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2 **Evolution and drivers of urban–suburban ozone contrasts in China**
3 **during 2013–2020**

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32 **Table S1.** Population densities (People per km²) for different urban size categories (mean (min-max)) as well as suburban sites
33 in Beijing, Tianjin, Ningbo, and Shenzhen.

Region	Suburban	Small	Medium	Large	Very large	Mega	References
		cities	cities	cities	cities	cities	
		(<0.5 million)	(0.5-1 million)	(1-5 million)	(5-10 million)	(>10 million)	
China	/	106 (39-264)	281 (18-667)	342 (6-1778)	564 (129-2501)	889 (409-2276)	/
Beijing	158-984	/	/	/	/	/	Li et al. (2022)
Tianjin	536	/	/	/	/	/	Han et al. (2013)
Ningbo	247-456	/	/	/	/	/	Tong et al. (2017)
Shenzhen	477-7607	/	/	/	/	/	Huang et al. (2018)

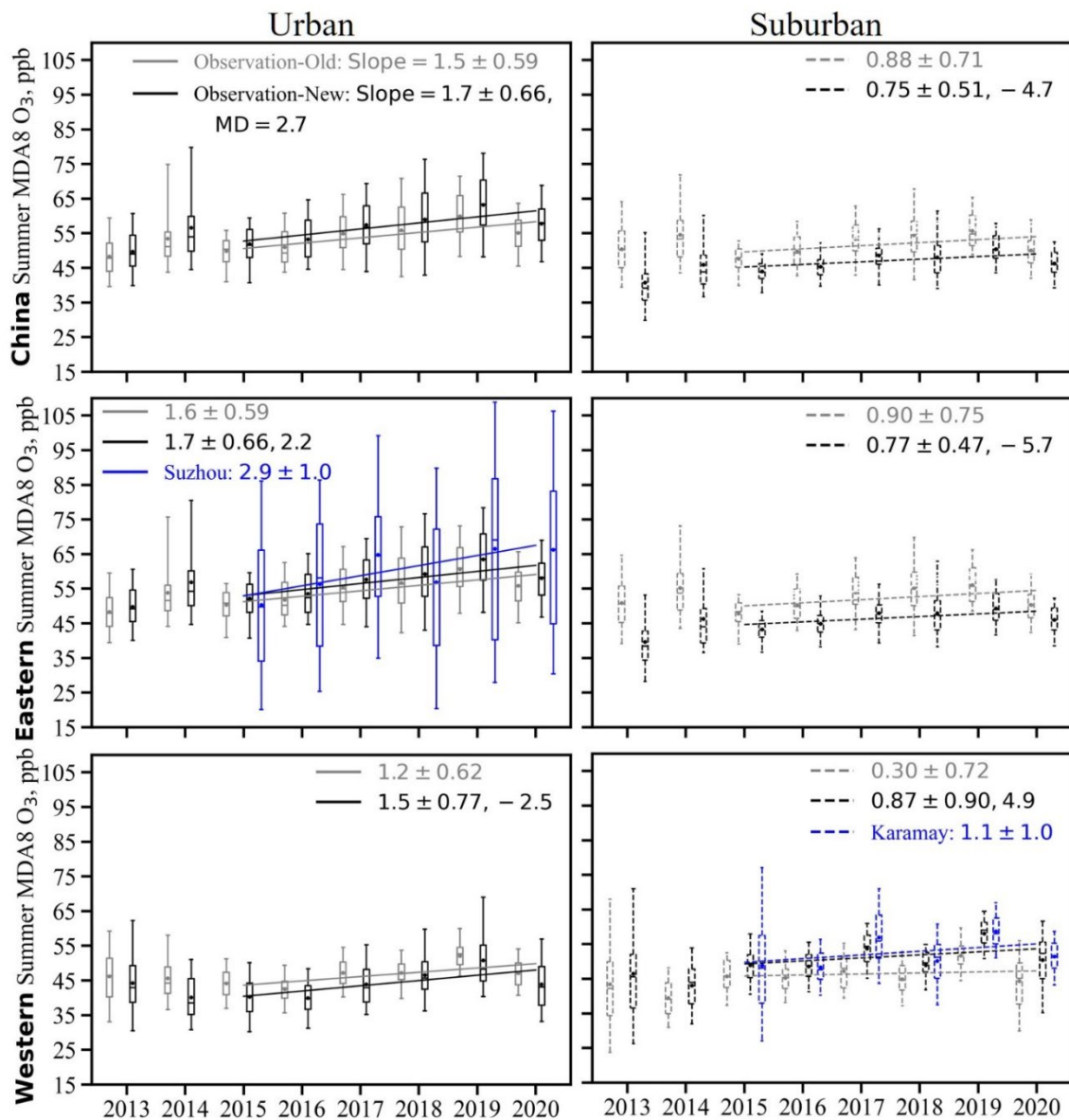


Figure S1. Observed summer O₃ trends at urban (left column) and suburban (right column) sites in China and subregions (Eastern and Western) from 2015 to 2020 based on the old (grey) and new (black) urban-suburban classifications, together with trends for two representative cities (Suzhou and Urumqi, blue). Fitted lines show linear trends, with slopes indicated and MD denotes the mean differences between the old and new classifications.

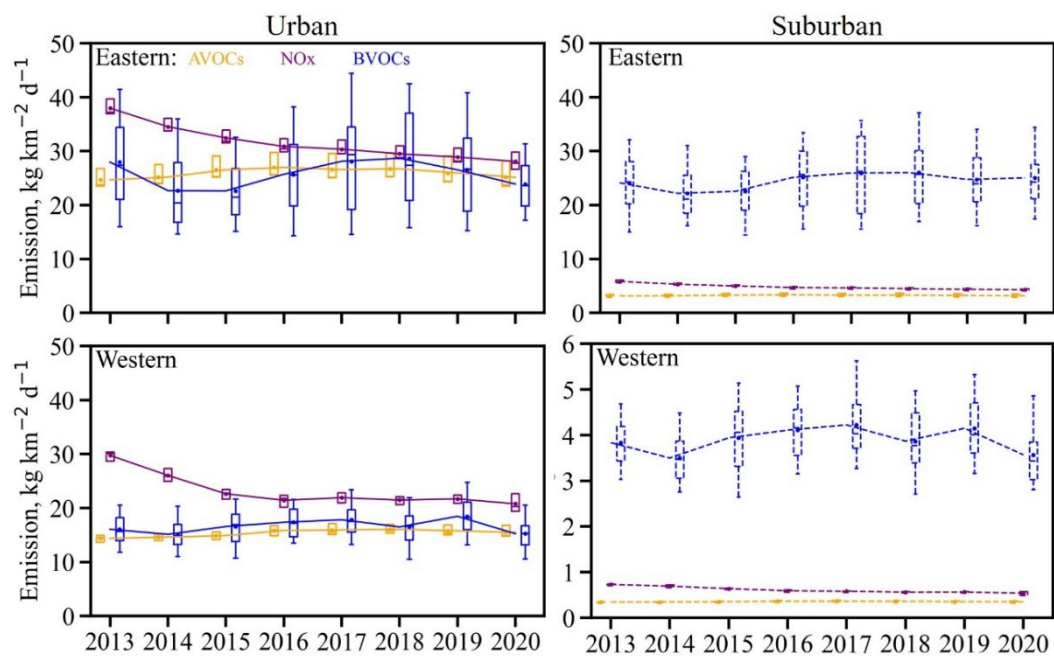


Figure S2. Temporal trends in summer AVOC, NO_x, and BVOC emissions at urban (left column) and suburban (right column) sites across Eastern and Western China for the period 2013–2020.

