Photoselection of Carbene Stereoisomers with Surprisingly Different Electronic Spectra: 3-Furylchlorocarbene

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Supporting Material

Preparation of 3-furylchlorodiazirine.

200 mg of 3-furyl amidine hydrochloride was dissolved in 50 mL DMSO in a 250-mL, one-neck flask with side arm. A solution of 3 g of NaCl in 60 mL NaOCl was added dropwise, while stirring and cooling the reaction mixture in an ice bath. The rate of addition was such that the temperature of the reaction mixture didn't exceed 20°C. After all bleach solution was added, the reaction mixture was stirred for another hour and then 3-furylchlorodiazirine was vacuum distilled at room temperature (3 torr) into a 77K trap. Two U-traps were used between one-neck flask and 77K trap: one filled with CaCl₂ at -5 to -7°C and an empty one at -20 to -25°C. Diazirine collected in the 77K trap within one hour, but distillation was usually carried out for 3 hours to ensure complete collection of diazirine.

Yield: 45%.

UV/Vis (N₂, 10 K): 394, 373, 355 nm.

¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 7.40 (dd, 2H), 6.04 (m, 1H) ppm.

IR (N₂, 10 K): 1572, 1564, 1586, 1507, 1511, 1376, 1311, 1172, 1091, 1055, 1021, 1011, 993, 978, 878, 842, 794, 746, 735, 648, 644, 601, 598 cm⁻¹.

B3LYP/6-31G** Calculated Geometry for 2a



| H(8)-C(5)-C(6)-C(4) | 180.000 |
|---------------------|---------|
| H(8)-C(5)-C(6)-H(9) | 0.000 |

B3LYP/6-31G** Calculated Geometry for 2b



| C(2)-O(3) | 1.333 |
|----------------|---------|
| C(2)-C(4) | 1.390 |
| O(3)-C(5) | 1.388 |
| C(4)-C(6) | 1.455 |
| C(4)-C(7) | 1.435 |
| C(5)-C(6) | 1.349 |
| C(5)-H(8) | 1.078 |
| C(6)-H(9) | 1.080 |
| C(7)-Cl(10) | 1.777 |
| H(1)-C(2) | 1.079 |
| O(3)-C(2)-C(4) | 111.042 |
| H(1)-C(2)-O(3) | 116.758 |
| H(1)-C(2)-C(4) | 132.201 |
| C(2)-O(3)-C(5) | 107.592 |
| C(2)-C(4)-C(6) | 104.595 |
| C(2)-C(4)-C(7) | 133.483 |
| C(6)-C(4)-C(7) | 121.920 |
| O(3)-C(5)-C(6) | 109.974 |
| O(3)-C(5)-H(8) | 115.029 |
| C(6)-C(5)-H(8) | 134.999 |
| C(4)-C(6)-C(5) | 106.795 |
| | |

| C(4)-C(6)-H(9) | 125.403 | |
|------------------|--------------|----------|
| C(5)-C(6)-H(9) | 127.803 | |
| C(4)-C(7)-Cl(10) | 110.220 | |
| C(4)-C(2)-O(3)-C | C(5) | 0.000 |
| H(1)-C(2)-O(3)-C | C(5) | 180.000 |
| O(3)-C(2)-C(4)-C | C(6) | 0.000 |
| O(3)-C(2)-C(4)-C | C(7) | 180.000 |
| H(1)-C(2)-C(4)-C | C(6) | 180.000 |
| H(1)-C(2)-C(4)-C | C(7) | 0.000 |
| C(2)-O(3)-C(5)-C | C(6) | 0.000 |
| C(2)-O(3)-C(5)-H | I(8) | -180.000 |
| C(2)-C(4)-C(6)-C | C(5) | 0.000 |
| C(2)-C(4)-C(6)-H | I (9) | 180.000 |
| C(7)-C(4)-C(6)-C | C(5) | 180.000 |
| C(7)-C(4)-C(6)-H | I (9) | 0.000 |
| C(2)-C(4)-C(7)-C | Cl(10) | 0.000 |
| C(6)-C(4)-C(7)-C | Cl(10) | 180.000 |
| O(3)-C(5)-C(6)-C | C(4) | 0.000 |
| O(3)-C(5)-C(6)-H | I(9) | 180.000 |
| H(8)-C(5)-C(6)-C | C(4) | 180.000 |
| H(8)-C(5)-C(6)-H | I(9) | 0.000 |

