

ATMS 564 Problem Set #3: Due In Class March 6, 2005

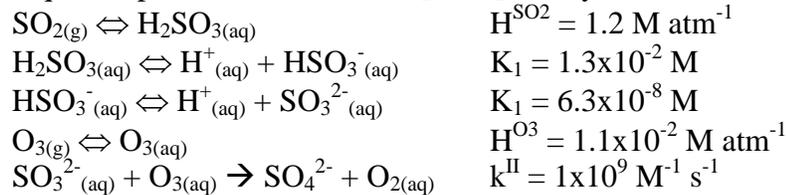
Material for problem 4 will be sent in an email.

1. Show that for an aqueous phase reaction which occurs much slower than aqueous phase diffusion, the reaction probability, γ becomes dependent on particle size:

$$\frac{1}{\gamma} = \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{3\sigma}{4R_p HRTk_{aq}^I} \quad (1)$$

2. The conditions in problem 1 imply that there is no aqueous phase mass transport limitation to the reactive processing of the gas by the aerosol. If a rate constant k_{aq}^I for pseudo-first order reaction in solution, and aqueous phase diffusivity, D_{aq} , are known show mathematically how you could predict whether an aqueous phase mass transport limitation would exist.

3. Consider the aqueous-phase oxidation of SO_2 to H_2SO_4 by O_3 :



Calculate the rate of sulfate formation as a function of pH from pH 3 – 7 neglecting mass transport limitations and assuming $SO_2 = 1$ ppbv and $O_3 = 50$ ppbv. Is this a significant source of acidity to cloud drops? (Explain). Is this reaction limited by aqueous phase diffusion under any conditions for typical cloud droplet sizes from 10 – 100 microns in size? Assume $T = 298$ and $P = 1$ atm.

4. Using the size distributions measured during NAMBLEX, calculate the overall, pseudo-first order mass transfer rate coefficient using the Fuchs-Sutugin approach to the transition regime. The rate coefficient should have units of s^{-1} and represents the total (integrated) transfer rate of a generic gas-phase molecule to the population of particles being considered. It will be easiest to calculate a k_{mt} for each size distribution (i.e. DMA, FSSP, GRIMM) which vary as a function of time of day. Compare the Fuchs-Sutugin approach to the alternative method also developed in class known as the “timescale comparison” mass transfer rate constant. For each calculation you will need to assume a molecular mass (e.g. ~ 60 g/mol), a temperature, and diffusivity (e.g. $0.1 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1}$). Assume for these calculations that the reaction probability of the gas, γ , is unity.

5. Repeat the calculations assuming $\gamma = 0.1, 0.01, \text{ and } 0.001$. Describe differences in k_{mt} that result between the different size distributions. For example, suppose measurements of a gas-phase species imply that its reaction probability γ must be 1, and cannot be 0.1. To which size range of particles is this species being lost?