

## The reaction mechanism of SO<sub>3</sub> with the multifunctional compound ethanolamine and its atmospheric implications

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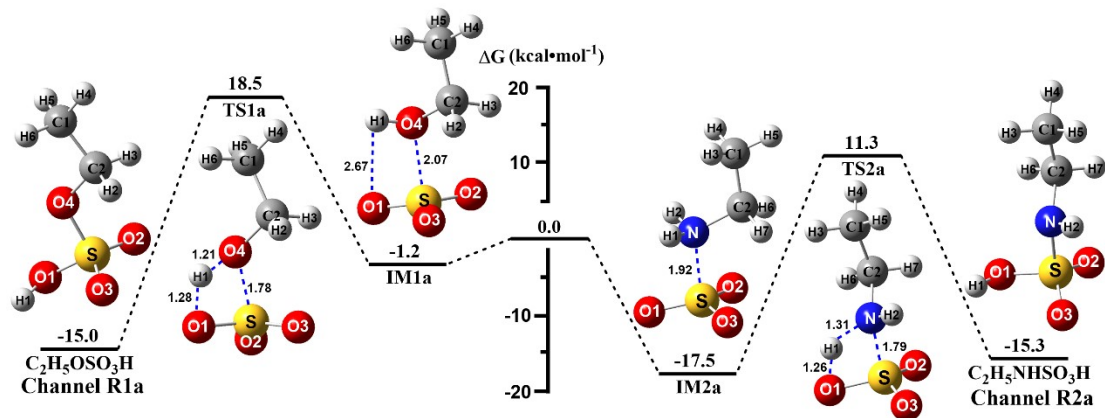
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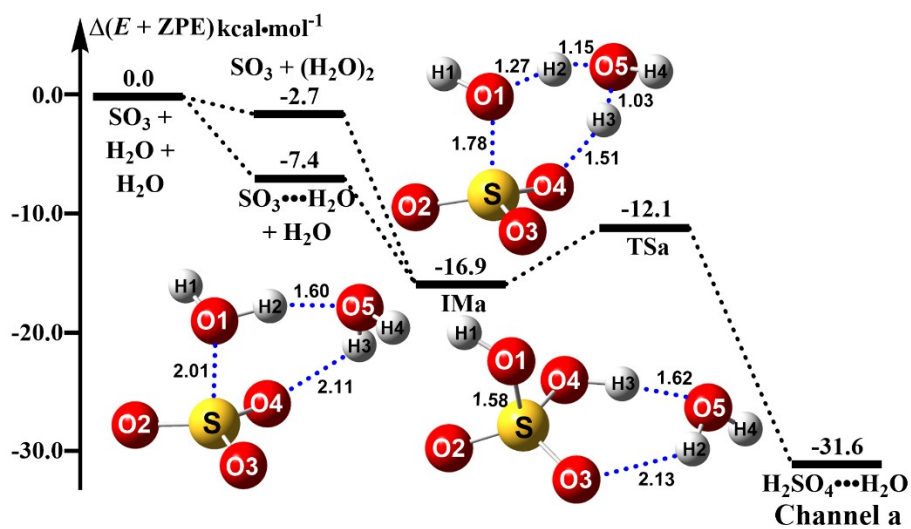
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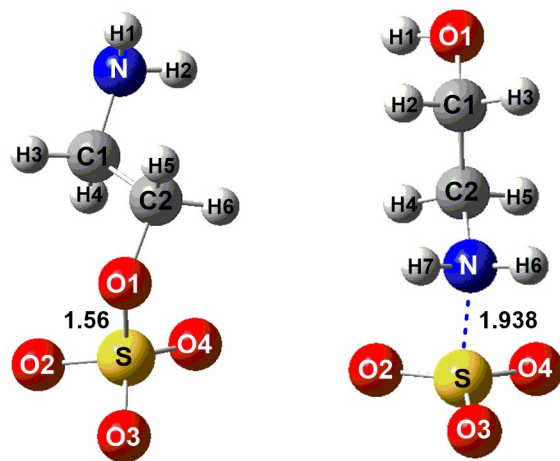
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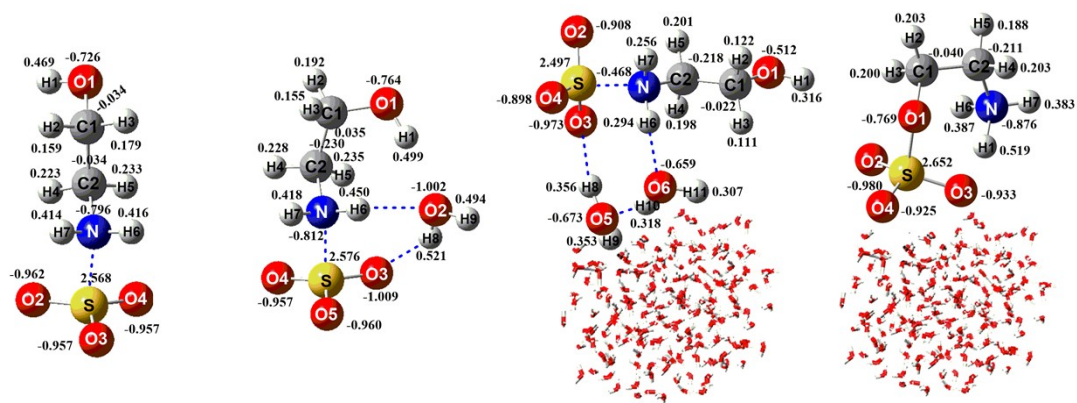
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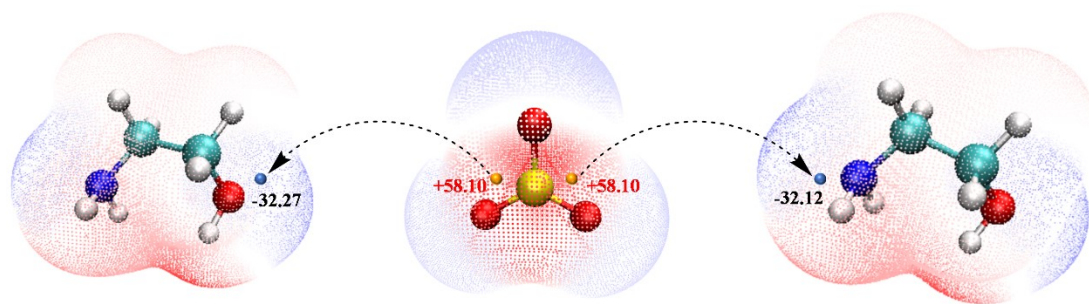
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**Fig. S3** The optimized geometrical structures for  $\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OSO}_3^-$  and  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2^+ \cdots \text{SO}_3^-$  ion at the M06-2X/6-311++G(2df,2pd) level



**Fig. S4** NBO charges of  $\text{SO}_3^- \cdots ^+\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  and  $\text{SO}_3^- \cdots ^+\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH} \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}$  in the gas phase optimized at the M06-2X/6-311++G(2df,2pd) level and the NBO charges of ring complexes of  $\text{SO}_3^- \cdots ^+\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH} \cdots (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$  and  $\text{SO}_3^- \text{-OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_3^+$  on the droplet optimized with ONIOM method (M06-2X/6-311++G(2df,2pd):pm6)



**Fig. S5** Computed electrostatic potential mapped molecular van der Waals (vdW) surfaces of  $\text{SO}_3$  with OH and  $\text{NH}_2$  moieties  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  molecules at the M06-2X/6-311++G(2df,2pd) level

**Table S1** The Energy barriers ( $\Delta E$ ) and unsigned error (UE) ( $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ ) for the  $\text{SO}_3 + \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  reaction at different theoretical methods with zero-point energy (ZPE) correction

Channel <sup>a</sup>	Methods	$\Delta E^b$	$\Delta E^c$	$\Delta E^d$	UE
Channel R1	CCSD(T)/CBS//M06-2X/ 6-311++G(2df,2pd)	-27.0	1.9	-24.8	0.00
	CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVTZ-F12//M06-2X/ 6-311++G(2df,2pd)	-27.2	2.2	-24.5	0.27
	CCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVTZ//M06-2X/ 6-311++G(2df,2pd)	-25.7	2.4	-23.8	0.93
	CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVDZ-F12//M06-2X/ 6-311++G(2df,2pd)	-25.8	3.5	-23.2	1.47
Channel R2	CCSD(T)/CBS//M06-2X/ 6-311++G(2df,2pd)	-15.8	6.0	-33.1	0.00
	CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVTZ-F12//M06-2X/ 6-311++G(2df,2pd)	-15.6	6.3	-32.9	0.23
	CCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVTZ//M06-2X/ 6-311++G(2df,2pd)	-15.3	6.6	-31.6	0.87
	CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVDZ-F12//M06-2X/ 6-311++G(2df,2pd)	-14.9	7.4	-31.5	1.23

<sup>a</sup> Channel R1 and Channel R2 denote the gas-phase reactions of  $\text{SO}_3$  with OH and  $\text{NH}_2$  moieties of MEA, respectively;

<sup>b, c and d</sup> respectively denote the species of pre-reactive complexes, transition states and products involved in the  $\text{SO}_3 + \text{MEA}$  reaction.

