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**An IR-spectroscopic and X-ray-structural study of vinyl-type carbocations in their carborane salts**

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## IR spectral data

**Table S1.**

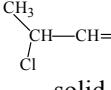
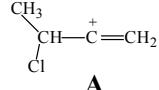
The most indicative frequencies of the C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>8</sub>Cl<sup>+</sup> cation in ATR IR spectra of its salts with anion {F<sub>11</sub><sup>-</sup>} or {Cl<sub>11</sub><sup>-</sup>}

Anion	C-H stretch vibrations	H-C-H and C-C-H bent vibrations			vCC	v <sub>as</sub> C-Cl <sup>+</sup> -C
{F <sub>11</sub> <sup>-</sup> }	3079 2967 2929	1443	1435	*	*	584
{Cl <sub>11</sub> <sup>-</sup> }	3050 2985 2971 2945	1429	1436	1252	883	582

\*Overlapped with strong absorption of the {F<sub>11</sub><sup>-</sup>} anion.

**Table S2.**

The most characteristic frequencies of isomer A in its salts with the {Cl<sub>11</sub><sup>-</sup>} anion in comparison with those of neutral 3-chloro-1-butene<sup>a</sup> (we do not show vibrations whose frequencies in IR spectra of the cations overlap with the intense absorption pattern of anion {Cl<sub>11</sub><sup>-</sup>})

 solid	 A	Assignment <sup>a</sup> Approximate description
3084 s	<sup>b</sup>	=CH <sub>2</sub> asym stretch
3011 w	<sup>b</sup>	=CH stretch
2986 s	<sup>b</sup>	=CH <sub>2</sub> sym stretch
2974 vs	2960	CH <sub>3</sub> asym stretch
2927s	2928	CH <sub>3</sub> sym stretch
2880	2872	Combination
1637 m	1680 s	C=C stretch
1446 s	1446	CH <sub>3</sub> asym deformation
1372 vs	1373	CH <sub>3</sub> sym deformation
1307 w	1301	CH bend =CH <sub>2</sub> rock
1175s	<sup>c</sup>	CC stretch
862s		
1096 m	1093 w	CH <sub>3</sub> rock
708 s	770 s	C-Cl stretch

<sup>a</sup>Lee, M. J., Fusheng, F., Hur, S. W., Liu, J., Gounev, T. K., Durig, J. R. Raman and infrared spectra, conformational stability, normal coordinate analysis and ab initio calculations of 3-chloro-1-butene. *J. Raman Spectrosc.* 2000, 31, 157-169; <sup>b</sup> it is assumed that the protons of groups =CH<sub>2</sub> and =CH participate in fast proton exchange and do not yield narrow absorption bands in the IR spectra; <sup>c</sup> the frequencies of CC stretches of the cation differ significantly from those of a neutral molecule and were not identified with certainty

**Table S3.** The most characteristic frequencies of an IP in isomer **IV** of cation C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>7</sub><sup>+</sup> in its salt with the {Cl<sub>11</sub><sup>-</sup>} anion in comparison with those of neutral compound 1-butene (we do not show cations' vibrations whose frequencies overlap with the intense absorption pattern of anion {Cl<sub>11</sub><sup>-</sup>})

CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> —CH=CH <sub>2</sub> cis / trans; gas <sup>a</sup>	CH <sub>3</sub> CH <sub>2</sub> —C <sup>+</sup> =CH <sub>2</sub> <b>IP</b> of isomer <b>IV</b>	Assignment <sup>a</sup> Approximate description
3090	3112	=CH <sub>2</sub> asym stretch
3019	<sup>b</sup>	=CH stretch
3008	3056	=CH <sub>2</sub> sym stretch
2982 2978	2850	CH <sub>3</sub> asym stretch
2952 2948	2811	CH <sub>3</sub> sym stretch
2936	<sup>b</sup>	CH <sub>2</sub> asym stretch
2888	<sup>b</sup>	CH <sub>2</sub> sym stretch
-	2743	Combination
1643 1647	1588	C=C stretch
1460 1463	1460	CH <sub>3</sub> asym deformation
1450 1444	1441	CH <sub>2</sub> deformation
1426 1421	1412	=CH <sub>2</sub> deformation
1380	1380	CH <sub>3</sub> sym deformation
1342 1318	<sup>b</sup>	CH <sub>2</sub> wag
1071 1079	1076	=CH <sub>2</sub> rock
988 1020	<sup>c</sup>	CC stretch
836 854		

<sup>a</sup> R. Durig, D. A. C. Compton. Spectroscopic and Thermodynamic Study of the Conformational Properties and Torsional Potential Functions of 1-Butene. *J. Phys. Chem.* 1980, 84, 773-781; <sup>b</sup> not determined; <sup>c</sup> the frequencies of CC stretches of the cation differ significantly from those of a neutral molecule and were not identified with certainty.

