

# Liên kết hydrogen không cổ điển: Tổng quan chính về sự chuyển dời xanh hoặc đỏ của tần số dao động hóa trị liên kết C-H

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## TÓM TẮT

Tổng quan hiện tại hướng tới một cái nhìn tổng quan về sự chuyển dời xanh hoặc đỏ của tần số dao động hóa trị liên kết C-H với nguyên tử carbon ở các trạng thái lai hóa khác nhau ( $C_{sp}$ ,  $C_{sp^2}$ ,  $C_{sp^3}$ ). Các đặc điểm của liên kết hydrogen không cổ điển bao gồm sự thay đổi độ dài và tần số dao động hóa trị liên kết C-H khi tạo phức đã được xem xét kỹ lưỡng với C-H có độ phân cực khác nhau đóng vai trò phần tử cho proton và các nguyên tử O, S, Se, Te, N hoặc electron  $\pi$  đóng vai trò phần tử nhận proton. Kết quả cho thấy, so với các nguyên tử S, Se và Te, nguyên tử O đóng vai trò quan trọng đối với sự chuyển dời xanh tần số dao động hóa trị C-H tham gia liên kết hydrogen. Mức độ chuyển dời đỏ hoặc xanh của tần số dao động hóa trị C-H chủ yếu được quyết định bởi độ phân cực (DPE) của liên kết C-H và độ base pha khí (PA) của phần tử nhận proton trong monomer ban đầu, bên cạnh tương tác yếu có liên quan và dạng cấu trúc hình học của phức tạo thành. Hơn nữa, tỉ số DPE/PA có thể được đề xuất để phân loại liên kết hydrogen cổ điển và không cổ điển.

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# Non-conventional hydrogen bonds: A brief review of blue shift or red shift of C-H stretching frequency

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## ABSTRACT

The present work is geared towards having an overview of the blue shift or red shift of C-H stretching vibration with various hybridized carbon atoms ( $C_{sp}$ ,  $C_{sp^2}$ ,  $C_{sp^3}$ ). The features of the non-conventional hydrogen bond, including changes in length and stretching frequency of the C-H bond upon complexation, were thoroughly reviewed based on C-H proton donors with different polarity and various proton acceptors such as O, S, Se, Te, N atoms or  $\pi$  electrons. The results show that the O atom, as compared to the S, Se, and Te ones acting as proton acceptors, plays a peculiar role in the C-H blue shift of stretching frequencies involving hydrogen bonds. It is found that the magnitude of red- or blue-shift of the C-H stretching frequency in the hydrogen bond is mainly determined by the C-H polarity (DPE) and gas phase basicity (PA) of the proton acceptor in the isolated isomer, besides relevant weak interactions and the geometrical structure of the formed complex. Furthermore, for the categorization of conventional and non-conventional hydrogen bonding, an intriguing DPE/PA index should be suggested.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Understanding non-covalent interactions is critical for unraveling the mysteries of cellular processes in health concerns and developing novel treatment protocols/methods, medicines, and materials.<sup>1</sup> Among them, a hydrogen bond  $A-H\cdots B$  is a unique interaction that is important in many fields of research, including molecular recognition, protein folding, structural organization of nucleic acids, crystal and polymer packing, self-assembly, supramolecular chemistry, solvation, and even organic synthesis.<sup>2-5</sup> In a conventional hydrogen

bond, A and B are highly electronegative elements, and the hydrogen atom which is strongly electropositive, plays a bridging.<sup>4,6</sup> For example, the conventional hydrogen bonds including  $N-H\cdots O$ ,  $N-H\cdots N$ ,  $O-H\cdots O$ , and  $O-H\cdots N$ , which play the most important role in supramolecular chemistry and structural biology, are strong and mostly driven by the electronegativity differences between the proton donor and acceptor atoms.<sup>7-13</sup> The characteristics of a conventional hydrogen bond are the  $A-H$  bond elongation along with a decrease in stretching frequency, which is called a red-shifting

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hydrogen bond (abbreviated as RSHB). It is well known that a lower strength of the A-H bond in the hydrogen bond in comparison with that in the isolated monomer results from a primarily electrostatic force of attraction between the H atom and B atom in the complex.<sup>14</sup> For the non-conventional hydrogen bond, an A-H elongation, and its stretching frequency red shift are suggested by a  $n(B) \rightarrow \sigma^*(A-H)$  intermolecular hyperconjugation overcoming an increase in the  $s$ -character and polarization of the A-H bond.<sup>15</sup>

Since the 1980s, however, the non-conventional hydrogen bond with the opposing features including of a shortening in the A-H bond length and a concomitant increase in stretching vibration following complexation has been found, and named the blue-shifting hydrogen bond (abbreviated hereafter as BSHB).<sup>16</sup> Nowadays, the BSHB's characteristics are well observed and have been studied by both accurate quantum calculations and high-resolution experiments. Although the characteristics of the blue shift phenomenon in hydrogen bonds are known clearly, the nature of this new hydrogen bond type is still questionable.

