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ANALYSIS OF VIBRATIONAL SPECTRA OF COPPER  
OCTAETHYL PORPHYRIN [Cu (OEP)] BY USING U (2)  
ALGEBRAIC TECHNIQUE

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**Abstract**

The most interesting area of current research in Molecular physics is the study of the vibrational excited states of medium and large molecules using Lie algebra. The fundamental stretching vibrational energy levels of Copper Octaethyl Porphyrin [Cu (OEP)] for 28 vibrational bands are calculated by using  $U(2)$  algebraic technique. The model Hamiltonian so constructed appears to describe the vibrational energy levels accurately.

**Keywords:** Lie algebra, Vibrational spectra, Copper Octaethyl Porphyrin [Cu (OEP)]

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The algebraic methods have been found to be very much useful in the study of vibrational spectra of medium and large molecules using Lie algebra, especially after the development of quantum mechanics in the first part of 20<sup>th</sup> century. The interesting area of current research in molecular physics is to interpret the experimental data with the help of theoretical models. Two traditional approaches like Dunham like expansion of energy levels in terms of rotation-vibration quantum number and the solution of Schrödinger equation with potentials have been used so far in the analysis of experimental data. The new theoretical concept- Vibron model (based on Lie algebra) to study molecular spectra built in the last part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century<sup>[1, 2]</sup>. This new model seems to offer a concrete and complementary technique to the traditional approaches used in molecular spectroscopy. The algebraic model (Vibron model) originally developed for diatomic and tri-atomic molecules<sup>[3, 4]</sup>.  $U(4)$  and  $U(2)$  algebraic model been used so far in the analysis of experimental data. It is to be pointed out that the  $U(4)$  model becomes complicated when the

number of atoms in a molecule increases more than four. The Vibron model has been applied successfully in describing the overtone frequencies of linear and bent  $X_2Y$  molecules<sup>[5]</sup>. Later, it extended to linear and quasi-linear tetratomic molecules<sup>[6]</sup> and could prove itself to be a competitive one to the traditional analysis. The main features and basic applications of these methods have been described by Iachello and Levine and Oss<sup>[7]</sup>. The brief review of the research work done in this field up to 2000 and its perspectives in the first part of 21<sup>st</sup> century has been presented by Iachello and Oss<sup>[8]</sup>. Lie algebraic approach was found to be successful in our study of vibrational frequencies of HCN, HCP, HCCF, HCCD<sup>[9]</sup>, tetrahedral<sup>[10]</sup>, octahedral<sup>[11]</sup> and Nickel Metallo-porphyrins<sup>[12]</sup>. The stretching vibrations of some polyatomic molecules like Octahedral, benzene, pyrrole, n-paraffin molecules, n-alkane molecules and polyethylene have been described using  $U(2)$  algebra. There is a renewed interest to study the vibrational excitations of Metalloporphyrins due to its importance not only in human life but also in scientific research.

In this paper, the vibrational frequencies of Copper Octaethyl Porphyrin for 28 stretching bands and their

locality parameter ( $\xi$ ) are calculated by using  $U(2)$

## II. THEORY:

### AN ALGEBRAIC APPROACH

In constructing this model, we use the isomorphism of the Lie algebra of  $U(2)$  with that of the one-dimensional Morse oscillator<sup>[7]</sup>. The eigen states of the one-dimensional Schrodinger equation,  $\hbar\psi = E\psi$ , with a Morse potential

$$h(p,x) = p^2/2\mu + D [1 - \exp(-\alpha x)]^2 \quad (1)$$

can be put into one to one correspondence with the representations of  $U(2) \supset O(2)$ , characterized by the quantum numbers  $|N, m\rangle$ , with the provision that one takes only the positive branch of  $m$ , i.e.  $m = N, N-2, \dots, 1$  or  $0$  for  $N = \text{odd}$  or even ( $N = \text{integer}$ ). The Morse Hamiltonian (1) corresponds in the  $U(2)$  basis to a simple Hamiltonian,  $h = E_0 + AC$ , where  $C$  is the invariant operator of  $O(2)$ , with eigen values  $(m^2 - N^2)$ . The eigen values of  $h$  are

