Current Issues in Tropospheric Aqueous Particle Chemistry

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In this presentation an overview of some current issues in aqueous phase chemical processes of importance for the understanding of tropospheric chemistry was given. The systems discussed here may be referred to as multiphase chemical systems as differentiated from heterogeneous systems. After the background for the occurrence, physical parameters describing tropospheric multiphase systems and the essentials of phase transfer are outlined, the following chemical sub-systems are to be discussed:

- HONO formation via solution phase single electron transfer to NO₂
- Sulfur (IV) oxidation, influence of transtion metal ions (TMI)
- Tropospheric aqueous particle phase organic chemistry
- Ionic strengths effects

Whereas in the field of cloud chemistry many uncertainties exist, the understanding of deliquescent aqueous aerosol particle chemistry in the troposphere is even less developed. It is suggested to base models for the high ionic strengths in such systems on a combination of the use of activity coefficients (Pitzer) and, in cases where estimates of activity coefficients are not possible because of too little experimental input parameters to apply an ion-pairing model. This latter treatment will be outlined. Many of the experimentally determined primary kinetic salt effects may be explained and, later, be incorporated into combined multiphase cloud and aerosol models. An outlook will be given.