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# Vibrational Circular Dichroism Detects Symmetry Breaking due to Conformational Mobility in C<sub>2</sub>-Symmetry Chiral Molecules and Provides Further Insight into Inter-Chromophoric Interactions

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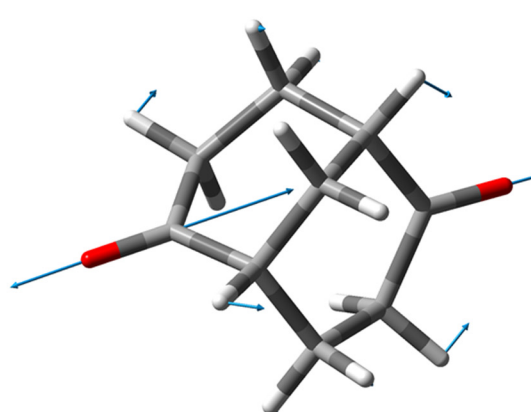
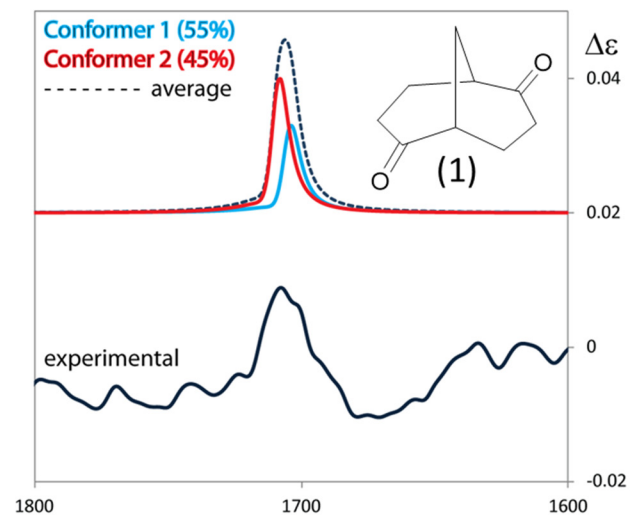
