

Supplement for

A potential source of atmospheric sulfate from O_2^- -induced SO_2 oxidation by ozone

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S1 Determination of unimolecular rate constants and atmospheric lifetimes

The unimolecular rate constants of $\text{O}_2\cdots\text{O}_2\text{S}-\text{O}_3\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{0-1}$ reaction (in reaction (R3)) are determined as:

$$k_{\text{uni}} = \frac{k_{\text{B}}T}{h} \times \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta G^\ddagger}{RT}\right) \quad (\text{S1})$$

where ΔG^\ddagger is the Gibbs free energy barrier separating $\text{O}_2\cdots\text{O}_2\text{S}-\text{O}_3\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{0-1}$ and the products, h is the Planck's constant, k_{B} is the Boltzmann constant and R is the molar gas constant. Based on these rate constants, the atmospheric lifetimes of $\text{O}_2\cdots\text{O}_2\text{S}-\text{O}_3\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_{0-1}$ are determined as

$$\tau = \frac{1}{k_{\text{uni}}} \quad (\text{S2})$$

S2 Details on the determination of K_{eq} and $p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$

For the $\text{O}_2\text{SOO}^\cdot\cdots\text{H}_2\text{O}$ formation according to the equation



the equilibrium constant at different temperatures is calculated as

$$K_{\text{eq}} = (k_{\text{B}}T/p^0) \times \exp(-\Delta G/RT) \quad (\text{S4})$$

where ΔG is the Gibbs free energy change for the $\text{O}_2\text{SOO}^\cdot\cdots\text{H}_2\text{O}$ formation, k_{B} is the Boltzmann's constant, R is the molar gas constants and p^0 is the atmospheric pressure.

The water vapor pressure is determined as $p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}} = RH/100 \times p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{eq}}$, where RH is the relative humidity and $p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{eq}}$ is the equilibrium water vapor pressure calculated using the parametrization of Wagner and Prus¹, revised by Murphy and Koop² as given below:

$$\ln p_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}^{\text{eq}} = 54.842763 - \frac{6763.22}{T} - 4.210 \times \ln T + 0.000367T + \tanh\{0.0415(T - 218.8)\} \left(53.878 - \frac{1331.22}{T} - 9.44523 \times \ln T + 0.014025T \right) \quad (\text{S5})$$

This parametrization fits suitably to all temperatures encountered in the atmosphere ($123 < T < 332$ K).

Table S1: Outer rate constants (k_{out}) and inner rate constants (k_{in}) of the $\text{O}_2\text{SOO}^- + \text{O}_3$ reaction both in the absence and in the presence of water, calculated at 298.15 K using Equations (4) and (5), respectively, given in the main manuscript. Units are $\text{cm}^3\text{molecule}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$.

	k_{out}	k_{in}
Unhydrated reaction	8.25×10^{-10}	1.27×10^{-14}
Monohydrated reaction	8.03×10^{-10}	2.67×10^{-4}

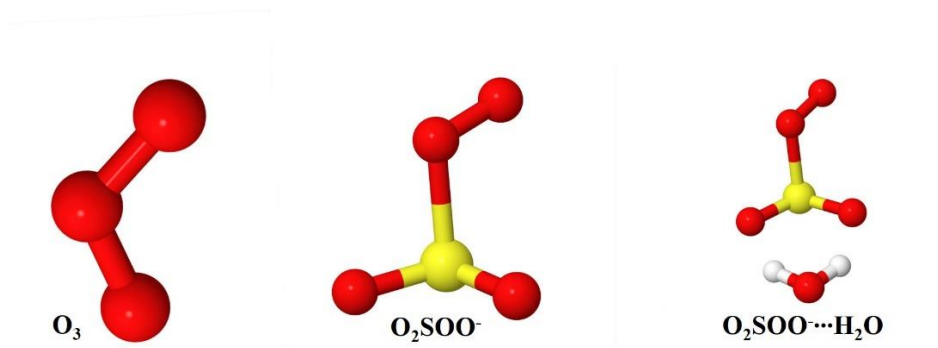


Figure S1 Optimized structures of the different reactants species in reaction (R1), calculated with the M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ method.

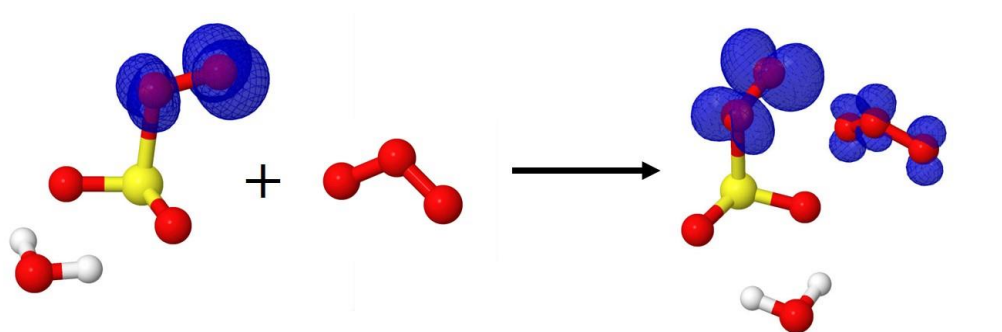


Figure S2 Formation of the $\text{O}_3 \cdots \text{O}_2\text{SOO}^- \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}$ from O_3 and $\text{O}_2\text{SOO}^- \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}$ collision. The spin density indicates the migration of the extra charge from O_2SOO^- in the reactant state to O_3 in the product state.

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