As presented in Table S1, the unsigned error at the CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVDZ-F12//M06-2X/6-311++G(2df,2pd) level compared to unsigned error calculated at the CCSD(T)/CBS//M06-2X/6-311++G(2df,2pd) level, was more than  $1.47 \text{ kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ , indicating that CCSD(T)-F12 with a small basis set of cc-pVDZ-F12 is not appropriate. As compared with unsigned error calculated at the CCSD(T)/CBS//M06-2X/6-311++G(2df,2pd) level, unsigned errors calculated at CCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVTZ//M06-2X/6-311++G(2df,2pd) and CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVTZ-F12//M06-2X/6-311++G(2df,2pd) were 0.93 and 0.27  $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ , respectively, suggesting that the relative energies obtained at the CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVTZ-F12//M06-2X/6-311++G(2df,2pd) level is the most favorable among three levels of CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVDZ-F12//M06-2X/6-311++G(2df,2pd), CCSD(T)/aug-cc-pVTZ//M06-2X/6-311++G(2df,2pd) and CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVTZ-F12//M06-2X/6-311++G(2df,2pd). Considering the computational accuracy, the CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVTZ-F12//M06-2X/6-311++G(2df,2pd) method was chosen to calculate the single point energies of all species for the  $\text{SO}_3 + \text{MEA}$  reactions without and with water. So, the single-point energy



calculations for the  $\text{SO}_3 + \text{MEA}$  reaction without and with water molecule in the gas phase have been performed at the CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVTZ-F12 level based on the optimized geometries at the M06-2X/6-311++G(2*df*,2*pd*) level.

**Table S2** Relative energies ( $\Delta E$  and  $\Delta(E + \text{ZPE})/(\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})$ ), enthalpies ( $\Delta H/(\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})$ ), entropy ( $S(298\text{ K})/(\text{cal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1})$ ) and Gibbs free energies ( $\Delta G(298\text{ K})/(\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})$ ) for the reaction of  $\text{SO}_3$  with  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$  and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$ , along with the reactions between  $\text{SO}_3$  and the OH and  $\text{NH}_2$  moieties of  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  without and with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Species	ZPE	$\Delta E$	S	$\Delta G$	$\Delta(E + \text{ZPE})$	$\Delta H$	$T_1$
$\text{SO}_3 + \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$	70.4	0.0	134.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.02820363
IM1	72.5	-17.7	94.5	-4.1	-15.6	-15.9	0.0144697
TS1	69.4	7.3	90.8	18.6	6.3	5.6	0.01471739
$\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_4\text{H}$	73.2	-35.6	86.4	-19.6	-32.9	-33.9	0.01397518
$\text{SO}_3 + \text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$	70.4	0.0	134.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.02820363
IM2	73.7	-30.5	89.8	-14.6	-27.2	-27.9	0.01440033
TS2	70.0	2.6	91.6	14.2	2.2	1.5	0.01465095
$\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NHSO}_3\text{H}$	72.5	-26.6	91.2	-12.2	-24.5	-25.0	0.01406416
$\text{SO}_3 + \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	84.0	0.0	179.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.03820721
$\text{SO}_3 \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$	86.4	-9.8	147.5	1.5	-7.4	-8.0	0.02654947
$\text{SO}_3 + \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2 \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}$	86.3	-6.0	149.5	4.7	-3.7	-4.2	0.0284588
IM_WM1	88.2	-27.5	106.5	-2.5	-23.3	-24.2	0.01394004
TS_WM1	86.4	-21.5	99.3	2.8	-19.1	-21.0	0.01392185
$\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_4\text{H} \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}$	89.1	-44.7	99.9	-17.6	-39.6	-41.3	0.01359628
$\text{SO}_3 + \text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$	84.0	0.0	179.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.03820721
$\text{SO}_3 \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$	86.4	-9.8	147.5	1.5	-7.4	-8.0	0.02654947
$\text{SO}_3 + \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2 \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}$	86.3	-6.0	149.5	4.7	-3.7	-4.2	0.0284588
IM_WM2	89.4	-43.2	105.0	-16.8	-37.8	-39.0	0.01396046
TS_WM2	86.4	-25.8	96.3	-1.0	-23.4	-25.7	0.01401585
$\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NHSO}_3\text{H} \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}$	88.4	-38.9	104.7	-13.5	-34.6	-35.8	0.01366066
$\text{SO}_3 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$	58.6	0.0	129.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.02786553
IM1a	60.9	-15.0	89.8	-1.2	-12.6	-12.9	0.01485214
TS1a	58.0	7.2	86.9	18.5	6.7	5.9	0.01506695
$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{SO}_4\text{H}$	61.0	-29.3	87.6	-15.0	-26.8	-27.4	0.01418237
$\text{SO}_3 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$	66.7	0.0	129.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.02786553
IM2a	69.8	-32.2	88.8	-17.5	-29.1	-29.6	0.01438851
TS2a	66.6	-0.9	85.4	11.3	-1.0	-1.9	0.01474855
$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NHSO}_3\text{H}$	68.8	-29.4	87.5	-15.3	-27.3	-27.9	0.01400273

The schematic potential energy surfaces for the  $\text{SO}_3 + \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  reaction (in  $\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ ) without (Fig. 1) and with (Fig. 2) water have been re-calculated at the CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVTZ-F12//M06-2X/6-311++G(2df,2pd) level, whereas relative energies ( $\Delta E$  and  $\Delta(E + \text{ZPE})/(\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})$ ), enthalpies ( $\Delta H/(\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})$ ), entropy ( $S(298\text{ K})/(\text{cal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1})$ ) and Gibbs free energies ( $\Delta G(298\text{ K})/(\text{kcal}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1})$ ) for the reaction of  $\text{SO}_3$  with  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$  and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$ , along with the

reactions between  $\text{SO}_3$  and the OH and  $\text{NH}_2$  moieties of  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  without and with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  has been reorganized in Table S2.

**Table S3** Equilibrium coefficients ( $\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{molecule}^{-1}$ ) for the  $\text{SO}_3 \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2 \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}$  complexes within 212.6-320.0 K <sup>a</sup>

$T/\text{K}$	$\text{SO}_3 \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2 \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}$
212.6	$2.25 \times 10^{-20}$	$1.99 \times 10^{-23}$
229.7	$1.41 \times 10^{-20}$	$1.58 \times 10^{-23}$
259.3	$9.99 \times 10^{-21}$	$1.33 \times 10^{-23}$
280.0	$9.18 \times 10^{-21}$	$1.28 \times 10^{-23}$
290.0	$6.14 \times 10^{-21}$	$1.05 \times 10^{-23}$
298.0	$4.22 \times 10^{-21}$	$8.75 \times 10^{-24}$
300.0	$6.78 \times 10^{-20}$	$3.45 \times 10^{-23}$
310.0	$4.41 \times 10^{-19}$	$8.84 \times 10^{-23}$
320.0	$1.69 \times 10^{-18}$	$1.75 \times 10^{-22}$

<sup>a</sup> All equilibrium coefficients were calculated by using energies computed at the CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVTZ-F12//M06-2X/6-311++G(2df,2pd) level and partition functions obtained at the M06-2X/6-311++G(2df,2pd) level.

**Table S4** Concentrations (molecules·cm<sup>-3</sup>) for the SO<sub>3</sub>···H<sub>2</sub>O and HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>···H<sub>2</sub>O complexes within 212.6-320.0 K <sup>a</sup>

T/K	SO <sub>3</sub> ···H <sub>2</sub> O	HOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ···H <sub>2</sub> O
280.0	5.81	1.29 × 10 <sup>4</sup>
290.0	6.76	1.89 × 10 <sup>4</sup>
298.0	7.72	2.58 × 10 <sup>4</sup>
300.0	7.88	2.75 × 10 <sup>4</sup>
310.0	8.96	3.84 × 10 <sup>4</sup>
320.0	9.91	5.14 × 10 <sup>4</sup>

<sup>a</sup> All concentrations were calculated by using energies computed at CCSD(T)-F12/cc-pVTZ-F12//M06-2X/6-311++G(2df,2pd) level and partition functions obtained at the M06-2X/6-311++G(2df,2pd) level.

