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# Molecular Structure and Vibrational Analysis of 1-Bromo-2-Chlorobenzene Using *ab initio* HF and Density Functional Theory (B3LYP) Calculations

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The FT-Raman and FT-IR spectra for 1-bromo-2-chlorobenzene (1B2CB) have been recorded in the region 4000–100  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and compared with the harmonic vibrational frequencies calculated using HF/DFT (B3LYP) method by employing 6-31+G (d, p) and 6-311++G (d, p) basis set with appropriate scale factors. IR intensities and Raman activities are also calculated by HF and DFT (B3LYP) methods. Optimized geometries of the molecule have been interpreted and compared with the reported experimental values of some substituted benzene. The experimental geometrical parameters show satisfactory agreement with the theoretical prediction from HF and DFT. The scaled vibrational frequencies at B3LYP/6-311++G (d, p) seem to coincide with the experimentally observed values with acceptable deviations. The theoretical spectrograms (IR and Raman) have been constructed and compared with the experimental FT-IR and FT-Raman spectra. Some of the vibrational frequencies of the benzene are affected upon profusely with the halogen substitutions in comparison to benzene, and these differences are interpreted.

## 1. Introduction

Aromatic compounds such as benzene derivative compounds are commonly used for chronic inflammation treatment products in pharmaceutical products. Benzene is frequently used as an industrial solvent, especially for degreasing metal. Chlorobenzene is an important industrial solvent and a widely used intermediate in production of commodities such as herbicides, dyestuffs, and rubber [1]. The major use of Chlorobenzene is as an intermediate in the production of commodities such as herbicides, dyestuffs, and rubber. Chlorobenzene is also used as a high-boiling solvent in many industrial applications as well as in the laboratory. Bromobenzene can be used to prepare the corresponding Grignard reagent, phenyl magnesium bromide [2]. The combined Chlorobromobenzene is also used for the manufacture of some biological and industrial solvents. In recent years, chlorobromobenzene has been the frequent subject of experimental and theoretical work because of its significance in industry and environment. Literature survey reveals that

to the best of our knowledge no *ab initio* HF/DFT with 6-31+G (d, p) and 6-311++G (d, p) basis sets calculations of 1-Br-2-CB have been reported so far. It is, therefore thought worthwhile to make a comprehensive vibrational analysis using both experimentally observed IR and Raman wavenumbers and theoretically calculated vibrational spectra.

In this study, molecular geometry, optimized parameters, and vibrational frequencies are computed and the performance of the computational methods for *ab initio* (HF), hybrid density functional methods B3LYP at 6-31G+ (d, p) and 6-311G++ (d, p) basis sets are compared. These methods predict relatively accurate molecular structure and vibrational spectra with moderate computational effort. In particular, for polyatomic molecules the DFT methods lead to the prediction of more accurate molecular structure and vibrational frequencies than the conventional *ab initio* Hartree-Fock calculations. In DFT methods, Becke's three parameter exact exchange-functional (B3) [3] combined with gradient-corrected correlational functional of Lee et al.

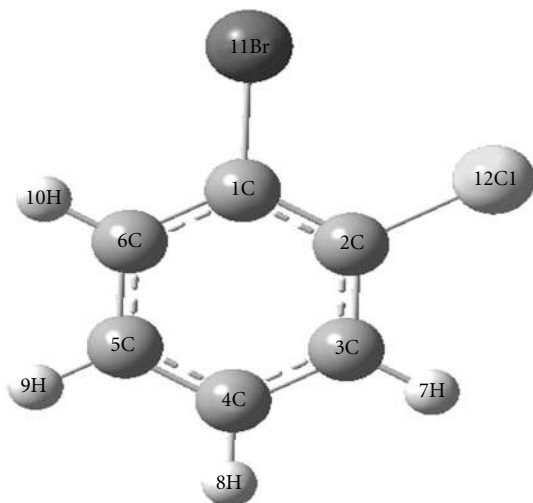


FIGURE 1: Molecular structure of 1-bromo-2-chlorobenzene.

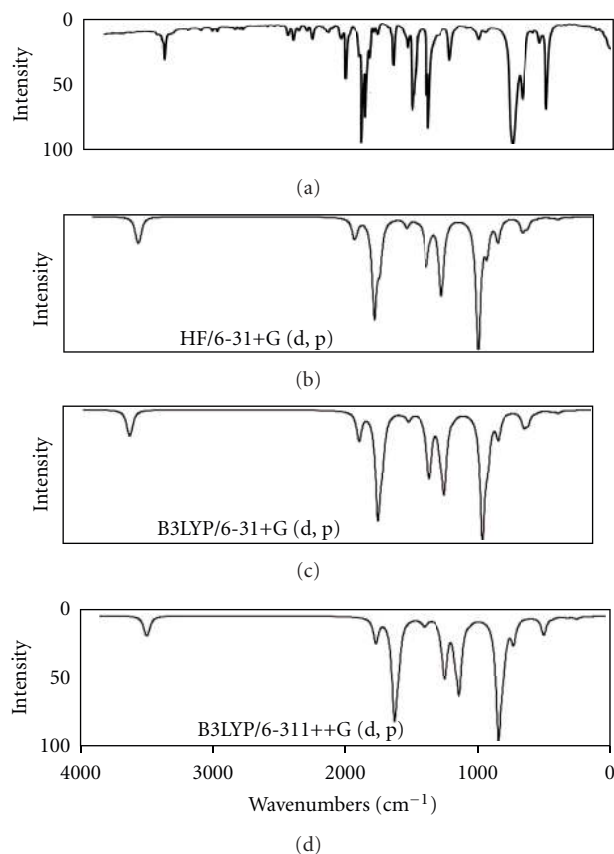


FIGURE 2: Experimental (a), calculated (b), (c) and (d) FT-IR spectra of 1-bromo-2-chlorobenzene.

