

Ab initio modelling of the anomeric and *exo*-anomeric effects in  
2-methoxytetrahydropyran and 2-methoxythiane; corrected for  
intramolecular BSSE

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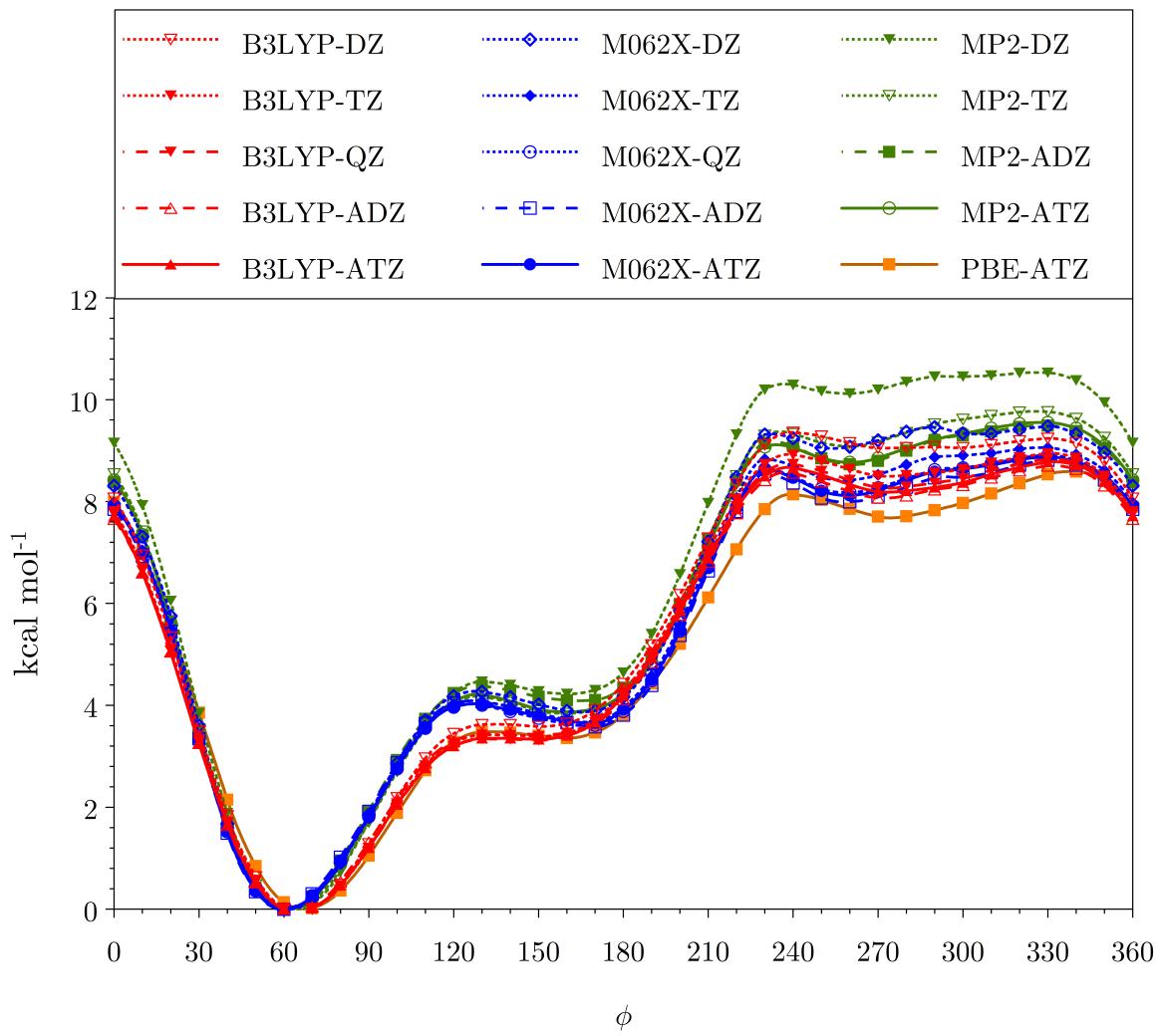
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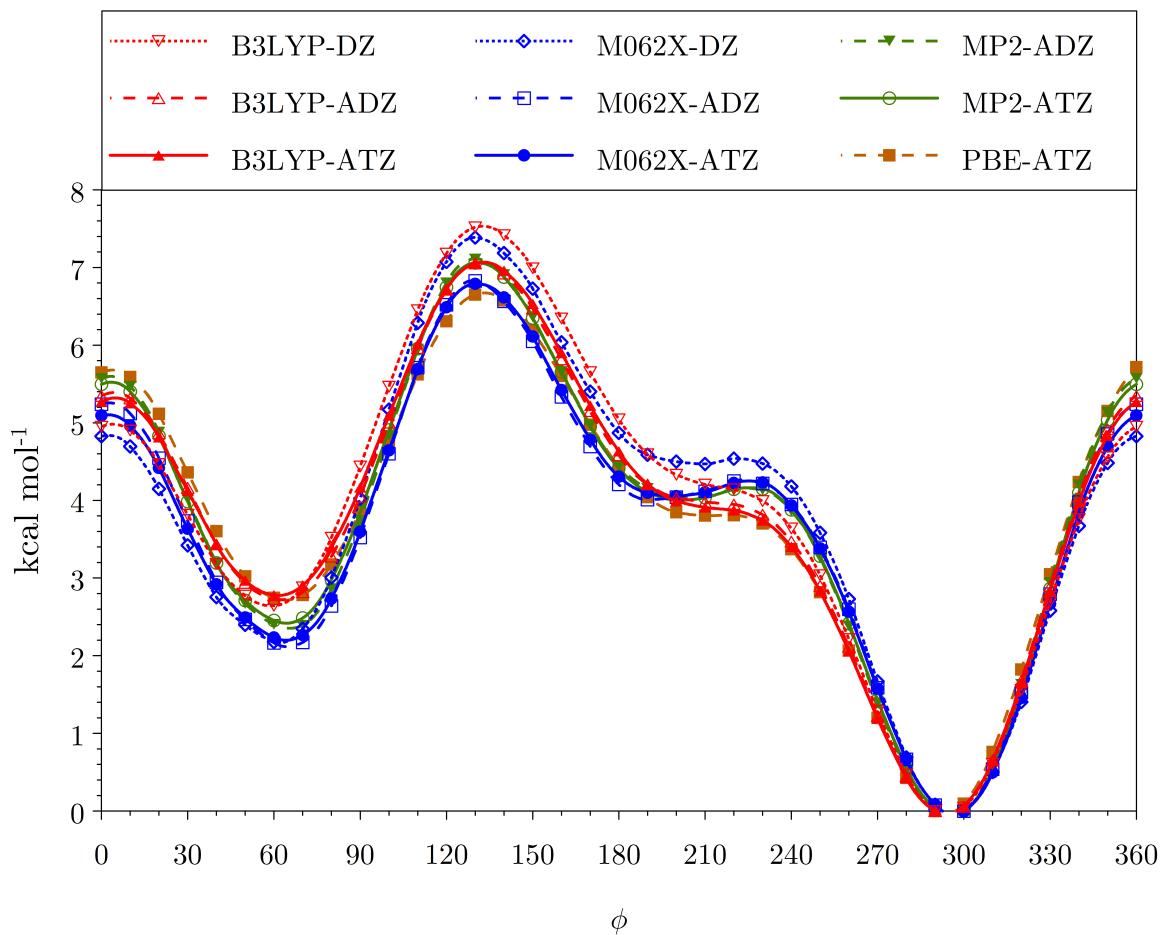
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## Torsional PES scans of MTHP and MT

