

Supporting Information

On the Formation of Hydroxylamine in Low-Temperature Interstellar Model Ices

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Table S1. Infrared Absorption Features Recorded Before and After the Electron Irradiation of Ammonia–Oxygen (NH₃–O₂) 1:10 Ices at 5.5 K

This Work (cm ⁻¹)		Literature Value (cm ⁻¹)	Ref. ^b	Assignment ^b		
Before Irradiation ^a	After Irradiation ^a			Species	Vibration	Characterization
3426m, 3379vs	3418sh, 3378s	3372	1	NH ₃	ν_3	Antisymmetric Stretch
3324sh, 3308vs	3308m	3290	1	NH ₃	$2\nu_4$	Overtone
3269sh, 3236vs, 3203vs	3236m, 3204m	3212	1	NH ₃	ν_1	Symmetric Stretch
...	3135–2976w,b	3209–3074	2,3	NH ₂ OH	ν_2	N–H Stretch (Symmetric)
...	2903vw	2848	4	H ₂ O ₂	$\nu_2 + \nu_6$	Combination
...	2936–2656w,vb	2943–2507	2,3	NH ₂ OH	$\nu_3 + \nu_4, 2\nu_4, \nu_3 + \nu_5, \nu_4 + \nu_8$	Combinations / Overtone
...	2232w	2235	2,5,6	N ₂ O	ν_3	N≡N Stretch
...	2104w	2105	7	O ₃	$\nu_1 + \nu_3$	Combination
...	1875w	1875	2,6,8,9	NO	ν_1	Fundamental
...	1836vw	1833–1851	2,6,9	N ₂ O ₃	ν_1	N=O Stretch
...	1727vw	1737	2,6,9	(NO) ₂	ν_1	N=O Stretch (Antisymmetric)
1646m, 1624m	1643w, 1624w	1628	1	NH ₃	ν_4	Degenerated Deformation
...	1610m	1614	5	NO ₂	ν_3	N=O Stretch (Antisymmetric)
1560w	1560vw	1549	7	O ₂	ν_1	Fundamental
...	1507w	1507	2,10,11	HNO	ν_2	HNO Bend
...	1494w,b	1486	2-3	NH ₂ OH	ν_4	NOH Bend
...	1386w,b	1389	4	H ₂ O ₂	ν_6	Antisymmetric Bend
...	1303w,b	1303	2,6,9	N ₂ O ₃	ν_3	NO ₂ Stretch (Symmetric)
...	1230vw	1240	12	N ₂ O ₂	ν_1	NO ₂ Stretch (Symmetric)
...	1100m,b	1144	2,3	NH ₂ OH	ν_5	NH ₂ Wag
1053m, 1025m, 981sh	1031m,b	1097	1	NH ₃	ν_2	Symmetric Deformation
...	1036s	1037	7	O ₃	ν_3	Antisymmetric Stretch
...	798vw	880	12	N ₂ O ₂	ν_2	N–N Stretch
...	703vw	702	7	O ₃	ν_2	Bend

^a Band intensities, vs: very strong, s: strong, m: medium, w: weak, vw: very weak, sh: shoulder, b: broad, vb: very broad. ^b Assignment based on references.

Table S2. Mass Balance of the Ammonia–Oxygen (NH₃–O₂) 1:10 Ice Sample as well as that of the Irradiation Products Determined from their Experimental IR Decay/Growth Curves at 5.5 K

Process	Decay Product	Number of Molecules Produced/Decomposed During Irradiation
NH ₃ → X		$(6.9 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{16}$
Fraction of NH ₃ degraded		95 ± 20%
O ₂ → O	O	$(5.0 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{17}$
Fraction of O ₂ degraded		88 ± 19%
Number of molecules in sample after irradiation	NH ₂ OH	$(3.6 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{16}$
	O ₃	$(1.2 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{16}$
	NO	$(7.3 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{15}$
	(NO) ₂	$(5.0 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{14}$
	N ₂ O ₂	$(1.2 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{14}$
	NO ₂	$(9.6 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{14}$
	H ₂ O ₂	$(4.2 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{14}$
	N ₂ O	$(3.8 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{14}$
	N ₂ O ₃	$(1.2 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{14}$
	HNO	$(< 6.0 \pm 4.1) \times 10^{13}$
H ₂ O	$(< 3.1 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{13}$	
Nitrogen balance ^a		66 ± 7%
Oxygen balance ^b		6 ± 1%

^a Fraction of nitrogen atoms originating from ammonia destruction that are needed for the formation of the irradiation products. ^b Fraction of oxygen atoms originating from molecular oxygen destruction that are needed for the formation of the irradiation products.

