

# Influence of Nitro Group Substitutes to the Stability and Energetic Properties of N-(2,4,6-trinitrophenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-amine

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### Abstract

In the paper, we aim to show N-(2,4,6-trinitrophenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-amine (HM-I) as explosive material that satisfies requirements of sensitivity and hydrolytically stability. The influence of nitro group substitutions on the thermal and chemical stability as well as the explosive performance of HM-I is also investigated. We found that nitro group substitution to the triazole ring of HM-I can significantly improve the properties of this new material. Only -NH<sub>2</sub> substitution position (but not their number) in the core molecule is appropriate to increase the stability and improve explosive performances of HM-I.

### **Keywords**

Explosive Materials, Quantum Chemistry Calculations, Detonation Velocity, Oxygen Balance

### **1. Introduction**

Recently, the research has been carried out into the synthesis of new energetic materials aiming to couple high density with high energy. The detonation pressure approaching kilo bars (kbar), a specific impulse and/or enhanced stability, and insensitivity to such stimuli as impact, friction, and electrostatic discharge should also be considered [1]. Additionally, energetic materials could not be quite sensitive and hydrolytically unstable. Hence, the research is in progress worldwide searching for explosives with the combination of properties such as

safety, reliability, stability, cost-efficiency and eco-friendliness. For the synthesis of thermally stable explosives, nitro compounds have received special attention because of their ability to withstand high temperatures and the low pressures encountered in space environments [2]. Currently, general approaches influencing the thermal stability of explosive molecules are very well known [3] [4]. These approaches are the following:

- 1) Introduction of amino groups;
- 2) Condensation with a triazole ring;
- 3) Salt formation;
- 4) Introduction of conjugation.

Many studies are performed to better understand the effect of the introduction of amino groups to various compounds, e.g. 1,3,5-trinitrobenzene, 1,3diamino-2,4,6-trinitrobenzene and etc. [5] [6] [7]. Based on these studies, it was concluded that the introduction of an amino (-NH<sub>2</sub>) group (in the ortho position) into a benzene ring already having a nitro (-NO<sub>2</sub>) group enhanced the thermal stability of explosives. On the other hand, the new explosives containing amino groups as well as conjugation were synthesized and investigated [8] [9] [10]. Some of these new materials have the distinction of being the most thermally stable explosive reported so far in comparison to well-known thermally stable explosives.

Referring to the above studies, we modeled N-(2,4,6-trinitrophenyl)-1H-1,2,4triazol-3-amine molecule and performed theoretical investigations of it aiming to clear the influence of the nitro group and its position to both the stability, optical and hazardous properties. It must be emphasized that our general aim was to design and synthesize new energetic materials.

### 2. Methods of Investigations

#### 2.1. Synthesis and Experiment

The reagents used in the study were provided by "Sigma-Aldrich, Fluka and Merck". Melting temperature of the materials under study was measured by MELT-TEMP apparatus. The reaction steps and the final materials homogeneity were controlled by the thin-layer chromatography (PSL) method and silica gel on aluminum base plate (Merck).

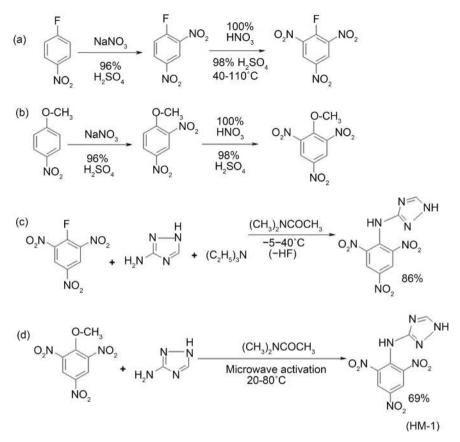
The IR spectra were measured on KBr matrix by Perkin-Elmer spectrophotometer (FT-IR Spectrum BX II).

An LC-MS investigation was performed by Agilent technologies 6246 apparatus. The general synthesis scheme is presented in Figure 1.

#### 2.2. Quantum Chemical Investigations

The structure of the molecules and their fragments under study were investigated by the density functional approach (DFT). We applied Becke's three-parameter hybrid functional applying the non-local correlation provided by Lee, Yang, and Parr (B3LYP) [11], a representative standard DFT method [12]. The cc-pVTZ basis set was also applied [13]. The approach was chosen taking into account





**Figure 1**. The general synthesis scheme of N-(2,4,6-trinitrophenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-amine (HM-1) starting from 4-fluoronitrobenzene or 4-nitroanisole.

sufficient accuracy and comparably less computing time.

