

## Supplementary Material

### **Initiation Reactions in the High Temperature Decomposition of Styrene**

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## 1. Species Information

**Table S1.** Species name translations for mechanism names, chemical names, and InChI. InChiKey is suitable for internet and PubChem database searching.

Mechanism Name	Chemical Name	InChIKey	InChI
C16H10	pyrene	BBEAQIROQSPTKN-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C16H10/c1-3-11-7-9-13-5-2-6-14-10-8-12(4-1)15(11)16(13)14/h1-10H
C2HC6H4C6H4C2H	diethynyl-biphenyl	QBZOHZXEKPNLSP-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C16H10/c1-3-13-7-5-9-15(11-13)16-10-6-8-14(4-2)12-16/h1-2,5-12H
C6H5CCHC6H5		NIXPGVLLMKFPPA-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C14H11/c1-12(13-8-4-2-5-9-13)14-10-6-3-7-11-14/h1-11H
C14H10	phenanthrene	YNPNZTXNASCQKK-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C14H10/c1-3-7-13-11(5-1)9-10-12-6-2-4-8-14(12)13/h1-10H
C6H5CCC6H5	diphenylacetyl ene	JRXXLCKWQFKACW-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C14H10/c1-3-7-13(8-4-1)11-12-14-9-5-2-6-10-14/h1-10H
C13H8CH2	9-methylene-fluorene	ZYASLTYCPTYKFC-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C14H10/c1-10-11-6-2-4-8-13(11)14-9-5-3-7-12(10)14/h2-9H,1H2
C6H4(C2H)C6H5	ethyl-biphenyl	PIARMLHJPVJQKG-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C14H10/c1-2-12-7-6-10-14(11-12)13-8-4-3-5-9-13/h1,3-11H
C12H10	biphenyl	ZUOUZKKEUPVFJK-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C12H10/c1-3-7-11(8-4-1)12-9-5-2-6-10-12/h1-10H
C10H7	1-naphthyl	ZHZZWIQPCAMTIM-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C10H7/c1-2-6-10-8-4-3-7-9(10)5-1/h1-7H
C9H6CH	benzofulvenyl	NGKKPHSSRLRTM-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C10H7/c1-8-6-7-9-4-2-3-5-10(8)9/h1-7H
C10H6_12	3,4-didehydronaphthalene	GWNSUXNLALZEML-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C10H6/c1-2-6-10-8-4-3-7-9(10)5-1/h1-3,5-7H
C6H4(C2H)2	1,2-diethynylbenzene	CBYDUPRWILCUIC-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C10H6/c1-3-9-7-5-6-8-10(9)4-2/h1-2,5-8H
C8H8	styrene	PPBRXRYQALVLMV-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C8H8/c1-2-8-6-4-3-5-7-8/h2-7H/1H2
oC8H8	ortho-iso-styrene	JZMQWMRCIBSWQI-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C8H8/c1-2-8-6-4-3-5-7-8/h3-6H,1,7H2
aC8H7	alpha-styryl	HVOAOEQOOQJYIGP-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C8H7/c1-2-8-6-4-3-5-7-8/h3-7H/1H2
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C8H6	phenylacetylene	UEXCJVNBTONXOEH-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C8H6/c1-2-8-6-4-3-5-7-8/h1,3-7H
C6H4C2H	2-	RNNZJEBQMQRHQJ-	InChI=1S/C8H5/c1-2-8-6-4-3-5-7-8/h1,3-6H

	ethynylphenyl	UHFFFAOYSA-N	
C8H2	tetracylene	CDGAYCHXIBGGNI-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C8H2/c1-3-5-7-8-6-4-2/h1-2H
C8H	1,3,5,7-octatetrynyl	GTEOCQSGHJLKQX-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C8H/c1-3-5-7-8-6-4-2/h1H
Benzene	benzene	UHOVQNZJYSORNB-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C6H6/c1-2-4-6-5-3-1/h1-6H
Fulvene	fulvene	UHOVQNZJYSORNB-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C6H6/c1-2-4-6-5-3-1/h1-6H
HD5Y13	1,3-hexadiene-5-yne	OGWJYLDZYBZBA-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C6H6/c1-3-5-6-4-2/h1,4-6H,2H2
HD15	1,5-hexadiyne	YFIBSNDOVCWPBL-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C6H6/c1-3-5-6-4-2/h1-2H,5-6H2
DMCB34	3,4-dimethyleneclobutene	WHCRVRGGFVUMOK-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C6H6/c1-5-3-4-6(5)2/h3-4H,1-2H2
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o-C6H4	o-benzyne	KLYCPFXDDDMZNQ-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C6H4/c1-2-4-6-5-3-1/h1-4H
C6H4	(Z)-hex-3-en-1/5-diyne	KIWAUQFKHLABA-WAYWQWQTSA-N	InChI=1S/C6H4/c1-3-5-6-4-2/h1-2,5-6H/b6-5-
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i-C4H5	CH2CHCCH2	ZQHGTWBTOVSLEJ-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C4H5/c1-3-4-2/h3H,1-2H2
C4H4	vinylacetylene	WFYPICNXBKQZGB-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C4H4/c1-3-4-2/h1/4H/2H2
i-C4H3	CH2CCCH	QJBRNNNJBVKPK-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C4H3/c1-3-4-2/h1H,2H2
n-C4H3	CHCHCCH	GQMYNBIOBOYFNG-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C4H3/c1-3-4-2/h1-3H
C4H2	diacetylene	LLCSWKVOHICRDD-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C4H2/c1-3-4-2/h1-2H
C4H	1,3-butadiynyl	GRADOOOISCPIDG-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C4H/c1-3-4-2/h1H
C4	buta-1,3-diyn-	FMIYQRFAIMZVNM-	InChI=1S/C4/c1-3-4-2

	1,4-diyli	UHFFFAOYSA-N	
p-C3H4	propyne	MWWATHDPGQKSAR-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C3H4/c1-3-2/h1H,2H3
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c-C3H4	cyclopropene	OOXWYYGXTJLWHA-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C3H4/c1-2-3-1/h1-2H,3H2
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CHCCH(s)	propynylidene singlet	OUSWHEMIRJJMAW-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C3H2/c1-3-2/h1-2H
C3H	C3H radical	WWDRUPNDOSDMRD-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C3H/c1-3-2/h1H
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C2H	ethynyl	XEHVFKKSDRMODV-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C2H/c1-2/h1H
C2	ethyne	LBVWYGNGGJURHQ-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/C2/c1-2
H2	hydrogen	UFHFLCQGNIYNRP-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/H2/h1H
H	hydrogen-atom	YZCKVEUIGOORGS-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/H
He	helium	SWQJXJOGLNCZEY-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/He
Ar	argon	XKRFYHLGVUSROY-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/Ar
Kr	krypton	DNNSSWSSYDEUBZ-UHFFFAOYSA-N	InChI=1S/Kr
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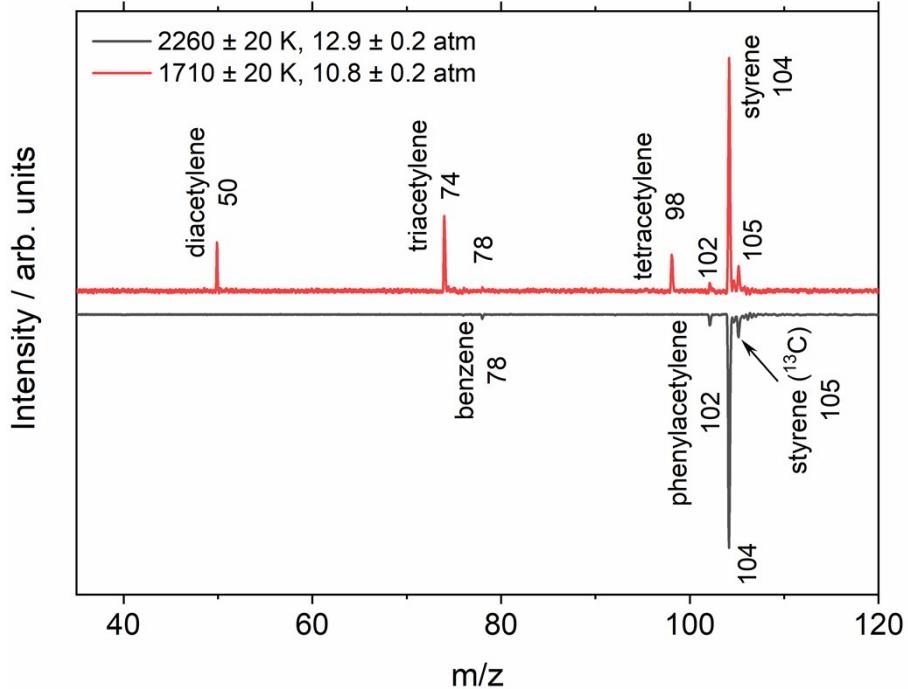
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Mechanism Name	$\rho / \text{g}^{-1} \text{cm}^3$	n	$K_L / \text{m}^3 \text{mol}^{-1}$	Reference
C8H8	0.9016	1.5440	36.47	$\rho, n$ : PubChem
Kr	$3.698 \times 10^{-3}$	1.0004	6.37	$\rho, n$ : PubChem $K_L$ : Gardiner 1981 <sup>a</sup>

