

# Temperature-dependent kinetics studies of aqueous phase reactions of $\text{SO}_4^-$ radicals with dimethylsulfoxide, dimethylsulfone, and methanesulfonate

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## Abstract

A laser flash photolysis-long path UV-Vis absorption technique has been employed to investigate the aqueous phase reactions between the  $\text{SO}_4^-$  radical and three organic sulfur species of atmospheric interest, dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO;  $\text{CH}_3\text{S}(\text{O})\text{CH}_3$ ), dimethylsulfone (DMSO<sub>2</sub>;  $\text{CH}_3(\text{O})\text{S}(\text{O})\text{CH}_3$ ), and methanesulfonate (MS;  $\text{CH}_3(\text{O})\text{S}(\text{O})\text{O}^-$ ). Rate coefficients at  $T = 298\text{ K}$  in units of  $\text{M}^{-1}\text{ s}^{-1}$  are found to be  $(3.0 \pm 0.4) \times 10^9$  for DMSO,  $<(3.9 \pm 0.5) \times 10^6$  for DMSO<sub>2</sub>, and  $(1.1 \pm 0.3) \times 10^4$  for MS (zero ionic strength limit); reported uncertainties are estimates of accuracy at the 95% confidence level. Temperature-dependent studies have been carried out over the range 278–311 K; activation energies in units of  $\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$  are found to be  $12.0 \pm 0.4$  for DMSO,  $11.3 \pm 1.3$  for DMSO<sub>2</sub> and  $20.7 \pm 4.3$  for MS (zero ionic strength limit), where uncertainties are  $2\sigma$  and represent precision only. Accuracies of rate coefficients measured at the temperature extremes of our study are thought to be similar to those reported above for the 298 K rate coefficients. The implications of the kinetics results for understanding the atmospheric sulfur cycle are discussed.

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## 1. Introduction

Dimethylsulfide (DMS,  $\text{CH}_3\text{SCH}_3$ ) is the primary reduced sulfur compound emitted into the atmosphere. It is estimated that oceanic emissions of DMS account for about 15% of the atmospheric sulfur burden [1]. The free radical initiated oxidation of gas phase DMS can result in production of a number of relatively stable sulfur-containing products including dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO;  $\text{CH}_3\text{S}(\text{O})\text{CH}_3$ ), dimethylsulfone (DMSO<sub>2</sub>;  $\text{CH}_3(\text{O})\text{S}(\text{O})\text{CH}_3$ ), methanesulfonic acid (MSIA;  $\text{CH}_3\text{S}(\text{O})\text{OH}$ ), methanesulfonic acid (MSA;  $\text{CH}_3(\text{O})\text{S}(\text{O})\text{OH}$ ),  $\text{SO}_2$  and sulfuric acid ( $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ;  $\text{HO}(\text{O})\text{S}(\text{O})\text{OH}$ ) [2]. If given time to equilibrate with the atmospheric condensed phase, all of the above DMS oxidation products are partitioned primarily (or almost exclusively in the cases of MSA and  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) into the condensed phase [3–12]. As a result, condensed phase transformations are potentially important in the atmospheric sulfur cycle.

As first proposed by Charlson et al. [13], DMS oxidation may play an important role in modifying or regulating global

climate. Currently, there is considerable interest in understanding the details of atmospheric sulfur oxidation in order to facilitate (1) our understanding of past climate as interpreted from ice core analyses; (2) the role sulfur compounds play in particle formation and growth in the atmosphere and its impact on current and future climate; and (3) the use of field observations of MS-to-NSS ratios (MS: methanesulfonate,  $\text{CH}_3(\text{O})\text{S}(\text{O})\text{O}^-$ ; NSS: non-sea-salt sulfate) to infer the relative amounts of natural versus anthropogenic sulfur in atmospheric particulate matter.

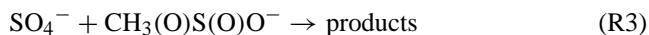
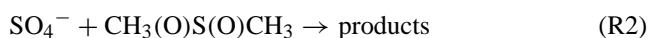
As mentioned above, model studies and field observations have demonstrated that condensed phase processes play an important role in the atmospheric sulfur cycle [10–14]. Published studies of aqueous phase reactions of organic sulfur compounds with important atmospheric oxidants have been motivated by the interesting mechanistic behavior exhibited as well as by the desire to understand atmospheric chemical transformations. The available data base includes two studies that have demonstrated the atmospheric importance of the  $\text{O}_3 + \text{DMS}$  reaction [15,16] as well as one study each of the reactions of DMS with OH [17],  $\text{Cl}_2^-$  [18],  $\text{Br}_2^-$  [18] and a series of hydroperoxides [19]. The DMSO data base includes two studies of the  $\text{O}_3 + \text{DMSO}$  reaction (which show

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this reaction to be very slow) [15,20], one study of DMSO reactions with a series of hydroperoxides [19], two studies of the OH + DMSO reaction [21,22], and one study each of the reactions of DMSO with  $\text{SO}_4^-$  [23] and  $\text{Cl}_2^-$  [24]. One study of the OH + DMSO<sub>2</sub> reaction is reported in the literature [22], as is one study of the reaction of methanesulfinate (MSI;  $\text{CH}_3\text{S(O)O}^-$ ) with  $\text{SO}_4^-$  [25]. There have been two studies of the MSI + OH reaction [25,26] and three studies of the OH + MS reaction [22,27,28]; interestingly, the rate coefficients reported in the three studies of the potentially important (in atmospheric chemistry) OH + MS reaction are in very poor agreement with each other. In addition to the aqueous phase studies mentioned above, the  $\text{NO}_3$  + DMS [29],  $\text{NO}_3$  + DMSO [29], and  $\text{Cl} + \text{DMS}$  [30] reactions have been studied in non-aqueous solvents. All kinetic data reported to date have been obtained at room temperature.

