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ABSTRACT

Evidence of the efficient removal of chemicals by ice particles has been deduced from past field experiments and laboratory studies. However, the ice phase has been poorly represented in prior cloud chemistry modeling. This paper uses a two-dimensional Eulerian cloud model to address the impact of ice-phase processes on the chemistry of precipitation in the context of a simulated cumulonimbus cloud. Riming of graupel and the freezing of supercooled rain are the main processes for the transfer of species toward graupel. Even when freezing is the main mode for this transfer, riming still plays an important role by providing a feedback effect that limits the diluting influence of rain. When riming is the only process, sulfate production is more efficient in rainwater, whereas when freezing dominates a decrease in sulfate production is observed.

During the decaying stage, the precipitation (glaciated and/or liquid) has higher concentrations of the hydrogen peroxide and sulfates that originated from the gas phase. However, sulfates chemically produced in the liquid phases are less concentrated than if ice had played no role.

This study demonstrates the potential impact of ice-phase processes in organized cloud systems where strong updrafts exist, as ahead of a cold front.

1. Introduction

Clouds can be thought of as an efficient engine processing atmospheric air and its trace constituents. Their dynamical effects play an important role in the redistribution of heat, vapor, and trace constituents of the air. They also act as a chemical aqueous-phase reactor, and they filter certain portions of atmospheric trace components from the air, depositing them on the ground in liquid or solid forms of precipitation. Hence, clouds have the general effect of cleaning the atmosphere, though they thereby also induce acidic precipitation. Chemicals that are not deposited within storms can be injected into the upper troposphere, after which they contribute to the background atmosphere. Strong convective cells are able to penetrate the mean tropopause level and bring products to the lower stratosphere.

For several years, particular attention has been paid to acidic rain (Chameides 1984; Daum et al. 1984; Kelly et al. 1985; Tremblay and Leighton 1986; Chaumerliac et al. 1991; and others). The primary tool used in these earlier studies has been regional-scale models in which

chemicals were fractionated according to microphysical processes governing liquid-phase exchanges.

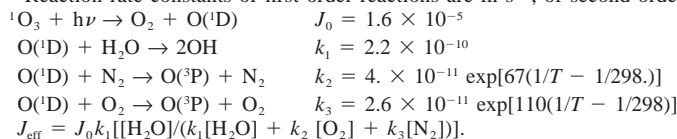
Nevertheless, precipitation is often initiated in mixed-phase parts of the clouds where additional effects of species partitioning can occur. The role of ice-phase processes has been studied in the past first from a dynamical point of view. Inclusion of ice microphysics in cloud modules gives a better description of cloud and precipitation formation processes. Latent heat released during growth by vapor deposition, riming, and the freezing of rain strongly enhances the cloud growth, affects the formation of the precipitation, and of course alters the structure of circulation fields (Orville and Kopp 1977; Zhang 1989; Cotton et al. 1982). The consideration of ice nucleation in the dynamics can significantly change the results for the deposition rates and the concentrations of chemical species in a spectral microphysical model (Respondek et al. 1995). Mölder et al. (1994) pointed out several main differences in the chemical behavior when ignoring cold-cloud processes in convective or stratiform clouds. According to them, including ice-phase processes in dynamics modeling leads to lower values of sulfate in the liquid phase when convection is present. Available liquid water content is reduced when ice-phase processes are taken into account. The effect of this reduction can be seen from gas-phase concentrations of sulfur dioxide showing reduced values. In convective clouds, competition exists between aqueous-phase chemical production and dilution by en-

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TABLE 1. List of the reactions and equilibrium in the gas phase with corresponding rate and equilibrium constants [from Lelieveld and Crutzen (1991), G27 from De More et al. (1994), G4 modified by Stockwell (1994)].

