Spatial and temporal variability of iodine in aerosol

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Abstract

In this work we describe the compilation and homogenization of an extensive dataset of aerosol iodine field observations in the period between 1963 and 2018 and we discuss its spatial and temporal dependences by comparison with CAM-Chem model simulations. A close to linear relationship between soluble and total iodine in aerosol is found (~80% aerosol iodine is soluble), which enables converting a large subset of measurements of soluble iodine into total iodine. The resulting dataset shows a distinct latitudinal dependence, with an enhancement towards the northern hemisphere (NH) tropics and lower values towards the poles. This behavior, which has been predicted by atmospheric models to depend on the global distribution of the main oceanic iodine source (which in turn depends on the reaction of ozone with aqueous iodide on the sea water-air interface, generating gas-phase I2 and HOI), is confirmed here by field observations for the first time. Longitudinally, there is some indication of a wave-one profile in the Tropics, which peaks in the Atlantic and shows a minimum in the Pacific. New data from Antarctica show that the south polar seasonal variation of iodine in aerosol mirrors that observed previously in the Arctic, with two equinoctial maxima and the dominant maximum occurring in spring. While no clear seasonal variability is observed in NH middle latitudes, there is an indication of different seasonal cycles in the NH tropical Atlantic and Pacific. Long-term trends cannot be unambiguously established as a result of inhomogeneous time and spatial coverage and analytical methods.

1. Introduction

Iodine is a key element in mammalian metabolism whose major global source is oceanic surface gas emissions of iodine-bearing molecules to the atmosphere (Whitehead, 1984). The photooxidation of
these compounds leads to chemical cycles that impact the oxidative capacity of the atmosphere, and to
the partitioning of the iodine load to aerosol (Saiz-Lopez, et al., 2012), which is the main carrier of
this element towards continental food chains (Whitehead, 1984). Even though the enrichment of
marine aerosol in iodine is well established (I/Na ratio several hundred times that of bulk seawater)
and has been documented in early works on atmospheric iodine chemistry (see Duce et al. (1965) and
references therein), the specific processes controlling the phase-partitioning remain unknown. Uptake
of gas-phase iodine compounds on sea-salt aerosol is believed to be responsible for this large
enrichment (Duce et al., 1983). This, however, is not an irreversible sink for iodine, since chemical
processes analogous to those leading to the release of iodine-bearing gases from the sea surface
(Carpenter et al., 2013; Garland & Curtis, 1981; MacDonald et al., 2014; Miyake & Tsunogai, 1963)
occur as well on air-aqueous aerosol interfaces (Magi et al., 1997).

Iodine in aerosol has received less attention than gas-phase iodine and its chemistry remains poorly
understood (Saiz-Lopez, Plane, et al., 2012). Uptake of iodine oxides (I2Ox) and oxyacids (HIOx), as
well as of iodine nitrate (IONO3) and nitrite (IONO) on aerosol surfaces remains to be studied more
thoroughly both experimentally and theoretically. The processing and partitioning between water
insoluble and soluble iodine species, between soluble organic and inorganic iodine, and in the latter
group between aqueous iodide (I−) and iodate (IO3−), are essentially unknown. This includes the
formation of volatile species that can go back to the gas phase (recycling), which is thought to occur
via I−, and the formation of species assumed to be stable and unreactive, i.e. iodate IO3− (Vogt et al.,
1999). The existing aerosol chemical schemes cannot explain the speciation variability and the
relative concentrations of iodide and iodate observed in the field. The aerosol I− concentration is
predicted to be negligible as a result of recycling to the gas phase, while IO3− is predicted to
accumulate in particles (Pechtl et al., 2007; Vogt et al., 1999). However many field observations show
a significant I− concentration in aerosol samples (Baker, 2004, 2005; Gäbler & Heumann, 1993; Lai et
al., 2008; Wimschneider & Heumann, 1995; Yu et al., 2019).

Despite the many existing unknowns about aerosol iodine chemistry and speciation, the total iodine
(TI) content of aerosol can be expected to gauge the strength of the iodine oceanic emissions and thus
provide a sense of how these vary with location and time. Currently, the major source of iodinated
gases to the troposphere is believed to be the reaction of gas-phase O3 with I− on the seawater-air
interface. This assessment is mainly based on laboratory work (Carpenter et al., 2013; Garland &
Curtis, 1981; MacDonald et al., 2014) and the ability of global models to reproduce the observations
of gas-phase iodine monoxide (IO) at a few locations (Saiz-Lopez et al., 2014; Sherwen, Evans,
Carpenter, et al., 2016). In addition, Sherwen et al. (2016) used a set of TI and total soluble iodine
(TSI) open ocean observations to test the performance of global simulations of tropospheric iodine
aerosol with GEOS-Chem, obtaining broad agreement with the relatively sparse cruise data
considered. These simulations predict the highest TI to occur in the tropical marine boundary layer
(MBL), as a result of the latitudinal dependence of iodine gas source emissions (Prados-Roman et al., 2015) that results from the superposition of the seawater I\(^-\) and gas-phase O\(_3\) distributions.

A wealth of field observations of TI in bulk aerosol and fine and coarse aerosol, as well as of iodine speciation exist (Figure 1). These results, however, are scattered in the literature and no attempt of putting together a comprehensive database and investigating its spatial and temporal variability has been carried out to the best of our knowledge. A list of total iodine and soluble iodine speciation observations was compiled for a previous review of atmospheric iodine chemistry (Saiz-Lopez, Plane, et al., 2012), but some important historic datasets were missed (e.g. all the PEM WEST A results), and new cruise and ground-based observations are currently available. There are reasons to exclude TI observations at coastal and island stations from a comparison with global simulations, e.g. observations may be biased by locally intensive biogenic emissions with respect to oceanic observations, which are sensitive to less intensive but more widespread sources of iodine. However, the sparsity of the cruise data and its concentration mostly in the Atlantic suggests resorting to the abundant data obtained from ground-based stations.

The present paper deals with the compilation of a global aerosol TI dataset including both cruise and ground-based (coastal and insular) observations and the analysis of its spatial and temporal trends. The dataset includes unpublished aerosol iodine data obtained from the analysis of samples collected at Neumayer II Station (Antarctica) (Weller et al., 2008) and during a short cruise around the island of Monserrat in the Tropical Atlantic (Lin et al., 2016), as well as data obtained in three cruises that have only been fully reported in two PhD theses and a MSc thesis (Droste, 2017; Lai, 2008; Yodle, 2015), and an improved analysis and extended version of the TI data of the 23\(^{rd}\) Chinese Antarctic Campaign cruise (Gilfedder et al., 2010; Lai et al., 2008). CAM-Chem global simulations are then employed to test the performance of the model in reproducing these trends and distributions, with the purpose of highlighting the existing uncertainties and/or the importance of including missing processes in global simulations. Iodine partitioning between coarse and fine aerosol and speciation will be discussed in a follow up publication. A spreadsheet containing the compiled data can be found in the Supplementary Information.

2. Methods

2.1. Definitions

The TI concentration (in pmol m\(^{-3}\)) is defined as the amount of particulate iodine collected by a filter or collection surface per volume unit of sampled air. Extraction methods may use a solvent (usually water) to facilitate the analysis. Thus, TI is the sum of total water-soluble iodine (TSI) plus non-soluble iodine (NSI), i.e. TI = TSI + NSI. TSI comprises total inorganic iodine (TII = I\(^-\) + IO\(_3\)-) and soluble organic iodine (SOI), i.e.: TSI = TII + SOI. Total gas-phase iodine (TI\(_g\)) consist of the sum of organic iodine (GOI) and inorganic iodine (I\(_y\)) in the gas phase, i.e.: TI\(_g\) = GOI + I\(_y\). Table 1 lists the acronyms used throughout this work and the corresponding definitions.
Aerosol size-segregated observations of TI and/or TSI have been reported by means of set of stacked filters or by using cascade impactors (CI) (Duce et al., 1965, 1967; Gilfedder et al., 2008). The bulk TI concentration is the sum of the TI within each size range. Usually, aerosol TI is reported for coarse (diameter $d > 1 \mu m$) and fine ($d < 1 \mu m$) aerosol, and $T_{I_{bulk}} = T_{I_{fine}} + T_{I_{coarse}}$. There are however other studies where TI in particulate matter with $d \leq 2.5 \mu m$ (PM$_{2.5}$) collected by virtual impactors (VI) is reported (Gilfedder et al., 2008). When collecting filters are used, typical extraction procedures include thermal extraction, ultrasonication, and mechanical shaking (Yodle & Baker, 2019). In combination with these methods for measuring TI in aerosol, techniques for capturing gas-phase $I_y$ and $T_{I_y}$ have also been implemented. For $I_y$, the air flow may be passed additionally through filters impregnated in alkaline substances (Gäbler & Heumann, 1993; Rancher & Kritz, 1980) or bubbled through an alkaline solution (Duce et al., 1965). For $T_{I_y}$, a combination of an electrostatic precipitator and a charcoal trap has been used (Moyers & Duce, 1972, 1974). A more modern method for determining the concentration of iodocarbons is Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS) analysis of air samples stored in canisters, but it does not appear to have been applied to measure the overall airborne iodine budget.

Figure 1. Geographical distribution of total iodine (TI) and total soluble iodine (TSI) observations. Stations: Yellow triangles; Cruises: colour-coded dots (see legend). The SEAREX cruise region is shown in shaded, because the aerosol sampling points are not available (only the average TI for the second leg of the cruise was reported).

