

Geometry Predictions, Vibrational Analysis and IR Intensities of XH_3Y ($\text{X}=\text{C, Si, Ge}$, $\text{Y}=\text{F, Cl, Br}$) Calculated by Hybrid Density Functional Theory, MP2 and MP4 Methods

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Abstract

Hybrid density functional theory B3LYP, B1LYP, B3P86, MPW1PW91 and B3PW91 methods as well as MP2 and MP4 methods at the 6-311++G (3df,3pd) level of theory are used for the calculations of geometrical parameters, infrared vibrational frequencies and absorption intensities of XH_3Y ($\text{X}=\text{C, Si, Ge}$ and $\text{Y}=\text{F, Cl, Br}$) set of molecules. All of the calculated results are compared with the most recent experimental data. The advantages of DFT methods are exhibited from the comparison and discussion. The basis set effect is also considered and the optimal theoretical methods for the discussed systems are recommended.

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1. Introduction

Great efforts have been put in recent years into studying of the basic molecular properties of halogenated carbon family systems. Many different experimental methods have been developed to obtain thermodynamic, magnetic, spectroscopic and other properties of these compounds.^{1–7} In recent few decades, with the development of quantum mechanics theory and computational technology, theoretical and computational studies on the halogenated carbon family species became more and more popular.^{8–11} Computational methods are used not only due to the convenience and high efficiency, but also since satisfactory accuracy can be obtained from these methods. Due to this fact many properties of halogenated methane, silanes and germanes, such as geometry structure, vibration spectra and thermochemical properties, are available nowadays as a result of theoretical calculations.^{12–20} The calculations has provides us with information about molecular physical properties as well as reactive behaviors

which do not only widen our knowledge, but also may boost more creative insights and predictions.

Although the study of this topic is very popular, there are still many unsolved problems in the area of theoretical study on the properties of halogenated carbon family systems. First of all, previous computational studies have been focused mostly on one molecular system or one property of the halogenated carbon family species. Therefore comparisons of properties between different halogen-containing methanes, silanes, and germanes are scarce. On the other hand a comprehensive and systematic investigation of the similarities and differences of halogenated carbon family is indispensable for a better understanding of the chemistry of this class of compounds. Secondly, it is usually supposed that the higher level of theory used in computational studied corresponds to the higher accuracy of results. It is known, however, that for small organic systems DFT methods, and B3LYP method in particular, can give more reliable results than higher level *ab-initio* methods.^{21–24} Moreover, there are many density functional methods available nowadays, and the most commonly

1 used B3LYP functional is not always the best choice to
2 study a certain class of molecules. Furthermore, to the
3 best of our knowledge, previous studies in this area mainly
4 focus on the effect of using different methods and no
5 data from the calculation with a basis set as large as 6-
6 311++G (3df, 3pd) are available. A comparison between
7 the results obtained for the 6-311++G (3df, 3pd) basis set
8 and smaller basis sets should provide more insight into the
9 importance of the basis set effect.

10 To solve all above-mentioned problems, we have
11 carried out computational studies on the geometry optimi-
12 zation and frequency analysis of XH_3Y , where X=C, Si,
13 Ge and Y=F, Cl, Br. Five different DFT methods (B3LYP,
14 B1LYP, B3P86, MPW1PW91, B3PW91) and two high le-
15 vel *ab-initio* methods (MP2, MP4) have been used at the
16 6-311++G (3df, 3pd) level of theory. From our theoretical
17 study and the available experimental data, as well as from
18 results of previous theoretical investigations, we collect
19 more examples to discuss the applicability of different
20 calculation methods (DFT and high level *ab-initio* met-
21 hods). We also provide data obtained using the large 6-
22 311++G (3df,3pd) basis set and discuss the basis set ef-
23 fect. Using all these approaches we have performed a
24 systematic calculation on the geometry structure and fre-
25 quency values of nine halogenated carbon family substan-
26 ces. It allows us to obtain important data to discuss the
27 difference in the properties of these analogies as well as
28 provide the reliable reference for possible future studies.
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30 2. Computational Details

31 All calculations in this study have been performed
32 with the Gaussian 03 program package.²⁵ Each stationary
33 point of the nine halogenated species, CH_3F , CH_3Cl ,
34 CH_3Br , SiH_3F , SiH_3Cl , SiH_3Br , GeH_3F , GeH_3Cl and $Ge-$
35 H_3Br , has been fully optimized with five different DFT
36 methods (B3LYP, B1LYP, B3P86, MPW1PW91,
37 B3PW91) and two high level *ab-initio* methods (MP2,
38 MP4) with 6-311++G (3df,3pd) basis set. Frequencies ha-
39 ve been calculated at the same level of theory as geometry
40 optimizations, and each stationary point has been con-
41 firmed to be at a local minimum by frequency analysis. Thus
42 for each system, a total of seven geometries and seven vi-
43 brational frequencies has been reported. All the reported
44 data are unscaled.
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46 3. Results and Discussion

47 Geometrical parameters of all molecules are given
48 in Table 1, and two bond lengths (X–Y and X–H) and two
49 angles (H–X–Y and H–X–H) are described for each mole-
50 cule. Compared with the experimental data all the calcula-
51 tions are consistent with the experiments, except for the
52 obvious errors in the prediction of the CH_3Cl angle value.
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54 The calculated angle values are different from experimen-
55 tal values by approximately 2 degrees. Surprisingly, previ-
56 ous investigations on this problem suggest tat the best
57 method to predict H–C–Cl and H–C–H angle values is to
58 use the semi empirical method (PM3) which gives values
59 only 0.6 degree higher than experimental results.²⁶

60 For the SiH_3F system the calculated X–Y distances
61 are between 1.600 and 1.611 Å, H–X–Y angles are bet-
62 ween 108.5 and 118.6 degree, and the H–X–H angle ranges
63 from 110.3 to 110.5 degree, depending on the computatio-
64 nal method used. In case of the SiH_3Cl system, the X–Y dis-
65 tances are longer, and the calculated values are between
66 2.220 and 2.238 Å. On the other hand the calculated
67 H–X–Y angle of SiH_3Cl is smaller than in the previous ca-
68 se (ranging from 108.5 to 108.6 degrees), while the H–X–H
69 angles are larger (110.5 to 110.6 degrees). A similar trend
70 in variations of geometrical parameters may be observed in
71 the case of the SiH_3Br system. The Si–H distances of the
72 SiH_3Y systems are only slight different, with the shortest
73 bond being present in the SiH_3Br system. The trend in $Ge-$
74 H_3Y (Y=F, Cl, Br) class of molecules is the same as in $Si-$
75 H_3Y . These results can be easily explained, since when the
76 radius of the halogen atoms increases, the X–Y distance in-
77 creases as well. This in turn leads to a smaller repulsion be-
78 tween the X–Y bond and the lone pair of the halogen atom,
79 resulting in the smaller value of the H–X–Y angle. Once the
80 H–X–Y angle gets smaller, it's reasonable to assume that
81 the H–X–H angle would get larger. The slight change of the
82 X–H distance may be caused by the different electronegati-
83 vity value of the halogen atom. If the electronegativity val-
84 ue of Y is decreased, the X–Y bond is weakened, while the
85 X–H bond becomes stronger. On the other hand, for a given
86 Y, the values of the X–Y and X–H distances as well as
87 H–X–H angles are all increased in the C, Si and Ge order,
88 while the H–X–Y gets shorter.

