

The Mechanism of the Baeyer-Villiger Rearrangement: Quantum Chemistry and TST Study Supported by Experimental Kinetic Data.

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Table S1. Gibbs free energies in kcal/mol (at 298.15 K) of the modelled stationary points relative to the reactant complex for the reaction of propanone with TFPAA using TFAA as catalyst.^a Rate coefficients (without tunnelling correction, in L mol⁻¹ s⁻¹) at 298.15 K are also reported.^b

Method Species	B3LYP	MPWB1K	BH&HLYP	MP2
Isolated Reactants	1.89	1.67	2.06	1.02
Reactant Complex + TFPAA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TS1	14.36	14.05	14.49	18.71
Criegee + TFAA	4.95	-0.93	1.42	-3.36
TS2 + TFAA	16.92 ^c	20.66 ^c	24.87 ^c	19.70 ^c
TS2	15.88	21.85	25.42	15.59
Ester + 2 TFAA	-78.65	-83.59	-83.21	-81.46
k	1.47	1.07 x 10 ⁻³	-	-

^a Level of theory: Method/6-311++G(d,p)-IEF-PCM//Method/6-311G(d,p)

^b Experimental value at 303 K: k = 1.8 x 10⁻³ L mol⁻¹ s⁻¹ (ref 11)

^c Uncatalyzed values of the second step

Table S2: Calculated kinetic magnitudes at different temperatures for the reaction of propanone with its corresponding Arrhenius plots.

T(K)	$K_{eq(1)}$	$\kappa_{(2)}$	$k_{(2)}$	k	$\kappa_{(2)}^a$	$k_{(2)}^a$	k^a
280	8.53E-01	1.822	2.32E-05	1.98E-05	1.832	6.49E-05	5.53E-05
290	7.53E-01	1.763	6.85E-05	5.16E-05	1.771	2.73E-04	2.06E-04
298	6.85E-01	1.72	1.58E-04	1.08E-04	1.728	8.24E-04	5.64E-04
310	6.01E-01	1.666	4.92E-04	2.96E-04	1.672	3.70E-03	2.22E-03
320	5.43E-01	1.626	1.21E-03	6.58E-04	1.632	1.21E-02	6.57E-03

