

Table S1. Calculated molecular parameters (B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)) and heats of formation (CBS-Q)
 of stationary points on the OH + SiO potential energy surface.^a

Species	Geometry ^b	Dipole moment ^c	Rotational constants ^d	Vibrational frequencies ^e	$\Delta H_f^\circ(0\text{ K})$ ^f
HOSiO- <i>cis</i> (² A') planar C_s	$r(\text{H-O})=0.968$	2.696	55.69	278 (a')	-324.0
	$r(\text{O-Si})=1.639$		7.575	390 (a'')	
	$r(\text{Si-O})=1.534$		6.668	763 (a')	
	$\angle(\text{H-O-Si})=117.43^\circ$			864 (a')	
	$\angle(\text{O-Si-O})=126.79^\circ$			1161 (a')	
TS1 (² A) C_1	$r(\text{H-O})= 0.964$	4.018	63.89	-386 (a)	-311.7
	$r(\text{O-Si})= 1.640$		7.252	299 (a)	
	$r(\text{Si-O})= 1.537$		6.611	615 (a)	
	$\angle(\text{H-O-Si})= 124.08^\circ$			829 (a)	
	$\angle(\text{O-Si-O})= 128.34^\circ$			1178 (a)	
	$\angle(\text{H-OSiO})= 93.17^\circ$			3853 (a)	
HOSiO- <i>trans</i> (² A') planar C_s	$r(\text{H-O})= 0.965$	4.745	62.09	294 (a')	-323.6
	$r(\text{O-Si})= 1.645$		7.412	359 (a'')	
	$r(\text{Si-O})= 1.530$		6.621	783 (a')	
	$\angle(\text{H-O-Si})= 118.19^\circ$			824 (a')	
	$\angle(\text{O-Si-O})= 124.62^\circ$			1178 (a')	
			3842 (a')		

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TS2 (² A')	$r(\text{H-O})= 1.470$	2.234	134.0	-1255	(a')	-134.4	
	planar C_s			$r(\text{O-Si})= 1.590$	299		(a')
	$r(\text{Si-O})= 1.514$			333	(a'')		
	$\angle(\text{H-O-Si})= 62.76^\circ$			882	(a')		
	$\angle(\text{H-Si-O})= 153.41^\circ$			1287	(a')		
				1825	(a')		
HSiO ₂ (² B ₂)	$r(\text{H-Si})= 1.468$	3.352	36.23	307	(a ₁)	-174.0	
	planar C_{2v}			$r(\text{Si-O})= 1.565$	546		(b ₂)
	$\angle(\text{O-Si-O})= 115.81^\circ$			573	(b ₁)		
				912	(b ₂)		
				1020	(a ₁)		
				2298	(a ₁)		
TS3 (² A')	$r(\text{H-O})= 1.882$	0.315	299.9	-596	(a')	-49.1	
	planar C_s			$r(\text{O-Si})= 1.523$	83		(a')
	$r(\text{Si-O})= 1.513$			293	(a'')		
	$\angle(\text{H-O-Si})= 137.41^\circ$			298	(a')		
	$\angle(\text{O-Si-O})= 175.53^\circ$			955	(a')		
				1402	(a')		
HSiOO (² A')	$r(\text{H-Si})= 1.518$	2.273	90.86	249	(a')	193.0	
	planar C_s			$r(\text{Si-O})= 1.692$	253		(a'')
	$r(\text{O-O})= 1.319$			643	(a')		
	$\angle(\text{H-Si-O})= 89.63^\circ$			824	(a')		
	$\angle(\text{Si-O-O})= 133.5^\circ$			1156	(a')		
				2053	(a')		

TS4 ($^2A'$)	$r(\text{H-Si}) = 1.524$	2.403	37.85	-357 (a')	200.2
planar C_s	$r(\text{Si-O}) = 1.675$		8.536	602 (a'')	
	$r(\text{O-O}) = 1.427$		6.965	692 (a')	
	$\angle(\text{H-Si-O}) = 91.85^\circ$			798 (a')	
	$\angle(\text{Si-O-O}) = 93.60^\circ$			922 (a')	
				1992 (a')	

