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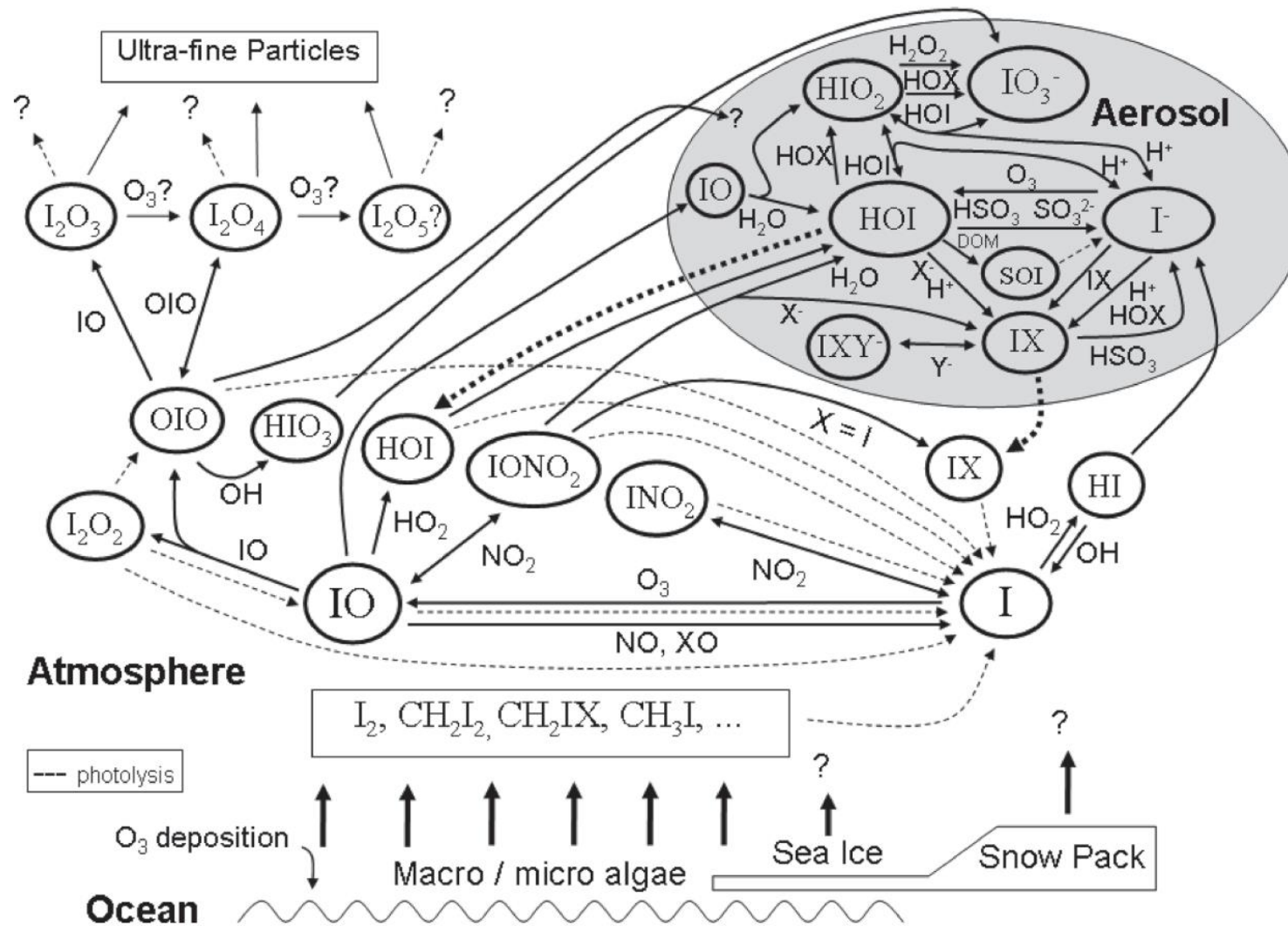