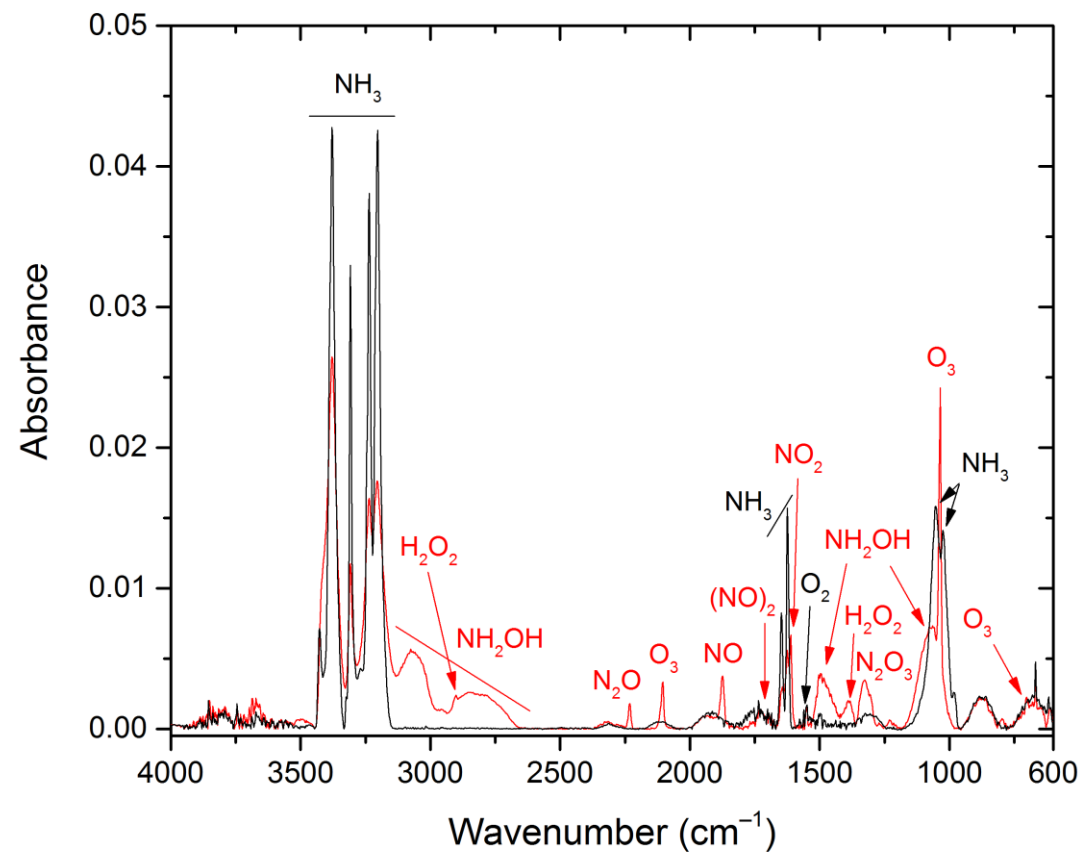


Figure S1. Infrared spectrum of the ammonia–oxygen (NH₃–O₂) 1:10 ice at 5.5 K before (black line) and after (red line) 5 keV electron irradiation with the most important radiolysis products marked. The infrared assignments before and after the irradiation are compiled in Table S1.

