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# A box model study on photochemical interactions between VOCs and reactive halogen species in the marine boundary layer

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## Abstract

A new chemical scheme is developed for the multiphase photochemical box model SEAMAC (size-SEgregated Aerosol model for Marine Air Chemistry) to investigate photochemical interactions between volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and reactive halogen species in the marine boundary layer (MBL). Based primarily on critically evaluated kinetic and photochemical rate parameters as well as a protocol for chemical mechanism development, the new scheme has achieved a near-explicit treatment of oxidative degradation of up to C<sub>3</sub>-hydrocarbons (CH<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>) initiated by reactions with OH radicals, Cl- and Br-atoms, and O<sub>3</sub>. Rate constants and product yields for reactions involving halogen species are taken from the literature where available, but the majority of them need to be estimated. In particular, addition reactions of halogen atoms with alkenes will result in the formation of halogenated organic intermediates, whose photochemical loss rates are carefully evaluated in the present work. Model calculations with the new chemical scheme reveal that the oceanic emissions of acetaldehyde (CH<sub>3</sub>CHO) and alkenes (especially C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>) are important factors for regulating reactive halogen chemistry in the MBL by promoting the conversion of Br atoms into HBr or more stable brominated intermediates in the organic form. The latter include brominated hydroperoxides, bromoacetaldehyde, and bromoacetone, which sequester bromine from reactive inorganic pool. The total mixing ratio of brominated organic species thus produced is likely to reach 10–20% or more of that of inorganic gaseous bromine species over wide regions over the ocean. On the other hand, the reaction between Br atoms and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> is unimportant for determining the degree of bromine activation in the remote MBL. It is suggested that peroxyacetic acid formed via CH<sub>3</sub>CHO oxidation is one of the important chemical agents for triggering autocatalytic halogen release from sea-salt aerosols. These results imply that reactive halogen chemistry can mediate a link between the oceanic emissions of VOCs and the behaviors of compounds that are sensitive to halogen chemistry such as dimethyl sulfide, NO<sub>x</sub>, and O<sub>3</sub> in the MBL.

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## 1. Introduction

Reactive halogen chemistry involving sea-salt aerosols is potentially important for determining the behaviors of O<sub>3</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, dimethyl sulfide (DMS), and mercury in the marine boundary layer (MBL). Several exploratory modeling studies have indicated that reactive bromine and chlorine species can build up via autocatalytic halogen release from sea-salt aerosols to strongly influence the fate of the above-mentioned species via reactions occurring in the gas phase as well as in aerosols and cloud droplets (Sander and Crutzen, 1996; Vogt et al., 1996; Sander et al., 1999; Toyota et al., 2001; von Glasow et al., 2002a,b; Hedgecock et al., 2003). There also exists circumstantial evidence that reactive halogen chemistry exerts a strong influence on DMS and O<sub>3</sub> loss rates in the air over the ocean, as envisaged from large discrepancies between their mixing ratios modeled without halogen chemistry and those observed (e.g. Chin et al., 1998; Dickerson et al., 1999; Nagao et al., 1999; James et al., 2000; Chand et al., 2003). The autocatalytic halogen release is triggered by scavenging either OH, NO<sub>3</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, or O<sub>3</sub> from the gas phase to oxidize Br<sup>-</sup> in sea salt (Finlayson-Pitts et al., 1990; Sander and Crutzen, 1996; Hirokawa et al., 1998; Knipping et al., 2000). Caro's acid (HSO<sub>5</sub><sup>-</sup>), formed via aqueous-phase radical reactions of S(IV), and inorganic iodine species such as HOI, derived from organic iodines of biogenic origin, are also suggested to be effective in oxidizing sea-salt Br<sup>-</sup> (Mozurkewich, 1995; Vogt et al., 1996, 1999). Even though small initially, the amount of reactive bromine thus produced will be increased under sunlight as mediated by a series of reactions in the gas phase and in the acidified sea-salt aerosols (Sander and Crutzen, 1996; Vogt et al., 1996; Sander et al., 1999):



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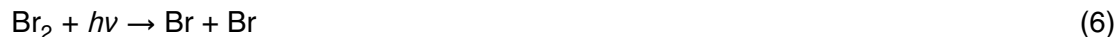
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It should be noted that reactive chlorine is also released from sea-salt aerosols in this reaction sequence. Although not definitively, model predictions about the behaviors of inorganic bromine compounds are supported by observational data. During 8 days of a cruise off the west African coast, [Rancher and Kritz \(1980\)](#) collected air samples in the tropical MBL using alkali-impregnated filters. They found that the mixing ratio of inorganic gaseous bromine varied between 1 and 6 pmol/mol at close range to that of particulate bromine for aerosol samples simultaneously obtained. In addition, the mixing ratio of inorganic gaseous bromine was generally higher during the daytime than during the nighttime and that of particulate bromine showed an opposite diurnal trend, implying that a sunlight-induced mechanism is responsible for bromine release from sea-salt aerosols. Using the same technique, [Rahn et al. \(1976\)](#) determined the mixing ratio of inorganic gaseous bromine to be 6.7 pmol/mol for one sample collected at Bermuda. Further support is given by a fact that substantial  $\text{Br}^-$  loss from sea-salt aerosols is quite common in the mid- and low-latitude remote MBL and closely linked with the availability of acidity in aerosols ([Duce et al., 1983](#); [Arimoto et al., 1987, 1990](#); [Ayers et al., 1999](#); [Gabriel et al., 2002](#)). On the other hand, measurements using a Differential Optical Absorption Spectroscopy (DOAS) instrument at Mace Head (the mid-latitude coastal site) determined the mixing ratio of BrO to be always close to or below the detection limit of about 1-2 pmol/mol ([James et al., 2000](#)). [Leser et al. \(2003\)](#) deduced the similar range of BrO mixing ratios (generally below the detection limit of <1 to 3.6 pmol/mol with a maximum significant value of 2.4 pmol/mol) in the Atlantic MBL from shipboard DOAS measurements during the cruise from Germany to South

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Africa in October 2000. These rather low levels of BrO mixing ratios are still within the range of model predictions, and besides, capable of doubling the oxidation rates of NO<sub>x</sub> and DMS as well as augmenting the photochemical loss rate of O<sub>3</sub> by at least 5-10% in the mid-latitude MBL (Vogt et al., 1996; Ingham et al., 1999; Sander et al., 1999; Toyota et al., 2001).

As mentioned above, the autocatalytic halogen release from sea-salt aerosols is a consequence of interplay between the gas- and aqueous-phase reactions. Therefore the concentrations of gas-phase compounds that are reactive toward halogen species are among the key factors for the buildup of reactive halogens. For instance, model-predicted bromine activation is notably enhanced by varying O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratios from ~10 nmol/mol to ~20 nmol/mol, since Reaction (8) is an important step to give HOBr and BrONO<sub>2</sub>, key compounds for oxidizing halide ions in the aqueous phase (von Glasow et al., 2002a; Wagner et al., 2002). Reactions between Br atoms and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) will exert an opposite influence on the autocatalytic halogen release by circumventing Reaction (8). To date several studies concerning halogen chemistry in the springtime Arctic boundary layer have addressed the significance of such reactions. For instance, HCHO and CH<sub>3</sub>CHO are important for determining the magnitude of “bromine explosion” and its impact on O<sub>3</sub> loss in the springtime Arctic boundary layer, since these aldehydes are fairly abundant there (typically [HCHO] ~200 pmol/mol and [CH<sub>3</sub>CHO] ~100 pmol/mol) and highly reactive toward Br atoms to give HBr (Shepson et al., 1996; Sumner and Shepson, 1999). Addition reactions of Br atoms to C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> are also suggested to be effective in impeding the bromine explosion, since they result in the formation of relatively stable brominated intermediates in the organic form; however, the magnitude of their impacts depends strongly on a factor that is not fully characterized, i.e. how stable the reaction products are against subsequent reactions to regenerate inorganic bromine (McConnell et al., 1992; Sander et al., 1997).

Actually, a variety of evidence suggests that oxygenated organic compounds and non-methane hydrocarbons are emitted from the ocean to the overlying atmosphere

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(e.g. Ratte et al., 1993; Zhou and Mopper, 1997; Lewis et al., 1999, 2001; Singh et al., 2001). In the remote MBL, the origins of short-lived VOCs such as CH<sub>3</sub>CHO and low-molecular-weight alkenes are often dominated by their oceanic emissions with impacts of long-range transport from the continents being marginal (Koppmann et al., 1992; Donahue and Prinn, 1993; Plass-Dülmer et al., 1993; Heikes et al., 1996; Saito et al., 2000; Singh et al., 2001). Previous studies have addressed the impacts of oceanic VOCs emissions within the context of HO<sub>x</sub>-NO<sub>x</sub> chemistry and/or organic acids formation (e.g. Arlander et al., 1990; Donahue and Prinn, 1990; Singh et al., 2001). However, tropospheric chemical-transport models often neglect or incompletely account for the oceanic emissions of VOCs, thereby underestimating the concentrations of carboxylic acids and carbonyl compounds in the remote marine atmosphere (Baboukas et al., 2000; Singh et al., 2001).

Here we investigate the potential impacts of short-lived VOCs of oceanic origin on reactive halogen chemistry in the MBL by using the multiphase photochemical box model SEAMAC (size-SEgregated Aerosol model for Marine Air Chemistry) (Toyota et al., 2001). The model takes account of a number of reactions for halogen species (Cl<sub>x</sub>, Br<sub>x</sub>) as well as O<sub>x</sub>, HO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, CO and hydrocarbon oxidation products in the gas phase and in the deliquesced sea-salt aerosols. For the purpose of this study, the gas-phase reaction scheme is thoroughly updated from that in our previous work to achieve a near-explicit representation of photochemical degradation of up to C<sub>3</sub>-hydrocarbons (i.e. CH<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>) initiated by reactions with OH radicals, Cl- and Br-atoms, and O<sub>3</sub>. In the following sections we will start with reviewing the state of knowledge about the origins of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, and CH<sub>3</sub>CHO in the MBL (Sect. 2) and will then describe the new chemical mechanism introduced to SEAMAC (Sect. 3). Then the basic framework of SEAMAC will be briefly described and the details of numerical experiments conducted will be explained (Sect. 4). Finally, results of model runs will be presented and discussed within the context of impacts on halogen activation (Sect. 5).

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## 2. Ethene, propene, and acetaldehyde in the MBL

Seawater concentrations of low-molecular-weight non-methane hydrocarbons and some carbonyl compounds have been found to be supersaturated relative to their concentrations in the overlying air (Lamontagne et al., 1974; Bonsang et al., 1988; Plass et al., 1992; Donahue and Prinn, 1993; Zhou and Mopper, 1997). These compounds are produced primarily via photochemical degradation of dissolved organic carbon of biogenic origin, whereas their direct formation via biological processes is of secondary importance (Ratte et al., 1993, 1998; Zhou and Mopper, 1997). Among the compounds supersaturated in seawater, the origins of relatively long-lived species including C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>, and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> appear to be dominated by long-range transport from the continents even in the remote MBL (Koppmann et al., 1992; Plass-Dülmer et al., 1993). On the other hand, low-molecular-weight alkenes including C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> are almost exclusively derived from their oceanic emissions in the remote MBL (Koppmann et al., 1992; Plass-Dülmer et al., 1993; Heikes et al., 1996). Similarly, Singh et al. (2001) found that the atmospheric mixing ratios of CH<sub>3</sub>CHO simulated by a global-scale tropospheric chemical-transport model of Harvard University were lower by about 80-90% than observed over the remote tropical Pacific Ocean, suggesting the presence of missing sources including the oceanic emission.

Table 1 lists the observed mixing ratios of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, and CH<sub>3</sub>CHO in the MBL with clean air masses as reported in the recent literature. In the present work, model runs are conducted to cover the ranges of these observed mixing ratios by varying net sea-to-air fluxes of these compounds.

Regarding CH<sub>3</sub>CHO, only the work of Zhou and Mopper (1997) has quantitatively assessed its sea-to-air flux by measuring the concentrations in the sea surface microlayer and the underlying bulk seawater of the south Sargasso Sea about 100 km east of the Bahamas. They found that CH<sub>3</sub>CHO is significantly enriched in the surface microlayer than in the bulk seawater and that the microlayer enrichment becomes greater during the daytime. Applying these measurements to a diffusive microlayer model, net sea-to-

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air flux of CH<sub>3</sub>CHO was estimated to be approximately  $1.2 \times 10^{10}$  molecule cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>. We find that this value is more than enough to give observed CH<sub>3</sub>CHO mixing ratios presented in Table 1 under the mid-latitude MBL conditions. Thus oceanic emission rates somewhat smaller than estimated by Zhou and Mopper (1997) are invoked in our model runs (see Sect. 4).

It is interesting to note that a significant enrichment of HCHO in the sea surface microlayer also takes place as a result of its photochemical production during the daytime. Zhou and Mopper (1997) found the molar concentration of HCHO in the sea surface microlayer to be even greater than that of CH<sub>3</sub>CHO. However, since the hydration constant of HCHO is three orders of magnitude greater than that of CH<sub>3</sub>CHO, HCHO formed in the surface microlayer will be diffused downward to the bulk seawater rather than emitted to the overlying atmosphere. In other words, the sea surface represents a sink for atmospheric HCHO.

Regarding C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, a fairly large number of studies have been performed in attempts to estimate their fluxes from the ocean (see Fig. 1). Methods applied in such estimates can be categorized into two types. The first type of method is a diffusive microlayer approach based on observed seawater concentrations (e.g. Plass-Dülmer et al., 1993), which would be less susceptible to anthropogenic influences than atmospheric concentrations. However, this approach as applied to date might have underestimated the rates of alkene emissions from the ocean, since seawater samples have been generally taken from the bulk subsurface water rather than from the surface microlayer (Lewis et al., 2001). The second type of method is a budget analysis based on observed atmospheric concentrations with the aid of photochemical models (e.g. Heikes et al., 1996). Flux estimates made by Donahue and Prinn (1990) based on this method are extremely greater than other estimates, since the atmospheric data they used are biased toward higher concentrations ([C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>] ~150 pmol/mol, [C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>] ~100 pmol/mol) than those typical of the remote MBL. As suggested by Donahue and Prinn (1993), atmospheric samplings under relatively strong influence of long-range transport from the continents and/or systematic problems with canister sampling would

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be probable reasons for high alkene concentrations obtained in some earlier studies. Among the estimates presented in Fig. 1, those made by [Plass-Dülmer et al. \(1993\)](#), [Heikes et al. \(1996\)](#), [Thompson et al. \(1993\)](#), [Bonsang \(1993\)](#), and [Donahue and Prinn \(1990\)](#) are used in our model runs. Under the mid-latitude MBL conditions the first four estimates will generally give the lower-bound to median mixing ratios of alkenes presented in Table 1, whereas the estimates by [Donahue and Prinn \(1990\)](#) will give C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> mixing ratios both in excess of 100 pmol/mol. Although the latter situation would hardly occur in the remote MBL, resultant influence on halogen activation is noteworthy as will be shown later (see Sect. 5).

### 3. Chemical mechanism development

A number of studies have been conducted to address tropospheric photochemistry of hydrocarbons initiated via reactions with OH, NO<sub>3</sub>, and O<sub>3</sub>. Relevant kinetic and photochemical parameters for these reactions have been determined by numerous experimental studies and critically evaluated to give recommended values (e.g. [Atkinson et al., 1997, 1999](#)), which provide a primary basis for our chemical mechanism development. By supplementing with a protocol based on the version 3 of Master Chemical Mechanism (MCM) ([Jenkin et al., 1997](#); [Saunders et al., 2003](#)), a near-explicit chemical mechanism describing the degradation of up to C<sub>3</sub>-hydrocarbons is constructed.

Kinetic and mechanistic information on hydrocarbon degradation initiated by halogen atoms has been less characterized in comparison. Nevertheless, kinetic data for the reactions of Cl- and Br-atoms with various low-molecular-weight hydrocarbons and their mechanistic information are becoming available (e.g. [Barnes et al., 1989](#); [Wallington et al., 1989](#); [Bierbach et al., 1996](#); [DeMore et al., 1997](#); [Atkinson et al., 1997, 1999](#)). In view of results from laboratory studies identifying reaction products, their degradation pathways possess qualitative similarities to those for OH-initiated reactions (e.g. [Barnes et al., 1989](#); [Yarwood et al., 1992](#); [Bierbach et al., 1997](#)). Main difficulties arise in the scarcity of kinetic and mechanistic information on the reactions of halogen-

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containing organic oxygenates. They need to be estimated in the majority of cases; however, by extrapolating available information, a near-explicit description of Cl- and Br-initiated degradation of up to C<sub>3</sub>-hydrocarbons is also achieved. The methodology applied in MCM helps create a protocol for such reactions as well.

Unfortunately experimental data for aqueous-phase reactions of halogen-containing organic oxygenates are generally lacking. Hence our efforts to develop an updated chemical mechanism are placed mainly on gas-phase chemistry. The uptake of organic acids onto sea-salt aerosols is basically taken into account, although their further degradation via aqueous-phase chemistry are neglected except those for HCOOH/HCOO<sup>-</sup>. The aerosol uptake of organic hydroperoxides, aldehydes, and ketones is also neglected with a few exceptions. These assumptions may not constitute major drawbacks, since the aqueous solubility of these gases is expected to be fairly low and the liquid water content of sea-salt aerosols would be too small for such compounds to exert a noticeable influence on overall chemistry.

In this section we describe how we have constructed a new chemical mechanism by highlighting the Br- and/or Cl-initiated degradation pathways of each hydrocarbon considered in the present work. Since Cl-initiated degradation of alkenes possess qualitative similarities to Br-initiated counterparts, the descriptions of the former are eliminated from this section and provided in an electronic supplement ([http://www.atmos-chem-phys.org/acpd/3/4549/acpd-3-4549\\_supp.zip](http://www.atmos-chem-phys.org/acpd/3/4549/acpd-3-4549_supp.zip)) to this paper instead. Complete listings of gas- and aqueous-phase reactions with their rate constants and of relevant parameters (Henry's law constants, mass accommodation coefficients, and equilibrium constants for ion dissociation) for multiphase reactions are also given in the electronic supplement ([http://www.atmos-chem-phys.org/acpd/3/4549/acpd-3-4549\\_supp.zip](http://www.atmos-chem-phys.org/acpd/3/4549/acpd-3-4549_supp.zip)).

### 3.1. Alkane degradation initiated by Cl/Br atoms

Chlorine atoms are highly reactive towards alkanes and generally their rate constants are even greater than those for analogous reactions between OH radicals and alkanes.

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The reactions will proceed via hydrogen abstraction from alkyl group to give HCl and alkyl peroxy radicals in the ambient air:



In the present work rate constants for these reactions are taken from those recommended by [Atkinson et al. \(1999\)](#). The product branching ratios of Reaction (13) are taken from experimentally determined values at 296 K ([Tyndall et al., 1997](#)).

