

Structural, vibrational spectroscopic investigation and HOMO-LUMO Analysis of substituted toluene

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**ABSTRACT**

*This work deals with the molecular structure and vibrational spectra of 2-chloro 5-Nitrotoluene and 2-Iodo 5-Nitrotoluene (2I5NT) with IR and Raman intensities using DFT/B3LYP incorporated with the suitable basis set available in Gaussian09 software. We have calculated potential energy distributions (PEDs) for the important assignments. Normal modes assignments of some of the vibrational frequencies of title molecule are in good agreement with the earlier reported experimental frequencies whereas others have been modified. HOMO-LUMO analyses were also performed to analyze the transition profile. The intrinsic electronic properties such as electronegativity, chemical hardness, softness, chemical potential, and electrophilicity index were also calculated.*

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**I. INTRODUCTION:**

Toluene and substituted toluene are very important due to their wide applications in medicine and industry. Toluene had been used as a coolant for its good heat transfer capabilities in sodium cold traps which was used in nuclear reactor system loops. Toluene has also been used in the process of removing the cocaine from coca leaves in the production of Coca-Cola syrup [1]. Toluene is a water-insoluble liquid with the typical smell of paint thinners. It is mono-substituted benzene derivative. It is an aromatic hydrocarbon that is widely used as an industrial feedstock. Toluene is also capable of dissolving a number of notable inorganic chemicals such as sulfur. It is used as a solvent to create a solution of carbon nanotubes. Toluene can be used to break open red blood cells in order to extract hemoglobin in biochemistry experiments [2]. There is no theoretical work seems available on the vibrational spectra (IR and Raman) of title molecules. However, Krishnakumar and co-workers have reported the assignment dealing with spectroscopic study of closely similar molecules of title molecules [1, 2]. They reported vibrational assignment of 2-bromo 5-Nitrotoluene (BNT), 2-fluoro 5-Nitrotoluene (FNT), 2-chloro 4-Nitrotoluene (2Cl4NT) and 4-chloro 2-Nitrotoluene (4Cl2NT) [1, 2]. In their study, the authors used DFT/B3LYP level of theory to calculate molecular structure and vibrational spectra of these molecules with IR and Raman intensities.

In our present study, we have made an effort to calculate molecular structure and vibrational spectra with IR and Raman intensities of title molecules using Density Functional Theory (DFT) incorporated with the suitable basis set available in Gaussian09 software. We have also calculated potential energy distributions (PEDs) for the crucial assignment. Some of the vibrational frequencies of title molecules are in good agreement with the earlier reported experimental frequencies whereas others have modified. HOMO-LUMO analysis is also performed to analyze the transition profile of 2I5NT and 2Cl5NT.

**II. COMPUTATIONAL DETAILS:**

The bond lengths, bond angles and vibrational frequencies with the IR intensities and Raman scattering activities in 2I5NT and 2Cl5NT molecule was calculated at DFT/B3LYP level with the standard DGDZVP basis set available in the Gaussian09 program [3]. The potential energy distributions (PEDs) have also calculated to make a conspicuous assignment as animation available in GaussView is not a guarantee for correct normal mode assignment. For the subsequent normal coordinate analysis (NCA), the force fields obtained in the Cartesian coordinates and dipole derivatives with respect to atomic displacements were extracted from the archive section of the Gaussian 09 output and transformed to a suitably defined set of internal coordinates which by means of a modified version of the MOLVIB program [4, 5]. The Raman activity obtained by Gaussian09 was converted into Raman intensity using empirical relation of Raman scattering theory [6,7].

NBO analysis gives information about the interaction between both the filled and virtual orbitalspaces, it could enhance the analysis of intra and inter-molecular interactions. The interaction between filled and antibonding orbital's represent the deviation of the molecule from the Lewis structure and can be used as the measure of delocalization. This noncovalent bonding-antibonding interaction can be quantitatively described in terms of the second order perturbation interaction energy  $E^{(2)}$  [8–11]. This energy represents the estimate of the off-diagonal NBO Fock Matrix elements. It can be deduced from the second-order perturbation approach [12]

$$E^{(2)} = \Delta E_{ij} = q_i \frac{F_{ij}^2}{\epsilon_j - \epsilon_i}$$

Where  $q_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  donor orbital occupancy,  $\epsilon_i$  and  $\epsilon_j$  are the diagonal elements (orbital energies) and  $F_{ij}$  is the off diagonal NBO Fock Matrix element.