To obtain the most probable structure of the molecules, the Berny optimization was performed without any symmetry constraint of several different initial geometrical structures of the molecules with the same chemical compositions. The method we used enabled us to find the most stable geometrical structure. We also computed force constants and the resulting vibrational frequencies to be sure that equilibrium point was obtained.

To describe energetic properties of the compounds investigated, the detonation velocity and oxygen balance were calculated.

The detonation velocity was calculated as follows [14]:

D21 = -393.6877 - 0.2454 (NE/M) - 114.0793 (E/M)(1)

$$D22 = -372.4122 - 1.3198(NE/M) - 106.8382(E/M)$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

where N is a number of the -NO<sub>2</sub> groups in the molecule. E is total energy of a molecule, a. u., and M is molar mass, g/mol. The regressed equations enabled us to get some fairly accurate ideas about detonation velocity values of explosives to compare their properties.

The oxygen balance was determined by using the following equation:

$$OB = \frac{-16}{M} \left( 2x + \frac{y}{2} - z \right) \times 100 \tag{3}$$

where M is molar mass, x—a number of C atoms, y—a number of H atoms, z—a number of O atoms [15]. Additionally, the toxicity and reactivity of the compounds investigated were obtained.

The transition states of the molecule under investigations were also obtained applying the Berny optimization procedure of the several different initial geometrical structures. The structures possessing the highest energy were selected for future investigations.

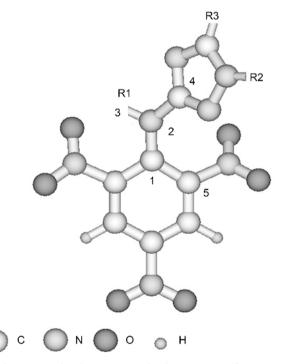
The IR spectra were obtained by using B3LYP/cc-pVTZ approach. The Gaussian program packages were applied [16].

#### 3. Results of the Investigations

## 3.1. Geometric Structures

The views of the core molecule investigated are presented in Figure 2, the meaning of R1, R2 and R3 is presented in Table 1. Substitutions R1, R2 and R3 are -H or -NO<sub>2</sub>. Here, the substitution  $-NO_2$  is introduced as 'the additional NO<sub>2</sub> (nitro) group' in order to separate it from other groups in the core molecule. The largest number of the additional nitro groups attached to the core molecule is two and their placement is different (Figure 2, Table 1). Hence, the molecules under the study are different due to different number of the nitro groups and their positions in the core molecules. We indicated the molecules investigated as HM-I - HM-VI to simplify discussion.

To observe the difference in the geometric structures of the molecules under study, the analysis of the bond length, angles and dihedral angles were performed. Generally, the bond length and angles of the core molecule



**Figure 2.** View of the core molecule investigated. The meaning of R1, R2 and R3 is presented in **Table 2**.



Name of the molecules under study	R1	R2	R3
HM-I	-H	-H	-H
HM-II	-NO <sub>2</sub>	-H	-H
HM-III	-NO <sub>2</sub>	-NO <sub>2</sub>	-H
HM-IV	-NO <sub>2</sub>	-H	-NO <sub>2</sub>
HM-V	-H	-H	-NO <sub>2</sub>
HM-VI	-H	-NO <sub>2</sub>	-H

Table 1. Substitutions of R1, R2 and R3 for the investigated molecules.

(HM-I) do not change significantly due to the additional nitro groups. However, the dihedral angles between planes that form (1, 2, 3), (5, 1, 2), (5, 1, 2) and (1, 2, 4) atoms (Figure 1) are this nitro group depended (Table 2).

Clearly the above dihedral angles are significantly different when an additional nitro group is in -R1 or/and -R2 position(s). The positions are rather close to the -NO<sub>2</sub> group of the core molecule (**Figure 2**). The difference between the geometrical structure of HM-I and HM-V, where the additional nitro group is in -R3 position, is insignificant (**Figure 1**). In this case, the additional nitro group is rather far from other nitro groups consisting of the molecules under investigations. It is obvious that the geometric structure of the molecules investigated is depended on the position of the additional group in the core molecule, *i.e.* depended on how far this group is from other nitro groups.

