## **Supplementary Material**

## Doubly ionized OCS bond rearrangement upon fragmentation - experiment and theory

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	$\mathbf{R}_1$	$\mathbf{R}_2$	θ	$\omega_1$	ω <sub>2</sub>	ω3	ω4	ZPE	E
$O(^{3}P_{g})$									-74.99493065
$O^+$ ( <sup>4</sup> S <sub>u</sub> )									-74.49819755
C ( <sup>3</sup> P <sub>g</sub> )									-37.78663526
$C^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$									-37.37490089
$C^{2+}(^{1}S_{g})$									-36.48289644
S ( <sup>3</sup> P <sub>g</sub> )									-397.6682818
$S^{+}(^{4}S_{u})$									-397.2911828
$S^{2+}({}^{3}P_{g})$									-396.4330943
$CO(X^1\Sigma^+)$	2.139			2159.33				1079.65	-113.1903709
$CO^+(X^2\Sigma^+)$	2.113			2210.47				1105.22	-112.6761715
СО <sup>2+</sup> (Х <sup>3</sup> П)	2.353			1461.56				730.77	-111.6752489
$CS(X^1\Sigma^+)$	2.913			1279.47				639.724	-435.7239201
$CS^+(X^2\Sigma^+)$	2.830			1376.32				688.148	-435.3077480
$CS^{2+}(X^{3}\Pi)$	3.034			1035.02				517.5	-434.5201976
SO $(X^3\Sigma^-)$	2.808			1154.97				577.475	-472.8595007
$SO^+(X^2\Pi)$	2.701			1321.98				660.982	-472.4812456
$SO^{2+}(X^{1}\Sigma^{+})$	2.627			1428.75				714.366	-471.7691414
OCS $(X^1\Sigma^+)$	2.190	2.961	180.0	2088.52	872.54	523.75	523.75	2004.24	-510.9766309
$OCS^{2+}(X^{3}\Sigma^{-})$	2.112	3.388	180.0	2239.98	527.17	326.61	326.61	1710.16	-509.8749955
$OCS^{2+}(a^1\Delta)$	2.120	3.325	180.0	2150.31	530.60	362.35	306.82	1675.02	-509.8227512
$COS^{2+}(X^{3}\Sigma^{-})$	2.288	3.172	180.0	1622.74	584.01	137.56	137.56	1240.92	-509.8030516
$\cos^{2+}(a^1\Delta)$	2.304	3.125	180.0	1540.63	605.60	151.45	149.83	1223.74	-509.7515190
$\cos^{2+}(1^{1}A'')$	2.576	3.734	53.92	1054.17	709.66	328.97		1046.39	-509.7299407
$\cos^{2+}(1^{5}\Pi)$	2.369	3.040	180.0	1599.40	702.01	131.45	131.21	1216.29	-509.6369265

**Table S1:** Optimized structural parameters ( $R_i$  in bohr and  $\theta$  in degree), harmonic frequencies ( $\omega_i$ , in cm<sup>-1</sup>) and zero point vibrational energies (ZPE, in cm<sup>-1</sup>) and total energies (E, in Hartree) of the molecular species involved in this work as computed at the RCCSD(T)/aug-cc-pV(Q+d)Z level of theory.

**Table S2:** Dissociation energies (E, eV) of  $COS^{2+}$  leading to  $[SO+C]^{2+}$  fragments laying in the 30 - 40 eV with respect to OCS (X<sup>1</sup> $\Sigma^+$ ). For SO<sup>+</sup> and SO<sup>2+</sup>, we used the excitation energies from Refs. <sup>1,2</sup>. We also used the data in Table S1 and from Ref. <sup>3</sup>.

