

## **Oxidative addition of carbon dioxide into mesoionics**

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**Supplementary information**

Table S1. Optimized geometrical parameters. <sup>a</sup>

system	label	sym.	formula	$d_{C-C}$	$d_{C-O}$	$\alpha_{OCO}$	$\omega_{CCCCO}$	$\mu$
<i>pyriliium family</i>								
<i>ortho</i>	<b>34</b>	$C_1$	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O-CO <sub>2</sub>	1.527	1.236	136.0	68.9	10.0
<i>meta</i>	<b>35</b>	$C_s$	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O-CO <sub>2</sub>	1.572	1.238	134.9	0.0	11.5
<i>para</i>	<b>1</b>	$C_2$	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>4</sub> O-CO <sub>2</sub>	1.517	1.238	134.2	60.0	9.4
<i>o</i> -diamino <i>ortho</i>	<b>36</b>	$C_2$	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>6</sub> ON <sub>2</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.556	1.249	128.8	13.7	9.1
<i>pyridinium family</i>								
<i>ortho</i>	<b>37</b>	$C_s$	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N-CO <sub>2</sub>	1.566	1.240	134.8	0.0	10.3
<i>meta</i>	<b>38</b>	$C_s$	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N-CO <sub>2</sub>	1.570	1.240	134.4	0.0	13.2
<i>para</i>	<b>2</b>	$C_{2v}$	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N-CO <sub>2</sub>	1.569	1.241	134.3	0.0	14.0
<i>N</i> -amino <i>ortho</i>	<b>4</b>	$C_1$	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.584	1.240	132.2	1.6	9.7
<i>N</i> -amino <i>meta</i>	<b>39</b>	$C_s$	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.572	1.240	134.3	0.0	12.3
<i>N</i> -amino <i>para</i>	<b>40</b>	$C_s$	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.568	1.240	134.3	0.0	14.4
<i>N</i> -methyl <i>ortho</i> (homarine)	<b>41</b>	$C_1$	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N-CO <sub>2</sub>	1.575	1.237	133.8	38.8	10.1
<i>N</i> -methyl <i>meta</i> (trigonelline)	<b>3</b>	$C_s$	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N-CO <sub>2</sub>	1.570	1.240	134.2	0.0	13.8
<i>N</i> -methyl <i>para</i>	<b>42</b>	$C_s$	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>7</sub> N-CO <sub>2</sub>	1.567	1.241	134.2	0.0	15.0
ectoine	<b>43</b>	$C_1$	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.594	1.244	132.6	11.3	12.4
iso-ectoine ( <i>para</i> )	<b>44</b>	$C_s$	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.603	1.241	133.3	28.6	16.0
<i>triazinium family</i>								
(CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>1</sub>	<b>5</b>	$C_{2v}$	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N <sub>3</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.582	1.232	138.3	0.0	6.2
(CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	<b>6</b>	$C_{2v}$	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N <sub>3</sub> -(CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1.603	1.227	140.2	0.0	5.3
(CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>1</sub> <i>p</i> - <i>N</i> -amino	<b>8</b>	$C_s$	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>4</sub> N <sub>4</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.575	1.233	138.1	0.6	7.3
(CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>1</sub> <i>o</i> - <i>N,N</i> -diamino	<b>9</b>	$C_2$	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N <sub>5</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.583	1.234	134.2	38.8	5.5
(CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>1</sub> <i>o,p</i> - <i>N,N</i> -diamino	<b>10</b>	$C_1$	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N <sub>5</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.586	1.235	135.5	5.8	6.7
(CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> <i>o</i> - <i>N,N</i> -diamino	<b>45</b>	$C_1$	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>4</sub> N <sub>5</sub> -(CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1.594	1.231	135.6	4.7	4.7
(CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>1</sub> <i>N,N,N</i> -triamino	<b>11</b>	$C_1$	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>6</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.585	1.235	133.7	35.1	6.4
(CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> <i>N,N,N</i> -triamino	<b>12</b>	$C_s$	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>6</sub> -(CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	1.597	1.232	134.2	32.6	5.9
(CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> <i>N,N,N</i> -triamino	<b>13</b>	$C_s$	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> N <sub>6</sub> -(CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	1.615	1.232	133.0	24.6	0.5
<i>tropylium family</i>								
tropylium	<b>16</b>	$C_2$	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>6</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.564	1.239	134.3	32.7	11.1
<i>o</i> -diamino tropylium	<b>17</b>	$C_2$	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.571	1.254	124.8	8.5	9.0
<i>m</i> -diamino tropylium	<b>18</b>	$C_{2v}$	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.599	1.241	132.8	0.0	14.1
tetraamino tropylium	<b>19</b>	$C_s$	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.554	1.256	126.0	0.0	9.3
tetraamino <i>N,N</i> -dimethyl tropylium	<b>46</b>	$C_s$	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>4</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.557	1.243	131.8	90.0	8.5
hexaamino tropylium	<b>20</b>	$C_s$	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>6</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.550	1.257	125.9	0.0	11.4
azulene ammonium	<b>21</b>	$C_1$	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>9</sub> N-CO <sub>2</sub>	1.580	1.243	132.2	15.3	26.2
azulene ammonium tetraamino	<b>22</b>	$C_s$	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>13</sub> N <sub>5</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.566	1.255	125.7	1.3	22.4
<i>phenalene family</i>								
P1 major	<b>14</b>	$C_1$	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>8</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.510	1.241	132.9	70.1	10.6
P1 minor	<b>15</b>	$C_2$	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>8</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.561	1.242	133.8	17.2	14.3
P3 major	<b>53</b>	$C_1$	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>14</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.525	1.243	131.4	54.8	16.7
P3 minor	<b>54</b>	$C_1$	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>14</sub> -CO <sub>2</sub>	1.555	1.244	132.4	9.4	20.6