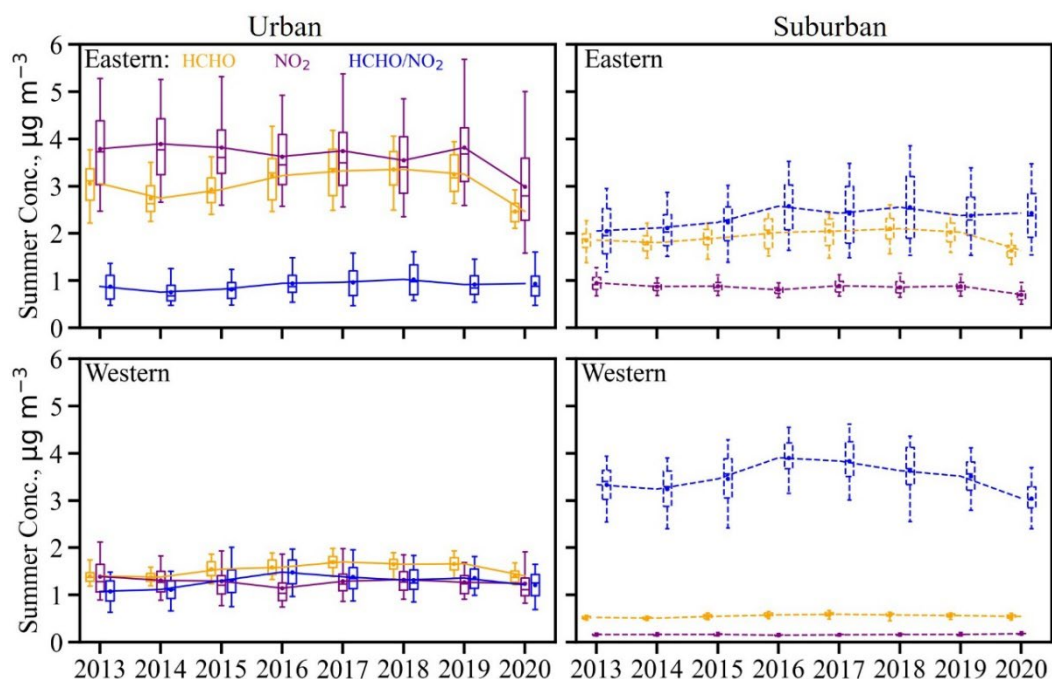


Figure S3. Temporal trends in summer HCHO, NO₂ concentrations and HCHO/NO₂ at urban (left column) and suburban (right column) sites across Eastern and Western China for the period 2013–2020.

