

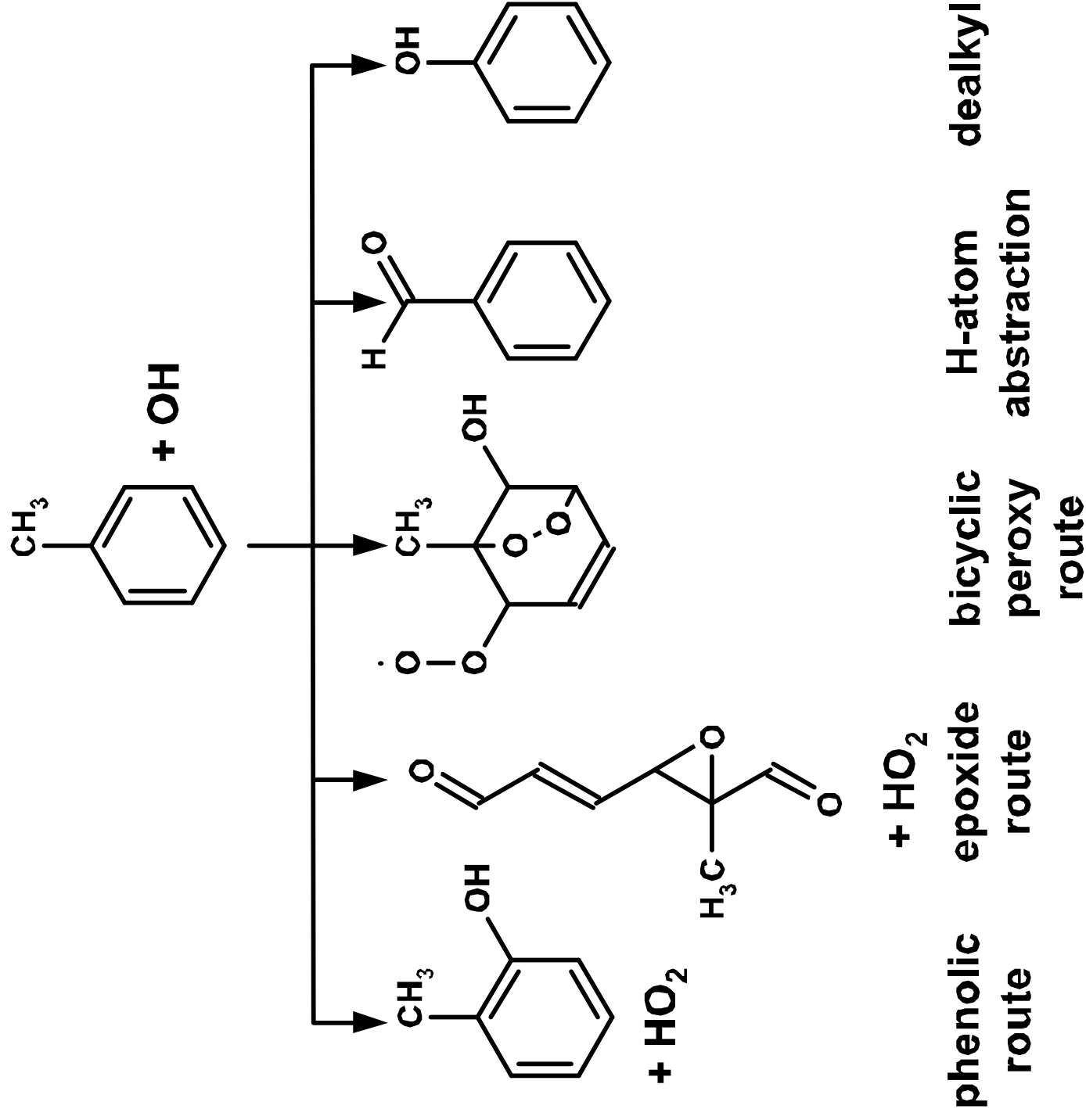
Secondary HO₂ formation from the OH-initiated photo-oxidation of aromatic hydrocarbons under atmospheric conditions in the absence of NO