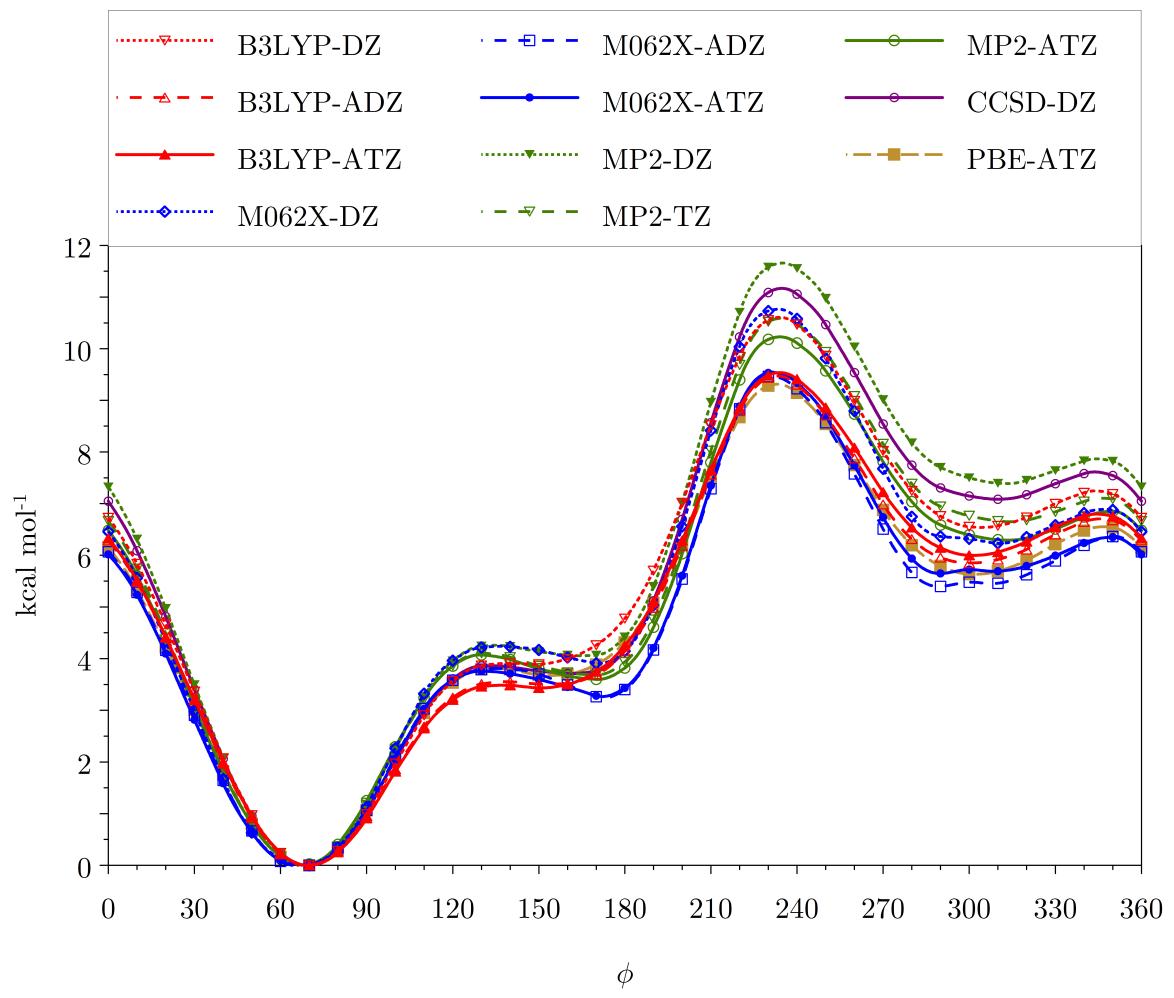
We present torsional PES scans of 2-methoxytetrahydropyran (MTHP) and 2-methoxythiane (MT) around the glycosidic linkage C1-O1 calculated with different methods. The scans are depicted in Figures 1 to 4. Clearly, DFT with the B3LYP<sup>1</sup> functional and with the selected basis sets does not capture the ETG minima in MTHP and MT and the location of ATG is problematic as well. Moreover, the minimum for AGG in MTHP is too shallow and hard to localize. However, even MP2 in cc-pVDZ basis indicates a false shallow minimum in MTHP around  $\phi \approx 310^\circ$ , but the position of the AGG minimum is consistent with MP2 results in larger basis sets. The M062X functional<sup>2</sup> yields results more consistent with MP2. The PBE functional<sup>3</sup> performs better than B3LYP, yet the ATG minimum is shallower than the MP2 and M062X ones and the EGT minima are not localized. The data used in Figures 1 to 4 is collected below.