Numerous hypotheses/theorems have been proposed to explain the physical origin of the blue-shifting or red-shifting of non-conventional hydrogen bonds, however, no general explanation has been effectively applied. Among the available rationalizations for the BSHB, some schemes have attracted the most attention, including (i) The first explanation proposes a two-step mechanism in which electron density is mainly transferred from B to the remote atoms related to A rather than to the  $\sigma^*(A-H)$  orbital, and therefore the A-H bond is shortened as a result of structural reorganization of the proton donor framework.<sup>17-19</sup> (ii) The second theorem attributes the short-range repulsive forces encountered by the complex's H atom as the complex attempts to stabilize itself, which would be the reason for the contraction of the A-H bond length.<sup>20,21</sup> (iii) The third scheme

is that the observed contraction is due in part to the impact of the electric field around B, because an electric field is detected after the A-H bond length is reduced.<sup>22,23</sup> (iv) The fourth theory is based on two opposite factors: the A atom's  $s$ -character percentage and the polarity of the A-H bond on one side, and the intermolecular hyperconjugative interaction on the other, which transfers electron density from the  $n(B)$  lone pair to the  $\sigma^*(A-H)$  orbital on the other side. The A-H bond is shortened when the former prevails. When the latter surpasses the former, the A-H bond is lengthened.<sup>15,24</sup> (v) The fifth scheme of the A-H bond contraction along with the increase in stretching frequency proposes that an electron density transfer comes from the presence of B on the right-hand side of the H atom to the A-H bond in the  $A-H \cdots B$  hydrogen bond.<sup>25</sup>

Other explanations of BSHB in the non-conventional complexes have been continuously presented. For instance, according to Wei Wu *et al.*, the rivalry between the long-range electrostatic interaction between the A-H bond and the B atom and the short-range hyperconjugative interaction causes the direction of shift in the A-H stretching frequency.<sup>26</sup> Based on the Valance Bond Self-Consistent Field (VBSCF) approach, the authors proposed that the covalent state of the A-H bond tends to shift to blue, whereas its ionic state causes a red shift of stretching frequency.<sup>27</sup> The competition between the two properties induces changes in the A-H stretching frequency. Very recently, the Head-Gordon group from UC Berkeley suggested that Pauli repulsion leads to a contraction of the A-H bond accompanied by an increase in its stretching frequency, whereas electrostatic and dispersion forces cause the A-H bond to lengthen and decrease its stretching frequency.<sup>28</sup> Long-range electrostatic and Pauli exchange interactions overcome the overall impact of polarization and charge transfer interactions, causing the A-H bond to shorten and its stretching frequency to increase.<sup>29</sup> In general, each scheme has benefits

and disadvantages, but they all explain the BSHB phenomenon using the features of the hydrogen-bonded complex.

Among conventional and non-conventional hydrogen bonds, the hydrogen bond involving the C-H bond as the proton donor is extremely important because of its prevalence and diversity in nature. Although their binding energies are typically less than  $5\div 6$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> ( $\sim 21\div 25$  kJ mol<sup>-1</sup>), their cumulative contributions prove to be considerable in many cases. Weak hydrogen bonds are a decisive factor in the structure, conformation, and tautomeric preferences of many organic compounds in their crystalline phases, as well as the functional structures of biological macromolecules in living systems.<sup>5,30-33</sup> For instance, the presence of hydrogen bonds C-H $\cdots$ O/S, C-H $\cdots$ N, C-H $\cdots\pi$ , C-H $\cdots$ X (X = F, Cl, Br) has been observed in molecular clusters, enzymatic mechanisms, proteins, DNA, RNA, crystal packing, etc.<sup>34-38</sup> Every protein contains a huge number of C-H $\cdots$ O/N hydrogen bonds which can occur in thousands of large proteins. Experimentally and theoretically, a wide range of non-conventional hydrogen bonds involving the C-H bond in C-H $\cdots$ O/N/halogen/ $\pi$  hydrogen bonds were found, in which the C-H $\cdots$ O/N hydrogen bonds are most frequently seen utilizing IR and Raman spectroscopy.<sup>36,39-53,57,61</sup> Trudeau *et al.* established the first experimental proof for the blue shift of C-H stretching frequency by investigating complexes of fluoroparaffins and several proton acceptors.<sup>16</sup> Since the 1980s, evidence of an increase in the C-H stretching frequency in hydrogen bonds has been detected in several complexes.<sup>54-56</sup> Due to the vast quantity and rich diversity of C-H bonds in organic chemistry, the organic synthesis approach based on activation and functionalization of C-H bonds is the primary strategy at the moment.<sup>57-59</sup> The existence of hydrogen bonds comprising C-H bonds as proton donors in the intermediates is seen in this approach, which helps the creation of desirable products.<sup>2,60</sup> Remarkably, the

vibrational spectral parameters of the hydrogen bond (blue-shift or red-shift) have been recently applied as direct spectroscopy evidence for addressing several matters of concern such as environmental problems<sup>126-128</sup> or the shortage of valuable materials.<sup>129-130</sup>

Nowadays, characteristics of red or blue shifting stretching frequencies in non-conventional hydrogen bonds, particularly the participation of the C<sub>sp<sup>3</sup></sub>-H covalent bond as a proton donor, have received a lot of theoretical and experimental attention. A variety of hydrogen-bonded binary complexes of various haloforms were studied in a variety of physical environments, including supersonic jet expansion, inert gas matrix, cryoliquid, and gas phase at room temperature.<sup>61-69,86</sup> In most situations, the C<sub>sp<sup>3</sup></sub>-H covalent bond exhibits a red-shift of stretching frequency in addition to a blue-shift in certain cases, implying its weakening, similar to the characteristics of conventional hydrogen bonds. However, the underlying reason for the C<sub>sp<sup>3</sup></sub>-H bond shortening or lengthening and its corresponding frequency change remains a subject of debate. Apart from the initial results which are derived primarily from the physicochemical properties of hydrogen bonds with the C<sub>sp<sup>3</sup></sub>-H moiety and numerous proton acceptors, many investigations into various polarizations of the C<sub>sp<sup>3</sup></sub>-H bond were conducted to unravel the origin of BSHB and the classification of the hydrogen bond. The medium polarity of the C<sub>sp<sup>2</sup></sub>-H covalent bond between C<sub>sp<sup>3</sup></sub>-H and C<sub>sp</sub>-H bonds makes its stretching frequency shift more sensitive when interacting with different proton acceptors. As a result, the significant stretching frequency blue shifts have recently been found in the C<sub>sp<sup>2</sup></sub>-H bond upon the formation of hydrogen-bonded complexes.<sup>70-71</sup> Our recent findings indicate that it is more appropriate to consider the C-H blue or red shift of non-conventional hydrogen bonds from a different perspective, which is based on inherent properties such as the polarity of the C-H bond by deprotonation enthalpy (DPE) and gas phase