$\kappa_{(2)}$ is the tunnelling factor of the second step

^aUncatalyzed values of the second step

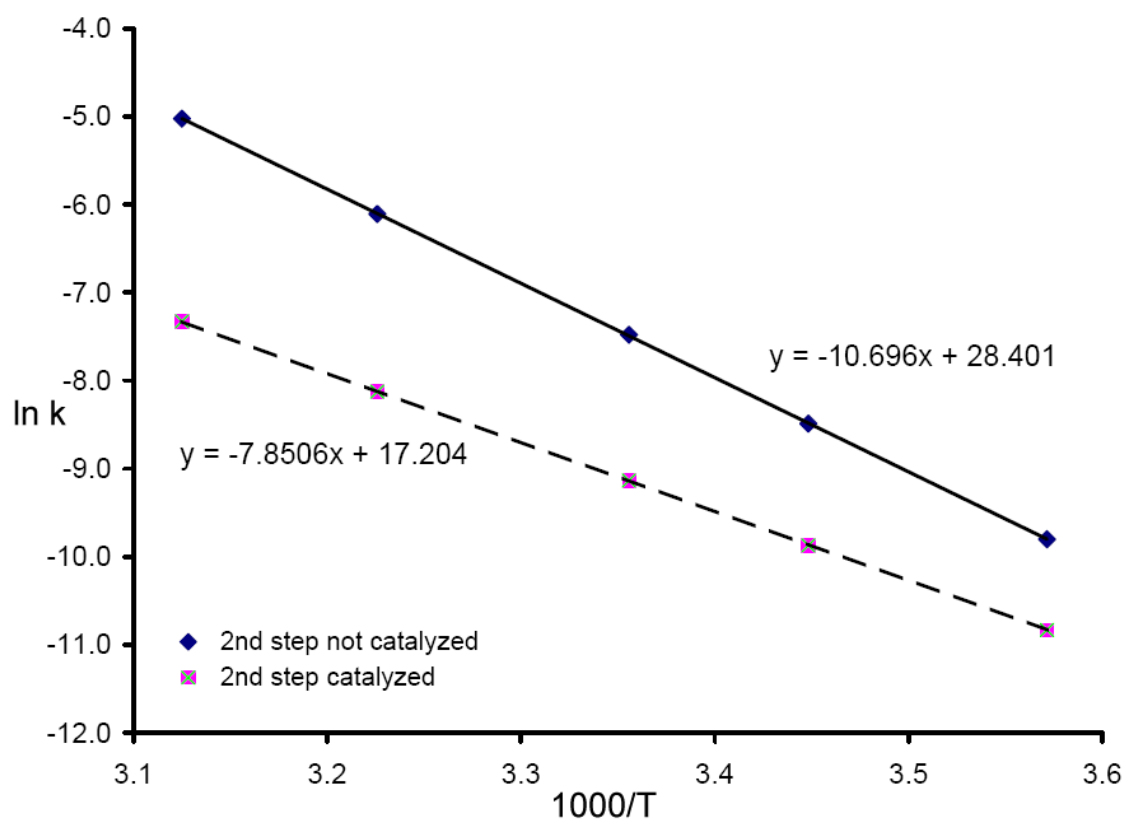


Table S3: Calculated kinetic magnitudes at different temperatures for the reaction of cyclohexanone with its corresponding Arrhenius plots.

T(K)	$K_{eq(1)}$	$\kappa_{(2)}$	$k_{(2)}$	k	$\kappa_{(2)}^a$	$k_{(2)}^a$	k^a
280	8.02E-01	1.711	1.04E-01	8.37E-02	1.680	2.02E-01	1.62E-01
290	6.81E-01	1.663	2.24E-01	1.53E-01	1.635	6.27E-01	4.27E-01
298	6.00E-01	1.629	4.04E-01	2.42E-01	1.602	1.49E+00	8.97E-01
310	5.06E-01	1.584	9.02E-01	4.57E-01	1.560	4.89E+00	2.48E+00
320	4.43E-01	1.551	1.70E+00	7.55E-01	1.528	1.24E+01	5.51E+00

