



## Supplement of

## **Observations of iodine monoxide over three summers at the Indian Antarctic bases of Bharati and Maitri**

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## 1 Supplementary text:

**Table S1:** Mean and standard deviations for the mixing ratios and the vertical cloumns of IO

7 observed during the four campaigns.

Campaign	Mean ± Std. Dev. IO mixing ration below 400 m (pptv)	Mean ± Std. Dev. IO Vertical Column Density (VCD) (x 10 <sup>12</sup> molecules cm <sup>-2</sup> )
ISEA-34 Bharati	$0.30\pm0.05$	$2.83 \pm 0.60$
ISEA-34 Maitri	0.41 ± 0.29	$3.40 \pm 0.57$
ISEA-35 Bharati	$0.36\pm0.27$	$2.62 \pm 1.16$
ISEA-36 Bharati	$0.47 \pm 0.31$	$3.92 \pm 0.79$



**Figure S1:** Typical examples of DOAS fits for O<sub>4</sub> and IO are shown. Both the fits are from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016, during ISEA-35 at Bharati at 05:33:56 UTC, solar zenith angle: 54.15° and elevation angle: 3°. The RMS for the O<sub>4</sub> window was  $4.44 \times 10^{-4}$  (2 $\sigma$  detection limit: 0.19 x 10<sup>43</sup> molecule<sup>2</sup> cm<sup>-5</sup>) and the retrieved DSCD was  $4.40 \pm 0.03 \times 10^{43}$  molecule<sup>2</sup> cm<sup>-5</sup>. The RMS for the IO window was  $3.7 \times 10^{-4}$  (2 $\sigma$  detection limit: 2.11 x 10<sup>13</sup> molecules cm<sup>-2</sup>) and the retrieved DSCD was  $4.1 \pm 0.5 \times 10^{13}$  molecules cm<sup>-2</sup>.



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**Figure S2:** A zoomed in view of two typical days, which were mostly clear, for the  $O_4$  and IO DSCDs observed during the 35<sup>th</sup> ISEA at Bharati are shown. The smaller circles represent values below the 2 $\sigma$  detection limit of the instrument, while the bigger circles are values above the 2 $\sigma$ detection limit. The data are color-coded according to elevation angles. The times are in UTC.



Figure S3: A comparison of the MAX-DOAS observed O<sub>4</sub> DSCDs with the MAPA modelled
DSCDs for all the four campaigns are shown. These are typical examples chosen randomly for the
scans which were retrieved as 'good'.



Figure S4: A comparison of the MAX-DOAS observed IO DSCDs with the MAPA modelled DSCDs for all the four campaigns are shown. These are typical examples chosen randomly for the scans which were scanned as 'good'.



Figure S5: AOD timeseries retrieved using the O<sub>4</sub> DSCDs for all the four campaigns are shown.
The flags for 'good' (green), 'warning' (blue) and 'bad' (red) are colour coded. The green data
show the good datapoints, which are reliable and were mostly during clear sky conditions. The
times are in UTC.



Figure S6: Observations of IO vertical column densities observed through all the four campaigns are shown. The flags for 'good' (green), 'warning' (blue) and 'bad' (red) are colour coded. These data were mostly during periods of clear sky, and where IO was observed above the detection limit for most of the set elevation angles, enabling a reliable profile retrieval. The times are in UTC.



**Figure S7:** Typical examples of aerosol extinction profiles retrieved during all the four campaigns

47 are shown.



Figure S8: The block air mass factors for satellite retrievals showing the significant difference
between the block AMFs over Antarctica at different albedo values are shown.



**Figure S9:** Source regions defined for studying the back trajectories. A 0.5° belt along the Antarctic coast (blue line) was selected as 'coastal', with the oceanic (yellow boundary) and continental (purple boundary) defined any regions to the north and south of this belt.



59 Figure S10: Vertical profiles of IO (coloured scatter plot) along with the source regions (red 60 points) during all the campaigns are shown. The source regions were 1= Coastal; 2= Continental 61 and 3= Oceanic, as defined in the text. The times are in UTC.