^a The molecular parameters at the B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p) level of theory and heats of formation at the CBS-Q level of theory for SiO, SiO₂, SiH, SiH₂(1A_1) and SiC were benchmarked against experimental data in the ESI of Part I of this series.¹ The accuracy of the *ab initio* results is stated following the convention of the CCCBDB-NIST database.² This is also broadly consistent with the accuracy of the experimental data reported for the silicon benchmarking species.¹ ^b Geometrical parameters: r in Å and \angle in degrees. ^c In Debye (= 3.336×10^{-30} Cm). ^d In GHz. ^e In cm^{-1} . The symmetry of the vibration is shown in parenthesis. ^f In kJ mol^{-1} . Evaluated uncertainty = $\pm 7 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$.³ The heats of formation at 0 K of the corresponding atomic species are: Si(3P), $446 \pm 8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$; O(3P), $246.98 \pm 0.08 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$; and H(2S), $216.164 \pm 0.004 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$.⁴

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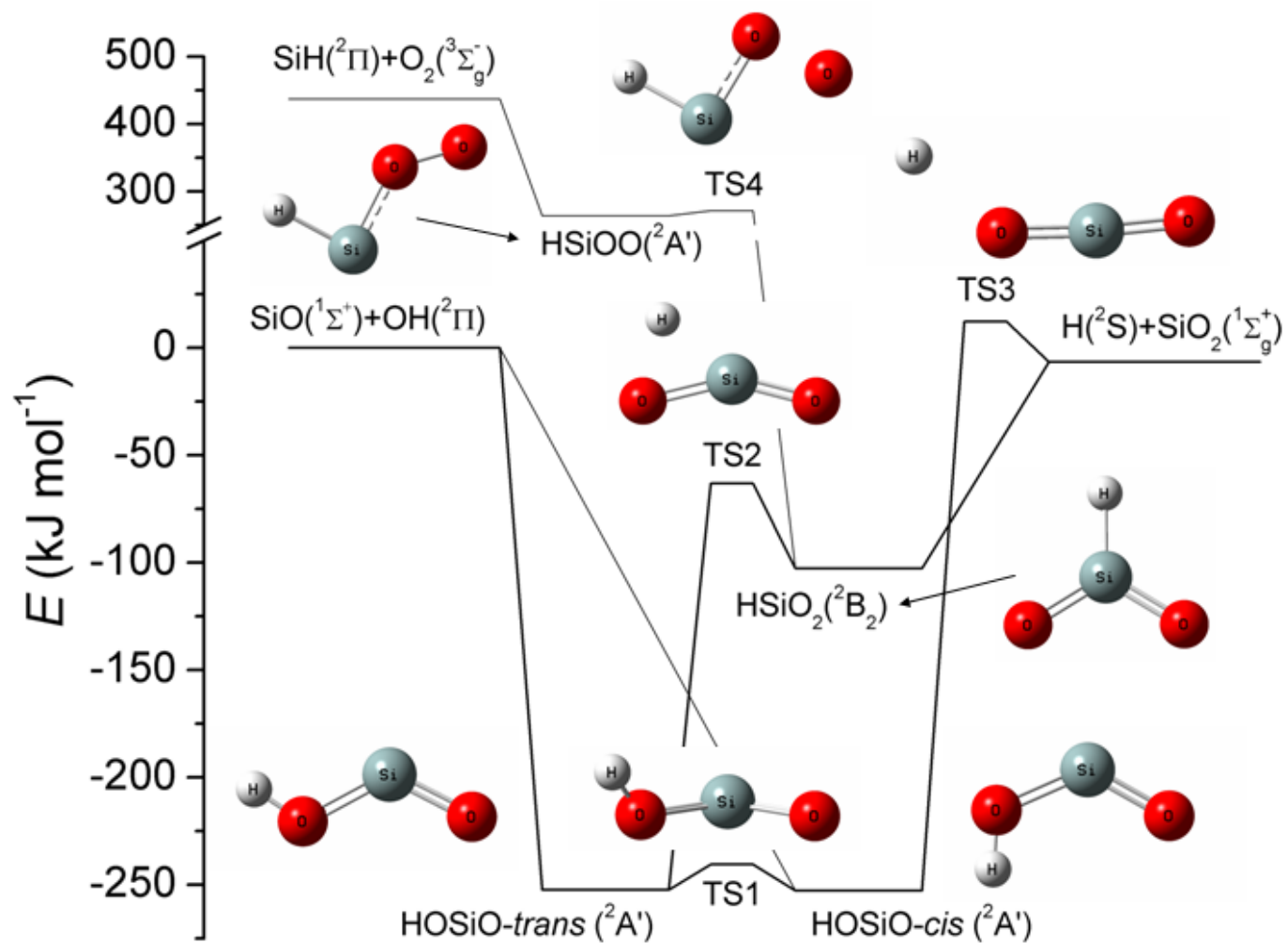


