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Molecular structure and vibrational spectra of 2-amino-5-methyl pyridine and 2-amino-6-methyl pyridine by density functional methods

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1. Introduction

The pyridine derivatives have an important position among the heterocyclic compounds because they can be used as nonlinear materials and photochemicals. In particular, some of these crystals have been reported as frequency converters from NIR to the visible wavelength region [\[1\]](#page-7-0). Amino pyridines are widely used in pharmacological and medical applications. Some of them show anesthetic properties and have been used as drugs for certain brain diseases [\[2–4\]](#page-7-0). 2-Aminopyridine-tagged oligosaccharides have been widely used for sensitive qualitative and quantitative analysis by high performance liquid chromatography with fluorescence detection [\[2\].](#page-7-0) 2-Aminopyridine is used in preparation of cytidine analogs [\[5\],](#page-7-0) it is also immensely used as a reagent in analytical chemistry.

Mohan et al. [\[6\]](#page-7-0) carried out the normal coordinate analysis of 2 aminopyridine, using valence force field. However, they assumed the $NH₂$ group of the molecule as a single mass point. The normal co-ordinate analysis of the 2-amino pyridine and ND_2 -pyridine was performed in valence force field approximation. IR and absorbance intensities were calculated and electro-optical parameters (EOP) were refined in order to produce experimental IR spectrum [\[7\].](#page-7-0) The vibrational spectra of 3-methyl pyridine have been investigated by several authors [\[8–10\].](#page-7-0) Generally, its molecular vibrations were assigned to the normal modes of benzene [\[11\]](#page-7-0) which, how-

ABSTRACT

The Fourier transform Raman (3500–50 $\rm cm^{-1})$ and Fourier transform infrared (4000–400 $\rm cm^{-1})$ spectra of 2-amino-5-methylpyridine and 2-amino-6-methylpyridine have been measured in solid phase. The Fourier transform gas phase infrared spectra of 2-amino-5-methylpyridine and 2-amino-6-methylpyridine have also been measured. Density functional theory harmonic and anharmonic frequency calculations have been made. A complete vibrational assignments of the observed spectra of both molecules have been proposed. Geometric parameters have been compared with single crystal X-ray diffraction data of the molecule. The theoretical IR spectra of the title molecules have been constructed.

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ever, may not be justified in the case of the non-symmetric benzene derivatives [\[12\].](#page-7-0) Draegar performed a normal co-ordinate analysis [\[13\]](#page-7-0) using experimental data from the early sixties [\[14\].](#page-7-0) Although this study resulted in a good agreement between the experimental and calculated frequencies, new experimental data and developments in the normal co-ordinate analysis method justify a reinvestigation of the vibrational spectra of this important molecule. Recently the molecular vibrations of 3-methyl pyridine were investigated by means of a scaled quantum mechanical (SQM) analysis. The initial harmonic force field was also evaluated at B3LYP (DFT) level using $6-31G^{\dagger}$ basis set [\[15\].](#page-7-0)

Pulays recently introduced DFT-based SQM method [\[16\]](#page-7-0) for which scale factor developed using among others vibrational data of N heterocycles (pyridine and pyrazole) are available. The vibrational spectra available in the literature do not provide sufficient information for a detailed analysis of the overlapping band of close lying fundamentals. Force field calculation were obtained by SQMFF [\[17\]](#page-7-0) methodology for 3-methyl and 4-methyl pyridines. This allows for correction of systematic errors in the ab initio force fields in such a way that theoretical frequencies approach the experimental ones, and permit the estimation of the theoretical spectrum. Numerous works had been reported related to the assignment of the vibrational spectrum of pyridine [\[18–24\]](#page-7-0), while the information on the methyl derivatives is scarce [\[8,13,14,25–](#page-7-0) [27\]](#page-7-0). Gandolfo and Zarembowitch [\[8\]](#page-7-0) have carried out a vibrational study of the IR and Raman spectra of 3-methyl pyridine with the aim of comparing vibrational spectra of some co-ordinate compounds those posses this molecule as a ligand. Green et al [\[14\]](#page-7-0)

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have carried out a vibrational study of monohalogenated compounds of pyridine, for which they used the result obtained for the corresponding methyl pyridines, while Long and George [\[25\]](#page-7-0) have carried out the vibrational assignment of 4-methyl pyridine and toluene.