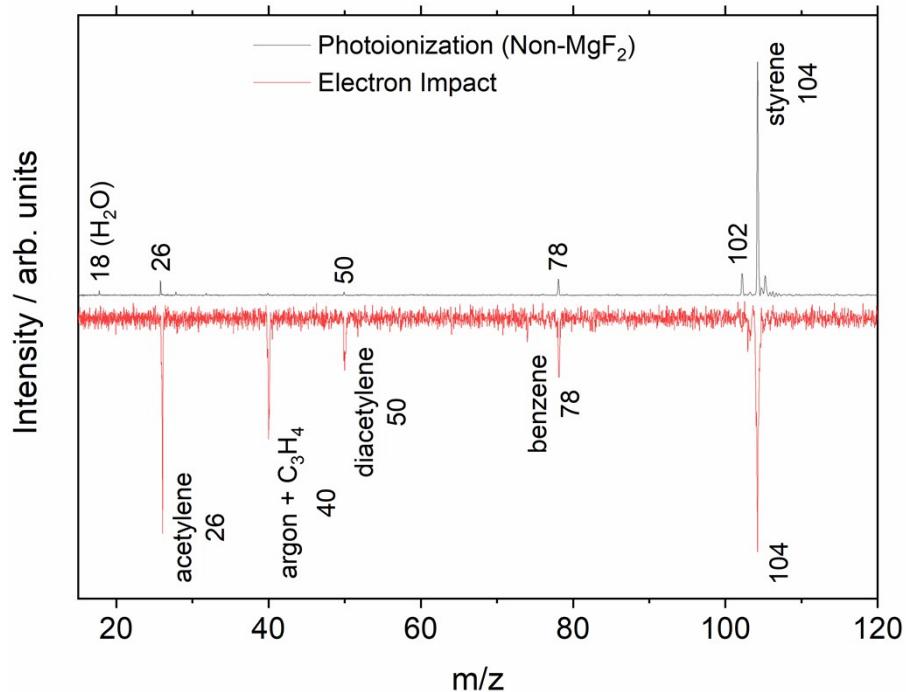
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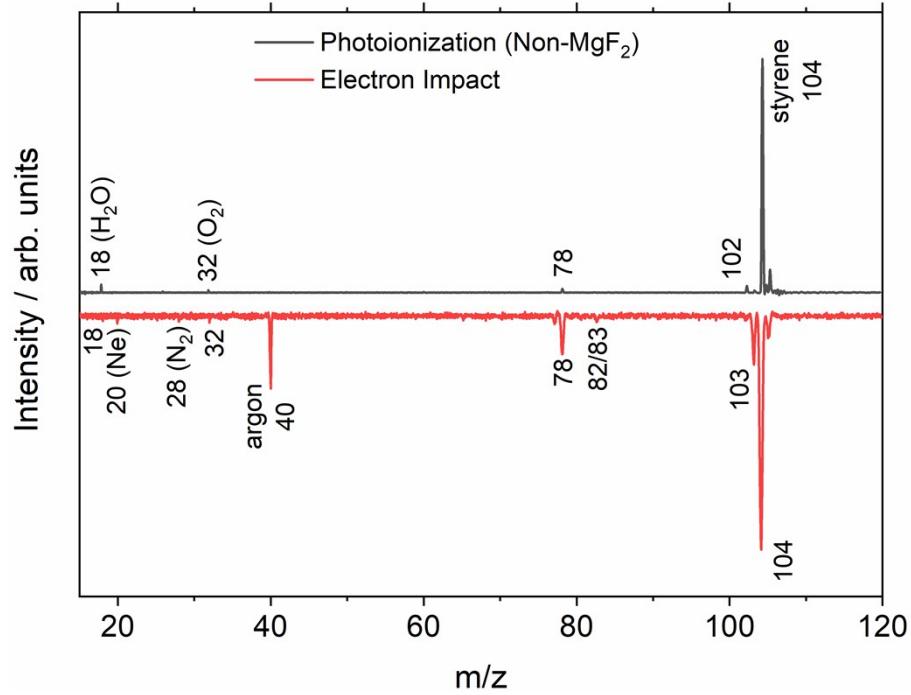
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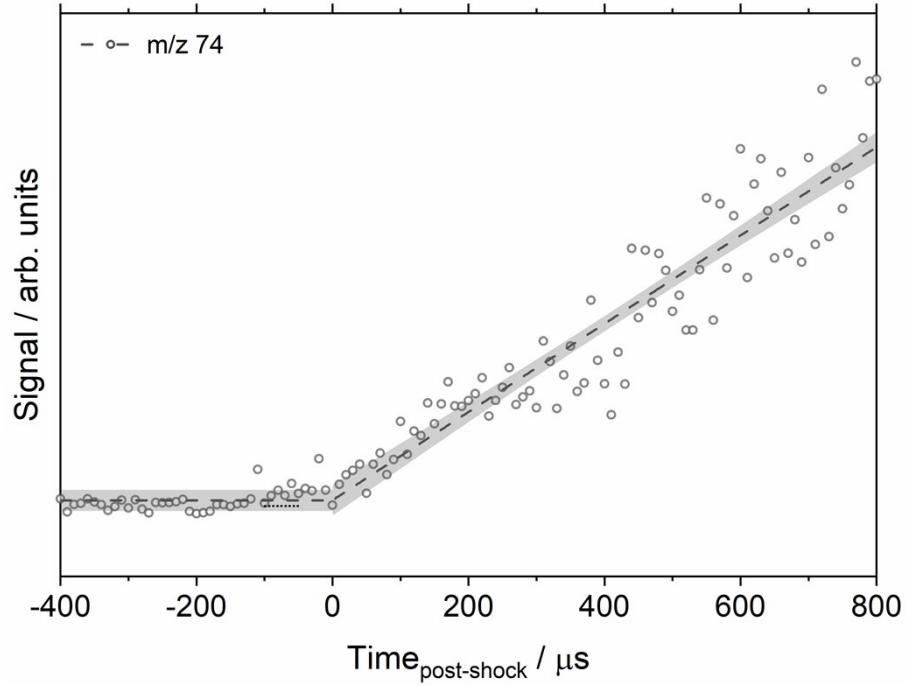
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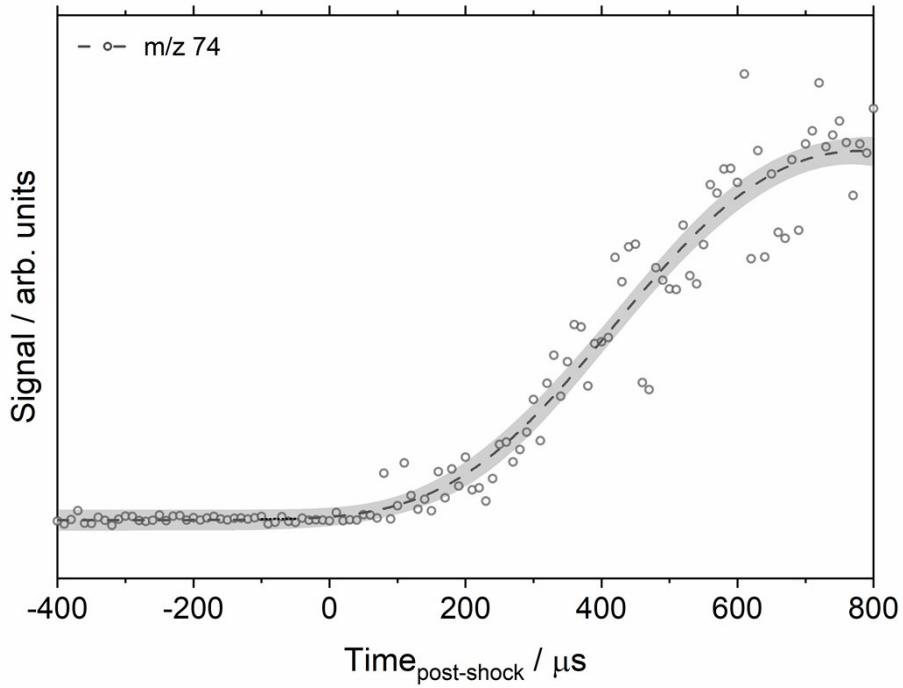
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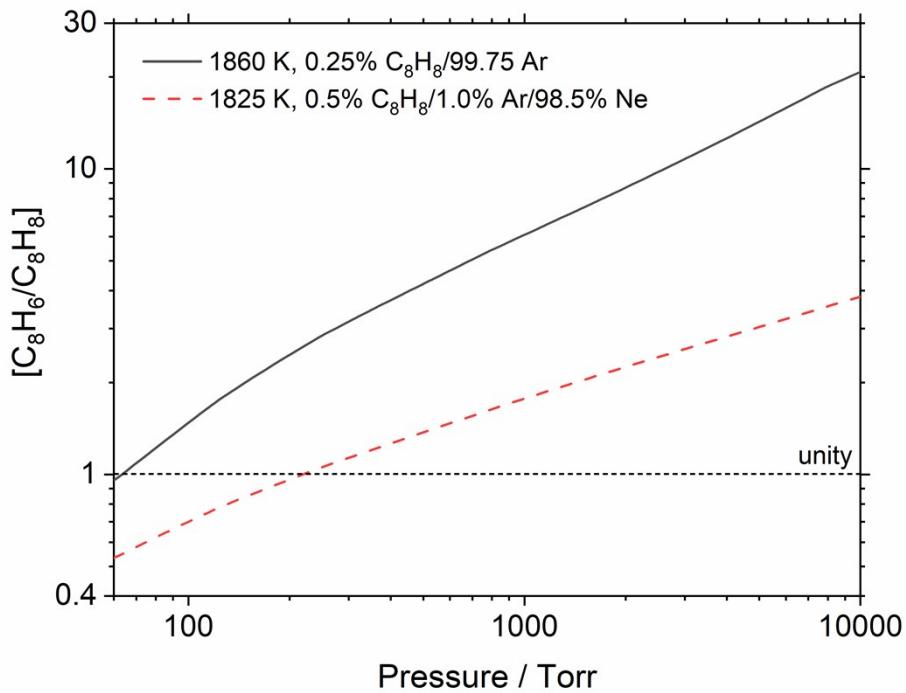
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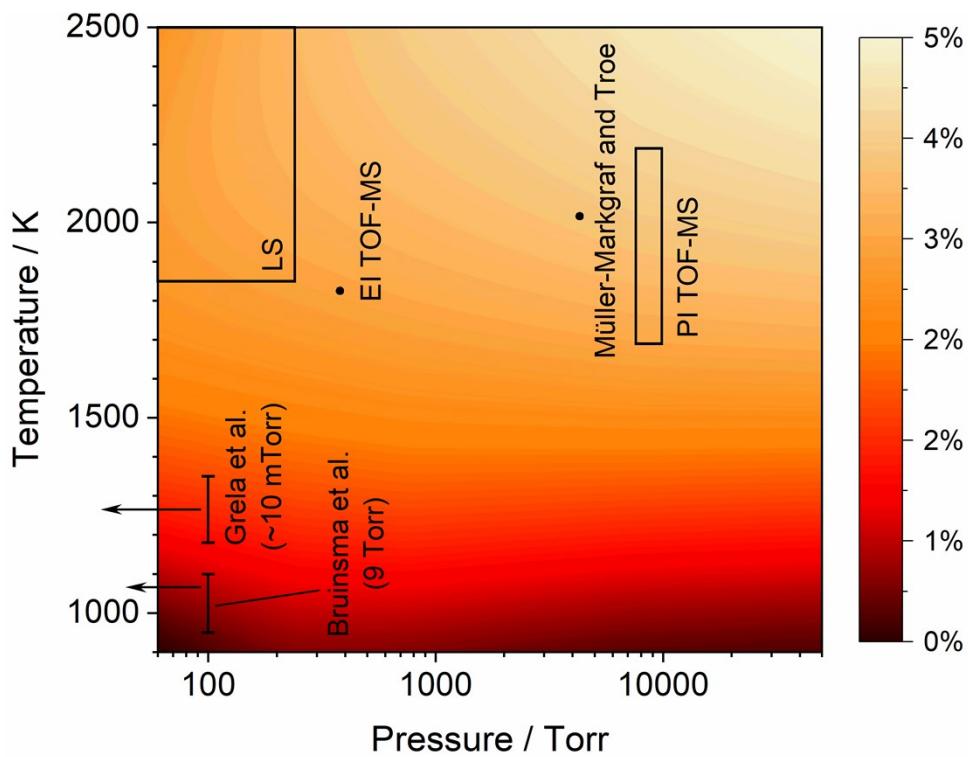


