

## C–X...O halogen bonding: interactions of trifluoromethyl halides with dimethyl ether.

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The formation of weakly bound molecular complexes between dimethyl ether (DME) and the trifluoromethyl halides  $CF_3Cl$ ,  $CF_3Br$  and  $CF_3I$  dissolved in liquid argon and in liquid krypton is investigated, using Raman and FTIR spectroscopy. For all halides evidence is found for the formation of C–X...O halogen-bonded 1:1 complexes. At higher concentrations of  $CF_3Br$ , a weak absorption due to a 1:2 complex is also observed. Using spectra recorded at temperatures between 87 and 125 K, the complexation enthalpies for the complexes are determined to be  $-6.8(3)$  kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> ( $DME \cdot CF_3Cl$ ),  $-10.2(1)$  kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> ( $DME \cdot CF_3Br$ ),  $-15.5(1)$  kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> ( $DME \cdot CF_3I$ ), and  $-17.8(5)$  kJ mol<sup>-1</sup> [ $DME \cdot (CF_3Br)_2$ ]. Structural and spectral information on the complexes is obtained from *ab initio* calculations at the MP2/6-311++G(d,p) and MP2/6-311++G(d,p)+LanL2DZ\* levels. By applying Monte Carlo free energy perturbation calculations to account for the solvent influences, and statistical thermodynamics to estimate the zero-point vibrational and thermal influences, the *ab initio* complexation energies are converted into complexation enthalpies for the solutions in liquid argon. The resulting values are compared with the experimental data deduced from the cryosolutions.

### Słowa kluczowe

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