Supplementary material

for

The eight structures of caffeic acid: pushing rotational spectroscopy to the limit

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1-Broadband CP-FTMW rotational spectrum

Figure S1. Broadband CP-FTMW rotational spectrums of caffeic acid from 2.75 to 6.5 and from 6.6 to 14 GHz



2-Line lists of measured transitions

J'	K' ₋₁	<i>K</i> ' ₊₁	<i>J</i> "	<i>K"</i> _1	<i>K</i> " ₊₁	v _{obs}	$v_{obs} - v_{cal}$
4	2	3	3	2	2	2414.907	-0.016
5	2	4	4	2	3	3017.883	-0.008
2	1	2	1	0	1	3108.121	-0.001
8	0	8	7	1	7	3319.684	0.004
6	1	6	5	1	5	3498.642	0.013
6	2	5	5	2	4	3620.351	-0.001
3	1	3	2	0	2	3652.310	-0.018
4	1	4	3	0	3	4177.565	-0.014
7	0	7	6	0	6	4193.245	-0.021
7	1	6	6	1	5	4358.270	-0.010
8	1	8	7	1	7	4659.631	-0.022
5	1	5	4	0	4	4685.122	0.005
8	0	8	7	0	7	4780.744	0.001
13	2	11	13	1	12	4928.498	-0.027
11	2	9	11	1	10	5028.626	-0.019
10	2	8	10	1	9	5108.413	-0.011
6	1	6	5	0	5	5176.645	-0.004
9	2	7	9	1	8	5201.407	-0.010
8	2	6	8	1	7	5302.479	-0.026
9	0	9	8	0	8	5364.045	-0.033
7	2	5	7	1	6	5406.638	-0.009
9	2	8	8	2	7	5423.661	-0.023
6	2	4	6	1	5	5509.051	0.000
9	1	8	8	1	7	5595.278	-0.021
5	2	3	5	1	4	5605.322	-0.003
7	1	7	6	0	6	5654.329	0.000
4	2	2	4	1	3	5691.579	-0.015
3	2	1	3	1	2	5764.579	0.001
2	2	0	2	1	1	5821.615	-0.017
2	2	1	2	1	2	5940.752	-0.020
3	2	2	3	1	3	6001.010	-0.015
10	2	9	9	2	8	6023.113	-0.002
4	2	3	4	1	4	6081.564	-0.021
8	1	8	7	0	7	6120.717	0.001
10	1	10	9	0	9	7031.401	0.034
2	2	1	1	1	0	7068.638	0.002
2	2	0	1	1	1	7109.173	0.011
3	2	2	2	1	1	7632.583	0.013
3	2	1	2	1	2	7755.377	0.011
4	2	3	3	1	2	8176.473	0.020
4	2	2	3	1	3	8425.095	0.015
5	2	4	4	1	3	8700.359	0.008
5	2	3	4	1	4	9120.772	0.015
6	2	5	5	1	4	9204.413	0.019
7	2	6	6	1	5	9688.804	0.008

Table S1. Measured rotational transitions and residuals (in MHz) of rotamer I.

<i>J</i> '	<i>K</i> '.1	<i>K</i> '+1	<i>J</i> "	K" -1	<i>K</i> " ₊₁	V _{obs}	$v_{obs} - v_{cal}$
6	2	4	5	1	5	9845.451	0.012
8	2	7	7	1	6	10153.888	0.024
3	3	1	2	2	0	11612.819	0.008
3	3	0	2	2	1	11613.431	0.005
4	3	2	3	2	1	12215.420	-0.004
4	3	1	3	2	2	12218.517	0.005
5	3	2	4	2	3	12824.992	0.000
6	3	4	5	2	3	13411.946	0.004
6	3	3	5	2	4	13433.713	0.000

