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Intramolecular charge transfer excitation induced by CH₃O substitution in 3-methoxy-1-propoxy radical

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Fig. S1 IR spectrum of 3-methoxy-1-propyl nitrite.



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Fig. S3 NMR spectrum of 3-methoxy-1-propyl nitrite.

| Conformer | $E_{ m rel}^{\widetilde{ m X}} + \Delta Z { m PE}$ | Newman projection | Mirror image |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| $G_1G_2t_3$ | 0.00 | $\begin{array}{c} H_3COH_2C \\ H \\ $ | $G_1^{\prime}G_2^{\prime}t_3$ |
| $G_1G_2g_3$ | 2.07 | H_3COH_2C H_3CO H_3CO H_3CO H_3CO H_2CH_2O H_3C H | $G_1^{\prime}G_2^{\prime}g_3^{\prime}$ |
| $T_1G_2t_3$ | 0.44 | $H \bigoplus_{H_2CH_2}^{O} H_{H_3CO} \bigoplus_{H_2CH_2}^{CH_2O} H_{H_3CO} \bigoplus_{H_2CH_2O}^{CH_2CH_2O} H_{H_3CO} H_{H_3CO}$ | $T_1G_2't_3$ |
| $T_1G_2g_3$ | 2.08 | $H \xrightarrow{O} HH_3CO \xrightarrow{CH_2O} HH_3C \xrightarrow{CH_2O} H$ | $T_1G_2^{\prime}g_3^{\prime}$ |
| $G_1T_2t_3$ | 0.93 | $\begin{array}{c} H_3COH_2C \\ H \\ $ | G_1 ` T_2t_3 |
| $G_1T_2g_3$ | 2.59 | H_3COH_2C H H H H H_3C H_3COH_2C H_2CH_2O H H_3C H_3C H_2CH_2O H H_3C H H_3C H H_3C H H_3C H H_3C H H_3C H | $G_1^{\prime}T_2g_3^{\prime}$ |
| $G_1T_2g_3'$ | 2.80 | $H_{3}COH_{2}C \xrightarrow{0}_{H} H \xrightarrow{0}_{H} H \xrightarrow{0}_{H} H \xrightarrow{0}_{H} H \xrightarrow{0}_{H} H \xrightarrow{0}_{H} H \xrightarrow{0}_{H} H$ | $G_1^{\prime}T_2g_3$ |
| $T_1T_2t_3$ | 1.28 | $H \xrightarrow{O}_{CH_2OCH_3} H \xrightarrow{CH_2O}_{H} H \xrightarrow{CH_2O}_{H} H \xrightarrow{CH_2CH_2O}_{H} $ | |
| $T_1T_2g_3$ | 4.37 | $H \xrightarrow{O}_{H+H} \xrightarrow{CH_2O}_{H+H_3C} \xrightarrow{CH_2CH_2O}_{H+H_3C} \xrightarrow{CH_2CH_2O}_{H+H_3C} \xrightarrow{CH_2CH_2O}_{H+H_3C} \xrightarrow{CH_2CH_2O}_{H+H_3C} \xrightarrow{CH_2CH_2O}_{H+H_3C} \xrightarrow{CH_2CH_2O}_{H+H+H_3C} \xrightarrow{CH_2CH_2O}_{H+H+H_3C} \xrightarrow{CH_2CH_2O}_{H+H+H+H+H_3C} \xrightarrow{CH_2CH_2O}_{H+H+H+H+H+H+H_3C} \xrightarrow{CH_2CH_2O}_{H+H+H+H+H+H+H+H+H+H+H+H+H+H+H+H+H+H+H+$ | $T_1T_2g_3'$ |
| $G_1^{\prime}G_2t_3$ | 2.71 | $H \xrightarrow{O} CH_2OCH_3 H_3CO \xrightarrow{CH_2O} H \xrightarrow{CH_2O} H \xrightarrow{CH_2CH_2O} H \xrightarrow{CH_2CH_2O} H \xrightarrow{CH_2CH_2O} H \xrightarrow{CH_2CH_2O} H \xrightarrow{CH_2CH_2O} H \xrightarrow{CH_2CH_2O} H \xrightarrow{CH_2O} H CH_2$ | $G_1G_2't_3$ |
| $G_1^{\prime}G_2g_3$ | 3.14 | $H \xrightarrow{O} CH_2OCH_3 H_3CO \xrightarrow{CH_2O} H_3C \xrightarrow{CH_2O} H_3C \xrightarrow{CH_2O} H_3C \xrightarrow{CH_2CH_2O} H_3C \xrightarrow{CH_2O} $ | $G_1G_2^{\prime}g_3^{\prime}$ |
| $G_1^{\prime}G_2g_3^{\prime}$ | 4.90 | $H \xrightarrow{O} CH_2OCH_3 H_3CO \xrightarrow{CH_2O} H \xrightarrow{CH_2O} CH_2CH_2O$ | $G_1G_2^{\prime}g_3$ |

