

Catalytic effect of $(\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ ($n = 1 - 3$) on the $\text{HO}_2 + \text{SO}_2 \rightarrow \text{HOSO} + {}^3\text{O}_2$ reaction in tropospheric conditions†

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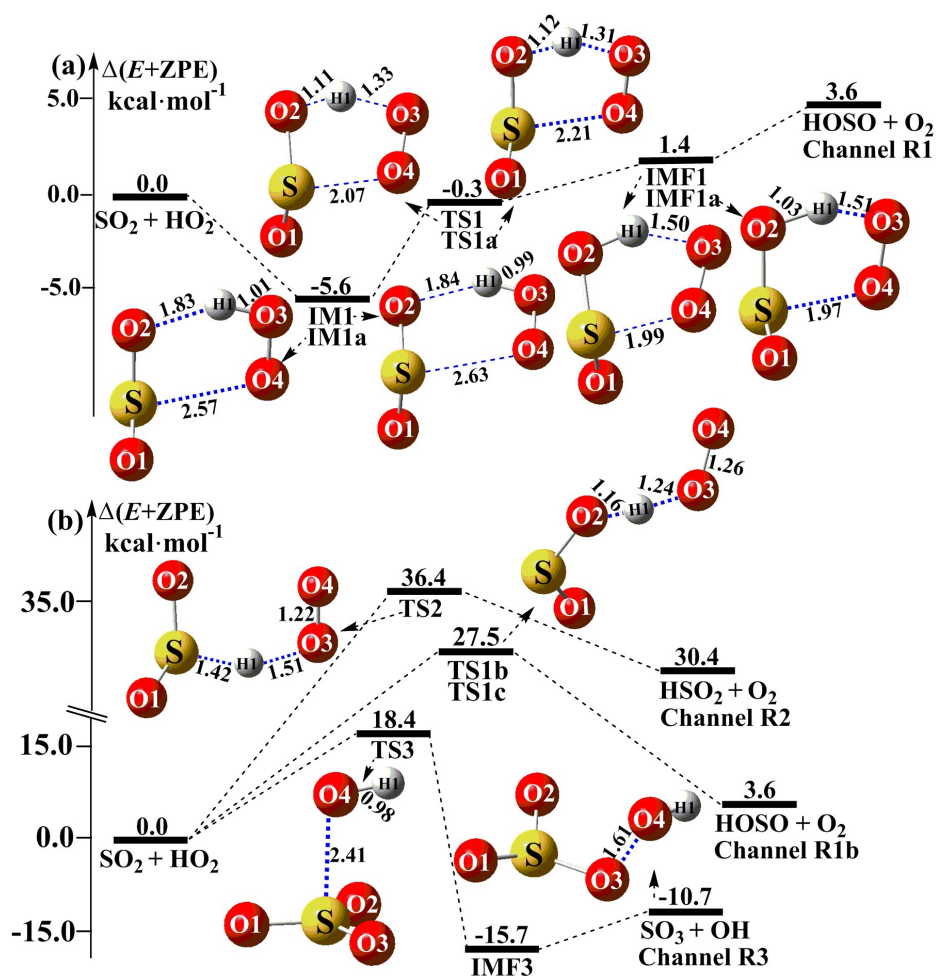
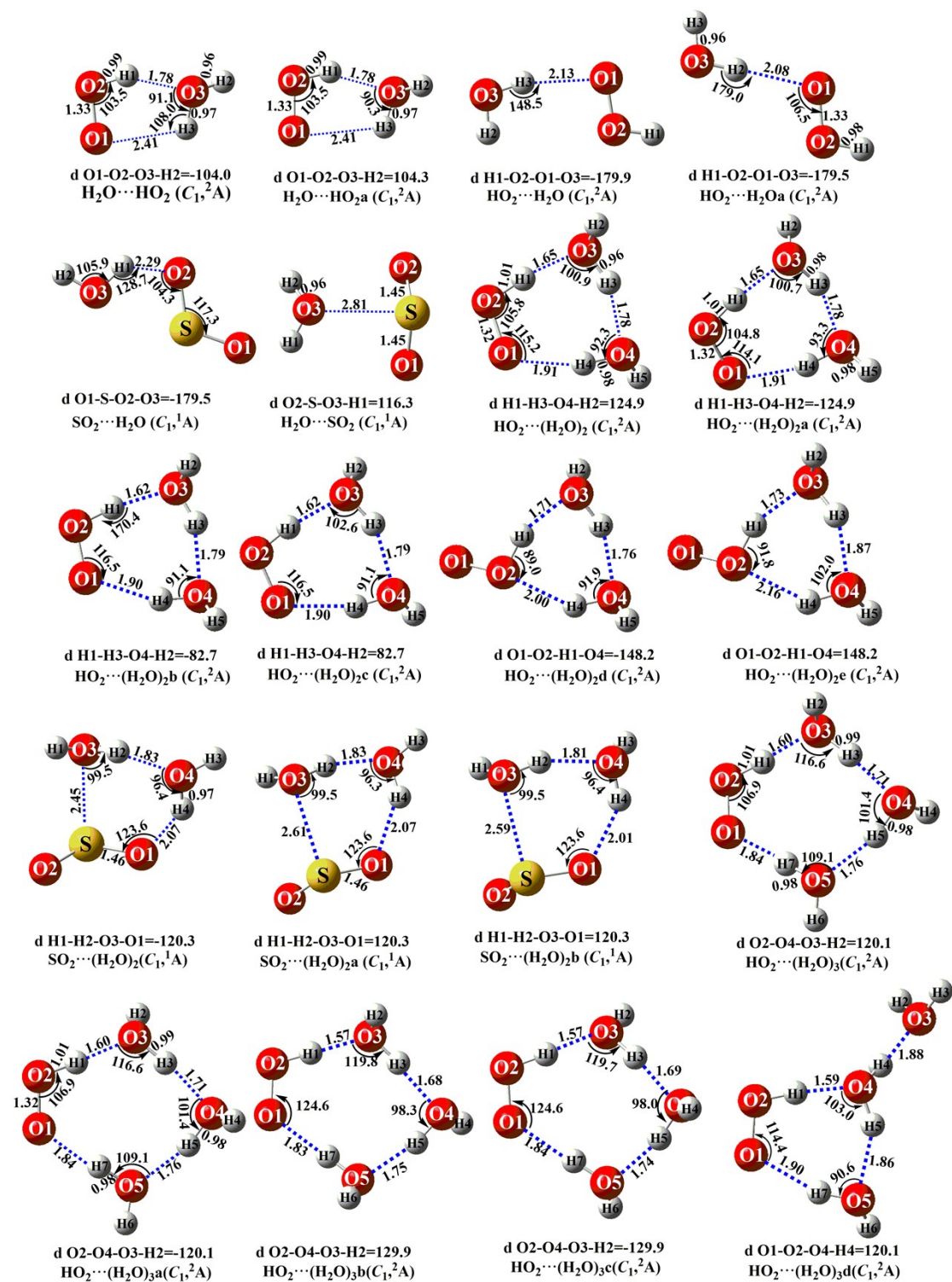
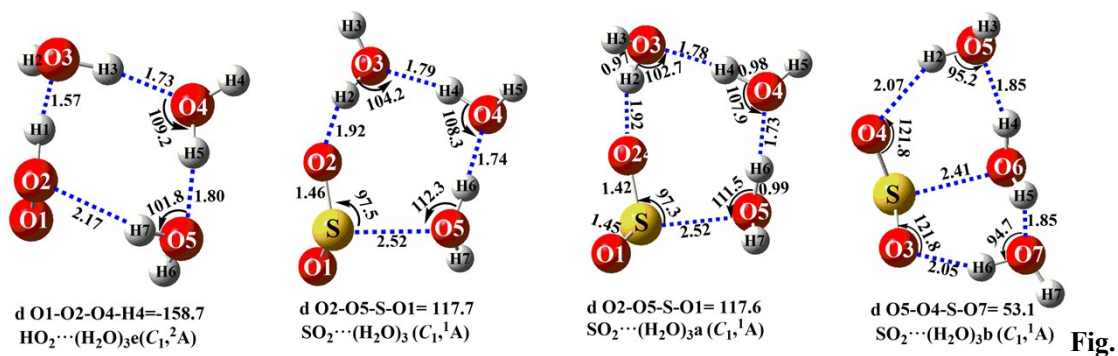


Fig. S1 Schematic energy diagram of the naked $\text{SO}_2 + \text{HO}_2$ reaction; energies ($\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$) computed at the CCSD(T)/CBS//M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ level include zero-point energy correction.





