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Implementation of polar ice emissions of iodine in a global chemistry climate model

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The sources of the large iodine monoxide (IO) concentrations measured in coastal Antarctica remain unknown. In this work polar iodine emissions have been included in the global chemistry-climate model CAM-Chem. The implementation is based on three recent suggested mechanisms: i) release of iodine through the equilibrium HOI+IleftrightarrowI2+H₂O from sea-ice algae and subsequent diffusion through brine channels to accumulate in the brine layer; ii) photolysis of iodate frozen salts, and iii) emission of gaseous iodine from the production of triiodide (I3-) via iodide oxidation in frozen solution. The results are compared to ground- ship- and satellite-based observations of IO in the Antarctic troposphere.