Table S1 Relative energies (in kcal mol⁻¹) of 12 unique conformers of 3-methoxy-1-propoxy radical calculated at the UB3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) Level. The corresponding Newman projections are also shown.

| assignment | CASSCF(9,7) ^b | CASSCF(9,7) ^b | B3LYP ^c |
|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | \widetilde{B} | \widetilde{X} | \widetilde{X} |
| v_{48} | 47 | 49 | 49 |
| $ u_{47}$ | 85 | 84 | 80 |
| $ u_{46}$ | 105 | 105 | 99 |
| v_{45} | 150 | 152 | 140 |
| $ u_{44}$ | 218 | 219 | 215 |
| ν_{43} | 257 | 254 | 241 |
| v_{42} | 277 | 274 | 267 |
| v_{41} | 327 | 329 | 318 |
| $ u_{40}$ | 428 | 421 | 355 |
| v_{39} | 567 | 467 | 466 |
| ν_{38} | 598 | 577 | 561 |
| ν_{37} | 759 | 772 | 745 |
| v_{36} | 851 | 858 | 834 |
| v_{35} | 899 | 903 | 873 |
| ν_{34} | 984 | 953 | 927 |
| ν_{33} | 1000 | 1029 | 997 |
| v_{32} | 1015 | 1055 | 1019 |
| v_{31} | 1075 | 1078 | 1049 |
| v_{30} | 1116 | 1121 | 1074 |
| v_{29} | 1192 | 1201 | 1119 |
| ν_{28} | 1207 | 1212 | 1142 |
| v_{27} | 1222 | 1230 | 1160 |
| v_{26} | 1226 | 1243 | 1174 |
| v_{25} | 1286 | 1295 | 1218 |
| ν_{24} | 1307 | 1319 | 1244 |
| v_{23} | 1321 | 1362 | 1298 |
| v_{22} | 1355 | 1381 | 1305 |
| ν_{21} | 1385 | 1416 | 1314 |
| ν_{20} | 1455 | 1463 | 1345 |
| ν_{19} | 1475 | 1468 | 1378 |
| ν_{18} | 1488 | 1481 | 1389 |
| v_{17} | 1526 | 1520 | 1445 |
| v_{16} | 1527 | 1527 | 1447 |
| v_{15} | 1533 | 1532 | 1456 |
| v_{14} | 1535 | 1533 | 1462 |
| v_{13} | 1544 | 1544 | 1471 |

