

Working Inside the Box

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How Does Someone Get the Polanyi Medal?

- “someone who has made outstanding contributions to the field of Gas Kinetics”
- What is Gas Kinetics and what is it good for?

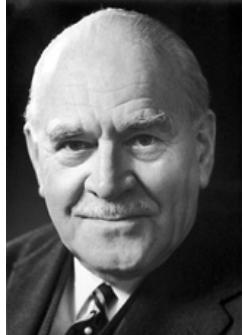
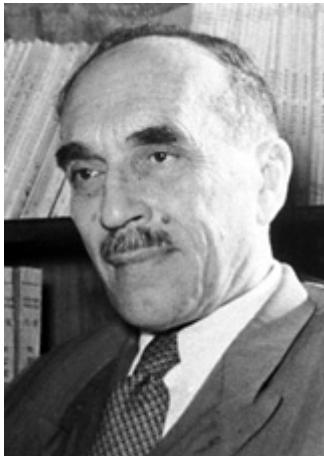


- When I was in graduate school –
- goal was understanding details of how molecules interact



- Postdoctoral work – controlling orientation of molecules
- Finer detail and greater control?
- “Dynamics” or “Kinetics”?

There are more frontiers than one ...

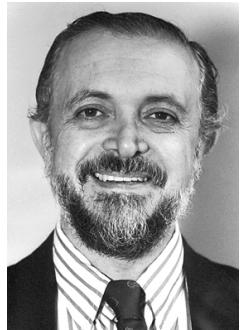


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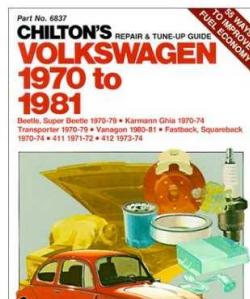
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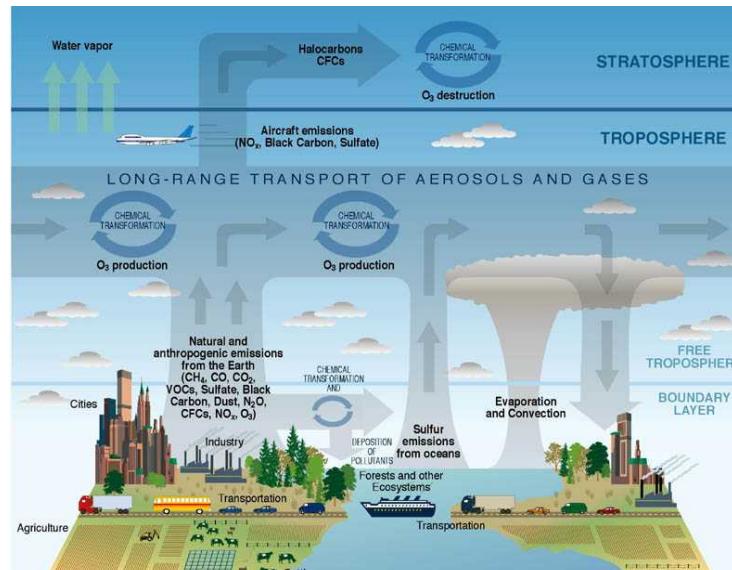
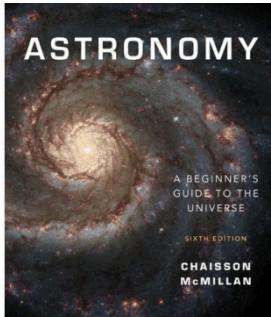
Why do people do chemical kinetic modeling?



Robert Couse-Baker



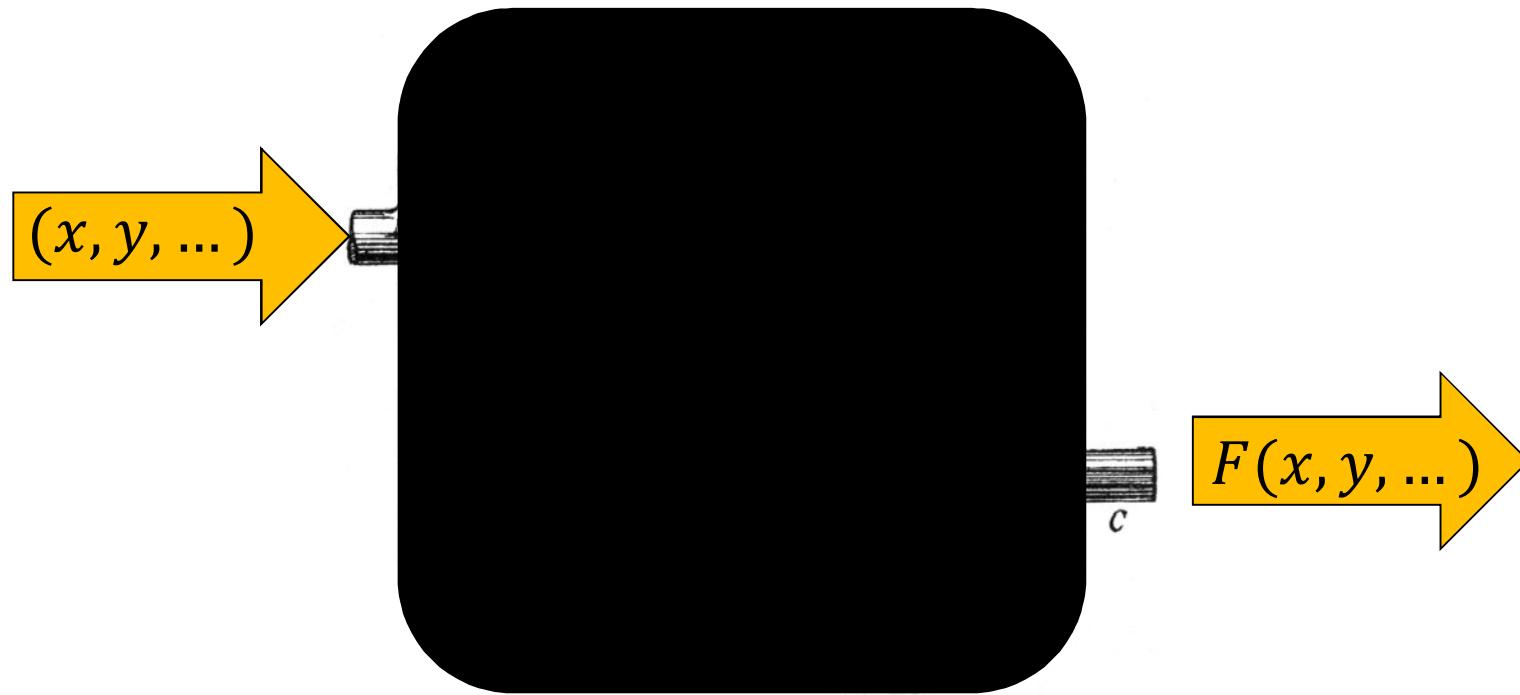
Predict what will happen as the boundary conditions are changed



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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.

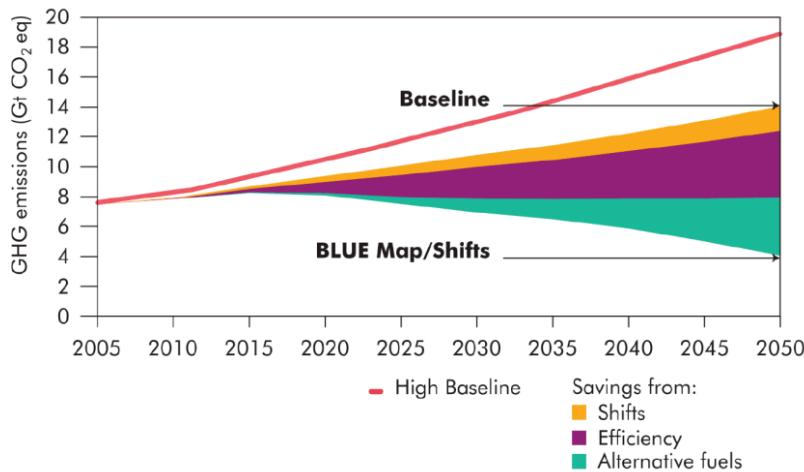
Need to understand the *intermediate steps*

Hydrocarbon Oxidation Powers Our Society and Is a Key Process in Earth's Atmosphere

Combustion produces ~ 85% of the world's energy

Hydrocarbon combustion provides nearly all of the energy for transportation

Clean, efficient combustion is part of global energy strategies



Tropospheric Chemistry:
Oxidation “cleanses” the troposphere
Oxidation also produces aerosols,
smog, other unwanted byproducts

Tropospheric and Engine Oxidation Processes Both Run on Radical Chain Chemistry

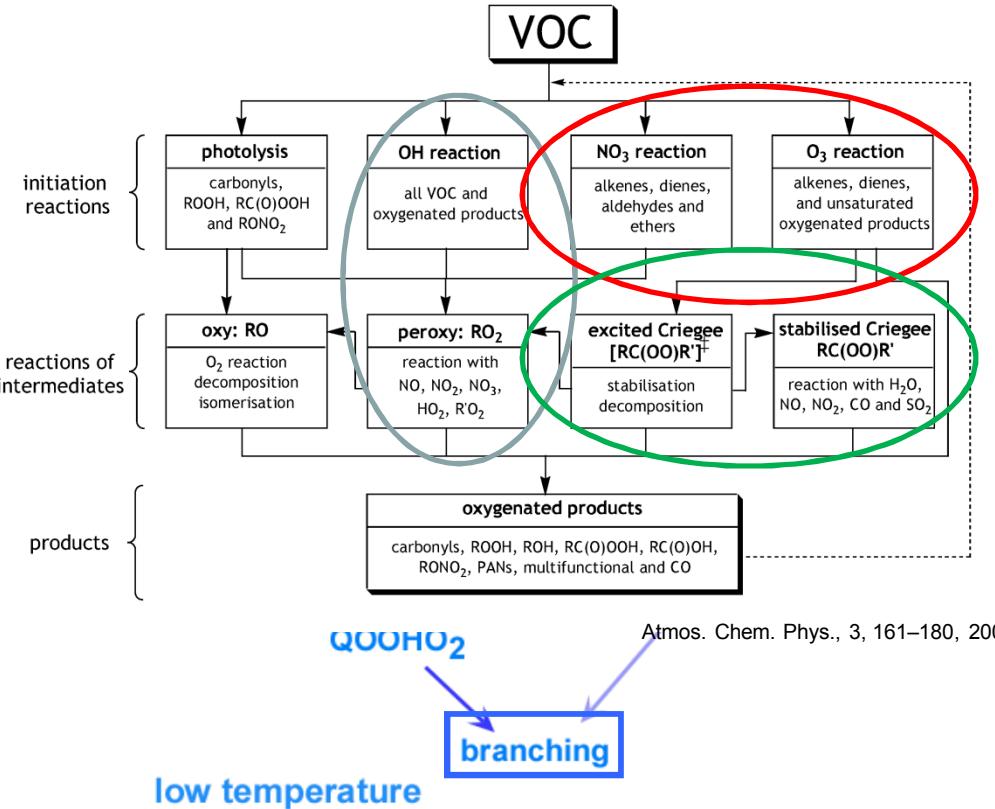
Ignition Chemistry:

- Chain-branching pathways are a “nonlinear feedback” for autoignition
- Alkyl + O₂ reactions and “QOOH” *intermediates* are central to low-temperature chain branching

Tropospheric Chemistry:

- Alkyl + O₂ reactions from OH-initiated oxidation also important in troposphere
- NO₃ and O₃ species are also important oxidation initiators
- Criegee intermediates* are important species for OH, aerosol formation, NO_x, SO_x

General Alkyl Radical Oxidation Scheme



Adapted from Walker and Morley, "Basic Chemistry of Combustion," in *Low Temperature Combustion and Autoignition*, Ed. M. J. Pilling, (Comprehensive Chemical Kinetics Vol. 35) Elsevier, 1997

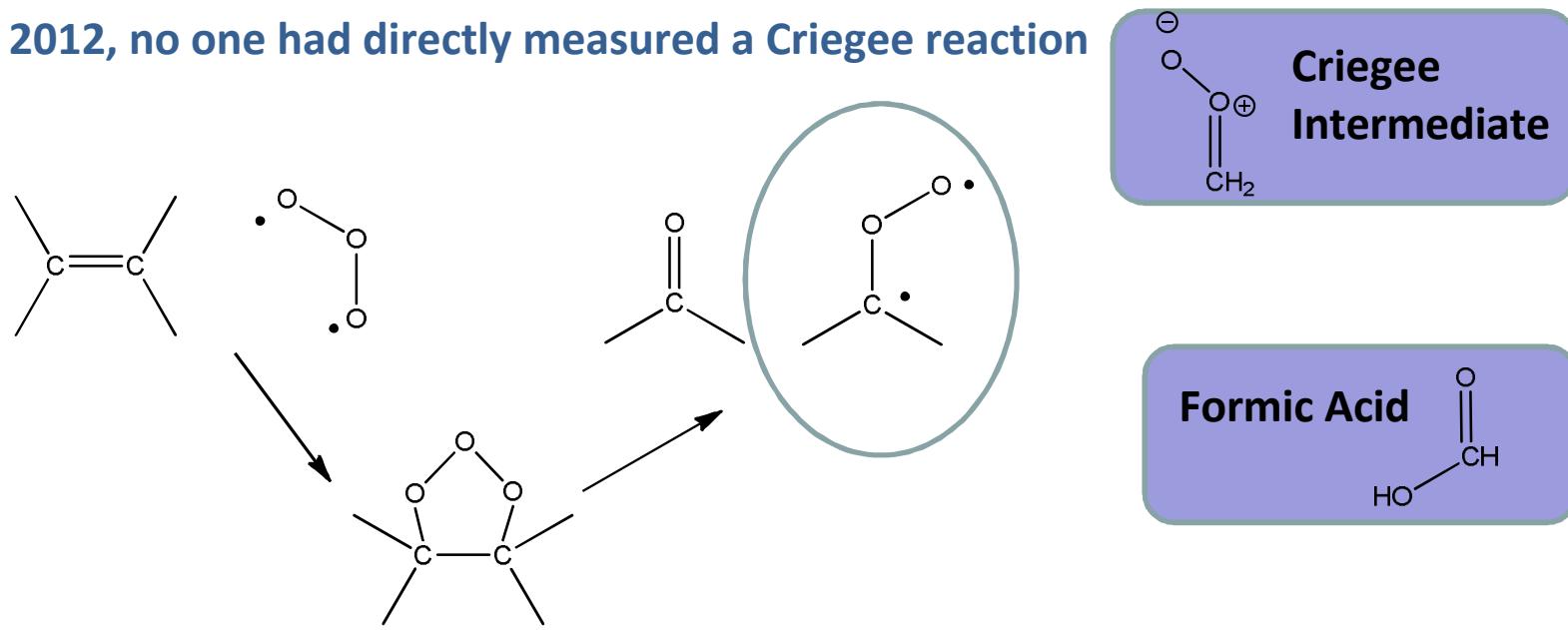
Kinetic Models for Oxidation Chemistry Require Knowing Reactions of “Intermediates”

Ozonolysis is a major component in tropospheric removal of hydrocarbons – makes carbonyl oxides, often known as Criegee intermediates

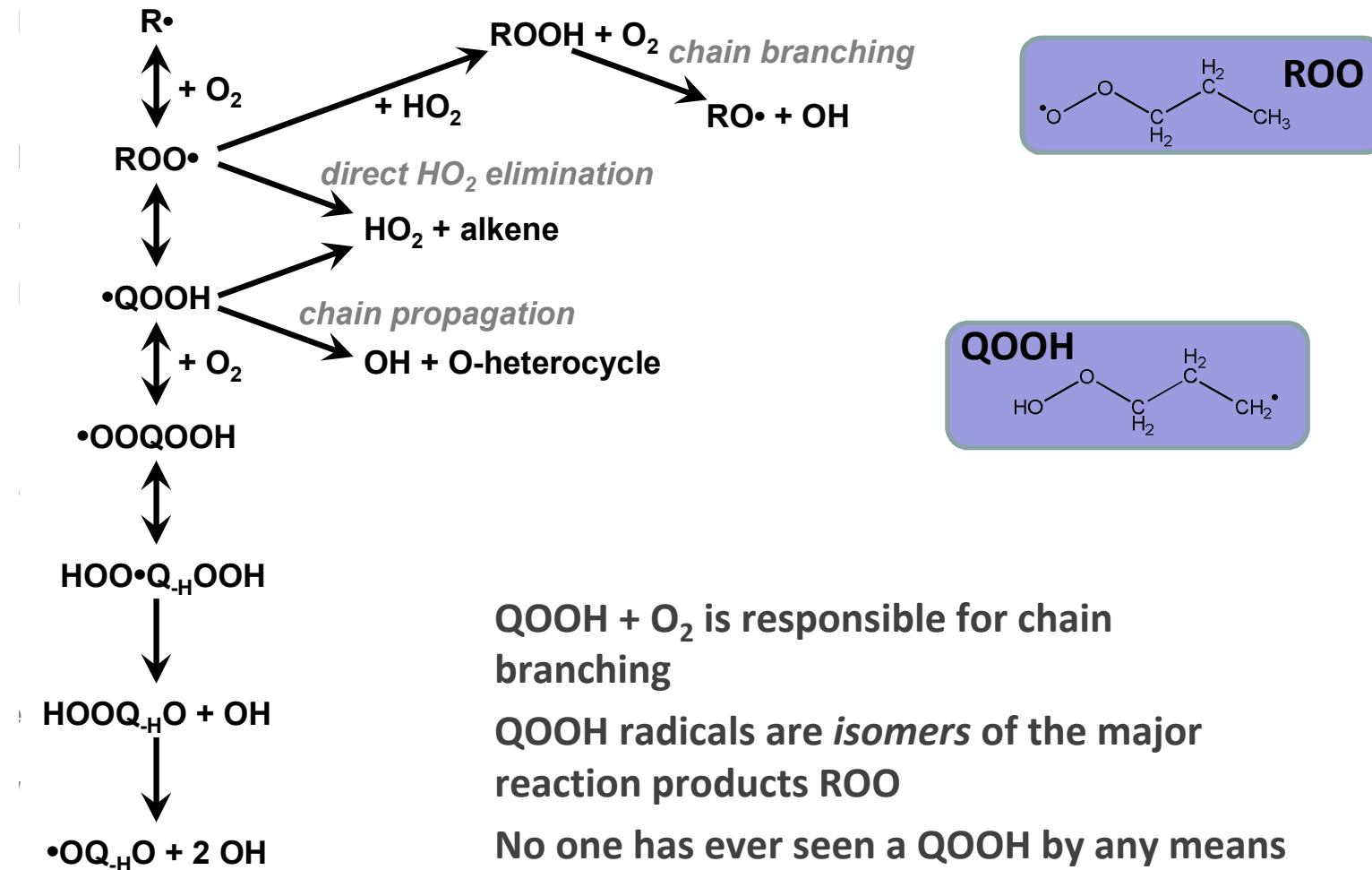
Criegee intermediates also appear in $\text{QOOH} + \text{O}_2$ reactions
Andersen and Carter, *J Phys. Chem. A* 107, 9463-9478 (2003); Asatryan and Bozzelli, *J Phys. Chem. A* 114, 7693-7708 (2010)

Criegee intermediates are *isomers* of more stable products, organic acids or esters

