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Abstract. The NERC UK SOLAS-funded Reactive Halogens in the Marine Boundary Layer (RHaMBLe) programme comprised three field experiments. This manuscript presents

an overview of the measurements made within the two simultaneous remote experiments conducted in the tropical North Atlantic in May and June 2007. Measurements were made from two mobile and one ground-based platforms. The heavily instrumented cruise D319 on the RRS Discovery from Lisbon, Portugal to São Vicente, Cape Verde and back to Falmouth, UK was used to characterise the spatial distribution



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of boundary layer components likely to play a role in reactive halogen chemistry. Measurements onboard the ARSF Dornier aircraft were used to allow the observations to be interpreted in the context of their vertical distribution and to confirm the interpretation of atmospheric structure in the vicinity of the Cape Verde islands. Long-term ground-based measurements at the Cape Verde Atmospheric Observatory (CVAO) on São Vicente were supplemented by long-term measurements of reactive halogen species and characterisation of additional trace gas and aerosol species during the intensive experimental period.

This paper presents a summary of the measurements made within the RHaMBLe remote experiments and discusses them in their meteorological and chemical context as determined from these three platforms and from additional meteorological analyses. Air always arrived at the CVAO from the North East with a range of air mass origins (European, Atlantic and North American continental). Trace gases were present at stable and fairly low concentrations with the exception of a slight increase in some anthropogenic components in air of North American origin, though NO_x mixing ratios during this period remained below 20 pptv (note the non-IUPAC adoption in this manuscript of pptv and ppbv, equivalent to pmol mol^{-1} and nmol mol^{-1} to reflect common practice). Consistency with these air mass classifications is observed in the time series of soluble gas and aerosol composition measurements, with additional identification of periods of slightly elevated dust concentrations consistent with the trajectories passing over the African continent. The CVAO is shown to be broadly representative of the wider North Atlantic marine boundary layer; measurements of NO , O_3 and black carbon from the ship are consistent with a clean Northern Hemisphere marine background. Aerosol composition measurements do not indicate elevated organic material associated with clean marine air. Closer to the African coast, black carbon and NO levels start to increase, indicating greater anthropogenic influence. Lower ozone in this region is possibly associated with the increased levels of measured halocarbons, associated with the nutrient rich waters of the Mauritanian upwelling. Bromide and chloride deficits in coarse mode aerosol at both the CVAO and on D319 and the continuous abundance of inorganic gaseous halogen species at CVAO indicate significant reactive cycling of halogens.

Aircraft measurements of O_3 and CO show that surface measurements are representative of the entire boundary layer in the vicinity both in diurnal variability and absolute levels. Above the inversion layer similar diurnal behaviour in O_3 and CO is observed at lower mixing ratios in the air that had originated from south of Cape Verde, possibly from within the ITCZ. ECMWF calculations on two days indicate very different boundary layer depths and aircraft flights over the ship replicate this, giving confidence in the calculated boundary layer depth.

1 Introduction

The recent focus of marine boundary layer halogen research has been on two atmospheric implications: i) participation of reactive halogen species in catalytic ozone destruction cycles including heterogeneous reaction in or on seasalt aerosol and ii) the formation of new aerosol particles in the coastal boundary layer and their potential to act as cloud condensation nuclei (CCN). Largely driven and informed by theoretical modelling investigations (e.g., Vogt et al., 1996; Sander and Crutzen, 1996) firmly based on laboratory kinetic data (e.g., Behnke et al., 1994; Fickert et al., 1999), marine boundary layer (MBL) field measurements have revealed reactive halogen species (RHS) (e.g., Alicke et al., 1999; Allan et al., 2000a; Hebestreit et al., 1999; Saiz-Lopez and Plane, 2004a; Saiz-Lopez et al., 2004b; Peters et al., 2005) as “smoking gun” evidence for activation of unreactive halides from seasalt particles leading to observable changes in aerosol composition (e.g., Ayers et al., 1999; Gabriel et al., 2002; Pszenny et al., 2004; Newberg et al., 2005).

The primary source of reactive inorganic Cl and Br in marine air is the production of sea-salt aerosols by waves breaking at the ocean surface (Keene et al., 1999; Sander et al., 2003, respectively) whereas the major sources of reactive I include emission of biogenic iodocarbons from the ocean surface and, in coastal regions, from exposed macroalgae at low tide (Carpenter, 2003); direct emissions of I_2 from macroalgae (Saiz-Lopez and Plane, 2004a) and from the surface microlayer of the ocean (Garland and Curtis, 1981; Martino et al., 2009) may also be important. In most regions, the marine aerosol is rapidly acidified (primarily by HNO_3) resulting in dechlorination via HCl volatilisation. Some HCl reacts subsequently with OH to produce atomic Cl. The photolysis of iodocarbons and I_2 produces atomic I. Halogen atoms react with ozone to yield halogen oxides (XO), which themselves react with HO_2 and NO_2 to yield intermediate species, HOX and XONO_2 , which further react at surfaces of acidic aerosols to yield aqueous HOX. In the presence of H^+ , dissolved HOX reacts with available halide ions (Y^-) to form interhalogen species XY including (IBr, ICl, BrCl, Br_2 and Cl_2), which subsequently volatilise and photolyse to yield two halogen atoms. This process leads to significant, widespread depletion of Br^- relative to fresh sea salt (Sander et al., 2003) and is responsible for the associated production of reactive halogens from the pool of halide ions produced in association with sea-salt aerosols.

There is significant chloride concentration in fresh seawater, roughly 660 times less bromide and comparatively trace levels of iodide. This, and the relative aqueous reaction rates of HOX with Br^- and Cl^- , results in the seasalt aerosol being a significant source of reactive chlorine and bromine, but a much weaker source of iodine. This implies that seasalt will provide a sink rather than a source of iodine and requires that gaseous sources of organohalogen (Carpenter et al., 1999, 2000) or other photolabile iodine-containing species are the

precursors to reactive iodine. The IO self-reaction and the reaction of IO with BrO both lead to formation of iodine dioxide (OIO), the uptake which may be the source of significant observed iodine enrichment in aerosol relative to seawater. Vogt et al. (1999) first incorporated iodine chemistry into halogen activation mechanisms. The emission of biogenic photolabile iodine and initiation of, and/or coupling to, the recycling of RHS through seasalt aerosol has been investigated through various observationally-informed modelling studies coupling gaseous photochemistry, aerosol microphysics and chemistry on various scales and at various levels of simplification (Stutz et al., 1999; McFiggans et al., 2000, 2002; Toyota et al., 2001; von Glasow et al., 2002a,b, 2004; Lowe et al., 2009). Such studies have revealed significant potential impact of marine halogens on ozone, NO_x and HO_x ratios and aerosol halide concentrations and of DMS oxidation by BrO and non-methane hydrocarbon (NMHC) oxidation by Cl atoms. Reviews of MBL halogen chemistry have been compiled by Carpenter (2003); Sander et al. (2003) and von Glasow and Crutzen (2007). This manuscript is concerned with the context for halogen investigations in the remote MBL; coastal halogen processes and impacts will be addressed in the companion paper of McFiggans et al. (2009). Whilst a complete characterisation of halogen chemistry and quantification of its impacts on oxidation processes requires detailed model studies, many aspects of halogen cycling are accessible to interpretation by direct measurements of RHS, their precursors and other trace gases. For example, clear evidence of significant local perturbations to radical chemistry partially attributable to the participation of halogens (Bloss et al., 2005) was identified in the coastal MBL by combining measurements of XO with those of OH and HO₂. A key goal of the experiments reported here was to establish whether such signals of XO impacts are also present in the remote MBL. The perturbations to oxidative chemistry due to remote MBL halogen chemistry affecting OH concentrations (due to $XO + HO \rightarrow HOX + O_2 \rightarrow OH + X$ or reductions in the O₃ concentration resulting from catalytic cycles) may present significant climate implications by increasing the methane lifetime in the tropical MBL (40% of CH₄ loss to OH attack occurs within the tropical boundary layer (Lawrence et al., 2001); over 80% of this within the tropical MBL) or by enhancing the oxidation of dimethylsulphide, thereby impacting on cloud condensation nucleus formation and transformation. Of course, the impacts are likely to be complex (for example, the impacts of enhanced Cl concentration on CH₄ loss will tend to decrease its lifetime), though nonetheless important to resolve.

The Reactive Halogens in the Marine Boundary Layer (RHaMBLe) programme was conceived to enhance the capability of predicting the impacts of both remote and coastal halogen cycling by provision of improved process descriptions and of quality assured data for evaluation of modelling efforts. This overview is concerned with the remote MBL studies, which focused on the roles of halogens in oxidative

processes and on the associated aerosol transformations resulting from RHS cycling. Two open ocean deployments within RHaMBLe were designed to link with long-term studies in the tropical Atlantic Ocean at the Cape Verde Atmospheric Observatory (CVAO) on São Vicente (Read et al., 2008, 2009; Lee et al., 2009) off the west coast of Africa (16.848° N, 24.871° W). The tropical Atlantic atmosphere, in addition to being representative of remote ocean environments, is of specific major importance for the Earth's climate, ecology and biogeochemistry, yet is poorly characterised; large radiative fluxes and high water vapour concentrations lead to a high oxidative turnover. In addition, significant concentrations of reactive bromine have been observed in the tropical northeast Atlantic (Leser et al., 2003; Quack et al., 2004; Keene et al., 2009). Available evidence suggests that the primary source for reactive Br in this region is the production of sea salt aerosol and its subsequent acid-catalysed autocatalytic activation. Emission of photolysable bromocarbons from the surface ocean from the large upwelling area off Mauritania and transport of reactive Br from continents may also contribute. During late spring and summer, the region near CV is typically influenced by "clean" North Atlantic marine air along the NNE trade winds, allowing study of background Atlantic air, expected to be frequently influenced by the Mauritanian upwelling and associated oceanic gases. During autumn and winter, CV is situated in the direct transport pathway of westerly dust and biomass burning plumes from Africa to the North Atlantic.

Figure 1 shows the probability of an air mass having passed over a region 5 d before arrival at CVAO for June–August 2000 and for the whole of 2000, using ECMWF data. Warm colours represent higher probability. The projects were scheduled for early summer to maximise the frequency of air mass trajectories passing over the Mauritanian upwelling region prior to arrival at the CVAO, increasing the potential role of halogen chemistry; and minimise the dust input from Saharan outflow which dominates other periods and may significantly affect heterogeneous processes and perturb the radiative balance and hence photochemistry. At higher altitude, there may be significant dust outflows but MBL chemistry is less likely to be directly affected.

The aims of the RHaMBLe remote marine measurement investigations were to provide a comprehensive characterisation of halogen compounds in the remote marine atmosphere, including both organic and inorganic reactive species and providing substantial spatial and temporal coverage. The first experiment comprised an intensive campaign and supplementation of the long-term continuous measurements at CVAO. The second deployment comprised a simultaneous ship transect through the biologically-active upwelling region west of Mauritania aiming to investigate the regional contribution and spatial variability of biogenically derived sea-air flux of precursors to RHS sources. During this second deployment, an instrumented aircraft was deployed to investigate vertical variability. This manuscript presents the

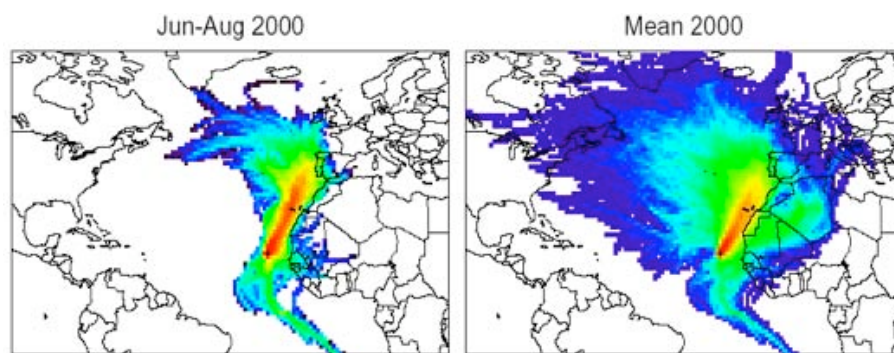


Fig. 1. The probability density of an air mass having passed over a region 5 days before arrival at CVAO for June–August 2000 and for the whole of 2000, using ECMWF data. Warm colours represent higher probability.

scientific rationale and the meteorological and other conditions providing the context for the RHaMBLE remote marine experiments.

2 Experimental methods

2.1 Enhanced long-term characterisation and intensive detailed study of remote MBL halogen chemistry

Few RHS measurements exist in the remote marine atmosphere (Allan et al., 2000a, 2001; Saiz-Lopez et al., 2004b). No long-term measurements of inorganic RHS had been made at a single location in this environment prior to the RHaMBLE project; therefore variability in RHS is highly uncertain. The remote studies within the RHaMBLE project at the CVAO comprised two components: i) a heavily instrumented intensive project and ii) supplementation of the ongoing long-term measurements with measurements of XO species to determine their variability over an annual cycle. The measurements were designed to enable direct estimation of the roles of oceanic halogen emissions in MBL chemistry through detailed characterisation of IO, BrO, OH, HO₂ and NO₃ and estimation of the effects of marine halogens. These measurements may be used to investigate the impacts of halogens on lifetime predictions of reduced sulphur species and greenhouse gases, and on the MBL O₃ budget. In addition to the gaseous species, broad characterisation of physical and chemical aerosol properties were made; both to describe the medium for halogen activation and for quantifying the potential sink for radical species, which are thought to play an important role (Haggerstone et al., 2005) in the radical budget. The aims of the CVAO RHaMBLE activities were therefore to provide a detailed characterisation of reactive halogen cycling in the tropical marine boundary layer and their impact on marine oxidation through in situ intensive measurements of all major participating species and to provide enhanced long-term capability for RHS measurement.

