## Electronic Supplementary Information

## Characterization of Electrophilicity and Oxidative Potential of Atmospheric Carbonyls

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<b>Reference</b>

Compound	Structure	Еномо eV	E <i>lumo</i> eV	μ eV	η eV	ω eV
Simple carbonyl						
Formaldehyde (FM)	о Н Н	-7.667	-1.746	-4.707	5.921	1.87
2-Furaldehyde (2-FA)	<b>□ ○</b>	-7.207	-2.155	-4.681	5.052	2.17
Benzaldehyde (BA)		-7.340	-2.176	-4.758	5.164	2.19
4-Formylbenzoic acid (4-FBA)	о	-7.632	-2.870	-5.251	4.762	2.90
2-Nitrobenzaldehyde (2-NBA)	NO <sub>2</sub>	-7.768	-3.303	-5.536	4.465	3.43
3-Nitrobenzaldehyde (3-NBA)	O <sub>2</sub> N	-7.908	-3.323	-5.616	4.585	3.44
4-Nitrobenzaldehyde (4-NBA)	0 <sub>2</sub> N-\O	-7.963	-3.565	-5.764	4.398	3.78
<u>α,β-unsaturated carbonyl</u>						
Mesityl oxide (MPO)	, o	-6.763	-1.610	-4.187	5.153	1.70
Citral (CTR)	ot	-6.706	-1.824	-4.265	4.882	1.86
trans-Cinnamaldehyde (t-CA)	° I	-6.959	-2.517	-4.738	4.442	2.53

**Table S1:** The chemical reactivity descriptors EHOMO, ELUMO,  $\mu$ ,  $\eta$  and  $\omega$ ) of carbonyl compounds calculated in gas phase.

Table S2: Optimized geometry of carbonyls in gas phase and in water solvent from the Gaussian

09 program.

## **Gaussian Optimized Geometry, Gas Phase:**

### **Formaldehyde**

E(RB3LYP) = -114.541577701 Hartree (Eh) Electronic state: 1-A Cartesian Coordinates (Angstroms):

С	0.00000	0.52742	0.00000
0	0.00000	-0.67430	0.00000
Η	-0.00001	1.11493	0.93973
Η	-0.00001	1.11493	-0.93973



## **Benzaldehyde**

E(RB3LYP) =-345.666239183 Hartree(Eh) Electronic state: 1-A Cartesian Coordinates (Angstroms):

С	-1.99189	0.46358	0.00005
С	-0.53400	0.20655	0.00008
С	0.35492	1.28690	0.00001
С	1.72933	1.06367	-0.00009
С	2.21651	-0.24269	-0.00007
С	1.33257	-1.32598	0.00006
С	-0.03833	-1.10446	0.00012
0	-2.84864	-0.39249	-0.00024
Η	-2.27063	1.53915	0.00097
Η	-0.03461	2.30040	0.00004
Η	2.41747	1.90105	-0.00022
Η	3.28638	-0.41923	-0.00014
Η	1.71866	-2.33893	0.00012
Η	-0.74281	-1.92794	0.00016



<u>4-Formylbenzoic acid</u> E (RB3LYP) = -534.295211516 Hartree (Eh) Electronic state: 1-A Cartesian Coordinates (Angstroms):

С	-3.23113	0.30439	-0.00003
0	-3.98513	-0.64116	0.00033
С	-1.74968	0.20387	-0.00008
С	-0.98081	1.37289	-0.00006
С	0.40626	1.29788	-0.00014
С	1.03309	0.04777	-0.00024
С	2.52354	0.01713	-0.00034
0	3.23205	0.99515	0.00035
0	3.02541	-1.24221	0.00021
С	0.26520	-1.12622	-0.00024
С	-1.11952	-1.04708	-0.00012
Η	-3.62426	1.34258	0.00036
Η	-1.47336	2.33993	0.00003
Η	1.01854	2.19080	-0.00013
Η	3.99070	-1.16232	0.00065
Η	0.76000	-2.08826	-0.00032
Η	-1.73201	-1.94077	-0.00014



<u>2-Nitrobenzaldehyde</u> E (RB3LYP) = -550.212689420 Hartree (Eh) Electronic state: 1-A Cartesian Coordinates (Angstroms):