$\kappa_{(2)}$ is the tunnelling factor of the second step

^aUncatalyzed values of the second step

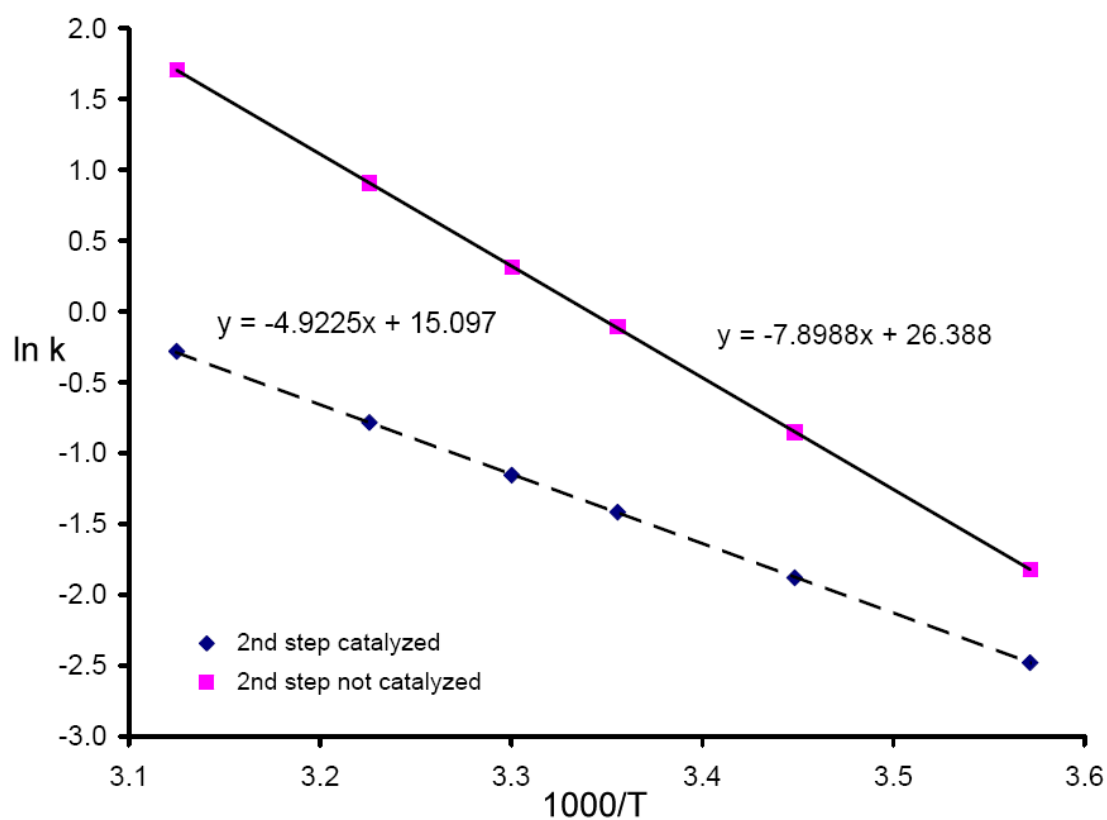


Table S4: Comparison of the effect of diffuse functions on the thermodynamic calculations of the reaction of propanone. Gibbs free energies in kcal/mol (at 298.15 K) of the modelled stationary points relative to the reactant complex (between propanone and TFAA) for the reaction of propanone with TFPAA using TFAA as catalyst.^a

Basis Set	6-311G(d,p)	6-311++G(d,p)
Isolated Reactants	3.07	1.75
Reactant Complex + TFPAA	0	0
TS1	13.00	14.30
Criegee + TFAA	-0.03	0.54
TS2 + TFAA	23.73 ^b	22.94 ^b
TS2	22.36	23.76
Ester + 2 TFAA	-75.00	-76.69