Many works have been found in the literature dealing with the vibrational analysis of pyridine [\[18–24\]](#page-7-0) and methyl derivatives [\[13,20,25–27\]](#page-7-0) but upon increasing the number of methyl and amino groups substituents the information become more scarce, and only Drager [\[13\]](#page-7-0) reported an assignments of the deuterated methyl derivatives of pyridine on the basis of the modified valence force field where the pyridine geometry was assumed to remain unaffected by the substitution. The IR and Raman spectra of the pure liquid and of a 1 M aqueous solution of 2-methylpyridine have been recorded. These spectra have been interpreted employing the SQMFF methodology, by directly transferring the scale factors obtained for pyridine [\[28\]](#page-7-0). To the best of our knowledge, neither quantum chemical calculation, nor the vibrational spectra of 2-amino-5-methyl pyridine and 2-amino-6-methyl pyridines (hereafter they are, respectively, referred to as 2A5MP and 2A6MP) have been reported. Therefore, the present investigation was undertaken to study the vibrational spectra of this molecules completely and to identify the various modes with greater wavenumber accuracy. Density functional theory (DFT) calculations have been performed to support our wavenumber assignments.

2. Experimental details

The 2A5MP and 2A6MP samples were purchased from Sigma– Aldrich Chemical Company with a stated purity of greater than 98% and it was used as such without further purification. The samples 2A5MP and 2A6MP are in solid form at room temperature. The FT-Raman spectrum of 2A5MP and 2A6MP have been recorded using 1064 nm line of Nd:YAG laser as excitation wavelength in the region 50–3500 cm $^{-1}$ on a Brucker model IFS 66 V spectrophotometer equipped with FRA 106 FT-Raman module accessory. The FT-IR spectra of these compounds were recorded in the range of 400–4000 cm $^{-1}$ on IFS 66 V spectrophotometer using KBr pellet technique. The FT-IR gas phase spectra were also recorded in the region 500–4000 cm^{-1} . The spectra were recorded at room temperature, with scanning speed of 30 cm^{-1} min⁻¹ and the spectral resolution of 2.0 cm⁻¹. The experimental FT-IR, FT-Raman and FT-IR gas phase along with theoretical spectra are shown in Figs. 1–4. The detector is a liquid nitrogen cooled Ge detector. Five hundred scans were accumulated at 2 cm^{-1} resolution using a laser power of 100 mW.

3. Computational detail

The molecular structure of 2A5MP and 2A6MP in the ground state (in vacuum) are optimized by HF/B3LYP with the 6- 311++G(d,p) higher basis set. There are no significant difference in geometric and vibrational frequencies by the selection of the different basis sets, but we included only one basis set viz 6- $311++G(d,p)$ for geometric parameters and frequency calculations. In literature, there is no global scaling factor for B3LYP/6- $311++G(d,p)$ basis set. All the calculations are performed by using Gaussian 03 program [\[29\]](#page-7-0) package on the personal computer. The Becke's three-parameter hybrid density functional, B3LYP was used to calculate both harmonic and anharmonic vibrational wavenumbers with the $6-311++G(d,p)$ basis set. It is well known in the quantum chemical literature that among available functionals the B3LYP functional yields a good description of harmonic vibrational wavenumbers for small and medium sized molecules.

Fig. 1. Comparisons of FT-IR (gas and solid) and theoretical (B3LYP) FT-IR spectrum of 2-amino-5-methylpyridine.

4. Results and discussion

4.1. Molecular geometry

The crystal structure of 2A5MP was reported by Inger Nahringbauer [\[30\].](#page-7-0) The structure is monoclinic of the space group P2₁/c, $a = 10.413(5)$, $b = 5.908(3)$, $c = 10.828(5)$ Å, $Z = 4$. The molecule is linked together by a very weak $N-H\cdots N$ to produce cyclic dimers which, in turn, pack in a herring bond formation. The optimized geometrical parameters of 2A5MP and 2A6MP calculated by ab initio HF and DFT-B3LYP levels with the $6-311++G(d,p)$ basis sets are listed in [Table 1](#page-3-0) which are in accordance with numbering scheme given in [Fig. 5](#page-4-0)a and b.

From the theoretical values both the HF and B3LYP/6- 311++G(d,p) for 2A5MP and 2A6MP we find that most of the optimized bond lengths and bond angles are slightly smaller, as well as longer than the experimental values. Comparing bond angles and bond lengths of B3LYP and HF for 2A6MP show larger values when compared with crystal structure of 2A5MP, this is due to fact that the theoretical calculations belong to isolated molecule in gaseous phase and experimental results belong to molecule in solid state.

Fig. 2. Comparisons of FT-IR (gas and solid) and theoretical(B3LYP) FT-IR spectrum of 2-amino-6-methylpyridine.

Fig. 3. FT-Raman spectrum of 2-amino-5-methylpyridine.

