

# *Direct Measurement of Elusive Intermediates*

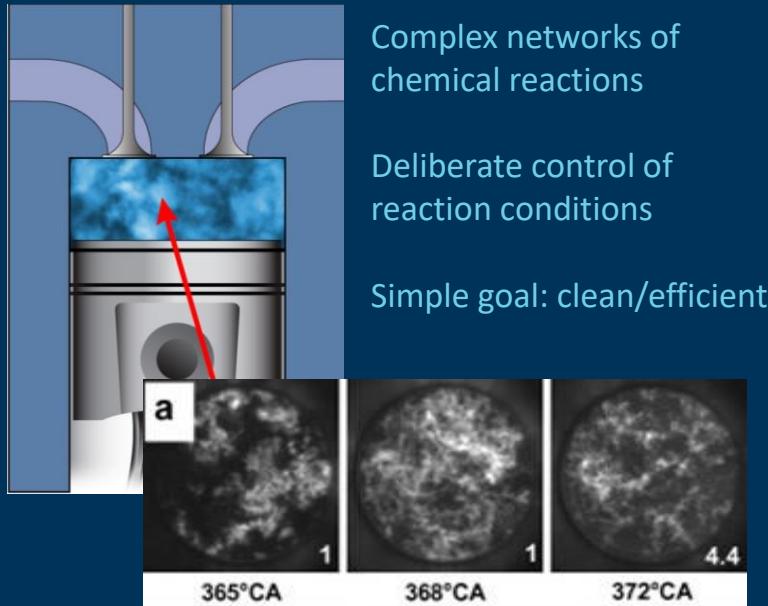
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# Comparing different (but related) chemical systems

## Autoignition chemistry

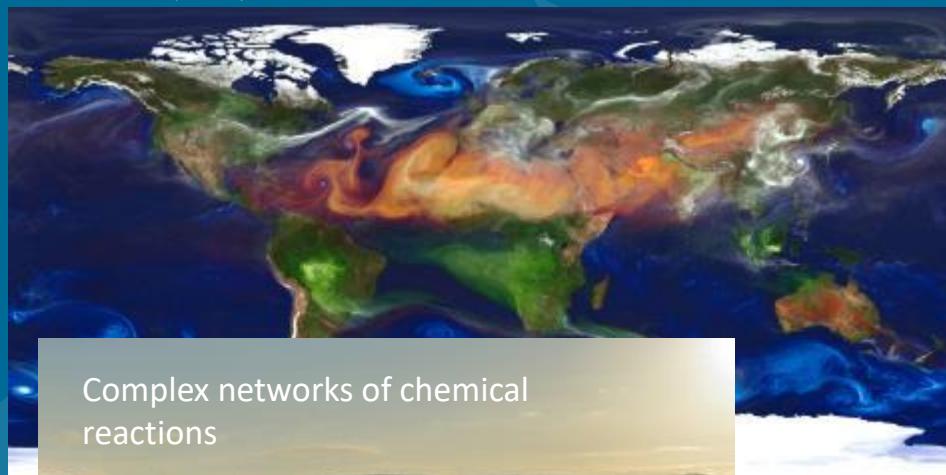


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## Tropospheric oxidation

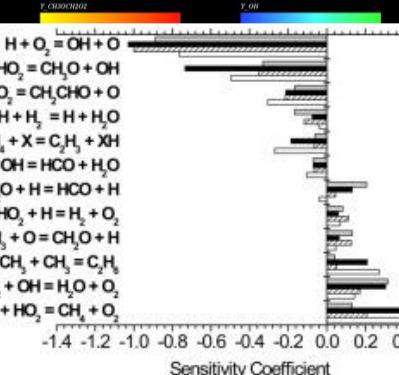
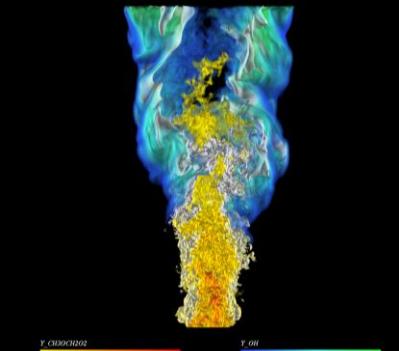
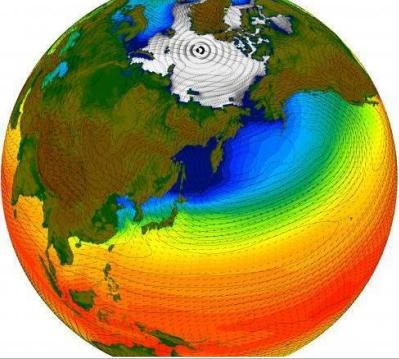
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Complex networks of chemical reactions

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

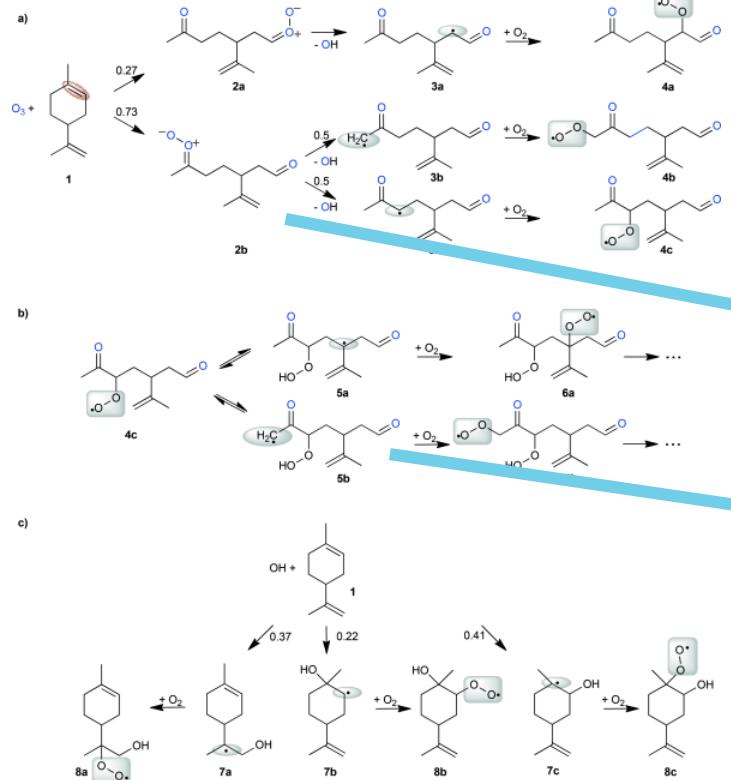
Are laboratory kineticists a modelers’ friend?  
(don’t necessarily have the same motivations!)

How can kineticists

Choose reactions that make a difference

Connect the laboratory work *correctly* to field or device



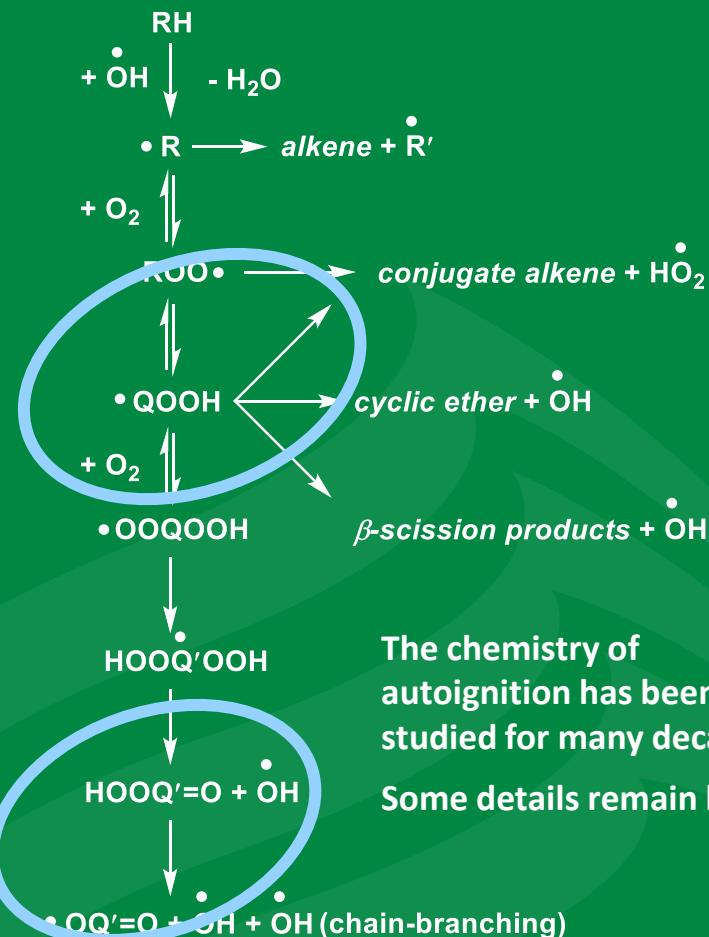


- Specific investigations target individual reaction types
- Physical understanding allows rigorous generalization

Ozonolysis – can we focus on individual carbonyl oxide channels?

Peroxy radical chemistry – can we isolate specific transformations?

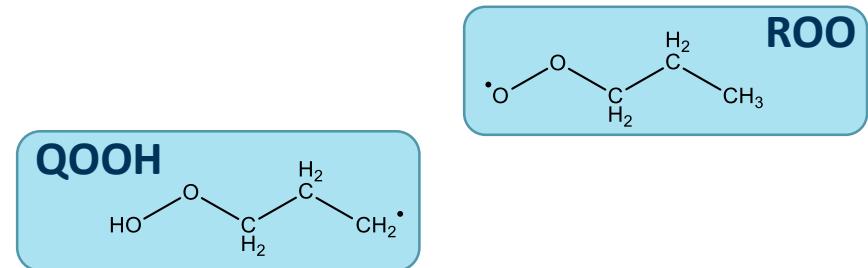
Outcome of reaction systems depend on fate of short-lived intermediates