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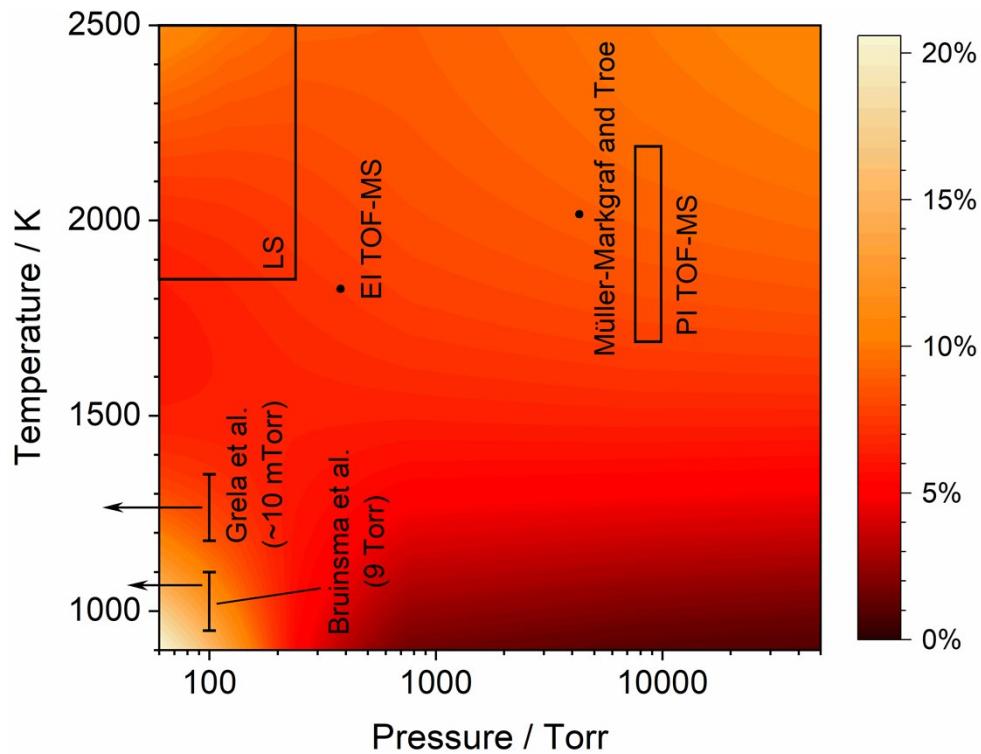


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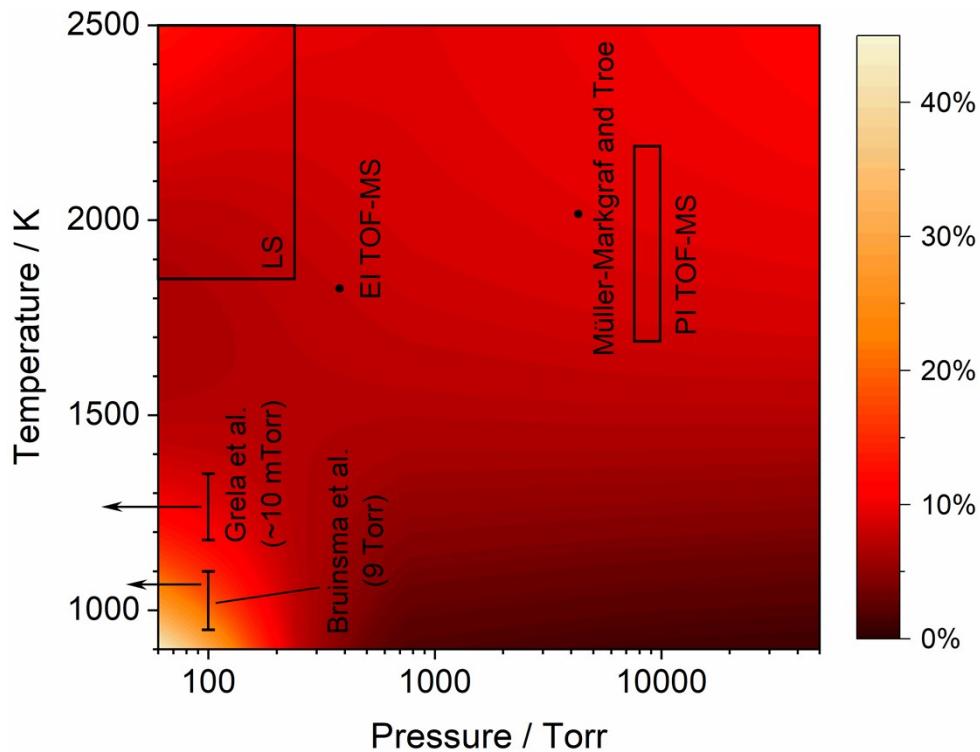
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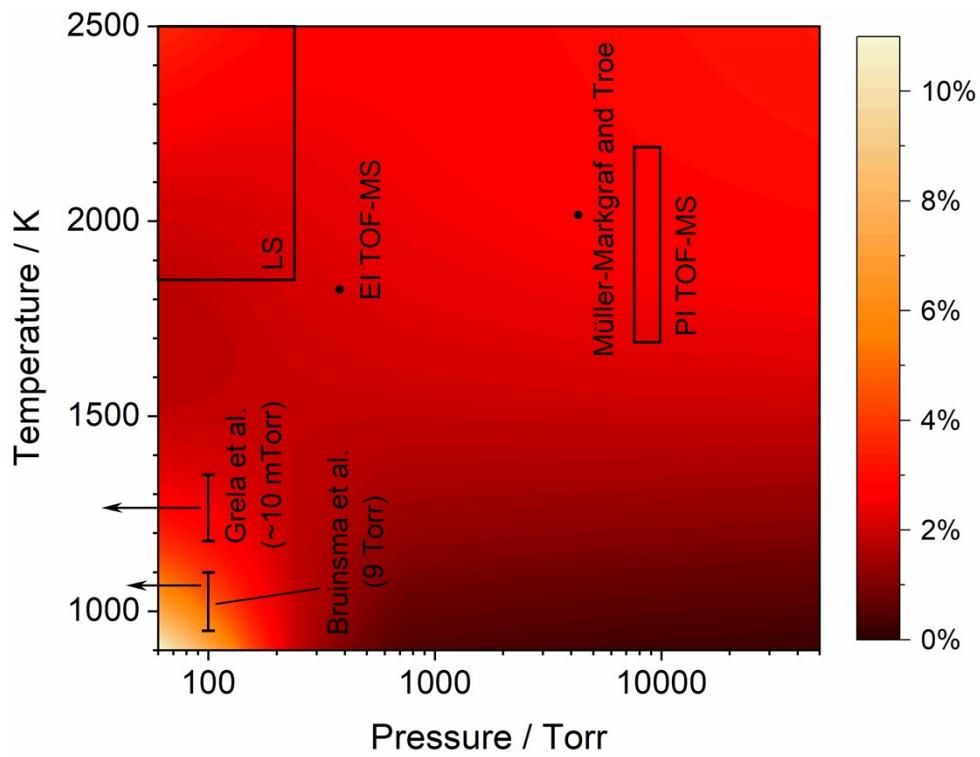
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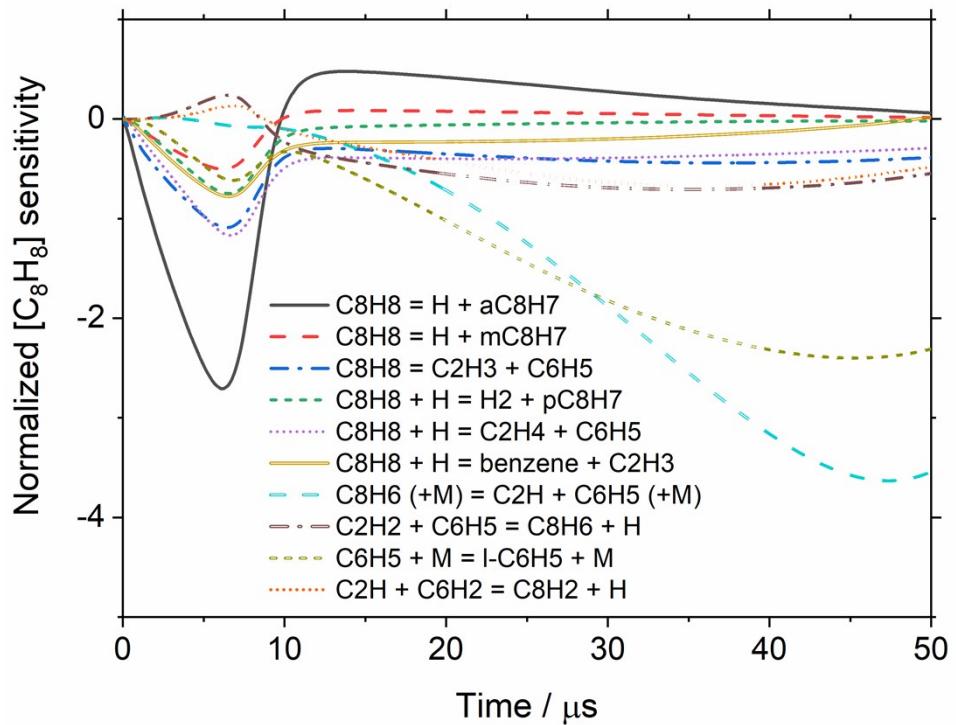
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**Figure S10.** Percentage that R5:  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8 \rightarrow p\text{-C}_8\text{H}_7 + \text{H}$  comprises of the total styrene decomposition rate based upon the current mechanism. The conditions of the current study and literature studies are emphasized.