S2 The geometrical structures of the optimized of $\text{H}_2\text{O}\cdots\text{HO}_2\text{a}$, $\text{HO}_2\cdots\text{H}_2\text{Oa}$, $\text{HO}_2\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{a}$, $\text{SO}_2\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{a}$, $\text{SO}_2\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{a}$, $\text{HO}_2\cdots(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{a}$ at the M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory

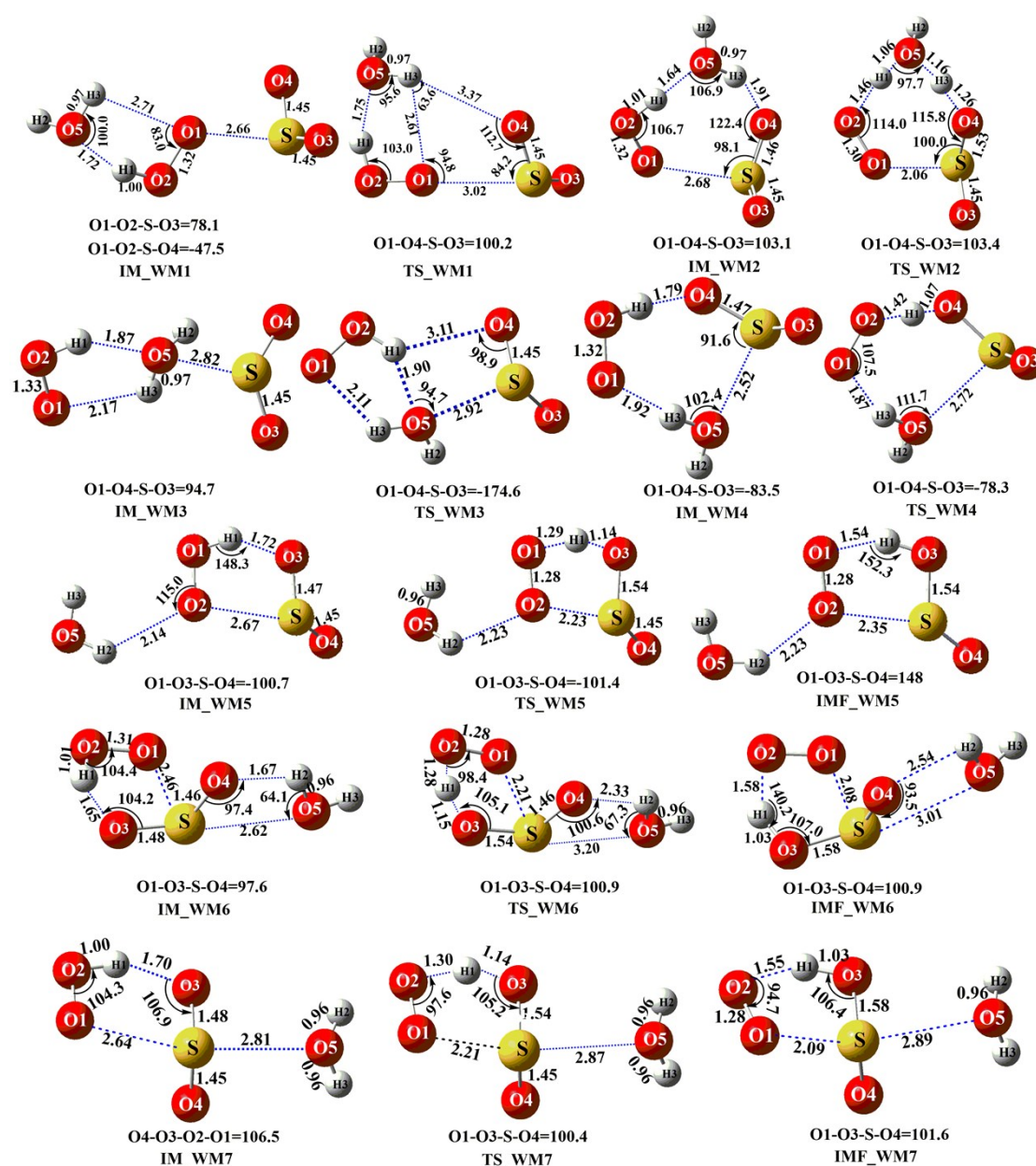


Fig. S3 The geometrical structures of the optimized transition state, intermediates for water-assisted $\text{HO}_2 + \text{SO}_2 \rightarrow \text{HOSO} + {}^3\text{O}_2$ reaction at the M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory

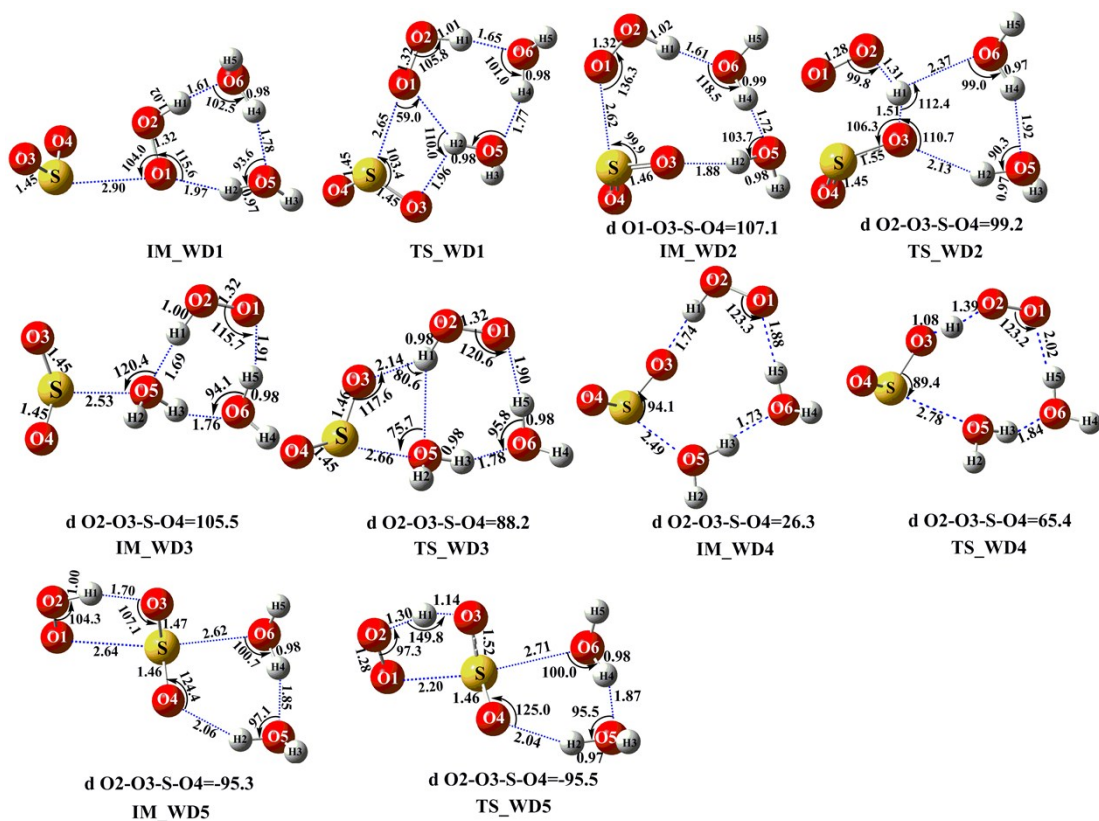


Fig. S4 The geometrical structures of the optimized transition state, intermediates for water dimer-assisted $\text{HO}_2 + \text{SO}_2 \rightarrow \text{HOSO} + 3\text{O}_2$ reaction at the M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory

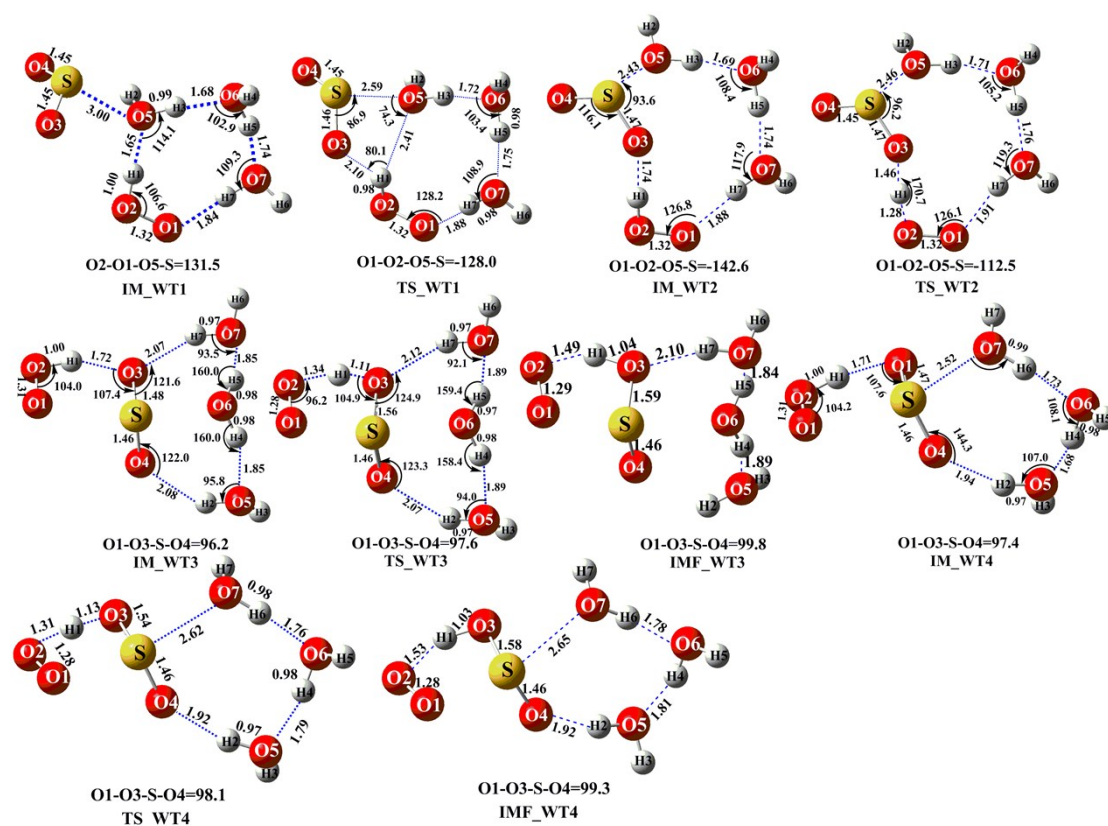


Fig. S5 The geometrical structures of the optimized transition state, intermediates for water trimer-assisted $\text{HO}_2 + \text{SO}_2 \rightarrow \text{HOSO} + {}^3\text{O}_2$ reaction at the M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory

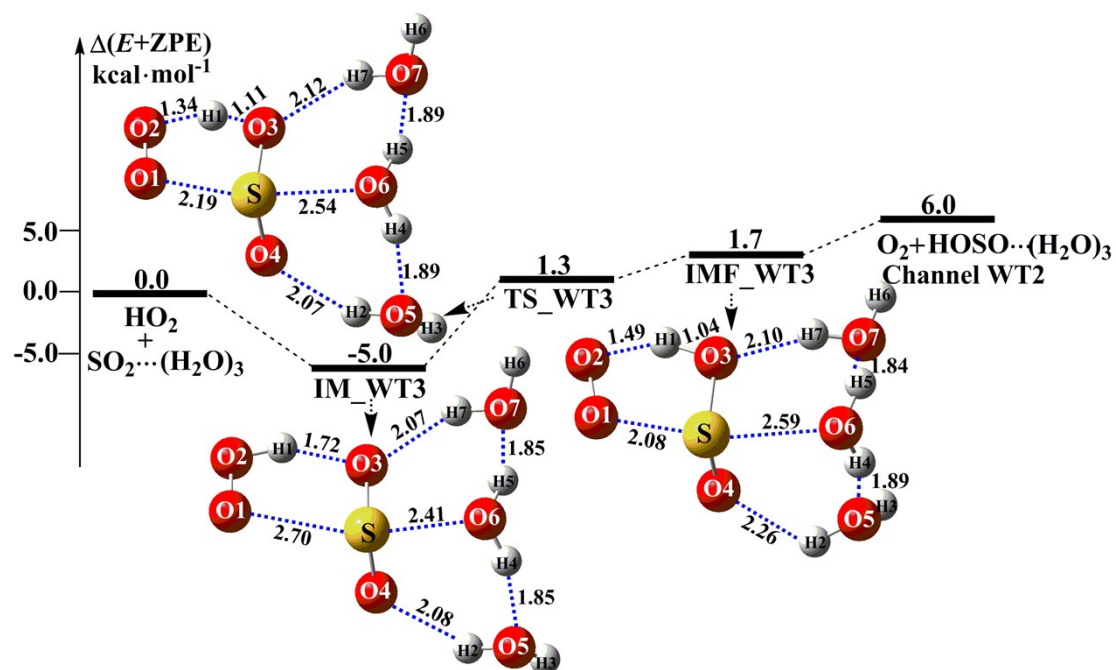


Fig. S6 Schematic energy diagram of water trimer-assisted the channel of $\text{HOSO} + {}^3\text{O}_2$ formations occurring through $\text{HO}_2 + \text{SO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_3$ reaction at the CCSD(T)/CBS//M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory

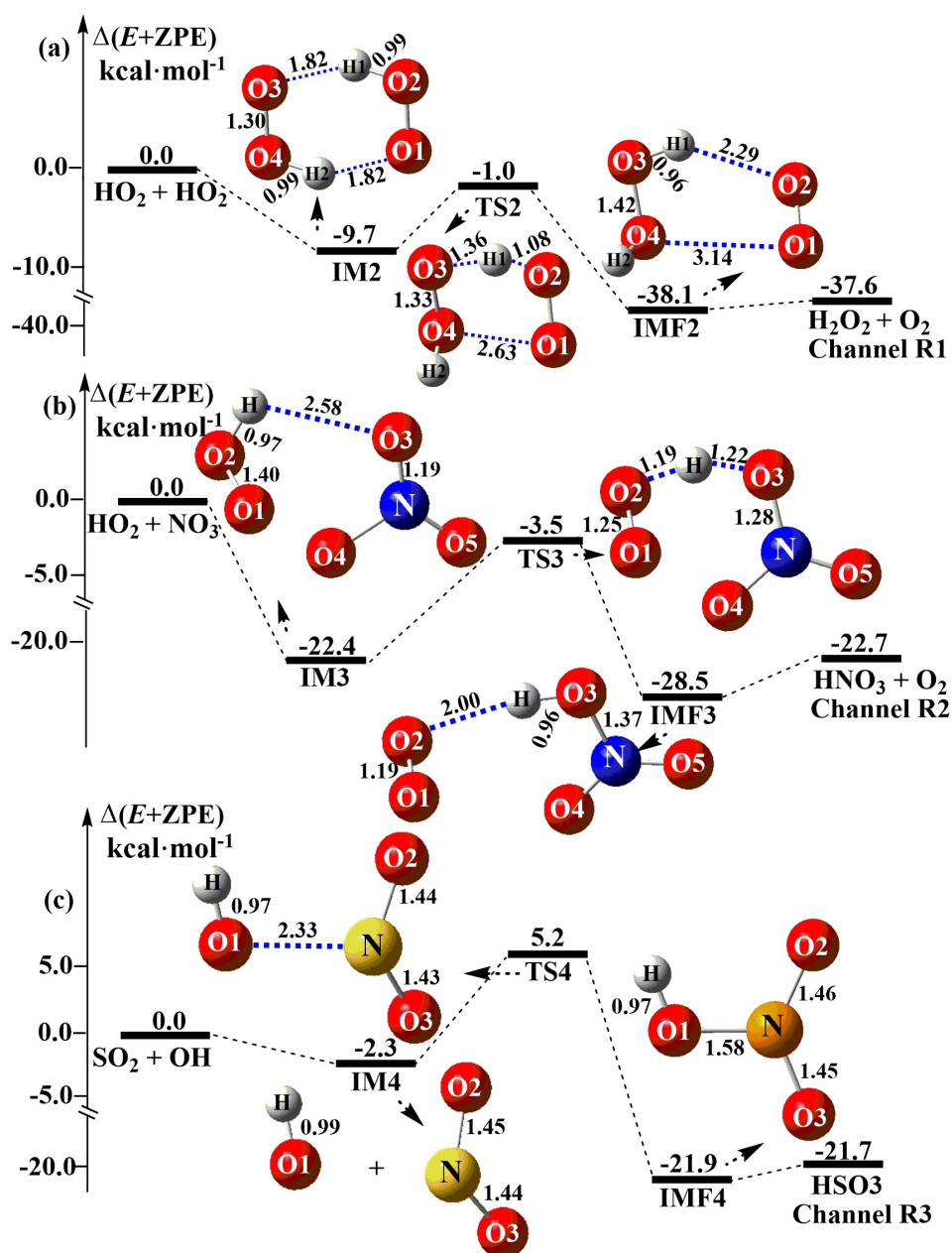


Fig. S7 Schematic energy diagram of the naked HO₂ + HO₂ reaction; HO₂ + NO₃ reaction; SO₂ + OH reaction; energies (kcal·mol⁻¹) computed at the CCSD(T)/CBS//M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ level include zero-point energy correction.

Table S1 The concentration of complexes H_2O (20%RH $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$, 40%RH $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$, 60%RH $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$, 80%RH $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$, 100%RH $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$), $(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ (100%RH $[(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$), $(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3$ (100%RH $[(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]$)^[1].

$T(\text{K})$	20%RH $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$	40%RH $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$	60%RH $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$	80%RH $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$	100%RH $[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$	100%RH $[(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$	100%RH $[(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]$
218.6	--	--	--	--	5.21E+12	3.58E+05	1.33E+01
223.7	--	--	--	--	2.62E+12	8.03E+04	1.01
229.7	--	--	--	--	4.92E+15	2.31E+11	3.25E+09
235.1	--	--	--	--	1.31E+12	1.50E+04	--
249.9	--	--	--	--	6.44E+12	2.12E+05	--
259.3	--	--	--	--	2.41E+16	2.67E+12	2.32E+10
275.0	3.78E+16	7.56E+16	1.13E+17	1.51E+17	1.89E+17	1.20E+14	3.29E+12
280.0	5.16E+16	1.03E+17	1.55E+17	2.07E+17	2.58E+17	2.04E+14	5.85E+12
290.0	9.56E+16	1.91E+17	2.87E+17	3.82E+17	4.78E+17	5.91E+14	1.89E+13
298.1	1.55E+17	3.09E+17	4.64E+17	6.18E+17	7.73E+17	1.36E+15	4.78E+13
300.0	1.72E+17	3.43E+17	5.15E+17	6.86E+17	8.58E+17	1.62E+15	5.82E+13
310.0	2.92E+17	5.84E+17	8.77E+17	1.17E+18	1.46E+18	4.06E+15	1.60E+14
320.0	4.70E+17	9.40E+17	1.41E+18	1.88E+18	2.35E+18	9.24E+15	3.91E+14

$[\text{H}_2\text{O}]$, $[(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ and $[(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]$ are the concentration of the complexes $(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$, $(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3$ and $(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{a}$. ($[(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] = K_{\text{eq}}((\text{H}_2\text{O})_2) \times [\text{H}_2\text{O}]^2$; $[(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3] = K_{\text{eq}}((\text{H}_2\text{O})_3) \times [(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \times [\text{H}_2\text{O}]$; $[(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{a}] = K_{\text{eq}}((\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{a}) \times [(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \times [\text{H}_2\text{O}]$)
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Table S2 The concentration and equilibrium constants of $\text{SO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ ($n = 1-3$) and $\text{HO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ ($n = 1-3$). ^{a,b,c}

$T(\text{K})$	$\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdots \text{HO}_2$	$\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdots \text{HO}_2\text{a}$	$\text{HO}_2 \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{HO}_2 \cdots \text{H}_2\text{Oa}$	$\text{SO}_2 \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdots \text{SO}_2$
218.6	7.22E-18	6.95E-18	1.77E-22	9.78E-23	8.94E-24	1.05E-23
223.7	4.92E-18	4.74E-18	1.61E-22	8.91E-23	8.10E-24	9.72E-24
229.0	3.21E-19	3.09E-19	1.45E-22	8.05E-23	7.27E-24	8.95E-24
235.1	2.22E-18	2.14E-18	1.33E-22	7.39E-23	6.63E-24	8.35E-24
249.9	8.87E-18	8.54E-18	1.08E-22	5.98E-23	5.29E-24	7.06E-24
259.3	5.24E-19	5.04E-19	9.60E-23	5.31E-23	4.66E-24	6.45E-24
275.0	2.36E-19	2.28E-19	8.08E-23	4.47E-23	3.86E-24	5.67E-24
280.0	1.87E-19	1.80E-19	7.69E-23	4.26E-23	3.66E-24	5.47E-24
290.0	1.20E-19	1.16E-19	7.02E-23	3.89E-23	3.31E-24	5.12E-24
298.2	8.59E-19	8.28E-19	6.56E-23	3.63E-23	3.08E-24	4.88E-24
298.2	(1.99E+08) ^c	(1.92E+08) ^c	(1.52E+04) ^c	(8.42E+03) ^c	(2.38E+06) ^c	(3.77E+06) ^c
300.0	7.98E-19	7.69E-19	6.47E-23	3.58E-23	3.03E-24	4.84E-24
310.0	5.44E-19	5.25E-19	6.00E-23	3.32E-23	2.79E-24	4.60E-24
320.0	3.81E-20	3.68E-20	5.61E-23	3.10E-23	2.59E-24	4.40E-24
$T(\text{K})$	$\text{HO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$	$\text{HO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{a}$	$\text{HO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{b}$	$\text{HO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{c}$	$\text{HO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{d}$	$\text{HO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{e}$
218.6	3.29E-15	3.28E-15	3.30E-17	3.35E-17	2.02E-24	2.41E-24
223.7	1.63E-15	1.62E-15	1.81E-17	1.83E-17	1.75E-24	2.21E-24
229.0	7.38E-16	7.37E-16	9.18E-18	9.30E-18	1.49E-24	2.02E-24
235.1	3.76E-16	3.75E-16	5.14E-18	5.21E-18	1.30E-24	1.75E-24
249.9	6.84E-17	6.83E-17	1.20E-18	1.21E-18	9.23E-25	1.49E-24
259.3	2.57E-17	2.57E-17	5.16E-19	5.23E-19	7.59E-25	1.30E-24
275.0	5.81E-18	5.80E-18	1.44E-19	1.46E-19	5.65E-25	9.23E-25
280.0	3.75E-18	3.74E-18	9.92E-20	1.00E-19	5.18E-25	7.57E-25
290.0	1.63E-18	1.63E-18	4.87E-20	4.92E-20	4.40E-25	5.64E-25
298.2	8.65E-18	8.60E-18	2.82E-20	2.86E-20	3.89E-25	5.16E-25
298.2	(3.53E+06) ^c	(3.51E+06) ^c	(1.15E+04) ^c	(1.17E+04) ^c	(1.59E-01) ^c	(1.57E-01) ^c
300.0	7.52E-19	7.51E-19	2.51E-20	2.54E-20	3.79E-25	3.79E-25
310.0	3.65E-19	3.64E-19	1.35E-20	1.36E-20	3.29E-25	3.29E-25
320.0	1.85E-19	1.85E-19	7.54E-21	7.63E-21	2.89E-25	2.89E-25
$T(\text{K})$	$\text{SO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$	$\text{SO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{a}$	$\text{SO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2\text{b}$	$\text{HO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_3$	$\text{HO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{a}$	$\text{HO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_3\text{b}$
218.6	2.46E-22	2.36E-22	2.46E-22	1.31E-15	1.28E-15	9.01E-17
223.7	1.73E-22	1.66E-22	1.67E-22	4.64E-15	4.56E-16	5.11E-17
229.7	1.17E-22	1.12E-22	1.32E-22	1.46E-16	1.44E-16	2.71E-17
235.1	8.33E-23	8.00E-23	8.53E-23	5.43E-16	5.34E-16	1.58E-17
249.9	3.57E-23	3.44E-23	3.64E-23	4.51E-16	4.43E-16	4.03E-18
259.3	2.20E-23	2.12E-23	2.17E-23	1.08E-16	1.06E-16	1.84E-18
275.0	1.06E-23	1.02E-23	1.32E-23	1.23E-17	1.21E-17	5.62E-19

