# **Supporting Information**

#### Hammett Analyses of Halocarbene – Halocarbanion Equilibria

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**1.** Calibration of the LFP Spectra. A solution of phenylchlorodiazirine in DCE (A = 0.5) was positioned in the sample cell in the path of the xenon lamp monitoring beam. Apparent intensities were determined at each wavelength scanning from 244 - 804 nm. The intensity measured at each wavelength was divided by the maximum observed intensity to obtain a relative intensity or sensitivity, which takes account of wavelength-dependent variations in the xenon lamp emission, sample absorptivity, and detector sensitivity. A plot of the relative sensitivity vs wavelength (cf. Figure S-1) then afforded a calibration curve, which was used to calibrate the observed signals of PhCCl and PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> in the LFP experiments: i.e., the intensities of the "raw" LFP absorptions were divided by the corresponding relative sensitivities at each wavelength to give the calibrated spectrum.



**Figure S-1**. Calibration curve with phenylchlorodiazirine in DCE, relative sensitivity vs wavelength (nm).



**Figure S-2**. Calibration curve with *p*-chlorophenylchlorodiazirine in DCE, relative sensitivity vs wavelength (nm).



**Figure S-3**. Calibration curve with *p*-trifluoromethylphenylchlorodiazirine in DCE, relative sensitivity vs wavelength (nm).



**Figure S-4**. Calibration curve with *p*-fluorophenylchlorodiazirine in DCE, relative sensitivity vs wavelength (nm).



**Figure S-5**. Calibration curve with *m*-chlorophenylchlorodiazirine in DCE, relative sensitivity vs wavelength (nm).

#### 2. Determination of Equilibrium Constants.



A. 1a/1b (H) [From reference 2]

**Figure S-6**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 88 ns after LFP of phenylchlorodiazirine with 0.105 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of PhCCl are at 292 nm and 604 nm; absorption of PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 404 nm.



**Figure S-7**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 88 ns after LFP of phenylchlorodiazirine with 0.15 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of PhCCl are at 292 nm and 604 nm; absorption of PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 404 nm.



**Figure S-8**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 88 ns after LFP of phenylchlorodiazirine with 0.1865 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of PhCCl are at 292 nm and 604 nm; absorption of  $PhCCl_2^-$  is at 404 nm.



**Figure S-9**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 88 ns after LFP of phenylchlorodiazirine with 0.346 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of PhCCl are at 292 nm and 604 nm; absorption of  $PhCCl_2^-$  is at 404 nm.



**Figure S-10**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 88 ns after LFP of phenylchlorodiazirine with 0.611 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of PhCCl are at 292 nm and 604 nm; absorption of  $PhCCl_2^-$  is at 404 nm.



**Figure S-11**. Calibrated absorption intensities of PhCCl at 292 nm relative to PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> at 404 nm vs 1/[TBACl] in DCE solution at 294 K. The slope of the correlation line is 0.591 M (r = 0.996), leading to  $K = 4.11 (\pm 0.21) \text{ M}^{-1}$ .

B. 1b/2b (p-Cl)



**Figure S-12**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 80 ns after LFP of *p*-chlorophenylchlorodiazirine with 0.25 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *p*-Cl-PhCCl are at 324 nm and 596 nm; absorption of *p*-Cl-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-13**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 80 ns after LFP of *p*-chlorophenylchlorodiazirine with 0.31 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *p*-Cl-PhCCl are at 324 nm and 596 nm; absorption of *p*-Cl-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-14**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 80 ns after LFP of *p*-chlorophenylchlorodiazirine with 0.37 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *p*-Cl-PhCCl are at 324 nm and 596 nm; absorption of p-Cl-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-15**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 80 ns after LFP of *p*-chlorophenylchlorodiazirine with 0.43 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *p*-Cl-PhCCl are at 324 nm and 596 nm; absorption of *p*-Cl-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-16**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 80 ns after LFP of *p*-chlorophenylchlorodiazirine with 0.49 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *p*-Cl-PhCCl are at 324 nm and 596 nm; absorption of *p*-Cl-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-17**. Calibrated absorption intensities of *p*-Cl-PhCCl at 324 nm relative to *p*-Cl-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> at 388 nm vs 1/[TBACl] in DCE solution at 297 K. The slope of the correlation line is 0.072 M (r = 0.996), leading to  $K = 31.3 (\pm 1.72) \text{ M}^{-1}$ .