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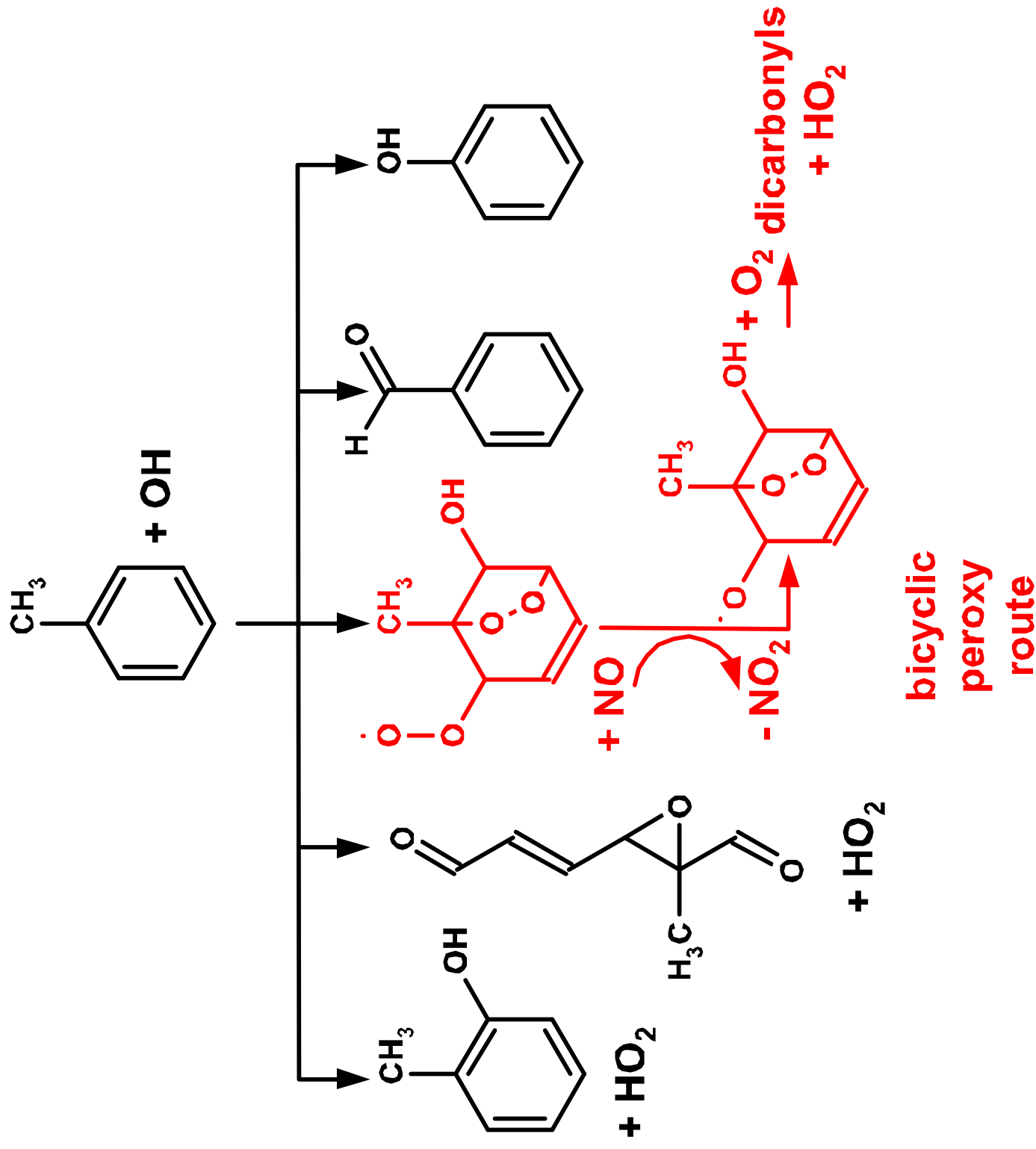
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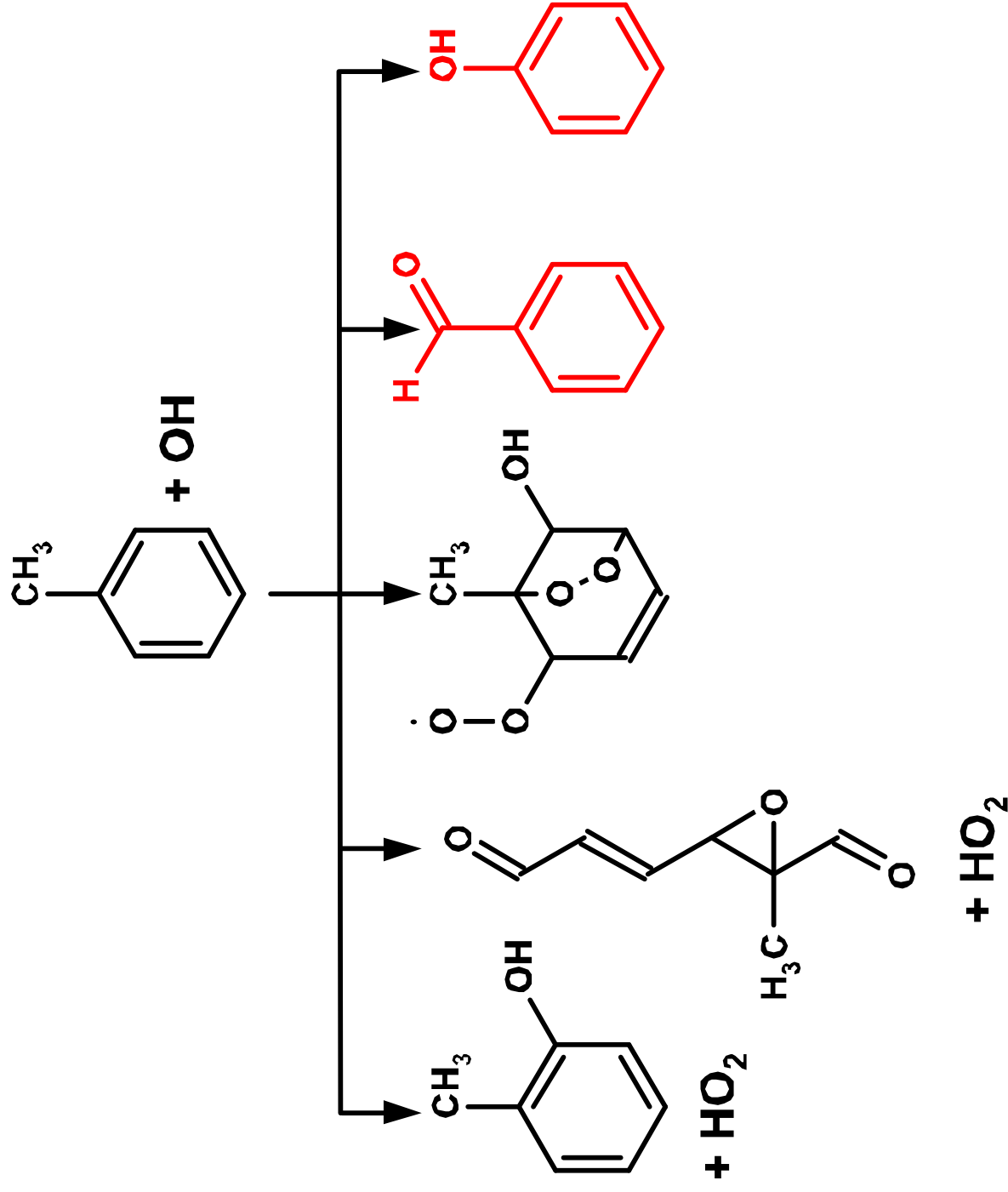
<u>Delayed HO₂ formation</u>	<u>Prompt HO₂ formation</u>
$\text{CH}_4 + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ $\text{CH}_3 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{O}_2$ $\text{CH}_3\text{O}_2 + \text{NO} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{O} + \text{NO}_2$ $\text{CH}_3\text{O} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{HCHO} + \text{HO}_2$	$\text{CO} + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}$ $\text{H} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{HO}_2$ ➔ No preceding RO₂+NO reaction <u>other examples:</u> HCHO, H₂, C₂H₂

