

Chemistry of Reactive Intermediates in Combustion and Tropospheric Oxidation Systems

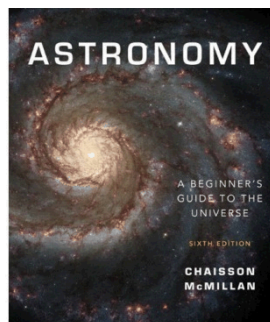
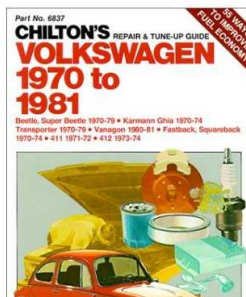
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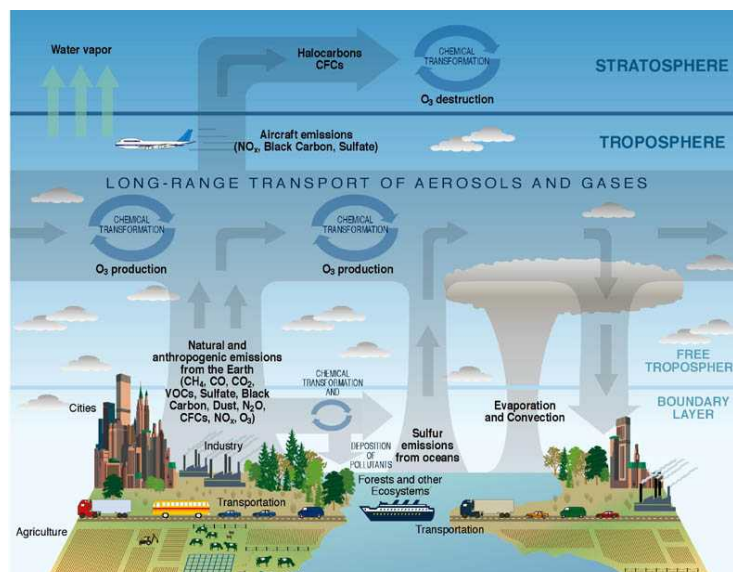
Why do people do chemical kinetic modeling?



Robert Couse-Baker



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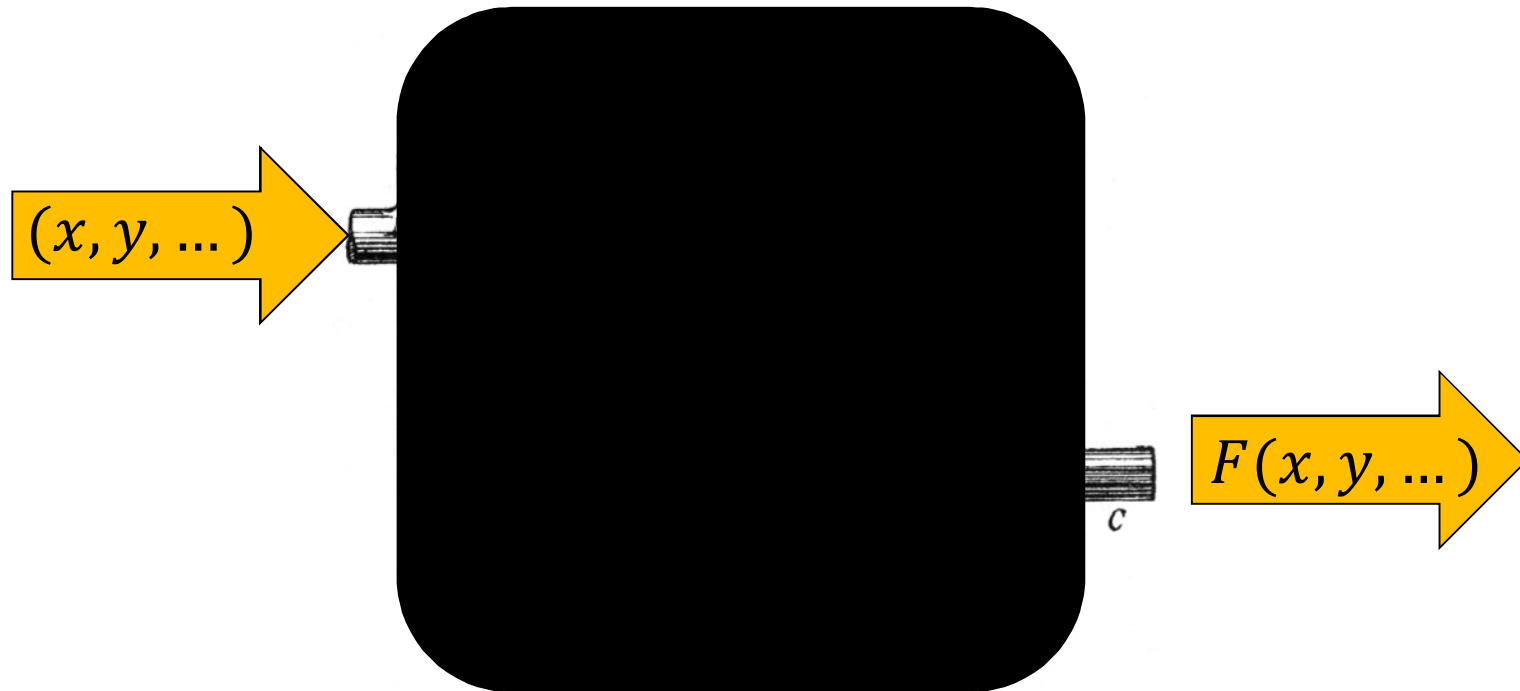


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Predict what will happen as the boundary conditions are changed

What will make a model *predictive*?

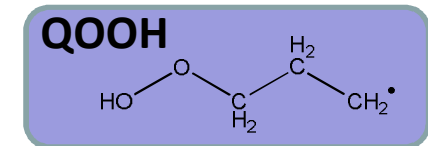
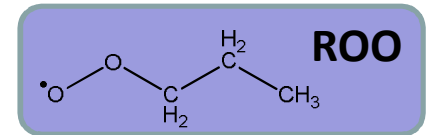
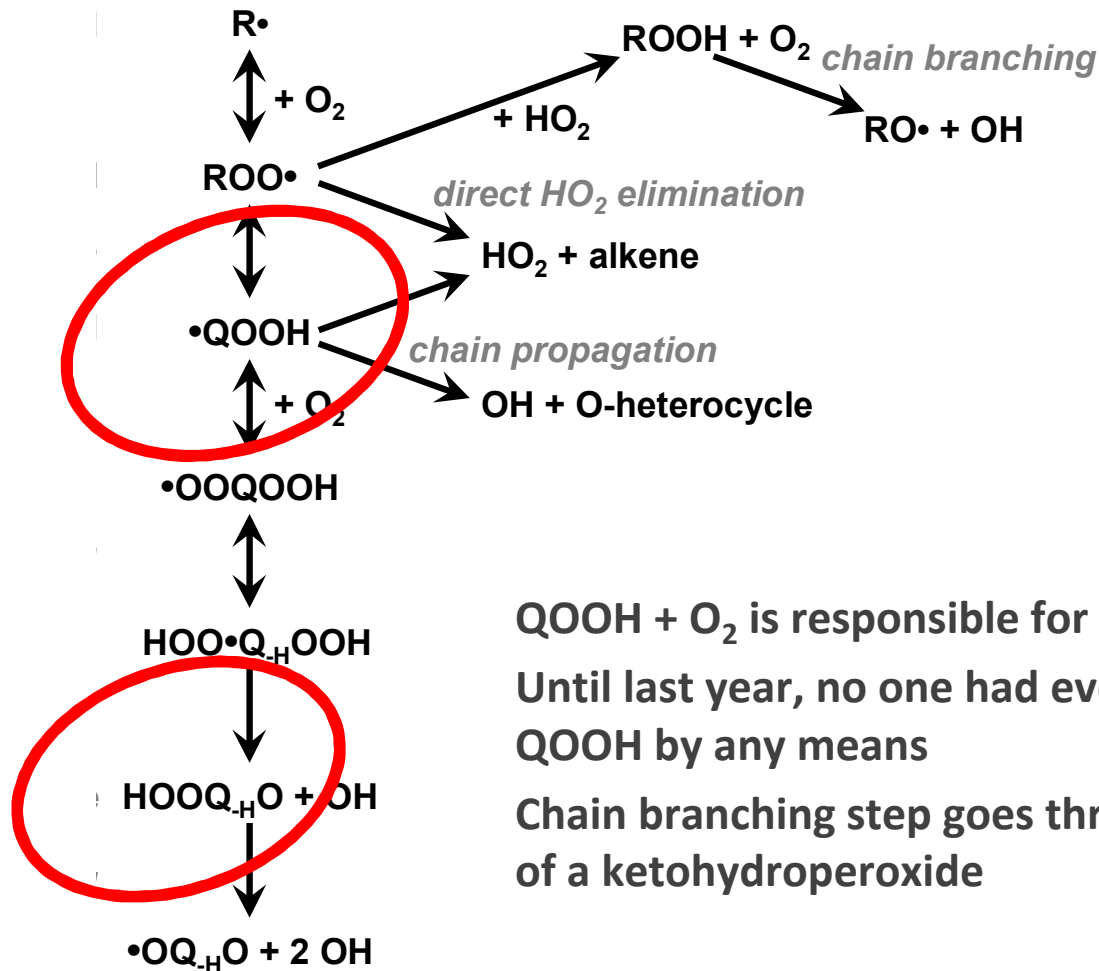


6. Wechselgetriebe für vier Geschwindigkeiten und Rücklauf:

M Angriff der Motorwelle, *C* Angriff der Cardanwelle; Geschwindigkeitsräder *I, II, III, IV*, durch Verschiebung mit 1, 2, 3, 4 in Eingriff gebracht; Rücklaufrad *R*, durch Linksschiebung mit *IV* und 4 in Eingriff gebracht.

Need to understand the *intermediate* steps

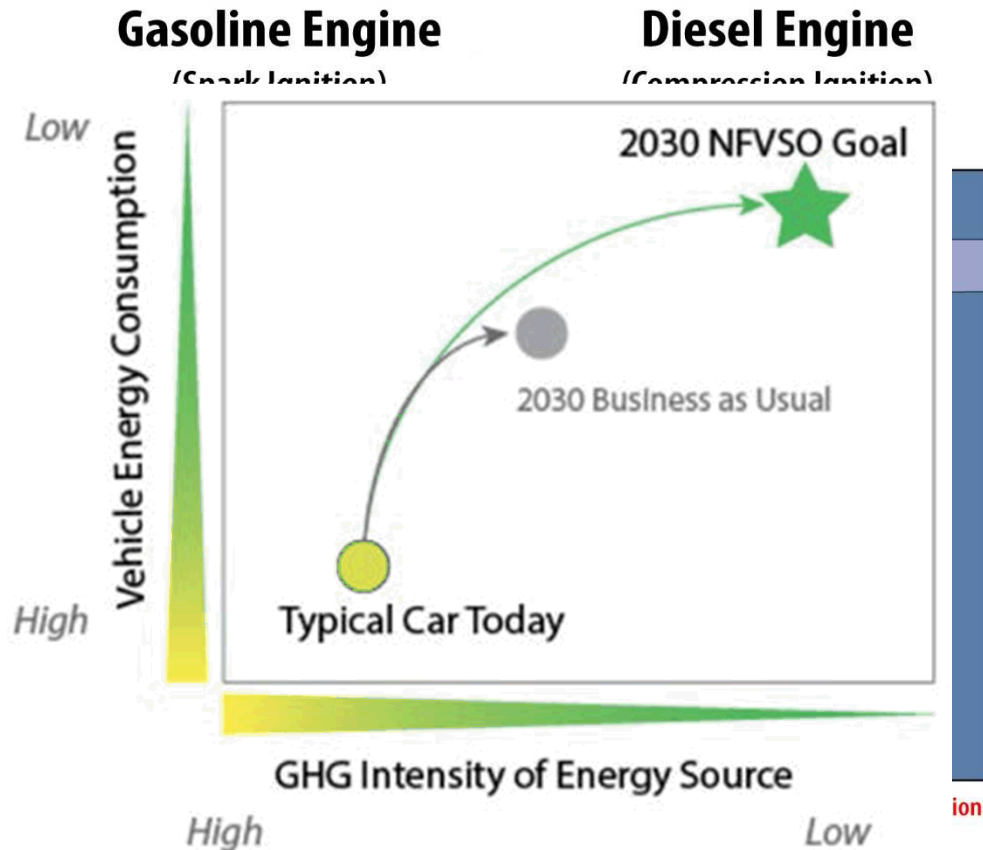
Kinetic Models for Oxidation Chemistry Require Knowing Reactions of “Intermediates”



$QOOH + O_2$ is responsible for chain branching
 Until last year, no one had ever directly seen a $QOOH$ by any means
 Chain branching step goes through dissociation of a ketohydroperoxide

All these steps depend on molecular structure

Advanced Engines Rely on Autoignition Chemistry to an Unprecedented Degree

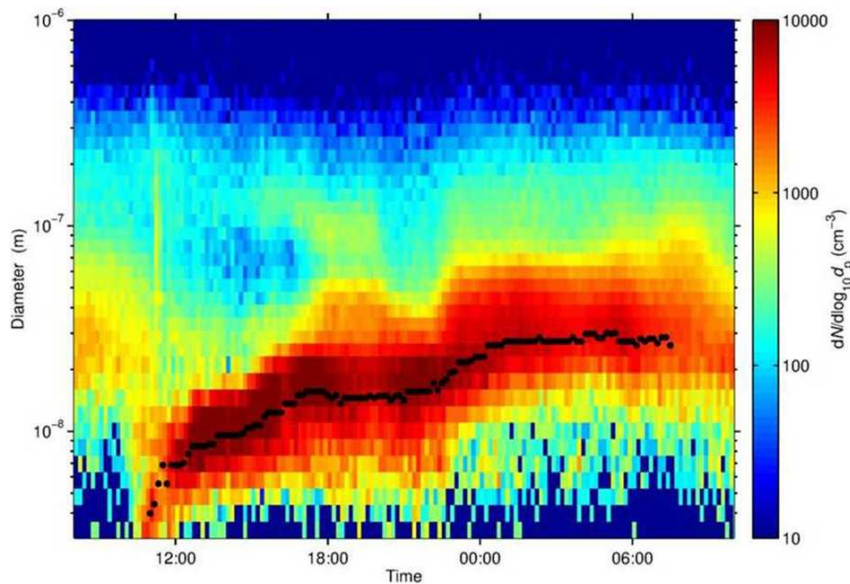


DOE initiative to link alternative fuel and advanced engine developments

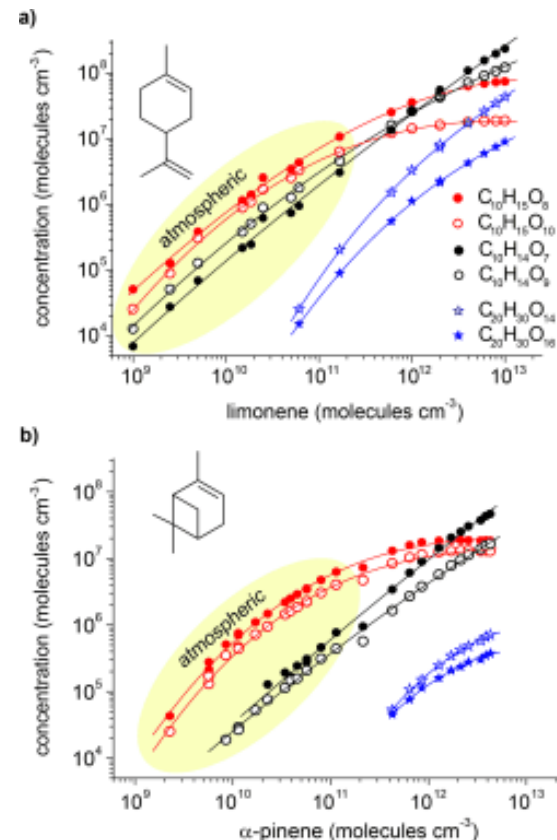
Fuel chemistry is important – but fuel stream is already changing!
New fuels = biofuels? can be disruptive, or they can be enabling