As part of a research program aimed at developing a detailed understanding of DMS oxidation and its role in the global climate system, we are investigating the aqueous phase reactions between radicals commonly found in the atmospheric condensed phase ( $\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{SO}_4^-$ ,  $\text{Cl}_2^-$ ,  $\text{Br}_2^-$ , and  $\text{NO}_3$ ) and organic sulfur compounds of atmospheric interest. In this paper we report the results of a kinetics study of  $\text{SO}_4^-$  reactions with DMSO, DMSO<sub>2</sub>, and MS.



To our knowledge, this represents the first kinetics study of R2 and R3, and the first study of the temperature dependence of rate coefficients for any potentially important atmospheric reactions of free radicals with organic sulfur species. The implications of our results for understanding atmospheric sulfur chemistry are discussed.

## 2. Experimental technique

The experimental approach involved coupling  $\text{SO}_4^-$  production by laser flash photolysis (LFP) of peroxydisulfate ( $\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}$ ) with sensitive time-resolved detection of  $\text{SO}_4^-$  by multipass absorption spectroscopy at  $\lambda \sim 445 \text{ nm}$ . A schematic diagram of the apparatus is shown in Fig. 1. It consists of an excimer laser photolysis light source, a xenon arc lamp probe light source, optics to direct the photolysis and probe beams including a set of White cell optics [31] for obtaining multiple passes of the probe beam through the photolyzed region of the sample, a Teflon reactor and liquid flow system, a monochromator to isolate the probe wavelength, an oscilloscope to record the temporal evolution of the transmitted probe radiation immediately before and after each laser flash, a photodiode to detect the laser flash and trigger the oscilloscope, a computer connected to the oscilloscope to store and average the waveforms from the oscilloscope, a thermostated bath to control the temperature of the liquid reservoir, and a Teflon-coated thermocouple to measure the temperature of the liquid in the reactor. Important features of the methodology include the following:

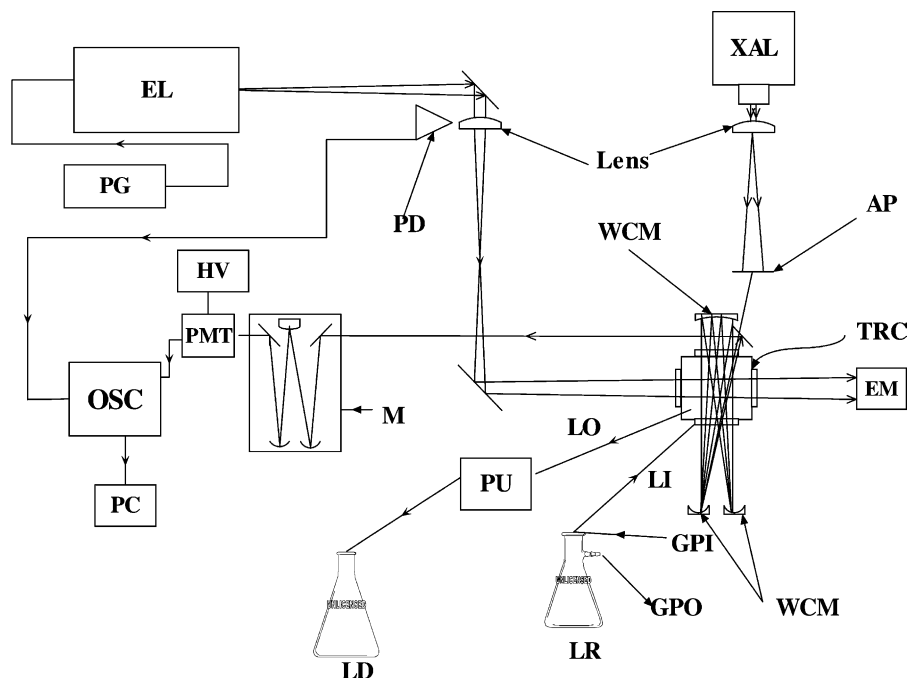


Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of the apparatus. AP, aperture; EL, excimer laser; EM, energy monitor; GPI, gas purge in; GPO, gas purge out; HV, high voltage; LD, liquid dump; LI, liquid input; LO, liquid output; LR, liquid reservoir; M, monochromator; OSC, oscilloscope; PC, personal computer; PD, photodiode; PG, pulse generator; PMT, photomultiplier; PU, pump; TRC, Teflon reaction cell; WCM, White cell mirror; XAL, xenon arc lamp.

(1) Reactive intermediates are probed in “real-time”, i.e. on time scales corresponding to their lifetimes under the experimental conditions employed ( $10^{-6}$  to  $10^{-2}$  s); and (2) very low radical concentrations (5–100 nM) are employed. These two features eliminate many potential side reactions that could seriously complicate the interpretation of kinetic data. The experimental methodology was first developed in our laboratory in the late 1980s, and has been employed successfully in several previous studies of aqueous phase free radical kinetics [32–36].