### III. RESULT AND DISCUSSIONS:

#### 3.1 Molecular structure:

The optimized bond lengths and bond angles in 2I5NT and 2C15NT calculated at the B3LYP/ DGTZVP level are collected in Table 1. The optimized molecular structures of title molecules with atomic labeling are shown in Fig 1. In our present study for the title molecules, the DFT calculated bond length for the bond C1-C2 is 1.393 and 1.392 Å while this bond length for 2C14NT and 4C12NT was found at 1.391 Å [1]. Therefore, there is a good agreement between present assignment and earlier reported assignment of 2C14NT and 4C12NT molecules [1, 2]. However, Krishnakumar and co-workers reported this bond length for BNT also with a magnitude of 1.392 Å [2]. The bond length for the C5-C10 bond is calculated at 1.509 Å in both the 2I5NT and 2C15NT which is longer than ring CC bonds due to conjugation effect. However, this bond length was 1.505 Å in 2C14NT [1]. The two bond lengths of bonds N15-O16 and N15-O17 has been optimized at 1.236 Å while both of these two bond lengths values were found shorter by 0.048 Å in case of 4C12NT molecule [1]. The bond length between halogen and carbon is optimized at 2.131 Å and 1.754 Å in 2I5NT and 2C15NT respectively.

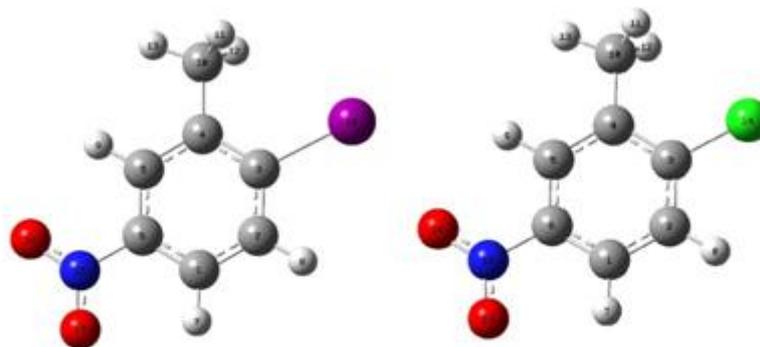


Fig. 1

#### 3.2 Vibrational Dynamics:

There are 17 atoms in both the 2I5NT and 2C15NT molecules therefore, these possess 45 normal modes. In our present calculation we have done vibrational assignment for 2I5NT and 2C15NT which are collected in Tables 2. We have categorized our results into following sections as follows-

##### 3.2.1 CH<sub>3</sub> group vibrations:

As we know that CH<sub>3</sub> group has nine normal modes and in our title molecules one CH<sub>3</sub> group is present therefore, there are nine normal modes correspond to the CH<sub>3</sub> group, which are the symmetrical stretching (CH<sub>3</sub> symmetric stretch) and asymmetrical stretching (CH<sub>3</sub> asymmetric stretch), in-plane stretching modes, and CH<sub>3</sub> symmetric deformation and CH<sub>3</sub> asymmetric deformation modes; in-plane rocking (CH<sub>3</sub>ipr), out-of-plane rocking (CH<sub>3</sub>opr), and twisting (CH<sub>3</sub>twi) modes.

In the earlier works [1, 2], only CH<sub>3</sub> symmetric stretching normal mode could be assigned. However, in our present study the CH<sub>3</sub> symmetric stretching normal mode has been assigned at the scaled frequency 2919 cm<sup>-1</sup> in 2I5NT whereas 2920 cm<sup>-1</sup> in 2C15NT. This normal mode is rather a mix mode and contributes to PED in the coupled form of its own out of plane stretching (CH<sub>3</sub>ops) in both the molecules. The IR intensity for this mode is weak while Raman intensity is strong. Kumar and Verma reported this mode contribution at 2892 cm<sup>-1</sup> in their study [13]. From this it reveals that there is nearly 149 cm<sup>-1</sup> difference between present and earlier reported

frequencies for this mode. The two bands assigned at  $2984\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2938\text{ cm}^{-1}$  were corresponding to  $\text{CH}_3$  anti-symmetric stretching normal mode [13]. However, the  $\text{CH}_3$  anti-symmetric stretching normal mode could not assigned at any frequency in our present study. Krishnakumar and co-workers reported  $\text{CH}_3$  symmetric stretching normal mode for 2Cl4NT and 4Cl2NT at  $2734\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2861\text{ cm}^{-1}$  respectively [1]. In addition to this, the authors also predicted this mode at  $2970\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2957\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for FNT and BNT molecules respectively [2].

The band at  $3098\text{ cm}^{-1}$  is assigned to the in plane stretching mode of the  $\text{CH}_3$  group in 2I5NT with weak IR intensity. However, the same mode got shifted to the  $3017\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in 2Cl5NT. Krishnakumar and co-workers assigned in plane stretching mode of the  $\text{CH}_3$  group for 2Cl4NT and 4Cl2NT at  $2848\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $2989\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in their study [1]. He also assigned the bands at  $3053\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $3110\text{ cm}^{-1}$  to the in plane stretching mode of the  $\text{CH}_3$  group for FNT and BNT respectively [2]. The in plane stretching mode of the  $\text{CH}_3$  group for FNT, 2Cl4NT and 4Cl2NT contributes to PEDs in pure form while for BNT, this mode contributes to PEDs in coupled form of out of plane stretching mode of the  $\text{CH}_3$  group.

