

Supplementary Information

***Ab initio* Kinetics of the $\text{HOSO}_2 + {}^3\text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{SO}_3 + \text{HO}_2$ Reaction**

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Species	Cartesian coordinate (Å)			E_{elec}^{0K} (Hartree)	ZPE (Hartree)	Unscaled vibrational frequencies (cm ⁻¹) [a]			
HOSO₂ (C ₁)	S	0.133973000	0.069399000	0.252505000	-625.530878	0.022084	281	419	429
	O	-1.169888000	-0.838173000	-0.109904000			530	751	1106
	H	-1.948695000	-0.260162000	-0.113307000			1114	1318	3744
	O	1.271870000	-0.693791000	-0.194507000			[N/A; N/A; N/A; 538; 787; 1103; N/A; 1312; 3476] ¹⁻³		
	O	-0.126342000	1.425685000	-0.186435000			(278; 420; 429; 531; 759; 1112; 1147; 1317; 3865) ⁴ (284; 418; 428; 526; 745; 1009; 1112; 1309; 3734) ⁵ (257; 396; 411; 521; 725; 1045; 1129; 1317; 3582) ^{6,[b]} (282; 418; 431; 545; 783; 1103; 1147; 1378; 3600) ^{7,[b]}		
O₂ (triplet) (C _{∞h})	O	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.602922000	-150.414422	0.003711	1629		
	O	0.000000000	0.000000000	-0.602922000			[1580] ⁸ ; (1682) ⁴ ; (1549) ^{6,[b]}		
HOSO₄ (Adduct) (C ₁)	S	0.468967000	-0.038648000	0.085706000	-775.975287	0.030035	101	216	327
	O	0.316278000	1.188759000	-0.890097000			346	387	458
	H	-0.238908000	1.869123000	-0.475917000			503	574	656
	O	0.470797000	0.400500000	1.435544000			866	1133	1155
	O	1.404683000	-0.935127000	-0.476815000			1238	1489	3734
	O	-2.050653000	0.009226000	0.008578000			(95; 203; 313; 332; 363; 440; 484; 560; 637; 842; 1138; 1157; 1207; 1453; 3730) ⁴		
	O	-1.049175000	-0.819702000	-0.189132000			(111; 226; 326; 348; 398; 453; 496; 561; 657; 839; 1121; 1175; 1211; 1467; 3768) ⁹ (99; 216; 315; 343; 372; 447; 495; 563; 655; 832; 1070; 1153; 1204; 1458; 3567) ^{6,[b]}		
Post-complex (C _s)	S	0.674689000	0.094604000	0.000004000	-775.969172	0.030106	93	181	222
	O	0.016931000	1.384678000	0.000075000			260	418	526
	H	-1.635843000	0.901172000	0.000038000			534	547	742
	O	1.144782000	-0.426639000	1.238356000			1051	1228	1329
	O	1.144766000	-0.426508000	-1.238409000			1420	1546	3116
	O	-2.179831000	0.054889000	0.000001000			(93; 179; 213; 256; 284; 411; 511; 520; 532; 743; 1023; 1229; 1300; 1389; 1548; 3100) ⁴		
	O	-1.271545000	-0.888274000	-0.000036000			(123; 273; 318; 474; 504; 605; 640; 715; 1025; 1041; 1077; 1265; 1402; 1885; >10 ⁴) ⁹		
TS1	S	-0.555294000	-0.118998000	0.094636000	-775.945567	0.027206	-167	57	87

