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INTRODUCTION

The assignment of the hyperfine coupling constants (hfccs), obtained by analysis of EPR (electron paramagnetic resonance) spectra, is a basic task in this magnetic spectroscopy. Density functional theory (DFT) methodology gives accurate values of spin densities, leading to good assignments of experimental hfccs. DFT methods allow us to carry out calculations with lower CPU time cost using the same basis with respect to other post-HF methods. The basic aim of the present work is to perform an analysis of the power of the combination B3LYP/TZVP//B3LYP/6-31G* in predicting the isotropic hyperfine coupling constants of radicals containing ²⁹Si, ³¹P, and ³³S nuclei. Neutral, anions, and cations radicals are analyzed, ranging from small triatomic molecules to medium- and large-size systems.

RESULTS

155 hfccs from 55 radicals containing ²⁹Si, ³¹P, or ³³S nuclei have been analyzed. To compare the obtained theoretical values of hfccs with the available experimental data, a regression analysis has been employed. From this analysis we can conclude that DFT predictions of the hfccs of radicals containing the above nuclei are reliable for the B3LYP/TZVP//B3LYP/6-31G* combination. We obtain the same result if we consider all nuclei (¹H, ¹³C, ¹⁴N, ¹⁷O, ²⁹Si, ³¹P, and ³³S) or only ²⁹Si,

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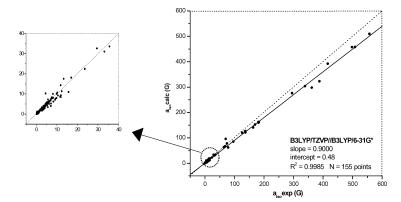


FIGURE 1 Regression analysis of the calculated and experimental hfccs of all nuclei.

³¹P, and ³³S ones. Therefore, the above combination has good behavior in describing not only the first and second row but the third as well.

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