	Gas-phase reaction scheme	Rate constants
G1 ^c	$O_3 + H_2O + h\nu \rightarrow 2OH^\cdot + O_2$	J_{eff}
G2	$O_3 + OH^\cdot \rightarrow HO_2 + O_2$	$1.6 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-940/T)$
G3	$O_3 + HO_2 \rightarrow OH^\cdot + 2O_2$	$1.1 \times 10^{-14} \exp(-500/T)$
G4	$2HO_2 \rightarrow H_2O_2 + O_2$	$[2.3 \times 10^{-13} \exp(600/T) + 1.7 \times 10^{-33} [M] \exp(1000/T)] \times [1 + 1.4 \times 10^{-21} [H_2O] \exp(2200/T)]$
G5	$H_2O_2 + h\nu \rightarrow 2OH^\cdot$	4.6×10^{-6}
G6	$H_2O_2 + OH^\cdot \rightarrow HO_2 + H_2O$	$3.3 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-200/T)$
G7	$CH_4 + OH^\cdot + O_2 + M \rightarrow CH_3O_2 + H_2O + M$	$2.3 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-1700/T)$
G8	$CH_3O_2 + HO_2 \rightarrow CH_3O_2H + O_2$	4.0×10^{-12}
G9	$CH_3O_2H + O_2 + h\nu \rightarrow CH_2O + HO_2 + OH^\cdot$	4.6×10^{-6}
G10	$CH_3O_2H + OH \rightarrow CH_3O_2 + H_2O$	5.6×10^{-12}
G11	$CH_3O_2H + OH \rightarrow CH_2O + OH^\cdot + H_2O$	4.4×10^{-12}
G12	$CH_2O + 2O_2 + h\nu \rightarrow CO + 2HO_2$	1.7×10^{-5}
G13	$CH_2O + h\nu \rightarrow CO + H_2$	3.3×10^{-5}
G14	$CH_2O + OH^\cdot + O_2 \rightarrow CO + HO_2 + H_2O$	1.1×10^{-11}
G15	$CO + OH^\cdot + O_2 + M \rightarrow CO_2 + HO_2 + M$	2.4×10^{-13}
G16	$NO + O_3 \rightarrow NO_2 + O_2$	$2.0 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-1400/T)$
G17	$NO_2 + O_2 + h\nu \rightarrow NO + O_3$	5.6×10^{-3}
G18	$NO + HO_2 \rightarrow NO_2 + OH^\cdot$	$3.7 \times 10^{-12} \exp(240/T)$
G19	$NO + CH_3O_2 + O_2 \rightarrow NO_2 + CH_2O + HO_2$	$4.2 \times 10^{-12} \exp(180/T)$
G20	$NO_2 + OH (+ M) \rightarrow HNO_3 (+ M)$	1.2×10^{-11}
G21	$HNO_3 + h\nu \rightarrow NO_2 + OH$	3.2×10^{-7}
E22	$CH_2O + HO_2 \leftrightarrow O_2CH_2OH$	6.7×10^{-15}
G23	$O_2CH_2OH + HO_2 \rightarrow HCO_2H + HO_2 + O_2$	2.0×10^{-12}
G24	$O_2CH_2OH + NO + O_2 \rightarrow HCO_2H + HO_2 + NO_2$	7.0×10^{-12}
G25	$O_2CH_2OH + O_2CH_2OH \rightarrow 2HCO_2H + HO_2 + H_2O$	1.2×10^{-13}
G26	$HCO_2H + OH + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + HO_2 + H_2O$	3.2×10^{-13}
G27	$SO_2 + OH (+ M) \rightarrow H_2SO_4 + HO_2$	$k_\infty = 1.5 \times 10^{-12}; Fc = 0.6; k_0 = 3. \times 10^{-31}(T/300)^{-3.3}$

* Reaction rate constants of first-order reactions are in s^{-1} , of second-order reactions in molecule $^{-1}$ cm 3 s $^{-1}$.

TABLE 2. List of the gas- aqueous phase equilibria with corresponding Henry's law constants and of aqueous equilibria with corresponding dissociation constants (from Lelieveld and Crutzen 1991).