(LYP) [4, 5] are the best predicting results for molecular geometry and vibrational wave numbers for moderately larger molecule [6–8].

## 2. Experimental Details

The spectroscopic grade 1-Br-2-CB was purchased from Sigma Aldrich chemicals, USA, and used as such for

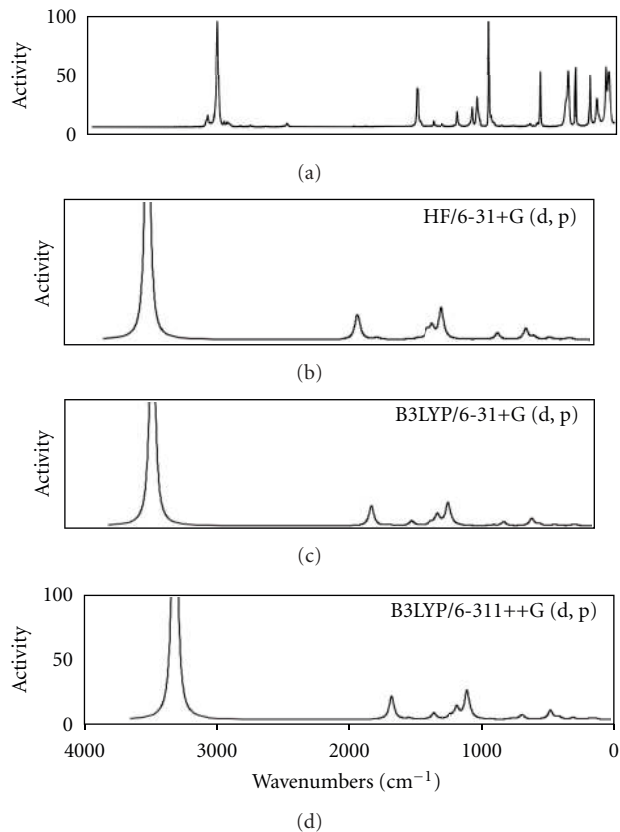


FIGURE 3: Experimental (a), calculated (b), (c) and (d) FT-Raman spectra of toluic acid.

recording spectra without further purification. The FT-IR spectrum of the 1-Br-4-CB was recorded in Bruker IFS 66 V spectrometer in the range of 4000 to 100  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The spectral resolution is  $\pm 2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The FT-Raman spectrum of 1-Br-2-CB was also recorded in the same instrument with FRA 106 Raman module equipped with Nd: YAG laser source operating at 1.064  $\mu\text{m}$  with 200 Mw power. Both the spectra were recorded in the range of 4000 to 100  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  with scanning speed of 30  $\text{cm}^{-1} \text{ min}^{-1}$  of spectral width 2  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The frequencies of all sharp bands are accurate to  $\pm 1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .

## 3. Computational Methods

HF/DFT calculations for 1-bromo-2-chlorobenzene are performed using GAUSSIAN 03 W program package on Pentium IV processor personal computer without any constraint on the geometry. The molecular structure of the title compound in the ground state is computed both ab initio HF with 6-311G (d, p) and DFT (B3LYP) with 6-311++G (d, p) and 6-31+G (d, p) basis sets. The comparative IR and Raman spectra of experimental and calculated (HF/B3LYP) are given in Figures 2 and 3, respectively. The optimized structural parameters are used in the vibrational frequency calculations at HF and DFT levels. The minimum energy of geometrical structure is obtained by using same basis sets of HF and DFT methods those which are previously mentioned. All the computations have been done by adding polarization function d and diffuse function on heavy atoms and

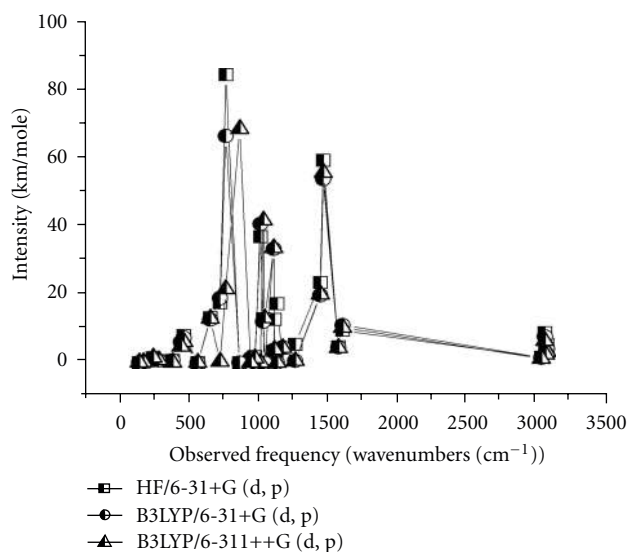


FIGURE 4: Comparative graph of IR Intensities by HF and DFT (B3LYP).

