1 Comparison of model and ground observations finds snowpack and blowing snow aerosols both

2 contribute to Arctic tropospheric reactive bromine

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- 18 Abstract

19 Reactive halogens play a prominent role in the atmospheric chemistry of the Arctic during 20 springtime. Field measurements and modeling studies suggest that halogens are emitted to the atmosphere 21 from snowpack and reactions on wind-blown snow-sourced aerosols. The relative importance of 22 snowpack and blowing snow sources is still debated, both at local scales and regionally throughout the 23 Arctic. To understand implications of these halogen sources on a pan-Arctic scale, we simulate Arctic 24 reactive bromine chemistry in the atmospheric chemical transport model GEOS-Chem. Two mechanisms 25 are included: 1) a blowing snow sea salt aerosol formation mechanism and 2) a snowpack mechanism 26 assuming uniform molecular bromine production from all snow surfaces. We compare simulations 27 including neither mechanism, each mechanism individually, and both mechanisms to examine conditions 28 where one process may dominate or the mechanisms may interact. We compare the models using these 29 mechanisms to observations of bromine monoxide (BrO) derived from multiple-axis differential optical 30 absorption spectroscopy (MAX-DOAS) instruments on O-Buoy platforms on the sea ice and at a coastal site in Utqiagvik, Alaska during spring 2015. Model estimations of hourly and monthly average BrO are 31 32 improved by assuming a constant yield of 0.1% molecular bromine from all snowpack surfaces on ozone deposition. The blowing snow aerosol mechanism increases modeled BrO by providing more bromide-33

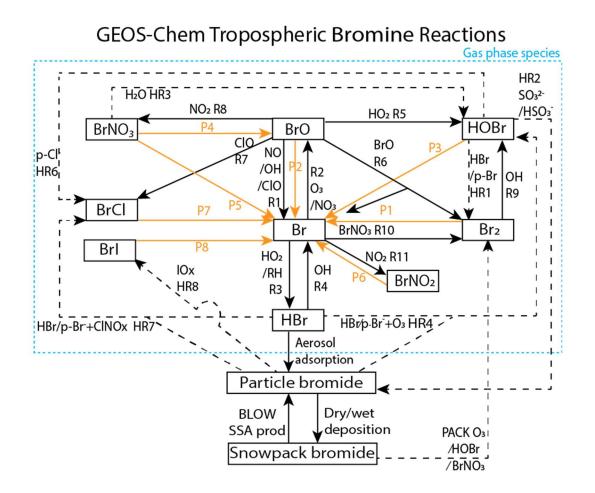
34 rich aerosol surface area for reactive bromine recycling. The snowpack mechanism led to increased model 35 BrO across the Arctic Ocean with maximum production in coastal regions, whereas the blowing snow 36 aerosol mechanism increases BrO in specific areas due to high surface wind speeds. Our uniform 37 snowpack source has a greater impact on BrO mixing ratios than the blowing snow source. Model results 38 best replicate several features of BrO observations during spring 2015 when using both mechanisms in 39 conjunction, adding evidence that these mechanisms are both active during the Arctic Spring. Extending 40 our transport model throughout the entire year leads to predictions of enhanced fall BrO that are not 41 supported by observations.

42 1. Introduction

43 Simulating Arctic halogen chemistry is a persistent problem for global models because processes appear to differ between the Arctic and middle latitudes (Parrella et al., 2012; Schmidt et al., 2016). 44 45 Space-based instruments observe large column densities of reactive bromine across swaths of the Arctic Ocean during the Arctic spring (Chance, 1998; Richter et al., 1998; Wagner and Platt, 1998). Increased 46 levels of tropospheric reactive bromine are associated with ozone depletion events (Barrie et al., 1988; 47 48 Foster et al., 2001: Koo et al., 2012; Halfacre et al., 2014) as well as oxidation of gaseous elemental 49 mercury (Schroeder et al., 1998; Nghiem, 2013; Moore et al., 2014). Bromine radicals have been 50 observed to lead directly to ozone depletion and mercury oxidation (Wang et al., 2019a). Deposition of 51 oxidized mercury to the snowpack can have deleterious effects on the health of Arctic humans and 52 animals (AMAP, 2011). Arctic reactive bromine chemistry impacts tropospheric oxidative chemistry but is not typically accounted for in global models. Model studies have found that reactive halogen chemistry 53 54 can explain the oxidation of gaseous elemental mercury (Holmes et al., 2010) and reduce radiative forcing 55 from ozone (Sherwen et al., 2016c). Replicating reactive halogen chemistry in models requires inclusion 56 of multi-phase chemical reactions as well as mechanisms affecting sea salt aerosol particle production and 57 chemical reactions within the snowpack.

58 These increased levels of tropospheric reactive bromine radicals are a product of heterogeneous 59 photochemical reactions at the interface between air and saline surfaces such as surface snowpack and sea 60 salt aerosols (Saiz-Lopez and von Glasow, 2012; Simpson et al., 2015). Figure 1 depicts the gas-phase, 61 heterogeneous, and photochemical reactions thought to control tropospheric bromine, all of which are 62 included in the model and results presented in this manuscript. Bromine radicals (Br) are produced by photolysis of molecular bromine (P1) or by self-reaction of BrO (R6) and react with ozone to form 63 64 bromine monoxide (BrO) (R2). Under sunlit conditions, BrO is most often photolyzed back to Br 65 radicals and an oxygen atom (P2) that then most often reforms ozone, resulting in a null cycle. Due to this 66 rapid interchange of Br and BrO, these two compounds form the BrO_x family. If processes other than BrO

- 67 photolysis (P2) convert BrO back to Br without producing ozone, the imbalance between these other
- 68 processes and P2 result in net ozone depletion. For example, ozone is depleted through R6 or R7 when
- 69 BrO reacts with another halogen oxide to form either Br₂ or BrCl, or through other more extended
- 70 processes. A reactive halogen activating cycle occurs when a BrO radical reacts with a hydroperoxy
- 71 (HO₂) radical in R5 to form gaseous hypobromous acid (HOBr). Heterogeneous chemistry can occur on a
- saline surface between HOBr and particulate bromide (p-Br⁻) in HR1 forming Br₂ or particle chloride (p-
- 73 Cl⁻) in HR6 forming BrCl. For each cycle of reactions P1, R2, R5, and HR1, one hydroperoxy radical is
- removed from the atmosphere, one bromine atom is released to the atmosphere, and one ozone molecule
- rs is destroyed. This process of activation of particulate and snow bromide to Br_2 by consuming other
- radicals (e.g. HO₂) is known as the "bromine explosion" (Wennberg, 1999). Ground-based instruments
- have observed sharp increases in reactive bromine levels over the course of a single day from below 2
- pmol/mol up to a maximum of 41 pmol/mol (Pöhler et al., 2010). Reactions may also sequester reactive
- bromine into more stable bromine reservoir species. BrO may react with nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) in R8 to
- 80 form bromine nitrate (BrNO₃), which can also undergo hydrolysis on aqueous and ice surfaces to form
- 81 HOBr as in HR3.



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83 Figure 1: GEOS-Chem tropospheric bromine reactions. Tropospheric bromide reservoirs shown in black boxes, with attached lines indicating reactions. Solid black lines R1-R11 indicate gas phase 84 chemical reactions, solid orange lines P1-P8 indicate photolysis reactions, and dashed black lines HR1-85 86 HR8 indicate heterogeneous reactions. All gaseous species may undergo dry deposition. Additional sources of tropospheric bromine include the production of particulate bromide by the BLOW mechanisms 87 and the production of Br_2 by the PACK mechanism, as well as the degradation of organobromines to form 88 89 Br (OR1). Table 3 enumerates the specific species involved in each equation and shows reaction rates for 90 each respective equation.

A potentially important competitor for recycling of reactive bromine through HOBr is its reaction with sulfur (IV) species, such as the reaction between HSO₃⁻ and HOBr in HR2 (Chen et al., 2017). To the extent that this reaction competes with HR1, it can slow the release of bromide from surfaces and reduce gas-phase reactive bromine (e.g., reduce BrO). Deposition of the HBr formed from HOBr by HR2 can remove reactive bromine from the troposphere. In general, the termination of this chemistry leads to formation of HBr, which undergoes gas-particulate uptake to particulate bromide (p-Br⁻). 97

Ozone deposited to a saline surface can oxidize Br⁻ to form HOBr (similar to p-Br⁻ reactions 98 HR4a and HR4b) which is then converted to Br₂ or another dihalogen (e.g., BrCl). Production of reactive 99 bromine during ozone deposition does not require light and can occur at night (Oum et al., 1998; Artiglia

100 et al., 2017). The production of Br₂ is increased at low pH levels (Halfacre et al., 2019).

101 We define the inorganic bromine family, Br_{y} , in this manuscript as the sum of the bromine species: Br, BrO, HOBr, BrNO₃, 2xBr₂, BrCl, BrI, and HBr, excluding p-Br⁻. The release of bromine from 102 103 sea salt aerosol particles was found to be the dominant global source of reactive bromine (Sander et al., 104 2003; Zhu et al., 2019). Sea salt aerosol particles (SSA) sourced from the bursting of bubbles in oceanic whitecaps and other sources and are one of the most abundant aerosol particle types present in the 105 106 troposphere (De Leeuw et al., 2011). Due to their abundance, SSA particles greatly increase the 107 particulate bromide on aerosol surfaces available for heterogeneous reactive bromine chemistry. Debromination of acidified aerosol increases reactive bromine by 30%, although global models may 108 109 underestimate Arctic reactive bromine when considering only open ocean-sourced SSA (Schmidt et al., 110 2016). Initial literature on Arctic reactive bromine chemistry identified aerosol particles as a potential saline surface for reactive bromine photochemistry (Fan and Jacob, 1992; Vogt et al., 1996) and field 111 112 studies confirmed that SSA is depleted in bromide (Ayers et al., 1999; Hara et al., 2018). If one supposes 113 that SSA can only be produced from the open ocean source of SSA, the lack of Arctic Ocean open water during the winter/spring is at odds with observations of high SSA concentrations observed during the 114 115 winter months in polar regions (Wagenbach et al., 1998; Huang et al., 2018). The formation of SSA from the sublimation of blowing snow particles over the Arctic Ocean was proposed as an alternate SSA 116 production mechanism (Yang et al., 2008, 2010, 2019). Recent field studies have confirmed the direct 117 production of SSA from blowing snow (Frey et al., 2020). A blowing snow SSA mechanism was 118 119 implemented in the global chemical model GEOS-Chem and was able to explain wintertime SSA 120 enhancements over the Arctic (Huang and Jaeglé, 2017) as well as CALIOP-detected aerosol particle 121 abundance (Huang et al., 2018) and high levels of Arctic BrO detected by satellites in spring (Huang et 122 al., 2020).

