

## **Supporting Information**

### **Master Equation Modelling of Non-equilibrium Chemistry in Stellar Outflows**

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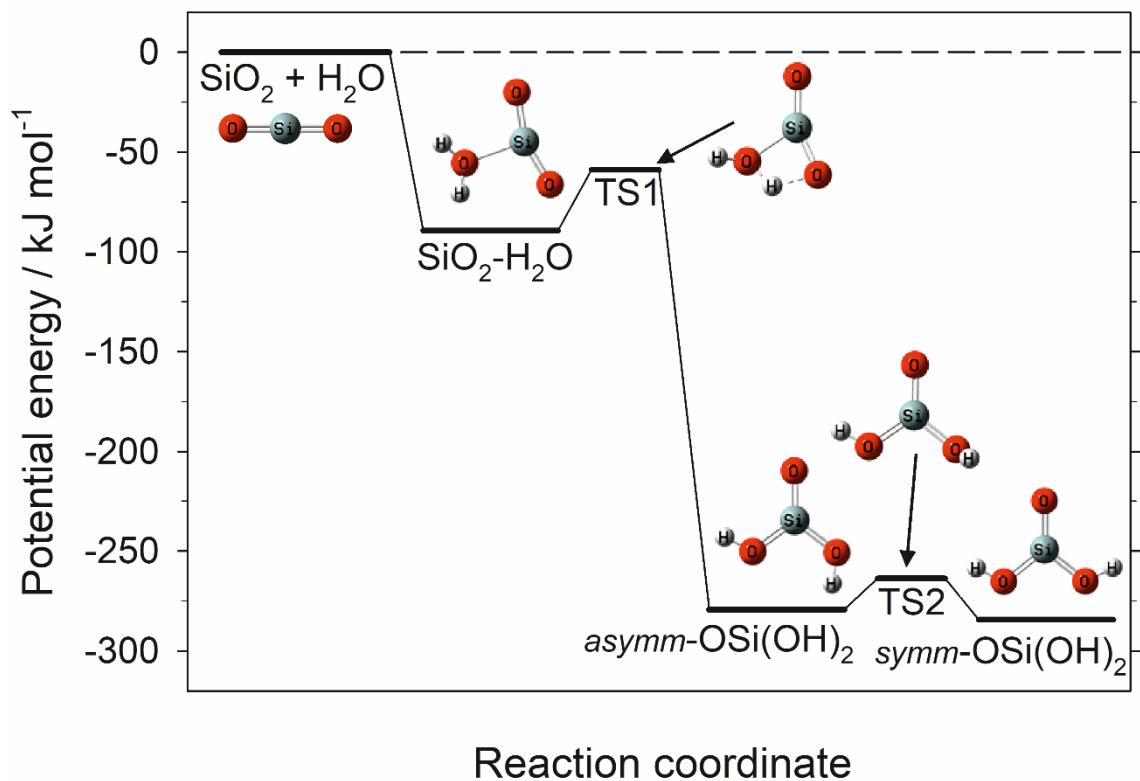
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**Table S1.** Molecular properties and heats of formation (at 0 K) of the stationary points on the  $\text{SiO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$  potential energy surface.

| Molecule<br>(electronic state)  | Geometry<br>(Cartesian co-ordinates in Å) <sup>a</sup>  | Rotational<br>constants<br>(GHz) <sup>a</sup> | Vibrational<br>frequencies<br>(cm <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>                           | $\Delta_f H^\circ(0 \text{ K})$<br>(kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>b</sup> |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| $\text{SiO}_2$  | Si, -0.310, 0.748, 0.<br>O, 1.192, 0.925, 0.<br>O, -1.811, 0.571, 0.  | 6.9129  | 297 (x2),<br>991, 1437   | -277.8  |
| $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  | O, 0.001, 0., 0.001<br>H 0, 0.0123, 0., 0.963<br>H, 0.933, 0., -0.237   | 798.21<br>438.23<br>282.91                    | 1672, 3802,<br>3906  | -238.9  |
| $\text{SiO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$   | Si, -0.249, 0.279, -0.005<br>O, -1.475, -0.619, 0.067<br>O, 0.559, 1.568, -0.006<br>O, 1.151, -1.028, -0.133<br>H, 2.031, -0.735, 0.149<br>H, 0.933, -1.916, 0.189  | 7.8896<br>6.9337<br>3.7010                    | 176, 304,<br>328, 376,<br>394, 441,<br>736, 991,<br>1395, 1569,<br>3719, 3835            | -606.1  |
| TS from $\text{SiO}_2\text{-H}_2\text{O}$ to<br><i>asymm</i> -OSi(OH) <sub>2</sub><br>(TS1)   | Si, 0.285, -0.170, -0.011<br>O, 1.737, 0.255, 0.0153<br>O, -0.865, -1.227, 0.043<br>O, -1.063, 1.052, -0.110<br>H, -1.556, 0.0415, 0.044<br>H, -1.185, 1.761, 0.537 | 10.746<br>5.9435<br>3.8530                    | 1227 <i>i</i> , 293,<br>314, 487,<br>510, 747,<br>800, 966,<br>1276, 1361,<br>2123, 3791 | -575.6  |
| <i>asymm</i> -OSi(OH) <sub>2</sub>  | Si, 0.028, 0.035, 0.123<br>O, 0.032, 1.352, -0.836<br>H, -0.024, 2.202, -0.385<br>O, 0.134, -1.240, -0.867<br>H, 0.182, -1.062, -1.813<br>O, -0.059, 0.006, 1.635   | 8.4623<br>7.2060<br>3.8919                    | 314, 324,<br>357, 411,<br>476, 805,<br>866, 882,<br>989, 1295,<br>3849, 3853             | -796.0  |
| TS from <i>asymm</i> -<br>OSi(OH) <sub>2</sub> to <i>symm</i> -<br>OSi(OH) <sub>2</sub> (TS2) | Si, -0.092, -0.103, 0.077<br>O, 0.556, 1.387, 0.013<br>H, -0.084, 2.098, -0.112<br>O, 1.129, -1.118, 0.370<br>H, 1.674, -1.527, -0.305<br>O, -1.570, -0.422, -0.042 | 8.2175<br>7.3069<br>3.9011                    | 444 <i>i</i> , 322,<br>342, 348,<br>513, 679,<br>827, 892,<br>1002, 1279,<br>3841, 3918  | -780.4  |
| <i>symm</i> -OSi(OH) <sub>2</sub>   | Si, 0., 0., 0.124<br>O, 0., 1.275, -0.874<br>H, 0., 2.137, -0.444<br>O, 0., -1.275, -0.874<br>H, 0., -2.137, -0.444<br>O, 0., 0., 1.642                             | 8.2547<br>7.3870<br>3.8984                    | 313, 321,<br>361, 424,<br>492, 821,<br>837, 907,<br>1019, 1278,<br>3859, 3861            | -801.0  |

