

Supporting Information

Photodissociation dynamics of dinitrite at 355nm: initiation of a reactive pathway

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Table S1. The vapor pressures^a (VP, in Torr) of dinitrites and the precursor diols at 25°C

| Dinitrites | VP ^a | Diols | VP ^a |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1,2-propyl dinitrite | 21.4 | 1,2-propanediol | 0.204 |
| 1,3-propyl dinitrite | 14.8 | 1,3-propanediol | 0.0343 |
| 1,2-butyl dinitrite | - | 1,2-butanediol | 0.148 |
| 1,3-butyl dinitrite | 7.02 | 1,3-butanediol | 0.0541 |
| 2,3-butyl dinitrite | 9.87 | 2,3-butanediol | 0.260 |

^aData taken from ACD/Labs, version 11.02, Advanced Chemistry Development, Inc., Toronto, ON, Canada, www.acdlabs.com, 2015.

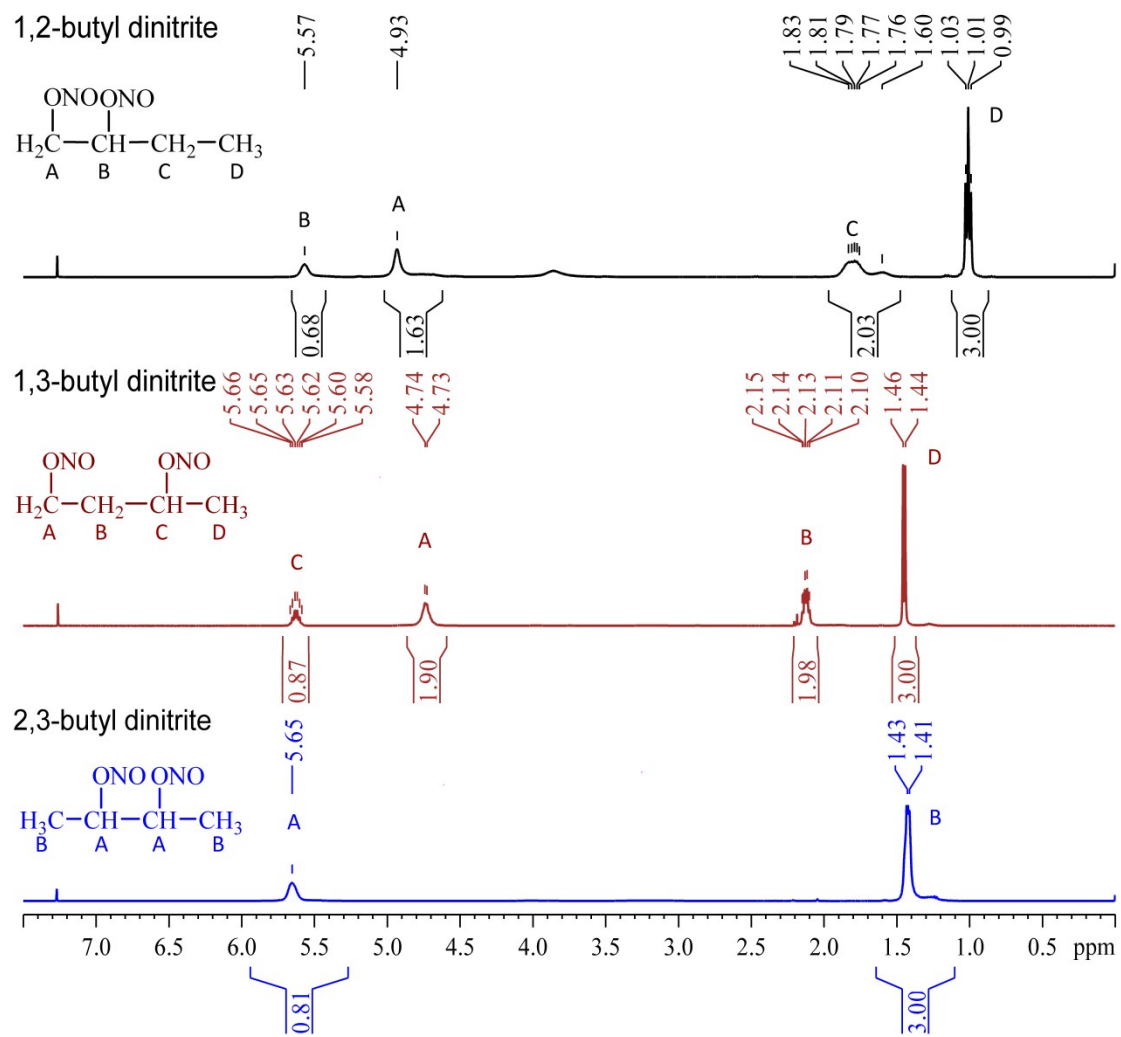


Fig. S1 NMR spectra of 1,2-butyl dinitrite ,1,3-butyl dinitrite and 2,3-butyl dinitrite.

