

DFT Analysis of Temperature Dependent Micro Raman Spectroscopy and a Calamitic Crystalline System 4- Undecyloxy Benzoic Acid

Abstract

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Introduction

Liquid crystals have optical and electrical anisotropy like crystalline state and molecular mobility and fluidity like liquid state [1]. The LC molecules contain standard structural elements called rigid core, spacers, lateral groups and flexible terminals. [2]

The LC phase transition in liquid crystalline system is associated with the changes in molecular arrangement as well as in the molecular geometry. Raman spectra result from molecular vibration and contain structural as well as dynamical information. The structural changes often cause changes in the symmetry and polarizability of the molecule, which are reflected in the measurable parameters of the Raman Marker bands.] However, subtle changes in the line width, peak position and intensity of Raman marker bands are also useful to study the molecular dynamics during the transition.

Objective of the Study

In this work our main objective is to characterize crystal phase transition more precisely at molecular level through temperature dependent micro-Raman study DFT calculation.

In this work we have recorded temperature dependent micro Raman spectra from room temperature to 140°C of a calamitic liquid crystalline system 4-undecyloxy benzoic acid (UDBA). The 4-undecyloxy benzoic acid (4DBA) molecule has a Phenyl ring with a long alkoxy chain. The phase transition temperatures of UDBA were reported by differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) study [3]. J.D. Bunning et al [4] has proposed the possible dimer structure in crystal phase of 4DBA. In this work our main objective is to characterize this liquid crystal Phase transition more precisely at molecular level through temperature dependent micro-Raman study DFT calculation. We have optimized monomer as well as dimer of UDBA by density function theory. The interpretation of the temperature dependent Raman Spectra needs accurate vibrational assignments which were done with the help of calculated Raman spectra and potential energy distribution (PED)[5]. The change at low wave number modes, C-H in plane deformation and C-O modes belonging to the alkoxy Chain and modes phenyl groups and CO OH group are explained in terms of change in intra and inter-molecular interactions at phase transitions.

Experimentals Details

Raman spectra of UDBA were recorded on a micro Raman setup from Renishaw, UK equipped with a grating of 2400 lines /mm and a peltier cooled CCD.

The accumulation time for one window was selected as 60 seconds and five spectra were accumulated in each window. In one window approximately 800 cm⁻¹ range was covered. The 514.5nm line of



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Ar+ laser was used as an excitation source. The laser power was kept very low (10 mW) to avoid laser heating. The stage containing the sample was placed on an automated X-Y stage below the Olympus long distance 50x microscope objective. The reported accuracy in the measurement of temperature is #0.1k.

Theoretical

The quantum chemical calculations were performed DFT with technique Gaussian 03 program package. The method used for this DFT that mixes the Becke three hybrid functional for exchange part and Lee Yang and Parr hybrid functional for correlation part (B3LYP)[6]. with appropriate level basic set 6-31G (d). The Gaussian-03 output gives the Raman activity which comes from the second derivative of the

polarizability with respect to the normal coordinate [7]. Raman intensity is proportional to the Raman Scattering Cross section $d\sigma / d\Omega$, which is given by the expression

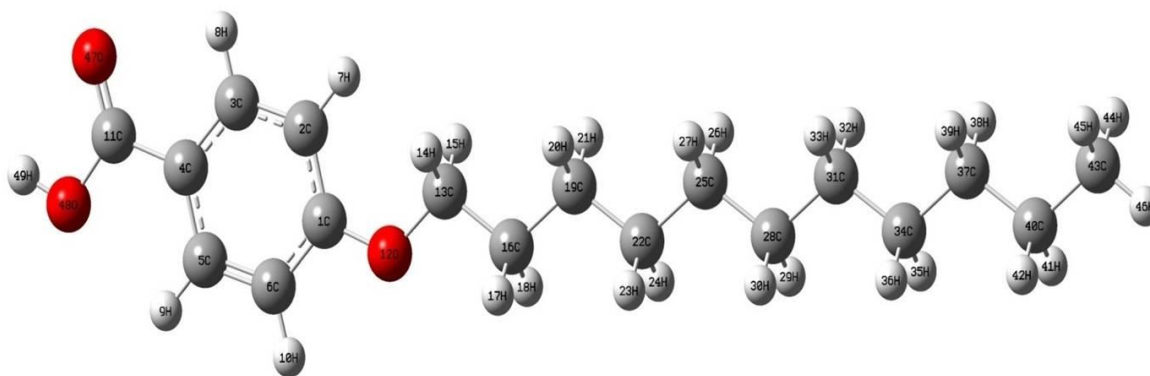
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\omega} = \frac{2^4 \pi^4}{45} \left[\frac{(v_0 - v_j)^4}{1 - \exp\left(\frac{-hc v_j}{kT}\right)} \right] \frac{h}{8\pi^2 c v_j} S_j \quad \text{where } v_0 \text{ is the}$$