Species	Cartesian coordinate (Å)			E_{elec}^{0K} (Hartree)	ZPE (Hartree)	Unscaled vibrational frequencies (cm ⁻¹) [a]			
(C ₁)	O	-1.085630000	0.791732000	-1.133674000			106	293	352
	H	-1.496348000	1.590801000	-0.768235000			431	441	542
	O	-0.378227000	-1.439734000	-0.433834000			769	1122	1141
	O	-1.347839000	0.177850000	1.262221000			1375	1482	3744
	O	2.456312000	-0.151613000	-0.102914000					
	O	1.653014000	0.660911000	0.314957000					
TS2 (C _s)	S	-0.579924000	0.000006000	0.055979000	-775.964104	0.026611	-920	133	276
	O	0.159804000	0.000116000	1.359026000			296	485	511
	H	1.298440000	0.000090000	0.955386000			598	624	762
	O	-1.154483000	1.242731000	-0.325045000			1055	1075	1237
	O	-1.154506000	-1.242775000	-0.324827000			1303	1437	1888
	O	2.045870000	0.000000000	-0.023483000			(-913; 132; 264; 284; 472; 497; 595; 609; 751; 1032; 1077; 1240; 1277; 1404; 1884) ⁴		
	O	1.100857000	-0.000095000	-0.917052000			(-438; 114; 272; 340; 474; 480; 540; 621; 879; 949; 1220; 1330; 1426; 1480; 2248) ⁹		
TS_abs (C ₁)	S	1.178164000	0.052368000	0.183279000	-775.896478	0.022470	-1706	27	38
	O	-0.132024000	-0.409442000	0.768446000			109	196	466
	H	-1.168108000	-0.442278000	0.175216000			480	544	578
	O	1.941549000	-0.962197000	-0.493415000			1017	1097	1206
	O	1.201437000	1.424937000	-0.248755000			1335	1343	1427
	O	-2.986827000	0.419253000	-0.033647000					
	O	-2.234451000	-0.522002000	-0.381089000					
SO₃ (D _{3h})	O	0.000000000	1.426051000	-0.000118000	-624.947038	0.012378	495	527	527
	O	1.234997000	-0.713026000	-0.000118000			1076	1404	1404
	S	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.000177000			[498; 530; 530; 1065; 1391; 1391] ¹⁰		
	O	-1.234997000	-0.713026000	-0.000118000			(477; 512; 512; 1050; 1374; 1375) ⁴		
HO₂ (C ₁)	O	0.055357000	0.718609000	0.000000000	-151.001595	0.014117	1161	1432	3603
	O	0.055357000	-0.610398000	0.000000000			[1098; 1392; 3436] ¹¹ ; (1160; 1432; 3602) ⁴		
	H	-0.885712000	-0.865689000	0.000000000					

[a] Frequency modes in *italic* and **bold** corresponds to the internal rotations. Frequencies in square parentheses (“[]”) are taken from experimental studies. [b] Anharmonic values.

Table S2: T1 diagnostics for the species involved in HOSO₂ + O₂ reaction computed at CCSD(T)/cc-pVTZ with the B3LYP/cc-pVTZ+d geometries.

No.	Species	T1 diagnostics
1	HOSO ₂	0.02006765
2	³ O ₂	0.01550560
3	SO ₃	0.01807977
4	HO ₂	0.02843197
5	HOSO ₄ (adduct)	0.02387292
6	Post-complex	0.02523502
7	TS1	0.02756714
8	TS2	0.02179923
9	TS_abs	0.04249207

The T1 values of less than 0.02 and 0.04 (in some cases < 0.045¹² may be acceptable) for closed shell and radical species, respectively, suggest the non-dynamic correlation energy is small¹³⁻¹⁷, thus there is no need to consider high-order methods for the title system.

Table S3: High-pressure rate constants for the HOSO₂ + O₂ system calculated at W1U method^[a].

No.	Reaction	$k(T) = A \times T^n \times \exp(-E_a/RT)$			$k(T)$ at 298 K ^[b]
		A ^[b]	n	E_a/R (K)	
1	HOSO ₂ + O ₂ → HOSO ₄ (reverse reaction)	5.62×10^{-18}	2.05	5.17×10^1	5.5×10^{-13} (4.1×10^{-13}) ⁴
		4.29×10^{14}	0.20	8.71×10^3	2.7×10^2 (3.1×10^1) ⁴
2	HOSO ₄ → post-complex (reverse reaction)	6.87×10^{11}	-0.08	2.05×10^3	4.7×10^8
		2.08×10^{12}	-0.03	3.31×10^3	5.7×10^{11}
3	SO ₃ + HO ₂ → post-complex ^[c] (reverse reaction)	5.62×10^{-18}	2.05	5.17×10^1	5.5×10^{-13}
		1.83×10^{17}	-0.65	6.34×10^3	2.5×10^6

