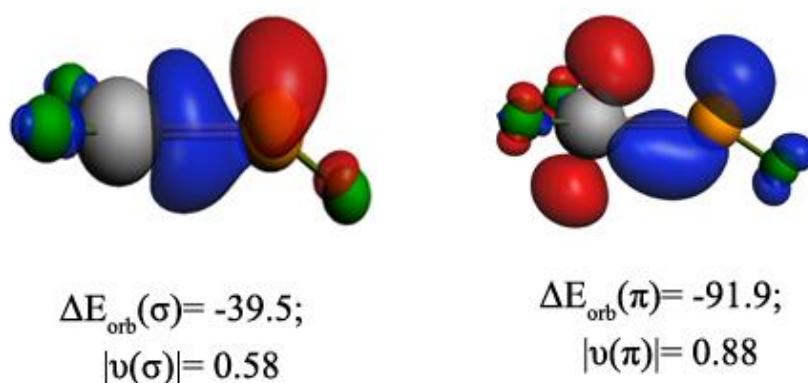


F₂BMF (M = B and Al) Molecules: A Matrix Infrared Spectra and Theoretical Calculations Investigation



ΔE_{int}	ΔE_{Pauli}	ΔE_{elstat}	ΔE_{orb}	ΔE_{σ}	ΔE_{π}	$\Delta E_{\text{orb(rest)}}$	ΔE_{dist}
-122.0	59.1	-46.8 (25.8%)	-134.7 (74.2%)	-39.5 (29.3%)	-91.9 (68.3%)	-3.3 (2.4%)	0.39

Figure S1. Plot of the deformation densities $\Delta\rho$ of the $\text{BF} \rightarrow \text{AlF}_2$ σ donation and $\text{AlF}_2 \rightarrow \text{BF}$ π back-donation in FBAlF_2 with the associated interaction energy ΔE_{orb} and charge eigenvalues $|v_n|$ (in e). The charge flow is from red \rightarrow blue.

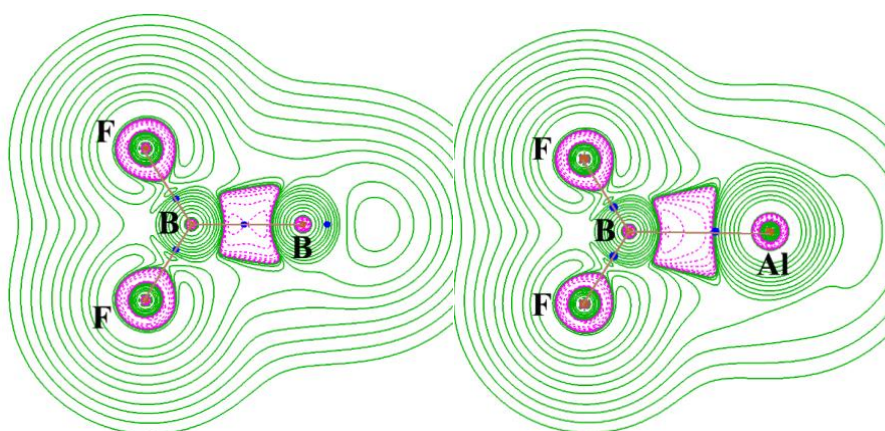


Figure S2. Contour line diagrams of the Laplacian of the electronic density of F_2BMF (M = B, Al). Red lines are in regions of the negative charge concentrations ($\nabla^2 \rho(r) < 0$); Green lines are in regions of the positive charge depletion ($\nabla^2 \rho(r) > 0$).

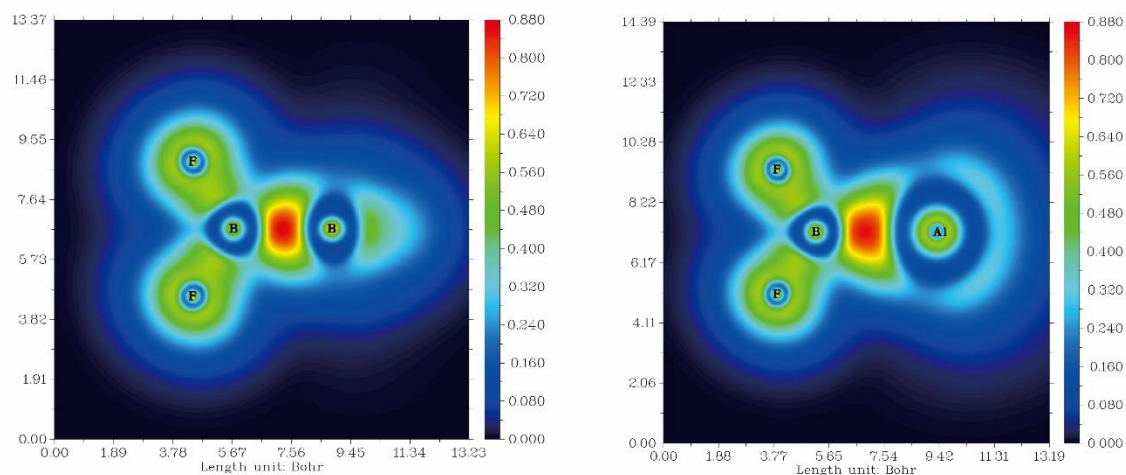


Figure S3. Color-filled maps of localized orbital locator of F₂BMF molecules (M = B, Al) at B3LYP/def2-TZVPP level.

