

Supporting Information

Periodic Trends in Olefin Epoxidation over Group IV and V Framework Substituted Zeolite Catalysts: A Kinetic and Spectroscopic Study

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S1.0 Additional Catalyst Characterization and Verification of Measuring True Kinetics

S1.1 Catalyst Characterization

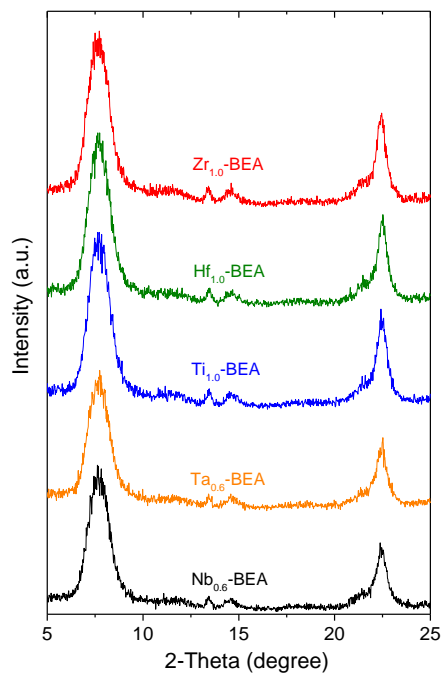


Figure S1. X-ray diffractograms for Ti_{1.0}- (blue), Zr_{1.0}- (red), Hf_{1.0}- (green), Nb_{0.6}- (black) and Ta_{0.6}-β (orange) taken on a Siemens/Bruker D5000 X-ray diffractometer with Cu Kα radiation (0.15418 nm) at ambient conditions. Nb_{0.6}-β data is adapted from ref [6].

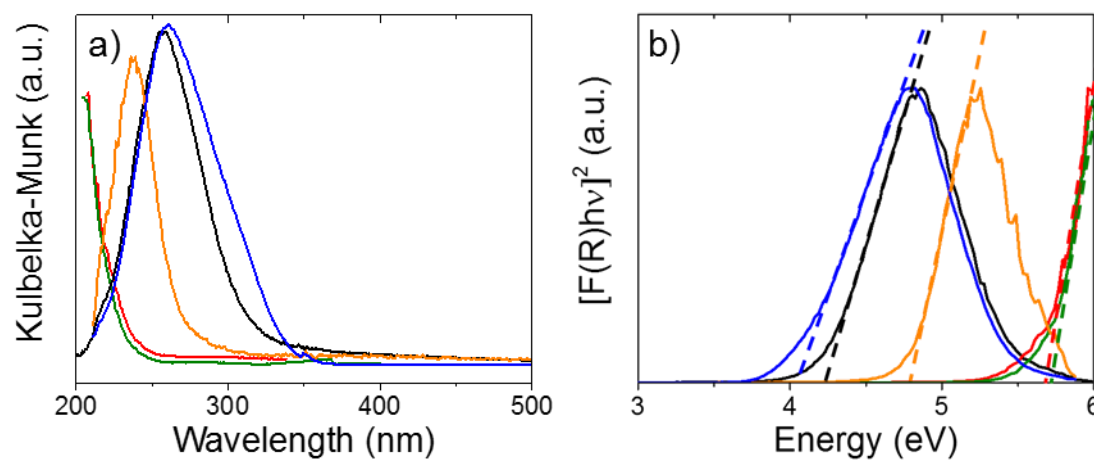


Figure S2. a) UV-vis spectra and b) Normalized tauc plots for Ti_{0.6}- (blue), Nb_{1.0}- (black) and Ta_{1.0}-β (orange), Zr_{0.6}- (red), Hf_{0.6}- (green). X-axis intercept of dashed lines represents the band edge for each material. Nb_{0.6}-β data is adapted from ref [6].

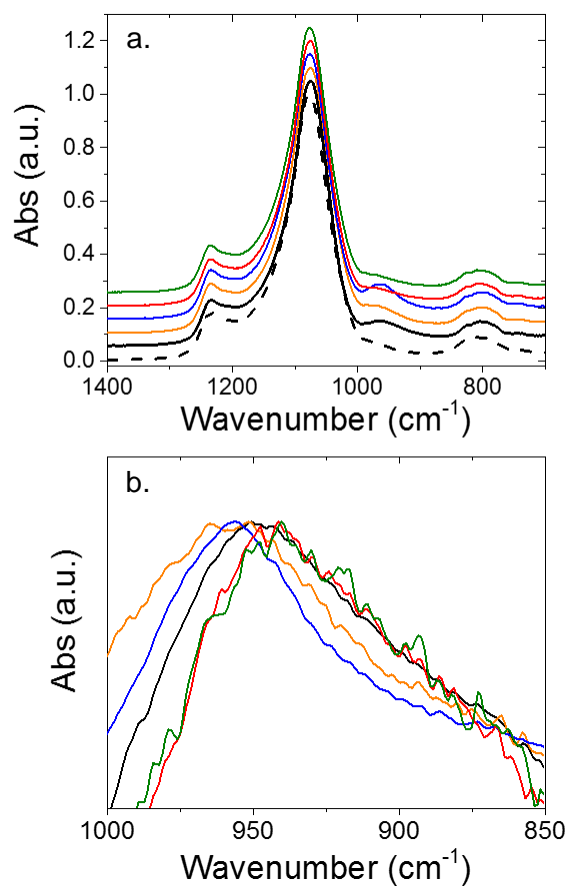


Figure S3. IR spectra for (a) Ti_{1.0}-β (blue), Zr_{1.0}-β (red), Hf_{1.0}-β (green), Nb_{0.6}-β (black) and Ta_{0.6}-β (orange), and Si-β (dashed) obtained at ambient conditions and (b) M-β with Si-β spectra subtracted with normalization to the ~960 cm⁻¹ feature to observe ν(Si-O-M) feature. Nb_{0.6}-β data is adapted from ref [6].