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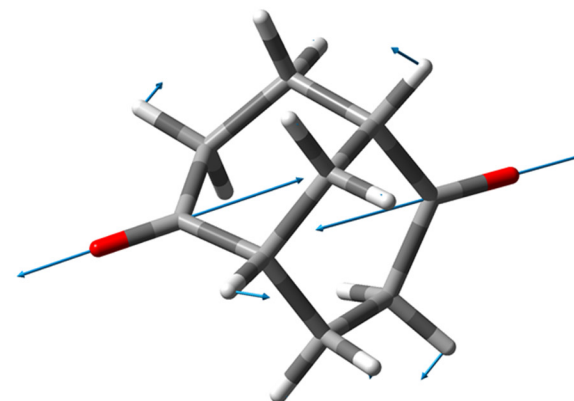
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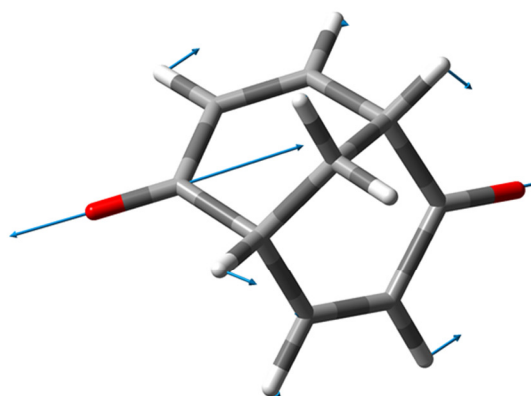
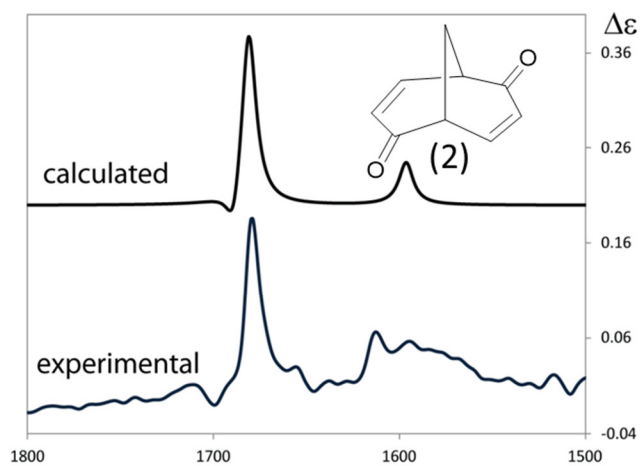
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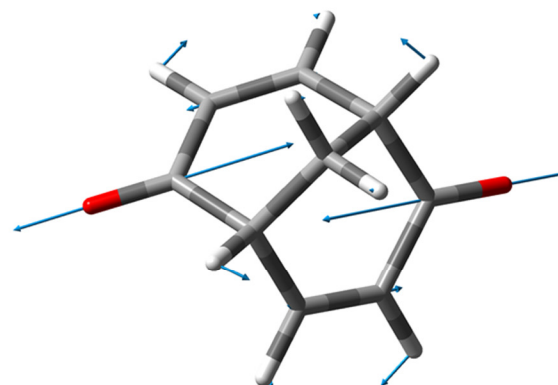
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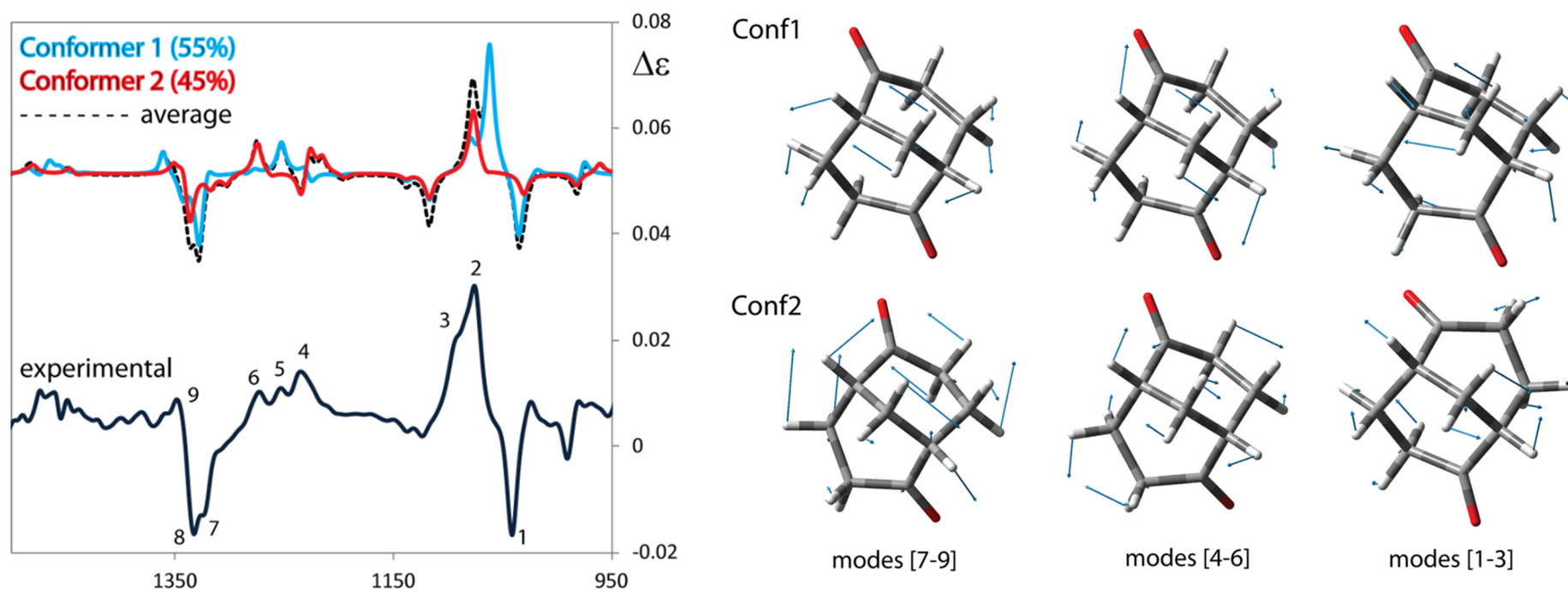