excitation frequency. v_j is the harmonic vibrational wavenumber.

Result and Discussion

The crystalline arrangement of UDBA is triclinic and with point group P_1 [8]. The XRD studies of UDBA have suggested that the molecules are paired by hydrogen bonding between carboxyl groups. The optimized structures of monomer have been calculated and shown in fig. - (1)

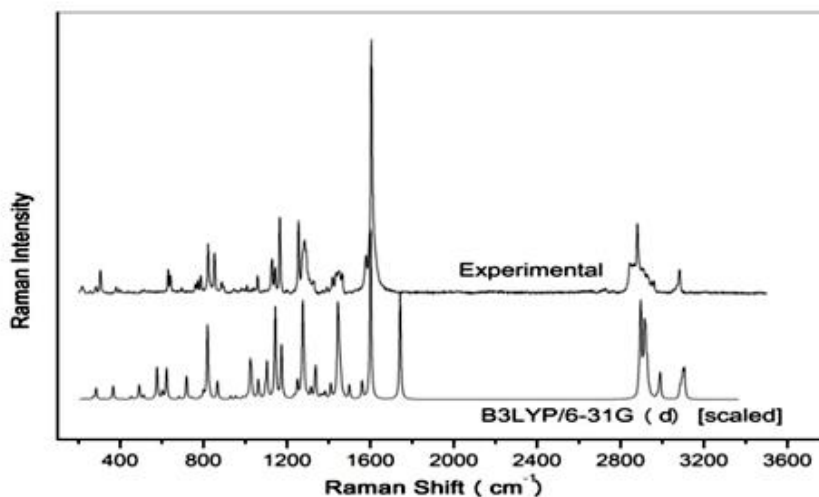
Figure 1
Optimized Structure of UDBA Calculated Using DFT Method Employing B3LYP/6-31(D) Functional.



The calculated Raman spectra of monomer along with the experimental spectra at room

temperature in the region $300-3300\text{cm}^{-1}$ are shown in fig.(2).

Figure 2 The Experimental and DFT /B3LYP Derived Raman Spectra at Room Temperature.



The disagreement in the calculated and experimental is due to the fact that the calculated spectra are for single unit. The Vibration assignment has been done for further meaningful discussion in

temperature dependent Raman study in next section. The vibrational assignment of experimentally observed Raman bands has been shown in table-1.

Table 1

Scaled Harmonic wavenumber (cm^{-1})	Observed Raman wavenumber (cm^{-1})	Assignment ^a
718	786	β ($\text{O}_{47}\text{-C}_{11}\text{-O}_{48}$) + ν ($\text{C}_4\text{-C}_{11}$) + β_{IN} (C-C of ring)
798	822	$W(\text{C}_2\text{-H}_7) - W(\text{C}_3\text{-H}_8) + W(\text{C}_6\text{-H}_{10})$
819	852	β (ring) + ν (ring) + ν ($\text{C}_1\text{-O}_{12}$)
866	886	δ (R(C-C)) + ν ($\text{C}_1\text{-O}_{12}$) + ν ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_2$) + ν ($\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$) + ν ($\text{C}_3\text{-C}_4$) + ν ($\text{C}_4\text{-C}_5$)
1104	1128	S(CH_2 groups of alkoxy chain) + ν (C-C of the alkoxy chain)
1144	1143	β_{IN} (C-H of ring) + β ($\text{C}_{11}\text{-O}_{48}\text{-H}_{49}$) + ν (C-C of ring)
1174	1165	β_{IN} (C-H of ring) + β ($\text{C}_{11}\text{-O}_{48}\text{-H}_{49}$) + ν (C-C of ring)
1560	1578	ν (C-C of ring) + β_{IN} (C-H of ring)
1601	1604	ν (C-C of ring) + β_{IN} (C-H of ring)

