

Direct Measurement of Elusive Intermediates

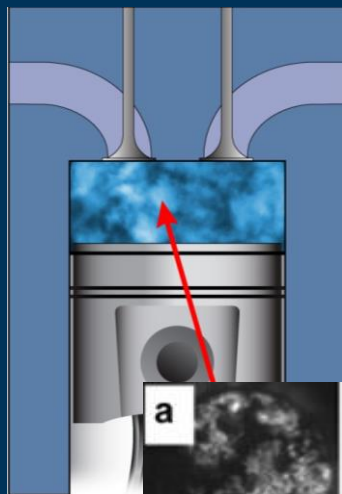
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Comparing different (but related) chemical systems

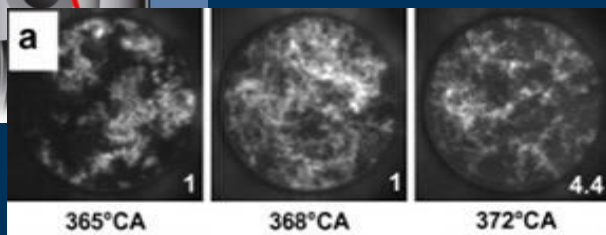
Autoignition chemistry



Complex networks of chemical reactions

Deliberate control of reaction conditions

Simple goal: clean/efficient

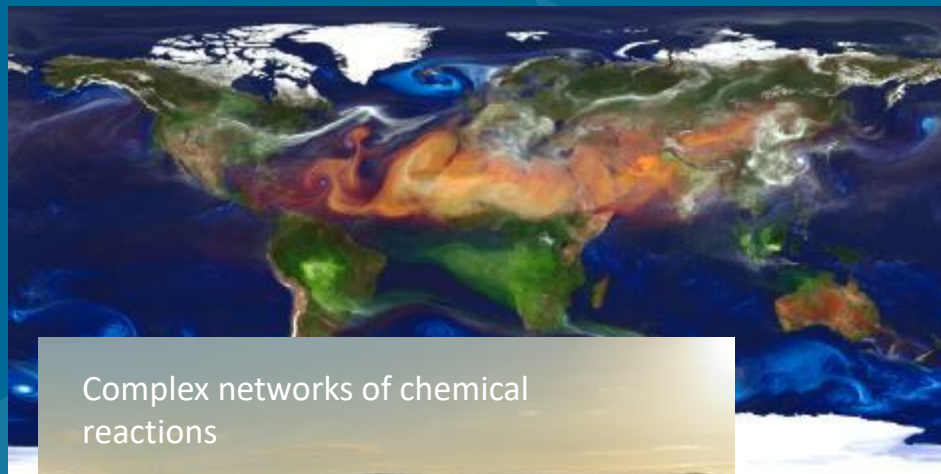


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Tropospheric oxidation

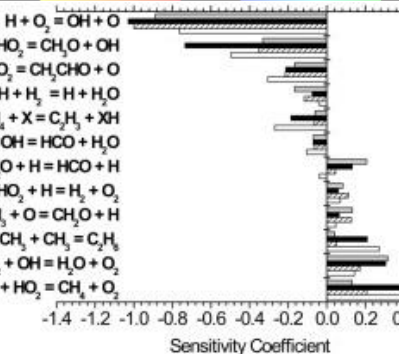
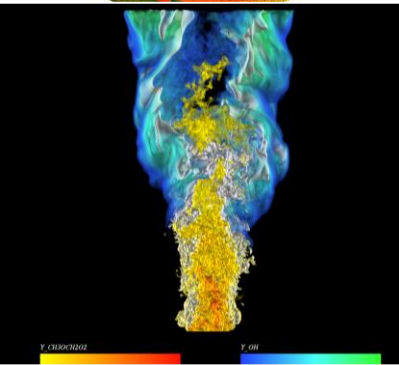
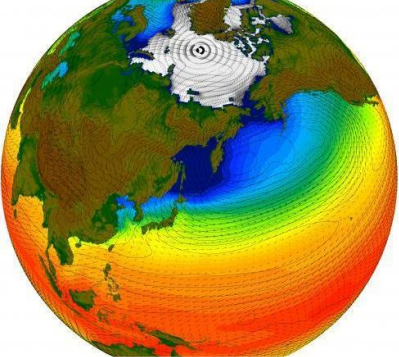
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Complex networks of chemical reactions

Human effects on reaction conditions are accidental

Interrelated set of "goals": Earth system



How do we handle complex networks of reactions?

Control of model and parametric uncertainties

“Comprehensive” chemical models not always feasible

Targeted reduced models

Are laboratory kineticists a modelers’ friend?

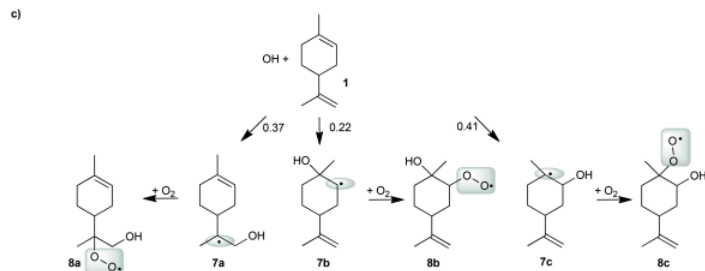
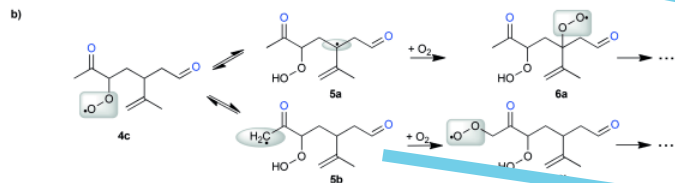
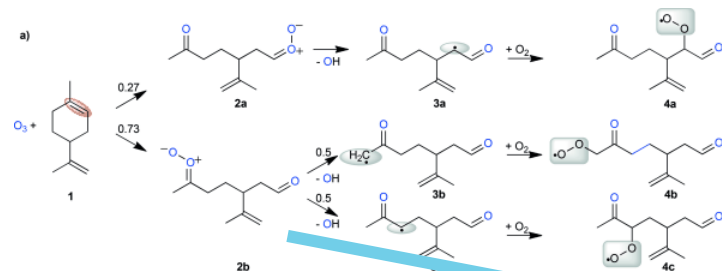
(don’t necessarily have the same motivations!)

How can kineticists

Choose reactions that make a difference

Connect the laboratory work *correctly* to field or device





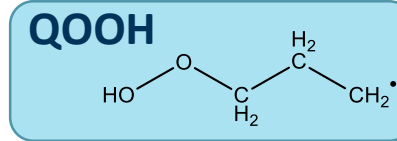
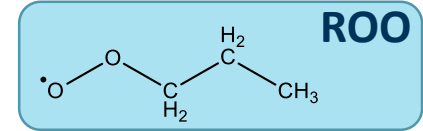
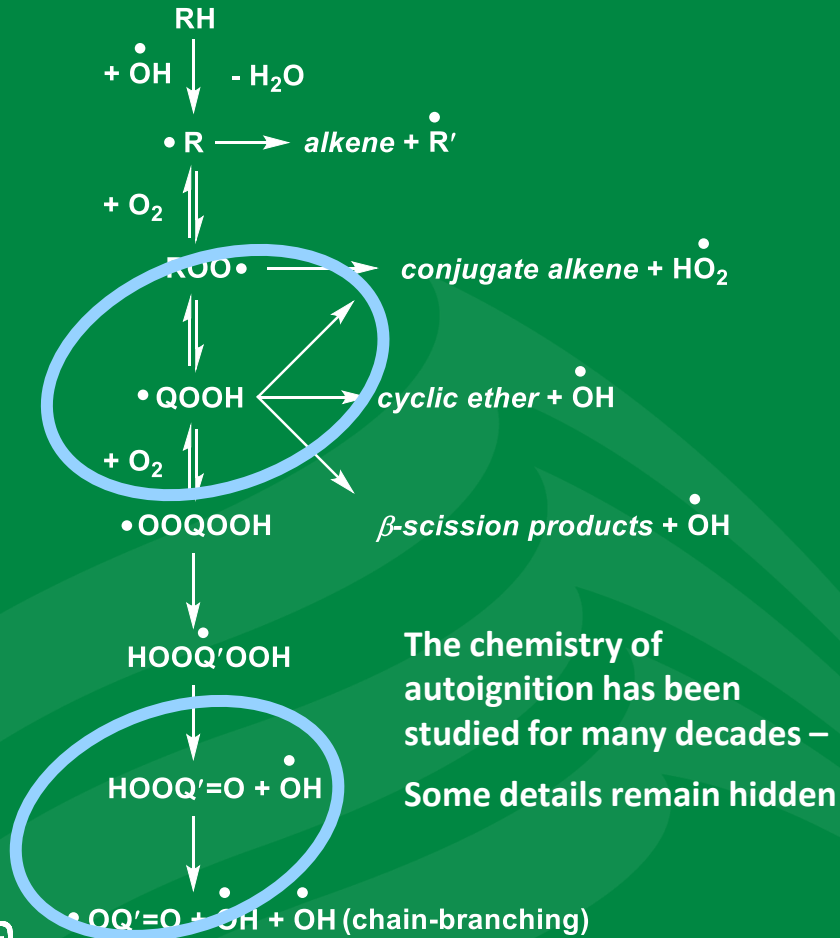
- Specific investigations target individual reaction types
- Physical understanding allows rigorous generalization

Ozonolysis – can we focus on individual carbonyl oxide channels?

Peroxy radical chemistry – can we isolate specific transformations?