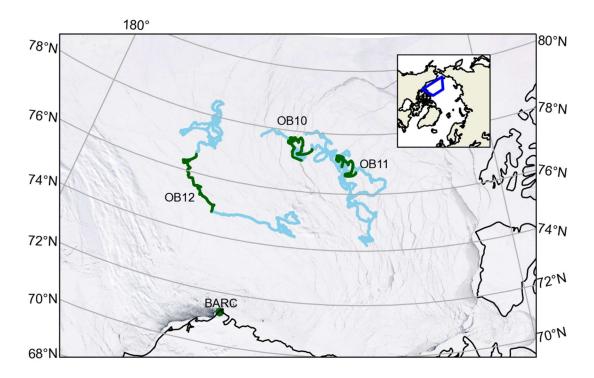
123 Snowpack containing bromide salts was also identified as a source of reactive bromine (Tang and 124 McConnell, 1996). Molecular bromine was measured above the snowpack at levels up to 25 pmol/mol 125 (Foster et al., 2001). Field experiments demonstrate that the snowpack emits Br₂, Cl₂ and BrCl, with 126 emission affected by ambient ozone levels, the snowpack ratio of bromide to chloride, and exposure to 127 sunlight (Pratt et al., 2013; Custard et al., 2017). Box modeling found that the flux of reactive bromine 128 from the surface of the Arctic Ocean sea ice is a prerequisite for bromine activation (Lehrer et al., 2004). 129 Box modeling found that both HOBr and $BrNO_3$ can be converted to Br_2 in the snowpack (Wang and

130 Pratt, 2017). Detailed one dimensional models of the snowpack-air interface find that reactive bromine 131 production can occur in the interstitial air between snowpack grains (Thomas et al., 2011; Toyota et al., 132 2014), with ozone depletion events arising from snowpack reactive bromine production (Thomas et al., 2011; Toyota et al., 2014; Cao et al., 2016). However, a detailed snowpack model coupled to an 133 atmospheric model would be sensitive to important parameters such as snowpack bromide content and 134 acidity of the air-ice interface that are highly variable across the Arctic (Toom-Sauntry and Barrie, 2002; 135 136 Krnavek et al., 2012). A mechanism to parameterize the release of molecular bromine from snowpack upon deposition of ozone, HOBr, and BrNO₃ was implemented in the GEM-AQ model and captured 137 138 many of the observed features of reactive bromine in the Arctic troposphere (Toyota et al., 2011). The mechanisms from Toyota et al. (2011) assumes a 100% yield of molecular bromine on deposition of 139 HOBr or BrNO₃ (see Figure 1 PACK) and a diurnally varying yield of Br₂ on ozone deposition of 7.5% 140 during the daytime (solar elevation angle $> 5^{\circ}$) and 0.1% during the nighttime (solar elevation angle $< 5^{\circ}$) 141 (see Figure 1 PACK). In the Toyota et al. (2011) parameterization, the daytime yield of Br₂ from ozone 142 143 was increased to 7.5% to match surface ozone depletion observations and is based on the assumption that photochemical reactions in the snowpack would trigger a bromine explosion and amplify the net release 144 of Br₂ (Toyota et al., 2011). Herrmann et al (2021) implemented the Toyota et al. (2011) mechanism in 145 146 WRF-Chem and found snowpack Br₂ production was capable of replicating ozone depletion events 147 observed in multiple datasets. Marelle et al. (2021) implemented a surface snowpack mechanism based on 148 Toyota et al. (2011) and a blowing snow SSA mechanism based on Yang et al. (2008) and Huang and 149 Jaeglé (2017) and found improved prediction of ozone depletion events, the majority of which were triggered by the snowpack mechanism. The Toyota et al. (2011) mechanism was also implemented in the 150 EMAC model and replicated many of the features of reactive bromine events observed by satellite-based 151 152 GOME sensor (Falk and Sinnhuber, 2018).

Field campaigns have directly observed the production of SSA from blowing snow (Frey et al., 153 154 2020) as well as production of Br_2 from the snowpack (Pratt et al., 2013) in the environment. This 155 manuscript uses both production mechanisms for the first time in the global chemical model GEOS-156 Chem. We devised a set of six model runs to test each mechanism individually and together as well as one 157 control run using neither mechanism. We compare BrO simulated in each model run against extensive ground-based observations of BrO made from February to June 2015. This set of modeling scenarios 158 159 allows identification of the effects of each mechanism on BrO as well as the synergistic effects of both 160 mechanisms working together.

161 2. Data sources and methods

2.1 MAX-DOAS observation platforms 162 Multiple axis differential optical absorption spectroscopy (MAX-DOAS) remotely measures the 163 vertical profile of BrO (Hönninger and Platt, 2002; Carlson et al., 2010; Frieß et al., 2011; Peterson et al., 164 2015; Simpson et al., 2017). BrO is commonly used as a proxy for total tropospheric reactive bromine 165 166 (Chance, 1998; Richter et al., 1998; Wagner and Platt, 1998; Theys et al., 2011; Choi et al., 2012). MAX-DOAS instruments were mounted on all of the fifteen floating autonomous platforms (O-Buoys) deployed 167 168 in the Arctic sea ice as a part of the National Science Foundation-funded Arctic Observing Network 169 project (Knepp et al., 2010). Since MAX-DOAS requires sunlight to operate, measurements are not 170 available in winter. Spring observations on the O-Buoys typically begin in April when there is enough O-Buoy solar power to defrost the MAX-DOAS viewport. Figure 2 shows the O-Buoys active during 2015. 171 O-Buoy 10 was deployed into sea ice in fall 2013 and measured reactive halogen chemistry in spring 172 2014 and 2015. Most O-Buoys were destroyed in the summer, crushed between fragments of melting sea 173 174 ice. However, O-Buoy 10 survived summer 2014 in an intact ice floe, survived the winter of 2014-15, 175 and re-started MAX-DOAS observations in April 2015. O-Buoys 11 and 12 were deployed in fall 2014 176 and also re-started observing BrO in April 2015. Figure 2 shows the GPS-derived tracks of the O-Buoys 177 for their full deployment and highlights the O-Buoy locations from April to June 2015 when the BrO 178 observations considered in this analysis were gathered. A MAX-DOAS instrument of the same design 179 was deployed at the Barrow Arctic Research Center (BARC) on the coast of the Arctic Ocean located at 156.6679°W, 71.3249°N near Utgiagvik, AK (Simpson, 2018), also shown in Figure 2. Unlike the O-180 Buoy MAX-DOAS systems, which were powered by batteries and solar panels, the BARC MAX-DOAS 181 182 was powered from local utilities and was able to defrost its viewport to gather BrO observations earlier in 183 the year, including February and March 2015. The BARC MAX-DOAS data was compared with two O-Buoy style MAX-DOAS instruments deployed on Icelander platforms (deployed on top of sea ice instead 184 of within) and measurements from the various MAX-DOAS systems were found to be comparable 185 186 (Simpson et al., 2017). The reactive bromine season ends when the BrO slant column densities fall below the instrument detection limit and do not recover, which we call the seasonal end date (Burd et al., 2017). 187 188 All O-Buoy and BARC (Utqiagvik) data are available at arcticdata.io (Simpson et al., 2009) (Simpson, 189 2018). More information on the time periods of spring BrO observations can be found in Swanson et al. 190 (2020) and Burd et al. (2017). For comparison to the MAX-DOAS BrO observations, GEOS-Chem model 191 simulations are sampled along the GPS-derived paths of O-Buoys 10, 11 and 12 as well as at BARC.





193 Figure 2: Locations of MAX-DOAS BrO observations used in this work.

Blue lines show the drift tracks of O-Buoys, with green showing the locations with valid BrO

- 195 measurements in spring 2015. Location of Barrow Arctic Research Center (BARC) in Utqiagvik indicated
- 196 by green dot. True color MODIS imagery on 1 April 2015 shows typical sea ice coverage (NASA 2015).
- 197 Inset map shows location of map grid within northern hemisphere.

198 2.2 MAX-DOAS profile retrieval

199 Vertical profiles of BrO were derived from MAX-DOAS observations by means of optimal 200 estimation inversion procedures detailed in Peterson et al. (2015) with settings detailed in Simpson et al. 201 (2017). The HeiPro optimal estimation algorithm (Frieß et al., 2006, 2019) is used to retrieve a vertical profiles of BrO between the surface and 4km from the MAX-DOAS observations. Examination of the 202 203 averaging kernels from each MAX-DOAS retrieval finds the retrieved vertical profile of BrO is best represented by two quantities: the vertical column density of BrO in the lowest 200 m, and the vertical 204 205 column density of BrO in the lowest 2000 m of the troposphere referred to in this manuscript as BrO_{LTcol} (Peterson et al., 2015). It was shown in Peterson et al. (2015) that these two quantities were largely 206 207 independent of each other, were fairly insensitive to variations in the assumed prior profile, and represented the \sim 2-3 degrees of freedom for signal indicated by the optimal estimation retrieval. An 208 important consideration of this method is that when the visibility is poor, the MAX-DOAS is unable to 209 traverse the lowest 2000m AGL and the BrO_{LTcol} cannot be measured accurately. Therefore, our quality-210 control algorithm eliminates BrO_{LTcol} observations when the degrees of freedom for signal in the lofted 211 212 (200m - 2000m AGL) layer were below 0.5 (Simpson et al., 2017). The average fitting error (1 σ error) of BrO_{LTcol} during spring 2015 was 5.6*10¹² molecules/cm². 213

214 **2.3 SSA production from open ocean**

215 Seafoam from breaking waves and bursting of bubbles forms aerosol droplets suspended in the marine boundary layer (Lewis and Schwartz, 2004). We calculate emission of sea salt aerosol particles 216 217 from the open ocean as a function of wind speed and sea surface temperature (SST) using the mechanism initially described in Jaeglé et al. (2011) and updated with decreased emissions over cold (SST $< 5^{\circ}$ C) 218 219 ocean waters (Huang and Jaeglé, 2017). Two separate SSA tracers are transported: accumulation mode SSA ($r_{dry} = 0.01-0.5 \mu m$) and coarse mode SSA ($r_{dry} = 0.5-8 \mu m$). Sea salt bromide is emitted assuming 220 bromine content of 2.11×10⁻³ kg Br per kg of dry SSA (primarily NaCl) based on the mean ionic 221 composition of sea water (Sander et al., 2003). Bromide content is tracked separately on accumulation 222 223 mode SSA and on coarse mode SSA. Freshly emitted SSA is alkaline and can be titrated to a pH of 5 by uptake of acid gases SO₂, H₂SO₄, and HNO₃ (Alexander et al., 2005). Heterogeneous chemical reactions 224 can convert SSA-transported bromide into gaseous reactive bromine species in the atmosphere. We run 225 226 our open ocean SSA calculations at 0.5° latitude x 0.625° longitude spatial resolution using the 227 harmonized emissions component (HEMCO) for highest possible detail (Keller et al., 2014; Lin et al., 228 2021) including cold water corrections used in Jaeglé et al. (2011). Production of SSA from open oceans 229 followed by advection can lead to reactive bromine recycling over Arctic Ocean sea ice. Each of our model runs reads the dataset generated offline by HEMCO rather than spend computational time 230

replicating open ocean SSA emissions. We call our control run using only open ocean SSA emissionsBASE.

