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# a)-Weak Hydrogen Bondingb)-Proton Transfer and Tunnelling

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#### **KEY WORDS**

- •Hydrogen Bonding
- •Solvation at a Molecular Level
- •Molecular Beams
- •Molecular Dynamics
- •Molecular Clusters
- •Large Amplitude Motions
- •Molecules of Biological Interest
- •Conformational Equilibria
- •Species of Astronomical Interest.
- •Vibration relaxation in supersonic expansions

## Schedule

1) Description of the Experimental Techniques (skip...)

2) Theoretical models (skip...).

3) Weak Hydrogen Bonding and not.
a) Features of weak intermolecular hydrogen bonds

C-H···O
C-H···F

b) Does water prefer F or Cl for Hydrogen Bonding?

Is O-H···Cl or O-H···F favoured?

4) **Proton Transfer and Tunnelling** 

5) H-Bond Isotopomeric Conformational Change

# Theoretical Models: we are the seven digits scientists

- 1) Interpretation of the rotational spectra with standard deviations of the fits down to a few kHz (10<sup>-7</sup> cm<sup>-1</sup>): Watson Hamiltonian, Coupled Hamiltonians..
- *2)* Flexible models to handle vibrational and rotational spacings: potential energy surfaces and structural relaxations.
- *3) Distributed polarisability models: economy calculations of conformations and potential energy surfaces of molecular adducts.*
- *4) Standard ab initio and DFT calculations (Gaussian and Gamess)*

## Features of weak C-H…O and C-H…F intermolecular hydrogen bonds by Fourier transform microwave spectroscopy

"The weak hydrogen bond in structural chemistry and biology" IUCr Monographs on crystallography, Vol. IX (G.R.Desiraju and T.Steiner Ed.s) Oxford University Press, (2001).

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Before of our investigations, data were available only from X-rays diffraction, theoretical calculations, IR measurements in rare gas solution, and nonrotationally resolved spectroscopy



#### difluoromethane---difluoromethane



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#### **Dimethylether Dimethylether**



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## Oxirane-trifluoromethane

The investigation of the parent and of its two <sup>13</sup>C species has been used to establish a  $C_s$  geometry, with the two moieties bound by one C-H···O and two C-H···F-C hydrogen bonds. An overall bonding energy of about 6.7 kJ/mol has been derived from the centrifugal distortion analysis. The lengths of the C–H···O and C–H···F hydrogen bonds,  $r(O \cdots H)$  and  $r(F \cdots H)$ , are 2.37 and 2.68 Å, respectively. The C–H···F–C interactions are at the origin of the HCF<sub>3</sub> internal rotation motion barrier of 0.55(1) kJ/mol giving rise to the A-E splittings observed in the rotational spectra.



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## Oxirane-trifluoromethane



## Oxirane-Difluoromethane



### Cyclobutanone-trifluoromethane

This is the first rotationally resolved investigation of a complex with a C–H $\cdots$ O interaction involving one carbonylic oxygen. This bridge, together with two C–H $\cdots$ F weak hydrogen bonds, can stabilizes the two configurations shown below.



### Cyclobutanone-trifluoromethane

The spectroscopic constants, shown aside, can match only the two configurations shown below. The dissociation energy has been estimated 7.5 kJ/mol.



A/MHz	3570.6784(20) <sup>a</sup>
B/MHz	636.00926(10)
C/MHz	604.18927(10)
$D_{ m J}/ m kHz$	0.36124(20)
$D_{ m JK}/ m kHz$	4.315(8)
$D_{\rm K}/{\rm kHz}$	11.4(4)
$d_1/\mathrm{kHz}$	-0.01020(24)
$d_2/\mathrm{kHz}$	0.00938(10)
$H_{ m JK}/ m Hz$	-0.08(2)
$H_{ m KJ}/ m Hz$	-0.9(4)
$N^{\mathrm{b}}$	67
$J_{\max}$	12
$\sigma^{ m c/kHz}$	1.4

#### Cyclobutanone-trifluoromethane

The WHB parameters obtained are shown below.