The photolysis laser employed in this study was a Lambda Physik Compex 102 excimer laser operating with a KrF gas fill ( $\lambda = 248$  nm, pulsewidth =  $2.5 \times 10^{-8}$  s). The laser fluence at the entrance to the reaction cell was typically  $1.5 \times 10^{16}$  photons  $\text{cm}^{-2}$  per pulse. In all experiments, the White cell was adjusted to give 46 passes of the probe radiation through the region of the reactor irradiated by the excimer laser, giving an absorption path length of  $\sim 115$  cm. With an electronic time constant of 1  $\mu\text{s}$ , the detection limit is about 0.03% absorption (64 flashes averaged); assuming a peak (445 nm [33])  $\text{SO}_4^-$  extinction coefficient of  $\sim 1400 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$  [33], this gives a detection limit of  $\sim 2 \times 10^{-9}$  M.

The stated minimum purities of the chemicals used in this study are as follows: sodium peroxydisulfate, 98%; sodium methane sulfonate, 98%; DMSO2, 98%; DMSO, 99.9%; all of these chemicals were used without further purification. The water used for preparing solutions was purified by a Millipore Milli-Q system equipped with filters to remove particles, ions and organics. All solutions were unbuffered with pH in the 5–6 range. Solutions were prepared in Pyrex volumetric flasks and were stored in 4 l Pyrex flasks. During experiments, the solutions were pumped through the reactor at a typical flow rate of  $2.5 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$  without recycling. The laser repetition rate was 0.03 Hz and the reactor volume was  $\sim 55 \text{ cm}^3$ ; hence no aliquot of solution was subjected to more than one laser flash. All reported kinetic data were obtained using air saturated solutions, as preliminary experiments showed that data obtained using  $\text{N}_2$ -saturated solutions gave identical results to data obtained using air saturated solutions. In most experiments, solutions were used immediately after preparation, although kinetics results for all three reactions were found to be unaffected by allowing the solution to sit for 1 h before being used in an experiment.

### 3. Results and discussion

The absorption spectrum of  $\text{SO}_4^-$  is well known [33,37–46]; it consists of a relatively strong band with peak absorbance around 445 nm and a weaker overlapping band with peak absorbance around 330 nm. As mentioned above, the extinction coefficient at the peak wavelength of the strong band is about  $1400 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$  [33]. It is well-documented in the literature that UV photolysis of

the peroxydisulfate anion results in production of sulfate radical with high yield:



Under the experimental conditions employed, the rate of loss of  $\text{SO}_4^-$  by reaction with  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}$  is negligibly slow compared to the rate of loss of  $\text{SO}_4^-$  by reaction with water [33,46]:



At 298 K,  $k_{\text{R5}} = 400 \pm 100 \text{ s}^{-1}$  [33,46], and, in agreement with two published studies [45,46], the results reported in this study suggest that  $k_{\text{R5}}$  increases a little as a function of temperature over the range 278–311 K (see Tables 1–3).

All experiments were carried out under pseudo-first-order conditions with the stable reactant (DMSO, DMSO2, or MS) in large excess over  $\text{SO}_4^-$ . Concentrations of  $\text{SO}_4^-$  were kept small enough that the recombination reaction,



was an insignificant removal process even though this reaction proceeds at a near-diffusion-controlled rate [33,44–47]. Hence, observed absorption temporal profiles could be analyzed using simple first-order kinetics:

$$A = \log\left(\frac{I_0}{I}\right) = \varepsilon l[\text{SO}_4^-] \quad (1)$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{A_0}{A_i}\right) = \left\{ k_{\text{Ri}}[\text{Ri}] + \sum_j (k_{\text{Mj}}[\text{M}_j]) + k_{\text{bg}} \right\} t \equiv k' t \quad (i = 1-3) \quad (2)$$

In Eq. (1),  $I_0$  and  $I$  are the transmitted probe light intensities in the absence and presence of  $\text{SO}_4^-$ ,  $A$  is the absorbance,  $\varepsilon$  the  $\text{SO}_4^-$  extinction coefficient at the probe wavelength, and  $l$  is the absorption path length. In Eq. (2),  $k_{\text{bg}}$  is the background first-order  $\text{SO}_4^-$  loss rate in the absence of added organic sulfur compound reactant  $\text{Ri}$  (dominated by R5 with a small contribution from reactions of  $\text{SO}_4^-$  with solvent impurities),  $k_{\text{Ri}}$  the bimolecular rate coefficient for  $\text{Ri}$ ,  $k'$  the measured pseudo-first-order  $\text{SO}_4^-$  decay rate,  $\text{M}_j$  the  $j$ th impurity in the  $\text{Ri}$  sample, and  $k_{\text{Mj}}$  the rate coefficient for reaction of  $\text{SO}_4^-$  with  $\text{M}_j$ .

As predicted by Eq. (2), exponential  $\text{SO}_4^-$  decays were observed for all three reactions investigated, and linear dependencies of  $k'$  on reactant concentration were observed in the studies of R1 and R2. For all three reactions studied, observed  $\text{SO}_4^-$  decay rates were found to be invariant to changes in photolysis laser power and  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}$  concentration. Typical kinetic data obtained in the study of R1 are shown in Figs. 2 and 3, and all kinetic data are summarized in Tables 1–3.