89 The calculated frequencies and IR intensities of all
90 monohalogenated species as well as available experimen-
91 tal data are given in Table 2. Table 2a shows the absolute
92 vibrational frequencies, whereas Table 2b shows scaled
93 vibrational frequencies based on an important study by
94 Scott and Radom³⁰ by which a comprehensive evaluation
95 of scale factors for harmonic vibrational frequencies was
96 performed. In that work a series of 122 molecules were
97 computed with the Hartree-Fock, Moller-Plesset, quadra-
98 tic configuration interaction (QCI), and density functional
99 theory (DFT) methods. A scale factor of 0.9496 was re-
100 ported, that can be helpful in the present computations.
101 The present basis set used is larger but the scale factors
102 will suffice. Therefore, we have used a scale factor of
103 0.9496 as recommended by Scott and Radom. However,
104 as Table 2b shows the experimental correlations without
105 scaling is better, this might be due to the unusual behavior
106 of the Si, Ge atoms in the calculations. By adding this sca-
107 le factor into our harmonic frequencies, we are able to in-
108 clude some effects of anharmonicity and should suffice the
109 present calculations presented in this work.

Table 1. Optimized Structures of XH₃Y (X=C, Si and Ge; Y=F, Cl and Br) at the ¹B3LYP, ²B1LYP, ³B3P86, ⁴MPW1PW91, ⁵B3PW91, ⁶MP2, ⁷MP4/6-311++G (3df, 3pd) level. Distances are in Å, angles are in degree.

| XH ₃ Y | parameter | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | Expt. |
|---------------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| CH ₃ F | C–F | 1.389 | 1.388 | 1.379 | 1.376 | 1.380 | 1.383 | 1.388 | 1.3830 ^a |
| | C–H | 1.089 | 1.089 | 1.090 | 1.090 | 1.091 | 1.086 | 1.090 | 1.0870 ^a |
| | H–C–F | 108.7 | 108.7 | 110.0 | 109.0 | 109.0 | 108.7 | 108.6 | 110.20 ^a |
| | H–C–H | 110.2 | 110.2 | 110.0 | 109.9 | 110.0 | 110.2 | 110.3 | 108.73 ^a |
| CH ₃ Cl | C–Cl | 1.793 | 1.793 | 1.776 | 1.774 | 1.778 | 1.771 | 1.783 | 1.785 ^a |
| | C–H | 1.084 | 1.083 | 1.085 | 1.085 | 1.086 | 1.083 | 1.087 | 1.090 ^a |
| | H–C–Cl | 108.3 | 108.3 | 108.6 | 108.6 | 108.6 | 108.6 | 108.4 | 110.75 |
| | H–C–H | 110.6 | 110.6 | 110.4 | 110.4 | 110.4 | 110.3 | 110.5 | 108.16 |
| CH ₃ Br | C–Br | 1.958 | 1.958 | 1.938 | 1.935 | 1.940 | 1.929 | 1.943 | 1.9340 ^a |
| | C–H | 1.083 | 1.081 | 1.084 | 1.083 | 1.085 | 1.083 | 1.083 | 1.0823 ^a |
| | H–C–Br | 107.6 | 107.6 | 107.9 | 107.9 | 107.9 | 108.1 | 108.0 | 107.72 ^a |
| | H–C–H | 111.2 | 111.3 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 110.8 | 110.0 | 111.157 ^a |
| SiH ₃ F | Si–F | 1.611 | 1.610 | 1.606 | 1.605 | 1.608 | 1.60 | 1.613 | 1.595 ^a |
| | Si–H | 1.476 | 1.474 | 1.477 | 1.478 | 1.479 | 1.470 | 1.471 | 1.476 ^a |
| | H–Si–F | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.3 | 108.3 | 108.269 ^a |
| | H–Si–H | 110.7 | 110.7 | 110.7 | 110.7 | 110.7 | 110.6 | 110.6 | 110.64 ^a |
| SiH ₃ Cl | Si–Cl | 2.068 | 2.068 | 2.088 | 2.054 | 2.058 | 2.053 | 2.058 | 2.051 ^a |
| | Si–H | 1.475 | 1.474 | 1.476 | 1.477 | 1.478 | 1.469 | 1.472 | 1.475 ^a |
| | H–Si–Cl | 108.5 | 108.5 | 108.5 | 108.5 | 108.6 | 108.6 | 108.6 | 108.295 ^a |
| | H–Si–H | 110.4 | 110.5 | 110.4 | 110.4 | 110.4 | 110.4 | 110.3 | 110.62 ^a |
| SiH ₃ Br | Si–Br | 2.238 | 2.238 | 2.220 | 2.220 | 2.223 | 2.222 | 2.228 | 2.2123 ^b |
| | Si–H | 1.476 | 1.474 | 1.477 | 1.477 | 1.479 | 1.469 | 1.472 | 1.4743 ^b |
| | H–Si–Br | 108.4 | 108.4 | 108.4 | 108.4 | 108.5 | 108.4 | 108.4 | 108.161 ^b |
| | H–Si–H | 110.6 | 110.6 | 110.5 | 110.5 | 110.5 | 110.5 | 110.5 | |
| GeH ₃ F | Ge–F | 1.760 | 1.757 | 1.748 | 1.747 | 1.752 | 1.791 | 1.798 | 1.7350 ^b |
| | Ge–H | 1.532 | 1.531 | 1.528 | 1.529 | 1.531 | 1.530 | 1.535 | 1.5220 ^b |
| | H–Ge–F | 105.9 | 106.0 | 105.9 | 106.0 | 106.0 | 105.6 | 105.5 | 105.92 ^b |
| | H–Ge–H | 112.8 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 113.1 | 113.1 | |
| GeH ₃ Cl | Ge–Cl | 2.176 | 2.176 | 2.157 | 2.154 | 2.159 | 2.160 | 2.166 | 2.1447 ^b |
| | Ge–H | 1.531 | 1.530 | 1.527 | 1.528 | 1.530 | 1.530 | 1.534 | 1.5155 ^b |
| | H–Ge–Cl | 106.9 | 106.9 | 106.9 | 106.9 | 107.0 | 107.1 | 107.2 | 107.10 ^b |
| | H–Ge–H | 111.9 | 111.9 | 111.9 | 111.8 | 111.8 | 111.7 | 111.6 | 111.0 ^b |
| GeH ₃ Br | Ge–Br | 2.334 | 2.334 | 2.311 | 2.311 | 2.316 | 2.314 | 2.322 | 2.297 ^b |
| | Ge–H | 1.531 | 1.530 | 1.527 | 1.528 | 1.530 | 1.530 | 1.536 | 1.527 ^b |
| | H–Ge–Br | 107.0 | 107.1 | 107.1 | 107.1 | 107.1 | 107.2 | 107.4 | 106.3 ^b |
| | H–Ge–H | 111.8 | 111.8 | 112.8 | 111.8 | 111.7 | 111.6 | 111.6 | |

^a Taken from ref. 26.