	$r_0^{[a]}$	ab initio <sup>[b]</sup>						
1) $r_0$ fitted parameters								
<i>r</i> (O ••H)	$2.40(1)^{a}$	2.39						
α	122.4(2)	129.0						
eta	128.9(4)	118.6						
2) Derived WHB	parameter							
<i>r</i> (F ••H)	<b>2.86(1)</b>	2.87						
∠(CHF)	114(1)	112.7						



## 1,4-dioxane-trifluoromethane

In the adduct 1,4-dioxane-trifluoromethane (DXN···CHF<sub>3</sub>), the CH···O interaction can take place with the axial or the equatorial lone pair of the ring oxygen, giving rise to the two plausible configurations, axial or equatorial, both with three, CH···O or CH···F WHB linkages, as shown below.



## 1,4-dioxane-trifluoromethane

The  $C_{\rm s}$  conformation with CHF<sub>3</sub> axial with respect to 1,3-dioxane has been assigned. It is stabilized by one C–H···O and two C–H···F weak hydrogen bonds. The dissociation energy has been estimated from the  $D_{\rm J}$  centrifugal distortion parameter to be ca. 6.8 kJ/mol.



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MP2/6-311++G(2df, 2p):

 $\Delta E/cm^{-1}$  I:713.8 II:0.0 III: 29.7 IV:113.9 V:119.7

I and II: two minima with three WHBs, but differ in dipoledipole interaction energy.

**III - V:** saddle points.

The spectra of three isotopomers, split by the internal rotations of the  $CH_3$  and  $CF_3$  tops, gave the results in the Table.

Lines in red give the internal rotation parameters for the internal rotation of the CF<sub>3</sub> top

	CH <sub>3</sub> F-CHF <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub> F- <sup>13</sup> CHF <sub>3</sub>	<sup>13</sup> CH <sub>3</sub> F-CHF <sub>3</sub>
A/MHz	6451.696(2) <sup>[b]</sup>	6456(5)	6440(2)
<i>B</i> /MHz	1459.976(6)	1456.23(2)	1430.48(1)
C/MHz	1413.440(6)	1410.10(2)	1386.47(1)
$D_{ m J}/ m kHz$	2.740 (3)	2.720(7)	2.668(3)
$D_{ m JK}/ m kHz$	53.44(2)	52.2(5)	51.2(2)
$D_{\rm K}/{ m kHz}$	16.3(3)	[16.3] <sup>[c]</sup>	[16.3]
<i>d</i> J/kHz	0.222(2)	0.219(5)	0.204(2)
d <sub>K</sub> ∕kHz	1.4(90)	[1.4]	[1.4]
$I_{\alpha}$ / u Å <sup>2</sup>	86.0(3)	89(3)	86(2)
$\angle (a,i)^{[d]}$	51.4(1)	53(2)	50.6(8)
$V_3 / kJ$	0.840(5)	0.80(3)	0.88(2)
N <sup>[e]</sup>	64	24	22
$\sigma^{ text{[f]}}$ /kHz	3.2	4.1	1.5
$P_{bb}/u\text{\AA}^2$	44.865(1) <sup>[g]</sup>	44.82(4)	44.85(2)

Fluoromethane-trifluoromethane is stabilized by three CH…F weak hydrogen bonds and electrostatic dipole-dipole interaction, and it is internally highly dynamic.

 $E_{\rm D} = 5.3 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$   $\approx 1.8 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}/\text{each C-H} \cdots \text{F}$   $V'_3 (CF_3) = 0.84 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$  $V_3 (CH_3) = 0.36 \text{ kJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$ 





Comparison between the internal rotation parameters for the  $CF_3$  and  $CH_3$  internal rotors of  $CH_3F$ ··· $CHF_3$ 

Internal rotor	CF <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>3</sub>		
$I_{\alpha}$ / u Å <sup>2</sup>	85.0	3.20		
V <sub>3</sub> / kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	0.840	0.36		
S	67.92	2.5	Dynamic an	d inertial effects
$\Delta_{\rm AE}{}^{[a]}$ / MHz	<b>2.6·10</b> <sup>-1</sup>	<b>1.2·10<sup>5</sup></b>	Ratio ≈ 10 <sup>6</sup>	
N <sub>levels</sub> <sup>[b]</sup>	12	2		