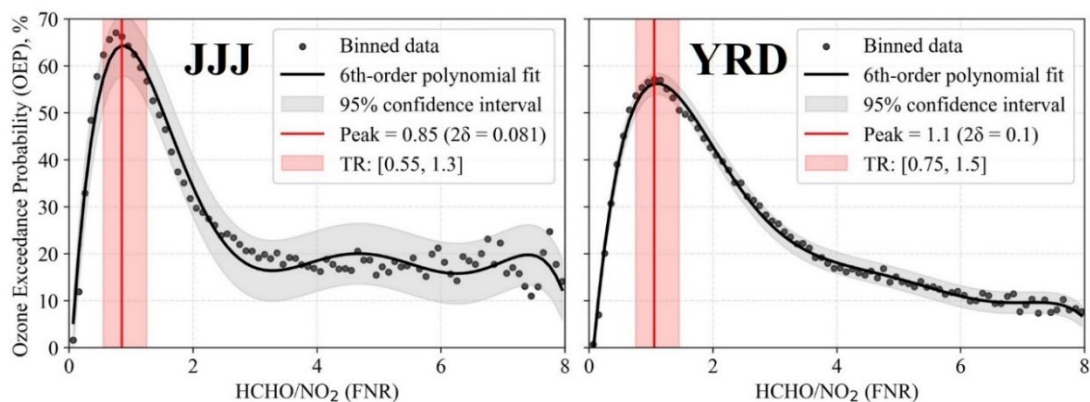
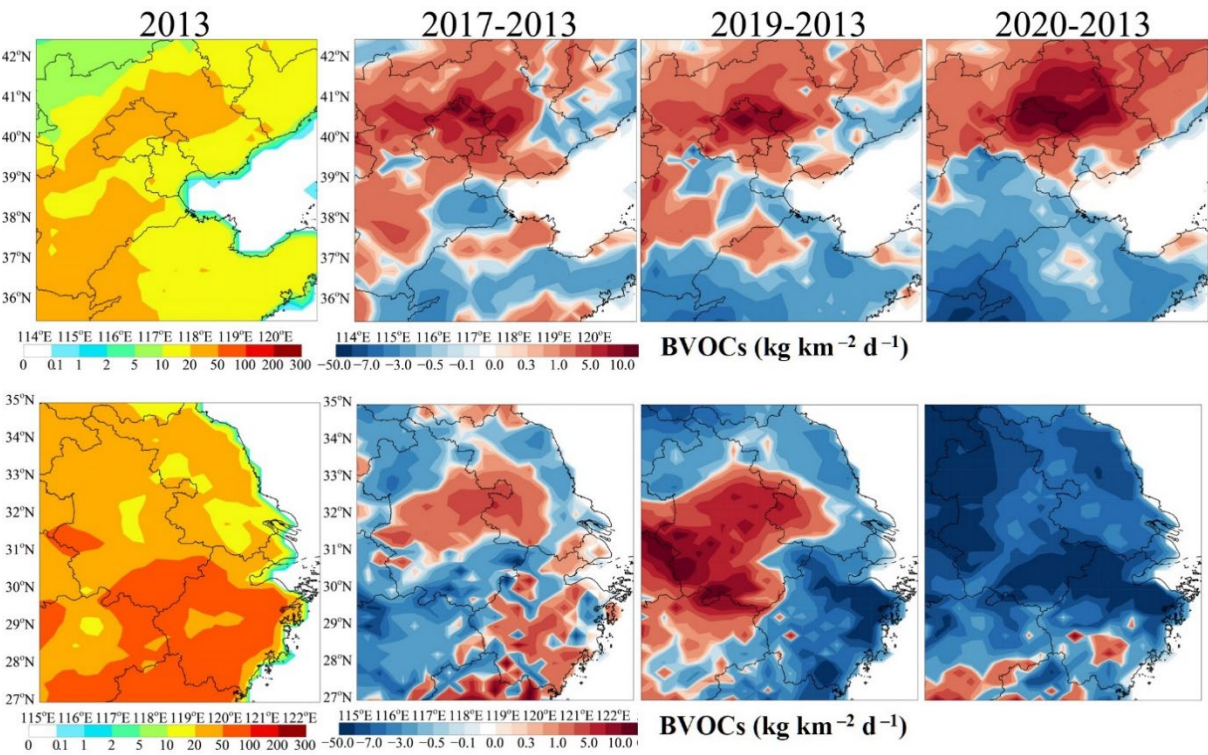


Figure S4. Probability of simulated O₃ exceeding 160 μg m⁻³ (ozone exceedance probability, OEP) as a function of simulated HCHO/NO₂ concentration ratio (FNR) for all sites in JJJ and YRD during summer from 2013 to 2020. The black curve represents the fitted six-order polynomial curves, and the shading indicates 95% confidence intervals. The vertical red line represents the peak value of the fitted value, and the vertical red shading is the range over the top 10% of the fitted curve (transition regime, TR).



57 **Figure S5.** Spatial distribution of summer BVOCs emissions over the JJJ and YRD regions in 2013, together with the
58 corresponding emission changes in 2017, 2019, and 2020 relative to 2013.

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