^[a] Rate constants are valid for 200–1000 K. ^[b] Units of [s⁻¹] for first-order reactions and [cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹] for second-order reactions. This work calculated at composite W1U method including Eckart tunneling, HIR treatments and symmetry reactions. ^[c] Assume equal to HOSO₂ + O₂ → HOSO₄ reaction (see main text).

Table S4: Calculated the anharmonic and HIR factors for the addition step (via TS1).

T (K)	anharm/harm	hir factor
200	1.1	18.6
250	1.1	17.9
298	1.1	17.5
300	1.1	17.5
350	1.1	17.1
400	1.1	16.7
450	1.1	16.4
500	1.1	16.1
550	1.1	15.8
600	1.1	15.5
650	1.1	15.2
700	1.1	15.0
750	1.1	14.7
800	1.1	14.5
850	1.1	14.3
900	1.1	14.0
950	1.1	13.8
1000	1.1	13.6

Table S5: Parameters obtained from the modified Arrhenius expression^[a] of the calculated values for the pressure-dependent rate coefficients over the temperature range of 200 – 1000 K for $\text{HOSO}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{SO}_3 + \text{HO}_2$ reaction.

<i>P</i> (torr)	<i>A</i> (cm ³ /molecule/s)	<i>n</i>	<i>E_a/R</i> (K)
10	2.59×10^{-7}	-1.75	9.72×10^2
50	5.51×10^{-7}	-1.85	1.03×10^3
100	1.17×10^{-6}	-1.95	1.09×10^3
300	6.77×10^{-6}	-2.18	1.25×10^3
760	5.82×10^{-5}	-2.47	1.44×10^3

Table S6: Rate constants and uncertainty for $\text{HOSO}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{products}$ at $T = 200 - 1000$ K and $P = 10$ torr, using the stochastic approach with 10^8 trials.

P [torr]	T [K]	HOSO_4 (adduct) [cm ³ /molecule/s]	unc. (%)	Post-complex [cm ³ /molecule/s]	unc. (%)	$\text{SO}_3 + \text{HO}_2$ [cm ³ /molecule/s]	unc. (%)
1.00E+01	200	3.90E-15	1.7E-04	3.41E-18	2.0E-01	1.97E-13	3.4E-06
1.00E+01	300	1.24E-15	1.4E-03	2.65E-18	6.3E-01	4.23E-13	4.0E-06
1.00E+01	400	3.84E-16	8.2E-03	2.46E-18	1.3E+00	6.18E-13	5.1E-06
1.00E+01	500	5.08E-17	1.0E-01	7.66E-19	6.7E+00	7.27E-13	7.0E-06
1.00E+01	600	3.02E-18	2.5E+00	7.55E-20	1.0E+02	7.49E-13	1.0E-05
1.00E+01	700	2.10E-19	5.0E+01	1.05E-19	1.0E+02	7.14E-13	1.5E-05
1.00E+01	800	1.39E-19	1.0E+02	1.39E-19	1.0E+02	6.52E-13	2.1E-05
1.00E+01	900	1.78E-19	1.0E+02	1.78E-19	1.0E+02	5.82E-13	3.1E-05
1.00E+01	1000	2.23E-19	1.0E+02	2.22E-19	1.0E+02	5.17E-13	4.3E-05

Table S7: Rate constants and uncertainty for HOSO_4 (adduct) $\rightarrow \text{products}$ at $T = 200 - 1000$ K and $P = 10$ torr, using the stochastic approach with 10^8 trials.