10 Alkyl peroxy radicals thus produced will undergo further degradation following the same pathways as those produced via OH-initiated alkane oxidations. Among the degradation products a series of aldehydes, HCHO, CH<sub>3</sub>CHO, and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CHO, is most noteworthy in terms of autocatalytic halogen release from sea-salt aerosols, since they react quite rapidly with Br atoms to give relatively stable HBr:



It should be noted that rate constants for these reactions become progressively greater as the carbon number of alkyl group increases:  $k_{15}/k_{14} = 3.60 \pm 0.29$  and  $k_{16}/k_{14} = 6.65 \pm 0.53$  over the temperature range 240–300 K ([Ramacher et al., 2000](#)).  
 20 In view of recent observational data for the mixing ratios of HCHO (ca. 300 pmol/mol) and CH<sub>3</sub>CHO (ca. 90 pmol/mol) in the remote Pacific lower troposphere ([Singh et al., 2001](#)), CH<sub>3</sub>CHO is suggested as important as HCHO for impeding autocatalytic halogen release in the MBL (see Sect. 5.2 for further discussion).

25 Reactions between Br atoms and low-molecular-weight alkanes proceed so slow at atmospheric temperatures that they are of negligible importance in the atmosphere

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(Russell et al., 1988). Thus the reactions of Br atoms with CH<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, and C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub> are neglected in our reaction scheme.

### 3.2. C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> degradation initiated by Br atoms

The reaction Br + C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> will proceed predominantly via addition channel to give BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OO radicals in the ambient air:

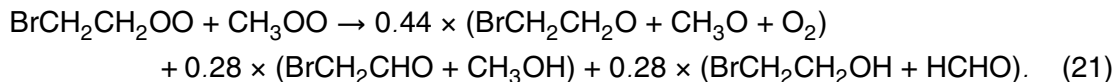
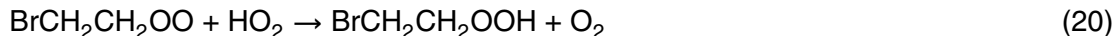


whereas a hydrogen abstraction channel is too endothermic ( $\Delta H_{298} = 23.2 \pm 1$  kcal/mol) to possess a noticeable rate at ambient temperature (Bedjanian et al., 1999):



In the present work the rate constant for Reaction (17) is taken from Ramacher et al. (2001).

Yarwood et al. (1992) performed an FTIR product study for UV-irradiated Br<sub>2</sub>/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>/air mixtures and identified BrCH<sub>2</sub>CHO, BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OOH, and BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH as main degradation products where secondary reactions are minimized. This implies that BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OO formed via Reaction (17) will undergo qualitatively similar reactions to those of simple peroxy radicals such as CH<sub>3</sub>OO. Thus reactions with either NO, HO<sub>2</sub>, or CH<sub>3</sub>OO are deemed to be the most likely fate of BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OO in the ambient air:



Unfortunately, kinetic and mechanistic data do not exist except the self-reaction of BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OO and are therefore estimated as described in Sect. 3.5. Here it should

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be noted that kinetic and mechanistic nature of the reactions of  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OO}$  with  $\text{NO}$ ,  $\text{HO}_2$ , and  $\text{CH}_3\text{OO}$  are assumed generally identical to those of  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OO}$  (see also Sect. S1 of the electronic supplement, [http://www.atmos-chem-phys.org/acpd/3/4549/acpd-3-4549\\_supp.zip](http://www.atmos-chem-phys.org/acpd/3/4549/acpd-3-4549_supp.zip)). There are two justifications for this assumption.

5 Firstly, [Yarwood et al. \(1992\)](#) also performed an FTIR product analysis for UV-irradiated  $\text{Cl}_2/\text{C}_2\text{H}_4/\text{air}$  mixtures and found that main degradation products are  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CHO}$ ,  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OOH}$ , and  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  with the yields identical to those of  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CHO}$ ,  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OOH}$ , and  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  formed from UV-irradiated  $\text{Br}_2/\text{C}_2\text{H}_4/\text{air}$  mixtures. Secondly, rate constants for the self-reactions of  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OO}$  ( $k = 4.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and of  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OO}$  ( $k = 3.3 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) are fairly close to each other, being more than an order of magnitude greater than that for the self-reaction of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OO}$  ([Crowley and Moortgat, 1992](#); [Villenave et al., 2003](#)). The slight difference between the rate constants for the self-reactions of  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OO}$  and of  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OO}$  results in a somewhat greater rate constant estimated for Reaction (21) than that for the analogous cross-reaction  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OO} + \text{CH}_3\text{OO}$  (see Sect. 3.5).

By analogy with the fate of  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  radicals produced via OH-initiated  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  oxidation, alkoxy radicals ( $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}^*$  and  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ) formed via Reactions (19) and (21) can either decompose to give  $\text{BrCH}_2 + \text{HCHO}$  or react with  $\text{O}_2$  to give  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CHO} + \text{HO}_2$ . However, in view of fairly good mass balance between  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  reacted and the three main products containing bromine in the experiments performed by [Yarwood et al. \(1992\)](#), it is quite likely that  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  radicals formed via Reaction (21) exclusively react with  $\text{O}_2$ :



25 On the other hand, recent experimental studies identified several examples for chlorinated and/or brominated alkoxy radicals produced via reactions between their parent peroxy radicals and  $\text{NO}$  to decompose before thermalized, since alkoxy radicals thus produced will possess internal excitation due to the exothermicity of reactions ([Bilde](#)

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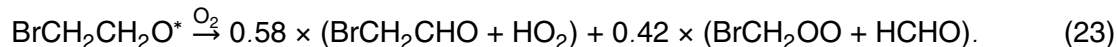
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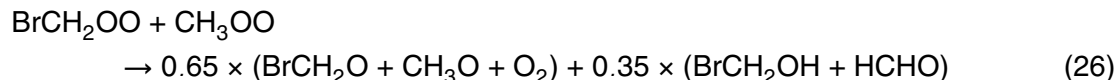
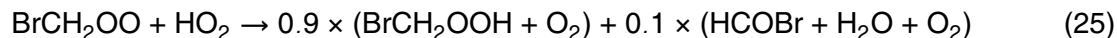
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et al., 1998, 1999; Orlando et al., 1998). However, it is completely unknown whether Reaction (19) gives internally excited  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}^*$ , since previous product studies for Br-initiated  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  degradation have not been conducted with added NO to facilitate Reaction (19) (Barnes et al., 1989; Yarwood et al., 1992). The fate of  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}^*$ , if formed, is also unknown. In the present work it is tentatively assumed that Reaction (19) does give  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}^*$  and that the further degradation of  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}^*$  occurs analogously to that of  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O}^*$  (see Sect. S1):



The reactions of  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{OO}$  have been characterized relatively well. Rate constants and product branching ratios for its reactions with NO,  $\text{HO}_2$ , and itself have been measured or derived experimentally (Sehested et al., 1993; Chen et al., 1995; Villenave and Lesclaux, 1995). Such information well delineates the fate of  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{OO}$  in the ambient air:



where the rate constant and the branching ratios for Reaction (26) are estimated as described in Sect. 3.5.

The fate of  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{O}$  (or  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{O}^*$ ) radicals has been addressed by experimental studies in the context of atmospheric chemistry of  $\text{CH}_3\text{Br}$  initiated by OH- or Cl-attack (Nielsen et al., 1991; Weller et al., 1992; Chen et al., 1995; Orlando et al., 1996). The formation of  $\text{HCOBr}$  is generally observed in the absence of NO in the reaction systems, which was attributed to a reaction between  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{O}_2$  by Nielsen et al. (1991) and Weller et al. (1992):



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The yields of HCOBr were suppressed to levels lower than detection limits by adding NO to the reaction systems (Weller et al., 1992; Chen et al., 1995; Orlando et al., 1996), which can be deemed to represent a piece of evidence for internally excited BrCH<sub>2</sub>O\* radicals formed via Reaction (24) decomposing before reacting with O<sub>2</sub>:



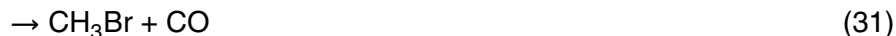
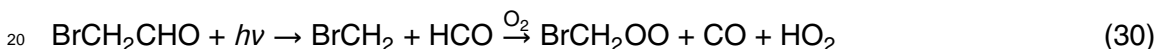
However, Chen et al. (1995) and Orlando et al. (1996) found the independence of the HCOBr yield on O<sub>2</sub> partial pressure even in the absence of NO, and thus concluded that HCOBr observed in the absence of NO was likely to be formed via Reaction (25) rather than via Reaction (27). In the present work BrCH<sub>2</sub>O is assumed to undergo either Reaction (27) or decomposition via Br-atom elimination:



where  $k_{27} = 6 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $k_{29} = 3 \times 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$ , respectively (Orlando et al., 1996). It follows that approximately 99% of BrCH<sub>2</sub>O loss occurs via Reaction (29) in 1 atm of air. On the other hand, BrCH<sub>2</sub>O\* radicals are assumed to exclusively undergo decomposition via Reaction (28).

Kinetic and mechanistic data for the degradation reactions of brominated organic intermediates are severely limited. Therefore the fate of this class of compounds is described mostly on the basis of estimated reaction rates as mentioned below.

In the ambient air BrCH<sub>2</sub>CHO will be destroyed via either photolysis or OH attack:



The rate constant for Reaction (32) as well as absorption cross sections and quantum yields for BrCH<sub>2</sub>CHO photolysis are unknown at the present time; they are estimated as described in section 3.6. The formation of CH<sub>3</sub>Br + CO, i.e. Reaction (31), is assumed

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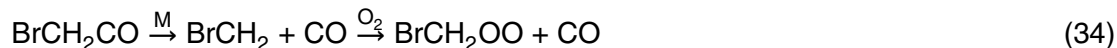
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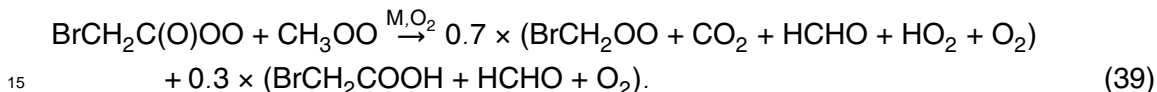
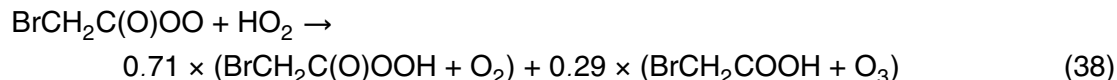
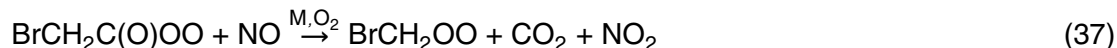
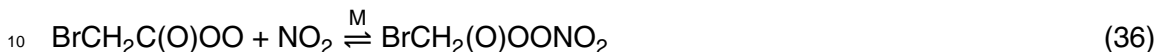
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to occur as a minor channel of  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CHO}$  photolysis.  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CO}$  radicals formed via Reaction (32) will be lost via three different pathways:



where the branching ratios of Reactions (33), (34), and (35) are 0.5, 0.25, and 0.25, respectively, at 297 K in 700 Torr of air (Chen et al., 1996).  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{C(O)OO}$  radicals thus produced will undergo reactions analogous to those of  $\text{CH}_3\text{C(O)OO}$ , giving various products including  $\text{BrCH}_2(\text{O})\text{OONO}_2$  (PBrAN),  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{COOH}$ , and  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{C(O)OOH}$ :

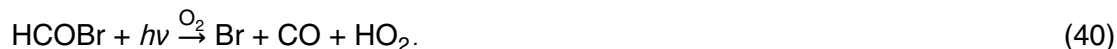


The formation of these compounds has been verified experimentally: PBrAN formed from Br-atom initiated oxidation of  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CHO}$  in the  $\text{NO}_2$ -rich air (Chen et al., 1996);  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{COOH}$  and possibly  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{C(O)OOH}$  formed from Br-atom initiated oxidation of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  in the air without added  $\text{NO}_2$  (Barnes et al., 1989). However, the rate constants and product yields of Reactions (36)–(39) are unknown and therefore assumed identical to those of analogous reactions for  $\text{CH}_3\text{C(O)OO}$  radicals.

In the actinic range absorption cross sections for  $\text{HCOBr}$  are more than an order of magnitude greater than those for  $\text{HCOCl}$  (Libuda, 1992). Given that a quantum yield for  $\text{HCOBr}$  photolysis is unity, the lifetime of  $\text{HCOBr}$  against photolysis is estimated to

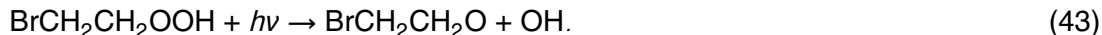
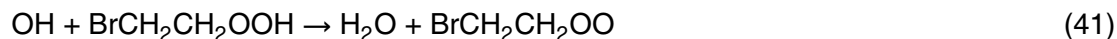


be about 6.5 days in the mid-latitude MBL (see Table S2 of the electronic supplement, [http://www.atmos-chem-phys.org/acpd/3/4549/acpd-3-4549\\_supp.zip](http://www.atmos-chem-phys.org/acpd/3/4549/acpd-3-4549_supp.zip)):



Although the rate constants of OH- and Cl-attacks against HCOBr are unknown at the present time, they are quite likely similar to those of OH- and Cl-attacks against HCOCl (resultant lifetime will be longer than 45 days; see Sect. S1) and therefore of minor importance compared with HCOBr photolysis. On the other hand, previous experimental studies reported that HCOBr is highly susceptible to a wall reaction on the chamber surface to give HBr + CO (Weller et al., 1992; Chen et al., 1995; Orlando et al., 1996). An analogous wall reaction of HCOCl also takes place on the chamber surface (Libuda et al., 1990; Kaiser and Wallington, 1994; Wallington et al., 1996). On the basis of experimental evidence that non-hydrolytic decay of HCOCl to give HCl + CO occurs quite rapidly in aqueous solutions (Dowideit et al., 1996), the reactive uptake coefficient of HCOCl on the surface of sea-salt aerosols is estimated to be 0.1 in the present work (see further discussion in Sect. S1). The same uptake coefficient is assumed to apply to HCOBr, constraining its lifetime in the MBL to be on the order of hours.

Brominated hydroperoxides will be destroyed via either OH attacks or photolysis, although no experimental data exist for these reactions. As for BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OOH, the following pathways are considered:



Similarly, BrCH<sub>2</sub>OOH will be destroyed via the following pathways:



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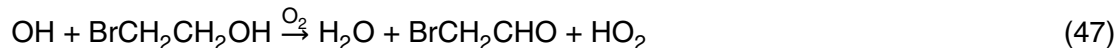
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Rate constants or J values for Reactions (41)–(46) are estimated as described in Sect. 3.6. Actually, the OH attack on BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OOH may have an additional channel to give BrCHCH<sub>2</sub>OOH + H<sub>2</sub>O. It is estimated, however, of minor importance compared with channels (41) and (42), and therefore neglected in the present work. Then the rate constant of Reaction (42) is scaled to maintain the overall rate of the OH attack (see Sect. 3.6).

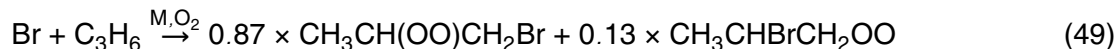
Finally, brominated alcohols will be destroyed via reactions with OH radicals:



where rate constants are estimated as described in Sect. 3.6 and channels of minor importance are neglected as in the case of brominated hydroperoxides. BrCH<sub>2</sub>OH is also quite likely to undergo rapid unimolecular decomposition to give HCHO + HBr by analogy with ClCH<sub>2</sub>OH (Tyndall et al., 1993).

### 3.3. C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> degradation initiated by Br atoms

The reaction Br + C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> will proceed predominantly via Br-atom addition to the double bond:



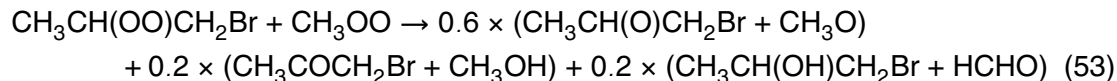
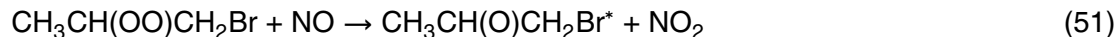
where product branching ratios are assigned by analogy with Cl-atom addition to C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (see Sect. S2 in the electronic supplement, [http://www.atmos-chem-phys.org/acpd/3/4549/acpd-3-4549\\_supp.zip](http://www.atmos-chem-phys.org/acpd/3/4549/acpd-3-4549_supp.zip)). In the present work the second-order rate coefficients in 1 atm of air at room temperature obtained by two independent experimental studies (Barnes et al., 1989; Wallington et al., 1989) are averaged and then used for Reaction (49). It is important to note that the rate constant of this reaction is approximately 20 times greater than that of Reaction (17) in 1 atm of air. The rate constant of H-

abstraction from the methyl group by Br atoms has also been determined experimentally (Bedjanian et al., 1998):

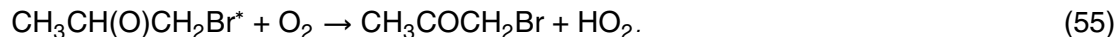
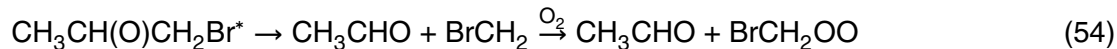


although the probability of this channel in the overall reaction  $\text{Br} + \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  is less than 1% in 1 atm of air.

$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OO})\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$  radicals formed via Reaction (49) will be lost via reactions with  $\text{NO}$ ,  $\text{HO}_2$ , or  $\text{CH}_3\text{OO}$  in the ambient air. However, their rate constants are currently unknown and therefore estimated as described in Sect. 3.5:



where the product branching ratios of Reaction (53) are taken from generic values assigned in the work of MCM. To date no experimental study has been performed in an attempt to resolve complete pathways of Br-initiated  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  degradation. Impey et al. (1997), however, determined the yield of bromoacetone ( $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{Br}$ ) from the reaction  $\text{Br} + \text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  in  $\text{NO}$ -rich air to be 0.75. From their data and our assumed product branching ratios for Reaction (49), it is estimated that  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{Br}^*$  radicals undergo decomposition and reaction with  $\text{O}_2$  with the branching ratios of 0.14 and 0.86, respectively:



$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$  radicals formed via Reaction (53) are assumed to undergo the same fate as above, since no experimental data exist ruling out this assumption. Actually,

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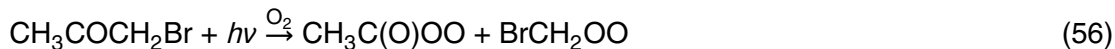
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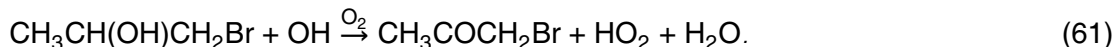
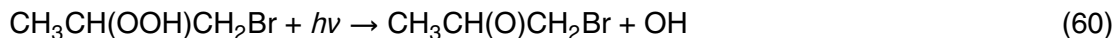
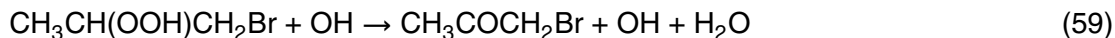
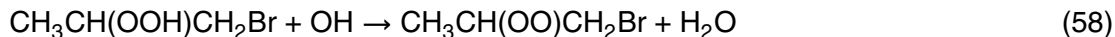
analogous reactions of 3-bromo-2-butoxy ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{O})\text{CHBrCH}_3$ ) radicals were investigated by Bierbach et al. (1997) in their FTIR product study of Br-initiated oxidation of *trans*-2- $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8$  in the 1000 mbar air. At 298 K approximately 40% of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{O})\text{CHBrCH}_3$  radicals were found to undergo decomposition to give  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO} + \text{CH}_3\text{CHBr}$  rather than reaction with  $\text{O}_2$  to give  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCHBrCH}_3 + \text{HO}_2$ , whether NO is added or not to the reaction system.