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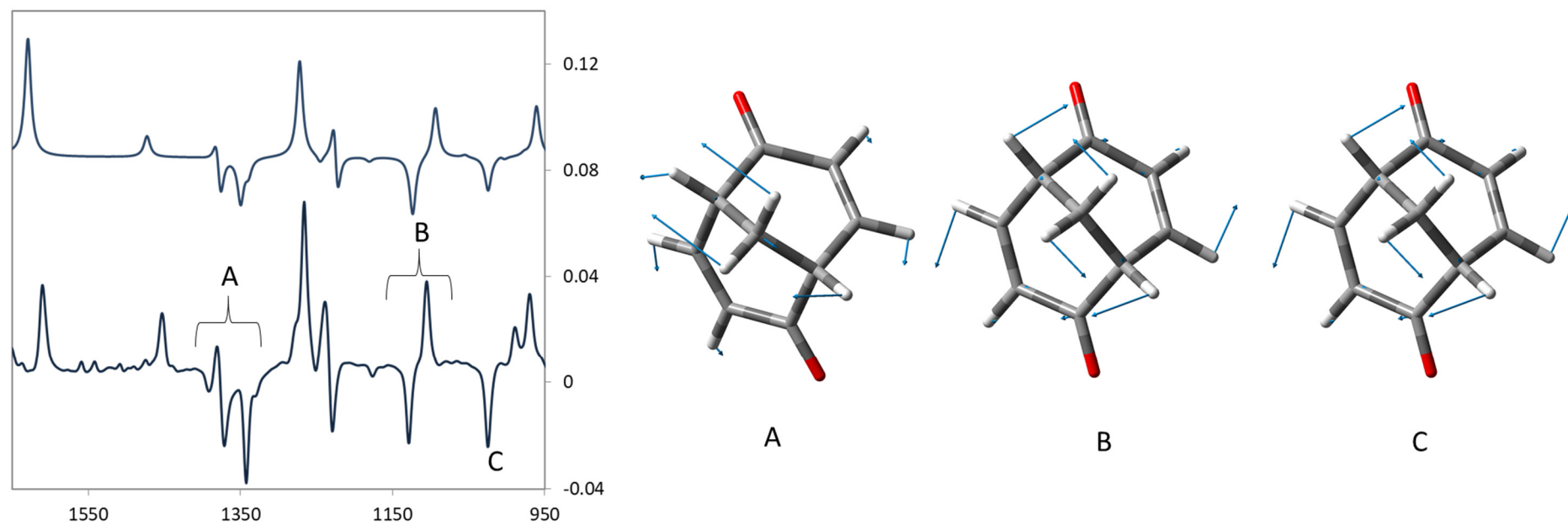


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**Figure SI-1.** Calculated spectra and carbonyl stretching normal modes description for compounds 1-cc conformer (top) and 2 (bottom).