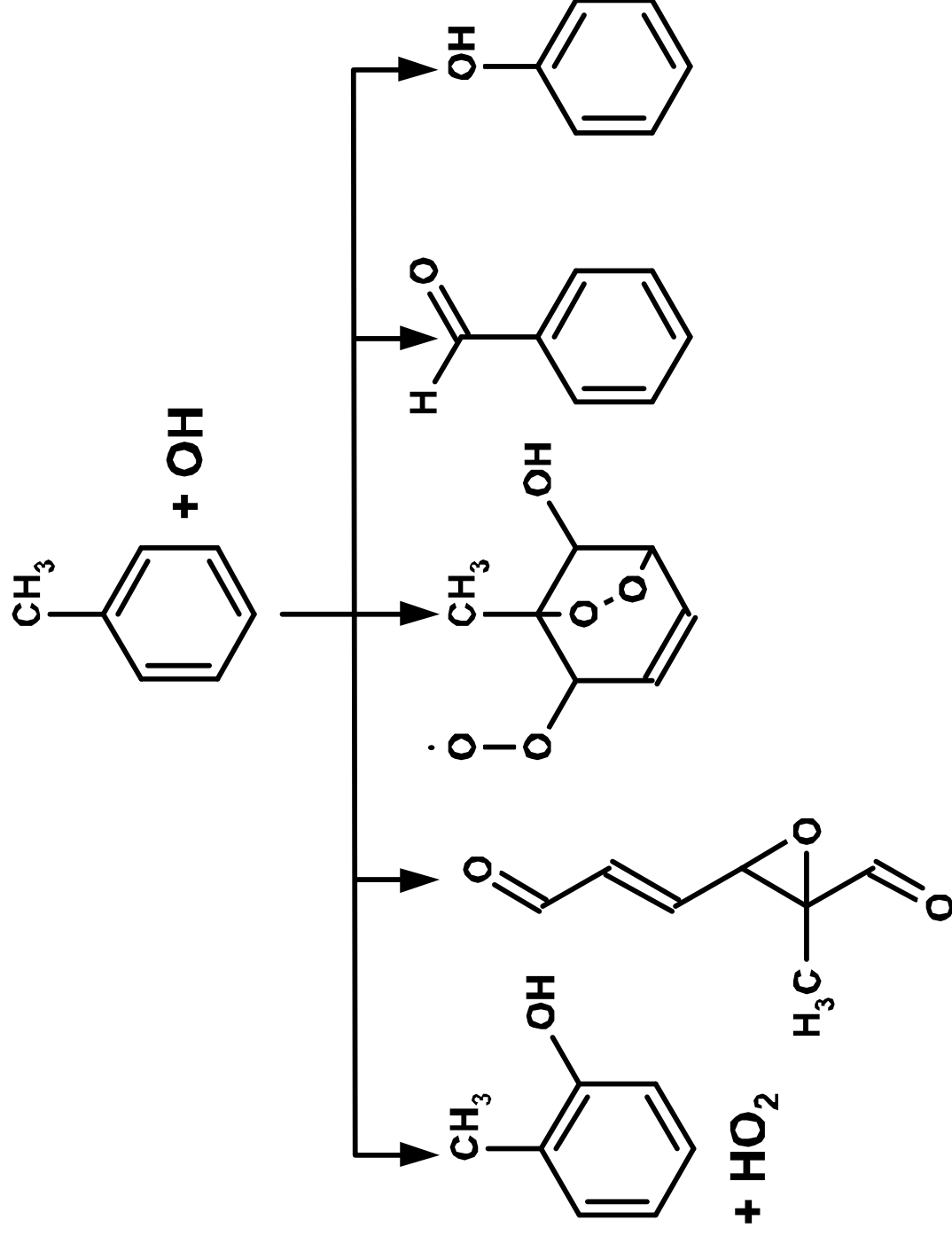












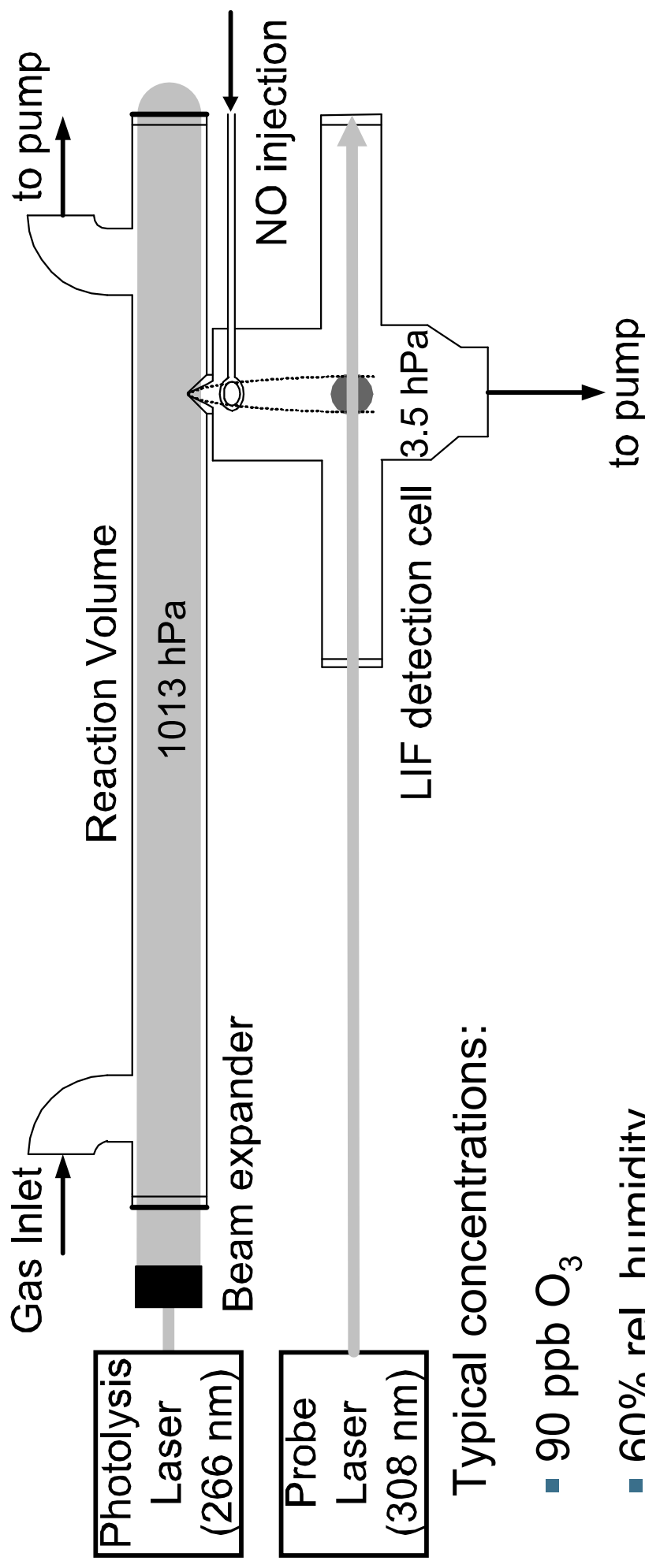
18% **10%** **65%** **7%** **5%**

+ HO₂ **MCM v3.2** **Noda et al. 2009**

Objectives of this study

- Measurement of prompt HO_2 yields Φ_{HO_2} from aromatics
- Comparison of Φ_{HO_2} to other product yields from literature
 - ➔ Does Φ_{HO_2} match the sum of $(\Phi_{\text{Phenolic}} + \Phi_{\text{Epoxide}})$?
 - ➔ Does $(1 - \Phi_{\text{HO}_2})$ match the sum of $(\Phi_{\text{Dicarbonyl}} + \Phi_{\text{Benzaldehyde}} + \Phi_{\text{Dealkylation}})$?