Until 2012, no one had directly measured a Criegee reaction

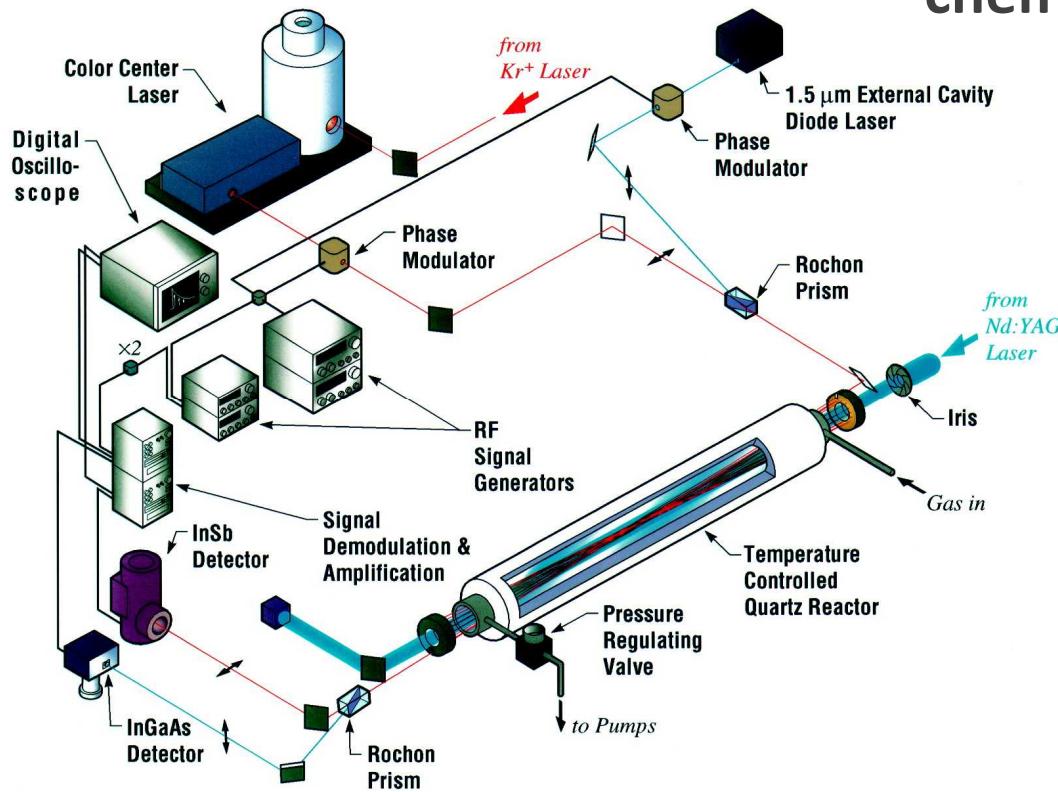


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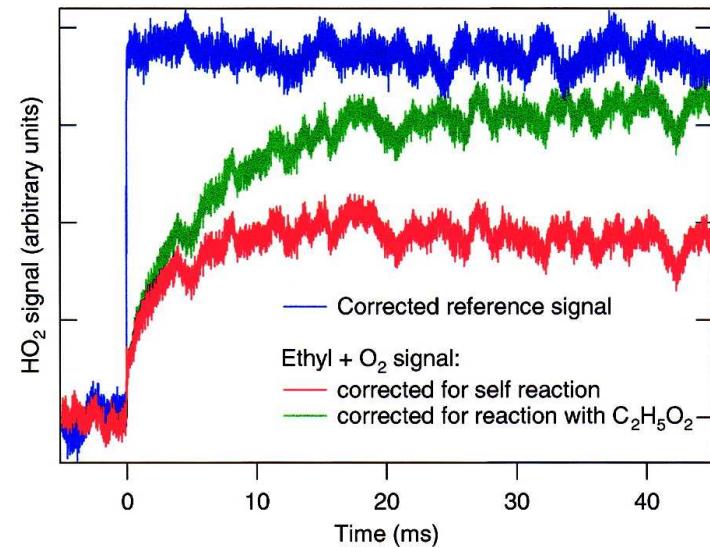
So what can we do?

Alkyl + O₂ reactions – Detect the HO₂ reaction product



Product appears on two timescales -- kinetically separate chemical activation contribution

Phenomenological analysis

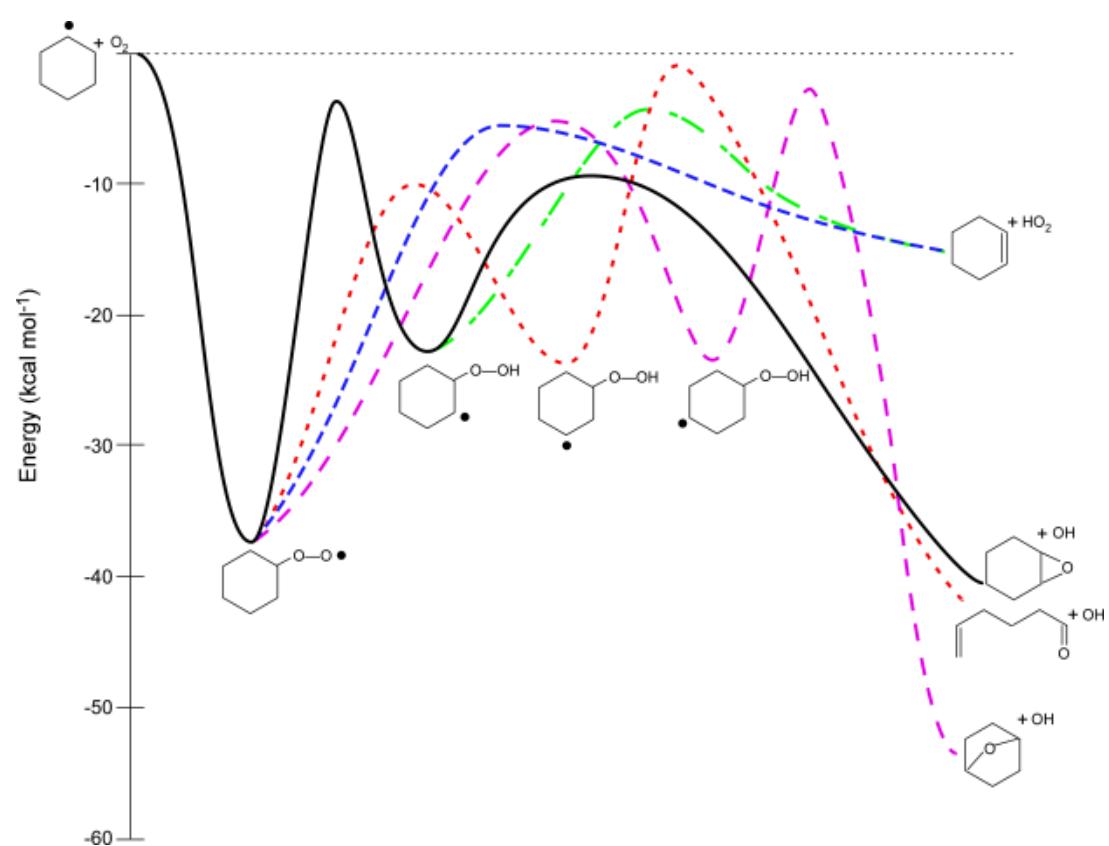


Coupling with Theory Turns Phenomenology into Chemical Insight

Everything changed when I started working with this guy

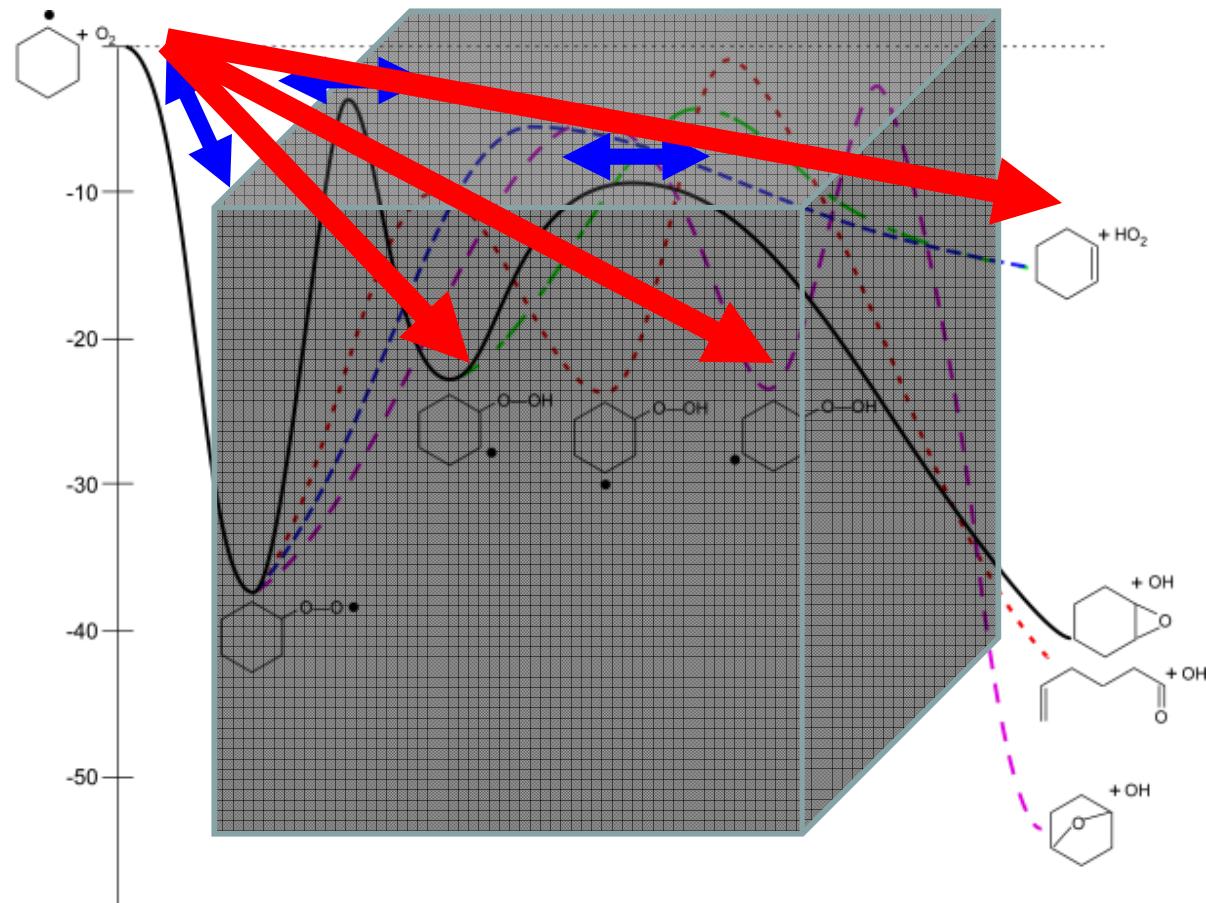
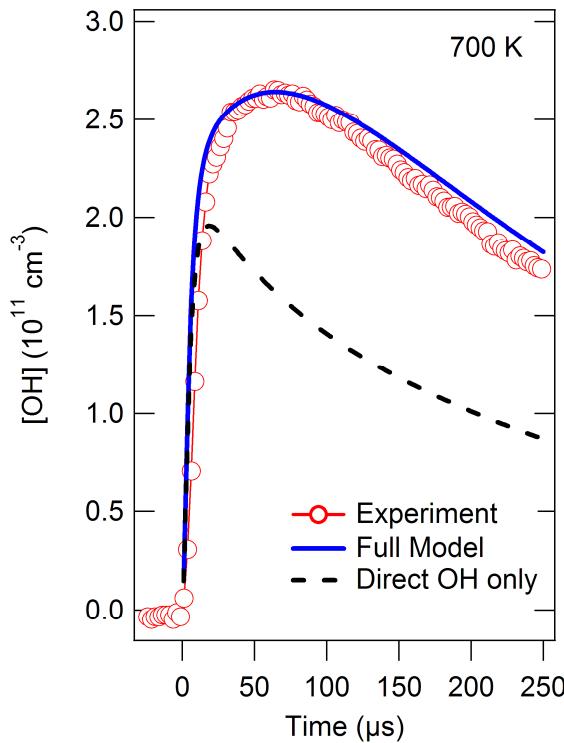


Measurements constrain stationary points on the PES



How Does This Tell Us Anything about the Intermediates? Deal with the Black Box!

Measured products from pulsed photolytically initiated $\text{R} + \text{O}_2$ reactions compared to theory

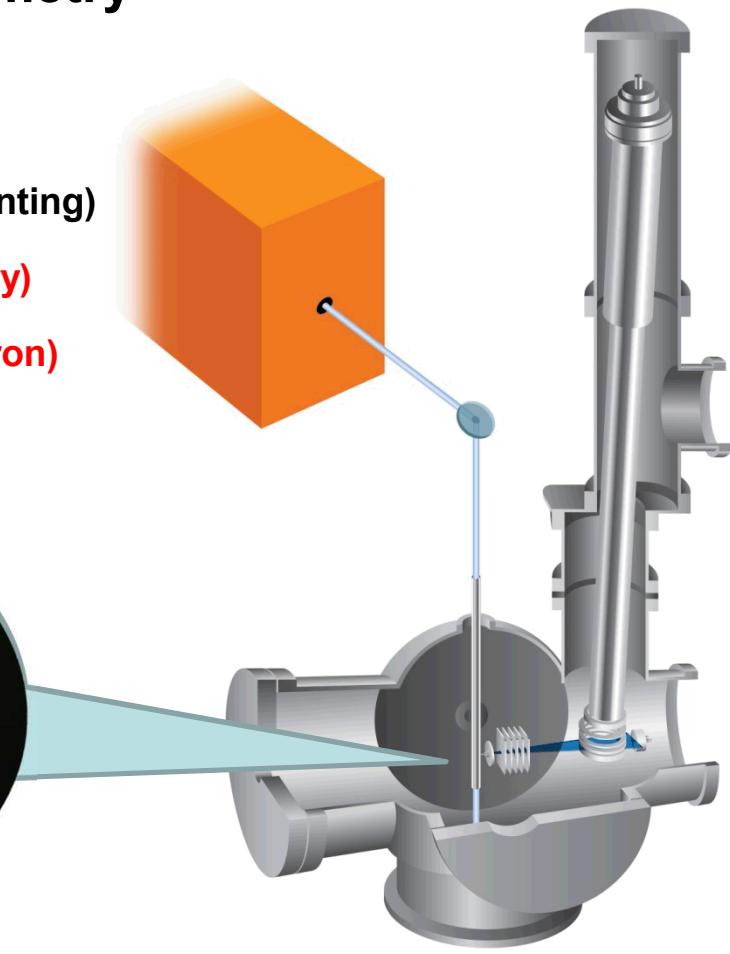
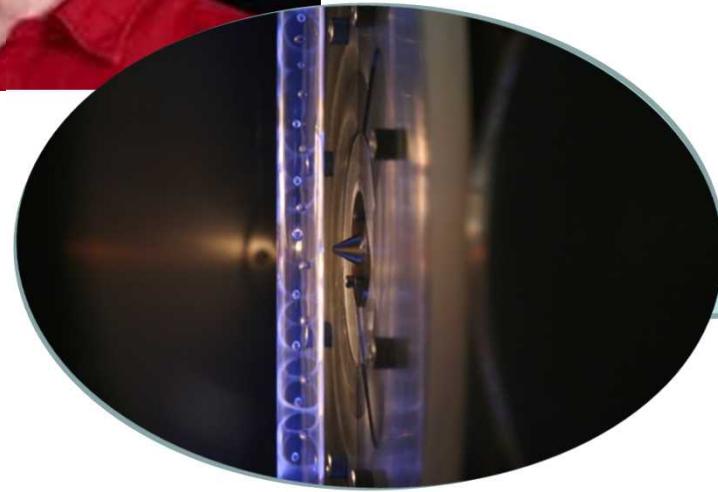
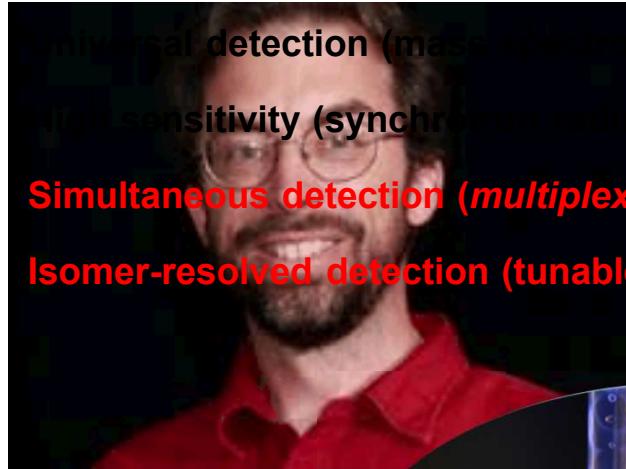


Experimental ambiguity: e.g., OH measurements don't tell which QOOH contributes

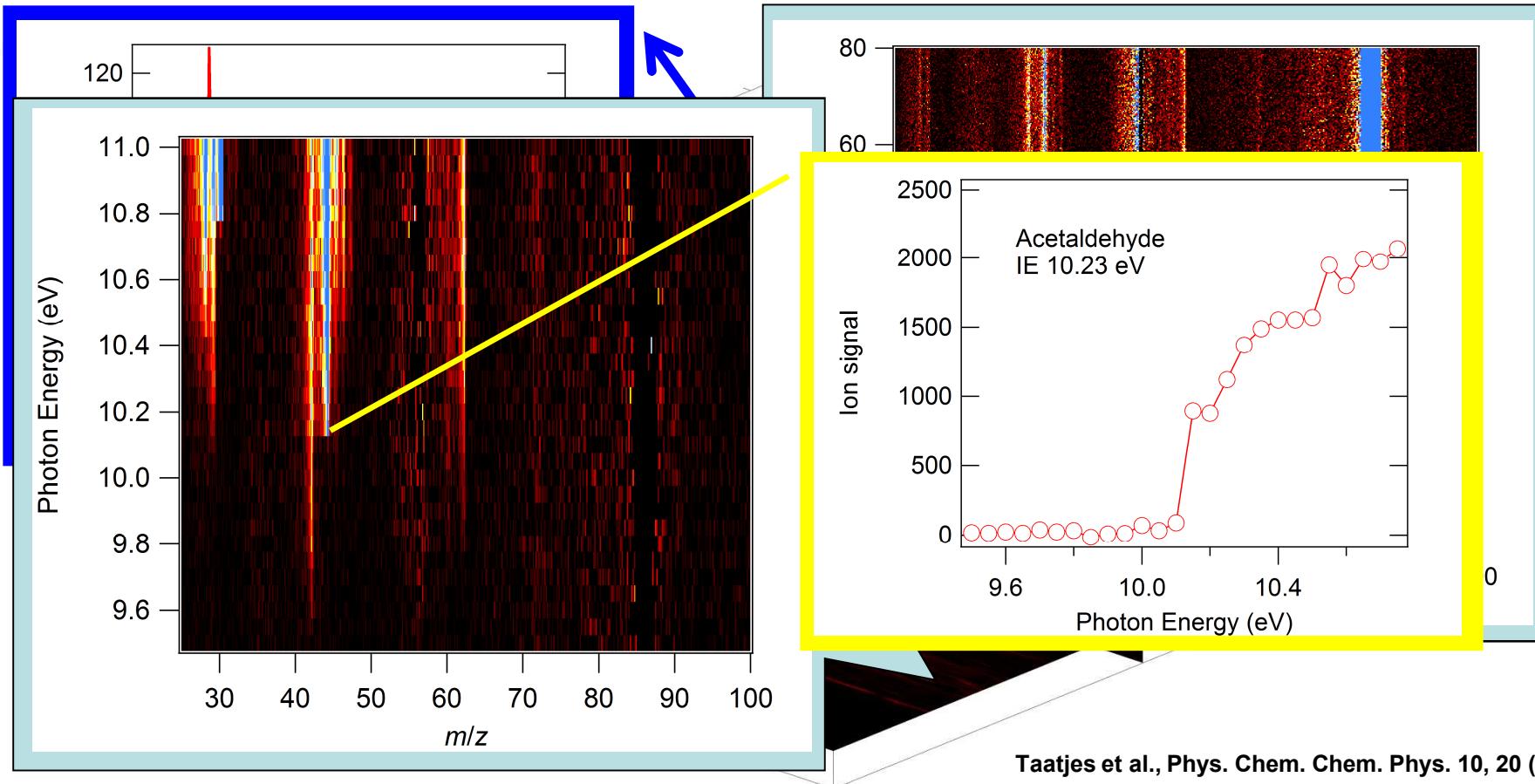
Need as much detail as we can get – really would like to measure all the species all the time