^b Taken from ref. 27 and references therein.

There are six different vibrational frequencies according to the six normal vibrations for species of the C_{3v} point group as depicted in Fig. 1. The first is the symmetric X–H stretch ν_1 , and the second is the Y–X–H umbrella motion ν_2 . They are followed by the X–Y stretch is ν_3 , and the degenerate modes are the asymmetric X–H stretch ν_4 , the H–X–H scissor motion ν_5 and finally the Y–X–H rock ν_6 . All computational normal modes obtained in this investigation were successfully assigned to one of the six types of vibrations. As a general rule, the calculated frequency values are consistent with the experimental results, although there are small variations with different methods used. It is difficult, however, to choose one computational method as the most suitable for calculating the vibrational spectra of all compounds. The advantages of

using certain methods in calculations of selected vibrational frequencies will be discussed later.

A very interesting property embedded in the molecular wavefunction is the vibrational assignment which has been developed in the valence coordinates most closely resembling normal coordinates.³¹ In this technique, Bowman and co-workers use successive contractions of the expansion set that keeps the hamiltonian matrices diagonally dominant. This allows the largest component of the eigenvector to be sufficient to assign rovibrational states for many species. Such calculations can be applied to assignment of lower energy vibrational transitions, photoionization spectra and improved description of Franck-Condon factors for simple molecules. However, it is difficult to apply such a scheme to our systems due to the in-

Table 2a. Vibrational frequencies (cm^{-1}) of various species shown in Table 1 (X, Y are ligands from the table and modes shown in Figure 1) ,where I is the intensities (in parentheses, KM/mol) and the values in EXP are the experimental values (where VS=Very Strong, S=Strong, M=Medium, W=Weak, VW=Very Weak), computed at the¹B3LYP, ²B1LYP, ³B3P86, ⁴MPW1PW91, ⁵B3PW91, ⁶MP2, ⁷MP4/6-311++G (3df, 3pd) level