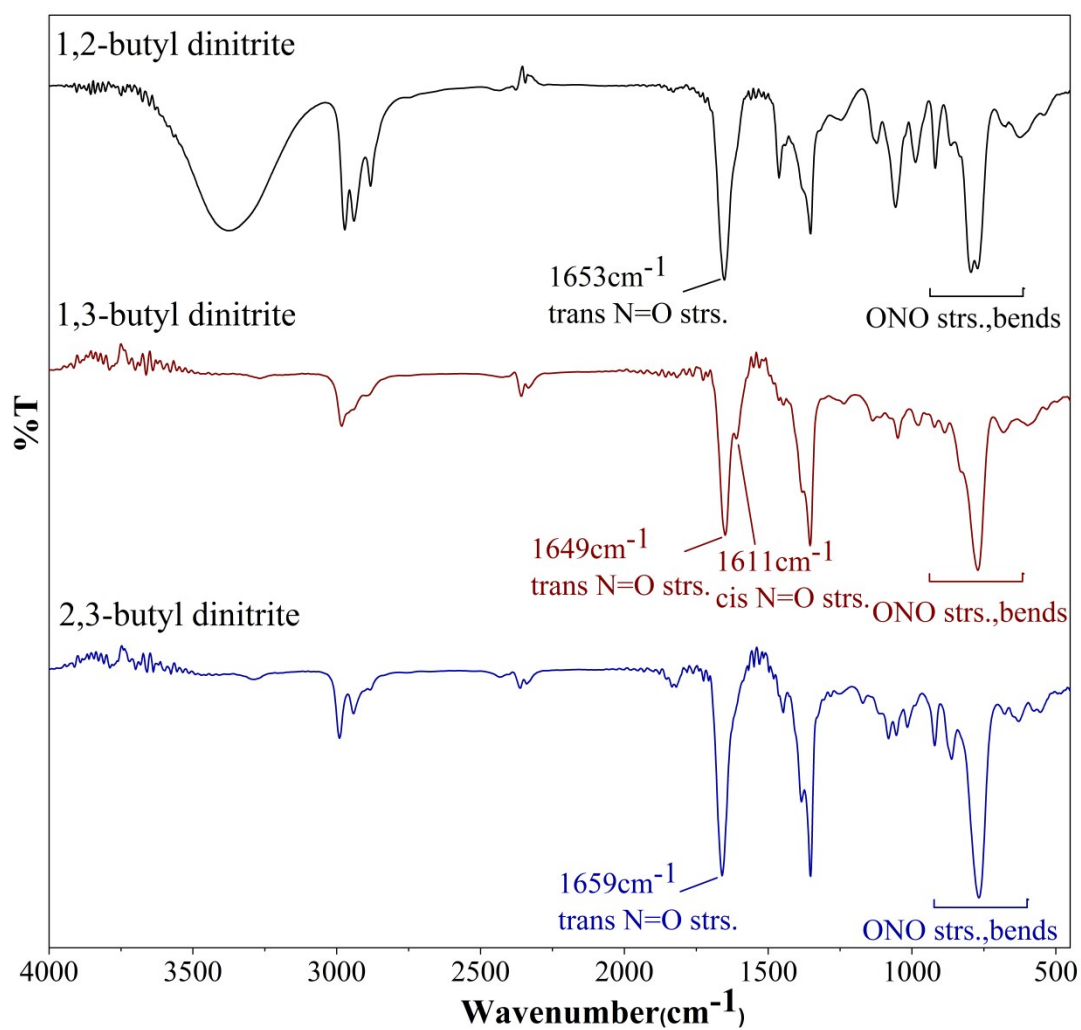


Fig. S2 IR spectra of 1,2-butyl dinitrite ,1,3-butyl dinitrite and 2,3-butyl dinitrite.

