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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Influence of Beryllium Substitution on Vibrational and Electronic Properties of Carbon Nano-Cone: Density Functional Theory

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ABSTRACT

Density Functional Theory (DFT) was employed to investigate the effects of beryllium (Be) substitution on the vibrational and electronic properties of a single-wall carbon nano-cone. The study aims to clarify how Be incorporation modifies the structural stability and electronic characteristics of this nanostructure. Electronic parameters including ionization potential (I), electron affinity (E_{ea}), Fermi energy (E_f), HOMO–LUMO energies, total energy (E), and band gap (E_g) were calculated. Infrared (IR) spectra, optimized geometries, electrostatic potential maps, and electron density distributions were also analyzed. The results indicate that Be substitution reduces the ionization potential while increasing the electron affinity. Incorporation of Be atoms raises the HOMO level, Fermi energy, electron affinity, and total energy, whereas it lowers the LUMO energy and narrows the band gap. Vibrational analysis shows weakened vibrational stability upon substitution. Furthermore, electrostatic potential and charge density distributions are strongly influenced by the type, number, and position of substituted atoms, as well as by local charge redistribution. Positional dependence of Be substitution leads to noticeable variations in both electronic and vibrational responses. These findings demonstrate that controlled Be substitution can effectively tune the electronic structure of carbon nano-cones, enhancing their suitability for potential applications in nanoelectronics, catalysis, sensing, and energy storage systems.

Keywords: Beryllium substitution, DFT calculation, Electronic properties, IR spectra, Nano-cone molecule

Introduction

Understanding how beryllium substitution affects the properties of carbon nano-cones can provide insights into novel materials with tailored properties. This can potentially lead to developing of advanced materials for various applications such as electronics, sensors, and catalysis.

Comparing the results of this study with existing research on similar substitutions or modifications of nano-cones allows for a broader understanding of the effects of different dopants or substitutions on,

nanostructure properties. It helps researchers identify trends, similarities, and differences across various systems, which can guide future investigations and potential applications, research has demonstrated that carbon nanotubes (CNTs) offer better mechanical and electrical capabilities than any other available materials. Due to their unique electrical, mechanical, and other capabilities, CNTs have the potential to be used in atomic-force microscopy as nano-fillers for composite materials, nano-actuators, nanomotors, nano-bearings, nano-springs, field emitters and in nano-scale electronic devices.^{1–3} Thus, research in

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computational nano-mechanics and computational condensed-matter physics, particularly on the vibrational behavior of CNTs, has made CNTs the center of these fields.⁴ Two approaches are often utilized due to the tremendous difficulty associated with conducting controlled tests at the nanoscale scale.

When researching CNTs simulations of molecular dynamics are difficult to carry out and time-consuming when applied to large-scale systems. The second approach is called continuum mechanics and it involves modelling CNTs shells and beams.^{5,6} In the field of nanotechnology, non-local theories have been used to examine the vibration and wave propagation of CNTs with the use of beam models.^{7,8} The non-linear vibration analysis of a single-walled carbon nanotube also interacts well with the medium that surrounds the nanotubes.⁹ Buckling of CNTs was investigated by (Ru, He, and coworkers) using an elastic shell model.^{10,11} They developed a continuous shell model to investigate various CNT instability patterns that occurred under various compressive stresses.^{12,13} They utilized an elastic shell model integrated by the Van-der-Waals effect to investigate the buckling behavior of CNTs. In Muc Study Shell Structures,¹⁴ the authors explained how the thin shell theory may be utilized to anticipate how CNTs behave. Changing the electronic band gap may be accomplished by various techniques, including filling, chemical doping, and the use of electric fields as an external stimulus.¹⁵ The thermal characteristics of structural equivalents of carbon nanotubes BNNTs may be effectively altered and managed using adsorption. The electronic characteristics of the various diameters for zigzag ZSWBNNTs of varying diameters are modified when Fe atoms are incorporated into the material. According to (Alencar, Azevedo, and M. Machado), the Fe atoms that are contained within these tubes are more adversely affected than the tubes that are located on the outside. In addition, the electrical band gap decreases more when the Fe atom is located within the tube than outside the tube, The reason for choosing the iron atom is the iron-first-nitrogen-neighbor bond length works as a constraint in determining the most favorable position for the adsorbate, Also, the levels of the 3d and 4s orbitals of the iron atom present localized levels at the band gap of the nanotubes.¹⁶ The incorporation of F, Cl, or Br into the molecule, determining the molecular structure of CNTs by using the Density Functional Theory DFT method is a highly fruitful endeavor. By using a DFT approach, which is computed in the quantum program, estimates are provided for the electrical construct, bandgap, IR spectrum, Raman spectrum, total energy, and depolarization spectrum.¹⁷

