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#### Impacts of bromine and iodine chemistry on tropospheric OH and HO<sub>2</sub>: 1 Comparing observations with box and global model perspectives 2

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#### 14 Abstract

15 The chemistry of the halogen species bromine and iodine has a range of impacts on tropospheric composition, and can affect oxidising capacity in a number of ways. However, recent studies disagree on the overall sign of 16 17 the impacts of halogens on the oxidising capacity of the troposphere. We present simulations of OH and HO<sub>2</sub> radicals for comparison with observations made in the remote tropical ocean boundary layer during the Seasonal 18 19 Oxidant Study at the Cape Verde Atmospheric Observatory in 2009. We use both a constrained box model, using 20 detailed chemistry derived from the Master Chemical Mechanism (v3.2), and the three-dimensional global chemistry transport model GEOS-Chem. Both model approaches reproduce the diurnal trends in OH and HO<sub>2</sub>. 21 22 Absolute observed concentrations are well reproduced by the box model but are overpredicted by the global 23 model, potentially owing to incomplete consideration of oceanic sourced radical sinks. The two models, however, 24 differ in the impacts of halogen chemistry. In the box model, halogen chemistry acts to increase OH 25 concentrations (by 9.8 % at midday at Cape Verde), while the global model exhibits a small increase in OH at 26 Cape Verde (by 0.6 % at midday) but overall shows a decrease in the global annual mass weighted mean OH of 27 4.5 %. These differences reflect the variety of timescales through which the halogens impact the chemical system. 28 On short timescales, photolysis of HOBr and HOI, produced by reactions of HO<sub>2</sub> with BrO and IO, respectively, 29 increases the OH concentration. On longer timescales, halogen catalysed ozone destruction cycles lead to lower 30 primary production of OH radicals through ozone photolysis, and thus to lower OH concentrations. The global 31 model includes more of the longer timescale responses than the constrained box model and overall the global 32 impact of the longer timescale response (reduced primary production due to lower O<sub>3</sub> concentrations) overwhelms 33 the shorter timescale response (enhanced cycling from  $HO_2$  to OH), and thus the global OH concentration 34 decreases. The Earth system contains many such responses on a large range of timescales. This work highlights

35 the care that needs to be taken to understand the full impact of any one process on the system as a whole.

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## 36 Introduction

37 Halogen chemistry in the troposphere influences budgets of  $O_3$ ,  $HO_x$  (OH and  $HO_2$ ),  $NO_x$  (NO and  $NO_2$ ) (von

38 Glasow et al., 2004; Saiz-Lopez and von Glasow, 2012; Simpson et al., 2015, Schmidt et al., 2016; Sherwen et

al., 2016a; Sherwen et al., 2016b), affects the oxidation state of atmospheric mercury (Holmes et al., 2006; Holmes

40 et al., 2010), and impacts aerosol formation (Hoffmann et al., 2001; O'Dowd et al., 2002; McFiggans et al., 2004;

41 McFiggans et al., 2010; Mahajan et al., 2011; Sherwen et al., 2016c).

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43 The production of bromine and iodine atoms in the marine boundary layer (MBL) following emissions of organohalogen compounds and the inorganic compounds I<sub>2</sub> and HOI has been shown to result in considerable 44 45 destruction of tropospheric ozone (Read et al., 2008), leading to the production of bromine monoxide (BrO) and 46 iodine monoxide (IO) radicals. Observations of BrO and IO radicals within the MBL have demonstrated widespread impacts on atmospheric composition and chemistry (Alicke et al., 1999; Sander et al., 2003; Leser et 47 al., 2003; Saiz-Lopez and Plane, 2004; Saiz-Lopez et al., 2004; Peters et al., 2005; Saiz-Lopez et al., 2006; 48 49 Whalley et al., 2007; Mahajan et al., 2010a; Commane et al., 2011; Dix et al., 2013; Gomez Martin et al., 2013), 50 including significant effects on HO<sub>x</sub> concentrations and on the HO<sub>2</sub>:OH ratio in coastal and marine locations 51 (Bloss et al., 2005a; Sommariva et al., 2006; Bloss et al., 2007; Bloss et al., 2010; Kanaya et al., 2007; Whalley

52 et al., 2010).

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54 The role of halogens in in HO<sub>x</sub> chemistry was demonstrated during the NAMBLEX campaign in Mace Head, 55 Ireland, (Heard et al., 2006), following several studies which attributed box model overestimates of HO<sub>2</sub> 56 observations in marine environments to unmeasured halogen monoxides (Carslaw et al., 1999; Carslaw et al., 57 2002; Kanaya et al., 2001; Kanaya et al., 2002; Kanaya et al., 2007). Simultaneous measurements of OH and HO<sub>2</sub> 58 by laser-induced fluorescence (LIF) (Bloss et al., 2005a; Smith et al., 2006) and halogen species by a combination 59 of DOAS (for BrO or IO, OIO and I<sub>2</sub>) (Saiz-Lopez et al., 2006) and broadband cavity ringdown spectroscopy (BBCRDS) (for OIO and I<sub>2</sub>) (Bitter et al., 2005) during NAMBLEX enabled box model calculations to fully 60 61 explore the impacts of halogens on the local composition. A box model without halogen chemistry was able to 62 reproduce the NAMBLEX OH observations to within 25 %, but HO<sub>2</sub> observations were overestimated by up to a 63 factor of 2 (Sommariva et al., 2006). The introduction of halogen chemistry, using DOAS measurements of BrO and IO (Saiz-Lopez et al., 2006) to constrain the model, increased the modelled OH concentrations by up to 15 64 % and decreased HO<sub>2</sub> by up to 30 % owing to reactions of HO<sub>2</sub> with XO radicals to form HOX which subsequently 65 66 photolysed to X + OH (Sommariva et al., 2006). Bloss et al., (2005a) indicated that up to 40 % of the instantaneous 67 HO<sub>2</sub> loss could be attributed to HO<sub>2</sub> + IO, and that photolysis of HOI was responsible for 15 % of the noontime OH production. 68





69 The impacts of halogen chemistry on HO<sub>x</sub> radicals at a site representative of the open ocean have been investigated 70 at the Cape Verde Atmospheric Observatory (CVAO). Measurements of halogen monoxides (Mahajan et al., 71 2010a) at the site have been shown to have significant impacts on local ozone concentrations, notably in the 72 magnitude of the daily cycle (Read et al., 2008), and have been used to constrain box model calculations used to 73 explore observations of OH and  $HO_2$  made during the RHaMBLe campaign in 2007 (Whalley et al., 2010). The 74 model calculations showed generally good comparisons with the observed OH and HO<sub>2</sub> concentrations, apart 75 from a period characterised by unusually high concentrations of HCHO. Compared to a model run in which 76 halogen chemistry was absent, bromine and iodine chemistry led to a 9 % increase in the modelled OH concentration (Whalley et al., 2010). Owing to the dominance of the tropics in global methane oxidation (Bloss 77 78 et al., 2005b), such an impact of halogens on OH could have significant consequences for estimates of global 79 methane lifetimes, and on our understanding of the impacts of halogen chemistry on climate change.

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In general, observationally constrained box model simulations suggest that halogens in the troposphere chemistry will increase OH concentrations, primarily because of a change in the HO<sub>2</sub> to OH ratio occurring as a result of reactions of halogen oxides (XO) with HO<sub>2</sub> to produce a hypohalous acid (HOX) which photolyses to give an OH radical and a halogen atom (Kanaya et al., 2002; Bloss et al., 2005a; Kanaya et al., 2007; Sommariva et al., 2006; Sommariva et al., 2007; Whalley et al., 2010). Other impacts on the HO<sub>x</sub> photochemical system are observed (impacts from changes to NO<sub>x</sub> chemistry etc.) but these are minor and overall the general conclusion is that the halogen chemistry tends to increase the OH concentration and thus the oxidising capacity of the atmosphere.