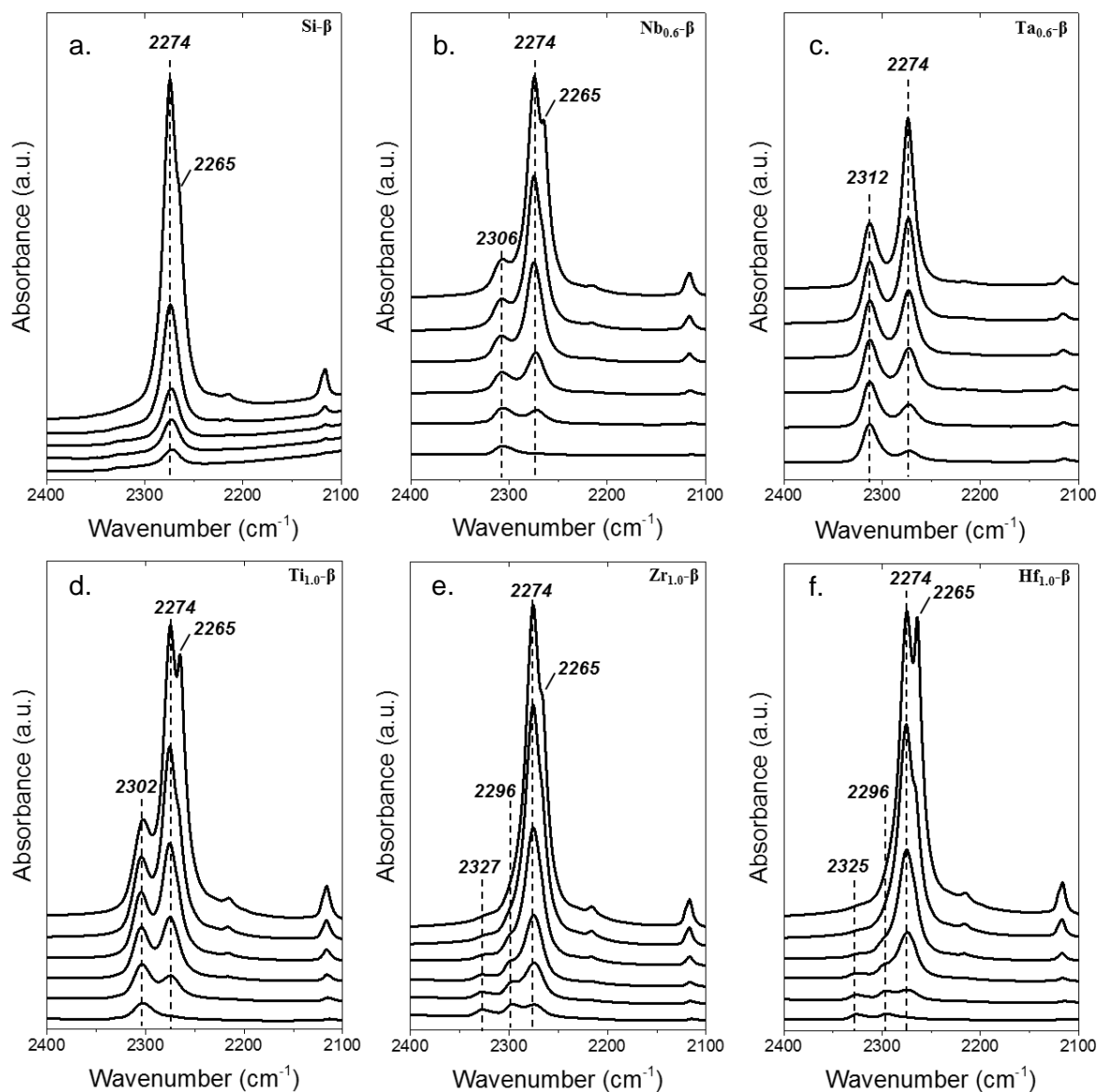


Figure S4. IR spectra of adsorbed CD_3CN (1.0 kPa , $50 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ min}^{-1}$ in He) at 298 K followed by desorption ($50 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ min}^{-1}$ He) as the temperature was increased to 423 K (5 K min^{-1}) to resolve Lewis-acid bound $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$ on (a) $\text{Si-}\beta$, (b) $\text{Nb}_{0.6}\text{-}\beta$, (c) $\text{Ta}_{0.6}\text{-}\beta$, (d) $\text{Ti}_{1.0}\text{-}\beta$, (e) $\text{Zr}_{1.0}\text{-}\beta$, and (f) $\text{Hf}_{1.0}\text{-}\beta$. $\text{Nb}_{0.6}\text{-}\beta$ data is adapted from ref [6].

Figure S4. shows FTIR spectra of CD_3CN adsorbed onto all $\text{M-}\beta$ catalysts, where absorption features between $2260 - 2340 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ correspond to the $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$ mode.^{1,2} The absorbance peak located at 2274 cm^{-1} is assigned to CD_3CN hydrogen bonded to surface SiOH groups, while the shoulder at 2265 cm^{-1} is attributed to physisorbed CD_3CN .^{1,2} After the surfaces are saturated with CD_3CN (i.e., $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$ of SiOH -bound CD_3CN stopped increasing), the flow of CD_3CN is stopped and the temperature of the FTIR cell is increased under a constant flow of He ($50 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ min}^{-1}$).

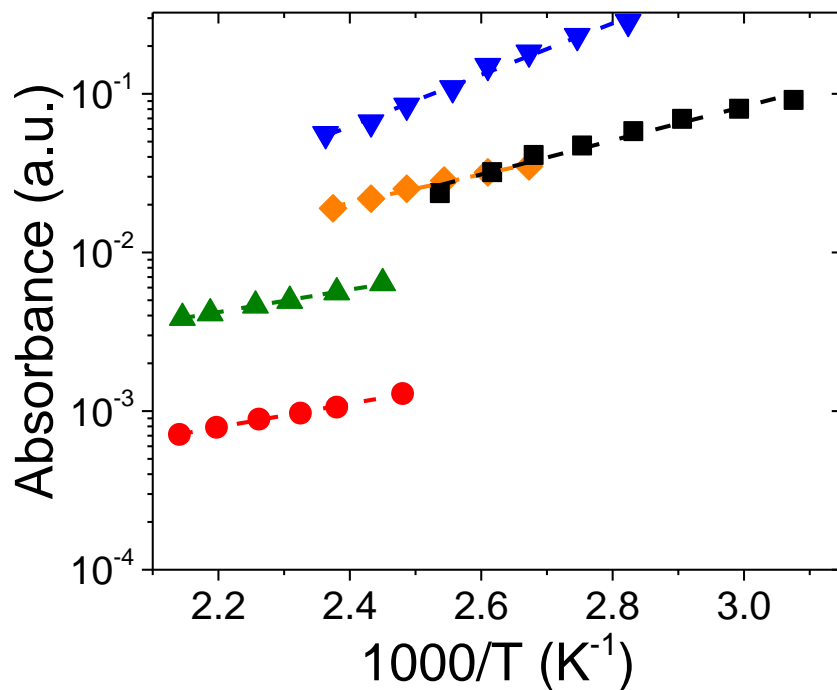


Figure S5. IR absorbances for the Lewis-acid bound $\nu(\text{C}\equiv\text{N})$ depicted in Fig. S5b-f. on $\text{Nb}_{0.6}\text{-}\beta$ (\blacksquare , 2306 cm^{-1} , Fig. S5b), $\text{Ta}_{0.6}\text{-}\beta$ (\blacklozenge , 2312 cm^{-1} , Fig. S5c), $\text{Ti}_{1.0}\text{-}\beta$ (\blacktriangledown , 2302 cm^{-1} , Fig. S5d), $\text{Zr}_{1.0}\text{-}\beta$ (\bullet , 2296 cm^{-1} , Fig. S5e), and $\text{Hf}_{1.0}\text{-}\beta$ (\blacktriangle , 2296 cm^{-1} , Fig. S5f) as a function of inverse temperature (1.5 kPa CD_3CN , 99 kPa He, $50\text{ cm}^3\text{ min}^{-1}$ He) after background subtraction. Dashed lines represent linear fits, whose slope are proportional to the value of $\Delta H_{\text{CD}_3\text{CN}}$. $\text{Nb}_{0.6}\text{-}\beta$ data is adapted from ref [6].

S1.2 Control Experiments to Test Importance of Mass Transfer

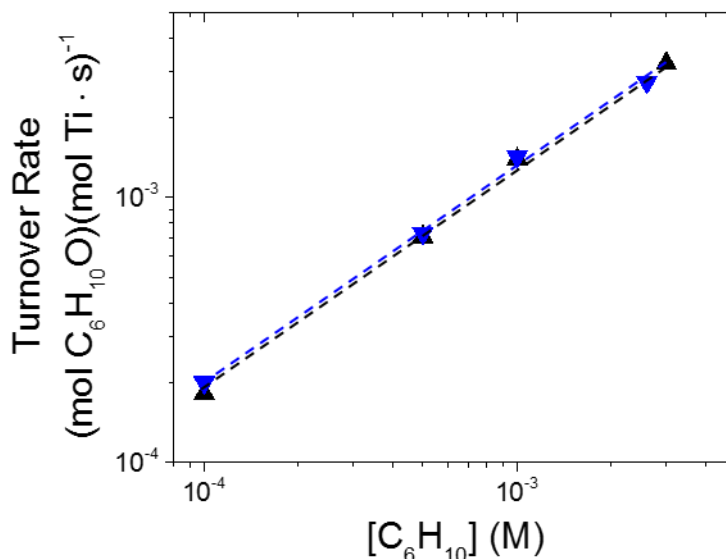


Figure S6. Turnover rates for the formation of $C_6H_{10}O$ measured as a function of $[C_6H_{10}]$ on $Ti_{1.0-\beta}$ (\blacktriangledown , 0.01 M H_2O_2 , 313 K) and $Ti_{0.1-\beta}$ (\blacktriangle , 0.01 M H_2O_2 , 313 K). Dashed lines are intended to guide the eye.