polarization function  $p$  and diffuse function on hydrogen atoms, in addition to triple split valence basis set (6-311G (d, p)), for better treatment of polar bonds. The calculated frequencies are scaled by 0.902 and 0.884 for HF/6-311+G (d, p) [9, 10]. For B3LYP/6-31+G (d, p) is scaled by 0.923, 0.977, 0.872, and 0.945 and for B3LYP/6-311++G (d, p) basis set, calculated frequency is scaled with 0.927, 0.976, 0.987, 0.885, and 1.008 [11]. HF/DFT calculations for 1-Br-2-CB are performed using GAUSSIAN 03 W program package on Pentium IV processor personal computer without any constraint on the geometry [12, 13]. The comparative values of IR intensities and Raman activities are presented in Table 3 and their corresponding graphs are given in Figures 4 and 5, respectively.

## 4. Results and Discussion

**4.1. Molecular Geometry.** The molecular structure of the 1-Br-2-CB belongs to  $C_s$  point group symmetry. The optimized molecular structure of title molecule is obtained from GAUSSIAN 03 W, and GAUSSVIEW programs are shown in Figure 1. The molecule contains Cl and Br connected with benzene ring. The structure optimization zero point vibrational energy of the title compound in HF/6-31+G (d, p), B3LYP/6-31+G (d, p), and B3LYP/6-311++G (d, p) are  $-226013.3$ ,  $-215997.0$ , and  $-211074.9$  joules/Mol, respectively. The comparative optimized structural parameters such as bond lengths, bond angles, and dihedral angles are presented in Table 1. The comparative graphs of bond lengths, bond angles, and dihedral angles of 1-Br-2-CB for four sets are presented in Figures 6, 7, and 8, respectively.

From theoretical values, it is found that most of the optimized bond lengths are slightly larger than the experimental values, because the theoretical calculations belong to isolated molecules in gaseous phase and the experimental results belong to molecules in solid state. Comparing bond angles and lengths of B3LYP with those of HF, as a whole the

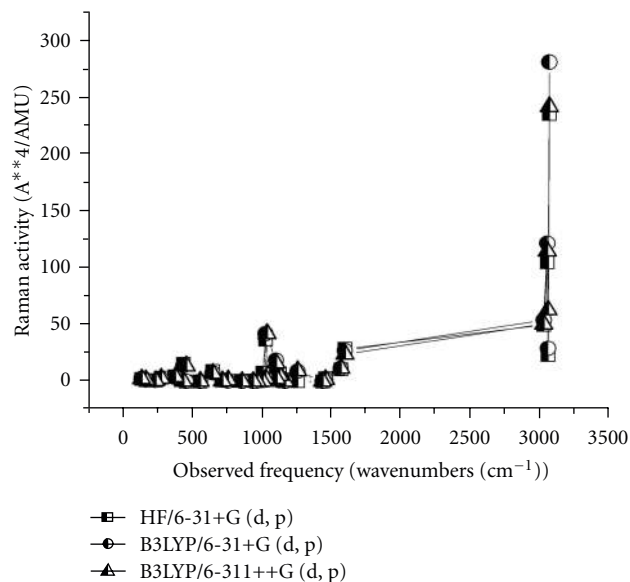


FIGURE 5: Comparative graph of Raman intensities by HF and DFT (B3LYP).

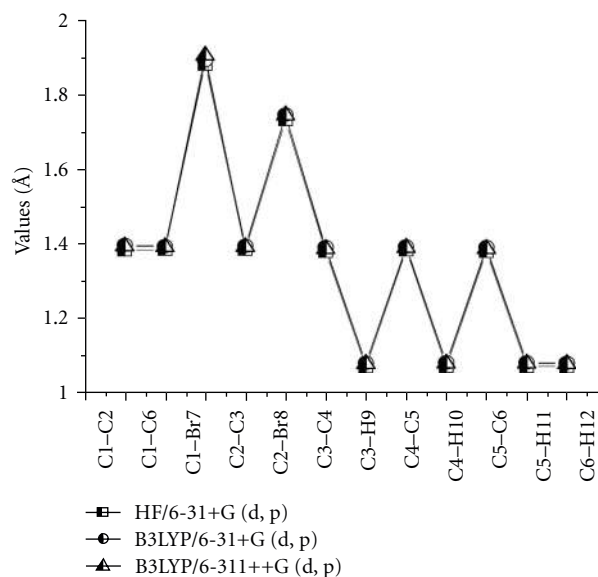


FIGURE 6: Bond length differences between theoretical approach (HF and DFT).

formers are bigger than the later and the B3LYP calculated values correlate well compared with the experimental data. Despite the differences, calculated geometrical parameters represent a good approximation, and they are the bases for the calculating other parameters, such as vibrational frequencies and thermodynamics properties.