Ν	1.83296	-0.08103	0.03635
0	2.63301	-0.86133	-0.45962
0	2.12797	0.97566	0.58284
С	0.40030	-0.45191	-0.00568
С	-0.60112	0.52981	-0.05137
С	-0.36342	2.00300	-0.22224
0	-1.23679	2.81585	-0.02765
С	-1.93005	0.09177	-0.02279
С	-2.24238	-1.26077	0.05397
С	-1.22405	-2.21312	0.08571
С	0.10657	-1.80927	0.04920
Η	0.63290	2.31205	-0.56903
Η	-2.70753	0.84452	-0.07073
Η	-3.27943	-1.57385	0.08181
Η	-1.46182	-3.26855	0.14274
Η	0.91658	-2.52549	0.07540



# 3-Nitrobenzaldehyde

E(RB3LYP) = -550.224223249 Hartree (Eh) Electronic state: 1-A Cartesian Coordinates (Angstroms):

Ν	2.30133	-0.48159	0.00001
0	2.38668	-1.70232	0.00058
0	3.25248	0.28780	-0.00071
С	0.94209	0.10894	0.00005
С	-0.15853	-0.73867	-0.00003
С	-1.43571	-0.17735	-0.00003
С	-2.62350	-1.07085	-0.00018
0	-3.76774	-0.68204	-0.00015
С	-1.59012	1.21616	0.00012
С	-0.47364	2.04368	0.00022
С	0.80806	1.49313	0.00016
Η	-0.01170	-1.81166	-0.00009
Н	-2.38897	-2.15505	-0.00023
Η	-2.59319	1.62612	0.00014
Η	-0.59255	3.12038	0.00035
Н	1.69383	2.11363	0.00018



<u>4-Nitrobenzaldehyde</u> E (RB3LYP) = -550.223245374 Hartree (Eh) Electronic state: 1-A Cartesian Coordinates (Angstroms):

Ν	-2.52393	-0.09984	0.00002
0	-3.16777	0.94050	0.00140
0	-3.00698	-1.22348	-0.00129
С	-1.04335	0.01008	-0.00001
С	-0.46916	1.27606	-0.00048
С	0.91822	1.36848	-0.00056
С	1.70472	0.21213	-0.00009
С	3.18690	0.33573	-0.00012
0	3.94913	-0.60174	0.00029
С	1.09852	-1.05105	0.00042
С	-0.28415	-1.15900	0.00041
Η	-1.10187	2.15255	-0.00074
Η	1.39329	2.34382	-0.00099
Η	3.56628	1.37836	-0.00055
Η	1.72631	-1.93378	0.00081
Η	-0.78168	-2.11887	0.00070



## Mesityl oxide

E (RB3LYP) = -309.962942241 Hartree (Eh) Electronic state: 1-A Cartesian Coordinates (Angstroms):

С	-1.53337	1.34384	0.04939
С	-1.20502	-0.12162	0.00165
С	0.04081	-0.63904	-0.02994
С	1.33307	0.08906	-0.01653
С	2.56623	-0.79824	0.04634
0	1.44556	1.30389	-0.05586
С	-2.40005	-1.03805	-0.01364
Η	-2.01063	1.64096	-0.89279
Η	-2.26714	1.53506	0.84028
Η	-0.65381	1.96230	0.19919
Η	0.13259	-1.72198	-0.05680
Η	2.53706	-1.43105	0.93935
Η	2.59604	-1.46729	-0.82005
Η	3.46322	-0.18110	0.06241
Η	-3.05672	-0.79399	-0.85637
Η	-2.11766	-2.08934	-0.08670
Η	-2.99737	-0.90034	0.89480



## <u>Citral</u>

E (RB3LYP) = -466.002393482 Hartree (Eh) Electronic state: 1-A Cartesian Coordinates (Angstroms):

С	-2.98931	-1.66773	0.55963
С	-3.16763	-0.26054	0.04795
С	-4.54945	0.03863	-0.48046
С	-2.21477	0.68125	0.04499
С	-0.79279	0.57140	0.52159
С	0.22287	0.70312	-0.64573
С	1.66308	0.67274	-0.19056
С	2.17030	1.94664	0.43249
С	2.39320	-0.45065	-0.35563
С	3.78410	-0.65597	0.04947
0	4.38298	-1.70091	-0.12376
Η	-3.68720	-1.86781	1.38103
Η	-3.22240	-2.39239	-0.22894
Η	-1.98173	-1.87596	0.91805
Η	-5.30712	-0.11405	0.29716
Η	-4.63401	1.06562	-0.84102
Η	-4.80790	-0.63626	-1.30490
Η	-2.48069	1.65729	-0.36031