**Table S5** Rate coefficients ( $\text{cm}^3\cdot\text{molecule}^{-1}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ) for the  $\text{SO}_3 + \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  reaction without and with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  with HIR treatment calculated by master equation within 212.6-320.0 K <sup>a</sup>

Channel	Altitude (km)	T/K	with HIR treatments	without HIR treatments
Channel R1	0 km	280.0	$1.58 \times 10^{-18}$	$1.58 \times 10^{-18}$
		290.0	$1.63 \times 10^{-18}$	$1.63 \times 10^{-18}$
		298.0	$1.67 \times 10^{-18}$	$1.68 \times 10^{-18}$
		300.0	$1.69 \times 10^{-18}$	$1.69 \times 10^{-18}$
		310.0	$1.75 \times 10^{-18}$	$1.76 \times 10^{-18}$
		320.0	$1.83 \times 10^{-18}$	$1.84 \times 10^{-18}$
	5 km	212.6	$1.68 \times 10^{-18}$	$1.68 \times 10^{-18}$
	10 km	229.7	$1.93 \times 10^{-18}$	$1.93 \times 10^{-18}$
	15 km	259.3	$2.40 \times 10^{-18}$	$2.40 \times 10^{-18}$
	Channel R2	0 km	280.0	$1.51 \times 10^{-16}$
290.0			$1.77 \times 10^{-16}$	$1.74 \times 10^{-16}$
298.0			$1.99 \times 10^{-16}$	$1.96 \times 10^{-16}$
300.0			$2.04 \times 10^{-16}$	$2.01 \times 10^{-16}$
310.0			$2.33 \times 10^{-16}$	$2.30 \times 10^{-16}$
320.0			$2.62 \times 10^{-16}$	$2.60 \times 10^{-16}$
5 km		212.6	$1.50 \times 10^{-16}$	$1.47 \times 10^{-16}$
10 km		229.7	$1.35 \times 10^{-16}$	$1.31 \times 10^{-16}$
15 km		259.3	$1.65 \times 10^{-16}$	$1.59 \times 10^{-16}$
Channel WM1		0 km	280.0	$7.42 \times 10^{-11}$
	290.0		$7.53 \times 10^{-11}$	$4.45 \times 10^{-11}$
	298.0		$7.60 \times 10^{-11}$	$4.43 \times 10^{-11}$
	300.0		$7.62 \times 10^{-11}$	$4.43 \times 10^{-11}$
	310.0		$7.72 \times 10^{-11}$	$4.40 \times 10^{-11}$
	320.0		$7.78 \times 10^{-11}$	$4.34 \times 10^{-11}$
	5 km	212.6	$7.16 \times 10^{-11}$	$4.41 \times 10^{-11}$
	10 km	229.7	$6.68 \times 10^{-11}$	$4.21 \times 10^{-11}$
	15 km	259.3	$6.36 \times 10^{-11}$	$4.02 \times 10^{-11}$
	Channel WM2	0 km	280.0	$5.85 \times 10^{-12}$
290.0			$6.30 \times 10^{-12}$	$3.50 \times 10^{-12}$
298.0			$6.65 \times 10^{-12}$	$3.64 \times 10^{-12}$
300.0			$6.74 \times 10^{-12}$	$3.67 \times 10^{-12}$
310.0			$7.17 \times 10^{-12}$	$3.93 \times 10^{-12}$
320.0			$7.58 \times 10^{-12}$	$4.51 \times 10^{-12}$
5 km		212.6	$6.45 \times 10^{-12}$	$3.98 \times 10^{-12}$
10 km		229.7	$6.43 \times 10^{-12}$	$4.31 \times 10^{-12}$
15 km		259.3	$6.32 \times 10^{-12}$	$4.91 \times 10^{-12}$

<sup>a</sup>  $k_{R1}$  and  $k_{R2}$  were respectively denoted the rate coefficients for the reactions of  $\text{SO}_3$  with OH and  $\text{NH}_2$  moieties in  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ ;  $k_{WM1}$  and  $k_{WM2}$  were respectively denoted the rate coefficients for the reactions of  $\text{SO}_3$  with OH and  $\text{NH}_2$  moieties in  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  in the presence of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ .

As for the  $\text{SO}_3 + \text{MEA}$  reaction with water, the effect of HIR plays a minor role in the gas-phase reactions of  $\text{SO}_3$  with OH (Channel WM1) and  $\text{NH}_2$  (Channel WM2) moieties of MEA. As compared with the effect of HIR in Channels R1 and R2 without water, the effect of HIR in Channels WM1 and WM2 is further reduced. This can be explained as follows. On the one hand,

the pre-reactive complexes, products and transition states involved in the  $\text{SO}_3 + \text{MEA}$  reaction with water were shown the quasi-planar ring structures and cage-like ring structures. As compared with the naked reaction (Fig. 1), these ring structures reduce the ring tension obviously and increase the stability of the pre-reactive complexes, products and transition states greatly. On the other hand, the numbers of hydrogen bonds in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ -assisted pre-reactive complexes, products and transition states were increased, which hinder the rotation bonds of S-O1, H1-O5 and H8-O3 (Channel WM1) and S-N, H7-O5 and H8-O2 (Channel WM1) in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ -assisted pre-reactive complexes, products and transition states (Fig. 2).

**Table S6** Rate coefficients ( $\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{molecule}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ ) for the  $\text{SO}_3 + \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  reaction without and with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  calculated within 212.6-320.0 K <sup>a</sup>

Channels	Altitude (km)	0 km						5 km	10 km	15 km
	<i>T</i> (K)	280.0 K	290.0 K	298.0 K	300.0 K	310.0 K	320.0 K	259.3 K	229.7 K	212.6 K
Channel R1	$k_{bR1}$	$1.73 \times 10^{-18}$	$1.30 \times 10^{-18}$	$1.09 \times 10^{-18}$	$1.04 \times 10^{-18}$	$8.94 \times 10^{-19}$	$8.07 \times 10^{-19}$	$4.18 \times 10^{-18}$	$3.09 \times 10^{-17}$	$1.72 \times 10^{-16}$
Channel R2	$k_{bR2}$	$6.53 \times 10^{-15}$	$3.52 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.32 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.10 \times 10^{-15}$	$1.37 \times 10^{-15}$	$9.63 \times 10^{-16}$	$3.53 \times 10^{-14}$	$1.10 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.83 \times 10^{-11}$
Channel WM1	$k_{bWM1}$	$6.49 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.37 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.12 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.31 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.89 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.71 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.95 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.83 \times 10^{-2}$	0.68
Channel WM2	$k_{bWM2}$	$9.08 \times 10^{-2}$	$2.41 \times 10^{-2}$	$8.94 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.03 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.22 \times 10^{-3}$	$7.58 \times 10^{-4}$	2.08	$4.23 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.98 \times 10^{-4}$

<sup>a</sup>  $k_{bR1}$  and  $k_{bR2}$  were respectively denoted the rate coefficients for the reactions of  $\text{SO}_3$  with OH and  $\text{NH}_2$  moieties in  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  by the steady-state approximation;  $k_{bWM1}$  and  $k_{bWM2}$  were respectively denoted the rate coefficients for the reactions of  $\text{SO}_3$  with OH and  $\text{NH}_2$  moieties in  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  in the presence of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  by the steady-state approximation.



## Part S1 Calculations of rate coefficients in the gas phase

The ILT methods [1,2] and RRKM theory [3,4] can be respectively expressed in equations (S1) and (S2), respectively.

$$k(T) = \frac{1}{Q(\beta)} \int_0^{\infty} k(E) \rho(E) \exp(-\beta E) dE \quad (\text{S1})$$

$$k(E) = \frac{W(E - E_0)}{h \rho(E)} \quad (\text{S2})$$

Where  $W(E-E_0)$  is the rovibrational sum of states at the optimized transition state (TS) geometry (excluding the degree of freedom associated with passage through the TS),  $E_0$  is the reaction threshold energy,  $h$  is Planck's constant,  $\rho(E)$  is the active (ro-vibrational) density of state of the reactant at energy level  $E$  and  $Q(\beta)$  is the corresponding canonical partition function. Meanwhile, Meanwhile, the tunneling effect was treated in RRKM calculation by employing a one-dimensional asymmetrical Eckart potential. The collisional energy-transfer process was computed

with the temperature-dependent exponential-down model with  $\langle \Delta E_{\text{down}} \rangle = 75 \times \left( \frac{T}{300} \right)^{1.05} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , with  $\text{N}_2$  as the bath gas [5,6]. The Lennard-Jones (L-J) parameters of epsilon  $\varepsilon/k_B = 218.1 \text{ K}$  and sigma  $\sigma = 3.13 \text{ \AA}$  were used for  $\text{SO}_3$ , while the parameters of epsilon  $\varepsilon/k_B = 470.6 \text{ K}$  and sigma  $\sigma = 4.41 \text{ \AA}$  were estimated for MEA.