| X | H ₃ Y | v ₁ | I ₁ | v ₂ | I ₂ | v ₃ | I ₃ | v ₄ | I ₄ | v ₅ | I ₅ | v ₆ | I ₆ |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| CH₃F | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ¹ I | 3032.706 | 33.639 | 1493.811 | 5.088 | 1047.734 | 110.244 | 3111.68 | 28.576 | 1485.097 | 0.911 | 1192.920 | 1.026 | |
| ² I | 3044.911 | 33.474 | 1503.724 | 5.016 | 1053.839 | 111.754 | 3124.841 | 29.307 | 1494.857 | 1.032 | 1200.444 | 1.192 | |
| ³ I | 3040.286 | 35.129 | 1488.878 | 5.737 | 1078.917 | 109.806 | 3127.575 | 27.397 | 1480.935 | 0.665 | 1194.225 | 0.838 | |
| ⁴ I | 3051.952 | 34.021 | 1495.452 | 5.632 | 1088.562 | 110.936 | 3139.167 | 28.228 | 1488.823 | 0.725 | 1200.858 | 0.895 | |
| ⁵ I | 3034.949 | 35.323 | 1487.639 | 5.534 | 1073.793 | 110.253 | 3121.566 | 28.536 | 1480.214 | 0.748 | 1193.286 | 0.835 | |
| ⁶ I | 3087.626 | 32.204 | 1526.495 | 4.844 | 1084.246 | 105.480 | 3193.168 | 22.311 | 1510.283 | 1.357 | 1213.531 | 1.324 | |
| ⁷ I | 3140.294 | 0.000 | 1495.132 | 0.000 | 1060.481 | 0.0000 | 3042.339 | 0.000 | 1510.556 | 0.000 | 1200.321 | 0.000 | |
| EXP ^a | 2964 | VS | 1464 | S | 1048.6 | S | 3005.8 | S | 1466.5 | M | 1182.4 | | |
| CH₃Cl | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ¹ I | 3070.33 | 22.780 | 1384.861 | 11.195 | 717.452 | 25.909 | 3073.504 | 22.873 | 1483.535 | 6.134 | 1030.959 | 2.413 | |
| ² I | 3082 | 23.260 | 1394.292 | 11.913 | 720.097 | 26.962 | 3085.068 | 23.307 | 1493.063 | 6.061 | 1037.636 | 2.307 | |
| ³ I | 3080.45 | 22.438 | 1381.586 | 8.807 | 746.176 | 24.118 | 3081.847 | 22.184 | 1476.528 | 6.861 | 1032.360 | 2.736 | |
| ⁴ I | 3092.04 | 23.196 | 1388.759 | 8.860 | 754.434 | 24.518 | 3093.002 | 23.282 | 1483.276 | 6.679 | 1038.550 | 2.681 | |
| ⁵ I | 3075.28 | 23.134 | 1380.888 | 9.035 | 744.185 | 24.138 | 3076.592 | 23.032 | 1475.680 | 6.620 | 1031.851 | 2.743 | |
| ⁶ I | 3108.1 | 22.010 | 1416.413 | 11.258 | 778.977 | 22.586 | 3108.840 | 22.004 | 1510.858 | 5.571 | 1059.318 | 2.358 | |
| ⁷ I | 3071.089 | 0.000 | 1405.264 | 0.000 | 756.982 | 0.000 | 3174.764 | 0.000 | 1499.922 | 0.00 | 1048.810 | 0.000 | |
| EXP ^a | 2879.28 | M | 1354.9 | S | 732.1 | S | 3039.31 | S | 1452.1 | M | 1017.3 | M | |
| CH₃Br | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ¹ I | 3192.553 | 1.264 | 1331.354 | 18.483 | 591.795 | 12.174 | 3087.012 | 15.618 | 1476.512 | 5.940 | 963.025 | 3.704 | |
| ² I | 3205.113 | 1.315 | 1340.431 | 19.646 | 594.552 | 12.837 | 3099.315 | 16.149 | 1486.243 | 5.852 | 968.851 | 3.620 | |
| ³ I | 3203.389 | 0.859 | 1329.709 | 14.710 | 619.852 | 10.791 | 3092.580 | 14.847 | 1469.810 | 6.631 | 966.334 | 4.145 | |
| ⁴ I | 3214.590 | 1.054 | 1337.538 | 15.076 | 627.434 | 10.965 | 3104.095 | 16.120 | 1476.296 | 6.520 | 971.902 | 4.143 | |
| ⁵ I | 3197.989 | 6.684 | 1329.283 | 15.183 | 617.251 | 10.826 | 3087.830 | 15.824 | 1469.212 | 6.369 | 965.883 | 4.109 | |
| ⁶ I | 3235.335 | 0.701 | 1367.053 | 16.750 | 651.982 | 8.3 | 3116.225 | 15.749 | 1503.635 | 5.289 | 991.62 | 3.907 | |
| ⁷ I | 3077.104 | 0.000 | 1354.874 | 0.000 | 628.485 | 0.000 | 3189.677 | 0.000 | 1492.876 | 0.000 | 978.613 | 0.000 | |
| EXP ^a | 2972 | M | 1305.9 | S | 611.1 | S | 3056.35 | S | 1442.7 | M | 954.7 | | |
| SiH₃F | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ¹ I | 2267.097 | 136.638 | 998.272 | 184.725 | 852.817 | 78.536 | 2262.430 | 32.232 | 973.759 | 85.760 | 728.057 | 52.785 | |
| ² I | 2258.106 | 133.890 | 991.367 | 181.401 | 848.105 | 76.752 | 2251.946 | 31.558 | 967.474 | 83.385 | 723.057 | 51.402 | |
| ³ I | 2263.168 | 126.275 | 983.627 | 178.356 | 858.770 | 69.776 | 2255.505 | 30.374 | 959.401 | 78.084 | 719.543 | 50.811 | |
| ⁴ I | 2265.130 | 126.764 | 985.406 | 178.596 | 861.734 | 70.466 | 2258.402 | 30.457 | 961.022 | 78.321 | 721.196 | 51.567 | |
| ⁵ I | 2252.988 | 127.602 | 981.240 | 175.730 | 853.381 | 71.041 | 2245.660 | 31.074 | 957.176 | 77.559 | 718.038 | 50.466 | |
| ⁶ I | 2335.498 | 140.791 | 996.323 | 95.223 | 860.767 | 80.121 | 2332.776 | 34.513 | 996.496 | 95.214 | 739.474 | 57.270 | |
| ⁷ I | 2303.199 | 0.000 | 979.119 | 0.000 | 850.669 | 0.0000 | 2308.866 | 0.000 | 1002.660 | 0.000 | 729.681 | 0.000 | |
| EXP ^a | 2206 | – | 990 | S | 872 | M | 2196 | M | 956 | M | 728.1 | – | |
| SiH₃Cl | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ¹ I | 2248.240 | 53.682 | 959.559 | 56.738 | 533.361 | 69.655 | 2259.531 | 96.168 | 952.550 | 251.673 | 657.685 | 22.826 | |
| ² I | 2259.045 | 54.838 | 966.278 | 58.513 | 534.863 | 71.207 | 2269.248 | 97.889 | 959.379 | 257.626 | 662.338 | 23.520 | |
| ³ I | 2251.632 | 52.078 | 950.754 | 52.306 | 546.902 | 68.631 | 2264.017 | 89.129 | 943.423 | 238.490 | 654.623 | 22.446 | |
| ⁴ I | 2253.710 | 52.210 | 952.440 | 52.182 | 550.618 | 69.020 | 2265.107 | 90.492 | 945.408 | 237.920 | 656.555 | 22.804 | |
| ⁵ I | 2240.587 | 52.788 | 948.728 | 51.823 | 545.128 | 68.186 | 2252.787 | 91.257 | 941.936 | 236.074 | 653.750 | 22.343 | |
| ⁶ I | 2321.753 | 58.447 | 986.898 | 64.669 | 561.387 | 74.668 | 2330.588 | 101.285 | 978.722 | 286.458 | 675.741 | 26.117 | |
| ⁷ I | 2292.149 | 0.000 | 963.880 | 0.000 | 555.459 | 0.000 | 2302.334 | 0.000 | 970.810 | 0.000 | 666.318 | 0.000 | |
| EXP ^a | 2201 | – | 949 | – | 551 | S | 2195 | S | 954.4 | S | 664.0 | M | |
| SiH₃Br | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ¹ I | 2242.121 | 60.507 | 934.849 | 302.548 | 412.972 | 41.807 | 2256.275 | 85.214 | 957.868 | 52.290 | 629.298 | 14.267 | |
| ² I | 2253.500 | 60.829 | 941.516 | 309.309 | 414.344 | 42.619 | 2266.682 | 87.174 | 964.467 | 53.937 | 632.530 | 14.627 | |
| ³ I | 2248.585 | 58.506 | 925.677 | 285.551 | 426.408 | 41.170 | 2263.905 | 78.220 | 948.855 | 48.191 | 625.876 | 14.128 | |
| ⁴ I | 2251.594 | 58.192 | 927.508 | 284.767 | 429.298 | 41.412 | 2266.042 | 78.566 | 950.109 | 48.035 | 627.288 | 14.165 | |
| ⁵ I | 2236.190 | 59.154 | 924.521 | 283.036 | 425.261 | 40.902 | 2251.003 | 80.742 | 946.807 | 47.602 | 625.460 | 13.941 | |
| ⁶ I | 2320.444 | 65.329 | 959.709 | 340.908 | 439.605 | 44.851 | 2332.252 | 89.058 | 982.719 | 59.105 | 645.396 | 17.028 | |
| ⁷ I | 2290.032 | 0.000 | 966.547 | 0.000 | 434.576 | 0.000 | 2304.147 | 0.000 | 966.547 | 0.000 | 635.936 | 0.000 | |
| EXP ^a | 2200 | – | 930 | S | 430 | M | 2196 | S | 950.4 | S | 632.6 | | |