P [torr]	T [K]	$\text{HOSO}_2 + \text{O}_2$ [1/s]	unc. (%)	Post-complex [1/s]	unc. (%)	$\text{SO}_3 + \text{HO}_2$ [1/s]	unc. (%)
1.00E+01	200	1.32E-02	1.0E+02	4.64E+01	2.8E-02	1.32E-02	1.0E+02
1.00E+01	300	1.30E-01	1.0E+02	1.53E+02	8.5E-02	1.30E-01	1.0E+02
1.00E+01	400	3.75E-01	1.0E+02	1.67E+02	2.2E-01	3.75E-01	1.0E+02
1.00E+01	500	8.14E-01	1.0E+02	1.03E+02	7.9E-01	8.14E-01	1.0E+02
1.00E+01	600	8.28E+00	2.0E+01	5.79E+01	2.9E+00	2.48E+01	6.7E+00
1.00E+01	700	1.95E+02	1.8E+00	3.13E+01	1.1E+01	1.19E+03	2.9E-01
1.00E+01	800	5.75E+03	1.4E-01	5.74E+01	1.4E+01	2.00E+04	4.1E-02
1.00E+01	900	1.10E+05	2.2E-02	9.78E+01	2.5E+01	3.13E+05	7.8E-03
1.00E+01	1000	1.56E+06	4.6E-03	7.18E+01	1.0E+02	3.94E+06	2.1E-03

Table S8: Rate constants and uncertainty for post-complex \rightarrow products at $T = 200 - 1000$ K and $P = 10$ torr, using the stochastic approach with 10^8 trials.

P [torr]	T [K]	HOSO ₄ [1/s]	unc. (%)	HOSO ₂ + O ₂ [1/s]	unc. (%)	SO ₃ + HO ₂ [1/s]	unc. (%)
1.00E+01	200	2.41E+06	2.4E-05	5.87E-01	1.0E+02	5.87E-01	1.0E+02
1.00E+01	300	6.85E+05	1.7E-04	1.16E+00	1.0E+02	1.16E+00	1.0E+02
1.00E+01	400	1.90E+05	1.5E-03	2.84E+00	1.0E+02	2.84E+00	1.0E+02
1.00E+01	500	6.17E+04	1.0E-02	1.24E+01	5.0E+01	5.60E+01	1.1E+01
1.00E+01	600	1.59E+04	6.9E-02	4.41E+02	2.5E+00	2.87E+03	3.8E-01
1.00E+01	700	6.37E+03	2.8E-01	1.05E+04	1.7E-01	5.98E+04	3.0E-02
1.00E+01	800	4.39E+03	6.4E-01	1.29E+05	2.2E-02	6.39E+05	4.4E-03
1.00E+01	900	2.24E+03	2.0E+00	1.03E+06	4.2E-03	4.32E+06	1.0E-03
1.00E+01	1000	1.95E+03	3.4E+00	5.44E+06	1.2E-03	2.07E+07	3.3E-04

Table S9: Detailed kinetic submechanism in NASA format for the reaction HOSO₂ + O₂.

