

**Supplementary Material for:**  
**Estimation of rate coefficients and branching ratios for reactions of organic peroxy radicals for use in automated mechanism construction**

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## S1 RONO<sub>2</sub> from the reactions of RO<sub>2</sub> with NO

As discussed in Sect. 2.1 of the main paper, the following two channels are considered for the reactions of RO<sub>2</sub> with NO:



The fraction of the reaction forming a nitrate product (RONO<sub>2</sub>) via the terminating channel (S1b) is denoted  $R_{1b}$  ( $= k_{1b}/(k_{1a}+k_{1b})$ ), with the fraction proceeding via the propagating channel (S1a) being  $R_{1a}$  ( $= k_{1a}/(k_{1a}+k_{1b}) = 1-R_{1b}$ ).

Based on the method of Arey et al. (2001), and adopting terminology from Orlando and Tyndall (2012), the reference branching ratio for secondary alkyl peroxy radicals,  $R^\circ = (k_{1b}/k_{1a})^\circ$  is calculated as follows:

$$R^\circ = [A/(1 + (A/B))] \cdot F^z \quad (\text{i})$$

with  $A = 2 \times 10^{-22} \cdot \exp(n_{\text{CON}}) \cdot [M] \cdot (T/300)$ ,  $B = 0.43 \cdot (T/300)^{-8}$ ,  $F = 0.41$ , and  $z = (1 + (\log_{10}(A/B))^2)^{-1}$ .

$n_{\text{CON}}$  is the number of carbon oxygen and nitrogen atoms in the organic group of the peroxy radical (equivalent to the carbon number in alkyl peroxy radicals),  $T$  is the temperature (in K) and  $[M]$  is the gas density (in molecule cm<sup>-3</sup>).

The fractions of the reaction proceeding via the terminating channel,  $R_{1b}$ , and the propagating channel,  $R_{1a}$  ( $= 1-R_{1b}$ ), for a specific peroxy radical are then given by:

$$R_{1b} = f_a \cdot f_b \cdot R^\circ / (1 + R^\circ) \quad (\text{ii})$$

with the scaling factors,  $f_a$  and  $f_b$ , introduced here to allow for systematic variations in the yields of RONO<sub>2</sub> for primary, secondary and tertiary radicals ( $f_a$ ), and for the presence of oxygenated functional groups ( $f_b$ ) (as shown in Tables 2 and 3 of the main paper). Note that a value of  $f_b$  needs to be applied to account for the effect of each relevant substituent. Some examples of the method are given below.

### Example A: OH + methyl vinyl ketone

The peroxy radicals formed from the reaction of OH with methyl vinyl ketone are predicted to be formed with yields shown below, based on the methods described in Jenkin et al. (2018a):

(1) CH<sub>2</sub>(OH)CH(O<sub>2</sub>)C(=O)CH<sub>3</sub>: 78.5 %

(2) CH<sub>2</sub>(O<sub>2</sub>)CH(OH)C(=O)CH<sub>3</sub>: 20.9 %

(3) CH<sub>2</sub>=CHC(=O)CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 0.7 %

The corresponding nitrate yields are calculated as follows:

Radical (1) (yield 0.785)

$n_{\text{CON}} = 6$ , leading to  $R^\circ = 0.196$  at 298 K and 760 Torr.

$f_a = 1.0$  (secondary peroxy radical)

$f_b$  (-C-C(OH)<) = 0.65, and  $f_b$  (-C-C(=O)-) = 0.3 need to be applied.

$R_{1b} = 1.0 \times (0.65 \times 0.3) \times 0.196 / (1 + 0.196) = 0.0320$ ; and  $R_{1a} = 0.9680$ .

Calculated nitrate yield =  $0.0320 \times 0.785 = 0.0251$ .

Reported nitrate yield =  $0.024 \pm 0.004$  (Praske et al., 2015, at 296 K and 745 Torr).

**Radical (2)** (yield 0.209)

$n_{\text{CON}} = 6$ , leading to  $R^\circ = 0.196$  at 298 K and 760 Torr.

$f_a = 0.65$  (primary peroxy radical)

$f_b$  (-C-C(OH)<) = 0.65 needs to be applied.

$R_{1b} = 0.65 \times 0.65 \times 0.196 / (1 + 0.196) = 0.0692$ ; and  $R_{1a} = 0.9308$ .

Calculated nitrate yield =  $0.0692 \times 0.209 = 0.0145$ .

Reported nitrate yield =  $0.014 \pm 0.004$  (Praske et al., 2015, at 296 K and 745 Torr).

**Radical (3)** (yield 0.007)

$n_{\text{CON}} = 5$ , leading to  $R^\circ = 0.119$  at 298 K and 760 Torr.

$f_a = 0.65$  (primary peroxy radical)

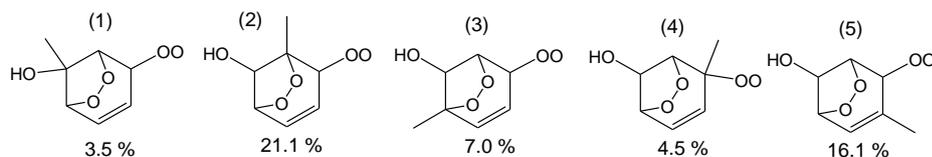
$f_b$  (-C-C(=O)-) = 0.3 needs to be applied.

$R_{1b} = 0.65 \times 0.3 \times 0.119 / (1 + 0.119) = 0.0207$ ; and  $R_{1a} = 0.9793$ .

Calculated nitrate yield =  $0.0207 \times 0.007 = 0.00014$ .

**Example B: OH + toluene**

The hydroxy-dioxa-bicyclo peroxy radicals formed from the addition of OH to toluene are predicted to be formed with yields shown below, based on the methods described in Jenkin et al. (2018b):



The corresponding nitrate yields are calculated as follows:

**Radical (1)** (yield 0.035)

$n_{\text{CON}} = 10$ , leading to  $R^\circ = 0.395$  at 298 K and 760 Torr.

$f_a = 1.0$  (secondary hydroxy-dioxa-bicyclo peroxy radical)

$f_b = 0.33$  (hydroxy-dioxa-bicyclo peroxy radical) needs to be applied.

$R_{1b} = 1.0 \times 0.33 \times 0.395 / (1 + 0.395) = 0.0934$ ; and  $R_{1a} = 0.9066$ .

Calculated nitrate yield =  $0.0934 \times 0.035 = 0.00327$ .

**Radical (2)** (yield 0.211)

$n_{\text{CON}} = 10$ , leading to  $R^\circ = 0.395$  at 298 K and 760 Torr.

$f_a = 0.43$  (secondary hydroxy-dioxa-bicyclo peroxy radical with adjacent alkyl substituent)

$f_b = 0.33$  (hydroxy-dioxa-bicyclo peroxy radical) needs to be applied.

$R_{1b} = 0.43 \times 0.33 \times 0.395 / (1 + 0.395) = 0.0402$ ; and  $R_{1a} = 0.9598$ .

Calculated nitrate yield =  $0.0402 \times 0.211 = 0.00848$ .

**Radical (3)** (yield 0.070)

$n_{\text{CON}} = 10$ , leading to  $R^\circ = 0.395$  at 298 K and 760 Torr.

$f_a = 1.0$  (secondary hydroxy-dioxa-bicyclo peroxy radical)

$f_b = 0.33$  (hydroxy-dioxa-bicyclo peroxy radical) needs to be applied.

$R_{1b} = 1.0 \times 0.33 \times 0.395 / (1 + 0.395) = 0.0934$ ; and  $R_{1a} = 0.9066$ .

Calculated nitrate yield =  $0.0934 \times 0.070 = 0.00654$ .

**Radical (4)** (yield 0.045)

$n_{\text{CON}} = 10$ , leading to  $R^\circ = 0.395$  at 298 K and 760 Torr.