The bands at  $2966\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $2937\text{ cm}^{-1}$  were assigned to the out of plane stretching mode of the  $\text{CH}_3$  group for 2Cl4NT and 4Cl2NT respectively [1]. In our present study we assigned this mode at scaled frequency  $2989$  and  $2991\text{ cm}^{-1}$ . This mode contributes to PEDs in pure form but this normal mode at  $2923\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $3071\text{ cm}^{-1}$  contributes to PEDs in the coupled form of other mode for FNT and BNT respectively [2]. In our study, IR intensity is weak while Raman intensity is strong for this normal mode. The out of plane bending normal mode of the  $\text{CH}_3$  group for 2Cl4NT and 4Cl2NT was assigned at  $1535\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ,  $1516\text{ cm}^{-1}$  respectively while in case of FNT and BNT this mode observed at  $1067\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1073\text{ cm}^{-1}$  respectively [1,2]. In our present study, we have assigned this normal mode at scaled frequency  $1044\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in 2I5NT whereas  $1045\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in case of 2Cl5NT. From this it reveals that our assignment for this mode shows a good agreement with the assignment of FTN and BTN but there is quite difference with the assignment of 2Cl4NT and 4Cl2NT. The assignment of rocking mode is very ambiguous. The out of plane rocking mode of  $\text{CH}_3$  group contributes to PEDs at  $15620\text{ cm}^{-1}$  while in plane rocking normal mode at  $1485\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for the 2I5NT molecule in our study. The IR and Raman intensities are weak corresponding to the out of plane rocking mode of  $\text{CH}_3$  group while for in plane rocking mode of  $\text{CH}_3$  group, the IR intensity is very strong and Raman intensity is weak. V. Krishnakumar et al. assigned out of plane rocking mode of  $\text{CH}_3$  group at  $1034\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1032\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for 2Cl4NT and 4Cl2NT respectively [1] while V. Krishnakumar et al. assigned out of plane rocking mode for FTN and BTN at  $1497$  and  $1509\text{ cm}^{-1}$  respectively [2]. From this we can conclude that our assignment has similarities with the assignment of out of plane rocking mode for FTN and BTN but this mode assignment appears wrong for 2Cl4NT and 4Cl2NT. The out of plane rocking mode of  $\text{CH}_3$  group contributes to PEDs in coupled form of other modes [1]. The in plane rocking normal mode was assigned at  $1086\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and  $1078\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for 2Cl4NT and 4Cl2NT respectively [1].