The benzene ring appears little distorted and angles slightly out of perfect hexagonal structure. It is due to the substitutions of the bromine and chlorine atom in the place of H atoms. According to the calculated values (B3LYP/6-311++G (d, p)), the order of the optimized bond lengths of the six C-C bonds of the ring as  $C_3-C_4 = C_5-C_6 < C_4-C_5 < C_1-C_6 = C_2-C_3 < C_1-C_2$ . From the order,

TABLE 1: Optimized geometrical parameters for 1-bromo-2-chlorobenzene computed at HF/6-31+G (d, p), B3LYP/6-31+G (d, p), and B3LYP/6-31G++ (d, p) basis sets.

Geometrical Parameters	Methods			Experimental value
	HF/6-31+G (d, p)	B3LYP/6-31+G (d, p)	B3LYP/6-31++G (d, p)	
<b>Bond length (Å)</b>				
C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub>	1.3865	1.400	1.397	—
C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>6</sub>	1.388	1.397	1.395	—
C <sub>1</sub> -Br <sub>11</sub>	1.8837	1.895	1.908	1.867
C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>3</sub>	1.388	1.398	1.395	—
C <sub>2</sub> -Cl <sub>12</sub>	1.7355	1.749	1.748	1.745
C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>4</sub>	1.3824	1.394	1.390	—
C <sub>3</sub> -H <sub>7</sub>	1.0735	1.084	1.082	1.080
C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub>	1.3868	1.396	1.393	—
C <sub>4</sub> -H <sub>8</sub>	1.0748	1.085	1.083	1.080
C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>6</sub>	1.3828	1.394	1.390	—
C <sub>5</sub> -H <sub>9</sub>	1.0747	1.085	1.083	1.080
C <sub>6</sub> -H <sub>10</sub>	1.0735	1.084	1.082	1.080
<b>Bond angle (°)</b>				
C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>6</sub>	119.3229	119.25	119.79	—
C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -Br <sub>11</sub>	122.2402	121.88	121.87	114.4
C <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -Br <sub>11</sub>	118.4369	118.85	118.32	—
C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>3</sub>	120.2134	120.28	119.73	—
C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -Cl <sub>12</sub>	121.8473	121.44	121.86	116.3
C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -Cl <sub>12</sub>	117.9394	118.26	118.40	116.3
C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>4</sub>	120.1128	120.01	120.26	—
C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>3</sub> -H <sub>7</sub>	119.1113	119.08	118.83	—
C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>3</sub> -H <sub>7</sub>	120.7759	120.90	120.89	—
C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub>	119.9138	119.96	119.98	—
C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -H <sub>8</sub>	119.6402	119.56	119.51	—
C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -H <sub>8</sub>	120.4459	120.46	120.49	—
C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>6</sub>	119.8645	119.92	119.98	—
C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -H <sub>9</sub>	120.5147	120.54	120.52	—
C <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -H <sub>9</sub>	119.6208	119.53	119.48	—
C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>5</sub>	120.5726	120.56	120.23	—
C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> -H <sub>10</sub>	119.185	119.07	119.16	—
C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> -H <sub>10</sub>	120.2424	120.35	120.60	—
<b>Dihedral angle (°)</b>				
C <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>3</sub>	0.0	0.0	0.0	—
C <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -Br <sub>11</sub>	180.0	180.0	180.0	—
Br <sub>11</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>3</sub>	180.0	180.0	180.0	—
Br <sub>11</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -Br <sub>11</sub>	0.0	0.0	0.0	—
C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>5</sub>	0.0	0.0	0.0	—
C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> -H <sub>10</sub>	180.0	180.0	180.0	—
Br <sub>11</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>5</sub>	180.0	180.0	180.0	—
Br <sub>11</sub> -C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> -H <sub>10</sub>	0.0	0.0	0.0	—
C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>4</sub>	0.0	0.0	0.0	—
C <sub>1</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>3</sub> -H <sub>7</sub>	180.0	180.0	180.0	—
Cl <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>4</sub>	180.0	180.0	180.0	—
Cl <sub>12</sub> -C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>3</sub> -H <sub>7</sub>	0.0	0.0	0.0	—

TABLE 1: Continued.

Geometrical Parameters	Methods			Experimental value
	HF/6-31+G (d, p)	B3LYP/6-31+G (d, p)	B3LYP/6-311++G (d, p)	
C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub>	0.0	0.0	0.0	—
C <sub>2</sub> -C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -H <sub>8</sub>	180.0	180.0	180.0	—
H <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub>	180.0	180.0	180.0	—
H <sub>7</sub> -C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -H <sub>8</sub>	0.0	0.0	0.0	—
C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>6</sub>	0.0	0.0	0.0	—
C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -H <sub>9</sub>	180.0	180.0	180.0	—
H <sub>8</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>6</sub>	180.0	180.0	180.0	—
H <sub>8</sub> -C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -H <sub>9</sub>	0.0	0.0	0.0	—
C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>1</sub>	0.0	0.0	0.0	—
C <sub>4</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> -H <sub>10</sub>	180.0	180.0	180.0	—
H <sub>9</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> -C <sub>1</sub>	180.0	180.0	180.0	—
H <sub>9</sub> -C <sub>5</sub> -C <sub>6</sub> -H <sub>10</sub>	0.0	0.0	0.0	—