	Gas- aqueous and aqueous phase equilibria	Henry's law and dissociation constants K_{298}^*
E1	$H_2O \leftrightarrow H^+ + OH^-$	$1.0 \times 10^{-14} \exp[-6716(1/T - 1/298)]$
H1	$O_3(\text{gas}) \leftrightarrow O_3(\text{aq})$	$1.1 \times 10^{-2} \exp[2300(1/T - 1/298)]$
H2	$H_2O_2(\text{gas}) \leftrightarrow H_2O_2(\text{aq})$	$7.4 \times 10^4 \exp[6615(1/T - 1/298)]$
E2	$H_2O_2(\text{aq}) \leftrightarrow HO_2^- + H^+$	$2.2 \times 10^{-12} \exp[-3730(1/T - 1/298)]$
H3	$CH_3O_2H(\text{gas}) \leftrightarrow CH_3O_2H(\text{aq})$	$2.2 \times 10^2 \exp[5653(1/T - 1/298)]$
H4	$CH_2O(\text{gas}) \leftrightarrow CH_2(OH)_2(\text{aq})$	$6.3 \times 10^3 \exp[6425(1/T - 1/298)]$
H5	$HNO_3(\text{gas}) \leftrightarrow HNO_3(\text{aq})$	$2.1 \times 10^5 \exp[8700(1/T - 1/298)]$
E3	$HNO_3(\text{aq}) \leftrightarrow H^+ + NO_3^-$	15.4
H6	$HO_2(\text{gas}) \leftrightarrow HO_2(\text{aq})$	$2.0 \times 10^3 \exp[6600(1/T - 1/298)]$
E4	$HO_2(\text{aq}) \leftrightarrow H^+ + O_2^- (\text{aq})$	3.5×10^{-5}
H7	$OH^\cdot(\text{gas}) \leftrightarrow OH^\cdot(\text{aq})$	$25 \exp[5025(1/T - 1/298)]$
H8	$NO_2(\text{gas}) \leftrightarrow NO_2(\text{aq})$	$6.4 \times 10^{-3} \exp[2500(1/T - 1/298)]$
H9	$NO(\text{gas}) \leftrightarrow NO(\text{aq})$	$1.9 \times 10^{-3} \exp[1480(1/T - 1/298)]$
H10	$CH_3O_2(\text{gas}) \leftrightarrow CH_3O_2(\text{aq})$	$2.0 \times 10^3 \exp[6600(1/T - 1/298)]$
H11	$HCO_2H(\text{gas}) \leftrightarrow HCO_2H(\text{aq})$	$3.7 \times 10^3 \exp[5700(1/T - 1/298)]$
E5	$HCO_2H(\text{aq}) \leftrightarrow H^+ + HCO_2^-$	$1.8 \times 10^{-4} \exp[-1510(1/T - 1/298)]$
H12	$SO_2(\text{gas}) \leftrightarrow SO_2(\text{aq})$	$1.2 \exp[3120(1/T - 1/298)]$
E6	$SO_2(\text{aq}) \leftrightarrow H^+ + HSO_3^-$	$1.7 \times 10^{-2} \exp[-2090(1/T - 1/298)]$
E7	$HSO_3^- \leftrightarrow H^+ + SO_3^{2-}$	$6. \times 10^{-8} \exp[-1120(1/T - 1/298)]$

* Henry's law constants in mol L $^{-1}$ atm $^{-1}$ and dissociation constants in mol L $^{-1}$ at 298 K.

TABLE 5. Values of the sticking coefficients.