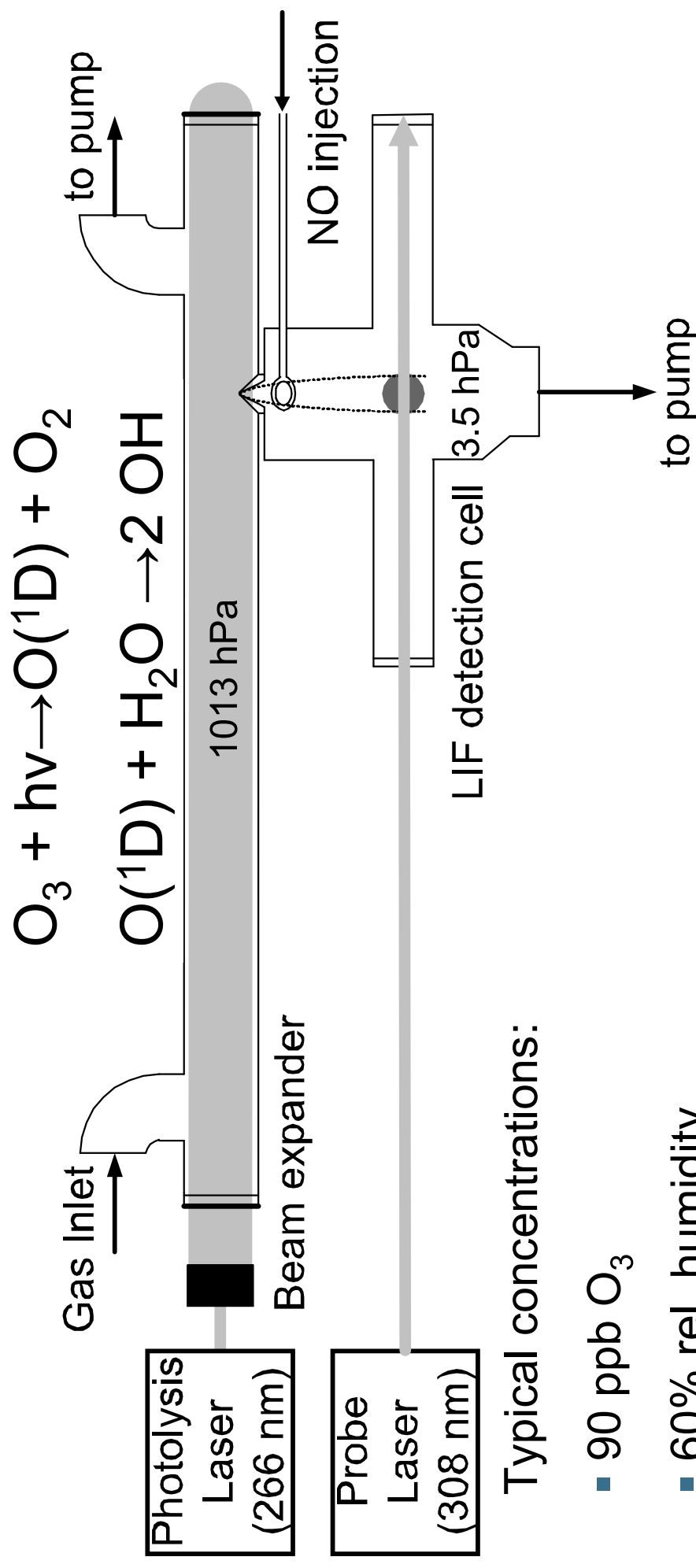
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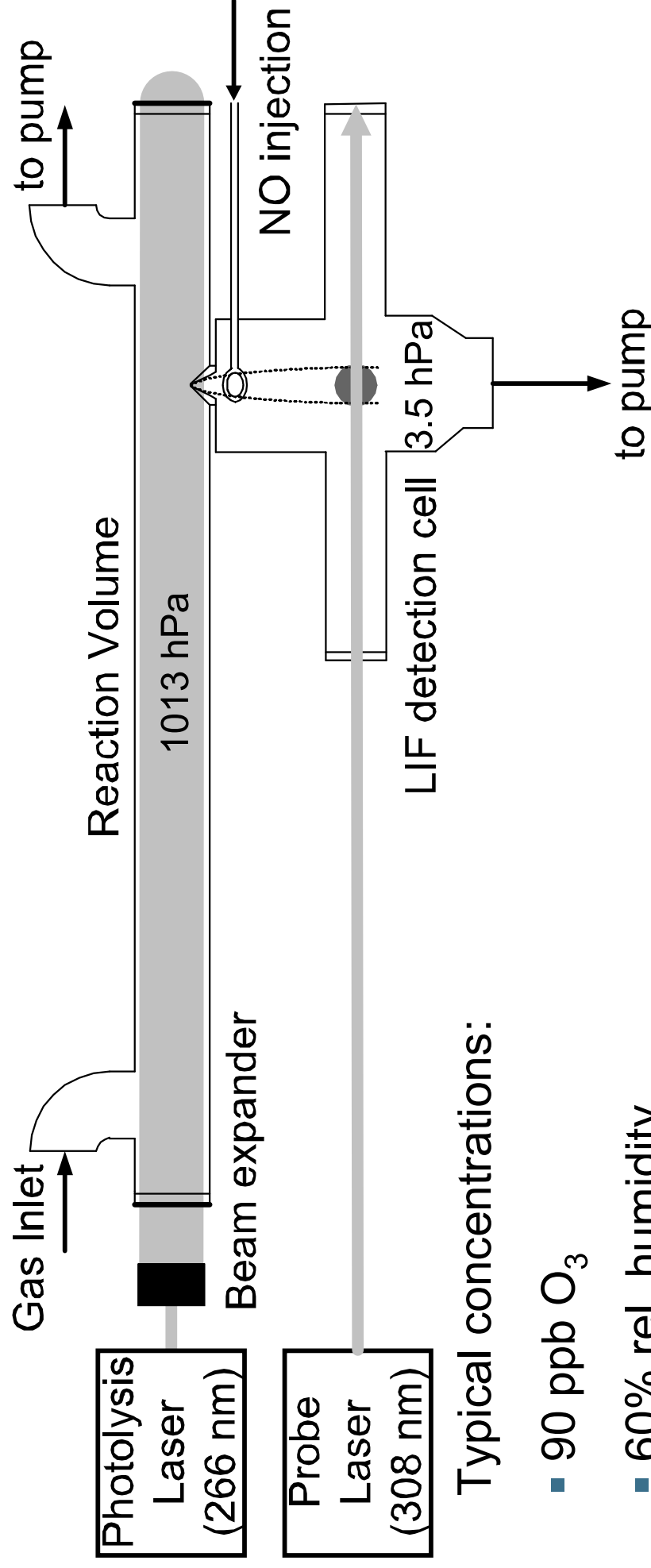
