

A computational study of 2-Nitro-N-(4-nitrophenyl)benzamide

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ABSTRACT

The vibrational frequencies of 2-Nitro-N-(4-nitrophenyl)benzamide were calculated using Gaussian03 software package and the fundamental modes are assigned. The predicted infrared intensities and Raman activities are reported. The calculated geometrical parameters are in agreement with reported values. The calculated first hyperpolarizability is comparable with the reported values of similar derivatives and is an attractive object for future studies of non linear optics.

Key words: Hartree-Fock, hyperpolarizability, benzamide

INTRODUCTION

The benzanilide core is present in compounds with such wide ranging biological activity that it has been called a privileged structure. Benzanilides serve as intermediate towards benzothiadiazin-4-ones¹, quinazoline-2,4-diones², benzodiazepine-2,5-ones³, and 2,3-disubstituted 3H-quinazoline-4-ones⁴. In the fast few decades, the dramatically rising prevalence of multidrug-resistant microbial infections has become a serious healthcare problem. In particular, the emergence of multidrug-resistant strains of Gram-positive bacterial pathogens such as methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Staphylococcus epidermidis* and vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus* is a problem of ever increasing significance⁵⁻⁹. Benzamide derivatives exhibit various types of biological properties such as anthelmintic, antihistaminic, antifungal, and antibacterial¹⁰⁻¹⁵. Computational method is at present widely used for simulating IR spectra. Such simulations are

indispensable tools to perform normal coordinate analysis so that modern vibrational spectroscopy is unimaginable without involving them. In the present study, the IR, Raman vibrational frequencies are calculated theoretically. The geometrical parameters obtained are compared with experimental data given by Saeed *et al.*¹⁶ and the hyperpolarizability value is also calculated.

Computational details

Calculations of the title compound were carried out with Gaussian 03 program¹⁷ using the HF/6-31G* basis set to predict the molecular structure and wavenumbers. Molecular geometry was fully optimized by Berny's optimization algorithm using redundant internal coordinates. Harmonic vibrational wavenumbers were calculated using the analytic second derivatives to confirm the convergence to minimum on the potential surface. The wavenumber values computed at the Hartree-Fock level contain known systematic errors due to the negligence of electron correlation.¹⁸ We

therefore, have used the scaling factor value of 0.8929 for HF/6-31G* basis set. The absence of imaginary wavenumber on the calculated vibrational spectrum confirms that the structure deduced corresponds to minimum energy.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The IR and Raman bands and their assignments are given in Table 1. The most characteristic bands in the spectra of nitro

Table 1 : Calculated vibrational wavenumbers and band assignments

$\nu_{(\text{HF})} \text{ cm}^{-1}$	IR Intensity (KM/Mole)	Raman activity (A**4/AMU)	Force constants	Assignments
3418	229.65	146.97	9.33	ν_{NH}
3104	6.56	42.65	7.80	ν_{CH}
3066	2.79	66.12	7.61	ν_{CH}
3063	2.96	98.82	7.60	ν_{CH}
3062	2.02	50.05	7.58	ν_{CH}
3053	1.79	112.07	7.56	ν_{CH}
3038	8.12	131.99	7.47	ν_{CH}
3023	2.89	67.40	7.36	ν_{CH}
3016	5.60	58.44	7.35	ν_{CH}
1671	216.79	108.76	4.51	$\nu_{\text{C=O}}$
1628	106.48	176.21	9.99	ν_{Ph}
1613	10.80	100.27	10.99	ν_{Ph}
1606	211.68	251.20	11.60	ν_{Ph}
1580	81.88	33.63	8.46	ν_{Ph}
1564	428.42	66.80	6.88	$\nu_{\text{as}} \text{NO}_2$
1510	103.82	0.04	3.82	$\nu_{\text{as}} \text{NO}_2$
1492	27.73	5.11	3.82	ν_{Ph}
1457	318.72	3.71	5.45	ν_{Ph}
1438	452.33	13.57	7.35	δ_{NH}
1434	195.43	5.73	4.77	ν_{Ph}
1390	101.73	1.20	5.12	ν_{Ph}
1337	282.79	64.49	5.62	$\nu_{\text{s}} \text{NO}_2$
1329	18.14	31.23	2.43	$\nu_{\text{s}} \text{NO}_2$
1316	339.99	348.38	5.85	$\nu_{\text{CN}}, \nu_{\text{Ph}}$
1305	620.89	464.08	3.96	$\nu_{\text{CN}}, \delta_{\text{CH}}$
1290	15.81	28.63	2.34	ν_{Ph}
1235	6.73	3.93	4.36	δ_{CH}
1227	66.30	0.82	2.45	ν_{CN}
1214	22.58	8.35	5.39	δ_{NH}
1193	75.29	56.28	1.36	δ_{CH}
1161	19.12	15.00	1.71	δ_{CH}
1138	1.75	8.45	2.13	$\delta_{\text{CH}}, \rho_{\text{NH}}$
1128	19.21	10.00	1.56	δ_{CH}
1116	39.82	17.19	1.75	$\nu_{\text{CX}}(\text{X})$
1108	18.30	109.25	3.00	$\nu_{\text{CX}}(\text{X})$
1079	2.09	0.67	1.72	δ_{CH}
1069	3.24	1.25	2.42	δ_{CH}
1064	2.27	3.63	1.17	$\nu_{\text{CX}}(\text{X})$