In this manuscript, molecular dynamics simulation together with density functional theory was used to investigate the Be substitution effect on the vibrational and electronic properties of the single wall carbon Nano-cone. The DFT method with this level has been chosen because of the accuracy associated. Where the DFT method focuses on the electron density function instead of wave function was used to study the interaction. Predicts a wide range of molecular properties are including molecular structure, atomization energies, vibrational frequencies, electrical and magnetic properties, and ionization energies, among others. They are applied to considerably bigger systems, with hundreds or even thousands of atoms.

Material and methods

Computational approach

The program Gaussian 09 was utilized to carry out the DFT procedures. B3LYP¹⁸ is a hybrid function that combines the exchange and correlation function developed by Lee, Yang, and Parr,^{18,19} where the Development of the Colic-Salvetti correlation-energy formula into a function of the electron density.²⁰ Geometrical optimization of (A) NANO-CON, (B) NANO-CON + Be(1), (C) NANO-CON + Be(2), and (D) NANO-CON + Be(3) simulations in the gas phase by using the B3LYP/3-21G level of theory was used to study the process involved in the substitution of atoms of Before atoms of (C) in different locations. The process of computing electronic characteristics including energy gaps (Eg), ionization potentials (Is), and electronic states by using the hybrid functional B3LYP basis set is highly successful. Computations of the exchange-correlation energy and the interaction effects between electrons produce the most precise results. Fig. 1 illustrates the geometrical optimization of (A) NANO-CON, (B) NANO-CON + Be(1), (C) NANO-CON + Be(2), and (D) NANO-CON + Be(3) in the gas-phase by utilizing DFT techniques at the B3LYP/3-21G level. EHOMO refers to the energy of the highest molecular orbital that is occupied, whilst ELUMO stands for the energy of the lowest molecular orbital used to calculate Eg as shown in the equations below.²¹⁻²³

$$I = \text{EHOMO} \quad (1)$$

$$E = \text{ELUMO} \quad (2)$$

$$E_g = (\text{ELUMO} - \text{EHOMO}) \quad (3)$$

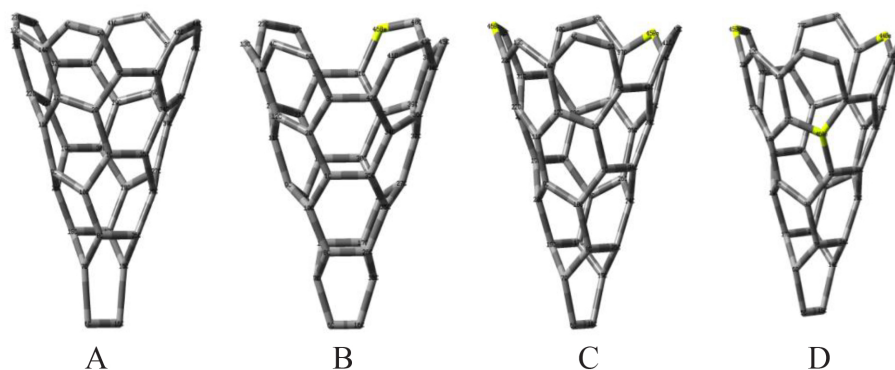


Fig. 1. Optimized structures of (A) NANO-CON, (B) NANO-CON+ Be (1), (C) NANO-CON+ Be (2), and (D) NANO-CON+ Be (3) molecules using DFT method with 3-21G basis-set.