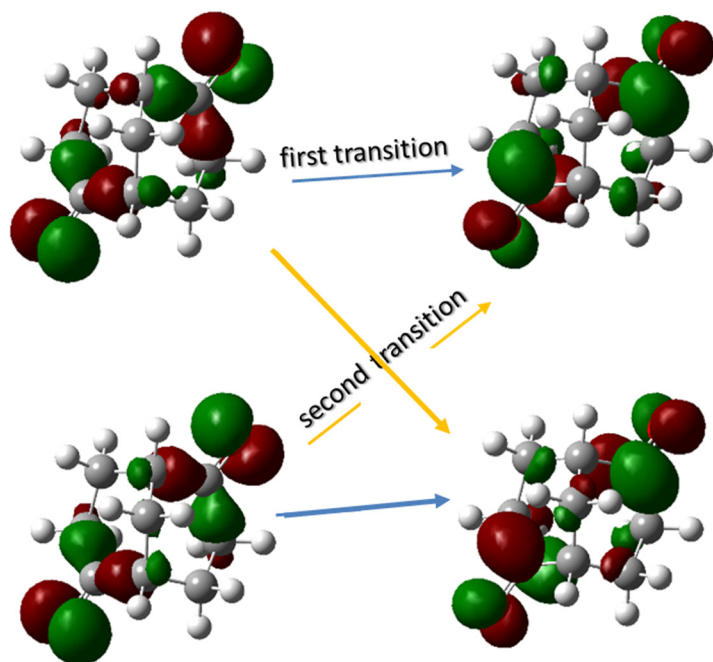


**Figure SI-2.** Calculated spectra and description of vibrational modes in the MID-IR region of compound 1-cc conformer. Modes are grouped and displayed for vibration transition type (only relative phases change within each group).