Tropospheric Autoxidation Forms Highly Oxygenated Molecules

M. Ehn et al., *Nature* 506, 476–479 (2014)



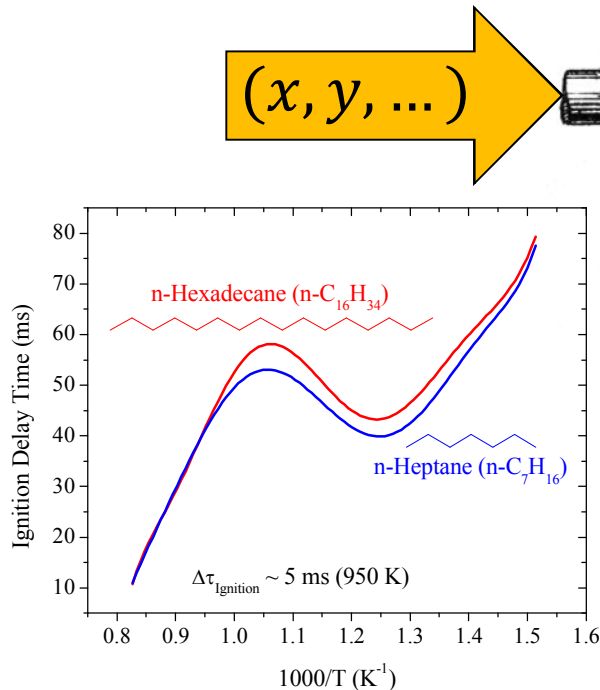
- **Forest emission of VOCs can lead to secondary aerosol formation** through condensation of low-volatility oxygenated species
- **QOOH chemistry is involved** Vereecken et al., *PCCP* 9, 5241-5248 (2007) showed reaction pathway for α -pinene; recently others expanded to, e.g., ozonolysis of other hydrocarbons.



T. Jokinen et al., *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **53**, 14596-14600 (2014)

So what can we do?

First approach – Global oxidation experiments
(e.g., ozonolysis or ignition delay)



Westbrook et al., *Combust. Flame*, 156 (2009)

(x, y, \dots)

Will that ever really tell us about
what's in this box??

$F(x, y, \dots)$

Probes overall process:
modeling and theory fill in

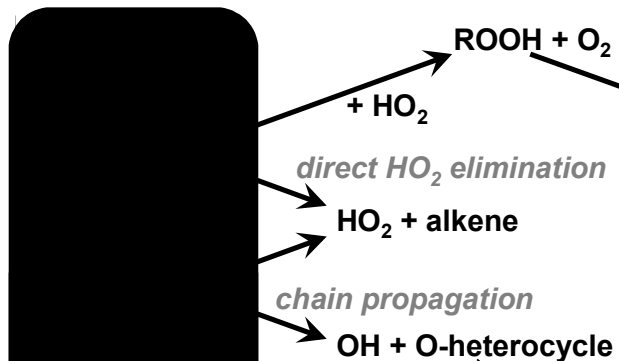
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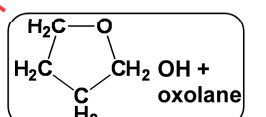
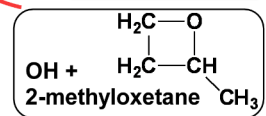
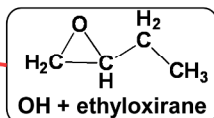
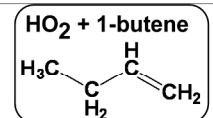
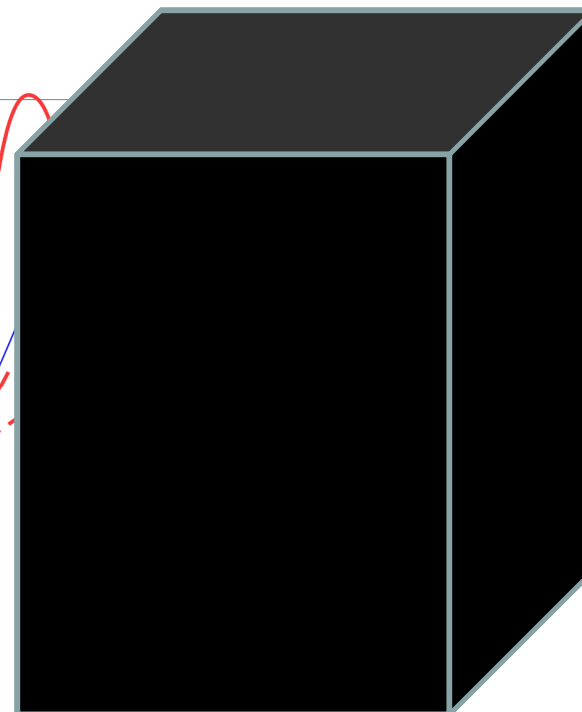
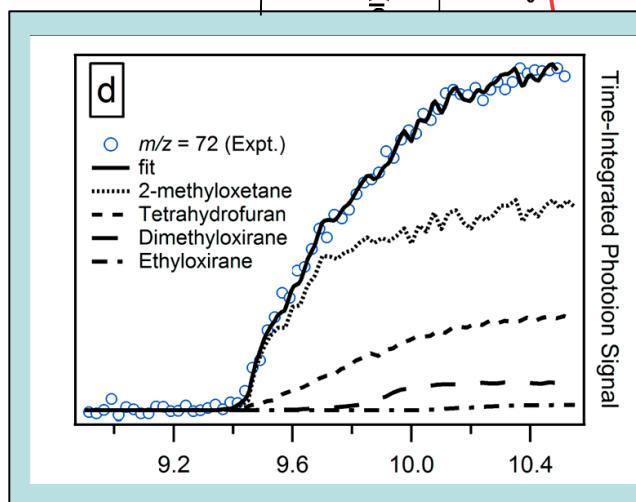
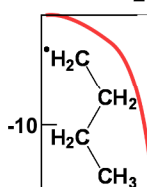
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Change conditions and see what happens to time behavior and product yields

Understand connection to potential energy surface



1-butyl + O_2



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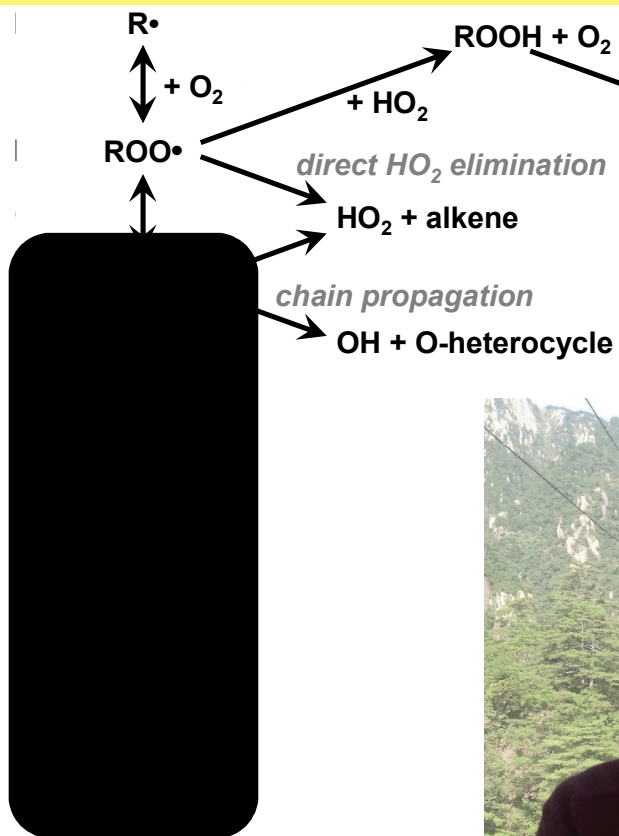
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Theory can help open the black box
-- if experiments are detailed enough

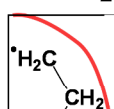
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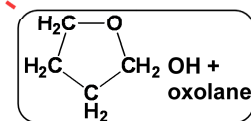
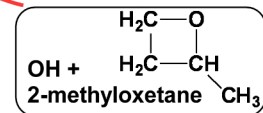
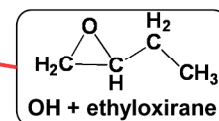
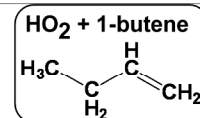
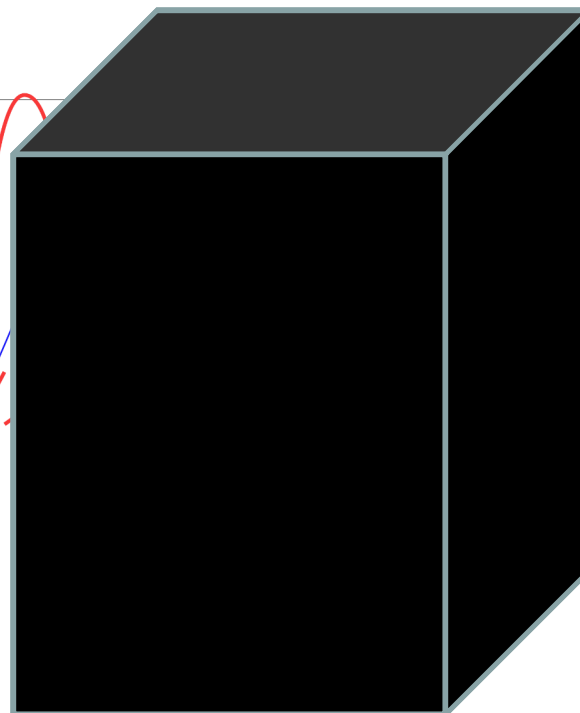
How do we connect to the underlying potential?



1-butyl + O_2



Stephen Klippenstein





Need as much detail as we can get – really would like to measure all the species all the time

Multiplexed photoionization mass spectrometry (MPIMS)

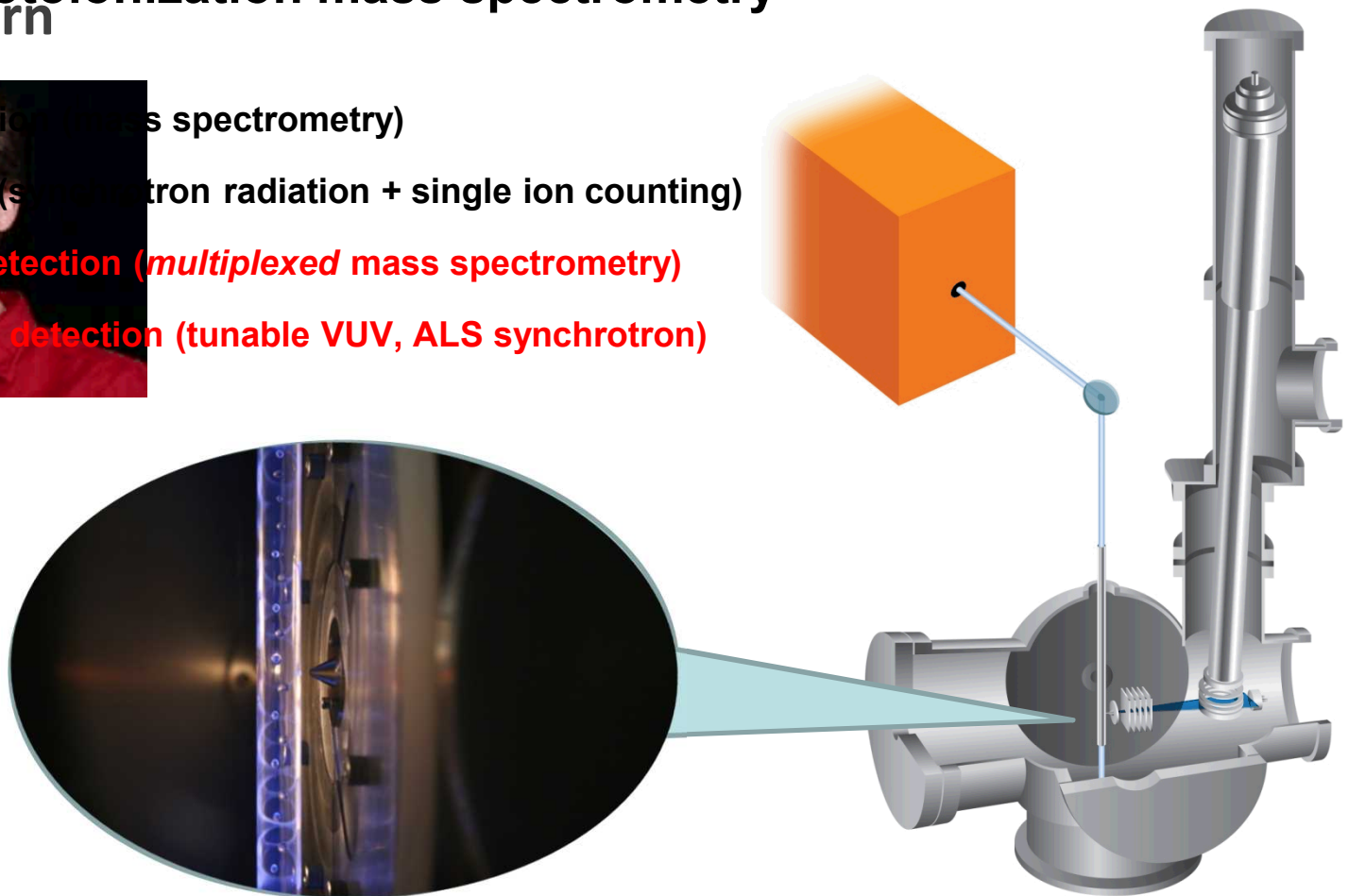
David Osborn

Universal detection (mass spectrometry)

High sensitivity (synchrotron radiation + single ion counting)

Simultaneous detection (*multiplexed* mass spectrometry)