$\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{Br}$  will be destroyed via either photolysis or OH attack in the ambient air. Based on experimentally determined data for the absorption cross sections of  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{Br}$  and quantum yields for its photolysis (Burkholder et al., 2002), the lifetime of  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{Br}$  against photolysis is estimated to be less than half a day in the mid-latitude MBL (see Table S2):



$\text{BrCH}_2\text{OO}$  and  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CO}$  radicals are also formed from Br-initiated  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  degradation and their fate is already described in Sect. 3.2. The OH attack on  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{Br}$ , whose rate constant is estimated as described in Sect. 3.6, will take place much slower than photolysis.

Experimental data for OH attacks on and/or photolysis of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OOH})\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$  are lacking at the present time and therefore estimated as described in Sect. 3.6. Photochemical loss of these species gives either  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{Br}$  or its precursors ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OO})\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$ ):



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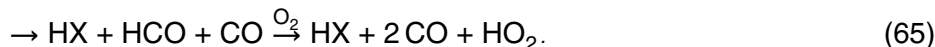
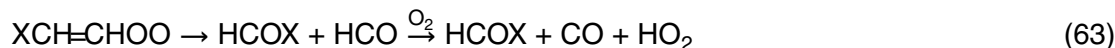
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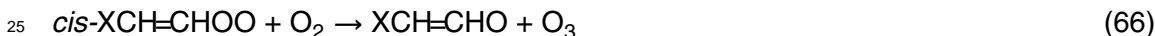
There exist no experimental data concerning Br-initiated C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> degradation that follows CH<sub>3</sub>CHBrCH<sub>2</sub>OO formation via Reaction (49). Therefore, kinetics and mechanisms of reactions for this pathway are virtually completely estimated by methods described in Sects. 3.5–3.6.

### 5 3.4. C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> degradation initiated by Cl/Br atoms

Rate constants for reactions Cl/Br + C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> have been measured by several workers. In the present work, parameters to yield the pseudo-second-order rate constant for the reaction Cl + C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> are taken from recommended values given by Atkinson et al. (1999), whereas the second-order rate constant for the reaction Br + C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> measured over 239–296 K in 700 Torr air (Ramacher et al., 2001) is fitted in the Arrhenius form. In the ambient air these reactions are likely to proceed in a similar way to reaction OH + C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>: the formation of X-C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> adducts (X = Cl, Br) followed by O<sub>2</sub>-addition to give XCH=CHOO radicals, which further undergo isomerization and decomposition to form either HCO + HCOX, HCOCHO + X, or HX + HCO + CO (Barnes et al., 1989; Yarwood et al., 1991; Ramacher et al., 2001):



The branching ratios of these pathways are not sensitive to the NO concentration but slightly to temperature (Ramacher et al., 2001). Actually, two geometric isomers exist for XCH=CHOO radicals, i.e. *cis*-XCH=CHOO and *trans*-XCH=CHOO, and the reaction of the former with O<sub>2</sub> to give O<sub>3</sub> (Reaction (66)) may well compete with isomerization/decomposition (63)–(65) in the ambient air (Yarwood et al., 1991; Zhu et al., 1994):



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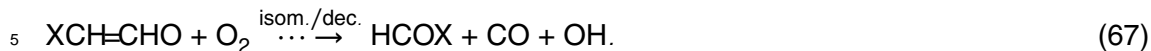
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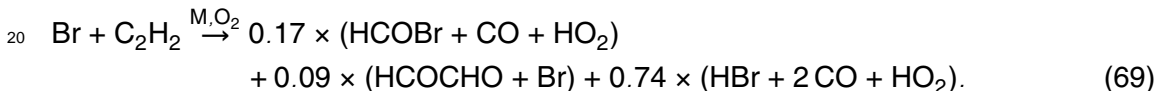
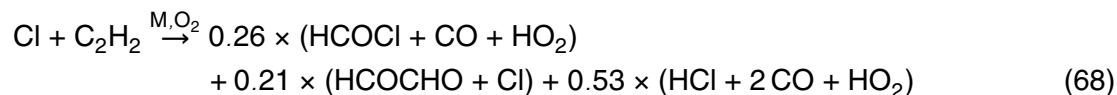
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where the yield of O<sub>3</sub> from C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> reacted is dependent on O<sub>2</sub> partial pressure and is on the order of 0.1 at 296 K in 700 Torr air for both of Cl- and Br-initiated reactions. XCH=CHO radicals, formed along with O<sub>3</sub>, will then react with O<sub>2</sub> to give HCOX + CO + OH:



It appears, however, that the formation of O<sub>3</sub> via reaction (66) is of negligible importance for O<sub>3</sub> budget in the MBL; taking the upper limits for reactant concentrations as [C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>] = 100 pmol/mol (Gregory et al., 1996), [Cl] = 10<sup>5</sup> molecule/cm<sup>3</sup> (Graedel and Keene, 1995), and [Br] = 10<sup>7</sup> molecule/cm<sup>3</sup> (Dickerson et al., 1999), and assuming the yields of O<sub>3</sub> from both of the reactions Cl/Br + C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> to be 0.1, the rate of O<sub>3</sub> production is estimated to be not more than 5 pmol/mol/day at 298 K in 1 atm of air. Considering further the rapid exchange between OH- and HO<sub>2</sub>-radicals occurring in the ambient air, the reaction products of O<sub>3</sub>-forming pathway via Reactions (66)–(67) are virtually equivalent to those of Reaction (63).

In the present work the branching ratios of reactions Br/Cl + C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> are taken from the values as derived in the FTIR product study performed by Yarwood et al. (1991) at 296 K in 700 Torr air by disregarding the contributions from O<sub>3</sub>-forming pathways:



### 3.5. Kinetics and mechanisms for the reactions of halogen-containing organic peroxy radicals

As described in the preceding sections, the most likely fate of halogen-containing organic peroxy radicals in the ambient air is reactions with either NO, HO<sub>2</sub>, or CH<sub>3</sub>OO

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radicals. However, relevant kinetic and mechanistic data are lacking in the majority of cases. A protocol for estimating the rate constants for reactions of chlorinated organic peroxy radicals with NO and HO<sub>2</sub> is available in the work of MCM (Saunders et al., 2003). Thus, where no experimental data exist, their rate constants are estimated following the MCM protocol. Here the same protocol is assumed to apply to the reactions of brominated organic peroxy radicals with NO and HO<sub>2</sub>.

Kinetic and mechanistic data for the reactions of halogenated organic peroxy radicals with CH<sub>3</sub>OO are lacking except for a reaction ClCH<sub>2</sub>OO + CH<sub>3</sub>OO (Villenave and Lesclaux, 1996). Madronich and Calvert (1990) proposed an empirical approach to estimate rate constants and product branching ratios for cross-reactions between organic peroxy radicals (so-called permutation reactions) where their experimental data exist for each of self-reactions. This approach has been proved to work fairly well at least for the reaction ClCH<sub>2</sub>OO + CH<sub>3</sub>OO (Villenave and Lesclaux, 1996), and is therefore adopted for estimating kinetics and mechanisms for this class of reactions in the present work. Here kinetic and mechanistic data for self-reactions of ClCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OO, BrCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OO, and BrCH<sub>2</sub>OO are taken from experimentally determined values (Lightfoot et al., 1992; Yarwood et al., 1992; Villenave and Lesclaux, 1995; Villenave et al., 2003). Rate constants for self-reactions of CH<sub>3</sub>CH(OO)CH<sub>2</sub>Cl and CH<sub>3</sub>CH(OO)CH<sub>2</sub>Br are estimated following a protocol proposed by Villenave et al. (2003). As to the other halogenated organic peroxy radicals, no experimental basis currently exists to predict kinetics and mechanisms even for their self-reactions. For such species, rate constants and product branching ratios of cross-reactions with CH<sub>3</sub>OO are taken from generic values assigned in the work of MCM (Saunders et al., 2003).

3.6. Degradation of organic intermediates: hydroperoxides, aldehydes, ketones, alcohols, etc.

By analogy with non-halogenated compounds, halogenated organic hydroperoxides, percarboxylic acids, aldehydes, ketones, and alcohols are most likely destroyed via either reactions with OH radicals or photolysis in the ambient air. However, kinetic and

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mechanistic data for such reactions are again lacking in many cases and thus need to be estimated.

Where no experimental data exist, rate constants for the reactions of halogenated organic intermediates with OH radicals are estimated by structure-activity relationships (SAR) (Atkinson, 1987; Kwok and Atkinson, 1995) with supplemented parameters taken from the work of MCM. In particular, the neighboring group activation parameter for '-OOH' for the purpose of reaction rate estimation is assigned to be 13 for C<sub>1</sub>-species and 8.4 for C<sub>2</sub>- and C<sub>3</sub>-species following the MCM protocol (Jenkin et al., 1997; Saunders et al., 2003). The rate constant of hydrogen abstraction from '-OOH' group is also taken from Jenkin et al. (1997). Actually, there often exist more than two distinct product channels for hydrogen abstraction from the C-H bonds of C<sub>2</sub>- and C<sub>3</sub>-species. Although the SAR method is capable of predicting the rate constant of each channel, channels of minor importance are disregarded and the rate constant of primary channel is scaled proportionally to maintain the overall rate. This should be a reasonable compromise to avoid making the reaction scheme too much complicated, considering the dearth of experimental data.

Photochemical loss of halogenated and non-halogenated organic intermediates via reactions with Cl, Br, or NO<sub>3</sub> is taken into account only where experimental data exist. Since these reactions are generally of minor importance for the budget of organic intermediates considered, mechanism extrapolation is not basically performed for reactions for which no experimental data exist.

Photolysis reactions are considered for halogenated carbonyls (RC(O)R') and RCHO), hydroperoxides (ROOH), and percarboxylic acids (RC(O)OOH), as with non-halogenated counterparts. Again, experimental data for their absorption cross sections in the actinic range are lacking in many cases. Thus, where no experimental data exist, J values for halogenated organic compounds need to be estimated.

As shown in Figs. 2a-b, the longer-wavelength tails of UV absorption bands for carbonyl compounds are shifted in a fairly consistent manner by the presence of substituents at  $\alpha$ -position: blue-shifted by about 10 nm via OH-substitution and red-shifted

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by about 10–30 nm via Cl- or Br-substitution. Absorption cross sections for  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CHO}$  were determined experimentally (Libuda, 1992), whereas those for  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CHO}$  are unknown at the present time. The quantum yields of  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CHO}/\text{BrCH}_2\text{CHO}$  photolysis are also unknown. In the present work, absorption cross sections for  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CHO}$  are estimated to be red-shifted by 10 nm relative to those for  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CHO}$ . Then, wavelength-dependent quantum yields for two channels of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  photolysis to give  $\text{CH}_4 + \text{CO}$  and  $\text{CH}_3 + \text{HCO}$ , respectively, recommended by Atkinson et al. (1997) are used as a reference for estimating quantum yields of haloacetaldehyde photolysis; wavelength-dependent quantum yields of the photolysis of  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CHO}$  and  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CHO}$  are estimated to be red-shifted by 10 nm and 20 nm, respectively, relative to those of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  photolysis. Similarly, J values for other halogen-substituted alkyl aldehydes are estimated by taking absorption cross sections of non-halogenated counterparts from the literature and then red-shifted by 10 nm for chlorinated aldehydes and by 20 nm for brominated aldehydes. Wavelength-dependent quantum yields are red-shifted accordingly. J values for halogenated ketones of interest in the present work, i.e.  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{Br}$ , are calculated based on experimentally determined absorption cross sections and quantum yields (Burkholder et al., 2002).

To our knowledge, experimental data for absorption cross sections in the actinic range do not exist for hydroperoxides other than  $\text{CH}_3\text{OOH}$  and  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{OOH}$  (Atkinson et al., 1999; Bauerle and Moortgat, 1999). A comparison between their absorption cross sections reveals that the longer-wavelength tails of UV absorption bands for hydroperoxides exhibit no discernible change by the presence of substituents (see Fig. 2c). It is therefore assumed that absorption cross sections for halogenated hydroperoxides are identical to those for  $\text{CH}_3\text{OOH}$ . Then the quantum yields of unity are assumed as with  $\text{CH}_3\text{OOH}$  photolysis. Following the MCM protocol for estimating J values for non-halogenated compounds (Jenkin et al., 1997), halogenated percarboxylic acids ( $\text{RC}(\text{O})\text{OOH}$ ) are also assumed to have the same J value as  $\text{CH}_3\text{OOH}$ .

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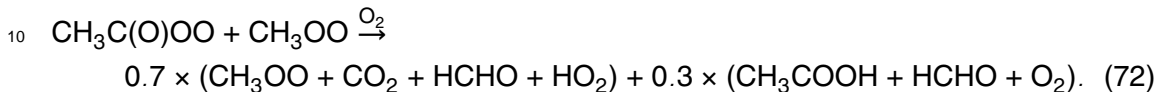
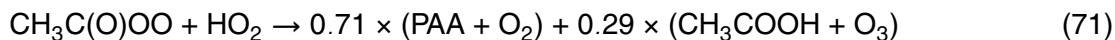
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### 3.7. Aqueous-phase reactions of peroxyacetic acid (PAA)

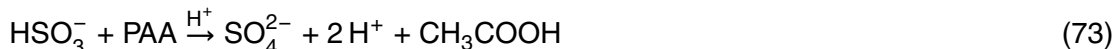
Reactions of OH/NO<sub>3</sub>/Br/Cl with CH<sub>3</sub>CHO will proceed predominantly via abstraction of aldehydic-H to give CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)OO radicals in the ambient air (Atkinson et al., 1999):



- 5 where X is either OH, NO<sub>3</sub>, Br, or Cl. In the remote MBL where NO<sub>x</sub> concentrations are relatively low, a fairly large fraction of CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)OO radicals will react with HO<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>3</sub>OO radicals rather than with NO<sub>x</sub> to give CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)OOH (peroxyacetic acid, or PAA) and/or CH<sub>3</sub>COOH (Jenkin et al., 1997; Atkinson et al., 1999; Saunders et al., 2003):



- Henry's law constants and acid dissociation constants in water have been determined experimentally for both CH<sub>3</sub>COOH and PAA so that their uptake onto sea-salt aerosols can be simulated quite reasonably. In addition, rate coefficients for the aqueous-phase oxidation of S(IV), Br<sup>-</sup>, and Cl<sup>-</sup> by PAA have been experimentally determined (Fortnum et al., 1960; Lind et al., 1987), allowing quantitative estimates of their impacts:
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- 20 Pandis and Seinfeld (1989), using a numerical model, demonstrated that Reaction (73) does not play a major role in cloudwater chemistry. However, the latter two Reactions (74)–(75) are potentially important for triggering autocatalytic halogen release. In our base model run in which the gas-phase mixing ratio of PAA is simulated to be approximately 80 pmol/mol, the contributions from Reactions (74)–(75) are in the same range

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as that from  $\text{Br}^- + \text{O}_3$  and about a few percent of those from  $\text{Br}^-/\text{Cl}^- + \text{HSO}_5^-$  (see Sect.5.6).

#### 4. Model description and experimental settings

Numerical experiments in the present work are performed by the box model SEAMAC, which describes chemistry of  $\text{O}_x$ ,  $\text{HO}_x$ ,  $\text{NO}_y$ ,  $\text{SO}_x$ ,  $\text{Cl}_x$ ,  $\text{Br}_x$  species, hydrocarbons, and their oxidation products in the gas phase and in the deliquesced sea-salt aerosols occurring in the MBL of 1 km thickness (Toyota et al., 2001). SEAMAC owes its basic architecture to the ASAD atmospheric chemistry integration package (Carver et al., 1997), which allows flexible modifications of reaction scheme. As described in the previous section, the reaction scheme is updated to achieve a near-explicit description of degradation of up to  $\text{C}_3$ -hydrocarbons. Consequently, the model includes 199 gas-phase species undergoing 645 reactions and 100 aqueous-phase species undergoing 279 reactions. Chemical interactions between the gas- and aerosol-phases are treated as reversible mass transfer (43 species), irreversible uptake onto aerosols (1 species:  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ), or heterogeneous surface reactions on aerosols (10 species). Kinetic parameters have also been updated from those in our previous work (Toyota et al., 2001), where new experimental data are available (see the electronic supplement ([http://www.atmos-chem-phys.org/acpd/3/4549/acpd-3-4549\\_supp.zip](http://www.atmos-chem-phys.org/acpd/3/4549/acpd-3-4549_supp.zip)) for a full account of reactions considered in the present work). Size-dependent aerosol processes are expressed by segregating the size distributions of sea-salt aerosols into 8 size bins according to their dry radius (from  $0.06\text{ }\mu\text{m}$  to  $16\text{ }\mu\text{m}$ ). For each bin, volumetric mean values are prescribed for liquid water content, atmospheric residence time, and mass transfer coefficients of chemical species, based on methods described in Toyota et al. (2001). The size distributions of dry sea-salt aerosols are taken from Porter and Clarke (1997), and linearly scaled to yield the total mass concentrations predicted by an empirical relationship between sea-salt mass loading and wind speed (Blanchard and Woodcock, 1980). In the present work model runs are conducted at the wind speed

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of 9 m/s, which yields  $16.4 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  for the mass concentration of dry sea-salt aerosols. Actinic flux is calculated based on a two-stream algorithm in the pseudo-spherical atmosphere (Kylling, 1995; Kylling et al., 1995). It is assumed that the actinic flux inside aerosol particles is enhanced by a factor of two relative to that in the surrounding air as a result of multiple scattering within the particles (Ruggaber et al., 1997). Numerical integration is performed with the Livermore Solver for Ordinary Differential Equations with general Sparse jacobian matrix (LSODES) (Hindmarsh, 1983). Although actual time steps for integration are determined internally by LSODES depending on the stiffness of the ordinary differential equation system, the external time step is set to 120 seconds at which interval diurnally varying photolysis rates (J values) are given.

The mid-latitude remote MBL condition is assumed for all model runs:  $40^\circ\text{N}$ , Julian day 80 (equinox), 340 DU total ozone, clear sky, and the sea surface albedo of 0.05 for calculating actinic flux; 1013.25 hPa total pressure, 293 K temperature, and 76.2% relative humidity for calculating reaction rates and hygroscopic particle growth.  $\text{O}_3$  mixing ratio is fixed at 20 nmol/mol (Johnson et al., 1990; Oltmans and Levy, 1994). The mixing ratios of relatively long-lived VOCs are also fixed at values typical of remote MBL:  $[\text{CH}_4] = 1.7 \mu\text{mol}/\text{mol}$ ,  $[\text{C}_2\text{H}_6] = 400 \text{ pmol}/\text{mol}$ ,  $[\text{C}_3\text{H}_8] = 18 \text{ pmol}/\text{mol}$ ,  $[\text{C}_2\text{H}_2] = 35 \text{ pmol}/\text{mol}$ , and  $[\text{CO}] = 80 \text{ nmol}/\text{mol}$  (Gregory et al., 1996);  $[\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3] = 400 \text{ pmol}/\text{mol}$  (Singh et al., 2001);  $[\text{CHBr}_3] = 1 \text{ pmol}/\text{mol}$  (Penkett et al., 1985; Yokouchi et al., 1997).