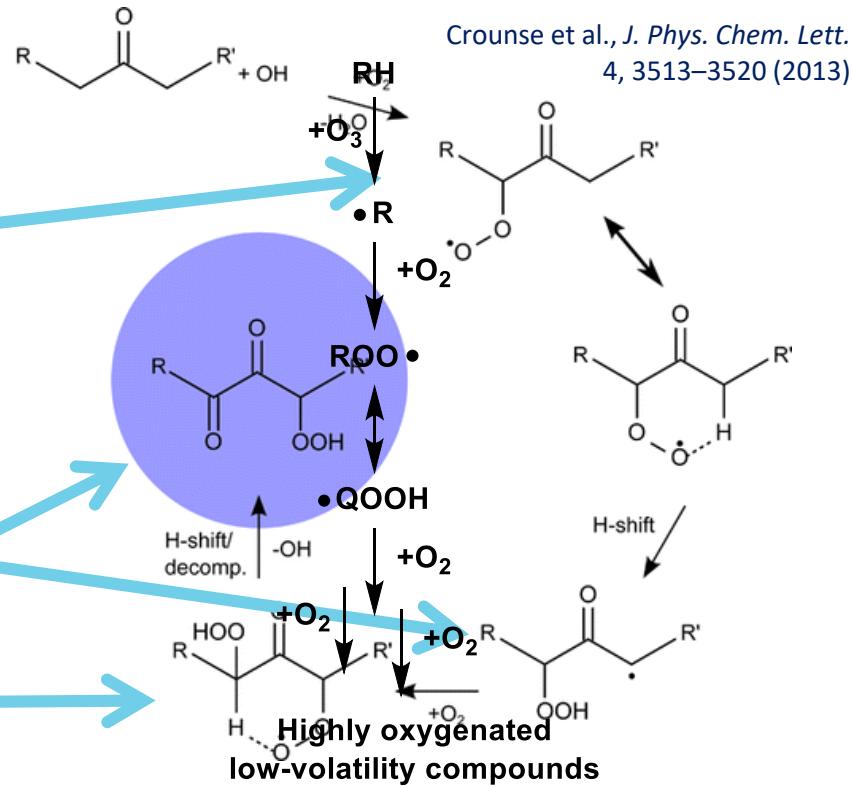
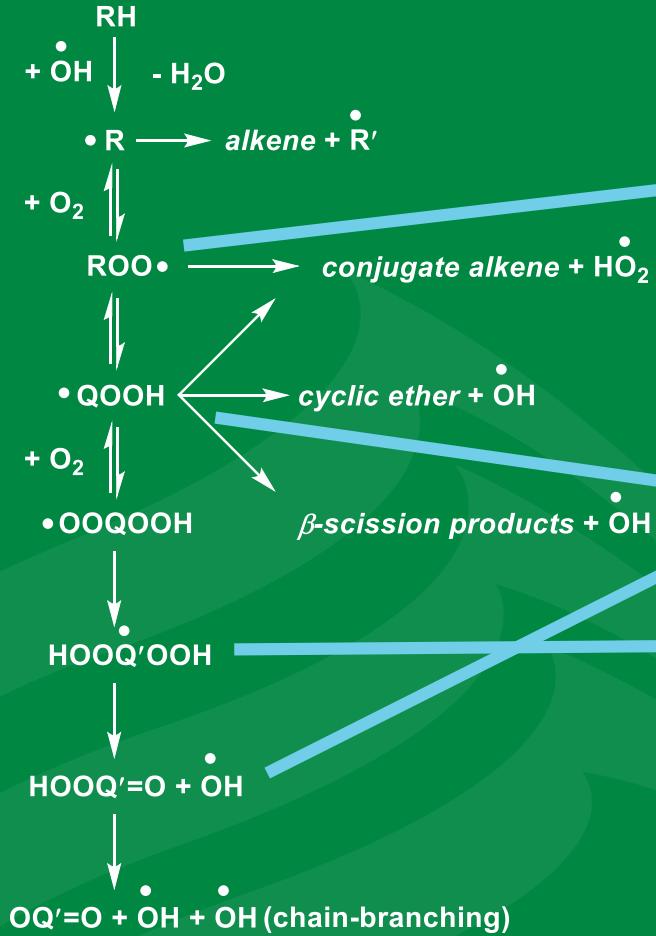
The chemistry of  
 autoignition has been  
 studied for many decades –  
 Some details remain hidden



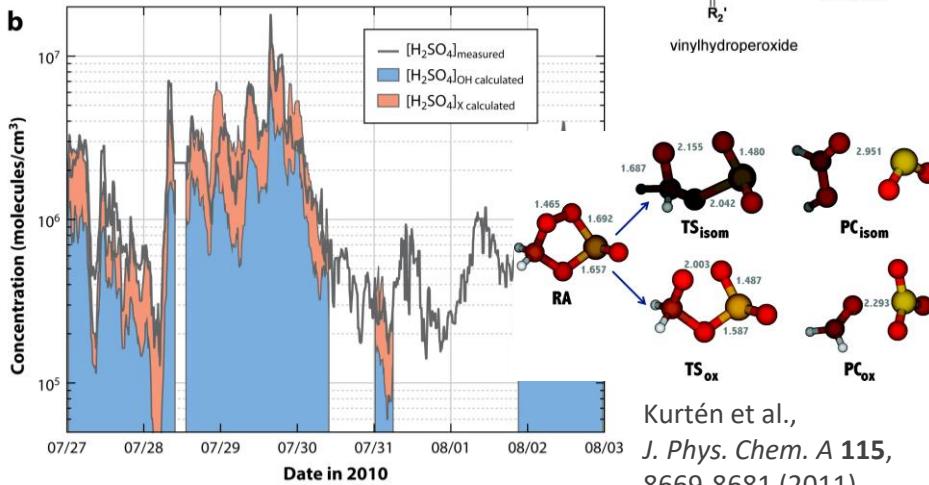
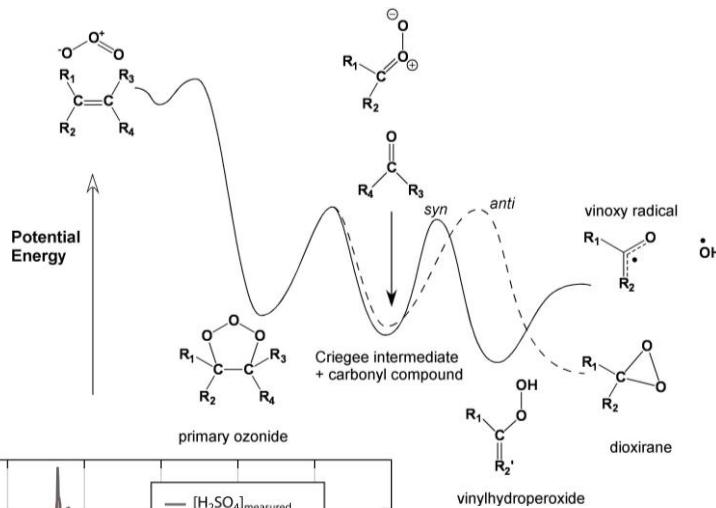
# In autoignition chemistry it is easy to specify some key intermediates



- **QOOH + O<sub>2</sub> 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



Mauldin et al., *Nature*  
**488**, 193–196 (2012)

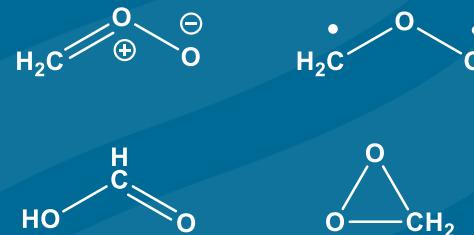


Kinetic models for tropospheric oxidation require knowing reactions of other intermediates

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

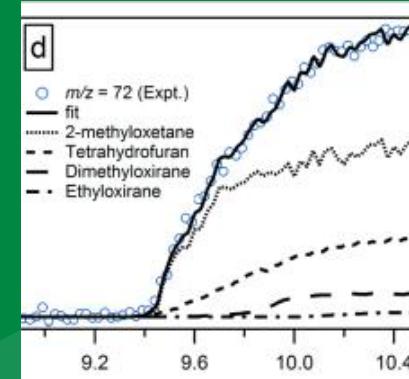
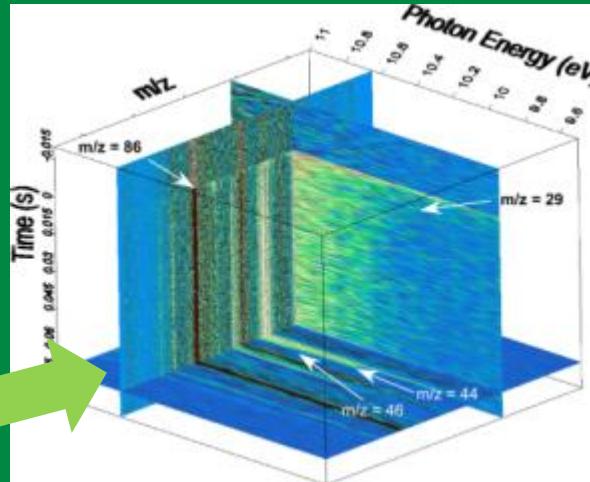
Criegee intermediates are potential tropospheric reactants

Key intermediates are again isomers of other stable or reactive species



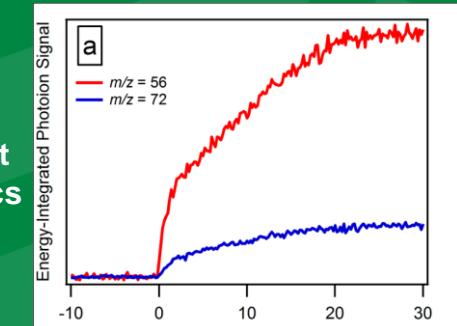


# Synchrotron photoionization mass spectrometry can detect and characterize these intermediates



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Isomer-Resolved Species Identification



Time-Dependent Chemical Kinetics





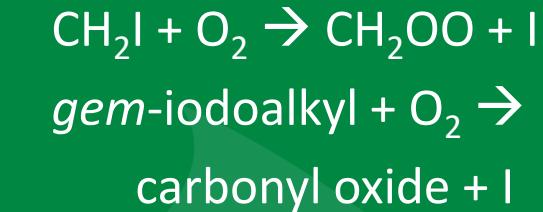
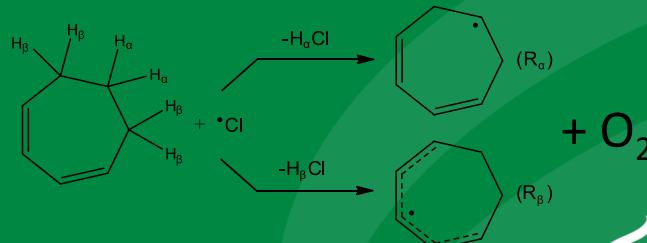
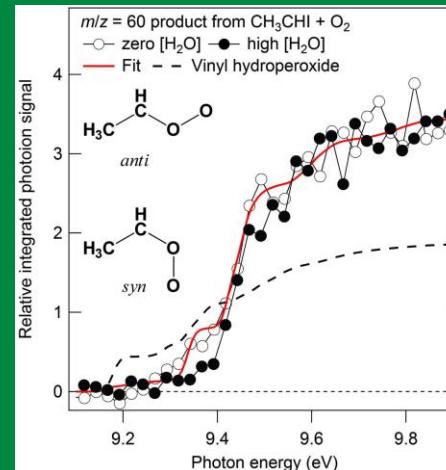
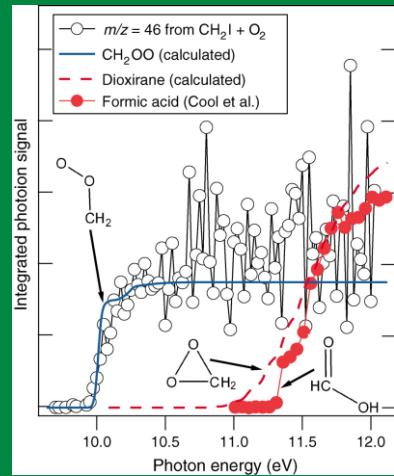
# We can detect the intermediates but first we need to make them

