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Latitudinal variation in the multiphase chemical processing of inorganic halogens and related species over the eastern North and South Atlantic Oceans

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Abstract

Volatile inorganic and size-resolved particulate CI- and Br-species were measured in near-surface air over a broad range of conditions within four distinct regimes (European – EURO, North African – N-AFR, the Intertropical Convergence Zone – ITCZ,

- and South Atlantic S-ATL) along a latitudinal gradient from 51° N to 18° S through the eastern Atlantic Ocean. Processes within each regime were interpreted in conjunction with box-model calculations. Median dry-deposition fluxes of sea salt, oxidized N, and oxidized non-sea-salt S varied by factors of 25, 17, and 9, respectively, among the regimes. Sea-salt production was the primary source for inorganic CI and Br. Acidi-
- fication and dechlorination of sea salt primarily by HNO_3 sustained HCI mixing ratios ranging from medians of 82 (ITCZ) to 682 (EURO) pmol mol⁻¹. Aerosol pHs inferred from HCI phase partitioning with super- μ m size fractions (~3 for EURO to the low 4 s for ITCZ) were similar to modeled values. Within all regimes, the dominant sources for atomic CI were BrCI photolysis and CIO+NO. Maxima in atomic CI ranged from 2.1 to
- ¹⁵ 7.8×10^4 cm⁻³ in the ITCZ and N-AFR regimes, respectively. Because SO₂ solubility over the aerosol pH range was low, S(IV) oxidation by hypohalous acids was unimportant under most conditions. Measured particulate Br⁻ (median enrichment factor=0.25) was greater and volatile inorganic Br less than simulated values. Reaction with atomic Br was an important sink for O₃ (5% in EURO to 46% in N-AFR). Formation of halogen
- ²⁰ nitrates accelerated the oxidation of NO_x (NO+ NO₂) primarily via hydrolysis reactions involving S aerosol. Relative to simulations with no halogens, lower NO_x coupled with direct reactions involving halogens yielded lower OH (by 20% to 54%) in all regimes. Halogen chemistry resulted in net O₃ destruction and steady-state mixing ratios that were lower by 22% (EURO) to 62% (N-AFR) relative to "no-halogen" runs.

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1 Introduction

Chemical reactions involving inorganic halogens significantly influence the composition of the Earth's atmosphere. The importance of these reactions was first recognized in connection with stratospheric ozone loss, especially within the polar vortices dur-

- ⁵ ing spring (e.g., Wennberg et al., 1994). In the troposphere, the multiphase processing of reactive halogens significantly modifies conventional HO_x/NO_x photochemistry over Arctic and Antarctic sea ice (Foster et al., 2001; Simpson et al., 2007), salt flats (Matveev et al., 2001), coastal cities (Finley and Saltzman, 2006; Osthoff et al., 2008), polluted coastal regions (Pszenny et al., 2007; Pechtl and von Glasow, 2007), and
 ¹⁰ coastal-marine macroalgal beds (Alicke et al., 1999). Modeling studies and observations suggest that transformations involving reactive halogens in the marine boundary lover (MRL) over the open eccept are patentially of much greater global cignificance in
- layer (MBL) over the open ocean are potentially of much greater global significance in terms of the processing and lifetimes of climatically important gases (e.g., von Glasow et al., 2002a, b; Read et al., 2008; Lawler et al., 2009).
- The primary source of reactive inorganic CI and Br in marine air is the production 15 of sea-salt aerosols by waves breaking at the sea surface (Keene et al., 1999; Sander et al., 2003; respectively) whereas the major sources of reactive I include emission of biogenic iodocarbons from the ocean surface and, in coastal regions, from exposed macroalgae at low tide (Carpenter, 2003); direct emissions of I₂ from macroalgae may also be important (Saiz-Lopez and Plane, 2004). The multiphase photochemi-20 cal processing of marine-derived halogens influences oxidation capacity through an interrelated set of reactions including catalytic O_3 destruction (Dickerson et al., 1999; Nagao et al., 1999; Galbally et al., 2000; Read et al., 2008); net O₃ production in polluted regions (Tanaka et al., 2003; Osthoff et al., 2008); oxidation of CH_4 (Platt et al., 2004), non-methane hydrocarbons (NMHCs, Wingenter et al., 1996; Pszenny et al., 2007), and (CH₃)₂S (Toumi, 1994; Keene et al., 1996; Saiz-Lopez et al., 2004) in the gas phase; oxidation of S(IV) in aerosol solutions (Vogt et al., 1996); and modification of HO_v (Stutz et al., 1999; Bloss et al., 2005) and NO_v cycles (Sander et al.,

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1999; Pszenny et al., 2004). The associated production of soluble reaction products contributes to aerosol growth. Reactions involving iodine oxides have also been linked to significant nucleation of new particles in some coastal regions (e.g., O'Dowd et al., 2002) (but not others, Russell et al., 2007) suggesting the possibility that similar path-

- ways may operate over the open ocean. Finally, the phase partitioning of HCI regulates the pH of marine aerosol solutions and important associated pH-dependent pathways including halogen activation and S(IV) oxidation (Keene et al., 1998, 2004). Despite its potential importance of reactive halogen chemistry, comprehensive multiphase observations over a broad range of tropospheric conditions, and particularly over the open ocean, are scarce thereby constraining our ability to reliably predict associated
- $_{10}$ open ocean, are scarce mereby constraining our ability to reliably predict associated influences on O₃ cycling, oxidation processes, aerosol evolution, and radiative transfer regionally and globally. This limitation motivated the investigation reported herein.

2 Methods

2.1 Cruise track and shipboard sampling

¹⁵ During an October and November 2003 cruise of the German research ship *Polarstern* from Bremerhaven, Germany to Cape Town, South Africa (designated cruise number ANT XXI/1), a comprehensive suite of reactive trace gases, size-resolved and bulk aerosol composition, and related meteorological conditions was measured in near-surface air over the eastern Atlantic Ocean along a latitudi ²⁰ nal transect from 51.4° N to 17.8° S (Fig. 1). Air was sampled from the top of a walk-up aluminum scaffold mounted above the navigation bridge approximately 5 m port of the ship's center line (schematics of the ship are available on the web at http://www.awi.de/en/infrastructure/ships/polarstern/; also see supplementary material, Fig. S1 http://www.atmos-chem-phys-discuss.net/9/11889/2009/
 ²⁵ acpd-9-11889-2009-supplement.pdf). Inlets were positioned approximately 23 m above the water line. All sampling was suspended during two large, multi-day storm

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events (from 43.4° N to 32.8° N and from 17.8° S to the end of the cruise) during which strong winds, bow spray, and/or heavy rain precluded contamination-free sampling. Aerosol sampling was also suspended intermittently during periods of scattered precipitation.

5 2.2 Measurements

2.2.1 Reactive trace gases

Water-soluble, volatile inorganic Cl and NO₃ (dominated by and hereafter referred to as HCl and HNO₃, respectively), NH₃, HCOOH, and CH₃COOH were sampled over 2-hour intervals at nominal flow rates of 20 L min⁻¹ with tandem mist chambers, each of which contained 20 ml deionized water (Keene et al., 2007a). All air volumes re-10 ported herein are normalized to standard temperature and pressure (0°C, 1 atm). To minimize artifact phase changes caused by mixing chemically distinct aerosol size fractions on bulk prefilters, air was sampled through a size-fractionating inlet that inertially removed super- μ m aerosols from the sample stream. Sub- μ m aerosol was removed downstream by an in-line 47-mm Teflon filter (Zefluor 2- μ m pore diameter). Samples were analyzed on site by ion chromatography (IC) usually within a few hours after recovery. Collection efficiencies for all species were greater than 95%, precisions based on paired measurements averaged $\pm 10\%$ to $\pm 25\%$, and corresponding detection limits (DLs; estimated following Keene et al. (1989) for both mist chamber and aerosol samples) ranged from 2 to 23 pmol mol⁻¹. 20

Inorganic CI gases were sampled in parallel through an identical inlet with a paired set of similar tandem mist chambers samplers (Keene et al., 1993, 2007a; Maben et al., 1995; Pszenny et al., 2004). One sampler was configured with an upstream chamber containing acidic solution [37.5 mMH₂SO₄ and 0.042 mM (NH₄)₂SO₄], which removed

²⁵ HCl quantitatively but efficiently passed other forms of volatile Cl, and a downstream chamber containing alkaline solution [30.0 mMNaHCO_3 and 0.408 mMNaHSO_3)], which sampled Cl^{*} (including Cl₂ and HOCl). The other system contained tandem



chambers, both of which contained alkaline solution to sample total volatile inorganic CI (CI_t). Available evidence (Keene et al., 1993; Maben et al., 1995) indicates that this sampling technique reliably discriminates volatile inorganic CI from CI associated with both particles and organic gases and that it quantitatively differentiates between

⁵ HCl and other forms of volatile inorganic Cl. However, the speciation of Cl* cannot be determined unequivocally. Mist solutions were analyzed on site by IC. Precision for both Cl* and Cl_t was $\pm 15\%$ or ± 12 pmol Cl mol⁻¹, whichever was the greater absolute value, and the corresponding DL for both was 24 pmol Cl mol⁻¹.

Total volatile inorganic Br (Br_t) and SO₂ were sampled at a nominal rate of 80 L min⁻¹ over discrete daytime and nighttime periods using a filterpack technique (Pszenny et al., 2004). An open-face, three-stage, 47-mm-diameter, polycarbonate filterpack housing was loaded with a guartz-fiber (Pallflex 2500 QAT-UP) particle filter followed by tandem rayon filters (Schleicher and Schuell 8S) impregnated with a solution of 10% K₂CO₃ and 10% glycerol (Bardwell et al., 1990). Based on independent analysis of the tandem filters, collection efficiencies for the upstream filter averaged 85% 15 for both analytes. Filterpacks were cleaned, dried, loaded, and unloaded in a class 100 clean bench configured with impregnated filters on the inlet to remove alkalineand acidic-reactive trace gases. Exposed filters were transferred to polypropylene tubes, stored in glass jars, frozen, and express shipped from Cape Town to Mount Washington Observatory (MWO) where they were analyzed by IC. The average pre-20 cision for Br_t was $\pm 5\%$ or ± 0.05 pmol Br mol⁻¹, whichever was the greater absolute value, and the corresponding DL was 0.10 pmol Br mol⁻¹. The average precision for SO₂ was $\pm 8\%$ or ± 0.5 pmol mol⁻¹, whichever was greater, and the corresponding DL was 1.0 $pmol mol^{-1}$.

25 2.2.2 Aerosols

Ambient aerosols were sampled over discrete daytime and nighttime intervals using a modified Graseby-Anderson Model 235 cascade impactor configured with a Liu-Pui

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type inlet, precleaned polycarbonate substrates, and quartz-fiber backup filters (Pallflex 2500 QAT-UP) (Pszenny et al., 2004; Keene et al., 2007a). At an average sampling rate of 0.78 m³ min⁻¹, the average 50% aerodynamic cut diameters for the impaction stages were 20, 11, 4.3, 2.5, 1.2, and 0.65 μ m yielding average geometric mean diamteters (GMDs) for the size-resolved samples of 29, 15, 7.0, 3.3, 1.8, 0.89, and 0.46 μ m. Bulk aerosol was sampled in parallel on quartz-fiber filters at an average flow rate of 1.1 m³ min⁻¹. Impactors and bulk-filter cassettes were cleaned, dried, loaded, and unloaded in a Class 100 clean bench configured as described above. Exposed substrates and filters were halved, transferred to polypropylene tubes, sealed in glass mason jars,

¹⁰ frozen, and express shipped from Cape Town to MWO for analysis.