For shorter-lived species such as alkenes, nitrogen oxides, and DMS, influxes from the ocean surface and/or from the free troposphere are invoked to maintain their calculated mixing ratios in the MBL (see Table 2). The oceanic emissions of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  and  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  are taken from five independent works, which derived different values by more than an order of magnitude (Donahue and Prinn, 1990; Bonsang, 1993; Plass-Dülmer et al., 1993; Thompson et al., 1993; Heikes et al., 1996). Oceanic  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  emissions are estimated so as to give the observed mixing ratios in the remote MBL (Singh et al., 2001; Wisthaler et al., 2002).  $\text{NO}_y$  is supplied into the model box in the form of  $\text{NO}$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$ ,  $\text{HNO}_3$ , or PAN by entrainment from the free troposphere ( $1.5 \times 10^9 \text{ molecule cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

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and by emission from the ocean ( $7 \times 10^7$  molecule  $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ). A large fraction of  $\text{NO}$ ,  $\text{NO}_2$ , and PAN will be converted to  $\text{HNO}_3$  or  $\text{BrONO}_2$  via photochemical processes in the MBL, thereby serving as a source of  $\text{NO}_3^-$  in the sea-salt aerosols along with  $\text{HNO}_3$  entrained from the free troposphere. Similarly, DMS emitted from the ocean ( $2 \times 10^9$  molecule  $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ ) will be oxidized to give  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$  or  $\text{CH}_3\text{SO}_3^-$ . In our model runs  $\text{NO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ , and  $\text{CH}_3\text{SO}_3^-$  thus produced are the principal sources of acidity in sea-salt aerosols (see Figs. 3d-f). Among the species emitted from the ocean,  $\text{NO}$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ ,  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ , and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  are primarily produced via photochemical processes in seawater (Zafiriou and McFarland, 1981; Ratte et al., 1993, 1998; Zhou and Mopper, 1997) and hence their emission rates are scaled by diurnally varying  $J(\text{NO}_2)$  values.

Organic oxygenates, whether halogenated or not, will be subject to dry and/or wet deposition. In the present work dry deposition velocities for organic oxygenates are given as follows: 0.1 cm/sec for ketones and alcohols, 0.5 cm/sec for peroxy radicals, hydroperoxides, aldehydes except for  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$ , and carbonyl halides (e.g.  $\text{HCOBr}$ ), and 1 cm/sec for carboxylic acids. The dry deposition velocities ( $v_0$ ) are then converted to first-order loss rate coefficients ( $D$ ) in the model box following an approach taken by Levy et al. (1985):

$$D = \frac{v_0}{Z_{\text{mbl}}} \frac{1}{1 + v_0/C_M U_s}$$

where  $Z_{\text{mbl}}$  is the MBL thickness (= 1 km),  $C_M$  is bulk coefficient for mass transfer over the ocean (= 0.0011; Garratt, 1992), and  $U_s$  is wind speed over the ocean (= 9 m/s). The wet deposition is assumed to take place for carboxylic acids, aldehydes, and carbonyl halides as a first-order loss process with  $\tau = 8$  day.

## 5. Results and Discussion

In the present work the impacts of acetaldehyde, alkenes, and acetylene on bromine activation are assessed by varying their oceanic emission rates or their mixing ratios

in the MBL (see Table 3). In each run numerical integration is carried out for 20 days long, starting at 0:00 a.m. local sun time. Initially, halogen species are present only in the forms of  $\text{Br}^-$  ( $\sim 9.8 \text{ pmol/mol}$ ) and  $\text{Cl}^-$  ( $\sim 6.4 \text{ nmol/mol}$ ) within nascent sea-salt aerosols,  $\text{HCl}$  ( $60 \text{ pmol/mol}$ ) and  $\text{CHBr}_3$  ( $1 \text{ pmol/mol}$ ) in the gas phase. Uptake of sulfur and nitrogen oxides from the gas phase initiates radical chain reactions in the deliquesced sea-salt aerosols, which consequently release a small amount of  $\text{Br}_2$  to the gas phase. At the same time sea-salt aerosols other than those belonging to the largest-size bin are acidified and buffered to pH of about 4-5 by releasing (or scavenging)  $\text{HCl}$  to (or from) the gas phase (see Figs. 3a-f). Under sunlight Reactions (1)–(10) also operate to release  $\text{Br}_2$  and  $\text{BrCl}$  from the acidified sea-salt aerosols and thus the amounts of reactive halogen species increase appreciably with time (see Figs. 4a-f). Within 10 days or so, the temporal evolutions of pH and  $\text{Cl}^-$  deficits in the sea-salt aerosols other than those belonging to smallest-size bins are getting stabilized and the buildup of reactive halogens is limited by the decreased availability of  $\text{Br}^-$  in the sea-salt aerosols. However, pH and  $\text{Cl}^-$  deficits in the sea-salt aerosols of smallest-size bins evolve slowly with time in accordance with the accumulation of sulfate until Day 20. This causes the gradual buildup of reactive halogens lasting until Day 20.

In Runs 1a-e and 2-6, the oceanic emission rate(s) of either  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  or alkenes are varied to examine their impacts on reactive halogen chemistry. Here the mixing ratios of  $\text{HCHO}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ , and  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  are calculated according to their oceanic emissions, photochemical sources/sinks, and dry/wet deposition to the sea surface with the initial mixing ratios given as  $[\text{C}_2\text{H}_4] = [\text{C}_3\text{H}_6] = 0 \text{ pmol/mol}$ ,  $[\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}] = 90 \text{ pmol/mol}$ , and  $[\text{HCHO}] = 300 \text{ pmol/mol}$  in each run. Their mixing ratios generally reach quasi-steady states on shorter time scales than those of reactive halogens (not shown). Thus the quasi-steady-state levels of reactive halogens after Day 10 and their transient behaviors before that are persistently affected by the “adjusted” mixing ratios of these alkenes and aldehydes. Before proceeding to discussion about their influence on halogen chemistry, we will describe how the simulated mixing ratios of alkenes and aldehydes are related to their oceanic emissions.

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## 5.1. Impacts of oceanic emissions on the mixing ratios of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>CHO, and HCHO

First of all, it should be noted that halogen chemistry plays a minor role in the photochemical loss of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, HCHO, and CH<sub>3</sub>CHO in the MBL. Breakdowns of their photochemical loss processes simulated in Run 1a (base run) are as follows: for C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> 90% by OH attack, 9% by reaction with O<sub>3</sub>, and the remaining 1% by reactions with halogen atoms (mainly Cl atoms); for C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> 83% by OH attack, 14% by reaction with O<sub>3</sub>, and the remaining 3% by reactions with halogen atoms (mainly Br atoms); for HCHO 64% by photolysis, 35% by OH attack, and 1% by reactions with halogen atoms (mainly Br atoms); for CH<sub>3</sub>CHO 90% by OH attack, 5% by photolysis, and 5% by reactions with halogen atoms (mostly Br atoms). NO<sub>3</sub> attacks in the gas phase and aqueous-phase loss processes within deliquesced sea-salt aerosols make negligible contributions to the loss of HCHO and CH<sub>3</sub>CHO. Thus, the changing level of activity in halogen chemistry as will be demonstrated in the following sections is not a critical factor for determining the mixing ratios of these alkenes and aldehydes.

The oceanic emissions of alkenes and their resultant buildup in the MBL, if they are large enough, can appreciably augment the photochemical loss rate of OH radicals (Donahue and Prinn, 1990). In our model runs, however, the simulated concentrations of OH radical, which is the most important scavenger of alkenes, change by not more than 25% following more than an order of magnitude change in oceanic alkene fluxes (see Table 4). In addition, the mixing ratio of O<sub>3</sub>, which is the second most important scavenger of alkenes, is fixed at the same value (20 nmol/mol) in all model runs. Thus, the simulated mixing ratios of alkenes are virtually linearly related to their oceanic emission rates. Among the model runs conducted, Run 1a takes the alkene emission rates from Bonsang (1993) and then yields 89.9 pmol/mol of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> and 12.6 pmol/mol of C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> on Day 20. The mixing ratios of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> simulated in Runs 1a are near the upper end and in the middle range, respectively, of those observed in the MBL (see Table 1). On the other hand, Run 5 takes the alkene emission rates from Thompson

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et al. (1993) and then yields 29.9 pmol/mol of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> and 5.4 pmol/mol of C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> on Day 20, somewhat lower than those obtained in Run 1a. In this case, the simulated mixing ratio of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> is in the middle range of the observed data, whereas that of C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> is rather in the lower range of the observed data. Since C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> exerts a much stronger influence on halogen chemistry than C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> does within these ranges of mixing ratios (see Sects. 5.3–5.4), Run 1a is regarded as a base run in the present work. Where the alkene emission rates are taken from Plass-Dülmer et al. (1993) (Run 3) or from Heikes et al. (1996) (Run 4), the mixing ratios of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> are calculated to be lower than 14 pmol/mol and 4 pmol/mol, respectively, which are near the lower ends of observed values. Finally, Run 6 takes the alkene emission rates from Donahue and Prinn (1990) and yields approximately 330 pmol/mol of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> and 130 pmol/mol of C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> on Day 20. Although these mixing ratios are well above the values typically observed in the MBL remote from continental influences, a resultant influence on bromine chemistry is noteworthy as will be shown in Sect. 5.3. Since alkenes higher than C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (isoprene in particular) are also emitted from the ocean (Donahue and Prinn, 1993; Pszenny et al., 1999; Yokouchi et al., 1999; Baker et al., 2000) and then react quite rapidly with Br atoms (Bierbach et al., 1996), Run 6 can be regarded as mimicking a potentially feasible situation in which such higher alkenes play important roles.

In the case of aldehydes, relationships between oceanic emissions and simulated mixing ratios are relatively complicated due to the presence of their secondary formation via photochemical processes. In Run 1a, in which the oceanic emission rate of CH<sub>3</sub>CHO is set to  $3.6 \times 10^9$  molecule cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, CH<sub>3</sub>CHO mixing ratio is calculated to be approximately 95 pmol/mol. This mixing ratio matches quite well with those observed by Singh et al. (2001) in the tropical/subtropical Pacific MBL (see Table 1). Where the oceanic emission of CH<sub>3</sub>CHO is switched off (Run 1b), its simulated mixing ratio is decreased to as low as 11.6 pmol/mol, implying that a significant amount of CH<sub>3</sub>CHO originates from the oceanic emission in the remote MBL. In this run about half of CH<sub>3</sub>CHO originates from C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> degradation and the remaining half from C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> degradation. Thus, the oceanic CH<sub>3</sub>CHO emission rate being 2.2 times larger than that

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in Run 1a, i.e.  $8 \times 10^9$  molecule  $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$ , is sufficient to reproduce more than twice as high as  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  mixing ratio as observed by Wisthaler et al. (2002) in the equatorial Indian Ocean (Run 1c; see Tables 1 and 4). It is interesting to note that  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ , if present as abundant as in Run 6, can also provide a dominant source of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$ .

The range of HCHO mixing ratios simulated in our model runs (260.8–406.7 pmol/mol; see Table 4) matches fairly well with those observed at Cape Grim (ca. 250–450 pmol/mol; Ayers et al., 1997), in the tropical Atlantic MBL south of ITCZ ( $\sim 300$ –700 pmol/mol; Junkermann and Stockwell, 1999), and in the tropical Pacific MBL ( $\sim 300$  pmol/mol; Singh et al., 2001). Although  $\text{CH}_4$  oxidation provides a dominant source of HCHO in our model runs, the simulated mixing ratio of HCHO shows some dependence on alkene emission rates from the ocean. Both  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  and  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  are the precursors of HCHO and thus augment its production rate in the MBL. In addition to such a direct influence, alkene emissions from the ocean influence the simulated HCHO mixing ratio indirectly by modifying  $\text{NO}_x$  abundance via bromine chemistry. As will be shown in Sect. 5.3, bromine chemistry will be less activated at higher alkene mixing ratios. Then,  $\text{NO}_x$  mixing ratio is increased at lower levels of BrO, since Reaction (10) and subsequent aerosol uptake of  $\text{BrONO}_2$  represent an efficient oxidation pathway of  $\text{NO}_2$  in the MBL (Sander et al., 1999; Toyota et al., 2001). As  $\text{NO}_x$  mixing ratio is increased, the yield of HCHO from  $\text{CH}_4$  oxidation is also increased and the yield of  $\text{CH}_3\text{OOH}$  is decreased instead (see Table 4). On the same grounds, the oceanic emission of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  exerts an indirect influence on the simulated mixing ratio of HCHO (and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  itself) by modifying  $\text{NO}_x$  levels via bromine chemistry.

## 5.2. Impacts of $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$ emission on bromine chemistry

Figure 4a shows the temporal evolution of bromine species in Run 1a (base run), in which quasi-steady-state mixing ratios of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ ,  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ , HCHO, and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  simulated on Day 20 are 89.9, 12.6, 301.2, 94.7 pmol/mol, respectively. The total mixing ratio of inorganic gaseous bromine species, which originate mostly from volatilization from sea-

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salt aerosols with a small contribution ( $\sim 3.7\%$ ) from  $\text{CHBr}_3$  degradation (see Fig. 5), reaches about  $5.2 \text{ pmol/mol}$  on Day 20. This mixing ratio matches fairly well with those observed by Rahn et al. (1976) at Bermuda and by Rancher and Kritz (1980) in the MBL off the west African coast (see Sect. 1). By analyzing aerosol samples obtained simultaneously with the gas samples reported in the latter literature, Kritz and Rancher (1980) determined the concentration of particulate bromine and its fractional deficit relative to seawater (assuming that all aerosol particles consist of sea-salt aerosols) to be approximately  $5 \text{ pmol/mol}$  and  $32\%$ , respectively, on average. Again, these values are fairly close to those obtained in Run 1a:  $6.1 \text{ pmol/mol}$  of  $\text{Br}^-$  in sea-salt aerosols and  $37.5\%$  of  $\text{Br}^-$  deficit on Day 20. An appreciable amount of organic gaseous bromine species is also formed via Br-initiated degradation of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ ,  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ , and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$ , building up along with inorganic gaseous bromine species (see Sect. 5.3 for further discussion).

As noted before, reactions converting Br atoms to HBr are capable of regulating bromine chemistry in the MBL by impeding the autocatalytic halogen release. On the Day 20 of Run 1a, the conversion of Br atoms to HBr occurs at the rate of  $14.0 \text{ pmol/mol/day}$  (see Fig. 5), of which  $6.5 \text{ pmol/mol/day}$  happens via Reaction (14) and  $7.0 \text{ pmol/mol/day}$  via Reaction (15). Thus, virtually half of HBr formation originates from the reaction between Br atoms and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  in Run 1a. Such a substantial contribution from  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  is mainly due to the fact that  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  is 3.4 times (at  $293 \text{ K}$ ) more reactive toward Br atoms than  $\text{HCHO}$  is (see rate constants for G53 and G84 in Table S1 in the electronic supplement, [http://www.atmos-chem-phys.org/acpd/3/4549/acpd-3-4549\\_supp.zip](http://www.atmos-chem-phys.org/acpd/3/4549/acpd-3-4549_supp.zip)). On a daily average basis the mixing ratio of HBr thus produced reaches  $2 \text{ pmol/mol}$ , making up about  $38\%$  of the total mixing ratio of inorganic gaseous bromine species. It appears that a significant fraction of bromine volatilized from sea-salt aerosols is sequestered as HBr thereby making the availability of HOBr and  $\text{BrONO}_2$  lower. In particular, HBr constitutes nearly  $70\%$  of inorganic gaseous bromine during the daytime when Reactions (1)–(10) operate to release reactive halogen species from sea-salt aerosols (see Fig. 6a). It is also interesting to note that about  $90\%$  of HBr participates again in the reaction sequence of autocatalytic

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halogen release via either aqueous-phase reactions in the sea-salt aerosols or OH attack in the gas phase, whereas only 10% is irreversibly lost by dry/wet deposition (see Fig. 5).

5 In order to demonstrate further the importance of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  for bromine chemistry in the remote MBL, two sensitivity runs are conducted in which the oceanic emission of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  is either neglected (Run 1b) or increased by a factor of about 2.2 (Run 1c). In Run 1b  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  mixing ratio reaches as low as 12 pmol/mol, which is lower by 83 pmol/mol than that in Run 1a. HCHO mixing ratio is also decreased by 40 pmol/mol as a result of the secondary effect mediated by bromine chemistry (see Sect. 5.1). It follows that the conversion of Br atoms into HBr occurs in Run 1b almost half as frequently as it does in Run 1a and that the partitioning of HBr in inorganic gaseous bromine is decreased in Run 1b accordingly (see Fig. 6b). Consequently, bromine chemistry is activated more and the total amount of inorganic gaseous bromine species that build up on Day 20 is 2.8 times greater than that in Run 1a (see Fig. 4b and Table 4). The reverse situation takes place in Run 1c. The  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  mixing ratio reaches as high as 210 pmol/mol and the HCHO mixing ratio is increased by 30 pmol/mol as a result of the secondary effect; consequently, the conversion frequency of Br atoms into HBr is nearly doubled compared with that in Run 1a. Then the total amount of inorganic gaseous bromine species that build up on Day 20 is only 42% of that in Run 1a (see Fig. 4c and Table 4).

The temporal and spatial variabilities in the sea-air flux of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  and in its concentration in the MBL are not well characterized at the present time; however, recent observations suggest that  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  mixing ratio in the remote MBL can vary from less than 70 pmol/mol to over 250 pmol/mol (Singh et al., 2001; Wisthaler et al., 2002). From the results presented here, we would expect that a natural variability in atmospheric  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  mixing ratio represents an important factor for regulating bromine chemistry in the remote MBL (see also Sect. 5.4).

Although the rate constant for Reaction (16) is even greater than that for Reaction (15), the mixing ratios of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{CHO}$  (formed exclusively from  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8$  oxidation) are cal-

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culated to be not more than 0.2 pmol/mol in our model runs. Therefore it is tentatively concluded that  $C_2H_5CHO$  is of negligible importance for bromine chemistry in the remote MBL. There might be a possibility, however, that a substantial amount of  $C_2H_5CHO$  is emitted from the ocean along with  $CH_3CHO$  and then affects bromine chemistry in the MBL. It should also be noted that chemistry of 1- $C_4H_8$ , which provides a source for  $C_2H_5CHO$ , is neglected in the present work. An appreciable amount of 1- $C_4H_8$ , although slightly smaller than that of  $C_3H_6$ , is likely to be emitted from the ocean (Bonsang, 1993; Plass-Dülmer et al., 1993). Since alkyl aldehydes tend to be more reactive toward Br atoms as the carbon number of alkyl group increases (Ramacher et al., 2000), measurements of  $C_2H_5CHO$  and still higher alkyl aldehydes in the MBL and in seawater would deserve consideration.