$$E = E_0 + A(m^2 - N^2), \quad (2)$$

$$m = N, N-2, \dots, 1 \text{ or } 0 \quad (N = \text{integer}).$$

Introducing the vibrational quantum number  $v = (N - m)/2$ , Eq (2) can be rewritten as

$$E = E_0 - 4A(Nv - v^2), \quad (3)$$

$$v = 0, 1, \dots, N/2 \text{ or } N-1/2 \quad (N = \text{even or odd}).$$

The values of  $E_0$ ,  $A$ , and  $N$  are given in terms of  $\mu$ ,  $D$ , and  $\alpha$  by  $E_0 = -D$ ,  $-4AN = \hbar\alpha (2D/\mu)^{1/2}$ ,  $4A = -\hbar^2\alpha^2/2\mu$ . One can immediately verify that these are the eigen values of the Morse oscillator.

Now consider a molecule with  $n$  bonds. In the algebraic model<sup>[13]</sup>, each bond  $i$  is replaced by an algebra (here  $U_i(2)$ ), with Hamiltonian  $h_i = E_{0i} + A_i C_i$ , where  $C_i$  is the invariant operator of  $O_i(2)$  with eigen values  $-4(N_i v_i - v_i^2)$ . The bonds interact with a bond-bond interaction. Two types of interaction are usually considered<sup>[13]</sup>, which we denote by  $C_{ij}$  and  $M_{ij}$ , are called Casimir and Majorana interactions respectively.

The algebraic model Hamiltonian we consider is thus

$$H = E_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n A_i C_i + \sum_{i < j} A_{ij} C_{ij} + \sum_{i < j} \lambda_{ij} M_{ij} \quad (4)$$

In the equation (4),  $C_i$  is an invariant operator with eigen values  $4(v_i^2 - N_i v_i)$  and the operator  $C_{ij}$  is diagonal with matrix elements.

$$\langle N_i, v_i; N_j, v_j | C_{ij} | N_i, v_i; N_j, v_j \rangle = 4[(v_i + v_j)^2 - (v_i + v_j)(N_i + N_j)] \quad (5)$$

while the operator  $M_{ij}$  has both diagonal and non-diagonal matrix element

$$\langle N_i, v_i; N_j, v_j | M_{ij} | N_i, v_i; N_j, v_j \rangle = (N_i v_j + N_j v_i - 2v_i v_j)$$

$$\langle N_i, v_i + 1; N_j, v_j - 1 | M_{ij} | N_i, v_i; N_j, v_j \rangle = -[v_j(v_i + 1)(N_i - v_i)(N_j - v_j + 1)]^{1/2}$$

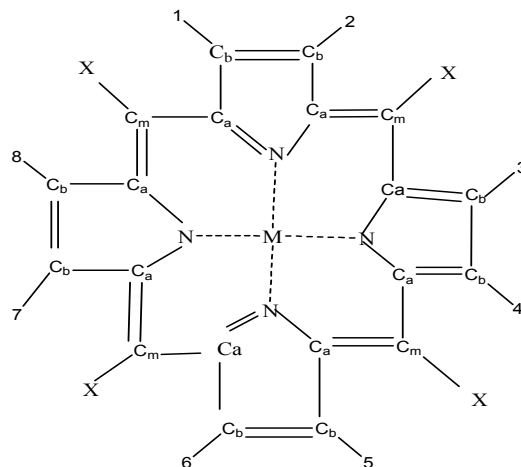
$$\langle N_i, v_i - 1; N_j, v_j + 1 | M_{ij} | N_i, v_i; N_j, v_j \rangle = -[v_i(v_j + 1)(N_j - v_j)(N_i - v_i + 1)]^{1/2} \quad (6)$$

Equation (6) is a generalization of the two-bond model of Ref. <sup>[7]</sup> to  $n$  bonds.