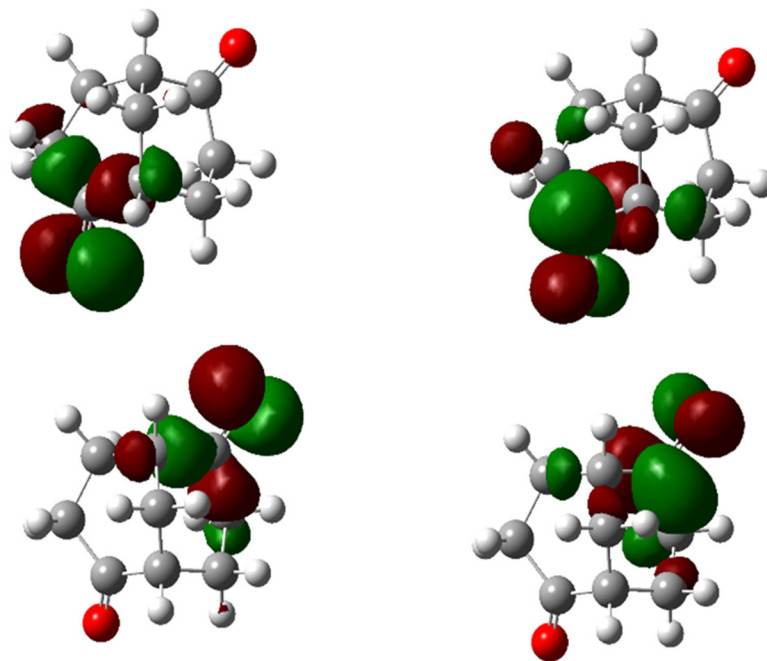


**Figure SI-3.** Calculated spectra and description of vibrational modes in the MID-IR region of compound 2.

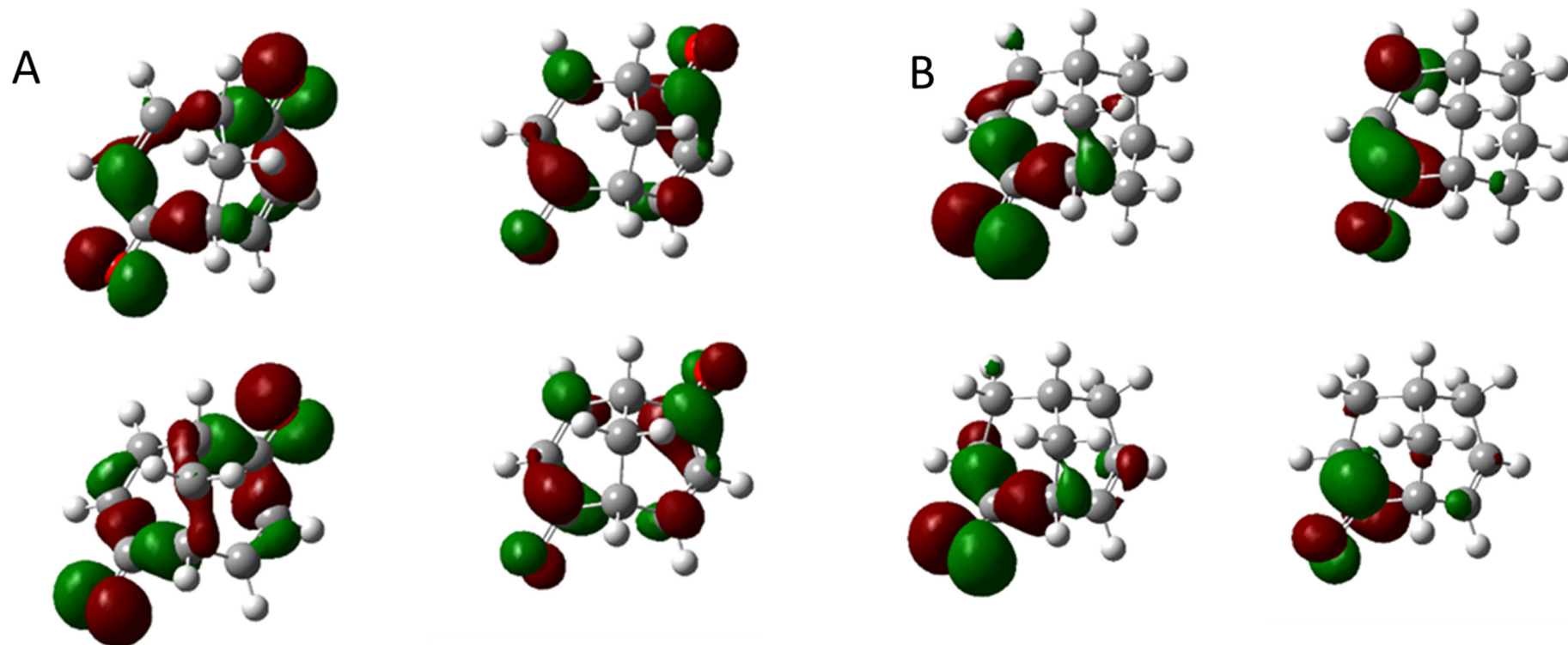
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**Figure SI-4.** Natural Transition Orbital investigation of first and second electronic transitions of compound 1 for both the cc and cb conformers. Level of theory CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ.

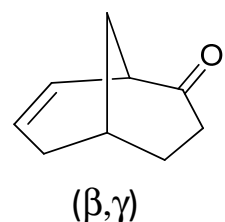
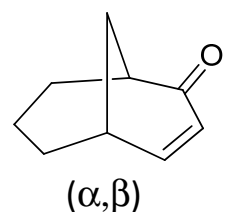
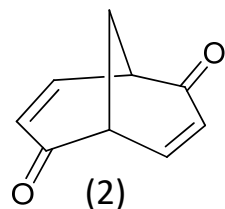


**Figure SI-5.** Molecular orbitals involved in the first and second electronic transitions of compound 2. Level of theory CAM-B3LYP/aug-cc-pVDZ.

**Table SI-1.** Compound **1** in **cc** and **cb** conformation, and mono-ketone model. APT and AAT (a.u) of C and O atoms are reported in the reference cartesian system of each carbonyl group, z axis pointing towards the O atom, y-axis pointing towards the nearby asymmetric carbon C\*.