2.1.1 Technique descriptions

Table 1 provides a listing of the instrumentation deployed at CVAO during the intensive and long-term RHaMBLE participation.

Long-term measurements at the CVAO commenced in summer 2006 and continued for the duration of the RHaMBLE project. Located on a beach that faces the strong NE trade winds and is free of any significant coastal features that could affect boundary layer chemistry, CVAO was sited to receive air masses well processed within the marine troposphere, with very rare pollution from local activities. The observatory site comprises several instrumented shipping containers, located on flat ground about 30 m back from the sea edge, 10 m a.s.l. and two sampling towers; one 10 m and one 30 m high. O₃ and NO_x were measured from 5 m above ground level (15 m a.s.l.). O₃ was measured using a UV absorption analyser (TEI 49i), with data taken at 1 min frequency. Measurements of NO_x were made using a single channel, chemiluminescence NO detector with a photolytic NO₂ converter (diode based blue light converter (BLC) Droplet Measurement Technologies). The instrument (Air Quality Design Inc, US) has an air sample flow through the NO_x converter, with the NO measurement taken when the NO₂ converter diodes are periodically switched off. The sample flow is produced from the main vacuum pump, which holds the pressure of the main reaction chamber at ~10 mbar. Calibration of NO and NO₂ was carried out at successive 13 h intervals by adding a small flow of NO calibration gas to the sample flow from a cylinder (BOC Gases, UK). This allowed calculation of sensitivities in the same air humidity as ambient. A UV photolysis lamp was used to produce ozone in the calibration air to perform gas phase titration of the NO to NO₂ for calibration of the NO₂ conversion efficiency of the BLC. The instrument performed at detection limits (DL) of 1.5 and 4 pptv for hourly averaged NO, and NO₂, respectively. A full description of the long term measurements of O₃ and NO_x can be found in Lee et al. (2009).

Table 1. Measurement and instrument listing for the RHaMBLe CVAO experiment in May–June 2007.

Target species	Instrument	Technique	DL (integration time)	Reference
Long-term measurements				
O ₃	TEI 49i (CVAO core)	UV absorption	1 ppbv (60 s)	Lee et al. (2009)
NO	NO _{xy} (CVAO core)	Chemiluminescence	1.5 pptv (1 h)	Lee et al. (2009)
NO ₂	NO _{xy} (CVAO core)	Photolytic conversion → Chemiluminescence	5 pptv (1 h)	Lee et al. (2009)
ΣNO _y	NO _{xy} (CVAO core)	Molybdenum catalysis → Chemiluminescence	4 pptv (1 h)	Lee et al. (2009)
CO	TEI 43 (U. York)	UV Fluorescence	2 ppbv (1 min)	Read et al. (2009)
DMS, oVOCs, VOCs	GC/FID (CVAO core)	Gas chromatography Flame Ionisation Detector	1 pptv (1 h)	Read et al. (2009)
Halocarbons, C _x H _y X _z	GC/MS (CVAO core)	Gas chromatography Mass Spectrometry	0.05 pptv (30 min)	Simmonds et al. (2004)
IO, BrO, I ₂ , OIO	Long-path DOAS (U. Leeds)	12 km path Xe arc lamp active DOAS	0.9, 0.5, 5, 2 pptv (20 min)	Plane and Saiz-Lopez (2006)
CH ₄ , CO ₂ , N ₂ O	Flask Sampling (MPI Jena)	Whole air GC/FID	0.7, 30, 0.3 1.4 ppbv	Kozlova and Manning (2009)
Aerosol, PM ₁₀	Hi-Vol filter, Metrohm 761	Ion Chromatography	1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 5, 8, 9, 3 ng m ⁻³	Müller et al. (2009a)
Mg ²⁺ , Ca ²⁺ , NH ₄ ⁺ Na ⁺ , K ⁺ , Br ⁻ , Cl ⁻ NO ₃ ⁻ , SO ₄ ²⁻ , oxalate	(IFT, Leipzig)			
OC, EC	C-mat 5500	NDIR	0.3, 0.1 µg m ⁻³	Herrmann et al. (2006)
Particle number size distributions	SMPS APS	Scanning mobility sizing Aerodynamic sizing	4.5 min 4.5 min	Birmili et al. (1999)
Spectral absorption coefficients	SOAP	Filter-based absorption photometry	0.5 Mm ⁻¹ (30 min)	Müller et al. (2009b)
RHaMBLe intensive measurements				
OH, HO ₂	FAGE LIF (U. Leeds)	Laser induced fluorescence at 508 nm	0.02, 0.1 pptv (1 min)	Whalley et al. (2009)
jO(¹ D)	Filter radiometer (U. Leeds)	λ-filtered photon flux	N/A	Whalley et al. (2009)
Cl ₂	Triple-Quadrupole CIMS (U.C. Irvine)	Chemical Ionisation Mass Spectrometry	1.9 pptv (1 h)	Finley and Saltzman (2008)
Cl* [*] , HCl, HNO ₃ , NH ₃ , HCOOH, CH ₃ COOH	Tandem mist chamber (U. Virginia & U. New Hampshire)	Ion chromatography	14, 26, 12, 3, 29, 44 pptv (2 h)	Keene et al. (2007)
Br, I, Na, Al, Mn & V in bulk aerosol Volatile inorganic Br & I	Filter pack (U. New Hampshire & U. Virginia)	Neutron activation	2.2, 0.94, 0.53, 0.022, 0.25, 0.55 ng m ⁻³ 4.9 and 2.7 ng m ⁻³ (3 h)	Keene et al. (2007)
Aerosol, size-resolved Br ⁻ , Cl ⁻ , NO ₃ ⁻ , SO ₄ ²⁻ , dicarboxylic acids	Berner 5-stage impactor Spectra Phoresis 1000	Capillary Electrophoresis	1, 1, 4, 4 0.2 ng m ⁻³	Müller et al. (2009a)
Mg ²⁺ , Ca ²⁺ , NH ₄ ⁺ , Na ⁺ , K ⁺	Metrohm 690 (IFT, Leipzig)	Ion Chromatography	1, 1, 1 1, 1 ng m ⁻³	
OC, EC	C-mat 5500	NDIR	0.02, 0.01 µg m ⁻³	Herrmann et al. (2006)

Hourly VOC measurements were made using a dual channel gas chromatograph. The instrument has two parallel columns which simultaneously resolve C₂-C₈ NMHCs, and dimethylsulfide (DMS) using an Al₂O₃ PLOT column and oxidised volatile organic compounds (OVOCs), including acetaldehyde, methanol, and acetone using a more polar LOWOX column. VOCs were preconcentrated onto a multi-adsorbent bed at ~18 °C achieved through use of Peltier cooling and then desorbed into a helium flow by rapid heating (16 °C/s) to 400 °C. NMHCs were calibrated using a standard cylinder (Apel-Reimer Environmental Inc., Denver, US) twice weekly whilst for DMS and OVOCs, a permeation system was used in conjunction with relative detector response. Weightings of the permeation tubes were typically carried out every two months. Measurements of CO were made using an Aerolaser 5001 fast response VUV analyser. The instrument was calibrated every 3 h using a 200 ppbv CO standard cylinder (BOC Gases, UK) which in turn was verified by the manufacturer and against other standard cylinders at the observatory. The time resolution for both CO and O₃ measurements was 1 min. CO, DMS, OVOCs and VOCs were measured from the top of the small tower, 10 m above ground level (20 m a.s.l.). A full description of the long term measurements of CO and VOCs can be found in Read et al. (2009).

Volatile halogenated trace gases were measured using the MADS (Modified Adsorption Desorption System) GC-MS (Agilent) instrument in selective ion mode (SIM). The MADS takes 3-litre samples, through a counter-purged Nafion drier at a flow rate of 100 mL/min and a frequency of 60 min per measurement. The trapping and injection unit consists of a microtrap for preconcentration which is cooled using two three-stage thermoelectric (Peltier) coolers to a temperature of -40 °C and then is independently heated resistively to 210 °C in about four seconds. Separations are performed on a PoraBOND-Q capillary column, which is ramped from 40 to 220 °C during the main analysis to allow less-volatile analytes to elute sharply. Each ambient air measurement was bracketed by the measurement of fixed loop injection of halocarbons from an oven containing permeation tubes of halocarbon standards. For compounds not contained in permeation tubes, a secondary method of calibration utilised calibration standards, which are generated at the University of Bristol from high concentration cylinders volumetrically diluted using a specially developed system. The field standards (contained in pressurized 35L Essex Cryogenic stainless steel canisters) are inter-compared, before and after use, by reference to gold standards maintained at the University of Bristol and Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO). The concentrations determined in the standards cylinders are reported in a provisional scale. Blanks and instrument linearity's are measured routinely. Halocarbons are also measured from the top of a small tower, 10 m above ground level (20 m a.s.l.).

Temperature, relative humidity, and wind measurements are collected from 3 heights (4, 10, 30 m above ground level) every second and the data is averaged over a minute. Atmospheric pressure and broadband UV radiation is recorded at 4 m. *j*O(¹D) was measured at 4 m with a 2π filter radiometer (Meteorology Consult GmbH, calibrated before and after the field measurements) with <5% precision and ~20% accuracy for solar zenith angles (SZA) below 60°, and corrections were applied for the vertical overhead O₃ column and changes in sensitivity due to changing SZA.

Continuous long-term analyses of aerosol ion composition, organic carbon, elemental carbon (OC/EC) and total mass have been made since January 2007 from 72-h samples taken at 32 m above the ground (42 m a.s.l.). Quality control is made twice a year for ion analysis by the WMO and the OC/EC method was part of an international round robin test reported in Schmid et al. (2001). An increased measurement frequency was used for the RHaMBLe intensive period (see below). A more detailed description is given in Müller et al. (2009a).

Within the RHaMBLe framework, a long-path broadband differential optical absorption spectrometer (DOAS) (Plane and Saiz-Lopez, 2006) instrument was deployed as a long-term instrument from the same container as the halocarbon GC/MS instrument. The instrument comprises a 450 W xenon lamp at the focal point of a 32 cm diameter Newtonian telescope, producing a collimated beam which is directed towards a retroreflector array. The returning light is captured by the same telescope and dispersed through a 0.5 m Czerny-Turner spectrometer with a 1200 grooves mm⁻¹ grating, producing a spectral resolution of 0.25 nm over a range of ~40 nm on a 1024-element CCD camera. Recorded spectra are converted into optical densities using a Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) (e.g. Plane and Saiz-Lopez, 2006), and the contributions of the individual absorbing species are then determined by using singular value decomposition to fit simultaneously a library of reference absorption cross-sections (Saiz-Lopez et al., 2004b). With DL for BrO (0.8 pptv), IO (0.5 pptv), I₂ (10 pptv) and OIO (4 pptv) for a light-path of around 12 km and an averaging time of 20 min, the DOAS instrument provided a continuous and long-term dataset of halogen radical measurements. More details can be found in Mahajan et al. (2009).

The intensive study was carried out in May and June 2007. For this period, a fluorescence assay by gas expansion (FAGE) instrument housed in a foreshore container provided in situ OH and HO₂ concentrations. The instrument, described in Whalley et al. (2009) (as is the filter radiometer for *j*O(¹D)), comprises a wavelength tuneable Nd:YAG-pumped Ti:Sapphire laser, generating up to 1.6 W of broadband near-IR radiation, from which a wavelength close to 924 nm is selected and frequency tripled to produce the required UV radiation close to 308 nm for OH excitation. The on-resonance laser induced fluorescence at low pressure is detected after correction for scattered laser light and detector

dark counts by off-resonance tuning. HO₂ was also measured by this method following conversion to OH by addition of NO. A DL of 0.04 and 0.1 pptv for 150 s integrations was achieved for OH and HO₂, respectively.

Collaboratory participation for the RHaMBLe intensive period provided quantification of a complementary suite of atmospheric constituents: Cl* (including Cl₂, HOCl and probably contributions from ClNO₃, ClNO₂, BrCl, ClO and Cl) was sampled atop the tower over 2-h intervals at nominal flow rates of 15 L min⁻¹ with tandem mist chambers containing 20 ml acidic (upstream) and alkaline (downstream) scrubbing solutions (Keene et al., 1993, 2007; Maben et al., 1995). Water-soluble volatile inorganic chlorine and oxidised nitrogen (dominated by and hereafter referred to as HCl and HNO₃, respectively), NH₃, HCOOH and CH₃COOH were sampled in parallel with tandem mist-chambers, each of which contained 20 ml deionised water (Keene et al., 2007). Super- and sub- μ m aerosol particles were removed by inertial size-fractionation at the inlet and in-line filtration, respectively, upstream of both sets of tandem samplers. Mist solutions were analysed on site by ion chromatography and blank-corrected. Average DLs (estimated following Keene et al., 1989) for Cl*, HCl, HNO₃, NH₃, HCOOH, and CH₃COOH were 14, 26, 12, 3, 29, and 44 pptv, respectively.