basicity of the B counterpart by proton affinity (PA) in the isolated monomers acting as proton donors and acceptors.<sup>72,73,108</sup> We also propose that the DPE/PA ratio in an isolated monomer be used to predict the type of hydrogen bond that would be found upon complexation.<sup>100,108</sup>

The primary purpose of the present review is to give insight into the characteristics of non-conventional hydrogen bonds involving the different hybridized C-H covalent bonds, which include changes in length and stretching frequency of the C-H bond, as well as give a clearer explanation for the formation of blue or red shifting hydrogen bonds. The effect of the gas phase basicity of the proton acceptor on the characteristics of non-conventional hydrogen bonds is also another purpose of this overview. It is noted worthy that our recent results about hydrogen bonds are also used for discussion and comparison with several authors in this work.

## 2. THEORETICAL METHODS

The quantum chemical methods available in the packages GAUSSIAN (09), AIMALL, GenNBO 5.G, Psi4, SAPT2012.2, NCIPLOT, VMD 1.9.3, Gnuplot, Multiwfn... were used for relevant calculations.<sup>74-82</sup> Methods with high accuracy such as perturbation theory method (MP2), coupled cluster method (CCSD(T)) and density functional theory (DFT) including  $\omega$ B97XD, M06-2X, B3LYP-D3... in combination with suitable basis sets depending on investigated systems were employed. The MP2 method, in conjunction with the basis sets aug-cc-pVDZ, aug-cc-pVDZ-pp, aug-cc-pVTZ, aug-cc-pVTZ-pp, 6-311++G(3df,2pd), def2-TZVPD... was utilized to optimize the geometries of monomers and complexes. Geometries of the monomer and complex are optimized without symmetry constraints at the chosen suitable level of theory. The infrared spectrum is subsequently calculated for stable structures on the potential energy surfaces in order to determine the stretching vibration modes of the monomer and complex. Deprotonation enthalpies (DPE) and proton

affinity (PA) of monomers in investigated systems were calculated at the coupled cluster level CCSD(T) with large basis sets such as 6-311++G(3df,2pd), aug-cc-pVTZ, aug-cc-pVQZ... to obtain more accurate energetic values.

## 3. DISCUSSION

With a strong electron donor (B) like O, S, Se, Te atoms or others such as N or even  $\pi$  electrons, the question arises whether the influence of different hybridization from the C atom to the magnitude of changes in length and stretching frequency of the C-H bond. To answer this question, several complexes with C-H...chalcogen (O, S, Se, Te)/N/ $\pi$  hydrogen bonds were investigated, and relevant discussion is mentioned as follows.

### 3.1. C-H...O/S/Se/Te hydrogen bonds

A large blue shift of 30  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  upon complexation was first found for  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}\cdots\text{O}$  contacts in fluoroform...oxirane complex.<sup>46</sup> Chung *et al.* reported a  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$  blue shift by 7  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  and 5  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  for the  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}\cdots\text{O}$  non-conventional hydrogen bonds in the gas phase for the complexes between  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{CDCl}_3$  and  $\text{SO}_2$ . The  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}\cdots\text{O}$  interactions between  $\text{CF}_n\text{H}_{4-n}$  ( $n = 1, 2, 3$ ) and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ , or  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}$  were studied at several levels of theory, which show a  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$  contraction and a blue shift of its stretching vibration (5-47  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ).<sup>21</sup> Similarly, a blue shift of 47  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  was theoretically predicted for the  $\text{F}_3\text{CH}\cdots\text{OHCH}_3$  complex at the MP2/6-311+G(d,p) level.<sup>83</sup> In a computational study, the complex between triformylmethane and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  was considered at the MP2/SDD level with the blue shift of  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$  stretching frequency in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  by 19  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .<sup>17</sup> The experimental blue shift of  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$  stretching frequency in triformylmethane in liquid  $\text{CHCl}_3$  is 7  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .<sup>54</sup> In the gas phase at room temperature, the C-D blue-shifted stretching frequency of  $\text{CDCl}_3$  was detected at 7.1, 4.0, and 3.2  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in complexation with  $\text{CH}_3\text{HCO}$ ,  $(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{CO}$ , and  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5(\text{CH}_3)\text{CO}$ , respectively.<sup>69</sup> Through ab initio calculation, the blue shift for  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$  bond is also found for the  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}\cdots\text{O}$  hydrogen bonds in complexes formed from the interaction of  $\text{CHX}_3$

