

## Supplementary Material

### Experimental Approach:

All experiments were conducted in a contamination free UHV chamber operating at base pressures of a few  $10^{-11}$  Torr. The silver substrate was interfaced to a cold finger designed from oxygen free high conductivity copper with a 0.2 mm sheet of indium foil to promote thermal conductivity as the entire assembly is cooled to  $5.5 \pm 0.1$  K. These temperatures are reached using a closed-cycle helium compressor (Sumitomo Heavy Industries, RDK-415E). The target can rotate in its horizontal plane by using a doubly differentially pumped rotational feedthrough (Thermoionics Vacuum Products, RNN-600/FA/ MCO) as well as a moveable UHV compatible bellow (McAllister, BLT106). The ices were prepared by depositing gas mixtures of carbon monoxide (CO, Aldrich, 99.99 %;  $C^{18}O$ , Aldrich, 99 %  $^{18}O$ ) premixed in a gas mixing chamber with methane ( $CH_4$ , Specialty Gases of America, 99.999 %) or ethane ( $C_2H_6$ , Gaspro, 99.999 %), respectively. These mixtures were then introduced into the main chamber at  $5 \times 10^{-8}$  Torr through a glass capillary array positioned 30 mm in front of the silver mirror. The deposition was monitored using laser interferometry and the ice thickness was determined *in situ* to be  $500 \pm 10$  nm with a helium-neon (HeNe) laser (CVI Melles-Griot; 25-LHP-230) operating at 632.8 nm; using an index of refraction of the mixed CO –  $CH_4$  ice of  $1.31 \pm 0.02$  and  $1.30 \pm 0.02$  for the  $C^{18}O$  –  $C_2H_6$  ice derived from numerical fitting of the intensity ratios (56). Using a modified Lambert-Beer relationship with absorption coefficients of  $1.1 \times 10^{-17}$  cm molecule $^{-1}$ ,  $3.5 \times 10^{-19}$  cm molecule $^{-1}$ ,  $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  cm molecule $^{-1}$  and  $2.2 \times 10^{-17}$  cm molecule $^{-1}$  for the 2090 cm $^{-1}$  ( $\nu_1$ ,  $^{13}CO$ ) (57), 4204 cm $^{-1}$  ( $\nu_1 + \nu_4$ ,  $CH_4$ ) (33), 4147 cm $^{-1}$  ( $2\nu_1$ ,  $C^{18}O$ ) (33) and 2973 cm $^{-1}$  ( $\nu_{10}$ ,  $C_2H_6$ ) (58) bands (Table S1), respectively, a total ice thickness of  $500 \pm 100$  nm (CO –  $CH_4$ ;  $1.0 \pm 0.3$  :  $1.6 \pm 0.5$ ) and  $450 \pm 100$  nm ( $C^{18}O$  –  $C_2H_6$ ;  $1.0 \pm 0.4$  :  $1.5 \pm 0.6$ ) was determined, which is in agreement with the data derived from the laser interferometry method.

Each ice was irradiated with 5 keV electrons for 60 minutes at a current of 30 nA over the  $1.0 \pm 0.1$  cm $^2$  area at an angle of incidence of  $70^\circ$  with respect to the surface normal of the silver mirror substrate. The average penetration depth of the 5 keV electrons was calculated utilizing Monte Carlo simulations (CASINO) (59) to be  $350 \pm 40$  nm (CO –  $CH_4$ ) and  $320 \pm 30$  nm ( $C^{18}O$  –  $C_2H_6$ ), which is less than the thickness of the deposited ice mixtures of  $500 \pm 10$  nm ensuring that there is no interaction between the substrate and the electrons. The ice was exposed to doses

of  $3.1 \pm 1.0$  eV per CO molecule and  $3.5 \pm 1.0$  eV per CH<sub>4</sub> molecule for the CO – CH<sub>4</sub> ice mixture and  $3.7 \pm 1.0$  eV per C<sup>18</sup>O molecule and  $5.3 \pm 1.3$  eV per C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> molecule. These doses are calculated utilizing the densities of  $1.03 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  (60),  $0.47 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  (61) and  $0.719 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$  (62) for carbon monoxide, methane, and ethane, respectively. The ice mixtures were monitored both *online* and *in situ* before, during, and after the irradiation phase of the experiment via a Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) spectrometer (Nicolet 6700) in the range of 6,000 to 500 cm<sup>-1</sup> with a resolution of 4 cm<sup>-1</sup> in intervals of 2 minutes. This results in the collection of 30 FTIR spectra during the 1 hour irradiation period at 5.5 K. After the irradiation, the ice is held isothermal for an hour, and then temperature programmed desorption (TPD) was exploited to sublime the ice as well as any newly formed products, which can then be detected in the gas phase by heating the substrate to 300 K at 0.5 K min<sup>-1</sup>.

Abplanalp et al. (2015) (63) provides a detailed account of the PI-ReTOF-MS technique used in this work. Using a reflectron time-of-flight mass spectrometer (Jordan TOF Products, Inc.) coupled with soft photoionization allows the detection of subliming molecules upon photoionization of the neutral molecules. The subliming molecules were analyzed via single photon ionization by using coherent vacuum ultraviolet (VUV) light pulsed at 30 Hz. The VUV generation chamber is operated at a pressure of about  $4 \times 10^{-4}$  Torr, where the backing pressure for the pulse valve is 1,900 Torr. The 10.49 eV photons were produced from the third harmonic of a Nd:YAG laser (354.6 nm; Spectra Physics, PRO-250-30; 333 mJ pulse<sup>-1</sup>) by frequency tripling in pulsed jets of xenon. The xenon gas acts as a non-linear medium in order to produce 118.2 nm (10.49 eV) VUV used to photoionize the subliming molecules. To produce VUV energies of 9.80, 9.60, and 8.40 eV, resonant four-wave difference mixing was utilized ( $\omega_{\text{VUV}} = 2\omega_1 - \omega_2$ ). For instance, to produce the 9.60 eV (129.1 nm;  $\omega_{\text{VUV}}$ ) photons ultraviolet (202.3 nm; 6.13 eV;  $\omega_1$ ) and visible (466.7 nm; 2.66 eV;  $\omega_2$ ) light was generated by a pair of Nd:YAG pumped dye lasers. The  $\omega_1$  light was produced by frequency tripling the dye laser output (Sirah, Cobra-Stretch; 606.9 nm, 2.04 eV) using  $\beta$ -BaB<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub> (BBO) crystals (44° and 77°) to generate 202.3 nm (6.13 eV). Similarly,  $\omega_2$  light was the output from the second Nd:YAG pumped dye laser (Sirah, Precision Scan) of 466.7 nm (2.66 eV). Once  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  were generated the laser beams were then overlapped in time by utilizing a pulse delay generator and spatially through a system of dichroic mirrors that were sensitive to the wavelength needed and then focused through a MgF<sub>2</sub> window (Kurt J. Lesker Company; VPZL-275 UM) using a fused silica bi-

convex lens (Thorlabs LB4265;  $f = 150$  mm) into the differentially pumped vacuum chamber that contained the pulsed piezoelectric valve. In this case the non-linear medium consisted of pulsed jets of krypton (99.999 %; Specialty Gases) operated with a backing pressure of 1,520 Torr, at a rate of 30 Hz, and a pulse of 80  $\mu$ s, which generated the 9.60 eV VUV photons via four-wave difference mixing ( $\omega_{\text{VUV}} = 2\omega_1 - \omega_2$ ) (64). However, it should be noted that this process results in the generation of ultraviolet light ( $\omega_1$ ), visible light ( $\omega_2$ ), and VUV light ( $2\omega_1 + \omega_2$ ;  $2\omega_1 - \omega_2$ ;  $3\omega_1$ ;  $3\omega_2$ ), all of which are capable of photoionizing the subliming molecules in theory. This was accounted for by spatially separating the overlapping wavelengths with an off axis lithium fluoride (LiF) planoconvex lens (ISP Optics, LF-PX-38-150;  $f = 150$  mm) (65), which has specific refractive indices for individual wavelengths. Hence only the desired wavelength photo ionizes the subliming molecules. Here, the wavelength of interest was then passed through a 1 mm aperture and then photoionized the subliming molecules 1 mm above the substrate surface. The ions were then analyzed within the reflectron time-of-flight mass spectrometer and detected by a multichannel plate operating in a dual chevron configuration based upon the arrival time. The multichannel plate signals were then amplified (Ortec 9305) and shaped. The corresponding time-of-flight signal was then recorded via a personal computer multichannel scalar (FAST ComTec, P7888-1 E) that operated at 30 Hz (Quantum Composers, 9518) with a 4 ns bin width and 3600 sweeps for each mass spectrum, thus correlating with a change in temperature of 1 K per spectrum during the TPD process. This approach was crucial for discriminating which isomers were formed in the irradiation experiments of both the CO – CH<sub>4</sub> and C<sup>18</sup>O – C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> systems.

The complete data sets are compiled in Figure 2 with signal observed up to mass-to-charge ratios ( $m/z$ ) of  $m/z = 118$  and  $m/z = 122$  for the CO – CH<sub>4</sub> and C<sup>18</sup>O – C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> systems, respectively. Accounting for the isotopic substitution pattern, this finding suggests that besides acetaldehyde – vinyl alcohol and propanal – propenol, aldehydes/enols up to C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>HCO are synthesized. Previous studies of irradiated methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and D<sub>4</sub>-methane (CD<sub>4</sub>) ices revealed that hydrocarbons up to C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>46</sub> are formed (66). Considering the formation pathways of acetaldehyde and propanal via hydrogen loss from the methane and ethane alkane via radiolysis followed by hydrogen atom (H) – carbon monoxide reaction to the formyl radical (HCO) and recombination of the latter with the alkyl radical, COMs up to C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>13</sub>HCO as found in the CO – CH<sub>4</sub> and CO – C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> systems are likely formed via a similar reaction sequence of a radiolytic

hydrogen loss from the alkane forming the alkyl radical (R), followed by formyl radical formation (HCO), and recombination of the latter with the alkyl radical to the aldehyde (RHCO). The identification of these aldehydes along with their isomers is subject of a forthcoming publication and requires a detailed analysis of the isotopically labeled systems together with the data recorded at different photoionization energies of 10.49 eV, 9.80 eV, 9.60 eV, and 8.40 eV.