B3LYP/6-31G** Geometric Parameters for s-trans 5



| Cl(1)-C(2) | 1.694 | |
|---|--------------|----------|
| C(2)-C(3) | 1.322 | |
| C(2)-C(4) | 1.423 | |
| C(3)-C(4) | 1.451 | |
| C(3)-H(5) | 1.079 | |
| C(4)-C(6) | 1.345 | |
| C(6)-C(7) | 1.454 | |
| C(6)-H(8) | 1.086 | |
| C(7)-O(9) | 1.221 | |
| C(7)-H(10) | 1.116 | |
| Cl(1)-C(2)-C(3) | 148.078 | |
| Cl(1)-C(2)-C(4) | 148.242 | |
| C(3)-C(2)-C(4) | 63.680 | |
| C(2)-C(3)-C(4) | 61.555 | |
| C(2)-C(3)-H(5) | 149.889 | |
| C(4)-C(3)-H(5) | 148.557 | |
| C(2)-C(4)-C(3) | 54.764 | |
| C(2)-C(4)-C(6) | 153.816 | |
| C(3)-C(4)-C(6) | 151.417 | |
| C(4)-C(6)-C(7) | 120.799 | |
| C(4)-C(6)-H(8) | 120.454 | |
| C(7)-C(6)-H(8) | 118.746 | |
| C(6)-C(7)-O(9) | 125.112 | |
| C(6)-C(7)-H(10) | 114.310 | |
| O(9)-C(7)-H(10) | 120.577 | |
| Cl(1)-C(2)-C(3)-C(3)-C(3)-C(3)-C(3)-C(3)-C(3)-C(3 | C(4) | -180.000 |
| Cl(1)-C(2)-C(3)-I | H(5) | 0.316 |
| C(4)-C(2)-C(3)-H | [(5) | -179.684 |
| Cl(1)-C(2)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4 | C(3) | 180.000 |
| Cl(1)-C(2)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4 | C(6) | -0.316 |
| C(3)-C(2)-C(4)-C | 2(6) | 179.684 |
| C(2)-C(3)-C(4)-C(4) | 2(6) | 180.000 |
| H(5)-C(3)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4 | 2(2) | 180.000 |
| H(5)-C(3)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4)-C(4 | C(6) | 0.000 |
| C(2)-C(4)-C(6)-C | 2(7) | -180.000 |
| C(2)-C(4)-C(6)-H | [(8) | 0.316 |
| C(3)-C(4)-C(6)-C | 2(7) | 0.000 |
| C(3)-C(4)-C(6)-H | I (8) | 180.000 |

| C(4)-C(6)-C(7)-O(9) | 180.000 |
|----------------------|---------|
| C(4)-C(6)-C(7)-H(10) | 0.000 |
| H(8)-C(6)-C(7)-O(9) | 0.000 |
| H(8)-C(6)-C(7)-H(10) | 180.000 |

B3LYP/6-31G** Geometric Parameters for s-cis 5



| C(1)-C(2)-C(3)-H(5) | 180.000 |
|----------------------|----------|
| Cl(6)-C(2)-C(3)-C(1) | 180.000 |
| Cl(6)-C(2)-C(3)-H(5) | 0.000 |
| C(1)-C(4)-C(8)-O(9) | 0.000 |
| C(1)-C(4)-C(8)-H(10) | -180.000 |
| H(7)-C(4)-C(8)-O(9) | -180.000 |
| H(7)-C(4)-C(8)-H(10) | 0.000 |

Experimental and theoretical (B3LYP/6-31G**) IR spectra of two isomers of 3furylchlorocarbene

| # | Experimental | carbene bands | Calculated carbene bands 2b (SYN) | | Calculated carbene bands 2a (ANTI) | |
|----|---------------|-----------------|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| | Wavenumber | Intensity in % | Wavenumber | Intensity in % to | Wavenumber | Intensity in % to |
| | vv u venumber | to biggest peak | (x0.95) | biggest peak | (x0.95) | biggest peak |
| | | | (1101)() | 0188000 p • • • | (10000) | 0188000 p 0000 |
| 1 | 3160 | 2.5 | 3146 | 0.04 | 3141 | 0.2 |
| 2 | 3145 | 7.5 | 3131 | 2.1 | 3128 | 1.6 |
| 3 | 3136 | 2.3 | 3118 | 1.1 | 3119 | 1.0 |
| 4 | 1540a | 16.0 | | | 1513 | 2.5 |
| 5 | 1531s | 13.3 | 1489 | 7.5 | | |
| 6 | 1504a | 91.4 | | | 1459 | 100 |
| 7 | 1496s | 84.3 | 1457 | 100 | | |
| 8 | 1487a | 80.2 | | | | |
| 9 | 1321s | 37.0 | 1312 | 7.0 | | |
| 10 | 1319a | 65 | | | 1340 | 1.1 |
| 11 | 1221a | 7.8 | | | 1285 | 13.2 |
| 12 | 1210s | 4.2 | 1282 | 2.8 | | |
| 13 | 1198a,s | 14.0 | 1188 | 6.9 | 1183 | 0.3 |
| 14 | 1161s | 100 | 1140 | 86.5 | | |
| 15 | 1154a | 100 | | | 1139 | 89.9 |
| 16 | 1097a | 14.8 | | | 1068 | 4.5 |
| 17 | 1091s | 24.5 | 1059 | 9.7 | | |
| 18 | 1027a,s | 13.9 | 979 | 2.8 | 963 | 10.1 |
| 19 | 1021a,s | 17.6 | 944 | 5.5 | 939 | 0.3 |
| 20 | 985a,s | 28.4 | 851 | 3.3 | 850 | 2.8 |
| 21 | 975s | 24.5 | 833 | 8.0 | | |
| 22 | 970a | 22.3 | | | 831 | 14.8 |
| 23 | 876a | 22.5 | | | 827 | 8.6 |
| 24 | 873s | 13.6 | 822 | 6.5 | | |
| 25 | 872a | 26.1 | | | 728 | 12.8 |
| 26 | 864s | 47.5 | 720 | 14.3 | | |
| 27 | 861a | 32.2 | | | 706 | 98.9 |
| 28 | 860s | 42.7 | 696 | 87.1 | | |
| 29 | 770a | 40.7 | | | 669 | 6.9 |
| 30 | 766s | 43.4 | 668 | 11.3 | | |
| 31 | 763a | 38.2 | | | 603 | 0.8 |
| 32 | 758s | 37.6 | 595 | 2.7 | | |
| 33 | 752a | 87.0 | | | 587 | 8.9 |
| 34 | 748s | 85.1 | 587 | 6.9 | | |
| 35 | 698a | 8.3 | | | 357 | 4.1 |
| 36 | 695s | 8.1 | 353 | 8.5 | | |
| 37 | 611s | 12.1 | 213 | 3.4 | 288 | 2.4 |
| 38 | 620a | 13.8 | 174 | 0.5 | 167 | 0.1 |
| 39 | 600a,s | 53.3 | 92 | 1.4 | 100 | 0.1 |