### 5.3. Impacts of alkene emissions on bromine chemistry

As shown in Figs. 4a-f and Table 4, organic gaseous bromine species are formed photochemically in the presence of alkenes and  $C_2H_2$ , building up along with inorganic gaseous bromine species. In Run 1a (base run), the total mixing ratio of organic gaseous bromine species that are formed from Br-initiated degradation of alkenes and  $C_2H_2$  (i.e. excluding  $CHBr_3$  and its degradation product  $CBr_2O$ ; hereafter the terms “organic gaseous bromine species” and “brominated organic intermediates” refer to those produced via Br-initiated degradation of alkenes and  $C_2H_2$ ) reaches approximately 30% of that of inorganic gaseous bromine species. These brominated organic intermediates consist mainly of hydroperoxides and carbonyl compounds (see Fig. 7). The three main brominated hydroperoxides, i.e.  $CH_3CH(OOH)CH_2Br$ ,  $BrCH_2OOH$ , and  $BrCH_2CH_2OOH$ , collectively constitute 58% of the total amount of brominated organic intermediates in Run 1a. The predominance of hydroperoxides over carbonyl compounds is due to our experimental conditions representing the low- $NO_x$  environment. Appreciable amounts of brominated carboxylic acids, percarboxylic acids, and alcohols are also formed. In the present work brominated carboxylic acids ( $BrCH_2COOH$  and  $CH_3CHBrCOOH$ ) are allowed to be dissolved in deliquesced sea-salt aerosols (see Ta-

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bles S4-5); however, they reside mostly in the gas phase and do not make noticeable contributions to bromine content in the sea-salt aerosols.

It should be noted that Br-initiated  $C_2H_2$  degradation makes a negligible contribution to the formation of brominated organic intermediates. In run 2, in which the oceanic emissions of alkenes are neglected, HCOBr formed via Reaction (69) solely makes up the brominated organic intermediate and its mixing ratio reaches only 0.007% of the total mixing ratio of inorganic gaseous bromine species (see Table 4 and Fig. 4d; see also discussion in Sect. 5.5). Accordingly, the simulated molar ratio of the total amount of organic gaseous bromine species to that of inorganic counterparts ( $o\text{-Br}_x/i\text{-Br}_x$  ratio) depends strongly on the mixing ratios of alkenes in our model runs. In Run 3, in which the simulated mixing ratios of alkenes are an order of magnitude lower than those in Run 1a,  $o\text{-Br}_x/i\text{-Br}_x$  ratio ( $\sim 0.034$ ) also becomes lower by an order of magnitude than that in Run 1a ( $\sim 0.30$ ). On the other hand, the simulated mixing ratios of  $C_2H_4$  and  $C_3H_6$  in Run 6 are 3.7 times and 10.7 times, respectively, higher than those in Run 1a. In this case, organic gaseous bromine species become more abundant than inorganic counterparts and the  $o\text{-Br}_x/i\text{-Br}_x$  ratio of as high as 1.86 is obtained (see Table 4 and Fig. 4f). It should also be noted that  $C_3H_6$  makes a larger contribution to the formation of brominated organic intermediates than  $C_2H_4$  does in our model runs, primarily because  $C_3H_6$  is approximately 20 times more reactive toward Br atoms than  $C_2H_4$  is. This is demonstrated in sensitivity runs for Run 1a in which either  $C_2H_4$  emission or  $C_3H_6$  emission is neglected. In the former case (Run 1d), the simulated  $o\text{-Br}_x/i\text{-Br}_x$  ratio still reaches  $\sim 0.21$ . In the latter case (Run 1e), however, the simulated  $o\text{-Br}_x/i\text{-Br}_x$  ratio reaches only  $\sim 0.087$ , even though the mixing ratio of  $C_2H_4$  ( $\sim 88$  pmol/mol) is near the upper end of observed values. Finally, as noted in Sect. 5.1, alkene mixing ratios simulated in Runs 1a-c and 5 most likely represent typical values observed in the remote MBL. The simulated  $o\text{-Br}_x/i\text{-Br}_x$  ratios in these runs range from 0.13 (Run 5) to 0.41 (Run 1b). Thus, the total mixing ratio of organic gaseous bromine species is likely to reach 10–20% or more of that of inorganic counterparts over wide regions in the MBL.

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To sum up, an appreciable amount of reactive inorganic bromine species is converted to and sequestered as relatively inactive organic forms via reactions between alkenes and Br atoms. It follows that the oceanic emissions of alkenes, as with  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$ , impede bromine activation in the MBL. Where the oceanic emissions of both  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  and  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  are neglected (Run 2), the total mixing ratio of inorganic gaseous bromine species on Day 20 reaches  $10.9\text{ pmol/mol}$ , which is approximately twice as high as that in Run 1a (see Table 4 and Fig. 4d). Even in Runs 3 and 4, where the simulated mixing ratios of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  and  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  are near the lower ends of observed values, the amounts of inorganic gaseous bromine species that build up on Day 20 are decreased by 9% and 20%, respectively, compared with that in Run 2 (see Table 4). In an extreme situation where the simulated mixing ratios of alkenes both exceed  $100\text{ pmol/mol}$  (Run 6), the amount of inorganic gaseous bromine species that build up on Day 20 is an order of magnitude smaller than that in Run 2 (see Table 4 and Fig. 4f). It is interesting to note that the conversion of Br atoms into brominated organic intermediates via reactions with alkenes occurs at a rate more than an order of magnitude slower than the conversion of Br atoms into HBr via reactions with aldehydes in Run 1a (see Fig. 5). Once formed, however, brominated organic intermediates are fairly resistant to further degradation to regenerate inorganic bromine species. Their degradation to inorganic bromine occurs mostly via decomposition of brominated alkoxy radicals (Reactions (28)–(29)) and brominated acetyl radicals (Reaction (35)) and via heterogeneous reactions of  $\text{HCOBr}$  on the aerosol surface. By dividing the sum of the formation rates of Br atoms, HBr, and  $\text{Br}^-$  from brominated organic intermediates into their total concentration, an average time scale for brominated organic intermediates to regenerate inorganic bromine is estimated to be 57 hours. This time scale is much longer than that for the reentry of HBr into the reaction sequence of autocatalytic halogen release, i.e. Reactions (1)–(10), by aerosol uptake or via OH attack, which is estimated to be 3.7 hours. Thus, brominated organic intermediates are capable of building up to notable amounts, making the availability of reactive inorganic bromine species lower than would be without alkenes. Among the brominated organic intermediates thus pro-

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duced, about 59% regenerates inorganic bromine species and the remainder is subject to dry/wet deposition in Run 1a. Consequently, the dry/wet deposition of brominated organic intermediates makes up 22% of the total deposition of bromine on Day 20.

Based largely on estimated rate constants, predictions made in the present work should be subject to errors associated with such estimates. In particular, the rate constants of OH-attacks/photolysis of brominated hydroperoxides exclusively rely on estimation, even though they constitute more than half of brominated organic intermediates (see Fig. 7). Table 5 presents the budgets of three main brominated hydroperoxides formed in Run 1a. It is estimated that the photochemical loss of these hydroperoxides are generally dominated by OH attacks with an order of magnitude smaller contribution from photolysis and that estimated photochemical lifetimes do not differ much among these hydroperoxides (22–36 hours). As described in Sect. 3.6, the rate constants of OH attacks on brominated hydroperoxides are estimated based on the SAR method with relevant parameters taken from Kwok and Atkinson (1995), Jenkin et al. (1997), and Saunders et al. (2003). Kwok and Atkinson (1995) alerted that the extended use of the SAR method as applied in the present work is subject to errors in estimated rate constants by a factor of two or more. However, the errors as large as an order of magnitude would be quite unlikely to occur for the majority of reactions. Regarding the photolysis of brominated hydroperoxides, our estimation of their J value (being identical to that for CH<sub>3</sub>OOH) is solely based on the experimental evidence that absorption cross sections of CH<sub>3</sub>OOH and HOCH<sub>2</sub>OOH virtually coincide with each other (see Sect. 3.6). Therefore, a sensitivity run is performed in which absorption cross sections of brominated hydroperoxides are red-shifted by 50 nm relative to those of CH<sub>3</sub>OOH (Run 1f). In this case, 24-hour average J value for brominated hydroperoxides is increased to  $1.76 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , which is greater than that in the base run by a factor of 15. Then, photolysis becomes a major loss process for brominated hydroperoxides and their overall photochemical lifetimes are generally shortened by a factor of three or less. As a result, the mixing ratios of brominated hydroperoxides are decreased approximately by a factor of two (see Fig. 7). This accompanies a slight

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increase in the mixing ratios of brominated carbonyl compounds and their degradation products including  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{OOH}$ , since the degradation of brominated hydroperoxides represents one of the important sources of brominated carbonyl compounds (see Table 6). Overall, an appreciable amount of organic brominated intermediates, reaching 1.1 pmol/mol (18% of that of inorganic gaseous bromine species), is still formed in Run 1f and the total mixing ratio of inorganic gaseous bromine species is simulated to be only 14% higher than that in Run 1a (see Table 4). In the remote MBL with low  $\text{NO}_x$  concentrations, a large fraction of alkenes that react with Br atoms forms brominated hydroperoxides, whose further degradation results in the formation of brominated carbonyl compounds. Decomposition of brominated alkoxy/acetyl radicals, which are formed via further degradation of brominated carbonyl compounds, provides a main pathway to regenerate inorganic bromine (Br atoms) from brominated organic intermediates. Thus, the number of reaction steps to regenerate inorganic bromine species from brominated organic oxygenates are fairly large so that simulated results will not be highly sensitive to errors in the rate estimates.

One may expect a possibility that halogenated hydroperoxides (and other halogenated organic oxygenates formed along with them) are decomposed more promptly than estimated in the present work to regenerate inorganic halogen species via some unknown mechanisms. In their modeling study concerning “bromine explosion” in the Arctic boundary layer, McConnell et al. (1992) even assumed that brominated hydroperoxides and other brominated organic oxygenates are effectively scavenged on the surfaces of snow and aerosols and are then converted to  $\text{Br}_2$  via reaction with  $\text{Br}^-$ :



However, the feasibility of such reactions has never been explored with laboratory experiments. We would expect that such reactions, if they do happen, proceed very slowly as in the case of aqueous-phase reactions between PAA and  $\text{Cl}^-/\text{Br}^-$  and do not exert any noticeable influences on the behaviors of halogenated organic oxygenates (see Sect. 5.6). It should also be noted that wall reactions of  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{OOH}$  and

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BrCH<sub>2</sub>OOH were unobservable in previous chamber experiments (Chen et al., 1995; Wallington et al., 1996).

In this respect, a reactive uptake coefficient ( $\gamma$ ) as large as 0.1 is already assigned for the heterogeneous reaction of HCOBr to give HBr + CO in the base run (see Sect. 3.2).

5 The rapid heterogeneous loss makes the chemical lifetime of HCOBr shorter than 3 hours and provides an important pathway to regenerate inorganic bromine from brominated organic intermediates (see Table 6 and Fig. 5). In a sensitivity run (Run 1g) with a decreased value of  $\gamma$  as low as  $8 \times 10^{-4}$  as in the case of heterogeneous reactions of acetyl halides, HCOBr mixing ratio becomes more than an order of magnitude higher  
10 than that in Run 1a (see Fig. 7). However, a change in the simulated mixing ratio of inorganic gaseous bromine species is less than 5% from Run 1a (see Table 4). This again suggests that the uncertainty in kinetic parameters for a single reaction does not represent a serious flaw in our model prediction.

5.4. Additional model runs with the fixed mixing ratios of  
15 HCHO/CH<sub>3</sub>CHO/C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>/C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>

As described in the previous section, the oceanic alkene emissions impede bromine activation in the MBL by forming brominated organic intermediates (“direct” influence). Actually, the oceanic emissions of alkenes also result in the increase in the mixing ratios of CH<sub>3</sub>CHO and HCHO in the MBL (see Sect. 5.1). This could represent an additional factor for impeding bromine activation (“indirect” influence). In order to separate  
20 contributions from the “direct” influence and those from the “indirect” influence, model runs are conducted in which the mixing ratios of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, HCHO, and CH<sub>3</sub>CHO are specified rather than simulated in the model (Runs 7a-d; see Tables 3 and 7). Runs 7a and 7b are conducted with the mixing ratios of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, HCHO, and CH<sub>3</sub>CHO being  
25 specified to those taken from the daily average values on Day 20 in Runs 2 and 1a, respectively. Accordingly, the total mixing ratios of inorganic gaseous bromine species simulated on Day 20 in Runs 7a (11.15 pmol/day) and 7b (5.26 pmol/mol) are very close to those in Runs 2 and 1a, respectively. In Run 7c the mixing ratios of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>

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and  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  are fixed at 0 pmol/mol (the same as Run 7a), whereas those of HCHO and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  are increased to 301.2 pmol/mol and 94.7 pmol/mol, respectively, to match with those in Run 7b. On the other hand, in Run 7d the mixing ratios of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  and  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  are fixed at the same values as those in Run 7b, whereas the mixing ratios of HCHO and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  are decreased to 265.6 pmol/mol and 80.2 pmol/mol, respectively, to match with those in Run 7a. Then the total mixing ratios of inorganic gaseous bromine species are simulated to be 7.87 pmol/mol and 6.75 pmol/mol in Runs 7c and 7d, respectively, implying that the increase in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  and HCHO mixing ratios by secondary effects augments appreciably the impacts of oceanic alkene emissions on bromine chemistry.

To survey the dependence of bromine activation on each of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ , and  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  mixing ratios within their probable ranges encountered in the remote MBL (see Table 1), three sets of parameter sweep experiments are also performed. In each experiment multiple model runs are conducted, taking  $[\text{HCHO}] = 300$  pmol/mol,  $[\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}] = 90$  pmol/mol,  $[\text{C}_2\text{H}_4] = 30$  pmol/mol, and  $[\text{C}_3\text{H}_6] = 15$  pmol/mol as a base condition. Here sensitivities of model behaviors on either  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  mixing ratio (from 0 to 250 pmol/mol; Run 8a),  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  mixing ratio (from 0 to 100 pmol/mol; Run 8b), or  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  mixing ratio (from 0 to 30 pmol/mol; Run 8c) are examined. Under the base condition the total mixing ratio of inorganic gaseous bromine species are simulated to be 5.73 pmol/mol with the  $\text{o-Br}_x/\text{i-Br}_x$  ratio of 0.29. As shown in Figs. 8a and 8c, the degree of bromine activation depends quite strongly on variabilities in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  and  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  mixing ratios. Within the probable range of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  mixing ratios in the remote MBL (70–250 pmol/mol) the total mixing ratio of inorganic gaseous bromine species range between 1.9–7.2 pmol/mol with  $\text{o-Br}_x/\text{i-Br}_x$  ratio ranging between 0.20–0.31. Within the probable range of  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  mixing ratios in the remote MBL (2–30 pmol/mol), the total mixing ratio of inorganic gaseous bromine species range between 4.5–7.6 pmol/mol with  $\text{o-Br}_x/\text{i-Br}_x$  ratio ranging between 0.06–0.54. A variability in  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  mixing ratio has a weaker influence on bromine activation than those in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  and  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  mixing ratios do. As  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  mixing ratio is increased from 5 to

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90 pmol/mol (sweeping the probable range in the remote MBL), the total mixing ratio of inorganic gaseous bromine species is only decreased from 5.9 to 5.3 pmol/mol (see Fig. 8b).

### 5.5. Impacts of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> on bromine activation

5 In their modeling study [Sander et al. \(1997\)](#) found that C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> as well as C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> can effectively impede the “bromine explosion” in the springtime Arctic boundary layer, given that all the Br atoms reacting with C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> produce organically-bound bromine compound(s) (most likely HCOBr) and that the product(s) are completely inert against further degradation to regenerate inorganic bromine species.

10 As experimentally determined by [Yarwood et al. \(1991\)](#) and [Ramacher et al. \(2001\)](#), however, less than 20% of the reaction Br + C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> results in HCOBr formation, whereas the remainder gives inorganic bromine species such as HBr or Br atoms (see Reaction (69)). In addition, HCOBr is likely to hydrolyze rapidly on aerosol surface to give HBr (see Sect. 3.2). Thus, in our model runs, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> exerts no more than a marginal  
15 influence on bromine activation. As C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> mixing ratio is increased from 35 pmol/mol (Run 1a) to 200 pmol/mol (Run 1h) to represent an air mass under a relatively strong continental influence (e.g. [Koppmann et al., 1992](#)), the total mixing ratio of inorganic gaseous bromine species calculated is decreased by only 1.3% (from 5.22 pmol/mol to 5.15 pmol/mol). Even where the reactive uptake coefficient of HCOBr hydrolysis on  
20 aerosol surface is reduced from 0.1 to  $8 \times 10^{-4}$ , the impact of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> is still very small; in this case, the calculated total mixing ratio of inorganic gaseous bromine species is decreased by 1.8% (from 4.99 pmol/mol to 4.90 pmol/mol), as C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> mixing ratio is increased from 35 pmol/mol (Run 1g) to 200 pmol/mol (Run 1i).

### 5.6. PAA as a trigger of autocatalytic halogen release from sea-salt aerosols

25 PAA is formed primarily via OH-initiated CH<sub>3</sub>CHO oxidation in the gas phase (Reactions (70)–(71)). This compound is potentially important for triggering the autocatalytic

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halogen release from sea-salt aerosols, since it is capable of oxidizing halide ions in the aqueous phase (Fortnum et al., 1960). To our knowledge atmospheric concentrations of PAA in the MBL have never been reported in the literature; however, its production and loss kinetics in the gas- and aqueous-phases have been characterized fairly well by earlier experimental studies (see Sect. 3.7) and besides the concentration of its precursor,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$ , can be constrained by recent observations in the remote MBL (Singh et al., 2001; Wisthaler et al., 2002). In our model runs the calculated mixing ratio of PAA varies between 27 to 157 pmol/mol, depending on the mixing ratios of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  and  $\text{NO}_x$  (see Table 4). Then aqueous-phase reactions of PAA considered in the present work (Reaction (73)–(75)) take place so slowly that the aqueous-phase concentrations of PAA in deliquesced sea-salt aerosols are virtually in Henry's law equilibrium with its gas-phase concentrations.