The development of infrared band for the formyl radical, methyl radical, acetaldehyde, and vinyl alcohol for the CO – CH<sub>4</sub> system, as well as the formyl radical, ethyl radical, propanal, and (E)/(Z)-1-propenol for the C<sup>18</sup>O – C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> ices during the irradiation exposure was continuously monitored (Figs. S2-S3). The formyl, methyl, and ethyl radicals could be fit using pseudo-first-order kinetics (equations (13)-(15))

$$(S1) \quad [\text{HCO}](t) = a(1 - e^{-k_1 t}),$$

$$(S2) \quad [\text{CH}_3](t) = b(1 - e^{-k_2 t}),$$

$$(S3) \quad [\text{C}_2\text{H}_5](t) = b'(1 - e^{-k_2' t}).$$

Using equations (S1)-(S2) to fit the formyl radical and methyl radical for the CO – CH<sub>4</sub> experimental data determines  $k_1 = (2.5 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $a = (3.8 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{15} \text{ molecules cm}^{-2}$  along with  $k_2 = (1.5 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $b = (1.2 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{15} \text{ molecules cm}^{-2}$ , respectively. Similarly by using equations (S1 and S3) to fit the formyl radical and ethyl radical for the C<sup>18</sup>O – C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> experimental data determines  $k_1 = (2.9 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $a = (1.8 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{15} \text{ molecules cm}^{-2}$  and  $k_2' = (1.8 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $b' = (3.6 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{15} \text{ molecules cm}^{-2}$ , respectively.

The production of the keto-enol isomers can be described as the consecutive reaction of (A→B→C), where A corresponds to the reactants, such as a complex or the carbon monoxide and the methane molecule as discussed above, that can form the respective aldehyde (B) via rapid radical reaction of the formyl radical with the methyl radical, which then forms the enol isomers (C). In order to fit the development of acetaldehyde and vinyl alcohol we used these consecutive kinetics (reactions (S4)-(S5)),

$$(S4) \quad [\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}](t) = \frac{k_3 c}{k_4 - k_3} (e^{-k_3 t} - e^{-k_4 t}),$$

$$(S5) \quad [\text{C}_2\text{H}_3\text{OH}](t) = c \left( 1 - \frac{k_4}{k_4 - k_3} e^{-k_3 t} + \frac{k_3}{k_4 - k_3} e^{-k_4 t} \right).$$

In these equations the c term corresponds to the initial concentration of complex A,  $k_3$  defines the

rate of conversion of A to B, and  $k_4$  corresponds to the conversion of B to C. The best fits for the acetaldehyde and vinyl alcohol production were calculated using  $k_3 = (4.5 \pm 0.4) \times 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$ ,  $k_4 = (2.7 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , and  $c = (1.3 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{15} \text{ molecules cm}^{-2}$ . Utilizing the corrected infrared column densities assigned to acetaldehyde and vinyl alcohol of 19 %, and 9 %, respectively, and the average energy deposited by the electrons into the ice the yield for each molecule per electron volt absorbed energy can be calculated. This resulted in values of  $(4.9 \pm 1.9) \times 10^{-5} \text{ molecules eV}^{-1}$  and  $(4.1 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-7} \text{ molecules eV}^{-1}$  for acetaldehyde and vinyl alcohol, respectively.

### Theoretical Approach:

Table S2 reports the computed photoionization cross sections of acetaldehyde, vinyl alcohol, propanal, and (E)/(Z)-1-propenol (43). First, geometries were optimized with the  $\omega$ B97X-D density functional and the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set (44). The Dyson orbitals and ionization energies were then computed in Q-Chem (45) with the coupled-cluster approach using both single and double excitation (CCSD) for the ground-state ( $S_0$ ) wave function, and equation-of-motion ionization potential CCSD (EOM-IP-CCSD) for the ionized state ( $D_1$ ) wave function (46-48). The CCSD/EOM-IP-CCSD Dyson orbital calculations utilized the aug-cc-pVTZ basis set. Photoionization cross sections are computed in ezDyson v. 3.0 (43, 46, 49). Ionization energies were computed by taking the difference between the CCSD  $S_0$  energy and the EOM-IP-CCSD  $D_1$  energy, each computed at the respective equilibrium structure to account for geometry relaxation of the ionized state, also accounting for ZPE corrections to the ionization energies at the  $\omega$ B97X-D/aug-cc-pVTZ level of theory. The FCFs were computed within the double-harmonic and parallel mode approximations using ezSpectrum (50) using  $S_0$  and  $D_1$  structures and frequencies computed with  $\omega$ B97X-D/aug-cc-pVTZ (Table S4). The cross-section calculations also requires the photoelectron wave function which is described by Coulomb waves with a partial (effective) charge  $Z$  that is between 0 and 1 (43). Note that when  $Z = 0$  for a Coulomb wave, it becomes exactly a plane wave. The algorithm for predicting this effective charge from first principles is not yet implemented, and so in the present work we resort to computing photoionization cross sections using Coulomb waves with different values of  $Z$  ranging from 0 to 1 and testing the sensitivity of branching ratios to the value of  $Z$ .

In Table S2, we report the photoionization cross sections for acetaldehyde, vinyl alcohol, propanal, and the two isomers of 1-propenol for different values of the effective charge ( $Z$ ). Experimental literature values are shown in Table S2; these are only known for acetaldehyde, vinyl alcohol, and propanal. We find that  $Z = 0$ ,  $Z = 1$ , and  $Z = 0.8$  give the best agreement with experimental values for acetaldehyde, vinyl alcohol, and propanal, respectively, but that the cross section does vary considerably with  $Z$ . This suggests that there is no clear indication for which  $Z$  value should be used to compare the cross sections for the branching ratios. However, at least one value of  $Z$  exists for which the computed cross sections are in good agreement with the experimental value for each molecule, and within the reported experimental error of 20-25% (67, 68). This has also been demonstrated for a number of small organic molecules in a recent study (43). Therefore, the branching ratios can then be obtained by using relative cross sections of each aldehyde and corresponding enol at six values of  $Z$  (0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 1.0) and taking their average. This yields branching ratios that are based on theoretically computed cross sections (“Theoretical Ratios” in Table S3). If instead we use experimentally determined cross sections for acetaldehyde, vinyl alcohol, and propanal and theoretical cross sections just for (E)/(Z)-1-propenol, we obtain the values shown as “Experimental Ratios” in Table S3. We also consider that the “ideal”  $Z$  that produces the correct cross section for each system may be different for each aldehyde and its corresponding enol. Therefore, we compute the branching ratios using the combination of  $Z$  values for each aldehyde/enol pair that gives the largest and smallest branching ratios, thus giving the range of branching ratios where we can expect with high confidence the true branching ratio to fall. This gives 1.27 : 1 – 3.72 : 1 for acetaldehyde : vinyl alcohol, 1.71 : 1 – 12.46 : 1 for propanal:(E)-1-propenol, and 2.95 : 1 – 16.61 : 1 for propanal:(Z)-1-propenol. Despite the uncertainty in the exact branching ratios of the aldehyde/enol pairs, the analysis above clearly suggests that the experimentally derived branching ratios are several orders of magnitude larger than those expected from thermal processes.

### **Determination of Keto – Enol Branching Ratios:**

In the experiments exploiting a photoionization energy of 10.49 eV, the TPD profile portraying the ion currents of  $m/z = 44$  (CO-CH<sub>4</sub>) and 60 (C<sup>18</sup>O – C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>) versus the temperature, hereafter TPD<sub>44</sub>(T) and TPD<sub>60</sub>(T), represent a linear combination of the individual TPD profiles of the aldehydes (TPD<sub>44(aldehyde)</sub>(T) and TPD<sub>60(aldehyde)</sub>(T)) and the enols (TPD<sub>44(enol)</sub>(T) and

TPD<sub>60(enol)</sub>(T)) (Fig S5A) (S6 and S7).

$$(S6) \quad \text{TPD}_{44}(\text{T}) = \text{TPD}_{44(\text{aldehyde})}(\text{T}) + f_1 \times \text{TPD}_{44(\text{enol})}(\text{T}) = \text{TPD}_{44(\text{aldehyde})}(\text{T}) + \text{TPD}'_{44(\text{enol})}(\text{T})$$

$$(S7) \quad \text{TPD}_{60}(\text{T}) = \text{TPD}_{60(\text{aldehyde})}(\text{T}) + f_2 \times \text{TPD}_{60(\text{enol})}(\text{T}) = \text{TPD}_{60(\text{aldehyde})}(\text{T}) + \text{TPD}'_{60(\text{enol})}(\text{T})$$

The tunable experiments below 10.49 eV resulted in signal belonging only to the TPD profile of the enol isomers, TPD<sub>44(enol)</sub>(T) and TPD<sub>60(enol)</sub>(T); considering that the ion intensity depends on the photoionization wavelength due to distinct photoionization cross sections, this signal was scaled with scaling factors  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  to the intensity that was detected in the 10.49 eV experiment (Fig. S5B). Next, the signal belonging to the enol isomer ( $f_1 \times \text{TPD}_{44(\text{enol})}(\text{T}) = \text{TPD}'_{44(\text{enol})}(\text{T})$  and  $f_2 \times \text{TPD}_{60(\text{enol})}(\text{T}) = \text{TPD}'_{60(\text{enol})}(\text{T})$ ) was subtracted from the signal at 10.49 eV (TPD<sub>44</sub>(T) and TPD<sub>60</sub>(T)). This remaining signal after subtraction corresponds to the TPD profile of the aldehyde isomer (TPD<sub>44(aldehyde)</sub>(T) and TPD<sub>60(aldehyde)</sub>(T)) (Fig. S5C-red). Therefore, the TPD profiles recorded at 10.49 eV can be effectively decoupled into individual contributions from the aldehydes (TPD<sub>44(aldehyde)</sub>(T) and TPD<sub>60(aldehyde)</sub>(T)) and the enols (TPD'<sub>44(enol)</sub>(T) and TPD'<sub>60(enol)</sub>(T)). Finally, since each isomer at 10.49 eV has a different photoionization cross-section, the integrated individual TPD profiles had to be normalized using their respective photoionization cross-sections at 10.49 eV (Fig. S5D) prior to integration. Table S2 compiles the experimentally determined photoionization cross sections as available from literature as well as computed photoionization cross sections for the keto-enol isomers detected in these experiments by varying the effective charge ( $Z$ ) from 0.0 – 1.0 (*Theoretical Approach*). The photoionization cross sections were then applied to each respective isomer integrated ion signal as a normalization factor (Fig. S5D). Therefore, the ratios of the integrated normalized signals are equivalent to the aldehyde to enol relative ratio (Table S3).