Particulate Br, I, Na, Al, Mn and V were sampled in bulk atop the 30 m tower over nominal 3-h intervals at nominal flow rates of 80 L min⁻¹ using precleaned 47-mm diameter Whatman 41 filters (Pszenny et al., 2004; Keene et al., 2007). Total volatile inorganic Br and I were sampled downstream of the Whatman 41 filters on tandem Rayon filters (Schleicher and Schuell 5S) impregnated with 10% *w/v* LiOH+10% *v/v* glycerol (Rahn et al., 1976). Exposed filters were shipped frozen to Mount Washington Observatory for processing and were subsequently analyzed at the University of Rhode Island by neutron activation (Rahn et al., 1976; Keene et al., 2007). Average DLs (estimated following Currie, 1968) for particulate Br, I, Na, Al, Mn and V and for total volatile inorganic Br and I were 2.2, 0.94, 0.53, 0.022, 0.25, 0.55, 4.9, and 2.7 ng m⁻³.

During the RHaMBLe intensive period, in parallel to the DIGITEL high volume (500 L/min) quartz-filter sampling of total particulates below 10 μ m diameter (PM₁₀) a five-stage Berner impactor was used to collect size-resolved particles in the fractions 0.05 to 0.14 μ m, 0.14 to 0.42 μ m, 0.42 to 1.2 μ m, 1.2 to 3.5 μ m and 3.5 to 10 μ m aerodynamic diameter onto aluminium foils at 75 L/min. All samples were analysed for water soluble ions (Na⁺, NH₄⁺, K⁺, Mg²⁺, Ca²⁺, Cl⁻, Br⁻, NO₃⁻, SO₄²⁻, methanesulphonic acid, oxalate, malonate and succinate) by ion chromatography with conductivity detection or capillary electrophoresis with indirect UV detection. Organic and elemental carbon analyses were performed by a C-mat 5500 in a two step method using NDIR detection of CO₂ (it should be noted that any differences between the loadings observed between the impactor and filter samples

could be largely attributed to field blank values of the filters and the impaction foils). Additionally, pieces of thin polycarbonate foils were inserted on each stage for the analysis of metals using a S2-PICOFOX TXRF spectrometer. More details can be found in Müller et al. (2009a).

Aerosol size distribution measurements by scanning mobility and aerodynamic particle sizing instrumentation from 12.3 nm to 10.4 μ m diameter were made continuously from a container close to the tower with an inlet height of about 4 m above ground. Additionally, spectral absorption coefficients in the range from 350 to 950 nm were measured by the SOAP (Spectral Optical Absorption Photometer), using filter-based absorption photometry.

Gaseous dihalogen species (Cl₂, Br₂, I₂ and BrCl were measured using atmospheric pressure chemical ionisation tandem mass spectrometry (APCI-MS-MS) (Finley and Saltzman, 2008). The inlet was located on the foreshore at about 3 m above ground (13 m a.s.l.). Air was drawn through a 3 m multi-stage laminar flow inlet and ionised using a ⁶³Ni β -emitting foil to form anions from the respective ambient dihalogens. The dihalogen anions were mass filtered, collisionally dissociated to halogen ions, mass filtered again, then detected. The instrument blank was assessed by sampling ambient air through carbonate-coated glass wool. The instrument was field-calibrated using permeation tube standards. Permeation tubes were calibrated both gravimetrically and by reacting their output with neutral KI solution to form I₃⁻ which was detected spectrophotometrically. The detection limits for dihalogens averaged <2 pptv for 15 min means.

2.2 Ship characterisation of MBL chemistry variation with latitude and variable source region

A spatial characterisation of the marine contribution to atmospheric halogen chemistry was provided by measurements made on the RRS Discovery cruise D319. The cruise mobilised from Lisbon and transected through Biscay, south past the Canary Isles, steaming onwards to Cape Verde with the following North-Easterly trade winds before docking in Mindelo on São Vicente during the intensive deployment at CVAO. The cruise then tracked towards the west coast of Africa, into the biologically-rich waters of the Mauritanian upwelling. The cruise tracked through gradients of productivity informed by realtime provision of remote-sensing products (see below); slowly tracking northwards, maximising useful atmospheric sampling by tacking into the prevailing wind. The cruise track overlaid onto remotely-sensed chlorophyll concentration retrieved from the MODIS satellite averaged across the period that the ship was in the region is shown in Fig. 2. D319 mobilised on 19 May and docked in Falmouth on 11 June 2007.

The aims of D319 were to quantify marine halocarbon emission variability and latitudinal heterogeneity, characterise in situ open ocean atmospheric reactive iodine latitudinal variability and the oxidative chemistry perturbation due

to oceanic emission of halogens from the Mauritanian upwelling region; does the upwelling region produce more or less halogen compounds than the “background” region?

2.2.1 Technique descriptions

Table 2 lists the measurements and instruments on the RRS Discovery for D319.

A range of halocarbons were measured in both the water column and atmosphere by Two Perkin Elmer Turbo-mass GC-MS systems with thermal desorption units (TD, Perkin Elmer, UK). One instrument was used for continuous automated online air measurements (every 70 min) and one for purge-and-trap water measurements (every 2 to 2.5 h, 16 to 24 h per day). Air was sampled from 8 m above the ocean surface through a 60 m Teflon PFA sampling manifold at a flow rate of ~ 30 L/min, 100 mL/min of which was sub-sampled through a clean metal bellows pump (Senior Aerospace, USA) to supply the online trap. 40 mL seawater samples were syringed from the non-toxic seawater supply drawn from, on average, 6 m below mean water line and injected into the purge-and-trap vessel. The techniques are described more fully in Carpenter et al. (2009) and provided halocarbon DLs in the range 0.01 to 0.05 pptv.

Two Broadband Cavity Enhanced Absorption Spectroscopy (BBCEAS) systems were deployed above and astern of the port side container with the aim of measuring boundary layer mixing ratios of I_2 and IO. Each instrument comprised an open-path optical cavity (length=117 cm) formed between 25 mm diameter high reflectivity mirrors. The instrument targeting I_2 employed a green light emitting diode (LED) and operated over the wavelength range 525–555 nm: this was the first field deployment of the instrument previously used to measure I_2 emissions from seaweed in the laboratory during the Roscoff coastal campaign (Ball et al., 2009). The second instrument used a royal blue LED to target IO absorption features within a bandwidth of 438–453 nm, and was an adaptation of the LED-BBCEAS instrument deployed to measure the sum of $NO_3+N_2O_5$ mixing ratios in ambient air during the Roscoff coastal campaign (Langridge et al., 2008).

A compact version of the FAGE system, developed for airborne measurement and modified for ship deployment, was located in the port container with an aim to quantify IO concentrations, permitting direct assessment of RHS-induced changes in the oxidising environment through the upwelling region. In contrast to the HO_x FAGE, the ship instrument exploited the IO excitation wavelength at 445 nm, with off-resonance fluorescence at 520 nm (see Whalley et al., 2007).

NO measurements were made by chemiluminescence using an Ecophysics CLD 780 TR nitric oxide analyser. A second identical NO analyser was operated with a photolytic Xe lamp based NO_2 converter (Ecophysics PLC 762) connected. Measurements were run on continuous sampling except during calibrations and when running zeros. The NO analysers

were calibrated using a cylinder of 450 ppbv NO in nitrogen, diluted to 4 ppbv in zero air. The photolytic converter efficiency is also determined as part of the calibration using gas phase titration of NO to NO_2 with ozone. Zero air was run through the system on several occasions to allow more accurate determination of the instrument artefact. Data was taken with 10 min integration period. The 1σ limit of detection for 10 min frequency data is approximately 2.8 pptv for NO and 7 pptv for NO_2 . Ozone concentrations were measured using a 2B Technologies dual Cell UV absorption ozone analyser. The data is internally averaged to one minute frequency and the detection limit is 1.5 ppbv.

A spectral radiometer (Edwards and Monks, 2003) was sited on the monkey deck above the bridge of RRS Discovery. The radiometer provided continuous measurements of the solar actinic flux as a function of wavelength through an upward pointing 2π hemisphere (wavelength range 280–700 nm; spectral resolution 1 nm). The flux data were averaged to 1 min integration times and then combined with molecular absorption cross sections and quantum yields to calculate photolysis frequencies for $jO(^1D)$, jNO_2 , jNO_3 , jI_2 , $jOIO$, jIO , jCH_3I , $jHOI$, jCH_2I_2 , jCH_2ICl , jCH_2IBr etc., or summed in wavelength to provide the total actinic flux over the radiometer’s bandwidth. For example at solar noon on 3 June 2007, a cloudless day during the transect of the Mauritanian upwelling, the photolysis frequencies for NO_2 , I_2 , CH_3I and CH_2I_2 were $8.5 \times 10^{-3} s^{-1}$, $0.16 s^{-1}$, $3.0 \times 10^{-6} s^{-1}$ and $7.7 \times 10^{-3} s^{-1}$, respectively. The spectral radiometer operated from 19 May 2007 until 9 June 2007 with very occasional missing data.

Aerosol number and size distribution measurements from 3 nm to 30 μm were made by a combination of scanning mobility particle sizer (SMPS) and optical instrumentation (Grimm 1.108) and were supplemented with a full online and offline chemical and physical aerosol characterisation measurements funded under the UK NERC Aerosol Characterisation and Modelling in the Marine Environment (ACMME) programme (see Allan et al., 2009). These measurements included online sub- μm non-refractory aerosol composition by Aerodyne High-Resolution Aerosol Mass Spectrometer (AMS). Sub- and supersaturated water uptake were measured by hygroscopicity tandem differential mobility analyser (HTDMA Cubison et al., 2005; Gysel et al., 2009) and cloud condensation nucleus (CCN) counter (Droplet Measurement Technologies) and are reported in Good et al. (2009). Particulate Black Carbon equivalent was measured by Multi-Angle Absorption Photometer (MAAP, Thermo-Scientific). Aerosol iodine speciation and major ion (including Cl^- and Br^-) chemistry were determined in sub- and super-micron aerosol particles collected using a high volume sampler and Sierra-type cascade impactor. Additional seawater bubble-tank experiments were conducted to investigate the chemical and physical properties of aerosol generated from seawater sampled at regular intervals throughout the cruise and funded through the UK NERC Characteristics Of

Table 2. Measurement and instrument listing for the RHaMBLe cruise D319 on the RRS Discovery in May–June 2007.

Target species	Instrument	Technique	DL (integration time)	Reference
IO	FAGE LIF (U. Leeds)	Laser Induced Fluorescence at 445 nm	0.23 pptv (30 min)	Whalley et al. (2007)
IO, I ₂	BBCEAS (U. Leicester & Cambridge)	LED Cavity Enhanced Absorption Spectroscopy	20, 200 pptv, 0.9/3 ppbv (10 min)	Langridge et al. (2008)
NO ₂ , blue/green λ s	GC/MS (U. York)	Gas chromatography Mass Spectrometry	0.05 pptv (70 min)	Carpenter et al. (2009)
Halocarbons, (air)	GC/MS (U. York)	Gas chromatography Mass Spectrometry	0.05 pptv (2 hr)	Carpenter et al. (2009)
Halocarbons, (water)	SMPS, CPC, OPC (U. Manchester)	Electrical mobility sizing & optical counting	$x \text{ nm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (6 min)	Allan et al. (2009)
Aerosol	Andersen & CCI (U. Manchester & UEA)	Hi-Vol & lo-vol cascade impactors	$x \text{ nm}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (6 min)	Allan et al. (2009)
Aerosol	HTDMA, CCNc (U. Manchester)	Sub- & supersaturated water uptake	$\text{GF}_{\text{D},90\%} \pm 0.05$ (10 min) $S_{\text{crit}} \pm 0.02\%$	Allan et al. (2009)
O ₃	2B Technologies (U. York)	uv absorption	2 ppbv (1 min)	Lee et al. (2009)
NO	EcoPhysics CLD780 (U. York)	Chemiluminescence	1.5pptv (1 min)	Lee et al. (2009)
NO ₂	EcoPhysics CLD780 (U. York)	Photolytic conversion & Chemiluminescence	5pptv (1 min)	Lee et al. (2009)
Actinic flux & photolysis rates	Spectral radiometers (U. Leicester)	λ -resolved photon flux	1 min	Edwards and Monks (2003)
Photosynthetic pigments	HPLC (U. York)	Liquid chromatography of seawater samples		
Wind speed, direction, T, RH, PAR, TIR	Foremast Met. Station (UKORS core)			

Microlayer Produced Aerosols (COMPAS) project (Fuentes et al., 2010a,b).

Realtime prevailing synoptic meteorology and remotely sensed ocean parameters were used to direct the cruise in terms of geographical positioning and measurement interpretation to e.g. identify and exploit broad flow connection between CVAO and the ship to interpret measurements as process studies and identify in- and out-of-plume conditions to contrast chemistry influenced and uninfluenced by emissions from the upwelling region.

2.3 Airborne characterisation of MBL chemistry

The RHaMBLe project sought to identify the potential importance of a number of processes involving bromine and iodine reactions which may occur close to the sea surface with influence on ozone and secondary aerosol. Since many of the reactions occurring in these coupled cycles are extremely fast, there is potential that substantial near sea surface gradients may exist in radicals, ozone, organohalogens, hydrocarbons and potentially particles. This has been hypothesised in modelling studies of both marine and Polar regions, but not probed or tested in any detail via observation. The RHaMBLe project made measurements only at fixed heights above the sea surface – between 8 and 20 m for the ship and 5 to 40 m for the atmospheric observatory. The use of an aircraft added vertically resolved observations for a range of trace gases which may induce (e.g. iodocarbons) or be affected by

(e.g. ozone) such ocean initiated chemistry. Using an aircraft allowed the study of chemical composition and physical structure above the fixed site of the observatory and alongside and above the RRS Discovery, from minimum operating altitude of around 30 m, through the depth of the MBL and into the overlying free troposphere. The gradients observed in this study, for example in ozone, can then be used to place the fixed site observations in a wider context and be used as constraint or test for detailed 1-D or higher order modelling scheme which aims to recreate HO_x and halogen chemistry in the boundary layer. Aircraft observations in the tropical Eastern North Atlantic were made in May and June 2007, at the same time that the D319 cruise was in the Cape Verde region.