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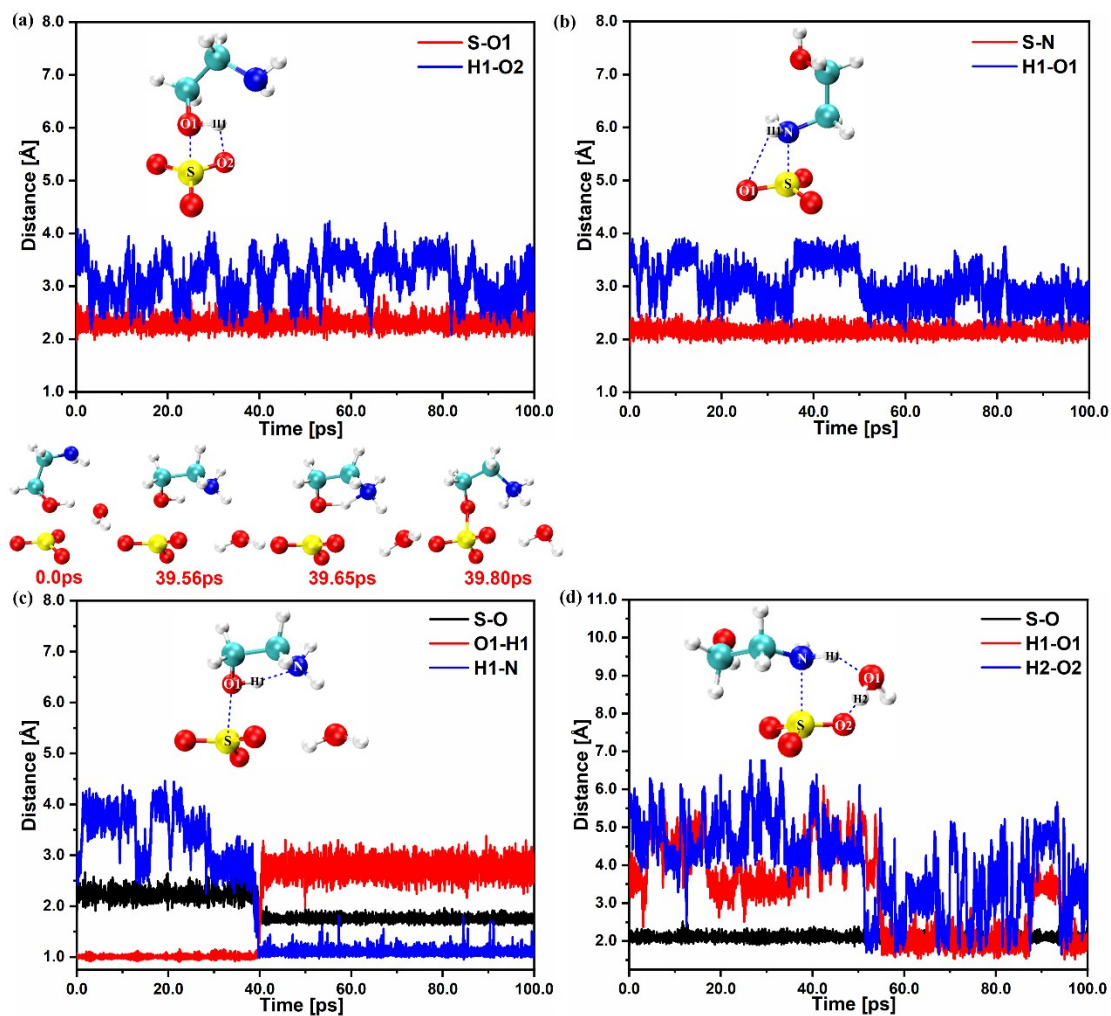
**Table S7** The high-pressure limiting rate coefficients ( $\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{molecule}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ ) for the reaction of  $\text{SO}_3$  with  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$  and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$ , along with the reactions between  $\text{SO}_3$  and the OH and  $\text{NH}_2$  moieties of  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  without and with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  within 212.6-320.0 K

$T$ (K)	$\text{SO}_3 + \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ $\rightarrow \text{SO}_3 \cdots \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$	$\text{SO}_3 + \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$ $\rightarrow \text{SO}_3 \cdots \text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$	$\text{SO}_3 + \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ $\rightarrow \text{SO}_3 \cdots \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2 \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}$
212.6	$6.74 \times 10^{-11}$	$6.20 \times 10^{-11}$	$4.52 \times 10^{-11}$
229.7	$7.01 \times 10^{-11}$	$6.45 \times 10^{-11}$	$4.69 \times 10^{-11}$
259.3	$7.44 \times 10^{-11}$	$6.84 \times 10^{-11}$	$4.98 \times 10^{-11}$
280.0	$7.73 \times 10^{-11}$	$7.11 \times 10^{-11}$	$5.18 \times 10^{-11}$
290.0	$7.87 \times 10^{-11}$	$7.24 \times 10^{-11}$	$5.27 \times 10^{-11}$
298.0	$7.98 \times 10^{-11}$	$7.34 \times 10^{-11}$	$5.34 \times 10^{-11}$
300.0	$8.00 \times 10^{-11}$	$7.36 \times 10^{-11}$	$5.36 \times 10^{-11}$
310.0	$8.13 \times 10^{-11}$	$7.48 \times 10^{-11}$	$5.45 \times 10^{-11}$
320.0	$8.23 \times 10^{-11}$	$7.60 \times 10^{-11}$	$5.54 \times 10^{-11}$
$T$ (K)	$\text{SO}_3 + \text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ $\rightarrow \text{SO}_3 \cdots \text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH} \cdots \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$\text{SO}_3 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$ $\rightarrow \text{SO}_3 \cdots \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$	$\text{SO}_3 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$ $\rightarrow \text{SO}_3 \cdots \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$
212.6	$5.95 \times 10^{-11}$	$8.06 \times 10^{-11}$	$5.24 \times 10^{-11}$
229.7	$6.18 \times 10^{-11}$	$8.37 \times 10^{-11}$	$5.45 \times 10^{-11}$
259.3	$6.56 \times 10^{-11}$	$8.89 \times 10^{-11}$	$5.78 \times 10^{-11}$
280.0	$6.82 \times 10^{-11}$	$9.24 \times 10^{-11}$	$6.01 \times 10^{-11}$
290.0	$6.94 \times 10^{-11}$	$9.40 \times 10^{-11}$	$6.12 \times 10^{-11}$
298.0	$7.04 \times 10^{-11}$	$9.53 \times 10^{-11}$	$6.20 \times 10^{-11}$
300.0	$7.06 \times 10^{-11}$	$9.56 \times 10^{-11}$	$6.22 \times 10^{-11}$
310.0	$7.18 \times 10^{-11}$	$9.72 \times 10^{-11}$	$6.32 \times 10^{-11}$
320.0	$7.29 \times 10^{-11}$	$9.88 \times 10^{-11}$	$6.42 \times 10^{-11}$

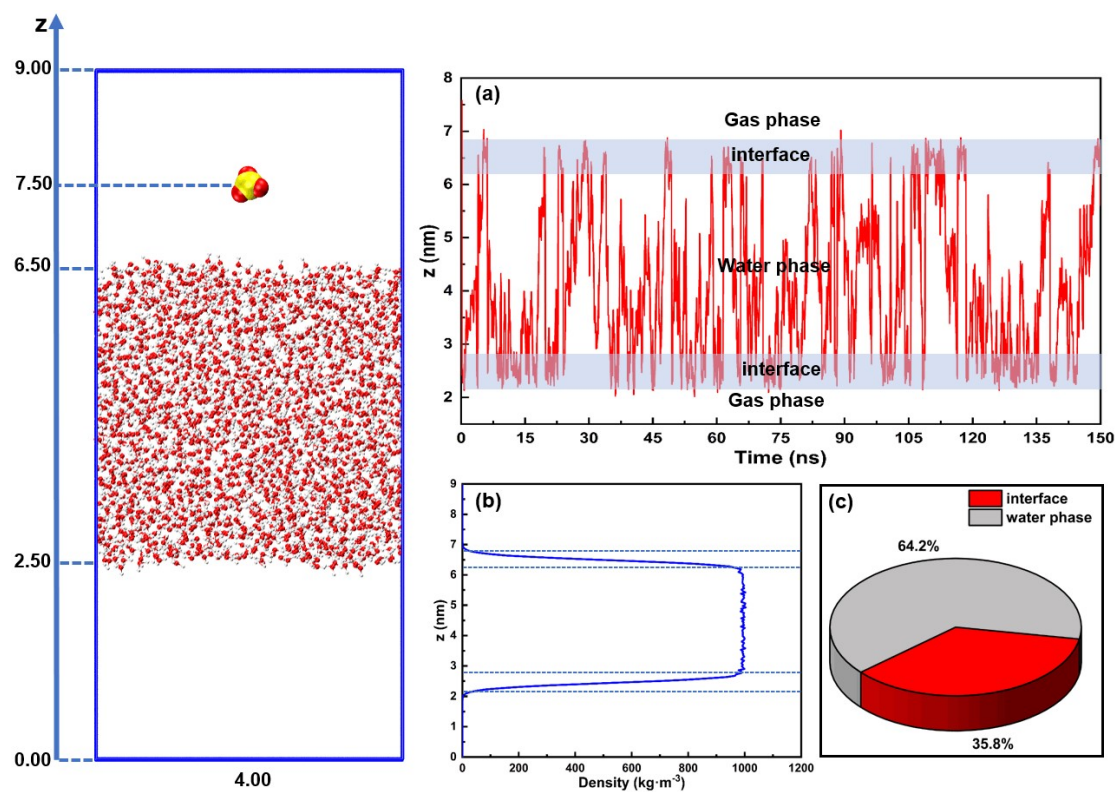
**Table S8** Rate coefficients ( $\text{cm}^3 \cdot \text{molecule}^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ ) for the reaction of  $\text{SO}_3$  with  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$  and  $2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  calculated by master equation within 212.6-320.0 K<sup>a</sup>