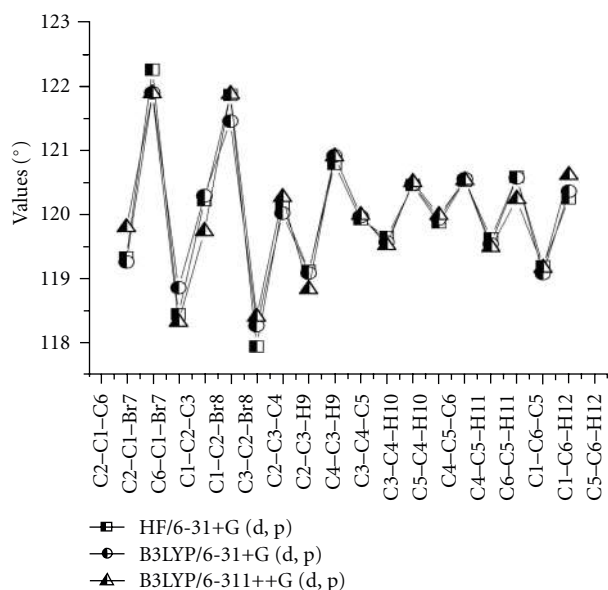


FIGURE 7: Bond angle differences between theoretical approach (HF and DFT).

it is clear that the C-C bond length is compressed exactly in the substitutional place. The C-Br bond distance calculated by B3LYP/6-311++G (d, p) is just 0.041 Å lower than the reported experimental value of 1.867 Å [14, 15]. The C-Cl bond distance calculated by B3LYP/6-311++G (d, p) is just 0.003 Å greater than the reported experimental value of 1.745 Å [16]. According to the calculated values (B3LYP/6-311++G (d, p)), the order of the optimized bond angle are as C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> < C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> < C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> = C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> < C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>5</sub> < C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>. The bond angle of C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>1</sub>-Br<sub>11</sub> is 0.001° (B3LYP/6-311++G (d, p)) larger than the bond angle C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-Cl<sub>12</sub> since the substitution of chlorine and fluorine atom.

**4.2. Vibrational Assignments.** The 1-Br-2-CB consists of 12 atoms, and belongs to C<sub>s</sub> symmetry. Hence the number of

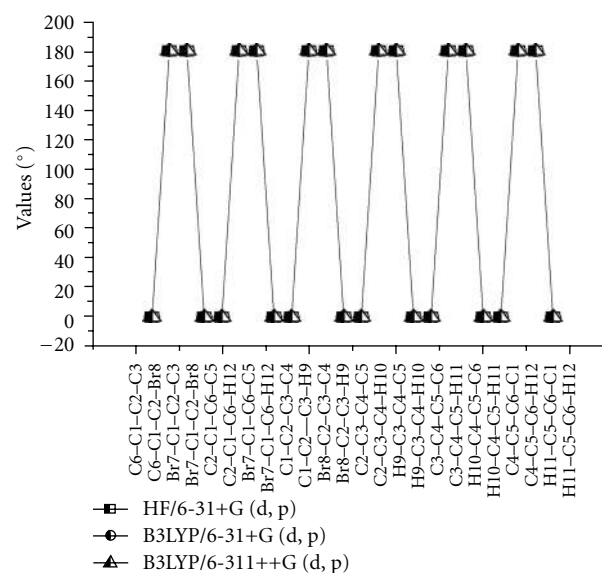


FIGURE 8: Dihedral angle differences between theoretical approach (HF and DFT).

normal modes of vibrations for 1-Br-2-CB works to 30. Of the 30 normal modes of vibrations, 21 modes of vibrations are in plane and the remaining 9 are out of plane. The bands that belong to the in-plane modes are represented as A' while the out-of-plane modes as A''. Thus the 30 normal modes of vibrations are distributed as  $\Gamma_{\text{vib}} = 21A' + 9A''$ . All the 30 fundamental vibrations are active both in Raman scattering and in IR absorption. The harmonic-vibrational frequencies calculated for 1-Br-2-CB at HF and DFT-B3LYP levels using the triple split valence basis set along with the diffuse and polarization functions, 6-311G (d, p), observed FT-IR and FT-Raman frequencies for various modes of vibrations are presented in Table 2.

Although basis set are marginally sensitive as observed in the HF and DFT values using 6-31+G+ (d, p) and 6-311++G (d, p), reduction in the computed harmonic vibrational frequencies are noted. Without affecting the basic level of

TABLE 2: Observed and HF /6-31+G (d, p), B3LYP/6-31+G (d, p), and B3LYP/6-311++G (d, p) level calculated vibrational frequencies of 1-bromo-2-chlorobenzene.

