

Hydrophobic Amplification of Noncovalent Organocatalysis

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Supporting Information

General

All ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded using Bruker AC 200, AM 400 WB, Avance II 200 or Avance II 400 FT spectrometers at ambient temperature.

Chemicals

Propene oxide, cyclohexen oxide, and styrene oxide were purchased from Merck and fractionally distilled through a 10 cm Vigreux column and were stored under argon. All amines were freshly distilled prior to use and stored under argon. Thiophenol and phenol were purchased from Merck and were used as received. Allyl alcohol was freshly distilled prior to use. Dichloromethane was distilled from Sicapent® and stored over molecular sieves 4 Å under argon.

Reactions

All reactions were carried out in a carousel reaction station.

General procedure for the nucleophilic ring opening reaction

Epoxide (1 mmol) was dissolved in 2 mL of dist. H_2O and cooled to 0 °C. 10 mol% of thiourea catalyst was added to the solution; ultrasonication was used to homogenize the reaction mixtures. Amine (1 mmol) was added in one portion and the reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature. The resulting emulsion was vigorously

stirred for the time indicated and then a saturated NaHCO_3 solution was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with Et_2O (3x 20 mL). The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 . Filtration and concentration under reduced pressure provided the desired products (which are all literature known), with spectral data identical to literature data (see below).

Spectroscopic data of the products can be found in the following references:

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Theoretical methods

All structures were optimized at the B3LYP^[1]/6-31G(d)^[2] level of theory; single-point energies were computed at the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level. Solvent effects were modeled using the Self-Consistent-Isodensity Polarized Continuum Model (SCI-PCM),^[3] and all gas-phase structures were reoptimized at the PCM-B3LYP/6-31G* level for methylene chloride and water as the solvents. We utilized Gaussian03^[4] for all computations. Single-point energies were computed at the SCI-PCM/B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level as well. Harmonic frequencies were computed on all optimized structures in order to verify the nature of stationary points.

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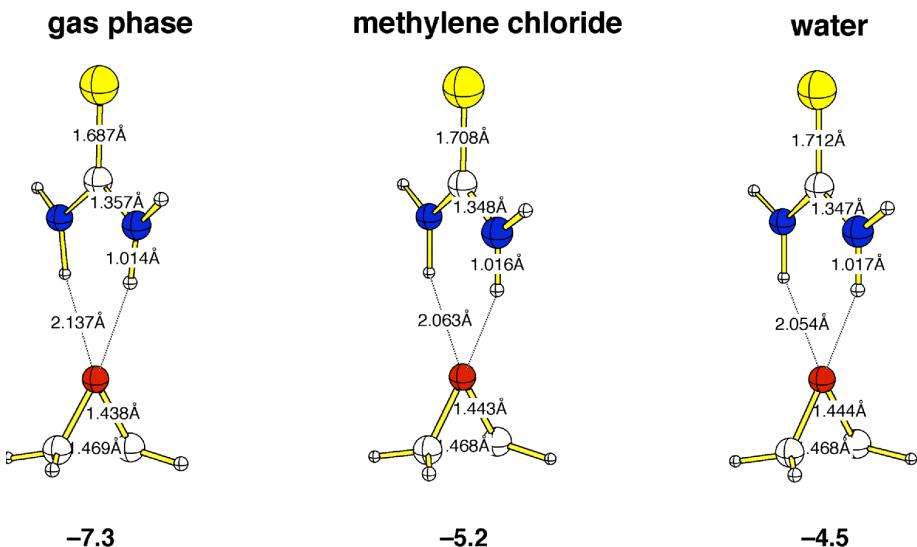


Figure S1. Complexes of epoxide (**S1**) and thiourea (**S2**) in the gaseous phase, methylene chloride, and water; complexation energies in kcal mol⁻¹ at B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)//B3LYP/6-31G(d).

Table S1. Absolute energies (in –au), zero-point vibrational energies (ZPVEs, in kcal mol⁻¹) of all computed species. First entry: gas phase, second entry: methylene chloride, third entry: water.

Species	B3LYP/6-31G(d)	ZPVE	B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) //B3LYP/6-31G(d)
Epoxide (S1)	153.78626 (gas)	36.2	153.83603
	153.78982 (CH ₂ Cl ₂)	36.5	153.83987
	153.79047 (H ₂ O)	36.5	153.84057
Thiourea (S2)	548.21563	38.7	548.30231
	548.23041	38.6	548.31551
	548.23356	38.6	548.31831
S1•S2	702.01518	75.2	702.14992
	702.03126	76.4	702.16368
	702.03406	76.3	702.16610
NH₃ (S3)	56.54795	21.7	56.58248
	56.55294	21.9	56.58664
	56.55385	21.9	56.58739
TS	210.27228	59.5	210.36118
	210.30476	58.8	210.38930
	210.30889	58.8	210.39305
S2•TS	758.52800	99.9	758.69354
	758.56060	98.9	758.72327
	758.56521	98.9	758.72765
H₂O	76.40895	13.3	76.45840
S1•H₂O	230.20764	51.7	230.30251
S2•H₂O	624.64007	53.3	624.77294
H₂O•TS	286.71317	75.4	286.84256
H₂O•TS•S2	834.97525	115.6	835.18243
(H₂O)₂	152.83034	29.1	152.92261