Table S2 Vertical excitation energies (VEE, eV) and oscillator strengths (OS) for 1,2-butyl dinitrite, 1,3-butyl dinitrite and 2,3-butyl dinitrite of the singlet-singlet transitions by TDDFT method

| 1,2-butyl dinitrite | | | | 2,3-butyl dinitrite | | |
|---------------------|---|------|--------|---|------|--------|
| | Excitation(no. of initial orbital-the no. of final orbital) | VEE | OS | Excitation(no. of initial orbital-the no. of final orbital) | VEE | OS |
| 1 | 39(HOMO)-40(LUMO) | 3.43 | 0.0004 | 39(HOMO)-40(LUMO) | 3.42 | 0.0003 |
| 2 | 38(HOMO-1)-40(LUMO) | 3.45 | 0.0012 | 38(HOMO-1)-40(LUMO) | 3.45 | 0.0012 |
| 3 | 39(HOMO)-41(LUMO+1) | 4.58 | 0.0013 | 39(HOMO)-41(LUMO) | 4.59 | 0.0021 |
| 4 | 38(HOMO-1)-41(LUMO+1) | 4.64 | 0.0008 | 38(HOMO-1)-41(LUMO+1) | 4.60 | 0.0004 |
| 5 | 37(HOMO-2)-40(LUMO) | 5.10 | 0.0415 | 37(HOMO-2)-40(LUMO) | 5.21 | 0.0373 |
| 6 | 37(HOMO-2)-41(LUMO+1) | 5.32 | 0.0500 | 37(HOMO-2)-41(LUMO+1) | 5.41 | 0.0457 |
| 7 | 36(HOMO-3)-40(LUMO) | 5.92 | 0.0356 | 36(HOMO-3)-40(LUMO) | 5.79 | 0.0503 |
| 8 | 36(HOMO-3)-41(LUMO+1) | 6.11 | 0.0034 | 36(HOMO-3)-41(LUMO+1) | 5.97 | 0.0069 |

| 1,3-butyl dinitrite | | | |
|---------------------|---|------|--------|
| | Excitation(no. of initial orbital-the no. of final orbital) | VEE | OS |
| 1 | 39(HOMO)-40(LUMO) | 3.39 | 0.0008 |
| 2 | 38(HOMO-1)-40(LUMO) | 3.42 | 0.0013 |
| 3 | 39(HOMO)-40(LUMO) | 4.57 | 0.0001 |
| 4 | 38(HOMO-1)-41(LUMO+1) | 4.67 | 0.0000 |
| 5 | 37(HOMO-2)-40(LUMO) | 5.42 | 0.1315 |
| 6 | 37(HOMO-2)-41(LUMO+1) | 5.51 | 0.0031 |
| 7 | 36(HOMO-3)-40(LUMO) | 5.69 | 0.0226 |
| 8 | 36(HOMO-3)-41(LUMO+1) | 5.73 | 0.0011 |

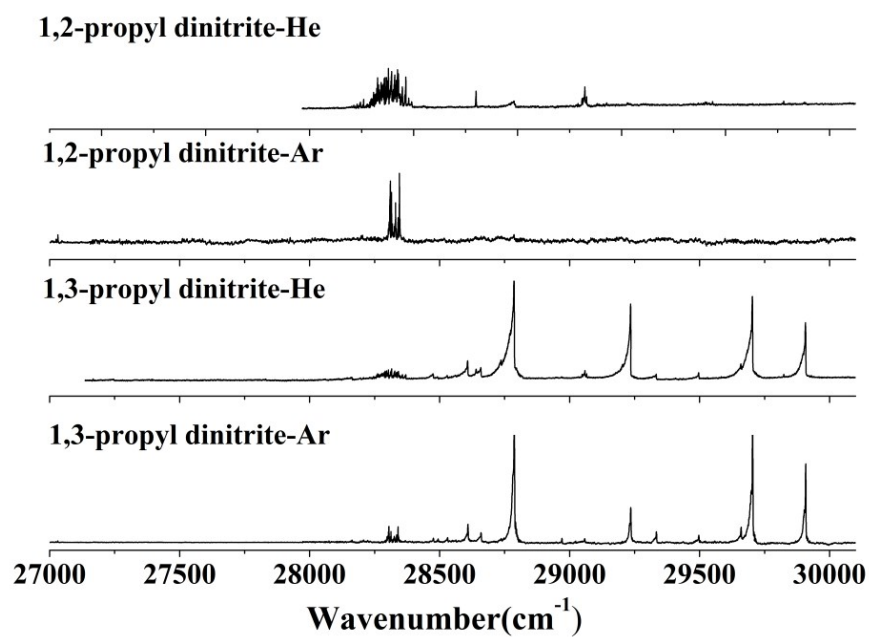


Fig.S3 The LIF spectra obtained via 355 nm photolysis of 1,2-propyl dinitrite and 1,3-propyl dinitrite in the supersonic jet with He or Ar as carrier gas.