C. 1c/2c (p-CF3)



**Figure S-18**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 200 ns after LFP of *p*-trifluoromethylphenylchlorodiazirine with 0.013 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *p*-CF<sub>3</sub>-PhCCl are at 324 nm and 628 nm; absorption of p-CF<sub>3</sub>-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-19**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 200 ns after LFP of *p*-trifluoromethylphenylchlorodiazirine with 0.019 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *p*-CF<sub>3</sub>-PhCCl are at 324 nm and 628 nm; absorption of p-CF<sub>3</sub>-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-20**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 200 ns after LFP of *p*-trifluoromethylphenylchlorodiazirine with 0.026 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *p*-CF<sub>3</sub>-PhCCl are at 324 nm and 628 nm; absorption of p-CF<sub>3</sub>-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-21**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 200 ns after LFP of *p*-trifluoromethylphenylchlorodiazirine with 0.13 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *p*-CF<sub>3</sub>-PhCCl are at 324 nm and 628 nm; absorption of p-CF<sub>3</sub>-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-22**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 200 ns after LFP of *p*-trifluoromethylphenylchlorodiazirine with 0.26 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *p*-CF<sub>3</sub>-PhCCl are at 324 nm and 628 nm; absorption of p-CF<sub>3</sub>-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-23**. Calibrated absorption intensities of *p*-CF<sub>3</sub>-PhCCl at 324 nm relative to p-CF<sub>3</sub>-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> at 388 nm vs 1/[TBACl] in DCE solution at 298 K. The slope of the correlation line is 0.00842 M (r = 0.994), leading to  $K = 242 (\pm 15.2) \text{ M}^{-1}$ .

#### D. 1d/2d (p-F)



**Figure S-24**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 80 ns after LFP of *p*-fluorophenylchlorodiazirine with 0.308 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *p*-F-PhCCl are at 316 nm and 612 nm; absorption of p-F-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-25**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 80 ns after LFP of *p*-fluorophenylchlorodiazirine with 0.362 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *p*-F-PhCCl are at 316 nm and 612 nm; absorption of p-F-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-26**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 80 ns after LFP of *p*-fluorophenylchlorodiazirine with 0.41 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *p*-F-PhCCl are at 316 nm and 612 nm; absorption of p-F-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-27**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 80 ns after LFP of *p*-fluorophenylchlorodiazirine with 0.462 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *p*-F-PhCCl are at 316 nm and 612 nm; absorption of p-F-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-28**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 80 ns after LFP of *p*-fluorophenylchlorodiazirine with 0.513 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *p*-F-PhCCl are at 316 nm and 612 nm; absorption of p-F-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-29**. Calibrated absorption intensities of *p*-F-PhCCl at 316 nm relative to p-F-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> at 388 nm vs 1/[TBACl] in DCE solution at 298 K. The slope of the correlation line is 0.900 M (r = 0.994), leading to  $K = 3.04 (\pm 0.17) \text{ M}^{-1}$ .

E. 1e/2e (m-Cl)



**Figure S-30**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 200 ns after LFP of *m*-chlorophenylchlorodiazirine with 0.026 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *m*-Cl-PhCCl are at 308 nm and 612 nm; absorption of *m*-Cl-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-31**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 200 ns after LFP of *m*-chlorophenylchlorodiazirine with 0.065 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *m*-Cl-PhCCl are at 308 nm and 612 nm; absorption of *m*-Cl-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-32**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 200 ns after LFP of *m*-chlorophenylchlorodiazirine with 0.13 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *m*-Cl-PhCCl are at 308 nm and 612 nm; absorption of *m*-Cl-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-33**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 200 ns after LFP of *m*-chlorophenylchlorodiazirine with 0.26 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *m*-Cl-PhCCl are at 308 nm and 612 nm; absorption of *m*-Cl-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-34**. UV-vis spectrum acquired 200 ns after LFP of *m*-chlorophenylchlorodiazirine with 0.51 M TBACl in DCE, after calibration. Absorptions of *m*-Cl-PhCCl are at 308 nm and 612 nm; absorption of *m*-Cl-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> is at 388 nm.



**Figure S-35**. Calibrated absorption intensities of *m*-Cl-PhCCl at 308 nm relative to m-Cl-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> at 388 nm vs 1/[TBACl] in DCE solution at 304 K. The slope of the correlation line is 0.0326 M (r = 0.999), leading to  $K = 55.7 (\pm 0.03) \text{ M}^{-1}$ .



#### 3. Determination of Rate Constants $k_{\rm f}$

**Figure S-36.** Formation of PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> (2a) at 404 nm in DCE. Apparent rate constant (s<sup>-1</sup>) for rise of 2a vs [TBACl] (M). Slope =  $k_f = 1.97 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (r = 0.999).



**Figure S-37.** Formation of *p*-Cl-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> (**2b**) at 388 nm in DCE. Apparent rate constant (s<sup>-1</sup>) for rise of **2b** vs [TBACl] (M). Slope =  $k_f = 3.16 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (r = 0.998).



**Figure S-38.** Formation of p-CF<sub>3</sub>-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> (**2c**) at 388 nm in DCE. Apparent rate constant (s<sup>-1</sup>) for rise of **2c** vs [TBACl] (M). Slope =  $k_f = 5.19 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (r = 0.998).



**Figure S-39.** Formation of *p*-F-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> (2d) at 388 nm in DCE; Apparent rate constant (s<sup>-1</sup>) for rise of 2d vs [TBACl] (M). Slope =  $k_f = 1.02 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (r = 0.998).



**Figure S-40.** Formation of *m*-Cl-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> (2e) at 388 nm in DCE. Apparent rate constant (s<sup>-1</sup>) for rise of 2e vs [TBACl] (M). Slope =  $k_f = 3.85 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  (r = 0.998).