<i>sydnone family</i>								
sydnone	<b>23</b>	$C_s$	$C_2H_2N_2O-CO_2$	1.637	1.222	139.8	0.0	11.2
<i>N</i> -phenyl sydnone	<b>24</b>	$C_1$	$C_8H_6N_2O-CO_2$	1.610	1.227	138.5	0.0	14.3
<i>C</i> -phenyl sydnone	<b>26</b>	$C_1$	$C_8H_6N_2O-CO_2$	1.575	1.230	136.6	58.2	10.8
<i>C</i> -amino sydnone	<b>27</b>	$C_1$	$C_2H_3N_3O-CO_2$	1.566	1.238	135.7	0.0	11.0
<i>C</i> -amino <i>N</i> -phenyl sydnone	<b>28</b>	$C_1$	$C_8H_7N_3O-CO_2$	1.562	1.238	135.1	0.0	13.4
sydnone (alternative isomer)	<b>29</b>	$C_s$	$C_2H_2N_2O-CO_2$	1.610	1.229	137.9	0.0	7.2
<i>3,5,8-membered rings</i>								
cyclopropene diamino	<b>25</b>	$C_{2v}$	$C_3H_4N_2-CO_2$	1.606	1.229	137.8	0.0	12.5
cyclopentadiene <i>o</i> -diamino	<b>47</b>	$C_{2v}$	$C_5H_6N_2-CO_2$	1.499	1.258	129.8	0.0	10.0
diazole	<b>48</b>	$C_{2v}$	$C_3H_4N_2-CO_2$	1.561	1.235	137.1	0.0	9.8
diazole (unsymmetrical)	<b>49</b>	$C_s$	$C_3H_4N_2-CO_2$	1.562	1.239	135.3	0.0	12.6
diazole <i>o</i> -diamino	<b>50</b>	$C_2$	$C_3H_6N_4-CO_2$	1.550	1.241	133.1	9.8	7.4
COT allene diamino	<b>51</b>	$C_2$	$C_8H_8N_2-CO_2$	1.630	1.238	132.8	17.6	12.9
COT (CO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> tetraamino	<b>52</b>	$D_2$	$C_8H_{10}N_4-(CO_2)_2$	1.593	1.242	130.7	38.3	0.0
<i>linear polyene family</i>								
nona-tetraenyl		$C_2$	$C_9H_{10}-CO_2$	1.519	1.240	132.3	71.6	6.8
undeca-pentaenyl		$C_2$	$C_{11}H_{12}-CO_2$	1.593	1.236	134.2	46.0	8.3
trideca-hexaenyl		$C_2$	$C_{13}H_{14}-CO_2$	1.527	1.241	131.9	66.8	7.1
pentadeca-heptaenyl		$C_2$	$C_{15}H_{16}-CO_2$	1.584	1.239	133.4	43.8	8.8
heptadeca-octaenyl		$C_2$	$C_{17}H_{18}-CO_2$	1.532	1.242	131.8	64.2	7.2
nonadeca-nonaenyl		$C_2$	$C_{19}H_{20}-CO_2$	1.581	1.240	133.0	42.7	9.3
uncosa-decaenyl		$C_2$	$C_{21}H_{22}-CO_2$	1.534	1.242	131.6	62.6	7.3
$\alpha,\omega$ -diamino allyl		$C_{2v}$	$C_3H_6N_2-CO_2$	1.539	1.255	127.6	0.0	8.5
$\alpha,\omega$ -diamino penta-dienyl		$C_2$	$C_5H_8N_2-CO_2$	1.587	1.243	130.8	36.4	9.1
$\alpha,\omega$ -diamino hepta-trienyl		$C_2$	$C_7H_{10}N_2-CO_2$	1.580	1.245	130.0	18.4	10.4
$\alpha,\omega$ -diamino nona-tetraenyl		$C_2$	$C_9H_{12}N_2-CO_2$	1.554	1.244	131.3	53.7	8.2
$\alpha,\omega$ -diamino undeca-pentaenyl		$C_2$	$C_{11}H_{14}N_2-CO_2$	1.577	1.244	131.2	33.7	10.9
$\alpha,\omega$ -diamino trideca-hexaenyl		$C_2$	$C_{13}H_{16}N_2-CO_2$	1.545	1.243	131.4	58.1	7.6
$\alpha,\omega$ -diamino pentadeca-heptaenyl		$C_2$	$C_{15}H_{18}N_2-CO_2$	1.576	1.243	131.6	37.0	11.7
$\alpha,\omega$ -diamino heptadeca-octaenyl		$C_2$	$C_{17}H_{20}N_2-CO_2$	1.543	1.243	131.4	58.7	7.4
$\alpha,\omega$ -diamino nonadeca-nonaenyl		$C_2$	$C_{19}H_{22}N_2-CO_2$	1.576	1.243	131.8	38.2	12.0
$\alpha,\omega$ -diamino uncosa-decaenyl		$C_2$	$C_{21}H_{24}N_2-CO_2$	1.542	1.243	131.4	58.6	7.2