2A5MP and 2A6MP are heterocyclic compounds and a resonance effect is observed in the ring of these molecules. As a result, $C-C$ and $C-C-C$ bonds in the six-member ring are similar to the benzene molecule. In the benzene ring, C-C bond length is about 1.396 Å [\[31\],](#page-7-0) our calculations were similar to this value, for exam-

Fig. 4. FT-Raman spectrum of 2-amino-6-methylpyridine.

ple the optimized bond length of $C-C$ in phenyl ring fall in the range 1.395–1.406 Å at B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) and 1.377–1.400 Å at HF/6-311++G(d,p) methods show good agreement with recorded X-ray data of 1.375–1.400 Å for 2A5MP. But in the case of 2A6MP the C-C bond distance fall in the range at HF 1.381–1.402 Å and B3LYP at 1.395–1.408 Å shows slight deviation.

C $-N$ bond distance was found to be 1.47 Å for some nitramines [\[32\]](#page-7-0), but it is about \sim 1.34 Å in both 2A5MP and 2A6MP by B3LYP/ 6-311G++(d,p) method. Moreover, all carbon and nitrogen atoms in the ring are coplanar, as in benzene ring. Also it is evident from [Table 1](#page-3-0) both N-C bonds of pyridine [33-35] (experimental) have identical length of 1.340 Å while introduction of the substituent causes slight differences between them. The optimized C-N bond lengths of 1.382 and 1.378 Å by HF methods for 2A5MP and 2A6MP, respectively, overestimated by \sim 0.018 and \sim 0.014 Å with that of crystal data of 2A5MP at 1.364 Å. Where as the C $-N$ bond lengths by DFT/6-311++G(d,p) method overestimation by \sim 0.020 Å.

The pyridine ring of 2A5MP appears a little distorted with C1– C2 and C3–C4 bond lengths 1.406 and 1.400 Å, respectively, by $B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)$ exactly at the substitution and rest to the substitution place longer than C2–C3 and C4–C5 bond lengths 1.386 and 1.395 Å by same method. Similar trend is also observed in the case of 2A6MP. In our case B3LYP method leads to geometric parameters which are much closer to experimental data. Because of these reasons we take into account B3LYP/6-311++ $G(d,p)$ level of vibrational analysis for 2A5MP and 2A6MP in our present discussion.

4.2. Vibrational assignments

The harmonic and anharmonic vibrational frequencies calculated for 2A5MP and 2A6MP at DFT (B3LYP) level using 6- 311++G(d,p) basis set have been collected in [Tables 2 and 3](#page-5-0) along with the observed FT-IR(solid), FT-Raman and FT-IR gas phase spectral data. The matrix-isolation FT-IR study of 2-amino-5-methylpyridine have been recorded by Nobuyuki Akai et al. [\[35\]](#page-7-0) and it has also been listed in [Table 2](#page-5-0) for comparison. On the basis of our calculations, and experimental infrared (solid and gas phase) and Raman spectra, we made a reliable one-to-one correspondence between our fundamentals and any of our frequencies calculated by the DFT (B3LYP) method. The assignments are based on the vibrational animations of the fundamentals using the Gauss-View package program [\[36\]](#page-7-0) in the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) calculations along with available related molecules.

Comparison of the frequencies calculated at B3LYP level with experimental values ([Tables 2 and 3\)](#page-5-0) reveals the overestimation