As an example of use of the algebraic method we analyze the stretching vibrations of different Metalloporphyrins. We number the bonds as shown in figure 1. Each bond,  $i$ , is characterized by its Vibron number  $N_i$ , and parameter  $A_i$ . The Casimir part of the interbond interactions is characterized by parameter  $A_{ij}$ . For the Majorana part we can have, the view of

algebraic mode Hamiltonian.

symmetry of the molecule, two possible types of couplings:



**Figure 1. Structure of Metalloporphyrins**

Different Porphyrins are obtained by specific substitution at X or 1 to 8 positions. Here in Cu (OEP) all X positions are C and 1 to 8 positions are H (Metal = Cu)

By inspection of the figure, one can see that two types of interactions in Metalloporphyrins:

1. First-neighbor couplings (Adjacent interactions)
  2. Second-neighbor couplings (Opposite interactions)
- The symmetry-adapted operators of Metalloporphyrins with symmetry  $D_{4h}$  are those corresponding to these two couplings, that is,

$$S' = \sum_{i < j}^n c'_{ij} M_{ij}, \quad S'' = \sum_{i < j}^n c''_{ij} M_{ij}, \quad (7)$$

With

$$c'_{12} = c'_{23} = c'_{34} = c'_{45} = \dots = 1,$$

$$c'_{13} = c'_{24} = c'_{35} = c'_{46} = \dots = 0,$$

$$c''_{12} = c''_{23} = c''_{34} = c''_{45} = \dots = 0,$$

$$c''_{13} = c''_{24} = c''_{35} = c''_{46} = \dots = 1.$$

The total Majorana operator  $S$  is the sum

$$S = S' + S'' \quad (8)$$

Diagonalization of  $S$  produces states that carry representations of  $S$ , the group of permutations of objects, while diagonalization of the other operators produces states that transform according to the representations  $A_{1g}$ ,  $A_{2g}$ ,  $B_{1g}$ ,  $B_{2g}$ ,  $E_{1u}$  of  $D_{4h}$ .

### Local to normal transition: The locality parameter ( $\xi$ )

The local-to-normal transition is governed by the dimensionless locality parameter ( $\xi$ ). The local-to-normal transition can be studied<sup>[7]</sup> for polyatomic molecules, for which the Hamiltonian is

$$H = H^{\text{local}} + \lambda_{12} M_{12} = A_i C_i + A_{ij} C_{ij} + \lambda_{ij} M_{ij} \quad (9)$$

For these molecules, the locality parameters<sup>[7]</sup> are  $\xi_i = (2/\pi) \tan^{-1}[8\lambda_{ij}/(A_i + A_{ij})]$ , (10)

i, j = 1, 2, 3, ----- corresponding to the two bonds. A global locality parameter for XYZ molecules can be defined as the geometric mean <sup>[7]</sup>

$$\xi = (\xi_1 \xi_2)^{1/2} \quad (11)$$

### III. RESULTS & DISCUSSIONS

A comparison of the experimental and calculated frequencies of stretching vibrations of Copper Octaethyl Porphyrin using algebraic model are shown in table 1 respectively. Using established norms <sup>[7]</sup> the Vibron number N and other algebraic parameters A, A',  $\lambda$ ,  $\lambda'$  are shown in table.2 for Cu (OEP).

#### Experimental data

References <sup>[15]</sup> provides the necessary experimental data for this study

#### Vibron number

The vibron number N [total number of bosons, label of the irreducible representation of U (2)] is related to the total number of bound states supported by the potential well. Equivalently, it can be put in a one-to-one correspondence with the anharmonicity parameters  $x_e$  by means of

$$x_e = 1/(N + 2) \quad (12)$$

Equation (12) can be re-written as

$$N = (\omega_e/\omega_{exe}) - 2, \quad (13)$$

$\omega_e \rightarrow$  spectroscopic constant.

Using the values of  $\omega_e$  and  $\omega_{exe}$  for the different diatomic bonds <sup>[14]</sup>, from Eq. (12) we can have the value of N. Here from the figure 1, noticed that some of the bonds are equivalent. It may be noted here that during the calculation of the vibrational frequencies of Copper Octaethyl Porphyrin, the value of N is kept fixed and not used as free parameter.

#### Values of the fitting parameters

The fitting parameters A, A',  $\lambda$ ,  $\lambda'$ , N which are used in this study for the vibrational frequencies of Copper Octaethyl Porphyrin [Cu(OEP)] for 28 stretching vibrational bands are given in the following table 2.