XYZ-Coordinates of all optimized {B3LYP/6-31G(d)} species in Å

S1	S1•S2/CH₂Cl₂			
C -0.371918746	0.000000000	-0.734299625	C 0.673539052	-3.219579573
C -0.371918746	0.000000000	0.734299625	C 0.672346569	-3.219828811
O 0.855242808	0.000000000	0.000000000	H 1.618929171	-3.235411129
H -0.594729379	-0.920211157	-1.275642607	H -0.185491749	-3.612561995
H -0.594729379	0.920211157	-1.275642607	H 1.616863500	-3.235855958
H -0.594729379	-0.920211157	1.275642607	H -0.187562662	-3.612981744
H -0.594729379	0.920211157	1.275642607	N -1.260853286	1.271910709
			H -2.223449841	0.447271254
			N 0.976164720	0.745497421
			H 0.914825133	-0.004069737
S1/CH₂Cl₂	S1•S2/CH₂Cl₂			
C -0.374695745	0.000000000	-0.733751434	H 1.738735616	1.573624497
C -0.374695745	0.000000000	0.733751434	C -0.288640934	1.381006544
O 0.859731636	0.000000000	0.000000000	S -0.638129800	3.053140861
H -0.595376035	-0.920459050	-1.273692349	H 1.171860046	-0.082582487
H -0.595376035	0.920459050	-1.273692349	H -1.040686003	-0.545021540
H -0.595376035	-0.920459050	1.273692349	O 0.418778821	-2.003653063
H -0.595376035	0.920459050	1.273692349		0.000000000
S1/H₂O	S1•S2/H₂O			
C -0.375216007	0.000000000	-0.733630889	C 0.672360213	-3.213455648
C -0.375216007	0.000000000	0.733630889	C 0.670973978	-3.213745382
O 0.860631788	0.000000000	0.000000000	H 1.617963805	-3.228946604
H -0.595615556	-0.920518719	-1.273269900	H -0.186862146	-3.606178858
H -0.595615556	0.920518719	-1.273269900	H 1.615562612	-3.229458293
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H -0.595615556	0.920518719	1.273269900	N -1.260041186	1.271280719
H -0.595615556	0.920518719	1.273269900	H -2.223552769	0.443456087
			N 0.976948648	-0.003614606
			H 1.741289828	0.911004078
			C -0.287356928	0.003806405
S2	S1•S2/H₂O			
C 0.000000000	0.000000000	-0.315754843	C -0.637577967	1.374863201
S 0.000000000	0.000000000	1.359051276	S 0.305005068	-0.000000000
N 1.146346638	-0.087262731	-1.056572087	H 1.172838970	-0.086929180
H 1.157703830	0.294080071	-1.995400562	H -1.039842046	0.001873616
H 2.004601829	0.016370551	-0.533740507	O 0.417362585	-0.549396442
N -1.146346638	0.087262731	-1.056572087		-0.003614606
H -1.157703830	-0.294080071	-1.995400562		0.000000000
H -2.004601829	-0.016370551	-0.533740507		
S2/CH₂Cl₂	TS			
C 0.000000000	0.000000000	-0.336000583	C 0.499370565	-0.828661011
S 0.000000000	0.000000000	1.367298319	C -0.029286832	0.613967989
N 1.147706219	-0.008692539	-1.046855921	O 1.799896787	0.000000000
H 1.164201242	0.107359798	-2.051685486	H 0.014906623	-1.352873157
H 2.021055414	0.081543103	-0.550707874	H 0.014906623	-0.894131998
N -1.147706219	0.008692539	-1.046855921	H 0.270811269	-1.352873157
H -1.164201242	-0.107359798	-2.051685486	H 0.270811269	-0.894131998
H -2.021055414	-0.081543103	-0.550707874	H -1.999767216	1.150239699
			N -1.672089179	0.900144449
			H -2.086953793	-0.901444449
			H -1.999767216	0.195313021
S2/H₂O	TS/CH₂Cl₂			
C 0.000000000	0.000000000	-0.339095030	O -1.388451086	0.894131998
S 0.000000000	0.000000000	1.368860093	C -0.035843431	-0.530536041
N 1.147478639	-0.003005182	-1.046795836	H 0.530536041	1.443836442
H 1.164033236	0.095604839	-2.053631344	H 0.530535957	-0.149148267
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			H -1.035978717	-0.270315998
			H 1.841192136	-1.144083674
S1•S2	TS/H₂O			
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C 0.681361086	-3.261698284	0.734501078		-1.559964586
H 1.627067419	-3.280369073	-1.274348980		
H -0.175822212	-3.657187553	-1.275224621	O -1.886991665	0.584788502
H 1.625876796	-3.280618675	1.275224622	C -0.771115318	0.491568184
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N -1.267664831	0.473780753	-0.004560464	H -0.604697209	0.859169659
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N 0.971788503	0.941843634	0.004560464	H 0.002185850	1.673496656
H 1.724506761	1.610768937	0.004720833	H 0.002185850	-0.149148267
C -0.296853484	1.420299605	-0.000000000	N 1.986539572	0.465506927
S -0.642225518	3.072736880	-0.000000000	H 2.495402778	-1.109011054
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O 0.428659853	-2.050929002	0.000000000		
TS/H₂O	TS/CH₂Cl₂			
			O -1.388451086	1.143961859
			C -0.035843431	0.961604614
			H 0.530536041	0.859169659
			H 0.530535957	1.673496656
			C -0.321293094	-0.149148267
			H -0.729859270	0.465506927
			H -0.729859356	-1.109011054
			N 1.275815914	-1.355913946
			H 1.035978717	-2.238053902
			H 1.841192136	-0.808874733
			H 1.841192213	-1.559964586
TS	TS/CH₂Cl₂			
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			C -0.035843431	0.491568184
			H 0.530536041	0.961604614
			H 0.530535957	0.859169659
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			H 1.035978717	-2.238053902
			H 1.841192136	-0.808874733
			H 1.841192213	-1.559964586