233 2.4 Blowing snow SSA production

Snow can be lofted from the snowpack into the lowest layers of the troposphere by high wind 234 235 speeds, where it can undergo saltation (bouncing leading to fragmentation) and sublimation to form SSA 236 (Yang et al., 2008, 2010; Frey et al., 2020). This process is modeled as a function of humidity, ambient 237 temperature, wind speed, and the salinity of the blowing snow (Yang et al., 2008, 2010). We assume that 238 snowpack exists on all sea ice surfaces during the Arctic Spring after snow accumulation during winter on 239 sea ice of all ages. Three thresholds must be met for SSA production from blowing snow (Dery and Yau, 240 1999; Déry and Yau, 2001). A temperature threshold restricts SSA production from blowing snow to 241 temperatures below freezing. The humidity threshold is based on relative humidity with respect to ice. 242 Sublimation from snow crystals cannot occur if the air is saturated, and no SSA is produced if RH_{ice} is greater than 100%. The wind speed threshold requires 10-m wind speed to be greater than a threshold 243 244 value defined in Equation 1 for any production of SSA (Dery and Yau, 1999; Déry and Yau, 2001).

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$$U_t = 6.975 + 0.0033(T_s + 27.27)^2$$

The wind speed threshold (Ut) is dependent on surface temperature (Ts) in Celsius with a minimum
threshold of 6.975 m/s at -27.27 °C and a maximum threshold at 0 °C of 9.429 m/s. The 10-m wind speed
threshold is the most stringent and often controls the production of SSA from blowing snow.

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249 Production of blowing snow SSA is highly sensitive to surface wind speed. We use the highest 250 resolution surface wind speed dataset to ensure the most accurate modeling of SSA and reactive bromine. 251 The MERRA-2 Global Reanalysis Product has a 0.5° latitude x 0.625° longitude resolution which is 252 typically re-gridded to a lower resolution for global chemical modeling. Previous use of the snowpack 253 blowing snow SSA mechanism used MERRA-2 data re-gridded to either 2°x2.5° or 4°x5° latitude and 254 longitude (Huang and Jaeglé, 2017; Huang et al., 2018, 2020). Re-gridding to coarser spatial resolution 255 may smooth out the highest 10-m wind speeds by averaging them with lower wind speeds in the grid cell. The Utgiagvik MERRA-2 10-m wind speeds at different spatial resolutions are shown in Supplemental 256 257 Figures S1, S2 and S3 to illustrate this effect. Average Utqiagvik 10-m wind speeds for 2015 are 5.3 m/s 258 at 2°x2.5° resolution and 5.5 m/s at 0.5°x0.625° resolution. The maximum Utqiagvik 10-m wind speed at 259 MERRA-2 2x2.5 is 16.3 m/s, while the maximum wind speed at MERRA-2 0.5°x0.625° is 19.3 m/s. 260 These extremely high wind speed events are more common at higher spatial resolution and can contribute an outsized amount of SSA to the marine boundary layer. Supplemental Figure S4 shows the measured 261 262 10-m wind speed at BARC, along with daily average threshold wind speed (Equation 1). Spikes in daily

averaged wind speed at BARC in April can contribute to SSA formation and justify the use of high-resolution MERRA-2 wind speed data.

265 Snow salinity is influenced by snow age and the material underlying the snow (Krnavek et al., 2012). The median surface snowpack salinity near Utqiagvik was measured at 0.67 practical salinity units 266 267 (PSU)PSU for 2-3 weeks old sea ice, 0.12 PSU for thicker first year ice, and 0.01 PSU for multi-year ice 268 (MYI) (Krnavek et al., 2012). Snow salinity is also a function of snow depth above sea ice, with blowing 269 surface snow having much lower salinity than snow at depth that is in contact with the sea ice (Frey et al., 270 2020). Domine et al. (2004) measured median salinity at 0.1 PSU on snowpack over first year ice and 271 0.02 PSU on snowpack over multi-year ice. In this analysis we use a salinity of 0.1 PSU on first-year sea 272 ice as in Huang et al. (2020). The production of reactive bromine from sea ice types is entirely dependent 273 on PSU in this parameterization. Previous modeling efforts have used 0.01 PSU for MYI (Huang et al., 2018) and underestimate BrO production in high Arctic areas with increased MYI coverage. The bromide 274 content of surface snow over MYI is enriched by deposition of SSA and trace gases, and MYI regions 275 276 may play a role in springtime halogen chemistry (Peterson et al., 2019). Previous analysis of O-Buoy data 277 found no statistically significant differences in springtime BrO between regions of the Arctic (Swanson et 278 al., 2020). We use 0.05 PSU for snowpack on MYI as in Huang et al. (2020).

Another important parameter for SSA formation is the number of SSA particles formed from each blowing snowflake. A value of 5 particles per snowflake was used in Huang and Jaeglé (2017) based on wintertime observations of supermicron and sub-micron SSA at Barrow. Values of 1 and 20 particles per snowflake have been tested (Yang et al., 2019) but it is unclear which value was more realistic. We use a particle formation value of 5 particles per snow grain as in Huang et al. (2020).

284 Snowpack may be enriched or depleted in bromide compared to seawater, which is thought to be 285 an effect of atmospheric deposition or release of bromine from snowpack (Krnavek et al., 2012). 286 Snowpack enrichment due to atmospheric deposition is less pronounced when snowpack salinity is high, with snowpack containing 1000 µM Na⁺ (approximately 0.06 PSU) or more never exceeding twice the 287 288 seawater ratio of bromine to chloride (Krnavek et al., 2012). Domine et al. (2004) found an increased 289 enrichment factor of five times seawater in snow with a salinity of 100 µM Cl⁻ (approximately 0.006 290 PSU). We use a snowpack enrichment factor of bromide five times that of seawater as in Huang et al. 291 (2020) where this enrichment best agreed with GOME-2 observations. However, we note that a bromide enrichment factors five times seawater exceeds enrichment factors of two measured in snowpack with a 292 293 salinity of 0.1 PSU (Krnavek et al., 2012).

Our choice of model input settings is similar to Huang et al. (2020) but we will be running the blowing snow SSA mechanism in HEMCO at a 0.5° latitude x 0.625° longitude spatial resolution. The model run using the results of our high-resolution blowing snow SSA HEMCO simulation is called BLOW.

298 2.5 Snowpack emissions of molecular bromine

299 We base our Br_2 emissions scheme on Toyota et al. (2011) and Marelle et al. (2021), which 300 prescribe a yield of Br₂ upon snowpack deposition of ozone, BrNO₃ and HOBr. In other modeling studies, 301 this simplified deposition-based mechanism captured the synoptic-scale behavior of reactive bromine 302 production across the Arctic (Toyota et al., 2011; Falk and Sinnhuber, 2018; Herrmann et al., 2021; Marelle et al., 2021). These modeling studies used different yields of Br₂ upon deposition over land 303 304 snowpack, multi-year ice, and first year ice, restricting the production of molecular bromine from ozone 305 deposition to first year ice surfaces. None of these studies were coupled to a snowpack model tracking snow bromide, and effectively assume an infinite bromide reservoir with Br₂ production limited only by 306 307 the deposition flux and Br₂ yield.

308 Field studies indicate that snowpack over multi-year ice, first-year ice, and land regions may contribute to reactive bromine chemistry. Krnavek et al. (2012) found snow bromide content spanning six 309 310 orders of magnitude, with individual samples taken from multi-year ice, first-year ice, and land regions showing variability of up to three orders of magnitude for each region. Analysis of variance in 311 312 tropospheric BrO from 2011-2016 found no statistically significant differences in tropospheric BrO 313 between different regions of the Arctic (Swanson et al., 2020). Both coastal snowpack and multi-year ice 314 regions may produce reactive bromine. Molecular bromine production has been observed from coastal 315 snowpack on exposure to ozone (Pratt et al., 2013; Custard et al., 2017). Airborne sampling has observed 316 enhanced BrO up to 200 km inland (Peterson et al., 2018). Snow above multi-year sea ice regions is 317 depleted in bromide, indicating that it may play a role in Arctic bromine chemistry (Peterson et al., 2019).

Our modeling study tests the hypothesis that all snow has a uniform ability to produce molecular bromine, effectively assuming an infinite bromide reservoir with Br₂ production limited only by the deposition flux. We differ from previous model parameterizations in allowing uniform Br₂ production upon snowpack deposition of ozone, BrNO₃ and HOBr over all sea ice surfaces and selected coastal snowpack regions. We expect higher predictions of snowpack molecular bromine production than recent modeling efforts (Herrmann et al., 2021; Marelle et al., 2021) in which ozone deposition over land and multi-year ice surfaces did not produce molecular bromine.

325 2.5.1 Snowpack Br₂ production over sea ice

326 We assume a uniform production of Br_2 on deposition to snowpack over oceanic ice whether the 327 ice is first-year sea or multi-year sea ice. We use MERRA-2 fractional ocean ice coverage fields, which introduces some artifacts. MERRA-2 classifies the freshwater Great Lakes as ocean, but sea ice and 328 329 snowpack on those frozen lakes is unlikely to have sufficient bromide to support large Br_2 fluxes due to 330 its distance from the ocean. Therefore, we specifically prohibit snowpack Br_2 emissions in the Great Lakes region (between 41° N and 49° N latitude and 75° W and 93° W longitude). This choice is in 331 332 agreement with McNamara et al. (2020), who found road salt derived aerosol particles are responsible for 333 80-100% of atmospheric ClNO₂ in Michigan with no strong indication for a source of reactive halogens 334 from nearby Great Lakes.

