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Thank you very much. I suppose there may be some low-rate reactions where $C=O$ enters the metabolic systems of many organisms, perhaps generating CH_2O in place of H_2O_2 . This would be hard to establish if it occurred only at low mole fractions of CO/O_2 .

Far from decrying your speculation about $CO \leftrightarrow CO_2$, I had already invented a similar thought, independently.

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Sincerely,

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