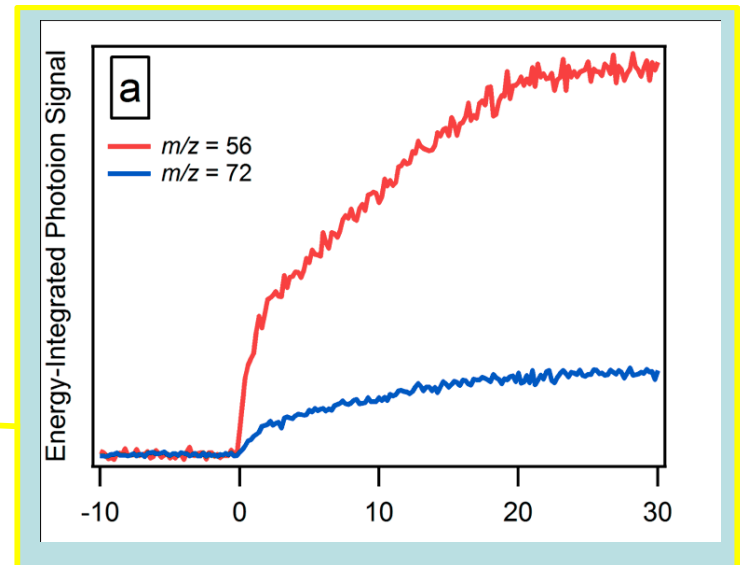
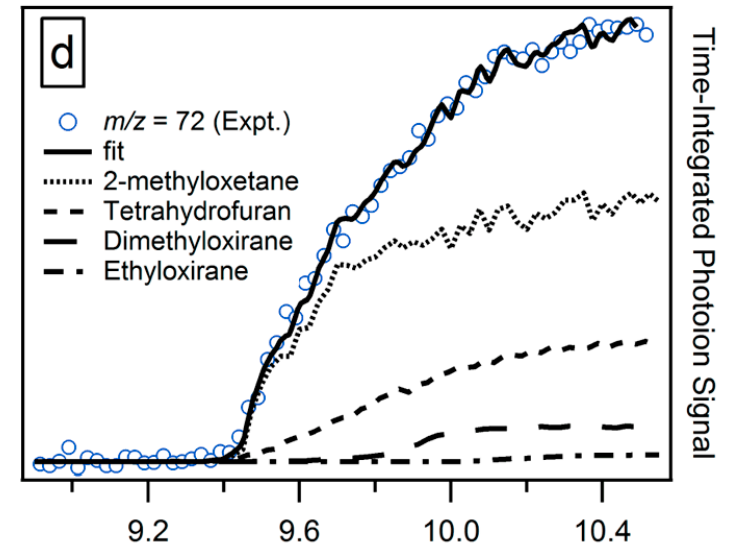
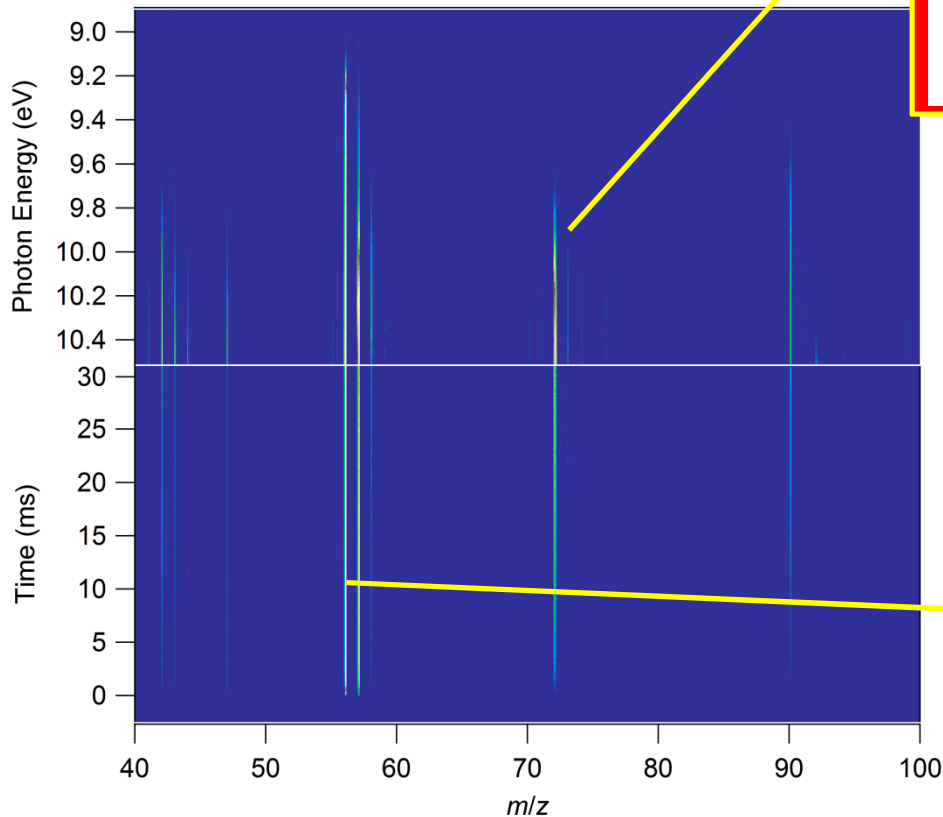
Isomer-resolved detection (tunable VUV, ALS synchrotron)



Cl-initiated oxidation

Time behavior of product formation – prompt and delayed

Photoionization spectra identify product isomers

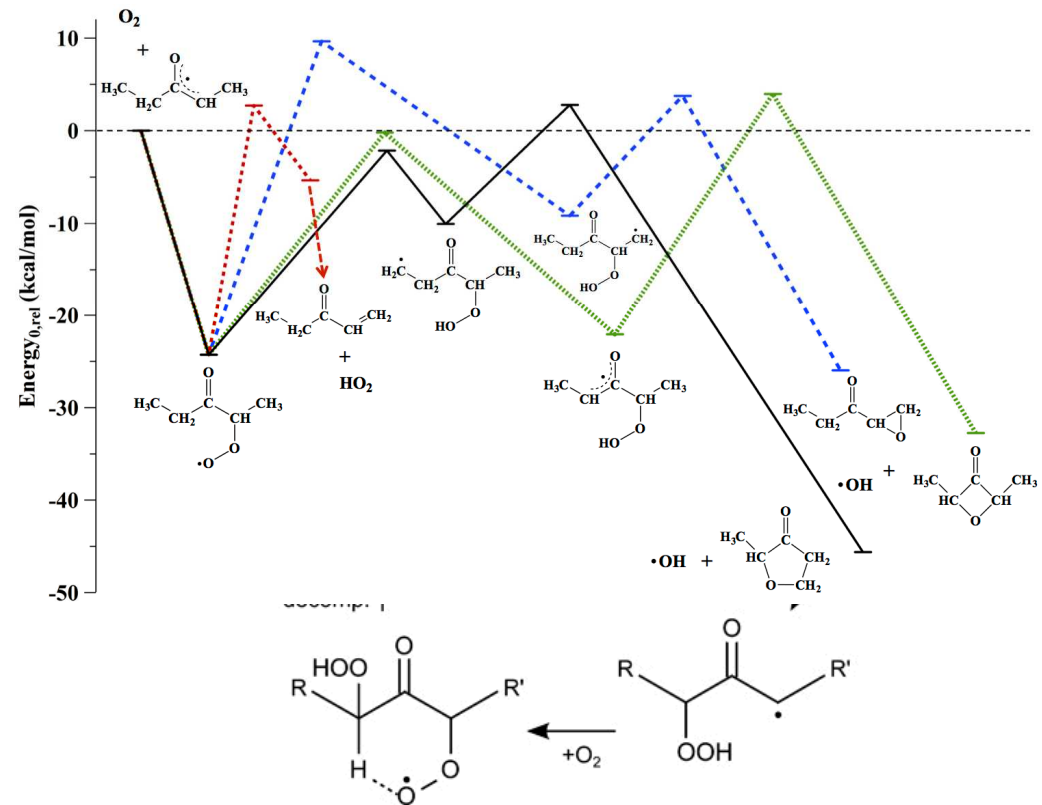


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Diethyl ketone prototype for tropospheric autoxidation

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(Crounse et al. *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* 4, 3513-3520 (2013))

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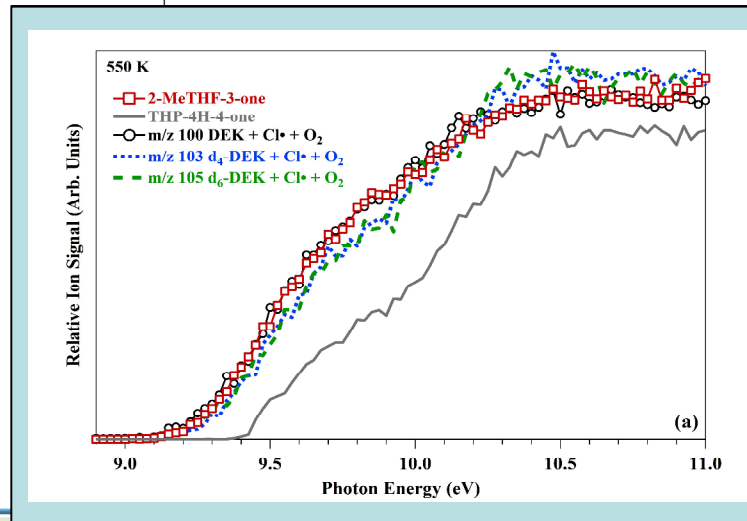
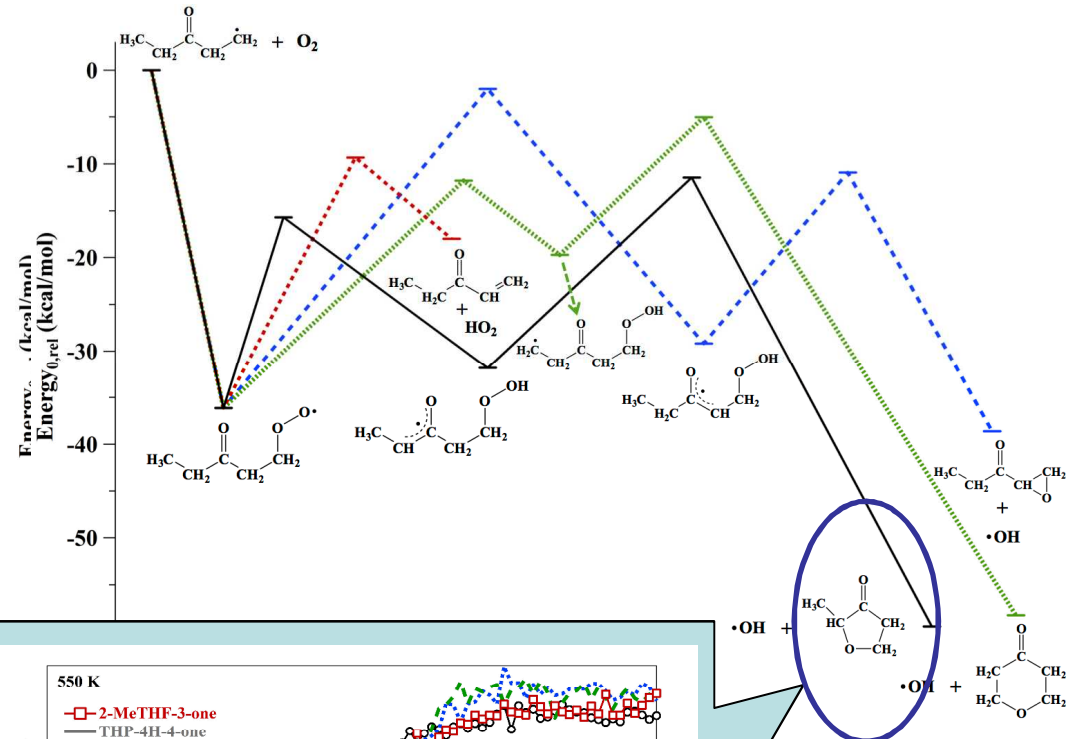
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Resonance stabilization may favor particular QOOH pathway

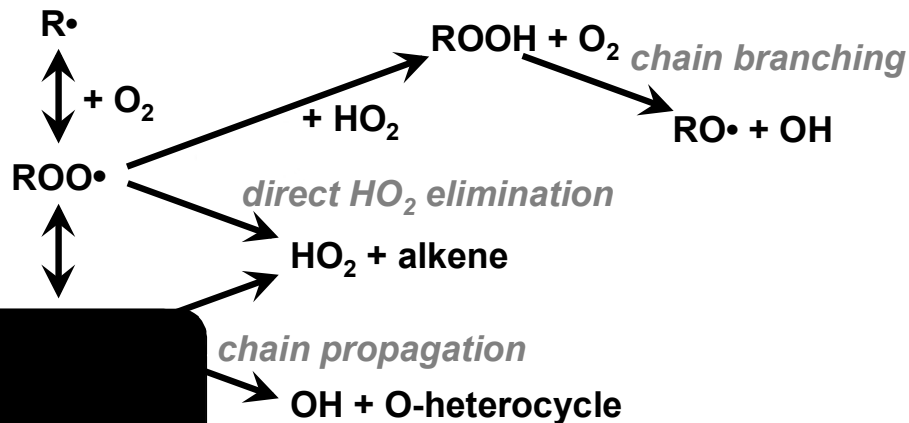
Substitution changes oxidation chemistry – for ignition or for the troposphere

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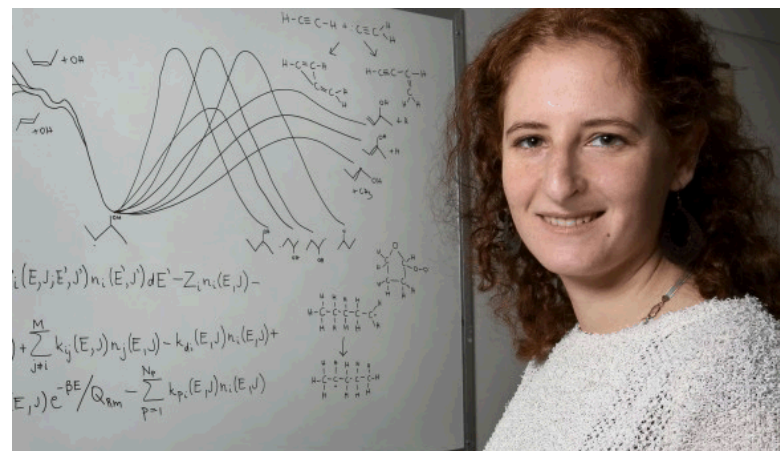


