

Supplementary Information

Kinetics of OH + SO₂ + M: Temperature-dependent rate coefficients in the fall-off regime and the influence of water vapour

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Table S1. Values of k_1 measured in N₂ bath gas.

p (Torr)	T (K)	M ($\times 10^{18}$ molecule cm $^{-3}$)	precursor	[OH] ₀ ($\times 10^{11}$ molecule cm $^{-3}$)	k_1^1 ($\times 10^{-13}$ cm 3 molecule $^{-1}$ s $^{-1}$)
26.8	220	1.18	HNO ₃	4.4	4.57 ± 0.14
39.9		1.75	HNO ₃	2.3	5.58 ± 0.31
65.2		2.86	HNO ₃	0.7	7.25 ± 0.18
89.6		3.93	HNO ₃	1.4	8.29 ± 0.48
121.1		5.31	HNO ₃	0.9	9.46 ± 0.28
151.4		6.64	HNO ₃	0.9	9.97 ± 0.53
181.5		7.96	HNO ₃	1.3	10.82 ± 0.58
222.5		9.76	HNO ₃	4.2	11.06 ± 0.46
301.1		13.21	HNO ₃	1.2	12.07 ± 0.60
400.4		17.57	HNO ₃	1.5	13.71 ± 0.41
23.8	250	0.92	HNO ₃	6.2	3.11 ± 0.15
45.0		1.74	HNO ₃	5.0	4.03 ± 0.29
74.4		2.87	HNO ₃	3.7	5.43 ± 0.23
98.7		3.81	HNO ₃	5.0	6.32 ± 0.40
130.0		5.02	HNO ₃	5.9	7.24 ± 0.42
160.4		6.19	HNO ₃	7.8	8.21 ± 0.19
195.5		7.55	HNO ₃	6.0	8.96 ± 0.48
243.2		9.39	HNO ₃	5.8	9.32 ± 0.48
298.3		11.52	HNO ₃	3.9	9.68 ± 0.66
398.7		15.40	HNO ₃	3.6	11.31 ± 0.42
499.2		19.28	HNO ₃	3.4	11.87 ± 0.67
23.6	273	0.83	HNO ₃	5.1	2.17 ± 0.07
35.0		1.24	H ₂ O ₂	4.3	2.83 ± 0.12
44.2		1.56	HNO ₃	3.7	3.26 ± 0.08
58.9		2.08	H ₂ O ₂	13.6	3.91 ± 0.26
69.9		2.47	H ₂ O ₂	2.9	4.41 ± 0.24
80.4		2.84	HNO ₃	2.9	4.70 ± 0.19
98.5		3.48	H ₂ O ₂	7.0	5.02 ± 0.12
108.8		3.85	H ₂ O ₂	5.9	5.15 ± 0.22
121.3		4.29	HNO ₃	6.2	5.43 ± 0.19
148.7		5.26	H ₂ O ₂	4.5	6.25 ± 0.34
174.8		6.18	HNO ₃	5.9	6.64 ± 0.15
216.4		7.65	HNO ₃	5.0	7.35 ± 0.27
247.9		8.77	H ₂ O ₂	6.6	8.17 ± 0.40
301.2		10.65	H ₂ O ₂	9.3	9.02 ± 0.35
398.3		14.08	H ₂ O ₂	11.4	10.25 ± 0.19

