Supporting Information

Oxidation of Isoprene by Titanium Oxide Cluster Cations in the Gas Phase

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Fig. S1 TOF mass spectra for the reactions of mass-selected $Ti_xO_y^+$ cations (panels a, c, e, g, i, k, m, o, q, s, u, w, y1, and z1) with C_5H_8 (panels b, d, f, h, g, l, n, p, r, t, v, x, y2, and z2). The time periods for the reactions are 3.7 ms in h) and 1.7 ms in the other panels. The C_5H_8 pressures are given. The $Ti_xO_yZ^+$ ($Z = C_2H_4$, C_4H_6 , or other C_mH_n) species are labeled as " x_xy_zZ ".



Fig. S2 Variations of the relative ion intensities with respect to the C₅H₈ pressures in the reactions of (a) Ti₂O₅⁺ and C₅H₈ for 3.7 ms, (b) Ti₄O₈⁺ and C₃H₆ for 1.7 ms, respectively. The Ti_xO_yZ⁺ ($Z = C_2H_4$, C₄H₆, C₄H₈, C₅H₆, or C₅H₈) species are labeled as " x_xy_zZ ".

| r | 1/ | Λ [a] | Reaction Channel Types | | | | | k_1 | a ^[b] |
|---|----|--------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---|------------|------------------|
| л | У | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | <i>K</i> 1 | Ø |
| 1 | 1 | -1 | | \checkmark | × | × | × | 3.0 | 220% |
| 1 | 2 | 1 | × | | \checkmark | × | × | 1.8 | 139% |
| 1 | 3 | 3 | × | × | × | \checkmark | | 2.7 | 218% |
| 2 | 3 | -1 | | × | × | × | × | | |
| 2 | 4 | 1 | × | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark | | 2.8 | 247% |
| 2 | 5 | 3 | × | × | × | \checkmark | | 2.6 | 238% |
| 3 | 5 | -1 | | × | × | × | × | | |
| 3 | 6 | 1 | × | \checkmark | \checkmark | \checkmark | × | 2.6 | 242% |
| 3 | 7 | 3 | | × | × | × | × | | |
| 4 | 7 | -1 | | × | × | × | × | | |
| 4 | 8 | 1 | | \checkmark | × | \checkmark | | 2.0 | 196% |
| 4 | 9 | 3 | | × | × | × | × | | |
| 5 | 9 | -1 | | × | × | × | × | | |
| 5 | 10 | 1 | | \checkmark | × | | × | 2.7 | 263% |
| 6 | 12 | 1 | | × | × | × | × | | |
| 7 | 14 | 1 | | × | × | × | × | | |

Table S1. The reaction channels of $Ti_xO_y^+$ clusters with isoprene and the pseudo first-order rate constants (k_1) (in 10⁻⁹ cm³ molecule⁻¹ s⁻¹).

^[a] $\Delta = 2y \cdot nx + q$, *q*: the charge number, *n*: the highest oxidation state of element Ti. ^[b] Reaction efficiency is defined as $\emptyset = (k_1/k_{calc}) \times 100\%$ and k_{calc} is the theoretical rate of collision that is calculated with $k_{calc} = 2\pi (e^2 \alpha / \mu)^{1/2}$, in which *e* is the charge of the cluster ion, α is the electric polarizability of the reactant molecule, and μ is the reduced mass.¹

(a) C₃H₄O ⊶<~>⊸⊶ IA11 C₁ 0.00 IA6 C₁ 1.32 IA7 C₁ 1.49 Methylketene IA10 C₁ 2.14 IA2 C₁ 3.61 IA3 C_1 5.86 IA5 C₁ 2.61 IA9 C₁ 2.18 IA4 C₁ 2.50 IA8 C1 1.52 (b) C₅H₆O IA5 C₁ 0.00 IA7 C₁ 0.12 $IA6 C_1 0.75$ 3-Methylfuran 2-Methylfuran ී IA9 C₁ 1.58 IA10 C1 1.83 IA8 C₁ 2.09

IA1 C₁ 0.51

Fig. S3 DFT-calculated structures of neutral products (a) C_3H_4O , (b) C_5H_6O , and (c) C_5H_7O of the reaction $Ti_2O_5^+ + C_5H_8$. The spin states of (a) C_3H_4O and (b) C_5H_6O are singlet, and that of (c) C_5H_7O is doublet. The zero-point vibration-corrected energies (ΔH_{0K} in eV) of the possible products with respect to the separated reactants $Ti_2O_5^+$ and C_5H_8 are given.

| | Neutral Products | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Product Type | $Ti_xO_y^+ + C_5H_8$ | TiO ₂ surfaces | | | | |
| Hydrocarbon Compounds | C ₅ H ₇ C ₅ H ₆ C ₂ H ₂ (Acetylene) C ₃ H ₄ (Propyne) C ₃ H ₆ (Propylene) | Propanal | | | | |
| Carbonyl Compounds | CH ₂ O (Formaldehyde) C ₃ H ₄ O (Methylketene) | CH ₂ O (Formaldehyde) Butanal/butanone methacrolein, MACR Pentanal Acetone methyl vinyl ketone, MVK | | | | |
| Others | CO H ₂ O C ₅ H ₆ O (2-Methylfuran) C ₅ H ₇ O | CO ₂ Acetaldehyde | | | | |

Table S2. Comparison of neutral products of C_5H_8 oxidation mediated by $Ti_xO_y^+$ cations and TiO_2 surfaces.

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