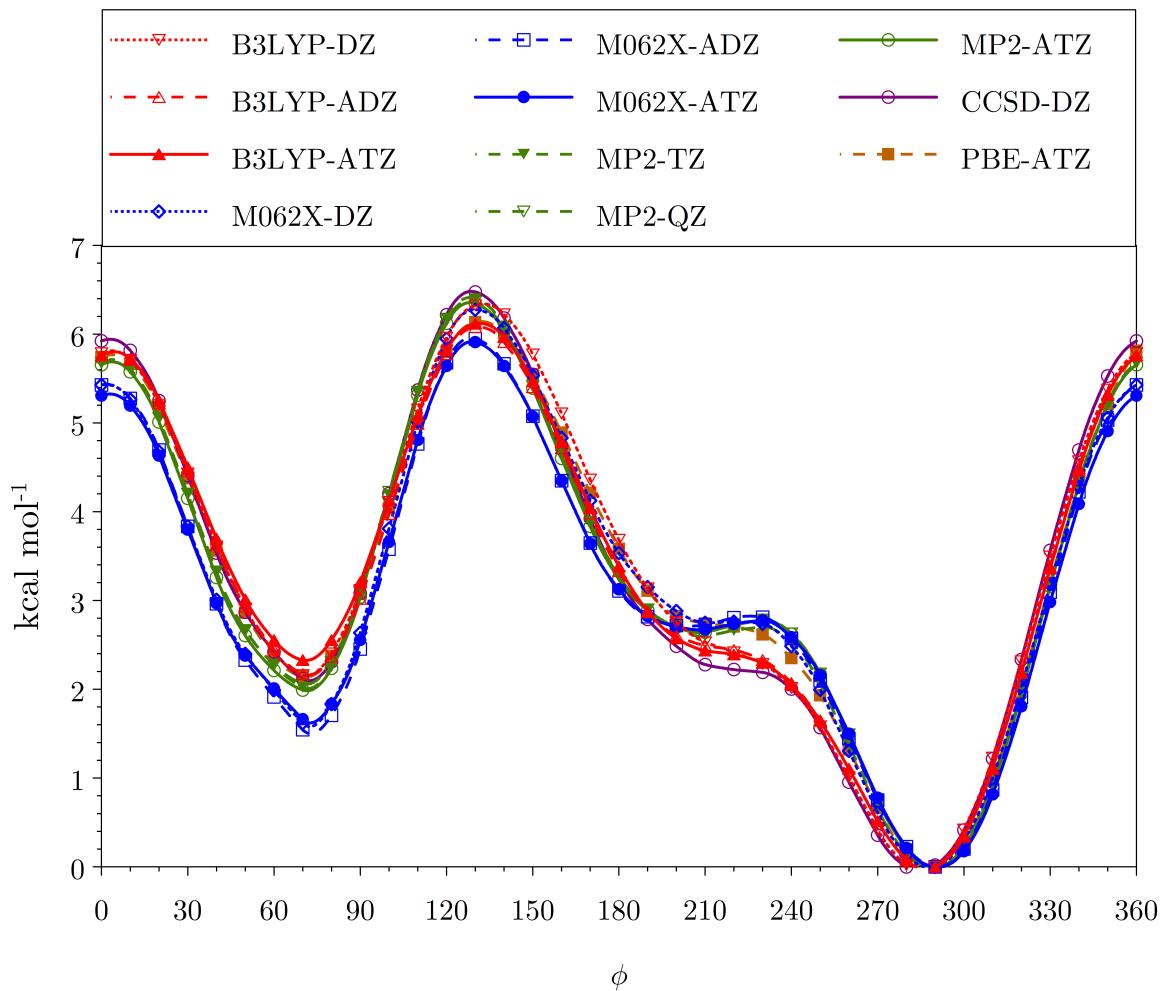
**Figure S 1:** Torsional PES scans around the glycosidic linkage C1-O1 of 2-methoxytetrahydropyran in axial form for different methods.