Catalysts	Altitude (km)	0 km						5 km	10 km	15 km
	<i>T</i> (K)	280.0 K	290.0 K	298.0 K	300.0 K	310.0 K	320.0 K	259.3 K	229.7 K	212.6 K
Channel R1a	$k_{\text{R1a}}$	$5.46 \times 10^{-18}$	$5.63 \times 10^{-18}$	$5.81 \times 10^{-18}$	$5.86 \times 10^{-18}$	$6.16 \times 10^{-18}$	$6.54 \times 10^{-18}$	$5.58 \times 10^{-18}$	$6.27 \times 10^{-18}$	$7.41 \times 10^{-18}$
Channel R2a	$k_{\text{R2a}}$	$2.89 \times 10^{-15}$	$3.52 \times 10^{-15}$	$4.10 \times 10^{-15}$	$4.25 \times 10^{-15}$	$5.07 \times 10^{-15}$	$5.97 \times 10^{-15}$	$3.11 \times 10^{-15}$	$2.89 \times 10^{-15}$	$3.87 \times 10^{-15}$
Channel a	$k_{\text{a}}$	$3.22 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.79 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.48 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.41 \times 10^{-12}$	$2.09 \times 10^{-12}$	$1.81 \times 10^{-12}$	$4.24 \times 10^{-12}$	$6.32 \times 10^{-12}$	$7.81 \times 10^{-12}$

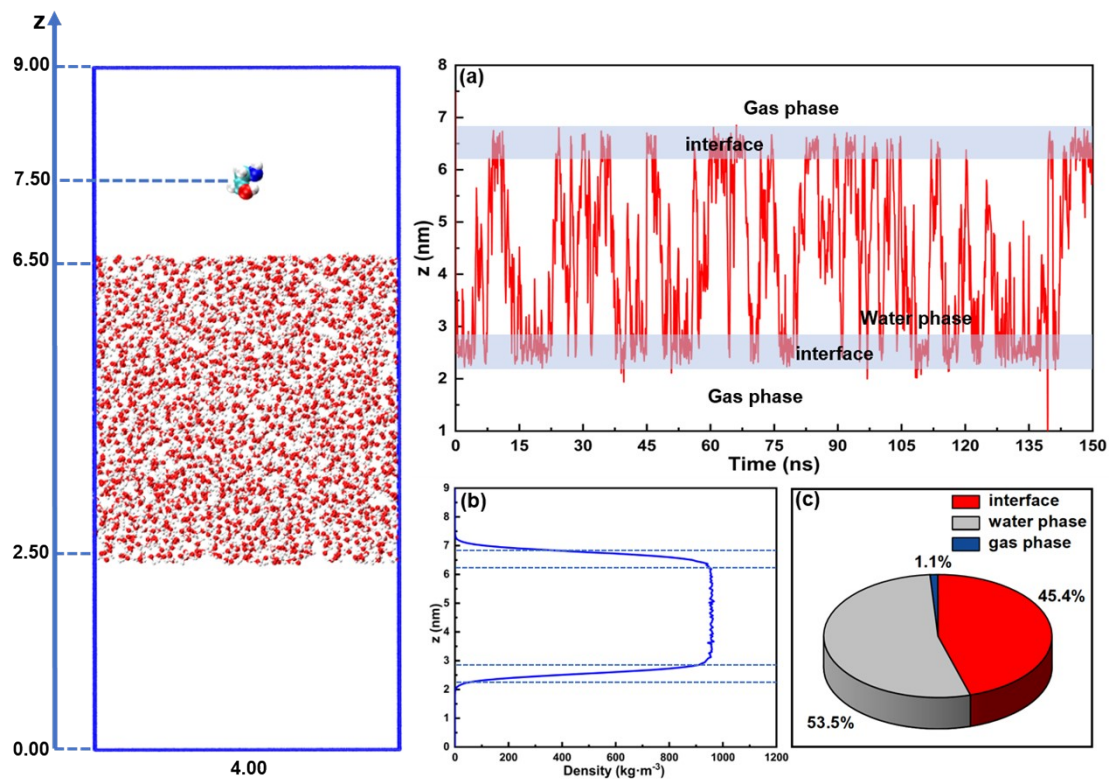
<sup>a</sup>  $k_{\text{R1a}}$ ,  $k_{\text{R2a}}$  and  $k_{\text{a}}$  was respectively denoted the rate coefficients for the  $\text{SO}_3 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{SO}_3 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{NH}_2$  and  $\text{SO}_3 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  reactions.



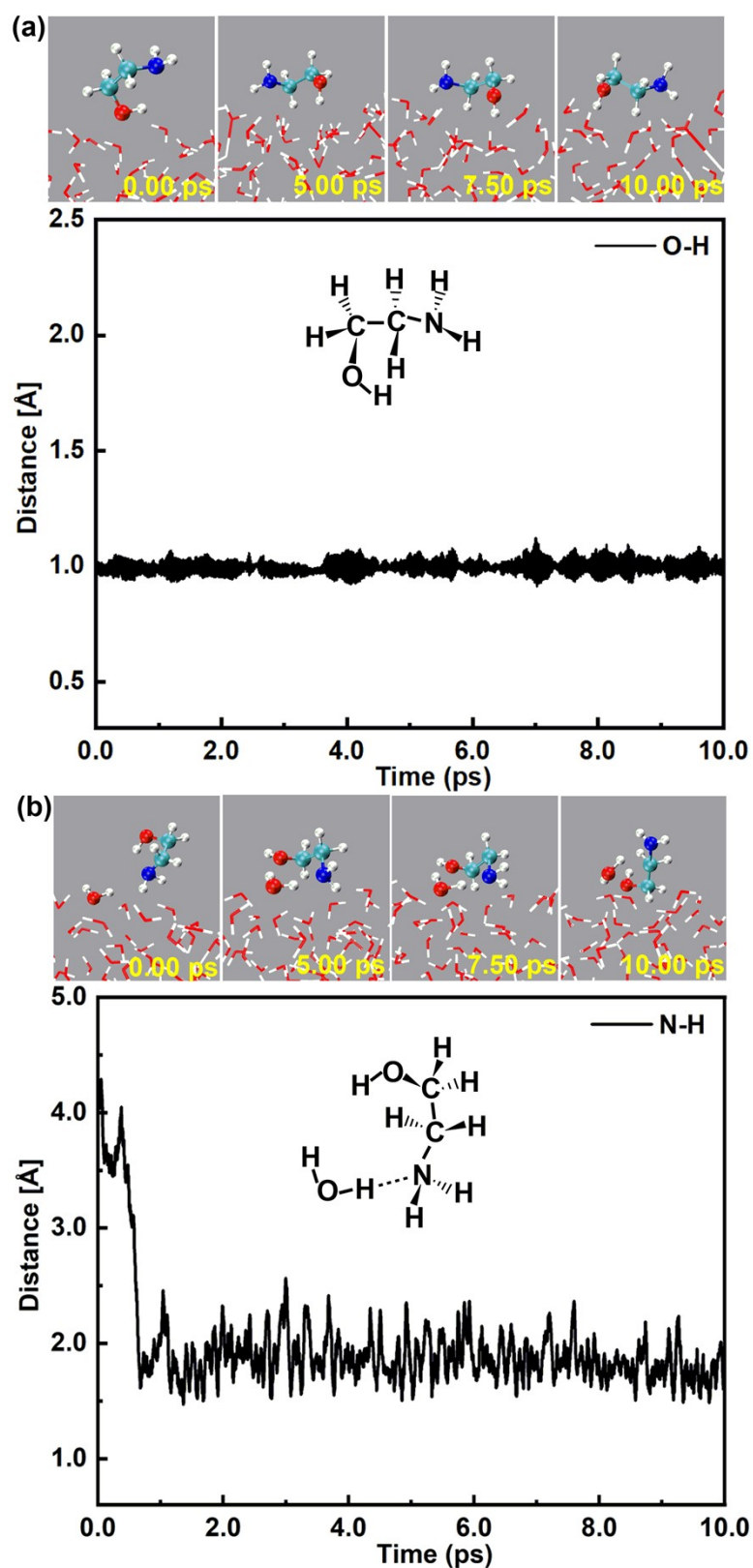
**Fig. S6** The dynamic trajectories of the gas-phase reaction of  $\text{SO}_3$  with  $\text{OH}$  and  $\text{NH}_2$  moieties of MEA without and with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (The white, red, yellow, gray and blue spheres represent H, O, S, C and N atoms, respectively.)