Eq. (4) could be used to compute the Fermi energy as follows²³:

$$E_f = - (I + E) / 2 \quad (4)$$

Results and discussion

NANO-CON (A), NANO-CON+, NANO-CON+ Be (2) (C), and NANO-CON+ (D) were the optimized structures. Be (3) (C) and Be (3)(D) molecules were computed in the gas phase by using DFT methods with a 3-21G basis set, as shown in Fig. 1

Electronic properties

Electronic properties, such as HOMO and LUMO energies, and electronic characteristics I, E, Eg, and Ef in electron Volt units were computed using the DFT method with a 3-21G basis set for NANO-CON (A), NANO-CON+ Be (1) (B), NANO-CON+ Be (2) (C) and NANO-CON+ Be (3) (D) molecules. The ionization potential was calculated by deducting one electron from NANO-CON+ Be (1). Table 1. Displays these quantities, which provide insights into the chemical reactivity of substitute NANO-CON. The electron distribution of Be at 1S² 2S² is assumed to be inactivation in chemical bonding for (C) atoms. As a result, electron substitution reduces the values of

I whilst increasing the values of total energy E. According to Table 1. Be impurity increases HOMO, E, and total energy while NANO-CON decreases LUMO, I, and Eg. The I for NANO-CON+ Be (1) and NANO-CON+ Be (3) is lower than that for pristine tubes, indicating that the NANO-CONs require less energy to become cations than pristine tubes and confirming their electron-donating properties. NANO-CON+ Be (1) and NANO-CON+ Be (3) may be useful for high-energy particle detectors or catalysis due to their small I. The existence of an Eg shed light on how the molecule functioned. The NANO-CON+ Be(1) molecule also has a small Eg of 1.209257 eV. A relatively narrow Eg is indicative of the molecule's level of activity. Meanwhile NANO-CON+ Be (2) has a high Eg of 1.919736 eV.

Density of tetrahedral angles

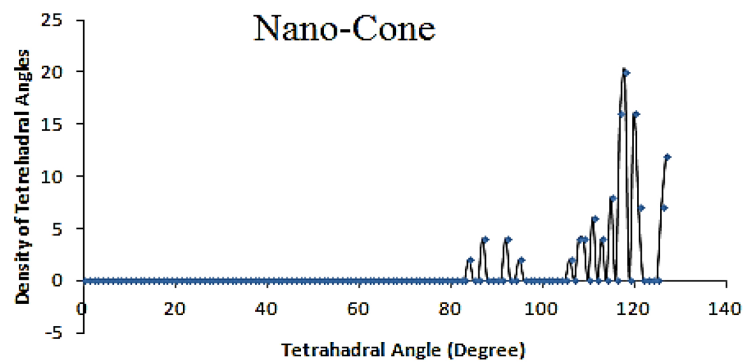
Densities and their values of tetrahedral angles for the molecules are presented in Fig. 2. [NANO-CON (A), NANO-CON+ Be (1) (B), NANO-CON+ Be (2) (C) and NANO-CON+ Be (3) (D)]. The tetrahedral angles of NANO-CON are located at an angle of 87.80–127.97 AO, whereas those of NANO-CON+ Be (1) (B), NANO-CON+ Be (2) (C) and NANO-CON+ Be (3) (D) molecules are located at angles of 57.06–143.96, 58.33–155.69 and 49.79–154.52 AO. The introduction of Be atoms into this molecule in place of C atoms causes a reduction in the tetrahedral angles.

Density of dihedral angles

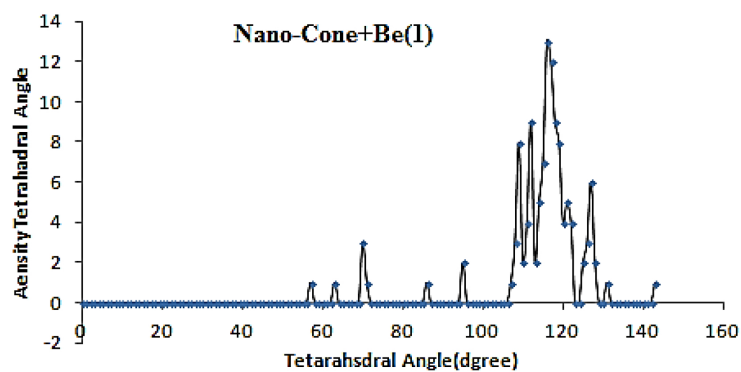
The density of the dihedral angle may be used as a measurement tool for determining the change in dihedral angle value. The calculations show that the reason because the dihedral angle falls within the range of a pure molecule or one in which deformation happened, the molecule is pure. The