- 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

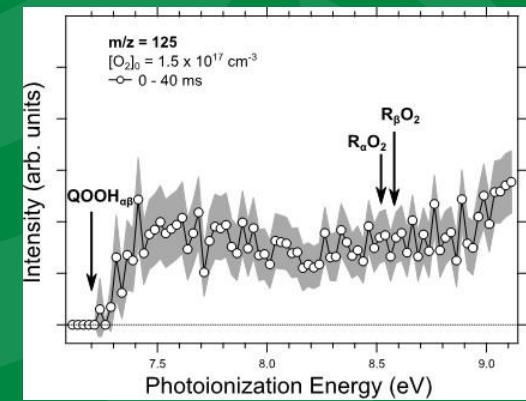




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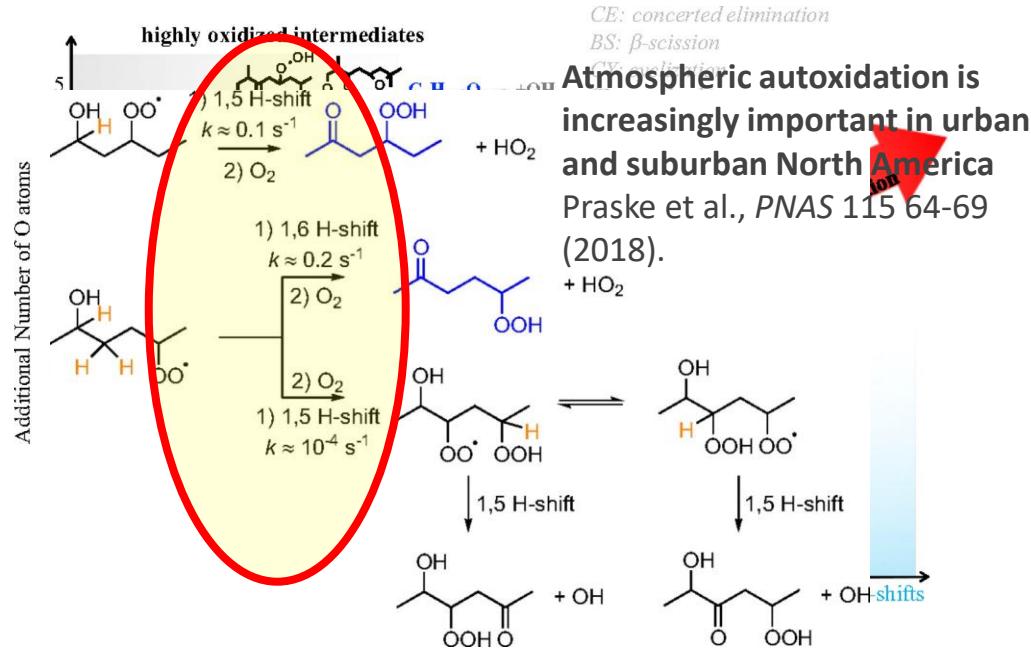
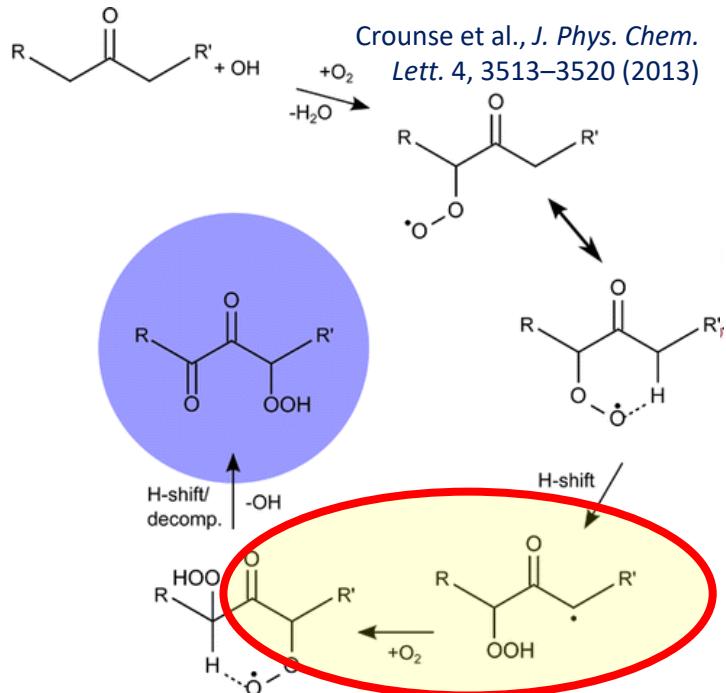
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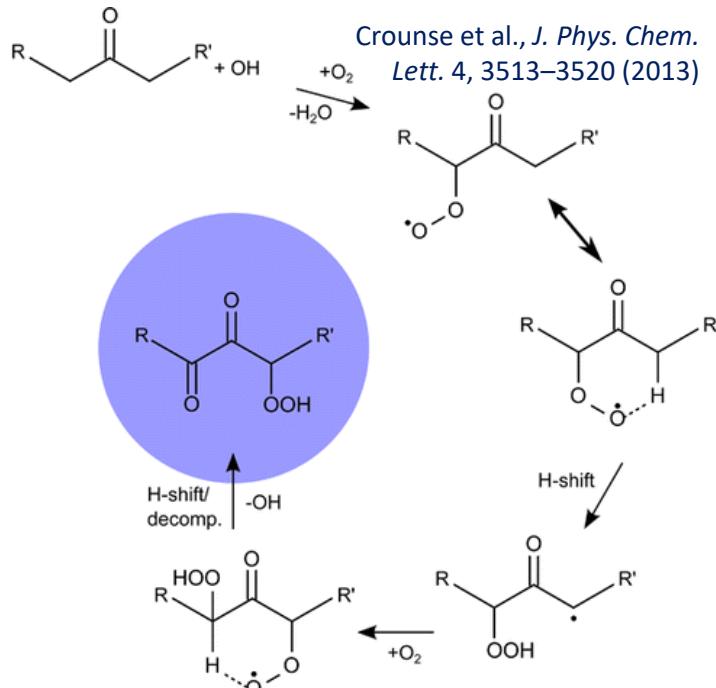
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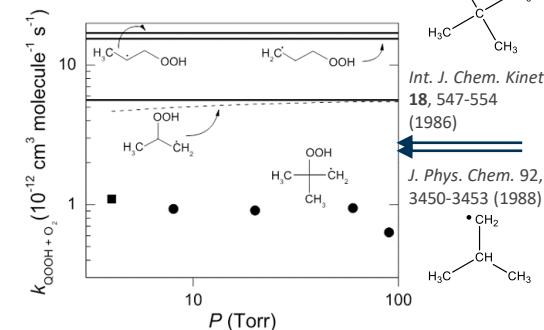
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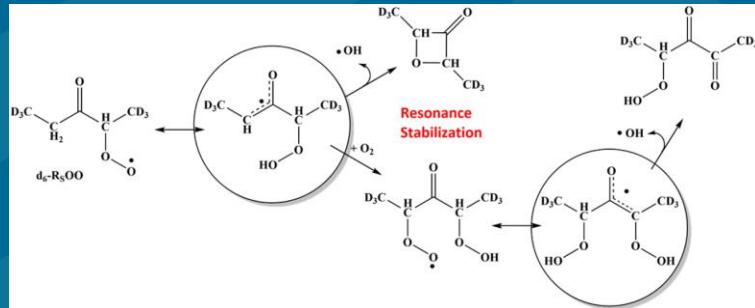
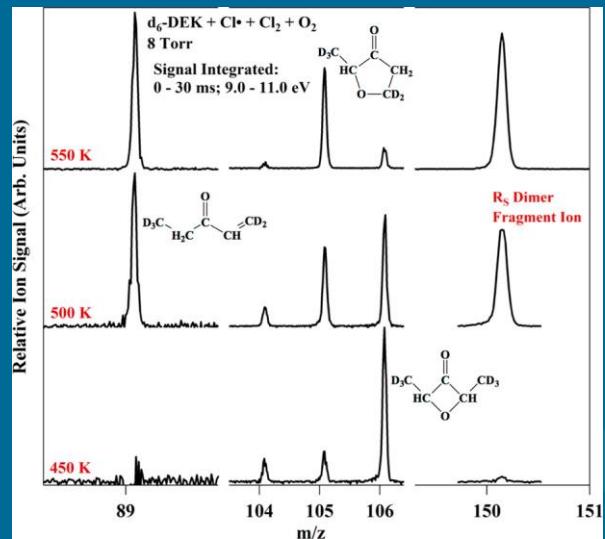


# Additions of QOOH to $O_2$ are important to complex oxidation submechanisms



- Can we assume kinetics similar to alkyl +  $O_2$  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





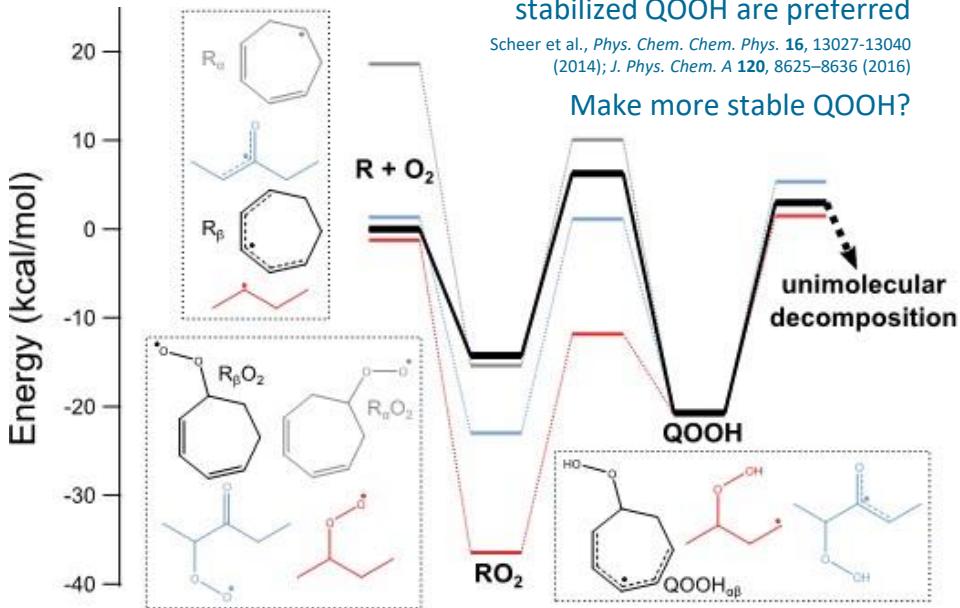
Scheer et al., *J. Phys. Chem. A* **120**, 8625–8636 (2016)