Table 1

Optimized geometrical parameters for 2A5MP and 2A6MP molecules

| Parameters of 2A5MP | $HF/6-311++G(d,p)$ | $B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)$ | Parameters of 2A6MP | $HF/6-311++G(d,p)$ | $B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p)$ | Experimental ^a 2A5MP | Experimental ^b Pyridine |
|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| R(1,2) | 1.403 | 1.406 | R(1,2) | 1.402 | 1.408 | 1.400 | 1.395 |
| R(1,6) | 1.312 | 1.338 | R(1,6) | 1.315 | 1.336 | 1.338 | 1.340 |
| R(1,10) | 1.382 | 1.387 | R(1,14) | 1.378 | 1.384 | 1.364 | |
| R(2,3) | 1.370 | 1.386 | R(2,3) | 1.371 | 1.383 | 1.400 | 1.394 |
| R(2,8) | 1.075 | 1.084 | R(2,8) | 1.074 | 1.084 | 0.98 | 1.081 |
| R(3,4) | 1.398 | 1.400 | R(3,4) | 1.392 | 1.397 | 1.393 | 1.394 |
| R(3,7) | 1.078 | 1.086 | R(3,7) | 1.076 | 1.085 | 0.980 | 1.081 |
| R(4,5) | 1.377 | 1.395 | R(4,5) | 1.381 | 1.395 | 1.375 | 1.395 |
| R(4, 13) | 1.509 | 1.509 | R(5,10) | 1.505 | 1.507 | 1.506 | |
| R(5,6) | 1.328 | 1.335 | R(5,6) | 1.330 | 1.342 | 1.347 | 1.340 |
| R(5,9) | 1.078 | 1.088 | R(4,9) | 1.073 | 1.083 | 0.960 | |
| R(10,11) | 0.996 | 1.010 | R(10,11) | 1.085 | 1.094 | 0.930 | |
| R(10,12) | 0.995 | 1.008 | R(10,12) | 1.084 | 1.091 | 0.870 | |
| R(13, 14) | 1.084 | 1.095 | R(10,13) | 1.085 | 1.093 | $\overline{}$ | |
| R(13,15) | 1.087 | 1.095 | R(14,15) | 0.995 | 1.009 | 1.090 | |
| R(13,16) | 1.087 | 1.092 | R(14,16) | 0.994 | 1.008 | 1.070 | |
| A(2,1,6) | 122.079 | 121.983 | A(2,1,6) | 122.707 | 122.599 | 115.9 | 123.6 |
| A(2,1,10) | 120.739 | 121.560 | A(2,1,14) | 120.645 | 121.139 | $\overline{}$ | |
| A(6,1,10) | 117.148 | 116.415 | A(6,1,14) | 116.619 | 116.224 | 121.9 | |
| A(1,2,3) | 118.193 | 118.466 | A(1,2,3) | 117.555 | 117.882 | 125.9 | 118.5 |
| A(1,2,8) | 120.500 | 120.564 | A(1,2,8) | 120.680 | 120.680 | 118.0 | 120.2 |
| A(3,2,8) | 121.305 | 120.968 | A(3,2,8) | 121.762 | 121.436 | 117.0 | |
| A(2,3,4) | 120.563 | 120.535 | A(2,3,4) | 119.984 | 119.781 | 117.4 | |
| A(2,3,7) | 119.495 | 119.569 | A(2,3,7) | 119.909 | 119.957 | $\overline{}$ | |
| A(4,3,7) | 119.942 | 119.896 | A(4,3,7) | 120.107 | 120.262 | \equiv | |
| A(3, 4, 5) | 115.664 | 115.878 | A(3,4,5) | 117.945 | 118.404 | 121.6 | 118.1 |
| A(3,4,13) | 116.6 | 121.963 | A(3,4,9) | 121.186 | 121.048 | 116.6 | |
| A(5, 4, 13) | 121.8 | 122.373 | A(5,4,9) | 120.869 | 120.549 | 121.8 | |
| A(4,5,6) | 124.937 | 124.920 | A(4,5,6) | 122.439 | 122.239 | 119.0 | 123.3 |
| A(4,5,9) | 119.896 | 119.798 | A(4,5,10) | 121.779 | 121.755 | 118.0 | 120.8 |
| A(6,5,9) | 115.166 | 115.281 | A(6,5,10) | 115.782 | 116.005 | 123.0 | |
| A(1,6,5) | 118.563 | 118.215 | A(1,6,5) | 119.368 | 119.093 | 120.7 | 117.3 |
| A(1,10,11) | 113.686 | 114.157 | A(5,10,11) | 109.861 | 110.191 | 111.0 | |
| A(1,10,12) | 116.321 | 117.313 | A(5,10,12) | 111.608 | 111.666 | 106.0 | |
| A(11, 10, 12) | 113.778 | 114.651 | A(5,10,13) | 109.884 | 110.244 | $\overline{}$ | |
| A(4, 13, 14) | 110.872 | 111.621 | A(11,10,12) | 108.899 | 108.744 | $\overline{}$ | |
| A(4, 13, 15) | 111.364 | 111.606 | A(11,10,13) | 107.571 | 107.107 | 118.0 | |
| A(4, 13, 16) | 111.404 | 111.010 | A(12,10,13) | 108.921 | 108.761 | 121.0 | |
| A(14, 13, 15) | 107.674 | 107.270 | A(1, 14, 15) | 114.200 | 114.541 | $\overline{}$ | |
| A(14, 13, 16) | 107.680 | 107.568 | A(1, 14, 16) | 116.789 | 117.693 | $\qquad \qquad -$ | |
| A(15, 13, 16) | 107.668 | 107.550 | A(15, 14, 16) | 114.418 | 115.151 | $\overline{}$ | |

^a The X-ray data from Ref. [\[30\]](#page-7-0), In this reference, for the bond distances and angles were given with the range of estimated standard deviations (σ) as follows: $\sigma_{\chi \to \chi^+}$ 0.002 Å; σ _{X-H}: 0.02–0.04 Å; σ _{ZX-X-X}: 0.010; σ _{ZX-X-H}: 1–2°; σ _{ZX-H-X}: 3°.
^b The X-ray data from Ref. [\[33,34\]](#page-7-0).

of the calculated vibrational modes due to neglect of anharmonicity in real system. Inclusion of electron correlation in density functional theory to a certain extent makes the frequency values smaller in comparison with the HF frequency data. In the 2A5MP and 2A6MP, the B3LYP method led to vibrational frequencies which are much closer to experimental data. Furthermore, the B3LYP method calculations approximate the observed fundamental frequencies much better than the HF method. The small difference between experimental and calculated vibrational modes is observed. This discrepancy can come from the formation of intermolecular hydrogen bonding. Also, we note that the experimental results belong to solid phase and theoretical calculations belong to gaseous phase.