The measurements were made on board the NERC Airborne Research Support Facility (ARSF) Dornier 228 aircraft, which was based at São Pedro airport, São Vicente, Cape Verde. This was close to Mindelo (the port call for the RRS Discovery), and the location of the CVAO.

2.3.1 Technique descriptions

A full list of aircraft instrumentation is given in Table 3.

The aircraft was essentially used as a highly instrumented sonde, with measurements including O₃ (TEI 49i), CO (Aerolaser AL5003) and whole air samples for VOCs (followed by GC-FID detection). Measurements of the halocarbons C₂Cl₄, CHCl₃, CH₃I, CH₂Br₂, CHBr₂Cl and CHBr₃

Table 3. Measurement and instrument listing for the ARSF Dornier aircraft during May–June 2007.

Target species	Instrument	Technique	DL (integration time)	Reference
O ₃	TEI 49i (University of York)	UV absorption	1 ppbv (10 s)	N/A
CO	TEI 43 (U. York)	UV fluorescence	2 ppbv (10 s)	N/A
DMS, oVOCs, VOCs	Whole air sampling (U. York)	Gas chromatography/ Flame Ionisation Detector	1 pptv (2.5 min)	Hopkins et al. (2002)
Halocarbons, C _x H _y X _z	μ-DIRAC (U. Cambridge)	Gas chromatography/ Electron Capture Detector	0.5 pptv (2 min)	O'Brien et al. (2009)

were made by GC-ECD and are reported in O'Brien et al. (2009). Measurements were also taken of detailed meteorological parameters and aircraft data (10 Hz: Temperature, Pressure, Relative Humidity, Turbulence, GPS position) using an Aircraft Integrated Meteorological Measurement System (AIMMS) probe. The aircraft operated on 4 d over the CVAO, undertaking measurements at 6 altitudes (100, 200, 350, 600, 1400, 2500 m), the bottom four of which were inside the MBL. A flight sampling at all of these altitudes lasted approximately 2 h, and 3 flights took place on each day (at approx 09:00, 13:00 and 16:00 UTC). This allowed diurnal cycles over the CVAO to be observed, which could be compared to data taken at ground level at CVAO. The aircraft measurements were tied to the ground data by sharing of calibration standards for O₃, CO, VOCs and halocarbons.

2.4 Synoptic and mesoscale meteorology

The CVAO is well situated to observe air masses well processed within the marine troposphere, with very rare pollution from local activities. It is located on a NE facing beach, free of any significant coastal features that could affect the chemistry in the boundary layer and faces the strong, consistent prevailing trade winds from the Atlantic Ocean. Back trajectories arriving at the Cape Verde observatory were calculated through the British Atmospheric Data Centre (BADC) from ECMWF (European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasting) meteorological analyses. Three dimensional trajectories were integrated backwards in time for 8 d. The trajectories were calculated 6 h intervals for arrival at the site at 00:00, 06:00, 12:00 and 18:00 UTC, specified at a pressure level of 975 hPa. Trajectories were also calculated every 12 h arriving at the position of the ship during the D319 cruise. ECMWF analysis was also used to calculate boundary layer height for the region of the D319 cruise from 26 May to 2 June for the period that the Discovery was in the vicinity of the CVAO.

2.5 Remote sensing support and underway meteorology

For the purposes of cruise and flight planning, MODIS/Aqua ocean colour satellite Chl-*a* images was provided daily along with Met Office synoptic charts, weather forecasts and predicted ocean mixed-layer depth by the NEODAAS Remote Sensing Group at Plymouth Marine Laboratory. In Fig. 2, the ship's track for D319 is overlaid on the composite Chl-*a* image from May 2007. The halocarbon concentrations are related to the biological productivity variability in Sect. 3.3 and Fig. 11. Figure 3 shows the shiptrack of the RRS Discovery throughout cruise D319 with windbarbs showing wind-speed and direction (barbs in 5 knot intervals) and coloured according to the total incident irradiation indicating day-time (warmer) and night-time (cooler). Figure 4 presents a time series of the temperature and RH throughout the cruise shaded according to the following discrete periods: a) transect from Lisbon to CV with port call in Mindelo, b) eastward transit towards African coast, c) detailed survey of biologically productive "Mauritanian upwelling" waters, d) northerly "zig-zag" in and out of productive waters, e) transit home to Falmouth from the Canaries.

3 Results

3.1 Air mass classification for area

The airmass trajectories throughout the D319 cruise were seldom completely clean marine, but could be classified into three broad regimes as shown in Fig. 5. Trajectories on the southbound (outward) leg, shown in lilac, are largely found to originate from the clean marine mid-Atlantic sector. The trajectories on the eastbound transit from Cape Verde to the upwelling region, shown in green, experience long-range transport of European air whilst trajectories after 28 May when the ship was close to the African coast, shown in red, all indicate more recent continental influence.

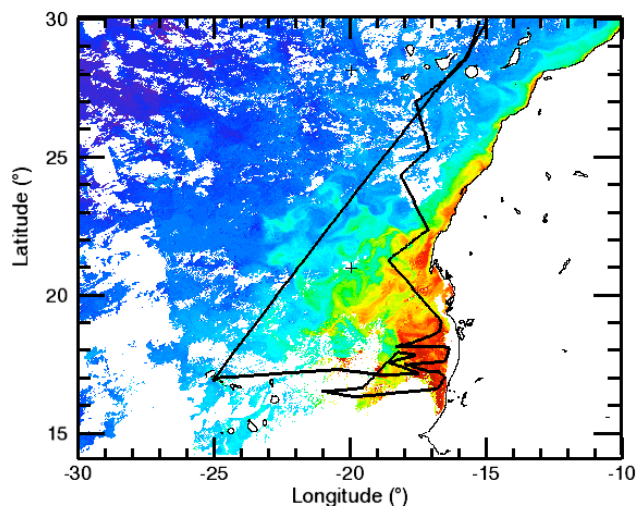


Fig. 2. Track of RHaMBLe Discovery Cruise D319 in the working area south of 30° N with an overlay showing the MODIS retrieved chlorophyll a averaged for the month of May 2007.

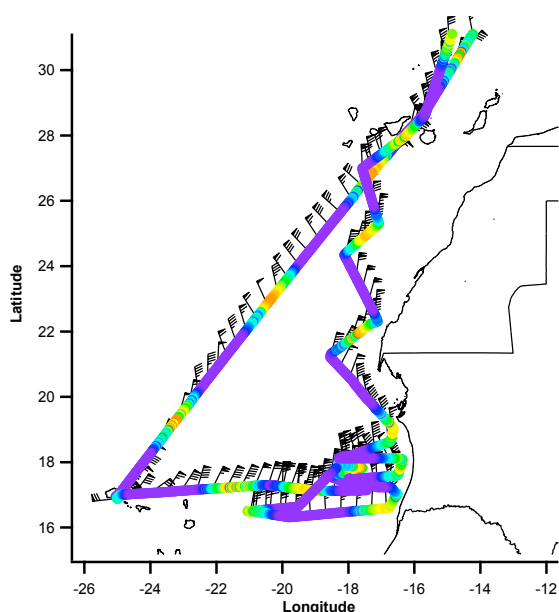


Fig. 3. D319 shiptrack showing windspeed and direction (windbarbs in 5 knot intervals) and coloured according to the total incident irradiation indicating daytime (warmer) and night-time (cooler).

No air originates over continental Africa during the cruise period, although when very close to the African coast, the air does pass over coastal West Africa and so will exhibit some continental influence. Figure 6 shows maps of the area of the D319 cruise (14–22° N; 26–16° W) coloured by ECMWF calculated boundary layer (BL) depth. The depth of the BL above the ship appears to be quite variable during the cruise period, with a general decrease in BL height closer to the

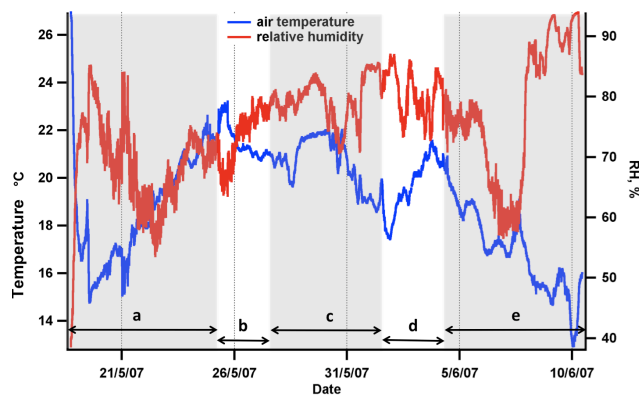


Fig. 4. Temperature and RH throughout D319. The time series are shaded according to several discrete period (a) transect from Lisbon to CV with port call in Mindelo, (b) eastward transit towards African coast, (c) detailed survey of biologically productive “Mauritanian upwelling” waters, (d) northerly “zig-zag” in and out of productive waters, (e) transit home to Falmouth from the Canaries.

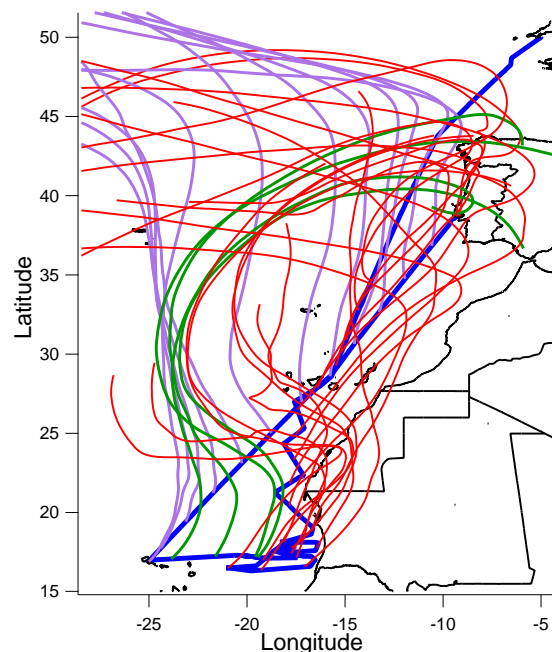


Fig. 5. 5-d back trajectories arriving at the location of RRS Discovery during cruise D319. The cruise track is shown in blue. Trajectories on the southbound (outward) leg, shown in lilac, are largely found to originate from the clean marine mid-Atlantic sector. The green trajectories on the eastbound transit from CV to the upwelling region experience long-range transport of European air whilst the red trajectories after 28 May all indicate more recent continental influence.

African coast. On 26 May, the BL height above the ship occurs at ~700m, where as on 27 and 29 May, this value is lower (~400 m). On 28 and 30 May the ship is very close to the African coast and the BL depth has decreased markedly

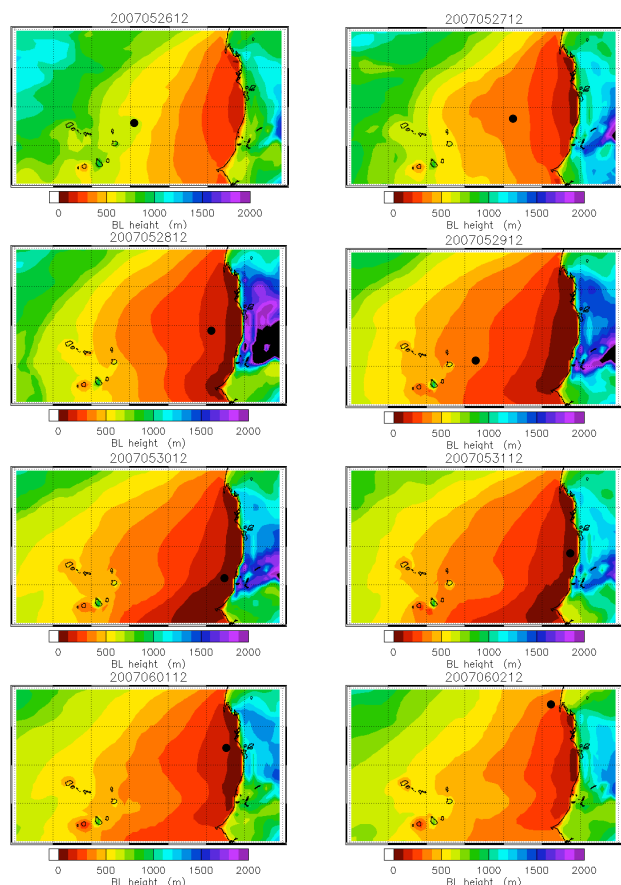


Fig. 6. ECMWF calculated boundary layer height at 12:00 UTC for each day of the D319 cruise on a grid spacing of 2° . The black circles represent the position of the ship at the time of the calculation.

to ~ 200 m. On 31 May to 2 June, the ship was on a Northerly track typically within 50 km of the African coast and was subject to an increasing BL depth as it proceeded north. On 31 May at about 18° N, the depth of the BL was ~ 100 m, which increases to ~ 200 m and ~ 300 m on 1 and 2 June, respectively.

