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## Computational studies of global and local reactivity descriptors of some trimethyltetrathiafulvalenylthiophene molecules (tMeTTF-TP) by density functional theory (DFT)

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### ABSTRACT

In this work we have been calculated global and local DFT reactivity descriptors for trimethyl-tetrathiafulvalenylthiophenes (tMeTTF-TP) such as: the ionization potential (I), electron affinity (A), electronegativity ( $\chi$ ), electrophilicity ( $\omega$ ), and hardness ( $\eta$ ) have been calculated using density functional theory (DFT) approach with B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level of theory. The plots of frontier molecular orbital and molecular electrostatic potential (MEP) have been demonstrated. The chemometric methods PCA and HCA were employed to find the subset of variables that could correctly classify the compounds according to their reactivity.

**Keywords:** Tetrathiafulvalenes, Density Functional Theory, Reactivity descriptors, Principal Component Analysis and Hierarchical Cluster Analysis

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### INTRODUCTION

The reactivity descriptors, defined within the framework of density functional theory, are chemical potential, global hardness, softness, electrophilicity index etc. [1]. These descriptors have been tested and studied in the literature by several research groups and are found to be very useful in rationalizing the reactivity patterns of the molecular systems [2-10]. In general, the descriptors are classified as global reactivity descriptors or local reactivity descriptors. The global reactivity descriptors describe about the overall stability of the system. On the other hand, the local counterpart describes the site reactivity and selectivity. Since most of these descriptors are the derivatives of energy and electron density variables, it is expected that they will provide the information of reactivity in the molecular systems [11-13]. Geerlings et al. and Chattaraj et al. have recently reviewed the theoretical basis for these descriptors and their applications in various molecular systems [14-15]. Recently, the exact conditions for which the electrophilicity index experiences an extremum along an arbitrary reaction path were studied [16-17]. In recent years, the impact of DFT in quantum chemistry has increased enormously [18-19]. Hence, in this article, we have made an effort to investigate a quantum chemical for molecular similarity indices in terms of global and local reactivity within the framework of density functional theory (DFT) [20].

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

By employing the B3LYP functional [21] of the density functional theory [22] (DFT) with 6 31G (d, p) basis set, the geometries of all trimethyltetrathiafulvalenylthiophene compounds investigated (scheme 1) were completely

optimized. The imaginary frequencies are absent which confirms that the structures are true minima on the potential energy surface. In this work all the calculations were performed in the Gaussian 09W package [21] program. Vibrational frequency assignments were made with a high degree of accuracy by combining the results of the Gauss view program [22] with symmetry considerations. Density functional theory based descriptors have found immense usefulness in the prediction of reactivity of atoms and molecules as well as site selectivity [23]. The resourcefulness of density functional descriptors in the development of QSAR has been recently reviewed by Chattaraj and al [24]. The global reactivity descriptors are: Chemical hardness ( $\eta$ ), chemical potential ( $\mu$ ), electrophilicity index ( $\omega$ ) and softness(s). A new descriptor was defined recently by Parr et al [25] used to quantify the global electrophilic power of the molecule; it is the electrophilicity index ( $\omega$ ), which defines a quantitative classification of the global electrophilic nature of a molecule in a relative scale.

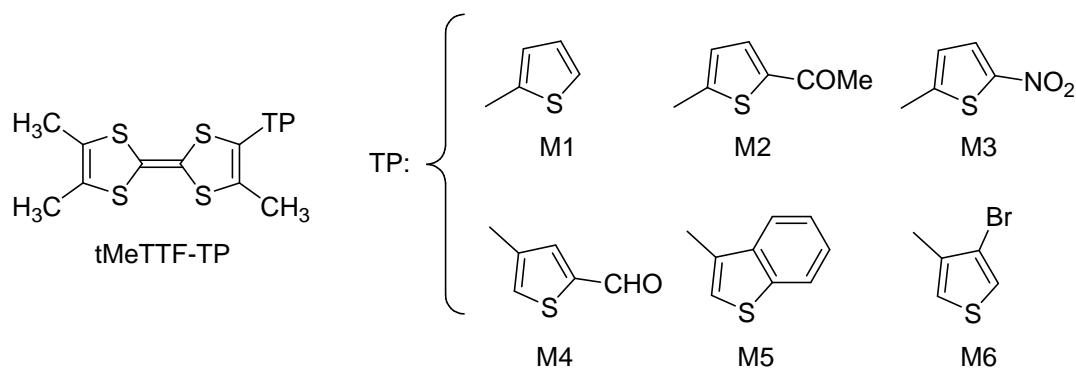
Principal component analysis (PCA) and Hierarchical cluster analysis (HCA) are two important techniques in multivariate analysis to analyze data that corresponds to more than one variable. The main objective of PCA [26, 27] and HCA are to study how the variables are related to one another, and how they work in combination to distinguish between multiple cases of observations. All chemometric methods were performed using software XLSTAT Premium.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Synthesis:

In a previous work [28], we have described the synthesis of new trimethyl-tetrathiafulvalenylthiophene (tMeTTF-TP) M1-M6 indicated in Scheme 1. The synthesis of these electron donors was carried out using a palladium-catalyzed reaction involving various bromothiophene and the tributylstannyltrimethyltetrathiafulvalene (tMeTTF-SnBu<sub>3</sub>). The latter was previously synthesized in 79% yield [29] by using lithiation of trimethyltetrathiafulvalene (tMeTTF) [30] followed by treatment with tributyltin chloride.