Figure S6 shows rates for the formation of cyclohexene oxide measured as a function of cyclohexene concentration for multiple metal loadings of Ti in Ti- β . The rate of $C_6H_{10}O$ formation is independent of metal loading (over 0.141 – 1.2 wt. % Ti), which indicates that the Madon-Boudart criterion is satisfied for Ti- β .⁵ Under the conditions tested, we see that the turnover rate for $C_6H_{10}O$ formation is proportional to $[C_6H_{10}]$ and independent of $[H_2O_2]$, which corresponds to a simplified rate expression (Section 3.2 of main text) of:

$$\frac{r_E}{[L]} = k_3[C_6H_{10}] \quad (S1)$$

where r_E is the rate of $C_6H_{10}O$ formation, $[L]$ is the total number of metal atoms in the reactor, k_3 is the rate constant for step 3 of scheme 2, and $[C_6H_{10}]$ is the concentration of C_6H_{10} . For a first-order reaction (such as in equation S1), an effective Thiele modulus for a spherical pellet⁵ can be defined as:

$$\phi = \left(\frac{k_3 R^2 [C_6H_{10}]}{D_e} \right)^{1/2} \quad (S2)$$

where ϕ is the Thiele modulus, R is the radius of the spherical pellet, $[C_6H_{10}]$ is the bulk concentration of C_6H_{10} , and D_e is the effective diffusivity of C_6H_{10} through the pellet. The Madon-Boudart criterion is an experimental way to determine the relative value of the Thiele modulus, where the independent of turnover rates on metal loading signifies a relatively small Thiele modulus. When the Thiele modulus is small, the rates of diffusion are much greater than those for the inherent kinetics of the reaction (at reactant concentrations equal to that in the

bulk fluid phase), which shows that the measured reaction rates are not corrupted by diffusion restrictions within the catalyst particles.

In Fig. 4 (main text), epoxidation turnover rates decrease in the following order: $Ti > Nb > Ta \gg Zr \sim Hf$ under conditions that result in a $M-(O_2)$ saturated surface. Therefore, for all $M-\beta$ other than Ti , the value of k_3 is much smaller while all other terms are identical. Therefore, the change in k_3 gives a smaller value of the Thiele moduli for $Nb-$, $Ta-$, $Zr-$, and $Hf-\beta$ than for $Ti-\beta$. Therefore, satisfaction of the Madon-Boudart criterion for $Ti-\beta$ proves that the other $M-\beta$ are also not mass-transfer limited and all measured reaction rates are reflect only chemical kinetics.

S2. *In Situ* UV-Visible Spectroscopy and Identification of Active Intermediates

S2.1 Sample Raw UV-Vis Spectrum and Method for Processing Spectra

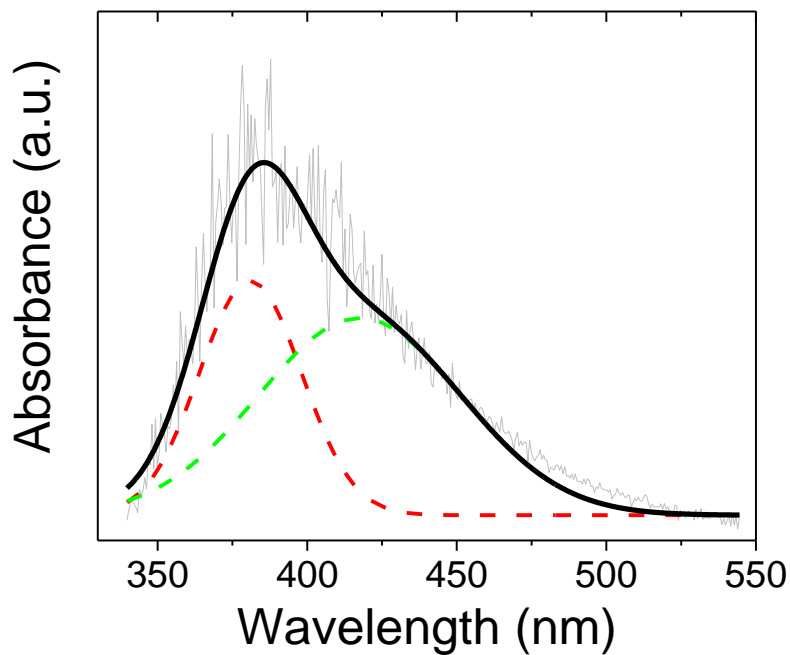


Figure S7. UV-vis absorbance spectrum (raw data, gray) of H₂O₂-treated Ti_{1.0}-β at 313 K in flowing CH₃CN (0.4 M H₂O) and smoothed data (bold black line) using a finite fourier transform. Dashed red and green curves represent Gaussian peak fittings, performed in OriginPro®.