	Dissociation channel	Е
L <sub>1</sub>	$SO^{+}(X^{2}\Pi) + C^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$	30.396
L <sub>2</sub>	$SO^{+}(a^{4}\Pi) + C^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$	33.528
L <sub>3</sub>	$SO^{+}(A^{2}\Pi) + C^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$	34.205
$L_4$	$SO^{+}(1^{2}\phi) + C^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$	35.094
L <sub>5</sub>	$SO^{+}(b^{4}\Sigma^{-}) + C^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$	35.117
L <sub>6</sub>	$SO^{+}(X^{2}\Pi) + C^{+}(^{4}P_{g})$	35.728
L <sub>7</sub>	$SO^{+}(C^{2}\Pi) + C^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$	36.044
$L_8$	$SO^{+}(2^{4}\Pi) + C^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$	36.346
L <sub>9</sub>	$SO^{+}(1^{2}\Delta) + C^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$	36.394
L <sub>10</sub>	$SO^{+}(b^{2}\Sigma^{-}) + C^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$	36.569
L <sub>11</sub>	$SO^{+}(1^{4}\Delta) + C^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$	36.963
L <sub>12</sub>	$SO^{+}(2^{2}\Sigma^{+}) + C^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$	36.996
L <sub>13</sub>	$SO^{+}(4^{2}\Pi) + C^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$	37.347
L <sub>14</sub>	$\mathrm{SO}^{2+}(\mathrm{X}^{1}\Sigma^{+}) + \mathrm{C}(^{3}\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{g}})$	38.546
L <sub>15</sub>	$SO^{+}(a^{4}\Pi) + C^{+}({}^{4}P_{g})$	38.860
L <sub>16</sub>	$SO^{+}(A^{2}\Pi) + C^{+}(^{4}P_{g})$	39.537
L <sub>17</sub>	$SO^{+}(X^{2}\Pi) + C^{+}(^{2}D_{g})$	39.686
L <sub>18</sub>	$\mathrm{SO}^{2+}(\mathrm{X}^{1}\Sigma^{+}) + \mathrm{C}(^{1}\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{g}})$	39.810

**Table S3:** Dissociation energies (E, eV) of  $COS^{2+}$  leading to  $[CO+S]^{2+}$  fragments laying in the 27 - 40 eV with respect to OCS (X<sup>1</sup> $\Sigma^+$ ). For CO<sup>+</sup>, we used the excitation energies from Ref. <sup>4</sup>. We also used the data in Table S1 and from Ref. <sup>3</sup>.

	Dissociation channel	Е
L <sub>1</sub>	$CO^{+}(X^{2}\Sigma^{+}) + S^{+}(^{4}S_{u})$	27.425
L <sub>2</sub>	$CO^{+}(X^{2}\Sigma^{+}) + S^{+}(^{2}D_{u})$	29.267
L <sub>3</sub>	$CO^{+}(A^{2}\Pi) + S^{+}(^{4}S_{u})$	29.987
L <sub>4</sub>	$CO^{+}(X^{2}\Sigma^{+}) + S^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$	30.466
L <sub>5</sub>	$CO^{+}(A^{2}\Pi) + S^{+}(^{2}D_{u})$	31.829
L <sub>6</sub>	$CO^{+}(A^{2}\Pi) + S^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$	33.028
L <sub>7</sub>	$CO^{+}(B^{2}\Sigma^{+}) + S^{+}(^{4}S_{u})$	33.146
L <sub>8</sub>	$CO^{+}(a^{4}\Sigma^{+}) + S^{+}(^{4}S_{u})$	33.214
L9	$CO^{+}(1^{4}\Delta) + S^{+}(^{4}S_{u})$	34.194
L <sub>10</sub>	$CO^{+}(b^{4}\Pi) + S^{+}(^{4}S_{u})$	34.517
L <sub>11</sub>	$CO^{+}(1^{4}\Sigma^{-}) + S^{+}(^{4}S_{u})$	34.754
L <sub>12</sub>	$CO^{+}(B^{2}\Sigma^{+}) + S^{+}(^{2}D_{u})$	34.988
L <sub>13</sub>	$CO^{+}(a^{4}\Sigma^{+}) + S^{+}(^{2}D_{u})$	35.056
L <sub>14</sub>	$\mathrm{CO}^{+}\left(\mathrm{C}^{2}\Delta\right)+\mathrm{S}^{+}\left(^{4}\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{u}}\right)$	35.239
L <sub>15</sub>	$CO^{+}(D^{2}\Pi) + S^{+}(^{4}S_{u})$	35.890
L <sub>16</sub>	$CO^{+}(1^{4}\Delta) + S^{+}(^{2}D_{u})$	36.036
L <sub>17</sub>	$CO^{+}(B^{2}\Sigma^{+}) + S^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$	36.187
L <sub>18</sub>	$CO^{+} (a^{4}\Sigma^{+}) + S^{+} (^{2}P_{u})$	36.255
L19	$CO^{+}(b^{4}\Pi) + S^{+}(^{2}D_{u})$	36.359
L <sub>20</sub>	$CO^{+}(1^{4}\Sigma^{-}) + S^{+}(^{2}D_{u})$	36.596
L <sub>21</sub>	$CO(X^{1}\Sigma^{+}) + S^{2+}(^{3}P_{g})$	36.780
L <sub>22</sub>	$\mathrm{CO}^{+}\left(\mathrm{C}^{2}\Delta\right)+\mathrm{S}^{+}\left(^{2}\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{u}}\right)$	37.081
L <sub>23</sub>	$CO^{+}(1^{4}\Delta) + S^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$	37.235
L <sub>24</sub>	$\mathrm{CO}^{+}\left(\mathrm{X}^{2}\mathrm{\Sigma}^{+}\right)+\mathrm{S}^{+}\left(^{4}\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{g}}\right)$	37.269
L <sub>25</sub>	$CO^{+}(b^{4}\Pi) + S^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$	37.558
L <sub>26</sub>	$CO^{+}(D^{2}\Pi) + S^{+}(^{2}D_{u})$	37.732
L <sub>27</sub>	$CO^{+}(1^{4}\Sigma^{-}) + S^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$	37.795
L <sub>28</sub>	CO $(X^{1}\Sigma^{+}) + S^{2+} (^{1}D_{g})$	38.184
L <sub>29</sub>	$\mathrm{CO}^{+}\left(\mathrm{C}^{2}\Delta\right)+\mathrm{S}^{+}\left(^{2}\mathrm{P}_{\mathrm{u}}\right)$	38.280