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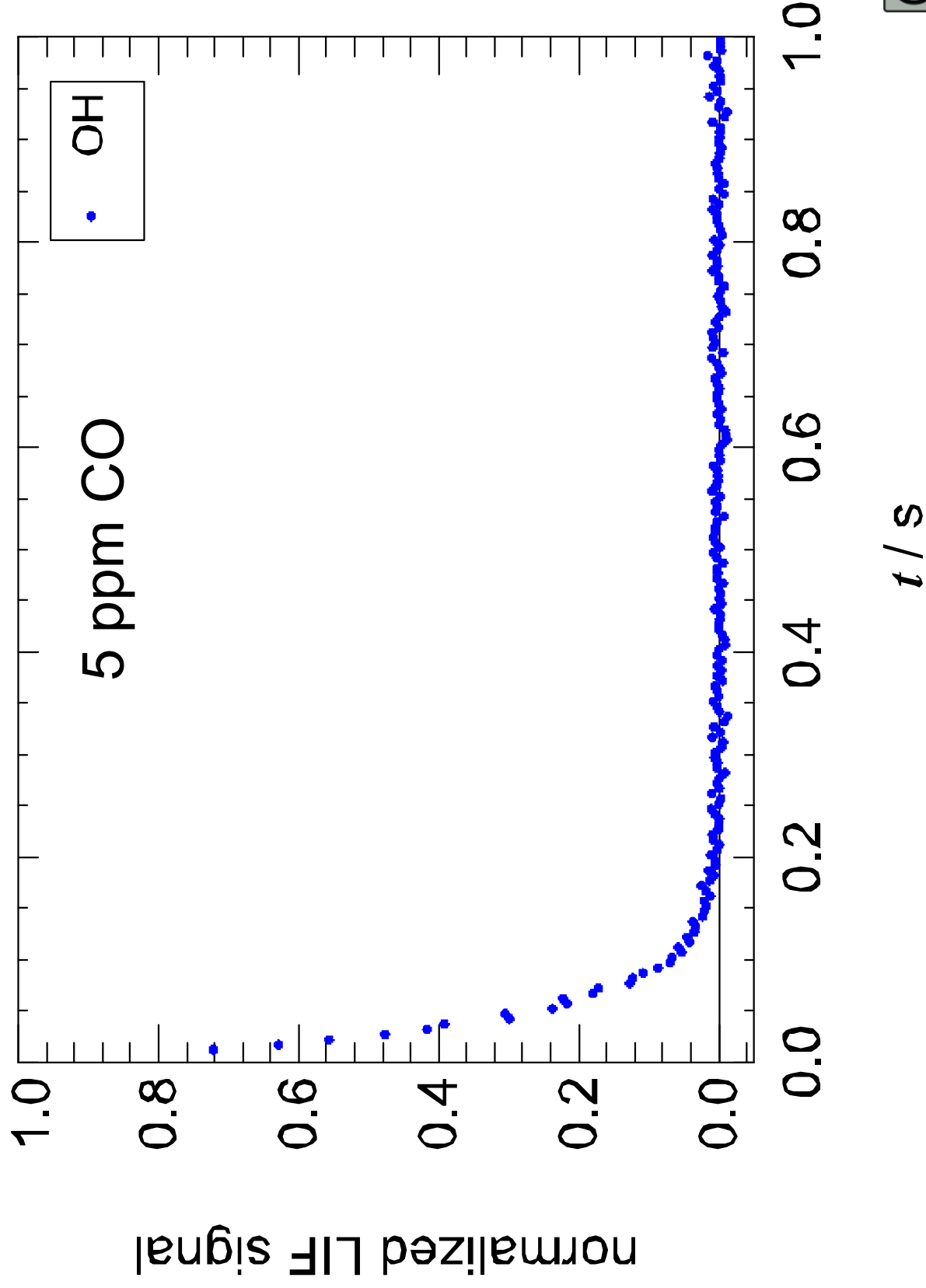
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