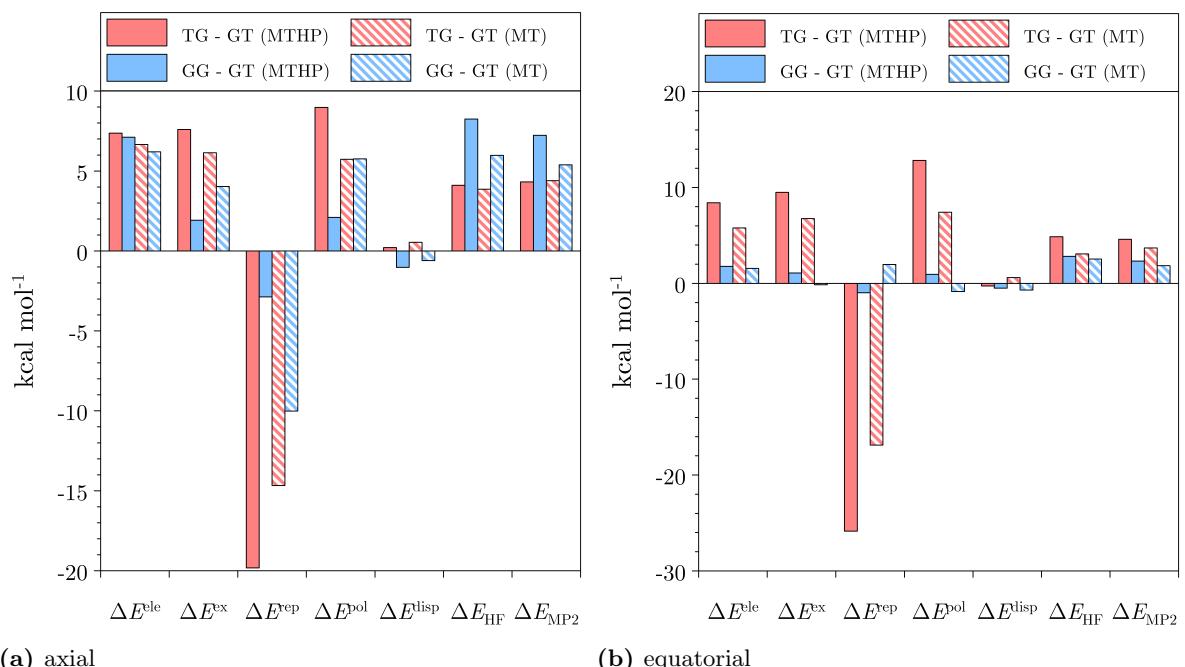
**Figure S 2:** Torsional PES scans around the glycosidic linkage C1-O1 of 2-methoxytetrahydropyran in equatorial form for different methods.



**Figure S 3:** Torsional PES scans around the glycosidic linkage C1-O1 of 2-methoxythiane in axial form for different methods.



**Figure S 4:** Torsional PES scans around the glycosidic linkage C1-O1 of 2-methoxythiane in equatorial form for different methods.



**Figure S 5:** Differences of ROMP2/aug-cc-pVTZ EDA contributions and ROMP2/aug-cc-pVTZ and ROHF/aug-cc-pVTZ interaction energies of the TG, GG conformers with respect to the most stable GT conformer.

**Table S 1:** Calculated relative energies of the rotation about the C1-O1 linkage in axial 2-methoxytetrahydropyran. All energies are in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.