#### Dimethylether-H<sub>2</sub>O & Dimethylether-CHF<sub>3</sub>





## Dimethylether (DME) --- H<sub>2</sub>O

#### Water is tunnelling from one oxygen lone pair to the other



CH3

CH<sub>3</sub>

 $-H_2O$ 

#### **Dimethylether (DME)** •••**H**<sub>2</sub>**O**

	DME…H <sub>2</sub> O		DME·	···H <sub>2</sub> <sup>18</sup> O	DME	···DOH	DME	··DOD
	0+	0-	0+	0-	0+	0-	0+	0-
A (MHz)	9412.5(3)	9397.7(3)	9406.5(4)	9392.8(4)	9394.9(4)	9384.0(5)	9310.7(5)	9305.2(6)
B (MHz)	3449.52(6)	3447.66(6)	3220.13(6)	3218.89(7)	3413.53(7)	3412.46(6)	3236.28(4)	3235.85(3)
C (MHz)	2687.9(2)	2689.4(2)	2547.5(3)	2548.8(3)	2668.2(4)	2669.3(4)	2563.9(4)	2564.2(4)
D <sub>J</sub> (kHz)	14.'	78(9)	14.4	14.42(13)		14.0(2)		2(5)
D <sub>K</sub> (kHz)	-174(18)		-21	.(23)	-124	-124(20)		5(16)
D <sub>JK</sub> (kHz)	634.8(4)	553.5(6)	567.7(7)	<b>500(1)</b>	564.5(6)	510.2(7)	<b>467</b> (1)	445(1)
d <sub>1</sub> (kHz)	-6.48(5)	-5.80(5)	-5.52(6)	-5.06(7)	-6.15(7)	-5.70(8)	-5.2(2)	-5.0(2)
d <sub>2</sub> (kHz)	-5.74(1)	-4.86(1)	-4.57(1)	-3.91(1)	<b>-4.99</b> (1)	-4.40(2)	-3.666(9)	-3.46(1)
H <sub>JJK</sub> (Hz)	-151(2)	-117(2)	-135(3)	<b>-99</b> (3)	-125(3)	-88(2)	-86(1)	-75(1)
H <sub>JKK</sub> (Hz)	<b>916(4)</b>	462(4)	825(6)	383(6)	748(6)	393(4)	506(3)	344(3)
F <sub>ac</sub> (MHz)	14	6(5)	15	9(6)	164(7)		154(9)	
F' <sub>ac</sub> (kHz)	95	5(3)	83	<b>3</b> (4)	<b>94(5</b> )		103(15)	
ΔE (GHz)	2.9	3(8)	2.3	6(8)	1.96(8)		0.61(6)	
N	8	31	7	70		66		2
σ(MHz)	0.15		0.12		0.12		0.11	

CH3

CH<sub>3</sub>,

**O**---H<sub>2</sub>O

#### **Dimethylether**...**CHF**<sub>3</sub>



A /MHz	3958.0
B / MHz	956.767
C / MHz	896.190
Dist. const	•••
$I_{\alpha} / u Å^2$	85
V <sub>3</sub> / kJ mol <sup>-1</sup>	0.44

Where Hydrogen bonding?...

#### Difluorometano…H<sub>2</sub>O

$$r(F - H) = 2.20(1) \text{ Å}$$
  
 $\alpha = 93(1)^{\circ}$   
 $\beta = 135(3)^{\circ}$   
 $V_2 = 340 \text{ cm} - 1$ 

$$E_{0,0} = 7.5 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

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#### CH<sub>2</sub>ClF-H<sub>2</sub>O & CH<sub>2</sub>ClF- CH<sub>2</sub>ClF

#### Is O-H…Cl stronger than the O-H…F H-bond?





#### Tetrafluoromethane---H<sub>2</sub>O



#### **INTERACTION PLANE-SPHERE**

#### **Tetrafluoromethane**---water

#### **Classically an asymmetric top, but...**





## **Proton transfer and tunnelling**

#### 1) Malonaldehyde and acetylacetone

Malonaldehyde and acetylacetone can be considered prototype molecules for studying the keto-enol tautomerization.