Table S1. Compositions of Natural Bond Orbitals from NBO Analysis of F₂BMF molecules (M = B, Al).

Molecule	Bond	NBO	OCC
F ₂ BBF	B ¹ -B ⁴ σ	34.50%B ¹ (s ^{0.29} p ^{0.71})+65.50%B ⁴ (s ^{0.66} p ^{0.34})	α 0.95
		47.41%B ¹ (s ^{0.41} p ^{0.59})+52.59%B ⁴ (s ^{0.62} p ^{0.38})	β 0.99
	B ¹ -B ⁴ π	34.13%B ¹ (s ^{0.15} p ^{0.85})+66.87%B ⁴ (p)	α 0.96
	F ¹ -B ¹ σ	17.42%B ¹ (s ^{0.28} p ^{0.71} d ^{0.01})+82.58%F ¹ (s ^{0.44} p ^{0.56})	α 1.00
		17.42%B ¹ (s ^{0.29} p ^{0.70} d ^{0.01})+82.58%F ² (s ^{0.44} p ^{0.56})	β 1.00
	F ² -B ¹ σ	17.42%B ¹ (s ^{0.28} p ^{0.71} d ^{0.01})+82.58%F ¹ (s ^{0.44} p ^{0.56})	α 1.00
		17.42%B ¹ (s ^{0.29} p ^{0.70} d ^{0.01})+82.58%F ² (s ^{0.44} p ^{0.56})	β 1.00
	B ⁴ -F ³ σ	16.05%B ⁴ (s ^{0.35} p ^{0.65})+83.95%F ³ (s ^{0.44} p ^{0.56})	α 1.00
		15.97%B ⁴ (s ^{0.36} p ^{0.64})+84.03%F ³ (s ^{0.45} p ^{0.55})	β 1.00
F ₂ BAIF	B-Al σ	76.09%B(s ^{0.44} p ^{0.56})+25.57%Al(s ^{0.16} p ^{0.82} d ^{0.02})	α 0.99
		50.50% B(s ^{0.39} p ^{0.61})+49.50%Al(s ^{0.83} p ^{0.17})	β 0.99
	Al (LP)	100%Al(s ^{0.75} p ^{0.25})	α 0.98
	F ¹ -B σ	16.14%B(s ^{0.28} p ^{0.71} d ^{0.01})+83.86%F ¹ (s ^{0.46} p ^{0.54})	α 0.99
		16.43%B(s ^{0.30} p ^{0.69} d ^{0.01})+83.57%F ¹ (s ^{0.45} p ^{0.55})	β 0.99
	F ² -B σ	16.14%B(s ^{0.28} p ^{0.71} d ^{0.01})+83.86%F ¹ (s ^{0.46} p ^{0.54})	α 0.99
		16.43%B(s ^{0.30} p ^{0.69} d ^{0.01})+83.57%F ¹ (s ^{0.45} p ^{0.55})	β 0.99

All the data are calculated by B3LYP hybrid density functional. LP denotes lone pair.

Table S2. Effective Bond Order Computed at B3LYP/def2-TZVPP level of F₂BMF molecules (M = B, Al).

Orbital	F ₂ BBF	F ₂ BAIF
a(σ_1)	0.952	0.989
a(σ_1^*)	0.084	0.020
a(σ_2)	0.956	0.988
a(σ_2^*)	0.117	0.042
a(π)	0.995	/
a(π^*)	0.016	/
EBO	1.32	0.96
WBI	1.05	0.69

Table S3. Calculated Fundamental Frequencies of F₂BBF and F₂AlBF isotopomers in the Ground ²A State.