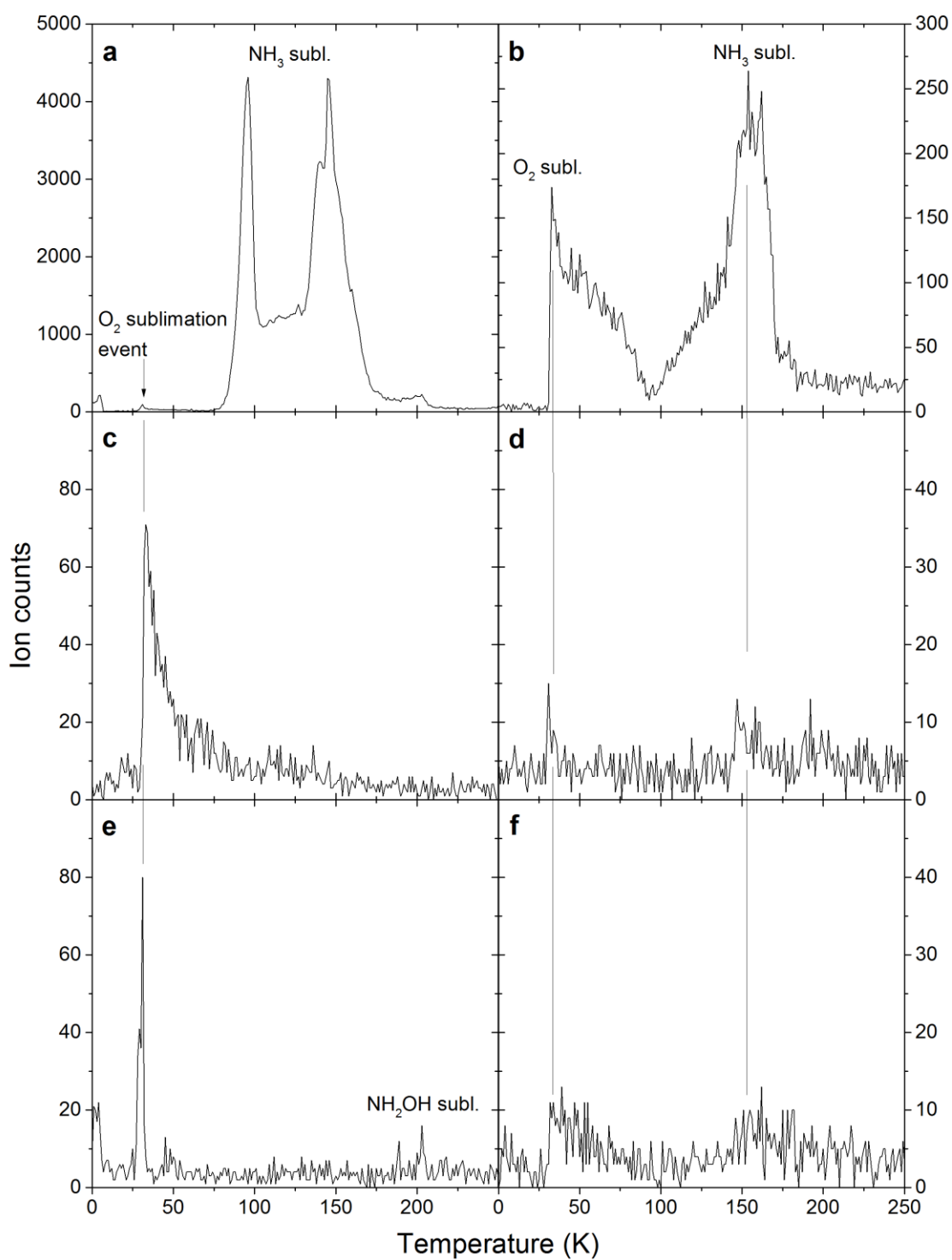


Figure S2. Selected TPD profiles of (a) $m/z = 17$ (NH_3^+), (b) $m/z = 30$ (NO^+), (c) $m/z = 35$ ($\text{NH}_3\text{-H}_2\text{O}^+$), (d) $m/z = 31$ (HNO^+), (e) $m/z = 33$ (NH_2OH^+), and (f) $m/z = 46$ (NO_2^+) subliming from the irradiated ammonia–oxygen ($\text{NH}_3\text{-O}_2$) 1 : 10 ice recorded at photoionization energies of 10.49 eV.

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