335 **2.5.2** Snowpack Br₂ production over land

336 We wish to only enable production of Br_2 over land if the snowpack is sufficiently enriched in 337 bromide. Snowpack over land surfaces and glaciers may be enriched in bromide by oceanic SSA sources 338 (Jacobi et al., 2012, 2019). The distance that SSA may be transported inland from the coast is limited by 339 geographical features such as mountains. Based on direct observations of reactive bromine chemistry up 340 to 200 km from the Alaskan coastline (Peterson et al., 2018), we include unlimited production of Br_2 from specific land grid cells within 200 km of the coast upon deposition of ozone, HOBr, and BrNO₃. We only 341 allow the fraction of each grid cell that is within 200 km of the coastline (Group and Stumpf, 2021) to 342 343 produce molecular bromine. We further restrict snowpack Br₂ emissions to locations that are less than 500 m above sea level, because higher elevation locations are unlikely to be enriched by sea spray. This 344 345 altitude screen eliminates Br₂ emissions from coastal mountains such as the Alaskan Rockies, the Brooks Range in Alaska, and the Scandinavian Mountains as well as from the Greenland Plateau. Halogen 346 347 chemistry may occur over the Greenland ice sheet (Stutz et al., 2011) contrary to this screen, but this will 348 have minimal impact on the regions of interest in this manuscript.

349 Our final screen is based on the average snow depth in each land grid cell. Both modeling studies 350 (Thomas et al., 2011; Toyota et al., 2014) and field studies (Domine et al., 2004; Pratt et al., 2013; 351 Custard et al., 2017; Frey et al., 2020) agree that bromine chemistry can occur in the better ventilated and 352 illuminated top of the snowpack. Regions with less than 10 cm of snowpack may not have sufficient 353 snow for reactive bromine chemistry, thus we only produce snowpack Br_2 when the average snow depth 354 in a land grid cell is 10 cm or greater. This screen prevents molecular bromine production in the lower 355 latitude regions with minimal snow coverage and is necessary because ozone deposition to plants in snow-free grid cells often exceeds the slow deposition of ozone to snowpack and would not be expected 356 357 to produce Br₂.

358 2.5.3 Diurnal yield of Br₂ on ozone deposition

359 We choose two alternate assumptions for the yield of Br₂ during the day. Toyota et al. (2011) 360 initially assumed a constant yield of Br_2 from ozone deposition of 0.1% based on laboratory observations of nighttime bromine activation on ozone deposition (Oum et al., 1998; Wren et al., 2010, 2013) and then 361 adjusted the daytime yield of Br_2 on ozone deposition to 7.5% to better match surface ozone mixing ratios 362 measured at coastal stations. This increased daytime yield value was chosen based on the assumption that 363 364 photochemistry may trigger an autocatalytic cycle leading to a 75-fold increase in Br₂ yield. The 365 PHOTOPACK runs uses the increased daytime Br_2 yield of 7.5% when the solar elevation angle is 5° or 366 greater. Previous implementations of the snowpack mechanism (Toyota et al., 2011; Herrmann et al., 367 2021; Marelle et al., 2021) predict ozone deposition velocities over Arctic sea ice on the order of 0.01 368 cm/s. Our model predicts similar ozone deposition rates over polar open ocean of 0.009 cm/s (Pound et 369 al., 2020), but our model currently predicts the deposition velocity of ozone over Arctic sea ice between 370 0.02 cm/s and 0.1 cm/s based on the month (see Supplemental Figure S5), with higher values influenced 371 by proximity to the coast as described in Bariteau et al. (2010). Thus, our PHOTOPACK run may predict much higher Br emissions than previous snowpack predictions despite the same yield values due to 372 373 differences in deposition. To match out magnitude of Br₂ production with previous implementations of the snowpack mechanism (Toyota et al., 2011; Herrmann et al., 2021; Marelle et al., 2021) we add two 374 PACK runs with a constant Br₂ yield on ozone deposition of 0.1% based on yield values in Toyota et al. 375 (2011). Both PACK and PHOTOPACK runs assume 100% conversion of deposited HOBr and BrNO₃ to 376 377 Br₂. Table 1 shows further model run yield details.

378 Table 1 Model run settings

379 Sea salt aerosol particles are produced from blowing snow as detailed in Section 2.5. Daytime is defined

as when the solar elevation angle is greater than 5° , nighttime is defined as when the solar elevation angle is less than 5° .

Model Run	Blowing snow SSA produced	Millimoles Br yielded per mole O3 deposited (daytime)	Millimoles Br yielded per mole O3 deposited (nighttime)	
BASE	FALSE	0	0	
BLOW	TRUE	0	0	
РАСК	FALSE	1	1	
BLOW+PACK	TRUE	1	1	
РНОТОРАСК	FALSE	75	1	
BLOW+PHOTOPACK	TRUE	75	1	

383 2.6 GEOS-Chem chemistry and transport model

The GEOS-Chem global atmospheric chemistry and transport model (Bey et al., 2001) simulates emissions, transport, and chemistry of atmospheric trace gases and aerosols, including halogens. The chemical mechanism in GEOS-Chem 12.9.3 (http://www.geos-chem.org, last access 29 October 2019, DOI:10.5281/zenodo.3974569) includes HO_x-NO_x-VOC-O₃-halogen-aerosol tropospheric chemistry (Mao et al., 2013; Fischer et al., 2014; Fisher et al., 2016; Travis et al., 2016; Wang et al., 2021). The model has been regularly and consistently updated to reflect current understanding of heterogeneous and gas-phase halogen chemistry.

391 Halogens in the troposphere may be sourced from photooxidation of halocarbons, emissions of iodine from the ocean surface, downward transport of halogens from the stratosphere, and release of 392 halogens through heterogeneous chemistry on SSA. Figure 1 shows a simplified version of the GEOS-393 394 Chem reaction scheme focusing on tropospheric bromine reactions and reservoirs. Heterogeneous reactions for release of reactive bromine from aerosol surfaces were added to GEOS-Chem (Parrella et 395 396 al., 2012) and have been updated to include multiphase reactions involving cloud aerosols and interhalogen reactions between bromine, chlorine and iodine species (Schmidt et al., 2016; Sherwen et al., 397 2016a; Wang et al., 2019b) as well as input from the stratosphere (Eastham et al., 2014). Recent updates 398 399 also include reactions between sulfur (IV) species and HOBr, which lead to a 50% decrease in Br_v due to the scavenging of HOBr on aerosol surfaces containing sulfur (Chen et al., 2017). These HOBr-sulfur(IV) 400 401 reactions are critical in moderating tropospheric BrO in the mid latitudes (Zhu et al., 2019). In GEOS-Chem 12.9 the halogen chemical mechanism was modified extensively to include chlorine chemistry as 402 403 detailed in Wang et al. (2019b) with updated halogen-sulfur (IV) rates (Liu et al., 2021), reaction of S(IV) 404 + HOCl, and improved cloud pH calculation from Shah et al. (2020). For the simulations here, GEOS-405 Chem uses the Modern-Era Retrospective Analysis for Research and Applications, version 2 (MERRA-2) 406 assimilated meteorological fields (Gelaro et al., 2017) re-gridded from native resolution of 0.5°x0.625° latitude and longitude to 2°x2.5° using a reduced vertical grid of 47 layers. 407

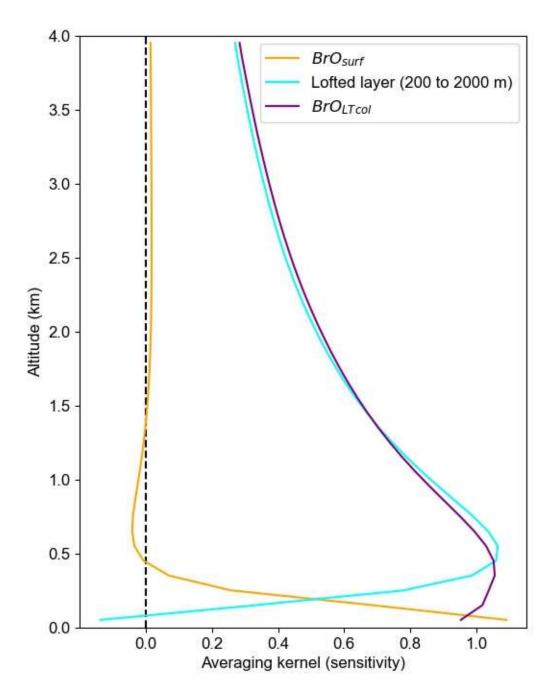
We initialize our model in October 2014 from a full-chemistry benchmark file, allowing for 6 months of spin up before our period of interest spanning from March to November 2015. We run six different model simulations with settings detailed in Table 1. The base model (BASE) includes the halogen sources described above but no Arctic-specific halogen sources. The BLOW simulation adds SSA production from blowing snow following Huang et al (2020) but using a more recent version of GEOS-Chem. The PACK simulation adds snowpack Br₂ emissions using a constant yield from O₃ deposition. The PHOTOPACK simulation also emits Br₂ from snowpack but increases the Br₂ yield from

O₃ deposition under sunlight. These blowing snow SSA and snowpack sources are combined in the
BLOW+PACK and BLOW+PHOTOPACK simulations.

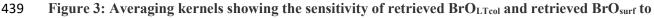
417 2.7 Comparing GEOS-Chem results to MAX-DOAS vertical column densities

GEOS-Chem simulates BrO mixing ratios for each of its 47 atmospheric layers. Reducing the 418 419 vertical resolution of the more-resolved GEOS-Chem predictions to be comparable to the coarser MAX-420 DOAS data is necessary for appropriate comparison (Rodgers and Connor, 2003). To compare the 421 GEOS-Chem profiles with these two grid-coarsened quantities, we grid-coarsen the averaging kernels 422 produced by the HeiPro retrieval algorithm using Supplemental Equation S1 from Payne et al. (2009) to 423 the partial column averaging kernels shown in Figure 3. We use the average of all April averaging kernels 424 that pass our quality criteria (>0.5 DOFS in the lofted layer), which generally represents non-cloudy 425 conditions. We calculate modeled BrO_{LTcol} by applying the partial column averaging kernels shown in Figure 3 to the GEOS-Chem modeled vertical BrO profiles. 426

Figure 3 shows the average partial column averaging kernel for the surface layer (0-200m AGL) 427 has near unit sensitivity to BrO at the ground, decaying to about 0.5 at 200m AGL then to zero at about 428 429 400m AGL, as desired. The sensitivity of the BrO_{LTcol} is near unity from about the surface to 600m AGL, then slowly decays with 0.5 sensitivity at 2000m AGL. The resulting sensitivity to mid-tropospheric BrO 430 431 means that free-tropospheric BrO produced by the GEOS-Chem model contributes to modeled BrO_{LTcol}, albeit at 50% or lower sensitivity, even if the GEOS-Chem-predicted free-tropospheric BrO is above the 432 433 nominal 2000m top of the integration window. The residual sensitivity of the BrO_{LTeol} averaging kernel 434 above 2000m is caused by the limited ability of ground-based MAX-DOAS to distinguish the true altitude 435 of BrO at non-tangent geometries (higher viewing elevation angles) that are required to view BrO at these 436 higher altitudes. Figure 3 shows that BrO above 4 km makes only a small contribution to the modeled 437 BrO_{LTcol}, which was not included in the BrO_{LTcol}.