Half sections of each substrate were extracted in 13 ml deionized water using a mini vortexer and sonication; half sections of exposed backup and bulk filters were similarly extracted in 40 ml deionized water. One set of the substrate and filter extracts was analyzed by IC for total (ionized+undissociated) Cl⁻, Br⁻, SO²⁻₄, CH₃SO⁻₃, HCOO⁻,
¹⁵ CH₃COO⁻, C₂O²⁻₄ NO⁻₃, NH⁺₄, Na⁺, K⁺, and Mg²⁺ (Keene et al., 2004). Precision for total HCOO⁻, CH₃COO⁻, and Br⁻ averaged >±100% (i.e., most concentrations were less than DLs); precision for CH₃SO⁻₃ and C₂O²⁻₄ averaged ±15% to ±20%; precision for other analytes averaged about ±10%.

Internal losses of super- μ m aerosols within slotted cascade impactors of this type average about 25% to 30% (e.g. Willeke et al., 1975); other sources of bias for sizeresolved particulate analytes based on the above procedures are generally unimportant (Keene et al., 1990). Sea-salt and non-sea-salt (nss) constituents were differentiated using Na⁺ as the reference species (Keene et al., 1986). Departures from sea-salt composition are reported as both absolute deficits and enrichment factors (EFs) rela-

tive to sea salt (e.g., Sander et al., 2003). Because they are not conservative in bulk samples, data for particulate Cl⁻ (including measured, sea-salt, and nss concentrations as well as corresponding deficits and EFs relative to sea salt), NO₃⁻, and NH₄⁺ reported herein and/or used to parameterize model calculations are based on values summed over the size fractions for individual impactor samples. With the exception

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of size-resolved concentrations and EFs for Br⁻, data for particulate Br⁻ (including measured, sea-salt, and nss concentrations as well as corresponding deficits and EFs relative to sea salt), Na⁺, and nss SO₄²⁻ are based on bulk samples.

2.2.3 Meteorological conditions and ancillary data

Air and sea-surface temperature, relative humidity (RH), pressure, and wind speed and direction were measured continuously with instruments maintained by the ship's crew and compiled as one-minute averages (posted at http://dship.awi.de/polarstern/ index.htm). Temperature and RH were periodically measured in parallel with a sling psychrometer operated adjacent to the inlets for our samplers; results were statistically indistinguishable from those reported by the ship. O₃ and CO were measured continuously by the University of York and compiled as 10-min averages (Carpenter, University of York, unpublished data, 2008). MBL depth was estimated from 1) profiles of virtual potential temperature derived from rawinsondes launched from the ship at 12Z on most days and at other times on some days, 2) the lowest cloud base mea sured by a ceilometer operated by the ship's crew, and 3) either the first significant drop in back scatter or the lowest cloud layer detected with a lidar operated during the cruise (Immler and Schrems, 2006).

2.3 Atmospheric transport

Large-scale atmospheric transport was evaluated using both HYbrid Single-Particle
 Lagrangian Integrated Trajectories (HYSPLIT, Fig. 1) (Draxler et al., 2005) and Lagrangian particle dispersion (FLEXPART) retroplumes (Stohl et al., 2005). Trajectories were initialized at 500 and 1000 m above the sea surface. Samples were classified into four major transport regimes (described in more detail below) based on visual inspection of the back trajectories, the corresponding column and footprint residence time
 components of the retroplumes, and local meteorology (Fischer et al., 2006). Samples collected at transitions between regimes were assigned to the regime that corre-





sponded to the greater fraction of sampling time. The regimes are broadly characterized as European influenced (hereafter referred to as EURO), North African influenced (N-AFR), the inter-tropical convergence zone (ITCZ), and South-Atlantic influenced (S-ATL). Start and stop dates, times, and positions for each regime are listed in Table 1.

5 2.4 Calculations

Aerosol pH was inferred from the measured phase partitioning and associated thermodynamic properties (Henry's Law and dissociation constants) of HCI, meteorological conditions (RH and temperature), and hygroscopicity models of aerosol liquid water content (LWC) (Keene et al., 2004). Dry-deposition fluxes of size-resolved particulatephase species to the surface ocean were modeled based on the measured chemical composition and GMD for each size fraction, wind velocity, air temperature, and RH following Hummelshøj et al. (1992). The laminar sublayer was assumed to be at 98% RH (Lewis and Schwartz, 2004) and the corresponding GMD for each size fraction within the sublayer was based on the measured ionic composition and hygroscopicity models
(the same as those used to estimate aerosol LWC in the overlying air; see above). At

- (the same as those used to estimate aerosol LWC in the overlying air; see above). At steady state in the absence of precipitation, dry-deposition fluxes of sea-salt aerosol are balanced by the corresponding emission fluxes. Emission fluxes of particulate Cl⁻ and Br⁻ associated with sea-salt aerosol were inferred from the calculated dry-deposition fluxes of sea-salt Na⁺ and the corresponding concentration ratios in surface
- ²⁰ seawater (Keene et al., 2007a). Dry-deposition fluxes of HCI, Br_t, HNO₃, NH₃, and SO₂ to the surface ocean were calculated based on the measured mixing ratios, wind speed, air temperature, and surface-ocean-water temperature following Valigura (1995). This approach assumes that the surface ocean is substantially undersaturated with respect to the gas phase and, thus, solubility does not limit corresponding dry-deposition fluxes.
- ²⁵ We also assume no vertical gradients in particulate- and gas-phase species between the reference height for these approaches (10 m) and the measurement height.

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2.5 Photochemical-box-model simulations

Chemical processes corresponding to each of the four major transport regimes were simulated with the photochemical box model MECCA (Model Efficiently Calculating Chemistry of the Atmosphere) using the Rosenbrock 3 positive-definite solver (Sander et al., 2005; Sandu and Sander, 2006). MECCA contains a comprehensive atmospheric reaction mechanism that includes transformations involving: 1) O₃, CH₄, HO_x, and NO_x; 2) non-methane hydrocarbons (NMHCs); 3) halogens (CI, Br, I); and 4) sulfur. Because iodine species were not measured during the cruise, the iodine mechanism was switched off for these simulations. In addition to gas-phase reactions, the scheme includes fully integrated multiphase transformations involving both aqueous-phase and heterogeneous pathways. Unlike previous versions of MECCA which considered only two aerosol size bins, a recent model version (Sander, unpublished manuscript, 2009) was used in this study to simulate multiple aerosol size bins. Mass transfer is calculated dynamically and does not assume Henry's Law equilib-

- rium conditions (see supplementary material (http://www.atmos-chem-phys-discuss. net/9/11889/2009/acpd-9-11889-2009-supplement.pdf), Table S1 for a complete description of the chemical scheme). Photochemical reaction rates vary as a function of solar zenith angle under clear-sky conditions. For each simulation, the model was parameterized based on median values for measurements associated with the corre-
- ²⁰ sponding transport regime (Table 2). To minimize sources of variability among results for different regimes, MBL depth for each simulation was set to the median value for the entire cruise. For species that were not measured, reasonable values were assumed. In all simulations, we also assumed a constant O₃ entrainment flux from the free troposphere of 5×10^{10} molecules cm⁻² s⁻¹ (Thompson and Zafirio, 1983).
- The model was initialized with externally mixed populations of unreacted sea salt and pre-existing nss S aerosols. The number (N=7) and sizes of sea-salt bins (Table 2) in the model corresponded to the size fractions sampled by the impactor. A single additional bin (diameter= $0.18 \,\mu$ m) contained all preexisting nss S. The liquid water content,

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salinity, and lifetime against dry deposition for each aerosol size bin were calculated off-line. Dry-deposition velocities for gas-phase species were also calculated off-line. Size-resolved emission fluxes of sea salt for each regime were set equal to the corresponding median values for size-resolved dry-deposition fluxes thereby maintaining

⁵ constant concentrations and size distributions of conservative particulate-phase constituents during each simulation. At each time step, reacted aerosol was removed from, and an equivalent amount of fresh aerosol was added to, each bin in proportion to the corresponding lifetime of aerosol within that bin.

Vertical profiles of sea salt within the MBL vary as a function of particle size and, thus, the atmospheric lifetimes of sea-salt aerosol within each size bin varied as a function of the corresponding vertical mixing potential (e.g., Lewis and Schwartz, 2004). Consequently, the height to which particles are mixed must be considered explicitly to properly parameterize turnover rates of size-resolved aerosols within the 0-D domain. For each regime, the steady-state vertical profiles of size-resolved sea salt mass

- ¹⁵ within each size bin were estimated assuming neutrally stable conditions based on a power-law relationship (Lewis and Schwartz, 2004) parameterized for the corresponding median meteorological conditions and size-resolved concentrations measured at 23 m (Table 2). Coefficients were calculated to scale near-surface measurements of size-resolved aerosols to mean concentrations over the vertical profiles (Table 2). The
- liquid water content of each size bin at 23 m was multiplied by the corresponding scaling coefficient to yield a column-averaged value. The atmospheric lifetime against dry deposition for each bin was then calculated directly (column-averaged value/dry-deposition rate). The atmospheric lifetime of the size bin containing preexisting nss SO₄²⁻ was assumed equal to that of the smallest sea-salt size bin. We note that, rela-
- tive to predictions based on theoretical considerations (Lewis and Schwartz, 2004), the limited available measurements of vertical profiles in bulk sea-salt mass (Blanchard et al., 1984; Maring et al., 2003) indicate substantially greater vertical gradients within the MBL. If these measured profiles are generally representative of conditions within the MBL along the cruise track, turnover rates for sea salt and associated reaction products

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in the model calculations were underestimated.

At each time step, a mixture of HNO_3 and NO_2 was added to the system at a combined rate equal to the corresponding median loss rate of oxidized N (HNO₃+particulate NO₂, hereafter referred to as total NO₃) via dry deposition (cal-⁵ culated from measurements as described in Sect. 2.4). Although the total exogenous source flux of oxidized N was reasonably well constrained by the corresponding drydeposition fluxes, the relative amounts of HNO₃ to NO_x in the source varied spatially along the cruise track in response to variability in the relative importance of distinct and poorly characterized processes. NO_{y} and HNO_{3} within the MBL have relatively short lifetimes (less than one to two days) against oxidation and deposition, respec-10 tively, and, consequently, the importance of transport within the MBL as a source for oxidized N from continental sources decreases rapidly with distance from coasts (e.g., Neuman et al., 2006). Potentially important sources for oxidized N in the more remote open-ocean MBL along the cruise track include entrainment of a time-varying mixture of combustion-and lightning-derived HNO₃ and NO_y from the free troposphere 15 (Neuman et al., 2006; Shepon et al., 2007), direct emissions of NO from ships at sea (Corbett et al., 1999), transport and thermal decomposition of NO_x reservoir species such as peroxyacetyl nitrate (PAN) (Jacobi et al., 1999), and chemical degradation of alkyl nitrates emitted from the surface ocean (Dahl et al., 2005). Because spatial variability in the speciation and relative importance of different sources along the cruise 20 track could not be evaluated explicitly, the model was parameterized by adjusting the HNO₃:NO₂ ratio in the oxidized N source term for each regime such that corresponding simulated steady-state mixing ratios of NO_v fell within the range of available measurements in the eastern Atlantic MBL (e.g., Carsey et al., 1997; Leser et al., 2003; Lawler et al., 2009; Lee et al., 2009). Resulting HNO₃:NO₂ ratios in the source terms for 25 the EURO (1:1), N-AFR (5:1), ITCZ (1:1), and S-ATL (4:1) regimes yielded steadystate mixing ratios of NO_x averaging 171, 31, 8, and 20 pmol mol⁻¹, respectively, for the model runs that included transformations involving halogens. The implications of this parameterization scheme are discussed below. (CH₃)₂S emissions were based on

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the WCRP/IGAC emissions inventory (Roelofs et al., 1998). SO₂ was added at rates such that SO₂+(CH₃)₂S inputs equaled the corresponding median losses of total nss S (SO₂+nss SO₄²⁻) via dry deposition for each regime. NH₃ was added to the system at rates equal to the corresponding median losses of total reduced N (NH₃+particulate NH₄⁺) via dry deposition for each regime. The above approach sustained essentially constant steady-state concentrations of total reactive N and S during each simulation.