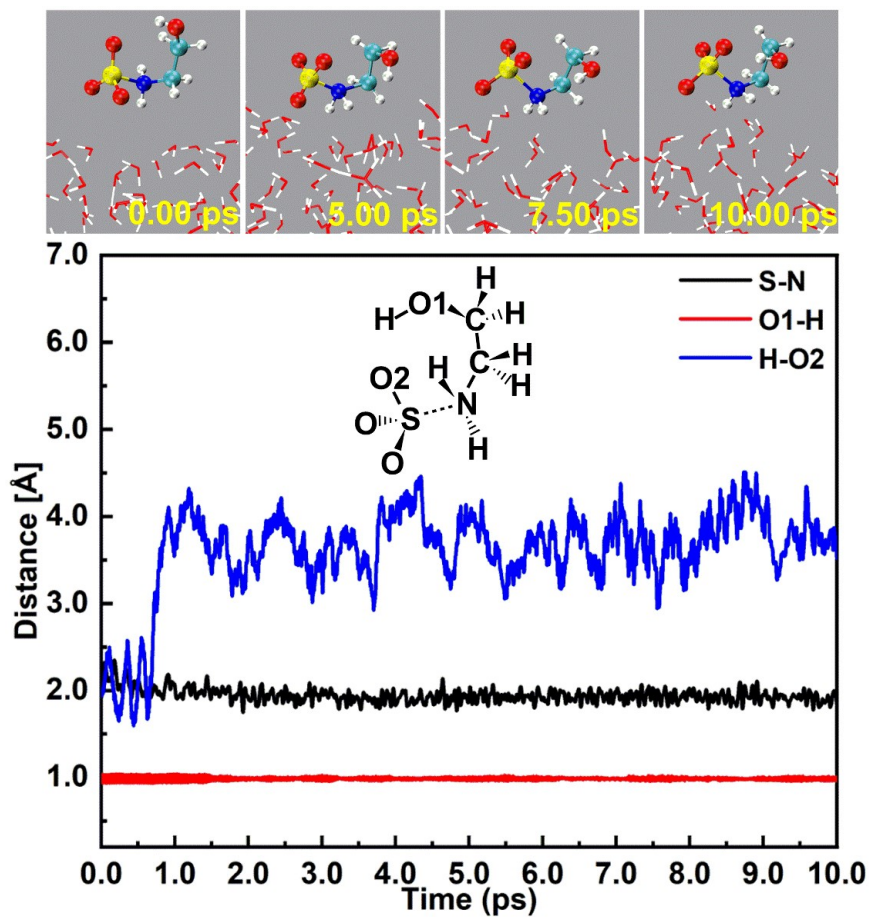
**Fig. S7** The z coordinates of SO<sub>3</sub> as the function of simulation time (a) the z coordinates of SO<sub>3</sub> molecule as the function of simulation time; (b) the density profile of water and (c) the pie chart with the occurrence percentages of SO<sub>3</sub> molecule at the air-water interface and in water phase



**Fig. S8** The z coordinates of MEA as the function of simulation time (a) the z coordinates of MEA molecule as the function of simulation time; (b) the density profile of water and (c) the pie chart with the occurrence percentages of MEA molecule at the air-water interface, in water phase and gas phase

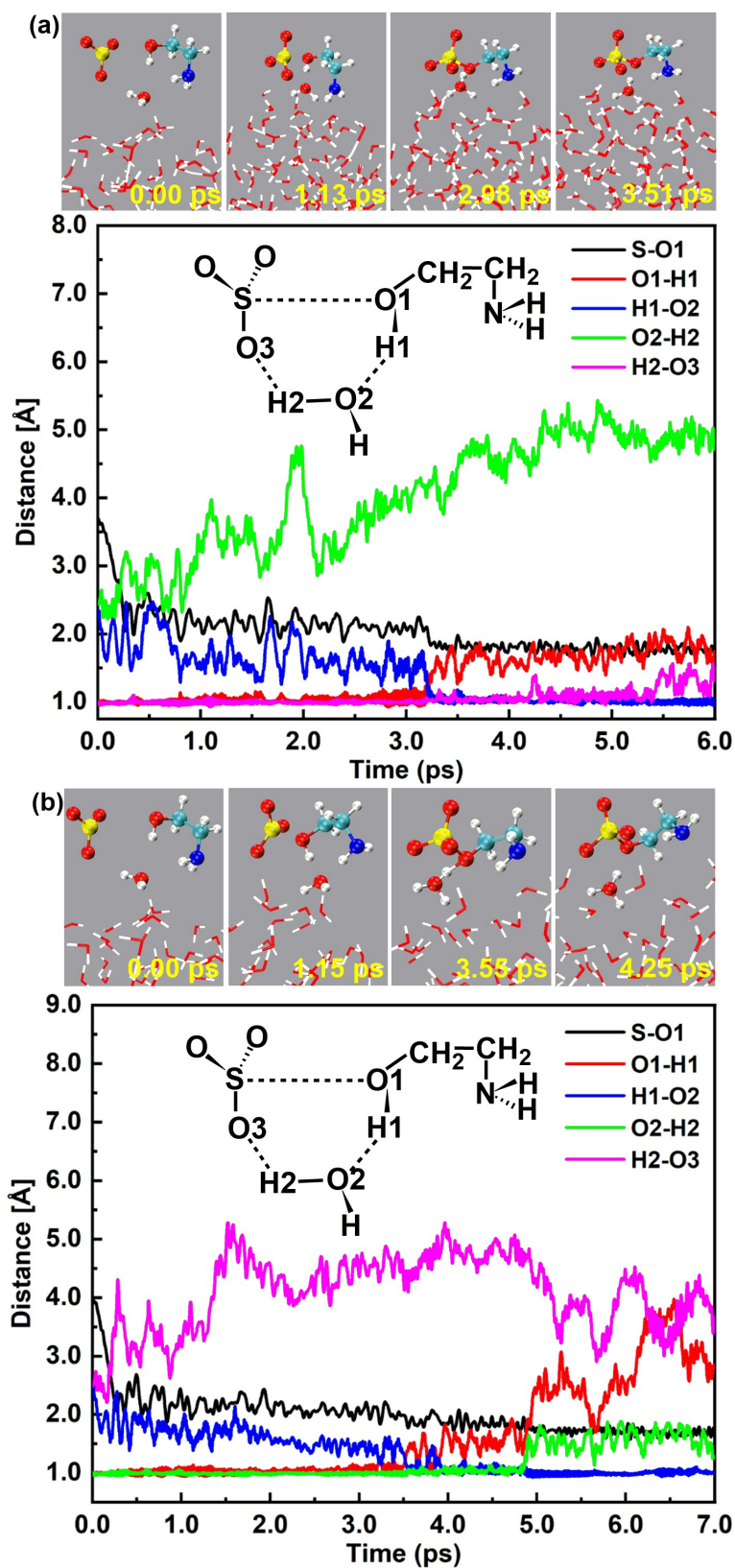


**Fig. S9** The simulated trajectories of the formation of  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  and  $\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  molecules on water droplet (The white, red, yellow, cyan, and blue spheres represent H, O, S, C and N atoms, respectively.)