J'	<i>K</i> '-1	<i>K</i> ' ₊₁	<i>J</i> "	K" -1	<i>K</i> " ₊₁	v _{obs}	$v_{obs} - v_{cal}$
5	0	5	4	0	4	3012.195	-0.021
7	1	7	6	1	6	4086.434	0.013
7	0	7	6	0	6	4200.362	0.010
7	1	6	6	1	5	4365.874	-0.003
8	1	8	7	1	7	4667.451	0.011
8	0	8	7	0	7	4788.789	0.001
8	2	7	7	2	6	4831.605	0.007
8	1	7	7	1	6	4986.196	0.007
9	1	9	8	1	8	5247.471	0.002
9	2	7	8	2	6	5503.807	-0.011
9	1	8	8	1	7	5605.014	-0.010
10	1	10	9	1	9	5826.421	-0.028
10	0	10	9	0	9	5953.083	0.002
10	2	9	9	2	8	6033.408	0.011
10	2	8	9	2	7	6129.094	0.009
10	1	9	9	1	8	6222.120	-0.002

Table S2. Measured rotational transitions and residuals (in MHz) of rotamer II.

J'	<i>K</i> '-1	<i>K</i> '+1	<i>J</i> "	K"1	<i>K</i> " ₊₁	V _{obs}	v _{obs} – v _{cal}
5	1	5	4	1	4	2931.355	-0.009
5	0	5	4	0	4	3022.140	0.018
6	1	6	5	1	5	3516.024	-0.013
6	0	6	5	0	5	3619.870	-0.023
6	1	5	5	1	4	3756.577	-0.031
7	1	7	6	1	6	4099.929	0.041
8	1	8	7	1	7	4682.827	0.005
8	0	8	7	0	7	4804.550	0.005
8	1	7	7	1	6	5002.565	0.018
9	0	9	8	0	8	5390.749	0.001
9	1	8	8	1	7	5623.425	0.011
10	1	10	9	1	9	5845.638	-0.015
10	0	10	9	0	9	5972.679	-0.002
10	2	9	9	2	8	6053.224	-0.010

Table S3. Measured rotational transitions and residuals (in MHz) of rotamer III.

J'	<i>K</i> '-1	<i>K</i> '+1	<i>J</i> "	<i>K</i> "-1	<i>K</i> " ₊₁	v _{obs}	$v_{obs} - v_{cal}$
5	1	5	4	0	4	4711.237	-0.010
6	1	6	5	0	5	5205.826	-0.021
9	2	8	8	2	7	5458.911	-0.017
2	2	0	2	1	1	5847.515	-0.011
10	1	10	9	1	9	5854.232	0.003
2	2	1	2	1	2	5967.589	-0.015
10	0	10	9	0	9	5981.419	-0.006
3	2	2	3	1	3	6028.315	-0.019
10	5	5	9	5	4	6083.089	-0.009
10	3	7	9	3	6	6094.050	0.014
4	2	3	4	1	4	6109.487	-0.046
10	1	9	9	1	8	6251.899	-0.009
2	2	1	1	1	0	7102.698	-0.001
2	2	0	1	1	1	7143.541	-0.006
3	2	2	2	1	1	7670.259	0.013
3	2	1	2	1	2	7794.023	0.001
4	2	3	3	1	2	8217.607	0.021
4	2	2	3	1	3	8468.209	0.002
5	2	4	4	1	3	8744.797	0.015
5	2	3	4	1	4	9168.572	-0.008
6	2	4	5	1	5	9898.238	0.023
7	2	5	6	1	6	10660.714	0.000
3	3	1	2	2	0	11668.531	0.000
4	3	2	3	2	1	12275.072	0.012
4	3	1	3	2	2	12278.185	0.002
5	3	3	4	2	2	12879.212	-0.008
5	3	2	4	2	3	12888.638	0.016

Table S4. Measured rotational transitions and residuals (in MHz) of rotamer IV.