Η	-0.60316	1.36590	1.25321
Η	-0.61272	-0.37339	1.03811
Η	0.04071	-0.10638	-1.35677
Η	0.02882	1.64477	-1.17385
Η	1.52256	2.25386	1.25948
Η	3.18816	1.87850	0.81090
Η	2.13523	2.75502	-0.30652
Η	1.93998	-1.31506	-0.83405
Η	4.30003	0.19426	0.53603

<u>trans-Cinnamaldehyde</u> E (RB3LYP) = -423.083192755 Hartree (Eh) Electronic state: 1-A Cartesian Coordinates (Angstroms):

С	3.35775	-0.28859	0.00013
С	1.99490	0.24280	-0.00007
С	0.93371	-0.58683	0.00054
С	-0.48549	-0.23876	0.00028
С	-1.43620	-1.27341	-0.00008
С	-2.79963	-0.99575	-0.00042
С	-3.23974	0.32608	-0.00031
С	-2.30780	1.36679	0.00014
С	-0.94735	1.08978	0.00039
0	4.36337	0.39221	-0.00064
Η	3.42717	-1.39833	0.00139
Η	1.90193	1.32380	-0.00087
Н	1.14233	-1.65628	0.00132
Η	-1.09637	-2.30393	-0.00015
Η	-3.51648	-1.80878	-0.00073
Η	-4.30096	0.54709	-0.00054
Н	-2.64645	2.39658	0.00029
Η	-0.23901	1.90956	0.00082



## **Gaussian Optimized Geometry, Water Solvent:**

Formaldehyde E(RB3LYP) = -114.546525343 Hartree (Eh) Hartree Electronic state: 1-A Cartesian Coordinates (Angstroms):

С	0.00000	-0.53129	0.00000
0	0.00000	0.67678	0.00000
Н	-0.00001	-1.11325	0.93844
Η	-0.00001	-1.11325	-0.93844



## **Benzaldehyde**

 $\overline{E(RB3LYP)} = -345.189785981$  Hartree (Eh) Electronic state: 1-A Cartesian Coordinates (Angstroms):

С	-1.98644	0.46404	0.00016
С	-0.53560	0.20142	0.00015
С	0.35009	1.28710	0.00004
С	1.72528	1.06767	-0.00015
С	2.21713	-0.23785	-0.00013
С	1.33739	-1.32599	0.00008
С	-0.03440	-1.10945	0.00019
0	-2.85400	-0.39182	-0.00039
Η	-2.26320	1.53582	0.00108
Η	-0.04206	2.29889	0.00010
Н	2.41016	1.90728	-0.00031
Η	3.28733	-0.41060	-0.00025
Η	1.72762	-2.33701	0.00016
Η	-0.72850	-1.94144	0.00031



# 4-Formylbenzoic acid

E (RB3LYP) = -534.307733963 Hartree (Eh) Electronic state: 1-A Cartesian Coordinates (Angstroms):

С	3.22644	0.30767	0.00013
0	3.98916	-0.63914	-0.00034
С	1.74987	0.19977	0.00011
С	0.98361	1.37163	0.00014
С	-0.40376	1.29749	0.00016
С	-1.03379	0.04870	0.00015
С	-2.52478	0.01394	0.00016
0	-3.23261	0.99868	-0.00044
0	-3.02308	-1.23741	0.00006
С	-0.26793	-1.12739	0.00011
С	1.11668	-1.05074	0.00003
Η	3.61699	1.34239	-0.00027
Η	1.47577	2.33797	0.00014
Η	-1.00658	2.19628	0.00019
Η	-3.99143	-1.17845	-0.00028
Η	-0.75966	-2.09065	0.00010
Η	1.71904	-1.95085	0.00001



## 2-Nitrobenzaldehyde

E (RB3LYP) = -550.224630179 Hartree (Eh) Electronic state: 1-A Cartesian Coordinates (Angstroms):