S. no.	Symmetry species $C_s$	Observed frequency		HF/6-31+G (d, p)		B3LYP/6-31+G (d, p)		B3LYP/6-311++G (d, p)		Vibrational assignments
		FTIR	FT Raman	Unscaled value	Scaled value	Unscaled value	Scaled value	Unscaled value	Scaled value	
1	A'	—	3070vs	3392	3069	3222	3062	3206	3073	(C-H) $\nu$
2	A'	3060vs	—	3388	3066	3219	3059	3202	3070	(C-H) $\nu$
3	A'	—	3055vs	3374	3053	3207	3048	3190	3058	(C-H) $\nu$
4	A'	—	3030w	3358	3038	3194	3035	3177	3046	(C-H) $\nu$
5	A'	1600w	—	1774	1605	1621	1599	1610	1603	(C=C) $\nu$
6	A'	1570vs	1570s	1757	1590	1614	1569	1604	1579	(C=C) $\nu$
7	A'	1460vs	—	1625	1470	1490	1448	1483	1460	(C=C) $\nu$
8	A'	1440vs	—	1586	1435	1462	1442	1457	1434	(C-C) $\nu$
9	A'	1260vs	—	1389	1257	1326	1260	1304	1250	(C-C) $\nu$
10	A'	1170w	—	1314	1189	1281	1169	1276	1169	(C-C) $\nu$
11	A'	1130vs	1130	1242	1124	1187	1128	1185	1136	(C-H) $\delta$
12	A'	1110vs	—	1230	1113	1150	1118	1147	1099	(C-H) $\delta$
13	A'	1105w	—	1198	1084	1133	1101	1126	1108	(C-H) $\delta$
14	A'	1040w	—	1191	1077	1098	1043	1054	1037	(C-H) $\delta$
15	A''	1030w	—	1130	1022	1058	1028	1028	1024	(C-H) $\gamma$
16	A''	—	1010w	1120	1013	1030	1016	988	1013	(C-H) $\gamma$
17	A''	970w	—	1093	989	986	973	955	969	(C-H) $\gamma$
18	A''	940vs	—	1088	984	967	940	864	936	(C-H) $\gamma$
19	A'	860	—	946	856	849	859	761	863	(CCC) $\delta$
20	A'	760vs	—	852	771	767	756	730	759	(C-Cl) $\nu$
21	A'	720m	—	790	714	731	721	702	719	(CCC) $\delta$
22	A'	—	650w	709	642	659	650	659	648	(CCC) $\delta$
23	A'	560w	—	608	550	564	556	512	559	(C-Br) $\nu$
24	A''	460m	460m	520	470	477	463	447	458	(CCC) $\gamma$
25	A''	—	440w	486	440	449	436	443	443	(CCC) $\gamma$
26	A''	—	380w	426	385	395	384	387	387	(CCC) $\gamma$
27	A'	—	280w	308	278	286	278	283	283	(C-Cl) $\delta$
28	A'	—	240w	263	238	242	242	222	240	(C-Br) $\delta$
29	A''	—	170w	179	162	163	170	163	169	(C-Cl) $\gamma$
30	A''	—	140w	147	133	134	139	123	139	(C-Br) $\gamma$

vs: very strong; s: strong; m: medium; w: weak; as: asymmetric; s: symmetric;  $\delta$ : in-plane bending;  $\gamma$ : out-plane bending;  $\tau$ : twisting.



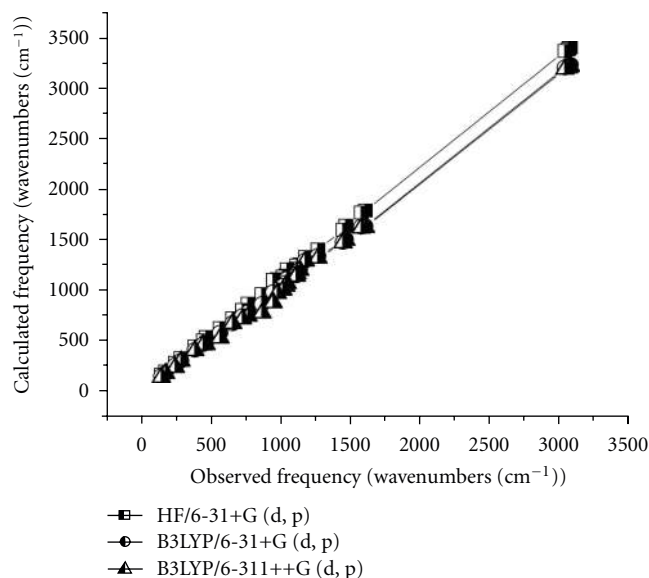


FIGURE 9: Comparative graph of experimental and calculated frequencies HF and DFT (B3LYP).

calculations, it is customary to scale down the calculated harmonic frequencies in order to get an agreement with the experimental values. The scaled calculated frequencies minimize the root mean square difference between calculated and experimental frequencies for bands with definite identifications.