The RHaMBLe intensive study at the CVAO took place between 15 May and 10 June 2007, concurrent with the D319 cruise being in the region between Cape Verde and the African coast. Meteorological parameters for this time are shown in Fig. 7. As is usual for the region, surface wind direction was fairly constant during the intensive period, only varying between 25 and 60° . Surface wind speed is also generally high (6 to 10 ms^{-1}), with the only exception being the period 5 to 9 June, when wind speed drops to below 4 ms^{-1} . There was a slight diurnal variation in wind speed, with the highest values typically measured in late afternoon. The diurnal variation was more pronounced during the lower wind speed period. Temperature showed little diurnal variation; at the start of the intensive study, typically varying from 22°C

at night to a maximum of $\sim 23^\circ\text{C}$ in early afternoon. This value increased by about 1°C by 10 June. Relative humidity varied between 75 and 85%, with little diurnal variation with the exception of the period 6 to 9 June, which saw significant drops in relative humidity to $\sim 65\%$ in the mornings. These days also saw higher temperatures (greater than 24°C) and lower wind speeds compared to the rest of the intensive study. Probable explanation for the small diurnal temperature range when wind speeds are stronger is that diurnal variation in sea surface temperature is small and advection is from ocean, plus the boundary layer turbulence would be shear rather than buoyancy driven. This is particularly likely given the very strong wind shear across the top of the boundary layer in this region (see Sect. 3.4). Total radiation and $jO(^1D)$ also showed little day-to-day variability and indicate that the only days experiencing significant cloud cover were 1, 2, 8 and 9 June. Typical peak noontime $jO(^1D)$ on cloud free days is around $4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$.

Despite the relatively constant winds experienced at the CVAO, back trajectories show that air masses from a range of origins were sampled during the RHaMBLe intensive. 8 d back trajectories arriving at ground level at the CVAO at 12:00 UTC for each day of the RHaMBLe intensive are shown in Fig. 8. From 15 to 20 May the air originated in the remote North Atlantic, then passed close to or East of the Canary Islands, before arriving at the CVAO from a North Easterly direction.

The 21 May saw air originate much further away from Cape Verde in the Western North Atlantic, before passing over southern Iberia and arriving at the observatory from the NE. On 22 to 24 May, the air originated as far away as continental North America. On these days the origin of the air was at relatively low levels (within the boundary layer) over North America, before increasing in height over the Atlantic, then descending on the approach to Cape Verde. From 26 to 30 May, the CVAO experienced air that originated over the Mediterranean or Northern Sahara, (usually within the boundary layer), before passing near to the Canary Islands on its way to Cape Verde. For the remainder of the intensive period from late on the 30 May to 10 June, CVAO largely experienced air that was again mid-North Atlantic in origin, passing close to the Canary islands before approaching Cape Verde from a North Easterly direction (the 31 May may be considered as transitional between the two categories). Exceptions to this were 4 and 10 June where the air originated very close to the North American continent and 5 and 6 June where, although the air originated in the mid Atlantic passing at low level over southern Europe en route to Cape Verde.

3.2 Measurements at CVAO

The back trajectories can be framed in the context of some of the long term trace gas measurements and aerosol physical property measurements taken at the CVAO. Data series of NO , NO_2 , O_3 , CO , ethane, acetaldehyde, ethene and

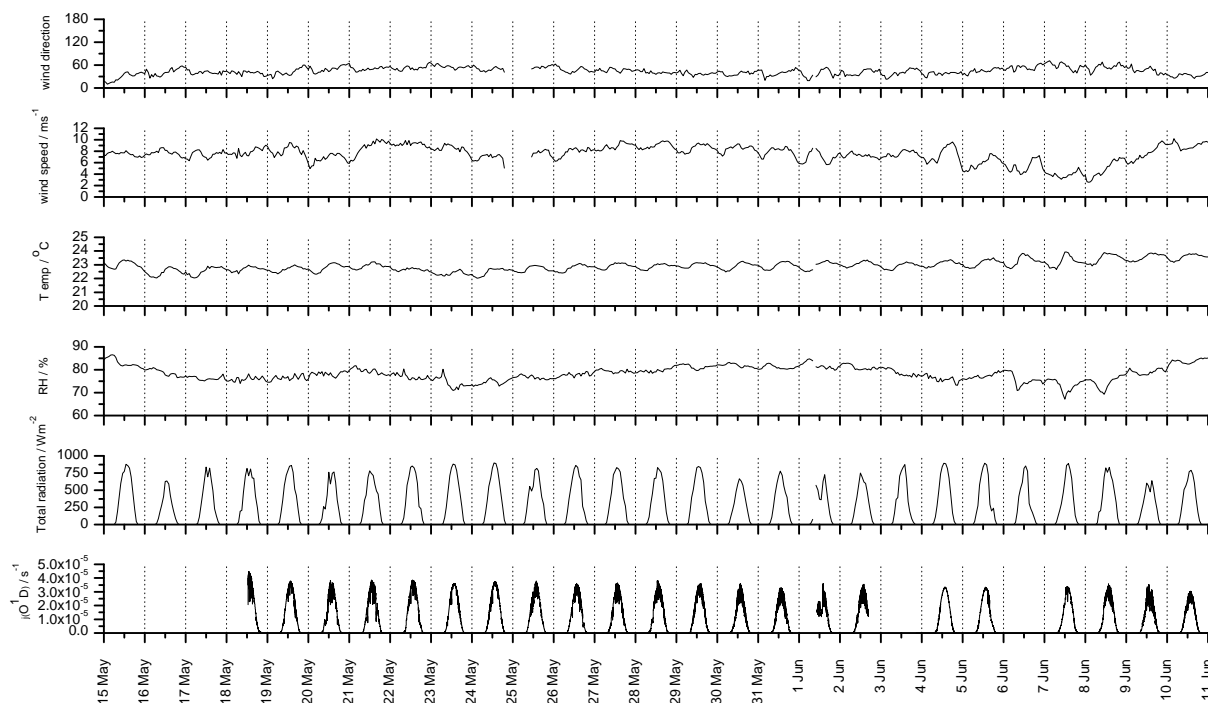


Fig. 7. Wind speed, direction, temperature, RH radiation and $j\text{O}(^1\text{D})$ for CVAO for the duration of the RHaMBLe intensive (all measured at 5 m with hourly averaging).

acetylene from the RHaMBLe intensive period are shown in Fig. 9. The concentrations of the trace gases during the early part of the campaign (15 to 20 May) were extremely invariant and fairly low with average concentrations of 34.4 ± 3.4 ppbv, 104.5 ± 9.5 ppbv, 834.5 ± 96.5 pptv and 112.8 ± 12.6 pptv observed for O_3 , CO, ethane and acetylene, respectively. This behaviour is commonly observed at the CVAO and is consistent with air which has had minimal continental influence for at least 8 d and therefore has been well-processed in the marine boundary layer. Aerosol particle number and volume concentrations for this period (“Period 1”) are around the mean value of the entire RHaMBLe intensive period (Fig. 10). Particle number size distribution (Fig. 11) shows typical maritime behavior with bimodal structure in the sub-micron and a slight third mode around 700 nm. No influence except that of the ocean is visible.

For the most part the longer-lived gaseous species demonstrate similar tendencies throughout the measurement period consistent with their shared anthropogenic origins, except during the Western North Atlantic influenced period between the 21 and 22 May, when CO concentrations show an increase to ~ 134 ppbv, whilst the longer-lived hydrocarbons (and O_3) show respective decreases. At this time acetaldehyde also increases from ~ 1000 to ~ 1300 pptv and so this could potentially indicate secondary production of CO from oceanically produced VOC (Read et al., 2009). Diurnal trends in the acetaldehyde and alkene concentrations (ethene is plotted in Fig. 9 as an example) are observed for almost the

entire measurement period but are particularly evident in air with an 8 day back trajectory over the Atlantic Ocean, in-line with suggestions of oceanic sources for these species (Ratte et al., 1998; Riemer et al., 2000; Zhou and Mopper, 1993). Similar diurnal behaviour has been observed in alkene measurements made at Mace Head on the west coast of Ireland (Lewis et al., 1999) and in the Indian Ocean (Bonsang et al., 2008) but very little literature is available of measurements of acetaldehyde in the marine boundary layer environment. On 21 through to noon on 22 May (“Period 2”), aerosol number and volume concentration show the highest values for the RHaMBLe intensive period. A high variability in the number concentration can be seen (Fig. 10). The higher volume concentration provides an indication of an increase in large particles in the atmosphere. Since wind speeds for this period were continuously high, sea spray may have been a dominant contributor to the volume. The bimodal structure of the submicron size distribution changed to a broader monomodal structure (Fig. 11), possibly a result of condensation of secondary material.

Evidence of long-range transport from America is observed between the 22 and 24 May with the air showing elevated average concentrations of 40.1 ± 4.6 ppbv, 130 ± 13.0 ppbv, 1230 ± 103.6 pptv, 22.1 ± 15.7 pptv and 167.8 ± 22 pptv for O_3 , CO, ethane, ethene and acetylene, respectively. Aerosol particle number concentration for this period (“Period 3”) from noon on 22 through 24 May decreased and, since the volume concentration shows

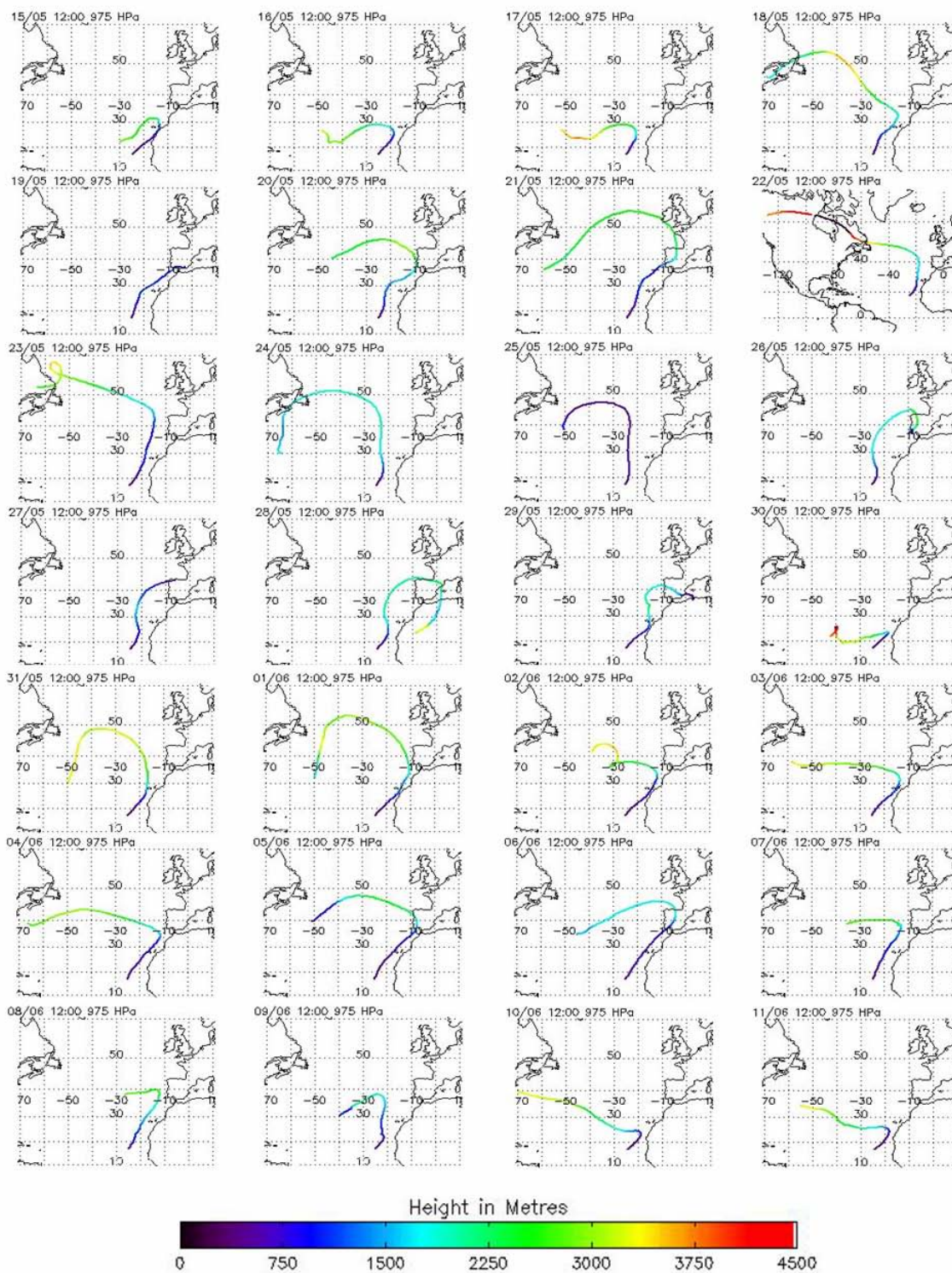


Fig. 8. 8 day back trajectories taken at midday for each day during the RHaMBLe intensive.

a similar value to Period 1, more large particles can be found compared to Period 1. This can also be seen in the particle number size distribution (Fig. 11), which also shows elevated concentrations in the first bins of the distribution

(12.3 to 30 nm) which may be a result of “new particle formation” in this air mass.