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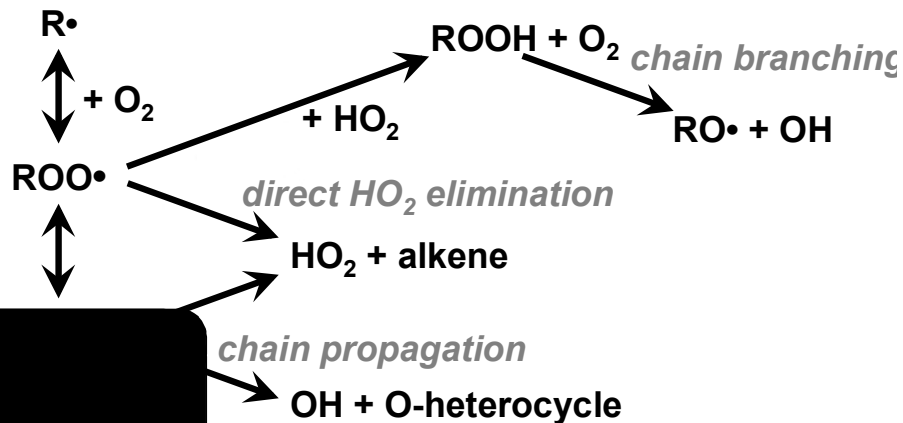
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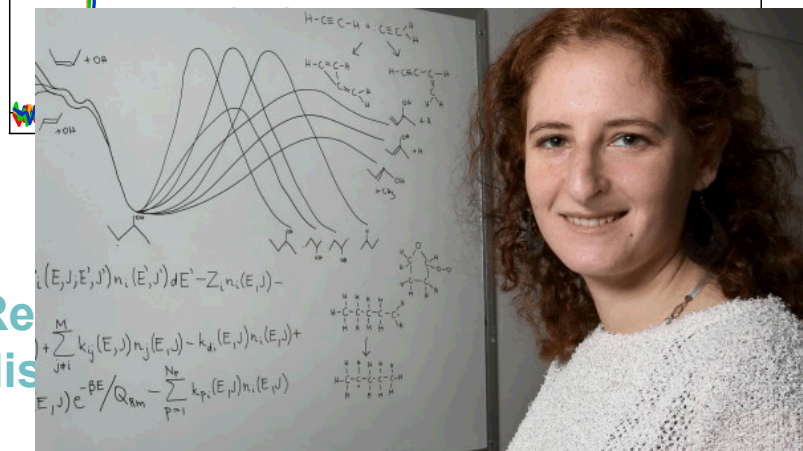
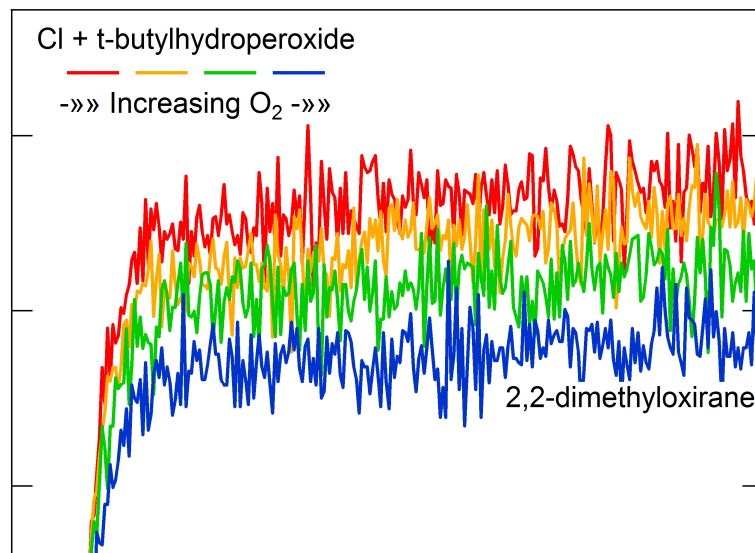
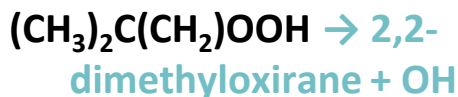
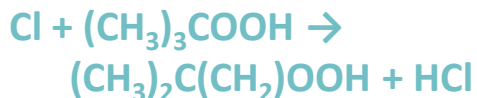
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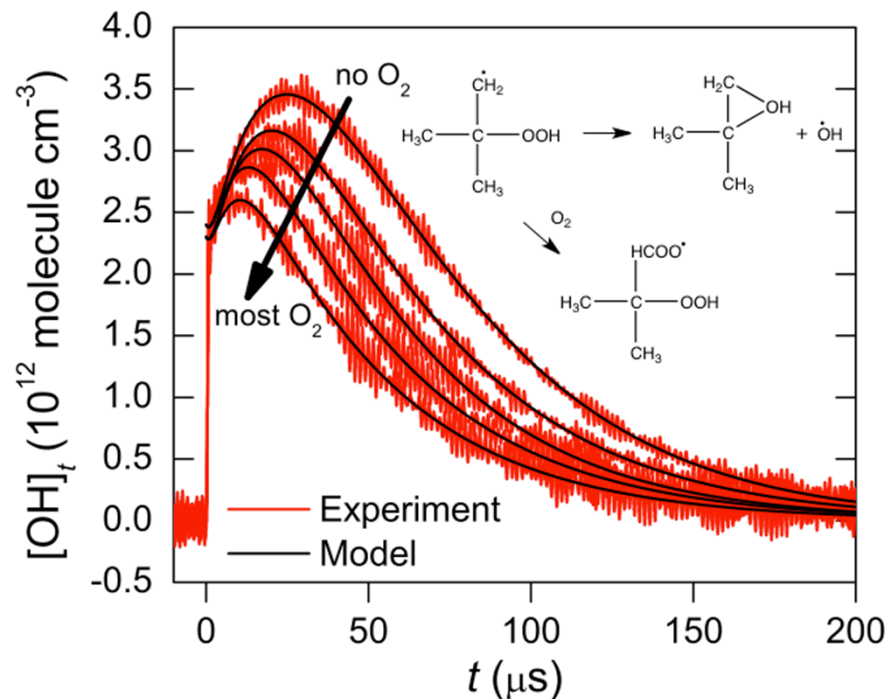
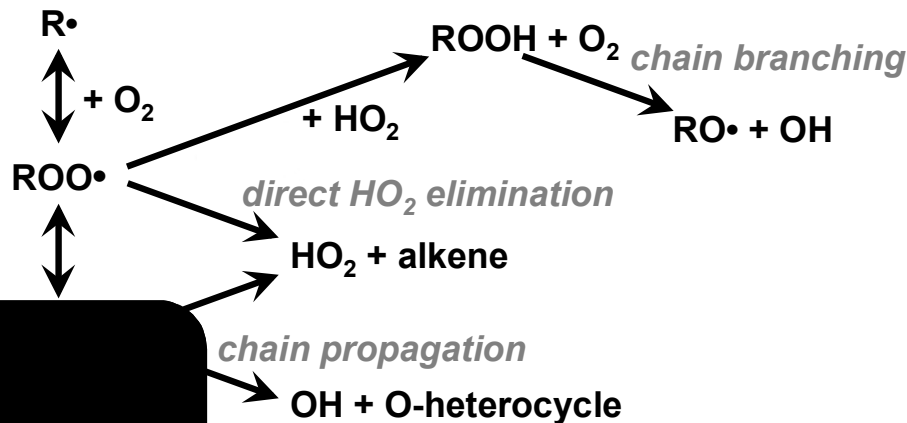
Cl + alkylhydroperoxide reactions make QOOH: e.g.,



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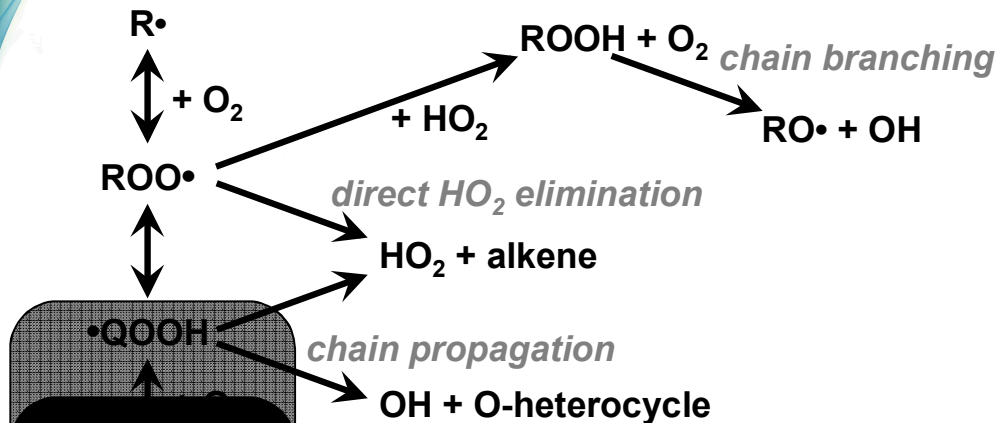
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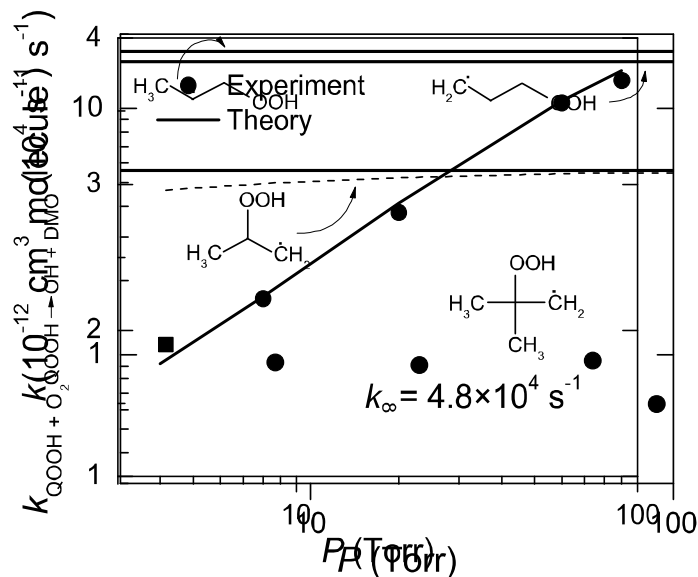
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- Elimination of OH from QOOH is facile
- Reaction of O₂ with QOOH is similar to reaction of R with O₂

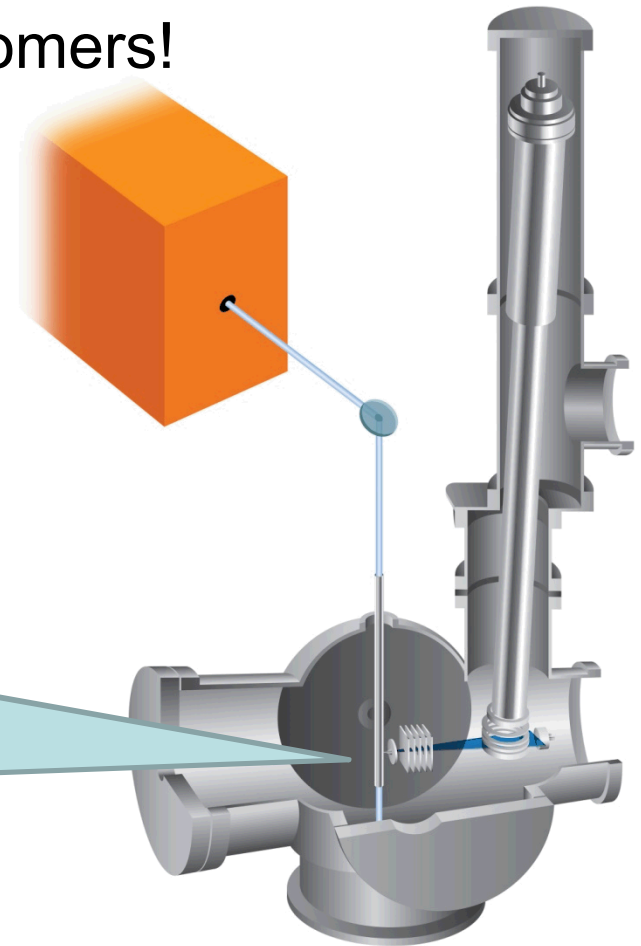
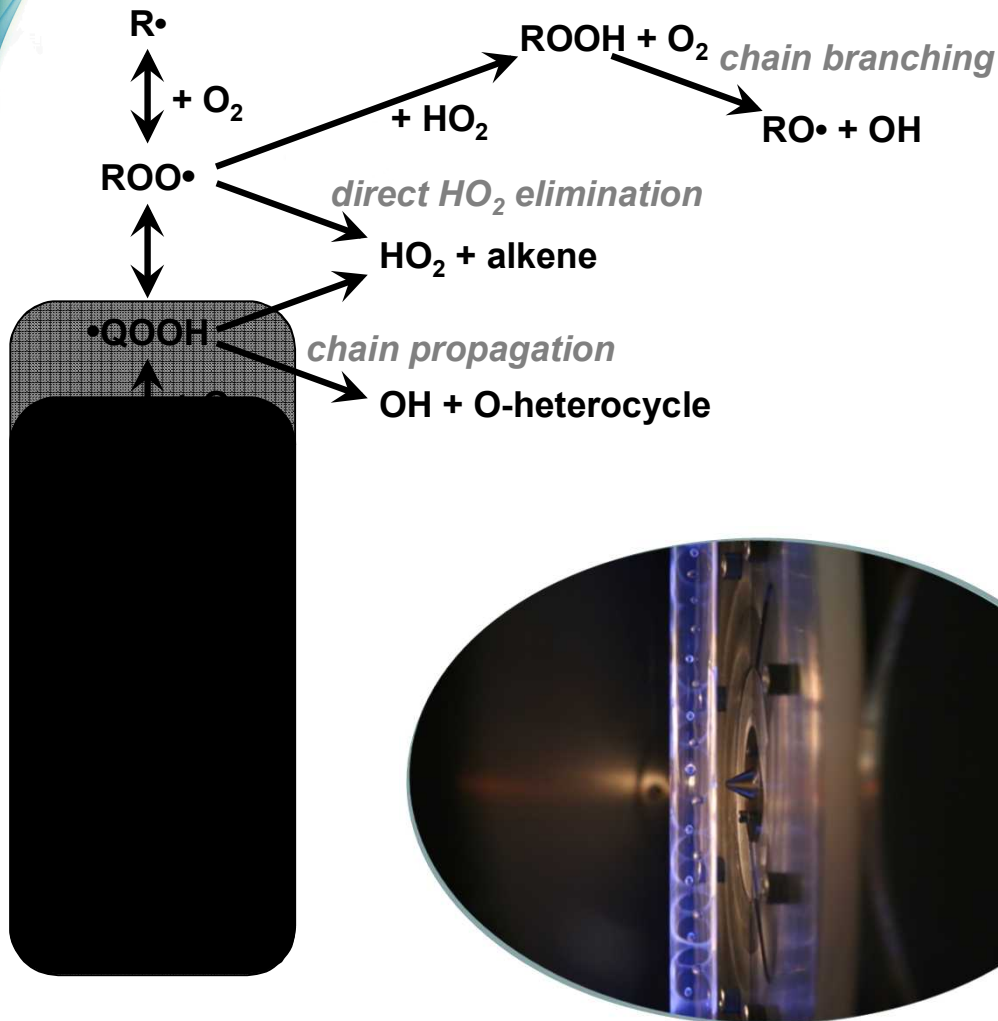


C. F. Goldsmith, W. H. Green, & S. J. Klippenstein,
J. Phys. Chem A 116, 3325–3346 (2012)

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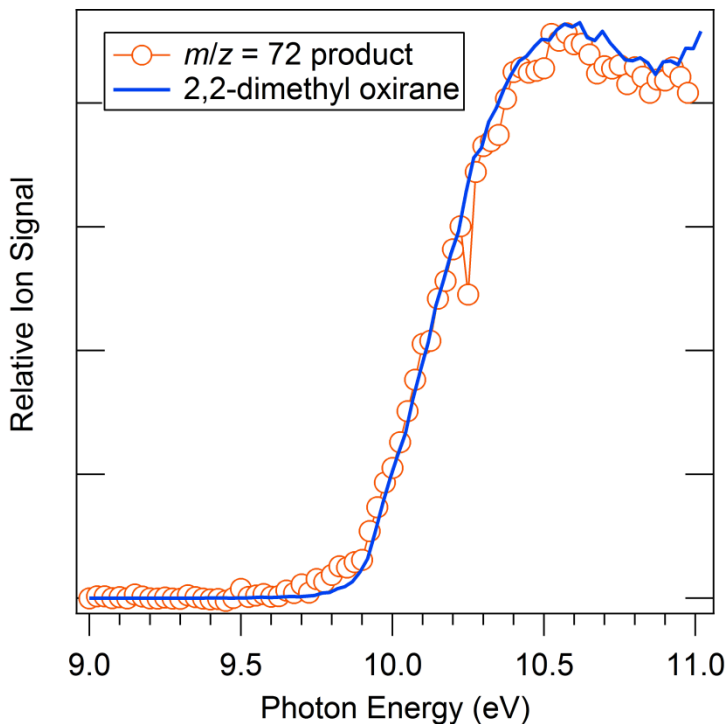
We have a machine that can discriminate isomers!



Identification of isomers in MPIMS machine relies on photoionization spectra

For stable products we can buy or make calibrants

What do we do for something that has never been seen?