502.3	17.76	H ₂ O ₂	15.2	10.72 ± 0.38	
14.2	0.46	H ₂ O ₂	5.8	1.30 ± 0.07	
17.8	0.58	H ₂ O ₂	3.2	1.49 ± 0.08	
20.4	0.66	HNO ₃	4.3	1.46 ± 0.04	
22.1	0.72	H ₂ O ₂	8.7	1.49 ± 0.06	
30.5	0.99	H ₂ O ₂	4.0	1.88 ± 0.02	
43.5	1.41	HNO ₃	4.2	2.24 ± 0.12	
46.8	1.52	H ₂ O ₂	2.1	2.46 ± 0.10	
59.9	1.94	H ₂ O ₂	4.7	2.97 ± 0.10	
67.6	2.19	HNO ₃	7.2	3.18 ± 0.14	
74.8	2.42	H ₂ O ₂	3.6	3.56 ± 0.15	
97.9	3.17	HNO ₃	2.4	3.74 ± 0.23	
105.4	3.41	H ₂ O ₂	2.5	4.06 ± 0.30	
125.7	4.07	H ₂ O ₂	5.9	4.01 ± 0.15	
126.0	4.08	H ₂ O ₂	4.4	4.20 ± 0.16	
134.4	4.35	H ₂ O ₂	3.6	4.70 ± 0.08	
146.9	4.76	H ₂ O ₂	4.2	4.88 ± 0.11	
163.4	5.29	H ₂ O ₂	2.3	5.50 ± 0.10	
174.4	5.65	H ₂ O ₂	3.0	5.45 ± 0.29	
298	195.0	6.32	H ₂ O ₂	3.6	5.54 ± 0.15
	201.1	6.51	HNO ₃	2.6	5.52 ± 0.21
	247.5	8.02	H ₂ O ₂	3.8	6.50 ± 0.31
	298.6	9.67	H ₂ O ₂	4.0	7.34 ± 0.24
	299.0	9.69	HNO ₃	3.5	6.87 ± 0.23
	348.5	11.29	H ₂ O ₂	8.5	7.35 ± 0.29
	396.6	12.85	H ₂ O ₂	7.5	7.58 ± 0.32
	403.5	13.07	HNO ₃	6.3	7.99 ± 0.32
	453.2	14.68	H ₂ O ₂	10.4	8.70 ± 0.19
	503.4	16.31	H ₂ O ₂	10.0	8.69 ± 0.26
	510.3	16.53	HNO ₃	6.1	9.02 ± 0.55
	562.5	18.22	H ₂ O ₂	9.4	9.45 ± 0.19
	595.4	19.29	HNO ₃	5.9	9.02 ± 0.98
	612.4	19.84	H ₂ O ₂	7.7	9.52 ± 0.17
	652.7	21.14	H ₂ O ₂	9.3	10.02 ± 0.32
	698.7	22.63	H ₂ O ₂	6.3	10.23 ± 0.41
	725.0	23.49	H ₂ O ₂	11.3	10.49 ± 0.42
	742.0	24.04	H ₂ O ₂	7.3	10.53 ± 0.41
333	30.6	0.89	H ₂ O ₂	1.8	1.37 ± 0.06
	49.4	1.43	H ₂ O ₂	2.3	1.77 ± 0.11

78.6	2.28	H ₂ O ₂	3.0	2.59 ± 0.23
100.7	2.92	H ₂ O ₂	2.3	2.99 ± 0.10
134.7	3.90	H ₂ O ₂	2.9	3.12 ± 0.17
165.5	4.80	H ₂ O ₂	29.2	3.61 ± 0.32
198.9	5.77	H ₂ O ₂	2.5	4.53 ± 0.13
252.4	7.32	H ₂ O ₂	22.4	4.96 ± 0.12
301.5	8.74	H ₂ O ₂	2.6	5.71 ± 0.18
350.0	10.15	H ₂ O ₂	5.4	5.53 ± 0.46
398.7	11.56	H ₂ O ₂	2.8	6.55 ± 0.44
449.1	13.02	H ₂ O ₂	5.2	6.38 ± 0.48
499.5	14.48	H ₂ O ₂	3.4	6.76 ± 0.24
597.4	17.32	H ₂ O ₂	2.7	7.76 ± 0.31
702.7	20.37	H ₂ O ₂	2.8	7.87 ± 0.21

Notes: ¹The uncertainty in k_1 is statistical only and does not include uncertainty in the SO₂ cross-section.

