

Supplementary Information for

Unravelling the Impact of Hydrocarbon Structure on the Fumarate Addition Mechanism – a Gas Phase *ab-initio* Study

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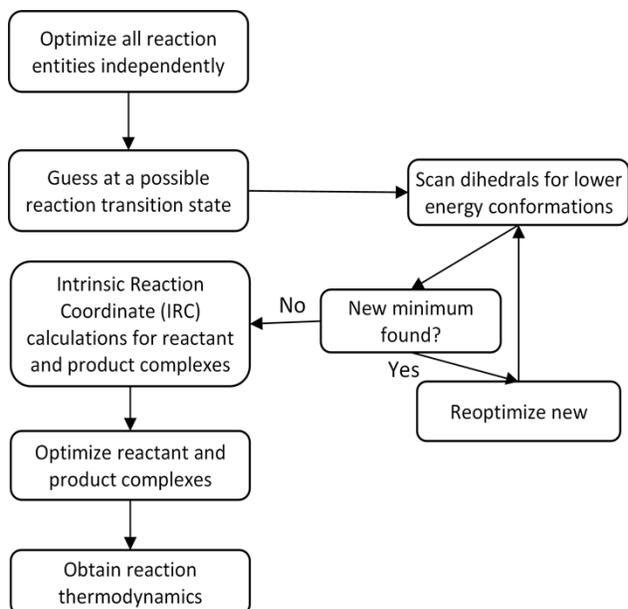
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Section 1: Potential Energy Surfaces



Scheme 1: Workflow for electronic structure calculations.

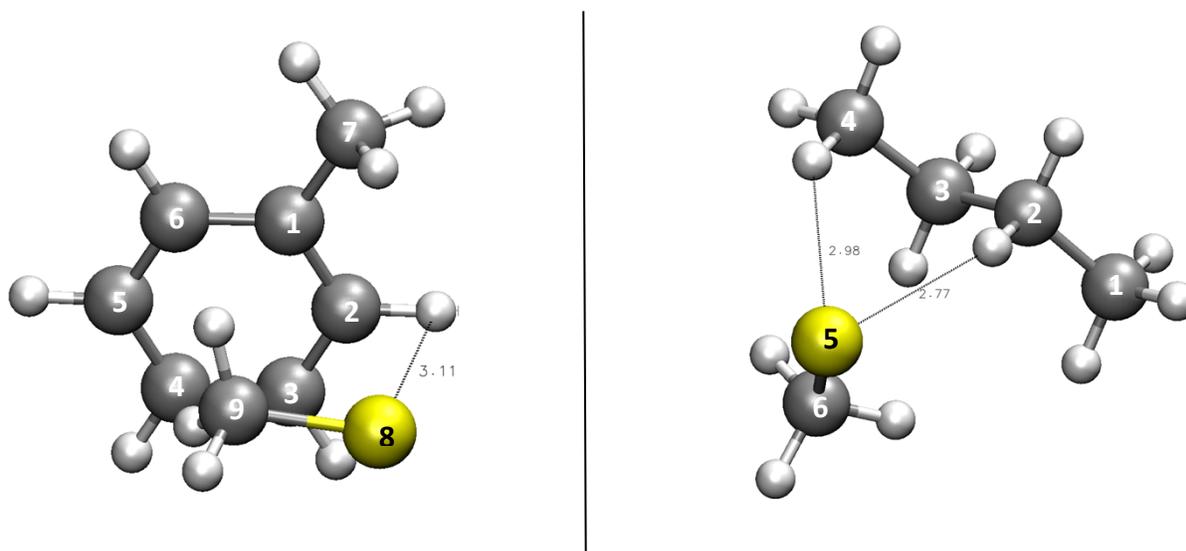


Figure S1: Reactant complex structures for step 1 (Initial H-Abstraction) in the case of toluene (left) and butane (right). Potential non-covalent interactions between the sulfur atom and hydrogen atoms of the hydrocarbon are indicated with dashed lines. The atomic indexes correspond to the heavy atoms as listed in Section S1.1 for toluene (Table S1) and butane (Table S2)

S 1.1 Resonance stabilization in radicals from Mulliken density analysis

Table S1: Mulliken spin densities for atoms in the Initial H-abstraction step for Toluene. The radical centers are indicated in Red.