#### 2) 2-Hydroxypyridine/2-Pyridinone

The protomeric tautomerism of PY and HY is frequently considered to be the prototype for the oxo-hydroxy tautomerization process in heterocyclic compounds.



#### **Malonaldehyde and Derivatives**

The rotational spectrum of malonaldehyde, characterized by a doubling of the rotational lines corresponding to a W-shaped potential, showed unambiguously that it behaves according to the Cs form below<sup>a</sup>



The same characteristics were found for 2-nitromalonaldehyde<sup>b</sup> and 2-methyl-malonaldehyde.<sup>c</sup>

Combining ab initio and flexible model calculations with the experimental data a barrier to the proton transfer of 3.3 kcal/mol has been determined.<sup>d</sup>

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#### Malonaldehyde

## Rotational constants of malonaldehyde and isotopic species derived from *ab initio* results

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A quantum mechanical treatment based on *ab initio* results for the 21-dimensional potential energy surface of malonaldehyde is extended to yield the rotational constants of the lowest two states of the hydrogen transfer motion. The approximate separation of rotation from internal motion by an Eckart type transformation allows one to use a restricted basis set involving not more than one quantum of excitation for the 20 small vibrations. The results agree with experiment on the apparent structural effects of tunnelling excitation and their dependence on isotopic substitution. In the case of asymmetrically substituted species, the extent of localization confirms qualitative estimates from observation. The second moments derived from the rotational constants indicate that the molecular extension is underestimated in the  $O \cdots O$  direction and overestimated perpendicular to this direction within the molecular plane. The agreement with experiment is shown to improve significantly by correcting the equilibrium geometry but only marginally by varying further properties of the minimum energy path.

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#### Malonaldehyde



Second moments Maa and Mbb for the parent and symmetrically (left) and asymmetrically (right) substituted species of malonaldehyde, as obtained from the rotational constants ab initio, after correcting the barrier and the equilibrium structure and from observations. The three points are connected by a full line for the lowest energy level (state 1) and by a dotted line for the second lowest level (state 2) of the hydrogen transfer mode



Acetylacetone (AcAc) comprises two tautomeric forms in dynamic equilibrium; together with malonaldheyde it can be considered a prototype molecule for studying the keto-enolic tautomerization.

The two methyl groups makes AcAc a tremendously complicated system. The tautomeric/conformational equilibrium can be understood from the rotational spectrum. We will present here the first step in this direction: the assignment of rotational spectrum of the enolic species.



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#### Two gas phase electron diffraction investigations, contrasting results

#### **Acetylacetone: tautomerism**





Figure 1. Schematic representation of the energy differences for the different structures of acetylacetone. Energies are taken from MP2/ D95\*\* with zero-point vibrational correction (see Table 1).

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Acetylacetone: Conformations of the cheto-form							
Species							
Symmetry:	<b>C</b> <sub>2</sub>	$\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{s}}$					
Energy(kcal/mol): <sup>a</sup>	1.9	5.8					
Experimental data:	yes	no					
<sup>a</sup> B3LYP/6-311++G** <sup>b</sup> Gas phase: ED, Ref.s 1) and 2) below							
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#### **Acetylacetone: Rotational spectrum**