Southern European emissions between 26 and 29 May do not appear to increase levels above those observed at the

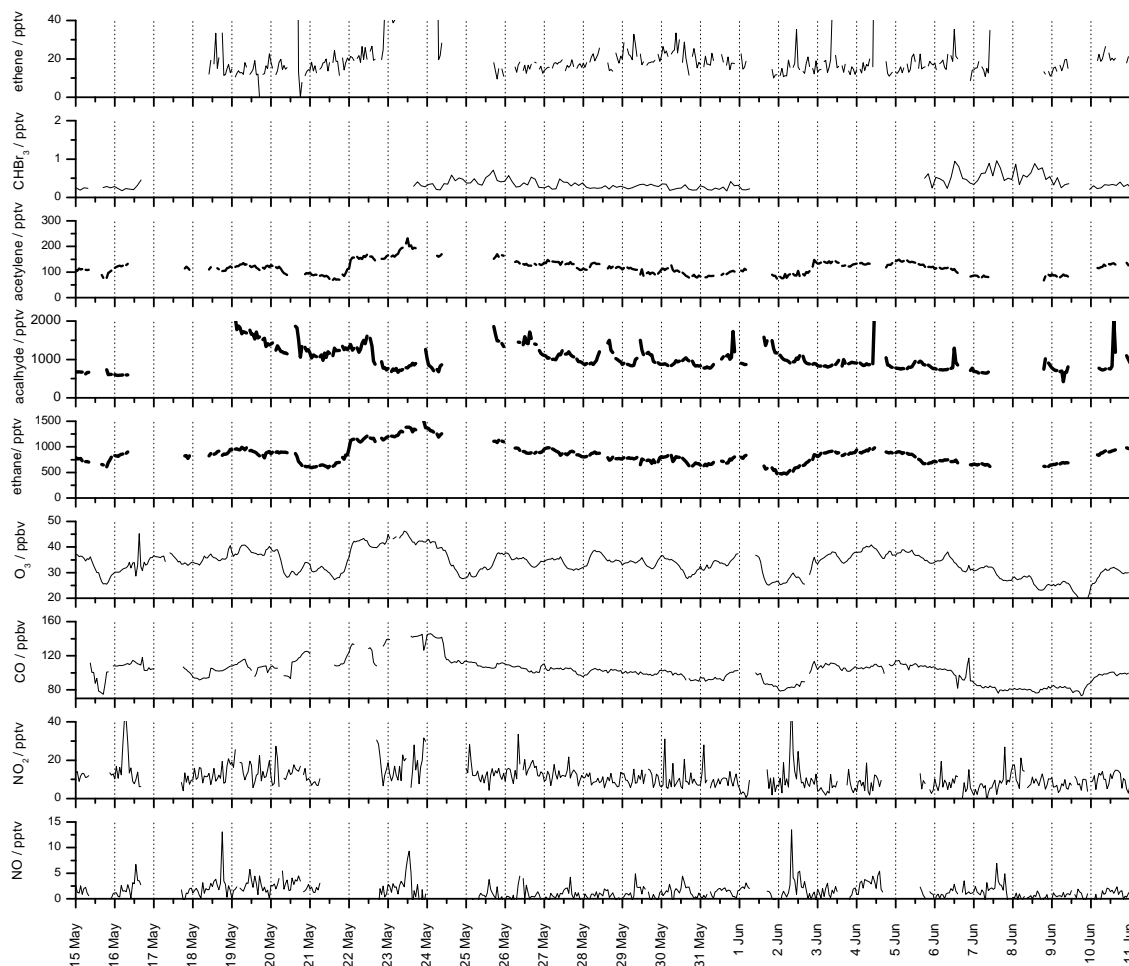


Fig. 9. Data series of selected trace species measured at the Cape Verde Atmospheric Observatory during the period of the RHaMBLe intensive. Data shown was sampled from a height of 5 m and is hourly averaged.

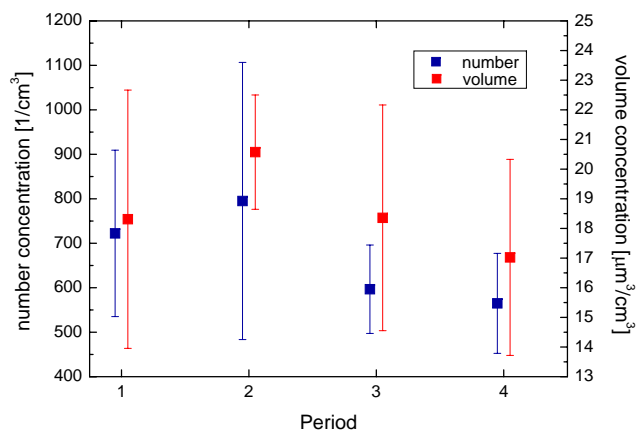


Fig. 10. Aerosol particle number and volume concentrations measured for each air mass period during the RHaMBLe intensive project.

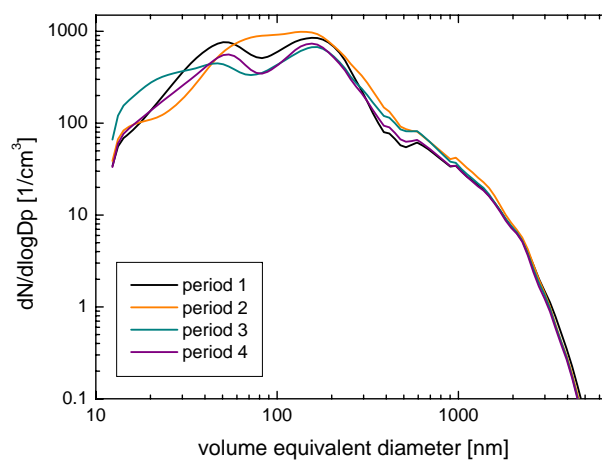


Fig. 11. Aerosol particle number size distributions averaged across each of the air mass periods during the RHaMBLe intensive project.

beginning of the campaign despite the evidence of the 8-day back trajectory, and for the rest of the measurement period the trace gases gradually decrease to a low on the 9 June ($O_3 \sim 20$ ppbv and $CO \sim 80$ ppbv) during a period of consistently marine background influenced air masses. Slight elevations in the concentrations of O_3 , CO and the longer-lived hydrocarbons are observed with the influence of North American air on the 4, 5 and 10 June but otherwise the air during this period is invariant with respect to its origin, with low trace gas concentrations. This “Period 4” exhibits the lowest particle number and volume concentrations (Fig. 10), indicating that southern European emissions do not show any contribution to aerosol characteristics for this episode (as already observed in trace gas measurements). The size distribution is comparable to this in Period 1, with much lower concentrations in the submicron range, but showing the same shape (Fig. 11). Aerosol physical property measurements are further reported in Müller et al. (2009a).

NO and NO_2 mixing ratios remained very low throughout the RHaMBLe intensive period. Peak daytime NO was usually <5 pptv, with $NO_2 \sim 15$ pptv. An exception to this was on 23 May during the period of longer range transport of the air mass, with peak NO at 10 pptv and $NO_2 \sim 25$ pptv. NO and NO_2 are also both enhanced on 2 June (peak of 14 and 40 pptv for NO and NO_2 , respectively), although the air mass origin appears to be unchanged on this day compared to surrounding days. It is perhaps not surprising that NO_x does not see the same variation in concentration with air mass origin during the RHaMBLe intensive period. Analysis of NO_x from the whole of 2007 showed that NO_x mixing ratios are virtually unchanged in all air masses except when the air originates over continental Africa before arriving at Cape Verde. In this air mass there is an enhancement of NO_x by about 30% (Lee et al., 2009). The 2007 dataset also showed that the amount of O_3 destruction observed on any given day is linked to the NO_x level. This also holds true during the RHaMBLe intensive, when the highest daily O_3 destruction (5.5 and 7.1 ppbv) were observed on 8 and 9 June, days with the lowest NO levels (~ 1 pptv).

The $CHBr_3$ mixing ratios measured throughout the RHaMBLe intensive by GC-MS are shown in the top panel of Fig. 9. The measurements are interrupted between 16 and 23 May and 1 and 6 June. The measured mixing ratios at the CVAO are in reasonable agreement with air measurements made aboard the RRS Discovery cruise D319 whilst in the vicinity of the CVAO (see Sect. 3.3), but are considerably lower than simultaneous measurements made at the site by GC-ECD, as reported in O’Brien et al. (2009), although the trends are in good agreement. This implies a calibration difference which is currently under investigation. The $CHBr_3$ measurements show signs of a diurnal variation with a series of large excursions from baseline conditions between 25 and 27 May and more so between 7 and 11 June. The amplitude of the excursions ranged from ~ 0.2 to 0.7 pptv with peak maxima occurring around midday. The magnitude of the el-

evations and lack of correlation with anthropogenic species suggest that the source of $CHBr_3$ during these periods may not be land based; this is further confirmed by analysis of back trajectories. This suggests that the probable source is ocean based as has been hypothesised for this nutrient rich region of high productivity. O’Brien et al. (2009) attributed a similar variation to local marine photochemical production. Mixing ratios of organoiodine compounds (C_2H_5I , 1- and 2- C_3H_7I , CH_2ICl and CH_2I_2) measured at the CVAO are low (0 to 0.5 pptv) but generally detectable. Averaging the data reveals diurnal patterns with generally higher C_2H_5I and C_3H_7I during the daytime, possible indicative of daytime photochemical sources, and daytime photochemical depletion of CH_2ICl and CH_2I_2 .

Further insight into the air mass classification during the RHaMBLe intensive period has been provided by interpretation of the eight-day back trajectories with respect to the mixing ratios of Cl_2 , soluble gases and aerosol composition, allowing categorisation according to the four following distinct regimes: Open Ocean-low sea salt (-lss), Open Ocean-high sea salt (-hss), Dusty, and Polluted Marine (Lawler et al., 2009). These categories are largely consistent with those presented above for CO , O_3 , NO_x and NMHCs.

Open Ocean-lss. These air masses typically originated in the subtropical or midlatitude free troposphere over the western North Atlantic Ocean or North America, circulated around a mid-Atlantic high pressure system, and subsided into the boundary layer 1.5 to 2.5 d north of Cape Verde (days 142 to 144, 22 to 24 May). These air masses reached Cape Verde without passing over Europe and exhibited generally low mixing ratios of soluble gases (Fig. 12), high O_3 (~ 43 ppbv), and low to moderate (74 to 181 nmol $Na\ m^{-3}$) sea salt. Nocturnal Cl_2 was usually below 5 pptv.

Open Ocean-hss. Elevated levels of sea salt (up to 256 nmol $Na\ m^{-3}$) were observed on days 152 to 154 (1 to 3 June). These air masses originated over the central or eastern North Atlantic, skirted the West African coast northeast of Cape Verde, and entered the MBL 2 to 2.5 d upwind of the site. HNO_3 was ~ 15 pptv, NH_3 and carboxylic acids were generally less than DLs (Fig. 12), and O_3 was ~ 35 ppbv. Cl_2 had night time maxima of 5 to 15 pptv.

Dusty. This air mass type was sampled on days 147 to 150 (27 to 30 May) and was characterised by elevated levels of Al and Mn. Most air masses originated in the free troposphere over the Northwestern Sahara, then passed over Iberia before subsiding into the boundary layer ~ 2 d north of Cape Verde. Dust levels were roughly two-fold higher at night than during the day but this trend was not obviously correlated with back trajectories. HNO_3 was ~ 12 pptv, NH_3 and carboxylic acids were usually less than DLs (Fig. 12), O_3 was ~ 35 ppbv, and Na increased from low to high levels (82 to 247 nmol m^{-3}). Cl_2 was near the detection limit, except for one day (150) when nocturnal mixing ratios reached 13 pptv. On 31 May the airmasses sampled may be regarded as transitional between dusty and open ocean.

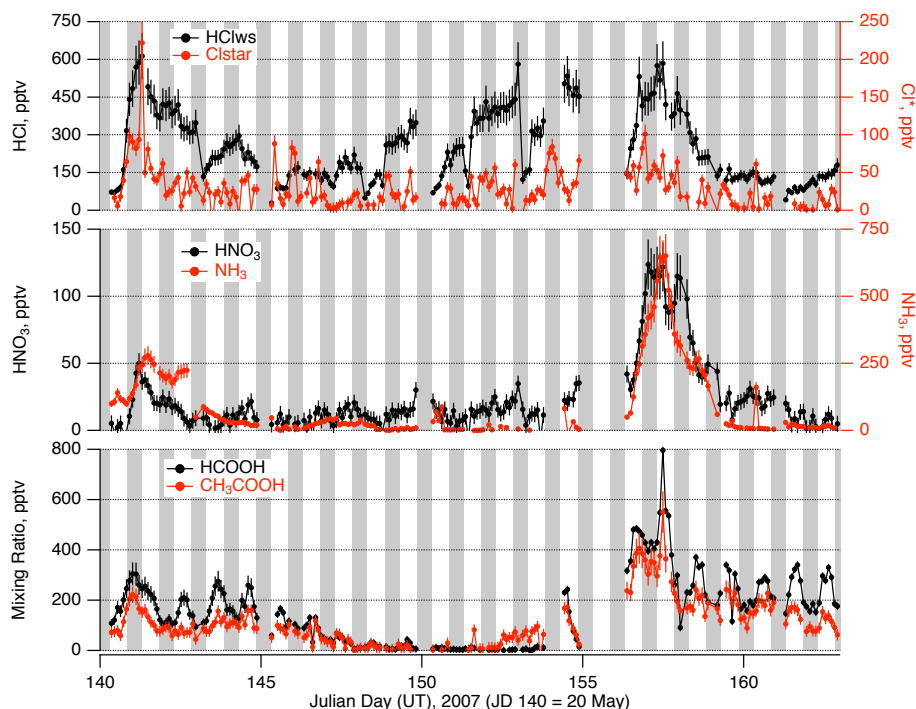


Fig. 12. Mixing ratios of water soluble gaseous components measured by tandem mist chamber (top panel, Cl species; middle panel, HNO_3 and NH_3 ; bottom panel, organic acids).