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Our analysis focused primarily on two sets of conditions that were simulated for each of the four regimes. One set (hereafter referred to as "with halogens") included the full suite of transformations involving inorganic CI and Br species. For the other set

- (hereafter referred to as "no halogens"), all transformations involving halogens were switched off (i.e., Cl⁻ and Br⁻ associated with nascent marine aerosols were chemically inert). To achieve steady state conditions for each simulation, the model was run over a period of 110 days preceding the end point of the corresponding observation period within that flow regime. Results from the last several days of each simulation
- ¹⁵ were interpreted. These simulations provide useful insight concerning the underlying processes. As discussed in more detail below, however, some important aspects of the MBL system (including entrainment rates, the sources and photochemical ages of oxidized N, and mixing ratios of halogen radicals and precursors in ambient air) were poorly constrained by observation. In addition, current models do not reproduce some
- ²⁰ measured characteristics of the multiphase system, which suggests that they are missing some important processes. Finally, these box model calculations do not consider physiochemical dynamics driven with vertical mixing, non-steady-state conditions, or cloud processing. Consequently, the simulated results may not be representative of ambient conditions in some respects.

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3 Results and discussion

3.1 Atmospheric-transport regimes

The EURO regime was associated with northwesterly flow that had recently (less than one day prior to sampling) passed over western Europe (Fig. 1), variable near-surface wind velocities (median= $7.3 \,\mathrm{m \, s^{-1}}$), and relatively low temperatures (median= 11.4° C) 5 and RHs (median=56.1%) (Fig. 2). The N-AFR regime was characterized by more northerly transport with a long (several day) fetch over the eastern North Atlantic Ocean before passing near or over western North Africa prior to sampling, the highest median wind velocity (8.5 m s^{-1}) , and increasing temperatures (median=23.2°C) and RHs (median=67.6%). The transition from the Northern to Southern Hemisphere 10 through the ITCZ was characterized by shifting air flow from northerly to southerly, low wind velocities (median= $3.5 \,\mathrm{m \, s^{-1}}$), widely scattered showers, and relatively high temperatures (median=27.0°C) and RHs (median=78.4%). The S-ATL regime was characterized by persistent southeasterly flow with long fetch over the eastern South Atlantic Ocean roughly parallel to the coast of southern Africa, moderate wind ve-15 locities (median= 8.1 m s^{-1}), and decreasing temperatures (median= 22.5° C) and RHs (median=77.3%).

3.2 Multiphase MBL composition and processing

The major physiochemical characteristics of MBL air along the cruise track (Figs. 2, 3, Williams et al., 2007) varied substantially among transport regimes as functions of upwind emissions of precursors, length and duration of fetch over the ocean, associated meteorological drivers (primarily wind velocity and RH), and chemical processing. In the following sections we evaluate the relative influences of these factors on the cycling of inorganic halogens and related species within each regime.

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3.3 European influenced

The relatively high concentrations of HNO₃, particulate NO₃⁻ (Figs. 2e and 3o) and SO₂ (Fig. 2f) measured in the EURO regime reflect NO and SO₂ emissions from widespread fossil-fuel combustion across western Europe and from heavy ship traffic in the sur-

- ⁵ rounding ocean. Sea-salt concentrations within this regime varied by a factor of 10 (Fig. 2b) in response to the combined influences of variable wind velocity (Fig. 2a), sea state, and fetch (Fig. 1). The acidification of sea-salt aerosol and associated displacement of HCl resulted in the highest HCl mixing ratios (Figs. 2c, 4a), lowest EF(Cl⁻)s (Fig. 2b), and lowest inferred (from HCl phase partitioning) aerosol pHs (Fig. 2g) during
- the cruise. HCl concentrations were generally greater than the corresponding deficits relative to sea salt (Fig. 2c), which assuming that sea-salt Cl⁻ was the primary precursor for HCl (addressed below), indicates that HCl had longer atmospheric lifetimes against deposition than the parent aerosol. All size fractions were significantly dechlorinated; median EF(Cl⁻) decreased with decreasing size (Fig. 3k).
- Median size distributions of Na⁺, NO₃⁻, nss SO₄²⁻, and pH (Fig. 3i, n, o, and p, respectively), indicate that HNO₃ partitioned preferentially with the less-acidic, super-μm-diameter, sea-salt size fractions and was the primary source of acidity incorporated into those size fractions. This is consistent with expectations based on both the pH-dependence of its phase partitioning (e.g., Keene et al., 2004) and previously reported aerosol size distributions in near-surface air over the eastern North Atlantic Ocean (e.g., Huebert et al., 1996) and elsewhere. Low concentrations of nss SO₄²⁻ compared to NO₃⁻ in super-μm size fractions (Fig. 3n, o) indicate that H₂SO₄ was a relatively minor source of acidity for super-μm marine aerosols. Due in part to the rapid turnover of super-μm aerosol and associated NO₃⁻, the median dry-deposition flux of total NO₃
 was approximately four times greater than that of total nss S (Fig. 5).

Cl* was generally less than 50 pmol mol⁻¹ but higher mixing ratios (peaks between 100 and 213 pmol mol⁻¹) were observed during three intervals, two within several hours after sunrise and the other within several hours after sunset (Fig. 2c). However, sys-

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tematic diel variability was not evident, which is consistent with past observations and model calculations (Pszenny et al., 2004; Keene et al., 2007a; Pechtl and von Glasow, 2007). The first two intervals of high Cl* occurred in parallel with relatively high RHs (65.6% to 68.5%, Fig. 2a) suggesting a possible link between aerosol water content ⁵ and net Cl* production.

Bulk aerosol was significantly depleted in Br⁻ relative to seawater (EF(Br⁻) ranged from 0.37 to 0.71; Fig. 2b) but the smallest size fraction was highly enriched (Fig 3I, m). The enrichment of Br⁻ in sub-μm aerosol in marine regions has been widely reported (e.g., Sander et al., 2003) but the major cause(s) are not understood. Nascent marine aerosols are not enriched in either Br⁻ or total Br (organic+Br⁻) when initially injected into the atmosphere from the ocean surface (Keene et al., 2007b) and, as detailed below, model calculations based on the halogen activation mechanism (e.g., Vogt et al., 1996) do not predict the significant retention of Br⁻ in sea-salt aerosol or the accumulation of Br⁻ in sub-μm aerosol size fractions. These results suggest the possi-

- bility that significant concentrations of Br associated with marine aerosol in the EURO region (and elsewhere) may be present as relatively unreactive, perhaps organic compounds that either originate from non-marine sources or are produced by chemical pathways not considered in current models. However, the median estimated emission fluxes of sea-salt Br⁻ (and Cl⁻) were approximately balanced by the corresponding
- dry-deposition fluxes of total Br (Br_t and particulate Br⁻) (and total CI, HCI+particulate CI⁻, Fig. 6), which suggests that the production of sea salt was the primary source for inorganic Br and CI over the eastern Atlantic Ocean. Similar relationships were observed in polluted air along the northeastern US coast (Keene et al., 2007a). In addition, available evidence indicates that the analytical technique used here (ion chro-
- ²⁵ matography) is specific for Br⁻ and it is unlikely that simple dilution during extraction or exposure to eluent solutions or separator column resins would convert bromine sequestered in the chemical lattice of relatively inert compounds to Br⁻. Regardless of speciation, the net effect of retaining and/or accumulating significant marine-derived Br⁻ in the particulate phase would be to slow production rates of Br-radical precur-

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sors and to modify the importance of different pathways in the cycle relative to those predicated by current models. For example, as $EF(Br^{-})$ decreases, the importance of HOBr+Cl⁻+H⁺ \rightarrow BrCl+H₂O and subsequent transformations increases relative to HOBr+Br⁻+H⁺ \rightarrow Br₂+H₂O (e.g., Vogt et al., 1996; Fickert et al., 1999). Consequently, the nature of this characteristic of the system must be resolved in order to develop a reliable predictive capability for Br-radical chemistry and the associated influences on the evolution of marine air.

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Br_t was present at higher concentrations than the corresponding particulate-Br⁻ deficit relative to sea salt (Figs. 2d, 7b), which assuming that sea salt was the pri-¹⁰ mary source for total Br, indicates that Br_t had a longer atmospheric lifetime than the parent aerosol. In addition, Br_t varied systematically over diel cycles with daytime mixing ratios approximately two times greater those at night (Fig. 2d). In contrast, the corresponding Br⁻ deficits in bulk aerosol exhibited relatively less day-night variability (Fig. 2d).

¹⁵ The simulated steady-state mixing ratios of NO_x in the EURO regime for the "with halogens" run averaged 171 pmol mol⁻¹ over diel cycles (Fig. 8). The corresponding simulated NO₂ (163 pmol mol⁻¹) was within the broad range of daily averages for NO₂ measured in this region by Leser et al. (2003) (~20 to 1160 pmol mol⁻¹). Simulated size distributions of particulate NO₃⁻, nss SO₄²⁻, and Cl⁻ for the "with halogen"

²⁰ run (Fig. 9) were similar to those based on median values for the measured nearsurface concentrations (Fig. 3n, o, j, respectively). The simulated mixing ratios of HNO₃ (495 to 575 pmol mol⁻¹, not shown) overlapped the upper limit for mixing ratios measured within this regime (Fig. 2e, median=210 pmol mol⁻¹). Simulated SO₂ (456 to 501 pmol mol⁻¹, not shown) fell within the upper range of observations (Fig. 2f, median=390 pmol mol⁻¹) and simulated HCI (Fig. 8, 251 to 293 pmol mol⁻¹) was less than most observations (Fig. 2c, median=680 pmol mol⁻¹). The differences between simulated and observed HNO₃ and HCI both in this and other regimes resulted in part from



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in near-surface air reflect local phase partitioning with the greater near-surface aerosol volumes whereas the simulated results correspond to column-averaged conditions.

Simulated pHs for size fractions other than the largest and smallest in the "with halogens" run (Fig. 8, 2.5 to 2.9) were consistent with median values inferred from the measured phase partitioning of HCI (Fig. 3p, 2.5 to 3.1). Similar factors contribute to deviations between simulated and observed pHs for largest and smallest size fractions in this and other regimes (see below). The relatively higher simulated pH for the largest size fraction reflects the rapid turnover rates of large aerosols relative to the kinetics

- of phase change. Freshly produced and aged aerosols were not simulated as external
 mixtures. The instantaneous mixing of fresh with chemically aged aerosols during each
 time step sustained substantial undersaturation of the largest size fraction with respect
 of acidic gases and, thus, higher solution pH relative to smaller super-μm size fractions (e.g., Pszenny et al., 2004). In contrast, pHs inferred from the measured phase
 partitioning of HCI were based on the assumption of thermodynamic equilibrium and,
- ¹⁵ consequently, inferred pHs for the larger, undersaturated size fractions represent lower limits (Keene et al., 2004). The low (near detection limit) Cl⁻ concentrations associated with sub-µm aerosols (Fig. 3j) contribute to relatively large uncertainties in estimating pHs based on HCl partitioning. In addition, as described below, the model failed to reproduce some features of sub-µm aerosol composition suggesting that it may be
- ²⁰ missing some important processes. Both factors may contribute to the relatively large differences between inferred versus simulated pHs for the smaller size fractions. The substantially higher simulated pHs (and associated differences in the phase partitioning of HNO₃) in the "with halogens" relative to the "no halogens" runs for this and other regimes (Figs. 8 and 9) reflect the influences of HCl phase partitioning on aerosol so-
- ²⁵ lution acidity in the former versus lack thereof in the latter. Acid displacement of HCl by more soluble acids (primarily HNO₃) transfers acidity from the aerosol solution to the gas phase thereby sustaining relatively higher solution pH in the "with halogens" run (e.g., Keene et al., 1998).