MB-FTMW transi	tions	Millimeter-wave free jet transitions					
$J'(K_{\mathrm{a}}',K_{\mathrm{c}}') \leftarrow J''(K_{\mathrm{a}}'',K_{\mathrm{c}}'')$	ν	$J'(K_{\mathrm{a}}',K_{\mathrm{c}}') \leftarrow J''(K_{\mathrm{a}}'',K_{\mathrm{c}}'')$	ν	$J'(K_a') \leftarrow J''(K_a'')^a$	ν		
1(1,1)-0(0,0)	7382.902	7(5,3)-6(4,2)	61975.69	6(6)-5(5)	67878.86		
2(1,2)-1(0,1)	10084.243	7(5,2)-6(4,3)	61977.03	7(6)-6(5)	70957.58		
2(2,1)-1(1,0)	19447.010	8(5,4)-7(4,3)	65043.75	8(6)-7(5)	74034.29		
2(2,0)-1(1,1)	19842.711	8(5,3)-7(4,4)	65048.75	8(8)-8(7)	67327.38		
3(1,3)-2(0,2)	12608.377	9(5,5)-8(4,4)	68099.61	9(8)-9(7)	67310.18		
3(2,2)-2(1,1)	22148.196	9(5,4)-8(4,5)	68114.58	9(9)-9(8)	76295.47		
3(2,2)-3(1,3)	14617.004	9(6,4)-8(5,3)	77107.10	10(8)-10(7)	67287.50		
3(2,1)-2(1,2)	23380.963	9(6,3)-8(5,4)	77107.51	10(9)-10(8)	76278.27		
3(2,1)-3(1,2)	12497.519	10(4,7)-9(3,6)	61574.48	11(8)-11(7)	67258.16		
3(3,1)-3(2,2)	22488.923	10(4,6)-9(3,7)	62432.43	11(9)-11(8)	76256.41		
3(3,0)-3(2,1)	22374.759	10(5,6)-9(4,5)	71135.40	12(8)-12(7)	67220.75		
4(1,4)-3(0,3)	14985.362	10(5,5)-9(4,6)	71174.53	12(9)-12(8)	76228.85		
4(2,3)-3(1,2)	24659.968	11(3,8)-10(2,9)	61398.35	13(8)-13(7)	67173.86		
4(2,3)-4(1,4)	15387.585	11(4,8)-10(3,7)	64155.86	13(9)-13(8)	76195.00		
4(3,2)-4(2,3)	22550.189	11(4,7)-10(3,8)	65716.64	14(8)-14(7)	67115.79		
4(3,1)-4(2,2)	22215.349	11(5,7)-10(4,6)	74139.35	14(9)-14(8)	76153.01		
5(1,5)-4(0,4)	17261.716	11(5,6)-10(4,7)	74230.08	15(8)-15(7)	67045.19		
5(1,4)-5(0,5)	7893.393	12(3,9)-11(2,10)	66724.68				
5(2,4)-5(1,5)	16359.544	12(4,9)-11(3,8)	66501.36				
5(2,3)-5(1,4)	11574.774	12(4,8)-11(3,9)	69148.17				
5(3,3)-5(2,4)	22671.518	12(5,8)-11(4,7)	77093.74				
5(3,2)-5(2,3)	21917.786	12(5,7)-11(4,8)	77287.12				
6(0,6)-5(1,5)	15387.082	13(3,10)-12(2,11)	72638.69				
6(1,6)-5(0,5)	19494.368	13(4,10)-12(3,9)	68569.23				
6(2,5)-6(1,6)	17534.505	13(4,9)-12(3,10)	72793.15				
6(2,4)-6(1,5)	11289.471	14(4,11)-13(3,10)	70338.27				
6(3,4)-6(2,5)	22878.147	14(4,10)-13(3,11)	76731.35				
6(3,3)-6(2,4)	21448.267	15(4,12)-14(3,11)	71812.14				
7(0,7)-6(1,6)	18662.206	16(4,13)-15(3,12)	73016.43				
7(1,7)-6(0,6)	21739.383	17(4,14)-16(3,13)	73993.16				

Frequencies (v, MHz) of measured transitions of the AA state of Enol-AcAc

#### **Acetylacetone: Rotational spectrum**

**Frequencies (MHz) of measured** transitions of the AA state of the <sup>13</sup>C **species of Enol-AcAc** 



Intensity:	2%	2%	1%	of normal
$J'(K_{\rm a}',K_{\rm c}') \leftarrow J''(K_{\rm a}'',K_{\rm c}'')$	$^{13}C_{Me}$	$^{13}C_{CO}$	$^{13}C_{CH}$	
1(1,1)-0(0,0)	7311.6708	7375.6940	7334.3564	
2(1,2)-1(0,1)	9963.1503	10066.4246	10031.1482	
3(1,3)-2(0,2)	12442.7986	12581.4137	12549.7829	
3(2,1)-3(1,2)	12479.0692	12520.0777	12358.0508	
4(0,4)-3(1,3)	8343.3728	8526.7674	8627.1839	
4(1,4)-3(0,3)	14778.8795	14950.1620	14921.0116	
5(0,5)-4(1,4)	11705.1352	11938.1686	12046.2933	
5(1,5)-4(0,4)	17015.2450	17218.3513	17192.3569	
6(0,6)-5(1,5)	15018.8506	15297.5240	15408.5568	42