| | XH_3Y | v_1 | I_1 | v_2 | I_2 | v_3 | I_3 | v_4 | I_4 | v_5 | I_5 | $v_6 I_6$ | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|--------|---------|-----------|----|
| GeH₃F | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| ¹ I | 2154.843 | 25.680 | 865.958 | 65.778 | 667.185 | 104.507 | 2166.739 | 122.048 | 865.958 | 65.778 | 628.143 | 36.201 | 2 |
| ² I | 2164.580 | 32.297 | 876.224 | 65.426 | 673.228 | 106.758 | 2173.078 | 124.352 | 871.051 | 66.041 | 630.701 | 37.398 | 3 |
| ³ I | 2168.948 | 37.025 | 865.537 | 58.925 | 683.570 | 105.565 | 2182.164 | 105.478 | 870.726 | 58.160 | 627.839 | 36.340 | 4 |
| ⁴ I | 2177.874 | 30.321 | 868.845 | 60.893 | 686.758 | 107.461 | 2193.203 | 111.945 | 873.606 | 61.618 | 629.572 | 37.267 | 5 |
| ⁵ I | 2163.700 | 29.240 | 868.948 | 59.265 | 678.775 | 104.768 | 2174.969 | 118.148 | 863.965 | 59.813 | 626.978 | 36.258 | 6 |
| ⁶ I | 2235.889 | 22.971 | 892.957 | 75.686 | 738.329 | 154.334 | 2232.867 | 131.666 | 892.957 | 75.686 | 635.794 | 40.505 | 7 |
| ⁷ I | 2193.716 | 0.000 | 875.666 | 0.000 | 728.836 | 0.000 | 2199.086 | 0.000 | 877.538 | 0.000 | 623.501 | 0.000 | 8 |
| EXP ^b | 2120.6 | S | 859.0 | VS | 689.1 | S | 2131.7 | S | 874.0 | S | 624.6 | M | 9 |
| GeH₃Cl | | | | | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| ¹ I | 2150.816 | 47.597 | 843.756 | 164.019 | 406.513 | 54.466 | 2164.156 | 98.140 | 871.551 | 46.105 | 591.816 | 15.681 | 11 |
| ² I | 2157.763 | 51.052 | 851.401 | 168.007 | 407.99 | 55.547 | 2167.861 | 100.009 | 878.860 | 47.453 | 596.876 | 16.316 | 12 |
| ³ I | 2166.886 | 49.089 | 843.021 | 152.159 | 420.072 | 54.589 | 2185.186 | 92.325 | 870.053 | 42.671 | 595.831 | 15.701 | 13 |
| ⁴ I | 2173.003 | 50.688 | 847.562 | 154.920 | 423.685 | 55.482 | 2189.300 | 93.663 | 873.485 | 43.310 | 598.601 | 16.467 | 14 |
| ⁵ I | 2160.173 | 47.590 | 842.237 | 153.936 | 417.765 | 54.383 | 2175.691 | 94.380 | 870.031 | 42.894 | 594.969 | 15.819 | 15 |
| ⁶ I | 2231.680 | 57.714 | 873.858 | 199.143 | 608.571 | 20.791 | 2232.132 | 106.184 | 896.933 | 54.880 | 433.193 | 60.802 | 16 |
| ⁷ I | 2196.527 | 0.000 | 858.485 | 0.000 | 598.571 | 0.000 | 2199.906 | 0.000 | 881.248 | 0.000 | 428.853 | 0.000 | 17 |
| EXP ^b | 2119.9 | S | 847.5 | VS | 421.7 | S | 2128.9 | S | 874.1 | S | 602.2 | — | 18 |
| GeH₃Br | | | | | | | | | | | | | 19 |
| ¹ I | 2148.268 | 53.753 | 829.336 | 213.569 | 294.152 | 27.101 | 2163.497 | 90.527 | 871.769 | 43.215 | 569.974 | 10.049 | 20 |
| ² I | 2153.914 | 59.216 | 837.249 | 219.436 | 295.125 | 27.614 | 2167.140 | 88.735 | 875.750 | 44.400 | 574.380 | 10.539 | 21 |
| ³ I | 2163.073 | 54.254 | 829.638 | 199.376 | 305.906 | 27.027 | 2185.006 | 83.239 | 870.208 | 39.299 | 570.518 | 10.331 | 22 |
| ⁴ I | 2173.380 | 52.990 | 832.306 | 202.993 | 307.277 | 27.614 | 2187.211 | 85.561 | 873.141 | 40.078 | 570.015 | 10.381 | 23 |
| ⁵ I | 2155.804 | 56.421 | 828.326 | 200.721 | 303.623 | 27.054 | 2169.929 | 84.383 | 868.348 | 39.451 | 569.100 | 10.343 | 24 |
| ⁶ I | 2225.913 | 62.544 | 861.330 | 251.476 | 314.744 | 30.247 | 2227.435 | 98.264 | 896.378 | 51.291 | 588.031 | 14.163 | 25 |
| ⁷ I | 2188.916 | 0.000 | 846.592 | 0.000 | 310.434 | 0.000 | 2191.258 | 0.000 | 881.017 | 0.000 | 578.270 | 0.000 | 26 |
| EXP ^b | 2115.2 | — | 832.7 | — | 307.7 | — | 2126.7 | — | 870.9 | — | 578.2 | — | 27 |

^aTaken from ref. 28. ^bTaken from ref. 29.

creased level of complexity associated with such calculations. We do believe that by using high level *ab initio* methods with an extended basis set experimentally reliable calculations can be obtained.

The results suggest that it is difficult to choose the most reliable method for all studied systems. Several trends in results are, however, clear. In the geometry optimization, both DFT methods, MP2 and MP4 methods can

get very accurate results (except for the CH₃Cl angles). Since MP2 and MP4 calculations are much more time consuming and have no obvious advantages for geometry optimization, we believe that DFT calculations are more favorable for geometry optimizations of these systems. For frequency analysis, in some cases the MP4 approach can give more accurate results than DFT methods (see for example v₄ of CH₃F, or v₁ of CH₃Br). In most cases DFT calculations are, however, also accurate and give better results than MP2 and MP4 calculations. For almost all frequency calculations MP2 results are the least accurate. Our calculations reveal that in many cases the accuracy of DFT methods is very high, with the average error of only 30 cm⁻¹. This is, however, not true for the v₁ vibration, where we usually obtain larger variations (of more than 50 cm⁻¹).

Considering the applicability of different DFT methods, one can see that some of the functionals tend to be superior to the commonly used B3LYP method. Taking the frequency analysis of SiH₃F as an example, the experimental value of v₁ is 2206 cm⁻¹, and the result of MPW1PW91 calculation is 2252.988 cm⁻¹ while the result of B3LYP calculation is 2267.097 cm⁻¹. Similarly, B1LYP predicts v₂ better than B3LYP, and MPW1PW91 predicts v₃ better than B3LYP. Unfortunately it is impossible to find a single DFT method which will accurately predict all of the six vibrational frequencies. The differen-

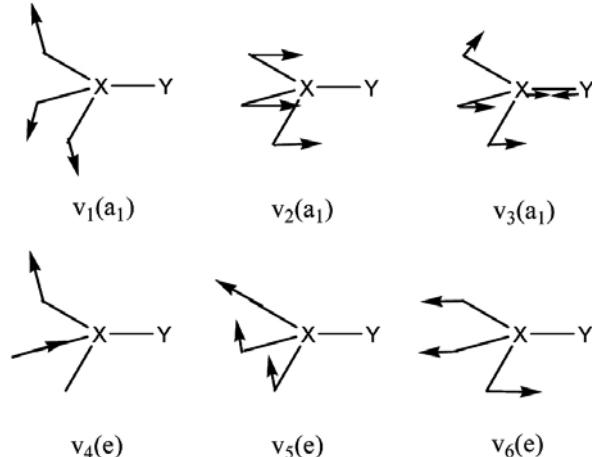


Fig. 1. Vibrational modes of the XH₃Y molecules that belong to the C_{3v} point group.