Table 8 presents the rates of reactive halogen production via reactions of potential importance for triggering the autocatalytic halogen release in Run 1a (base run), in which the mixing ratio of PAA is calculated to be approximately 80 pmol/mol. As in the cases of preceding modeling works by Sander and Crutzen (1996) and Vogt et al. (1996), reactions between  $\text{Cl}^-/\text{Br}^-$  and  $\text{HSO}_5^-$  and the self-reaction of  $\text{Br}_2^-$  are primarily important for triggering the autocatalytic halogen release. They are the consequences of radical chain reactions initiated by the uptake of either OH (during the daytime) or  $\text{NO}_3$  (during the nighttime) from the gas phase. Photolysis of  $\text{NO}_3^-$  also results in the formation of OH radicals and thus augments the OH concentrations in the deliquesced sea-salt aerosols (von Glasow et al., 2002a). The next important process as a trigger of autocatalytic halogen release is  $\text{CHBr}_3$  degradation in the gas phase. The production of Br atoms via  $\text{CHBr}_3$  degradation results in the formation of HOBr and  $\text{BrONO}_2$  by subsequent gas-phase reactions (8)–(10) and is thus capable of triggering autocatalytic halogen release. The oxidation of halides by PAA occurs at a rate comparable to that of  $\text{Br}^-$  oxidation by  $\text{O}_3$ , reaching no more than a few percent of the rates of  $\text{Br}^-/\text{Cl}^- + \text{HSO}_5^-$  during the daytime. During the nighttime, however, radical-initiated reactions are less active than during the daytime and therefore the contributions from

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the reactions involving PAA become relatively greater, reaching 24% of those from the radical-initiated primary processes. Thus, PAA can serve as one of the important chemical agents for triggering the autocatalytic halogen release in the remote MBL during the nighttime. During the daytime, its impact is swamped by other mechanisms including the radical chain reactions oxidizing halides in the sea-salt aerosols and the production of Br atoms via  $\text{CHBr}_3$  degradation in the gas phase.

Measurements of PAA in the MBL are clearly needed to better assess its impact.

### 5.7. Implications for chemistry of DMS, $\text{NO}_x$ , and $\text{O}_3$

As demonstrated in Sects. 5.2–5.4, the oceanic emissions of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  and alkenes will significantly impede the autocatalytic halogen release from sea-salt aerosols in the remote MBL. Accordingly, the simulated mixing ratios of reactive bromine species can differ by a factor of two or more with or without oceanic emissions of these compounds (see Table 4 and Fig. 4).

Figures 9a-b show diurnal variations in the simulated concentrations of BrO radicals and Cl atoms on Day 20 for Runs 1a-b and 2. Here, Run 1a is our base run which we believe represents a typical condition in the remote MBL concerning the mixing ratios of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  and alkenes, Run 1b is a sensitivity run in which the oceanic emission of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  is neglected, and Run 2 is another sensitivity run in which the oceanic emissions of alkenes are neglected. In Run 1a, the mixing ratio of BrO is generally below 1 pmol/mol, rising to 1.3 pmol/mol shortly after sunrise. This level of BrO would be difficult to detect in the ambient air by currently available measurement techniques (see Sect. 1). Where the oceanic emissions of alkenes are switched off (Run 2), BrO mixing ratio is calculated to be somewhat higher, ranging <1–3.4 pmol/mol during the daytime. Among the model runs conducted in the present work, Run 1b yield a result with the most activated bromine chemistry by neglecting the oceanic emission of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  (see Table 4). In this run BrO mixing ratio ranges generally between 1-2 pmol/mol during the daytime, rising to 5.3 pmol/mol shortly after sunrise. Again, currently available measurement techniques would be difficult to detect these levels of BrO in the

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ambient air except for a short duration in the early morning when BrO mixing ratio well exceeds 2 pmol/mol. Thus the validity of our model prediction would be rather difficult to be tested against field measurement data of BrO radicals obtained by currently available techniques. As for Cl atoms, their daytime concentrations in Runs 1a-b and 2 range between  $10^3$ – $10^4$  molecule/cm<sup>3</sup>, matching fairly well with values inferred from observed concentrations of hydrocarbons and/or halocarbons and their correlations in the remote MBL (Rudolph et al., 1996, 1997; Singh et al., 1996a,b; Wingenter et al., 1996, 1999).

Quite interestingly, the impacts of halogen (especially bromine) chemistry on the budgets of DMS, NO<sub>x</sub>, and O<sub>3</sub> are still appreciable in Run 1a (see Table 4). As compared with Run 1j, which is one of the sensitivity runs for Run 1a with halogen chemistry being switched off, the simulated mixing ratio of DMS is decreased by 20%, reflecting an additional photochemical loss via reactions with BrO radicals and Cl atoms that constitutes 24% of the total loss (see also Fig. 10). Here the reactions of DMS with Br atoms and ClO radicals are not accounted for in our reaction scheme, since the former reaction does not result in H-abstraction from DMS at atmospheric temperatures (Ingham et al., 1999; Nakano et al., 2001) and the rate constant of the latter reaction is approximately 30 times smaller than that of the reaction BrO + DMS (Barnes et al., 1991). As for NO<sub>x</sub>, its mixing ratio is also decreased by 22% in Run 1a compared with that in Run 1j owing to the enhanced loss of NO<sub>2</sub> via Reaction (10) followed by aerosol uptake. Then, by combined effects from enhanced photochemical loss via bromine chemistry and from decreased photochemical production at lower NO<sub>x</sub> concentrations (Sander et al., 1999; Toyota et al., 2001), the net chemical production rate of O<sub>3</sub> changes from –0.71 nmol/mol/day to –1.09 nmol/mol/day. Taking a time scale for the exchange of air mass in the MBL with that in the free troposphere to be 3–4 days following the work of Ayers and Galbally (1995), the difference in the net chemical production noted above would lead to the difference of 1.14–1.52 nmol/mol (5.7–7.6% of the absolute amount, i.e. 20 nmol/mol) in O<sub>3</sub> mixing ratio. In Runs 1b and 2 the impacts of halogen chemistry are of course larger: reactions with BrO radicals and Cl atoms constitute 57%

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(Run 1b) and 43% (Run 2) of the overall photochemical loss of DMS (see Fig. 10); NO<sub>x</sub> mixing ratios are decreased by 54% (Run 1b) and 41% (Run 2) as compared with that in Run 1j; and the net chemical loss of O<sub>3</sub> reaches as high as 1.79 nmol/mol/day and 1.46 nmol/mol/day in Runs 1b and 2, respectively (see Table 4).

These results suggest that CH<sub>3</sub>CHO and alkenes of oceanic origin should be carefully treated in the modeling of reactive halogen chemistry involving sea-salt aerosols. Even with the typical mixing ratios of CH<sub>3</sub>CHO and alkenes observed in the remote MBL, reactive halogen chemistry simulated will be significantly suppressed as compared with the situations where their oceanic emissions are neglected. Quite importantly, the impacts of halogen chemistry on DMS, NO<sub>x</sub>, and O<sub>3</sub> budgets are still appreciable on such occasions. From the results presented in Sects. 5.2–5.4, we would expect that naturally occurring variabilities in the oceanic emissions of CH<sub>3</sub>CHO and alkenes permit changes in the amount of reactive halogen species to be higher or lower than that in Run 1a by a factor of about two. Taken together, reactive halogen chemistry is likely to mediate a link between the oceanic emissions of VOCs and the behaviors of compounds that are sensitive to halogen chemistry such as DMS, NO<sub>x</sub>, and O<sub>3</sub> in the MBL.

## 6. Conclusions

In order to investigate photochemical interactions between reactive halogen species and volatile organic compounds in the remote MBL, the reaction scheme of multiphase photochemical box model SEAMAC (size-SEgregated Aerosol model for Marine Air Chemistry) is updated to achieve a near-explicit description of oxidative degradation of up to C<sub>3</sub>-hydrocarbons (CH<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>) initiated by reactions with OH radicals, Cl- and Br-atoms, and O<sub>3</sub>. A variety of halogenated organic compounds will be formed following the reactions of halogen atoms with C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>. However, kinetic and mechanistic data concerning their further degradation by OH attacks and/or photolysis are lacking in the majority of cases and are therefore

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estimated by empirical methods including structure-activity relationships. Model calculations with the new reaction scheme reveal important roles played by  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  and alkenes of oceanic origin in regulating bromine chemistry in the remote MBL.

The reaction with  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  is an important sink for Br atoms, thereby impeding the autocatalytic halogen halogen release from sea-salt aerosols. The activity of reactive halogen chemistry in the mid-latitude remote MBL is expected to vary by a factor of two or more as a result of natural variability in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  mixing ratio.  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  in the MBL originates most likely from its emission from the ocean and additionally from photochemical oxidation of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6/\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ .

The addition reactions  $\text{Br} + \text{C}_2\text{H}_4/\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  are also important for impeding autocatalytic halogen release from sea-salt aerosols by producing brominated organic intermediates which sequester bromine from reactive inorganic pool. The total amount of brominated organic intermediates thus produced is likely to reach 10–20% or more of that of inorganic gaseous bromine species over wide regions over the remote ocean. The increase in  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  and  $\text{HCHO}$  mixing ratios that accompanies the oceanic alkene emissions will augment their impacts on halogen chemistry. Some uncertainties arise in the dearth of kinetic and photochemical data concerning the production and loss of brominated organic intermediates. Experimental studies to determine currently-unknown kinetic parameters, including the rate constants of OH attacks on brominated organic oxygenates and those of the reactions of brominated organic peroxy radicals with  $\text{NO}$ ,  $\text{HO}_2$ , and  $\text{RO}_2$ , would benefit a better assessment of the impacts of alkenes on reactive halogen chemistry in the MBL. In the remote MBL with low  $\text{NO}_x$  concentrations, however, regeneration of inorganic bromine species from brominated organic oxygenates generally involves multiple reaction steps, and so that the simulated results will not change significantly by errors in the rate estimates. To our knowledge, this is the first study of its kind addressing the impacts of  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  on halogen chemistry in the lower troposphere.  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$  reacts with Br atoms approximately 20 times faster than  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  does, thereby strongly impeding the rate of autocatalytic halogen release from sea-salt aerosols.  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$  also forms a brominated organic compound, i.e.  $\text{HCOBr}$ , via reaction

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with Br atoms. Its impact, however, appears unimportant for overall bromine cycle in the remote MBL.

Peroxyacetic acid (PAA) formed via  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  degradation is proposed to be one of the important chemical agents for triggering autocatalytic halogen release from sea-salt aerosols. Although we believe that PAA mixing ratios (27–157 pmol/mol) are quite reasonably simulated in our model runs, measurements of PAA in the remote MBL are needed to better assess its impact.

To date, the impacts of their emissions have been discussed within the context of  $\text{HO}_x$ - $\text{NO}_x$  chemistry and/or organic acids formation (e.g. Arlander et al., 1990; Donahue and Prinn, 1990; Singh et al., 2001). The present work suggests that the oceanic emissions of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$ /alkenes and resultant variations in their atmospheric concentrations are important for regulating reactive halogen chemistry in the MBL as well. Quite interestingly, the model runs conducted in the present work reveal that the concentrations of reactive halogen species are more sensitively influenced by the oceanic emissions of these VOCs than the concentration of OH radicals is. In a situation typical of the mid-latitude remote MBL, autocatalytic halogen release from sea salt is significantly impeded by the reactions of Br atoms with  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  and alkenes. However, halogen chemistry still exerts an appreciable influence on the budgets of DMS,  $\text{NO}_x$ , and  $\text{O}_3$  on such occasions. This also implies that the behaviors of these compounds in the MBL can be controlled indirectly by the oceanic emissions of VOCs as mediated by reactive halogen chemistry involving sea-salt aerosols.

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**Table 1.** Mixing ratios of ethene ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ ), propene ( $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ ), and acetaldehyde ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$ ) in the marine boundary layer with clean air masses reported in the recent literature

| Species                | Mixing Ratio <sup>a</sup> | Sampling Location  | Sampling Dates | Ref.   |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--|----------------|--------|
| $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ | 58 ± 26                   | mid-Atlantic, 0° to 45°N   | Mar./Apr. 1987 | (1)    |
|                        | 45 ± 35                   | mid-Atlantic, 0° to 45°N   | Sep./Oct. 1988 | (1)    |
|                        | 25 ± 18                   | mid-Atlantic, 0° to 30°S   | Mar./Apr. 1987 | (1)    |
|                        | 22 ± 9                    | mid-Atlantic, 0° to 30°S   | Sep./Oct. 1988 | (1)    |
|                        | ~50 <sup>b</sup>          | central Pacific, 15°S to 20°N and 140° to 170°W                            | Feb./Mar. 1990 | (2)    |
|                        | 19–30                     | northern Pacific, 0° to 40°N and 115° to 180°E, north of ITCZ              | Sep./Oct. 1991 | (3)    |
|                        | 11–24                     | northern Pacific, 0° to 40°N and 115° to 180°E, south of ITCZ              | Sep./Oct. 1991 | (3)    |
|                        | 5–21                      | South Atlantic and western Indian Oceans, 0° to 35.5°S                     | Sep./Oct. 1992 | (4)    |
|                        | 21.0 <sup>c</sup>         | Mace Head, 53.3°N 9.9°W  | Apr./May 1997  | (5, 6) |
|                        | 9.3 <sup>c</sup>          | Cape Grim, 40.7°S 144.7°E  | Jan./Feb. 1999 | (6)    |
| $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ | ~30 <sup>b</sup>          | central Pacific, 15°S to 20°N and 140° to 170°W                            | Feb./Mar. 1990 | (2)    |
|                        | 9.0–21.5                  | northern Pacific, 0° to 40°N and 115° to 180°E, north of ITCZ <sup>d</sup> | Sep./Oct. 1991 | (3)    |
|                        | 2–6                       | South Atlantic and western Indian Oceans, 0° to 35.5°S                     | Sep./Oct. 1992 | (4)    |
|                        | 25.1 <sup>c</sup>         | Mace Head, 53.3°N 9.9°W  | Apr./May 1997  | (5, 6) |
|                        | 5.2 <sup>c</sup>          | Cape Grim, 40.7°S 144.7°E  | Jan./Feb. 1999 | (6)    |

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**Table 1.** Continued ....

| Species             | Mixing Ratio <sup>a</sup> | Sampling Location                               | Sampling Dates | Ref. |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---|----------------|------|
| CH <sub>3</sub> CHO | ~80 <sup>e</sup>          | tropical Pacific, 0° to 30°S and 165°E to 100°W | Mar./Apr. 1999 | (7)  |
|                     | ~110 <sup>e</sup>         | tropical Pacific, 0° to 30°N and 170° to 120°W  | Mar./Apr. 1999 | (7)  |
|                     | 212±29                    | equatorial Indian Ocean <sup>f</sup>            | Mar. 1999      | (8)  |
|                     | 178±30                    | equatorial Indian Ocean <sup>g</sup>            | Mar. 1999      | (8)  |

References: 1, [Koppmann et al. \(1992\)](#); 2, [Donahue and Prinn \(1993\)](#); 3, [Gregory et al. \(1996\)](#); 4, [Heikes et al. \(1996\)](#); 5, [Lewis et al. \(1999\)](#); 6, [Lewis et al. \(2001\)](#); 7, [Singh et al. \(2001\)](#); 8, [Wisthaler et al. \(2002\)](#).

Notes:

<sup>a</sup> Unit: pmol/mol;

<sup>b</sup> Median values;

<sup>c</sup> Average mixing ratios during 11:00-13:00 local time in the clean oceanic air as screened by backward trajectory calculations;

<sup>d</sup> No data was reported for C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> south of ITCZ;

<sup>e</sup> Mean values;

<sup>f</sup> Northern Hemisphere maritime equatorial air masses;

<sup>g</sup> Southern Hemisphere maritime equatorial air masses

**Table 2.** Influxes of chemical species that enter in the MBL from the free troposphere or from the ocean

| Species                                      | Influx <sup>a</sup>    | Reference                           |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <i>Entrainment from the Free Troposphere</i> |                        |                                     |
| NO <sub>y</sub>                              | 1.5 × 10 <sup>9</sup>  | Estimated <sup>b</sup>              |
| <i>Emissions from the Ocean</i>              |                        |                                     |
| DMS  | 2 × 10 <sup>9</sup>    | Quinn et al. (1990)                 |
| NO   | 7 × 10 <sup>7</sup>    | Zafiriou and McFarland (1981)       |
| C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>                | 2.4 × 10 <sup>8</sup>  | Plass-Dülmer et al. (1993)          |
|  | 2.7 × 10 <sup>8</sup>  | Heikes et al. (1996)                |
|  | 6.15 × 10 <sup>8</sup> | Thompson et al. (1993)              |
|  | 1.8 × 10 <sup>9</sup>  | Bonsang (1993), base case           |
|  | 5.4 × 10 <sup>9</sup>  | Donahue and Prinn (1990)            |
| C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>                | 9.8 × 10 <sup>7</sup>  | Plass-Dülmer et al. (1993)          |
|  | 3.1 × 10 <sup>8</sup>  | Heikes et al. (1996)                |
|  | 4.45 × 10 <sup>8</sup> | Thompson et al. (1993)              |
|  | 1.0 × 10 <sup>9</sup>  | Bonsang (1993), base case           |
|  | 8.8 × 10 <sup>9</sup>  | Donahue and Prinn (1990)            |
| CH <sub>3</sub> CHO                          | 3.6 × 10 <sup>9</sup>  | Estimated, base case <sup>c</sup>   |
|  | 8 × 10 <sup>9</sup>    | Estimated, higher case <sup>c</sup> |

Notes:

<sup>a</sup> Unit: molecule cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>;<sup>b</sup> Estimated to yield about 10–20 pmol/mol of NO<sub>x</sub> (Gregory et al., 1996; Heikes et al., 1996), where NO<sub>y</sub> flux from the free troposphere is assumed to comprise 20% NO<sub>x</sub>, 30% PAN, and 50% HNO<sub>3</sub> (Kondo et al., 1997);<sup>c</sup> Estimated to yield CH<sub>3</sub>CHO mixing ratios of about 90 pmol/mol (base case; Singh et al., 2001) or about 200 pmol/mol (higher case; Wisthaler et al., 2002)

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**Table 3.** Overview of model runs

| No. | Brief Description   |
|-----|---|
| 1a  | Base run; alkene emission rates taken from <a href="#">Bonsang (1993)</a>   |
| 1b  | The same as Run 1a but without the oceanic emission of CH <sub>3</sub> CHO  |
| 1c  | The same as Run 1a but with the higher emission rate of CH <sub>3</sub> CHO from the ocean  |
| 1d  | The same as Run 1a but without the oceanic emission of C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>  |
| 1e  | The same as Run 1a but without the oceanic emission of C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub>  |
| 1f  | The same as Run 1a but with absorption cross sections for brominated hydroperoxides being red-shifted by 50 nm  |
| 1g  | The same as Run 1a but with reduced $\gamma$ values ( $= 8 \times 10^{-4}$ ) for hydrolysis of HCOBr/HCOCl on aerosols  |
| 1h  | The same as Run 1a but with [C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> ]=200 pmol/mol   |
| 1i  | The same as Run 1g but with [C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> ]=200 pmol/mol   |
| 1j  | The same as Run 1a but with halogen chemistry being switched off by taking off the atmospheric loading of sea-salt aerosols and by specifying [CHBr <sub>3</sub> ]=0 pmol/mol |
| 2   | No alkene emissions from the ocean  |
| 3   | Alkene emission rates taken from <a href="#">Plass-Dülmer et al. (1993)</a>   |
| 4   | Alkene emission rates taken from <a href="#">Heikes et al. (1996)</a>   |
| 5   | Alkene emission rates taken from <a href="#">Thompson et al. (1993)</a>   |
| 6   | Alkene emission rates taken from <a href="#">Donahue and Prinn (1990)</a>   |