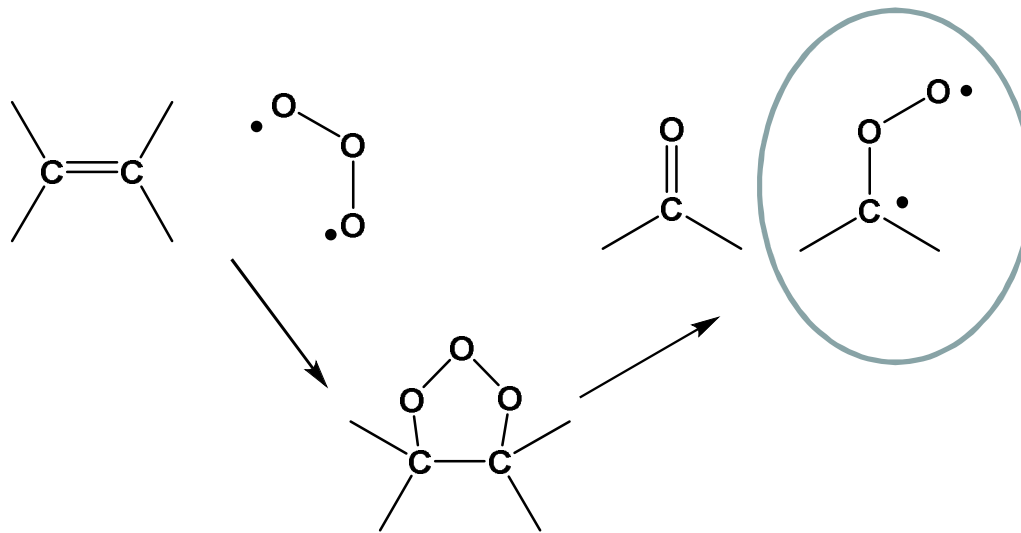
Theory, of course!

An illustrative digression on another set of oxidation “intermediates”

Ozonolysis makes carbonyl oxides, often known as Criegee intermediates

Criegee intermediates also appear in $\text{QOOH} + \text{O}_2$ reactions

Until 2012, no one had directly measured a Criegee intermediate reaction



Problem was to make enough

Tunable synchrotron photoionization *can* identify Criegee intermediates if we make them

Carl Percival, Dudley Shallcross

Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO) oxidation
forms CH_2OO (Asatryan and Bozzelli, PCCP 10, 1769 (2008), Taatjes et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc. 130, 11883 (2008))

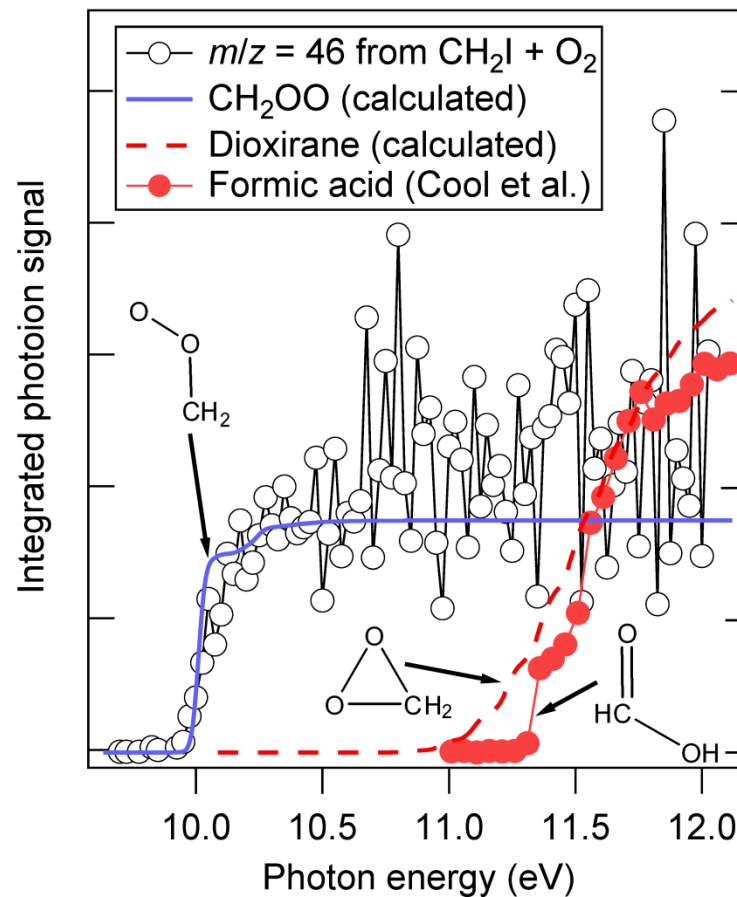
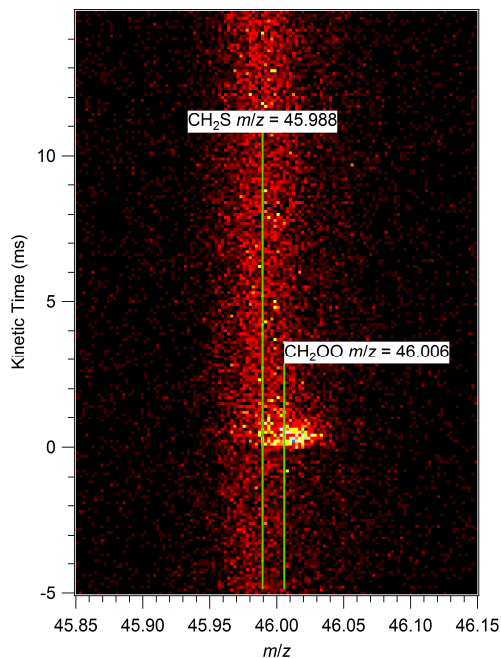
Time-of-flight can resolve CH_2S from CH_2OO

CI-initiated
DMSO oxidation

300 K, 8 Torr

turns out that
Criegee inter

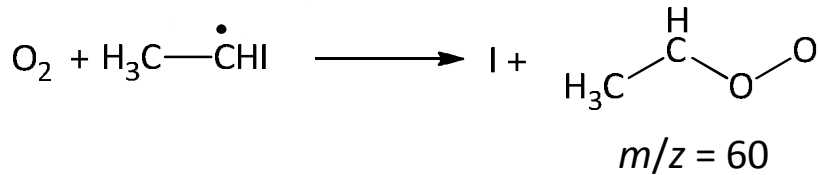
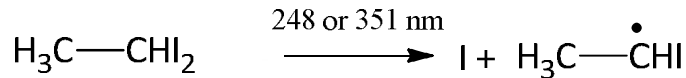
Can make lots of
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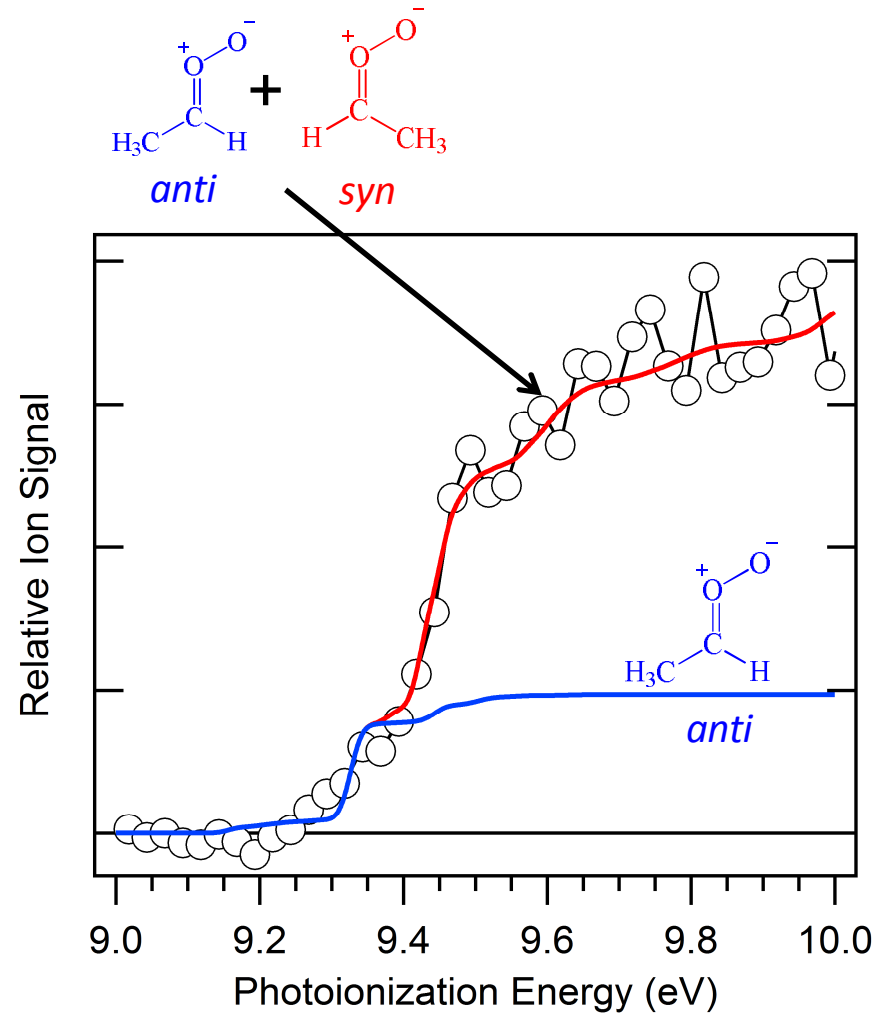
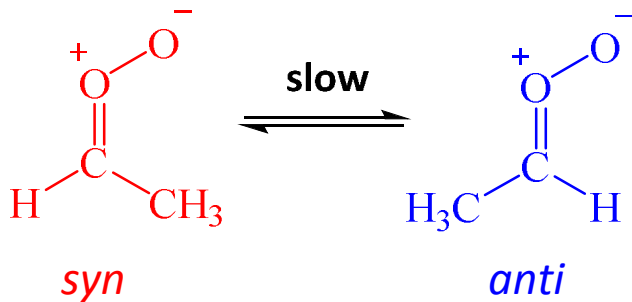
Calculated photoionization spectra
Welz et al., Science 335 204-207 (2012)

We produced and characterized larger Criegee Intermediates, e.g. acetaldehyde oxide (CH_3CHOO)

Similar strategy:



CH_3CHOO exists in two distinct conformeric forms

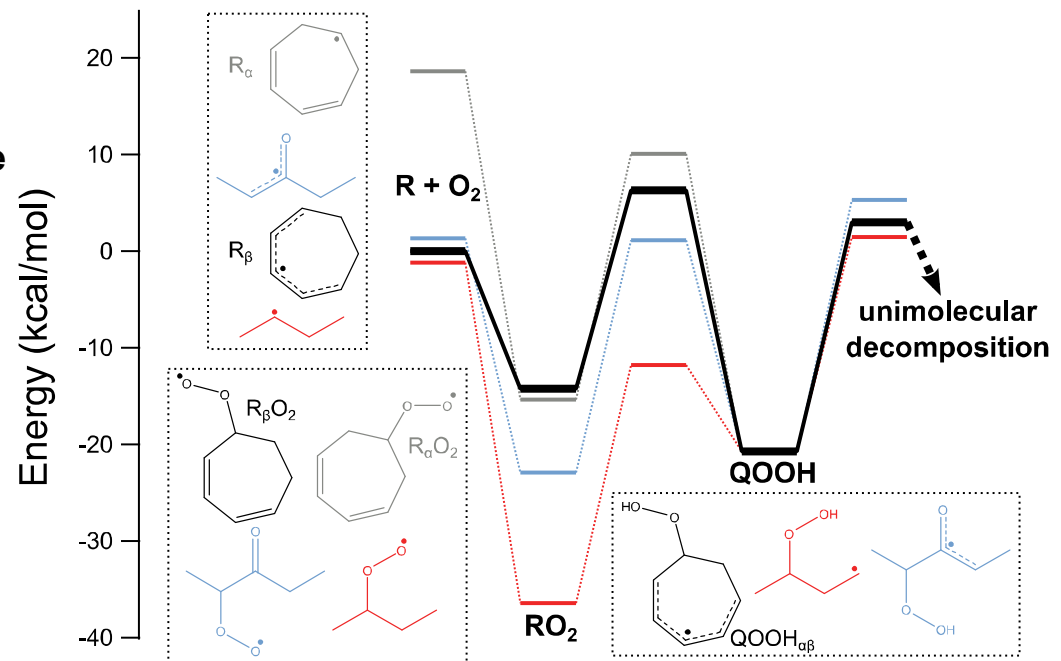
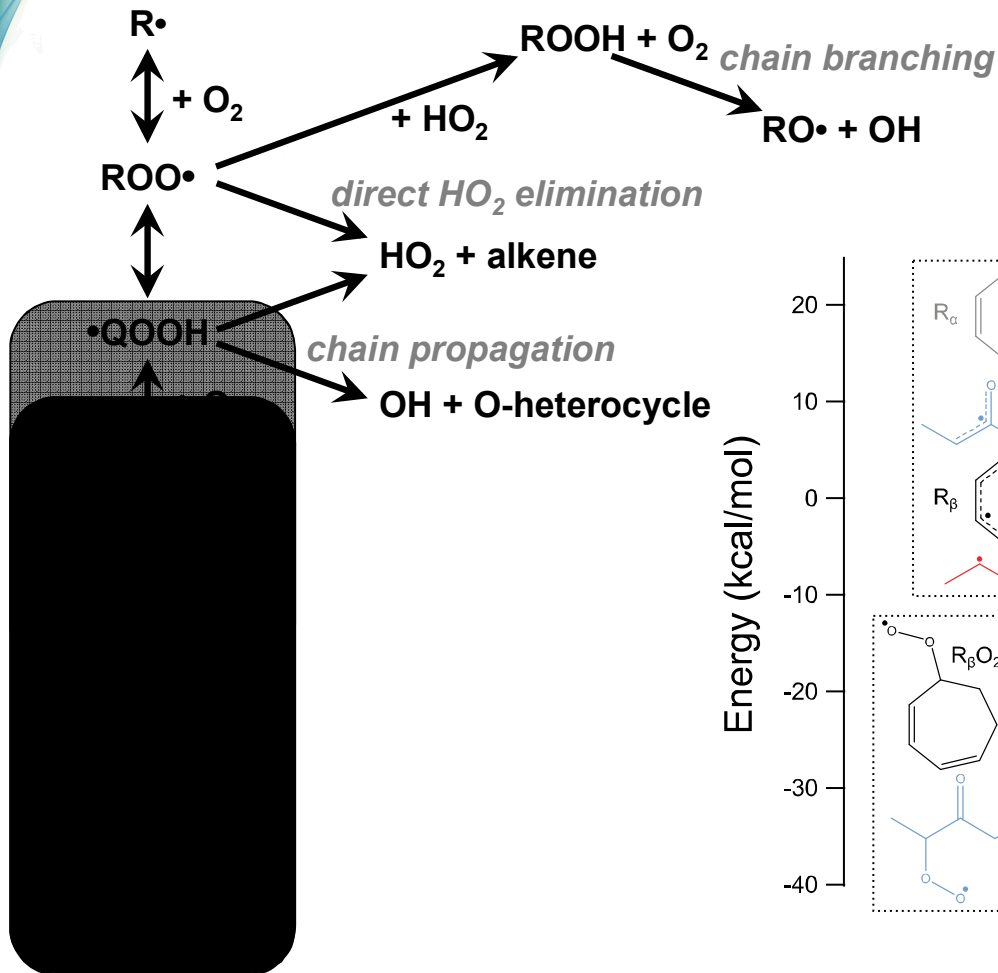