<sup>a</sup> Distances in angströms, angles in degrees, dipole moments ( $\mu$ ) in Debyes; in systems carrying more than one CO<sub>2</sub>, average is taken for the geometrical parameters.

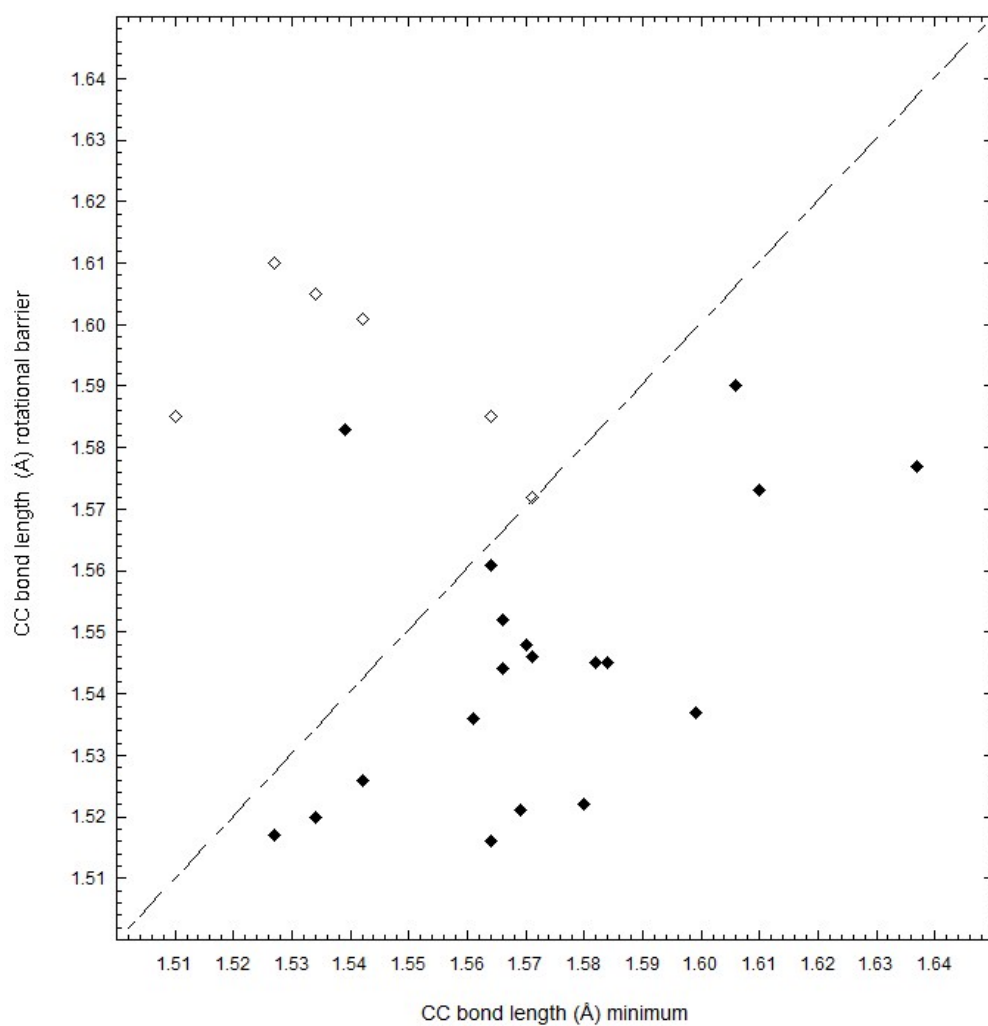


Figure S1. Visualization of C-C bond shortening when going from equilibrium minima to orthogonal rotational transition states. Empty dots refer to cases where minima are skewed and rotational barriers occur for planar arrangements. The upper-left orphan full dot corresponds to the diaminoallyl adduct.