Since 2A5MP and 2A6MP practically have the C_s symmetry. The 2A5MP and 2A6MP each has 16 atoms and 42 normal modes of fundamental vibrations which span the irreducible representations of $29A' + 13A''$. All the fundamental modes are both active in IR and Raman. Any way not withstanding the level of calculations, it is customary to scale down the calculated harmonic frequency in order to improve the agreement with experiment. In our study we have followed scaling factor of 0.9668 for B3LYP [\[37\]](#page-7-0). To assess the reliability of the calculated IR intensities we simulated an IR spectrum of 2A5MP and 2A6MP from B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) IR intensities and scaled B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) frequencies by summing Lorentzian profiles. The simulated spectrum is compared with solid and gas phase FT-IR spectra are shown in [Figs. 1 and 2.](#page-1-0)

4.3. C-H vibrations

The hetero aromatic structure shows the presence of $C-H$ stretching vibrations in the region 3100-3000 cm^{-1} which is the characteristic region [\[38\].](#page-7-0) The 2A5MP and 2A6MP are both disubstituted aromatic systems. The 2A6MP has two adjacent and one isolated C-H moieties. The expected three C-H stretching vibrations correspond to mode Nos. 3, 4 and 5. The scaled vibration, modes Nos. of 3, 4 and 5([Table 3](#page-6-0)) corresponds to stretching modes of C2-H, C3-H and C5-H units. The calculated frequencies of the C-H stretching vibrations in both 2A5MP and 2A6MP at 3049, 3029 and 3004 cm^{-1} and 3055, 3045 and 3041 cm^{-1} show very good agreement with experimental data.

Substitution sensitive $C-H$ in-plane-bending vibrations lie in the region $1000-1300$ cm^{-1} [\[39\].](#page-7-0) In 2A5MP three modes are associated mainly with the $C-H$ in-plane-bending vibrations: mode Nos. 19–22. These modes are observed at the following wavenumbers 1220, 1142 and 1071 cm⁻¹ in FT-IR and 1132 cm⁻¹ in FT-IR gas phase. Similar observations are also found in the case of

Fig. 5. (a) 2-Amino-5-methylpyridine and (b) 2-amino-6-methylpyridine structure and atomic numbering for studied molecules.

2A6MP. The C-H out-of-plane bending vibrations contribute mainly to the mode Nos. 28–30. The experimental observations for the C-H out-of-plane bending falls in the experimental values of 933-715 cm^{-1} for both the molecules.

4.4. $NH₂$ vibrations

The $NH₂$ group gives rise to the six internal modes of vibrations such as; the symmetric stretching (v_s) , the anti-symmetric stretching (v_{as}), the symmetric deformation or the scissoring (β), the rocking (ρ), the wagging (ω) and torsional mode (τ). The NH₂ group has two (N-H) stretching vibrations, one being asymmetric and other symmetric. The frequency of asymmetric vibration is higher than that of symmetric one. If the two NH bonds of the $NH₂$ group are symmetric, these modes satisfy an empirical relation as suggested by Bellamy and Williams [\[40\]](#page-7-0) as

 $v_{\rm sv} = 345.5 + 0.876v_{\rm as}$

In our title molecule 2A5MP the scaled $-MH₂$ symmetric and asymmetric stretching modes are in the range $3432 - 3539$ cm⁻¹ (mode Nos. 1 and 2) is in agreement with experimental value of $3414 - 3537$ cm^{-1}. Similar observations are also found in the case of 2A6MP. The above conclusion is in agreement with literature data [\[41\]](#page-7-0). The computed anharmonic frequency for 2A5MP and 2A6MP also shows very good agreement with computed harmonic frequency as well as recorded spectral data.

In addition, NH₂ group has scissoring $\delta(NH_2)$, rocking $\rho(NH_2)$, wagging $\omega(NH_2)$ and torsion $\tau(NH_2)$ modes. The internal deformation vibrations known as $NH₂$ scissoring frequency is found at 1625 cm⁻¹ is well within the range (1590-1650 cm⁻¹) reported for aniline by Thompson [\[42\]](#page-7-0) and this observation is in conformity with the experimental value of 1608 and 1613 cm^{-1} in FT-IR solid phase and FT-Raman spectra, respectively, for 2A5MP. The scissoring mode predicted at 1589 cm^{-1} by B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) method shows good agreement with experimental data. The computed anharmonic NH₂ deformation frequency for 2A5MP at 1614 cm^{-1} shows excellent agreement with experimental observation. The $NH₂$ wagging mode has been computed to be at 467 cm⁻¹ (mode No. 35) and 485 cm^{-1} (mode No. 35) in both 2A5MP and 2A6MP molecules by B3LYP/6-311 G++(d,p) method have been assigned to NH2 wagging mode. However, the recorded spectral data do not support the vibration.