$T(K)$	$SO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_2$	$SO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_2a$	$SO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_2b$	$HO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3$	$HO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3a$	$HO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3b$
280.0	8.52E-24	8.20E-24	8.27E-24	6.48E-17	6.37E-17	3.96E-19
290.0	5.67E-24	5.46E-24	5.65E-24	1.93E-18	1.90E-18	2.04E-19
298.2	4.16E-24	4.01E-24	4.11E-24	5.89E-18	5.51E-18	1.23E-19
298.2	(5.66E+03) ^c	(5.45E+03) ^c	(5.52E+03) ^c	(8.45E+04) ^c	(7.90E+04) ^c	(1.77E+03) ^c
300.0	3.89E-24	3.74E-24	3.78E-24	6.23E-18	6.13E-18	1.10E-19
310.0	2.73E-24	2.63E-24	2.67E-24	2.17E-19	2.133E-19	6.20E-20
320.0	1.97E-24	1.90E-24	1.96E-24	8.08E-19	7.94E-19	3.62E-20
$T(K)$	$HO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3c$	$HO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3d$	$HO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3e$	$SO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3$	$SO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3a$	$SO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3b$
218.6	2.49E-17	6.20E-17	7.29E-19	5.68E-23	2.22E-23	2.60E-24
223.7	1.45E-17	3.81E-17	4.75E-19	2.42E-23	1.14E-23	1.44E-24
229.0	7.96E-18	2.21E-17	2.95E-19	1.23E-23	5.40E-23	7.50E-25
235.1	4.76E-18	1.39E-17	1.96E-19	4.93E-23	2.86E-23	4.29E-25
249.9	1.31E-18	4.34E-18	7.04E-20	1.65E-23	5.77E-23	1.05E-25
259.3	6.22E-19	2.22E-18	3.91E-20	1.25E-23	2.30E-23	4.72E-25
275.0	2.02E-19	8.10E-19	1.61E-20	2.71E-24	5.75E-24	1.41E-25
280.0	1.45E-19	6.02E-19	1.24E-20	6.71E-24	3.82E-24	9.86E-25
290.0	7.74E-20	3.44E-19	7.56E-21	3.76E-25	1.77E-25	5.04E-25
298.2	4.79E-20	2.24E-19	5.18E-21	1.41E-25	9.79E-25	3.02E-26
298.2	(6.87+02) ^c	(3.22E+03) ^c	(7.43E+01) ^c	(6.74E+00) ^c	(4.68E+01) ^c	(1.44E+00) ^c
300.0	4.31E-20	2.04E-19	4.77E-21	1.89E-25	8.61E-25	2.70E-26
310.0	2.50E-20	1.26E-19	3.11E-21	8.54E-25	4.41E-25	1.52E-26
320.0	1.50E-20	7.99E-20	2.09E-21	3.52E-25	2.36E-25	8.83E-26

^a Equilibrium constants in units of $\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{molecule}^{-1}$;

^b All equilibrium constants were calculated by using energies computed at CCSD(T)/CBS level and partition functions obtained at M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ level about the relevant complexes $H_2O \cdots HO_2$, $H_2O \cdots HO_2a$, $HO_2 \cdots H_2O$, $HO_2 \cdots H_2Oa$, $SO_2 \cdots H_2O$, $H_2O \cdots SO_2$, $HO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_2$, $HO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_2a$, $SO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_2$, $SO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_2a$, $HO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3$, $HO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3a$, $SO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3$, $SO_2 \cdots (H_2O)_3a$ at 218.6 - 320.0 K;

^c The concentration of the corresponding complexes at 298 K.

Table S3 Zero point energy (ZPE/(kcal·mol⁻¹)), entropies (S/(cal·mol⁻¹·K⁻¹)), relative energies (ΔE and $\Delta(E + \text{ZPE})$ /(kcal·mol⁻¹)), enthalpies ($\Delta H(298)$ /(kcal·mol⁻¹)), and free energies ($\Delta G(298)$ /(kcal·mol⁻¹)) for SO₂···(H₂O)_n ($n = 1-3$) and HO₂···(H₂O)_n ($n = 1-3$) complexes