Everything changed again

Multiplexed photoionization mass spectrometry
because of this guy
(MPIMS)



Kinetic data is acquired as a function of kinetic time, mass, and photoionization energy



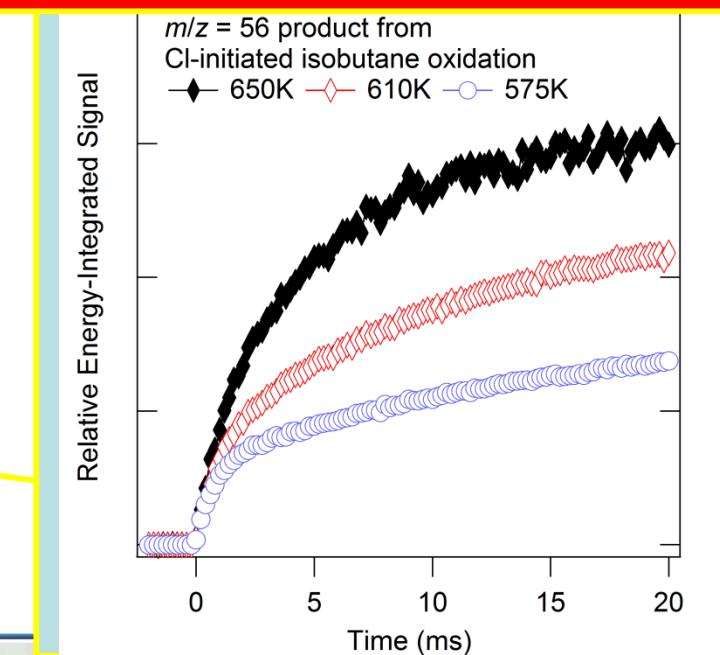
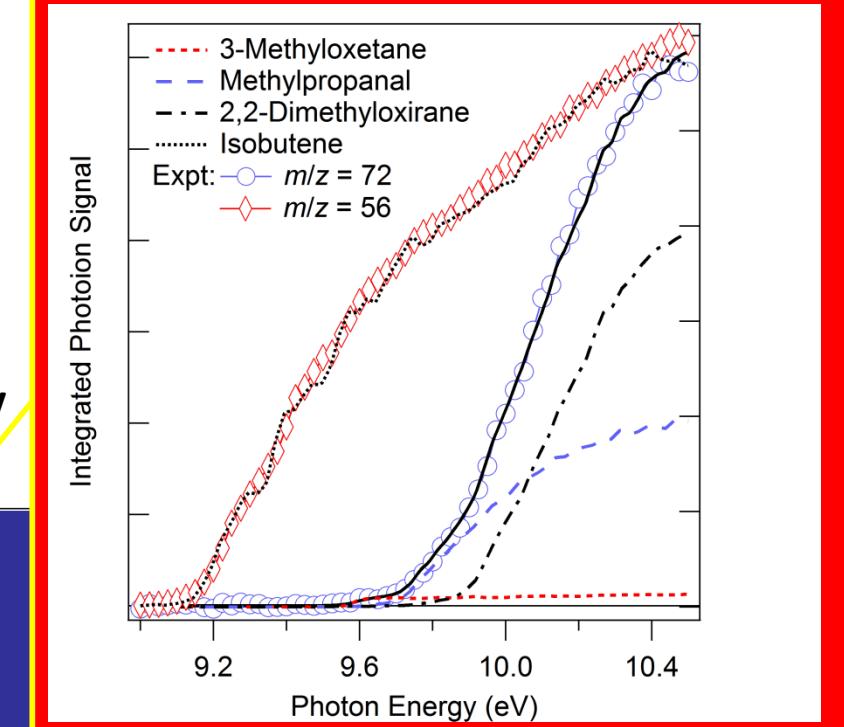
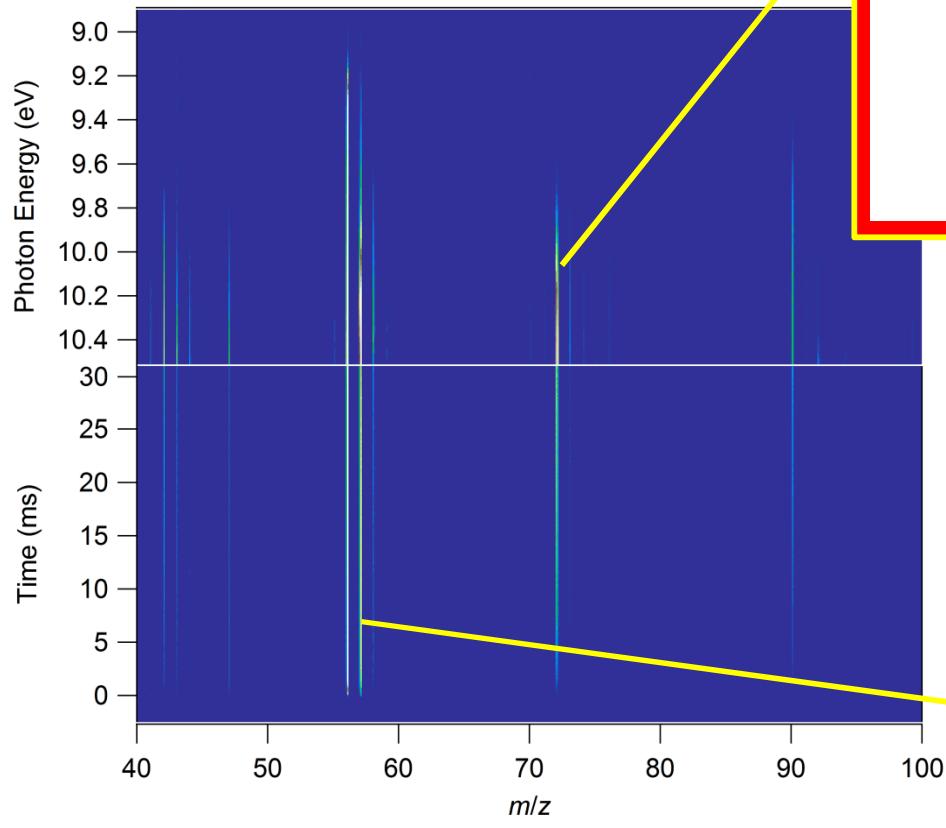
Taatjes et al., Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. 10, 20 (2008).

3-D dataset can be “sliced” along different axes to probe different aspects of the reaction

Cl-initiated alkane oxidation

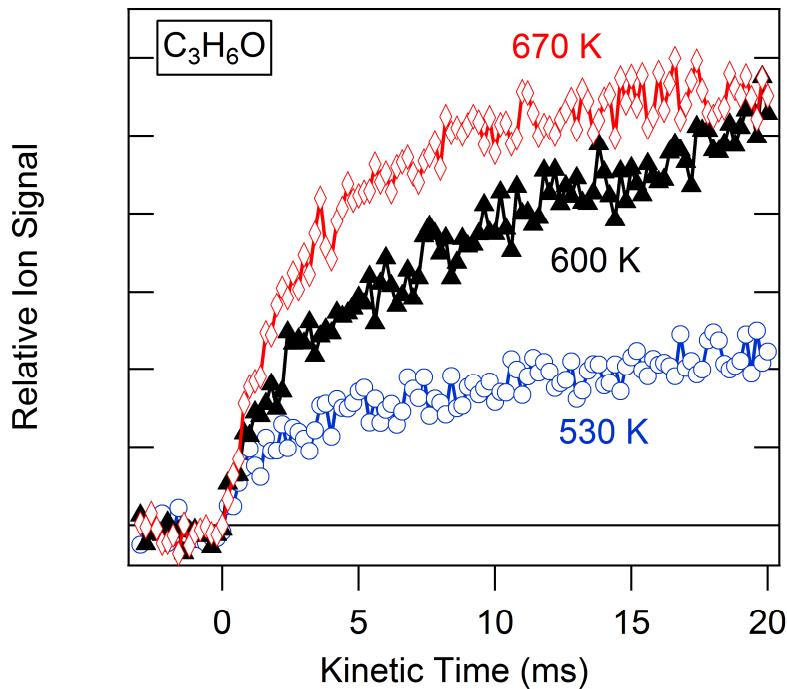
Time behavior of product formation – prompt and delayed

Photoionization spectra identify product isomers

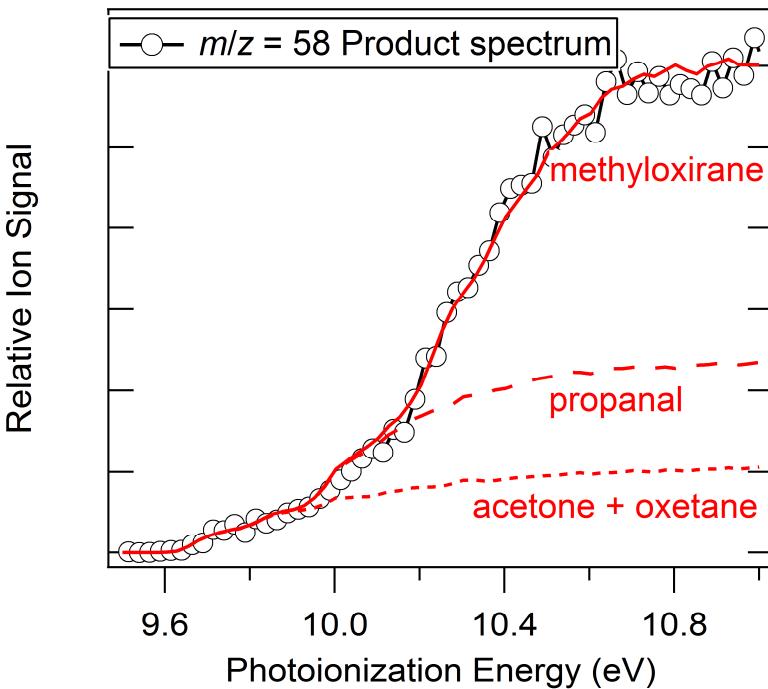


Mass spectroscopic measurements can identify isomeric pathways

Time profiles of stable products reflect same bimodal behavior as radicals



Multiple $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}$ isomers are formed in unimolecular reactions of ROO

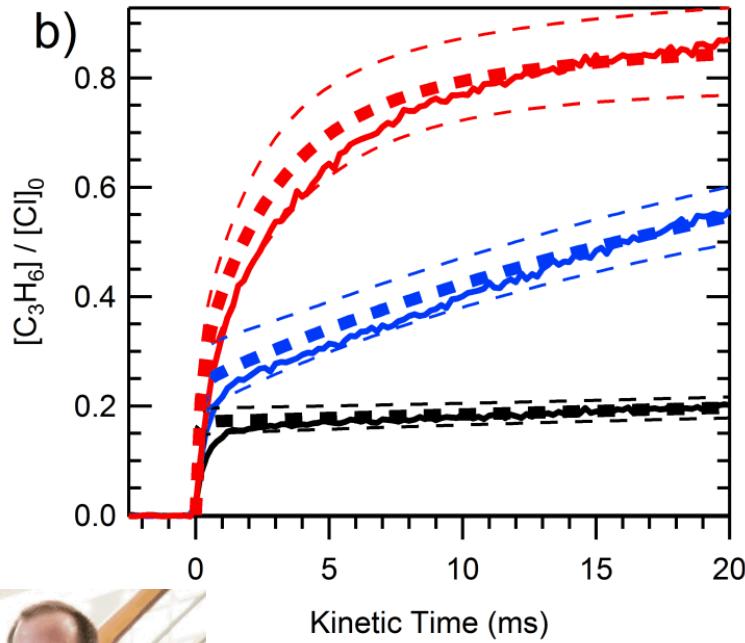


Combine with high-pressure MPIMS (Lenny Sheps), radical product measurements and literature experiments: multi-scale informatics (Mike Burke et al., Argonne)

Much better constraints on primary reaction characteristics

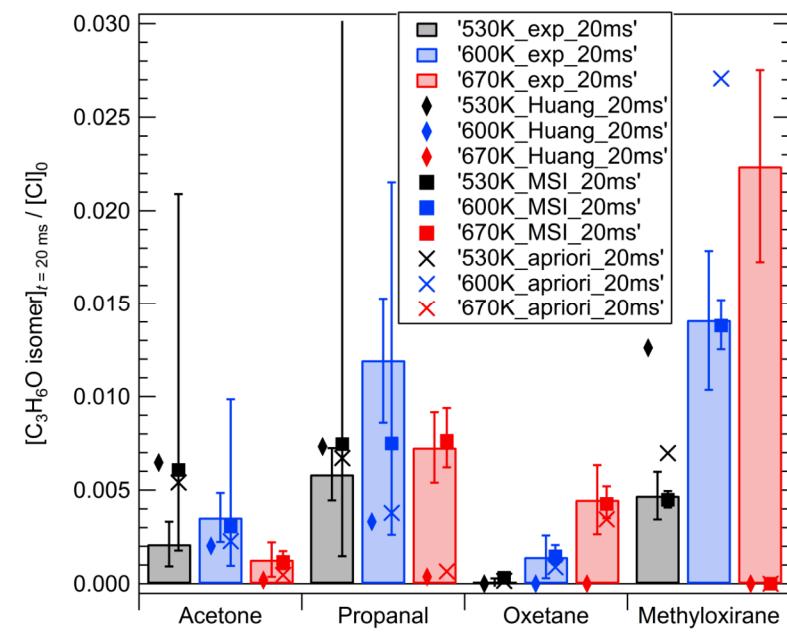
“Multiscale Informatics” (Mike Burke) is a powerful way to combine data

Optimized model using rigorous uncertainty bounds

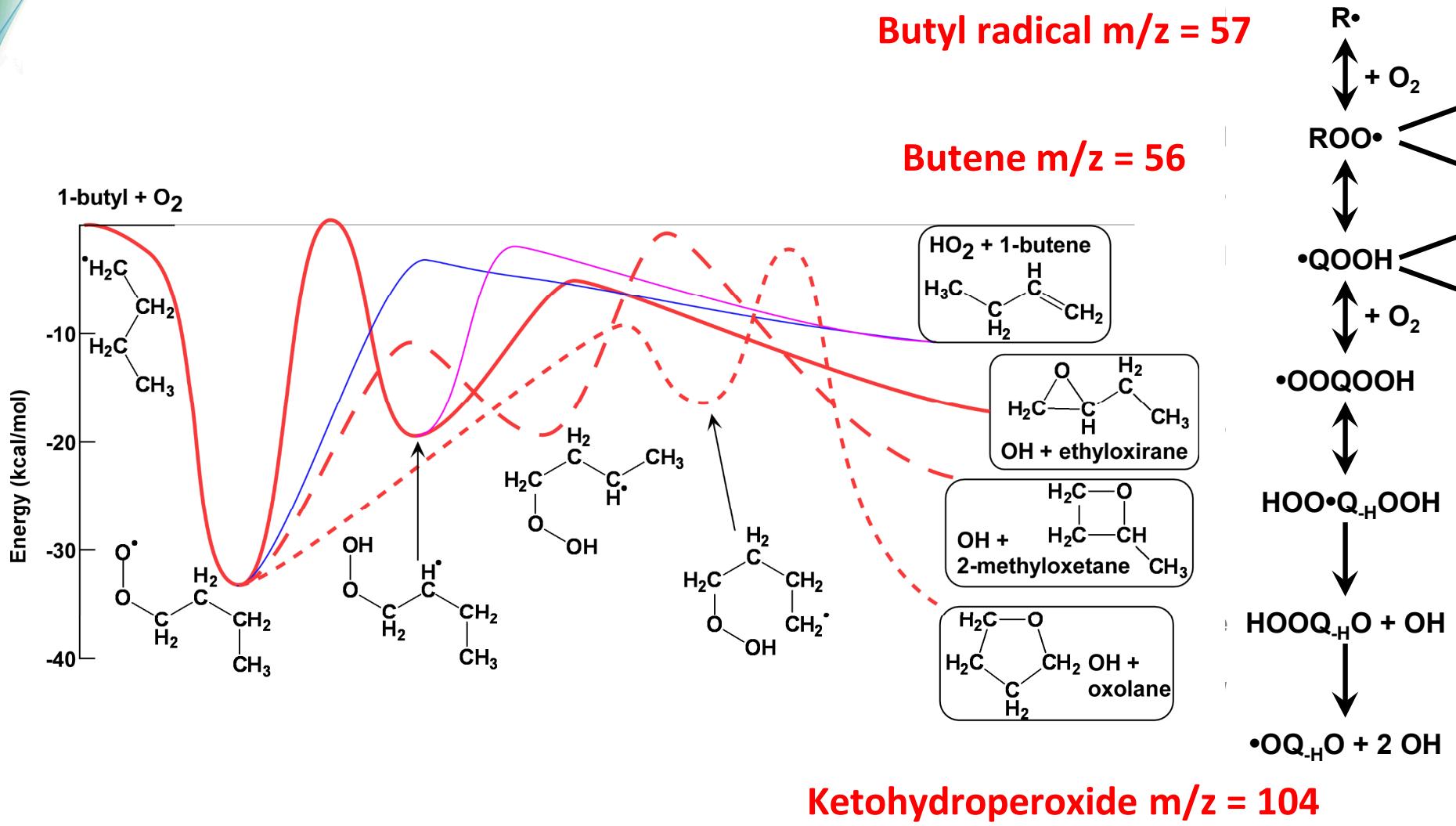


Also includes theoretical kinetics calculations with uncertainties

New photoionization experiments constrain model

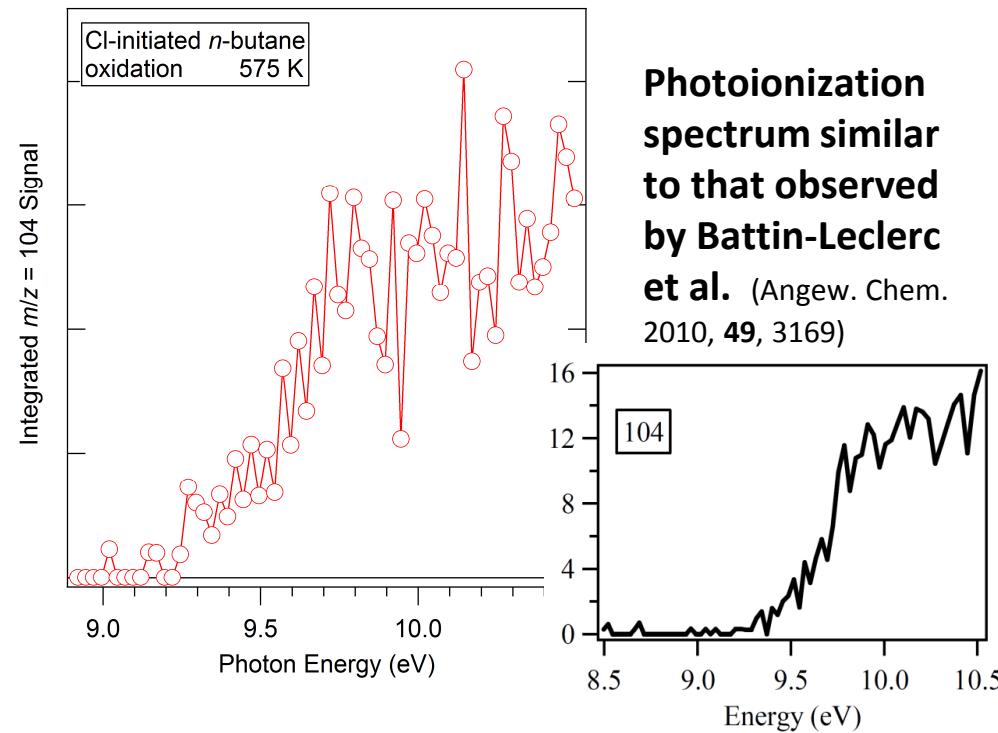


Monitor time-resolved product formation in pulsed-photolytically initiated oxidation



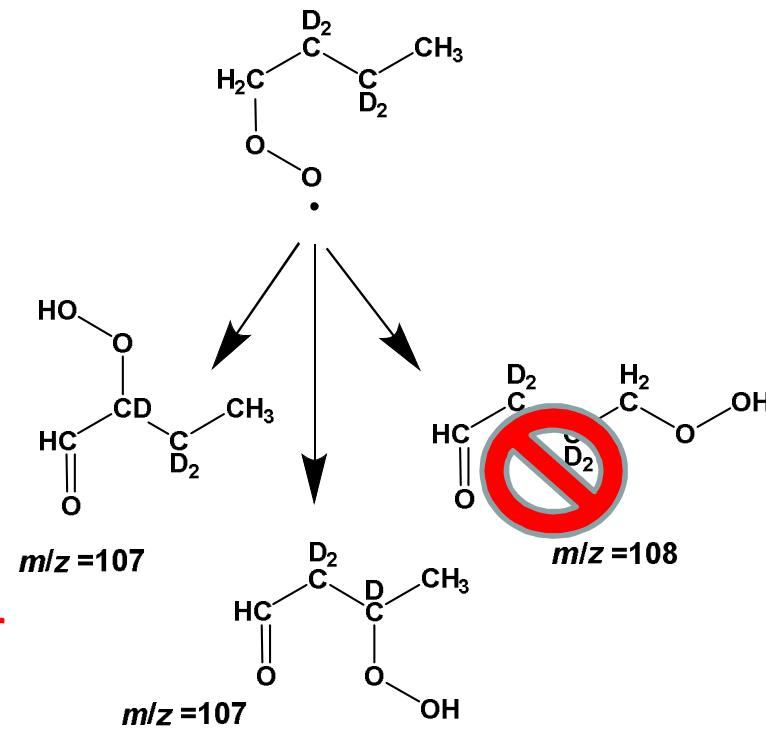
Ketohydroperoxide Product at $m/z = 104$

Arises from $\text{QOOH} + \text{O}_2$ (but which?)



