the reaction of HONO with OH ($L_{OH+HONO}$) and dry deposition loss (L_{dep}), which can be calculated by the following formulas:

$$L_{\rm photo} = J(\rm HONO)[\rm HONO]$$
(S13)

$$L_{\rm OH+HONO} = k_{\rm OH+HONO} [\rm OH] [\rm HONO]$$
(S14)

$$L_{\rm dep} = \frac{\nu(\rm HONO)}{MLH} [\rm HONO]$$
(S15)

where J(HONO) is photolysis frequency of HONO (s⁻¹), $k_{\text{OH+HONO}}$ is 6×10^{-12} cm³ molecules⁻¹ s⁻¹, which is rate constant (Atkinson et al., 2004); v(HONO) is deposition velocity of HONO, which is supposed to be 0.0048 m s⁻¹ (Lee et al., 2016; Zhang et al., 2023).

Text S4 Calculation of OH production

The net OH production rate, $P_{OH}(HONO)_{net}$, was calculated by OH production from HONO photolysis ($P_{OH}(HONO)$) subtracting the OH loss terms (OH+HONO and OH+NO) (Eqs. (S16)). The OH production rate from O₃ photolysis was calculated by Eq. (S17) (Li et al., 2018; Su et al., 2008).

$$P_{\rm OH}(\rm HONO)_{\rm net} = J_{\rm HONO}[\rm HONO] - k_{\rm OH+NO}[\rm OH][\rm NO] - k_{\rm OH+HONO}[\rm OH][\rm HONO]$$
(S16)

$$P_{\rm OH}(O_3) = 2J(O^1D)[O_3]/(1 + k_3[M]/k_2[H_2O])$$
(S17)

where $k_2 = 2.2 \times 10^{-10}$ cm³ molecules⁻¹ s⁻¹ and $k_3 = 2.6 \times 10^{-11}$ cm³ molecules⁻¹ s⁻¹ are the reaction rate constants of the O¹D branch reaction, respectively.

Figures



Figure S1. Location of the Shouxian National Climatological Observatory (red star, 32°25′ N, 116°47′ E). The map is adapted from ©Google Earth.

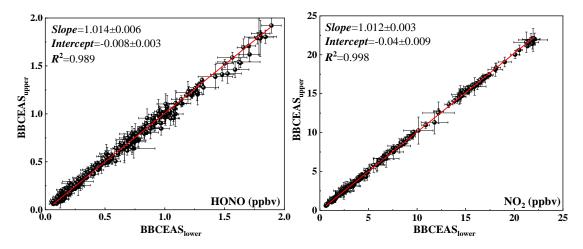


Figure S2. Intercomparison of HONO and NO₂ mixing ratios measured by BBCEAS_{lower} at 0.2/0.3 m level and BBCEAS_{upper} at 1.6 m level, where the slope and intercept with 2σ standard deviation are given.

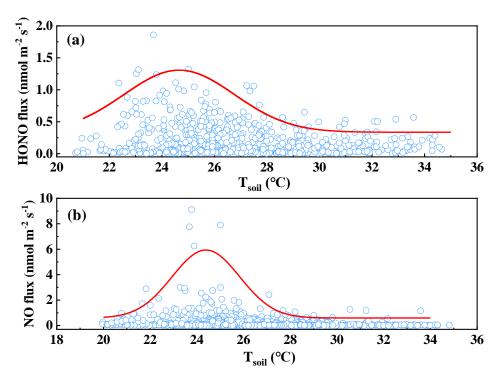


Figure S3. Emissions of (a) HONO and (b) NO as a function of soil temperature over the rotary tillage. The curves are gaussian fitting the fluxes of HONO and NO with soil temperature.

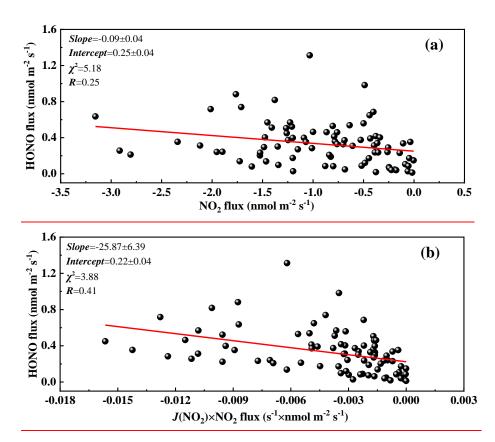


Figure S4. Correlations of the daytime HONO flux with (a) NO₂ flux and (b) the product of $J(NO_2) \times$

NO2 flux during rotary tillage.

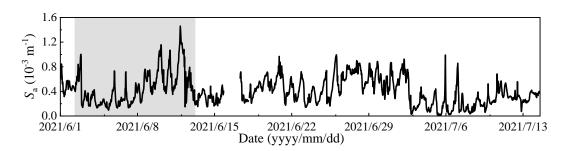


Figure S54. Time series of aerosol surface area (S_a) during the whole campaign. The shaded area represents the rotary tillage period.

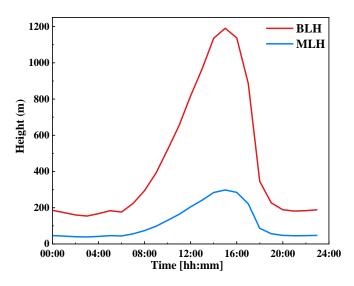


Figure S65. The diurnal variation of BLH was obtained from ECMWF and the calculated MLH.

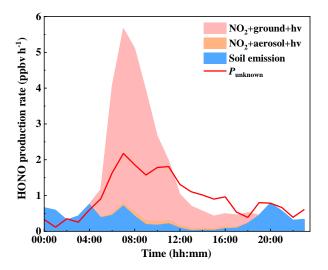


Figure S₂6. Diurnal variation of photosensitive conversion of NO₂ on the surfaces and HONO flux rates derived from soil emissions. The upper limit of photo-enhanced uptake coefficient of 3.5×10^{-5} was utilized to estimate the $P_{aerosol+hv}$ and $P_{ground+hv}$.

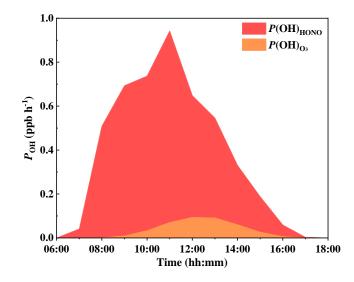


Figure S<u>8</u>**7.** Diurnal variation of net OH production rate of the photolysis of HONO ($P(OH)_{HONO}$) and O₃ ($P(OH)_{O_3}$) over the winter campaign.

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