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89 However, the observationally constrained studies are typically concerned with processes occurring at the surface, 90 and in a single location. The role of halogen chemistry in the troposphere as a whole is more uncertain, particularly 91 in the free troposphere and on a global scale (Saiz-Lopez and von Glasow, 2012; Simpson et al., 2015). Inclusion 92 of bromine chemistry in the three-dimensional (3D) chemistry transport model (CTM) MATCH-HPIC resulted 93 in decreases in tropospheric ozone concentrations of  $\sim 18$  % over widespread areas, with regional decreases of up to 40 % (von Glasow et al., 2004). Increases of more than 20 % were found for OH in the free troposphere, but, 94 95 globally, changes to OH were dominated by decreases in OH in the tropics owing to a reduction in primary 96 production from O<sub>3</sub> photolysis, leading to a decrease of 1-2 % in the global mean OH concentration (von Glasow 97 et al., 2004).

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99 Significant decreases in tropospheric ozone (up to 30% at high latitude spring) were also reported for the 100 pTOMCAT model on inclusion of bromine chemistry (Yang et al., 2005). The CAM-Chem global chemistry-101 climate model has shown an approximate 10 % decrease in global mean tropospheric ozone concentration on





incorporation of lower bromine emissions (Saiz-Lopez et al., 2012), while the GEOS-Chem CTM displays a global decrease of 6.5 % (Parrella et al., 2012). The GEOS-Chem model indicated that bromine-catalysed loss of ozone is limited by the rate of production of HOBr, and that HO<sub>2</sub> + BrO is responsible for over 95 % of the global tropospheric HOBr production. While HOBr can act as a source of OH on photolysis, the changes to  $O_3$ and NO<sub>x</sub> resulting from the inclusion of bromine chemistry in GEOS-Chem led to a 4 % decrease overall in the global annual mean OH (Parrella et al., 2012).

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Vertically resolved airborne measurements of IO radicals in the free troposphere over the Pacific Ocean have also demonstrated a role for iodine chemistry throughout the free troposphere, with IO observed at a mixing ratio of ~0.1 ppt in the free troposphere and found to be present in both recent deep convective outflow and aged free tropospheric air (Dix et al., 2013). Model simulations to investigate iodine-driven ozone destruction throughout the troposphere indicated that only 34 % of the total iodine-driven ozone loss occurs within the marine boundary layer, with 40 % occurring in a transition layer and 26 % in the free troposphere (Dix et al., 2013).

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116 The CAM-Chem and GEOS-Chem models have also been updated to encompass iodine chemistry, with results 117 from CAM-Chem showing iodine chemistry to be responsible for 17-27 % of the ozone loss in the tropical MBL 118 and 11-27 % of the ozone loss in the marine upper troposphere (Saiz-Lopez et al., 2014). The GEOS-Chem model 119 also showed iodine chemistry to be responsible for significant ozone destruction throughout the troposphere 120 (Sherwen et al., 2016a; Sherwen et al., 2016b; Sherwen et al., 2017). The GEOS-Chem simulations, which 121 incorporate chlorine, bromine and iodine chemistry, show a reduction in global tropospheric ozone concentration of 18.6 %, compared to simulations with no halogen chemistry, a reduction in the global mean OH of 8.2 % to a 122 concentration of  $1.28 \times 10^6$  cm<sup>-3</sup> and a resulting increase in global methane lifetime of 10.8 % to 8.28 years 123 124 (Sherwen et al., 2016b).

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There is thus a discrepancy between box and global models as to the impact of halogen chemistry on OH concentrations in the troposphere. Box models suggesting that OH radical concentrations should increase and thus that halogens tend to increase the oxidising capacity, whereas the global models tend to suggest the opposite.

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In this work, we use both a detailed chemical box model approach and a global chemistry-transport model to investigate the local and global impacts of halogen chemistry on  $HO_x$  radical concentrations. We focus on seasonal  $HO_x$  observations available from the Cape Verde Atmospheric Observatory (Vaughan et al., 2012). We

133 first provide a summary of the measurement site and the observations, followed by details of the two models used





- in this study. We then evaluate the impact of halogens on the concentrations of oxidants in the two modelling
- 135 frameworks and consider the impact of halogen chemistry on global oxidising capacity.
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## 137 The Cape Verde Atmospheric Observatory

- The Cape Verde Atmospheric Observatory is situated on the north east coast of the island of Sao Vicente (16.848 °N, 24.871 °W), approximately 500 km off the west coast of Africa. The observatory is in a region of high marine biological production, and, for 95 % of the time, receives the prevailing northeasterly trade wind directly off the ocean (Read et al., 2008; Carpenter et al., 2010). Measurements at the observatory are considered to be representative of the open ocean, and CO, O<sub>3</sub>, VOCs, NO<sub>x</sub> and NO<sub>y</sub> have been measured near-continuously at the observatory since October 2006 (Lee et al., 2009; Carpenter et al., 2010).
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In 2007, the observatory was host to the RHaMBLe intensive field campaign, during which a number of additional
 measurements were made to complement the long-term measurements at the site (Lee et al., 2010), including LP-

- 147 DOAS measurements of halogen species (Read et al., 2008; Mahajan et al., 2010a) and formaldehyde (Mahajan
- et al., 2010b), and LIF-FAGE measurements of OH and HO<sub>2</sub> (Whalley et al., 2010). The halogen monooxide
- radicals BrO and IO exhibited a 'top-hat' diurnal cycle (Vogt et al., 1999; Vogt et al., 1996; Read et al., 2008;
- 150 Mahajan et al., 2010a) with essentially zero concentration in the hours of darkness and generally constant values
- 151 of approximately 2.5 ppt BrO and 1.4 ppt IO during the day.
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The RHaMBLe campaign was followed by the Seasonal Oxidants Study (SOS) in 2009, during which measurements of OH and HO<sub>2</sub> were conducted over three periods (Feb-March (SOS1), May-June (SOS2), and September (SOS3)), and are discussed in detail by Vaughan et al. (2012). We present here the results from a modelling study of the HO<sub>x</sub> measurements made during SOS1 and SOS2, when supporting measurements are available, using both box and global model approaches. SOS3 is not considered in this work owing to a lack of supporting measurements.

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- Measurements of OH and HO<sub>2</sub> during the Seasonal Oxidant Study were made by laser-induced fluorescence (LIF) spectroscopy at low pressure using the fluorescence assay by gas expansion (FAGE) technique, and are described in detail by Vaughan et al. (2012). Briefly, ambient air is drawn into a fluorescence cell situated on the roof of a shipping container and maintained at pressures of ~ 2 Torr. The fluorescence cell has two excitation axes, with excess NO added at the second axis to titrate HO<sub>2</sub> to OH, enabling simultaneous detection of OH and HO<sub>2</sub>. OH
- 165 radicals in both excitation axes are excited by laser light at  $\lambda \sim 308$  nm, generated by frequency tripling the output





- of a solid state Nd:YAG pumped Ti:Sapphire laser system (Bloss et al., 2003). Channel photomultiplier tubes coupled to gated photon counters are used to detect the  $A^2 \Sigma^+ - X^2 \Pi_i$  OH fluorescence signal at  $\lambda \sim 308$  nm.
- 169 Calibration of the instrument is achieved by measurement of the fluorescence signal from known concentrations
- 170 of OH and HO<sub>2</sub>, produced by the photolysis of water vapour, and was performed over a range of conditions before,
- 171 during and after the campaign. For OH, the 1  $\sigma$  limit of detection (LOD) was in the range (2-11) × 10<sup>5</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup> for a
- 172 5 min averaging period, while for HO<sub>2</sub> 1  $\sigma$  LOD was in the range (6-13) × 10<sup>5</sup> cm<sup>-3</sup> for a 4 min averaging period.
- 173 Uncertainties  $(2 \sigma)$  in the measurements of OH and HO<sub>2</sub> are ~32 % (Vaughan et al., 2012).
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Potential interferences in HO<sub>2</sub> measurements arising from conversion of alkene- and aromatic-derived peroxy 175 176 radicals to OH within the LIF detection cell, as described by Fuchs et al. (2011), are expected to be small for this 177 work owing to relatively low concentrations of alkenes and aromatics at the Cape Verde observatory (Carpenter 178 et al., 2010; Vaughan et al., 2012). Speciation of the peroxy radicals in the box model output (see Supplementary 179 Material) shows that 87.4 % of the peroxy radicals are HO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 6.5 % CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)O<sub>2</sub> and 1.1 % C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 180 all of which display no HO<sub>2</sub> interference in the laboratory (Whalley et al., 2013: Stone et al., 2014). Peroxy 181 radicals derived from OH-initiated oxidation of ethene and propene (HOC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and HOC<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, respectively) were found to result in an interference signal for  $HO_2$  in the laboratory (~40 % for the experimental configuration 182 183 in this work) but each radical comprises only ~0.6 % of the total RO<sub>2</sub> in this work. Thus, model calculations 184 reported here do not include representation of potential HO<sub>2</sub> interferences, although such phenomena may be

185 important in other environments (see for example, Whalley et al., 2013; Stone et al., 2014).