$f_a = 0.13$  (tertiary hydroxy-dioxa-bicyclo peroxy radical)

$f_b = 0.33$  (hydroxy-dioxa-bicyclo peroxy radical) needs to be applied.

$R_{1b} = 0.13 \times 0.33 \times 0.395 / (1 + 0.395) = 0.0121$ ; and  $R_{1a} = 0.9879$ .

Calculated nitrate yield =  $0.0121 \times 0.045 = 0.00054$ .

**Radical (5)** (yield 0.161)

$n_{\text{CON}} = 10$ , leading to  $R^\circ = 0.395$  at 298 K and 760 Torr.

$f_a = 1.0$  (secondary hydroxy-dioxa-bicyclo peroxy radical)

$f_b = 0.33$  (hydroxy-dioxa-bicyclo peroxy radical) needs to be applied.

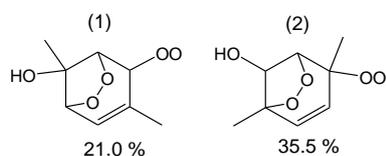
$R_{1b} = 1.0 \times 0.33 \times 0.395 / (1 + 0.395) = 0.0934$ ; and  $R_{1a} = 0.9066$ .

Calculated nitrate yield =  $0.0934 \times 0.161 = 0.01504$ .

The total calculated yield of hydroxy-dioxa-bicyclo nitrates, 3.39 % (at 298 K and 760 Torr), can be compared with the observed yield, 2.9 %, reported by Elrod (2011) (measured at 296-298 K and 200 Torr, but reported to be applicable to 760 Torr).

**Example C: OH + *p*-xylene**

The hydroxy-dioxa-bicyclo peroxy radicals formed from the addition of OH to *p*-xylene are predicted to be formed with yields shown below, based on the methods described in Jenkin et al. (2018b):



The corresponding nitrate yields are calculated as follows:

**Radical (1)** (yield 0.210)

$n_{\text{CON}} = 11$ , leading to  $R^\circ = 0.410$  at 298 K and 760 Torr.

$f_a = 1.0$  (secondary hydroxy-dioxa-bicyclo peroxy radical)

$f_b = 0.33$  (hydroxy-dioxa-bicyclo peroxy radical) needs to be applied.

$R_{1b} = 1.0 \times 0.33 \times 0.410 / (1 + 0.410) = 0.0960$ ; and  $R_{1a} = 0.9040$ .

Calculated nitrate yield =  $0.0960 \times 0.210 = 0.02016$ .

Radical (2) (yield 0.355)

$n_{\text{CON}} = 11$ , leading to  $R^\circ = 0.410$  at 298 K and 760 Torr.

$f_a = 0.13$  (tertiary hydroxy-dioxa-bicyclo peroxy radical)

$f_b = 0.33$  (hydroxy-dioxa-bicyclo peroxy radical) needs to be applied.

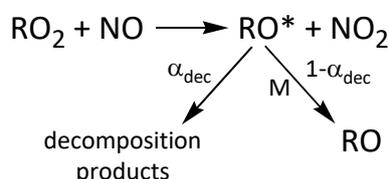
$R_{1b} = 0.13 \times 0.33 \times 0.410 / (1 + 0.410) = 0.0125$ ; and  $R_{1a} = 0.9875$ .

Calculated nitrate yield =  $0.0125 \times 0.355 = 0.00444$ .

The total calculated yield of hydroxy-dioxa-bicyclo nitrates, 2.46 % (at 298 K and 760 Torr), can be compared with the observed yield, 2.5 %, reported by Elrod (2011) (measured at 296-298 K and 200 Torr, but reported to be applicable to 760 Torr).

## S2 Chemically activated RO\* radicals from the reactions of RO<sub>2</sub> with NO

As indicated in Sect. 2.1 of the main paper, channel (R2a) is significantly exothermic, such that prompt decomposition (or isomerization) of a fraction of the initially-formed chemically activated oxy radicals, RO\*, has been reported to occur in some cases; with the remainder being collisionally deactivated to form thermalized RO (e.g. Orlando et al., 2003; Calvert et al., 2015):



This has been reported to be particularly important for a number of C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> oxygenated oxy radicals and halogenated oxy radicals (e.g. Orlando et al., 2003; Calvert et al., 2015; and references therein), although the latter class is outside the scope of the present study.

Table S1 summarizes the data that form the basis of the prompt decomposition fractions ( $\alpha_{\text{dec}}$ ) applied to chemically activated oxygenated RO\* radicals in the present work. The most systematic information is available for primary  $\beta$ -hydroxy oxy radicals of general formula R'CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>O\*, with prompt decomposition fractions at 298 K and 760 Torr reported for the  $\beta$ -C-C bond scission reactions of C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> radicals in the theoretical study of Caralp et al. (2003). As shown in Table S1 and Fig. S1,  $\alpha_{\text{dec}}$  was calculated to decrease from a value of 0.75 for R' = CH<sub>3</sub> to 0.32 for R' = *n*-C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>, this being due to a systematic increase in the collisional energy loss with size from the corresponding ROONO intermediates (Caralp et al., 2003). The values of  $\alpha_{\text{dec}}$  reported for the  $\beta$ -C-C bond scission reactions for the secondary  $\beta$ -hydroxy oxy radical, HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH(O\*)CH<sub>3</sub>, and the primary  $\beta$ -oxo oxy radical, CH<sub>3</sub>C(=O)CH<sub>2</sub>O\*, are similar to that for CH<sub>3</sub>CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>O\*, these radicals all possessing the same number of heavy atoms,  $n_{\text{CON}} = 4$ . It is therefore assumed in the present work that all primary, secondary and tertiary  $\beta$ -hydroxy and  $\beta$ -oxo RO\* radicals are characterized by the same size-dependent values of  $\alpha_{\text{dec}}$  for the  $\beta$ -C-C bond scission reaction as follows,

$$\alpha_{\text{dec}} = 1.34 - 0.145 \cdot n_{\text{CON}}, \text{ for } 4 \leq n_{\text{CON}} \leq 9;$$

$$\alpha_{\text{dec}} = 0, \text{ for } n_{\text{CON}} > 9.$$

based on the regression of the data for primary R'CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>O\* radicals shown in Fig. S1. For the unique case of HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O\* ( $n_{\text{CON}} = 3$ ), a value of  $\alpha_{\text{dec}} = 0.31$  is applied, based on the average of reported experimental and theoretical values (see Table S1). A number of studies have shown that, where characterized, the values of  $\alpha_{\text{dec}}$  increase with decreasing pressure and decrease with decreasing temperature (e.g. Vereecken and Peeters, 1999; Vereecken et al., 1999; Orlando et al., 2000). However, these effects therefore tend to compensate each other over the tropospheric range of conditions (e.g. see values for CH<sub>3</sub>C(=O)CH<sub>2</sub>O\* reported by Orlando et al., 2000). The above values, based on 298 K and

760 Torr data, are therefore assumed here to provide a reasonable estimate for all tropospheric conditions, for simplicity.