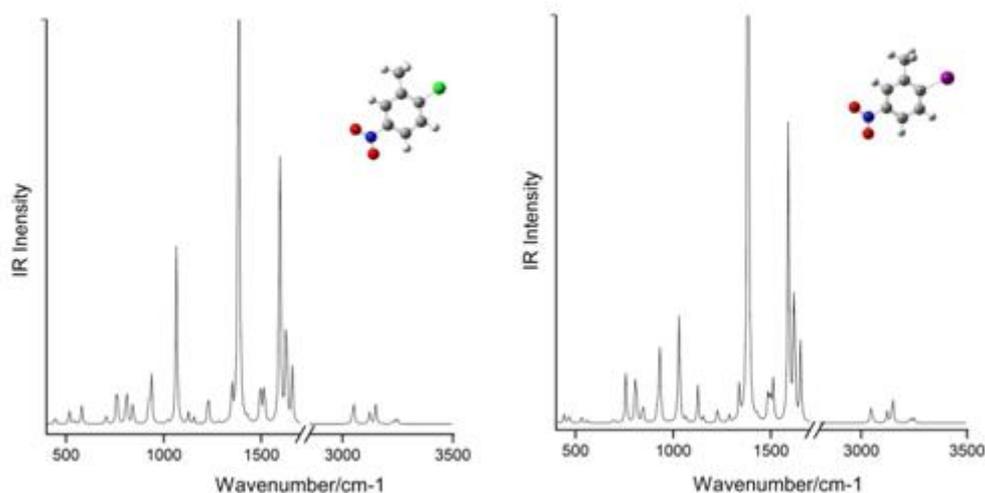


Fig.2

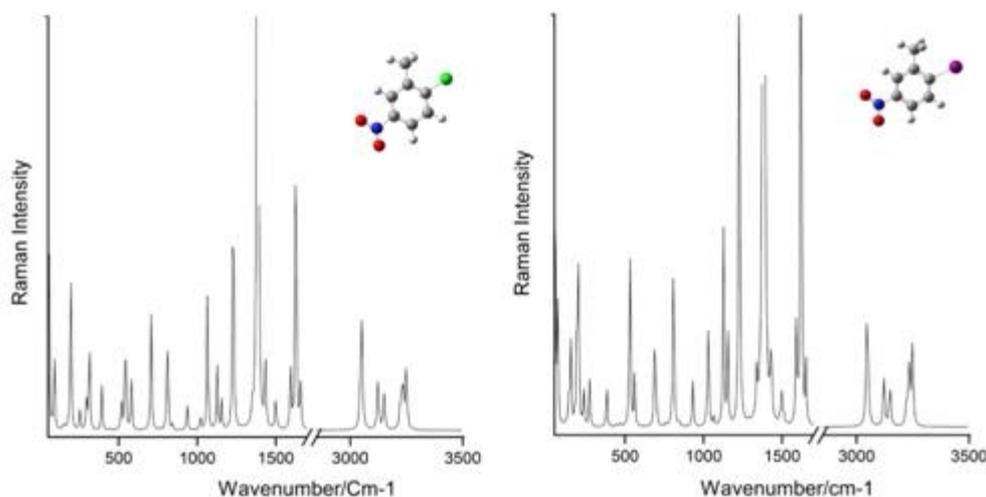


Fig.3

### 3.2.2 NO<sub>2</sub> group vibrations:

The NO<sub>2</sub> group gives rise to the six internal modes of vibrations as: the symmetric stretching, the anti-symmetric stretching, the symmetric planar deformation or scissoring, the anti-symmetric planar deformation or rocking, the symmetric out-of-plane deformation or wagging ( $\omega$ ) and the anti-symmetric out-of-plane deformation or torsion. The symmetric stretching and anti-symmetric stretching modes are easily assigned.

The NO<sub>2</sub> asymmetric stretching vibration band range is 1570–1485 cm<sup>-1</sup> and that of the symmetric stretching vibration is 1370–1320 cm<sup>-1</sup> [1]. The NO<sub>2</sub> symmetric stretching has assigned at scaled frequency 1266 and 1359 cm<sup>-1</sup> in our present study for title molecules. The IR and Raman intensities are very strong for this mode. The bands observed at scaled frequencies 1398 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1566 cm<sup>-1</sup> have assigned to the NO<sub>2</sub> anti symmetric normal mode. The deformation vibrations (rocking, wagging and twisting) of NO<sub>2</sub> group contribute to several normal modes in the low frequency region [2]. Krishnakumar et al. assigned the bands at 739 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 752 cm<sup>-1</sup> for 2Cl4NT and 4Cl2NT to the wagging mode of NO<sub>2</sub> group [1]. In our present study, we have assigned these normal modes within their characteristic frequency region. These modes contribute to the PEDs in the coupled form of other modes. The scissoring normal mode of NO<sub>2</sub> group has been assigned at scaled frequency nearly 793 cm<sup>-1</sup> in both the molecules. This mode is rather a mix mode. The IR and Raman intensities for this mode are weak. The band observed at the frequency 50 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 21 cm<sup>-1</sup> were assigned to the NO<sub>2</sub> twisting mode for 2Cl4NT and 4Cl2NT respectively [1]. Krishnakumar et al. assigned the bands at 57 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 188 cm<sup>-1</sup> to the twisting mode of FNT but the sufficient contribution to PEDs appeared at frequency 57 cm<sup>-1</sup> [2]. In present investigation PED shows that this group twisting is well within their frequency range and are assigned in Table 2 and Table 3.

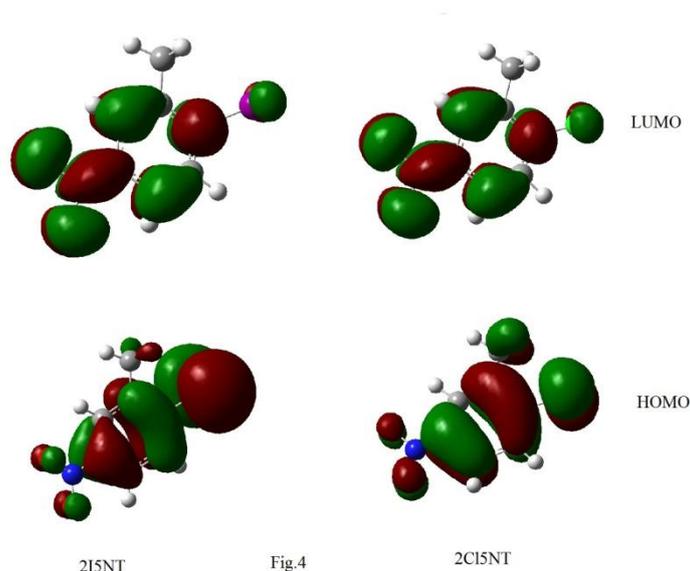
### 3.2.3 Ring and C-I vibrations:

The ring C–C stretching vibrations occur in the region of 1650–1400 cm<sup>-1</sup> [14]. Many ring normal modes were affected by the substitution in aromatic ring. The bands absorbed at 1631, 1588, 1510, 1418, 1344, 1194, 1615, 1608, 1475, 1343, 1027, 1210 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 320, 260, 527, 380 cm<sup>-1</sup> for FNT and BNT were designated to ring stretching and bending modes respectively [2]. In our study, the overall assignment for ring vibrations is satisfactory in both molecules. The bond which belongs to the ring and halogen atoms are very interesting since mixing of vibrations are possible due to the lowering of the molecule symmetry and the presence of heavy atoms [2]. The C-I stretching has observed at 188 cm<sup>-1</sup> while C-Cl stretching is calculated at 306 cm<sup>-1</sup> in our present study. The C-I stretching has observed at lower frequency because iodine atom is heavy.