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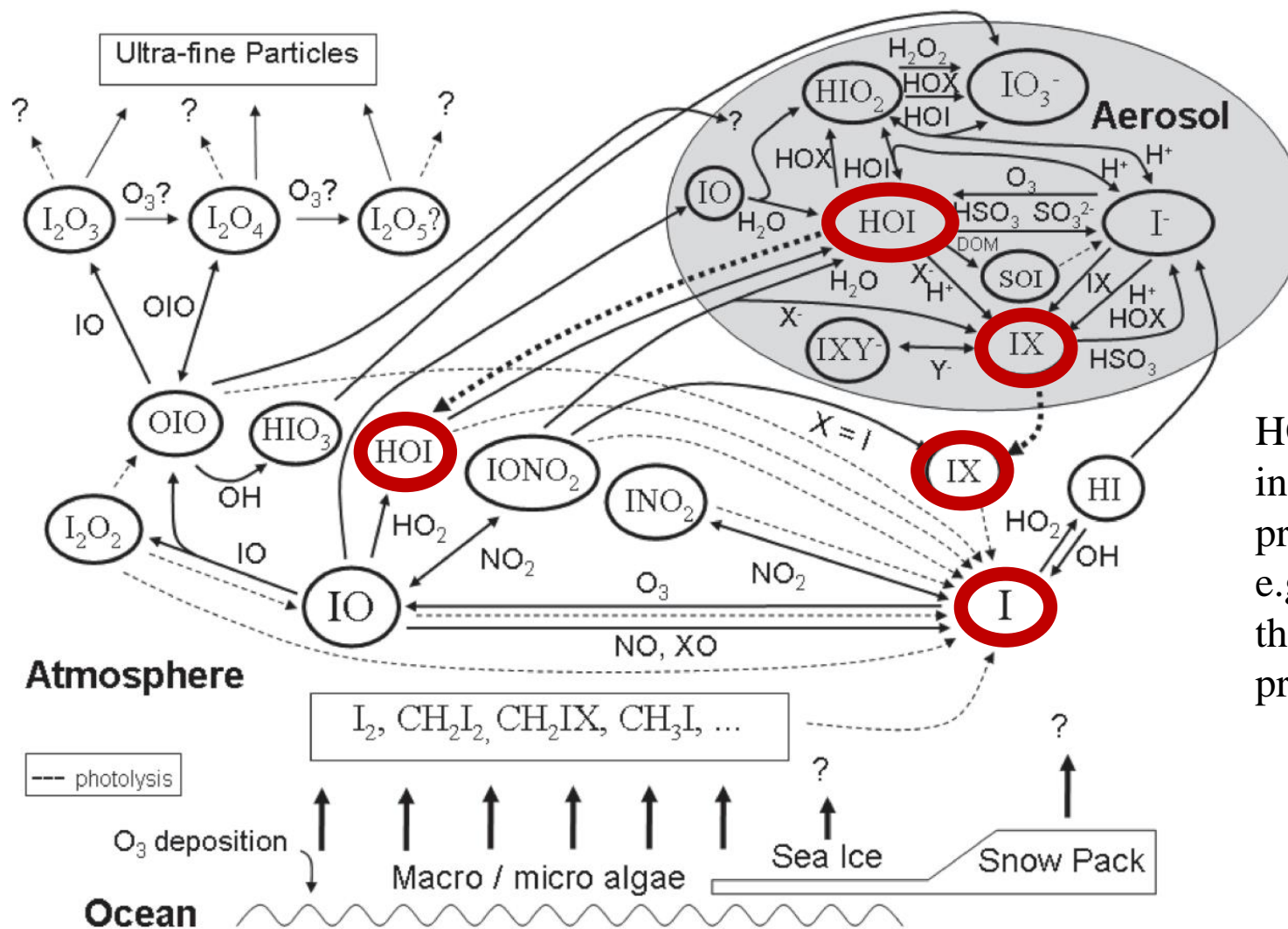
Tropospheric iodine chemistry