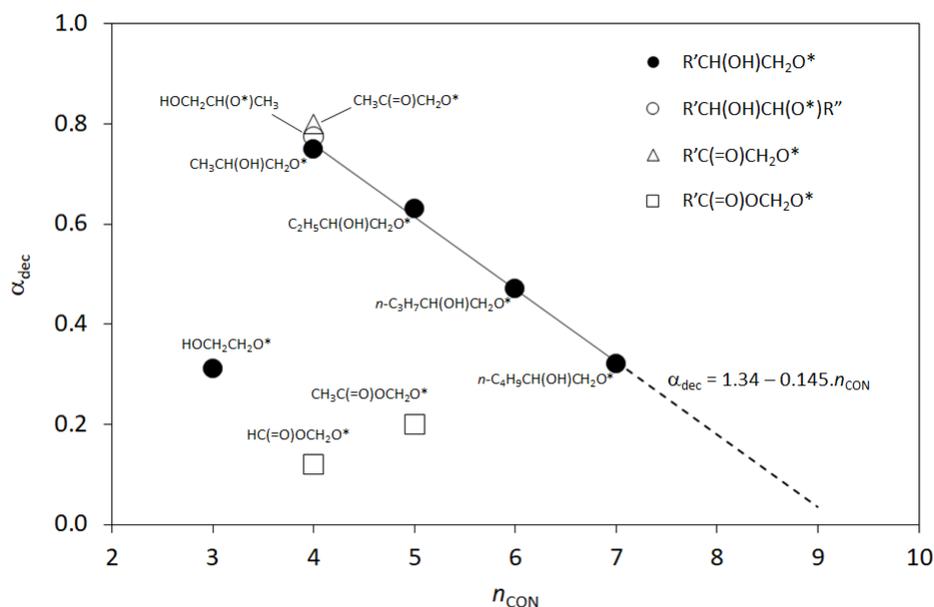
Caralp et al. (2003) have also estimated that small fractions (typically < 4 %) of C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> primary β-hydroxy RO\* radicals may also undergo prompt 1,5 H-shift isomerization reactions. However, because these contributions are minor, and also because 1,5 H-shift isomerization tends to be the major fate of the corresponding thermalized RO radicals, isomerization of β-hydroxy RO\* is not represented in the present work.

The studies of Christensen et al. (2000) and Wallington et al. (2001) have established that the α-acyloxy RO\* radicals formed during the oxidation of methyl formate and methyl acetate undergo prompt isomerization/decomposition via the α-ester rearrangement mechanism. The reported values of α<sub>dec</sub> = 0.12 and α<sub>dec</sub> = 0.20 are thus applied to HC(=O)OCH<sub>2</sub>O\* and CH<sub>3</sub>C(=O)OCH<sub>2</sub>O\*, respectively (see Table S1). Although the corresponding process is available (in principle) for other primary and secondary acyloxy RO\* radicals, it is likely that the values of α<sub>dec</sub> are smaller for these larger species, as discussed above for β-hydroxy RO\* radicals. Prompt isomerization/decomposition is therefore not generally represented for acyloxy RO\* in the present work.

Relatively small effects have also been reported for some C<sub>4</sub> and C<sub>5</sub> unsubstituted alkoxy radicals (Geiger et al., 2002; Libuda et al., 2002; Caralp and Forst, 2003; Cassanelli et al., 2005), as also discussed by Calvert et al. (2015). At present, there is no systematic basis for representing these small effects for unsubstituted alkoxy radicals, and it is anticipated that the effective values of α<sub>dec</sub> will in any case decrease to close to zero for larger species. It is also noted that Caralp et al. (2008) have subsequently reported a reinterpretation of the observed effects for these unsubstituted systems, not involving fractional prompt decomposition of chemically activated alkoxy radicals.

**Table S1.** Reported fractions (α<sub>dec</sub>) of oxygenated RO\* radicals formed from RO<sub>2</sub> + NO reactions that undergo prompt decomposition at temperatures near 298 K and pressures near 760 Torr.

<i>n</i> <sub>CON</sub>	RO*	Products	α <sub>dec</sub>	Comment
Primary β-hydroxy (R'CH(OH)CH <sub>2</sub> O*) <sup>a</sup>				
3	HOCH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> O*	CH <sub>2</sub> OH + HCHO	0.31	(c)
4	CH <sub>3</sub> CH(OH)CH <sub>2</sub> O*	CH <sub>3</sub> CHOH + HCHO	0.75	(d)
5	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CH(OH)CH <sub>2</sub> O*	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CHOH + HCHO	0.63	(d)
6	<i>n</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> CH(OH)CH <sub>2</sub> O*	<i>n</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> CHOH + HCHO	0.47	(d)
7	<i>n</i> -C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> CH(OH)CH <sub>2</sub> O*	<i>n</i> -C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> CHOH + HCHO	0.32	(d)
Secondary β-hydroxy (R'CH(OH)CH(O*)R'') <sup>a</sup>				
4	HOCH <sub>2</sub> CH(O*)CH <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> OH + CH <sub>3</sub> CHO	0.775	(e)
Primary β-oxo (R'C(=O)CH <sub>2</sub> O*) <sup>a</sup>				
4	CH <sub>3</sub> C(=O)CH <sub>2</sub> O*	CH <sub>3</sub> CO + HCHO	0.80	(f)
Primary α-acyloxy (R'C(=O)OCH <sub>2</sub> O*) <sup>b</sup>				
4	HC(O)OCH <sub>2</sub> O*	HCOOH + HCO	0.12 ± 0.03	(g)
5	CH <sub>3</sub> C(O)OCH <sub>2</sub> O*	CH <sub>3</sub> C(O)OH + HCO	0.20 ± 0.08	(h)
<b>Comments</b>				
<sup>a</sup> Decomposition via β-C-C scission to form products shown; <sup>b</sup> Isomerization/decomposition via α-ester rearrangement to form products shown; <sup>c</sup> Taken from Orlando et al. (2003), based on studies of Orlando et al. (1998), Vereecken and Peeters (1999) and Caralp et al. (2003); <sup>d</sup> Taken from Orlando et al. (2003), based on study of Caralp et al. (2003); <sup>e</sup> Taken from Orlando et al. (2003), based on studies of Vereecken et al. (1999) and Caralp et al. (2003); <sup>f</sup> Based on Orlando et al. (2000); <sup>g</sup> Based on Wallington et al. (2001); <sup>h</sup> Based on Christensen et al. (2000).				



**Fig. S1.** Prompt decomposition fractions ( $\alpha_{dec}$ ) for oxygenated  $RO^*$  radicals formed from  $RO_2 + NO$  reactions as a function of  $n_{CON}$  at temperatures near 298 K and pressures near 760 Torr.

### S3 Fate of ROOOH formed from the reactions of $RO_2$ with OH

As discussed in Sect. 2.4 of the main paper, the reactions of  $RO_2$  radicals with OH form thermalized hydrotrioxides (ROOOH) as major products under atmospheric conditions. Further experimental and theoretical studies are required for the fate of ROOOH under atmospheric conditions to be fully assessed, but information provided in the theoretical studies of Müller et al. (2016), Assaf et al. (2018) and Anglada and Solé (2018) provides some provisional guidance. Based on those studies, the following interim assumptions are applied in the current work:

**Thermal decomposition:** ROOOH is assumed to decompose via the following channels, with  $k_{2a}/k_2 = 0.8$  and  $k_{2b}/k_2 = 0.2$ , based on the calculations of Müller et al. (2016) for  $CH_3OOOH$ :



The overall decomposition rate is given by the expression  $k_2 = 1.9 \times 10^{10} T^{-1.35} \exp(-12000/T) s^{-1}$ , as estimated by Assaf et al. (2018). This leads to a decomposition lifetime of about 2 hours at 298 K, increasing to about 8 months at 250 K.

**Reaction with OH radicals:** The reaction of OH with ROOOH is expected to occur significantly by initial addition to the OOOH group, leading to overall H-atom abstraction and decomposition as follows:



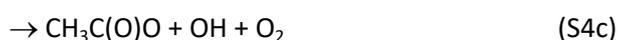
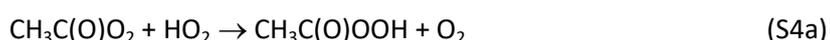
Based on the calculations of Anglada and Solé (2018) for  $CH_3OOOH$ , the rate coefficient is assigned the expression  $k_3 = 1.46 \times 10^{-12} \exp(1037/T) cm^3 molecule^{-1} s^{-1}$ , consistent with a lifetime of about 6 hours with respect to this reaction at 298 K, decreasing to about 3 hours at 250 K (for  $[OH] = 10^6 molecule^{-1} cm^{-3}$ ). Although calculated to be very minor for  $CH_3OOOH$  (Anglada et al., 2018), H-atom abstraction from, or OH addition to, the organic group (R) is likely to be significant for larger and more complex species and needs to be taken into account. The rate coefficient for reaction at the R group is estimated using the SAR methods in the companion papers (Jenkin et al., 2018a; 2018b), with the impact of the OOOH substituent assumed to be the same as that of an OOH substituent,

where relevant. For simplicity in this provisional method, however, the total calculated rate coefficient for reaction at R and OOOH is currently applied to reaction (S3).