Photoionization spectrum similar to that observed by Battin-Leclerc et al. (Angew. Chem. 2010, 49, 3169)

Isotopic labeling further narrows the possible ketohydroperoxide isomers

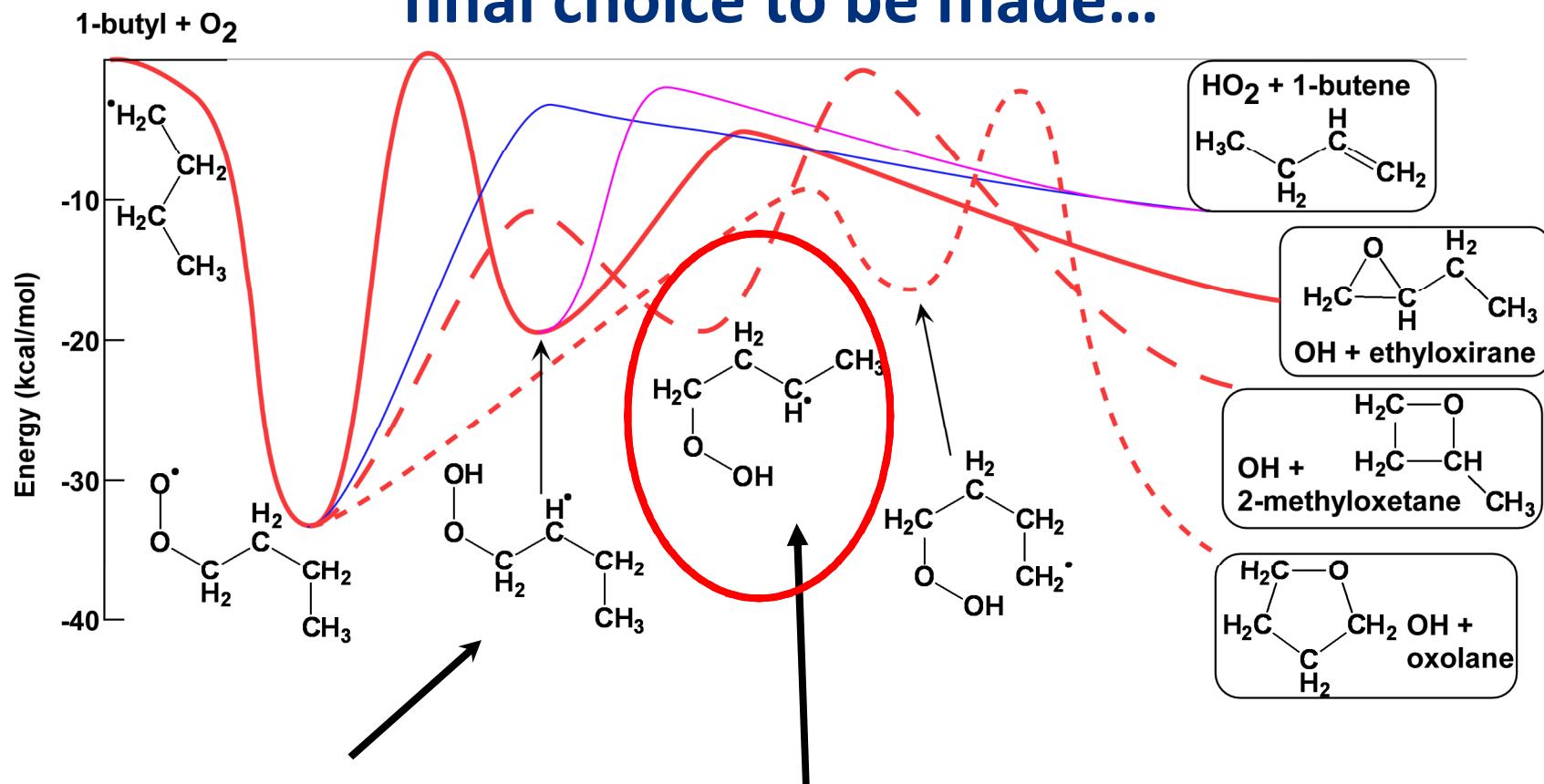


At low pressure, the ketohydroperoxide yield is linear with $[\text{O}_2]$

Measurements with specific butyl isomers show ketohydroperoxide from 1-butyl oxidation but not from 2-butyl oxidation

Arkke Eskola

Considering the potential surface allows the final choice to be made...

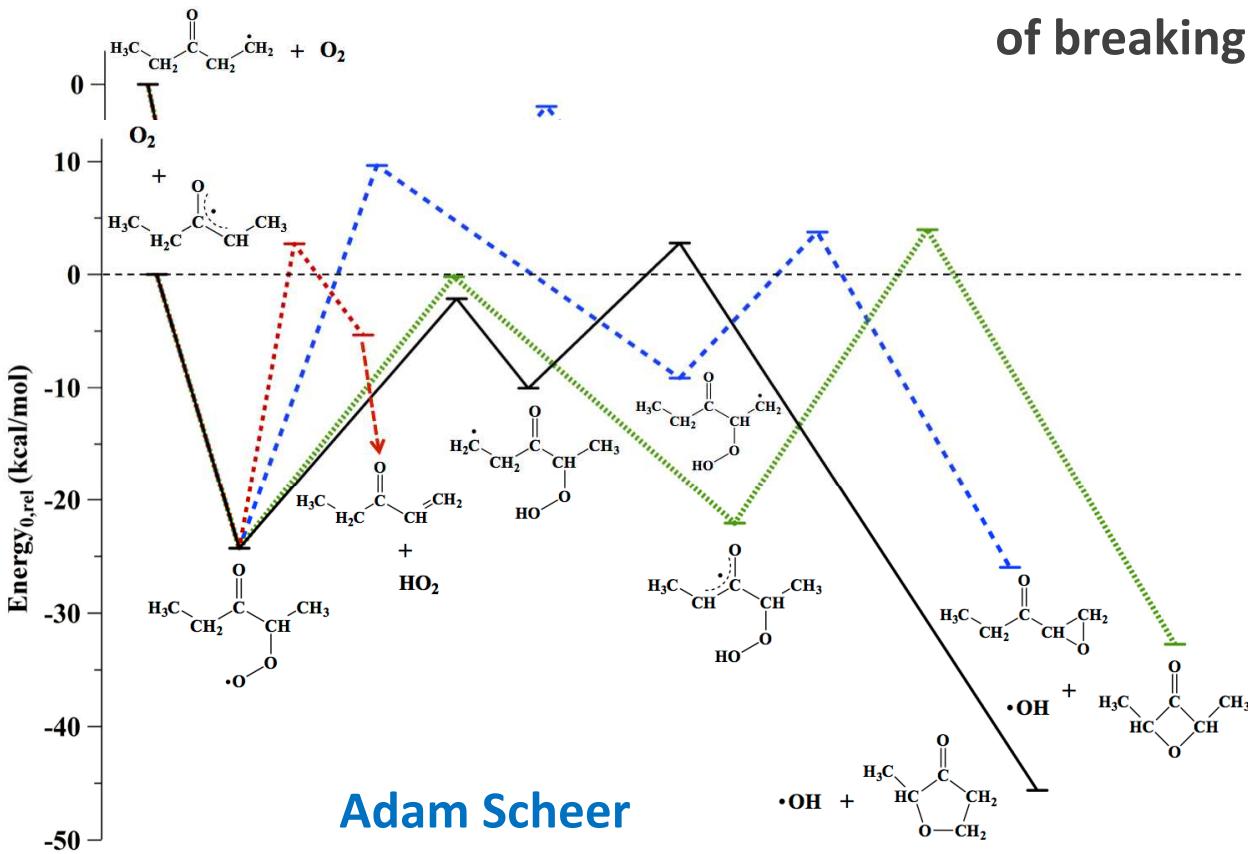


Difficult to make, rapidly dissociates to bimolecular products

Easy to make, larger barrier to bimolecular products

Thermodynamics Affects the Isomerization and Dissociation of QOOH

What about systems with unusually stable QOOH?



Ring strain in the transition state for isomerization

Stability of QOOH radical (strength of breaking C-H bond)

Ketone oxidation has
possibility of vinoxylic
resonance stabilization

~~Resonance-stabilized radicals~~ less reactive with O_2

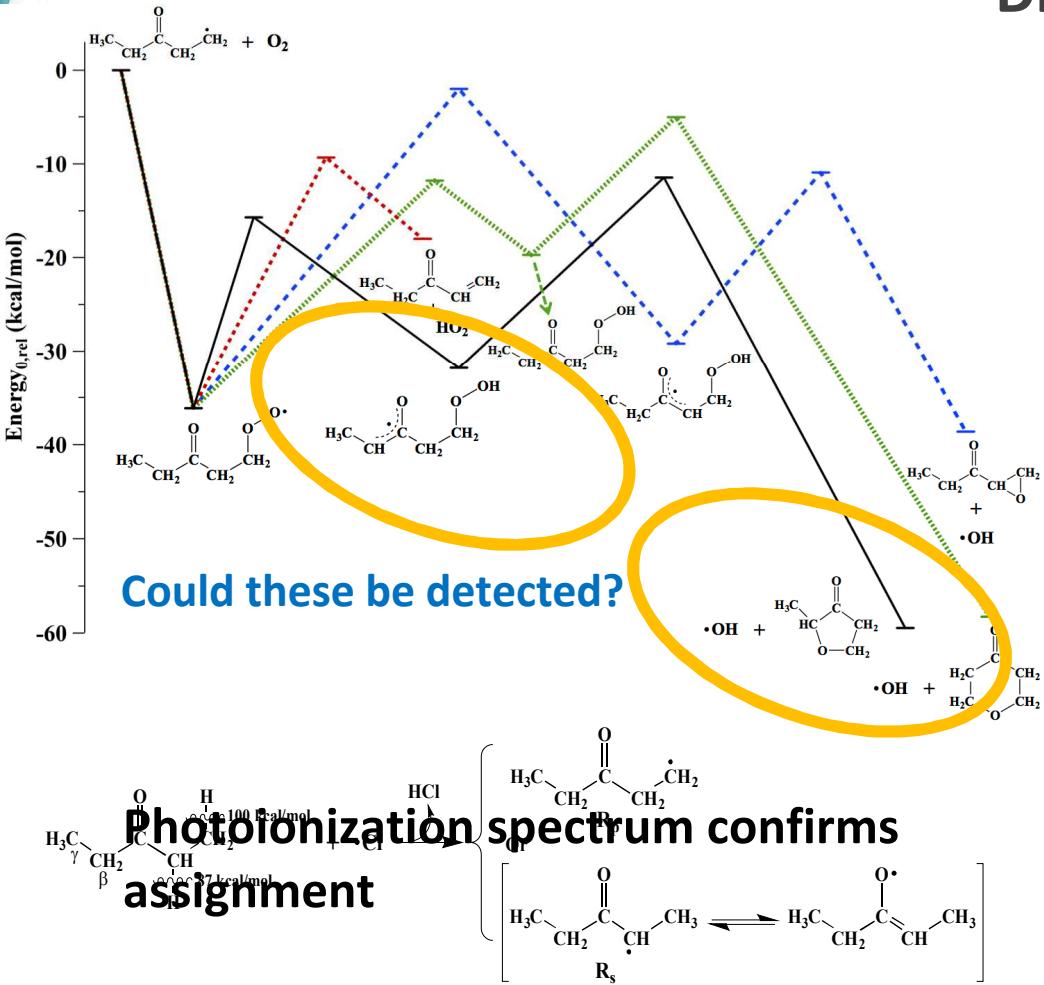
$OH + \text{ethyloxirane}$

Resonance stabilization may favor particular pathway (Carter invited talk)

$OH + \text{2-methyloxetane}$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{H}_2\text{C} \text{---} \text{O} \\ | \\ \text{H}_2\text{C} \text{---} \text{C} \text{---} \text{CH}_2 \text{ OH} + \\ | \\ \text{H}_2 \end{array}
 \text{oxolane}$$

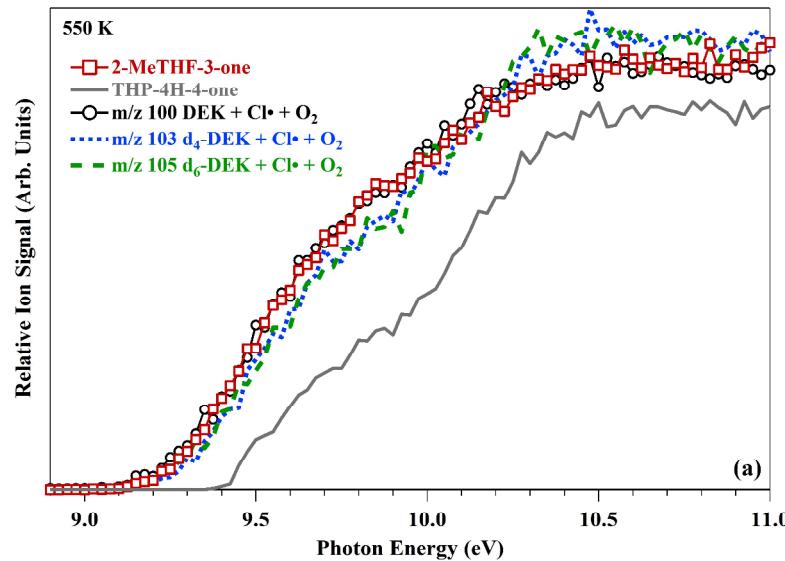
Pathway via resonance-stabilized QOOH dominates cyclic ether formation



Diethyl ketone oxidation

The vinylic initial radical is relatively unreactive

Selective deuteration suggests formation of five-membered ring from initial primary radical



Why are these things so hard to detect?



The hole in the bottom of the bucket is bigger than the hole at the top!



People get out of the rain!

They don't stay in their reactive configuration very long – they are made slowly and consumed rapidly

We need sensitive and selective detection *and* a way to make intermediates directly

So what about QOOH? Can photoionization detect and characterize the elusive QOOH?

Most ROO have no stable parent cation

(Meloni et al., *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* 128, 13559 (2006)),
but some QOOH⁺ are stable

Problem is to make enough!

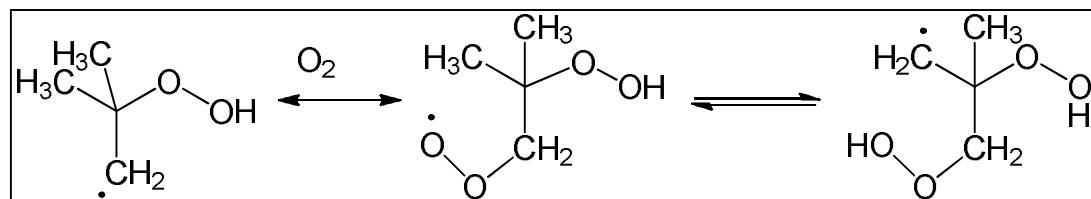
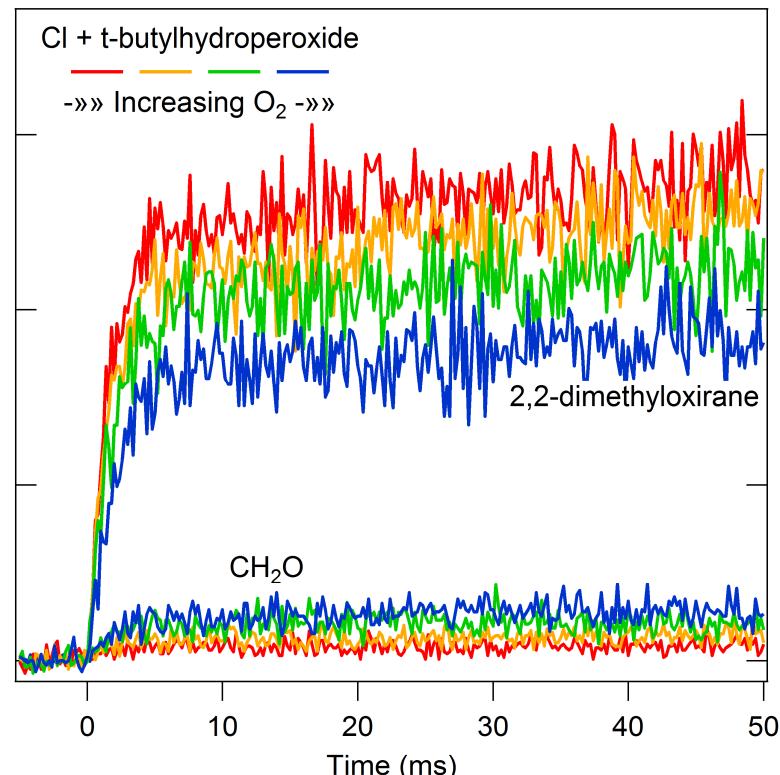
Cl + alkylhydroperoxide reactions make QOOH: e.g.,