S2.2 *In Situ* UV-Vis Spectra with Peak Fits for All M- β Samples

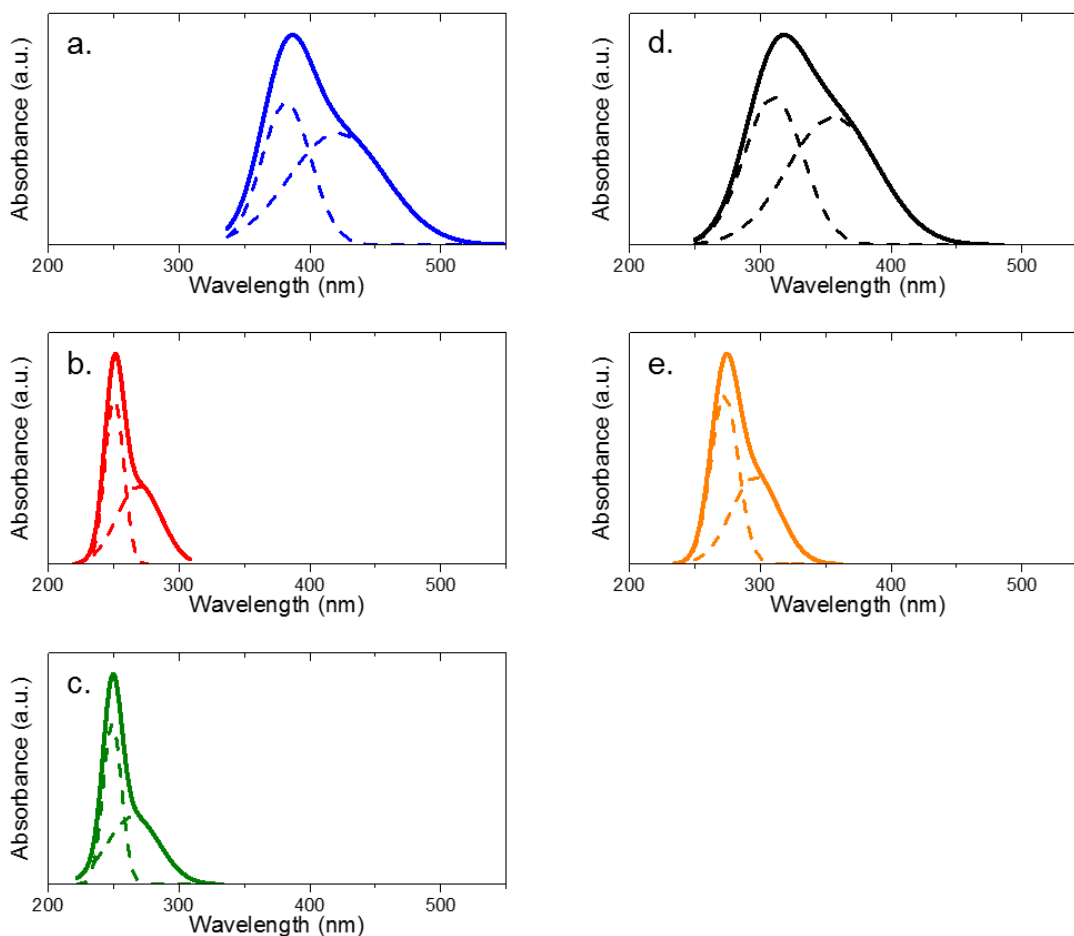
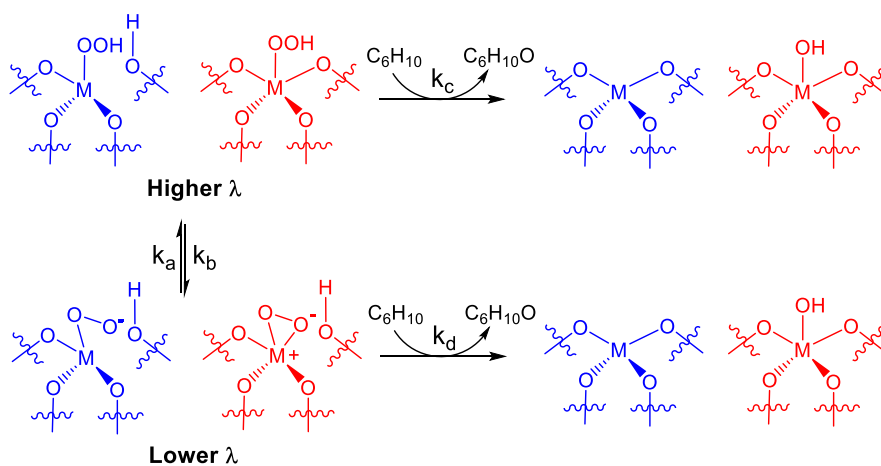


Figure S8. Normalized UV-vis absorbance spectrum of H_2O_2 -activated (section 2.4) (a) $\text{Ti}_{1.0}\text{-}\beta$, (b) $\text{Zr}_{1.0}\text{-}\beta$, (c) $\text{Hf}_{1.0}\text{-}\beta$, (d) $\text{Nb}_{0.2}\text{-}\beta$, and (e) $\text{Ta}_{0.6}\text{-}\beta$ in flowing CH_3CN ($0.4 \text{ M H}_2\text{O}$, $1 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ min}^{-1}$) at 313 K. Dashed curves represent Gaussian peak fittings (performed in OriginPro®) to show $\text{M-(O}_2\text{)}^-$ (lower wavelength) and $\text{M-OOH/M-(O}_2\text{)}^{2-}$ (higher wavelength) species. $\text{Nb}_{0.6}\text{-}\beta$ data is adapted from ref [6].

Table S1. Ligand to metal charge transfer energies ($h\nu$) for the $\text{M-OOH}/\text{-(O}_2\text{)}^{2-}$ and $\text{M-(O}_2\text{)}^-$ intermediates as detected via *in situ* UV-vis spectra (Fig. S8).

Metal	$h\nu$ (eV) for $\text{M-(OOH)}/\text{-(O}_2\text{)}^{2-}$	$h\nu$ (eV) for $\text{M-(O}_2\text{)}^-$
Ti	2.95	3.25
Zr	4.61	4.94
Hf	4.66	5.04
Nb	3.48	3.99
Ta	4.56	4.21

S2.3 Time-Resolved *In Situ* UV-Vis Spectroscopy and Kinetic Parameter Optimization



Scheme 1 (duplicated from main text). Interconversion and consumption of M-OOH/M-(O₂)²⁻ (M-OOH shown) and M-(O₂)⁻ species upon reaction with C₆H₁₀. Color coding is for clarity: group IV (Ti, Zr, and Hf, blue) and V (Nb and Ta, red).

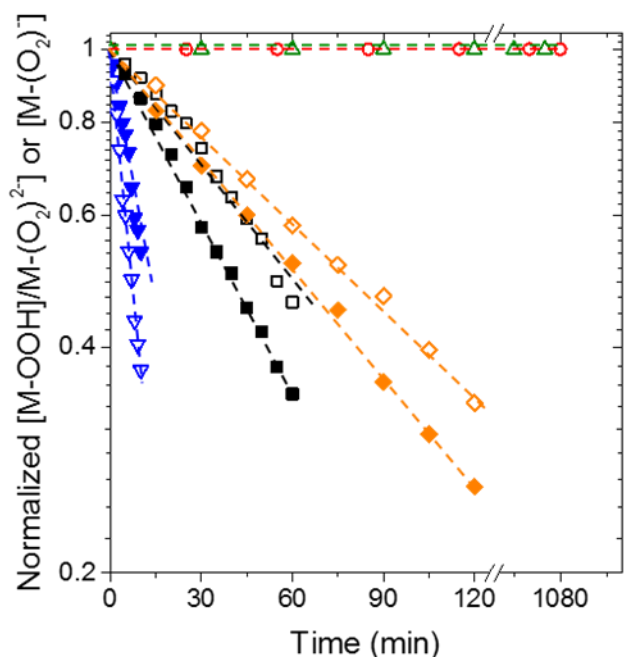


Figure 3 (duplicated from main text). Normalized surface coverages of M-OOH/M-(O₂)²⁻ (open symbols) and M-(O₂)⁻ (closed symbols) species as a function of time for Ti_{1.0}- (▼), Zr_{1.0}- (●), Hf_{1.0}- (▲), Nb_{0.2}- (■), and Ta_{0.6}-β (◆). Spectra were acquired *in situ* upon flowing C₆H₁₀ in CH₃CN (0.1 M, 0.4 M H₂O, 1 cm³ min⁻¹) over H₂O₂-activated samples (Section 2.4) at 313K. Closed symbols for Zr_{1.0}- and Hf_{1.0}-β coincide with the open symbols. Dashed lines are intended to guide the eye. Nb_{0.2}-β data is adapted from ref [6].

The change in surface coverage of the M-OOH/M-(O₂)²⁻ and M-(O₂)⁻ species depends on the summed rates of formation/consumption via interconversion and consumption by reaction with C₆H₁₀, which take the forms of:

$$\frac{d[M-(O_2)^-]}{dt} = k_a[M-OOH] - k_b[M-(O_2)^-] - k_d[M-(O_2)^-][C_6H_{10}] \quad (S3)$$

$$\frac{d[M-OOH]}{dt} = k_b[M-(O_2)^-] - k_a[M-OOH] - k_c[M-OOH][C_6H_{10}] \quad (S4)$$

where [M-OOH] and [M-(O₂)⁻] represent the coverages (via UV-vis) of M-OOH/M-(O₂)²⁻ and M-(O₂)⁻, respectively, and k_x is the rate constant for step x in scheme 1. Pseudo first-order kinetics are assumed for the reaction between M-(O₂)⁻ intermediates and C₆H₁₀, as throughout the experiment the ratio of [C₆H₁₀] to number of metal atoms exceeds 10⁵ in all cases. MATLABTM is used to numerically estimate the kinetic parameters, by fitting the data (Fig. 3) to the coupled differential equations (eqns. S3 and S4). The initial guesses used for the rate constants were 0.01, 0.01, 0.001, 0.001 for k_a, k_b, k_c, and k_d, respectively. Changes of the initial values by an order of magnitude (increasing and decreasing) did not change the optimized parameter values.