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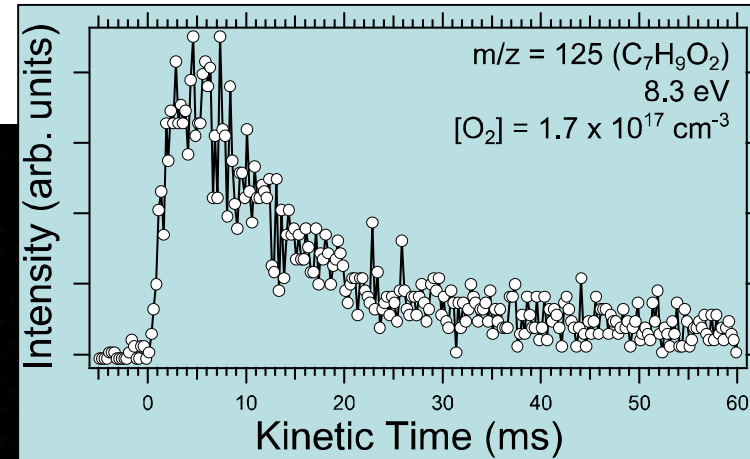
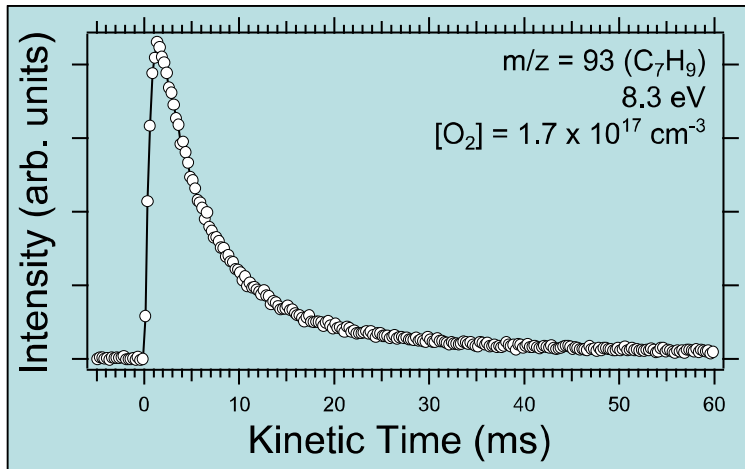
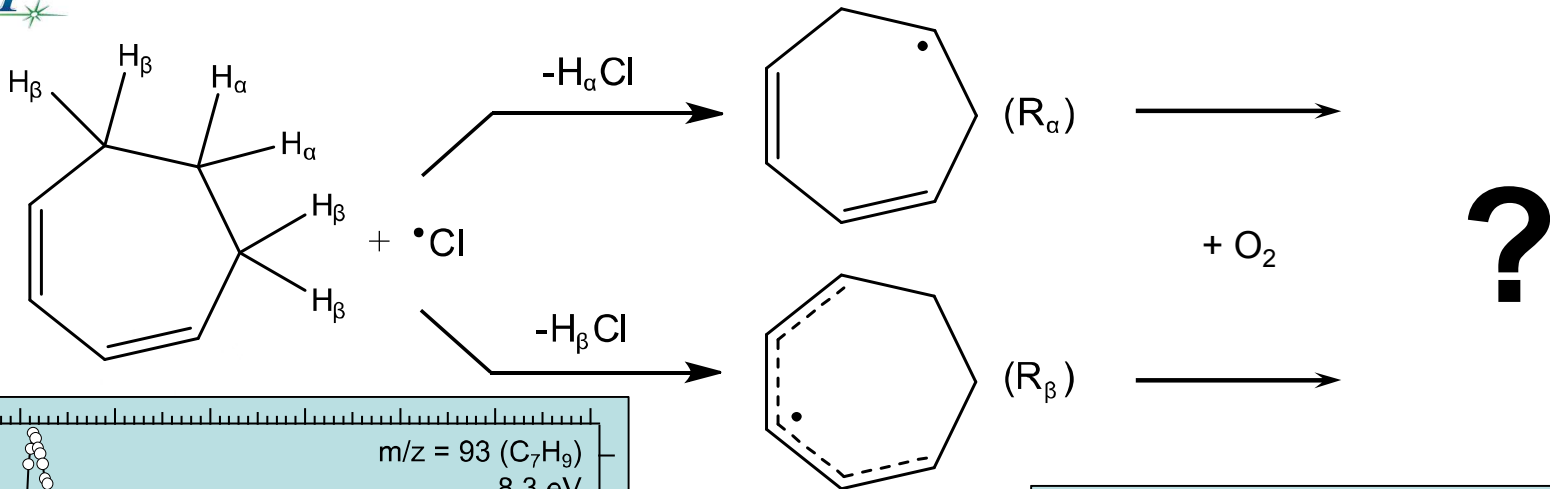
Butane oxidation – ketohydroperoxides observed (Battin-Leclerc et al., *Angew. Chem.* 49, 3169 (2010); Eskola et al. *Proc. Combust. Inst.* 35, 291-298 (2015))

Ketone oxidation – resonance stabilized QOOH are preferred

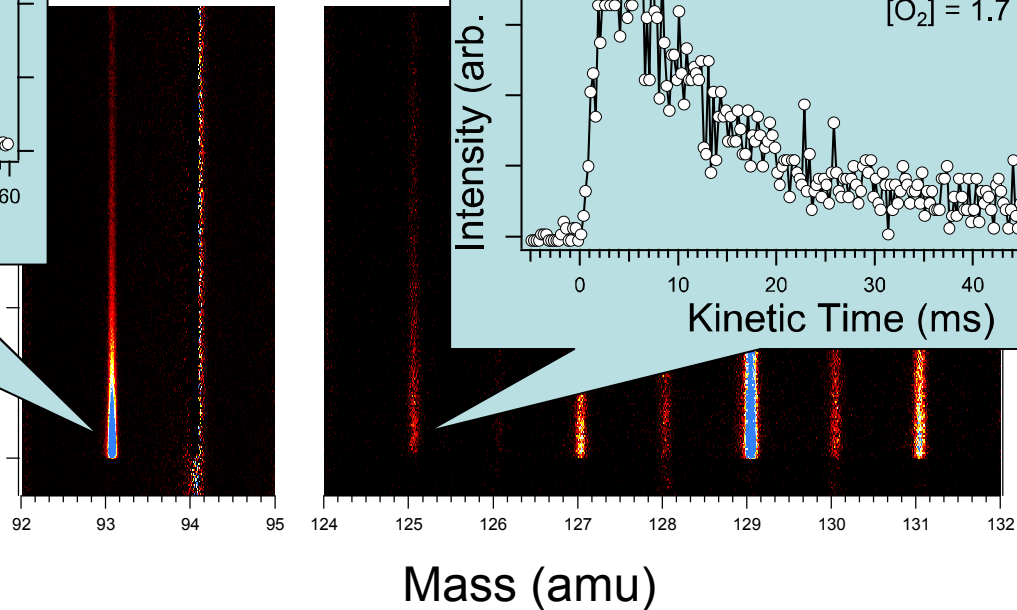
What about more stable QOOH?



Cycloheptadienyl + O₂



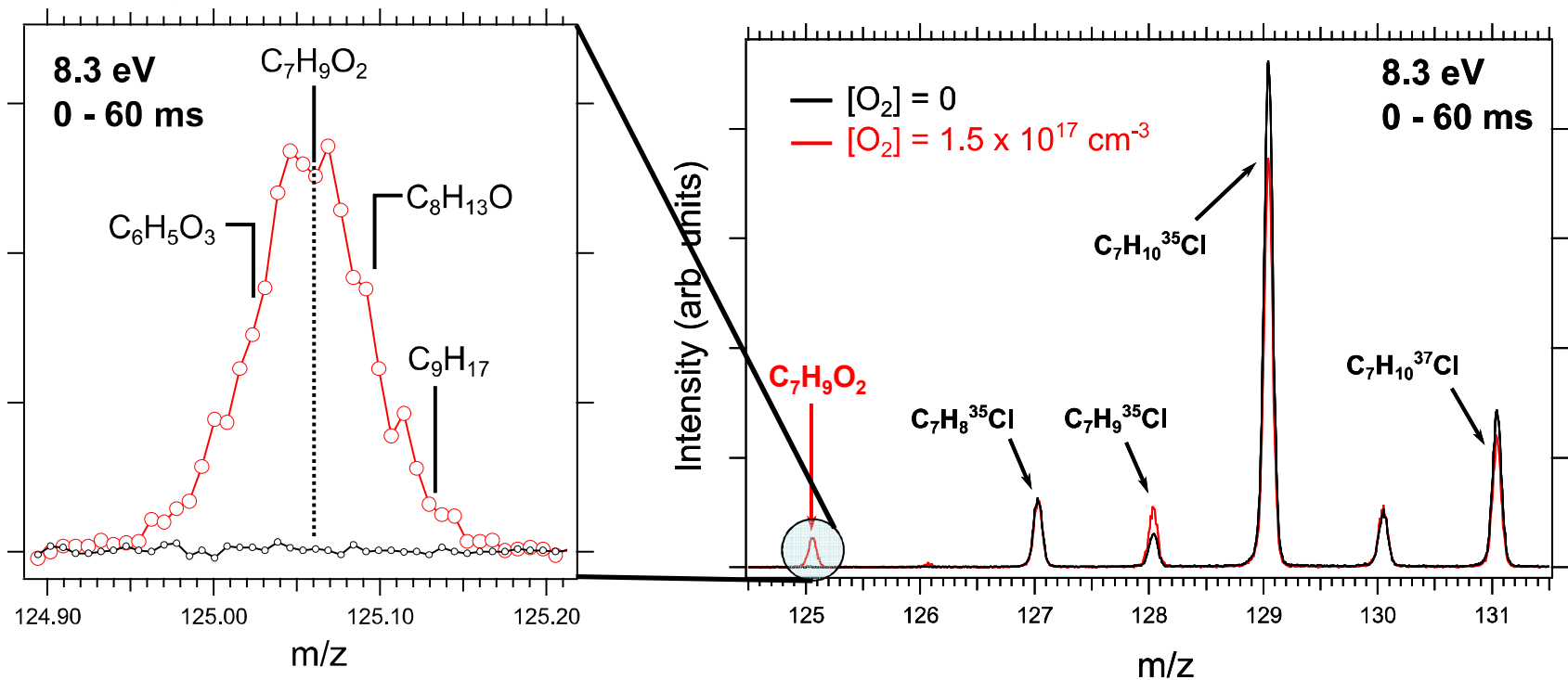
John Savee
Ewa Papajak



Evidence for QOOH

Oxygen Dependence, Exact Mass

- $m/z = 125$ amu only present when O_2 is present
- Exact $m/z = 125.06$ amu confirms formula of $C_7H_9O_2$



Mass Resolution ~ 1600

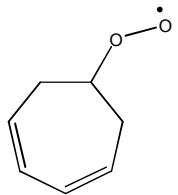
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Photoionization Spectrum

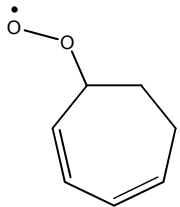
- Calculated ionization energy perfect match to QOOH, not ROO

Ab Initio Adiabatic Ionization Energies

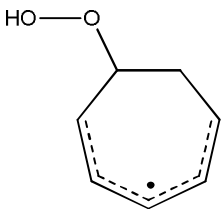
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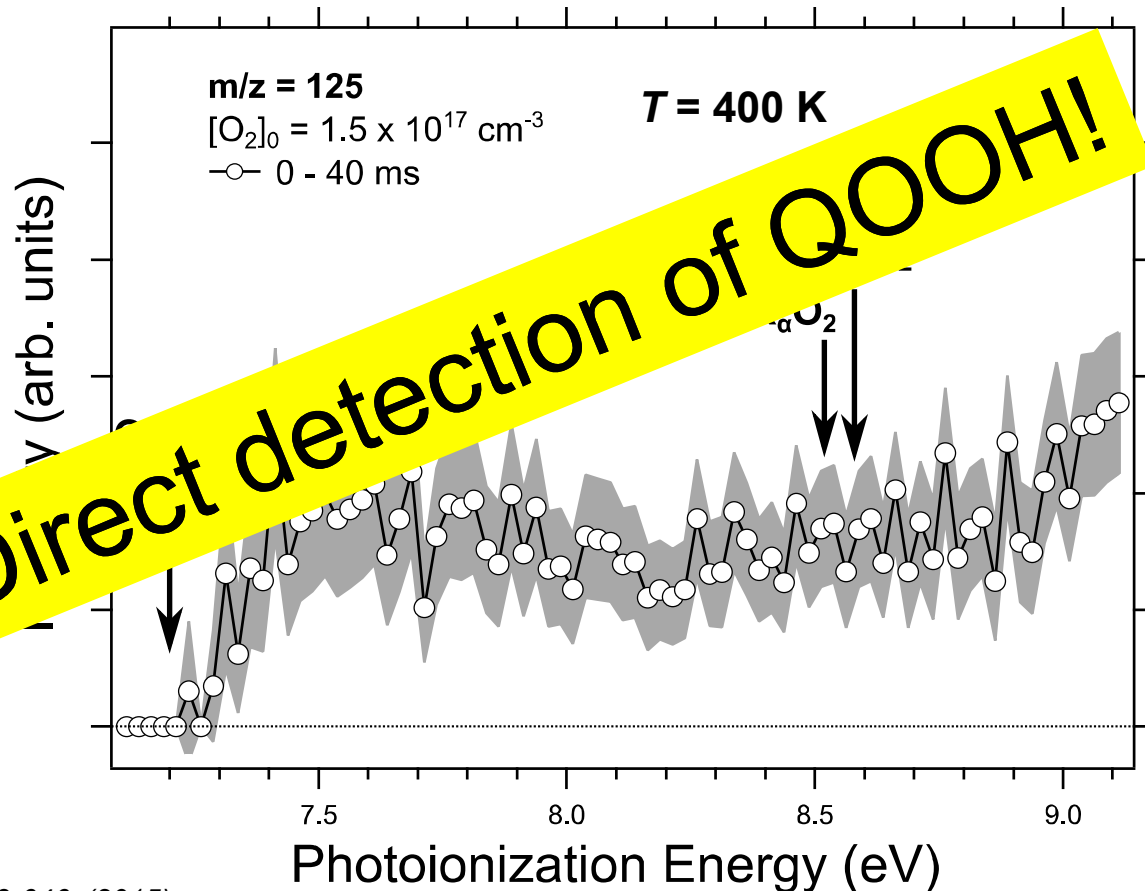
AIE = 8.52 eV