J'	<i>K</i> '-1	<i>K</i> '+1	<i>J</i> "	<i>K"</i> 1	<i>K</i> " ₊₁	V _{obs}	v _{obs} – v _{cal}
4	1	4	3	1	3	2271.550	0.035
4	0	4	3	0	3	2336.888	0.029
4	1	3	3	1	2	2408.660	-0.005
5	1	5	4	1	4	2838.663	0.008
6	0	6	5	0	5	3497.260	0.002
6	1	5	5	1	4	3610.897	-0.007
7	0	7	6	0	6	4074.112	-0.001
7	2	5	6	2	4	4115.885	-0.001
8	1	8	7	1	7	4536.898	-0.014
8	0	8	7	0	7	4648.296	0.000
8	1	7	7	1	6	4810.503	0.005
9	0	9	8	0	8	5219.552	0.004
9	1	8	8	1	7	5408.956	-0.006
10	1	10	9	1	9	5665.749	-0.014

Table S5. Measured rotational transitions and residuals (in MHz) of rotamer V.

	K,	K,	<i>I</i> ,,	<i>K</i> "	K "		
	<u>Λ΄-1</u>	A +1	J	<u>Λ</u> ^{··} -1	<u>Λ</u> ⁺ +1		$\frac{\mathbf{v}_{obs} - \mathbf{v}_{cal}}{0.010}$
2	1	4	4	l	3	3012.649	-0.010
2	l	2	l	0	l	3301.486	-0.003
7	0	1	6	0	6	4077.656	0.000
7	l	6	6	l	5	4214.761	0.017
4	l	4	3	0	3	4353.796	-0.029
8	1	8	7	1	7	4540.888	0.000
8	0	8	7	0	7	4652.326	-0.009
8	2	7	7	2	6	4680.928	-0.003
8	2	6	7	2	5	4714.462	-0.005
5	1	5	4	0	4	4856.054	-0.021
9	1	9	8	1	8	5106.180	0.003
9	0	9	8	0	8	5224.071	-0.009
6	1	6	5	0	5	5343.785	-0.002
10	1	10	9	1	9	5670.721	-0.006
7	1	7	6	0	6	5818.437	0.041
8	1	8	7	0	7	6281.615	-0.014
3	2	2	3	1	3	6647.676	-0.002
4	2	3	4	1	4	6716.768	-0.027
5	2	4	5	1	5	6803.415	-0.010
7	2	6	7	1	7	7029.784	-0.006
2	2	1	1	1	0	7698.804	0.013
2	2	0	1	1	1	7733.516	0.005
3	2	2	2	1	1	8250.220	0.010
3	2	1	2	1	2	8355.193	0.012
4	2	3	3	1	2	8784.421	0.010
4	2	2	3	1	3	8996.366	-0.004
5	2	4	4	1	3	9301.431	-0.002
5	2	3	4	1	4	9658.723	0.006
6	2	5	5	1	4	9801.364	0.004
7	2	6	6	1	5	10284.318	-0.005
6	2	4	5	1	5	10344.287	0.022
8	2	7	7	1	6	10750.517	0.006
7	2	5	6	1	6	11055.444	0.004
3	3	1	2	2	0	12664.505	-0.012
3	3	1	2	2	1	12664.937	0.015
4	3	1	3	2	1	13249.436	-0.018
4	3	2	3	$\overline{2}$	2	13251.481	0.025
5	3	3	4	2	2	13832.768	-0.030
5	3	2	4	2	3	13838.955	0.004

Table S6. Measured rotational transitions and residuals (in MHz) of rotamer VI..