Simulated CI* (the sum of volatile CI species other than HCI) varied from 52 to

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100 pmol mol⁻¹ over diel cycles (Fig. 8). Although the Cl* measurements did not indicate systematic diel variability, the simulated values were within the range of observations (Fig. 2c). In the model, CI* was dominated during the daytime by HOCI and CINO₃ (peak values of 51 and 21 pmol mol⁻¹, respectively, Fig. 8) and at night by Cl₂ and BrCI (peak values of 36 and 15 pmol mol⁻¹, respectively, Fig. 8). In close proximity 5 to large urban and industrial emission sources for NO_x, CINO₂ produced via the nocturnal reaction $N_2O_5+CI^-\rightarrow CINO_2+NO_3^-$ may accumulate in the dark to mixing ratios $>1000 \text{ pmol mol}^{-1}$ (Ostoff et al., 2007). However, NO_x is efficiently oxidized to HNO₃ and particulate NO_3^- in marine air and deposited to the surface. Consequently, NO_x mixing ratios (e.g., Neuman et al., 2006) and the associated nocturnal production of 10 CINO₂ decrease rapidly over the ocean with distance from sources, consistent with the simulated values reported herein. For example, relative to the EURO runs in which depositional losses of oxidized N were replaced by an aged mixture of HNO₃ and NO₂ in a ratio of 1:1, a sensitivity run in which losses were replaced entirely by freshly emitted NO yielded steady-state NO_x mixing ratios averaging 237 pmol mol⁻¹ and a maximum 15 $CINO_{2}$ mixing ratio of 19 pmol mol⁻¹, which were factors of 2 and 4 higher, respectively. Integrated over 24 h, CI-atom production was dominated by CIO+NO (36%) and the photolysis of BrCl and Cl₂ (25% and 24%, respectively) but the relative importance of different pathways varied over diel cycles. Following sunrise, the photolysis of Cl₂ and BrCI (produced primarily via heterogeneous reactions of hypohalous acids and 20 halide ions) dominated (49% and 32%, respectively). Photolysis of CINO₂ accounted for less than 1% of CI-atom production during this period. During midday, CIO+NO was the most important single pathway (48%) with photolysis of HOCI (19%), BrCI (19%) and Cl₂ (10%) accounting for most of the balance. Cl-atom concentrations peaked following sunrise at 4.3*10⁴ cm⁻³, remained high through midday, and declined in the 25 late afternoon (Fig. 8). Although the CI-atom production pathways under steady-state conditions in the EURO regime were not dominated by the autocatalytic recycling of Cl₂ as simulated in aging pollution plumes elsewhere (Petchl and von Glasow, 2007;

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Lawler et al., 2009), the absolute concentrations during daytime were similar. At these levels, oxidation by CI was a significant sink for alkanes in this regime (e.g., Pszenny et al., 2007). For example, reaction with atomic CI accounted for 24% of simulated CH_4 oxidation within the EURO MBL.

- Simulated concentrations of particulate Br⁻ indicate that all size fractions except the largest were almost completely debrominated (Fig. 9). As discussed above, however, measured distributions reveal large enrichment in the finest size fraction and retention of significant Br⁻ in the larger super-μm size fractions (Fig. 3I, m). Causes for these differences are unknown. However, the retention and/or accumulation of significant Br⁻
- ¹⁰ in the ambient aerosol (median EF(Br⁻)=0.52) implies that volatile inorganic Br in the model is overestimated, which is consistent with the factor of two higher mixing ratios of simulated Br_t (daily average=15 pmol mol⁻¹, Fig. 8) relative to measured Br_t (median=7.2 pmol mol⁻¹, Fig. 2d) in this regime. In addition, simulated Br_t exhibited little diel variability (Fig. 8) whereas that in measured Br_t was marked (Fig. 2d). Causes ¹⁵ for these differences in diel behavior are not known. In the model, Br_t was domi-
- nated by BrCl at night and $BrNO_3$ during the day (maximum mixing ratios of 15 and 14 pmol mol⁻¹, respectively, Fig. 8). The primary sources for atomic Br were BrO+NO (50%) and BrCl photolysis (26%).

Destruction of O_3 by atomic Br (O_3 +Br \rightarrow BrO+ O_2) in the model accounted for 5%

- of the total O_3 sink associated with all major chemical pathways (including photolysis and reaction with NO, NO₂, OH, HO₂, and atomic Cl). Reaction with atomic Cl accounted for 3% of the total. Simulated mixing ratios of product BrO (maximum and midday averages of 1.0 and 0.83 pmol mol⁻¹, respectively, Fig. 8), were consistent with measurements of BrO (upper limit of ~1 pmol mol⁻¹) in this region during a previous
- ²⁵ cruise of the Polarstern (Leser et al., 2003). At the high NO_x mixing ratios in this regime, halogen radical recycling in the gas phase and associated O₃ destruction was slowed by the formation of halogen nitrates (i.e., $BrO+NO_2 \rightarrow BrNO_3$ competes with $BrO+HO_2 \rightarrow HOBr$), which accumulate to significant concentrations (Fig. 8). Reactions involving S aerosol accounted for 91% of the total heterogenous NO_x sinks (Fig. 10).

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Hydrolysis reactions involving CINO₃ (53% of total) and BrNO₃ (27% of total) to produce hypohalous acids and hydrolysis of N_2O_5 to produce HNO₃ (11% of total) were the most important of these pathways. Of those involving sea salt, the reaction of $CINO_3$ (41%) and BrNO₃ (26%) with Cl⁻ to produce Cl₂ and BrCl, respectively, were most ⁵ important. Relative to conventional HO_x/NO_x chemistry, pathways involving halogen nitrates accelerate the conversion of NO_x to HNO_3 and particulate NO_3^- (Sander et al., 1999; Pszenny et al., 2004). Comparisons between rates of NO_x processing (Fig. 10) and corresponding differences in simulated NO_x mixing ratios in the "with halogens" versus "no halogen" runs (averages of 171 and 237 pmol mol⁻¹, respectively, Fig. 8) indicates that under the polluted conditions in the EURO regime, the overall influences 10 of halogens on NO_v cycling was significant. Although the peak simulated mixing ratios of OH and HO₂ were similar in the "with halogens" versus "no halogens" runs (0.11 versus 0.13 pmol mol⁻¹ and 9.2 versus 8.6 pmol mol⁻¹, respectively, Table 3), chemical pathways involving halogen chemistry led to substantial net O₃ destruction. Simulated O_3 mixing ratios averaged over the day for the "with halogens" (49 nmol mol⁻¹) versus "no halogens" (average daily of 64 nmol mol⁻¹) runs differed by 23% (Fig. 8). We note that simulated O₃ mixing ratios were outside the range of measured values within

the EURO regime (maximum=47 nmol mol⁻¹). Two methodological factors may have contributed to these differences. Chemical transformations involving I-containing compounds were not considered in the simulations but may have contributed to net O_3 destruction (e.g., Read et al., 2008). In addition, the ratio of HNO₃ to NO₂ used to replace depositional losses of oxidized N is poorly constrained. Sensitivity runs based on higher ratios than used in the model parameterization yield lower steady state O_3 mixing ratios.

25 3.3.1 North African influenced

Relative to EURO, the N-AFR regime was characterized by generally higher sea-salt concentrations (Figs. 2b, 3j), similar ranges in particulate NO_3^- and nss SO_4^{2-} concentrations (Figs. 2b, 3j), similar ranges in particulate NO_3^- and nss SO_4^{2-} concentrations (Figs. 2b, 3j), similar ranges in particulate NO_3^- and nss SO_4^{2-} concentrations (Figs. 2b, 3j), similar ranges in particulate NO_3^- and nss SO_4^{2-} concentrations (Figs. 2b, 3j), similar ranges in particulate NO_3^- and nss SO_4^{2-} concentrations (Figs. 2b, 3j), similar ranges in particulate NO_3^- and nss SO_4^{2-} concentrations (Figs. 2b, 3j), similar ranges in particulate NO_3^- and nss SO_4^{2-} concentrations (Figs. 2b, 3j), similar ranges in particulate NO_3^- and nss SO_4^{2-} concentrations (Figs. 2b, 3j), similar ranges in particulate NO_3^- and nss SO_4^{2-} concentrations (Figs. 2b, 3j), similar ranges in particulate NO_3^- and nss SO_4^{2-} concentrations (Figs. 2b, 3j), similar ranges in particulate NO_3^- and nss SO_4^{2-} concentrations (Figs. 2b, 3j), similar ranges in particulate NO_3^- and nss SO_4^{2-} concentrations (Figs. 2b, 3j), similar ranges in particulate NO_3^- and nss SO_4^{2-} concentrations (Figs. 2b, 3j), similar ranges in particulate NO_3^- and nss NO_4^- concentrations (Figs. 2b, 3j), similar ranges (NO_3^-) (NO

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trations, lower HNO_3 and SO_2 mixing ratios (Fig. 2e, f and Fig. 3o, p) and higher pHs (Figs. 2g, 3q). We infer that the most of the oxidized N and S originated as primary or secondary combustion products that were transported from western Europe, western Africa, and ships at sea. Acidification and associated dechlorination of marine aerosol

- ⁵ primarily by HNO₃ (Fig. 3n, o) sustained substantial HCl mixing ratios (Fig. 2c). EF(Cl⁻) decreased with decreasing particle size (Fig. 3k) and particulate Cl⁻ deficits summed over all size fractions were generally greater that the corresponding HCl mixing ratios (Fig. 2c) suggesting that the atmospheric lifetime of HCl within this regime was somewhat shorter than that of the parent aerosol.
- ¹⁰ Cl* ranged from <24 to 129 pmol Cl mol⁻¹ and was detected during most sampling intervals north of 22° N (Fig. 2c). Higher mixing ratios during this period were generally observed at night although consistent diel variability was not evident. Between 22 and 18° N, Cl* was undetectable; an instrumental malfunction precluded quantification through the southern segment of this regime.
- ¹⁵ The highest concentrations of Br_t , the greatest absolute particulate Br^- deficits (30.1 and 18.6 pmol mol⁻¹, respectively, Fig. 2d), and the highest particulate Br^- concentrations, (Fig. 3l) along the cruise track were measured in the N-AFR region. During a previous cruise of the Polarstern, Leser et al. (2003) detected significant BrO (>1.0 to 3.6 pmol mol⁻¹) over a 2-day period off North Africa between 37 and 30° N. BrO was generally <1 pmol mol⁻¹ to the north and south of this region. The maximum mixing ratio of Br_t along the cruise track during 2003 was also measured in this region (Fig. 2d). This coincidence in maxima for BrO (Leser et al., 2003) and Br_t (Fig. 2d) suggests that Br-radical chemistry along the cruise track during October peaks in this latitudinal band.
- As in the EURO regime, bulk aerosol was significantly depleted in Br⁻ relative to seawater (Fig. 2b) but the smallest size fraction was highly enriched (Fig. 3l, m). Also, as in EURO, Br_t was present in the N-AFR regime at higher concentrations than particulate Br⁻ (Fig. 2d), which suggests that Br_t had a longer atmospheric lifetime against dry deposition than the parent aerosol. Br_t varied systematically over diel cycles with mixing

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ratios during daytime greater those at night (Fig. 2d). In contrast, Br⁻ associated with bulk aerosol exhibited relatively less day-night variability.

Median estimated emission fluxes of sea-salt Br⁻ and Cl⁻ were approximately balanced by the corresponding dry-deposition fluxes of total Br (Br_t+particulate Br⁻) and total Cl (HCl+particulate Cl⁻, Fig. 6), which implies that production of marine aerosol

total CI (HCI+particulate CI⁻, Fig. 6), which implies that production of marine aerosol was the primary source for inorganic CI and Br in this regime. Br_t and particulate Br⁻ accounted for approximately equal fractions of the median dry flux of total Br whereas particulate CI⁻ dominated the median dry flux of total CI.