AIE = 8.58 eV



AIE = 7.20 eV

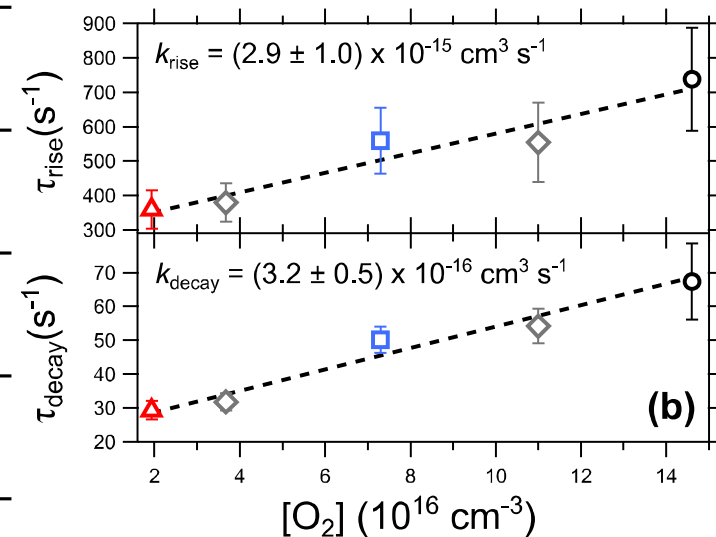
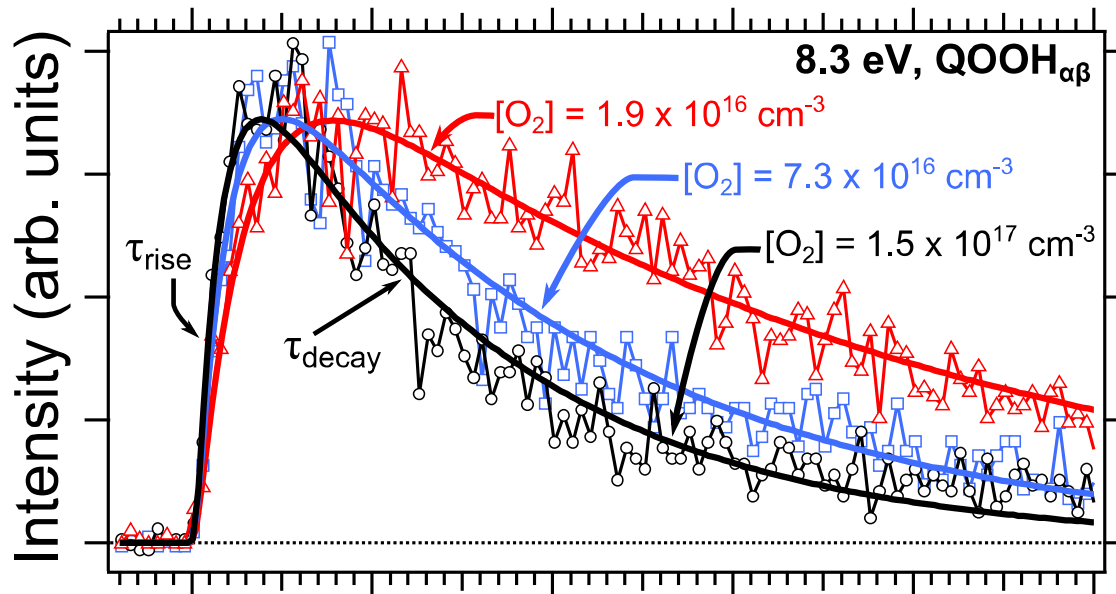


J.D. Savee, E. Papajak, et al., *Science* 347, 643-646 (2015).

Reaction of QOOH with O₂

Kinetic Time Profiles

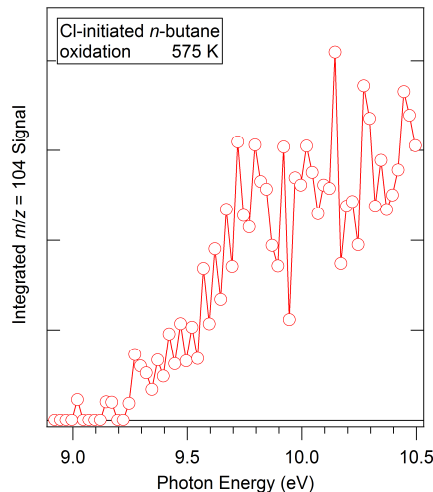
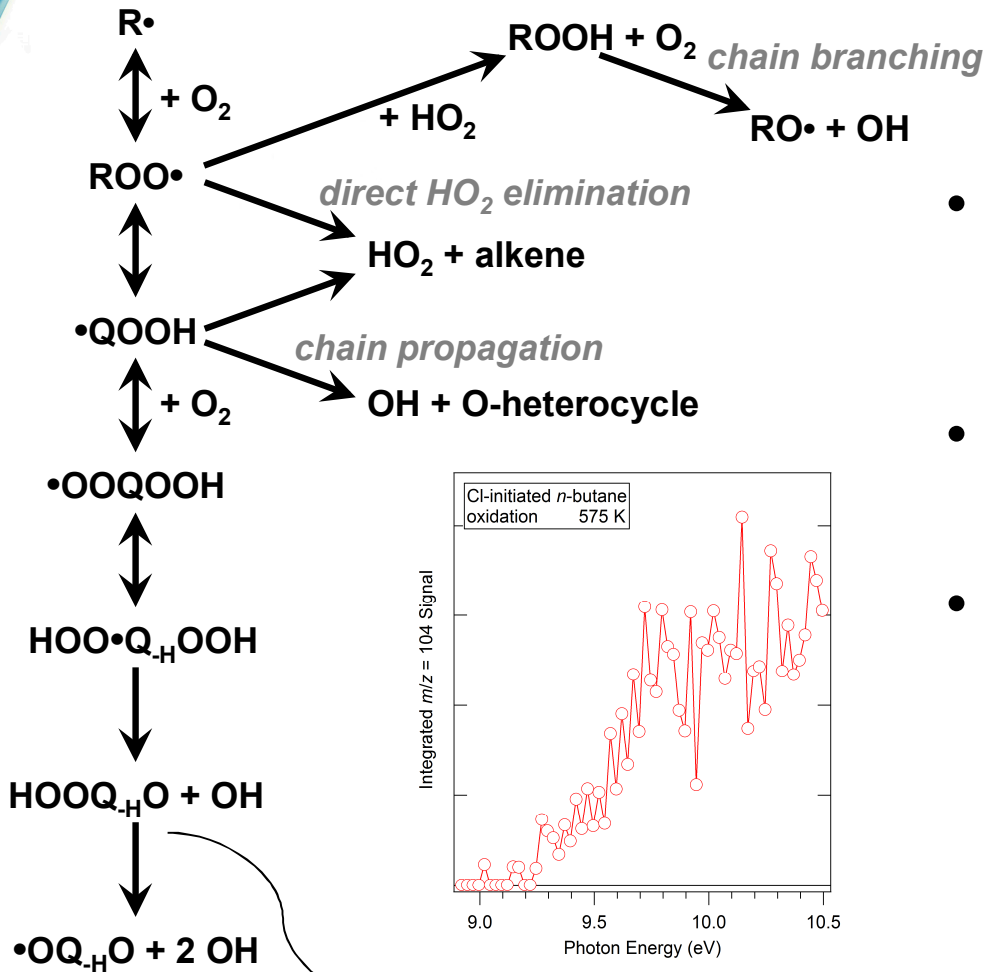
- Both rise and decay of C₇H₉O₂ faster as [O₂] increases
- $k_{\text{rise}} = (2.9 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$, $k_{\text{decay}} = (3.2 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$



$k(\text{QOOH} + \text{O}_2)$ is much smaller than other “second O₂ additions”
 Dissociation of resonance stabilized QOOH is slow
 ➤ Long lifetimes for resonance-stabilized QOOH.

What does this tell us about oxidation?

What about that last step?

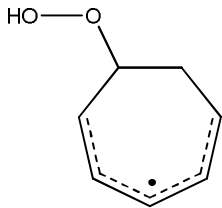
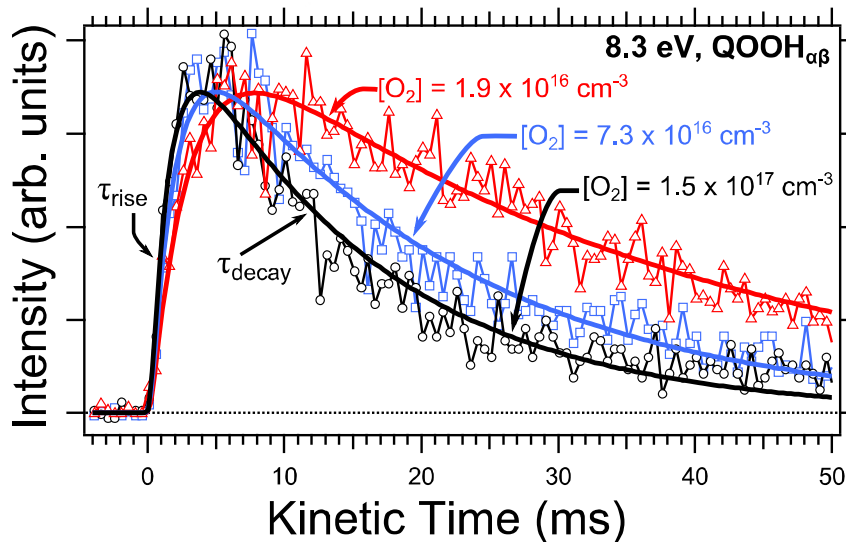


- “Normal” autoignition chemistry has $OOQOOH$ forming ketohydroperoxide
- Ketohydroperoxide falls apart to two radicals
- Substitution can make the chemistry “not normal”!

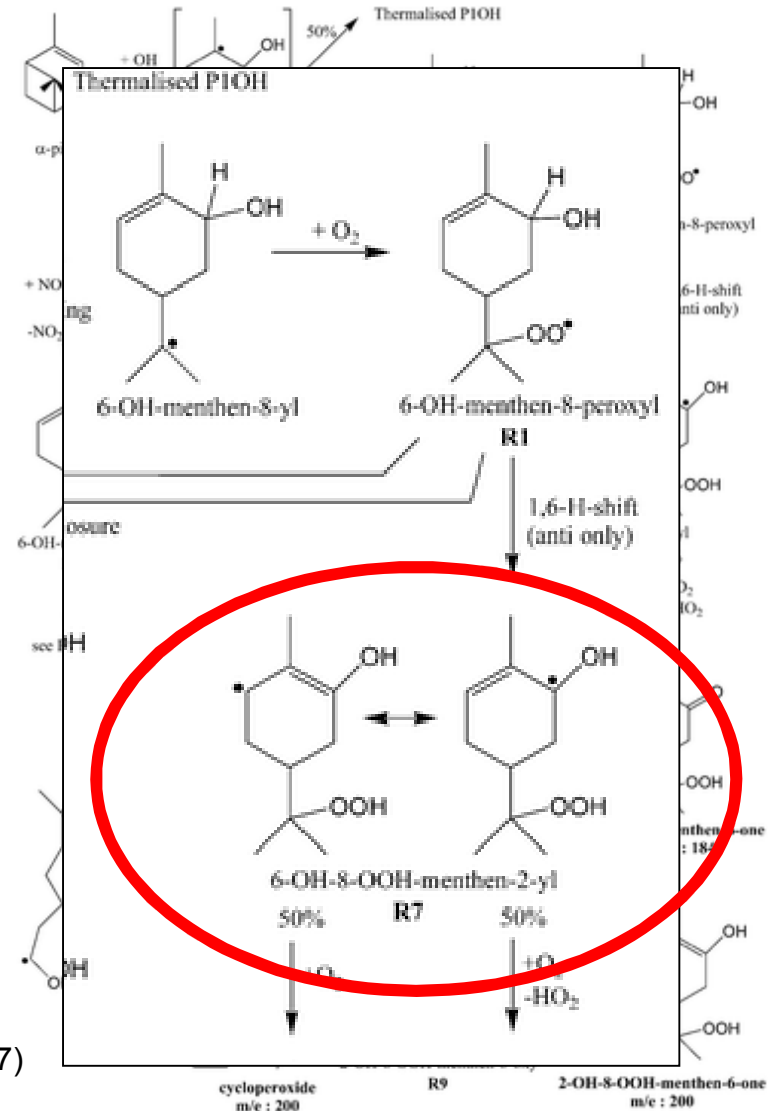
Ketohydroperoxide $m/z = 104$

What if QOOH doesn't make a ketohydroperoxide?

Resonance stabilization can make QOOH less reactive



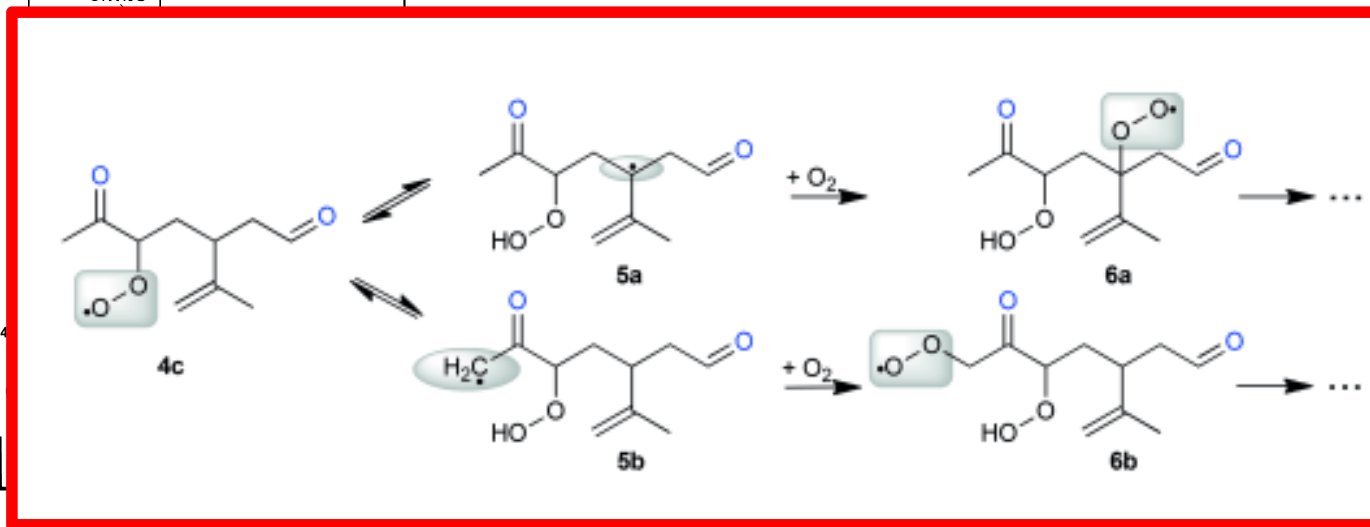
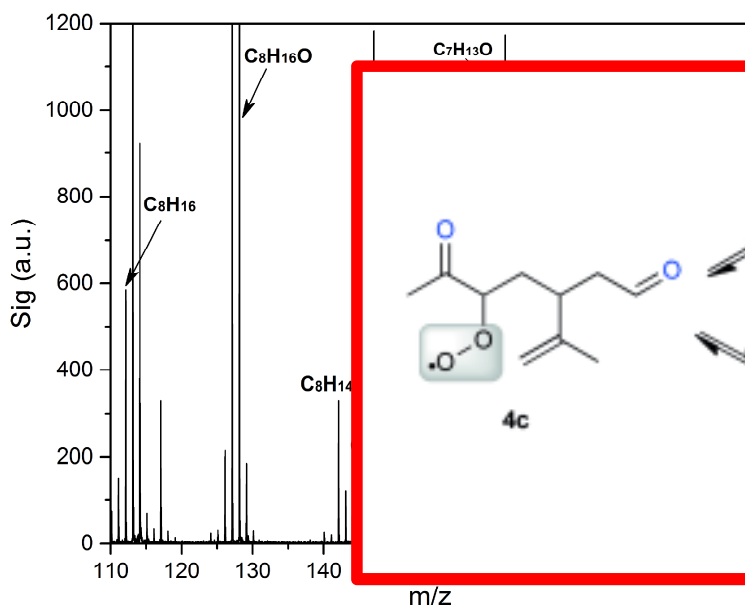
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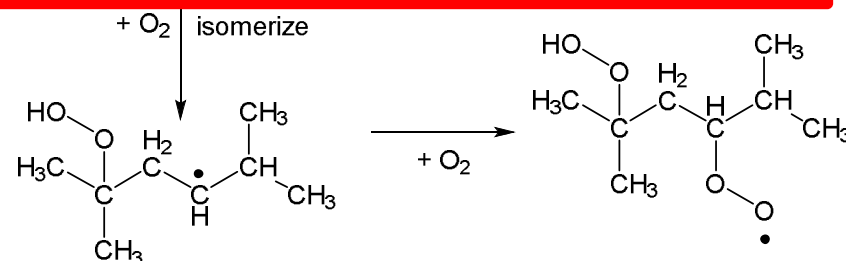
Tertiary carbons can prevent
“normal” OOQOOH reaction