## Extreme resonance stabilization

Ketone oxidation – resonance stabilized QOOH are preferred

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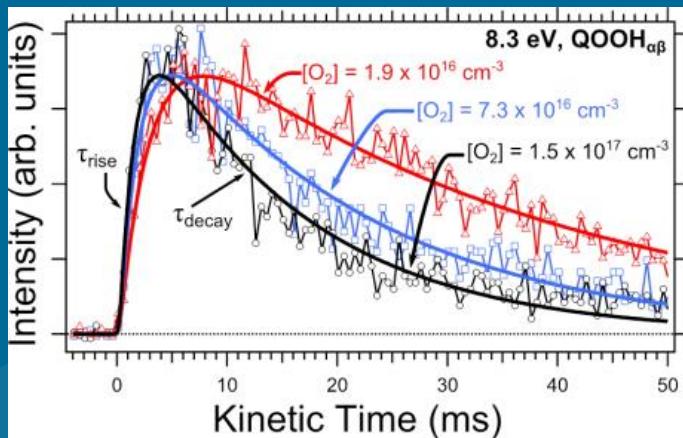
Make more stable QOOH?



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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<sub>2</sub>

$$k_{\text{QOOH} + \text{O}_2} = (2.9 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-15} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$
$$k_{\text{R} + \text{O}_2} = (3.2 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-16} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

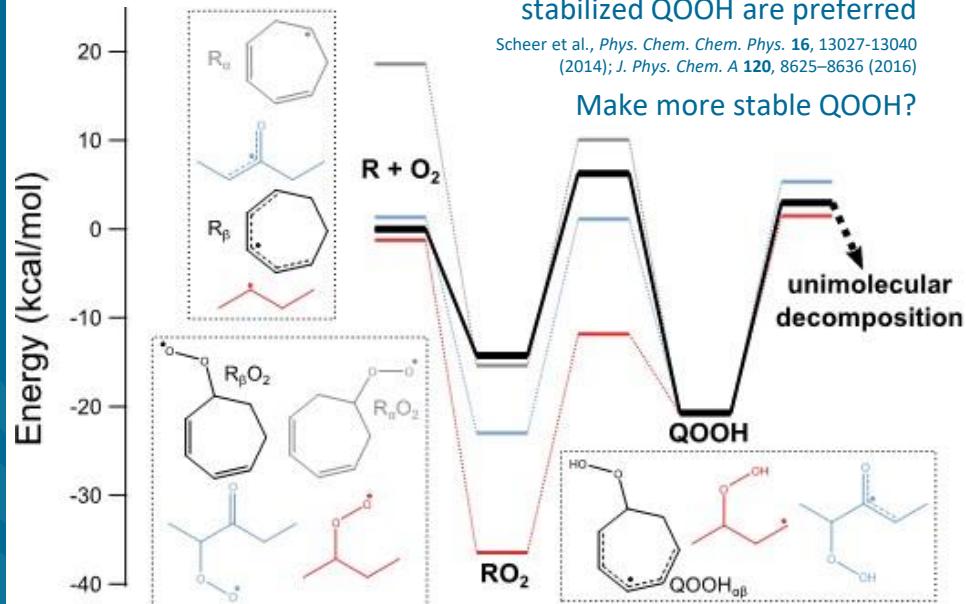


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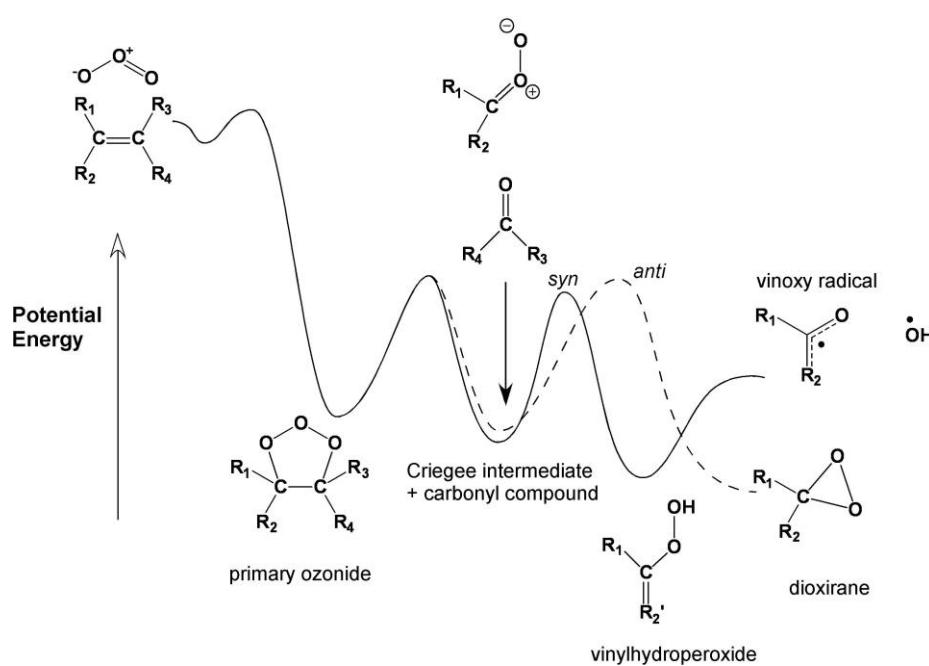
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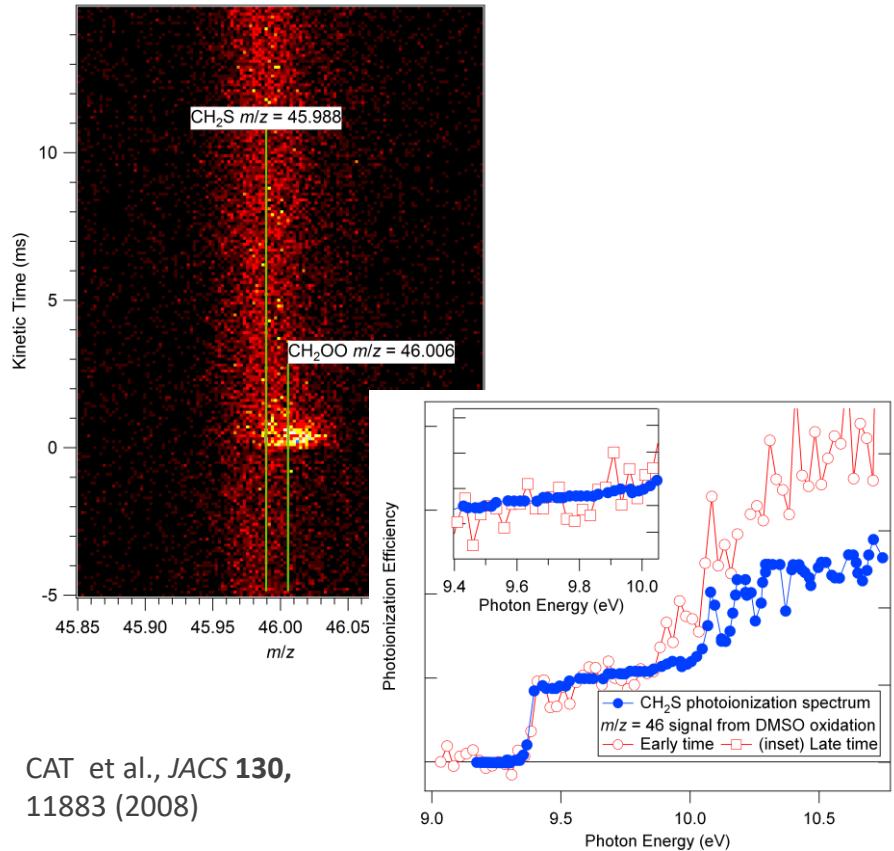
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Ozonolysis is too slow and too energetic

For Criegee intermediates the strategy is direct synthesis

Verified by mass, kinetics, and spectrum

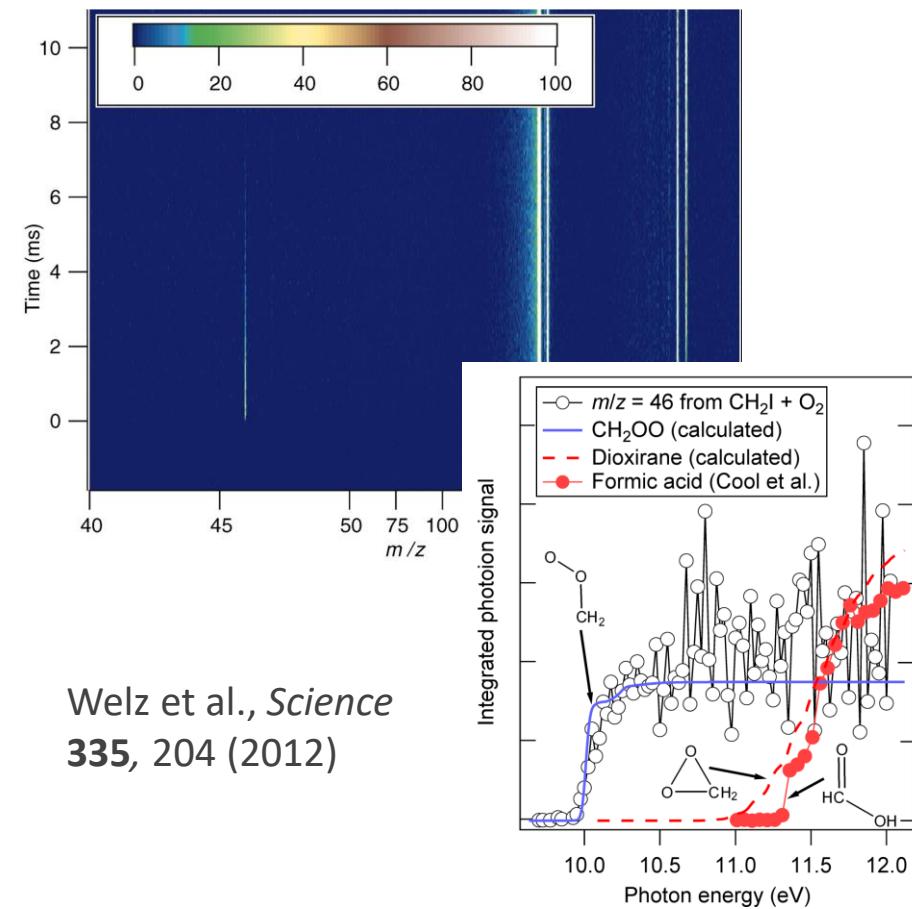


CAT et al., JACS **130**,  
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Reaction of  $\text{CH}_3\text{SOCH}_2$  with  $\text{O}_2$  makes  $\text{CH}_2\text{OO}$