The determination of these branching ratios provides specific details on the conditions of their synthesis. If the tautomers are synthesized within a thermodynamical equilibrium process during the warm up in the gas-phase, keto-enol branching ratios of  $3.80 \times 10^{249}$  (10 K) to  $1.94 \times 10^{11}$  (200 K) for acetaldehyde versus vinyl alcohol,  $6.34 \times 10^{88}$  (10 K) and  $2.75 \times 10^4$  (200 K) for propanal versus (E)-1-propenol, and  $4.8 \times 10^{62}$  (10 K) along with  $1.4 \times 10^3$  (200 K) for propanal versus (Z)-1-propenol are expected. A comparison of the thermodynamically predicted ratios with the experimentally derived branching ratios of  $2.68 \pm 1.02$  (acetaldehyde : vinyl alcohol),  $3.20 \pm 0.80$  (propanal : (E)-1-propenol), and  $4.23 \pm 0.96$  (propanal : (Z)-1-propenol) shows an

overproduction of the enols.

These branching ratios provide valuable information on the conditions during their synthesis. If the tautomers are synthesized within a thermodynamical equilibrium process during the warm up in the gas-phase, i.e. a hypothetical tautomerization of the subliming acetaldehyde to the vinyl alcohol, this route is connected with an equilibrium constant  $K$  defined as the quotient of the concentration of the keto and enol tautomers with  $K = [\text{keto}]/[\text{enol}] = \exp(-\Delta G/RT)$  at the temperature  $T$  with  $R$  being the ideal gas constant and  $\Delta G$  the difference in standard Gibbs free energies of the keto and enol tautomers:  $\Delta G$  (acetaldehyde - vinyl alcohol) = - 43 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>,  $\Delta G$  (propanal : (E)-1-propenol) = -17 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>, and  $\Delta G$  (propanal : (Z)-1-propenol) = -12 kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>. Hence, within the temperature range from 10 K to 200 K with the latter defining the maximum temperature at which the keto and enol forms have sublimed, keto-enol branching ratios of  $3.80 \times 10^{249}$  (10 K) and of  $1.94 \times 10^{11}$  (200 K) for acetaldehyde versus vinyl alcohol,  $6.34 \times 10^{88}$  (10 K) along with  $2.75 \times 10^4$  (200 K) for propanal versus (E)-1-propenol and  $4.8 \times 10^{62}$  (10 K) and  $1.4 \times 10^3$  (200 K) for propanal versus (Z)-1-propenol are expected. Therefore, we should detect fractions of the enol tautomers at levels of 6 ppt, 36 ppm, and 734 ppm, for vinyl alcohol, (E)-1-propenol, and (Z)-1-propenol, respectively, if they are formed via thermal reactions. However, a comparison of these data with the experimentally derived branching ratios of  $2.68 \pm 1.02$  (acetaldehyde : vinyl alcohol),  $3.20 \pm 0.80$  (propanal : (E)-1-propenol), and  $4.23 \pm 0.96$  (propanal : (Z)-1-propenol) exposes a significant *overproduction* of the enol tautomers by 249, 88, and 62 orders of magnitude, respectively. Therefore, our data reveal that in our experiments, these tautomers are not formed under thermal equilibrium conditions within the warm up phase of the ices, but through non-equilibrium processes at ultralow temperatures.

**Astrochemical Modeling.** In the present work, astrochemical networks were used to explore the impact of the non-equilibrium chemistry on the production of these complex molecules (*Tables S5-S7*). These models consisted of average conditions in SgrB2(N) ( $T_{\text{gas}} = 50$  K;  $T_{\text{grain}} = 15$  K) and were first run for each environment with a cosmic-ray ionization rate of  $\zeta = 10^{-16}$  s<sup>-1</sup>, as supported by recent observations by the Atacama Pathfinder Experiment (APEX) and the addition of vinyl alcohol to the gas-grain network (*Table S6*). Then, the models were simulated again including the reactions in the network given by reactions (3)-(7), i.e. the novel chemistry described in this work within the icy grains (*Table S7*). To model the astrochemical process that



involves reactions within the ice, the actually observed abundances of the constituents of the ice must be taken into consideration. In interstellar grain ice mantles, carbon monoxide is typically more abundant than methane, thus, the rate limiting step used in these models is the formation of the energetic hydrogen atom from the dissociation of methane, given by reaction (4). The rate coefficient,  $JCH_4(s^{-1})$ , for this process was calculated using the formula (13)  $JCH_4 = S_e G_{tot} \phi$  where  $\phi$  is the radiation flux,  $S_e$  is the electronic stopping cross-section of the electrons in the medium being considered, and  $G_{tot}$  is the total geminacy factor, i.e. the number of species produced per eV of energy deposited by the incoming particle summed over all product channels (54). From the experimental data,  $G_{tot}$  was determined to have a value of  $12.2 \pm 1.3$  molecules  $eV^{-1}$ . This value can be considered to be a first-order approximation of the efficiency of the radiation chemistry of carbon monoxide and methane. However, the case of real interstellar grains would have carbon monoxide and methane adsorbed in an amorphous solid water (ASW) matrix (55). This dilution effect of being in the ASW matrix is accounted for the model in terms of the abundances used in calculating the total rates, as well as in the electronic stopping cross-section,  $S_e$ , used in determining the rate coefficient. The calculated value of the electronic stopping cross-section was  $S_e = 2.8 \times 10^{-18}$  eV  $cm^2$  molecule $^{-1}$  as derived using ESTAR (51), which utilizes the density-corrected formulation of the Bethe equation (52, 53). Using a standard cosmic-ray flux of  $\phi \approx 10$   $cm^{-2}$   $s^{-1}$  thus results in a rate-coefficient of  $JCH_4 \approx (3.42 \pm 0.35) \times 10^{-16}$   $s^{-1}$ . Given the complexity of the physical processes involved in the chemistry of irradiated solids, this rate coefficient should be seen as an overall value that includes the contributions of secondary electrons and recoils. Also, the models calculate rate coefficients for diffusive grain-surface reactions using the diffusion energy barrier,  $E_d$ . Considering a kinetic energy of the hydrogen atoms of a few eV, the models incorporate the suprathreshold hydrogen formed via reaction (4) as being able to diffuse barrierlessly. Meanwhile the formyl radical (HCO) formed via reaction (5) was calculated as having a reduced diffusion barrier of 537 K utilizing the standard diffusion formula  $k_{diff} = \nu \exp(-E_d/T)$  and  $k_4$  determined from the experimental results. In the standard diffusion formula  $E_d$  is the diffusive barrier,  $\nu$  is some trial frequency for physisorbed species, here given a customary value of  $1 \times 10^{12}$   $s^{-1}$ , and  $T$  is the ice temperature. In order to incorporate the laboratory measurement of the rate coefficient for reaction (6) into the interstellar models as a function of temperature, we treated the reaction as a diffusive one with a first-order rate coefficient for hopping from one potential well to an adjacent one. It is important

to clarify that accounting for Spitzer data, the ice composition can vary with the source (low- and high-mass protostars, background stars) as demonstrated for instance for carbon monoxide (CO), whose abundances can vary from 3 to 50 %, often within the presence of water (polar ices). Therefore, it is not feasible to define a unique model ice in laboratory simulation experiments, but it is important to approximate ices as ‘typical’ model ices. Second, real interstellar grains are not only exposed to a range of energetic GCRs but also to ultraviolet photons; the latter only interact with the first few icy layers of the grains, whereas energetic GCRs can penetrate the icy mantle; therefore, GCR and ultraviolet exposure can lead to different keto – enol branching ratios, but the astronomical surveys observe the results of cumulative effects of GCRs and photon exposure of interstellar ices. It should be noted that the observed abundances of selected COMs such as ethers (dimethylether) in hot cores and hot corinos can be reproduced by astrochemical models, but these are special cases and do not involve a versatile route to reproduce the overall abundances of COMs (69).