Table 1. The predicted HOMO and LUMO energies and the electronic characteristics (I, E, Eg, Ef, and ET) in eV for NANO-CON (A), NANO-CON+ Be (1) (B), NANO-CON+ Be (2) (C) and NANO-CON+ Be (3) molecules.

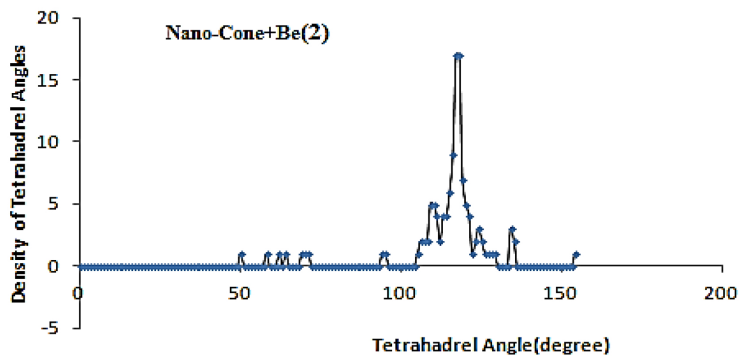
Molecules	HOMO	LOUMO	Eg
NANO-CON	-6.82561	-5.03295	1.792661
NANO-CON+ Be(1)	-5.61309	-4.40383	1.209257
NANO-CON+ Be(2)	-5.83132	-3.91158	1.919736
NANO-CON+ Be(3)	-5.75594	-4.10968	1.646266



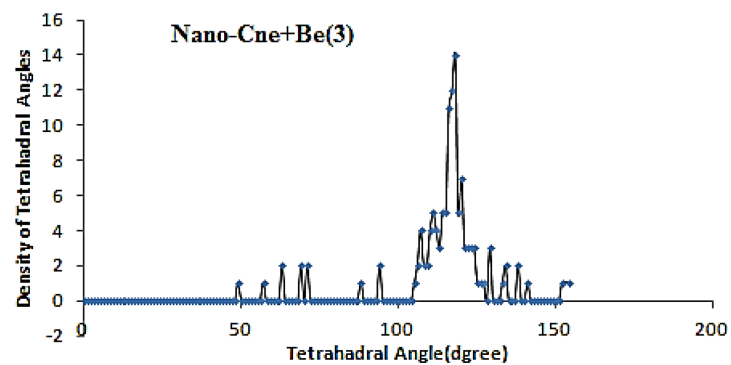
A



B



C



D

Fig. 2. Density of tetrahedral angles for NANO-CON, A. NANO-CON+ Be (1), B. NANO-CON+ Be (2), C. NANO-CON+ Be (3) (D)molecules.