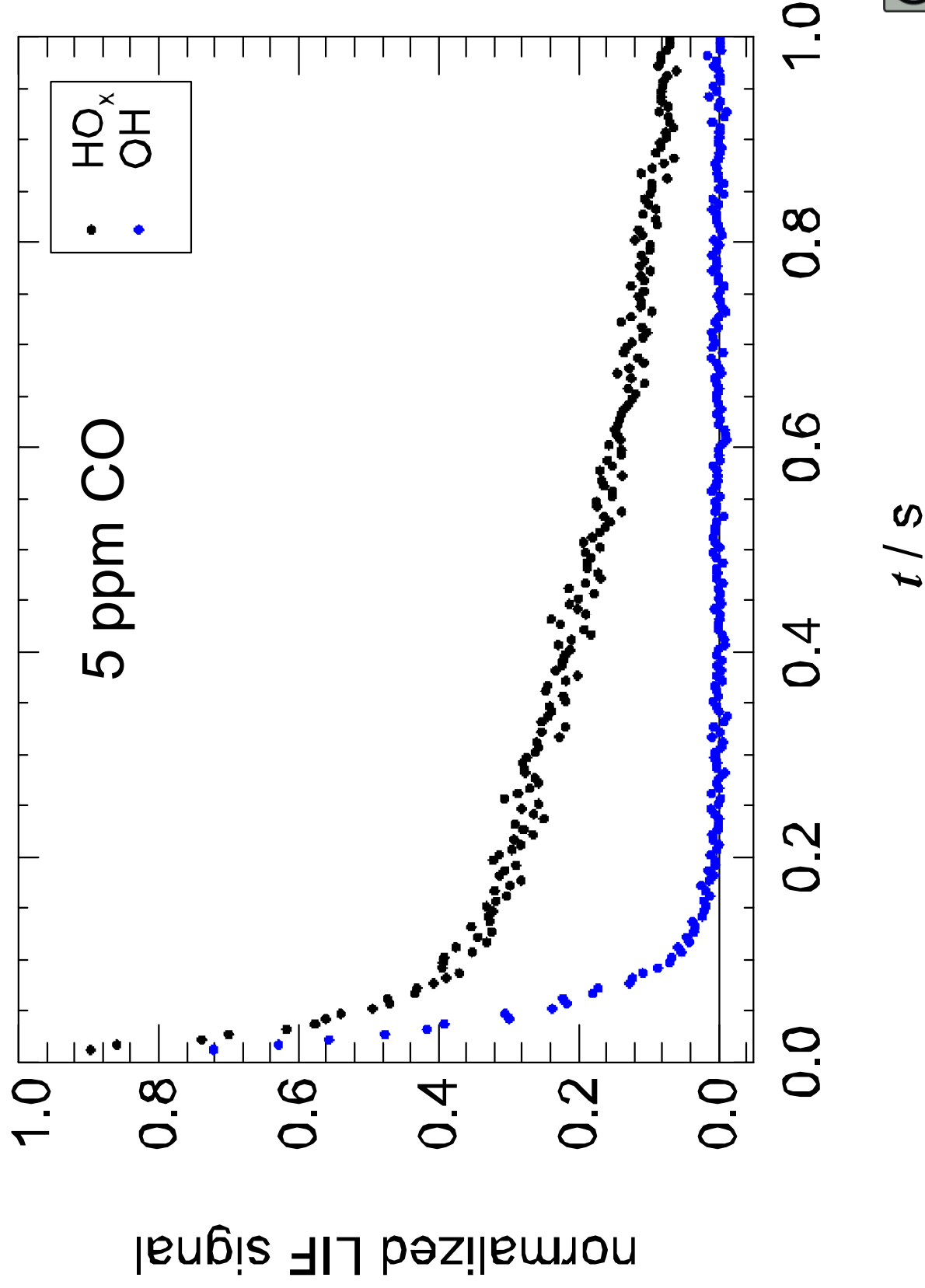
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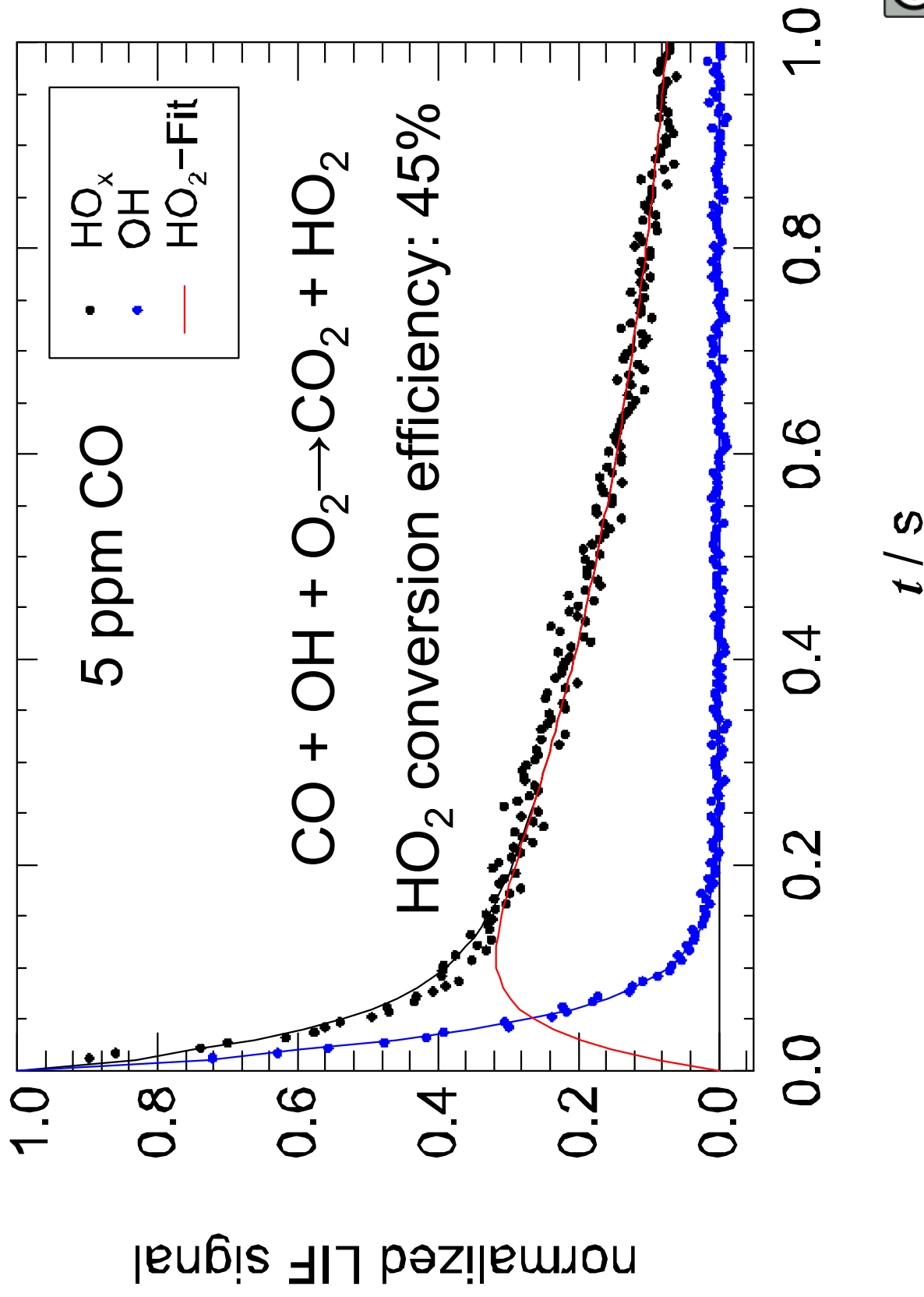