The analytical method most widely used to quantify TI in older observations is Instrumental Neutron Activation Analysis (INAA) (Arimoto et al., 1989, 1996; Duce et al., 1965, 1973). Isotope Dilution Mass Spectrometry (IDMS) has also been used to determine TI (Gäbler & Heumann, 1993). Contemporary observations employ more accessible techniques such as Thermal Extraction with Spectrometric detection of Iodine (TESI) (Gilfedder et al., 2010) for TI and Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS) for TSI (Baker, 2005; Lai et al., 2008).
Table 1. Definition of iodine variables

| Acronym/symbol | Definition |
|----------------|------------|
| TI             | Total iodine (in aerosol) |
| NSI            | Non-soluble iodine (in aerosol) |
| TSI            | Total soluble iodine (in aerosol) |
| TII            | Total inorganic iodine (in aerosol) |
| SOI            | Soluble organic iodine (in aerosol) |
| $X_{\text{bulk}}$, $X_{\text{fine}}$, $X_{\text{coarse}}$ ($X = \text{TI}, \text{TSI}$) | Iodine in bulk aerosol and in the fine and coarse aerosol fractions |
| $\text{TI}_x$, $\text{TSI}_x$ | TI and TSI for $d < x \mu m$ |
| $\text{TI}_y$ | Total iodine (gas-phase) |
| $\text{I}_y$ | Inorganic iodine (gas phase) |
| GOI            | Gas-phase organic iodine |

2.2. Description of datasets

2.2.1. Geographical distribution

We have compiled iodine aerosol data from 55 field campaigns across the globe spanning 55 years (1963 to 2018), consisting of 7794 datapoints (Supplementary Information). Of these, 7772 are measurements of individual samples and the remaining 22 points are the reported averages of a total of 510 samples which we have not been able to retrieve. Since the source of iodine is mainly marine, only ship-borne, coastal or insular campaigns have been considered. Tables 2 and 3 list the 19 cruises (C#) and 36 coastal ground-based (S#) campaigns where aerosol iodine measurements have been carried out. Totally or partially unpublished aerosol TI and TSI data included in our compilation (C7, C8, C12, C14, C17, C18 and S33) are described in the Supplementary Text S1.

Figure 1 shows the geographical distribution of these observations. The dataset samples well the latitudinal coordinate. Longitudinally, most observations are concentrated in the Atlantic, while there is a complete lack of data in the Eastern Pacific. Some locations need to be considered carefully, since they may be affected by locally enhanced sources of iodine. For example, there is evidence that the MAP 2006 (Gilfedder et al., 2008; Lai, 2008) data (S32) is affected by intense particle formation following biogenic emissions. Similarly, the decline of Arctic sea ice may have enhanced airborne iodine in C13 with respect to C7 (Kang et al., 2015). Also, aerosol sampled in the free troposphere (S1c, S1d, S7, S17) is likely to show different iodine content than at sea level.

2.2.2. Types of data

Most of the samples were analyzed for TI, but in some of the recent works TSI analysis was reported (C4, C6, C8, C9, C10, C14, C17, C18, C19, S32, S36). Fortunately, the samples of some cruises (C5, C7, C11, C12, C13) and ground-based campaigns (S14, S34, S35) were analyzed for both TI and TSI, which allows obtaining a relationship between both quantities to convert TSI into TI (see Section 3.1). Similarly, most works report bulk aerosol measurements. Only two cruises (C8 and C9) reported exclusively PM$_{2.5}$ measurements. Again, CI size-segregated data is available for several campaigns.
(S1, S2, S4, S9, S20, S32), which enables to deduce a relationship between \(T_{I_{2,3}}\) and \(T_{I_{bulk}}\). Regarding gas-phase measurements, campaigns C1, S1, S5, S6 and S29 report measurements of \(I_y\) or \(T_{I_{y}}\).

### 2.2.3. Quality of data

**Sample data availability.** In some cases, the individual sample data (C3, S8, S10, S28 and S29) are plotted in the original publication, but no longer available or not accessible in digital form. In these cases, the data has been digitized from the plots in the original papers. In newer publications, digitization of plots with many datapoints can be done with good accuracy (e.g. S28), but in older papers this is not always the case. For Mould Bay (S8) and Igloolik (S10), the data are affected by the clustering of the symbols in the plot and some points may be missing because of fading symbols in the hard copy from which the papers were scanned. Thus, the number of samples and the actual values may differ from the original data, although the overall campaign statistics are close to those of the original data.

**Only campaign statistics reported.** Comparing cruise and ground-based measurements is often difficult, since cruise observations are snapshots of the state of the atmosphere, while ground-based observations enable much longer integration times. Some papers report only statistics of long-term sampling, and do not provide the individual measurements (C2, S7, S12, S13, S20, S30 and S36). Moreover, the statistics provided in different works may differ (e.g. for S12 the geometric mean is reported instead of the arithmetic mean). This may cause a problem of consistency in the treatment of the full dataset. In the present paper we use the arithmetic mean and we have estimated it if not available.

**Data below detection limit.** We are aware of a campaign in coastal Australia (MUMBA) where TI measurements with ion beam analysis – particle induced x-ray emission (IBA-PIXE) were carried out (Paton-Walsh et al., 2017). The concentrations determined were below a detection limit of \(\sim 1.2\) nmol m\(^{-3}\) (Perry Davy, personal communication), which is two orders of magnitude higher than typical TI concentrations measured in the same region \((\sim 10\) pmol m\(^{-3}\), campaigns S12 and S13). Thus, we are unable to use this dataset.

### 2.3. Model description

The halogen version of the global 3-D chemistry-climate model CAM-Chem (Community Atmospheric Model with chemistry, version 4) (Fernandez et al., 2014; Saiz-Lopez et al., 2014) has been used to calculate the reactive and total gas-phase iodine budget. The model setup includes a state-of-the-art emissions inventory and chemistry scheme for halogens (chlorine, bromine and iodine) (Fernandez et al., 2014; Saiz-Lopez et al., 2014). Briefly, the iodine chemical scheme includes an independent representation of dry and wet deposition for each inorganic gas-phase iodine species (I, \(I_2\), IO, OIO, INO, INO\(_2\), INO\(_3\), HI, HOI, I\(_2\)O\(_2\), I\(_2\)O\(_3\), I\(_2\)O\(_4\), IBr, ICl), which are termed collectively as \(I_y\). The organic iodine sources from a top-down emission inventory (Ordóñez et al., 2012) represent the oceanic emissions and photochemical breakdown of four iodocarbons (CH\(_3\)I, CH\(_2\)ICl, CH\(_2\)IBr,
CH$_2$I$_2$), including a cyclic seasonal variation. Inorganic sources of iodine (HOI and I$_2$ emitted from the ocean surface) are based on laboratory studies of the oxidation of aqueous iodide by surface ozone reacting on the ocean’s surface (Carpenter et al., 2013; MacDonald et al., 2014), and are computed on-line using SST as a proxy (Prados-Roman et al., 2015). In this work we use the output from a REF-C1 model run used previously to simulate the evolution of iodine concentration in the RECAP ice core (coastal East Greenland) (Cuevas et al., 2018). CAM-Chem was configured with a horizontal resolution of 1.9° latitude by 2.5° longitude and 26 vertical levels from the surface to the stratosphere (~40 km). The model was run in free-running mode considering prescribed sea surface temperature fields and sea ice distributions from 1950 to 2010 (Tilmes et al., 2016), which covers the major part of the time span of observations (1963 to 2018). Therefore, the model dynamics and transport represent the daily synoptic conditions of the observations, and allows the direct online coupling between the ocean, ice, and atmospheric modules during the 60 years of simulation. A land-mask filter (land fraction < 1.0) has been applied to all longitudinal and latitudinal averages from the model output, in order to account only for coastal and open ocean regions.

The 1950-2010 REF-C1 simulation used for model validation did not include the recent implementation of iodine sources and heterogeneous recycling occurring within the polar regions, which strongly affect the total gas-phase I$_y$ burden within the Arctic and Antarctica. Indeed, the development of the halogen polar module within CAM-Chem (Fernandez et al., 2019) has only been applied to present time conditions and is based on a seasonal sea-ice climatology representative of the 2000th decade. Thus, and for the sake of highlighting the large differences on the surface iodine mixing ratios when additional polar sources and chemistry are considered, the perpetual 2000 CAM-Chem output from (Fernandez et al., 2019) has also been used to evaluate the model performance at high latitudes.

Although a detailed treatment of uptake, recycling and loss of individual I$_y$ gas-phase species on sea-salt aerosol and ice-crystals is included in CAM-Chem (Saiz-Lopez et al., 2014, 2015), the model does not track any aerosol iodine species nor the TI content in other types of aerosol. Note that the accumulation of iodine in aerosol depends on a number unknown or highly uncertain chemical processes that require further investigation, for example the redox chemistry that may enable interconversion between IO$_3^-$ (currently believed to be a sink) and I$^-$ (currently thought to lead to recycling of gas-phase iodine), or the role of organic iodinated compounds as I$^-$ reservoirs (Saiz-Lopez, Plane, et al., 2012). Currently, models are essentially unable to explain the speciation of iodine in aerosol, and in particular iodide concentrations are ~2 orders of magnitude lower than observations (Pechtl et al., 2007). Since I$_y$ uptake on aerosol determines the partitioning of iodine between I$_y$ and TI, it is expected that both quantities show similar spatial and temporal trends. Therefore, in this work we have used the modeled I$_y$ to compare with the aerosol TI observations. In doing so, we have scaled the model I$_y$ abundance by the I$_y$/TI and TI$_y$/TI ratios computed from all cruises and campaigns where
both total gas-phase and aerosol iodine were measured, as described below in section 3.2. Two
caveats to this comparison at high latitudes are that the polar module is not fully tested due to sparse
gas phase iodine measurements (especially in the Arctic region), and that the iodine budget is
controlled by heterogeneous recycling on ice and loss to iodine oxide particles (IOPs). The later
process is not yet implemented in the polar module, and this may lead to a significant overestimation
of gas phase iodine.
### Table 2. List of cruises reporting aerosol iodine