S2•TS			S3/H₂O					
S	-3.818253562	-0.003282517	-0.195868514	H	-0.058162383	0.100740223	-0.041127018	
C	-2.122680221	-0.004211822	-0.251298322	H	-0.019940657	0.034538409	0.976469363	
N	-1.387243597	1.134369612	-0.275938945	H	0.913977200	0.034538276	-0.344290190	
N	-1.387243899	-1.142979667	-0.237767450	H	-0.486899864	-0.774258247	-0.344290051	
H	-1.889307730	-2.010127916	-0.341905686	S1•H₂O				
H	-0.381986533	-1.080280204	-0.432268772	C	0.141041524	-0.917813688	-0.845981167	
H	-1.889307198	1.997540874	-0.409079707	C	0.056566528	-1.171111205	0.596468605	
H	-0.381986248	1.065186716	-0.468229738	O	-0.925399687	-0.347211384	-0.061877931	
O	1.180721825	-0.009116699	-0.543901972	H	0.866360767	-0.192550978	-1.208363638	
C	1.885379838	0.010546436	0.629225775	H	-0.174393846	-1.684619344	-1.551729306	
H	1.765524365	-0.871442736	1.292328752	H	0.725095481	-0.635347105	1.267592980	
H	1.765524602	0.914262986	1.262397877	H	-0.323399044	-2.124817115	0.959263586	
C	3.173197295	-0.002113581	-0.126073172	H	-0.166179357	1.391682662	0.255729879	
H	3.363830895	-0.922327672	-0.668605860	H	0.423443954	2.688023045	-0.314900979	
H	3.363831137	0.899401474	-0.699140537	O	0.608327653	1.983608659	0.323063288	
N	4.689674506	0.015704767	0.936999183	H₂O•TS				
H	4.673663526	0.851590770	1.521392327	C	-0.744090510	-1.485721143	0.000000000	
H	4.673663306	-0.800126731	1.549077376	C	-0.715948553	0.015745029	0.000000000	
H	5.561141727	0.006787126	0.404970768	O	0.599410876	-1.615337855	0.000000000	
S2•TS/CH₂Cl₂			H₂O•TS-S2					
S	0.374420000	-3.838331000	0.000000000	H	-1.288513101	-1.883242063	0.893241239	
C	0.064486000	-2.152491000	0.000000000	H	-1.288513101	-1.883242063	-0.893241239	
N	-0.064520000	-1.442960000	1.137220000	H	-0.285755126	0.441438149	0.902027651	
N	-0.064520000	-1.442960000	-1.137220000	H	-0.285755126	0.441438149	-0.902027651	
H	0.014073000	-1.917821000	-2.022065000	H	-2.844554869	0.566131747	-0.826740632	
H	-0.260721000	-0.436236000	-1.081167000	N	-2.321326870	0.853517705	0.000000000	
H	0.014073000	-1.917821000	2.022065000	H	-2.237811795	1.871403758	0.000000000	
H	-0.260721000	-0.436236000	1.081167000	H	-2.844554869	0.566131747	0.826740632	
O	-0.485363000	1.080004000	0.000000000	H	3.198344374	0.254616464	0.000000000	
C	0.523944000	2.049743000	0.000000000	O	2.281639670	0.565607483	0.000000000	
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S3			(H₂O)2					
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H	-1.142808784	3.039498540	0.926449674	S3/CH₂Cl₂				
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