For 2A6MP the rocking mode predicted at $1077-1057$ cm⁻¹ in B3LYP method shows good agreement with recorded values at 1068 and 1084 cm^{-1} in FT-IR solid phase and FT-Raman spectra, respectively. In case of 2A5MP the band observed at 1071 and 1075 cm⁻¹ in FT-IR solid phase and FT-Raman spectra, respectively, are assigned to rocking mode of $NH₂$. The theoretically computed value by B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) method at 1074–1053 cm^{-1} (mode Nos. 21 and 22) shows better correlation with experimental data. The anharmonic frequency also falls in the same range.

4.5. Methyl group vibration

The title molecules 2A5MP and 2A6MP possess a $CH₃$ group in the fifth and sixth position, respectively. For the assignments of $CH₃$ group frequencies, nine fundamentals can be associated to each CH₃ group, namely the symmetric stretching in CH₃ (CH₃) sym. stretch); asymmetric stretching (i.e. in-plane-hydrogen stretching mode); the symmetric ($CH₃$ sym. deform) and asymmetric ($CH₃$ asym. deform) deformation modes; the in-plane-rocking $(CH_3$ ipr), out-of-plane rocking $(CH_3$ opr) and twisting (t CH_3) bending modes. The CH stretching in $CH₃$ occurs at lower frequencies than those of the aromatic ring (3000–3100 cm^{-1}).

The asymmetric C $-H$ stretching mode of CH₃ group is expected around 2980 cm^{-1} and the symmetric [43-46] one is expected in the region 2870 cm^{-1} . For 2-methylpyridine the CH₃ stretching around $3000-2900$ cm⁻¹, the in-plane deformations around 1450–1370 cm⁻¹ and the rocking around 1040–990 cm⁻¹ [\[28\].](#page-7-0) The calculated and observed wavenumbers of asymmetric and symmetric stretching vibrations of $CH₃$ group for both molecules are listed in [Tables 2 and 3](#page-5-0).

For the methyl substituted benzene derivatives the asymmetric and symmetric deformation vibrations of methyl groups normally appear in the region 1465–1440 cm⁻¹ and 1390–1370 cm⁻¹, respectively [\[28,47,48\]](#page-7-0). The wavenumbers of the modes involving the $CH₃$ deformation vibrations agree with commonly accepted regions of these vibrations [\[28,47,48\].](#page-7-0) The work carried by Long et al. [\[25\]](#page-7-0) on 4-methyl pyridine, the frequency of 1041 and 974 cm^{-1} in FT-Raman are assigned to the rocking modes of CH₃. The rocking vibrations of the CH_3 group in 2A5MP and 2A6MP appear as independent vibrations. These modes usually appear [\[39\]](#page-7-0) in the region 1070–1010 cm^{-1} . The weak band in FT-IR at 1020 cm^{-1} and a very weak band at 1019 cm^{-1} in FT-Raman are attributed to the CH₃

vs, very strong; s, strong; ms, medium strong, w, weak; vw, very weak.

Taken from Ref. [\[35\].](#page-7-0)

b v, stretching; v_s, sym. stretching; v_{as}, asym. stretching; β , in-plane-bending; γ , out-of-plane; ω , wagging; ρ , rocking; t, twisting; τ , torsion; δ , scissoring.

rocking mode. The theoretically calculated value by B3LYP/6- 311 G++(d,p) method at 1020 cm⁻¹ shows excellent agreement with experimental observation whereas the anharmonic frequency calculated by same method deviate positively by \sim 20 cm $^{-1}$ (mode No. 23). The same vibration in 2A6MP as a weak band in FT-IR at 1032 cm^{-1} . The calculated value at 1015 cm^{-1} also coincides with experimental observation. The anharmonic vibrational frequencies computed by B3LYP/6-311 G++(d,p) method at 1037 cm^{-1} also shows excellent agreement with experimental data. As $CH₃$ torsional mode is expected below 400 cm^{-1} , the computed bands at 27 cm⁻¹ in 2A5MP and 75 cm⁻¹ in 2A6MP are assigned to this mode, for the same vibration no spectral measurements were possible in this region due to instrumental limits.