^a Level of theory: MPWB1K/Basis Set-IEF-PCM//MPWB1K/6-311G(d,p)-Onsager

^b Uncatalyzed values of the second step

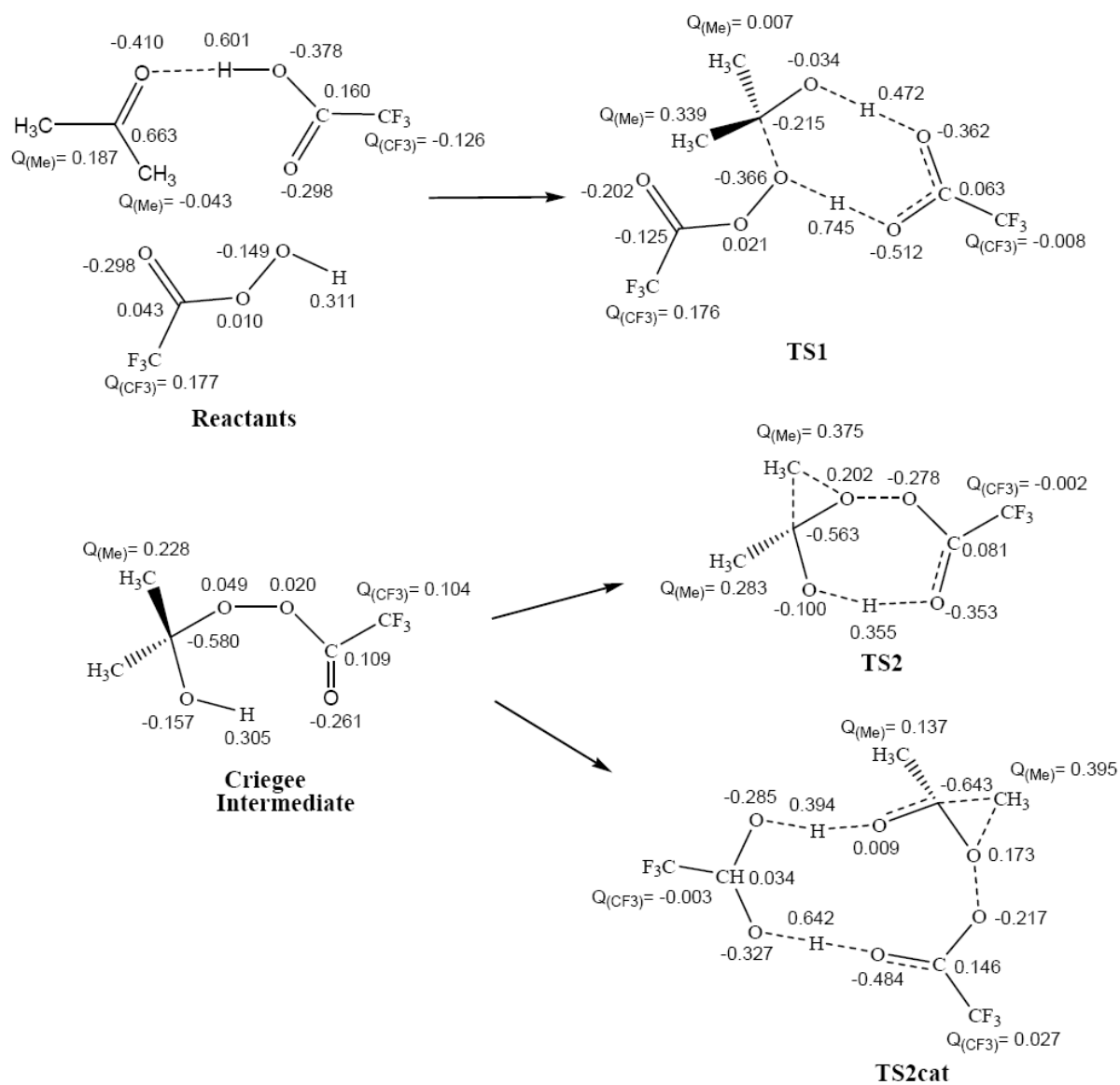


Figure S1: Mulliken charge distribution of the stationary points of the reaction of propanone.

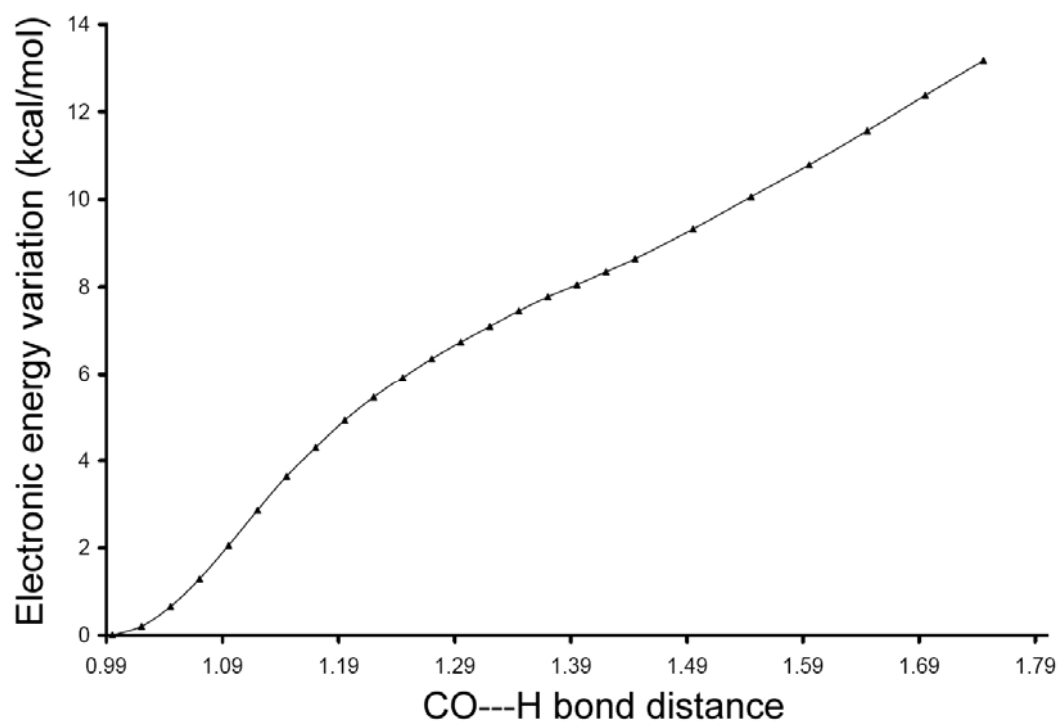
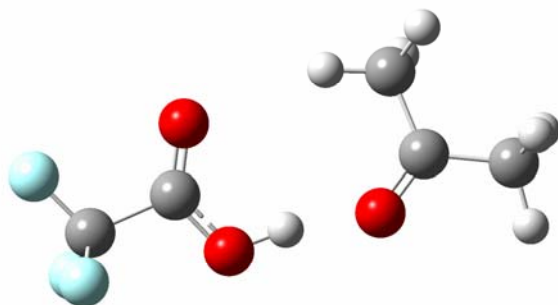