Table S2. Values of k_1 measured in N₂-H₂O bath gas.¹

T (K)	p (Torr)	M (10 ¹⁸ molecule/cm ³)	[H ₂ O] (10 ¹⁷ molecule/cm ³)	$x_{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$	x_{N_2}	k_1 ² (10 ⁻¹³ cm ³ molecule ⁻¹ s ⁻¹)
273	49.3	1.74	0.00	0.000	1.000	3.42 ± 0.19
	50.6	1.79	0.22	0.012	0.988	3.49 ± 0.15
	49.5	1.75	0.28	0.016	0.984	3.52 ± 0.28
	50.4	1.78	0.44	0.024	0.976	3.67 ± 0.25
	49.9	1.76	0.54	0.031	0.969	3.69 ± 0.16
	50.6	1.79	0.64	0.036	0.964	3.68 ± 0.32
	50.5	1.79	0.84	0.047	0.953	3.81 ± 0.34
298	49.1	1.59	0.00	0.000	1.000	2.59 ± 0.10
	49.5	1.60	0.31	0.020	0.980	2.71 ± 0.17
	49.8	1.61	0.43	0.027	0.973	2.78 ± 0.07
	50.3	1.63	0.77	0.047	0.953	2.94 ± 0.13
	50.6	1.64	1.14	0.070	0.930	3.03 ± 0.13
	50.3	1.63	1.54	0.095	0.905	3.13 ± 0.16
	50.8	1.65	1.93	0.118	0.882	3.29 ± 0.15
	52.3	1.69	2.53	0.149	0.851	3.65 ± 0.12
	51.6	1.67	2.87	0.172	0.828	3.79 ± 0.34
	50.4	1.63	3.02	0.185	0.815	4.14 ± 0.42
333	54.8	1.78	3.41	0.192	0.808	4.18 ± 0.13
	49.9	1.45	0.00	0.000	1.000	1.70 ± 0.04
	50.0	1.45	0.36	0.025	0.975	1.89 ± 0.11
	50.1	1.45	0.70	0.048	0.952	1.96 ± 0.07
	50.6	1.47	0.74	0.050	0.950	2.11 ± 0.15
	50.2	1.46	1.17	0.081	0.919	2.32 ± 0.20
	50.2	1.46	1.39	0.095	0.905	2.23 ± 0.18
	50.2	1.46	1.96	0.135	0.865	2.20 ± 0.14
	49.8	1.44	2.13	0.148	0.852	2.36 ± 0.34
	50.2	1.46	2.49	0.171	0.829	2.65 ± 0.37

¹H₂O₂ was used as OH precursor in all measurements. ²The uncertainty in k_1 is statistical only and does not include uncertainty in the SO₂ cross-section.

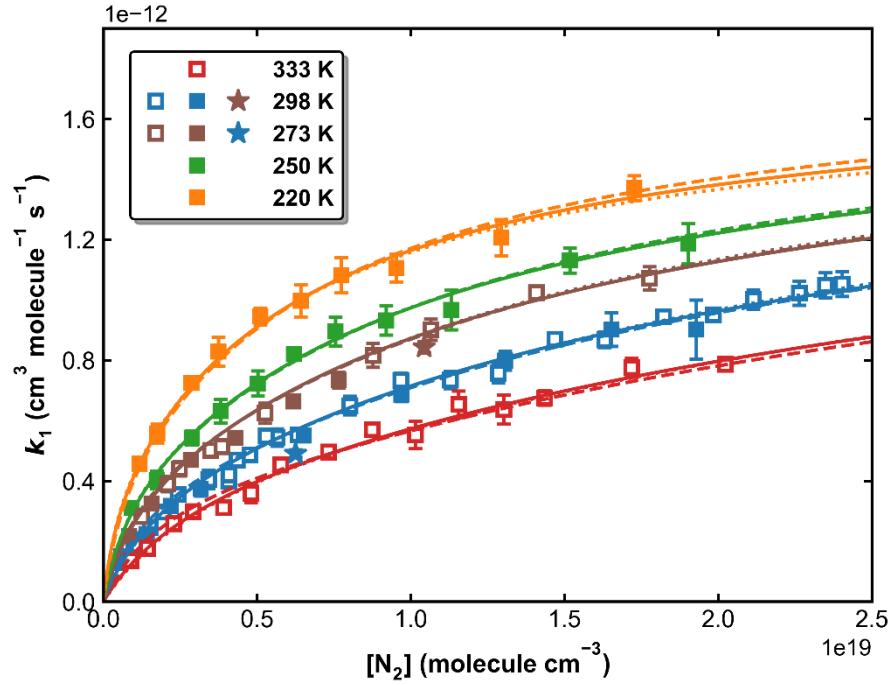


Figure S1. Measured (symbols) values of k_1 in N_2 bath gas and parameterization (lines) using the different methods listed in **Table 2** (Method 1: solid lines; Method 2: dashed lines; Method 3: dotted lines).