Since R3 involves two negatively charged reactants,  $k_{\text{R3}}$  is expected to increase with increasing solution ionic strength. Furthermore, since R3 is quite slow, the ionic strength of the solutions employed to study R3 increased with increasing

Table 1  
Summary of kinetic data for the DMSO + SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> reaction (R1)

<i>T</i> (K)	[S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ] (10 <sup>-4</sup> M)	[DMSO] (10 <sup>-6</sup> M)	<i>A</i> <sub>0</sub> <sup>a</sup>	<i>k'</i> (s <sup>-1</sup> )	<i>k</i> <sub>R1</sub> ± 2σ <sup>b</sup> (10 <sup>9</sup> M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )
278	0.988	0	0.024	311	2.10 ± 0.30
278	0.988	0.953	0.024	2040	
278	0.988	1.91	0.024	4320	
278	0.988	2.86	0.022	6660	
278	0.988	3.81	0.020	8840	
278	0.988	4.77	0.024	11000	
278	1.29	0	0.040	267	
278	1.29	1.46	0.040	3280	
278	1.29	3.64	0.029	8510	
278	1.29	7.29	0.030	14500	
278	1.29	8.75	0.030	19100	
287	0.988	0	0.023	358	2.52 ± 0.15
287	0.988	0.952	0.024	2390	
287	0.988	1.90	0.021	5200	
287	0.988	2.86	0.020	8010	
287	1.53	0	0.029	392	
287	1.53	0.728	0.027	2010	
287	1.53	1.46	0.023	4140	
287	1.53	2.19	0.026	5810	
287	1.53	2.91	0.025	7800	
287	1.53	3.64	0.025	9000	
294	1.60	0	0.042	378	2.78 ± 0.12
294	1.60	1.58	0.040	4770	
294	1.60	3.16	0.041	8880	
294	1.60	4.74	0.038	13800	
294	1.60	6.32	0.036	18300	
294	1.60	7.90	0.039	21600	
294	1.55	0	0.040	450	
294	1.55	2.40	0.041	5350	
294	1.55	4.80	0.038	12900	
294	1.55	7.20	0.039	20000	
294	1.55	9.60	0.035	27000	
298	1.29	0	0.036	400	3.00 ± 0.07
298	1.29	0.727	0.033	2260	
298	1.29	2.18	0.029	6630	
298	1.29	3.63	0.032	11200	
298	1.29	6.18	0.035	18300	
298	1.29	7.27	0.032	22100	
298	1.53	0	0.039	432	
298	1.53	0.950	0.034	2960	
298	1.53	1.90	0.032	5840	
298	1.53	2.85	0.030	8920	
298	1.53	3.80	0.034	11800	
298	1.53	5.09	0.030	16100	
308	1.29	0	0.052	498	3.47 ± 0.11
308	1.29	1.45	0.045	4640	
308	1.29	3.62	0.049	12300	
308	1.29	5.07	0.053	17700	
308	1.29	7.25	0.039	25600	
308	0.988	0	0.033	548	
308	0.988	0.947	0.034	3100	
308	0.988	1.90	0.032	6250	
308	0.988	2.84	0.026	10000	
308	0.988	3.79	0.028	12900	

<sup>a</sup> *A*<sub>0</sub>: the SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> absorbance immediately after the laser flash, i.e. when SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> production is complete but no significant SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> decay has occurred.

<sup>b</sup> Uncertainties represent precision only.

Table 2  
Summary of kinetic data for the DMSO2 + SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> reaction (R2)

<i>T</i> (K)	[S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> <sup>2-</sup> ] (10 <sup>-4</sup> M)	[DMSO2] (10 <sup>-4</sup> M)	<i>A</i> <sub>0</sub> <sup>a</sup>	<i>k'</i> (s <sup>-1</sup> )	<i>k</i> <sub>R2</sub> ± 2σ <sup>b</sup> (10 <sup>6</sup> M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )
279	1.16	0	0.033	341	2.85 ± 0.33
279	1.16	2.46	0.032	980	
279	1.16	4.92	0.026	1910	
279	1.16	7.39	0.026	2520	
279	1.16	9.85	0.025	3180	
279	1.26	0	0.027	301	
279	1.26	3.15	0.056	1040	
279	1.26	6.31	0.032	2170	
279	1.26	9.46	0.024	3430	
279	1.26	12.6	0.03	3580	
286	1.26	0	0.029	353	3.29 ± 0.20
286	1.26	2.04	0.029	870	
286	1.26	4.08	0.028	1470	
286	1.26	6.13	0.024	2280	
286	1.26	8.17	0.027	2900	
286	1.26	10.1	0.026	3850	
289	1.26	0	0.033	308	3.43 ± 0.15
289	1.26	2.04	0.026	980	
289	1.26	4.08	0.026	1670	
289	1.26	6.12	0.026	2470	
289	1.26	8.16	0.025	3070	
294	1.58	0	0.028	387	3.73 ± 0.17
294	1.58	18.7	0.029	6130	
294	1.58	42.2	0.027	14900	
294	1.58	61.6	0.028	23300	
294	1.58	0	0.032	348	
294	1.58	10.3	0.031	4010	
294	1.58	25.7	0.029	10000	
294	1.58	35.9	0.029	14200	
294	1.57	0	0.035	364	
294	1.57	9.19	0.033	3790	
294	1.57	18.4	0.036	7250	
294	1.57	36.7	0.033	13200	
294	1.57	55.1	0.030	21700	
298	1.16	0	0.028	394	3.88 ± 0.17
298	1.16	2.46	0.027	1140	
298	1.16	4.91	0.026	2130	
298	1.16	7.37	0.026	3190	
298	1.16	9.82	0.023	4120	
298	1.16	12.3	0.024	5040	
298	1.53	0	0.042	443	
298	1.53	3.15	0.035	1350	
298	1.53	6.29	0.035	2430	
298	1.53	9.43	0.035	3780	
298	1.53	12.6	0.035	5120	
298	1.53	15.7	0.032	6500	