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## 187 Model Approaches

We interpret the observations using two different modeling frameworks. The first is an observationally constrained box model (DSMACC), the second is a global tropospheric chemistry transport model (GEOS-Chem).

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### 192 Constrained Box Model

The Dynamically Simple Model of Atmospheric Chemical Complexity (DSMACC) is described in detail by Emmerson and Evans (2009) and Stone et al. (2010), and is a zero-dimensional model using the Kinetic Pre-Processor (KPP) (Sandu and Sander, 2006). In this work we use a chemistry scheme based on a subsection of the hydrocarbons (ethane, propane, *iso*-butane, *n*-butane, *iso*-pentane, *n*-pentane, hexane, ethene, propene, 1-butene, acetylene, isoprene, toluene, benzene, methanol, acetone, acetaldehyde and DMS) available from the Master Chemical Mechanism version 3.2 (MCM v3.2 http://mcm.leeds.ac.uk/MCM/home.htt) (Jenkin et al., 2003;





- 199 Saunders et al., 2003), with a halogen chemistry scheme described by Saiz-Lopez et al. (2006), Whalley et al.
- $(2010) \ \text{and Edwards et al.} \ (2011). \ We \ also \ include \ the \ reaction \ between \ OH \ and \ CH_3O_2 \ (Bossolasco \ et \ al., \ 2014;$
- Fittschen et al., 2014; Assaf et al., 2016; Yan et al., 2016), with a rate coefficient of  $1.6 \times 10^{-10}$  cm<sup>3</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> (Assaf et al., 2016)
- al., 2016) and products HO<sub>2</sub> + CH<sub>3</sub>O (Assaf et al., 2017), the impact of which on the HO<sub>2</sub>:OH ratio and CH<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>
- 203 budget is described in the Supplementary Material. The total number of species in the model is ~1200, with ~5000
- 204 reactions. The full chemistry scheme used in the model is given in the Supplementary Data.
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206 All measurements are merged onto a 10 minute timebase for input to the model and the model is run with 207 constraints applied as discussed in our previous work (Stone et al., 2010; Stone et al., 2011; Stone et al., 2014). 208 Concentrations of CH<sub>4</sub> and H<sub>2</sub> are kept constant at values of 1770 ppb (NOAA CMDL flask analysis, 209 ftp://ftp.cmdl.noaa.gov/ccg/ch4/) and 550 ppb (Ehhalt and Rohrer, 2009; Novelli et al., 1999) respectively. 210 Formaldehyde measurements were not available during the SOS and we thus use HCHO concentrations generated 211 by the chemistry in the model, with the modelled HCHO concentrations in broad agreement with previous 212 measurements at the observatory (Mahajan et al., 2010b). Table 1 shows a summary of the input parameters to 213 the model.





Species	Mean	Median	Range
O <sub>3</sub> / ppb	$33.8 \pm 8.6$	30.7	19.6 - 49.7
CO / ppb	$102.3 \pm 10.3$	99.3	87.8 - 127.3
H <sub>2</sub> O / ppm	$20542.3 \pm 2753.8$	21290.0	16778.5 - 24909.2
NO / ppt	$11.2 \pm 10.6$	9.0	0.06 - 96.2
Ethane / ppt	$961.3 \pm 289.4$	864.0	625.4 - 1799.2
Propane / ppt	$136.1 \pm 87.05$	111.8	20.2 - 521.5
iso-butane / ppt	$13.4 \pm 9.8$	11.1	0-62.7
<i>n</i> -butane / ppt	$21.9 \pm 17.6$	17.8	0-112.9
Actylene / ppt	$79.0 \pm 27.8$	70.4	45.0 - 180.5
Isoprene / ppt	$0.1 \pm 0.4$	0	0-2.6
<i>iso</i> -pentane / ppt	$3.9 \pm 3.2$	3.3	0 - 22.9
<i>n</i> -pentane / ppt	$4.3 \pm 3.0$	3.9	0-21.7
<i>n</i> -hexane / ppt	$1.0 \pm 0.7$	0.9	0-4.4
Ethene / ppt	$43.6 \pm 15.2$	46.3	6.4 - 73.2
Propene / ppt	$13.5 \pm 3.6$	13.0	6.2 - 24.1
But-1-ene / ppt	$6.5 \pm 1.4$	6.3	3.5 - 10.6
Benzene / ppt	$13.0 \pm 17.0$	8.3	0 - 64.4
Toluene / ppt	$77.9 \pm 388.8$	0	0 - 2013.9
Acetaldehyde / ppt	$511.8 \pm 526.0$	599.3	0 - 2622.6
Methanol / ppt	$247.6 \pm 336.2$	173.3	0 - 3337.4
DMS / ppt	$8.3 \pm 38.3$	0	0 - 291.8

214 Table 1: Summary of inputs to the model. Zero values indicate measurements below the limit of detection.

Further details can be found in Vaughan et al. (2012) and Carpenter et al. (2010).

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Physical loss of each species in the model is represented by a first-order loss process, with the first-order rate coefficient equivalent to a lifetime of approximately 24 hours, as discussed by Stone et al. (2010). Loss of reactive species to aerosol surfaces is represented in the model by parameterisation of a first-order loss process to the aerosol surface (Schwarz, 1986), as discussed by Stone et al. (2014).

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A range of aerosol uptake coefficients for HO<sub>2</sub> have been reported in the literature, with recent measurements indicating values of  $\gamma_{HO2}$  between 0.003 and 0.02 on aqueous aerosols (George et al., 2013) while others have reported values of  $\gamma_{HO2} \sim 0.1$  (Taketani et al., 2008), and increased uptake coefficients in the presence of Cu and Fe ions (Thornton et al., 2008; Mao et al., 2013). In this work we use a value of  $\gamma_{HO2} = 0.1$  in order to maintain consistency with previous modelling studies at the site (Whalley et al., 2010) and to account for potential impacts of ions of copper and iron in aerosol particles influenced by mineral dust (Carpenter et al., 2010; Muller et al., 2010; Fomba et al., 2014; Matthews et al., 2014; Lakey et al., 2015).

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The aerosol surface area in the model is constrained to previous measurements of dry aerosol surface area at the observatory, corrected for differences in sampling height between the aerosol and  $HO_x$  measurements and for aerosol growth under humid conditions (Allan et al., 2009; Muller et al., 2010; Whalley et al., 2010).

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241 Halogen species are constrained to a 'top-hat' profiles for BrO and IO (Vogt et al., 1999; Vogt et al., 1996; Read 242 et al., 2008), as observed during the RHAMBLE campaign in 2007 (Read et al., 2008; Mahajan et al., 2010a). 243 The observations indicate that while there is day to day variation in BrO and IO concentrations, there is little seasonal variation (Mahajan et al., 2010a). BrO and IO are thus constrained to the mean observed mixing ratios 244 245 of 2.5 ppt and 1.4 ppt, respectively, for time points between 0930 and 1830 (GMT) and zero for all other times. 246 In a similar way to  $NO_x$  (see Stone et al. (2010; 2011)), concentrations of all bromine or iodine species, including 247 BrO and IO, are permitted to vary according to the photochemistry as the model runs forwards. At the end of 248 each 24 hour period in the model, the calculated concentrations of BrO and IO are compared to the constrained 249 value, and the concentrations of all bromine (Br, Br<sub>2</sub>, BrO, HBr, HOBr, BrONO<sub>2</sub>, BrNO<sub>2</sub>, BrNO) and iodine (I, 250 I<sub>2</sub>, IO, HI, HOI, INO, INO<sub>2</sub>, IONO<sub>2</sub>, OIO, I<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, I<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, I<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>, HOIO<sub>2</sub>) species are fractionally increased or decreased 251 such that the calculated and constrained concentrations of BrO and IO are the same. The model is run forwards 252 in time with diurnally varying photolysis rates until a diurnal steady state is reached, typically requiring between 253 5 and 10 days.