Scheme 1. Structure of trimethyltetrathiafulvalenylthiophene M1-M6



### Theoretical calculation:

The structure of a molecule contains the features responsible for its physical, chemical, and biological properties, and that variations in the fate within a series of similar structures can be correlated with changes in descriptors that reflect their molecular properties.

### Geometries Optimization:

Geometry optimization is an important part of most quantum chemical calculations; it is a key component of most computational chemistry studies that are concerned with the structure and/or reactivity of molecules. Many of physical and chemical properties are determined from the geometry of molecule. The optimization of the geometry for the molecules M1-M6 has been achieved by energy minimization, using DFT at the B3LYP level, employing the basis set 6-31G (d, p). The following figure 1 and tables 1-3 represent the schemes of the optimized molecules, their bond lengths and their angle measurement.

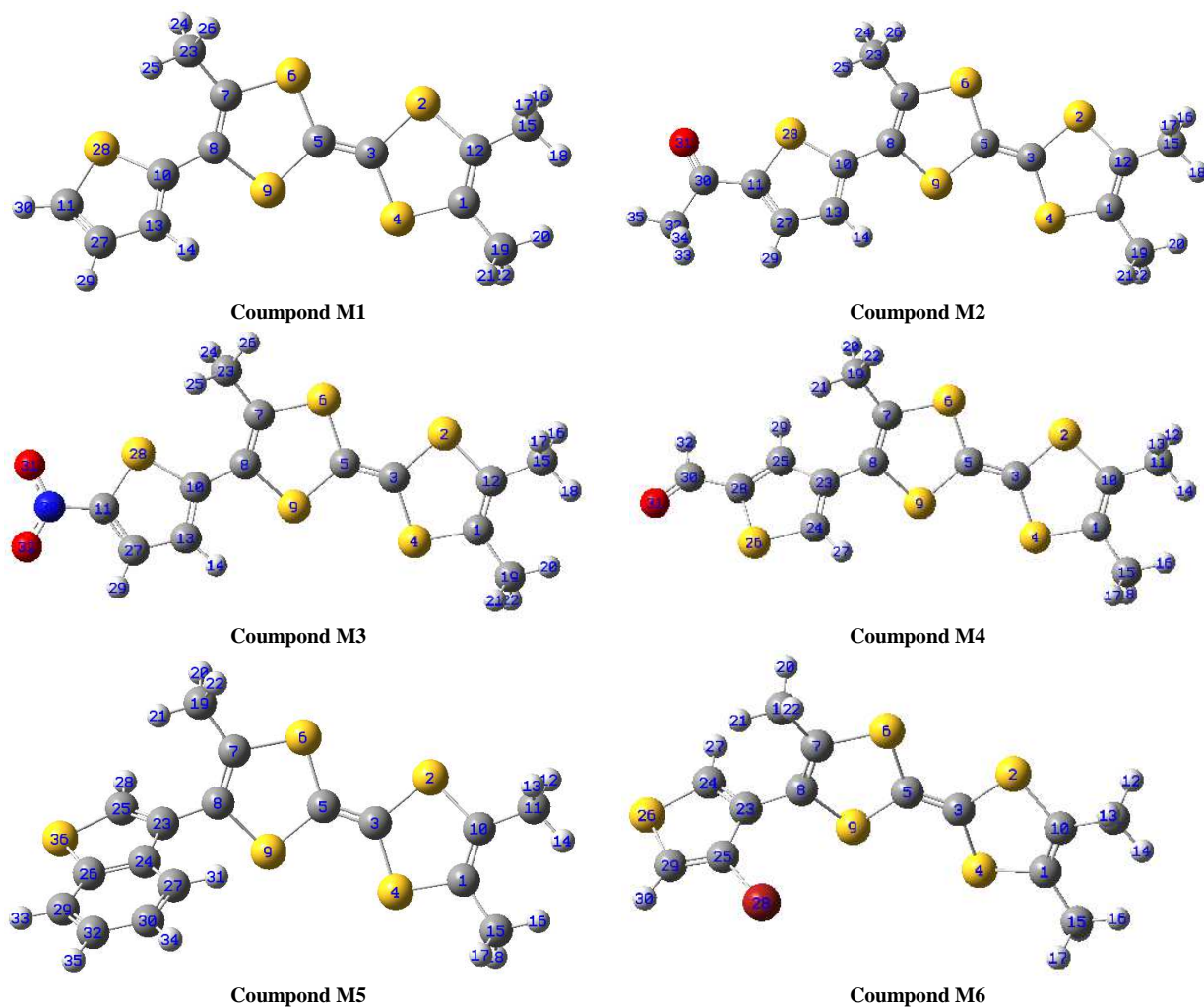
Fig. 1. Optimized molecular structure of the minimum energy structure of tMeTTF-SnBu<sub>3</sub> obtained at B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) level