(X = F, Cl, Br) with HNO. Notably, the low polarity of the  $C_{sp^3}$ -H bond causes the shortening of the  $C_{sp^3}$ -H bond and the blue shift of its stretching frequency ( $\Delta r_{CH} = -0.0009 \div -0.0025 \text{ \AA}$  and  $\Delta \nu_{CH} = 18 \div 41 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The  $C_{sp^3}$ -H red-shifting stretching frequency of  $C_{sp^3}$ -H $\cdots$ Se hydrogen bond was observed for  $Q_3C-H\cdots SeH_2$  (Q = Cl, F, and H) at the MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ level, while the small blue shift was proposed in  $F_3CH\cdots SeH_2$  at a nonlinear structure ( $\Delta \nu = -15 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).<sup>84</sup> In general, for the same proton donor of  $C_{sp^3}$ -H, the magnitude of  $C_{sp^3}$ -H stretching frequency blue shift in  $C_{sp^3}$ -H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bond is much larger than that in  $C_{sp^3}$ -H $\cdots$ Se bond.

Besides, some reports indicate that the medium is important in determining the category as well as the magnitude of the  $C_{sp^3}$ -H stretching frequency shift.<sup>85,86</sup> Indeed, in solution, blue-shifted complexes of  $CHCl_3$  and small cyclic ketones were suggested ( $\Delta \nu_{CH} = 1 \div 5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ), and as the size of the ketone decreased, the C-H blue shift was enhanced.<sup>87</sup> In complexes of  $HCClF_2$  and  $HCCL_2F$  with  $(CH_3)_2O$  in liquid krypton and liquid argon, a blue-shifted  $C_{sp^3}$ -H $\cdots$ O bond was reported.<sup>66</sup> The C-H bond in the  $F_3CH\cdots OH_2$  complex is blue-shifted by 20.3 and 32.3  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in argon and neon matrix, respectively.<sup>88</sup> The C-H stretching frequency decreases by 38 and 14  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the binary complexes of  $CHCl_3$  with acetone- $d_6$  and  $H_2O$  prepared in a matrix.<sup>46</sup> Ito *et al.* reported a C-H red shift of 14  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the  $CHCl_3\cdots H_2O$  complex in argon matrix at 20 K.<sup>85</sup> Very recently, a  $C_{sp^3}$ -H red shift of 21.9  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in  $C_{sp^3}$ -H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bond was reported for the  $CHCl_3\cdots CH_3OH$  complex in  $N_2$  matrix using experimental IR spectra.<sup>89</sup> In general, the theoretical calculations are in good accordance with the observed IR data.<sup>61,90,91</sup> Moreover, using ab initio calculations and Monte Carlo simulations, the formation of the  $C_{sp^3}$ -H $\cdots$ S hydrogen bond upon complexation of halothane ( $CHBrClCF_3$ ) with dimethyl sulfide was investigated in solutions of liquid krypton using IR and Raman spectroscopy. In the dimethyl sulfide complex, the halothane  $C_{sp^3}$ -H stretching

mode was found to be red-shifted by 43  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .<sup>92</sup> It can be found that a decrease of  $C_{sp^3}$ -H stretching frequency blue shift as well as an increase in its stretching frequency red shift detected in the medium were proposed, especially in a noble gas matrix ( $N_2$ , Ar, Ne, Kr,...), within which the noble gas is used as an unreactive host material to trap guest particles (atoms, molecules, ions, etc) being diluted in the gas phase.

Considering  $C_{sp^2}$ -H stretching vibration, the hydrogen-bonded interaction of formic acid-, formaldehyde-, formylfluoride-nitrosyl hydride complexes were studied at 6-311++G(2d,2p) basis set. In which,  $C_{sp^2}$ -H $\cdots$ O blue-shifted hydrogen bonds were found in the complexes by 19  $\div$  27  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .<sup>93</sup> The blue-shifted  $C_{sp^2}$ -H $\cdots$ O interactions of benzene, phenol, and indole with water were calculated at the MP2/6-31+G(d,p) theory of level ( $\Delta r(C_{sp^2}-H) = -0.1 \div -0.8 \text{ m\AA}$ ;  $\Delta \nu(C_{sp^2}-H) = 17 \div 33 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).<sup>94</sup> Notably, the very small red-shifted  $C_{sp^3}$ -H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bonds ( $\Delta r_{CH} = 0.0003 \div 0.0011 \text{ \AA}$ ;  $\Delta \nu_{CH} = -2 \div -8 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) and large blue-shifted  $C_{sp^2}$ -H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bonds ( $\Delta r_{CH} = -0.0041 \div -0.0069 \text{ \AA}$ ;  $\Delta \nu_{CH} = 55 \div 85 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) were observed in complexes of  $CH_3CHO$  with HNO at different levels of theory.<sup>95</sup>

Tri *et al.* conducted a high-level theoretical investigation of the stable structures of interactions between aldehydes  $RCHO$  (R =  $CH_3$ ,  $NH_2$ , F, Cl, Br) and cyanides  $XCN$  (X = H, F).<sup>73</sup> The result shows that the  $C_{sp^2}$ -H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bond plays an important role in the stabilization of  $RCHO\cdots HCN$  complexes. Furthermore, the results suggest that the blue shift is affected by both the polarity of the  $C_{sp^2}$ -H bond in the proton donor and the gas-phase basicity of the proton acceptor. The blue shift of the  $C_{sp^2}$ -H bond in the  $C_{sp^2}$ -H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bond is also observed in interactions of ethylene and its 1,2-dihalogenated form with  $CO_2$ , in which the magnitude of  $C_{sp^2}$ -H distance contraction depends on the polarization of the  $C_{sp^2}$ -H bond. Notably, a contraction of C-H bond length and a blue shift of its stretching frequency were obtained at a high theoretical

level for gas phase complexes between  $XCHZ$  and  $CO_2$  ( $X = H, F, Cl, Br, CH_3$ ;  $Z = O, S$ ) (with  $\Delta r_{C-H} = -0.4 \div -1.8 \text{ m\AA}$  and  $\Delta \nu_{C-H} = 10 \div 27 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).<sup>96</sup>