#### 4. Hammett Correlations





**Figure S-41**. Hammett correlation of log  $K_{exp}$  vs  $\sigma_p$  ( $\sigma_m$  for *m*-Cl), omitting X = *p*-F;  $\rho$  = +3.26, *r* = 0.995.



**Figure S-42**. Hammett correlation of log  $K_{exp}$  vs  $\sigma_p$  ( $\sigma_m$  for *m*-Cl);  $\rho = +3.67$ , r = 0.937.



**Figure S-43**. Hammett correlation of log  $K_{exp}$  vs  $\sigma_p^+$  ( $\sigma_m$  for *m*-Cl);  $\rho = +3.01$ , r = 0.959.

**B.** K<sub>calc</sub>



**Figure S-44**. Hammett correlation of log  $K_{calc}$  vs  $\sigma_p$  ( $\sigma_m$  for *m*-Cl);  $\rho = +12.3$ , r = 0.993.



**Figure S-45**. Hammett correlation of log  $K_{calc}$  vs  $\sigma_p^+$  ( $\sigma_m$  for *m*-Cl);  $\rho = +9.6$ , r = 0.977.

C.  $k_{\rm f}$ 



**Figure S-46**. Hammett correlation of log  $k_{\rm f}$  vs  $\sigma_{\rm p}$  ( $\sigma_{\rm m}$  for *m*-Cl), omitting X = *p*-F;  $\rho$  = +0.79, *r* = 0.999.



**Figure S-47**. Hammett correlation of log  $k_{\rm f}$  vs  $\sigma_{\rm p}$  ( $\sigma_{\rm m}$  for *m*-Cl);  $\rho = +1.06$ , r = 0.776.



**Figure S-48**. Hammett correlation of log  $k_{\rm f}$  vs  $\sigma_{\rm p}^+$  ( $\sigma_{\rm m}$  for *m*-Cl);  $\rho = +0.99$ , r = 0.906.



**Figure S-49**. Hammett correlation of log  $k_b$  vs  $\sigma_p$  ( $\sigma_m$  for *m*-Cl), omitting X = *p*-F;  $\rho$  = -2.49, *r* = 0.993.



**Figure S-50**. Hammett correlation of log  $k_b$  vs  $\sigma_p$ ,  $\sigma_p^+$  for *p*-F ( $\sigma_m$  for *m*-Cl);  $\rho = -2.12$ , r = 0.973.





#### 5. Computational details

Electronic structure calculations, based on density functional theory (DFT), were carried out with the Gaussian 09 suite of programs.<sup>1</sup> We employed the long-range and empirically dispersioncorrected wB97XD exchange and correlation functionals<sup>2</sup> with 6-311+G(d) basis sets<sup>3</sup> in geometry optimizations of chloro-carbene and chloro-carbanion structures (wB97XD/6-311+G(d)). The polarizable conductor self-consistent reaction field model (CPCM) was used to incorporate general solvent effects into the calculations; G09 default parameters were applied for the solvent used in the present set of experiments, dichloroethane (DCE).<sup>4</sup> It was found beneficial to increase the integration grid size (integral=ultrafine) and use more stringent geometry optimization cut-offs (opt=tight).<sup>5</sup> The stationary points located on the potential energy surfaces were characterized further by normal mode analysis. The (unscaled) vibrational frequencies formed the basis for the calculation of vibrational zeropoint energy (ZPE) corrections. Standard thermodynamic corrections (based on the harmonic oscillator/rigid rotor approximations and ideal gas behavior) were made to convert from purely electronic energies to enthalpies (*H*;  $\Delta$ ZPE included and T = 298 K) and free energies (*G*; T = 298 K, P = 1 atm).<sup>6</sup> Equilibrium constants were computed at T = 298 K from reaction free energies for carbanion formation corrected to a reference state corresponding to a 1.0 M concentration for each species participating in the reaction. This '2 species going to 1' adjustment was accomplished by simply subtracting 1.89 kcal/mol from the reaction Gibbs free energy changes computed at P = 1 atm by Gaussian 09. Computed thermodynamic parameters for carbanion formation (eq 2 in the text) are collected in Table S-1 below.

Calculations of electronically excited state properties (transition wavelengths ( $\lambda$ ) and oscillator strengths (*f*)) were performed at the optimized ground state geometries using the time-dependent DFT formalism<sup>7</sup> and the B3LYP exchange-correlation functionals<sup>8</sup> (TD-B3LYP/6-311+G(d)//wB97XD/6-311+G(d)). Again, the CPCM model CPCM was used to incorporate the general solvent effects exerted by DCE into the calculations.<sup>4</sup> The character of a particular electronic transition was assigned by consideration of the largest transition amplitude(s) for the excitation and by visualization of the contributing MOs.

Values for transition energies and oscillator strengths derived from excited state calculations with the wB97XD functionals parallel those obtained with the B3LYP functionals.