Table 1: Optimized geometric parameters of compound M1 and M2

M1		M2					
Bond length(Å)	Angles(°)	Bond length(Å)	Angles(°)				
C <sub>1</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	1.784	C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>12</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	116.998	C <sub>1</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	1.784	C <sub>19</sub> C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>12</sub>	127.967
C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>12</sub>	1.344	C <sub>12</sub> C <sub>1</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	117.001	C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>12</sub>	1.344	S <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>19</sub>	115.025
C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>19</sub>	1.502	C <sub>1</sub> S <sub>4</sub> C <sub>3</sub>	95.550	C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>19</sub>	1.502	C <sub>1</sub> S <sub>4</sub> C <sub>3</sub>	95.598
C <sub>12</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	1.784	S <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	112.965	S <sub>2</sub> C <sub>12</sub>	1.784	C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>12</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	116.995
C <sub>12</sub> C <sub>15</sub>	1.502	C <sub>13</sub> S <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub>	95.557	S <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub>	1.777	S <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	113.029
C <sub>3</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	1.778	S <sub>6</sub> C <sub>5</sub> S <sub>9</sub>	112.563	C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>5</sub>	1.349	S <sub>6</sub> C <sub>5</sub> S <sub>9</sub>	112.531
C <sub>3</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	1.778	C <sub>5</sub> S <sub>6</sub> C <sub>7</sub>	95.585	C <sub>5</sub> S <sub>6</sub>	1.777	C <sub>5</sub> S <sub>6</sub> C <sub>7</sub>	95.727
C <sub>7</sub> C <sub>8</sub>	1.352	C <sub>7</sub> C <sub>8</sub> S <sub>9</sub>	116.611	C <sub>30</sub> O <sub>31</sub>	1.224	C <sub>5</sub> S <sub>9</sub> C <sub>8</sub>	95.095
C <sub>13</sub> C <sub>27</sub>	1.423	C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>10</sub> S <sub>28</sub>	122.732	C <sub>8</sub> S <sub>9</sub>	1.796	C <sub>12</sub> S <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub>	95.606
C <sub>10</sub> S <sub>28</sub>	1.757	C <sub>10</sub> S <sub>28</sub> C <sub>11</sub>	91.904	C <sub>7</sub> C <sub>8</sub>	1.356	C <sub>11</sub> C <sub>30</sub> O <sub>31</sub>	120.741

Table 2: Optimized geometric parameters of compound M3 and M4

M3		M4					
Bond length(Å)	Angles(°)	Bond length(Å)	Angles(°)				
C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>12</sub>	1.344	S <sub>4</sub> C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>12</sub>	116.995	C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>15</sub>	1.502	S <sub>2</sub> C <sub>10</sub> C <sub>1</sub>	117.012
C <sub>1</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	1.784	C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>12</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	116.979	C <sub>1</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	1.784	C <sub>10</sub> C <sub>1</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	116.994
C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>19</sub>	1.502	C <sub>12</sub> S <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub>	95.672	C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>10</sub>	1.344	C <sub>10</sub> S <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub>	95.606
S <sub>2</sub> C <sub>12</sub>	1.784	C <sub>1</sub> S <sub>4</sub> C <sub>3</sub>	95.662	C <sub>10</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	1.784	S <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>5</sub>	123.575
C <sub>3</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	1.776	S <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>5</sub>	123.583	C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>5</sub>	1.349	S <sub>6</sub> C <sub>7</sub> C <sub>8</sub>	116.733
C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>5</sub>	1.350	C <sub>23</sub> C <sub>7</sub> C <sub>8</sub>	127.854	C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>23</sub>	1.472	C <sub>7</sub> C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>23</sub>	127.312
C <sub>5</sub> S <sub>6</sub>	1.777	S <sub>28</sub> C <sub>11</sub> C <sub>30</sub>	119.798	C <sub>25</sub> C <sub>28</sub>	1.377	C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>7</sub> C <sub>19</sub>	127.626
C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>10</sub>	1.452	C <sub>11</sub> C <sub>30</sub> O <sub>31</sub>	117.096	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>27</sub>	1.082	C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>25</sub> C <sub>25</sub>	125.217
C <sub>30</sub> O <sub>31</sub>	1.237	C <sub>7</sub> C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>10</sub>	128.763	C <sub>30</sub> O <sub>31</sub>	1.218	C <sub>28</sub> C <sub>30</sub> O <sub>31</sub>	124.626
C <sub>10</sub> S <sub>28</sub>	1.756	31C30O32	125.337	C <sub>24</sub> S <sub>26</sub>	1.721	C <sub>24</sub> S <sub>26</sub> C <sub>28</sub>	90.914

Table 3: Optimized geometric parameters of compound M5 and M6

M5		M6	
Bond length(Å)	Angles(°)	Bond length(Å)	Angles(°)
C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>10</sub>	1.344	C <sub>10</sub> C <sub>1</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	117.034
C <sub>1</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	1.784	C <sub>1</sub> S <sub>4</sub> C <sub>3</sub>	95.596
C <sub>1</sub> C <sub>15</sub>	1.502	S <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>5</sub>	123.528
S <sub>2</sub> C <sub>3</sub>	1.778	S <sub>6</sub> C <sub>7</sub> C <sub>8</sub>	116.964
C <sub>3</sub> C <sub>5</sub>	1.350	C <sub>7</sub> C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>23</sub>	126.393
C <sub>5</sub> S <sub>9</sub>	1.778	C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>23</sub> C <sub>25</sub>	123.205
C <sub>7</sub> C <sub>19</sub>	1.502	C <sub>25</sub> S <sub>36</sub> C <sub>26</sub>	90.824
C <sub>8</sub> C <sub>23</sub>	1.475	C <sub>30</sub> C <sub>32</sub> C <sub>29</sub>	120.746
C <sub>24</sub> C <sub>26</sub>	1.415	C <sub>23</sub> C <sub>24</sub> C <sub>27</sub>	132.562
C <sub>26</sub> S <sub>36</sub>	1.459	S <sub>6</sub> C <sub>7</sub> C <sub>19</sub>	115.838

**Energetic properties:**

The values of the calculated quantum chemical parameters such as the energy of the highest occupied molecular orbital (EHOMO), energy of the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (ELUMO), energy gap ( $\Delta E_{\text{gap}}$ ), ionization energy (I), electron affinity (A) are presented in table 4.