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| No. | Brief Description  |
|-----|--|
| 7a  | Similar to Run 2 but with the mixing ratios of C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> , HCHO, and CH <sub>3</sub> CHO being fixed at 0.0, 0.0, 265.6, and 80.2 pmol/mol, respectively   |
| 7b  | Similar to Run 1a but with the mixing ratios of C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> , HCHO, and CH <sub>3</sub> CHO being fixed at 89.9, 12.6, 301.2, and 94.7 pmol/mol, respectively  |
| 7c  | The same as Run 7a but with the mixing ratios of HCHO and CH <sub>3</sub> CHO being fixed at 301.2 and 94.7 pmol/mol, respectively   |
| 7d  | The same as Run 7b but with the mixing ratios of HCHO and CH <sub>3</sub> CHO being fixed at 265.6 and 80.2 pmol/mol, respectively   |
| 8a  | Parameter sweep experiment; multiple model runs are performed in which different mixing ratios of CH <sub>3</sub> CHO are specified ranging from 0 to 250 pmol/mol with those of HCHO, C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , and C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> being fixed at 300, 30, and 15 pmol/mol, respectively |
| 8b  | Parameter sweep experiment; multiple model runs are performed in which different mixing ratios of C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> are specified ranging from 0 to 100 pmol/mol with those of HCHO, CH <sub>3</sub> CHO, and C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> being fixed at 300, 90, and 15 pmol/mol, respectively  |
| 8c  | Parameter sweep experiment; multiple model runs are performed in which different mixing ratios of C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> are specified ranging from 0 to 30 pmol/mol with those of HCHO, CH <sub>3</sub> CHO, and C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> being fixed at 300, 90, and 30 pmol/mol, respectively   |

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**Table 4.** Mixing ratios of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, HCHO, CH<sub>3</sub>CHO, CH<sub>3</sub>OOH, CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)OOH (PAA), total inorganic gaseous bromine (i-Br<sub>x</sub>), total brominated organic intermediates in the gas phase formed via Br-initiated degradation of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> (o-Br<sub>x</sub>), NO<sub>x</sub>, and DMS, OH concentrations, Br<sup>-</sup> loss from sea-salt aerosols, and net chemical production rates of O<sub>3</sub> (P-L(O<sub>3</sub>)) as simulated in Runs 1a–j and 2–6. Daily averaged values on Day 20 are presented

|  | 1a    | 1b    | 1c    | 1d                  | 1e    | 1f    | 1g    | 1h    | 1i    |
|--|-------|-------|-------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> <sup>a</sup> | 89.9  | 83.0  | 95.0  | 0.0069 <sup>d</sup> | 88.2  | 90.0  | 89.9  | 90.0  | 89.9  |
| C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> <sup>a</sup> | 12.6  | 11.3  | 13.4  | 12.3                | 0.0   | 12.6  | 12.6  | 12.6  | 12.6  |
| HCHO <sup>a</sup>                          | 301.2 | 260.8 | 331.2 | 283.4               | 285.6 | 298.8 | 302.0 | 301.1 | 302.0 |
| CH <sub>3</sub> CHO <sup>a</sup>           | 94.7  | 11.6  | 209.9 | 91.8                | 83.7  | 94.2  | 94.8  | 94.8  | 94.9  |
| CH <sub>3</sub> OOH <sup>a</sup>           | 793.3 | 824.8 | 800.8 | 821.9               | 814.9 | 798.9 | 791.5 | 793.4 | 791.4 |
| PAA <sup>a</sup>                           | 79.8  | 26.9  | 140.1 | 79.8                | 70.8  | 80.4  | 79.7  | 80.0  | 79.8  |
| Br <sup>-</sup> loss                       | 37.5% | 63.9% | 21.6% | 40.2%               | 43.0% | 38.4% | 37.3% | 37.2% | 37.1% |
| i-Br <sub>x</sub> <sup>a</sup>             | 5.22  | 14.37 | 2.17  | 6.43                | 8.08  | 5.95  | 4.99  | 5.15  | 4.90  |
| o-Br <sub>x</sub> <sup>a</sup>             | 1.54  | 5.83  | 0.51  | 1.38                | 0.70  | 1.10  | 1.64  | 1.52  | 1.62  |
| OH <sup>b</sup>                            | 9.04  | 9.49  | 8.60  | 9.27                | 9.16  | 9.02  | 9.05  | 9.04  | 9.05  |
| NO <sub>x</sub> <sup>a</sup>               | 19.5  | 11.5  | 23.4  | 18.2                | 16.8  | 18.8  | 19.7  | 19.5  | 19.8  |
| DMS <sup>a</sup>                           | 74.5  | 44.6  | 90.7  | 69.2                | 64.7  | 72.3  | 75.3  | 74.9  | 75.7  |
| P-L(O <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>c</sup>          | -1.09 | -1.79 | -0.86 | -1.18               | -1.28 | -1.14 | -1.08 | -1.09 | -1.07 |

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|  | 1j    | 2                    | 3     | 4     | 5     | 6     |
|--|-------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> <sup>a</sup> | 88.3  | 0.0                  | 11.5  | 13.0  | 29.9  | 329.2 |
| C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> <sup>a</sup> | 12.6  | 0.0                  | 1.2   | 3.7   | 5.4   | 134.3 |
| HCHO <sup>a</sup>                          | 322.5 | 265.6                | 270.3 | 274.7 | 280.8 | 406.7 |
| CH <sub>3</sub> CHO <sup>a</sup>           | 97.0  | 80.2                 | 81.9  | 84.4  | 86.6  | 202.0 |
| CH <sub>3</sub> OOH <sup>a</sup>           | 747.2 | 850.7                | 842.4 | 835.1 | 824.6 | 733.3 |
| PAA <sup>a</sup>                           | 75.7  | 71.2                 | 71.9  | 73.7  | 74.9  | 156.5 |
| Br <sup>−</sup> loss                       | –     | 48.1%                | 46.3% | 44.3% | 42.5% | 21.0% |
| i-Br <sub>x</sub> <sup>a</sup>             | 0.00  | 10.85                | 9.82  | 8.66  | 7.66  | 1.08  |
| o-Br <sub>x</sub> <sup>a</sup>             | 0.00  | 0.00068 <sup>e</sup> | 0.33  | 0.71  | 0.97  | 2.01  |
| OH <sup>b</sup>                            | 9.37  | 9.40                 | 9.35  | 9.32  | 9.26  | 7.34  |
| NO <sub>x</sub> <sup>a</sup>               | 25.1  | 14.7                 | 15.4  | 16.3  | 17.1  | 25.6  |
| DMS <sup>a</sup>                           | 93.0  | 56.5                 | 59.2  | 62.4  | 65.5  | 108.4 |
| P–L(O <sub>3</sub> ) <sup>c</sup>          | −0.71 | −1.46                | −1.39 | −1.32 | −1.26 | −0.79 |

Notes:

<sup>a</sup> Unit: pmol/mol;<sup>b</sup> Unit: 10<sup>5</sup> molecule/cm<sup>3</sup>;<sup>c</sup> Unit: nmol/mol/day, a negative value implies net chemical loss;<sup>d</sup> Formed via photolysis of acrolein (CH<sub>2</sub>=CHCHO), which is a minor product of C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> degradation;<sup>e</sup> HCOBr formed via reaction Br + C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>

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**Table 5.** Sources and sinks for brominated hydroperoxides,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OOH})\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$ ,  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OOH}$ , and  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{OOH}$ , on Day 20 in Run 1a. Since more than two different mechanisms contribute to the loss of each compound, the relative contribution of each loss mechanism is also given in parenthesis

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| $[\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OOH})\text{CH}_2\text{Br}] = 0.377 \text{ pmol/mol}$   |                            |
| – Source –  |                            |
| $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OO})\text{CH}_2\text{Br} + \text{HO}_2$   | 0.512 pmol/mol/day         |
| – Sink –  |                            |
| $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OOH})\text{CH}_2\text{Br} + h\nu \rightarrow$<br>$0.86 \times \text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{Br} + 0.14 \times \text{BrCH}_2\text{OO} + \text{products}$ | 0.039 pmol/mol/day (7.7%)  |
| $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OOH})\text{CH}_2\text{Br} + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{C}(\text{OO})\text{CH}_2\text{Br} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$                              | 0.114 pmol/mol/day (22.2%) |
| $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OOH})\text{CH}_2\text{Br} + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{C}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{Br} + \text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$                   | 0.251 pmol/mol/day (49.0%) |
| dry deposition  | 0.108 pmol/mol/day (21.2%) |
| $[\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OOH}] = 0.145 \text{ pmol/mol}$   |                            |
| – Source –  |                            |
| $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OO} + \text{HO}_2$   | 0.147 pmol/mol/day         |
| – Sink –  |                            |
| $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OOH} + h\nu \rightarrow \text{BrCH}_2\text{CHO} + \text{HO}_2 + \text{OH}$   | 0.015 pmol/mol/day (10.2%) |
| $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OOH} + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OO} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$   | 0.043 pmol/mol/day (29.5%) |
| $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OOH} + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{BrCH}_2\text{CHO} + \text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$   | 0.047 pmol/mol/day (31.9%) |
| dry deposition  | 0.042 pmol/mol/day (28.5%) |

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Table 5. Continued ....

| [BrCH <sub>2</sub> OOH] = 0.373 pmol/mol                                |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| – Source –  |                            |
| BrCH <sub>2</sub> OO + HO <sub>2</sub>                                  | 0.353 pmol/mol/day         |
| – Sink –  |                            |
| BrCH <sub>2</sub> OOH + <i>hν</i> → 0.99 × Br + 0.01 × HCOBr + products | 0.037 pmol/mol/day (10.5%) |
| BrCH <sub>2</sub> OOH + OH → BrCH <sub>2</sub> OO + H <sub>2</sub> O    | 0.107 pmol/mol/day (30.5%) |
| BrCH <sub>2</sub> OOH + OH → HCOBr + OH + H <sub>2</sub> O              | 0.101 pmol/mol/day (28.6%) |
| dry deposition  | 0.107 pmol/mol/day (30.4%) |

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**Table 6.** Sources and sinks for brominated carbonyl compounds,  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{Br}$ ,  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CHO}$ , and  $\text{HCOBr}$ , on Day 20 in Run 1a. Since quite a lot of mechanisms contribute to the production/loss of each compound, common mechanisms are lumped together. A relative contribution of each common production/loss mechanism is also given in parenthesis. Mechanisms contributing less than 0.2% of the overall production/loss are disregarded

| $[\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{Br}] = 0.139 \text{ pmol/mol}$  |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| – Source –  |                            |
| $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OO})\text{CH}_2\text{Br} + \text{NO}/\text{CH}_3\text{OO}$  | 0.248 pmol/mol/day (46.1%) |
| $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OOH})\text{CH}_2\text{Br} + \text{OH}/h\nu$   | 0.285 pmol/mol/day (53.0%) |
| $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{Br} + \text{OH}$   | 0.005 pmol/mol/day (0.9%)  |
| – Sink –  |                            |
| $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{Br} + h\nu \rightarrow 0.625 \times \text{BrCH}_2\text{OO}$<br>+ $0.25 \times \text{BrCH}_2\text{C}(\text{O})\text{OO} + 0.125 \times \text{Br} + \text{products}$ | 0.523 pmol/mol/day (97.3%) |
| $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{Br} + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{COCHBrOO} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$   | 0.0034 pmol/mol/day (0.6%) |
| dry deposition  | 0.011 pmol/mol/day (2.0%)  |

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**Table 6.** Continued ....

| [BrCH <sub>2</sub> CHO] = 0.113 pmol/mol                             |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| – Source –   |                             |
| BrCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OO + NO/CH <sub>3</sub> OO         | 0.105 pmol/mol/day (55.8%)  |
| BrCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OOH + OH/ <i>hν</i>                | 0.062 pmol/mol/day (32.7%)  |
| BrCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH + OH                            | 0.0079 pmol/mol/day (4.2%)  |
| Br + acrolein  | 0.014 pmol/mol/day (7.2%)   |
| – Sink –   |                             |
| BrCH <sub>2</sub> CHO + <i>hν</i> →                                  | 0.104 pmol/mol/day (55.5%)  |
| 0.997 × BrCH <sub>2</sub> OO + 0.003 × CH <sub>3</sub> Br + products |                             |
| BrCH <sub>2</sub> CHO + OH → 0.5 × BrCH <sub>2</sub> C(O)OO          | 0.037 pmol/mol/day (19.5%)  |
| + 0.25 × (BrCH <sub>2</sub> OO + Br) + products                      |                             |
| dry/wet deposition   | 0.047 pmol/mol/day (24.8%)  |
| [HCOBr] = 0.012 pmol/mol   |                             |
| – Source –   |                             |
| BrCH <sub>2</sub> OO + HO <sub>2</sub>                               | 0.039 pmol/mol/day (27.2%)  |
| BrCH <sub>2</sub> O + O <sub>2</sub>                                 | 0.00084 pmol/mol/day (0.6%) |
| BrCH <sub>2</sub> OOH + OH   | 0.101 pmol/mol/day (69.8%)  |
| Br + C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub>                                   | 0.0035 pmol/mol/day (2.4%)  |
| – Sink –   |                             |
| HCOBr → HBr + CO (on aerosols)                                       | 0.134 pmol/mol/day (93.0%)  |
| HCOBr + OH/ <i>hν</i> → Br + products                                | 0.005 pmol/mol/day (3.5%)   |
| dry/wet deposition   | 0.005 pmol/mol/day (3.5%)   |

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**Table 7.** Total mixing ratios of inorganic gaseous bromine species ( $i\text{-Br}_x$ ) in Runs 7a–d. Daily averaged values on Day 20 are presented

|    | $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4^{a,b}$ | $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6^{a,b}$ | $\text{HCHO}^{a,b}$ | $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}^{a,b}$ | $i\text{-Br}_x^a$ |
|----|------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 7a | 0.0                          | 0.0                          | 265.6               | 80.2                          | 11.15             |
| 7b | 89.9                         | 12.6                         | 301.2               | 94.7                          | 5.26              |
| 7c | 0.0                          | 0.0                          | 301.2               | 94.7                          | 7.87              |
| 7d | 89.9                         | 12.6                         | 265.6               | 80.2                          | 6.75              |

Notes:

<sup>a</sup> Unit: pmol/mol;<sup>b</sup> Mixing ratios are fixed at given values

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**Table 8.** Rates of reactive halogen production via reactions of potential importance for triggering autocatalytic halogen release from sea-salt aerosols as simulated in Run 1a<sup>a</sup>. Values averaged over the nighttime (00:00–06:00, 18:00–24:00 local sun time) and over the daytime (06:00–12:00 local sun time) on Day 20 are presented

| Reaction(s)                              | Product       | Nighttime            | Daytime              |
|--|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| $\text{Br}^- + \text{HSO}_5^-^b$         | HOBr          | $1.4 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.5 \times 10^{-2}$ |
| $\text{Cl}^- + \text{HSO}_5^-^b$         | HOCl          | $3.0 \times 10^{-3}$ | $6.7 \times 10^{-2}$ |
| $\text{Br}_2^- + \text{Br}_2^-^b$        | $\text{Br}_2$ | $5.4 \times 10^{-4}$ | $3.8 \times 10^{-2}$ |
| $\text{Cl}_2^- + \text{Cl}_2^-^b$        | $\text{Cl}_2$ | $2.2 \times 10^{-5}$ | $3.0 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| $\text{Br}^- + \text{O}_3^b$             | HOBr          | $1.4 \times 10^{-3}$ | $1.1 \times 10^{-3}$ |
| $\text{Br}^- + \text{PAA}^b$             | HOBr          | $4.1 \times 10^{-4}$ | $3.7 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| $\text{Cl}^- + \text{PAA}^b$             | HOCl          | $7.6 \times 10^{-4}$ | $7.6 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| $\text{Br}^- + \text{HNO}_4^b$           | HOBr          | $9.7 \times 10^{-7}$ | $1.6 \times 10^{-5}$ |
| $\text{Cl}^- + \text{HNO}_4^b$           | HOCl          | $2.2 \times 10^{-6}$ | $4.3 \times 10^{-5}$ |
| $\text{CHBr}_3$ degradation <sup>c</sup> | Br            | $5.6 \times 10^{-6}$ | $7.7 \times 10^{-3}$ |

Notes:

<sup>a</sup> Unit: pmol(Br)/mol/hour or pmol(Cl)/mol/hour;

<sup>b</sup> Integrated over aerosol size bins except for the largest-size bin, which remains alkaline over the whole simulation time;

<sup>c</sup> The formation of Br atoms via  $\text{CHBr}_3$  photolysis, OH- and Cl-attacks on  $\text{CHBr}_3$ , and  $\text{CBr}_2\text{O}$  photolysis is accounted for, whereas the formation of HBr via  $\text{CHBr}_3$  photolysis is not.

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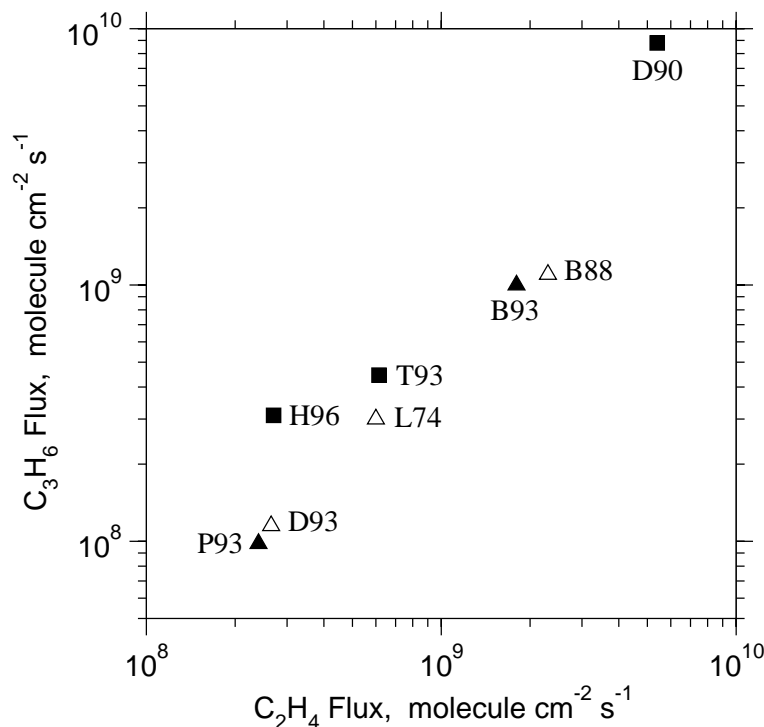
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**Fig. 1.** Estimated sea-to-air fluxes of  $C_2H_4$  and  $C_3H_6$  reported in the literature: P93, Plass-Dülmer et al. (1993); D93, Donahue and Prinn (1993); H96, Heikes et al. (1996), T93, Thompson et al. (1993); B93, Bonsang (1993); D90, Donahue and Prinn (1990); L74 and B88 were calculated by Donahue and Prinn (1990) from the data of Lamontagne et al. (1974) and Bonsang et al. (1988), respectively. Values marked by triangles were estimated based on measured seawater concentrations with a diffusive microlayer approach and those marked by squares based on measured air concentrations with budget analyses using photochemical models. Values with filled marks (P93, H96, T93, B93, and D90) are used in the model runs of the present work.