Table 2b. Scaled vibrational frequencies (cm^{-1}) by a factor of 0.9496 (which are represented as the v^{SC} values) for various species shown in Table 1 (X, Y are ligands from the table and modes shown in Figure 1), where I is the intensities (in parentheses, KM/mol) and the values in EXP are the experimental values computed at the¹B3LYP, ²B1LYP, ³B3P86, ⁴MPW1PW91, ⁵B3PW91, ⁶MP2, ⁷MP4/6-311++G (3df, 3pd) level.

| X | H | Y | v_1 | v_1^{SC} | v_2 | v_2^{SC} | v_3 | v_3^{SC} | v_4 | v_4^{SC} | v_5 | v_5^{SC} | v_6 | v_6^{SC} |
|--------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|
| CH₃F | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ¹ I | 3032.706 | 2879.857 | 1493.811 | 1418.522 | 1047.734 | 994.928 | 3111.68 | 2954.851 | 1485.097 | 1410.248 | 1192.920 | 1132.796 | | |
| ² I | 3044.911 | 2891.447 | 1503.724 | 1427.936 | 1053.839 | 1000.725 | 3124.841 | 2967.349 | 1494.857 | 1419.516 | 1200.444 | 1139.941 | | |
| ³ I | 3040.286 | 2887.055 | 1488.878 | 1413.838 | 1078.917 | 1024.539 | 3127.575 | 2969.945 | 1480.935 | 1406.295 | 1194.225 | 1134.036 | | |
| ⁴ I | 3051.952 | 2898.133 | 1495.452 | 1420.081 | 1088.562 | 1033.698 | 3139.167 | 2980.952 | 1488.823 | 1413.786 | 1200.858 | 1140.334 | | |
| ⁵ I | 3034.949 | 2881.987 | 1487.639 | 1412.661 | 1073.793 | 1019.673 | 3121.566 | 2964.239 | 1480.214 | 1405.611 | 1193.286 | 1133.144 | | |
| ⁶ I | 3087.626 | 2932.009 | 1526.495 | 1449.559 | 1084.246 | 1029.600 | 3193.168 | 3032.232 | 1510.283 | 1434.164 | 1213.531 | 1152.369 | | |
| ⁷ I | 3140.294 | 2982.023 | 1495.132 | 1419.777 | 1060.481 | 1007.032 | 3042.339 | 2889.005 | 1510.556 | 1434.423 | 1200.321 | 1139.824 | | |
| EXP ^a | 2964 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 1464 | | 1048.6 | | 3005.8 | | 1466.5 | | 1182.4 | | | |
| CH₃Cl | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ¹ I | 3070.33 | 2915.585 | 1384.861 | 1315.064 | 717.452 | 681.292 | 3073.504 | 2918.599 | 1483.535 | 1408.765 | 1030.959 | 978.999 | | |
| ² I | 3082 | 2926.667 | 1394.292 | 1324.020 | 720.097 | 683.804 | 3085.068 | 2929.581 | 1493.063 | 1417.813 | 1037.636 | 985.339 | | |
| ³ I | 3080.45 | 2925.195 | 1381.586 | 1311.954 | 746.176 | 708.569 | 3081.847 | 2926.522 | 1476.528 | 1402.111 | 1032.360 | 980.329 | | |
| ⁴ I | 3092.04 | 2936.201 | 1388.759 | 1318.766 | 754.434 | 716.411 | 3093.002 | 2937.115 | 1483.276 | 1408.519 | 1038.550 | 986.207 | | |
| ⁵ I | 3075.28 | 2920.285 | 1380.888 | 1311.291 | 744.185 | 706.678 | 3076.592 | 2921.532 | 1475.680 | 1401.306 | 1031.851 | 979.846 | | |
| ⁶ I | 3108.1 | 2951.451 | 1416.413 | 1345.026 | 778.977 | 739.717 | 3108.840 | 2952.154 | 1510.858 | 1434.711 | 1059.318 | 1005.928 | | |
| ⁷ I | 3071.089 | 2916.306 | 1405.264 | 1334.439 | 756.982 | 718.830 | 3174.764 | 3014.756 | 1499.922 | 1424.326 | 1048.810 | 995.950 | | |
| EXP ^a | 2879.28 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 1354.9 | | 732.1 | | 3039.31 | | 1452.1 | | 1017.3 | | | |
| CH₃Br | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ¹ I | 3192.553 | 3031.648 | 1331.354 | 1264.254 | 591.795 | 561.969 | 3087.012 | 2931.427 | 1476.512 | 1402.096 | 963.025 | 914.489 | | |
| ² I | 3205.113 | 3043.575 | 1340.431 | 1272.873 | 594.552 | 564.587 | 3099.315 | 2943.110 | 1486.243 | 1411.336 | 968.851 | 920.021 | | |
| ³ I | 3203.389 | 3041.938 | 1329.709 | 1262.692 | 619.852 | 588.611 | 3092.580 | 2936.714 | 1469.810 | 1395.732 | 966.334 | 917.631 | | |
| ⁴ I | 3214.590 | 3052.575 | 1337.538 | 1270.126 | 627.434 | 595.811 | 3104.095 | 2947.649 | 1476.296 | 1401.891 | 971.902 | 922.918 | | |
| ⁵ I | 3197.989 | 3036.810 | 1329.283 | 1262.287 | 617.251 | 586.142 | 3087.830 | 2932.203 | 1469.212 | 1395.164 | 965.883 | 917.202 | | |
| ⁶ I | 3235.335 | 3072.274 | 1367.053 | 1298.154 | 651.982 | 619.122 | 3116.225 | 2959.167 | 1503.635 | 1427.852 | 991.62 | 941.642 | | |
| ⁷ I | 3077.104 | 2922.018 | 1354.874 | 1286.588 | 628.485 | 596.809 | 3189.677 | 3028.917 | 1492.876 | 1417.635 | 978.613 | 929.291 | | |
| EXP ^a | 2972 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 1305.9 | | 611.1 | | 3056.35 | | 1442.7 | | 954.7 | | | |
| SiH₃F | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ¹ I | 2267.097 | 2152.835 | 998.272 | 947.959 | 852.817 | 809.835 | 2262.430 | 2148.404 | 973.759 | 924.682 | 728.057 | 691.363 | | |
| ² I | 2258.106 | 2144.297 | 991.367 | 941.402 | 848.105 | 805.361 | 2251.946 | 2138.448 | 967.474 | 918.713 | 723.057 | 686.615 | | |
| ³ I | 2263.168 | 2149.104 | 983.627 | 934.052 | 858.770 | 815.488 | 2255.505 | 2141.828 | 959.401 | 911.047 | 719.543 | 683.278 | | |
| ⁴ I | 2265.130 | 2150.967 | 985.406 | 935.742 | 861.734 | 818.303 | 2258.402 | 2144.579 | 961.022 | 912.586 | 721.196 | 684.848 | | |
| ⁵ I | 2252.988 | 2139.437 | 981.240 | 931.786 | 853.381 | 810.371 | 2245.660 | 2132.479 | 957.176 | 908.934 | 718.038 | 681.849 | | |
| ⁶ I | 2335.498 | 2217.789 | 996.323 | 946.108 | 860.767 | 817.384 | 2332.776 | 2215.204 | 996.496 | 946.273 | 739.474 | 702.205 | | |
| ⁷ I | 2303.199 | 2187.118 | 979.119 | 929.771 | 850.669 | 807.795 | 2308.866 | 2192.499 | 1002.660 | 952.126 | 729.681 | 692.905 | | |
| EXP ^a | 2206 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 990 | | 872 | | 2196 | | 956 | | 728.1 | | | |
| SiH₃Cl | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ¹ I | 2248.240 | 2134.929 | 959.559 | 911.197 | 533.361 | 506.480 | 2259.531 | 2145.651 | 952.550 | 904.541 | 657.685 | 624.538 | | |
| ² I | 2259.045 | 2145.189 | 966.278 | 917.578 | 534.863 | 507.906 | 2269.248 | 2154.878 | 959.379 | 911.026 | 662.338 | 628.956 | | |
| ³ I | 2251.632 | 2138.150 | 950.754 | 902.836 | 546.902 | 519.338 | 2264.017 | 2149.911 | 943.423 | 895.874 | 654.623 | 621.630 | | |
| ⁴ I | 2253.710 | 2140.123 | 952.440 | 904.437 | 550.618 | 522.867 | 2265.107 | 2150.946 | 945.408 | 897.759 | 656.555 | 623.465 | | |
| ⁵ I | 2240.587 | 2127.661 | 948.728 | 900.912 | 545.128 | 517.654 | 2252.787 | 2139.247 | 941.936 | 894.462 | 653.750 | 620.801 | | |
| ⁶ I | 2321.753 | 2204.737 | 986.898 | 937.158 | 561.387 | 533.093 | 2330.588 | 2213.126 | 978.722 | 929.394 | 675.741 | 641.684 | | |
| ⁷ I | 2292.149 | 2176.625 | 963.880 | 915.300 | 555.459 | 527.464 | 2302.334 | 2186.296 | 970.810 | 921.881 | 666.318 | 632.736 | | |
| EXP ^a | 2201 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 949 | | 551 | | 2195 | | 954.4 | | 664.0 | | | |
| SiH₃Br | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ¹ I | 2242.121 | 2129.118 | 934.849 | 887.733 | 412.972 | 392.158 | 2256.275 | 2142.559 | 957.868 | 909.591 | 629.298 | 597.581 | | |
| ² I | 2253.500 | 2139.924 | 941.516 | 894.064 | 414.344 | 393.461 | 2266.682 | 2152.441 | 964.467 | 915.858 | 632.530 | 600.650 | | |
| ³ I | 2248.585 | 2135.256 | 925.677 | 879.023 | 426.408 | 404.917 | 2263.905 | 2149.804 | 948.855 | 901.033 | 625.876 | 594.332 | | |
| ⁴ I | 2251.594 | 2138.114 | 927.508 | 880.762 | 429.298 | 407.661 | 2266.042 | 2151.833 | 950.109 | 902.224 | 627.288 | 595.673 | | |
| ⁵ I | 2236.190 | 2123.486 | 924.521 | 877.925 | 425.261 | 403.828 | 2251.003 | 2137.552 | 946.807 | 899.088 | 625.460 | 593.937 | | |
| ⁶ I | 2320.444 | 2203.494 | 959.709 | 911.340 | 439.605 | 417.449 | 2332.252 | 2214.706 | 982.719 | 933.190 | 645.396 | 612.868 | | |
| ⁷ I | 2290.032 | 2174.614 | 966.547 | 917.833 | 434.576 | 412.673 | 2304.147 | 2188.018 | 966.547 | 917.833 | 635.936 | 603.885 | | |
| EXP ^a | 2200 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 930 | | 430 | | 2196 | | 950.4 | | 632.6 | | | |

