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Abstract. Bromoform is one of the most abundant halogenated Very Short-Lived Substances (VSLs) that possibly contributes, when degraded, to the inorganic halogen loading in the stratosphere. In this paper we present a detailed modelling study of the transport and the photochemical degradation of bromoform and its product gases (PGs) in a tropical convective cloud. The aim was to explore the transport and chemistry of bromoform under idealised conditions at the cloud scale. We used a 3-D cloud-resolving model coupled with a chemistry model including gaseous and aqueous chemistry. In particular, our model features explicit partitioning of the PGs between the gas phase and the aqueous phase based on newly calculated Henry's law coefficients using theoretical methods. We ran idealised simulations for up to 10 days that were initialised using a tropical radiosounding of atmospheric conditions and using outputs from a global chemistry-transport model for chemical species. Two simulations were run with stable atmospheric conditions with a bromoform initial mixing ratio of 40 pptv (part per trillion by volume) and 1.6 pptv up to 1 km altitude. The first simulation corresponds to high bromoform mixing ratios that are representative of real values found near strong localised sources (e.g. tropical coastal margins) and the second to the global tropical mean mixing ratio from observations. Both of these simulations show that the sum of bromoform and its PGs significantly decreases with time because of dry deposition, and that PGs are mainly in the form of HBr after 2 days of simulation. Two further simulations are conducted; these are similar to the first two simulations but include perturbations of temperature and moisture leading to the development

of a convective cloud reaching the tropical tropopause layer (TTL). Results of these simulations show an efficient vertical transport of the bromoform from the boundary layer to the upper troposphere and the TTL. The bromoform mixing ratio in the TTL is up to 45 % of the initial boundary layer mixing ratio. The most abundant organic PGs, which are not very soluble, are also uplifted efficiently in both simulations featuring the convective perturbation. The inorganic PGs are more abundant than the organic PGs, and their mixing ratios in the upper troposphere and in the TTL depend on the partitioning between inorganic soluble and insoluble species in the convective cloud. Important soluble species such as HBr and HOBr are efficiently scavenged by rain. This removal of Br_y by rain is reduced by the release of Br₂ (relatively insoluble) to the gas phase due to aqueous chemistry processes in the cloud droplets. The formation of Br₂ in the aqueous phase and its subsequent release to the gas phase makes a non negligible contribution to the high altitude bromine budget in the case of the large bromoform (40 pptv) initial mixing ratios. In this specific, yet realistic case, this Br₂ production process is important for the PG budget in the upper troposphere and in the TTL above convective systems. This process is favoured by acidic conditions in the cloud droplets, i.e. polluted conditions. In the case of low bromoform initial mixing ratios, which are more representative of the mean distribution in the tropics, this Br₂ production process is shown to be less important. These conclusions could nevertheless be revisited if the knowledge of chlorine and bromine chemistry in the cloud droplets was improved in the future.

1 Introduction

Very short-lived halogenated substances (VSLs) have been the focus of many studies recently because they likely contribute, through their transport and photochemical degradation, to the inorganic bromine loading in the stratosphere and consequently influence its ozone budget (Montzka et al., 2011). The estimation of the part of the stratospheric inorganic bromine which comes from VSLs varies from less than 1 pptv up to greater than 8 pptv, depending on the type of measurements (balloon-borne, e.g. Dorf et al., 2008, satellite, e.g. Sinnhuber et al., 2005) or of the model used (e.g. Gettelman et al., 2009; Aschmann et al., 2009). The VSLs source gases (SGs) and their product gases (PGs) effects on the stratospheric bromine loading depend on their emissions, transport, chemistry, dry deposition and wash out. The chemical processing of SGs and PGs includes gaseous chemistry, photolysis, hydrolysis, aqueous chemistry and interactions with atmospheric ice particles.

The tropical region is of great interest for VSLs because VSLs are mainly emitted from the warm tropical oceans. Moreover, like other chemical species and aerosols, SGs and PGs mainly enter the stratosphere in the tropics. The main pathway is the rapid vertical transport by deep convection into the TTL (Tropical Tropopause Layer, see review paper by Fueglistaler et al., 2009) followed by a slow radiative ascent into the stratosphere for air having reached at least the level of zero radiative heating (LZRH, ~ 15.5 km altitude, 360 K). Deep convection is therefore a key process for the evolution of SGs and PGs in the troposphere before they possibly reach the stratosphere. Convection can lift the emissions of SGs and the PGs from the boundary layer into the TTL within a few hours. It can also influence the PGs budget through interactions between gaseous species and hydrometeors, in particular, by the scavenging of soluble organic and inorganic PGs.

The model studies conducted so far on VSLs are either based on 1-D (one-dimensional) models (Gettelman et al., 2009), or on Lagrangian models (e.g. Brioude et al., 2010; Pisso et al., 2010; Schofield et al., 2011), or on 3-D (three-dimensional) global models (e.g. Aschmann et al., 2009; Hossaini et al., 2010, 2012; Aschmann et al., 2011). They mainly seek to estimate the global impact of VSLs on stratospheric halogen loading and ozone. Because of the large number and the complexity of the processes involved in the chemical processing of VSLs and PGs, modelling studies generally use simplifications. Among the VSLs, bromoform (CHBr_3) and dibromomethane (CH_2Br_2) are studied the most often because they are the most abundant (Montzka et al., 2011). A detailed chemical scheme for CHBr_3 and CH_2Br_2 degradation was proposed by Hossaini et al. (2010). They implemented this scheme in the 3-D TOMCAT/SLIMCAT global chemistry transport model and showed that the organic PG abundance is small at the global scale. This indicates that SG degradation can reasonably

be assumed to lead immediately to inorganic bromine on a global scale. They estimated that CHBr_3 and CH_2Br_2 provide ~ 2.4 pptv of the inorganic bromine of the lower stratosphere with SG injection being the dominant pathway. Several recent studies showed the important role of deep convection on the halogen loading in the upper troposphere and lower stratosphere (Gettelman et al., 2009; Brioude et al., 2010; Hossaini et al., 2010; Pisso et al., 2010; Aschmann et al., 2011). 3-D-global models or Lagrangian models generally use on-line or off-line output fluxes from convection parameterizations to represent tracer transport by convection. But it is well known that there are large uncertainties on the tracer transport in deep convection parameterizations (e.g. Zhang et al., 2008; Arteta et al., 2009; Hoyle et al., 2011). The interactions between trace gases and hydrometeors (aqueous chemistry, hydrolysis, ice adsorption and associated washout) are usually represented in a simple manner in models using parameterized deep convection. For instance, Hossaini et al. (2010) assume that Br_y (inorganic bromine species) is removed in the troposphere by washout with a specified lifetime. This lifetime is a source of uncertainty in their calculations. In Aschmann et al. (2011), they improved the model by taking into account the heterogeneous activation reactions of dissolved/adsorbed bromine species on liquid aerosols, NAT (solid nitric acid trihydrate) and ice particles. They showed that there is very little removal of inorganic Br_y by ice sedimentation in the TTL.

Detailed studies at the fine scale are among the possible approaches to assess and to improve upon the assumptions used in global models simulating halogenated VSLs chemistry. For example, with regards to deep convection parameterizations our model has a sufficiently fine scale to explicitly resolve convective processes. In this context, the objective of the paper is to analyse at the local scale the impact of a tropical deep convective cloud on CHBr_3 and on its organic and inorganic PGs. The limitations of the methodology employed here prevent us from making conclusions about the impact of these processes on the global budget of CHBr_3 and its PGs. Here we analyse results of cloud-resolving model simulations with on-line detailed gaseous and aqueous chemistry of bromoform for an idealized deep convective cloud. In particular, we discuss processes that were not treated before: the Br_2 production in the gas phase from aqueous chemistry in the cloud droplets, and the removal of organic PGs by wet deposition mediated by newly calculated Henry's law coefficients. The descriptions of the model and of the simulation setup are given in Sect. 2. The results are analysed in Sect. 3. Conclusions are given in Sect. 4.

2 Model description and simulation set-up

2.1 Meteorology: model and setup

The model used here is the 3-D-limited area model CATT-BRAMS (Coupled Aerosol Tracer Transport-Brazilian Regional Atmospheric Modeling system, Freitas et al., 2009) coupled on-line with a chemistry model. CATT-BRAMS is a numerical model designed to simulate atmospheric circulations at many scales and the associated transport of tracers. It is based on the Regional Atmospheric Modeling System – RAMS (Walko et al., 2000) version 6. RAMS solves the fully compressible non-hydrostatic equations described by Tripoli and Cotton (1982). It has a set of state-of-art physical parameterizations appropriate to simulate processes, such as surface-air exchanges, turbulence, convection, radiation and cloud microphysics.

For our fine scale study we use a cloud-resolving configuration with a 1 km horizontal resolution and a 100×100 km domain. We use 48 vertical levels spanning from the surface up to 24.5 km altitude. The vertical grid spacing is ~ 200 m in the boundary layer, 500 m in the free troposphere and in the TTL (up to 18 km altitude) and 1 km in the lower stratosphere. For this first study of CHBr_3 and its PGs at the cloud scale, we chose a simple meteorological framework to represent the development of a deep convective cloud in the tropical atmosphere. At the initial time, the model meteorological variables (pressure, temperature and relative humidity) are assumed to be uniform horizontally. They are initialised vertically using a tropical radiosounding launched from Darwin (Australia, latitude = 12.1° S and longitude = 130.9° E) on 16 November 2005 at 23:00 UTC during the wet season in the frame of the SCOUT-O3 European Project (http://www.ozone-sec.ch.cam.ac.uk/scout_o3). Note that Darwin is located in the Maritime Continent, which is a region of high-reaching convection and concomitant exceptionally cold tropopause temperatures. It is also located close to a warm ocean coastal region where natural bromoform emissions are expected to be strong (e.g. Quack and Wallace, 2003). The radiosounding chosen corresponds to atmospheric stable conditions. We ran 2 kinds of simulations each of 10-days in duration, which is approximately the lifetime of CHBr_3 in summer tropical conditions. The first type, called BG, are background simulations corresponding to stable atmospheric conditions throughout the whole simulation. No clouds develop during the BG simulations. In the other kind of simulations, called PERT hereafter, deep convection is forced to develop by adding perturbations of moisture and of temperature in the middle of the domain. The perturbation is applied to an area of 30 km radius. It is written:

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \Delta rv_0 \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi d}{60}\right) \text{ and } \frac{dT}{dt} = \Delta T_0 \cos^2\left(\frac{\pi d}{60}\right)$$

where “d” is the distance (km) from the centre of the perturbation, $\Delta rv_0 = 3.5 \times 10^{-3}$ g kg $^{-1}$ s $^{-1}$ and $\Delta T_0 =$

0.025 K s $^{-1}$. This perturbation is applied for 800 s in the first 2 km of the atmosphere after 5 days and 6 h of simulation (14:00 LT). This allows the deep convective cloud to start developing in the afternoon as expected in the tropics. Cyclic boundary conditions are used. To represent microphysical processes we use the single-moment bulk parameterization proposed by Walko et al. (1995) in which seven types of hydrometeors are taken into account: cloud, rain, pristine ice, snow, aggregates, graupel and hail. The radiative code of the Community Aerosol and Radiation Model for Atmospheres (CARMA, Toon et al., 1989) is used for the radiation scheme, which takes into account the effect of hydrometeors and aerosols on radiation. Turbulent mixing is treated according to Mellor and Yamada (1982), which employs the turbulence kinetic energy as a prognostic variable. The turbulence kinetic energy is the mean kinetic energy per unit mass associated with eddies in turbulent flow.

2.2 Chemistry model

The chemistry model coupled on-line with the CATT-BRAMS includes gaseous chemistry, photolysis, BrONO_2 hydrolysis, aqueous chemistry of bromine species and dry deposition. As justified in Sect. 3.2, it does not include the interactions of the chemical species with the ice particles. The general chemical system of equations used is:

$$\frac{dX_g}{dt} = -k_{X_C} V_C X_g - k_{X_R} V_R X_g + \frac{k_{X_C} X_C}{RT H_X} + \frac{k_{X_R} X_R}{RT H_X} - D_{X_{\text{dep}}} + P_{X_g} - L_{X_g} X_g \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{dX_C}{dt} = k_{X_C} V_C X_g - \frac{k_{X_C} X_C}{RT H_X} + P_{X_C} - L_{X_C} X_C \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{dX_R}{dt} = k_{X_R} V_R X_g - \frac{k_{X_R} X_R}{RT H_X} + P_{X_R} - L_{X_R} X_R \quad (3)$$

where

- X_g is the concentration of species X in the gas phase in molecules per cm 3 of air,
- X_C (resp. X_R) is the concentration of species X in the cloud droplets (resp. raindrops) in molecules per cm 3 of air,
- V_C and V_R are the volume densities of cloud and of rain in m 3 water m $^{-3}$ air computed from their mass mixing ratios,
- k_{X_C} (resp. k_{X_R}) in s $^{-1}$ is the mass transfer between the gas and the cloud droplets (resp. raindrops) of species X ,
- H_X is the effective Henry's constant of species X in mol l $^{-1}$ atm $^{-1}$,
- R is the universal gas constant in 1 atm mol $^{-1}$ K $^{-1}$,

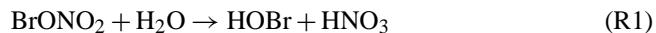
- T is the temperature in K,
- P_{X_C} term (resp. P_{X_R} term) is the production term in the cloud droplets (resp. raindrops) of species X ,
- L_{X_C} (resp. L_{X_R}) is the loss term of species X in the cloud droplets (resp. raindrops),
- P_{X_g} and L_{X_g} terms are the production and loss terms of species X in the gas phase including also hydrolysis,
- $D_{X_{\text{dep}}}$ term is the dry deposition of species X in the lowest model level.