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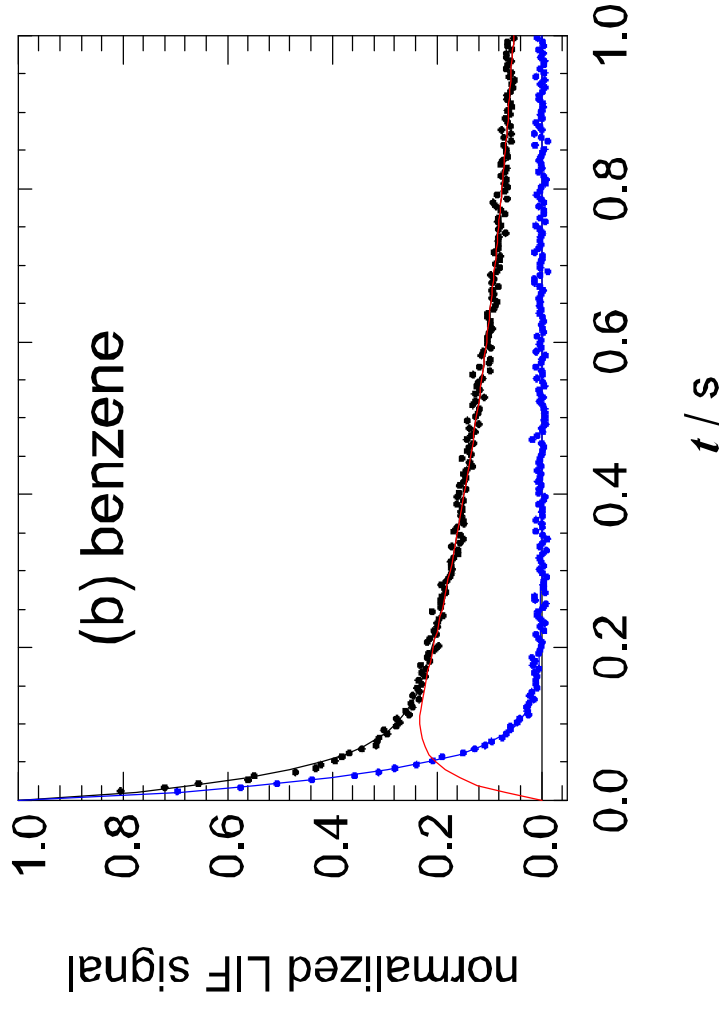
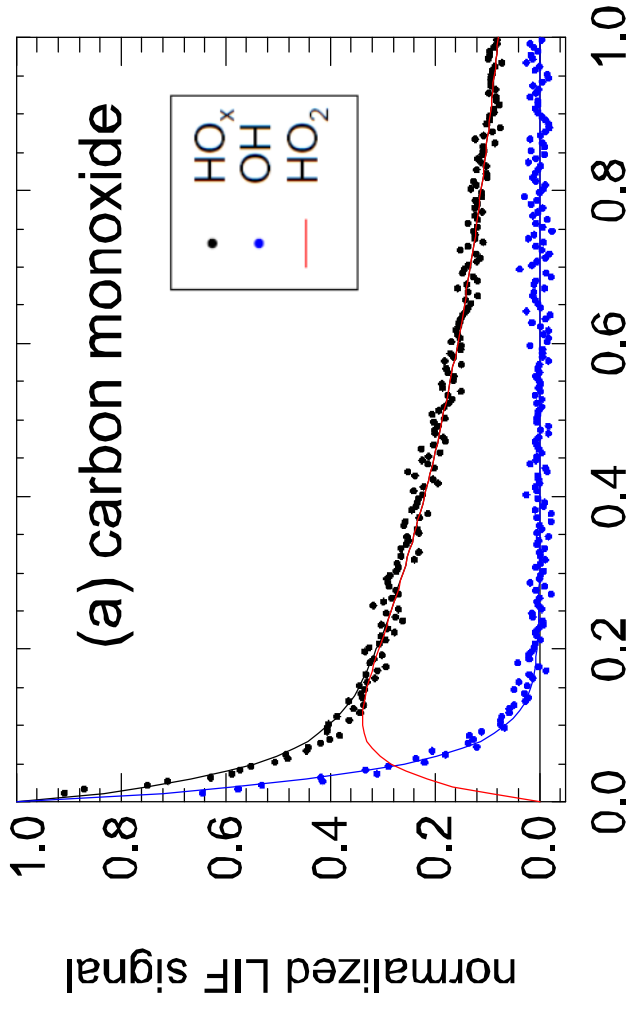
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HO₂ conversion efficiency: 45%