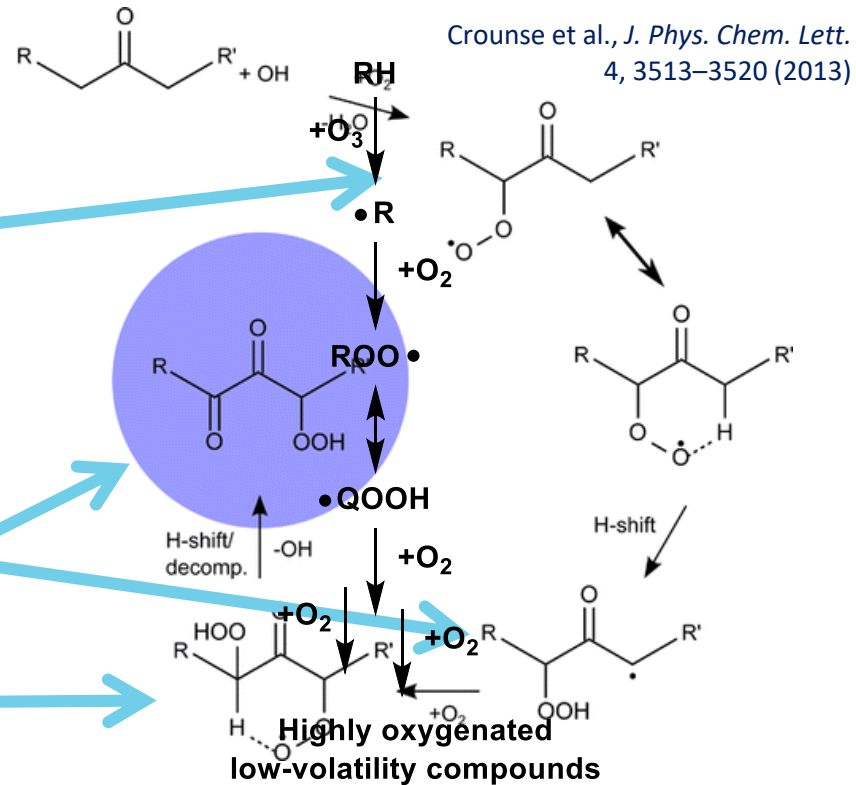
Outcome of reaction systems depend on fate of short-lived intermediates

In autoignition chemistry it is easy to specify some key intermediates

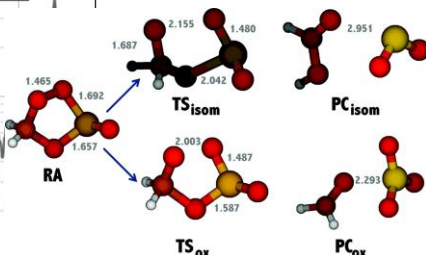
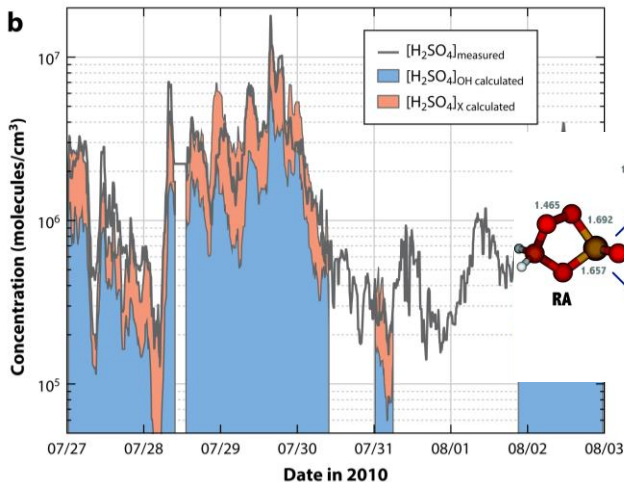
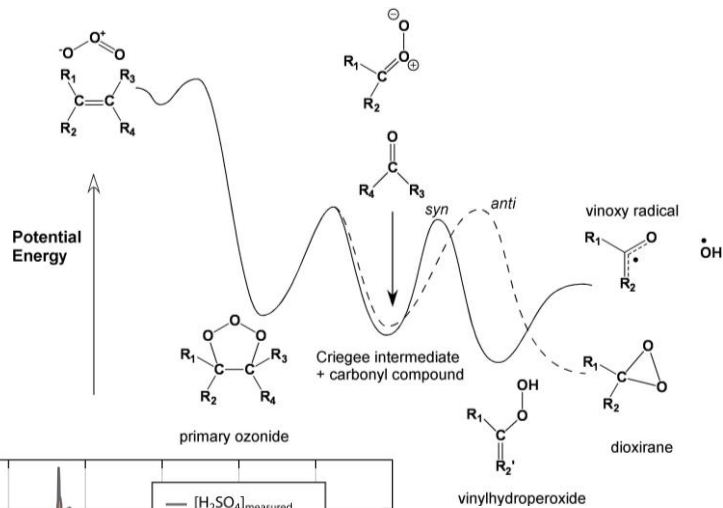


- QOOH + O₂ is responsible for chain branching
- Chain branching step goes through dissociation of a ketohydroperoxide
- Isomers make a difference





Tropospheric oxidation and ignition share some isomerizations and intermediates



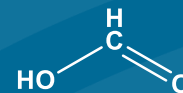
Kurtén et al.,
J. Phys. Chem. A **115**,
 8669–8681 (2011)

Kinetic models for tropospheric oxidation require knowing reactions of other intermediates

Carbonyl oxides (“Criegee intermediates”) are formed in ozonolysis

Criegee intermediates are potential tropospheric reactants

Key intermediates are again isomers of other stable or reactive species



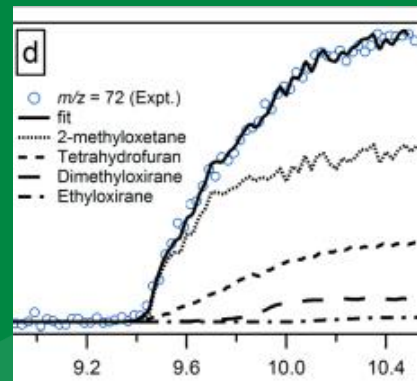
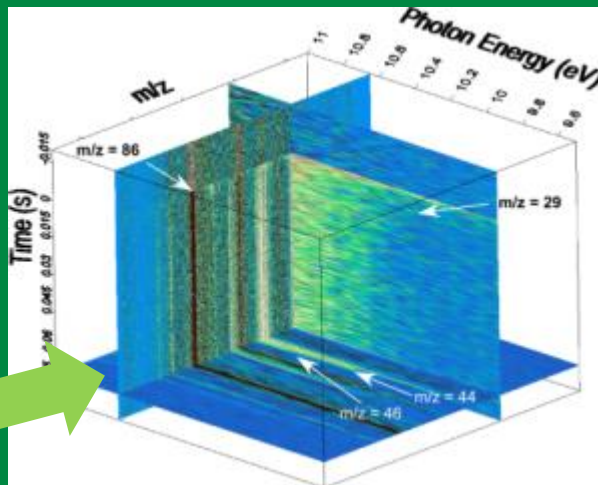
Mauldin et al., *Nature*
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Synchrotron photoionization mass spectrometry can detect and characterize these intermediates

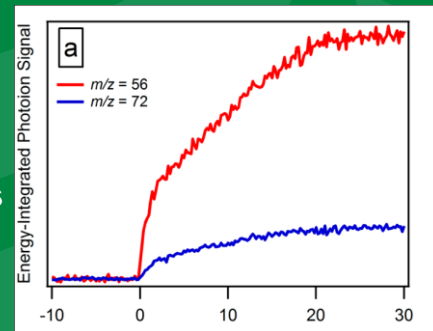


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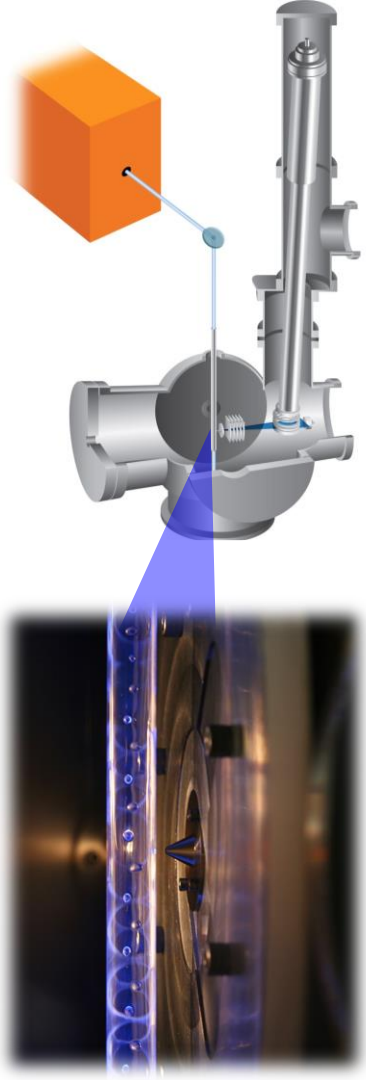
Isomer-Resolved
Species Identification

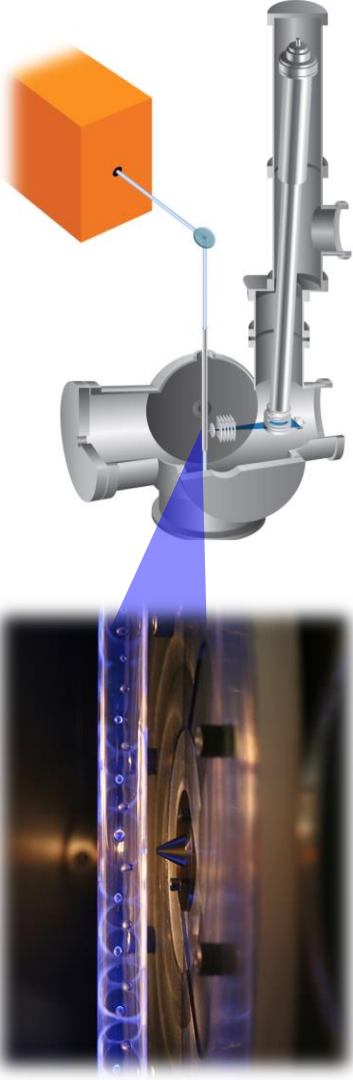
Time-Dependent
Chemical Kinetics



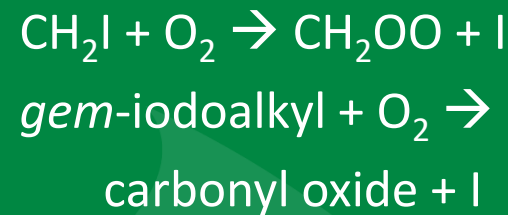
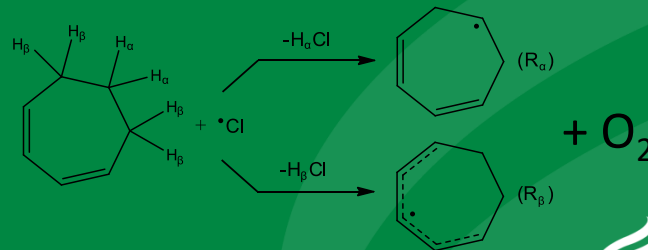
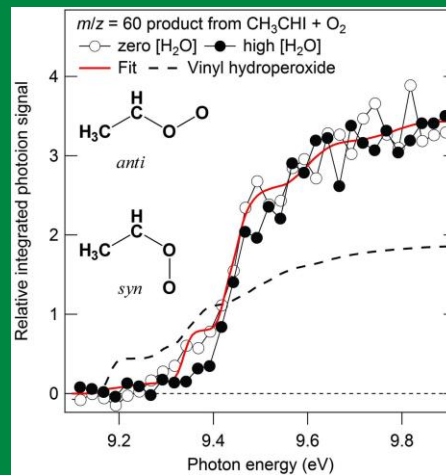
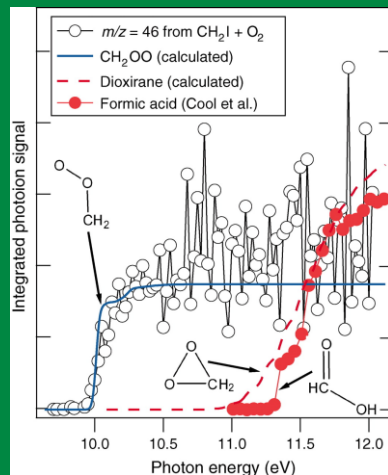
We can detect the intermediates but first we need to make them