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Х	$\Delta E$	$\Delta H^{\mathrm{b}}$	$\Delta G^{\mathrm{b}}$	$\Delta\Delta G$	$\Delta G_{\rm corr}^{\ \ \rm c}$	K	K <sub>rel</sub>
<i>p</i> -NO <sub>2</sub>	-27.34	-26.98	-17.43	-20.44	-19.32	1.46E+14	9.69E+14
<i>p</i> -CF <sub>3</sub>	-13.22	-13.23	-4.85	-7.86	-6.74	8.76E+04	5.81E+05
<i>m</i> -Cl	-9.40	-9.32	-0.88	-3.89	-2.77	1.08E+02	7.16E+02
p -Cl	-7.63	-7.43	0.94	-2.07	-0.95	5.00E+00	3.32E+00
<i>р</i> -Н	-5.37	-5.30	3.02	0.00	1.12	1.51E-01	1.00E+00
<i>p</i> -Me	-2.73	-2.58	5.90	2.88	4.00	1.16E-03	7.71E-03
p -OMe <sup>c</sup>	1.19	1.26	9.22	6.21	7.33	4.24E-06	2.81E-05

Table S-1. Computed Thermodynamic Parameters for Carbanion Formation; Eq 2 in Text.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Units are kcal/mol for  $\Delta E$ ,  $\Delta H$ ,  $\Delta G$ ,  $\Delta \Delta G$ , and  $\Delta G_{corr}$ ; M<sup>-1</sup> for K. <sup>b</sup>The reference state for  $\Delta H$  and  $\Delta G$  is T = 298 K and P = 1 atm. <sup>c</sup>The reference state for  $\Delta G_{corr}$  is T = 298 K and a molar concentration of 1.0 M;  $\Delta G_{corr} = \Delta G - 1.89$  kcal/mol

7. wB97XD/6-311+G(d) Optimized geometries and absolute energies; TD-B3LYP/6-311+G(d) electronic excitation energies and oscillator strengths; CPCM solvation model with dichloroethane parameters applied throughout.

#### <u>Cl<sup>-</sup> and p-X-PhCCl, X = H, Cl, CF<sub>3</sub>, and F</u>

Cl-minus		
Charge = -1 Multiplicity = 1 Cl		
SCF Done: $E(RwB97XD) = -460.384183796$	A.U. after	9 cycles
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= Sum of electronic and thermal Energies= Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies= Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-460.3841 -460.38276 -460.38182 -460.3992	84 8 23 207

#### *p*-H-PhCCl

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 1 C,0,0.4233930116,-0.4412518673,0.5545671652 C,0,0.8416407305,-1.7912513909,0.2734517367 C,0,2.1584141986,-2.0658850577,0.6998501511 C,0,0.1040517893,-2.8208888403,-0.3557903972 C,0,2.7225146694,-3.3175575659,0.5084349523 H,0,2.7196861251,-1.2730756966,1.1817434409 C,0,0.6690036385,-4.0652320886,-0.5444536046 H,0,-0.9089163102,-2.6329992634,-0.6915230269 C,0,1.9762717083,-4.3128995994,-0.112891807 H,0,3.7346524494,-3.5189333226,0.8393928571 H,0,0.1019450586,-4.853111381,-1.0269925152 H,0,2.411652322,-5.2948298953,-0.2658644604C1,0,-1.2038643686,-0.1075084888,0.0257649444

SCF Done: $E(RwB97XD) = -729.816403046$	A.U. after	1 cycles
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=	-729.7207	72
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-729.71420	8
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=	-729.71320	64
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-729.752	394

Excited State 32 -> 33	1: Singlet-A 0.71021	1.7372 eV 713.68 nm f=0.0024 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 31 -> 33	2: Singlet-A 0.69848	3.7198 eV 333.30 nm f=0.0324 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 30 -> 33	3: Singlet-A 0.69325	4.2609 eV 290.98 nm f=0.4770 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 32 -> 34	4: Singlet-A 0.70526	4.5206 eV 274.26 nm f=0.0005 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 29 -> 33	5: Singlet-A 0.69928	4.9203 eV 251.98 nm f=0.0002 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>

#### *p*-Cl-PhCCl

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 1 C,0,1.3949119116,-0.9710832968,0. C,0,0.0841256553,-0.3718600852,0. C,0,-0.9629050438,-1.3159765715,0. C,0,-0.2482613073,1.0019058002,0. C,0,-2.2893930783,-0.9208942774,0. H,0,-0.7096670046,-2.3699921523,0. C,0,-1.5646175,1.4075658372,0. H,0,0.5347691225,1.7505136322,0. C,0,-2.5725924252,0.4393267779,0. H,0,-3.0899461926,-1.6497915781,0. H,0,-1.822624131,2.459335178,0. C1,0,2.678476999,0.2034344706,0.C1,0,-4.2301812656,0.9583198852,0.