## Crystal phase data

**Table S4**

Crystallographic data and details of the XRD experiment

Compound	Salt of isomers <b>A/B</b>	Salt of isomer <b>III</b>	Salt of isomers <b>I/II</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>6</sub> Cl + CHB <sub>11</sub> Cl <sub>11</sub>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>7</sub> +C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>8</sub> +CHB <sub>11</sub> F <sub>11</sub>	C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>7</sub> + CH B <sub>11</sub> Cl <sub>11</sub>
Formula weight	611.42	452.13	576.97
Temperature K	200(2)	200(2)	200(2)
Wavelength Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	Pnma	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P2 <sub>1</sub>
Unit cell dimensions <i>a</i> Å	14.7756(8)	8.252(3)	9.241(3)
<i>b</i> Å	11.9476(7)	11.928(4)	13.060(4)
<i>c</i> Å	12.6233(8)	9.977(4)	10.830(4)
$\alpha$ °	90	90	90
$\beta$ °	90	105.841(11)	102.475(12)
$\gamma$ °	90	90	90
Volume Å <sup>3</sup>	2228.4(2)	944.7(6)	1276.2(7)
Z	2	2	2
Density (calcd.) Mg.m <sup>-3</sup>	1.822	1.589	1.501
Abs. coefficient mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.485	0.159	1.190
F(000)	1184	448	560
Crystal size mm <sup>3</sup>	0.1 x 0.15 x 0.2	0.10 x 0.20 x 0.30	0.08 x 0.15 x 0.20
Θ range for data collection °	2.1 – 26.0	2.6 - 25.1	2.3 – 26.1
Index ranges	-18 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 18, -14 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 14, -15 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 15	-9 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 9, -14 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 14, -11 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 11	-10 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 11, -16 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 16, -13 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 13
Reflections collected	37223	11028	12368
Independent reflections	2300 R(int) = 0.049	1680 R(int )= 0.068	5024 R(int )= 0.056
Completeness to θ %	99.8	99.1	99.4
Data / restraints / parameters	2300 / 111 / 199	1680 / 56 / 172	5024/ 182 / 275
Goodness-of-fit for <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.16	1.04	1.07

Final R indices $I > 2\sigma(I)$	$R_1 = 0.0626, wR_2 = 0.1635$	$R_1 = 0.1537, wR_2 = 0.3426$	$R_1 = 0.0736, wR_2 = 0.1995$
Final R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0739, wR_2 = 0.1697$	$R_1 = 0.2256, wR_2 = 0.3860$	$R_1 = 0.0975, wR_2 = 0.2178$
Largest diff. peak / hole e. $\text{\AA}^{-3}$	1.23 / -0.81	0.70 / -0.56	2.5 / -0.63

**Table S5.** Selected bond lengths and bond angles for isomers **A** and **B** of cation  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_7\text{Cl}^+$  in the salt with the  $\text{CHB}_{11}\text{Cl}_{11}^-$  counterion

Isomer <b>A</b>		Isomer <b>B</b>	
Bond	Length ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Bond	Length ( $\text{\AA}$ )
C1K1–C3K1	1.33(2)	C1K2–C3K2	1.50(2)
C3K1–C4K1	1.50(3)	C3K2–C4K2	1.33(3)
C4K1–Cl1K	1.96(3)	C4K2–Cl2K	1.75(3)
C4K1–C2K1	1.52(3)	C4K2–C2K2	1.51(3)
Bond angles	( $^\circ$ )	Bond angles	( $^\circ$ )
C1K1–C3K1–C4K1	140(2)	C1K2–C3K2–C4K2	125(2)
C3K1–C4K1–C2K1	143(3)	C3K2–C4K2–C2K2	148(2)

**Table S6.** Selected bond lengths and bond angles for isomers **I**, **IIa** and **IIb** of cation  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_7^+$  in the salt with the  $\text{CHB}_{11}\text{Cl}_{11}^-$  counterion

Isomer <b>IIa</b>		Isomer <b>IIb</b>		Isomer <b>I</b>	
Bond	Length ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Bond	Length ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Bond	Length ( $\text{\AA}$ )
C1–C2	1.47(5)	C3'–C4	1.30(3)	C2''–C3''	1.39(3)
C2–C3	1.39(3)	C3'–C8'	1.55(2)	C2''–C6	1.51(4)
C3–C4	1.55(2)	C4–C7	1.47(4)	C3''–C8''	1.55(2)
Bond angles	( $^\circ$ )	Bond angles	( $^\circ$ )	Bond angles	( $^\circ$ )
C1–C2–C3	129(2)	C4–C3'–C8'	126(2)	C3''–C2''–C6	107(2)
C2–C3–C4	120(2)	C3'–C4–C7	130(2)	C2''–C3''–C8''	120(2)

**Table S7.** Selected bond lengths and bond angles for isomer **III** of cation  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_7^+$  and a 2-butene molecule in the salt with the  $\text{CHB}_{11}\text{F}_{11}^-$  counterion

Isomer <b>III</b>		2-butene	
Bond	Length ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Bond	Length ( $\text{\AA}$ )
C1–C2	1.51(3)	C1'–C2'	1.50(3)
C2–C3	1.34(2)	C2'–C3'	1.35(4)
C3–C4	1.51(3)	C3'–C4'	1.51(3)
Bond angles	( $^\circ$ )	Bond angles	( $^\circ$ )
C1–C2–C3	107(2)	C1'–C2'–C3'	112(2)
C2–C3–C4	126(2)	C2'–C3'–C4'	122(1)