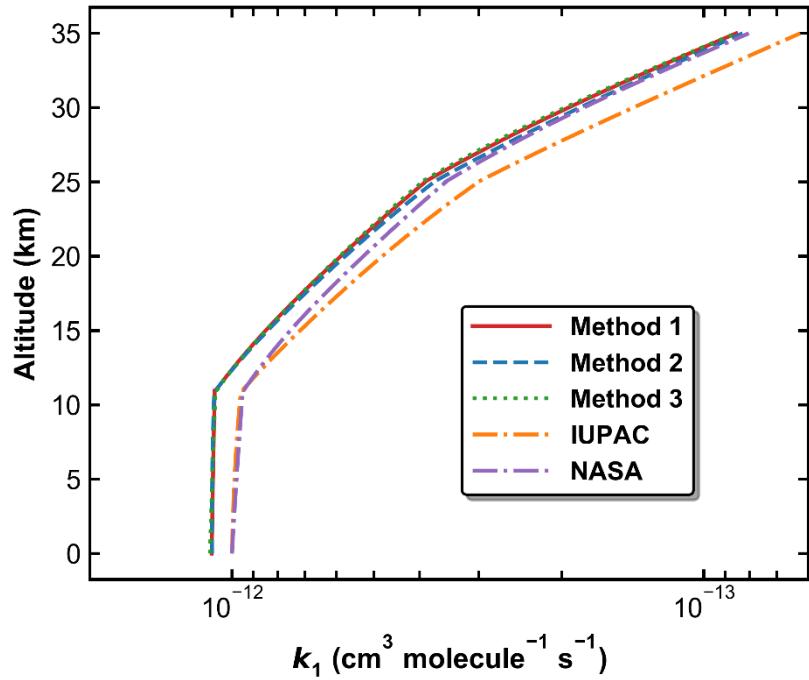


Figure S2. Values of k_1 using the three different parameterisation methods listed in **Table 2** at different altitudes and a comparison with the IUPAC and NASA recommendations. The altitude dependent pressure and temperature were calculated using parameters given in an Earth atmosphere model (<https://www.grc.nasa.gov/www/BGH/atmosmet.html>).

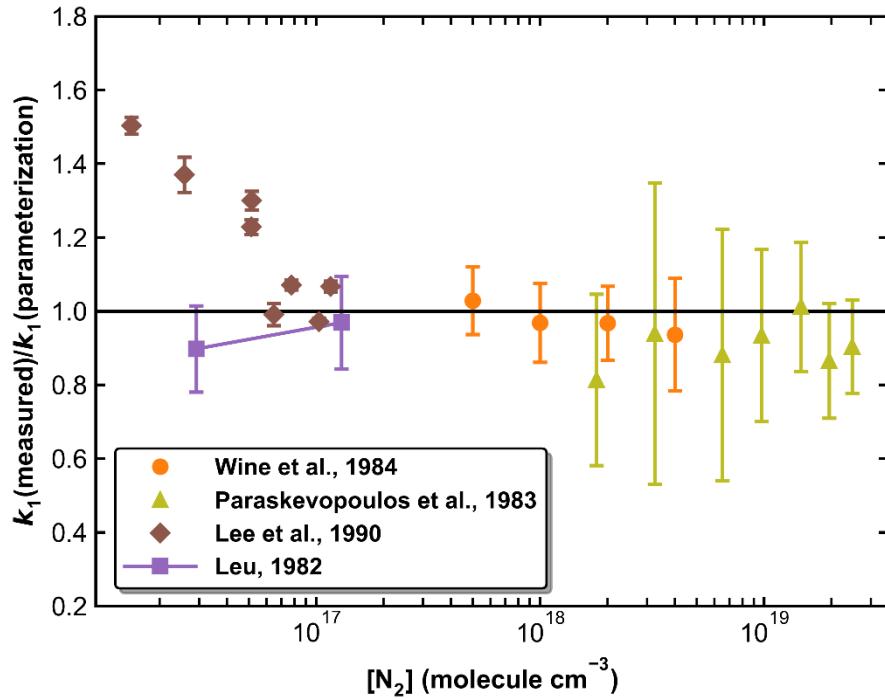


Figure S3. The ratio of rate coefficients obtained in N_2 bath-gas reported by (Leu, 1982; Paraskevopoulos et al., 1983; Wine et al., 1984; Lee et al., 1990) to the current parameterization as a function of N_2 molecular density at around 298 K.