4.6. C $-$ CH₃ vibrations

The C – CH_3 stretching vibration is assigned to a medium strong infrared band at 1142 cm^{-1} and a weak FT-Raman band at 1142 cm^{-1} in 2A5MP, a weak FT-IR band at 1105 cm⁻¹ in 2A6MP.

In methyl substituted benzenes, the C $-CH_3$ in-plane-bending vibrations give rise to absorptions in the range 390-260 cm^{-1} . Thus, the vibration is assigned to a computed band at 304 cm^{-1} in 2A5MP. In the Raman spectrum of 2A5MP there is a medium strong band at 324 cm⁻¹; a similar band is predicted at 294 cm⁻¹ by B3LYP method in 2A6MP. Both these bands are assigned to C–CH₃ in-plane-bending mode. A band predicted at 286 cm⁻¹ in 2A5MP and a band at 209 cm^{-1} in 2A6MP by B3LYP method are assigned to C - CH_3 out-of-plane bending mode.

4.7. C $-N$, C $=N$ vibrations

The identification of $C-N$ vibration is very difficult task since mixing of several vibrations are possible in this region. Silverstein [\[39\]](#page-7-0) assigned C-N stretching absorption in the region 1382– 1266 cm^{-1} for aromatic amines. In 3,5-dibromopyridine the band observed at 1410 cm^{-1} in IR and 1412 cm^{-1} in Raman is assigned to $C-N$ stretching mode [\[49\].](#page-7-0) In benzotrizole, the $C-N$ stretching bands are found to be observed at 1387 and 1370 cm^{-1} . In benz-

Table 3

Experimental and calculated fundamental harmonic, anharmonic frequencies and IR intensities for 2A6MP

| Mode of vibration | Experimental | | | B3LYP 6-311++G(d,p) | | | | Vibrational assignments ^a |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------|----------|---------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| | FT-IR | $FT-IR$ (gas) | FT-Raman | Unscaled | IR_{int} | Scaled | Anharmonic | |
| $\mathbf{1}$ | | 3555w | | 3693 | 29 | 3545 | 3522 | $v_{asy}NH_2$ |
| $\boldsymbol{2}$ | 3464s | | | 3579 | 36 | 3436 | 3422 | v_{s} NH ₂ |
| 3 | 3073w | | 3067ms | 3193 | 10 | 3065 | 3055 | vCH |
| $\sqrt{4}$ | | | | 3180 | 19 | 3053 | 3045 | υCH |
| 5 | | | | 3164 | $\,6$ | 3037 | 3041 | υCH |
| 6 | | | | 3112 | 18 | 2987 | 2969 | $v_{as}CH_3$ |
| $\overline{7}$ | 2964w | | | 3087 | 13 | 2964 | 2934 | $v_{as}CH_3$ |
| 8 | 2916w | 2935s | 2911s | 3032 | 21 | 2911 | 2935 | $v_{sV}CH_3$ |
| | | 2850vw | | | | | | Overtone/combination |
| | | 2745vw | | | | | | Overtone/combination |
| | | 2303vw | | | | | | Overtone/combination |
| | | 2189vw | | | | | | Overtone/combination |
| | | 2098vw | | | | | | Overtone/combination |
| | | 1956vw | | | | | | Overtone/combination |
| 9 | 1594s | | 1603w | 1646 | 303 | 1580 | 1596 | $\delta NH_2 + \upsilon$ C=C |
| 10 | 1565ms | | 1568ms | 1625 | 34 | 1560 | 1580 | $v = C + \delta NH_2$ |
| 11 | | | | 1619 | 86 | 1554 | 1580 | $vC-C$ |
| 12 | 1455vs | 1447m | 1432w | 1501 | 76 | 1441 | 1468 | $\delta_{asy}CH_3$ |
| 13 | | | | 1488 | 111 | 1429 | 1453 | $vC = C$ |
| 14 | | | | 1477 | $\sqrt{7}$ | 1418 | 1435 | |
| 15 | | | | 1466 | $\sqrt{ }$ | 1408 | 1430 | $\delta_{\text{sv}}CH_3$ $vC=C + \delta_{sv}CH_3$ |
| 16 | 1346ms | | 1347ms | 1410 | $\overline{7}$ | 1354 | 1378 | δ syCH ₃ |
| 17 | 1280ms | 1292s | 1283ms | 1348 | 56 | 1294 | 1324 | |
| 18 | 1233w | | | 1315 | 13 | 1263 | 1289 | $vC-NH_2 + vCC$ $v \subset N$ |
| 19 | 1211vw | | | 1262 | 13 | 1212 | 1236 | |
| | | | | | | | | β CH |
| 20 | 1105vw | | | 1184 | $\,$ 8 $\,$ | 1137 | 1171 | C – $CH3$ stretch |
| 21 22 | 1068ms | | 1084w | 1122 1101 | 6 $9\,$ | 1077 1057 | 1096 1076 | β CH + NH ₂ rocking β CH + NH ₂ rocking |
| 23 | 1032w | | | | $\overline{4}$ | 1015 | | |
| | | | | 1057 | | | 1037 | $CH3$ rocking |
| 24 | 984ms | 996vw | 985ms | 1025 998 | $\sqrt{2}$ 5 | 984 958 | 1011 965 | Ring breathing |
| 25 | | | | | | | | Trigonal bending |
| 26 | 933w | 930vw | 928vw | 988 | $\boldsymbol{0}$ | 949 | 982 | γ CH |
| 27 | | | | 945 | 3 | 907 | 928 | BCCC |
| 28 29 | 856vw 783vs | 850vw 780s | 857vw | 862 794 | $\mathbf{1}$ | 827 763 | 856 | γ CH |
| | | | 779vw | | 48 | | 776 | γ CH |
| 30 | 721w | | 729s | 744 | 13 | 715 | 734 | γ CH |
| 31 | | | | 742 | $\overline{2}$ | 712 | 728 | BCCC |
| 32 | 597w | | 608w | 622 | 11 | 597 | 594 | $CH2$ + twisting in CH ₃ |
| 33 | 553w | | 566w | 575 | $\sqrt{7}$ | 552 | 563 | BCNC |
| 34 | | | 544ms | 548 | $\overline{4}$ | 526 | 541 | BCCC |
| 35 | | | | 505 | 237 | 485 | 326 | $NH2$ wagging |
| 36 | | | | 449 | 4 | 431 | 439 | β C-NH ₂ |
| 37 | | | 445w | 445 | 22 | 427 | 426 | γ CCC + γ CNC |
| 38 | | | 317m | 377 | 58 | 362 | 332 | γ C $-MH_2$ |
| 39 | | | 317ms | 298 | 3 | 286 | 302 | β C-CH ₃ + β C-NH ₂ |
| 40 | | | 232w | 218 | 16 | 209 | 213 | γ C—CH ₃ + γ C—NH ₂ |
| 41 | | | 196ms | 190 | $\bf{0}$ | 183 | 186 | γ CCC |
| 42 | | | | 78 | $\pmb{0}$ | 75 | 151 | $CH3$ torsion |