$\phi$	B3LYP-DZ	B3LYP-TZ	B3LYP-QZ	B3LYP-ADZ	B3LYP-ATZ	M062X-DZ	M062X-TZ	M062X-QZ	M062X-ADZ	M062X-ATZ	MP2-DZ	MP2-TZ	MP2-QZ	MP2-ADZ	MP2-ATZ	PBE-ATZ
0.00	8.063213	7.806137	7.755937	7.655537	7.712012	7.981838	7.912813	9.148994	8.540316	8.377165	8.421090	7.991105	7.348060	7.002840	5.577927	
10.00	6.946258	6.695457	6.645257	6.601332	6.607607	7.310410	7.040584	6.984108	6.927633	6.996658	7.417085	7.329235	5.616152	5.434176	5.617352	
20.00	5.339850	5.120424	5.070224	5.051399	5.038449	5.421626	5.509476	5.45301	5.332041	5.344591	5.34593	5.3539117	3.5463593	3.539117	3.507742	
30.00	3.494992	3.325766	3.281841	3.256741	3.250466	3.505592	3.419891	3.419891	3.518557	1.531107	1.882959	1.6575983	1.6252533	1.644058	2.147459	
40.00	1.832109	1.713083	1.681708	1.644058	1.662883	1.675433	1.645527	1.645527	1.645527	0.401602	0.363952	0.345457	0.358478	0.407877	0.432977	
50.00	0.633578	0.571028	0.520827	0.500000	0.500000	0.510287	0.445527	0.445527	0.445527	0.401602	0.363952	0.345457	0.358478	0.407877	0.432977	
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70.00	0.000000	0.000000	0.018825	0.050200	0.048077	0.090875	0.046452	0.046452	0.046452	0.0207076	0.0263551	0.0263551	0.0263551	0.0263551	0.213351	
80.00	0.483177	0.445527	0.458077	0.539653	0.539653	0.539653	0.539653	0.539653	0.539653	0.1851134	0.1851134	0.1851134	0.1851134	0.1851134	0.364464	
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100.00	2.183710	2.070760	2.070760	2.039385	2.051935	2.164885	2.051935	2.051935	2.051935	2.754738	2.775963	2.754738	2.767288	2.786113	2.779338	
110.00	2.961814	2.817488	2.761013	2.875964	2.767288	3.702268	3.589317	3.589317	3.589317	3.551667	3.645792	3.551667	3.557942	3.683343	3.583942	
120.00	3.263016	3.294391	3.294391	3.263016	3.200265	3.179170	3.179170	3.179170	3.179170	4.016019	3.965819	4.016019	4.016019	4.254470	3.281915	
130.00	3.620692	3.419891	3.388316	3.4444991	3.350866	4.267020	4.078769	4.078769	4.078769	4.003469	3.977969	4.003469	4.003469	4.072494	4.210545	
140.00	3.620692	3.419891	3.388316	3.4444991	3.350866	4.160345	3.972094	3.972094	3.972094	3.909444	3.952269	3.909444	3.909444	4.172855	3.477814	
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200.00	6.168354	5.980104	5.885978	5.777969	5.777969	5.777969	5.777969	5.777969	5.777969	5.371426	5.459276	5.371426	5.459276	5.864990	5.983779	
210.00	7.270935	7.040584	6.927633	6.780653	6.780653	6.843708	6.843708	6.843708	6.843708	6.7078007	6.7078007	6.7078007	6.7078007	6.116786	4.292121	
220.00	8.347900	8.050863	8.734842	8.565538	8.762212	7.850037	8.477566	8.477566	8.477566	7.806137	7.902633	7.806137	7.806137	8.421090	3.402240	
230.00	9.111344	8.916818	8.734842	8.414815	8.559141	8.734842	8.559141	8.559141	8.559141	8.697192	8.490116	8.697192	8.697192	9.073693	7.849483	
240.00	9.356070	9.280569	8.797592	8.590791	8.389715	8.590791	8.590791	8.590791	8.590791	8.207739	8.165554	8.207739	8.165554	9.086243	8.139389	
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300.00	9.056668	9.111344	8.759942	8.609341	8.465015	8.534041	8.711607	8.930970	8.930970	8.711607	8.711607	8.711607	8.711607	9.042318	8.827782	
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350.00	8.775567	8.502666	8.063213	7.755937	7.712012	8.308140	7.912813	7.912813	7.912813	7.850063	7.912813	7.912813	7.912813	8.377165	7.897293	

**Table S 2:** Calculated relative energies of the rotation about the C1-O1 linkage in equatorial 2-methoxytetrahydropyran. All energies are in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.

$\phi$	B3LYP-DZ	B3LYP-ADZ	B3LYP-ATZ	M062X-DZ	M062X-ADZ	M062X-ATZ	MP2-ADZ	MP2-ATZ	PBE-ATZ
360.00	4.950999	5.346326	5.271025	4.825498	5.239650	5.095324	5.496326	5.717212	
350.00	4.555672	4.913348	4.831773	4.480371	4.856373	4.693722	5.132975	5.038849	5.151138
340.00	3.755743	4.047594	3.970294	3.670893	3.978369	3.840318	4.197959	4.097539	4.234155
330.00	2.619188	2.892789	2.836314	2.579037	2.792388	2.666388	2.942989	2.861414	3.047890
320.00	1.562482	1.675433	1.650333	1.405607	1.524382	1.455807	1.631508	1.575033	1.821109
310.00	0.618678	0.652603	0.652603	0.502002	0.539653	0.495727	0.564753	0.539653	0.761340
300.00	0.043925	0.056475	0.056475	0.069025	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.094125
290.00	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.081575	0.075300	0.081575	0.081575	0.081575	0.000000
280.00	0.426702	0.445527	0.426702	0.690253	0.665153	0.665153	0.533057	0.558478	0.426702
270.00	1.223631	1.192256	1.1669158	1.587783	1.575033	1.393057	1.430707	1.198534	
260.00	2.215086	2.114685	2.058210	2.729638	2.597762	2.566487	2.384511	2.415887	2.064485
250.00	3.037115	2.899064	2.830039	3.583042	3.394791	3.382241	3.263016	3.281841	2.817488
240.00	4.179170	3.401066	3.401066	4.179170	3.946394	3.934444	3.865418	3.877969	3.369691
230.00	3.9390919	3.815218	3.739918	4.474096	4.216820	4.229370	4.135245	4.147795	3.702268
220.00	4.141520	3.946394	3.871694	4.536847	4.248195	4.223095	4.141520	4.141520	
210.00	4.204270	3.978369	3.909344	4.467821	4.116420	4.103870	4.053669	4.034844	3.808943
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130.00	7.517486	7.053134	7.053134	7.385710	6.827233	6.789582	7.109699	7.059409	6.651532
120.00	7.176634	6.714282	6.720557	7.071959	6.519756	6.488281	6.802133	6.745057	6.306405
110.00	6.450731	5.961279	6.011479	6.287580	5.710277	5.691452	5.948728	5.935503	5.622226
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90.00	4.434446	4.047394	4.166620	4.022294	3.520292	3.595592	3.739918	3.846593	3.874526
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70.00	2.802239	2.817488	2.905339	2.346861	2.171160	2.265286	2.390786	2.484912	2.779859
60.00	2.641788	2.729638	2.779838	2.177435	2.164855	2.233911	2.403336	2.453337	2.744766
50.00	2.775263	2.936714	2.968089	2.397061	2.466087	2.491187	2.673163	3.021193	3.193990
40.00	3.181440	3.432441	3.432441	2.754738	2.942989	2.917889	3.193990	3.602080	
30.00	3.815218	4.160345	4.12695	3.411989	3.733643	3.632342	4.016019	4.359798	3.984644
20.00	4.467821	4.863148	4.812948	4.147795	4.543122	4.417621	4.881973	4.831773	5.115158
10.00	4.900798	5.314950	5.252200	4.693722	5.120424	4.963549	5.471826	5.402801	5.588827
0.00	4.950999	5.346326	5.271025	4.825498	5.239650	5.095324	5.572227	5.496932	5.649014