Remarkably, at the B3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level, the findings revealed that when a  $CH_3CHO$  molecule interacts with two  $H_2O$  molecules, the stretching frequency of the  $C_{sp^2}-H$  bond increases by around  $93 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ .<sup>70</sup> The blue shifts of  $\nu(C_{sp^2}-H)$  stretching vibration were found to be 45 and  $66 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  as  $HCHO$  complexed with one and two waters, respectively.<sup>97</sup> A considerable  $C_{sp^2}-H$  blue shift, up to  $81 \div 96 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  was seen in the  $C_{sp^2}-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bond formed by the interactions of  $RCHZ$  ( $R = H, F, Cl, Br, CH_3, NH_2$ ;  $Z = O, S$ ) with  $HCOOH$ .<sup>71</sup> A study using ab initio calculations by Cuc *et al.* shows a large  $C_{sp^2}-H$  blue shift in the  $C_{sp^2}-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds ( $92 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in  $CH_3CHO \cdots 2H_2O$ ), which is compared to smaller blue shifts in  $C_{sp^2}-H \cdots S/Se/Te$  ones detected for the first time.<sup>98</sup> This result implies a predominant role of water in enhancing the significant  $C_{sp^2}-H$  blue shift of stretching vibration upon complexation, which is also reported by Trung *et al.* of the significance of water and intramolecular interaction with a significant blue shift of  $C_{sp^2}-H$  stretching frequency in binary complexes between the chalcogenoaldehydes and water ( $\Delta \nu_{CH} = 109 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).<sup>99</sup> Recently, a significant  $C_{sp^2}-H$  blue shift up to  $104.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  was reported by An *et al.* in binary complexes between  $CH_3CHO$  and  $CH_3CHS$  with substituted carboxylic and thiocarboxylic acids.<sup>100</sup> These suggested that the large magnitude of  $C_{sp^2}-H$  blue shift in  $C_{sp^2}-H \cdots O$  bond is mainly supported by the presence of a strong  $O-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bond. Remarkably, the  $C_{sp^2}-H$  blue shifts in the  $C_{sp^2}-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds are substantially larger than those in the  $C_{sp^2}-H \cdots S/Se/Te$  ones, while electronegativity of O atom is higher than that of S, Se, and Te one.

The  $C_{sp}-H \cdots O$  red-shifted hydrogen bond in  $HNO \cdots C_2H_2$  binary complex was studied by Ying *et al.* through ab initio MO and DFT with different basis sets ( $\Delta \nu_{CH} = -6 \div -22 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  with the standard method and  $\Delta \nu_{CH} = -6 \div -19 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

with the counterpoise-corrected method).<sup>101</sup> Ying *et al.* suggested that the red-shifted vibrational frequencies for  $C_{sp}-H$  stretch in  $C_{sp}-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds. The red shift of  $C_{sp}-H$  stretching vibration was also reported by Andersen *et al.* in the complexes formed by hydrogen-bonded interaction between  $C_2H_2$  and  $H_2O$  ( $\Delta \nu_{CH} = -7.7 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).<sup>102</sup>

It can be seen that in most cases when the proton donor is a  $sp^2/sp^3$ -hybridized C atom, its interaction with a proton acceptor results in the blue- or red-shift of C-H stretching frequency, while the red shift is a feature of hydrogen bond with  $sp$ -hybridized C atom. The red or blue shift in  $C_{sp}-H/C_{sp^2}-H/C_{sp^3}-H \cdots O$  hydrogen bonds is strongly associated with the different polarity of the C-H bond in the isolated monomer, which is caused by the difference of the electronegativity of C atom based on hybridization state. In short, it is found that the blue shift is larger for the  $C_{sp^2}-H/C_{sp^3}-H \cdots O$  non-conventional hydrogen bonds than for the  $C_{sp^2}-H/C_{sp^3}-H \cdots S/Se/Te$  ones in spite of the larger electronegativity of the O atom relative to S, Se and Te one. Besides, it is noted worthy that a remarkable role of water and  $O-H \cdots O$  bond generates a considerable blue shift in  $C_{sp^2}-H$  stretching frequency in the binary or ternary complexes.

### 3.2. C-H $\cdots$ N hydrogen bond

The  $C_{sp^3}-H \cdots N$  BSHB with a calculated blue shift of the C-H stretching frequency of  $30 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the  $CHF_3 \cdots NH_2C_6H_5$  complex was reported first by Fan *et al.*<sup>103</sup> Herrebout *et al.*<sup>51</sup> observed a  $C_{sp^3}-H$  blue shift of  $7.6 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  or  $3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the complexes of  $CHF_3$  with  $NH_3$  or pyridine at low temperature ( $188 \text{ K}$ ).<sup>51</sup> The  $C_{sp^3}-H$  blue shift in the  $C_{sp^3}-H \cdots N$  hydrogen bond between proton donors of  $FH_2CH$ ,  $F_2HCH$  and proton acceptors of  $CH_3NH_2$ ,  $CH_2NH$  (with N acceptor) was found at MP2/6-31+G(d,p) level ( $\Delta \nu_{CH} = 6 \div 25 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).<sup>104</sup> A modest blue shift of around  $3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  was reported by Rutkowski *et al.* when  $CHCl_3$  was introduced to  $CD_3CN$  in liquefied Kr at  $\sim 120 \text{ K}$ .<sup>65</sup> In 2019, the slight  $C_{sp^3}-H$  blue shifts of  $8.7 \text{ cm}^{-1}$