#### Analysis of the Vibrational spectra

From the view of group theory, the molecule of Cu (OEP) takes a square planar structure with the  $D_{4h}$  symmetry point group. For the fundamental stretches of Metalloporphyrins, Cu (OEP), with  $D_{4h}$  symmetry, the symmetry species are  $A_{1g}$ ,  $B_{1g}$ ,  $A_{2g}$ ,  $B_{2g}$ , and  $E_{1u}$ . The four identical stretching  $C_m$ -C oscillators describe the fundamental vibrational modes are given by  $A_{1g}$  ( $\nu_1$ ),  $B_{2g}$  ( $\nu_{27}$ ),  $E_u$  ( $\nu_{36}$ ) irreps, the eight identical stretching  $C_a$ - $C_m$  oscillators describe the fundamental vibrational modes are given by  $A_{1g}$  ( $\nu_3$ ),  $B_{1g}$  ( $\nu_{10}$ ),  $A_{2g}$  ( $\nu_{19}$ ),  $B_{2g}$  ( $\nu_{28}$ ),  $E_u$  ( $\nu_{37}$ ),  $E_u$  ( $\nu_{39}$ ) irreps, the eight identical stretching  $C_b$ -H oscillators describe the fundamental vibrational modes are given by  $A_{1g}$  ( $\nu_5$ ),  $B_{1g}$  ( $\nu_{14}$ ),  $A_{2g}$  ( $\nu_{23}$ ),  $B_{2g}$  ( $\nu_{31}$ ),  $E_u$  ( $\nu_{43}$ ),  $E_u$  ( $\nu_{45}$ ) irreps,

Locality parameters of this metallo-porphyrins is given in the results and discussions. With this definition, due to Child and Halonen <sup>[19]</sup>, local-mode molecules are near to the  $\xi = 0$  limit, normal mode molecules have  $\xi \rightarrow 1$ .

four identical stretching  $C_b$ - $C_b$  oscillators describe the fundamental vibrational modes are given by  $A_{1g}$  ( $\nu_2$ ),  $B_{2g}$  ( $\nu_{11}$ ),  $E_u$  ( $\nu_{38}$ ) irreps and four identical Pyr half ring oscillators describe the fundamental vibrational modes are given by  $A_{1g}$  ( $\nu_4$ ),  $B_{1g}$  ( $\nu_{12}$ ),  $A_{2g}$  ( $\nu_{22}$ ),  $B_{2g}$  ( $\nu_{30}$ ) irreps. Here  $A_{1g}$  represents the symmetry irreps while  $B_{2g}$  represent antisymmetric irreps with respect to  $C_2$  perpendicular to the principle axis, and  $E_u$  represents two dimensional antisymmetric irreps with respect to centre of inversion.

#### The locality parameter ( $\xi$ )

The locality parameter ( $\xi$ ) for the 28 vibrational bands of Copper Octaethyl Porphyrin is 0.00341. Which shows the locality parameter ( $\xi$ ) of Cu (OEP) is more close to the  $\xi=0$  limit.

**TABLE 1**  
Comparison between Experimental and Calculated frequencies of fundamental stretching vibrations of Copper Octaethyl Porphyrin [Cu (OEP)] (cm<sup>-1</sup>)