Experimental and theoretical (B3LYP/6-31G**) IR spectra of (γ-chloro-α-formyl)methylecyclopropenes (5)

| # | Experimental bands | | Experimental bands Calculated bands for s-cis-5 | | Calculated bands for | |
|----|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | (unscaled) | | s-trans-5 | 5 (unscaled) |
| # | Wavenumber | Intensity in % to biggest peak | Wavenumber | Intensity in % to biggest peak | Wavenumber | Intensity in % to biggest peak |
| 1 | 2830 | 7.9 | 3313 | 2.5 | 3298 | 2.63 |
| 2 | 2758 | 5.9 | 3208 | 0.8 | 3209 | 0.29 |
| 3 | 2730 | 8.0 | 2900 | 31.0 | 2857 | 24.3 |
| 4 | 1807 | 17.7 | 1865 | 21.3 | | |
| 5 | 1792 | 31.2 | | | 1860 | 22.0 |
| 6 | 1691 | 97.4 | | | 1782 | 78.8 |
| 7 | 1670 | 37.6 | 1755 | 19.6 | | |
| 8 | 1558 | 58.9 | | | 1631 | 100 |
| 9 | 1552 | 52.3 | | | | |
| 10 | 1529 | 100 | 1599 | 100 | | |
| 11 | 1468 | 49.0 | | | | |
| 12 | 1411 | 10.8 | | | 1442 | 3.9 |
| 13 | 1405 | 15.2 | 1437 | 1.1 | | |
| 14 | 1360 | 16.4 | 1378 | 2.0 | 1305 | 0.8 |
| 15 | 1146 | 25.2 | | | 1161 | 25.3 |
| 16 | 1109 | 29.9 | 1130 | 26.0 | | |
| 17 | 1100 | 10.4 | 1057 | 3.1 | | |
| 18 | 1071 | 11.0 | | | 1108 | 15.8 |
| 19 | 1051 | 46.5 | | | 1045 | 7.6 |
| 20 | 1045 | 42.2 | 1026 | 0.4 | | |
| 21 | 979 | 63.2 | 995 | 1.9 | 1018 | 0.3 |
| 22 | 968 | 33.1 | 859 | 1.4 | 864 | 14.9 |
| 23 | 851 | 12.3 | | | 827 | 8.9 |
| 24 | 841 | 10.9 | 820 | 4.6 | | |
| 25 | 806 | 12.3 | 800 | 5.2 | | |
| 26 | 798 | 15.7 | | | 798 | 4.0 |
| 27 | 723 | 28.6 | 781 | 3.8 | 674 | 1.1 |
| 28 | 700 | 16.7 | 580 | 0.05 | 559 | 0.06 |
| 29 | 622 | 37.8 | 559 | 7.6 | 505 | 3.5 |
| 30 | 599 | 58.4 | 463 | 0.1 | 472 | 1.9 |
| 31 | | | 354 | 0.03 | 340 | 0.38 |
| 32 | | | 218 | 2.4 | 242 | 0.63 |
| 33 | | | 208 | 0.06 | 220 | 1.1 |
| 34 | | | 108 | 1.1 | 108 | 0.6 |
| 35 | | | 98 | 0.5 | 105 | 0.1 |