雲核生成の鍵となるジメチルスルホキシドとOHラジカルの不均一反応の研究

Experimental study on the heterogeneous reaction of gaseous OH radical with aqueous DMSO: Determination of the $CH_3SO_3^-/SO_4^{-2-}$ production ratio

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The oxidation of dimethyl sulfide (DMS) emitted from ocean (~ 45 Tg S per year) is a global source of cloud condensation nuclei. Hydrophobic DMS is mostly oxidized in the gas-phase into $H_2SO_4(g)$ + DMSO(g) (dimethyl sulfoxide), whereas water-soluble DMSO is oxidized into $SO_4^{2-} + CH_3SO_3^{--}$ (methane sulfonate) on water surfaces. $R = CH_3SO_3^{-}/SO_4^{-2}$ ratios therefore indicate the extent of DMSO heterogeneous oxidation if $R_{het} = CH_3SO_3^{-}/SO_4^{-2-}$ for DMSO(aq) + $\cdot OH(g)$ were determined. Here, products and intermediates of the oxidation of aqueous DMSO initiated by gas-phase hydroxyl radicals, OH(g), at the air-water interface were directly detected by mass spectrometry in a novel setup under various experimental conditions. Exposure of millimolar DMSO aqueous microjets to \sim 10 ns OH(q) pulses from the 266 nm laser flash photolysis of $O_{3}(g)/O_{2}(g)/H_{2}O(g)/N_{2}(g)$ mixtures yielded an array of interfacial intermediates/products, including $CH_3SO_3^-$ and HSO_4^- , that were unambiguously and simultaneously identified in situ by mass spectrometry. We determined $R_{\rm het}$ = 2.7 from the heterogeneous OH-oxidation of DMSO on aqueous aerosols for the first time. The nearly quantitative production of $H_2SO_4(g)$ (that leads to SO_4^{2-}) in the oxidation of DMSO in the gas-phase versus the R $_{het}$ ~ 2.7 value determined at the air-water interface means that $R = CH_xSO_x^{-1}/nss-SO_a^{2-}$ variations in the aerosol, particularly in remote locations, should arise from the competition between the gas-phase versus the heterogeneous DMSO oxidation pathways. The present study reveals that interfacial OH-oxidation processes play a more significant role in the generation and growth of atmospheric aerosol over ocean than previously envisioned.

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