Simulated steady-state mixing ratios of NO and NO₂ in the "with halogens" run for

- ¹⁰ the N-AFR regime averaged 3.6 and and 27 pmol mol⁻¹, respectively, over diel cycles (Fig. 8), which were within the ranges of measurements in this region by Carsey et al. (1997) (NO_x range: 17 to 69 pmol mol⁻¹; NO_x median: 31 pmol mol⁻¹), Leser et al. (2003) (NO₂ range: <24 to 462 pmol mol⁻¹), Read et al. (2008) (daytime average NO for October and November: 2.7 and 4.5 pmol mol⁻¹, respectively), Lawler
- et al. (2009) (NO_x range: <14 to 51 pmol mol⁻¹ during May and June), and Lee et al. (2009) (average NO_x for October and November: 18.5 and 20.5 pmol mol⁻¹, respectively). The simulated size distributions of NO₃⁻, nss SO₄²⁻, and Cl⁻ in the "with halogens" runs (Fig. 9) were similar to the corresponding median values for measured distributions (Fig. 3n, o, j, respectively). The simulated mixing ratios of HNO₃ (92 to
- ²⁰ 108 pmol mol⁻¹, not shown) were greater than measured mixing ratios (Fig. 2e, median=19 pmol mol⁻¹). Simulated SO₂ (389 to 401 pmol mol⁻¹, not shown) fell within the upper range of observations (Fig. 2f, median=104 pmol mol⁻¹), and simulated HCI (Fig. 8, 254 to 289 pmol mol⁻¹) fell within the lower range of observations (Fig. 2c, median=350 pmol mol⁻¹). With the exception of the largest and smallest size fractions, simulated earneed plue for the "with belogener" run (Fig. 8, plue 27) were similar to median
- ²⁵ simulated aerosol pHs for the "with halogens" run (Fig. 8, all 3.7) were similar to median values inferred from the measured phase partitioning of HCI (Fig. 3p, 3.8 to 3.9).

Simulated Cl^{*} mixing ratios (11 to 26 pmol mol⁻¹) were within the range of measured Cl^{*} (Fig. 2c) and were dominated during the daytime by HOCI (Fig. 8, peak value of

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11 pmol mol⁻¹) and at night by BrCl (Fig. 8, peak value of 16 pmol mol⁻¹). The simulated nocturnal mixing ratios of Cl_2 (maximum of 2.8 pmol mol⁻¹) were at the lower limit and BrCl was greater than corresponding measured mixing ratios in aged polluted air at Cape Verde (maximum of 35 and <2 pmol mol⁻¹, respectively, Lawler et al., 2009).

- ⁵ These differences relate in part to the fact that our model calculations were based on steady-state conditions whereas Lawler et al. (2009) simulate conditions within a chemically evolving pollutant plume. Cl-atom production in our model was dominated by BrCl photolysis (66%) and ClO+NO (24%). Atomic Cl peaked in early morning at concentrations of 7.8×10⁴ cm⁻³ and remained high throughout the day (Fig. 8). Sim-
- ¹⁰ ilar concentrations of atomic CI were simulated by (Lawler et al., 2009) although the primary precursor under those conditions was Cl_2 sustained by autocatalytic cycling. At these concentrations, atomic CI was an important oxidant for alkanes and $(CH_3)_2S$ and accounted for 36% of simulated CH_4 oxidation in this regime.
- The simulated size distribution of Br⁻ (Fig. 8) differed considerably from measured ¹⁵ distributions (Fig. 3I). All simulated size fractions except the largest two were almost completely debrominated. In contrast, measured distributions reveal large enrichment relative to sea salt in the finest size fraction and retention of significant Br⁻ in all super- μ m size fractions (Fig. 3I, m). As discussed above, causes for these differences are unknown. The median measured EF(Br⁻) (0.25) for bulk aerosol implies that volatile
- ²⁰ inorganic Br in the model is overestimated. The retention of Br in the aerosol coupled with the high concentrations and rapid turnover of sea salt and the longer lifetime against deposition of Br_t relative to the parent aerosol contributed to higher mixing ratios of simulated Br_t (averaging 37 pmol mol-1 over diel cycles, Fig. 8) compared to measured values (median of 19 pmol mol⁻¹, Fig. 2d). In the model, BrCl and Br₂ dominated Br_t at night (maxima of 16 and 13 pmol mol⁻¹, respectively) and HBr, BrNO₃, and
- HOBr dominated during the day (maxima of 18 and 18 photonic ⁻¹, respectively) and HDI, BNO₃, and HOBr dominated during the day (maxima of 18, 18, and 11 pmol mol⁻¹, respectively). The dominant sources for atomic Br were BrO+NO (31%) and the photolysis of HOBr (21%), Br₂ (19%), and BrCl (18%).

Reaction with atomic Br and Cl accounted for 46% and 2% of the total modeled

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- O_3 sink in this regime. Simulated BrO mixing ratios peaked following sunrise at 7.8 pmol mol⁻¹. The average simulated mixing ratio during midday (4.7 pmol mol⁻¹) was near the upper limits for both long-term measurements of BrO at Cape Verde (day-time average of 2.5±1.1 pmol mol, Read et al., 2008) and measurements within the N-
- ⁵ AFR regime during a previous cruise of the Polarstern (less than 3.6 pmol mol⁻¹, Leser et al., 2003). The retention/accumulation of Br⁻ in the ambient aerosol but not in the model coupled with the longer lifetime of volatile relative to particulate Br contributed to these differences. In addition, the median concentration of total sea salt within this regime during autumn (397 nmol Na⁺ m⁻³, Table 2) was substantially greater than re-
- ¹⁰ ported concentrations at Cape Verde during spring (74 to 254 nmol Na⁺ m⁻³, Lawler et al., 2009). This implies that the emission flux of particulate Br⁻ associated with seasalt production and the corresponding mixing ratios of volatile inorganic Br based on median conditions for the N-AFR regime were greater than those at Cape Verde, which would have also contributed to the higher BrO simulated for this regime relative to BrO measured at Cape Verde.
- Halogen chemistry accelerated the oxidation of NO_x to HNO₃ and particulate NO₃⁻ relative to rates predicated based on conventional HO_x/NO_x chemistry (Fig. 10) yielding substantially lower steady-state NO_x mixing ratios (daily averages of 31 and 62 pmol mol⁻¹ for the "with halogens" versus "no halogens" runs, respectively, Fig. 8).
 ²⁰ Following sunrise, the photolysis of Br₂, BrCl, and Cl₂ initiated active halogen-radical chemistry and the associated oxidation of NO_x via production of halogen nitrates and subsequent heterogeneous reactions with aerosols, primarily during early morning. Reactions involving S aerosol accounted for 69% of the total heterogeneous sink with hydrolysis of BrNO₃ and ClNO₃ to produce hypohalous acids accounting for 54% and 14%, respectively, of the total. The subset of reactions involving sea salt was dom-
- inated by $BrNO_3 + CI^- \rightarrow BrCI + NO_3^-$ (60%). Relative to the "with halogens" run, daily maxima in simulated OH and HO_2 in the "no halogens" run (Table 3) were higher by factors of 2.8, and 1.5, respectively. In contrast to these results, Read et al. (2008) report that, when halogen chemistry is not included in their box model calculations

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for conditions at Cape Verde, OH is lower by 5% to 12%. However, in the Read et al. (2008) model calculations both with and without halogens, NO is constrained by the same measured mixing ratios. While this approach may have characterized the direct influences of halogens on OH, the large indirect influences on OH resulting from the accelerated oxidation of NO_x via halogen chemistry (Fig. 10) was not considered explicitly. Model calculations reported herein indicate that, when these indirect influences are included, halogen chemistry leads to a substantial net decrease not increase in OH concentrations under conditions for the N-AFR regime. The lower concentrations

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the south have important implications for oxidation processes in the MBL and the corresponding atmospheric lifetimes of climatically important trace gases including CH₄.

of simulated OH and HO₂ in the "with halogen" runs for both this regime and those to

The combined interrelated influences of Br and Cl via direct reaction, accelerated oxidation of NO_x , and shifts in the concentrations and relative abundance of OH and HO_2 yielded simulated O_3 mixing ratios averaging 14 nmol mol⁻¹ (Fig. 8), which was

- ¹⁵ outside the observed range (45 to 20 nmol mol⁻¹) and substantially lower than that for the "no halogens" run (37 pmol mol⁻¹, Fig. 8). In addition to the less vigorous multiphase cycling of ambient relative to simulated Br discussed above, several other factors contributed to differences between measured O₃ versus that simulated in the "with halogens" runs. Rates of O₃ entrainment (an important O₃ source in this region, Read
- et al., 2008) may be underestimated in the model. The simulations assume clear-sky conditions. Because scattered clouds were present during most of the cruise and attenuated ambient photon fluxes, rates of Br and Cl photochemistry and associated net O₃ destruction in the model corresponded to upper limits. Finally, iodine-radical chemistry is an important sink for O₃ in this region (Read et al., 2008) that was not considered in our simulations. If influences of iodine are excluded, the relative contribution of transformations involving Br to the other major O₃ sinks modeled by Read
- et al. (2008) for conditions at Cape Verde during March (23%) are a factor of two less than those simulated herein during autumn (46%).

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3.3.2 ITCZ

The relatively low wind velocities within the ITCZ regime (Fig. 2a), perhaps coupled with relatively greater wet removal via the higher frequency of scattered showers, resulted in lowest sea-salt concentrations measured along the cruise track (Figs. 2b, 3o). The

lowest concentrations of total NO₃ (Fig. 2e) and total nss S (Fig. 2f) and corresponding dry-deposition fluxes (Fig. 5) were also observed within this regime. The relatively low HCI mixing ratios (Fig. 2c), high EF(CI⁻)s (Fig. 2b), and high aerosol pHs (Fig. 3q) reflect the low concentrations of acids. CI* was undetectable during most sampling intervals within this regime (Fig. 2c) but, between 5° and 2° N, nocturnal mixing ratios
 increased from <24 pmol mol⁻¹ to a predawn peak of 136 pmol mol⁻¹. This episode coincided with increasing RH (Fig. 2a) and nss SO₄²⁻ concentrations (Fig. 2e).

Br_t and particulate Br⁻ deficits were low relative to those in other regions (Fig. 2d). Based on median values, size-resolved EF(Br⁻) was systematically lower than corresponding values for northerly segments of the cruise and, notably, no enrichment was evident in the smallest size fraction (Fig. 3). As in the other regimes, the dry-deposition fluxes of total inorganic Cl and Br were approximately balanced by the corresponding emission flux of Cl⁻ and Br⁻ associated with sea salt (Fig. 5) suggesting that nss sources of inorganic Cl and Br were unimportant.

Simulated steady-state mixing ratios of NO_x in the "with halogens" run averaged 8.3 pmol mol⁻¹ over diel cycles (Fig. 8). The corresponding NO₂ (7.8 pmol mol⁻¹, not shown) was less than the upper limits estimated by Leser et al. (2003) based on measurements in this region (<24 to <100 pmol mol⁻¹). The simulated size distributions of nss SO₄²⁻, and Cl⁻ (Fig. 9) were similar to the median measured distributions (Fig. 3o, j, respectively). Although the shapes of the measured and simulated size distributions for NO₃⁻ were similar (Figs. 3n and 9, respectively), the simulated concentrations were greater by a factor of about two. The simulated mixing ratios of HNO₃ (28 to 37 pmol mol⁻¹, not shown) and SO₂ (57 to 71 pmol mol⁻¹ and Fig. 2f, were also greater than measured values (Fig. 2e, median=12 pmol mol⁻¹

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median=19 pmol mol⁻¹, respectively). Scavenging and wet deposition via precipitation was not considered in the model but probably contributed to the relatively lower measured versus simulated concentrations of soluble species in this regime. Simulated HCI (Fig. 8, 16 to 22 pmol mol⁻¹) was within the lower range of observations (Fig. 2c, median=82 pmol mol⁻¹). Simulated pHs for middle five size fractions in the "with halogens" run (Fig. 8, 3.4 to 3.7) were generally lower than median values inferred from the measured phase partitioning of HCI (Fig. 3p, 3.3 to 4.6).