Table 1. Cont.

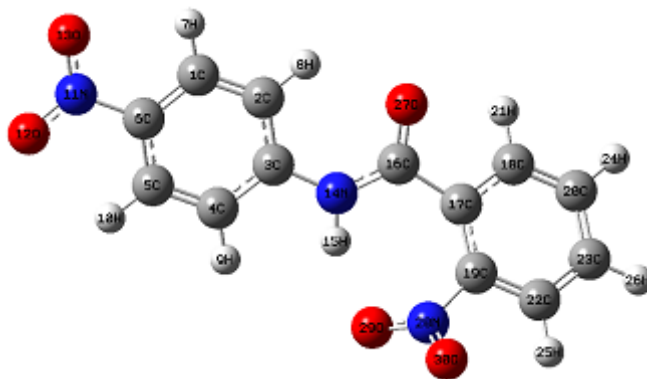
1046	1.42	3.44	1.15	ν CX(X)
1038	5.42	26.84	1.50	δ CH
1029	4.54	21.42	1.63	δ CH
1010	0.48	12.88	2.28	δ CH
952	6.24	4.31	1.06	γ CH
925	223.91	1.19	1.08	γ CH
889	35.11	4.69	2.53	γ CH
884	31.56	7.91	0.83	γ CH
842	22.11	29.43	2.34	ω NH
828	26.96	5.30	1.80	γ CH
826	6.05	1.55	1.56	γ CH
818	64.43	1.90	1.07	γ CH
797	43.68	3.84	2.35	γ NH, ν Ph(X)
786	107.09	2.62	0.88	γ CH, δ NO ₂
747	5.10	7.73	1.32	γ Ph, δ NO ₂
719	19.21	3.20	1.61	ν Ph(X)
714	28.37	1.40	1.99	γ Ph
694	31.21	1.38	1.61	δ Ph(X)
691	6.54	1.19	1.56	ω NO ₂
660	6.79	3.73	2.13	ω NO ₂
640	1.87	3.14	2.12	δ C=O, δ Ph
626	0.11	6.04	1.94	ρ NO ₂
581	0.89	0.99	1.07	δ Ph(X), \bar{n} NO ₂
524	21.09	2.33	0.64	γ Ph(X)
519	6.42	1.36	1.20	γ Ph(X)
499	7.08	2.13	0.91	γ Ph(X)
436	14.89	1.98	0.81	γ Ph, γ C=O
426	0.62	0.23	0.40	γ Ph(X)
419	0.92	3.22	1.00	δ Ph(X)
400	17.99	1.54	0.68	γ Ph
385	20.43	1.68	0.7048	δ Ph(X)
345	1.36	1.14	0.70	δ CX(X)
329	4.99	1.46	0.45	δ CX(X)
292	3.56	2.17	0.40	δ CX(X)
244	9.06	3.58	0.42	δ CX(X)
211	5.78	5.76	0.28	γ CX(X)
201	2.93	4.45	0.22	γ CX(X)
167	2.80	1.62	0.18	γ CX(X)
138	1.42	2.11	0.10	γ CX(X)
114	0.49	4.54	0.05	τ C=ONH
78	2.21	4.03	0.05	τ Ph
63	1.20	0.38	0.03	τ NO ₂
56	6.71	0.53	0.02	τ NO ₂
51	4.00	2.53	0.02	τ Ph
27	0.27	6.75	0.01	τ Ph
21	2.09	2.43	0.01	τ Ph

ν -stretching; δ -in-plane deformation; γ -out-of-plane deformation; τ -torsion; rocking; ω -wagging;
X-substituent sensitive; Ph-Phenyl; subscripts: as - asymmetric, s- symmetric.