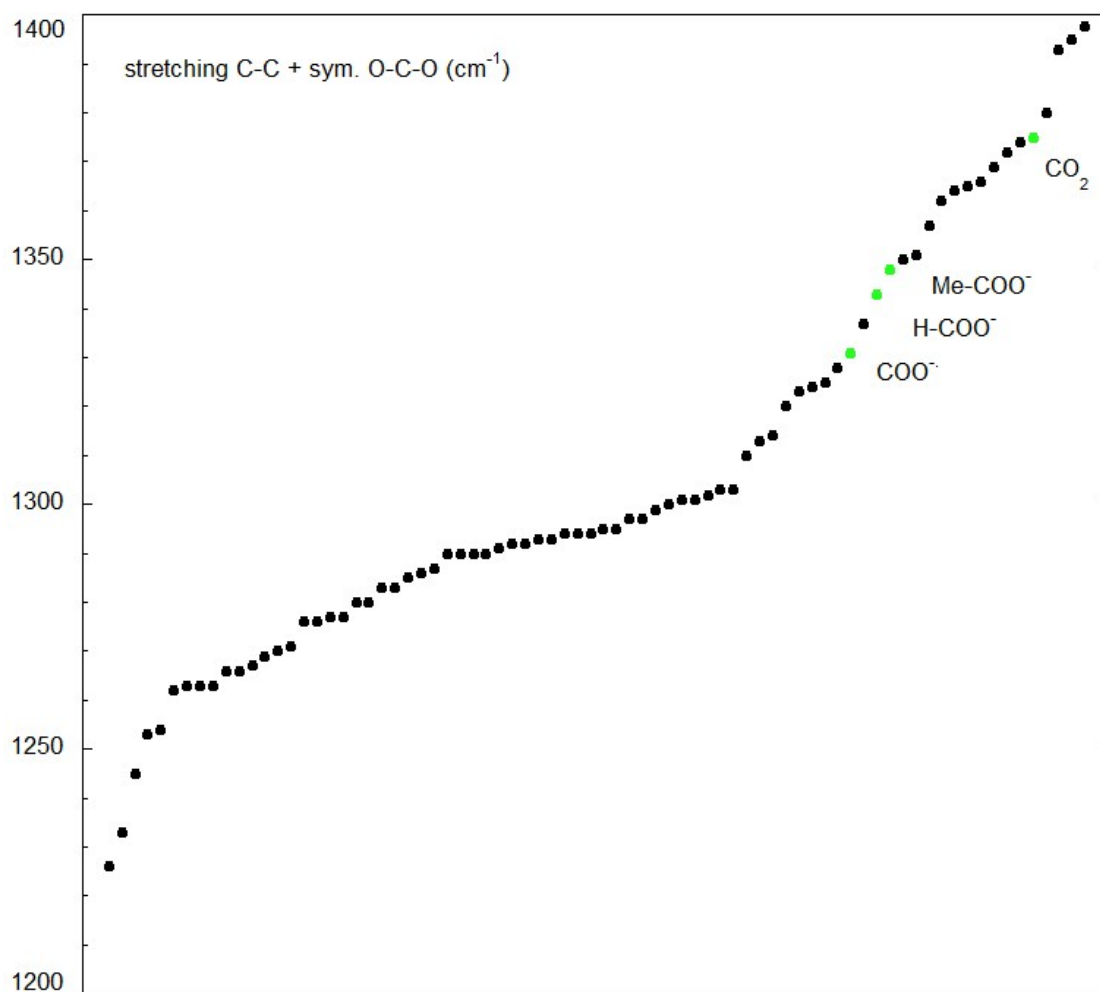


Figure S2. Range of calculated harmonic vibrational frequencies for the symmetric O-C-O stretching mode (with various mixing); green dots refer to simple parent carboxylates.