Ν	1.79783	-0.25294	0.03803
0	2.54425	-1.11526	-0.40839
0	2.18437	0.79812	0.54450
С	0.34673	-0.49561	-0.01497
С	-0.55506	0.58045	-0.07126
С	-0.15941	2.00775	-0.26947
0	-0.87982	2.93103	0.04892
С	-1.91948	0.27681	-0.03930
С	-2.36143	-1.04068	0.04602
С	-1.44164	-2.08718	0.08983
С	-0.07637	-1.81676	0.05642
Η	0.80341	2.19318	-0.76569
Η	-2.62785	1.09318	-0.10283
Η	-3.42363	-1.25074	0.07128
Η	-1.78139	-3.11301	0.15776
Η	0.65437	-2.61186	0.10938



# 3-Nitrobenzaldehyde

E(RB3LYP) = -550.236789568 Hartree (Eh) Electronic state: 1-A Cartesian Coordinates (Angstroms):

Ν	-2.29157	-0.48030	0.00004
0	-2.38731	-1.70321	-0.00139
0	-3.25280	0.28131	0.00155
С	-0.94042	0.10871	-0.00004
С	0.16082	-0.73908	0.00015
С	1.43662	-0.17400	0.00008
С	2.61559	-1.07146	0.00038
0	3.76822	-0.68852	0.00030
С	1.58768	1.22078	-0.00028
С	0.47055	2.04766	-0.00050
С	-0.80914	1.49480	-0.00033
Η	0.02359	-1.81255	0.00039
Н	2.37943	-2.15149	0.00067
Н	2.58610	1.64067	-0.00038
Η	0.58733	3.12384	-0.00081
Н	-1.69050	2.12057	-0.00047



<u>4-Nitrobenzaldehyde</u> E (RB3LYP) = -550.235866482 Hartree (Eh) Electronic state: 1-A Cartesian Coordinates (Angstroms):

Ν	-2.51565	-0.09780	-0.00004
0	-3.16971	0.93918	0.00222
0	-3.01121	-1.21924	-0.00190
С	-1.04215	0.01018	-0.00006
С	-0.46684	1.27655	-0.00075
С	0.92006	1.36790	-0.00085
С	1.70378	0.20868	-0.00018
С	3.18201	0.33918	-0.00026
0	3.95081	-0.60057	0.00056
С	1.09647	-1.05458	0.00056
С	-0.28542	-1.16161	0.00060
Η	-1.09021	2.15894	-0.00125
Η	1.39396	2.34272	-0.00148
Η	3.55993	1.37763	-0.00050
Η	1.71515	-1.94299	0.00113
Η	-0.77578	-2.12443	0.00112



## Mesityl oxide

E (RB3LYP) = -309.970343628 Hartree (Eh) Electronic state: 1-A Cartesian Coordinates (Angstroms):

С	-1.52906	1.34092	0.11698
С	-1.20267	-0.12107	0.00213
С	0.04399	-0.64002	-0.06456
С	1.32954	0.08268	-0.03782
С	2.55762	-0.79446	0.10874
0	1.44287	1.30250	-0.13657
С	-2.39672	-1.03492	-0.03577
Η	-1.83686	1.72329	-0.86432
Η	-2.38091	1.48289	0.78831
Η	-0.68259	1.93353	0.45264
Η	0.13500	-1.72114	-0.11976
Η	2.48450	-1.40602	1.01317
Η	2.62450	-1.48578	-0.73754
Η	3.45719	-0.18165	0.14969
Η	-3.07531	-0.73526	-0.84218
Η	-2.11743	-2.07905	-0.18136
Η	-2.96716	-0.94960	0.89579



## <u>Citral</u>

E (RB3LYP) = -466.012217419 Hartree (Eh) Electronic state: 1-A Cartesian Coordinates (Angstroms):

С	-2.98626	-1.68734	0.49855
С	-3.16476	-0.25827	0.05068
С	-4.55161	0.06803	-0.44956
С	-2.20758	0.68042	0.07707
С	-0.78133	0.54561	0.53598
С	0.22043	0.70054	-0.64239
С	1.66137	0.67578	-0.19565
С	2.17609	1.95779	0.39628
С	2.38551	-0.45899	-0.34565
С	3.76854	-0.64851	0.05468
0	4.38147	-1.70005	-0.10344
Η	-3.68106	-1.92210	1.31330
Η	-3.22703	-2.37406	-0.32106
Η	-1.97661	-1.91283	0.84048
Η	-5.30038	-0.11565	0.32998
Η	-4.63555	1.10951	-0.76660
Η	-4.82180	-0.57297	-1.29697
Η	-2.47181	1.67353	-0.28573