- In the troposphere or in bulk oxidation reactions, these intermediates are difficult to isolate
- They are formed in slow processes like ozonolysis or ROO isomerization, then react relatively rapidly
- Need strategies to form the intermediates in a controlled way

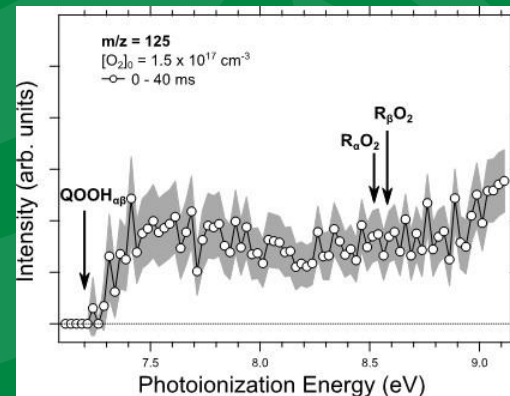




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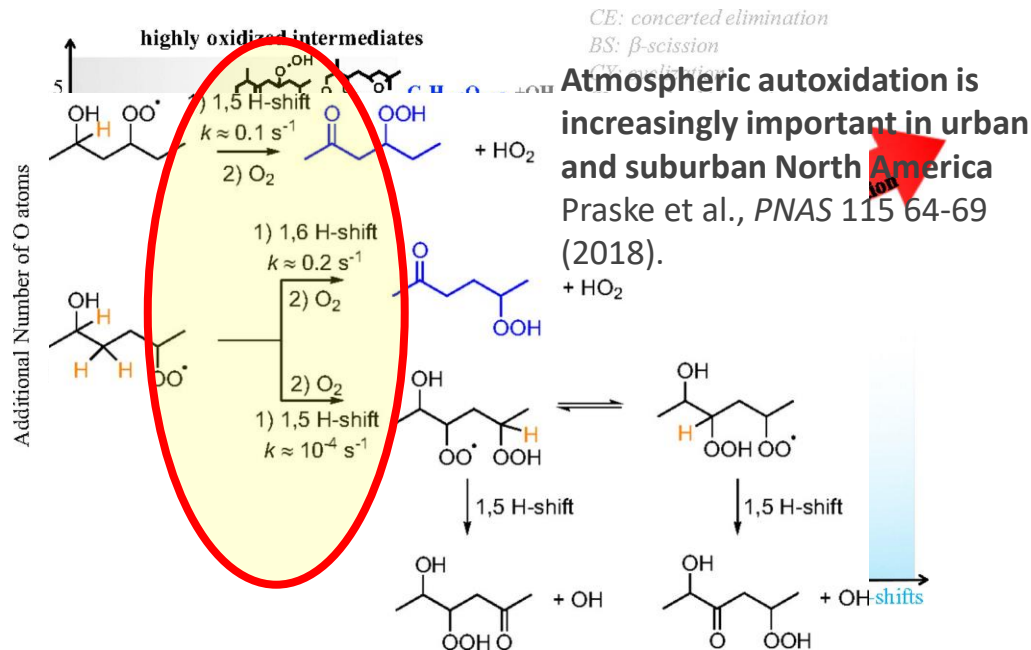
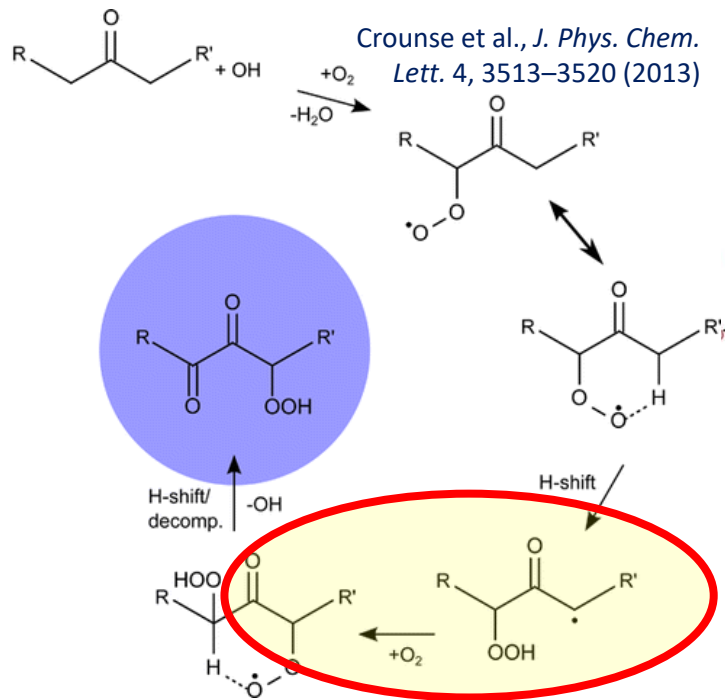


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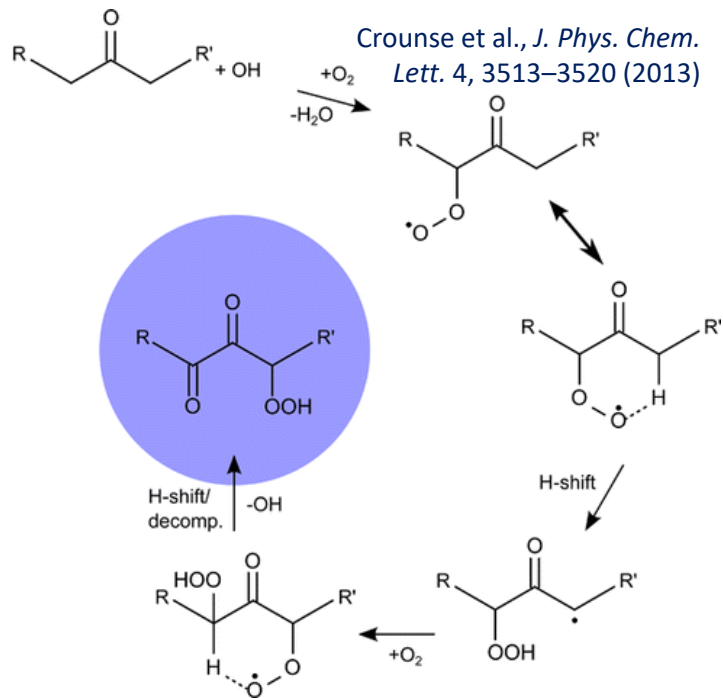
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Additions of QOOH to O₂ are important to complex oxidation submechanisms

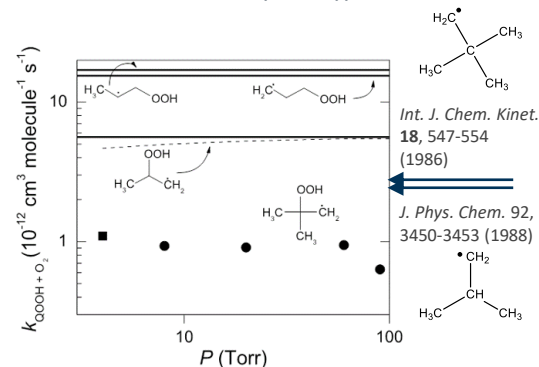


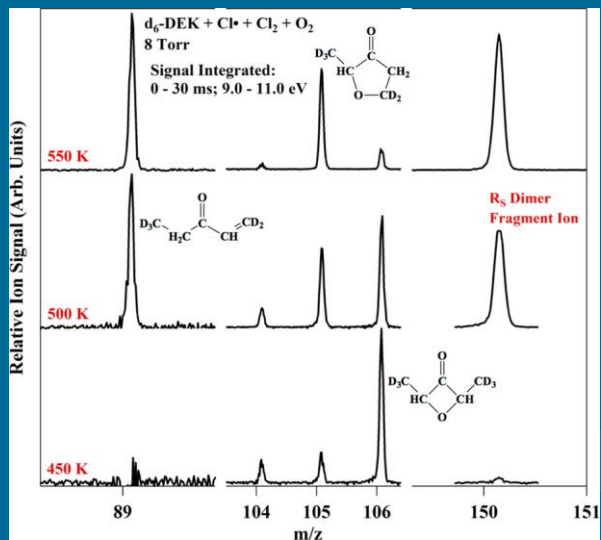
Unraveling the structure and chemical mechanisms of highly oxygenated intermediates in oxidation of organic compounds
Wang et al., *PNAS* 2017 doi: 10.1073/pnas.1707564114

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- Can we assume kinetics similar to alkyl + O₂ reactions?
- Preparing QOOH by alternative methods (e.g., Cl + ROOH) allows direct kinetics measurement (Zádor et al. *PCCP* **15**, 10753-10760 (2013))
- Resonance stabilization can dramatically shift dominant product channels in these reactions