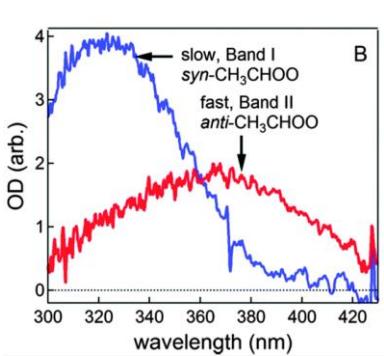
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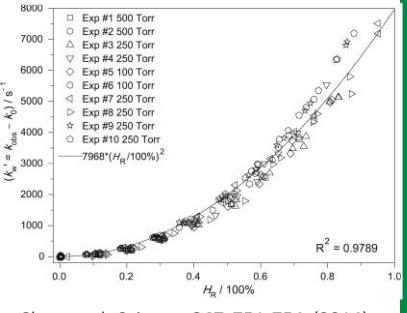
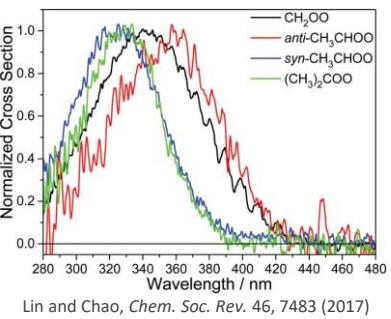
Reaction of  $\text{CH}_3\text{SOCH}_2$  with  $\text{O}_2$  makes  $\text{CH}_2\text{OO}$

Reaction of gem-iodoalkyl radicals with  $\text{O}_2$  makes lots of carbonyl oxides

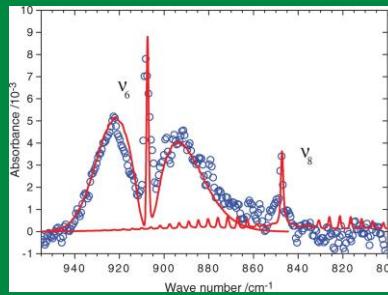
Now can measure carbonyl oxide reaction kinetics directly



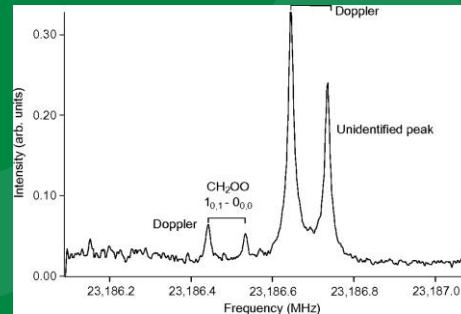
Sheps et al, *Phys Chem. Chem. Phys.* **16**, 26701-26706 (2014)



Since discovery of the *gem*-iodoalkyl + O<sub>2</sub> synthesis:  
UV, infrared, and microwave spectra for carbonyl oxides  
have been measured

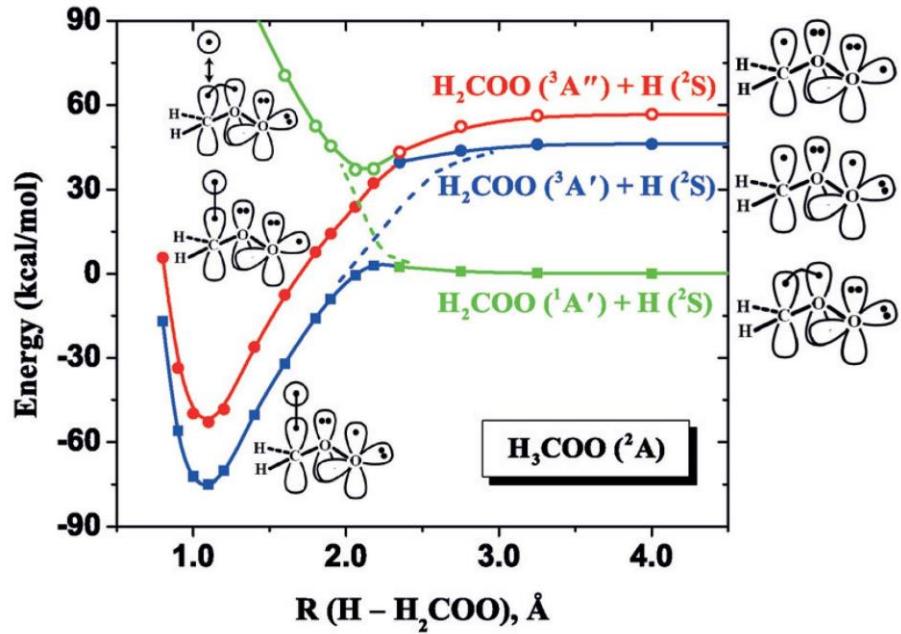


Caroline C. Womack et al., *Science Advances* **1**, e1400105 (2015)



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)

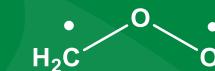




Miliordos and Xantheas, *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **55**, 1015-1019, 2015



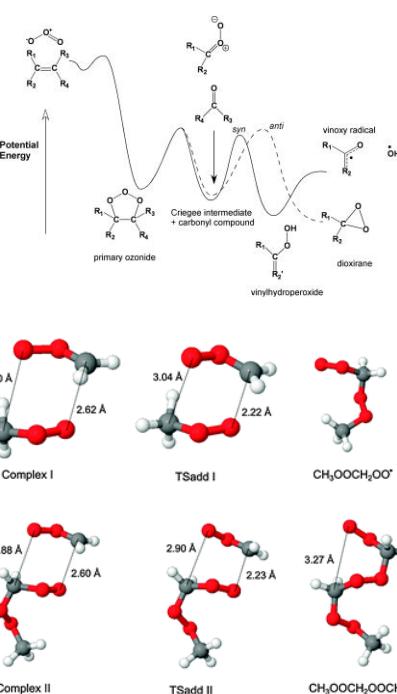
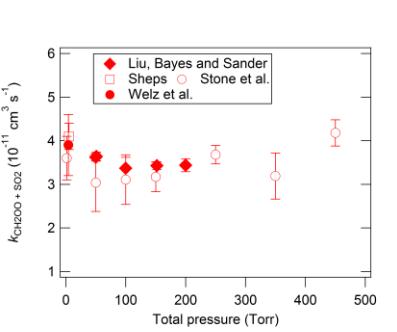
- Criegee intermediates have multireference electronic character
  - Ground state is dominantly the closed-shell singlet zwitterion



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



- What about reactions with closed-shell species?



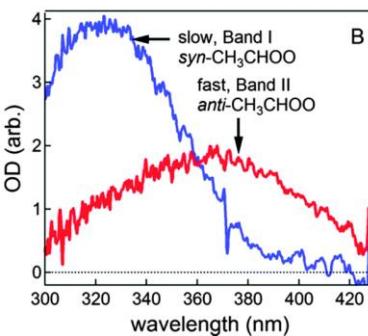
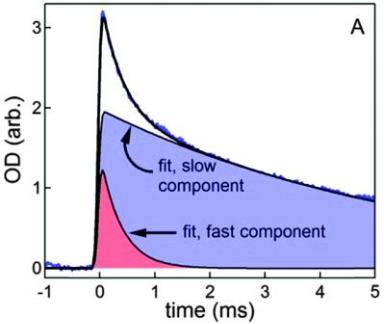
The chemistry of ozonolysis was largely worked out from solution phase – gas phase can be different!

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

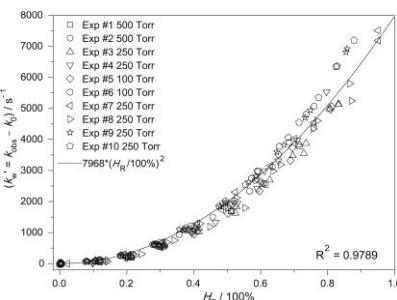
Generalization (CAT, *Annu. Rev. Phys. Chem.* 2017):

- Reactions with other 1,3 dipoles
- 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

Reactions with other 1,3 dipoles

Unimolecular reactions

Addition to radical species

Cycloadditions



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

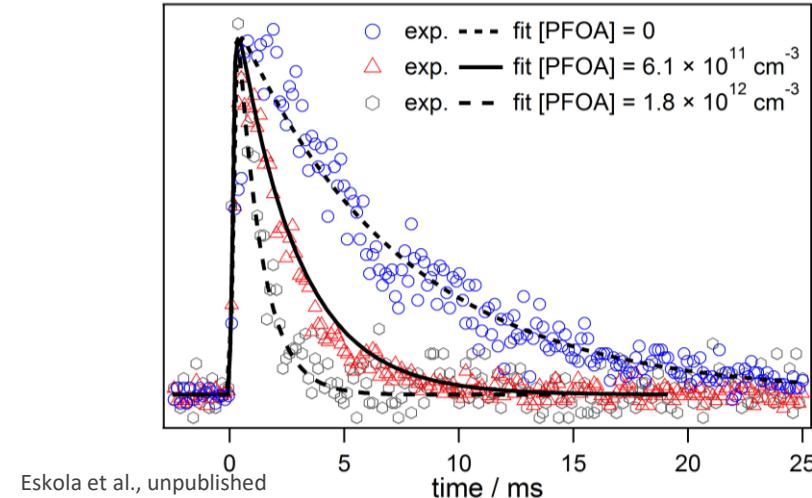
Fast reaction general for all acids

PFOA reacts slowly with OH

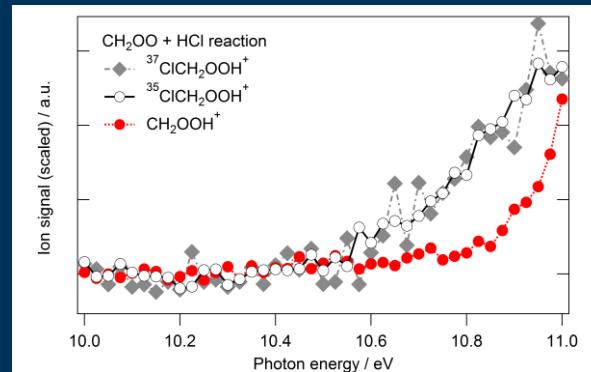
Reaction with  $\text{CH}_2\text{OO}$  is fast:

$$(4.7 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

What are the products of reactions with acids?