J'	<i>K</i> '-1	<i>K</i> '+1	<i>J</i> "	K" -1	<i>K</i> " ₊₁	V _{obs}	$v_{obs} - v_{cal}$
5	1	4	4	1	3	3033.537	-0.005
2	1	2	1	0	1	3288.840	0.005
7	1	7	6	1	6	3999.145	0.024
8	1	7	7	1	6	4847.753	-0.029
5	1	5	4	0	4	4850.921	0.000
9	0	9	8	0	8	5256.347	0.000
6	1	6	5	0	5	5340.612	-0.016
10	1	10	9	1	9	5704.948	-0.003
10	1	9	9	1	8	6052.548	-0.016
6	2	4	6	1	5	6151.913	-0.022
5	2	3	5	1	4	6240.572	-0.015
2	2	1	1	1	0	7648.249	0.001
2	2	0	1	1	1	7683.684	-0.005
3	2	2	2	1	1	8202.819	0.007
3	2	1	2	1	2	8310.001	0.016
4	2	3	3	1	2	8739.817	0.012
5	2	4	4	1	3	9259.283	0.014
5	2	3	4	1	4	9624.287	0.023
6	2	5	5	1	4	9761.320	0.030
3	3	0	2	2	0	12579.548	-0.028
3	3	0	2	2	1	12580.009	0.008
4	3	2	3	2	1	13168.283	-0.010
4	3	1	3	2	2	13170.437	-0.004

Table S7. Measured rotational transitions and residuals (in MHz) of rotamer VII..

J'	<i>K</i> '-1	<i>K</i> '+1	<i>J</i> "	K" -1	<i>K</i> " ₊₁	V _{obs}	$\mathbf{v}_{obs} - \mathbf{v}_{cal}$
8	1	8	7	1	7	4573.206	-0.019
8	0	8	7	0	7	4686.285	-0.012
8	1	7	7	1	6	4852.838	0.002
9	1	8	8	1	7	5456.410	-0.022
10	1	10	9	1	9	5710.907	0.019
10	0	10	9	0	9	5834.071	0.002
10	1	9	9	1	8	6058.893	0.022

Table S8. Measured rotational transitions and residuals (in MHz) of rotamer VIII.

3-Cartesian coordinates

Center	Atomic	Х	Y	Z
Number	Number			
1	6	-0.10397	-0.48070	0.00018
2	6	-0.88624	-1.64440	-0.00009
3	6	-2.27513	-1.58282	-0.00034
4	6	-2.91362	-0.34981	-0.00023
5	6	-2.14074	0.82612	0.00022
6	6	-0.76239	0.76441	0.00038
7	1	-0.39535	-2.61030	-0.00013
8	1	-2.87926	-2.48118	-0.00061
9	1	-0.19100	1.68633	0.00085
10	8	-2.87145	1.99096	0.00019
11	1	-2.29081	2.75822	0.00163
12	8	-4.26795	-0.28278	-0.00024
13	1	-4.52986	0.64769	-0.00067
14	6	1.34427	-0.60539	0.00016
15	6	2.25530	0.38333	-0.00014
16	1	1.99088	1.43299	-0.00052
17	1	1.73193	-1.62084	0.00041
18	6	3.68838	0.06774	-0.00005
19	8	4.44489	1.20194	-0.00086
20	1	5.37064	0.91812	-0.00064
21	8	4.18921	-1.03536	0.00080

Table S9. Cartesian coordinates of conformer syn-cis-a optimized at B3LYP-GD3BJ/6-

311++G(d,p).

Center	Atomic	Х	Y	Ζ
Number	Number			
1	6	-0.10198	-0.46882	0.00000
2	6	-0.88182	-1.63360	0.00041
3	6	-2.27182	-1.56181	0.00061
4	6	-2.89625	-0.32327	0.00035
5	6	-2.13185	0.85678	-0.00010
6	6	-0.75175	0.77826	-0.00036
7	1	-0.39587	-2.60166	0.00070
8	1	-2.86869	-2.46817	0.00123
9	1	-0.19233	1.70460	-0.00092
10	8	-2.74240	2.07295	-0.00013
11	1	-3.69882	1.93793	-0.00350
12	8	-4.25494	-0.13477	0.00080
13	1	-4.71654	-0.97918	-0.00737
14	6	1.34827	-0.60078	-0.00018
15	6	2.26045	0.38530	0.00056
16	1	1.99735	1.43508	0.00154
17	1	1.73279	-1.61745	-0.00114
18	6	3.69340	0.06335	-0.00005
19	8	4.45434	1.19315	0.00065
20	1	5.37904	0.90590	0.00023
21	8	4.18841	-1.04252	-0.00109

Table S10. Cartesian coordinates of conformer syn-cis-a optimized at B3LYP-

GD3BJ/6-311++G(d,p).