Simulated CI* mixing ratios (20 to 30 pmol mol^{-1} , Fig. 8) were within the range of measured CI* (Fig. 2c) and dominated by HOCI during daytime (maximum of 21 pmol mol⁻¹) and HOCI, BrCI, and Cl₂ at night (maxima of 9.5, 7.0, and $5.3 \text{ pmol mol}^{-1}$, respectively, Fig. 8). Photolysis of BrCI and HOCI and CIO + NO were the dominant sources for atomic CI in the model (62%, 15%, and 16%, respectively), which peaked during midday at concentrations of $2.1 \times 10^4 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (Fig. 8). At these concentrations, CI was an important oxidant for alkanes and account for 48% of the modeled sink for CH₄ in this region.

The simulated size distribution of Br^- (Fig. 9) was similar to the median for measured distributions (Fig. 3I). Most individual Br^- concentrations for the impactor samples were below DLs and all simulated size fractions were almost completely debrominated. However, the median measured $EF(Br^-)$ in bulk aerosol (0.35), for which analytical reso-

- ²⁰ lution was better, indicates that significant amounts of Br⁻ were retained by or accumulated in ambient aerosol (Fig. 2b). Simulated Br_t averaged 8.3 pmol mol⁻¹ over diel cycles, which was greater than all measured values (Fig. 2d; median=2.4 pmol mol). As in the other regimes, retention of Br in the aerosol contributed to lower mixing ratios of measured versus simulated Br_t. In the model, Br_t was dominated by BrCl at night ²⁵ (maxima of 7.0 pmol mol⁻¹) and BrNO₃, HOBr, and BrO during the day (maxima of 3.2,
- 3.2, and 3.0 pmol mol⁻¹, respectively, Fig. 8). The primary sources for atomic Br were photolysis of BrCl (38%) and HOBr (24%) and BrO+NO (15%).

Reaction with atomic Br and Cl accounted for 35% and 5%, respectively, of the total chemical sink for O_3 within this regime. However, simulated BrO mixing ratios during

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midday (maximum and midday average of 3.0 and 2.5 pmol mol⁻¹) were greater than values measured in this regions during a previous cruise (<1 pmol mol⁻¹, Leser et al., 2003), which suggests that the simulations may overestimate the influence of Br on O_3 . The accelerated oxidation of NO_x by halogen chemistry (Fig. 10) yielded substantially

- ⁵ lower average steady-state NO_x mixing ratios (8.3 versus 27 pmol mol⁻¹, Fig. 8). Reactions involving S aerosol accounted for 86% of the total heterogenous sink, which was dominated by hydrolysis reactions involving CINO₃ and BrNO₃ (54% and 33% of the total, respectively). Pathways involving sea salt were dominated by CINO₃ and BrNO₃ reaction with Cl⁻ to produce Cl₂ and BrCl (29% and 21%, respectively) and CINO₃ and
- ¹⁰ BrNO₃ hydrolysis (24% and 17%, respectively). Relative to the "with halogens" runs, daily maxima in simulated OH and HO₂ in the "no halogens" run (Table 3) were also higher by factors of 1.44 and 1.35, respectively. The combined influences of Br and Cl via direct reaction, accelerated oxidation of NO_x, and reductions in OH and HO₂ concentrations yielded simulated O₃ mixing ratios averaging 29 nmol mol⁻¹ (Fig. 8) in good
- ¹⁵ agreement with the median measured value (30 nmol mol⁻¹). Simulated O₃ for the "no halogens" run (41 nmol mol⁻¹, Fig. 8) was outside the range of measured values (35 to 12 pmol mol⁻¹). As for the N-AFR regime, several factors may influence comparability of measured versus simulated O₃ in the "with halogens" run; these including the entrainment flux of O₃, attenuation of radiation by clouds, sequestering of significant
- Br in ambient aerosols, and iodine chemistry. In addition, the calculation of the scaling coefficients did not consider the conditional instability of the region which, when corrected for stability, would yield vertical scaling coefficients closer to unity for the larger aerosol size-bins. Simulations (not reported) parameterized with the measured (i.e., non-scaled) aerosol concentrations at 23 m indicate that the modeled results are sensitive to the vertical scaling approach, particularly at the lower wind velocities for this regime, which correspond to relatively greater vertical gradients in sea-salt mass

(Table 2).

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3.3.3 South Atlantic

The S-ATL regime was characterized by increasing HNO_3 , particulate NO_3^- (Fig. 2e), and sea-salt concentrations (Fig. 2b). Relative to the ITCZ, the increasing levels of acidity sustained generally lower $EF(CI^-)s$ (Fig. 2b) and higher HCl (Fig. 2d). Me-

- ⁵ dian inferred pHs for the sea-salt size fractions in this regime were similar to those in the N-AFR regime but pHs for the sub- μ m size fractions were lower (Fig. 3p). Median dry-deposition fluxes of total NO₃ and SO₄ were lower by factors of 2.1 and 2.7, respectively, than those for N-AFR (Fig. 5) indicating that combustion products were relatively less important in this regime. In addition, and in contrast to other regions, SO₂ in the
- S-ATL regime exhibited fairly consistent diel variability with higher mixing ratios during daytime and lower at night (Fig. 2f). This pattern would be consistent with the hypothesis that substantial SO₂ in this region was produced photochemically during the daytime via oxidation of marine-derived (CH₃)₂S by OH, BrO, and CI and subsequently lost via a combination of deposition to the surface and oxidation to particulate H₂SO₄
- through multiphase pathways (e.g., Vogt et al., 1996). Combustion-derived SO₂ would not be expected to exhibit diel variability of this nature.

Concentrations of both Br_t and particulate Br^- deficits were generally greater than those in the ITCZ. In contrast to EURO and N-AFR, Br_t in the S-ATL regime did not exhibit systematic diel variability. $EF(Br^-)$ was generally less than 0.3 (Fig. 2b) and all size

- fractions were significantly depleted relative to sea salt (Fig. 3m). During most sampling periods, Br_t was present at higher concentrations than the corresponding particulate Br⁻ deficits (Fig. 2d) and dominated the median dry-deposition flux of total inorganic Br (Fig. 6b). In addition, the median emission flux of Br⁻ in association with sea salt was approximately balanced by the corresponding dry deposition of total inorganic Br.
- These relationships indicate that nascent aerosols were efficiently debrominated under these conditions and that Br_t had a longer lifetime against deposition than the parent aerosol.

Simulated steady-state mixing ratios of NO_x in the "with halogens" run averaged

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20 pmol mol⁻¹ over diel cycles (Fig. 8). The corresponding NO₂ (17 pmol mol⁻¹, not shown) was within the range estimated by Leser et al. (2003) based on measurements in this region (<24 to <100 pmol mol⁻¹). The simulated size distributions of nss SO₄²⁻ and Cl⁻ in the "with halogens" runs (Fig. 9) were similar to the corresponding median measured distributions (Fig. 3o, j, respectively). As for the ITCZ, the shape of the simulated size distribution for NO₃⁻ (Fig. 8) was similar to measurements (Fig. 3n) but the corresponding concentrations were greater by a factor of about two. The simulated HNO₃ (56 to 65 pmol mol⁻¹, not shown) was within the upper range of measured values (Fig. 2e, median=21 pmol mol⁻¹). Simulated SO₂ (105 to

¹⁰ 121 pmol mol⁻¹, not shown), which originated primarily from the oxidation of (CH₃)₂S, was outside the range of observations (Fig. 2f, median=23 pmol mol⁻¹) and simulated HCI (Fig. 8, 114 to 128 pmol mol⁻¹) was within the lower range of observations (Fig. 2c, median=270 pmol mol⁻¹). Simulated pHs for the middle five size fractions in the "with halogens" run (Fig. 8, 3.8 to 4.0) were within the range of median values inferred from the measured phase partitioning of HCI (Fig. 3p, 3.5 to 3.9).

Simulated CI* mixing ratios (8.3 to 19 pmol mol⁻¹) were within the range of measured CI* (Fig. 2c) and dominated by HOCI during the day (Fig. 8, maximum of 8.8 pmol mol⁻¹ and BrCl at night (10 pmol mol⁻¹). Cl₂ peaked at 2.0 pmol mol⁻¹ and contributed significantly to CI* before dawn. Photolysis of BrCl and HOCI and CIO+NO were the dominant sources (64%, 11%, and 22%, respectively) for atomic CI, which peaked during midday at concentrations of 4.1×10^4 cm⁻³ (Fig. 8). Atomic CI accounted for 19% of simulated CH₄ oxidation in this regime.

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The simulated size distribution of Br⁻ (Fig. 8) was similar to the median for measured distributions (Fig. 3I). Most individual Br⁻ concentrations for the impactor samples were ²⁵ below DLs and all simulated size fractions except the largest were almost completely debrominated. The median measured EF(Br⁻) for bulk aerosol (0.14) also indicates relatively less Br⁻ associated with ambient aerosol compared to other regimes (Fig. 2b). Like the measurements, simulated Br_t exhibited little diel variability (Fig. 8) but mea-

sured mixing ratios (Fig. 2d, median of $6.2 \, \text{pmol} \, \text{mol}^{-1}$) were substantially lower than

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simulated values (average of 23 pmol mol⁻¹). Retention of Br⁻ in the aerosol coupled with the longer lifetime against deposition for Br_t relative to the parent aerosols contributed to these differences. Br_t in the model, was dominated by BrCl and Br₂ at night (maxima of 10 and 6.9 pmol mol⁻¹, respectively) and HBr, BrNO₃, and HOBr during the day (maxima of 12, 9.5, and 7.4 pmol mol⁻¹, respectively). The primary sources for atomic Br were photolysis of HOBr (29%), BrCl (19%), and Br₂ (16%) and BrO+NO (26%).

As in the ITCZ regime, reaction with atomic Br was a significant sink for simulated O_3 (30%). Simulated BrO (maximum and average midday mixing ratios of 6.5 and

- ¹⁰ 2.8 pmol mol⁻¹, respectively) was greater than measured values within this region during a previous cruise (<1 pmol mol⁻¹, Leser et al., 2003). As in the other regimes, halogen chemistry accelerated the oxidation of NO_x to HNO₃ and particulate NO₃⁻ relative to rates predicated based on conventional HO_x/NO_x chemistry (Fig. 10) yielding substantially lower steady-state NO_x mixing ratios (20 versus 37 pmol mol⁻¹, Fig. 8). As in
- ¹⁵ other regimes, reactions involving halogen nitrates and S aerosol dominated (79%) the total heterogeneous sink with the hydrolysis of $BrNO_3$ and $CINO_3$ accounting for most of the total (59% and 16%, respectively). Production of BrCl via $BrNO_3 + CI^-$ accounted for 55% of the heterogeneous reactions involving sea salt. Relative to the "with halogens" run, daily maxima in simulated OH and HO_2 in the "no halogens" run (Table 3)
- were greater by factors of 1.66 and 1.33, respectively. The combined influences of Br and Cl via direct reaction, accelerated oxidation of NO_x and changes in OH and HO₂ yielded simulated O₃ mixing ratios averaging 14 nmol mol⁻¹ (Fig. 8), which were at the lower limit of measured values (14 to 35 nmol mol⁻¹) and a factor of two less than that simulated in the "no halogens" run (27 nmol mol⁻¹, Fig. 8). The same caveats men-
- tioned above regarding comparisons between measured and simulated O₃ for other regimes apply to the S-ATL.