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OH + benzene

- Curve-fitting of analytical solutions
- $\Phi_{\text{HO}_2} = 0.69 \pm 0.10$ obtained for benzene

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1,2,3-trimethylbenzene	0.03	0.21	0.70	0.06	0.31±0.06
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OH + benzene

$\Phi_{\text{HO}_2} = 0.69 \pm 0.10$

- Φ_{HO_2} similar to Φ_{Phenolic}

0.51 ± 0.04	(Noda et al., 2009)
0.61 ± 0.07	(Berndt et al., 2006)
0.53 ± 0.07	(Volkamer et al., 2002)

➔ Epoxide products not observed!

- $(1 - \Phi_{\text{HO}_2}) \approx 0.3$ consistent with $\Phi_{\text{Dicarbonyl}}$

0.29 ± 0.10	(Berndt et al., 2006)
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OH + toluene

$\Phi_{\text{HO}_2} = 0.42 \pm 0.11$

- Φ_{HO_2} consistent with recent product study:

$$(\Phi_{\text{Phenolic}} + \Phi_{\text{Epoxide}}) = 0.35 \pm 0.06 \quad (\text{Baltaretu et al., 2009})$$

- Discrepancies for $(1 - \Phi_{\text{HO}_2}) \approx 0.6$

$$(\Phi_{\text{Benzaldehyde}} + \Phi_{\text{Dicarbonyl}}) = 0.35 \pm 0.10 \quad (\text{Baltaretu et al., 2009})$$

➔ Missing reactions?

Summary

- First measurement of prompt HO₂ yields from aromatics
- Complementary method to previous product studies

→ Benzene:

Φ_{HO_2} similar to Φ_{Phenolic} ,
non-phenol pathway of minor importance

→ Toluene, xylenes, and trimethylbenzenes:

Φ_{HO_2} significantly greater than Φ_{Phenolic}
non-phenol pathways important

Supplementary information

- Results for OH + benzene recently published:
 - ➔ S. Nehr, B. Bohn, H. Fuchs, A. Hofzumahaus, A. Wahner, *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, **2011**, DOI: 10.1039/c1cp20334g
- Results for other investigated aromatics are not yet published!
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