Η	-0.57542	1.32150	1.28204
Η	-0.60375	-0.41396	1.02505
Η	0.03883	-0.10249	-1.36071
Η	0.01776	1.64979	-1.15095
Η	1.50865	2.30293	1.19138
Η	3.18256	1.89008	0.80301
Η	2.16791	2.73710	-0.37366
Η	1.91981	-1.32709	-0.80531
Η	4.28373	0.20673	0.52329

<u>trans-Cinnamaldehyde</u> E (RB3LYP) = -423.093761553 Hartree (Eh) Electronic state: 1-A Cartesian Coordinates (Angstroms):

С	3 34476	-0 28972	0.00011
C	1.99525	0.24948	0.00001
C	0.93263	-0.58488	0.00042
C	-0.48392	-0.23640	0.00023
Č	-1.43196	-1.27567	-0.00006
Č	-2.79616	-0.99931	-0.00033
Č	-3.23759	0.32335	-0.00023
Č	-2.30783	1.36767	0.00013
Ċ	-0.94627	1.09355	0.00022
0	4.36576	0.38663	-0.00052
H	3.41223	-1.39510	0.00097
Н	1.89813	1.33014	-0.00054
Н	1.14101	-1.65351	0.00100
Н	-1.08954	-2.30493	-0.00010
Н	-3.51216	-1.81284	-0.00059
Н	-4.29910	0.54266	-0.00040
Н	-2.64914	2.39638	0.00027
Н	-0.24093	1.91572	0.00054



nmol
6.71×10 <sup>4</sup> —3.36×10 <sup>5</sup>
$2.39 \times 10^{2}$ - 1.20 × 10 <sup>3</sup>
$9.70 \times 10^{3}$ - $4.85 \times 10^{4}$
$3.26 \times 10^{1}$ - 1.63 $\times 10^{2}$
$6.85 \times 10^{0}$ - 1.37 $\times 10^{2}$
6.48×10 <sup>0</sup> —1.30×10 <sup>2</sup>
$6.79 \times 10^{0}$ - 1.36 $\times 10^{2}$
$1.11 \times 10^{2}$ 5.57 $\times 10^{2}$
3.78×10 <sup>1</sup> —1.89×10 <sup>2</sup>
$3.53 \times 10^3$

**Table S3:** The nanomoles of carbonyls added to the DTT assay.

**Table S4.** The comparisons of DTTr of carbonyls in this study with other compounds and aerosol

systems reported previously.