#### 3.2. Thermal and Chemical Stability

To compare the stability of the derivatives investigated, the binding energy per atom is calculated and presented in **Table 4**. It is evident, that the stability of the molecule HM-I, where R1, R2 and R3 are H atoms, is the lowest in comparison to that of other investigated compounds. However, the thermogravimetric analysis of HM -I was also performed to evaluate the thermal stability of this material. In the temperature range of  $25^{\circ}$ C -  $320^{\circ}$ C there was no observed mass change (**Figure 3**). That indicates that HM-I species are thermally stable, *i.e.* beyond ~ $320^{\circ}$ C temperature the material will begin to degrade.

It is evident that the stability of the other molecules should be higher in comparison to that of HM-I. However, we may not state that the stability of these molecules investigated increases when one of the above substitutions is  $-NO_2$ , because the binding energy per atom of molecule HM-II is only 0.013 eV, *i.e.* less than kT ~ 0.02 eV, and there is no possibility to recognize which of the above-mentioned molecules HM-I or HM-II is more stable (**Table 3**). Moreover, the comparison of the binding energy per atom of molecule HM-II and HM-VI (which are different because of the additional nitro group attached to different N atoms (**Figure 2, Table 3**), allows us to predict that even the placement of the additional -NO<sub>2</sub> group insignificantly influences the stability of N-(2,4,6-trinitrophenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-amine taking into account that in both cases of N-NO<sub>2</sub> similar additional chemical bonds are formed.

Name of the molecule under study	Dihedral angles	
Name of the molecule under study	(1, 2, 3,) and (5, 1, 2)	(5, 1, 2) and (1, 2, 4)
HM-I	165.582	167.792
HM-II	127.806	132.059
HM-III	123.993	141.587
HM-IV	125.656	136.341
HM-V	164.336	168.827
HM-VI	163.376	171.358

Table 2. The main difference of the geometric structure of HM-I - HM-VI.

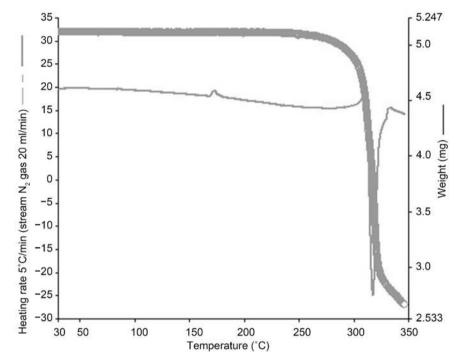


Figure 3. Results of thermogravimetric analysis of the HM-I material. Heating rate  $5^{\circ}$ C/min (stream N<sub>2</sub> gas 20 ml/min).

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Name of the molecules	Binding energy per	Binding energy per atom in respect the
under study	atom, eV	stablest molecule, eV
HM-I	6.376	0.062
HM-II	6.389	0.048
HM-III	6.412	0.025
HM-IV	6.438	0
HM-V	6.430	0.008
HM-VI	6.403	0.035

Table 3. Binding energy per atom of the molecules investigated.

Molecules HM-V and HM-VI also have one additional -NO<sub>2</sub> group that is attached to the C and N atoms of the triazole ring, respectively. Referring to the obtained results of the binding energy per atoms, it is evident that the stability of molecule HM-V is greater than that of HM-IV. Recall that the stability of molecule HM-II and HM-VI, when only the N-NO<sub>2</sub> bond appeared, is not different. These observations allow us to conclude, that the stability of the molecules investigated could increase because of the presence of the additional -C-NO<sub>2</sub> bond. A similar phenomenon is obtained in the case of molecules HM-III and HM-IV. These molecules possess the two additional  $-NO_2$  groups, and they are different due to the additional nitro group position in the triazole ring. In the case of HM-III, the N-NO<sub>2</sub> bond is formed, while C-NO<sub>2</sub> takes place in molecule HM-IV. Hence, the stability of N-(2,4,6-trinitrophenyl)-1*H*-1,2,4-triazol-3-amine could increase when the additional nitro group is attached to C atom. It is interesting that the number of the additional nitro groups does not have an influence on the stability of the investigated molecule: the binding energy per atom of molecule HM-IV and molecule HM-V is similar, although two and one additional nitro groups take place in these molecules respectively and one of them is attached to the C atom of the triazole ring.