Figure S1. Stationary points on the SiO + OH potential surface, using the data in Table S1.

Table 2. Calculated molecular parameters (B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)) and heats of formation (CBS-Q)
 for stationary points on the SiO + H₂O potential energy surface

Species	Geometry	Dipole moment	Rotational constants	Vibrational frequencies	$\Delta H_f^\circ(0\text{ K})^a$
TS5 (¹ A)	$r(\text{H-O})= 0.967$	2.996	19.23	-1358 (a)	-330.8
C_1	$r(\text{O-Si})=1.966$		10.11	418 (a)	
	$r(\text{Si-O})=1.583$		6.712	474 (a)	
	$r(\text{O-H})= 1.343$			692 (a)	
	$\angle(\text{H-O-Si})= 123.87^\circ$			696 (a)	
	$\angle(\text{O-Si-O})= 79.43^\circ$			1064 (a)	
	$\angle(\text{Si-O-H})= 80.16^\circ$			1315 (a)	
	$\angle(\text{H-OSiO})=-113.1^\circ$			1912 (a)	
				3800 (a)	
Si(OH) ₂ (¹ A')	$r(\text{H-O})= 0.967$	1.826	26.08	321 (a')	-498.3
planar C_s	$r(\text{O-Si})=1.652$		8.834	443 (a'')	
	$r(\text{Si-O})=1.675$		6.599	515 (a'')	
	$r(\text{O-H})= 0.963$			778 (a')	
	$\angle(\text{H-O-Si})=117.4^\circ$			797 (a')	
	$\angle(\text{O-Si-O})=126.8^\circ$			832 (a')	
	$\angle(\text{Si-O-H})=116.9^\circ$			893 (a')	
				3794 (a')	
			3859 (a')		

^a Units as indicated in the footnote to Table S1.