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Table S1a. Infrared absorption features recorded before and after the irradiation of carbon monoxide-methane ices (CO - CH<sub>4</sub>) at 5.5 K.

| CH <sub>4</sub> :CO                    |                                       |  |                                       |      |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|------|
| Before Irradiation (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | After Irradiation (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | assignment   | carrier                               | ref. |
| 4534, 4302, 4204                       |                                       | $\nu_2 + \nu_3, \nu_3 + \nu_4, \nu_1 + \nu_4$ (CH <sub>4</sub> ) | Combinations                          | (70) |
| 4248                                   |                                       | $2\nu_1$ (CO)  | Overtone                              | (71) |
|  | 3253                                  | $\nu_3$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> )                         | CH stretch                            | (70) |
|  | 3239                                  | $\nu_2$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> OH)                       | CH <sub>2</sub> asymmetric stretch    | (30) |
|  | 3093                                  | $\nu_9$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )                         | CH <sub>2</sub> asymmetric stretch    | (70) |
| 3011                                   |                                       | $\nu_3$ (CH <sub>4</sub> )                                       | degenerate stretch                    | (70) |
|  | 2978                                  | $\nu_{10}$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )                      | CH <sub>3</sub> degenerate stretch    | (70) |
|  | 2962                                  | $\nu_1$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )                         | CH <sub>3</sub> symmetric stretch     | (70) |
|  | 2943                                  | $\nu_8 + \nu_{11}$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )              | Combination                           | (70) |
|  | 2920                                  | $\nu_8 + \nu_{11}$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )              | Combination                           | (70) |
| 2905                                   |                                       | $\nu_1$ (CH <sub>4</sub> )                                       | CH symmetric stretch                  | (70) |
|  | 2885                                  | $\nu_5$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )                         | CH <sub>3</sub> symmetric stretch     | (70) |
| 2818                                   |                                       | $\nu_2 + \nu_4$ (CH <sub>4</sub> )                               | Combination                           | (70) |
|  | 2748                                  | $\nu_2 + \nu_6$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )                 | Combination                           | (70) |
| 2595                                   |                                       | $2\nu_4$ (CH <sub>4</sub> )                                      | Overtone                              | (70) |
|  | 2341                                  | $\nu_3$ (CO <sub>2</sub> )                                       | CO asymmetric stretch                 | (71) |
|  | 2276                                  | $\nu_3$ ( <sup>13</sup> CO <sub>2</sub> )                        | CO asymmetric stretch                 | (71) |
|  | 2242                                  | $\nu_3$ (C <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> )                         | CO asymmetric stretch                 | (71) |
|  | 2192                                  | $\nu_1$ (C <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> )                         | CO stretch                            | (71) |
| 2137                                   |                                       | $\nu_1$ (CO)   | CO stretch                            | (71) |
| 2090                                   |                                       | $\nu_1$ ( <sup>13</sup> CO)                                      | CO stretch                            | (71) |
|  | 1853                                  | $\nu_3$ (HCO)  | CO stretch                            | (16) |
|  | 1790-1600                             | a  | CO stretch                            | (33) |
|  | 1646                                  | $\nu_4$ (C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> )                         | C=C stretch                           | (34) |
|  | 1635                                  | $\nu_5$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> OH)                       | C=C stretch                           | (30) |
|  | 1466                                  | $\nu_{11}$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )                      | CH <sub>3</sub> deformation           | (70) |
|  | 1427                                  | $\nu_{12}$ (CH <sub>3</sub> CHO)                                 | CH <sub>3</sub> deformation           | (16) |
|  | 1373                                  | $\nu_6$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )                         | CH <sub>3</sub> symmetric deformation | (70) |
|  | 1350                                  | $\nu_7$ (CH <sub>3</sub> CHO)                                    | CH <sub>3</sub> deformation           | (16) |
| 1302                                   |                                       | $\nu_4$ (CH <sub>4</sub> )                                       | Degenerate stretch                    | (70) |
|  | 1130                                  | $\nu_9$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub> OH)                       | CO stretch                            | (30) |
|  | 1120                                  | $\nu_8$ (CH <sub>3</sub> CHO)                                    | CH <sub>3</sub> deformation           | (16) |
|  | 1091                                  | $\nu_2$ (HCO)  | Bending                               | (16) |
|  | 957                                   | $\nu_7$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )                         | CH <sub>2</sub> wag                   | (34) |
|  | 821                                   | $\nu_{12}$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )                      | Bending                               | (34) |
|  | 613                                   | $\nu_2$ (CH <sub>3</sub> )                                       | Out of plane                          | (70) |

Notes: (a) Carbonyl stretching region (saturated/unsaturated aldehydes/ketones with mono-/di-/tri-/tetra- substituted side chains)

Table S1b. Infrared absorption features recorded before and after the irradiation of O<sup>18</sup>-carbon monoxide-ethane - ices (C<sup>18</sup>O - C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>) at 5.5 K

| C <sup>18</sup> O:C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>            |                                       |  |                                     |            |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Before Irradiation (cm <sup>-1</sup> )                     | After Irradiation (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | Assignment   | Carrier                             | References |
| 4400, 4356, 4322, 4271, 4250, 4186, 4160, 4125, 4084, 4068 |                                       | $\nu_8 + \nu_{10}, \nu_2 + \nu_7, \nu_6 + \nu_{10}, \nu_1 + \nu_6, \nu_2 + \nu_5, \nu_7 + \nu_{12}, \nu_7 + \nu_{12}, \nu_8 + \nu_{11} + \nu_{12}, \nu_8 + \nu_{11} + \nu_{12}, \nu_5 + \nu_{12}$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> ) | Overtone/ Combinations              | (34)       |
| 4147   |                                       | 2 $\nu_1$ (C <sup>18</sup> O)  | Overtone                            | (33)       |
| 3258   |                                       | $\nu_4 + \nu_7$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )   | Combination                         | (72)       |
|  | 3105                                  | $\nu_{10}$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> )  | CH <sub>2</sub> asymmetric stretch  | (34)       |
|  | 3091                                  | $\nu_9$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )   | CH <sub>2</sub> asymmetric stretch  | (33)       |
|  | 3008                                  | $\nu_3$ (CH <sub>4</sub> )   | Deg. stretch                        | (33)       |
| 2973   |                                       | $\nu_{10}$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )  | CH <sub>3</sub> stretch             | (33)       |
| 2959   |                                       | $\nu_1$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )   | CH <sub>3</sub> stretch             | (33, 70)   |
| 2942   |                                       | $\nu_8 + \nu_{11}$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )  | Combination                         | (72)       |
| 2913   |                                       | $\nu_8 + \nu_{11}$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )  | Combination                         | (72)       |
| 2881   |                                       | $\nu_5$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )   | CH <sub>3</sub> symmetric stretch   | (33)       |
| 2852   |                                       | $\nu_2 + \nu_4 + \nu_{12}$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )  | Combination                         | (72)       |
| 2827   |                                       | $\nu_6 + \nu_{11}$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )  | Combination                         | (72)       |
| 2739   |                                       | $\nu_2 + \nu_6$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )   | Combination                         | (33)       |
| 2648   |                                       | $\nu_8 + \nu_{12}$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )  | Combination                         | (72)       |
| 2558   |                                       | $\nu_6 + \nu_9$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )   | Combination                         | (33)       |
| 2359   |                                       | $\nu_3 + \nu_6$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )   | Combination                         | (72)       |
|  | 2338                                  | $\nu_3$ ( <sup>18</sup> OCO)   | CO asymmetric stretch               | (71)       |
|  | 2323                                  | $\nu_3$ (CO <sub>2</sub> )   | CO asymmetric stretch               | (33)       |
|  | 2310                                  | $\nu_3$ (C <sup>18</sup> O <sub>2</sub> )  | CO asymmetric stretch               | (71)       |
|  | 2227                                  | $\nu_3$ (C <sub>3</sub> <sup>18</sup> O <sub>2</sub> )   | CO asymmetric stretch               | (71)       |
|  | 2161                                  | $\nu_1$ (C <sub>3</sub> <sup>18</sup> O <sub>2</sub> )   | CO stretch                          | (71)       |
| 2136   |                                       | $\nu_1$ (CO)   | CO stretch                          | (33)       |
| 2110   |                                       | $\nu_1$ (CO-Ag)  | CO stretch                          | (71)       |
| 2089   |                                       | $\nu_1$ (C <sup>18</sup> O)  | CO stretch                          | (33)       |
|  | 1811                                  | $\nu_3$ HC <sup>18</sup> O   | CO stretch                          | (33)       |
|  | 1740-1600                             | a  | CO stretch                          | (33)       |
|  | 1645                                  | $\nu_4$ (C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> )   | C=C stretch                         | (23)       |
| 1463   |                                       | $\nu_{11}$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )  | CH <sub>3</sub> deformation         | (23)       |
|  | 1435                                  | $\nu_{12}$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> ) / $\nu_8$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O <sup>18</sup> H)  | CH <sub>2</sub> scissor/ CH stretch | (32, 33)   |
| 1371   |                                       | $\nu_6$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )   | CH <sub>3</sub> deformation         | (33)       |
|  | 1340                                  | $\nu_9$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>5</sub> O <sup>18</sup> H)  | CH <sub>2</sub> wag                 | (32)       |
|  | 1301                                  | $\nu_4$ (CH <sub>4</sub> )   | Degenerate stretch                  | (33)       |
|  | 1083                                  | $\nu_2$ HC <sup>18</sup> O   | CO stretch                          | (33)       |
|  | 974                                   | $\nu_{35}$ (C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub> )   | CH <sub>3</sub> rock                | (34)       |
|  | 951                                   | $\nu_7$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> )   | CH <sub>2</sub> wag                 | (34)       |
| 820  |                                       | $\nu_{12}$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )  | Bending                             | (34)       |
|  | 758                                   | $\nu_5$ (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> )   | CCH bend                            | (70)       |

Notes: (a) Carbonyl stretching region (saturated/unsaturated aldehydes/ketones with mono-/di-/tri-/tetra- substituted side chains)

Table S2. Calculated and Experimental Photoionization Cross-sections at 10.49 eV

| <b>Effective Charge<br/>(Z)</b> | <b>Acetaldehyde<br/>(Mb)</b>     | <b>Vinyl Alcohol<br/>(Mb)</b> | <b>Propanal<br/>(Mb)</b>          | <b>(E)-1-Propenol<br/>(Mb)</b> | <b>(Z)-1-Propenol<br/>(Mb)</b> |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 0.0                             | 7.8                              | 11.5                          | 2.9                               | 5.1                            | 9.6                            |
| 0.2                             | 12.0                             | 14.6                          | 8.1                               | 8.3                            | 13.2                           |
| 0.4                             | 16.6                             | 13.5                          | 10.7                              | 9.3                            | 12.0                           |
| 0.6                             | 16.8                             | 12.2                          | 10.9                              | 9.7                            | 9.6                            |
| 0.8                             | 14.6                             | 10.9                          | 9.8                               | 9.9                            | 8.8                            |
| 1.0                             | 12.3                             | 10.7                          | 9.1                               | 9.8                            | 9.6                            |
| Experimental<br>Cross section   | 7.0 ± 2.0 (73)<br>7.4 ± 1.9 (67) | 9.7 ± 2.4 (67)                | 10.0 ± 1.0 (73)<br>9.5 ± 1.9 (68) | Not Available                  | Not Available                  |

Table S3. Derived Keto – Enol Branching Ratios Using Experimental and Theoretical Photoionization Cross Sections

| <b>Isomers</b>               | <b>Raw Signal Ratios</b> | <b>Experimental Ratios*</b> | <b>Theoretical Ratios</b> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Acetaldehyde : Vinyl alcohol | 1.99 ± 0.14 : 1          | 2.68 ± 1.02 : 1             | 2.15 ± 0.76 : 1           |
| Propanal : (E)-1-propenol    | 3.65 ± 0.26 : 1          | 3.20 ± 0.80 : 1             | 4.64 ± 2.84 : 1           |
| Propanal : (Z)-1-propenol    | 3.65 ± 0.26 : 1          | 4.23 ± 0.96 : 1             | 6.13 ± 3.71 : 1           |

\*Ratios listed as “Experimental” include experimentally determined photoionization cross-section if available.