To evaluate the chemical stability of the molecules under study, the HOMO, LUMO and the HOMO-LUMO gap are analyzed and presented in **Table 4**.

It is known that larger HOMO-LUMO gap indicates larger chemical stability of compounds. Hence, the sequence of the chemical stability of the molecules is as follows: HM-IV > HM-III > HM-II > HM-V > HM-VI > HM-I, *i.e.* HM-IV is chemically the most stable, while the chemical stability of the HM-I is the lowest. It must be emphasized, that the molecules consist of the two additional nitro groups are chemically more stable than other investigated molecules. On the other hand, the chemical stability of the HM-IV and HM-III also differs because one of the two additional nitro groups is joined with C, but not with N atom. Referring to the results, we may predict that an additional nitro group and its position could increase chemical stability of HM-I significantly.

#### 3.3. Activation Energy

To evaluate which of the molecules under study would be better to use as hazardous material, we calculated the activation energy—the minimum energy necessary to input to a system to cause a chemical reaction. The activation energy  $E_{ac}$  is evaluated as follows:

$$E_{ac} = \left| E_{gr} \right| - \left| E_{tr} \right| \tag{4}$$

where  $E_{gr}$  is the total energy of the molecule at its equilibrium point,  $E_{tr}$  is that in the transition state. The activation energy obtained is presented in Table 5.

 Table 4. Highest-lying occupied (HOMO), the lowest-lying unoccupied (LUMO) molecular orbitals and the gap between them.

Name	HOMO, a.u	LUMO, a.u	HOMO-LUMO gap, eV
HM-I	-0.263	-0.130	3.624
HM-II	-0.292	-0.143	4.056
HM-III	-0.307	-0.153	4.207
HM-IV	-0.310	-0.154	4.257
HM-V	-0.282	-0.142	3.806
HM-VI	-0.281	-0.142	3.782
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Name	<i>E</i> <sub>ac</sub> , eV	$\Delta E_{ac}$ , eV
HM-I	0.276	0.047
HM-II	0.615	0.387
HM-III	0.645	0.417
HM-IV	0.228	0
HM-V	0.398	0.170
HM-VI	0.366	0.138

**Table 5.** The activation energy obtained ( $\Delta E_{ac}$ ) and that with respect to the smallest value of the activation energies.

The results of the analysis of the activation energy exhibit, that the smallest energy must be input to the HM-IV to cause a chemical reaction. It is worth mentioning that the chemical stability of the molecule is the highest with respect to the other molecules under study. On the other hand, the activation energy of the molecules under study consisting of only one of the additional nitro groups is higher than that of HM-I. Hence, we may predict that the number of the additional nitro group have influences the amount of energy to be input to cause a chemical reaction.

#### 3.4. Detonation Velocity

There are two well-known and widely used indicators of the performance of the hazardous materials. These indicators are the detonation velocity and pressure. The detonation velocity, an indicator of strength, is calculated using Equation (1) and Equation (2). The results are presented in Table 6. The detonation velocity as an important property to be taken into consider when rating an explosive. The detonation velocities for high explosives range from 3300 fps to 29900 fps (1.01 km/s to 9.11 km/s). Hence, the results obtained indicate the molecules under investigations are highly explosive.

We would like to remind that the detonation velocity is calculated applying the regressed equations received on the basis of the quantum mechanical calculations [17]. Hence, it is not evident how precisely the above equations describe the molecules under investigation despite the fact that the Equation (1) and Equation (2) have been obtained on the basis of the research of the widely used compounds such as nitramines, aliphatic and aromatic-nitro. It implies, that the results obtained required an experimental confirmation. However, the detonation velocity of the molecules under investigation is obtained by using the same approach, *i.e.* the statistic errors of the investigations of the individual molecule could not be significantly different. It allows us to compare performance of the compounds investigated despite the model used and to rate the molecules under study. Referring to the results obtained the order of the strength of the materials is the following: HM-IV = HM-III > HM-V = HM-VI = HM-II > HM-I, *i.e.* the increasing the number of nitro groups in the molecule could strengthen the explosive performances.



Name	D <sub>1</sub> , km/s	D <sub>2</sub> km/s
HM-I	7.14	7.53
HM-II	7.88	8.47
HM-III	8.42	9.20
HM-IV	8.42	9.20
HM-V	7.88	8.47
HM-VI	7.88	8.47

Table 6. Detonation velocity calculated by using Equation (1) and Equation (2).