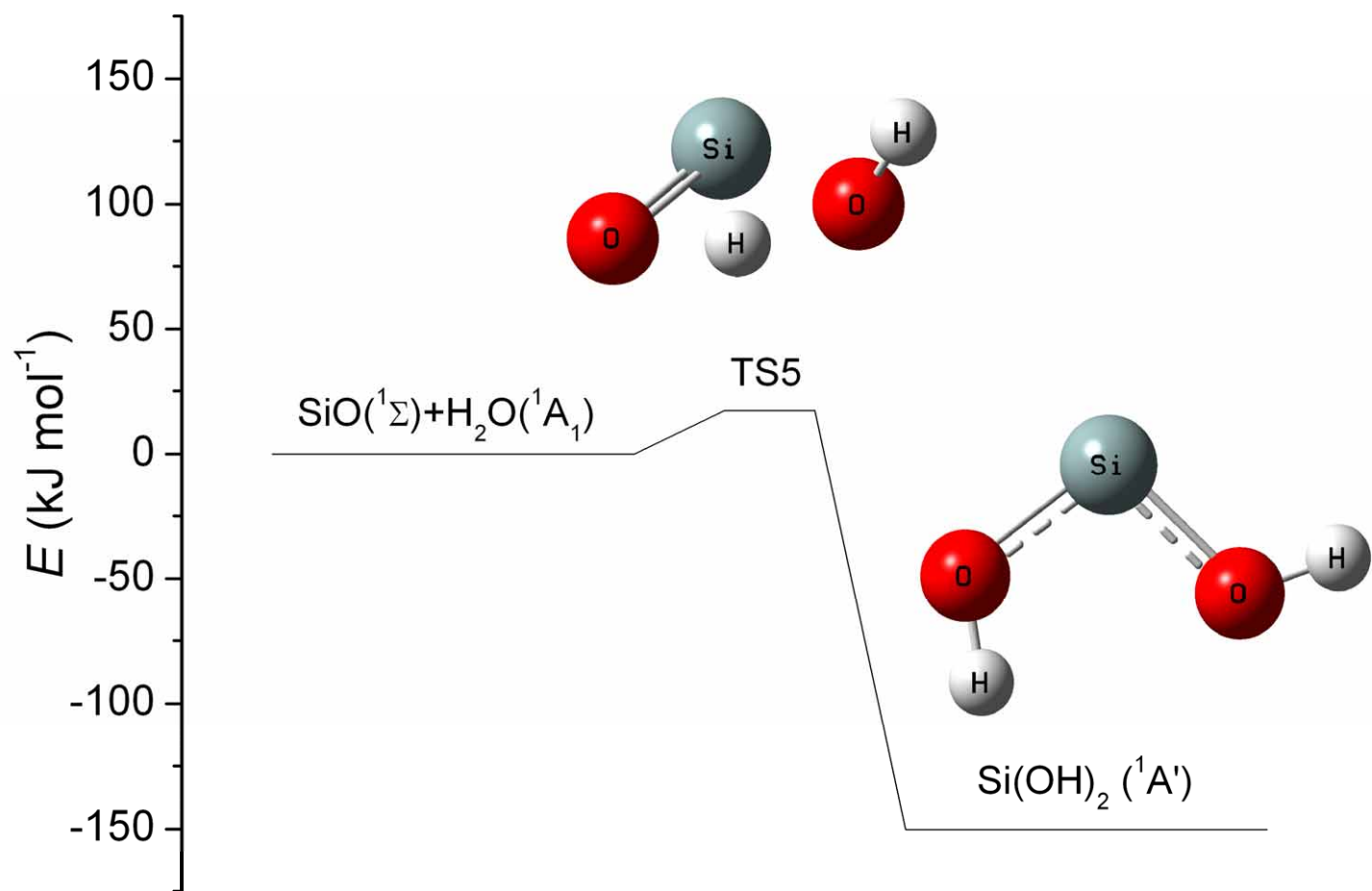


Figure S2. Stationary points on the SiO + H₂O potential surface, using the data in Table S2.

Table S3. Calculated molecular parameters (B3LYP/6-311+G(2d,p)) and heats of formation (CBS-Q) of stationary points on the SiO₂ + O potential energy surface

Species	Geometry	Dipole moment	Rotational constants	Vibrational frequencies	$\Delta H_f^0(0\text{ K})^a$
TS6 (³ A'')	$r(\text{O-O})= 1.702$	1.760	21.960	-773 (a')	57.6
	$r(\text{O-Si})= 1.591$		3.545	111 (a')	
	$r(\text{Si-O})= 1.518$		3.052	225 (a'')	
	$\angle(\text{O-O-Si})= 118.89^\circ$			324 (a')	
	$\angle(\text{O-Si-O})= 151.76^\circ$			787 (a')	
TS7 (³ A)	$r(\text{O-O})= 1.348$	2.305	28.769	1265 (a')	-18.8
	$r(\text{O-Si})= 1.756$		3.788	-160 (a)	
	$r(\text{Si-O})= 1.529$		3.669	78 (a)	
	$\angle(\text{O-O-Si})= 100.6^\circ$			252 (a)	
	$\angle(\text{O-Si-O})= 120.8^\circ$			624 (a)	
	$\angle(\text{OOSi-O})= 126.1^\circ$			1092 (a)	
TS8 (¹ A)	$r(\text{O-O})= 1.391$	2.853	24.568	1154 (a)	-7.1
	$r(\text{O-Si})= 1.664$		4.074	-317 (a)	
	$r(\text{Si-O})= 1.519$		3.610	99 (a)	
	$\angle(\text{O-O-Si})= 104.5^\circ$			165 (a)	
	$\angle(\text{O-Si-O})= 143.1^\circ$			634 (a)	
	$\angle(\text{OOSi-O})= -70.96^\circ$			913 (a)	
			1229 (a)		

OSiO ₂ (³ B ₁)	$r(\text{O-Si})= 1.511$	1.556	13.180	258	(a ₁)	-201.8
C _{2v}	$r(\text{O-Si})= 1.632$		6.269	282	(b ₂)	
	$\angle(\text{O-Si-O})= 137.9^\circ$		4.249	288	(b ₁)	
				843	(a ₁)	
				918	(b ₂)	
				1301	(a ₁)	

^a Units as indicated in the footnote to Table S1.