Species	Sticking coefficient	Reference
O ₃	2 × 10 ⁻³	Utter et al. (1992)
H ₂ O ₂	0.18	Ponche et al. (1993)
CH ₃ O ₂ H	0.05	Worsnop et al. (1992)
CH ₂ O	0.05	Lelieveld and Crutzen (1991)
HNO ₃	0.125	van Doren et al. (1990)
HO ₂	0.2	Lelieveld and Crutzen (1991)
OH	0.05	Lelieveld and Crutzen (1991)
NO ₂	6.3 × 10 ⁻⁴	Lelieveld and Crutzen (1991)
NO	1 × 10 ⁻⁴	Lelieveld and Crutzen (1991)
CH ₃ O ₂	0.05	Lelieveld and Crutzen (1991)
HCOOH	0.05	Lelieveld and Crutzen (1991)

decreases while SO₂ remains as it was before. The H₂O₂ rainwater concentration (Fig. 9) drops because riming efficiently takes up H₂O₂ in cloud water. The direct effect of riming works, therefore, first to the detriment of the transfer from cloud water to rainwater before it can be seen on concentrations in cloud water, which is the case after 24 min. Riming increases the differences in the gas phase. Higher concentrations are obtained if ice has played its role on chemistry (Fig. 10).

From 20 to 25 min, H₂O₂ keeps on the same behavior as before whereas SO₂ tendency is again governed by the freezing process. Freezing leads again to S(IV) in rain (20% less than the no-ice run), thus reducing the sulfate production in rain and less sulfate content in condensed phases. The quantity of sulfate in gas phase is then constant, remaining 100 times higher than in the no-ice run.

From 26 min, freezing has completely ceased. The

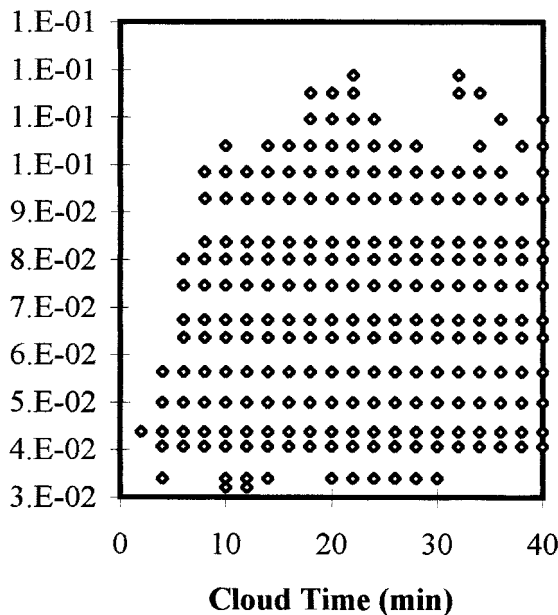


FIG. 5. Retention coefficient for all species except SO₂ and H₂O₂, calculated with the formulation of Lamb and Blumenstein (1987).

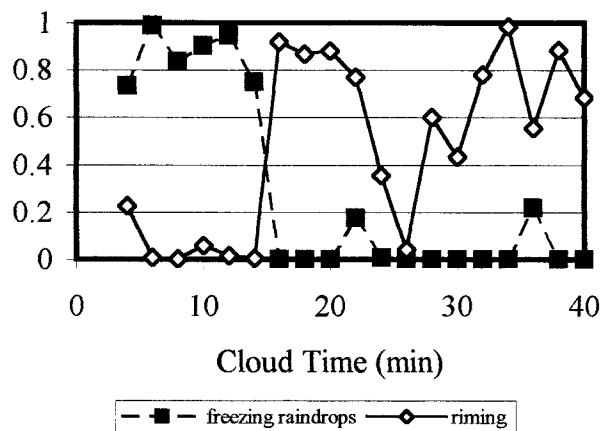


FIG. 6. Relative contribution of riming and freezing in the budget of H₂O₂ exchanged by graupel. A budget of hydrogen peroxide exchanged by graupel is done each 2 min for a 2-min period all over the cloud. Another budget over this period is done for the quantity given to graupel by riming (freezing). The ratio of these budgets is shown on this figure.