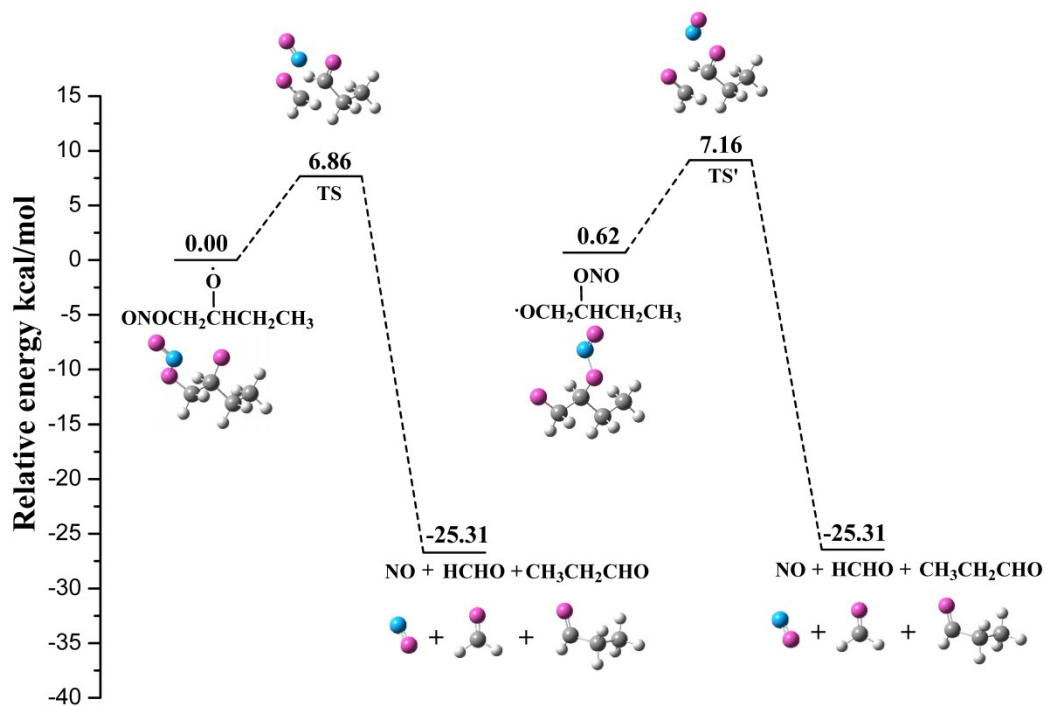


Fig. S4 Schematic energy diagram of the secondary dissociation of 1,2-butyl dinitrite in the ground state (energy is given in kcal/mol).

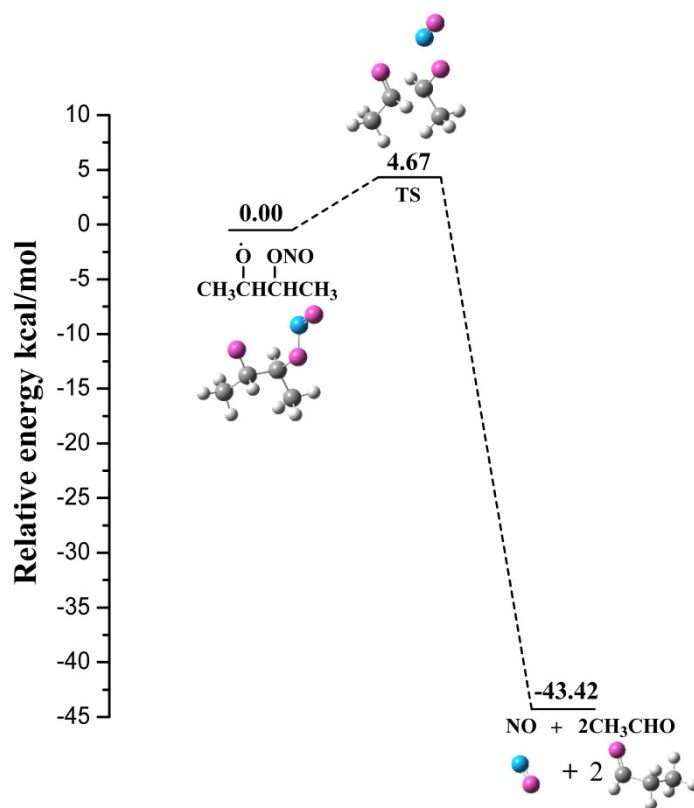


Fig. S5 Schematic energy diagram of the secondary dissociation of 2,3-butyl dinitrite in the ground state (energy is given in kcal/mol).