Compounds or aerosols system	DTT <sub>r</sub> (nmol/min/µg)	Reference
Pure compound		
Formaldehyde	8.50×10 <sup>-6</sup>	This study
2-Furaldehyde	9.39×10 <sup>-5</sup>	This study
Benzaldehyde	1.53×10 <sup>-5</sup>	This study
4-Formylbenzoic acid	1.67×10 <sup>-4</sup>	This study
2-Nitrobenzaldehyde	6.67×10 <sup>-4</sup>	This study
3-Nitrobenzaldehyde	2.13×10 <sup>-4</sup>	This study
4-Nitrobenzaldehyde	3.65×10 <sup>-4</sup>	This study
Mesityl oxide	1.02×10 <sup>-4</sup>	This study
Citral	1.53×10 <sup>-4</sup>	This study
trans-Cinnamaldehyde	1.51×10 <sup>-3</sup>	This study
Isoprene epoxydiol (IEPOX)	7.00±1.39×10 <sup>-5</sup>	Kramer et al. <sup>1</sup>
2-Methyltetrol	4.44±0.92×10 <sup>-5</sup>	Kramer et al. <sup>1</sup>
Methacrylic acid epoxide (MAE)	9.84±0.97×10 <sup>-5</sup>	Kramer et al. <sup>1</sup>
2-Methylglyceric acid	2.51±0.37×10-4	Kramer et al. <sup>1</sup>
2-Hydroperoxy-2-methyl-but-3-en-1-ol (ISOPOOH)	4.90±2.20×10 <sup>-1</sup>	Kramer et al. <sup>1</sup>
Methacrolein	3.26±0.10×10 <sup>-2</sup>	Jiang et al. <sup>2</sup>
9,10-Phenanthraquinone	25.46±1.00	Jiang et al. <sup>2</sup>
1,2-Naphthoquinone	9.07±0.29	Jiang et al. <sup>2</sup>
1,4-Naphthoquinone	2.92±0.12	Jiang et al. <sup>2</sup>
tert-Butyl hydroperoxide	1.17±0.19×10 <sup>-2</sup>	Jiang et al. <sup>3</sup>
Ambient PM		
Ambient PM	~10 <sup>-3</sup> -10 <sup>-2</sup>	Fang et al. <sup>4</sup>
Ambient PM	~ (2-6) ×10 <sup>-2</sup>	Verma et al. <sup>5</sup>
Primary aerosol		
Accord diesel	2.3±0.2×10 <sup>-2</sup>	Cheung et al. <sup>6</sup>
DPF-Accord diesel	$1.9\pm0.2\times10^{-2}$	Cheung et al. <sup>6</sup>
Corolla gasoline	$1.2\pm0.1\times10^{-2}$	Cheung et al. <sup>6</sup>
Golf diesel	1.8±0.3×10 <sup>-2</sup>	Cheung et al. <sup>6</sup>
Golf biodiesel	2.5±0.3×10 <sup>-2</sup>	Cheung et al. <sup>6</sup>
Wood smoke	2.5±0.1×10 <sup>-2</sup>	Jiang et al. <sup>2</sup>
<u>Secondary organic aerosol</u>		
Naphthalene SOA	$11.8 \pm 1.4 \times 10^{-2}$	McWhinney et al. <sup>7</sup>
Toluene SOA	(3.7-8.2) ×10 <sup>-2</sup>	Jiang et al. <sup>2, 3</sup>
1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene SOA	(1.4-2.5) ×10 <sup>-2</sup>	Jiang et al. <sup>2,3</sup>
Isoprene SOA	(1.6-5.3) ×10 <sup>-2</sup>	Jiang et al. <sup>2,3</sup>
α-Pinene SOA	$(0.9-1.3) \times 10^{-2}$	Jiang et al. <sup>2,3</sup>
Isoprene SOA	~10 <sup>-2</sup>	Tuet et al. <sup>8</sup>
α-Pinene SOA	$\sim (2-3) \times 10^{-2}$	Tuet et al. <sup>8</sup>
$\beta$ -carvophyllene SOA	~2×10 <sup>-2</sup>	Tuet et al. <sup>8</sup>
Pentadecane SOA	$\sim (1.5-2) \times 10^{-2}$	Tuet et al. <sup>8</sup>
<i>m</i> -xylene SOA	$\sim (2-4) \times 10^{-2}$	Tuet et al. <sup>8</sup>
Naphthalene SOA	$\sim 0.1 - 0.2$	Tuet et al. <sup>8</sup>
Isoprene SOA	$2.10+0.22\times10^{-3}$	Kramer et al. <sup>1</sup>
Methacrolein SOA	$2.30\pm0.27\times10^{-3}$	Kramer et al. <sup>1</sup>
IEPOX-derived SOA	$1.79+0.16\times10^{-3}$	Kramer et al. <sup>1</sup>
MAE-derived SOA	3.13±0.30×10 <sup>-3</sup>	Kramer et al. <sup>1</sup>

**Table S5.** Local selectivity indexes computed for the tested  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyls based on the condensed Fukui function using UCA-FUKUI software.<sup>9</sup>

α, $\beta$ -Unsaturated carbonyl	Atom	f-	f+	f0	<b>Dual-Descriptor</b>
Citral	C <sub>10</sub>	-0.0001	0.2674	0.1336	0.2673
	C <sub>7</sub>	0.0000	0.2384	0.1192	0.2383
trans-Cinnamaldehyde	<b>C</b> <sub>3</sub>	0.0272	0.1893	0.1082	0.1621
	$C_1$	-0.018	0.1258	0.0539	0.1078
Mesityl oxide	$C_4$	0.0077	0.2319	0.1198	0.2242
	C <sub>2</sub>	0.1363	0.2248	0.1805	0.0886



**Fig. S1:** Comparison between the calculated electrophilicity index in gas phase and the measured  $Log_{10}(DTT activity)$  (nmol DTT consumed per reaction incubation minute per µg of sample). The  $r^2$  values of simple (blue) and  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated (red) carbonyls are 0.8239 and 0.9977, respectively.



**Fig. S2:** Molecular geometries showing atom labels for (A) citral, (B) *trans*-cinnamaldehyde and (C) mesityl oxide.

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