Atom #	Atom	Spin Density		Difference
		RC	PC	Abs(RC)-Abs(PC)
1	C	-0.13	-0.23	-0.10
2	C	0.14	0.24	-0.09
3	C	-0.08	-0.12	-0.05
4	C	0.15	0.25	-0.10
5	C	-0.08	-0.12	-0.05
6	C	0.15	0.23	-0.09
7	C	0.60	0.86	-0.26
8	S	0.36	0.01	0.35
9	C	-0.01	0.00	0.01
10	H	0.01	0.00	0.01
11	H	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	H	0.00	0.00	0.00
13	H	-0.07	-0.01	0.06
14	H	-0.02	-0.04	-0.02
15	H	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
16	H	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	H	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
18	H	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	H	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
20	H	-0.02	-0.04	-0.02

The table above lists the Mulliken spin densities for all the atoms in the reactant complex and the product complex for step 1 (Initial H-abstraction) in the case of toluene. The right most column indicated the difference in the spin densities between the product and reactant complex. A negative sign indicates a gain in spin density while a positive sign indicates a loss in spin density. It is to be noted that of the spin density that is lost by the sulfur atom only 75% is retained by the carbon center of benzyl radical, while the rest is delocalized amongst the carbons of the aromatic ring.

In the case of butane, Table S2, almost all of the spin density transferred from the sulfur centered radical in the reactant complex ends up on the carbon centered radical on the butyl radical. This the lack of spin delocalization indicates a less stabilized product complex in the case of butane.

Table S2: Mulliken spin densities for atoms in the Initial H-abstraction step for Butane. The radical centers are indicated in Red.

Atom #	Atom	Spin Density		Difference
		RC	PC	Abs(RC)-Abs(PC)
1	C	-0.05	-0.08	-0.04
2	C	0.79	1.05	-0.26
3	C	-0.05	-0.08	-0.03
4	C	0.01	0.01	0.00
5	S	0.29	0.01	0.27
6	C	-0.01	0.00	0.00
7	H	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	H	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	H	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	H	-0.06	0.00	0.06
11	H	-0.03	-0.06	-0.02
12	H	0.01	0.01	-0.01
13	H	0.01	0.01	0.00
14	H	0.04	0.05	-0.01
15	H	0.00	0.00	0.00
16	H	0.00	0.00	0.00
17	H	0.00	0.00	0.00
18	H	0.04	0.05	-0.01
19	H	0.01	0.01	0.00

Section 2: Kinetic Modelling

Table S3: The A-factors and Activation energies for all the reactions of the Fumarate Addition Mechanism along with the specific reaction numbers as listed in the CHEMKIN Mechanism input file. RC denotes Reactant Complex and PC denotes Product Complex.