440 **BrO** at a range of altitudes.

Each line represents a row of the averaging kernel matrix. BrO_{surf} is the column from the surface to 200 m and BrO_{LTcol} is the column up to 2000 m.

443 Although it has been suggested in the literature (von Clarmann and Glatthor, 2019) that averaged 444 averaging kernels can cause problems, we do not report data when there are clouds and thus are only

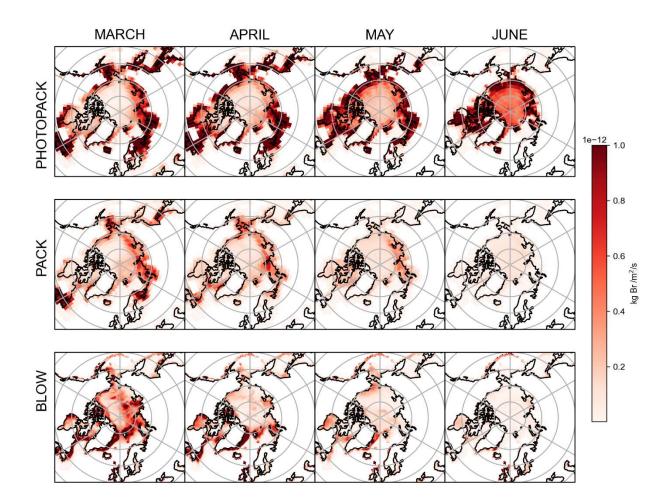
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using the more consistent averaging kernels that occur under clear sky conditions. We use other criteria

related to vertical visibility to identify clear skies. As described in Peterson et al. (2015), the information

447 content (DOFS) in the lofted layer is nearly linearly related to the aerosol optical depth. We find that the

slant column density of the O_2 - O_2 collisional dimer (aka O_4) observed at 20° elevation angle is correlated with the lofted DOFS (Supplemental Figure S6). From this correlation we find that observations of clear sky conditions have 20° elevation angle $O_4 dSCD > 10^{43}$ molecule²cm⁻⁵ and use this cut to distinguish clear sky versus clouds. To assure that GEOS-Chem results are only compared to the clear-sky observational data, we apply this clear sky screen to the measured BrO_{LTcol} timeseries. The use of this screen also assists in minimizing variability in the averaging kernels and thus allowing the April averaged partial column averaging kernels (Figure 3) to be applied for clear skies at any time of the year.



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456 Figure 4: Mean snowpack Br₂ emissions and p-Br⁻ by month, as simulated by GEOS-Chem.

457 The top row shows emissions of Br_2 in the PHOTOPACK run, the middle row shows the emissions of

458 Br₂ in the PACK run, and the bottom row shows emissions of p-Br⁻ from adding the BLOW mechanism.

459 **3.** Examining reactive bromine in the Arctic spring

460 **3.1 Snowpack Br₂ emissions**

- The top two rows of Figure 4 shows PHOTOPACK and PACK average snowpack Br₂ emissions
- 462 for each spring month. The emission of Br₂ in PHOTOPACK increases over the Arctic Ocean in May and

463 June, when the sun is above the horizon for up to 24 hours per day and ozone deposition yield is almost

- 464 always at the photo-enhanced level of 7.5%. Notably, Br₂ emissions over the Arctic Ocean in the
- 465 PHOTOPACK and BLOW+PHOTOPACK runs are highest in June when the sun is nearly always five
- degrees above the horizon and surface temperatures may drop below freezing. The PACK emissions are
- 467 lower than the PHOTOPACK Br₂ emissions by an order of magnitude and shows a seasonal cycle with a
- high BrO_{LTcol} in April and May with a decrease in May and June. While our ozone deposition velocities
- 469 (see Supplemental Figure S5) over Arctic sea ice are much higher than previous estimates of an
- approximate magnitude of 0.01 cm/s (Toyota et al., 2011), the PHOTOPACK run highlights that a 75-
- 471 fold increase in daytime Br₂ yield can lead to predictions of increased Br₂ production over the North Pole
- in June. Monthly satellite observations show that BrO reaches a minimum over the Arctic Ocean in June(Richter et al., 1998).

474 Coastal land regions within 200 km of the coastline have some of the highest modeled snowpack 475 Br₂ emissions (see Figure 4 rows 1 and 2). Within GEOS-Chem, deposition rates are greatest over land, 476 less rapid over ice-covered ocean, and lowest over open ocean (see Supplemental Figure S5). Lower dry 477 deposition velocities over the ice-covered Arctic Ocean lead to decreased deposition and conversion to 478 Br₂. In GEOS-Chem, ozone mixing ratios and deposition are over three orders of magnitude larger than 479 BrNO3 and HOBr mixing ratios and deposition over the Arctic Ocean, and ozone deposition contributes 480 more than half of total Br₂ emitted in the PACK and BLOW+PACK runs. Our snowpack mechanism 481 assumes that all ozone deposited to the surface of a grid cell reacts with the snowpack cover and produces Br₂. This assumption is more appropriate in the barren snow-covered coastal tundra but may be less 482 accurate in areas where deposition to vegetation dominates. This nonconservative approach may lead to 483 overestimation of Br2 emissions from snowy vegetated surfaces. Our screens for snowpack emissions 484 485 described in section 1.3.5 tried to minimize these effects but may not work perfectly due to finite grid cell 486 resolution and other challenges. Increased Br₂ emissions observed in Figure 4 in northern Europe may 487 also be partially driven by increased local mixing ratios of ozone and NO_x over industrialized regions 488 such as the Kola Peninsula.

489 **3.2 Blowing snow aerosol bromide emissions**

The bottom row of Figure 4 shows the total quantity of particulate bromide released by the blowing snow SSA mechanism in the BLOW runs. Emissions over the Arctic Ocean decline each month after the March maximum as rising temperatures increase the wind speed threshold for blowing snow SSA production. Some icy coastal regions with frequently high wind speeds such as the Aleutian Islands south of Alaska and the eastern coast of Greenland continue to emit SSA p-Br⁻ in April, and the extremely high winds in the Aleutians enable SSA production into May. The location of specific high-wind storm 496 systems in spring 2015 may be evident in the darker red spots over the Arctic Ocean, which are

- 497 particularly noticeable over the Eurasian and Central Arctic in March. These monthly averages are only
- 498 accurate for the months in spring 2015 and may not be spatially representative of blowing snow SSA
- 499 production in other years.

500 The impact of the blowing snow SSA emissions on measured BrO is minimal on O-Buoys in the

501 Beaufort Gyre, possibly due to the spatial and seasonal variations in SSA p-Br⁻ emissions. Figure 4 shows

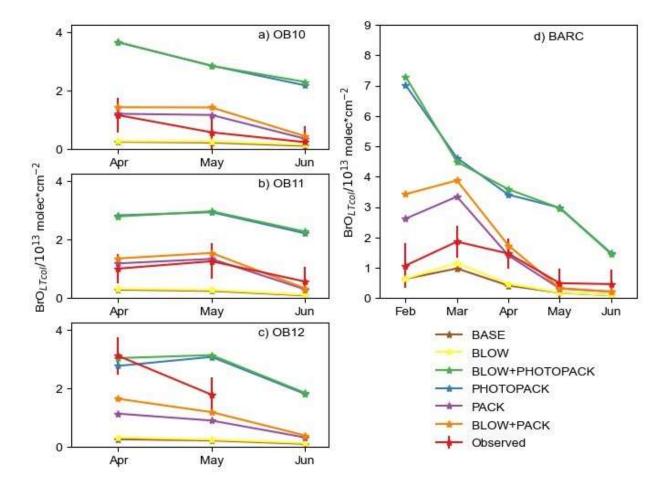
- that 2015 SSA production was highest in March and April on the Eurasian and Central sector of the
- 503 Arctic, and thus the O-Buoys deployed as shown in Figure 2 are less exposed to the effects of SSA
- 504 production than the Arctic as a whole. Particulate bromide must be activated from SSA by heterogeneous
- reactions as in Figure 1 and Table 3, leading to photochemical cycles that sustain further activation of
- 506 bromide from SSA. The dearth of sunlight over the Arctic Ocean in early March coincides with the
- 507 greatest SSA p-Br⁻ production and means that the increased February SSA p-Br⁻ emissions may not lead to
- 508 a direct increase in BrO.

509 Table 2: Model root mean square error by run and location.

510 Root mean squared model error (RMSE) shown in $BrO_{LTcol}/10^{12}$ molec/cm² RMSE calculated as the

511	square root of the mean of the sq	juared errors for all times v	with valid observed BrO _{LTcol} in Spring 2015.
JII	square root or the mean of the sq	juared errors for all times v	with valid observed BIOLTcol in Spring 2015.

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Units in BrO _{LTcol} ./10 ¹² molec/cm ²	OB10	OB11	OB12	Utqiaģvik
BASE	9.9	12.9	22.9	13.0
BLOW	9.7	12.7	22.4	12.5
PACK	9.9	10.0	18.6	15.2
BLOW+PACK	10.1	10.1	15.7	17.5
РНОТОРАСК	30.0	24.8	26.2	30.1
BLOW+PHOTOPACK	30.3	24.6	26.3	31.4



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515 Figure 5: Monthly average BrO_{LTcol} in observations and model

516 Monthly averages of BrO at a) O-Buoy 10, b) O-Buoy 11, c) O-Buoy 12, and d) BARC at Utqiaġvik only 517 using predictions and observations when $dSCDO_4 > 1*10^{43}$ molecules²cm⁻⁵. Observations with average 1 σ 518 error shown in red. All units in 10¹³ molecules/cm².