**Other fates:** As discussed by Müller et al. (2016) and Assaf et al. (2018), ROOOH is also expected to transfer efficiently to the aqueous phase, or form complexes with water or water clusters, where it likely decomposes to form ROH and O<sub>2</sub>. Such processes are outside the scope of the present work, but further information on the phase transfer and multiphase chemistry of ROOOH is clearly required.

#### S4 Temperature dependence of the reaction of CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)O<sub>2</sub> with HO<sub>2</sub>

As discussed in Sect. 2.5 of the main paper, the following three channels are considered for the reaction of CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)O<sub>2</sub> with HO<sub>2</sub>:



The contribution of the propagating channel (S4c) has been quantified at 293-298 K in a number of more recent studies (Hasson et al., 2004; Jenkin et al., 2007; Dillon and Crowley, 2008; Groß et al., 2014; Winiberg et al., 2016), and a value of  $k_{4c}/k_4 = 0.5$  is assigned at 298 K, based on the average of these determinations. The participation of the terminating channels (S4a) and (S4b) is very well established. Reasonably consistent branching ratios ( $k_{4a}/k_{4b}$ ), lying in the approximate range 2-3 at room temperature, have been reported in studies where products of both channels have been measured (Niki et al., 1985; Horie and Moortgat, 1992; Hasson et al., 2004; Jenkin et al., 2007; Winiberg et al., 2016), with an average value of 2.8. In conjunction with the above value of  $k_{4c}/k_4 = 0.5$ , this results in  $k_{4a}/k_4 = 0.37$  and  $k_{4b}/k_4 = 0.13$  at 298 K.

The temperature dependence of  $k_{4a}/k_{4b}$  is defined using the experimental characterization of the reaction reported by Horie and Moortgat (1992), leading to  $k_{4a}/k_{4b} = 3.4 \times 10^2 \exp(-1430/T)$ . In the absence of laboratory temperature dependence studies of channel (S4c), the temperature dependence of  $k_{4c}/k_{4b}$  is based on the results of the theoretical calculations of Hasson et al. (2005) at 250 K and 298 K and atmospheric pressure, leading to the expression  $k_{4c}/k_{4b} = 2.34 \times 10^4 \exp(-2600/T)$ . The resultant temperature dependent values of the channel contributions ( $k_{4a}/k_4$ ,  $k_{4b}/k_4$  and  $k_{4c}/k_4$ ) are given in Table S2 and Fig. S2 (solid lines) for the temperature range 250-300 K.

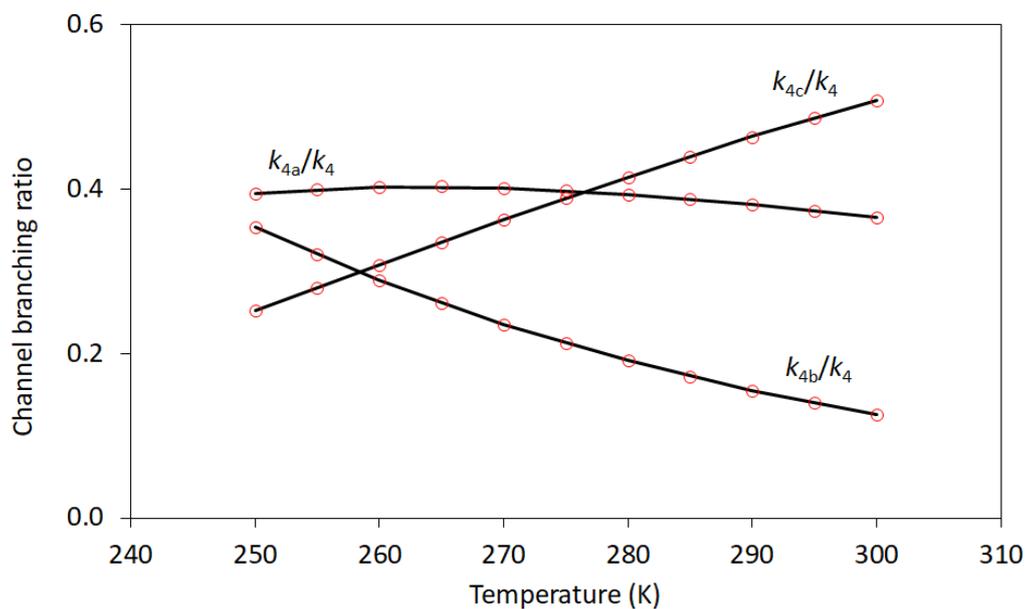
The value assigned to  $k_4$  at 298 K ( $= 2.2 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) is based on the average the more recent room temperature kinetics determinations of Groß et al. (2014) and Winiberg et al. (2016), which took account of (and quantified) the importance of channel (S4c) in their analyses. The measurements of  $k_4$  in earlier temperature dependence studies (Atkinson et al., 2006; and references therein) are expected to be subject to systematic errors, because reagent radical regeneration via channel (S4c) was not taken into account in the analyses. Assuming that those studies were effectively partially “blind” to channel (S4c), comparison of the value of  $k_4$  at 298 K with that recommended previously by Atkinson et al. (2006) when channel (S4c) was not taken into account ( $1.4 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) suggests that the measured value included only 26.7 % of channel (S4c). Making the approximation that the same is true across the temperature range 250-300 K, the temperature dependence recommended by Atkinson et al. (2006),  $E/R = -980 \text{ K}$ , is corrected using the temperature-dependent branching ratios (Table S2), resulting in a revised value of  $E/R = -580 \text{ K}$  (see illustration in Fig. S3). This leads to the temperature dependence expression,  $k_4 = 3.14 \times 10^{-12} \exp(580/T)$ , as assigned in the present work.

This treatment of the kinetics and product channel branching ratios for the reaction of CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)O<sub>2</sub> with HO<sub>2</sub> is also applied more generally to the reactions of non-phenyl acyl peroxy radicals with HO<sub>2</sub> in the present work (see Sect. 2.5 of the main paper).

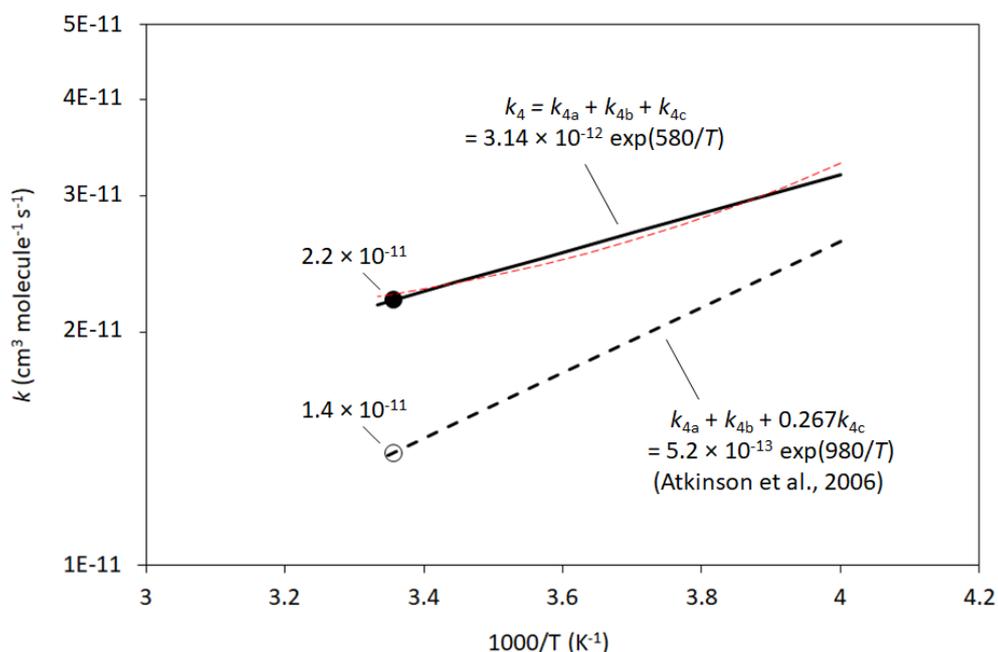
**Table S2.** Product channel branching ratios,  $k_{4a}/k_4$ ,  $k_{4b}/k_4$  and  $k_{4c}/k_4$ , for the reaction of  $\text{CH}_3\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}_2$  with  $\text{HO}_2$  as a function of temperature, based on the method described in Sect. S4.