## IV. HOMO-LUMO ANALYSIS:

The orbital energies of the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) are also calculated to analyze the transition profile of 2I5NT and 2Cl5NT. Highest occupied molecular orbital and lowest unoccupied molecular orbital are very important parameters for quantum chemistry. This is also used by the frontier electron density for predicting the most reactive position in electron systems and also explains several types of reaction in conjugated system. The conjugated molecules are characterized by a small highest occupied molecular orbital–lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (HOMO-LUMO) separation, which is the result of a significant degree of intermolecular charge transfer from the end-

capping electron-donating groups to the efficient electron-acceptor groups through conjugated path. Both the highest occupied molecular orbital and lowest unoccupied molecular orbital are the main orbitals that take part in chemical stability [15]. The orbital energies of the highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) are collected in table 4. The HOMO acts as electron donor while LUMO acts as electron acceptor. In FNT and BNT molecule, the highest occupied molecular orbital energies were -0.270a.u and -0.087a.u and lowest unoccupied molecular orbital energies were -0.266 and -0.094a.u and the energy gap values were 0.182, and 0.172a.u respectively [2]. However, in present study the energy gap is 4.26 in 2I5NT whereas 4.62eV in 2Cl5NT. The orbital surfaces are depicted in **Fig- 4**.



## V. INTRINSIC ELECTRONIC PROPERTIES:

Reactivity is an intrinsic electronic property of any system which forecasts its availability for a possible chemical changes. The global reactivity descriptors are of use to illustrate chemical stability and reactivity. Electronegativity represents the capability to attract electrons. Chemical hardness is a measure for resistance to any change or deformation. Molecule with small energy gap is more polarizable and is termed as soft molecule, having high chemical reactivity and low kinetic stability [16]. Since Koopman's [17, 18] theorem states that ionization potential and electron affinity can be linked with the frontier orbitals as follows

$$I = -E_{\text{HOMO}}$$

$$A = -E_{\text{LUMO}}$$

With the help of above values we calculated electronic properties (electronegativity, chemical hardness, softness, chemical potential, and electrophilicity index) which are tabulated in table 5. The formula for electronegativity, chemical hardness, softness, chemical potential, and electrophilicity index are

$$\text{Ionization potential (I)} = -E_{\text{HOMO}}$$

$$\text{Electron affinity (A)} = -E_{\text{LUMO}}$$

$$\text{Electronegativity } (\chi) = (I + A)/2$$

$$\text{Chemical hardness } (\eta) = (I - A)/2$$

$$\text{Softness (S)} = 1/2\eta$$

$$\text{Chemical potential } (\mu) = -\chi = -(I + A)/2$$

$$\text{Electrophilicity index } (\omega) = \mu^2 S$$

## VI. APPLICATION AND IMPORTANCE OF THIS VIBRATIONAL SPECTROSCOPIC INVESTIGATION

Since vibrational spectroscopy is an important tool to identify the unknown compounds. The beauty of this method is that the compound does not destroy. This method measures the vibrational energy in compound. The each bond has different vibrational energy. The C-C bond can be different from going to one compound to another which depends on what group or compound each carbon is bound to. Each compound has different fingerprint due to the vibrational energy. Our present study reports the vibrational energy, different geometrical parameters which are important to the identification of these compounds. Moreover, this study may be used by authors who do cluster study of these compounds.

## VII. CONCLUSION:

The molecular structure and vibrational spectra of 2I5NT and 2CI5NT with IR and Raman intensities have been discussed. Normal modes assignments of some of the vibrational frequencies of title molecule are in good agreement with the earlier reported experimental frequencies whereas others have modified. Therefore, results presented in this work show that DFT method is reliable to calculate molecular structure and vibrational spectra with IR and Raman intensities. The calculated HOMO and LUMO energies show that charge transfer occurs within the molecule. The intrinsic electronic properties such as electronegativity, chemical hardness, softness, chemical potential, and electrophilicity index have also been calculated in order to determine the reactivity of both the molecules.

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**Table 1.** Optimized geometrical parameters of 2I5NT and 2CI5NT.