compounds are due to NO_2 stretching vibrations, which are the two most useful group wavenumbers, not only because of their spectral position but also for their strong intensity¹⁹. In nitro compounds, the asymmetric and symmetric NO_2 stretching vibrations are expected in the regions, 1580 ± 80 and $1380 \pm 20 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, respectively¹⁹. For the title compound, the HF calculations give $1564, 1510 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $1337, 1329 \text{ cm}^{-1}$, as asymmetric and symmetric stretching vibrations of nitro group. According to some investigators²⁰⁻²², the NO_2 scissors occur in the region $850 \pm 60 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ when conjugated to $\text{C}=\text{C}$ or aromatic molecules and the

wagging mode ωNO_2 in the region $740 \pm 50 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ¹⁹. In aromatic compounds the rocking mode ρNO_2 is active in the region $545 \pm 45 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ¹⁹. All these modes are identified and assigned (Table 1).

The carbonyl stretching $\text{C}=\text{O}$ vibration are expected in the region $1715\text{-}1680 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and in the present study the HF calculation give this mode at 1671 cm^{-1} with strong IR and Raman activity^{19,23}. The in-plane $\delta\text{C}=\text{O}$ has been found in the region $625 \pm 70 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and the out-of-plane deformation $\gamma\text{C}=\text{O}$ in the region $540 \pm 80 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ¹⁹. These deformation bands are assigned at 640 and 436 cm^{-1} .



The CNH vibration in which N and H atoms move in opposite direction of the carbon atom in the amide moiety appears at 1430 cm^{-1} theoretically and the CNH vibration in which N and H atoms move in the same direction of the carbon atom appear at 1214 cm^{-1} ²⁴⁻²⁶. The NH rock²⁶ in the plane is calculated to be at 1138 cm^{-1} and the out-of-plane wagging mode ωNH is expected in the region $790 \pm 70 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ and the band at 842 cm^{-1} is assigned as this mode¹⁹. The HF calculations give the C-N stretching modes¹⁹ at $1222, 1315$ and 1326 cm^{-1} .

The phenyl CH stretching vibrations, ring CC vibrations – νPh , the in-plane and out-of-plane CH deformations, and ring deformations are also assigned (Table 1). Some modes are not pure but contains significant contributions from other modes also.

For the title compound, according to Saeed *et al.*¹⁶, the bond lengths $\text{C}_{16}\text{-O}_{27}=1.2132$, $\text{N}_{11}\text{-O}_{13}=1.2292$, $\text{N}_{11}\text{-O}_{12}=1.2252$, $\text{N}_{28}\text{-O}_{29}=1.2242$, $\text{N}_{28}\text{-}$

$\text{O}_{30}=1.2182$, $\text{N}_{14}\text{-C}_{16}=1.3612$, $\text{N}_{14}\text{-C}_3=1.4092$, $\text{N}_{11}\text{-C}_6=1.4632$, $\text{N}_{28}\text{-C}_{19}=1.4712 \text{ \AA}$. In the present calculation the corresponding lengths are, $1.2279, 1.2274, 1.2281, 1.2353, 1.2148, 1.3522, 1.4031, 1.4416$ and 1.4587 \AA . In the present case, the bond angles $\text{C}_{16}\text{-N}_{14}\text{-C}_3=128.1$, $\text{O}_{12}\text{-N}_{11}\text{-O}_{13}=123.3$, $\text{O}_{12}\text{-N}_{11}\text{-C}_6=118.3$, $\text{O}_{13}\text{-N}_{11}\text{-C}_6=118.4$, $\text{O}_{30}\text{-N}_{28}\text{-O}_{29}=123.3$, $\text{O}_{30}\text{-N}_{28}\text{-C}_{19}=18.0$, $\text{O}_{29}\text{-N}_{28}\text{-C}_{19}=118.6$, $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_3\text{-C}_4=119.7$, $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_3\text{-N}_{14}=124.3$ and $\text{C}_4\text{-C}_3\text{-N}_{14}=116.0^\circ$. The corresponding reported values¹⁶ are $127.5, 123.5, 118.7, 117.9, 123.9, 118.0, 118.1, 120.4, 123.3$ and 116.4° .

Analysis of organic molecules having conjugated π -electron systems and large hyperpolarizability using infrared and Raman spectroscopy has evolved as a subject of research²⁷. The potential application of the title compound in the field of non linear optics demands the investigation of its structural and bonding features contributing to the hyperpolarizability enhancement, by analyzing the vibrational modes using the IR and

Raman spectrum. The calculated first hyperpolarizability of the title compound is 7.08×10^{-30} esu, which is comparable with the reported

values of similar derivatives²⁸. We conclude that the title compound is an attractive object for future studies of non linear optical properties.

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