| A | 1-cc        | APT           |               |               | AAT           |               |               |         | cm-1 | Dip. str. | Rot. str. | E-M |
|---|-------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------|------|-----------|-----------|-----|
|   | C           |               |               |               |               |               |               | antis.  | 1775 | 1015      | 59        | 24  |
|   |             | 0.031         | -0.013        | -0.106        | 0.055         | 0.574         | 0.080         | symm.   | 1779 | 10        | -20       | 180 |
|   |             | 0.055         | 0.890         | -0.052        | -1.206        | 0.046         | -0.126        |         |      |           |           |     |
|   |             | <b>-0.105</b> | <b>-0.006</b> | <b>1.313</b>  | <b>-0.154</b> | <b>0.118</b>  | <b>0.041</b>  |         |      |           |           |     |
|   | O           |               |               |               |               |               |               |         |      |           |           |     |
|   |             | -0.299        | 0.003         | 0.037         | -0.009        | -1.555        | -0.063        |         |      |           |           |     |
|   |             | -0.023        | -0.533        | 0.015         | 1.279         | -0.013        | 0.030         |         |      |           |           |     |
|   |             | <b>0.040</b>  | <b>0.021</b>  | <b>-1.224</b> | <b>0.173</b>  | <b>-0.150</b> | <b>-0.061</b> |         |      |           |           |     |
| B | 1-cb        | APT           |               |               | AAT           |               |               |         | cm-1 | Dip. str. | Rot. str. | E-M |
|   | C           |               |               |               |               |               |               | antis.  | 1779 | 864       | 112       | 59  |
|   |             | 0.096         | -0.009        | 0.015         | -0.129        | 0.675         | 0.107         | symm.   | 1783 | 116       | -39       | 104 |
|   |             | 0.083         | 0.929         | -0.001        | -1.016        | 0.049         | -0.740        |         |      |           |           |     |
|   |             | <b>-0.150</b> | <b>-0.040</b> | <b>1.193</b>  | <b>-0.409</b> | <b>0.634</b>  | <b>0.106</b>  |         |      |           |           |     |
|   | O           |               |               |               |               |               |               | Average |      | 1005      | 54        |     |
|   |             | -0.337        | -0.001        | 0.023         | 0.051         | -1.576        | -0.063        |         |      |           |           |     |
|   |             | -0.024        | -0.544        | 0.032         | 1.168         | -0.011        | 0.405         |         |      |           |           |     |
|   |             | <b>0.130</b>  | <b>0.052</b>  | <b>-1.168</b> | <b>0.321</b>  | <b>-0.651</b> | <b>-0.042</b> |         |      |           |           |     |
|   | C           |               |               |               |               |               |               |         |      |           |           |     |
|   |             | 0.017         | 0.011         | -0.064        | 0.035         | 0.558         | 0.025         |         |      |           |           |     |
|   |             | 0.069         | 0.848         | -0.081        | -1.206        | 0.099         | 0.073         |         |      |           |           |     |
|   |             | <b>-0.033</b> | <b>-0.024</b> | <b>1.360</b>  | <b>-0.142</b> | <b>0.048</b>  | <b>0.031</b>  |         |      |           |           |     |
|   | O           |               |               |               |               |               |               |         |      |           |           |     |
|   |             | -0.286        | 0.000         | 0.022         | -0.016        | -1.529        | -0.051        |         |      |           |           |     |
|   |             | -0.028        | -0.520        | 0.025         | 1.287         | -0.029        | -0.040        |         |      |           |           |     |
|   |             | <b>-0.009</b> | <b>0.023</b>  | <b>-1.234</b> | <b>0.133</b>  | <b>-0.043</b> | <b>-0.063</b> |         |      |           |           |     |
| C | Mono-ketone | APT           |               |               | AAT           |               |               |         | cm-1 | Dip. str. | Rot. str. | E-M |
|   | C           |               |               |               |               |               |               |         |      |           |           |     |
|   |             | 0.032         | -0.013        | -0.101        | 0.060         | 0.574         | 0.087         |         |      |           |           |     |
|   |             | 0.061         | 0.888         | -0.048        | -1.128        | 0.018         | -0.134        |         |      |           |           |     |
|   |             | <b>-0.101</b> | <b>-0.004</b> | <b>1.307</b>  | <b>-0.162</b> | <b>0.091</b>  | <b>0.026</b>  |         |      |           |           |     |
|   | O           |               |               |               |               |               |               |         |      |           |           |     |
|   |             | -0.304        | 0.003         | 0.037         | -0.016        | -1.532        | -0.069        |         |      |           |           |     |
|   |             | -0.025        | -0.537        | 0.013         | 1.241         | -0.003        | 0.028         |         |      |           |           |     |
|   |             | <b>0.040</b>  | <b>0.017</b>  | <b>-1.243</b> | <b>0.192</b>  | <b>-0.126</b> | <b>-0.050</b> |         |      |           |           |     |