In the case of non soluble species only Eq. (1) is solved and only the last two terms of Eq. (1) are taken into account.

The gaseous chemistry model includes the chemistry for CO, CH₄, O₃, NO_y, HO_x (Barth et al., 2007), Br_y, and organic chemistry of the degradation of CHBr₃ (Hossaini et al., 2010). Cl_y (inorganic chlorine species) and NMHC (non-methane hydrocarbons) chemistry are not included to save computing time. Cl_y chemistry has an impact on the bromine chemistry in the aqueous phase. As shown in Sect. 3.2.2, this impact depends, however, on uncertain factors. Sensitivity tests will be nevertheless performed to show the possible impact of these uncertain aspects of chlorine chemistry. Chlorine chemistry also has an impact on the lifetime of CHBr₃ and therefore the production of PGs. The rate constant of the reaction Cl + CHBr₃ → HCl + CBr₃ is approximately 1.5 times larger than the rate constant of the reaction OH + CHBr₃ → H₂O + CBr₃ in the lower atmosphere. Cl concentrations in the lower atmosphere are between 10³ to 10⁶ cm⁻³ (Chang et al., 2004; Finlayson-Pitts, 1993) while OH concentrations are higher than 10⁶ cm⁻³. For most cases the degradation of CHBr₃ by chlorine can be therefore neglected. In cases of large concentrations of the Cl radical, it is however comparable to the degradation by OH. Since in both cases the organic bromine product of the reactions is the same (CBr₃), it is equivalent to take into account the degradation of CHBr₃ by Cl or to increase artificially the concentration of OH.

The lack of NMHC chemistry can significantly affect HO_x precursors and therefore HO_x concentrations, but mainly in the upper troposphere (Jaeglé et al., 2001). In our study gaseous chemistry is only important in the lower troposphere. For CHBr₃, the gas phase reactions proposed in Hossaini et al. (2010) are used. In addition, the rate constants of the organic chemistry of CHBr₃ are from Hossaini et al. (2010). Other gaseous rate constants and cross-sections are from JPL (Sander et al., 2006) and IUPAC (IUPAC Subcommittee on Gas Kinetic Data Evaluation, Atkinson et al., 2007; <http://www.iupac-kinetic.ch.cam.ac.uk>). Photolysis rates are computed on-line using the Fast-TUV model (Tie et al., 2003) in order to take into account the effect of clouds on photolysis rates in an interactive way. The photolysis cross-sections are from JPL (Sander et al., 2006) and IUPAC (Atkinson et al., 2007).

The model includes the hydrolysis reaction of BrONO₂ on the cloud droplets and raindrops leading to the formation of HOBr:



The rate constant $k_{1\text{C}}$ (resp. $k_{1\text{R}}$) of Reaction (R1) in the cloud droplets (resp. the raindrops) is computed using the mean mixing ratio and the mean-mass radius of cloud droplets (resp. raindrops) from the bulk-microphysical scheme. Following Yang et al. (2005) they are written:

$$k_{1\text{C}} = \frac{V_{\text{C}}}{\left(\frac{r_{\text{C}}^2}{3D_{\text{g}}} + \frac{4r_{\text{C}}}{3v\gamma}\right)} \quad \text{and} \quad k_{1\text{R}} = \frac{V_{\text{R}}}{\left(\frac{r_{\text{R}}^2}{3D_{\text{g}}} + \frac{4r_{\text{R}}}{3v\gamma}\right)} \quad (4)$$

where:

- r_{C} (resp. r_{R}) is the mean-mass radius of the cloud droplets (resp. raindrops) size distribution. r_{C} is computed by the microphysical scheme of the model and depends on the grid point and on time. It is typically 10 µm. r_{R} is fixed to 250 µm in the microphysical scheme.
- v is the thermal velocity of BrONO₂,
- D_{g} is the gas phase diffusivity of BrONO₂ in air: $D_{\text{g}} = \lambda v / 3$ where λ is the mean free path which is assumed to be $\lambda = 0.1 \mu\text{m}$ (Sander and Crutzen, 1996),
- γ is the accommodation coefficient. It is assumed to be: $\gamma = 0.3$ (Yang et al., 2005).

The model takes into account the effect on chemical species of condensation, water vapour deposition, evaporation and sedimentation. These microphysical processes are estimated by the bulk microphysical scheme. It also includes the reversible kinetic transfer of species from the gas phase to the cloud droplets and raindrops (controlled by the effective Henry's and accommodation constants) and the transfer of species from cloud droplets to raindrops during the coalescence process and to the ice particles during the riming process. The retention coefficient used in the transfer from cloud to ice particles is assumed to be equal to 1 for all species. Once in the ice particles, the chemical species are assumed to be lost by wash out. This last assumption is realistic because the ice particles mainly grow by riming in the simulation and form fast-falling graupel and hail particles. Some of them could nevertheless be transported by convection up to the TTL where they could evaporate, releasing chemical species in the gas phase. Taking into account this process would require following numerically the concentration of the chemical species in the five ice categories of the microphysical scheme. It has not been taken into account in the simulation to save computing time.

The Henry's constants used in the model are mainly from Sander (1999). Table 1 gives the Henry's constants for the

Table 1. Accommodation coefficients and values used in the determination of the effective Henry's constants H_X^1 of bromine species X used in the model.

Species	α^6	H_{298} (mol l ⁻¹ atm ⁻¹)	a_H (K)	K_{298} (mol l ⁻¹)	a_K (K)
HBr	0.2	0.71 ⁴	10200 ⁴	1×10^9 ⁴	0 ⁴
HOBr	0.2	6.1×10^3 ²	5900 ³	0	0
Br ₂	0.05	0.76 ⁴	4177 ⁴	0	0
CBr ₃ OOH	0.2	1.96×10^5 ⁵	5200 ⁷	0	0
CHBr ₂ OOH	0.2	2.25×10^4 ⁵	5200 ⁷	0	0
CHBrO	0.05	74 ⁵	5800 ⁸	0	0
CBr ₂ O	0.05	21.5 ⁵	5400 ⁸	0	0
BrCl	0.05	0.94 ²	5600 ²	0	0

$$^1 H_X = H_{298} \exp \left(a_H \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{298} \right) \left(1 + \frac{K_{298}}{[H^+]} \right) \exp \left(a_K \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{298} \right) \right) \right);$$

² Sander (1999); ³ As for HOCl (Sander, 1999); ⁴ Yang et al. (2005);

⁵ Krysztófiak et al. (2012); ⁶ Barth et al. (2001); ⁷ As for CH₃OOH (Sander, 1999); ⁸ Mean temperature dependency of RCHO and RR'CO (Sander, 1999)

bromine species. The values from Yang et al. (2005) are used for HBr and Br₂. For the hydroperoxides, aldehydes, and ketone organic bromine product gases we used those computed in Krysztófiak et al. (2012). In this paper, the Henry's constants are estimated by the Bond contribution method (BCM) (Meylan and Howard, 1991) and by the Molecular connectivity index (MCI) method (Nirmalakhandan and Speece, 1988). Krysztófiak et al. (2012) show that the MCI method is better at estimating the Henry's law constant for aldehyde and ketone whereas both methods agree on the estimation of the constant for hydroperoxide compounds.

Uncertainties in the Henry's constants calculated by the BCM or MCI methods are evaluated; we achieve this by considering the relative differences between the experimentally measured (Sander et al., 1999) and calculated Henry's constants (BCM and MCI methods) for species of the same family. Acetone is used to represent the ketones family, acetaldehyde the aldehydes and three different hydroperoxides to represent the hydroperoxides. For acetone the difference is 33 %, the difference is 12 % for acetaldehyde, and, for hydroperoxides, the difference is 53 % for CH₃OOH, 68 % for C₂H₅OOH, and 58 % for OHCH₂OOH. On top of this we take also into account the uncertainties on the experimental measurements (for constants found in Sander et al., 1999): a maximum uncertainty of 44 % (sum of the two types of uncertainties) is evaluated for the bromine ketones and 28 % for bromine aldehydes. Taking into account both types of uncertainties, a mean uncertainty of 70 % is evaluated for bromine hydroperoxides.

The temperature dependencies are derived from CH₃OOH for hydroperoxide compounds and from averaged values for aldehydes (RCHO) and for ketones (RR'CO) (Sander et al., 1999). The accommodation coefficients are derived from those used in Barth et al. (2001).

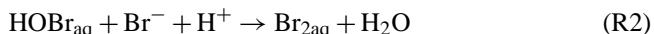
The mass transfer between the gas and the liquid droplets takes into account the diffusion in the gas phase and across

the droplet interface. Like in many atmospheric chemistry models (e.g. Barth et al., 2003) the diffusion inside cloud and rain droplets is assumed not to be rate limited, meaning that the species are well mixed within the droplets. The mass transfer coefficients k_{X_C} and k_{X_R} are then written:

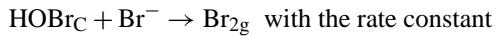
$$k_{X_C} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{r_C^2}{3D_{gX}} + \frac{4r_C}{3v_X \alpha_X} \right)} \quad k_{X_R} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{r_R^2}{3D_{gX}} + \frac{4r_R}{3v_X \alpha_X} \right)} \quad (5)$$

where v_X is the thermal velocity, D_{gX} the diffusion coefficient in air and α_X the accommodation coefficient of species X . The mass transfer coefficient for cloud droplets is typically $k_{X_C} = 2 \times 10^5$ s⁻¹. It is $k_{X_R} = 5 \times 10^2$ s⁻¹ for raindrops.

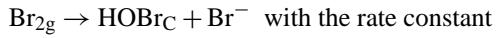
The model also takes into account the following reactions of Br₂ species in the aqueous phase:



The rate constants of these reactions are, respectively (Eigen and Kustin, 1962; Fickert et al., 1999): $k_2 = 1.6 \times 10^{10}$ mol⁻² l² s⁻¹, $k_3 = 110$ s⁻¹. In the literature, Reaction (R2) is taken into account in sulphate aerosols and/or in sea salt aerosols (Von Glasow and Crutzen, 2007). Here we use Reaction (R2) in liquid hydrometeors instead of aerosols. Although Reaction (R3) exists, it has been neglected so far in atmospheric chemistry models. This is because Br₂ has a very low solubility leading to a very small time of residence in small particles such as sulphate and sea salt aerosols. In this case Br₂ is very rapidly released to the gas phase before Reaction (R3) can take place. Since cloud droplets and raindrops have larger radius than aerosols, the Br₂ residence time in these droplets is larger. In this case, Reaction (R3) has time to take place and must be taken into account. As shown in Appendix A, the residence time of Br₂ in the cloud droplets ($\sim 3 \times 10^{-4}$ s) is nevertheless smaller than the characteristic time of Reaction (R3) (9×10^{-3} s) leading to a significant release of Br₂ in the gas phase from cloud droplets similarly to aerosols. On the contrary, the residence time of Br₂ in the raindrops (~ 0.1 s) is larger than the characteristic time of Reaction (R3) leading to a weak release of Br₂ in the gas phase. For this reason, in this paper, the release of Br₂ by aqueous reactions in raindrops is neglected relatively to the release by aqueous reactions in cloud droplets. For the cloud droplets, Henry's equilibrium between the gas and the aqueous phases of Br₂ may be assumed and Reactions (R2) and (R3) can be then written in the condensed form:



$$k_4 = k_2 [\text{H}^+] / (6.02 \times 10^{20} \times V_C) \quad (R4)$$



$$k_5 = k_3 \times \text{HBr}_2 RT V_C \quad (R5)$$

where HOBr_C and Br⁻ represent the in-cloud species for HOBr molecules and the Br ions resulting from HBr dissolution in the aqueous phase. Note that k_4 depends on the pH of

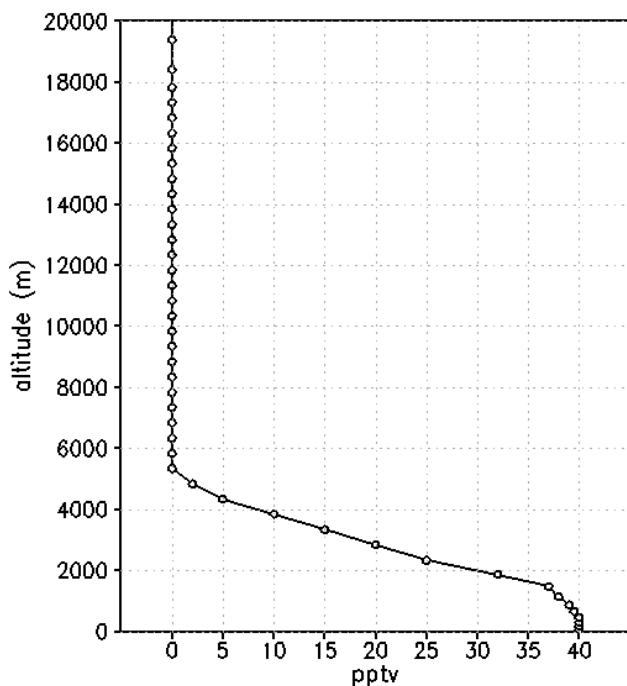


Fig. 1. Initial bromoform profile used in the BG1 and PERT1 simulations. This profile is set homogeneously horizontally over the whole domain.

the cloud droplets. The concentrations of the aqueous phase species is represented in units of molecules per cm^3 of air.