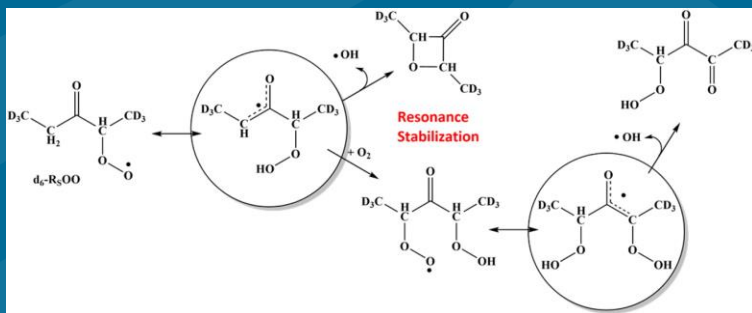
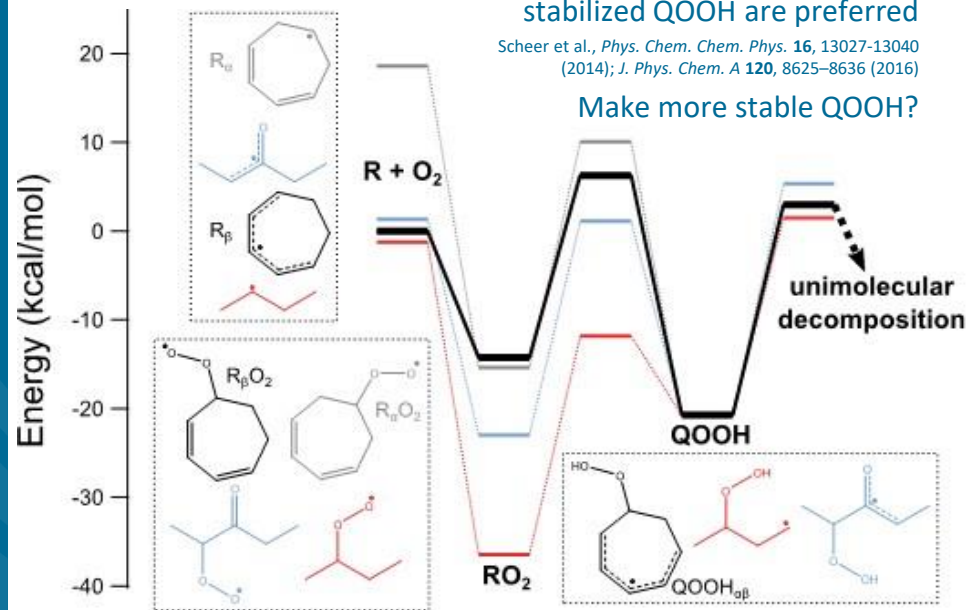


Extreme resonance stabilization

Ketone oxidation – resonance stabilized QOOH are preferred

Scheer et al., *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **16**, 13027-13040 (2014); *J. Phys. Chem. A* **120**, 8625–8636 (2016)

Make more stable QOOH?

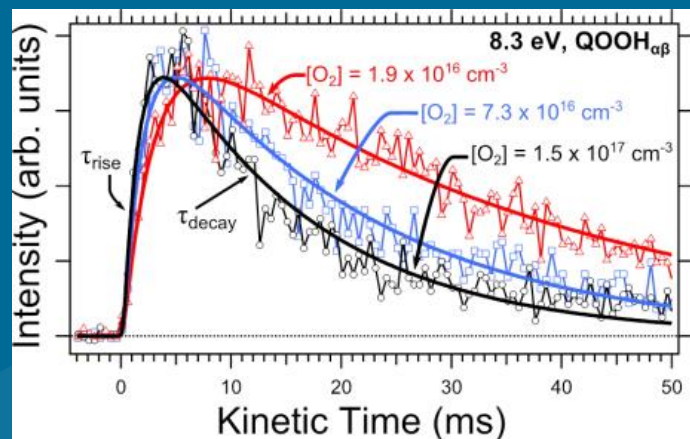


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Double resonance stabilization allowed first direct detection of QOOH

Identified by mass, spectrum, and kinetics



Resonance stabilization dramatically reduces the reactivity with O_2

$$k_{QOOH+O_2} = (2.9 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{R+O_2} = (3.2 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

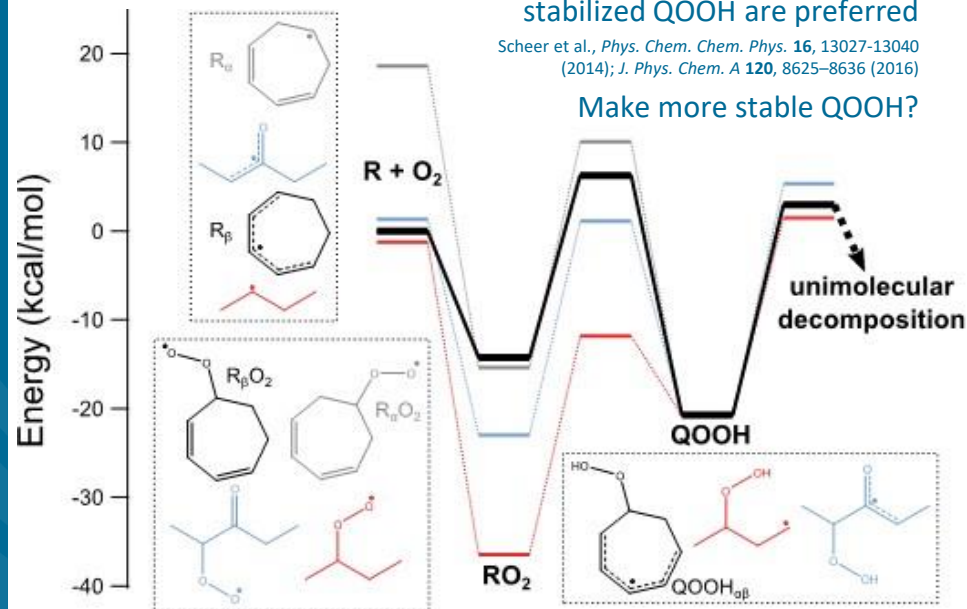


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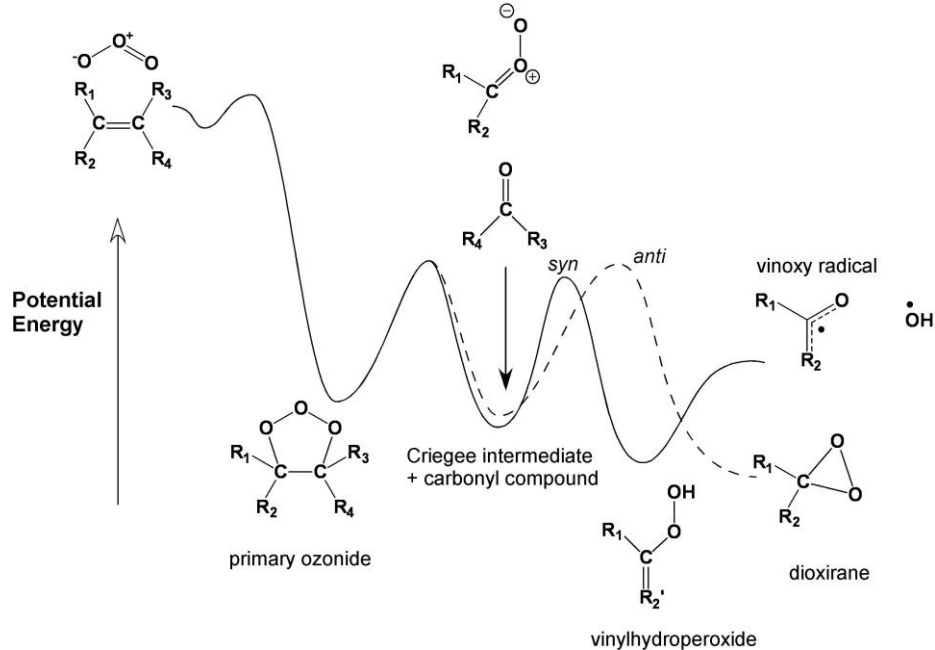
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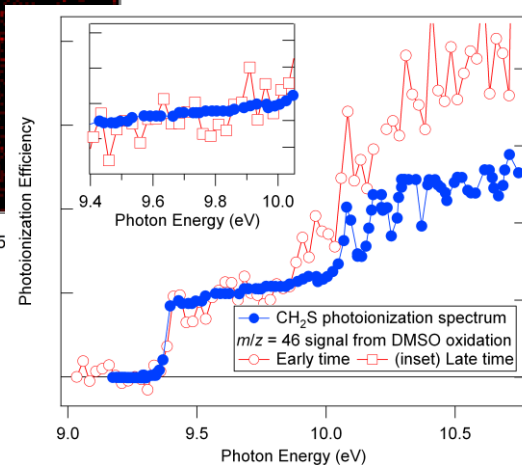
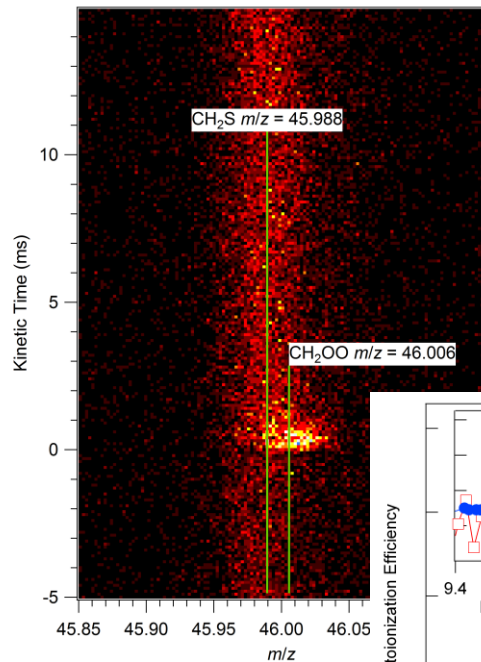
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Ozonolysis is too slow and too energetic