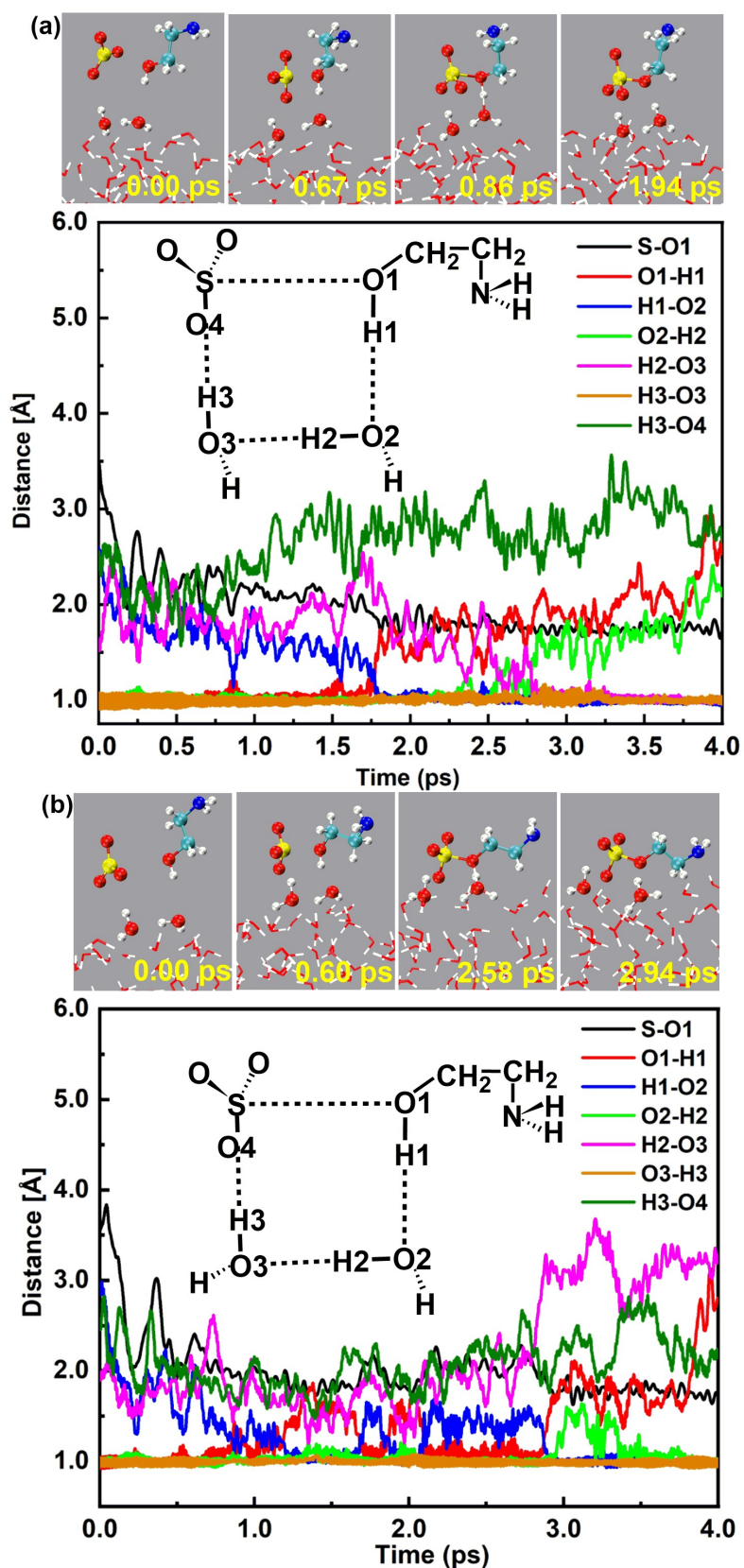


**Fig. S10** The simulated trajectories of the formation of  $\text{SO}_3\text{-NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  molecule on water droplet (The white, red, yellow, cyan, and blue spheres represent H, O, S, C and N atoms, respectively.)

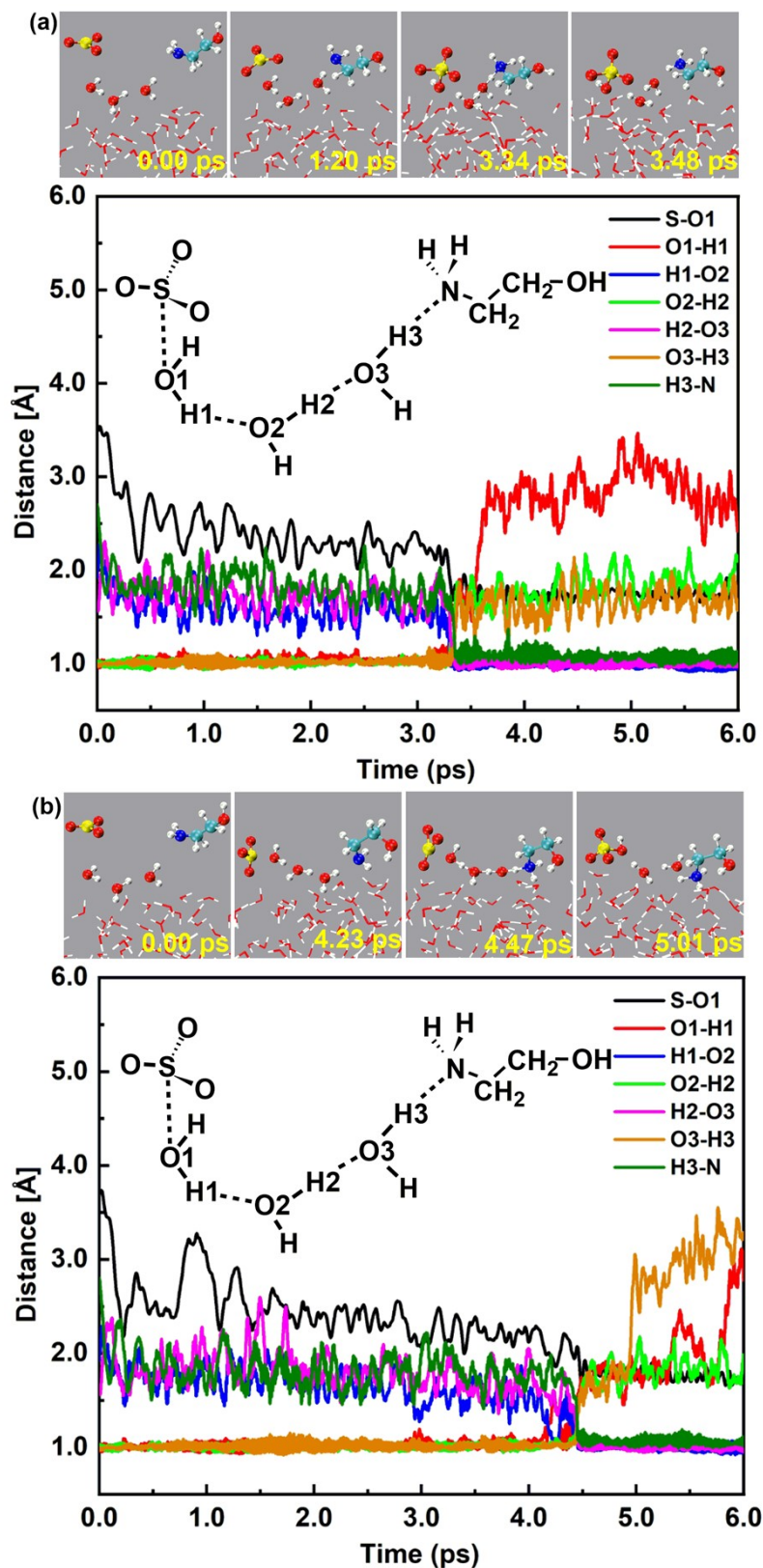




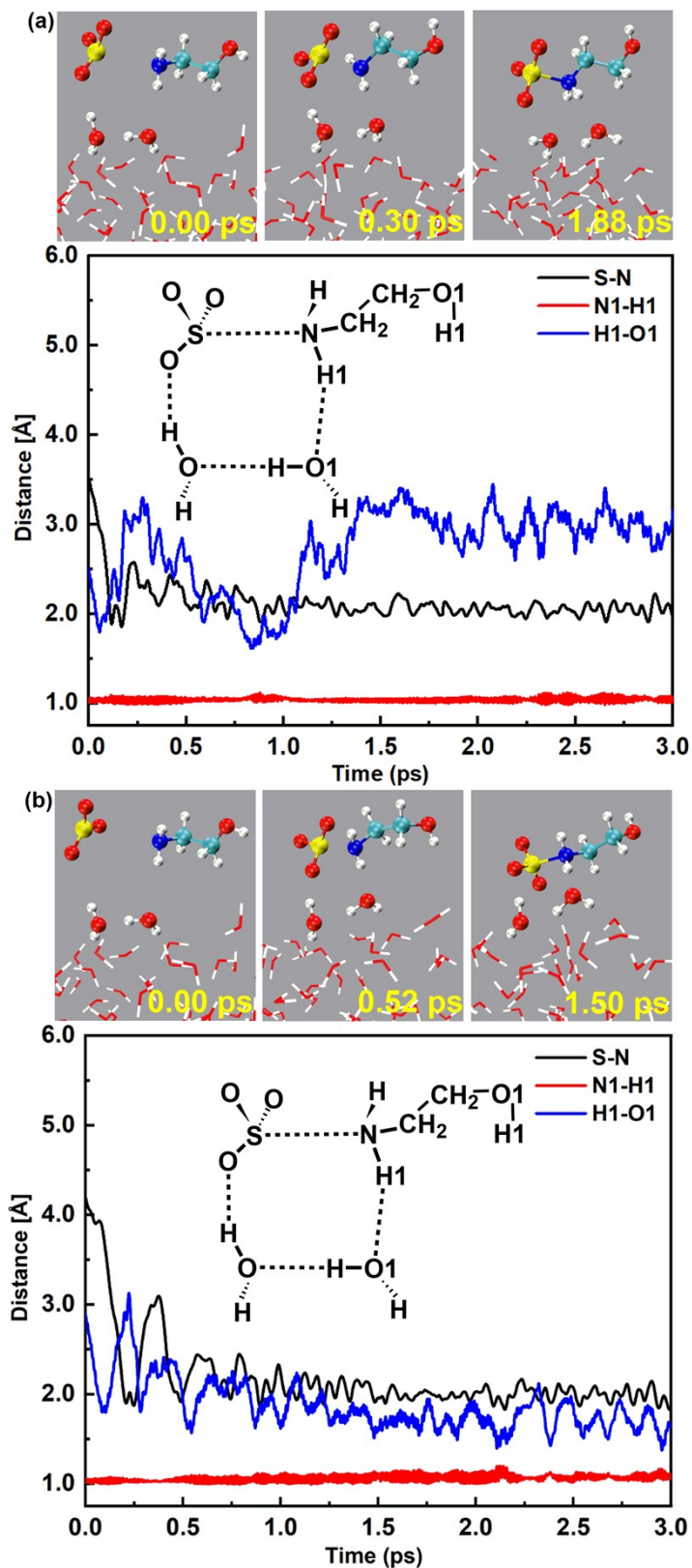
**Fig. S11** BOMD simulation trajectories and snapshots of  $\text{NH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{SO}_4^- \cdots \text{H}_3\text{O}^+$  ion pair from the reaction between  $\text{SO}_3$  and  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  with one interfacial water molecule on water droplet (The white, red, yellow, cyan, and blue spheres represent H, O, S, C and N atoms, respectively.)