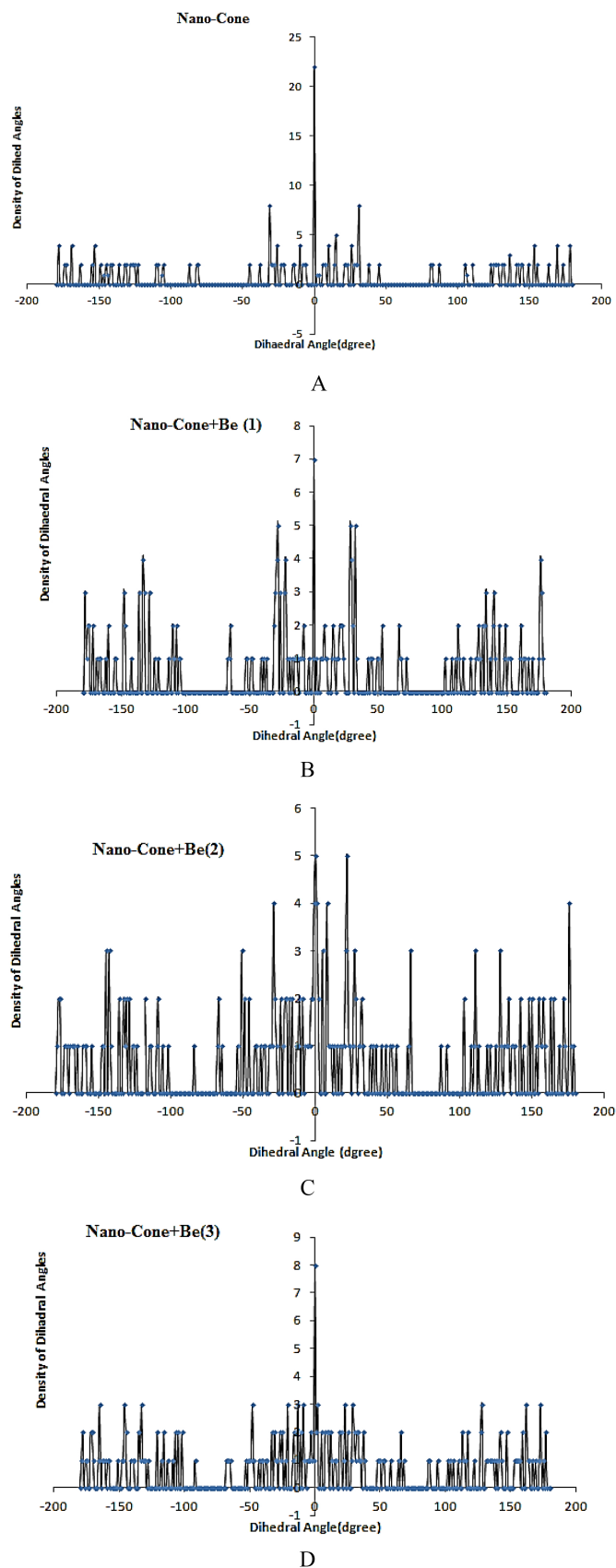


Fig. 3. Density of dihedral angles for NANO-CON, A. NANO-CON+ Be (1), B. NANO-CON+ Be (2), C. and NANO-CON+ Be (3), D. molecules by using DFT method and 3-21G basis set.