| #  | Program / Campaign | Cruise | Location                  | Min lon | Max lon | Min lat | Max lat | Date start | Date end  | N  | Type of data | Methods                  | Ref.                        |
|----|--------------------|--------|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|-----------|----|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| C1 | R/V Capricorne     |        | Equatorial Atlantic       | -2.7    | 9.2     | -5.2    | 2.7     | 30-05-77   | 12-06-77  | 24 | TI (bulk), I₅ | INAA                      | (Rancher & Kritz, 1980)    |
| C2 | SEAREX             |        | Westerlies, R/V Moana Wave | -170    | -149    | 22      | 40      | 10-06-86   | 11-07-86  | 17 | TI (bulk)     | INAA                      | (Arimoto et al., 1989)     |
| C3 | Polarstern         |        | Tropical Atlantic         | -1      | 2       | -11     | -6      | 18-03-89   | 18-03-89  | 1  | I, IO₅        | IDMS                      | (Wimschneider & Heumann, 1995) |
| C4 | German SOLAS       | M55, R/V Meteor | Tropical Atlantic         | -56.2   | -3.5    | 0.1     | 11.3    | 15-10-02   | 13-11-02  | 28 | TSI (fine + coarse) | CI b, ICP-MS              | (Baker, 2005)               |
| C5 | CHINARE            |        | Western Pacific-Arctic Ocean | 121     | -150    | 35.0    | 80.0    | 15-07-03   | 26-09-03  | 44 | TI, TSI (bulk) | CI b, ICP-MS              | (Kang et al., 2015)         |
| C6 | AMT                | AMT13 RRS James Clark Ross | Atlantic Transect        | -40.2   | -14.3   | -41.1   | 47.3    | 14-09-03   | 08-10-03  | 22 | TSI (fine + coarse) | CI b, ICP-MS              | (Baker, 2005)               |
| C7 | CAC                |        | Western Pacific-Indian-Southern Ocean | 70.8    | 122.0   | -69.3   | 26.2    | 20-11-05   | 22-03-06  | 57 | TI, TSI (bulk) | TESI, ICP-MS              | (Gilfedder et al., 2010; Lai et al., 2008) This work |
| C8 | MAP                |        | North Atlantic            | -12.3   | -7.5    | 50.7    | 57.4    | 12-06-06   | 05-07-06  | 33 | TSI (PM₂.₅) | VI, ICP-MS                | (Gilfedder et al., 2008; Lai, 2008) |
| C9 | OOMPH              | VT 88 R/V Marion Dufresne | Southern Atlantic        | -59.2   | 15.8    | -44.9   | -33.7   | 20-01-07   | 02-02-07  | 14 | TSI (PM₂.₅) | ICP-MS                  | (Lai et al., 2011)          |
| C10| RHaMBLe           | RRS Discovery D319 | Tropical Atlantic        | -23.1   | -14.1   | 16.6    | 33.3    | 22-05-07   | 05-06-07  | 14 | TSI (fine + coarse) | CI b, ICP-MS              | (Allan et al., 2009)       |
| C11| UK-SOLAS          | INSPIRE RRS Discovery D325 | Tropical North Atlantic | -25.0   | -22.8   | 16.0    | 26.0    | 17-11-07   | 16-12-07  | 17 | TI, TSI (bulk) | TESI                    | (Gilfedder et al., 2010; Sherwen, Evans, |
| C12 | RRS James Cook Cruise 18 (JC18) | Tropical Atlantic | -63 | -62.5 | 16.2 | 16.7 | 04-12-07 | 14-12-07 | 8 | Ti, TSI (fine + coarse) | CI⁺, ICP-MS | Spracklen, et al., (2016) |
| C13 | CHINARE 3rd CHINARE, R/V Xue-long | Western Pacific-Arctic Ocean | 122 | -146 | 31.2 | 85.1 | 13-07-08 | 21-09-08 | 28 | Ti, TSI (bulk) | ICP-MS | (Xu et al., 2010) |
| C14 | TransBrom | R/V Sonne SO202-2 | Tropical Western Pacific | 143.7 | 154.5 | -14.6 | 36.0 | 10-10-09 | 22-10-09 | 13 | TSI (fine + coarse) | CI⁺, ICP-MS | (Yodle, 2015) |
| C15 | UK-GEOTRACES | RRS Discovery D357 | Southern Atlantic | -3.6 | 17.3 | -40.0 | -34.5 | 18-10-10 | 19-11-10 | 11 | Ti (bulk) | INAA | (Sherwen, Evans, Spracklen, et al., 2016) |
| C16 | UK-GEOTRACES | RRS Discovery D361 | Atlantic transect | -28.8 | -17.8 | -6.6 | 22.3 | 21-02-11 | 16-03-11 | 24 | Ti (bulk) | INAA | (Sherwen, Evans, Spracklen, et al., 2016) |
| C17 | AMT | AMT21 RRS Discovery D371 | Atlantic Transect | -51.0 | -16.4 | -45.1 | 48.2 | 01-10-11 | 07-11-11 | 33 | TSI (fine + coarse) | CI⁺, ICP-MS | (Yodle, 2015) |
| C18 | SHIVA | R/V Sonne SO218 | Tropical Western Pacific | 106.9 | 120.7 | 2.2 | 13.1 | 16-11-11 | 28-11-11 | 11 | TSI (bulk) | ICP-MS | (Yodle & Baker, 2019) |
| C19 | OASIS | R/V Sonne SO 234-2 and SO235 | Tropical Indian Ocean | 35.0 | 72.0 | -29.8 | 1.7 | 08-07-14 | 07-08-14 | 10 | TSI (fine + coarse) | CI⁺, ICP-MS | (Drost, 2017) |

Abbreviations: SOLAS: Surface-Ocean / Lower Atmosphere Study; AMT: Atlantic Meridional Transect; CHINARE: China National Arctic Research Expedition; CAC: China Antarctic Campaign; MAP: Marine Aerosol Production from Natural Sources; OOMPH: Organics over the Ocean Modifying Particles in both Hemispheres; RHaMBLe: Reactive Halogens in the Marine Boundary Layer; SHIVA: Stratospheric Ozone: Halogen Impacts in a Varying Atmosphere; OASIS: Organic very short lived substances and their Air Sea Exchange from the Indian Ocean to the Stratosphere; CI: Cascade Impactor; VI: Virtual Impactor; INAA: Instrumental Neutron Activation Analysis; ICP-MS: Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry; IDMS: Isotope Dilution Mass Spectrometry; TESI: Thermal extraction with spectrometric detection. * Cascade impactors were also used to achieve the coarse/fine separation, but they weren’t used to achieve detailed size segregation.
| #  | Program / Campaign | Location | Lon | Lat | Date start | Date end | N  | Type of data | Methods | Ref.                        |
|----|--------------------|----------|-----|-----|------------|----------|----|--------------|----------|---------------------------|
| S1a| Hilo, Hawaii, USA  | -155.1   | 19.9|     | 27-05-63   | 18-06-63 | 5  | TI (size-segregated), I<sub>y</sub> | CI; INAA | (Duce et al., 1965)       |
| S1b| Mauna Loa, Hawaii, USA (600 m) | -155.6 | 19.9| 03-06-63 | 25-06-63 | 2  | TI (size-segregated) | CI; INAA | (Arimoto et al., 1987) |
| S1c| Mauna Loa, Hawaii, USA (2000 m) | -155.6 | 19.9| 03-06-63 | 25-06-63 | 1  | TI (bulk) | INAA | (Hirofumi et al., 1987) |
| S1d| Mauna Loa, Hawaii, USA (3300 m) | -155.6 | 19.9| 05-06-63 | 25-06-63 | 1  | TI (bulk) | INAA | (Arimoto et al., 1995) |
| S2 | Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA | -71.1 | 42.4| 31-10-64 | 14-11-64 | 10 | TI (size-segregated) | CI; INAA | (Zieman et al., 1995) |
| S3 | Barrow, Alaska, USA | -156.8 | 71.3| 20-01-65 | 28-01-65 | 23 | TI (bulk) | INAA | (Duce et al., 1966)       |
| S4 | Hilo, Hawaii, USA | -155.1 | 19.9| 01-08-66 | 31-08-66 | 10 | TI (size-segregated) | CI; INAA | (Arimoto et al., 1995) |
| S5 | Oahu, Hawaii, USA | -157.7 | 21.3| 01-08-69 | 10-08-69 | 11 | TI (bulk) | INAA | (Meyers & Duce, 1972) |
| S6 | McMurdo, Antarctica | 166.7 | -77.8| 08-11-70 | 12-12-70 | 19 | TI (bulk) | INAA | (Duce et al., 1973)       |
| S7 | Mauna Loa, Hawaii, USA (3300 m) | -155.6 | 19.9| 01-02-79 | 31-05-85 | 287 | TI (bulk) | INAA | (Zieman et al., 1995) |
| S8 | CAASN Mould Bay, Canada | -119.3 | 76.2| 11-04-79 | 20-05-82 | 135 | TI (bulk) | INAA | (Sturges & Barrie, 1988) |
| S9 | SEAREX Enewetak, Marshall Islands | 162.0 | 11.5| 18-04-79 | 04-08-79 | 27 | TI (size-segregated) | CI; INAA | (Duce et al., 1973) |
| S10| CAASN Igloolik, Canada | -81.7 | 69.4| 29-10-79 | 16-05-82 | 110 | TI (bulk) | INAA | (Sturges & Barrie, 1988) |
| S11| CAASN Alert, Canada | -62.3 | 82.5| 13-07-80 | 18-12-06 | 1234 | TI (bulk) | INAA | (Sharma et al., 2019) |
| S12a| SEAREX American Samoa ISS | -170.6 | -14.3| 01-01-81 | 31-08-81 | 7  | TI (bulk) | INAA | (Arimoto et al., 1987) |
| S12b| SEAREX American Samoa OSS | -170.6 | -14.3| 01-01-81 | 31-08-81 | 4  | TI (bulk) | INAA | (Arimoto et al., 1987) |
| S13| SEAREX New Zealand | 172.7 | -34.4| 01-08-83 | 31-08-83 | 11 | TI (bulk) | INAA | (Arimoto et al., 1990) |
| S14| Tokyo, Japan | 139.8 | 35.7| 14-07-83 | 23-03-84 | 9  | TI, TSI (bulk) | INAA | (Hirofumi et al., 1987) |
| S15| AEROCE Tudor Hill, Bermuda, UK | -64.87 | 32.29| 29-07-88 | 26-12-97 | 1308 | TI (bulk) | INAA | (Arimoto et al., 1995) |
| S16| AEROCE Ragged Point, Barbados | -59.4 | 13.2| 17-08-88 | 30-12-97 | 2750 | TI (bulk) | INAA | (Arimoto et al., 1995) |
| S17| AEROCE Izafa, Tenerife, Spain (2360 m) | -16.5 | 28.3| 17-06-89 | 28-12-97 | 905 | TI (bulk) | INAA | (Arimoto et al., 1995) |
| S18| AEROCE Mace Head, Ireland | -9.73 | 53.3| 07-08-89 | 15-08-94 | 436 | TI (bulk) | INAA | (Huang et al., 2001) |
| S19| Ibaraki, Japan | 140.3 | 36.3| 19-02-90 | 13-05-91 | 13 | TI (bulk) | INAA | (Yoshida & Maramatsu, 1995) |
| Sample ID | Location                        | Latitude | Longitude | Collection Dates | Type (PM) | Ionization Method | Notes                                      |
|-----------|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|------------------|-----------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| S20a      | Uto, Finland                    | 21.4     | 59.8      | 29-04-91, 12-05-91 | 35        | INAA             | Jalkanen & Manninen, 1996                  |
| S20b      | Virolahti, Finland              | 27.7     | 60.6      | 10-06-91, 30-06-91 | 35        | INAA             |                                            |
| S21       | PEM West A Midway Island        | -177.4   | -25.5     | 02-12-91          | 12        | INAA             | (Arimoto et al., 1996)                     |
| S22       | PEM West A Hong Kong, China     | 114.3    | 22.6      | 06-09-91, 25-11-91| 50        | INAA             | (Arimoto et al., 1996)                     |
| S23       | PEM West A Ken-ting, Taiwan     | 120.9    | 21.9      | 08-09-91, 23-10-91| 29        | INAA             | (Arimoto et al., 1996)                     |
| S24       | PEM West A Okinawa, Japan       | 128.3    | 26.9      | 09-09-91, 09-12-91| 8         | INAA             | (Arimoto et al., 1996)                     |
| S25       | PEM West A Cheju Island, Korea  | 126.48   | 33.52     | 10-09-91, 02-10-91| 6         | INAA             | (Arimoto et al., 1996)                     |
| S26       | PEM West A Oahu, Hawaii, USA    | -157.7   | 21.3      | 18-09-91, 31-10-91| 37        | INAA             | (Arimoto et al., 1996)                     |
| S27       | PEM West A Shemya, Alaska, USA  | 174.1    | 52.9      | 19-09-91, 31-10-91| 15        | INAA             | (Arimoto et al., 1996)                     |
| S28       | PSE Alert, Canada               | -62.3    | 82.5      | 22-01-92, 15-04-92| 85        | INAA             | (Barrie et al., 1994)                      |
| S29       | Weddell Sea (Filchner Station)  | -50.2    | -7.1      | 30-01-92, 10-02-92| 2         | IDMS             | (Gäbler & Heumann, 1993)                   |
| S30       | Hong Kong, China                | 114.2    | 22.3      | 01-04-93, 30-04-96| 114       | INAA             | (Cheng et al., 2000)                      |
| S31       | Weybourne, UK                   | 1.1      | 52.9      | 08-08-96, 21-10-97| 16        | CI, INAA         | (Baker et al., 2000)                      |
| S32       | MAP Mace Head, Ireland          | -9.7     | 53.3      | 13-06-06, 06-07-06| 75        | CI, VI, ICP-MS   | (Gilfedder et al., 2008; Lai, 2008)       |
| S33       | Neumayer II, Antarctica         | -8.3     | -70.7     | 08-01-07, 28-01-08| 56        | ICP-MS           | This work                                 |
| S34       | MAP Mace Head, Ireland          | 9.7      | 53.3      | 18-06-07, 02-07-07| 3         | TESI, INAA       | (Gilfedder et al., 2010)                  |
| S35       | Riso, Denmark                   | 12.1     | 55.693    | 02-04-11, 11-12-14| 8         | ICP-MS           | (Zhang et al., 2016)                      |
| S36       | Xiangshan Gulf, Zhejiang, China | 121.8    | 29.5      | 11-02-18, 11-05-18| 3         | Nano-MOUDI       | (Yu et al., 2019)                         |