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### 257 Global Model

258 We use the 3D global chemistry transport model GEOS-Chem (v10-01, www.geos-chem.org). The model has 259 been extensively evaluated against observations (Bey et al., 2001; Evans and Jacob, 2005; Nassar et al., 2009; 260 Mao et al., 2010; Zhang et al., 2010; Parrella et al., 2012; Hu et al., 2017). The model is driven by assimilated winds calculated by the Goddard Earth Observing System at a horizontal resolution of  $4^{\circ} \times 5^{\circ}$ , with 47 vertical 261 262 levels from the surface to 50 hPa. Anthropogenic emissions of CO,  $NO_x$  and  $SO_2$  are described by the EDGAR 263 3.2 monthly global inventory (Olivier et al., 2005). Emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are 264 described by the RETRO monthly global inventory (van het Bolscher, 2008) for anthropogenic sources, with 265 ethane emissions described by Xiao et al., 2008, and the MEGAN v2.1 inventory (Guenther et al., 2006; Barkley 266 et al., 2011) for biogenic sources.

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The HO<sub>x</sub>-NO<sub>x</sub>-VOC-O<sub>3</sub> chemistry scheme in the model is described in detail by Bey et al. (2001) and Mao et al. (2013), with the isoprene oxidation mechanism described by Paulot et al. (2009). Photolysis rates use the FAST-JX scheme (Bian and Prather, 2002; Mao et al., 2010), with acetone photolysis rates updated by Fischer et al. (2012). Stratospheric chemistry is based on LINOZ McLinden et al. (2000) for O<sub>3</sub> and a linearised mechanism for other species as described by Murray et al. (2012).

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The model framework includes gas-aerosol partitioning of semi-volatile organic compounds (Liao et al., 2007; Henze et al., 2007; Henze et al., 2009; Fu et al., 2008; Heald et al., 2011; Wang et al., 2011), and heterogeneous chemistry (Jacob, 2000). Coupling between gas phase chemistry and sulfate-ammonium-nitrate aerosol is described by Park et al. (2004) and Pye et al. (2009). A description of dust aerosol in the model is given by Fairlie et al. (2007). Treatment of sea salt aerosol is described by Jaegle et al. (2011). The uptake coefficient for N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> uses the parameterisation by Evans and Jacob (2005), while that for HO<sub>2</sub> uses the parameterisation of Thornton et al. (2008). A full description of the organic aerosol chemistry in the model is given by Heald et al. (2011).

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The model includes recent updates to the chemistry scheme to include bromine chemistry (Parella et al., 2012; Schmidt et al., 2016) and iodine chemistry (Sherwen et al., 2016a; Sherwen et al., 2016b). Sources of tropospheric bromine in the model include emissions of CHBr<sub>3</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub>Br, and transport of reactive bromine from the stratosphere. Debromination of sea-salt aerosol is not included in the model following the work of Schmidt et al. (2016), which showed better agreement with observations of BrO made by the GOME-2 satellite (Theys et al., 2011) and in the free troposphere and the tropical Eastern Pacific MBL (Gomez Martin et al., 2013; Volkamer et

al., 2015; Wang et al., 2015). Emission rates and bromine chemistry included in the model are described in detail

by Parella et al. (2012), with the additional bromine chemistry scheme described by 19 bimolecular reactions, 2





three-body reactions and 2 heterogeneous reactions using rate coefficients, heterogeneous reaction coefficientsand photolysis cross-sections recommended by Sander et al. (2011).

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293 Iodine sources include emissions of CH<sub>3</sub>I, CH<sub>2</sub>I<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>ICl, CH<sub>2</sub>IBr, I<sub>2</sub> and HOI. Emissions for CH<sub>3</sub>I follow Bell 294 et al. (2002), while those of other organic iodine species use parameterisations based on chlorophyll-a in the 295 Tropics and constant oceanic and coastal fluxes in extratropical regions (Ordonez et al., 2012). Emissions of 296 inorganic iodine species (HOI and I<sub>2</sub>) use the results of Carpenter et al. (2013), with oceanic iodide concentrations 297 parameterised by MacDonald et al. (2014). The iodine chemistry scheme includes 26 unimolecular and 298 bimolecular reactions, 3 three-body reactions, 21 photolysis reactions and 7 heterogeneous reactions, using 299 recommendations by Atkinson et al. (2007) and Sander et al. (2011) where available. Full details are given by 300 Sherwen et al. (2016a; 2016b).

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Photolysis rates of bromine and iodine compounds are calculated using the FAST-J radiative transfer model (Wild
et al., 2000; Bian and Prather, 2002; Mao et al., 2010). Wet and dry deposition are determined as for the standard
GEOS-Chem model (Liu et al., 2001; Wesely, 1989; Wang et al., 1998; Amos et al., 2012).

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The tropospheric chemistry scheme is integrated using the SMVGEAR solver (Jacobson and Turco, 1994; Bey et al., 2001). The model, provides hourly output at the site of the Cape Verde Atmospheric Observatory. Model simulations have been performed in the absence of halogens, with bromine chemistry, with iodine chemistry and with bromine and iodine chemistry combined. Each model simulation is run for two years, with the analysis performed on the second year (2009) and the first year discarded as model spin-up to enable evolution of longlived species.

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## 313 Model Results

314 We now investigate the impact of halogen chemistry on tropospheric oxidation at Cape Verde within our two 315 modelling approaches.

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## 317 Constrained Box Model

318 Figure 1 shows the observed and modelled time series for OH and HO<sub>2</sub> during SOS1 (February, March 2009) and

319 SOS2 (May, June 2009). Observed concentrations of OH and HO<sub>2</sub> were typically higher in SOS2 than SOS1,

320 reaching maximum values in SOS2 of ~  $9 \times 10^{6}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> OH and  $4 \times 10^{8}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> HO<sub>2</sub> (Vaughan et al., 2012). Similar

321 concentrations were observed in May and June 2007 during the RHaMBLe campaign (Whalley et al., 2010), with

322 a *t*-test indicating no statistically significant difference between the OH concentrations measured in May-June





323 2009 to those measured in May-June 2007 at the 95 % confidence level (Vaughan et al., 2012). Concentrations 324 of HO<sub>2</sub> measured in May-June 2009 were significantly higher than those measured in May-June 2007 at the 95 325 % confidence level, but were within the 1 $\sigma$  day-to-day variability (Vaughan et al., 2012). Temperatures during 326 SOS2 were typically higher than those during SOS1, with higher relative humidity during SOS2 (Vaughan et al., 2012). Air masses during SOS1 had strong contributions from Atlantic marine air and African coastal region, 327 328 with polluted marine air and Saharan dust contributing ~ 20 % and 10 %, respectively, for the first half of the 329 measurement period. Conditions during SOS2 were typically cleaner, with Atlantic marine air representing the 330 major source, although coastal African air contributed ~ 40 % on some days. There was little influence from 331 polluted air, dust or continental air (Vaughan et al., 2012). Analysis of the variance of OH and HO<sub>2</sub> during SOS 332 indicated that ~70 % of the total variance could be explained by diurnal behaviour, with the remaining ~30 % 333 related to changes in air mass.

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Figure 1 shows the observed and modelled time series for OH and HO<sub>2</sub>, for model simulations with and without halogen chemistry. For SOS1, the box model overpredicts the OH and HO<sub>2</sub> concentrations at the start of the campaign (Julian days 59 and 61), but performs better for day 63, and captures both the observed diurnal profile and the observed concentrations. For SOS2, the box model tends to agree better with the observations for both OH and HO<sub>2</sub>. A day-by-day comparison between the models and the observations is shown in the Supplementary Material for days for which box model calculations were possible, which were limited by the availability of supporting data.