Figure S2. Energy variation during the forced protonation of propanone by TFAA in dichloromethane, modelled as a relaxed scan increasing the CO--H bond distance in the propanone-TFAA complex.

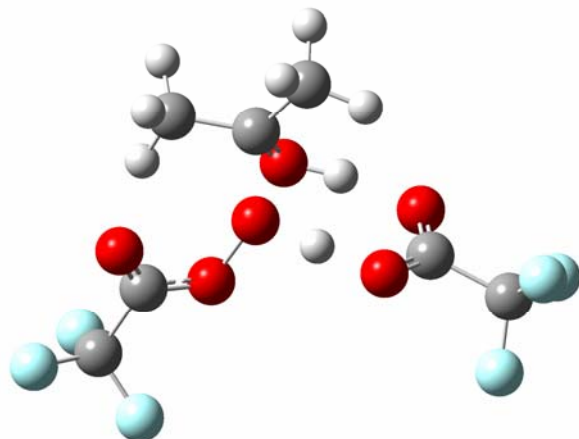
Cartesian coordinates of the optimized stationary points of the reaction of propanone with TFPAA at the MPWB1K/6-311G(d,p)-Onsager level of theory.

(a) Reactant Complex (propanone + TFAA)



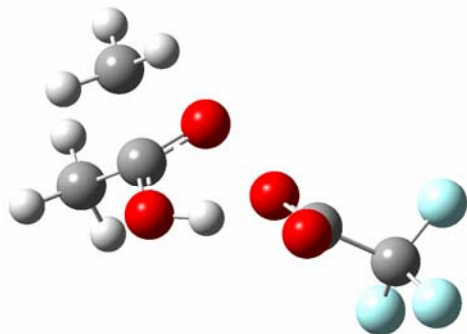
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C	0.96412900	0.21545000	-0.04545700
O	0.54963900	1.31935700	-0.19980400
O	0.31589800	-0.89084700	0.10045300
C	-4.58180800	-0.59467800	-0.10033000
C	-3.18590100	-0.09430600	0.01090100
O	-2.25312000	-0.86881300	-0.01149900
C	-2.98647100	1.37492500	0.15502900
H	-4.98539500	-0.30161900	-1.06770400
H	-3.29855600	1.66472300	1.15696200
H	-3.62632700	1.91685200	-0.53469500
H	-1.94804700	1.64393600	0.00847100
H	-4.60654000	-1.67230000	-0.01363800
H	-5.21857700	-0.13646400	0.65070600
F	2.83865500	-0.88670100	-0.96374500
F	2.82248700	-0.60578100	1.15733800
F	3.15862600	1.05914100	-0.13964000

(b) TS1 (catalyzed) ($\nu = 571.01i$)