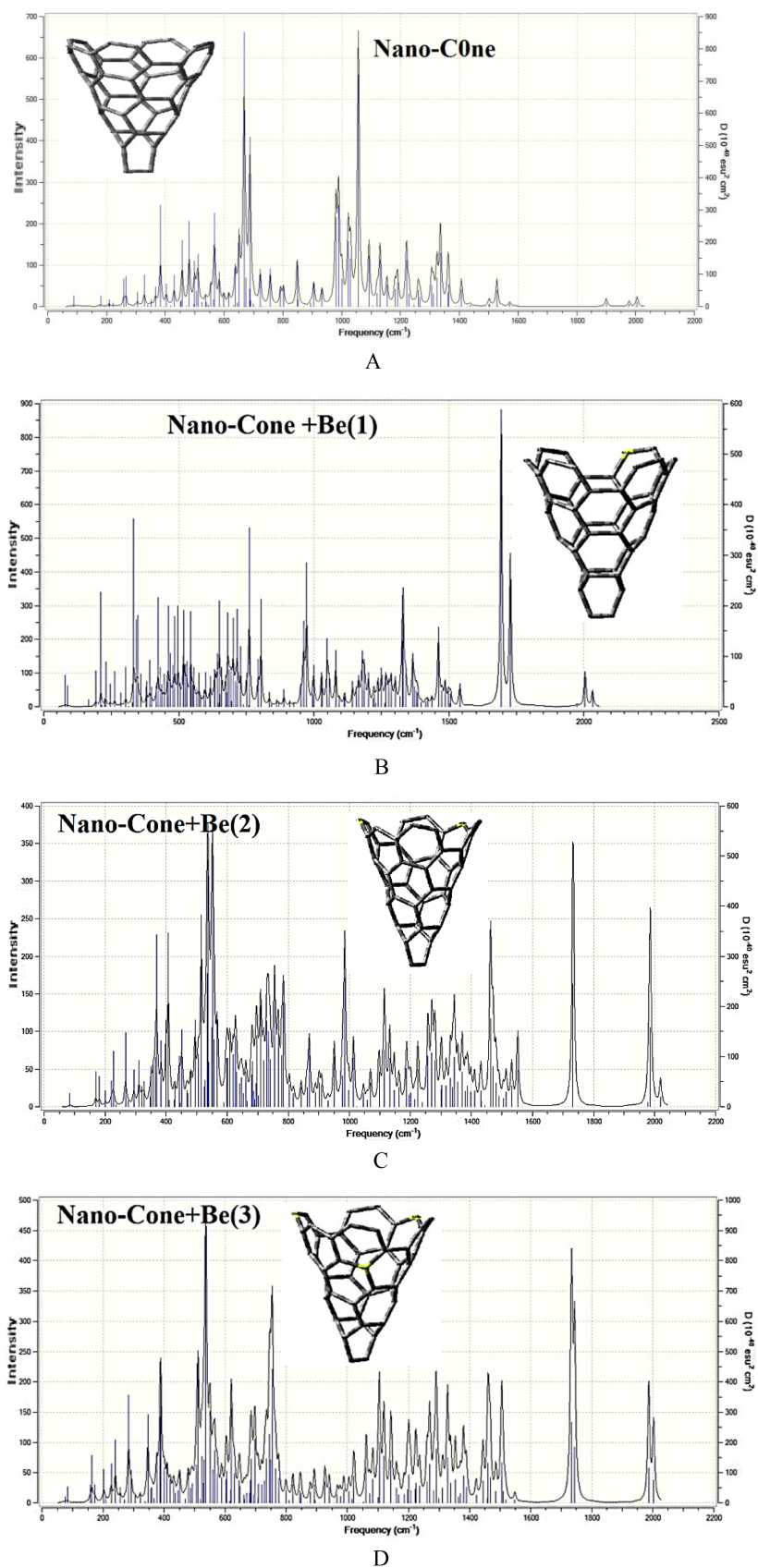


Fig. 4. IR spectra, displacement and dipole derivative vector for, A. NANO-CON, B. NANO-CON+ Be (1), C. NANO-CON+ Be(2) and, D. NANO-CON+ Be(3) molecules.

number of dihedral angles based on DFT method with the 3-21G basis set are 178.79° and -178.44° for NANO-CON, 178.67° and -177° for NANO-CON + Be(1), -179.92° and 179° for NANO-CON + Be(2) and -179.1° and 177.85° for NANO-CON + Be(3). Fig. 3 shows that the substitution is the responsible for the slight variation in density exhibited by the molecules.

IR spectra

The IR spectrum for the following types (C=C) and (C–C), stretching C–C rocking and C–C wagging studied in the regions 1900.19, 2004.96, 1120.15 and 1407.23 cm^{-1} is weak for NANO-CON. Fig. 4 shows that the C–C, C=C and C–Be stretching for NANO-CON + Be(1) (B), NANO-CON + Be(2) (C) and NANO-CON + Be(3) (D) in the region 2019.31–2002.64 cm^{-1} , C–C stretching, (C=C) stretching researched for the area 1733.04–1363.45 cm^{-1} and C–Be stretching studied in the region 1504.55–1312.45 cm^{-1} . NANO-CON + Be (3) is out of plan is the modes of vibration for all ring modes in 926.68 cm^{-1} . Fig. 5 also shows the displacement and dipole derivative vector for (A) NANO-CON, (B) NANO-CON + Be(1), (C) NANO-CON + Be(2) and (D) NANO-CON + Be(3). The impurities lead to increasing vibration modes and displacement and a dipole derivative vector appears in NANO-CON. NANO-CON + Be (3) has C–C-crooking and C–Be–C- wagging in regions 1222.23 and 1021.77 cm^{-1} is weak. The effect of Be atoms is that they lead to the vibration of harmonic waves that are weak.