Polluted Marine. These conditions occurred when free tropospheric air from the central North Atlantic subsided into the boundary layer over Iberia 3 to 4.5 d upwind of Cape Verde (days 141, 21 May and 156 to 158, 5 to 7 June). This air was characterised by elevated levels of HNO_3 (up to 124 pptv), NH_3 (up to 645 pptv), HCOOH (up to 796 pptv), and CH_3COOH (up to 550 pptv); O_3 of ~ 35 ppbv and moderate particulate Na (119 to 186 nmol m^{-3}). These air masses exhibited the highest nocturnal Cl_2 levels (up to 30 pptv) and, occasionally, daytime Cl_2 levels above the detection limit (1 to 3 pptv).

Days 140 (20 May) and 159 (8 June) were transitional between Polluted, Open Ocean-lss, and Open Ocean-hss conditions. For these days, Cl_2 night time maxima ranged from 10–15 pptv. Day 146 (26 May) was transitional between Open Ocean-lss and Dusty conditions. Day 145 (25 May) uniquely had an eight-day back trajectory entirely in the MBL, with low Cl_2 , low acids, and low sea salt.

HCl mixing ratios varied among regimes as a function of the relative mix of acids and sea salt. Maxima (~ 600 pptv) were associated with polluted conditions on days 141 (21 May) and 157 (6 June) (Fig. 12).

Chemical composition of high volume (HV) aerosol filter and Berner impactor (BI) PM samples mainly comprised sea salt, mineral dust and associated water. African influence was generally small but air masses which from south-western Europe traversing the Canary Islands transported dust and other components to the CVAO. Total iron (dust vs. non-

dust: 0.53 vs. 0.06 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$), calcium (0.22 vs. 0.03 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) and potassium (0.33 vs. 0.02 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) were good indicators for dust-influenced airmasses, being heavily elevated in the 1.2 to 3.5 μm fraction compared with their concentration during non-dust periods. The mean mass concentration of PM_{10} was 17 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ from the impactor samples and 24.2 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ from HV filter samples. Non sea salt (nss) components were found in the sub- μm fractions along with nitrate in the coarse mode. Bromide was found to be heavily depleted in all samples (from 1 to 8 ng m^{-3}) compared to fresh sea salt aerosol indicating intense atmospheric halogen activation. Chloride deficit was determined to be between 31 and 38% for the coarse mode particles (3.5 to 10 μm ; 1.2 to 3.5 μm) and of 67% (0.42 to 1.2 μm) and 83% (0.14 to 0.42 μm) for the sub- μm fractions.

The maximum organic (1.71 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) and elemental carbon (1.25 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) loadings were found on the dust-influenced 14 May. The minimum total carbon loading (0.25 $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$) was detected during the period 25 to 27 May in clean marine air masses. The concentrations of carbonaceous material decrease with increasing particles size from 60% for the ultrafine particles to 2.5% in coarse mode PM. Oxalate (78 to 151 ng m^{-3}) and methanesulfonic acid (MSA, 25 to 100 ng m^{-3}) were the major organic compounds identified. A good correlation between nss-sulphate and MSA was found for the majority of days indicating active DMS chemistry and low anthropogenic influences.

The results of the CVAO aerosol analyses are further reported in Müller et al. (2009a) and contrasted with the D319 aerosol analyses in Allan et al. (2009).

The LP-DOAS measurements indicate that IO and BrO were ubiquitously present whenever the solar zenith angle was less than $\sim 92^\circ$, i.e., throughout twilight and daylight conditions. Both the species were not measured above the detection limit during night time. The maximum concentrations observed over the campaign were 3.1 ± 0.4 pptv for IO and 5.6 ± 1 pptv for BrO. However, on average the diurnal profile showed a “top-hat” distribution, with maximum values of ~ 1.5 pptv IO and ~ 2.8 pptv BrO seen between 09:00 and 17:00 GMT. The concentrations of IO and BrO did not show any correlation with the wind speed or wind direction. Neither species displayed any strong annual trend with the average values between 09:00 and 17:00 GMT staying fairly constant over the campaign. It should be noted that higher values were seen in spring (February–April), but the variability in the data does not allow a robust conclusion on the seasonal trend. The I_2 and OIO concentrations were under the observed detection limit (10 pptv and 4 pptv, respectively) for both species throughout the extent of the campaign. Interpretation of the measurements is further reported in Mahajan et al. (2009).

HO_x radical concentrations recorded at the CVAO during the RHaMBLe intensive period were high, with maximum concentrations at midday of ~ 0.4 and ~ 24 pptv for OH and HO_2 , respectively. From the 21 to 24 May HO_2 concentrations were most elevated as a consequence of the elevated CO and up to 2 pptv of HO_2 was recorded during the night time. From the 25 May onwards, HO_2 concentrations were lower with a midday mixing ratio of ~ 12 pptv. The HO_2 measurements are further reported in Whalley et al. (2009)

Cl_2 levels during the study ranged from <2 to 30 pptv. Cl_2 exhibited a marked diurnal cycle, with night time maxima and daytime minima and a mean levels of roughly 4 pptv. Periods of elevated Cl_2 were strongly correlated with high levels of gaseous acids (HNO_3 and HCl), and were related to air mass trajectories passing over the Iberian peninsula. Lawler et al. (2009) proposed that the elevated Cl_2 was related to pollutant-enhanced acidification of marine aerosols and heterogeneous, autocatalytic Cl cycling. $BrCl$ was not observed during this study, in contrast to model predictions based on known multiphase halogen chemistry.

3.3 Horizontal extent of measurements

The data from the CVAO described above can be further put in to context of the wider North Eastern Atlantic region by considering some of the trace gases and aerosol measurements made during the D319 cruise. Figure 13 shows the cruise track, coloured by total sub- μm organic aerosol loading (OA), equivalent black carbon (BC) loading, NO and O_3 . For all data sets, times that were believed to be influenced by ship stack emissions have been removed from the plot.

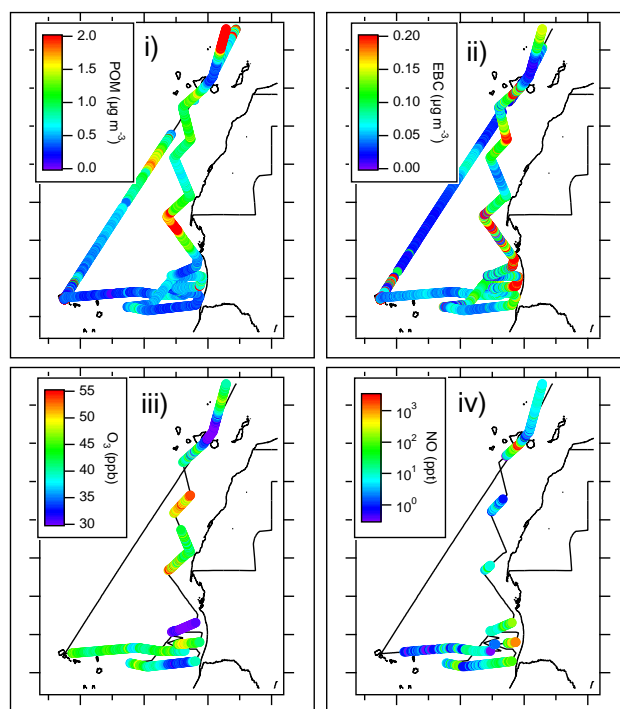


Fig. 13. D319 shiptracks coloured by (i) the total of all sub- μm organic aerosol components, (ii) equivalent black carbon concentration (as measured by the multi-angle absorption photometer), (iii) the O_3 mixing ratio and (iv) NO mixing ratio.

Due to the position of the NO and O_3 inlet on the port side of the ship, all data on the South heading from the Canary Islands has been removed, along with all data on legs when the ship was heading West. The particle measurements were taken from a shipping container on the bow of the ship (see Allan et al., 2009), which being further away from the ship stack, meant fewer data have been removed. BC and NO can be used as a tracer of anthropogenic influence of the air mass and there is a clear increase in both species from West to East along a line of longitude similar to that of Cape Verde. Peak daytime NO was observed to be <5 pptv in the region close to Cape Verde from 24° W to 21° W. This is in good agreement with the NO levels observed at the CVAO (described above). BC levels in the same region are $<0.07 \mu g m^{-3}$ which is consistent with the Northern Hemisphere remote marine boundary layer. NO mixing ratios started to increase from around 21° W reaching a maximum of ~ 1 ppbv at 16.5° W, which is ~ 50 km from the African coast. BC showed a similar pattern, with a maximum value of $\sim 0.07 \mu g m^{-3}$ observed in a similar position to the maximum NO. O_3 was observed to be 35 to 40 ppbv close to the Cape Verde islands, again in good agreement with the measurements made at the CVAO. However there was no apparent increase in O_3 as the ship headed East towards Africa, with lower levels (30 to 35 ppbv) measured on two of the

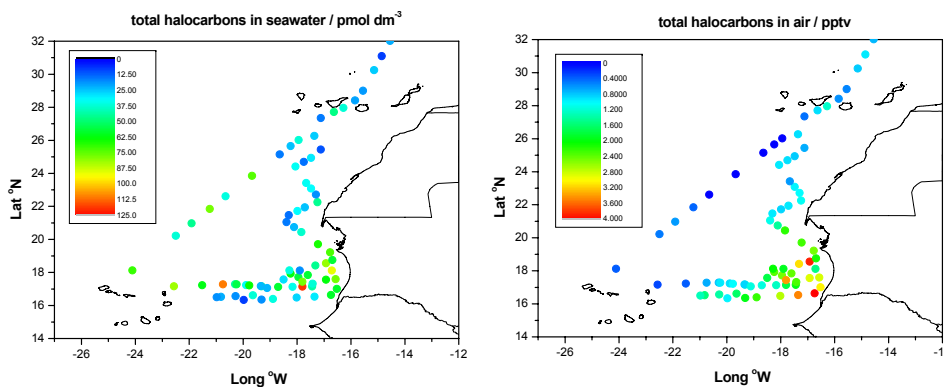


Fig. 14. D319 shiptrack coloured by total organic halogen mixing ratio in seawater (left) and air (right) as an indicator of marine biogenic activity.

East-West legs closer to the African coast. This suggests that the pollution observed here was very local in origin and the air had not been subject to much photochemical activity or that possible increased halogen activity in this region (which will be discussed later) has led to some ozone depletion. The African influence period on the boat was accompanied by an increase in the numbers of particles of all sizes, but particularly the Aitken mode (see Fig. 8 in Allan et al. (2009) for further details). Measurements of OA show very low levels $<0.5 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ for almost all the cruise at latitudes less than 19°N , indicating that there are no periods during the cruise where elevated amounts of OA are unambiguously associated with air of clean marine origin.

Figure 14 shows the total halocarbon concentrations in both the air and surface seawater measured by GC-MS during the D319 cruise. The “Total halocarbons” corresponds to the sum of the observed CH_3I , $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{I}$, CH_2Br_2 , CH_2ICl , CH_2IBr , CHBr_3 and CH_2I_2 concentrations, where the cruise mean average mixing ratios in air for each species were found to range from 0.01 to 0.60 pptv. These volatile iodocarbons and bromocarbons are known to have a significant biogenic marine source, and hence the concentrations of these gases might be expected to increase in regions of high biological activity. It can be seen that the maximum halocarbon concentrations in both the water and air were observed east of Cape Verde within the Mauritanian upwelling region, supporting the hypothesis that these are nutrient rich waters which promote primary productivity, and may potentially be considered a regional halogen hot spot. The halocarbon seawater concentrations are comparable with those observed in this region in previous studies (Chuck et al., 2005; Quack et al., 2007), although the mixing ratios in air are typically lower than those previously reported, since these other studies were influenced by easterly trajectories from over the African continent and coast (Carpenter et al., 2009). The Carpenter et al. (2009) study compares the sea-air fluxes of biogenic bromocarbon compounds in this region calculated from measurement of their concentrations in seawater

and the atmosphere with those calculated from similar measurements during a North Atlantic cruise. Notably, the CHBr_3 mixing ratios measured on board D319 in the vicinity of Cape Verde ($\sim 17^\circ \text{N}$, 20 to $\sim 24^\circ \text{W}$, on the 26 of May) ranged from ~ 0.3 to 0.6 pptv, which is in a similar range to the values measured during the same period at the CVAO (see Fig. 9).

Demanding operating conditions during the D319 cruise prevented either BBCEAS instrument from achieving their usual sensitivities. Despite purging the custom-built mirror mounts with dry nitrogen, the mirrors’ optical surfaces frequently became contaminated with sea salt and/or condensation, greatly reducing the effective path length of the measurements. Additionally, the shipping container housing the instruments’ electronics experienced substantial temperature variations that compromised the stability of the LED light sources and the detectors. Absorption features attributable to several tens of ppbv NO_2 , most likely from the ship’s own smoke stack, were evident in BBCEAS spectra obtained within the first few hours after cleaning and realigning the cavities, as were characteristic absorption bands around 443 nm (blue) and 545 nm (green) attributable to ambient water vapour (fitted mixing ratio=2%). Detection limits of 200 pptv for I_2 and 20 pptv for IO for a 10 min acquisition time were estimated from the uncertainties in fitting the NO_2 and H_2O absorption features in the ambient BBCEAS spectra and the relative differential structure in the molecular absorption cross sections. Not unexpectedly, neither I_2 nor IO was observed above these estimated detection limits during the D319 cruise.