SCF Done: $E(RwB97XD) = -1189.42464967$	A.U. after 1 cycles
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=	-1189.338678
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-1189.330957
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=	-1189.330013
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-1189.372470

Excited State 40 -> 41	1: Singlet-A" 0.70993	$1.7165 \ eV \ 722.29 \ nm \ f=0.0023 \ =0.000$
Excited State 38 -> 41 39 -> 41	2: Singlet-A' 0.59702 0.36204	3.8579 eV 321.38 nm f=0.0990 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
<i>Excited State</i> 38 -> 41 39 -> 41	3: Singlet-A' -0.35569 0.59793	$3.9950 \ eV \ 310.35 \ nm \ f=0.5454 \ =0.000$
Excited State 40 -> 42	4: Singlet-A" 0.70604	4.3249 eV 286.67 nm f=0.0003 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 36 -> 41 37 -> 41	5: Singlet-A" 0.48203 -0.50574	4.8767 eV 254.24 nm f=0.0001 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>

# *p*-CF3-PhCCl

\_\_\_\_\_ Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 1C,0,1.4051533522,-0.9665864519,-0.0035349231 C,0,0.0813864236,-0.3707895329,-0.0002138943 C,0,-0.9531971462,-1.3211255423,0.0232295397 C,0,-0.2535594104,1.0000894743,-0.0171891856 C,0,-2.2849882905,-0.9290742561,0.0298216531 H,0,-0.6925925529,-2.3729356534,0.0364265554 C,0,-1.574393003,1.3931476494,-0.0104380323 H,0,0.5260545451,1.7516702889,-0.0350956336 C,0,-2.5840451158,0.4251214392,0.014484122 H,0,-3.0729115318,-1.6707667983,0.0492981985 H,0,-1.8279676304,2.4467703707,-0.0217275103 Cl,0,2.6741360148,0.2101963262,-0.0285949101 C,0,-4.0186037523,0.8920974507,-0.0012844714 F,0,-4.2441433461,1.8212904197,0.9432093679 F.0,-4.331632042,1.4551269582,-1.1831078 F,0,-4.8895880943,-0.1028465224,0.2047169685

SCF Done: E(RwB97XD) = -1066.87292579 A.U. after 1 cycles

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=	-1066.772973
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-1066.762761
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=	-1066.761817
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-1066.811808

Excited State 48 -> 49	<i>1: Singlet-A</i> 0.71037	$1.5984 \ eV \ 775.67 \ nm \ f=0.0020 \ =0.000$
Excited State 46 -> 50 47 -> 49	2: Singlet-A 0.10708 0.69787	3.7349 eV 331.96 nm f=0.0365 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 46 -> 49	3: Singlet-A 0.69567	4.2997 eV 288.35 nm f=0.5254 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 48 -> 50	4: Singlet-A 0.70518	4.3616 eV 284.26 nm f=0.0007 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 45 -> 49 48 -> 51	5: Singlet-A 0.68108 0.17439	4.8278 eV 256.82 nm f=0.0000 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>

#### *p*-F-PhCCl

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Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 1 C,0,0.4205903142,-0.4496843571,0.5698824548 C,0,0.8406401135,-1.792022503,0.2736952708 C,0,2.1602942817,-2.0709919882,0.6924239693 C,0,0.103857942,-2.8183165784,-0.3650704964 C,0,2.7332270658,-3.3130775523,0.4901703952 H,0,2.723708652,-1.2846864726,1.1813954359 C,0,0.6610699441,-4.0594784837,-0.5731400716 H,0,-0.9103555593,-2.6319727407,-0.6965000041 C,0,1.9665277267,-4.2792735644,-0.1396636891 H,0,3.7438133868,-3.5389081033,0.8066603782 H,0,0.1143470179,-4.8579282645,-1.0597680927 F,0,2.5018514657,-5.4844753737,-0.3439441473C1,0,-1.2091273428,-0.114608488,0.0495480699

SCF Done: E(RwB97XD) = -829.061109412 A.U. after 1 cycles

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=	-828.973935
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-828.966560
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=	-828.965616
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-829.006822

Excited State 36 -> 37	1: Singlet-A 0.71005	1.7814 eV 696.01 nm f=0.0024 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 34 -> 37 35 -> 37 35 -> 38	2: Singlet-A 0.63217 -0.29311 0.10980	3.9795 eV 311.56 nm f=0.0373 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
<i>Excited State</i> 34 -> 37 35 -> 37	3: Singlet-A 0.28545 0.63165	4.2291 eV 293.17 nm f=0.4874 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 36 -> 38	4: Singlet-A 0.70621	4.3000 eV 288.33 nm f=0.0003 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 33 -> 37	5: Singlet-A 0.69921	4.9765 eV 249.14 nm f=0.0002 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>

#### m-X-PhCCl, X = Cl

# *m*Cl-PhCCl, Cl's 'cis'

Charge = 0 Multiplicity = 1 C,0,-1.8835881085,-0.0649432366,0.5204504737 C,0,-0.4561672777,0.0768458926,0.3326559669 C,0,0.2838424742,1.2765796188,0.2449453388 C,0,0.2195260607,-1.1534209156,0.2326499934 C,0,1.646749109,1.2144606999,0.0639490648 H,0,-0.2115014517,2.2366839986,0.3187556897 C,0,1.5944953356,-1.194085801,0.0502360549 H,0,-0.3581611471,-2.0677622292,0.3013151004 C,0,2.3124842872,-0.0100349584,-0.0346917756 H,0,2.1120333881,-2.1425698795,-0.0264182738 C1,0,-2.7077588,1.4569857588,0.6425934606C1,0,2.5743957855,2.691828217,-0.0462286602