and  $8.6\text{ cm}^{-1}$  for the  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen bonds in the  $\text{Cl}_3\text{CH}\cdots\text{NCCH}_3$  and  $\text{Cl}_3\text{CH}\cdots\text{NCCD}_3$  were observed by Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy, while the  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$  red shift was reported for both complexes in the Ar matrix.<sup>86</sup> The  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$  blue shift was observed for the  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen bond in complexes formed by the interaction of trihalomethanes  $\text{CHX}_3$  ( $\text{X} = \text{F}, \text{Cl}, \text{Br}$ ) with  $\text{HNO}$  (nitrosyl hydride) at  $\text{MP2/6-311++G(d,p)}$ .<sup>105</sup> Furthermore, Behra *et al.* reported a  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$  blue shift of  $9\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the vapor phase at room temperature for the binary complex of  $\text{CHCl}_3$  and  $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ , although Ito suggested a red shift of  $25\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in an argon matrix earlier.<sup>85-86</sup>

Hippler reported a  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen-bonded binary complex of  $\text{CHCl}_3$  with  $\text{NH}_3$  in the gas phase at room temperature with a  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$  red shift of  $17.5\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .<sup>61</sup> However, the magnitude of its red shift was risen to  $38\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in a supersonic jet expansion,<sup>61</sup> and in an argon matrix, the red shift was still larger, *ca.*  $45\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .<sup>61,106</sup> The complex of halothane with  $\text{NH}_3$  exhibited similar shifting behavior of  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$  spectra.<sup>107</sup> The observed red shift of  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$  stretching frequency in the gas phase was found to be substantially less at room temperature ( $30.5\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) than in cryoliquids ( $55\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in liquid argon at 128 K,  $49\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in liquid krypton at 173 K, and  $42\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in liquid xenon at 228 K). The red shift of  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$  stretching vibration by  $4\div 11\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}\cdots\text{NH}_3$  complex was determined at the high theory of level.<sup>110</sup>

Man *et al.* indicated that there are distinct tendencies toward a blue or red shift of the  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$  stretching frequency in the  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen bond in complexes formed by haloforms with  $\text{NH}_3$  and its monohalogenated derivatives (blue-shift:  $\Delta\nu_{\text{CH}} = 7.0 \div 36.3\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ; red-shift:  $\Delta\nu_{\text{CH}} = -2.0 \div -92.6\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). In this work, Man's research reports that blue- or red shift tendency depends on the polarity of the  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$  covalent bond and the proton affinity of the N site in the isolated monomers.<sup>108</sup> Significantly, Man *et al.* proposed using the DPE/PA ratio to

predict the type of hydrogen bond following complexation. Accordingly, these authors suggested that the  $\text{C-H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen bonded interaction between a C-H bond and a proton acceptor at N atom with DPE/PA of over 2.0 is expected to form a blue-shifting hydrogen bonding, and a red-shifting hydrogen bond will be formed if this ratio is lower than 2.0. In many cases, for the same proton donor (methane and its derivatives), the gas phase basicity at the N site of the proton acceptor is proportional to an elongation of  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$  bond length accompanied by a decrease of its stretching frequency upon binary complexation.

While the hydrogen-bonded complexes with the participation of  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$  covalent bond show the blue-shift or in some above cases, a red shift of stretching vibration, the complexes with the  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^2}\text{-H}$  bond acting as a proton donor present the blue shift to a much larger extent although the polarity is lower for the  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^3}\text{-H}$  than for  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^2}\text{-H}$  covalent bond.<sup>109</sup> Indeed, the blue-shifted  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^2}\text{-H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen bonds were observed in the  $\text{CH}_3\text{CHO}\cdots\text{NH}_3$  complexes at the  $\text{MP2/6-31G(d)}$ ,  $\text{MP2/6-311+G(d,p)}$  and  $\text{MP2/6-311++G(2d,2p)}$  levels ( $\Delta\nu_{\text{CH}} = 46\div 71\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).<sup>110</sup> In the complexes of  $\text{HCN}$  with  $\text{RCHO}$  ( $\text{R} = \text{H}, \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{NH}_2, \text{CH}_3$ ), the  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^2}\text{-H}\cdots\text{N}$  blue-shifting hydrogen bonds were detected, which were inversely proportional to its polarity in the  $\text{RCHO}$  monomer.<sup>111</sup> Similarly, a theoretical study at high level for stable structures of aldehydes  $\text{RCHO}$  ( $\text{R} = \text{CH}_3, \text{NH}_2, \text{F}, \text{Cl}, \text{Br}$ ) and cyanides  $\text{XCN}$  ( $\text{X} = \text{H}, \text{F}$ ) was investigated by Tri *et al.*, which indicated the blue shift of  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^2}\text{-H}$  stretching frequency in the  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^2}\text{-H}\cdots\text{N}$  hydrogen bond ( $\Delta\nu_{\text{CH}} = 6.2\div 41.9\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).<sup>73</sup> Tri *et al.* proposed that replacing one H atom in  $\text{HCHO}$  with an electron-donating group ( $\text{CH}_3, \text{NH}_2$ ) enhances the  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^2}\text{-H}$  blue shift in the  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^2}\text{-H}\cdots\text{N}$  bond, while having a slight effect on the blue shift of the  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^2}\text{-H}$  stretching vibration in the case of the halogenated complexes, as compared to that in  $\text{HCHO}\cdots\text{HCN}$  complex and  $\text{HCHO}\cdots\text{FCN}$  complex. This result was considered to depend on the polarity of  $\text{C}_{\text{sp}^2}\text{-H}$