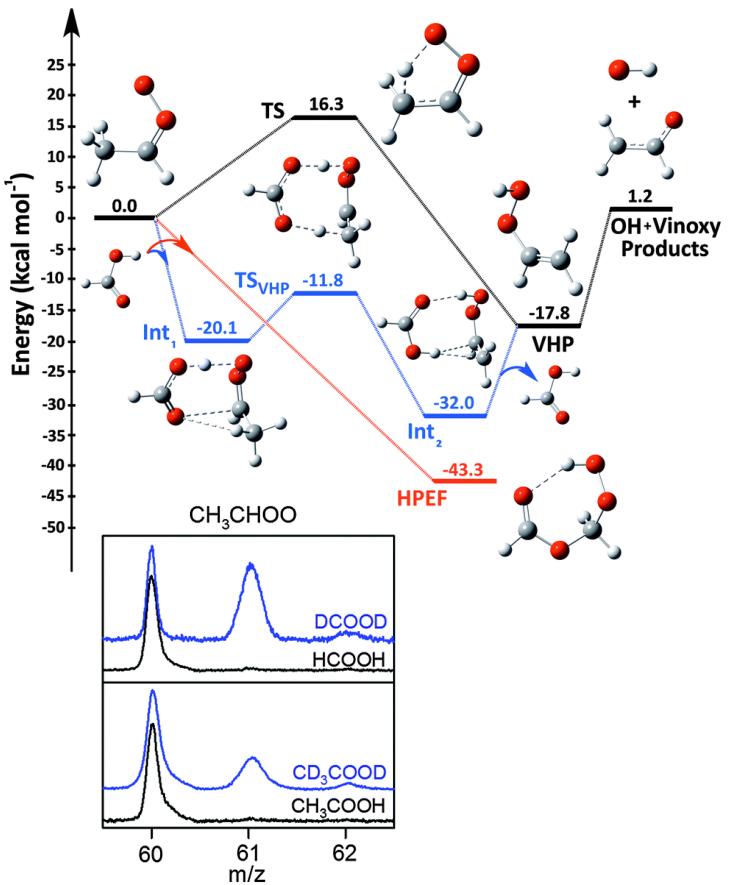


Eskola et al., unpublished



Caravan, Rotavera et al., unpublished





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 –  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Differences in reactivity among carbonyl oxides:

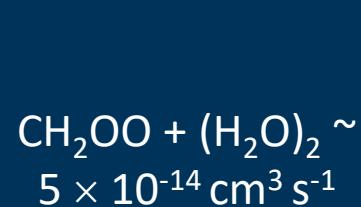
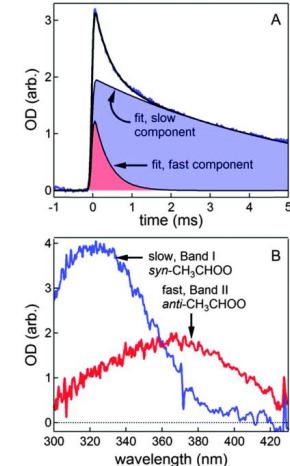
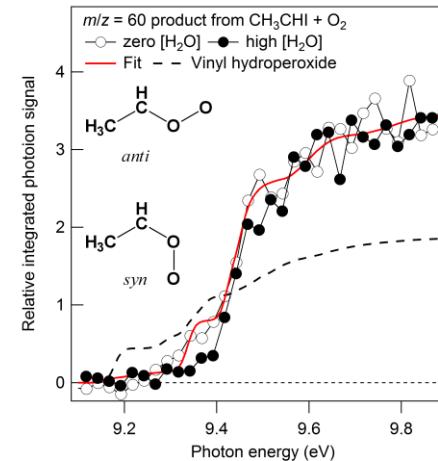
$(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{COO} < 1.5 \times 10^{-16}$  (Huang et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **112**, 10857–10862 (2015))

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

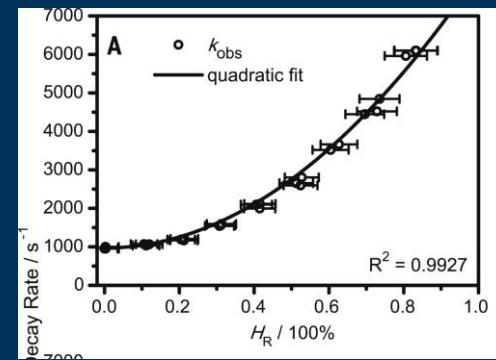
*anti*- $\text{CH}_3\text{CHOO} (2.3 \pm 2.1) \times 10^{-14}$  (Huang et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* **112**, 10857–10862 (2015))

$\text{H}_2\text{O}$  monomer reactions have conformer dependence – *syn*- $\text{CH}_3\text{CHOO}$  unmeasurably slow

$\text{H}_2\text{O}$  dimer reaction is the dominant removal mechanism for tropospheric  $\text{CH}_2\text{OO}$



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)



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

Does reaction of  $\text{CH}_2\text{OO}$  and water dimer make formic acid?

Water monomer reaction makes hydroperoxymethanol (hydroxymethyl hydroperoxide)

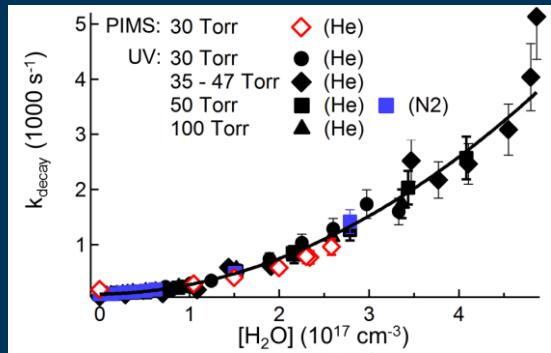
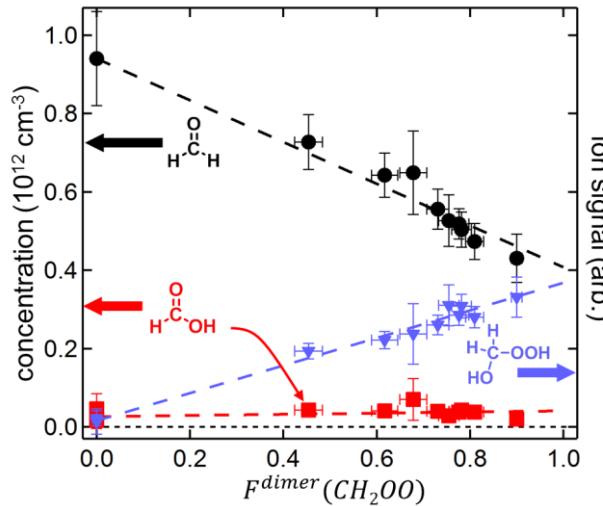
Suggestion that reaction with dimer makes  $\sim 50\%$   $\text{HCOOH}$  (Nguyen et al., *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.* **18**, 10241-10254 (2016))

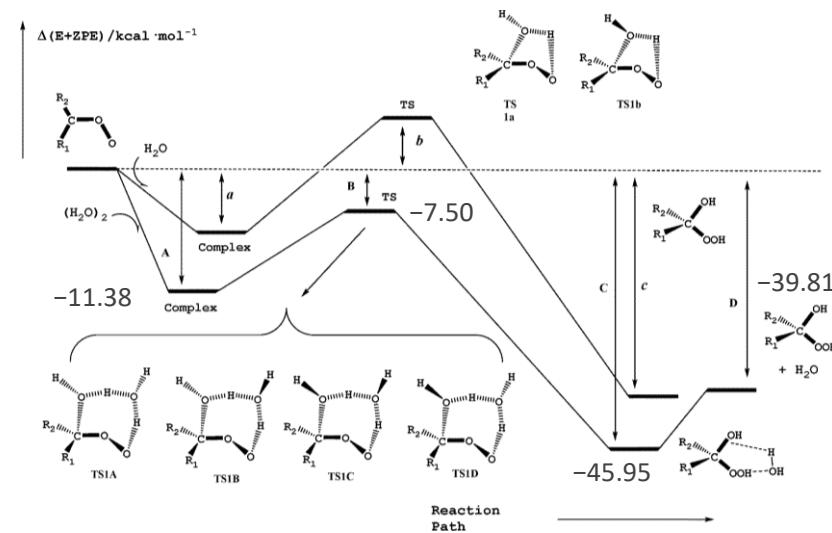
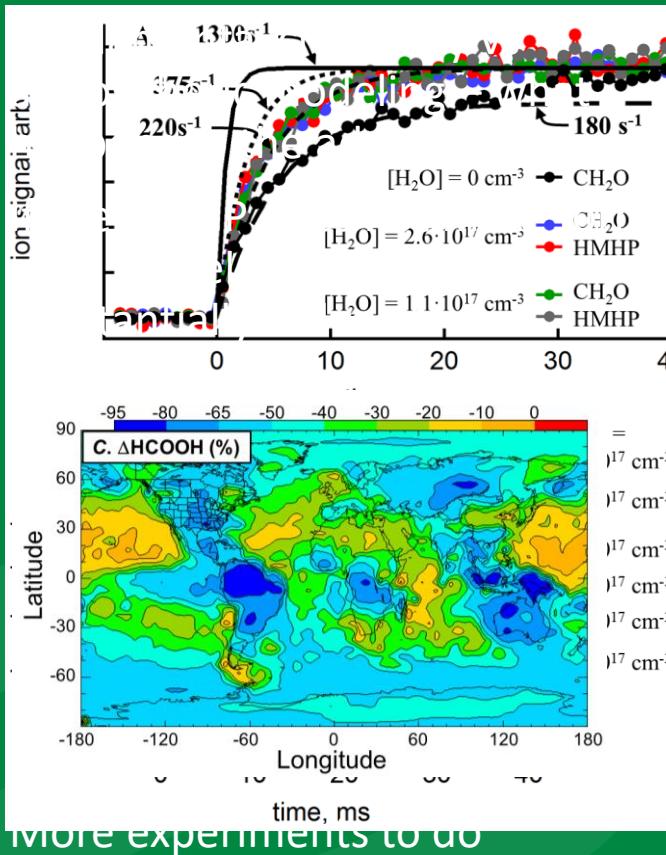
Can confirm rate coefficient with UV absorption, photoionization  
MPIMS measures all products