$T$ (K)	$k_{4a}/k_4$ <sup>a</sup>	$k_{4b}/k_4$ <sup>b</sup>	$k_{4c}/k_4$ <sup>c</sup>
250	0.394	0.354	0.252
255	0.400	0.320	0.280
260	0.403	0.290	0.308
265	0.403	0.261	0.335
270	0.402	0.236	0.363
275	0.398	0.212	0.389
280	0.394	0.191	0.415
285	0.388	0.172	0.440
290	0.381	0.155	0.464
295	0.373	0.140	0.487
298	0.368	0.132	0.500
300	0.365	0.126	0.509

**Comments**  
<sup>a</sup>  $k_{4a}/k_4 = (k_{4a}/k_{4b}) / (1 + (k_{4a}/k_{4b}) + (k_{4c}/k_{4b}))$ ; <sup>b</sup>  $k_{4b}/k_4 = 1 / (1 + (k_{4a}/k_{4b}) + (k_{4c}/k_{4b}))$ ; <sup>c</sup>  $k_{4c}/k_4 = (k_{4c}/k_{4b}) / (1 + (k_{4a}/k_{4b}) + (k_{4c}/k_{4b}))$ .



**Fig. S2.** Temperature dependence of the product channel branching ratios  $k_{4a}/k_4$ ,  $k_{4b}/k_4$  and  $k_{4c}/k_4$ . The solid lines represent the main method described in Sect. S4. The red points are values derived from the individual Arrhenius expressions for  $k_{4a}$ ,  $k_{4b}$  and  $k_{4c}$  given in Sect. S4.



**Fig. S3.** Illustration of the correction of the previous temperature dependence expression for  $k_4$  (Atkinson et al., 2006) to allow for partial reagent radical regeneration from channel (S4c) (see Sect. S4). The red broken line shows the values of  $k_4$  derived from the individual Arrhenius expressions for  $k_{4a}$ ,  $k_{4b}$  and  $k_{4c}$  given in Sect. S4.

It is recognized that the use of temperature-dependent branching ratios in mechanism application can result in computational difficulties. The following expressions are therefore alternative Arrhenius fits to the individual channel rate coefficients derived from the recommended expression for  $k_4$  in conjunction with the temperature-dependent branching ratios for the temperature range 250-300 K:

$$k_{4a} = 7.53 \times 10^{-13} \exp(-714/T)$$

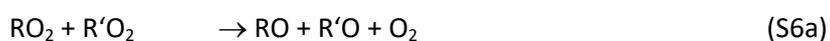
$$k_{4b} = 2.23 \times 10^{-15} \exp(-2142/T)$$

$$k_{4c} = 5.19 \times 10^{-11} \exp(457/T)$$

The use of these expressions results in effective branching ratios that are indistinguishable from those given above (see Fig. S2). As shown in Fig. S3, the total rate coefficients also agree with the recommended expression to within 4 % over the temperature range 250-300 K, although larger deviations would occur if the methods are applied outside this recommended temperature range.

## S5 The permutation reactions of RO<sub>2</sub>

**Estimation of self- and cross-reaction rate coefficients:** As discussed in Sect. 2.6 of the main paper, the “permutation” reactions of a given RO<sub>2</sub> radical are its self-reaction (S5), and its cross-reactions (S6) with other peroxy radicals, R'O<sub>2</sub>, for which a number of product channels may occur:



The method used to assign self-reaction rate coefficients (denoted  $k_{\text{RO}_2\text{RO}_2}$ ) to hydrocarbon and oxygenated  $\text{RO}_2$  radicals is described in Sect. 2.6. This takes account of the reported activating effects of a number of functional groups (allyl-, benzyl-, hydroxy-, alkoxy-, oxo- and acyl-); the reported trend of decreasing reactivity, primary > secondary > tertiary, for peroxy radicals containing otherwise similar functionalities; and the influence of radical size. As also described in Sect. 2.6, the cross-reaction rate coefficients are mainly inferred from the geometric mean of the rate coefficients for the self-reactions of the participating peroxy radicals; with the exception of reactions involving acyl peroxy radicals, which are assigned a single rate coefficient expression.

**Single-class peroxy radical pool parameterisation:** In a system with  $n$  peroxy radicals, there are  $n$  self-reactions and  $\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$  cross reactions i.e.  $\frac{1}{2}n(n+1)$  permutation reactions in total. In view of the large number of  $\text{RO}_2$  radicals generated in a detailed chemical mechanism, these reactions cannot therefore be represented explicitly. The MCM has traditionally applied a very simplified approach, in which each peroxy radical is assumed to react with all other peroxy radicals (i.e. the peroxy radical “pool”) at a single, collective rate (Jenkin et al., 1997). This is achieved by defining a parameter “ $\sum[\text{RO}_2]$ ” which is the sum of the concentrations of all peroxy radicals, excluding  $\text{HO}_2$ . The collective rate of all the permutation reactions of a particular peroxy radical is then represented by a single pseudo-unimolecular reaction, which has an assigned rate coefficient equal to  $k_7 \times \sum[\text{RO}_2]$ :



The rate coefficient for a given peroxy radical is based on that estimated for the cross-reaction of that peroxy radical with  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2$ . This is regarded as a logical choice, because  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2$  is the most abundant organic peroxy radical in the atmosphere (and therefore most commonly the major reaction partner), and also possesses a self-reaction rate coefficient that is in the middle of the range of reported values (see Tables 9 and 10 in the main paper). The updated method, based on the simplified MCM approach, is fully described in Sect. 2.6 of the main paper.

**Multi-class peroxy radical pool parameterisation:** A similar, but more detailed, approach has traditionally been applied in GECKO-A, in which the peroxy radical population is divided into a number of reactivity classes (Aumont et al., 2005). This requires the inclusion of a pseudo-unimolecular reaction (analogous to reaction (S7)) for reaction of a given peroxy radical with each peroxy radical class. Table S3 shows a series of nine reactivity classes that are considered in the present work, designed to cover the wide range in reported self-reaction reactivity. In seven cases, the class contains a set of peroxy radicals that are expected to possess comparable self-reaction reactivities; with an additional constraint that tertiary radicals are placed in unique classes because of differences in product branching ratios (see below). The remaining two classes contain only a single radical, namely  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2$  and  $i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7\text{O}_2$ , which possess distinct reactivities from the other classes. As indicated above,  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2$  is also typically the most abundant organic peroxy radical.