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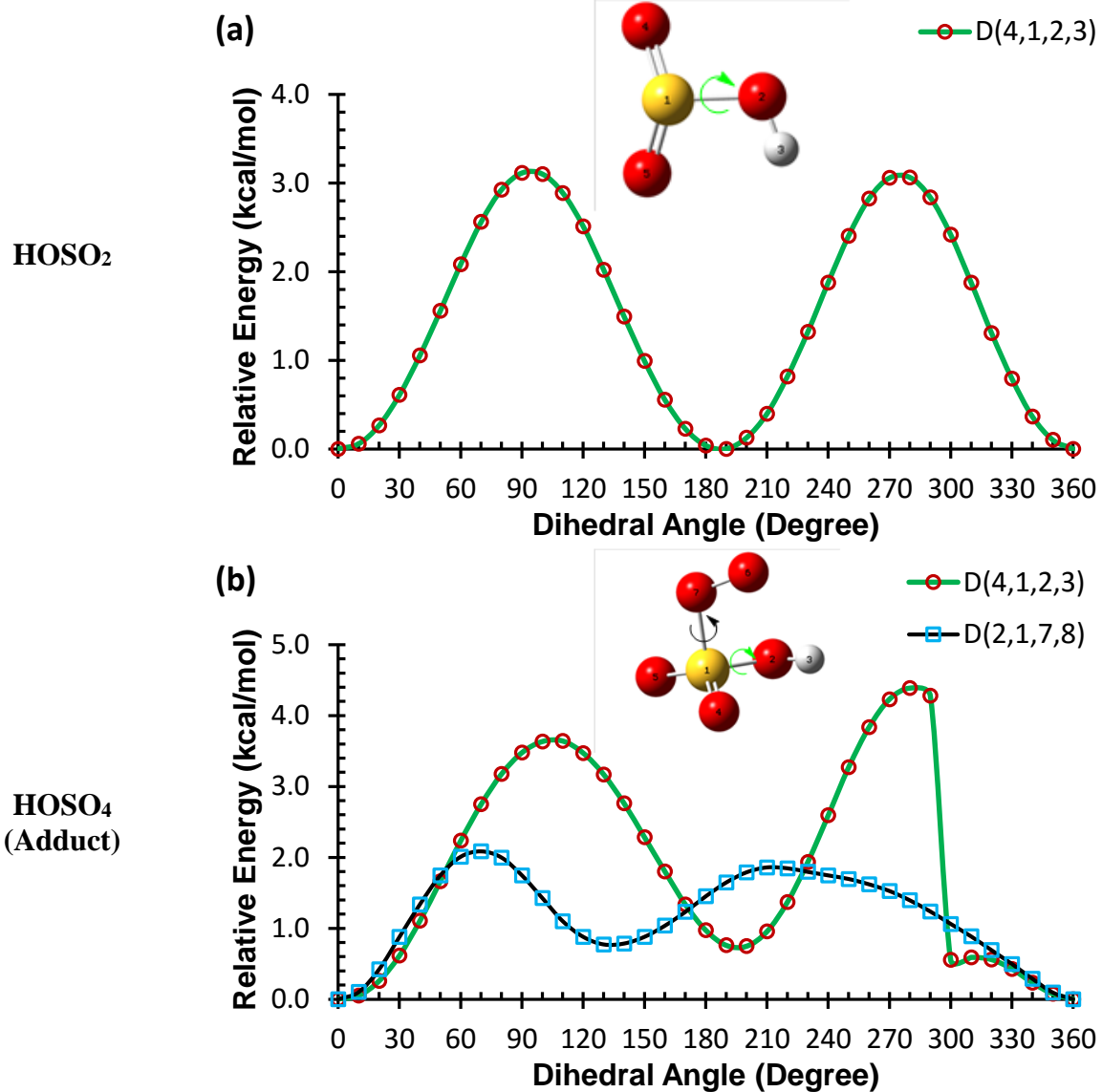
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-4.93910583E-008	1.51874685E-011	-1.19514957E+004	2.56413807E+000		4				
ts2	S	1O	5H	1	G	300.000	2500.000	1500.000	1
-2.61134980E+002	5.62006312E-001	-4.40597720E-004	1.51419450E-007	-1.92538876E-011	2				