Notes: SEAREX: Sea/Air Exchange; CAASN: Canadian Arctic Aerosol Sampling Network; PSE: Polar Sunrise Experiment; AEROCE: Atmospheric/Ocean Chemistry Experiment; PEM West A: Pacific Exploratory Mission - West-A; American Samoa data ISS: inside selected sector, OSS: outside selected sector. Dates in italics: the original paper does not report exact dates, only months or season. CI: Cascade Impactor; VI: Virtual Impactor; nano-MOUDI: Nano-Microorifice Uniform Deposit Impactor; INAA: Instrumental Neutron Activation Analysis; ICP-MS: Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry; IDMS: Isotope Dilution Mass Spectrometry; LC-MS: Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry; TESI: Thermal extraction with spectrometric detection.
3. Results

3.1. Homogenization of total iodine data

In order to study TI spatial and time dependencies, the data needs to be homogenized. We use observed TI data if available and derive TI from TSI when TI measurements are not available but TSI was reported instead. This is especially critical for most of the recent cruise samples, for which only TSI was measured (C4, C6, C8, C9, C10, C14, C17, C18, C19, C32, C36, S33). Similarly, measurements of fine particulate matter or PM$_{2.5}$ (C8 and C9) need to be scaled to make them directly comparable to bulk aerosol measurements.

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**Figure 2.** Correlation between total iodine (TI) and total soluble iodine (TSI). Panel a: observed bulk aerosol TI/TSI ratios from seven campaigns (colour coded); the black box indicates the latitudinal range of the campaigns at mid-latitudes reporting only TSI, and the red dashed line indicates the latitude of Neumayer II (S33). Panel b: Regression (considering error in both coordinates) of bulk aerosol TI vs TSI for all the available dataset and for a restricted dataset within the box indicated in panel a. Note that the fit is performed in the linear scale, although the scales are shown in the plot as logarithmic for better visualization of the lower values. Error bars indicate analytical uncertainty as reported in the original publications.
Figure 2a displays TI/TSI ratios in bulk aerosol for seven campaigns where both TI and TSI were measured (C5, C7, C11, C12, C13, S14, S34, S35). Figure 2b demonstrates that a strong linear correlation exists between bulk TI and TSI (Figure S1a shows the same plot in a linear scale). We exclude from this analysis seven (TI, TSI) pairs (four of C7 and three of C12) for which TI/TSI < 1 beyond 2σ analytical uncertainty (i.e. overestimated TSI). The regression line (considering error in both coordinates) is given by:

\[
\text{TI/pmol m}^{-3} = (2.1 \pm 0.4) /\text{pmol m}^{-3} + (1.27 \pm 0.05) \times \text{TSI/pmol m}^{-3}
\]

(1)

Figure 2b shows that the regression line is the same within error if the dataset is restricted to the zonal band where most of the TSI data needing scaling were acquired (with the exception of S33). Thus, the TSI fraction appears to be quite stable (~80%), with excursions mainly concentrated at high latitudes. We use equation (1) to convert TSI measured in C4, C6, C8, C9, C10, C14, C17, C18, C19, S32, S33 and S36 into TI. The parameter errors in eq. (1) are propagated to the TI estimates.

Figure 3. Regression of bulk TSI vs TSI for aerosol smaller than ~2 μm (TSI₂). Black points: S2 (Cambridge, USA) and S32 (Mace Head, Ireland); red points: S20 (Finland); blue points: S1, S4 and S9 data from Pacific mid-latitudes). Note that the fit is performed in the linear scale, although the scales are shown in the plot as logarithmic for better visualization of the lower values. Error bars indicate analytical uncertainty as reported in the original publications.

It is also desirable to convert PM₂.₅ TSI into bulk TSI in order to make the cruise campaigns C8 and C9 comparable to the rest. However, most campaigns reporting TSI in fine and coarse aerosol from cascade impactor measurements established the cut-off diameter at 1 μm (C4, C6, C10, C14, C17 and C19) instead of at 2.5 μm, and do not report single stage data. Only S20 and S28 report coarse and fine data with 2.5 μm cut off. For S1, S2, S4, S9, S32, CI data segregated in narrow bins has been reported, which can be aggregated for d < 2-3 μm. S1, S2, S4 and S9 reported TI, but it can be
transformed to TSI using equation (1). The S32 CI data for $d \leq 2 \mu m$ shows a near to 1:1 relationship with concurrent S32 PM$_{2.5}$ measurements with $R^2 = 0.735$ ($p = 2 \times 10^{-5}$), indicating that CI data can be used to approximate PM$_{2.5}$ data. Figure 3 (see also Figure S1b in linear scale) shows a regression of TSI data in bulk aerosol against TSI for $d < 2\sim3 \mu m$ (termed TSI$_2$). It can be seen that the fraction of soluble iodine in aerosol with $d < 2\sim3 \mu m$ appears to be fairly stable (~64%):

$$TSI_{\text{bulk}}/\text{pmol m}^{-3} = (0.5 \pm 0.6) /\text{pmol m}^{-3} + (1.56 \pm 0.08) \times TSI_2/\text{pmol m}^{-3} \quad (2)$$

The size segregated data from Alert (S28) is not considered in the fitting of Eq. (2), because most of the iodine mass observed in this campaign was in PM$_{2.5}$, which is an indication of a distinct partitioning in Polar regions. Equations (2) and (1) can now be used to transform the TSI PM$_{2.5}$ data of C8 and C9 into TI.

The PS14 TI datapoint in the Tropical Atlantic (C3) has been estimated here from the reported I$^-$ and IO$_3^-$ concentrations by obtaining first a TSI estimate using the average SOI/TII = 0.42 ± 0.22 in the Tropical Atlantic (C4, C6 and C10, excluding observations close to the African coast for which SOI may be higher than in the open ocean), and then applying Eq. (1).