Table S2. Numerically optimized rate constants, k_i (s⁻¹), for the interconversion of M-OOH/M-(O₂)²⁻ and M-(O₂)⁻ (Scheme 1) and reaction with C₆H₁₀.

Sample	k _a	k _b	k _c	k _d
Ti _{1.0} -β	1.5·10 ⁻³	5.0·10 ⁻⁴	2.9·10 ⁻²	1.7·10 ⁻⁴
Nb _{0.6} -β	3.8·10 ⁻⁶	3.3·10 ⁻⁴	2.2·10 ⁻⁷	4.5·10 ⁻³
Ta _{0.6} -β	4.3·10 ⁻³	4.3·10 ⁻³	1.0·10 ⁻⁴	3.3·10 ⁻³
Zr _{1.0} -β	-	-	< 10 ⁻⁶	< 10 ⁻⁶
Hf _{1.0} -β	-	-	< 10 ⁻⁶	< 10 ⁻⁶

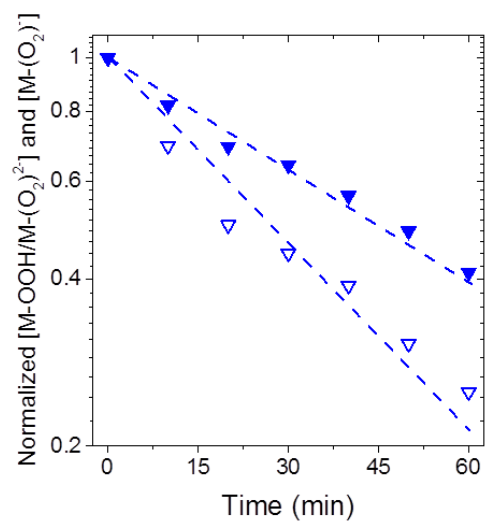
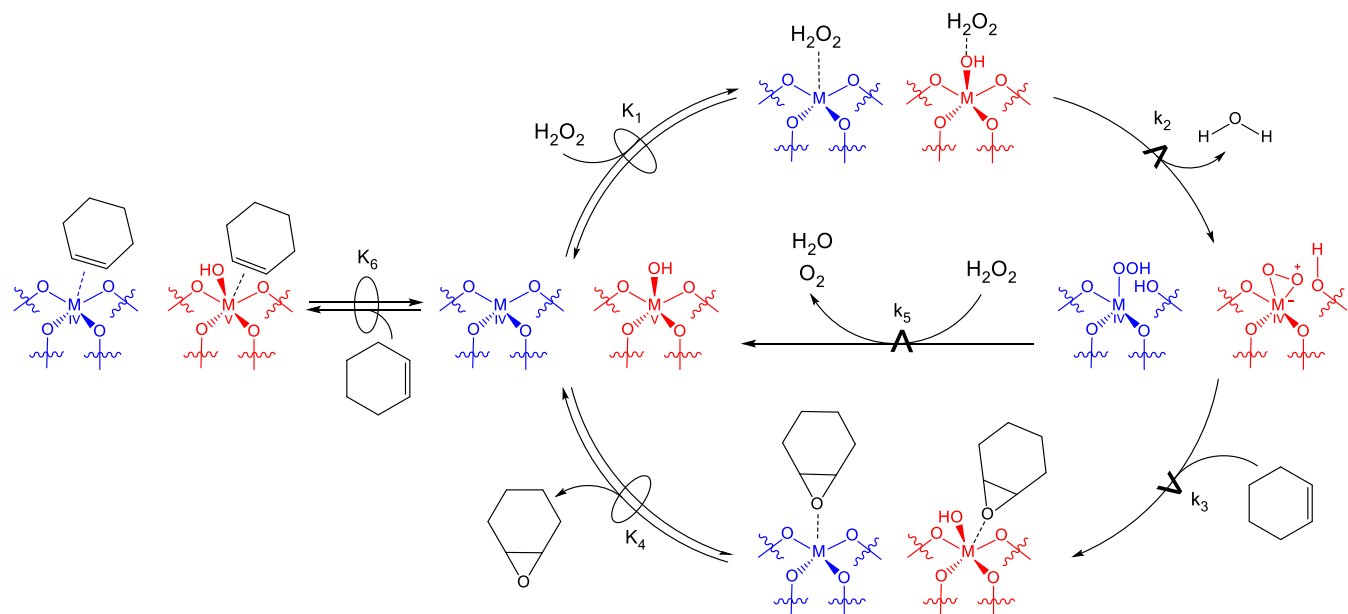


Figure S9. Change in the normalized surface coverage of $M-OOH/M-(O_2)^{2-}$ (open symbols) and $M-(O_2)^-$ (closed symbols) species as a function of time for $Ti_{1.0}$ -BEA. Spectra were acquired *in situ* upon flowing *cis*-stilbene in CH_3CN (0.01 M *cis*-stilbene, 0.4 M H_2O , $0.25\text{ cm}^3\text{ min}^{-1}$) over H_2O_2 -activated samples (Section 2.4) at 313K. To avoid misinterpretation, it should be noted that the Y-axis is log scale.

S3.0 Additional Kinetic Data, Derivation of Relevant Rate Expressions and Transition-State Theory

S3.1 Derivation of Full Rate Expression for C₆H₁₀ Epoxidation



Scheme 2 (copied from main text). Proposed mechanism for the epoxidation of C₆H₁₀ with H₂O₂ over group IV (Ti, Zr, and Hf, M-OOH shown, blue) and group V (Nb and Ta, red) M-β. The symbol \rightleftharpoons represents a quasi-equilibrated step, while $\xrightarrow{\Delta}$ represents a kinetically relevant step. Note, the unoccupied metal atoms are meant to be representations of an empty site, rather than suggest all metal atoms exist as closed sites, as both open and closed sites likely exist in these materials (see characterization results, Section 2.2).

Scheme 2 shows a series of elementary steps that account for the measured effects of [C₆H₁₀] and [H₂O₂] (Fig. 4) on both rates of C₆H₁₀ epoxidation.⁶ The catalytic cycle involves the quasi-equilibrated adsorption of H₂O₂ (step 1),⁵⁻⁷ followed by the irreversible activation of H₂O₂ (step 2) to form a pool of M-(O₂)⁻ (group V, superoxide)⁶ and M-OOH/M-(O₂)²⁻ (group IV, hydroperoxide/peroxide)⁸⁻¹¹ active intermediates (referred to collectively as M-(O₂)), which then react with C₆H₁₀ to form C₆H₁₀O (step 3), followed by C₆H₁₀O desorption (step 4) or decompose by reaction with H₂O₂ (step 5). Measured C₆H₁₀ epoxidation rates represent the kinetically relevant reaction of the active form of the oxidizing surface intermediate with a C₆H₁₀ molecule:

$$r_E = k_3[M - O_2][C_6H_{10}] \quad (S5)$$

where r_E is the rate of C₆H₁₀ epoxidation, [M-(O₂)] is the collective coverage of M-OOH/M-(O₂)²⁻ (group IV) and M-(O₂)⁻ (group V), k_x is the rate constant for step x in Scheme 2, and [C₆H₁₀] is the concentration of C₆H₁₀. Application of the pseudo-steady state hypothesis to the M-(O₂) intermediates, results in:

$$r_E = \frac{k_2 k_3 K_1 [C_6H_{10}] [H_2O_2] [*]}{(k_3 [C_6H_{10}] + k_5 [H_2O_2])} \quad (S6)$$