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Oxidation of 2,5-dimethylhexane
makes highly oxygenated species

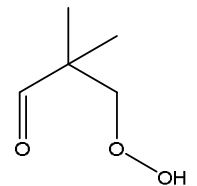
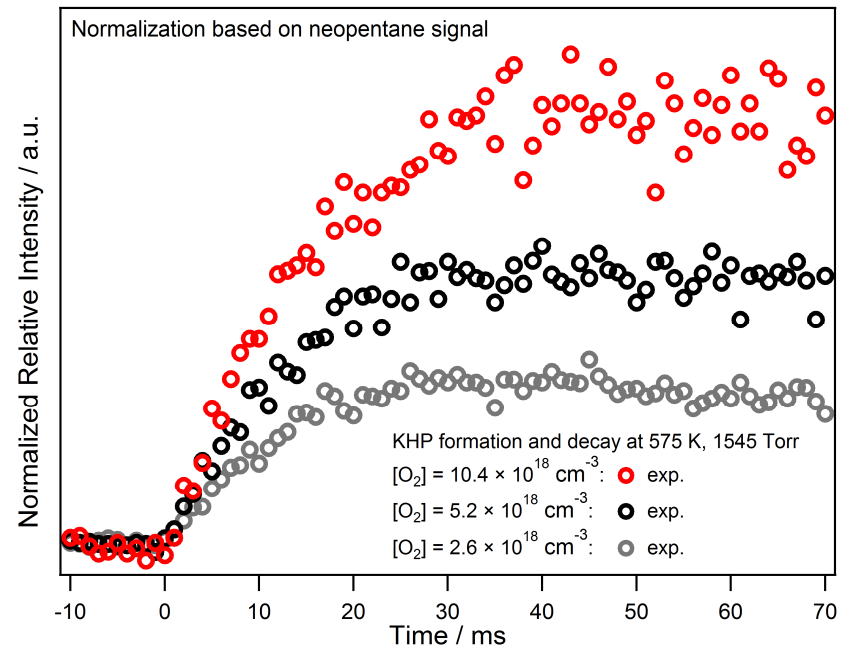
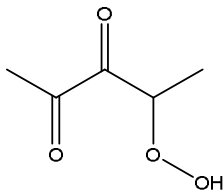
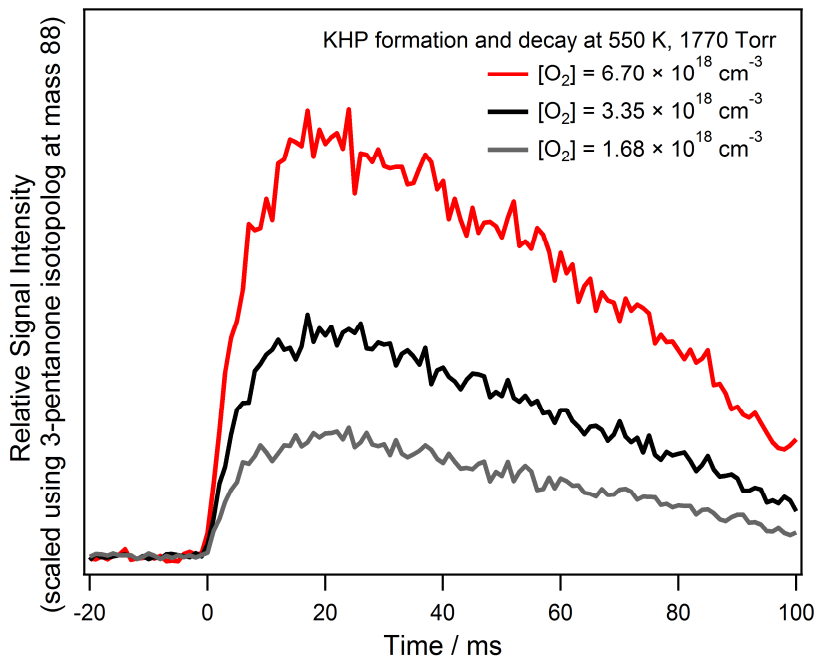
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Ketohydroperoxides have now been observed in many kinetic systems

Oxidation of 3-pentanone shows KHP formation

Neopentane oxidation also shows KHP formation

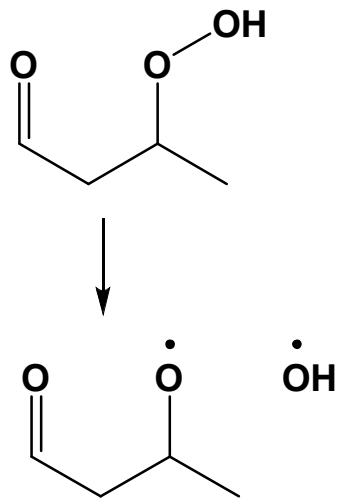


We know where they come from – where do they go?

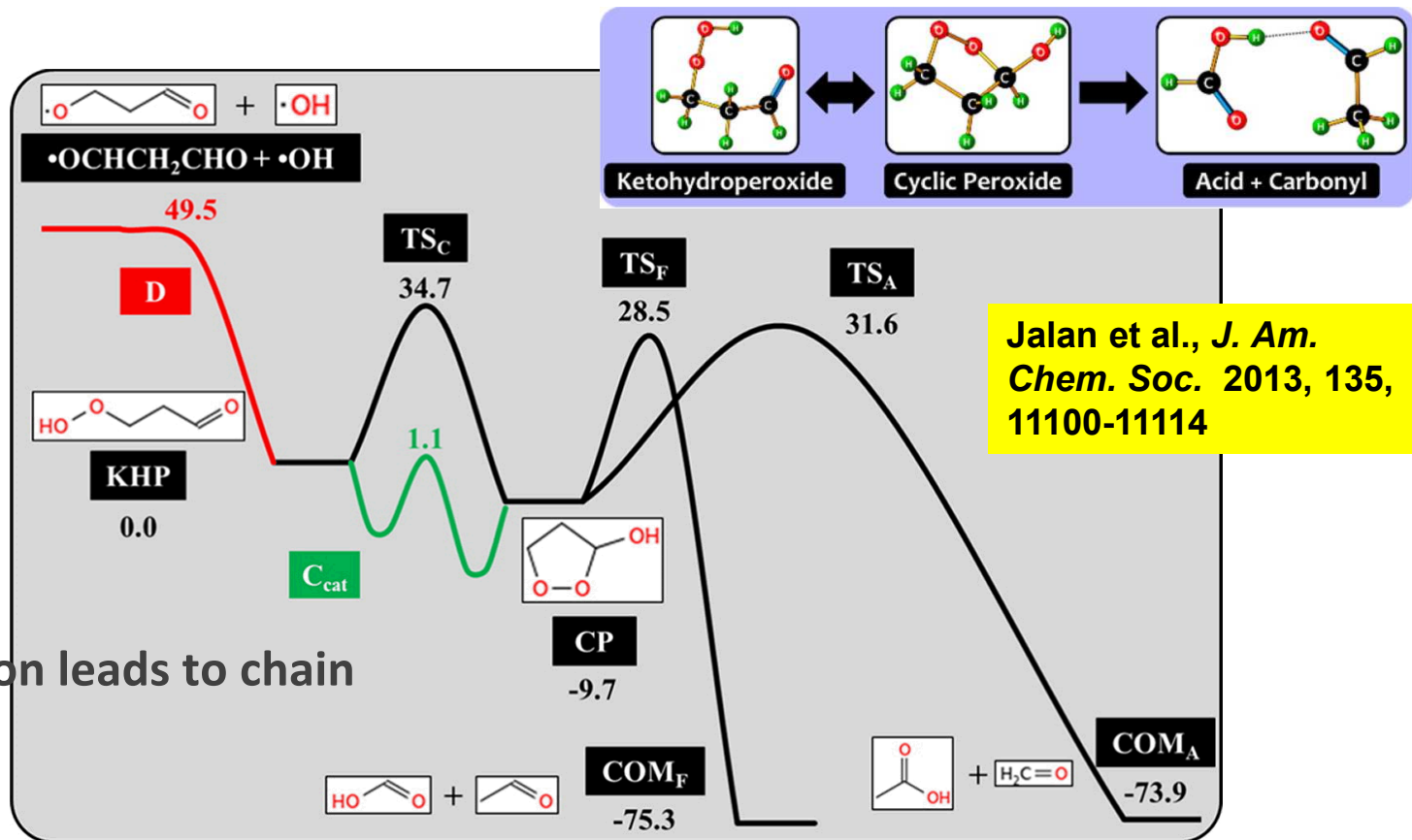
What happens to γ -ketohydroperoxides?

So far observed species are gamma-ketohydroperoxides

Jalan et al. pointed out that gamma-KHP can isomerize

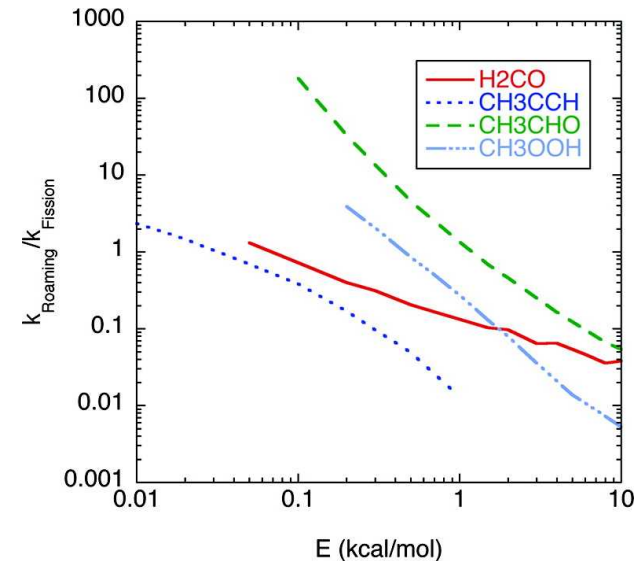
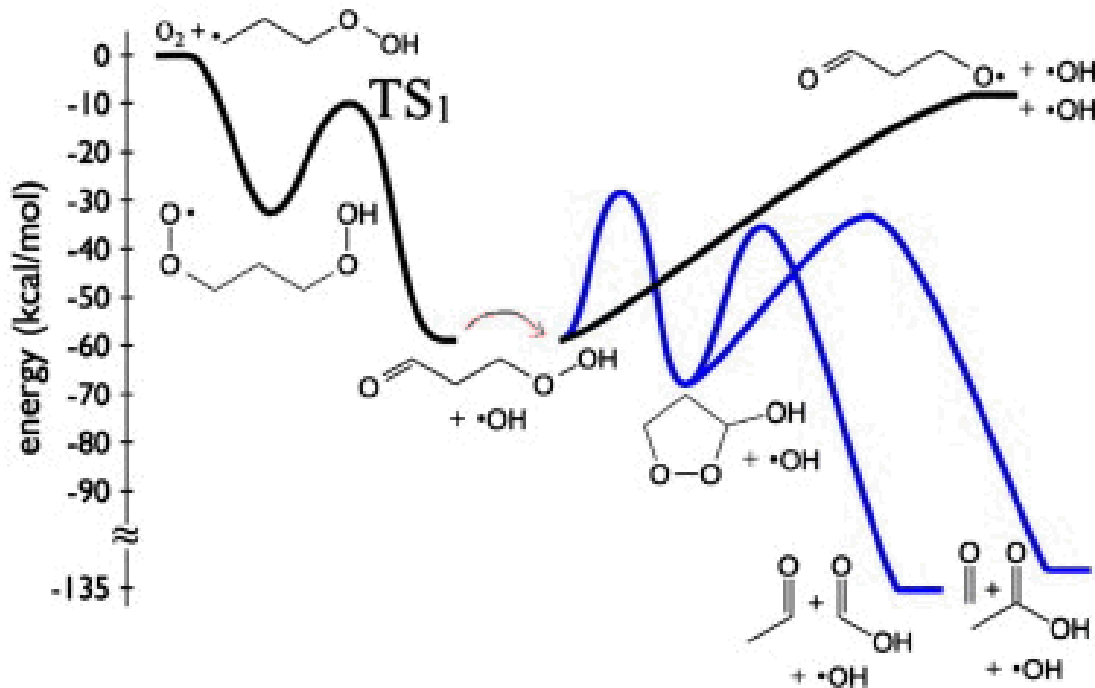


O-O bond fission leads to chain branching



Dynamics and beyond -- could excited products play a role?

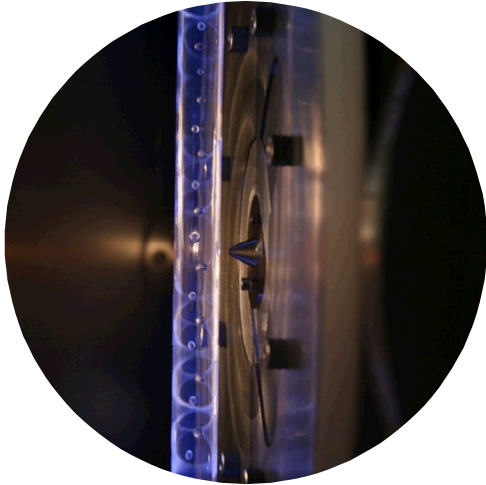
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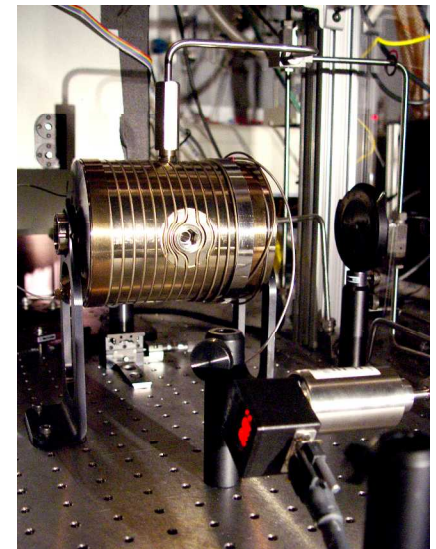
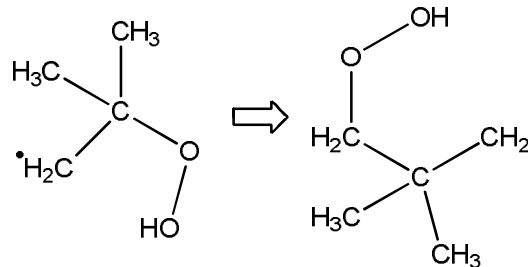
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Goldsmith, C. Franklin; Burke, Michael P.; Georgievskii, Yuri; Klippenstein, Stephen J. *Proc. Combust. Inst.* 35, 283-290 (2015)

Working inside the “black box” connects fundamental kinetics to complex models



- Begin to investigate conditions more like real combustion devices



- So far only the simplest or most convenient examples of intermediates -- try harder problems
 - New measurement methods are opening things up -- others are developing new tools to investigate these species



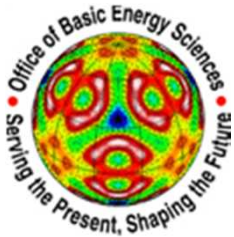
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