Center	Atomic	Х	Y	Z
Number	Number			
1	6	0.08724	-0.44939	0.00002
2	6	0.84560	-1.62865	0.00000
3	6	2.23549	-1.59568	-0.00003
4	6	2.89917	-0.37603	-0.00002
5	6	2.15034	0.81529	0.00002
6	6	0.77093	0.78178	0.00003
7	1	0.33550	-2.58466	0.00000
8	1	2.82130	-2.50610	-0.00005
9	1	0.21936	1.71557	0.00003
10	8	2.90439	1.96481	0.00002
11	1	2.33974	2.74399	0.00011
12	8	4.25452	-0.33676	-0.00002
13	1	4.53557	0.58815	-0.00005
14	6	-1.36485	-0.54474	0.00003
15	6	-2.24748	0.47050	-0.00008
16	1	-1.94478	1.50991	-0.00021
17	1	-1.76357	-1.55432	0.00014
18	6	-3.70049	0.29013	-0.00003
19	8	-4.09827	-1.01381	0.00003
20	1	-5.06580	-1.00357	0.00012
21	8	-4.50227	1.19974	-0.00001

Table S11. Cartesian coordinates of conformer syn-trans-a optimized at B3	LYP-
GD3BJ/6-311++G(d,p).	

Center	Atomic	Х	Y	Z
Number	Number			
1	6	0.08545	-0.43652	0.00030
2	6	0.84103	-1.61706	0.00016
3	6	2.23230	-1.57443	0.00010
4	6	2.88239	-0.34922	0.00005
5	6	2.14242	0.84626	0.00021
6	6	0.76086	0.79658	0.00026
7	1	0.33565	-2.57522	0.00026
8	1	2.81009	-2.49306	0.00029
9	1	0.22165	1.73477	0.00035
10	8	2.77759	2.04943	0.00049
11	1	3.73109	1.89522	-0.00282
12	8	4.24467	-0.18881	0.00015
13	1	4.68893	-1.04245	-0.00708
14	6	-1.36879	-0.53906	0.00019
15	6	-2.25306	0.47329	0.00028
16	1	-1.95225	1.51306	0.00044
17	1	-1.76401	-1.55001	-0.00013
18	6	-3.70625	0.28493	-0.00018
19	8	-4.09714	-1.02169	0.00023
20	1	-5.06470	-1.01588	-0.00036
21	8	-4.51319	1.18919	-0.00076

Table S12. Cartesian coordinates of conformer *syn-trans-b* optimized at B3LYP-GD3BJ/6-311++G(d,p).

Center	Atomic	Х	Y	Z
Number	Number			
1	6	0.08781	0.02137	0.00014
2	6	0.53886	-1.30837	0.00018
3	6	1.89376	-1.60264	0.00005
4	6	2.83613	-0.57676	-0.00006
5	6	2.40049	0.75537	0.00008
6	6	1.04849	1.04888	0.00011
7	1	-0.17452	-2.12210	0.00029
8	1	2.24633	-2.62642	0.00000
9	1	0.72305	2.08483	0.00025
10	8	3.40544	1.69473	0.00010
11	1	3.04018	2.58482	-0.00150
12	8	4.15989	-0.87364	-0.00016
13	1	4.66032	-0.04667	-0.00078
14	6	-1.31946	0.38935	0.00010
15	6	-2.38346	-0.43179	0.00018
16	1	-2.29916	-1.51066	0.00028
17	1	-1.53524	1.45503	-0.00015
18	6	-3.74142	0.12548	-0.00006
19	8	-4.68156	-0.86042	-0.00030
20	1	-5.54478	-0.42178	-0.00034
21	8	-4.04419	1.29903	0.00007

Table S13. Cartesian coordinates of conformer *anti-cis-b* optimized at B3LYP-GD3BJ/6-311++G(d,p).