Where K_x is the equilibrium constant for step x and $[*]$ is the total number of empty (i.e., unoccupied) M atoms. An expression for $[*]$ is given by the summation of all likely surface-bound intermediates:

$$[L] = [*] + [C_6H_{10}^*] + [H_2O_2^*] + [M - (O_2)] + [C_6H_{10}O^*] \quad (S7)$$

where $[L]$ is the total number of M atoms, $[M - (O_2)]$ is the pool of M-OOH/M-(O₂)²⁻ and M-(O₂)⁻ intermediates, and $[C_6H_{10}^*]$, $[H_2O_2^*]$, and $[C_6H_{10}O^*]$ are surface-bound C₆H₁₀, H₂O₂, and C₆H₁₀O molecules, respectively. Equation S7 can then be restated in terms of the rate and equilibrium constants, as well as liquid-phase reactant concentrations and unoccupied M atoms by application of the PSSH to each specie to yield:

$$[L] = [*] + K_6 [C_6H_{10}] [*] + K_1 [H_2O_2] [*] + \frac{k_2 K_1 [H_2O_2] [*]}{(k_3 [C_6H_{10}] + k_5 [H_2O_2])} + K_4 [C_6H_{10}O] [*] \quad (S8)$$

Substitution of equation S8 into S6 yields the full rate expression for C₆H₁₀O formation:

$$\frac{r_E}{[L]} = \frac{\frac{k_2 k_3 K_1 [C_6H_{10}] [H_2O_2]}{(k_3 [C_6H_{10}] + k_5 [H_2O_2])}}{1 + K_6 [C_6H_{10}] + K_1 [H_2O_2] + \frac{k_2 K_1 [H_2O_2]}{(k_3 [C_6H_{10}] + k_5 [H_2O_2])} + K_4 [C_6H_{10}O]} \quad (S9)$$

which is consistent with equation 2 from the main text.

S3.2 Derivation of Full Rate Expression for H₂O₂ Decomposition

Scheme 2 shows a series of elementary steps that account for the measured effects of [C₆H₁₀] and [H₂O₂] (Fig. 4) on both rates of H₂O₂ decomposition.⁶ The catalytic cycle involves the quasi-equilibrated adsorption of H₂O₂ (step 1),⁵⁻⁷ followed by the irreversible activation of H₂O₂ (step 2) to form a pool of M-(O₂)⁻ (group V, superoxide)⁶ and M-OOH/M-(O₂)²⁻ (group IV, hydroperoxide/peroxide)⁸⁻¹¹ active intermediates (referred to collectively as M-(O₂)), which then or decompose by reaction with H₂O₂ (step 5). Measured C₆H₁₀ epoxidation rates represent the kinetically relevant reaction of the active form of the oxidizing surface intermediate with a C₆H₁₀ molecule:

$$r_D = k_5[M - O_2][H_2O_2] \quad (S10)$$

where r_D is the rate of C₆H₁₀ epoxidation, [M-(O₂)] is the collective coverage of M-OOH/M-(O₂)²⁻ (group IV) and M-(O₂)⁻ (group V), k_x is the rate constant for step x in Scheme 2, and [H₂O₂] is the concentration of H₂O₂. Application of the pseudo-steady state hypothesis to the M-(O₂) intermediates, results in:

$$r_D = \frac{k_2 k_5 K_1 [H_2O_2]^2 [*]}{(k_3 [C_6H_{10}] + k_5 [H_2O_2])} \quad (S11)$$

Where K_x is the equilibrium constant for step x and [*] is the total number of empty (i.e., unoccupied) M atoms. An expression for [*] is given by the summation of all likely surface-bound intermediates:

$$[L] = [*] + [C_6H_{10}^*] + [H_2O_2^*] + [M - (O_2)] + [C_6H_{10}O^*] \quad (S12)$$

where [L] is the total number of M atoms, [M-(O₂)] is the pool of M-OOH/M-(O₂)²⁻ and M-(O₂)⁻ intermediates, and [C₆H₁₀*], [H₂O₂*], and [C₆H₁₀O*] are surface-bound C₆H₁₀, H₂O₂, and C₆H₁₀O molecules, respectively. Equation S12 can then be restated in terms of the rate and equilibrium constants, as well as liquid-phase reactant concentrations and unoccupied M atoms by application of the PSSH to each specie to yield:

$$[L] = [*] + K_6 [C_6H_{10}] [*] + K_1 [H_2O_2] [*] + \frac{k_2 K_1 [H_2O_2] [*]}{(k_3 [C_6H_{10}] + k_5 [H_2O_2])} + K_4 [C_6H_{10}O] [*] \quad (S13)$$

Substitution of equation S13 into S10 yields the full rate expression for H₂O₂ decomposition:

$$\frac{r_D}{[L]} = \frac{\frac{k_2 k_5 K_1 [H_2O_2]^2}{(k_3 [C_6H_{10}] + k_5 [H_2O_2])}}{1 + K_6 [C_6H_{10}] + K_1 [H_2O_2] + \frac{k_2 K_1 [H_2O_2]}{(k_3 [C_6H_{10}] + k_5 [H_2O_2])} + K_4 [C_6H_{10}O]} \quad (S14)$$

At high $[H_2O_2]:[C_6H_{10}]$ reactant ratios, M-(O₂) species are the most abundant surface intermediates (MASI) on all M-β (Section 2.2, Fig. 3 in the main text), which simplifies equation S14 to yield:

$$\frac{r_D}{[L]} = k_5 [H_2O_2] \quad (S15)$$

Figure S11 shows H₂O₂ decomposition rates for Ti-, Nb-, and Ta-β as a function of $[H_2O_2]$ at constant $[C_6H_{10}]$ under a M-(O₂) MASI. In all cases, H₂O₂ decomposition rates depend linearly on $[H_2O_2]$, which is in excellent agreement with equation S14. Collectively, these data, in comparison to the derived rate expressions, strongly suggest that H₂O₂ decomposition occurs via a bimolecular reaction pathway, where H₂O₂ reacts directly with the M-(O₂) intermediates.

Total rates of H₂O₂ consumption ($r_{H_2O_2}$) are given by the sum of equations S9 and S14 to yield:

$$\frac{r_{H_2O_2}}{[L]} = \frac{\frac{k_2 k_5 K_1 [H_2O_2]^2}{(k_3 [C_6H_{10}] + k_5 [H_2O_2])} + \frac{k_2 k_3 K_1 [C_6H_{10}] [H_2O_2]}{(k_3 [C_6H_{10}] + k_5 [H_2O_2])}}{1 + K_6 [C_6H_{10}] + K_1 [H_2O_2] + \frac{k_2 K_1 [H_2O_2]}{(k_3 [C_6H_{10}] + k_5 [H_2O_2])} + K_4 [C_6H_{10}O]} \quad (S16)$$

The selectivity for H₂O₂ use in epoxidations can then be cast as the ratio of $r_{H_2O_2}$ to r_E (α , i.e., equation S16 over S9) to result in:

$$\alpha = 1 + \frac{k_5 [H_2O_2]}{k_3 [C_6H_{10}]} \quad (S17)$$

where the numerator (i.e., $k_5 [H_2O_2]$) and denominator (i.e., $k_3 [C_6H_{10}]$) may be estimated for Ti-, Nb-, and Ta-β by inspection of Figs. 3 and S11. Table S3 shows the ratio of $k_5 [H_2O_2]:k_3 [C_6H_{10}]$ for Ti-, Nb-, and Ta-β under conditions that result in a C₆H₁₀O MASI (i.e., the conditions in Fig. 3b). The relative values of $k_5 [H_2O_2]:k_3 [C_6H_{10}]$ for Ti-, Nb-, and Ta-β under a C₆H₁₀O MASI shows that $k_3 [C_6H_{10}] \gg k_5 [H_2O_2]$.