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0.00	6.726832	6.287580	6.331505	6.4477006	6.067954	6.017754	6.634082	7.322960	6.634082	6.149529
10.00	5.835778	5.484376	5.509476	5.5396776	5.283575	5.233575	6.312680	5.741652	6.086779	5.327500
20.00	4.662347	4.405071	4.417621	4.3669146	4.160345	4.097595	4.492921	4.812948	4.216820	
30.00	3.363416	3.193930	3.206540	2.9869146	2.905339	2.817488	3.495192	3.124965	3.407341	3.005739
40.00	2.070760	1.964084	1.989185	1.689158	1.644058	1.587583	2.083310	1.828584	2.058210	1.813484
50.00	0.972630	0.916154	0.947530	0.633778	0.665153	0.609479	0.941254	0.803204	0.803204	
60.00	0.238451	0.213551	0.238451	0.125501	0.075300	0.087850	0.225901	0.169426	0.244726	0.156876
70.00	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
80.00	0.276101	0.276101	0.251001	0.345127	0.323577	0.301201	0.338852	0.370227	0.282376	0.326302
90.00	0.399145	0.953805	0.909879	1.129505	1.06480	1.016355	1.211081	1.179706	1.047930	1.066755
100.00	1.970359	1.857409	1.813484	2.265286	2.095860	2.064485	2.255901	2.255901	2.045680	2.051935
110.00	2.905359	2.685713	2.648063	3.329491	3.030839	3.024564	3.262901	3.219090	2.974364	2.949264
120.00	3.865418	3.244191	3.20265	3.989544	3.583042	3.563269	3.865418	3.608142	3.532842	
130.00	3.507742	3.457542	4.216820	3.790118	3.758743	4.241920	4.103870	3.859143	3.790118	
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180.00	4.775298	4.141520	4.248195	4.147795	3.401066	3.432441	4.417621	3.934444	4.141520	4.310946
190.00	5.704002	4.982374	5.101599	5.032574	4.204270	4.204270	4.756473	5.076499	5.120424	
200.00	7.017740	6.180905	6.287580	6.537406	5.540851	5.603602	7.021759	6.695260	6.695260	6.93455
210.00	8.515216	7.649262	8.447815	8.447815	7.285310	8.960860	8.960860	8.285669	8.285669	
220.00	9.845522	8.791317	8.854067	10.040004	8.832424	8.879167	10.070520	9.688646	10.22829	8.672091
230.00	10.55460	9.437645	9.487545	10.730380	9.462745	9.531771	11.57743	10.52322	11.08797	9.280769
240.00	10.46675	9.305869	9.4112545	10.57970	9.224294	9.337245	11.55233	10.47930	11.05680	9.142719
250.00	9.864347	8.703467	8.860342	9.841417	8.565416	8.697192	10.97692	9.399648	10.46675	8.540316
260.00	8.985843	7.875163	8.082239	8.791317	7.573961	7.737112	10.03377	9.082643	9.358046	7.743387
270.00	8.019488	6.984108	7.222560	7.674362	6.507206	6.7233107	9.010943	8.187539	8.540316	6.877333
280.00	7.247660	6.312680	6.538581	6.745657	5.663352	5.936178	8.176364	7.335710	7.743387	6.193455
290.00	6.758207	5.95503	6.143254	6.322880	5.396527	5.647527	7.6939462	6.946458	7.304435	6.791535
300.00	6.551531	5.843302	5.998929	6.38955	5.478101	5.722827	7.498661	6.764482	7.147259	5.634977
310.00	6.569956	5.917353	6.061079	6.231105	5.459276	5.691452	7.391985	6.684082	7.084509	5.691452
320.00	6.753107	6.111879	6.262480	6.350330	5.622427	5.791853	6.676632	7.172359	5.898528	
330.00	6.996658	6.400531	6.544856	6.582506	5.892253	5.992654	7.6367112	7.824962	7.040584	6.212280
340.00	7.210099	6.645257	6.758207	6.84683	6.193455	6.237380	7.824962	7.040584	7.580236	6.475831
350.00	7.184909	6.676632	6.751932	6.877433	6.362850	6.350330	7.818867	7.030784	7.512556	6.538581
360.00	6.726832	6.287580	6.331505	6.457006	6.067954	6.017754	7.322960	6.664082	7.046559	6.149529