Table S4. Calculated vibrational frequencies with  $\omega$ B97X-D/aug-cc-pVTZ and the vibrations observed for each molecule in the present experiments

| Acetaldehyde<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) |                    | Vinyl Alcohol<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) |                    | Propanal<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) |                     | (E)-1-propenol<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | (Z)-1-propenol<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) | (E)/(Z)-1-propenol<br>( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| Computed<br>( $\times 0.9566$ )      | Observed<br>Values | Computed<br>( $\times 0.9566$ )       | Observed<br>Values | Computed<br>( $\times 0.9566$ )  | Observed<br>Values* | Computed<br>( $\times 0.9566$ )        | Computed<br>( $\times 0.9566$ )        | Observed<br>Values*                        |
| 3018                                 |                    | 3698                                  |                    | 3007                             |                     | 3776                                   | 3771                                   |  |
| 2977                                 |                    | 3114                                  | 3239               | 2997                             |                     | 3037                                   | 3075                                   |  |
| 2912                                 |                    | 3055                                  |                    | 2927                             |                     | 3015                                   | 3023                                   |  |
| 2774                                 |                    | 3012                                  |                    | 2924                             |                     | 2975                                   | 3005                                   |  |
| 1767                                 | 1728               | 1663                                  | 1635               | 2897                             |                     | 2953                                   | 2959                                   |  |
| 1406                                 |                    | 1422                                  |                    | 2773                             |                     | 2898                                   | 2909                                   |  |
| 1392                                 | 1427               | 1329                                  |                    | 1763                             | 1715                | 1712                                   | 1700                                   |  |
| 1376                                 |                    | 1292                                  |                    | 1461                             |                     | 1448                                   | 1462                                   |  |
| 1328                                 | 1350               | 1097                                  | 1130               | 1438                             |                     | 1426                                   | 1433                                   | 1435                                       |
| 1088                                 | 1120               | 1023                                  |                    | 1404                             |                     | 1358                                   | 1396                                   |  |
| 1085                                 |                    | 947                                   |                    | 1387                             |                     | 1328                                   | 1353                                   | 1340                                       |
| 863                                  |                    | 866                                   |                    | 1378                             |                     | 1294                                   | 1250                                   |  |
| 727                                  |                    | 722                                   |                    | 1327                             |                     | 1175                                   | 1215                                   |  |
| 498                                  |                    | 493                                   |                    | 1244                             |                     | 1120                                   | 1080                                   |  |
| 97                                   |                    | 452                                   |                    | 1104                             |                     | 1076                                   | 1051                                   |  |
|                                      |                    |                                       |                    | 1089                             |                     | 1018                                   | 1022                                   |  |
|                                      |                    |                                       |                    | 984                              |                     | 936                                    | 933                                    |  |
|                                      |                    |                                       |                    | 875                              |                     | 898                                    | 914                                    |  |
|                                      |                    |                                       |                    | 832                              |                     | 808                                    | 744                                    |  |
|                                      |                    |                                       |                    | 665                              |                     | 522                                    | 662                                    |  |
|                                      |                    |                                       |                    | 625                              |                     | 312                                    | 459                                    |  |
|                                      |                    |                                       |                    | 266                              |                     | 299                                    | 276                                    |  |
|                                      |                    |                                       |                    | 243                              |                     | 236                                    | 227                                    |  |
|                                      |                    |                                       |                    | 120                              |                     | 205                                    | 99                                     |  |

\*Frequencies observed for the  $^{18}\text{O}$  species of propanal or (E)/(Z)-1-propenol

Table S5. Comparison of theoretical and observational column densities for acetaldehyde and vinyl alcohol. The theoretical values represent peak results at around  $10^6$  yr.

| Species Name  | Theoretical Result without Radiation Chemistry (molecules $\text{cm}^{-2}$ ) | Theoretical Results with Radiation Chemistry (molecules $\text{cm}^{-2}$ )* | Observational Value                     |
|---------------|--|---|---|
| Acetaldehyde  | $5.6 \times 10^{11}$   | $2.75 \pm 0.06 \times 10^{14}$  | $2.2^{+1.1}_{-0.8} \times 10^{14}$ (38) |
| Vinyl Alcohol | $1.7 \times 10^{10}$   | $1.55 \pm 0.03 \times 10^{14}$  | $2.2 \times 10^{14}$ (74)               |

\* Note: Error ranges reflect uncertainties in experimental data from this work.

Table S6. Vinyl alcohol gas-phase processes and reactions added to the KIDA 2014 network. Rate coefficients for each process are calculated using the alpha, beta, and gamma values listed. The formulae used for rate coefficient calculations depend on the reaction type in the code (see footnotes for specific equations).

| <i>Cosmic-Ray Photon Induced Processes</i>   | $\alpha$                                 | $\beta$ | $\gamma$     | <i>Type<sup>‡</sup></i> |
|--|--|---------|--------------|-------------------------|
| $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH} + \text{CRP}^\dagger \rightarrow \text{HCO} + \text{CH}_3$                 | $7.280 \times 10^1$                      | 0       | 0            | 2 <sup>a</sup>          |
| $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH} + \text{CRP} \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{CH}_4$                          | $7.280 \times 10^1$                      | 0       | 0            | 2                       |
| $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH} + \text{CRP} \rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}^+ + \text{e}^-$      | $1.120 \times 10^3$                      | 0       | 0            | 2                       |
| <i>Photon Induced Processes</i>  | $\alpha$ ( $\text{s}^{-1}$ )             | $\beta$ | $\gamma$     | <i>Type</i>             |
| $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH} + \text{Photon} \rightarrow \text{HCO} + \text{CH}_3$                      | $1.540 \times 10^{-10}$                  | 0       | 1.520        | 3 <sup>b</sup>          |
| $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH} + \text{Photon} \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{CH}_4$                       | $1.540 \times 10^{-10}$                  | 0       | 1.520        | 3                       |
| $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH} + \text{Photon} \rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}^+ + \text{e}^-$   | $4.600 \times 10^{-10}$                  | 0       | 2.280        | 3                       |
| <i>Gas-Phase Reactions</i>   | $\alpha$ ( $\text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}$ ) | $\beta$ | $\gamma$ (K) | <i>Type</i>             |
| $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH} + \text{He}^+ \rightarrow \text{He} + \text{CH}_3 + \text{HCO}^+$          | $1.400 \times 10^{-9}$                   | -0.5    | 0            | 4 <sup>c</sup>          |
| $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH} + \text{He}^+ \rightarrow \text{He} + \text{HCO} + \text{CH}_3^+$          | $1.400 \times 10^{-9}$                   | -0.5    | 0            | 4                       |
| $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH} + \text{He}^+ \rightarrow \text{He} + \text{H}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{CCO}^+$ | $1.400 \times 10^{-9}$                   | -0.5    | 0            | 4                       |
| $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH} + \text{He}^+ \rightarrow \text{He} + \text{H} + \text{CH}_3\text{CHO}^+$  | $1.400 \times 10^{-9}$                   | -0.5    | 0            | 4                       |
| $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH} + \text{H}_3^+ \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{CHOH}^+$          | $7.440 \times 10^{-9}$                   | -0.5    | 0            | 4                       |
| $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH} + \text{C}^+ \rightarrow \text{CH} + \text{CH}_3\text{CO}^+$               | $1.700 \times 10^{-9}$                   | -0.5    | 0            | 4                       |
| $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH} + \text{HCO}^+ \rightarrow \text{CO} + \text{CH}_3\text{CHOH}^+$           | $3.000 \times 10^{-9}$                   | -0.5    | 0            | 4                       |

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| $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH} + \text{H}_3\text{O}^+ \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CH}_3\text{CHOH}^+$ | $3.430 \times 10^{-9}$  | -0.5  | 0 | 4              |
| $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH} + \text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{CH}_3\text{CO}^+$                     | $6.000 \times 10^{-9}$  | -0.5  | 0 | 4              |
| $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH} + \text{C} \rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + \text{CO}$                          | $3.000 \times 10^{-10}$ | 0.0   | 0 | 4              |
| $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH} + \text{C}^+ \rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}^+ + \text{C}$               | $1.700 \times 10^{-9}$  | -0.5  | 0 | 5 <sup>c</sup> |
| $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH} + \text{H}^+ \rightarrow \text{C}_2\text{H}_4\text{O}^+ + \text{H}$               | $6.000 \times 10^{-9}$  | -0.5  | 0 | 5              |
| $\text{CH}_2\text{CHOH} + \text{CH}_3^+ \rightarrow \text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{OH}^+ + \text{Photon}$      | $5.700 \times 10^{-11}$ | -0.66 | 0 | 6 <sup>c</sup> |

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‡ The type given is that used in the nautilus code for calculating the total rate. For more information, see documentation at <https://git.framasoft.org/Wakelam/nautilus>

† Cosmic-ray induced secondary UV photon

<sup>a</sup> Photodissociation and photoionization due to cosmic-rays with rate coefficients calculated using the formula  $k = \alpha\zeta$ , where  $\zeta$  is the cosmic-ray ionization rate.