Figure 4. Global distribution of TI observations and TI estimates from TSI observations (plotted as log (TI/(pmol m$^{-3}$))). The underlying colour map shows the average of modelled total inorganic gaseous iodine (I$_y$) in the 1963-2010 period.

The full aerosol TI dataset is presented in Figure 4 using a logarithmic color scale, overlaid on a gas-phase I$_y$ global map. Figure 5a shows the data as a function of latitude. Figure 5b shows the ground-based campaign averages and the cruise data averaged in 10° intervals. The complete field dataset can be found in a spreadsheet in the Supplementary Material of this paper.
Figure 4 shows that CAM-Chem predicts enhanced I_y levels in tropical regions, specially towards the NH, as well as in the Mediterranean Sea. The TI and TSI field measurements sample well the Atlantic region, but campaigns in other areas with enhanced levels, such as the NH Eastern Pacific, the Gulf of Mexico, the Mediterranean Sea and the Arabian Sea, have not been carried out.

Figure 5. Latitudinal dependence of TI. Panel a: data points with error bars (for samples the error bars represent the analytical uncertainty, for full campaign averages the error bars are not shown). Panel b: campaign averages with error bars (standard deviation of each campaign). The data of each cruise is shown binned into 10° zonal band averages.

3.2. Relationship between aerosol TI and gas-phase I_y and TI_y

Gas-phase I_y was measured alongside aerosol TI in the campaigns C1 (Equatorial Atlantic), S1 (Tropical North Pacific). TI_y was measured in the campaigns S5 (Tropical North Pacific) and S6 (coastal Antarctica), and can also be determined from the GOI measurements performed in S29. Figure 6 shows that the average and range of the TI/I_y and TI/TI_y ratios are very similar and do not show a dependence on geographical location beyond the range of variability. The proximity of the TI/I_y and TI/TI_y ratios in the tropics and mid-latitudes can be expected, considering that the
contribution of GOI to $TI_y$ at those locations, as well as throughout the tropical free-troposphere, is expected to be $\sim 20\%$ (Koenig et al., 2020; Prados-Roman et al., 2015; Saiz-Lopez et al., 2014). The relative invariance of the aerosol to gas phase ratio may be used to scale the $TI_y$ or $I_y$ computed by CAM-Chem to make them comparable to the observations in absolute terms.

Figure 6. Panel a: box and whiskers plot showing statistics of $TI/TI_y$ and $TI/I_y$ ratios at four latitudes (for the cruise C1 the average latitude is shown). IQR = interquartile range. The horizontal dashed line shows the unweighted average of the 56 ratios available. Panel b: Linear regressions with instrumental error in both coordinates of measured particulate TI vs measured gas-phase iodine ($TI_y$, $I_y$ and both). The horizontal solid line in Panel a corresponds to the slope of the concatenated fit (0.32), which is roughly the same as the error-weighted average of the 56 points.

Figure 6a indicates that the particulate TI vs gaseous iodine ratio takes values between $\sim 0.3$ (error-weighted average of the 56 datapoints) and $\sim 0.5$ (the unweighted average in Figure 6a). Therefore, the gaseous iodine concentration is on average between 2 and 3 times higher than the iodine concentration in aerosol. A caveat to this result is that 54 out of the 56 datapoints in Figure 6a were measured between 1963 and 1979, which could affect the $I_y$ to $TI$ conversion for more recent periods of time if the ratio has changed significantly since then. Independent fits of the $I_y$ and $TI_y$ scatterplots (Figure
6b) give statistically significant slopes of 0.27 ± 0.07 and 0.42 ± 0.07 respectively, with intercepts not significantly different from zero at 95% confidence level. The TI vs Iy regression alone yields a poor correlation coefficient. A global fit of TI versus both Iy and TIy data yields an intermediate slope of 0.32 ± 0.04, again with an intercept statistically indistinguishable from zero.

3.3. Spatial and temporal variability of aerosol iodine

3.3.1. TI statistics by campaign

Table 4 lists descriptive statistics of the field campaigns described in Table 2 and Table 3. These statistics (arithmetic mean, standard deviation, geometric mean, geometric standard deviation, minimum, first quartile, median, third quartile and maximum) have been calculated from the individual sample data available. For those campaigns for which the data could not be retrieved, the statistics reported in the corresponding paper are included in the table (campaigns highlighted in bold font). In the particular case of S30, a monthly box and whisker plot with medians, quantiles, maximum and minimum is provided in the original publication, from which the maximum and minimum values of the full campaign are given in the table. The median of the campaign is calculated as the median of the monthly medians, and the arithmetic mean is estimated for plotting purposes as the average of the monthly maxima and minima (estimated values are given in italics).

Table 4. Statistics of total iodine (TI) in bulk aerosol (units: pmol m⁻³)

|   | N  | Mean | SD  | Geo Mean | Geo SD | Min  | Q1   | Median | Q3   | Max  |
|---|----|------|-----|----------|--------|------|------|--------|------|------|
| C1 | 24 | 46.6 | 30.7| 39.1     | 1.8    | 15.8 | 23.6 | 39.4   | 51.2 | 134.0|
| C2 | 17 | 7.5  | 7.2 | 7.5      | 2.3    |      |      |        |      |      |
| C3 | 1  | 30.6 |     |          |        |      |      |        |      |      |
| C4 | 28 | 41.3 | 30.4| 32.5     | 2.0    | 12.7 | 18.2 | 25.8   | 59.1 | 118.4|
| C5 | 44 | 39.1 | 15.9| 36.1     | 1.5    | 14.5 | 28.6 | 38.2   | 46.0 | 81.0 |
| C6 | 22 | 33.5 | 14.5| 31.1     | 1.5    | 14.8 | 24.0 | 30.9   | 36.8 | 77.9 |
| C7 | 57 | 16.2 | 15.8| 10.9     | 2.4    | 2.4  | 5.0  | 9.4    | 23.4 | 68.7 |
| C8 | 33 | 410.7| 339.7|281.6    | 2.6    | 31.9 | 149.8| 334.8  | 658.3| 1511.0|
| C9 | 14 | 13.6 | 3.8 | 13.1     | 1.3    | 7.8  | 11.6 | 13.1   | 16.5 | 21.7 |
| C10| 14 | 57.7 | 23.9| 53.8     | 1.5    | 33.8 | 40.7 | 51.5   | 66.2 | 112.5|
| C11| 17 | 48.5 | 21.4| 44.0     | 1.6    | 16.0 | 33.1 | 47.6   | 57.3 | 97.1 |
| C12| 8  | 33.4 | 12.5| 31.4     | 1.5    | 17.8 | 25.1 | 29.8   | 43.9 | 52.0 |
| C13| 28 | 88.3 | 95.9| 61.3     | 2.2    | 20.0 | 30.5 | 53.5   | 103.0| 443.0|
| C14| 13 | 20.6 | 12.0| 17.4     | 1.9    | 6.0  | 10.7 | 14.3   | 28.4 | 42.7 |
| C15| 11 | 7.9  | 2.6 | 7.5      | 1.4    | 5.0  | 6.0  | 7.0    | 10.0 | 13.0 |
| C16| 24 | 58.5 | 38.9| 44.9     | 2.2    | 7.0  | 24.0 | 53.5   | 90.5 | 134.0|
| C17| 33 | 42.0 | 20.7| 38.1     | 1.5    | 17.8 | 28.8 | 39.8   | 46.7 | 105.8|
| C18| 11 | 15.2 | 3.9 | 14.8     | 1.3    | 11.0 | 12.5 | 13.6   | 17.9 | 22.3 |
| C19| 10 | 28.1 | 8.1 | 27.1     | 1.3    | 17.8 | 22.5 | 26.2   | 33.7 | 40.9 |
| S1a| 5  | 63.8 | 73.8| 42.1     | 2.6    | 14.9 | 25.9 | 39.5   | 44.6 | 194.1|
| S1b-d| 4 | 15.3 | 3.7 | 14.9     | 1.3    | 10.4 | 12.3 | 16.2   | 18.2 | 18.3 |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S2 | 10 | 36.5 | 18.6 | 32.3 | 1.7 | 13.8 | 23.2 | 34.7 | 45.7 | 72.5 |
| S3 | 23 | 11.8 | 18.1 | 7.0 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 3.7 | 6.7 | 10.2 | 74.1 |
| S4 | 8  | 13.4 | 9.0  | 11.4 | 1.8 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 9.3 | 17.2 | 32.6 |
| S5 | 11 | 19.7 | 8.3  | 18.4 | 1.5 | 11.0 | 12.6 | 18.9 | 22.9 | 41.0 |
| S6 | 19 | 7.5  | 3.3  | 7.0  | 1.5 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 6.7 | 9.5  | 14.2 |
| S7 | 287| 14.2 | 9.5  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| S8 | 135| 4.9  | 2.9  | 3.9 | 2.3 | 0.1 | 2.8 | 4.6 | 6.3  | 13.6 |
| S9 | 27 | 26.0 | 15.8 | 21.1 | 2.0 | 5.3 | 12.6 | 22.9 | 37.0 | 62.3 |
| S10| 110| 7.6  | 4.7  | 6.4 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 4.1 | 6.5 | 10.0 | 31.5 |
| S11| 1234| 3.4 | 2.8  | 2.6  | 2.2 | 0.1 | 1.6 | 2.8 | 4.5  | 35.1 |
| S12a| 7  | 13.0 | 10.0 | 12.6 | 2.0 |   |   |   |   |   |
| S12b| 4  | 9.0  | 1.0  | 8.7 | 1.1 |   |   |   |   |   |
| S13| 11 | 8.7  | 4.1  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| S14| 9  | 52.4 | 30.1 | 44.4 | 1.9 | 13.4 | 36.2 | 44.9 | 59.1 | 100.1 |
| S15| 1308| 20.0 | 15.3 | 16.4 | 1.9 | 0.5 | 10.8 | 16.3 | 24.2 | 224.6 |
| S16| 2750| 42.7 | 26.5 | 36.1 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 24.6 | 36.5 | 54.0 | 231.7 |
| S17| 905 | 14.9 | 138.7| 7.3 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 4.4 | 6.4 | 11.0 | 4160.8 |
| S18| 436 | 22.3 | 29.2 | 14.9 | 2.4 | 1.3 | 8.4 | 14.0 | 26.2 | 424.0 |
| S19| 13 | 12.1 | 6.2  | 10.4 | 1.9 | 2.4 | 10.2 | 11.0 | 15.0 | 26.8 |
| S20a| 35 | 10.2 | 4.2  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| S20b| 35 | 5.9  | 2.1  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| S21| 12 | 6.4  | 3.7  | 4.9 | 2.5 | 0.4 | 3.6 | 6.0 | 8.6  | 13.8 |
| S22| 50 | 51.2 | 22.8 | 46.9 | 1.5 | 19.1 | 35.9 | 42.9 | 63.4 | 134.0 |
| S23| 29 | 27.3 | 18.3 | 22.8 | 1.8 | 7.5 | 13.9 | 23.8 | 37.8 | 97.7 |
| S24| 8  | 28.2 | 11.0 | 26.3 | 1.5 | 15.0 | 18.6 | 28.0 | 36.3 | 44.8 |
| S25| 6  | 67.9 | 15.3 | 66.7 | 1.2 | 54.2 | 61.1 | 63.2 | 67.9 | 97.7 |
| S26| 37 | 20.3 | 8.9  | 18.9 | 1.4 | 9.6 | 15.2 | 19.1 | 22.9 | 56.1 |
| S27| 15 | 20.7 | 12.0 | 18.0 | 1.7 | 6.5 | 13.2 | 18.0 | 25.1 | 55.0 |
| S28| 85 | 6.0  | 2.5  | 5.6  | 1.5 | 2.1 | 4.0 | 6.0 | 7.5  | 16.3 |
| S29| 2  | 5.0  | 1.6  |   |   | 3.9 |   |   | 6.2  |   |
| S30| 114| 23.0 | 14.0 | 1.8 |   | 21.9 | 91.3 |   |   |   |
| S31| 16 | 23.9 | 12.0 | 20.7 | 1.8 | 5.2 | 13.5 | 23.7 | 32.0 | 50.4 |
| S32| 45 | 563.1| 596.6| 403.0 | 2.1 | 66.7 | 247.7 | 335.1| 601.5| 3041.6|
| S33| 56 | 5.0  | 2.5  | 4.5  | 1.5 | 2.6 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 5.7  | 15.0 |
| S34| 3  | 41.3 | 26.7 | 33.8 | 2.3 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 45.0 | 66.0 | 66.0 |
| S35| 8  | 14.1 | 4.1  | 13.5 | 1.4 | 8.2 | 10.6 | 14.7 | 17.3 | 19.5 |
| S36| 3  | 82.4 | 70.3 | 64.6 | 2.3 | 31.1 | 31.1 | 53.5 | 162.5| 162.5|