L <sub>30</sub>	$CO^{+}(D^{2}\Pi) + S^{+}(^{2}P_{u})$	38.931
L <sub>31</sub>	$CO^{+}(X^{2}\Sigma^{+}) + S^{+}(^{2}D_{g})$	39.562
L <sub>32</sub>	$CO^{+}(A^{2}\Pi) + S^{+}(^{4}P_{g})$	39.831

Table S4: MRCI/aug-cc-pV(Q+d)Z double ionization energies (E, eV) of COS <sup>2+</sup> quoted with respect to the
energy at the equilibrium geometry of OCS ( $X^{1}\Sigma^{+}$ ) (i.e. OCS angle = 180°, CO distance = 2.190 Bohr and
CS distance = $2.961$ Bohr ).

Electronic state	Е
$X^3\Sigma^-$	32.248
a <sup>1</sup> Δ	33.407
$b^1\Sigma^+$	34.260
1 <sup>3</sup> П	35.340
$1^{1}\Pi$	35.634
1 <sup>5</sup> П	36.724
2 <sup>3</sup> Π	37.514
3 <sup>3</sup> П	38.255
1 <sup>5</sup> Σ <sup>-</sup>	39.132
$2^{1}\Pi$	39.114
1 <sup>1</sup> Σ-	39.232
$2^{1}\Pi$	39.275
2 <sup>3</sup> Σ-	39.535
$1^{3}\Sigma^{+}$	39.371
1 <sup>3</sup> Δ	39.510
$2^{1}\Delta$	39.755
$2^{3}\Sigma^{+}$	40.458



**Figure S1:** Arrival-time difference (PIPICO) peaks for  $CO^+ + S^+$  ion pairs coincident with photoelectron pairs signaling double ionization in the energy ranges shown. The peaks have been artificially symmetrized about the time difference for thermal ions, using the later half of each raw PIPICO peak.



**Figure S2:** OCS<sup>2+</sup> and COS<sup>2+</sup> optimized structures and definition of their internal coordinates used for Table S1.



**Figure S3:** MRCI/aug-cc-pV(Q+d)Z potential energy curves of the singlet, triplet and quintet electronic states of  $COS^{2+}$  along the along the SO (R<sub>2</sub>) coordinate. The remaining internal coordinates are kept fixed at their values in the  $COS^{2+}(X^{3}\Sigma^{-})$  state i.e., R<sub>1</sub>= 2.288 Bohr and  $\theta$ = 180°.



**Figure S4:** MRCI/aug-cc-pV(Q+d)Z potential energy curves of the singlet, triplet and quintet electronic states of  $COS^{2+}$  along the along the CO (R<sub>1</sub>) coordinate. The remaining internal coordinates are kept fixed at their values in the  $COS^{2+}$  ( $X^{3}\Sigma^{-}$ ) state (i.e., R<sub>2</sub>= 3.172 Bohr and  $\theta$ = 180°).

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