Table S2 Calculated 48 vibrational frequencies (cm⁻¹) of the GTG't conformer of 4-methoxy-1-butoxy radical in its ground state and CO $\sigma \rightarrow$ O p excited state.^a

| v_{12} | 1568 | 1568 | 1491 |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| ν_{11} | 2962 | 2959 | 2806 |
| ν_{10} | 2965 | 2977 | 2845 |
| ν_9 | 2980 | 2986 | 2890 |
| ν_8 | 2996 | 2988 | 2910 |
| $ u_7 $ | 3021 | 3000 | 2919 |
| ν_6 | 3021 | 3010 | 2950 |
| ν_5 | 3058 | 3016 | 2956 |
| ν_4 | 3083 | 3030 | 2966 |
| ν_3 | 3097 | 3037 | 2993 |
| ν_2 | 3124 | 3058 | 3014 |
| ν_1 | 3215 | 3094 | 3049 |
| ^a All calculati | ons employed th | e 6-311++G(d,p) | basis set. ^b A |
| uniform scale | factor of 0.95 wa | s used for CASS | CF(9,7). ^c The |
| calculated B3LYP frequencies were scaled by 0.98. | | | |

Table S3 Calculated 39 vibrational frequencies (cm⁻¹) of the TTt conformer of 3-methoxy-1propoxy radical in its ground state and CO $\sigma \rightarrow O$ p excited state.^a

| assignment | CASSCF(9,7) ^b | CASSCF(9,7) ^b | B3LYP ^c |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | \widetilde{B} | \widetilde{X} | \widetilde{X} |
| V 39 | 67 | 75 | 60 |
| ν_{38} | 90 | 104 | 77 |
| ν_{37} | 127 | 137 | 112 |
| ν_{36} | 141 | 145 | 140 |
| V 35 | 222 | 225 | 198 |
| ν_{34} | 312 | 327 | 222 |
| ν_{33} | 365 | 374 | 338 |
| v_{32} | 493 | 429 | 363 |
| ν_{31} | 676 | 533 | 515 |
| ν_{30} | 799 | 801 | 769 |
| ν_{29} | 895 | 961 | 924 |
| $ u_{28} $ | 1003 | 965 | 936 |
| $ u_{27}$ | 1018 | 1029 | 1010 |
| ν_{26} | 1036 | 1068 | 1045 |
| ν_{25} | 1101 | 1100 | 1057 |
| ν_{24} | 1207 | 1211 | 1125 |
| ν_{23} | 1211 | 1215 | 1145 |
| v_{22} | 1235 | 1247 | 1178 |

| ν_{21} | 1259 | 1274 | 1192 |
|--|------|------|------|
| v_{20} | 1300 | 1323 | 1247 |
| ν_{19} | 1312 | 1328 | 1262 |
| ν_{18} | 1350 | 1354 | 1284 |
| ν_{17} | 1374 | 1433 | 1322 |
| v_{16} | 1487 | 1473 | 1373 |
| v_{15} | 1527 | 1493 | 1401 |
| ν_{14} | 1530 | 1529 | 1446 |
| v_{13} | 1534 | 1533 | 1456 |
| ν_{12} | 1543 | 1538 | 1465 |
| ν_{11} | 1550 | 1544 | 1472 |
| ν_{10} | 1575 | 1571 | 1495 |
| ν_9 | 2961 | 2953 | 2814 |
| ν_8 | 2982 | 2975 | 2827 |
| v_7 | 2987 | 2977 | 2878 |
| ν_6 | 3026 | 2987 | 2900 |
| ν_5 | 3071 | 3018 | 2911 |
| ν_4 | 3107 | 3018 | 2953 |
| ν_3 | 3120 | 3031 | 2985 |
| ν_2 | 3121 | 3074 | 3028 |
| ν_1 | 3210 | 3099 | 3053 |
| ^a All calculations employed the 6-311++G(d,p) basis set. ^b A | | | |
| uniform scale factor of 0.95 was used for CASSCF(9,7). ^c The | | | |
| calculated B3LYP frequencies were scaled by 0.98. | | | |

Scheme S1 Natural transition orbitals of the lowest three excited states of the TTt conformer of 3-methoxy-1-propoxy



Natural Transition Orbitals

Scheme S2 Change of Mülliken and NBO charge distribution due to intramolecular charge transfer excitation of 3-methoxy-1-propoxy radical (TTt conformer).