Species	ZPE	S	ΔE	ΔH	ΔG	$\Delta(E + \text{ZPE})$
H ₂ O + HO ₂	0.0	101.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
H ₂ O···HO ₂	2.6	72.3	-9.5	-7.7	0.9	-6.9
H ₂ O···HO ₂ a	2.6	72.2	-9.5	-7.7	0.9	-6.8
HO ₂ ···H ₂ O	1.5	75.2	-3.5	-2.6	5.1	-2.0
H ₂ O + SO ₂	0.0	105.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SO ₂ ···H ₂ O	1.1	88.7	-3.7	-2.4	2.7	-2.6
H ₂ O···SO ₂	1.2	83.4	-4.6	-3.3	3.4	-3.4
H ₂ O + H ₂ O	0.0	92.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(H ₂ O) ₂	2.1	69.5	-5.2	-3.6	3.4	-3.1
(H ₂ O) ₂ + HO ₂	0.0	124.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
HO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₂	3.3	83.3	-15.9	-14.0	-1.8	-12.6
HO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₂ a	3.3	83.3	-15.9	-14.0	-1.8	-12.5
HO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₂ b	4.3	83.0	-15.0	-12.6	-1.4	-10.7
HO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₂ c	4.3	83.0	-15.0	-12.6	-1.4	-10.6
HO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₂ d	4.5	80.9	-9.7	-7.2	6.0	-5.2
HO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₂ e	4.4	80.8	-9.6	-7.0	6.0	-5.1
(H ₂ O) ₂ + SO ₂	0.0	128.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₂	2.0	93.0	-8.9	-7.4	3.3	-6.9
SO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₂ a	2.0	92.9	-8.9	-7.4	3.3	-6.9
SO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₂ b	2.1	92.9	-8.8	-7.6	3.2	-6.3
(H ₂ O) ₂ + H ₂ O	0.0	115.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(H ₂ O) ₃	3.3	79.5	-11.1	-9.1	1.8	-7.7
(H ₂ O) ₃ + HO ₂	0.0	134.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
HO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₃	2.1	100.0	-14.3	-12.8	-2.6	-12.3
HO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₃ a	2.1	100.0	-14.3	-12.8	-2.6	-12.3
HO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₃ b	5.5	98.7	-14.1	28.8	31.5	-8.6
HO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₃ c	5.5	98.7	-13.5	29.3	32.0	-8.1
HO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₃ d	3.5	105.4	-11.0	31.0	31.1	-7.6
HO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₃ a	5.1	101.5	-11.3	30.9	33.3	-6.2
(H ₂ O) ₃ + SO ₂	0.0	138.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₃	1.2	106.6	-7.7	-6.5	3.1	-6.5
SO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₃ a	1.2	106.9	-7.8	-6.5	3.0	-6.6
SO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₃ b	3.2	105.6	-6.3	-4.6	11.6	-3.0

ZPE and S values obtained at M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory; The energy values are obtained at CCSD(T)/CBS level whereas the H and G corrections are taken from the M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ level.

Table S4 Zero point energy (ZPE/(kcal·mol⁻¹)), relative energies (ΔE and $\Delta(E + \text{ZPE})$ /(kcal·mol⁻¹)), enthalpies ($\Delta H(298)$ /(kcal·mol⁻¹)), and free energies ($\Delta G(298)$ /(kcal·mol⁻¹)) for water-assisted the formation of HOSO + O₂ from the SO₂ + HO₂ reaction

Species	ZPE	S	ΔE	ΔH	ΔG	$\Delta(E + \text{ZPE})$
H ₂ O...HO ₂ + SO ₂	0.0	133.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IM_WM1	0.7	108.9	-3.7	-2.5	4.4	-3.0
TS_WM1	0.4	105.4	-3.1	-2.5	5.3	-2.7
IM_WM2	1.2	99.3	-7.3	-6.1	3.6	-6.1
TS_WM2	-1.1	86.9	10.5	8.1	21.4	9.4
IM_WM3	3.4	103.3	-4.2	-1.0	7.9	-0.8
TS_WM3	3.3	97.3	-3.8	-1.1	9.6	-0.2
IM_WM4	3.6	97.5	-5.7	-2.4	8.2	-1.8
TS_WM4	-1.2	96.0	5.1	3.3	14.3	5.8
H ₂ O...HOSO + O ₂	-0.5	129.5	2.2	1.9	2.5	1.7
H ₂ O...HO ₂ + SO ₂	0.0	133.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IM_WM5	1.4	106.7	-7.2	-5.4	2.9	-5.8
TS_WM5	-1.1	97.0	1.0	-0.7	10.5	0.0
IMF_WM5	0.1	96.13	4.9	3.8	17.4	4.9
HOSO + H ₂ O + O ₂	-2.0	162.8	7.6	6.5	-1.9	5.6
SO ₂ ...H ₂ O + HO ₂	0.0	143.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IM_WM6	1.9	106.4	-7.2	-5.9	5.1	-5.3
TS_WM6	-0.4	100.5	-0.6	-2.1	10.6	-1.0
IMF_WM6	1.39	99.9	-1.0	-0.5	12.4	0.4
HOSO...H ₂ O + O ₂	-0.5	144.6	3.9	3.1	3.3	3.4
H ₂ O...SO ₂ + HO ₂	0.0	138.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IM_WM7	1.7	102.6	-7.9	-6.5	4.0	-6.1
TS_WM7	-0.4	97.5	-0.3	-1.8	10.3	-0.7
IMF_WM7	1.3	99.3	-0.4	0.1	11.7	0.9
HOSO...H ₂ O + O ₂	-0.6	144.6	4.7	4.0	2.6	4.1

ZPE values obtained at M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory; The energy values are obtained at CCSD(T)/CBS level whereas the H and G corrections are taken from the M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ level

Table S5 Zero point energy (ZPE/(kcal·mol⁻¹)), entropies (S/(cal·mol⁻¹·K⁻¹)), relative energies (ΔE and $\Delta(E+ZPE)$ /(kcal·mol⁻¹)), enthalpies ($\Delta H(298)$ /(kcal·mol⁻¹)), and free energies ($\Delta G(298)$ /(kcal·mol⁻¹)) for the SO₂ + HO₂ with dimer water molecule reaction

Species	ZPE	S	ΔE	ΔH	ΔG	$\Delta(E + ZPE)$
HO ₂ •••(H ₂ O) ₂ + SO ₂	0.0	142.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IM_WD1	0.4	120.6	-4.8	-2.2	4.4	-4.4
TS_WD1	0.1	113.9	-3.0	-4.0	4.6	-2.9
IM_WD2	0.6	114.9	-4.7	-3.6	4.7	-4.0
TS_WD2	-2.5	113.4	9.2	7.0	15.7	6.6
(H ₂ O) ₂ •••HOSO + O ₂	-0.9	142.4	2.2	1.7	1.8	1.3
HO ₂ •••(H ₂ O) ₂ + SO ₂	0.0	144.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IM_WD3	0.5	120.3	-3.2	-2.0	5.1	-2.7
TS_WD3	-0.2	115.0	-1.3	-1.0	7.7	-1.5
IM_WD4	0.2	112.5	-2.6	-1.5	8.0	-1.8
TS_WD4	-4.1	116.9	3.3	0.3	8.5	-0.4
(H ₂ O) ₂ •••HOSO + O ₂	-0.9	142.4	2.2	1.7	2.2	1.3
SO ₂ •••(H ₂ O) ₂ + HO ₂	0.0	147.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IM_WD5	1.6	113.4	-7.7	-6.4	3.9	-6.1
TS_WD5	-0.5	107.7	-0.3	-1.8	10.1	-0.9
IMF_WD5	1.1	109.2	-0.6	-0.2	11.3	0.5
IM_WD6	2.4	110.6	-10.5	-8.7	2.3	-8.1
TS_WD6	-1.3	104.9	16.0	13.6	26.4	14.7
HOSO•••(H ₂ O) ₂ + O ₂	-0.9	151.5	4.9	4.6	3.5	4.0

^a ZPE and S values obtained at M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory; The energy values are obtained at CCSD(T)/CBS level whereas the H and G corrections are taken from the M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ level.

Table S6 Zero point energy (ZPE/(kcal·mol⁻¹)), entropies (S/ (cal·mol⁻¹·K⁻¹)), relative energies (ΔE and $\Delta(E + \text{ZPE})$ /(kcal·mol⁻¹)), enthalpies ($\Delta H(298)$ /(kcal·mol⁻¹)), and free energies ($\Delta G(298)$ /(kcal·mol⁻¹)) for the SO₂ + HO₂ with water trimer

Species	ZPE	S	ΔE	ΔH	ΔG	$\Delta(E + \text{ZPE})$
HO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₃ + SO ₂	60.7	160.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IM_WT1	61.0	126.2	-3.4	-2.9	7.4	-3.0
TS_WT1	57.5	121.4	2.5	-0.9	10.8	-0.7
IM_WT2	61.4	130.6	-1.7	-0.5	8.6	-1.0
TS_WT2	58.1	123.0	18.6	16.0	27.2	16.0
HOSO···(H ₂ O) ₃ + O ₂	56.4	167.1	13.6	11.7	11.2	11.7
SO ₂ ···(H ₂ O) ₃ + HO ₂	0.0	162.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IM_WT3	1.5	125.8	-6.4	-5.1	5.6	-4.8
TS_WT3	-0.6	120.9	1.8	0.5	12.7	1.3
IMF_WT3	1.4	118.1	0.3	0.8	13.5	1.7
HOSO···(H ₂ O) ₃ + O ₂	-1.4	167.1	7.1	6.7	5.1	6.0

ZPE and S values obtained at M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory; The energy values are obtained at CCSD(T)/CBS level whereas the H and G corrections are taken from the M06-2X/aug-cc-pVTZ level.