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

Lenny Sheps





Calculation of  $\text{CH}_2\text{OO} + (\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$  reaction suggests entrance complex that dissociates to HMHP and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

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

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

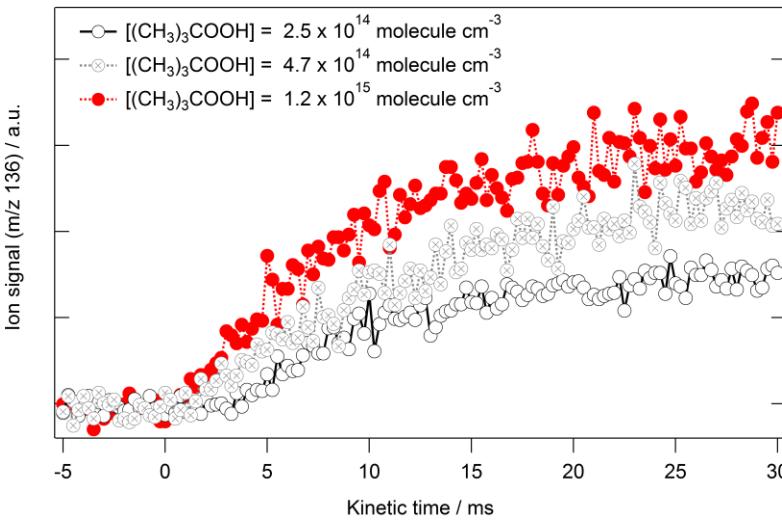
ROOH –  $\text{CH}_2\text{OO}$  reaction with  $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{COOH}$  makes adduct

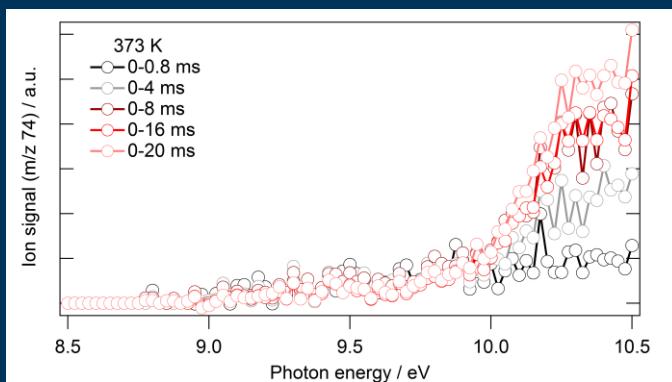
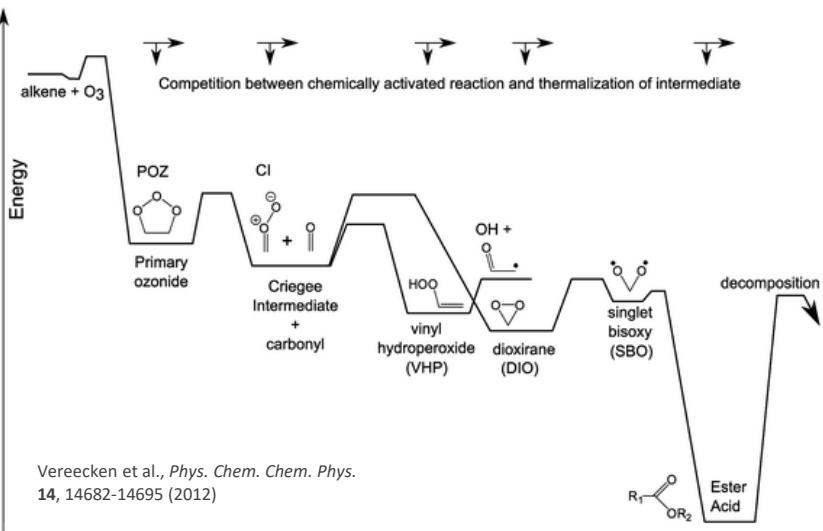
ROH? – reactions with  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$  insert in solution phase

Acetone oxide + methanol

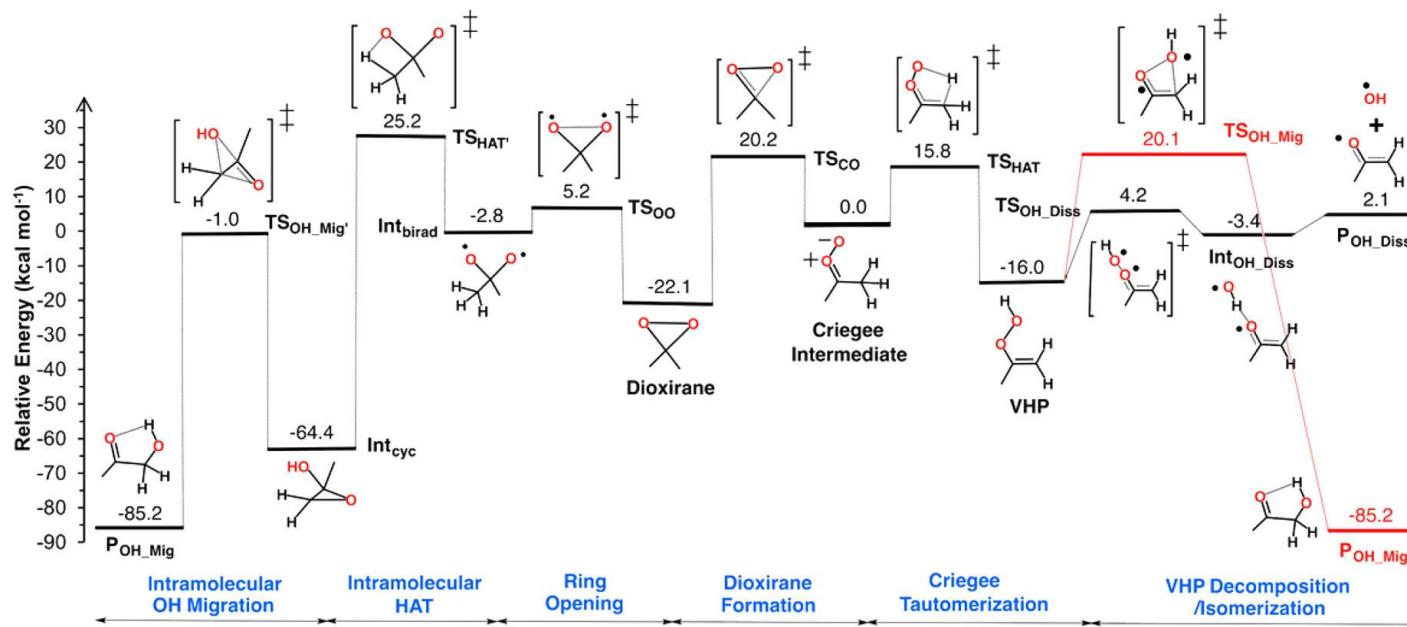
No observed adduct mass

Product with  $\text{CD}_3\text{OH}$  is acetone

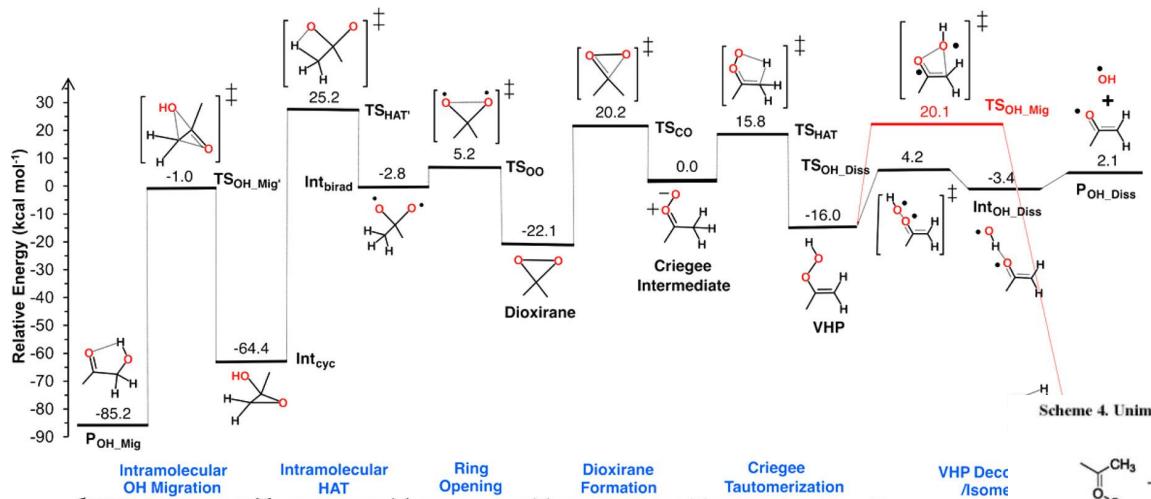




- Isomerization has two basic pathways – dioxirane and vinyl hydroperoxide
- Is it that simple?
- $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{COO}$  isomerizes to hydroxyacetone (CAT et al, *J. Phys. Chem. A* **121** 16–23 (2017))
- Temperature dependence confirms first-order gas phase reaction (Caravan et al., unpublished)
- 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



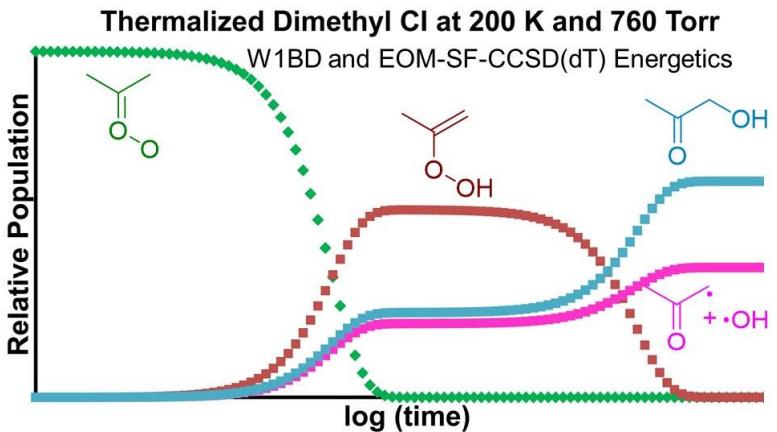
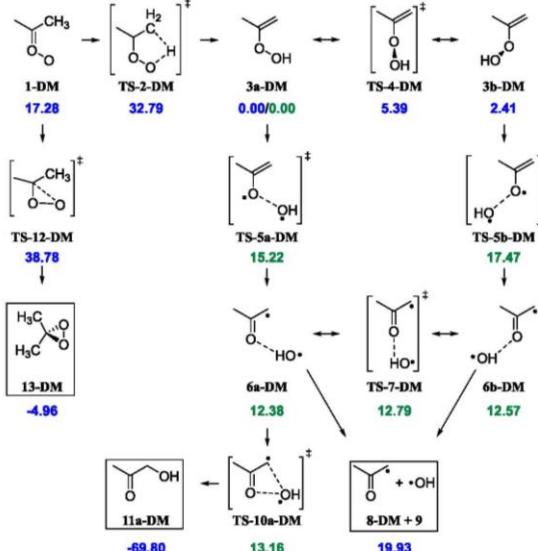
(Ward Thompson, in *J. Phys. Chem. A* **121** 16–23 (2017))



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.