For Criegee intermediates the strategy is direct synthesis

Verified by mass, kinetics, and spectrum



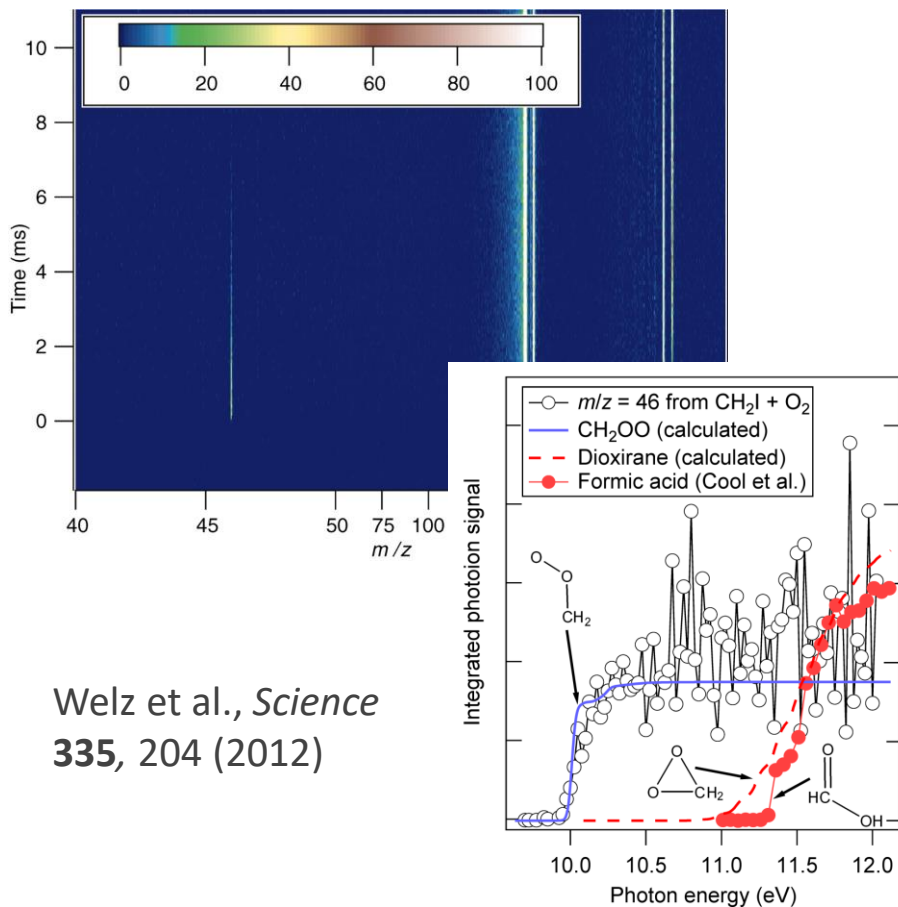
CAT et al., *JACS* **130**,
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Reaction of CH_3SOCH_2 with O_2 makes CH_2OO



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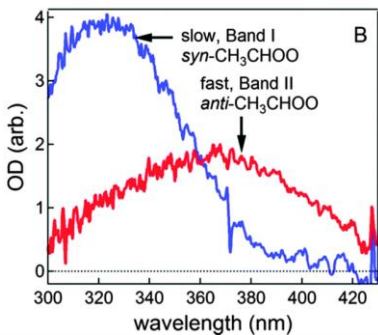
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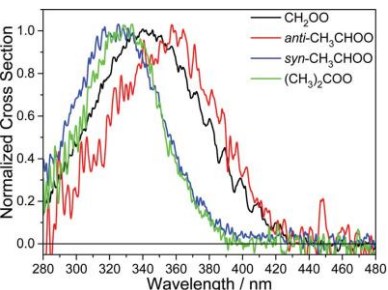
Reaction of CH_3SOCH_2 with O_2 makes CH_2OO

Reaction of gem-iodoalkyl radicals with O_2 makes lots of carbonyl oxides

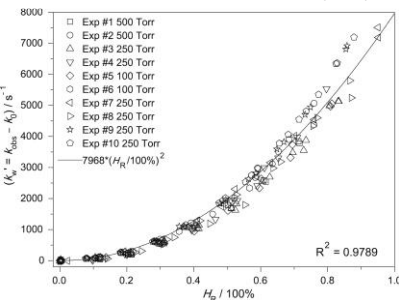
Now can measure carbonyl oxide reaction kinetics directly



Sheps et al, *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **16**, 26701-26706 (2014)

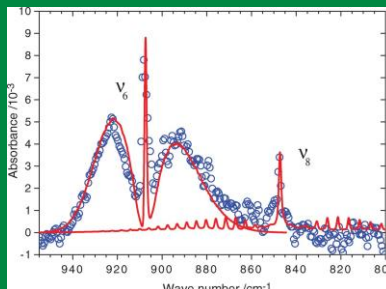


Lin and Chao, *Chem. Soc. Rev.* **46**, 7483 (2017)



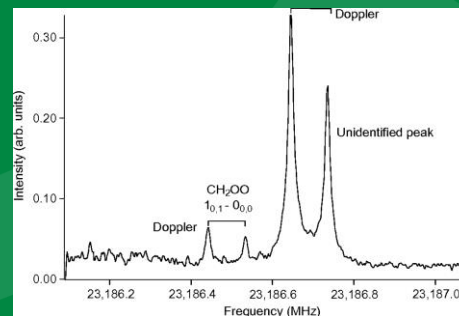
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Since discovery of the *gem*-iodoalkyl + O₂ synthesis:
UV, infrared, and microwave spectra for carbonyl oxides
have been measured



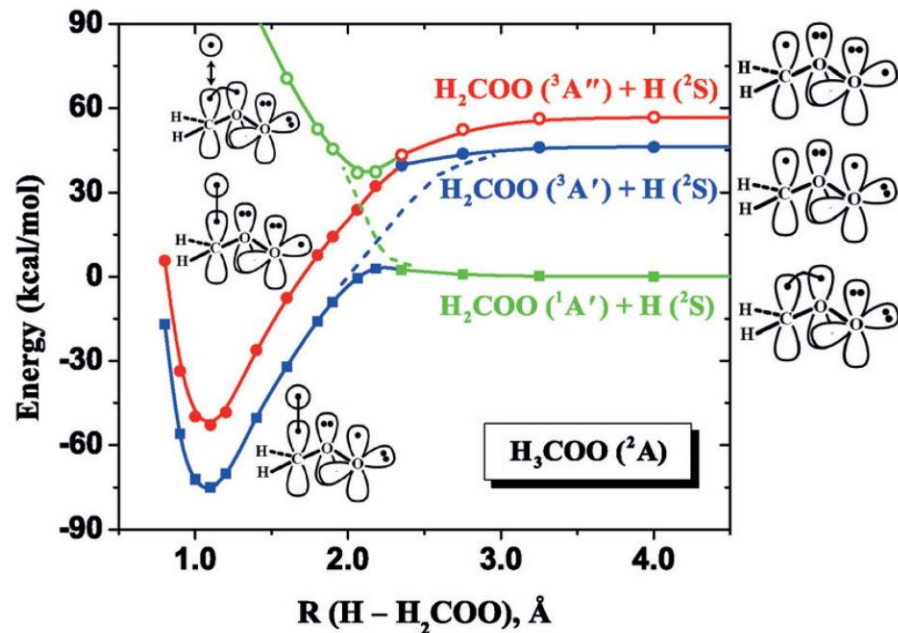
Yu-Te Su et al, *Science* **340**, 174-176 (2013)

Caroline C. Womack et al., *Science Advances* **1**, e1400105 (2015)



Many groups have begun to measure kinetics of carbonyl oxides: Boering (Cal); Lin (IAMS); Lester (Penn); Blitz/Seakins/Heard (Leeds); Bloss (Cambridge); Orr-Ewing (Bristol); Green (MIT)





Miliordos and Xantheas, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **55**, 1015-1019, 2015

- Criegee intermediates have multireference electronic character

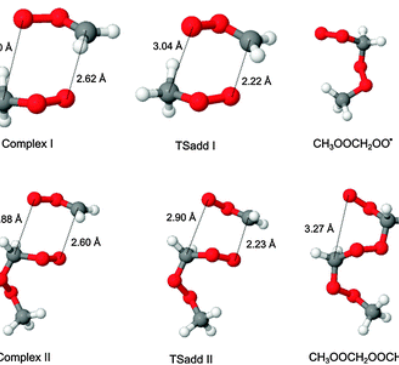
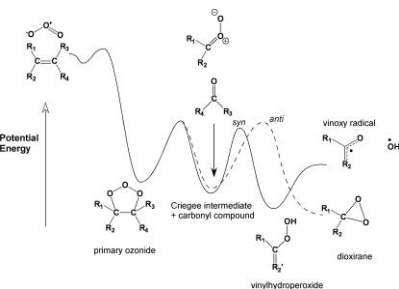
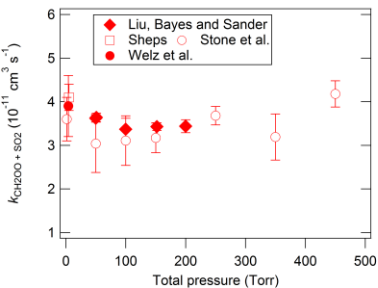
- Ground state is dominantly the closed-shell singlet zwitterion



- How should they react? ... not like radicals!

- $\text{CH}_3\text{OO} + \text{NO}$ $7.5 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$
Lightfoot et al., *Atmos. Environ. A* **26**, 1805 – 1961 (1992)
- $\text{CH}_2\text{OO} + \text{NO}$ $< 6 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$
Welz et al., *Science* **335**, 204 – 207 (2012)

- What about reactions with closed-shell species?



The chemistry of ozonolysis was largely worked out from solution phase – gas phase can be different!

Criegee (1975) outlined four types of reactions that carbonyl oxides undergo: dimerization, reaction with carbonyls, isomerization, and reactions with “proton active substances”

Generalization (CAT, *Annu. Rev. Phys. Chem.* 2017):

Reactions with other 1,3 bipoles

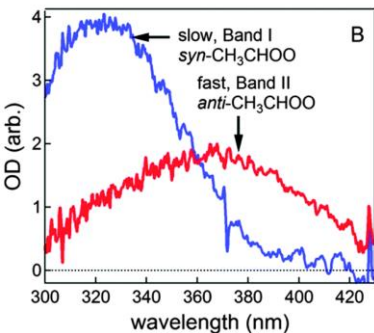
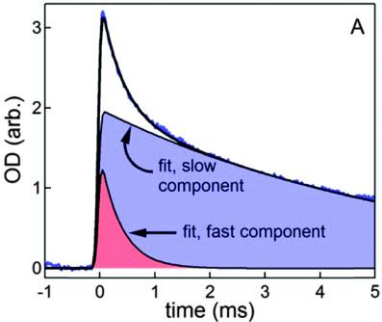
Unimolecular reactions

Cycloadditions

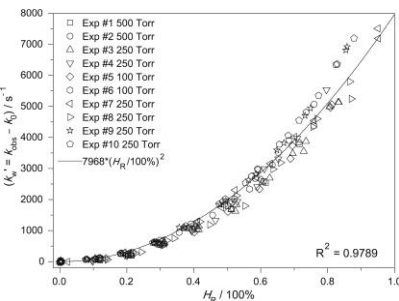
Insertions

Addition to radical species





Sheps et al, *Phys Chem. Chem. Phys.* **16**, 26701-26706 (2014)



Chao et al, *Science*. **347**, 751-754 (2014)

Most direct studies of Criegee kinetics look at disappearance of the carbonyl oxide

Nature of products can make a difference in troposphere

Insertions

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Proton active species – insertion

Acids react with carbonyl oxides at supercollisional rates (Welz et al., *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 53, 4547-4550 (2014); Foreman et al., *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 55, 10419-10422 (2016); Chhantyal-Pun et al., *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 56, 9044-9047 (2017))