<sup>a</sup> Calculated at the b3lyp/6-311+g(2d,p) level of theory [Frisch *et al.*, 2016].

<sup>b</sup> Calculated at the cbs-qb3 level of theory [Montgomery *et al.*, 1999], using reference values  $\Delta_f H^\circ(\text{SiO}_2) = -277.8 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  and  $\Delta_f H^\circ(\text{H}_2\text{O}) = -238.9 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  from the *Active Thermochemical Tables* [Ruscic and Bross, 2021].

**Table S2.** Reaction scheme for forming gas-phase Ca, Fe and Mg silicate molecules in the stellar outflow

| No. | Reaction   | Rate coefficient <sup>a</sup>  | $\Delta H_{0\text{ K}}$ <sup>b</sup><br>kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> |
|-----|--|--|--|
| 3   | $\text{SiO} + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{SiO}_2 + \text{H}$                           | $9.6 \times 10^{-13} 10^{(5.94e-4 T)} \text{ } ^c$   | -4.1   |
| -3  | $\text{SiO}_2 + \text{H} \rightarrow \text{SiO} + \text{OH}$                           | $1.2 \times 10^{-10} 10^{(4.57e-4 T)} \text{ } ^c$   | +4.1   |
| 1   | $\text{SiO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{OSi(OH)}_2 + \text{M}$ | $\log_{10}(k / \text{cm}^6 \text{ molecule}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}) = -0.0153r^4 + 0.2753r^3 - 1.9485r^2 + 7.2568r - 36.054 \text{ } ^d$<br>$\log_{10}(k / \text{cm}^6 \text{ molecule}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}) = -0.0077r^4 + 0.1359r^3 - 0.9445r^2 + 3.4265r - 33.278 \text{ } ^e$ | -277   |
| -1  | $\text{OSi(OH)}_2 + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{SiO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{M}$ | $\log_{10}(k / \text{cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}) = -0.1425r^5 + 2.6562r^4 - 19.356r^3 + 68.941r^2 - 121.28r + 61.044 \text{ } ^d$<br>$\log_{10}(k / \text{cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}) = -1.592r - 10.340 \text{ } ^e$                          | +277   |
| 2   | $\text{Ca} + \text{OSi(OH)}_2 \rightarrow \text{CaSiO}_3 + \text{H}_2$                 | $2.8 \times 10^{-10} (1000/T)^{0.28} \text{ } ^c$  | -234   |
| -2  | $\text{CaSiO}_3 + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{Ca} + \text{OSi(OH)}_2$                 | $3.5 \times 10^{-10} \exp(-26590/T) \text{ } ^c$   | +234   |
|     | $\text{Fe} + \text{OSi(OH)}_2 \rightarrow \text{FeSiO}_3 + \text{H}_2$                 | $7.0 \times 10^{-11} \exp(-5550/T) \text{ } ^c$  | -81  |
|     | $\text{FeSiO}_3 + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{Fe} + \text{OSi(OH)}_2$                 | $4.8 \times 10^{-11} \exp(-15870/T) \text{ } ^c$   | +81  |
|     | $\text{Mg} + \text{OSi(OH)}_2 \rightarrow \text{MgSiO}_3 + \text{H}_2$                 | $5.4 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-7560/T) \text{ } ^c$  | -45  |
|     | $\text{MgSiO}_3 + \text{H}_2 \rightarrow \text{Mg} + \text{OSi(OH)}_2$                 | $1.3 \times 10^{-11} \exp(-12040/T) \text{ } ^c$   | +45  |

<sup>a</sup> Units: bimolecular, cm<sup>3</sup> molecule<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>; termolecular, cm<sup>6</sup> molecule<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>; <sup>b</sup> Calculated at the CBS-QB3 level of theory [Montgomery *et al.*, 1999; Frisch *et al.*, 2016]; <sup>c</sup> Plane [2013]. <sup>d</sup> Master Equation calculation including optical transitions, for a distance *r* from the star R Dor (see main text). <sup>e</sup> Master Equation calculation *not* including optical transitions, for a distance *r* from the star R Dor (see main text).

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