Reaction with O₂ competes with dissociation – forms other products

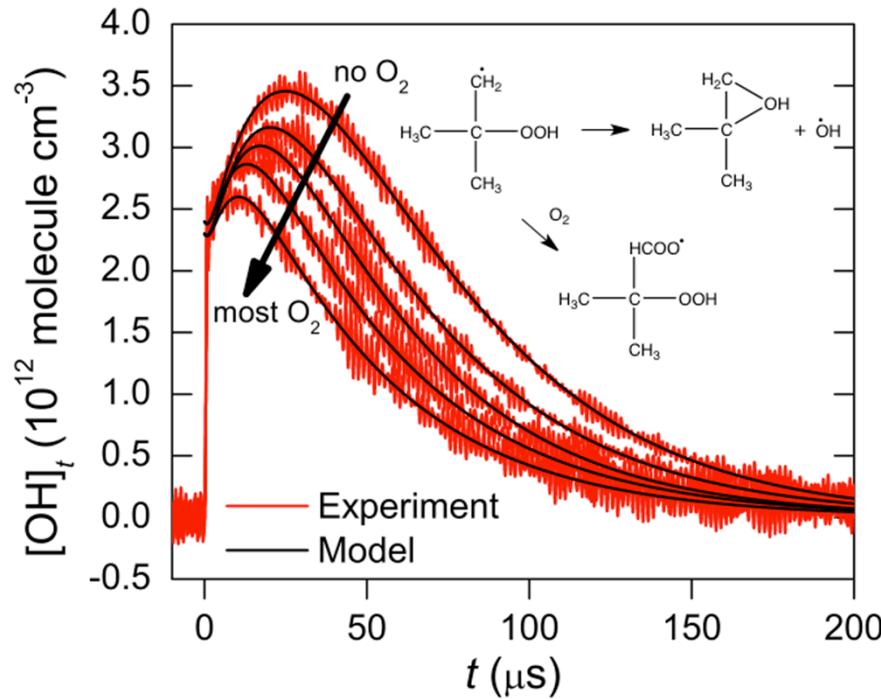
Relative rate can give direct measurements of QOOH reactions

Judit Zádor



Measurement of OH directly probes rate constant for QOOH reactions

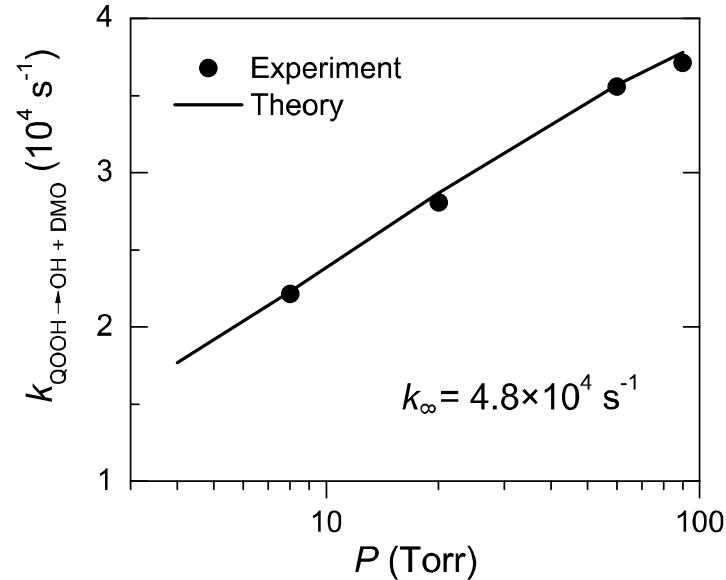
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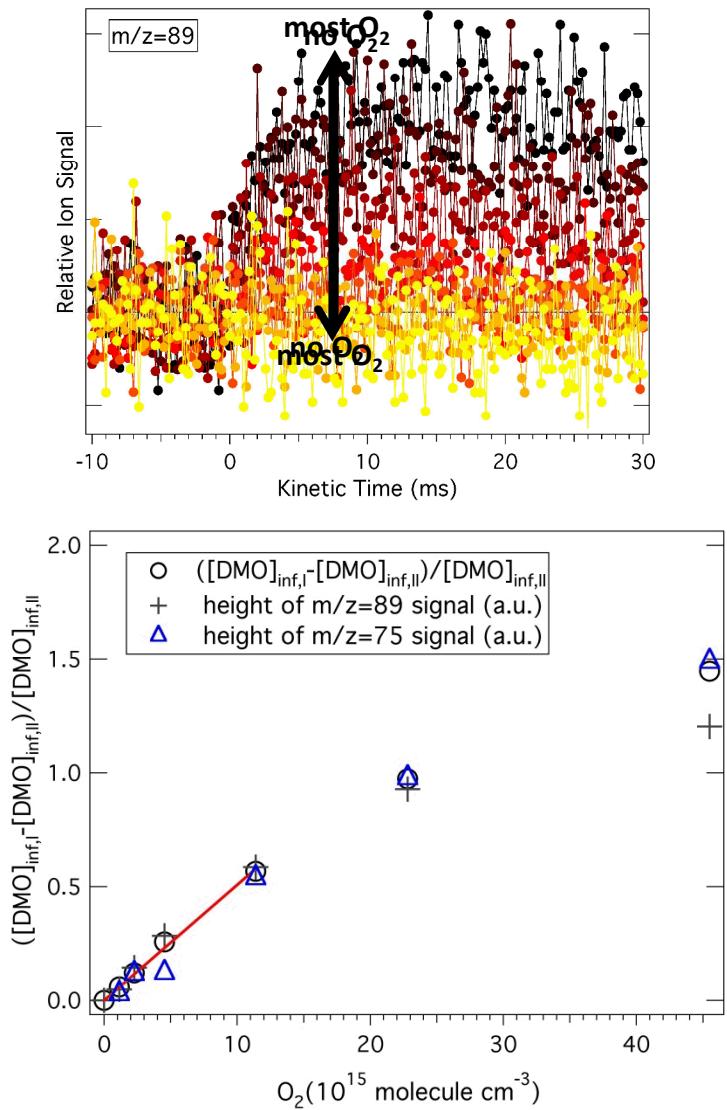
Fit all data -- use competition between QOOH dissociation and addition of O_2 to get $k_{\text{QOOH}+\text{O}_2}$ as well

unknowns w/o O_2

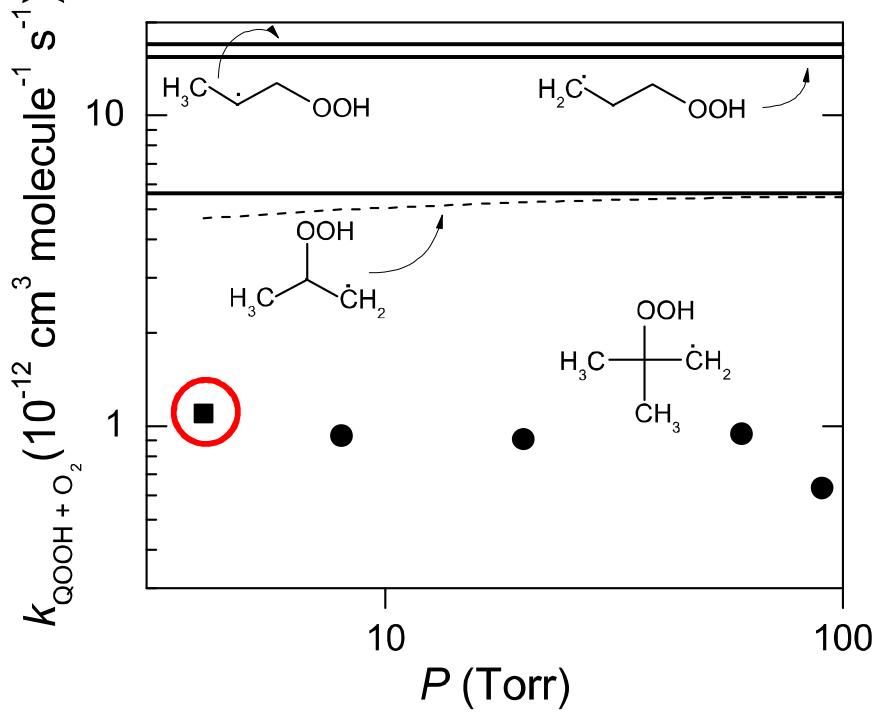
- ① $k_{\text{QOOH} \rightarrow \text{OH}}$
- ② unknowns w/ O_2 , same conditions
- ③ loss to ROO in Cl+TBHP (α)



Direct measurement of QOOH + O₂ reaction rate constant



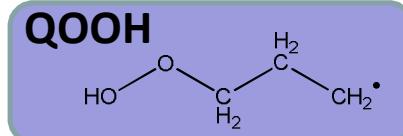
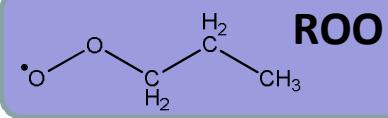
Comparison of $k(\text{QOOH} + \text{O}_2)$ for various QOOH's



$$k_{\text{QOOH} + \text{O}_2} = \frac{k_{\text{QOOH} \rightarrow \text{OH}} + L}{[\text{O}_2]} \times \frac{[\text{DMO}]^0 - [\text{DMO}]_\infty}{[\text{DMO}]_\infty}$$

That's all still pretty indirect – Isn't there *some* way we can do better?

What are these “intermediates” again?



QOOH is an isomer of the more stable ROO intermediate



Criegee intermediates are isomers of more stable tropospheric species

But we have a machine that can resolve isomeric chemistry!



In fact, tunable synchrotron photoionization can identify novel isomeric intermediates

Carl Percival, Dudley Shallcross

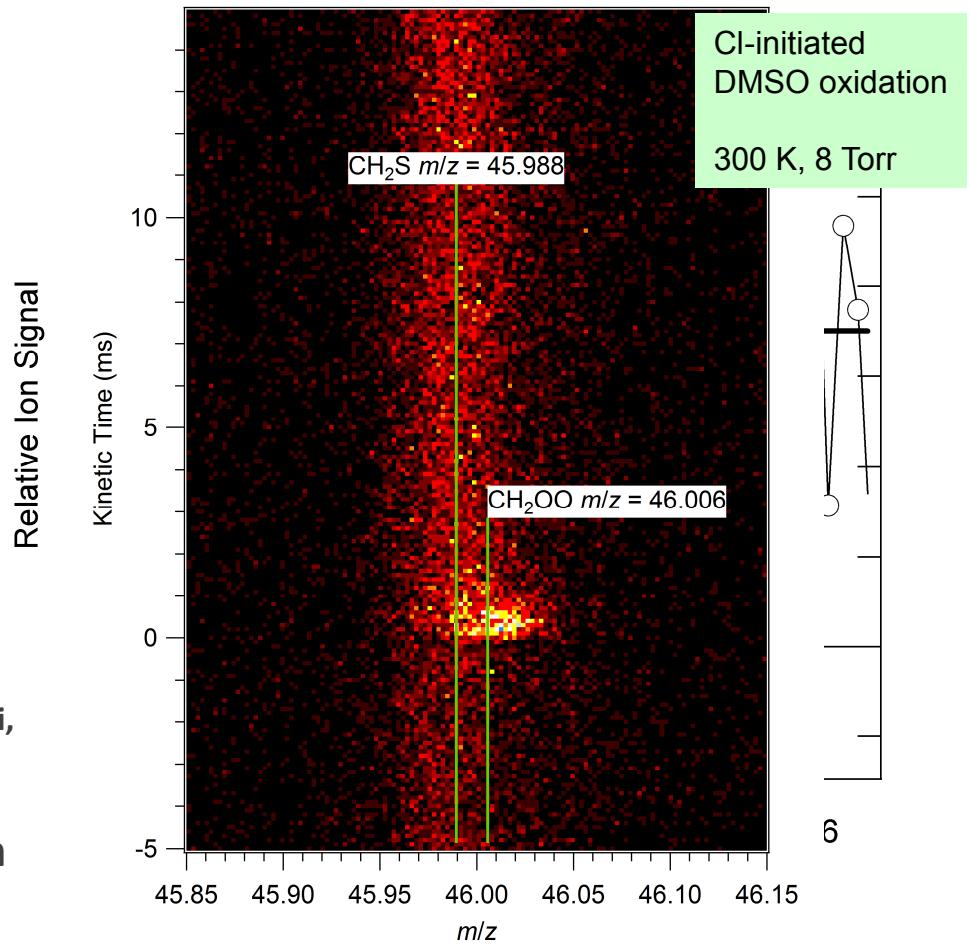
Ozonolysis of alkenes proceeds via a carbonyl oxide intermediate (“Criegee intermediate”)

They are important tropospheric reactants but only indirect measurements existed

Problem is to make enough

Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO) oxidation may form CH_2OO (Asatryan and Bozzelli, PCCP 10, 1769 (2008))

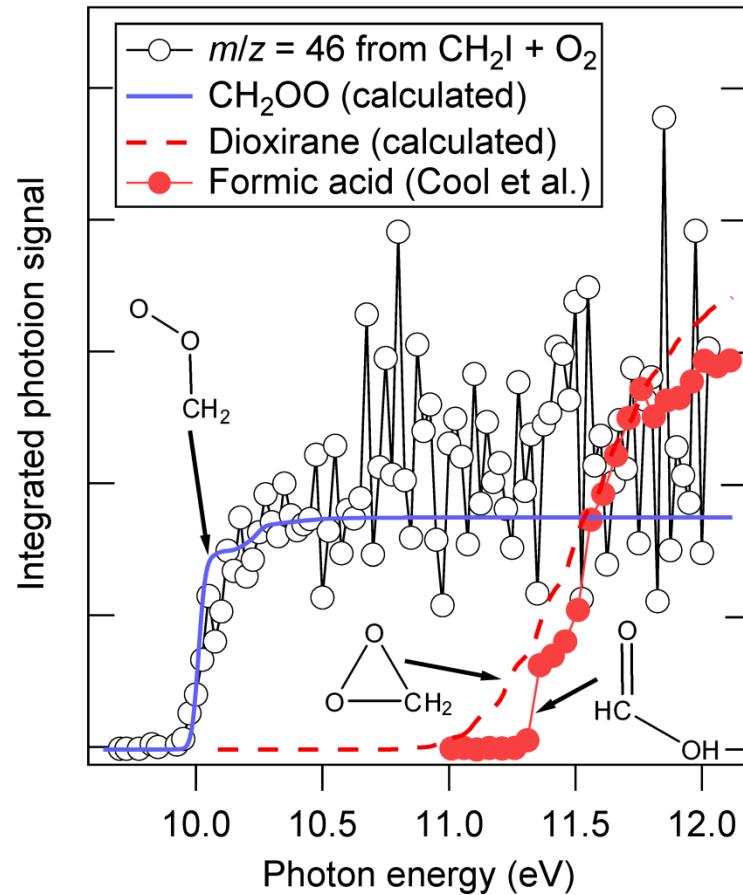
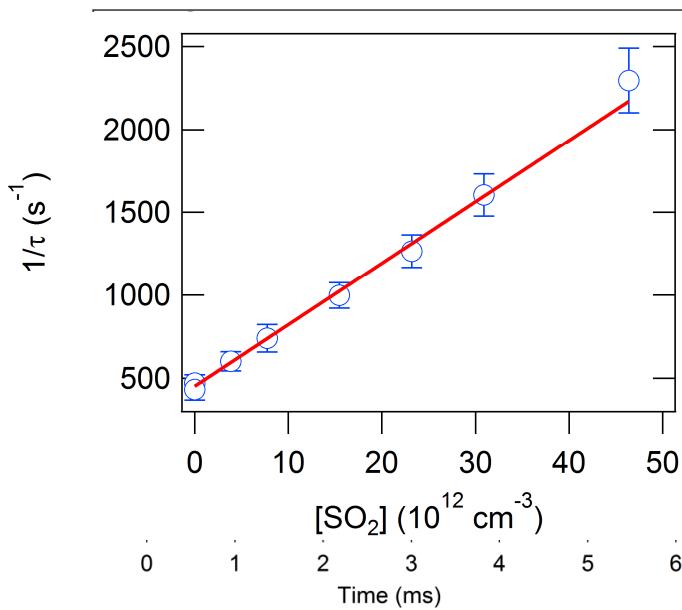
Time-of-flight can resolve CH_2S from CH_2O



Taatjes et al., J. Am. Chem. Soc. 130, 11883 (2008)

Detection Is One Thing, Kinetics Is Another: Make More Criegee to Measure Reactions

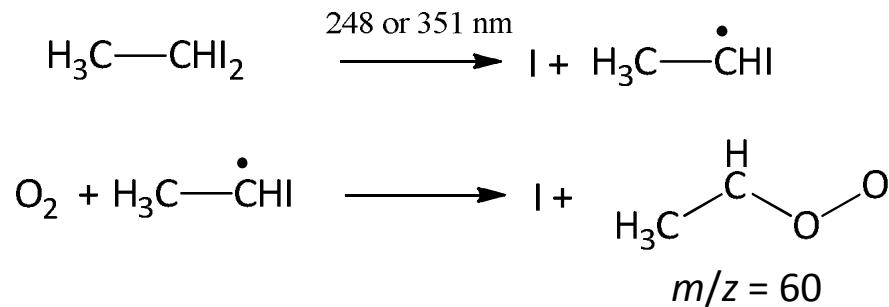
- Arkke Eskola et al. *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* 8, 1416 (2006) found that CH_2I reaction with O_2 made I atom – turns out that what's left is Criegee intermediate!
- Can make lots of Criegee this way, look at reactions with important tropospheric species



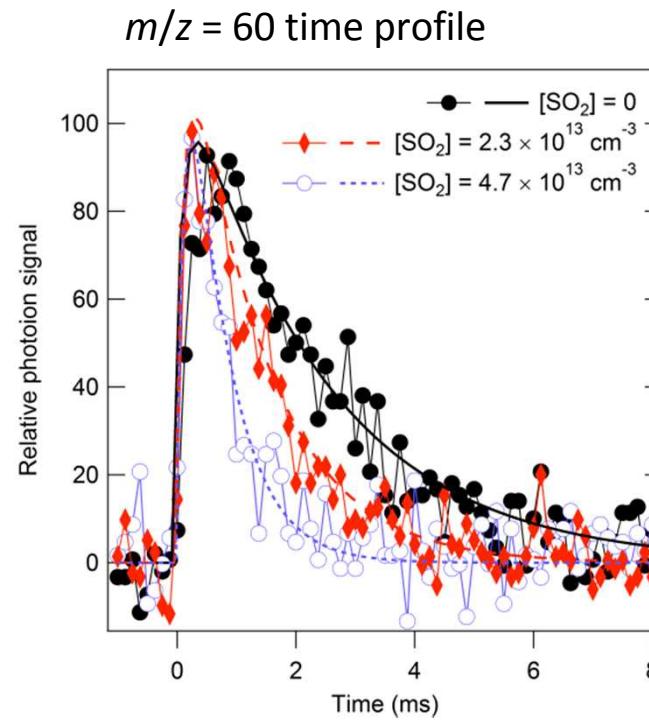
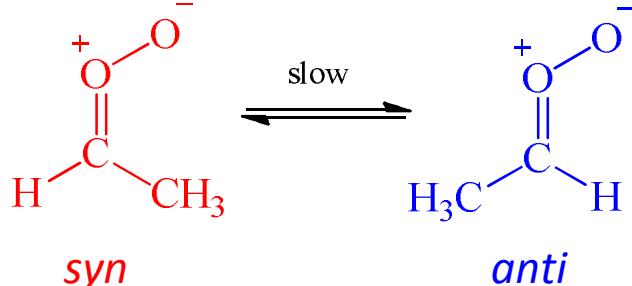
Welz, Savee, et al., *Science* **335**, 204 (2012)

We produced and characterized the next larger Criegee Intermediate: acetaldehyde oxide (CH_3CHOO)

Similar strategy:

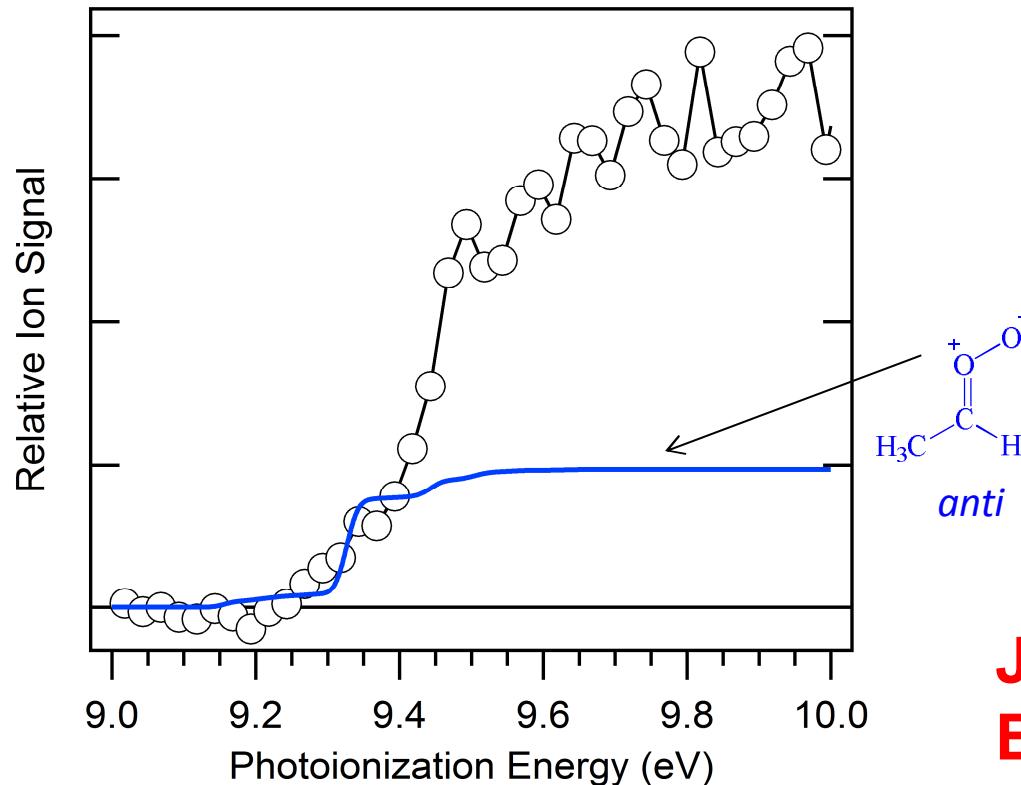


CH_3CHOO exists in two distinct conformeric forms



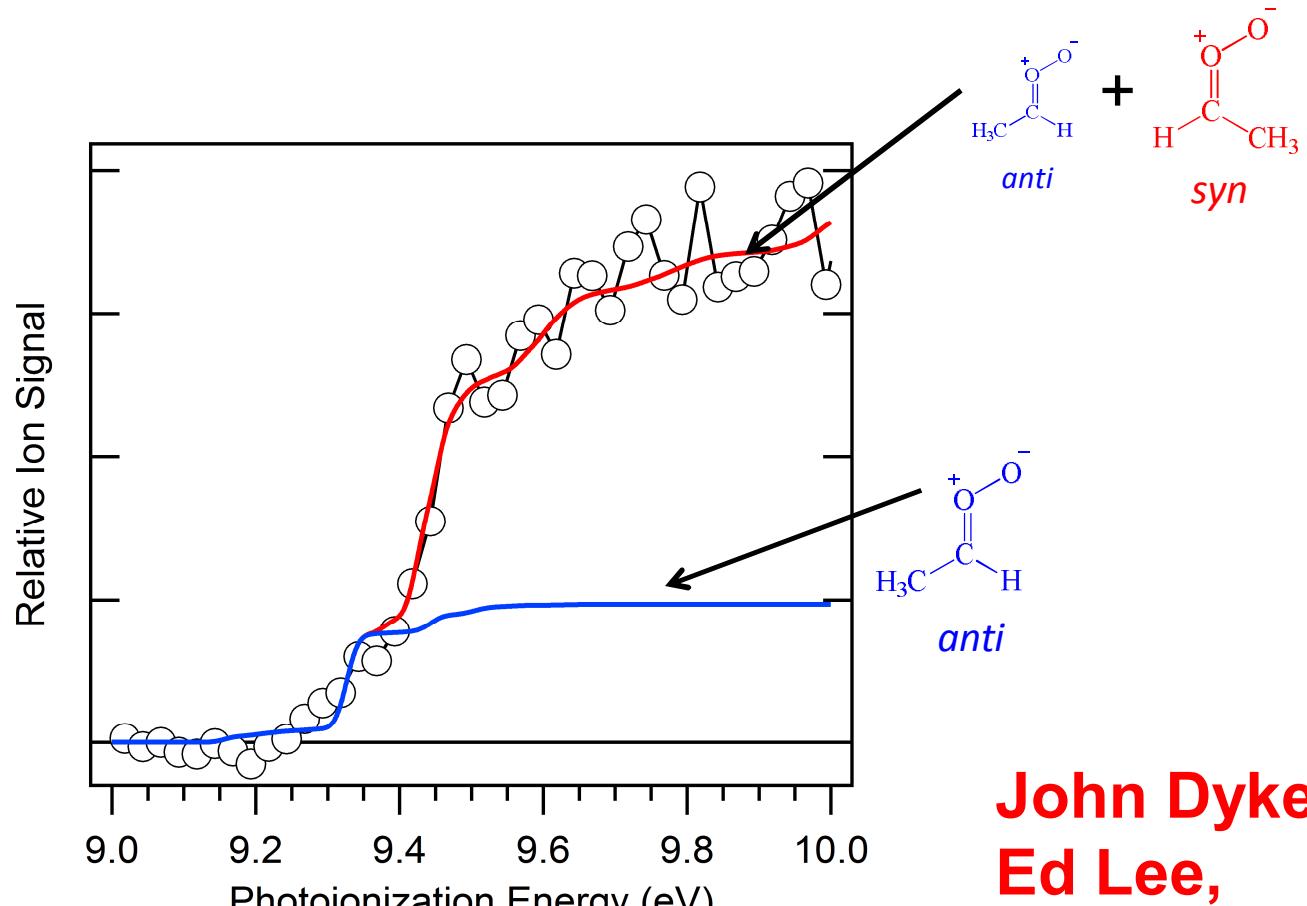
Calculations predict that *anti*- CH_3CHOO reacts with H_2O five orders of magnitude faster than *syn*- CH_3CHOO
(*Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* 13, 13034 (2011))

The $m/z = 60$ photoionization spectrum shows evidence of both *syn*- and *anti*- conformers of CH_3CHOO



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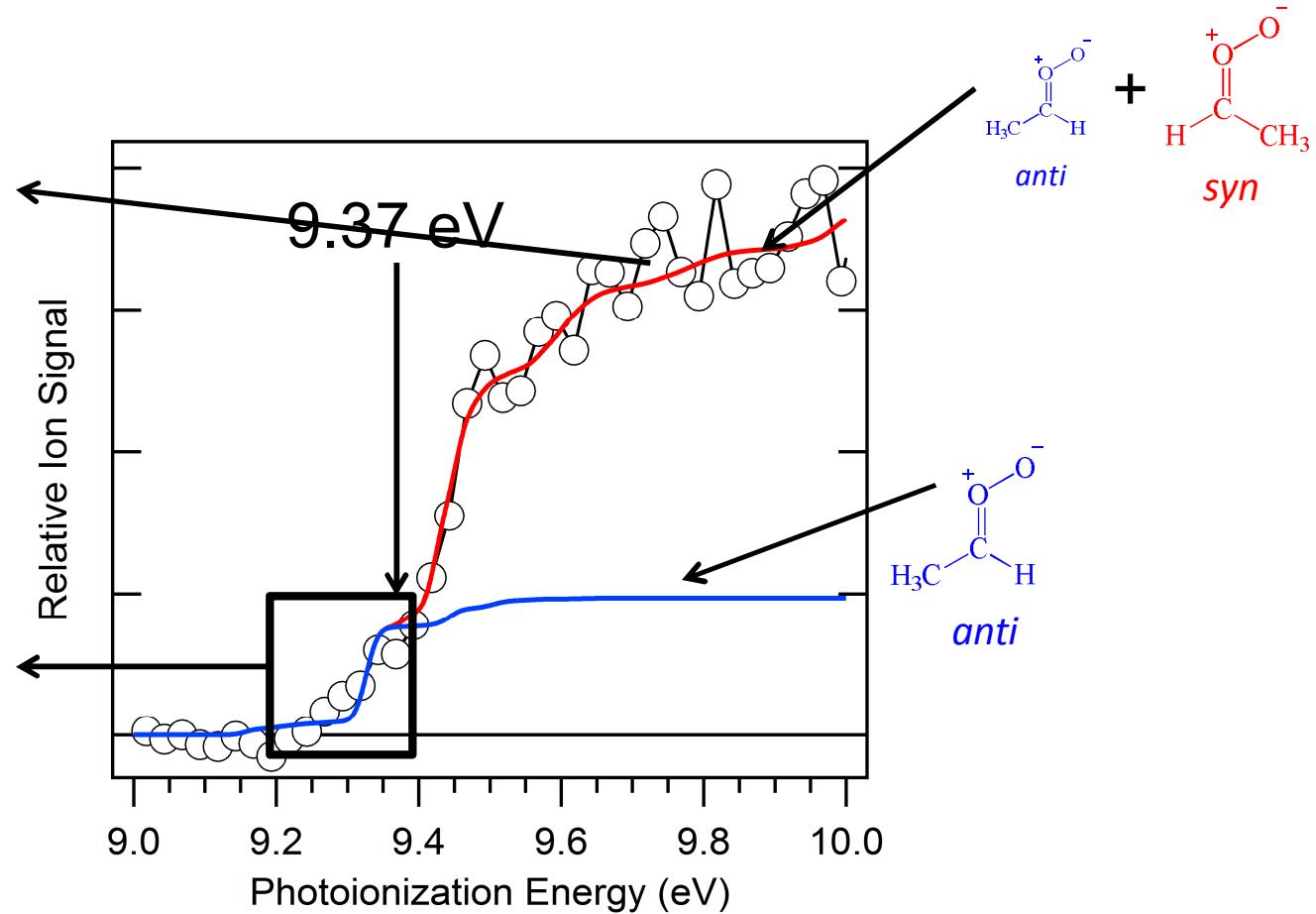
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The low-energy part $m/z = 60$ photoionization spectrum is dominated by *anti*-CH₃CHO

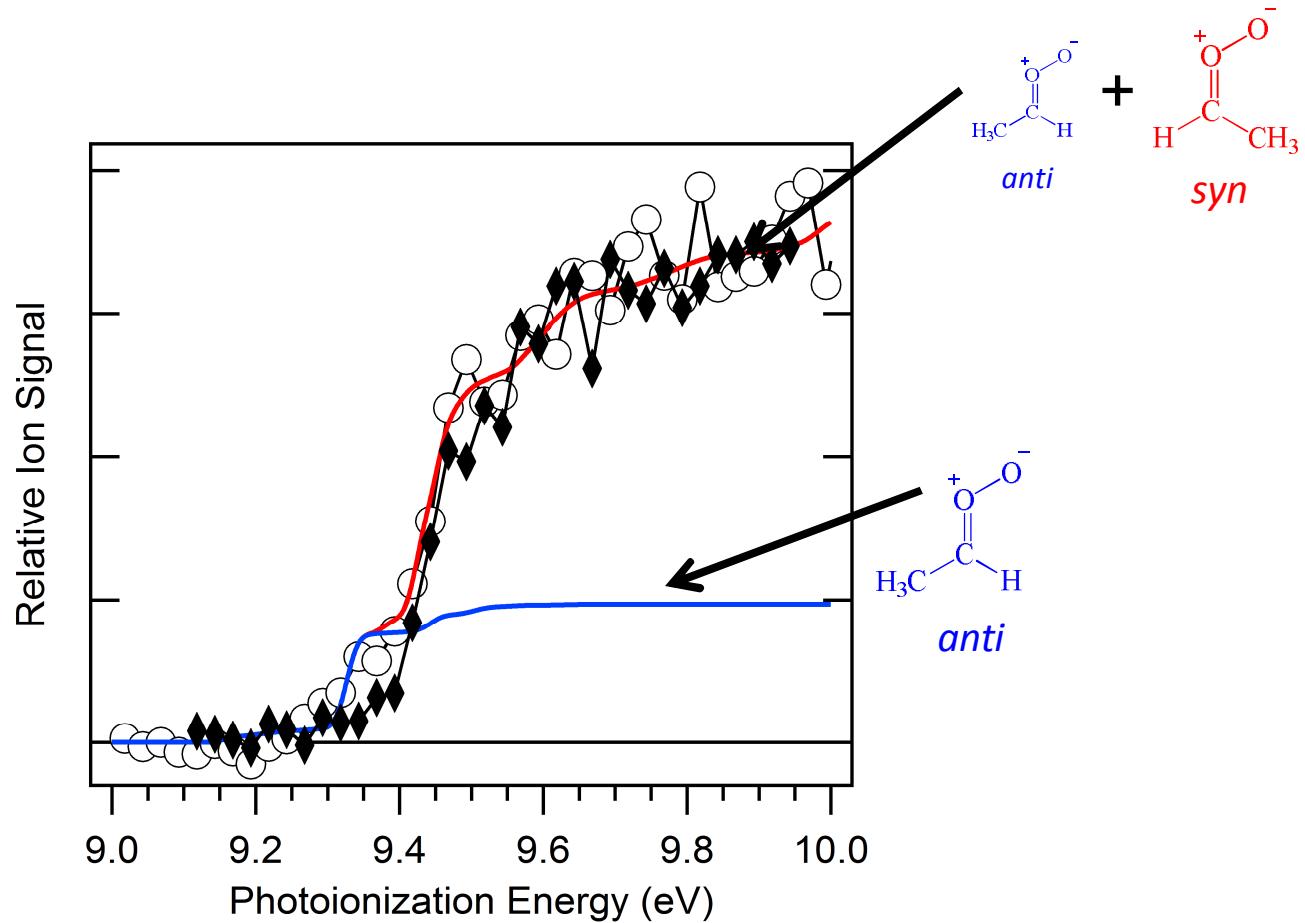
both conformers contribute, but *syn*-dominates

10.5 eV: ~ 85% of the signal is *syn*-

anti- conformer can be probed separately from *syn*-



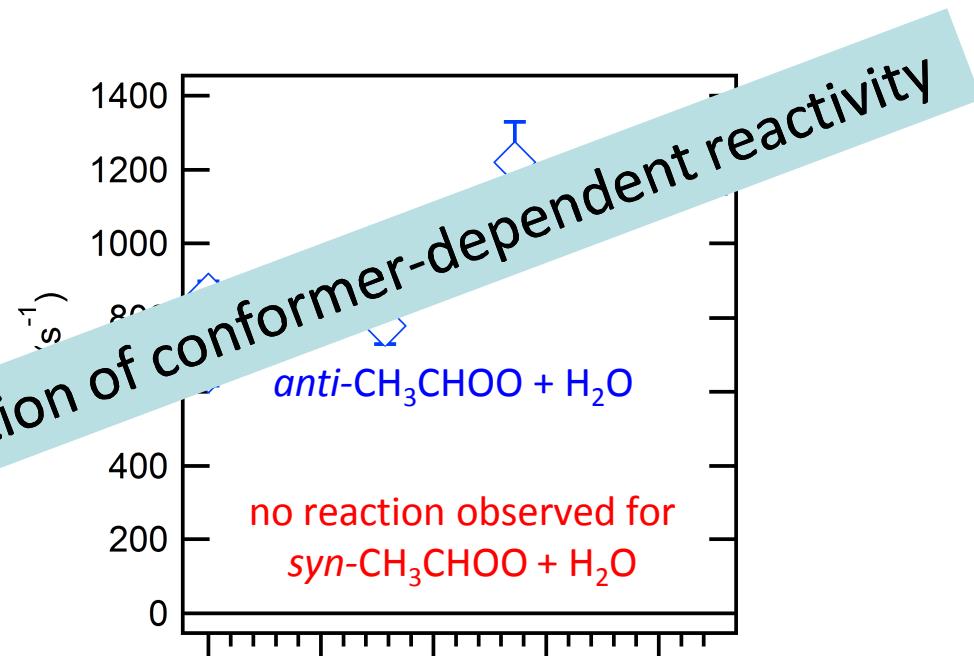
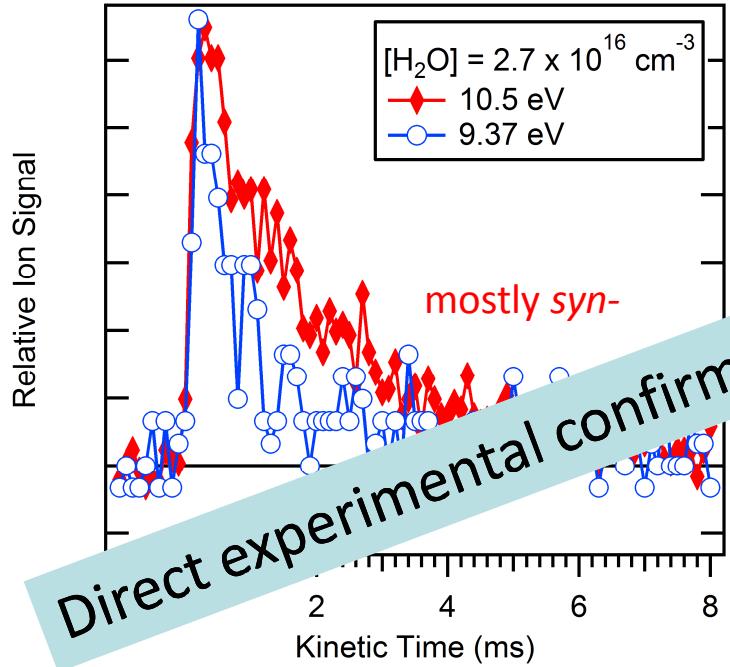
Addition of water preferably removes the *anti*- conformer of CH_3CHOO



Conformer-dependent reactivity!