Carbonyl oxide reactions in solution: $\text{ROH} > \text{H}_2\text{O} > \text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$

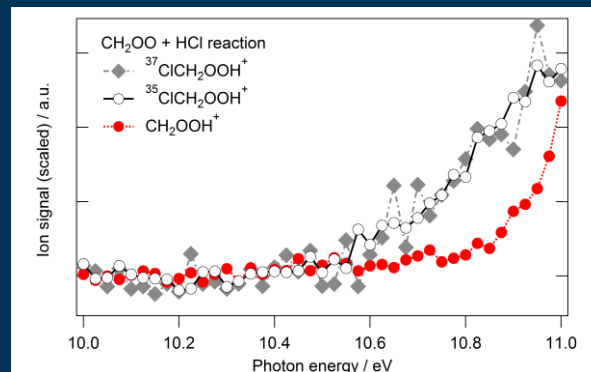
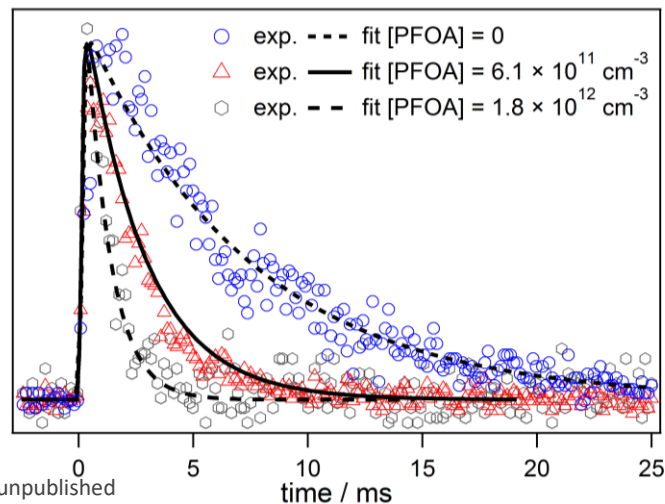
In gas phase $\text{RCO}_2\text{H} \gg \text{ROH}, \text{H}_2\text{O}$

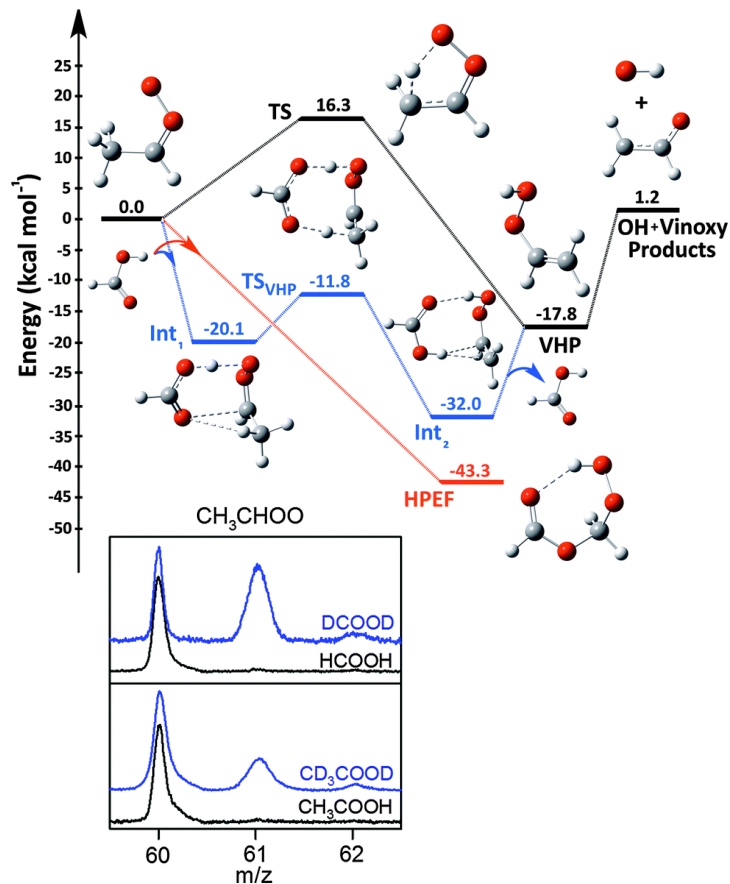
Fast reaction general for all acids

PFOA reacts slowly with OH

Reaction with CH_2OO is fast:
 $(4.7 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$

What are the products of reactions with acids?





Reactions with acids appear to form hydroperoxyesters

Adduct mass observed

Dissociative ionization to protonated carbonyl oxides

There are other possibilities

Acid-assisted tautomerization

(Kumar et al., Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 2014, 16, 22968-22973; Liu et al., Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys., 2015, 17, 20490-20494)

Most common proton active species – H₂O

Differences in reactivity among carbonyl oxides:

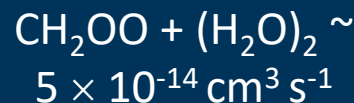
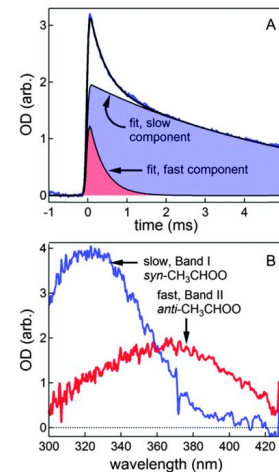
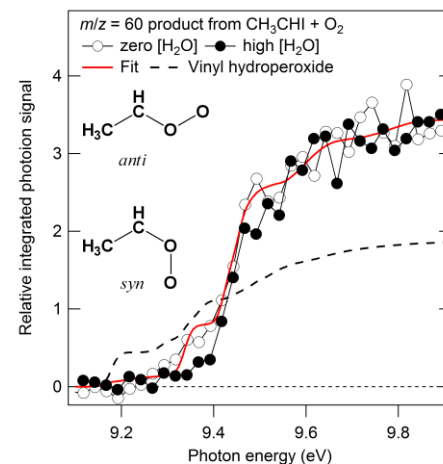
$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{COO} < 1.5 \times 10^{-16}$ (Huang et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **112**, 10857–10862 (2015))

$\text{CH}_2\text{OO} (3.2 \pm 1.2) \times 10^{-16}$ (Berndt et al., *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **17**, 19862–19873 (2015))

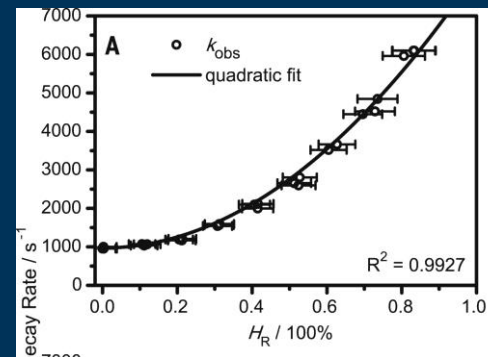
anti-CH₃CHOO $(2.3 \pm 2.1) \times 10^{-14}$
(Huang et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **112**, 10857–10862 (2015))

H₂O monomer reactions have conformer dependence – *syn*-CH₃CHOO unmeasurably slow

H₂O dimer reaction is the dominant removal mechanism for tropospheric CH₂OO



Chao et al, *Science* **347**, 751-754 (2014); Lewis et al., *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **17**, 4859–4863 (2015); Smith et al., *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* **6**, 2708–2713 (2015)



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Does reaction of CH_2OO and water dimer make formic acid?

Water monomer reaction makes hydroperoxymethanol (hydroxymethyl hydroperoxide)

Suggestion that reaction with dimer makes $\sim 50\%$ HCOOH (Nguyen et al., *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **18**, 10241-10254 (2016))

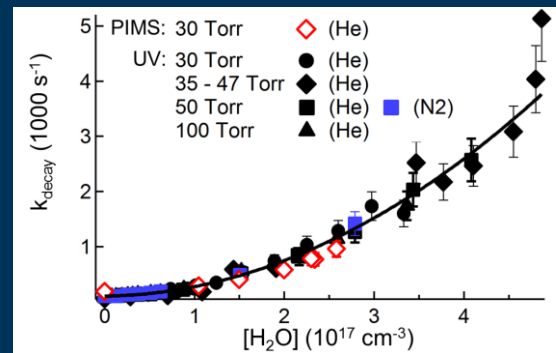
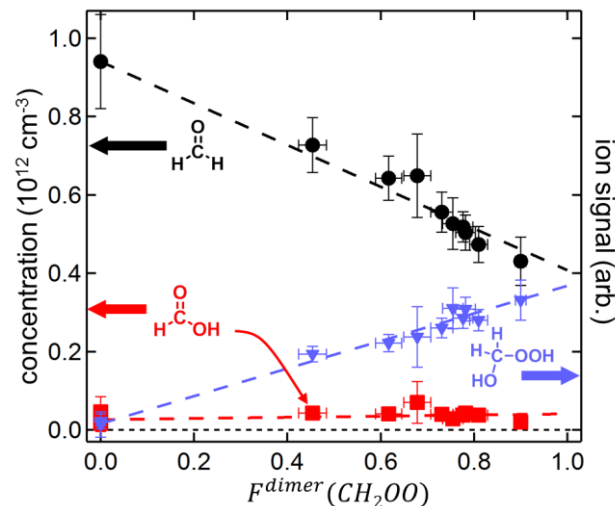
Can confirm rate coefficient with UV absorption, photoionization