bond. It is also remarkable that the blue shift of  $C_{sp^2}$ -H stretching vibration involved in the  $C_{sp^2}$ -H $\cdots$ N hydrogen bond is generally weaker for  $RCHO\cdots HCN$  complex than for  $RCHO\cdots FCN$  complex, owing to the larger gas-phase Lewis basicity at the N site of HCN compared to FCN.

The weakly red shift in stretching vibration of  $C_{sp}$ -H bond was observed for  $C_{sp}$ -H $\cdots$ N hydrogen bond in the complex of acetylene and HSN at MP2/6-311++G(2d,2p) and MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ levels ( $\Delta r_{CH} = 1.7$  Å;  $\Delta \nu_{CH} = -12$  cm $^{-1}$ ).<sup>112</sup> The obtained results at various levels of theory show the red shift of  $C_{sp}$ -H stretching frequency in  $C_{sp}$ -H $\cdots$ N hydrogen bond in the complex between acetylene ( $C_2H_2$ ) and  $NH_3$  ( $\Delta \nu_{CH} = -170$  cm $^{-1}$ ), which agrees well with experimental measurements ( $\Delta \nu_{CH} = -97.3$  cm $^{-1}$ ).<sup>113</sup> Additionally, the  $C_{sp}$ -H $\cdots$ N hydrogen-bonded complexes of  $NH_3$  and  $CH_3NH_2$  with several fluorine-substituted phenylacetylenes investigated by Dey *et al.* were characterized by a red shift in acetylenic  $C_{sp}$ -H stretching vibration ( $\Delta \nu_{C_{sp}-H} = -103 \div -157$  cm $^{-1}$ ).<sup>114</sup> The obtained results in complexes of 3-fluorophenylacetylene and 2,6-difluorophenylacetylene with some Lewis bases such as ammonia, methylamine, dimethylamine and trimethylamine designate that the red-shifts of the acetylenic C-H stretching vibration in the  $C_{sp}$ -H $\cdots$ N hydrogen-bonded complexes rise as the Lewis gas phase basicity increases ( $\Delta \nu_{CH} = -49 \div -219$  cm $^{-1}$ ).<sup>115</sup> It can be seen that all  $C_{sp}$ -H covalent bonds as proton donors in the hydrogen bonds in the above-mentioned complexes are the typical red-shifted irrespective of proton acceptor.

### 3.3. C-H $\cdots\pi$ hydrogen bond

In 1999, Hobza *et al.* revealed the first experimental evidence for the blue-shifted hydrogen bond in the  $CHCl_3\cdots C_6H_5F$  complexes using double-resonance IR ion-depletion spectroscopy ( $\Delta \nu_{CH} = 14$  cm $^{-1}$ ), which agrees with the ab initio calculation ( $\Delta \nu_{CH} = 12$  cm $^{-1}$ ).<sup>90</sup> The agreement of blue shift for both experimental result and theoretical investigation was later

also detected in the complex of  $CHF_3$  and fluorobenzene ( $\Delta \nu = 12$  cm $^{-1}$ ).<sup>44</sup> Some theoretical investigations into the complexes between proton donors ( $CH_4$ ,  $CHF_3$ ,  $CHCl_3$ ,  $CHBr_3$ ,  $CHI_3$ ) and  $\pi$ -systems acting as proton acceptors (benzene, fluorobenzene, acetylene, and ethylene) proposed a contraction of the  $C_{sp^3}$ -H bond length and an increase in its stretching frequency.<sup>116-118</sup> Weak  $C_{sp^3}$ -H $\cdots\pi$  blue shifting hydrogen bond in  $C_2H_2\cdots CHCl_3$  ( $\Delta \nu_{CH} = 20$  cm $^{-1}$ ) and  $C_2H_2\cdots CHF_3$  ( $\Delta \nu_{CH} = 23$  cm $^{-1}$ ) complexes using matrix-isolation IR spectroscopy and ab initio computations were reported.<sup>119,120</sup> Ab initio investigations on the 1:1 and 1:2 complexes of  $C_2H_2$  with  $CH_3Cl$ ,  $CH_2Cl_2$  and  $CHCl_3$  also predicted a blue shift of the  $C_{sp^3}$ -H stretching frequency.<sup>121</sup> Some complexes of benzene with proton donors ( $CH_4$ ,  $CHCl_3$ ) were studied with the contraction of the  $C_{sp^3}$ -H bond ( $-0.0009 \div -0.0023$  Å) and the blue shift of its stretching frequency ( $15 \div 52$  cm $^{-1}$ ).<sup>17</sup> The blue shifting hydrogen bond was detected in the complexes of 3-methylindole and  $CHCl_3/CHF_3$  by 2 and 16 cm $^{-1}$  in the cases of  $CHCl_3$  and  $CHF_3$ , respectively.<sup>49</sup> Similarly, Shirhatti *et al.* suggested that for the complexes between p-cresol/p-cyanophenyl and  $CHX_3$  ( $X = F, Cl$ ) at MP2/aug-cc-pVDZ, the  $C_{sp^3}$ -H stretching frequency in the  $C_{sp^3}$ -H $\cdots\pi$  hydrogen bond was blue-shifted by  $17.2 \div 65$  cm $^{-1}$ .<sup>122</sup> Reimann *et al.* observed the blue shift of the  $C_{sp^3}$ -H stretching vibration in  $C_6H_5F\cdots CHF_3$  (21 cm $^{-1}$ ).<sup>44</sup> While all complexes of  $CHX_3$  ( $X = H, F, Cl, Br$ ) with benzene have the  $C_{sp^3}$ -H blue-shifting stretching frequency of *ca.*  $9 \div 50$  cm $^{-1}$ , it was observed that the  $CHX_3\cdots C_6F_6$  complexes all have small  $C_{sp^3}$ -H $\cdots\pi$  blue-shifts of  $C_{sp^3}$ -H stretching frequency and a slight contraction of  $C_{sp^3}$ -H bond in  $CHX_3$  ( $\Delta \nu = 2 \div 27$  cm $^{-1}$ ) at MP2/6-31G(d) level.<sup>123</sup> Notably, matrix isolation IR spectroscopy and ab initio computations were used to examine the blue-shifted hydrogen-bonded complexes of  $CHF_3$  with benzene ( $C_6H_6$ ) and acetylene ( $C_2H_2$ ).<sup>64</sup> The red shift of supersonic jet expansion was found to be 55 cm $^{-1}$ . When benzene was utilized as an acceptor, a slight blue shift of

