## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

## Gas phase reactions of iodide and bromide anions with ozone:

## evidence for stepwise and reversible reactions

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Figure S1: Comparison of three methods for synthesising  $IO_x^-$  intermediates from a solution of NaIO<sub>4</sub> in methanol: (A) Source-based collisional activation with 75 eV activation energy; (B) photodissociation of mass selected  $IO_4^-$  (m/z 191) with a single pulse of 266 nm laser radiation; (C) ion-trap collisional activation of mass selected  $IO_4^-$  (m/z 191) with a Normalised Collision Energy of 30 (arb. units).



Figure S2: Reaction of  $IO_3^-$  (m/z 175) with ozone for 5 s. No reaction products are observed that correspond to further oxidation to form  $IO_4^-$  (m/z 191), nor back reactions to lower oxides.



Figure S3: Mass spectra and kinetic traces for the companion bromide isotope <sup>81</sup>Br<sup>-</sup> reacting with ozone. A) Mass spectrum of <sup>81</sup>Br<sup>-</sup> (m/z 81) reacting with ozone at 20 s reaction time, (**B**) kinetic plot showing decay of <sup>81</sup>Br<sup>-</sup> and growth of BrO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> (m/z 129), (**C**) Mass spectrum of <sup>81</sup>BrO<sup>-</sup> (m/z 97) reacting with ozone for 40 ms, (**D**) associated kinetic plot showing decay of m/z 97, growth and subsequent decay of m/z 113 and ultimate growth of m/z 129, (**E**) Mass spectrum of <sup>81</sup>BrO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> (m/z 113) reacting with ozone for 100 ms, (**F**) associated kinetic plot showing decay of m/z 113 and growth of m/z 129. Arrows in the lower panels indicate the time points mass spectra are taken from.



Figure S4: Comparison of the photodissociation products from a single pulse of 500 nm radiation from mass selected (A)  $IO^-(B)$   $IO_2^-$  and (C)  $IO_3^-$  compared to 266 nm photodissociation from mass selected (D)  $IO^-(E)$   $IO_2^-$  and (F)  $IO_3^-$ . All precursors were synthesised using Source CID set to 75 eV (see Figure S1A). Note the different magnification factors used in each spectrum.

**Table S1:** Comparison of two independent ion-molecule reactions for the experimental determination of ozone concentration in the ion-trap. Literature value for Ba<sup>+</sup> was taken from Feil et al., J. Phys. Chem. A. **2007**, 111, 13397-13402. The charge exchange reaction between phenide  $(C_6H_5^-)$  anion and ozone was assumed to be collision limited, and the trajectory collision rate at 320K was used.



Figure S5: Mass spectrum and kinetic trace for the reaction of barium cation (Ba+; m/z 138 green circles in kinetc trace) with ozone, producing charged products BaO<sup>+</sup> (m/z 154; black squares in kinetic trace) and BaO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup> (m/z 170)



Figure S6: Mass spectrum and kinetic trace for the charge exchange reaction between phenide anion (m/z 77) and ozone producing charged products corresponding to  $O_3^-$  (m/z 48) and  $C_6H_5O^-$  (m/z 93).