**Table S 4:** Calculated relative energies of the rotation about the C1-O1 linkage in equatorial 2-methoxythiane. All energies are in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.

$\phi$	B3LYP-DZ	B3LYP-ADZ	B3LYP-ATZ	M062X-DZ	M062X-ADZ	M062X-ATZ	MP2-TZ	MP2-QZ	CCSD-DZ	PBE-ATZ
360.00	5.785578	5.760478	5.760478	5.427901	5.427901	5.427901	5.308675	5.308675	5.308675	5.308675
350.00	5.377701	5.327500	5.314950	5.032574	5.032574	5.032574	4.907073	4.907073	4.907073	4.907073
340.00	4.568222	4.486600	4.461546	4.279570	4.279570	4.279570	4.085039	4.085039	4.085039	4.085039
330.00	3.495192	3.375966	3.357141	3.181440	3.093590	3.093590	2.980639	2.980639	2.980639	2.980639
320.00	2.315486	2.183710	2.183710	2.0383110	1.907009	1.807209	1.882909	1.882909	1.882909	1.882909
310.00	1.229006	1.104056	1.116935	0.997730	0.941255	0.941255	0.915754	0.915754	0.915754	0.915754
300.00	0.420427	0.338852	0.351402	0.3101201	0.200801	0.175701	0.251001	0.251001	0.251001	0.251001
290.00	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
280.00	0.018825	0.075300	0.081575	0.131775	0.225901	0.213351	0.144326	0.144326	0.144326	0.144326
270.00	0.420427	0.514552	0.514552	0.608678	0.75304	0.778104	0.658878	0.658878	0.658878	0.658878
260.00	1.010280	1.104045	1.104045	1.305206	1.443257	1.499732	1.580507	1.580507	1.580507	1.580507
250.00	1.581398	1.650333	1.644058	1.995459	2.095860	2.158610	2.064485	2.064485	2.064485	2.064485
240.00	2.014285	2.046660	2.070760	2.484912	2.572762	2.629531	2.528837	2.528837	2.528837	2.528837
230.00	2.284111	2.328036	2.396661	2.735913	2.811213	2.773363	2.698263	2.698263	2.698263	2.698263
220.00	2.415887	2.440987	2.491187	2.39786	2.761013	2.804938	2.660613	2.660613	2.660613	2.660613
210.00	2.528837	2.575478	2.437172	2.748463	2.723363	2.673163	2.597862	2.597862	2.597862	2.597862
200.00	2.867689	2.867689	2.867689	2.880239	2.717088	2.704538	2.679438	2.679438	2.679438	2.679438
190.00	3.137515	3.137515	3.137515	3.150065	3.174888	3.282376	3.282376	3.282376	3.282376	3.282376
180.00	3.683443	3.332041	3.382241	3.382241	3.106140	3.124065	3.281841	3.281841	3.281841	3.281841
170.00	4.361146	4.122669	4.122669	4.041119	4.645792	4.893517	3.893517	3.893517	3.893517	3.893517
160.00	5.107847	4.712548	4.712548	4.781573	4.831773	4.348596	4.348596	4.348596	4.348596	4.348596
150.00	5.777028	5.911078	5.967524	5.967524	5.074577	5.074577	5.417224	5.417224	5.417224	5.417224
140.00	6.224830	6.080504	6.118154	6.275030	5.948728	5.911078	6.093054	6.093054	6.093054	6.093054
130.00	6.325230	5.961279	5.773028	5.816953	5.948729	5.678902	6.41252	6.41252	6.41252	6.41252
120.00	5.151800	4.988649	5.082774	5.082774	4.762748	4.806673	5.352601	5.352601	5.352601	5.352601
110.00	4.110145	3.972094	4.122669	3.808943	3.576767	3.658542	4.191720	4.191720	4.191720	4.191720
100.00	3.118690	3.018289	3.206540	2.635513	2.453537	2.553537	3.049665	3.049665	3.049665	3.049665
80.00	2.403336	2.363686	2.553307	1.832309	1.706808	1.832309	1.662883	1.662883	1.662883	1.662883
70.00	2.158610	2.171160	2.320336	1.618958	1.543657	1.5214550	5.2144550	5.2144550	5.2144550	5.2144550
60.00	2.422162	2.447262	2.553937	1.989185	1.915884	1.915884	2.008010	2.008010	2.008010	2.008010
50.00	2.911614	2.930439	3.012014	2.387061	2.328036	2.378236	2.666888	2.666888	2.666888	2.666888
40.00	3.608142	3.626967	3.695993	3.005739	2.961814	2.961814	3.3119491	3.3119491	3.3119491	3.3119491
30.00	4.430171	4.455271	4.491197	3.834043	3.834043	3.796393	4.197959	4.197959	4.197959	4.197959
20.00	5.202000	5.220825	5.252200	4.674897	4.693722	4.630972	5.045124	5.045124	5.045124	5.045124
10.00	5.710277	5.722277	5.722730	5.427901	5.427901	5.308675	5.678902	5.678902	5.678902	5.678902
0.00	5.785578	5.760478	5.760478	5.760478	5.760478	5.760478	5.678902	5.678902	5.678902	5.678902

**Table S 5:** The ROMP2(CP2O)/aug-cc-pVTZ calculated potential energy of the rotation about the C1-O1 linkage in MTHP and MT. All energies are in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.