The rate coefficients (in  $\text{cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) for the parameterized permutation reactions of a given peroxy radical with these classes at 298 K are defined as follows:

(i) For reaction of an acyl peroxy radical ( $\text{R}'\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}_2$ ) with any of the classes 1-9, or the reaction of any peroxy radical with the  $\text{R}'\text{C}(\text{O})\text{O}_2$  class (class 9), the following rate coefficient is applied:

$$k_{\text{AP}} = 2.0 \times 10^{-12} \exp(508/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

This is based on a value of  $1.1 \times 10^{-11} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  at 298 K (see Fig. 5 of the main paper), combined with a pre-exponential factor of  $2.0 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

(ii) For all other reactions, except the reactions of  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2$  with itself (class 6) and  $i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7\text{O}_2$  with itself (class 2), the 298 K rate coefficient is calculated as follows:

$$k_{\text{RO}_2(298\text{K})} = f_{\text{RO}_2} \times 2 \times (k_{\text{RO}_2\text{RO}_2} \times k_{298}(\text{R}_i\text{O}_2 + \text{R}_i\text{O}_2))^{0.5}$$

Here,  $k_{298}(R_iO_2+R_jO_2)$  is the appropriate class rate coefficient given in Table S3 and  $k_{RO_2RO_2}$  is the 298 K self-reaction rate coefficient for the reacting peroxy radical, estimated as described in Sect. 2.6 of the main paper. As also described in Sect. 2.6,  $f_{RO_2}$  is a scaling factor that is informed by the correlations of cross-reaction rate coefficients in Fig. 5 of the main paper. In the present extension to the method, it takes a unity value for primary and secondary peroxy radicals reacting with classes 2, 4 and 6-8; and for tertiary peroxy radicals reacting with classes 1, 3 and 5. A value of  $f_{RO_2} = 2$  is applied for primary and secondary peroxy radicals reacting with classes 1, 3 and 5; and for tertiary peroxy radicals reacting with classes 2, 4 and 6-8. As also indicated in Sect 2.6, the corresponding temperature-dependent rate coefficient,  $k_{RO_2}$ , is assigned a pre-exponential factor of  $1.0 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . This results in the following temperature dependent expression,

$$k_{RO_2} = 1.0 \times 10^{-13} \exp(-(E_{RO_2}/R)/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

with  $E_{RO_2}/R$  having a case dependent value of  $-298 \times \ln(k_{RO_2(298K)}/10^{-13})$ , where  $k_{RO_2(298K)}$  is defined above.

The collective rate of the permutation reactions of a given peroxy radical with each of the classes listed in Table S3 is then represented by a pseudo-unimolecular reaction (reaction (S7)), which has an assigned rate coefficient equal to either  $k_{AP} \times \sum [RO_2]_i$  or  $k_{RO_2} \times \sum [RO_2]_i$  (as outlined above) where  $[RO_2]_i$  is the sum of the concentrations of the pool of peroxy radicals in class “i”.

**Table S3.** Peroxy radical reactivity classes and their self-reaction rate coefficients at 298 K, as applied to the calculation of permutation reaction rate coefficients in the multi-class parameterization (see Sect. S4).

Class	Contributing RO <sub>2</sub>	$k_{298}(R_iO_2+R_jO_2)$ ( $10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	Comment
1	unsubstituted <i>tert</i> -RO <sub>2</sub>	0.0021	(a),(b)
2	<i>i</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	0.10	(c)
3	<i>tert</i> -RO <sub>2</sub> with $\alpha$ - or $\beta$ - O or N	0.79	(d)
4	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ; unsubstituted <i>sec</i> -RO <sub>2</sub> ;	6.9	(e),(b)
5	<i>tert</i> -RO <sub>2</sub> with $\alpha$ - or $\beta$ - O or N and allyl or benzyl group	10	(f)
6	CH <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	35	(g)
7	unsubstituted <i>prim</i> -RO <sub>2</sub> ; <i>sec</i> -RO <sub>2</sub> with $\alpha$ - or $\beta$ - O or N	110	(h),(b)
8	<i>prim</i> -RO <sub>2</sub> with $\alpha$ - or $\beta$ - O or N; <i>sec</i> -RO <sub>2</sub> with $\alpha$ - or $\beta$ - O or N and allyl or benzyl group	530	(i)
9	R'C(O)O <sub>2</sub>	1400	(j)
<b>Comments</b>			
<sup>a</sup> Based on Eq. (16) in Sect. 2.6 for tertiary radical with no substituents; <sup>b</sup> The term “unsubstituted” includes corresponding RO <sub>2</sub> containing remote oxygenated groups (i.e. not $\alpha$ - or $\beta$ -) and/or remote unsaturated linkages (i.e. not allyl or benzyl); <sup>c</sup> Rate coefficient for <i>i</i> -C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>7</sub> O <sub>2</sub> in Table 9; <sup>d</sup> Based on Eq. (16) in Sect. 2.6 for tertiary radical with $\beta$ -hydroxy substituent; <sup>e</sup> Geometric mean of rate coefficient for C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O <sub>2</sub> in Table 9 ( $7.6 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ) and rate coefficient based on Eq. (16) in Sect. 2.6 for secondary radical ( $n_{CON} = 6$ ) with no substituents ( $6.3 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ); <sup>f</sup> Based on Eq. (16) in Sect. 2.6 for tertiary radical with $\beta$ -hydroxy and allyl substituents; <sup>g</sup> Rate coefficient for CH <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> in Table 9; <sup>h</sup> Rate coefficient based on Eq. (16) in Sect. 2.6 for primary radical ( $n_{CON} = 5$ ) with no substituents ( $1.07 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ); and for secondary radical ( $n_{CON} = 7$ ) with $\beta$ -hydroxy substituent ( $1.17 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ); <sup>i</sup> Geometric mean of rate coefficients based on Eq. (16) in Sect. 2.6 for primary radical ( $n_{CON} = 6$ ) with $\beta$ -hydroxy substituent ( $6.1 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ); and for secondary radical ( $n_{CON} = 8$ ) with $\beta$ -hydroxy and allyl substituents ( $4.6 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ); <sup>j</sup> Based on data for acyl peroxy radicals in Table 10.			

**Table S4.** Branching ratios assigned to parameterized permutation reactions of the reagent RO<sub>2</sub> with the reactivity classes shown (see Sect. S4).

RO <sub>2</sub>	Reactivity class	Channel branching ratio			Comment
		$k_{7a}/k_7$	$k_{7b}/k_7$	$k_{7d}/k_7$	
CH <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	6 (i.e. CH <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> )	$7.2 \times \exp(-885/T)$	$(1-k_{7a}/k_7)/2$	$(1-k_{7d}/k_7)/2$	(a)
	2, 4, 7, 8	0.6	0.2	0.2	(b)
	1, 3, 5, 9	0.8	0.2	-	(c),(d)
Primary and secondary	2, 4, 6-8	0.6	0.2	0.2	(b)
	1, 3, 5, 9	0.8	0.2	-	(c),(d)
Tertiary and acyl	2, 4, 6-8	0.8	-	0.2	(c),(e)
	1, 3, 5, 9	1.0	-	-	(f)
<b>Comments</b>					
<p><sup>a</sup> Based on IUPAC recommendation for the CH<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> self-reaction (<a href="http://iupac.pole-ether.fr">http://iupac.pole-ether.fr</a>). Temperature-dependent channel rate coefficients can alternatively be applied, as described in Sect. S5); <sup>b</sup> Based on a rounded mean of the reported 298 K branching ratios for the self-reactions of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, <i>i</i>-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>C(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>3</sub>OCH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, and C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> based on IUPAC recommendations (<a href="http://iupac.pole-ether.fr">http://iupac.pole-ether.fr</a>); <i>neo</i>-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, <i>c</i>-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>11</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>2</sub>=CHCH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> based on Lightfoot et al. (1990), Rowley et al. (1991), Jenkin et al. (1993) and Boyd et al. (1996); and for the self- and cross- reactions of primary and secondary RO<sub>2</sub> formed from reactions of OH with conjugated dienes (Jenkin et al., 1998); <sup>c</sup> Based on a rounded mean of the reported 298 K branching ratios for the following cross-reactions: CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)O<sub>2</sub> + CH<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>C(O)O<sub>2</sub> + C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)O<sub>2</sub> + CH<sub>3</sub>C(O)CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, based on IUPAC recommendations (<a href="http://iupac.pole-ether.fr">http://iupac.pole-ether.fr</a>); and HOCH<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)(O<sub>2</sub>)C(CH<sub>3</sub>)=CH<sub>2</sub> + HOCH<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)=C(CH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> formed from reaction of OH with 2,3-dimethylbuta-1,3-diene (Jenkin et al., 1998); <sup>d</sup> Channel (S7c) is unavailable because peroxy radicals in these reactivity classes do not possess <math>\alpha</math>- H atoms; <sup>e</sup> Channel (S7b) is unavailable because reagent RO<sub>2</sub> does not possess <math>\alpha</math>- H atom; <sup>f</sup> Channels (S7b) and (S7c) are unavailable because neither reagent RO<sub>2</sub> nor peroxy radicals in these reactivity classes possess <math>\alpha</math>- H atoms.</p>					