For HBr and HOBr the Henry's equilibrium cannot be assumed. Therefore aqueous chemistry Eqs. (2) and (3) are solved similarly to the gaseous chemistry (Eq. 1). Equations (1), (2) and (3) are solved simultaneously with the chemical solver Rosenbrock RODAS3 (Sandu et al., 1997).

The dry deposition is taken into account for soluble species, in particular for HBr, HOBr and soluble bromine organic species. The dry deposition velocity is computed using the surface resistance defined by Wesely (1989).

2.3 Chemistry initialisation

The initialisation is the same for the BG and PERT simulations. At the beginning of the simulations, CO, O₃ and CH₄ are assumed to be uniform horizontally and fixed vertically to the averaged profiles computed by the global Chemistry Transport Model MOCAGE (Josse et al., 2004; Bouscerez et al., 2007) at the grid point closest to Darwin (12° S, 131° W) for the whole of November 2005. The MOCAGE simulation has a $2 \times 2^\circ$ horizontal resolution and uses the RACM scheme for tropospheric chemistry (Stockwell et al., 1997) and the REPROBUS scheme for stratospheric chemistry (Lefèvre et al., 1994). The chemical composition of the profile selected is typical of moderately polluted conditions. Since HNO₃ is the most abundant NO_y species, it is initialised with the MOCAGE mean profile of NO_y and other NO_y species are

set to zero. Bromoform is assumed to decrease from the surface to the upper levels with the maximum mixing ratios located in the first 1 km (approximate depth of the boundary layer). Two background simulations, called BG1 and BG2 hereafter, are run. For BG1, an initial mixing ratio of 40 pptv of bromoform is assumed at the surface. It corresponds to the maximum values measured close to the sources by Yokouchi et al. (2005) in the Eastern Pacific. For BG2 an initial mixing ratio of 1.6 pptv is assumed. It corresponds to the mean value of the measurements compiled in WMO 2010 (Montzka et al., 2011). It is close to those measured by Yokouchi et al. (2005) and by Brinkmann et al. (2012) in the Western Pacific. The data collected in Yokouchi et al. (2005) were mainly obtained during 2003 and therefore reasonably up to date for use in this study. Figure 1 shows the initial profile of the CHBr₃ mixing ratio in the BG1 simulation. The shape of the initial profile of CHBr₃ is the same in the BG2 simulation. All other bromine species are set to zero initially, including inorganic and organic bromine product gases. No emissions are assumed during the BG and PERT simulations. The simulation represents therefore the evolution of an air mass initially rich in bromoform. Note that the dry deposition is the only loss mechanism for Br_y species in the BG simulation because this simulation corresponds to stable and cloud/rain free conditions.

3 Results

3.1 The BG simulations

The time step for the dynamics of the BG simulations is 30 s. The maximum chemical time step is 180 s. It is reduced, when needed, to increase the accuracy of the calculations. Photolysis rates are computed on-line every 300 s. The BG simulation is run from 16 May, 23:00 UTC until 26 May, 23:00 UTC. This duration of 10 days corresponds approximately to the lifetime of the bromoform at the latitude and the season of the simulation. Since it is the number of bromine atoms reaching the TTL that is of interest, all mixing ratios of bromine species are weighted hereafter by the number of bromine atoms they contain and this bromine atom mixing ratio will be referred to as BrWMR. For example, the mixing ratio of CHBr₃ will hereafter refer to 3 times the actual CHBr₃ mixing ratio to account for the three bromine atoms in the molecule.

Figure 2 shows the evolution of the bromoform and of its product gases at the altitude of 1 km at the middle point of the domain in the BG1 simulation. The decrease of CHBr₃ is mainly due to photolysis and to the reaction with OH. Photolysis is more efficient than the reaction with OH as shown in Table 2. The computed lifetime at 1 km altitude is 9.1 days (Table 2). This lifetime is smaller than the global mean lifetime of bromoform which is 26 days (Montzka et al., 2011). This is due to the low ozone column prevailing at the location

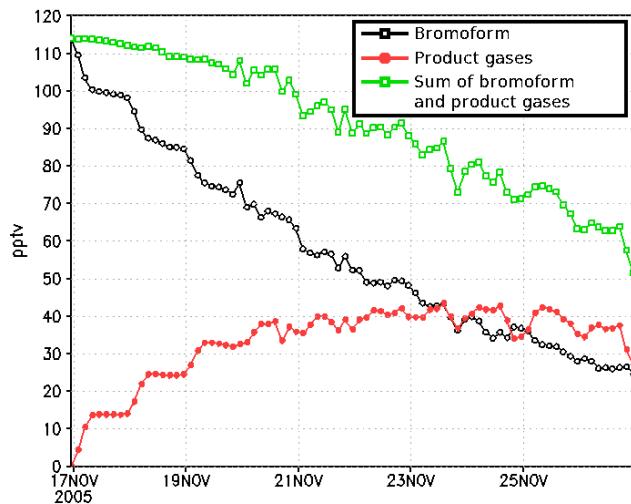


Fig. 2. Time evolution of the BrWMR for bromoform (black), in product gases (red) and in the sum (green) over the 10 days of the BG1 simulation at 1 km altitude 12.4° S and 130.9° W (middle point of the domain).

of the simulation and to the large concentration of OH (Table 2). The decrease of CHBr_3 is also due to the vertical diffusion. Table 2 gives the mean values over the 10-day simulation, at 1 km altitude, of OH, HO_2 , NO_x and O_3 . The simulation corresponds to a low NO_x regime which explains the low value of O_3 .

The mixing ratios of the PGs increase as the CHBr_3 mixing ratio decreases (Fig. 2). The sum of the mixing ratios of both CHBr_3 and the PGs decrease with time. This is mainly due to their loss by dry deposition and also to diffusion. Figure 2 also shows that the mixing ratios of bromoform and its PGs are of the same order of magnitude during the second part of the simulation.

Product gases (Fig. 3) are mainly in the form of HBr, which is the final product of the bromoform degradation. The increase of HBr mixing ratios are nevertheless limited by dry deposition. After 5 days of simulation, the HBr mixing ratio is between 2 and 3 times larger than the organic product gases and 5 times larger than the other inorganic product gases. Among the organic product gases, the most abundant is CBr_2O (maximum: 7 pptv BrWMR). CBr_3OOH , CHBr_2OOH and CHBrO are of the same order of magnitude (maximum ~ 2 pptv BrWMR) while CBr_3O_2 and CHBr_2O_2 have very low concentrations. Note that CBr_3OOH and CHBr_2OOH are highly soluble while CBr_2O and CHBrO have low solubilities.

The large BrWMR of CBr_2O compared with the BrWMR of CHBrO is due to its larger photolysis lifetime (Hossaini et al., 2010). It is mainly produced by the degradation of CHBr_3 by OH while CHBrO is produced by photolysis of CHBr_3 . Thus, OH plays an important role in the production of the less soluble organic PGs. This is why we checked a posteriori

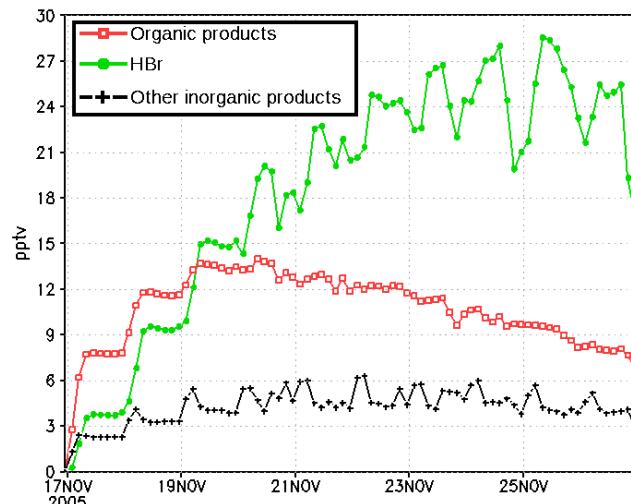


Fig. 3. Same as Fig. 2 but for HBr (green), for organic products ($\text{CBr}_3\text{OOH} + \text{CHBr}_2\text{OOH} + \text{CBr}_2\text{O} + \text{CHBrO}$) (red) and for other inorganic products ($\text{Br} + \text{BrO} + \text{HOBr} + \text{BrONO}_2$) (black) from the BG1 simulation.

that the OH concentrations calculated in our simulations are realistic. For this we compared with a OH climatology and with available measurements in similar atmospheric conditions. Figure 4a shows the OH profile concentration averaged over the 10 days of the BG1 simulations in the middle of the domain from 0 to 6 km compared with climatological 3-D zonally and monthly averaged profiles at -12° S computed by using observed OH precursors and sinks (Spivakovsky et al., 2000). Climatological profiles are computed for January, April, July and October. Our profile compares relatively well with the climatological profile for October, which is the closest in time to our simulation (Fig. 4a). The maximum value is approximately the same in both profiles, but the maximum is reached at a lower level in our simulation. Figure 4b shows the OH mixing ratio from 0 to 2 km averaged over the 10 days of the BG1 simulation excluding night time periods. Tan et al. (2001) shows OH measurements made in the tropical Pacific during the PEM-Tropics B campaign. This campaign took place in March–April 1999. Averaged OH mixing ratio (for $\text{SZA} < 60^\circ$) in 4 geographical Pacific tropical regions are shown for 3 altitude ranges: < 2 km, 2–8 km and > 8 km. The characteristics of the northeastern region are the closest to those which prevail during our simulations in terms of sun zenith angle and pollution. The mean value measured in the northeastern region below 2 km is 0.238 pptv (Tan et al., 2001). This result cannot be strictly compared with our mean value (see Fig. 4b) in the range 0–2 km during the day time period (0.227 pptv) since the sampling of the SZA of the two data sets are close but not identical. Nevertheless the OH mixing ratios in our simulations are consistent with the measurements.

Table 2. Concentration and lifetime of important species for the organic bromine chemistry in the BG simulation at 1 km.

OH^{a} (cm^{-3})	HO_2^{a} (cm^{-3})	NO_x^{a} (pptv)	O_3^{a} (ppbv)	O_3 column ^a (DU)	$\tau_{\text{OH}}^{\text{b}}$ (days)	τ_J^{c} (days)	τ^{d} (days)
2.72×10^6	1.96×10^8	13	14	250	22.6	15.2	9.1

^a Averaged values over the 10 days of the simulation; ^b Lifetime of CHBr_3 relative to OH; ^c Lifetime of CHBr_3 relative to photolysis; ^d Total lifetime of CHBr_3 .

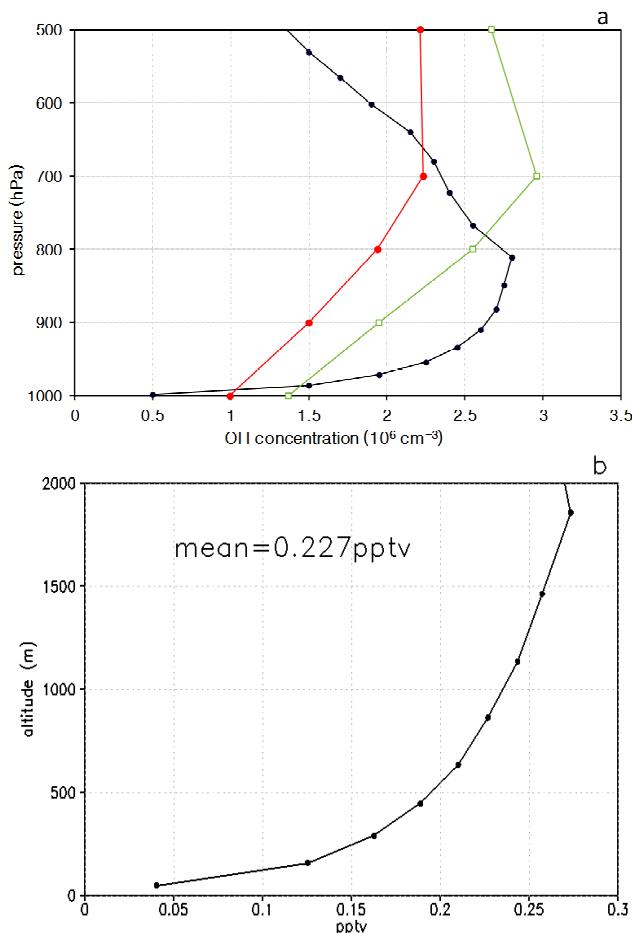


Fig. 4. (a) OH concentration averaged on the 10 days of the BG1 simulation (including night time periods) as a function of pressure (black), climatological 3-D-computed zonally and monthly averaged OH concentration on October at -12°S (green) (Spivakovsky et al., 2000) and climatological 3-D-computed mean zonally averaged OH concentration on January, April, July and October at -12°S (red) (Spivakovsky et al., 2000), (b) OH mixing ratio averaged on the 10 days of the BG simulation (including only day time periods) as a function of altitude. The mean value in the 0–2 km layer is indicated in the figure.