7.7 cm<sup>-1</sup> and an insignificant red shift of 1.1 cm<sup>-1</sup> were detected under supersonic jet expansion and liquid krypton at 119 K, respectively.<sup>64</sup> It can be seen that, the C<sub>sp<sup>3</sup></sub>-H... $\pi$  hydrogen bond is weak and moderately blue-shifted.

For the C<sub>sp<sup>2</sup></sub>-H... $\pi$  hydrogen bond, the blue-shifting intramolecular C<sub>sp<sup>2</sup></sub>-H... $\pi$  bonds in conformer of 1,3-hexadien-5-yne and its halogen-substituted derivatives were observed at MP2/6-31G(d,p) level. In which, the polarization of the C<sub>sp<sup>2</sup></sub>-H bond is considered as one of the reasons for the stretching frequency blue shifting in the hydrogen bonds.<sup>124</sup> The complex of benzene with a strong proton donor (HCN) was examined with the elongation of the C<sub>sp</sub>-H bond and the red shift of its stretching frequency ( $\Delta r_{CH} = 0.0017 \text{ \AA}$  and  $\Delta \nu_{CH} = -18 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ).<sup>17</sup> Hydrogen-bonded complexes of acetylene and benzene with HCN, acetylene and trihalomethanes HCN<sub>3</sub> (X = F, Cl, Br) were investigated at MP2/6-311+G(2d,2p) and MP2/aug-cc-pVTZ levels.<sup>112</sup> The red-shift of C<sub>sp</sub>-H stretching frequency was observed in complexes between acetylene/benzene with proton donors like HCN or acetylene, while with the C<sub>sp<sup>3</sup></sub>-H bond, HCF<sub>3</sub> is a weakly blue-shifting donor, HCCl<sub>3</sub> is much weaker, and HCB<sub>3</sub> has no discernible red or blue shift. Our theoretical calculations at the MP2/aug-cc-pVDZ level suggested the C<sub>sp</sub>-H red shift of 5.7÷24.9 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the C<sub>sp</sub>-H... $\pi$  hydrogen bond for binary complexes of C<sub>2</sub>HX (X = H, F, Cl, Br, CH<sub>3</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>) with C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> and B<sub>3</sub>N<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>.<sup>125</sup> As discussed above, from the computational and experimental results in the complexes, it is found that the C-H... $\pi$  hydrogen bond with a sp<sup>3</sup>-hybridized C atom shows a larger magnitude of stretching frequency blue shift as compared to that of C<sub>sp<sup>2</sup></sub> atom, and the hydrogen bond involving the C<sub>sp<sup>2</sup></sub>-H bond tends to the red shifting.

#### 4. CONCLUSION

Results on the characteristics of non-conventional hydrogen bonds involving the C-H covalent bond as a proton donor are summarized in this work. This review is hoped

to contribute to a more thorough understanding of hydrogen bonding features, including changes in bond length and its corresponding stretching frequencies upon complexation, from a theoretical viewpoint. The non-conventional hydrogen bonds involving the C<sub>sp<sup>3</sup>/sp<sup>2</sup></sub>-H covalent bond in the C<sub>sp<sup>3</sup>/sp<sup>2</sup></sub>-H...O/S/Se/Te/N/ $\pi$  hydrogen bond show both red-shifting and blue-shifting of stretching frequency, however, the C<sub>sp</sub>-H red shift is observed in most hydrogen-bonded complexes. It is proposed that the polarity of the proton donor and the gas phase basicity of the proton acceptor play a key role in the red- or blue-shift of the C-H stretching vibration. The results also demonstrate that the ratio of deprotonation enthalpy to proton affinity (DPE/PA) might be used to classify non-conventional hydrogen bonds as an indicator. For a clearer understanding on the nature of non-conventional hydrogen bonds, it should be suggested that we need focus on energetic components such as dispersion, induction, electrostatics, etc... to find out the trend of their different contributions for each kind of non-conventional hydrogen bond.

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