# γ-Trifluoromethyl proline: Evaluation as a structural substitute of proline for solid state <sup>19</sup>F-NMR peptide studies

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## Copies of the NMR spectra for the compounds

2-*tert*-butyl 2-methyl (2*S*)-4-trifluoromethyl-3-pyrrolin-1,2-dicarboxylate (6)







Methyl (2S,4S)-N-tert-buthoxycarbonyl-4-trifluoromethylprolinate (7)



 $(2S, 4S) \text{-} \text{N-} (9 \text{-} \text{fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl}) \text{-} 4 \text{-} \text{trifluoromethylproline} \ \textbf{(9)}$ 







# (2S, 4S)-N-(tert-butoxycarbonyl)-4-trifluoromethylproline (1)

Methyl (2S,4S)-N-acetyl-4-trifluoromethylprolinate (8)

















#### Thermodynamic parameters of the trans-cis rotation in 8



Basic experimental procedure is described in the main text. <sup>19</sup>F NMR 30-deg flip angle spectra were collected on 471 MHz resonance frequency without or with <sup>1</sup>H decoupling (inverse gated, no NOE enhancement).

The 1D time domain contained 131072 data-points making 2.8 s acquisition time. Recycling delay was 1 s. The spectra were collected from 4 steady state and 32 recorded transients. Time domain spectra were processed with Gaussian windowing (gb = 0.05, lb = -1 Hz) in a phase sensitive fashion, baseline corrected and integrated. The K values were calculated directly from the integrals and converted into  $\Delta G$  for plotting.



- measured in deuterium oxide. The shift due to the lock (water) resonance temperature shift was not corrected.

T, °C	K <sub>tc</sub>	ΔG, kJ/mol
29.6	3.92	-3.44
44.4	3.56	-3.35
55.8	3.31	-3.27
67.2	3.14	-3.24
78.6	2.98	-3.19
90.0	2.84	-3.15
	T, °C 29.6 44.4 55.8 67.2 78.6 90.0	T, °C         K <sub>tc</sub> 29.6         3.92           44.4         3.56           55.8         3.31           67.2         3.14           78.6         2.98           90.0         2.84

linearization:



Determined parameters of the rotation:

 $\Delta H = -4.85 \pm 0.11 \text{ kJ/mol}$ 

 $\Delta S = -4.72 \pm 0.33 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K}$ 

#### Kinetic parameters of the trans-cis rotation in 8



Basic experimental procedure is described in the main text. The <sup>19</sup>F EXSY spectra were collected on 471 MHz resonance frequency without decoupling.

The spectral width was 2.0x2.0 ppm, time domain array 2048x512 data-points, making acquisition times of 1.11x0.26 s. Recycling delay was 1 s, number of scans 2. The spectra were processed with sinc squared windowing on both dimensions in a phase sensitive mode, baseline corrected and integrated. 128 data-points were linearly predicted in the indirect dimension. The difference to a standard NOESY processing setup was the use of squared sinc function instead of conventional squared sine bell. This change was done in order to make additional smoothening of the peaks for integration and reduce truncation noise.

Exchange rate matrices calculations were performed in EXSYCalc® (Mestrec), where EXSY integral values were inset. Secondary diagonal elements were the k values given in the table below:

T <sub>calibrated</sub> , K	T, °C	k₁, s⁻¹	k₋₁, s⁻¹	
302.8	29.6	0.048	0.013	
306.2	33.0	0.068	0.018	
308.5	35.3	0.086	0.023	
311.9	38.7	0.119	0.033	
314.2	41.0	0.152	0.042	
317.6	44.4	0.21	0.06	
323.3	50.1	0.367	0.104	
325.6	52.4	0.452	0.131	
329.0	55.8	0.617	0.182	



# Eyring plots:

for the  $k_1$ 



for the k-1



Determined parameters of the process:

for k<sub>1</sub>:

 $\Delta H = 78.3 \pm 0.3 \text{ kJ/mol}$ 

 $\Delta S = -11.9 \pm 1.0 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K}$ 

For 300 K  $E_a = 81.9 \pm 0.6 \text{ kJ/mol}$ 

for  $k_{-1}$ :

 $\Delta H = 81.4 \pm 0.5 \text{ kJ/mol}$ 

 $\Delta S = -12.6 \pm 1.6 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K}$ 

For 300 K  $E_a = 85.2 \pm 1.0 \text{ kJ/mol}$ 

 $\Delta E_a$  (*cis/trans – trans/cis*)= -3.4 kJ/mol

## Solution NMR spectra of the peptides

<sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra of **2TfmPro-GS** in different media (at 298 K):







#### Supporting solid state NMR spectra

<sup>31</sup>P NMR of the **2TfmPro-GS**/DLPC oriented sample before and after the <sup>19</sup>F NMR temperature series reported in the main text. The spectra were measured well above the phase transition of DLPC – at 303 K. Sample macroscopic placement was such that the membrane normal was parallel to the magnetic field. The percentage of the desired macroscopic alignment was found to be higher than 80 %.



<sup>19</sup>F NMR powder static and magic angle spinning (MAS) spectra of **2TfmPro-GS** for estimation of the maximal anisotropic parameters. The spectra were taken at 298 K and 470.5 MHz. The isotropic chemical shift was found to be -70.4 ppm.



#### pK<sub>a</sub> determination for the amino group of TfmPro

25 mg of 1 was dissolved in 1 ml dichloromethane and 0.5 ml trifluoroacetic was added. The solution was stirred at the room temperature for an hour and the volatiles were blown off by excessive nitrogen current. The rest was dissolved in 50 µl of water and resulting solution was aliquotized 2µl in the NMR tubes containing 550 µl of 150 mM sodium phosphate buffer. The final concentration of TfmPro in the buffered systems was therefore ~ 6 mM. The last datapoint at pH 13 was measured in 0.1 M NaOH.

<sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra were measured in inverse gated decoupled 30-degree flip angle experiments at 471 MHz frequency and 298 K. The residual TFA signal was observed at -75.39±0.01 ppm in all samples and the ratio between TfmPro and TFA was found as 1.3.

From these measurements several points deviated from the sigmoidal behavior in the range 8.5 - 10.1. In this range the buffer capacity of phosphate buffer is too low to guench 16 mM acidic additive.

Therefore we collected additional dataset with diluted TfmPro\*TFA. Such that the final concentration was 0.6 and 0.16 mM.

All datapoints were collected together except of the ones rejected where preference was given to the more diluted samples. The found <sup>19</sup>F chemical shifts of TfmPro were plotted against pH as depicted, fitted according to the Boltzman fit (OrifinPro 9.1, alternatively logistic fit with similar outcome) and the first derivative of the fit delivered the maximum point 8.5. Apparent standard error was 0.1 (electrode).

(electrode). <sup>31</sup>P NMR chemical shifts were used for control. Two series showed after all a good consistency to one another. The bending point for the second ionization constant was found at 6.8 in both series.