Throughout the BG2 simulation, we see a decrease of the bromoform and an increase of the organic and inorganic PGs similar to the BG1 simulation. The absolute values of the mixing ratios of all the species are proportional to the initial

value of CHBr_3 in the BG2 simulation compared with the BG1 simulation. Therefore, we do not discuss the BG2 simulation further since the conclusions of BG2 parallel those of BG1.

3.2 The PERT simulations

The two PERT simulations correspond to model runs including the development of a convective cloud initiated by temperature and moisture perturbations applied after 5 days and 6 h of simulation (see description in Sect. 2.1). This start time (noted t_0) has been chosen because the ratio of the mixing ratio of the PGs to the mixing ratio of CHBr_3 is approximately equal to the mean of this ratio over the 10 days of the BG1 and BG2 simulations. In the PERT2 simulation the initial mixing ratio CHBr_3 is 40 pptv. It is 1.6 pptv in the PERT2 simulation. In these simulations the dynamical time step is 4 s and the maximum chemical step is 12 s. Photolysis rates are computed every 100 s. At t_0 , the mixing ratio of bromoform is of the same order of magnitude as the mixing ratio of the product gases in the low levels (Fig. 2). Figure 5 presents vertical cross-sections in the middle of the convective cloud at different times. Twenty minutes after the starting time of the perturbation ($t_0 + 20 \text{ min}$) convection reaches 13 km altitude with total condensed droplets (liquid + ice), rain and liquid cloud mixing ratios up to 16 g kg^{-1} , 8 g kg^{-1} and 3.3 g kg^{-1} , respectively. At $t_0 + 30 \text{ min}$ convection is fully developed with a maximum altitude of $\sim 17 \text{ km}$, i.e. within the TTL. At this time, the maximum rain mixing ratio is 15 g kg^{-1} while liquid cloud mixing ratios are lower than 0.5 g kg^{-1} . Above 6 km, the condensed phase is only composed of ice particles with mixing ratios of up to 5 g kg^{-1} . The rain and the liquid cloud totally disappear after $t_0 + 110 \text{ min}$ while ice particles remain present at high altitude after $t_0 + 2 \text{ h}$.

3.2.1 The PERT1 simulation

We firstly study the evolution of the CHBr_3 source gas in the PERT1 simulation. It is transported rapidly upward when deep convection develops as illustrated by Fig. 6 showing the vertical cross-section of the BrWMR of CHBr_3 at $t_0 + 30 \text{ min}$. Its maximum value is $\sim 55 \text{ pptv}$ at 13.5 km altitude. The turbulent mixing of the chemical species is taken into account in the model leading to the dilution of CHBr_3 during convection, mainly at the edges. Nevertheless the comparison with values close to the surface ($\sim 70 \text{ pptv}$) shows that a

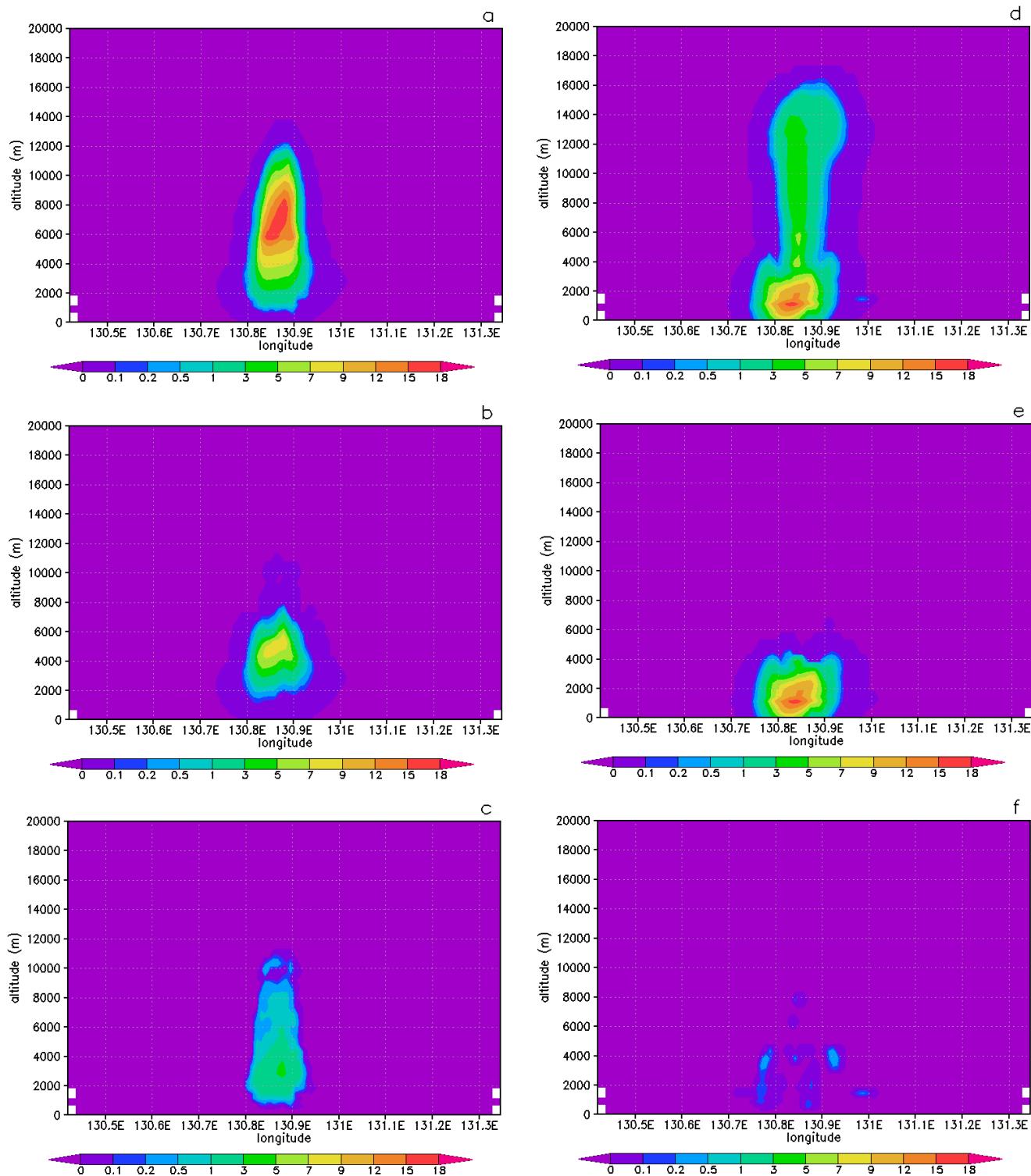


Fig. 5. Longitude-altitude cross section at 12.4° S of (a) the total condensed water (liquid + ice) mixing ratio (g kg^{-1}) at $t_0 + 20 \text{ min}$, (b) the rain mixing ratio (g kg^{-1}) at $t_0 + 20 \text{ min}$, (c) the liquid cloud mixing ratio (g kg^{-1}) at $t_0 + 20 \text{ min}$, (d) the total condensed water (liquid + ice) mixing ratio at $t_0 + 30 \text{ min}$, (e) the rain mixing ratio (g kg^{-1}) at $t_0 + 30 \text{ min}$ and (f) the liquid cloud mixing ratio at $t_0 + 30 \text{ min}$. t_0 is 5 days and 6 h after the beginning of the simulation.

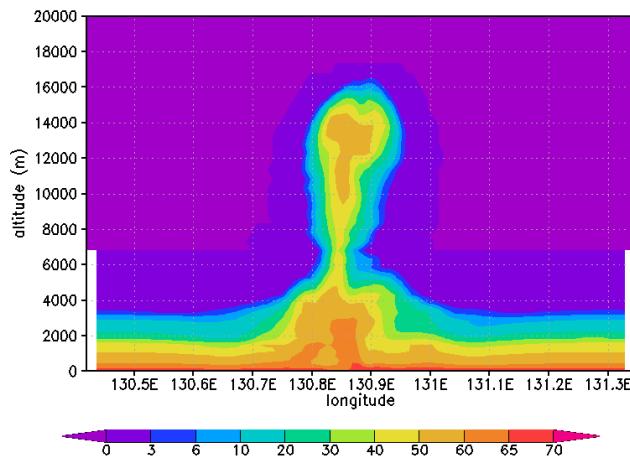


Fig. 6. Longitude altitude cross-section of the BrWMR for CHBr_3 at 12.4°S at $t_0 + 30 \text{ min}$ from the PERT1 simulation.

significant portion of the CHBr_3 is transported into the upper troposphere and TTL. Because of its very low Henry's constant CHBr_3 is inefficiently washed out by convective rain.

The mixing ratios of the organic product gases in the upper troposphere and TTL largely depend on their Henry's constants (see Table 1). Examples of the results for two important organic PGs (CHBr_2OOH and CBr_2O) at $t_0 + 30 \text{ min}$ are shown in Fig. 7. The BrWMR of CHBr_2OOH is negligible in the TTL because it is washed out by rain (Fig. 7a). Among the various organic PGs, CBr_2O has the highest BrWMR in the upper troposphere and TTL with a maximum of $\sim 7 \text{ pptv}$ (Fig. 7b). This is because it is largely produced by gaseous chemistry and washes out only to a small degree due to its low Henry's constant. Sensitivity tests have been made to estimate the uncertainties in the transported organic PGs in the upper troposphere due to the uncertainties in the calculated Henry's constants evaluated in Sect. 2.2. Increasing the Henry's constant for CBr_2O and CHBrO by 44 % leads to a negligible decrease in the maximum BrWMR of both species in the upper troposphere of 0.005 % and 0.015 %, respectively. The BrWMR of the least soluble bromine hydroperoxide transported to the upper troposphere, CHBr_2OOH , is increased by approximately a factor 10 when its Henry's constant is decreased by 70 %, reaching a maximum of 0.1 pptv. It is nevertheless still negligible with respect to the values of the BrWMR of CBr_2O and CHBrO (7 and 1.8 pptv).

The analysis of the inorganic species is more complex since they undergo not only gaseous chemistry and wash out but also hydrolysis and aqueous chemistry. After cloud and rain formation, the resulting hydrolysis rapidly leads to a severe loss of BrONO_2 and then to HOBr formation. Simultaneously, most of the HOBr and HBr is dissolved in rain and then scavenged. Figure 8 shows the vertical cross-section of HBr at the maximum of the convection development. Very low BrWMR of HBr (less than 0.1 pptv) are found in the upper troposphere. This justifies not taking into account the re-

actions with the ice particles present in the upper troposphere in these simulations since the main reactions on ice are between inorganic bromine species and HBr adsorbed on the ice surfaces (Aschmann et al., 2011). Part of HBr and HOBr is also dissolved in the cloud droplets where they undergo Reaction (R4) and form Br_2 in the gas phase. This gaseous Br_2 rapidly forms Br , BrO and HOBr in sunlit conditions. The formation efficiency for Br_2 depends on the pH of the cloud droplets. This is illustrated in Fig. 9 showing the cross-sections of Br_x ($\text{Br} + 2\text{Br}_2 + \text{BrO} + \text{HOBr}$) in the gas phase at $t_0 + 20 \text{ min}$ for $\text{pH} = 5$ and $\text{pH} = 4$. The $\text{pH} = 5$ case corresponds to standard atmospheric conditions while $\text{pH} = 4$ represents more polluted acidic conditions. With $\text{pH} = 4$ there is more gaseous Br_x produced because Reaction (R4) is more efficient.

Br_x is produced in smaller amounts in the middle of the convective system than at the edge of the convective system. This is firstly because Br_2 is less produced in the middle of the convective system since HOBr and HBr are more rapidly washed out by rain and dissolve less in the cloud droplets. Secondly, the so-called "bromine explosion" phenomenon described in Barrie et al. (1988) on sea salt aerosols can take place in our simulations. This phenomenon can be observed at the edge of the convective system because sunlight is present. Due to the presence of sunlight, Br_2 is photolysed, leading to the formation of Br , BrO and HOBr , which can react again with HBr in the aqueous phase. This leads to a continuous loss of HBr and to a continuous production of Br_x . On the contrary, thick clouds in the middle of the convective system strongly reduce radiation and thus the photolysis of Br_2 , which prevents the bromine explosion from taking place. Figure 10 shows the cross-section of Br_x at the mature stage of the convective cloud ($t_0 + 30 \text{ min}$) for both $\text{pH} = 5$ and $\text{pH} = 4$. At this time, Br_x has reached the TTL with higher BrWMR for $\text{pH} = 4$ (max $\sim 8 \text{ pptv}$) than for $\text{pH} = 5$ (max $\sim 3 \text{ pptv}$), similarly to $t_0 + 20 \text{ min}$. The largest BrWMRs remain in the low and mid troposphere because the larger Br_x mixing ratios are formed at the edges of the convective system where vertical transport is weaker than in the middle of the convective system.