The value of HOMO energy determines the ability of electron to be donated. When the value of  $E_{\text{HOMO}}$  is high it indicates the ease of donating electron to the unoccupied orbital of the receptor molecule. When the value of  $E_{\text{LUMO}}$  is small, this means that it have a small resistance to accept electrons so it will be more able to accept electron. The HOMO and LUMO energy values are related to the ionization potential ( $I = -E_{\text{HOMO}}$ ) and electron affinities ( $A = -E_{\text{LUMO}}$ ). The difference between HOMO and LUMO energy values gives the HOMO-LUMO energy gap.

Table 4: Energetic parameters of tMeTTF-SnBu<sub>3</sub> calculated with B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)

Compounds	$E_{\text{HOMO}}$ (eV)	$E_{\text{LUMO}}$ (eV)	$\Delta E_{\text{gap}}$ (eV)	I (eV)	A (eV)
M1	- 4,482	-1,118	3,364	4,482	1,118
M2	- 4,646	-2,005	2,641	4,646	2,005
M3	- 4,879	-2,724	2,155	4,879	2,724
M4	- 4,635	-2,099	2,536	4,635	2,099
M5	- 4,465	-0,979	3,486	4,465	0,979
M6	- 4,461	-0,946	3,515	4,461	0,946

As shown in table 4, the molecule which have the lowest energetic gap is the molecule M3 ( $\Delta E_{\text{gap}} = 2,155$ ). This lower gap allows it to be the softest molecule. The molecule that have the highest energy gap is the molecule M6 ( $\Delta E_{\text{gap}} = 3,515$ ).

The molecule that has the highest HOMO energy is the molecule M6 ( $E_{\text{HOMO}} = - 4,461$ ). This higher energy allows it to be the best electron donor. The molecule that has the lowest LUMO energy is the molecule M3 ( $E_{\text{LUMO}} = - 2,724$ ) which signifies that it can be the best electron acceptor. The two properties like I (potential ionization) and A (affinity) are so important, the determination of these two properties allow us to calculate the absolute electronegativity ( $\chi$ ) and the absolute hardness ( $\eta$ ). These two parameters are related to the one-electron orbital energies of the HOMO and LUMO respectively. The more I is lower, the molecule will be the better electron donor. The more A is larger the molecule will be the better electron acceptor.

Figures 2 and 3 represent the frontier molecular orbitals of M3 and its electrostatic potential mapping on the electronic density.

Fig. 2. Highest occupied molecular orbitals and lowest unoccupied molecular orbitals of M3

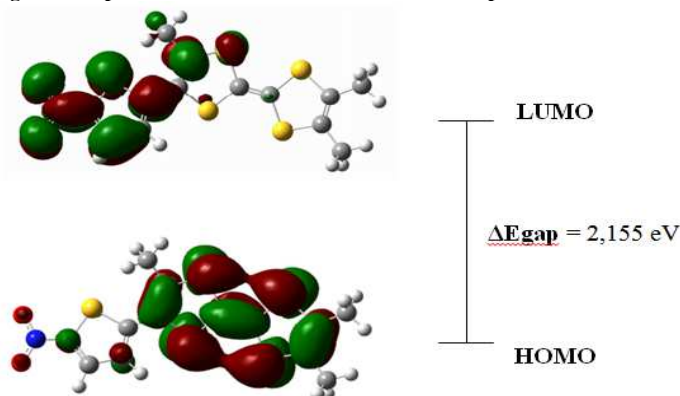
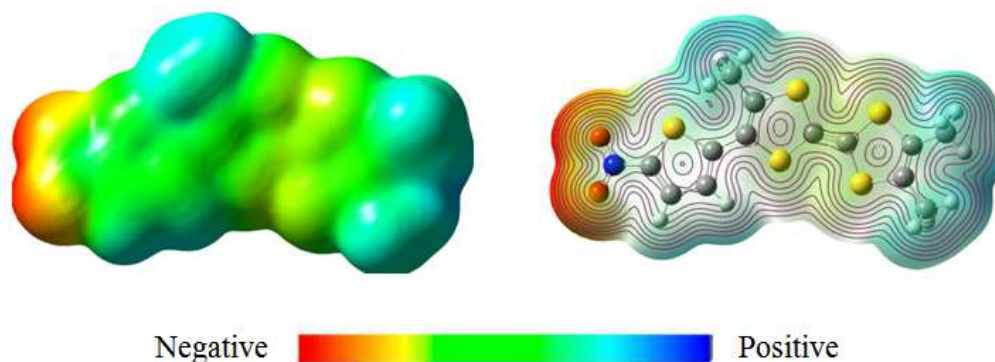


Fig. 3. Electrostatic potential mapping on the electron density of compound M3

**Global reactivity descriptors:**

According to Koopmans theorem [31], global properties can be obtained by the Frontier Molecular Orbital (FMO) energies. The Highest Occupied Molecular Orbital (HOMO) and the Lowest Unoccupied Molecular Orbital (LUMO) plots of tMeTTF-SnBu<sub>3</sub> molecule are presented in Fig. 2. In DFT, chemical potential ( $\mu$ ) is defined as the first derivative of energy with respect to the number of electrons [32]:

$$\mu = \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial N} \right)_{v(\vec{r})}$$

and global hardness ( $\eta$ ) [33,34] as:

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial N^2} \right)_{v(\vec{r})} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \mu}{\partial N} \right)_{v(\vec{r})}$$

Where  $E$  is the energy and  $N$  is the number of electrons of an electronic system at constant external potential. These equations are related with the electronegativity ( $\chi$ ), describes the ability of a molecule to attract electrons towards itself in a covalent bond; and the global hardness, measure the resistance towards the deformation or polarization of the electron cloud of the atoms, ions or molecules under small perturbation of chemical reaction, through the following relation:

$$\chi = \frac{(I + A)}{2}$$

global softness ( $S$ ) is defined as:

$$S = \frac{1}{2\eta}$$

Global electrophilicity index is a combined descriptor involving chemical potential and hardness which expresses propensity of a species to accept electron. This index [35,36] is expressed as

$$\omega = \frac{\mu^2}{2\eta}$$

The values of the calculated quantum chemical parameters like global hardness ( $\eta$ ) global softness ( $S$ ), electronegativity ( $\chi$ ), chemical potential ( $\mu$ ) and electrophilicity index ( $\omega$ ) are summarized in table 5.

Table 5: Quantum chemical descriptors of tMeTTF-SnBu<sub>3</sub>, calculated with B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)

Compounds	$\mu$ (eV)	$\chi$ (eV)	$\eta$ (eV)	$S$ (eV)	$\omega$ (eV)
M1	-2,800	2,800	1,682	0,297	2,330
M2	-3,325	3,325	1,327	0,377	4,165
M3	-3,801	3,801	1,077	0,464	6,707
M4	-3,367	3,367	1,268	0,394	4,470
M5	-2,722	2,722	1,743	0,287	2,125
M6	-2,703	2,703	1,757	0,284	2,079

All these parameters for compounds M1-M6 have been listed in Table 5. According to these parameters, the chemical reactivity varies with the structural of molecules. Chemical hardness (softness) value of compound M3 is lesser (greater) among all the molecules. Thus, compound M3 is found to be more reactive than all the molecules. Compound M3 possesses higher electronegativity value than all compounds so; it is the best electron acceptor.

The values of  $\omega$  for compounds M1-M6 indicate that they are two groups, group 1 (M2, M3 and M4) and group 2 (M1, M5 and M6). Group 1 has the high value of electrophilicity index which, shows that the compounds of this group are a strong electrophiles than compounds of group 2.

**Table 6: Values of the Fukui function considering NBO charges of the molecules M<sub>1</sub> and M<sub>2</sub> calculated with B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)**

M1				M2			
Atom	$f^+$	$f^-$	$f^0$	Atom	$f^+$	$f^-$	$f^0$
C1	0,001	0,007	0,004	C1	0,002	0,007	0,005
S2	-0,077	-0,157	-0,117	S2	-0,045	-0,155	-0,100
C3	-0,012	0,006	-0,003	C3	-0,020	0,009	-0,006
S4	-0,069	-0,156	-0,113	S4	-0,036	-0,155	-0,096
C5	<b>0,049</b>	0,004	<b>0,027</b>	C5	<b>0,036</b>	0,001	<b>0,019</b>
S6	-0,160	-0,163	-0,162	S6	-0,096	-0,153	-0,125
C7	-0,039	<b>0,012</b>	-0,014	C7	-0,049	0,005	-0,022
C8	0,003	0,006	0,005	C8	0,002	0,011	0,007
S9	-0,144	-0,156	-0,15	S9	-0,056	-0,126	-0,106
C10	0,010	0,005	0,008	C10	-0,012	<b>0,016</b>	0,002
C11	-0,032	-0,014	-0,023	C11	-0,007	-0,006	-0,007
C12	0,002	0,006	0,004	C12	0,002	0,006	0,004
C13	-0,039	0,004	-0,022	C13	-0,024	-0,011	-0,018
H14	-0,046	-0,013	-0,030	H14	-0,055	-0,008	-0,032
C15	0,008	0,007	0,008	C15	0,005	0,008	0,007
H16	-0,02	-0,033	-0,027	H16	-0,015	-0,033	-0,024
H17	-0,021	-0,029	-0,025	H17	-0,011	-0,028	-0,020
H18	-0,025	-0,032	-0,029	H18	-0,017	-0,032	-0,025
C19	0,006	0,007	0,007	C19	0,005	0,008	0,007
H20	-0,025	-0,032	-0,029	H20	-0,018	-0,032	-0,025
H21	-0,02	-0,029	-0,025	H21	-0,01	-0,028	-0,019
H22	-0,019	-0,032	-0,026	H22	-0,014	-0,033	-0,024
C23	0,024	0,007	0,016	C23	0,019	0,004	0,012
H24	-0,042	-0,036	-0,039	H24	-0,042	-0,031	-0,037
H25	-0,021	-0,033	-0,027	H25	-0,005	-0,028	-0,017
H26	-0,048	-0,021	-0,0345	H26	-0,042	-0,021	-0,032
C27	0,000	0,006	-0,003	C27	-0,014	-0,005	-0,010
S28	-0,122	-0,054	-0,088	S28	-0,142	-0,045	-0,094
H29	-0,058	-0,035	-0,047	H29	-0,059	-0,028	-0,044
H30	-0,063	-0,037	-0,050	C30	-0,056	-0,014	-0,035
				O31	-0,117	-0,029	-0,073
				C32	0,027	0,004	0,0155
				H33	-0,057	-0,012	-0,035
				H34	-0,038	-0,010	-0,024
				H35	-0,045	-0,023	-0,034