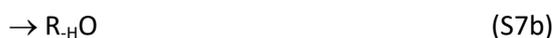
In the specific cases of CH<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> reacting with itself (class 6) and *i*-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O<sub>2</sub> reacting with itself (class 2) the applied rate coefficients ( $k_{\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2}$  and  $k_{i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7\text{O}_2}$ ) are twice the self-reaction rate coefficients given in Table 9 of the main paper,

$$k_{\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2} = 2.06 \times 10^{-13} \exp(365/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7\text{O}_2} = 3.2 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-2200/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

with the respective pseudo-unimolecular reaction rate coefficients equal to  $k_{\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2} \times [\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2]$  and  $k_{i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7\text{O}_2} \times [i\text{-C}_3\text{H}_7\text{O}_2]$ . This preserves the recommended self-reaction rate coefficient in each case. Alternatively, the CH<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> + CH<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and *i*-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O<sub>2</sub> + *i*-C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>O<sub>2</sub> reactions can be represented explicitly.

Up to three product channels are represented for each reaction (see Sect. 2.6), these being the pseudo-unimolecular representation of the self-reaction channels (S5a) and (S5b) and the cross-reaction channels (S6a)-(S6c):



The assigned branching ratios depend on both the structure of the reagent RO<sub>2</sub> and on the reactivity class of peroxy radicals it is reacting with, as summarized in Table S4.

As discussed above in Sect. S4, the use of temperature-dependent branching ratios in mechanism application can result in computational difficulties, such that individual channel rate coefficients may provide a more practical alternative. The IUPAC Task Group also recommends the following individual channel rate coefficients for the self-reaction of CH<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> over the temperature range 220-330 K, which can be used in conjunction with explicit representation of the CH<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub> self-reaction:

$$k_{5a}(\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2) = 7.4 \times 10^{-13} \exp(-520/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{5b}(\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2) = (1.03 \times 10^{-13} \exp(365/T)) - (7.4 \times 10^{-13} \exp(-520/T)) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

For the parameterized representation of the  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2$  self-reaction (and  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2$  reacting with the peroxy radical pool in the single-class method), the following channel rate coefficient expressions can similarly be applied,

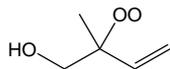
$$k_{7a}(\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2) = 1.48 \times 10^{-12} \exp(-520/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{7b}(\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2) = k_{7c}(\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2) = (1.03 \times 10^{-13} \exp(365/T)) - (7.4 \times 10^{-13} \exp(-520/T)) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

leading to overall rate coefficients that are factor of two greater than those above.

**Example calculations of  $k_{\text{RO}_2\text{RO}_2}$  and  $k_{\text{RO}_2}$ :** The methods for calculating the self-reaction rate coefficient ( $k_{\text{RO}_2\text{RO}_2}$ ) and the parameterized permutation reaction rate coefficient ( $k_{\text{RO}_2}$ ) are illustrated below, using the peroxy radicals formed from the sequential addition of OH and  $\text{O}_2$  to isoprene as examples. The presented calculations of  $k_{\text{RO}_2}$  specifically consider the reactions with  $\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2$ , such that each resultant value is appropriate for the single reaction in single-class method (as traditionally used with the MCM), or for reaction with reactivity class 6 in the multi-class method (as traditionally used with GECKO-A).

**Example A:  $\text{HOCH}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)(\text{O}_2)\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$**



Tertiary peroxy radical:

$$n_{\text{CON}} = 6$$

$$k_{\text{RO}_2\text{RO}_2(\text{tert})}^\circ = 2.1 \times 10^{-17} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (\text{equation (15)})$$

$$f_{\text{RO}_2} = 2$$

Substituents (see Table 12 for factors):

$$\beta\text{-hydroxy:} \quad \alpha_1 = 8.0 \times 10^{-5}, \beta_1 = 0.4$$

$$\text{Allyl (alk-2-enyl):} \quad \alpha_2 = 4.0 \times 10^{-2}; \beta_2 = 0.15$$

$$\alpha = (\alpha_1 \times \alpha_2) = 3.2 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\beta = (\beta_1 + \beta_2) = 0.55$$

$$k_{\text{RO}_2\text{RO}_2} = \alpha \times (k_{\text{RO}_2\text{RO}_2(\text{tert})}^\circ)^{1-\beta} \quad (\text{equation (16)})$$

$$= 3.2 \times 10^{-6} \times (2.1 \times 10^{-17})^{0.45} = \mathbf{1.00 \times 10^{-13}} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{\text{RO}_2(298\text{K})} = f_{\text{RO}_2} \times 2 \times (k_{\text{RO}_2\text{RO}_2} \times k_{298}(\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{O}_2))^{0.5} \quad (\text{equation (18)})$$

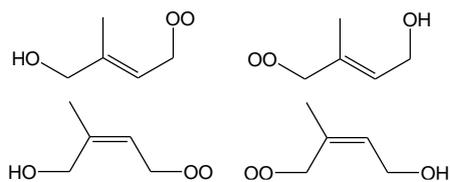
$$= 2 \times 2 \times (1.00 \times 10^{-13} \times 3.5 \times 10^{-13})^{0.5} = 7.48 \times 10^{-13} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{\text{RO}_2} = 1.0 \times 10^{-13} \exp(-(E_{\text{RO}_2}/R)/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (\text{equation (20)})$$

$$(E_{\text{RO}_2}/R) = -298 \times \ln(k_{\text{RO}_2(298\text{K})}/10^{-13}) = -600 \text{ K}$$

leading to:  $k_{\text{RO}_2} = \mathbf{1.0 \times 10^{-13} \exp(600/T)} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

**Example B: (*E*- and *Z*-) HOCH<sub>2</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)=CHCH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and (*E*- and *Z*-) HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH=C(CH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>**



**Primary peroxy radical:**

$$n_{\text{CON}} = 6$$

$$k^{\circ}_{\text{RO}_2\text{RO}_2(\text{prim})} = 1.39 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (\text{equation (14)})$$

$$f_{\text{RO}_2} = 1$$

**Substituents** (see Table 12 for factors):

$$\delta\text{-hydroxy:} \quad \alpha_1 = 1.0, \beta_1 = 0.0$$

$$\text{Allyl (alk-2-enyl):} \quad \alpha_2 = 4.0 \times 10^{-2}; \beta_2 = 0.15$$

$$\alpha = (\alpha_1 \times \alpha_2) = 4.0 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\beta = (\beta_1 + \beta_2) = 0.15$$

$$k_{\text{RO}_2\text{RO}_2} = \alpha \times (k^{\circ}_{\text{RO}_2\text{RO}_2(\text{prim})})^{1-\beta} \quad (\text{equation (16)})$$

$$= 4.0 \times 10^{-2} \times (1.39 \times 10^{-12})^{0.85} = 3.34 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{\text{RO}_2(298\text{K})} = f_{\text{RO}_2} \times 2 \times (k_{\text{RO}_2\text{RO}_2} \times k_{298}(\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{O}_2))^{0.5} \quad (\text{equation (18)})$$