Figure 11 shows the vertical cross-sections of CHBr_3 and of the total PGs in the PERT1 simulation compared with the BG1 simulation at the end of the convective event ($t_0 + 110 \text{ min}$). The impact of convection on the chemical composition of the lower troposphere below 2 km altitude is relatively small. It is more important for the PGs because of the wash out of the soluble species. CHBr_3 and PGs which have been lifted by the vertical winds in the convective tower remain in the upper troposphere at the end of the convective event. CHBr_3 and PGs BrWMR maxima are 40 and 7 pptv, respectively, at $\sim 12 \text{ km}$ altitude (see Fig. 11b and d). They are lower than at $t_0 + 30 \text{ min}$, the time at the maximum point of the convective development. The vertically layered structure in the distributions of CHBr_3 and PGs visible in Fig. 11 and the other vertical cross sections we present results

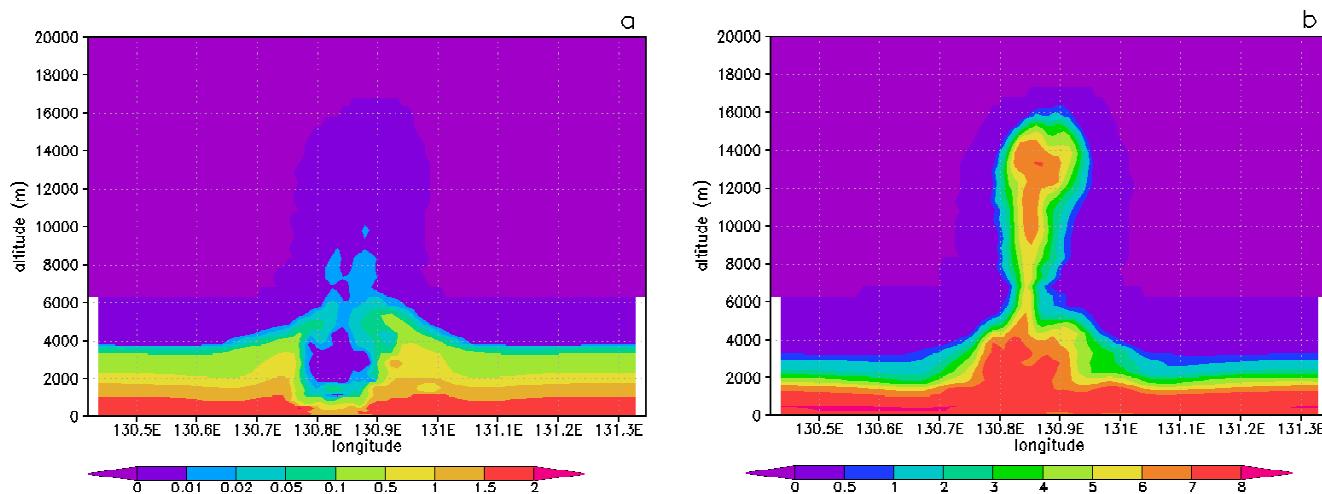


Fig. 7. Longitude-altitude cross-section at 12.4° S at $t_0 + 30$ min of the BrWMR for (a) CHBr_2OOH and (b) CBr_2O from the PERT1 simulation.

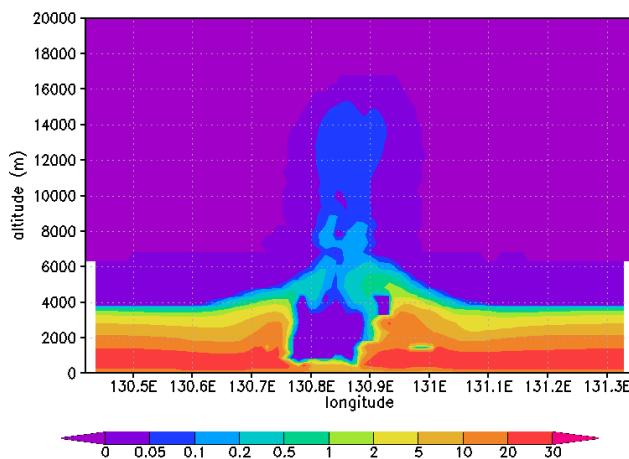


Fig. 8. Longitude-altitude cross section at 12.4° S at $t_0 + 30$ min of HBr in pptv from the PERT1 simulation.

entirely from dynamical effects whereby there are variations in the vertical velocity within the convective column with altitude.

To analyse in more detail the final effects of the convective event we plotted in Fig. 12 the horizontally averaged BrWMR profiles of organic PGs (CBr_2O , CHBrO and $\text{CHBr}_2\text{OOH} + \text{CBr}_3\text{OOH}$) and inorganic PGs ($\text{Br} + \text{BrO}$, HOBr and HBr) transported to the upper troposphere at the end of the convective event ($t_0 + 110$ mn) in the case of cloud pH = 5. Profiles are shown in the range 6–20 km. In this altitude range the species are exclusively those which have been lifted by the convective system. CBr_2O is the main organic PGs transported due to its large production in the lower troposphere and its low solubility. CHBr_2OOH and CBr_3OOH BrWMRs are low because of their high solubility. $\text{Br} + \text{BrO}$ BrWMRs dominate the inorganic bromine species. They are

produced by the photolysis of Br_2 . The HBr BrWMR is low because of its high solubility leading to efficient scavenging. Figure 13 shows the total inorganic PGs, the total organic PGs, the total PGs and CHBr_3 BrWMRs transported in the upper troposphere at the end of the convective event. Figure 13a and c is, respectively, for the simulations with cloud pH = 5 and with cloud pH = 4, in the altitude range 6–20 km. Note that the mixing ratios are relatively low in Fig. 13 compared to the peak values shown in Fig. 11 because of the horizontal averaging used in Fig. 13. Thus the relative abundances shown in this figure are more important than the absolute values. After the convective event the species are located in several layers with a maximum at 12 km. At this altitude, 0.2 pptv, 0.6 pptv and 3.7 pptv of the inorganic PGs, organic PGs and CHBr_3 , respectively, are on average transported to this altitude for a cloud pH = 5. The contributions to the total amount of bromine atoms are 4.5 % from the inorganic PG, 13.3 % from the organic PGs and 82.2 % from CHBr_3 . For cloud pH = 4, 0.45 pptv of the inorganic PGs are transported. Because the cloud pH only impacts the inorganic chemistry, the same BrWMRs are computed for the organic PGs and CHBr_3 as for the cloud pH = 5 case. Of the total upper atmosphere bromine atom loading, 9.5 % is in the form of inorganic PGs, 12.5 % are present as organic PGs and 78 % as CHBr_3 . Figure 13b and d shows the same results as in Fig. 13a and c but in the TTL altitude range. In absolute values, the BrWMR present as inorganic PGs, organic PGs and CHBr_3 are, respectively, 0.025 pptv, 0.1 pptv and 0.6 pptv, which corresponds to 3.5 %, 13.8 % and 82.7 % relatively to the total bromine atom abundance for cloud pH = 5. For cloud pH = 4, 0.05 pptv BrWMR are present as inorganic PGs, and, relative to the total bromine atom loading, this represents 6.6 %. Organic PGs represent 13.3 % and CHBr_3 represents 80 % of the total bromine atoms abundance.

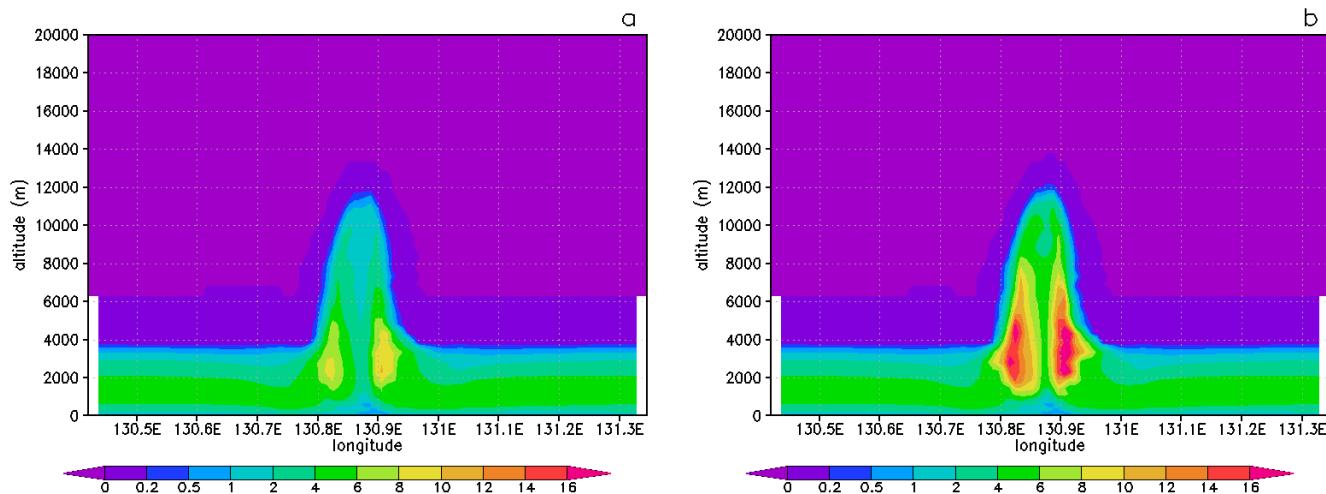


Fig. 9. Longitude-altitude cross section at 12.4° S at $t_0 + 20$ min from the PERT1 simulation of $\text{Br}_x = \text{Br} + \text{BrO} + 2 \cdot \text{Br}_2 + \text{HOBr}$ in pptv for (a) cloud pH = 5 and (b) cloud pH = 4.

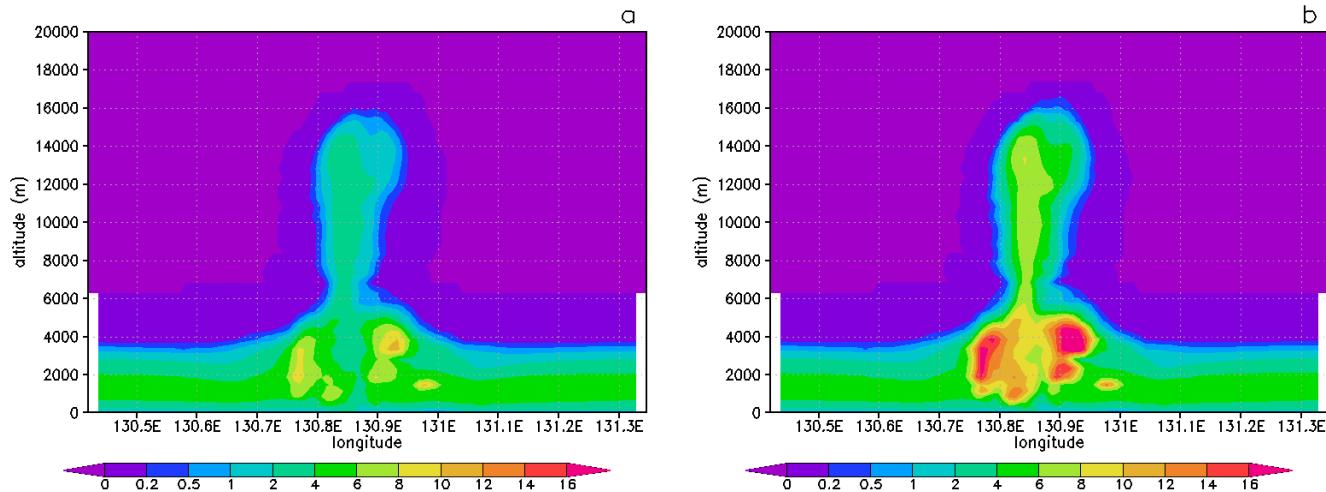


Fig. 10. Same as Fig. 9 but for $t_0 + 30$ min.

These results indicate that inorganic PGs are not fully scavenged in the convective event. The amount of inorganic PGs transported into the TTL depends on the cloud pH. We show that convection efficiently transports organic PGs, which are, for the more abundant of them, not very soluble. In the case of large concentrations of chlorine atoms, the degradation of CHBr_3 would lead to a larger production of CBr_2O since the role of Cl is the same as OH. This would increase the organic PGs BrWMR present in the TTL during the convective event. In the case of high sunlight conditions, as in our simulations, the BrWMR present in the upper troposphere and in the TTL due to organic PGs is non-negligible compared with bromine atom present as CHBr_3 .