#### **Acetylacetone: Rotational constants**

	normal <sup>a</sup>	$^{13}C_{Me}$	$^{13}C_{CO}$	$^{13}C_{CH}$
A/MHz	6032.2431(4) <sup>b</sup>	5985.9431(7)	6030.3379(7)	5985.978(2)
<i>B</i> /MHz	1723.2640(3)	1686.4769(3)	1714.6758(3)	1723.3104(5)
C/MHz	1350.6909(2)	1325.7598(2)	1345.3859(2)	1348.4150(3)
$N^{c}$	79	9	9	9
$\sigma \sigma_{exp}^{d}$	$0.47^{\circ}$	0.35	0.3	0.71

<sup>a</sup>The following centrifugal distortion constants have been determined for the normal species:  $D_{\rm J} = 0.017(3)$  kHz,  $D_{\rm JK} = 9.97(1)$  kHz,  $D_{\rm K} = 12.80(4)$  kHz,  $d_1 = -0.028(1)$  kHz,  $d_2 = -0.0540(6)$  kHz,  $H_{\rm JK} = 0.26(9)$  Hz,  $H_{\rm K} = 6.9(3)$  Hz,  $H_{\rm KJ} = -15.7(3)$  Hz. These values have been fixed in the fittings of the less abundant isotopomers. <sup>b</sup>Errors in parenthesis are expressed in units of the last digit. <sup>c</sup>Number of transitions in the fit. <sup>d</sup>Reduced deviation of the fit.

#### Acetylacetone does have a $C_{2v}$ symmetry

Six factors in support of the C<sub>2v</sub> symmetry



1) It was possible to fit the observed spectrum in isolation. For a double minimum potential, severe interactions would be expected between the rotational spectra of the two inversion tunnelling states.

2) It was not possible to observe the second low energy inversion state, required in the case of a double minimum potential.

3) The Stark effect of  $\mu a$  overlapped transitions is very hard, corresponding to  $\mu a = 0$ .

4) Rotational constants B of normal and  ${}^{13}C_{CH2}$ , specise have the same value: same moment of inertia, this C atom lyes on the b-axis.

5) A 36/28 statistical weight, in favor of the states with an odd value of  $(K_{+1} + K_{-1})$  was observed. As shown in Fig. 1, the  $C_{2v}$  enolic form of AcAc contains three pairs of equivalent methyl hydrogens and than follows the Fermi-Dirac statistics, i.e. the overall wavefunction:

#### $\Psi_{tot} = \Psi_e \Psi_v \Psi_R \Psi_s$

must be anti-symmetric. Both  $\psi_e$  and  $\psi_v$  are symmetric in the ground state, while the spin function  $\psi_s$  (36 A<sub>g</sub>; 28 A<sub>u</sub>) does have a ratio 9/7 between symmetric and anti-symmetric components; for this reason, the rotational transitions with an anti-symmetric initial state will have a favorable intensity ratio, 9/7, with respect to the symmetric ones. With the  $C_2$  axis lying along the *b*-axis, the even function are characterized by a even value of  $(K_{+1} + K_{-1})$ , and vice versa.