Parameters	2I5NT	2CI5NT
C1-C2	1.393	1.392
C2-C3	1.401	1.398
C3-C4	1.410	1.408
C4-C5	1.402	1.4
C5-C6	1.394	1.395
C6-C1	1.394	1.395
C4-C10	1.509	1.509
C6-N15	1.473	1.473
N15-O16	1.236	1.236
N15-O17	1.236	1.236
C3-C14	2.131	1.754
C1-C2-C3	120.21	119.85
C2-C3-C4	121.89	122.37
C4-C5-C6	120.70	116.98
C5-C6-C1	121.89	121.93
C6-C1-C2	118.18	118.26
C6-N15-O16	117.82	117.82
C6-N15-O17	117.61	117.64
Energy	-7395.381	-935.688

Table 2. Vibartional Assignment of 2 - Iodo 5 – Nitrotoluene.

Theoretical			Experimental <sup>d</sup>		$\bar{\nu}^e$	PEDs
$\bar{\nu}^a$	A <sup>b</sup>	R <sup>c</sup>	IR	Raman		
3247	2.75	93.32			3110	rCH
3234	2.00	64.64			3098	CH <sub>3</sub> ips+CH <sub>3</sub> ops+rCH
3223	0.86	37.85			3087	rCH
3148	15.18	48.28			3015	rCH
3121	6.14	50.60	3077	3085	2989	CH <sub>3</sub> ops
3047	11.47	151.93	3023	3067	2919	CH <sub>3</sub> ss+CH <sub>3</sub> ops
1652	42.93	17.32	1646	1639	1623	rCC+CHipb+CNipb+CCC
1619	94.15	193.49	1608	1603	1591	rCC+CHipb
1590	176.92	28.83	1510	1516	1562	CH <sub>3</sub> opr+CH <sub>3</sub> ipr+CH <sub>3</sub> ipb
1511	22.55	1.89			1485	CH <sub>3</sub> ipr+CH <sub>3</sub> opr+CH <sub>3</sub> opb
1499	11.69	8.14	1454	1475	1473	rCC+CHipb+CH <sub>3</sub> sb
1486	21.20	2.63	1423	1420	1460	CH <sub>3</sub> sb+rCCl+CHipb+rCC
1431	3.70	17.57			1406	NO <sub>2</sub> as+rCC+CHipb+NO <sub>2</sub> roc+CNipb
1423	0.52	5.12	1375	1379	1398	NO <sub>2</sub> as+rCC+CHipb
1382	451.15	577.38	1340	1340	1358	rCC
1338	19.58	9.14	1265	1267	1315	CHipb+rCN+NO <sub>2</sub> ss+NO <sub>2</sub> sci+rCC
1288	3.85	0.38	1254	1255	1266	NO <sub>2</sub> ss+rCN+CHipb+NO <sub>2</sub> sci
1227	8.97	104.80	1192	1207	1206	rCCl+CHipb+rCC+NO <sub>2</sub> ss+CCC
1153	3.44	15.35			1133	CHipb+rCC+NO <sub>2</sub> ss
1126	20.72	31.17	1130	1125	1106	CHipb+rCC+rCN+NO <sub>2</sub> ss+CH <sub>3</sub> ipb
1063	2.60	1.23	1090	1097	1044	CH <sub>3</sub> opb+CHopb
1030	66.47	14.65			1012	CH <sub>3</sub> ipb+rCC
1020	6.16	2.62	1008	1013	1002	CCC+rCC+rCl+CH <sub>3</sub> ipb+CHipb
980	0.61	0.008	992		963	CHopb+Cctwi
932	42.27	5.78	946		916	CHopb+Cctwi+CH <sub>3</sub> opb
920	12.72	0.25			904	rCCl+rCN+rCC+CCC+NO <sub>2</sub> ss+CHipb
844	12.03	0.54	854		829	CHopb+ Cctwi
807	33.42	20.30	746		793	NO <sub>2</sub> sci+NO <sub>2</sub> ss+rCCl+CCC+rCC
757	30.04	0.28			744	NO <sub>2</sub> wag+Cctwi+CNopb+CHopb+Clopb
700	1.10	1.36			688	NO <sub>2</sub> wag+Cctwi+CCl1opb+Cl1opb+CHopb
688	1.19	8.77	669	680	676	CCC+NO <sub>2</sub> sci+CHipb+rCC+rCl+CNipb
560	1.42	2.91	515	534	550	NO <sub>2</sub> roc+CCC+CNipb+CCl1ipb+CHipb
530	3.59	10.42			520	Cctwi+CNopb+CCl1opb+NO <sub>2</sub> wag+Cl1opb
524	0.01	0.13	477		515	CNipb+NO <sub>2</sub> roc+CCC+rCCl+CCl1ipb+rCC
466	4.91	0.17	431		458	rCl+rCN+NO <sub>2</sub> sci+CCl1ipb+NO <sub>2</sub> roc+CCC
441	4.68	0.06			433	Cctwi+CCl1opb+Cl1opb+CHopb
383	1.11	1.45	380		376	CCl1ipb+NO <sub>2</sub> roc+Cl1ipb+rCC+rCN
273	6.12	0.91	273		268	Cctwi+Cl1opb+NO <sub>2</sub> wag+CNopb+CCl1opb
236	0.77	0.60	207	211	231	CNipb+CCl1ipb+Cl1ipb+NO <sub>2</sub> roc+rCl+CCC
203	0.33	1.78	187	185	199	Cctwi+CNopb+CH <sub>3</sub> twi+CCC+CCl1opb
192	0.006	1.41	167		188	rCl+CCC
153	1.67	0.63	147		150	Cl1ipb+CNipb+rCC
141	0.33	0.14	110		138	CH <sub>3</sub> twi+Cctwi
70	2.18	0.21			68	CCC+Cctwi
52	0.22	0.33			51	Cctwi+CCC