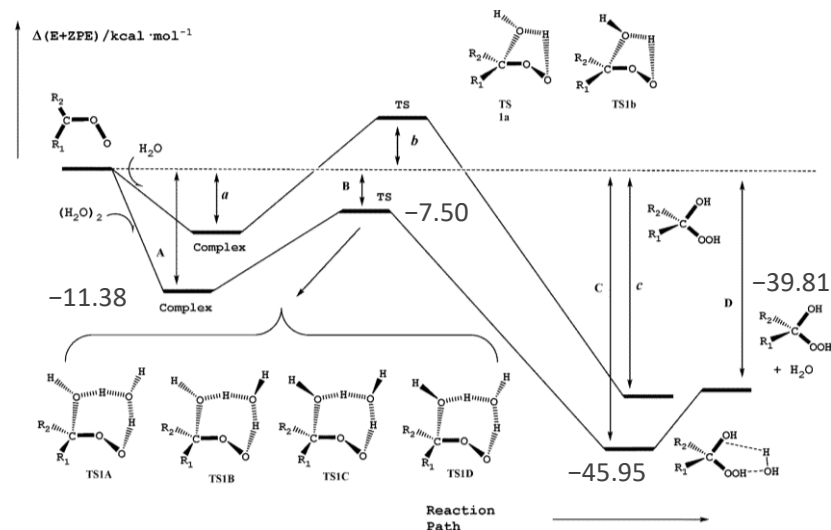
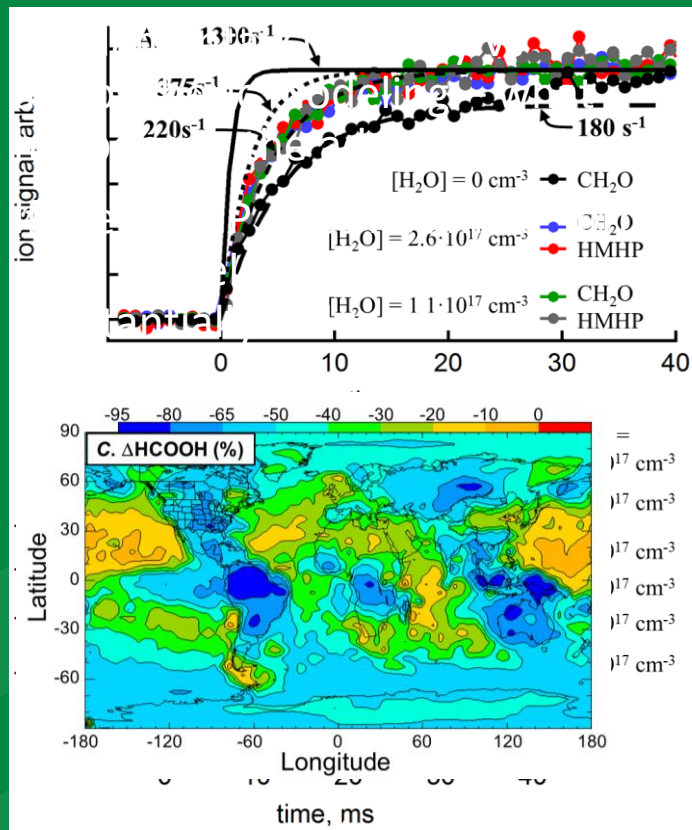
MPIMS measures all products



Sheps et al., *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, **19**, 21970-21979 (2017)

Lenny Sheps





Calculation of $CH_2OO + (H_2O)_2$ reaction suggests entrance complex that dissociates to HMHP and H_2O

Anglada and Solé *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **18**, 17698-17712 (2016)



Do other proton-active
species in the gas phase also
insert?

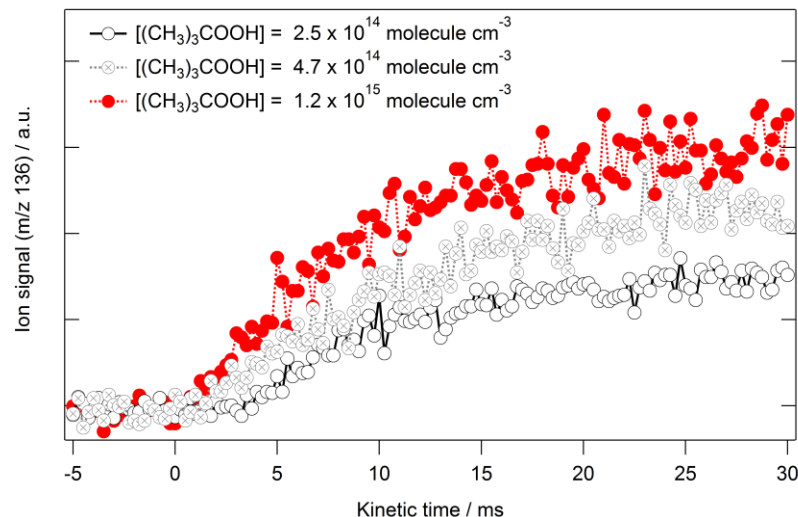
ROOH – CH₂OO reaction with
(CH₃)₃COOH makes adduct

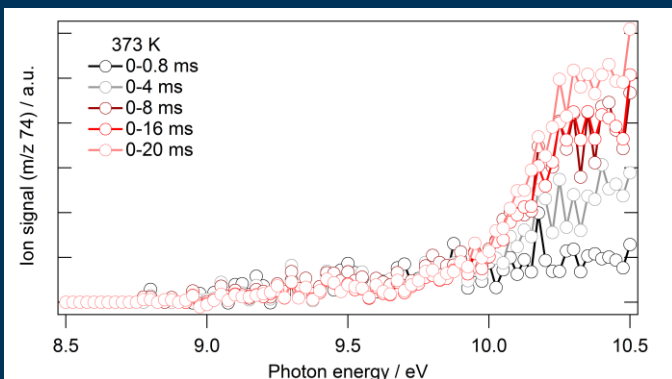
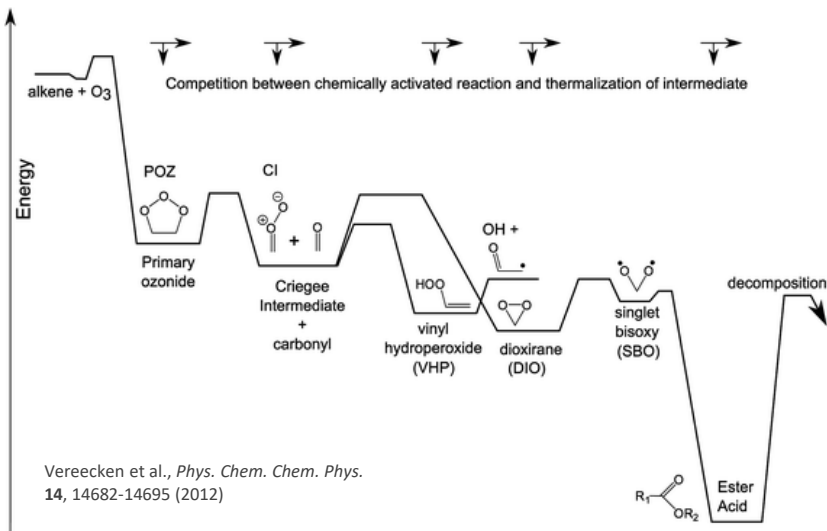
ROH? – reactions with CH₃OH
insert in solution phase

Acetone oxide + methanol

No observed adduct mass

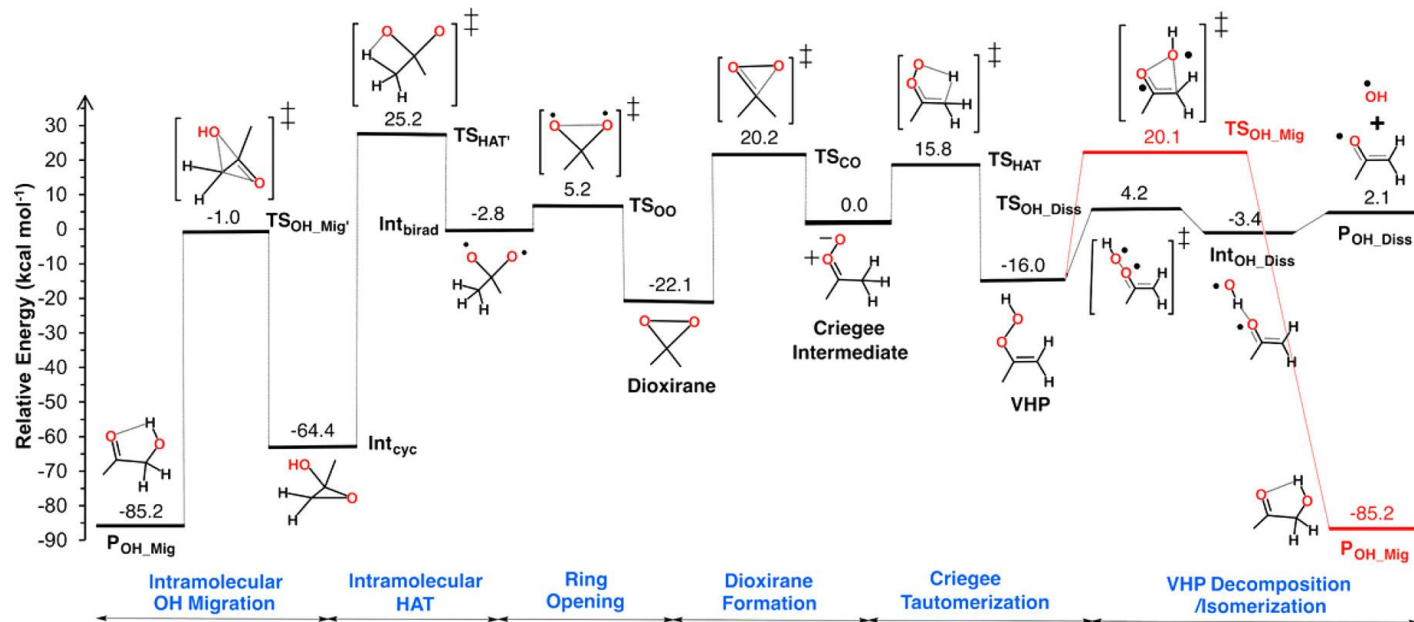
Product with CD₃OH is acetone



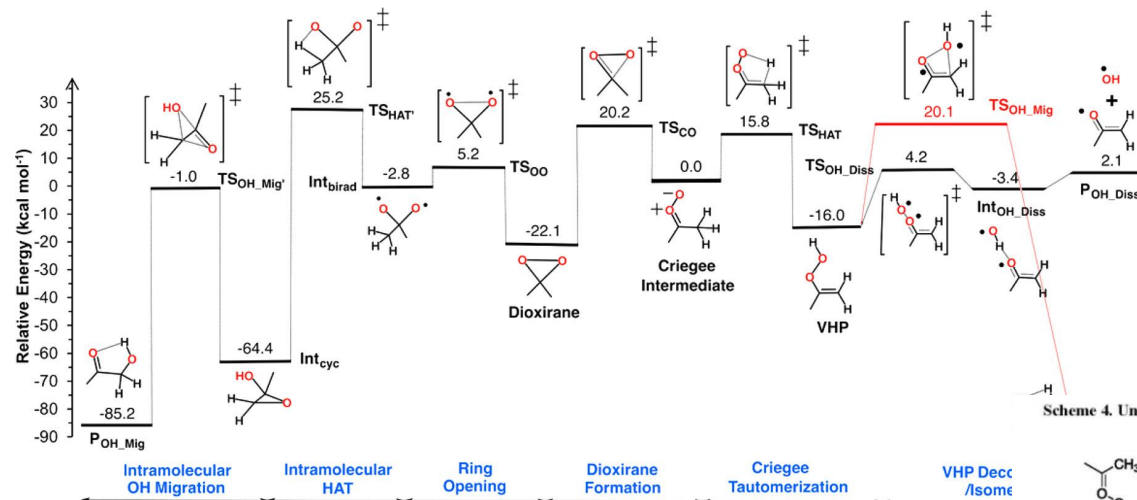


- Isomerization has two basic pathways – dioxirane and vinyl hydroperoxide
- Is it that simple?
- (CH₃)₂COO isomerizes to hydroxyacetone (CAT et al, *J. Phys. Chem. A* **121** 16–23 (2017))
- Temperature dependence confirms first-order gas phase reaction (Caravan et al., unpublished)
- Observed in solution long ago (P. R. Story and J R. Burgess, *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **89**, 5726 (1967); **90**, 1094 (1968))
- Proposed to start from VHP