Table S3. Calculated ratios of $k_5[\text{H}_2\text{O}_2]:k_3[\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}]$ using interpolated values from Figs. 3 and S11 for $\text{Nb}_{0.6-}$, $\text{Ta}_{0.6-}$, and $\text{Ti}_{1.0-}\beta$ at conditions that result in a $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}\text{O}$ MASI (i.e., conditions in Fig. 3b).

Sample	$k_5[\text{H}_2\text{O}_2]/k_3[\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}]$
$\text{Nb}_{0.6-}\beta$	0.05
$\text{Ta}_{0.6-}\beta$	0.0009
$\text{Ti}_{1.0-}\beta$	0.025

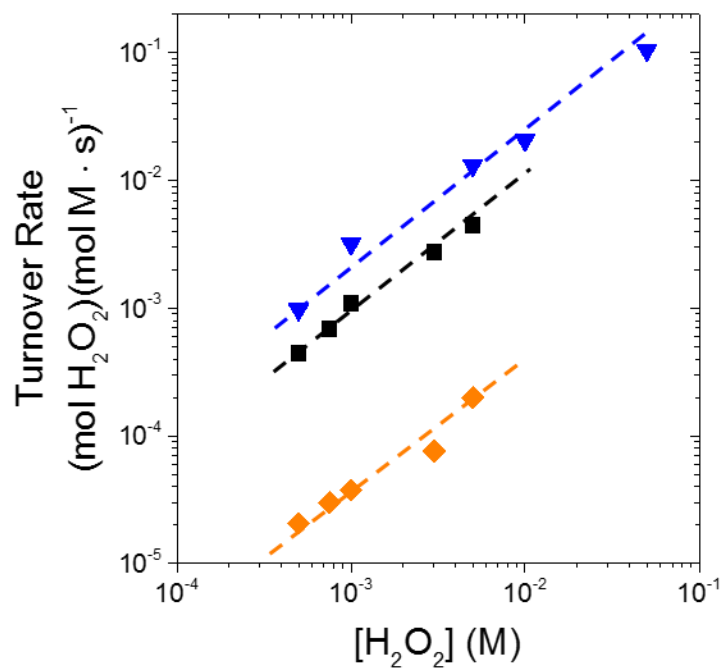


Figure S10. H₂O₂ decomposition rates as a function of [H₂O₂] over Nb_{0.6}-β (■, 0.05 M C₆H₁₀, 313 K), Ta_{0.6}-β (◆, 2 mM C₆H₁₀, 313 K), and Ti_{1.0}-β (▼, 0.01 M C₆H₁₀, 313 K). Dashed lines are intended to guide the eye. Nb_{0.6}-β data is adapted from ref [6].

S3.3 Transition-State Theory for Measurement of Activation Enthalpies and Entropies

Transition-state theory (TST) is used to relate the stability of the reference state (e.g., M-(O₂) intermediate) to an activated complex that leads to reaction (i.e., the transition state).^{6,12,13} TST, when combined with our proposed mechanism (Scheme 2), proposes that the reactant species (i.e., M-(O₂), H₂O₂, and C₆H₁₀) exist in equilibrium with the transition state to yield:

$$\frac{r_E}{[L]} = \frac{k_B T}{h} K_E^\ddagger [C_6H_{10}] \quad (S15)$$

$$\frac{r_E}{[L]} = \frac{k_B T}{h} K_D^\ddagger [H_2O_2] \quad (S16)$$

where k_B is Boltzmann's constant, h is Planck's constant, T is the temperature in kelvin, K_E^\ddagger and K_D^\ddagger are the Transition-state equilibrium constants for epoxidation and H₂O₂ decomposition, respectively, and $[C_6H_{10}]$ is the concentration of C₆H₁₀. Values of K_E^\ddagger and K_D^\ddagger may be expressed in terms of free energy, via the Eyring equation, to result in:

$$K_x^\ddagger = e^{-\Delta G_x^\ddagger/RT} = e^{-\Delta H_x^\ddagger/RT} e^{\Delta S_x^\ddagger/R} \quad (S17)$$

Where R is the ideal gas constant and ΔG^\ddagger , ΔH^\ddagger , and ΔS^\ddagger is the Gibb's free energy, enthalpy, and entropy of activation, respectively. Figure S8 shows measured values for K_E^\ddagger and K_D^\ddagger as a function of inverse temperature for all M- β .