**Figure S11.** CHEMKIN-based normalized  $[C_8H_8]$  sensitivity of the current mechanism while simulating the Müller-Markgraf and Troe study.

#### 4. Styrene Data Tables

**Table S3.** List of LS experimental conditions and rate coefficients for  $k_{\text{decomp}}$  (the total rate of styrene decomposition) at 60 Torr.

C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	T <sub>1</sub> / K	P <sub>1</sub> / Torr	T <sub>2</sub> / K	P <sub>2</sub> / Torr	k <sub>decomp</sub> / s <sup>-1</sup>
2%	298.0	1.90	1838	52	6.26×10 <sup>3</sup>
2%	298.0	2.00	1858	55	6.83×10 <sup>3</sup>
2%	293.0	2.10	1915	61	1.42×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	298.0	2.10	1944	61	1.25×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	297.8	1.95	1947	57	1.61×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	296.5	1.85	1974	55	1.56×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	296.6	1.88	1985	56	1.95×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	298.0	1.90	1985	57	1.78×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	296.6	1.85	1990	56	2.01×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	296.7	1.95	1992	59	1.77×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	293.1	1.90	2016	59	2.50×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	296.7	1.90	2017	58	2.52×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	296.8	1.85	2023	57	2.32×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	297.9	1.95	2024	60	2.08×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	298.0	2.05	2027	63	2.22×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	293.1	1.85	2041	58	3.02×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	297.9	2.00	2045	62	2.74×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	298.0	2.30	2049	71	2.80×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	296.5	1.90	2053	59	2.61×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	293.1	1.80	2096	59	4.17×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	292.3	1.75	2111	58	3.63×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	292.3	1.70	2196	59	5.54×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	292.3	1.65	2225	58	5.61×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	297.0	1.65	2231	57	5.73×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	297.0	1.62	2240	56	5.64×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	297.8	1.60	2261	56	6.48×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	296.9	1.80	2279	64	6.84×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	297.7	1.50	2294	54	7.17×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	292.3	1.60	2303	59	7.89×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	297.8	1.50	2315	54	6.94×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	297.7	1.50	2366	56	9.97×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	292.4	1.55	2372	59	9.22×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	292.4	1.50	2423	58	1.08×10 <sup>5</sup>
2%	292.4	1.45	2478	58	1.19×10 <sup>5</sup>
2%	292.4	1.40	2513	57	1.20×10 <sup>5</sup>
2%	297.7	1.65	2553	67	1.49×10 <sup>5</sup>
4%	296.7	1.60	1944	58	1.28×10 <sup>4</sup>
4%	296.2	1.44	1998	54	1.84×10 <sup>4</sup>
4%	296.4	1.44	2064	56	2.83×10 <sup>4</sup>
4%	296.2	1.55	2111	62	3.47×10 <sup>4</sup>

**Table S4.** List of LS experimental conditions and rate coefficients for  $k_{\text{decomp}}$  (the total rate of styrene decomposition) at 120 Torr.

C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	T <sub>1</sub> / K	P <sub>1</sub> / Torr	T <sub>2</sub> / K	P <sub>2</sub> / Torr	k <sub>decomp</sub> / s <sup>-1</sup>
1%	296.85	4.7	1873	116	9.62×10 <sup>3</sup>
1%	296.95	4.7	1889	117	7.97×10 <sup>3</sup>
1%	291.85	4.7	1897	120	1.08×10 <sup>4</sup>
1%	296.85	4.65	1944	120	1.52×10 <sup>4</sup>
1%	296.95	4.6	1965	120	1.56×10 <sup>4</sup>
1%	296.95	4.5	1991	120	2.04×10 <sup>4</sup>
1%	291.85	4.6	1992	125	2.19×10 <sup>4</sup>
1%	291.85	4.5	2016	124	2.99×10 <sup>4</sup>
1%	291.95	4.4	2045	123	3.39×10 <sup>4</sup>
1%	291.95	4.3	2085	123	4.94×10 <sup>4</sup>
1%	291.95	4.2	2131	124	6.22×10 <sup>4</sup>
1%	297.15	4.15	2177	123	6.68×10 <sup>4</sup>
1%	291.95	4.1	2179	124	9.08×10 <sup>4</sup>
1%	297.45	3.85	2210	116	8.89×10 <sup>4</sup>
1%	291.95	4	2214	123	8.06×10 <sup>4</sup>
1%	291.95	3.9	2264	123	1.18×10 <sup>5</sup>
1%	291.95	3.8	2271	120	1.16×10 <sup>5</sup>
1%	291.95	3.8	2284	121	1.32×10 <sup>5</sup>
1%	297.55	3.8	2306	120	1.32×10 <sup>5</sup>
1%	297.85	3.9	2310	123	1.51×10 <sup>5</sup>
1%	292.15	3.7	2346	122	1.59×10 <sup>5</sup>
1%	297.45	3.75	2347	121	1.53×10 <sup>5</sup>
1%	297.65	3.85	2349	124	1.73×10 <sup>5</sup>
1%	297.85	3.45	2355	112	1.81×10 <sup>5</sup>
1%	297.85	3.45	2359	112	1.64×10 <sup>5</sup>
1%	292.15	3.6	2389	121	1.84×10 <sup>5</sup>
1%	292.15	3.6	2400	122	2.09×10 <sup>5</sup>
1%	297.85	3.45	2422	115	2.65×10 <sup>5</sup>
1%	297.75	3.66	2426	123	2.04×10 <sup>5</sup>
1%	292.15	3.6	2427	123	2.10×10 <sup>5</sup>
1%	292.15	3.5	2448	121	2.20×10 <sup>5</sup>
1%	297.75	3.55	2464	121	2.53×10 <sup>5</sup>
2%	292.95	4.7	1812	128	6.06×10 <sup>3</sup>
2%	293.05	5	1900	127	1.19×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	292.95	4.2	1923	123	1.66×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	292.95	4.1	1961	123	2.13×10 <sup>3</sup>
2%	292.95	2.1	1974	129	1.96×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	293.05	4	2002	123	2.38×10 <sup>3</sup>
2%	293.05	1.9	2037	126	2.44×10 <sup>4</sup>
2%	293.05	3.9	2039	123	2.36×10 <sup>4</sup>

2%	293.15	3.8	2078	122	$3.05 \times 10^4$
2%	292.95	3.75	2101	122	$3.94 \times 10^4$
2%	292.95	5	2145	128	$4.87 \times 10^4$
2%	293.15	3.65	2174	124	$5.98 \times 10^4$
2%	292.25	1.75	2302	128	$1.36 \times 10^5$
4%	296.65	3.7	1829	123	$5.30 \times 10^3$
4%	296.75	3.4	1898	119	$7.74 \times 10^3$
4%	296.65	3.15	1919	111	$1.97 \times 10^3$
4%	296.65	3.1	1977	114	$1.45 \times 10^4$

**Table S5.** List of LS experimental conditions and rate coefficients for  $k_{\text{decomp}}$  (the total rate of styrene decomposition) at 240 Torr.