Center	Atomic	Х	Y	Z
Number	Number			
1	6	0.08746	0.03748	-0.00010
2	6	0.53533	-1.29292	-0.00014
3	6	1.89366	-1.57866	-0.00008
4	6	2.82504	-0.54492	0.00001
5	6	2.39881	0.78929	0.00002
6	6	1.04100	1.06860	-0.00003
7	1	-0.17404	-2.10972	-0.00025
8	1	2.23586	-2.60877	-0.00011
9	1	0.72881	2.10605	-0.00001
10	8	3.30061	1.80844	0.00006
11	1	4.19034	1.43254	0.00020
12	8	4.18537	-0.72586	0.00008
13	1	4.40480	-1.66279	0.00006
14	6	-1.32382	0.40070	-0.00012
15	6	-2.38146	-0.42741	0.00020
16	1	-2.28919	-1.50572	0.00054
17	1	-1.54223	1.46549	-0.00040
18	6	-3.74546	0.11698	0.00005
19	8	-4.67506	-0.87944	0.00006
20	1	-5.54287	-0.44988	-0.00001
21	8	-4.06027	1.28660	-0.00006

Table S14. Cartesian coordinates of conformer *anti-cis-a* optimized at B3LYP-GD3BJ/6-311++G(d,p).

Center	Atomic	Х	Y	Z
Number	Number			
1	6	0.07490	-0.00853	0.00005
2	6	0.54999	-1.32971	0.00010
3	6	1.91006	-1.59936	0.00008
4	6	2.83403	-0.55699	0.00000
5	6	2.37428	0.76697	-0.00002
6	6	1.01708	1.03587	0.00001
7	1	-0.14775	-2.15676	0.00017
8	1	2.28078	-2.61670	0.00011
9	1	0.67385	2.06616	-0.00001
10	8	3.36202	1.72453	-0.00006
11	1	2.98077	2.60785	-0.00019
12	8	4.16282	-0.83011	-0.00005
13	1	4.64862	0.00551	-0.00004
14	6	-1.34036	0.33472	0.00006
15	6	-2.38289	-0.51492	-0.00010
16	1	-2.26142	-1.59040	-0.00026
17	1	-1.56515	1.39698	0.00018
18	6	-3.78271	-0.08451	-0.00005
19	8	-3.94795	1.26990	0.00011
20	1	-4.90275	1.42664	0.00012
21	8	-4.73104	-0.83937	-0.00012

Table S15. Cartesian coordinates of conformer *anti-trans-b* optimized at B3LYP-GD3BJ/6-311++G(d,p).

Center	Atomic	X	Y	Ζ
Number	Number			
1	6	0.07438	0.00580	0.00012
2	6	0.54718	-1.31569	0.00020
3	6	1.91076	-1.57567	0.00014
4	6	2.82272	-0.52493	0.00001
5	6	2.37133	0.80095	-0.00006
6	6	1.00852	1.05445	0.00001
7	1	-0.14593	-2.14624	0.00034
8	1	2.27191	-2.59928	0.00024
9	1	0.67754	2.08613	-0.00003
10	8	3.25366	1.83720	-0.00022
11	1	4.15032	1.47810	-0.00022
12	8	4.18620	-0.68006	-0.00002
13	1	4.42342	-1.61266	-0.00006
14	6	-1.34476	0.34365	0.00013
15	6	-2.38108	-0.51232	-0.00018
16	1	-2.25288	-1.58711	-0.00052
17	1	-1.57247	1.40498	0.00042
18	6	-3.78517	-0.09302	-0.00010
19	8	-3.96108	1.25856	0.00029
20	1	-4.91685	1.40937	0.00041
21	8	-4.72608	-0.85728	-0.00032

Table S16. Cartesian coordinates of conformer *anti-trans-a* optimized at B3LYP-GD3BJ/6-311++G(d,p).