vs, very strong; s, strong; ms, medium strong; w, weak; vw, very weak.

^a v, stretching; v_s, symmetric stretching; v_{as}, asymmetric stretching; β , in-plane-bending; γ , out-of-plane; ω , wagging; ρ , rocking; t, twisting; τ , torsion; δ , scissoring.

amide the band observed at 1368 $\rm cm^{-1}$ is assigned to C—N stretch-ing [\[50\].](#page-7-0) In our present work, the band observed at 1264 $\rm cm^{-1}$ in both FT-IR and FT-Raman and the 1244 cm $^{-1}$ in FT-IR (gas phase) are assigned to be $C=N$ stretching vibration corresponding to 2A5MP. The theoretically computed B3LYP/6-311++ $G(d,p)$ value (mode No. 18) show positive deviation about \sim 13 cm⁻¹. Further for 2A6MP the band observed at 1233 cm⁻¹ in FT-IR is assigned to $C = N$ stretching vibration.

Overtone and combination tone vibrations are observed between 2800 and 1700 cm^{-1} . It has been observed that benzene and pyridine derivatives possess overtone or combination tone vibrations that give rise to infrared absorption between 2000 and 1700 cm^{-1} [\[51,52\]](#page-7-0). In the infrared spectrum of this compound, most of the bands in the region 2000 and 2900 $\rm cm^{-1}$ may also be due to the non-fundamental bands of the pyridine ring. An attempt of the assignment of these non-fundamental bands lead us to propose them as combination and overtone vibrations as is given in the [Tables 2 and 3](#page-5-0).

5. Conclusions

Attempts have been made in the present work for the molecular parameters and frequency assignments for the compounds 2A5MP and 2A6MP from the FT-IR (solid and gas phase) and FT-Raman spectra. The equilibrium geometries, harmonic and anharmonic frequencies of 2A5MP and 2A6MP were determined and analyzed at DFT level of theory utilizing 6-311++G(d,p) higher basis sets. The difference between the observed and scaled wavenumber values of most of the fundamentals is very small. Any discrepancy noted between the observed and the calculated frequencies may be due to the fact that the calculations have been done on single

molecule in the gaseous state contrary to the experimental values recorded in the presence of intermolecular interactions. Therefore, the assignments made at DFT level of theory with only reasonable deviations from the experimental values seem to be correct. The theoretically constructed FT-IR spectrum exactly coincides with experimentally observed FT-IR gas phase spectrum.

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