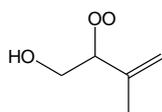
$$= 1 \times 2 \times (3.34 \times 10^{-12} \times 3.5 \times 10^{-13})^{0.5} = 2.16 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{\text{RO}_2} = 1.0 \times 10^{-13} \exp(-(E_{\text{RO}_2}/R)/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (\text{equation (20)})$$

$$(E_{\text{RO}_2}/R) = -298 \times \ln(k_{\text{RO}_2(298\text{K})}/10^{-13}) = -916 \text{ K}$$

**leading to:  $k_{\text{RO}_2} = 1.0 \times 10^{-13} \exp(916/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$**

**Example C: HOCH<sub>2</sub>CH(O<sub>2</sub>)C(CH<sub>3</sub>)=CH<sub>2</sub>**



**Secondary peroxy radical:**

$$n_{\text{CON}} = 6$$

$$k^{\circ}_{\text{RO}_2\text{RO}_2(\text{sec})} = 6.31 \times 10^{-14} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (\text{equation (13)})$$

$$f_{\text{RO}_2} = 1$$

**Substituents** (see Table 12 for factors):

$$\beta\text{-hydroxy:} \quad \alpha_1 = 8.0 \times 10^{-5}, \beta_1 = 0.4$$

$$\text{Allyl (alk-2-enyl):} \quad \alpha_2 = 4.0 \times 10^{-2}; \beta_2 = 0.15$$

$$\alpha = (\alpha_1 \times \alpha_2) = 3.2 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$\beta = (\beta_1 + \beta_2) = 0.55$$

$$k_{\text{RO2RO2}} = \alpha \times (k_{\text{RO2RO2(sec)}}^{\circ})^{1-\beta} \quad (\text{equation (16)})$$

$$= 3.2 \times 10^{-6} \times (6.31 \times 10^{-14})^{0.45} = 3.67 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{\text{RO2(298K)}} = f_{\text{RO2}} \times 2 \times (k_{\text{RO2RO2}} \times k_{298}(\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{O}_2))^{0.5} \quad (\text{equation (18)})$$

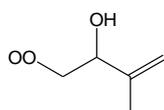
$$= 1 \times 2 \times (3.67 \times 10^{-12} \times 3.5 \times 10^{-13})^{0.5} = 2.27 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{\text{RO2}} = 1.0 \times 10^{-13} \exp(-(E_{\text{RO2}}/R)/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (\text{equation (20)})$$

$$(E_{\text{RO2}}/R) = -298 \times \ln(k_{\text{RO2(298 K)}}/10^{-13}) = -930 \text{ K}$$

leading to:  $k_{\text{RO2}} = 1.0 \times 10^{-13} \exp(930/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

**Example D: CH<sub>2</sub>=C(CH<sub>3</sub>)CH(OH)CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>**



Primary peroxy radical:

$$n_{\text{CON}} = 6$$

$$k_{\text{RO2RO2(prim)}}^{\circ} = 1.39 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (\text{equation (14)})$$

$$f_{\text{RO2}} = 1$$

Substituents (see Table 12 for factors):

$$\beta\text{-hydroxy:} \quad \alpha_1 = 8.0 \times 10^{-5}, \beta_1 = 0.4$$

$$\text{Alk-3-enyl:} \quad \alpha_2 = 1.0; \beta_2 = 0.0$$

$$\alpha = (\alpha_1 \times \alpha_2) = 8.0 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$\beta = (\beta_1 + \beta_2) = 0.4$$

$$k_{\text{RO2RO2}} = \alpha \times (k_{\text{RO2RO2(prim)}}^{\circ})^{1-\beta} \quad (\text{equation (16)})$$

$$= 8.0 \times 10^{-5} \times (1.39 \times 10^{-12})^{0.6} = 6.15 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{\text{RO2(298K)}} = f_{\text{RO2}} \times (k_{\text{RO2RO2}} \times k_{298}(\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{O}_2))^{0.5} \quad (\text{equation (18)})$$

$$= 1 \times 2 \times (6.15 \times 10^{-12} \times 3.5 \times 10^{-13})^{0.5} = 2.93 \times 10^{-12} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$k_{\text{RO2}} = 1.0 \times 10^{-13} \exp(-(E_{\text{RO2}}/R)/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1} \quad (\text{equation (20)})$$

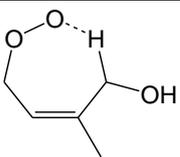
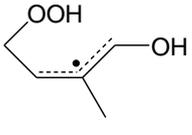
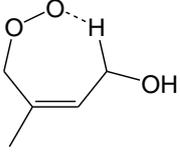
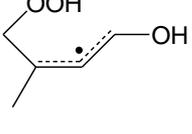
$$(E_{\text{RO2}}/R) = -298 \times \ln(k_{\text{RO2(298 K)}}/10^{-13}) = -1007 \text{ K}$$

leading to:  $k_{\text{RO2}} = 1.0 \times 10^{-13} \exp(1007/T) \text{ cm}^3 \text{ molecule}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$

## S6 1,6 H-shift reactions of isoprene RO<sub>2</sub>

As discussed in Sect. 3.2 of the main paper, species-specific rate coefficients are applied to the 1,6 hydroxyalkyl H-shift reactions of (Z)-CH<sub>2</sub>(OH)C(CH<sub>3</sub>)=CHCH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and (Z)-CH<sub>2</sub>(OH)CH=C(CH<sub>3</sub>)CH<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, formed from the sequential addition of OH and O<sub>2</sub> to isoprene. The values are given in Table S5. These are taken from MCM v3.3.1 (Jenkin et al., 2015) and are based on the calculations of Peeters et al. (2014), optimized to the observations of Crouse et al. (2011; 2014). It is noted that Wennberg et al. (2018) have recently reported empirically optimized rate expressions (see Table S5 comments) that give values of  $k_{298\text{K}}$  that are about a factor of three greater in each case. In conjunction with the parameters applied to the reversible addition of O<sub>2</sub> to the precursor OH-isoprene adducts, however, the two studies provide consistent phenomenological bulk isomerisation rates for typical atmospheric conditions. The MCM v3.3.1 expressions are retained in the present work, because they are compatible with the parameters assigned to reversible OH-isoprene adduct + O<sub>2</sub> reactions given in Jenkin et al. (2018a).

**Table S5.** Rate coefficients assigned to selected H-shift isomerization reactions of peroxy radicals.

Radical	Product	$k(T)$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	$k_{298\text{K}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	Comment
		$8.14 \times 10^9 \exp(-8591/T) \times \exp(10^8/T^3)$	0.108	(a)
		$2.20 \times 10^{10} \exp(-8174/T) \times \exp(10^8/T^3)$	1.18	(b)
<b>Comments</b> <sup>a</sup> The rate coefficient for (Z)-CH <sub>2</sub> (OH)C(CH <sub>3</sub> )=CHCH <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> is taken from MCM v3.3.1 (where it is denoted CISOPAO2). The value is based on the calculations of Peeters et al. (2014) (where it is denoted Z-1-OH-4-OO), optimized to the observations of Crouse et al. (2011; 2014). Wennberg et al. (2018) have more recently reported an empirically optimized expression, $k(T) = 5.04 \times 10^{15} \exp(-12200/T) \times \exp(10^8/T^3)$ . <sup>b</sup> The rate coefficient for (Z)-CH <sub>2</sub> (OH)CH=C(CH <sub>3</sub> )CH <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> , is taken from MCM v3.3.1 (where it is denoted CISOPCO2). The value is based on the calculations of Peeters et al. (2014) (where it is denoted Z-4-OH-1-OO), optimized to the observations of Crouse et al. (2011; 2014). Wennberg et al. (2018) have more recently reported an empirically optimized expression, $k(T) = 2.22 \times 10^9 \exp(-7160/T) \times \exp(10^8/T^3)$ .				

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