^a β : bending, ν : stretching, W : wagging, δ : deformation, S: scissoring, ring: ring($\text{C}_1\text{C}_2\text{C}_3\text{C}_4\text{C}_5\text{C}_6$)

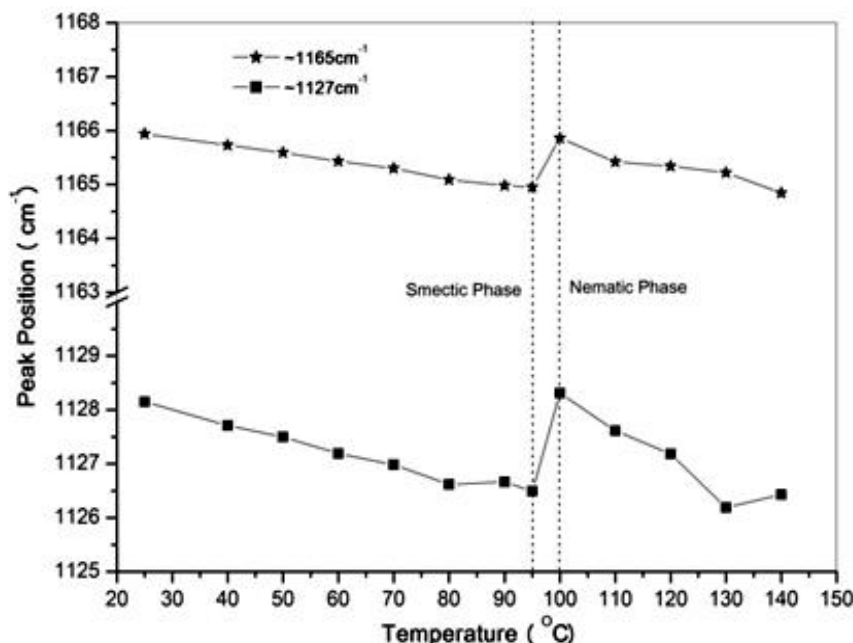
The DSC study of UDBA have revealed Smectic (s) mimetic N and nematic (H) isotropic (1) in the temperature ranges 94-121°C and 121-143°C respectively. The temperature dependent Raman spectra were recorded experimentally in the region 300- 2000 cm^{-1} . but for clear presentation and systematic discussion we have divided the spectra into three regions 730-925 cm^{-1} , 1080-1220 cm^{-1} and 1500-1720 cm^{-1}

The temperature dependent Raman spectra of UDBA in the region 730-925 cm^{-1} at thirteen different temperature in shown in fig-(3).

The vibrational assignment of major band at 786,822,852 and 886 cm^{-1} are given in table (1).

The Raman spectra in region 1080-1220 cm^{-1} at different temperature is shown in fig-(4). The band of 1128 cm^{-1} is due to scissoring motion of CH_2 groups of alkoxy chain, and c-c stretching aloxy chain, variation of peak position of the 1128 cm^{-1} band with temperature is shown in fig-(5).

Figure 5
Variation of Peak Position of The 1128 And 1165 cm^{-1} Bands with Temperature.



The shift of the band at 1128 cm^{-1} is forwards the higher wave number side between 95-100°C is due to decrease in the inter molecular interaction of the alkoxy chain of UDBA.

The Raman spectra of UDBA in the region 1500-1700 cm^{-1} as shown in fig-(6). The 1578 and 1604 cm^{-1} bands both shifted lower at transition due to decrease in intermolecular interaction.

This bands is due to C-O stretchin band. This may be due to change co-planarity of the phenyl

group of smectic-Nematic transition, the C=O bond becomes more symmetrical and polarized on increasing the temperature results increase in Raman Intensity.

Conclusions

The phase transitions of calamitic liquid crystalline system UDBA are characterized by temperature dependent Raman Spectroscopy and able to gain in an idea about the intermolecular interaction changes in smectic liquid and nematic

liquied. The monommer structure are optimized with the help of DFT method.

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