#### Local reactivity descriptors:

Fukui Function [37] is one of the widely used local density functional descriptors to model chemical reactivity and site selectivity. The atom with the highest FF is highly reactive compared to the other atoms in the molecule. Fukui function is defined as the derivative of the electron density  $\rho(r)$  with respect to the total number of electrons  $N$  in the system, at constant external potential  $v(r)$  acting on an electron due to all the nuclei in the system where  $\mu$  is the chemical potential of the system.

$$f(r) = \left[ \frac{\partial \rho(r)}{\partial N} \right]_{v(r)} = \left[ \frac{\delta \mu}{\delta v(r)} \right]_N$$

The electronic chemical potential is the derivative of the total energy  $E$  with respect to the electron density. It is more convenient to represent the FF values around each atomic site into a single value that characterizes the atoms in a molecule. Depending on the electron transfer, three types of the FF are defined:

$$\begin{aligned} f^+(\vec{r}) &= \rho_{N+1}(\vec{r}) - \rho_N(\vec{r}) \\ f^-(\vec{r}) &= \rho_N(\vec{r}) - \rho_{N-1}(\vec{r}) \\ f^0(\vec{r}) &= \frac{1}{2} [\rho_{N+1}(\vec{r}) - \rho_{N-1}(\vec{r})] \end{aligned}$$

However, for studying the reactivity at the atomic level, a more convenient way of calculating the Fukui function is through the condensed forms of the Fukui function for an atom  $k$  in a molecule which are expressed as: [38]

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_k^+ &= q_k(N+1) - q_k(N) && \text{for nucleophilic attack,} \\
 f_k^- &= q_k(N) - q_k(N-1) && \text{for electrophilic attack,} \\
 f_k^0 &= [q_k(N+1) - q_k(N-1)]/2 && \text{for radical attack.}
 \end{aligned}$$

In these equations,  $q_k$  is the atomic charge (evaluated from the Mulliken population, electrostatic-derived charge, etc.) at the  $k^{\text{th}}$  atomic site in the neutral (N), anionic (N+1) or cationic (N-1) chemical species.

**Table 7: Values of the Fukui function considering NBO charges of the molecules M<sub>3</sub> and M<sub>4</sub> calculated with B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)**

M3				M4			
Atom	$f^+$	$f$	$f^0$	Atom	$f^+$	$f$	$f^0$
C1	0,002	0,006	0,004	C1	0,002	0,007	0,005
S2	-0,042	-0,160	-0,101	S2	-0,053	-0,160	-0,107
C3	-0,020	0,013	-0,004	C3	-0,016	0,008	-0,004
S4	-0,035	-0,157	-0,096	S4	-0,042	-0,160	-0,101
C5	<b>0,033</b>	-0,004	<b>0,015</b>	C5	<b>0,024</b>	0,002	<b>0,013</b>
S6	-0,088	-0,144	-0,116	S6	-0,084	-0,159	-0,122
C7	-0,041	-0,004	-0,0223	C7	-0,019	0,006	-0,007
C8	0,007	0,018	0,013	C8	0,009	0,007	0,008
S9	-0,045	-0,156	-0,101	S9	-0,050	-0,160	-0,105
C10	-0,029	<b>0,028</b>	-0,001	C10	0,003	0,006	0,005
C11	0,031	-0,011	0,01	C11	0,005	0,008	0,007
C12	0,002	0,006	0,004	H12	-0,015	-0,033	-0,024
C13	-0,009	-0,019	-0,014	H13	-0,014	-0,029	-0,022
H14	-0,055	-0,009	-0,032	H14	-0,017	-0,033	-0,025
C15	0,004	0,008	0,006	C15	0,004	0,008	0,006
H16	-0,015	-0,033	-0,024	H16	-0,018	-0,033	-0,026
H17	-0,010	-0,029	-0,020	H17	-0,012	-0,029	-0,021
H18	-0,017	-0,032	-0,025	H18	-0,013	-0,033	-0,023
C19	0,004	0,008	0,006	C19	0,014	0,005	0,010
H20	-0,017	-0,032	-0,025	H20	-0,026	-0,032	-0,029
H21	-0,009	-0,029	-0,019	H21	0,006	-0,034	-0,014
H22	-0,014	-0,033	-0,024	H22	-0,041	-0,022	-0,0315
C23	0,019	0,001	0,010	C23	0,006	<b>0,018</b>	0,012
H24	-0,041	-0,025	-0,033	C24	-0,057	-0,003	-0,030
H25	-0,007	-0,021	-0,014	C25	-0,032	-0,009	-0,021
H26	-0,038	-0,024	-0,031	S26	-0,179	-0,067	-0,123
C27	-0,036	-0,007	-0,022	H27	-0,065	-0,006	-0,036
S28	-0,139	-0,046	-0,0925	C28	0,021	0,005	0,013
H29	-0,059	-0,027	-0,043	H29	-0,059	-0,011	-0,035
N30	-0,089	-0,018	-0,054	C30	-0,077	-0,011	-0,044
O31	-0,121	-0,029	-0,075	O31	-0,122	-0,031	-0,077
O32	-0,130	-0,037	-0,084	H32	-0,084	-0,021	-0,053

The values of the condensed Fukui function for Nucleophilic and electrophilic condensed Fukui functions over the atoms are reported in Tables 6-8. It was observed that for compounds M1 and M2 the more reactive sites for nucleophilic and free radical attacks is 5C and for electrophilic attack 7C and 10C respectively (table 6). For compounds M3 and M4, the more reactive sites for nucleophilic and free radical attacks is 5C and for electrophilic attack 10C and 23C respectively (table 7). Finally, the more reactive sites for nucleophilic and free radical attacks in compound 5 is 5C and for electrophilic attack is 7C and for compound 6 the more reactive sites for electrophilic attack is 7C and for nucleophilic and free radical attacks is 23C (table 8).