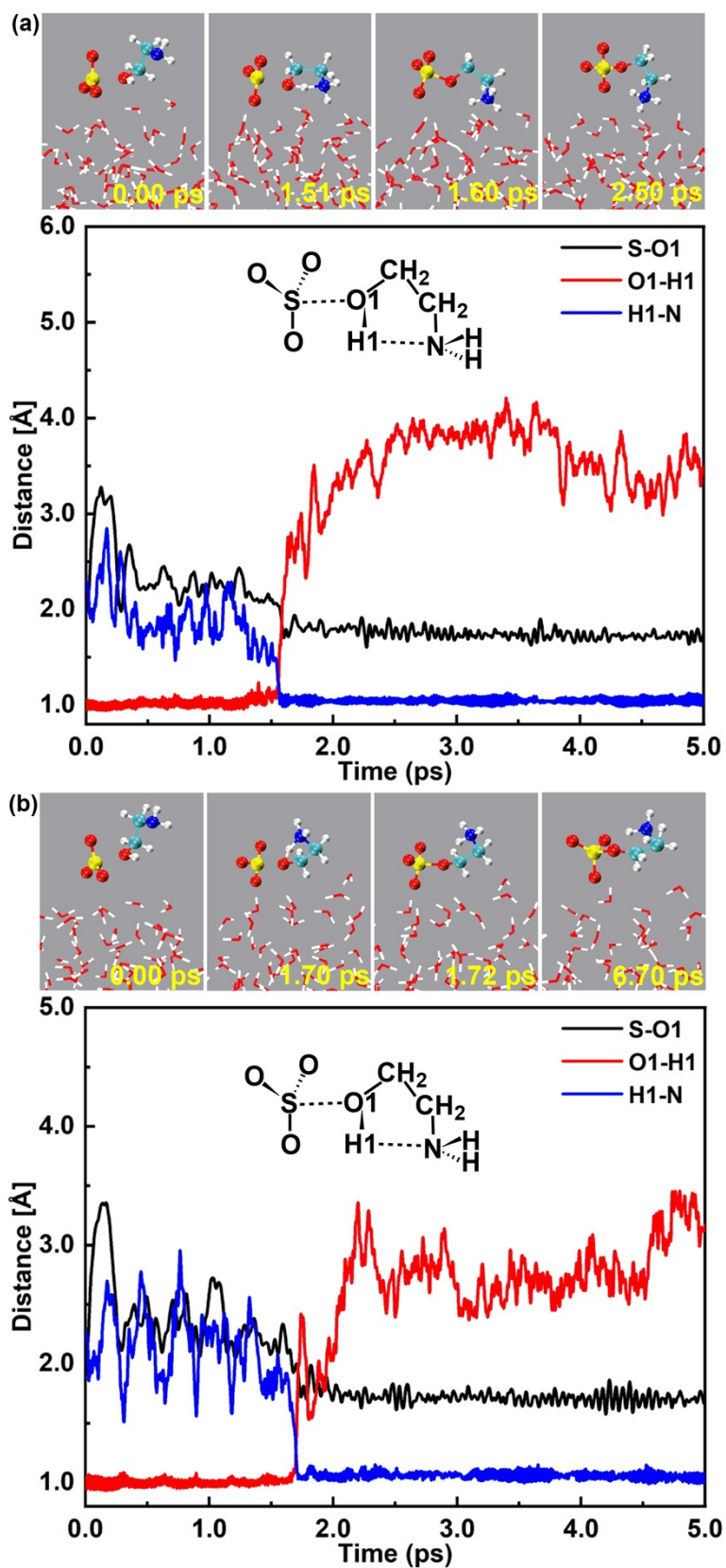
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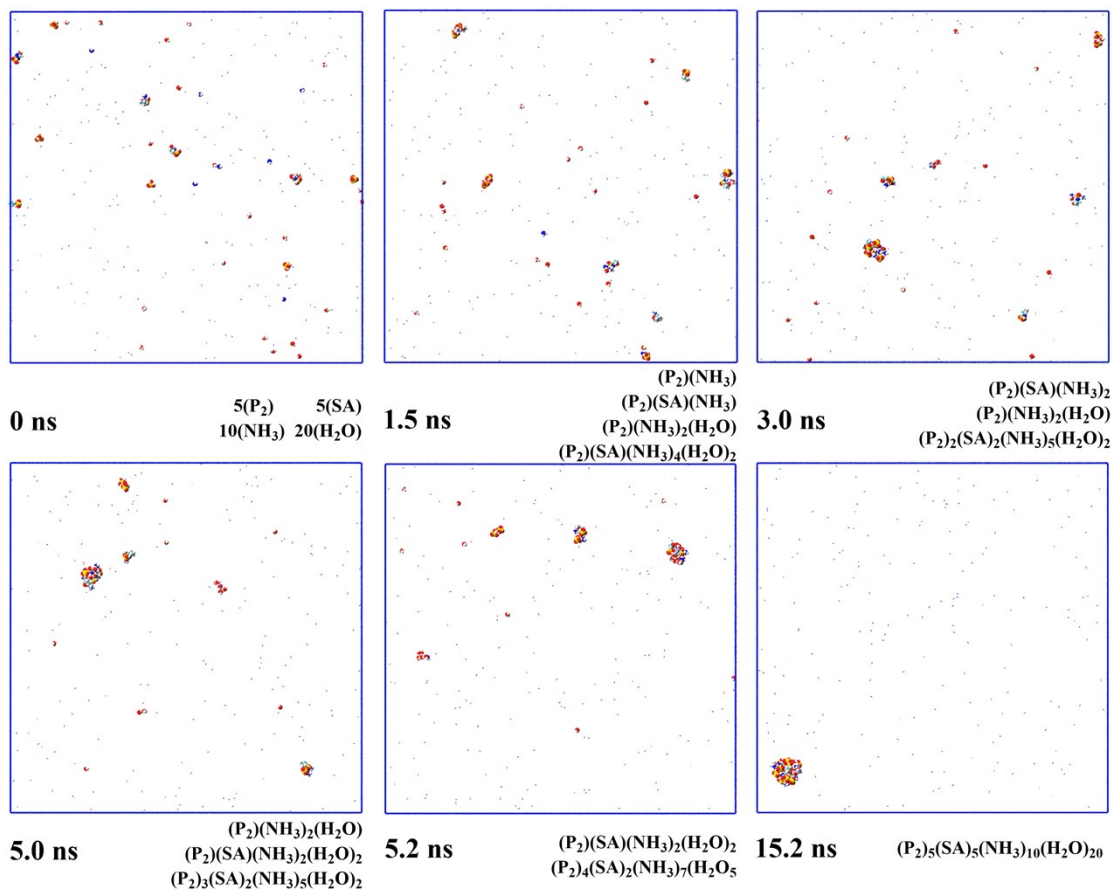
**Fig. S13** BOMD simulation trajectories and snapshots of  $\text{HSO}_4^-$  and  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_3^+$  ion from  $\text{SO}_3$ ,  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  and three interfacial water molecules on water droplet (The white, red, yellow, cyan, and blue spheres represent H, O, S, C and N atoms, respectively.)



**Fig. S14** BOMD simulation trajectories and snapshots of  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2^+\text{-SO}_3^-$  ion pair from the reaction between  $\text{SO}_3$  and  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  on water droplet (The white, red, yellow, cyan, and blue spheres represent H, O, S, C and N atoms, respectively.)



**Fig. S15** BOMD simulation trajectories and snapshots of  $\text{SO}_3^-$ - $\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_3^+$  ion pair from the  $\text{SO}_3$ - $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$  complex on water droplet (The white, red, yellow, cyan, and blue spheres represent H, O, S, C and N atoms, respectively.)



**Fig. S16** Snapshots of the nucleation simulation from the product of reaction of SO<sub>3</sub> with NH<sub>2</sub> moiety of HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>