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520 **3.3** Snowpack Br₂ emissions have more impact than blowing snow SSA on monthly BrO abundance

521 Increased levels of bromine have been historically seen at Utgiagvik during February, March,

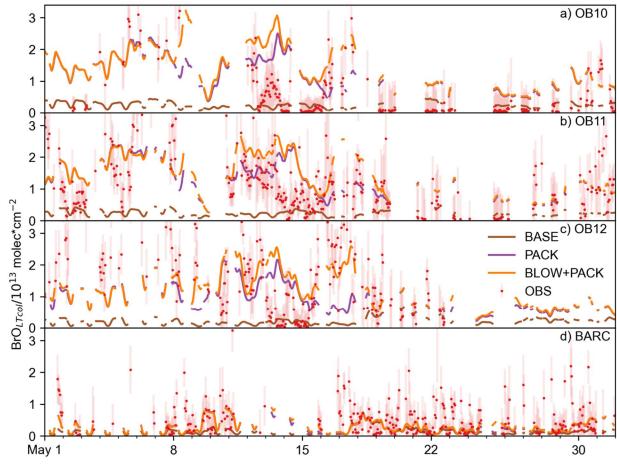
522 April and May (Berg et al., 1983). Previous O-Buoy data analysis noted BrO dropping to zero in June

- 523 (Burd et al., 2017). Figure 5 shows monthly averaged modeled BrO_{LTcol} at Utqiaġvik and on the O-Buoys
- 524 for each model configuration. The difference in GEOS-Chem modeled monthly averaged BrO_{LTcol} for O-
- 525 Buoys is minimal between the BASE and BLOW runs, the PHOTOPACK and BLOW+PHOTOPACK
- runs, and the PACK and BLOW+PACK runs. Both BASE and BLOW runs predict near-zero BrO_{LTcol} on
- all O-Buoys and during most months at Utqiagvik. The exception to this is the slight increases in monthly
- 528 modeled BrO_{LTcol} to $1*10^{13}$ molecules/cm² in March and April. This BASE increase in BrO_{LTcol} indicates
- 529 that oceanic SSA rather than blowing snow SSA can affect modeled BrO at Utqiagvik due to its closer

proximity to open ocean regions than the O-Buoys. The increases in BrO from the BASE model due to

- the addition of BLOW, most evident at Utqiagvik in March 2015, are a result of increased particulate
- 532 bromide available for activation on aerosol surfaces. The PACK and BLOW+PACK runs show the
- 533 highest skill in reproducing observations, falling within the monthly average of hourly measured BrO_{LTcol}
- 534 error for 9 of the 13 months plotted in Figure 5. Both PACK and BLOW+PACK replicate the observed
- 535 monthly pattern on O-Buoy 11 and at Utqiagvik especially well. The seasonal pattern of maximum
- 536 modeled BrO_{LTcol} at Utqiagvik in March followed by a decrease to near-zero modeled BrO_{LTcol} in May is
- replicated in both runs despite the overprediction of BrO_{LTcol} in February and March. The BLOW+PACK
- monthly BrO_{LTcol} is between $1*10^{12}$ molecules/cm² and $1*10^{13}$ molecules/cm² higher than PACK monthly
- 539 BrO_{LTcol} due to the addition of blowing snow SSA. This increase is most pronounced in February and
- 540 March at Utqiaġvik when lower temperatures lead to lower threshold wind speeds and increased SSA
- 541 production (see Supplemental Figure S4).
- 542 The inclusion of increased daytime yield of snowpack Br_2 drives monthly average BrO_{LTcol} above 543 $3*10^{13}$ molecules/cm² in the PHOTOPACK and BLOW+PHOTOPACK runs from February until June,
- far above peak observed monthly BrO_{LTeol} of $2*10^{13}$ molecules/cm². The PHOTOPACK and
- 545 BLOW+PHOTOPACK runs show steady decline in BrO_{LTcol} from February to June at Utqiagvik.
- 546 Predictions of PHOTOPACK and BLOW+PHOTOPACK monthly June BrO_{LTcol} above 2*10¹³
- 547 molecules/ cm^2 on the O-Buoys is due to increasing photo-assisted local snowpack Br₂ emissions over the
- 548 Arctic Ocean (see Figure 5). The PHOTOPACK mechanism predicts monthly average BrO_{LTcol} within
- observational error only on O-Buoy 12 in April. Aside from this replication of the sparsely sampled O-
- 550 Buoy 12 April BrO_{LTcol}, the PHOTOPACK mechanism overestimates BrO_{LTcol}.
- 551 Table 2 shows the root mean squared error (RMSE) of each model run as compared to BrO_{LTcol} 552 observations in at each different location in Spring 2015. The PACK and BLOW+PACK runs have the 553 lowest RMSE on O-Buoys 11 and 12, and among the lowest RMSE on O-Buoy 10. Utgiagvik shows the 554 lowest RMSE of 1.25*10¹³ molec/cm² for the BLOW run, although the PACK run is not too far off at 1.57*10¹³ molec/cm². Depiste the fact that BLOW+PACK has a higher RMSE of 1.75*10¹³ molec/cm² at 555 556 Utgiagvik, the BLOW+PACK run performs the best or near the best of all runs on the O-Buoys and includes both known processes for Arctic reactive bromine production. The PHOTOPACK and 557 558 BLOW+PHOTOPACK runs with increased daytime yield have a consistently high RMSE of 2.46*10¹³ 559 molec/cm² or higher, often double the RMSE of other model runs.
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562 563 Figure 6: May Hourly BrO_{LTcol} timeseries

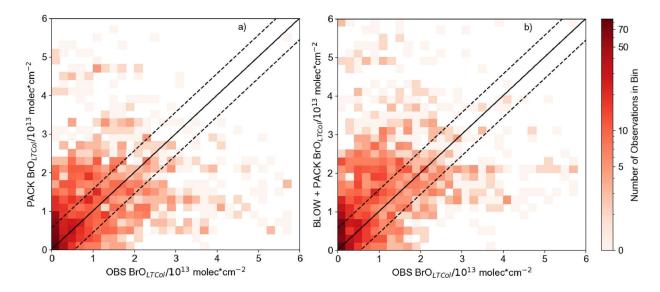
Hourly timeseries of BLOW+PACK, PACK, and BASE BrO_{LTcol} on a) O-Buoy 10, b) O-Buoy 11, c) O-Buoy 12 and d) BARC at Utqiagvik in the 2015 Arctic Spring. Observations and error bars in red, BASE BrO_{LTcol} in brown, PACK BrO_{LTcol} in purple, and BLOW+PACK BrO_{LTcol} in orange. All BrO_{LTcol} plotted continuously except for gaps where dSCDO₄ >1*10⁴³ molecules²cm⁻⁵.

- 568 3.4BLOW+PACK run best replicates hourly BrO events in mid and late May
- 569 The model's hourly predictions of BrO_{LTcol} in May 2015 are shown in Figure 6 for the BASE,
- 570 PACK, and BLOW+PACK runs. Figure 6 screens modeled BrO_{LTcol} for times when dSCD O⁴ >1*10⁴³
- 571 molecules²cm⁻⁵, while Supplemental Figures S7 and S8 make only direct comparisons between
- observations of BrO_{LTcol} on the O-Buoys (S7) and at Utqiaġvik (S8) throughout all of Spring 2015. The
- 573 O-Buoys show fluctuations in observed BrO_{LTcol} during May and show consistent increased columns of
- 574 BrO_{LTcol} from May 10 to May 20. The BASE run never rises above 10^{13} molecules/cm² and underpredicts
- 575 most May hourly BrO_{LTcol}, although BASE predicts monthly BrO_{LTcol} on OB10 for May and June. Both
- 576 PACK and BLOW+PACK runs show better skill in replicating BrO_{LTcol}. The addition of the snowpack
- 577 mechanism allows us to predict increased BrO_{LTcol} in late May on O-Buoys 10 and 11. This points to the
- role of surface snowpack in late-season events in agreement with the findings of Burd et al. (2017).

- 579 We can identify the role of blowing snow SSA by comparing the PACK and BLOW+PACK runs.
- 580 Both PACK and BLOW+PACK runs underestimate BrO_{LTcol} during the first ten days of May. BrO
- 581 predictions and show higher variability and peaks starting on May 10. The blowing snow SSA
- mechanism increases BLOW+PACK BrOLTcol on May 12 and 13. PACK is skilled at replicating observed 582
- O-Buoy 11 BrO_{LTcol} on both days, and both PACK and BLOW+PACK are within observational BrO_{LTcol} 583
- error on May 13. 584

585 A BrO event also occurs on May 13 on O-Buoy 10. While the strength of the O-Buoy 10 BrO 586 event is overestimated by PACK and BLOW+PACK, the shape of that event is reproduced in both runs. Observed BrO_{LTcol} decreases rapidly on all O-Buoys after May 14, and the model is unable to track this 587 588 sharp decrease. Rapid changes in BrO_{LTcol} may be caused by sharp edges in BrO-enriched airmasses such 589 as those seen by Simpson et al. (2017). GEOS-Chem run at this resolution cannot replicate abrupt changes in BrO, but it does slowly decrease BrO_{LTcol} to reach BrO_{LTcol} to less than 10¹³ molecules/cm² on 590 May 16. The BLOW+PACK mechanism is skilled in replicating the magnitude and features of a mid-591 May BrO event on O-Buoys 10 and 11.

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- 593 Figure 7 shows all Spring 2015 BrO_{LTeol} observations on O-Buoys 10, 11, 12, and BARC plotted
- 594 against PACK BrOLTcol and BLOW+PACK BrOLTcol. The increase in BrOLTcol on adding BLOW leads to
- 595 fewer underpredictions of observations (see bottom right section of Figure 7b). The Pearson correlation
- coefficient (r) between PACK BrO_{LTcol} and observed BrO_{LTcol} is 0.33, improving to 0.39 on addition of 596
- 597 BLOW in the BLOW+PACK run. Other runs show less skill in replicating observations, with a BASE
- BrO_{LTcol} Pearson correlation to observations of 0.19 and a BLOW BrO_{LTcol} Pearson correlation to 598
- observations of 0.23. We also performed a simple linear regression to determine the relationship between 599
- predictions and observations for each run. The slope of the line of best fit improves drastically on addition 600
- 601 of PACK, changing from 0.06 for BASE and 0.07 for BLOW to 0.33 for PACK and 0.44 for
- 602 BLOW+PACK. There is a positive synergistic effect on the slope of the line of best fit when using both
- 603 BLOW and PACK in combination rather than individually. The use of both BLOW and PACK
- 604 mechanisms implements literature findings on the processes influencing Arctic reactive bromine and
- 605 increases correlation between GEOS-Chem predictions and observations.