### H,0,3.3867328346,-0.0282315354,-0.1770879236

SCF Done: $E(RwB97XD) = -1189.42273294$	A.U. after 2 cycles
Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=	-1189.336840
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-1189.329107
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=	-1189.328163
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-1189.370711

# Excitation energies and oscillator strengths:

Excited State 40 -> 41	1: Singlet-A 0.71044	$1.6859 \ eV \ 735.43 \ nm \ f=0.0022 \  =0.000$
Excited State 38 -> 41 39 -> 41	2: Singlet-A 0.11883 0.69089	3.4243 eV 362.07 nm f=0.0432 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
<i>Excited State</i> 38 -> 41 39 -> 41	3: Singlet-A 0.68731 -0.11658	4.1914 eV 295.81 nm f=0.3880 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 40 -> 42	4: Singlet-A 0.70562	4.4215 eV 280.41 nm f=0.0001 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 35 -> 41 37 -> 41	5: Singlet-A -0.30837 0.63186	4.8327 eV 256.55 nm f=0.0000 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>

## <u>*p*-X-PhCCl<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, X = H, Cl, CF<sub>3</sub>, and F.</u>

# *p*-H-PhCCl2(-)

Charge = $-1$ Multiplicity = $1$
C,0,-1.4345311315,-0.9468581527,-0.4362011872
C,0,-0.0766239018,-0.4687827994,-0.1425716925
C,0,1.0237075184,-1.3530242104,-0.0804258154
C,0,0.2278141212,0.9097496949,-0.0839167289
C,0,2.3288735737,-0.889073285,0.014302961
H,0,0.8523750879,-2.4224899999,-0.1157184051
C,0,1.5359437852,1.365274729,0.0108249207
H,0,-0.5752617953,1.636370267,-0.1219806329
C,0,2.6054032224,0.474888782,0.0601120485
H,0,3.1413824754,-1.6091322152,0.0588915055
H,0,1.7187333453,2.4355467757,0.0526512434
H,0,3.6263472596,0.8341089461,0.1378373829
Cl,0,-2.7047637457,0.1628282601,0.3225362423
Cl,0,-1.7311117248,-2.6053057822,0.3267980379

SCF Done: E(RwB97XD) = -1190.20914667 A.U. after 1 cycles

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=	-1190.112537
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-1190.104482
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=	-1190.103537
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-1190.146796

## **Excitation energies and oscillator strengths:**

<i>Excited State</i> 41 -> 42 41 -> 45	<i>1: Singlet-A</i> 0.68546 0.12331	3.1567 eV 392.76 nm f=0.1961 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 41 -> 43	2: Singlet-A 0.70118	3.3849 eV 366.29 nm f=0.0038 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 41 -> 44 41 -> 45	3: Singlet-A 0.43192 0.54642	3.8200 eV 324.57 nm f=0.0214 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 41 -> 44 41 -> 45	4: Singlet-A 0.55397 -0.41524	4.0739 eV 304.34 nm f=0.0831 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 41 -> 46	5: Singlet-A 0.63012	4.1786 eV 296.71 nm f=0.0780 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>

Excited State 41 -> 46 41 -> 48 41 -> 52	6: Singlet-A -0.31211 0.61578 -0.13070	4.5120 eV	274.79 nm	f=0.0006	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 41 -> 47	7: Singlet-A 0.68289	4.5126 eV	274.75 nm	f=0.0623	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 41 -> 47 41 -> 49 41 -> 50	8: Singlet-A -0.10504 0.63933 0.26264	4.8801 eV	254.06 nm	f=0.0628	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>

# *p*-Cl-PhCCl2(-)

41 -> 48 0.29551

Charge = -1 Multiplicity = 1
C,0,-1.1011715212,-0.0000033857,0.5711751468
C,0,0.3150760548,-0.0000081386,0.2105415283
C,0,1.0572732192,1.1990372626,0.107767465
C,0,1.057282451,-1.1990494526,0.107774396
C,0,2.4338719891,1.2023024799,-0.0610187751
H,0,0.5482768517,2.1530796175,0.170353301
C,0,2.4338815708,-1.2023043875,-0.0610104702
H,0,0.5482962593,-2.153095892,0.1703674385
C,0,3.1211991003,0.0000014796,-0.1438443964
H,0,2.966020415,2.144689617,-0.1347716341
H,0,2.9660377196,-2.1446876847,-0.1347568647
Cl,0,-1.9746333115,-1.465996369,-0.114698134
Cl,0,-1.9745935289,1.4660236162,-0.1146731735
Cl,0,4.8692473707,0.0000077171,-0.3643776378
SCF Done: $E(RwB97XD) = -1649.82098776$ A.U. after 2 cycles

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=	-1649.733890
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-1649.724616
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=	-1649.723671
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-1649.770178