The partitioning between CHBr_3 and organic PGs is different from the results presented in Hossaini et al. (2010). From their Figs. 7 and 9, it is possible to calculate that ap-

proximately 2% of bromine atoms are present as organic PGs ($2 \cdot \text{CBr}_2\text{O} + \text{CHBrO}$) compared with the total abundance of bromine atoms present at 100 hPa (~ 16 km) at tropical latitudes. We found more than 13 % of bromine atoms present as PGs in our simulations. In our study we focus on the bromine budget above a convective system. The partition between the organic PGs and CHBr_3 observed in the TTL is therefore mostly representative of the chemistry in the lower troposphere since the non soluble species are rapidly transported from the lower troposphere to the TTL. In Hossaini et al. (2010), the partition between organic PGs and CHBr_3 results not only from convective transport from the lower troposphere but also from the chemical processing in the TTL. In this layer the OH concentration is lower than in the lower troposphere. CBr_2O is therefore produced in a much lower amount in the TTL than in the lower troposphere. This leads

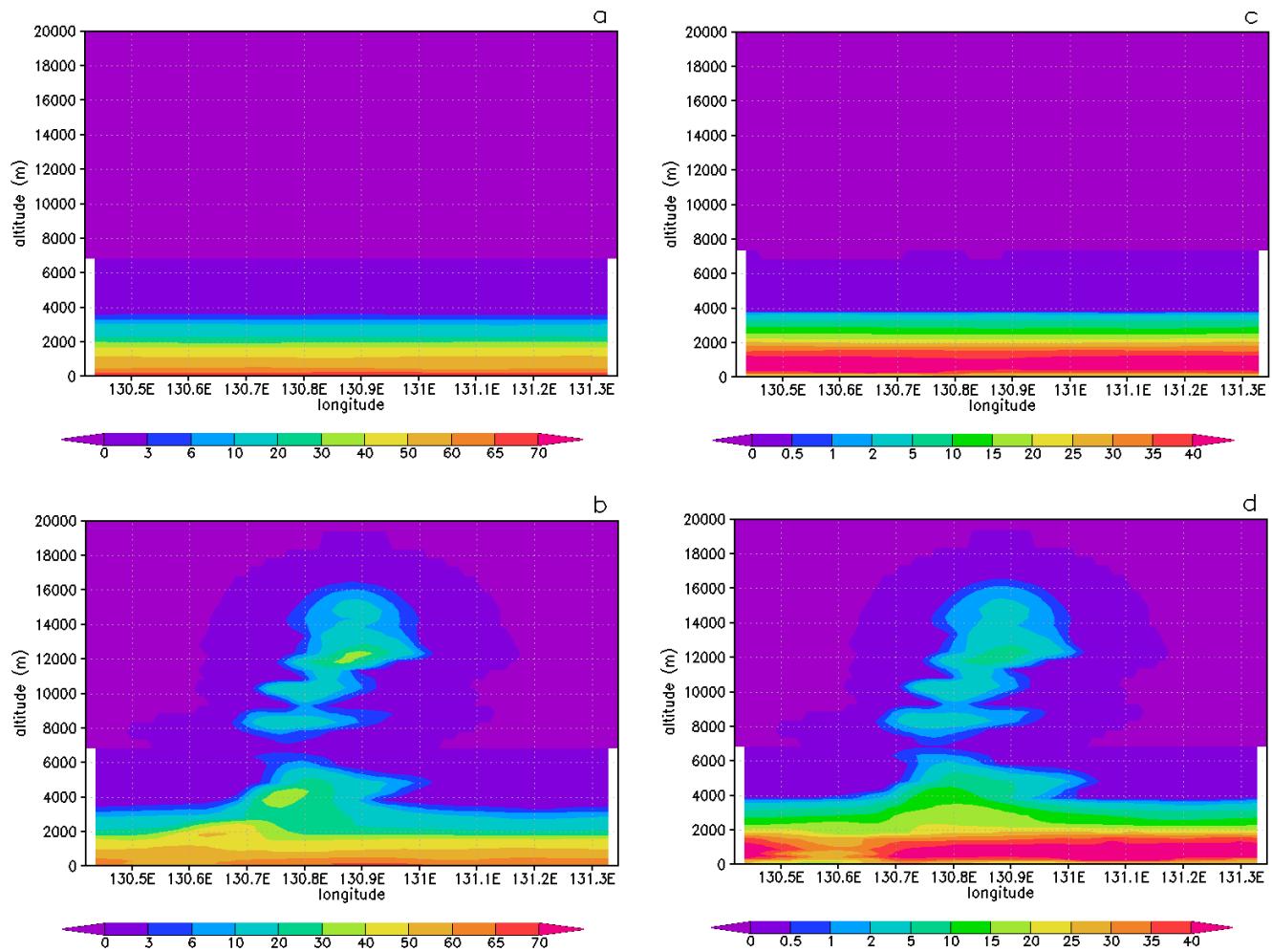
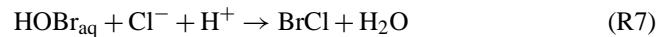
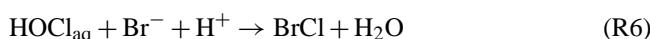


Fig. 11. Longitude-altitude cross section at 12.4° S of BrWMR for cloud pH = 5 in at $t_0 + 110$ min in (a) CHBr_3 in the BG1 simulation, (b) CHBr_3 in the PERT1 simulation, (c) total PGs in the BG1 simulation, (d) total PGs in the PERT1 simulation.

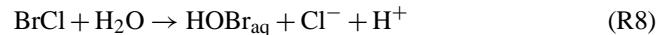
to a shorter mean lifetime for all organic PGs in the TTL. Thus the impact of the chemistry in the TTL is to reduce the ratio of bromine atoms present as organic PGs to those present as CHBr_3 . This is partly why our simulations, that only take into account the convective effect, give a higher ratio. It is also partly related to the fact that the results shown in Hossaini et al. (2010) in Fig. 9 are tropical annual and zonal mean profiles while our calculations are made for high sun-light conditions and therefore have higher OH concentrations as shown in Fig. 4a.

3.2.2 The role of chlorine chemistry in the aqueous phase

Taking into account chlorine species in the aqueous phase leads to much more complex chemistry with the possible formation of BrCl by the reactions:



In the aqueous phase BrCl can react with H_2O , Br^- and Cl^- (Wang et al., 1994)



Br_2 can react with Cl^- (Wang et al., 1994)



– $k_6 = 1.3 \times 10^6 \text{ mol}^{-2} \text{ l}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ (Kumar and Margerum, 1987).

– $k_7 > 5.6 \times 10^9 \text{ mol}^{-2} \text{ l}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$ (Wang et al., 1994; Fickert et al., 1999)

– $k_8 > 1 \times 10^5 \text{ s}^{-1}$ (Wang et al., 1994; Fickert et al., 1999)

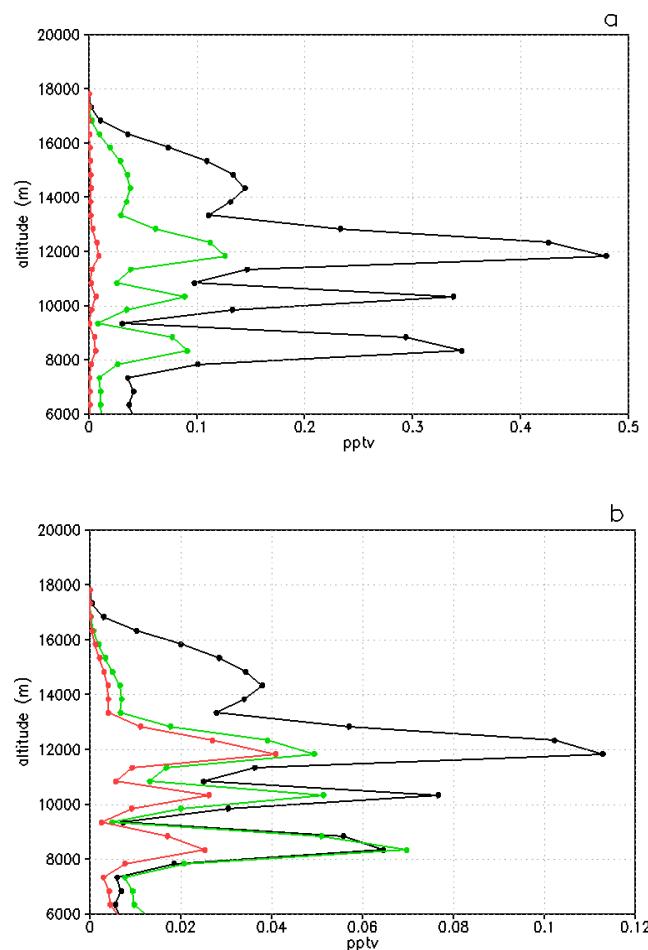


Fig. 12. Mean profiles in the altitude range 6–20 km at the end of the convective event ($t_0 + 110$ min) in the PERT1 simulation of (a) Br-WMR for the organic species, CBr_2O (black), CHBrO (green) and $\text{CHBr}_2\text{OOH} + \text{CBr}_3\text{OOH}$ (red) averaged on the horizontal (b) same for inorganic PGs, $\text{Br} + \text{BrO}$ (black), HOBr (green) and HBr (red) for cloud pH = 5.

– $k_9 > 1 \times 10^8 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (Wang et al., 1994) for the forward Reactions (R9), (R10) and (R11) are very fast reactions for which equilibrium constants are (Wang et al., 1994): $K_9 = 1.8 \times 10^4 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ l}$; $K_{10} = 6 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ l}$; $K_{11} = 1.3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ l}$

Chloride ion concentrations in rain precipitation have been measured to be in between $10^{-6} \text{ mol l}^{-1}$ and $5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol l}^{-1}$ (Graedel and Keene, 1995). The large concentrations are mainly observed above the ocean because of the wash out of sea salt aerosols by clouds and precipitation.

Using Fickert et al. (1999), Reaction (R9) followed by the inverse of Reaction (R11) leads to a rapid conversion of BrCl into Br_2 if the Br^- concentration is larger than 10^{-4} times the Cl^- concentration. This is verified in our case study. However, this rapid conversion is possible only if the first order rate constant of Reaction (R9) ($k_9 \cdot [\text{Br}^-]$) is larger than the

rate constant for diffusion of BrCl out of the cloud droplets (approximately $2 \times 10^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$). Since only a minimum value for k_9 is known ($1 \times 10^8 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$), and that the Br^- concentration is low (approximately $10^{-7} \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ l}$), this leads to a minimum value for $k_9 \cdot [\text{Br}^-] = 10 \text{ s}^{-1}$, which is lower than the diffusion rate of BrCl out of the droplet. With the present knowledge it is not possible to therefore know if this conversion is efficient in our case study. We assume in this paper that this conversion is not efficient.

We also assume that the Reaction (R6) has a small impact on the bromine chemistry. We justify this last assumption since, firstly, the rate constant k_6 is smaller by approximately a factor of 10^4 than the rate constants for Reactions (R2) and (R7), and, secondly, the HOCl gas concentration is typically lower than 100–150 pptv in the lower atmosphere (Graedel and Keene, 1995) while HOBr is on the order of 1 pptv in our simulations. The loss rate of Br^- via Reaction (R2), which is $k_2[\text{H}^+][\text{HOBr}]$, is therefore much larger than its loss rate via Reaction (R6), which is $k_6[\text{H}^+][\text{HOCl}]$.

The chemistry of Br_2 and BrCl in the cloud droplet can be therefore treated independently by Reactions (R2), (R3) for Br_2 and (R7) and (R8) for BrCl . In the case of BrCl the hydrolysis is a very fast (Reaction R8, $k_8 > 10^5 \text{ s}^{-1}$). The diffusion rate of BrCl out of the cloud droplet (approximately $2 \times 10^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$) is therefore smaller than the rate constant of hydrolysis. This leads to a reduced production of BrCl in the gas phase. In the case of large concentrations of Cl^- in the cloud droplet, the production of BrCl can be nevertheless of the same order of magnitude as the production of Br_2 . To test the impact of the production of BrCl on the transport of Br_x species in the convective system, the PERT1 simulation has been re-run including the following reactions in the set of photochemical reactions:



The rate constants for these reactions can be derived from relation (A6) in Appendix A assuming that the behaviour of BrCl in the cloud droplet is the same as the behaviour of Br_2 in the rain droplets (i.e. the characteristic time for hydrolysis is larger than the residence time of the species in the droplets). If Cl^- is in mol l^{-1} ,

$$k_{12} = k_7[\text{H}^+] \times (k_{\text{BrClC}} / (k_8 \times H_{\text{BrCl}} RT))$$

where k_{BrClC} is the mass transfer coefficient defined in Sect. 2.2 and H_{BrCl} is the effective Henry's law constant for BrCl (Table 1).

$$k_{13} = k_{\text{BrClC}} V_\text{C}$$

The photolysis reaction of BrCl in the gas phase is also included in the set of reactions.