Table 8: Values of the Fukui function considering NBO charges of the molecules M5 and M6 calculated with B3LYP/6-31G(d,p)

M5				M6			
Atom	$f^+$	$f^-$	$f^0$	Atom	$f^+$	$f^-$	$f^0$
C1	0,002	0,007	0,005	C1	0,002	0,007	0,005
S2	-0,077	-0,159	-0,118	S2	-0,093	-0,162	-0,128
C3	-0,008	0,004	-0,002	C3	-0,004	0,006	0,001
S4	-0,068	-0,159	-0,114	S4	-0,081	-0,161	-0,121
C5	<b>0,041</b>	0,001	<b>0,021</b>	C5	0,035	0,002	0,019
S6	-0,138	-0,158	-0,148	S6	-0,142	-0,156	-0,149
C7	-0,044	<b>0,018</b>	-0,013	C7	-0,051	<b>0,018</b>	-0,017
C8	0,021	-0,006	0,008	C8	0,009	-0,002	0,004
S9	-0,145	-0,156	-0,151	S9	-0,132	-0,165	-0,149
C10	0,001	0,008	0,006	C10	0,002	0,008	0,005
C11	0,007	0,007	0,007	C11	0,008	0,008	0,008
H12	-0,017	-0,033	-0,025	H12	-0,019	-0,033	-0,026
H13	-0,022	-0,029	-0,026	H13	-0,024	-0,03	-0,027
H14	-0,024	-0,032	-0,028	H14	-0,026	-0,033	-0,030
C15	0,006	0,007	0,007	C15	0,007	0,008	0,008
H16	-0,024	-0,032	-0,028	H16	-0,025	-0,034	-0,030
H17	-0,021	-0,029	-0,025	H17	-0,024	-0,029	-0,027
H18	-0,017	-0,032	-0,025	H18	-0,018	-0,033	-0,026
C19	0,020	0,006	0,013	C19	0,019	0,007	0,013
H20	-0,04	-0,032	-0,036	H20	-0,038	-0,033	-0,036
H21	-0,015	-0,032	-0,024	H21	-0,014	-0,032	-0,023
H22	-0,038	-0,023	-0,031	H22	-0,048	-0,023	-0,036
C23	0,013	0,012	0,0125	C23	<b>0,051</b>	0,001	<b>0,026</b>
C24	-0,003	-0,005	-0,004	C24	-0,069	0,000	-0,035
C25	-0,065	-0,007	-0,036	C25	-0,028	0,010	-0,009
C26	0,011	0,008	0,010	S26	-0,130	-0,075	-0,103
C27	-0,017	0,006	-0,004	H27	-0,048	-0,014	-0,031
H28	-0,034	-0,013	-0,024	Br28	-0,066	-0,029	-0,048
C29	-0,013	-0,006	-0,010	C29	-0,004	-0,004	-0,004
C30	-0,002	-0,005	-0,004	H30	-0,047	-0,027	-0,037
H31	-0,028	0,016	-0,006				
C32	-0,018	-0,004	-0,011				
H33	-0,040	-0,025	-0,033				
H34	-0,042	-0,02	-0,031				
H35	-0,047	-0,028	-0,038				
S36	-0,116	-0,074	-0,095				

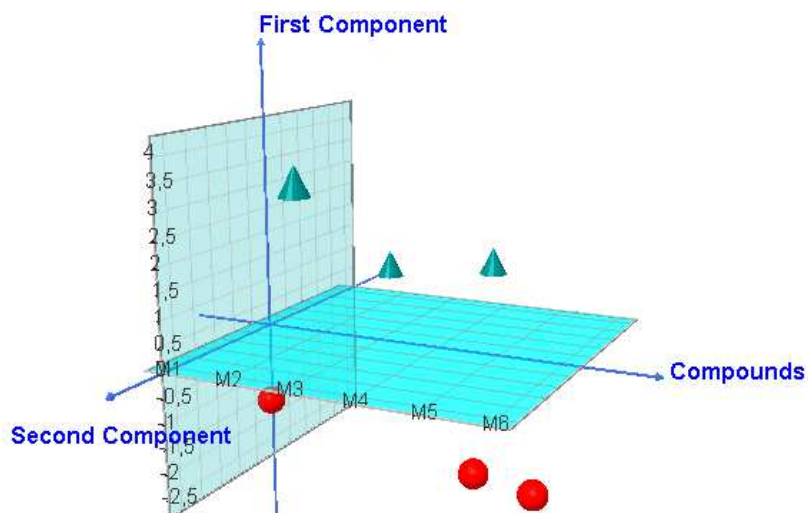
**Principal Component Analysis (PCA):**

In this work, we auto scaled all calculated variables in order to compare them in the same scale. Afterwards, PCA (principal component analysis) was used to reduce the number of variables and select the most relevant ones, i.e. those responsible for the tetrathiafulvalenylthiophenes reactivity. After performing many tests, a good separation is obtained between more active and less active tetrathiafulvalenylthiophenes compounds using ten variables:  $I$ ,  $A$ ,  $\chi$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $s$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $E_{\text{HOMO}}$ ,  $E_{\text{LUMO}}$ ,  $\Delta E_{\text{gap}}$  (see Table 4-5).