<i>Excited State</i> 49 -> 50 49 -> 54	<i>1: Singlet-A</i> -0.68241 -0.13453	$3.1343 \ eV \ 395.57 \ nm \ f=0.2421 \ $
Excited State 49 -> 51	2: Singlet-A 0.70269	3.1794 eV 389.96 nm f=0.0049 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 49 -> 52 49 -> 53 49 -> 54 49 -> 56	3: Singlet-A -0.38019 0.10257 0.56674 -0.11468	3.8025 eV 326.06 nm f=0.0171 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 49 -> 50 49 -> 52 49 -> 53 49 -> 54 49 -> 56	4: Singlet-A -0.10081 0.38382 -0.47523 0.30258 -0.13836	4.0083 eV 309.31 nm f=0.0834 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 49 -> 52 49 -> 53 49 -> 54	5: Singlet-A 0.44617 0.50275 0.19196	4.0781 eV 304.02 nm f=0.0297 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 49 -> 55 49 -> 57	6: Singlet-A 0.64018 0.27595	4.1828 eV 296.42 nm f=0.0686 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 49 -> 54 49 -> 56	7: Singlet-A 0.16016 0.67211	4.4897 eV 276.15 nm f=0.0382 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 49 -> 55 49 -> 57 49 -> 62	8: Singlet-A 0.29188 -0.62394 0.13659	4.5355 eV 273.36 nm f=0.0009 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>

# *p*-CF3-PhCCl2(-)

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Charge = -1 Multiplicity = 1 C,0,-1.0864969544,-0.0000004169,0.4642192218

C,0,0.3058586106,-0.0000000469,0.1824122736
C,0,1.0605005226,1.2072753102,0.0886013741
C,0,1.0605019503,-1.2072749416,0.0886060206
C,0,2.4325191311,1.2003848299,-0.0459773726
H,0,0.5494060382,2.1609342818,0.1378558041
C,0,2.4325204764,-1.2003833421,-0.0459726996
H,0,0.5494085577,-2.1609343121,0.1378641221
C,0,3.1478099778,0.0000010869,-0.1050320418
H,0,2.9571896604,2.1486461281,-0.1088092334
H,0,2.9571921524,-2.1486442881,-0.1088008993
Cl,0,-1.9993383655,-1.4630271655,-0.0480569224
Cl,0,-1.9993402587,1.4630232923,-0.0480622084
C,0,4.612487351,0.0000008415,-0.3232854138
F,0,5.2264611476,-1.0835099498,0.2035217344
F,0,4.9650341381,-0.0000106778,-1.6428586811
F,0,5.2264587544,1.0835219481,0.2035026916

SCF Done: E(RwB97XD) = -1527.27816955 A.U. after 2 cycles

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=	-1527.177540
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-1527.165675
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=	-1527.164731
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-1527.218741

# **Excitation energies and oscillator strengths:**

<i>Excited State</i> 57 -> 58 57 -> 60 57 -> 61	<i>1: Singlet-A</i> 0.66874 0.14828 0.15501	3.1220 eV 397.13 nm f=0.2570 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 57 -> 59	2: Singlet-A 0.70342	3.2193 eV 385.13 nm f=0.0096 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 57 -> 60 57 -> 61 57 -> 63	3: Singlet-A -0.30524 0.50238 -0.38509	3.8381 eV 323.03 nm f=0.0116 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 57 -> 58 57 -> 60 57 -> 61 57 -> 63	4: Singlet-A -0.17650 0.61414 0.19702 -0.20333	3.9685 eV 312.42 nm f=0.1900 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>

Excited State 57 -> 62 57 -> 64	5: Singlet-A -0.63430 0.29095	4.1473 eV	298.95 nm	f=0.0410	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 57 -> 61 57 -> 63 57 -> 65	6: Singlet-A 0.41994 0.53927 -0.11592	4.3685 eV	283.81 nm	f=0.0672	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 57 -> 62 57 -> 64 57 -> 69	7: Singlet-A 0.30584 0.61134 -0.15304	4.4250 eV	280.19 nm	f=0.0012	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 57 -> 65 57 -> 66 57 -> 68	8: Singlet-A 0.61268 -0.29098 0.14829	4.7113 eV	263.16 nm	f=0.0864	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 57 -> 65 57 -> 66	9: Singlet-A -0.30189 -0.61916	4.8240 eV	257.01 nm	f=0.0235	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>

#### *p*-F-PhCCl2(-)

Charge = -1 Multiplicity = 1 C,0,-1.4401264698,-0.9477058817,-0.4432740768 C,0,-0.0784193774,-0.4677168029,-0.1444328822 C,0,1.0205863601,-1.3509307994,-0.0849527039 C,0,0.223751737,0.9094178518,-0.0844240313 C,0,2.329563831,-0.895423949,0.0094763644 H,0,0.8530372778,-2.4202881246,-0.1217104145 C,0,1.529016242,1.3754516227,0.0100076714 H,0,-0.5773800981,1.6373039318,-0.120755629 C,0,2.5659798146,0.4644535071,0.0543546722 H,0,3.157600678,-1.5947905753,0.0541872082 H,0,1.7354265804,2.4394611981,0.0551352537 F,0,3.8475860452,0.9162407055,0.151318081 C1,0,-2.7022644195,0.1639039501,0.3343600962C1,0,-1.7260701113,-2.6052756242,0.3338502706