| | XH ₃ Y | v ₁ | v ₁ ^{SC} | v ₂ | v ₂ ^{SC} | v ₃ | v ₃ ^{SC} | v ₄ | v4 ₁ ^{SC} | v ₅ | v ₅ ^{SC} | v ₆ | v ₆ ^{SC} | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----|
| GeH₃F | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ¹ I | 2154.843 | 2046.239 | 865.958 | 822.314 | 667.185 | 633.559 | 2166.739 | 2057.535 | 865.958 | 822.314 | 628.143 | 596.485 | | 1 |
| ² I | 2164.580 | 2055.485 | 876.224 | 832.062 | 673.228 | 639.297 | 2173.078 | 2063.555 | 871.051 | 827.150 | 630.701 | 598.914 | | 2 |
| ³ I | 2168.948 | 2059.633 | 865.537 | 821.914 | 683.570 | 649.118 | 2182.164 | 2072.183 | 870.726 | 826.841 | 627.839 | 596.196 | | 3 |
| ⁴ I | 2177.874 | 2068.109 | 868.845 | 825.055 | 686.758 | 652.145 | 2193.203 | 2082.666 | 873.606 | 829.576 | 629.572 | 597.842 | | 4 |
| ⁵ I | 2163.700 | 2054.650 | 868.948 | 825.153 | 678.775 | 644.565 | 2174.969 | 2065.351 | 863.965 | 820.421 | 626.978 | 595.378 | | 5 |
| ⁶ I | 2235.889 | 2123.200 | 892.957 | 847.952 | 738.329 | 701.117 | 2232.867 | 2120.331 | 892.957 | 847.952 | 635.794 | 603.750 | | 6 |
| ⁷ I | 2193.716 | 2083.153 | 875.666 | 831.532 | 728.836 | 692.103 | 2199.086 | 2088.252 | 877.538 | 833.310 | 623.501 | 592.077 | | 7 |
| EXP ^a | 2120.6 | | | | 689.1 | | 2131.7 | | | 874.0 | | 624.6 | | 9 |
| GeH₃Cl | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ¹ I | 2150.816 | 2042.415 | 843.756 | 801.231 | 406.513 | 386.025 | 2164.156 | 2055.083 | 871.551 | 827.625 | 591.816 | 561.988 | | 11 |
| ² I | 2157.763 | 2049.012 | 851.401 | 808.490 | 407.99 | 387.427 | 2167.861 | 2058.601 | 878.860 | 834.565 | 596.876 | 566.793 | | 12 |
| ³ I | 2166.886 | 2057.675 | 843.021 | 800.533 | 420.072 | 398.900 | 2185.186 | 2075.053 | 870.053 | 826.202 | 595.831 | 565.801 | | 13 |
| ⁴ I | 2173.003 | 2063.484 | 847.562 | 804.845 | 423.685 | 402.331 | 2189.300 | 2078.959 | 873.485 | 829.461 | 598.601 | 568.432 | | 14 |
| ⁵ I | 2160.173 | 2051.300 | 842.237 | 799.788 | 417.765 | 396.710 | 2175.691 | 2066.036 | 870.031 | 826.181 | 594.969 | 564.983 | | 15 |
| ⁶ I | 2231.680 | 2119.203 | 873.858 | 829.816 | 608.571 | 577.899 | 2232.132 | 2119.633 | 896.933 | 851.728 | 433.193 | 411.360 | | 16 |
| ⁷ I | 2196.527 | 2085.822 | 858.485 | 815.217 | 598.571 | 568.403 | 2199.906 | 2089.031 | 881.248 | 836.833 | 428.853 | 407.239 | | 17 |
| EXP ^a | 2119.9 | | | | 421.7 | | 2128.9 | | | 874.1 | | 602.2 | | 18 |
| GeH₃Br | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ¹ I | 2148.268 | 2039.995 | 829.336 | 787.537 | 294.152 | 279.327 | 2163.497 | 2054.457 | 871.769 | 827.832 | 569.974 | 541.247 | | 19 |
| ² I | 2153.914 | 2045.357 | 837.249 | 795.052 | 295.125 | 280.251 | 2167.140 | 2057.916 | 875.750 | 831.612 | 574.380 | 545.431 | | 20 |
| ³ I | 2163.073 | 2054.054 | 829.638 | 787.824 | 305.906 | 290.488 | 2185.006 | 2074.882 | 870.208 | 826.350 | 570.518 | 541.764 | | 21 |
| ⁴ I | 2173.380 | 2063.842 | 832.306 | 790.358 | 307.277 | 291.790 | 2187.211 | 2076.976 | 873.141 | 829.135 | 570.015 | 541.286 | | 22 |
| ⁵ I | 2155.804 | 2047.151 | 828.326 | 786.578 | 303.623 | 288.320 | 2169.929 | 2060.565 | 868.348 | 824.583 | 569.100 | 540.417 | | 23 |
| ⁶ I | 2225.913 | 2113.727 | 861.330 | 817.919 | 314.744 | 298.881 | 2227.435 | 2115.172 | 896.378 | 851.201 | 588.031 | 558.394 | | 24 |
| ⁷ I | 2188.916 | 2078.595 | 846.592 | 803.924 | 310.434 | 294.788 | 2191.258 | 2080.819 | 881.017 | 836.614 | 578.270 | 549.125 | | 25 |
| EXP ^a | 2115.2 | | | | 307.7 | | 2126.7 | | | 870.9 | | 578.2 | | 26 |