Electrostatic potential and electron density surfaces

Fig. 6 illustrates the electrostatic potential and electron density surfaces of the molecules NANO-CON, NANO-CON + Be (1), NANO-CON + Be (2), and NANO-CON + Be (3). These surfaces were estimated using the DFT technique with the 3-21G basis set. The kind, position, and amount of replacement atoms and the positive and negative charges were determined. All of these factors affect how electrostatic potential for the effect of the electronegativity of the atom used electron density is distributed across surfaces. The density distribution on the NANO-CON molecule is shown to be homogeneous in the picture. Meanwhile, the distribution of Be atoms in NANO-CON + Be (1), NANO-CON + Be (2), and NANO-CON + Be (3) molecules is shown to be heterogeneous because these atoms have the highest electron negativity, which allows them to attract charge to themselves.^{24,25}

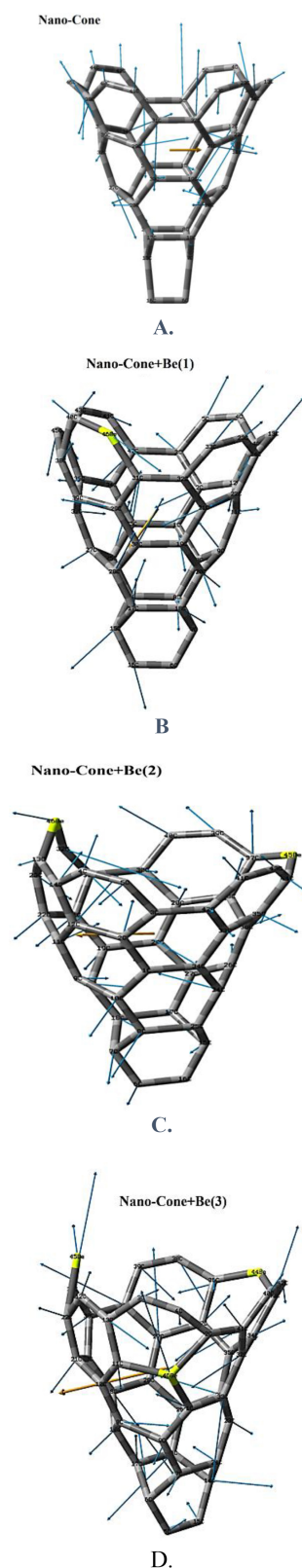


Fig. 5. Displacement and dipole derivative vector for, A. NANO-CON, B. NANO-CON+ Be(1), C. NANO-CON+ Be(2), and (D) NANO-CON+ Be(3) molecules by using DFT method with 3-21G basis set.