Approximate description	Cal(int) ^a	Cal(int) ^b	Cal(int) ^c	Cal(int) ^d	Cal(int) ^a	Cal(int) ^b	Cal(int) ^c	Cal(int) ^d
	F₂¹¹B¹¹BF				F₂¹⁰B¹¹BF			
BBFantisymstr	1458.1(196)	1491.2(52)	1461.7(50)	1466.2	1502.2(312)	1501.4(41)	1471.7(37)	1477.8
BF₂antisymstr	1425.9(204)	1332.3(294)	1286.7(265)	1376.3	1453.7(123)	1378.8(317)	1331.6(284)	1425.1
BF₂symstr	1261.1(370)	1188.9(465)	1150.9(427)	1213.6	1287.1(384)	1221.3(505)	1182.6(465)	1245.4
BF₂scis	762.0(4)	658.5(24)	640.0(18)	674.6	775.5(8)	663.9(22)	644.8(16)	683.5
BF₂B def	661.3(49)	570.9(19)	540.0(13)	605.9	675.6(48)	591.6(20)	560.2(14)	624.1
BF₂ bend	485.2(26)	401.0(1)	387.3(1)	414.1	488.0(27)	401.3(1)	387.6(1)	414.9
FBB wag	465.6(3)	366.5(0)	363.8(0)	335.5	466.7(3)	367.5(0.7)	364.7(0)	336.6
BBF bend	295.8(11)	188.3(15)	182.3(14)	194.3	296.7(11)	188.9(15)	187.8(14)	195.1
BF₂BF def	182.5(6)	125.2(2)	119.5(2)	115.5	183.1(6)	125.6(2.5)	119.9(2)	115.8
	F₂¹¹B¹⁰BF				F₂¹⁰B¹⁰BF			
BBFantisymstr	1485.7(89)	1538.6(70)	1508.0(63)	1511.4	1512.1(201)	1546.8(56)	1516.6(49)	1520.8
BF₂antisymstr	1437.5(316)	1332.3(294)	1286.7(265)	1376.3	1478.2(228)	1378.9(324)	1331.6(284)	1425.1
BF₂symstr	1270.5(373)	1192.3(462)	1154.2(424)	1217.9	1301.1(399)	1226.3(505)	1187.3(463)	1251.9
BF₂scis	776.4(3)	663.8(25)	644.9(19)	683.1	789.0(7)	669.3(23)	649.8(17)	682.1
BF₂B def	661.5(3)	572.7(19)	542.1(13)	607.1	676.0(48)	593.0(20)	561.6(14)	624.7
BF₂ bend	493.7(27)	405.5(1)	391.3(1)	419.5	496.9(28)	405.9(0.98)	391.7(1)	420.5
FBB wag	480.8(4)	378.2(0)	375.7(0)	345.6	482.0(4)	379.2(0.1)	376.6(0)	346.6
BBF bend	298.2(11)	192.6(16)	191.6(15)	197.8	299.2(11)	193.2(16)	192.3(15)	198.7
BF₂BF def	183.7(6)	125.9(2.5)	120.0(2)	116.3	184.4(6)	126.3(2.5)	120.5(2)	116.6
	F₂¹¹BAlF				F₂¹⁰BAlF			
BF₂antisymmstr	1411.1(300)	1312.0(277)	1270.9(257)	1342.1	1460.4(321)	1357.4(299)	1314.9(275)	
BF₂symstr	1277.2(319)	1172.2(320)	1133.9(309)	1190.3	1317.8(347)	1208.2(378)	1168.8(336)	1227.4
AlFstr	831.0(117)	806.7(106)	780.1(98)	814.5	831.0(116)	806.8(106)	780.2(98)	814.6
BF₂scis	624.5(15)	566.6(20)	549.5(17)	576.0	631.0(12)	572.5(18)	555.2(15)	582.0
F₂BAlF def	559.0(29)	466.8(32)	453.4(31)	472.9	580.9(33)	484.6(34)	470.4(34)	491.1
F₂BAlF def	338.3(30)	300.7(12)	290.7(8)	311.9	338.8(31)	301.6(13)	291.6(9)	312.8
F₂BAl wag	231.2(1)	162.1(0)	157.3(0)	166.7	232.5(1)	163.1(0)	158.2(0)	167.7
BAlF bend	156.7(15)	118.7(9)	114.3(9)	124.7	1567.0(15)	118.9(9)	114.5(7)	124.9
F₂BAlF def	99.9(8)	49.9(4)	52.9(4)	33.8	99.9(8)	49.9(4)	52.9(4)	33.8

The vibrational frequencies (cm⁻¹) and intensities (km/mol, in parentheses) are calculated using: ^a CAS(9e, 11o)/def2-TZVP basis set; ^b B3LYP/def2-TZVPP basis set.; ^c BPW91/def2-TZVPP basis set; ^dCCSD(T)/def2-TZVP(-f) basis set.

The value predicted by CASSCF method is 1425.9 (1453.7) and 1261.1(1287.1) cm⁻¹ for the anti-symmetric and symmetric B-F stretching modes of F₂¹¹B(¹⁰B)-¹¹BF molecule, which is overestimated by about 93.6 cm⁻¹ (74.9 cm⁻¹) and 72.2 cm⁻¹ (65.8 cm⁻¹) respectively. For F₂¹¹B(¹⁰B)-¹⁰BF molecule, the predicted value calculated by CASSCF is also overestimated by 98.0 cm⁻¹ (107.6 cm⁻¹) and 69.7 cm⁻¹ (59.5 cm⁻¹). Similarly, for the F₂BAlF molecule, the calculated BF₂ anti-symmetric and symmetric mode is at 1411.1 and 1277.2 cm⁻¹ by CASSCF method, , being overestimated by about 129.5 cm⁻¹ and 96.4 cm⁻¹ respectively.