<sup>b</sup> External UV photodissociation and ionization with rate coefficients calculated using the formula  $k(T) = \alpha e^{-\gamma A_v}$ , where  $A_v$  is the visual extinction.

<sup>c</sup> Bimolecular gas-phase reactions using the modified Arrhenius formula, i.e.  $k(T) = \alpha(T(\text{K})/300)^\beta e^{-\gamma/T(\text{K})}$

Table S7. Grain-surface processes and reactions for vinyl alcohol and acetaldehyde added to the Garrod et al. (2008) chemical network. Rate coefficients for non-diffusive processes, e.g. photodissociation, are calculated based on the alpha, beta, and gamma values listed below (see footnotes for specific formulae).

| <i>Thermal Desorption Processes</i>  | $\alpha$                    | $\beta$ | $\gamma$     | <i>Type</i> <sup>††</sup> |
|--|-----------------------------|---------|--------------|---------------------------|
| JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH → CH <sub>2</sub> CHOH   | 1.000                       | 0       | 0            | 15                        |
| JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH → CH <sub>2</sub> CHOH   | 1.000                       | 0       | 0            | 16 <sup>a</sup>           |
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| <i>Cosmic-Ray Photon Induced Dissociation</i>  | $\alpha$                    | $\beta$ | $\gamma$     | <i>Type</i>               |
| JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH + CRP <sup>†</sup> → JCH <sub>3</sub> + JHCO                     | 5.250 x 10 <sup>2</sup>     | 0       | 0            | 17 <sup>b</sup>           |
| JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH + CRP → JCH <sub>4</sub> + JCO                                   | 5.250 x 10 <sup>2</sup>     | 0       | 0            | 17                        |
| JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH + CRP → JCH <sub>3</sub> + JHCO                                  | 3.730 x 10 <sup>2</sup>     | 0       | 0            | 18 <sup>b</sup>           |
| JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH + CRP → JH <sub>2</sub> CCO + JH + JH                            | 3.730 x 10 <sup>2</sup>     | 0       | 0            | 18                        |
| JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH + CRP → JH <sub>2</sub> CCO + JH <sub>2</sub>                    | 3.730 x 10 <sup>2</sup>     | 0       | 0            | 18                        |
| JCH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH + CRP → JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH + JH <sub>2</sub>    | 6.850 x 10 <sup>2</sup>     | 0       | 0            | 18                        |
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| <i>UV Photon Induced Dissociation</i>  | $\alpha$ (s <sup>-1</sup> ) | $\beta$ | $\gamma$ (K) | <i>Type</i>               |
| JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH + Photon → JCH <sub>3</sub> + JHCO                               | 3.430 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>   | 0       | 1.520        | 19                        |
| JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH + Photon → JCH <sub>4</sub> + JCO                                | 3.430 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>   | 0       | 1.520        | 19                        |
| JCH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> OH + Photon → JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH + JH <sub>2</sub> | 1.320 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>   | 0       | 2.350        | 20                        |
| JCH <sub>3</sub> COCH <sub>3</sub> + Photon → JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH + JCH <sub>2</sub> | 1.000 x 10 <sup>-10</sup>   | 0       | 2.500        | 20                        |
| JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH + Photon → JCH <sub>3</sub> + JHCO                               | 8.670 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>   | 0       | 2.280        | 20                        |

| <i>UV Photon Induced Dissociation</i>                                  | $\alpha$ (s <sup>-1</sup> ) | $\beta$ | $\gamma$ (K) | <i>Type</i>     |
|--|-----------------------------|---------|--------------|-----------------|
| JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH + Photon → JH <sub>2</sub> CCO+ JH + JH          | 8.670 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>   | 0       | 2.280        | 20              |
| JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH + Photon → JH <sub>2</sub> CCO + JH <sub>2</sub> | 8.670 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>   | 0       | 2.280        | 20              |
| <i>Cosmic-Ray Dissociation</i>   | $\alpha$ (s <sup>-1</sup> ) | $\beta$ | $\gamma$ (K) | <i>Type</i>     |
| JH <sub>2</sub> O → JH <sup>st‡</sup> + JOH                            | 3.420 x 10 <sup>-16</sup>   | 0       | 0            | 21 <sup>c</sup> |
| JCH <sub>4</sub> → JH <sup>st</sup> + JCH <sub>3</sub>                 | 3.420 x 10 <sup>-16</sup>   | 0       | 0            | 21              |
| <i>Photodesorption</i>   | $\alpha$ (s <sup>-1</sup> ) | $\beta$ | $\gamma$ (K) | <i>Type</i>     |
| JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH + Photon → CH <sub>2</sub> CHOH                  | 1.000 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>    | 0       | 0            | 66              |
| JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH + CRP → CH <sub>2</sub> CHOH                     | 1.000 x 10 <sup>-3</sup>    | 0       | 0            | 67              |
| <i>Adsorption Processes</i>  | $\alpha$                    | $\beta$ | $\gamma$     | <i>Type</i>     |
| CH <sub>2</sub> CHOH → JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH                           | 1.000                       | 0       | 0            | 99              |
| <i>Grain-Surface Reactions</i>   | $\alpha$ *                  | $\beta$ | $\gamma$     | <i>Type</i>     |
| JCH <sub>3</sub> + JHCO → CH <sub>2</sub> CHOH                         | 0.373                       | 0       | 0            | 14              |
| JCH <sub>3</sub> + JHCO → JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH                        | 0.373                       | 0       | 0            | 14              |
| JH + JCH <sub>3</sub> CO → CH <sub>2</sub> CHOH                        | 0.373                       | 0       | 0            | 14              |
| JH + JCH <sub>3</sub> CO → JCH <sub>2</sub> CHOH                       | 0.373                       | 0       | 0            | 14              |

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| $\text{JH} + \text{JCH}_2\text{CHOH} \rightarrow \text{JCH}_3\text{OCH}_2$          | 1.000 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| $\text{JH} + \text{JCH}_2\text{CHOH} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{OCH}_2$           | 1.000 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| $\text{JH}^{\text{st}} + \text{JCO} \rightarrow \text{JHCO}^{\text{st}}$            | 1.000 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| $\text{JH}^{\text{st}} + \text{JCH}_3\text{CO} \rightarrow \text{JCH}_2\text{CHOH}$ | 0.373 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| $\text{JH}^{\text{st}} + \text{JCH}_3\text{CO} \rightarrow \text{CH}_2\text{CHOH}$  | 0.373 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| $\text{JH}^{\text{st}} + \text{JCH}_3\text{CO} \rightarrow \text{JCH}_3\text{CHO}$  | 0.627 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| $\text{JH}^{\text{st}} + \text{JCH}_3\text{CO} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$   | 0.627 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| $\text{JC}_2\text{H}_3 + \text{JOH} \rightarrow \text{JCH}_2\text{CHOH}$            | 0.373 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| $\text{JC}_2\text{H}_3 + \text{JOH} \rightarrow \text{CH}_2\text{CHOH}$             | 0.373 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| $\text{JC}_2\text{H}_3 + \text{JOH} \rightarrow \text{JCH}_3\text{CHO}$             | 0.627 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| $\text{JC}_2\text{H}_3 + \text{JOH} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$              | 0.627 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
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| $\text{JHCO}^{\text{st}} + \text{JCH}_3 \rightarrow \text{JCH}_2\text{CHOH}$        | 0.373 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
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| $\text{JHCO}^{\text{st}} + \text{JCH}_3 \rightarrow \text{CH}_2\text{CHOH}$         | 0.373 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
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| $\text{JHCO}^{\text{st}} + \text{JCH}_3 \rightarrow \text{JCH}_3\text{CHO}$         | 0.627 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
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| $\text{JHCO}^{\text{st}} + \text{JCH}_3 \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{CHO}$          | 0.627 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
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<sup>††</sup> The specific formulæ used in `nautilus` are based on the reaction type. Note, species names beginning with “J” refer to those adsorbed onto grain-surfaces. For more information, see documentation at <https://git.framasoft.org/Wakelam/nautilus>.

<sup>†</sup> Cosmic-ray induced secondary UV photon

<sup>‡</sup> The “st” denotes a supra-thermal species

\* Unitless branching ratios

<sup>a</sup> Desorption due to cosmic-ray grain heating

<sup>b</sup> Cosmic-ray induced UV photodissociation with rate coefficients calculated using the formula  $k = \alpha\zeta$ , where  $\zeta$  is the cosmic-ray ionization rate.