Iodine species have significant impacts on tropospheric chemistry and oxidation capacity.

(Saiz-Lopez et al., 2012)

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HOI is a critical species and involved in many heterogeneous processes: e.g., uptake on aerosols, activating the release of IBr and ICl, precursors of all halogen atoms.

Tropospheric iodine chemistry

Theoretical proposal (Vogt et al., *Nature*, 1996)

Published: 26 September 1996

A mechanism for halogen release from sea-salt aerosol in the remote marine boundary layer

Rainer Vogt, Paul J. Crutzen & Rolf Sander

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Adopted in models with assumed efficiency, 0.01 to 0.06 (e.g., Saiz-Lopez et al., *ACP*, 2014)

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Iodine chemistry in the troposphere and its effect on ozone

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Field evidence at one coastal site, but much faster (≥ 0.3) (Tham et al., *PNAS*, 2021)

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Direct field evidence of autocatalytic iodine release from atmospheric aerosol

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Global significance? Impacts on oxidation capacity? Requires global model simulation. (present work; Li et al., *GRL*, 2022)

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1. Specified dynamic simulation.
2. Simulation period: Jan 2017 to Dec 2018 with the first 12 months as spin-up.
3. Grid resolution: $\sim 1^\circ$.
4. From the surface to the stratosphere: 56 layers.
5. Time step: 30 min.
6. Initial condition: a previous CAM-Chem simulation (Veres et al., 2020).
7. Input meteorological condition: GEOS-5.
8. Marine boundary layer: results of the lowest seven layers (>900 hPa).

Table S1. CAM-Chem simulation design

Case	HOI uptake coefficient	IBr yield	ICl yield
Base	0.06	0.0	0.0
Conventional	0.06	0.5	0.5
Updated	0.3	0.5	0.5
Upper-limit	0.9	0.5	0.5