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Figure 2 shows the point-by-point model performance for OH and HO<sub>2</sub> for all data points combined, and for SOS1 and SOS2 separately, for the full box model run including halogen chemistry. There is a tendency for overprediction of OH and HO<sub>2</sub> during SOS1 (slopes of modelled vs observed concentrations are  $(1.86 \pm 0.26)$  for OH and  $(1.66 \pm 0.21)$  for HO<sub>2</sub>), which is dominated by the model overpredictions on days 59 and 61, with better agreement observed during SOS2 (slopes of modelled vs observed concentrations are  $(1.11 \pm 0.15)$  for OH and  $(1.21 \pm 0.12)$  for HO<sub>2</sub>).

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The measured and modelled average diurnal profiles of OH, HO<sub>2</sub> and the HO<sub>2</sub> to OH ratios are shown in Figure 3. At midday (1100-1300), the full model including halogen chemistry overpredicts OH by a median factor of

1.52 and HO<sub>2</sub> by a median factor of 1.21. A model run containing bromine chemistry but no iodine chemistry

- 353 gave median midday overpredictions of 1.40 and 1.30 for OH and HO<sub>2</sub>, respectively, while a run containing
- 354 iodine but not bromine gave equivalent median overpredictions of 1.50 and 1.26, respectively. With no halogen
- 355 chemistry included in the model, the modelled OH decreases, giving a median overprediction at midday by a





factor of 1.37, while the modelled  $HO_2$  increases, resulting in a median overprediction by a factor of 1.37 at midday.

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Thus the inclusion of halogens (bromine and iodine) in the box model changes the mean noon time OH and HO<sub>2</sub> concentrations by +9.8 % and -9.9 %, respectively. This impact of halogen chemistry is consistent in sign and magnitude with previous studies (Kanaya et al., 2002; Bloss et al., 2005a; Kanaya et al., 2007; Sommariva et al., 2006; Sommariva et al., 2007; Whalley et al., 2010).

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Figure 4 shows the mean midday total RO<sub>x</sub> budget (given the fast processing time between HO<sub>2</sub> and HOBr/HOI 364 365 we identify the RO<sub>x</sub> family as OH, HO<sub>2</sub>, HOBr, HOI, RO and RO<sub>2</sub>) for the two measurement periods during SOS for model runs with and without halogens. These budgets are similar both between time periods (i.e. SOS1 vs 366 367 SOS2) and for box model calculations with and without halogen chemistry. Radical production dominated by photolysis of ozone (~83 %), with photolysis of HCHO (~10 %), CH<sub>3</sub>CHO (~2 %) and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (~2 %) playing a 368 369 significantly smaller role. Radical termination reactions were dominated by HO<sub>2</sub> + CH<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (~23 %), aerosol uptake 370 of HO<sub>2</sub> (~21 %), HO<sub>2</sub> + HO<sub>2</sub> (~19 %), CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)O<sub>2</sub> + HO<sub>2</sub> (~8 %), and OH + HO<sub>2</sub> (~5 %). The inclusion of the 371 reaction between OH and CH<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> reduces the importance of radical termination via HO<sub>2</sub> + CH<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (from ~26 % 372 of the total to  $\sim 23$  % of the total), but otherwise has little impact on the total radical removal owing to the expected 373 production of HO<sub>2</sub> + CH<sub>3</sub>O (Assaf et al., 2017). Further details regarding the impact of the reaction between OH 374 and CH<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> on the HO<sub>2</sub>:OH ratio and CH<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> budget are given in the Supplementary Material.

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The budget analyses for SOS are consistent with those determined for the RHaMBLe campaign (Whalley et al., 2010; Fittschen et al., 2014; Assaf et al., 2017), reflecting similarities in observed concentrations of long-lived species and the method of the model constraint with observed O<sub>3</sub> concentrations and photolysis rates. The primary source of radicals therefore remains fixed in all simulations, with the primary sinks for these species occurring through radical-radical reactions. Thus, the total radical concentration and budget is little impacted by the presence of halogens.

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However, the partitioning of the radicals is impacted by the halogens. Without halogens the average midday (1100-1300) HO<sub>2</sub> to OH ratio is ( $83.4 \pm 15.4$ ) (median = 82.7), with the halogens this changes to ( $68.3 \pm 13.6$ ) (median = 66.9) (Table 2). This change in partitioning is mainly due to the reaction of HO<sub>2</sub> with BrO and IO followed by the photolysis of HOBr and HOI to give OH. In this way the halogens tend to reduce the concentration of HO<sub>2</sub> and increase the concentration of OH.





	HO <sub>2</sub> :OH ratio
Observed	79.1 ± 34.1 (70.7)
Box model, no halogens	83.4 ± 15.4 (82.7)
Box model with Br chemistry	78.9 ± 15.6 (77.8)
Box model with I chemistry	71.5 ± 13.0 (70.4)
Box model with Br and I chemistry	68.3 ± 13.6 (66.9)
Global model, no halogens	80.8 ± 18.1 (78.9)
Global model with Br chemistry	81.9 ± 19.0 (79.7)
Global model with I chemistry	70.4 ± 12.5 (70.5)
Global model with Br and I chemistry	71.3 ± 13.2 (71.3)

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390 Table 2: Mean $(\pm 1\sigma)$ midday (1100-1300 hours) ratios of HO <sub>2</sub> to OH (SOS1 and SOS2 combined). Me
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393 In the box model without halogen chemistry, production of OH is dominated by ozone photolysis (76 %), HO<sub>2</sub> + 394 NO (12 %) and HO<sub>2</sub> + O<sub>3</sub> (9 %), with OH loss controlled by OH + CO (37 %), OH + CH<sub>4</sub> (16 %) and OH + 395 CH<sub>3</sub>CHO (15%), as shown in Figure 5. Production of HO<sub>2</sub> in the model excluding halogens is controlled by OH 396 + CO (45 %), CH<sub>3</sub>O + O<sub>2</sub> (19 %) and photolysis of HCHO (10 %), with loss governed by aerosol uptake (26 %),  $HO_2 + HO_2$  (26%),  $HO_2 + NO$  (15%),  $HO_2 + CH_3O_2$  (12%) and  $HO_2 + O_3$  (10%). In the presence of halogens, 397 398 the instantaneous budgets for OH and HO<sub>2</sub> are impacted by BrO and IO, as shown in Figures 5 and 6. For the 399 model run including halogens, OH production is still dominated by ozone photolysis (68 %), but there are 400 significant contributions from photolysis of HOI (10 %) and HOBr (3 %). Loss of HO<sub>2</sub> is also affected by the presence of the halogen species, with the dominant loss processes including aerosol uptake (20 %),  $HO_2 + HO_2$ 401 402 (19 %), HO<sub>2</sub> + IO (14 %), HO<sub>2</sub> + NO (12 %), HO<sub>2</sub> + CH<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (11 %), HO<sub>2</sub> + O<sub>3</sub> (8 %) and HO<sub>2</sub> + BrO (6 %). As 403 shown in Figures 4-6 there is little difference in the radical budgets between SOS1 and SOS2.

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This box modelling study is consistent with previous studies (Kanaya et al., 2002; Bloss et al., 2005a; Kanaya et al., 2007; Sommariva et al., 2007; Whalley et al., 2010; Mahajan et al., 2010a; Stone et al., 2012) in that it implies that halogen chemistry is likely to increase the OH concentration of the marine boundary layer (and potentially other regions of the troposphere) as it enhances the HO<sub>2</sub> to OH conversion through the production of HOBr and HOI. We now look at the impact of halogen chemistry on the concentrations of OH and HO<sub>2</sub> at Cape Verde within the framework of a global atmospheric chemistry model.