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-2.01957457E-008	6.66815816E-012	-8.17617183E+003	1.96097575E+001		4				
post_complex	S	1O	5H	1	G	300.000	2500.000	1500.000	1
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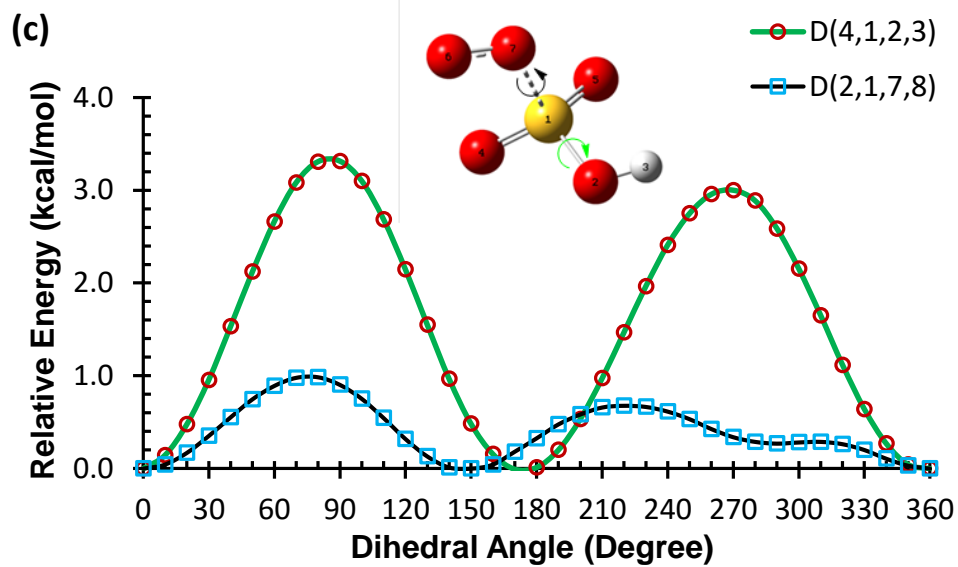
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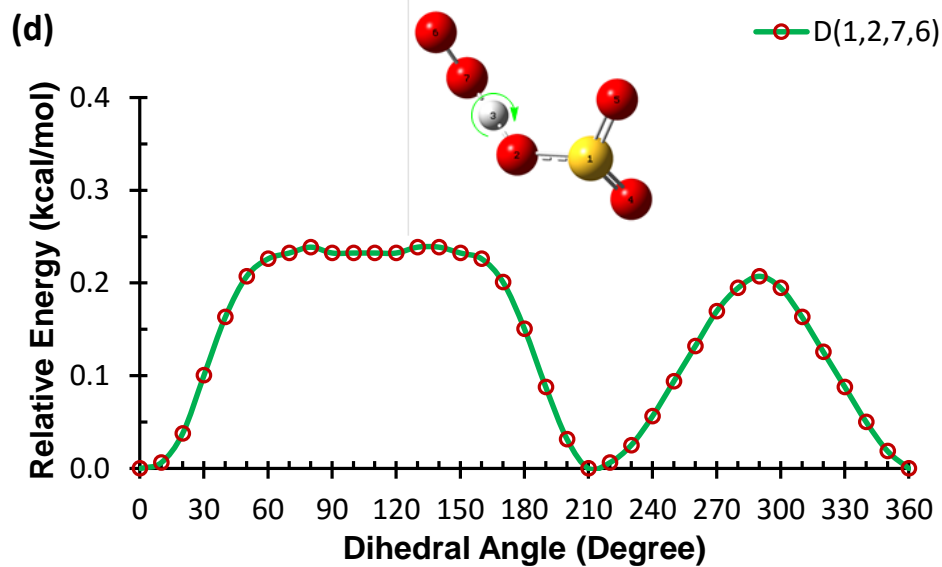
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TS_abs