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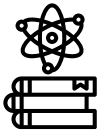
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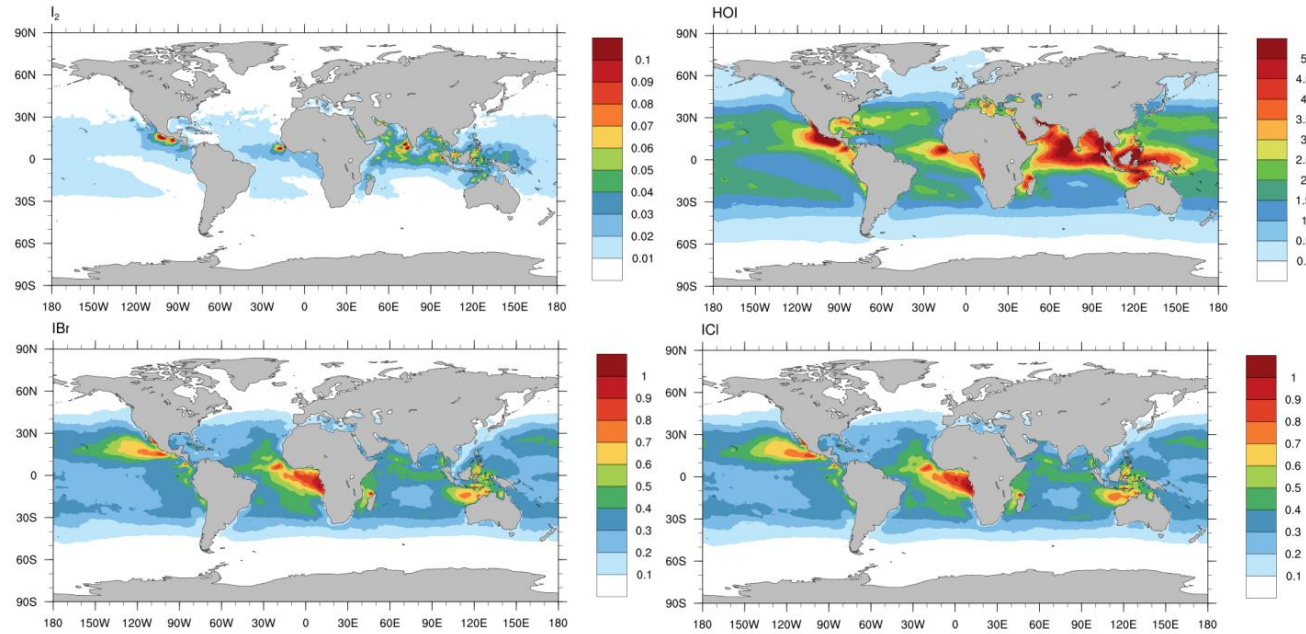