* Campaigns for which only statistics have been published and for which the original data could not be retrieved are highlighted in bold font. For the rest of the campaigns the statistics have been calculated form the available datapoints. SD, Geo Mean, Geo SD, Min, Q1, Q3 and Max are respectively the standard deviation, the geometric mean, the geometric standard deviation, the minimum, the first quartile, the third quartile and the maximum. Values in italics: the arithmetic mean and standard deviation have been estimated for plotting purposes, because the original papers only report the geometric mean and geometric standard deviation. * Mould Bay: The arithmetic mean and standard deviation of a subset of 67 measurements reported in the original paper are (4.0 ± 3.2) pmol m⁻³. TI statistics for the full dataset were not reported (Sturges & Barrie, 1988). * Igloolik: The arithmetic mean and standard deviation of a subset of 67 measurements reported in the original paper are (8.1 ± 5.1) pmol m⁻³. TI statistics for the full dataset were not reported (Sturges & Barrie, 1988).
Figure 7. Latitudinal dependence of bulk aerosol total iodine. The box and whiskers statistics of available datapoints correspond to 10° zonal bands. The numbers below each whisker indicate the datapoints within each zonal band. Panel a: TI statistics of all campaigns listed in Tables 1 and 2. Circles and triangles indicate the average, maximum and minimum I, (blue symbols) and TI, (red symbols) measured in 5 campaigns. Solid blue and red lines and shaded areas indicate the 1950-2010 average and ranges of I, and TI, respectively, computed with CAM-Chem. Panel b: as panel a, but excluding high altitude data (Izaña and Mauna Loa observatories), data potentially affected by new particle formation (North Atlantic and Mace Head MAP 2006 measurements, Chinese coast measurements) and Arctic cruises potentially affected by sea ice loss (samples of the 3rd China Arctic Research Expedition collected in the Arctic Ocean). Panel b also includes the simulated 1950-2010 averages of I, and TI, scaled by factors 0.5, 0.42 and 0.33, as indicated by the analysis in Figure 6. Note the different vertical scale in the two panels.
3.3.2. Latitudinal dependence

Figure 5a with all the datapoints and Figure 5b with the campaign averages show a clear dependence of TI on latitude. To highlight these features, Figure 7a shows the complete bulk aerosol TI dataset plotted vs. 10° wide latitudinal bands in box and whisker fashion. All statistics show a clear latitudinal dependence, with TI peaking in the tropical regions and decreasing towards the poles, although there is a hemispheric asymmetry where the values in the northern hemisphere (NH) tend to be higher than in the southern hemisphere (SH). As a note of caution, there is a heavy hemispheric sampling imbalance, with the majority of the samples taken in the NH ($n = 208$ in the SH vs $n = 7586$ in the NH). There are many more outliers in the northern hemisphere, most of which result from the recent measurements in Mace Head (S32) and the Northern Atlantic (C8), as well as from observations in the Arctic Ocean (C13). The inclusion of high-altitude stations (S1b-d, S17), data possibly affected by new particle formation (C8 and S32) and data potentially affected by recent loss of sea ice (C13) may distort the long-term latitudinal dependence of aerosol TI.

Figure 7b shows the latitudinal dependence of the TI data without the C8, S32, S1b-d, S16 and the Arctic transect of C13. This increases the average at 25° (by removing the high altitude low values at Izaña) and decreases the average at 55° and 75° (by removing high values in the northern Atlantic and the Arctic). Thus, besides the known lower values at high altitude, note that some recent NH TI data appears to be enhanced with respect to the historic record (see below).

A caveat to the analysis performed in Figure 7 is that for those zonal bands where most of the data corresponds to one or two stations (15°, 25°, 35°, 55°, 85°), the corresponding zonal average is totally dominated by these stations (Figure 5a). An alternative way of analyzing this data is grouping the campaign averages (Figure 5b) in zonal bands (Figure S2). By comparing Figures 7 and S1, it can be seen that the latitudinal dependence of sample and campaign zonal averages of TI is very similar, supporting the statistical analysis performed here.

3.3.3. Longitudinal dependence

Figure 8 and Figure S3 show the longitudinal dependence of TI in bulk aerosol for datapoints and campaign averages, respectively. Within the tropics, the highest concentrations are observed in the Atlantic. At mid-latitudes in the NH, the data acquired during the 2006 MAP campaign at Mace Head (C8 and S32) enhances the average at -15° longitude (Atlantic). After screening the C8 and S32 data, likely affected by coastal and open ocean new-particle formation (O’Dowd et al., 2002, 2010), it appears that the highest average concentration in the NH mid-latitudes occurs in South-East Asia (135° longitude). In the SH, the TI concentrations are somewhat lower in the Indian Ocean compared to those in the Atlantic Ocean.
Figure 8. Longitudinal dependence of bulk aerosol total iodine. The box and whiskers statistics of available datapoints correspond to 30° meridional bands. The numbers of datapoints within each meridional band appears under the corresponding box. Box and whiskers statistics as in previous figures. The red and yellow boxes correspond to respectively to SH mid-latitudes (60°S to 25°S) and NH mid-latitudes (25°N to 60°N), and the blue boxes to low latitudes (25°S to 25°N). Panel a: all mid- and low latitude campaigns listed in Tables 1 and 2. Panel b: as panel a but excluding high altitude data (Izaña and Mauna Loa observatories) and data potentially affected by new particle formation (North Atlantic and Mace Head MAP 2006 measurements). Both panels show the Iy 1950-2010 average computed by the model for the corresponding latitudinal band, scaled by a factor of 0.33. The blue shaded region indicates the span of the Iy range (1950-2010) in the tropics. Note the different vertical scale in the two panels.
3.3.4. Seasonal variation

Figure S4 shows the monthly climatology of total iodine in bulk aerosol for six different latitudinal bands. For mid-latitudes and tropics, the climatologies are also divided into Atlantic and Pacific. The seasonal variability in the Arctic and in Antarctica are similar, presenting equinoctial maxima, with the spring maximum showing enhanced values. At Atlantic and Pacific NH mid-latitudes, aerosol iodine does not show a discernible seasonal variation, but there are hints of seasonal cycles in the NH tropics. The TI data for SH low and mid-latitudes is too sparse to draw any conclusions. It must be pointed out, nevertheless, that only a few campaigns at specific sites report year-long measurements, which can yield a proper climatology. Thus, averaging of dissimilar datasets with sparse monthly coverage in different years and at widespread locations may result in unrealistic TI climatologies. This is especially true considering that local weather seasonal cycles as well as local iodine sources may vary significantly within the same zonal and meridional band. For example, the Antarctic seasonal variation was recorded almost entirely in Neumayer II between January 2007 and January 2008, while only a few measurements in spring and summer were carried out at Filchner station (S29) and McMurdo (S6). Thus, the “Antarctic” TI seasonal cycle plotted in Figure S4 is mainly the cycle at Neumayer II, which may not be representative of the entire Antarctic coast. This is also the case for other regions: the climatology in the NH tropical Atlantic is dominated by the multi-year AEROCE measurements at Barbados (S16), while the year-long dataset recorded at Hong-Kong (S30) determines the monthly statistics in the tropical Pacific. Additional data from other campaigns with incomplete coverage only distort the local cycles without bringing in additional information. For this reason, we plot in Figure 9 the monthly climatologies for each of the nine stations at sea level (S8, S10, S11, S15, S16, S18, S19, S30, S33) where year-long measurements of TI or TSI have been carried out (the TI monthly climatology at Izaña, in the Free-Troposphere, is also available). Seasonal cycles can be observed at Mould Bay (S8), Alert (S11) and Neumayer II (S33), with a similar double peak profile as mentioned above. The lack of a clear seasonal variation at Igloolik compared to Mould Bay and Alert was already noticed by Sturges and Barrie (1988). Measurements at mid-latitude stations (S15, S18 and S19) do not show a clear seasonal variation. Note that the data acquired during the MAP campaign in June-July 2006 at Mace Head (S32) is anomalously high compared to the June and July averages of the AEROCE campaign between 1989 and 1994 (S18). In the NH tropics, Barbados (S16) and Hong-Kong (S30) show cycles which are mutually out of phase (the July maximum of S16 coincides with a minimum of S30). Although S30 was a one-year campaign, the high frequency measurements during S22 (September-November) appear to confirm an annual cycle peaking toward the end of the year.