^aTaken from ref. 28. ^bTaken from ref. 29.

ces between the results for different DFT methods are, on the other hand, not very large and, compared with experimental values, rather small. Thus, we believe that any of the five tested DFT methods is a reliable tool to perform vibrational analysis of monohalogenated species. The IR intensities are predicted accurately, although for some systems there is not a single method reproducing ideally all the experimental data.

The last question concerns the necessity of using a large, 6-311++G(3df,3pd) basis set. Table 3 shows the relative error in frequency assignments using different computational approaches and basis sets for the CH₃Cl system. Clearly, the larger basis set improves the results obtained at the B3LYP level of theory. The results for the lar-

gest basis set are also more accurate than in the case of more sophisticated *ab-initio* methods using smaller basis sets. Thus we believe that DFT calculations can provide us with more reliable results than high level *ab-initio* methods for the frequency analysis of small organic molecules, and a large basis set of 6-311++G(3df,3pd) is crucial for the improvement of accuracy.

4. Conclusions

From theoretical studies we provide the geometrical structures, vibrational frequencies as well as IR intensities of monohalogenated carbon family species using five

Table 3. $\Delta\nu$ values ($\Delta\nu = \nu_{\text{calculated}} - \nu_{\text{experimental}}$) for the frequency analysis of CH₃Cl at different levels of theory.

| | B3LYP 6-311++(3df,3pd) | B3LYP 6-31G* | B3LYP 6-311+G(3df,2p) | MP4 6-311G* | CISD 6-31G* | QCISD 6-311G** | CCSD 6-311G* |
|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| $\Delta\nu_1$ | 191 | 216 ^a | 191 ^a | 193 ^a | 288 ^a | 218 ^a | 209 ^a |
| $\Delta\nu_2$ | 30 | 59 ^a | 26 ^a | 80 ^a | 120 ^a | 83 ^a | 89 ^a |
| $\Delta\nu_3$ | -14.7 | -11.1 ^a | -17.1 ^a | 30 ^a | 58 ^a | 41 ^a | 38 ^a |
| $\Delta\nu_4$ | 34 | 156 ^a | 125 ^a | 137 ^a | 229 ^a | 156 ^a | 149 ^a |
| $\Delta\nu_5$ | 31 | 49 ^a | 34 ^a | 51 ^a | 102 ^a | 44 ^a | 58 ^a |
| $\Delta\nu_6$ | 14 | 28 ^a | 12 ^a | 44 ^a | 74 ^a | 43 ^a | 51 ^a |

^aTaken from ref. 26.

DFT methods (B3LYP, B1LYP, B3P86, MPW1PW91, B3PW91) and two high level of *ab-initio* methods (MP2, MP4) at 6-311++G (3df,3pd) level of theory. DFT methods are shown to be as accurate as MP2 and MP4 methods in geometry optimization. The advantages of DFT methods over MP2 and MP4 approaches in frequency analysis are presented. In comparison with the available data, we conclude that for the frequency analysis of a small organic systems there is no need to use high level *ab-initio* methods, since DFT methods with large basis set of 6-311++G (3df,3pd) can provide more reliable results.

Other attempts to estimate the anharmonicity have been attempted. Recently, a Car-Parrinello simulation of a Mannich base, (4,5-dimethyl-2(N,N-dimethylaminomethyl)phenol) was performed. This system has been shown to be troublesome due to the internal hydrogen bonding network³². Mavri and co-workers proposed a package that uses *ab initio* or DFT calculated points and fits them to calculate accurate expectation values, and IR spectra³³. The advantage to such a technique is that it accounts for anharmonicity effects. Future prospects in this work include the use of such models to study the systems described herein.

While we have only considered fundamental modes there is some knowledge available on the overtones and hot transitions for certain species³⁴ from a theoretical perspective. Experimentally, there is very little knowledge known about the hot transitions and overtones in molecules of this type. However, other investigations have shown that hot transitions and overtones can be adequately accounted for (in correlation to experiments) by using DFT methods and gaussian basis sets³⁵. To the best of our knowledge limited information on these data points are available for the compounds investigated herein.

The results from all tested DFT methods are all similar. At this point it is difficult to choose a method, which would be the most accurate in all cases. A benchmark study of various density functionals to evaluate the performance of more density functional techniques for the frequency analysis of the discussed systems is in process.

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Povzetek

Z metodami gostotnostnega funkcionala B3LYP, B1LYP, B3P86, MPW1PW91 in B3PW91 kot tudi z MP2 in MP4 z uporabo baznega seta 6-311++G (3df,3pd) smo izračunali geometrijske parametre, valovna števila infrardečih nihanj in njihove intenzitete za molekule XH_3Y ($X=C, Si, Ge$ in $Y=F, Cl, Br$). Izračune smo primerjali z opaženimi vrednostmi iz literature. Prednosti DFT metod so razvidne iz primerjav izračunanih in opaženih vrednosti. V članku predlagamo najstreznejše metode in bazne sete.