Taatjes, Welz *et al.*, *Science* **340**, 171-180 (2013)

We measured the rate coefficient of *anti*-CH₃CHOO with H₂O



$$k(\text{anti-CH}_3\text{CHOO} + \text{H}_2\text{O}) = (1.0 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1} \rightarrow$$

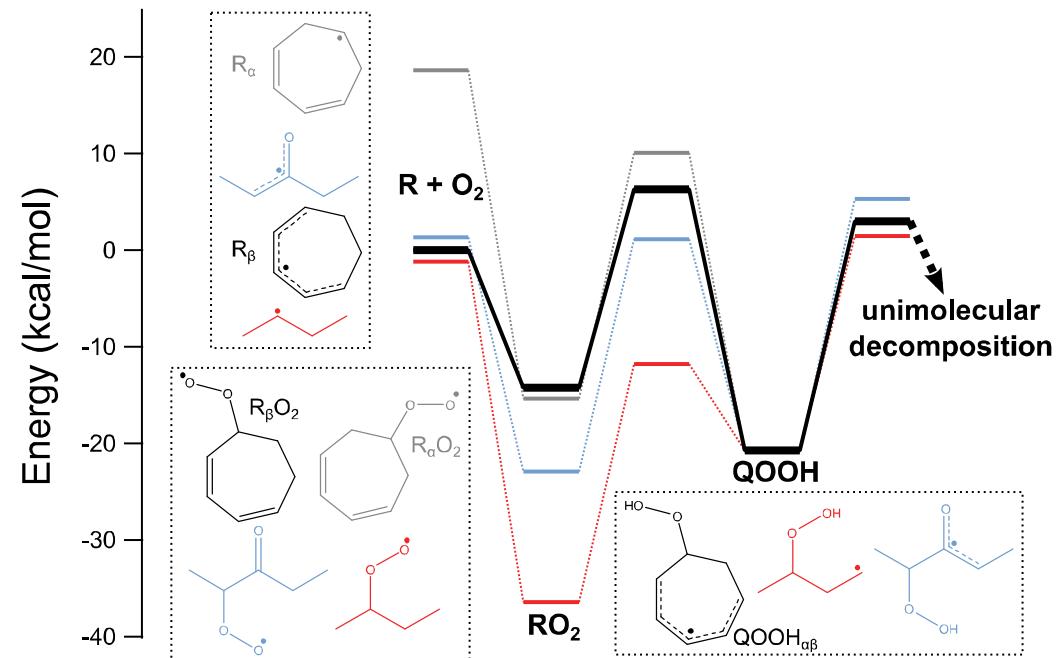
$$k(\text{syn-CH}_3\text{CHOO} + \text{H}_2\text{O}) \leq 4 \times 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

- A factor of 10 lower than predictions for the high-pressure limit from Anglada et al. (Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. 13, 13034 (2011)), but larger than other calculations
- Substantially larger than prediction for other Criegee Intermediates

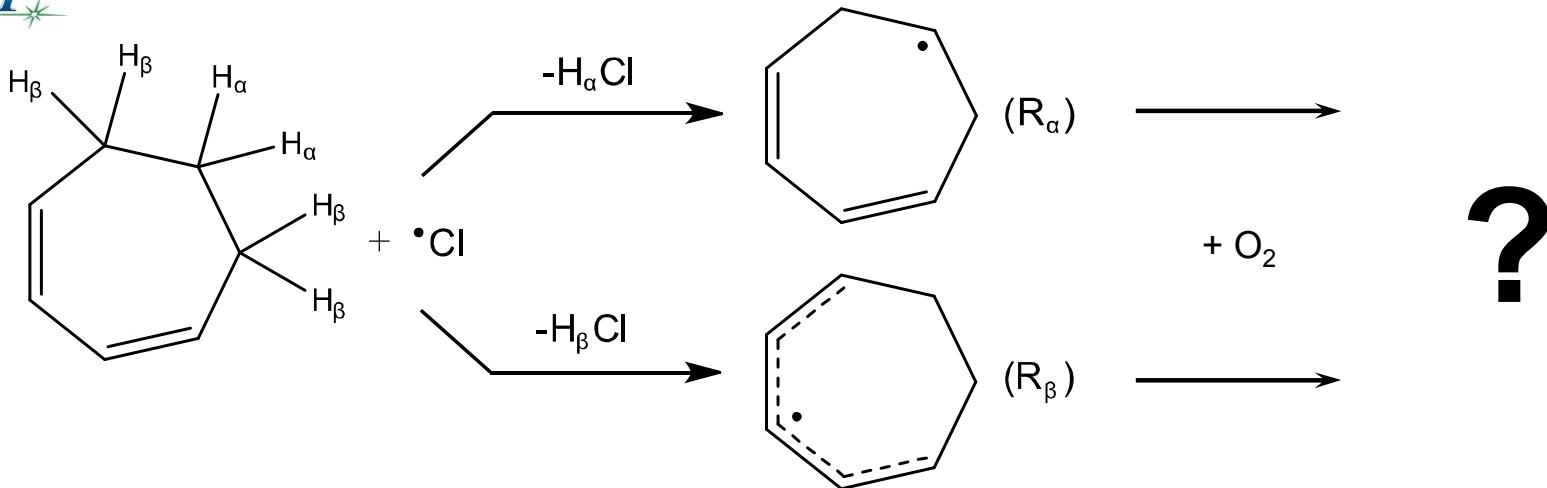
What about QOOH? Don't forget QOOH!

- Cycloheptadiene oxidation (**David Osborn**) -- $\text{QOOH}_{\alpha\beta}$ is resonance stabilized (doubly allylic), and below ROO
- ROO well is shallow, inhibiting stabilization
- Both R_α and R_β lead to $\text{QOOH}_{\alpha\beta}$

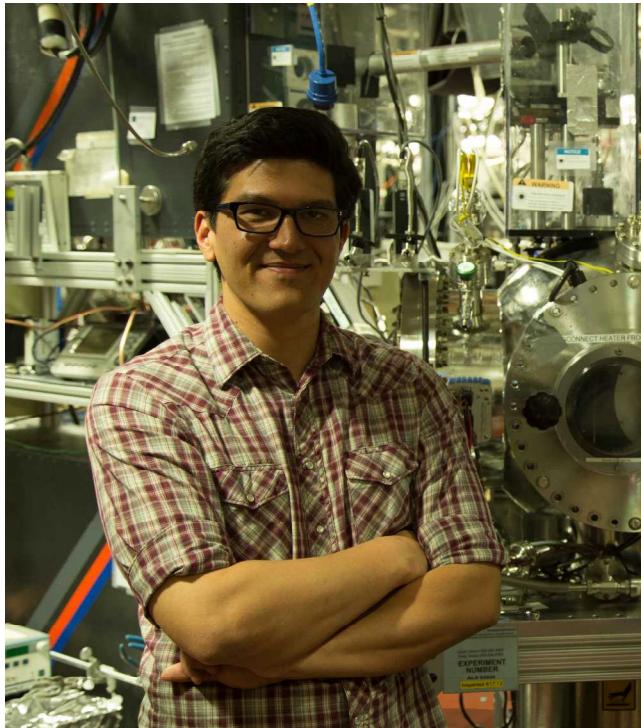
- Butane oxidation – ketohydroperoxides observed
- Ketone oxidation – resonance stabilized QOOH are preferred
- What about more stable QOOH?



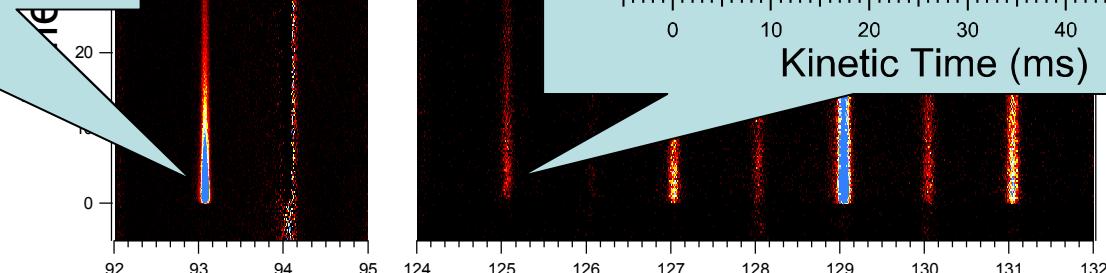
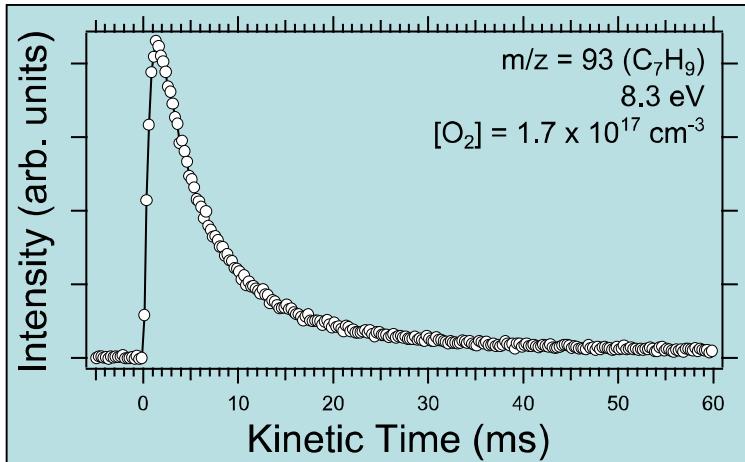
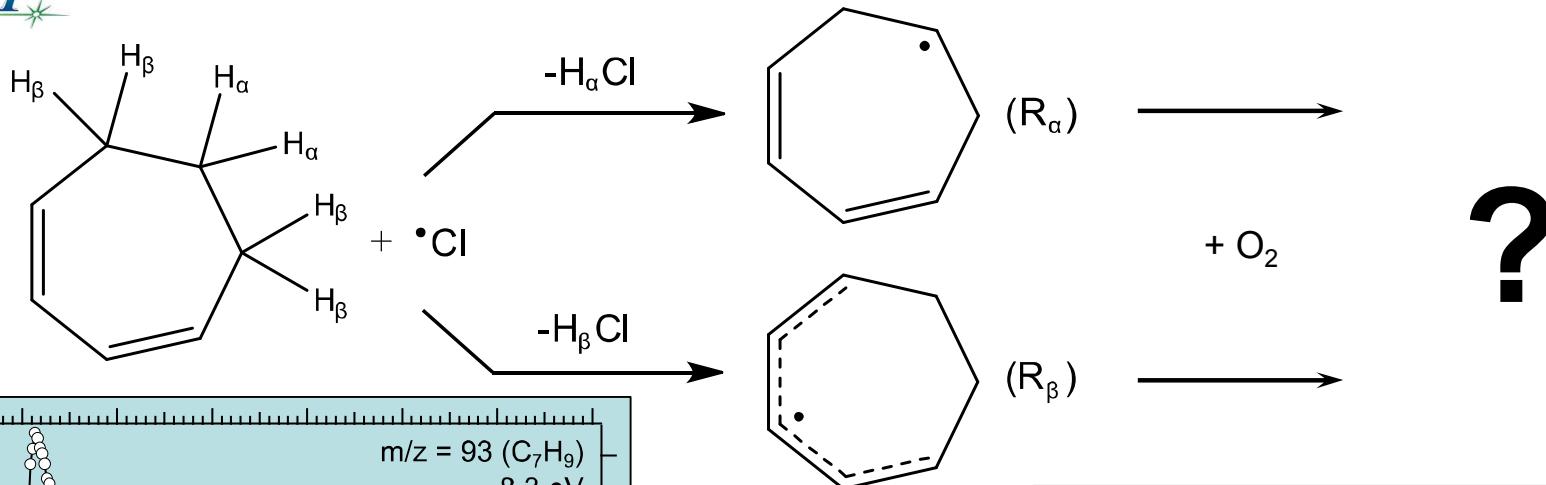
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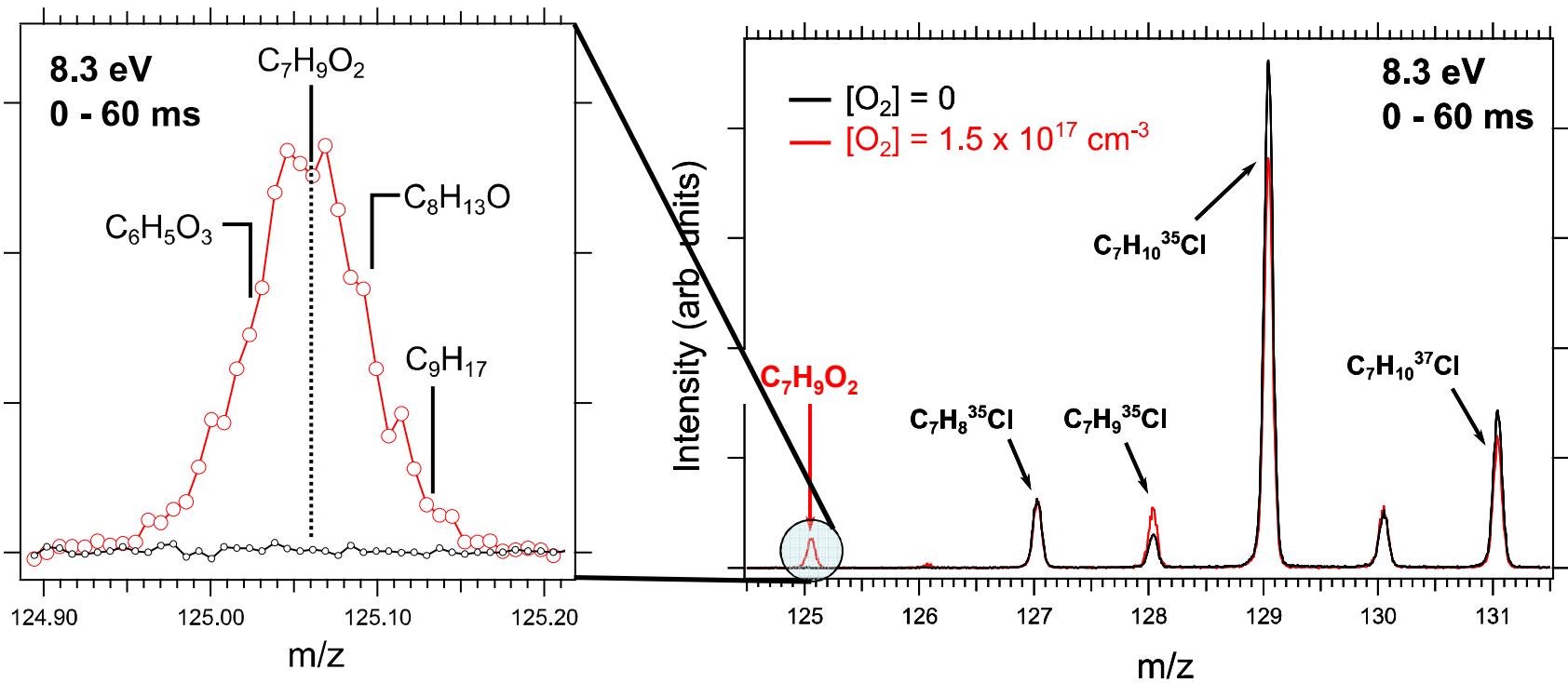
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Evidence for QOOH

Oxygen Dependence, Exact Mass

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

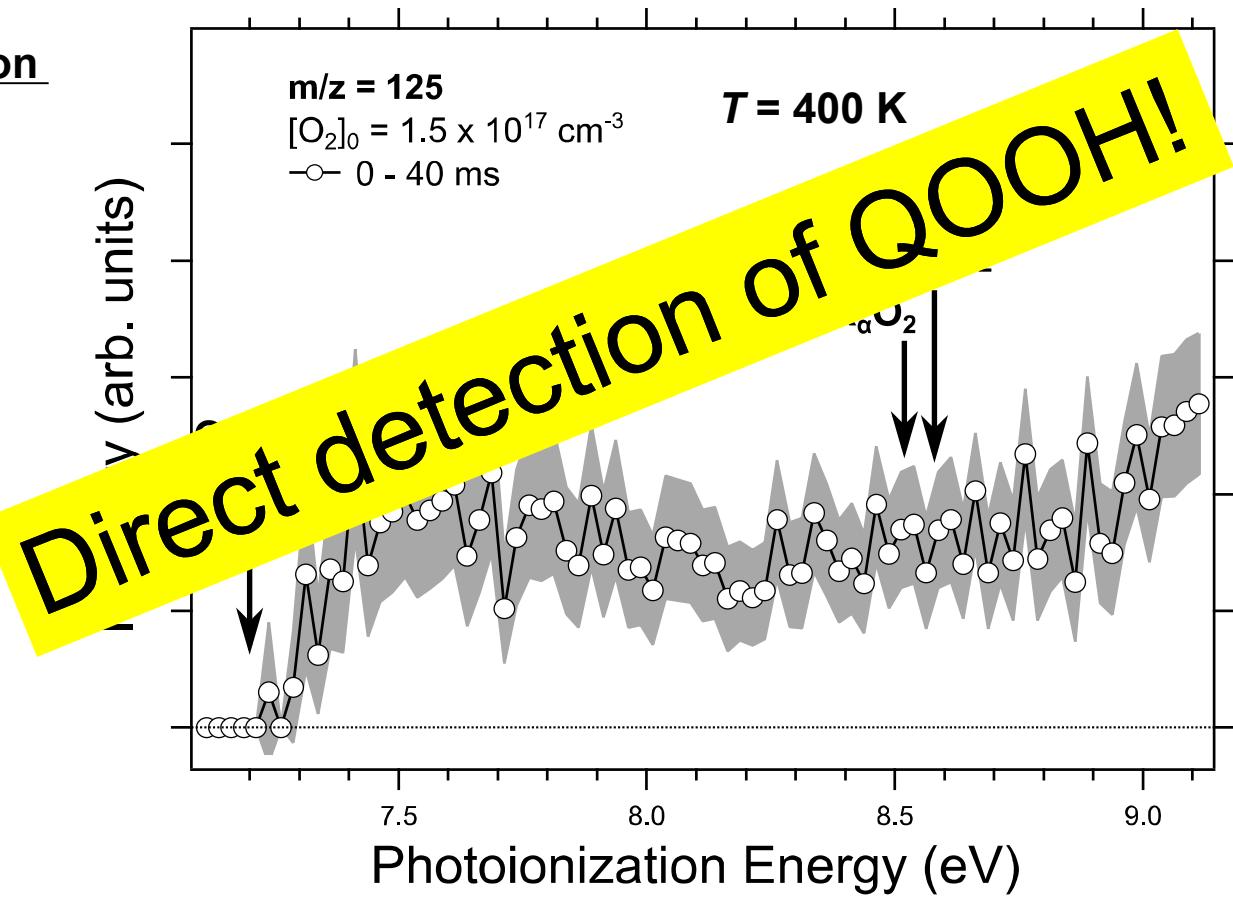
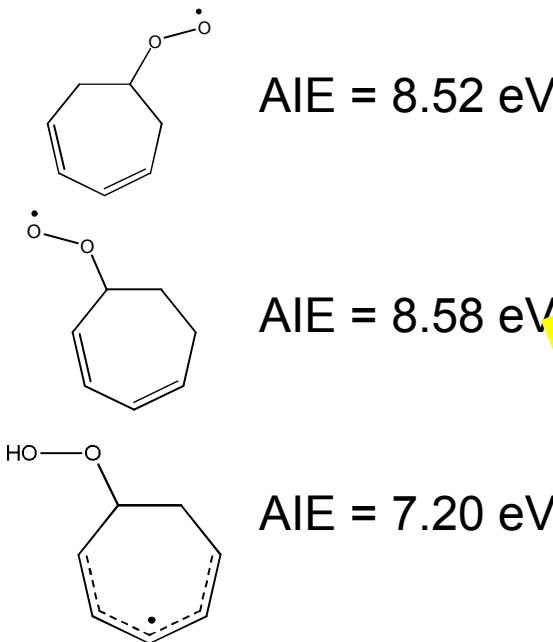