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3.4 Implications

Simulated results for all regimes are summarized in Table 3. As discussed above, the model reproduced many measured characteristics of the multiphase system with reasonable confidence, which implies that simulated characteristics that were not constrained by observations provide useful insight concerning the underlying physiochemical processes. In addition, when evident, large divergence between simulated and measured values suggest potential problems related to the parameterization scheme for the model and/or limitations in our current understanding of major processes. Relative to the substantial variability in median fluxes and concentrations of sea salt, acidic gases, and precursors and corresponding variability in aerosol pH across the four regimes, simulated maxima for daytime concentrations of atomic CI varied over a narrow range of 2.1 to 7.8×10⁴ cm⁻³. The lowest simulated CI-atom concentrations were in the ITCZ regime, which contained the lowest median concentrations of sea salt and acids. The highest levels were in the N-AFR regime, which contained the highest

- ¹⁵ concentrations of sea salt but lower levels of combustion products and HCI relative to the EURO regime. The substantial CI-atom concentrations simulated over this wide range in physiochemical conditions and their consistency with published estimates based on measurements elsewhere (e.g., Pszenny et al., 2007; Lawler et al., 2009; and references therein) supports the hypothesis that CI-radical chemistry contributes
- significantly to oxidation potential with implications for the corresponding atmospheric lifetimes of alkanes and (CH₃)₂S within the MBL over broad geographic regions. BrO was also an important oxidant for (CH₃)₂S in the model. For the "with halogens" runs, reaction with atomic CI and BrO accounted for 6% and 7%, respectively, of (CH₃)₂S oxidation in the EURO regime; 16% and 59%, respectively, in N-AFR; 12% and 72%,
- ²⁵ respectively, in the ITCZ; and 14% and 57%, respectively, in S-ATL. Because mixing ratios of OH (the other major oxidant for $(CH_3)_2S$) in the "with halogen" runs were substantially lower, these percentage contributions of halogens reflect both the enhanced oxidation by halogens and diminished oxidation by OH relative to "no halogens" runs.

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Overall, the atmospheric lifetimes of $(CH_3)_2S$ within the EURO and N-AFR regime in the "with halogens" and "no halogens" runs were similar but those with the ITCZ and S-ATL were lower by factors of 5.9 and 1.8, respectively. The oxidation of $(CH_3)_2S$ by CI may also influence the distribution of products with implications for aerosol nucleation, growth, and climate feedbacks (e.g., Stickel et al., 1992).

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At aerosol solution pHs of 5 to 6, the aqueous-phase oxidation of S(IV) by hypohalous acids substantially accelerates production of S(VI) relative to other oxidation pathways and thereby reduces the potential for nucleation and growth of new particles and associated influences on radiative transfer (Keene et al., 1998). Because this pathway is strongly pH dependent, direct comparisons between relative rates of S oxidation in the "with halogens" versus "no halogens" runs are misleading because the influence of HCI phase partitioning on solution pH was not considered in the latter and, consequently, the low solution pHs in the "no halogens" runs (Fig. 9) are not representative. However, relative contributions of hypohalous acids to total S(IV) oxidation in

- ¹⁵ the "with halogens" runs for EURO (3%), N-AFR (11%), ITCZ (39%), and S-ATL (3%) indicate that, with the exception of the ITCZ, these pathways accounted for relatively minor fractions of S(VI) production. In all regimes, scavenging of H_2SO_4 vapor was the single most important pathway (Table 3). Both the measurements and simulations indicate that all aerosol size fractions in all regimes were acidic, a prerequisite for sig-
- nificant halogen activation and autocatalytic cycling (Keene et al., 1998). However, the effective solubility of SO₂ over the range of estimated pHs (most between 3 and 4) is low (e.g., Keene et al., 1998) and, consequently, oxidation of S(IV) by hypohalous acids was relatively unimportant. The combination of relatively higher solution pHs and HOCI mixing ratios in the ITCZ regime sustained relatively greater production rates via
- this pathway. These results suggest that significant aqueous-phase oxidation of S(IV) by hypohalous acids may be limited spatially and temporally to a relatively narrow set of conditions in which 1) acids and acid precursors are present at sufficiently high concentrations to titrate sea-salt alkalinity (required to drive halogen-activation chemistry), 2) acids and acid precursors are present at sufficiently low concentrations such that so-

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lution pHs remains above ~4.5 (required for significant SO_2 dissolution), and 3) mixing ratios of HOCI are relatively high.

Several factors influenced variability in the multiphase processing of inorganic Br and related oxidation processes. First, under conditions of moderate to low levels of

pollutants (N-AFR, ITCZ, and S-ATL), both measurements and simulations indicate that most size fractions of marine aerosol were rapidly and substantially debrominated. Consequently, under these conditions, the activation flux of volatile inorganic Br varied as a function of the corresponding production flux of sea salt Br⁻ from the ocean surface (e.g., Fig. 7a). These results suggest that, for marine regions in which sufficient acidity is present to titrate sea-salt alkalinity and sufficient light is present to drive photochemistry, Br activation scales roughly proportionately with marine aerosol production and, thus, with the underlying physical drivers (primarily wind velocity, fetch, and sea state).

Second, in the heavily polluted EURO regime, in other polluted marine regions (e.g.,
 Keene et al., 2007a), and to a lesser extent in less polluted regions (Fig. 2b, Sander et al., 2003), significant Br is apparently sequestered in aerosol solutions by unknown factors and, thus, not considered in current models. This was most evident in the substantial Br enrichment measured in the smallest aerosol size factions for the EURO and N-AFR regimes, which, curiously, were not observed in the two southern regimes.

- ²⁰ Data compiled by Sander et al. (2003) also indicate a tendency for higher EF(Br⁻)s for sub- μ m marine aerosols in the Northern relative to the Southern Hemispheres. In addition, the shorter-lived, super- μ m size fractions, which dominate the production flux of particulate Br⁻, also retained Br⁻ at levels greater than predicted by the model. The retention of significant Br⁻ in the aerosol effectively reduces Br activation per unit sea-
- salt production in ambient air relative to model predictions. Consequently, the modeled mixing ratios of Br_t are considered upper limits and the corresponding influences on chemical processes in the MBL diverge from those in ambient marine air. The lower modeled versus measured EF(Br⁻) also implies more efficient production of BrCl versus Br₂ via hypohalous reactions with particulate halide ions in the model relative to

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ambient air (Fickert et al., 1999). Because BrCl was a major precursor for atomic Cl in all regimes, the modeled concentrations of atomic Cl may also represent upper limits.

Third, at high NO_x mixing ratios in the heavily polluted EURO region, the production of halogen nitrates slowed halogen radical recycling and associated ozone destruction

in the gas phase. These transformations coupled with the high levels of NO_x contributed to the relatively minor influences of halogens on conventional HO_x/NO_x chemistry under these conditions. In less polluted regions, model calculations suggest that the relative influences of Br and Cl on O₃ and NO_x were substantial. In the cleanest regime (the ITCZ), simulated NO_x in the "with halogens" run was a factor of 1.9 lower relative to the "no halogens" run and the corresponding mixing ratios of OH and HO₂ were also substantially lower (Table 3). Taken together, the above results suggest that, in more remote marine regions containing sufficient acidity to titrate sea-salt alkalinity, halogen chemistry significantly modifies the photochemical evolution of the MBL relative to that predicted based on conventional HO_x/NO_x chemistry.

15 4 Summary and conclusions

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- The multiphase processing of inorganic CI- and Br-species was characterized over a broad range of physiochemical conditions within four distinct flow regimes along a latitudinal gradient from 51° N to 17° S through the eastern North and South Atlantic Oceans. Median dry-deposition fluxes of sea salt, total NO₃, and total nss S among the four regimes varied by factors of 25, 17, and 9, respectively.
- Median dry-deposition fluxes of particulate and volatile CI and Br calculated directly from measurements within each regime were approximately balanced by the corresponding production fluxes of CI⁻ and Br⁻ in association with sea-salt aerosol. These relationships support the hypothesis that the production of sea salt at the ocean surface was the primary source for inorganic CI and Br under all flow regimes.

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Acidification and associated dechlorination of sea-salt aerosol primarily via incorporation of HNO₃ sustained HCI mixing ratios ranging from median values of 82 to 682 pmol mol⁻¹ (in the ITCZ and EURO regimes, respectively). Corresponding EF(Cl⁻)s ranged from 0.86 to 0.94 (in the EURO and N-AFR regimes, respectively).

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- Aerosol pHs inferred from the measured phase partitioning of HCl were similar to modeled values. Median pHs for most sea-salt size fractions ranged from ~3 in the EURO regime to the low 4s in the ITCZ.
- Simulated daily maximum concentrations of atomic CI ranged from 2.1×10⁴ cm⁻³ for the ITCZ to 7.8×10⁴ cm⁻³ for the N-AFR regime. At these levels, atomic CI was an important oxidant for alkanes and (CH₃)₂S in all regimes. The principal sources for atomic CI were BrCl photolysis and CIO+NO; BrCl dominated in the three cleaner regimes and CIO+NO in the heavily polluted EURO regime. Cl₂, produced primarily at night via HOCI+Cl⁻, was an important precursor only in the EURO regime. Unlike the situation in a chemically evolving (non-steady-state) pollutant plume over the ocean (e.g., Pechtl and von Glasow, 2007; Lawler et al., 2009), Cl₂ recycling via autocatalytic transformations was relatively unimportant. The production and photolysis of CINO₂ was an insignificant source for atomic CI under all conditions.
- Simulated HOCI was present in all regimes during the daytime with maximum mixing ratios ranging from 8.8 to 51 pmol mol⁻¹ in the S-ATL and EURO regimes, respectively. However, the solubility of SO₂ over the estimated ranges in aerosol-solution pH range was low and, consequently, oxidation of S(IV) by hypohalous acids was a relatively minor source for S(VI) in all but the ITCZ regime.
- Relative to sea salt, all individual aerosol samples integrated over particle size were significantly depleted in Br⁻ (median EF(Br⁻)=0.25). The highest EF(Br⁻)s were in the heavily polluted EURO regime (median=0.52) and the lowest in the

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relatively cleaner S-ATL regime (median=0.14). In contrast, simulations based on the autocatalytic halogen activation mechanism as currently understood predict almost complete debromination of the aerosol under all conditions. In addition, simulated Br_t was greater than measured mixing ratios under most conditions. These results point to an important gap in current understanding of chemical processes involving the activation and/or recycling of inorganic Br in marine air and suggest that the corresponding simulated influences of Br-radical chemistry reported herein represent upper limits.

- Reaction with atomic Br was a significant chemical sink for O₃ in the N-AFR (46% of total), ITCZ (35%), and S-ATL (30%) regimes but not in the EURO regime (5%).
 Reaction with atomic CI accounted for 1% to 5% of the total O₃ sink in all regimes.
- The formation of halogen nitrates accelerated the oxidation of NO_x to HNO₃ and particulate NO₃⁻ primarily via hydrolysis reactions involving S aerosol. Lower mixing ratios of NO_x coupled with direct reactions involving HO_x and halogens resulted in lower peak simulated OH concentrations during midday in the Euro (20%), N-AFR (54%), ITCZ (29%), and S-ATL (40%) regimes relative to the "no halogens" runs with implications for the lifetimes of reactive trace gases.
- Under all conditions, transformations involving halogens resulted in net O_3 destruction. Relative to "no halogens" runs, average steady-state mixing ratios of O_3 in the "with halogens" runs were lower by 22% in EURO, 62% in N-AFR, 29% in ITCZ, and 48% in S-ATL.
- The interrelated influences of halogens on NO_x, HO_x, and O₃ in the model substantially modified oxidation processes and atmospheric lifetimes of reactive trace gases relative to those predicted by conventional HO_x/NO_x chemistry. The relative importance of these influences varied as functions of sea-salt concentrations, absolute levels of pollutant-derived species, and the photochemical age of pollutants.

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Table 1. Start and stop dates, times, and positions for the four transport regimes.