### **3.5. Detonation Pressure**

We mention the detonation pressure as the other performance of the hazardous material to establish their ability to do the work and determine whether the explosive material is of high or low brisance.

Generally, the detonation velocity and detonation pressure are calculated by using Kamlet-Jacobs equation [18]:

$$D(m/s) = 1.01 \times \left(NM^{1/2}Q^{1/2}\right)^{1/2} (1+1.30\rho)$$
(5)

$$P(kbar) = 15.58\rho^2 N M^{1/2} Q^{1/2}$$
(6)

where  $\rho$  is density of a compound (g/cm<sup>3</sup>), N is moles of gaseous detonation products, M is average molecular weight of gaseous products (g/mol), and Q is chemical energy of detonation (cal/g).

At present time we have no necessary data to evaluate detonation velocity by Kamlet-Jacobs Equation, but combining that, the following equations to calculate detonation pressure is

$$P(kbar) = 15.58 \left( D \ \rho / \left( 1.01 (1 + 1.30 \ \rho) \right)^2 \right)$$
(7)

The detonation pressure obtained by Equation (7) is presented in Table 7.

It is necessary to mention the detonation pressure of TNT that is equal to 213 - 259 kbar and is used as a standard. So, the detonation pressure of the HM-I molecule is lower than that of TNT even then 10% - 20% deviation of the detonation velocity is accounted [19]. Referring to the results obtained, we could name the materials as high brisance (exception is HM-I) and rank them following: HM-I < TNT < HM-II < HM-V < HM-VI < HM-IV < HM-III. Moreover, the ability to do the work of the molecules consist of the two additional nitro groups is larger than that consisting only one or none of the above -NO<sub>2</sub> groups. Hence, the results obtained lead to the conclusion that the ability to do the work of the molecules on the number of the additional nitro groups.

#### 3.6. Oxygen Balance

Oxygen balance is used to indicate the degree to which an explosive can be oxidized. The sensitivity, strength, and brisance of hazardous materials are all somewhat dependent upon oxygen balance and tend to approach their maxima as oxygen balance approaches zero.

Referring to results presented in Table 8, we can conclude that the molecules under investigation contain less oxygen than needed and foresee that the combustion would be incomplete, and large amounts of toxic gases would be present. However, the negative oxygen balance could be used to indicate the shock sensitivity. It is expected that hazardous materials with the oxygen balance closer to zero will be more sensitive to a shock. Hence, the analysis of the oxygen balance indicates HM-I as less sensitive while HM-III or HM-IV as high sensitive. The results of the analysis indicate the relative sensitivity sequence of these molecules: HM-I > HM-III = HM-IV > HM-II = HM-V = HM-VI, *i.e.* the additional nitro groups could increase sensitivity of the materials.

## 4. Conclusions

We modeled N-(2,4,6-trinitrophenyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazol-3-amine molecule and performed theoretical investigations of it aiming to clear the influence of the nitro group and its position to both the stability, optical and hazardous properties. Referring to the results, we obtained:

- The thermal stability of the HM-IV and HM-V materials is the highest among materials investigated. The chemical stability of these materials is also the highest;
- The HM-IV material requires the smallest amount of energy to induce explo-٠ sion:
- The HM-III and HM-IV materials could be named as the high brisance materials;
- The materials are not sensitive.

Table 7. Detonation pressure calculated by using Equation (7).

Name	Pressure, when $D = D_1$ , kbar	Pressure, when $D = D_{2}$ , kbar
HM-I	231.67	257.84
HM-II	291.33	336.61
HM-III	364.53	435.34
HM-IV	343.60	410.34
HM-V	294.22	339.93
HM-VI	310.73	359.01

#### Table 8. Oxygen balance values.

Name	Oxygen balance, %
HM-I	-67.76
HM-II	-47.04
HM-III	-31.16
HM-IV	-31.16
HM-V	-47.04
HM-VI	-47.04



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# **Supporting Information**

The total energy of the investigated molecules.

Name of the molecule under study	Total energy, a.u.
HM-I	-1142.399
HM-II	-1346.919
HM-III	-1551.450
HM-IV	-1551.477
HM-V	-1346.959
HM-VI	-1346.932

The coordinates of the optimized geometries of DFT calculations.

# HM-I

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# HM-III

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# HM-V

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