SCF Done: E(RwB97XD) = -1289.45322027 A.U. after 1 cycles

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies= -1289.364921

Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-1289.356016
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=	-1289.355072
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-1289.400488

Excited State 45 -> 47	1: Singlet-A 0.70253	$3.1846 \ eV \ 389.33 \ nm \ f=0.0053 \ =0.000$
Excited State 45 -> 46 45 -> 49	2: Singlet-A 0.68355 0.14258	3.1917 eV 388.46 nm f=0.1776 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 45 -> 46 45 -> 48 45 -> 49 45 -> 51	3: Singlet-A -0.10509 -0.42670 0.53751 -0.11456	3.8452 eV 322.44 nm f=0.0293 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 45 -> 50 45 -> 52	4: Singlet-A 0.63616 0.28386	4.1827 eV 296.42 nm f=0.0796 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 45 -> 48 45 -> 49	5: Singlet-A 0.55786 0.40743	4.1924 eV 295.73 nm f=0.0869 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 45 -> 49 45 -> 51	6: Singlet-A 0.13299 0.68295	4.4617 eV 277.88 nm f=0.0296 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 45 -> 50 45 -> 52 45 -> 57	7: Singlet-A -0.30017 0.62162 -0.13406	4.5463 eV 272.71 nm f=0.0004 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 45 -> 53	8: Singlet-A 0.69552	4.7543 eV 260.78 nm f=0.0156 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>

## $\underline{m\text{-}X\text{-}PhCCl_2}, X = Cl$

# m-Cl-PhCCl2(-)

Charge = -1 Multiplicity = 1

C,0,-1.9330379772,-0.0023257815,0.5420741917
C,0,-0.5078977216,-0.0016789063,0.2454369292
C,0,0.2302616817,1.2029376514,0.1669522122
C,0,0.240494911,-1.2021390576,0.1749739225
C,0,1.6086412229,1.1749052752,0.0593753962
H,0,-0.2780044665,2.1576669326,0.2011955986
C,0,1.6207208245,-1.1924096447,0.0641902834
H,0,-0.2732172636,-2.1545836958,0.2190396126
C,0,2.3421505897,-0.0010008756,0.0067628051
H,0,2.1540476522,-2.1370589541,0.0155723451
Cl,0,-2.7874593947,-1.454440117,-0.1775638647
Cl,0,-2.784453336,1.4742989241,-0.1285278531
Cl,0,2.4706995033,2.713194559,-0.0277807009
H,0,3.4214504144,0.0091776604,-0.0813920178

SCF Done: E(RwB97XD) = -1649.82190198 A.U. after 1 cycles

Sum of electronic and zero-point Energies=	-1649.735062
Sum of electronic and thermal Energies=	-1649.725765
Sum of electronic and thermal Enthalpies=	-1649.724821
Sum of electronic and thermal Free Energies=	-1649.771319

## **Excitation energies and oscillator strengths:**

<i>Excited State</i> 49 -> 50 49 -> 54	1: Singlet-A 0.68182 -0.12186	$3.1526 \ eV \ 393.28 \ nm \ f=0.2139 \ =0.000$
Excited State 49 -> 51	2: Singlet-A 0.70233	3.2328 eV 383.51 nm f=0.0080 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 49 -> 52 49 -> 53 49 -> 54 49 -> 56	3: Singlet-A 0.47669 -0.23720 0.42599 -0.13900	3.8171 eV 324.81 nm f=0.0237 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 49 -> 52 49 -> 53 49 -> 54 49 -> 57	4: Singlet-A 0.19421 0.63973 0.16938 0.11717	3.9558 eV 313.42 nm f=0.0340 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 49 -> 52 49 -> 54	5: Singlet-A -0.45907 0.48279	4.1022 eV 302.24 nm f=0.0806 <s**2>=0.000</s**2>

49 -> 55 49 -> 56 49 -> 57	0.11455 -0.11693 0.10028				
Excited State 49 -> 52 49 -> 53 49 -> 55 49 -> 56 49 -> 57	6: Singlet-A 0.12997 -0.10611 0.62693 0.17372 0.18763	4.3174 eV	287.18 nm	f=0.0529	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 49 -> 54 49 -> 55 49 -> 56 49 -> 57	7: Singlet-A 0.18457 -0.10092 0.62874 -0.18345	4.5405 eV	273.06 nm	f=0.0589	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 49 -> 53 49 -> 55 49 -> 56 49 -> 57	8: Singlet-A -0.10860 -0.26242 0.13944 0.61483	4.5648 eV	271.61 nm	f=0.0080	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>
Excited State 49 -> 58 49 -> 59	9: Singlet-A 0.67741 -0.14491	4.8385 eV	256.25 nm	f=0.0822	<s**2>=0.000</s**2>