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#### 413 Global Model

414 Figure 1 shows the time series for OH and  $HO_2$  calculated by the global model GEOS-Chem, with the average 415 diurnal profiles shown in Figure 3. The global model displays a significant overprediction for OH and  $HO_2$  during 416 SOS1, but exhibits reasonable skill at reproducing the observed concentrations during SOS2 and captures the 417 HO<sub>2</sub>:OH ratio for both measurement periods. The overpredictions of OH and HO<sub>2</sub> in the global model likely result 418 from a combination of missing OH-sinks, particularly oxygenated volatile organic compounds (oVOCs) which 419 are currently underestimated in the global model (Millet et al., 2015), and potential overprediction of the primary 420 radical production rate owing to reductions in photolysis rates resulting from cloud cover that are not captured by 421 the global model. 422

423 At midday (1100-1300), the modelled to observed ratios for OH and HO<sub>2</sub> for the global model excluding halogen 424 chemistry are  $(1.52 \pm 1.02)$  and  $(1.72 \pm 0.80)$ , respectively, with a mean modelled HO<sub>2</sub> to OH ratio of  $(80.8 \pm 1.02)$ 425 18.1) (compared to the observed HO<sub>2</sub> to OH ratio of  $(79.1 \pm 34.1)$ ). For the global model run including bromine 426 chemistry, but not iodine, the mean midday modelled to observed ratios for OH and HO<sub>2</sub> are  $(1.48 \pm 1.05)$  and 427  $(1.69 \pm 0.81)$ , respectively, with a mean midday modelled HO<sub>2</sub> to OH ratio of  $(81.9 \pm 19.0)$ . Bromine chemistry 428 thus acts to decrease the concentrations of both OH and  $HO_2$ , in contrast to the box model results which show 429 increased concentrations of OH and decreased concentrations of HO<sub>2</sub>. For the model run including iodine, but not 430 bromine, the midday modelled to observed ratios for OH and HO<sub>2</sub> are  $(1.57 \pm 1.00)$  and  $(1.59 \pm 0.81)$ , respectively, 431 with a mean midday modelled HO<sub>2</sub> to OH ratio of  $(70.4 \pm 12.5)$ . Iodine chemistry thus results in increased OH 432 and decreased HO<sub>2</sub> for both the global and box model simulations at Cape Verde. Inclusion of bromine and iodine 433 chemistry combined leads to midday modelled to observed ratios of  $(1.53 \pm 1.01)$  for OH and  $(1.57 \pm 0.82)$  for 434 HO<sub>2</sub>, and a mean midday modelled HO<sub>2</sub> to OH ratio of  $(71.3 \pm 13.2)$ . These results are shown in Table 2, alongside 435 those for the box model.

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437 The results from the global model at Cape Verde thus differ from those of the box model. For the box model, 438 inclusion of bromine and iodine chemistry, whether separately or combined, leads to increased OH and decreased 439  $HO_2$  through increased conversion of  $HO_2$  to OH through the production and subsequent photolysis of HOBr and 440 HOI. In the global model a more complex pattern emerges. In a similar way to the box model, the  $HO_2$ concentrations in the global model are decreased on inclusion of bromine and/or iodine owing to the additional 441 442 loss reactions  $HO_2 + BrO$  and  $HO_2 + IO$ . When bromine chemistry is considered in the global model in isolation from iodine chemistry, the OH concentration decreases, despite the production and photolysis of HOBr. This 443 444 decrease occurs as a result of a reduction in the  $O_3$  concentration in the model on inclusion of bromine chemistry 445 owing to the reaction of Br with  $O_3$ , which leads to a decrease in the rate of primary radical production from  $O_3$ 





446 photolysis and thus lower OH concentrations. The impact of the decreased radical production rate is greater than 447 that leading to increased OH production through HOBr photolysis, and the net OH concentration is reduced in 448 the global model. This effect is not observed in the box model calculations as the model runs are constrained to 449 long-lived species – including O<sub>3</sub>. The change in O<sub>3</sub> concentration on the inclusion of halogen chemistry is thus 450 not considered in the box model simulations, and the subsequent impacts of halogens consider only those changes 451 occurring on a more rapid timescale, which lead to increases in the OH concentration.

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453 However, the inclusion of iodine chemistry in the global model does lead to increased OH concentrations at Cape 454 Verde. Direct emissions of HOI in the global model, in addition to chemical production through  $HO_2 + IO$ , result 455 in increased OH production through HOI photolysis as well as the repartitioning of HO<sub>2</sub> and OH through HOI 456 production in a similar manner to that for HOBr. However, the more rapid cycling of  $HO_2$  to OH through the 457 more rapid production and photolysis of HOI compared to HOBr, reduces the impact of iodine chemistry on the 458 HO<sub>2</sub>:OH ratio compared to that for bromine chemistry. Iodine chemistry thus can reduce the OH concentration 459 similarly to bromine chemistry, through the destruction of  $O_3$  and subsequent reduction in primary production 460 rate, but the impact is less than that for bromine, and can be offset by the direct emissions of HOI which increases 461 the production rate of OH through photolysis.

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The impacts of iodine chemistry in the global model are thus more complex than those for bromine chemistry. When bromine and iodine chemistry are combined in the global model there is a competition between the effects of the reduction in primary production of OH, through depletion of O<sub>3</sub>, and the production of OH from photolysis of HOBr and HOI and, for the model simulations at Cape Verde, the impacts of direct HOI emissions dominate. The OH concentration is thus marginally increased compared to simulations containing no halogens, although the HO<sub>2</sub> concentrations are significantly decreased.

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470 The impacts of halogens on OH radical concentrations in the global model thus display a complexity that is 471 somewhat obscured in the box model simulations. Overall, the inclusion of halogens in the global model leads to 472 a slight increase in OH at Cape Verde, but, owing to the opposing effects of bromine and iodine, this result is 473 subject to the modelled concentrations of bromine and iodine species. Observations at Cape Verde made between November 2006 and June 2007 indicate 'top-hat' profiles for BrO and IO, with average daytime mixing ratios of 474 475 2.5 ppt and 1.4 ppt, respectively, and little variability over the entire campaign (Read et al., 2008; Mahajan et al., 476 2010a). The global model simulations reported here predict average mixing ratios of  $\sim 0.5$  ppt for BrO and  $\sim 1$  ppt 477 for IO during SOS, and thus underpredict BrO but perform well for IO. The underprediction of BrO at Cape Verde

478 results from recent model updates which exclude emissions of bromine species from sea-salt debromination





479 (Schmidt et al., 2016) in order to provide improved agreement with observations of BrO made by the GOME-2
480 satellite (Theys et al., 2011) and in the free troposphere and the tropical Eastern Pacific MBL (Gomez Martin et al., 2013; Volkamer et al., 2015; Wang et al., 2015). We now discuss the global impacts of halogen chemistry.

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## 483 Global impacts of halogen chemistry on OH and HO<sub>2</sub>

484 On the global scale, concentrations of OH and  $HO_2$  are reduced on inclusion of bromine and iodine chemistry, 485 both individually and combined. The global mass weighted annual mean OH concentration decreases by 3.8~%486 on inclusion of bromine chemistry, but only 0.02~% on inclusion of iodine chemistry alone. When the chemistry 487 of bromine and iodine is combined in the model, the global mass weighted annual mean OH concentration 488 decreases by 4.5 %. For HO<sub>2</sub>, the global mass weighted annual mean is decreased by 4.2 % by bromine, 5.6 % by 489 iodine and 9.7 % by bromine and iodine combined. Figure 7 shows the probability distribution functions for the 490 changes to OH and HO<sub>2</sub> concentrations for the monthly mean values for all grid boxes within the troposphere for 491 the year. For the majority of grid boxes, concentrations of OH and HO<sub>2</sub> are reduced on inclusion of bromine 492 chemistry, with iodine also generally reducing  $HO_2$  concentrations but leading to a wider spread of changes to 493 the OH concentration, and similar numbers of grid boxes showing increased and decreased concentrations. When 494 bromine and iodine chemistry are combined in the model, HO<sub>2</sub> shows a more significant decrease than for either halogen individually, and OH, although exhibiting increased concentrations in a significant number of grid boxes, 495 496 displays a greater tendency for decreased concentrations.

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Figure 8 shows the changes to the annual modelled surface layer OH and HO<sub>2</sub> concentrations on inclusion of halogen chemistry, with annual surface layer mixing ratios of BrO and IO shown in Figure 9. The most significant changes to OH and HO<sub>2</sub> occur over marine regions, particularly over the Southern Pacific. Smaller changes are observed over land, and any increased concentrations, including those for OH over Cape Verde, can be seen to occur in coastal regions where the impacts of direct HOI emissions dominate and concentrations of IO concentrations are typically elevated.