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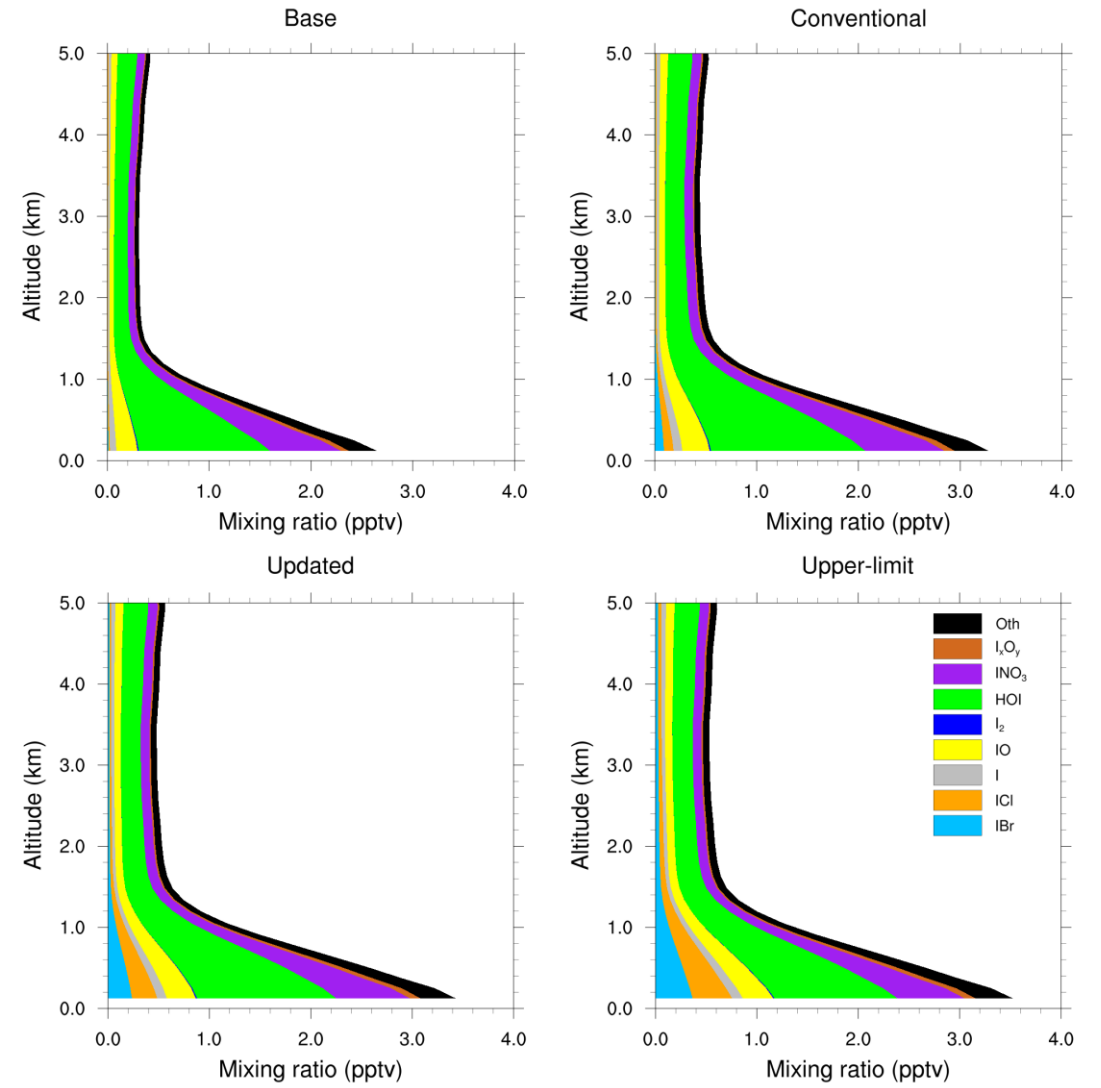
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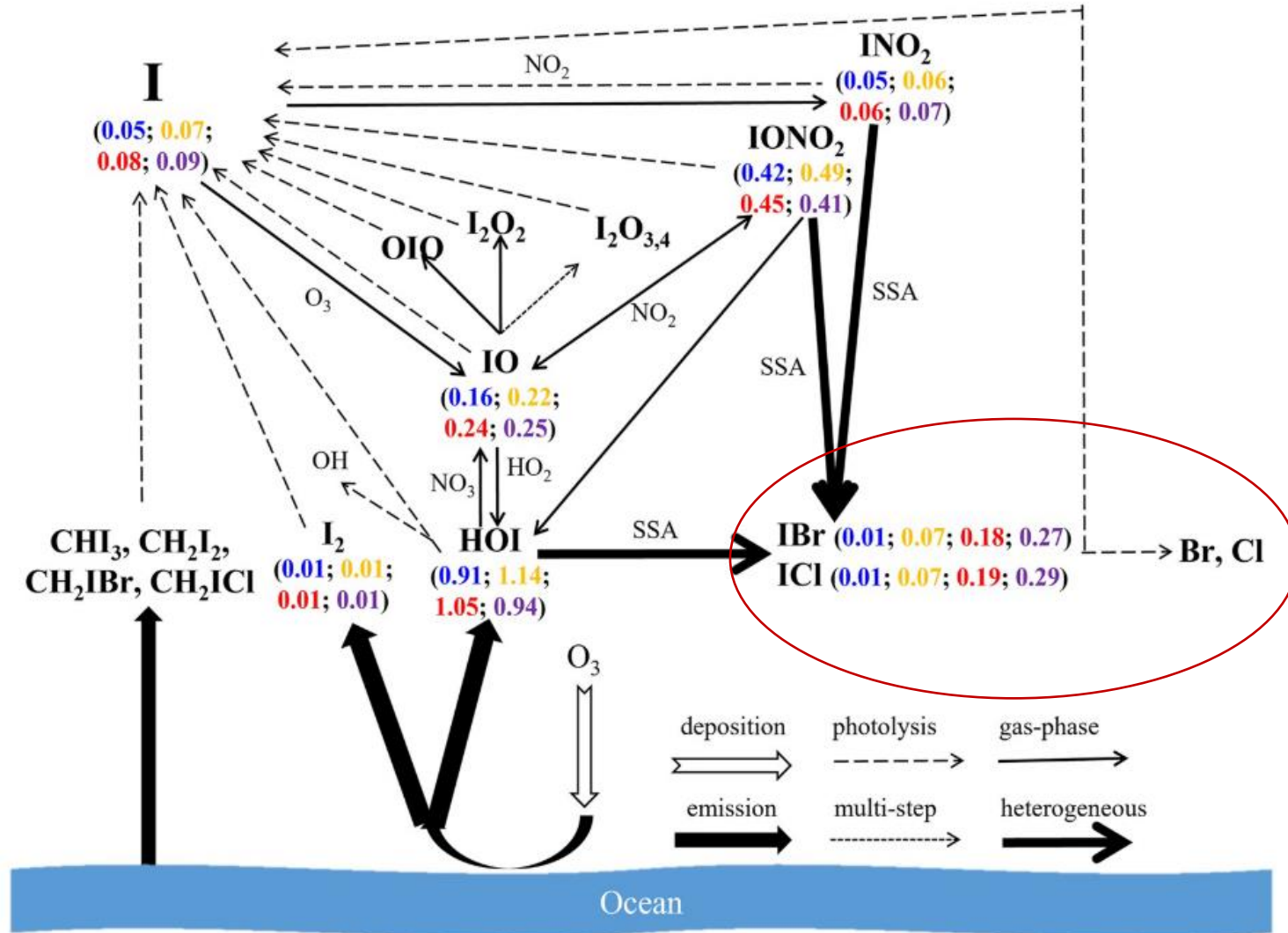