<sup>a</sup> *A*<sub>0</sub>: the SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> absorbance immediately after the laser flash, i.e. when SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> production is complete but no significant SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> decay has occurred.

<sup>b</sup> Uncertainties represent precision only.

[MS]. In relatively low ionic strength solutions such as those employed in this study, the following relationship is approximately obeyed if both reactants are singly charged [48]:

$$\log k = \log k^0 + \frac{2X\mu^{1/2}}{1 + \mu^{1/2}} \quad (3)$$

Table 3  
Summary of kinetic data for the  $\text{MS} + \text{SO}_4^-$  reaction (R3)

$T$ (K)	$[\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}]$ ( $10^{-4}$ M)	$[\text{MS}]$ (M)	$A_0^a$	$k'$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )	$(k' - k_{\text{bg}})$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )	$(k' - k_{\text{bg}})_0^b$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )	$k_{\text{R3}}^0 \pm 2\sigma^c$ ( $10^3 \text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ )
293	1.58	0	0.050	343	0	0	$9.59 \pm 0.53$
293	1.58	0.0105	0.047	458	115	92	
293	1.58	0.0149	0.046	516	173	134	
293	1.58	0.0275	0.050	704	361	259	
293	1.53	0	0.040	436	0	0	
293	1.53	0.0083	0.037	517	81	66	
293	1.53	0.0166	0.035	654	218	167	
293	1.53	0.0249	0.035	762	326	237	
298	1.26	0	0.028	419	0	0	$10.9 \pm 0.7$
298	1.26	0.0115	0.027	592	173	137	
298	1.26	0.0209	0.028	743	324	240	
298	1.26	0.0317	0.029	913	494	346	
304	1.26	0	0.028	513	0	0	$13.7 \pm 0.9$
304	1.26	0.0117	0.026	715	202	160	
304	1.26	0.0220	0.025	954	441	324	
304	1.26	0.0315	0.024	1150	637	446	
304	1.26	0.0409	0.025	1340	827	551	
311	1.16	0	0.022	469	0	0	$15.4 \pm 1.1$
311	1.16	0.0122	0.022	750	281	221	
311	1.16	0.0335	0.023	1250	781	539	
311	1.16	0.0428	0.022	1470	1000	664	

<sup>a</sup>  $A_0$ : the  $\text{SO}_4^-$  absorbance immediately after the laser flash, i.e. when  $\text{SO}_4^-$  production is complete but no significant  $\text{SO}_4^-$  decay has occurred.

<sup>b</sup>  $(k' - k_{\text{bg}})_0 \equiv (k' - k_{\text{bg}})$  in the zero ionic strength limit.

<sup>c</sup> Uncertainties represent precision only.

where  $k^0$  is the rate coefficient in the limit of zero ionic strength,  $\mu$  the ionic strength,

$$\mu = 0.5 \sum_i (z_i^2 [i]), \quad (4)$$

$X$  is a collection of constants with values in water solvent that range from 0.492 at 278 K to 0.522 at 311 K [49], and  $z_i$  is the charge of species  $i$ . Analysis of our data for R3 employed Eq. (3) to convert each measured value of  $(k' - k_{\text{bg}})$  to an appropriate value for the limit where  $\mu \rightarrow 0$ , thus allowing evaluation of the bimolecular rate coefficients

$k_{\text{R3}}^0(T)$ . Uncorrected and corrected values of  $(k' - k_{\text{bg}})$  for data obtained at  $T = 293$  K are plotted as a function of  $[\text{MS}]$  in Fig. 4.

Arrhenius plots for R1–R3 are shown in Fig. 5. Linear least-squares analyses of the  $\ln k_{\text{R}i}$  versus  $1/T$  data give the following Arrhenius expressions (units are  $\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ ):

$$\ln k_{\text{R1}} = (26.643 \pm 0.161) - \frac{1440 \pm 100}{T} \quad (A = 3.7 \times 10^{11})$$

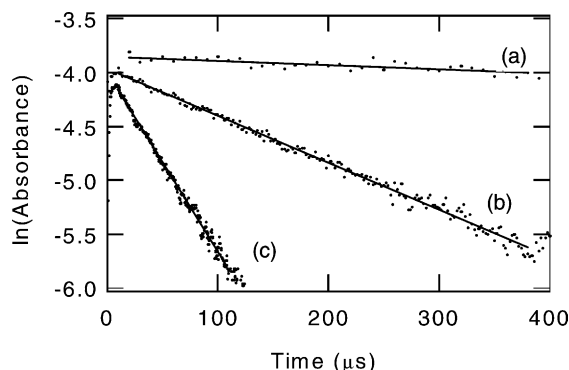


Fig. 2. Typical plots of  $\ln(\text{absorbance})$  vs. time. Reaction:  $\text{SO}_4^- + \text{DMSO}$ . Experimental conditions:  $T = 294$  K;  $[\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}] = 1.60 \times 10^{-4}$  M;  $[\text{DMSO}] =$  (a) 0, (b)  $1.58 \times 10^{-6}$  M, (c)  $6.32 \times 10^{-6}$  M; solid lines are obtained from least-square analyses which give the following pseudo-first-order decay rates ( $k'$ ): (a)  $378 \text{s}^{-1}$ , (b)  $4770 \text{s}^{-1}$ , (c)  $18,300 \text{s}^{-1}$ .