Reaction #	Reaction	A-Factor (mole-cm-sec-K)	Activation Energy (cal/mol)
Step 1 : Initial H-abstraction			
Toluene			
1	$C_7H_8 + CH_3S \Rightarrow R1_tol_RC$	1.36E+14	0
2	$R1_tol_RC \Rightarrow C_7H_8 + CH_3S$	8.27E+16	6100
3	$R1_tol_RC \Rightarrow R1_tol_PC$	1.79E+12	14490
4	$R1_tol_PC \Rightarrow R1_tol_RC$	2.16E+13	8160
5	$R1_tol_PC \Rightarrow C_7H_7 + CH_3SH$	6.62E+17	4240
6	$C_7H_7 + CH_3SH \Rightarrow R1_tol_PC$	1.36E+14	0
Butane			
7	$C_4H_{10} + CH_3S \Rightarrow R1_but_RC$	1.49E+14	0
8	$R1_but_RC \Rightarrow C_4H_{10} + CH_3S$	1.81E+16	3390
9	$R1_but_RC \Rightarrow R1_but_PC$	5.94E+11	15180
10	$R1_but_PC \Rightarrow R1_but_RC$	1.61E+11	2580
11	$R1_but_PC \Rightarrow C_4H_9 + CH_3SH$	9.28E+16	3140
12	$C_4H_9 + CH_3SH \Rightarrow R1_but_PC$	1.49E+14	0
Step 2 : Fumarate Addition			
Toluene			
13	$C_7H_7 + C_4H_4O_4 \Rightarrow R2_tol_RC_R$	1.06E+14	0
14	$C_7H_7 + C_4H_4O_4 \Rightarrow R2_tol_RC_S$	1.06E+14	0
15	$R2_tol_RC_R \Rightarrow C_7H_7 + C_4H_4O_4$	5.22E+16	6870
16	$R2_tol_RC_S \Rightarrow C_7H_7 + C_4H_4O_4$	3.89E+17	6020
17	$R2_tol_RC_R \Rightarrow C_{11}H_{11}O_4_R$	9.82E+10	7050
18	$R2_tol_RC_S \Rightarrow C_{11}H_{11}O_4_S$	1.63E+12	6790
19	$C_{11}H_{11}O_4_R \Rightarrow R2_tol_RC_R$	9.40E+12	22110
20	$C_{11}H_{11}O_4_S \Rightarrow R2_tol_RC_S$	1.76E+13	21650
Butane			
21	$C_4H_9 + C_4H_4O_4 \Rightarrow R2_but_RC_RR$	1.23E+14	0
22	$C_4H_9 + C_4H_4O_4 \Rightarrow R2_but_RC_RS$	1.23E+14	0
23	$C_4H_9 + C_4H_4O_4 \Rightarrow R2_but_RC_SR$	1.23E+14	0
24	$C_4H_9 + C_4H_4O_4 \Rightarrow R2_but_RC_SS$	1.23E+14	0
25	$R2_but_RC_RR \Rightarrow C_4H_9 + C_4H_4O_4$	2.04E+18	7240
26	$R2_but_RC_RS \Rightarrow C_4H_9 + C_4H_4O_4$	7.33E+17	7340
27	$R2_but_RC_SR \Rightarrow C_4H_9 + C_4H_4O_4$	1.55E+18	6310
28	$R2_but_RC_SS \Rightarrow C_4H_9 + C_4H_4O_4$	2.12E+18	6180
29	$R2_but_RC_RR \Rightarrow C_8H_{13}O_4_RR$	3.71E+11	2120
30	$R2_but_RC_RS \Rightarrow C_8H_{13}O_4_RS$	1.40E+11	2410