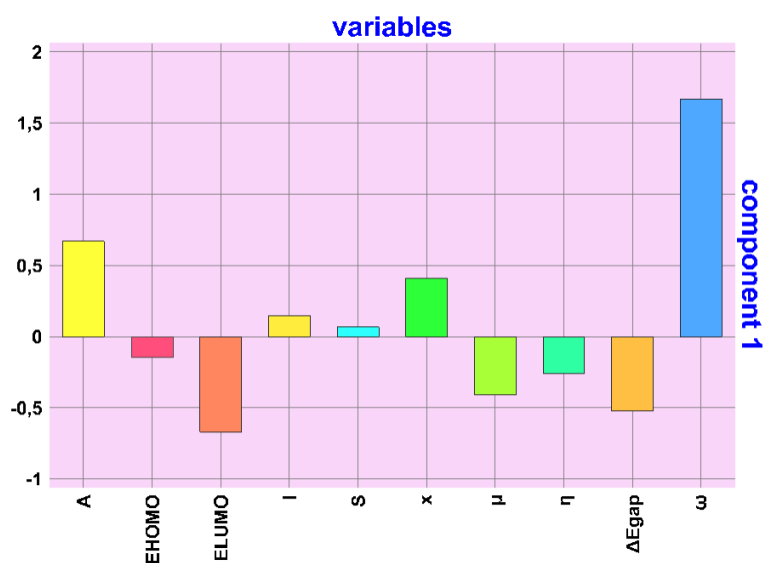
We can observe from PCA results that the first three principal components (PC1, PC2 and PC3) describe 99.99% of the overall variance as follows: PC1 = 99, 32%, PC2 = 0, 66% and PC3 = 0,01%. The score plot of the variances is a reliable representation of the spatial distribution of the points for the data set studied after explaining almost all of the variances by the first two PCs. The most informative score plot is presented in Figure 4 (PC1 versus PC2) and we can see that PC1 alone is responsible for the separation between more active (M2, M3, M4) and less active compounds (M1, M5, M6) where  $PC1 > 0$  for the more active compounds and  $PC1 < 0$  for the less active ones. The same results follow in the case of global reactivity trend based on  $\omega$ .



Fig. 4. Score plot for trimethyltetraathiafulvalenylthiophenes in gas phase



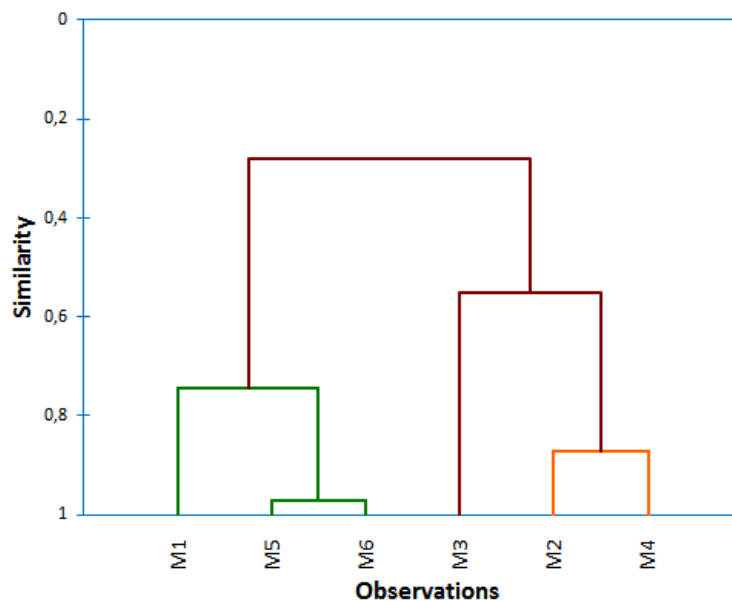
The loading vectors for the first two principal components (PC1 and PC2) are displayed in figure 5. We can see that more active compounds (PC1 > 0) can be obtained when we have higher A, I, S,  $\chi$ ,  $\omega$ , values. In this way, some important features on the more active compounds can be observed.

Fig. 5. Loading plot for the variables responsible for the classification of the tMeTTF-SnBu<sub>3</sub> studied

#### Hierarchical Cluster Analysis (HCA):

Figure 6 shows HCA analysis of the current study. The horizontal lines represent the compounds and the vertical lines the similarity values between pairs of compounds, a compound and a group of compounds and among groups of compounds. We can note that HCA results are very similar to those obtained with the PCA analysis, i.e. the compounds studied were grouped into two categories: more active (compounds: M2, M3, M4) and less active (compounds M1, M5, M6).

Fig. 6. Dendrogram obtained for trimethyltetraathiafulvalenylthiophenes studied



### CONCLUSION

In the present work we have calculated the geometrical parameters and frontier orbitals and it found that these theoretical results are in good agreement with the experimental data. Information about the charge density distribution and site of chemical activity of the molecule has been obtained by reactivity descriptors and MEP surface. Theoretical results from reactivity descriptors show that 5C is more reactive site for nucleophilic and free radical attacks in compounds M1, M2, M3, M4 and M5 and the more reactive site for electrophilic attack is 7C in M1, M5 and M6, 10C for M2 and M3, and 23C for M4. Chemometric methods shows the separation between more active (M2, M3, M4) and less active compounds (M1, M5, M6).

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