Scheme 4. Unimolecular Reactivity of the Dimethyl Criegee Intermediate<sup>a</sup>



## Reactions with radicals?

Look at  $\text{NO}_2$  – how does this reaction proceed?

Could be source of  $\text{NO}_3$ ?

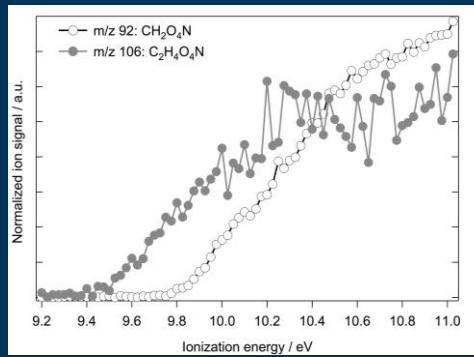
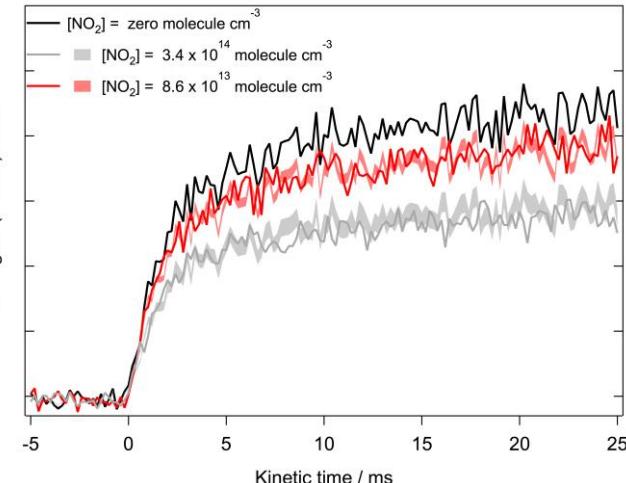
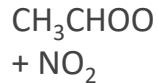
No  $\text{NO}_3$  observed

See signal at mass of adduct

See decrease in carbonyl

Upper limit of 30%  $\text{NO}_3$

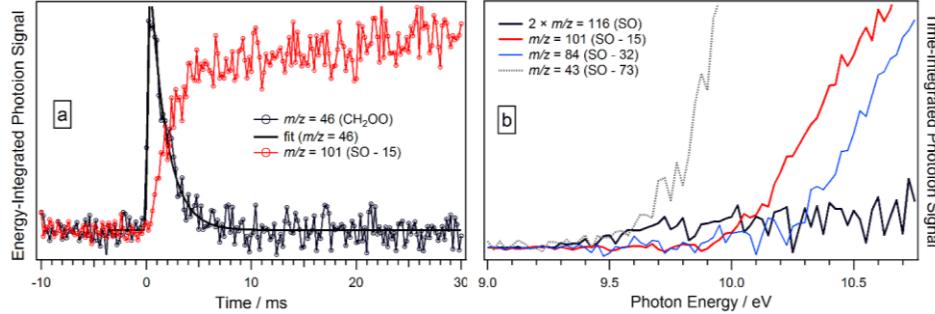
May limit effect of carbonyl oxides on  $\text{NO}_3$  concentrations



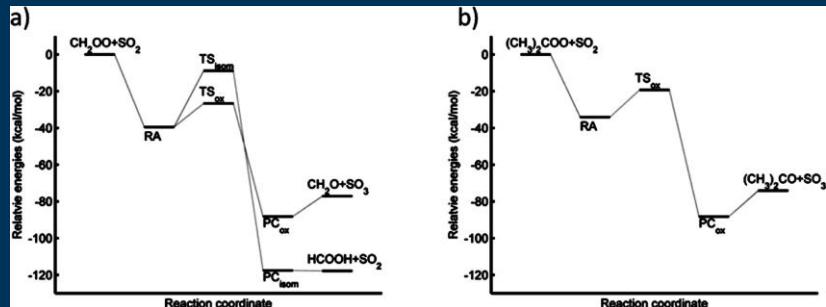
Cycloaddition – reaction with carbonyls is one of the three steps in the Criegee mechanism

Can directly detect secondary ozonide products

Carbonyl oxides can transfer O atom, e.g., to  $\text{SO}_2$  – 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*  
115, 8669–8681 (2011)

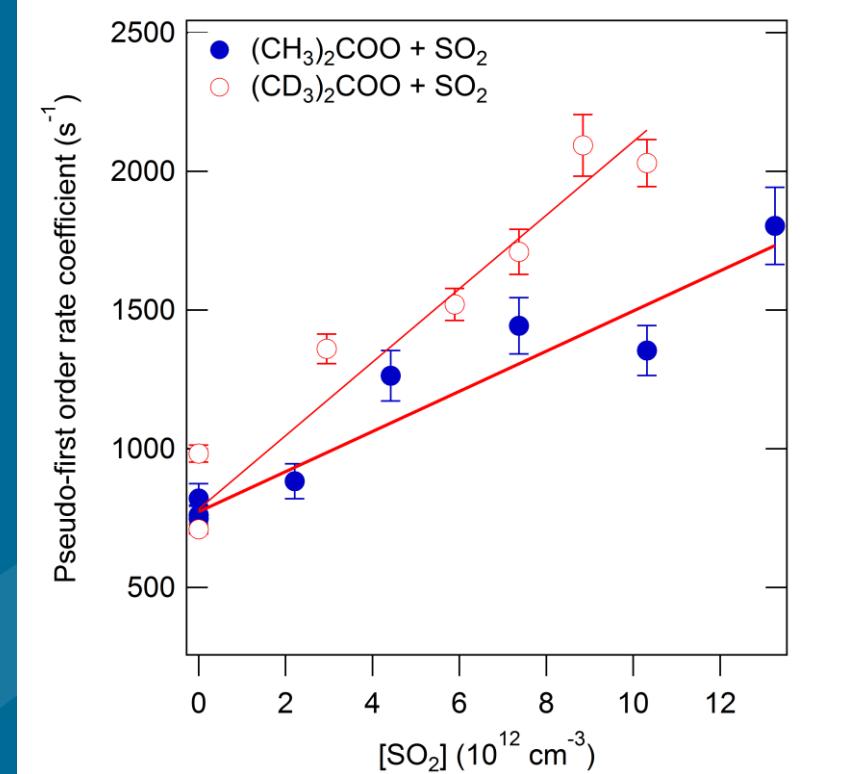


$\text{SO}_3$  has been directly observed from Criegee intermediate reactions with  $\text{SO}_2$  -- but other pathways are possible

Pressure dependence and inverse kinetic isotope effect is observed in reaction of acetone oxide with  $\text{SO}_2$

(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?

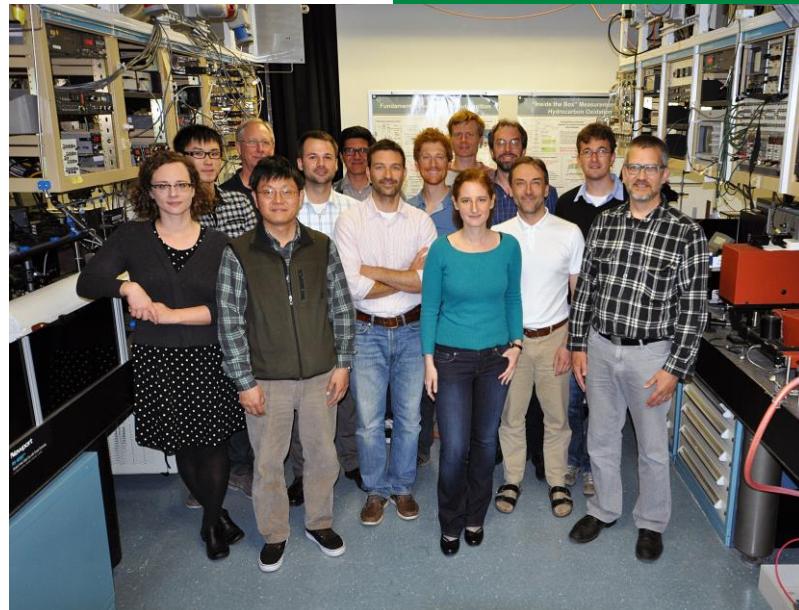
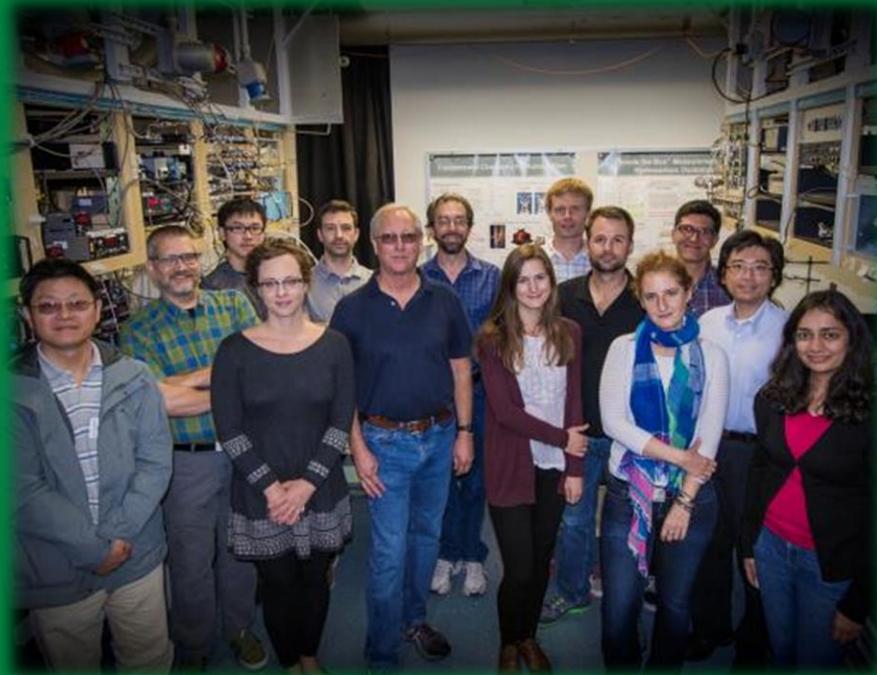
What does it mean to make a difference?

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

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