<sup>c</sup> New reaction type for direct cosmic-ray dissociation

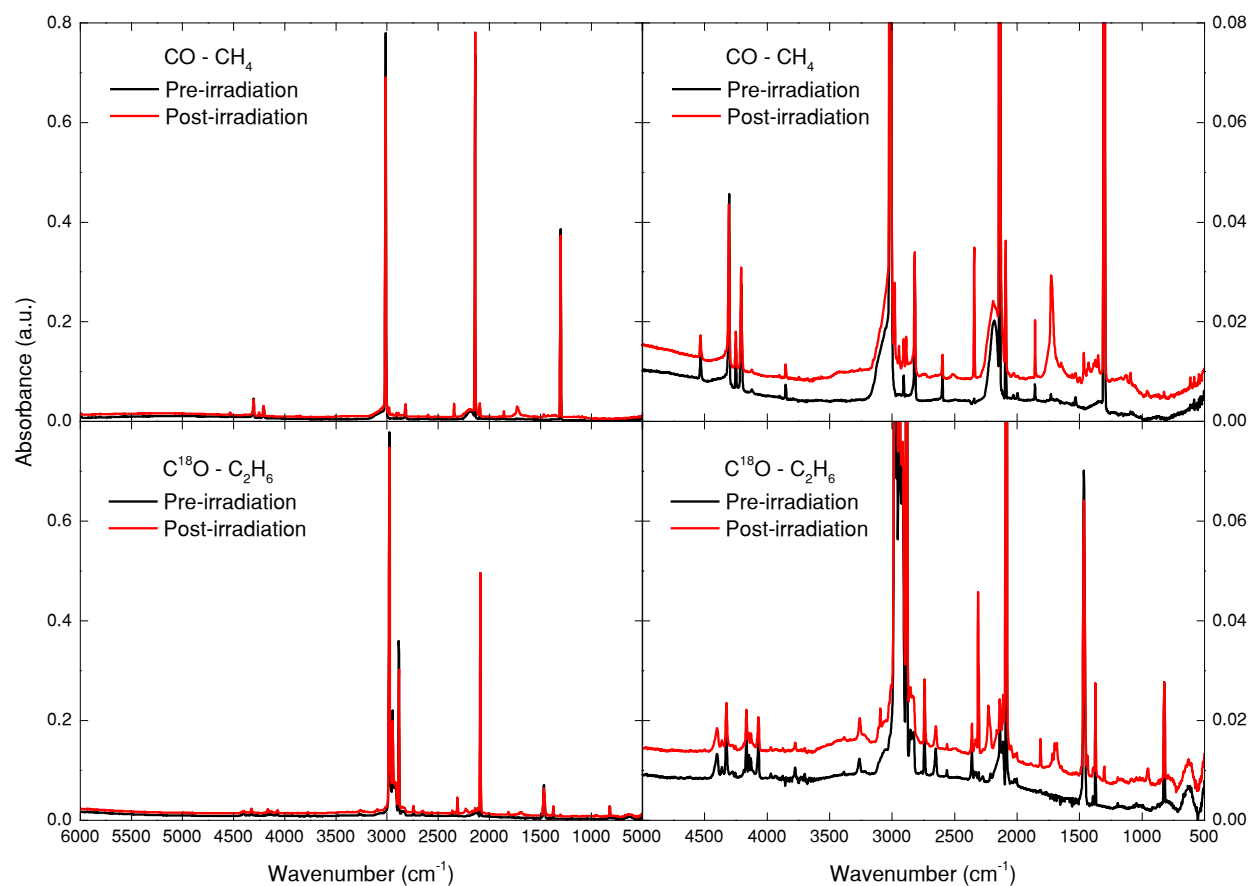


Figure S1. (Left) FTIR from 6000 – 500 cm<sup>-1</sup> for (top) CO – CH<sub>4</sub> and (bottom) C<sup>18</sup>O – C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> before (black solid line) and after (red solid line) the irradiation period. (Right) FTIR from 5000 – 500 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The baseline is offset between the pre- and post-irradiation spectra for clarity; the infrared assignments are compiled in Table S1.



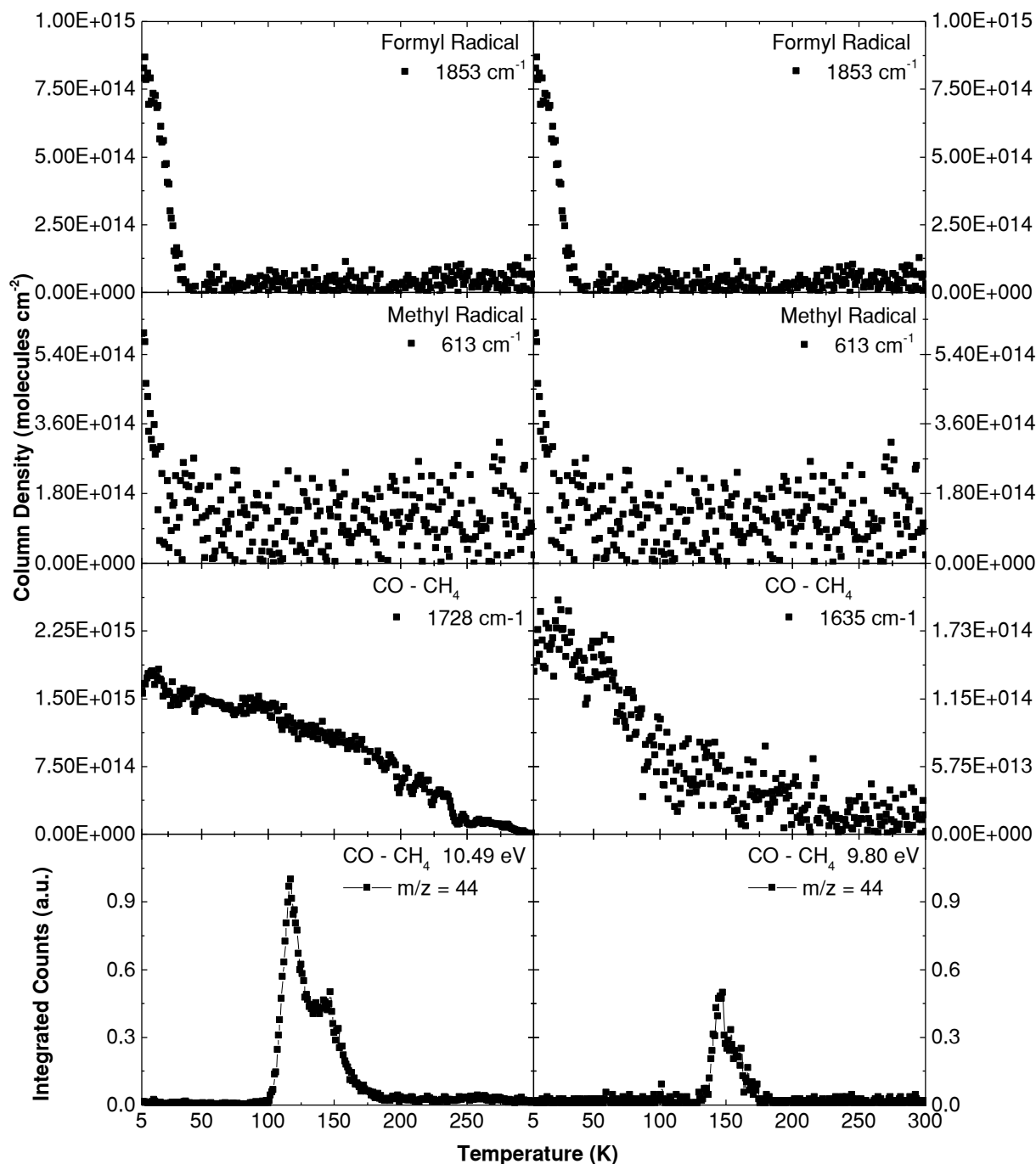


Figure S2. Integrated infrared area corresponding to molecules proposed to be a formation pathway for the keto – enol isomers. (Left, top-to-bottom) Integrated area of formyl radical, methyl radical, acetaldehyde, and the sublimation profile corresponding to acetaldehyde. This sublimation profile also contains the signal produced by vinyl alcohol. (Right, top-to-bottom) Integrated area of formyl radical, methyl radical, vinyl alcohol, and the sublimation profile corresponding only to vinyl alcohol.

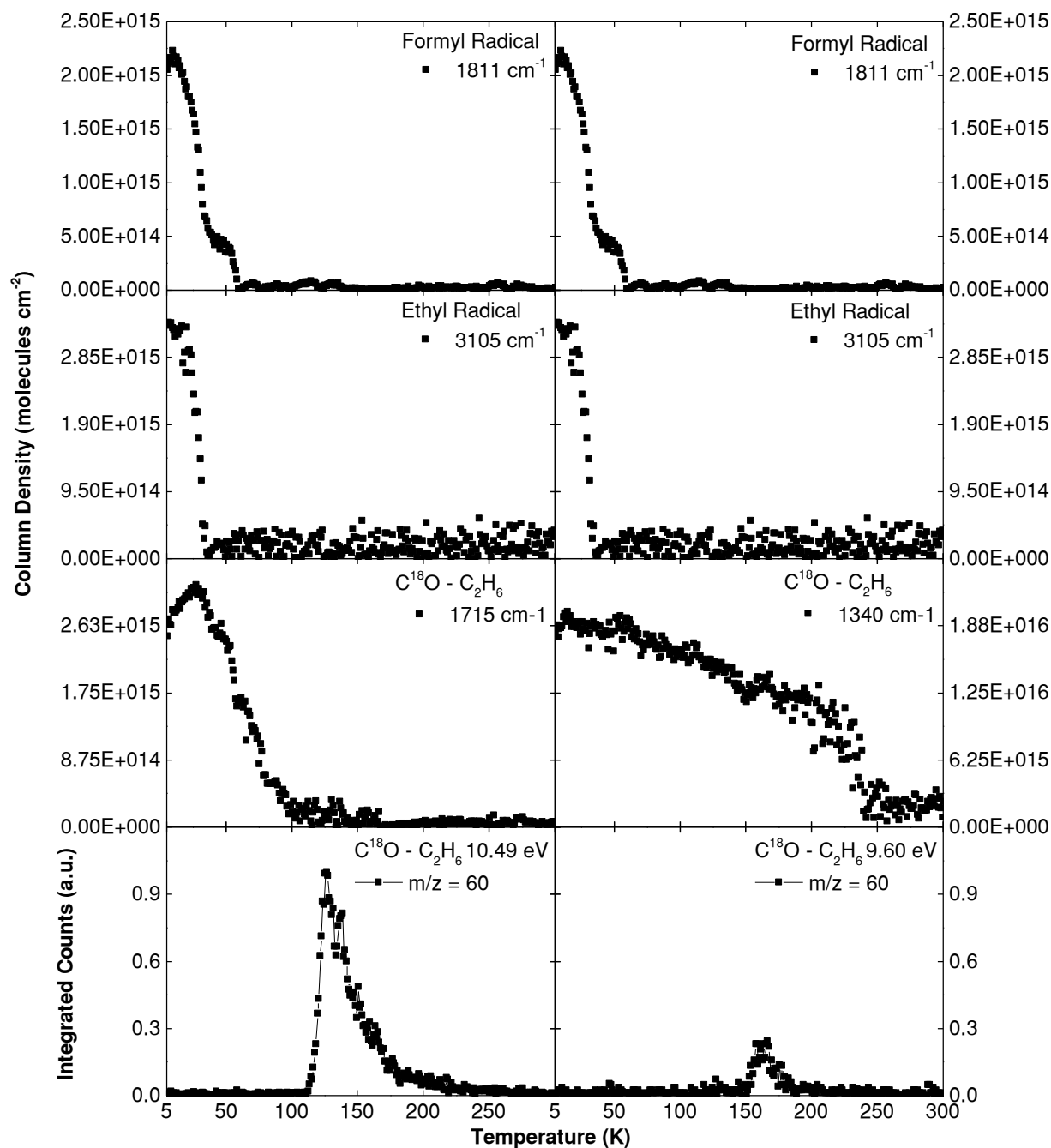


Figure S3. Integrated infrared area corresponding to molecules proposed to be a formation pathway for the keto – enol isomers discussed. (Left, top-to-bottom) Integrated area of formyl radical, ethyl radical, propanal, and the sublimation profile corresponding to propanal. However, this sublimation profile also contains the signal produced by (E)/(Z)-1-propenol. (Right, top-to-bottom) Integrated area of formyl radical, ethyl radical, (E)/(Z)-1-propenol, and the sublimation profile corresponding only to (E)/(Z)-1-propenol.