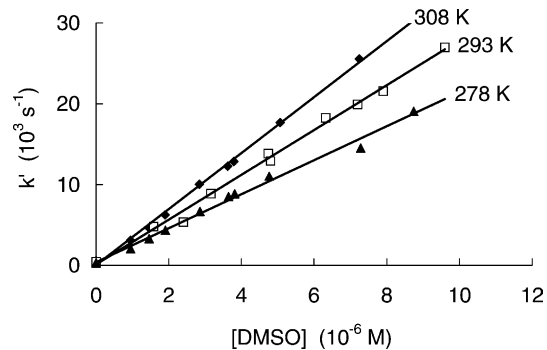


Fig. 3. Plots of  $k'$  vs.  $[\text{DMSO}]$  for data obtained at three different temperatures. Solid lines are obtained from linear least-square analyses. The following bimolecular rate coefficients are obtained from the slopes of the solid lines (units are  $10^9 \text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ ):  $2.10 \pm 0.12$  at 278 K;  $2.77 \pm 0.12$  at 294 K;  $3.47 \pm 0.11$  at 308 K. Uncertainties are  $2\sigma$  and represent precision only.

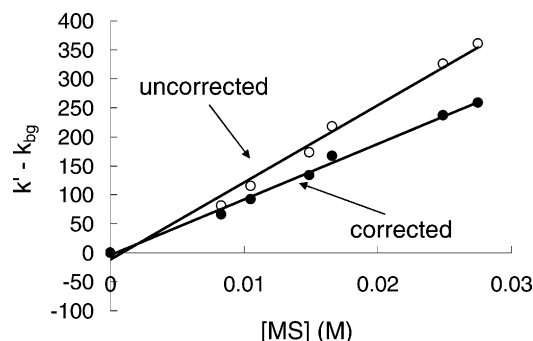


Fig. 4. Plots of uncorrected ( $k' - k_{bg}$ ) and corrected ( $k' - k_{bg}$ )<sub>0</sub> vs. [MS] for data obtained at 293 K. Solid lines are obtained from linear least-square analyses. From the slopes of the solid lines, the uncorrected data give  $k_{R3} = (1.33 \pm 0.10) \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  whereas the data corrected to zero ionic strength give  $k_{R3}^0 = (9.59 \pm 0.53) \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Uncertainties are  $2\sigma$  and represent precision only.

$$\ln k_{R2} = (19.754 \pm 0.550) - \frac{1360 \pm 160}{T} \quad (A = 3.8 \times 10^8)$$

$$\ln k_{R3}^0 = (17.684 \pm 1.711) - \frac{2490 \pm 520}{T} \quad (A = 4.8 \times 10^7)$$

Uncertainties in the above expressions are  $2\sigma$  and refer to the precision of the Arrhenius parameters only. Potential effects of systematic errors on the measured rate coefficients are discussed below.

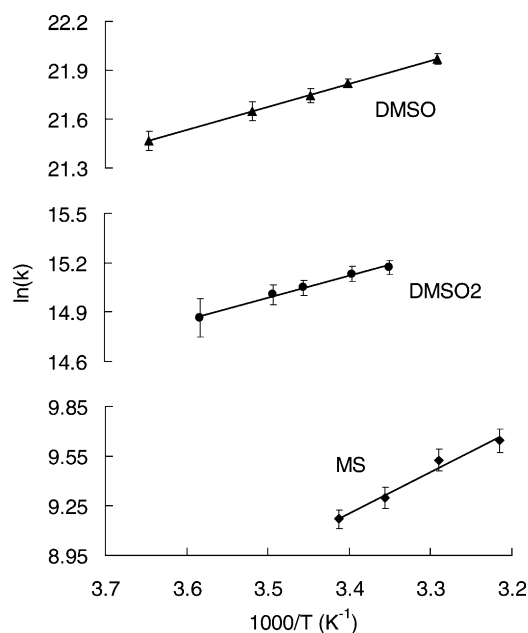
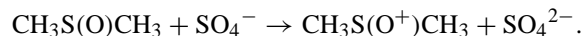


Fig. 5. Arrhenius plots for  $\text{SO}_4^-$  reactions with DMSO, DMSO2 and MS. Solid lines are obtained from least-square analyses which yield the Arrhenius expressions shown in the text.