| Block                                  | Wilson<br>Numbering | Species         | $\nu^{(a)}_{\text{exp}}$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | $\nu_{\text{Cal}}$ (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) | $\Delta(\text{Exp-Cal})$<br>(cm <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| C <sub>m</sub> – C Stretch             | $\nu_1$             | A <sub>1g</sub> | -----                                        | 1236.8893                              | -----                                           |
|                                        | $\nu_{27}$          | B <sub>2g</sub> | -----                                        | 1246.3943                              | -----                                           |
|                                        | $\nu_{36}$          | E <sub>u</sub>  | -----                                        | 1256.7254                              | -----                                           |
| C <sub>a</sub> -C <sub>m</sub> Stretch | $\nu_3$             | A <sub>1g</sub> | 1503                                         | 1503.7694                              | -0.7694                                         |
|                                        | $\nu_{10}$          | B <sub>1g</sub> | 1637                                         | 1642.3432                              | -5.3432                                         |
|                                        | $\nu_{19}$          | A <sub>2g</sub> | -----                                        | 1479.3932                              | -----                                           |
|                                        | $\nu_{28}$          | B <sub>2g</sub> | -----                                        | 1475.9802                              | -----                                           |
|                                        | $\nu_{37}$          | E <sub>u</sub>  | -----                                        | 1482.7967                              | -----                                           |
|                                        | $\nu_{39}$          | E <sub>u</sub>  | -----                                        | 1471.1701                              | -----                                           |
| C <sub>b</sub> -H Stretch              | $\nu_5$             | A <sub>1g</sub> | 1136                                         | 1135.7654                              | 0.2346                                          |
|                                        | $\nu_{14}$          | B <sub>1g</sub> | -----                                        | 1112.4687                              | -----                                           |
|                                        | $\nu_{23}$          | A <sub>2g</sub> | -----                                        | 1177.1054                              | -----                                           |
|                                        | $\nu_{31}$          | B <sub>2g</sub> | -----                                        | 1222.8056                              | -----                                           |
|                                        | $\nu_{43}$          | E <sub>u</sub>  | -----                                        | 1268.5132                              | -----                                           |
|                                        | $\nu_{45}$          | E <sub>u</sub>  | -----                                        | 1287.4508                              | -----                                           |
| C <sub>b</sub> -C <sub>b</sub> Stretch | $\nu_2$             | A <sub>1g</sub> | 1592                                         | 1587.5509                              | 4.4491                                          |
|                                        | $\nu_{11}$          | B <sub>1g</sub> | 1568                                         | 1568.2934                              | -0.2934                                         |
|                                        | $\nu_{38}$          | E <sub>u</sub>  | -----                                        | 1639.7732                              | -----                                           |
| Pyr half ring                          | $\nu_4$             | A <sub>1g</sub> | 1378                                         | 1379.5509                              | -1.5509                                         |
|                                        | $\nu_{12}$          | B <sub>1g</sub> | -----                                        | 1256.9387                              | -----                                           |
|                                        | $\nu_{22}$          | A <sub>2g</sub> | -----                                        | 1189.0580                              | -----                                           |
|                                        | $\nu_{30}$          | B <sub>2g</sub> | 1160                                         | 1164.0384                              | -4.0384                                         |

(a) Experimental data from Ref [15]

**TABLE 2**  
Values of the algebraic parameters used in the calculation of Cu (OEP)

| Algebraic<br>parameters | C <sub>m</sub> – C | C <sub>b</sub> – H | C <sub>a</sub> – C <sub>m</sub> | C <sub>b</sub> – C <sub>b</sub> | Pyr half ring   |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| N                       |                    | 140                | 44                              |                                 | 140             |
| A                       |                    | -2.2173            | -6.3023                         | -2.6258                         | -2.8825 -2.3863 |
| A'                      | -1.0182            | -2.3841            | -2.456                          | -1.223                          | -1.0923         |
| $\lambda$               |                    | 0.0369             | 0.746                           |                                 | 0.586           |
| $\lambda'$              | 0.1073             | 0.068              |                                 | 0.049                           | 0.0981          |
|                         |                    |                    |                                 |                                 | 0.2581          |
|                         |                    |                    |                                 |                                 | 0.1934          |
|                         |                    |                    |                                 |                                 | 0.0832          |

All parameters are in cm<sup>-1</sup>except N which is dimensionless.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we presented systematic analysis of the Vibrational spectral study of Copper Octaethyl Porphyrin in the algebraic framework making use of the one-dimensional Vibron model i.e. U (2) Vibron model. In this study, we reported the **RMS** deviation (i.e  $\Delta$  (r.m.s)) and also the locality parameter ( $\xi$ ) for Copper Octaethyl Porphyrin for 28 vibrational bands

In this study, we reported the vibrations of Copper Octaethyl Porphyrin are good accuracy with experimental data.

In the study of the vibrational spectra of Copper Octaethyl Porphyrin for 28 vibrational bands (table 1), we obtain the  $\Delta$  (r.m.s) as  $5.2839 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and the locality parameter ( $\xi$ ) = 0.00341.

The locality parameter ( $\xi$ ) of these Copper Octaethyl Porphyrin molecules are confirming the highly local behavior. Therefore, here the Hamiltonian is obviously the local mode Hamiltonian.

Hence, it may conclude that the algebraic local Hamiltonian gives good fit to the Copper Octaethyl Porphyrin. Therefore, the higher excited states and combinational bands of Copper Metalloporphyrins would be calculated using the algebraic local mode Hamiltonian with sufficient experimental data. The study of vibrational excitations of Metalloporphyrins has numerous importances not only in human life but also in scientific research.

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