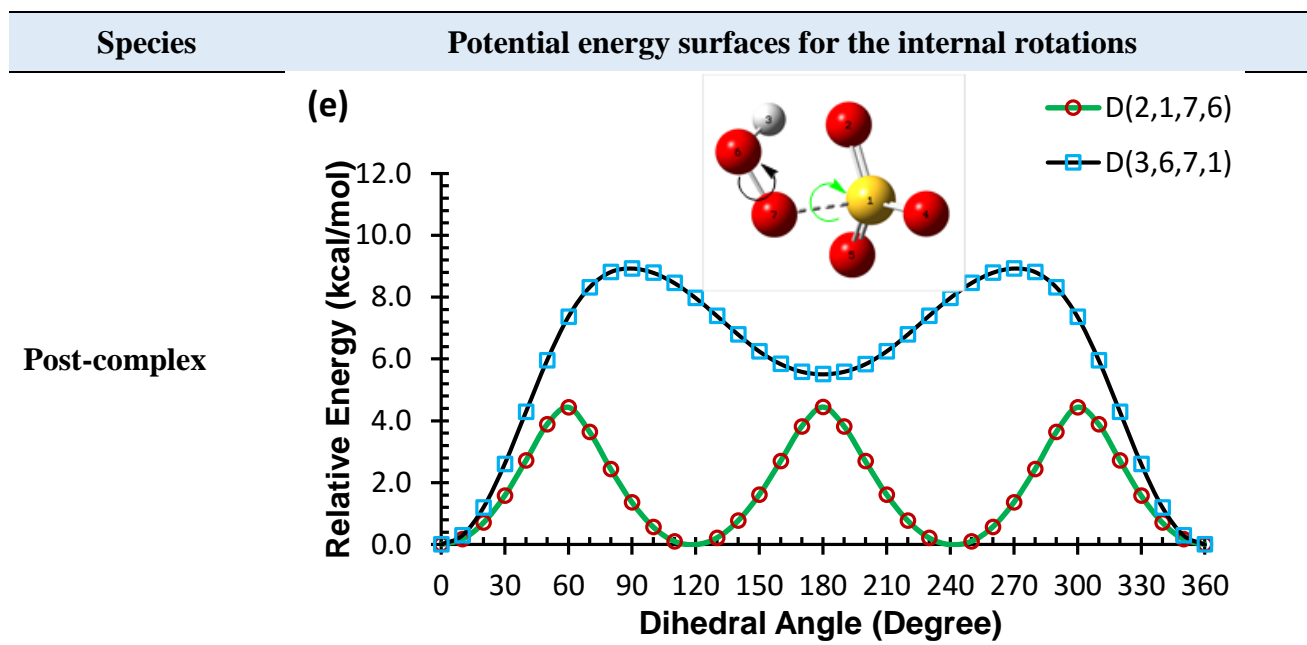


Figure S1: Hindrance potentials for HOSO₂ (a), HOSO₄ (b), TS1 (c), TS_abs (d) and Post-complex (e) calculated at B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ level of theory.