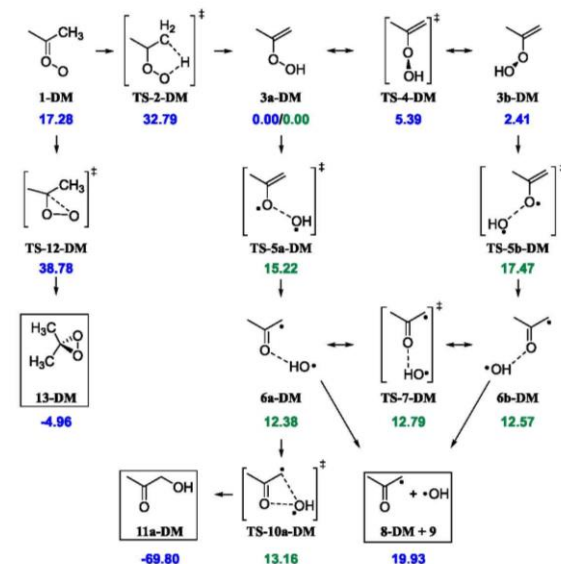
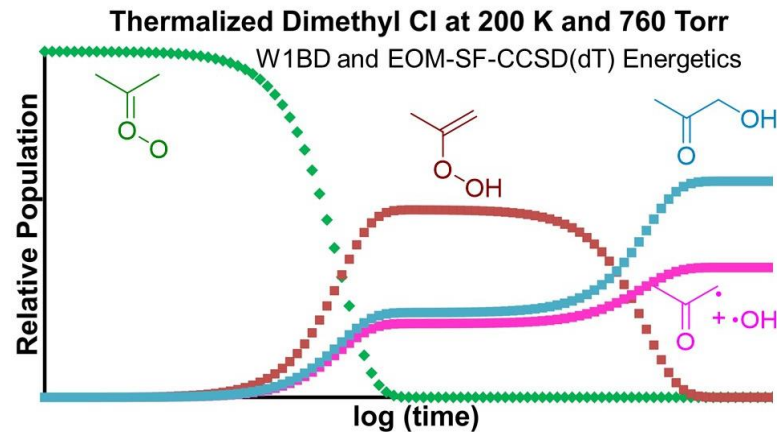
(Ward Thompson, in *J. Phys. Chem. A* **121** 16–23 (2017))



Scheme 4. Unimolecular Reactivity of the Dimethyl Criegee Intermediate^a

Kuwata et al. recently calculated a roaming style pathway through the vinyl hydroperoxide (*J. Phys. Chem. A* **just accepted** DOI: 10.1021/acs.jpca.8b00287 (2018)) that obviates the high transition state

They also predicted product branching for the acetone oxide decomposition.



Reactions with radicals?

Look at NO_2 – how does this reaction proceed?

Could be source of NO_3 ?

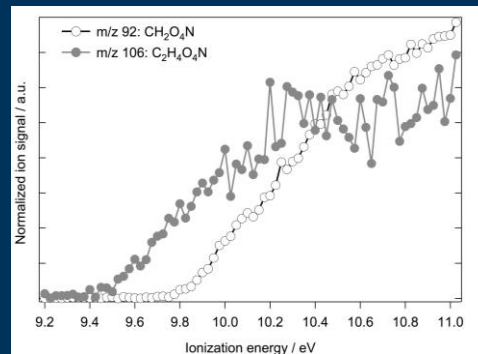
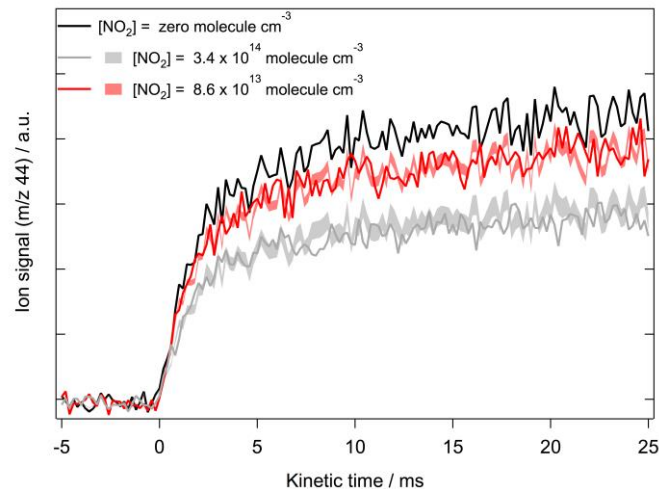
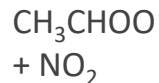
No NO_3 observed

See signal at mass of adduct

See decrease in carbonyl

Upper limit of 30% NO_3

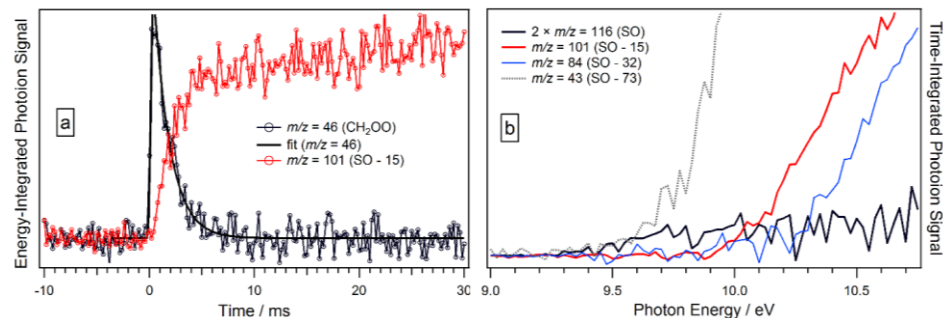
May limit effect of carbonyl oxides on NO_3 concentrations



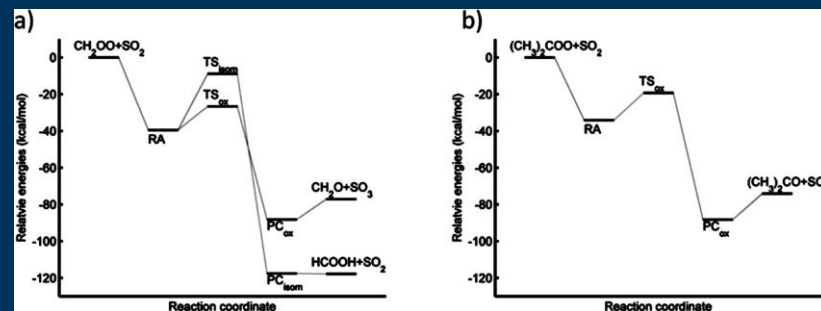
Cycloaddition – reaction with carbonyls is one of the three steps in the Criegee mechanism

Can directly detect secondary ozonide products

Carbonyl oxides can transfer O atom, e.g., to SO_2 – but are these reactions mediated by cycloaddition?



$\text{CH}_2\text{OO} + \text{MVK}$: Eskola et al., unpublished



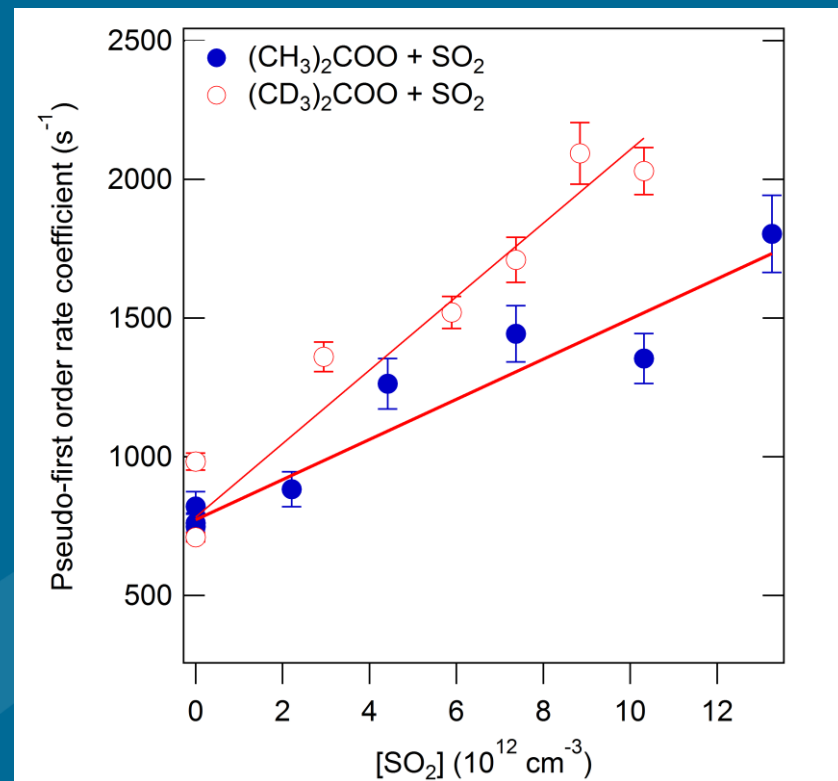
Kurtén et al., *J. Phys. Chem. A*
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SO_3 has been directly observed from Criegee intermediate reactions with SO_2 -- but other pathways are possible

Pressure dependence and inverse kinetic isotope effect is observed in reaction of acetone oxide with SO_2 (Chhantyal-Pun et al., *J. Phys. Chem. A* **121** 4–15 (2017); Huang et al., *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA* **112**, 10857–10862 (2015))

All direct rate coefficient measurements so far have been for total carbonyl oxide removal



- Hydrocarbon structure and resonance stabilization can dramatically affect autoxidation processes
- Importance of carbonyl oxide reactions to the atmosphere depends on fate of adducts



Do these results actually make a difference in complex chemical models?

What does it mean to make a difference?

- Models are changed (people use the results)
- New details are revealed as important
- Predictions get better?

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