MTHP			MT		
$\phi$	axial	equatorial	$\phi$	axial	equatorial
0.0	8.387	5.518	0.0	6.450	5.656
10.0	7.326	5.439	10.0	5.573	5.587
20.0	5.559	4.883	20.0	4.384	5.044
30.0	3.485	4.059	30.0	3.070	4.204
40.0	1.657	3.287	40.0	1.822	3.334
50.0	0.456	2.801	50.0	0.819	2.686
60.0	0.007	2.553	60.0	0.192	2.296
61.2	0.000		68.0	0.000	
64.3		2.526	70.0	0.032	2.088
70.0	0.196	2.604	70.8		2.065
80.0	0.838	3.093	80.0	0.402	2.325
90.0	1.747	3.939	90.0	1.229	3.097
100.0	2.695	4.973	100.0	2.259	4.193
110.0	3.481	5.997	110.0	3.189	5.303
120.0	3.960	6.771	120.0	3.803	6.090
130.0	4.094	7.077	130.0	4.019	6.310
140.0	3.982	6.903	140.0	3.935	6.012
150.0	3.834	6.390	150.0	3.772	5.386
159.7	3.796		160.0	3.653	4.616
160.0	3.797	5.703	169.2	3.589	
170.0	3.884	5.008	170.0	3.614	3.867
180.0	4.179	4.461	180.0	3.856	3.275
190.0	4.817	4.144	190.0	4.646	2.902
200.0	5.836	4.024	200.0	6.043	2.701
202.6		4.018	208.6		2.624
210.0	7.085	4.055	210.0	7.775	2.644
220.0	8.262	4.164	220.0	9.345	2.722
230.0	9.004	4.169	230.0	10.143	2.777
240.0	9.025	3.902	240.0	10.080	2.617
250.0	8.829	3.304	250.0	9.538	2.164
259.8	8.738		260.0	8.705	1.483
260.0	8.738	2.439	270.0	7.804	0.755
270.0	8.819	1.466	280.0	7.060	0.213
280.0	9.002	0.605	290.0	6.625	0.020
290.0	9.177	0.081	290.0		0.000
295.5		0.000	300.0	6.437	0.260
300.0	9.294	0.061	310.0	6.344	0.948
310.0	9.394	0.616	312.9	6.315	
320.0	9.475	1.651	320.0	6.375	1.990
330.0	9.496	2.921	330.0	6.547	3.187
340.0	9.385	4.140	340.0	6.768	4.323
350.0	9.049	5.061	350.0	6.844	5.202
360.0	8.387	5.518	360.0	6.450	5.656

**Table S 6:** The ROMP2/aug-cc-pVTZ EDA contributions to the interaction energy between the six-membered ring and the methoxy group according the CP2O fragmentation scheme for MTHP and MT in vacuum. All energies are in kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>.

Method	AGT	ATG	AGG	EGT	ETG	EGG
MT						
$\Delta E^{\text{ele}}$	-171.43	-164.77	-165.23	-168.27	-162.49	-166.71
$\Delta E^{\text{ex}}$	-289.20	-283.06	-285.17	-281.58	-274.82	-281.72
$\Delta E^{\text{rep}}$	649.27	634.60	639.26	636.54	619.66	638.51
$\Delta E^{\text{pol}}$	-251.66	-245.93	-245.90	-251.88	-244.46	-252.73
$\Delta E^{\text{disp}}$	-43.55	-43.01	-44.15	-44.18	-43.57	-44.87
$\Delta E_{\text{HF}}$	-63.02	-59.16	-57.04	-65.18	-62.10	-62.65
$\Delta E_{\text{MP2}}$	-106.57	-102.17	-101.18	-109.36	-105.67	-107.52
MTHP						
$\Delta E^{\text{ele}}$	-180.34	-172.97	-173.23	-179.01	-170.61	-177.24
$\Delta E^{\text{ex}}$	-293.02	-285.42	-291.10	-288.62	-279.12	-287.54
$\Delta E^{\text{rep}}$	664.81	644.99	661.94	661.29	635.43	660.32
$\Delta E^{\text{pol}}$	-260.15	-251.17	-258.05	-265.99	-253.17	-265.05
$\Delta E^{\text{disp}}$	-41.67	-41.46	-42.69	-42.02	-42.29	-42.52
$\Delta E_{\text{HF}}$	-68.69	-64.58	-60.44	-72.33	-67.47	-69.51
$\Delta E_{\text{MP2}}$	-110.36	-106.04	-103.13	-114.35	-109.75	-112.03

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