6) Only one isotopomer (with an intensity 2% of that of the normal species) was found for the  ${}^{13}C_{Me}$  and  ${}^{13}C_{CO}$  species

#### **Enolic Acetylacetone:** Methyl groups internal rotation

The inertial defect: Expected  $\Delta_{c} = -6.40 \text{ u}\text{\AA}^{2}$ Exprmtl.  $\Delta_{c} = -2.88 \text{ u}\text{\AA}^{2}$ 

 $\Rightarrow$  low  $V_3$ 



For the AA state of molecules with two almost freely rotating methyl groups, as given in the following Equations:

 $A_{AA} = A_{r} + 2 F W_{AA}^{(2)} \rho_{a}^{2}$  $B_{AA} = B_{r} + 2 F W_{AA}^{(2)} \rho_{b}^{2}$  $C_{AA} = C_{r}$ 

There  $A_r$ ,  $B_r$  and  $C_r$  are the "rigid" rotational constants in the limit of the very high barrier. The  $W_{AA}^{(2)}$  coefficients are the Hersbach's barrier-dependent perturbation sums relative to the AA sublevels of the ground state, F is the reduced constant of the motion and  $\rho_g = \lambda_g I_{\alpha}/I_g$ .

 $\Delta_{c}$  reproduced when  $W_{AA}^{(2)} = 0.52$ , corresponding to a reduced barrier S = 5 and to  $V_{3} = 163$  cal/mol.

#### 2-Hydroxypyridine/2-Pyridinone (HY/PY)

Several experimental and a myriad of theoretical investigations are available on the HY/PY system. We believe that our data<sup>a</sup> on the relative tautomeric energies are the more reliable ones.



The situation is reversed when moving to the 1:1 complex with water: the complex with the keto form is more stable.<sup>b,c</sup>



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#### 2-Hydroxypyridine/2-Pyridinone (HP/PO)

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#### Density Functional Study on the Reaction Mechanism of Proton Transfer in 2-Pyridone: Effect of Hydration and Self-Association

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The proton-transfer mechanism in the isolated, mono, dehydrated forms and dimers of 2-pyridone and the effect of hydration or self-assistance on the transition state structures corresponding to proton transfer from the keto form to the enol form have been investigated using B3LYP and BH-LYP hybrid density functional methods at the 6-311++G (2d, 2p) basis set level. The barrier heights for both H<sub>2</sub>O-assisted and self-assisted reactions are significantly lower than that of the bare tautomerization reaction from 2-pyridone to 2-hydroxypyridine, implying the importance of the superior catalytic effect of H<sub>2</sub>O and (H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub> and the important role of 2-pyridone itself for the intramolecular proton transfer. Long-range solvent effects have also been taken into account by using the continuum model (Onsager model and polarizable continuum model (PCM)) of water. The tautomerization energies and the potential energy barriers are increased both for the water-assisted and for the self-assisted reaction because of the bulk solvent, which imply that the tautomerization of PY becomes less favorable in the polar solvent.

#### 2-Hydroxypyridine/2-Pyridinone (HY/PY)



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TABLE 7: Calculated Activation Energies, Gibss Free Energy Barrier Heights, and Changes of Electronic Energy and Free Energy for the Proton Transfer Reactions in the Isolated, Monohydrated, Dihydrated, and Self-Associated Forms of Pyridone at the BH-LYP/6-311++G(2d,2p) Level in Gas Phase and in Solution Phase (kJ/mol)

	ga		solu	tion p	hase			
	$\Delta E^{\ddagger}$	$\Delta G^{\ddagger}$	$\Delta E$	$\Delta G$	$\Delta G^{\ddagger a}$	$\Delta G^{a}$	$\Delta G^{\sharp b}$	ΔG <sup>ò</sup>
$PY \rightarrow HY$	176.6 (162.6)	163.2	-4.2 (-4.6)	-4.2	167.7	7.9	193.5	10.2
$PYW \rightarrow$	77.6 (60.5)	65.9	3.1 (2.9)	3.5	64.7	7.4	84.7	13.4
HYW								
$PY2W \rightarrow$	85.5 (61.4)	69.2	9.4 (9.0)	9.7	68.6	12.3	94.3	12.9
HY2W								
$(PY)_2 \rightarrow$	48.4 (23.1)	27.0	12.7 (11.8)	12.2	30.1	12.2	51.2	21.6
(HY)2								

#### **Isotopomeric Conformational Change in Anisole-Water**

The deuteration of water produces a conformational change in the Anisole…Water complex, as shown by the scheme. The value of the  $\theta$ angle decreases from 138 to 128°, while the secondary interaction O…H<sub>Me</sub> is replaced by the O…H<sub>Ph</sub> one.