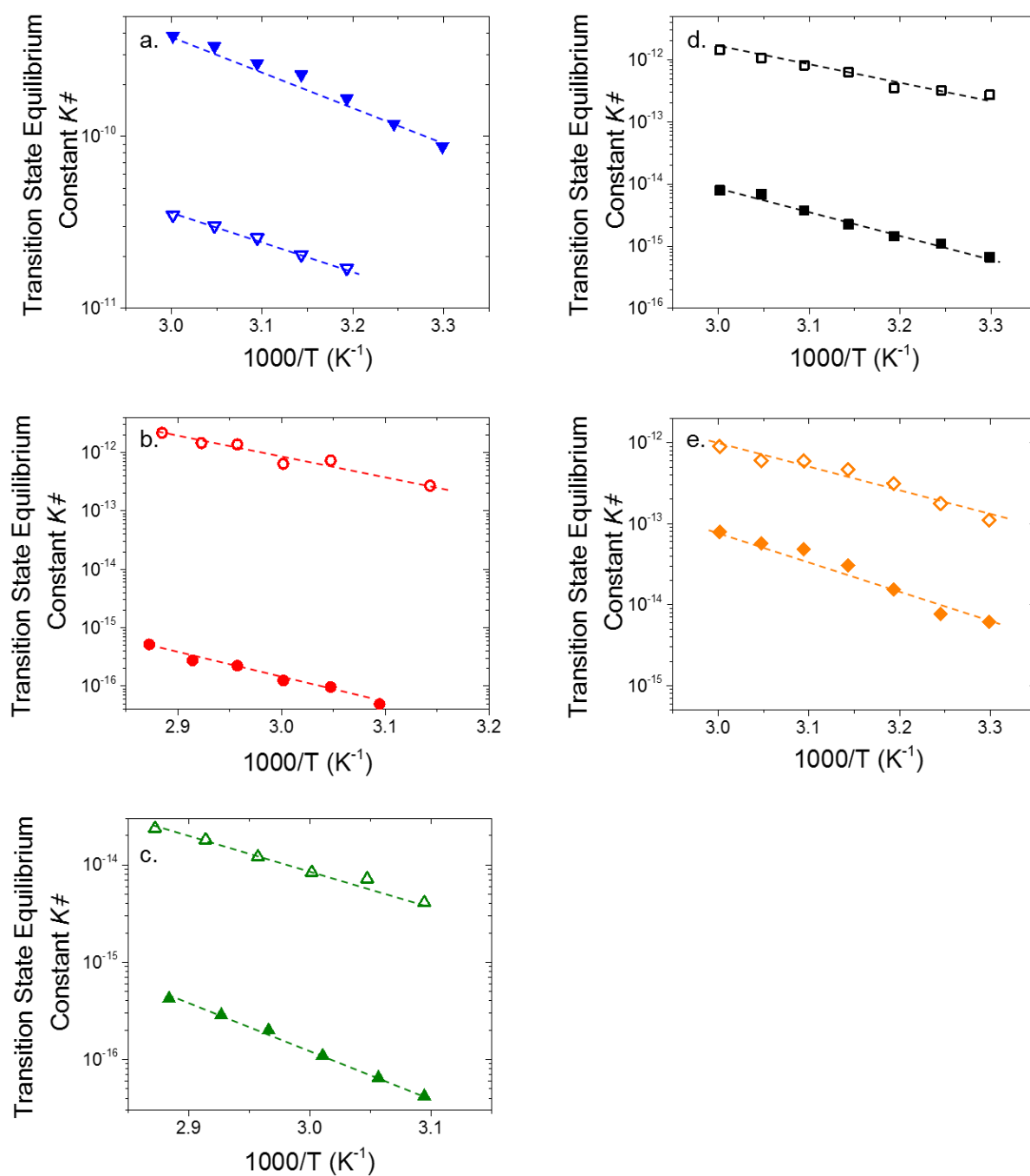


Figure S11. Transition state equilibrium constants for C_6H_{10} epoxidation (K_E^\ddagger , closed symbols) and H_2O_2 decomposition (K_D^\ddagger , open symbols) as functions of inverse temperature on (a) $Ti_{1.0-\beta}$ (\blacktriangledown , 0.5 mM C_6H_{10} , 0.05 M H_2O_2), (b) $Zr_{1.0-\beta}$ (\bullet , 0.5 mM C_6H_{10} , 0.1 M H_2O_2), (c) $Hf_{1.0-\beta}$ (\blacktriangle , 0.5 mM C_6H_{10} , 0.1 M H_2O_2), (d) $Nb_{0.6-\beta}$ (\blacksquare , 0.05 M C_6H_{10} , 1 mM H_2O_2), and (e) $Ta_{0.6-\beta}$ (\blacklozenge , 0.01 M C_6H_{10} , 1 mM H_2O_2) under a M-(O₂) MASI. Error bars were omitted for clarity. In all reported data, error was < 7%. Lines represent fits to the Eyring equation (equation S5). $Nb_{0.6-\beta}$ data is adapted from ref [6].

S4. Effects of Metal Electronegativity (Pauling and Mulliken) on Activation Enthalpies and Measured CD₃CN Adsorption Enthalpies

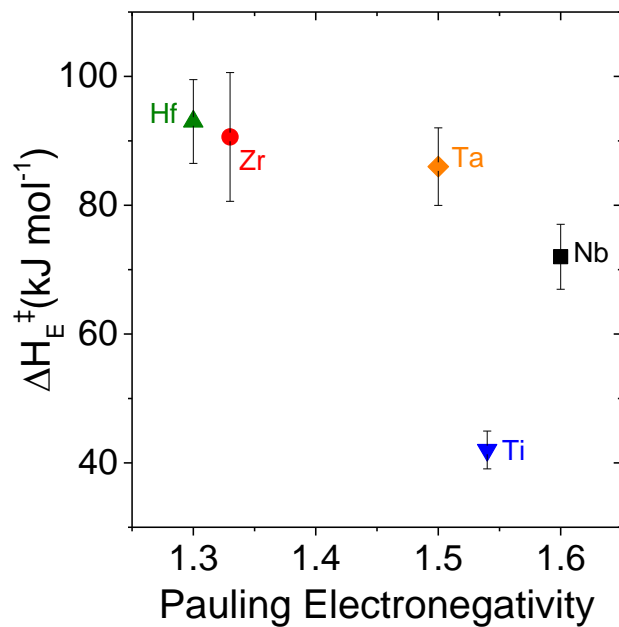


Figure S12. Activation enthalpies for C₆H₁₀ epoxidation (ΔH_E^\ddagger), measured on a M-(O₂) MASI (Fig. S8), as a function of metal-atom Pauling electronegativity on Ti_{1.0}- β (\blacktriangledown), Zr_{1.0}- β (\bullet), Hf_{1.0}- β (\blacktriangle), Nb_{0.6}- β (\blacksquare), and Ta_{0.6}- β (\blacklozenge).

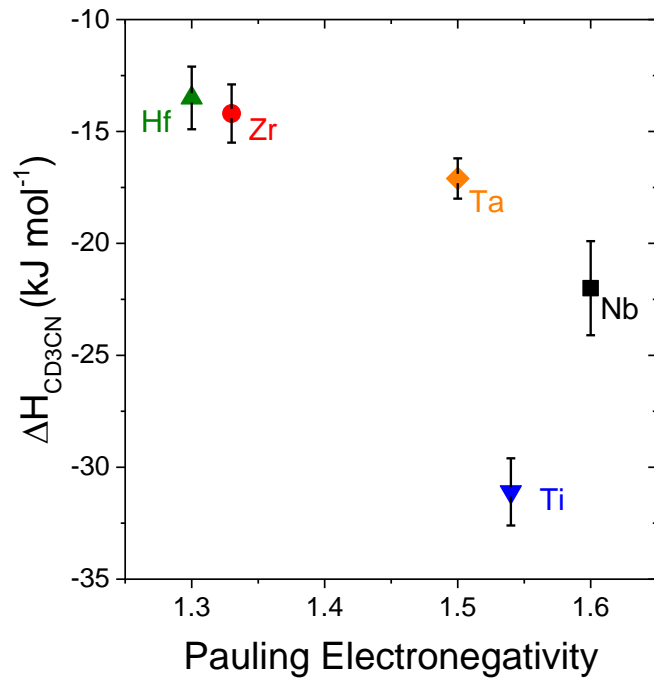


Figure S13. Measured CD₃CN adsorption enthalpies (Section 2.2) as a function of metal-atom Pauling electronegativity on Ti_{1.0}- β (\blacktriangledown), Zr_{1.0}- β (\bullet), Hf_{1.0}- β (\blacktriangle), Nb_{0.6}- β (\blacksquare), and Ta_{0.6}- β (\blacklozenge).

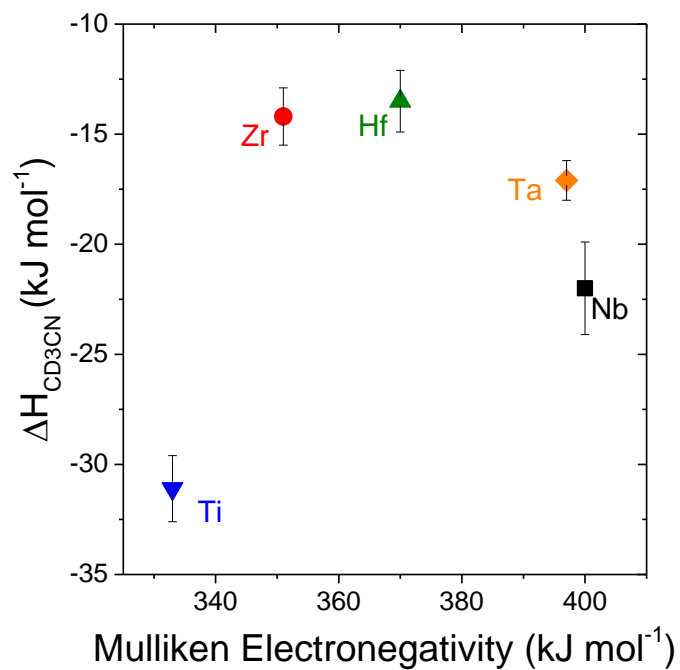


Figure S14. Measured CD₃CN adsorption enthalpies (Section 2.2) as a function of metal-atom Mulliken electronegativity on Ti_{1.0}-β (▼), Zr_{1.0}-β (●), Hf_{1.0}-β (▲), Nb_{0.6}-β (■), and Ta_{0.6}-β (◆). Mulliken electronegativity values are adapted from ref [14].

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