cloud has reached its mature stage and sedimentation effects compete with riming on the budget of species exchanged by graupel with cloud and rain waters. The cessation of freezing has, in a first time (until 30 min), the following effect on SO₂ and H₂O₂: loss of their content in rain by freezing ceases and there is a refeeding of rain through cloud water whose concentration is enhanced by a fraction of the quantity lost in gas phase during riming. The differences between the two runs are diminishing for S(IV). The H₂O₂ rainwater and cloud

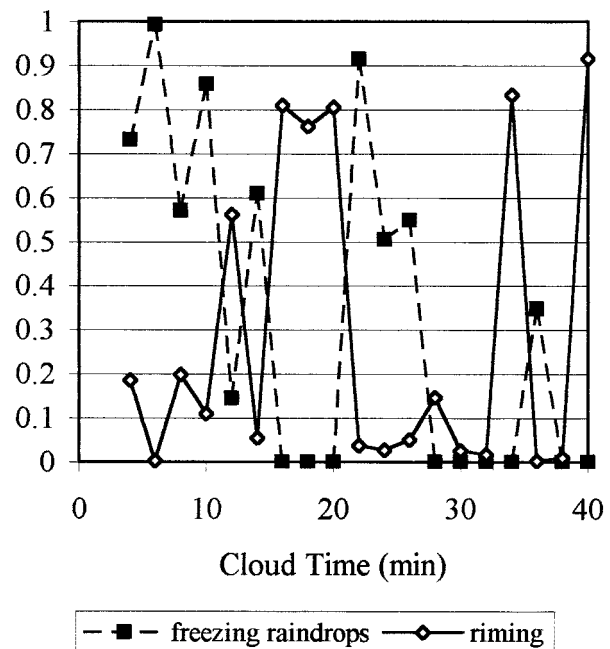


FIG. 7. Same as for Fig. 6 but for SO₂.

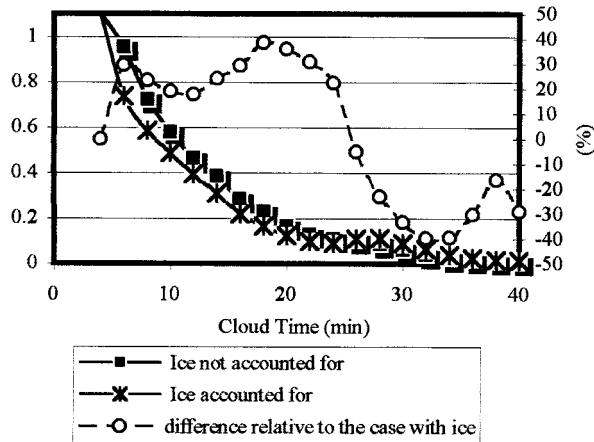


FIG. 8. Mean concentration of H_2O_2 in condensed phases, in ppbv air, averaged over the entire cloud.

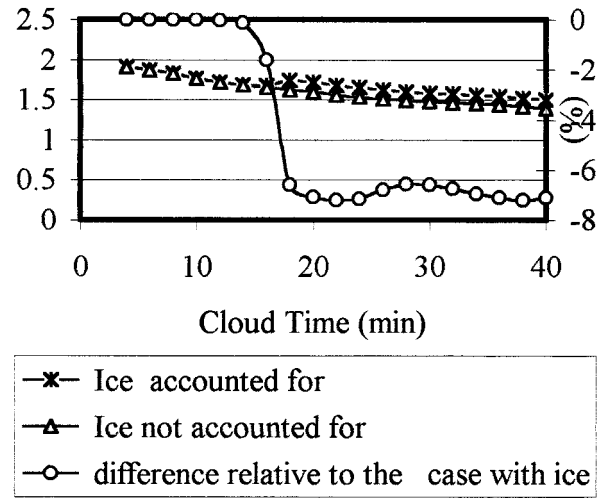


FIG. 10. Mean gas-phase hydrogen peroxide concentration in ppbv air (averaged over the entire domain $11 \text{ km} \times 11 \text{ km}$).

water concentrations are now higher for the ice run and will remain as it is until the end of the simulation.

