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Improved Results of in-situ bromine monoxide measurements in the tropical UTLS

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Due to systematic differences between balloon borne UV/VIS DOAS measurements of bromine monoxide, BrO, and airborne in-situ measurements employing the chemical-conversion resonance-fluorescence method (Brune et al. 1989) the the calibration of the in-situ measurements has been revisited in the pressure regime experienced during the airborne measurements in the tropical UTLS region. Appropriate lab measurements are in progress and a new calibration method is in preparation.

In another effort chemical box model simulations along ECMWF trajectories ascending through the tropical UTLS region have been carried out in order to simulate the free-up of inorganic bromine from very short-lived species (VSLS) like bromoform. The modelled BrO mixing ratios are compared to the measurements obtained during the TROCCINOX and SCOUT-O3 measurement campaigns.

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