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Thus, overall, halogens act to reduce the oxidising capacity of the troposphere through reductions to  $O_3$  and subsequent reductions in the primary production rates of OH and HO<sub>2</sub>, despite the slight increase in OH concentration predicted by the global model at Cape Verde. Consideration of the full extent of the impacts of halogens on the global oxidising capacity is hindered by uncertainties in the concentrations and distributions of halogen species, and model representations of halogen processes, particularly those relating to sea salt debromination, ocean iodide emissions, parameterisations of iodine recycling in aerosols and photolysis of higher iodine oxides (Sherwen et al., 2016a).





## 512 Conclusions

513 Measurements of OH and  $HO_2$  made by LIF-FAGE at the Cape Verde Atmospheric Observatory during the 514 Seasonal Oxidants Study in 2009 have been simulated by a constrained box model and a three-dimensional global 515 chemistry transport model. The observations are generally reproduced well by the box model, but are 516 overpredicted by the global model.

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518 The oxidising capacity of the two models, as manifested by the OH concentration, shows opposing sensitivity to 519 halogens. The constrained box model shows an increase in OH concentrations with the inclusion of halogens, 520 whereas the global transport model shows a decrease in OH concentrations globally, despite a marginal decrease 521 in the OH concentration at Cape Verde. This difference between models reflects differing representation of 522 chemical timescales by the models. The box model is constrained to concentrations of long-lived compounds, 523 including O<sub>3</sub>, and considers only impacts on short timescales, whereas the global model includes impacts 524 occurring on longer timescales. Within this context, the box model includes the short timescale impact of halogens 525 on the repartitioning of  $HO_2$  to OH, thus increasing OH and decreasing  $HO_2$ , but does not consider the longer 526 timescale impact of halogen-mediated ozone destruction which impacts primary radical production. This 527 highlights a general problem with understanding the complex interactions within atmospheric chemistry and the Earth system in general. Evaluating the impact of a small part of the system on the system as a whole can be 528 529 difficult and the most significant processes may occur on timescales significantly longer than those of the 530 perturbation.

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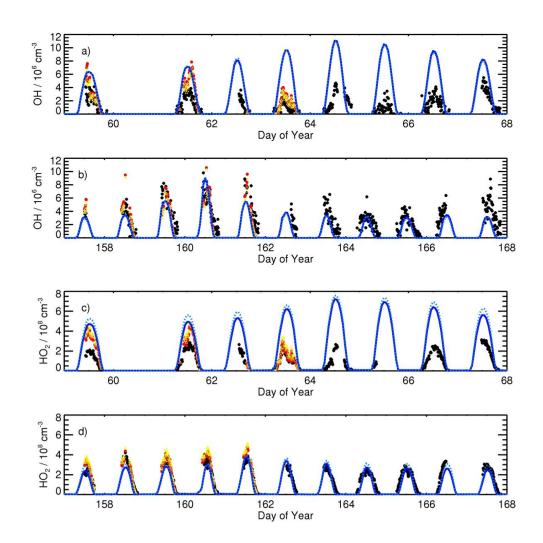
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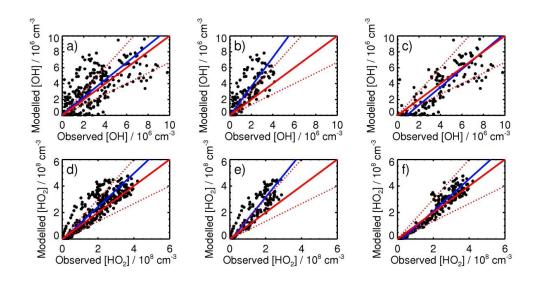
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Figure 1: Observed and modelled concentrations of a) OH during SOS1 (February-March 2009, days 58-68); b) OH during SOS2 (May-June 2009, days 157-168); c) HO<sub>2</sub> during SOS1; d) HO<sub>2</sub> during SOS2. Observed data are shown in black; box model concentrations with halogen chemistry are shown by filled red circles; box model concentrations without halogen chemistry are shown by open orange triangles; global model concentrations with halogen chemistry are shown by solid dark blue lines; global model concentrations without halogen chemistry are shown by broken blue lines.





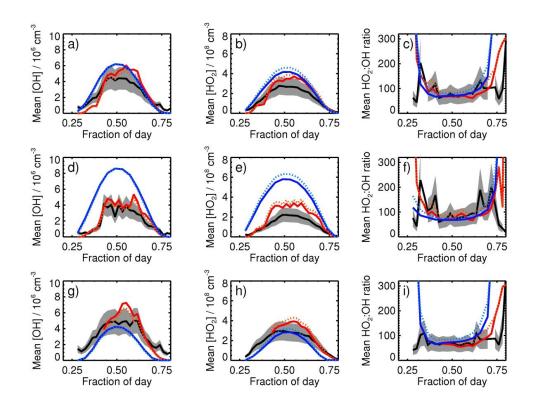




059 Figure 2: Comparison of modelled and observed concentrations of a) OH during SOS1 (February-March 2009) 060 and SOS2 (May-June 2009); b) OH during SOS1; c) OH during SOS2; d) HO<sub>2</sub> during SOS1 and SOS2; e) HO<sub>2</sub> 061 during SOS1; f) HO<sub>2</sub> during SOS2. In each plot, the solid red line indicates the 1:1 line, with 50 % limits given 062 by the broken red lines. The best fit lines are shown in blue and are described by a)  $[OH]_{mod} = (1.09 \pm 0.11) \times$  $[OH]_{obs} + (0.13 \pm 0.38) \times 10^{6} (r^{2} = 0.49); b) [OH]_{mod} = (1.82 \pm 0.26) \times [OH]_{obs} - (0.01 \pm 0.51) \times 10^{6} (r^{2} = 0.56);$ 063 c)  $[OH]_{mod} = (1.11 \pm 0.15) \times [OH]_{obs} - (0.95 \pm 0.66) \times 10^6 (r^2 = 0.64); d) [HO_2]_{mod} = (1.26 \pm 0.10) \times [HO_2]_{obs} - (0.95 \pm 0.66) \times 10^6 (r^2 = 0.64); d) [HO_2]_{mod} = (1.26 \pm 0.10) \times [HO_2]_{obs} - (0.95 \pm 0.66) \times 10^6 (r^2 = 0.64); d) [HO_2]_{mod} = (1.26 \pm 0.10) \times [HO_2]_{obs} - (0.95 \pm 0.66) \times 10^6 (r^2 = 0.64); d) [HO_2]_{mod} = (1.26 \pm 0.10) \times [HO_2]_{obs} - (0.95 \pm 0.66) \times 10^6 (r^2 = 0.64); d) [HO_2]_{mod} = (1.26 \pm 0.10) \times [HO_2]_{obs} - (0.95 \pm 0.66) \times 10^6 (r^2 = 0.64); d) [HO_2]_{mod} = (1.26 \pm 0.10) \times [HO_2]_{obs} - (0.95 \pm 0.66) \times 10^6 (r^2 = 0.64); d) [HO_2]_{mod} = (1.26 \pm 0.10) \times [HO_2]_{obs} - (0.95 \pm 0.66) \times 10^6 (r^2 = 0.64); d) [HO_2]_{mod} = (1.26 \pm 0.10) \times [HO_2]_{obs} - (0.95 \pm 0.66) \times 10^6 (r^2 = 0.64); d) [HO_2]_{mod} = (1.26 \pm 0.10) \times [HO_2]_{obs} - (0.95 \pm 0.66) \times 10^6 (r^2 = 0.64); d) [HO_2]_{mod} = (1.26 \pm 0.10) \times [HO_2]_{obs} - (0.95 \pm 0.66) \times 10^6 (r^2 = 0.64); d) [HO_2]_{mod} = (1.26 \pm 0.10) \times [HO_2]_{obs} - (0.95 \pm 0.66) \times 10^6 (r^2 = 0.64); d) [HO_2]_{mod} = (1.26 \pm 0.10) \times [HO_2]_{obs} - (0.95 \pm 0.66) \times 10^6 (r^2 = 0.64); d) [HO_2]_{mod} = (1.26 \pm 0.10) \times [HO_2]_{obs} - (0.95 \pm 0.66) \times 10^6 (r^2 = 0.64); d) [HO_2]_{mod} = (1.26 \pm 0.10) \times [HO_2]_{obs} - (0.95 \pm 0.66) \times 10^6 (r^2 = 0.64); d) [HO_2]_{mod} = (1.26 \pm 0.10) \times [HO_2]_{obs} - (1.26 \pm 0.10) \times [HO_2]_{ob$ 064  $(0.08 \pm 0.22) \times 10^8 (r^2 = 0.77); e) [HO_2]_{mod} = (1.66 \pm 0.21) \times [HO_2]_{obs} - (0.17 \pm 0.34) \times 10^8 (r^2 = 0.78); f) [HO_2]_{mod}$ 065  $= (1.21 \pm 0.12) \times [HO_2]_{obs} - (0.32 \pm 0.30) \times 10^8 (r^2 = 0.91).$ 066 067