After 30 min, the differences in S(IV) increase again between the two runs in rainwater and over all condensed phases. Ten minutes later (end of the run), there is up to 60% less S(IV) in rain when ice was accounted for. Hence, S(IV) appears to be more sensitive than H_2O_2 to the sedimentation effects, which counteract the riming effect. Consequently, sulfate content in condensed phases is decreasing (Fig. 15).

Figure 16 shows how the differences, relative to the ice run (run 1), between the ice and the no-ice (run 2) runs for H_2O_2 at 24 min are distributed. At an altitude of 4 km riming dominates and few differences are found

on the gas-phase concentrations, while below this level and particularly around 2 km the difference can reach 80% more as a result of the accumulation of several effects due to strong mixing by vortices inside the cloud.

Scavenging of sulfates aerosols by graupel

A second set of runs similar to the first one has been driven with initial aerosols of moderate concentration ($0.5 \mu\text{g m}^{-3}$). Figures 17 and 18 show the differences in sulfate content in rainwater and in all condensed phases between runs with and without aerosols (first set). It can be seen from Fig. 14 that 30% of aerosols, scav-

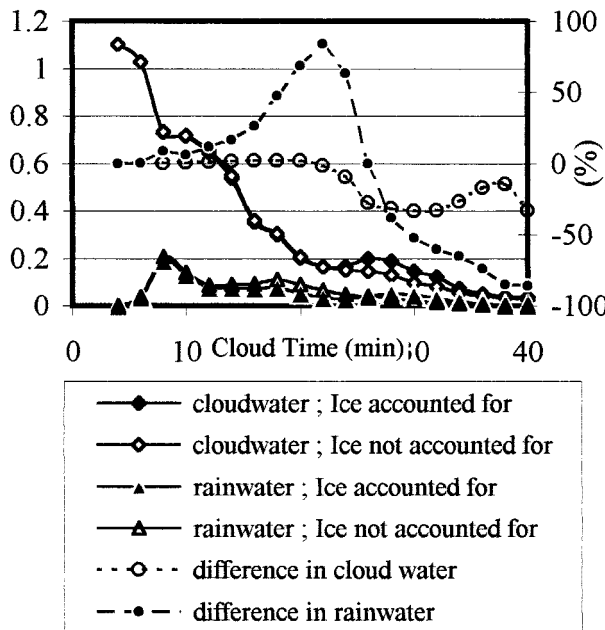


FIG. 9. Same as for Fig. 8 but for H_2O_2 in liquid phases.

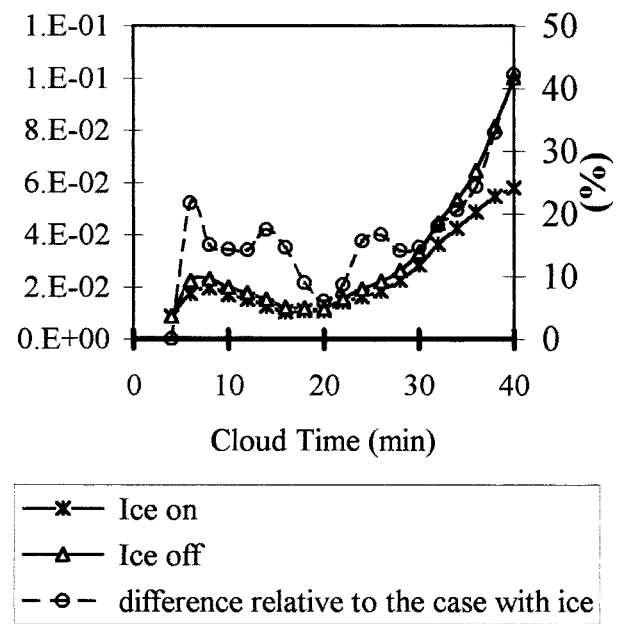


FIG. 11. Same as for Fig. 8 but for S(IV).