607 Figure 7: Hourly modeled BrO_{LTcol} versus BrO_{LTcol} observations

608Two dimensional histograms showing density of GEOS-Chem predicted $BrO_{LTcol} s$ versus all observed609Spring 2015 hourly Br_{LTcol} , with a) PACK BrO_{LTcol} shown at left sorted into square bins of 0.2 with an610Pearson r correlation to observations of 0.33 and b) BLOW+PACK BrO_{LTcol} on the bottom sorted into611square bins of 0.2 with Pearson r correlation to observations to 0.39. All units are in molecules/cm². 1:1612line drawn in the center in black, with a margin of the average observational error plotted in dashed black613lines around the central 1:1 line.

614 4. Arctic Spring reactive bromine modeling discussion

4.1 Use of both mechanisms in conjunction leads to best prediction of tropospheric BrO results

616 Initial implementation of this snowpack mechanism in Toyota et al. (2011) increased the daytime

617 yield of Br₂ from ozone deposition to 7.5% to improve agreement between observed and modeled surface

ozone mixing ratios. Toyota et al. (2011) also increased the surface resistance of ozone to 10^4 s/m,

- decreased deposition velocities on Arctic snowpack to approximately 0.01 cm/s. Our model using a
- 620 constant yield of Br from ozone deposition performs best, despite observations that sunlight has an effect
- on reactive bromine recycling in the snowpack (Pratt et al., 2013; Custard et al., 2017). GEOS-Chem does
- 622 not explicitly model heterogeneous photochemistry within the snowpack interstitial space but does
- 623 include heterogeneous bromine chemistry on aerosol particle surfaces after the Br_2 is emitted from the
- snowpack into the lowest model layer. The updates to GEOS-Chem halogen chemistry (Schmidt et al.,
- 625 2016; Sherwen et al., 2016b; Chen et al., 2017; Wang et al., 2019b) should be mechanistically sufficient
- to model daytime heterogeneous chemistry of reactive bromine on aerosol surfaces. We note that
- 627 improvements to GEOS-Chem have increased the explicit modeling of these photochemical recycling and
- 628 amplification processes, possibly reducing the need for empirical increases to daytime yields.
- 629 Our findings differ from recent implementations of the snowpack mechanism in Herrmann et al.
- 630 (2021) and Marelle et al. (2021). While all snowpack mechanisms are based on Toyota et al. (2011),
- 631 several large differences in model configuration and mechanism implementation explain these

632 differences. We allow Br₂ production from ozone deposition over all snow surfaces, leading to much 633 higher Br₂ production over MYI and coastal regions. Land snowpack can produce Br₂ on exposure to 634 ozone and sunlight (Pratt et al., 2013; Custard et al., 2017) and Figure 4 shows our coastal snowpack producing large quantities of Br₂. Tropospheric reactive bromine chemistry has been observed up to 200 635 km inland from the coast (Peterson et al., 2018). Marelle et al. (2021) underestimates BrO in late March 636 and overestimates Utgiagvik BrO in early April. This seasonal pattern may be due to increased daytime 637 638 ozone yield on first year ice near Utgiagvik in April. Herrmann et al. (2021) found that HOBr and BrNO₃ 639 deposition was more important in driving snowpack Br_2 production and that the daytime yield of 7.5% 640 Br₂ on ozone deposition underpredicted BrO. We find that ozone contributes slightly more than HOBr 641 and BrNO₃ because we allow for Br₂ production on ozone deposition over multi-year ice and coastal snowpack regions. The temporal scale of this manuscript spans the entire year, while Herrmann et al. 642 643 (2021) only spans February, March, and April. Our longer timescale highlights the issue of increased daytime Br₂ yield during May and June (see Figure 4 PHOTOPACK) with increased emissions over the 644 645 Arctic Ocean that are not in agreement with satellite observations of minimal Arctic tropospheric BrO in 646 June (Richter et al., 1998).

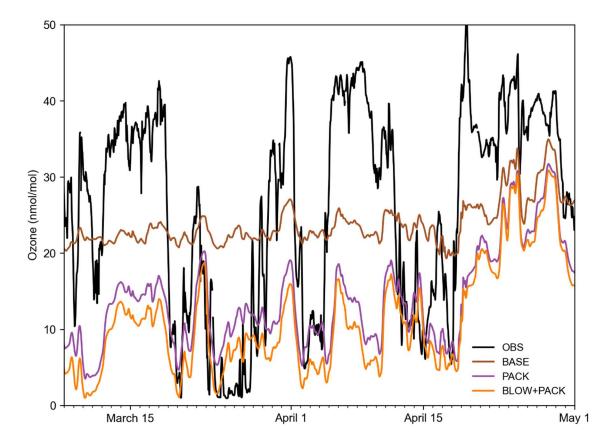
647 4.2 Addition of PACK mechanism increases surface ozone predictive skill

The Barrow Arctic Research Center (BARC) in Utqiagvik has the most comprehensive coverage 648 of surface ozone in Spring 2015. A constant yield of 0.1% Br₂ from ozone deposition allows us to 649 650 approximate the average vertical extent of ozone depletion events at Utqiagvik in May 2015. The increase in Br_v in the PACK and BLOW+PACK runs is confined to the lowest 1000 m of the atmosphere (see 651 652 Supplemental Figure S9). Ozone depletions, caused by reactive bromine chemistry, often only occur 653 within the lowest 1000 m of the troposphere (Bottenheim et al., 2002; Salawitch et al., 2010). Previous 654 studies have found evidence of lofted BrO in plumes at altitudes up to 900 m AGL (Peterson et al., 2017). 655 The monthly average Utgiagvik May surface ozone in BLOW and BLOW+PACK is 22 nmol/mol, matching mean May surface ozone from 1999-2008 (Oltmans et al., 2012). The PHOTOPACK runs 656 generate mean May surface ozone depletion to approximately 5 nmol/mol, far below the May mean. The 657 658 PACK and BLOW+PACK runs duplicate the approximate vertical extent of elevated bromine levels and 659 the strength of typical May ozone depletion.

Figure 8 shows hourly ozone predictions alongside BARC ozone observations (McClure-Begley, Petropavlovskikh, and Oltmans, 2014). The BASE model fails to replicate variance in ozone measured at BARC in Utqiaġvik, with a Pearson correlation coefficient to observations of 0.35. Adding PACK improves Pearson correlation to 0.47, within rounding error of BLOW+PACK Pearson correlation of

664 0.47. Both PACK and BLOW+PACK significantly improve model performance in replicating ozone

- depletions in such as the depletion below 30 nmol/mol from March 20 to March 29 but fail to track the
- subsequent recovery of ozone to background levels on April 1. Predicted PACK ozone does not recover
- to backgrounds levels up to the height of roughly 1000 m. A similar pattern where our model replicates
- low ozone but fails to predict the recovery of ozone to background levels occurs on April 5 and 15.
- 669 Examination of ozone profiles in GEOS-Chem found that GEOS-Chem underpredicts tropospheric ozone
- by 10-20 ppb north of 60° latitude (Wang et al., 2021), which contributes to the low ozone predictions in
- our runs. Previous modeling of Utqiaġvik spring 2012 ozone in WRF-Chem found a similar linear
- 672 correlation coefficient of 0.5 to BROMEX observations (Simpson et al., 2017) when using both blowing
- snow and snowpack mechanisms (Marelle et al., 2021). We are biased low compared to observations,
- 674 with a root mean square error of 17.0 nmol/mol in BLOW+PACK compared to a root mean square error
- of 12.9 nmol/mol in Marelle et al. (2021). This may be partially due to limited vertical resolution in
- 676 GEOS-Chem that may be inadequate to describe shallow surface-based temperature inversions and
- 677 subsequent recovery. The high bias in ozone deposition velocity over sea ice surfaces may also contribute
- to low ozone mixing ratios near the surface.



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681 Figure 8: Hourly Utgiagvik ozone timeseries

Hourly timeseries of BLOW+PACK, PACK, and BASE ozone at Utqiaġvik in the 2015 Arctic Spring.
Ozone observations at BARC in black (McClure-Begley, Petropavlovskikh and Oltmans, 2014), BASE
ozone in brown, PACK ozone in purple, and BLOW+PACK ozone in orange. Gaps indicate missing
observational data.

A similar improvement in ozone predictions on the addition of PACK is seen on the O-Buoys, but 687 is harder to quantify due to observational gaps in ozone data. Supplemental Figure S10 shows hourly 688 ozone predictions graphed over O-Buoy 11 observations and Supplemental Figure S11 shows hourly 689 ozone predictions graphed over O-Buoy 12. O-Buoy 10 was not able to gather an observations of ozone in 690 2015. The clearest impact of PACK in Figures S10 and S11 is seen in early April, with observed ozone 691 692 dropping near zero nmol/mol and PACK and BLOW+PACK runs dropping to five nmol/mol while the 693 BASE run remains near 20 nmol/mol. Figure S10 shows that ozone predictions on O-Buoy 10 in May are 694 less accurate, failing to fall below 10 nmol/mol ozone while observations show ozone dropping near the detection limit. The O-Buoys appear to experience more late-season ozone depletion events that GEOS-695 696 Chem fails to replicate, possibly due to warming temperatures increasing vertical mixing and replenishing 697 ozone near the surface.