C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	T <sub>1</sub> / K	P <sub>1</sub> / Torr	T <sub>2</sub> / K	P <sub>2</sub> / Torr	k <sub>decomp</sub> / s <sup>-1</sup>
1%	297.95	10.45	1790	243	$5.33 \times 10^3$
1%	297.95	10.05	1818	238	$5.00 \times 10^3$
1%	297.65	8.3	1924	211	$1.17 \times 10^4$
1%	297.95	8.55	1973	224	$1.93 \times 10^4$
1%	297.65	6.21	2052	171	$3.17 \times 10^4$
1%	296.85	8.4	2057	232	$3.20 \times 10^4$
1%	297.15	7.6	2249	234	$1.06 \times 10^5$
1%	297.95	7.45	2267	230	$1.39 \times 10^5$
1%	298.05	7.3	2268	226	$1.36 \times 10^5$
1%	297.45	6.6	2305	208	$1.66 \times 10^5$
1%	298.05	7	2313	221	$1.85 \times 10^5$
1%	297.15	6.7	2377	220	$2.33 \times 10^5$
2%	292.35	8	1845	223	$8.16 \times 10^3$
2%	292.35	8	1904	232	$1.29 \times 10^4$

## 5. Electronic Structure Theory Results

**Table S6.** Stationary point energies for the thermal decomposition reactions of Styrene.

Saddle Point	CC/M06	G4
H + C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CCH <sub>2</sub>	102.02	101.35
H + C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CHCH	109.91	101.82
H + o-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CHCH <sub>2</sub> (IP)	111.25	109.28
H + o-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CHCH <sub>2</sub> (OP)	111.85	109.86
H + m-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CHCH <sub>2</sub> (IP)	111.50	109.37
H + m-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CHCH <sub>2</sub> (OP)	111.69	109.58
H + p-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> CHCH <sub>2</sub>	112.00	110.11
C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> + C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>3</sub>	114.96	114.43
C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> → H <sub>2</sub> CC: + C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> (TS)	94.66	94.59
C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> → C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> + C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> (TS)	110.50	
C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> → C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> + o-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub> (TS)	120.35	
C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> → H <sub>2</sub> + C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CCH (TS)	110.15	
C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> → o-iso-C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> (TS)	95.16	94.67
o-iso-C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> → H <sub>2</sub> + C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CCH (TS)	94.24	93.64
o-iso-C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> → m-iso-C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> (TS)	98.39	97.96
m-iso-C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> → p-iso-C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> (TS)	100.00	99.48
o-iso-C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	42.88	42.85
m-iso-C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	73.40	72.96
p-iso-C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	39.66	39.59
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> + C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	38.20	
H <sub>2</sub> CC: + C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	81.09	81.59
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> + o-C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	86.09	
H <sub>5</sub> + C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> CCH	39.20	38.35

**Table S7.** Structures and frequencies for relevant molecules and reactions on the C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub> PES at the M06-2X/cc-pvtz level of theory.

Species:	Styrene (C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>8</sub> )		
Frequencies (cm <sup>-1</sup> ):	23.5, 205.5, 244.4, 414, 442.3, 458.6, 559.1, 633.5, 666.9, 722.1, 795, 814.5, 873.7, 955, 963.5, 1010.2, 1022.3, 1029.2, 1045.1, 1045.6, 1069.2 1120.7 1177.8, 1208.3, 1239.8, 1317.5, 1342, 1364.7, 1458.7, 1495.1, 1544.7 1652.6, 1678.3, 1728.5, 3167.9, 3179.1, 3193.1, 3201.7, 3210.7, 3219, 3227.5, 3261.7		
Cartesian Coordinates:	6	2.946817000	0.336682000
	6	1.947981000	-0.529505000
	6	0.509211000	-0.223112000
	6	-0.404516000	-1.275652000
	6	0.013763000	1.082670000
	6	-1.770752000	-1.038240000

6	-2.247751000	0.263131000	0.025709000
6	-1.348398000	1.322613000	-0.014191000
1	-0.034025000	-2.293324000	0.005698000
1	0.699334000	1.918014000	-0.087064000
1	-2.461413000	-1.870088000	0.058953000
1	-3.311884000	0.454007000	0.047322000
1	-1.713848000	2.340584000	-0.026766000
1	2.186988000	-1.581704000	-0.167884000
1	3.974430000	0.003584000	0.041622000
1	2.782287000	1.397409000	0.204693000

**Species:**  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CCH}_2$  ( $\alpha$ - $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7$ )

Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 77.8, 149.5, 213.6, 389.5, 447.2, 459.1, 477.7, 554.8, 629, 691.7, 764, 771.9, 843.2, 913.2, 915.5, 964.5, 988.1, 1000.3, 1013.6, 1047, 1111.2, 1143.6, 1168.8, 1215.9, 1297, 1345.9, 1435.9, 1471.8, 1496.4, 1591.5, 1614.1, 1907.6, 3088.3, 3150, 3201.9, 3207.2, 3221.8, 3225.1, 3232.1

Cartesian Coordinates:	6	3.206147000	0.000022000	0.000110000
	6	1.912660000	-0.000054000	-0.000166000
	6	0.543363000	-0.000043000	-0.000059000
	6	-0.190219000	-1.219766000	-0.000031000
	6	-0.190141000	1.219728000	-0.000031000
	6	-1.565835000	-1.205235000	0.000022000
	6	-2.268069000	0.000046000	0.000044000
	6	-1.565758000	1.205283000	0.000022000
	1	3.780358000	0.000021000	-0.924052000
	1	3.779952000	0.000013000	0.924527000
	1	0.353942000	-2.153649000	-0.000053000
	1	0.354083000	2.153575000	-0.000051000
	1	-2.106359000	-2.142236000	0.000045000
	1	-3.348642000	0.000080000	0.000080000
	1	-2.106223000	2.142318000	0.000044000

**Species:**  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CHCH}$  ( $\beta$ - $\text{C}_8\text{H}_7$ )

Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 81.4, 222.5, 224.9, 416.1, 451.9, 467.4, 552.8, 633.6, 667.5, 720.9, 766.7, 796.8, 874, 888, 901.7, 961.5, 1013.7, 1022.8, 1032.8, 1063.9, 1113.6, 1177.9, 1204.3, 1227.1, 1277.2, 1329.7, 1357.8, 1493.6, 1541.6, 1649.9, 1677.4, 1688.7, 3085.4, 3192.6, 3196.5, 3206.5, 3215.2, 3226.1, 3278

Cartesian Coordinates:	6	-2.957049000	0.429732000	0.000000000
	6	-2.008262000	-0.472583000	0.000000000
	6	-0.559957000	-0.206596000	0.000000000
	6	0.336321000	-1.272197000	0.000000000
	6	-0.056083000	1.095726000	0.000000000

6	1.705621000	-1.047485000	0.0000000000
6	2.195447000	0.249096000	0.0000000000
6	1.308162000	1.320479000	0.0000000000
1	-4.033517000	0.431318000	0.0000000000
1	-2.293199000	-1.526409000	0.0000000000
1	-0.045771000	-2.285528000	0.0000000000
1	-0.748959000	1.927900000	0.0000000000
1	2.388605000	-1.886050000	0.0000000000
1	3.261952000	0.427645000	0.0000000000
1	1.685693000	2.334092000	0.0000000000

**Species:** C6H5CHCH (beta-C8H7)

Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 81.4, 222.5, 224.9, 416.1, 451.9, 467.4, 552.8, 633.6, 667.5, 720.9, 766.7, 796.8, 874, 888, 901.7, 961.5, 1013.7, 1022.8, 1032.8, 1063.9, 1113.6, 1177.9, 1204.3, 1227.1, 1277.2, 1329.7, 1357.8, 1493.6, 1541.6, 1649.9, 1677.4, 1688.7, 3085.4, 3192.6, 3196.5, 3206.5, 3215.2, 3226.1, 3278

Cartesian Coordinates:	6	-2.957049000	0.429732000	0.0000000000
	6	-2.008262000	-0.472583000	0.0000000000
	6	-0.559957000	-0.206596000	0.0000000000
	6	0.336321000	-1.272197000	0.0000000000
	6	-0.056083000	1.095726000	0.0000000000
	6	1.705621000	-1.047485000	0.0000000000
	6	2.195447000	0.249096000	0.0000000000
	6	1.308162000	1.320479000	0.0000000000
	1	-4.033517000	0.431318000	0.0000000000
	1	-2.293199000	-1.526409000	0.0000000000
	1	-0.045771000	-2.285528000	0.0000000000
	1	-0.748959000	1.927900000	0.0000000000
	1	2.388605000	-1.886050000	0.0000000000
	1	3.261952000	0.427645000	0.0000000000
	1	1.685693000	2.334092000	0.0000000000

**Species:** o-C6H4CHCH2 (o-C8H7) In-plane (IP)

Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 82.2, 204.3, 210.5, 418.8, 443.3, 466.2, 556.7, 629.3, 657.7, 741.7, 788, 795.6, 885.7, 970.3, 975, 995.6, 1017.3, 1039.8, 1045.1, 1056.6, 1136.8, 1172.9, 1242.1, 1262.2, 1319.8, 1339.9, 1447.2, 1471, 1495.4, 1606.4, 1668.4, 1723.6, 3167.4, 3180.4, 3188.7, 3200.1, 3212.2, 3224.5, 3261.1

Cartesian Coordinates:	6	-2.929724000	-0.439936000	0.000002000
	6	-1.983953000	0.491279000	-0.000001000
	6	-0.541688000	0.219863000	-0.000001000
	6	0.392035000	1.261559000	0.0000000000
	6	-0.003001000	-1.050905000	-0.000001000

6	1.756744000	1.003184000	0.000001000
6	2.229283000	-0.300883000	0.000001000
6	1.324434000	-1.366482000	-0.000001000
1	-3.977344000	-0.175518000	0.000001000
1	-2.678470000	-1.493700000	0.000005000
1	-2.261648000	1.539712000	-0.000004000
1	0.033741000	2.284246000	0.000000000
1	2.455926000	1.827893000	0.000002000
1	3.293125000	-0.497018000	0.000001000
1	1.669884000	-2.391688000	-0.000001000

**Species:** ***o-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CHCH<sub>2</sub> (o-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>) Out-of-plane (OP)***

Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 17.4, 200.5, 232.5, 411.7, 438.6, 463.1, 549.9, 628.5, 651.4, 742.8, 789.5, 790.8, 881.8, 964.1, 975, 994.7, 1018.3, 1037.4, 1047.8, 1068.5, 1139.1, 1171.1, 1222.4, 1290.9, 1318.5, 1338.8, 1447.7, 1470.5, 1498.2, 1609.9, 1666.4, 1726, 3176.5, 3184.6, 3197, 3203.7, 3213, 3225.1, 3263.8

Cartesian Coordinates:	6	2.961368000	0.286842000	0.022140000
	6	1.959406000	-0.582860000	-0.016529000
	6	0.524936000	-0.259489000	-0.009772000
	6	-0.422253000	-1.259310000	0.000420000
	6	0.010665000	1.045329000	-0.014025000
	6	-1.781489000	-1.097484000	0.010423000
	6	-2.256390000	0.211951000	0.008151000
	6	-1.355394000	1.272134000	-0.004591000
	1	3.987313000	-0.051944000	0.013083000
	1	2.801654000	1.356014000	0.066071000
	1	2.182320000	-1.643154000	-0.053933000
	1	0.690298000	1.887445000	-0.028039000
	1	-2.459407000	-1.940295000	0.019238000
	1	-3.321487000	0.401257000	0.015016000
	1	-1.725780000	2.288006000	-0.008734000

**Species:** ***m-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CHCH<sub>2</sub> (m-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>7</sub>) In-plane (IP)***

Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 21.5, 204.2, 246, 411.2, 443.9, 466.3, 554.2, 625.2, 654.3, 718.5, 788.2, 805.9, 889.1, 930.8, 966.6, 1000.3, 1009.6, 1041.8, 1045.7, 1081.3, 1105.7, 1180, 1222.2, 1284.8, 1312.6, 1346.4, 1453.5, 1463.9, 1505.9, 1594.2, 1668.5, 1725.8, 3169.4, 3179.2, 3196.2, 3207.9, 3208.8, 3220.4, 3261.9

Cartesian Coordinates:	6	-2.927749000	-0.277176000	0.074393000
	6	-1.900318000	0.553342000	-0.054028000
	6	-0.474395000	0.192828000	-0.033543000
	6	0.483187000	1.207236000	0.002176000
	6	-0.033508000	-1.139773000	-0.050314000

6	1.842405000	0.926585000	0.033744000
6	2.285938000	-0.393360000	0.026137000
6	1.312934000	-1.360276000	-0.016801000
1	-3.943533000	0.090256000	0.046670000
1	-2.798772000	-1.341842000	0.217936000
1	-2.100146000	1.612745000	-0.177381000
1	0.151120000	2.237562000	0.008907000
1	-0.739627000	-1.957914000	-0.099269000
1	2.559973000	1.735965000	0.063438000
1	3.340016000	-0.633208000	0.049119000

**Species:** **m-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CHCH<sub>2</sub> (m-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>7</sub>) Out-of-plane (OP)**

Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 37.6, 202.8, 245.4, 421, 442.6, 465.2, 554.9, 626.2, 654.4, 719.3, 787.6, 804.7, 898.4, 928, 968.2, 1003.3, 1011.4, 1042.7, 1044.4, 1075.7, 1113.5, 1186.8, 1214.3, 1305.8, 1310.5, 1345.4, 1442.2, 1465.9, 1510.6, 1592.9, 1671.7, 1727.1, 3170.2, 3179.8, 3191.7, 3198.1, 3215.3, 3224.1, 3262.2

Cartesian Coordinates:	6	2.880515000	-0.431189000	0.092277000
	6	1.928889000	0.479850000	-0.070344000
	6	0.477030000	0.243358000	-0.041217000
	6	-0.384871000	1.346902000	0.008564000
	6	-0.083702000	-1.036849000	-0.062143000
	6	-1.731705000	1.107659000	0.049665000
	6	-2.319755000	-0.127858000	0.039505000
	6	-1.455002000	-1.223359000	-0.020557000
	1	3.924310000	-0.153966000	0.055041000
	1	2.658963000	-1.474167000	0.275901000
	1	2.219939000	1.513141000	-0.228279000
	1	0.019787000	2.351545000	0.019082000
	1	0.563162000	-1.900866000	-0.125097000
	1	-3.392411000	-0.260938000	0.069797000
	1	-1.862138000	-2.225828000	-0.040948000

**Species:** **p-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CHCH<sub>2</sub> (p-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>7</sub>)**

Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 39.9, 215.9, 245.1, 404.7, 439.6, 460.8, 559.3, 616.5, 646.9, 743, 778.6, 836.6, 841, 963.8, 979, 993.3, 1002.7, 1043.2, 1049.3, 1066.1, 1117.9, 1188.5, 1231.5, 1302.5, 1320.4, 1345.5, 1412.3, 1463.1, 1504.9, 1628.5, 1648.8, 1727.9, 3168.7, 3179, 3191.1, 3202.5, 3212.9, 3217.9, 3261.7

Cartesian Coordinates:	6	2.881616000	0.296983000	0.099707000
	6	1.872004000	-0.546373000	-0.078081000
	6	0.437241000	-0.220140000	-0.045139000
	6	-0.487662000	-1.263958000	0.002732000
	6	-0.031379000	1.096564000	-0.062131000

6	-1.857649000	-1.014735000	0.050536000
6	-2.246147000	0.297388000	0.041433000
6	-1.392975000	1.370710000	-0.016344000
1	3.904764000	-0.047721000	0.055994000
1	2.730044000	1.348949000	0.302698000
1	2.097267000	-1.593259000	-0.253830000
1	-0.129459000	-2.286439000	0.007661000
1	-2.569823000	-1.827706000	0.090867000
1	0.670743000	1.917319000	-0.125924000
1	-1.753827000	2.390224000	-0.033734000

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**Species:** **ortho-iso-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub> (oiC<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub>)**

Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 62.9, 149.7, 206.8, 322.3, 415.5, 468.4, 536, 582, 593.7, 619.3, 724.3, 740, 813.4, 909.1, 935.3, 949.9, 981.1, 1001.7, 1009.5, 1017.2, 1020.8, 1164.9, 1201.6, 1212.6, 1262, 1269.9, 1358.4, 1403.9, 1448.7, 1461.8, 1488.3, 1667.7, 1736.5, 2065.1, 3012.9, 3107.8, 3139, 3192.9, 3203, 3213.9, 3215, 3225.1

Cartesian Coordinates:	6	3.177985000	0.006735000	-0.191288000
	6	1.887402000	0.009944000	-0.042091000
	6	0.586884000	0.012365000	0.111989000
	6	-0.163627000	1.269937000	0.166203000
	6	-0.198408000	-1.279288000	0.268625000
	6	-1.493133000	1.279226000	0.023837000
	6	-2.236410000	0.043003000	-0.215425000
	6	-1.639798000	-1.143852000	-0.133123000
	1	3.843726000	-0.005834000	0.664136000
	1	3.630467000	0.018014000	-1.176138000
	1	0.397391000	2.187739000	0.277585000
	1	0.287161000	-2.082532000	-0.284338000
	1	-0.168234000	-1.579070000	1.323633000
	1	-2.032780000	2.216342000	0.040561000
	1	-3.285759000	0.111825000	-0.468926000
	1	-2.197339000	-2.054898000	-0.308872000

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**Species:** **m-iso-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub>**

Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 128.7, 184.5, 270.7, 348.6, 404.1, 493.5, 523.9, 569.9, 693.1, 710.6, 812.7, 822.3, 824.4, 873.4, 926.5, 933.5, 961.6, 976.4, 1009.5, 1029.5, 1041.2, 1082.1, 1149.8, 1187.8, 1200.1, 1272.6, 1332.1, 1338.8, 1385.4, 1450.6, 1475.6, 1692.4, 1724, 1903.1, 3039.7, 3115.6, 3120.5, 3169.5, 3182.3, 3198.7, 3205.1, 3258.1

Cartesian Coordinates:	6	2.860540000	-0.072980000	-0.351607000
	6	1.603069000	-0.084259000	0.039360000
	6	0.389161000	-0.747396000	0.326777000
	6	0.452357000	0.705453000	0.606378000

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6	-0.677688000	-1.421981000	-0.066406000
6	-0.629775000	1.431610000	-0.124270000
6	-1.770833000	0.786498000	-0.348019000
6	-1.985808000	-0.671079000	0.046384000
1	3.407335000	0.855969000	-0.434078000
1	3.374818000	-0.992179000	-0.597076000
1	0.622659000	1.026498000	1.631518000
1	-0.628715000	-2.367164000	-0.591611000
1	-2.382116000	-0.714137000	1.066254000
1	-0.502836000	2.466556000	-0.416121000
1	-2.595341000	1.292038000	-0.836361000
1	-2.741951000	-1.122776000	-0.594101000

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**Species:** **p-iso-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub>**

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Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 90.3, 150.3, 220.6, 373.4, 384.6, 443.8, 560.4, 567.2, 607.7, 617.6, 725.1, 772.6, 798.7, 892.4, 905.3, 968.1, 970.8, 1001.7, 1011, 1019.8, 1031, 1154.7, 1205.3, 1224.4, 1271.7, 1292.3, 1379.7, 1421.5, 1432.9, 1465.7, 1489, 1707, 1759.4, 2061.5, 3024.2, 3036.8, 3138, 3188.7, 3189.3, 3212.3, 3214.6, 3216.1

Cartesian Coordinates:

6	-3.237056000	0.000000000	0.000001000
6	-1.939016000	0.000001000	-0.000001000
6	-0.625215000	0.000001000	-0.000001000
6	0.146179000	1.249284000	0.000000000
6	0.146178000	-1.249283000	0.000000000
6	1.475799000	1.249813000	0.000000000
6	2.300843000	-0.000001000	0.000001000
6	1.475798000	-1.249813000	0.000000000
1	-3.800248000	0.000000000	-0.926434000
1	-3.800246000	-0.000001000	0.926437000
1	-0.409638000	2.177315000	-0.000001000
1	-0.409640000	-2.177314000	-0.000001000
1	2.007742000	2.193298000	0.000000000
1	2.971618000	-0.000001000	0.867031000
1	2.971619000	-0.000001000	-0.867029000
1	2.007740000	-2.193299000	0.000000000

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**Species:** **phenylacetylene (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>CCH)**

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Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 141.4, 158.6, 370.9, 412.7, 472.4, 543.6, 558.6, 636.3, 692.9, 717.3, 725.6, 780.2, 791.8, 875.5, 961.8, 1012.4, 1022.5, 1033.3, 1062.4, 1111.2, 1180.2, 1202.2, 1234.3, 1308.1, 1351.9, 1489.7, 1538, 1647, 1676.9, 2254.1, 3203.8, 3212.4, 3220.9, 3227.6, 3232.5, 3487.7

Cartesian Coordinates:

6	-3.215472000	0.000000000	0.000001000
6	-2.016667000	-0.000001000	0.000000000

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6	-0.584863000	-0.000001000	-0.000001000
6	0.119229000	-1.205447000	-0.000001000
6	0.119227000	1.205447000	-0.000001000
6	1.504031000	-1.201719000	0.000000000
6	2.199249000	0.000001000	0.000000000
6	1.504029000	1.201721000	0.000000000
1	-4.277865000	0.000001000	0.000001000
1	-0.429970000	-2.136489000	-0.000001000
1	-0.429973000	2.136488000	-0.000001000
1	2.042321000	-2.139517000	0.000001000
1	3.280586000	0.000002000	0.000000000
1	2.042318000	2.139518000	0.000000000

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**Species:** **benzene (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>)**

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Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 413.3, 413.7, 619.9, 620.1, 695.8, 733.7, 880.8, 883.6, 1010.3, 1012.6, 1021.3, 1033.4, 1042.7, 1073.2, 1074.1, 1167.1, 1200.8, 1202.6, 1326.8, 1381.9, 1525.5, 1526.7, 1669.7, 1669.9, 3195, 3204.9, 3204.9, 3219.8, 3219.9, 3229.4

Cartesian Coordinates:

6	0.000004000	1.388115000	0.000000000
6	-1.202143000	0.694063000	0.000000000
6	1.202143000	0.694061000	0.000000000
6	-1.202143000	-0.694061000	0.000000000
6	-0.000004000	-1.388115000	0.000000000
6	1.202143000	-0.694063000	0.000000000
1	-2.138868000	1.234873000	0.000000000
1	2.138879000	1.234865000	0.000000000
1	-2.138879000	-1.234865000	0.000000000
1	0.000004000	-2.469758000	0.000000000
1	2.138868000	-1.234873000	0.000000000
1	-0.000004000	2.469758000	0.000000000

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**Species:** **phenyl (C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)**

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Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 403.3, 430.2, 600.9, 617.2, 691.5, 734.4, 842.3, 916.1, 989.6, 994.1, 1024.6, 1037.1, 1062.3, 1084.8, 1174.3, 1179.6, 1306.1, 1319.6, 1475.7, 1490.3, 1611.6, 1664.7, 3195.6, 3200.9, 3211.8, 3214.8, 3226

Cartesian Coordinates:

6	0.000000000	1.393487000	0.000000000
6	0.000000000	0.766066000	1.218006000
6	0.000000000	0.766066000	-1.218006000
6	0.000000000	-0.628572000	1.206573000
6	0.000000000	-1.316735000	0.000000000
6	0.000000000	-0.628572000	-1.206573000
1	0.000000000	1.316628000	2.149055000
1	0.000000000	1.316628000	-2.149055000

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1	0.0000000000	-1.172850000	2.141851000
1	0.0000000000	-2.398001000	0.000000000
1	0.0000000000	-1.172850000	-2.141851000

**Species:** **ortho-benzyne (o-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)**

Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 395.5, 423.7, 471.9, 624.5, 627.7, 763.8, 846.9, 892.7, 953.9, 1004.8, 1013.1, 1083.4, 1120.2, 1163.2, 1276.6, 1311.7, 1442.2, 1497.7, 1499.4, 2065.1, 3197.4, 3212.5, 3236.3, 3239.6

Cartesian Coordinates:	6	0.0000000000	-1.227062000	0.617953000
	6	0.0000000000	-1.227062000	-0.617953000
	6	0.0000000000	-0.132413000	1.456123000
	6	0.0000000000	-0.132413000	-1.456123000
	6	0.0000000000	1.048787000	-0.700360000
	6	0.0000000000	1.048787000	0.700360000
	1	0.0000000000	-0.133515000	2.535509000
	1	0.0000000000	-0.133515000	-2.535509000
	1	0.0000000000	1.997641000	-1.221565000
	1	0.0000000000	1.997641000	1.221565000

**Species:** **ethylene (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)**

Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 829.1, 990.4, 1002.9, 1071, 1243.1, 1388.1, 1473.8, 1718.6, 3159.7, 3175.8, 3235.5, 3261.9

Cartesian Coordinates:	6	0.0000000000	0.0000000000	0.660746000
	6	0.0000000000	0.0000000000	-0.660746000
	1	0.0000000000	0.921739000	1.227744000
	1	0.0000000000	-0.921739000	1.227744000
	1	0.0000000000	-0.921739000	-1.227744000
	1	0.0000000000	0.921739000	-1.227744000

**Species:** **vinyl (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>3</sub>)**

Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 730.8, 867.8, 946.4, 1067, 1399.1, 1680.1, 3098, 3184.8, 3261

Cartesian Coordinates:	6	-0.599833000	0.087227000	-0.767266000
	6	0.466963000	0.082375000	-0.021446000
	1	-1.550661000	-0.420606000	-0.776663000
	1	0.549954000	-0.557843000	0.855290000
	1	1.320055000	0.715876000	-0.240216000

**Species:** **acetylene (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>)**

Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 705.2, 705.2, 789.7, 789.7, 2105.2, 3428.9, 3541.1

Cartesian Coordinates:	6	0.0000000000	0.0000000000	0.596958000
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6	0.0000000000	0.0000000000	-0.596958000
1	0.0000000000	0.0000000000	1.659774000
1	0.0000000000	0.0000000000	-1.659774000

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**Species:** vinylidene ( $\text{CH}_2\text{C}$ )

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Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 309.6, 764.3, 1213.1, 1738.8, 3147.9, 3232.8

Cartesian Coordinates:	6	0.475253000	0.000000000	-0.000001000
	6	-0.814427000	-0.000001000	0.000000000
	1	1.017518000	0.940645000	0.000002000
	1	1.017528000	-0.940640000	0.000002000

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**Species:** hydrogen ( $\text{H}_2$ )

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Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 4468.3

Cartesian Coordinates:	1	0.000000000	0.000000000	0.369500000
	1	0.000000000	0.000000000	-0.369500000

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**Transition State:**  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8 \rightarrow \text{CH}_2\text{C} : + \text{C}_6\text{H}_6$

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Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): i835.1, 53.5, 119.5, 166.8, 317.3, 404.8, 498.2, 549.8, 615.5, 697.1, 714.2, 752.5, 791, 874, 910.5, 952.9, 961.5, 996.4, 1010.8, 1030.6, 1035.6, 1057.4, 1100.3, 1179.6, 1183.1, 1195.7, 1324, 1337.1, 1392.5, 1491.6, 1512.1, 1624.3, 1646.3, 1667.2, 2238.6, 3133.7, 3199.3, 3204.8, 3211.2, 3218.7, 3219, 3227.3

Cartesian Coordinates:	6	0.285806000	0.209700000	-0.723747000
	6	1.119963000	1.221438000	-0.292000000
	6	0.484655000	-1.115407000	-0.391447000
	6	2.192658000	0.889925000	0.525924000
	6	2.407081000	-0.435358000	0.884374000
	6	1.559951000	-1.437381000	0.426850000
	1	0.927227000	2.246607000	-0.580188000
	1	-0.193439000	-1.876201000	-0.755501000
	1	2.859049000	1.662907000	0.883915000
	1	3.241669000	-0.689291000	1.523491000
	1	1.736570000	-2.466664000	0.708126000
	6	-1.553299000	0.738072000	-1.374849000
	6	-2.136276000	0.839822000	-0.196885000
	1	-1.714704000	0.678607000	0.786205000
	1	-3.183641000	1.125918000	-0.240742000
	1	-0.439274000	0.452320000	-1.760306000