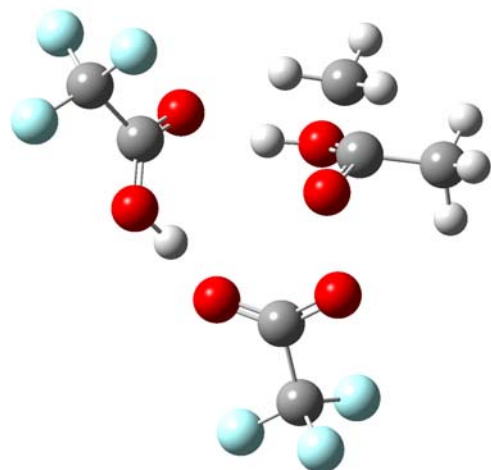
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O	2.43683300	0.79027700	-0.89725900
O	1.59769400	-0.45523400	0.75830400
H	1.14243400	1.53953200	-1.22978700
C	-3.37730300	-1.25629200	-0.24041500
C	-2.54592400	-0.31049500	0.63080300
O	-2.95709900	0.24165600	1.58404800
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C	-1.71084800	2.72583100	-0.33564100
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H	-1.74575500	3.74099200	-0.72647100
H	-2.16596900	2.71155400	0.64589700
H	-2.24624100	2.08293500	-1.02383600
F	3.46020400	-2.23164900	-0.20647000
F	4.27675600	-0.86350400	1.22367300
F	4.64510300	-0.57765200	-0.86312200
H	1.55173000	2.42172400	0.80169800
H	0.75751100	3.95572100	0.47431900
F	-2.76483700	-2.41518300	-0.40497100
F	-3.57027100	-0.71686700	-1.43206500
F	-4.54019400	-1.46848100	0.32183600

(c) TS2 (uncatalyzed) ($\nu = 630.688i$)



O	-2.01514500	-0.89116100	-1.06086300
C	-2.29297700	0.05423900	-0.17170300
H	-2.01357600	1.79344000	-1.27365800
O	0.14902800	0.77154400	0.31255700
H	-3.23593000	1.96838200	-0.00958500
O	-1.52168900	0.13596200	0.86737900
H	-3.60807200	1.06858000	-1.49882600
H	-1.18220100	-1.32542100	-0.78263000
C	0.83592900	-0.22743300	-0.01783700
O	0.49330400	-1.34403700	-0.34360500
C	-2.84351800	1.30641100	-0.77015200
C	-3.36223400	-0.52865200	1.03285100
H	-2.99293600	-1.43852700	1.47653900
C	2.34283300	0.08240300	0.02569900
H	-3.64306300	0.22823200	1.74532500
H	-4.15270300	-0.73608800	0.31671600
F	2.73929000	0.28937500	1.27407300
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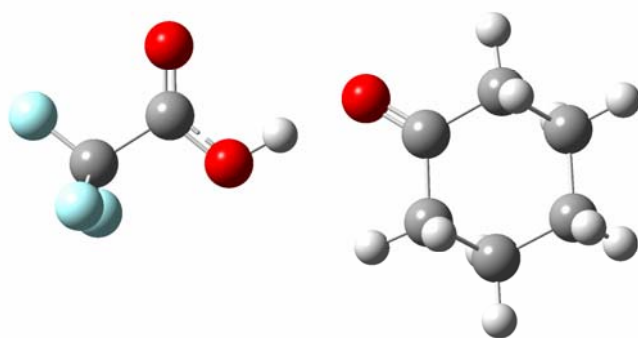
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O	-1.97489600	0.46448600	-0.78745500
H	-1.50343900	3.70532700	-1.02881200
O	-0.33017200	1.37349000	-0.82020500
H	-1.26449600	4.13678100	0.68264700
H	0.38000400	1.14103900	1.40543000
C	-1.96923000	-0.61435300	-0.16052400
O	-1.05425900	-1.26169000	0.31469100
C	-1.46510200	3.33296300	-0.01401300
C	1.03412400	2.78051800	-0.61251200
H	1.81040700	2.03495900	-0.57246600
C	-3.39706400	-1.17019500	0.01166800
O	1.38238100	-1.49100000	-0.29355500
H	0.41670400	-1.32596500	-0.05926100
C	2.15294200	-0.67077100	0.31193600
C	3.62364800	-0.83349700	-0.07261100
O	1.85566700	0.20412400	1.08000900
F	4.39198500	-0.67648200	0.98266200
F	3.92922000	0.10934300	-0.95493800
F	3.88060000	-2.00496800	-0.61280600
H	0.86463400	3.19470300	-1.59139100
H	1.19694100	3.54216700	0.14524400
F	-3.94623800	-1.40456700	-1.16932500
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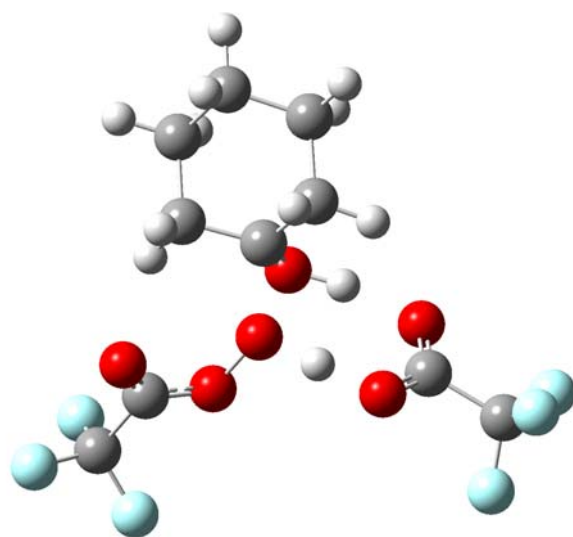
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(a) Reactant Complex (cyclohexanone + TFAA)