699 Table 3: Arctic Tropospheric Reactions Rates by Model Run

Rates for each of the reactions listed in Figure 1 organized by GEOS-Chem run. All units are listed as

- millions of moles per hour across the region shown in Supplemental Figure S14. R in equation R2 refers
- to any organic molecule. Y in equation 1 represents NO, Cl, or H. X in equation HR6a represents either
- Br or Cl. PHOTOPACK and BLOW+PHOTOPACK are excluded as they severely overpredict BrO asseen in Figures 4 and 5.
 - BASE BLOW PACK **BLOW+PACK Reaction Equation** R1 17.57 17.77 27.7 28.4 $BrO + YO \rightarrow Br + O_2$ R2 261.75 | 435.74 472.14 $Br + O_3 \rightarrow BrO + O_2$ 236.28 R3 0.7 0.84 1.54 $Br + RH \rightarrow HBr, Br + HO_2 \rightarrow HBr$ 1.38 R4 0.01 0.01 0.02 0.02 $HBr + OH \rightarrow Br + H_2O$ R5 9.41 9.47 14.01 $BrO + HO_2 \rightarrow HOBr$ 14.41 R6 1.63 2.4 12.78 $16.16 | BrO + BrO -> Br_2 + O_2$ 0.03 $0.06 \mid BrO + ClO \rightarrow BrCl + O_2$ R7 0.06 0.04 2.94 5.69 **R**8 2.8 5.86 | BrO + NO₂ -> BrNO₃ R9 0 0 0 0 $Br_2 + OH \rightarrow Br + HOBr$ R10 0.15 0.17 1.39 1.64 $Br + BrNO_3 \rightarrow Br_2 + NO_3$ $Br + NO_2 \rightarrow BrNO_2$ R11 0.18 0.18 0.55 0.7 HR1a 0.04 0.03 0.15 0.1 $HOBr + HBr \rightarrow Br_2 + H_2O$ HR1b 0.79 0.95 1.47 1.68 $HOBr + p-Br -> Br_2 + OH$ HR2 0.17 0.21 0.38 0.38 $HOBr+H_2O+HSO_3^- \rightarrow H_2SO_4+HBr+OH^-$ HR3 0.25 0.29 0.43 0.44 $BrNO_3 + H_2O \rightarrow HNO_3 + HOBr$ HR4a 0 0 0 0 $HBr + O_3 \rightarrow HOBr + O_2$ HR4b 0.07 0.09 0.14 0.15 $p-Br^+O_3+H_2O->HOBr+O_2+OH^-$ HR5 0 0 0 $0 \mid BrNO_3 + HCl \rightarrow BrCl + HNO_3$ HR6a 0 0 0 $HOX + HX -> BrCl + H_2O$ 0 0.29 0.54 0.37 HR6b $0.68 \mid HOBr + p-Cl^{-} \rightarrow BrCl + OH^{-}$ 0 $0 \mid HBr + ClNO_x \rightarrow BrCl + HNO_x$ HR7a 0 0 HR7b 0 0 0 p-Br⁻⁺ClNO_x+H₂O-> BrCl+HNO_x+OH⁻ 0 HR8 0 0 0 $0 \mid p-Br^- + IO_x > IBr + O_x$ 7.24 P1 1.38 $Br_2 + hv \rightarrow 2Br$ 1.76 6.04 P2 $392.04 \mid BrO + hv -> Br + O$ 203.54 227.07 362.89 P3 HOBr +hv-> OH+Br 8.45 8.11 12.6 11.75 P4 0.36 0.37 $BrNO_3 + hv \rightarrow BrO + NO_2$ 0.57 0.56 P5 2.04 2.1 3.24 3.17 $BrNO_3 + hv \rightarrow Br + NO_3$ P6 $BrNO_2 + hv \rightarrow Br + NO_2$ 0.18 0.18 0.55 0.7 P7 0.35 0.63 0.45 BrCl + hv -> Br + Cl0.76 **P8** 0 BrI + hv -> Br + I0 0 0

5. Examining reactive bromine in the Arctic in September and October

707 O-Buoys deployed during fall 2015 measured BrO slant column densities characterized by noise 708 around zero (see Supplemental Figures S12 and S13). We do not retrieve vertical column density from these fall slant column densities, because the resulting retrievals would be biased positive due to an 709 710 algorithm requirement that only positive BrO column densities are allowed in the optimal estimation 711 inversion. These differential slant column densities (dSCDs) can be used qualitatively to determine the presence or absence of BrO above the detection limit. If the dSCDs display noise around zero at all 712 713 viewing angles, the BrO in the troposphere is below the detection limit of the spectrometer. A pattern of 714 larger BrO dSCDs at near-horizon viewing elevation angles indicating the presence of tropospheric BrO 715 above the detection limit is only observed at Utgiagvik during Arctic Spring (see Supplemental Figure 716 S12). Any BrO present in the Arctic troposphere in September and October falls below detection limits at 717 Utqiagvik (see Supplemental Figure S12) and on each O-Buoy (see Supplemental Figure S13). The average Arctic Spring 2015 MAX-DOAS BrO_{LTcol} detection limits are 5 x 10¹² molecules/cm² (Peterson 718 et al., 2015; Simpson et al., 2017; Swanson et al., 2020). Both BLOW and PACK mechanisms lead to 719 720 prediction of increased fall BrO because the weather and sea ice conditions specified in the emission algorithms occur in fall as well as spring. 721 722 Figure 9 shows fall predictions of BrO_{LTcol} filtered for times when solar elevation angle was greater than 5°. BASE and PACK BrO_{LTcol} remain near zero in September but rise above the MAX-DOAS 723 detection limit of 5 x10¹² molecules/cm² BrO_{LTcol} in October. The addition of the blowing snow SSA 724

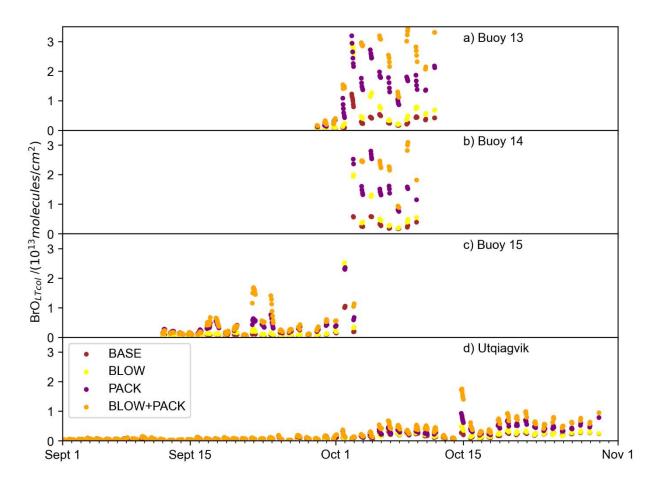
mechanism propels BLOW BrO_{LTcol} up to 6×10^{13} molecules/cm² in October. O-Buoys 13 and 14 have

the highest modeled fall BrO_{LTcol} but even Utqiagvik has several days of BrO_{LTcol} above 5 x10¹²

molecules/cm² in late October. There is no clear evidence of any BrO above MAX-DOAS detection limits

at Utqiagvik or on any O-Buoy in October, as seen by the dSCDs scattered around zero in Supplemental

729 Figures S12 and S13.



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732 Figure 9: Fall GEOS-Chem Predicted BrO_{LTcol}

Hourly timeseries of BLOW+PACK, PACK, and BASE BrO_{LTcol} on a) O-Buoy 10, b) O-Buoy 11, c) OBuoy 12 and d) BARC at Utqiaġvik during September and October 2015 BASE BrO_{LTcol} in brown,
BLOW BrO_{LTcol} in yellow, PACK BrO_{LTcol} in purple, and BLOW+PACK BrO_{LTcol} in orange. All BrO_{LTcol}

plotted continuously except for gaps where solar elevation angle was less than 5° .

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738 Both mechanisms assume that snowpack and SSA are just as capable of recycling reactive 739 bromine as in the springtime. High fall and winter SSA agrees with observations of peak SSA during 740 polar winter in both Antarctica (Wagenbach et al., 1998) and in the Arctic (Jacobi et al., 2012). The deposition of Arctic haze (Douglas and Sturm, 2004) and SSA (Jacobi et al., 2019) increases snowpack 741 salinity and sulfate content over the course of winter and spring. This seasonal change in snowpack 742 743 salinity and acidity may enable reactive bromine recycling in the Arctic Spring, but there may not sufficient haze and SSA deposition in fall to decrease snowpack pH and increase snowpack bromide 744 745 content. Additional observations of fall snowpack over sea ice including ion content could show different 746 snowpack composition in spring and fall. Thus the GEOS-Chem model overestimates fall BrO by 747 assuming the fall snowpack is equally capable of reactive bromine recycling as spring snowpack, possibly 748 due to the assumption of an infinite reservoir of snowpack bromide in all seasons. Most other modeling

exercises have focused on spring with unknown predictions in fall, possibly indicating problems in
mechanisms or parameterizations being employed, so we suggest that modeling should be done for a full
year to improve underlying chemistry and physics. We also suggest a fall snow sampling campaign to
validate modeled fall BrO.

753 6. Conclusions

754 We add snowpack Br₂ production to GEOS-Chem based on multiple field observations 755 demonstrating molecular bromine production in snowpack interstitial air. We use a mechanistic 756 parameterization of snowpack Br₂ production based on Toyota et al. (2011) in which Br₂ is emitted from 757 all snowpack of sufficient salinity and depth over land and sea ice upon deposition of the precursor 758 species HOBr, BrNO₃, and ozone. Prior work has also added a blowing snow SSA production mechanism that increases aerosol particulate bromide and thus facilitates heterogeneous recycling of reactive bromine 759 760 on these aerosol particle surfaces. We update the halogen scheme to GEOS-Chem 12.9.3 and performed 761 six model simulations including a BASE run with neither blowing snow SSA nor snowpack emissions, a 762 PACK run assuming constant yield of Br₂ on ozone deposition over all snow surfaces, a PHOTOPACK 763 run assuming increased daytime yield of Br_2 on ozone deposition (similar in Toyota et al., 2011), a 764 BLOW run using only blowing snow SSA formation and two additional runs combing BLOW and each respective PACK mechanism. The increased daytime yield of Br₂ in PHOTOPACK leads to 765 766 overprediction of BrO in these simulations, but the PACK run (with constant Br₂ yield day and night) 767 matches monthly averaged BrO vertical column densities within measurement error for 9 of 13 cases at O-Buoy and Utgiagvik in springtime months. The PACK and BLOW+PACK runs were successful in 768 769 replicating observed BrO events on O-Buoys in May.=. The BLOW mechanism effectively increases 770 aerosol surface available for turnover of reactive bromine. The snowpack mechanism has more impact on 771 modeled BrO mixing ratios than the blowing snow SSA mechanism, but both contribute to tropospheric 772 reactive bromine. We extend our model run to the full year and find that enhanced daytime Br₂ yield can 773 lead to increased Arctic Ocean Br₂ production in the summer. Examining modeled BrO in fall 2015 774 reveals prediction of BrO when using these mechanisms that are at odds with observations.

The inclusion of two Arctic reactive bromine production mechanisms based on literature observations of snowpack Br₂ emission and blowing snow SSA formation improves model skill in replicating Arctic tropospheric BrO in spring 2015. The snowpack is an important source of reactive bromine, and SSA particles provide an abundant surface for sustained reactive bromine recycling in the troposphere. We find that using both snowpack and blowing snow SSA bromine production mechanisms is necessary for modeling BrO in the Arctic.

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