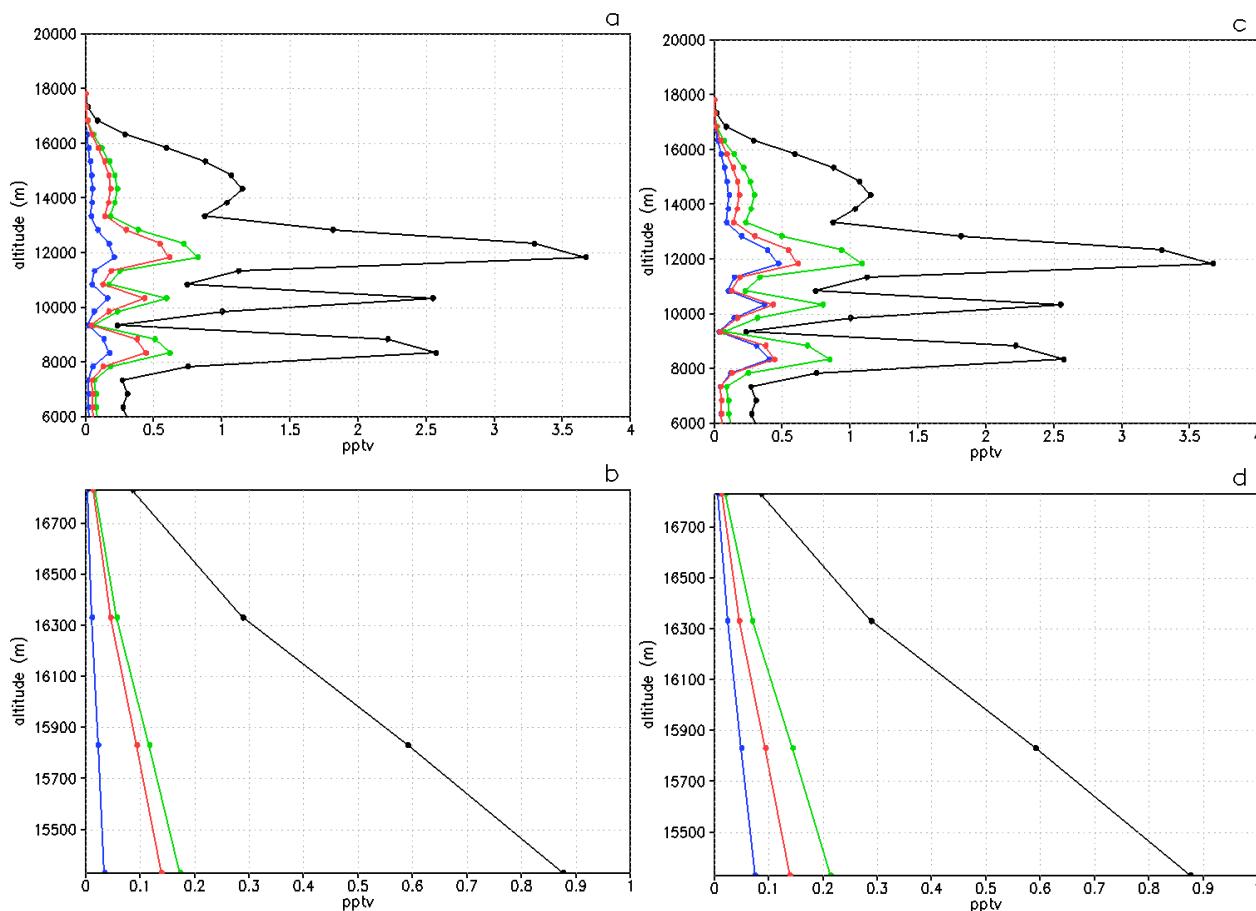


Fig. 13. Mean profiles at the end of the convective event ($t_0 + 110$ min) of BrWMR for inorganic PGs (blue), organic PGs (red), total PGs (green) and CHBr₃ (black) averaged horizontally in the PERT1 simulation for (a) cloud pH = 5, in the altitude range 6–20 km, (b) cloud pH = 5 in the TTL (c) cloud pH = 4, in the altitude range 6–20 km, (d) cloud pH = 4, in the TTL.

We assume the maximum chloride ion concentration is $[Cl^-] = 5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol l}^{-1}$. The cloud pH is assumed to be 5.

Figure 14a shows the cross-sections of Br_x (Br + BrO + HOBr + 2Br₂) in the gas phase at $t_0 + 30$ min when Reactions (R12), (R13) and (R14) are not taken into account. Figure 14b shows the cross section of Br_x (Br + BrO + HOBr + 2Br₂ + BrCl) when these reactions are taken into account. There is slightly more Br_x in the upper troposphere in Fig. 14b compared with Fig. 14a. Adding Reaction (R12) leads to more conversion to the soluble species HOBr to BrCl which is much less soluble. This leads to more Br_x lifted to the upper troposphere. On the contrary, we can observe, with comparison of Figs. 14a and 14b, that slightly less Br_x is produced in the lower troposphere at the edge of the convective system. This is because the production of BrCl leads to a decrease of the production of Br₂. The bromine explosion is therefore reduced since the formation of BrCl by Reaction (R12) does not lead to a loss of Br⁻ contrary to Reaction (R4).

Figure 14c shows the comparison of the mean profile of Br_x lifted in the upper troposphere at the end of the con-

vective event ($t_0 + 110$ mn) for three cases: firstly, no formation of BrCl and cloud pH = 4; secondly, no formation of BrCl and cloud pH = 5; and thirdly, formation of BrCl is considered assuming pH = 5 and $[Cl^-] = 5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol l}^{-1}$. As shown previously, adding the reaction for the formation of BrCl causes a small increase of Br_x. Since the chloride ion concentration assumed in the simulation is a maximum value, this impact can be neglected in all other cases.

3.2.3 The PERT2 simulation

The PERT2 simulation is made under the same conditions as the PERT1 simulation. Only the initial mixing ratio of CHBr₃ is different. It is 1.6 pptv instead of 40 pptv, i.e. a factor 25 less. Similar to BG2 and BG1, in the case of PERT 2 the mixing ratios of all the species just before the convective event are also 25 times less abundant than in PERT1. Figure 15 shows the mean profiles of inorganic PGs, organic PGs and CHBr₃ in the upper troposphere for a cloud pH = 5 (Fig. 15a) and for a cloud pH = 4 (Fig. 15c), and in the TTL for cloud pH = 5 (Fig. 15b) and cloud pH = 4 (Fig. 15d). The

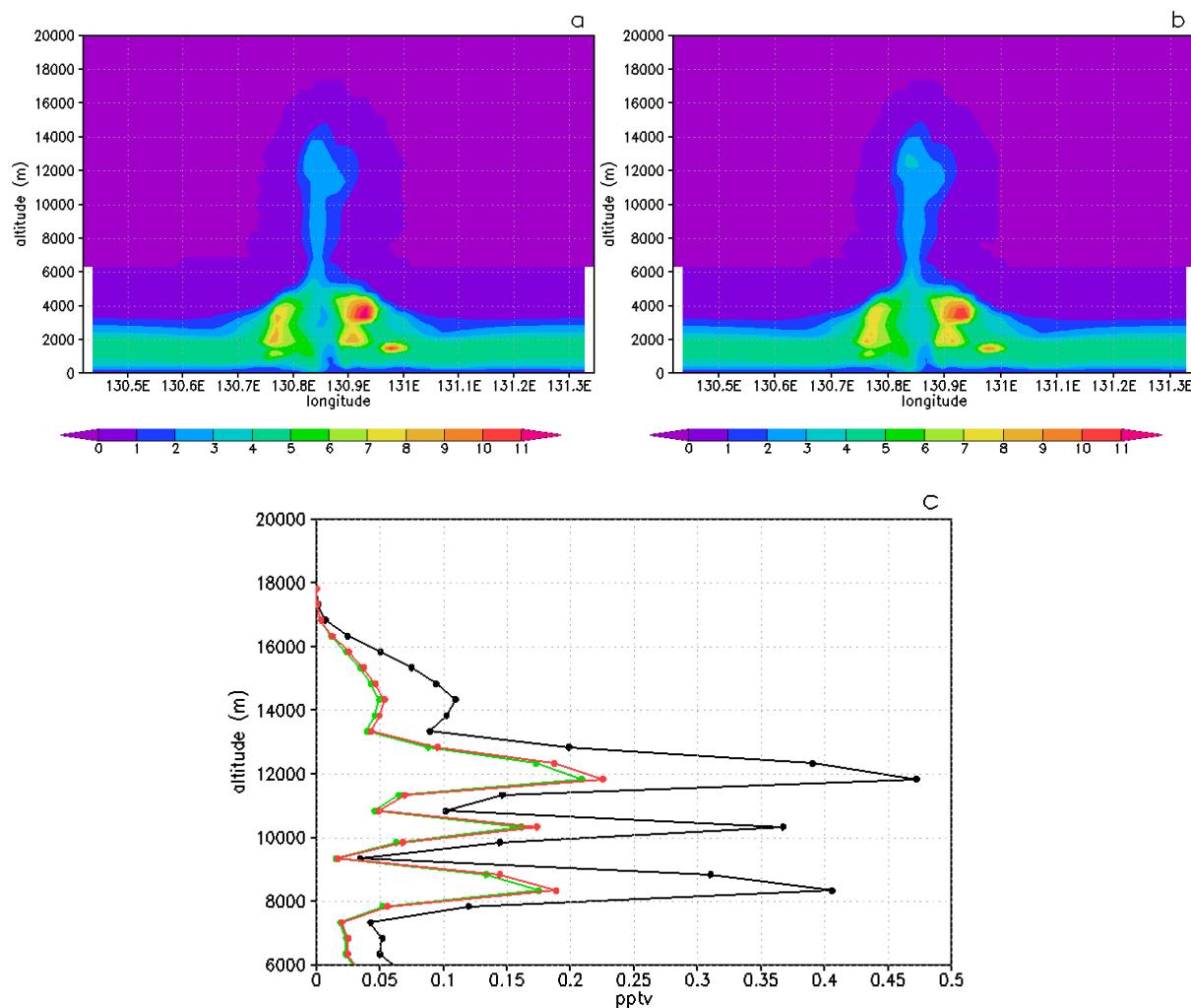


Fig. 14. Longitude-altitude cross-section at the latitude -12.4° S from the PERT1 simulation at $t_0 + 30$ mn of (a) Br_x ($\text{Br} + \text{BrO} + \text{HOBr} + 2 \cdot \text{Br}_2$) for cloud $\text{pH} = 5$ with no chlorine chemistry, (b) Br_x ($\text{Br} + \text{BrO} + \text{HOBr} + 2 \cdot \text{Br}_2 + \text{BrCl}$) for cloud $\text{pH} = 5$ with chlorine chemistry, and (c) mean profile averaged on the horizontal of Br_x at the end of the convective event ($t_0 + 110$ mn) for cloud $\text{pH} = 4$ with no chlorine chemistry black), Br_x for cloud $\text{pH} = 5$ with no chlorine chemistry green, Br_x with chlorine chemistry for cloud $\text{pH} = 5$ red.

mixing ratios shown in Fig. 15 are relatively low compared to the peak values because of the horizontal averaging used in Fig. 15. The profiles of CHBr₃ and the organic PGs approximately remain in the same ratio of 25 compared to the profiles computed in the PERT1 simulation (Fig. 13). This is because under these limited conditions the CHBr₃ and the organic PGs' chemistry closely approximates first order rate kinetics with respect to bromine atoms, i.e. the response of the rate of chemical conversion of brominated species for all relevant reactions is very closely linear with respect to the initial abundance of the reactant CHBr₃. The ratio is not exactly 25 because the lower abundance of CHBr₃ in the PERT2 simulation increases the OH radical abundance, which leads to a very small decrease in the CHBr₃ lifetime.

On the contrary, the mixing ratios of the inorganic PGs do not remain proportional to the initial CHBr₃ mixing ratio. This is because the reaction of HOBr_C + Br⁻ \rightarrow Br_{2g} is second order with respect to bromine atoms, which are present in both reactants. Therefore, as a result of the reduction of initial CHBr₃ mixing ratio between PERT1 and PERT2 the reaction of HOBr_C + Br⁻ \rightarrow Br_{2g} is disproportionately less efficient since it depends on both the Br- and HOBr concentrations. As in PERT1, more inorganic PGs are produced for cloud pH = 4 than for cloud pH = 5. This is due to the impact of the reaction (HOBr_C + Br⁻ \rightarrow Br_{2g}) in the aqueous phase leading to increased Br₂ formation.

Using Fig. 15, we observe that relative to the total bromine atom abundance at 12 km, the inorganic PGs only represent 2.4 % of that budget for pH = 5 and 3.1 % for pH = 4. In the

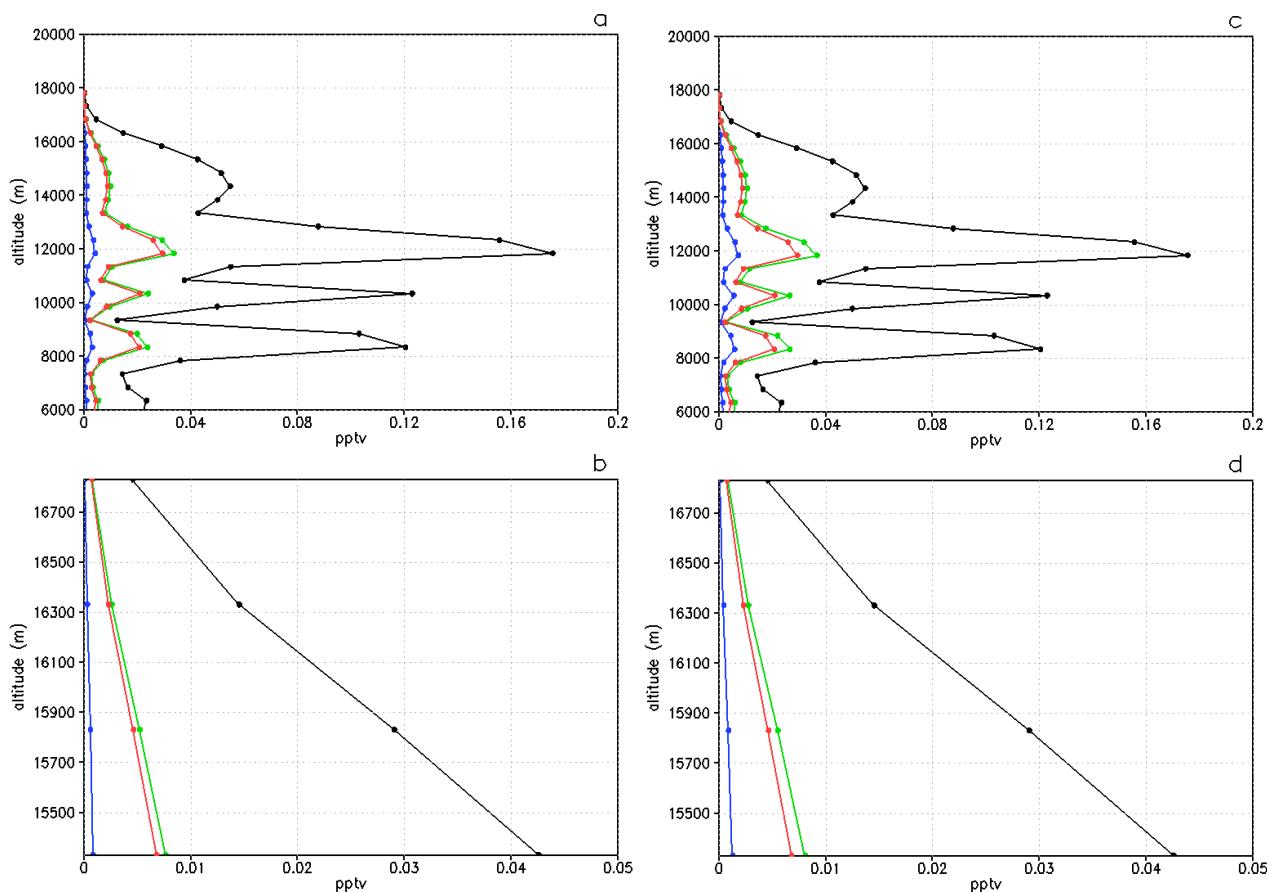


Fig. 15. Same as Fig. 13 for the PERT2 simulation.