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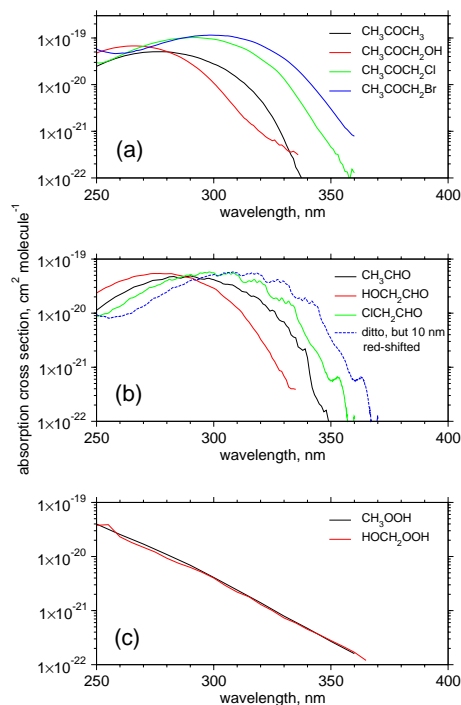
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**Fig. 2.** (a) Experimentally determined absorption cross sections for acetone and its substituted analogues:  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$  (black line; Atkinson et al., 1999),  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{OH}$  (red line; Orlando et al., 1999),  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_2\text{Br}$  (green and blue lines, respectively; Burkholder et al., 2002); (b) absorption cross sections for acetaldehyde and its substituted analogues:  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$  (black line; Atkinson et al., 1999),  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CHO}$  (red line; Bacher et al., 2001), and  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CHO}$  (green line; Libuda, 1992); absorption cross sections for  $\text{BrCH}_2\text{CHO}$  have not been reported in the literature and are therefore assumed red-shifted by 10 nm relative to those for  $\text{ClCH}_2\text{CHO}$  (blue dashed line); and (c) absorption cross sections for methyl hydroperoxide and its OH-substituted analogue:  $\text{CH}_3\text{OOH}$  (black line; Atkinson et al., 1999) and  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{OOH}$  (red line; Bauerle and Moortgat, 1999).

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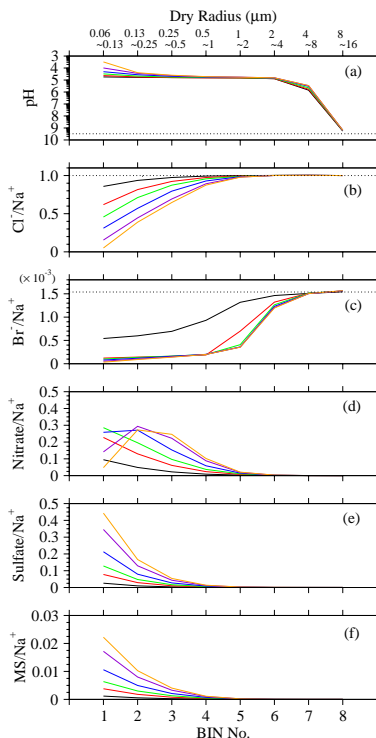
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**Fig. 3.** Simulated temporal evolutions of pH **(a)**,  $\text{Cl}^-/\text{Na}^+$  molar ratio **(b)**,  $\text{Br}^-/\text{Na}^+$  molar ratio **(c)**,  $(\text{HNO}_3 + \text{NO}_3^-)/\text{Na}^+$  molar ratio **(d)**,  $(\text{HSO}_4^- + \text{SO}_4^{2-})/\text{Na}^+$  molar ratio **(e)**,  $(\text{CH}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H} + \text{CH}_3\text{SO}_3^-)/\text{Na}^+$  molar ratio **(f)** as a function of particle size of the sea-salt aerosols for Run 1a. Daily averaged values on Days 1 (black lines), 2 (red lines), 3 (green lines), 5 (blue lines), 10 (violet lines), 20 (orange lines) are presented. Dotted lines correspond to values in nascent sea-salt aerosols.

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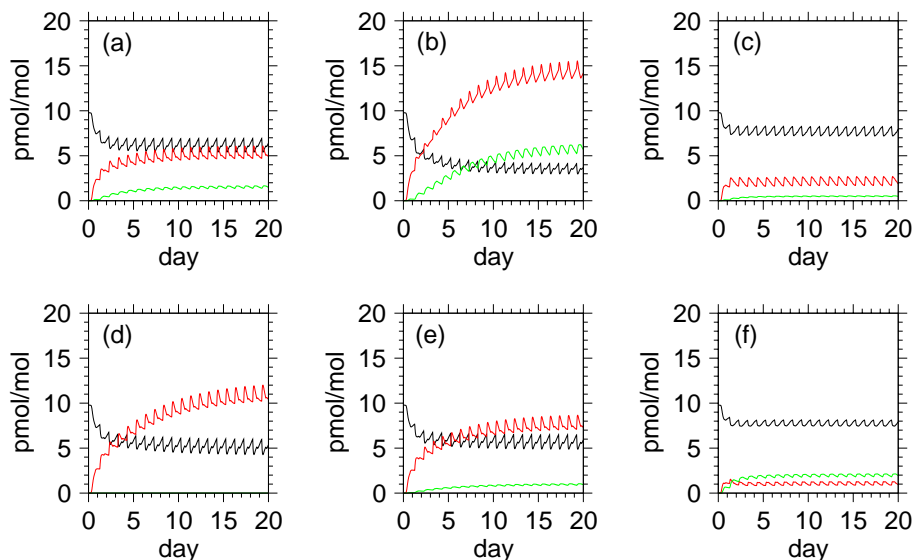
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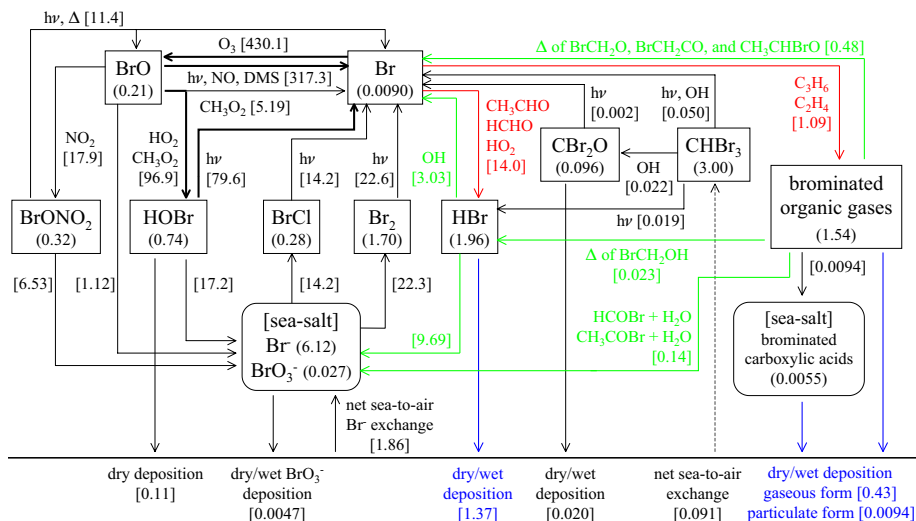


**Fig. 4.** Impacts of the oceanic emissions of acetaldehyde and alkenes on the simulated mixing ratios of bromine species: **(a)** Run 1a, **(b)** Run 1b, **(c)** Run 1c, **(d)** Run 2, **(e)** Run 5, and **(f)** Run 6. Black lines represent the total mixing ratios of  $\text{Br}^-$  in sea-salt aerosols, red lines the total mixing ratios of inorganic gaseous bromine species, and green lines the total mixing ratios of organic gaseous bromine species formed via Br-initiated degradation of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$ ,  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6$ , and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$ .

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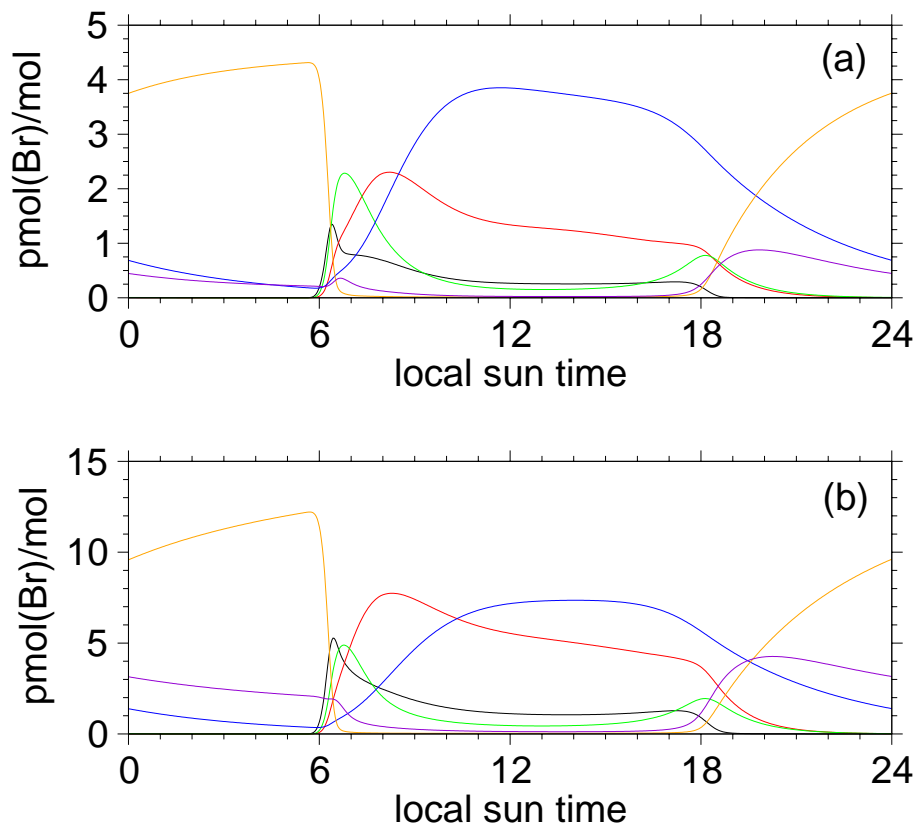
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**Fig. 5.** The material cycle of bromine species as simulated on Day 20 in Run 1a. The numbers in parentheses are daily average mixing ratios in pmol(Br)/mol and those in brackets the rates of either chemical transformation or air-sea mass exchange in pmol(Br)/mol/day. “Δ” represents decomposition via either thermal unimolecular reaction or fragmentation of an excited molecule. Where two or more reactions contribute to the same transformation pathway, only those contributing by more than 2% of the total are listed in order of their relative importance. Small imbalance in mass flow rates apparent for Br<sub>2</sub> is caused by neglecting a contribution from Br<sub>2</sub> formation via self-reaction of BrO. The net sea-to-air exchange rate of CHBr<sub>3</sub> is calculated so as to balance with its photochemical loss in the air, since the mixing ratio of this compound is specified rather than simulated in the model.

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**Fig. 6.** Diurnal variations in the mixing ratios of major reservoirs of inorganic gaseous bromine species (HBr, blue lines; HOBr, red lines; BrONO<sub>2</sub>, green lines; BrO, black lines; Br<sub>2</sub>, orange lines; and BrCl, violet lines) simulated on Day 20 for Runs 1a (a) and 1b (b).

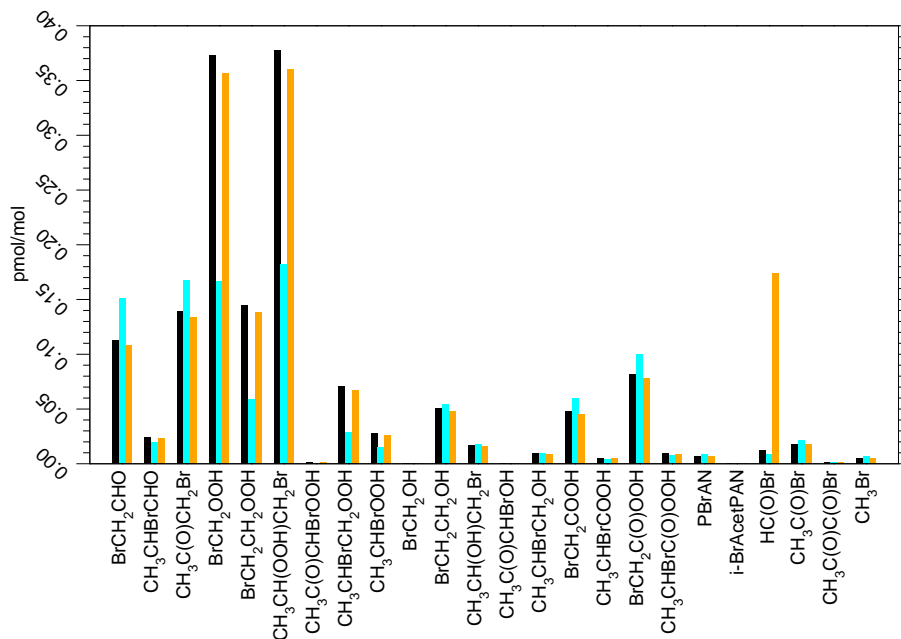
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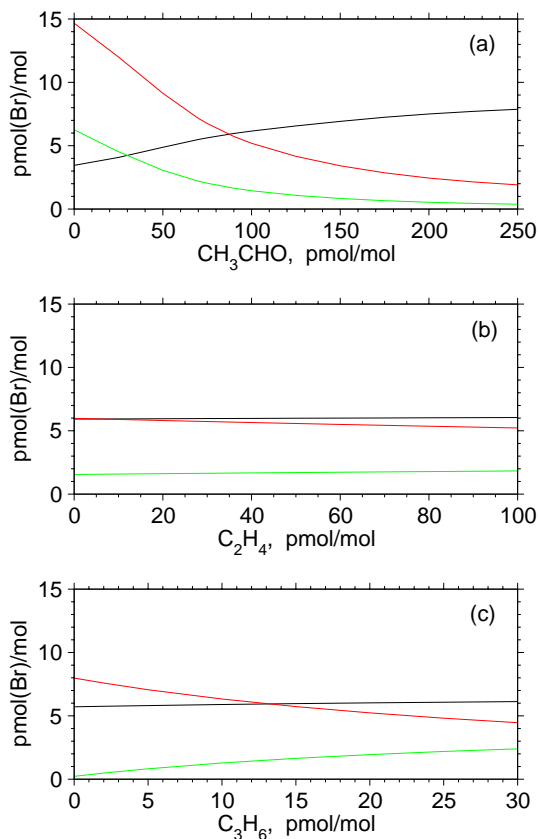


**Fig. 7.** Mixing ratios of brominated organic intermediates formed via Br-initiated degradation of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>, C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>, and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> in Run 1a (black bars), Run 1f (blue bars), and Run 1g (orange bars). Daily averaged values on Day 20 are presented.

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**Fig. 8.** The total mixing ratios of  $\text{Br}^-$  in sea-salt aerosols (black lines), those of inorganic gaseous bromine species (red lines), and those of brominated organic intermediates (green lines) obtained on Day 20 in parameter sweep experiments: **(a)** Run 8a, **(b)** Run 8b, and **(c)** Run 8c.

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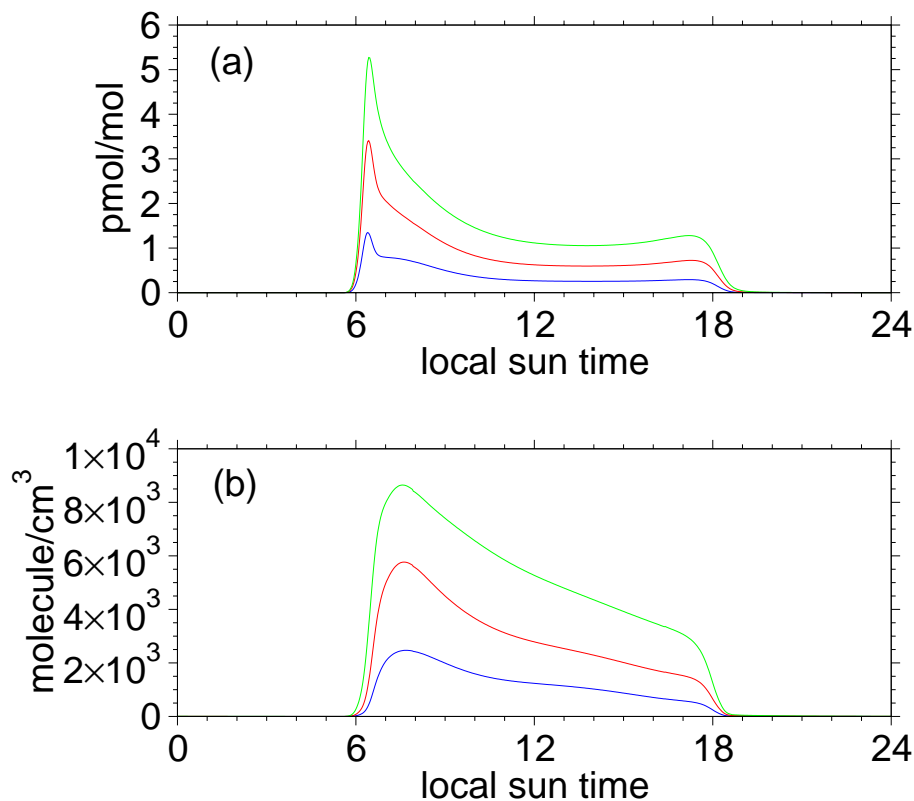
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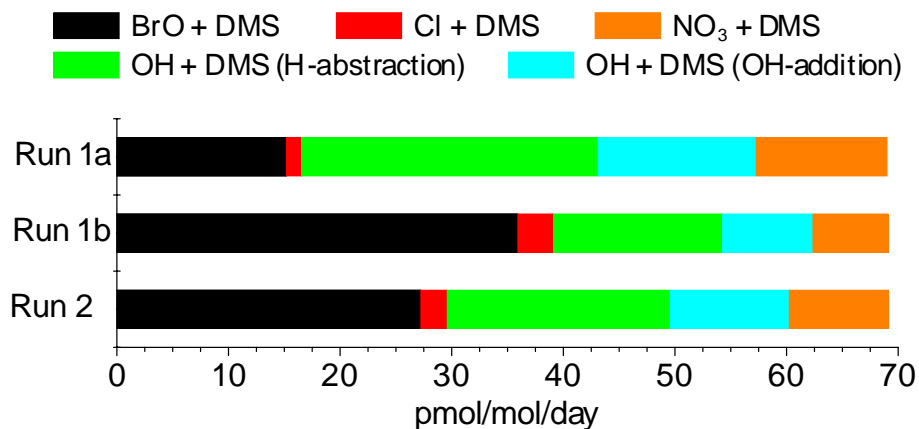


**Fig. 9.** Diurnal variations in BrO mixing ratios **(a)** and Cl-atom concentrations **(b)** on Day 20 for Runs 1a (blue lines), 1b (green lines), and 2 (red lines).

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**Fig. 10.** DMS oxidation pathways on Day 20 for Runs 1a–b and 2.[Title Page](#)[Abstract](#)[Introduction](#)[Conclusions](#)[References](#)[Tables](#)[Figures](#)[◀](#)[▶](#)[◀](#)[▶](#)[Back](#)[Close](#)[Full Screen / Esc](#)[Print Version](#)[Interactive Discussion](#)