Further parameterization methods for termolecular reactions

The NASA evaluation panel uses a simplified form of the Troe expression for termolecular reactions, with

$$k_{NASA}(P, T) = \frac{k_0 \left(\frac{T}{298}\right)^{-n} [M]}{1 + \frac{k_0 \left(\frac{T}{298}\right)^{-n} [M]}{k_\infty \left(\frac{T}{298}\right)^{-m}}} 0.6^{\left\{1 + \left[\log\left(\frac{k_0 \left(\frac{T}{298}\right)^{-n} [M]}{k_\infty \left(\frac{T}{298}\right)^{-m}}\right)\right]^2\right\}^{-1}} \quad (S1)$$

where $[M]$ = molecular density (in molecule cm⁻³), T is in kelvin. This expression should be used when inputting the “NASA” parameters from **Table 2**.

Blitz et al. (2017) used a more detailed form of the Troe expression (Troe and Ushakov, 2014) which is applicable to the cases of “broad” fall-off curves and characterized by the following equations:

$$\frac{k}{k_\infty \left(\frac{T}{298}\right)^{-m}} = \frac{x}{1+x} F(x) \quad (S2)$$

where

$$x = \frac{k_0(T/298)^{-n}}{k_\infty(T/298)^{-m}} [M] \quad (S3)$$

and

$$F(x) = \left(1 + \frac{x}{x_0}\right) / [1 + (x/x_0)^p]^{\frac{1}{p}} \quad (S4)$$

with

$$p = \left[\frac{\ln 2}{\ln\left(\frac{2}{F_C}\right)} \right] \left[1 - b + b \left(\frac{x}{x_0}\right)^q \right] \quad (S5)$$

where

$$q = (F_C - 1)/\ln(F_C/10) \quad (S6)$$

Besides those listed in **Table 2**, the parameters $x_0 = 0.94$ and $b = 0.19$ are also required. These values were provided by Mark Blitz in a personal communication.

Parametrization for k_1 in N₂-H₂O bath using different F_C for N₂ and H₂O

According to the approach proposed by Burke and Song (2017), the broadening factor for a gas-mixture can also be expressed by the weighed sum of the broadening factors in the two individual bath gases, in this case N₂ and H₂O:

$$\log F^{N_2-H_2O} = X_{N_2} \log F^{N_2} + X_{H_2O} \log F^{H_2O} \quad (S1)$$

where

$$\log F^{N_2} = \frac{\log F_C^{N_2}}{1 + [\log(\frac{(x_{N_2} k_{1,0}^{N_2} (\frac{T}{300})^{-n} + x_{H_2O} k_{1,0}^{H_2O} (\frac{T}{300})^{-o})[M]}{k_\infty (\frac{T}{300})^{-m}}) / (0.75 - 1.27 \log F_C^{N_2})]^2} \quad (S2)$$

$$\log F^{H_2O} = \frac{\log F_C^{H_2O}}{1 + [\log(\frac{(x_{N_2} k_{1,0}^{N_2} (\frac{T}{300})^{-n} + x_{H_2O} k_{1,0}^{H_2O} (\frac{T}{300})^{-o})[M]}{k_\infty (\frac{T}{300})^{-m}}) / (0.75 - 1.27 \log F_C^{H_2O})]^2} \quad (S3)$$

, and the weights for the N₂ and the H₂O terms are characterized by:

$$X_{N_2} = \frac{x_{N_2} k_{1,0}^{N_2} (\frac{T}{300})^{-n} [M]}{(x_{N_2} k_{1,0}^{N_2} (\frac{T}{300})^{-n} + x_{H_2O} k_{1,0}^{H_2O} (\frac{T}{300})^{-o})[M]} \quad (S4)$$

$$X_{H_2O} = \frac{x_{H_2O} k_{1,0}^{H_2O} (\frac{T}{300})^{-o} [M]}{(x_{N_2} k_{1,0}^{N_2} (\frac{T}{300})^{-n} + x_{H_2O} k_{1,0}^{H_2O} (\frac{T}{300})^{-o})[M]} \quad (S5)$$

where $F_C^{N_2}$ and $F_C^{H_2O}$ are the broadening factors at the center of the fall-off curves of N₂ and H₂O, respectively.

If a value of 0.6 (normally an upper limit for F_C in IUPAC evaluations) is used for $F_C^{H_2O}$, the fit with Eqs. (5), (S1)–(S5) would give $k_{1,0}^{H_2O} = 1.56 \times 10^{-30} \text{ cm}^6 \text{molecule}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$, which is about 5.5% lower than the value derived through the first method, and $o = 4.80$. For the current SO₂+OH case, since our preferred $F_C^{N_2}$ value of 0.58 is close to 0.6, the resulting $k_{1,0}^{H_2O}$ s derived via the two different methods are similar.

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