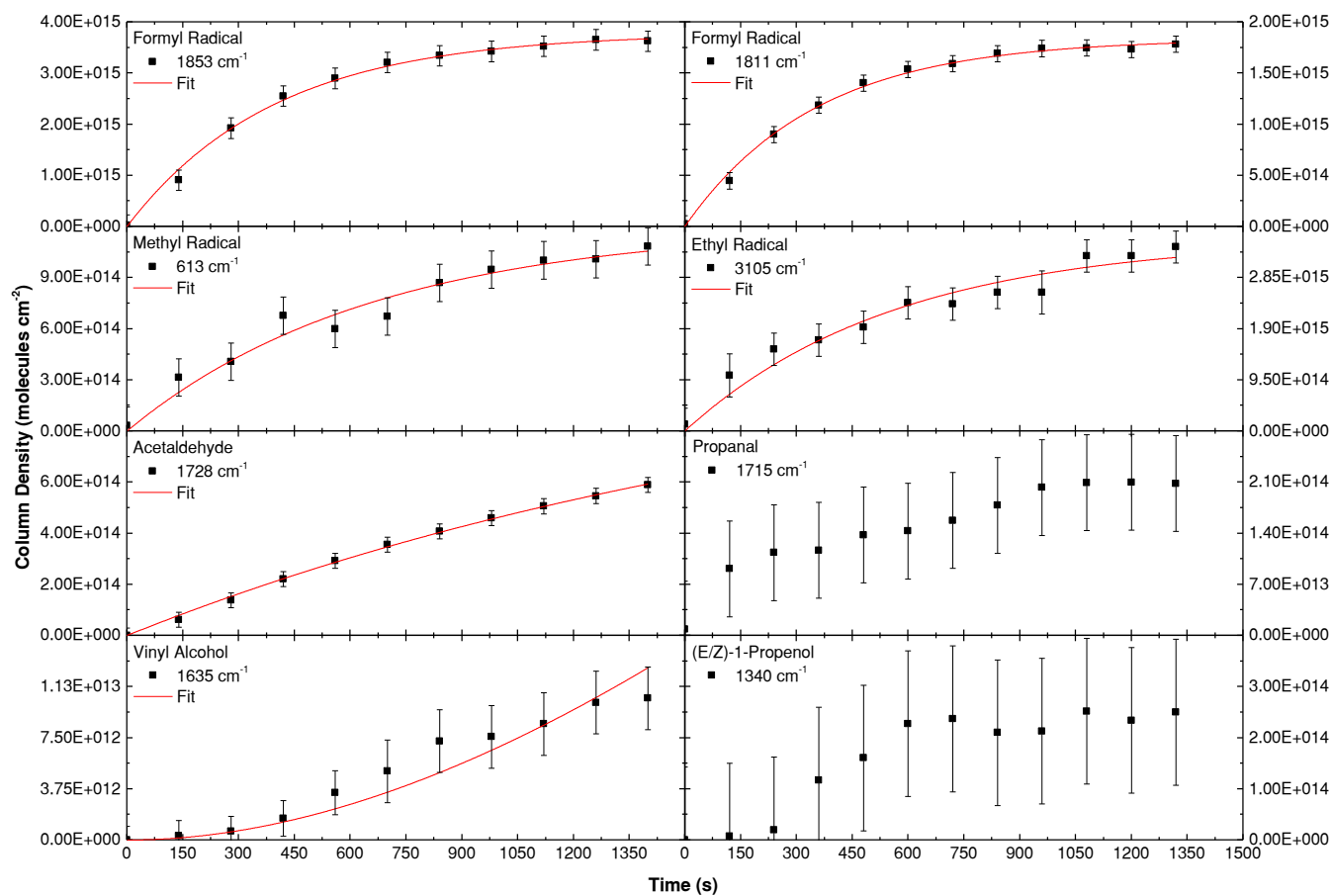


Figure S4. Integrated infrared area monitored for each ice. (Left) Temporal profiles of the formyl and methyl radical species produced in irradiated CO – CH<sub>4</sub> ice proposed to be utilized in the formation route of the keto – enol isomers as well as both isomers. (Right) Temporal profiles of the formyl and ethyl radical species produced in irradiated C<sup>18</sup>O – C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub> ice proposed to be utilized in the formation route of the keto – enol isomers as well as both isomers. Note that due to large error associated with the data, infrared data for the propanal and (E)/(Z)-1-propenol isomers could not be uniquely fit.

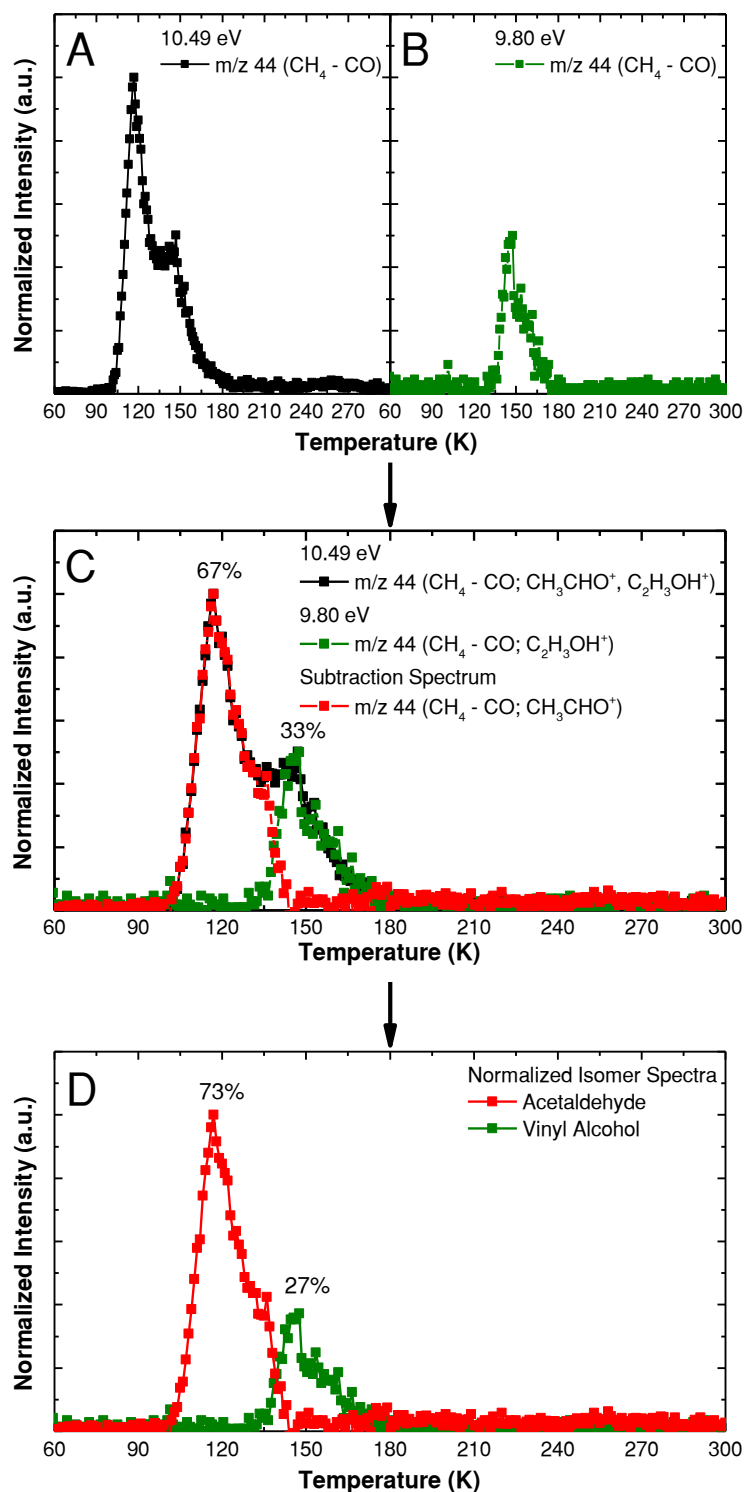


Figure S5. Flow diagram showing the procedure used to determine the relative ratios of the isomers in this experiment. A. The overlapping signal detected at 10.49 eV of both acetaldehyde and vinyl alcohol. B. The single signal of vinyl alcohol detected using tunable photoionization that was scaled to the signal observed at 10.49 eV. C. The scaled single isomer signal was subtracted from the overlapping signals allowing for the amount of each isomer contributing to the total signal to be determined (acetaldehyde-red, 67 %; vinyl alcohol-green 33 %). D. Isomer signals normalized by their respective photoionization cross-sections.