Reaction #	Reaction	A-Factor (mole-cm-sec-K)	Activation Energy (cal/mol)
31	R2 but RC SR => C ₈ H ₁₃ O ₄ SR	1.18E+11	1680
32	R2 but RC SS => C ₈ H ₁₃ O ₄ SS	1.69E+11	1930
33	C ₈ H ₁₃ O ₄ RR => R2 but RC RR	1.25E+14	25590
34	C ₈ H ₁₃ O ₄ RS => R2 but RC RS	6.25E+13	26990
35	C ₈ H ₁₃ O ₄ SR => R2 but RC SR	6.01E+13	25450
36	C ₈ H ₁₃ O ₄ SS => R2 but RC SS	5.17E+13	25390
Step 3 : Thiyl Radical Regeneration			
Toluene			
37	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ O ₄ R+CH ₃ SH => R3 tol RC R	1.22E+14	0
38	R3 tol RC R => C ₁₁ H ₁₁ O ₄ R+CH ₃ SH	1.11E+18	5190
39	R3 tol RC R => R3 tol PC R	6.89E+11	9040
40	R3 tol PC R => R3 tol RC R	5.35E+11	17450
41	R3 tol PC R => C ₁₁ H ₁₂ O ₄ R+CH ₃ S	1.23E+16	6460
42	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ O ₄ R+CH ₃ S => R3 tol PC R	1.23E+14	0
43	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ O ₄ S+CH ₃ SH => R3 tol RC S	1.22E+14	0
44	R3 tol RC S => C ₁₁ H ₁₁ O ₄ S+CH ₃ SH	2.30E+18	5280
45	R3 tol RC S => R3 tol PC S	1.46E+13	8610
46	R3 tol PC S => R3 tol RC S	1.79E+12	17800
47	R3 tol PC S => C ₁₁ H ₁₂ O ₄ S+CH ₃ S	1.66E+15	7550
48	C ₁₁ H ₁₂ O ₄ S+CH ₃ S => R3 tol PC S	1.23E+14	0
Butane			
49	C ₈ H ₁₃ O ₄ RR+CH ₃ SH => R3 but RC RR	1.24E+14	0
50	C ₈ H ₁₃ O ₄ RS+CH ₃ SH => R3 but RC RS	1.24E+14	0
51	C ₈ H ₁₃ O ₄ SR+CH ₃ SH => R3 but RC SR	1.24E+14	0
52	C ₈ H ₁₃ O ₄ SS+CH ₃ SH => R3 but RC SS	1.24E+14	0
53	R3 but RC RR => C ₈ H ₁₃ O ₄ RR+CH ₃ SH	1.81E+16	4800
54	R3 but RC RS => C ₈ H ₁₃ O ₄ RS+CH ₃ SH	1.48E+17	5870
55	R3 but RC SR => C ₈ H ₁₃ O ₄ SR+CH ₃ SH	2.24E+17	5670
56	R3 but RC SS => C ₈ H ₁₃ O ₄ SS+ CH ₃ SH	3.58E+16	3940
57	R3 but RC RR => R3 but PC RR	5.91E+10	8570
58	R3 but RC RS => R3 but PC RS	3.82E+11	8910
59	R3 but RC SR => R3 but PC SR	8.47E+12	9280
60	R3 but RC SS => R3 but PC SS	1.42E+11	7370
61	R3 but PC RR => R3 but RC RR	1.98E+12	16990
62	R3 but PC RS => R3 but RC RS	2.28E+11	14680
63	R3 but PC SR => R3 but RC SR	4.62E+13	15750
64	R3 but PC SS => R3 but RC SS	1.93E+12	14610
65	R3 but PC RR => C ₈ H ₁₄ O ₄ RR+CH ₃ S	2.45E+17	5860
66	R3 but PC RS => C ₈ H ₁₄ O ₄ RS+CH ₃ S	2.87E+16	5030
67	R3 but PC SR => C ₈ H ₁₄ O ₄ SR+CH ₃ S	3.04E+17	5100
68	R3 but PC SS => C ₈ H ₁₄ O ₄ SS+CH ₃ S	1.71E+16	3790

Reaction #	Reaction	A-Factor (mole-cm-sec-K)	Activation Energy (cal/mol)
69	C ₈ H ₁₄ O ₄ RR+CH ₃ S => R3 but PC RR	1.25E+14	0
70	C ₈ H ₁₄ O ₄ RS+CH ₃ S => R3 but PC RS	1.25E+14	0
71	C ₈ H ₁₄ O ₄ SR+CH ₃ S => R3 but PC SR	1.25E+14	0
72	C ₈ H ₁₄ O ₄ SS+CH ₃ S => R3 but PC SS	1.25E+14	0

Table S4: The matrix of equilibrium constants that constitute the reaction mechanism for toluene and butane.

	K_{eq}^{RC} (mol/cm ³)	K_{eq}^{TST}	K_{eq}^{PC} (cm ³ /mol)
Step 1	Initial H-abstraction		
Toluene	4.86E+01	1.89E-06	3.81E+00
Butane	2.54E+00	2.15E-09	3.11E+00
Step 2	Fumarate Addition		
Toluene R	2.22E+02	1.15E+09	
Toluene S	7.13E+00	7.29E+09	
Butane RR	1.23E+01	4.81E+14	
Butane RS	4.04E+01	2.31E+15	
Butane SR	3.33E+00	5.23E+14	
Butane SS	1.96E+00	5.13E+14	
Step 3	Thiyl Radical Regeneration		
Toluene R	7.04E-01	1.88E+06	9.30E-02
Toluene S	3.94E-01	4.43E+07	4.23E-03
Butane RR	2.28E+01	4.44E+04	9.96E-02
Butane RS	1.69E+01	2.84E+04	4.70E-02
Butane SR	7.90E+00	1.02E+04	4.46E-01
Butane SS	2.68E+00	1.49E+04	1.84E+00