Measurements during the D319 cruise together with those during previous investigations in the eastern North Atlantic MBL off West Africa (e.g. Williams et al., 2007; Keene et al., 2009; Lawler et al., 2009) indicate that concentrations of marine aerosols and the associated production of RHS precursors vary substantially (factor of ~ 10) over space and time. In addition, available evidence indicates that acids and acid precursors are typically present in this region at

concentrations sufficient to titrate sea-salt alkalinity. Under these conditions, Br activation and the influences of Br-radical chemistry on ozone, HO_x and NO_x vary, in part, as a function the production flux of Br⁻ in association with marine aerosol (Keene et al., 2009), which implies that the vigour and impacts of halogen radical chemistry vary substantially across the region.

3.4 Vertical extent of measurements

Two different types of aircraft flights were undertaken around the CVAO and the ship in order to assess the representativeness of the ground measurements of the overlying boundary layer, to determine and diurnal variation on boundary layer depth and to assess the validity of the ECMWF calculations for interpretation of the ship based data. Figure 15a shows O₃ and CO data from the 4 “observatory” flights along with data taken at the CVAO. It can be seen that data taken from the aircraft within the boundary layer shows excellent agreement with the observatory, with both the levels and diurnal cycle of both species being very similar. The top panel of Fig. 16 shows the vertical potential temperature profiles taken on the 3 flights on 27 May and demonstrates that there is a very strong temperature inversion; however there is no significant change the height of this inversion layer throughout the day. This is a function of the continuous strong winds and the invariant surface and sea surface temperature throughout the day. It is particularly important to consider the diurnal cycle of ozone in this analysis. The observed daytime ozone destruction cannot be explain using purely HO_x/NO_x photochemistry at the CVAO, however with the addition of IO and BrO chemistry, the observed data has been reproduced by a photochemical model (Read et al., 2008). The fact that the ozone destruction is observed in all boundary layer aircraft measurements provides evidence that short lived halogen species may also be present throughout the entire boundary layer. All of these aircraft measurements and comparison to data from the CVAO, lead us to surmise that the ground measurements taken at the CVAO and thus in the surrounding ocean are representative of the overlying boundary layer. O₃ data from the free troposphere shows much lower levels than measured the boundary layer. It is believed this results from air being sampled that originated further south than Cape Verde, towards the equator and within the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ). This is shown in Fig. 15b which shows 3 d back trajectories arriving above the CVAO on 27 May at heights approximately equivalent to the aircraft measurements. For the 2 heights within the boundary layer, air is from the North East, however above the inversion, air is seen to come from the South East. This means the air originated at ~12° N, which is close to the ITCZ for this time of year. These trajectories are typical for all days during the RHaMBLe intensive period. The diurnal behaviour of ozone in the free troposphere is very similar to that in the boundary layer, consistent with the same type of photochemistry

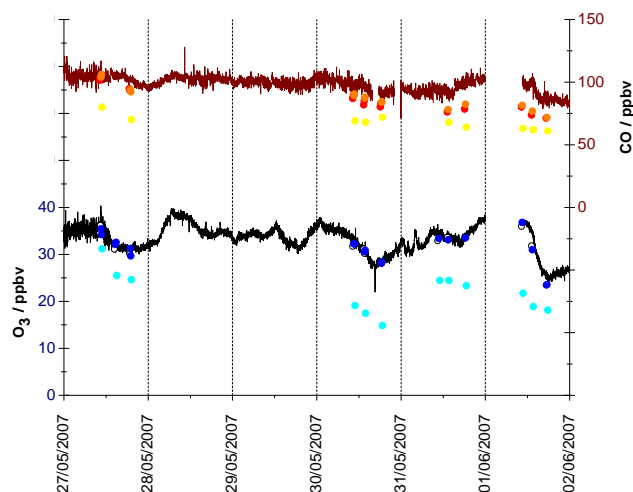


Fig. 15a. O₃ and CO measured on 4 days at and above the Cape Verde atmospheric observatory. The solid lines show ground based data (black: O₃ and red: CO), the black (O₃) open circles and red (CO) points show lower boundary layer data (100–250 m a.s.l.), blue (O₃) and orange (CO) points show upper boundary layer data (350–600 m a.s.l.) and the cyan (O₃) and yellow (CO) points show free tropospheric data (1500–2500 m a.s.l.).

happening from a lower initial ozone concentration. CO also shows slightly lower levels in the free troposphere compared to the boundary layer, again supporting the hypothesis that air from close to the equator is being sampled.

Two flights took place that intercepted the D319 cruise on 26 and 29 May at 17°15'32" N, 21°7'12" W and 16°26'24" N, 20°21'36" W, respectively (about 450 km from the CVAO). The vertical profiles over the ship gave a measurement of boundary layer height and could be compared to the height interpreted from the ECMWF calculated boundary layer heights described in Sect. 3.1. On the day of the first flight, Fig. 6 suggests the inversion layer at the position of the ship is at ~700 m and this is confirmed by the potential temperature profile shown for this flight in the middle panel of Fig. 16. On 29 May, the calculated boundary layer height shown in Fig. 6 is much lower at around ~400 m, which is again confirmed by the potential temperature profile measured from the aircraft and shown in the bottom panel of Fig. 16. These measurements give confidence that the ECMWF analysis can be used to assess boundary layer height for the entire D319 cruise period.

3.5 The chemical context for halogen recycling and its impacts

The roles of odd-hydrogen chemistry in the marine environment are reasonably well-established. Under clean marine conditions in the absence of halogens, the HO_x budget and oxidising capacity may be reasonably described by primary production from O₃ photolysis with OH lifetime controlled

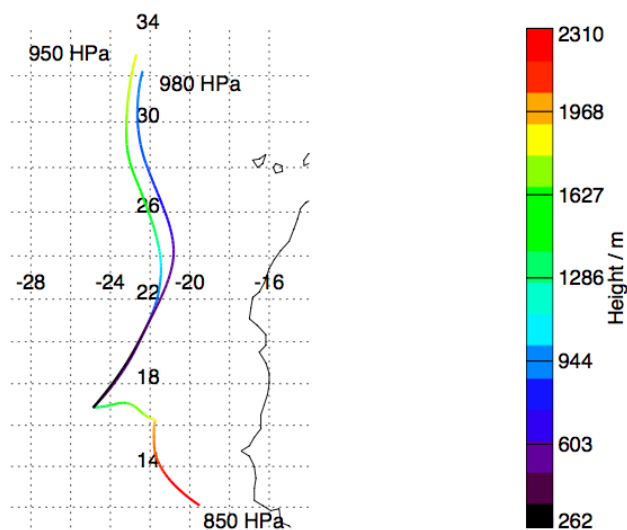


Fig. 15b. 3-D back trajectories arriving above the CVAO at 980, 950 and 800 hPa, heights corresponding approximately to the three aircraft measurement heights.

by reaction with a few dominant species (notably CH_4 and DMS). In the presence of significant remote marine NO_x (largely unexplained, but possibly resulting from a combination of free-tropospheric entrainment and sea-air NO flux), night-time production of the nitrate radical, NO_3 , may be responsible for comparable contributions to DMS lifetime as daytime OH (Allan et al., 2000b). Such an oxidising environment will provide the backdrop for any perturbations resulting from halogen chemistry.

As the year of continuous observations of BrO and IO reported by Read et al. (2008) at CVAO demonstrate and, as discussed in more detail for the RHaMBLe intensive in Mahajan et al. (2009), there is unambiguous evidence for a substantial halogen cycling in the remote tropical Atlantic marine boundary layer. Such cycling is able to explain the geographically-widespread O_3 loss reported in Read et al. (2008) and in the current work. It is unclear whether such XO levels are supported by the calculated sea-air flux of halocarbons and this is the subject of current investigation. Mahajan et al. (2009) uses a 1-dimensional modelling approach to investigate the vertical extent of halogen sources, cycling and impacts.

Predictions of the extent of halogen activation and quantification of the impacts requires a comprehensive characterisation of the marine aerosol. Allan et al. (2009) provides such a characterisation of the aerosol composition and properties measured on board the Discovery cruise D319 and at CVAO. A comparison of the measurements at both locations is reported along with a discussion of the aerosol impacts on and of halogen cycling and Müller et al. (2009a) presents a more detailed comparison of the size-resolved physical and chemical characteristics at CVAO.

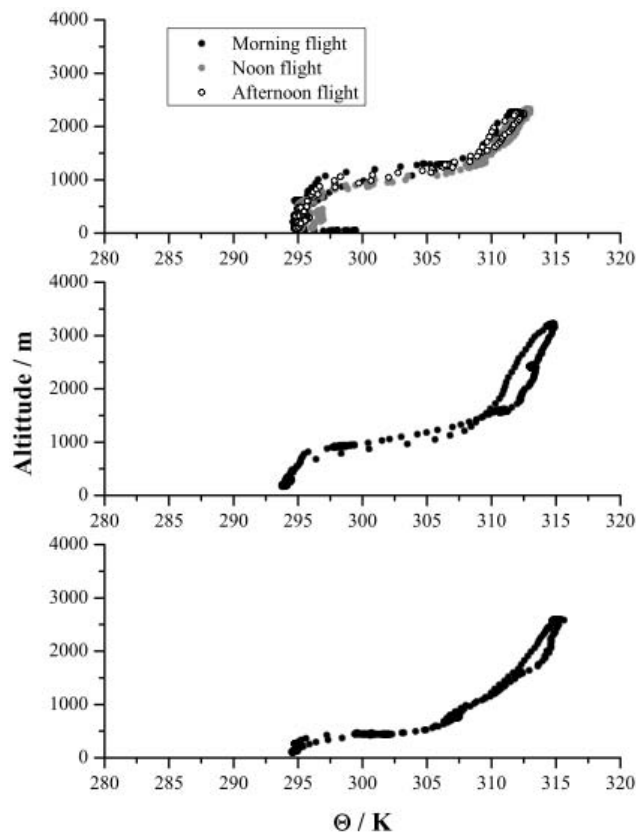


Fig. 16. Top panel shows tracks of 3 flights on 27 May at 10:00, 13:00 and 16:00 UTC showing altitude plotted against potential temperature. The middle and lower panels show altitude against potential temperature from flights on 26 and 29 May that intercepted the ship at positions $17^\circ 15' 32'' \text{N}$, $21^\circ 7' 12'' \text{W}$ and $16^\circ 26' 24'' \text{N}$, $20^\circ 21' 36'' \text{W}$, respectively.

Whilst the direct impacts of reactive halogen chemistry on HO_x through the cycle initiated by the reaction of XO and HO_2 was previously postulated in a number of modelling studies, Bloss et al. (2005) used measurements of the OH and HO_2 radicals at a coastal location to directly demonstrate these impacts for the first time. Such impacts on the oxidising budget had not been demonstrated in a remote marine location prior to the RHaMBLe project. Whalley et al. (2009) conducted budget studies, based on measured OH and HO_2 , using a constrained box model to investigate the magnitude of the impact of halogen at the measured XO concentrations on HO_x and of the halogen-mediated impact on CH_4 lifetime through enhanced OH concentration. A source of radicals entrained during the night-time would improve the agreement under certain assumptions of heterogeneous radical loss. Such a perturbation would not be inconsistent with the meteorological conditions reported herein.

Care should be taken not to categorise reactive halogen chemistry in all airmasses at CVAO as a clean remote marine phenomenon. The study of Lawler et al. (2009) clearly

identified that elevated Cl_2 concentrations were associated with air masses containing high HNO_3 levels. Model studies showed that such observations were consistent with OH attack on HCl and autocatalytic recycling and the concentrations of Cl would have substantially shortened CH_4 and DMS lifetimes.

4 Summary and conclusions

An overview of the meteorological and chemical conditions experienced at the CVAO and the surrounding region during the RHaMBLe intensive study period in May and June 2007 has been presented. The CVAO was found to have always experienced air that arrives from the North East; however 8 day back trajectories suggest a range of air mass origins (European, Atlantic and North American continental). Concentrations of trace gases remained stable and fairly low during most of the intensive period, with the exception of an increase of around 30% in CO, ethane and acetylene when the air was North American in origin. Even in this period, NO_x levels remained stable and low (<20 pptv). Broad consistency these air mass classifications is observed in the time series of soluble gas and aerosol composition measurements, with additional identification of periods of slightly elevated dust concentrations consistent with the trajectories passing over the African continent. The CVAO has been shown to be representative of the wider North Atlantic marine boundary layer by both ship borne and aircraft measurements. Measurements of NO , O_3 and black carbon from the ship are consistent with measurements at the CVAO (and hence clean Northern Hemisphere marine background) and measurements of organic aerosol do not indicate any elevated amounts associated with clean marine air. East of 21° W, levels of black carbon and NO start to increase, demonstrating much greater anthropogenic influence closer to the African coast. Ozone is also lower in this region; however this is possibly associated with the increased levels of halocarbons measured from the ship in this region. These increased halocarbon levels are believed to be associated with the nutrient rich waters of the Mauritanian upwelling. Bromide and chloride deficits in coarse mode aerosol at both CVAO and on D319 and the continuous abundance of reactive gaseous halogen species at CVAO indicate significant cycling of halogen cycling. Aircraft measurements have shown that the surface can be considered to be indicative of the entire depth of the boundary layer in the region. Flights carried out over the CVAO show identical behaviour in O_3 and CO throughout the boundary layer, both in diurnal variability and absolute levels. Data taken above the inversion layer show similar diurnal behaviour in O_3 and CO, but both at lower mixing ratios. Analysis of ECMWF trajectories shows that air above the inversion originated from south of Cape Verde, possibly from within the ITCZ, consistent with the lower measured levels of CO and O_3 . ECMWF calculations on two days

show apparently very different boundary layer depths and aircraft flights over the ship replicate this, giving confidence in the calculated boundary layer depth.

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