The Molecular Structure of Monofluorobenzaldehydes

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Previous Studies

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Rotational Isomerism in Monofluorobenzaldehydes

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Microwave spectra of 2- and 3-fluorobenzaldehydes have been investigated in the frequency region 26.5-40.0 GHz. Only the *O-trans* form of 2fluorobenzaldehyde was detected in the gas phase. Analysis of 3-fluorobenzaldehyde confirmed the existence of two rotational isomers: *O-cis* and *O-trans*. From relative intensity measurements the *O-cis* form was shown to be more stable than the *O-trans* form by 300 ± 200 cal mol⁻¹. The inertia defect values and the variation of the rotational constants with the torsional quantum number demonstrate that the equilibrium geometry is planar for all rotamers. Molecular structures which are in very good agreement with experimental rotational constants have also been derived.





Potential Energy Curve



cp FTMW Spectrometer



L. Evangelisti, G. Sedo, J. van Wijngaarden, J. Phys. Chem. A, 2011, 115, 685-690

Experimental Conditions



O-trans 2FBA: 414 - 313



3FBA: O-cis & O-trans



Balle Flygare FTMW Spectrometer



G. Sedo, J. van Wijngaarden, J. Chem. Phys. 2009, 131, 044303.

Line collection: 4-26 GHz





¹³C-6

¹³C-12



	Dipole/D	#line
a-type	2.18	39
b-type	0.08	10

Isotope	#line
¹³ C-1	6
¹³ C-2	9
¹³ C-3	8
¹³ C-4	9
¹³ C-5	8
¹³ C-6	10
¹³ C-12	9

* All dipole moments are calculated at MP2/ aug-cc-pVTZ

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SPFIT: Watson - A reduction

		2FBA	O-trans		
			This work	Previous work*	
		A/MHz	2567.599481(46)	2567.609(3)	
		B/MHz	1560.865217(16)	1560.8694(9)	
		C/MHz	970.950256(10)	970.954(1)	
		$\Delta_{ m J}/ m kHz$	0.059225(94)	0.072(2)	
		Δ_{JK}/kHz	0.13286(34)	0.128(4)	
		Δ_{K}/kHz	0.1297(16)	0.19(2)	
		δյ/kHz	0.021890(48)	0.0221(5)	
		δ _κ /kHz	0.15851(33)	0.151(4)	
		RMS/kHz	0.484	46	
3FTBA		O-cis		O-tra	ans
	TI	his work	Previous work*	This work	Previous work*
A/MHz	2919.	.250865(64)	2919.255(2)	3657.20290(52)	3657.169(5)
B/MHz	1269.	.700848(41)	1269.697(2)	1114.785459(66)	1114.781(2)
C/MHz	884.	961618(28)	884.964(2)	854.522877(50)	854.530(2)
$\Delta_{ m J}/ m kHz$	0.06489(31)		0.062(4)	0.02374(33)	0.024(4)
$\Delta_{\sf JK}/{\sf kHz}$	-0.	.1789(15)	-0.17(2)	0.1237(17)	0.13(1)
Δ_{K}/kHz	0.6396(37)		0.67(5)	0.75(51)	/
δ _J /kHz	0.0	02357(15)	0.018(2)	0.00601(21)	/
δ _κ /kHz	0.1043(17)		0.08(2)	0.115(18)	/
RMS/kHz		0.806	47	0.491	66

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Effective Structure - r₀

	2FBA O- <i>trans</i>		3FBA			
			O-cis		O-trans	
	r _e	r _o	r _e	r _o	r _e	r _o
R(C1-C2)	1.393	1.385(11)	1.398	1.407(9)	1.397	1.379(9)
R(C3-C2)	1.385	1.388(3)	1.382	1.375(11)	1.385	1.396(6)
R(C4-C3)	1.392	1.396(4)	1.391	1.392(4)	1.387	1.388(3)
R(C5-C4)	1.397	1.399(6)	1.393	1.395(4)	1.396	1.396(5)
R(C6-C5)	1.388	1.402(10)	1.393	1.405(10)	1.390	1.398(6)
R(C1-C6)	1.400	1.402(13)	1.396	1.385(7)	1.397	1.410(12)
R(C7-C1)	1.480	1.491(6)	1.479	1.491(5)	1.479	1.488(6)
R(013-C7)	1.220	1.218(10)				
∠(C3-C2-C1)	122.5	122.8(5)	117.9	117.3(5)	118.3	118.0(5)
∠(C4-C3-C2)	118.5	118.1(3)	122.5	123.2(3)	122.2	122.5(2)
∠(C5-C4-C3)	120.5	120.6(1)	118.8	118.5(2)	118.7	118.5(2)
∠(C6-C5-C4)	120.0	120.0(2)	120.1	120.0(2)	120.5	120.5(2)
∠(C2-C1-C6)	120.6	119.8(5)	119.8	119.5(5)	119.5	119.0(3)
∠(C1-C6-C5)	118.1	118.7(6)	120.8	121.5(6)	120.7	121.3(5)
∠(C7-C1-C2)	121.5	121.5(10)	119.9	119.4(6)	118.6	119.1(9)
∠(O13-C7-C1)	123.0	122.5(11)				

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Structural Analysis: 2FBA



Equilibrium structures are calculated at MP2/ aug-cc-pVTZ, and atomic charges shown are Mulliken charges.

Structural Analysis: O-*cis* **3FBA**



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Structural Analysis: O-*cis* **3FBA**



Equilibrium structures are calculated at MP2/ aug-cc-pVTZ.

Structural Analysis: O-trans 3FBA



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