Table S7 Rate constants ($\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{molecules}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$) for the HOSO + O₂ formations from the SO₂ + HO₂ reaction without and with (H₂O)_n ($n = 1-3$) within the temperature range of 218.6 - 320.0K

$T(\text{K})$	k_R	$k_a(\text{TS_WM1})$	$k_a(\text{TS_WM2})$	$k_a(\text{WM1a})$	$k_a(\text{TS_WM3})$	$k_a(\text{TS_WM4})$
218.6	9.09E-18	8.52E-15	1.35E-04	8.52E-15	5.75E-13	4.61E-02
223.7	1.02E-17	8.08E-15	3.00E-04	8.08E-15	5.30E-13	9.46E-02
229.7	1.08E-17	7.64E-15	7.33E-04	7.64E-15	4.85E-13	2.12E-01
235.1	1.31E-17	7.29E-15	1.58E-03	7.29E-15	4.50E-13	4.23E-01
249.9	1.75E-17	6.53E-15	1.81E-02	6.53E-15	3.76E-13	2.40E+00
259.3	1.76E-17	6.17E-15	3.27E-02	6.17E-15	3.41E-13	6.54E+00
275.0	2.72E-17	5.71E-15	1.74E-01	5.71E-15	2.96E-13	2.99E+01
280.0	2.95E-17	5.60E-15	2.84E-01	5.60E-15	2.85E-13	4.67E+01
290.0	3.44E-17	5.41E-15	7.21E-01	5.41E-15	2.65E-13	1.09E+02
298.2	3.87E-17	5.27E-15	1.47E+00	5.27E-15	2.52E-13	2.09E+02
300.0	3.98E-17	5.25E-15	1.72E+00	5.25E-15	2.49E-13	2.41E+02
310.0	4.57E-17	5.13E-15	3.84E+00	5.13E-15	2.36E-13	5.06E+02
320.0	5.22E-17	5.04E-15	8.17E+00	5.04E-15	2.25E-13	1.01E+03
375.0	9.95E-17	--	--	--	--	--
400.0	1.28E-16	--	--	--	--	--
$T(\text{K})$	$k_a(\text{WM1b})$	$k_a(\text{WM1})$	$k_a(\text{WM2})$	$k_b(\text{WM3})$	$k_b(\text{WM4})$	$k_b(\text{WM4})$
218.6	5.75E-13	5.84E-13	1.04E-24	2.16E-16	2.89E-16	2.89E-16
223.7	5.30E-13	5.38E-13	1.82E-24	2.18E-16	3.01E-16	3.01E-16
229.7	4.85E-13	4.93E-13	3.17E-24	2.19E-16	3.14E-16	3.14E-16
235.1	4.50E-13	4.57E-13	5.53E-24	2.21E-16	3.27E-16	3.27E-16
249.9	3.76E-13	3.83E-13	1.92E-24	2.27E-16	3.62E-16	3.62E-16
259.3	3.41E-13	3.47E-13	1.95E-24	2.31E-16	3.84E-16	3.84E-16
275.0	2.96E-13	3.02E-13	3.57E-24	2.37E-16	4.23E-16	4.23E-16
280.0	2.85E-13	2.90E-13	3.69E-24	2.40E-16	4.36E-16	4.36E-16
290.0	2.65E-13	2.71E-13	6.75E-24	2.45E-16	4.62E-16	4.62E-16
298.2	2.52E-13	2.57E-13	1.08E-23	2.49E-16	4.83E-16	4.83E-16
300.0	2.49E-13	2.54E-13	1.29E-23	2.50E-16	4.88E-16	4.88E-16
310.0	2.36E-13	2.41E-13	2.46E-23	2.55E-16	5.15E-16	5.15E-16
320.0	2.25E-13	2.30E-13	4.72E-23	2.61E-16	5.43E-16	5.43E-16

$k_a(\text{TS_WM1})$ is the rate constant for the process of $\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdots \text{HO}_2 + \text{SO}_2 \rightarrow \text{IM_WM1} \rightarrow \text{TS_WM1} \rightarrow \text{IM_WM2}$, $k_a(\text{TS_WM2})$ is the rate constant for the process of $\text{IM_WM2} \rightarrow \text{TS_WM2} \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} \cdots \text{HOSO} + \text{O}_2$. $k_a(\text{WM1a})$ is the rate constant for the process of $\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdots \text{HO}_2 + \text{SO}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} \cdots \text{HOSO} + \text{O}_2$. $k_a(\text{TS_WM3})$ and $k_a(\text{TS_WM4})$ are the rate constant for the process of $\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdots \text{HO}_2 + \text{SO}_2 \rightarrow \text{IM_WM3} \rightarrow \text{TS_WM3} \rightarrow \text{IM_WM4}$. $k_a(\text{WM1a})$, $k_a(\text{WM1b})$, $k_a(\text{WM2})$, $k_b(\text{WM3})$ and $k_b(\text{WM4})$ are the rate constant occurring through Channel WM1, Channel WM2, Channel WM3 and Channel WM4. ($k_a(\text{WM1a}) = 1/[(1/k_a(\text{TS_WM1})) + (1/k_a(\text{TS_WM2}))]$; $k_a(\text{WM1b}) = 1/[(1/k_a(\text{TS_WM3})) + (1/k_a(\text{TS_WM4}))]$). The letter “a” “b” was used to distinguish the complexes, “a” is the complex of $\text{HO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ ($n = 1-3$), “b” is the complex of $\text{SO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ ($n = 1-3$).

Table S8 Rate constants ($\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{molecules}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$) for the $\text{HOSO} + \text{O}_2$ formations from the $\text{SO}_2 + \text{HO}_2$ reaction without and with $(\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ ($n = 1-3$) within the temperature range of 218.6~ 320.0 K