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#### **Anisole-Water**

	Spectroscopic constants									
	Anisol	lo-H <sub>2</sub> O	Aniso	lo-D <sub>2</sub> O	Anisolo-DOH	Anisol	D-H <sub>2</sub> <sup>18</sup> O	Anisol	0-D <sub>2</sub> <sup>18</sup> O	Anisolo-D <sup>18</sup> OH
	v=0	v=1	v=0	v=1		v=0	v=1	v=0	v=1	
A/MHz	2943.058(2)	2943.578(2)	2660.639(1)	2660.657(2)	2847.47(1)	2912.223(8)	2912.769(6)	2621.694(9)	2621.80(3)	2813.57(1)
<i>B</i> /MHz	900.1885(9)	900.0276(8)	914.1605(5)	914.1581(6)	907.4638(6)	857.1386(9)	856.9846(7)	876.3307(6)	876.3222(6)	866.2243(2)
C/MHz	694.1488(9)	694.1155(8)	687.0905(3)	687.0900(4)	692.5413(8)	666.5972(7)	666.5624(5)	662.9146(2)	662.9170(9)	666.2012(1)
$D_j$ /kHz	4.25(2)	4.22(2)	4.509(3)	4.510(4)	5.73(1)	4.054(5)	4.029(4)	4.419(7)	4.39(2)	5.789(2)
$D_{JK}$ /kHz	-54.0(1)	-53.8(1)	-54.4(6)	-54.36(5)	-72.3(2)	-52.4(2)	-52.3(1)	-54.6(2)	-56.(1)	-75.5(2)
$D_{K}/\mathrm{kHz}$	219.0(2)	218.3(2)	202.3(2)	203.5(2)	200(10)	218(1)	218(1)	271(5)	317(9)	196(3)
$d_1/kHz$	-1.760(2)	-1.751(2)	-1.843(2)	-1.845(3)	-2.394(3)	-1.644(4)	-1.638(3)	-1.802(4)	[-1.845]	[-2.394]
$d_2/\mathrm{kHz}$	-0.108(2)	-0.106(1)	-0.065(2)	-0.064(2)	-0.086(6)	-0.105(3)	-0.106(2)	[-0.065]	[-0.064]	[-0.086]
$H_J/\mathrm{Hz}$	0.7(2)	0.6(1)	-	-	0.14(4)	[0.7]	[0.6]	-	-	[0.14]
$H_{JK}$ /Hz	-15.0(1)	-14.0(9)	-	-	-	-12(2)	-13(2)	-	-	-
$H_{KJ}$ /Hz	85(10)	83(9)	-	-	-	80(10)	78(10)	-	-	-
$M_{aa}$ /uÅ <sup>2</sup>	558.8757(8)	558.9585(7)	549.2111(5)	549.2128(5)	554.5879(9)	587.1110(9)	587.2001(7)	573.1450(6)	573.150(2)	581.2018(4)
$M_{bb}/\mathrm{u}\mathrm{\AA}^2$	169.1800(8)	169.1322(7)	186.3237(5)	186.3226(5)	175.1577(9)	171.0365(9)	170.9870(7)	189.2141(6)	189.206(2)	177.3964(4)
$M_{cc}/\mathrm{u}\mathrm{\AA}^2$	2.5390(8)	2.5565(7)	3.6228(5)	3.6226(5)	2.3258(9)	2.5007(9)	2.5176(7)	3.5540(6)	3.554(2)	2.2256(4)
σ⁄kHz	5	5	6	6	5	5	5	1	4	3
Ν	42	42	40	42	35	30	31	12	10	13

#### **Anisole-Water**



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#### **How I see Hydrogen Bonding**

**<u>HYDROGEN BONDING</u>**: A combination of non-covalent interactions which stabilize, by at least one kcal/mol, a configuration of a molecular system in which an hydrogen atom is in between two (or more) high electronic density sites.

**Otherwise:** 

**HYDROGEN CONTACT:** Appears in a configuration of a molecular system when an hydrogen atom is in between two (or more) high electronic density sites, but does not bring an appreciable energy stabilization.