<sup>a</sup>Theoretical frequency (in cm<sup>-1</sup>) at DFT/b3lyp/DGDZVP<sup>b</sup>Theoretical IR Intensity (Km/mol)<sup>c</sup>Theoretical Raman Intensity (Å<sup>4</sup>/amu)<sup>d</sup>Experimental frequenciestaken from ref. [3]<sup>e</sup>Scaled frequency at MOLVIB-7.0<sup>f</sup>potential energy distributions of normal modes. Contribution less than 5% were not considered.

The abbreviations are – r = stretching, twi = twisting, wag = wagging, ipb = in-plane bending, roc = rocking, opb= out of plane bending,sci= scissoring.

**Table 3.** Vibartional Assignment of 2 - Chloro 5 – Nitrotoluene.

Theoretical			$\bar{\nu}^c$	PEDs
$\bar{\nu}^a$	A <sup>b</sup>	R <sup>c</sup>		
3248	3.01	85.33	3111	rCH
3235	2.14	55.60	3099	rCH
3224	0.75	62.01	3088	rCH
3150	11.72	47.77	3017	CH <sub>3</sub> ips
3123	7.64	67.23	2991	CH <sub>3</sub> ops
3049	14.70	172.64	2920	CH <sub>3</sub> ss+CH <sub>3</sub> ops
1657	35.79	16.77	1628	rCC+CNipb+rCCl
1627	80.32	128.40	1599	rCC+CHipb
1594	184.93	22.23	1566	NO <sub>2</sub> as+rCC+ CClipb
1514	26.33	1.18	1488	CH <sub>3</sub> opr+CH <sub>3</sub> ipr
1499	9.24	8.66	1473	CH <sub>3</sub> ipr+CH <sub>3</sub> opr
1493	21.86	1.12	1467	rCC+CHipb+CH <sub>3</sub> sb
1435	0.52	15.57	1410	CH <sub>3</sub> sb+CHipb+rCCl
1428	2.54	4.85	1403	CH <sub>3</sub> sb
1383	401.81	369.13	1359	NO <sub>2</sub> ss+rCN+CHipb
1349	21.25	4.29	1326	rCC +CCC
1283	1.25	0.40	1261	CHipb+rCC
1228	22.77	65.81	1207	CHipb+rCCl
1155	4.02	5.71	1135	CHipb+rCC
1125	7.34	12.81	1105	CHipb+rCC
1065	107.55	23.36	1046	CCC+ CH <sub>3</sub> opb
1064	2.84	1.10	1045	CH <sub>3</sub> opb+CHopb
1019	2.26	2.37	1001	CH <sub>3</sub> ipb+rCC
976	0.70	0.047	959	CHopb+CCtwi
936	33.22	4.06	920	CCC+CN+CCl
922	13.87	0.17	906	CHopb
841	13.42	0.80	826	CHopb+ CH <sub>3</sub> opb
809	24.99	13.20	795	NO <sub>2</sub> sci+rCCl+CCC
759	29.26	0.14	746	CNopb+CHopb
706	3.10	10.49	693	CCC+ rCCl
703	2.56	1.27	691	CH <sub>3</sub> opr+CCtwi
580	11.06	3.72	570	CCC+CNipb
542	2.80	7.75	532	CNipb+NO <sub>2</sub> roc+CCC+rCCl
529	0.21	0.05	520	CH <sub>3</sub> opr+CCtwi+CHopb
516	8.88	1.83	507	CNipb + CH <sub>3</sub> ipb+CCC
444	4.93	0.05	436	CHopb+CCtwi
391	1.35	1.78	384	NO <sub>2</sub> roc+CH <sub>3</sub> roc
312	0.68	2.90	306	rCCl+rCN+ NO <sub>2</sub> sci+CCl ipb
294	4.24	0.75	289	CCtwi+CCl opb+CCl opb
251	0.59	0.40	246	CH <sub>3</sub> twi+CCl ipb
194	3.04	0.68	190	CNipb+CCl ipb+CCl ipb+NO <sub>2</sub> roc
194	0.17	1.62	190	CH <sub>3</sub> twi+CCtwi
150	0.51	0.054	147	CH <sub>3</sub> twi+CCtwi
89	3.09	0.26	87	CH <sub>3</sub> twi+ CNipb+CCtwi
55	0.05	0.23	54	NO <sub>2</sub> twi+ CCtwi

<sup>a</sup>Theoretical frequency (in cm<sup>-1</sup>) at DFT/b3lyp/DGDZVP

<sup>b</sup>Theoretical IR Intensity (Km/mol)

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**Table 4.** HOMO – LUMO energies and their gap.