Spatial distribution of annual average I₂, HOI, IBr, and ICl mixing ratios (pptv) in MBL in the Updated case.



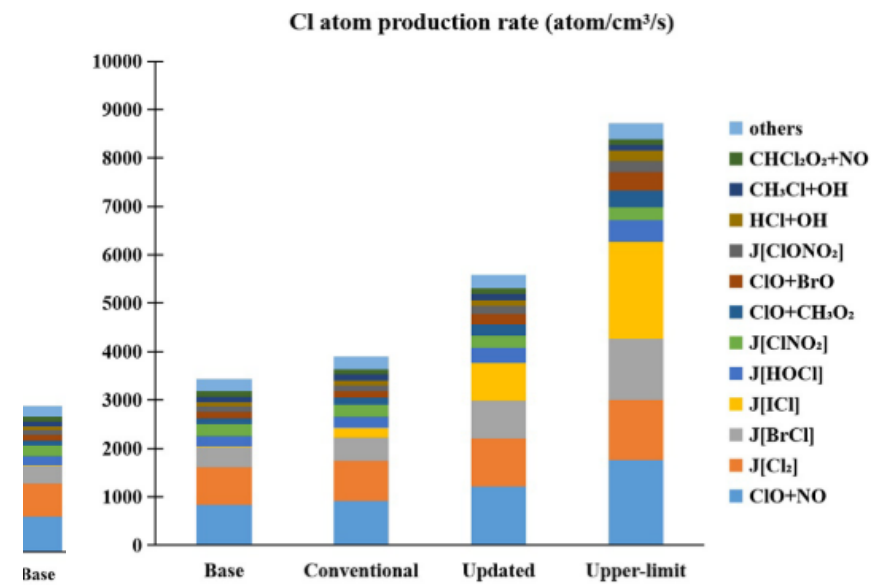
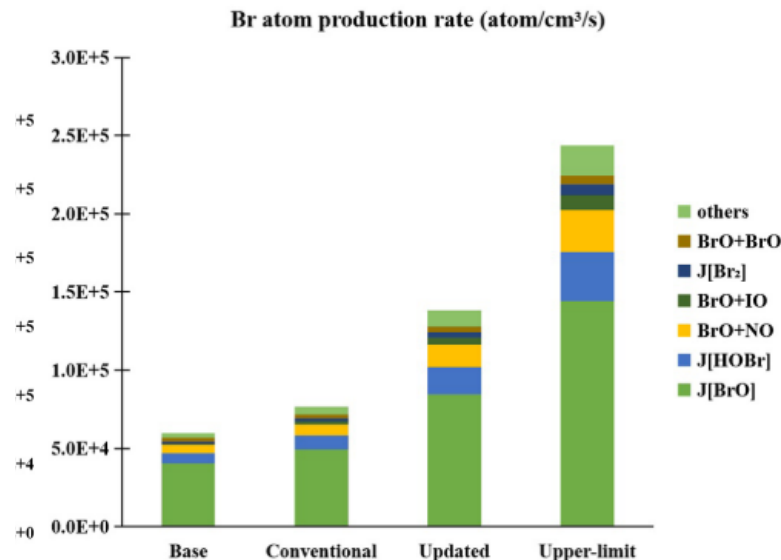
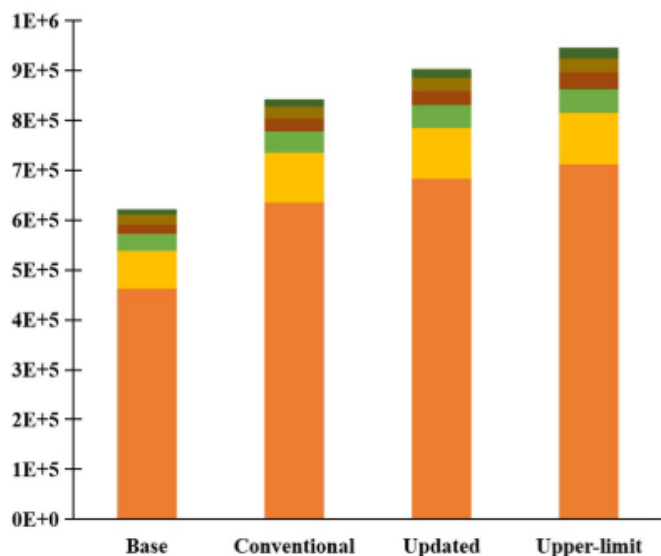
Vertical distribution of inorganic iodine species over the global ocean in the Base, Conventional, Updated, and Upper-limit scenarios. "Oth" is the sum of other inorganic iodine species (OIO, HI, INO, and INO₂).