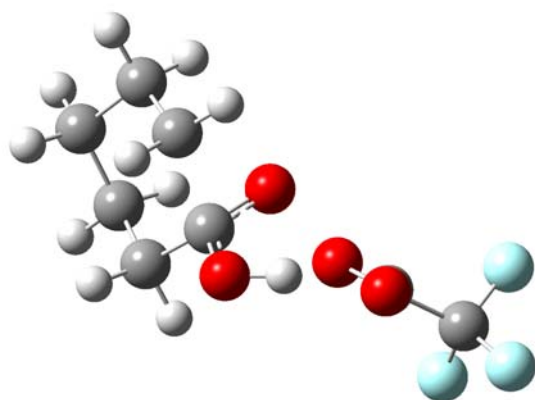
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H	-0.35223000	0.35783300	0.05209900
C	2.28306300	-0.94583400	0.57619600
C	2.15136500	0.51672900	0.30246200
O	1.08547800	1.04882800	0.07382000
C	3.41704700	1.30481600	0.32323300
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H	1.32244100	-1.43181200	0.43712100
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H	5.04163400	-0.87215800	0.88296100
H	5.44818100	-1.26365000	-0.76713000
C	-3.51374200	-0.28548500	-0.03682000
F	-4.59673900	0.45244900	-0.20651100
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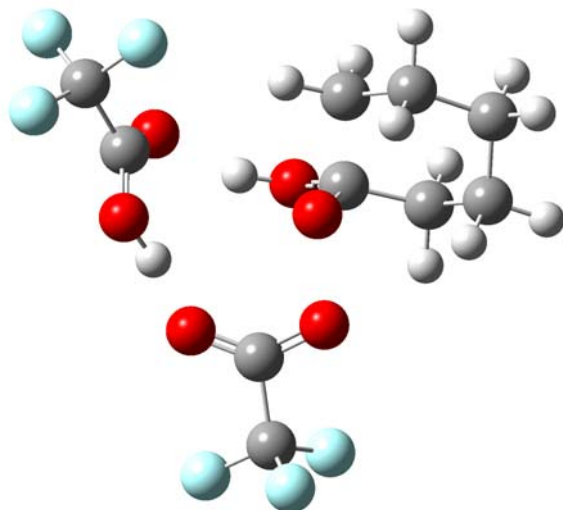
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O	2.45939100	0.48731800	-0.92947700
O	1.83314100	-0.82321500	0.77102300
H	1.04569800	1.04598200	-1.25869200
C	-3.02398300	-2.24205300	-0.21935200
C	-2.30738100	-1.22116000	0.66894800
O	-2.78333500	-0.73595300	1.62891700
O	-1.11916300	-0.98732200	0.12717300
O	-0.41801000	-0.02049000	0.84152800
C	0.34838000	2.44173400	0.69952400
C	-0.44839300	1.64357700	-0.26410900
O	0.06277600	1.22928700	-1.35503500
C	-1.90479100	1.89523600	-0.28464400
H	-0.03132900	2.26109200	1.70034500
H	-2.30454300	1.70776500	0.70717800
F	4.52329500	-0.90817800	1.21062000
F	4.86003400	-0.50682500	-0.86206100
F	3.91489300	-2.33067200	-0.26898500
F	-2.26238600	-3.29724300	-0.44993800
F	-4.12785200	-2.63845800	0.36323900
F	-3.32849500	-1.68984900	-1.38115200
H	1.39801700	2.17203100	0.65568700
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C	-2.09998600	3.36725500	-0.65864500
H	-3.16130100	3.59224200	-0.64518900
H	-1.75206100	3.52816100	-1.67728400
C	0.13520500	3.91302200	0.32077300
H	0.67352800	4.53220200	1.03118000
H	0.57468000	4.09777300	-0.65803500
C	-1.33920700	4.26370700	0.29796900
H	-1.75301300	4.15753600	1.30054600
H	-1.46753800	5.30410600	0.01510800