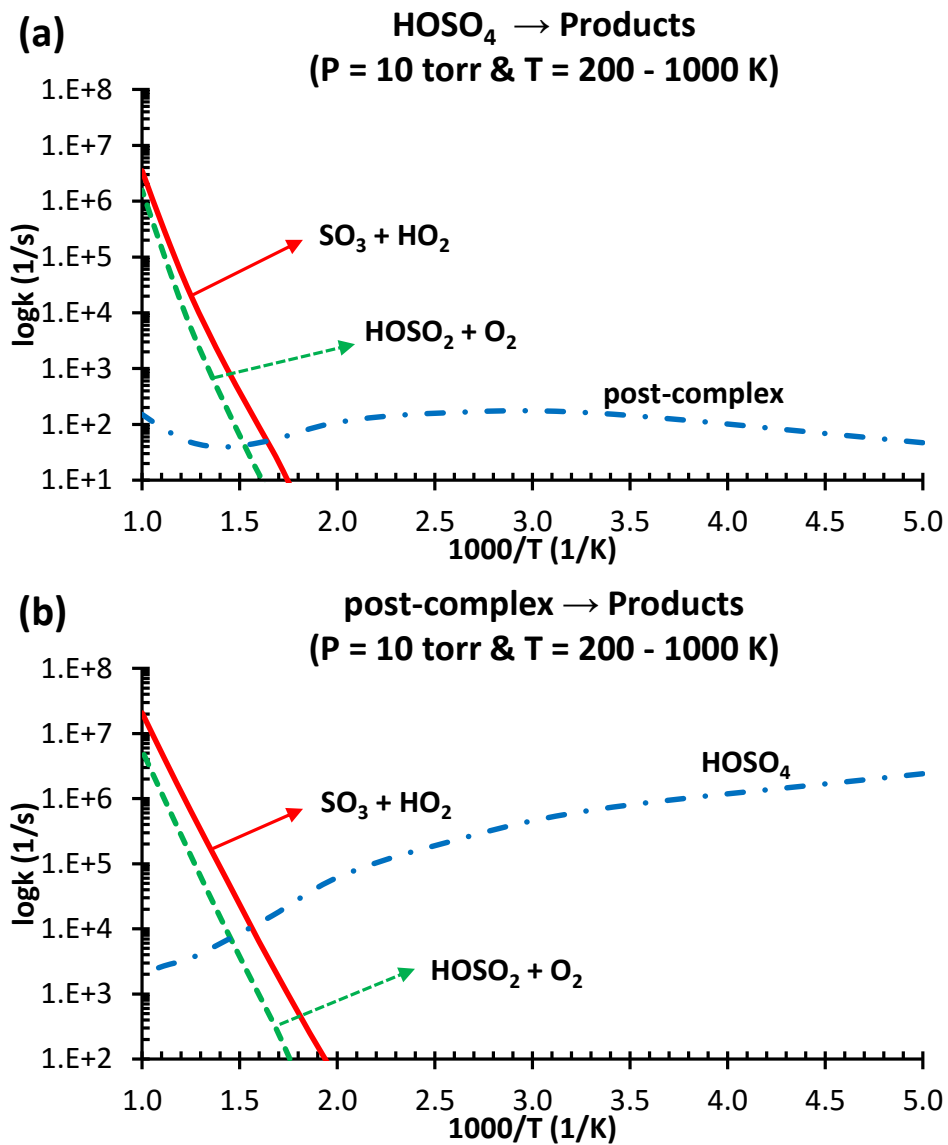


Figure S2: Calculated rate constants as a function of temperature at P = 10 torr for the HOSO₄ → products (a) and post-complex → products (b) reactions.

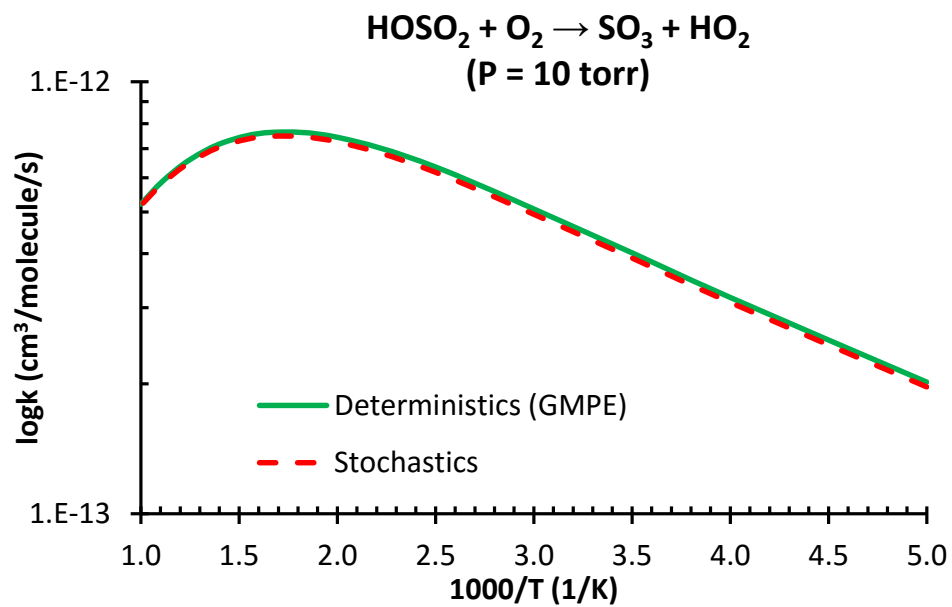


Figure S3: Comparison of the calculated rate constants between the deterministic (solid line) and stochastic (dashed line) models as a function of temperature ($T = 200 - 1000$ K) at $P = 10$ torr for the $\text{HOSO}_2 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{SO}_3 + \text{HO}_2$ reaction.

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