Iodine speciation



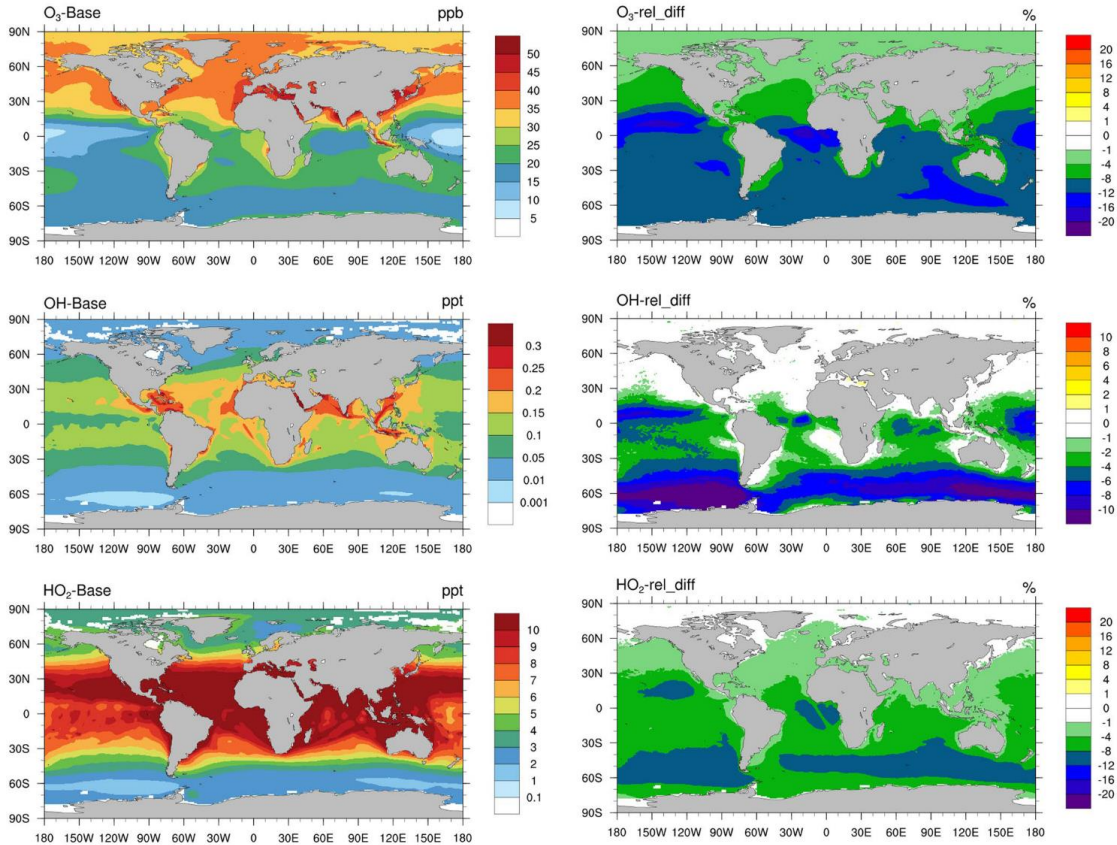
Simplified iodine chemistry in the MBL and the simulated mixing ratios (pptv) of the key iodine species in the Base (in blue font), Conventional (yellow), Updated (red), and Upper-limit (purple) cases.