The only kinetic study reported in the literature for R1–R3 is a room temperature measurement of  $k_{R1}$  by Kishore and Asmus [23] which was carried out using pulse radiolysis techniques; these authors report a rate coefficient of  $(2.7 \pm 0.3) \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , which is in excellent agreement with the result obtained in this study (see Table 1). The  $\text{SO}_4^-$  radical is a strong oxidant with a one-electron redox potential of about 2.5 V [50]. Kishore and Asmus [23] have demonstrated that R1 proceeds via an electron transfer mechanism:



(R1a)

Kishore and Asmus [23] have also shown that the one-electron redox potential of DMSO is in the range 1.8–2.0 V. Both DMSO2 and MS are expected to have larger one-electron redox potentials than DMSO, and the much slower values for  $k_{R2}$  and  $k_{R3}$  (compared to  $k_{R1}$ ) observed in this study suggest that R2 and R3 probably proceed via a H-abstraction mechanism rather than via an electron transfer mechanism. The similar activation energies obtained for R1 and R2 can be rationalized using the relationship [51]

$$k_{\text{obs}} = k_{\text{diff}} \left\{ 1 + \left( \frac{k_{\text{diff}}}{k_{\text{react}}} \right) \right\}^{-1} \quad (5)$$

where  $k_{\text{obs}}$  is the measured bimolecular rate coefficient,  $k_{\text{diff}}$  the encounter rate coefficient of the two reacting species, and  $k_{\text{react}}$  the rate coefficient that would be measured if diffusion was not rate-limiting. For the near-diffusion-controlled R1, the temperature dependence of  $k_{\text{react}}$  is presumably very small and the temperature dependence of  $k_{\text{diff}}$  exerts a strong influence on the observed activation energy. On the other hand, the observed temperature dependence of the much slower R2 should be due almost entirely to the temperature dependence of  $k_{\text{react}}$ . The value of  $k_{\text{diff}}$  for R1 can be estimated from the Smoluchowski equation [48],

$$k_{\text{diff}} = 4\pi(D_{\text{SO}_4^-} + D_{\text{DMSO}})(r_{\text{SO}_4^-} + r_{\text{DMSO}})N_A \quad (6)$$

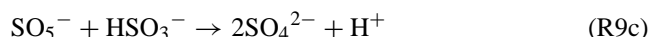
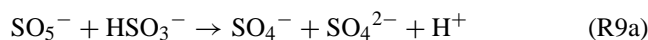
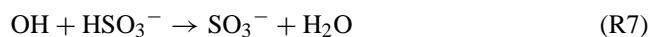
where  $D_{\text{SO}_4^-}$  and  $D_{\text{DMSO}}$  are the reactant aqueous phase diffusion coefficients,  $r_{\text{SO}_4^-}$  and  $r_{\text{DMSO}}$  are the reactant radii, and  $N_A$  is Avogadro's number. Using the diffusion coefficients and molecular radii tabulated by Elliot et al. [51] as a guide, we estimate that  $D_{\text{SO}_4^-} \sim D_{\text{DMSO}} \sim 1.05 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $r_{\text{SO}_4^-} \sim r_{\text{DMSO}} \sim 3.7 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$  at  $T = 298 \text{ K}$ . Substituting these parameters into Eq. (6) gives  $k_{\text{diff}} \sim 1.2 \times 10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . Hence, it appears that for R1 at 298 K,  $k_{\text{obs}} \sim 0.25 k_{\text{diff}}$  and  $k_{\text{react}} \sim 4 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

The most likely source of systematic error in the rate coefficient determinations reported in this study is significant contribution to  $\text{SO}_4^-$  loss from reaction with background impurities in the DMSO, DMSO2, and/or MS samples. Because the DMSO sample purity is high and the observed rate coefficient is near the diffusion-controlled limit, impurity reactions can be ruled out as a source of error in the determination of  $k_{R1}$ . The MS sample used in the study of R3 had a stated minimum purity of 98%. However, according

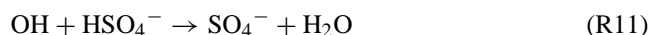
to the manufacturer, the major impurity in the MS sample was water. The large observed activation energy for R3 argues against fast reaction of  $\text{SO}_4^-$  with a minor impurity as the source of observed reactivity; however, some contribution from impurity reactions cannot be completely ruled out, so the error bars for measured values of  $k_{R3}^0$  are adjusted upward to  $\sim 30\%$ . In the case of DMSO<sub>2</sub>, all observed reactivity could result from reaction of  $\text{SO}_4^-$  with a trace impurity (0.11 DMSO, for example); since this possibility cannot be ruled out, we consider the measured rate coefficients to represent upper limits to  $k_{R2}(T)$ .

#### 4. Implications for atmospheric chemistry

The principal pathway for generating  $\text{SO}_4^-$  radicals in the atmospheric aqueous phase is thought to be via the OH-initiated oxidation of S(IV) [39,41,52–61]:



The following reactions have also been suggested as sources of  $\text{SO}_4^-$  in cloud water [33,62]:



although it has been suggested that the solubility of  $\text{NO}_3$  in water might be too low for R10 to be important [63].