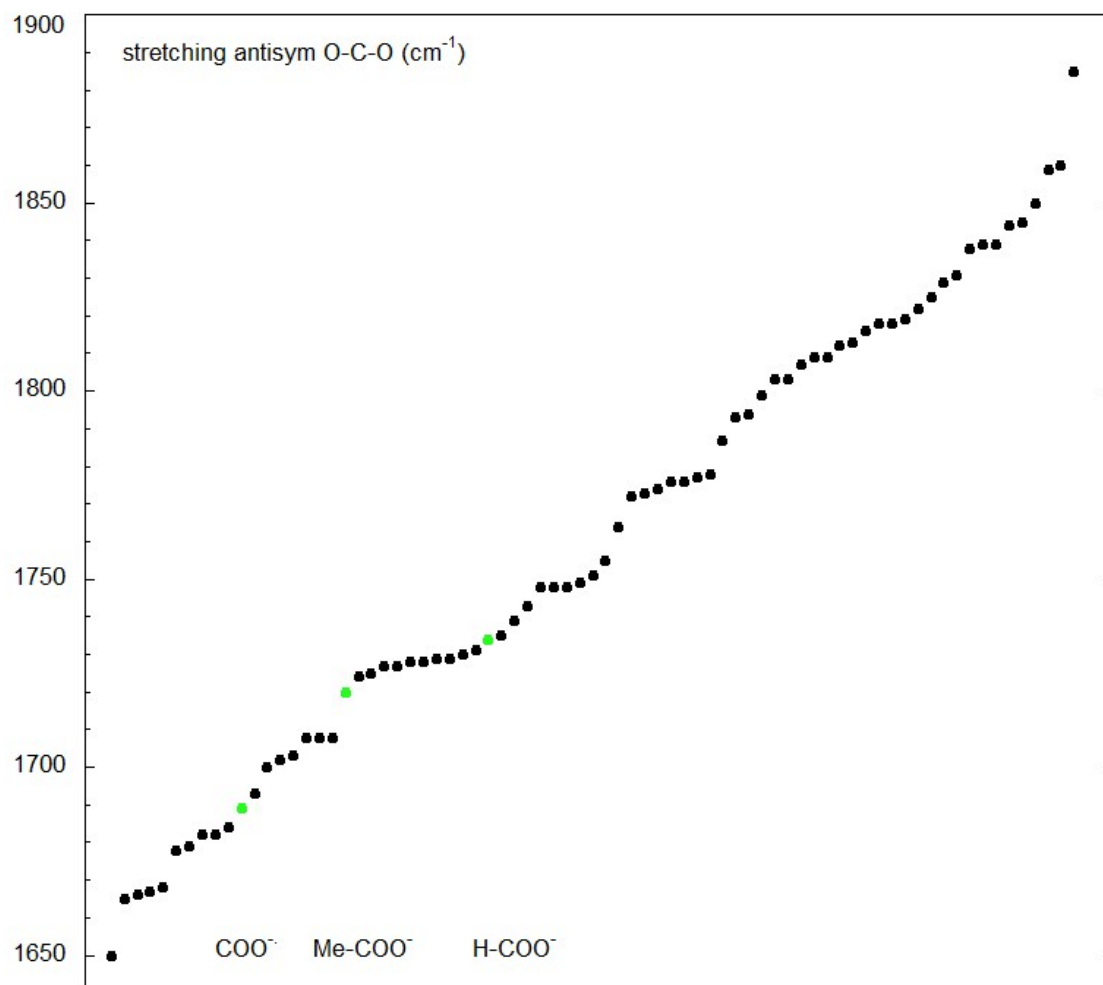


Figure S3. Range of calculated harmonic vibrational frequencies for the antisymmetric O-C-O stretching mode; green dots refer to simple parent carboxylates.