Iodine recycling impacts on halogen atoms



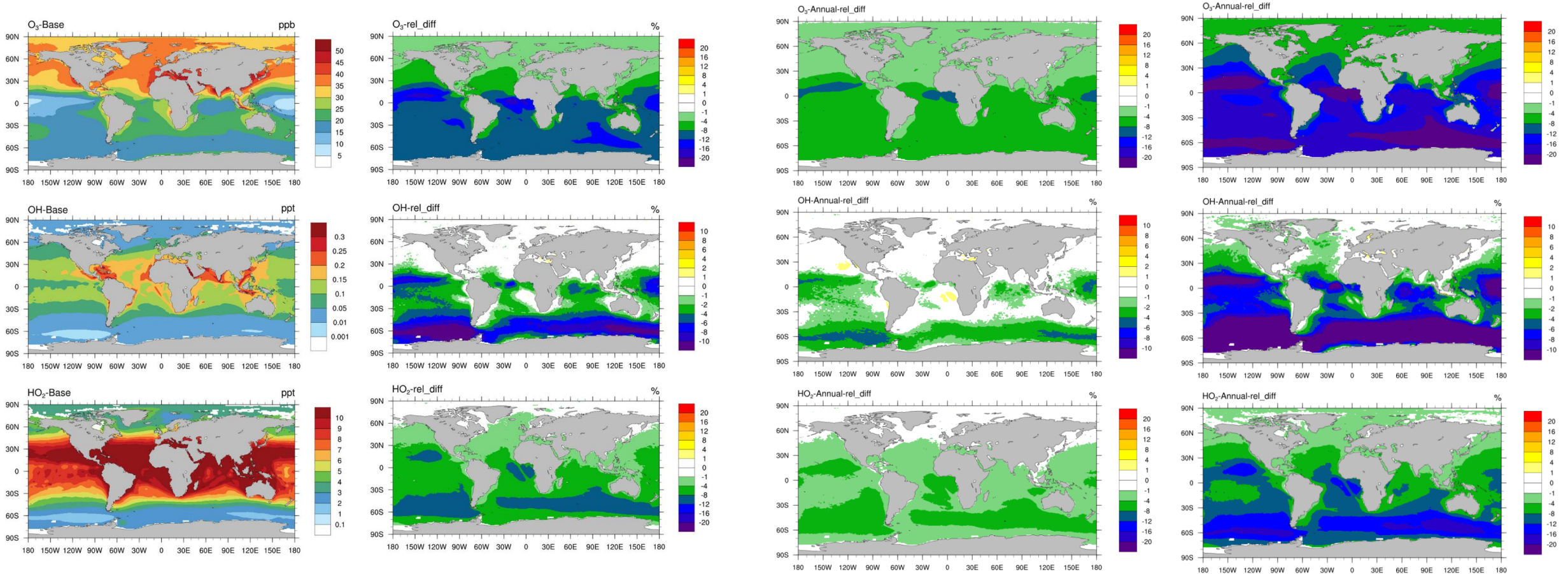
Production rate of halogen atoms (I, Br, and Cl) and the contribution of various channels in the MBL in Base, Conventional, Updated, and Upper-limit cases.

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Simulated distribution of the annual average of O₃ (ppbv; diurnal average), OH (pptv; sunlit time average), and HO₂ (pptv; sunlit time average) in the Base case in the MBL (left) and the relative change (%) between the Base and Updated cases (right).

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Simulated annual average of relative change (%) in O_3 (diurnal average), OH (sunlit time average), and HO_2 (sunlit time average) in the MBL between Base and Conventional cases (left) and between Base and Upper-limit case (right).

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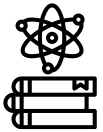
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- In the present work, we use a global chemistry-climate model, CAM-Chem to evaluate the potential role of HOI heterogeneous processing in the global MBL. Our numerical experiments show large enhancement effects of the iodine heterogeneous recycling process on the abundance of iodine species and the production rates of bromine and chlorine atoms in the MBL. Such a significant increase in halogen abundance and production leads to a noticeable reduction in the oxidation capacity particularly in the remote oceanic area, e.g., the Southern Ocean, central Pacific, etc.
- The effects of HOI uptake are very sensitive to the uptake coefficient and larger uptake coefficients (compared to the value used in current models) result in stronger impacts on oxidants, highlighting that the current models underestimate the effect of HOI heterogeneous process on global atmospheric oxidizing capacity. Further direct observations of HOI and other relevant species and parameters are necessary to constrain the efficiency of iodine heterogeneous recycling. Laboratory experiments are also required to identify and quantify the controlling factors of the HOI process and their corresponding efficiency of the different possible production channels (i.e., IBr, ICl, Cl₂, Br₂, and I₂). Simulation studies with various temporal and spatial scales are needed to further comprehend the effect of the iodine heterogeneous recycling process.

Thanks for your attention.