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<b>Transition State:</b>	<b>C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub> → C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub> + C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub></b>		
Frequencies (cm <sup>-1</sup> ):	i743.9, 126, 200.3, 219.4, 406.4, 414.6, 485.1, 569, 616.5, 641.5, 705.6, 742.8, 848.5, 877.9, 895.2, 935.7, 983.2, 1013.3, 1023, 1045.6, 1053.2, 1071.3, 1089.1, 1112.1, 1181.4, 1194.7, 1293.7, 1336.7, 1341.6, 1498.4, 1503.1, 1599.5, 1659.8, 1682.7, 2146.7, 3104.7, 3166.4, 3199.7, 3206.6, 3212.9, 3222.2, 3230		
Cartesian Coordinates:	6 -0.004649000 0.717626000 0.192572000 6 1.195000000 1.417479000 0.193471000 6 -0.047424000 -0.663363000 0.056354000 6 2.378560000 0.717785000 0.023661000 6 2.352180000 -0.663995000 -0.119111000 6 1.142890000 -1.351965000 -0.095734000 1 1.197128000 2.493489000 0.313250000 1 -1.016926000 -1.144737000 0.044782000 1 3.320596000 1.247852000 0.006678000 1 3.277321000 -1.206947000 -0.255484000 1 1.130485000 -2.426734000 -0.213184000 6 -2.616722000 0.930594000 -0.155815000 6 -1.509802000 1.635983000 -0.090611000 1 -3.452439000 1.510019000 -0.556060000 1 -1.143206000 2.647579000 -0.220711000 1 -0.871556000 1.163246000 0.933546000		
<b>Transition State:</b>	<b>C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>8</sub> → C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> + o-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub></b>		
Frequencies (cm <sup>-1</sup> ):	i651, 97.2, 168.5, 232.5, 366.7, 406.1, 453, 501.3, 559.5, 637, 688.2, 754.3, 825.2, 886, 898.7, 940.9, 963.4, 977.2, 1026.4, 1030.7, 1039.9, 1070.6, 1128.7, 1153.9, 1176.1, 1259.4, 1313.7, 1361.8, 1403, 1451.8, 1471.2, 1604.2, 1613.3, 1664.7, 2274.9, 3156.7, 3184, 3186.5, 3195.9, 3224.3, 3241.6, 3276		
Cartesian Coordinates:	6 0.203126000 0.910915000 -0.216628000 6 1.333135000 1.629187000 -0.023238000 6 -0.008182000 -0.472560000 -0.289737000 6 2.427715000 0.780623000 0.276821000 6 2.329648000 -0.598086000 0.231483000 6 1.108930000 -1.236660000 -0.053879000 1 -0.973610000 -0.922576000 -0.483129000 1 3.394465000 1.215378000 0.508588000 1 3.206739000 -1.209728000 0.409142000 1 1.045893000 -2.315616000 -0.073354000 1 -0.657412000 1.483263000 -1.079526000 6 -2.407947000 1.467730000 0.210463000 6 -1.197922000 1.925437000 -0.109199000 1 -3.141340000 2.136480000 0.638304000 1 -2.685105000 0.429956000 0.093243000		

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1 -0.856321000 2.941738000 0.018234000

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**Transition State:**  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8 \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CCH}$

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Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): i1369.4, 68.4, 134, 223.3, 317.5, 412.5, 473.9, 504.7, 534.4, 631.4, 688.2, 722.2, 765.9, 784.6, 870, 911.5, 920.3, 937.1, 1004, 1015.8, 1022.1, 1062.9, 1108.7, 1175.4, 1194.8, 1212.5, 1297.3, 1350.2, 1396.5, 1473, 1505, 1527.4, 1635.5, 1666.6, 1777.1, 3184.1, 3194.6, 3201.1, 3211.4, 3218.4, 3227.6, 3233.4

Cartesian Coordinates:

6	-0.986611000	1.508570000	0.402347000
6	0.170430000	0.660611000	0.228580000
6	1.426907000	1.226156000	-0.017931000
6	0.079244000	-0.733431000	0.343918000
6	2.540455000	0.421284000	-0.191916000
6	2.441504000	-0.958003000	-0.067322000
6	1.206775000	-1.526931000	0.215305000
1	1.514842000	2.302428000	-0.074089000
1	-0.882636000	-1.184024000	0.550500000
1	3.498492000	0.877536000	-0.403194000
1	3.317526000	-1.581348000	-0.179720000
1	1.117043000	-2.600018000	0.321607000
6	-2.079318000	1.469956000	-0.274383000
1	-2.622455000	1.031827000	-1.096732000
1	-2.819664000	2.635125000	-0.102190000
1	-3.118424000	2.053412000	0.427634000

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**Transition State:**  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_8 \rightarrow \text{oIC}_8\text{H}_8$

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Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): i1793.9, 129.8, 166.9, 339.1, 392.2, 447, 506.3, 539.7, 608.1, 644.7, 738.5, 766.5, 784.3, 838.7, 896.7, 901.1, 970.3, 996.4, 1006.8, 1021.5, 1040.5, 1076.6, 1170.3, 1185.9, 1230.2, 1285.8, 1332.9, 1408.2, 1434.6, 1461.5, 1495, 1561.7, 1653.1, 1683.6, 1838, 3126.9, 3132.4, 3197, 3209.2, 3219.1, 3221.7, 3228.1

Cartesian Coordinates:

6	-0.205872000	0.521731000	-0.494228000
6	0.948240000	1.393977000	-0.342355000
6	-0.058830000	-0.884821000	-0.576729000
6	2.102249000	0.805388000	0.287970000
6	2.153410000	-0.549160000	0.401624000
6	1.114534000	-1.394760000	-0.104491000
1	1.150660000	2.074897000	-1.164918000
1	-0.885405000	-1.521800000	-0.859001000
1	2.943635000	1.416687000	0.585418000
1	3.028124000	-1.016772000	0.833704000
1	1.245883000	-2.466620000	-0.041810000
6	-1.255642000	1.373093000	-0.278477000
1	-0.053792000	2.313312000	-0.036566000

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6	-2.394921000	1.577488000	0.355194000
1	-2.795739000	0.835691000	1.040081000
1	-2.949513000	2.499606000	0.246375000

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**Transition State:**  $\text{oiC}_8\text{H}_8 \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CCH}$

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Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): i1763.6, 168, 252, 350, 420.4, 501.9, 558.6, 564.7, 619.2, 661.8, 706.7, 770.9, 809.8, 839.4, 891.7, 920.4, 971.6, 1003.6, 1020.6, 1027.9, 1037.2, 1092, 1140.6, 1186.4, 1196.5, 1270.2, 1288.2, 1314.6, 1336.4, 1380.3, 1471.4, 1515.7, 1560.7, 1604.5, 1684.7, 1938.7, 3194.5, 3202.6, 3211, 3221.8, 3229.8, 3335.9

Cartesian Coordinates:	6	-2.043266000	1.081839000	-1.020001000
	1	-2.949774000	1.640259000	-1.152556000
	6	-1.544320000	-0.063519000	-0.859345000
	1	-0.972875000	1.893365000	-0.695832000
	6	-0.282693000	-0.403380000	-0.409538000
	6	0.658996000	-1.164442000	-1.141188000
	6	0.179079000	0.436801000	0.664273000
	6	1.977830000	-1.150560000	-0.788632000
	6	2.424139000	-0.402228000	0.329245000
	6	1.547956000	0.340475000	1.059954000
	1	0.313702000	-1.741842000	-1.987177000
	1	-0.536303000	0.751347000	1.412637000
	1	2.692907000	-1.726442000	-1.360058000
	1	3.464906000	-0.453934000	0.618741000
	1	1.875892000	0.853859000	1.953766000
	1	-0.164180000	1.708957000	-0.093773000

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**Transition State:**  $\text{oiC}_8\text{H}_8 \rightarrow \text{m-iso-C}_8\text{H}_8$

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Frequencies (cm<sup>-1</sup>): i407.8, 76.5, 141.4, 169.1, 368.3, 387.9, 451.8, 511.1, 555.6, 565.7, 617.4, 625.3, 745.6, 756.1, 795.1, 868.7, 932.5, 969.7, 991.3, 996.3, 1031.9, 1065, 1140.9, 1184.5, 1218.9, 1274.9, 1285.3, 1365.5, 1425.4, 1443.6, 1487.4, 1507.4, 1592.6, 2012.4, 2753.1, 3084.9, 3144.6, 3145.9, 3190.9, 3209, 3216.6, 3261.3

Cartesian Coordinates:	6	-2.785364000	-0.114205000	-1.150669000
	6	-1.543022000	0.031071000	-0.794349000
	6	-0.249379000	0.065386000	-0.497764000
	6	0.803691000	0.723704000	-1.288116000
	6	0.322975000	-0.678644000	0.587215000
	6	2.029209000	1.056189000	-0.762647000
	6	2.453046000	0.626995000	0.489220000
	6	1.584584000	-0.290645000	1.181232000
	1	-3.109711000	-0.921892000	-1.804856000
	1	-3.565191000	0.566183000	-0.816359000
	1	0.573767000	0.976000000	-2.314152000

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1	-0.251632000	-1.462370000	1.064102000
1	2.708504000	1.633106000	-1.378140000
1	3.403726000	0.902642000	0.914657000
1	2.051181000	-1.027557000	1.830419000
1	0.975793000	0.358298000	1.890323000

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**Transition State:**  $m\text{-iso-C}_8\text{H}_8 \rightarrow p\text{-iso-C}_8\text{H}_8$

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Frequencies ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): i637.5, 56.7, 143.8, 165.7, 362, 382.4, 459.7, 534.6, 558, 578.5, 616.2, 629.8, 681.3, 750, 808.6, 869.7, 933.8, 967.4, 987.7, 994.5, 1036.4, 1068, 1145.7, 1185.3, 1229.5, 1258.1, 1274.3, 1359.8, 1430.2, 1466.1, 1480.6, 1504.9, 1603.6, 2033.8, 2664.7, 3089.2, 3149, 3171.6, 3195.4, 3214.4, 3226, 3259.7

Cartesian Coordinates:	6	-1.984018000	1.095962000	-2.058346000
	6	-1.129230000	0.745722000	-1.141532000
	6	-0.270520000	0.294131000	-0.242446000
	6	1.170764000	0.126627000	-0.487256000
	6	-0.639928000	-0.224046000	1.056933000
	6	2.095373000	0.036125000	0.517394000
	6	1.726447000	-0.122450000	1.852790000
	6	0.299120000	-0.264506000	2.122658000
	1	-2.439795000	0.372192000	-2.731269000
	1	-2.286768000	2.130766000	-2.199300000
	1	1.503106000	0.124808000	-1.517091000
	1	-1.663626000	-0.516500000	1.242374000
	1	3.147285000	0.039938000	0.261487000
	1	2.426267000	-0.112756000	2.672335000
	1	0.010243000	-0.790498000	3.026262000
	1	0.378296000	0.844423000	2.406957000

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