Summarized in Table 4 are estimated lifetimes of DMSO, DMSO<sub>2</sub>, and MS (or MSA) toward (a) gas phase destruction via reactions with OH,  $\text{NO}_3$ , and Cl, (b) loss from the

gas phase by uptake into particles and/or aqueous droplets, and (c) aqueous phase destruction via reactions with OH and  $\text{SO}_4^-$  radicals. The diurnally averaged radical concentrations and rate coefficients that are needed for the lifetime estimates are obtained from this study and from a variety of other laboratory [21,22,64], field [10,65], and modeling [59,61,66] studies. It should be noted that the information used to evaluate the lifetimes of interest is representative of a wide-variety of conditions that could be encountered in the atmosphere and, therefore, the lifetimes in Table 4 should be considered rough estimates. The typical concentrations of OH(aq) and  $\text{SO}_4^-(\text{aq})$  given in Table 4 are obtained from photochemical models. While there is good agreement between estimates of OH(aq) concentrations [61,66], estimated  $\text{SO}_4^-$  concentrations in cloud droplets range from  $10^{-14}$  M [61] to  $10^{-12}$  M [59]. We adopt the higher concentration for the purpose of making lifetime estimates in order to examine the possibility that reaction with  $\text{SO}_4^-$  is an important sink for organic sulfur species in the aqueous phase. Modeling studies suggest that diurnally averaged concentrations of  $\text{Cl}_2^-$  and  $\text{Br}_2^-$  radicals in the atmospheric aqueous phase may be as much as an order of magnitude larger than OH concentrations [61]. However,  $\text{Cl}_2^-$  and  $\text{Br}_2^-$  are considerably less reactive than OH and  $\text{SO}_4^-$  [67]. For the very reactive species DMS, the rate coefficients for reaction with OH ( $1.9 \times 10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  [17]) is approximately a factor of 6 faster than the rate coefficients for reactions with  $\text{Cl}_2^-$  and  $\text{Br}_2^-$  ( $3.0 \times 10^9$  and  $3.2 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , respectively [18]). However, for the less reactive species DMSO, the  $\text{Cl}_2^-$  rate coefficient is only  $1.2 \times 10^7 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  [24], i.e. approximately a factor of 500 slower than the OH rate coefficient [21,22] (there are no data in the literature for the  $\text{Br}_2^- + \text{DMSO}$  reaction). It is typically the case for aqueous phase radical–molecule reactions that ratios of rate coefficients for reactions of a pair of radicals with the same molecular reactant increase in favor of the more reactive radical as the reactivity of the molecular reactant decreases [67]. Therefore, although kinetic data for the reactions of  $\text{Cl}_2^-$

Table 4

Estimated lifetimes in hours of DMSO, DMSO<sub>2</sub>, and MSA/MS toward (a) gas phase destruction via reactions with OH,  $\text{NO}_3$ , and Cl, (b) uptake into aerosols under remote tropospheric conditions, and (c) aqueous phase destruction via reactions with OH and  $\text{SO}_4^-$  radicals

Process	Radical concentration	R = DMSO	R = DMSO <sub>2</sub>	R = MSA/MS
R(g) + OH(g)	$1 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3\text{a}}$	5 <sup>a</sup>	>950 <sup>a</sup>	
R(g) + $\text{NO}_3(\text{g})$	$7 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3\text{a}}$	72 <sup>a</sup>	> $1.7 \times 10^4\text{a}$	
R(g) + Cl(g)	$5 \times 10^3 \text{ cm}^{-3\text{a}}$	1500 <sup>a</sup>	$2 \times 10^6\text{a}$	
R(g) → R(aq)		4 <sup>b</sup>	4 <sup>b</sup>	1–15 <sup>c</sup>
R(aq) + OH(aq)	$6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ M}^{\text{d}}$	0.1 <sup>e</sup>	17 <sup>f</sup>	10–40 <sup>f</sup>
R(aq) + $\text{SO}_4^-(\text{aq})$	$1 \times 10^{-12} \text{ M}^{\text{g}}$	0.1 <sup>h</sup>	>72 <sup>h</sup>	$2.5 \times 10^4\text{h}$

<sup>a</sup> [64].

<sup>b</sup> [10] (remote, cold conditions).

<sup>c</sup> [65] (remote, cold conditions).

<sup>d</sup> [61,66].

<sup>e</sup> Based on kinetic data from [21,22].

<sup>f</sup> Based on kinetic data from [22].

<sup>g</sup> [59].

<sup>h</sup> Based on kinetic data reported in this study.

and  $\text{Br}_2^-$  with DMSO<sub>2</sub> and MS are certainly desirable, we consider it highly unlikely that these radicals will compete with OH and  $\text{SO}_4^-$  as a sink for the relatively unreactive species DMSO<sub>2</sub> and MS under the conditions that exist in the atmospheric aqueous phase.

From the information in Table 4 it is clear that uptake into the condensed phase competes with gas phase oxidation for DMSO, and dominates gas phase oxidation for DMSO<sub>2</sub> and MSA. In the aqueous phase, DMSO is oxidized very rapidly by both OH and  $\text{SO}_4^-$ . Since the DMSO oxidation product(s) are less volatile than DMSO itself (and, therefore, less likely to be re-introduced into the gas phase upon particle evaporation), aqueous phase oxidation of DMSO can contribute to particle growth via droplet formation/evaporation cycling. The lifetimes of DMSO<sub>2</sub> and MS toward aqueous phase reactions are also short enough for aqueous phase oxidation to compete with droplet evaporation. While reactions with  $\text{SO}_4^-(\text{aq})$  may be a significant sink for DMSO and DMSO<sub>2</sub>, it appears that MS oxidation is dominated by reaction with OH. In this regard, it is worth noting that we are in the process of carrying out temperature-dependent kinetics studies of OH reactions with organic sulfur compounds [68], and we find that the OH + MS reaction proceeds with a rate coefficient similar to the one reported by Olson and Fessenden [28], which is considerably slower than suggested by the results of two other published kinetics studies [22,27].

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