TTL they are 2 % and 2.8 %, respectively. In this case, only organic PGs and CHBr_3 are transported significantly to the upper troposphere and to the TTL.

4 Conclusions

Bromoform is known to be one of the most abundant halogenated VSLS that could influence the bromine loading in the stratosphere. Tropical convection is the main pathway for bromoform and its product gases (PGs) to the TTL. From the TTL they can enter the stratosphere via radiative ascent. In this paper we present a detailed study of the transport and degradation of bromoform and its PGs in convective conditions at the cloud scale. The objective is to evaluate the relative importance of the different processes affecting the spatial distribution of bromoform and its product gases under convective conditions, in particular the interactions of PGs with the liquid cloud and rain. We use the 3-D cloud resolving model with tracer transport CATT-BRAMS coupled online with a chemistry model. The chemistry model includes gaseous chemistry, photolysis, BrONO_2 hydrolysis, aqueous chemistry of bromine species and dry deposition. This model is more detailed than what is used in current global models.

In particular we take into account the aqueous chemistry including the production of Br_2 in the gas phase via the reactions in the aqueous phase. A limitation of running over such a small spatial domain and with idealised conditions is that we can not make conclusions about the global budget of bromoform and its PGs.

For this study at the convective scale, we used idealized meteorological conditions from a tropical radiosounding launched during the convective season in North Australia. Four simulations were done. Two BG (background) simulations corresponding to stable atmospheric conditions were run for 10 days. In the first one, the initial bromoform mixing ratio is assumed to be the maximum measured value. In the second one the initial bromoform mixing ratio is the measured mean value. Two PERT (perturbed) simulations were also done. The PERT simulations are similar to the BG simulations except that temperature and moisture perturbations were applied in the lowest 2 km layer after 5 days and 6 h leading to the development of a convective cloud reaching the TTL. The results of the BG simulations show that bromoform mixing ratios in the boundary layer decreases over time and those of PGs increase with time. Product gases are mainly in the form of HBr and organic products. Because

of dry deposition the sum of bromoform and PGs decreases with time. Resulting PG mixing ratios are proportional to the initial bromoform mixing ratio chosen.

In the PERT simulations a significant proportion of CHBr_3 is transported by convection into the upper troposphere and the TTL because it is not a soluble species. Organic species, which are for the most abundant of them not very soluble, are also efficiently lifted to the TTL. More than 13 % of the bromine atoms lifted to the TTL by the convective event are in the form of organic PGs (CBr_2O and CHBrO) in both PERT simulations.

The quantity of inorganic PGs reaching the upper troposphere and the TTL depends tightly on the interactions between the gas phase and the aqueous phase. The results clearly show that one important process in the partitioning of inorganic PGs between soluble and non-soluble species is the formation of Br_2 within cloud droplets containing dissolved HOBr and HBr and its subsequent release to the gas phase. This reaction favours the formation of non soluble inorganic PGs and reduces HBr and HOBr scavenging leading to an increase of non-soluble inorganic PG mixing ratios in the upper troposphere and in the TTL. This process depends on the cloud droplet acidity and is significantly more efficient in polluted conditions (high acidity).

A sensitivity test has been done to evaluate the possible impact of chlorine chemistry in the production of non-soluble species in the aqueous phase. Reactions involving HOCl , Cl^- and bromine species could lead to the production of the non-soluble species BrCl . The photolysis of this species is very fast. It leads to the production of Br_x species which can be transported to the upper troposphere by convection. Nevertheless, since hydrolysis of BrCl in the aqueous phase ($\text{BrCl} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{HOBr} + \text{Cl}^- + \text{H}^+$) is very fast only a small fraction of BrCl produced in the cloud droplet can be released to the gas phase except if BrCl reacts with Br^- to produce Br_2 ($\text{Br}^- + \text{BrCl} \rightarrow \text{Br}_2 + \text{Cl}^-$). With the present knowledge, only a minimum value of the rate constant for this reaction is known. Because of the low bromide ion concentration in the cloud droplets, it is not possible to know in our case if the rate at which BrCl reacts with Br^- ($>\sim 10 \text{ s}^{-1}$) is sufficiently large to take place compared with the diffusion rate of BrCl out of the cloud droplet ($\sim 2 \times 10^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$). In this case, and without further information, it seems that chlorine chemistry has a small impact on the production of Br_x . Therefore, in this paper we assumed that BrCl does not react with Br^- . In the PERT1 simulation, 9.5 % of the bromine atoms lifted to 12 km by the convective event are in the form of inorganic PGs if cloud pH = 4. It is 6.6 % in the TTL. It is 4.5 % at 12 km and 3.5 % in the TTL if cloud pH = 5. In the PERT2 simulation less than 3 % of the bromine atoms are transported to the TTL as inorganic PGs. Inorganic species can therefore be transported in significant quantities to the TTL only in cases of large bromoform emissions. This conclusion will have to be revisited if BrCl can react efficiently with Br^- .

A more precise value of the rate constant for this reaction is needed.

There are several other sources of uncertainties in this study. Firstly, the results depend strongly on the Henry's constants for inorganic PGs that were determined here theoretically by Krysztofiak et al. (2012). They need to be confirmed by experimental measurements. Secondly, the simulations were run in idealized convective conditions. In real conditions, several parameters could be different from those used in the PERT simulations. This could lead to a different proportion of PGs (organic and inorganic) lifted by convection to the TTL. The differences between idealised and real conditions that are expected to lead to significant differences in the results are:

- the relative concentrations of organic and inorganic PGs with respect to CHBr_3 before convection starts,
- the concentrations of soluble and low solubility organic and inorganic PGs before convection starts,
- the concentration and size distribution of liquid cloud droplets and raindrops produced by convection,
- the pH of liquid cloud particles.

To go a step further, simulations of real case studies are required. This will be possible in the frame of the SHIVA European project and the NASA SEAC⁴RS. One objective of these projects is the understanding of the chemistry and pathways to the stratosphere of halogenated VSLSs. These field campaigns will provide validation data for model simulations. In the case of SHIVA, aircraft based observations of VSLS at cloud scale will help to validate the transport modelling and place loose constraints on the chemistry, and ship borne observations of VSLS, BrO , Br_2 , HOBr , and HBr will help to validate the chemistry in the model. During SEAC⁴RS observations of BrO , HOBr , and VSLS will provide more detailed validation of the chemistry and further support the transport modelling. Once validated in real case studies, the results on the partitioning between CHBr_3 , organic and inorganic PGs reaching the TTL could be taken into account in global models via parameterizations.

Two issues which have not been discussed in the paper are the transport of species transferred from cloud to ice particles during the riming process and the interaction between PGs in the gas phase and the ice particles in the atmosphere. Most of the species transferred by riming in the ice phase are rapidly washed out because most rimed particles are dense and therefore fast-falling. But the small proportion of species that are transferred by riming to small slow-falling ice particles could be transported to the TTL and possibly released to the gas phase by sublimation. This could be taken into account in a future study. The interaction between PGs and ice particles has not been included in our chemistry model although it was taken into account by Aschmann et al. (2011)

in their simulations at the global scale. For our study of bromoform at the local scale, this process is likely not very important since only a very small amounts of HBr reaches altitude levels where ice particles grow by water deposition. This is because HBr is efficiently scavenged by cloud and rain below and cannot therefore be transported to the upper troposphere where ice is present. Nevertheless, this process is likely important several hours after convective events in the cirrus layer that generally remain after convection. At this cloud stage HBr can be produced from inorganic PGs transported by convection into the upper troposphere and the TTL and interact with ice particles.

Appendix A

Production of Br₂ in the gas phase via the reactions in the aqueous phase

For Br₂, the Eqs. (1), (2) and (3) can be written:

$$\frac{d[Br_2]_g}{dt} = \frac{k_C}{HRT} [Br_2]_C - k_C V_C [Br_2]_g + \frac{k_R}{HRT} [Br_2]_R - k_R V_R [Br_2]_g + P_g - L_g [Br_2]_g \quad (A1)$$

$$\frac{d[Br_2]_C}{dt} = k_2 [Br^-]_C [H^+]_C [HOBr]_C - k_3 [Br_2]_C - \frac{k_C}{HRT} [Br_2]_C + k_C V_C [Br_2]_g \quad (A2)$$

$$\frac{d[Br_2]_R}{dt} = k_2 [Br^-]_R [H^+]_R [HOBr]_R - k_3 [Br_2]_R - \frac{k_R}{HRT} [Br_2]_R + k_R V_R [Br_2]_g \quad (A3)$$

where

- [Br₂]_C, [Br₂]_R, [HOBr]_C [HOBr]_R are the concentrations of Br₂ and HOBr per cm³ of air in cloud droplets and raindrops, respectively,
- [Br₂]_g is the concentration of Br₂ in the gas phase,
- [Br⁻]_C, [Br⁻]_R, [H⁺]_C and [H⁺]_R are the concentrations (in mol per l of water) of bromine ions and pH in the cloud or the rain droplets,
- k_C and k_R are the mass transfer coefficients of Br₂ in cloud and rain, respectively,
- H is the Br₂ Henry's coefficient,
- P_g and L_g are the production and loss term of Br₂ in the gas phase,
- V_C , V_R , k_2 and k_3 are defined in Sect. 2.2.

Since the loss terms of Eqs. (A2) and (A3) are very large, the equilibrium is reached rapidly leading to:

$$(k_3 + \frac{k_C}{HRT}) [Br_2]_C = k_2 [Br^-]_C [H^+]_C [HOBr]_C + k_C V_C [Br_2]_g \quad (A4)$$

$$(k_3 + \frac{k_R}{HRT}) [Br_2]_R = k_2 [Br^-]_R [H^+]_R [HOBr]_R + k_R V_R [Br_2]_g \quad (A5)$$

Using Eqs. (A4) and (A5) and assuming $\frac{k_C}{HRT} \gg k_3 \gg \frac{k_R}{HRT}$ as discussed in Sect. 2.2, Eq. (A1) can be written:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d[Br_2]_g}{dt} &= k_2 [Br^-]_C [H^+]_C [HOBr]_C + k_2 \frac{k_R}{k_3 HRT} \\ &\quad [Br^-]_R [H^+]_R [HOBr]_R - k_3 HRT V_C [Br_2]_g \\ &\quad - k_R V_R [Br_2]_g + P_g - L_g [Br_2]_g \end{aligned} \quad (A6)$$

If the concentrations of Br⁻ and HOBr were equal in the cloud and rain droplets and if the volume of the rain and cloud droplets were also equal, the second term and the fourth term, which apply to rain droplets, would approximately be 10 times lower than the first and the third terms, which apply to cloud droplets. In the simulations, the concentrations of bromine ions (Br⁻) and HOBr in the cloud droplets compared with those in the rain droplets are varying as a function of the grid point and of the time. Cloud and rain volumes are also varying. Nevertheless, at the beginning of the formation of the convective event, i.e. approximately from $t_0 + 15$ min to $t_0 + 25$ min (t_0 is defined in Sect. 3.2), they are of the same order of magnitude on average. It is in this time interval that Br₂ is produced. It is then possible to neglect the second and fourth terms of Eq. (A6). Equation (A6) is finally written in the simplified final form:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d[Br_2]_g}{dt} &= k_2 [Br^-]_C [H^+]_C [HOBr]_C - k_3 HRT V_C \\ &\quad [Br_2]_g + P_g - L_g [Br_2]_g \end{aligned} \quad (A7)$$

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