**4.2.1. Computed IR Intensity and Raman Activity Analysis.** Computed vibrational spectral IR intensities and Raman activities of the 1-Br-2-CB for corresponding wavenumbers by HF and DFT methods with B3LYP at 6-311G ++(d, p) basis sets have been collected in Table 3. The title molecule is a nonpolar molecule with  $C_s$  point group. Comparison of IR intensity and Raman activity calculated by HF and DFT with B3LYP at 6-311G++ (d, p) methods with experimental values shows the variation of IR intensities and Raman activities. In the case of IR intensity, the values of HF are found to be higher than B3LYP at 6-31+G (d, P) whereas in the case of Raman activity the effect is reversed. The similar effect was also observed in the earlier paper [17]. The comparative plots of IR intensities and Raman activities for four sets are presented in Figures 4 and 5, respectively.

**4.2.2. Computed Vibrational Frequency Analysis.** The comparative graph of calculated vibrational frequencies by HF and DFT methods at HF/6-31+G (d, p), B3LYP/6-31+G (d, p), and B3LYP/6-311++G (d, p) basis sets for the 1-Br-2-CB are given in Figure 9. From the figure, it is found that the calculated (unscaled) frequencies by B3LYP with 6-311++G (d, p) basis sets are closer to the experimental frequencies than HF method with 6-311G (d, p) basis set. This observation is in line with our earlier work [18]. The standard deviation (SD) calculation made between experimental and computed frequencies (HF/DFT) for the 1-Br-2-CB is presented in Table 4. According to the SD, the computed frequency deviation decreases in going from

HF/6-31+G (d, p) to B3LYP/6-31+G (d, p) to B3LYP/6-311++G (d, p). The deviation ratio between HF/6-31+G (d, p) and B3LYP/6-31+G (d, p) is 2.90 and HF/6-311+G (d, p) and B3LYP/6-31+G (d, p) is 2.88. It is also observed that the calculated frequencies by B3LYP/6-311++G (d, p) basis sets are closer to the experimental frequencies than HF method.

**4.2.3. C–H Vibrations.** The aromatic organic compounds structure shows the presence of asymmetric C–H stretching vibrations in the region  $3100\text{--}3000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  [19, 20] which is the characteristics region for recognition on C–H stretching vibrations. In the title molecule, four bands have been observed at  $3070, 3060, 3055,$  and  $3030\text{ cm}^{-1}$  assigned to C–H stretching vibrations. Due to the presence of heavy halogen atoms in the benzene ring, the assigned bands are deviated down slightly from the expected range. The C–H in-plane and out-of-plane bending vibrations normally take place as a number of strong to weak intensity sharp bends in the region of  $1300\text{--}1000\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1000\text{--}750\text{ cm}^{-1}$  [21–27], respectively. The bands for C–H in-plane bending vibrations are identified at  $1130, 1110, 1105,$  and  $1040\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , and the C–H out-of-plane bending vibrations are found at  $1030, 1010, 970,$  and  $940\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . Theoretically computed frequencies for C–H in-plane and C–H out-of-plane bending vibrations by B3LYP/6-31G+ (d, p) and 6-311++G (d, p) methods showed excellent agreement with recorded spectrum. Except for some vibrations, all the bending vibrations are in line with the literature. Some of the bending vibrational modes are slightly moved away from the expected region. This is mainly due to the substitutions of halogens with different masses.

**4.2.4. C=C Vibrations.** Generally the C=C stretching vibrations in aromatic compounds are seen in the region of  $1430\text{--}1650\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . According to Socrates [28], the presence of conjugate substituent such as C=C causes a heavy doublet formation around the region  $1625\text{--}1575\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The six ring carbon atoms which undergo coupled vibrations which are known as skeletal vibrations give a maximum of four bands in the region  $1660\text{--}1420\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . As predicted in the earlier references [29], the prominent peaks at  $1600, 1570,$  and  $1460\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are due to strong C=C stretching and  $1440, 1260,$  and  $1170\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are due to strong C–C skeletal vibrations for the title compound. The peaks at  $1600, 1570,$  and  $1460\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and the peaks at  $1440$  and  $1260\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are due to quadrant and semicircle stretching of CC bonds, respectively [30]. These four peaks confirm that the compound is aromatic in nature [31]. The peaks are assigned at  $860, 720,$  and  $650\text{ cm}^{-1}$  due to C–C–C in-plane bending vibrations and the peaks at  $460, 440,$  and  $380\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are due to C–C–C out-of-plane bending vibrations. Except C–C and CCC vibrations, all the C=C stretching vibrations are coherent with the literature data [32]. The C–C and CCC vibrations are pulled considerably to the lower region and are purely due to the substitutions.

**4.2.5. C–Br Vibrations.** The vibration belonging to the bond between the ring and the bromine atom is important as

TABLE 3: Comparative values of IR intensity and Raman activity between HF/6-31+G (d, p), B3LYP/6-31+G (d, p), and B3LYP/6-311++G (d, p) of 1-bromo-2-chlorobenzene.