(c) TS2 (uncatalyzed) ($\nu = 573.525i$)



O	0.92603000	1.70019000	-1.01498100
C	1.42837600	0.62692300	-0.39812700
H	1.18206100	-0.75532600	-1.90932800
O	-0.78157600	-0.60586000	0.10945700
O	0.79834500	0.20123600	0.64465400
H	2.66955300	0.16446700	-2.03820200
H	0.07512500	1.91050700	-0.58697000
C	-1.66365500	0.29084300	0.04435200
O	-1.55745700	1.49309200	-0.04354000
C	2.03109000	-0.37521500	-1.34396500
C	2.63270600	1.09737100	0.74006600
H	3.14387100	1.71334100	0.00189000
H	2.17692200	1.73420700	1.48432300
C	3.45417400	-0.03297400	1.26772300
H	4.30401500	0.40691400	1.78951800
H	2.88012700	-0.58502200	2.00644000
C	2.77616100	-1.48925700	-0.64434100
H	3.13145400	-2.19613800	-1.38824100
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C	3.93682100	-0.95902400	0.17087600
H	4.49652300	-1.77883700	0.61011300
H	4.62760500	-0.42455500	-0.48143400
C	-3.07927100	-0.31180200	0.09954000
F	-3.33311800	-0.78518300	1.31187600
F	-4.00223800	0.58932500	-0.18220900
F	-3.21505900	-1.31007000	-0.75993300

(d) TS2 (catalyzed) ($\nu = 589.602i$)



O	-0.27412900	0.92640300	1.89413200
C	-0.47441000	1.56351500	0.74162800
H	-2.47957400	1.95777900	1.03304900
O	-1.91813000	-0.03753400	-0.56554300
O	-0.33024900	0.89511200	-0.35687500
H	-1.41654600	3.18238900	1.70581000
H	0.40159200	0.24307200	1.77310200
C	-1.85396000	-1.22761300	-0.18389600
O	-0.90366500	-1.91582200	0.13114000
C	-1.59587900	2.55911900	0.83411700
C	0.94357700	2.40008900	0.21915300
H	1.06390700	2.87424700	1.19235200
H	1.74748700	1.69626400	0.06557200
C	-3.25185900	-1.87693500	-0.13785900
O	1.54552800	-1.81104300	-0.53284600
H	0.58241600	-1.78356000	-0.25378600
C	2.28176500	-1.14814300	0.27808600
C	3.74324200	-1.08898100	-0.16715200
O	1.95497000	-0.56064700	1.27195200
F	4.54364900	-1.12304600	0.87539000
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F	4.06584400	-2.07180900	-0.98041300
F	-3.21591800	-3.05348600	0.45214200
F	-3.71301600	-2.04773800	-1.36731400
F	-4.10570000	-1.11126100	0.51846000
C	0.70148600	3.35070700	-0.90809000
H	1.59170900	3.97397100	-0.99372100
H	0.61681000	2.79269100	-1.83612300
C	-1.75602700	3.37870200	-0.42380900
H	-2.62788700	4.01731900	-0.31910400
H	-1.94885300	2.70628200	-1.25773000
C	-0.52415100	4.21752600	-0.69647500
H	-0.67719400	4.84454000	-1.56934100
H	-0.35304000	4.88923500	0.14514500