Mass Resolution ~ 1600

Evidence for QOOH Photoionization Spectrum

- Calculated ionization energy perfect match to QOOH, not ROO

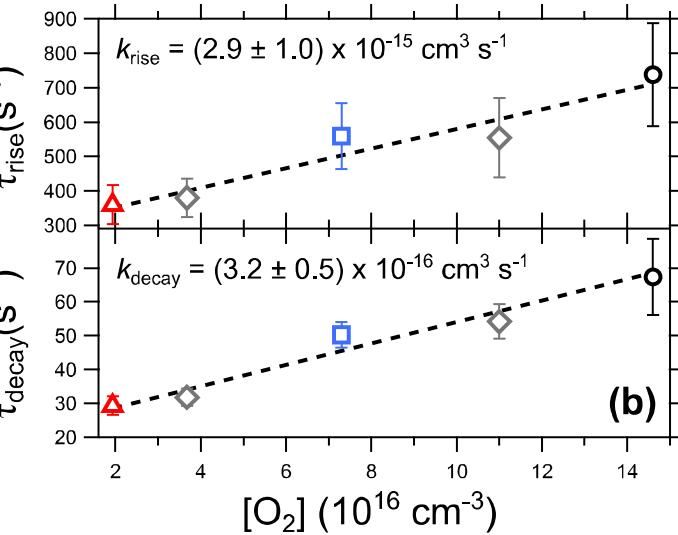
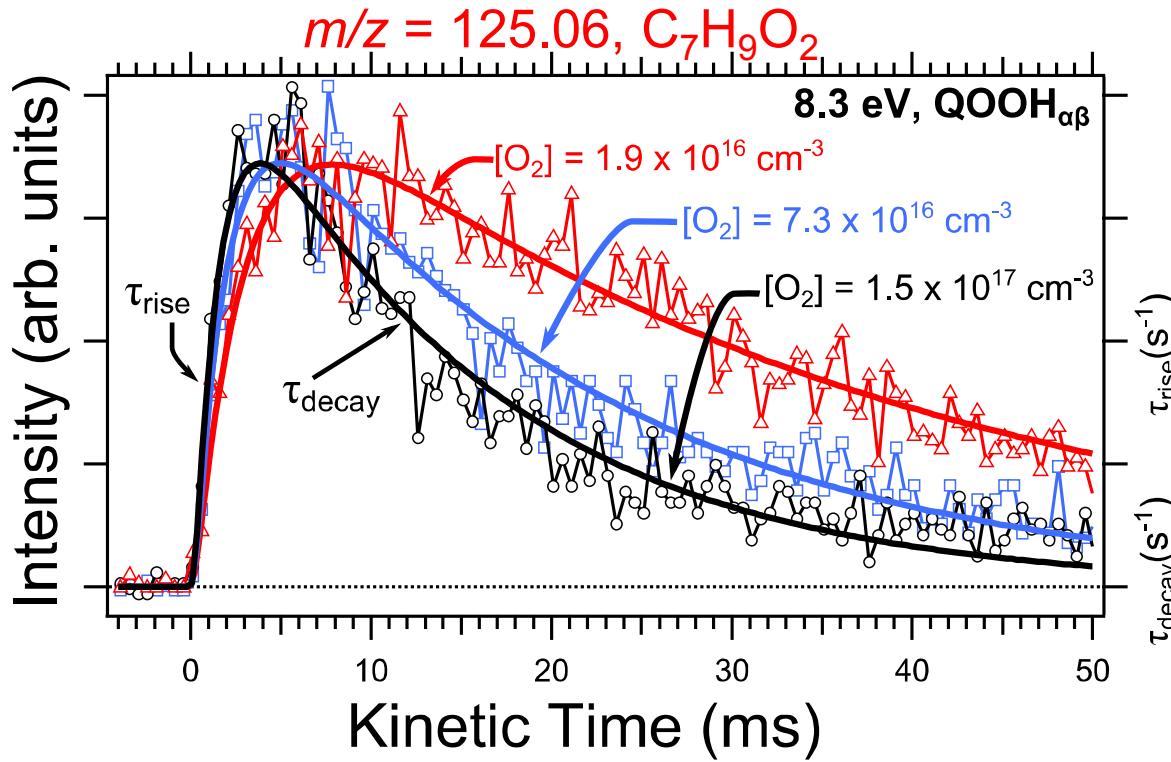
Ab Initio Adiabatic Ionization Energies [M06-2X/6-311+G(2df,2p)]



Reaction of QOOH with O₂

Kinetic Time Profiles

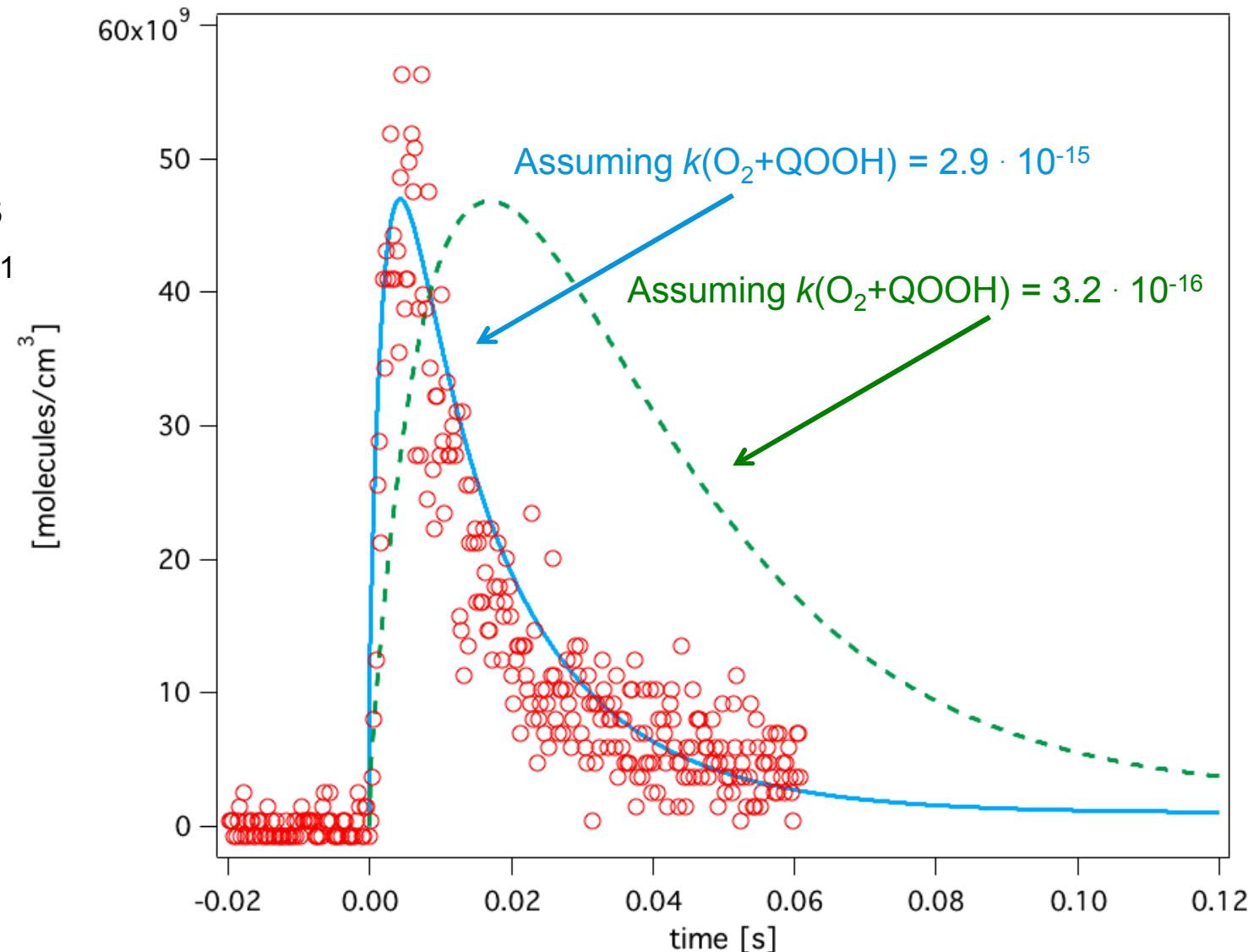
- Both rise and decay of C₇H₉O₂ faster as [O₂] increases
- $k_{\text{rise}} = (2.9 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$, $k_{\text{decay}} = (3.2 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$



Direct Detection and Kinetics of QOOH Reaction with O₂

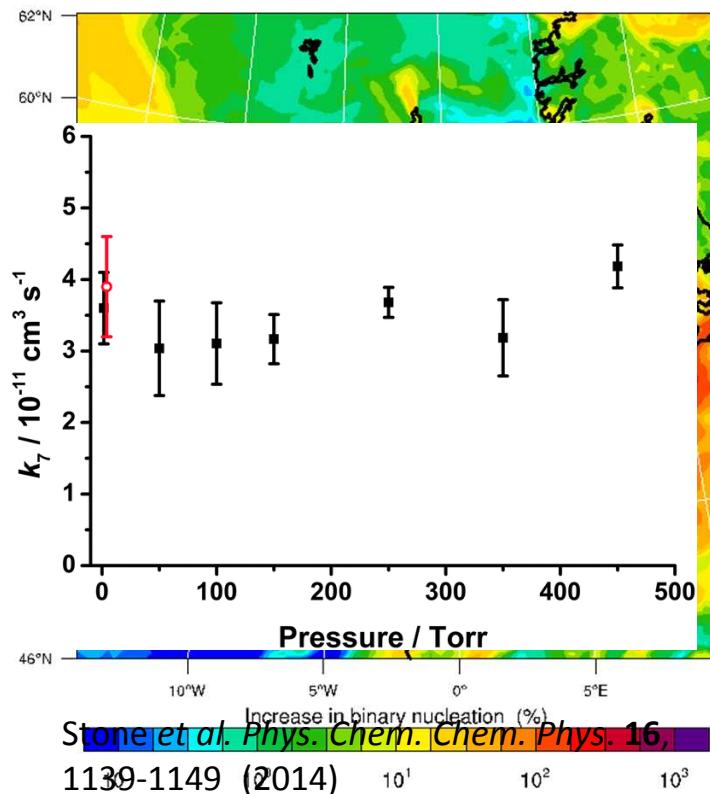
$k(\text{QOOH} + \text{O}_2) =$
 $(2.9 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-15}$
 $\text{cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
 is much slower
 than the other
 second O₂
 addition rate
 coefficients.

Long lifetimes
 of resonance
 stabilized
 QOOHs.

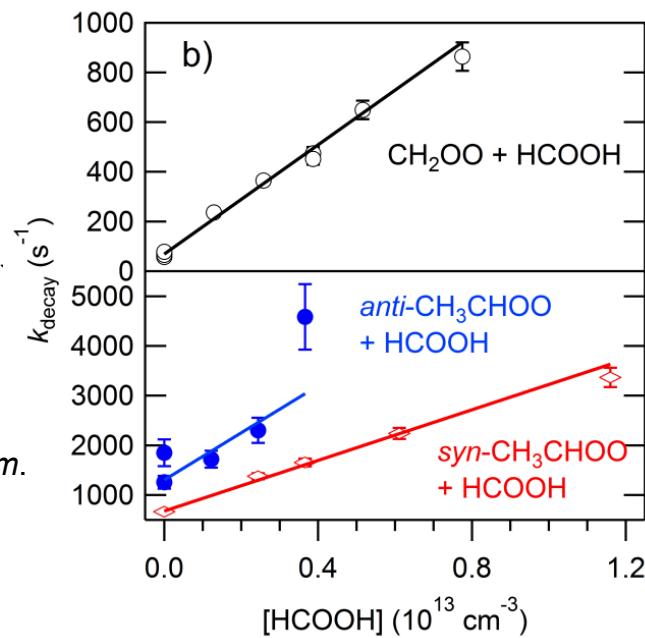


What does all this mean?

- **Sulfate chemistry makes aerosols**
 - Aerosols tend to reflect radiation
 - Criegee chemistry connected to “cooling”
 - Biggest Criegee contribution where there is a lot of ozone and alkenes



Welz et al., *Angew. Chem.* 2014, 53, 4547 – 4550



- **We are just beginning to understand how Criegee intermediates react**
 - Need to understand larger Criegee molecules
 - Need to understand more reactions
 - Need to understand reactions at different conditions

Percival, Welz, et al. *Faraday Discuss.* 165, 45-73 (2013)

Really need to know products of reactions

No really... what does all this mean?

What happens if an important reaction in the model is changed by orders of magnitude?

- Or maybe... nothing happens?



Models of Complex Chemical Systems ... They're not so Simple

Criegee reacts faster with SO_2 -- So we must oxidize a lot more SO_2 ?

Depends on how much Criegee there is, which (o.a.)

Depends on what *else* reacts with Criegee intermediates

Sulfate makes aerosols – so we must make a lot more aerosols?

In some places, but

Depends on what *else* makes aerosol

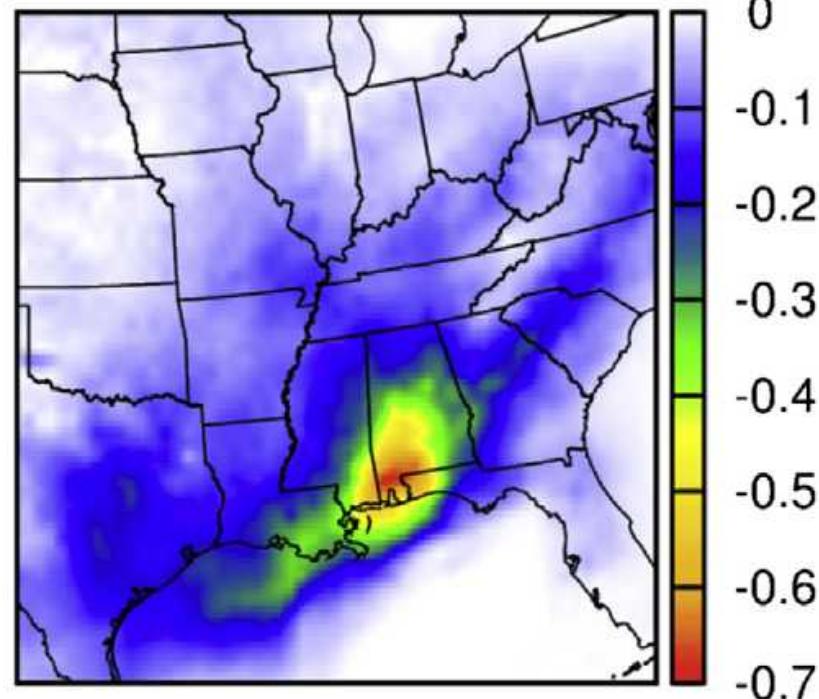
Aerosols are cooling, so there must be a change in predicted radiative forcing?

$$k_{\text{water}} = 2.1 \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Maybe in some places

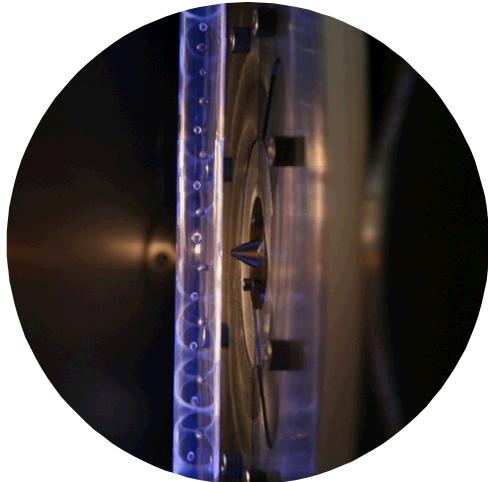
G. Sarwar et al. *Atmos. Environ.* **68** 186-197 (2013)
But global average may still be small

Absolute Difference (W/m^2)

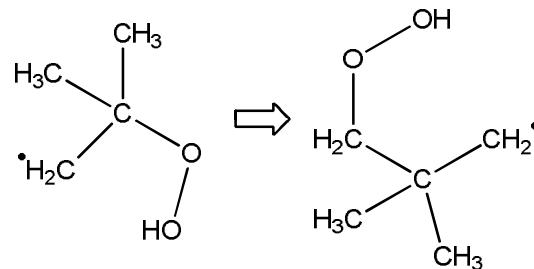


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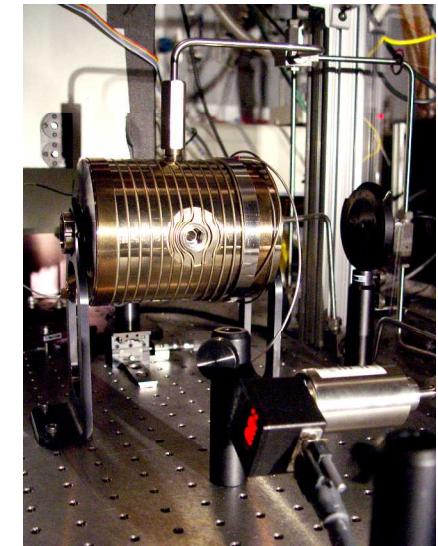
Working inside the “black box” connects fundamental kinetics to complex models



- Begin to investigate conditions more like troposphere and real combustion devices



- So far only the simplest or most convenient examples of intermediates -- try harder problems



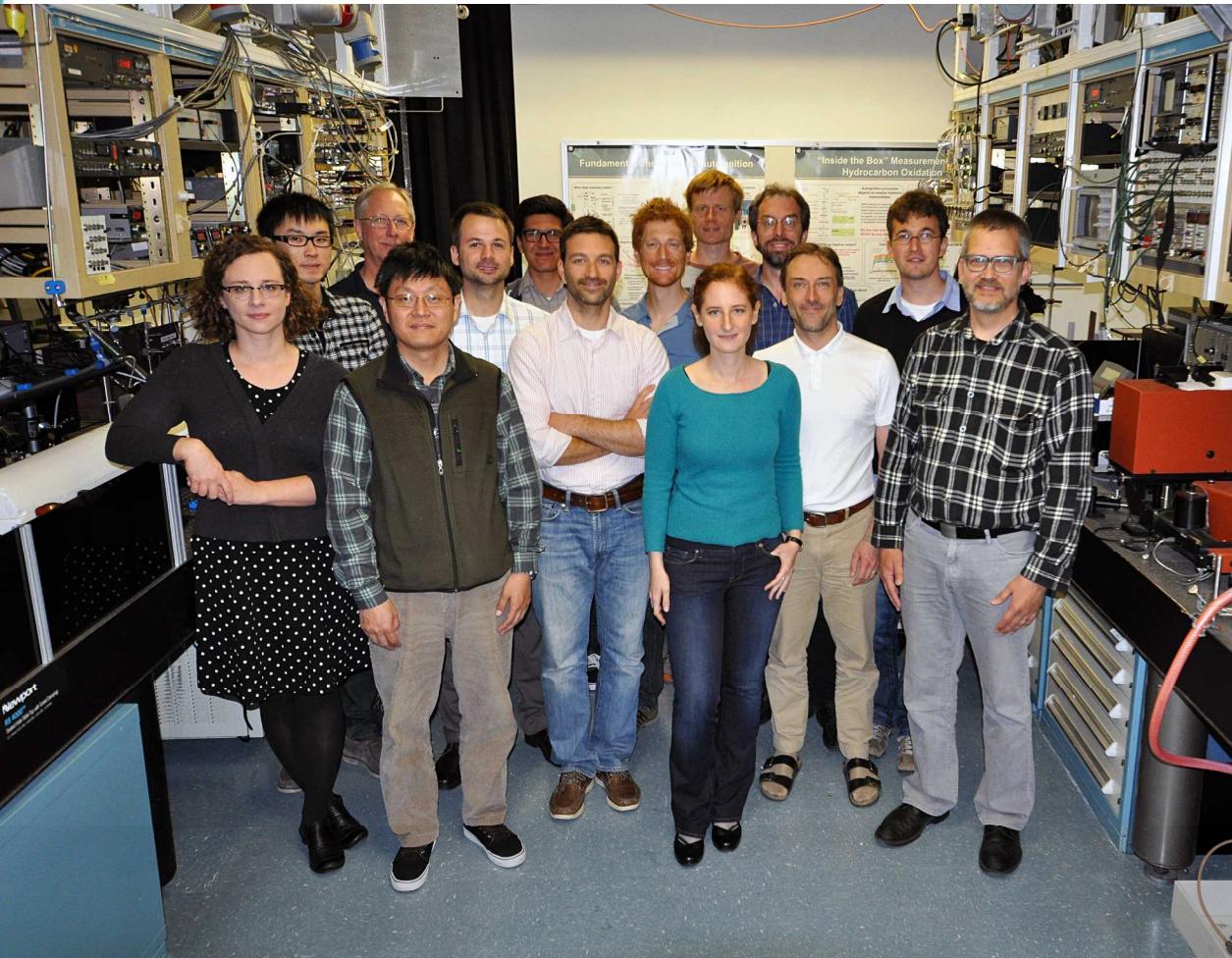
- New measurement methods are opening things up -- others are developing new tools to investigate these species

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