Orbital	2I5NT <sup>a</sup>	2CI5NT
HOMO	-0.26873	-0.28145
LUMO	-0.11197	-0.11068
Energy Gap	4.26	4.62

<sup>a</sup>orbital energies are given in eV unit.

**Table 5.** The intrinsic electronic properties

Molecule	I/eV	A/ev	$\gamma$ /eV	$\eta$ /eV	S/eV	$\mu$ /eV
2I5NT	7.31	3.04	5.17	2.13	0.234	-5.17
2Cl5NT	7.65	3.01	5.33	2.32	0.215	-5.33

**Table S1.** Definition of force constants

Force constants	Definition
CC stretching	C1-C2,C2-C3,C3-C4,C4-C5,C5-C6,C6-C1.
CC1 stretching	C5-C10
CC1ipb	C10-C5-C6,C10-C5-C4.
CC1opb	C10-C5-C6-C4.
CN stretching	C1-N15
CNipb	N15-C1-C2,N15-C1-C6
CNopb	N15-C1-C2-C6
CH3ss	C10-H11+ 0.5773 C10-H12+ 0.5773 C10-H13. 0.5773
CH3ips	C10-H11+ 0.8166 C10-H12+ -0.4083 C10-H13, -0.4083
CH3ops	C10-H12, -0.7072 C10-H13. 0.7072
CH3ipr	H11-C10-H12+ 0.8166 H11-C10-H13+ -0.4083 H12-C10-H13. -0.4083
CH3opr	H11-C10-H13+ 0.7072 H12-C10-H13. -0.7072
CH3ipb	H11-C10-C5+ 0.8166 H12-C10-C5+ -0.4083 H13-C10-C5. -0.4083
CH3opb	H12-C10-C5+ 0.7072 H13-C10-C5. -0.7072
CH3sb	H11-C10-C5+ 0.4083 H12-C10-C5+ 0.4083 H13-C10-C5+ 0.4083 H11-C10-H12+ -0.4083 H11-C10-H13+ -0.4083 H12-C10-H13. -0.4083
CH3twi	C6-C5-C10-H11+ 0.4083 C6-C5-C10-H12+ 0.4083 C6-C5-C10-H13+ 0.4083 C4-C5-C10-H11+ 0.4083 C4-C5-C10-H12+ 0.4083 C4-C5-C10-H13. 0.4083
CH stretching	C6-H9,C2-H7,C3-H8
CI stretching	C4-I14
Clipb	C5-C4-I14,C3-C4-I14
Clopb	I14-C4-C5-C3
CHipb	C5-C6-H9,C1-C6-H9,C1-C2-H7,C3-C2-H7,C2-C3-H8,C4-C3-H8
CHopb	H9-C6-C1-C5,H7-C2-C1-C3,H8-C3-C2-C4
NO2ss	N15-O16+ 0.7072 N15-O17.0.7072
NO2as	N15-O16+ 0.7072 N15-O17. -0.7072
NO2sci	O16-N15-O17+ 0.8165 O16-N15-C1+ -0.4082 O17-N15-C1. -0.4082
NO2roc	O16-N15-C1+ 0.7072 O17-N15-C1. -0.7072
NO2wag	O16-N15-O17-C1
NO2twi	O16-N15-C1-C6+ 0.4082 O16-N15-C1-C2+ 0.4082 O17-N15-C1-C6+ 0.4082 O17-N15-C1-C2+ 0.4082
CCC	C6-C1-C2,C1-C2-C3,C2-C3-C4,C3-C4-C5,C4-C5-C6,C5-C6-C1.
CCtwi	N15-C1-C2-H7+ N15-C1-C2-C3+ H7-C2-C1-C6+ C3-C2-C1-C6, H7-C2-C3-H8+ H7-C2-C3-C4+ C1-C2-C3-H8+

	C1-C2-C3-C4, H8-C3-C4-I14+ H8-C3-C4-C5+ C2-C3-C4-I14+ C2-C3-C4-C5, I14-C4-C5-C10+ I14-C4-C5-C6+ C3-C4-C5-C10+ C3-C4-C5-C6, C10-C5-C6-H9+ C10-C5-C6-C1+ C4-C5-C6-H9+ C4-C5-C6-C1, H9-C6-C1-N15+ H9-C6-C1-C2+ C5-C6-C1-N15+ C5-C6-C1-C2.
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