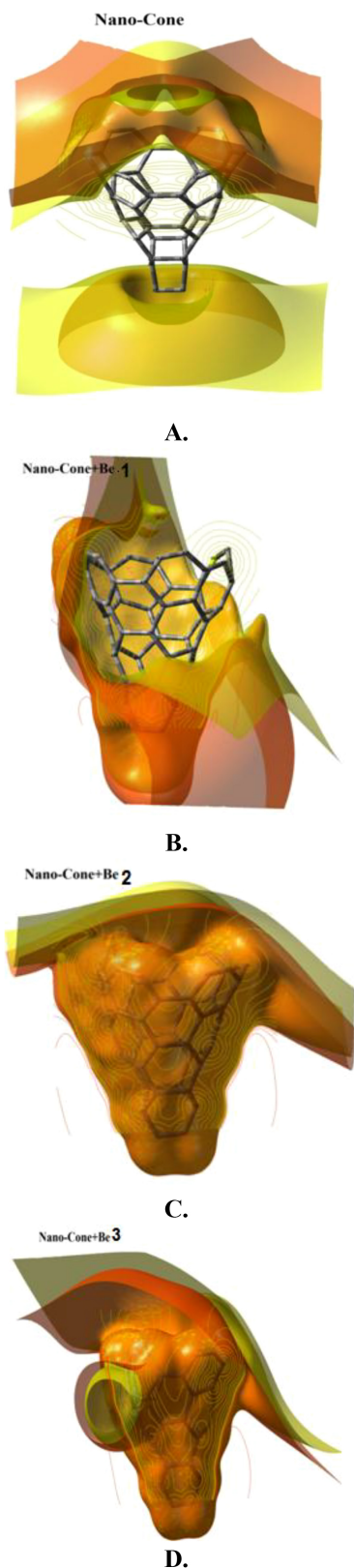


Fig. 6. Electrostatic potential and electron density surfaces for, A. NANO-CON, B. NANO-CON+ Be(1), C. NANO-CON+ Be(2), and, D. NANO-CON+ Be(3) molecules by using DFT method with 3-21G basis set.

Conclusion

The impact of Beryllium (Be) substitution on the single-wall carbon nano-cone's electrical and vibrational characteristics was examined using the DFT approach. The IR spectral characteristics of NANO-CONE molecules which look homogeneous through the charge distribution in Fig. 6, the optimization structure, and the electronic properties, which stand for ionization potential (I) and electron affinity (Eea), were evaluated. The computed values of electron substitution result in a decrease in I values and an increase in E values. Be atom insertion increases total energy, HOMO, E, and Ef. In contrast, nano-con reduces LUMO, I, and Eg. Be atoms also result in a faint vibrational harmony. The kind, location, and amount of replacement atoms as well as the positive and negative charges have an impact on the electron density surface distributions and electrostatic potential.

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Data availability

The data that support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author upon reasonable request.

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الخلاصة

تم استخدام طريقة نظرية الكثافة الوظيفية (DFT) لدراسة تأثيرات الخواص الاهتزازية والإلكترونية لاستبدال البريليوم (Be) لمخروط الكربون النانوي أحادي الجدار. حيث يهدف الباحثون إلى فهم كيفية تأثير هذا التغيير على الخصائص الهيكلية والإلكترونية للبنى النانوية من خلال عمليات محاكاة DFT، حيث تتم دراسة الخصائص الإلكترونية والتي تمثل احتمال التأين (I) والألفة الإلكترونية (Eea)، والخصائص الطيفية للأشعة تحت الحمراء لـ NANO-CONE تم تقدير الجزيئات والهيكل الأمثل. القيم المحسوبة لاستبدال الإلكترون تقلل من قيم I، مع زيادة الألفة الإلكترونية (Eea). يؤدي إدخال ذرات Be إلى زيادة أعلى مدار جزيئي مشغول (HOMO)، والألفة الإلكترونية (Eea)، وطاقة فيرمي (Ef)، والطاقة الكلية (E)، في حين أن NANO-CONE يقلل (LUMO)، وI، والطاقة. فجوة الطاقة (على سبيل المثال). كما أن ذرات البريليوم (Be) تؤدي إلى ضعف تناغم الاهتزازات، ويتأثر الجهد الكهروستاتيكي وتوزيعات الكثافة الإلكترونية السطحية بنوع وموقع وعدد ذرات الاستبدال والشحنات السالبة والموجبة. ومن خلال دراسة هذه التأثيرات على الخواص الاهتزازية والإلكترونية لاستبدال البريليوم (Be) لمخروط الكربون النانوي أحادي الجدار، يمكن معرفة التطبيقات المحتملة لهذه الهياكل النانوية المعدلة في مجالات مختلفة مثل الإلكترونيات النانوية، والمحفز الكيميائي، وتقنيات الاستشعار، وتخزين الطاقة. بشكل عام، يوفر التحقيق في تأثير استبدال البريليوم على مخاريط الكربون النانوية رؤى قيمة في كل من العلوم الأساسية والتطبيقات التكنولوجية المحتملة، وتساعد مقارنة هذا العمل مع الدراسات الحالية حول البدائل أو التعديلات المماثلة في وضع النتائج في سياق المشهد الأوسع لأبحاث البنية النانوية.

الكلمات المفتاحية: استبدال البريليوم، حساب DFT، الخواص الإلكترونية، أطيف الأشعة تحت الحمراء، جزيء النانو المخروط.