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069 Figure 3: Average diurnal profiles during the Seasonal Oxidant Study (SOS) at the Cape Verde Atmospheric 070 Observatory for a) OH during both measurement periods; b) HO<sub>2</sub> during both measurement periods; c) HO<sub>2</sub>:OH 071 ratio during both measurement periods; d) OH during SOS1 (Feb-Mar 2009); e) HO<sub>2</sub> during SOS1; f) HO<sub>2</sub>:OH 072 during SOS1; g) OH during SOS2 (May-June); h) HO<sub>2</sub> during SOS2; i) HO<sub>2</sub>:OH ratio during SOS2. Observed 073 data are shown in black, with grey shading indicating the variability in the observations; box model output with 074 halogen chemistry is shown by solid red lines; box model output without halogen chemistry is shown by broken 075 orange lines; global model output with halogen chemistry is shown by solid dark blue lines; global model output 076 without halogen chemistry is shown by broken blue lines.





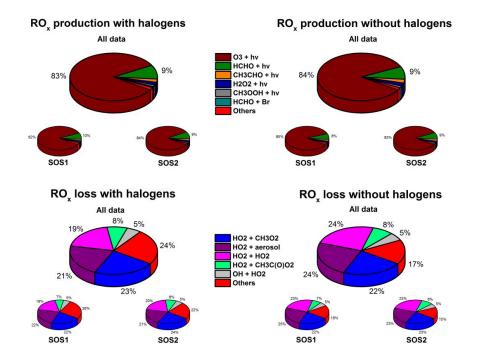
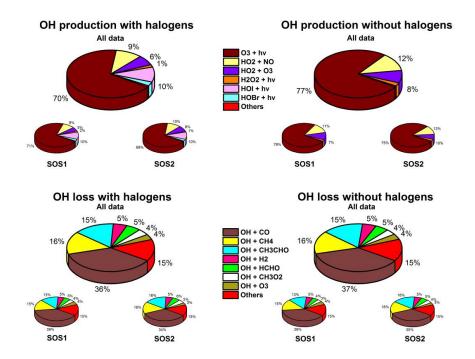
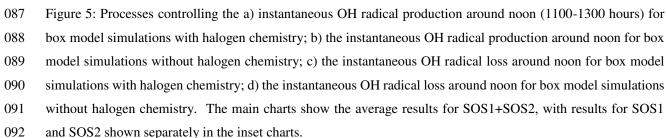


Figure 4: Processes controlling the a) instantaneous  $RO_x$  radical production (with  $RO_x$  defined here as OH+HO<sub>2</sub>+HOBr+HOI+RO+RO<sub>2</sub> owing to the rapid processing between HO<sub>2</sub> and HOBr/HOI) around noon (1100-1300 hours) for box model simulations with halogen chemistry; b) the instantaneous  $RO_x$  radical production around noon for box model simulations without halogen chemistry; c) the instantaneous  $RO_x$  radical loss around noon for box model simulations with halogen chemistry; d) the instantaneous  $RO_x$  radical noon for box model simulations with halogen chemistry. The main charts show the average results for SOS1+SOS2, with results for SOS1 and SOS2 shown separately in the inset charts.



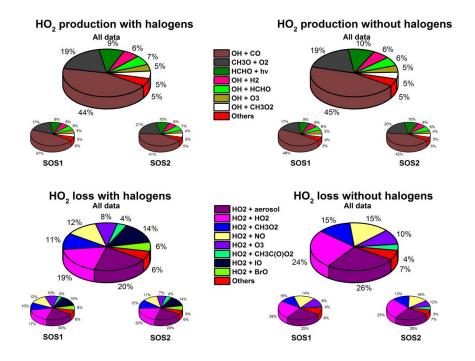












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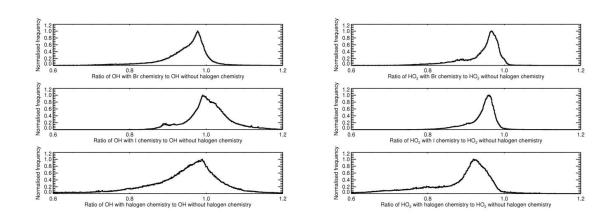
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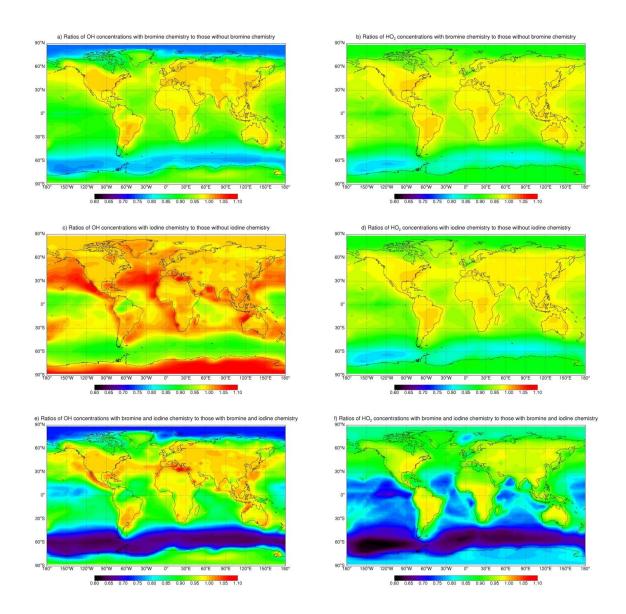


104 Figure 7: Normalised probability distribution functions showing the fractional changes in OH (left hand side) and

- 105 HO<sub>2</sub> (right hand side) in GEOS-Chem for all grid boxes on inclusion of bromine chemistry (upper panels), iodine
- 106 chemistry (middle panels) and bromine and iodine chemistry combined (lower panels).







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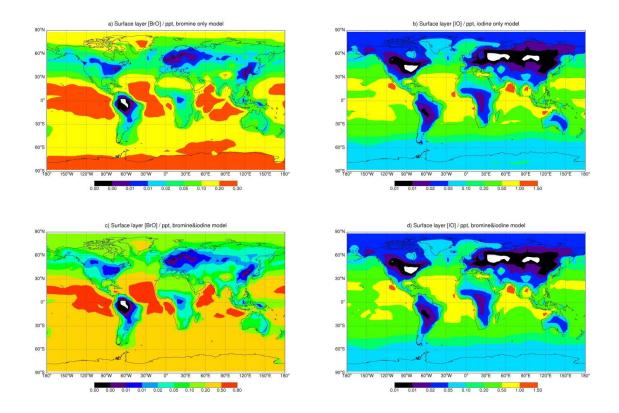
108 Figure 8: Percentage changes to annual surface layer concentrations of OH (left hand side) and HO<sub>2</sub> (right hand

side) in GEOS-Chem on inclusion of bromine chemistry (upper panels), iodine chemistry (middle panels) and

110 bromine and iodine chemistry combined (lower panels).







- 112 Figure 9: Annual surface layer mixing ratios (ppt) of BrO and IO radicals in GEOS-Chem for model runs with
- 113 just bromine chemistry (upper left panel), just iodine chemistry (upper right panel) and bromine and iodine
- 114 chemistry combined (lower panels).
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