S. no.	Observed frequency (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Calculated with HF/6-31+G (d, p)		Calculated with B3LYP/6-31+G (d, p)		Calculated with B3LYP/6-311++G (d, p)	
		IR intensity (Ai)	Raman activity (I)	IR intensity (Ai)	Raman activity (I)	IR activity (I)	Raman intensity (Ai)
1	3070	5.51	234.74	4.11	280.35	3.34	241.41
2	3060	3.84	23.15	3.04	29.11	2.55	62.85
3	3055	8.89	104.63	7.76	121.31	6.52	114.39
4	3030	1.71	49.57	1.56	53.97	1.32	50.37
5	1600	9.54	28.55	11.09	26.93	10.37	23.82
6	1570	4.72	10.62	4.55	11.42	4.385	11.71
7	1460	59.39	2.89	53.84	1.95	55.74	1.80
8	1440	23.59	0.07	19.83	0.08	20.07	0.06
9	1260	5.37	0.20	0.56	9.05	0.56	9.31
10	1170	0.73	1.96	4.53	0.15	4.37	0.09
11	1130	17.33	6.72	0.04	0.54	0.07	5.27
12	1110	12.72	5.38	3.81	2.10	3.90	2.33
13	1105	3.30	16.07	33.39	18.7	33.63	16.32
14	1040	0.02	1.08	0.03	1.32	13.09	42.11
15	1030	12.96	36.80	12.10	42.04	41.75	2.78
16	1010	36.93	7.61	40.70	2.29	0.03	0.09
17	970	1.78	0.18	0.01	0.32	1.34	0.07
18	940	0.32	0.70	1.36	0.27	0.00	0.04
19	860	0.03	0.47	0.02	0.15	68.52	0.00
20	760	84.39	0.62	66.42	0.34	21.66	1.43
21	720	17.54	0.79	18.95	1.43	0.33	0.49
22	650	13.15	9.17	12.70	7.44	12.97	7.01
23	560	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.28
24	460	7.97	0.02	7.32	0.04	6.08	13.53
25	440	5.38	15.45	6.01	13.69	4.78	0.07
26	380	0.64	4.54	0.66	3.69	0.07	4.05
27	280	0.48	3.24	0.66	2.50	0.74	2.65
28	240	1.45	0.80	1.41	0.95	1.50	0.62
29	170	0.15	1.08	0.19	1.24	0.15	1.44
30	140	0.04	2.19	0.04	2.59	0.08	2.24

mixing of vibrations is possible due to the presence of heavy atom [14, 15, 33]. C–Br bond shows lower absorption frequency as compared to C–H bond due to the decreased force constant and increase in reduced mass. Bromine compounds absorb strongly in the region 650–485 cm<sup>-1</sup> due to the C–Br stretching vibrations [34]. Accordingly in the present case, the C–Br stretching vibration of the 1-Br-2-CB is observed at 560 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the FT-IR spectrum. The C–Br in-plane bending and out-of-plane bending vibrations are observed at 240 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 140 cm<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. This view is also supported by the above literature.

**4.2.6. C–Cl Vibrations.** The C–Cl stretching band is normally expected around 750–580 cm<sup>-1</sup> [35]. A strong IR band at 760 cm<sup>-1</sup> is assigned to C–Cl stretching vibration. The C–Cl deformation vibrations are expected around 460–175 cm<sup>-1</sup> [34]. A weak Raman band at 280 cm<sup>-1</sup> is assigned to the C–Cl in-plane bending vibration; a weak Raman band at 170 cm<sup>-1</sup> is assigned to the C–Cl out-of-plane bending vibration. When comparison is made with the assignments given in the literature [34–37], the presence of the bromine substituent induced a shift in the C–Cl vibrational frequencies to higher values.



TABLE 4: Standard deviation of frequencies by HF/DFT (B3LYP/) at 6-31+G (d, p) and 6-311++G (d, p) basis sets.

S. no.	Basic set levels	Total values	Average	Standard deviation	Deviation ratio
	Experimental	34710	1157		
1	HF/6-311+(d, p)	38483	1282	88.93	
2	B3LYP/6-31+(d, p)	35961	1199	30.61	2.90
3	B3LYP/6-311++(d, p)	35288	1176	30.82	2.88

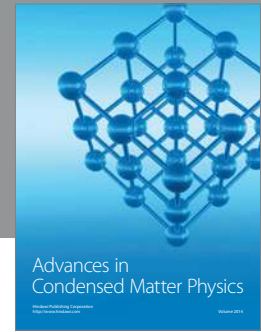
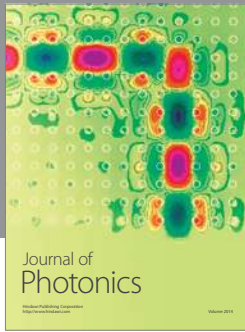
## 5. Conclusion

Complete vibrational analysis has been made in the present work for proper frequency assignments for 1-bromo-2-chlorobenzene. The equilibrium geometries have been determined and compared with experimental data. Anharmonic frequencies are determined and analyzed by DFT level of theory utilizing 6-31G+ (d, p) and 6-311++G (d, p) basis sets. Good agreement between the calculated and experimental spectra was obtained. The HF/DFT spectra showed better agreement with experimental spectra. However, the difference between the observed and scaled wavenumber values of C–C fundamental is very large, because of the presence of the C–Cl and C–Br bonds. The detailed anharmonic frequencies assignment of 1-B-2-CB, presented in this work, has clarified several ambiguities in the previously reported investigation of the experimental spectra. Computed vibrational analysis showed the standard deviation of computational frequencies.

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