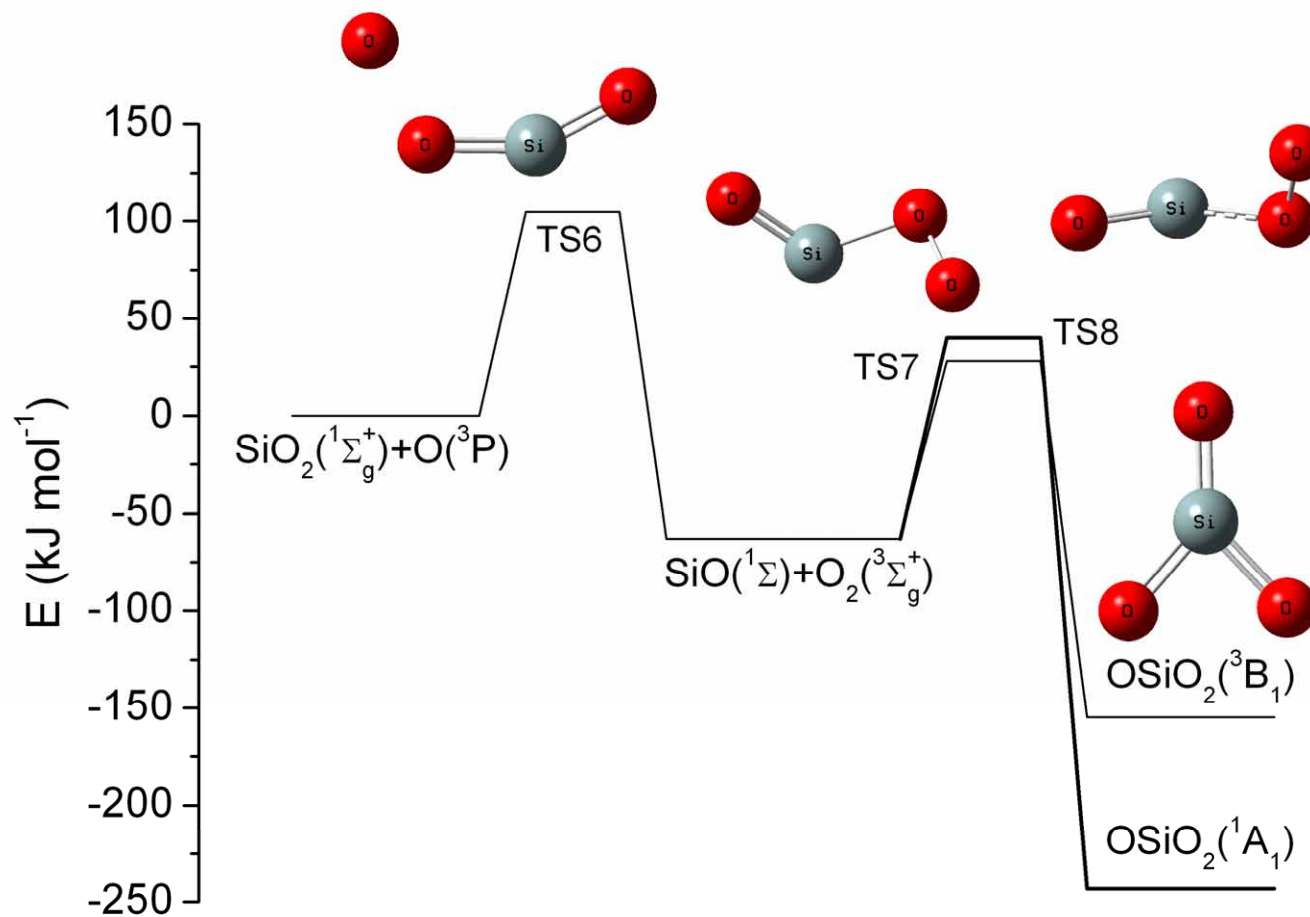


Figure S4. Stationary points on the SiO₂ + O potential surface, using the data in Table S3.

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