3.3.5. Long-term trends

Box and whiskers plots of total iodine measurements in the NH grouped by year are shown in Figure 10 (the SH data are too sparse to perform a long term trend analysis). The long-term series in Figure...
suggest that increases in TI may have occurred between 1963 and 2010. However, both linear and exponential (i.e. apparent linear fitting of the semi-logarithmic scatter plot) unweighted fits of the annual averages indicate that the slopes are not significantly different from zero at 95% confidence level. Thus, the NH data is compatible both with decreasing and increasing trends as indicated by the confidence bands in Figure 10. As a result of the methodological change around year 2000, when most research turned to soluble iodine measurements instead of TI, the long-term trends are critically dependent on the TSI-TI scaling.

**Figure 9.** Bulk aerosol TI climatologies in nine stations. The box and whiskers statistics are defined as in previous figures. In panel f, monthly averages, maxima and minima of a limited dataset acquired at Ibakari (S19) are shown. In panel h the box and whiskers plot for S30 shown in the corresponding reference is reproduced (no mean reported, only median values), with the triangles indicating maxima and minima. Panel h also incorporates PEM WEST A measurements at Hong-Kong (S22) with a high sampling frequency but just for three months. The solid red lines correspond to the REF-C1 climatologies of scaled I y for the 1950-2010 period (error bars indicate in this case 1σ variability within that period), while the polar module I y climatology for year 2000 is shown in blue. A scaling factor of TI/I y = 0.33 is used in all cases.
Figure 10. Long-term variation of the annual averages of TI in bulk aerosol for three zonal bands: Arctic (panel a), NH mid-latitudes (panel b) and tropics (panel c). Measurements at mid- and high SH locations are sparse and therefore these latitudinal bands are omitted. High altitude data (Izaña, Mauna Loa) and data clearly affected by coastal particle formation (Mace Head, S32) have been omitted from the statistics calculations. The box and whiskers statistics are defined as in previous figures. Data belonging to key campaigns are identified in the plot. The trend lines (red) represent unweighted apparent (exponential) fits of all the annual averages shown (dashed lines represent the 95% confidence bands of the fits). The annual averages of modelled I, in the corresponding zonal bands are shown by black lines. The arrows in panel b refer to a methodological change that occurred during the 2000s, when most campaigns started to report TSI rather than TI.
4. Discussion

4.1. Latitudinal dependence

The latitudinal profile of aerosol TI is reminiscent of the sea water $\Gamma$ profile (Chance et al., 2019), showing high concentrations in low-latitude warm waters, and low iodide concentrations at high latitudes in seasonally overturning cold waters (Figure S5b). Thus, aerosol iodine likely tracks the emission fluxes of the dominant iodine source, which is the $\Gamma + O_3$ reaction in the ocean surface (Carpenter et al., 2013). The hemispheric asymmetry likely results from the higher abundance of anthropogenic $O_3$ in the NH (Figure S5c) (Prados-Roman et al., 2015).

The ratio TI/TSI is key to homogenize the most recent cruise data and make it directly comparable to the TI measurements. Although speciation will be discussed in a follow up work, it is worth mentioning here that the TSI group dominates TI almost everywhere except in the high latitudes, where there is some evidence of enhanced NSI (Figure 2). In the particular case of the new dataset from Neumayer II (S33), TSI values are low and comparable to the intercept of eq. (1). Thus, the TI values obtained with equation (1) for S33 result in a relatively high TI/TSI ratio (S33 average of 2.9 ± 1.1). This is consistent with the higher values of TI/TSI at high latitudes shown in Figure 2a (TI/TSI = 2.4 ± 2.3 at high latitudes, TI/TSI = 1.6 ± 0.7 at middle and low latitudes inside the black box in Figure 2a), but it must be kept in mind that TI/TSI values closer to 1 are also registered in a full campaign at high latitudes (C13), and therefore eq. (1) may overestimate TI at Neumayer.

Because of the large scatter in the aerosol iodine/gas phase iodine ratios (section 3.2), we have chosen a range of scaling factors (0.3-0.5) to convert modelled gas-phase TI$_y$ and I$_y$ into values comparable to aerosol TI. The ranges of modelled aerosol TI proxies obtained in this way are encompassed by the thin red and blue lines in Figure 7, while the central thick red and blue lines are obtained using the average aerosol iodine/gas phase iodine scaling factor. Note that modelled gas-phase TI$_y$ and I$_y$ have also a variability range (red and blue shaded regions in Figure 7a). The agreement between the REF-C1 simulated TI$_y$ and I$_y$ scaled averages is good at low and mid-latitudes, where TI$_y$ ~ I$_y$. At high latitudes, a larger fraction of TI$_y$ is in the form of GOI, which explains why scaled TI$_y$ overestimates TI. By contrast, scaled I$_y$ underestimates TI (see Figure 7). Here, it should be noted that the ocean iodide parameterization used in CAM-Chem results in a less pronounced latitudinal shape and lower values than other iodide datasets based on observations and/or machine learning studies (see Fig. 2 in Carpenter et al. (2021)), which certainly affect the modeled I$_y$ levels. Additionally, since the polar module was not run in the REF-C1 simulation, ice sources of inorganic iodine are not accounted for, and therefore the model produces less I$_y$ (Fernandez et al., 2019), which explains why the scaled I$_y$ curves lie below the TI observations.

4.2. Longitudinal dependence

In the tropics, TI is enhanced in the Atlantic, which results from a combination of high biogenic activity in the equatorial Atlantic (especially close to the Gulf of Guinea, as shown by the R/V
Capricorn observations) and the zonal wave-one pattern of tropical tropospheric O₃ (Thompson et al., 2003), which peaks in the Atlantic and enhances the inorganic source. A caveat is the lack of measurements in the tropical eastern Pacific. The modelled Iᵣ has a similar longitudinal dependence than the TI statistics, although smoother and with a less pronounced Pacific minimum (Figure 8). However, note that due to the local SST and iodide enhancements in the Maritime Continent, the oceanic iodide flux over this region where most of the Pacific measurements were performed can be more than 2 times larger with respect to most of the central Pacific. Indeed, Figure 4 shows that modelled surface Iᵣ is much lower in the tropical central and eastern Pacific compared to the western Pacific. The longitudinal variation of seawater iodide in the tropics (Chance et al., 2019) shows a minimum between in the Atlantic between 40°W and 15°E, which is not present in TI (Figures S6a and S6b). The tropical Atlantic TI maximum is probably a result of a higher ozone concentration in that region. Note that CAM-Chem reproduces correctly the wave-one longitudinal dependence of tropospheric and surface O₃ in the tropics (Figure S6c).

TI shows a relative maximum in the NH Western Pacific, most likely as a result of O₃ pollution outflowing from China, perhaps with an additional contribution of biogenic iodine source gases resulting from extensive algae farming. CAM-Chem also predicts a local maximum of TIᵣ (Figure 4) and Iᵣ (Figure 8), as well as of O₃ (Prados-Roman et al., 2015) at those latitudes. The oceanic iodine gas source parameterization implemented in CAM-Chem is based on a SST-dependent iodide field (Figures S5 and S6) and thus it is not capable of capturing regional changes in oceanic biochemistry, which are likely to have an impact on atmospheric chemistry over the different oceans. Indeed, Inamdar, et al. (2020) recently showed that many region-specific parameters, such as ocean salinity and reversing wind patterns are required to capture the sea surface iodide distribution over the Indian Ocean.

The high average Iᵣ values predicted by the model at mid-latitudes in the NH for the 15° and 45° meridional bands shown in Figure 8 result from the high concentrations above the Mediterranean Sea (Figure 4). Although the concentration of I⁻ in Mediterranean seawater is not particularly high (Chance et al., 2019), the Mediterranean basin shows elevated ozone concentrations, which are expected to significantly enhance I₂ and HOI emissions (Prados-Roman et al., 2015). The three campaigns in the 15° meridional band at mid-latitudes took place at the top latitude end (Scandinavia) and show lower TI concentrations than the average model prediction, although in agreement with the model predictions for those locations (Figure 4).

Sherwen et al. (2016) implemented in GEOS-Chem the same on-line oceanic iodine source that we use in CAM-Chem and compared their modeling results with a subset of cruise TSI measurements. Their global maps of modelled TI suggest latitudinal and longitudinal variations that are consistent with the spatial variations demonstrated by the TI field data compiled in the present work. The average TI absolute values modelled by GEOS-Chem are consistent with the TI field observations and the agreement with the subset of TSI measurements considered by Sherwen et al. improves if eq. (1)
is used to convert observed TSI into TI.