**Table SI-2.** Compound **2** and mono-ketone diene models. APT and AAT (a.u.) of C and O atoms are reported in the reference cartesian system of each carbonyl group, z axis pointing towards the O atom, y-axis pointing towards the nearby asymmetric carbon C\*.



| A | 2              | APT           |               |               | AAT           |               |               |        | cm-1 | Dip. str. | Rot. str. | E-M |
|---|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------|------|-----------|-----------|-----|
|   | C              |               |               |               |               |               |               | antis. | 1750 | 1334      | 388       | 15  |
|   |                | 0.110         | 0.025         | 0.014         | 0.006         | 0.535         | 0.433         | symm.  | 1759 | 44        | -95       | 180 |
|   |                | 0.144         | 0.871         | 0.094         | -2.093        | 0.482         | -0.406        | .      |      |           |           |     |
|   |                | <b>-0.195</b> | <b>-0.053</b> | <b>1.542</b>  | <b>-0.309</b> | <b>0.260</b>  | <b>0.318</b>  | sum    |      | 1378      | 293       |     |
|   | O              |               |               |               |               |               |               |        |      |           |           |     |
|   |                | -0.313        | 0.002         | -0.004        | 0.013         | -1.474        | -0.130        |        |      |           |           |     |
|   |                | -0.026        | -0.500        | -0.017        | 1.427         | -0.104        | 0.154         |        |      |           |           |     |
|   |                | <b>0.128</b>  | <b>0.056</b>  | <b>-1.358</b> | <b>0.305</b>  | <b>-0.311</b> | <b>-0.225</b> |        |      |           |           |     |
| B | $\alpha,\beta$ | APT           |               |               | AAT           |               |               |        | cm-1 | Dip. str. | Rot. str. | E-M |
|   | C              |               |               |               |               |               |               |        | 1742 | 603       | 51        | 80  |
|   |                | 0.137         | -0.012        | -0.060        | -0.028        | 0.475         | 0.359         |        |      |           |           |     |
|   |                | 0.035         | 0.865         | 0.267         | -1.498        | 0.176         | -0.342        |        |      |           |           |     |
|   |                | <b>-0.152</b> | <b>0.018</b>  | <b>1.369</b>  | <b>-0.421</b> | <b>0.353</b>  | <b>0.040</b>  |        |      |           |           |     |
|   | O              |               |               |               |               |               |               |        |      |           |           |     |
|   |                | -0.343        | 0.005         | 0.022         | 0.037         | -1.473        | -0.091        |        |      |           |           |     |
|   |                | -0.006        | -0.528        | -0.046        | 1.288         | -0.051        | 0.181         |        |      |           |           |     |
|   |                | <b>0.100</b>  | <b>0.027</b>  | <b>-1.283</b> | <b>0.357</b>  | <b>-0.375</b> | <b>-0.038</b> |        |      |           |           |     |
| C | $\beta,\gamma$ | APT           |               |               | AAT           |               |               |        | cm-1 | Dip. str. | Rot. str. | E-M |
|   | C              |               |               |               |               |               |               |        | 1781 | 612       | 67        | 39  |
|   |                | 0.009         | 0.020         | -0.026        | 0.103         | 0.544         | 0.159         |        |      |           |           |     |
|   |                | 0.098         | 0.865         | -0.209        | -1.245        | 0.161         | -0.046        |        |      |           |           |     |
|   |                | <b>-0.052</b> | <b>-0.050</b> | <b>1.458</b>  | <b>-0.060</b> | <b>-0.115</b> | <b>0.174</b>  |        |      |           |           |     |
|   | O              |               |               |               |               |               |               |        |      |           |           |     |
|   |                | -0.280        | 0.000         | 0.009         | -0.041        | -1.484        | -0.096        |        |      |           |           |     |
|   |                | -0.037        | -0.519        | 0.057         | 1.256         | -0.041        | -0.034        |        |      |           |           |     |
|   |                | <b>0.010</b>  | <b>0.030</b>  | <b>-1.318</b> | <b>0.082</b>  | <b>0.061</b>  | <b>-0.158</b> |        |      |           |           |     |





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