	EURO	N-AFR	ITCZ	S-ATL
Start date, UTC	23 Oct	29 Oct	03 Nov	05 Nov
Start time, hh:mm UTC	06:29	07:40	07:21	18:36
Stop date, UTC	27 Oct	03 Nov	05 Nov	10 Nov
Stop time, hh:mm UTC	03:34	07:21	18:36	20:35
Start latitude, deg	51.37° N	32.79° N	9.98° N	1.36° N
Start longitude, deg	1.94° E	14.07° W	19.98° W	12.77° W
Stop latitude, deg	43.40° N	9.98° N	1.36° N	17.77° S
Stop longitude, deg	9.82° W	19.98° W	12.77° W	4.37° E

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Table 2.	Model	parameterization.
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Parameter	Units	EURO	N-AFR	ITCZ	S-ATL
Date	dd-mmm-yy	25-Oct-03	31-Oct-03	04-Nov-03	08-Nov-03
Latitude	Degrees	48° N	21° N	6° N	9° S
Temperature	°C	11.4	23.2	27.0	22.5
RH	%	56.1	67.6	78.4	77.3
Wind Velocity	m s ⁻¹	7.3	8.5	3.5	8.1
MBL Height	m	912	912	912	912
Aerosol size bins ^a					
Bin 1 Na $^+$ at 23 m	nmol m ⁻³	30.4	74.0	4.4	6.8
Bin 2 Na⁺ at 23 m	nmol m ⁻³	45.8	132.0	7.0	12.4
Bin 3 Na⁺ at 23 m	nmol m ⁻³	44.3	106.0	16.1	27.9
Bin 4 Na $^+$ at 23 m	nmol m ⁻³	12.7	42.9	11.3	21.9
Bin 5 Na ⁺ at 23 m	nmol m ⁻³	10.9	29.7	7.7	17.0
Bin 6 Na⁺ at 23 m	nmol m ⁻³	3.5	9.3	1.9	4.5
Bin 7 Na $^+$ at 23 m	nmol m ⁻³	1.4	3.2	1.8	1.3
Bin 8 nss SO_4^{2-} at 23 m	nmol m ⁻³	15.1	13.4	8.4	9.6
Bin 1 Vertical Scaling Coeff. ^b		0.46	0.52	0.19	0.50
Bin 2 Vertical Scaling Coeff. ^b		0.79	0.82	0.61	0.81
Bin 3 Vertical Scaling Coeff. ^b		0.93	0.94	0.88	0.94
Bin 4 Vertical Scaling Coeff. ^b		0.97	0.97	0.95	0.97
Bin 5 Vertical Scaling Coeff. ^b		0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97
Bin 6 Vertical Scaling Coeff. ^b		0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97
Bin 7 Vertical Scaling Coeff. ^b		0.98	0.98	0.97	0.97
Bin 8 Vertical Scaling Coeff. ^c		1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

Table	2.	Continued.
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Parameter	Units	EURO	N-AFR	ITCZ	S-ATL
Bin 1 Dry-Deposition Velocity	cm s ⁻¹	6.1E+000	5.7E+000	5.9E+000	5.2E+000
Bin 2 Dry-Deposition Velocity	cms^{-1}	2.0E+000	2.1E+000	1.4E+000	2.0E+000
Bin 3 Dry-Deposition Velocity	cms^{-1}	1.1E+000	1.3E+000	5.2E-001	1.2E+000
Bin 4 Dry-Deposition Velocity	cms^{-1}	8.9E-001	1.1E+000	3.2E-001	1.0E+000
Bin 5 Dry-Deposition Velocity	cms^{-1}	8.0E-001	1.0E+000	5.5E-002	9.7E-001
Bin 6 Dry-Deposition Velocity	cm s ⁻¹	1.7E-001	5.7E-001	1.9E-002	4.1E-001
Bin 7 Dry-Deposition Velocity	cm s ⁻¹	1.6E-002	2.0E-002	1.2E-002	1.8E-002
Bin 8 Dry-Deposition Velocity	cms^{-1}	1.6E-002	2.0E-002	1.2E-002	1.8E-002
Gas Dry-Deposition Velocity	cms^{-1}	1.1E+000	1.1E+000	6.8E-001	1.0E+000
O ₃	mol mol ⁻¹	3.5E-008	3.8E-008	2.2E-008	2.3E-008
NO ₂ ^c	mol mol ⁻¹	2.0E-011	2.0E-011	2.0E-011	2.0E-011
CH ^c ₄	mol mol ⁻¹	1.8E-006	1.8E-006	1.8E-006	1.8E-006
HCHO ^c	mol mol ⁻¹	3.0E-010	3.0E-010	3.0E-010	3.0E-010
CO	mol mol ⁻¹	1.4E-007	1.1E-007	9.9E-008	7.7E-008
(CH ₃) ₂ S	mol mol ⁻¹	6.0E-011	6.0E-011	6.0E-011	6.0E-011
SO ₂	mol mol ⁻¹	3.9E-010	1.0E-010	1.9E-011	2.3E-011
$H_2 \overline{O}_2^c$	mol mol ⁻¹	6.0E-010	6.0E-010	6.0E-010	6.0E-010
NH ₃	mol mol ⁻¹	2.7E-010	9.9E-011	7.7E-011	5.0E-011
HNO ₃	mol mol ⁻¹	2.1E-010	1.9E-011	1.2E-011	2.1E-011
HCI	mol mol ⁻¹	6.8E-010	3.5E-010	8.2E-011	2.7E-010
CH₃OH ^c	mol mol ⁻¹	3.0E-010	3.0E-010	3.0E-010	3.0E-010

Unless otherwise noted, parameterizations correspond to median values based on data from the cruise.

^a The ambient geometric mean diameters for aerosol size bins 1 through 8 were 28.8, 15.2, 7.08, 3.32, 1.75, 0.89, 0.46, and 0.18 μ m, respectively.

^b Based on Lewis and Schwartz (2004) (see text).

^c Assumed value.

Scientific notation refers to the power 10; for example, 3.0E-010 is 3.0×10^{-10} .

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Table 3. Summary of selected simulated results.

	EURO ^a	N-AFR ^a	ITCZ ^a	S-ATL ^a
Cl^* (24-h mean), pmol mol ⁻¹	78	19	26	14
HOCI (daytime max), $pmol mol^{-1}$	51	11	21	8.8
$CINO_3$ (daytime max), pmol mol ⁻¹	21	1.8	2.2	0.9
Cl_2 (nighttime, max), pmol mol ⁻¹	36	2.8	5.3	2.0
BrCl (nighttime, max), pmol mol ⁻¹	15	16	7.0	10
Cl-atom conc. (daytime max), cm^{-3}	4.3×10^{4}	7.8×10^4	2.1×10^4	4.1×10^{4}
Sources for atomic Cl				
CIO+NO, %	36	24	16	22
BrCl photolysis, %	25	66	62	64
Cl ₂ photolysis, %	24	3	7	1
HOCI photolysis, %	12	6	15	11
Br_t (24-h mean), pmol mol ⁻¹	15	37	8.3	23
$BrNO_3$ (daytime max), pmol mol ⁻¹	14	18	3.2	9.5
HOBr (daytime max), pmol mol ⁻¹	2.5	11	3.2	7.4
HBr (daytime max), pmol mol ⁻¹	1.6	18	1.2	12
BrO (daytime max), pmol mol ⁻¹	1.0	7.8	3.0	6.5
BrCl (nighttime max), pmol mol ⁻¹	15	16	7.0	10
Br_2 (nightime max), pmol mol ⁻¹	1.0	13	0.7	6.9
Sources for atomic Br				
BrO+NO, %	50	31	15	26
BrCl photolysis, %	26	18	38	19
HOBr photolysis, %	10	19	24	29
Br ₂ photolysis, %	<1	21	7	16

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Table 3. Continued.

	EURO ^a	N-AFR ^a	ITCZ ^a	S-ATL ^a
NO_x (24-h mean), pmol mol ⁻¹	171	31	8.3	20
NO_{x} (24-h mean, "no halogens"), pmol mol ⁻¹	237	62	27	37
NO (daytime max), $pmol mol^{-1}$	28	10	1.7	7.6
NO (daytime max, "no halogens"), $pmol mol^{-1}$	42	16	6.0	12
Heterogeneous NO _x sinks				
S aerosol, % heterogeneous	91	69	86	79
CINO ₃ hydrolysis, % heterogeneous	53	14	54	16
BrNO ₃ hydrolysis, % heterogeneous	27	54	33	59
N ₂ O ₅ hydrolysis, % heterogeneous	11	<1	<1	<1
BrNO ₃ + Cl ⁻ , % heterogeneous	3	19	3	12
OH (daytime max), $pmol mol^{-1}$	0.11	0.10	0.022	0.15
OH (daytime max, "no halogens"), pmol mol ⁻¹	0.13	0.22	0.031	0.25
HO ₂ (daytime max), pmol mol ⁻¹	9.2	12	4.4	14
HO_2 (daytime max, "no halogens"), pmol mol ⁻¹	8.2	17	6.0	18
O_3 (24-h mean), nmol mol ⁻¹	49	14	29	14
O_3 (24-h mean, "no halogen"), nmol mol ⁻¹	64	37	41	28
O_3 chemical sinks				
O ₃ +Br, %	5	46	35	30
O ₃ +Cl, %	3	2	5	1
Sources for particulate nss SO_4^{2-}				
H_2SO_4 scavenging, %	96	81	50	92
HOCI+S(IV), %	3	11	39	3

^aUnless otherwise noted, results correspond to "with halogens" runs.

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Fig. 1. Five-day HYSPLIT back trajectories initiated at 500-m elevation along the cruise track. Start times correspond to the midpoint of each aerosol and filter-pack sampling interval. Trajectories for the EURO regime are plotted in black, N-AFR in red, ITCZ in light blue, and S-ATL in green.



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Fig. 2. Latitudinal variability in (a) air temperature, RH, and wind velocity averaged over each mist-chamber sampling interval; (b) particulate Na⁺, EF(Cl⁻), and EF(Br⁻); (c) HCl, Cl^{*}, and particulate Cl⁻ deficit; (d) Br_t and particulate Br⁻ deficit; (e) HNO₃ and particulate NO₃⁻; (f) SO₂ and particulate nss SO₄²⁻; and (g) pH of GMD 7.1- μ m and GMD 0.46- μ m aerosol size fractions. In panel (f), SO₂ during the first sampling interval (2277 pmol mol⁻¹) is off scale. Values below DLs are plotted as 0.5×DLs. Vertical dashed lines partition major transport regimes.

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Fig. 3. Box and whisker plots depicting particulate size distributions (90th, 75th, 50th, 25th, and 10th percentiles) based on all data for (a) Na^+ , (b) CI^- , (c) $EF(CI^-)$, (d) Br^- , (e) $EF(Br^-)$, (f) NO_3^- , (g) nss SO_4^{2-} , and (h) aerosol pH. Median size distributions of (i) Na^+ , (j) CI^- , (k) $EF(CI^-)$, (l) Br^- , (m) $EF(Br^-)$, (n) NO_3^- , (o) nss SO_4^{2-} , and (p) aerosol pH for each transport regime.











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Fig. 7. (a) Absolute particulate Br^- deficit relative to sea salt versus particulate Na^+ within the four regimes. The line depicts the ratio of particulate Br^- to Na^+ in seawater (0.001798 mol mol⁻¹). (b) Br_t versus absolute particulate Br^- deficit relative to sea salt within the four regimes. Lines depict reduced major axis regressions (Keene et al., 1986) for day-time (dashed, slope=1.66, Y intercept=-0.3, and r²=0.64) and nighttime (solid, slope=0.88, Y intercept=2.1, and r^2 =0.77).

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Fig. 8. Diel cycles in mixing ratios of gas-phase species simulated for the four flow regimes; values for runs "with halogens" are in black and those with "no halogens" are in red.

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Fig. 9. Average size distributions of particulate-phase species simulated for the four flow regimes; values for runs "with halogens" are in black and those with "no halogens" are in red. To facilitate direct comparison with measured size distributions, constituents associated with the S size bin have been added to those associated with the smallest sea-salt size bin.

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Fig. 10. Diel cycles in selected NO_x sinks simulated for the four flow regimes. Values for runs "with halogens" are depicted in the top row of panels and those for "no halogens" are in the bottom row. Gas-phase sinks are in red, heterogeneous reactions involving sea salt are in blue, and those involving S aerosol are in green. Gas-phase reactions include NO₂+O₃, NO₂+OH, and NO₃+(CH₃)₂S; HNO₃ photolysis is evaluated as a negative sink. Heterogeneous pathways include hydrolysis and reactions with particulate Cl⁻ and Br⁻ involving ClNO₃, BrNO₃, and N₂O₅.

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