4.3 Seasonal variation

The seasonal profiles of TI in the Arctic (Mould Bay and Alert) and in Antarctica (Neumayer II) are similar, showing equinoctial maxima with an absolute maximum in the polar spring (Figure 9). The seasonal variation at Igloolik is less clear. While the TI seasonal profiles in the Arctic have been discussed previously, the TI Antarctic profile is reported in this work for the first time. This double seasonal peak is also observed in year-long IO measurements at Halley (Antarctica) (Saiz-Lopez et al., 2007), and is well captured by the CAM-Chem polar module (Fernandez et al., 2019). We note that the long-term MAX-DOAS observations of IO at Neumayer reported by Frieß et al. (2010) do not show a detectable seasonality, although this was most likely due to observation conditions inherent to this technique and to sparse coverage during spring and autumn.

The seasonal dependence of airborne iodine in the polar regions of both hemispheres is determined by the interplay between radiation and sea ice-related sources (Fernandez et al., 2019). The primary spring maximum peak in both hemispheres is caused by enhanced photochemical reactions at polar sunrise. The seasonal variation of TSI in snow observed at Neumayer (Frieß et al., 2010) and in the coastal East Antarctica Law Dome ice core (Spolaor et al., 2014) shows a winter maximum and a sharp decrease in spring which result from volatilization of iodine from the snowpack. The spring maximum also coincides with phytoplankton blooms within the Weddell Sea. The secondary maximum in the SH is likely related to an enhancement of the surface sea ice flux resulting from the rapid increase in first year sea ice during March and April before the austral polar sunset, combined with an increase of sea-salt aerosol dehalogenation. These processes are included in the polar module, which reproduces qualitatively the double-peaked seasonal cycle of TI at Neumayer II, while the scaled I$_y$ overestimates the TI values by a factor of 2 (Figure 9i), possibly as a result of the aforementioned lack of the IOP sink in the model. Note that the zonal average in Figure S4, panel f, underestimates the absolute values by a factor of 10, which results from the very high I$_y$ values predicted over the Weddell and Ross sea ice shelves as a result of seasonally dependent iodine ice sources.

In the Arctic, the polar module does not generate a double peak seasonal variation of I$_y$, owing to the single seasonal maximum predicted for meridional iodine sources (Fernandez et al., 2019). This is at odds with the marked double peak seasonality of TI at Mould Bay (Figure 9a) and Alert (Figure 9c) and indicates that the iodine sources in the Arctic are not well understood. In fact, the polar module of CAM-Chem in the Arctic has not been yet fully tested owing to the scarcity of gas-phase iodine measurements in the region (Saiz-Lopez, Plane, et al., 2012). It has been proposed that the secondary NH maximum may be associated with a secondary bloom in marine biota and transport (Barrie & Barrie, 1990; Sharma et al., 2019). The lack of a clear seasonal cycle at Igloolik, which is free of ice for much of the year, has been previously attributed to a greater marine influence compared to Alert.
and Mould Bay. Note that a larger local marine source may mask the ice-related seasonal cycle (Sturges & Barrie, 1988).

The seasonal profiles at NH mid-latitudes in the Atlantic are rather flat (Figure 9, panels d and e), while the model predicts a summer Iy maximum, coinciding with an O3 minimum. CAM-Chem has been shown to reproduce the seasonality of surface ozone globally (Saiz-Lopez, Lamarque, et al., 2012; Tilmes et al., 2016). This indicates that the seasonal behavior of airborne iodine is not only dependent on the seasonal variation of the iodine oceanic source, but also on other factors such as solar radiation, which may also decouple the seasonal variation of TI and Iy. The scaled modelled Iy overestimates the observations at Bermuda by a factor of 2 to 4, which is likely a consequence of the hotspot of sea-salt aerosol recycling predicted by the model in the North Atlantic (Prados-Roman et al., 2015), implying larger concentrations of gas-phase Iy and a lower modelled TI/Iy ratio in this region than observed further south (Figure 6). Note that simultaneous measurements of TI (or TSI) and Iy (or TIy) in the North Atlantic have not been reported. In Mace Head the measured TI, which does not show a defined seasonal pattern, is likely influenced by frequent iodide-driven new particle formation events at the Irish coast (O’Dowd et al., 2002). The only long-term data in the Pacific (Ibakari, Japan, Figure 9f) are too sparse to draw any conclusions about seasonal cycles, although the model prediction is mostly consistent with the available data.

In the NH tropics (Barbados, Figure 9g), there is a late spring maximum and an autumn minimum in TI, which is broadly consistent with the weak seasonal cycle of modelled Iy. In the tropical NH western Pacific there is a deep minimum between July and October (Hong-Kong, Figure 9h), which is likely related to the specific wind patterns controlling the origin of aerosol in this region and not to the seasonal dependence of the iodine oceanic sources, since the concentrations of anthropogenic substances and mineral dust measured at Hong-Kong show a very similar seasonal dependence to TI (Cheng et al., 2000). In winter, the prevailing wind direction is from the north and north-east, which implies polluted air masses from China passing over sections of the coast. The modelled and scaled Iy within the model pixel containing Hong-Kong Island overestimates the average TI values observed during the S30, but the agreement is better with the average values reported for the S22 campaign. A proper comparison of modelled and observed seasonal variations requires several years of observations and higher spatial resolution in the model.

4.4 Long-term trends

A three-fold increase of the iodine concentration in sea ice between 1950 and 2010 has been reported (Cuevas et al., 2018), linked to an enhancement of the ocean surface inorganic source due to ozone pollution and to enhanced phytoplankton production caused by the recent thinning of Arctic sea ice. A similar increase in iodine deposition has been observed in an Alpine ice core (Legrand et al., 2018), also consistent with increased oceanic iodine emission. However, tracking an increase of the atmospheric iodine burden by looking into the long-term aerosol TI time series is a challenging task.
The increase in iodine oceanic emissions is more intense in specific regions such as the North Atlantic (Cuevas et al., 2018), which means that measurements spread over larger areas are likely to miss a localized enhancement of the atmospheric iodine burden. In particular, the REF-C1 run shows increases in I\textsubscript{y} between 1963 and 2010 of 15%, 20% and 21% for NH high latitudes, NH mid-latitudes and the Tropics, respectively. Moreover, according to GEOS-Chem results (Legrand et al., 2018; Sherwen et al., 2017; Sherwen, Evans, Spracklen, et al., 2016), the presently higher NO\textsubscript{2} concentrations result in a reduction of the I\textsubscript{y} lifetime due to efficient IONO\textsubscript{2} scavenging. Thus, global pre-industrial I\textsubscript{y} and TI were respectively just 18% and 23% lower compared to present day according to GEOS-Chem (Sherwen et al., 2017; Sherwen, Evans, Spracklen, et al., 2016).

In order to check whether these predicted increases of the order of 20% are observable in the bulk aerosol TI data compiled in this work (1963-2018), we have calculated annual statistics for different zonal bands in the NH to perform a long-term trend analysis. Figure 10 shows that long term trends of aerosol iodine are poorly constrained by the TI dataset, as a result of the sparse time and spatial coverage, as well as heterogeneity of the locations where measurements have been carried out. For instance, some short-term campaigns carried out at middle and high latitudes show very high values (e.g. C5, C8 and C13) and point to iodine sources which may be active in specific time periods and locations (e.g. ocean surface and sub-ice phytoplankton blooms and sea ice loss and growth). Alert (S11) is at a higher latitude than Barrow (S3), Igloolik (S10), Mould Bay (S8) and most of the sampling points of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} CHINARE expeditions (C5 and C13). At Alert, the sea is covered with ice for most of the year (the ice pack does move out in the summer months, leaving open water). Barrow, Mould Bay, Igloolik and the Arctic sea locations of the CHINARE expeditions are more exposed to open water and have varying sea ice cover. At NH mid-latitudes, the Cambridge (S2) and Tokyo (S14) campaigns are two decades apart, spatially widely separated, and they consist only of a handful of datapoints. By contrast, the data in the tropics (3166 points) are more regularly spaced in time and that the range of TI values is narrower than at NH mid-latitudes (1979 datapoints) and NH high latitudes (1634 points). However, the range of slopes compatible with the TI data in the Tropics still encompasses trends between a 25% decrease and a four-fold increase.

It is worth noting that most of the aerosol iodine data collected after 2000 are TSI measurements, while the oldest data are TI measurements. Thus, the long-term trend analysis of the dataset is critically dependent on the scaling employed to convert TSI into TI, in such a way that a small increase in the slope of eq. (1) may result in a positive, significant slope in the time series in Figure 10.

5. Conclusions

The dataset of aerosol iodine measurements compiled in this work provides the first global-scale piece of empirical evidence about the major source of atmospheric iodine, i.e. the reaction on the ocean surface between aqueous I\textsuperscript{-} and deposited gas-phase O\textsubscript{3}. Analysis of the field data shows that there are close to linear relationships between soluble and total iodine in aerosol (~80% aerosol iodine is
soluble), and between soluble iodine in the bulk and the fine fraction (~64% aerosol iodine is in the PM2.5 fraction). These relationships enable converting soluble iodine and fine fraction iodine datasets into total iodine in bulk aerosol. Furthermore, the gaseous iodine concentration measured in several campaigns is found to be on average between a factor of 2 and 3 times higher than the total iodine concentration in bulk aerosol.

The latitudinal and longitudinal dependences of aerosol iodine track well the dependences of this source on temperature and ozone concentration, as shown by comparing the field data with model simulations where the parameterized oceanic iodine source is implemented. The seasonal variations at different zonal and meridional bands are less clear but appear to be directly influenced by regional weather climatology rather than by the seasonal variation of ozone. Long-term trends cannot be established due to the lack of homogeneity of the data, which are nevertheless consistent with model predictions about the enhancement of the oceanic iodine source as a result of increased anthropogenic ozone. Future work on recent trends of airborne iodine abundance and partitioning would benefit from new concurrent TI and TSI measurements at locations where long-term measurements have been carried out in the past.

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The data used in this paper is included in the Supplementary Materials and can also be accessed at the Zenodo repository (doi: 10.5281/zenodo.4617046).

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Figure 1.
Figure 2.
Equation: \( y = a + b \times x \)

Plot: TSI bulk

Intercept: 0.4755 ± 0.59237

Slope: 1.56536 ± 0.0759
Figure 4.
Figure 8.
Figure 10.