$T(\text{K})$	$k_a(\text{TS_WD1})$	$k_a(\text{TS_WD2})$	$k_a(\text{WD1a})$	$k_a(\text{TS_WD3})$	$k_a(\text{TS_WD4})$
218.6	1.91E-14	1.35E+02	1.91E-14	6.24E-15	3.19E+05
223.7	2.02E-14	2.28E+02	2.02E-14	7.11E-15	4.78E+05
229.7	2.15E-14	4.11E+02	2.15E-14	8.24E-15	7.53E+05
235.1	2.27E-14	6.81E+02	2.27E-14	9.38E-15	1.11E+06
249.9	2.64E-14	2.46E+03	2.64E-14	1.31E-14	3.00E+06
259.3	2.90E-14	5.20E+03	2.90E-14	1.61E-14	5.33E+06
275.0	3.37E-14	1.63E+04	3.37E-14	2.22E-14	1.28E+07
280.0	3.53E-14	2.28E+04	3.53E-14	2.44E-14	1.66E+07
290.0	3.88E-14	4.35E+04	3.88E-14	2.95E-14	2.72E+07
298.2	4.18E-14	7.14E+04	4.18E-14	3.43E-14	3.98E+07
300.0	4.25E-14	7.96E+04	4.25E-14	3.54E-14	4.32E+07
310.0	4.65E-14	1.40E+05	4.65E-14	4.23E-14	6.67E+07
320.0	5.08E-14	2.40E+05	5.08E-14	5.01E-14	1.00E+08
$T(\text{K})$	$k_a(\text{WD1b})$	$k_a(\text{WD1})$	$k_b(\text{WD2a})$	$k_b(\text{WD2b})$	$k_b(\text{WD2})$
218.6	6.24E-15	2.54E-14	6.80E-16	6.80E-16	6.80E-16
223.7	7.11E-15	2.73E-14	6.97E-16	6.97E-16	6.97E-16
229.7	8.24E-15	4.51E-14	7.18E-16	7.18E-16	7.18E-16
235.1	9.38E-15	3.21E-14	7.37E-16	7.37E-16	7.37E-16
249.9	1.31E-14	3.95E-14	7.89E-16	7.89E-16	7.89E-16
259.3	1.61E-14	1.01E-13	2.90E-14	2.90E-14	2.90E-14
275.0	2.22E-14	5.59E-14	8.82E-16	8.82E-16	8.82E-16
280.0	2.44E-14	5.98E-14	9.01E-16	9.01E-16	9.01E-16
290.0	2.95E-14	6.83E-14	9.40E-16	9.40E-16	9.40E-16
298.2	3.43E-14	7.61E-14	9.73E-16	9.73E-16	9.73E-16
300.0	3.54E-14	7.80E-14	9.81E-16	9.81E-16	9.81E-16
310.0	4.23E-14	8.88E-14	1.02E-15	1.02E-15	1.02E-15
320.0	5.01E-14	5.59E-14	1.06E-15	1.06E-15	1.06E-15

$k_a(\text{TS_WD1})$ is the rate constant for the process of $\text{HO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 + \text{SO}_2 \rightarrow \text{IM_WD1} \rightarrow \text{TS_WD1} \rightarrow \text{IM_WD2}$, $k_a(\text{TS_WD2})$ is the rate constant for the process of $\text{IM_WD2} \rightarrow \text{TS_WD2} \rightarrow (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 \cdots \text{HOSO} + \text{O}_2$. $k_a(\text{TS_WD3})$ is the rate constant for the process of $\text{HO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 + \text{SO}_2 \rightarrow \text{IM_WD3} \rightarrow \text{TS_WD3} \rightarrow \text{IM_WD4}$; $k_a(\text{TS_WD4})$ is the rate constant for the process of $\text{IM_WD4} \rightarrow \text{TS_WD4} \rightarrow (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 \cdots \text{HOSO} + \text{O}_2$; $k_a(\text{WD1a})$, $k_a(\text{WD1b})$, $k_b(\text{WD2a})$ and $k_b(\text{WD2b})$ is the rate constant of the Channel WD1a, WD1b, WD2a and Channel WD2b; $k_a(\text{WD1a})$ and $k_a(\text{WD1b})$ are the rate constant for the process of $\text{HO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 + \text{SO}_2 \rightarrow (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 \cdots \text{HOSO} + \text{O}_2$; $k_b(\text{WD2})$ is the rate constant for the process of $\text{SO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 + \text{HO}_2 \rightarrow \text{HOSO} \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2 + \text{O}_2$. $k_a(\text{WD1a}) = 1/[(1/k_a(\text{TS_WD1})) + (1/k_a(\text{TS_WD2}))]$; $k_a(\text{WD1b}) = 1/[(1/k_a(\text{TS_WD3})) + (1/k_a(\text{TS_WD4}))]$; $k_a(\text{WD1}) = k_a(\text{WD1a}) + k_a(\text{WD1b})$; $k_b(\text{WD2}) = k_b(\text{WD2a}) + k_b(\text{WD2b})$. The letter “a” “b” was used to distinguish the complexes, “a” is the complex of $\text{HO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ ($n = 1-3$), “b” is the complex of $\text{SO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ ($n = 1-3$).

Table S9 Rate constants ($\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{molecules}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$) for the $\text{HOSO} + \text{O}_2$ formations from the $\text{SO}_2 + \text{HO}_2$ reaction without and with $(\text{H}_2\text{O})_n$ ($n = 1-3$) within the temperature range of 218.6 - 320.0 K

$T(\text{K})$	$k_a(\text{TS_WT1})$	$k_a(\text{TS_WT2})$	$k_a(\text{WT1})$
218.6	3.44E-15	1.51E-05	4.02E-15
223.7	3.48E-15	3.51E-05	4.08E-15
229.7	3.53E-15	8.99E-05	3.53E-15
235.1	3.58E-15	2.02E-04	3.58E-15
249.9	3.73E-15	1.55E-03	3.73E-15
259.3	3.83E-15	5.03E-03	3.83E-15
275.0	4.02E-15	3.01E-02	4.02E-15
280.0	4.08E-15	5.11E-02	4.08E-15
290.0	4.22E-15	1.39E-01	4.22E-15
298.2	4.35E-15	3.01E-01	4.34E-15
300.0	4.37E-15	3.56E-01	4.37E-15
310.0	4.52E-15	8.58E-01	4.52E-15
320.0	4.69E-15	1.96E-00	4.69E-15

$k_a(\text{TS_WT1})$ is the rate constant for the process of $\text{HO}_2 \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_3 + \text{SO}_2 \rightarrow \text{IM_WT1} \rightarrow \text{TS_WT1} \rightarrow \text{IM_WT2}$, $k_a(\text{TS_WT2})$ is the rate constant for the process of $\text{IM_WT2} \rightarrow \text{TS_WT2} \rightarrow (\text{H}_2\text{O})_3 \cdots \text{HOSO} + \text{O}_2$. $k_a(\text{WT1}) = 1/[(1/k_a(\text{TS_WT1})) + (1/k_a(\text{TS_WT2}))]$

Table S10 Rate constants ($\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{molecules}^{-1}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$) and Experimental values for the $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{O}_2$ formations from the $\text{HO}_2 + \text{HO}_2$ reaction (R1), the $\text{HNO}_3 + \text{O}_2$ formations from the $\text{NO}_3 + \text{HO}_2$ reaction (R2) and the HSO_3 formations from the $\text{SO}_2 + \text{OH}$ reaction (R3) within the temperature range of 218.6 -325.0 K

$T(\text{K})$	k_{R1}	k_{R2}	k_{R3}
218.6	1.38E-10	5.06E-10	2.06E-12
223.7	8.29E-11	2.55E-10	2.09E-12
225.0	--	--	(2.42E-12)
229.7	4.69E-11	1.22E-10	2.14E-12
235.1	2.88E-11	6.72E-11	2.20E-12
236.0	(1.04E-11)	--	--
249.9	8.50E-11	1.68E-11	2.32E-12
250.0	(7.26E-12)	--	(2.84E-12)
259.3	4.22E-11	8.20E-12	2.37E-12
263.0	--	(4.41E-12)	--
275.0	(4.21E-12)	(4.28E-12)	(3.24E-12)
280.0	1.08E-11	2.32E-12	2.53E-12
290.0	6.01E-12	1.42E-12	2.64E-12
298.2	3.85E-12	9.96E-13	2.70E-12
300.0	3.49E-12	9.23E-13	2.71E-12
300.0	(2.67E-12)	(4.07E-12)	(3.61E-12)
309.0	(2.31E-12)	--	--
310.0	2.11E-12	6.29E-13	2.79E-12
320.0	1.32E-12	4.46E-13	2.90E-12
325.0	--	(3.89E-12)	(3.96E-12)

The values in parentheses are k_{R1} , k_{R2} and k_{R3} experimental values. k_{R1} is the rate constant for the process of $\text{HO}_2 + \text{HO}_2 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{O}_2$. k_{R2} is the rate constant for the process of $\text{HO}_2 + \text{NO}_3 \rightarrow \text{HNO}_3 + \text{O}_2$. k_{R3} is the rate constant for the process of $\text{SO}_2 + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{HSO}_3$.